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Splitting the Sea of Reeds with Your Finger

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Rabbi Yose the Galilean says: How does one derive that, after the **ten plagues** in Egypt, the Egyptians suffered **fifty plagues** at the Sea? Concerning the plagues in Egypt the Torah states that "the magicians said to Pharaoh, it is the **finger** of God." However, at the Sea, the Torah relates that "Israel saw the great **hand** which the Lord laid upon the Egyptians, and the people revered the Lord and they believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses." It reasons that if they suffered **ten plagues** in Egypt, they must have been made to suffer **fifty plagues** at the Sea.

According to Rabbi Yose, the destruction of the Egyptian army at the Sea was five times worse than the plagues (**one finger** of the magicians versus **five fingers** in God's hand).

You can use your finger to make the Sea split and then everyone will believe in your ability to perform miracles. Simply take a bowl filled with water. Put ground pepper all over the surface of the water. Then put a little bit of liquid soap on your finger and run it across the water. Watch as your guests are amazed!