

Bugs in the Bible

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GENESIS

Creation

Genesis 1:24-25, 31— “And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good... ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”

1. QUESTION: How do we know that God made bugs on the sixth day of creation?
ANSWER: Because on that day He made all the creatures that move along the ground (Gen. 1:24, 31)
2. QUESTION: How do we know that bugs are good?
ANSWER: Because everything God made was very good (Gen. 1:25, 31)
3. QUESTION: Quote Genesis 1:31.
ANSWER: “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.” (Gen. 1:31)

Noah and the Great Flood

Genesis 7:13-16— “On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.¹⁴ They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. ¹⁵ Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. ¹⁶ The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.”

4. QUESTION: (Finish this quote from Genesis. 7:13-14) “On that very day Noah and his sons... entered the ark. They had with them... every creature that...”
ANSWER: “...Moves along the ground according to its kind.” (Gen. 7:7:13-14)
5. QUESTION: How do we know that flies were on Noah’s ark?
ANSWER: Because everything with wings was there (Gen. 7:14)
6. QUESTION: What happened after a male and female of every living creature went into the ark with Noah and his family?
ANSWER: The Lord shut them in (Gen. 7:16)

EXODUS

The Plague of Gnats

Exodus 8:16-19— “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.” ¹⁷ They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came on people and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. ¹⁸ But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not.

Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, ¹⁹ the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.”

1. QUESTION: How was Moses to cause the dust of the land of Egypt to become gnats?
ANSWER: He was to strike the dust of the ground with his staff **(Ex. 8:16)**
2. QUESTION: On what two things did the gnats land in Egypt?
ANSWER: A. People B. Animals **(Ex. 8:22)**
3. QUESTION: What happened when the magicians of Egypt tried to produce gnats as Moses and Aaron had done?
ANSWER: They could not do it **(Ex. 8:18)**
4. QUESTION: (Give exact quotation) What did the magicians conclude about the plague of gnats in Egypt?
ANSWER: “This is the finger of God.” **(Ex. 8:19)**
5. QUESTION: How did Pharaoh respond to the plague of gnats?
ANSWER: His heart was hard and he would not listen **(Ex. 8:19)**

The Plague of Flies

Exodus 8:20-32— “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the river and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. ²¹ If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies; even the ground will be covered with them.

²² “But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land. ²³ I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This sign will occur tomorrow.”

²⁴ And the LORD did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh’s palace and into the houses of his officials; throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

²⁵ Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land.”

²⁶ But Moses said, “That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the LORD our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us? ²⁷ We must take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, as he commands us.”

²⁸ Pharaoh said, “I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the wilderness, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me.”

²⁹ Moses answered, “As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the LORD, and tomorrow the flies will leave Pharaoh and his officials and his people. Only let Pharaoh be sure that he does not act deceitfully again by not letting the people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD.”

³⁰ Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD, ³¹ and the LORD did what Moses asked. The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained. ³² But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.”

6. QUESTION: At what time of day was Moses to confront Pharaoh about the swarms of flies?
ANSWER: Early in the morning **(Ex. 8:20)**
7. QUESTION: Upon whom and where did God promise to send swarms of flies throughout Egypt?
ANSWER: A. On Pharaoh B. On his officials
C. On his people D. Into his houses
E. Even the ground would be covered with them **(Ex. 8:21)**

8. QUESTION: Why did the Lord promise to deal differently with the land of Goshen when He sent a plague of flies?
ANSWER: So Pharaoh would know the Lord was in that land (Ex. 8:22)
9. QUESTION: What happened to the land of Egypt because of the swarms of flies?
ANSWER: It was ruined (Ex. 8:24)
10. QUESTION: Where did Pharaoh want the people of Israel to sacrifice to their God?
ANSWER: In the land of Egypt (Ex. 8:25)
11. QUESTION: Why would it not be right for the Israelites to offer sacrifices to their God in the land of Egypt?
ANSWER: Their sacrifices would be detestable (disgusting) to the Egyptians (Ex. 8:26)
12. QUESTION: What would happen if Israel offered disgusting sacrifices in the land of Egypt?
ANSWER: The Egyptians would stone them (Ex. 8:26)
13. QUESTION: When did Moses promise that the swarms of flies would leave Egypt?
ANSWER: The day after Moses left Pharaoh (Ex. 8:29)
14. QUESTION: How many flies remained after the swarms of flies left Egypt?
ANSWER: Not a fly remained (Ex. 8:31)

The Plague of Locusts

Exodus 10:3-7—“So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me. ⁴ If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow. ⁵ They will cover the face of the ground so that it cannot be seen. They will devour what little you have left after the hail, including every tree that is growing in your fields. ⁶ They will fill your houses and those of all your officials and all the Egyptians—something neither your parents nor your ancestors have ever seen from the day they settled in this land till now.’” Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.

⁷ Pharaoh’s officials said to him, “How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may worship the LORD their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is ruined?”

Exodus 10:12-20— “And the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts swarm over the land and devour everything growing in the fields, everything left by the hail.”

¹³ So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts; ¹⁴ they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again. ¹⁵ They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail—everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

¹⁶ Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. ¹⁷ Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the LORD your God to take this deadly plague away from me.”

¹⁸ Moses then left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. ¹⁹ And the LORD changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt. ²⁰ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.”

15. QUESTION: What two people went to Pharaoh and warned him that if he did not humble himself, God would send a plague of locusts on the land of Egypt?
ANSWER: Moses and Aaron (Ex. 10:3-4)
16. QUESTION: For what reason would God send a plague of locust on Egypt?
ANSWER: If Pharaoh refused to let Israel go to worship Him (Ex. 10:3-4)

17. QUESTION: How would the locusts cover the ground in Egypt?
ANSWER: So that the ground could not be seen **(Ex. 10:5)**
18. QUESTION: What did God say the locusts would devour?
ANSWER: Everything Egypt had left after the hail **(Ex. 10:5)**
19. QUESTION: What two groups of people had not seen anything like the plague of locusts since they had settled in the land of Egypt?
ANSWER: A. Parents B. Ancestors **(Ex. 10:6)**
20. QUESTION: (*Give exact quotation*) What question did Pharaoh's officials ask after Moses had left, following his warning about the plague of locusts?
ANSWER: "How long will this man be a snare to us?" **(Ex. 10:7)**
21. QUESTION: According to Exodus 10:7, what did Pharaoh's officials believe about Egypt because of the plagues?
ANSWER: It was ruined **(Ex. 10:7)**
22. QUESTION: What was Moses to do in order to bring the locust swarms over Egypt?
ANSWER: Stretch his hand out over Egypt **(Ex. 10:12)**
23. QUESTION: What brought the locusts into the land of Egypt?
ANSWER: An east wind **(Ex. 10:13)**
24. QUESTION: How long did the east wind blow across the land of Egypt bringing in the locusts?
ANSWER: All day and all night **(Ex. 10:13)**
25. QUESTION: Where did the locusts settle down in Egypt?
ANSWER: In every area of the country **(Ex. 10:14)**
26. QUESTION: How would other plagues of locusts be compared to the plague of locusts in Egypt?
ANSWER: There had never been such a plague of locusts and there never would be again **(Ex. 10:14)**
27. QUESTION: What did the ground of Egypt look like when the locusts covered it?
ANSWER: It looked black **(Ex. 10:15)**
28. QUESTION: What was left on the plants in all the land of Egypt because of the locusts?
ANSWER: Nothing that was green **(Ex. 10:15)**
29. QUESTION: (*Fill in the blanks*) Because of the locusts, Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, "I have sinned against the _____ your God and against _____."
ANSWER: A. Lord B. You **(Ex. 10:16)**
30. QUESTION: After calling for him, what did Pharaoh ask Moses to do about the plague of locusts?
ANSWER: Pray that the Lord would take away the deadly plague **(Ex. 10:17)**
31. QUESTION: How did God get rid of the locusts?
ANSWER: He changed the east wind to a strong west wind which caught up the locusts **(Ex. 10:19)**
32. QUESTION: Into what place did the west wind carry the locusts?
ANSWER: Into the Red Sea **(Ex. 10:19)**
33. QUESTION: What happened to Pharaoh's heart after the locusts were carried away?
ANSWER: The Lord hardened it **(Ex. 10:20)**

God's Promise to Drive of the People of Canaan

Exodus 23:28-30— *“I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. ²⁹ But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. ³⁰ Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.”*

34. QUESTION: According to Exodus 23:28, what kind of bug did God promise to use to drive the people of Canaan out for Israel?
ANSWER: The hornet **(Ex. 23:28)**
35. QUESTION: In what way would hornets drive out the inhabitants out of Canaan?
ANSWER: Little by little **(Ex. 23:30)**

LEVITICUS

(Clean and Unclean Insects)

Leviticus 11:20-23— *“All flying insects that walk on all fours are to be regarded as unclean by you. ²¹ There are, however, some flying insects that walk on all fours that you may eat: those that have jointed legs for hopping on the ground. ²² Of these you may eat any kind of locust, katydid, cricket or grasshopper. ²³ But all other flying insects that have four legs you are to regard as unclean.”*

1. QUESTION: What sort of flying insects were to be unclean by the people of Israel?
ANSWER: Those that walked on all fours **(Lev. 11:20)**
2. QUESTION: Name the four flying insects which walked on all fours that were considered to be clean to eat.
ANSWER: A. Locust B. Katydid C. Cricket D. Grasshopper **(Lev. 11:22)**

NUMBERS

The Twelve Spies Sent to Canaan

Numbers 13:32-33— *“And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”*

1. QUESTION: What did the ten evil spies, sent into Canaan, spread among the people of Israel about the land they had explored?
ANSWER: A bad report **(Num. 13:32)**
2. QUESTION: How did the ten evil spies describe the land of Canaan?
ANSWER: The land devours those living in it **(Num. 13:32)**
3. QUESTION: What people of “great size” lived in the land of Canaan at the time when the spies were sent to bring back a report to Moses and Israel?
ANSWER: The Nephilim **(Num. 13:33)**
4. QUESTION: How did the spies feel when they compared themselves to the Nephilim?
ANSWER: Like grasshoppers **(Num. 13:33)**

DUETERONOMY

Amorites Defeat Israel

Deuteronomy 1:44— *“The Amorites who lived in those hills came out against you; they chased you like a swarm of bees and beat you down from Seir all the way to Hormah.”*

1. QUESTION: In what way did the Amorites chase the people of Israel and beat them down?
ANSWER: Like a swarm of bees (Deut. 1:44)

God's Promise to Drive of the People of Canaan

Deuteronomy 7:17-21— *“You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?”¹⁸ But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.¹⁹ You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the LORD your God brought you out. The LORD your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.²⁰ Moreover, the LORD your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished.²¹ Do not be terrified by them, for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God.”*

2. QUESTION: Why would the people of Israel feel the people of Canaan could not be driven out?
ANSWER: Because the nations in Canaan were stronger than they (Deut. 7:17)
3. QUESTION: (Finish this quote) “...Do not be afraid of them [the Canaanites]; remember well what the Lord your God did to... “
ANSWER: “...Pharaoh and to all Egypt.” (Deut. 7:18)
4. QUESTION: According to Deuteronomy 7:19, what three things did God use to bring Israel out of Egypt?
ANSWER: A. Great trials B. Signs and wonders
C. His mighty hand and outstretched arm (Deut. 7:19)
5. QUESTION: What would happen when God sent the hornet among the people of Canaan?
ANSWER: Even the survivors who hid from Israel would perish (Deut. 7:20)
6. QUESTION: Why were the people of Israel not to be terrified by the people of Canaan?
ANSWER: Because Israel's God is a great and awesome God (Deut. 7:21)

(Clean and Unclean Insects)

Deuteronomy 14:19— *“All flying insects are unclean to you; do not eat them.”*

7. QUESTION: According to Deuteronomy 14:19, flying insects were unclean to the people of Israel, what were they not allowed to do?
ANSWER: Eat them (Deut. 14:19)

JOSHUA

God Drives out the People of Canaan with Hornets

Joshua 24:11-12— *“Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands.¹² I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow.”*

1. QUESTION: To what place did the Israelites come to when they had crossed the Jordan?
ANSWER: Jericho (Josh. 24:11)
2. QUESTION: Name the seven nations the Lord drove out for the people of Israel by sending hornets?
ANSWER: A. Amorites B. Perizzites C. Canaanites D. Hittites
E. Girgashites F. Hivites G. Jebusites (Josh. 24:11)

3. QUESTION: Besides the seven nations of Canaan, what other kings did God drive out with the hornet?
ANSWER: The two Amorite kings (**Josh. 24:12**)
4. QUESTION: With what did the Israelites NOT drive out the nations of Canaan?
ANSWER: With their own sword and bow (**Josh. 24:12**)

JUDGES

Samson and the Honey in the Lion's Carcass

Judges 14:8-9— *“Sometime later, when he went back to marry her, he turned aside to look at the lion’s carcass, and in it he saw a swarm of bees and some honey. ⁹He scooped out the honey with his hands and ate as he went along. When he rejoined his parents, he gave them some, and they too ate it. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey from the lion’s carcass.”*

1. QUESTION: What did Samson find in the carcass of a dead lion?
ANSWER: A swarm of bees and some honey (**Jud. 14:8**)
2. QUESTION: What did Samson do when he found some honey in the carcass of a lion?
ANSWER: He scooped some out and ate it (**Jud. 14:9**)
3. QUESTION: Who, besides Samson, ate the honey from the carcass of a lion?
ANSWER: His parents (**Jud. 14:9**)
4. QUESTION: What did Samson not tell his parents about where he found the honey?
ANSWER: He did not tell them that he had taken the honey from a lion’s carcass (**Jud. 14:9**)

1 SAMUEL

Saul Hunts David

1 Samuel 24:14— *“Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea?”*

1 Samuel 26:20— *“Now do not let my blood fall to the ground far from the presence of the LORD. The king of Israel has come out to look for a flea—as one hunts a partridge in the mountains.”*

1. QUESTION: As King Saul was pursuing David, with what insect did David compare himself?
ANSWER: A flea (**1 Sam. 24:14**)
2. QUESTION: *(Finish this quote of David as he was fleeing from King Saul)* “Now do not let my blood fall to the ground far from the presence of the Lord...”
ANSWER: “...The king of Israel has come out to look for a flea—as one hunts a partridge in the mountains.” (**1 Sam. 26:20**)

1 KINGS

Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication at the Temple

1 Kings 8:37-39— *“When famine or plague comes to the land, or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers, or when an enemy besieges them in any of their cities, whatever disaster or disease may come, ³⁸and when a prayer or plea is made by anyone among your people Israel—being aware of the afflictions of their own hearts, and spreading out their hands toward this temple— ³⁹then hear from heaven, your dwelling place.”*

1. QUESTION: During Solomon’s prayer at the dedication of the temple, he mentioned seven judgments; which could come upon the land of Israel because of God’s displeasure, which two were bugs.
ANSWER: A. Locusts B. Grasshoppers (**1 Kgs. 8:37**)

JOB

The Destiny of Those Who Forget God

Job 8:13-15— “Such is the destiny of all who forget God; so perishes the hope of the godless. ¹⁴What they trust in is fragile; what they rely on is a spider’s web. ¹⁵They lean on the web, but it gives way; they cling to it, but it does not hold.”

1. QUESTION: How fragile are the things on which those who forget God trust?
ANSWER: Like relying on a spider’s web **(Job 8:13-14)**
2. QUESTION: What happens when one leans on a spider’s web?
ANSWER: It gives way **(Job 8:15)**

Man Wastes Away

Job 13:28— “So man wastes away like something rotten, like a garment eaten by moths.”

Job 14:19— “How much more those who live in houses of clay, whose foundations are in the dust, who are crushed more readily than a moth!”

3. QUESTION: Give two comparisons that Job makes about how man wastes away.
ANSWER: A. Like something rotten B. Like a garment eaten by moths **(Job 13:28)**
4. QUESTION: How easily are those crushed who live in houses of clay?
ANSWER: More readily than a moth!” **(Job 14:19)**

The House of the Wicked

Job 27:13, 18— “Here is the fate God allots to the wicked... ¹⁸The house he builds is like a moth’s cocoon, like a hut made by a watchman.

5. QUESTION: (Fill in the blanks) The house the wicked “builds is like a moth’s _____, like a _____ made by a watchman.”
ANSWER: A. Cocoon B. Hut **(Job 27:18)**

PSALMS

God Rebuking the Sinner

Psalm 39:11— “When You rebuke and discipline anyone for their sin, You consume their wealth like a moth—surely everyone is but a breath.”

1. QUESTION: When God rebukes the sinner, how does He consume their wealth?
ANSWER: Like a moth **(Psa. 39:11)**

Insects belong to God

Psalm 50:11— “I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.”

2. QUESTION: According to Psalm 50:11, what does God say about the insects of the field?
ANSWER: They are His **(Psa. 50:11)**

The Plagues of Egypt

Psalm 78:45-46— “He sent swarms of flies that devoured them, and frogs that devastated them. ⁴⁶He gave their crops to the grasshopper, their produce to the locust.”

3. QUESTION: (Fill in the blanks) Speaking of the plagues of Egypt, Psalm 78 says, God “sent swarms of _____ that devoured them, and frogs that devastated them. He gave their crops to the _____, their produce to the _____.”
ANSWER: A. Devoured B. Grasshopper C. Locust **(Psa. 78:45-46)**

The Walls of God's People

Psalm 80:12-13— “Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? ³Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.”

4. QUESTION: According to Psalm 80:13, what do insects do on the walls of Israel--God's people?
ANSWER: They feed on it **(Psa. 80:13)**

The Plagues of Egypt

Psalm 105:31-35— “He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country... ³⁴ He spoke, and the locusts came, grasshoppers without number; ³⁵ they ate up every green thing in their land, ate up the produce of their soil.”

5. QUESTION: According to Ps. 105, how did God send swarms of flies and gnats throughout Egypt?
ANSWER: He spoke **(Psa. 105:31)**
6. QUESTION: How many grasshoppers came into the land Egypt when God spoke?
ANSWER: They were without number **(Psa. 105:34)**
7. QUESTION: According to Psalm 105:34-35, what did the locusts and grasshoppers eat up of the soil in the land of Egypt?
ANSWER: The produce **(Psa. 105:35)**

Enemies Attack the Writer of Psalm 118

Psalm 118:12— “They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them down.”

8. QUESTION: According to Psalm 118, how did enemies attack?
ANSWER: Like a swarm of bees **(Psa. 118:12)**
9. QUESTION: How quickly were the swarming enemies of the Psalmist consumed?
ANSWER: As quickly as burning thorns **(Psa. 118:12)**
10. QUESTION: According to Psalm 118:12, how did the Psalmist cut down his swarming enemies?
ANSWER: In the name of the Lord **(Psa. 118:12)**

PROVERBS

Bugs in the Proverbs

Proverbs 6:6-8— “Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! ⁷It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, ⁸yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”

Proverbs 30:25, 27— “Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer... locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks.”

1. QUESTION: The sluggard (lazy person) should learn from what bug?
ANSWER: The ant **(Prov. 6:6)**
2. QUESTION: (Fill in the blanks) We are told to consider an ant's _____ and be _____.
ANSWER: A. Ways B. Wise **(Prov. 6:6)**
3. QUESTION: Name three leaders that ants do not have.
ANSWER: A. No commander B. No overseer C. No ruler **(Prov. 6:7)**
4. QUESTION: At what times of the year do ants gather provisions and food?
ANSWER: In the summer and at harvest **(Prov. 6:8)**

5. QUESTION: How strong are ants?
ANSWER: They are creatures of little strength (Prov. 30:25)
6. QUESTION: What does Proverbs 30:27 tell us about how locusts advance?
ANSWER: They advance together in ranks (Prov. 30:27)

ECCLESIASTES

Dead Flies in the Perfume

Ecclesiastes 10:1— “As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.”

1. QUESTION: What happens when dead flies are found in perfume?
ANSWER: They give the perfume a bad smell (Eccl. 10:1)
2. QUESTION: (Finish this quote from Ecclesiastes 10:1) “As dead flies give perfume a bad smell...”
ANSWER: “...So a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.” (Eccl. 10:1)

ISAIAH

Prophecies against Israel and Judah

Isaiah 7:17-19— “The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”¹⁸ In that day the LORD will whistle for flies from the Nile delta in Egypt and for bees from the land of Assyria.¹⁹ They will all come and settle in the steep ravines and in the crevices in the rocks, on all the thorn bushes and at all the water holes.”

1. QUESTION: (Fill in the blanks) According to Isaiah 7:18, The Lord promised to whistle for _____ from the Nile delta in Egypt and for _____ from the land of Assyria to punish Judah.
ANSWER: A. Flies B. Bees (Isa. 7:18)
2. QUESTION: In what four places would the flies from Egypt and the bees from Assyria come and settle?
ANSWER: A. In the steep ravines B. In the crevices in the rocks
C. On all the thorn bushes D. At the water holes (Isa. 7:19)

The Awesomeness of God

Isaiah 40:18, 22— “With whom, then, will you compare God?²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.”

3. QUESTION: (Fill in the blanks) According to Isaiah 7:18, God “sits enthroned above the _____ of the _____.”
ANSWER: A. Circle B. Earth (Isa. 40:22)
4. QUESTION: To what insect does Isaiah refer when he is comparing people to God?
ANSWER: They are like grasshoppers (Isa. 40:22)

God’s Salvation Will Last Forever

Isaiah 51:6-8— “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.⁷ Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults.⁸ For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations.”

5. QUESTION: In what way does Isaiah say that the moth will eat the mere mortals reproach God’s people?
ANSWER: Like a garment (Isa. 51:8)

6. QUESTION: In what way does Isaiah say that the worm will devour the mere mortals reproach God's people?
ANSWER: Like wool **(Isa. 51:8)**

Isaiah describes the Sinner

Isaiah 59:5-6— *“They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider’s web. Whoever eats their eggs will die, and when one is broken, an adder is hatched. ⁶Their cobwebs are useless for clothing; they cannot cover themselves with what they make. Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands.”*

7. QUESTION: According to Isaiah 59:5, the actions of sinners are like what two things?
ANSWER: A. The hatching of vipers eggs B. The spinning of a spider’s web **(Isa. 59:5)**
8. QUESTION: Why are the cobwebs that sinners make useless for clothing?
ANSWER: They cannot cover themselves with what they make **(Isa. 59:6)**

JEREMIAH

Prophecies about Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacking Egypt

Jeremiah 43:12— *“He will set fire to the temples of the gods of Egypt; he will burn their temples and take their gods captive. As a shepherd picks his garment clean of lice, so he will pick Egypt clean and depart.”*

Jeremiah 46:23— *“They will chop down her forest,” declares the LORD, “dense though it be. They are more numerous than locusts, they cannot be counted.”*

1. QUESTION: When Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon attacked Egypt, in what way would he pick it clean?
ANSWER: As a shepherd picks his garment clean of lice **(Jer. 43:12)**
2. QUESTION: How great was the army of Babylon, which attacked Egypt?
ANSWER: It was more numerous than locusts, it could not be counted **(Jer. 46:23)**

HOSEA

God’s Judgment on Israel

Hosea 5:12— *“I am like a moth to Ephraim, like rot to the people of Judah.”*

1. QUESTION: (Two part question) According to Hosea 5:12, what did God promise to be to Ephraim, and what did He promise to be to Judah?
ANSWER: A. Like a moth to Ephraim B. Like rot to the people of Judah **(Hosea 5:12)**

JOEL

The Army of Locusts

Joel 1:1-4— *“The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel. ²Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors? ³Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. ⁴What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten.”*

Joel 2:1-11— *“Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand— ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come. ³Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the Garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste—nothing escapes them. ⁴They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like*

cavalry. ⁵With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle.

⁶At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. ⁷They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course. ⁸They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks. ⁹They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows.

¹⁰Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

¹¹The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys His command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?"

Joel 2:18-19a, 20— "Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on His people. ¹⁹ The LORD replied to them..."

²⁰"I will drive the northern horde far from you, pushing it into a parched and barren land; its eastern ranks will drown in the Dead Sea and its western ranks in the Mediterranean Sea. And its stench will go up; its smell will rise."

Joel 2:25— "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you."

1. QUESTION: (Two part question) What was the name of the man who prophesied about the coming of a mighty army of locusts, and what was the name of this man's father?
ANSWER: A. Joel B. The son of Pethuel (Joel 1:1)
2. QUESTION: To what two groups of people did Joel speak about the coming of an army of locusts?
ANSWER: A. Elders B. All who live in the land (Joel 1:2)
3. QUESTION: According to Joel, what were the four groups of locusts which would come and destroy the land?
ANSWER: A. The locust swarm B. The great locusts
C. The young locusts D. Other locusts (Joel 1:4)
4. QUESTION: How does Joel describe the day of the Lord that was coming?
ANSWER: A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness (Joel 2:2)
5. QUESTION: In what way would Joel's mighty locust army come?
ANSWER: Like dawn spreading across the mountains (Joel 2:2)
6. QUESTION: (Two part question) Before the mighty locust army came, the land was like what place and after the locust left, the land would be like what?
ANSWER: A. The Garden of Eden B. A desert waste (Joel 2:3)
7. QUESTION: What would escape Joel's army of locusts?
ANSWER: Nothing (Joel 2:3)
8. QUESTION: The locusts of Joel's army would look like what animals?
ANSWER: Horses (Joel 2:4)
9. QUESTION: How does Joel says his horse-like locusts would gallop along?
ANSWER: Like cavalry (Joel 2:4)
10. QUESTION: What kind of noise did Joel's locusts make as they leaped over mountain tops?
ANSWER: Like chariots (Joel 2:5)
11. QUESTION: According to Joel, what would happen to every face when the locust army was seen?
ANSWER: Every face turns pale (Joel 2:6)

12. QUESTION: *(Two part question)* How do the locusts of Joel's prophecy charge and how do they scale (climb over walls)?
ANSWER: A. Like warriors B. Like soldiers **(Joel 2:7)**
13. QUESTION: Describe how the mighty army of locusts marches.
ANSWER: They all march in line, not swerving from their course **(Joel 2:7)**
14. QUESTION: How does Joel say the army of locusts plunges through defenses?
ANSWER: Without breaking ranks **(Joel 2:8)**
15. QUESTION: How does the locust army climb into houses?
ANSWER: Like thieves they enter through windows **(Joel 2:9)**
16. QUESTION: How would the heavens be affected by the army of locusts of Joel?
ANSWER: A. The earth would shake B. The heaven would tremble
C. The sun and moon would be darkened D. The stars would no longer shine **(Joel 2:10)**
17. QUESTION: Who would thunder at the head of the army of locusts?
ANSWER: The Lord **(Joel 2:11)**
18. QUESTION: How many would be in the Lord's forces of locusts?
ANSWER: His forces are beyond number **(Joel 2:11)**
19. QUESTION: *(Fill in the blanks and give the reference.)* The day of the Lord is _____; it is _____.
Who can endure it?"
ANSWER: A. Great B. Dreadful C. Joel 2:11 **(Joel 2:11)**
20. QUESTION: For what reason would God drive out the locust army from the land of Israel?
ANSWER: Because He was jealous for His land and took pity on His people **(Joel 2:18, 20)**
21. QUESTION: Where did God promise to push the northern hoard of locusts?
ANSWER: Into a parched and barren land **(Joel 2:20)**
22. QUESTION: Into what two seas would God drown the eastern and western ranks of locusts?
ANSWER: A. The Dead Sea B. The Mediterranean Sea **(Joel 2:20)**
23. QUESTION: What would happen as a result of the drowning of the locust army?
ANSWER: Its smell would rise **(Joel 2:20)**
24. QUESTION: According to Joel 2:25, what would God do following the years that the locusts had eaten?
ANSWER: He would repay His people **(Joel 2:25)**

AMOS

Locusts Invade Israel

Amos 4:9— *"Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, destroying them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, yet you have not returned to Me," declares the LORD.*"

1. QUESTION: *(Two part question)* According to Amos the prophet, how were the fig and olive trees of Israel devoured, and what did Israel refuse to do when this happened?
ANSWER: A. By locusts B. Israel did not return to the Lord **(Amos 4:9)**

NAHUM

A Prophecy against Nineveh

Nahum 3:7, 15-17— “All who see you will flee from you and say, ‘Nineveh is in ruins—who will mourn for her?’ Where can I find anyone to comfort you? ¹⁵...There the fire will consume you; the sword will cut you down— they will devour you like a swarm of locusts. Multiply like grasshoppers, multiply like locusts! ¹⁶ You have increased the number of your merchants till they are more numerous than the stars in the sky, but like locusts they strip the land and then fly away. ¹⁷ Your guards are like locusts, your officials like swarms of locusts that settle in the walls on a cold day—but when the sun appears they fly away, and no one knows where.”

1. QUESTION: Nineveh would be devoured like a swarm of what bugs?
ANSWER: Locusts **(Nah. 3:15)**
2. QUESTION: How numerous were the merchants of Nineveh?
ANSWER: More numerous than the stars in the sky **(Nah. 3:16)**
3. QUESTION: (Give exact quotation) How does Nahum describe the officials of Nineveh?
ANSWER: “...Like swarms of locusts that settle in the walls on a cold day, but when the sun appears they fly away.” **(Nah. 3:17)**
4. QUESTION: To what place do locusts go when they fly away at the appearing of the sun?
ANSWER: No one knows where they go **(Nah. 3:17)**

MALACHI

Blessings on Those Who Tithe

Malachi 3:10-11— “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty.

1. QUESTION: Where were the people of Israel to bring their tithe?
ANSWER: Into the storehouse **(Mal. 3:10)**
2. QUESTION: According to Malachi 3:10, why are tithes to be brought into the storehouse?
ANSWER: So there will be food in God’s house **(Mal. 3:10)**
3. QUESTION: What kind of blessing does God promise on those who tithe?
ANSWER: One that there will not be room enough to store it **(Mal. 3:10)**
4. QUESTION: What would God do to pests as a result of tithing?
ANSWER: He would keep them from devouring crops **(Mal. 3:11)**

MATTHEW

John the Baptist

Matthew 3:4— “John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.”

1. QUESTION: What two things did John the Baptist eat?
ANSWER: A. Locusts B. Wild honey **(Matt. 3:4)**

Store up Treasurers in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-20— *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*

2. QUESTION: Where does Jesus says we should not store up treasures for ourselves?
ANSWER: On Earth **(Matt. 6:19)**
3. QUESTION: What two things destroy the treasures we store up on earth?
ANSWER: A. Moths B. Vermin **(Matt. 6:19)**
4. QUESTION: What will thieves do to the treasures we store up on earth?
ANSWER: They will break in and steal them **(Matt. 6:19)**
5. QUESTION: *(Finish this quote and give the reference)* “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”
ANSWER: “...Where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal”
Matthew 6:20. **(Matt. 6:20)**

Woe to the Pharisees

Matthew 23:23-24— *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. ²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.”*

6. QUESTION: To whom did Jesus refer to as “hypocrites?”
ANSWER: A. The teachers of the law B. The Pharisees **(Matt. 23:23)**
7. QUESTION: *(Finish Jesus’ quotation to the Pharisee and teachers of the law and give the reference)* “You blind guides!...”
ANSWER: “...You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel” Matthew 23:24. **(Matt. 23:23-24)**

LUKE

Treasure in Heaven

Luke 12:33-34— *“Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

1. QUESTION: What does Jesus tell us to do with our possessions?
ANSWER: Sell them and give to the poor **(Luke 12:33)**
2. QUESTION: According to Luke 12:33, what three things do we know about treasure stored up in heaven?
ANSWER: A. It will never fail B. No thief comes near
C. No moth destroys **(Luke 12:33)**
3. QUESTION: Quote Luke 12:34.
ANSWER: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” **(Luke 12:34)**

JAMES

Warning to Rich Oppressors

James 5:1-2— *“Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.”*

1. QUESTION: What does James tell the rich people to do because of the misery that was coming on them?
ANSWER: Weep and wail **(Jas. 5:1)**
2. QUESTION: What does James says had happened to the clothes of the rich people?
ANSWER: The moths had eaten them **(Jas. 5:2)**

REVELATION

The Fifth Trumpet of the Revelation

Revelation 9:1-11— *“The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. ²When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. ³And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. ⁶During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.*

⁷The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. ⁸Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth. ⁹They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. ¹¹They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).”

1. QUESTION: What fell from the sky when the fifth trumpet of the Revelation was sounded?
ANSWER: A star **(Rev. 9:1)**
2. QUESTION: *(Two part question)* What was given to the star the fell from the sky in Revelation, and what was this for?
ANSWER: A. A key B. To the shaft of the Abyss **(Rev. 9:1)**
3. QUESTION: According to Revelation 9:2, what kind of smoke rose out of the Abyss?
ANSWER: Like the smoke from a gigantic furnace **(Rev. 9:2)**
4. QUESTION: What two things were darkened because of the smoke from the Abyss?
ANSWER: A. The sun B. The sky **(Rev. 9:2)**
5. QUESTION: What came out of the smoke from the Abyss of Revelation 9?
ANSWER: Locusts **(Rev. 9:3)**
6. QUESTION: What kind of power was given to the Locust from the Abyss in Revelation 9?
ANSWER: Like that of scorpions **(Rev. 9:3)**
7. QUESTION: According to Revelation 9:4, name three things that the locust from the Abyss were not to harm.
ANSWER: A. The grass of the earth B. Any plant C. Any tree **(Rev. 9:4)**
8. QUESTION: Who were the locust from the Abyss to harm?
ANSWER: Only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads **(Rev. 9:4)**
9. QUESTION: What was the sting of the scorpion-like locusts not allowed to do to people?
ANSWER: Kill them **(Rev. 9:5)**
10. QUESTION: How long would the sting of the scorpion-like locusts of revelation last?
ANSWER: Five months **(Rev. 9:5)**

11. QUESTION: What will people look for in the days of the scorpion-like locusts?
ANSWER: Death **(Rev. 9:6)**
12. QUESTION: *(Fill in the blanks)* When people are stung by the scorpion-like locusts, people “will _____ to die, but death will _____ them.” (the word **elude** means “to get away from”)
ANSWER: A. Long B. Elude **(Rev. 9:6)**
13. QUESTION: *(Finish this quote from Revelation 9:7)* “The locusts looked like horses...”
ANSWER: “...Prepared For battle.” **(Rev. 9:7)**
14. QUESTION: *(Two part question)* What did the locusts of the Revelation wear on their heads, and what did their faces resemble?
ANSWER: A. Crowns of gold B. Human faces **(Rev. 9:7)**
15. QUESTION: Describe the hair of the locusts of Revelation.
ANSWER: It was like women’s hair **(Rev. 9:8)**
16. QUESTION: Describe the teeth of the locust of Revelation.
ANSWER: They were like lion’s teeth **(Rev. 9:8)**
17. QUESTION: With what were the breastplates of the locusts of Revelation compared?
ANSWER: Breastplate of iron **(Rev. 9:9)**
18. QUESTION: Describe the sound of the wings of the scorpion-like locusts.
ANSWER: It was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle **(Rev. 9:9)**
19. QUESTION: What did the locusts of the Revelation have in their tails?
ANSWER: Stingers **(Rev. 9:10)**
20. QUESTION: *(Two part question)* Who was king over the locusts of Revelation, and what was his Greek name?
ANSWER: A. The angel of the Abyss B. Apollyon **(Rev. 9:11)**