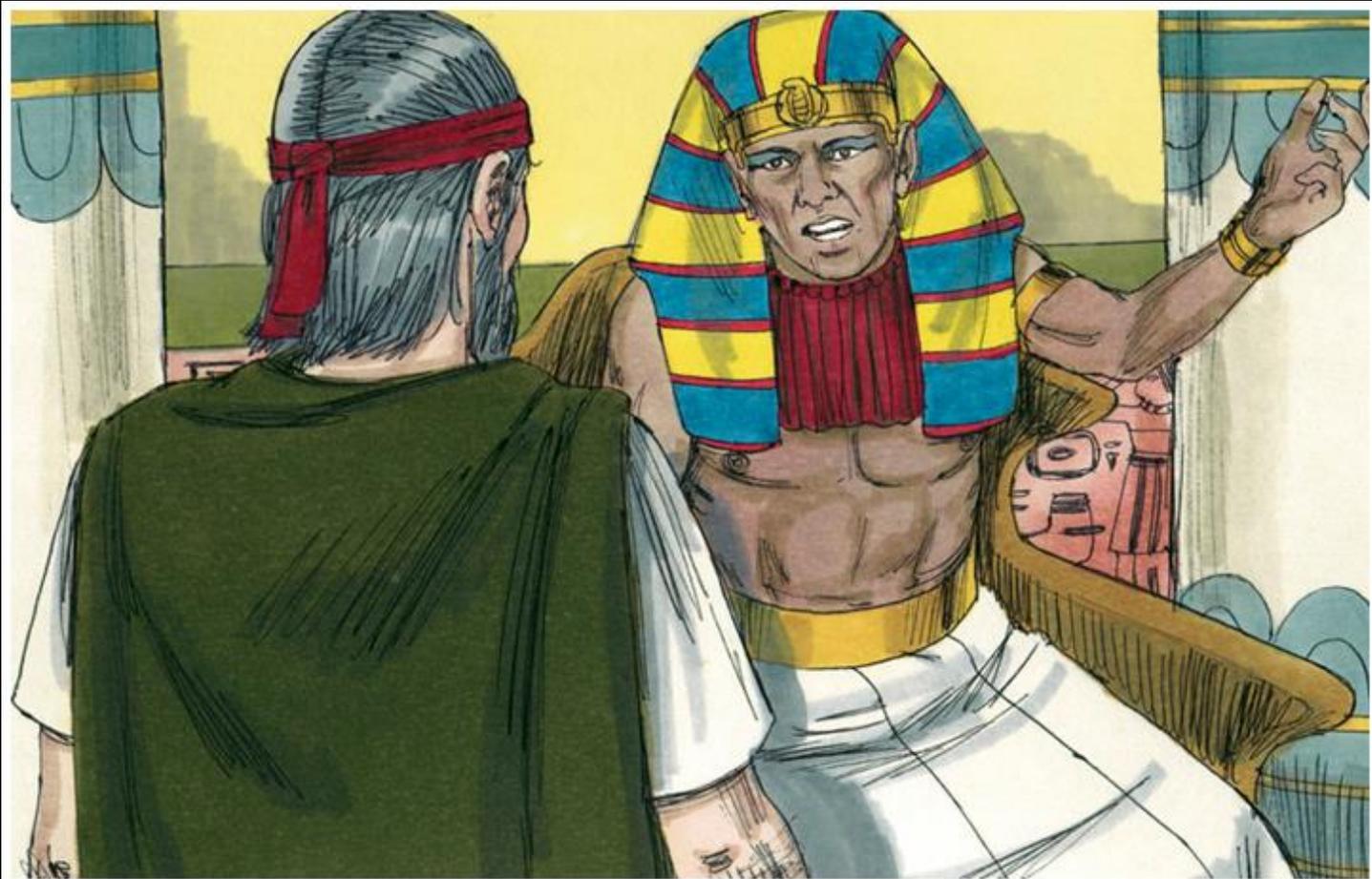


The Exodus



During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.” **Exodus 12:31**



The number of Israelites had grown tremendously. When they went down the Egypt they were a family of 13 (Father-Sons) and 70 in total with their wives and sons!

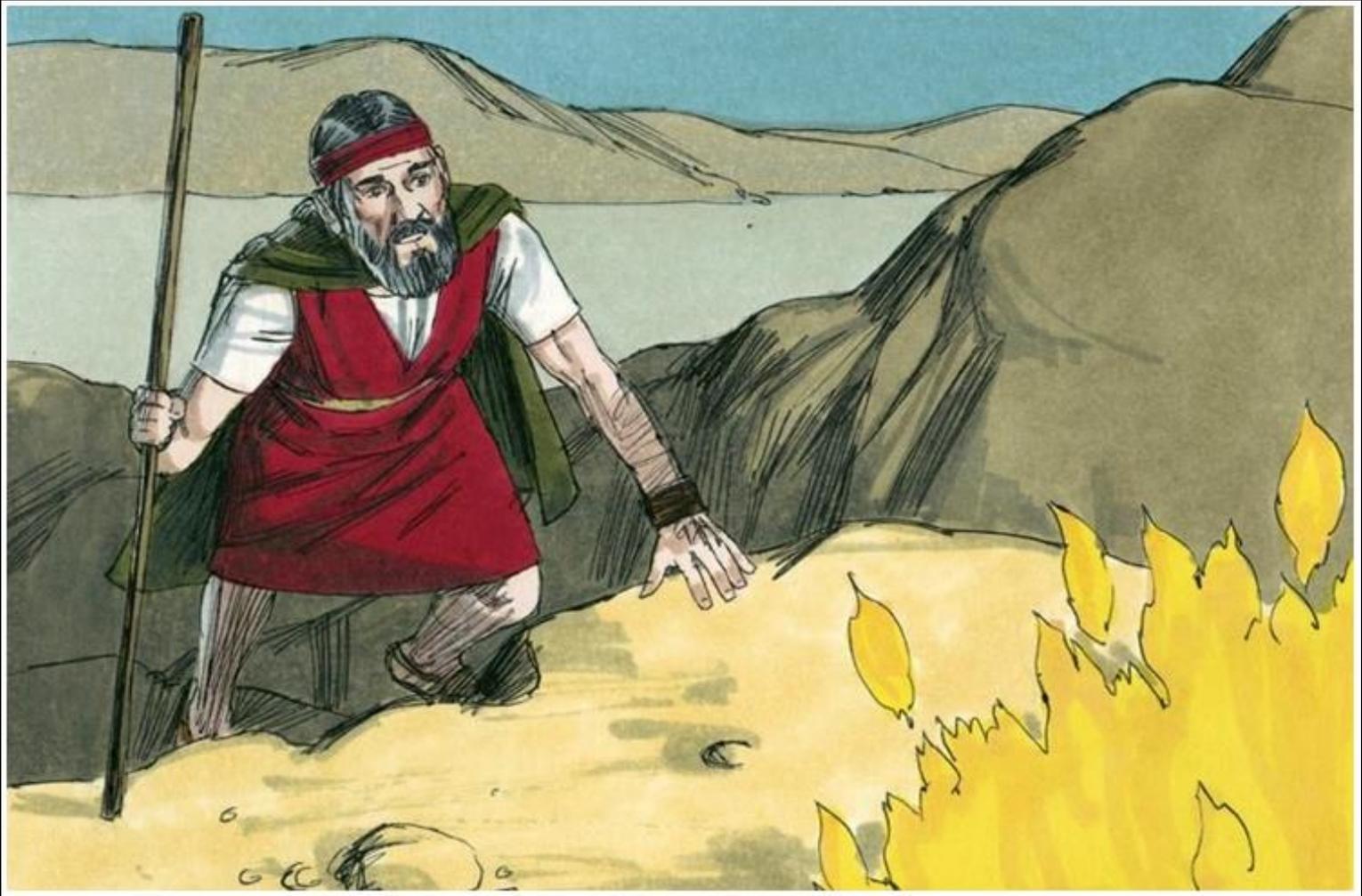
Now, 430 years later there were probably close to two million Israelites! (600,000 men)



God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and He began to lead them back to the land that He had promised to their forefather Abraham (**Canaan**).



Remember God has said 'When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.' (Ex 3:12)



God began leading the Israelites back to Midian, to the very mountain where Moses had met God in the burning bush.



“God led the people
around by the desert
road toward the Red
Sea.” Exodus 13:18







God **directed** the people where He wanted them to go in the day by a cloud. He kept the cloud before them at all times!



And He directed them at night
by a pillar of fire.



They would have gotten lost
and surely died in the desert
had God not directed them,
and provided for them.

God wanted to **teach**
Israel to **follow** Him day
by day, step by step.

Later (*Sinai, tabernacle*) it would become clear that this was a manifestation of God...depicting the very presence of God.

(Shekinah glory)

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.

(Exodus 13:17-18)

God wanted to use the journey to the mountain as a **faith builder** for the people.

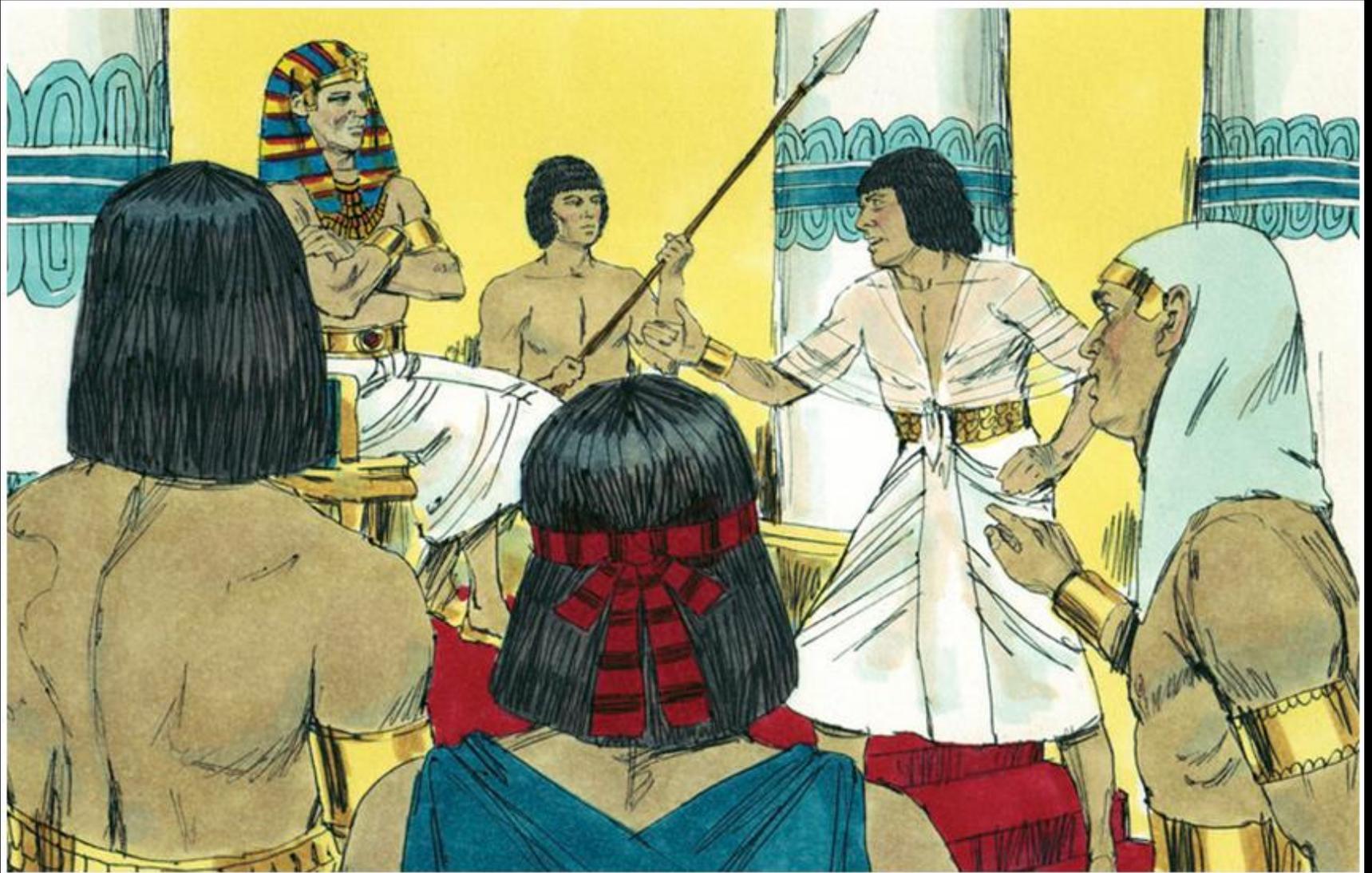
God wanted to show the
Israelites that they could
trust Him, and that He
would fight for them.

There are no shortcuts to
any place worth
going...and quite often
the path to godliness
and holiness is a long
and windy road.

God tells Moses: *“Once again I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will chase after you. I have planned this in order to display my glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD!” So the Israelites camped there as they were told.*

Exodus 14:4

God hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that God would be glorified all over again.



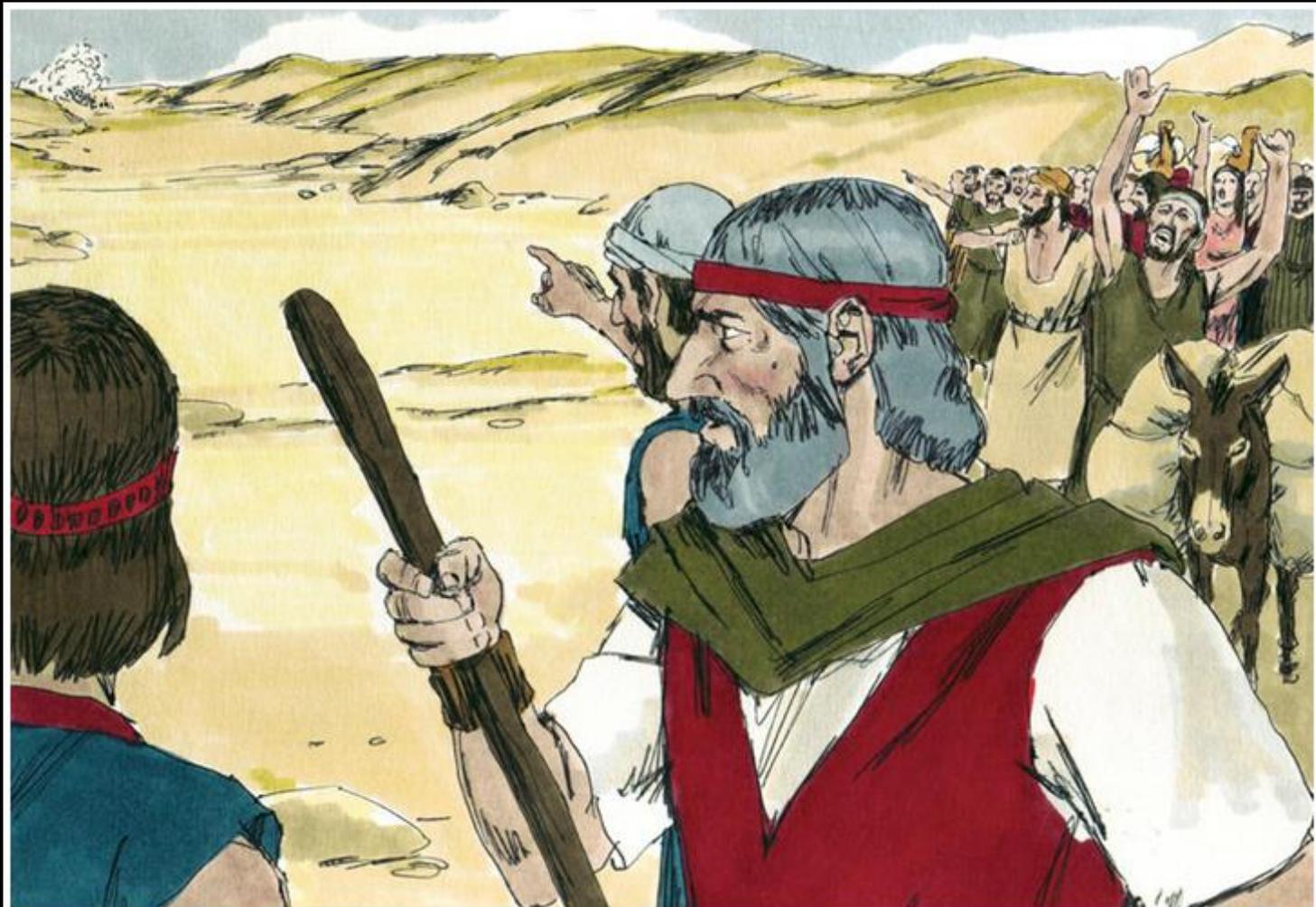
God told Israel to camp between the sea and the mountains, basically commanding them to be sitting ducks.



God wanted to show
Pharaoh and all of Egypt
His power and He wanted
to show Israel they could
trust Him.

God wanted to put Israel in
a position where they
would have to admit their
inability and depend on
Him fully.

The Israelites heard that the Egyptian army was coming after them and they were afraid, and they **blamed** Moses!

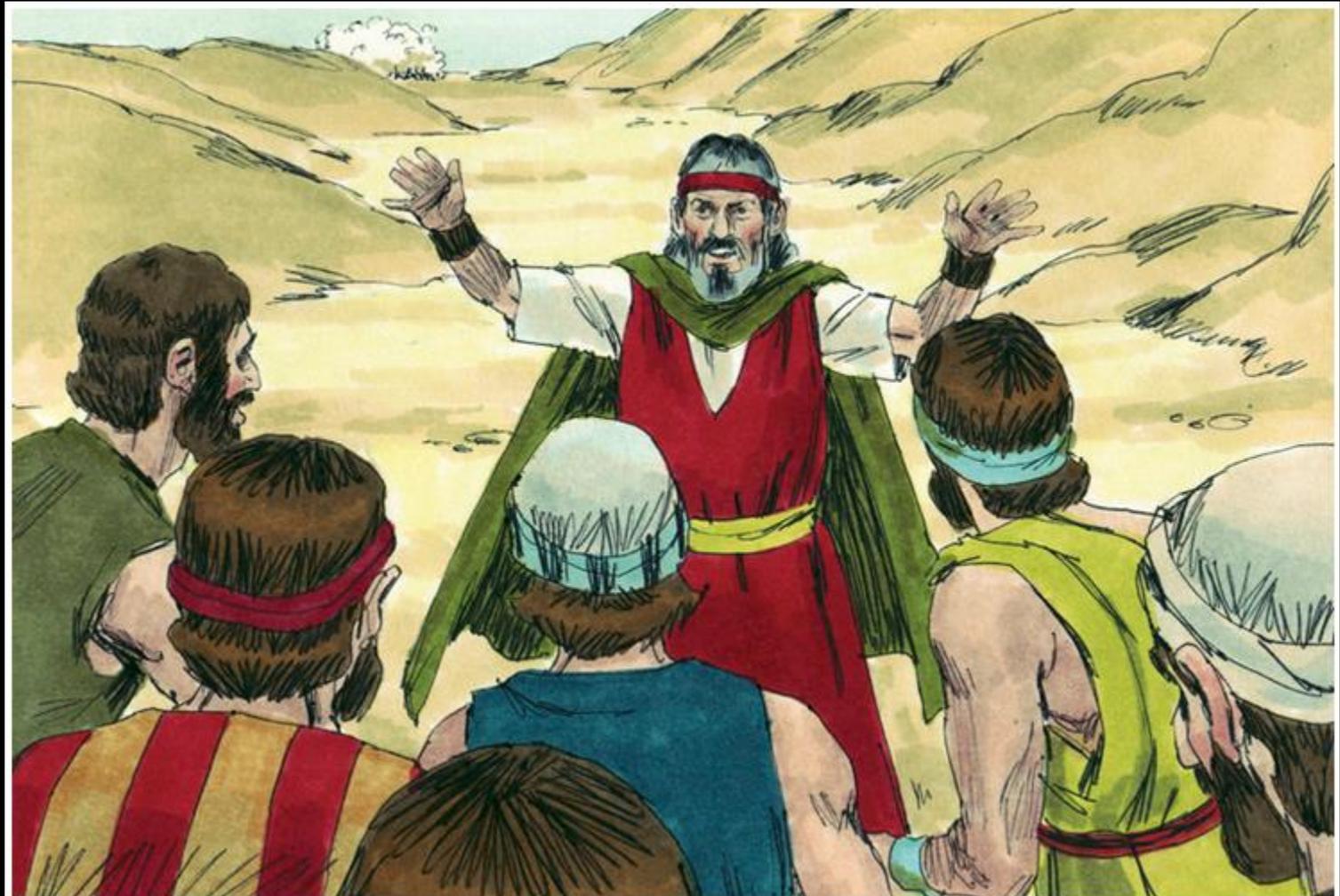


Israel's initial fear was not wrong, but their anger at Moses and their failure to turn to God was.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and they said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? **It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”**

Exodus 14:10-12

Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.” **Exodus 13:14**



**“The LORD will fight for
you; you need only to
be still.” Exodus 14:14**

Even though they had seen
all the great things God had
done in Egypt, they still **did**
not trust in the Lord.

Only God could save Israel. Just like in
Egypt! There was nothing Israel
could do to escape.

With the Red Sea and in front of
them, mountains all around them
the Egyptians behind them, only God
could save them!

Moses, however, did trust
God and told the Israelites
to believe God.

God told Moses: “Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.”

Exodus 14:16

God opened the Red Sea and led Israel through.



God created the seas, so he has complete control over them! It was easy for God to open the sea and allow Israel to cross over.

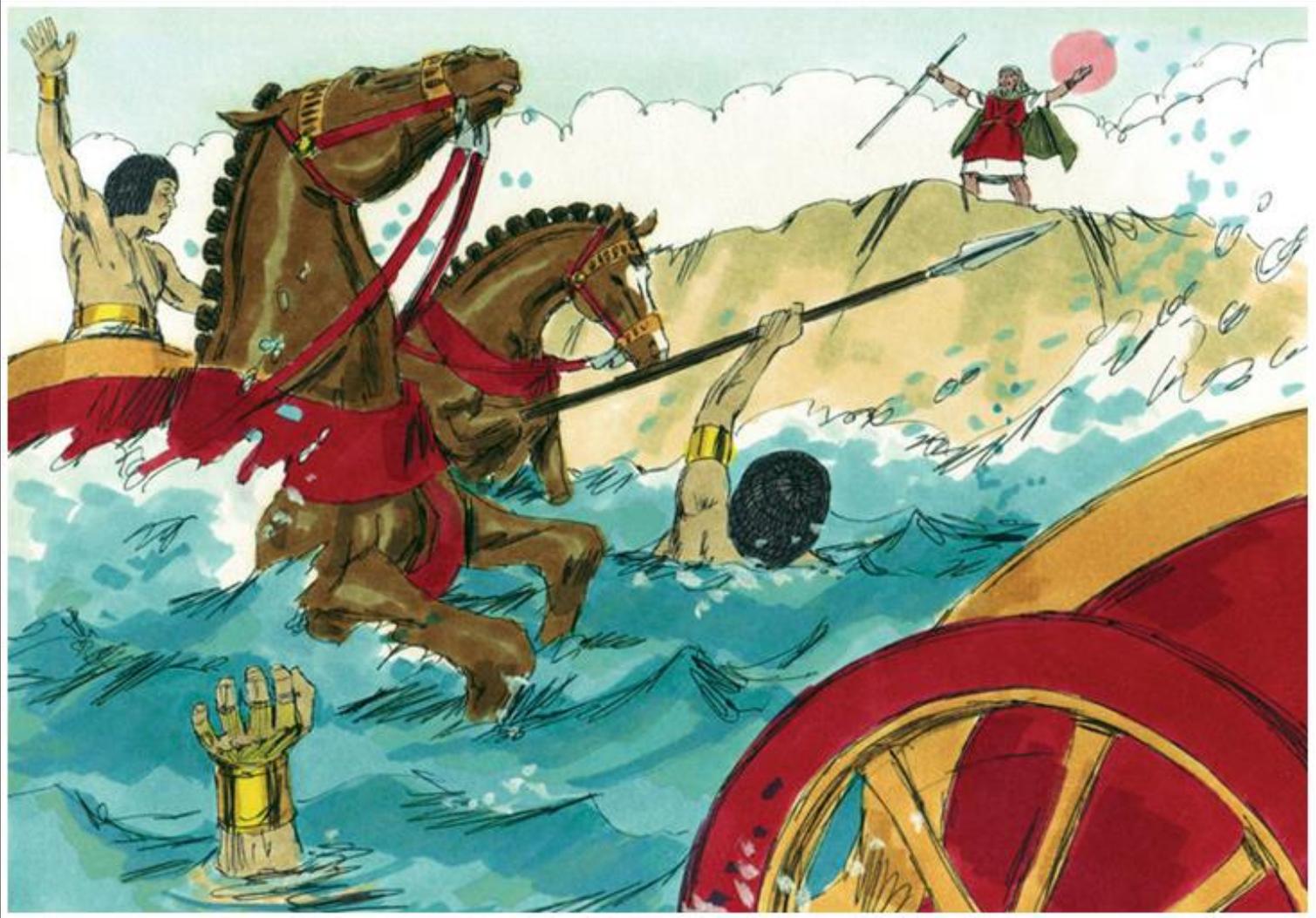


God told Moses: “I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.” **Exodus 14:17**

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. **Exodus 14:23**



LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."



The LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. **Exodus 14:28**



That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

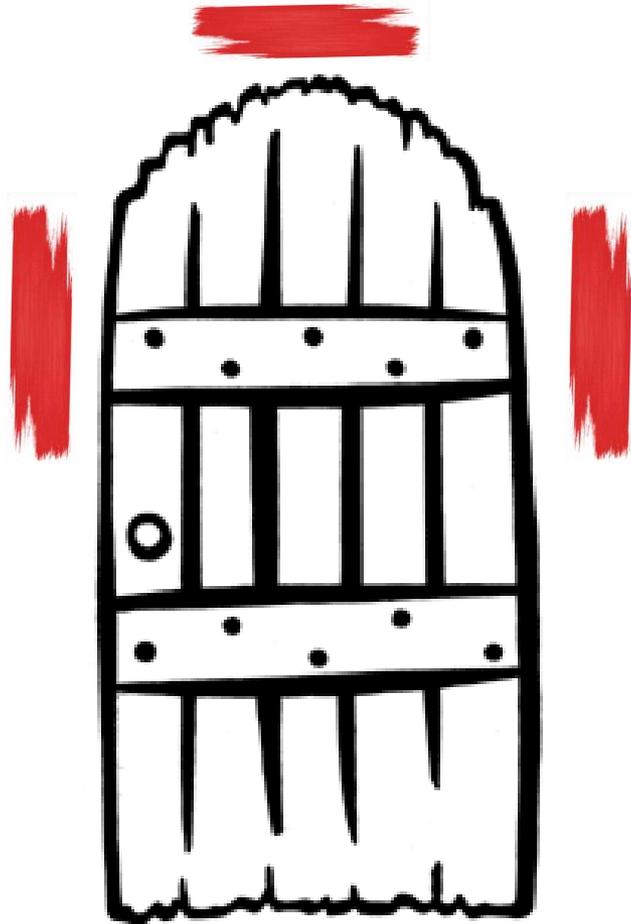
(Exodus 14:30-31)

God did not abandon His people, even though they doubted Him! He had **promised** to safely lead them out of Egypt and into the land He had promised Abraham.

**What does all of this
mean for us today?**



The Passover was a clear
picture of salvation



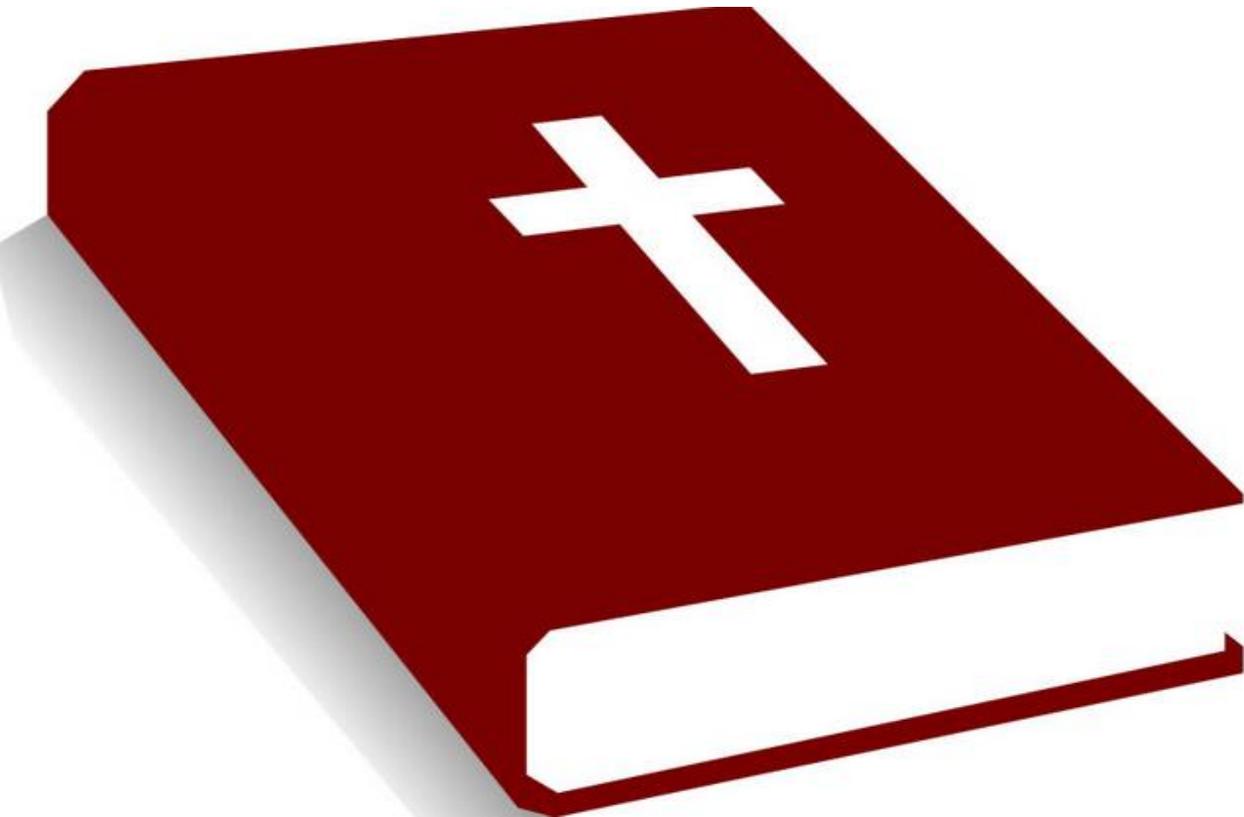
We too can be saved if we
'apply the blood' of The Lamb.



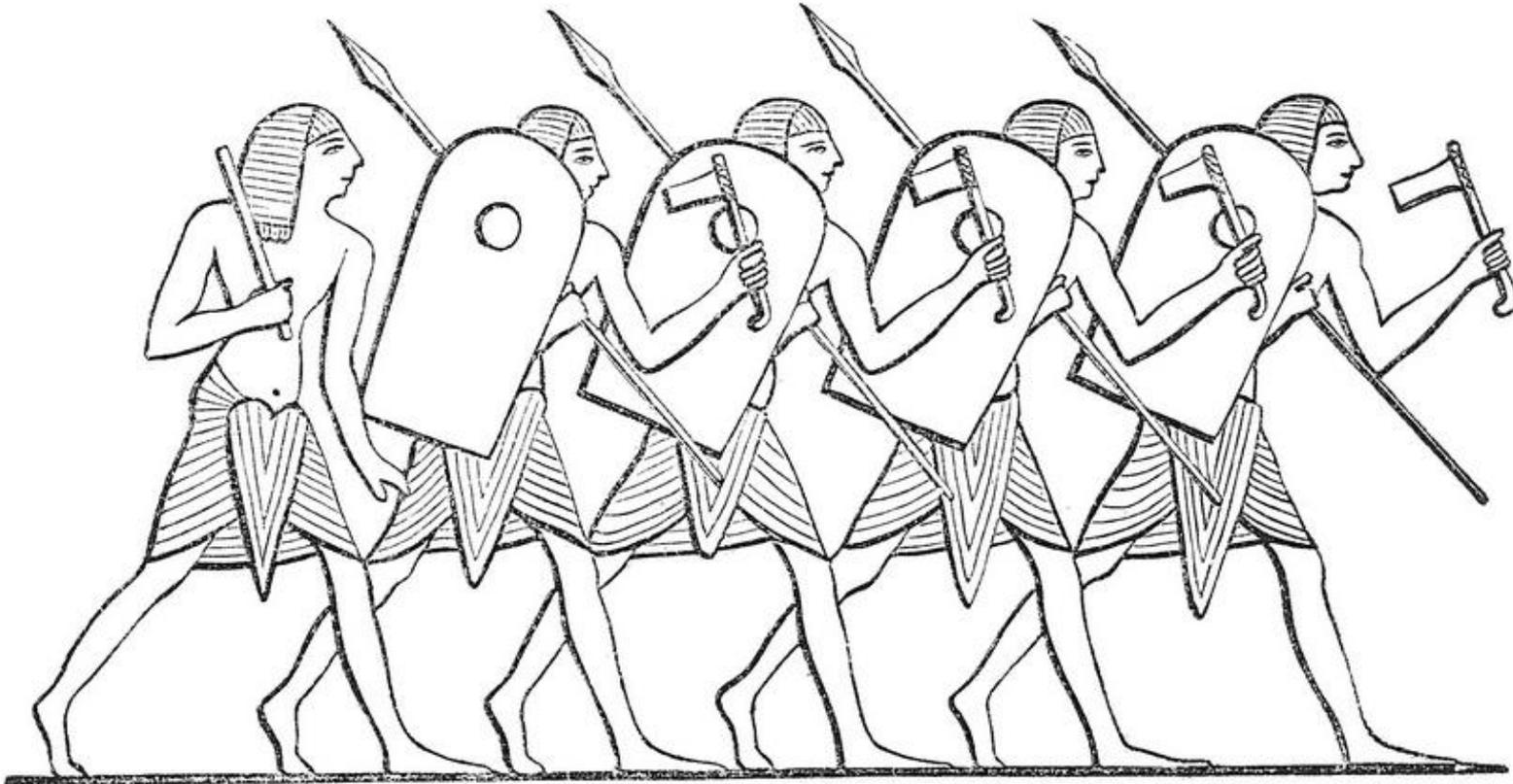
The cloud and pillar of fire guiding the Israelites are a picture of the **Holy Spirit**, who directs us and shows us how to live!



God speaking to Moses and telling him what to do is a picture of the **Bible** which is God's spoken word to us. It tells what to do.



The Egyptians being destroyed in the sea is a picture of our **old master**, Satan, being destroyed and no longer having any power over us!



The barren wilderness is a picture of this world that is unable to help us or meet our deepest needs.



Passing through the Red Sea
is a picture of water **baptism**,
which we are instructed to do
as believers after we are
saved.



All of this is to show us that we can not depend on ourselves for our rescue, or our walk. Instead we must follow God step by step and trust what he says.

Next week we will see what happens at Sinai.

