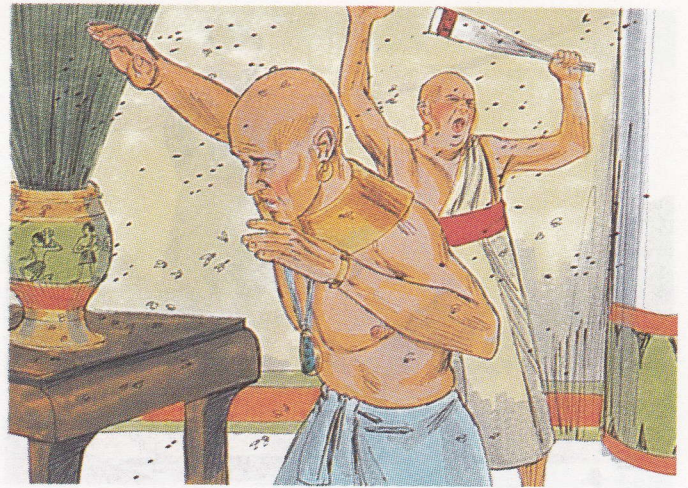


# The Plagues Continue



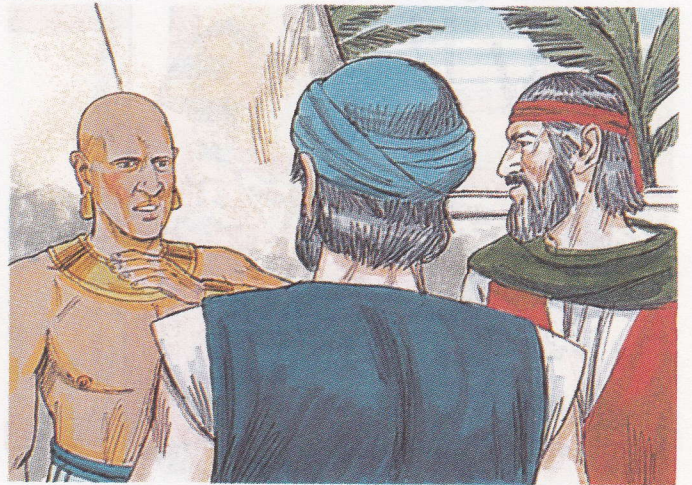
**1** Despite the first three plagues—blood, frogs, and gnats—the Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go into the desert to worship God.



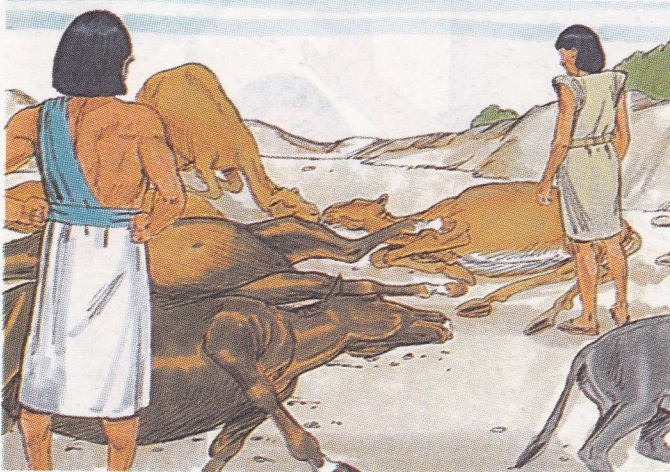
**2** Therefore, the Lord sent great swarms of flies into Pharaoh's palace and the houses of his officials. But the flies did not enter Goshen, where the people of Israel lived.



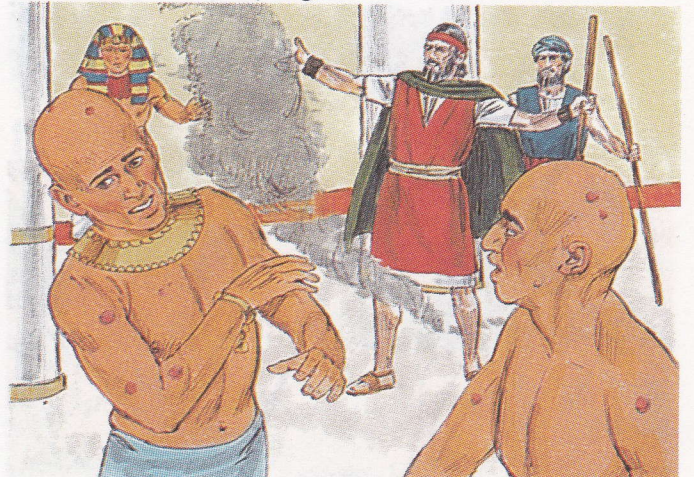
**3** Then Pharaoh told Moses to have the people offer their sacrifices in Egypt. But Moses said, "We cannot do that. If the Egyptians see us offer sacrifices, they will be offended and they will kill us."



**4** Pharaoh then said they could go into the desert if they would not go too far. But when Moses prayed and the flies disappeared, Pharaoh became stubborn and would not let the people go.

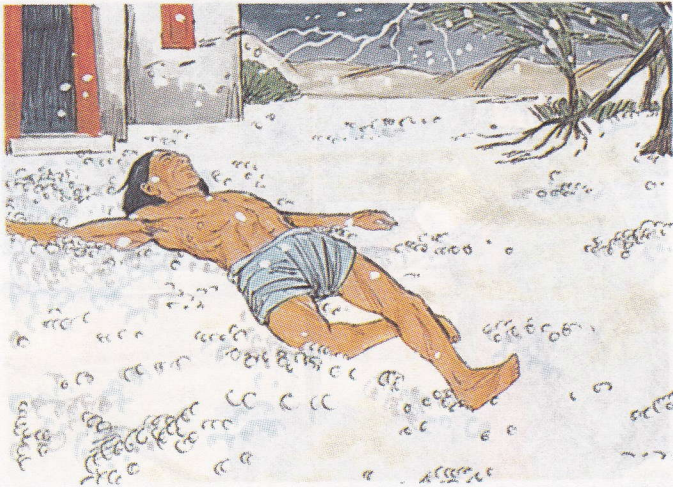


**5** So the Lord sent a terrible disease on all the animals. The Egyptians' horses, donkeys, camels, and cattle died. The animals of the Israelites, however, were not harmed. But still Pharaoh was stubborn.



**6** Next the Lord told Moses to throw ashes into the air. All through the land the people and animals got terrible boils which became open sores. But Pharaoh would not obey the command of the Lord.





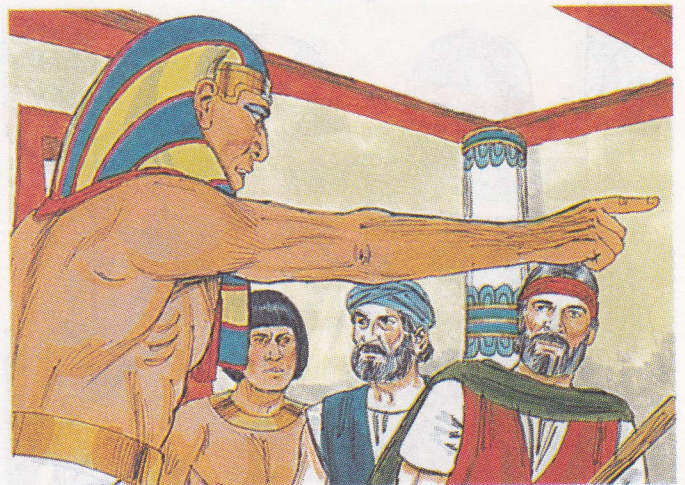
**7** Then the Lord sent thunder and hail and lightning. It was the worst storm in Egypt's history. It killed all the people and animals out in the open and ruined the plants and trees.



**8** There was no hail at all in the region of Goshen, where the Israelites lived. At Pharaoh's request, Moses prayed for the hail to stop. But again Pharaoh would not let the Israelites leave.



**9** So the Lord sent Moses to warn Pharaoh about a locust plague. When the officials heard this, they were afraid. They urged Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.



**10** Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron that the Israelites could go worship their God. But he would not let the women and children go. Then he drove Moses and Aaron out of his presence.



**11** The Lord caused an east wind to blow in great swarms of locusts. They covered the ground until it was black. They ate everything the hail had not destroyed. Not a green thing was left in all of Egypt!



**12** Then Pharaoh hurriedly called Moses and Aaron and admitted he had sinned against God. Moses prayed and God caused the wind to blow the locusts into the sea. But again Pharaoh changed his mind.