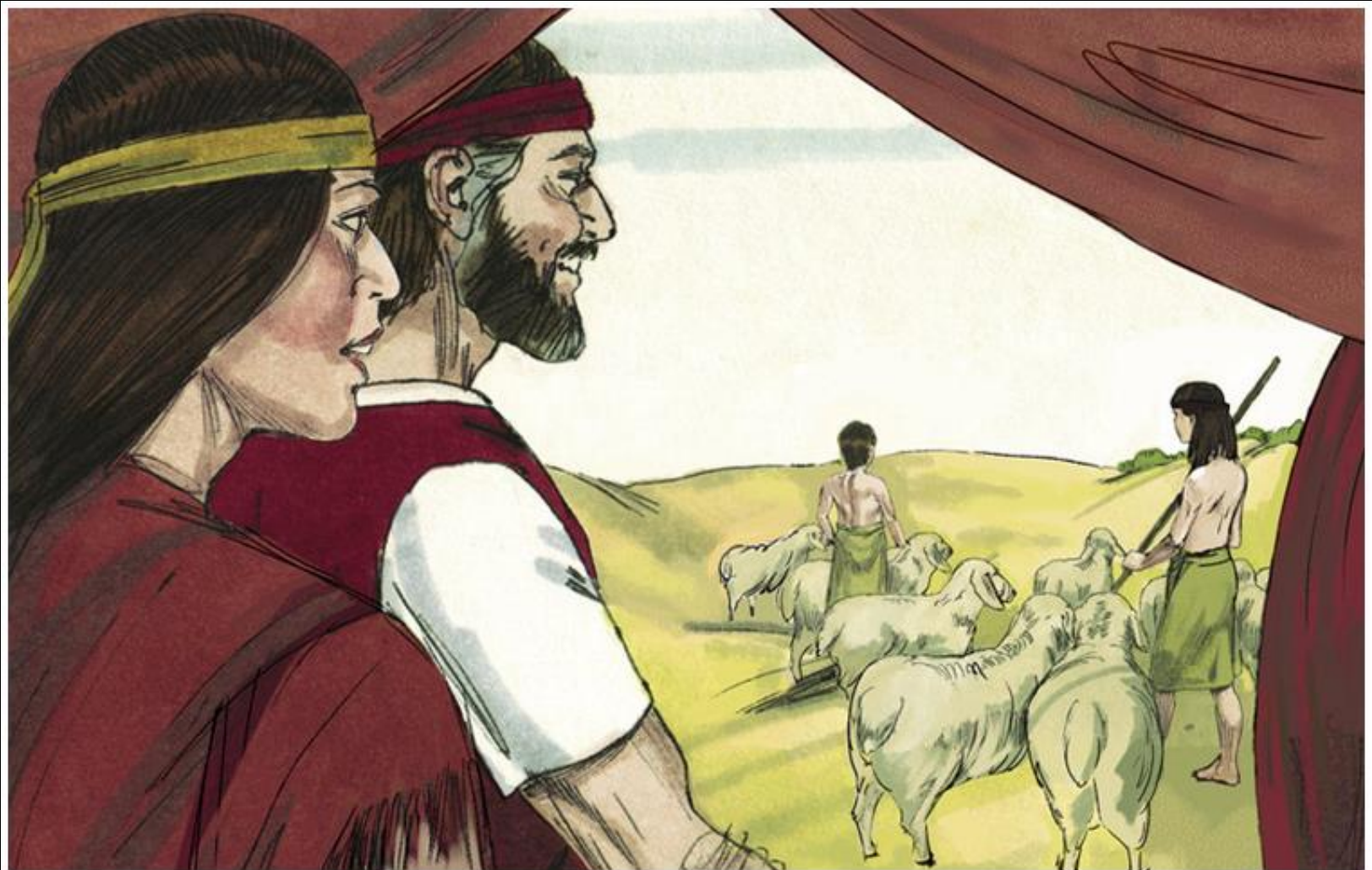


God Sends Moses into Egypt

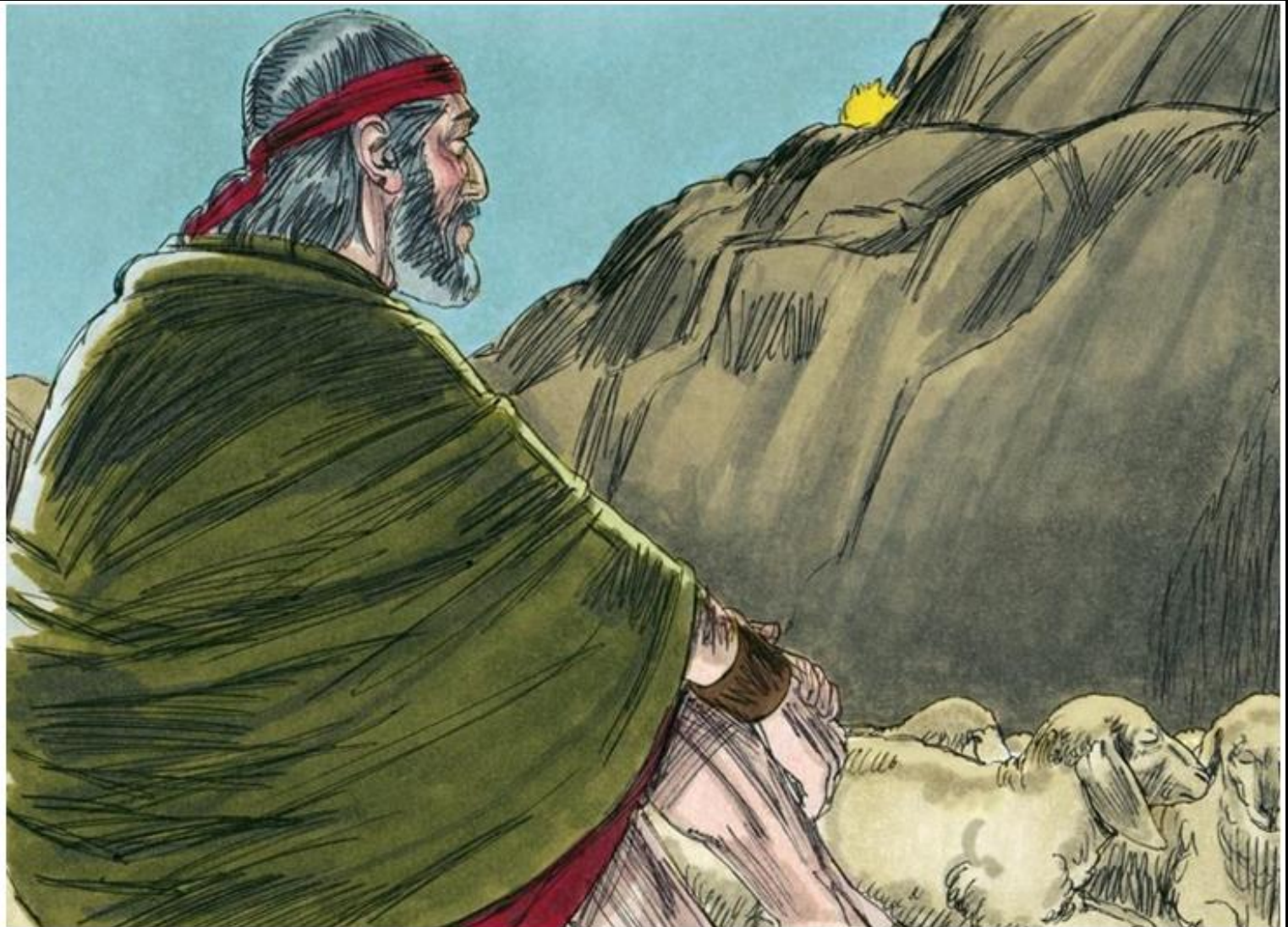


After Moses killed the Egyptian & fled to Midian...he married a woman & became a shepherd, working for his father-in-law (40yrs).



God Introduced Himself to Moses at Horeb

One day when Moses was watching his sheep God spoke to Moses in the form of a blazing fire on a near by mountain.



God introduces himself to Moses as...“I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” (Ex 3:6)



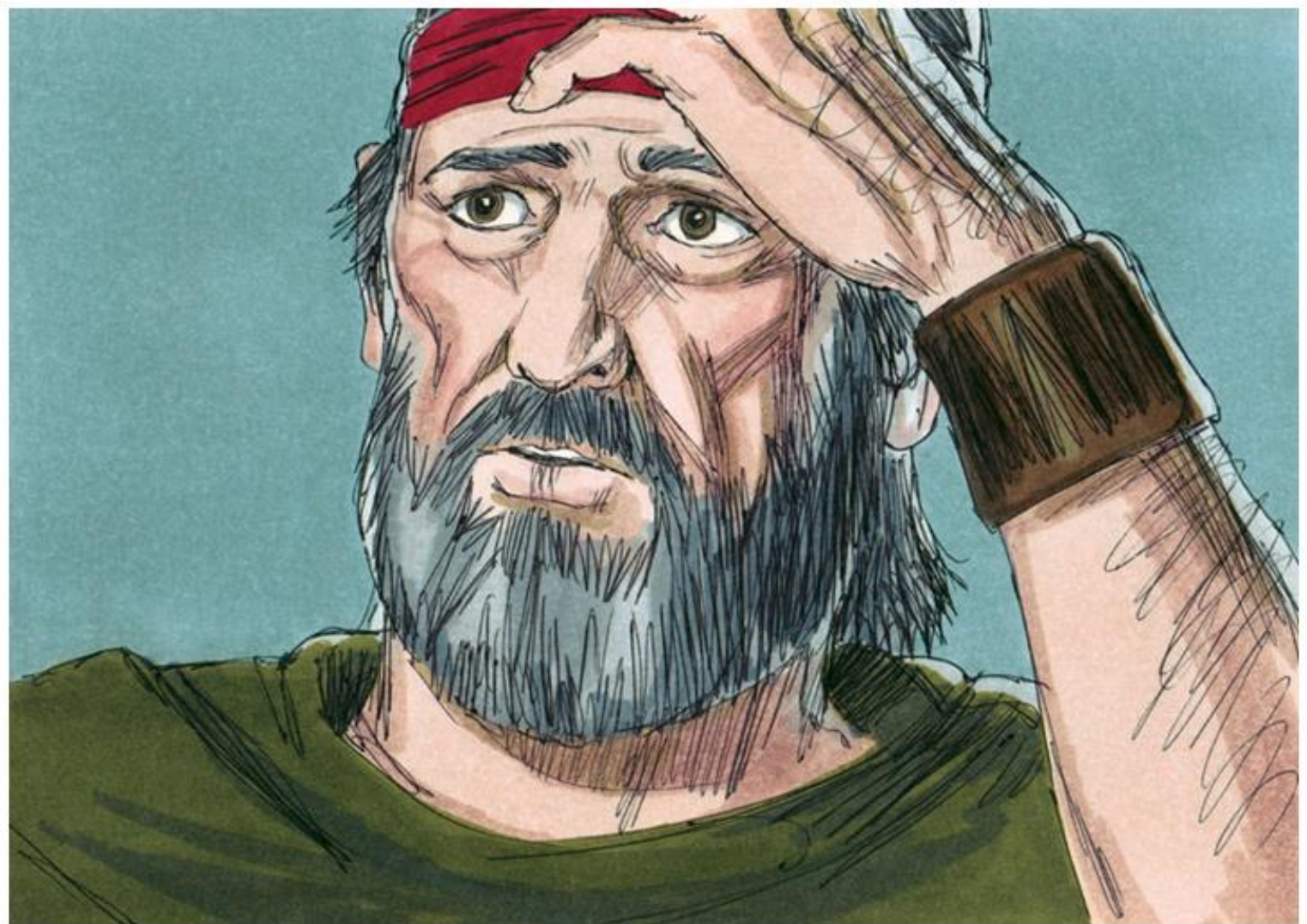
God tells Moses: “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.” **Exodus 3:7**



**God tells Moses: “So I have
come down to rescue them from
the power of the Egyptians and
to lead them out of Egypt into
their own fertile and spacious
land...the land where the
Canaanites now live.”**

Exodus 3:8

Moses resisted God several times; he told God that he was a bad speaker, he argued that the people would not believe that he had spoken to God.



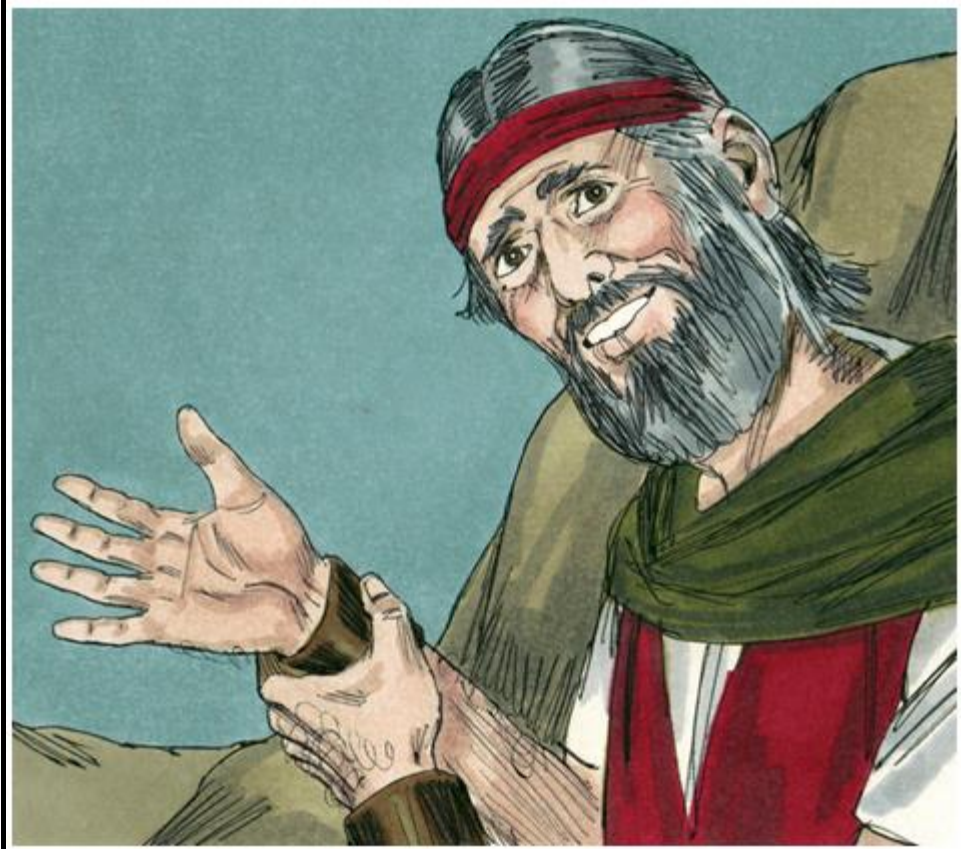
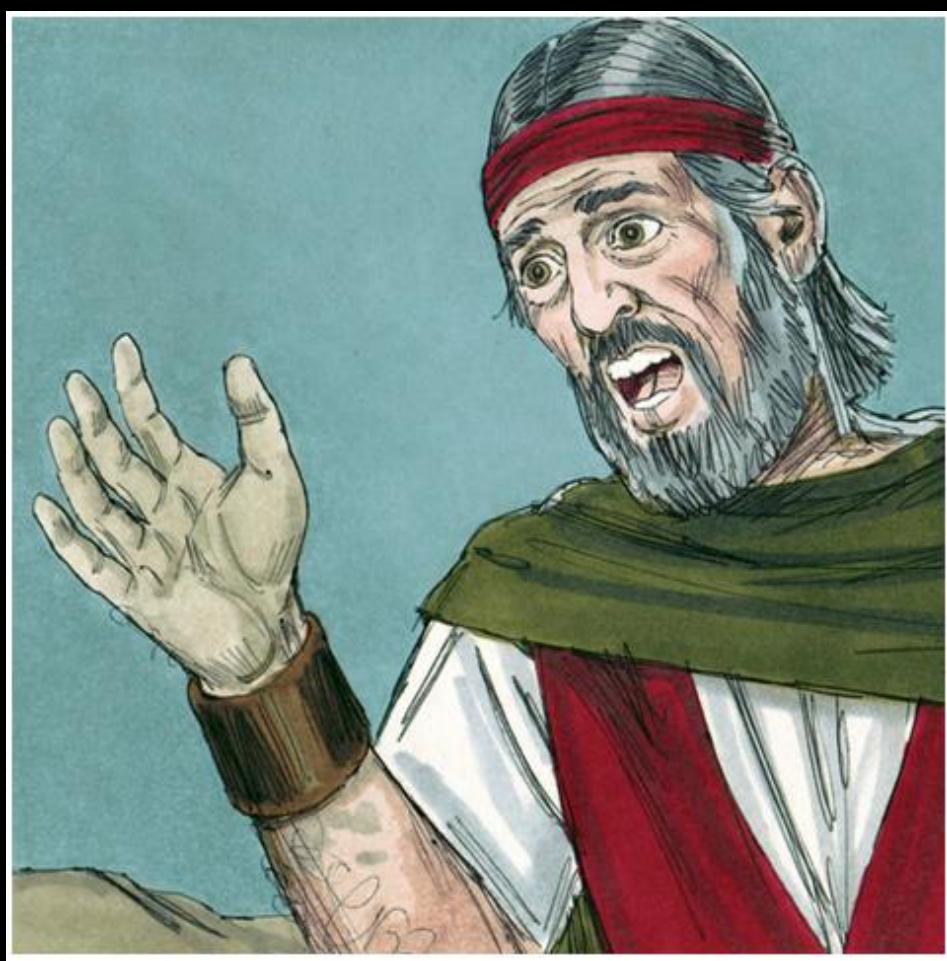
But, God told him that HE would speak through him in a powerful way, and that he can use anyone! **(Exodus 4:11-12)**



God show's Moses miraculous signs.



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Moses resisted so much, that
it actually made God very
angry!!

*Then the LORD became angry
with Moses. Ex 4:14*

God Tells Moses What Will Happen...

I will harden his heart so he will refuse to let the people go. Then you will tell him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son. I commanded you, “Let my son go, so he can worship me.” But since you have refused, I will now kill your firstborn son!’” (Ex 4:21-23)

God Tells Moses What Will Happen...

“...the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand forces him. So I will raise my hand and strike the Egyptians, performing all kinds of miracles among them. Then at last he will let you go.” (Ex 3:19-20)

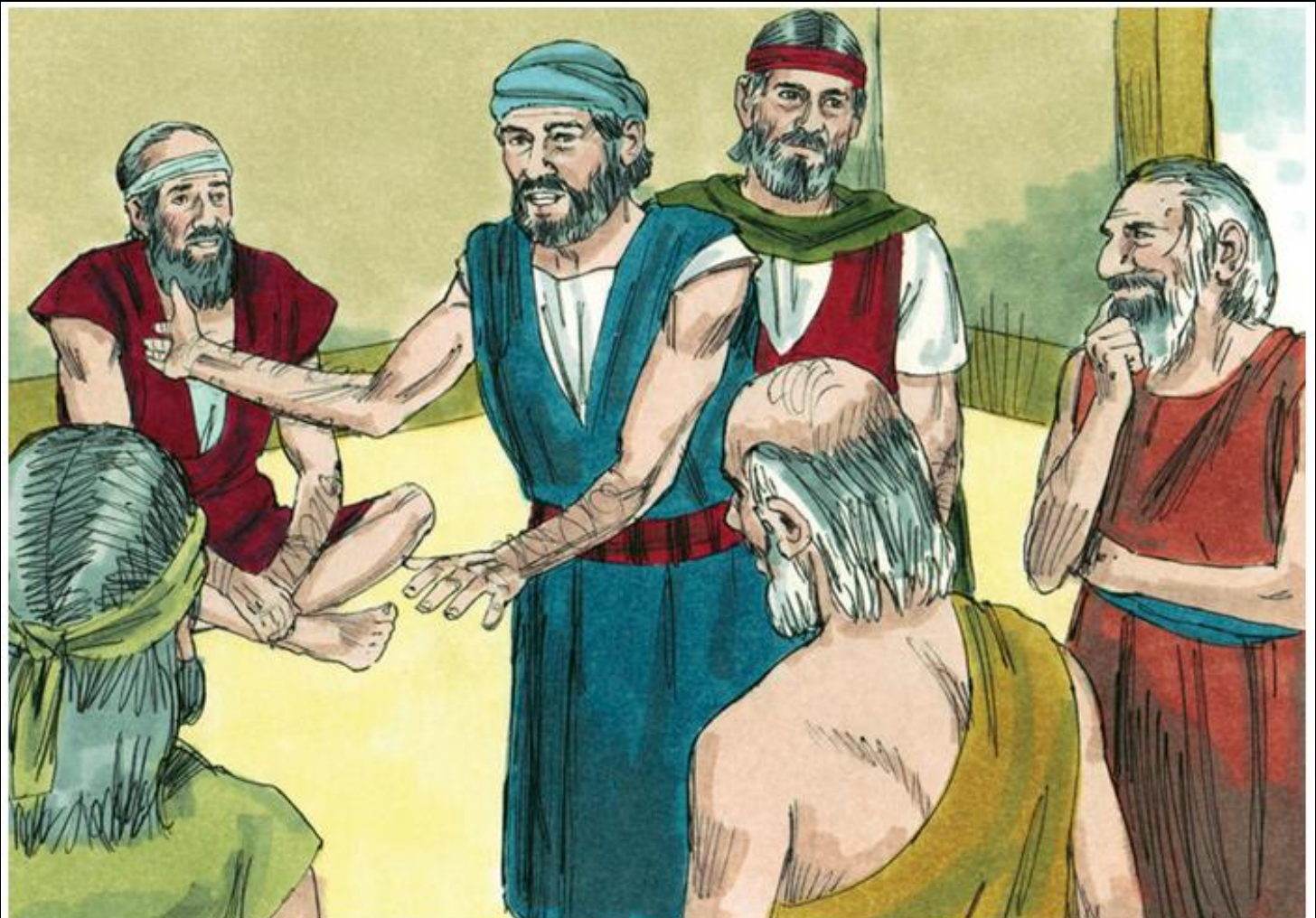
God Tells Moses What Will Happen...

And I will cause the Egyptians to look favorably on you. They will give you gifts when you go so you will not leave empty-handed. Every Israelite woman will ask for articles of silver and gold and fine clothing from her Egyptian neighbors and from the foreign women in their houses. You will dress your sons and daughters with these, stripping the Egyptians of their wealth. **(Ex 3:21-22)**

God Tells Moses What Will Happen...

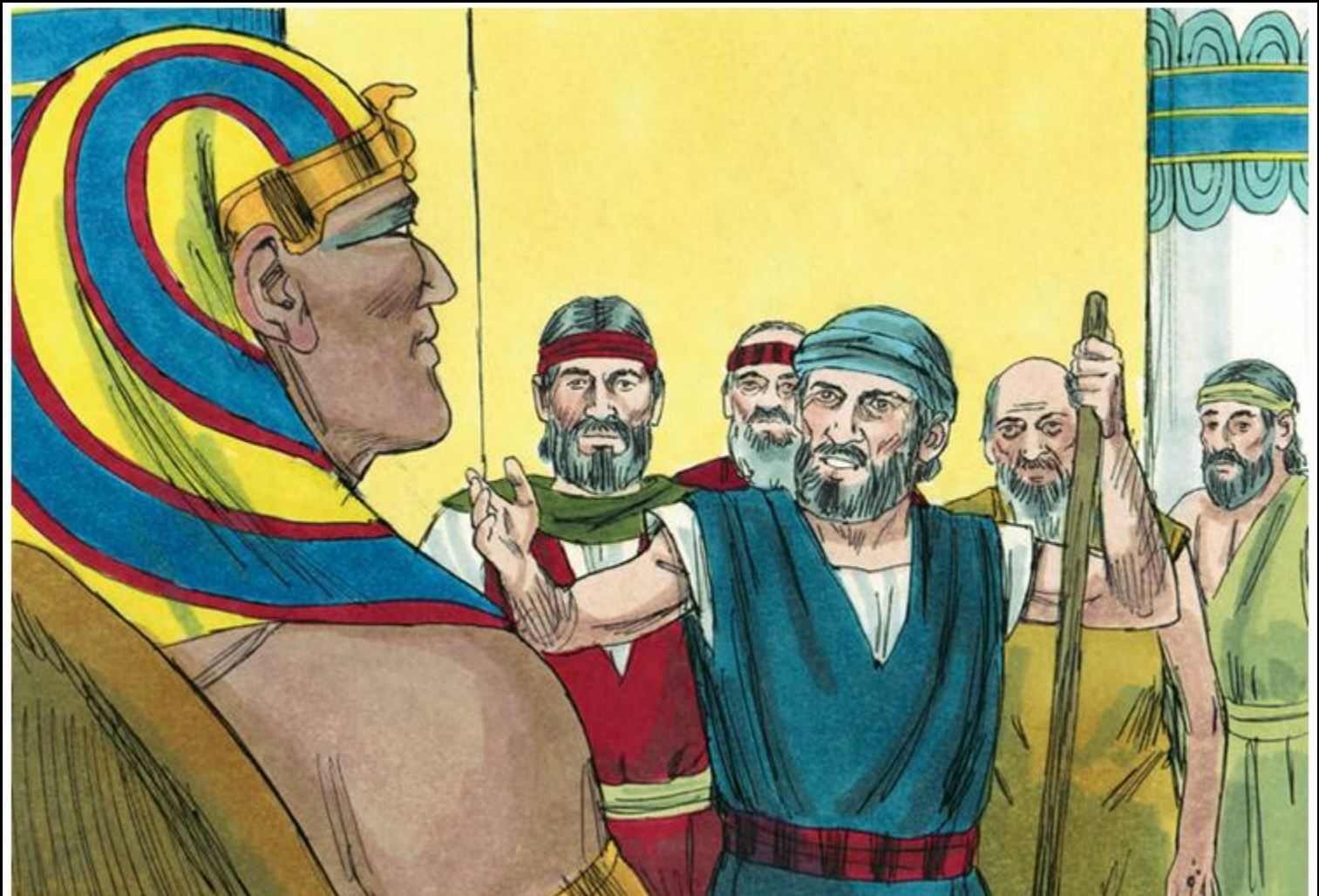
“When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.” (Ex 3:12)

“Then Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt and called all the elders of Israel together. Aaron told them everything the LORD had told Moses, and Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched.”



“Then the people of Israel **were convinced** that the LORD had sent Moses and Aaron. When they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.” (Ex 4:29-31)

“...Moses and Aaron went and spoke to Pharaoh. They told him, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go so they may hold a festival in my honor in the wilderness’”. **Ex 5:1**



“Is that so?” said Pharaoh. “And who is the LORD?
Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I don’t
know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.” **Ex 5:2**



Aaron and Moses persisted. “The God of the Hebrews has met with us,” they declared. “So let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness so we can offer sacrifices to the LORD our God...”

Exodus 5:3

Pharaoh replied, “Moses and Aaron,
why are you distracting the people
from their tasks? Get back to work!

Exodus 5:4

Pharaoh did not know the only true living God and Creator of the whole world. The Egyptians did not worship God, they worshiped the things that God has made!



They worshiped the Nile River. They also worshiped the Sun, Moon and Stars and different kinds of animals. They also worshiped Pharaoh, their king, as a god.

Because of Pharaoh's failure to
obey **God's command**
("Let my people go")
and respond to **God's warning**
of destruction (plagues)...

God is going to
unleash his holy,
righteous and justified
judgment on Egypt.

This generation of Israelites had not seen any evidences of the Lord's greatness and power. They may have heard some stories about what he had done for Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

But now, God was going to use
this Pharaoh and his rebellion
to display his power and
glory...**So that:**

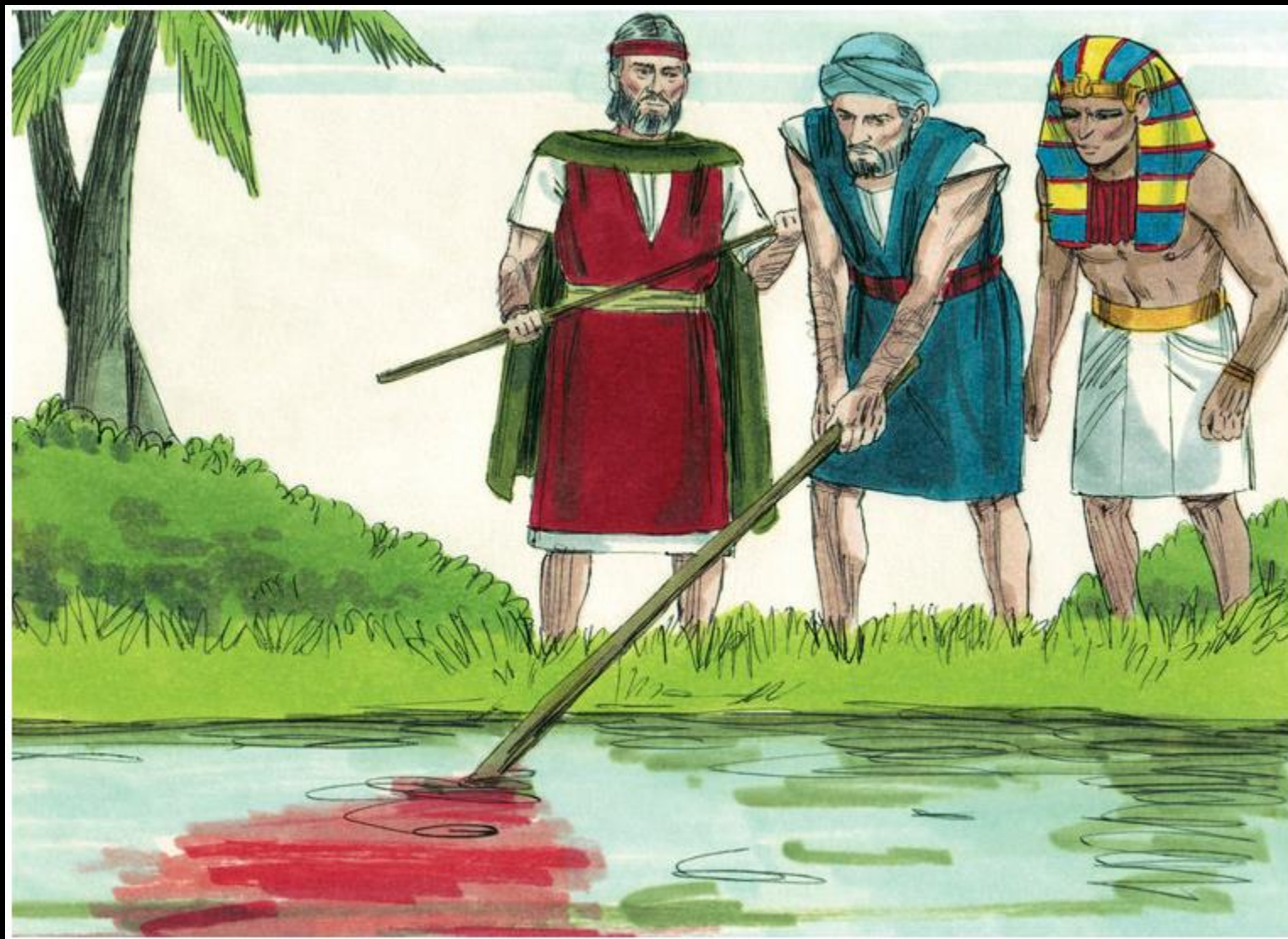
So that...

Israel would know and believe that
God has chosen them as his people
and that he is faithful to his
promises to Abraham.

So that...

Egypt and the whole world would know that only God is God, and not idols or images. *Through Pharaoh's rebellion, the Lord planned to show the Egyptians that he alone is the true and living God!*

God Sent Nine Plagues on Egypt!



The Pattern

- First, there was God's instruction to Moses and Aaron.
- Second, in most instances, God, through Moses made a demand.
- Third, in most instances, God, through Moses gave a warning.

The Pattern

- Fourth, each plague was at the expense of a **revered god(s)** of Egypt.
- Fifth, in most instances, there was a gesture given. (*hands/staff raised*)
- Sixth, the extent and reach of the plague was described.

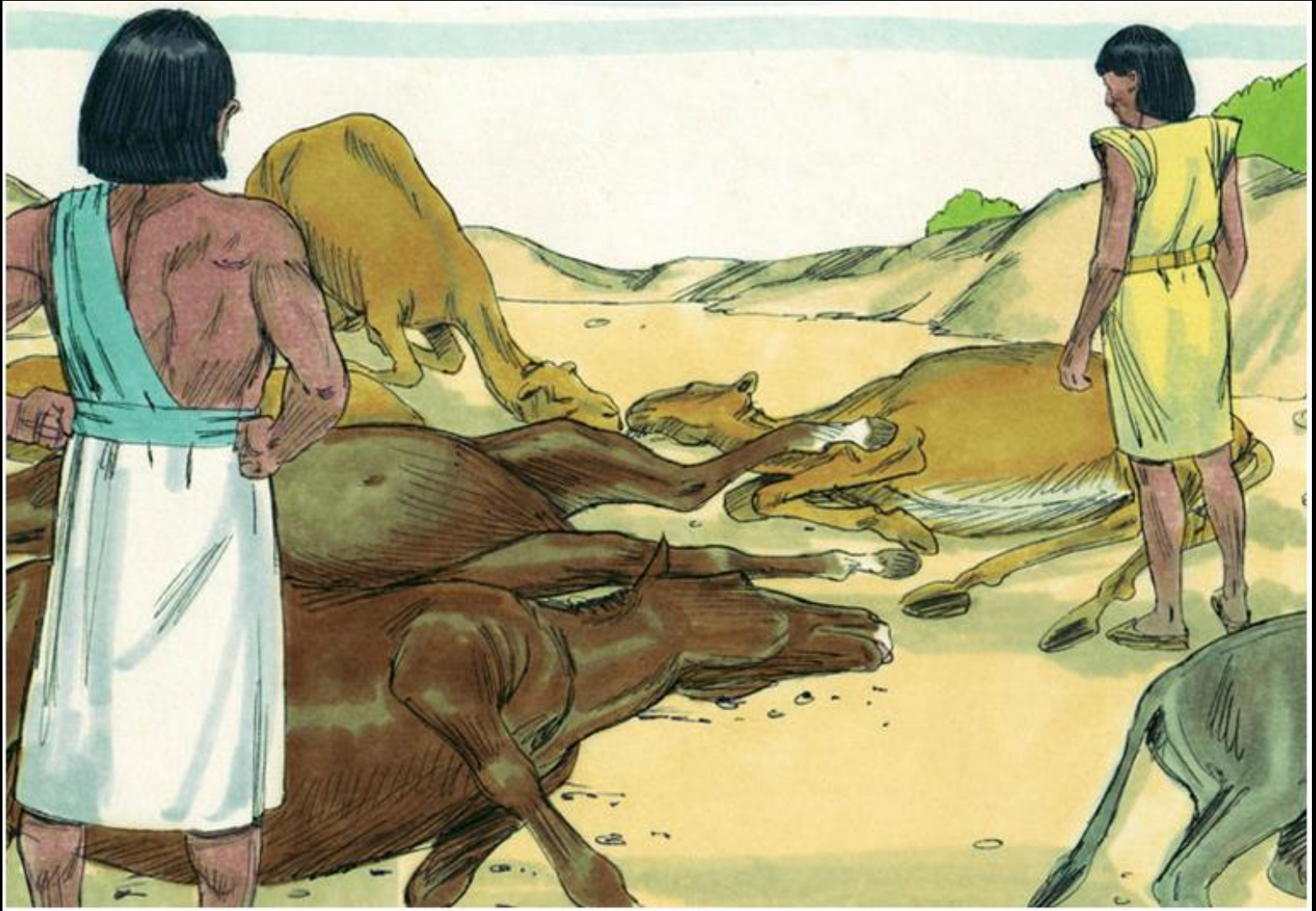
The Pattern

- Seventh, many times Pharaoh called back Moses appearing to concede.
- Eighth, each time Pharaoh would eventually change his mind.

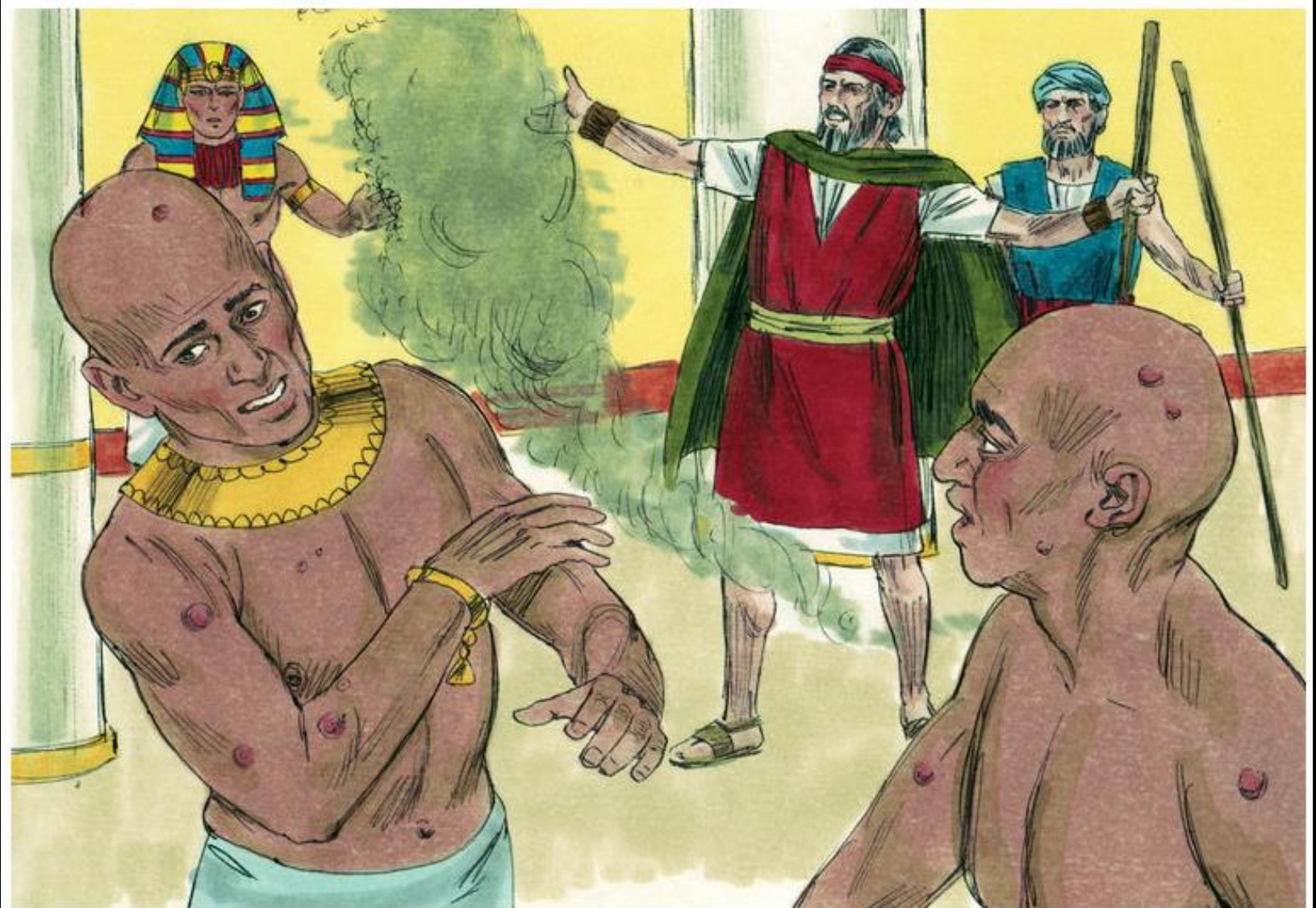
First the **Nile River turned to blood** for 7 days. Then **millions of frogs** covered the country.



Then **gnats** (lice) attacked, followed by **flies**. Then all of the **livestock** and animals in the country became sick and began dying.



Then all the people of Egypt were struck with **boils**, a very painful and ugly skin disease.



Then the Lord struck the entire country with large **hail**, which crushed and killed any animals or people left in the open.



Some of Pharaoh's officials were afraid because of what the LORD had said. They quickly brought their servants and livestock in from the fields. But those who paid no attention to the word of the LORD left theirs out in the open.

(Exodus 9:20-21)

Locust then came and ate up any remaining plants and vegetation.



Then the entire country was struck with **darkness** for three days.



Many times Moses and Aaron
would return to Pharaoh to
see if he had changed his
mind...but each time he
refused to let the people go.

*After the first three plagues the Lord
makes a distinction between the
Hebrews and Egyptians.*

*But this time I will spare the region of Goshen, where my
people live. No flies (4) will be found there. Then you will
know that I am the LORD and that I am present even in
the heart of your land. I will make a clear distinction
between my people and your people. (Exodus 8:22-23)*

*During several plagues it was noted that it would/did not affect Israel **Flies (4), Livestock (5), Hail (7), and Darkness (9)**. In the other 6 it is not mentioned directly that Israel suffered, but inferred in plagues 1-3.*

In 4-9 it is either directly stated or inferred (land/people of Egypt) that the Israelites were exempt from the plague at hand. During the 10th plague 'Israel controlled their fate' as to whether this would affect them or not.

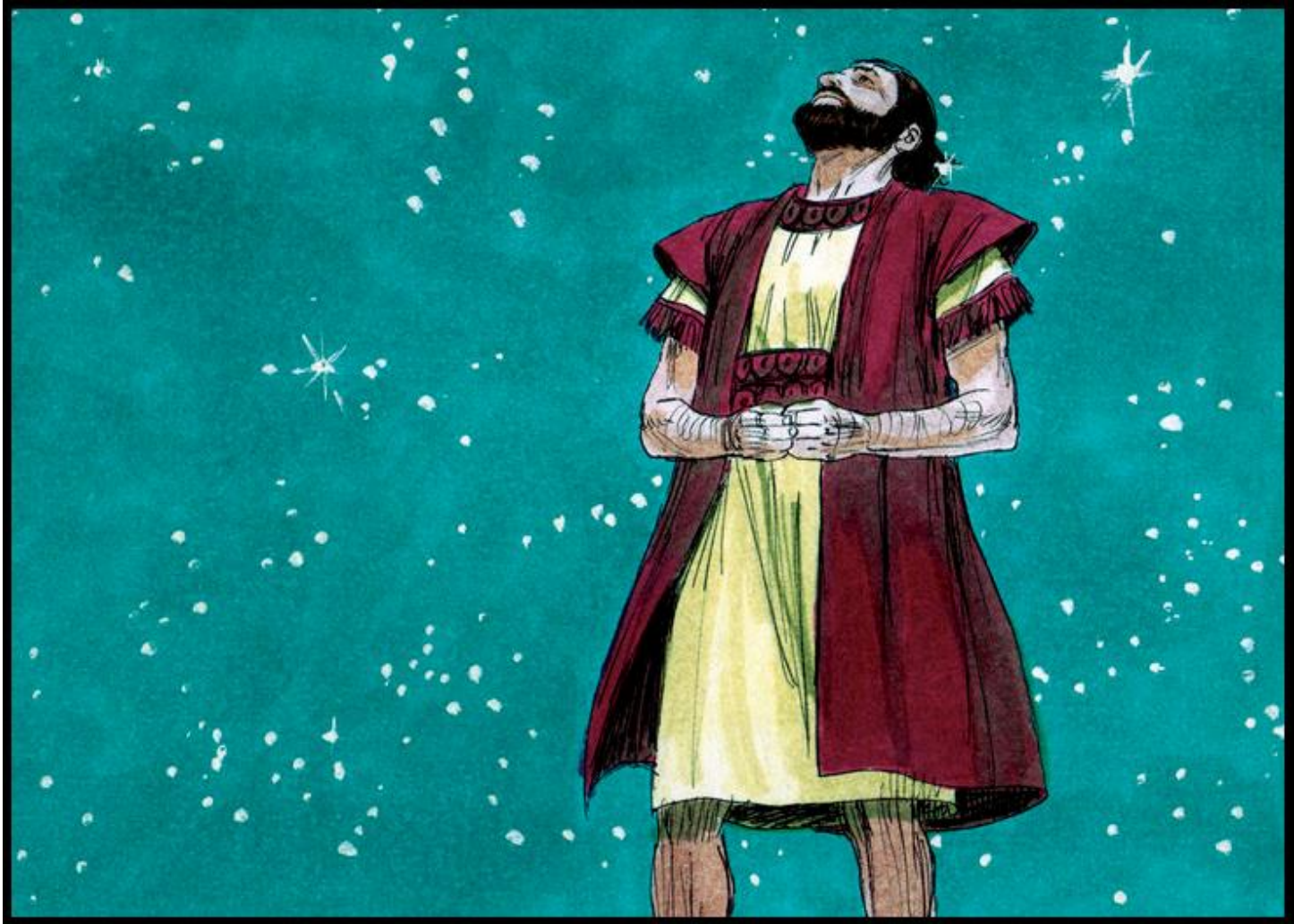
I interpret these three phases as:

- 1-3** Israel is equal in standing with Egypt (*sinful, deserving punishment*) God was proving himself to both Israel and Egypt.
- 4-9** Yet God wants to have a distinct people (*holy, consecrated*) and only God's mercy and grace can provide such a thing.
- 10** Only by believing what God has said and through a blood sacrifice can a distinct people be made (*Passover lamb*).

The Lord
did not protect
Israel because
they were sinless
or deserved his
care.

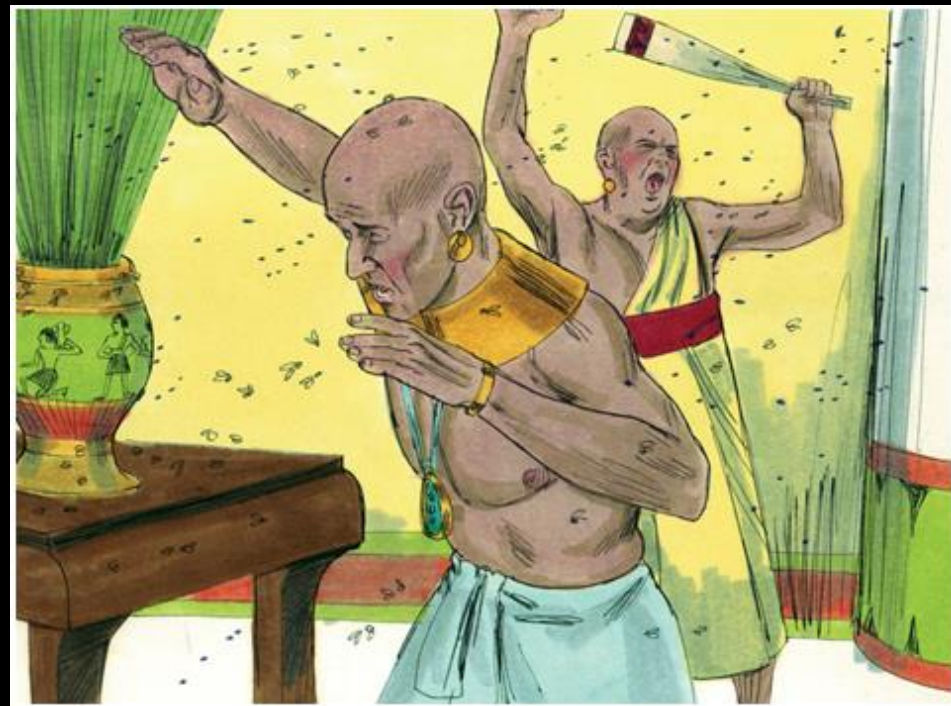


He protected them because of his love,
mercy and grace and because of his
promises long ago to Abraham!

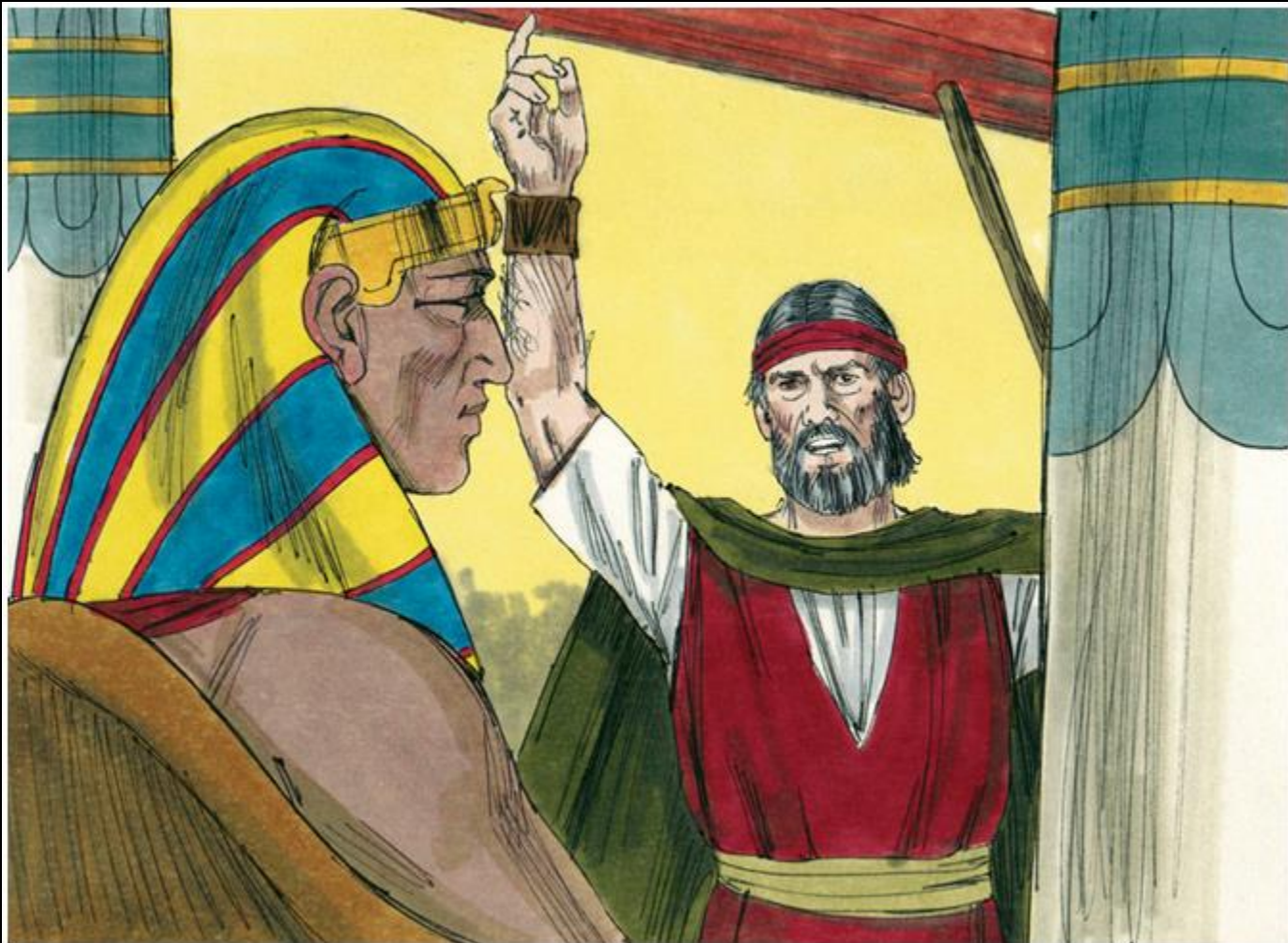


And in the 10th plague,
because of their
willingness to believe
what God has said
concerning the plague
and the Passover.

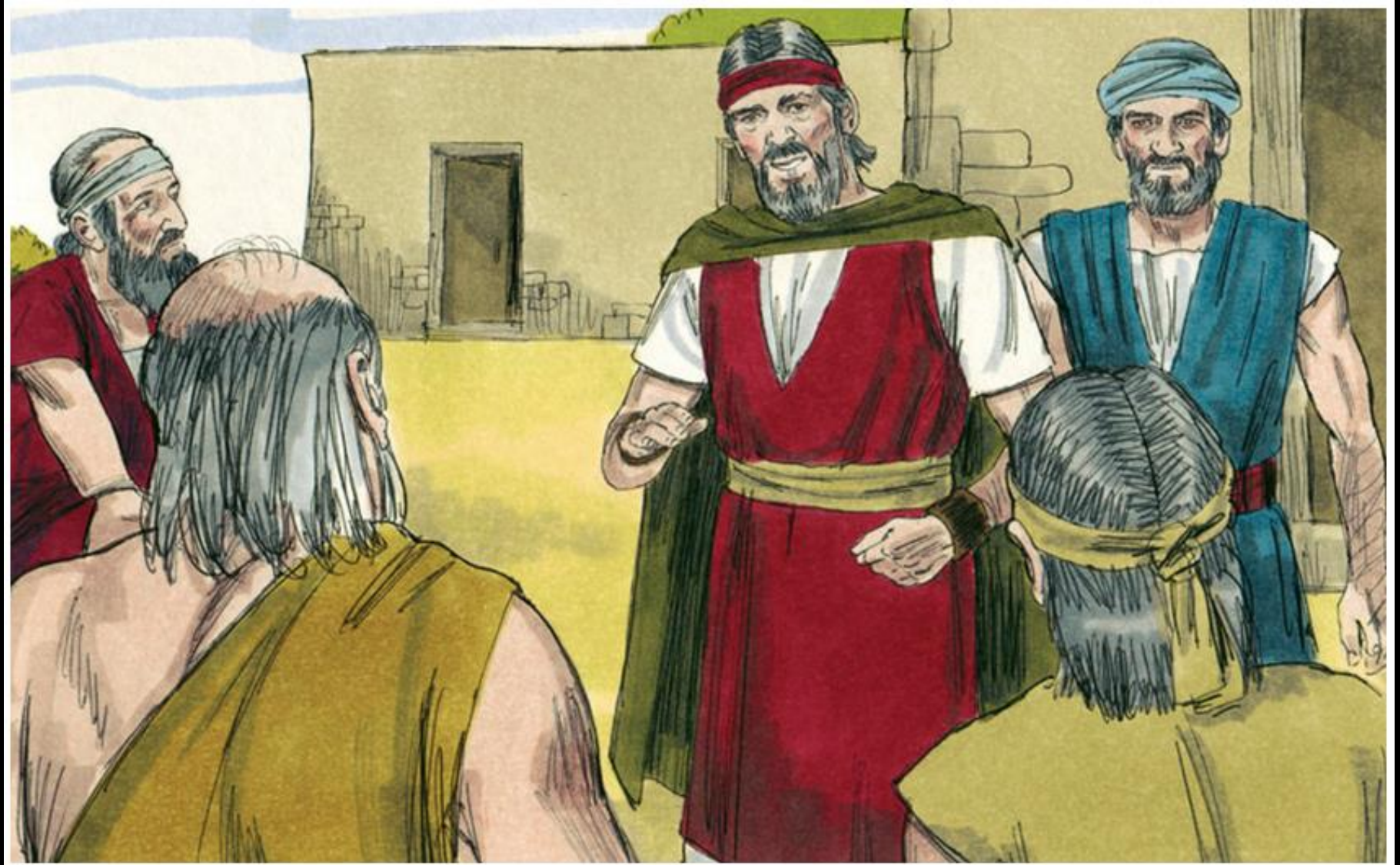
Pharaoh and the Egyptians however could not save themselves nor escape these terrible plagues sent by God. Neither could their false God's save them! The entire country was devastated and ravaged.



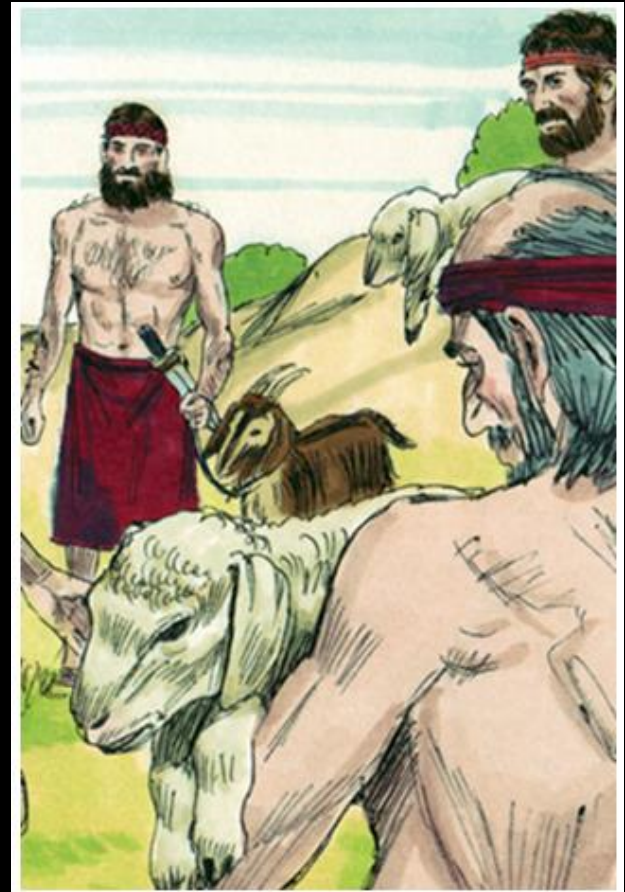
Moses told Pharaoh that at midnight God himself would pass through Egypt and ALL the first born sons would die in every family in Egypt from Pharaoh's house to the poorest house...



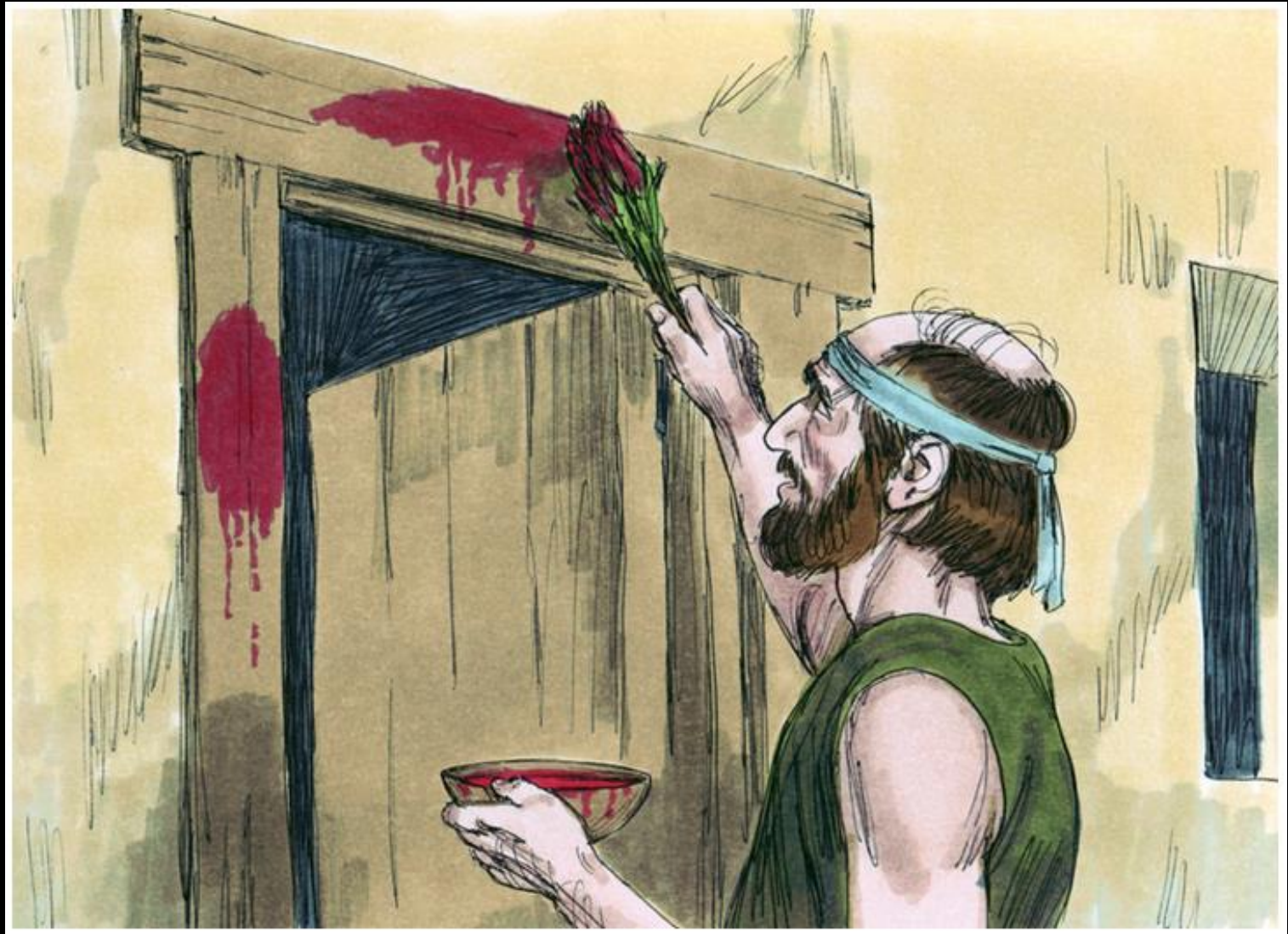
God instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel how to escape this plague of death!



The Israelites were to choose one lamb or goat per family, a one year old male with no defects and take care of the animal for fourteen days...



...then they were to kill the animal at twilight and to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorposts of their house.



*"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. **The blood will be a sign** for you on the houses where you are; and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt." **(Exodus 12:12-13)***

EVERY firstborn boy in Egypt died, EVERY household had someone who died! But all of the Israelites did as the Lord had commanded and NONE of the Israelites lost anyone.





Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron during the night. “Get out!” he ordered. “Leave my people—and take the rest of the Israelites with you! ...The LORD caused the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites, and they gave the Israelites whatever they asked for. So they stripped the Egyptians of their wealth! (Exodus 12:31, 36)

**What is God trying to teach
US through this account?**



We are captives and
slaves to sin and Satan!



We are unable to free ourselves.



God is faithful to his
promises!



God's word is true and he
will do everything he has
said!



God has sent in a male deliverer



God has provided a spotless,
blameless, without defect
substitute



His blood was shed on the top
and sides of the posts...



God's instructions are clear, his
warnings are regular.

W A R N I N G

If we believe and obey God,
concerning the substitute and
blood covering...we will be saved.



If we refuse to believe and obey God,
concerning the substitute and blood
covering...we will be cut off forever



No power or dominion in all the earth
can stand against God and win.



God will humble the proud
and resistant.



God will send
his judgments
against the
earth again
one day.



Everyone who is not under
the blood...will experience
total loss.

