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CREATION CORNER EFFECTS OF THE FLOOD

Something happened in the past that affected the entire world. It was the world-wide Flood, described in Genesis 6 to 9. Whether you go to the desert or the sea-shore, the mountains or the rivers, you will see evidences of the Flood.

Evolutionists say that the past has always been just like the present, and there never was such a flood. But the evidence is clearly there. The Flood covered the entire world with water, and greatly changed the surface and much of the ground beneath our feet. Here are some of the things you will find, which are leftovers from the Flood:

The floodwaters washed sediments into place, and produced layer after layer of strata, which later hardened into rock. The sand became sandstone, the clay became shale, the lime became limestone, etc.

About three fourths of all the land area in the world is this sedimentary strata! Inside that strata are fossils of plants and animals.

Evolutionists teach this: As plants and animals died, they fell to the ground and became fossils. But we know that if a plant or animal

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dies and falls onto the ground, quickly it is eaten up or it rots away; it does not become fossilized. They say gradually, over millions of years, the dirt would slowly cover these fossils. Then, after millions more years, another layer of strata would begin forming.

Everything is said to have happened slowly and gradually, but if this were so, it would not make distinct layers such as we see in the world. The facts show that the strata, which we find everywhere, were all laid down within a fairly short time by a worldwide Flood.

As it rose, the Flood covered and first buried the slowest creatures like snails and crawling things, later the slower mammals, and finally the quicker ones. Those creatures that were able to quickly go to the highest mountains (birds, apes, and people), their fossils are rarely found in the strata at all. They drowned, rotted and were not buried.

Even the smallest creatures, in the lowest strata, are from over 1,500 different species and are extremely complex. Evolutionary theory says the creatures in the lowest strata were the first to make themselves, and ought to have been very simple and few. But that is not what we

find.

Frequently, upright trees were washed into place in the sediments, then more gravel or clay was washed in around them.

But it would not be possible for a vertical tree trunk to go through several layers of strata, if millions of years passed from one layer to the next. But there the trees are, showing that the great Flood put them there. Sometimes the trees are even upside-down! We find these and other evidences of the Flood all over the world.

Large numbers of fossils are also found in the sedimentary strata. They were washed in by floodwaters. The plants changed into coal, and the animals into oil and gas. Immense mats of vegetation were washed into place, and then quickly covered by seashells, gravel, sand, and other materials. These produced our great coal seams, which are some-times hundreds of miles in area.

Scientists have experimented with plants and have found that, if buried quickly and compacted under great pressure, coal will be formed within a few months! That was what happened during the Flood. As one layer of sediments, plants, animals, or whatever was washed in, more levels were quickly washed in over it. Very quickly, the pressure became immense.

The strata are not uniform, but the evolutionists would have us believe they are. The strata are all mixed up, and most of the main strata levels are missing at any given location. Even Grand Canyon has only about half the twelve major strata levels. Yet, if the strata were slowly laid down over millions of years (as the evolutionists claim), all the strata levels would have to be there where ever you would look.

Mining experts tell us that coal is intermingled with gravel and sand, above and below it. Also seashells and great boulders, moved into place by floodwaters, are also found in the coal seams. Only the Flood could have produced such conditions. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

Saved From Suicide

“There is no hope for us,” Shakuntala told her husband, Jeyabalan one night. “Look at my leg!” She pulled up her sari to show the huge wound that got worse every day and gave her so much pain. “And look at you. You, too, are a very sick man. You cannot work.

We have no more money. What are we to do?”

“It is true, wife,” Jayabalan agreed. “We have gone to many doctors. We have given offerings in many temples. Still the gods do not hear our prayers. There is no hope for us; we may as well die.”

“That is what I’ve been thinking too,” Shakuntala told him. “Tomorrow we can end it all. We will kill ourselves and be out of our misery. We have suffered together and now we will die together.”

In the darkness of their hut, the old couple began to wail. It was their last night together and they were in great pain of body and soul. They felt friendless, and without hope in the world. There was nothing to do, but give up and die.

The old couple cried so loudly that their neighbor, Pastor Jayaraj heard their wails. He came to their house and called out, “What is wrong, Jeyebalan? What is wrong, Shakuntala?” When they told him their troubles and their decision to die together the next morning, he spoke softly to them words of comfort and hope.

“There is no need for that,” Pastor Jeyeraj said. “I know you have tried many ways and spent lots of money to get rid of your sickness. But I will tell you a very simple way and it will not cost you anything. Not only will you get well again, but also you will get salvation. All you need to do is to believe in Jesus Christ, who is the one true and living God. He is the one God who came to live on this world, and He died to save you and me. I will help you to know this God, and He will help you.”

Shakuntala and Jayabalan stopped crying. The pastor’s words gave them hope and after his prayer they slept comfortably. The next morning they were curious to know more about Jesus Christ. Pastor Jeyaraj began Bible studies and soon they were attending the Tamil Adventist Church in Goregaon (a suburb of Bombay). Through their witness, several others have come to join the church. Shakuntala loves to give her testimony of how God heard their cries of hopelessness and sent Pastor Jeyeraj to bring them healing and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Prayer for a Lost Son

The Bible lesson study was going on when a man and his wife walked into the church and sat down to listen. Gospel Outreach Volunteer, S.K.Kadam, who was teaching the lesson, knew

he had never seen them before. He wondered why they had come. He noticed that they followed the study very carefully and after the lesson they had several questions about the Bible.

“We have never been to a church where the people study the Bible like this,” the man said. “We really enjoyed this.” They introduced themselves as Mr. & Mrs. Perera. Following the church service, the couple again approached Brother Kadam. “We have lost our son six months ago,” Mr. Perera told him. “We have no idea what happened to him. We pray for him every day and we remember him. Pastor, tell us please, is there any hope? Will our son return?”

“We serve a great God,” Kadam said, “With Him, nothing is impossible. He knows where you son is. We will have special prayer just now for your son’s return.” Kadam gathered all the church members and they had a special prayer right there, before they went home. That night Kadam’s phone rang. “This is Mr. Perera, Pastor, our son has come back tonight. The Lord heard our prayer today.”

The next Sabbath the Perera’s brought eight people with them for Sabbath School. “We want to have Bible studies and join your church,” they said. All of them have accepted the Adventist message and are present every Sabbath to praise God who can do the impossible. = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

Natural Remedies # 1

For a few weeks I am going to show you some simple natural remedies and how to use them. They are so easy to use that even older children and certainly teens can learn how.

HERBAL TEA – You make herbal tea by putting about one teaspoon of dried herbs in a cup and then you pour boiling water on them, (If you are not big enough to boil water, ask mom or dad to help with this part.) cover with a small saucer to keep the good aroma in, and wait for about ten minutes. This is called ‘steeping’ the tea.

Then you use a little strainer and pour the tea into another cup through the strainer - this takes out all the bits of herb. Then you drink your tea. You can add a little honey if you like. Don’t use sugar, as it is not good for you.

Now what kind of herbs can you use for your teas? Here are a few easy ones:

Red Clover Blossoms: You can pick these yourself and dry them, and then you can put four or five blossoms in a cup. Red Clover tea is good for your health, and helps your body stay well. It can be drank every day as well as using it when you feel sick.

Catnip: This friendly plant is not just good for cats, it is great for headaches, upset tummy, bad nerves, and helps you relax and sleep. Don’t use the root, only the leaves and flowers.

Chamomile: This is another flower-herb; it looks like tiny daisies when it grows. It also is good to help you relax and helps with upset tummies.

Mint: Mint leaves make a refreshing drink either hot or cold. It is good for digestion, for gas and to help cool a feverish or hot body.

Dandelion: You can use the leaves in tea and the dried root, when toasted and ground, makes a healthful coffee substitute. Dandelion is one of the most common but most effective and nutritious herbs available! But if you pick it yourself, make sure it has not been sprayed.

Golden Rod: blossom and leaf is a good cold remedy.

Rosehips: in tea is a good vitamin C source and helps colds and sore throats.

Lemon Balm, (or in hot countries use **Lemon Grass**): easy to grow, its leaves make a pleasant beverage and hot or iced tea. Excellent relaxing remedy for feverish or fretful children.

Borage: Known as a happy plant, the leaves make a tea that helps cheer you up when sad, also the tasty blue flowers can be used in salads.

Violet: The leaves and flowers of the common blue violet make a refreshing and relaxing tea that soothes the nerves.

If you gather herbs for tea, make sure you know for sure what they are, always ask or look it up in a book if you are not sure. It is good to learn the simple herbs that grow in your area, as they can help you feel better when you have health problems, and are much better for your body than drugs! = ^ .. ^ =

MISSION STORY

THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD! 2

Now let me tell you of another amazing evidence of the mighty power of God that was in that first Fijian Sabbath tract, and the little magazine, the 'Rarama'. (Light)

On a little island just off the east coast of Viti Levu there lived a Christian trader by the name of Epenisa Reece. He had a wife and a married son. Epenisa owned a sailing ship and he traded cloth, sugar, soap, oil, and flour for dried coconut up and down the Ra Coast. When his ship was fully loaded he would take the coconut to Suva, sell it to the traders there, then load up again with cloth and other supplies for the return journey.

Well, one day while his ship was in Suva, our enthusiastic literature worker, Alipati, gave one of his sailors a copy of our first tract on the Sabbath. The sailor looked it over and showed it to his companions, but since no one wanted to be bothered reading it, he crumpled it up and threw it down on the deck. Soon after this, Captain Epenisa came along. Seeing the crumpled up piece of paper, he picked it up, straightened it out, and looked it over. At once his eye caught the words, "The seventh day Saturday is the true Sabbath of the Bible. It is the day on which all the people in the Bible rested, and is the day on which the people in the new earth will rest." He was in-terested. He sat right down and read it through.

"Hey!" he shouted to some of his sailors. "Where did this tract come from?"

"A fellow named Alipati gave it to us".

"It speaks of a church that keeps Saturday for the Sabbath. Have any of you ever heard of such a church?"

"Yes, the Lotu Savasava, Alipati says they have a church across the bay at Suva Vou." When the supplies were all loaded, Epenisa sailed across the bay and came to the Seventh-day Adventist mission. He found Alipati. He met Misi Fulitoni. He saw the 'Rarama' coming off the little hand press. He was mightily impressed. He bought two shillings' worth of Sabbath tracts, and took a number of the Rarama also. "I want them for my friends on the Ra Coast," he said. "They ought to know about the Bible Sabbath too."

While resting a week or two in his house before starting his next trip, he studied through

the tract and the papers with his wife, his son, and his daughter-in-law.

"I believe it's right," said Epenisa one day. "So do I," said his son. "We do too," said their wives. And right there, these four began to keep the Sabbath.

Epenisa soon found that he had more to talk about than cloth and sugar and oil as he traded for copra. Although all he knew was what he had read in the tract and the Rarama papers, he preached all he knew for all he was worth. He came to the town where the Ra district chief lived and had his court house. "Ratu Joni," he said pleasantly, "did you ever hear that Saturday, not Sunday, is the real Bible Sabbath?"

"No, I never did," answered Ratu Joni. "Who told you that?" "Here, read it for yourself. It's all in the Bible," Epenisa replied, and handed him a tract.

"Where did you get this?" "From the Lotu Savasava in Suva Vou."

"The Lotu Savasava? Never heard of it."

"Well you ought to read what they say. I have, and I and my family belong to the Lotu Savasava already."

"Bring me some more of these tracts when you come the next time," requested Ratu Joni. "I want my under chiefs to hear about this."

"I will," called Epenisa as he hurried on.

From village to village he went, trading, talking, and giving away tracts. He came at last to the little town of Nambukandra, ninety miles from Suva. "Ratu Meli," he called, "have you ever heard that Saturday, not Sunday, is the true Bible Sabbath?" Ratu Meli was one of the under chiefs under Ratu Joni. He became interested at once.

"Bring me some more of these tracts when you come next time," he pleaded. "I want to give them to my friends." "I will," shouted Epenisa as he hurried on.

The next time he was in Suva he went to the mission in Suva You and bought two more shillings' worth of the Sabbath tract. "My wife and I, and my son and his wife are all keeping the seventh-day Sabbath now," he announced joyfully.

"You are?" gasped Pastor Fulton in utter amazement.

"Yes, and we tell everybody that we belong to the Lotu Savasava."

"You do?"

“Yes, and Ratu Joni and Ratu Meli are interested. And they want more tracts for their friends.”

“They do?” John Fulton could hardly speak; he was so amazed at the power of his mighty God. Captain Epenisa took back the new supply of tracts. On his next trip to Suva he brought back some more. And in the villages of the Ra Coast the news of the Bible Sabbath began to work like leaven. After a time Ratu Joni sent a delegation down to Suva Vou. “There are many of us who are interested in the Bible Sabbath,” they said, “and we want you to come and visit with us and study with us.”

John listened to their plea. “I’ll do my best to find time to come,” he assured them, and they went away happy. But where could John find time? There was the Rarama that must be kept coming off the press every month. There was the translation of Great Controversy that must continue with all speed. There was a new church building being erected at the mission headquarters right there in Suva You, and there was the care of the churches that were already established. So three months went by and the call could not be answered.

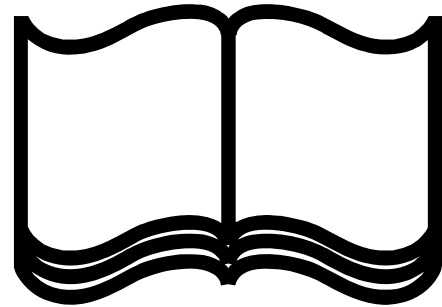
A second delegation was sent. The plea was even more urgent. Pastor Fulton gave them the same promise. But another three months went by and still John had not found time to visit the Ra Coast.

Then came a third delegation, headed by none other than Ratu Meli himself. He was a large, well-built, pleasant-looking young man. He had a smile on his face and a cord in his hand. He introduced himself and then said, “Misi Fulitoni, we have sent two delegations asking you to come and visit us and preach to us, but you didn’t come. Now Ratu Joni has sent me, and now I am going to bind you, hands and feet, and take you with us,” He then caught hold of John Fulton’s hands and laughed.

John trembled from sheer joy, and amazement for a moment, then said, “All right, my good brethren, I’ll come with you. The work of God is so great that if I don’t go now I may never find time.” So John put them all in the Thina, and sailed around to the Ra Coast, and preached to them there for two or three weeks.

And as time went on, he went again and again, till ultimately three new churches were organized there.

Our mighty God is able to do amazing things.
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Year 2: 3rd Quarter:
“THE AMAZING EXODUS”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3: “PLAGUES”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments.” Exodus 6:6

Sunday

Text: Exodus 6:1 “Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.”

God had told Moses to go and tell the Israelites that God would indeed take them out of the land of Egypt and bring them to their own land, but they were so upset because of the extra cruelty Pharaoh had put on them by refusing to supply the straw they needed to make their quota of bricks each day, that they didn’t even listen to Moses.

So Moses cried to God again and asked Him why did He even send him to the people because it only made the problem worse? God told Moses and Aaron to go back to see Pharaoh and he would ask them to show a miracle. Then Aaron was to throw down his rod and it would become a real serpent.

Again the two brothers stood before Pharaoh and when he asked them to show a miracle to prove God had sent them, they did what God had said and the rod became a serpent. Pharaoh was startled by this, but not willing to admit Moses and Aaron were anything more than ordinary magicians, he called for his magicians and sorcerers to come and do the same thing.

They cast their rods down and they appeared to become serpents also. But something happened; Aaron's rod ate up all the other serpents! So the magicians didn't get their rods back.

The magicians did not really cause their rods to become serpents; but by magic, aided by the great deceiver, they were able to make it look that way. It was beyond the power of Satan to change the rods to living serpents. The prince of evil, though possessing all the wisdom and might of an angel fallen, does not have power to create, or to give life; only God alone can do this. But all that was in Satan's power to do, he did; he made a counterfeit. To human sight the rods were changed to serpents. Pharaoh and his court believed they were because they looked the same as the serpent produced by Moses. Though the Lord caused the real serpent to swallow up the fake ones, Pharaoh regarded this, not as a work of God's power, but as a kind of magic superior to that of his servants. See Patriarchs and Prophets PG- 264

When Pharaoh saw the fake miracle, he hardened his heart and refused to believe what God was saying to him through Moses. He was looking for an excuse to do this and the fake miracle gave him this excuse. This is happening very much today as people who don't want to believe, that if they want to belong to Jesus, they must obey Him, will often use some marvelous happening or seeming miracle to 'prove' that they are right and need not change.

Thought – Always remember that Satan cannot create life, but he can use tricks and hypnotism to make things seem real that are not. Also his angels can take different shapes and appear as people that have died, and this

gets people believing that the dead are not sleeping in their graves like the Bible tells us they are.

Monday

Text: Exodus 7:15-17 “Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.”

The Egyptians worshipped many things of nature and one of the things they worshipped was the river Nile. Every year at a certain time the river Nile would flood and thus the ground was made moist and able to grow food. Every day the Pharaoh would go in the early morning to worship the sun and the river. Now God told Moses to go and meet him at the river and warn him that if he didn't let Israel go, he would turn the river to blood!

Pharaoh refused to listen to the warning, so they struck the sacred river with the rod and it became blood and all the fish died in the river and it smelled terrible. But Satan caused his magicians to make it appear they could do the same thing and Pharaoh didn't listen to Moses and Aaron even though this terrible plague lasted for a whole week and even the water in the people's houses was turned to blood and they had to dig holes near the river to get some water to drink.

I want you to see what God was doing here; God loved the Egyptian people and wanted them to come and worship Him, the only real God so He could save them, and stop worshipping Satan in the form of idols and animals and rivers and stuff. So he showed them the truth by attacking the gods they thought ruled the world. God always has a reason of mercy in what he does.

Egypt had become the most powerful nation on earth and it was really because of Joseph

and the blessing that came to them from the True God of Heaven because of God's people among them. But now they were only exalting heathenism and unless God did something about it, these bold and cruel idol worshippers would soon wipe out the true worship of God. God was going to take away the power of Egypt, but first He wanted to give them a chance to repent and turn to Him.

There was another meaning for why the river was turned into blood. Do you remember in our first lesson how the Egyptians had been throwing babies into the river to kill them? Well God was showing that he remembered all the cruel acts they had done and the lives of those poor little babies were all written down in His records. So the river was the first thing God attacked.

Thought – There are many cruel and hateful things being done in our world today, and people think because God does not reach down right now and force it to stop, that it is perfectly OK. But God is keeping track of it all, and punishment is soon going to come on the earth. But first God will send a last warning message for people to repent of their horrible deeds and obey His Ten Commandments.

Tuesday

Text: Exodus 8:1-3 “**And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs.**”

Again Moses and Aaron appear before Pharaoh and demand that he let Israel go or else frogs would come in huge numbers all over the land!

Pharaoh refused to listen, so Aaron stretched out the rod over the streams and waters and frogs swarmed out in great numbers. They were everywhere! Now frogs are kind of cute, but if you had them in your food and your bed and your clothes you would not be very happy with

them at all.

Also, the Egyptians worshipped frogs, and therefore it was against the law to kill one of them. They were in a terrible position because they could hardly walk, without stepping on one of their gods. They were even in the bread dough and ovens, so they could not cook without killing their gods.

But Satan was allowed to make it appear that the magicians could make frogs too, although these were fake frogs, as Satan cannot make a real frog. But this plague began to get to Pharaoh and he called for Moses and Aaron and said the Israelites could go if they would make the frogs go away and just be where they belonged in the river.

God warned Pharaoh he had better keep his word, but he said the frogs would go the next day. And sure enough they were dead the next morning, but their dead bodies had to be collected up and the piles of smelly dead frogs everywhere showed the Egyptians just what a silly thing it was to worship a frog.

Thought – In Revelation 16:13, we see a plague of frogs again, but this time it is not real frogs, but devils working miracles in the world to get people to harden their hearts against the True God like Pharaoh did. As these false miracles spread everywhere, just like the frogs in Egypt. People and the leaders of this world think it is the power of God, but we know it is Satan's tricks, because they do not keep God's Ten Commandments.

Wednesday

Text: Exodus 8:15-17 “**But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.**”

As soon as Pharaoh saw, and smelled, that the frogs were dead in the land, he again refused to listen to God. It is important to notice

that although the Bible says in some verses that God hardened Pharaoh's heart; we must understand how it was that this happened. It was because of the light of Truth that God allowed to come to Pharaoh that his heart was hardened.

God did not just force Pharaoh not to be able to obey Him, and then punish him for it; that would be unreasonable and cruel! No it was Pharaoh's free choice whether or not he would listen to God, and when he refused, his heart became hardened.

Now Aaron stretched out his rod and the very dust became creepy, crawly, biting LICE! But now we see a change in what God is doing here; when He sends the third plague, the magicians are not able to make a fake miracle. They also could not keep the lice off of their own bodies. So much for so-called 'magic spells'.

Verse 19, "Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said." Now the wicked king would not even listen to his own magicians when they tried to tell him to watch out, that this was a real God's power doing this!

The next day, God send Moses and Aaron to meet Pharaoh as he again came down to worship the river, and they said that if he did not let Israel go, God would send swarms of flies all over the land, to follow the lice in tormenting people.

But now God was going to do something even more different, this time he would not send flies into the land where the Israelites were, only on the Egyptians, so it would be a double miracle.

Pharaoh refused to listen and so came the swarms of buzzing, biting flies. It got to the king again, and he sent for Moses and Aaron and said for them to make their sacrifice in the Land of Egypt. Moses and Aaron refused and so Pharaoh said they could go, but not very far.

Thought – When God's truth comes to us and we see something that God wants us to do, or something we should not be doing, then if we obey God's truth, our hearts become softer and it is easier to obey God again. But if we say, 'I don't want to do that, or stop doing this other thing, so I won't obey.' Then our hearts get harder and it is easier for us to go on disobeying God more and more, until we won't care about God's Word at all!

Thursday

Text: Exodus 8:30-32 "And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go."

Moses prayed and God took away all the flies, but Pharaoh hardened his heart again and would not let the people go. Notice how very stupid people are, that refuse to believe God and obey Him, and choose the ways of wickedness instead!

The next plague was a disease on the cattle and animals of Egypt, which they also worshipped as gods. They got sick and many of them died, but none of the cattle of the Israelites died.

Egypt was fast becoming a poor nation, but still Pharaoh would not listen. God told Moses and Aaron to take ashes from the furnace and throw it into the air and boils would break out on the people. And the magicians could not even come to appear before the king because they were so full of sores.

Still Pharaoh refused to let Israel go, and Moses warned them to bring the cattle they had left, into shelter because there was going to come a terrible hailstorm. Now the Egyptians that had begun to believe what Moses and Aaron said, brought in their cattle and servants, but all the people and animals left out were killed by the terrible hailstorm, and the crops were smashed and even trees were broken down. But in the land where the Israelites lived, there was no storm.

Now Pharaoh said that he was sorry, and he would let them go, if they would just stop the storm. They went out and raised their hands to the heavens and the storm stopped. Notice also that Moses and Aaron were able to walk safely in the storm and were not hurt. God protects His obedient children.

Next Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh how long he would refuse to obey God and let His people go? Now he was warned that God would send locusts into the land to eat up what was left of the crops.

Thought – In Revelation 16 we see the 7 last plagues that will fall on the wicked of the earth, and the last one is a terrible hailstorm with hailstones over 50 lbs! It will smash the cities into ruins. (See Psalms 91)

Friday

Text: Exodus 10:14-16 “**And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.**”

Now even the servants of Pharaoh began to beg the king to let the Israelites go, before Egypt was totally destroyed! So he called them back and said the men could go and offer a sacrifice, but the women and children had to stay in Egypt. Moses refused and again Pharaoh hardened his heart.

Then God sent the locusts and they ate up every green thing. And Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and begged to have the locusts sent away. So God sent a wind that picked up the locusts and carried them away and dropped them into the sea, where the fish had a wonderful supper.

But as soon as he saw the plague was gone, Pharaoh hardened his heart again, and would not let Israel go. Then Moses stretched out his hand towards heaven and the sun just seemed to disappear. Verses 22,23 “And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Thick darkness covered the land except in the land of Goshen where the Children of Israel lived and there was light. There were good reasons for this plague also; for one thing, the Egyptians main god was the sun god, and Pha-

raoh himself claimed to rule by the power of the sun! This showed to all that this was a lie.

Also Light represents God’s Truth, and God was showing all who cared to see, that truth was with the Israelites, but darkness or error was in Egypt. There are people today who claim that there are mysterious secret powers in the ancient religions of Egypt, and they try and learn these secrets so they can work magic. But we can know by what happened back in Moses’ day just how silly and worthless the so-called magic of ancient Egypt was and still is!

This plague also did something else for the Egyptians; it gave them time to think about what was happening. And some of them did think about it, and some learned the lesson. But Pharaoh did not listen or learn. He had refused to believe the truth until now his heart was like a cold rock.

Now Pharaoh sent and said they could leave the land but they had to leave their cattle behind. Moses refused, and now Pharaoh flew into a rage, and told them to come no more before him, or he would kill them! ‘Very good’, said Moses, ‘We won’t see your face any more.’ There was something very scary about these words, and Pharaoh thought about them, as Moses and Aaron left his throne room.

Thought – When people refuse to obey God, they get very angry against those who tell them the truth and show by their lives that they do obey God. Finally they will always try to kill them! This happened with the leaders of the church in the time of Jesus and they murdered the Son of God. It will happen in the end of time also, when the wicked religious powers of our world, will make a decree that all God’s true obedient children are to be killed. But Jesus will come and put an end to their evil plans.
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