

Earl's Diary - Thursday - May 16, 2013

Dear Loyal Readers,

Yesterday the day was beautiful and clear. However, as I attended the IMAX theater at 5:00 pm, clouds started to roll in. An hour later, as I was leaving, the rain was falling. Ever since it has rained on and off, and remained overcast. I had time in the morning to do my laundry and take a shower.

I had a thrilling experience in the afternoon. It was the highlight of the day. I had a ticket for Sight and Sound Theater's production of "*Joseph*". It wasn't quite Joseph and the Dream Color Coat. It was really spectacular! The sets and stage WERE HUGE! The acting and singing were quite good. The whole musical setting was Broadway quality! Unfortunately photographs were not allowed, and there doesn't seem to be many by way on the internet. I did find a couple pictures that I can share with you.

But first, a little about Sight and Sound Theaters. Sight & Sound's epic adventures take you back in time through majestic sets, talented actors and animals and one-of-a-kind music and song. A Sight & Sound production is a fun-filled, immersive experience that brings the Bible to life above, beside and around you.

A visit to Sight & Sound is a truly unique experience. Story, song and spectacular staging bring the epic Bible-based shows to life in magnificent theaters in Lancaster County, PA and Branson, MO. With hundreds of professional actors attired in elaborate costumes, meticulously detailed sets towering up to 40 feet high, trained animals, unmatched special effects and memorable music, Sight & Sound's epic adventures inspire more than 800,000 guests every year to deepen their understanding of the Bible and explore a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We experienced a cast of 45 professional adult and child actors and dozens of live animals on the stage and in the aisles. There were also several amazing dream sequences, including Joseph in his colorful coat "flying" above the audience. Sight & Sound's larger-than-life staging features scenes like the spectacular Egyptian palace, which spans 300 feet and wraps around three sides of the audience. 20 original songs add to the excitement, helping Sight & Sound live up to its motto: "Where the Bible comes to life!"

I had a center aisle seat, right ON the aisle. I could have reached out and touched actors and animals as they passed from or to the stage. A camel came lumbering past me. Unless someone has seen a previous show, who could have guessed that there were curtains on the left and right sides of the auditorium. At one point these huge curtains were raised to add more sets. That whole area (the main stage + 2 sides) made a scene area of over 300 feet! The sound system was very good - not too loud or too soft. The actors could be heard above the canned music. Although the outcome of the plot was predictable, the whole experience was watching the scenes changing seamlessly.

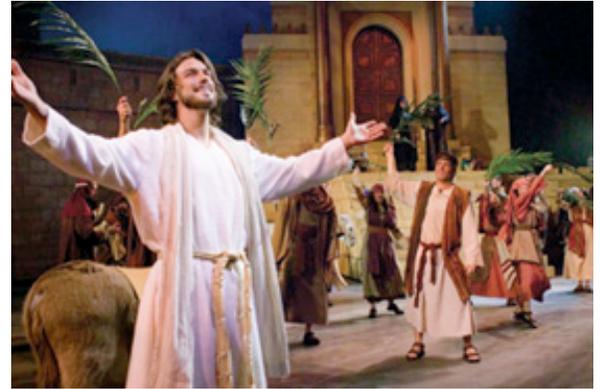
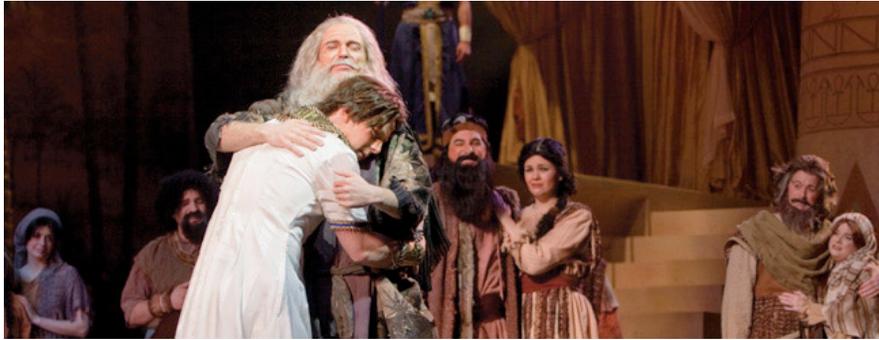
Along with the show, tickets are also sold for a "behind the scenes" tour. It had been recommended to me to be sure to take this tour. I wanted to see the show first, then take the tour. My tour will be Saturday afternoon. It will be interesting to see what "makes this show tick!"



The outside of the theater. Very fancy, eh?



You can tell the huge scale of the stage and set by the size of the people in the boat.



Very colorful costumes and expert lighting effects.

A view of the main stage seating area



Before going to the theater, I had to chance to do some needed laundry. Since the shower room is right next to the laundry, I took a shower while the clothes were washing. I guess you might say we both got washed!!!!

It's hard to believe, but we have been on the road for two weeks now. We have been doing a lot of hard driving, but also, seen some interesting sights. Thanks, once again, for coming along with me on this grand adventure!

-- Earl