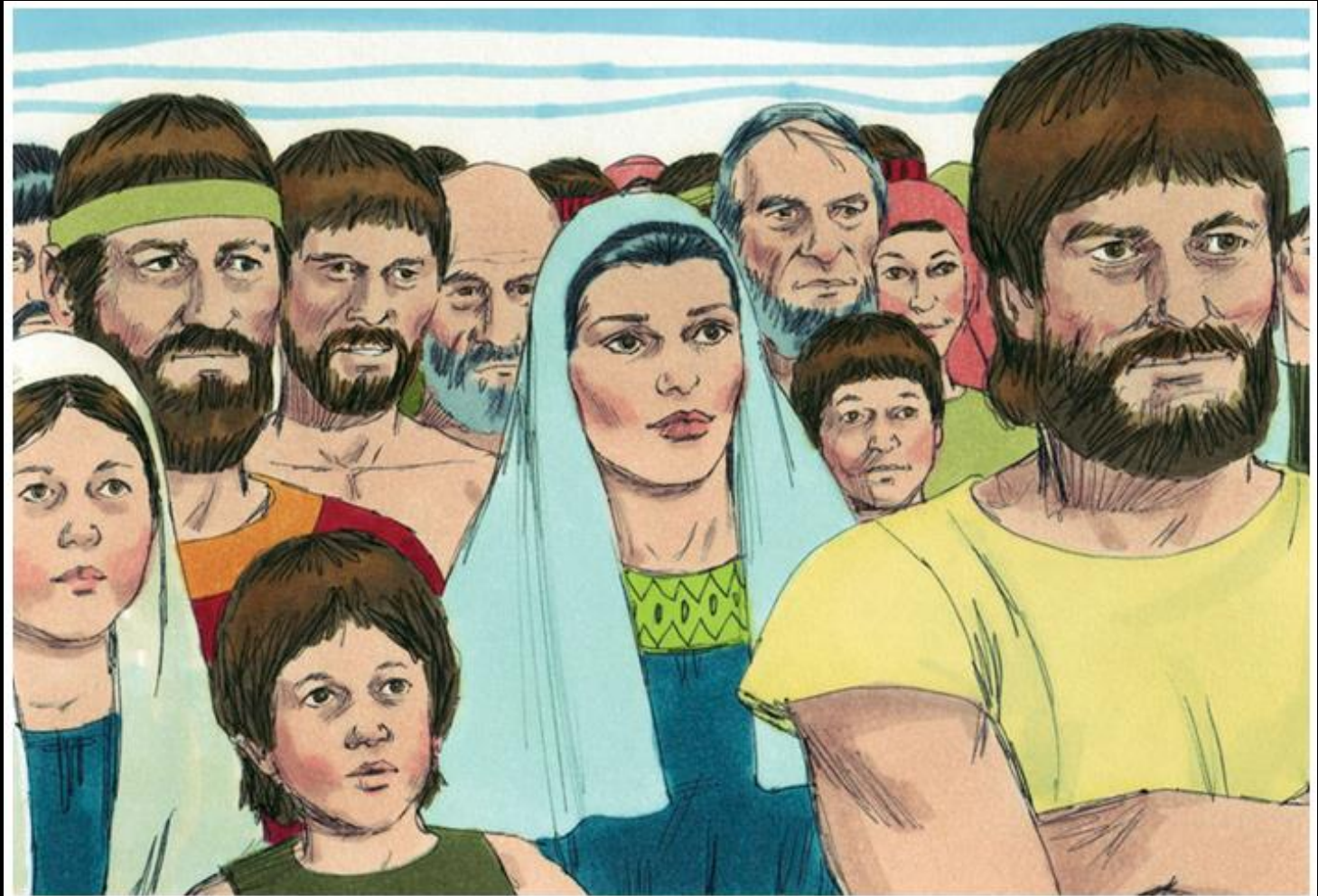


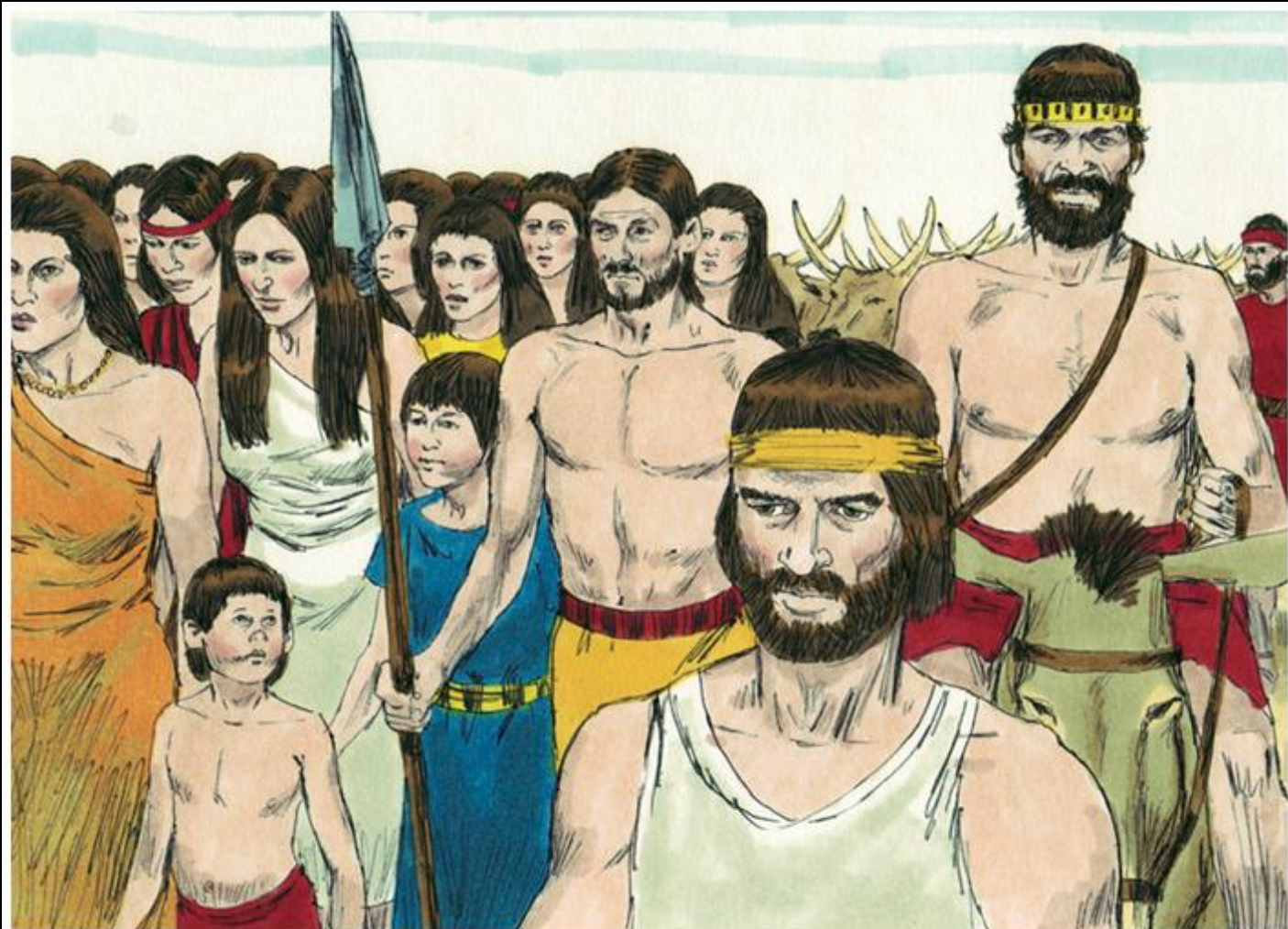
Israel in Egypt



Joseph, Jacob, and all of their generation had died in Egypt. But their descendants continued to live in Egypt and did not return to the land that God had promised to give Abraham! (Canaan).



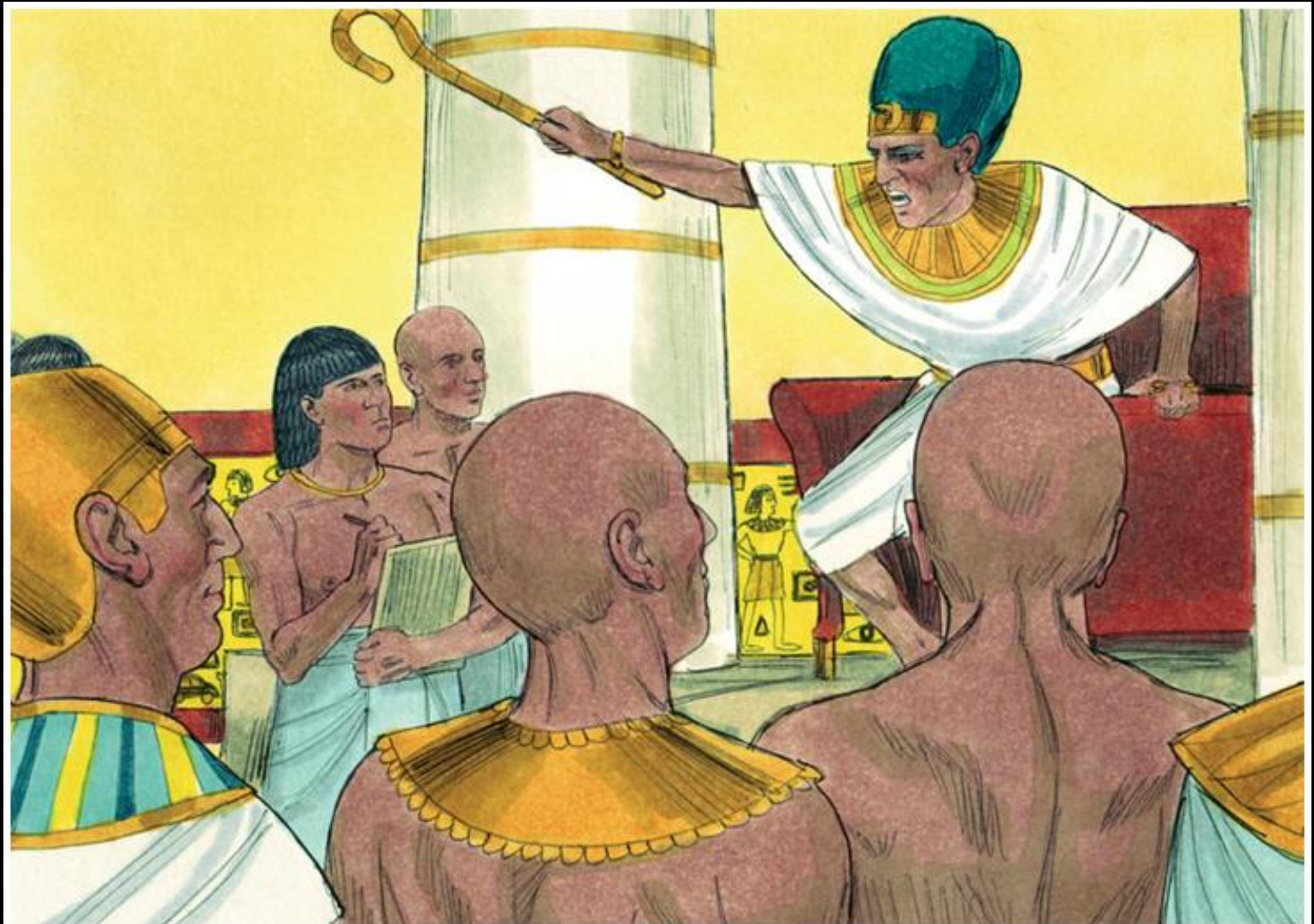
Israel began to increase in population rapidly (just as God has promised) and they were becoming very **powerful**. (Ex 1:6-9)



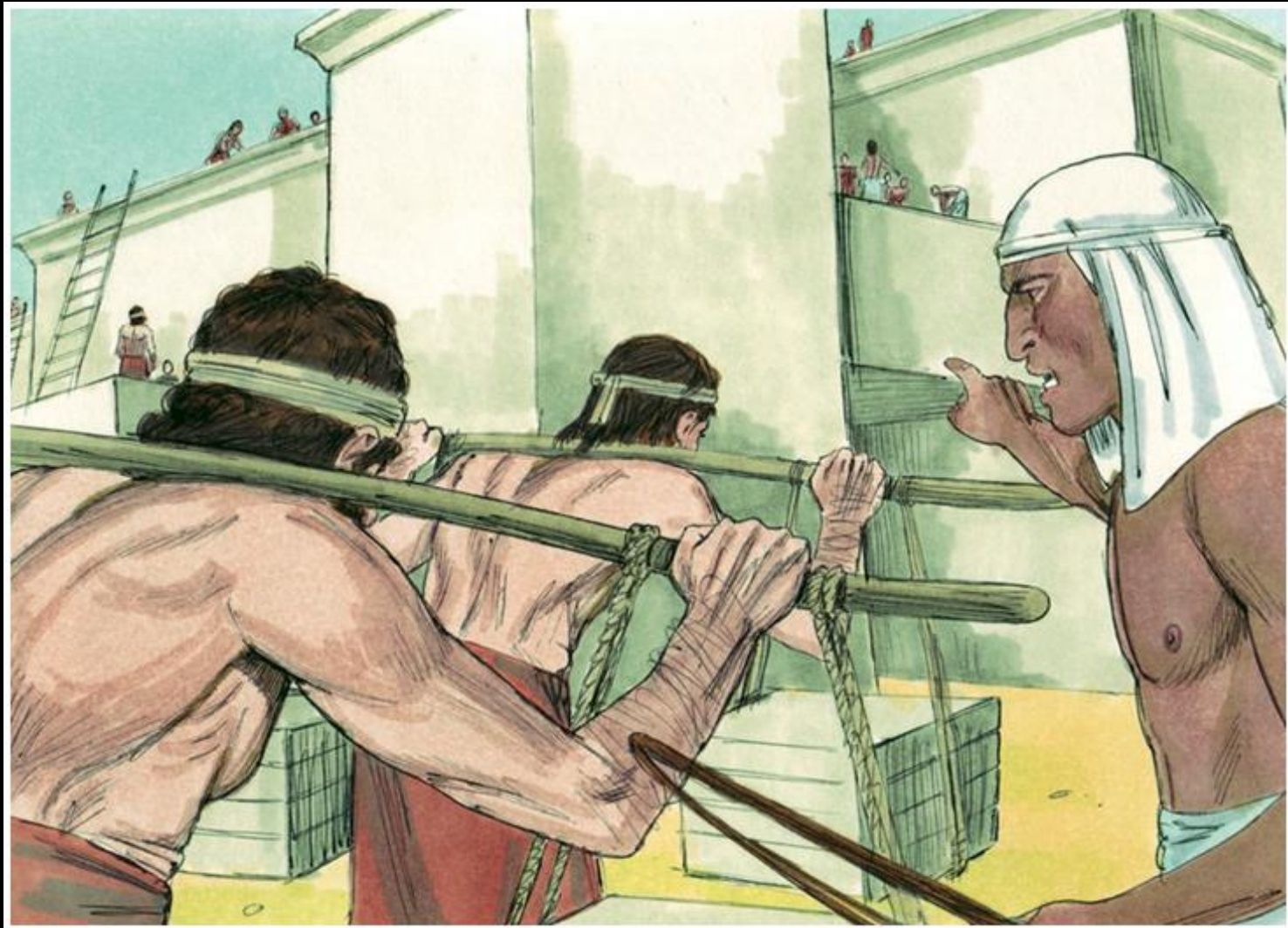
In time, Joseph and all of his brothers died, ending that entire generation. But their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and grandchildren. In fact, they multiplied so greatly that they became extremely powerful and filled the land.

(Ex 1:6-7)

The new Pharaoh saw this as a
major threat...



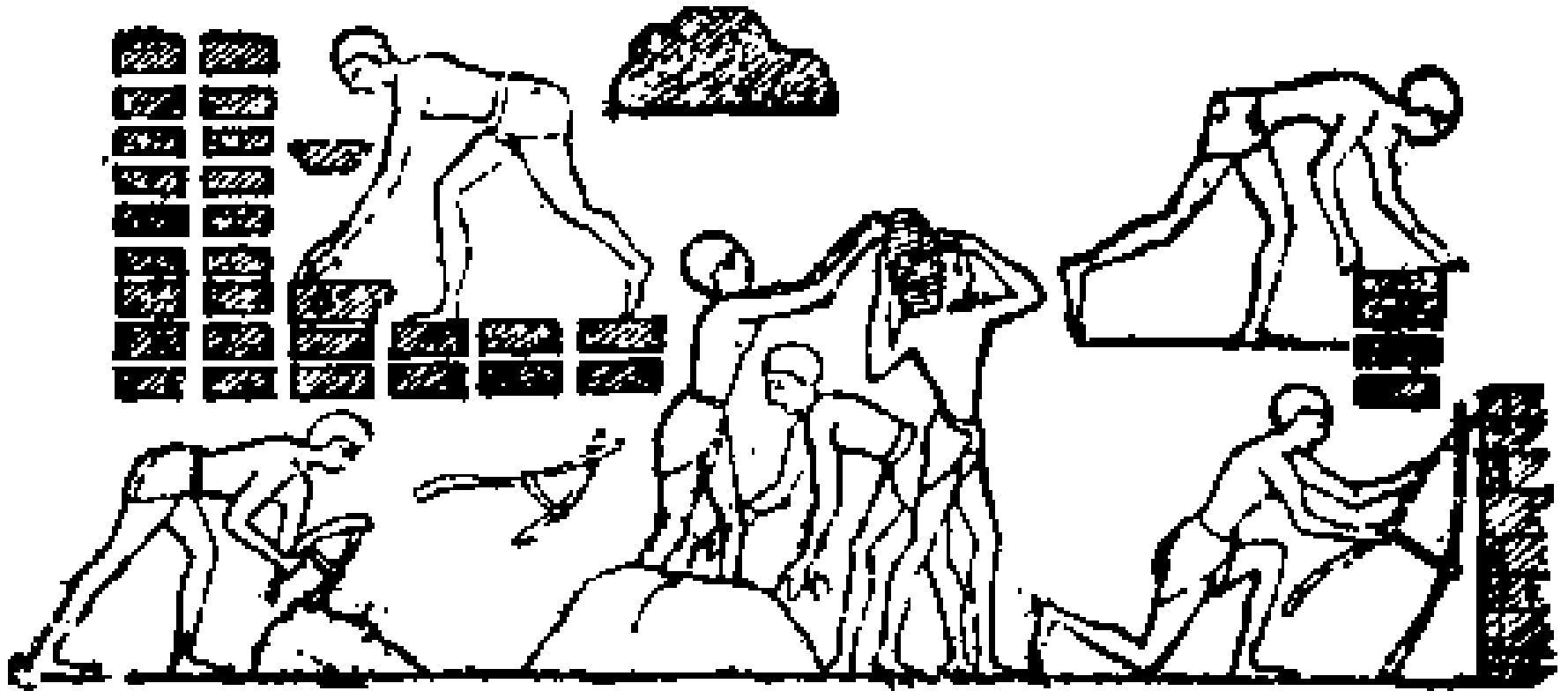
...and decided to enslave the Israelites to protect Egypt from their potential up rise.



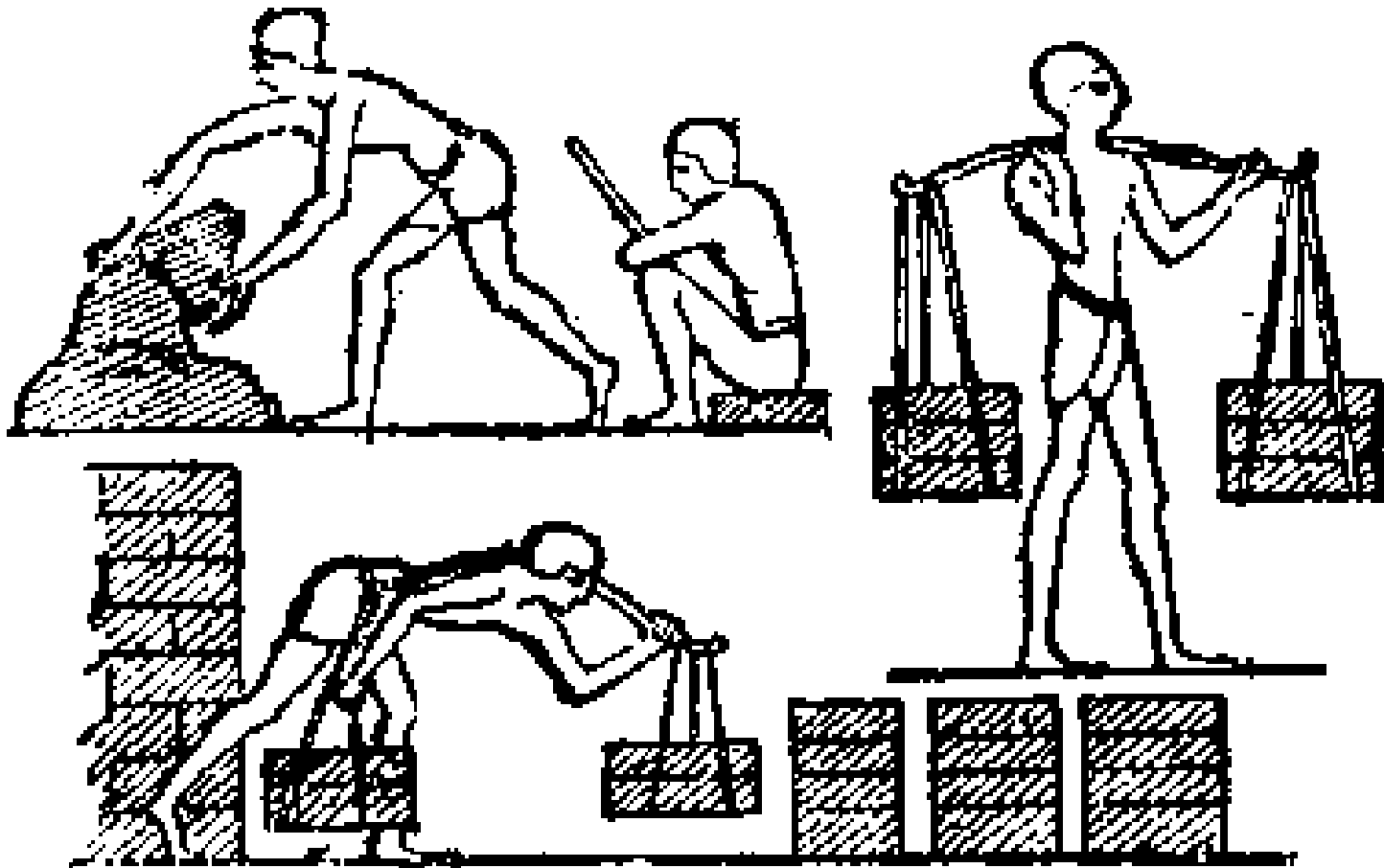
Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. He said to his people, “Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don’t, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us.”

(Ex 1:8-10a)

So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. (Ex 1:8-10a)

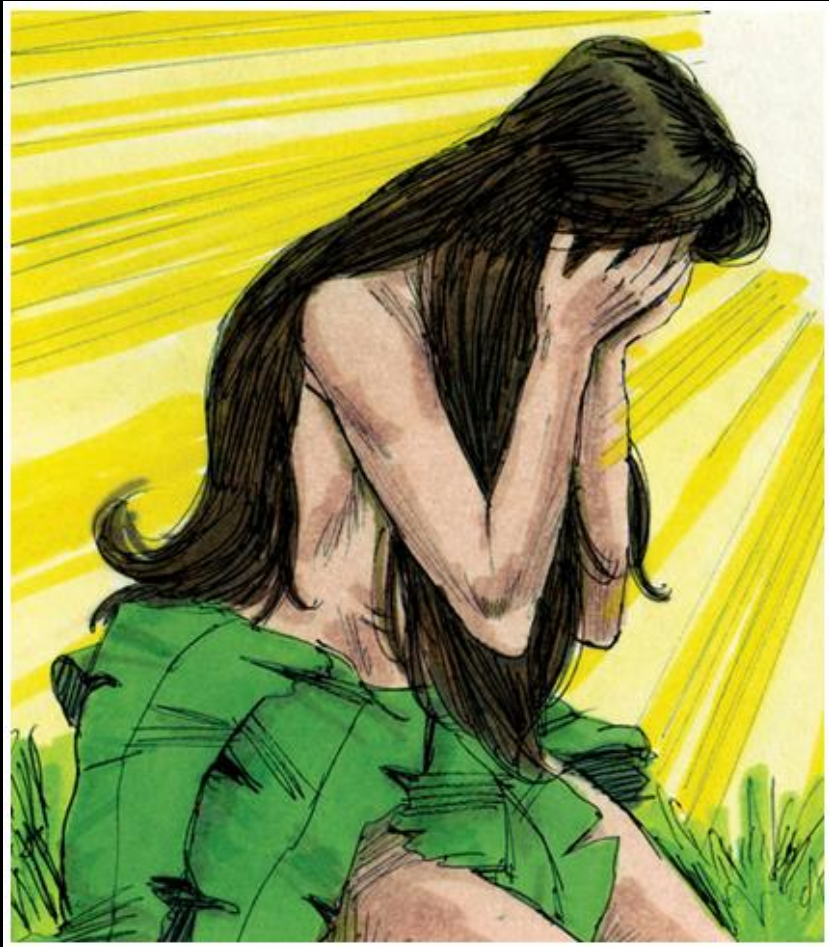


They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. (Ex 1:8-10a)



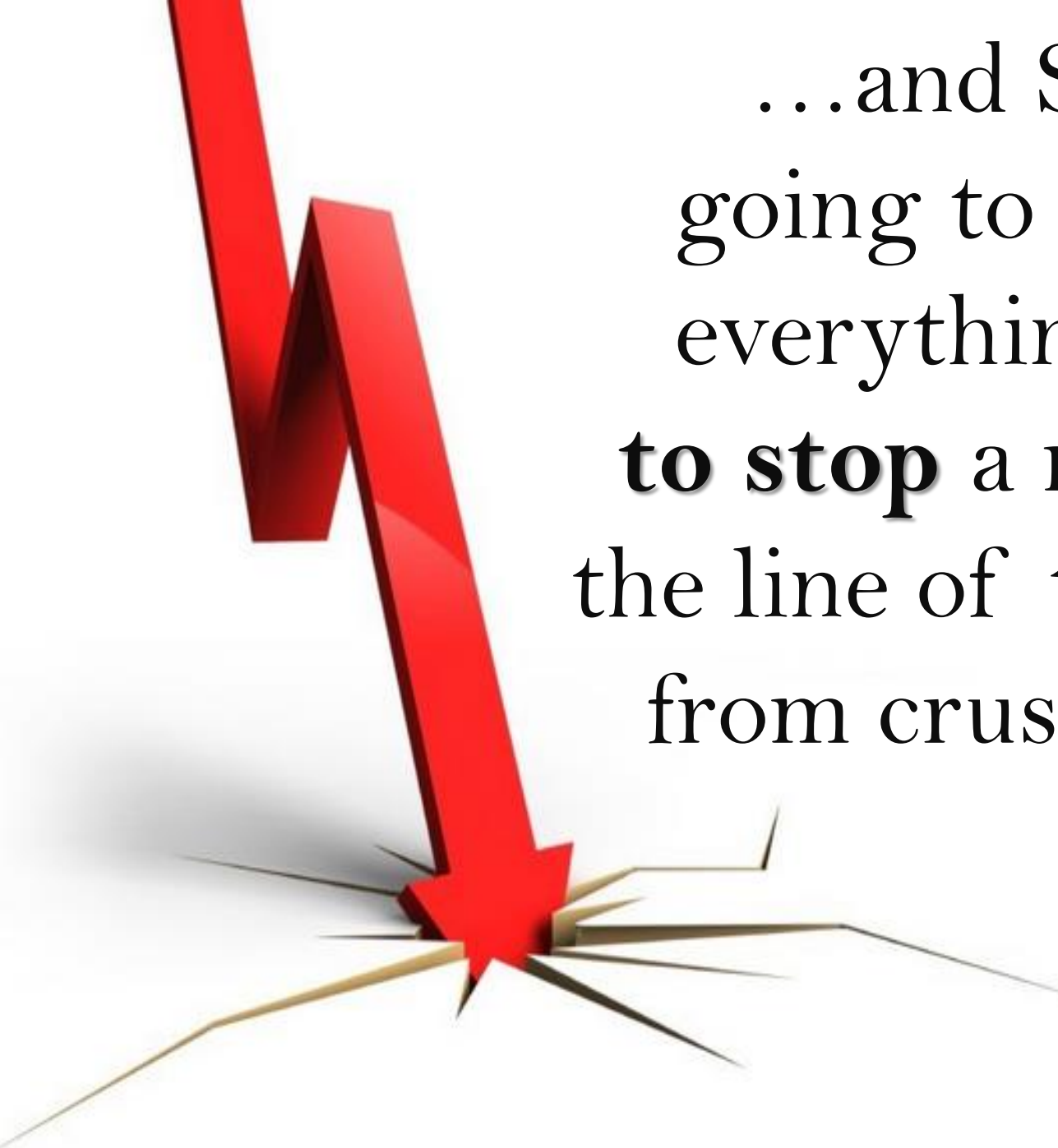


We have to remember that **SATAN** is alive and active. He knew the promise that God gave; that one of Eve's offspring would **CRUSH** his head.



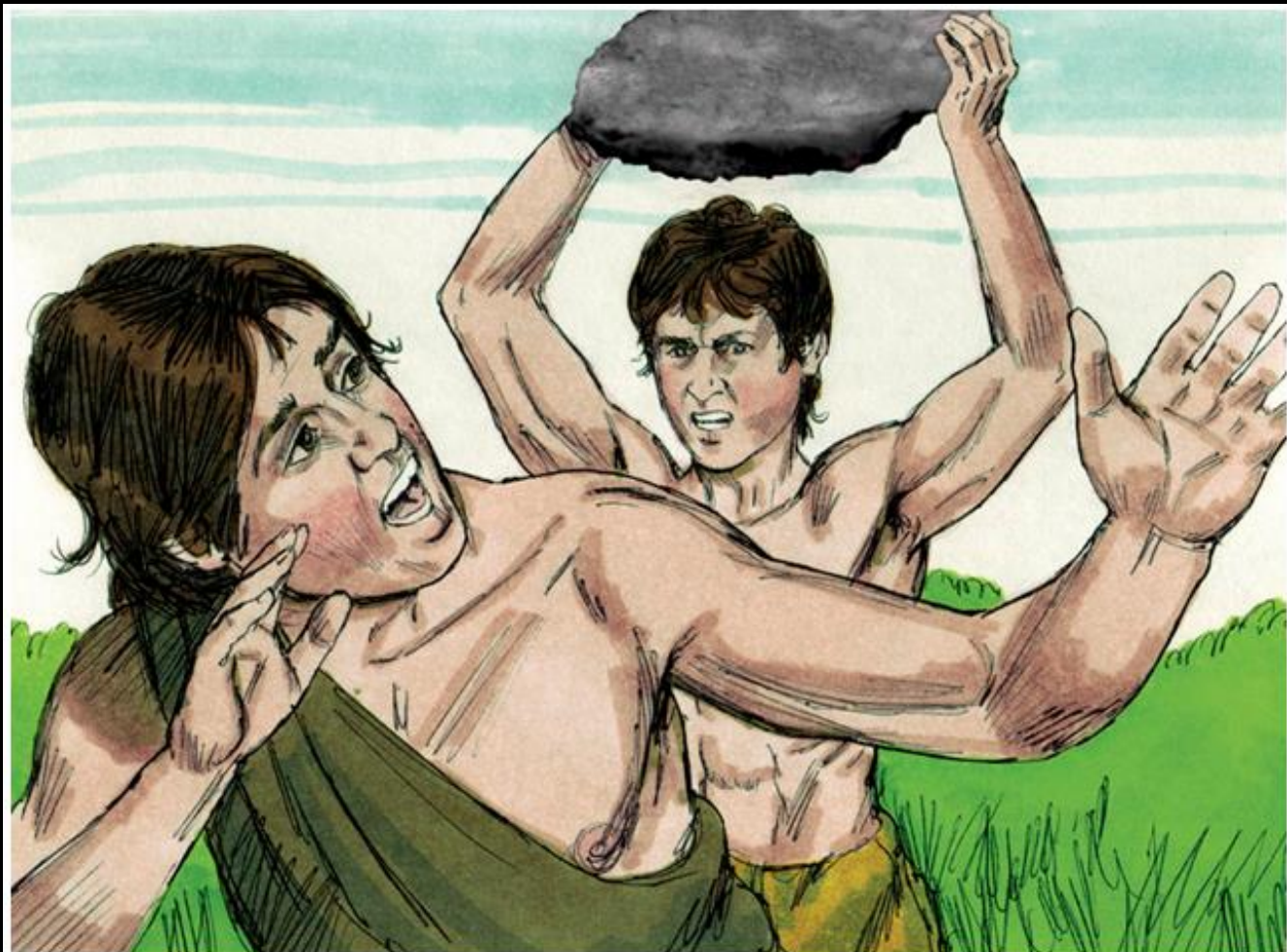
From here on out;
everything that God
does & allows in
human history is
to bring about this
male, from the line
of the woman...





...and Satan is
going to try to do
everything he can
to stop a male, from
the line of this woman
from crushing him.

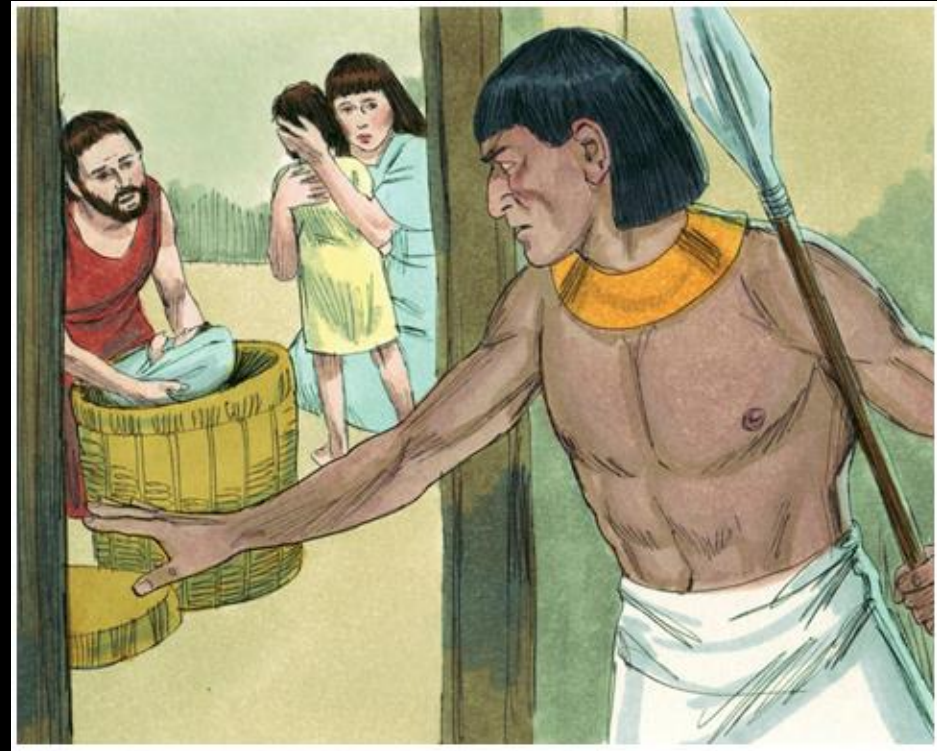
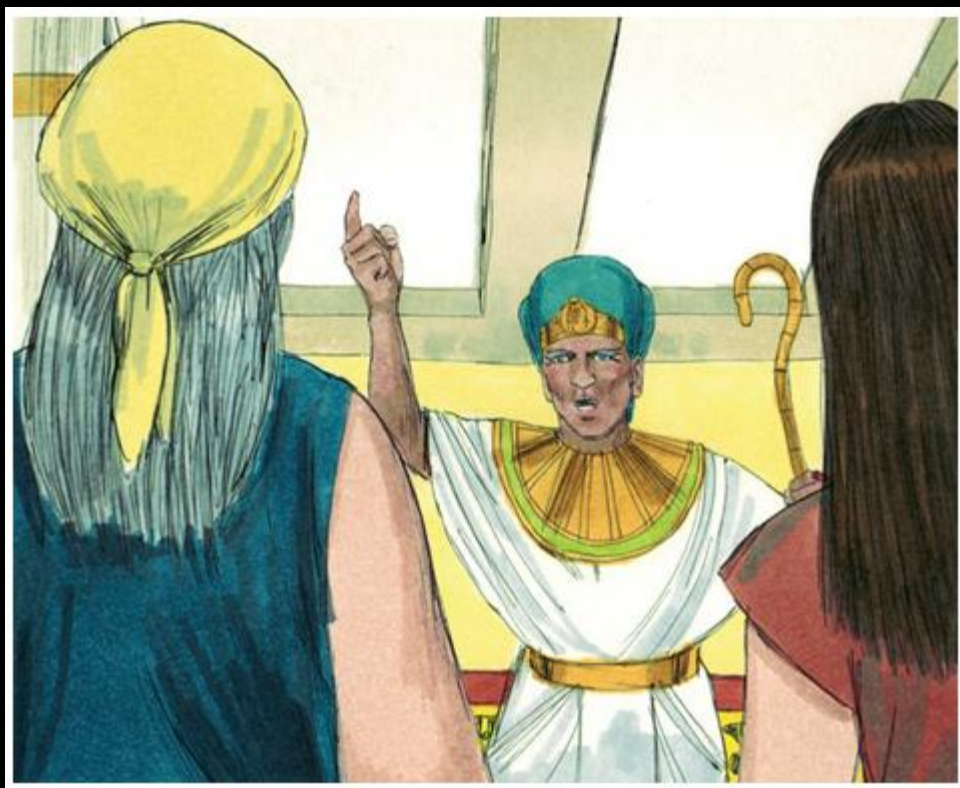
Since that time Satan has dedicated all his efforts to trying to destroy God's plan for a male deliverer from Eve's line!



Satan wanted to destroy Abraham's line and the nation of Israel! He thought that if he could destroy the line of the deliverer, who was to crush his head, he would be able to defeat God!

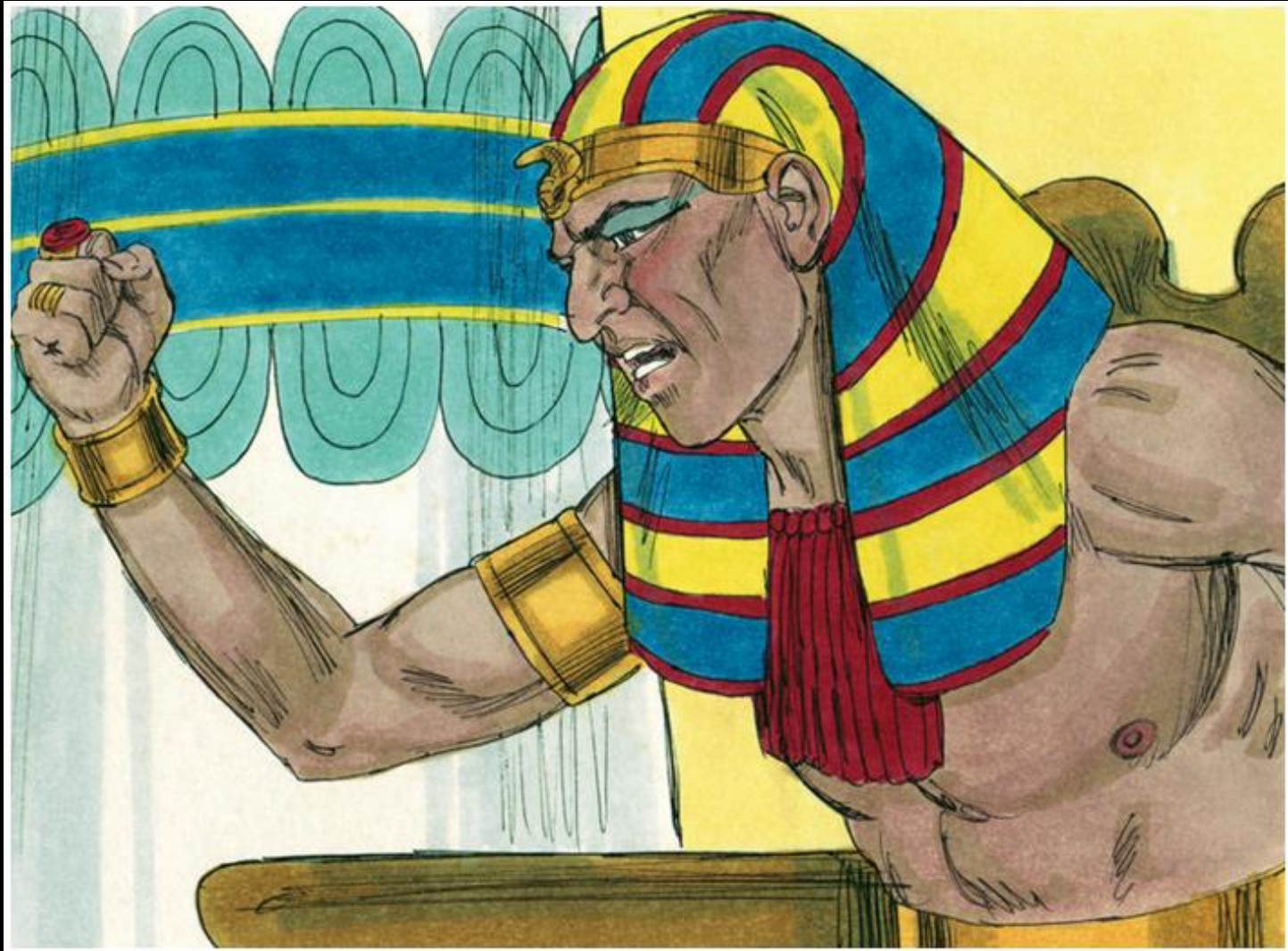


The Pharaoh demands that all Hebrew boys be killed at birth!

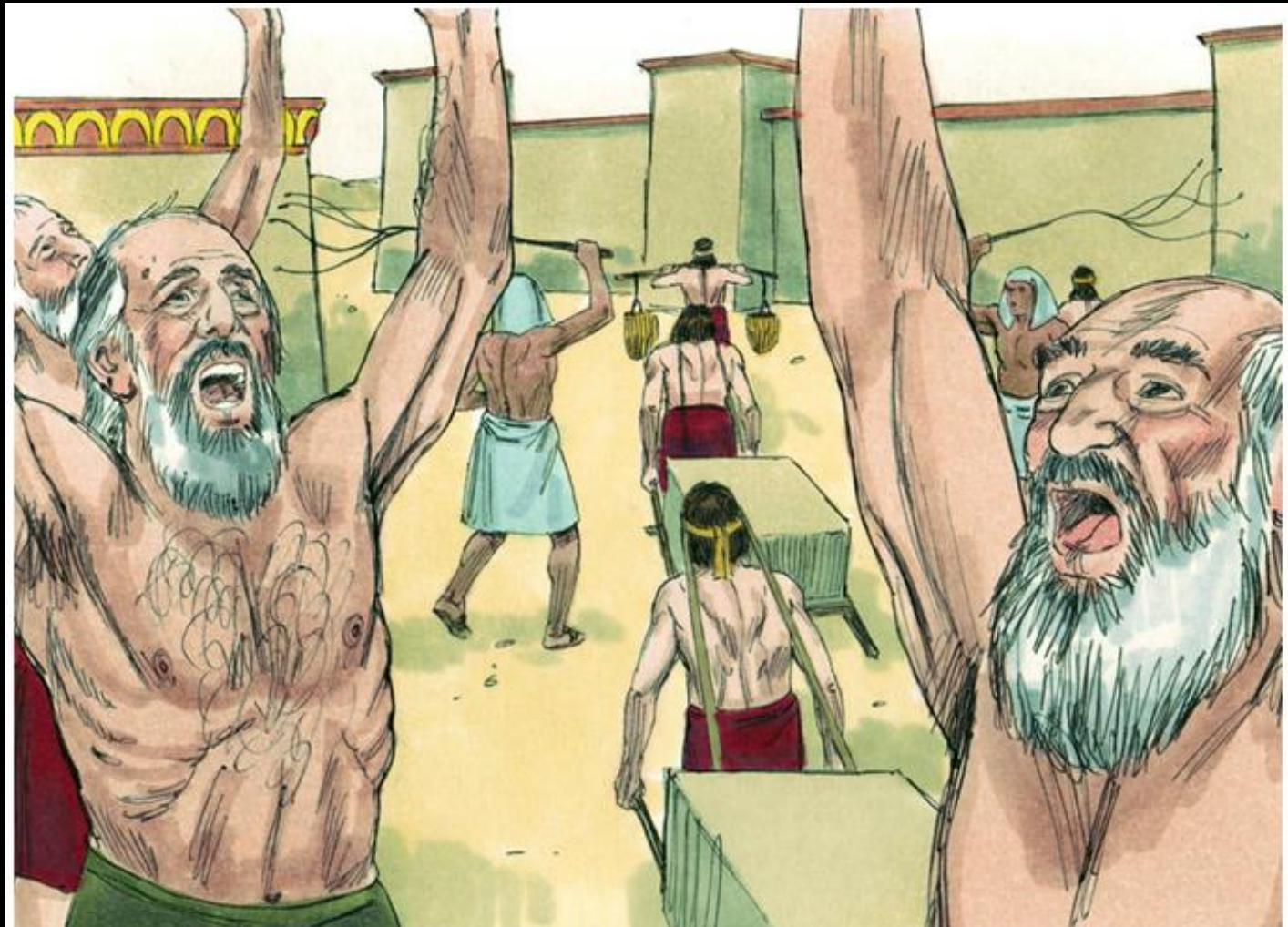


*The Pharaoh ordered that all
baby boys be killed and all
boys be thrown into the Nile
River. (Ex 1:15-22)*

Satan was influencing Pharaoh when he decided to have every newborn Hebrew boy killed! He was trying to destroy the Israel nation & the line of the deliverer.



It has gone from BAD to WORSE for Israel.
With all of this suffering, they finally cry to the God of
their grandfathers...they cry out for him to save them
and rescue them.



“The Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.”

(Ex 2:23-25)

Why was it time to act?

1. The time was in accordance to God's timing for the fulfillment of his promises to Adam and Eve and Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.
2. The Israelites had finally acknowledged him as God and turned to him for help. They're admitting there is nothing they can do to free themselves and God is their only hope.

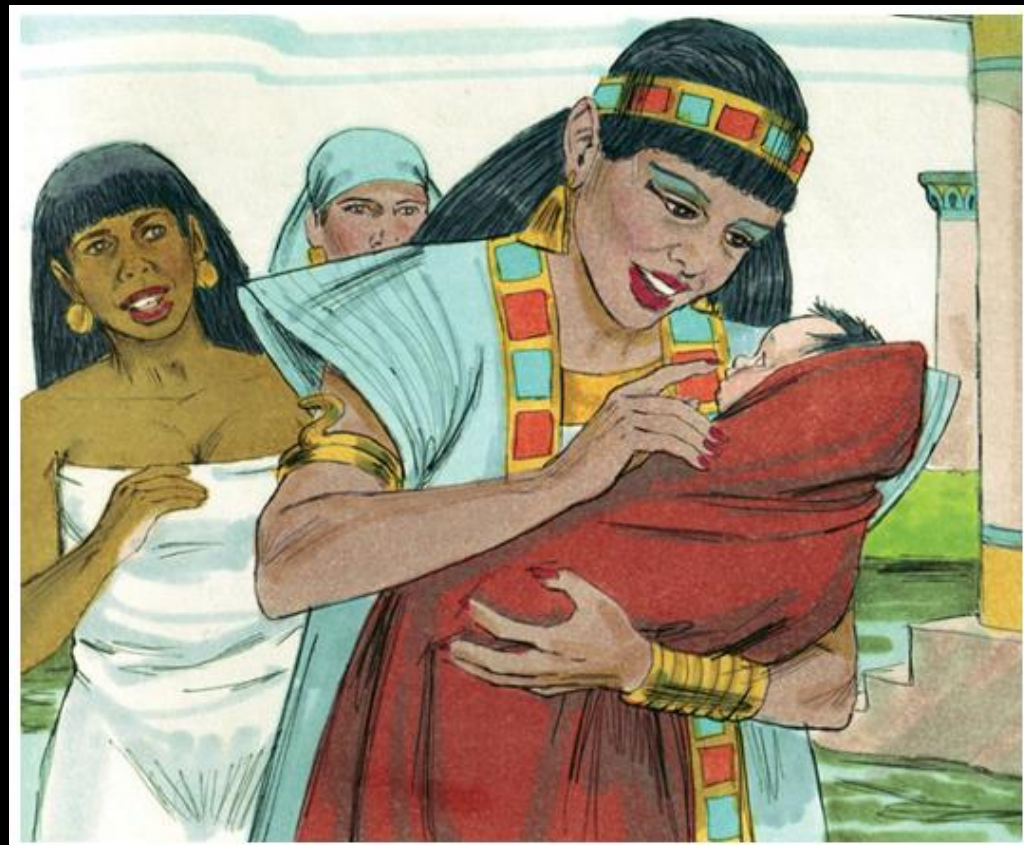
There was a woman from the tribe of Levi in Egypt who had a son. She did not want to have him thrown into the Nile river by Pharaoh and his officials.



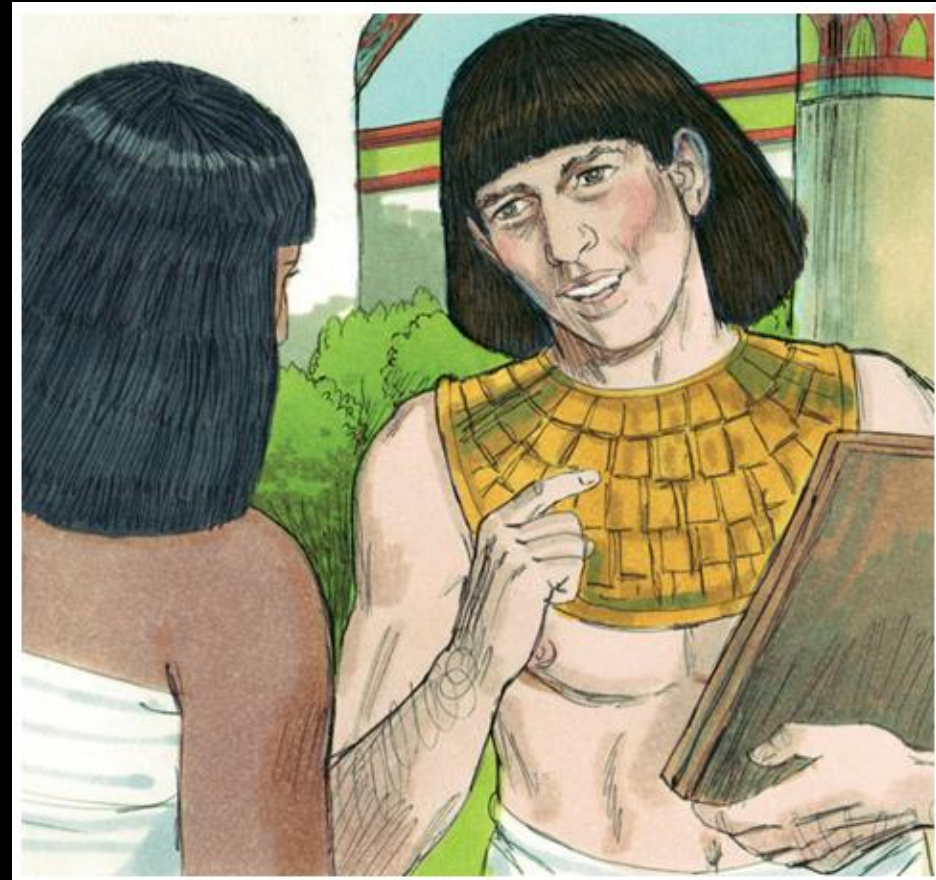
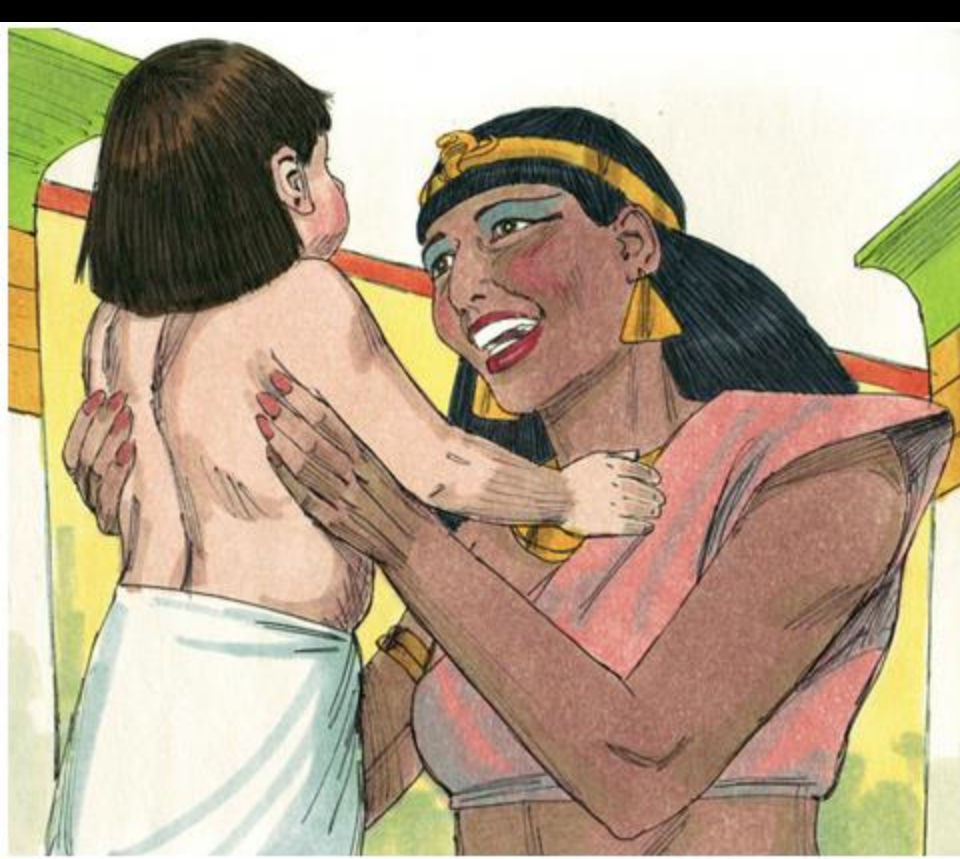
She hid him for three months and then she made a basket and placed him in it and put it in the Nile river.



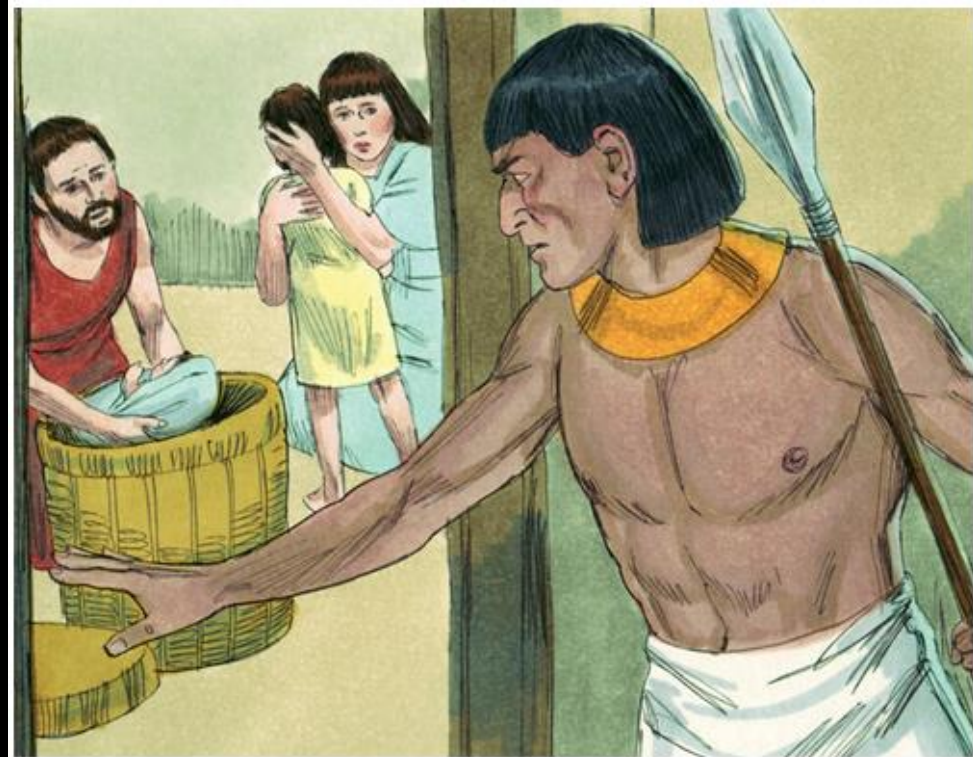
The Pharaoh's daughter found the basket while bathing in the river. She adopted the baby and named him **Moses**.



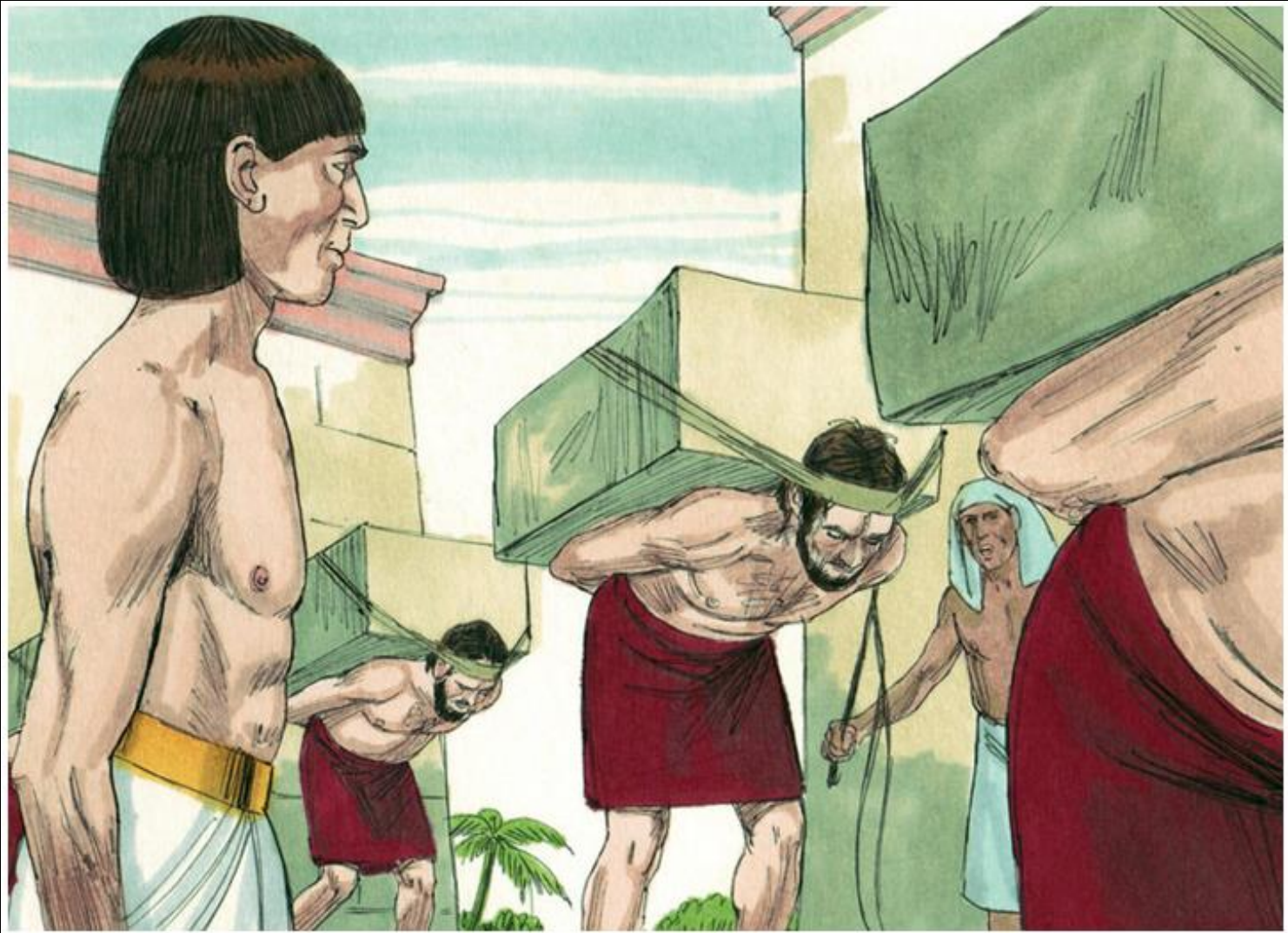
God used Pharaoh's daughter to **protect** Moses! God **planned** to use Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.



Just as in Joseph's life, we see God working through a very painful and difficult situation to accomplish his purposes and to bring about the best results for his people!



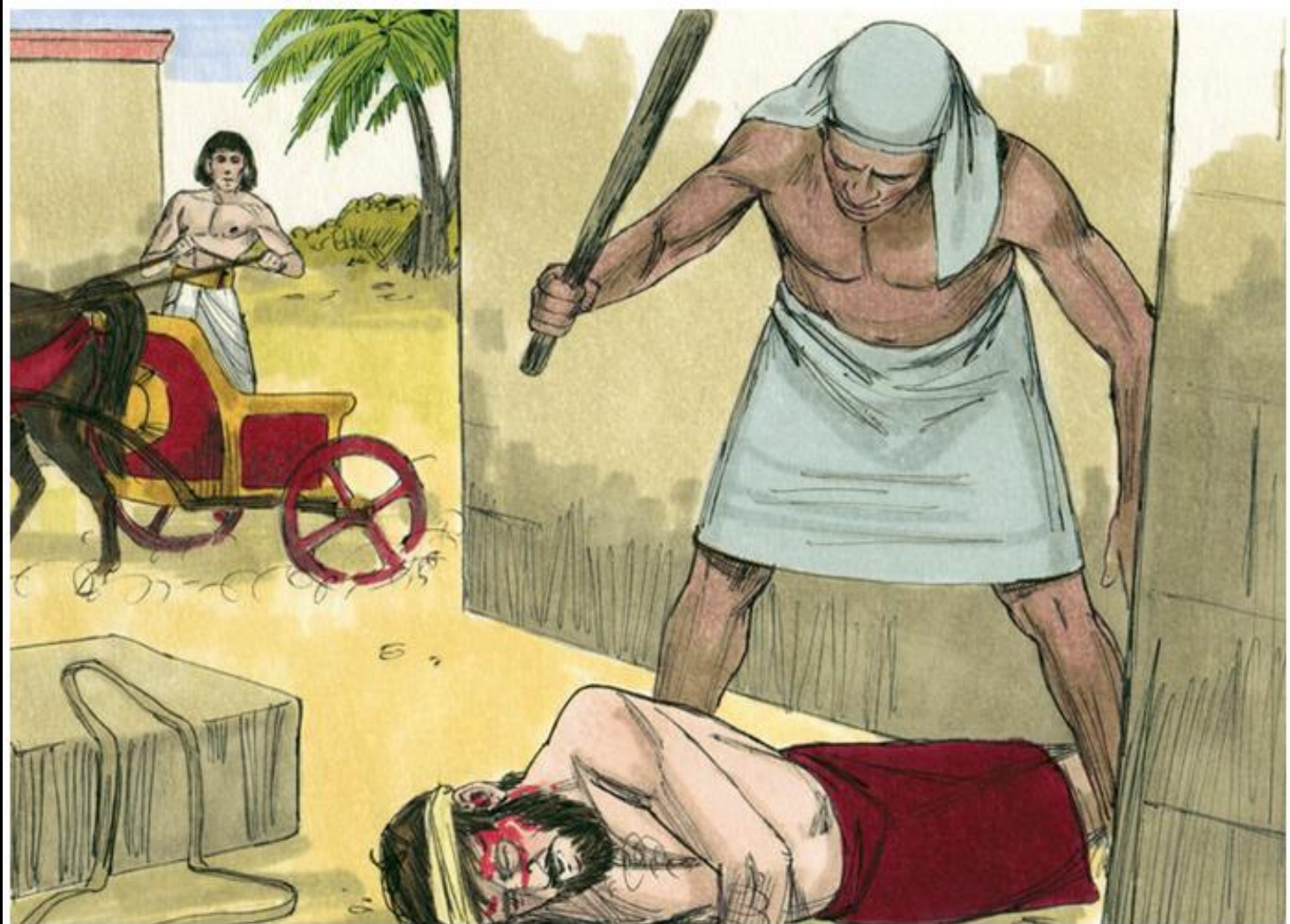
Just as Joseph was **'sent ahead'** of his family to prepare a way...Moses is going to be sent ahead to prepare a way for the nation to be saved.



God is greater than Satan,
everyone and everything!

No one and nothing can
stop him from doing
whatever he plans!

When Moses reached manhood, the Israelites were still in captivity! On one occasion Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave...



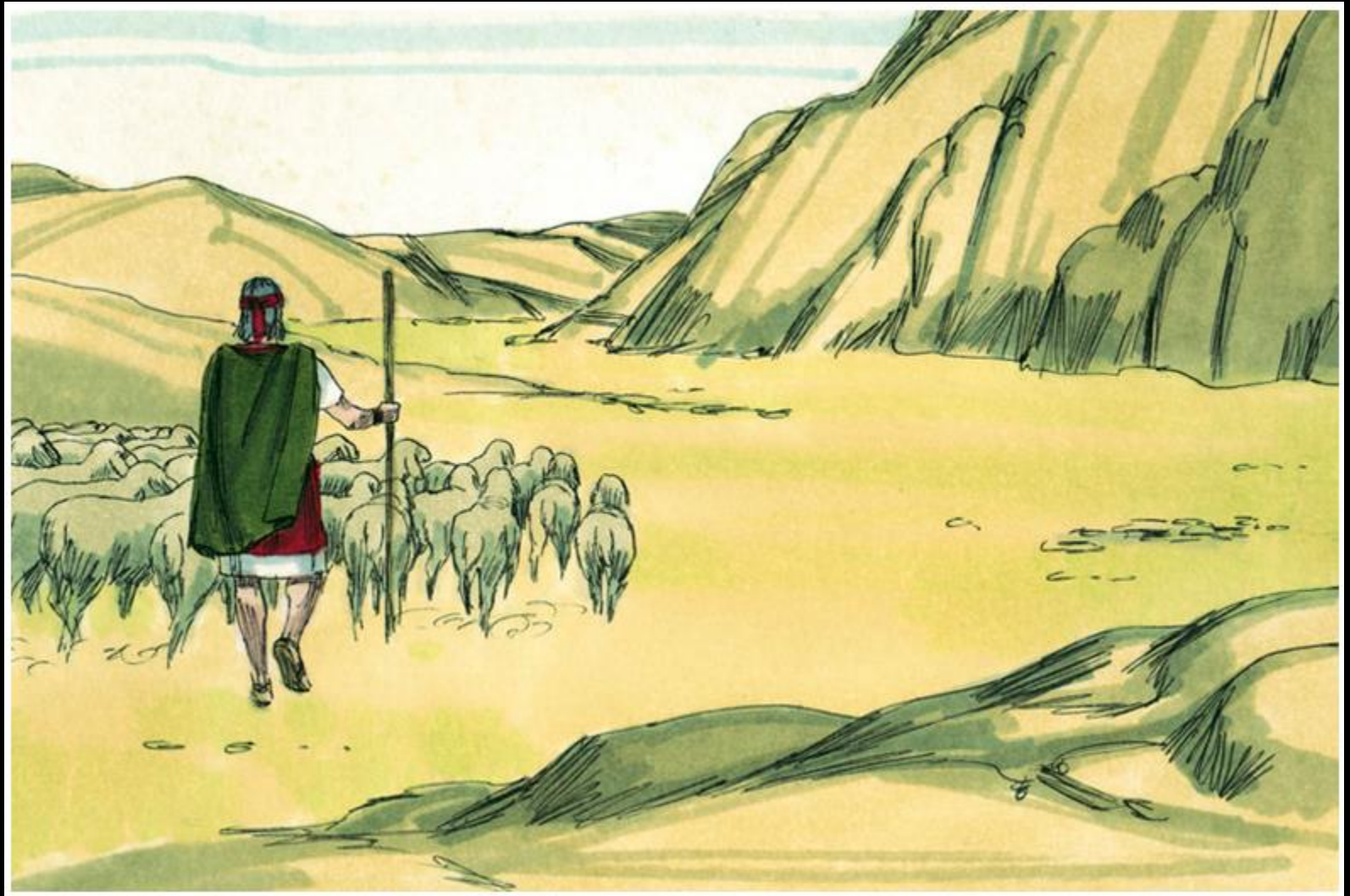
Moses was so distraught about the situation, that he stepped in and killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand!



Pharaoh heard about this and he
tried to kill Moses!



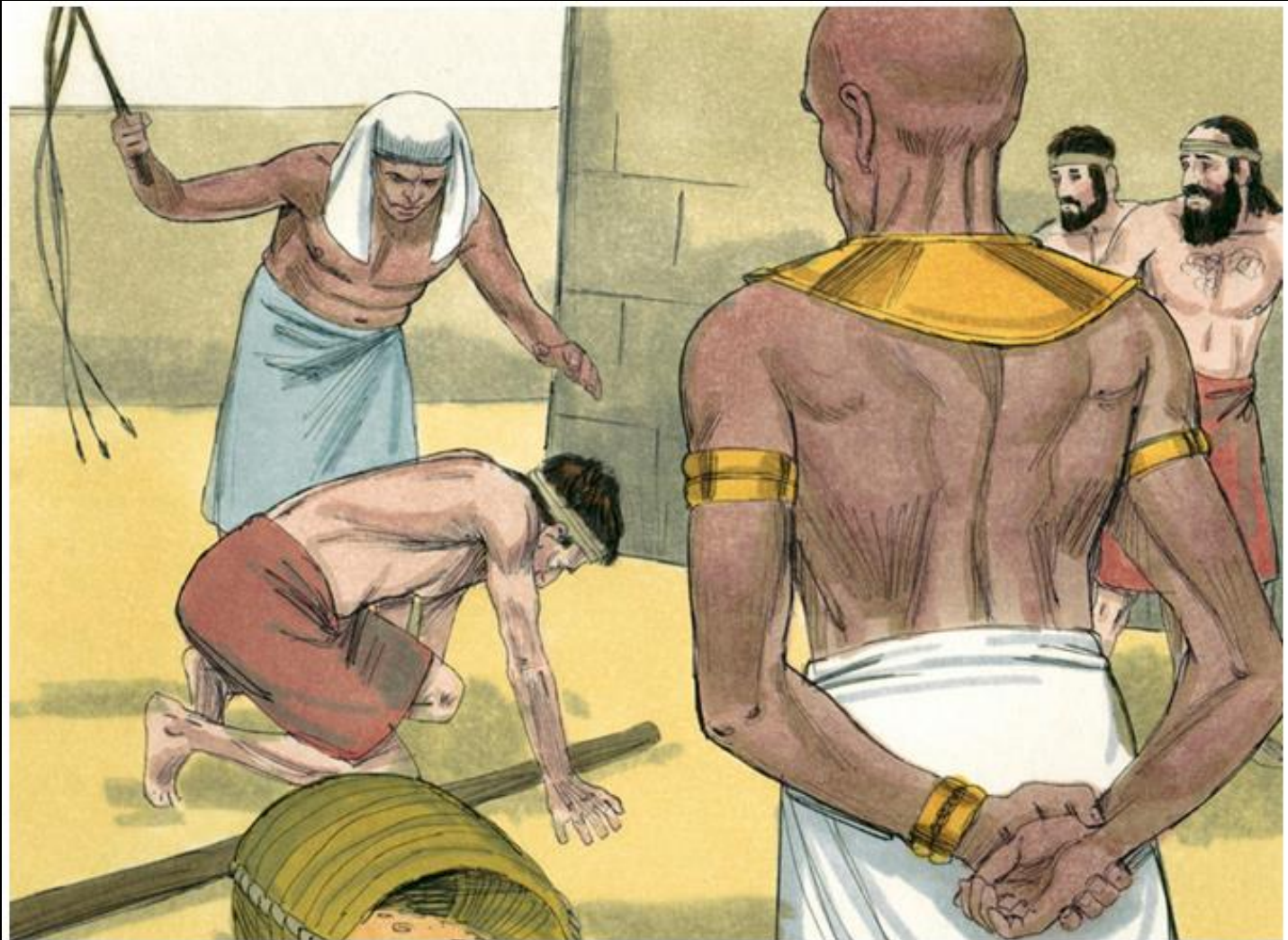
So Moses fled to live in a remote place,
called Midian. (*Western Saudi Arabia*)



How many Hebrews were
freed because of Moses'
efforts in Egypt?



No one was freed from slavery in Egypt because of Moses' efforts. Even Moses lost his high position and had to flee



No human, not even Moses, in human strength would be able to release/free God's people from the wicked ruler of Egypt.

Only God could save them!

**What is God trying to teach
us through this?**



We have wandered away
from God's promises and
God's land for us.



We are
slaves to sin
in a foreign
land.



We keep trying to break free, but there
is nothing we can do to free ourselves
from our slave master.
Our efforts free no one.



We will die in slavery to our master if
we do not admit our inability and
cry out to God to rescue us.



We must trust the deliver that God is
going to miraculously send in.



Beyond that, we can learn
that God is true to his word.
He will keep every promise
made to Abraham, Isaac and
Jacob.

God is active even in
apparent years (430) of
silence...and is planning
for the redemption of his
people.

God often, if not most often,
uses suffering and difficult
situations to accomplish
his will.

No one, not even the
most powerful rulers of
earth can resist God and
win.