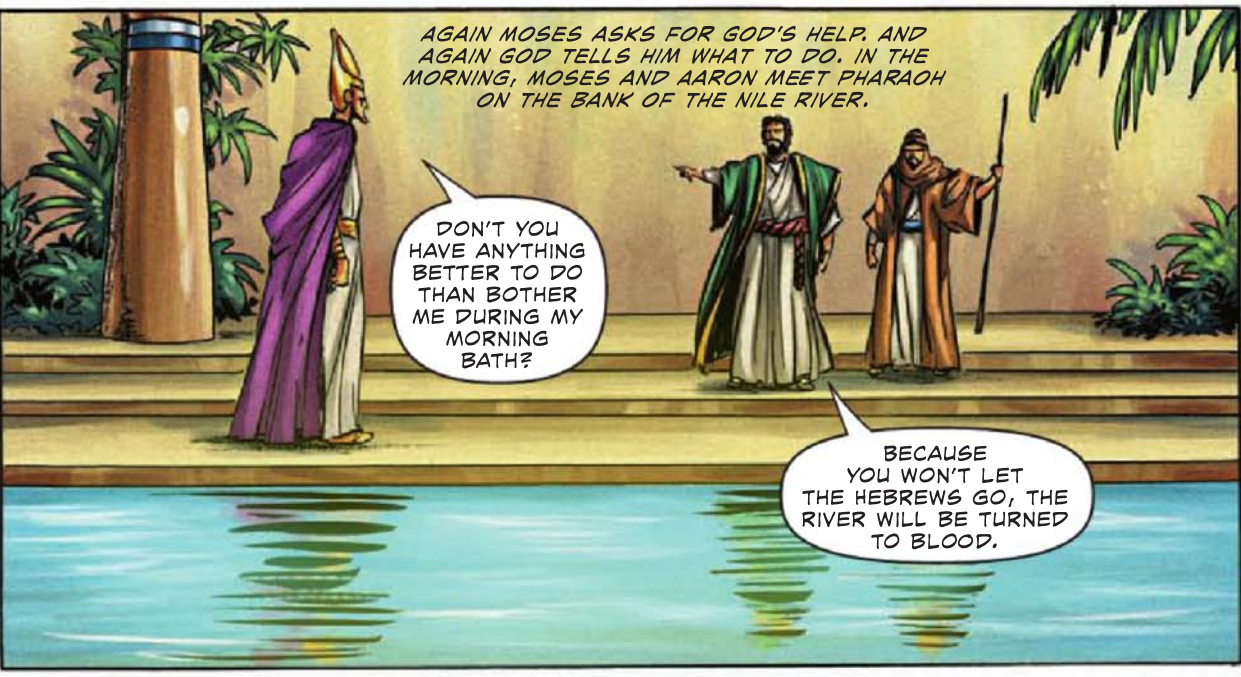


The Plagues

BASED ON EXODUS 7:14-10:20



BUT WHILE PHARAOH WATCHES, THE SERPENT OF AARON SWALLOWS THE SERPENTS OF THE EGYPTIAN MAGICIANS. THOUGH DISAPPOINTED, PHARAOH REFUSES TO ADMIT THAT MOSES' GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GODS OF EGYPT.



AGAIN MOSES ASKS FOR GOD'S HELP, AND AGAIN GOD TELLS HIM WHAT TO DO. IN THE MORNING, MOSES AND AARON MEET PHARAOH ON THE BANK OF THE NILE RIVER.

DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BOTHER ME DURING MY MORNING BATH?

BECAUSE YOU WON'T LET THE HEBREWS GO, THE RIVER WILL BE TURNED TO BLOOD.

AT MOSES' COMMAND, AARON STRIKES THE WATER WITH HIS ROD, AND THE WATER TURNS RED.



MY SORCERERS CAN DO THE SAME THING.

IF THEY'RE SUCH GREAT SORCERERS, WHY DON'T THEY TURN THE NILE BACK INTO WATER?

BUT THIS THEY CANNOT DO, AND THE NILE REMAINS BLOOD FOR SEVEN DAYS.

THE EGYPTIAN WOMEN ARE UNABLE TO WASH THEIR CLOTHES IN THE BLOODY RIVER. MEN HAVE TO DIG WELLS TO FIND DRINKING WATER. FINALLY THE RIVER IS CLEAR AGAIN, BUT STILL PHARAOH WILL NOT LISTEN TO MOSES' PLEA. AND SO GOD SENDS A DIFFERENT PLAGUE.

IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY..



FROGS!
MILLIONS OF THEM!
EVERYWHERE!

AND IN
EGYPTIAN
HOMES...



EEEK!
MY FLOUR IS
RUINED!



EVEN IN THE PALACE...

I CAN'T STAND THESE FILTHY CREATURES! SEND FOR MOSES AND AARON!



ASK YOUR GOD TO TAKE AWAY THE FROGS, AND I WILL LET THE HEBREWS GO.

IT WILL BE AS YOU SAY.

BUT WHEN THE FROGS ARE GONE, PHARAOH BREAKS HIS PROMISE. SO GOD PROCEEDS WITH HIS NEXT "WONDER."



GOD TORMENTS THE EGYPTIANS WITH A PLAGUE OF GNATS. THEY INFEST EVERYTHING. THE EGYPTIANS CAN'T GET THEM OUT OF THEIR HOUSES, THEIR HAIR—EVEN THEIR BEDS!

PHARAOH TRIES TO BARGAIN WITH MOSES, BUT MOSES STANDS FIRM IN HIS REQUEST. ONCE AGAIN, PHARAOH PROMISES TO FREE THE HEBREWS. BUT WHEN THE GNATS ARE GONE, HE HARDENS HIS HEART AGAIN.

AS IF THE GNATS WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH, GOD FOLLOWS THEM WITH A PLAGUE OF FLIES. FLIES ARE IN EVERYTHING—THE EGYPTIANS CAN'T KEEP THEM OFF THEIR FOOD OR OFF THEIR FACES, BUT NO FLIES TROUBLE THE HEBREWS IN GOSHEN.



CAN'T YOU WORSHIP YOUR GOD HERE?

NO.

OKAY, OKAY, YOU CAN GO.

BUT, LIKE BEFORE, PHARAOH CHANGES HIS MIND. THEN GOD SENDS DISEASE UPON THE EGYPTIANS' ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK.



MANY OF THEM DIE. BUT PHARAOH'S HEART IS UNYIELDING.



GOD GIVES MOSES HIS NEXT INSTRUCTIONS. HE AND AARON INTERRUPT PHARAOH'S COURT AND THROW SOOT IN THE AIR.



IMMEDIATELY PHARAOH AND HIS ADVISERS BREAK OUT IN PAINFUL SORES AND BOILS. THE REST OF EGYPT IS STRUCK WITH THE SAME DISEASE AS WELL. BUT PHARAOH STUBBORNLY REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE GOD'S POWER AND AUTHORITY.



FATHER, WHY WERE THE SLAVE DRIVERS SO CRUEL TODAY?

THEY ARE ALWAYS CRUEL, SON, BUT RIGHT NOW THEY ARE ANGRY TO BE SUFFERING FROM TERRIBLE BOILS, WHILE WE REMAIN HEALTHY AND STRONG.



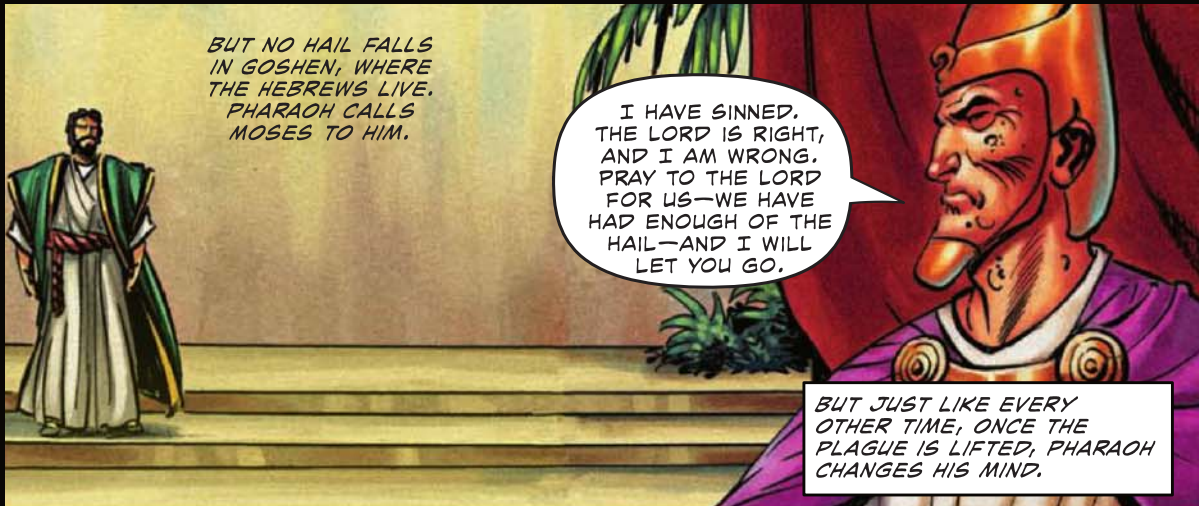
STILL PHARAOH KEEPS THE HEBREWS IN EGYPT. SO A TERRIBLE STORM STRIKES...

HAILSTONES AS BIG AS MY FIST!



THROUGHOUT THE LAND, THE EGYPTIAN FARMERS WATCH THE STORM WITH TERROR.

OUR CROPS ARE RUINED.



BUT NO HAIL FALLS IN GOSHEN, WHERE THE HEBREWS LIVE. PHARAOH CALLS MOSES TO HIM.

I HAVE SINNED, THE LORD IS RIGHT, AND I AM WRONG. PRAY TO THE LORD FOR US—WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THE HAIL—AND I WILL LET YOU GO.

BUT JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER TIME, ONCE THE PLAGUE IS LIFTED, PHARAOH CHANGES HIS MIND.



HOW LONG WILL YOU REFUSE TO HUMBLE YOURSELF? LET MY PEOPLE GO, OR I WILL SEND LOCUSTS TO DESTROY ANYTHING THAT'S LEFT ALIVE IN THIS LAND.

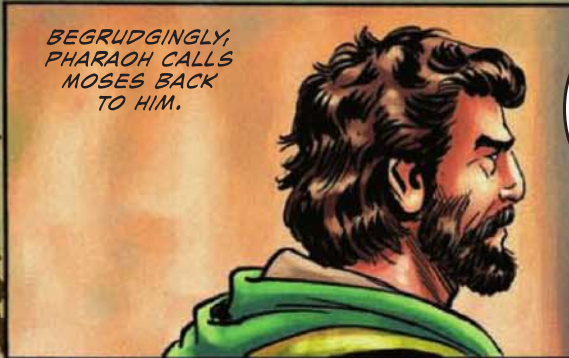


PHARAOH'S ADVISERS AGREE WITH MOSES.

PLEASE, JUST LET THE HEBREWS GO ALREADY!

DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT THESE PLAGUES HAVE LEFT EGYPT IN RUINS?

ALREADY IT WILL TAKE US YEARS TO RECOVER FROM THEM.



BEGRUDGINGLY, PHARAOH CALLS MOSES BACK TO HIM.



FINE, GO WORSHIP YOUR LORD. WHO WERE YOU PLANNING ON TAKING?



WE WILL TAKE OUR YOUNG AND OLD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, OUR FLOCKS AND HERDS.



HA HA! NO. JUST THE MEN.

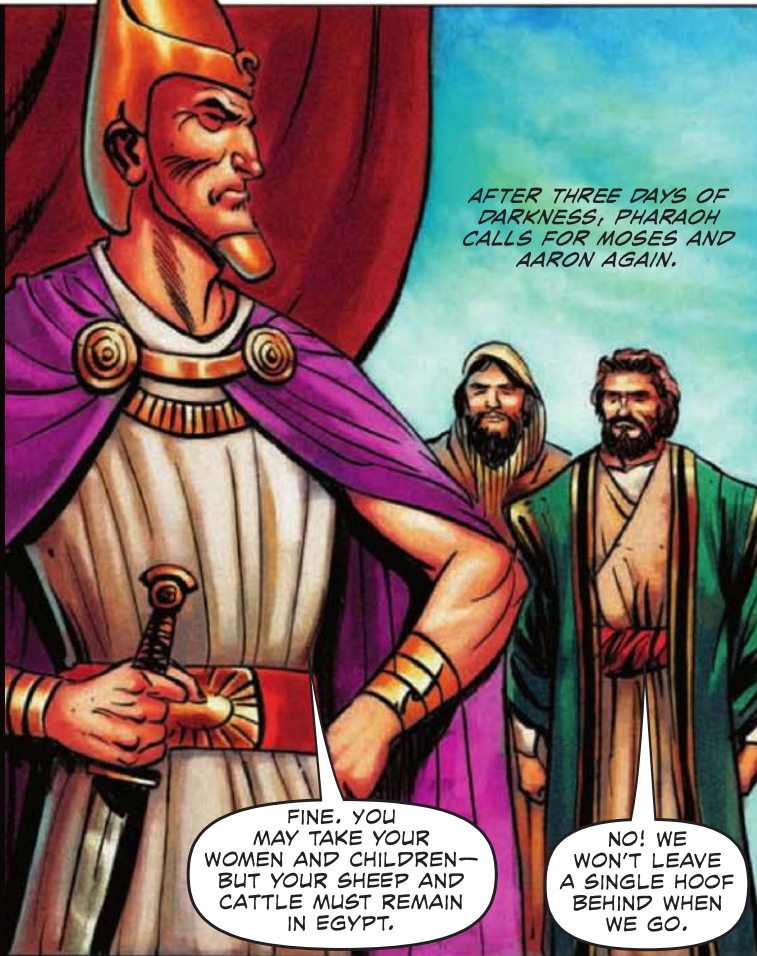
LOCUSTS, IT IS!



GOD SENDS LOCUSTS, WHICH DEVOUR ANYTHING THAT WASN'T DESTROYED BY THE HAILSTORM. THEN, WHEN PHARAOH'S HEART REMAINS HARDENED AGAINST THE ISRAELITES, GOD MAKES THE DAY AS DARK AS NIGHT.

The Final Plague

BASED ON EXODUS 10:21-12:51



AFTER THREE DAYS OF DARKNESS, PHARAOH CALLS FOR MOSES AND AARON AGAIN.

FINE, YOU MAY TAKE YOUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN— BUT YOUR SHEEP AND CATTLE MUST REMAIN IN EGYPT.

NO! WE WON'T LEAVE A SINGLE HOOF BEHIND WHEN WE GO.



THEN YOU'LL ALL STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE. GET OUT OF MY SIGHT! IF I SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN, YOU WILL DIE!



BUT MOSES IS NO LONGER AFRAID OF PHARAOH.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY—HERE'S WHAT THE LORD SAYS:

"TONIGHT EVERY FIRSTBORN SON IN EGYPT WILL DIE—INCLUDING YOURS, O PHARAOH. YOU WILL KNOW GRIEF WORSE THAN ANY EGYPT HAS EVER EXPERIENCED. AND THEN YOU WILL COME TO ME ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES, AND YOU WILL BEG FOR MY PEOPLE TO LEAVE."



QUICKLY, MOSES CALLS FOR A MEETING OF THE HEBREW LEADERS.

GOD TOLD ME THAT THE ANGEL OF DEATH WILL STRIKE EGYPT AND TAKE THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY FAMILY.

FIRSTBORN OF EVERY FAMILY?

MOSES INSTRUCTS THE HEBREWS ON HOW TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES...

SURELY THIS WILL BRING OUR RELEASE FROM SLAVERY.

NINE TIMES PHARAOH HAS BROKEN HIS PROMISE TO LET US GO—WHAT WILL HE DO THIS TIME?

WHY ARE YOU PUTTING LAMB'S BLOOD ON OUR DOORPOST?

GOD TOLD MOSES IT WOULD BE A SIGN TO LET THE ANGEL OF DEATH KNOW TO PASS OVER OUR HOUSE.



THAT EVENING, EVERY HEBREW FAMILY PACKS ALL OF THEIR POSSESSIONS, HOPING THAT THEY WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO LEAVE EGYPT. THEY EAT A MEAL CALLED THE PASSOVER BECAUSE THE ANGEL OF DEATH WILL PASS OVER THEIR HOMES.



JUST BEFORE
MIDNIGHT...

WHAT
IS IT?

I HAVE
NO IDEA.

WHAT IS IT,
MOMMY?

IT IS
GOD'S
DESTROYER.
COME AWAY
FROM THE
WINDOW.

NO!

HELP!

THEN, AT THE STROKE OF
MIDNIGHT, THE LORD STRIKES
DOWN ALL THE FIRSTBORN OF
EGYPT, BUT EVERY HEBREW
HOUSE WITH LAMB'S BLOOD
ON ITS DOOR IS PASSED OVER.