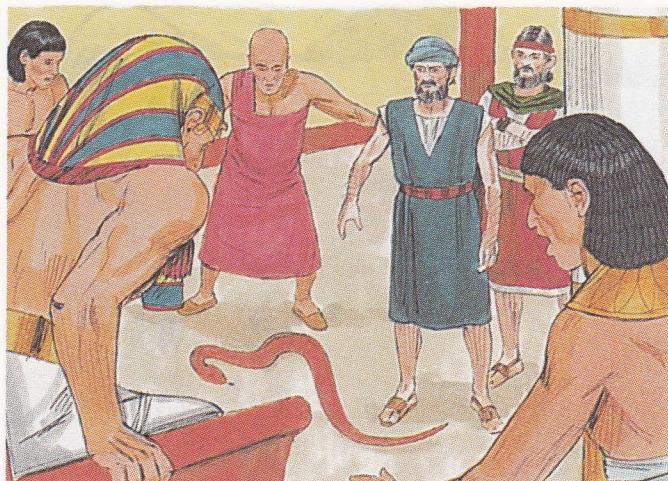


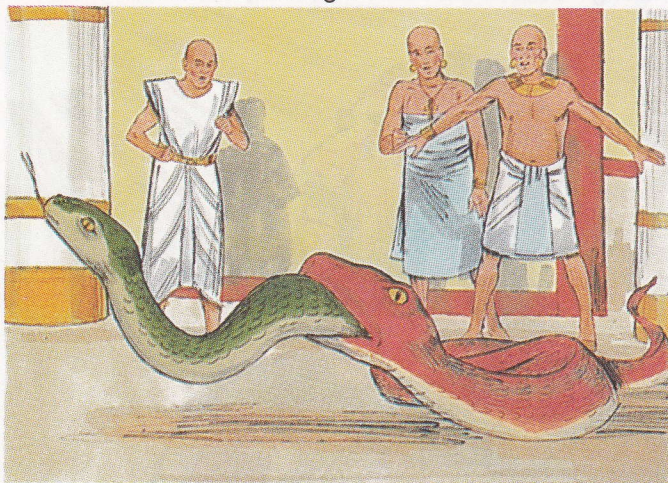
God Reveals His Power



1 The Egyptian Pharaoh refused the Israelites permission to leave Egypt and made the lives of the Israelites even more miserable than before. So God told Moses to talk to Pharaoh again.



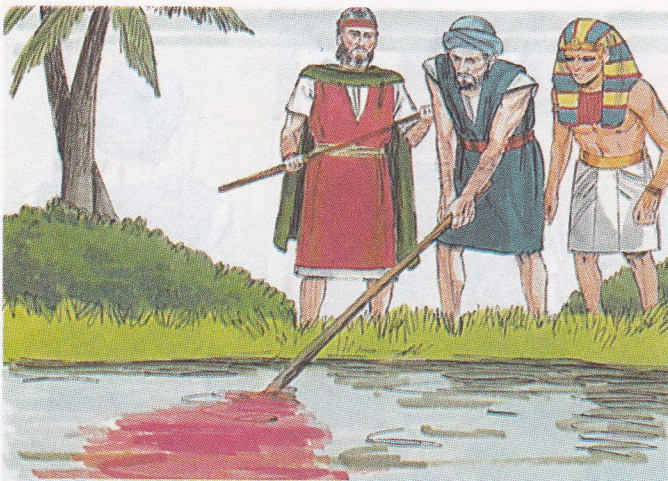
2 When Pharaoh demanded proof that what Moses and Aaron said was true, Aaron threw down his staff in front of Pharaoh and his officers. The staff changed into a snake!



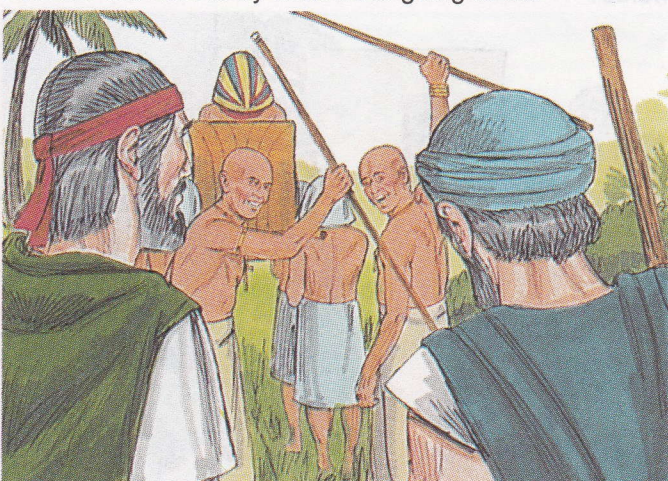
3 Pharaoh called in his magicians, who were able to make their sticks turn into snakes, too. But then Aaron's staff swallowed up the other snakes! Yet Pharaoh stubbornly refused to listen to Moses.



4 Then the Lord told Moses and Aaron to meet Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning. "You have refused to let the Israelites go," Moses said, "so now you will find out who the Lord is by what he is going to do."



5 Aaron raised his staff and struck the river. All the water turned into blood! The fish in the river died and the smell was so bad that the people could not drink water from the river.



6 But again Pharaoh's magicians used their magic and were able to do the same thing. So Pharaoh refused to listen to Moses and went back to his palace.



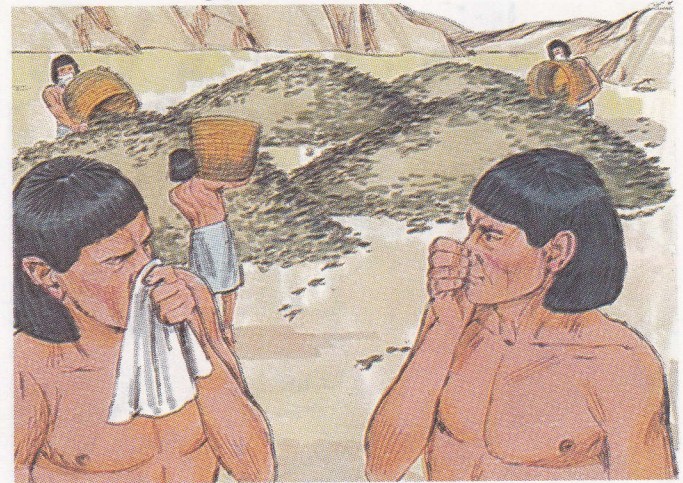
7 Seven days passed. The Lord told Moses to go to Pharaoh again and tell him to let the people go. When Pharaoh refused, Aaron held his staff over the river. When he did, frogs came up out of it!



8 There were so many frogs that they covered the land. They came into the palace and into the homes of all the people. Frogs were in the beds and in the ovens and baking pans in the kitchens.



9 Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to ask the Lord to take away the frogs. He promised that when the frogs were gone, he would let the Israelites go.



10 So Moses prayed and the frogs died. The Egyptians piled them up in great heaps and the land stank because of them. Then Pharaoh changed his mind and would not let the Israelites go.



11 Next God told Moses to tell Aaron to strike the ground with his staff. That made the dust all over Egypt turn into gnats. They covered all the people and all the animals in Egypt.



12 The magicians tried to make gnats appear, but they couldn't. "God has done this!" they told Pharaoh. However, Pharaoh was still stubborn and refused to listen to Moses.