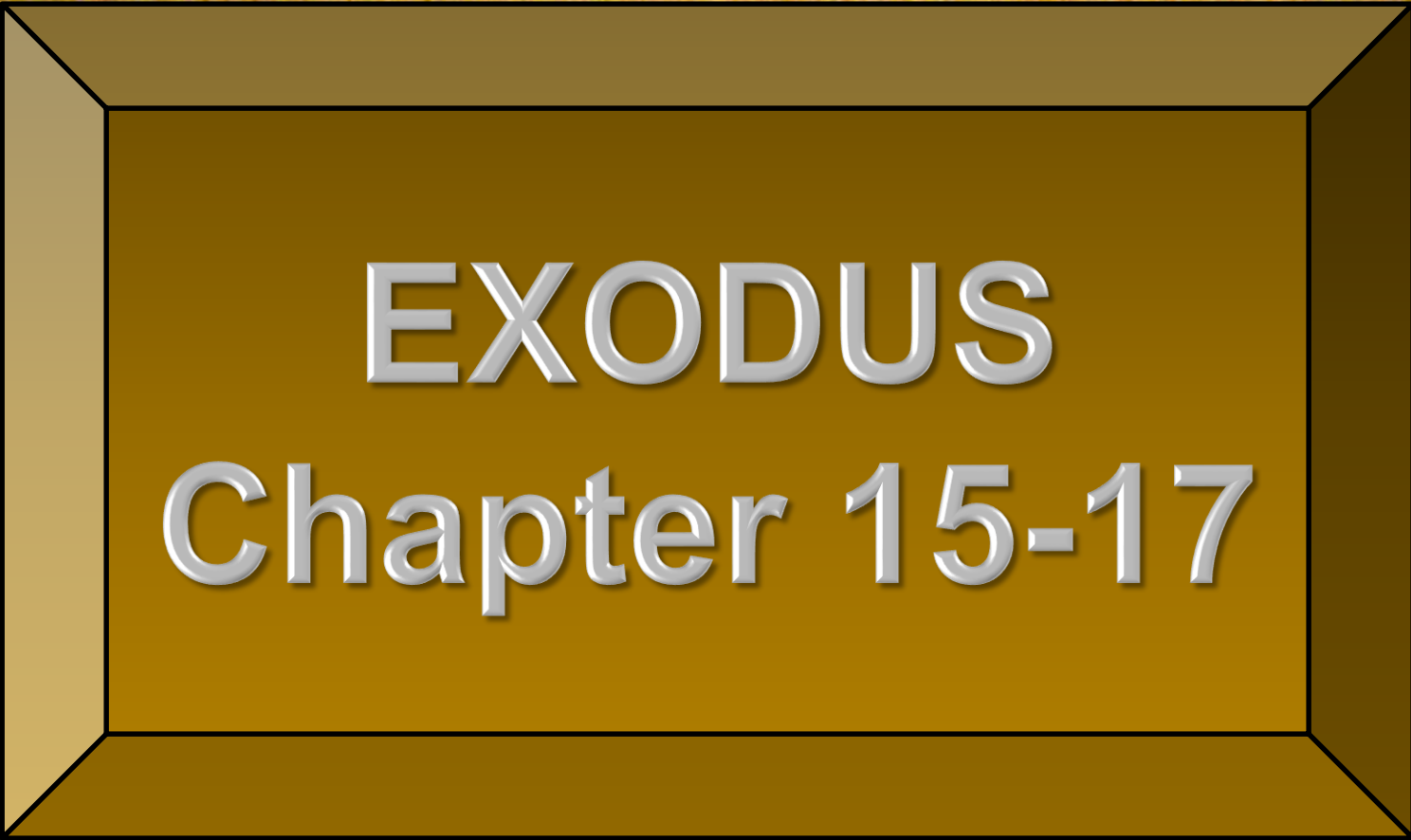




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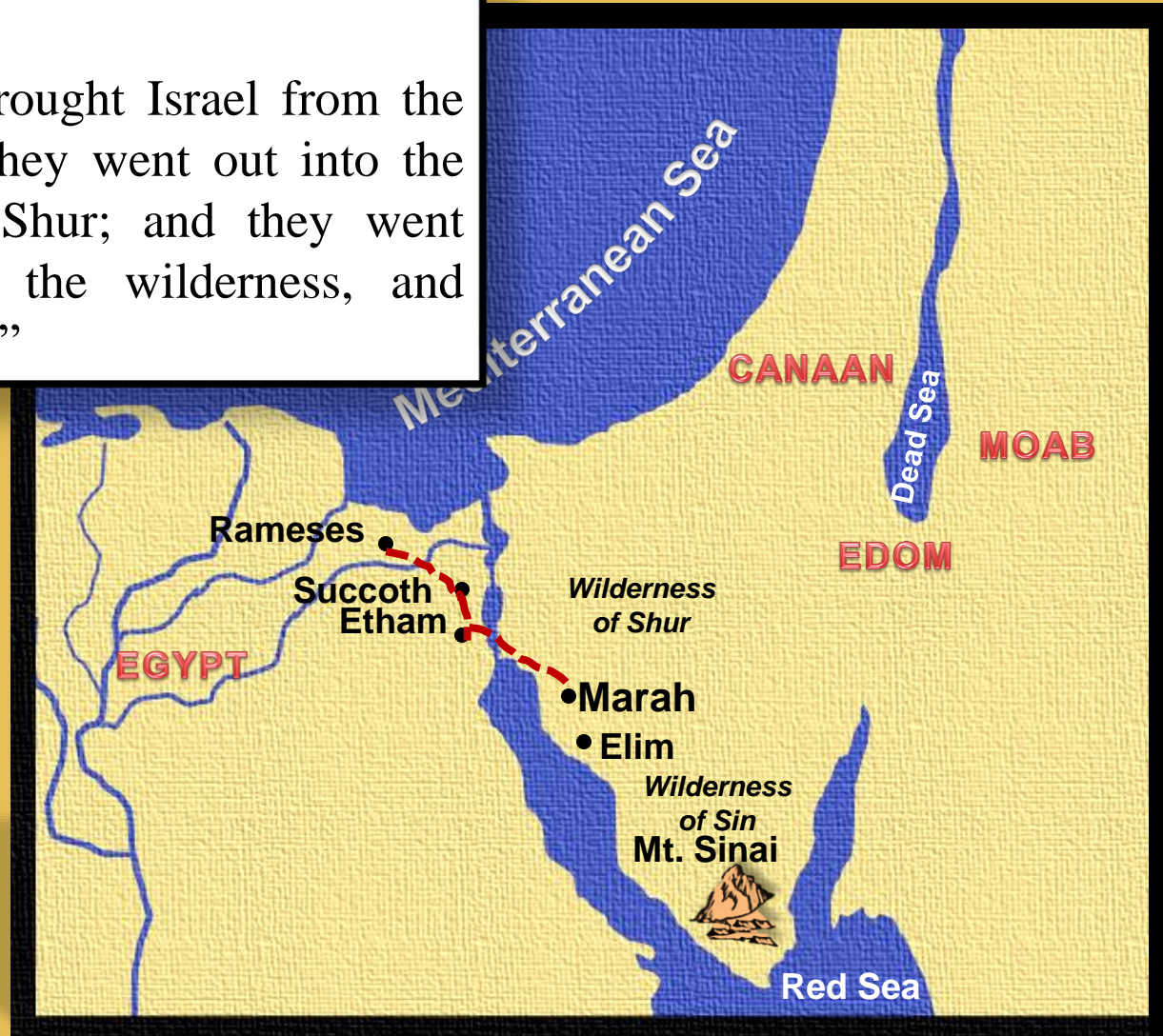




EXODUS
Chapter 15-17

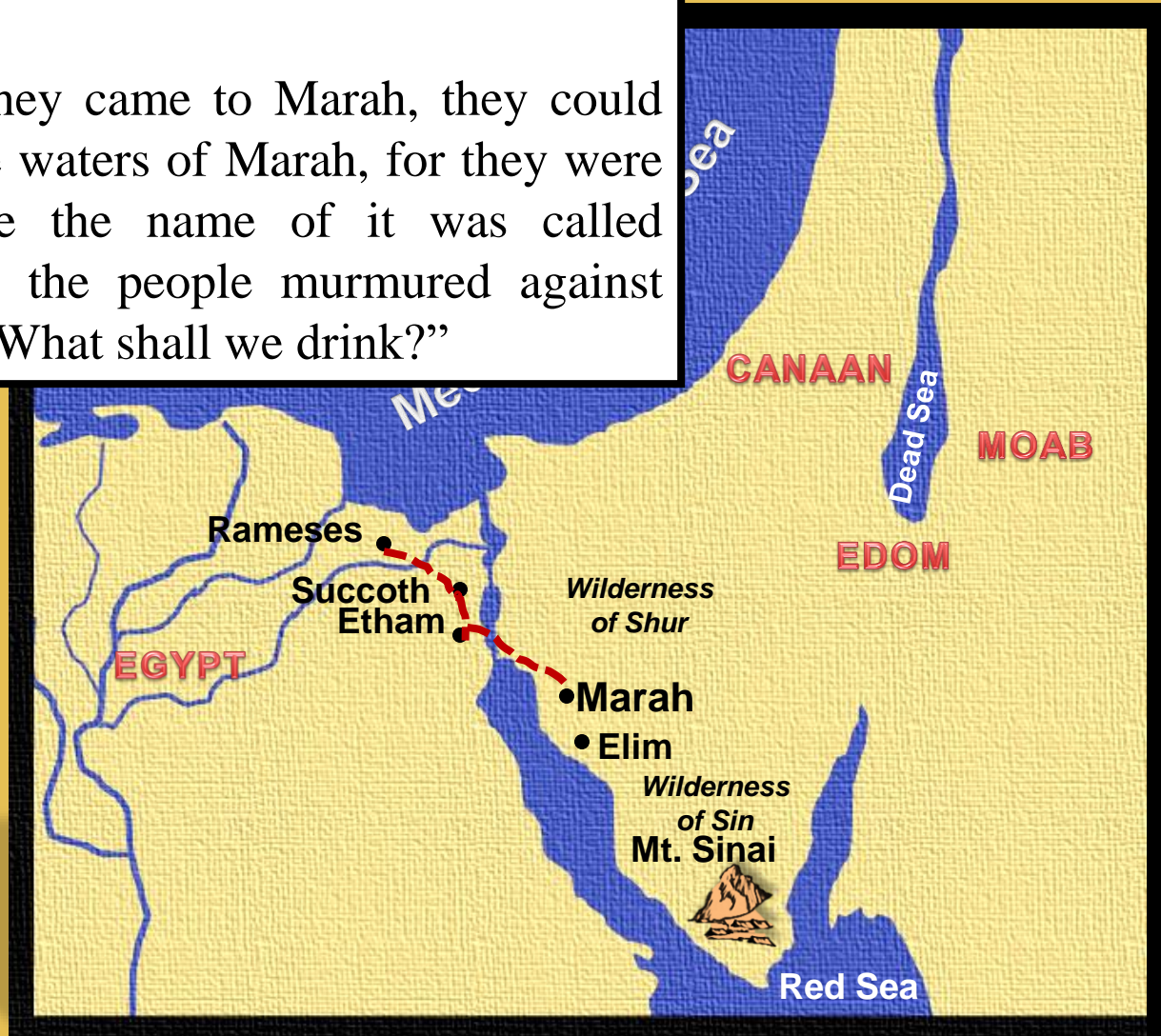
Exodus 15

“²²So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.”



Exodus 15

“²³And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. ²⁴And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?”



Exodus 15

“²⁵And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, **and there he proved them,**”

“There he proved them . . .”

That is, he put them on trial or probation for his favor. He told them what he expected of them, which was obedience.



Exodus 15

“²⁶And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

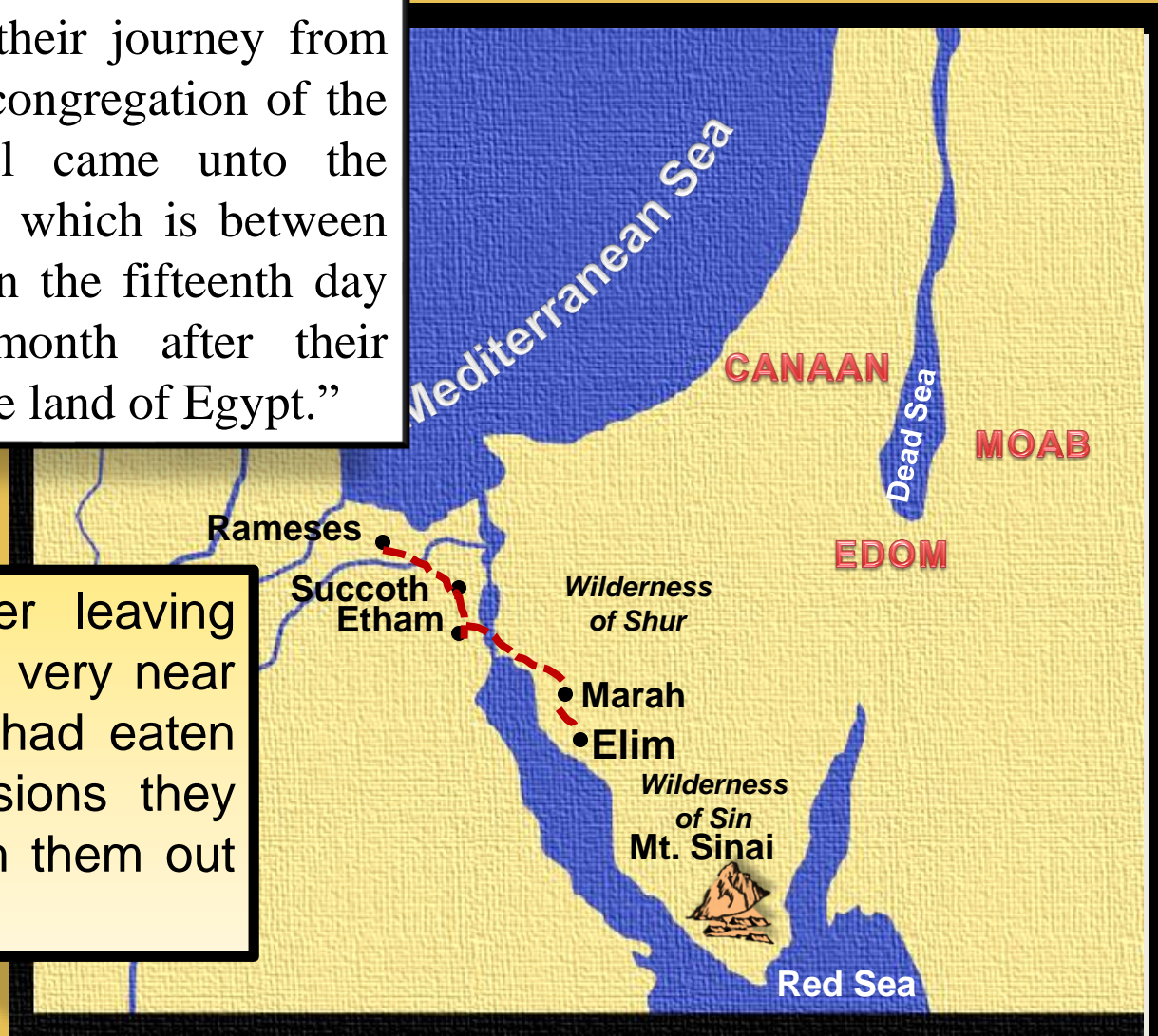
²⁷And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.”



Exodus 16

“¹And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and **Sinai**, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.”

One month after leaving Egypt they were very near Sinai, and they had eaten all of the provisions they had brought with them out of Egypt.





Exodus 16

“²And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: ³And the children of Israel said unto them, **would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt**, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

MANNA

Bread from heaven

Exodus 16

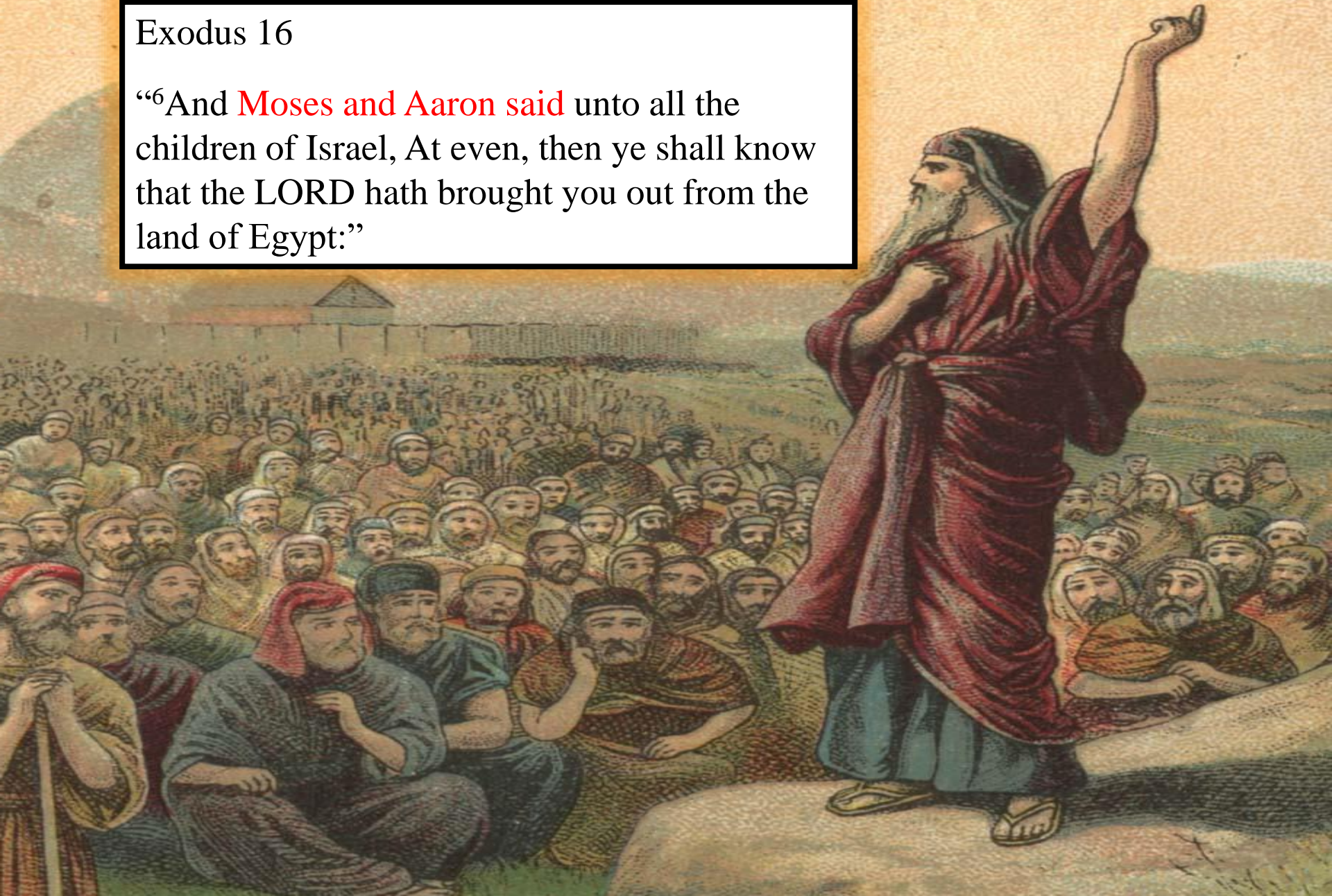
“⁴Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you: and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, **that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.** ⁵And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”



Again God tries them or “proves” them to see if they will be faithful and depend upon Him.

Exodus 16

“⁶And **Moses and Aaron said** unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:”



Exodus 16

“⁷And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? ⁸And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the **evening flesh** to eat, and in the **morning bread** to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.”



Exodus 16

“⁹And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

¹⁰And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.”



QUAIL IN THE EVENING

Exodus 16

“¹¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹²I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God. ¹³And it came to pass, **that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.**”



MANNA

Exodus 16

“¹⁴And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a **small round thing**, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

¹⁵And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, **This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.**”



Exodus 16

“¹⁶This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.

¹⁷And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

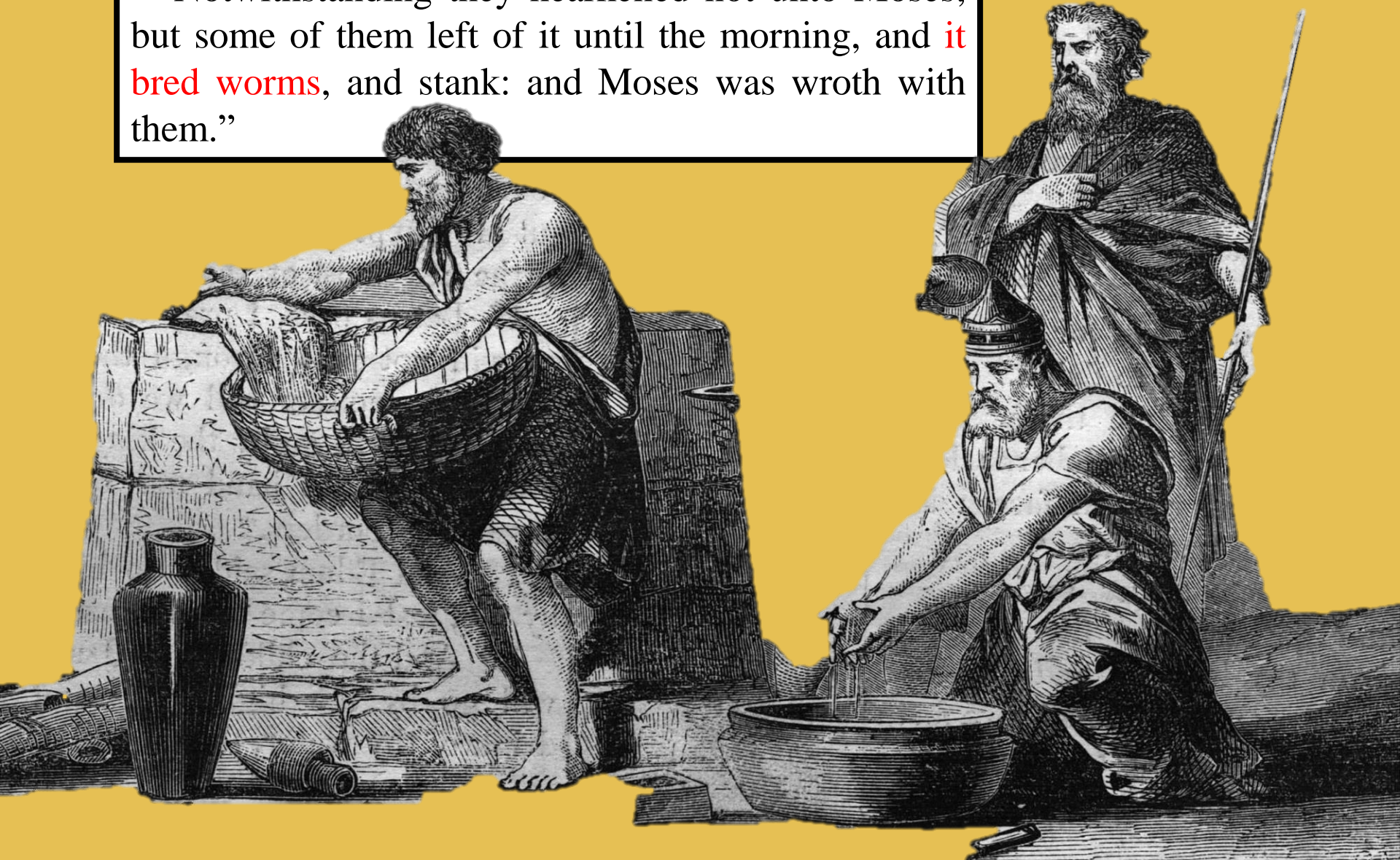
¹⁸And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

¹⁹And Moses said, **Let no man leave of it till the morning.”**



Exodus 16

“²⁰Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and **it bred worms**, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.”



Exodus 16

“²¹And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the **sun waxed hot, it melted.**

²²And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.”



Exodus 16

“²³And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the **holy sabbath** unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.
²⁴And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.”



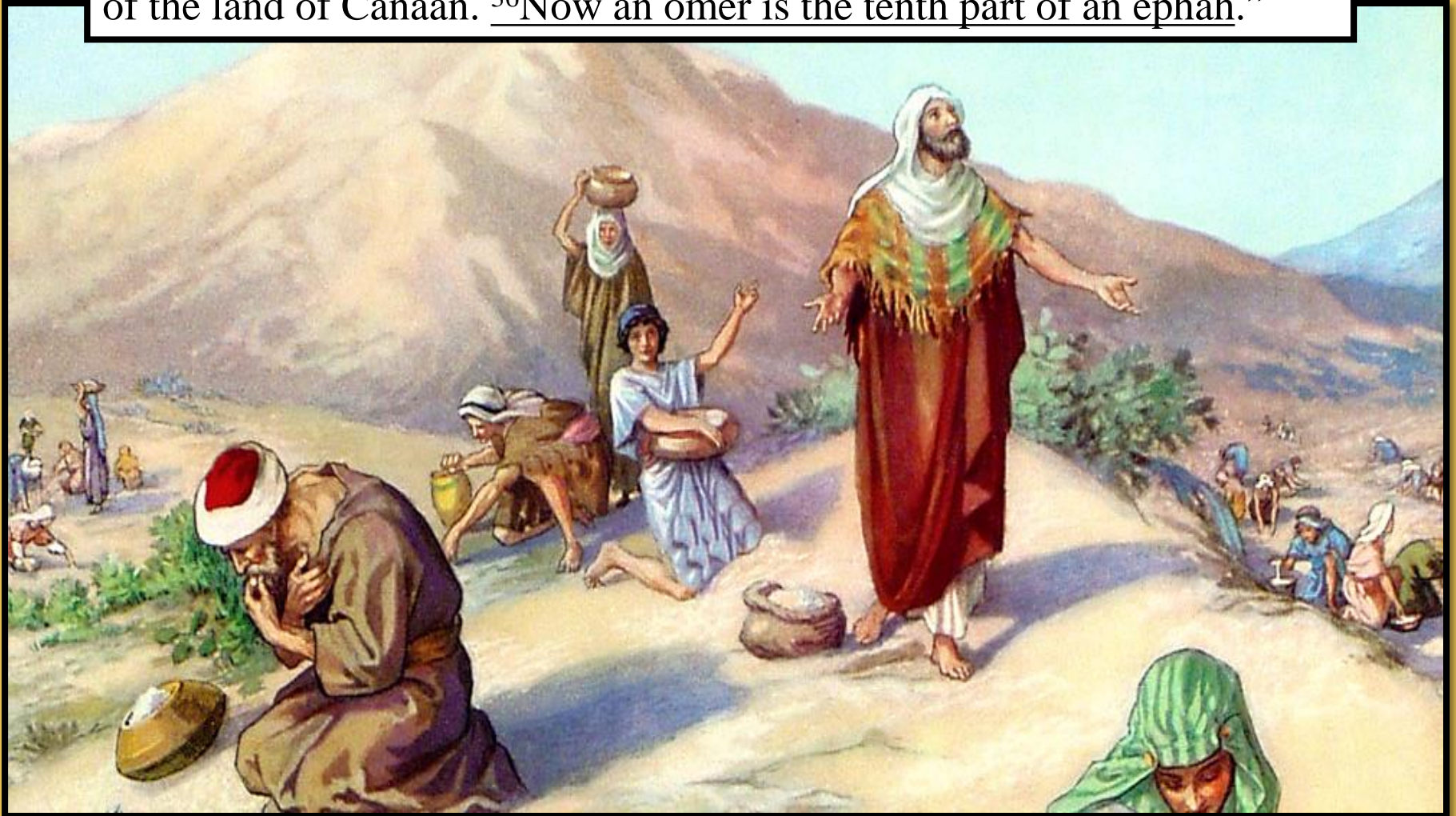
Exodus 16

“³¹And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.”



Exodus 16

“³⁵And the children of Israel did **eat manna forty years**, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. ³⁶Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.”



DRY MEASUREMENTS

Omer—

Hebrew measure

One tenth of an Ephah

US MEASUREMENT: 5.1 pints

Ephah—

Egyptian origin of measure commonly used by Hebrews

Ten Omers

US MEASUREMENT: 3 pecks and 3 pints (or 58.8 pints)

US MEASUREMENTS

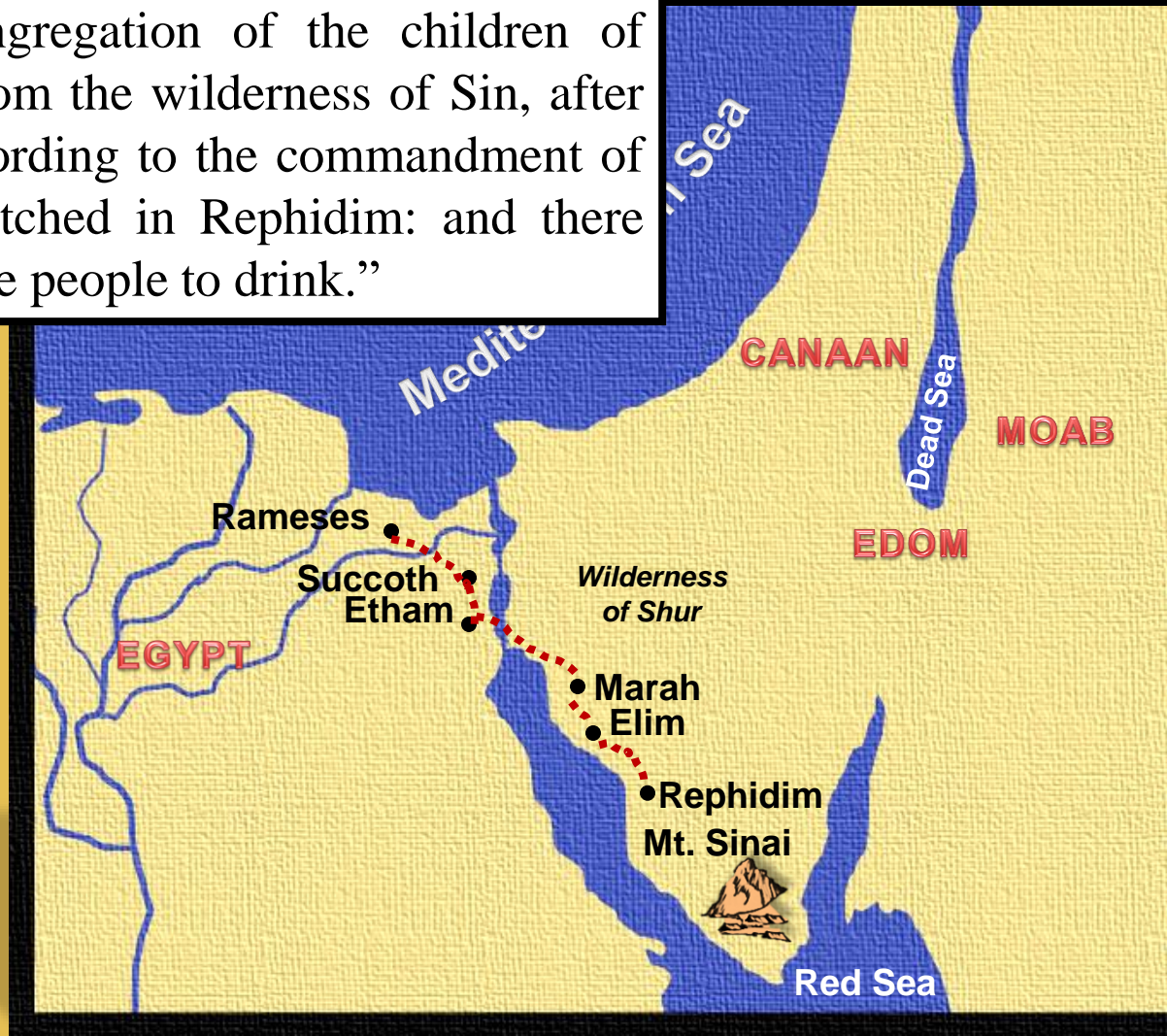
1 peck = 18.6 pints

1 bushel = 64 pints

**Moses was told
to strike the
rock.**

Exodus 17

“¹And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.”



Exodus 17

“²Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, **Give us water that we may drink.** And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?”



Exodus 17

“³And the people thirsted there for water; and **the people murmured against Moses**, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?”



Exodus 17

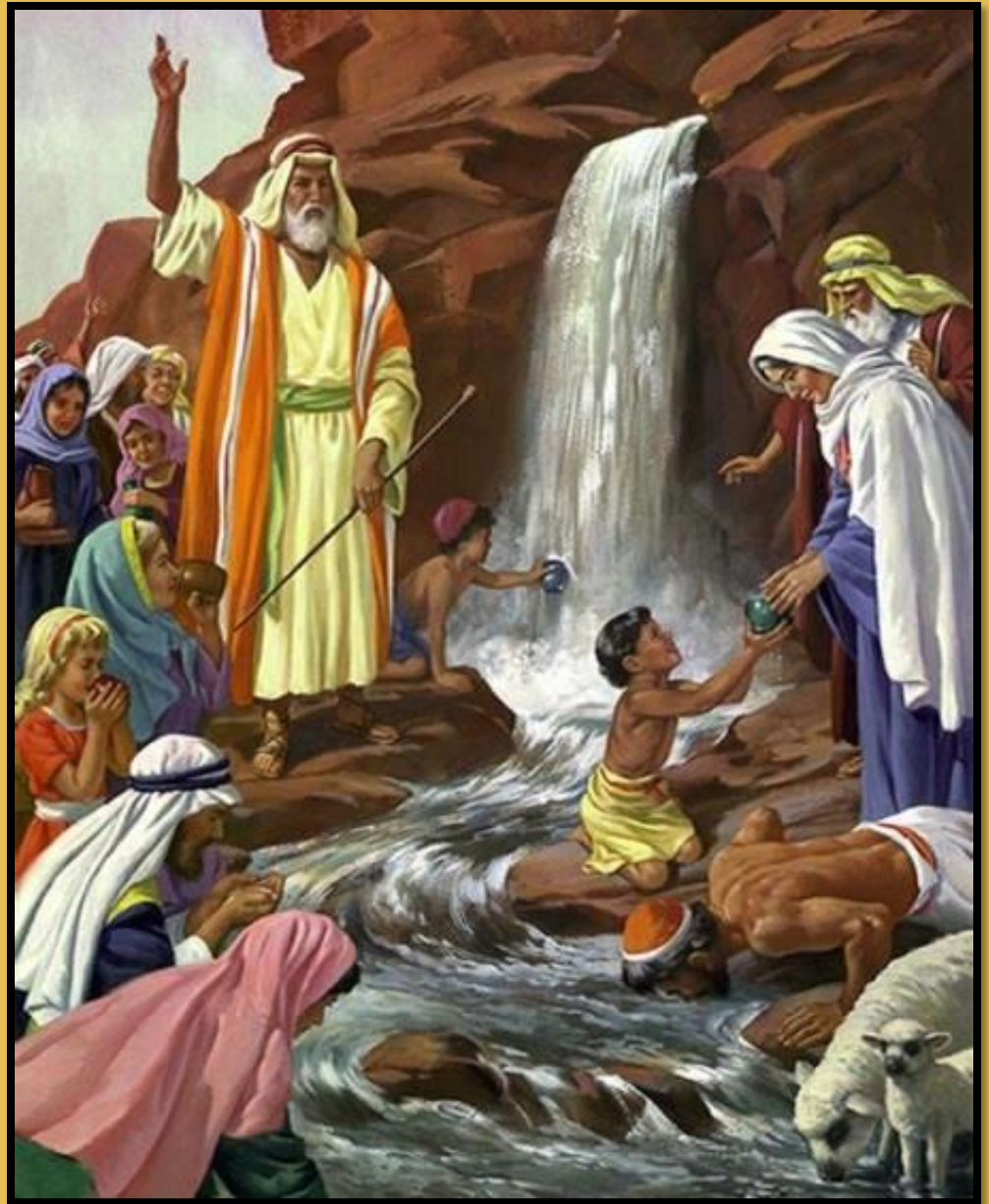
“⁴And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be **almost ready to stone me.**”



Exodus 17

“⁵And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

⁶Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and **thou shalt smite the rock**, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.”



MERIBAH

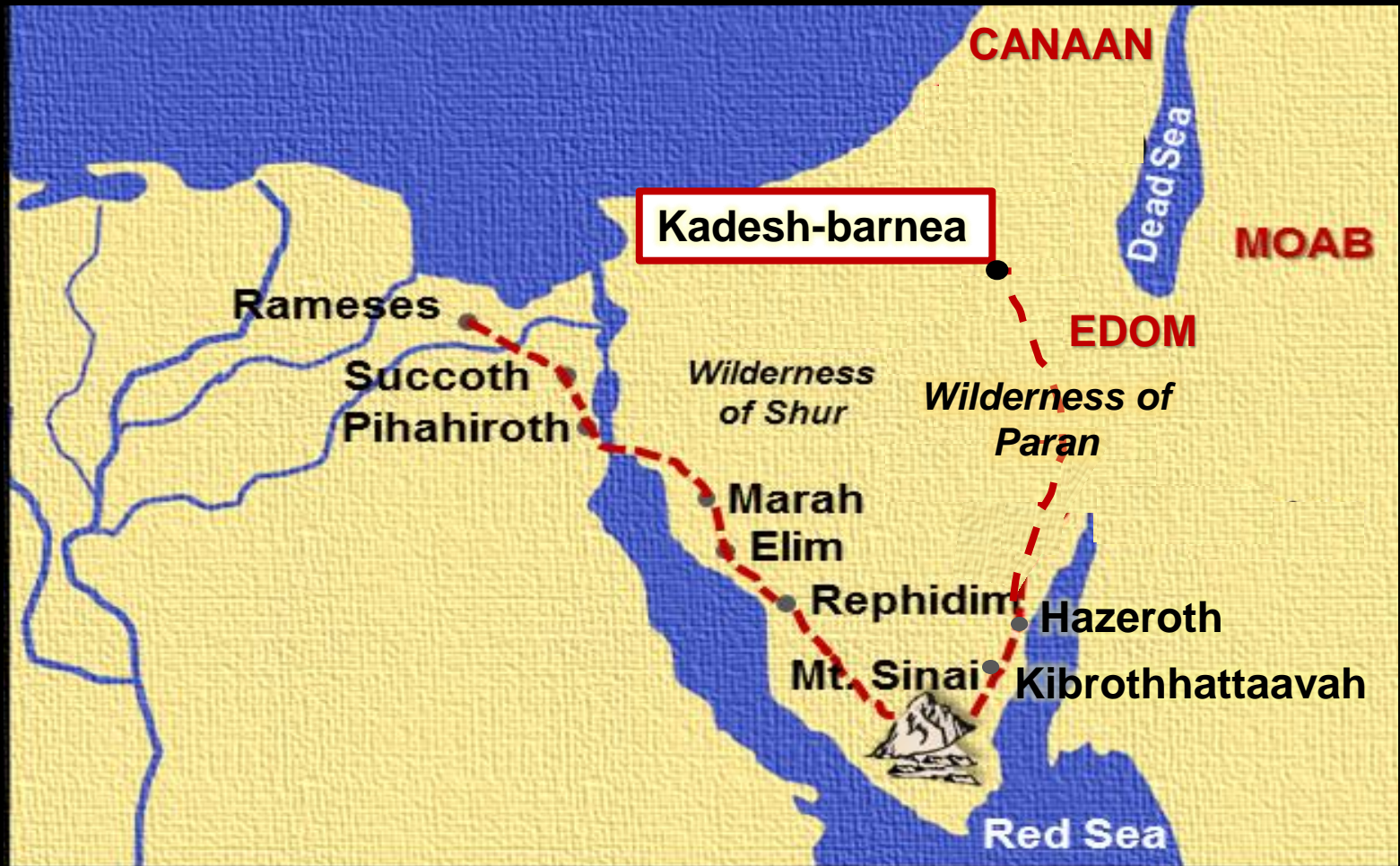
Exodus 17

“⁷And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?”



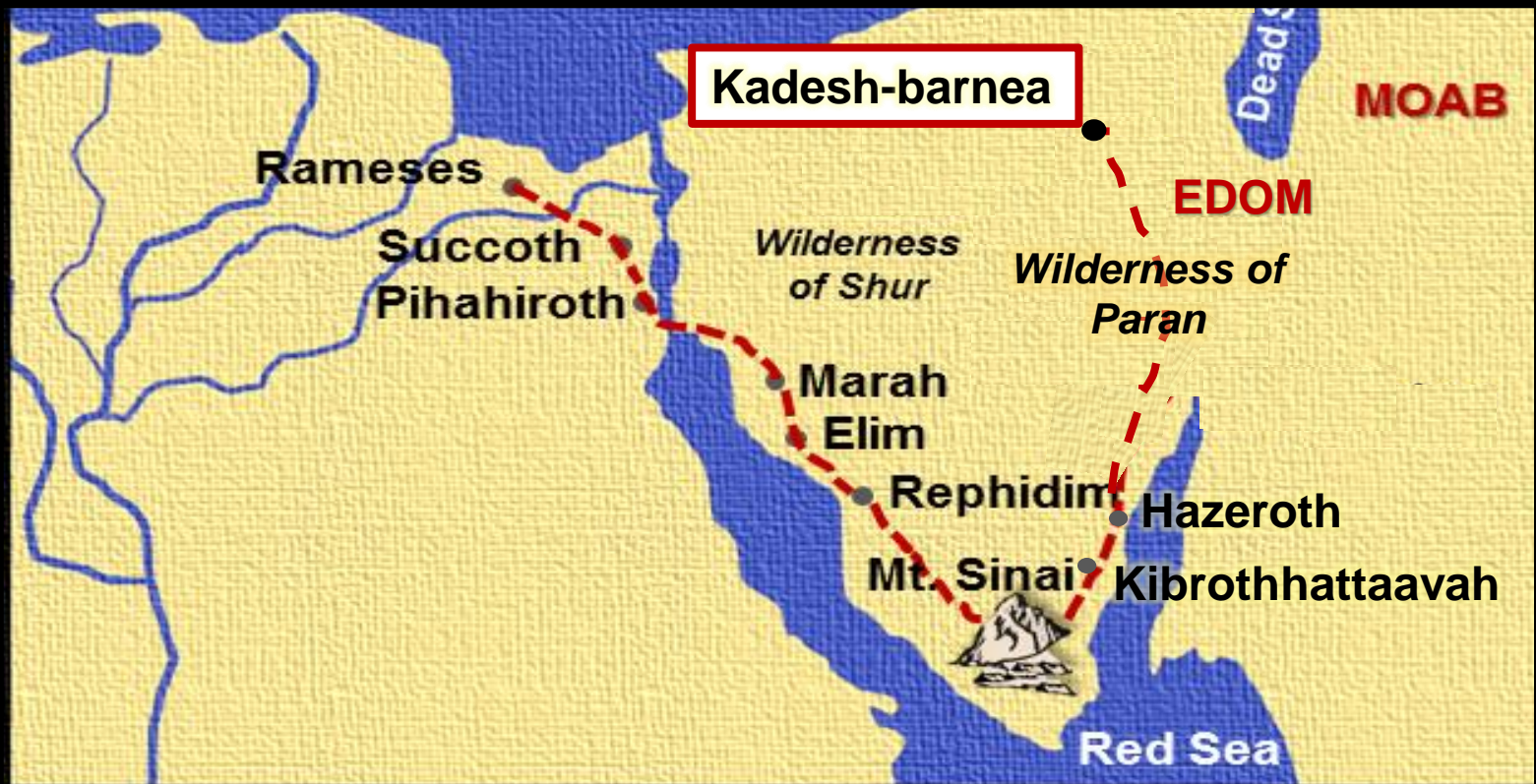
**Much later in their journey
Moses was told to
SPEAK TO A ROCK
not to strike it!**

The instance of God telling Moses to SPEAK TO A ROCK to provide water is recorded in Numbers chapter 20. The Israelites were at Kadesh-barnea. The text tells of the death and burial of Miriam, and then that there was no water.

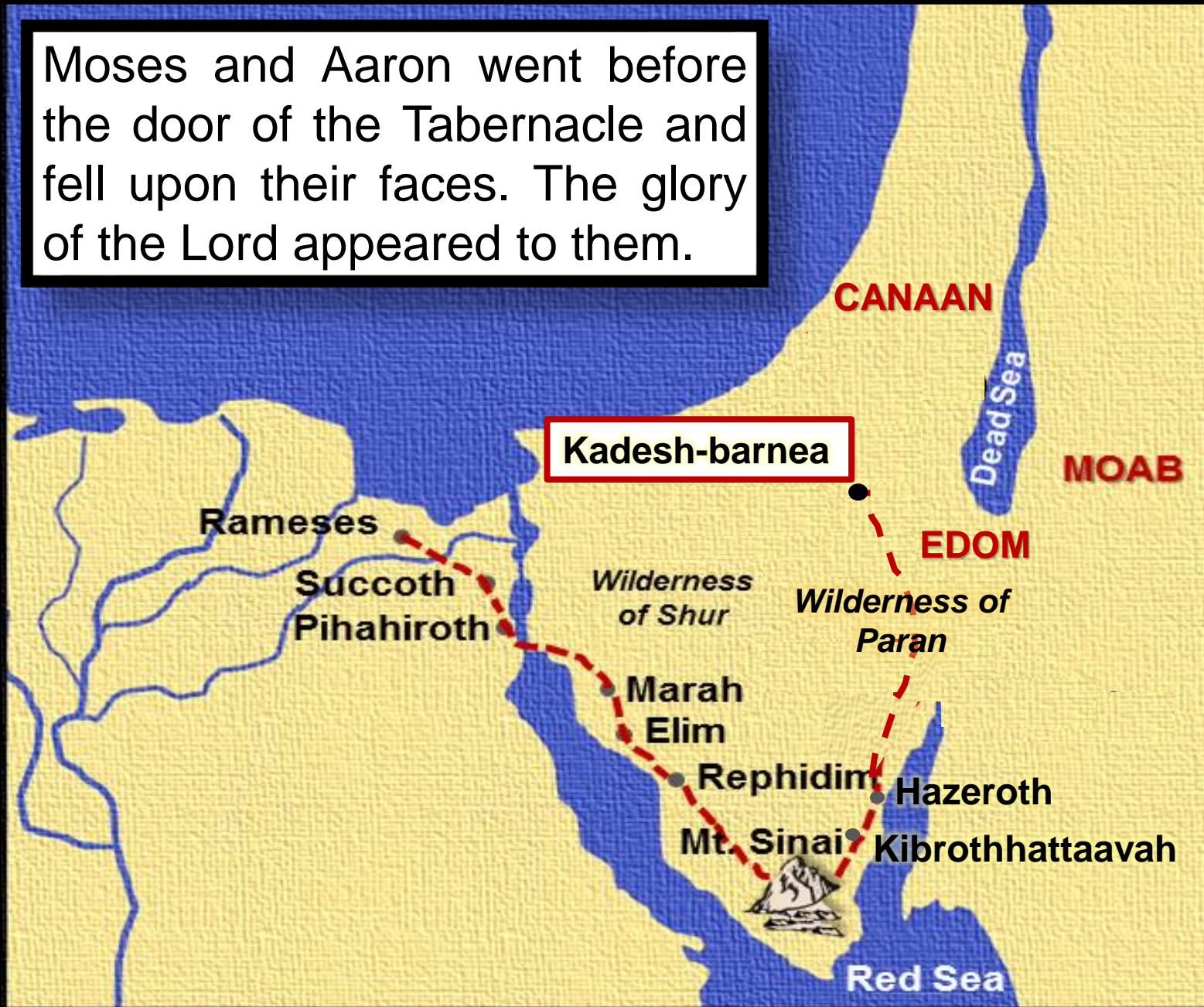


Numbers 20

“²And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. ³And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! ⁴And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?”



Moses and Aaron went before the door of the Tabernacle and fell upon their faces. The glory of the Lord appeared to them.

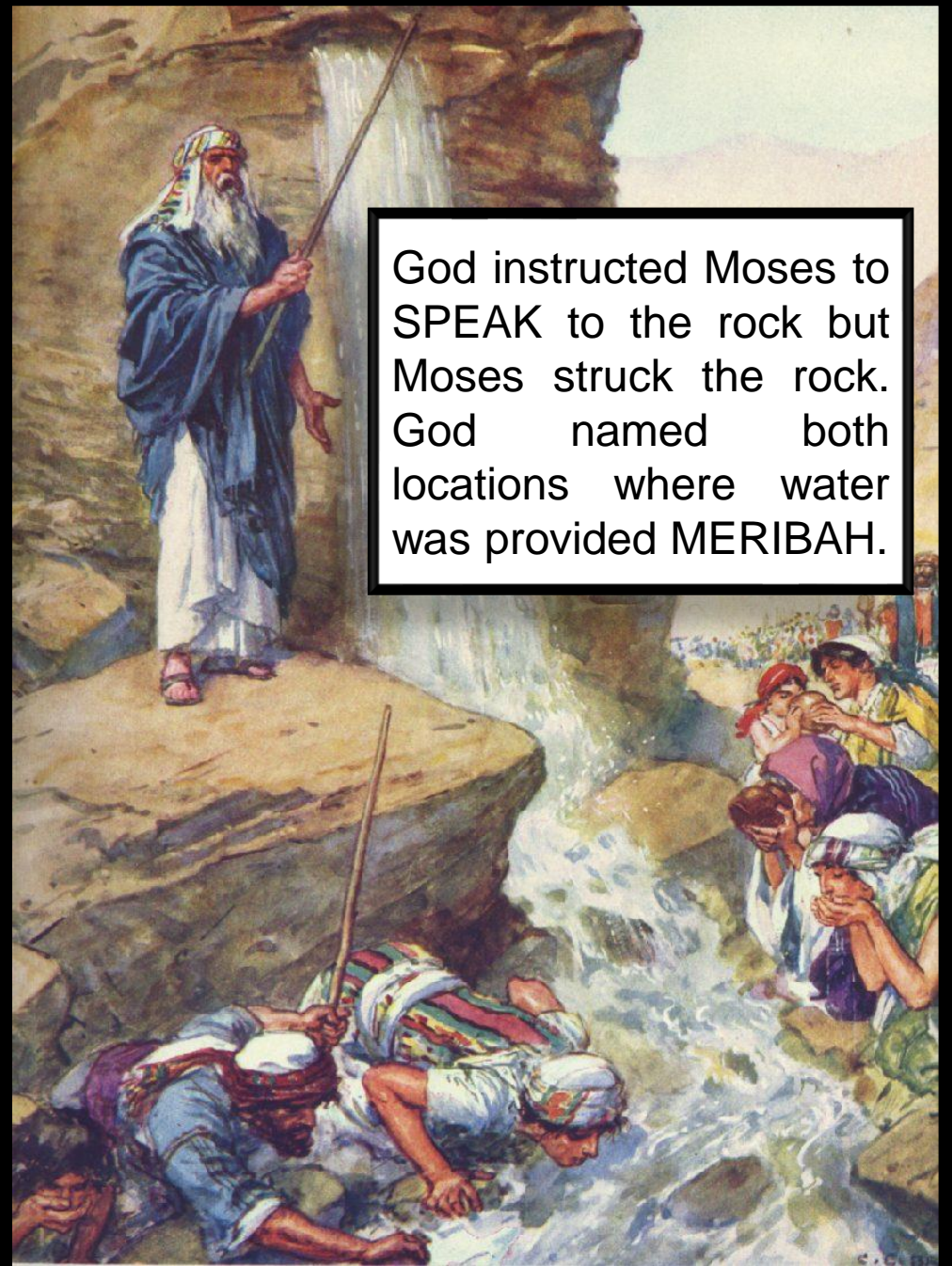


Numbers 20

“¹⁰And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

¹¹And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.”

¹²And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.”



God instructed Moses to SPEAK to the rock but Moses struck the rock. God named both locations where water was provided MERIBAH.

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