

Ten Plagues: Then and Now

Biblical Plagues	Contemporary Plague: Earthly Manifestation	Contemporary “Counter-Plagues” with Liberating Potential
Water into Blood	Polluted, Undrinkable Waters and Mass Droughts	Rainwater Catchments, Grey-Water Systems, Black-water systems
Frogs	Invasive Species and “Forever Plastics”	Treat “Forever Plastics” as invasive species. Stop making them. Isolate them from oceans and other vulnerable milieu.
Lice	Opioid Epidemic	Trauma Healing on Individual, Collective, Intergenerational and Ancestral Levels
Wild beasts	Species Extinction	Major expansion of Species Preservation Act & Reforestation
Pestilence of livestock	Factory Farming	Reducing Beef Consumption, Buying Local, Forbidding Antibiotic Suffusion of Livestock
Boils	Exacerbated Spread Of Disease	Free Healthcare for All
Thunderstorm Of hail and fire	Superstorms and Wildfires	Local Disaster Preparedness Networks and destruction of energy monopolies.
Locusts	Crop Failures	Local, Organic Farms.
Darkness	Mass Blackouts, Reliance on Fossil Fuel monopolies	Congregation-based & neighborhood-based Solar Cooperatives; Renewable energy grids
Death of the firstborn	Collapse and its destruction of the Next generation	The Sunrise Movement and other youth movements demanding holistic action like the Green New Deal

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