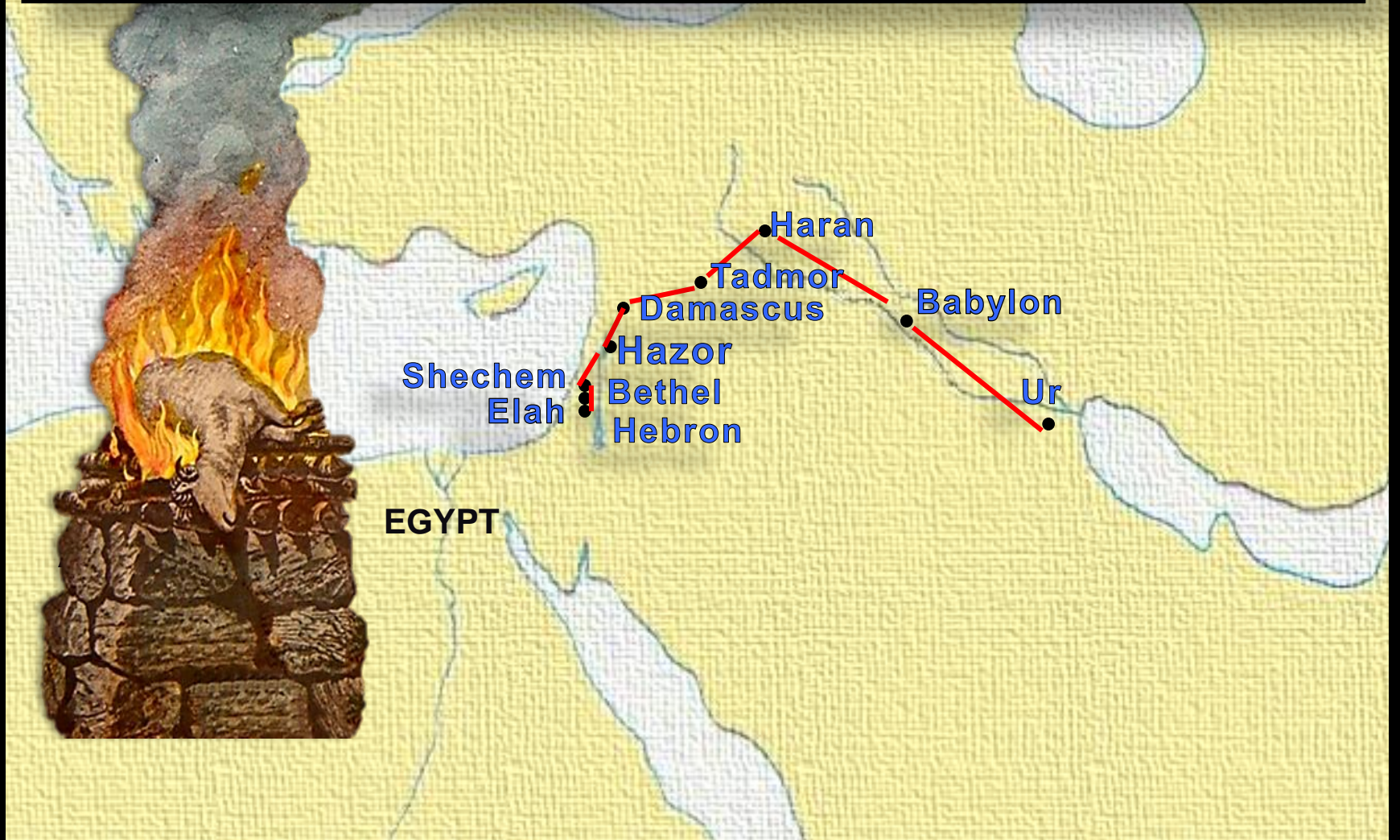


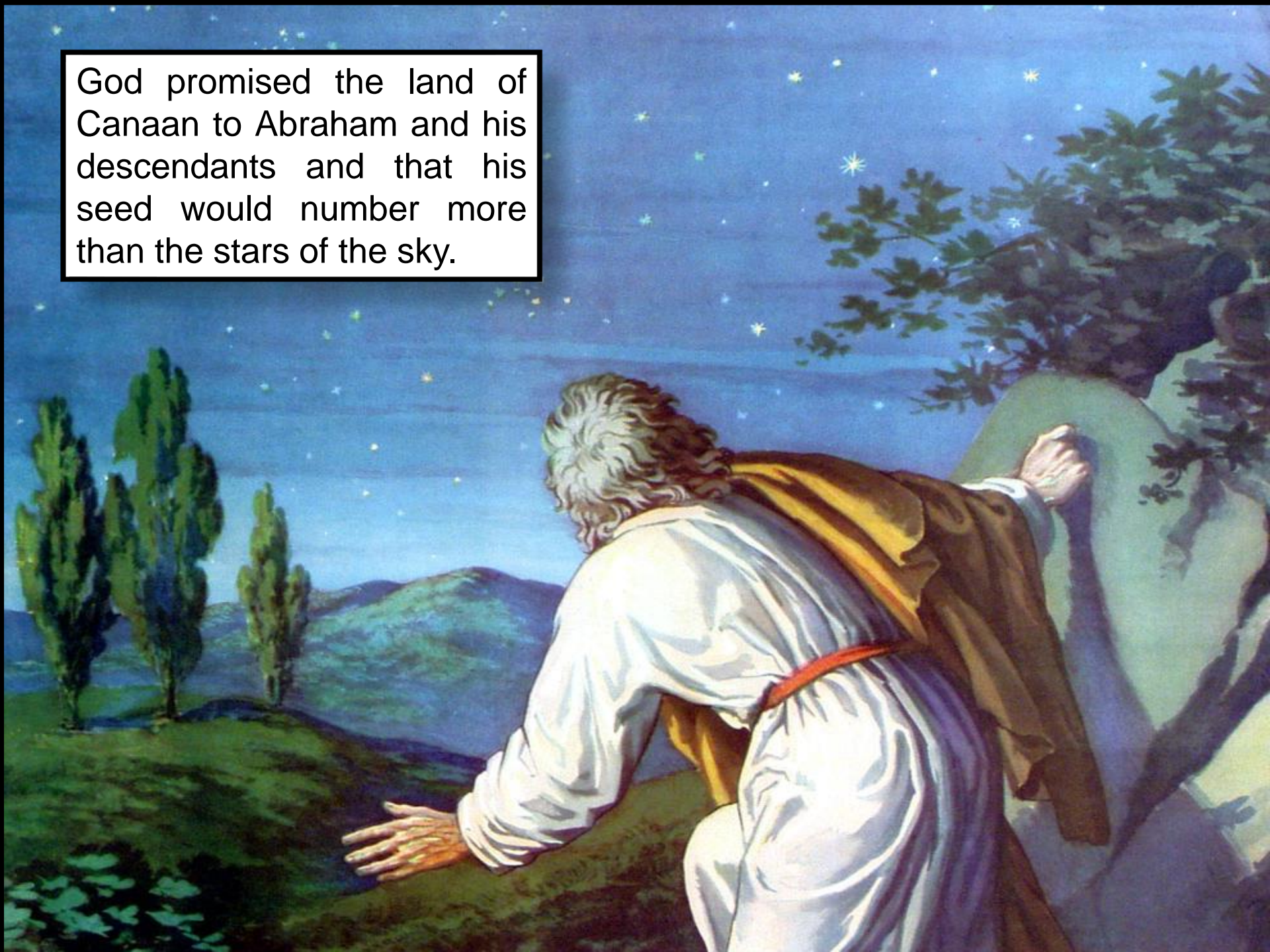


**GOD'S CHOSEN
PEOPLE**

God called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldes into the Land of Canaan. It is said he could be followed by the smoke from his altars.



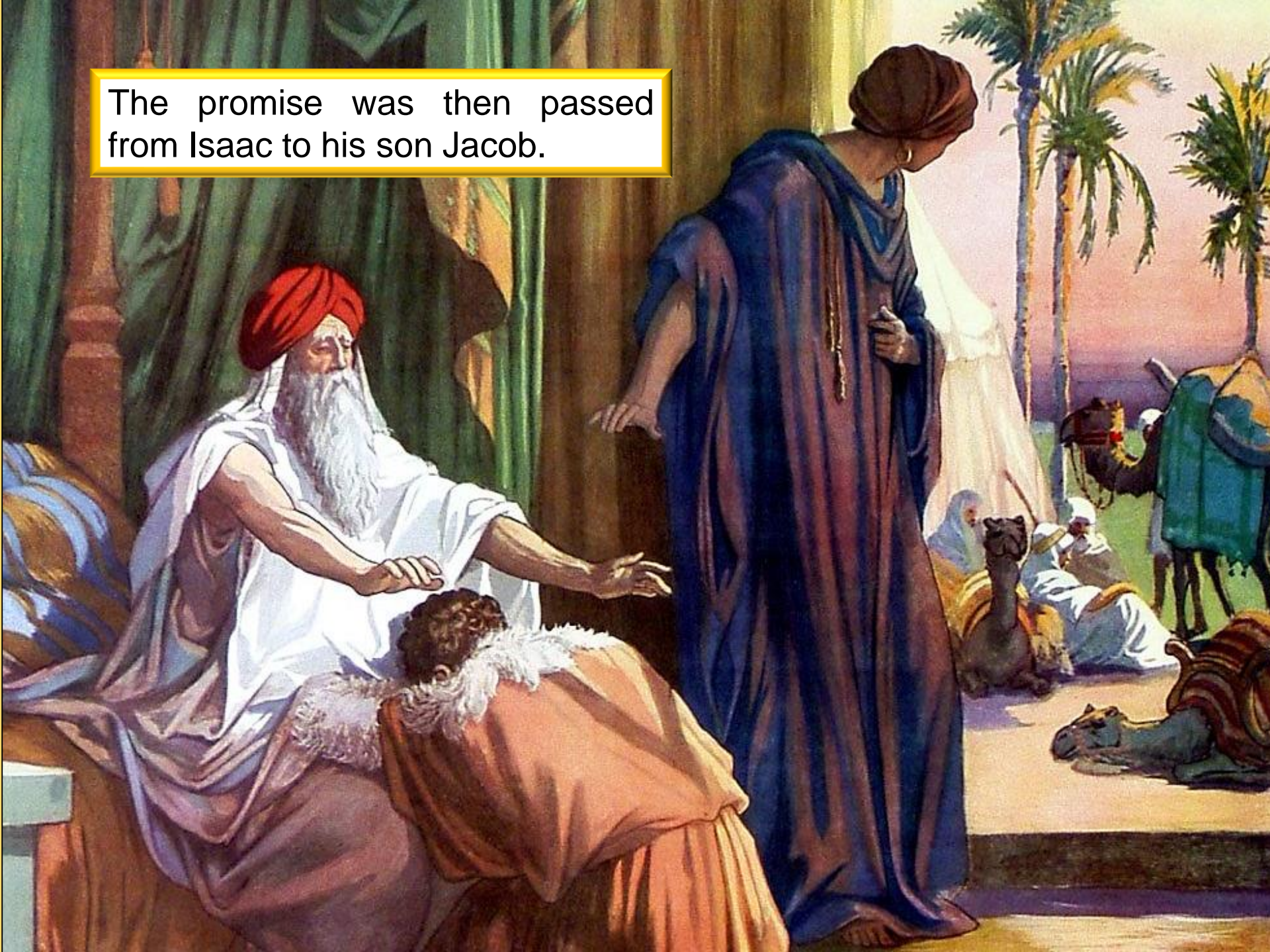
God promised the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants and that his seed would number more than the stars of the sky.

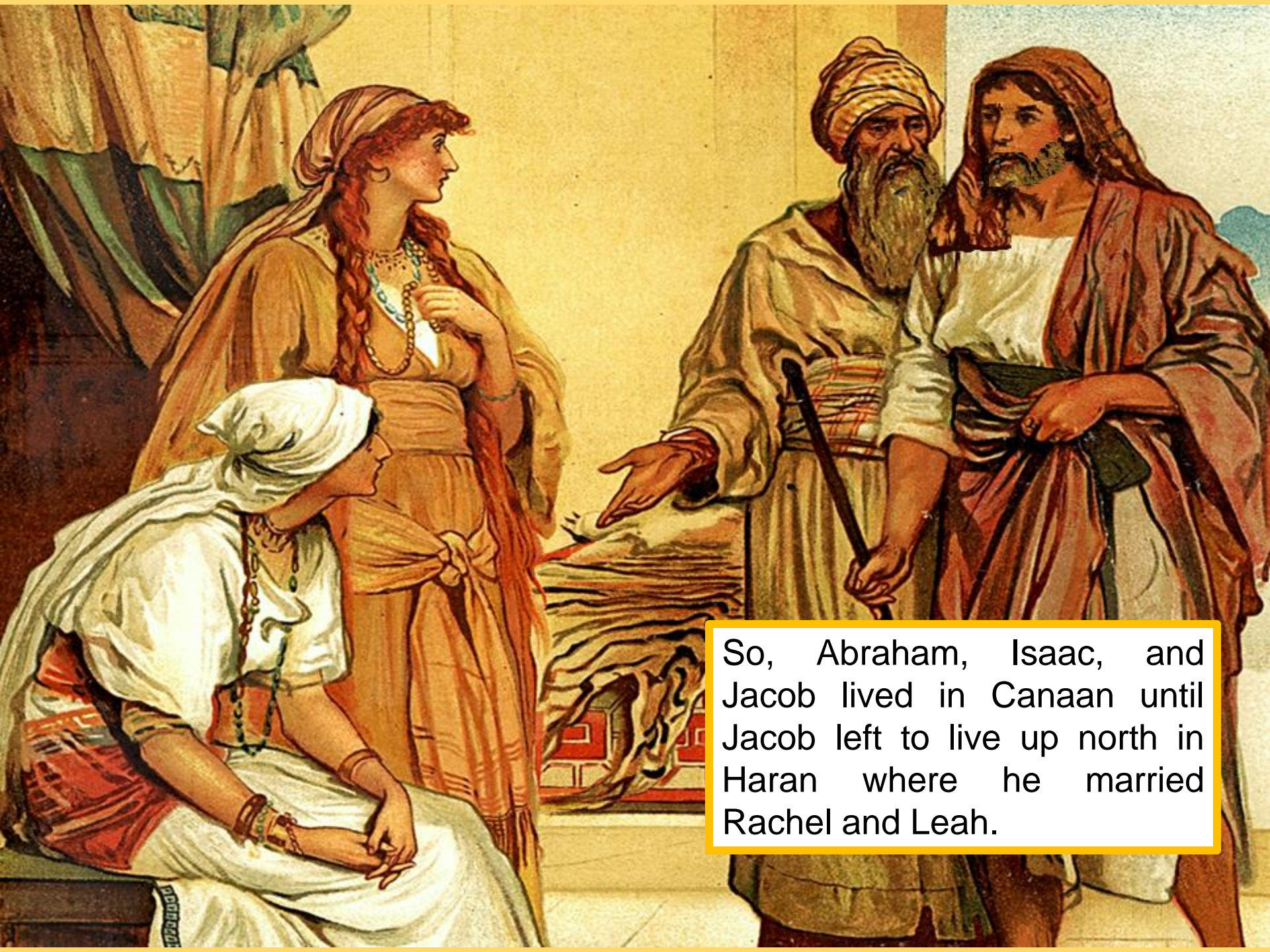


Abraham's son, Isaac, inherited the promise that had been made to Abraham.



The promise was then passed from Isaac to his son Jacob.





So, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in Canaan until Jacob left to live up north in Haran where he married Rachel and Leah.

After living 20 years in Haran God told Jacob to return to Canaan. On his journey back he went away from the camp where his wives, children, and servants slept, and there he wrestled with an angel. During this amazing encounter God changed Jacob's name to **Israel**.



TIMELINE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

This was the beginning
of God's chosen
people, the Israelites.

Adam

Noah

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob (Israel)

Joseph

Moses

Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Samuel

Saul, David, Solomon

Divided Kingdom

Elijah & Elisha

Jonah

Northern Kingdom/Israel taken into Assyrian Captivity

Southern Kingdom/Judah taken into Babylonian Captivity

Daniel & Ezekiel in Babylon

Persia takes Babylon – becomes world power

Return to Canaan begins – rebuilding of the temple / Ezra

Esther Persian Queen

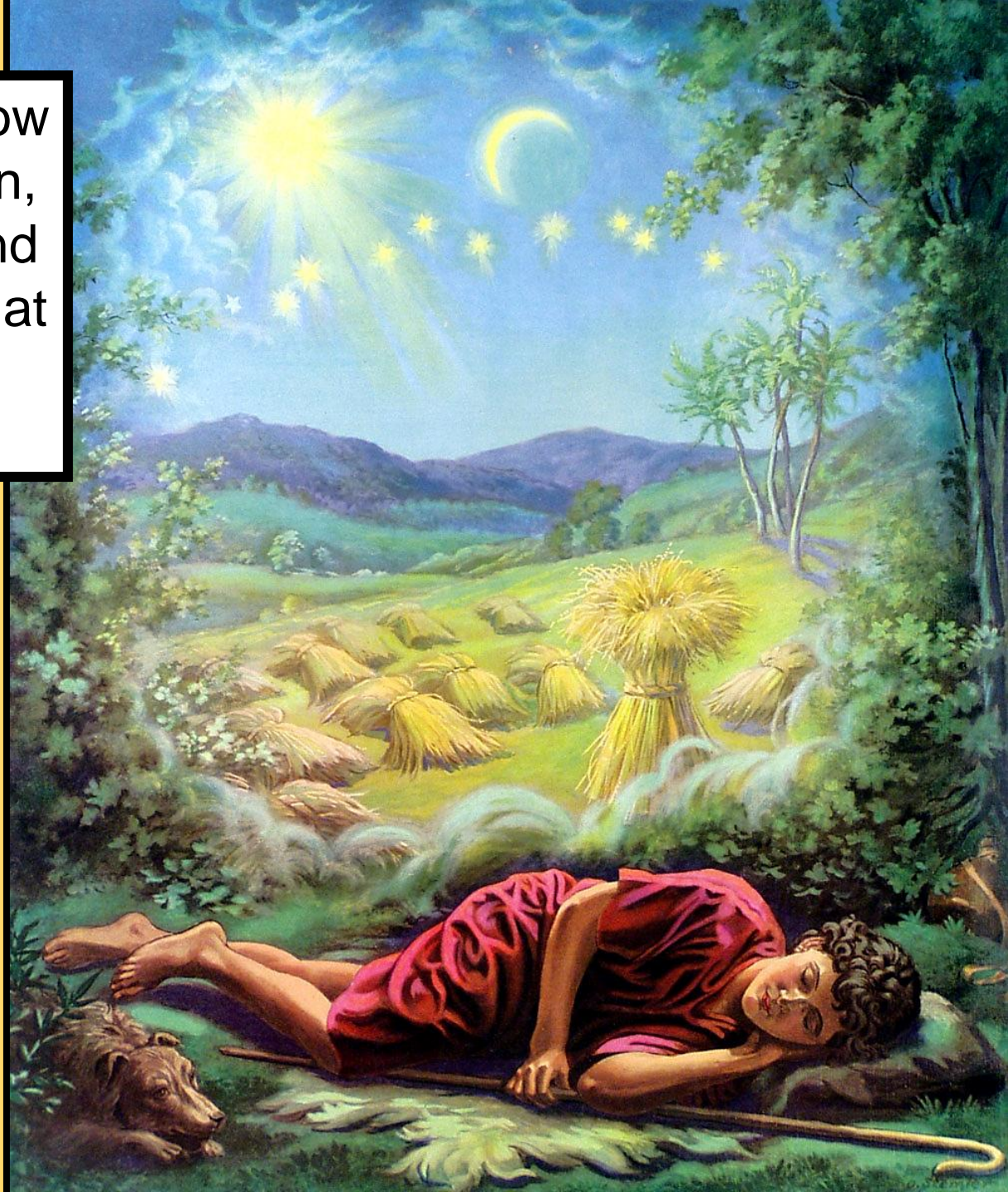
More Jews return – rebuilding of the wall / Nehemiah

Malachi

How did it come about that the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt?



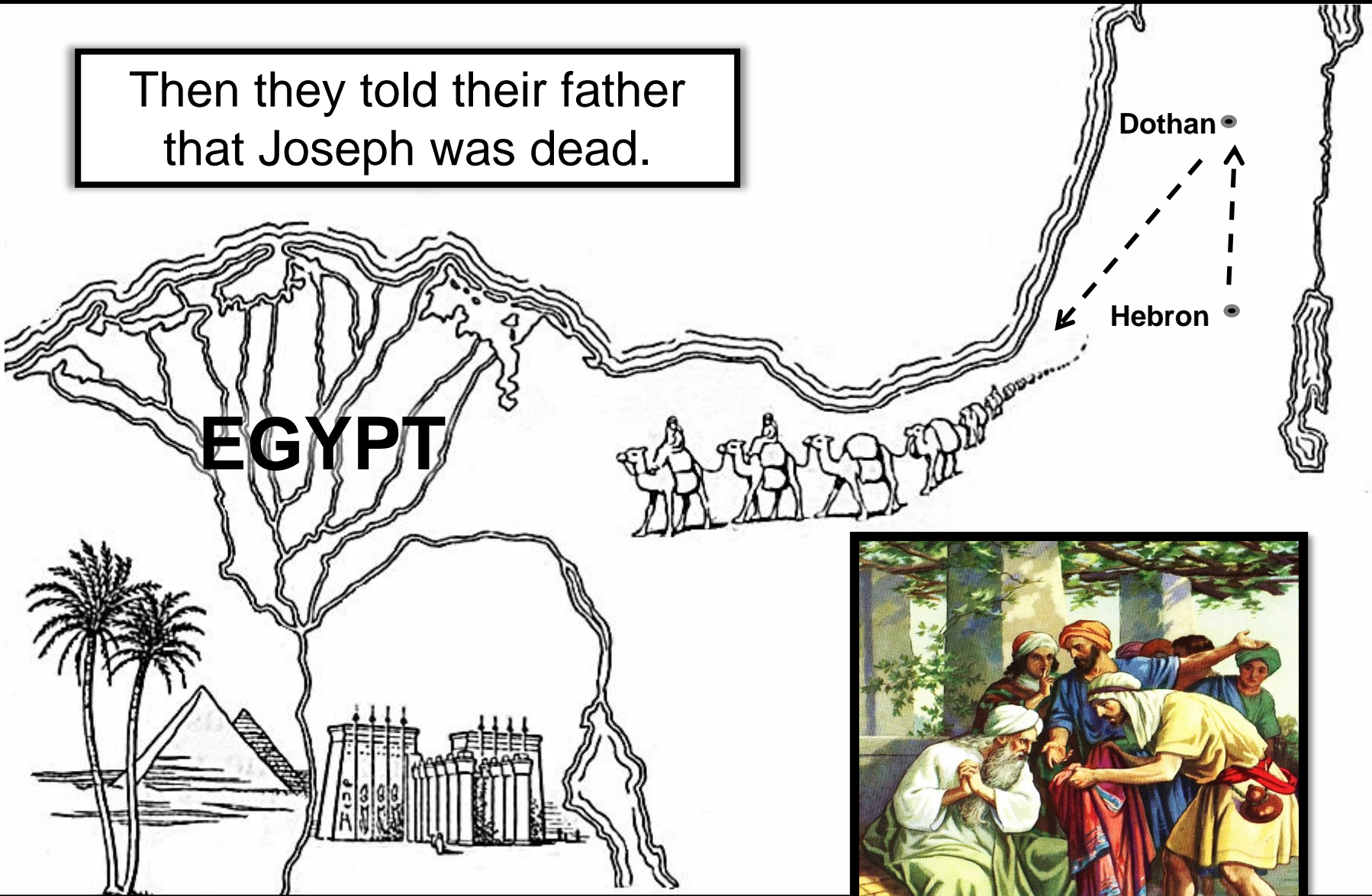
It is necessary to know the life of Jacob's son, Joseph, to understand how it came about that the Israelites were living in Egypt.



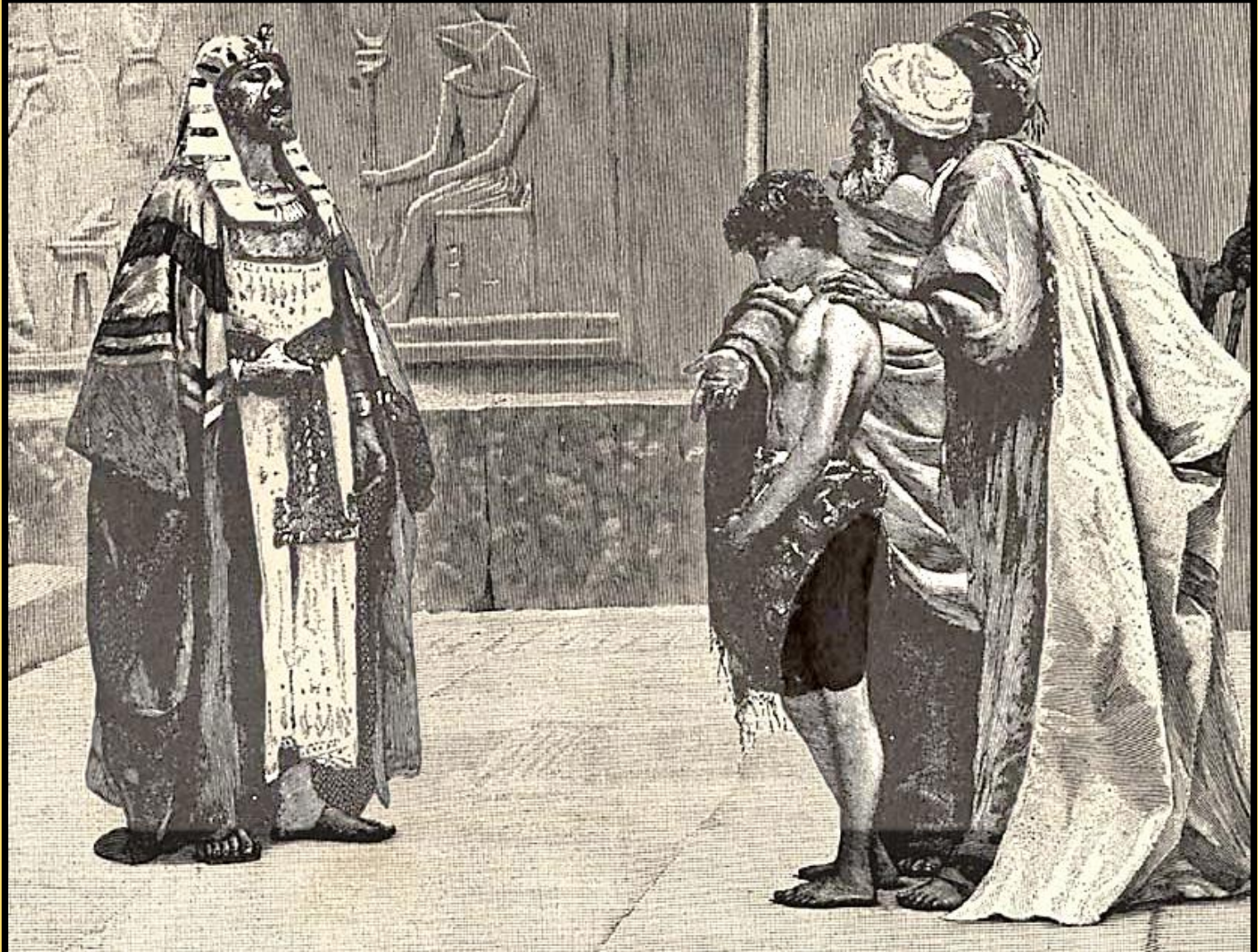
Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and sold him to Midianites who were going to Egypt.



Then they told their father
that Joseph was dead.



Joseph was sold again in Egypt to a man named Potiphar. He served over all of Potiphar's house.

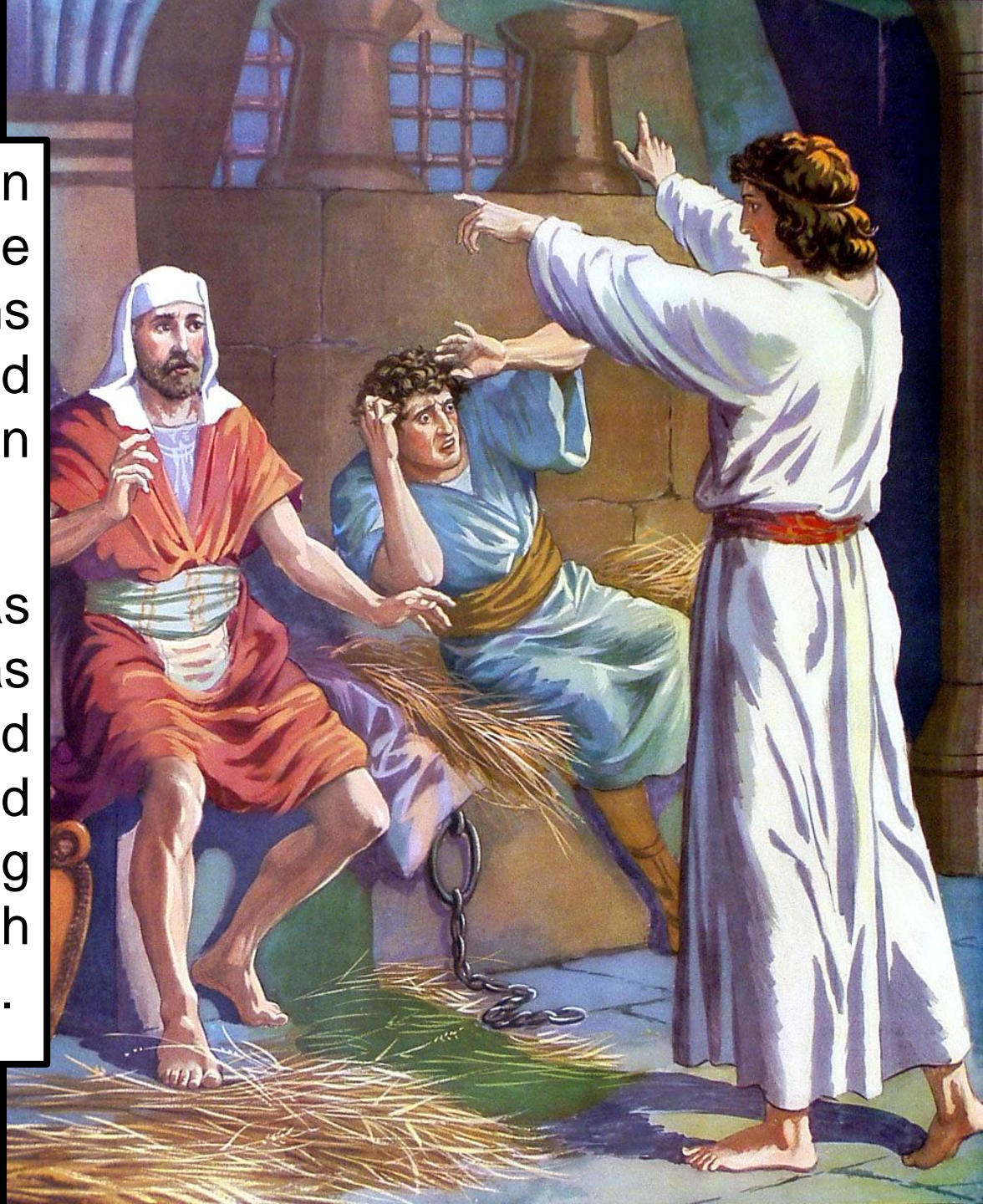


Potiphar's wife loved Joseph and wanted him to love her, when he didn't she screamed and accused him of accosting her.



Joseph was placed in prison where he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's butler and baker. His interpretation was true.

The baker was executed just as Joseph predicted, and the butler was restored to his position serving the king, but Joseph was forgotten in prison.



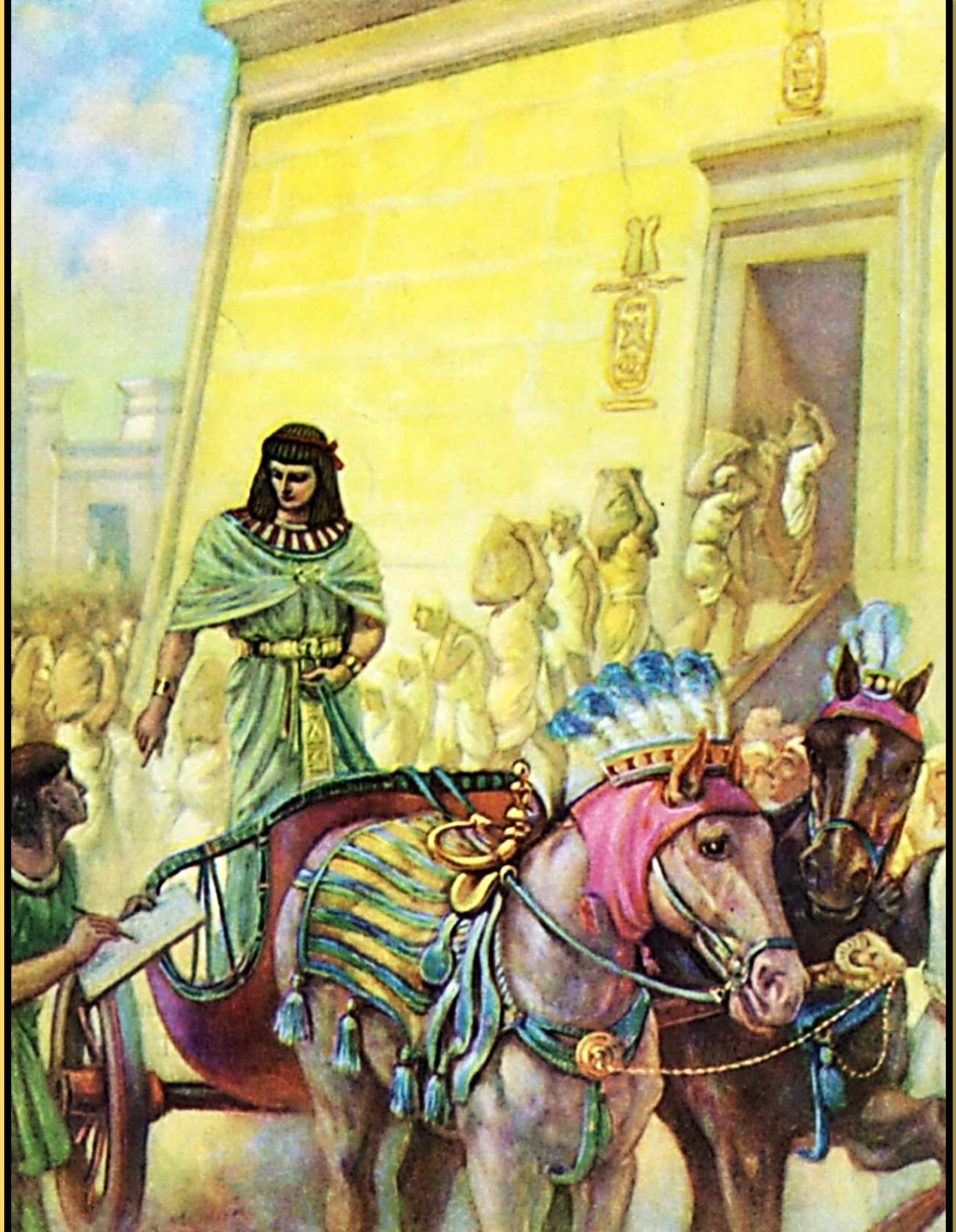
Then Pharaoh had a dream and the butler remembered Joseph.

Joseph was called out of prison to interpret Pharaoh's dreams.



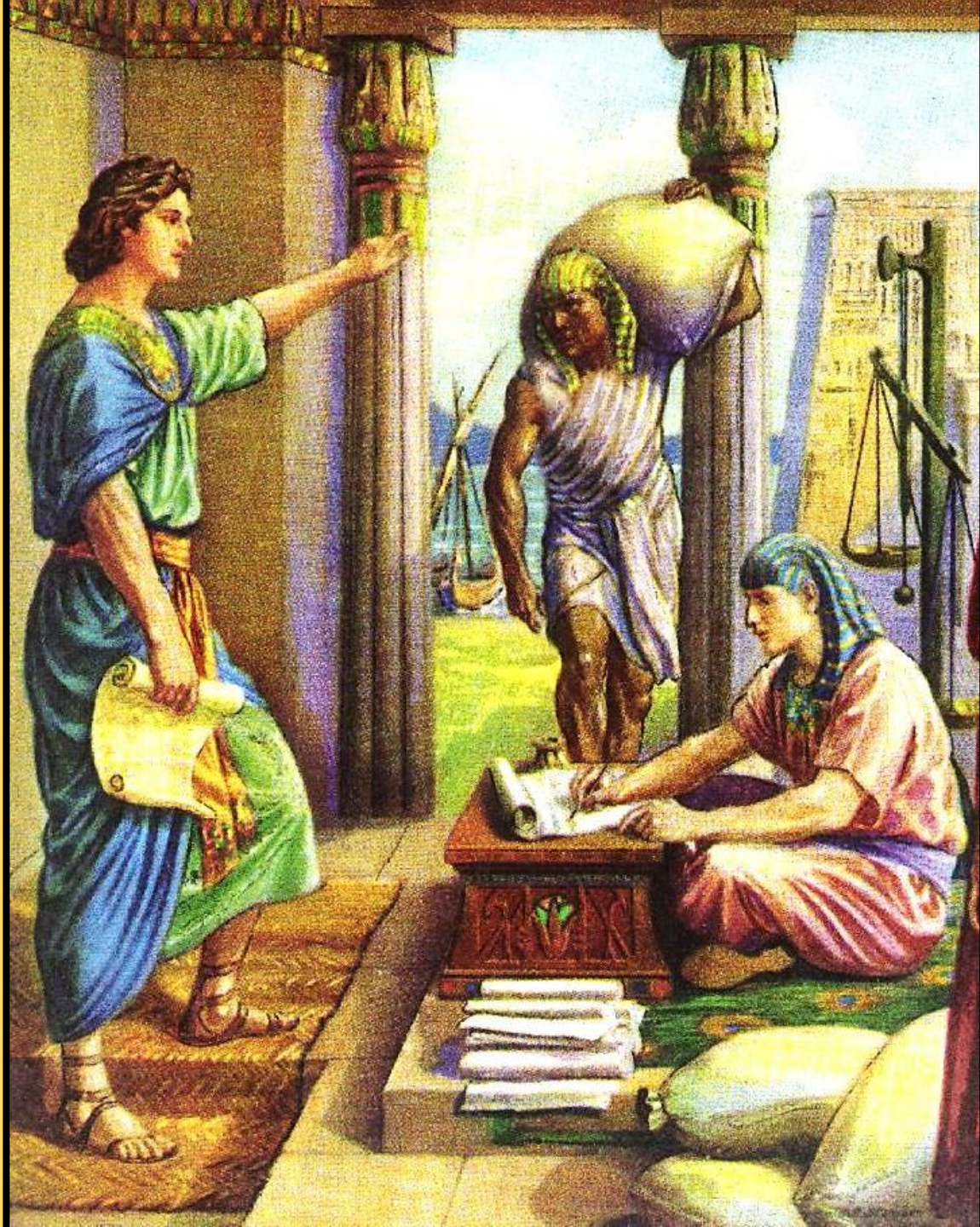
Joseph said the dreams were a warning about 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine.

Pharaoh promoted Joseph for telling him about his dream and saving all of Egypt from the impending famine.

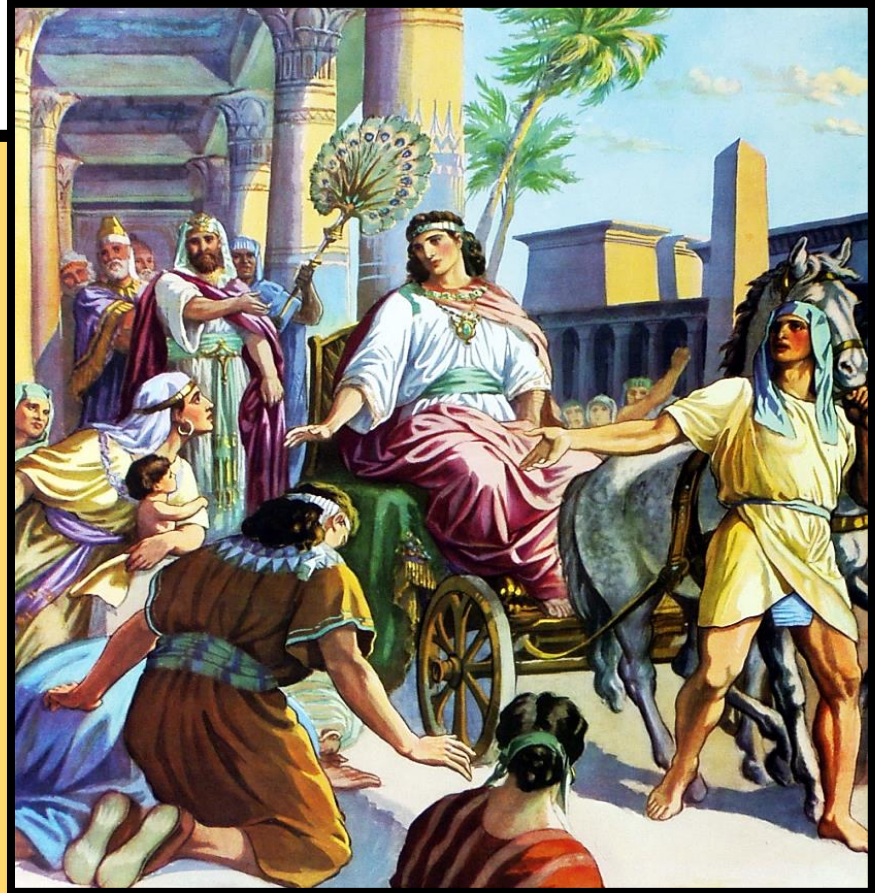


Joseph was in charge of selling grain during the famine.

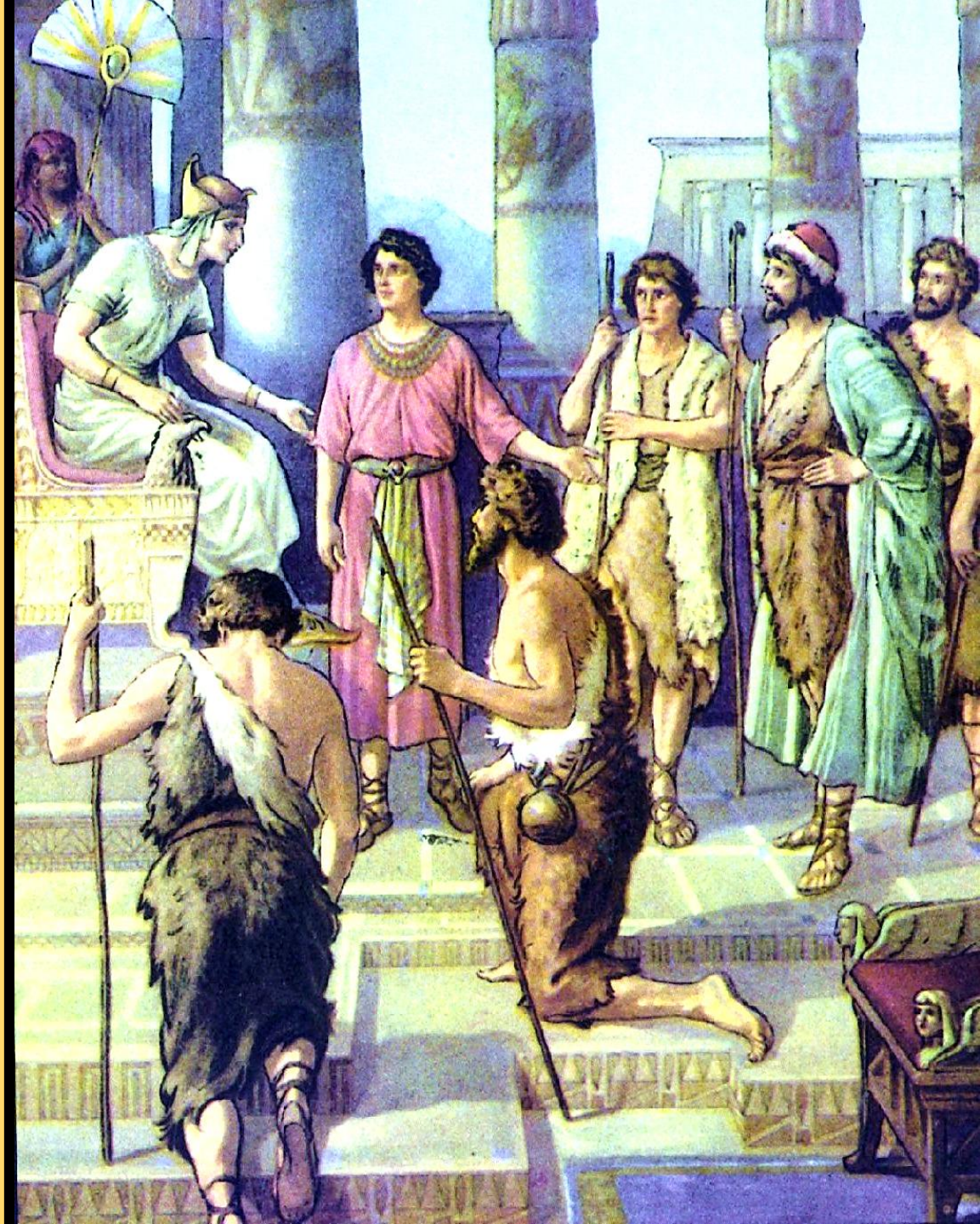
Joseph's father, Jacob/Israel, was still alive in Canaan where he and his sons were suffering from the famine. He sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain.



Joseph was now 30 years old.
He was rich and powerful.
He had married an Egyptian woman.
He had 2 children, Manasseh and Ephraim.
He spoke the Egyptian language.
He dressed like an Egyptian.
He looked like an Egyptian.



When Joseph's brothers asked him for grain he spoke to them through an interpreter. They did not recognize him as their brother.



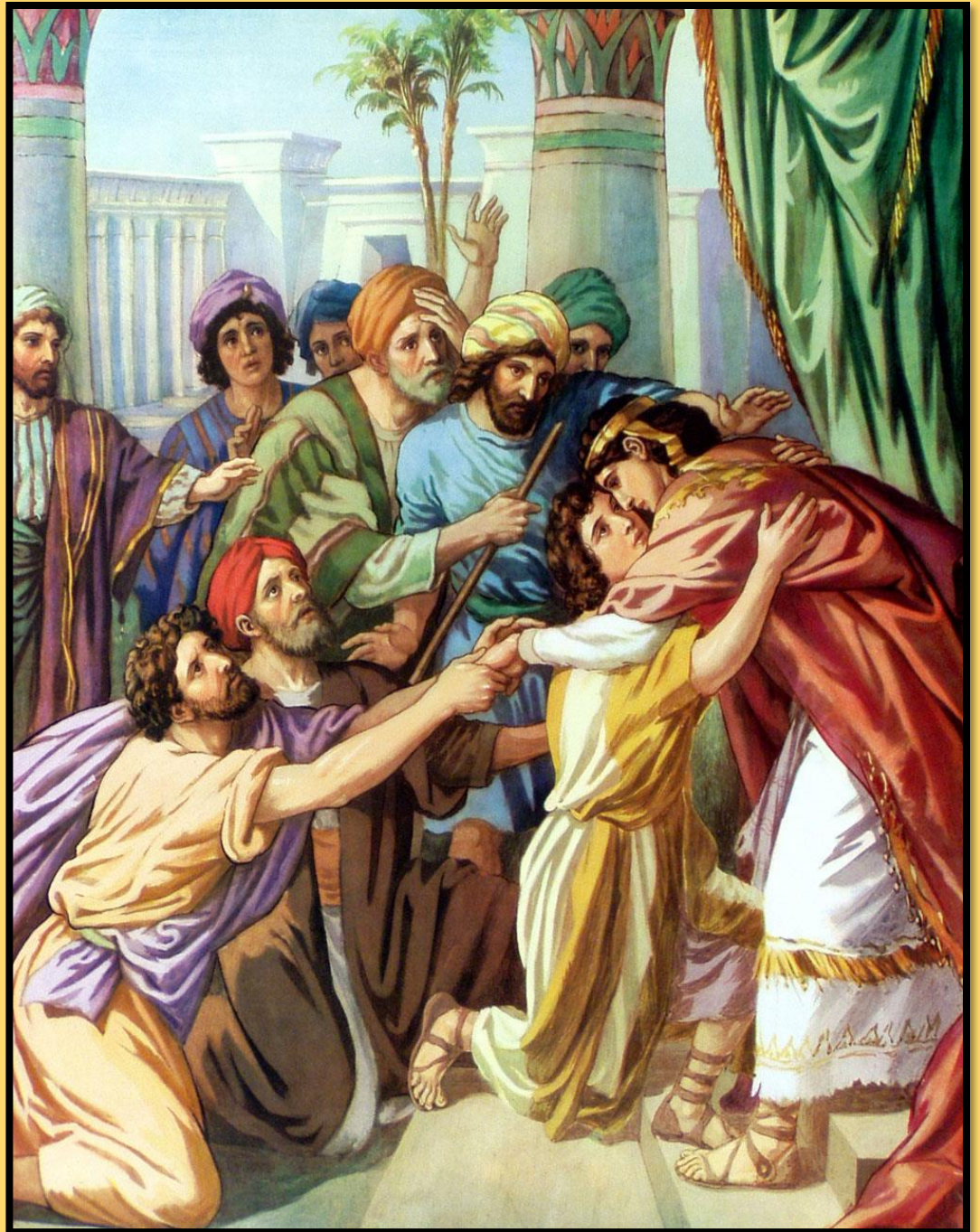
Joseph spoke to them roughly, and accused them of being spies.

He overheard them speak of their regret for mistreating him and selling him into slavery.



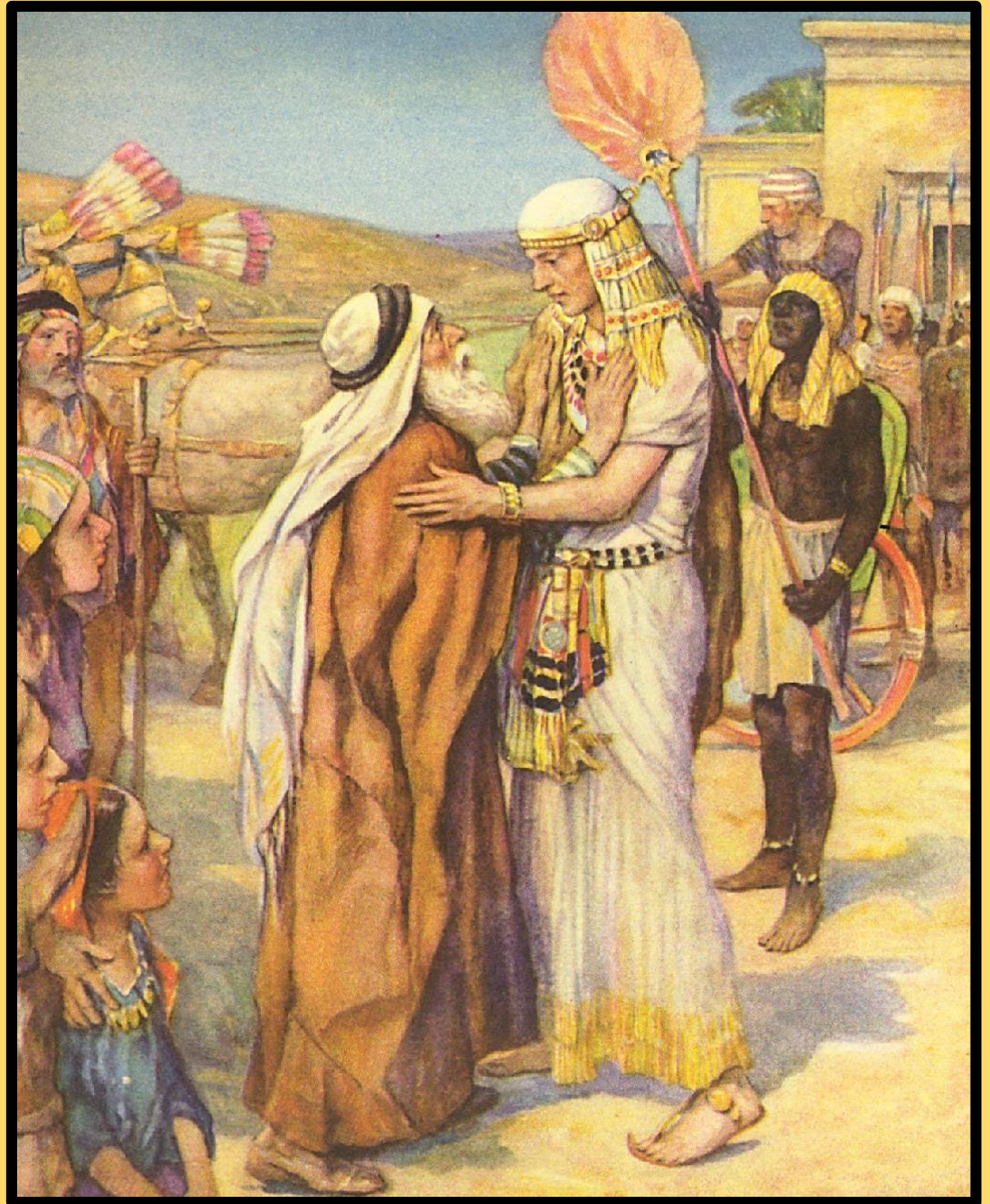
Genesis 45

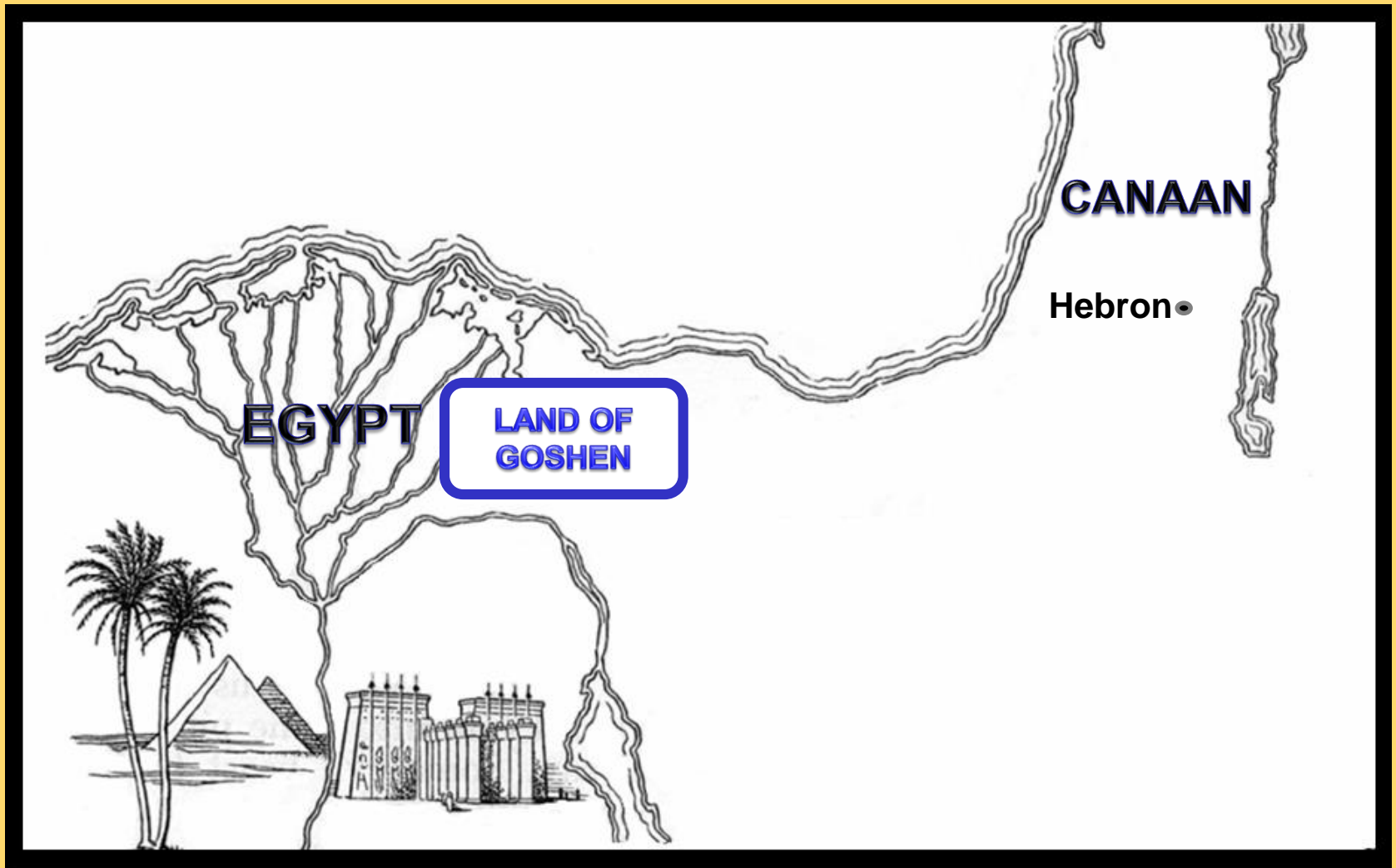
“⁴And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.”



Joseph was reunited
with his father.

Pharaoh told Joseph
to bring all his family
to Egypt that they
might have food
during the famine.





Pharaoh gave Joseph's family the land of Goshen.

Genesis 47

“²⁷And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.
²⁸And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.”



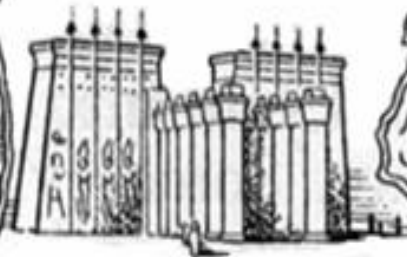
Mediterranean Sea

CANAAN

LAND OF
GOSHEN

EGYPT

The next generations of the children of Israel continued to live in Goshen. The scriptures do not reveal much about those years except to say, “And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them” (Exodus 1:7).



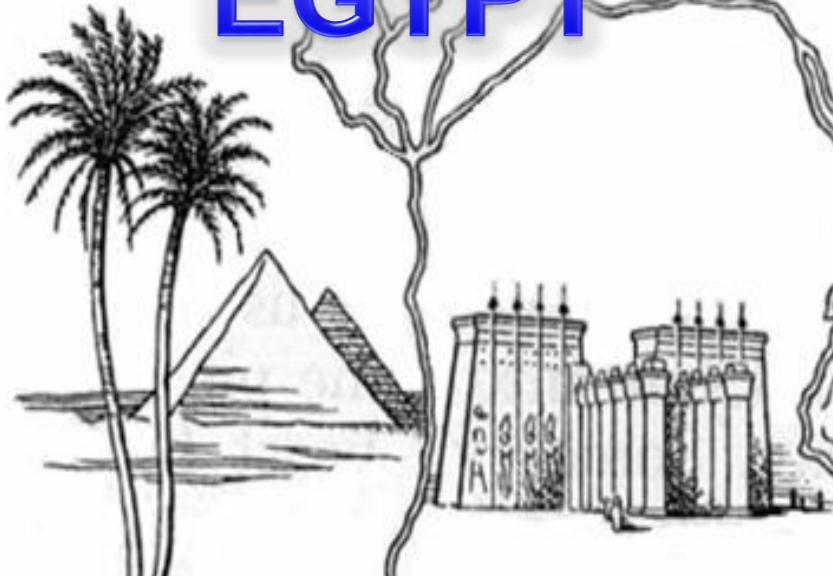
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It is curious that they didn't return to Canaan when the famine ended. Jacob lived several years after the famine was over. Why didn't he return to the land God had given to him, and his father and grandfather?



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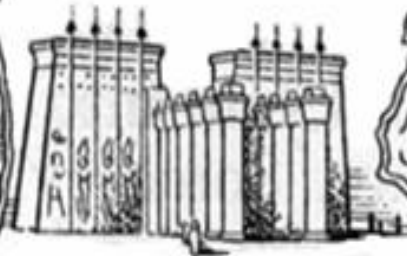
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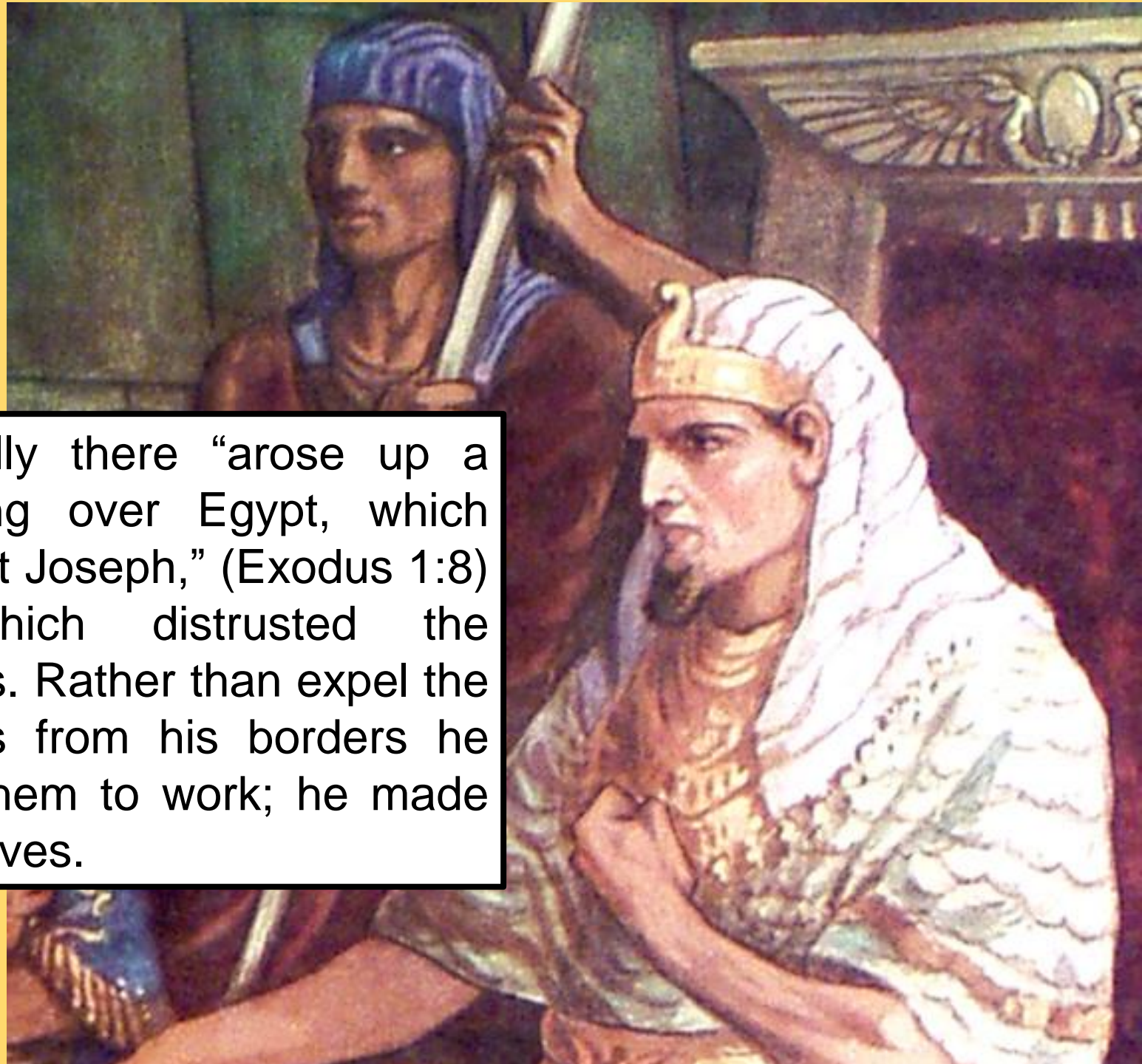
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They may have stayed because Joseph was a ruler in Egypt, but after his death the Israelites no longer had the advantage of his political position.

It is a pity that the Hebrews did not foresee the problems that would come from being foreigners in a strange land.

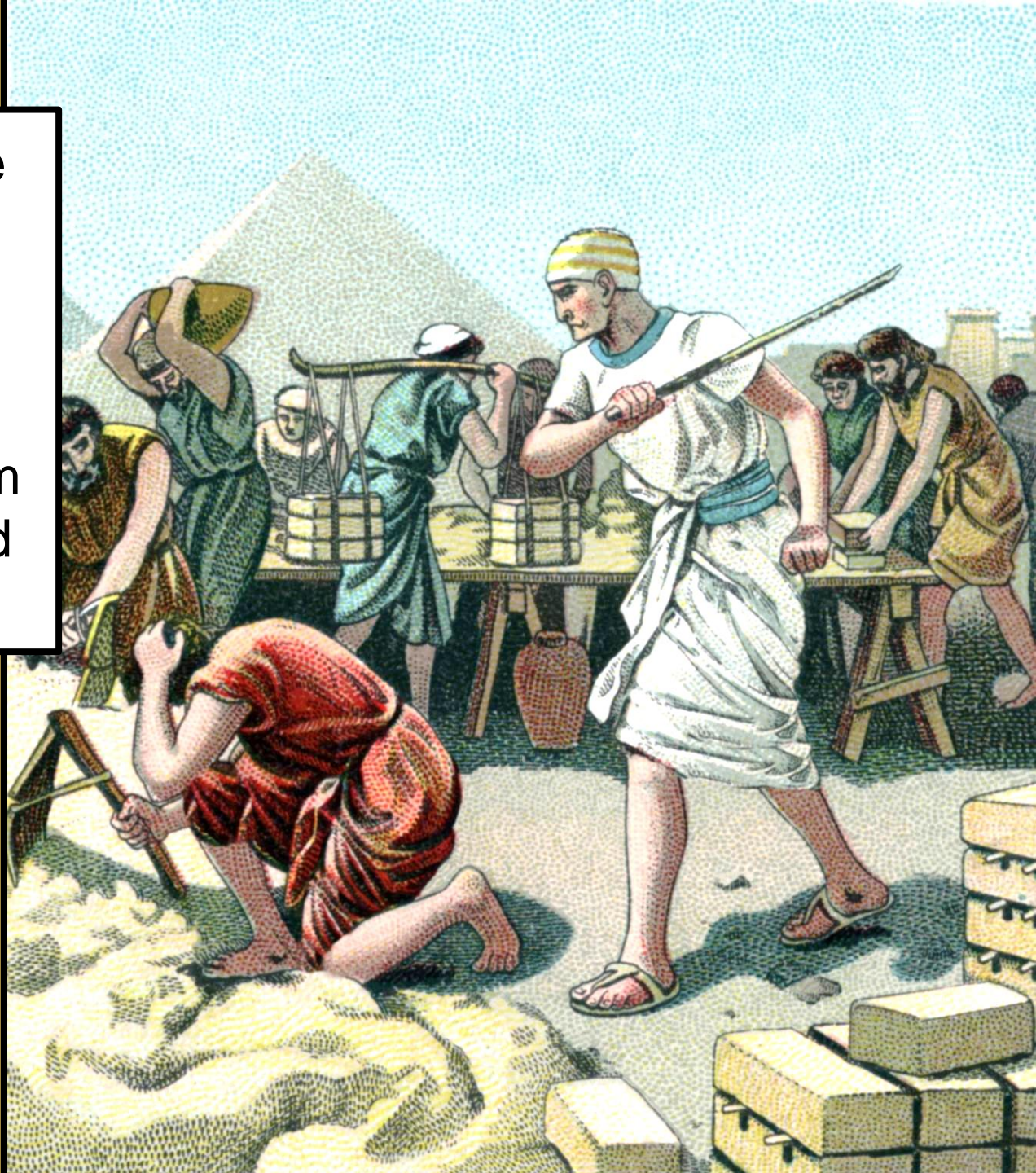


Eventually there “arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph,” (Exodus 1:8) and which distrusted the Hebrews. Rather than expel the Hebrews from his borders he forced them to work; he made them slaves.



The Israelites were slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years.

Finally God chose Moses to lead them out of that land and back to Canaan.





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The life of Moses is the story of God's people going home to the Promised Land which flowed with milk and honey.

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