

The Stubborn King Part 1

(Based on Exodus 7-10)

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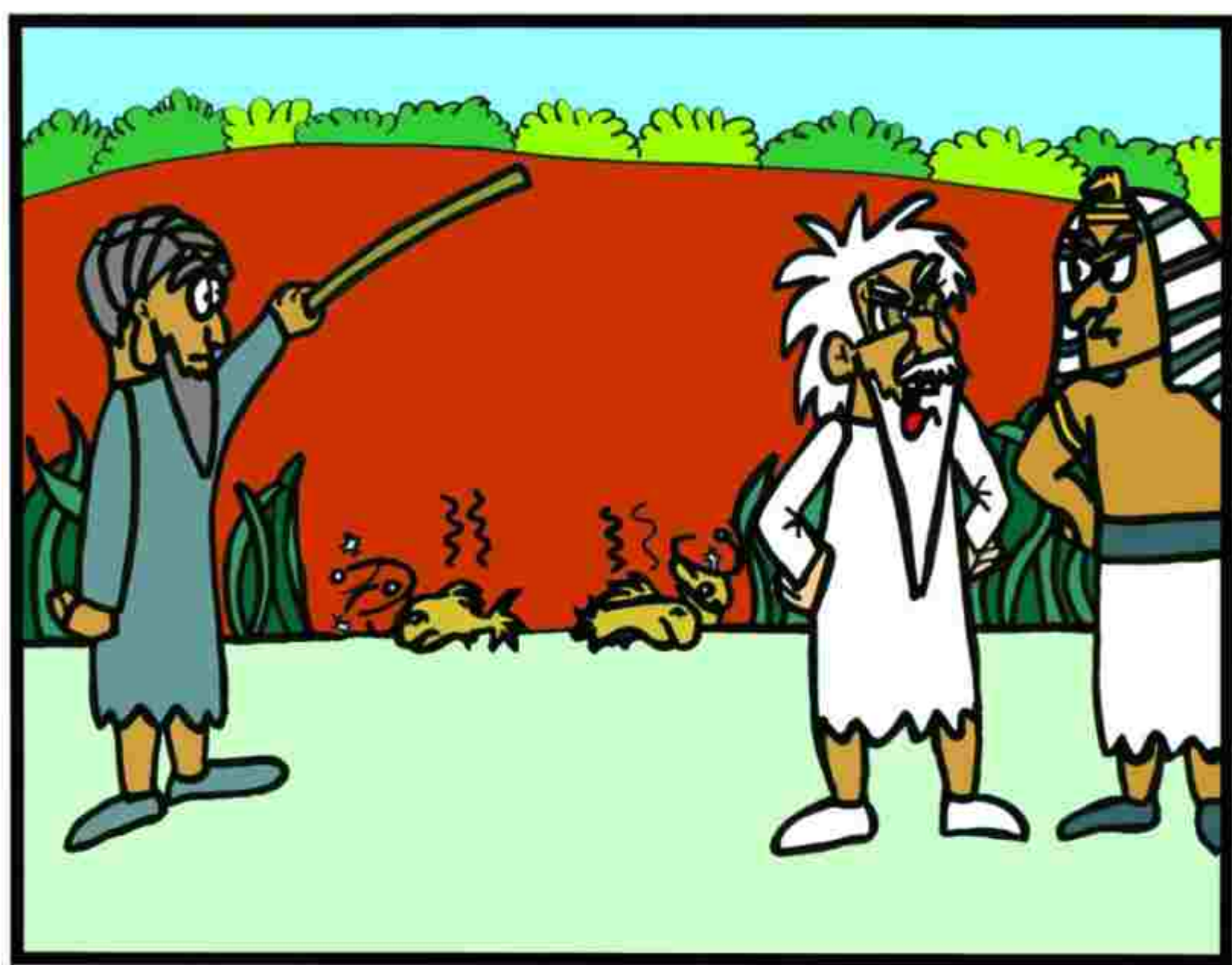
God said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not obey you. I will do great miracles and the Egyptians will know that I am the boss when I bring my people out." Moses visited Pharaoh and demanded that he release the slaves. "Show a miracle," said Pharaoh.



Aaron threw down the rod and it became a snake. Pharoah called for his wisemen and sorcerers.



They threw down their rods and they became snakes also, but Moses snake ate their snakes. Pharoah's heart grew hard and he refused to let God's people go, just like God said would happen.



The next day Moses and Aaron met Pharaoh at the river. "God says, 'Let my people go,'" said Moses. As a sign to Pharaoh that it was really God who sent them, Aaron hit the water with the rod and it became blood. All the fish died.



The magicians of Egypt were also able to turn water into blood by using enchantments. Pharaoh's heart became harder and he did not obey God. People dug holes near the river to get water because they could not drink the water from the river.



Seven days later the Lord sent Moses to Pharaoh again. "God says, 'Let my people go! If not, then I will fill your land with frogs!'" Pharaoh didn't obey. Aaron hit the river water with the rod. Frogs, frogs and more frogs came out of the river.



There were frogs in every house - in the beds, on the people, in the ovens and cooking bowls. Once again the magicians by using their enchantments also caused frogs to come out of the river onto the land.



Pharoah told Moses to wait until the next day and then ask God to take the frogs away. He promised to let God's people go. So Pharoah slept with the frogs one more night and the next day Moses prayed. The Lord caused the frogs to die. The land was very stinky. Pharoah did not let the people of Israel go. 32-09



Next the Lord told Moses and Aaron to hit the ground and the dust became lice which lived on people and animals. The magicians were not able to make dust turn into lice. "This is really God doing it!" they told Pharaoh.



Next the Lord brought swarms of flies. Flies filled the Egyptian homes but no flies came where the people of Israel lived. Pharaoh promised to let God's people go as long as they didn't go far away. Moses prayed. The Lord took away the flies. Pharaoh broke his promise.



Lord, no one can fight against your will and win. Help me not to be disobedient and stubborn.