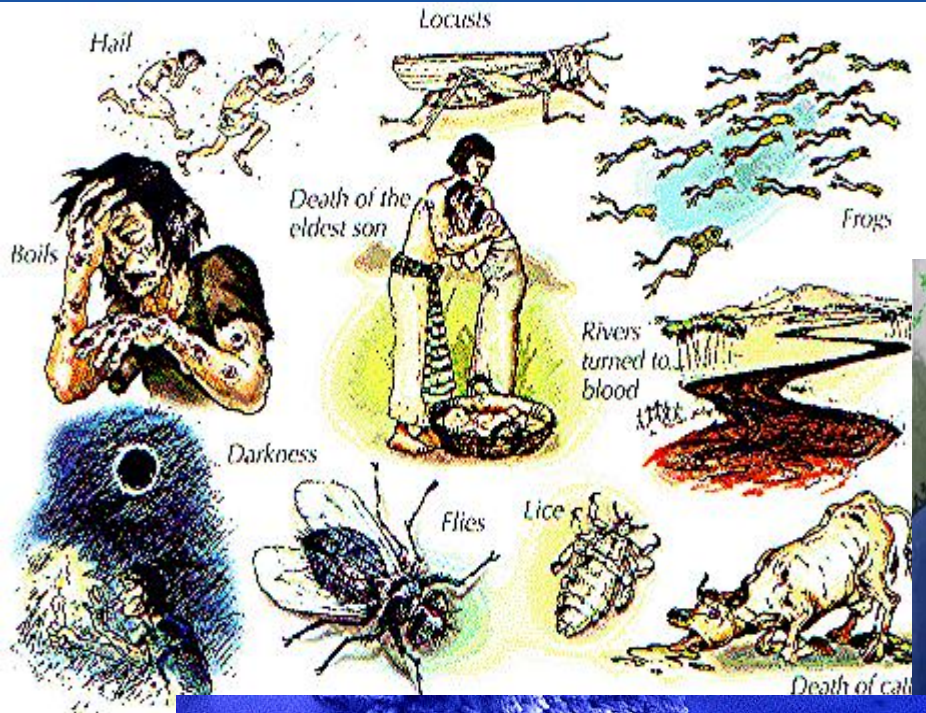


# BIBLICAL DISASTERS: QUAINT?





# HIGH TECH?

- Does Revelation really speak of Nuclear weapons?
- Nature can unleash more devastation than man can ever hope to
- **Principle:** God creates cataclysmic judgments, not men

# REVELATION JUDGMENTS MIMIC THE PLAGUES ON EGYPT

- Strokes on Egypt were real and tangible
- Scholars tend to accept the Egypt plagues
- Why are Revelation judgments seen more as metaphor than reality?
- They will be things of nature, but greatly amplified
- Revelation pattern established in Torah





# SIGNS AND MIRACLES TO BE REMEMBERED

- Yehoveh has used Egypt for Israel's sake
- Our happiness and comfort is secondary to bringing in the Kingdom of God
- The hail has destroyed the crops, and the Locusts eat what's left
- Pharaoh's magicians beg him to give in

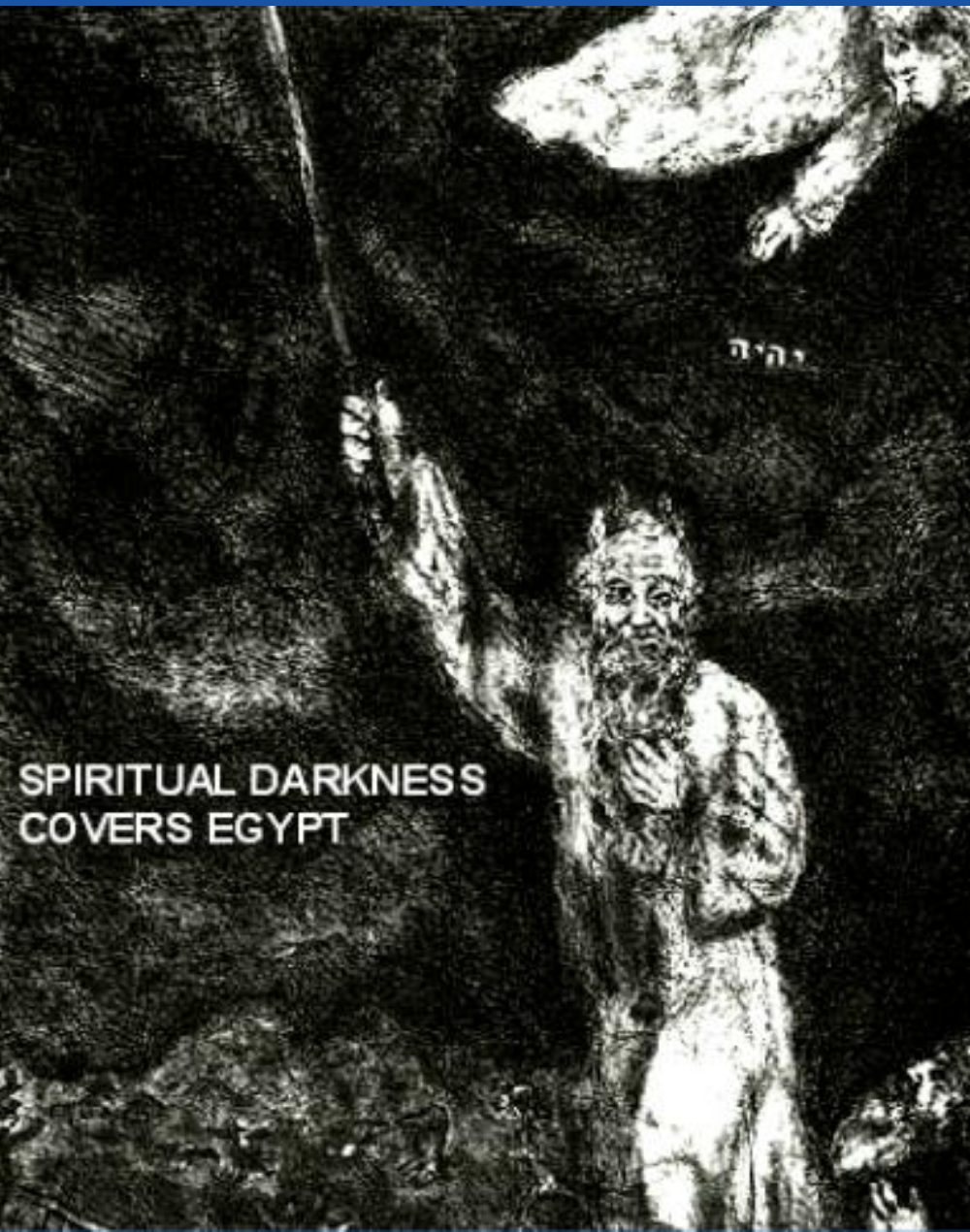


# ***“BUT WHO AMONG YOU WILL GO?”***

- Pharaoh agrees to let Israel go to worship God, but wants some to stay as hostages
- Moses answers: ALL!
- Pharaoh now knows Israel intends to leave permanently, and so changes his mind
- This 8<sup>th</sup> plague, Locusts, comes on an east wind
- It is a DEADLY stroke because the food supply is destroyed
- Pharaoh says, “I have sinned against God”



# DARKNESS DESCENDS UPON EGYPT



- The 9<sup>th</sup> plague
- 3<sup>rd</sup> stroke of the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of strokes, unannounced
- The most terrible of them all
- **Chosek** = spiritual darkness
- **Owr** = spiritual light
- This did NOT happen in Goshen
- A darkness that could be “felt”
- Light could not penetrate this darkness

# CHAMSIN

- There are natural happenings like fog that seem to absorb light
- Chamsin is a kind of dust storm
- The air becomes charged with static electricity
- The dust filters indoors, and oil lamps would not work
- In the present world, light and darkness exist side-by-side



# PHARAOH AGAIN CALLS FOR MOSES

- Pharaoh tries to bargain; people can go, but their livestock must stay
- Moses says NO!
- Moses needed all that Israel possessed because he wasn't sure what God would demand of them
- Principle: We are to submit all that we have and we are to Abba. Whatever we will NOT submit to Him, remains in bondage
- Pharaoh says no.
- The end of hope of Redemption for Pharaoh and his nation has ended. Next...Judgment!



# EXODUS 11: JUDGMENT!



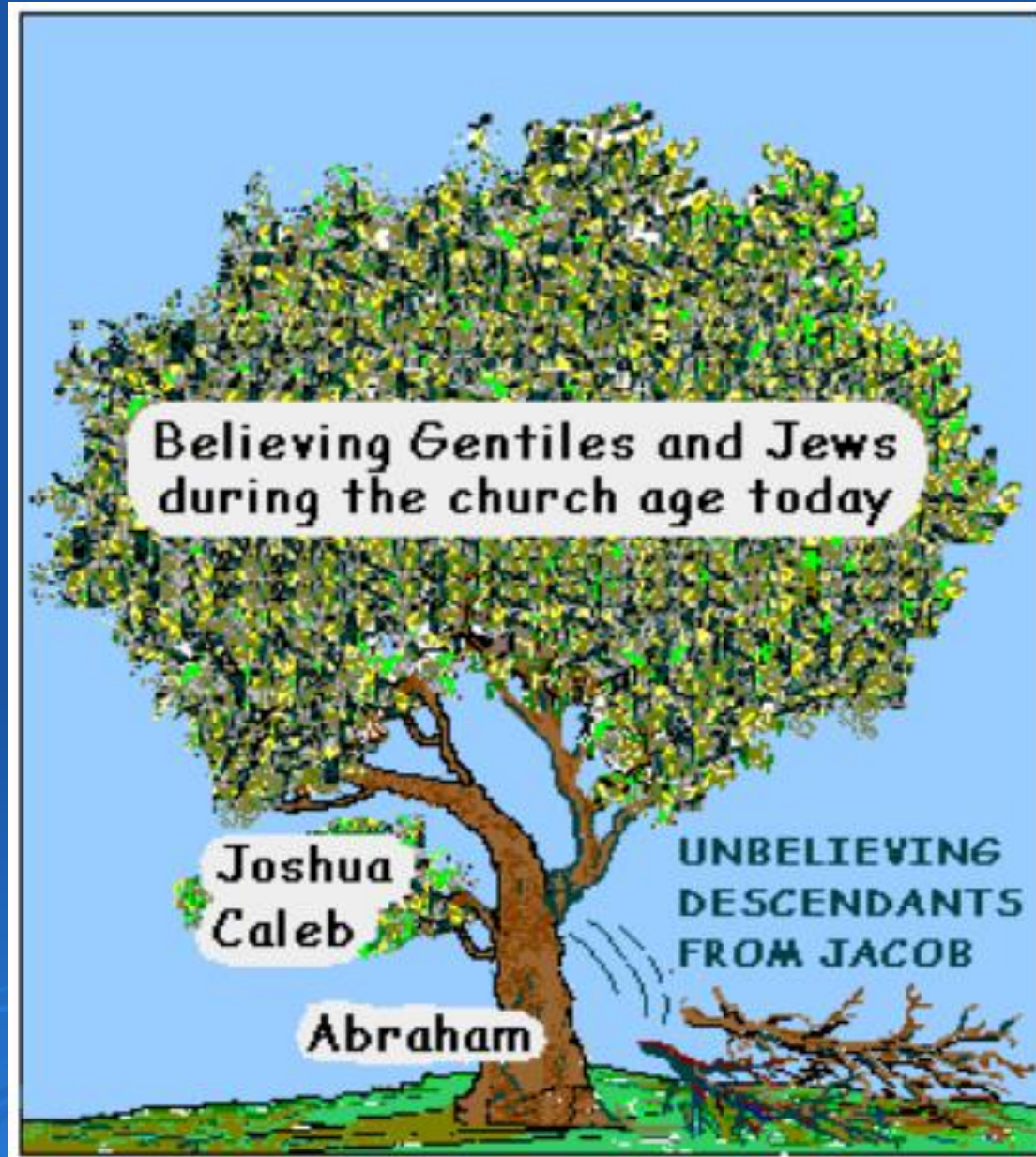
- Judgment is the time when we all receive what is due us
- ALL, saved and unsaved, will be judged
- The Unsaved will be condemned, the SAVED will be forgiven
- 9 times Pharaoh was given to save his nation
- Judgment is all that is left and is now unavoidable
- Moses tells Pharaoh all firstborn will die, including the livestock

# Y-H-W-H KILLED THE FIRSTBORN

- Not an “angel of death”
- The Lord says not only will Pharaoh release Israel, he will **DRIVE** Israel out
- Egypt would give the Israelites anything and everything to leave
- Egyptians are bitter to this day about what Israel took with them, and have even gone to court to try and recover it
- God makes a **DISTINCTION** between Israel and the world at large

# GRAFTED-IN

- Egypt represents “The World”
- Romans 11:17 gentiles grafted into Israel’s covenants
- Gentiles do NOT become Jews
- This grafting is from a spiritual perspective
- Nor, does a NON-believing Jew cease being a Jew
- Sanctification means “set-apart” (for God)





# DARKNESS AT CRUCIFIXION

- Israel celebrated while Egypt covered in the darkness
- Israel knew deliverance was near
- The world covered in the darkness at Christ's crucifixion, but Heaven celebrated!
- Even in this present wicked world, as Believers we should be joyful, as our salvation is NEAR!!
- Yet, it is bittersweet