A Plague of Biblical Proportions

Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: – Exodus 10:4

When Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt, the eighth plague the Lord brought upon Egypt was locusts. Moses warned stubborn Pharaoh that the locusts would be so thick that no one would be able to see the ground (Exodus 10:4-6). Scripture also makes clear that there never had been, nor would there ever be again, such a great infestation.

We gain an appreciation for what the Egyptians had to endure because of the hard-heartedness of their leader when we look at modern plagues of locusts. A locust weighs only two grams, but it needs to eat its own weight in food every day. That's enough to feed 40,000 people for a year. Locusts can descend on an area without warning almost as fast as they did in Egypt.

This knowledge doesn't take away from the miraculous acts of God recorded in the Bible. Knowing a little about the power of a normal locust infestation helps us appreciate the plague of locusts on Egypt. As the Bible says, this locust infestation was unlike any other in history!


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