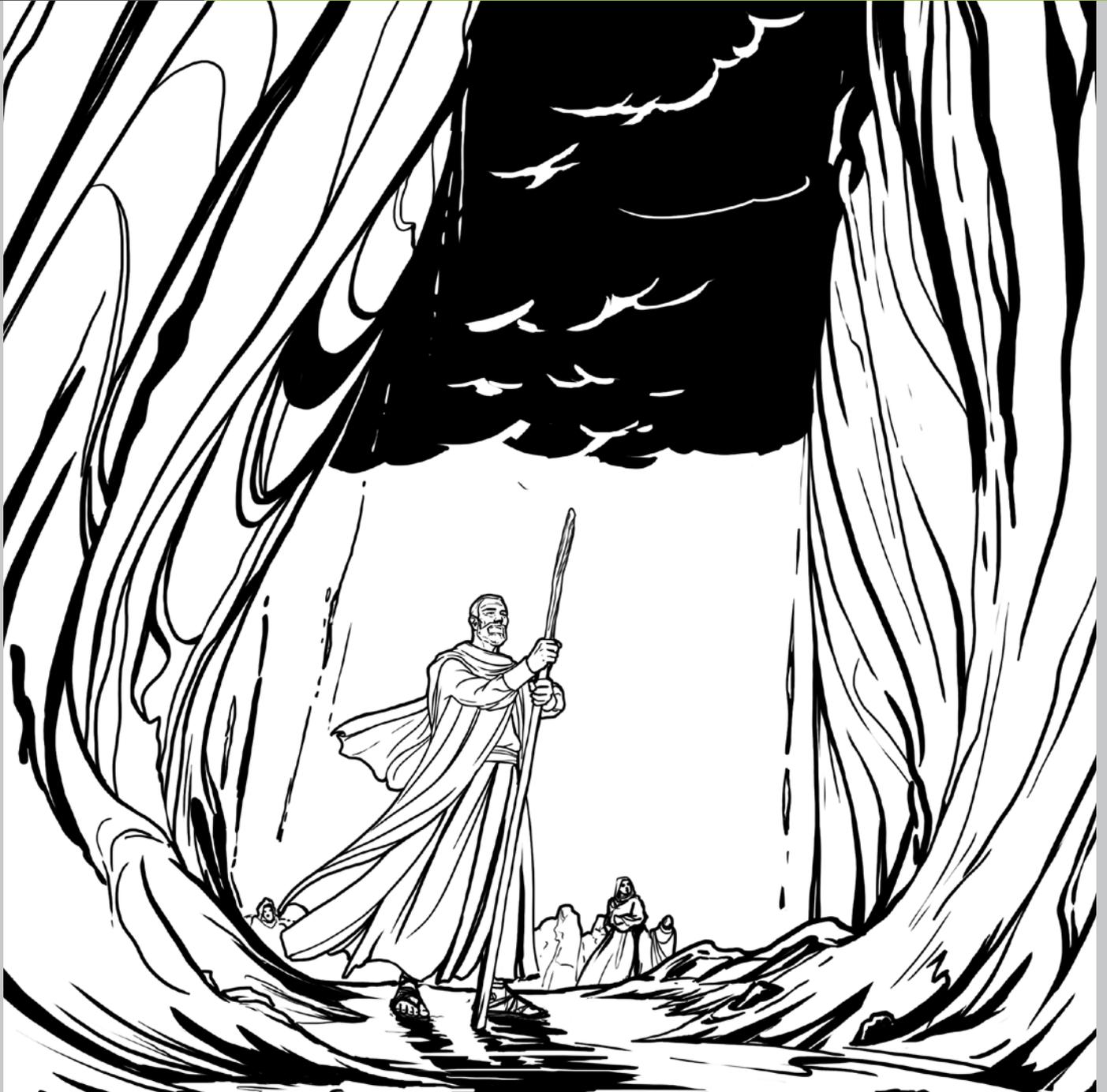




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The Pharaoh of Egypt was stubborn and prideful. He refused to let the Israelites go. God sent the **first plague**, turning the Nile River to blood for seven days. He still refused. God sent a **second plague**: millions of frogs. It was so bad that Pharaoh promised to free the Israelites. But as soon as the frogs were dead and the plague was over, he again refused to free the Israelites.

So, God sent more plagues to prove to both the Egyptians and the Israelites that He was the one, true God!

PLAGUES CONTINUE

God told Moses and Aaron to smite the dust of Egypt with Aaron's rod. When they obeyed, the dust became lice. The Egyptians were still cleaning up the mounds of dead frogs when this **third plague** began. These tiny, biting insects infested the people and made them miserable.

Satan used his power to have Pharaoh's magicians turn water into blood and make frogs come out of the river. But they were unable to make more lice, and they were certainly unable to get rid of any of them. This scared Pharaoh. It was becoming

clear that Moses's true God was far more powerful than the false gods of Egypt. But Pharaoh stubbornly continued to rebel against God.

God sent Moses to Pharaoh again. He said that if he did not free the Israelites, God would send a **fourth plague**. Swarms of biting flies would cover Egypt. The water turning to blood, the frogs and the lice had affected everyone in Egypt, but now the biting flies would not enter the part of Egypt where the Israelites lived. God was continuing to curse the Egyptians, but was sparing the Israelites.

Pharaoh refused to obey, and the swarms of biting flies came. They flew into his house, into his servants' houses, into the houses of every Egyptian. Eventually, Pharaoh could not take it anymore. He promised to let the Israelites go. But again, as soon as the plague was stopped, he changed his mind.

God then sent a **fifth plague** on Egypt. The cows, horses, donkeys, camels and sheep of the Egyptians got sick, and most of them died. But the animals of the Israelites stayed healthy. When Pharaoh's

messengers told him this, he got very angry. He refused to free the Israelites.

God told Moses and Aaron to take ashes from a brick furnace and sprinkle them into the air. They did so, and the **sixth plague** began: The Egyptians became covered in festering boils. Due to these painful blisters, Pharaoh's magicians could not even stand up to speak before Pharaoh and Moses. Still Pharaoh refused to obey God's command delivered through Moses.

God sent Moses to Pharaoh once again. "Thus says the LORD God of the Israelites, 'Let my people go,'" Moses declared. "If you exalt yourself against my people and

refuse to let them go, I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as has not been in Egypt since it was a nation." This was the **seventh plague**. Pharaoh refused, but some of the Egyptians obeyed and sheltered their remaining animals.

Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven, and it began to thunder. Huge chunks of ice plunged down from the sky, along with fire and lightning. The hail broke trees, crushed crops and killed anyone who was outside. But the land of Goshen, where the Israelites lived, was protected.

Pharaoh called for Moses. "I have sinned," he said. "The LORD is righteous,



Israelite families keep the Passover in their homes.

and I and my people are wicked. Ask God to stop this thunder and hail, and I will let you go.” Moses answered, “I will spread my hands to God; and the thunder and hail will stop. But I know that you and your servants will not yet truly fear God.”

Moses was right. When the destructive hail stopped, Pharaoh sinned more and hardened his heart. But God told Moses not to be discouraged, because He would perform even more miracles.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh yet again and said, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, or tomorrow I will bring the locusts. They shall cover the land till you cannot see the ground, and shall eat every plant that was not destroyed by the hail.”

Pharaoh’s servants begged him to listen to Moses and Aaron and at least let the Israelite men go into the desert to worship God. Pharaoh agreed to this plan, knowing that the men would come back to be with their wives and children. He summoned Moses back, and told him that only the men could leave. Then he had his servants expel Moses from the palace.

Moses stretched out his rod, and the **eighth plague** began. God sent a strong wind from the east, which blew in swarms of locusts. They covered the land of Egypt, except for Goshen where the Israelites were. There were so many

of them that they covered the ground, eating every green plant that the hail had left.

“I have sinned against God and you,” Pharaoh told Moses. “Please forgive me and pray that God may save me and my kingdom.” Moses prayed, and God sent a west wind to blow the locusts away until there was not one left. But again Pharaoh changed his mind in rebellion and refused to let the Israelites go.

Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky to summon the **ninth plague**. An ominous, thick darkness covered Egypt for three days, so thick that the Egyptians could feel it. They could not see one other, even if they lit a candle, so they remained in their homes. Yet there was light where the Israelites lived.

FINAL WARNING

Pharaoh called for Moses and told him the Israelite men could take their families into the desert to worship God, but they had to leave their animals behind. This way they would have to come back to Egypt for meat and milk, or they would starve in the desert. But Moses told Pharaoh they would not leave without their animals. Pharaoh became furious. “Get away from me,” he shouted. “If you ever see my face again, you will die.”

“It is true: I will never see your face again,” Moses said, and then walked away.

God told Moses that a **10th plague** was coming. It would be so terrible that Pharaoh would finally let the Israelites

go. Moses warned both the Egyptians and the Israelites of this plague. “Thus says the LORD, about midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the firstborn of his servants. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as never has been before.”

Moses warned the Israelites that their firstborn would also die unless they followed some special instructions. He told the Israelites to pick a perfectly healthy male lamb and separate it

from the other sheep, to keep this lamb separate for four days, then to kill it on the 14th day of the Hebrew calendar month of Abib, smear its blood on the doorframes of their houses, roast it and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs after nightfall, and to stay inside!

The Israelites did as Moses instructed.

That night, God sent His death angel to the land of Egypt. The angel passed through the land and killed every firstborn who was not in a house marked by a lamb’s blood. The death angel passed over all the houses marked with blood, so



The final plague on Egypt is the death of the firstborn.



The Israelites spoil the Egyptians as they leave Egypt.

this night is called **Passover**. Messengers woke Pharaoh with the terrible news, and he discovered that his own firstborn son was dead. Every family in Egypt had at least one dead firstborn! Even the firstborn of animals were killed.

Before the sun had risen, Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron.

“Rise up, and get out from among my people, both you and all the Israelites,” Pharaoh said. “Go, serve the LORD, as you

have said and take your flocks and your herds. Be gone, and bless me also.”

The Egyptians were terrified and desperate to send the Israelites on their way. They gave the Israelites gold and silver and jewelry and clothes to take with them. The next night, the Israelites left Egypt!

It was an enormous, exciting celebration as 600,000 Israelite men, plus women and children, had their first-



The Israelites are trapped between the mountains and the sea.

borns spared, left slavery behind and became free. This was a **night to be much observed**.

To this day, God's people keep the Passover as a memorial to Jesus Christ, the sacrificial Lamb whose death saves us from the death penalty for sin. We also keep the Night to Be Much Observed the following night, as a celebration of freedom from spiritual Egypt—freedom from slavery to sin.

EXODUS FROM EGYPT

God led the Israelites with a miraculous cloud during the day. When the cloud stopped, the Israelites stopped walking and set up camp for the night. When it grew dark, the cloud became a giant pillar of fire that gave the Israelites light and warmth.

Back in the humbled, desolated land of Egypt, with so many dead and with all his slaves gone, Pharaoh once again changed



Pharaoh's army pursues the Israelites through the Red Sea.





The Israelites cross the dry seabed of the Red Sea.

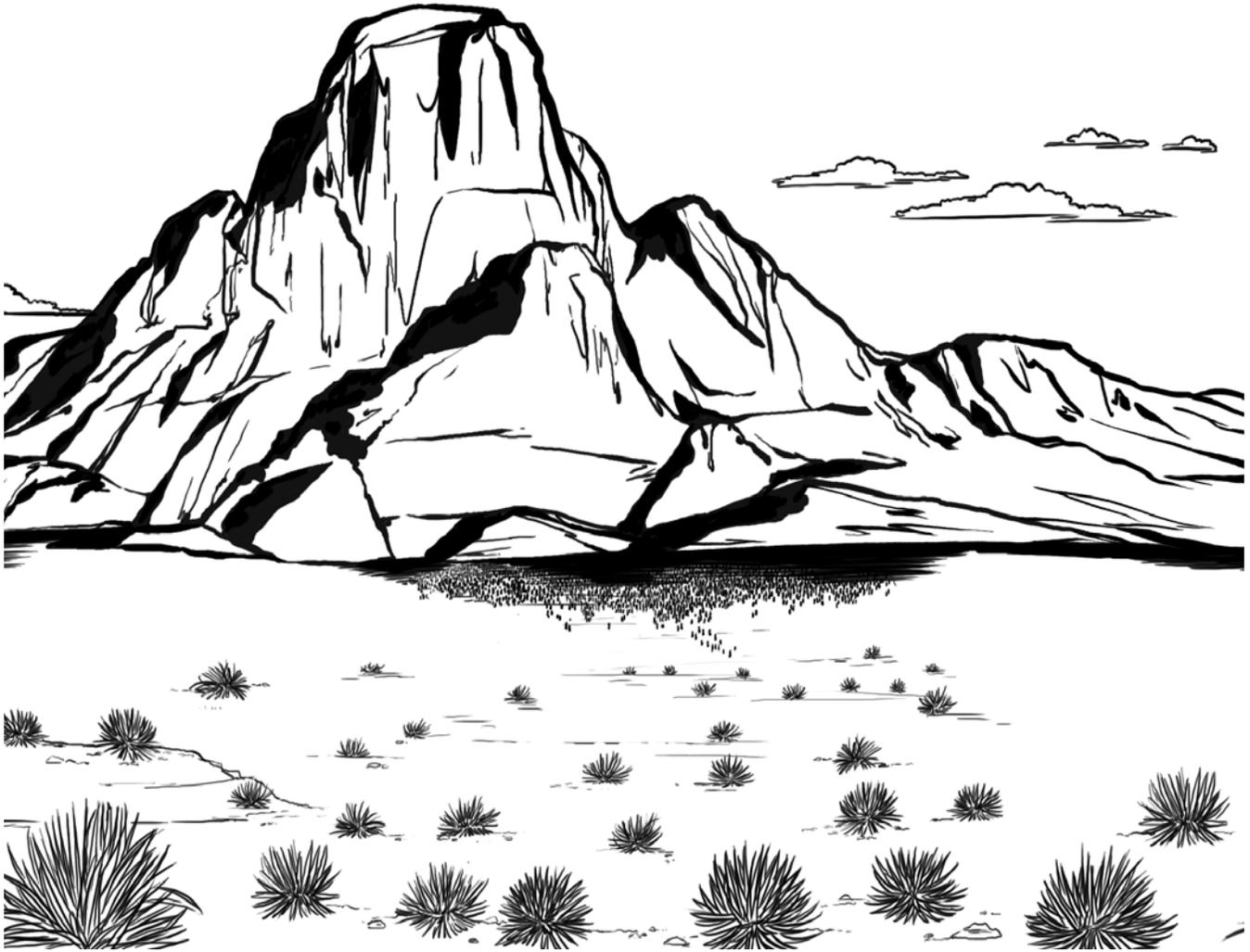
his mind. He mustered his army and pursued the Israelites. He would capture them, kill some of them, and bring the rest back into slavery. Pharaoh's warhorses and chariots closed in on the Israelites beside the Red Sea. Blocked by the army, the mountains and the sea, the Israelites were trapped.

"Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?" the frightened Israelites demanded of Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt?"

The Israelites feared that the vengeful Egyptians would slaughter them and their families on the shoreline. Some even wanted to go back to Egypt. But Moses did not fear.

"Fear not," he said. "Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD. For the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall see them again no more forever. The LORD shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

God moved the pillar cloud to block the Egyptian forces. He told Moses to stretch



After guiding the Israelites through the Red Sea, God leads them to Mount Sinai.

his hand over the Red Sea. Moses obeyed, and then the Israelites witnessed an even greater miracle than the 10 plagues. The seawater parted! A canyon between two walls of water appeared, with a path of dry land on the seafloor leading to safety.

Over 2.5 million Israelite men, women and children walked through the Red Sea to safety.

Pharaoh saw this incredible miracle. He knew he was fighting a mighty God. But he ordered his army to pursue the Israelites right through the sea.

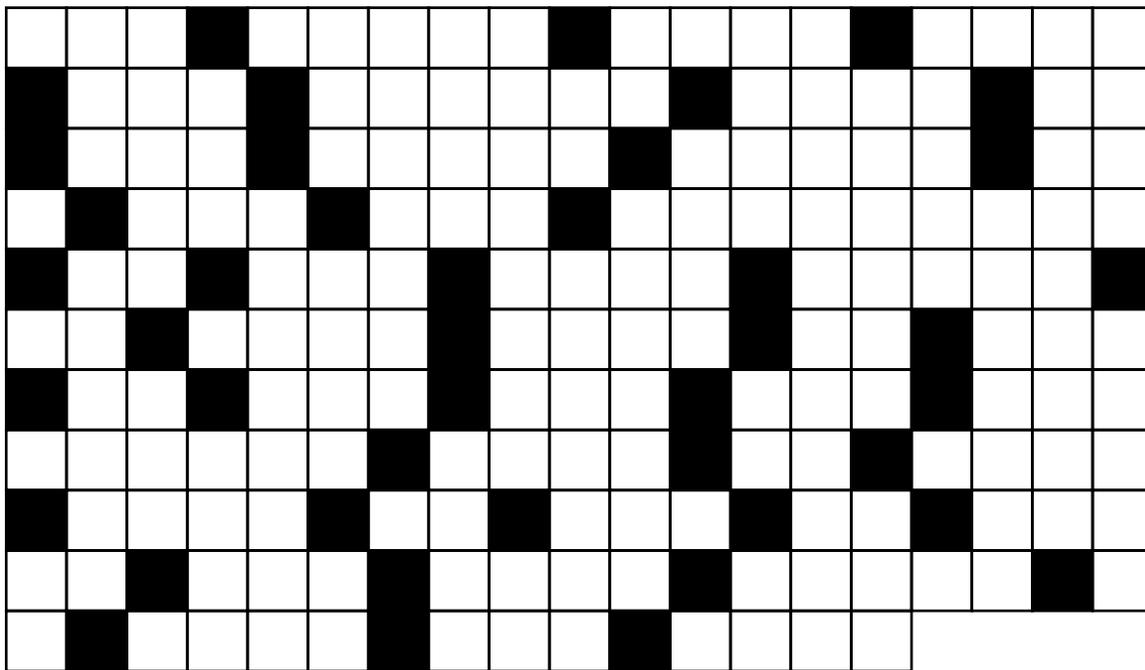
After Pharaoh's army was between the walls of water and the Israelites were safely on the other side, God crashed the walls of water back together, destroying the Egyptian army! Pharaoh and Egypt's best soldiers drowned.

God had completely delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt!

Mystery Scripture

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