Biblical Drama based on Exodus 9:13-26
Character Parts: Narrators 1-6, God, Pharaoh, Moses, Aaron, Egyptian

Narrator 1: At the time when God's people were serving as slaves in the land of Egypt, God sent Moses and his brother Aaron to speak to the Pharaoh, the King of Egypt. Through many plagues and disasters, God revealed his mighty power to the Egyptians.

On one of these occasions, the Lord commanded Moses:

God: Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews: 'Let my people go, that they may serve me. For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.'"

Narrator 2: So Moses and Aaron did what God told them. They went to the Pharaoh to demand that he let the Israelites go.

Pharaoh: Why should I listen to what your God says, Moses? You don't frighten me with your tricks and curses!

Moses: You have not even seen what the Lord can do! This is only the beginning.

Aaron: Thus says the Lord: "By now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."

Moses: This is God's message to the Pharaoh: "You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go. Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. Thus says the Lord."

Aaron: Listen to me, all of you. The Lord has spoken. Go and get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter, for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them.

Narrator 3: On hearing this warning, whoever feared the word of the Lord among Pharaoh's people hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses, but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the Lord left his slaves and his livestock in the field. Then the Lord spoke to Moses once again.

God: Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt.

Narrator 4: Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

Egyptian: Get to cover! Never in the history of Egypt has there has never been hail as strong as this!

Aaron: Look! This is no ordinary hail. See the flashes of fire! This is the work of God!

Narrator 5: In the midst of the heavy hail, they saw the light of fire flashing across the sky. The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. The hail also struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field.

Pharaoh: See, Moses! The hail has ruined everything! Now your people will suffer as well!

Moses: Not true! Our God has protected his people. Where we live, in the land of Goshen, God has let no hail fall!

Narrator 6: All this angered and frightened Pharaoh even more, but he still would not let God's people go.

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