

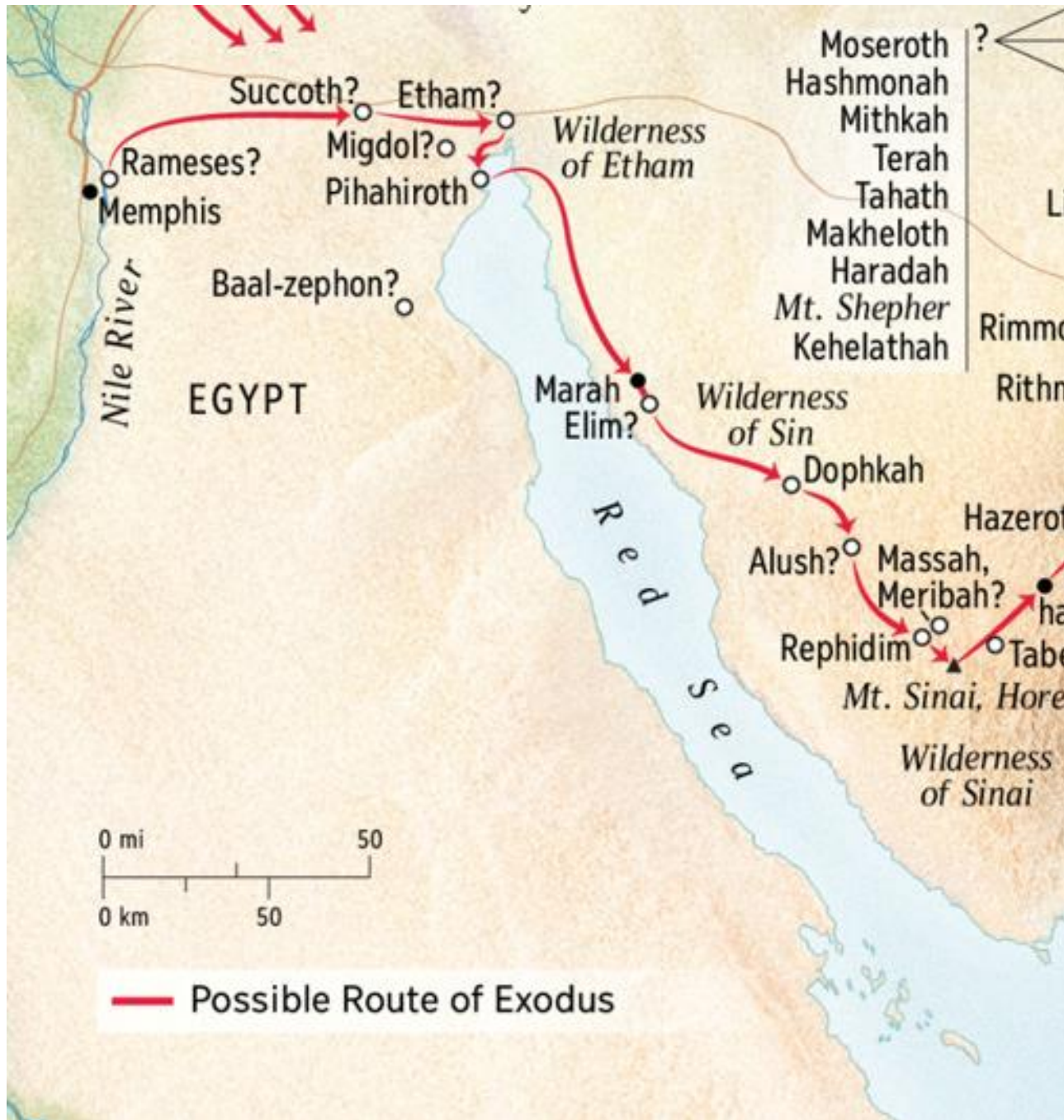


# Spiritual Lessons from the life of Moses

Lesson 11(Cont'd)-  
Meeting with  
Jethro and  
reaching Mt Sinai

Exodus 19

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(1) Background: God delivered the Israelites from the Amalekites at Rephidim.

(2) Moses met Jethro, Moses' wife and sons at Rephidim.

(3) After leaving Rephidim, the Israelites reached the foot of Mt Sinai in about 1445 BC.

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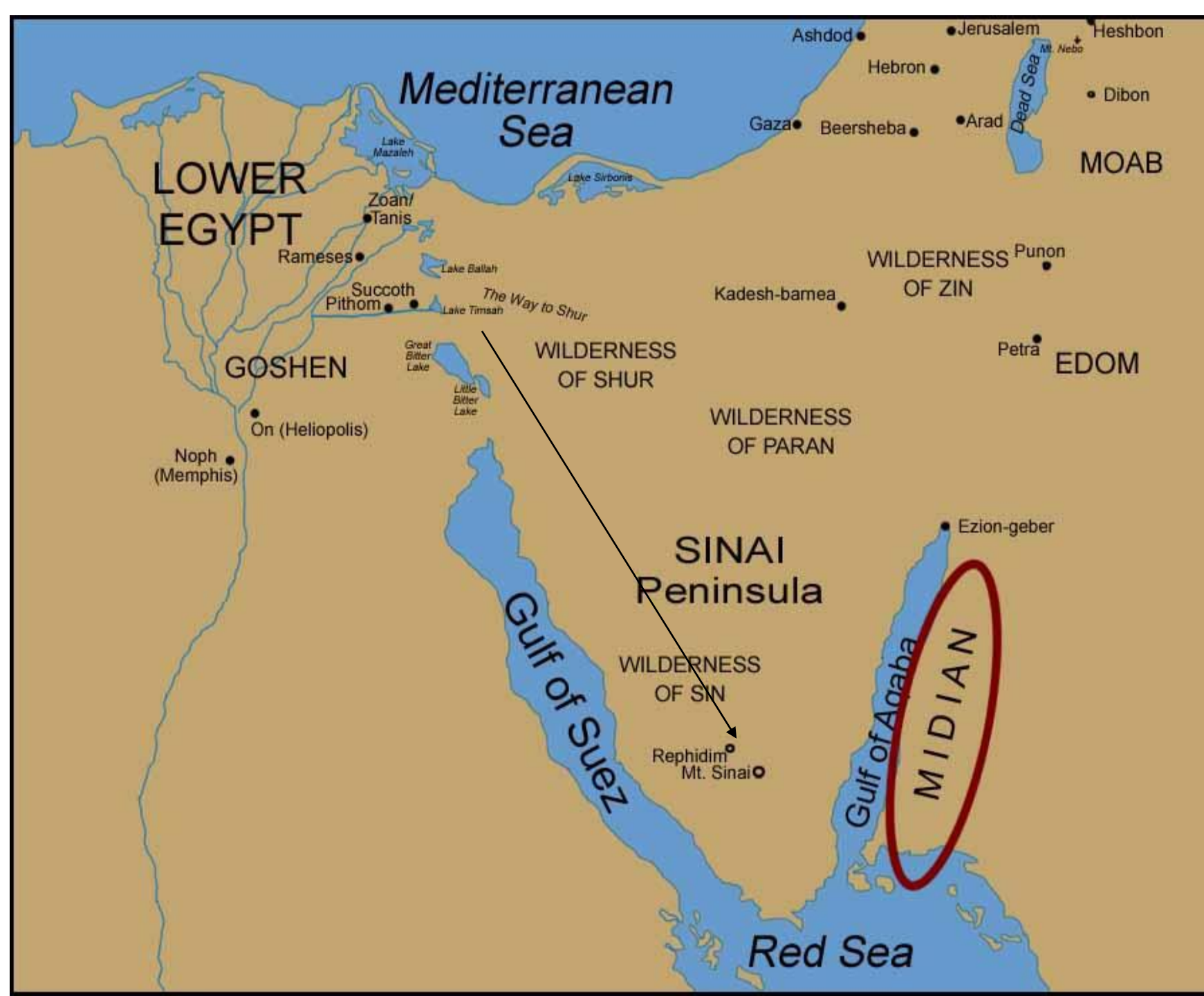
Moses and Jethro

(3) Watch video Chap 18, 19, Bible Movie app, start-end

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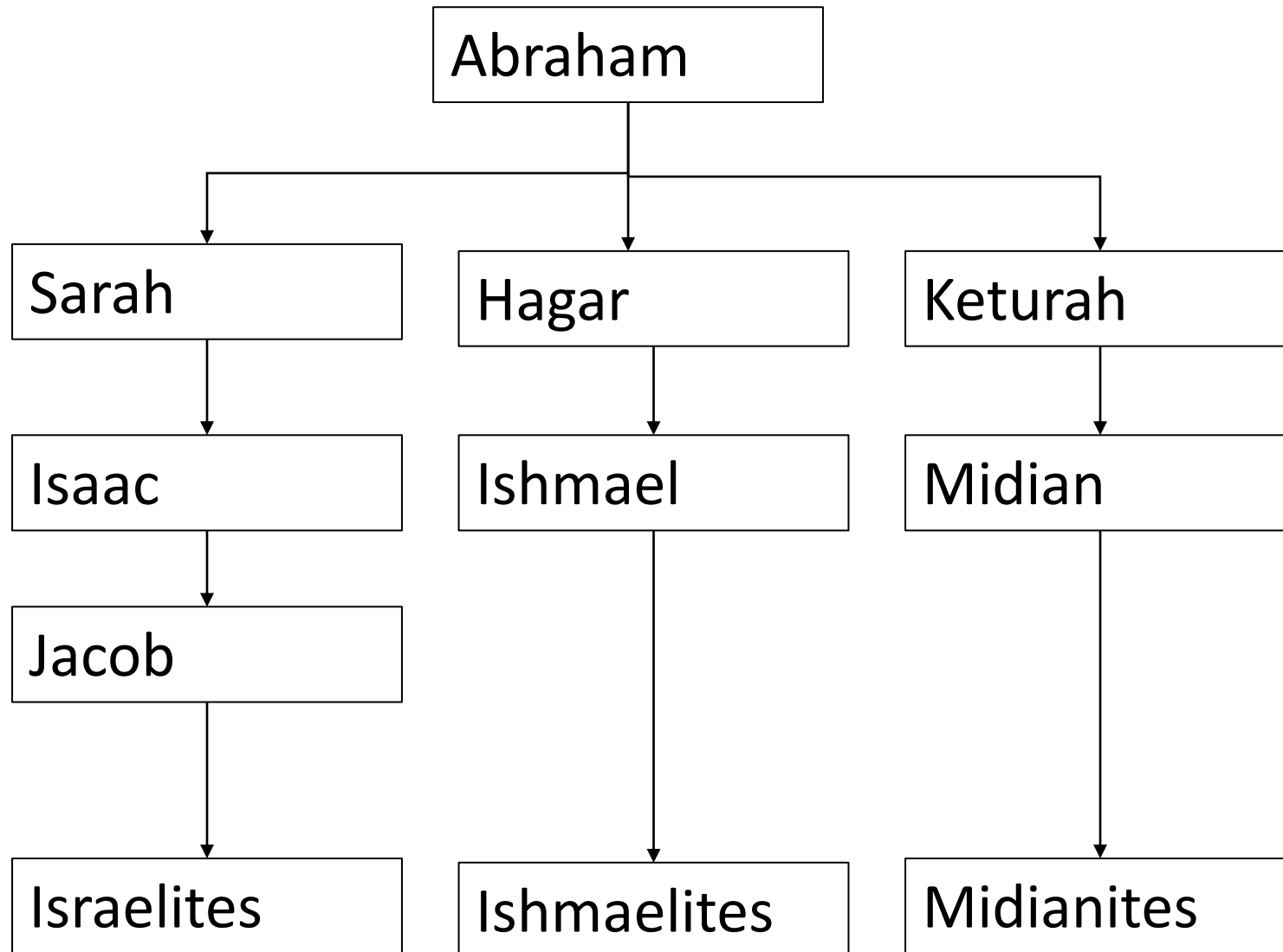


Where was ancient Midian?

## Map of Midian

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# Who were the Midianites?




## Genesis 25:1,2

- Abraham took another wife, Keturah.
- Keturah gave birth to Midian.

#### (4) Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, the priest of Midian

Jethro heard how the Lord  
rescued the Israelites out of  
Egypt.

Exod 18:1



Jethro, with Moses' wife and sons went to visit Moses at Rephidim.      Exod 18:5,6

Moses:

- Went out to meet Jethro;
- Bowed down and kissed Jethro;
- Greeted each other;
- Went into the tent.

Exod 18:7

- Notice Moses' respect and love for his father-in-law.





Moses told Jethro:

- Everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians;
- Hardships; and
- How the Lord had saved them.                      Exod 18:8

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- Moses gave all glory to the Lord.

(Exodus 18)

<sup>10</sup> And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

<sup>11</sup> Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

<sup>12</sup> And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

- Through Moses' testimony of God's miraculous rescue, Jethro learnt about Jehovah God.
- Jethro's previous experience of "all gods"
- Then, "Now I know..."
- Using of phrases "Blessed be the Lord" etc...

(Exodus 18)

<sup>21</sup> Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, ...

<sup>23</sup> If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so,

- Jethro's use of phrases:
  - “such as fear God”,
  - “God command thee so”
- Indications of Jethro's believe in God Jehovah.

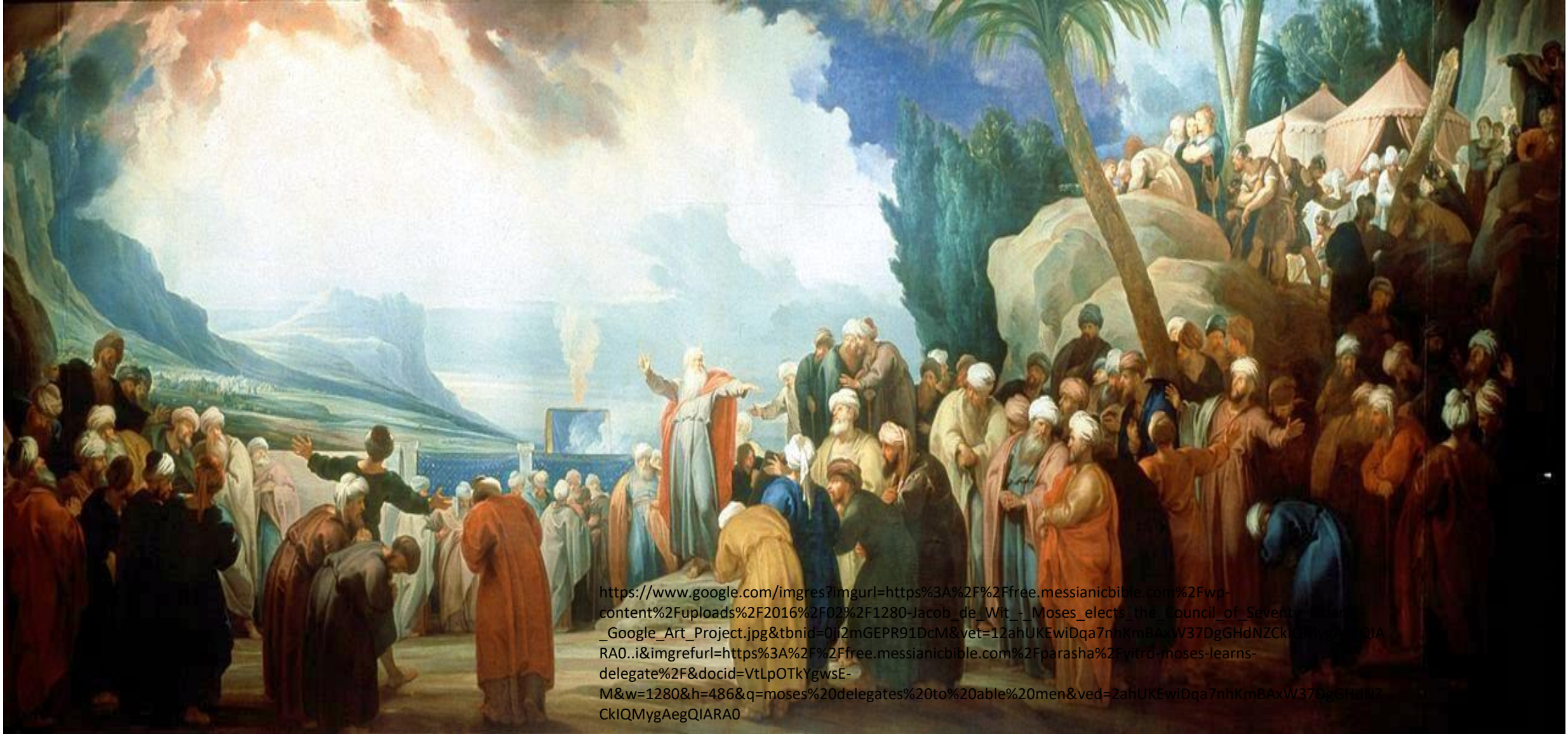
- **Spiritual Lessons:**

- Due to Moses' sharing of God's saving them, Jethro believed in God Jehovah.
- We should likewise share of God's goodness to one another.
- Sharing to non-believers may evangelise them.
- Sharing to believers will encourage each other in the faith.
- There are different ways to reach out to non-believers, for example:
  - Direct witnessing with the Gospel.
  - Testifying of God's goodness and help in our lives.
  - Bearing a good Christian behaviour.
- Always seek peace, avoid quarrelling and arguing.



### (3) Jethro's advice to Moses (Exod 18:13-23)

Moses settling the disputes of all the people from morning to dusk

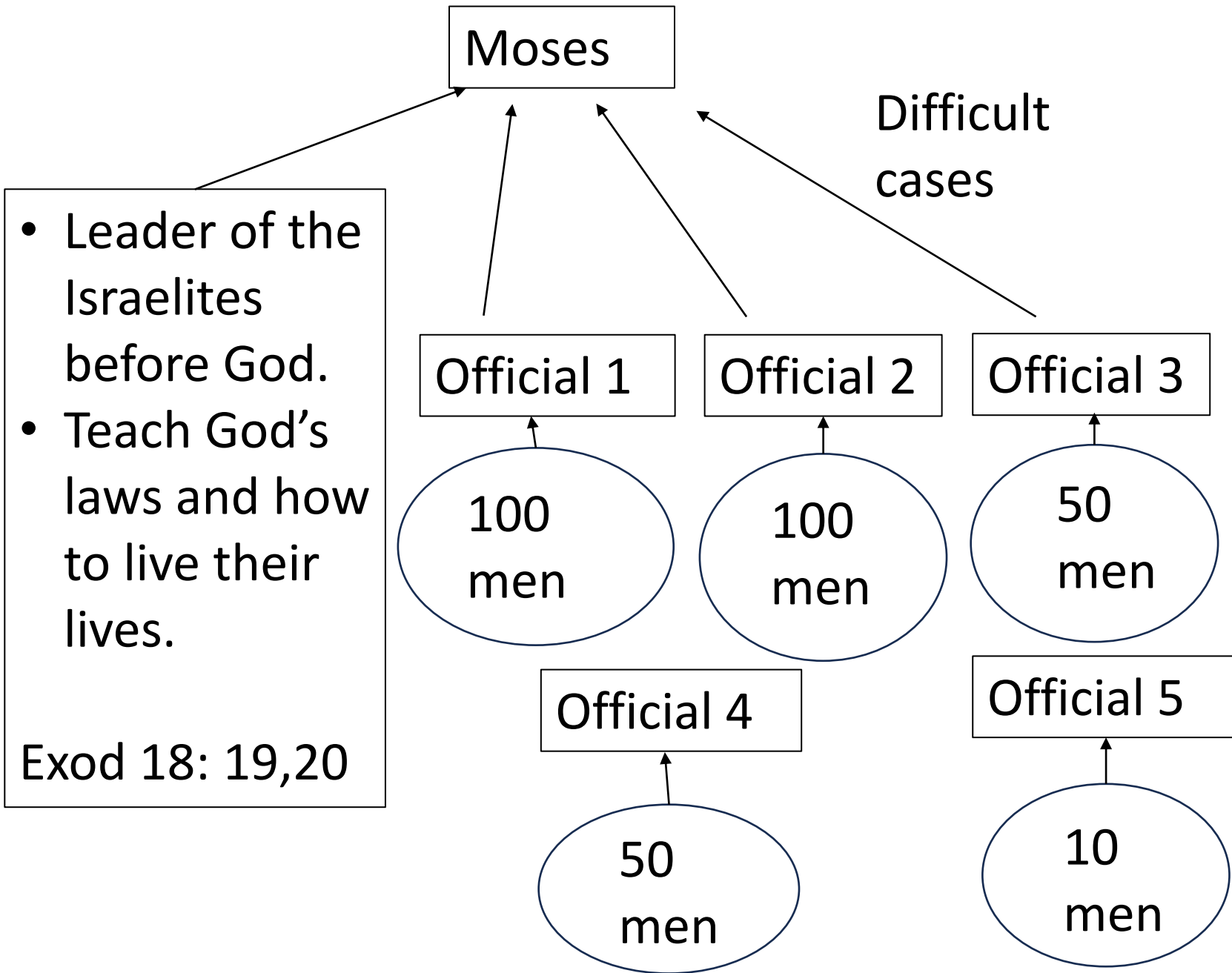






#### (4) Moses' delegation to other men (Exod 18:21-22):

- Select capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes.
- Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten.
- They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes,
- Bring the major cases to you.
- Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves.



## Exodus 18:21-23

(a) Appoint:

- Capable men
- Fear God
- Trustworthy men
- Hate bribes

(b) These judges will take over the load of deciding disputes.

(c) Only difficult cases are to be referred to Moses.

## The Judicial System in Singapore

The Court of Appeal



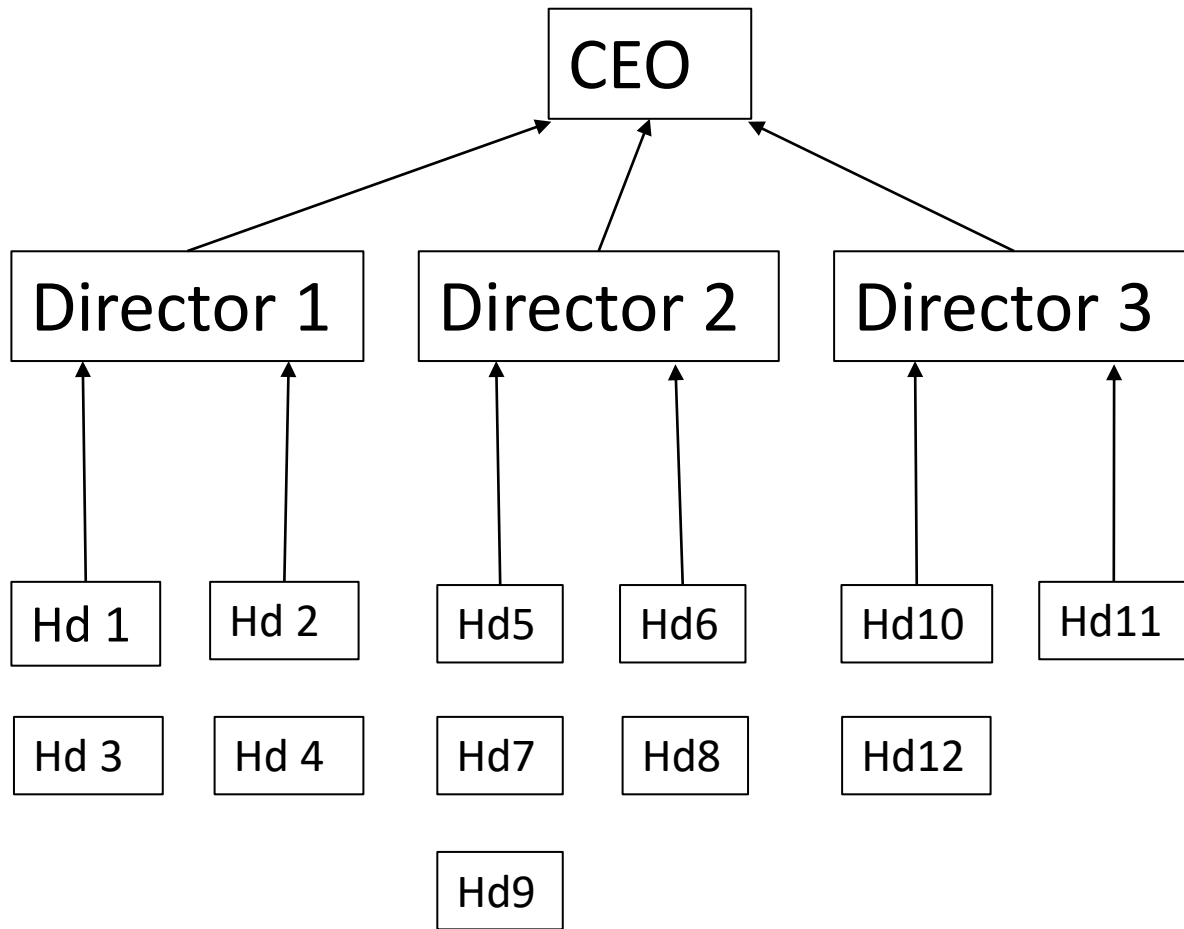
The High Court



The States Courts

- Appeals from the High Court
  - Fewer cases compared to cases in the High Court and States Courts.
  - High Court decides on serious criminal cases eg Murder
  - Civil cases with big claims
  - Appeals from States Courts
  - Fewer cases compared to cases in the States Courts
- Most criminal and civil cases start at the States Courts eg theft.





#### (4) Spiritual Lessons

- 1 Peter 2:18
- In the same manner, we submit to our bosses/employers.

(5) Watch video Chap 19, Bible Movie app:

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Note:

The preparation for the Israelites when they approached Mt Sinai.

Satellite photo of Mt Sinai:

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## Exodus 19:1

In the third month after leaving Egypt, the Israelites reached the foot of Mount Sinai (approx 500km, from SG to Ipoh).





Exod 19: 3

Moses climbed up the mountain where God spoke to him. 'You have seen how I brought you out of Egypt. Tell the Israelites, if you obey me, out of all the nations I will make you my treasured people, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'





Exod 19: 7-8

Moses climbed back down the mountain to tell the leaders of the people (elders) what God had promised. Together they responded, 'We will do everything the Lord has said.'





Moses climbed back up the mountain to give God their answer.





## Exod 19: 9

God told Moses, 'I am going to come to you in a thick cloud so the people will hear me speaking to you and will trust you.' Moses reported that the Israelites had said they were ready to fully obey God.

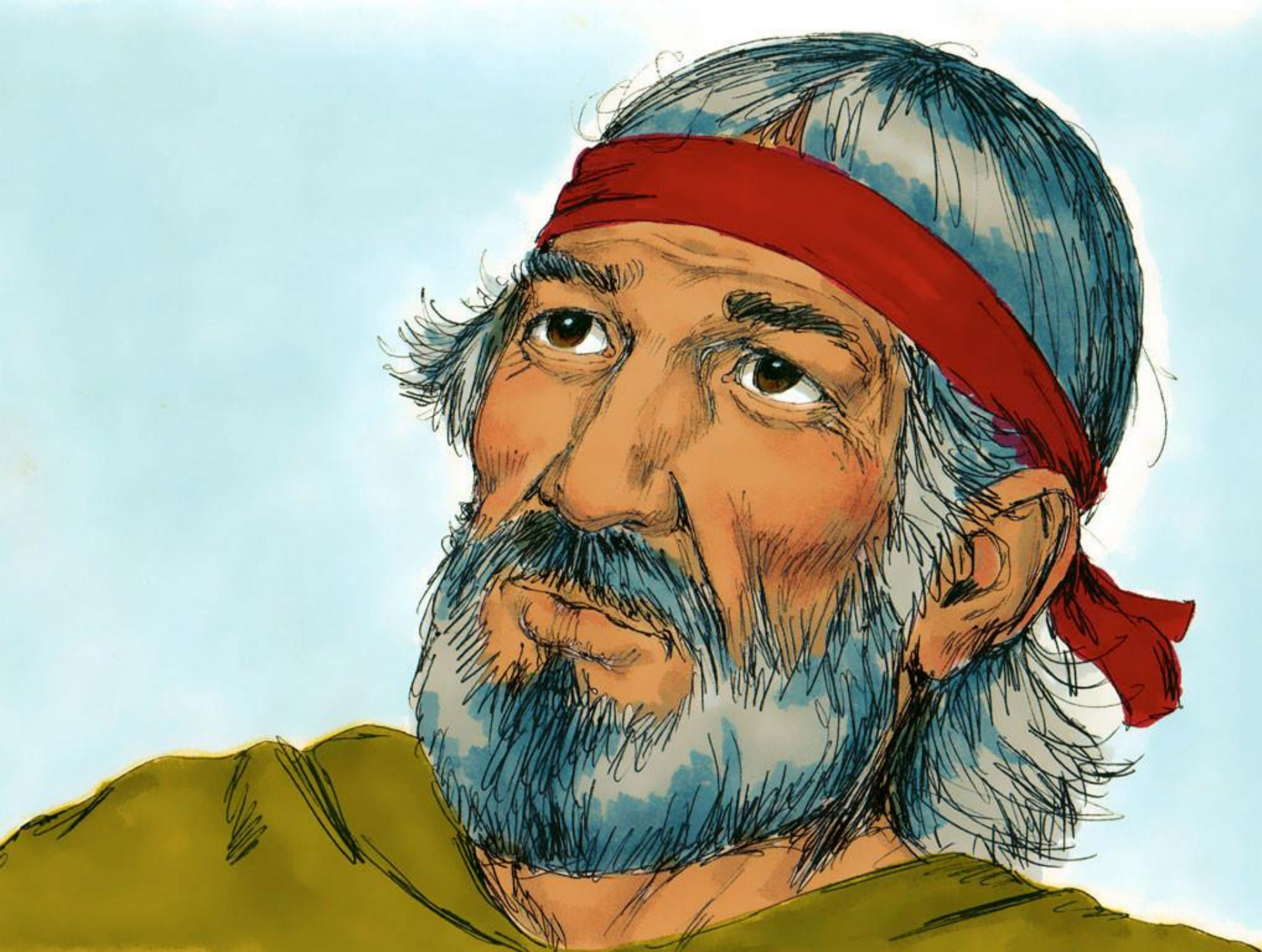




Exod 19:10

God told Moses to prepare the people as God will come down to Mt Sinai on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

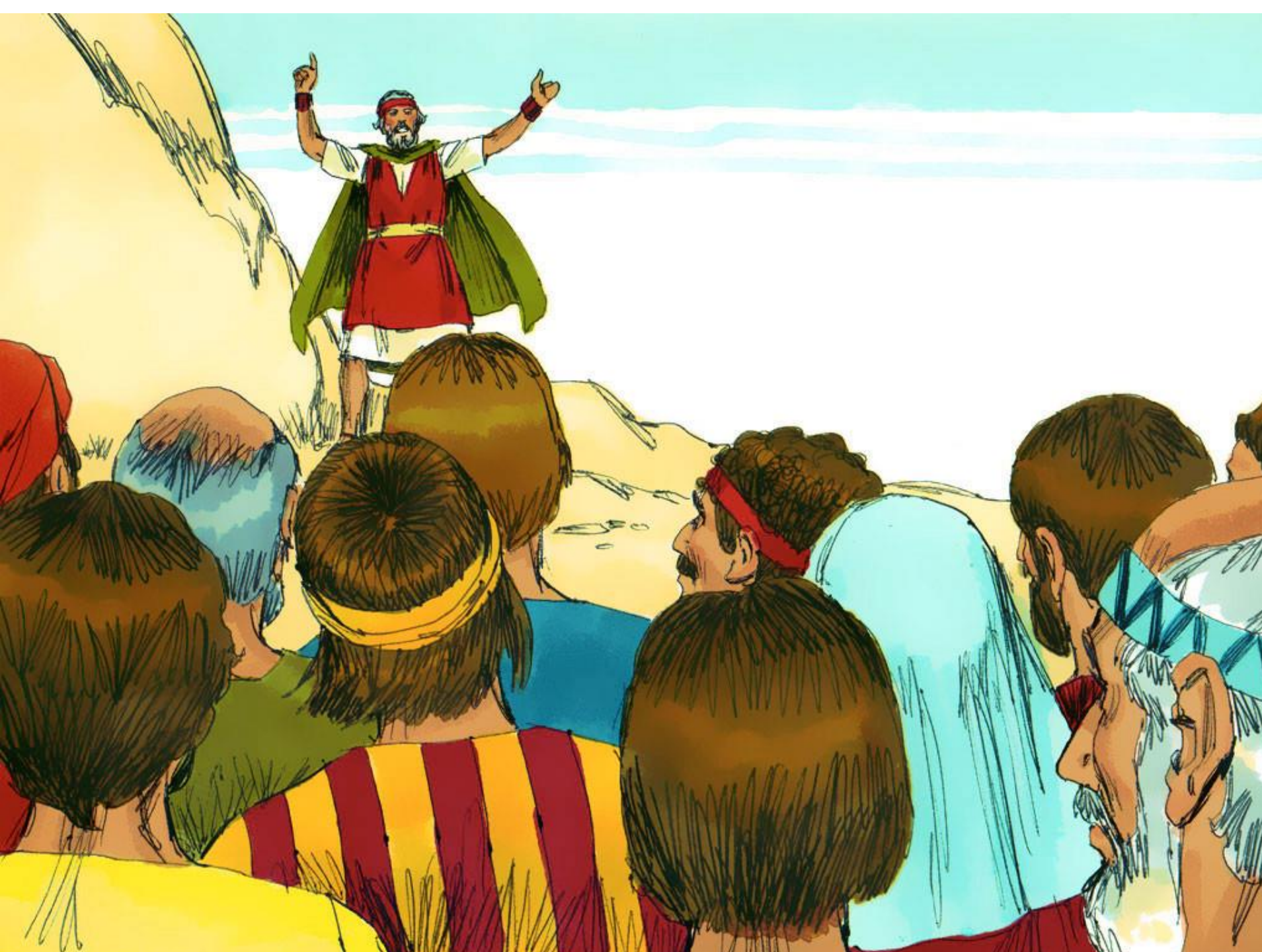




Exod 19: 12

God told Moses to put a limit around the mountain as anyone who touched it would die. Only when the ram's horn sounded a long blast could they approach the mountain.

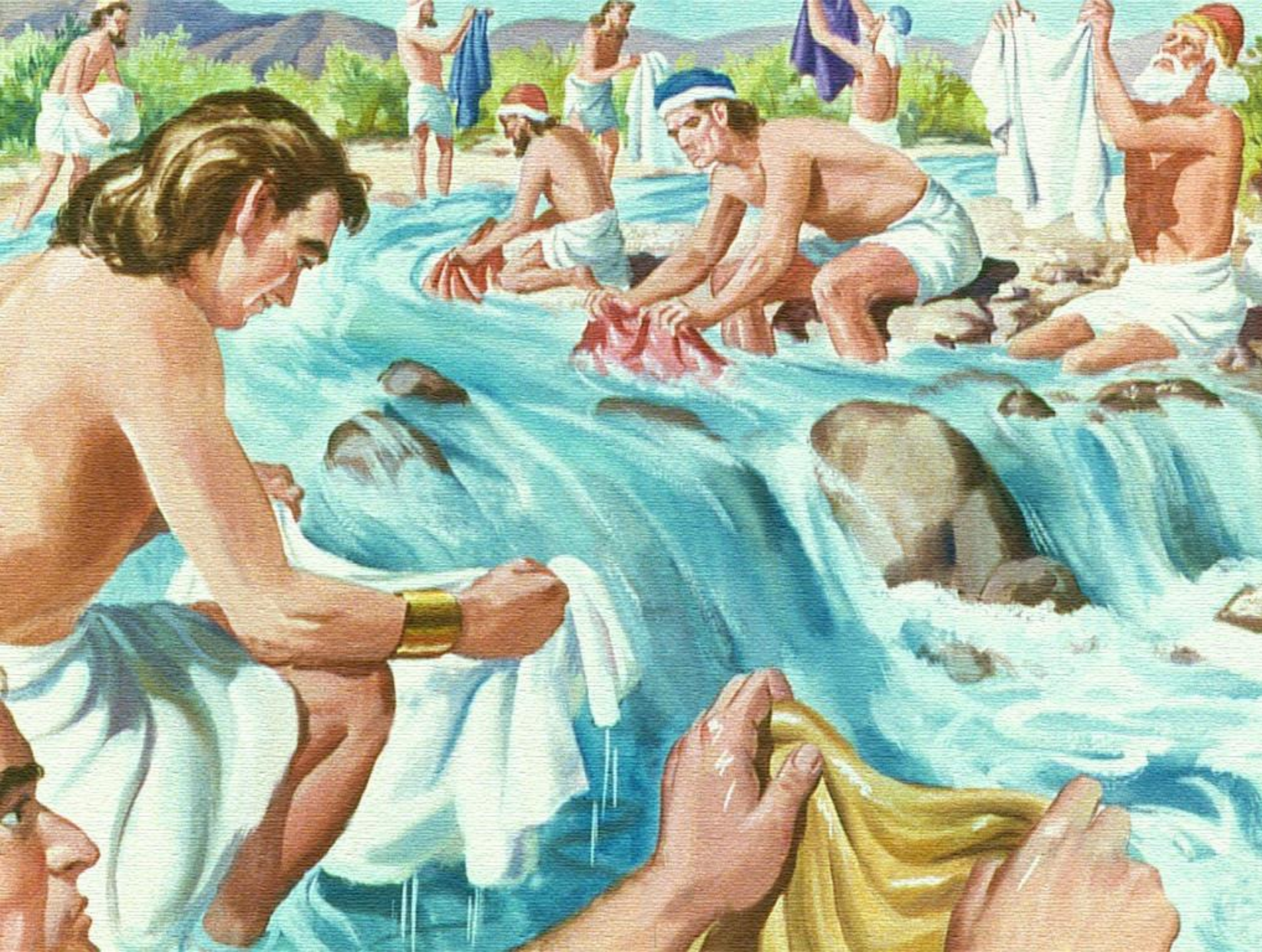




Exod 19: 14

Moses gave everyone God's instructions. They washed their clothes and prepared to consecrate themselves to God.





Exodus 19:10  
Then they  
washed all their  
clothes to get  
them free from  
the dust and  
dirt of the  
desert.





Exodus 19:12-13  
They fenced in all the cattle, for God had warned that even the animals would die if they touch the Holy Mountain.





## Exod 19: 16

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning and a thick cloud over the mountain. There was the sound of a loud trumpet blast and everyone trembled.

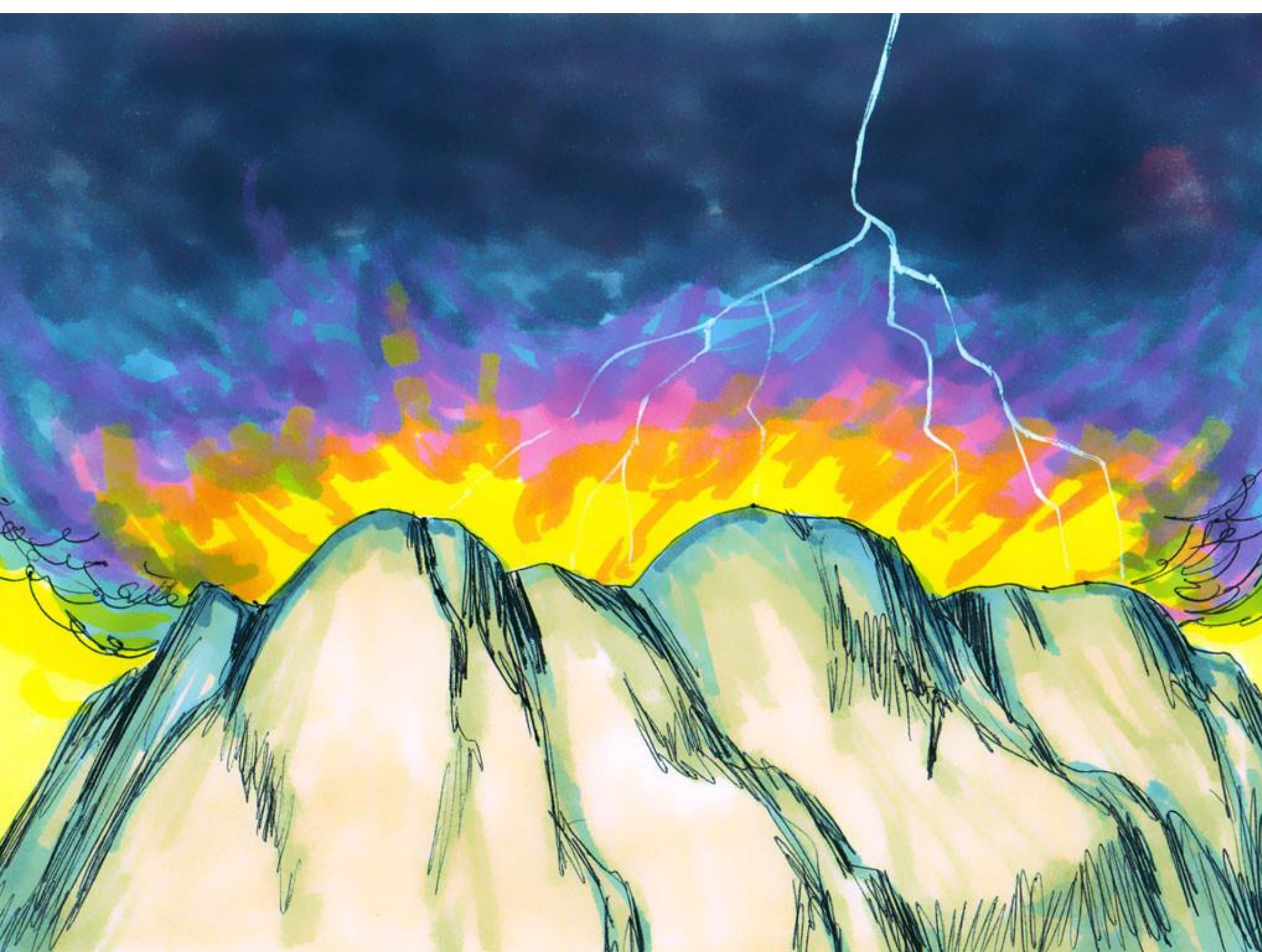




Exod 19: 17

Moses led the people to the foot of the mountain.





Exod 19: 18-19

The Lord descended on to Mount Sinai in fire. Smoke billowed up like a furnace and the whole mountain shook. The sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder.





Exod 19: 20

God called  
Moses to  
come to the  
top of the  
mountain.





Exod 19: 21

'Warn everyone to stay outside the limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy,' God told Moses. 'Then return to the top of the mountain with Aaron.'





Exod 19: 25

Moses went down to warn everyone that the mountain was holy and they must not approach any closer.





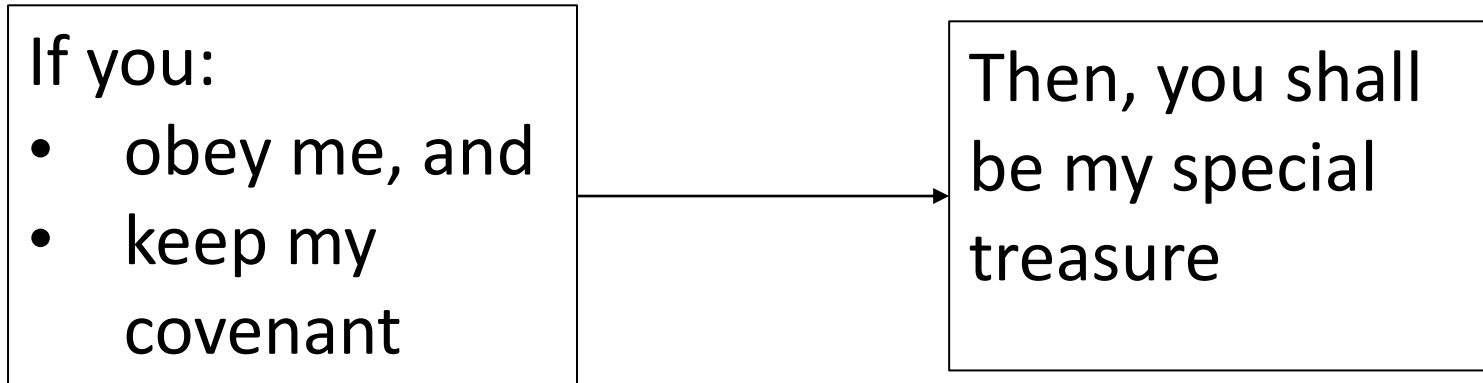
## Exodus 20

God then gave His laws for living to please Him. 'You shall have no other gods before me.'



## (6) Spiritual Lessons

Exodus 19:5:



Similarly in John 15:10:

*If ye keep my commandments,  
ye shall abide in my love;...*


## (7) Now what for us?

*If ye keep my  
commandments:*

(a) Do good

(b) Turn away from evil

(c) Seek after peace



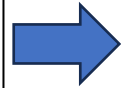
You will remain in  
God's love

## (8) Preparation for the Israelites to receive God's laws

Exodus 19: 10-15: (Slide 22-25)

Prepare the Israelites:

- 3-day purification ritual,
- Wash their clothing,
- Set boundaries between the Israelites and Mt Sinai,
- The people must not go up Mt Sinai or touch the boundaries,
- People and animals violating boundaries must die,
- Etc...



- Such elaborate cleansing process underscored the significance of the event.
- God was going to descend on Mt Sinai to instruct His people on His laws.
- God is holy and perfect. The Israelites were mortal man and sinners.
- There must be a boundary between God and man.
- This taught the Israelites to pay reverence and deep respect to a holy God.

## (9) The awesome God

Slide 26-31

Exodus 19:18-20. The Israelites saw:

- (1) Mt Sinai covered with fire (God has descended on the mount)
- (2) Smoke
- (3) Mountain shook with earthquake
- (4) Blasting of horn
- (5) Moses spoke. God thundered in reply to Moses

The Israelites were:

- (a) Filled with fear
- (b) Deep reverence and respect

## (9) Now what for us?

We must also show deep respect and awe to our God:

- Attitude of the heart
  - Humility
  - Remember:
    - God is Creator of heaven and earth
    - God is all-powerful
    - He condescends to be our loving heavenly Father
    - Although He is loving and merciful, He also judges those who are wicked and sinful.
- He should not be treated casually, as a “buddy”.
- We should not go to God with a list of demands, treating Him as Santa Claus.



- In prayer:
  - Praise, thank and glorify God
  - Seek forgiveness
  - Seek provision for our needs
  - Seek deliverance from our troubles
  - Seek His will be done, not our will.
  - Always remember in our attitude in prayer that God is our creator and we are his humble creatures.

- In daily conduct:
  - Share of God's goodness with one another.
  - Keep away from sin in speech, thought and deed.
  - Do good to one another.
  - Seek peace and not conflict.