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A long time ago, the Israelites were slaves in the land of Egypt. The Egyptians were very hard on them, but God heard the cries of His people. God raised up a man called Moses to lead the slaves out of Egypt and into the promised land of Israel. The Pharaoh, who was the leader of Egypt, would not set the Hebrew slaves free.



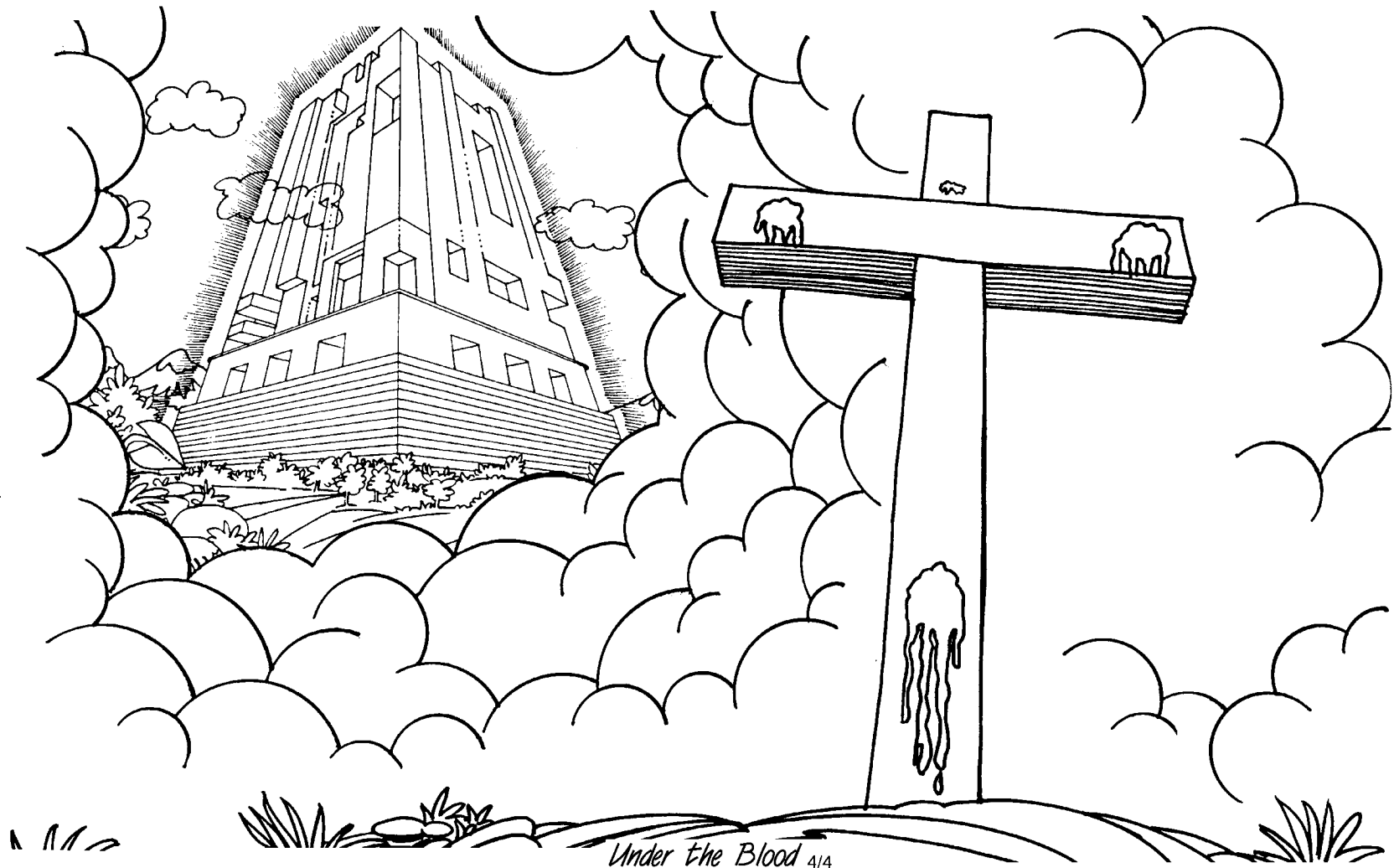
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Because Pharaoh's heart was hard, God sent many plagues on Egypt. God turned the water into blood. He sent locusts, frogs, flies and so on, but still the Pharaoh would not listen to God's servant Moses. God told Moses that He would send death to the firstborn of all the land of Egypt. The people of God would escape death if they took a perfect lamb, killed it, and put its' blood on the top and sides of the door post of their houses.



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At evening time they did this. They then roasted the lamb and ate it with unleavened bread. The Jews were ready and waited for God's judgement. That night death came upon all the houses that did not have the lamb's blood on the door post. When Pharaoh saw what had happened, he let the Israelites leave Egypt.



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This happened long before the birth of Jesus, but God was showing that when the Messiah Jesus would come, He too would be the perfect lamb. His blood, which flowed from His wounds on the cross, would give us life instead of death because it would wash our sins away. The Bible tells us that if we believe in Jesus, we will also go to a promised land called Heaven to live forever with Him.