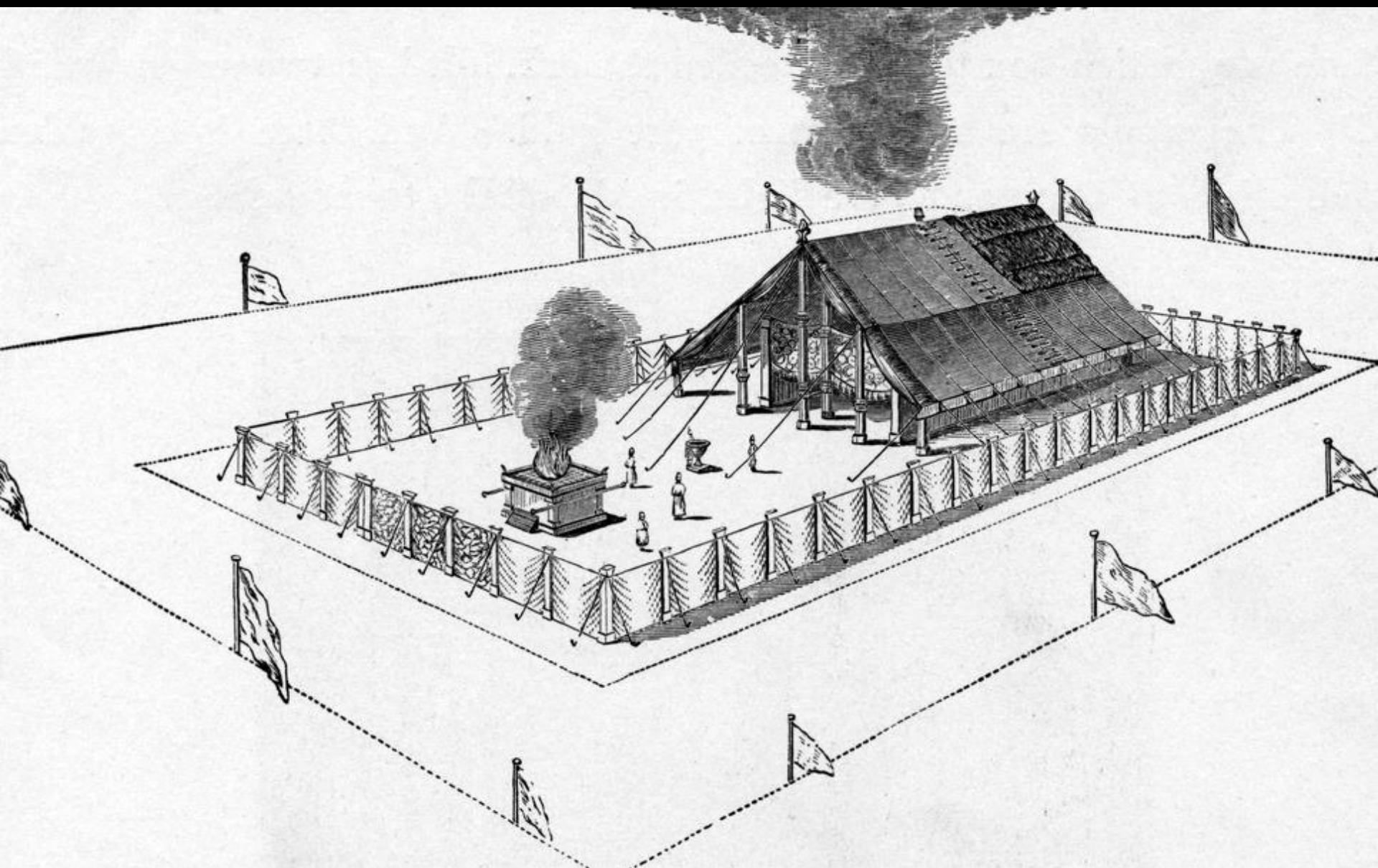


The Tabernacle



Israel entered into a covenant agreement with God. If Israel obeyed the law, God promised to protect and bless Israel. If they did not obey the law, God would have to punish the people.

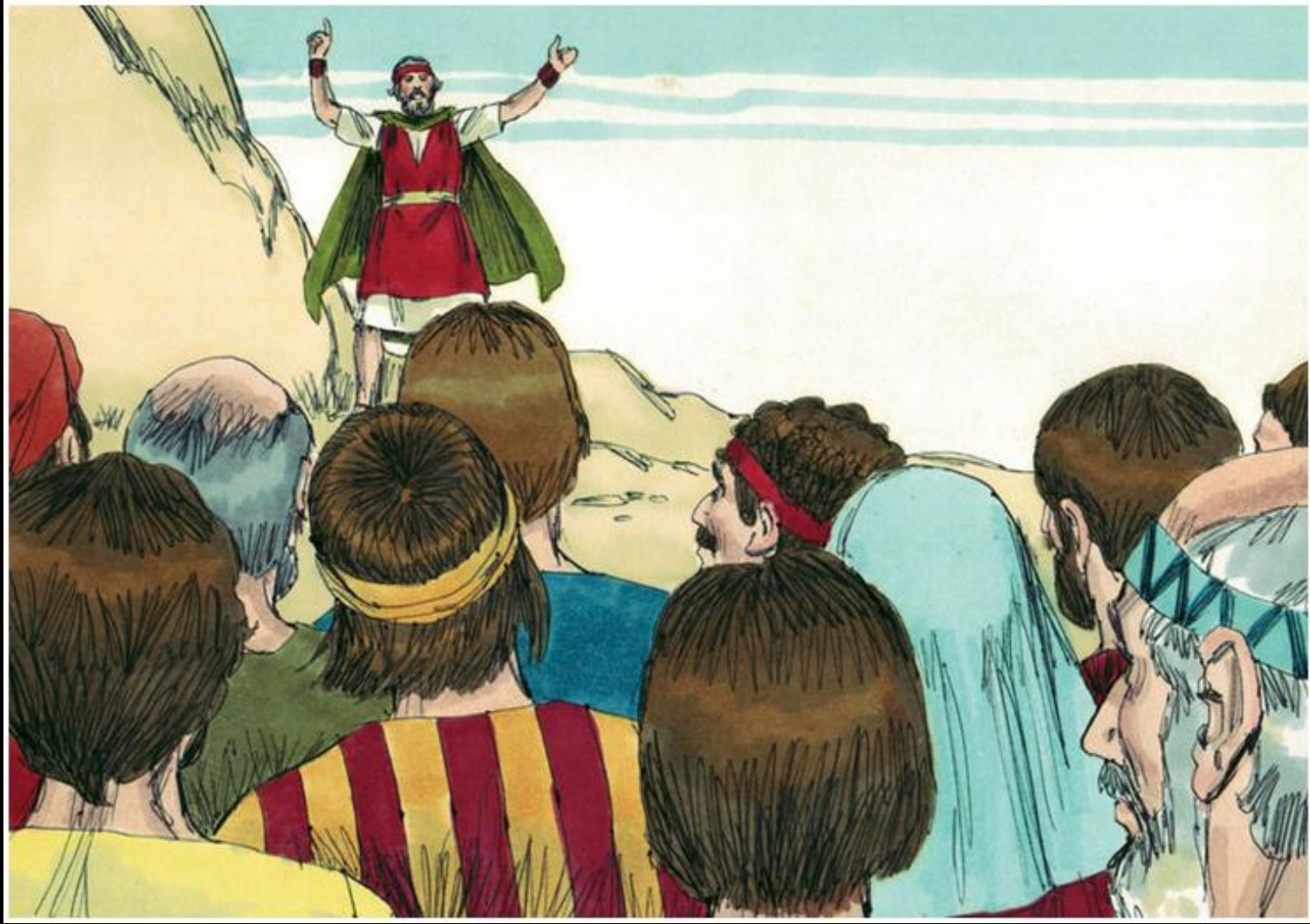


The first lines of the contract read...

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:23

Israel promised to obey the Lord in everything! (Ex 19:8, 24:3)



*The people all responded together,
"We will do everything the LORD
has said." So Moses brought their
answer back to the LORD.*

Ex 19:8

*Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “**All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.**”*

Ex 24:3



They were self-confident. They thought that they were able to obey God well enough.

They did not yet realize that their hearts were full of sin and that they could not please God by their own efforts!



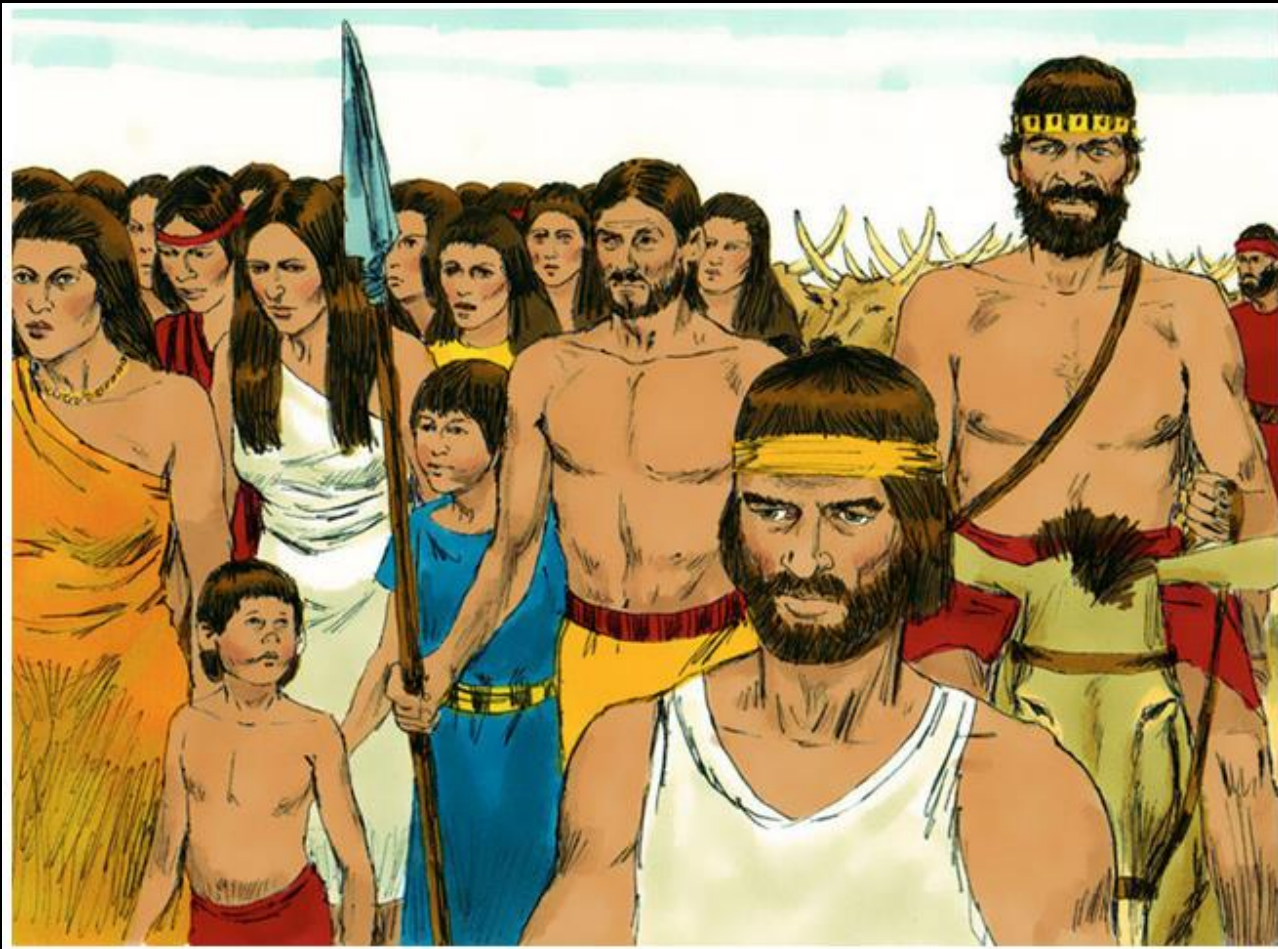
God knew that in a very short time the Israelites would disobey Him, and under the agreement of the Law, he would have to punish them for their sins....



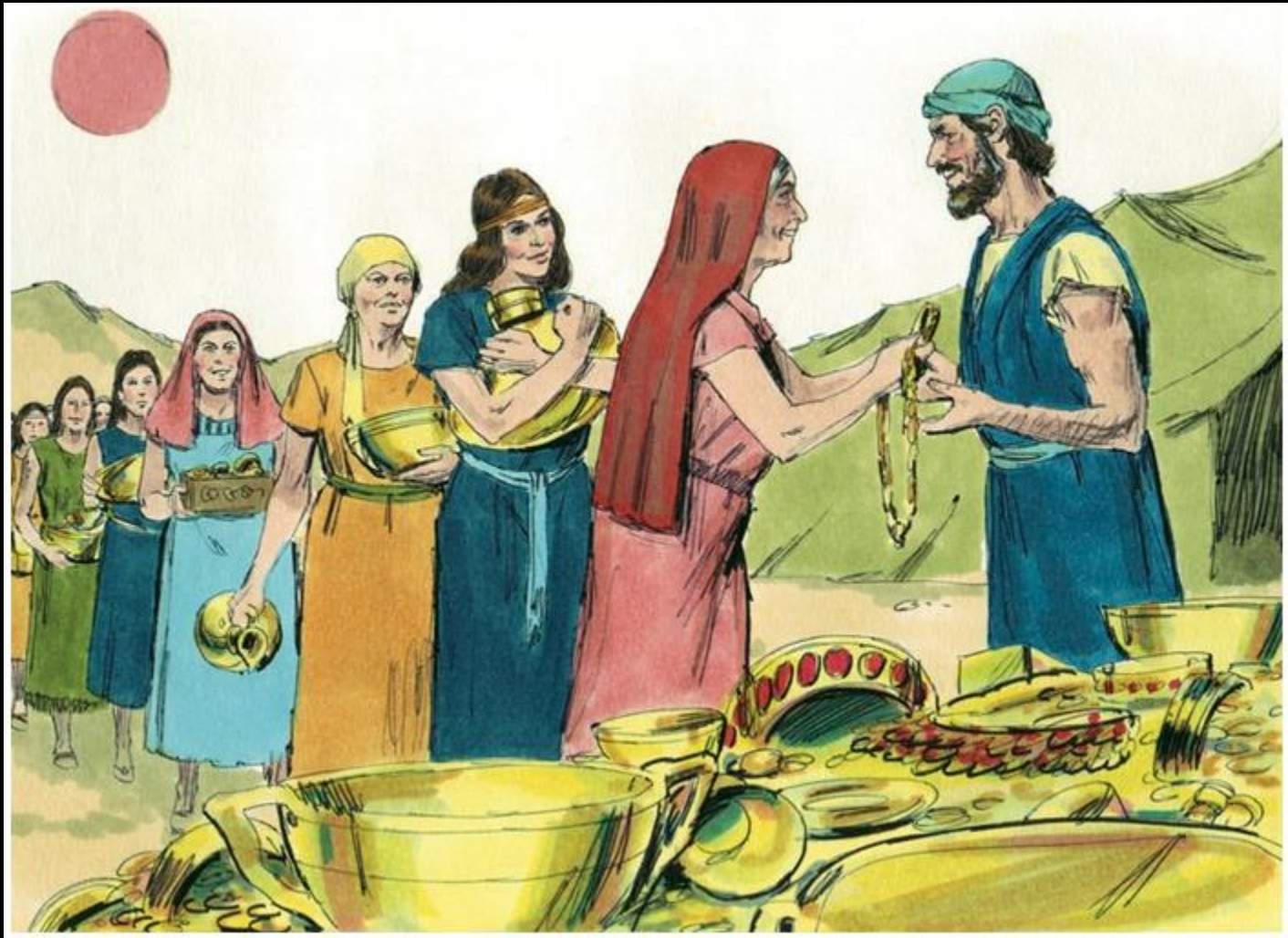
In fact, while Moses was on the Mountain, receiving the details of the covenant...Israel was already breaking the contract.



When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” Exodus 32:1



Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. Exodus 32:2-3



He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." Exodus 32:4



The next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Exodus 32:6



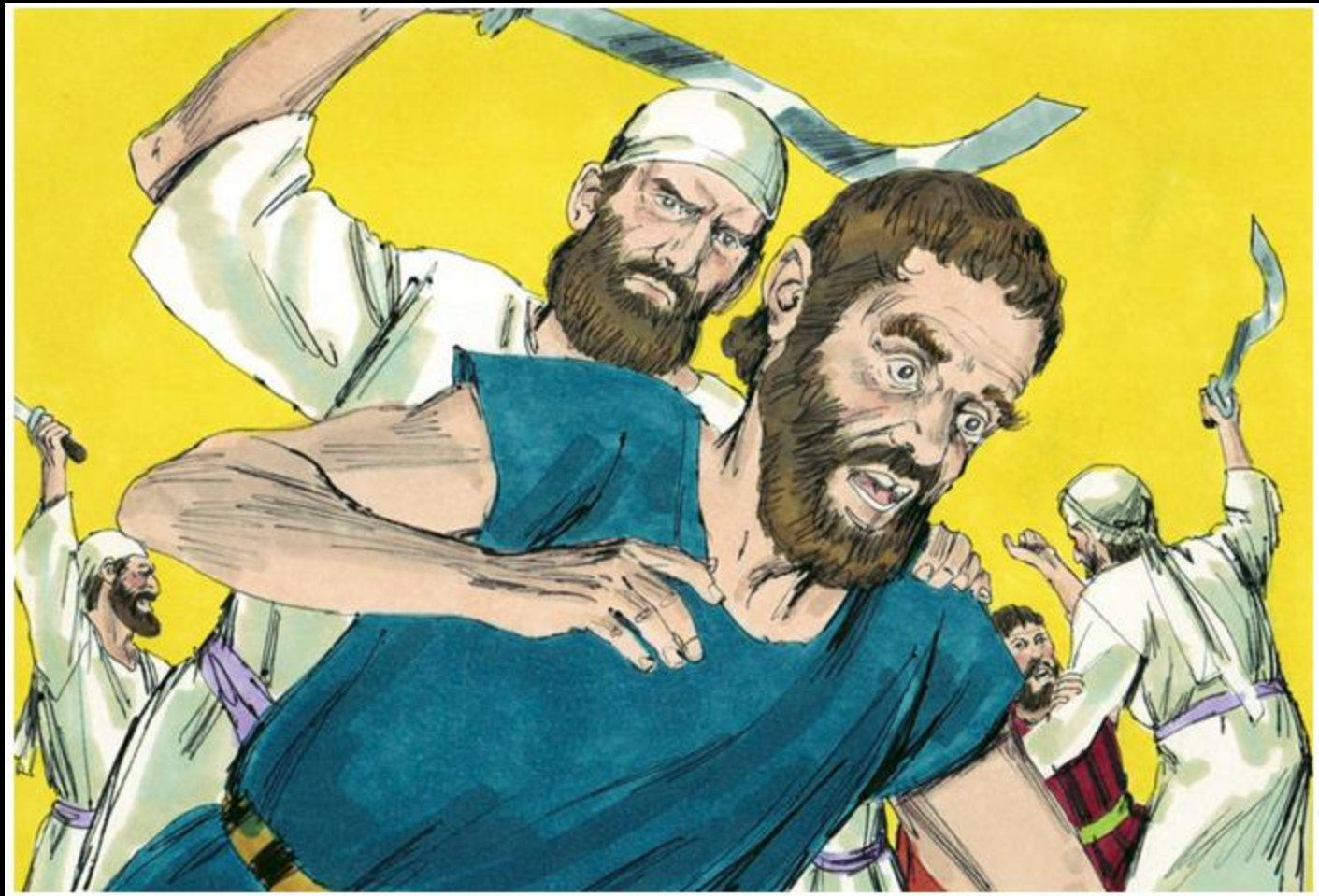
**They had broken
the contract...**
before it was even
fully completed.



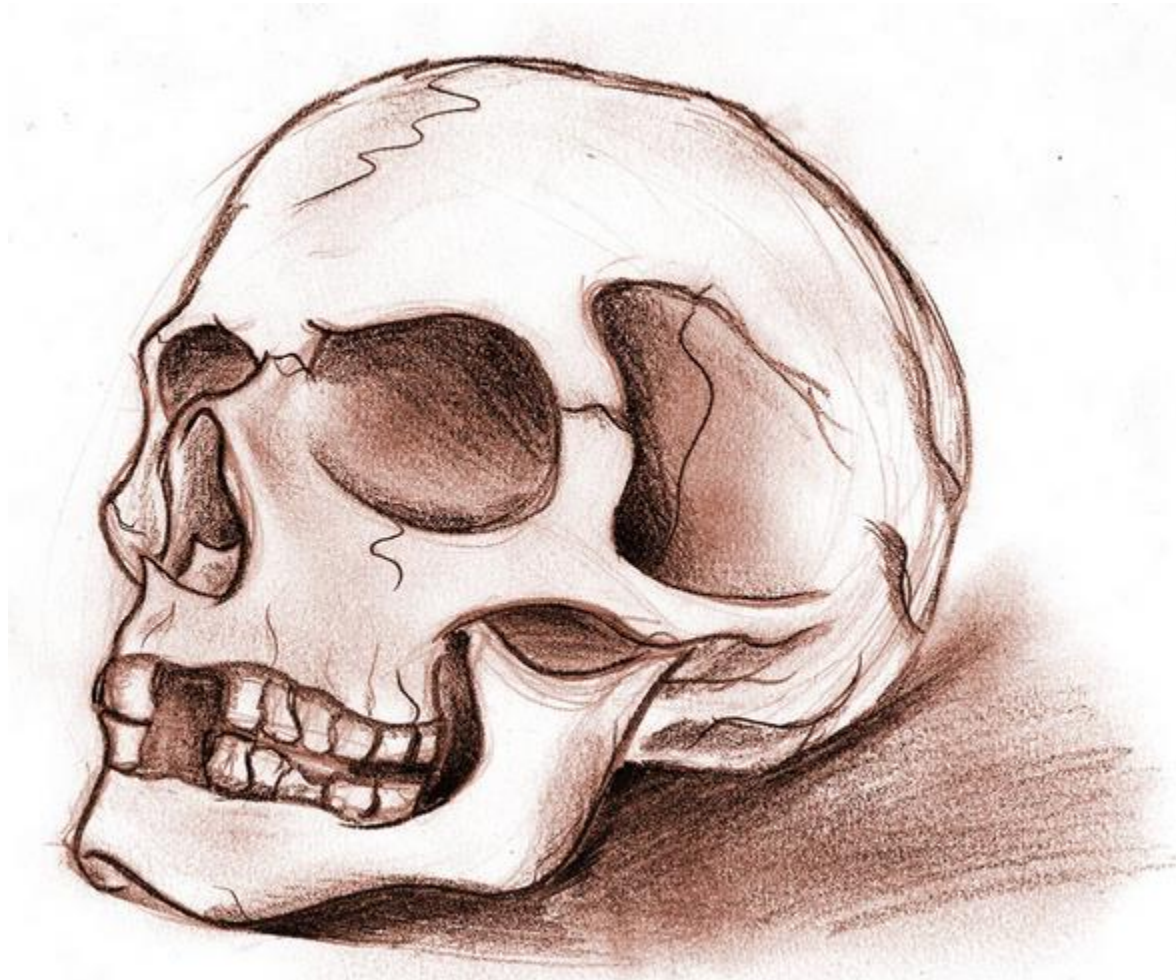
According to the contract, what
did they deserve?



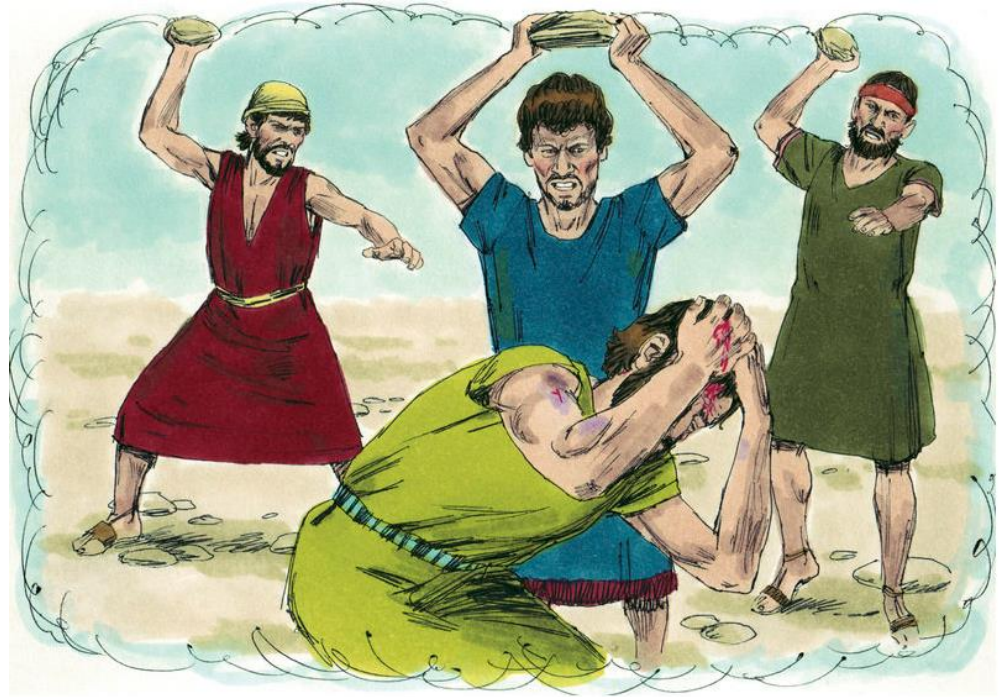
Everyone who had bowed to the idol did die. God commanded the priests to kill all who worshiped the calf. *Ex 32:27-38*



God confirmed that breaking the covenant deserved punishment...and that the punishment was death.

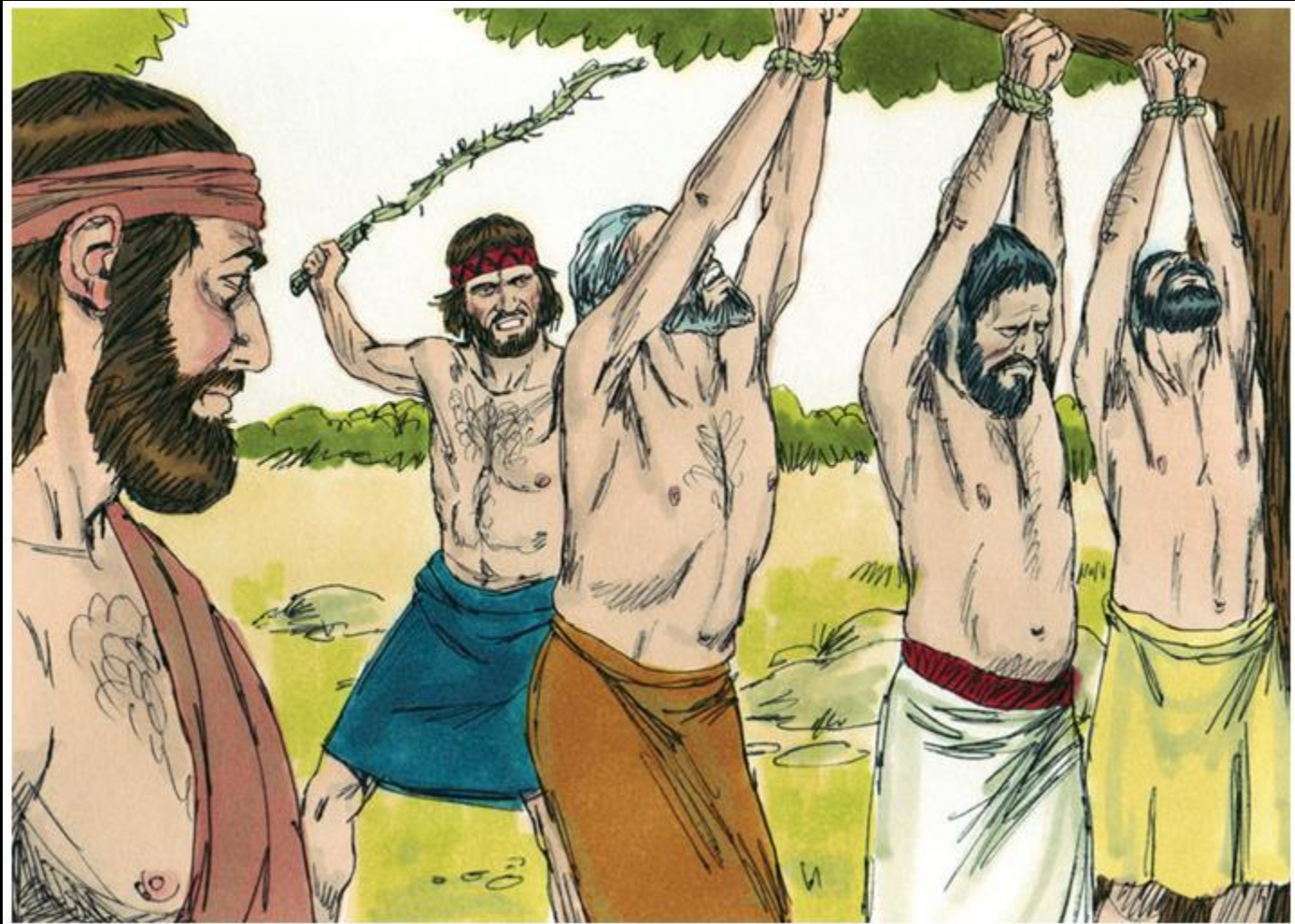


God knew that
it would only
be a matter
of time...



...until all the
Israelites would
be guilty of
breaking the
covenant.

God knew that according to the covenant he would soon have to **punish** them all, because none of them would be able to obey the law perfectly.



Although God did want to use the Law to show them that they could not be acceptable on their own....



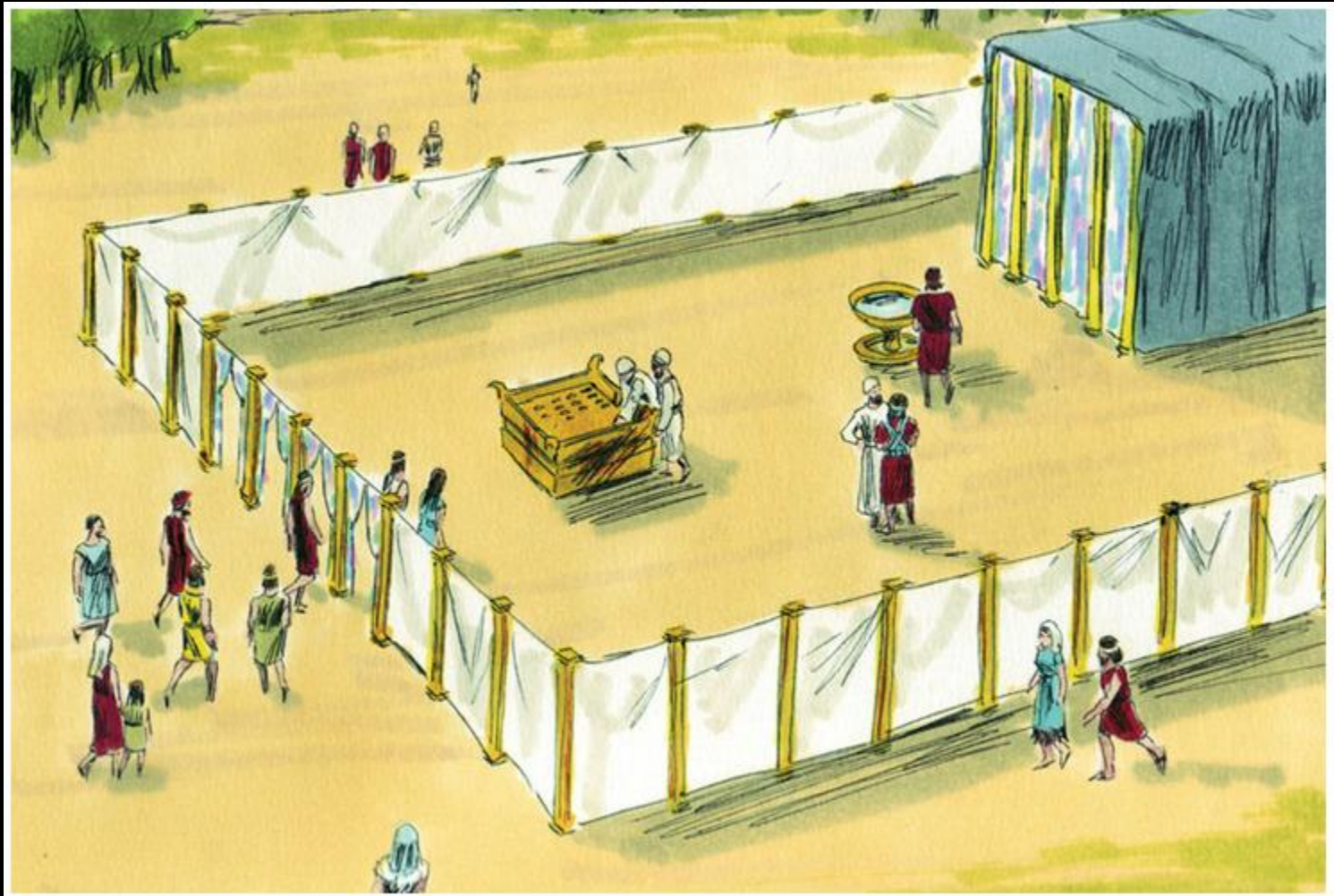
...He also wanted to show them that He still loved them and wanted to dwell with them...if they would repent and come to him his way.



In His love and wisdom, God devised **a temporary way** that He could overlook man's sinfulness without being unholy Himself ...and live with sinful man without man being destroyed.

This **temporary way** would show **why** God would have to send in a deliverer (*to make people acceptable*) but also **how** the deliverer would accomplish this.

God instructed Moses to build the Tabernacle. Ex 26-30



From the beginning, God has always planned to dwell or live with mankind. It was his plan ever since Adam and Eve...

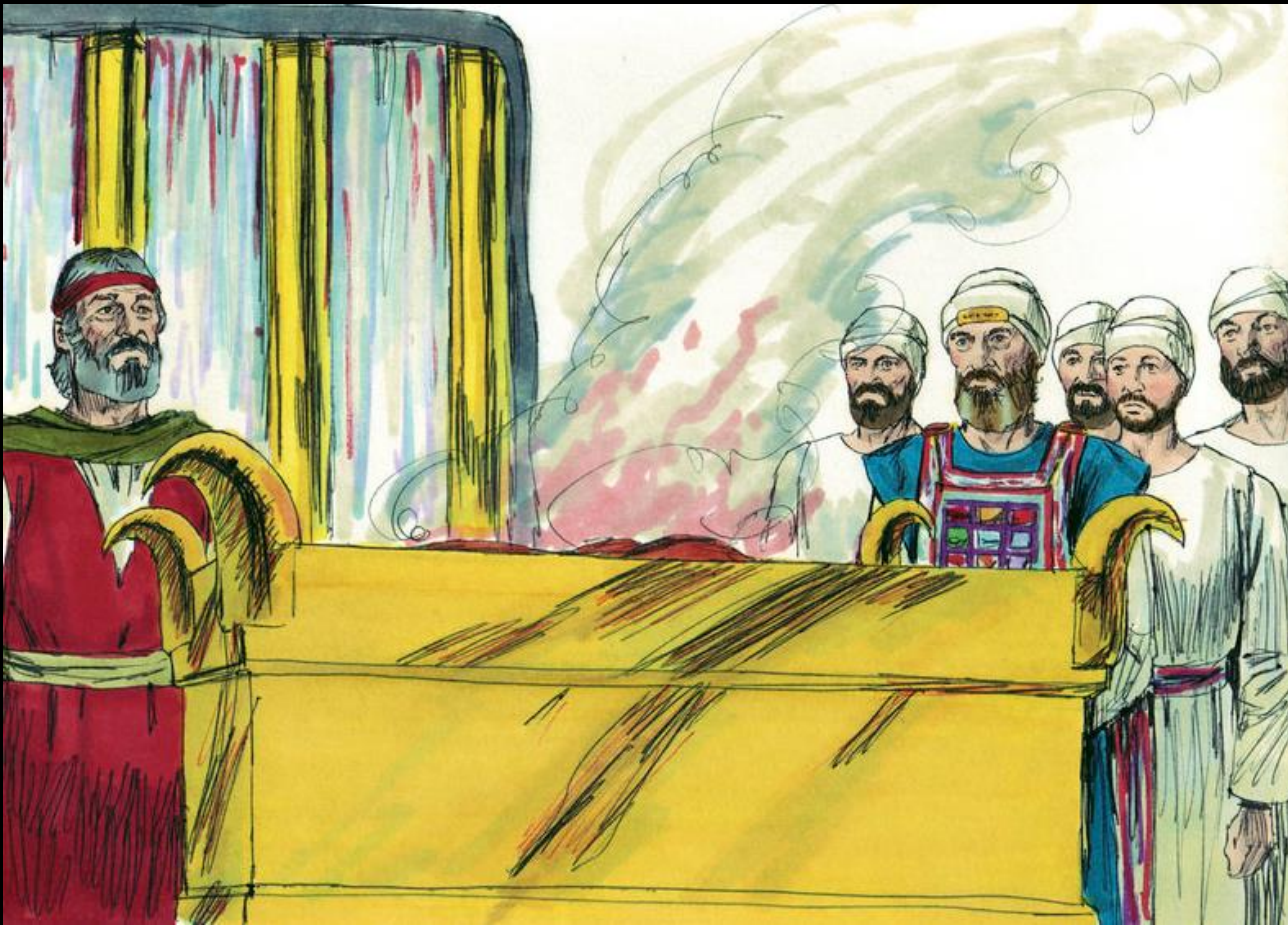


And it is God's goal in the end:

“Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” Rev 21:3

THE BRAZEN ALTAR:

The last altar we saw had Isaac on it, then a ram as his substitute. Israel was to make sacrifices to God to make payment for their sins.



THE VEIL:

A thick curtain was hung as a divider between the two rooms in the Tabernacle. This curtain was to remind Israel that they were separated from God and could not come into his presence because of their sin!



MOST HOLY PLACE:

The Holy of Holies was set apart for God's presence alone! Priests could only enter in once a year, through strict orders and cleansing.

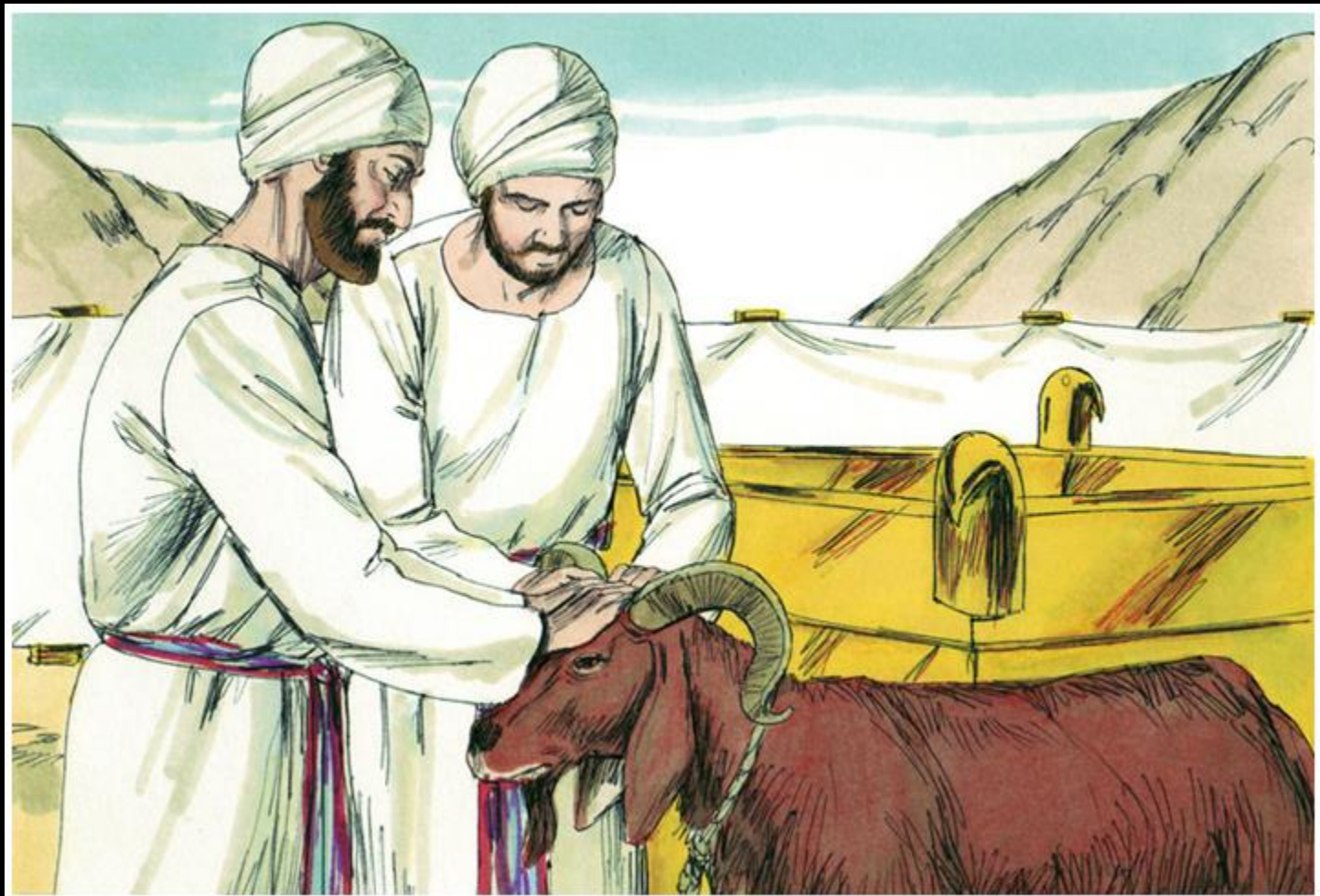


God appointed Aaron to be the high priest. The High Priest was allowed to go into the inner room, only once a year on the “Day of Atonement”, which means the ‘day of covering’.



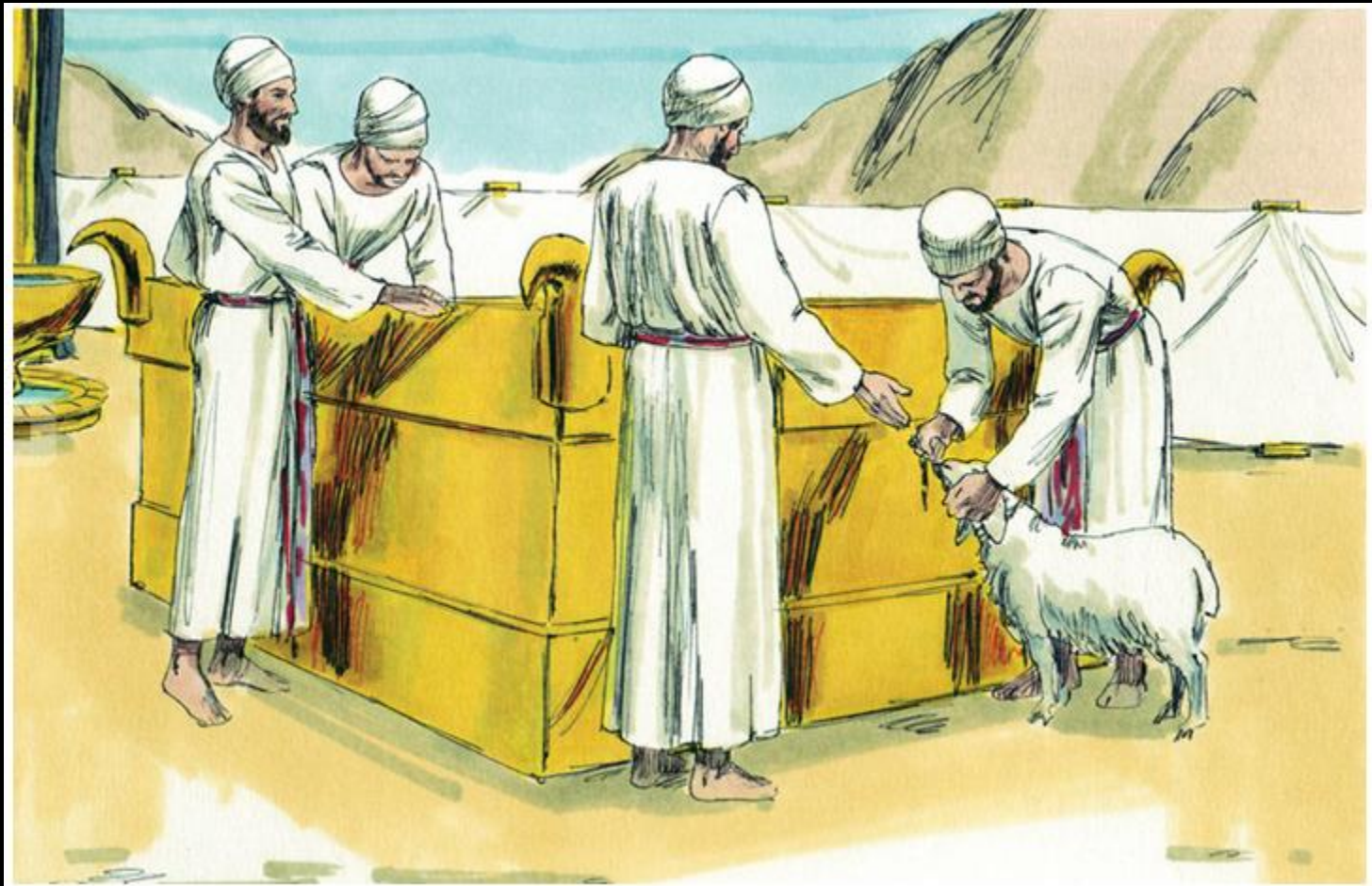
If anyone else had gone behind the curtain and entered the inner room, he would have been killed, or if Aaron entered improperly.

The only way he could enter was to come with the blood of an acceptable animal sacrifice. If everything was done the way that God instructed, He promised to forgive the sins of Israel for the past year!



The priest had to repeat this process every year, because the blood of animals could not permanently remove their sins.

It was only a temporary covering.



MERCY SEAT:

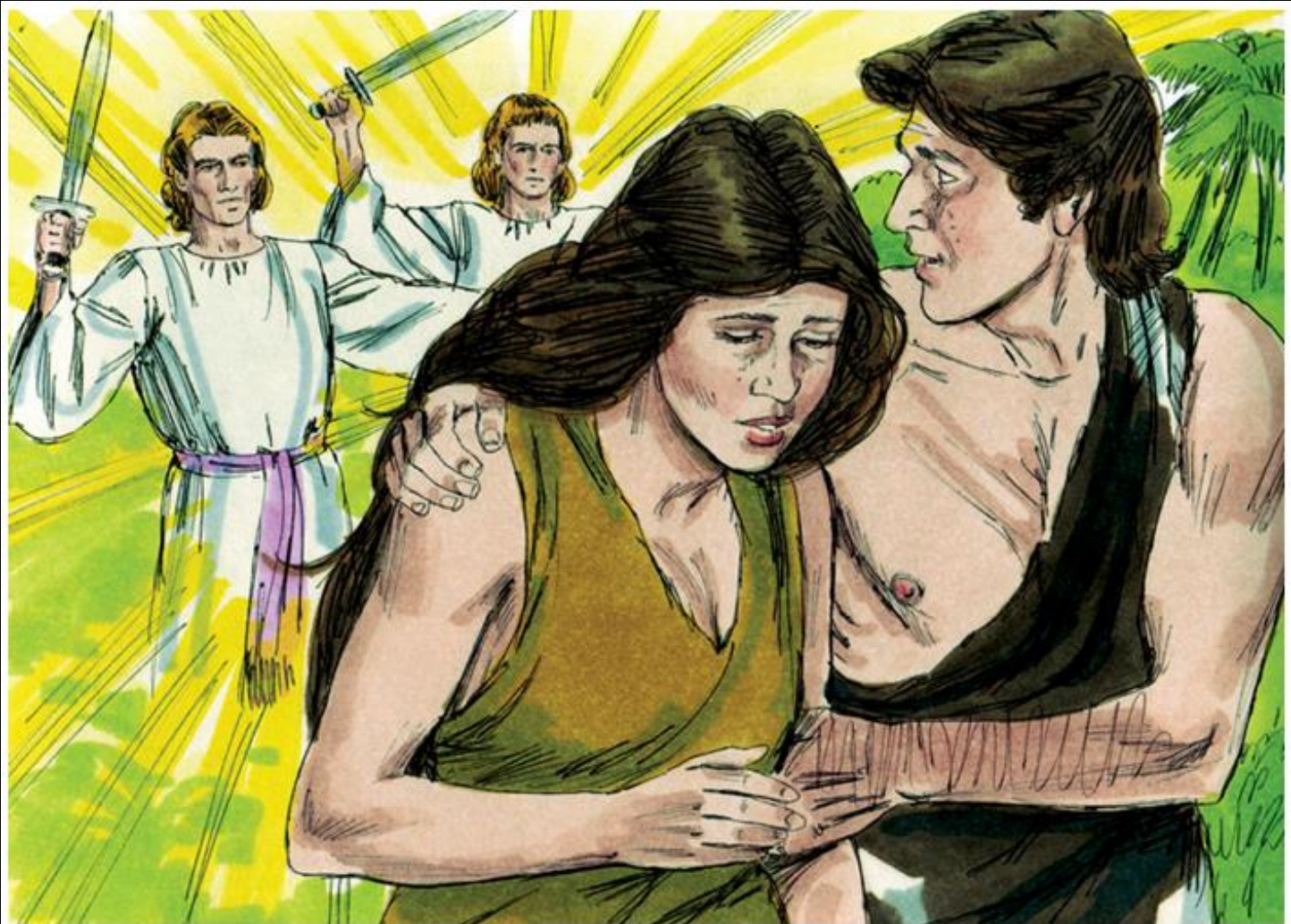
The Lid on the Arch of the Covenant (a box where God would dwell), was called the Mercy Seat. This was where God promised to live with the sinful Israelites and show them mercy!



When is the last time that we
saw two cherubim angels?



Two cherubim angels guarded
the way back to God...



God was providing Israel **a way back into his presence**, through the cherubim angels...if they would believe and obey what he said about their sin, the priests, the sacrifices, the tabernacle etc.

*“...he must **take some of the blood** of the bull, dip his finger in it, and **sprinkle it** on the east side of the atonement cover... Aaron must slaughter the first goat as a sin offering for the people and carry its blood behind the inner curtain.*

Leviticus 16:14-18

There he will sprinkle the goat's blood over the atonement cover and in front of it, just as he did with the bull's blood. Through this process, he will purify the Most Holy Place, and he will do the same for the entire Tabernacle, because of the defiling sin and rebellion of the Israelites.

Leviticus 16:14-18

No one else is allowed inside the Tabernacle when Aaron enters it for the purification ceremony in the Most Holy Place. No one may enter until he comes out again after purifying himself, his family, and all the congregation of Israel, making them right with the LORD.

Leviticus 16:14-18

God was foreshadowing the role of the coming deliverer.

This deliverer would **become a place** for the 'fullness of God' to dwell. (Col 1:19)

This deliverer would **become a sacrificial lamb** and die on behalf of the people. (1 John 2:2)

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This deliverer would be a **holy high**
priest and go between the people
and God. (Heb 9:11)

This deliverer would **tear open the**
veil and make a way for all to come
to God. (Matt 27:51)

‘Christ has now become the High Priest over all ...He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.’

Hebrews 9:11-12