



**LET MY
PEOPLE GO**



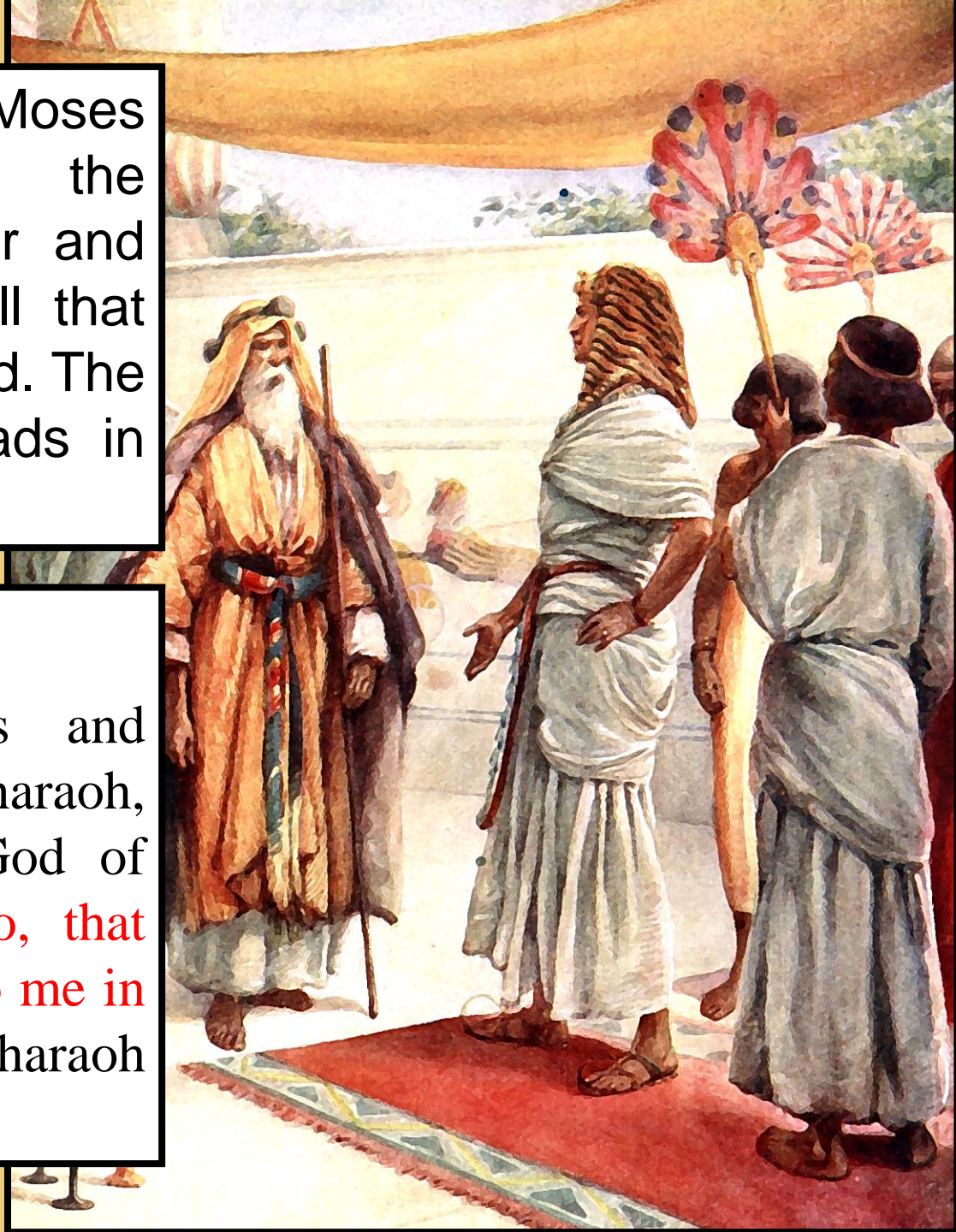
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Chapters 5-11

After arriving in Egypt Moses and Aaron gathered the Israelite elders together and demonstrated God's will that the Israelites be released. The elders bowed their heads in thanksgiving.

Exodus 5

“¹And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, **Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.** ²And Pharaoh said . . .”



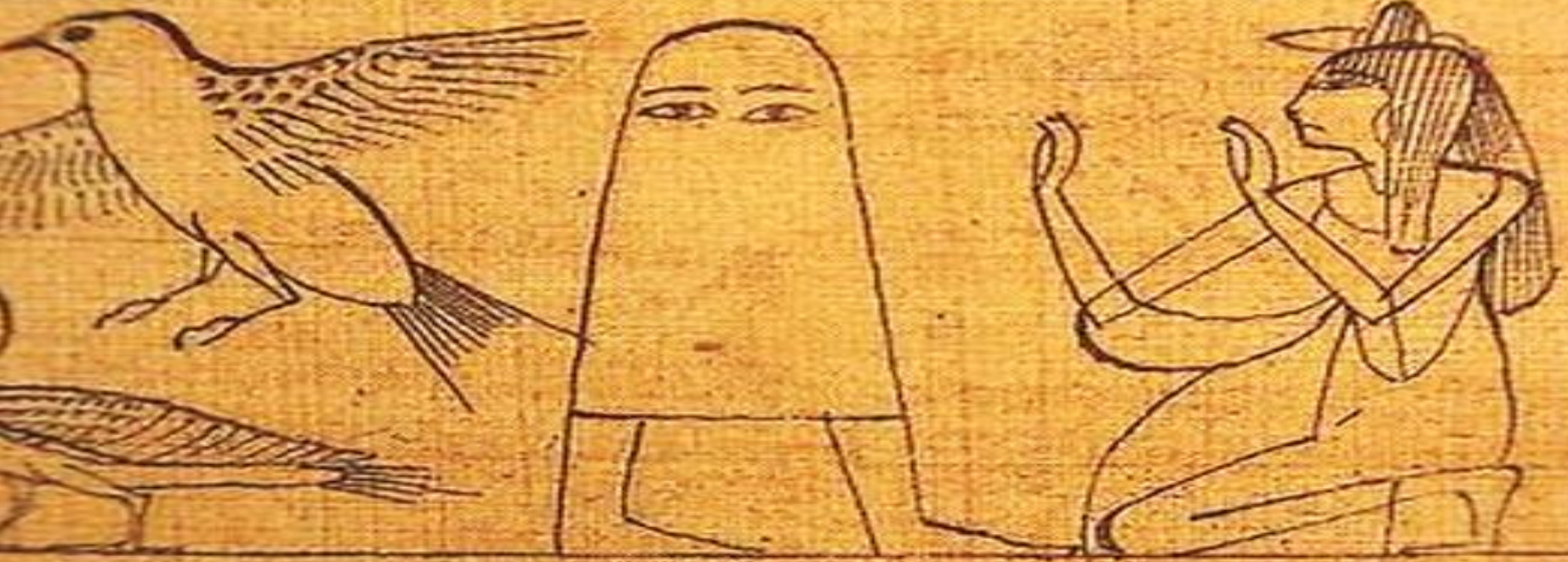
“Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice?”

Exodus 5

“2 . . . I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.”



Archeology And The Bible



Ancient records contain clear evidence that the principles of Biblical moral laws were known to man in the earliest periods of this world's recorded history.

Egyptians practically never admitted in their records to have experienced any misfortunes, or to have committed any mistakes, crimes, or sins, but they knew perfectly well the difference between right and wrong. This fact is revealed on their tombstones and by other personal inscriptions in which they constantly assert never to have done anything evil, but only good.



Egyptologists are so familiar with these hypocritical assertions that they have coined for them the term “Negative Confessions.”

As an example, here are a few sentences translated from The Book Of The Dead, a document that the ancient Egyptians took with them into the grave—attached to their body. It was intended to serve as a valid passport for the other world and assure its bearer admittance there. Of a long string of negative confessions the following are typical:

- . . . I have not committed evil.**
- . . . I have not stolen.**
- . . . I have not been covetous.**
- . . . I have not robbed.**
- . . . I have not killed man.**
- . . . I have not told lies.**
- . . . I have not committed adultery.**



**Sheet 76 of the Greenfield Papyrus of the
Egyptian Book Of The Dead. --British Museum**



These “Negative Confessions” show clearly that ancient man was aware of his sinful state, that he had a longing for eternal life, and knew God’s principle of redemption in the earliest periods of this world’s recorded history.

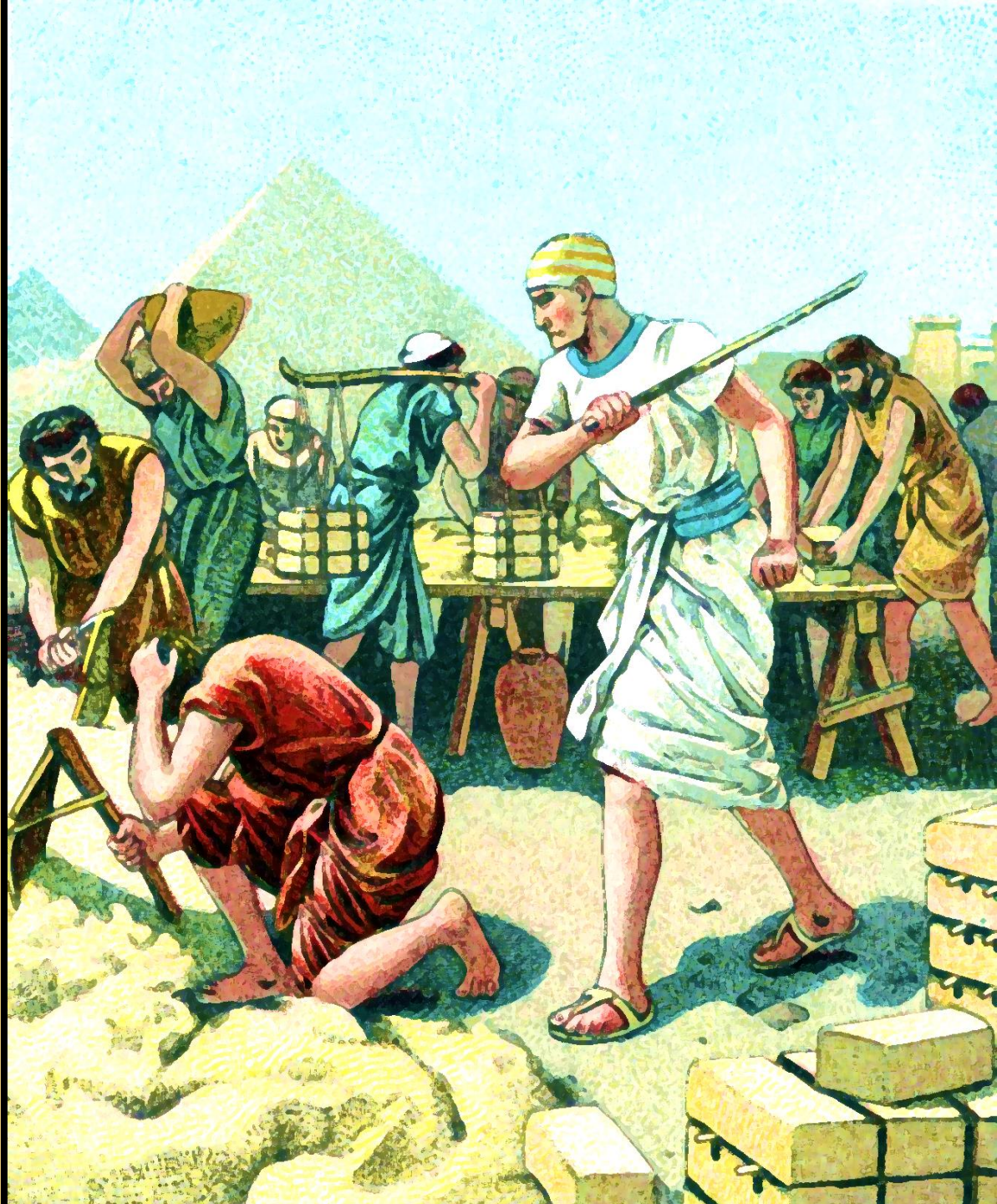


**BACK TO
OUR TEXT . . .**

Exodus 5

“⁶And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

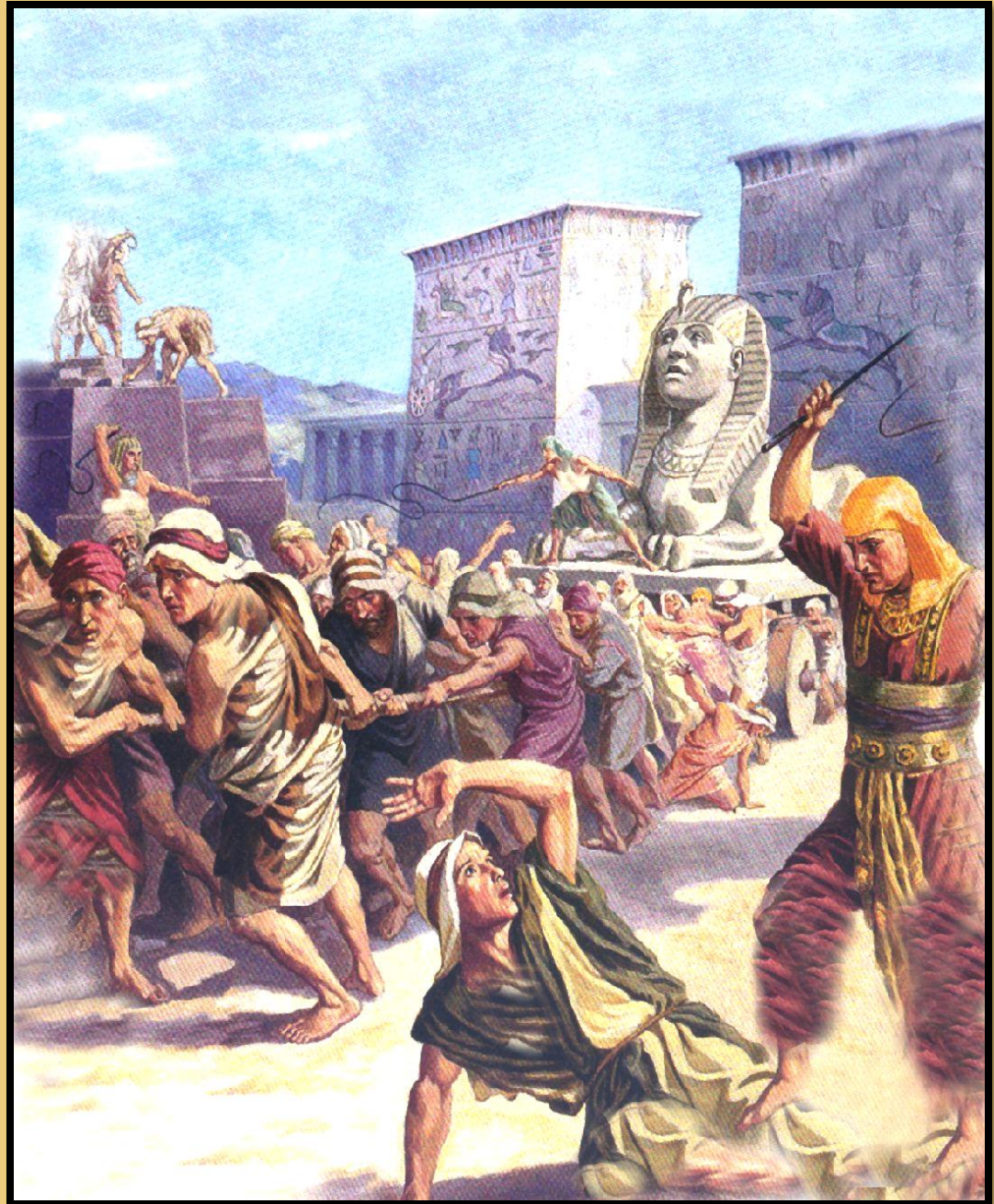
⁷Ye shall **no more give the people straw to make brick**, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.”



Exodus 5

“¹³And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

¹⁴And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were **beaten**, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?”



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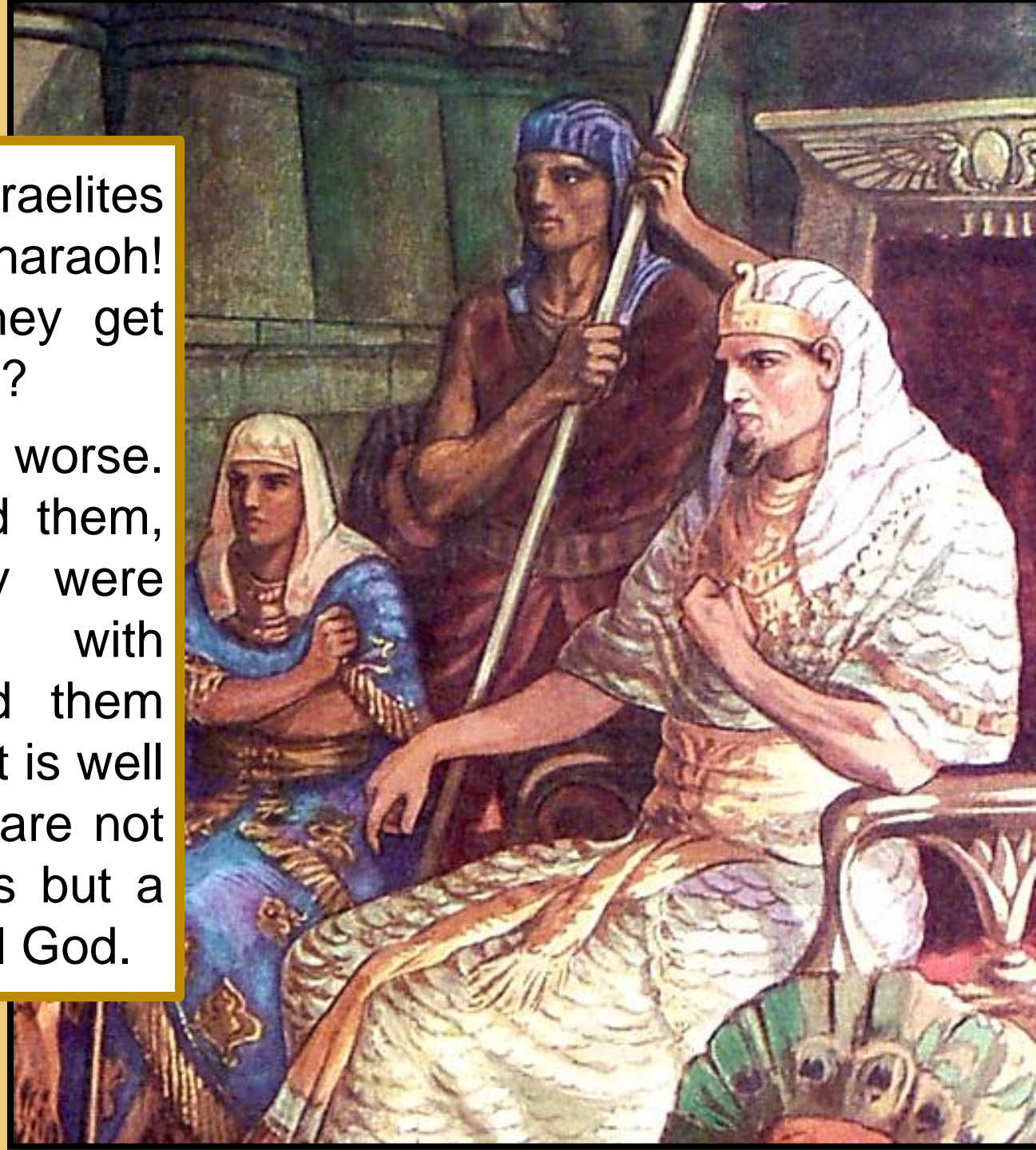
“¹⁵Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying,

Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? ¹⁶There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.”



How justly the Israelites complained to Pharaoh! But what did they get by this complaint?

It made bad to worse. Pharaoh taunted them, and when they were almost killed with working he told them they were idle. It is well for us that men are not to be our judges but a kind and merciful God.



Exodus 6

“¹Then the LORD said unto Moses,

Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land . . . I am the LORD ³And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.”



Exodus 6

“⁴And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. ⁵And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.”



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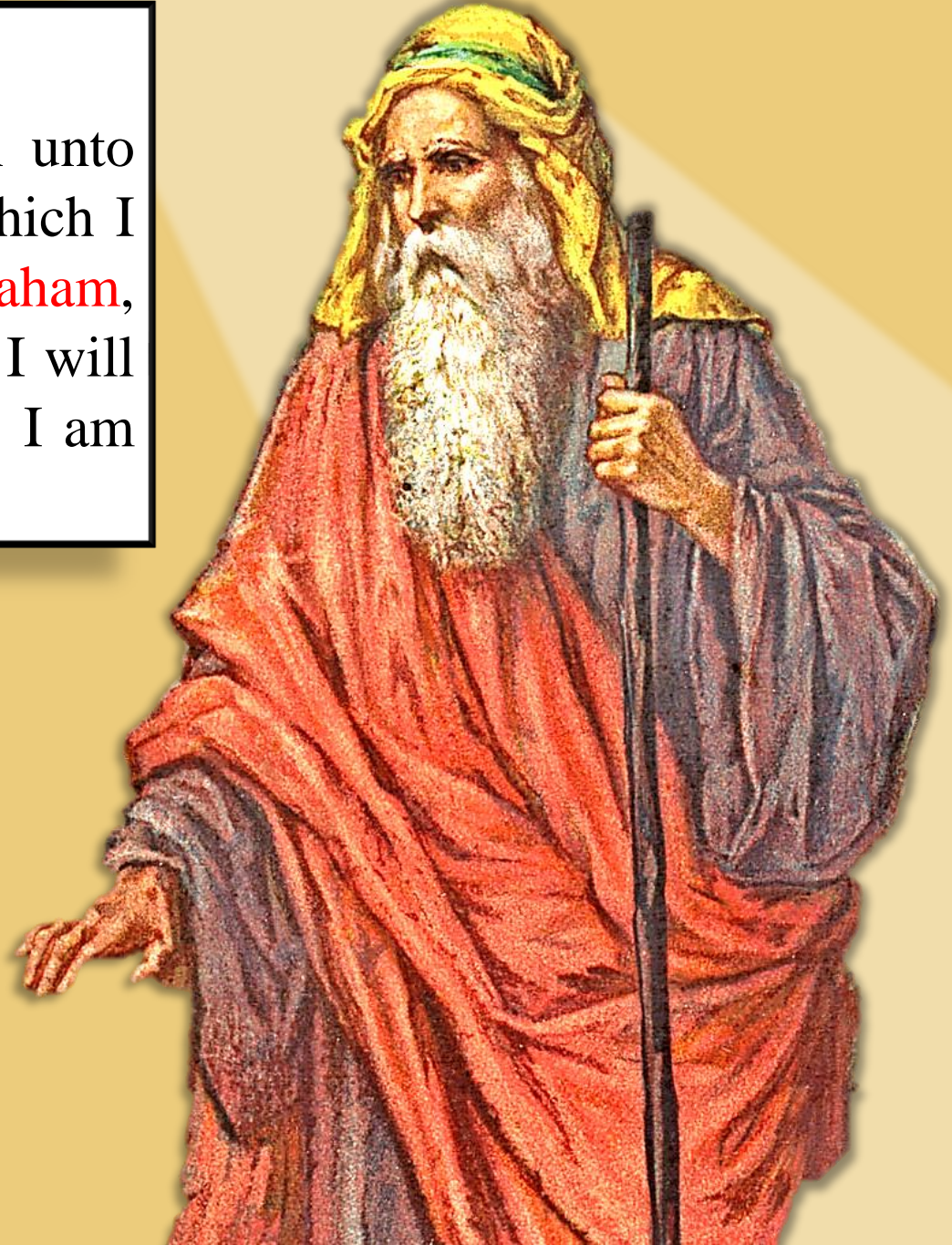
“⁶Wherefore say unto the children of Israel,

I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: ⁷And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”



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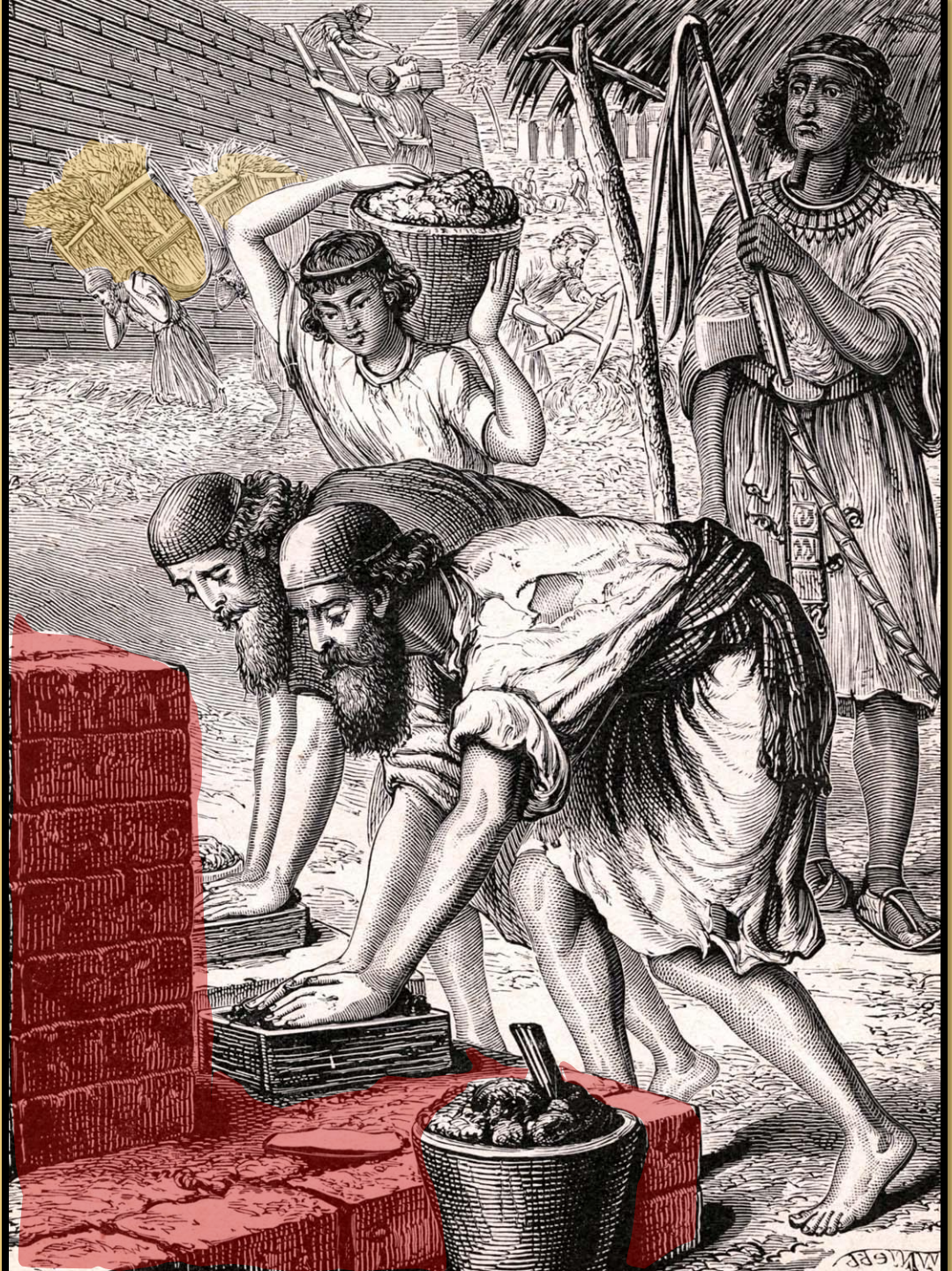
“⁸And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to **Abraham**, to **Isaac**, and to **Jacob**; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.”



Exodus 6

“⁹And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but **they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.**”

„cruel bondage,
of spirit, and for
Moses for anguish



Exodus 7

“¹And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. ²Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. ³And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.”



Exodus 7

“⁴But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. ⁵And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.”



Exodus 7

“⁶And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they. ⁷And **Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old,** when they spake unto Pharaoh. ⁸And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ⁹When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, **Shew a miracle for you:** then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.”



Exodus 7

“¹⁰And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and **it became a serpent.**”

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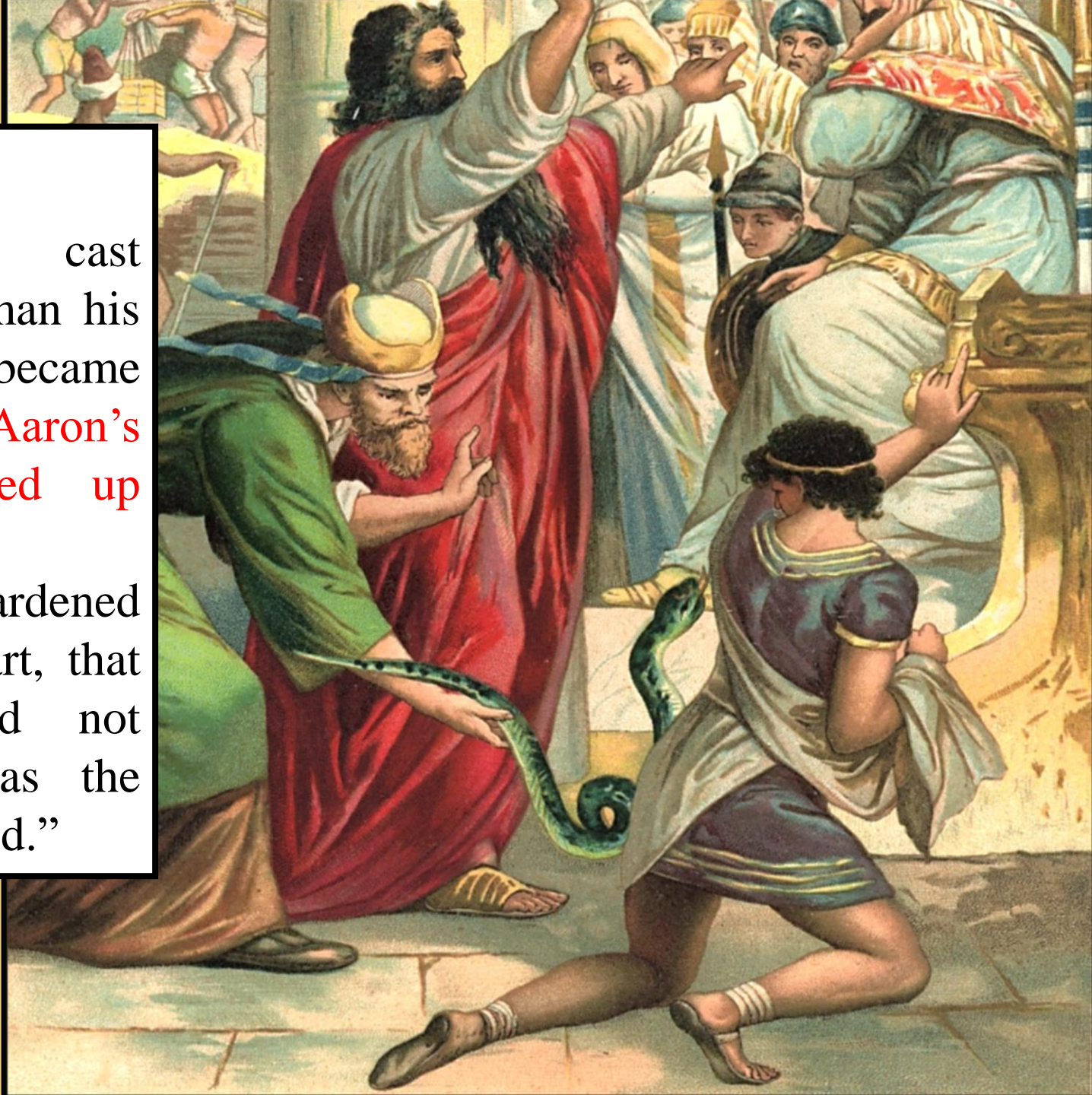
“¹¹Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the **sorcerers**: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.”



Exodus 7

“¹²For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but **Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.**


¹³And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.”



Exodus 7

“¹⁴And the **LORD** said unto **Moses**, **Pharaoh’s heart is hardened**, he refuseth to let the people go. ¹⁵Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river’s brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. ¹⁶And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.”



An unrolled scroll with a textured, aged appearance. The scroll is held open by two wooden rollers on the left and right sides. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a soft glow around the scroll. The text is centered on the scroll in a bold, black, serif font.

**Who hardened
Pharaoh's heart?**

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God.....	The Rod	Exodus 7:1-14
Was Hardened.....	Water to Blood	Exodus 7:15-25
Pharaoh.....	Frogs	Exodus 8:1-15
Was Hardened.....	Lice	Exodus 8:16-19
Pharaoh.....	Flies	Exodus 8:20-32
Was Hardened.....	Murrain	Exodus 9:1-7
God.....	Boils	Exodus 9:8-12
Pharaoh.....	Hail	Exodus 9:13-35
God.....	Hail	Exodus 10:1
God.....	Locust	Exodus 10:1-20
God.....	Darkness	Exodus 10:21-29
God.....	Firstborn Die	Exodus 11:1-10

How was it hardened?

It was hardened by Pharaoh's reaction to God's efforts to convince him to let the people go.

The more God demanded the release of the Israelites the harder Pharaoh's heart became.

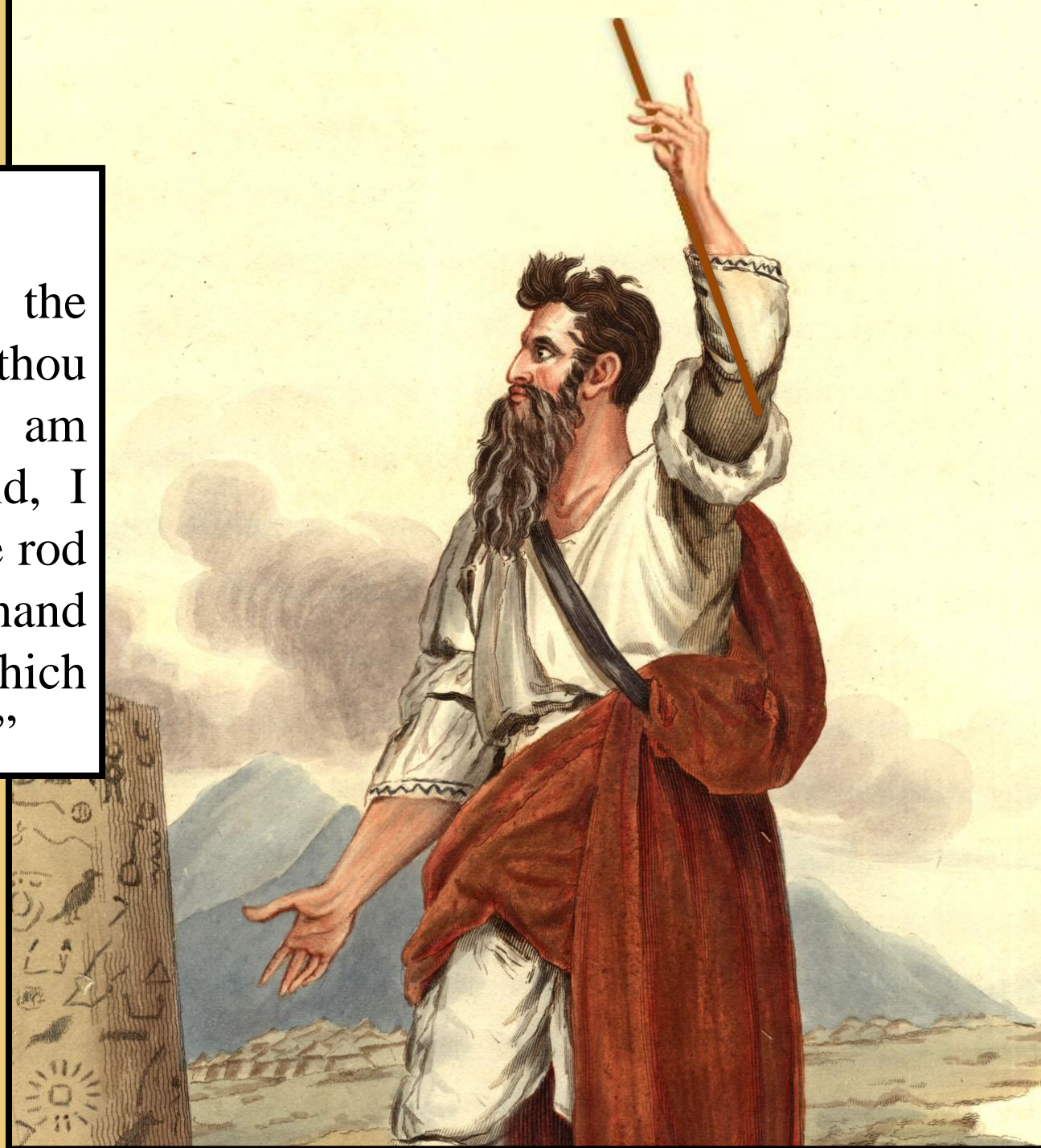


Some hearts would have melted where Pharaoh's hardened.
The same thing that melts wax hardens clay.



Exodus 7

“¹⁷Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river . . .”





“. . . and they shall be turned to blood.”

Exodus 7

“¹⁸And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

¹⁹And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their **streams**, upon their **rivers**, and upon their **ponds**, and upon all their **pools of water**, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both **in vessels** of wood, and in vessels of stone.”

Exodus 7

“²⁰And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and **all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.**

²¹And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 7

“²²And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

²³And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

²⁴And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.”

Exodus 7

“²⁵And **seven days** were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.”

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An unrolled scroll with a textured, aged paper surface. The scroll is held open by two wooden rollers on the left and right sides. The text is centered on the scroll in a bold, black, serif font. The background is a warm, golden-yellow gradient.

**Thus began the
ten plagues.**

THE TEN PLAGUES

Insulted the Egyptian Gods

Water to Blood..... Exodus 7:15-25

Frogs..... Exodus 8:1-15

Lice..... Exodus 8:16-17

Flies..... Exodus 8:18-24

Murrain..... Exodus 9:1-5

Boils..... Exodus 9:6-12

Hail..... Exodus 9:13-18

Locust..... Exodus 10:1-20

Darkness..... Exodus 10:21-29

Firstborn Die..... Exodus 11:1-10

Water to Blood—

Showed the superiority of God over the Egyptian god Hapi, the god of the Nile River.

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Frogs—

Showed the superiority of God over the Egyptian god Heka, a frog headed goddess who was adored as the “Queen of the two worlds.” At the end of this plague the frogs that they worshiped died instead of going back to their habitat.

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Firstborn_____

Lice—

The source of this plague was the dust of the earth. The Egyptians worshiped an idol by the name of Geb. Geb was the god of the earth. It was a blow to the Egyptians to have lice, because they were meticulously and methodically clean, and they could not worship their idols while they were unclean.

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Flies—

The Egyptians offered sacrifices to an idol named Khepara, the god of eternal life. It was represented by a flying bug, and this plague showed the superiority of God over this idol.

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Hail_____

Locusts_____

Darkness_____

Firstborn_____

Murrain—

Murrain means a disease of the cattle. The Egyptians worshiped all kinds of animals but in particular the bull, Apis. This bull was supposed to be possessed by the spirit of an ancient Egyptian god.

Boils—

As a part of their idolatry, the Egyptians would sacrifice both man and beast to the god Tryphon, and the ashes of their bodies would be scattered as a blessing on the land. But, this so called blessing became a curse when God commanded Moses to take a handful of these ashes and sprinkle it toward Pharaoh, and painful, infectious boils broke out on man and beast.

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Murder	Exodus 9:1-7
Boils	Exodus 9:8-12
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Hail and Fire—

Verse 23 adds to the hail, “fire along the ground.”

The Egyptian gods Osiris, the god of fire, and Isis, the goddess of water were no match for the power of God when the crops and livestock of Egypt were being destroyed.

Exodus 8:20-32

Exodus 9:1-7

Exodus 9:8-12

Exodus 9:13-35

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THE TEN PLAGUES

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Locust—

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This plague not only destroyed and devastated the green vegetation of the earth: it also revealed the god, Serapis, the god of plenty, as a false god.

Exodus 9:1-7

Exodus 9:8-12

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Darkness—

The Egyptians regarded the sun as the fountain of light and life, and it was esteemed as the soul of the world. Their sun god, Ra, was one of the most worshiped of their idols. However, the 72 hours of total darkness exposed their sun god, Ra's failure to be a god at all.

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Firstborn Die—

In our next lesson we will take a look at the tenth plague. It was the final blow against Pharaoh. The historian, Herodotus, reveals that it was the custom of the Egyptians to rush from the house into the street to bewail the dead with loud and bitter cries of sorrow. How great the cry in Egypt must have been.

Exodus 10:1-20

Exodus 10:21-29

Exodus 11:1-10

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End