



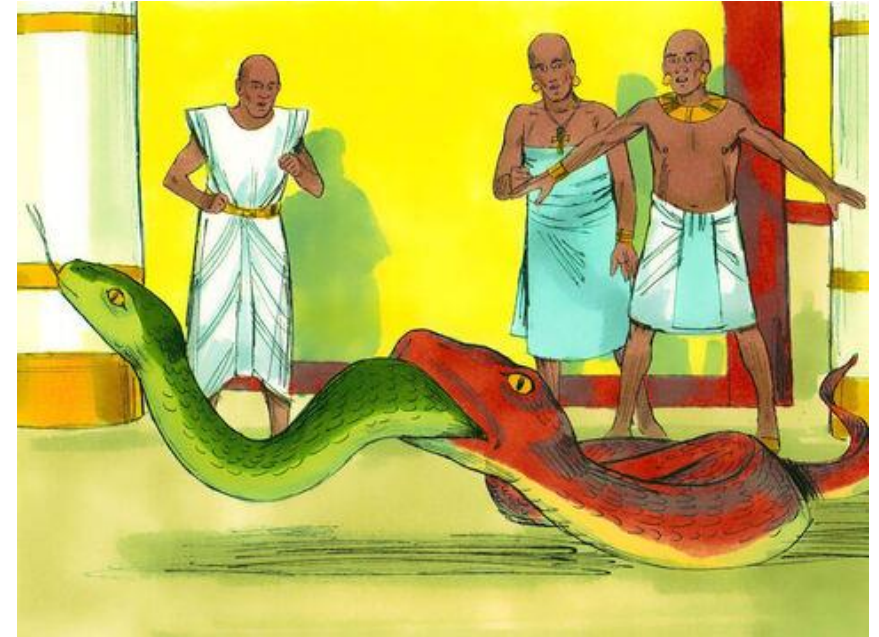
THE STORY OF MOSES

PART 7: COMPROMISE

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COMPROMISE

- Worship in the land
- Worship, but don't go far
- Only men go to worship
- Worship without your flocks



OVERVIEW OF THE PLAGUES

EXODUS 7 - 10

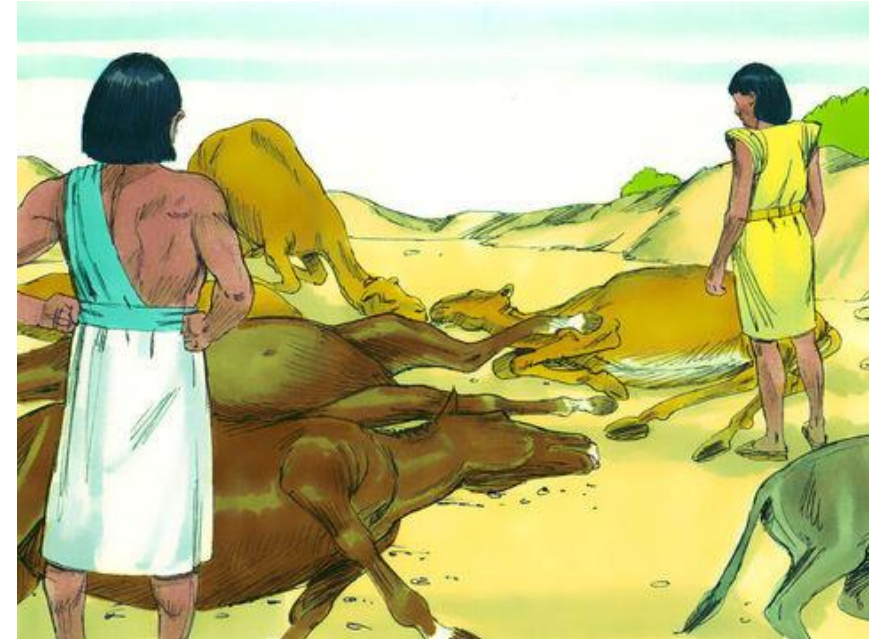
- The first 3 plagues - Nile turning to blood; frogs; gnats
 - “By this you will know that I am the Lord”
 - All of Egypt was affected, including Goshen where the Israelites lived
 - The first two plagues were copied by Pharaoh’s magicians



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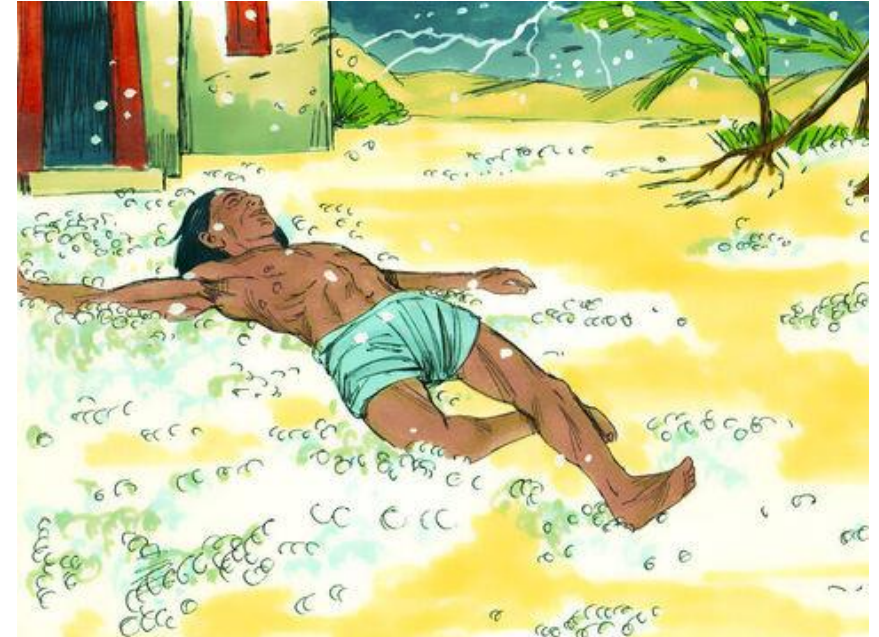
- The second 3 plagues - flies; cattle; boils
 - “...you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land”
 - These plagues did not touch the Israelites living in Goshen
 - There is an increase of impact
 - The magicians could no longer stand before Moses



OVERVIEW OF THE PLAGUES

EXODUS 7 - 10

- The final 3 plagues - hail; locusts; darkness
 - “...that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth”
 - Some of the Egyptians started to fear God
 - Pharaoh’s own officials started to complain
 - With the final plague life grinds to a halt.



OVERVIEW OF THE PLAGUES

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- The plagues were aimed at disgracing the Egyptian gods (~80)
 - Nile River
 - Khnum – guardian of the Nile source
 - Hapi – the Spirit of the Nile
 - Osiris – guardian of the underworld and the Nile was his blood stream
 - Sepek – Crocodile god
 - Heqt – a goddess with the head of a frog and the body of a woman
 - Uatchit – protected Egyptians from swarming insects
 - Baalzebub – lord of the flies (this is the pagan demon closely associated with Satan himself)
 - Apis Bull – the sacred bull always kept out in the open
 - Serapis – god of healing
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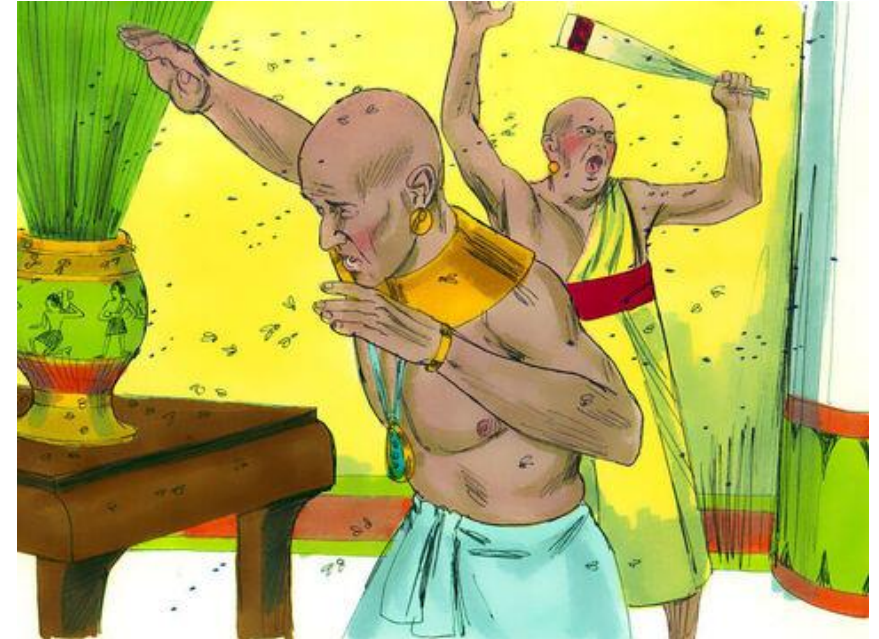
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- Despite all the plagues, Pharaoh refuses to let the people of Israel go and worship God
- God constantly gives Pharaoh the opportunity to change his mind
- Pharaoh tries to tempt Moses with compromises



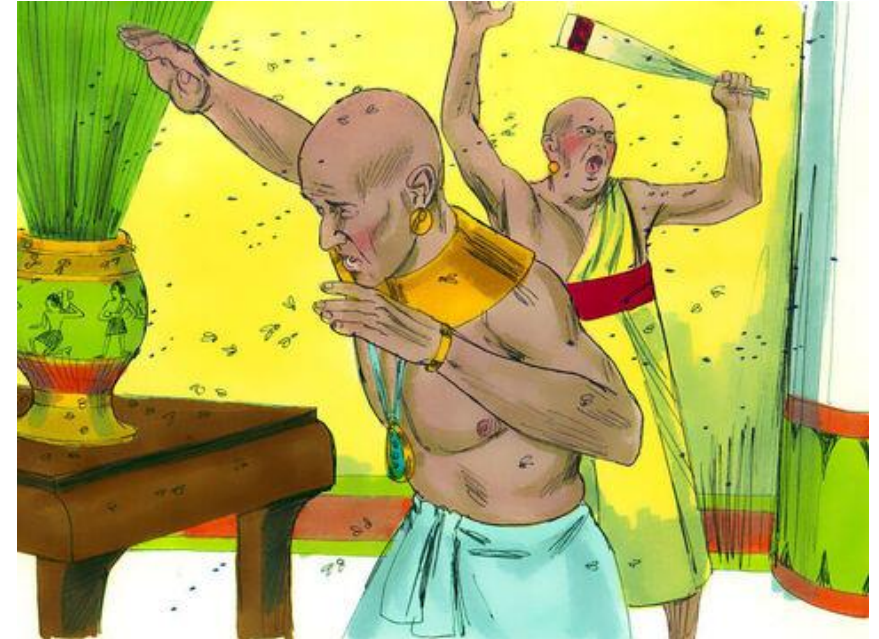
WORSHIP IN THE LAND

- To worship in the land would have been contrary to God's command – *Three day journey into the wilderness.*
- God wanted to separate his people from the influence of Egypt.
- Had they stayed, there would be little distinction between Israel worshipping God, and the Egyptians worshipping their gods.



WORSHIP IN THE LAND

- You can't be all out for God and remain in Egypt (world).
- We are called to be different; lights for the Kingdom of God.
- The world may hate what we stand for.
- Do not be unequally yoked



WORSHIP BUT DON'T GO FAR

- Worship but don't travel 3 days, just go part of the way
- Pharaoh did not want the Israelites to be out of his reach and control
- Pharaoh lengthened the chains of slavery; he did not break them.



WORSHIP BUT DON'T GO FAR

- Am I a “I’ll go so far, but no further” type of Christian?
- We can underestimate the power and influence of the world.
- Like a magnet, the closer you are, the stronger the pull.
- The lukewarm church in Laodicea



ONLY THE MEN GO AND WORSHIP

- This might have seemed a fair compromise in a male dominated society
- However, this would have meant a whole generation missing out of worshipping God.
- Fragmented family worship



ONLY THE MEN GO AND WORSHIP

- We cannot not leave our children, our wives or husbands in Egypt.
- We must intercede for them and not give up believing for them.
- God wants families to enter the Promised Land



WORSHIP WITHOUT YOUR FLOCKS

- You can go into the wilderness but with nothing to worship
- Everything that God wanted his people to worship him with would remain in Egypt.
- Satan loves to keep God's people in a state of "*nothing to worship with*"



WORSHIP WITHOUT YOUR FLOCKS

- Worship is more than just attending meetings or going through the motions, but everything we value is in Egypt.
- Every part of our lives needs to be available to God as part of our worship.
- Matthew 6:12 *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*



THE COMPROMISE OF TOMORROW

- Moses asks Pharaoh when he wants him to pray for plague of frogs to be removed
- Pharaoh says “*Tomorrow*”
- Satan will always tempt us to put things off until tomorrow
- 2 Corinthians 6:2 *Now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation.*



SUMMARY

- Moses didn't compromise
- Neither should we