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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1430 ~ Darkness over Egypt.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

A true story is told of a poor blind woman who put a large gift in the church offering plate.

Her friend, sitting beside her, said "You can't afford to give so much!"

"Oh, yes I can," the woman answered, "That is how much it costs *you* for light. But, because I'm blind, I don't need to pay for light. So, I give that money to take God's light to those who sit in spiritual darkness."

Today's drama is about the Egyptians who lived in great spiritual darkness. Their ruler, Pharaoh, kept refusing to let God's people go to worship Him. So God sent terrible plagues of lice, flies, and frogs over Egypt. He turned all the water in the rivers and streams to blood to show everything is in His power, but foolish Pharaoh would not obey. He would promise to let God's people go; but, as soon as God lifted the plague, he changed his mind. Each time Pharaoh broke his promise, his spirit grew harder against the living God. **SIN DOES THAT IN ALL OUR LIVES.** We become hardened against God's voice and become deaf to His truth.

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Each of the plagues God sent challenged the power of Egypt's false idol gods. The Egyptians worshipped their cattle, so the next plague killed most of the cattle in the land.

But God did not touch any of the cattle belonging to the Israelites in Goshen.

Foolish Pharaoh still would not let God's people go. Next, God sent painful boils. Everyone suffered: the animals, the people, and even the magicians. But Pharaoh's heart grew harder still.

Next, a fierce hail storm and lightning damaged houses and crops, and again God kept His people in Goshen safe. Pharaoh remained hard and stubborn, so God sent millions of locusts to strip what was left of the crops, after the hail damage. Now, the land, the crops, the animals all were ruined, but stubborn Pharaoh would not obey.

The Hebrew slaves, the Israelites, had been cheap labour in Egypt for many years. If Pharaoh let them go, his building projects would stop and he would lose much money. To Pharaoh, profits were more important than people. And it is much the same in our world. Many people suffer because of the greed of those in power.

The Bible book Mark, chapter 8, says this, "Does a person gain anything if he wins the whole world, but loses his own life? - (his own soul?) Of course not! There is nothing he can give to regain his life."

You see, our soul is that part of us that can love and worship our great Creator-God. If we lose it, we cannot know God; we are separated from Him for ever. Pharaoh put himself first, and brought much suffering on his people, and on himself. He went after wealth and power, but lost his soul. And he ended up with nothing.

When we, like Pharaoh, put ourselves first and refuse to listen to God, and go after money and success, there is a deep emptiness inside us. But when the Lord Jesus Christ is in the centre of our lives, we are spiritually satisfied. We are complete in Him.

The Bible warns Christians, in the book of Hebrews, chapter 3, "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily... so that none of you may be hardened and deceived by sin."

Pharaoh's hardness and sin hurt not only himself, but all the people of Egypt as well. Our wrongdoing also hurts others, as well as ourselves.

The Almighty Creator-God sent deep darkness to cover all of Egypt. It was so dark, the people could not leave their homes. Their sun god was powerless to bring light to them. So, both spiritual and physical darkness crushed their lives.

But the Israelites enjoyed spiritual light because they followed the Living God. And they also had physical light, in Goshen, whilst the rest of Egypt suffered in deep darkness.

Pharaoh still tried to control the Almighty God. He told Moses the people could all go, but they must leave their cattle behind. Again, Moses said NO. Pharaoh was so angry, he threw Moses out of the palace, and promised to kill him if he returned. The One True God had shown Pharaoh, and all the Egyptians, His great power in every way, but foolish Pharaoh closed his ears and his mind.

Moses knew the next plague would be the last, and the worst. The angel of death would visit every home in Egypt, and kill all the firstborn sons.

God's people WOULD leave Egypt. GOD was in control, not Pharaoh.

Has your spirit hardened against the True and Living God?

Turn around today, and come to Jesus. He can lead you out of your darkness, into His glorious light.

The Bible book Romans, chapter 13, says this.

"The night is nearly over; day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light."

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