

Egypt is Filled With Blood!

By Joanna Haveman

Lately, there have been some strange things happening here in Egypt.

The first "happening" was just last week on Monday, May 21. We had heard that Pharaoh's daughter's adopted son, Moses, who had killed one of us, an Egyptian, had come back. He was bringing strange demands about wanting to go into the desert with his people and worship their god. Pharaoh told him no, and Moses threatened him, saying that his god would turn the water in the Nile into blood.

The next morning we woke up and all of our water was gone, and in its place was blood. Buckets and buckets of blood! For a moment, I actually believed that this god was real. But when Pharaoh's magicians turned water into blood also, I realized how stupid I was.

The next week, we had fresh water again, but Egypt stank of dead fish and dried blood. Later on, I read these verses: "Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river. Confront him on the bank of the Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. Then say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. This is what the Lord says: By this you will know that I am the Lord: With the staff that is in my hand, I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.'" (NIV Bible, Exodus 7:15-18)

Frogs Take Over!

By Joel Cramer

Some man named Moses has been making strange things happen!

On Thursday, August 5, 1446 BC, something strange happened. "Seven days passed after the Lord struck the Nile." (NIV Bible, Exodus 7:25) Moses and Aaron came back and told Pharaoh to let the Israelites go, but Pharaoh said no. So Moses' God told Moses to stretch out his hand with his staff over Egypt and frogs came out onto Egypt and covered the land.

Then, Pharaoh called Moses to tell him if he stopped the frogs, Pharaoh would let the Israelites go. So Moses prayed to the Israelites' God, and the frogs died, "but when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron just as the Lord had said." (NIV Bible, Exodus 8:15)

Egypt Deserves Locusts!

By Joel Cramer

Egypt is getting what they deserve!

“So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me. If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow.’” (NIV Bible, Exodus 10:3-4)

Moses and Aaron left and Pharaoh’s officials said that it wasn’t worth it to keep the Israelites enslaved because Egypt was destroyed. Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh and Pharaoh told them they could leave, but only the men. So Moses stretched out his hand over Egypt and God brought locusts there by morning. The locusts destroyed everything! Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to pray to God so that the locusts will stop, and so Moses prayed and God blew the locusts away. “But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.” (NIV Bible, Exodus 10:20)

From the Teacher’s Desk...

November and December have been very busy months for our grade nine class. We have been getting to know each other better and are having some fun learning along the way!

We have been focusing a lot on developing writing, in all subject areas. I am so pleased with the improvements I have seen so far, and can’t wait for the end of the year so we can all look back and celebrate how far everyone has come!

Devotions for November focused on forgiveness, and we looked at many Bible verses and stories which teach us who/when/how to forgive...which, as we all know, are not always easy guidelines to follow. This month we have talked about the hope we have in Christ; what perfect timing, with Christmas and the arrival of our Saviour just around the corner!

If you ask the students about the best part of school over the last 2 months, I would safely guess that their answer would be the addition of our hot chocolate station! We’ve all been enjoying a warm cup after the chilly recesses (although I’m sure I will be going through MUCH more hot chocolate powder and marshmallows when winter actually hits us...)

I’d like to wish all our families a blessed, peaceful and restful Advent and Christmas season!

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.”

~ Ms. Indrevold

Egypt Enveloped in Darkness

By Joanna Haveman

We were doing our morning chores here in Goshen, when Egypt suddenly became dark.

This has been the 9th strange thing to happen in Egypt. The first three ‘plagues’ happened in Egypt and Goshen, but the rest have only happened in Egypt. The last few weeks we have watched Egypt get ruined by flies, diseased livestock, boils, hail, locusts, and now darkness.

We woke up this morning, as usual, and did our morning chores when someone shouted that Egypt was in complete darkness. If we listened closely, we could hear the distressed cries of the Egyptians.

Three days passed, and Egypt was finally light again. It was one of the strangest things we had witnessed so far. Later that day, Moses came and told us to get ready to leave Egypt and slavery behind for good, as it is written, “All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave. Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.” (NIV Bible, Exodus 11:8)