

MOUNT SINAI

Sunrise from the top of Mt. Sinai



Tony Lawrence Tour at Mt. Sinai Hotel - 2010



The view of Mt. Sinai from the hotel



Saint Catherine's Monastery below Mt. Sinai



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11th Century Mosque on Top of Mt. Siani



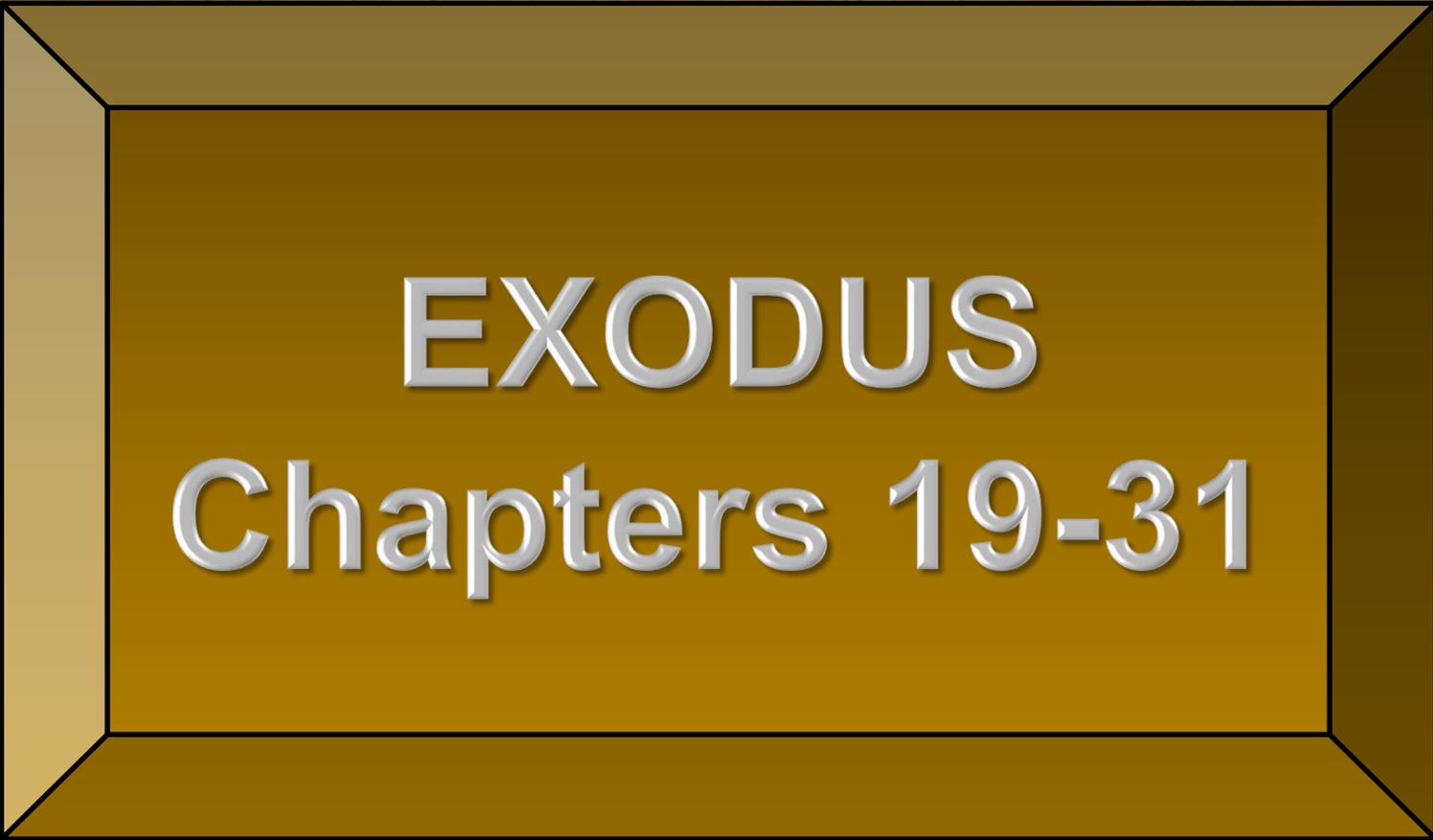
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Group coming down Mt. Sinai



Shepherds in front of Mt. Sinai



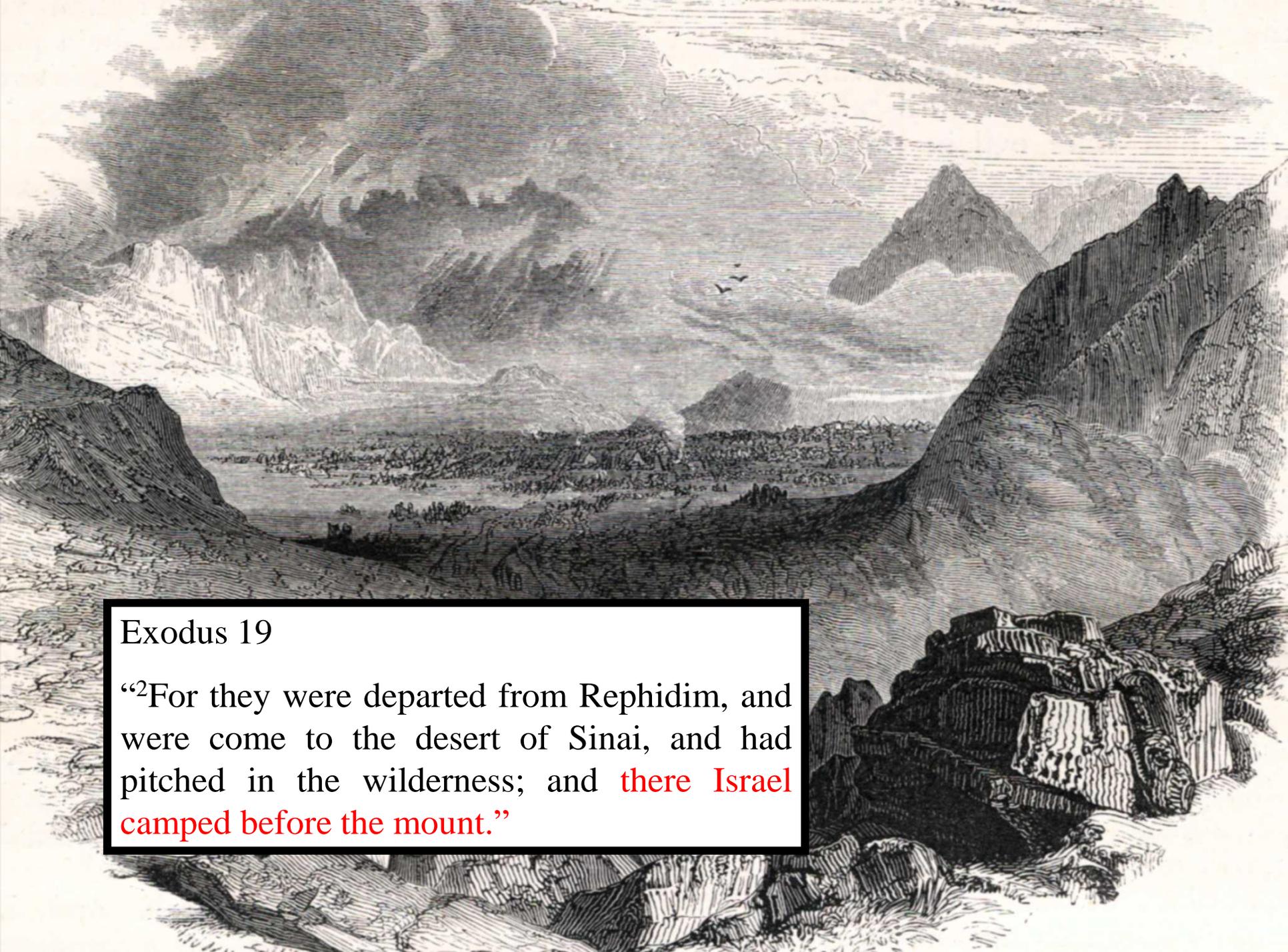


EXODUS
Chapters 19-31

Exodus 19

“¹In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.”





Exodus 19

“²For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and **there Israel camped before the mount.**”

Exodus 19

“³And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying,

Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ⁴**Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings,** and brought you unto myself.”



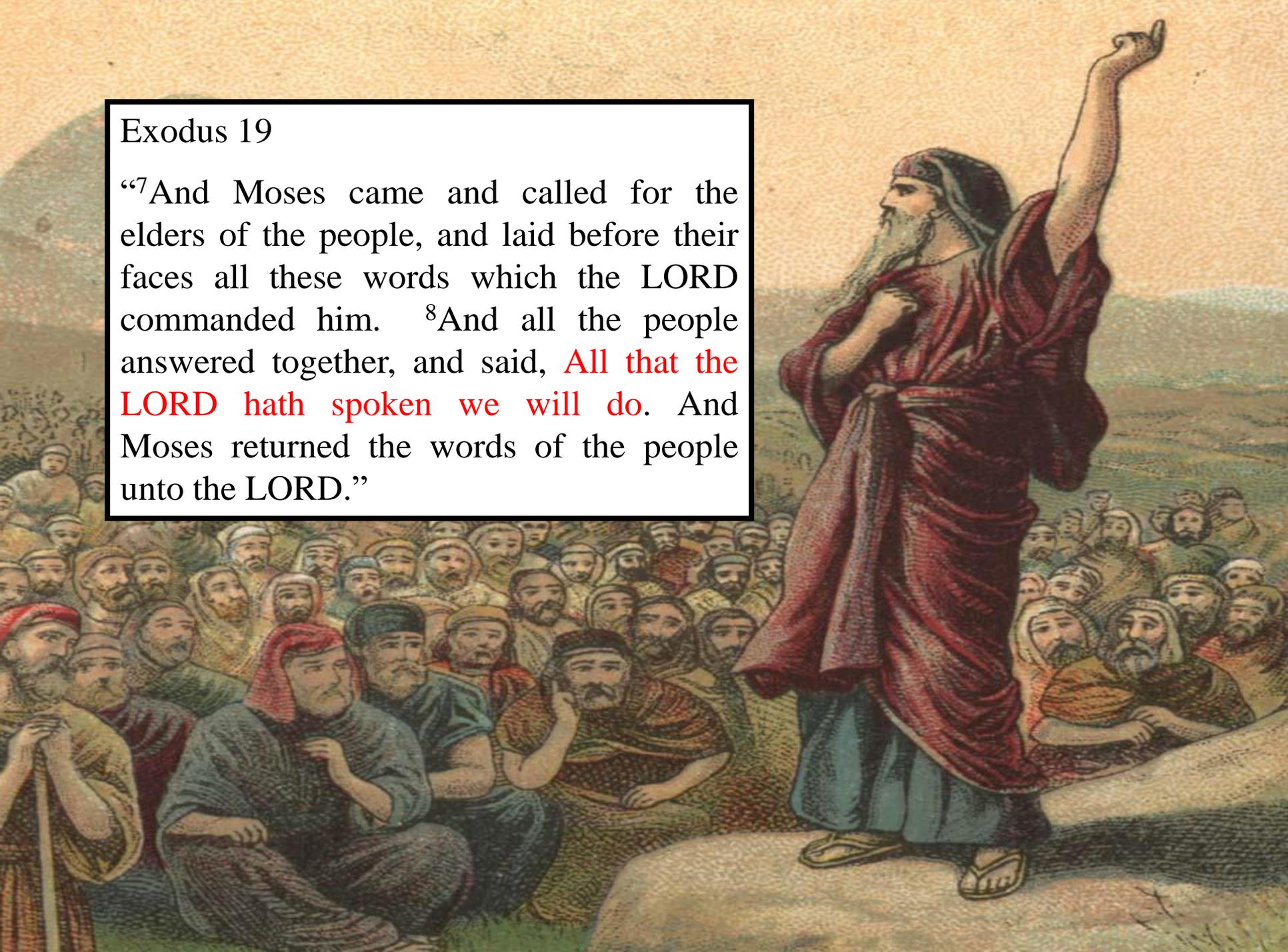
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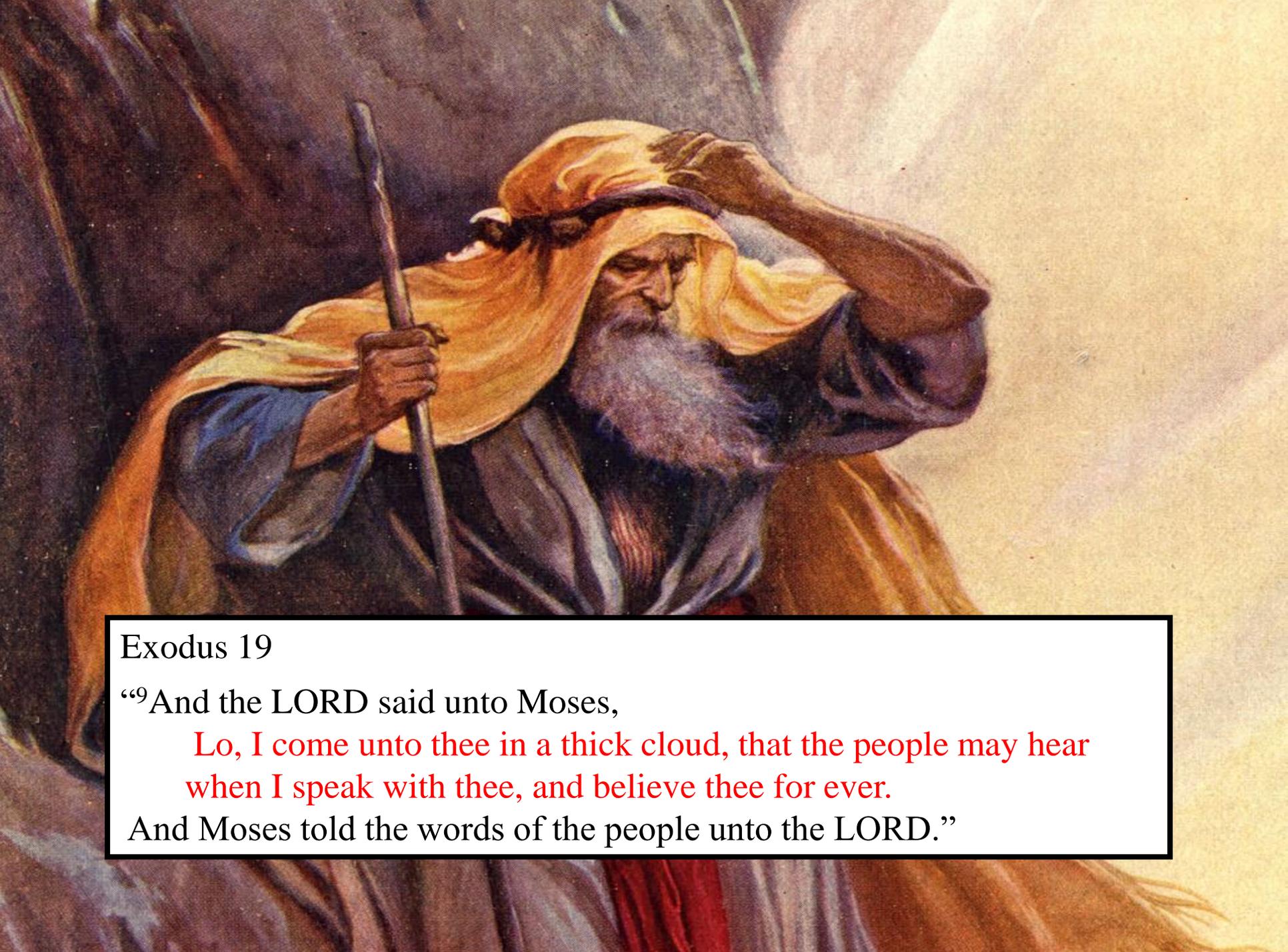
“⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. **These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.**”



Exodus 19

“⁷And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. ⁸And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.** And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.”



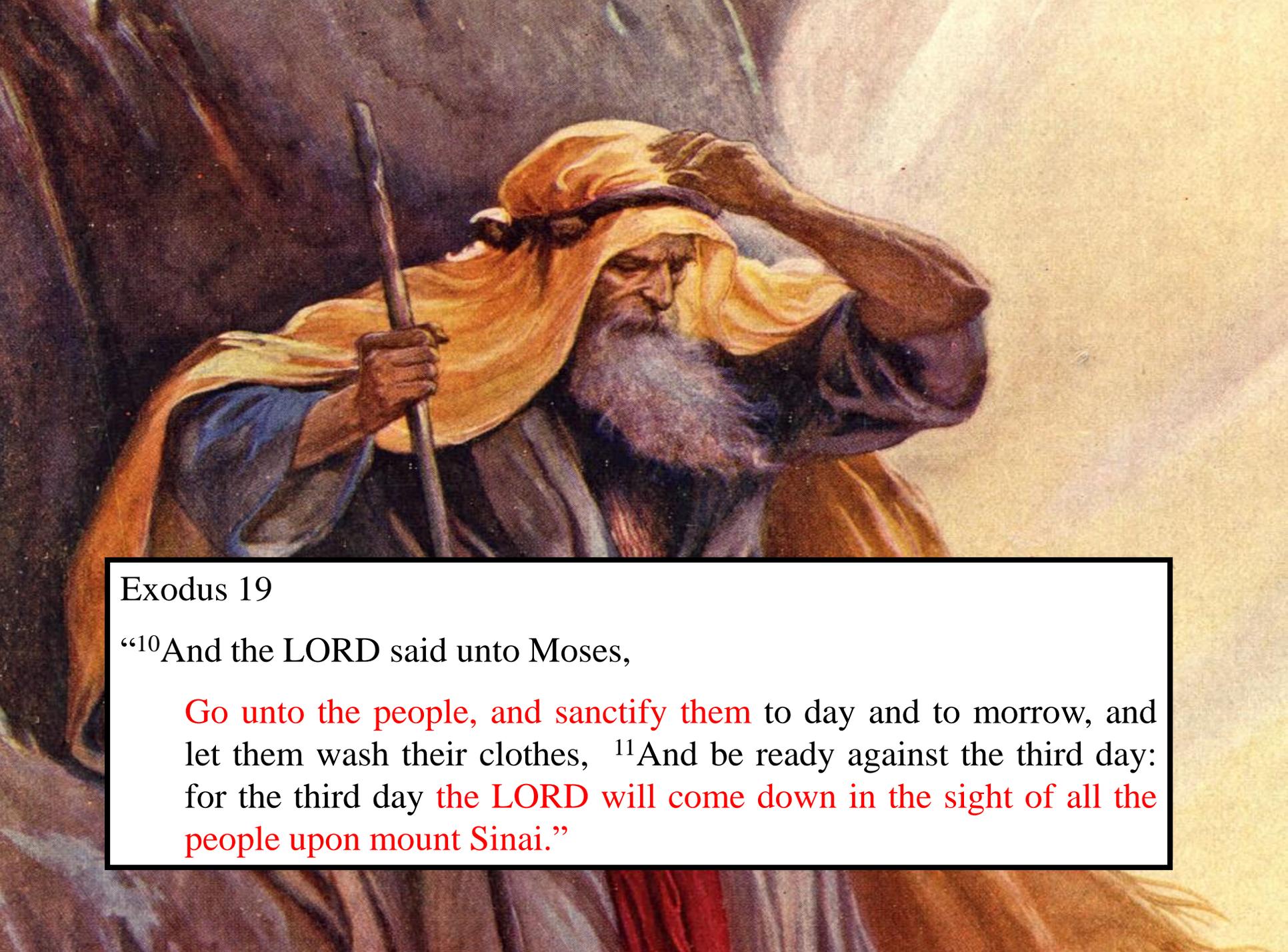


Exodus 19

“⁹And the LORD said unto Moses,

**Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear
when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.**

And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.”



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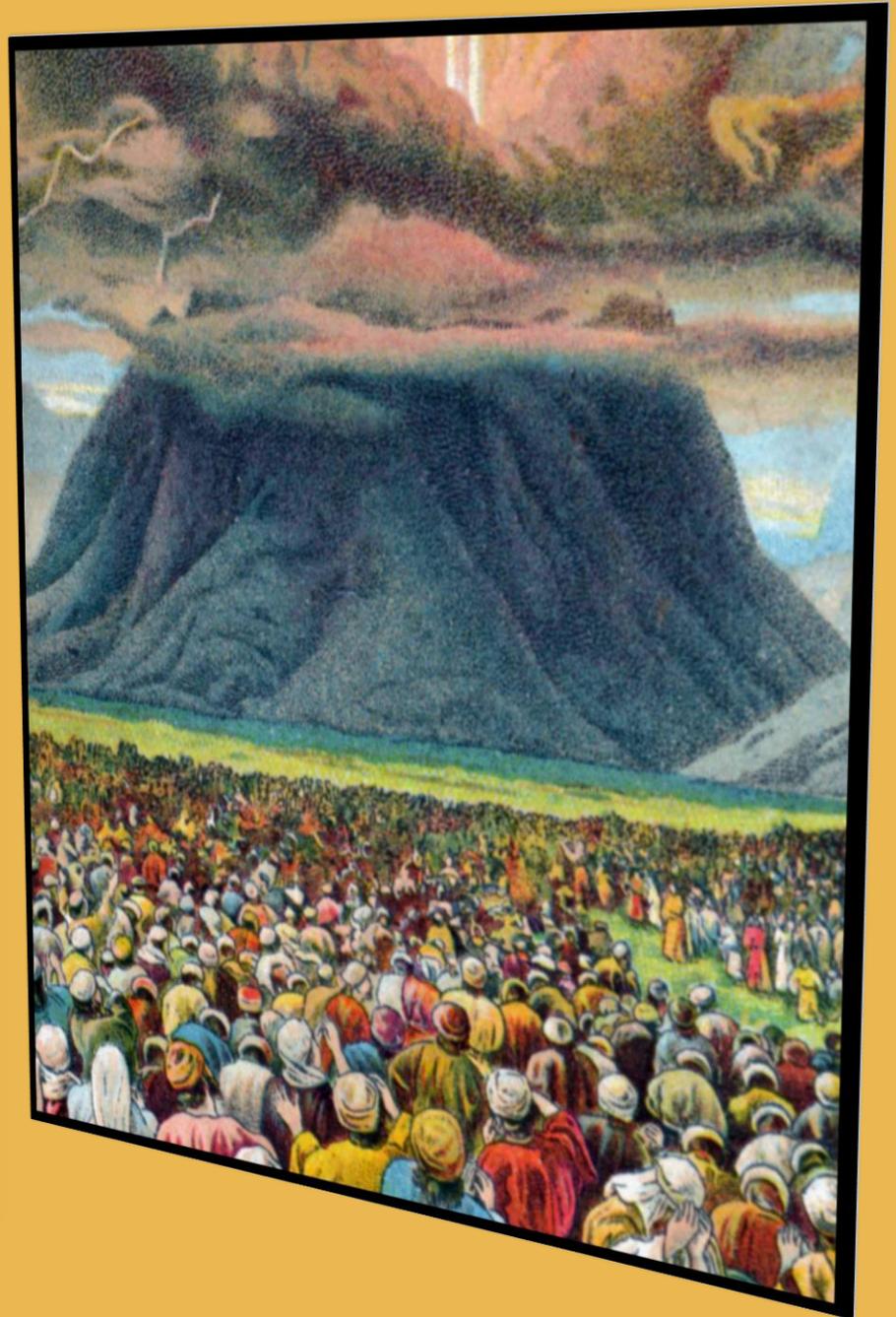
“¹⁰And the LORD said unto Moses,

Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, ¹¹And be ready against the third day: for the third day **the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.”**

Exodus 19

“¹²And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: **whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death.**

¹³There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.”



Exodus 19

“¹⁴And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

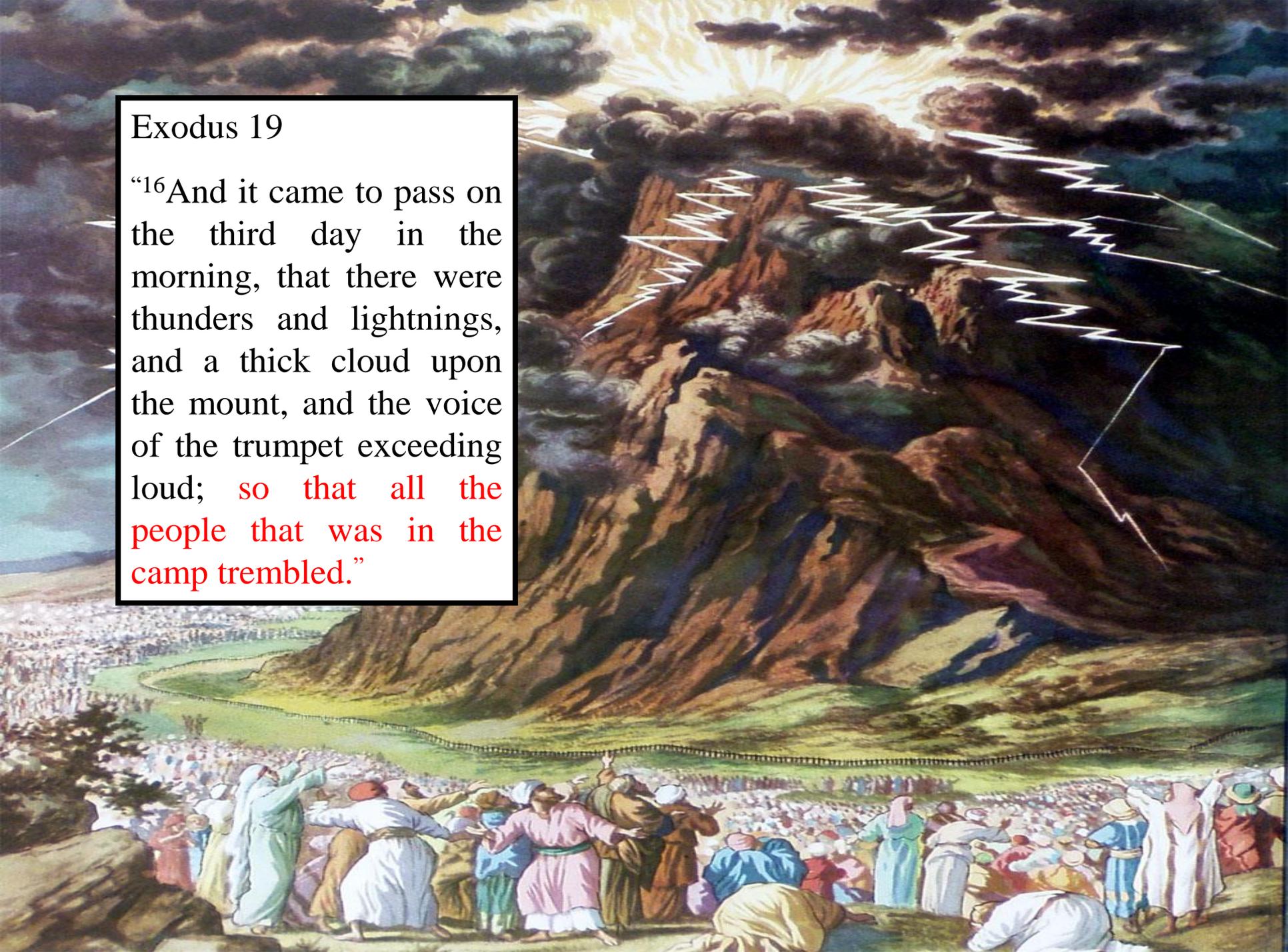
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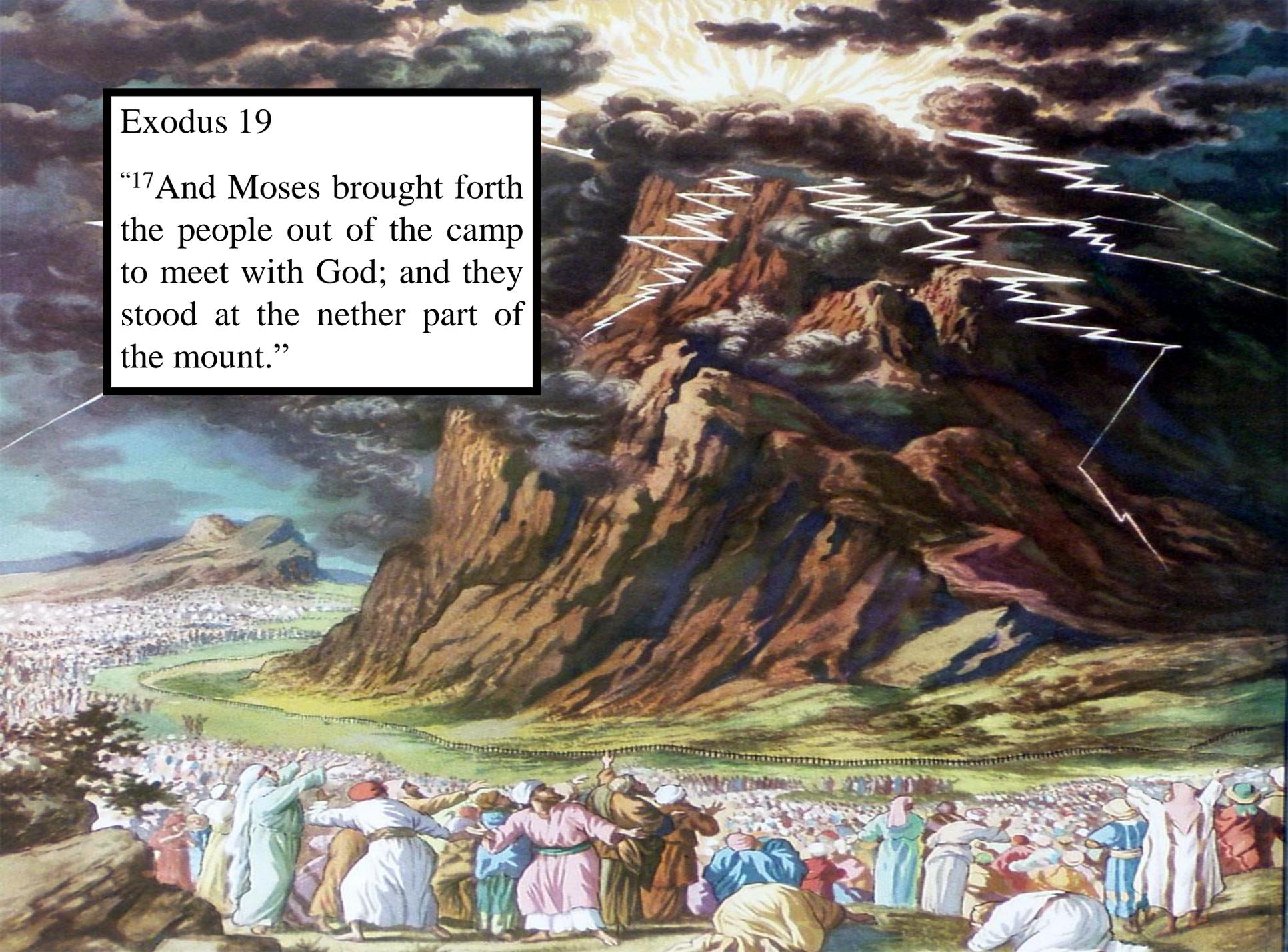
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“¹⁶And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.”



Exodus 19

“¹⁷And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.”



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“¹⁸And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

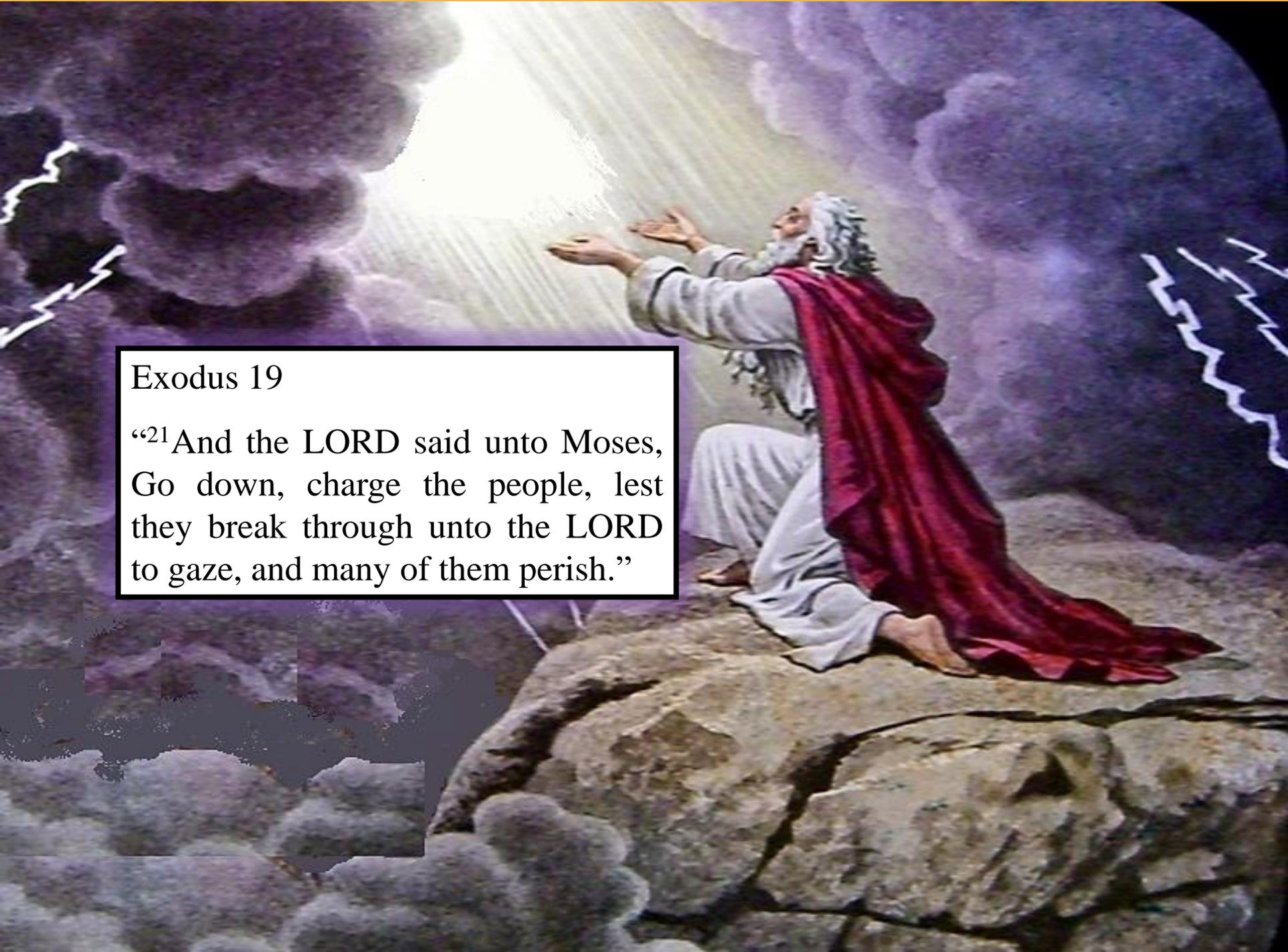
¹⁹And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, **Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.”**





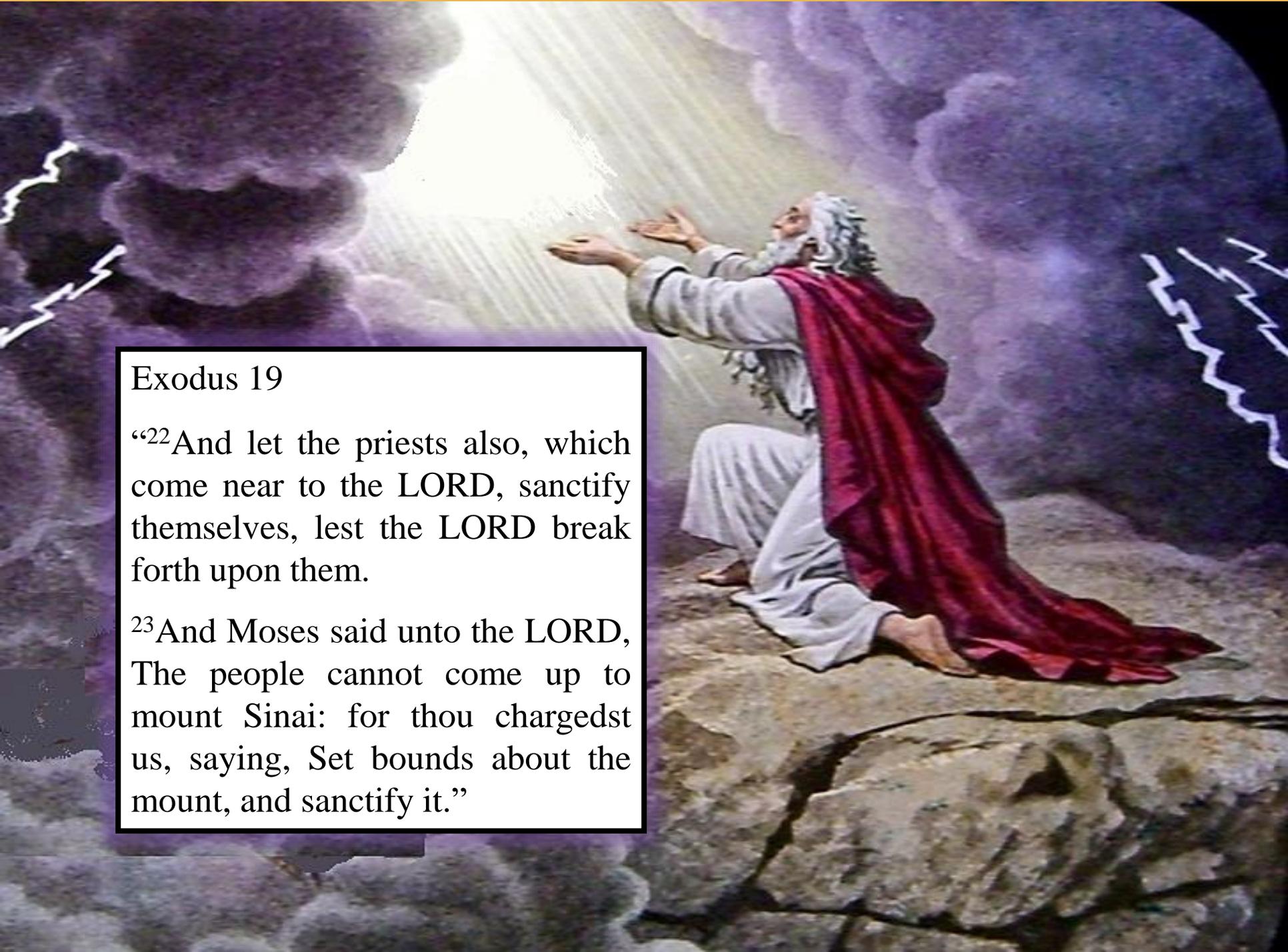
Exodus 19

“²⁰And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.”

A dramatic illustration of Moses kneeling on a rocky mountain peak. He is wearing a white robe and a red cape, with his hands raised in prayer or awe. The sky is dark and stormy, with bright lightning bolts striking the clouds. A brilliant light emanates from the top center, creating a strong contrast with the dark surroundings. The overall scene conveys a sense of divine presence and awe.

Exodus 19

“²¹And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.”

A dramatic illustration of Moses on Mount Sinai. He is kneeling on a rocky outcrop, wearing a white robe and a red cape. His hands are raised in prayer or awe towards a brilliant, golden light emanating from a dark, stormy sky. Lightning bolts are visible on either side of the light. The overall atmosphere is one of divine presence and awe.

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“²²And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

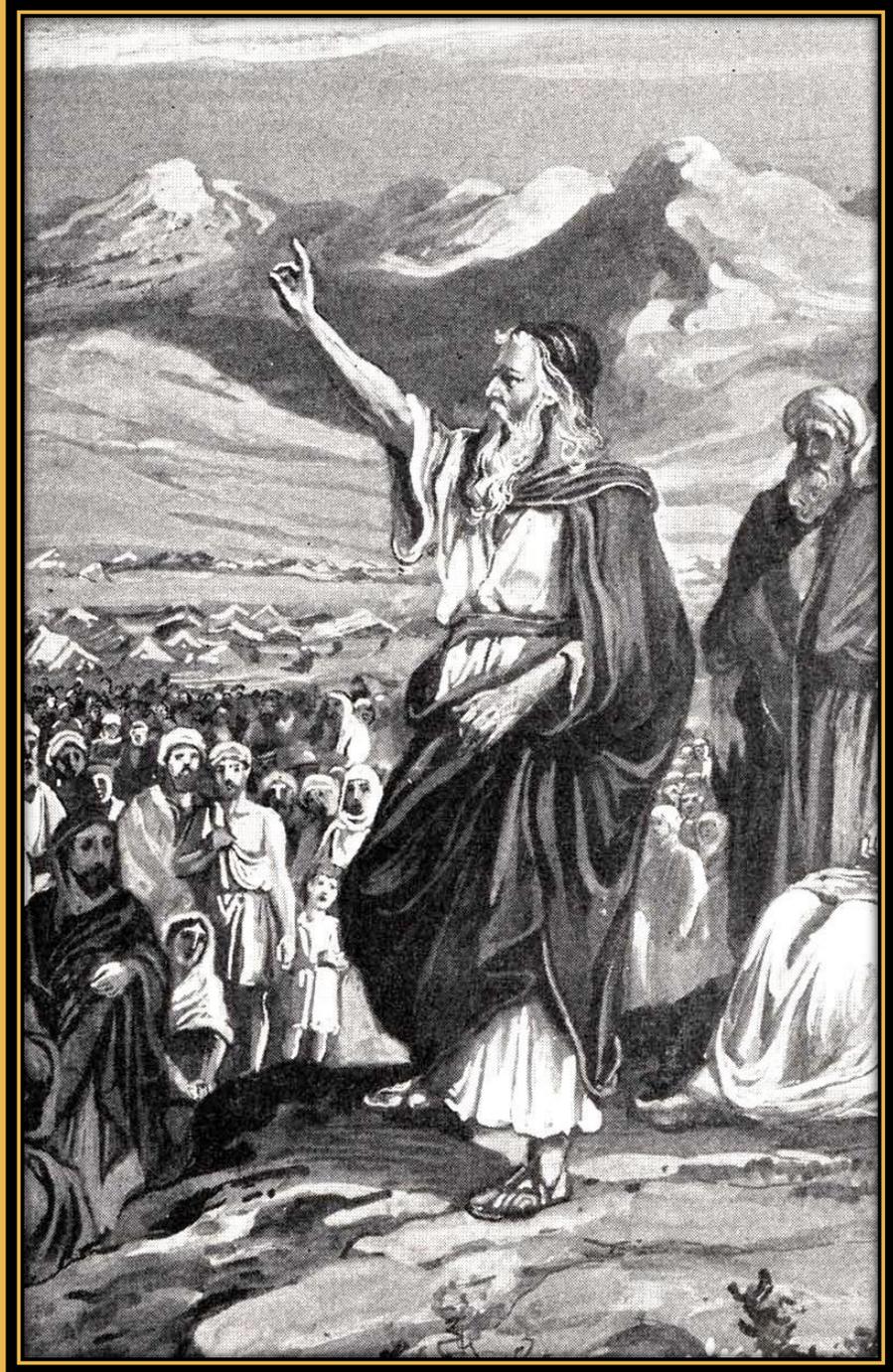
²³And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.”

Exodus 19

“²⁴And **the LORD** said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests (princes) and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

²⁵So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.”

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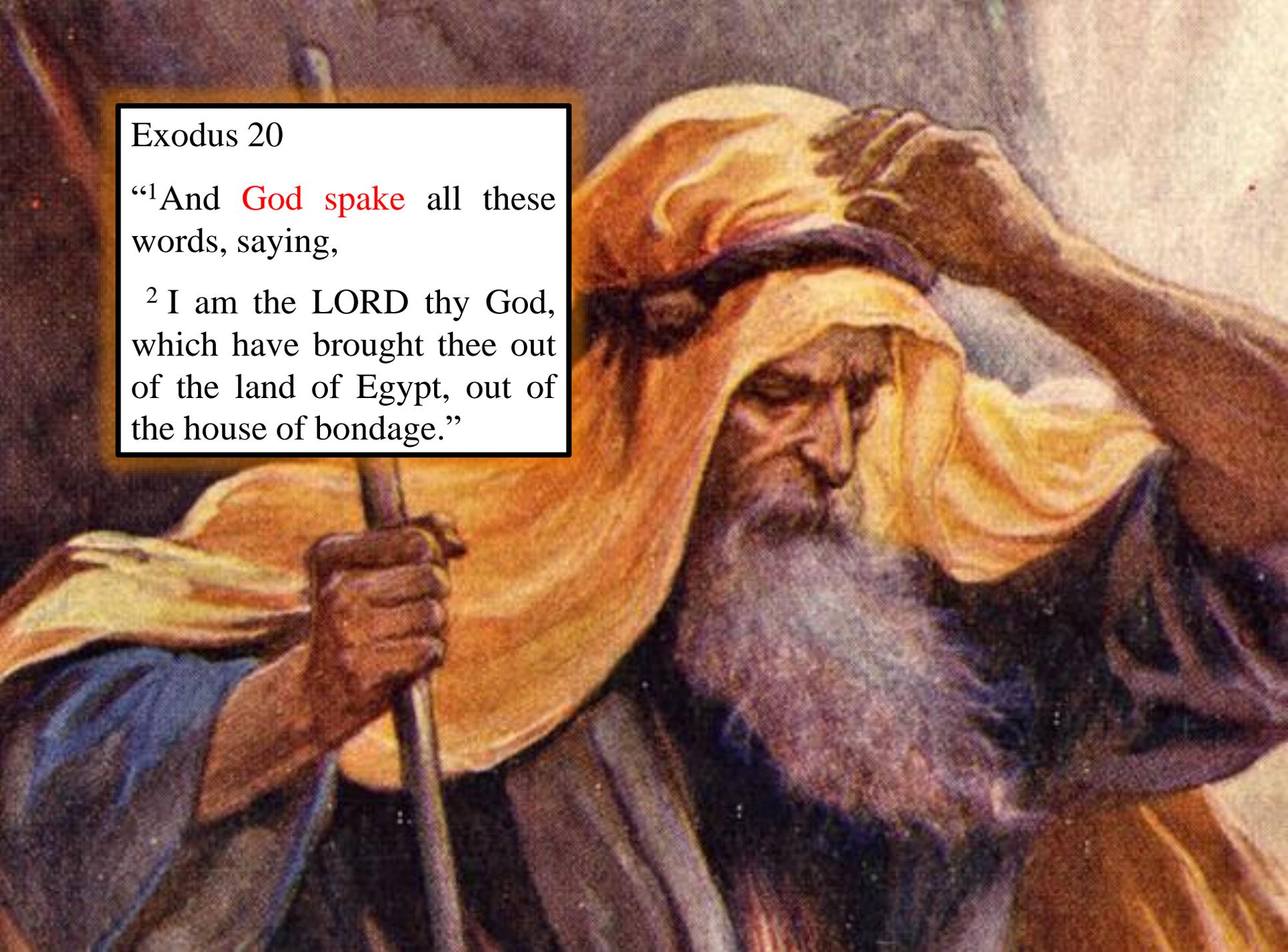
**Exodus 20 tells of the giving of the
TEN COMMANDMENTS.**

The word Deuteronomy means the second giving of the law, and in chapter 5 of that book we can read these same commandments being read by Moses to the people.

Exodus 20

“¹And **God spake** all these words, saying,

² I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”



Exodus 20:3-17

“³Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁴Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,

or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; ⁶And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

⁷Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;

for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: ¹⁰But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

¹²Honour thy father and thy mother:

that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

¹³Thou shalt not kill.

¹⁴Thou shalt not commit adultery.

¹⁵Thou shalt not steal.

¹⁶Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

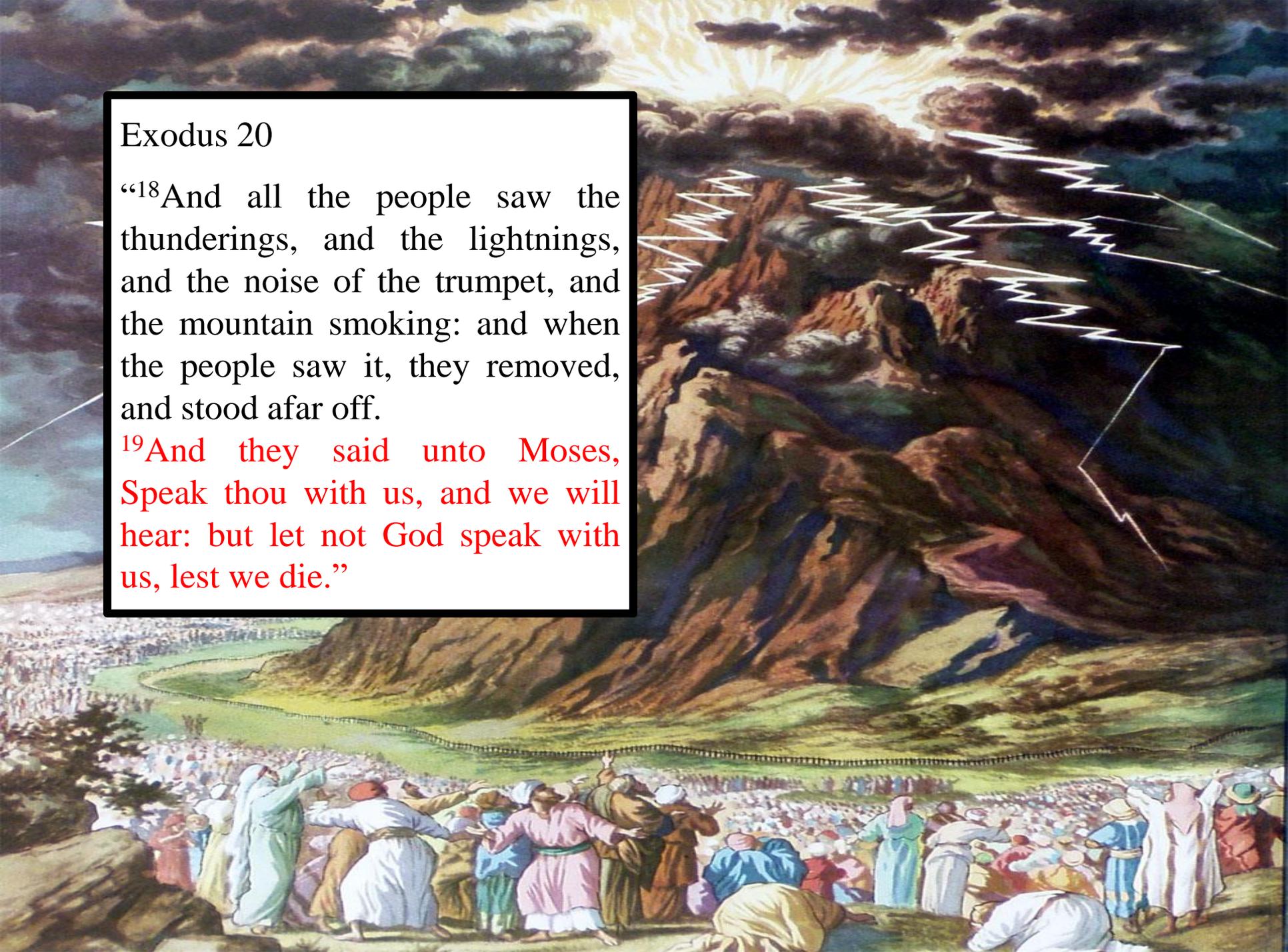
¹⁷Thou shalt not covet

thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's”

Exodus 20

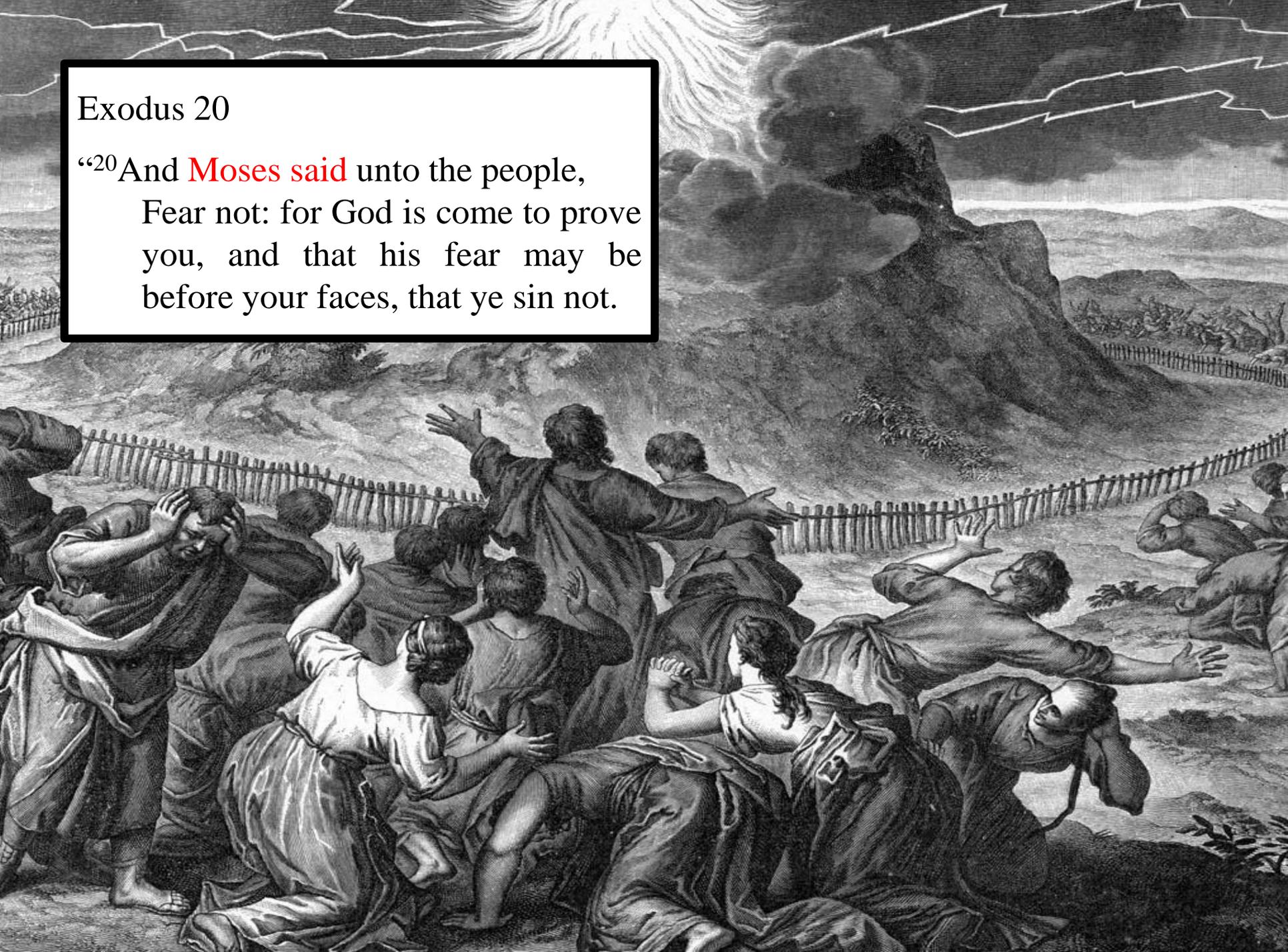
“¹⁸And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

¹⁹And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”



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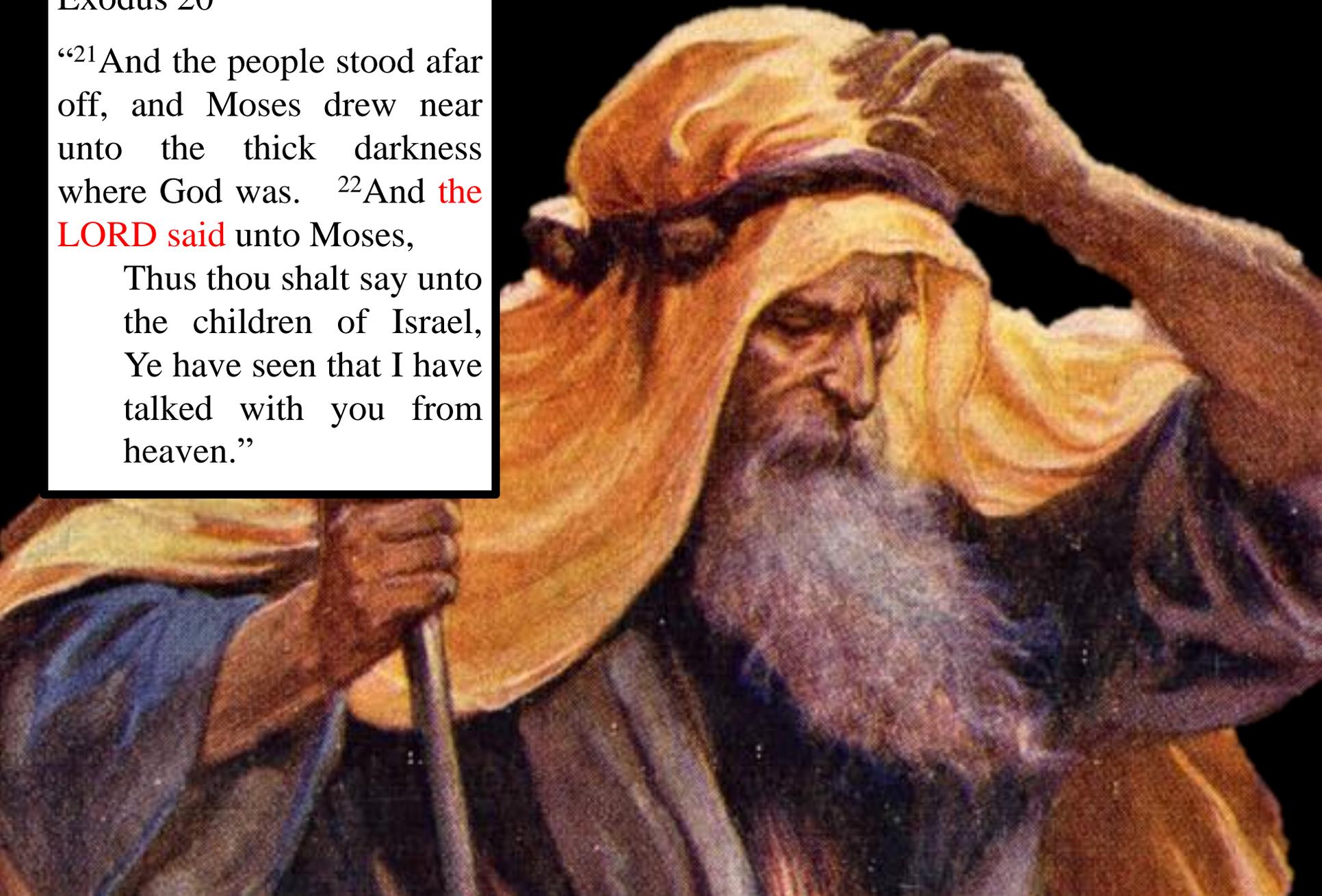
“²⁰And **Moses said** unto the people,
Fear not: for God is come to prove
you, and that his fear may be
before your faces, that ye sin not.



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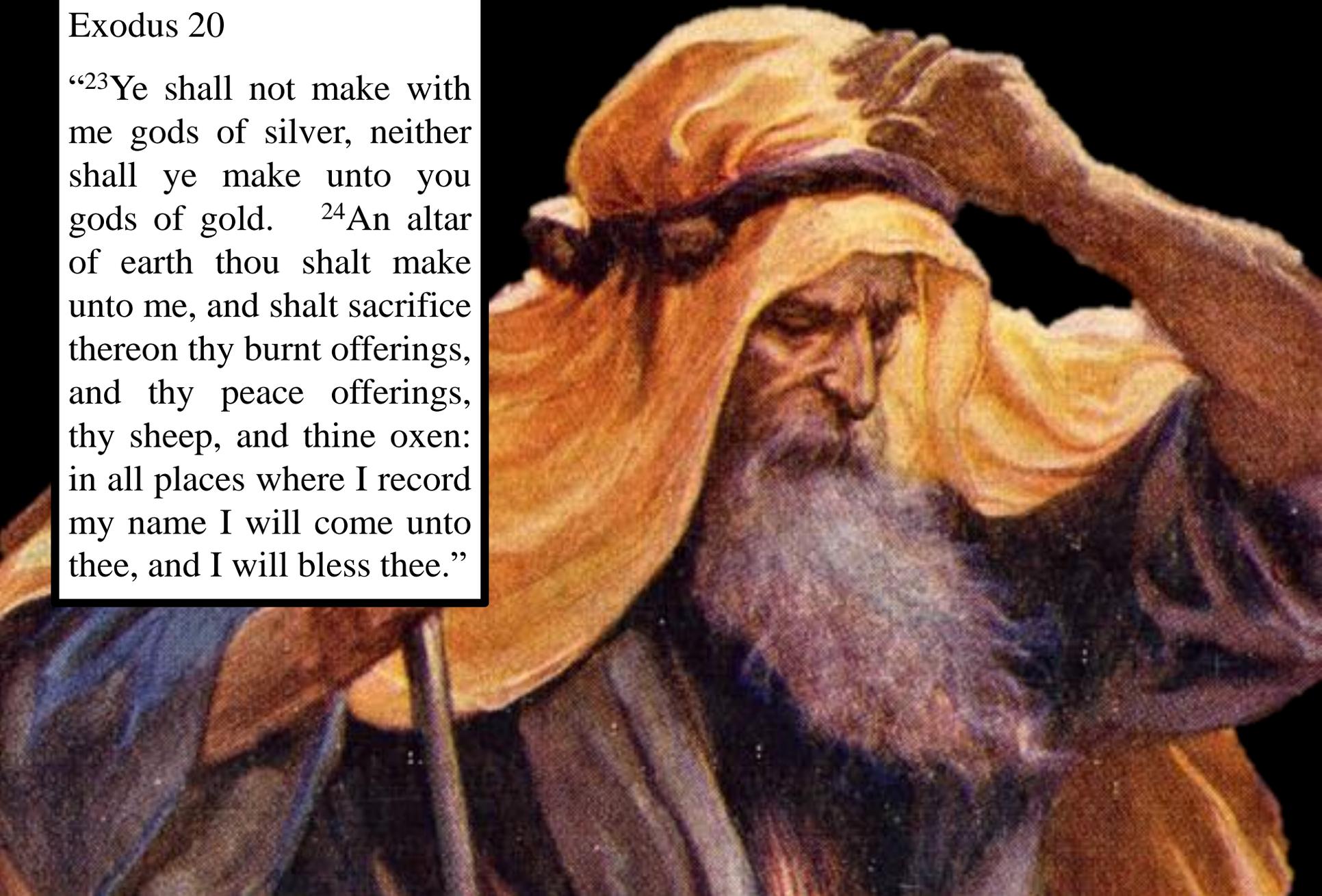
“²¹And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was. ²²And **the LORD said** unto Moses,

Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.”



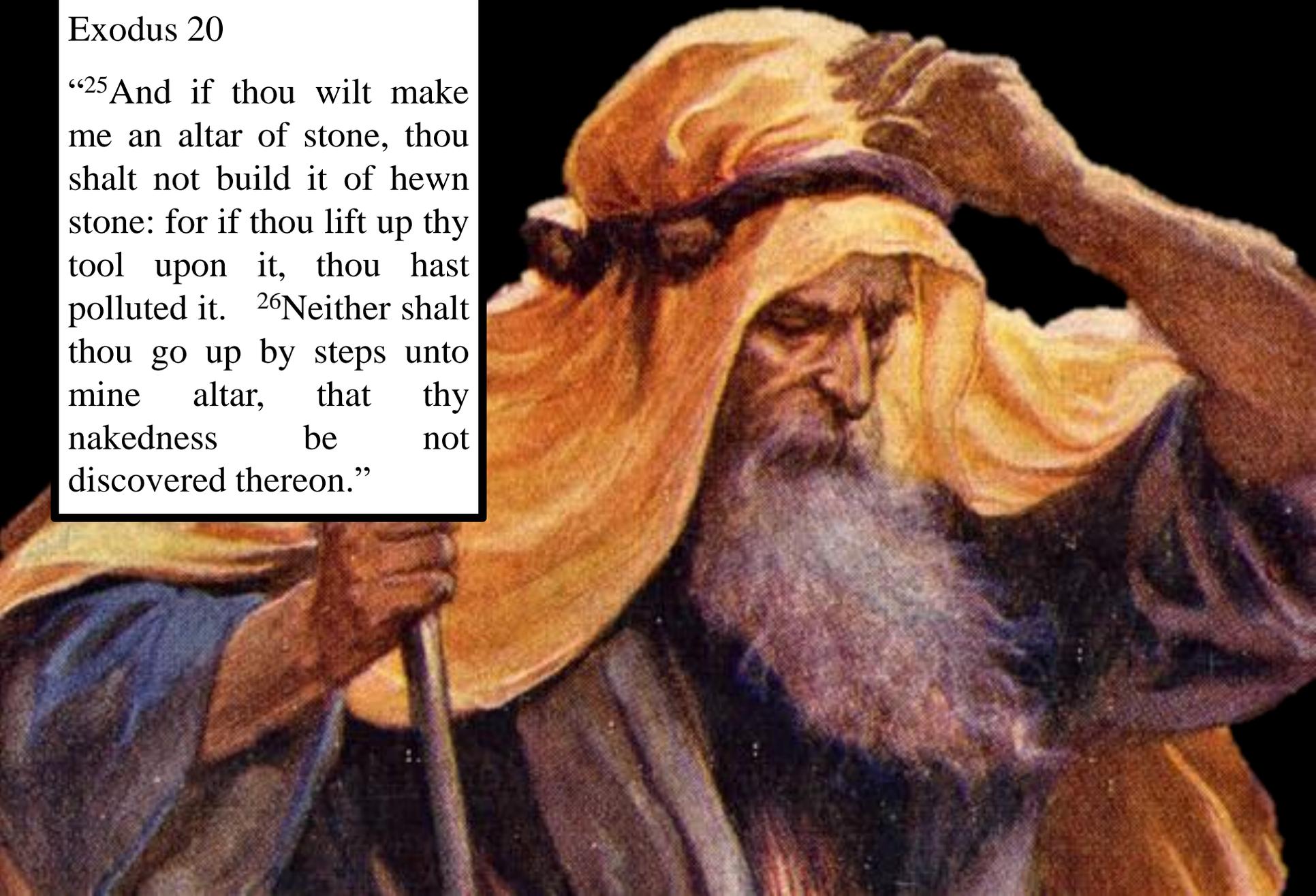
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“²³Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. ²⁴An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.”



Exodus 20

“²⁵And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. ²⁶Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.”



THE END OF CHAPTER 20

Now let's take a look at an overview of

Exodus 21-23

Exodus Chapters 21 - 23

God gave much more to Moses than the 10 commandments written on stone. Exodus 21, 22 & 23 are Laws and judgments Moses received from God and wrote in “the book of the Covenant.” Chapter 21 begins: “Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.”

Many subjects are addressed:

Slavery	Witchcraft
Marriage	Bestiality
Assault	Idolatry
Stealing	Hospitality
Cursing	Care for widows and orphans
Liability	Lending
Restitution	Speak evil of dignitaries
Trespass	Sacrifice of first fruits
Marriage	Eating of torn animals



Archeology And The Bible

(Records of the Past Illuminate--The Bible, By Siegfried H. Horn, 1963, Review and Herald Publisher)



Sir Alan H. Gardiner

When Europe was embroiled in World War I Egyptologist Alan H. Gardiner was concentrating on deciphering stone inscriptions that had been found some ten years earlier near Mount Sinai.

He found that they were produced by Semites and constitute the earliest alphabetic texts existing. This epoch-making discovery showed at once that the invention of an alphabetic script took place many centuries earlier than had thus far been believed.

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Gardiner's discovery revealed that the Canaanites of southern Palestine were responsible for the invention of an alphabetic script. These Canaanites worked as miners for the Egyptians in their copper and turquoise mines in the Sinai Peninsula.

After this discovery many more texts in the same script have come to light at Sinai and throughout southern and central Palestine.

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In 1929 texts in another alphabetic script were found in northern Syria.



These indicated that the scribes purposefully placed letters in a certain sequence. The sequence of these letters was the same as that of modern Hebrew characters. Hence, even archeology confirms that the order of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet is at least 3,500 years old.

Exodus 24

Moses recorded the laws and judgments from God by writing them down.



Exodus 24

“¹And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. ² And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.”

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Exodus 24

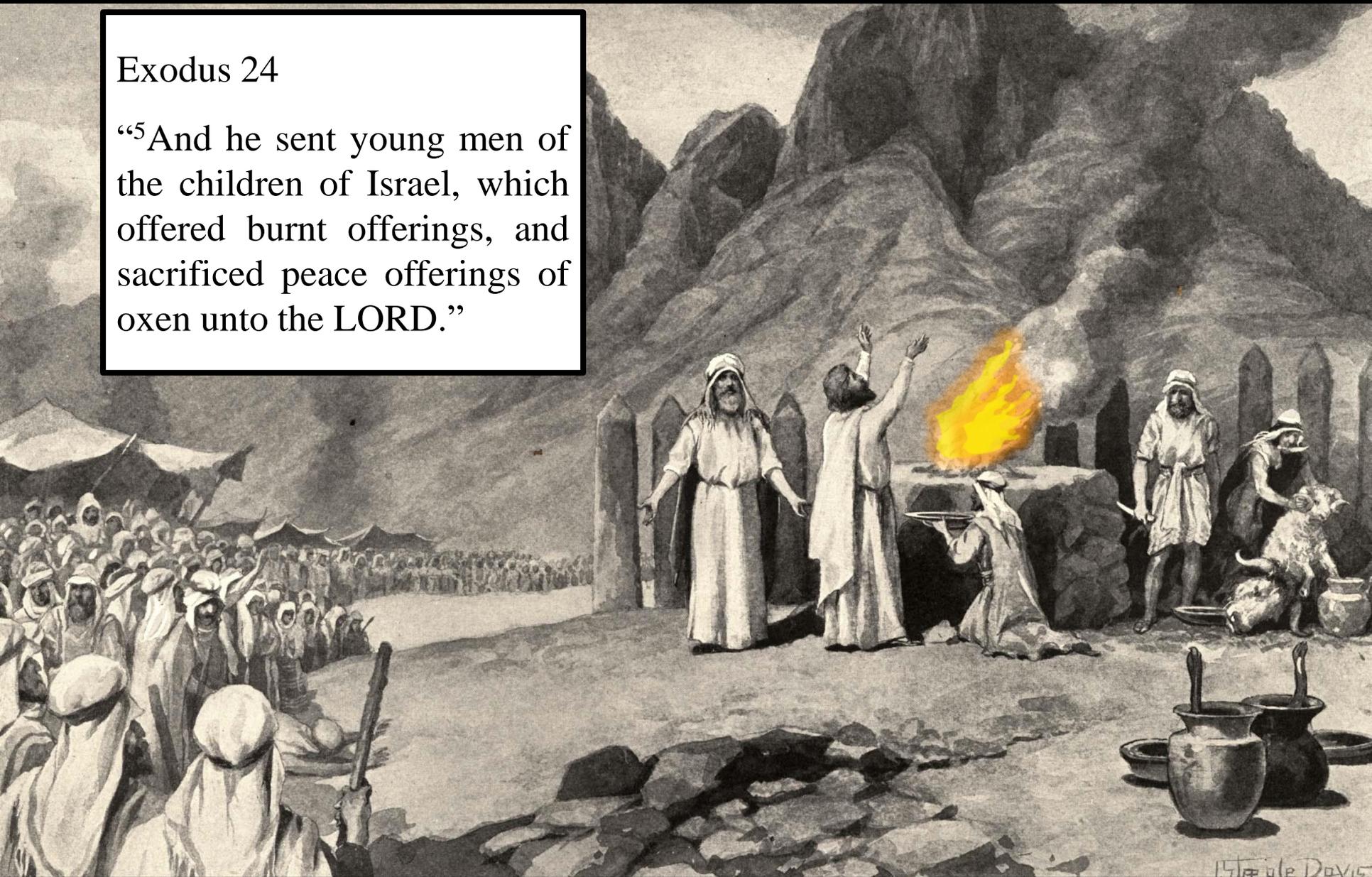
“³And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said,

All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

⁴And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Exodus 24

“⁵And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.”



Exodus 24

“⁶And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. ⁸And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.”



Exodus 24

“⁹Then went up Moses, and Aaron, **Nadab**, and **Abihu**, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

¹⁰And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. ¹¹And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.”

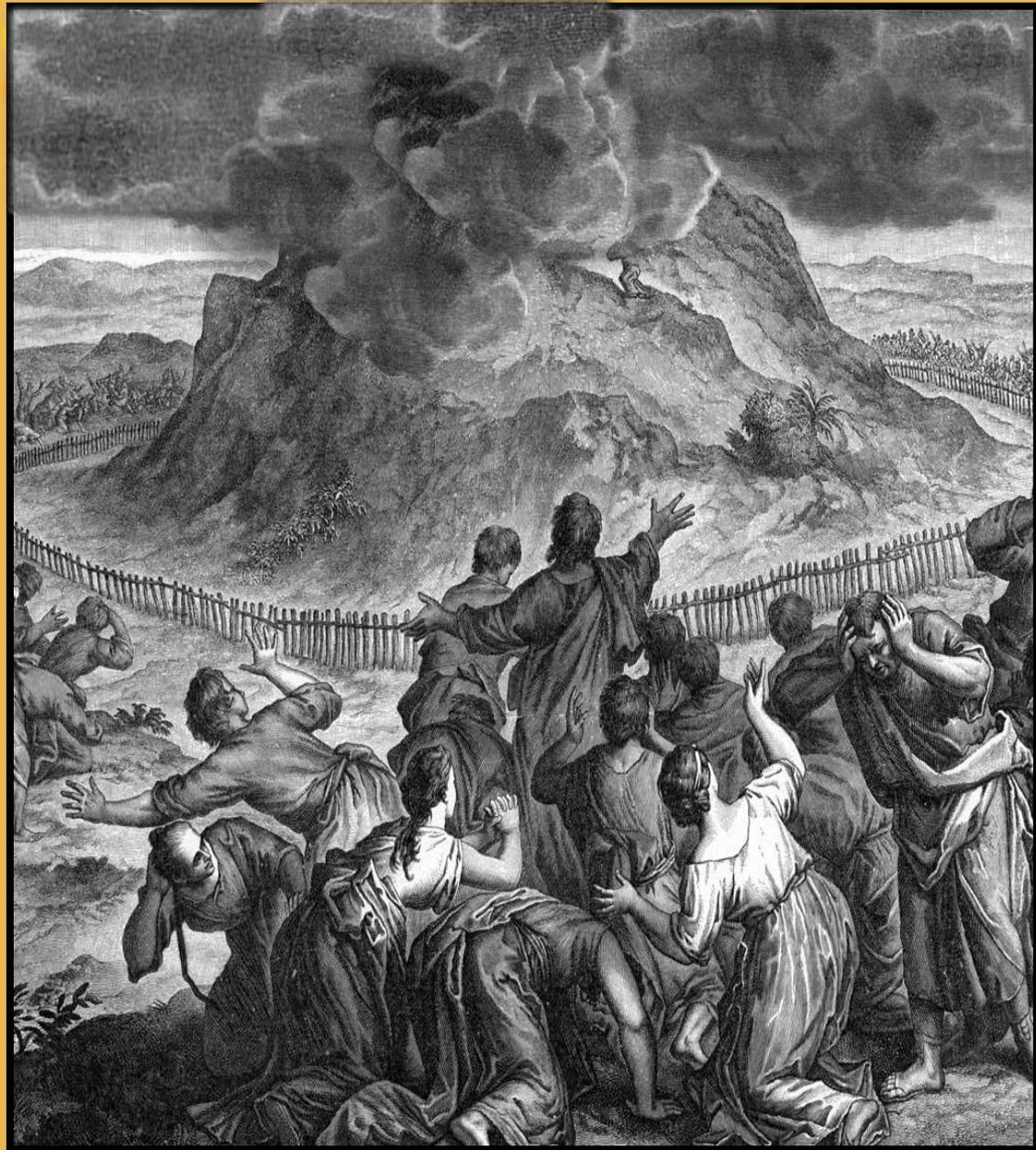


Exodus 24

“¹²And the LORD said unto Moses,

Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

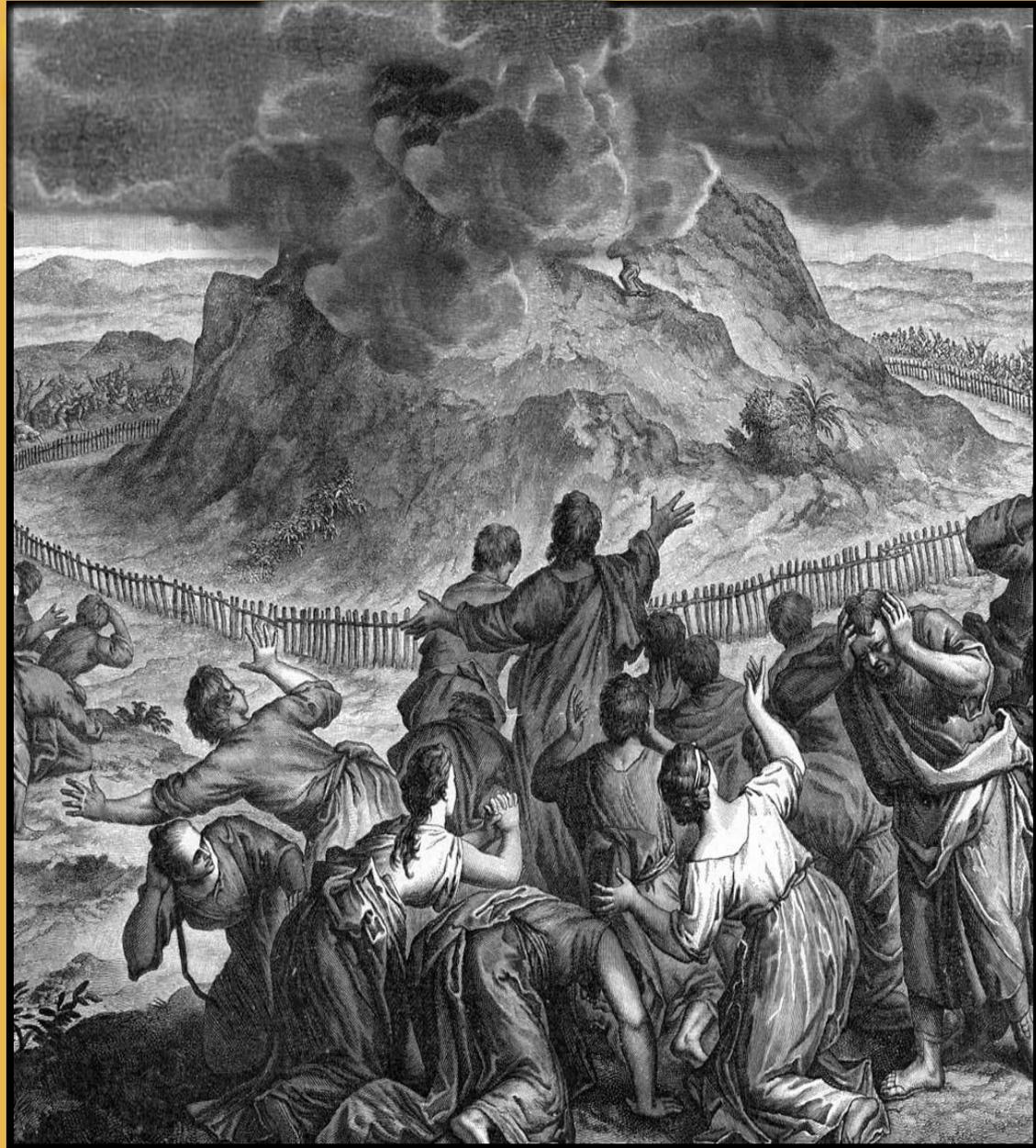
¹³And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.”



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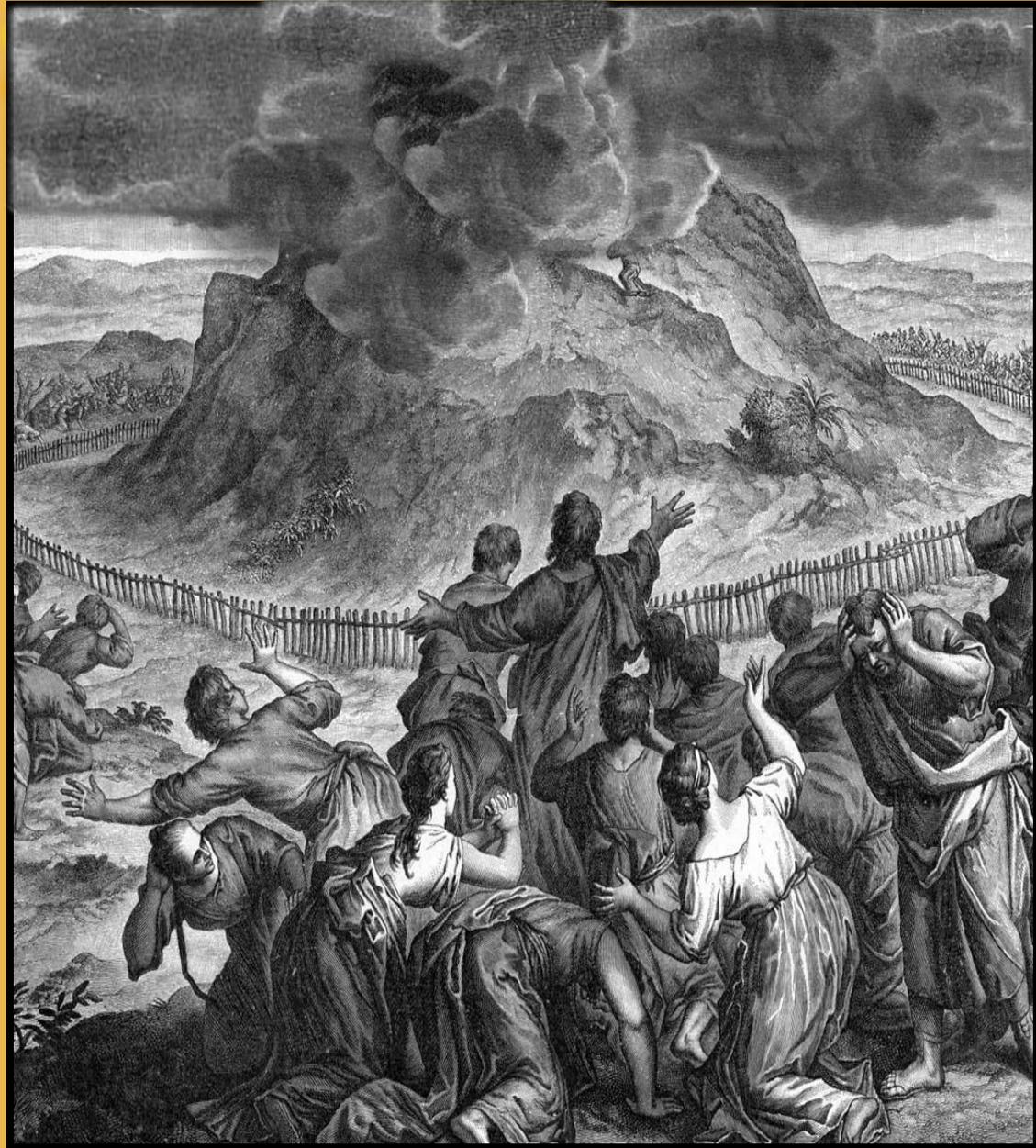
“¹⁴And he said unto the elders,

Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.”



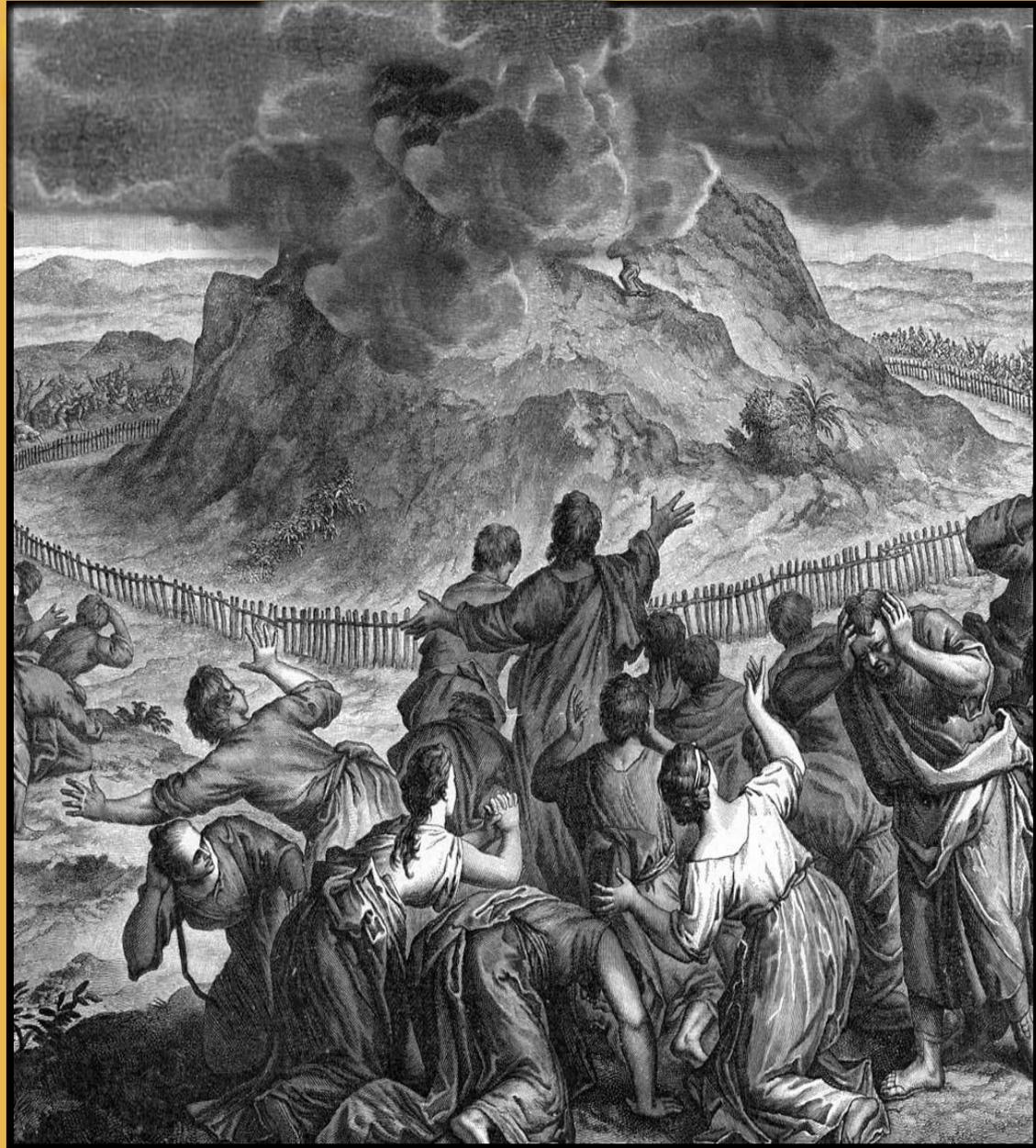
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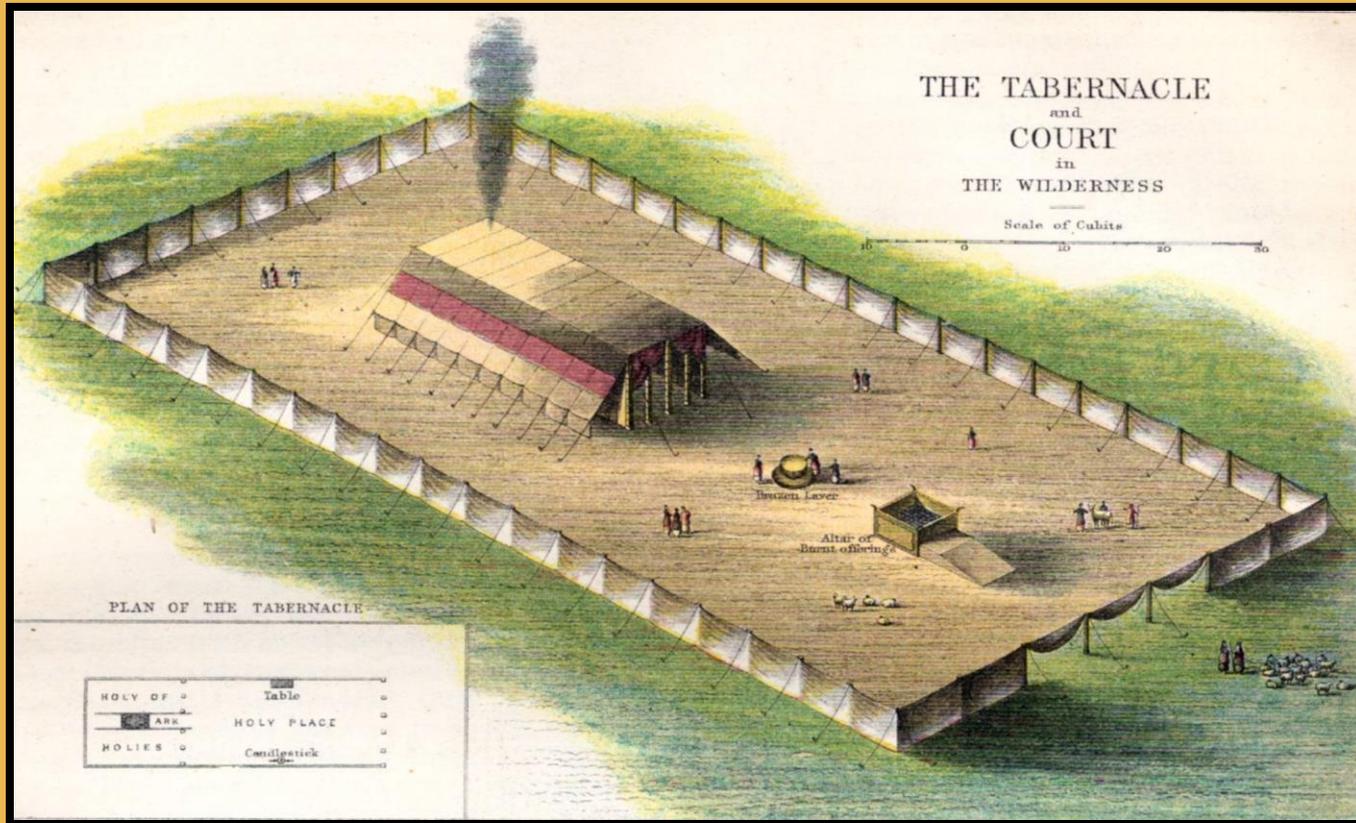
“¹⁵And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.
¹⁶And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud”



Exodus 24

“¹⁷And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.”





Exodus devotes seven chapters
(Exodus 25 through 31)
to the details for the construction of the Tabernacle
that were given to Moses in the mount.

Exodus 25

“¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

³And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass . . . ⁸And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

⁹According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.”

The tabernacle was made with freewill offerings from the people.



In Exodus 31
at the end of the 40 days
on Mt. Sinai,
God concludes the
giving of the law to
Moses with an
emphasis of
the importance of the
Sabbath
and the presentation of
the two tables of stone.



The Ten

I

Thou shalt have no other gods
before me.

II

Thou shalt not make unto thee
any graven image.

III

Thou shalt not take the name of
the Lord thy God in vain.

IV

Remember the sabbath day,
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Commandments

V

Honour thy father and thy mother.

VI

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IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness.

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Thou shalt not covet.

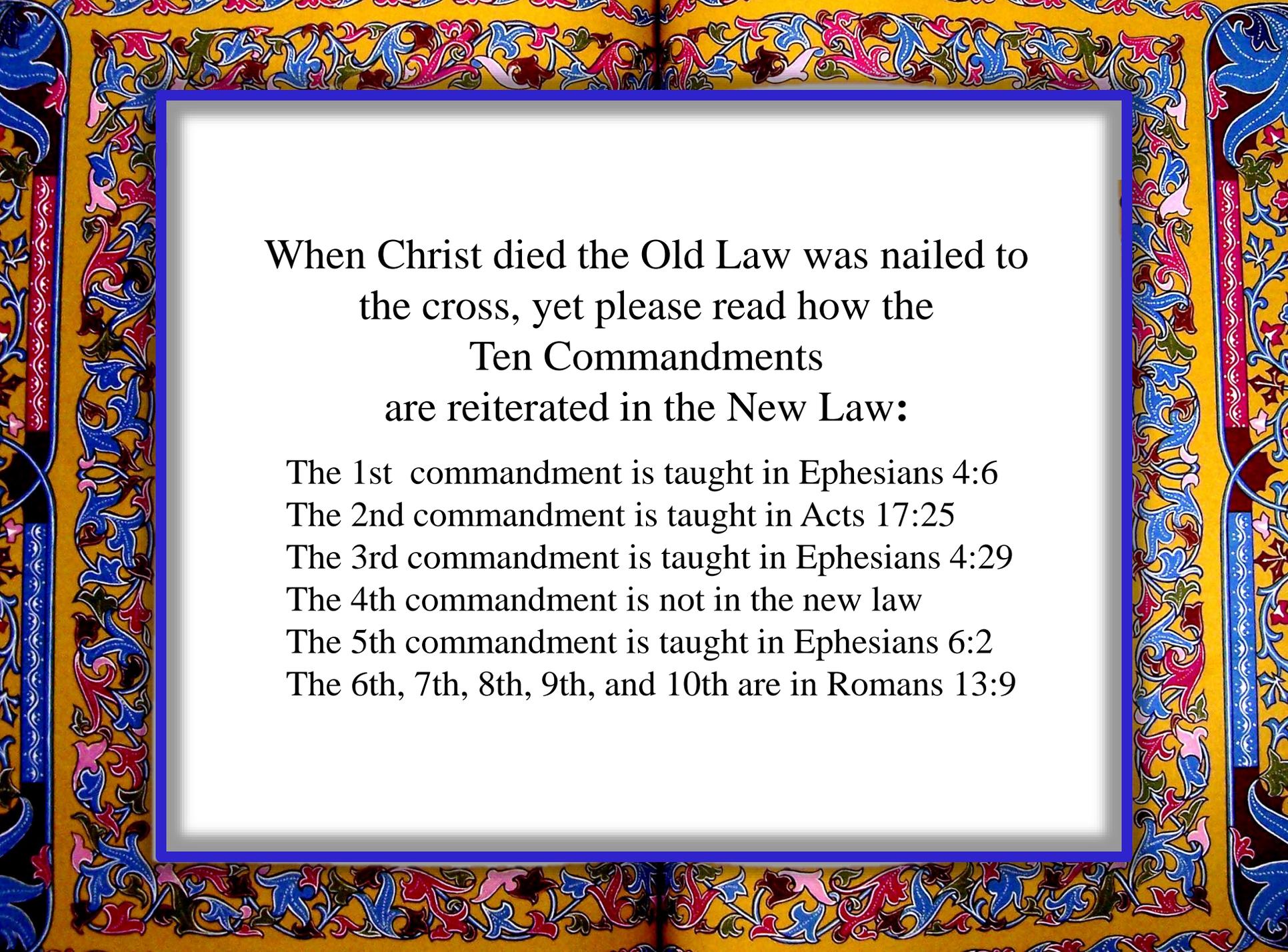
Exodus 20:3-17

Exodus 31

¹²And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

¹³Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my **sabbaths** ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. ¹⁴Ye shall keep the **sabbath** therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the **sabbath** of rest,

holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the **sabbath** day, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the **sabbath**, to observe the **sabbath** throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. ¹⁸And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, **written with the finger of God.**



When Christ died the Old Law was nailed to
the cross, yet please read how the
Ten Commandments
are reiterated in the New Law:

The 1st commandment is taught in Ephesians 4:6

The 2nd commandment is taught in Acts 17:25

The 3rd commandment is taught in Ephesians 4:29

The 4th commandment is not in the new law

The 5th commandment is taught in Ephesians 6:2

The 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th are in Romans 13:9

The Greatest Commandment:

Deuteronomy 6:5

“Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God
with all thy heart, with all thy soul,
and with all thy might.”

This commandment is repeated over and over in Deuteronomy (10:12; 11:1, 13, 22). It was quoted by Jesus Christ and given first place in His teaching (Matthew 22:37). The people were not to depend on public preaching alone, but were to teach God's commandments at home (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). Also see Deuteronomy 21:18-21 and II Timothy 3:1-9.

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End