



TRUTH *Travelers*

The Boy Who Had It All!

by K. Wallace Coventry

If you fouled this guy in a basketball game, he could have your head chopped off. If you slid into second base and banged up his shins, he could send you to the dungeon.

But it would be nice if he took care of the bills for a pizza party at his palace for your entire school. He could do it. He owned a pile of solid gold bricks stacked higher than your head.

What kind of kid was this? The greatest—at least in ancient Egypt. He could snap his fingers and send a mighty army galloping off over the desert sands to crush any enemy. Millions of Egyptians called him a god; he thought he was one.

His name? King Tutankhamen—King Tut. He was the boy who had everything.

King Tut became Pharaoh, or king, of Egypt when he was just eight or nine. But death caught up with him only ten years later, around the age of eighteen. Although CT scans were done of his mummy in 2005, nobody knows why or how he died.

King Tut was not an important pharaoh in Egypt's history. In fact, his tomb had been covered up and forgotten for centuries. Just over a hundred years ago a famous Egyptologist named Howard Carter began to search for it. Mr. Carter dug up two hundred thousand tons of sand in his quest and spent a fortune. His search lasted twenty-five years.

When Mr. Carter broke into the sealed tomb, he discovered the boy-king, buried to his eyeballs in treasure. For thirty-three centuries (3,300 years) nobody had seen what Mr. Carter found.

Tut was literally wrapped in jewels. A gold mask lay over his face. That mask is valued at over fifty million dollars today. His mummy rested on the largest chunk of gold in the world. It



weighed 2,447 pounds.

Tut was buried with everything his people thought he would need for the afterlife—furniture, weapons, riches. There was even a gold-covered wooden bed to carry him to the celestial kingdom of the sun god.

The Egyptians thought Tut would be judged by a god called Osiris. If judged a sinner, he would be torn to pieces by demons. If the decision of Osiris was favorable—and the Egyptians thought it probably would be for one so young—Tut would end up in the grain fields of a place called Yaru. He might have to do some work in Yaru, but Tut's friends had placed many replicas of him in the tomb to do the work for him. That way Tut could just sit around and enjoy heavenly paradise.

Poor King Tut! The Egyptians who buried him had forgotten the plagues and the miracles done by the God of Moses. Eighty years before Tut lived, the Lord had delivered the Children of Israel from slavery in Egypt. God had sent ten plagues to teach Egyptians that their gods were false, that He alone is the true God: "And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when

No One Can Compare!

by Lisa Jo Bolton with Alex Walters

After the twelve sons of Jacob settled in Egypt, life was good. But they remembered that God had a big plan for their family. God's plan was that after 430 years, all of Jacob's descendants would leave Egypt. God would lead them to the land He had promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants.

Big problem! When the time came for the Israelites to leave, Egypt's pharaoh said "No! I don't know your God. And I'm not going to obey what you're telling me He says." Then the God of Israel did amazing works to show Pharaoh, Egypt, and all the world that He is the one true God and Lord of all the earth.

Work your way through this maze to review nine things God did in Egypt to show His unstoppable power.



Today's Traveler Truths

God Shows His Power in Egypt

- God is all-powerful and is the true God.
- "Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works" (Psalm 86:8).



Parent Tip

Using the Internet or your local library, dig deeper into the story of King Tut with your child. You can find interesting stories about his life and even some pictures of his golden mask. The value of the wealth King Tut was buried with is astounding.

As you learn more, remind your son or daughter that as a child of God, a Christian's treasures are not what we have on earth. Revelation 21:21 tells about the beauty and richness of Heaven—the streets of gold and the gates of pearls. Help your son or daughter to grow more aware of the treasures God has for His children to anticipate and enjoy for all eternity.

The treasure God has in store for them is treasure that will never rust, be stolen, or fade away.

—Julie Peters

Powerful Fun

Supplies Needed

- Plastic pop or water bottle, empty
- Funnel
- Uncooked rice
- One chopstick



Steps

1. Use the funnel to fill the plastic bottle full of rice.
2. Remove the funnel. Gently tap the bottle on the table so that the rice settles. If there is room for more rice after tapping it, use the funnel to add more rice. Remove the funnel when the bottle is totally full of rice.
3. Very quickly insert your chopstick into the top of the bottle, straight down through the rice.
4. Now lift the chopstick straight up. Pretty cool, huh! When you lift the chopstick, it should pick up the bottle full of rice. If this doesn't happen, remove the chopstick and insert it again. You may need to repeat the steps a few times to get the experiment to work.

Making It Connect

Have you ever tried eating with chopsticks instead of with a fork or spoon? It is not easy to eat with chopsticks. But one chopstick, which is so hard to use with food, can pick up a whole bottle of rice. When placed correctly, that chopstick controls whether the bottle of rice falls or rises. That is one powerful chopstick! Even more so, God is in control of our lives. He did amazing miracles when He sent ten plagues upon Egypt so that He could free His Chosen People, the Israelites.

This God, Who showed His power in Egypt, is the one true God. And He is in control of our lives today!

—Stephanie Black

"No One Can Compare" answers: God spoke to Moses from a bush that was on fire but not getting burned. God told Moses to go to Egypt's Pharaoh and tell him to let the Israelites go out from Egypt to worship the Lord. Pharaoh made his heart hard against the one true God. God sent plagues of blood, frogs, lice, flies, sick animals and boils, hail, locusts, and darkness. The plagues showed the true God's unmatched power!

I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them" (Exodus 7:5).

If the pharaoh in Moses' time had believed the God of Moses, he could have avoided much suffering for himself and his people. But he kept hardening his heart against the truth. So God sent plagues that the Egyptians and their false gods could not prevent or stop. Then God showed His power by delivering the Israelites out of Egypt.



The Egyptians rejected their opportunity to believe in the God of Moses. They went right back to their old beliefs in a sun god and what they called the afterlife. The tomb of King Tut shows those old beliefs. Even though King Tut was buried with the riches of this life, his riches meant nothing to the one true God.

To avoid ending up like King Tut, we need to believe what Jesus Christ said about life and wealth: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Jesus taught, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt. . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19, 20).

The penalty of sin is death. None of us can escape that penalty, because we all have sinned. Eternal life is spiritual life that starts when a person admits being a sinner and asks Jesus to be his Savior from sin. This eternal life is **not** stopped by the death of the body.

Living forever in Heaven with Jesus Christ and God the Father comes only through trusting in the sinless Savior. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

King Tut's treasure isn't doing him any good now. The boy who had it all left it all behind. 🙏

The Passover Lamb

MONDAY

The Lord planned to bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Read Exodus 11: 4–7. Who would die in the last plague?

Would this include the Israelites? **Yes** **No**

Read Exodus 12:3–5. For the Passover meal, each Israelite household was to sacrifice a lamb without _____.

Read Exodus 12:7.
Draw with a red crayon or marker where the blood of the slain lamb was to be placed.



TUESDAY

Read Exodus 12:11. Make this man ready to eat the passover lamb by drawing what is missing.



Read Exodus 12:22–30. After the blood was placed on the door, the Israelites were to stay in their homes until _____.

Did the Israelites do as the Lord commanded (v. 28)? **Yes** **No**

What happened at midnight (vv. 29–30)? _____

WEDNESDAY

Read Exodus 12:30–42. Who were the people who left Egypt (v. 31)? The _____ of Israel (Israelites).

What did the Egyptians say they would be if the Israelites did not leave (v. 33)? _____.

Who gave the Israelites silver and gold (v. 35)? _____.

How many men came out of Egypt (v. 37)? _____ hundred

Who let the Israelites go (vv. 30, 31)? _____.

They left Egypt after how many years (v. 41) _____ years

Place the letters from the colored boxes in order on the blanks below to discover the name of the land to which God would lead His people. The land of _____

THURSDAY

We no longer need to sacrifice a lamb for our sins. Read John 1:29. What did John call Jesus when he saw Him? _____

Look up 1 Peter 1:19. When Christ shed His blood and died on the cross, He fulfilled the Passover for us, as of a lamb without _____ and without _____.

The Passover is a picture of salvation through Christ's blood!

Read Isaiah 53:7. Like a lamb being led to the _____, Jesus died for you. How does knowing that He gave His life as your Passover Lamb cause you to respond? Circle all that apply:

- Be thankful.**
- Repent of sins.**
- Believe in Jesus.**
- Obey the Bible.**
- Tell people about Jesus.**

FRIDAY memory verse

“Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works” (Psalm 86:8).

Don't forget! Memorize this verse from last week, praising God for His almighty power as the only true God.

RECITE THIS VERSE ON SUNDAY!

