

CHAPTER 4

EXODUS



THEY FOLLOWED UNTIL THEY
CAME INTO THE MOUNTAINS
AND UP AGAINST THE RED SEA.
THERE THEY CAMPED WHILE
THEY DISCUSSED HOW THEY
WERE GOING TO GET ACROSS
THE VAST BODY OF WATER.



READY THE CHARIOTS. PURSUE THE HEBREWS. BRING THEM BACK OR KILL THEM ALL.

AFTER PHARAOH GRIEVED FOR HIS CHILD, HIS ANGER INCREASED HOTTER THAN EVER. WHY DID HE LET HIS SLAVES LEAVE?

IT WILL BE AS YOU SAY, YOUR MAJESTY.

EXODUS 14:5-7



LOOK, THE
EGYPTIAN ARMY
IS COMING! WE ARE
TRAPPED IN THIS
WILDERNESS!

MOSES BROUGHT
US OUT HERE TO *DIE*.
IT WAS BETTER TO LIVE
AS A *SLAVE* THAN TO
DIE IN THIS GOD-
FORSAKEN PLACE.




THERE IS
NOTHING GOD
CAN DO TO SAVE
US NOW.



WE HAVE
THE MOUNTAINS
ON OUR SIDES AND
THE WATER BEFORE
US. WE ARE
TRAPPED.

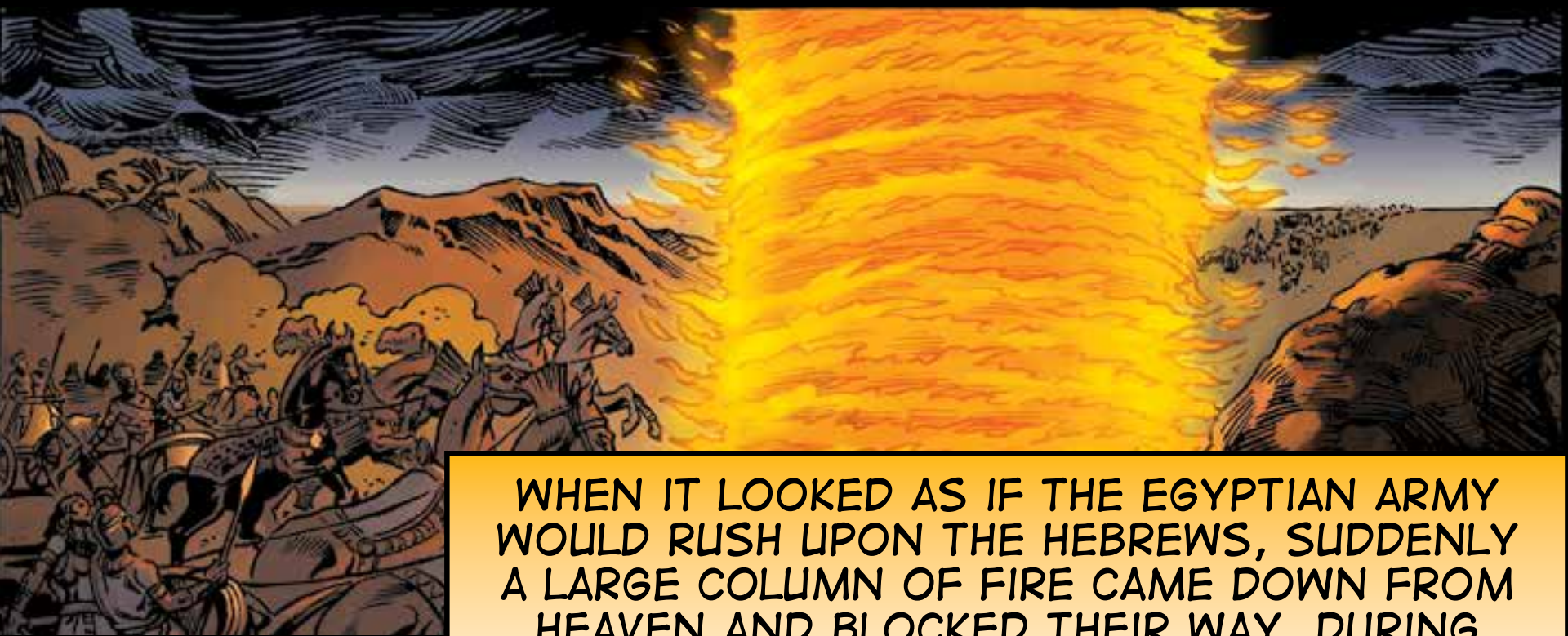
WHEN THE EGYPTIANS SAW
THE HELPLESS HEBREWS AND
REMEMBERED THE SUFFERING
MOSES HAD CAUSED EGYPT,
THEY WERE READY TO KILL.




STAND WHERE
YOU ARE. GOD
WILL SAVE US IN
A MIGHTY WAY.

GOD HAS
HARDENED PHARAOH'S
HEART ONE MORE TIME.
AFTER TODAY YOU WILL
NEVER AGAIN SEE THE
EGYPTIAN ARMY.

EXODUS 14:5-13



WHEN IT LOOKED AS IF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY WOULD RUSH UPON THE HEBREWS, SUDDENLY A LARGE COLUMN OF FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND BLOCKED THEIR WAY. DURING THAT NIGHT, THE HEBREWS HAD LIGHT BUT THE EGYPTIANS WERE IN THICK DARKNESS.



MOSES LIFTED HIS STAFF
OVER THE SEA AND A GREAT
WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN,
BLOWING UPON THE SEA, AND
THE SEA PARTED, LEAVING A
DRY PATH ON THE BOTTOM
OF THE SEA FLOOR.



THIS WAS A MOST
MAGNIFICENT MIRACLE.
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
WALKED ACROSS THE
SEA ON DRY GROUND.

IN THE FUTURE THEY WOULD SING
ABOUT A GOD WHO MADE PATHS
IN THE SEA. EVERYONE WOULD
KNOW THAT THERE IS BUT ONE
GOD AND HIS NAME IS JEHOVAH.



THIS BEATS
ANYTHING WE
SAW IN EGYPT.

WOW, OUR
GOD IS THE **BEST**
GOD OF ALL! WE
ARE IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE SEA.

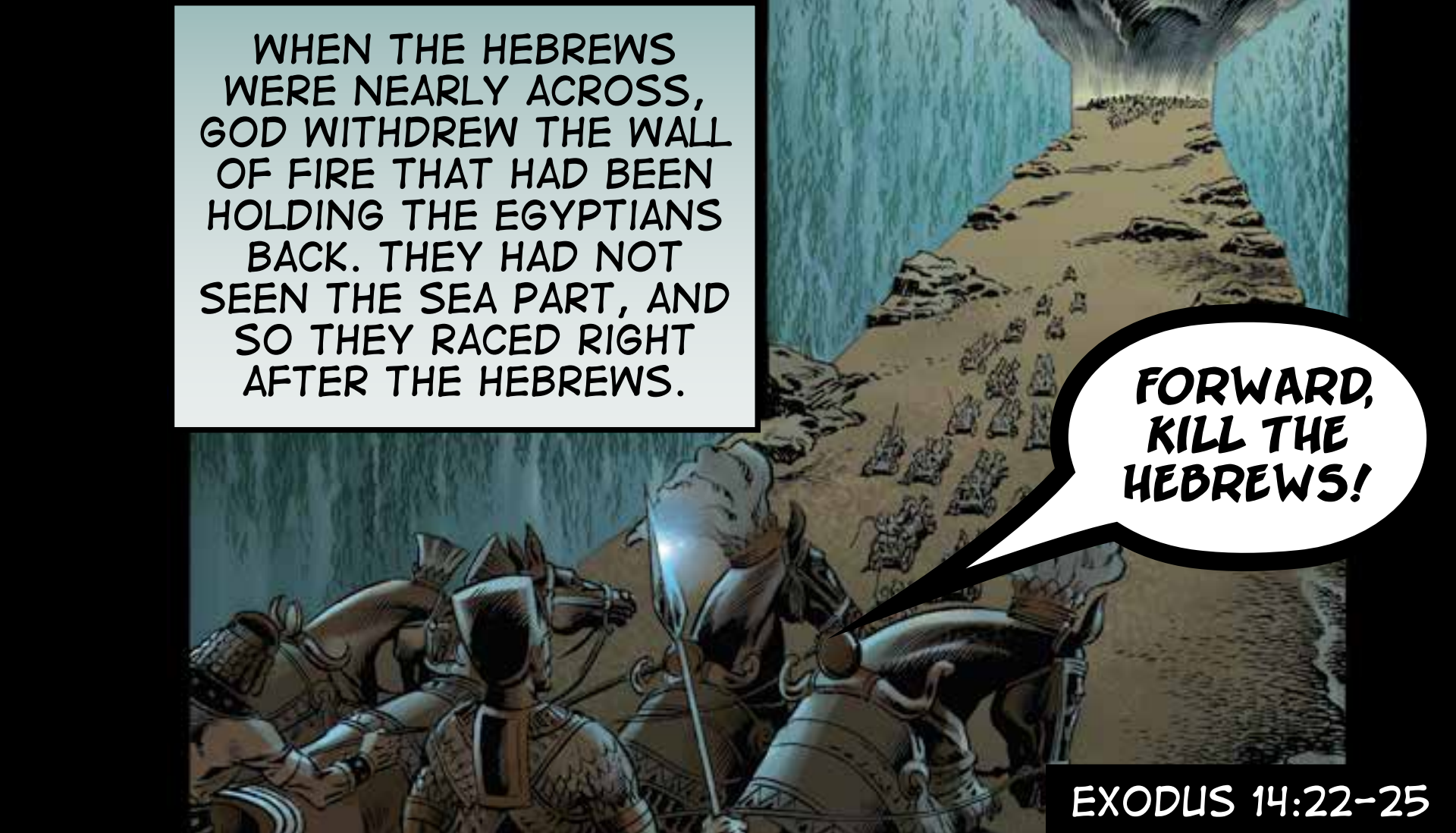


**JOSIAH! ARE
YOU CRAZY? GET
AWAY FROM THERE!
YOU KNOW YOU
CAN'T SWIM!**




I JUST WANT
TO TOUCH THE
PRETTY FISH.

WHEN THE HEBREWS WERE NEARLY ACROSS, GOD WITHDREW THE WALL OF FIRE THAT HAD BEEN HOLDING THE EGYPTIANS BACK. THEY HAD NOT SEEN THE SEA PART, AND SO THEY RACED RIGHT AFTER THE HEBREWS.




**FORWARD,
KILL THE
HEBREWS!**

EXODUS 14:22-25



TODAY YOU HAVE
SEEN THE POWER OF
JEHOVAH.

LOOK, THE WATER
IS RETURNING. THEY WILL
ALL BE *DROWNED.*



EVERY EGYPTIAN SOLDIER
DROWNED IN THE SEA. THEIR
GODS OF WOOD AND STONE
COULD NOT SAVE THEM.

EXODUS 14:27-28




LOOK
AT ALL THE
BODIES. THE
SEA IS FILLED
WITH DEAD
EGYPTIAN
SOLDIERS.

SURELY,
JEHOVAH IS THE
ONLY LORD GOD.
THERE IS NO OTHER
WHO COULD DO SUCH
A THING. WE WILL
REMEMBER THIS
DAY FOREVER.

LEAVING THE SEA AND THE DEAD EGYPTIAN ARMY BEHIND, THE HEBREW CHILDREN FOLLOWED MOSES AND THE CLOUD INTO THE VAST WILDERNESS. THEY CONTINUED TO EAT AND DRINK THAT WHICH THEY HAD CARRIED OUT OF EGYPT.




AFTER SEVERAL DAYS' JOURNEY, THE CLOUD THAT LED THEM STOPPED BY WELLS OF WATER. THE HEBREWS CAMPED THERE UNTIL THEIR FOOD RAN OUT. THERE WAS NO PLACE TO GET MORE. IT LOOKED HOPELESS.



WE COULD HAVE STAYED
IN *EGYPT* AND LIVED BETTER
THAN THIS. AS SLAVES WE
HAD ENOUGH TO EAT. HERE,
THERE IS NOTHING.

YEAH, DID
YOU BRING US
OUT HERE TO DIE
OF *HUNGER*?




LISTEN TO
ME. YOU ARE
NOT COMPLAINING
AGAINST ME, BUT
AGAINST THE
GOD WHOM WE
FOLLOW.

JEHOVAH SAYS HE
WILL RAIN DOWN **BREAD**
FROM HEAVEN. EVERY
MORNING YOU WILL FIND IT
COVERING THE GROUND. ALL
YOU HAVE TO DO IS PICK
IT UP AND EAT IT.



WHAT DID
MOSES SAY? HOW
WILL WE GET FOOD?
THE CHILDREN ARE
STARVING.

HE SAYS THAT
JEHOVAH IS GOING
TO...RAIN DOWN
BREAD FROM
HEAVEN EVERY
MORNING.



IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR THE SUN
TO COME UP. DO YOU BELIEVE THERE
WILL BE BREAD ON THE GROUND
LIKE MOSES SAID?

WE WILL
STARVE IF
THERE IS
NOT.

HAVE YOU
EVER HEARD OF
BREAD FALLING
FROM THE SKY?

NO, BUT I
NEVER
HEARD OF A
PATH THROUGH
THE SEA EITHER.
THIS GOD
OF MOSES
MUST BE THE
CREATOR OF
THE UNIVERSE.
I DON'T
SUPPOSE IT IS
TOO HARD FOR
HIM TO MAKE
BREAD FALL
FROM THE SKY.
COME, IT IS
TIME. LET'S GO
LOOK.

EXODUS 14:21-22, 30, 16:2-3, 16:7-8



BREAD
FROM HEAVEN,
JUST LIKE HE
SAID.

WHY DO
WE EVER
DOUBT?



LOOK! IT IS
EVERYWHERE.

OH, IT IS
DELICIOUS!
IT TASTES LIKE
HONEY.

TRULY, JEHOVAH
IS GOD AND MOSES
IS HIS PROPHET.

AS LONG AS THEY WERE IN THE WILDERNESS, GOD FED THEM WITH THE HEAVENLY FOOD OF ANGELS.




AS LONG AS THE CLOUD STOOD OVER THEIR CAMP, THE HEBREWS STAYED BY THE SPRINGS OF WATER AND ATE THE HEAVENLY BREAD, BUT WHEN THE CLOUD BEGAN TO MOVE, THEY PACKED THEIR TENTS AND FOLLOWED IT INTO THE UNKNOWN WILDERNESS.

BUT THERE CAME A
TIME WHEN THEY
RAN OUT OF WATER.

SO, HE
GAVE US
BREAD, BUT
NOW HE WILL
KILL US WITH
THIRST.

MY LITTLE
GIRL WILL DIE IF
WE DON'T HAVE
WATER SOON.





WE SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN EGYPT. IN ANOTHER DAY ALL OUR ANIMALS WILL BE DEAD, AND AFTER THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BEGIN TO DIE. WE SHOULD BASH YOUR HEAD IN WITH STONES.

IS GOD WITH US OR NOT?

I WILL GO AND TALK TO JEHOVAH.

EXODUS 16:14-15, 17:2-4;
PSALM 78:24-25



GOD TOLD MOSES
WHAT TO DO.

COME AND
SEE THE **POWER**
OF JEHOVAH. YOU
DO NOT BELIEVE
HIM. YOU **GRIPE**
AND **COMPLAIN**.

HE GAVE YOU
BREAD, AND NOW HE
GIVES YOU WATER
OUT OF THIS
BARREN *ROCK*.





WHACK!

IEEEE!

EXODUS 17:5-6

THE WATER
FLOWED LIKE
A RIVER.



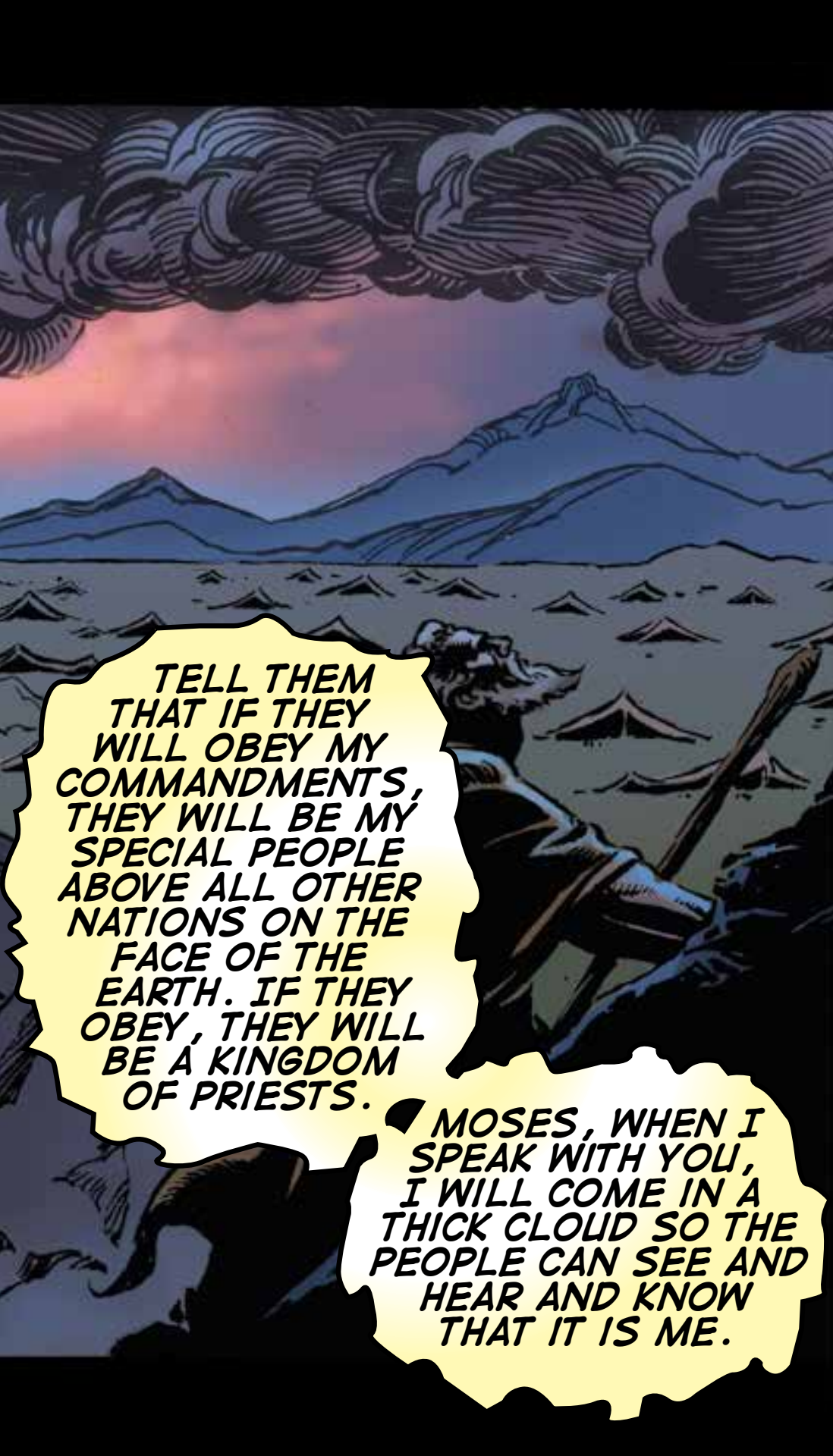


AGAIN THE CLOUD MOVED,
AND THE HEBREWS PACKED UP AND
FOLLOWED IT INTO THE WILDERNESS
TO A MOUNTAIN CALLED SINAI.

THERE MOSES PRAYED, AND
GOD SPOKE TO HIM AGAIN.

*REMINDE THEM OF
ALL THAT I DID UNTO
THE EGYPTIANS, OF HOW I
DELIVERED THEM, FED THEM
AND GAVE THEM WATER
FROM A ROCK.*






**TELL THEM
THAT IF THEY
WILL OBEY MY
COMMANDMENTS,
THEY WILL BE MY
SPECIAL PEOPLE
ABOVE ALL OTHER
NATIONS ON THE
FACE OF THE
EARTH. IF THEY
OBEY, THEY WILL
BE A KINGDOM
OF PRIESTS.**

**MOSES, WHEN I
SPEAK WITH YOU,
I WILL COME IN A
THICK CLOUD SO THE
PEOPLE CAN SEE AND
HEAR AND KNOW
THAT IT IS ME.**

MOSES CAME DOWN OFF THE MOUNTAIN AND TOLD THE PEOPLE ALL THAT GOD HAD SAID.

A comic book illustration showing Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a yellow and black robe, standing on a rocky mountain. He is holding a long wooden staff. Below him, a group of people are gathered, some with their hands raised in response to his speech. The background shows rugged, rocky terrain.

WE WILL OBEY. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT GOD SAYS.

THEN GO, WASH YOUR CLOTHES AND YOUR BODIES; PREPARE YOURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD. THREE DAYS FROM NOW GOD WILL VISIT YOU.

AS GOD COMMANDED, ON THE
THIRD DAY ALL THE PEOPLE
GATHERED BEFORE THE MOUNTAIN
TO WAIT FOR GOD TO SPEAK. THE
STRANGE CLOUD DESCENDED UPON
THE MOUNTAIN AND THEN...



*MOSES, COME UP
ON THE MOUNTAIN.*



**MOSES, I AM THE
JEHOVAH GOD, WHICH
BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE
LAND OF EGYPT. WHEN YOU
GO DOWN, PLACE FENCES
AROUND THIS
MOUNTAIN.**

**IF ANY
OF THE OTHER
PEOPLE TOUCH THIS
MOUNTAIN THEY WILL
DIE. I WILL GIVE YOU
TEN COMMANDMENTS,
WHICH YOU MUST
TELL TO THE
PEOPLE.**

EXODUS 19:7-25



HAVE NO
OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME.

DO NOT MAKE
FOR THYSELF IDOLS.

DO NOT TAKE
THE NAME OF GOD
IN VAIN.

KEEP THE
SABBATH DAY
HOLY.

HONOR THY FATHER
AND MOTHER.


DO NOT MURDER.

DO NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY.

DO NOT STEAL.

DO NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
AGAINST YOUR
NEIGHBOR.

DO NOT COVET
THAT WHICH IS YOUR
NEIGHBOR'S.



WHEN MOSES CAME DOWN OFF THE MOUNTAIN, HE GATHERED THE SEVENTY LEADERS OF ISRAEL AND TOLD THEM OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

WE WILL DO THEM.

THEY ARE GOOD COMMANDMENTS.

YOU SEVENTY MEN ARE TO RETURN TO THE MOUNTAIN WITH ME. GOD WILL MEET YOU THERE AS HE DID ME. YOU WILL SEE FOR YOURSELVES. BUT FIRST I MUST WRITE IN A BOOK THE COMMANDMENTS GOD SPOKE TO ME.

MOSES WAS CAREFUL TO
WRITE EVERYTHING JUST AS
GOD HAD SPOKEN IT. THE
SPIRIT OF GOD HELPED HIM
NOT TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES.





WHEN MOSES FINISHED WRITING THE WORDS, HE GATHERED THE PEOPLE TOGETHER AND READ THE WORDS OF GOD TO THEM.

ALL THAT GOD HAS SAID IS GOOD, AND WE WILL OBEY IT.

SO THE NATION OF ISRAEL MADE A COVENANT WITH GOD. HE WOULD BLESS THEM, GIVE THEM LIFE, AND DELIVER THEM FROM THEIR ENEMIES; AND THEY WOULD BE OBEDIENT TO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS, WALKING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

GOD COMMANDED MOSES TO OFFER
A BLOOD SACRIFICE AND TO SPRINKLE
THE PEOPLE WITH THE BLOOD.



ALL WERE SINNERS, DESERVING
OF DEATH, EVEN MOSES AND
AARON. BUT GOD WAS MERCIFUL.
HE PROVIDED A WAY OF ESCAPE.



BY KILLING THE INNOCENT LAMB AND SPRINKLING THE BLOOD ON THE NATION, GOD WOULD COVER THEIR SINS AND NOT KILL THEM AS THEY DESERVED. THE LAMB THAT DID NOT DESERVE DEATH DIED IN THE PLACE OF THE MANY WHO WERE SINNERS DESERVING OF DEATH.



NOW THAT YOUR SINS ARE COVERED, YOU SEVENTY WILL GO WITH ME UP ON THE MOUNTAIN AND YOU WILL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD.

EXODUS 24:1-8



SO THE SEVENTY ELDERS OF ISRAEL FOLLOWED MOSES UP INTO THE MOUNTAIN WHERE GOD HAD SPOKEN TO MOSES.

SUDDENLY, BEFORE THEM
APPEARED THE THRONE OF GOD.



**THE
GLORY
OF GOD!**

THE SEVENTY ELDERS WATCHED AS MOSES WENT UP INTO THE MOUNTAIN AND WAS LOST IN THE SHINING GLORY OF GOD.

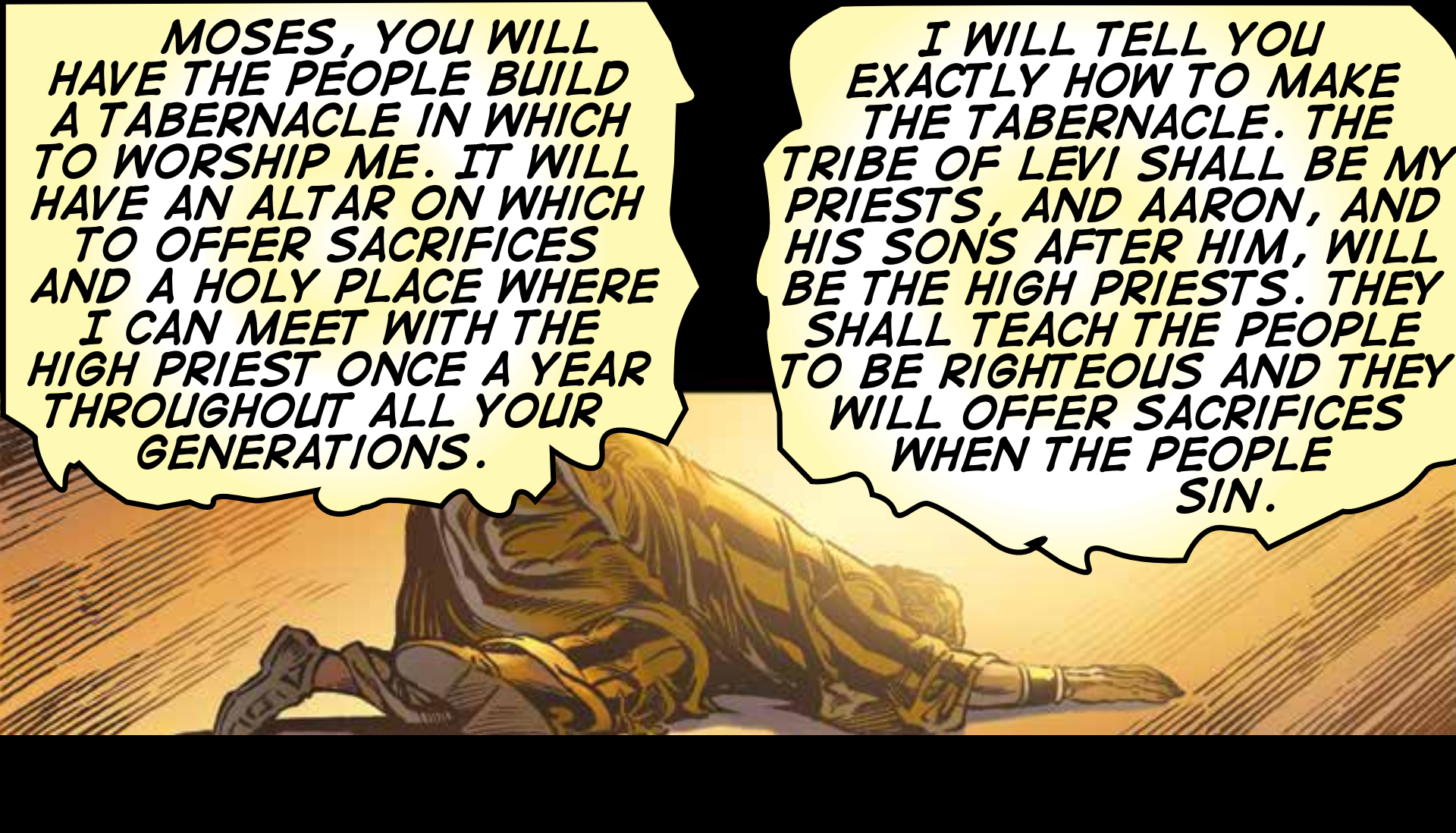


**SUCH
BEAUTY!**

AND GLORY.


**THERE IS NO
MAN LIKE MOSES
THAT SPEAKS WITH
GOD FACE TO
FACE.**

EXODUS 24:9-10

A person wearing a yellow robe is lying face down on the ground. The background is a simple, light-colored surface with some horizontal lines suggesting a floor or ground. The person's head is to the left, and their body extends towards the right. The robe is bright yellow with some darker yellow or gold accents, possibly representing a high priest or a person of authority. The overall scene is minimalist, focusing on the person's posture and the text above them.

MOSES, YOU WILL HAVE THE PEOPLE BUILD A TABERNACLE IN WHICH TO WORSHIP ME. IT WILL HAVE AN ALTAR ON WHICH TO OFFER SACRIFICES AND A HOLY PLACE WHERE I CAN MEET WITH THE HIGH PRIEST ONCE A YEAR THROUGHOUT ALL YOUR GENERATIONS.

I WILL TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW TO MAKE THE TABERNACLE. THE TRIBE OF LEVI SHALL BE MY PRIESTS, AND AARON, AND HIS SONS AFTER HIM, WILL BE THE HIGH PRIESTS. THEY SHALL TEACH THE PEOPLE TO BE RIGHTEOUS AND THEY WILL OFFER SACRIFICES WHEN THE PEOPLE SIN.




IT WAS
WEEKS AGO THAT HE
DISAPPEARED INTO THE
FIRE ON THAT MOUNTAIN.
HE MUST BE DEAD BY
NOW.

YEAH,
WE CAN'T SIT
HERE IN THIS
WILDERNESS
FOREVER.

WE NEED
A GOD TO
LEAD US AS
MOSES DID.

LET US
MAKE A GOLDEN
IMAGE UNTO
OUR GOD.



MOSES IS
DEAD. AARON
WILL **MAKE** US
A GOD OF GOLD
TO LEAD US BACK
INTO EGYPT.

GIVE
US YOUR
GOLD.

WITH THEIR OWN HANDS THE FOOLS CREATED A STATUE OF A BULL AND CALLED IT GOD. THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF SATAN BEFORE HE SINNED WAS THAT OF A BULL. THOUGH THE PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW IT, SATAN HAD INSPIRED THEM TO WORSHIP HIM.



AARON FOLLOWED THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND HELPED THEM BUILD THE GOD OF GOLD.


EXODUS 20:4, 25:8-9, 28:1-3, 32:1-4; EZEKIEL 1:10, 10:11, 28:14

AARON WAS SO FOOLISH. HE KNEW THAT THE IMAGE WAS NOT A GOD, BUT HE WAS AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE.



HERE IS YOUR GOD WHICH BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT. TOMORROW WE WILL PROCLAIM A GREAT SACRIFICE AND WORSHIP JEHOVAH.

GOD HAD ALREADY COMMANDED THEM TO NOT MAKE ANY IMAGE AS AN AID TO WORSHIP, BUT THEY WERE FOLLOWING THEIR OWN IMAGINATIONS.



THE PEOPLE
DANCED AND MADE
THEMSELVES NAKED.
THEY GOT DRUNK
AND FORNICATED.
GOD WAS READY TO
DESTROY THEM ALL
AND SEND THEM TO
THE FIRES HE HAD
PREPARED FOR THE
DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS.

GOD SPOKE TO MOSES AND SAID,
"GO DOWN NOW. THE PEOPLE HAVE
COMMITTED A GREAT SIN. THEY
HAVE MADE THEMSELVES NAKED
AND THEY DANCE BEFORE AN IDOL.
I SHOULD DESTROY THEM ALL.
THEIR HEARTS ARE HARD. THEY DO
NOT WALK IN RIGHTEOUSNESS."

EXODUS 32:5-10




MOSES WAS ANGRY WHEN HE SAW
THAT THE PEOPLE HAD FORGOTTEN
GOD AND MADE THEMSELVES AN IDOL.

***YOU HAVE
BROKEN THE
COMMANDMENTS
OF GOD!***




MOSES BROKE THE
STONE TABLETS
ON WHICH THE
COMMANDMENTS
WERE WRITTEN.

A dramatic comic book illustration of Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a brown robe, smashing a golden calf. The calf is ornate with a human-like face and is being crushed under Moses' hand. The background is a bright, fiery orange and yellow, suggesting a scene of destruction. In the lower left, a small figure of a man is visible, looking up in shock. The scene is framed by a black border.

DID HE NOT SAY
TO HAVE **NO OTHER
GODS** BUT JEHOVAH?
CAN A **STATUE**, THAT
YOU MAKE WITH YOUR
OWN HANDS, BE YOUR
CREATOR?

MOSES SMASHED THE
GOLDEN CALF AND BEAT
IT INTO POWDER.

EXODUS 20:3-4, 32:15-20



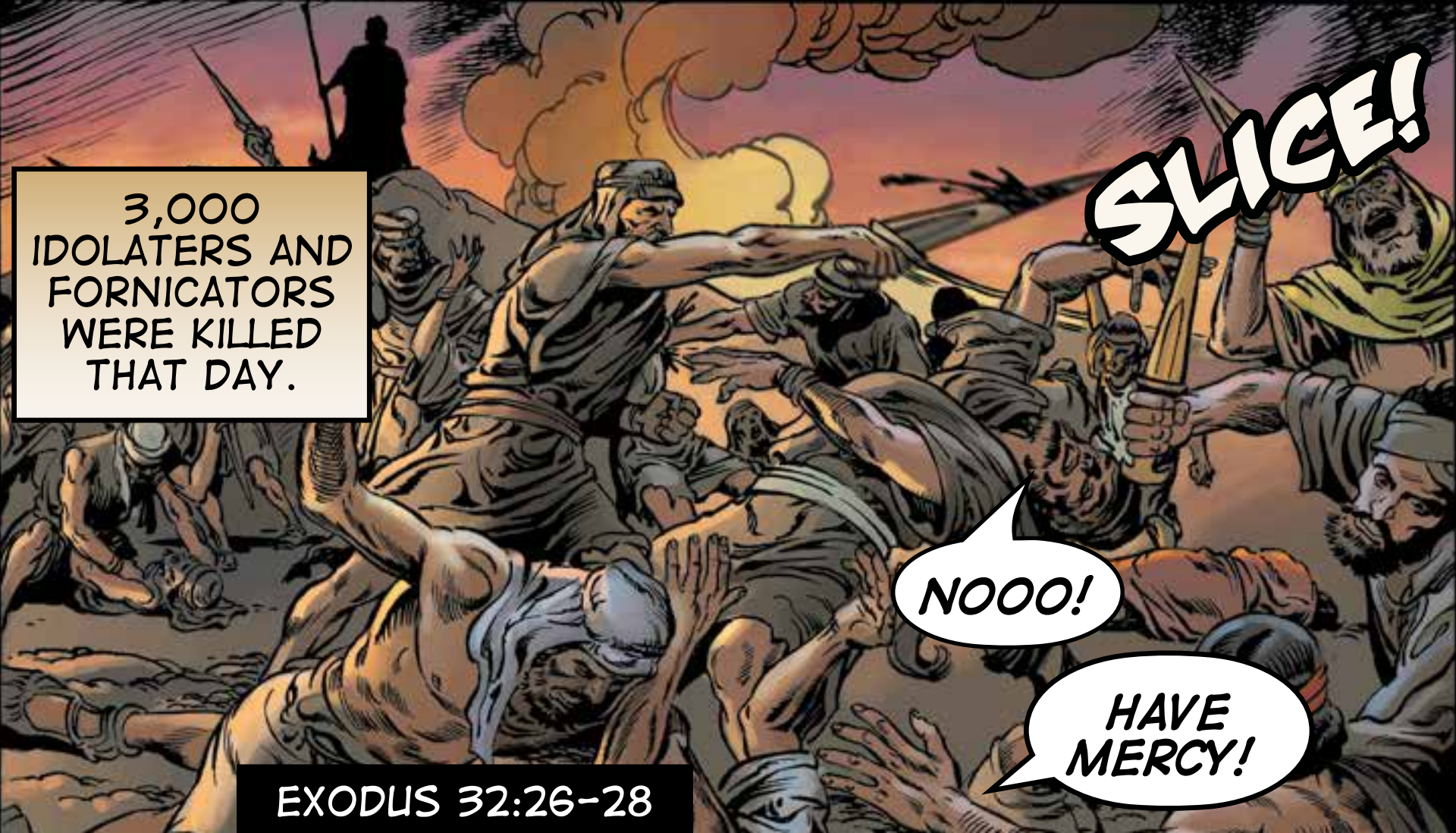
IF YOU
ARE ON JEHOVAH'S SIDE
COME AND STAND WITH ME.
IF YOU WOULD WORSHIP THE
GODS OF EGYPT THEN STAY
WHERE YOU ARE.

WE WILL
FOLLOW
THE GOD OF
ABRAHAM,
ISAAC, AND
JACOB.

I WOULD
RATHER FOLLOW
THE GOD THAT
PARTS THE RED
SEA, EVEN IF HE
DOES NOT HAVE
AN IMAGE.



THE PENALTY FOR SIN IS **DEATH**. JEHOVAH SAYS THEY MUST DIE. NOW TAKE YOUR SWORD AND **KILL** ALL THOSE WHO USE IMAGES AS AIDS TO WORSHIP.



3,000
IDOLATERS AND
FORNICATORS
WERE KILLED
THAT DAY.

SLICE!

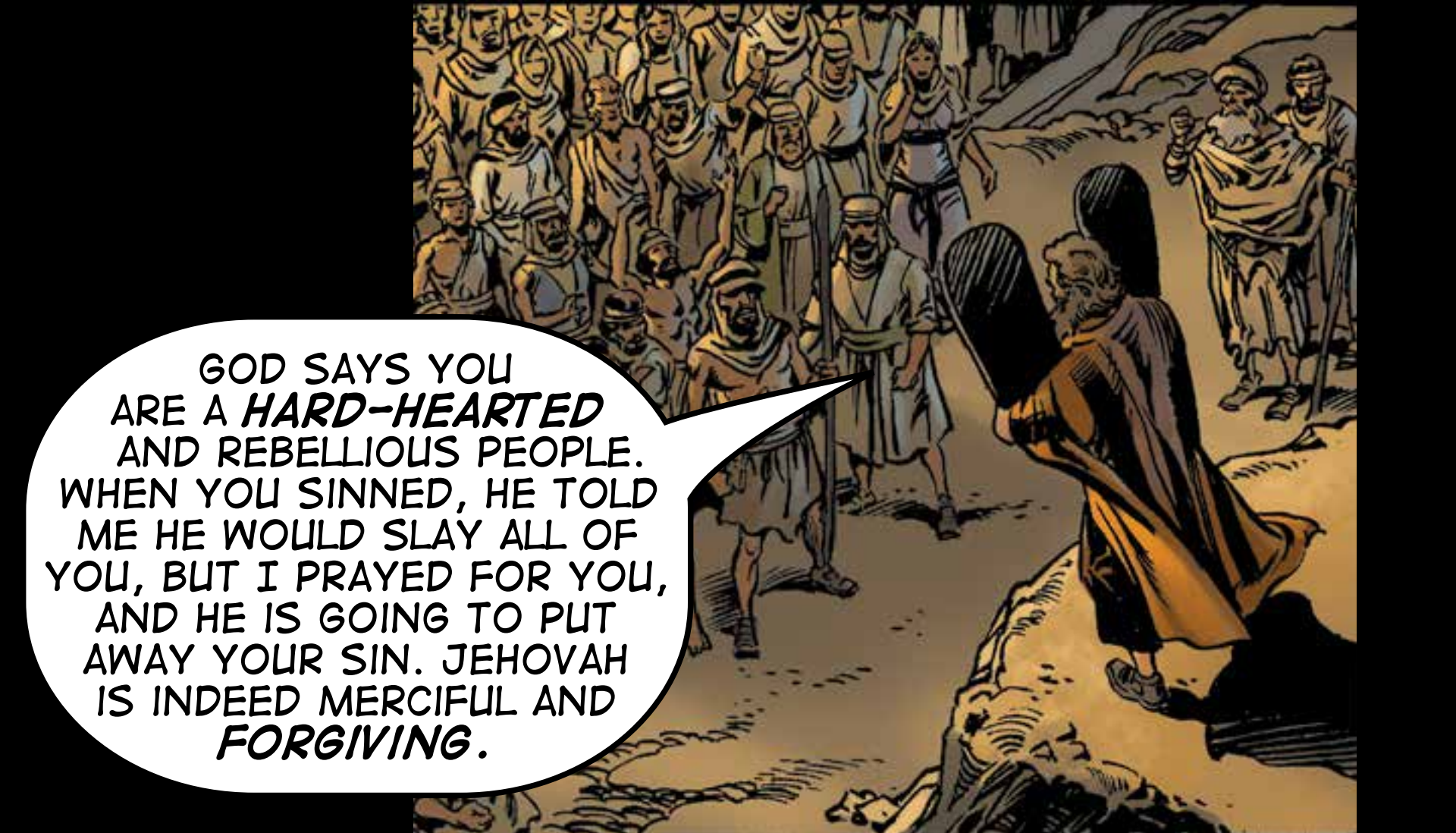
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**HAVE
MERCY!**

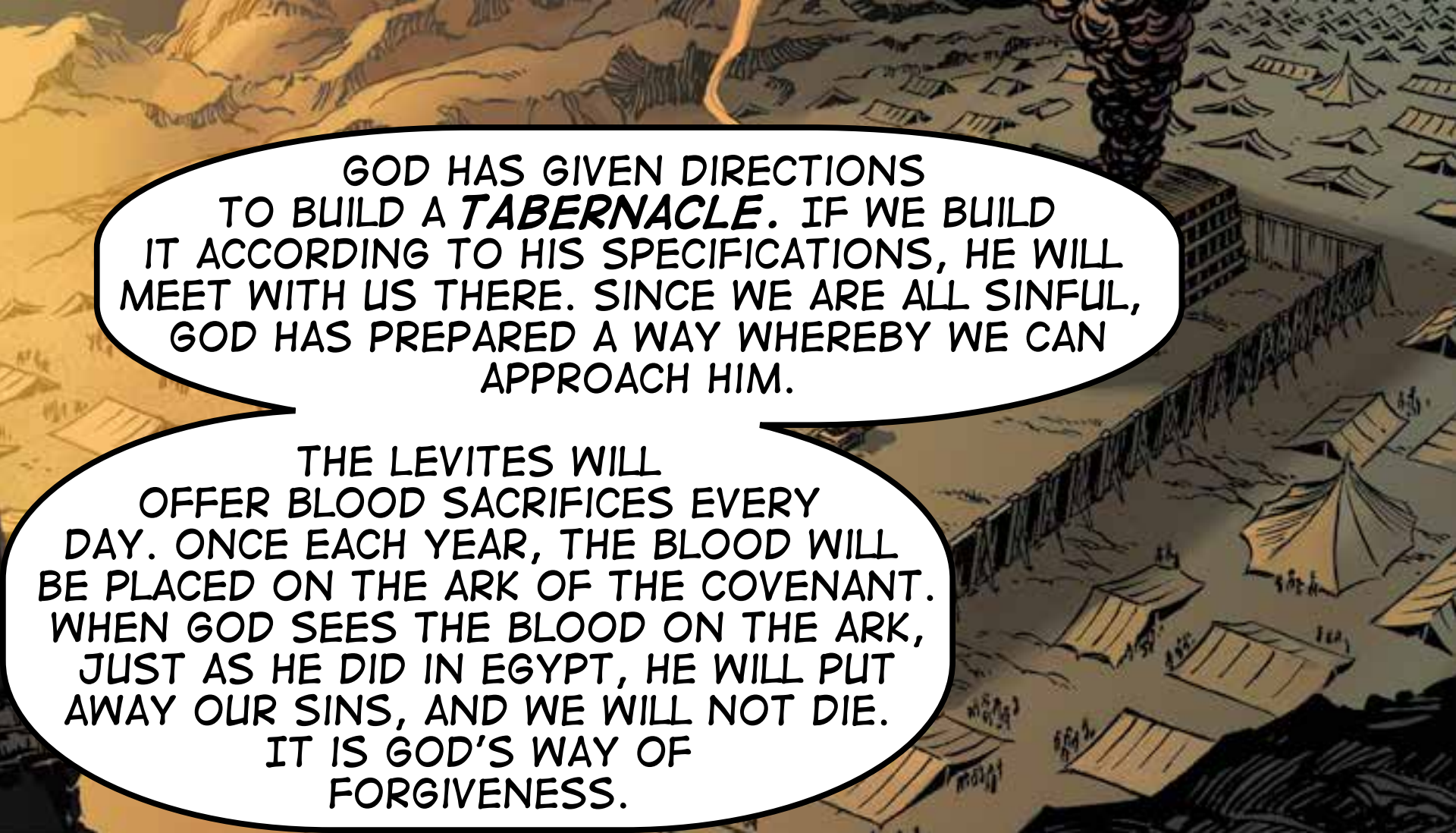
EXODUS 32:26-28

MOSES WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN, AND ONCE AGAIN GOD WROTE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON TWO TABLETS OF STONE. WHEN MOSES CAME BACK DOWN, HE SHOWED THE PEOPLE THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND THEY ALL AGREED TO OBEY THEM.





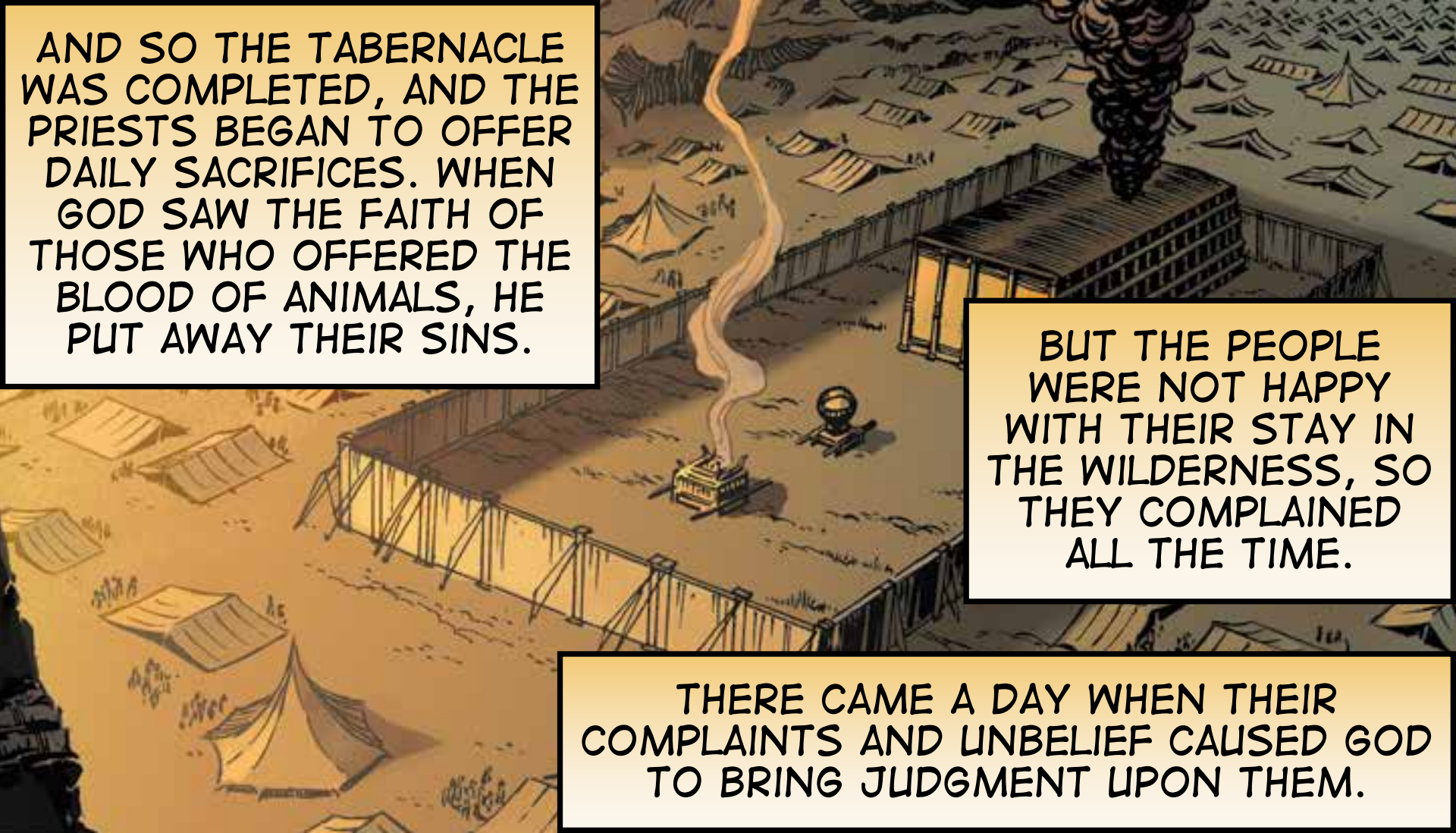
GOD SAYS YOU
ARE A **HARD-HEARTED**
AND REBELLIOUS PEOPLE.
WHEN YOU SINNED, HE TOLD
ME HE WOULD SLAY ALL OF
YOU, BUT I PRAYED FOR YOU,
AND HE IS GOING TO PUT
AWAY YOUR SIN. JEHOVAH
IS INDEED MERCIFUL AND
FORGIVING.



GOD HAS GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO BUILD A **TABERNACLE**. IF WE BUILD IT ACCORDING TO HIS SPECIFICATIONS, HE WILL MEET WITH US THERE. SINCE WE ARE ALL SINFUL, GOD HAS PREPARED A WAY WHEREBY WE CAN APPROACH HIM.

THE LEVITES WILL OFFER BLOOD SACRIFICES EVERY DAY. ONCE EACH YEAR, THE BLOOD WILL BE PLACED ON THE ARK OF THE COVENANT. WHEN GOD SEES THE BLOOD ON THE ARK, JUST AS HE DID IN EGYPT, HE WILL PUT AWAY OUR SINS, AND WE WILL NOT DIE. IT IS GOD'S WAY OF FORGIVENESS.

AND SO THE TABERNACLE WAS COMPLETED, AND THE PRIESTS BEGAN TO OFFER DAILY SACRIFICES. WHEN GOD SAW THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO OFFERED THE BLOOD OF ANIMALS, HE PUT AWAY THEIR SINS.



BUT THE PEOPLE WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THEIR STAY IN THE WILDERNESS, SO THEY COMPLAINED ALL THE TIME.

THERE CAME A DAY WHEN THEIR COMPLAINTS AND UNBELIEF CAUSED GOD TO BRING JUDGMENT UPON THEM.

A comic book illustration depicting a camp at night. Several large, green and black snakes are coiled around the camp, with their heads raised and tongues flicking. In the center, a group of people in traditional, dark clothing are gathered around a tent. The scene is lit with a purple and blue glow, suggesting moonlight or firelight. A large speech bubble is positioned in the upper left, containing the text 'EEK! LOOK. SNAKES...LOTS OF THEM!'.

**EEK!
LOOK.
SNAKES...LOTS
OF THEM!**

GOD PREPARED MANY POISONOUS SNAKES TO ENTER THE CAMP AND SEEK OUT WARM FLESH. GOD IS MERCIFUL, BUT HE WILL NOT ALLOW SIN TO CONTINUE FOREVER.

EXODUS 34:28-32, 39:32; NUMBERS 21:5-6



SOON THE CAMP WAS FILLED
WITH POISONOUS SNAKES.



**GOD
HELP US!**

THE SNAKES EVEN FOUND THEM
IN THEIR TENTS AT NIGHT.

HISSESS





HELP ME.
I HAVE BEEN
BITTEN.

NOOOOOO!




NO, JOAB!

MOTHER!



**EVEN THE CHILDREN
SUFFERED FOR THE SINS
OF THEIR PARENTS.**

NUMBERS 21:6




FROM ALL OVER THE CAMP
CRIES OF THE SUFFERING
AND GRIEVING COULD
BE HEARD. THE WAGES
OF SIN ARE TERRIBLE.

IT IS LIKE
THIS ALL OVER
THE CAMP AND
GROWING WORSE BY
THE MINUTE. MANY
HAVE ALREADY
DIED.


WE MUST
FIND *MOSES.*
SURELY THIS IS THE
WORK OF GOD. HE
IS ANGRY AT THE
PEOPLE FOR
THEIR SINS.

WHACK!



YOU
MUST TALK
TO GOD. WE
DESERVE THIS
PUNISHMENT,
BUT ASK HIM TO
SHOW MERCY.

WHEN WILL
THE PEOPLE
LEARN THAT
GOD IS **SERIOUS**
ABOUT SIN? THEY
MUST OBEY HIS
COMMANDMENTS
AND BE A HOLY
NATION.

A man with curly hair, wearing a brown robe, is shown in a state of deep prayer, bowing his head and torso forward. The background is a light blue sky with dark, diagonal streaks, suggesting a dramatic or divine atmosphere. A speech bubble is positioned above him, and a large, jagged yellow shape containing text is in the foreground.

OH GOD,
PLEASE BE MERCIFUL
TO YOUR PEOPLE.
FORGIVE THEIR
SINS.

**GO. MAKE A
SERPENT OF BRASS,
JUST LIKE THE ONES BITING
THE PEOPLE. PLACE IT ON A
POLE FOR ALL TO SEE. TELL
THEM TO SIMPLY LOOK
UPON THE BRASS
SERPENT AND THEY
WILL BE INSTANTLY
HEALED.**

NUMBERS 21:7-8

GOD HAS PROVIDED A WAY. JUST LOOK AT THE BRASS SERPENT, AND YOU WILL BE HEALED.





HE IS
GOING TO
DIE.

NO! GOD
HAS PROVIDED A
WAY. JUST OPEN
YOUR EYES AND
LOOK. **LOOK
AND LIVE!**



**IT IS A
MIRACLE!**


**WE MUST
TELL OTHERS.**

**IT
WORKED FOR
ME! I WILL
TELL OTHERS.**



**LOOK
AND LIVE!**

NUMBERS 21:9



WHY DO YOU
TEASE HIM WITH
A FALSE HOPE?

OTHERS HAVE
LOOKED AND BEEN
MADE WHOLE.

CAN'T YOU
SEE I AM **DYING**?
WHY DO YOU BOTHER
ME WITH SUCH
FOOLISHNESS?



HE'S
DEAD.

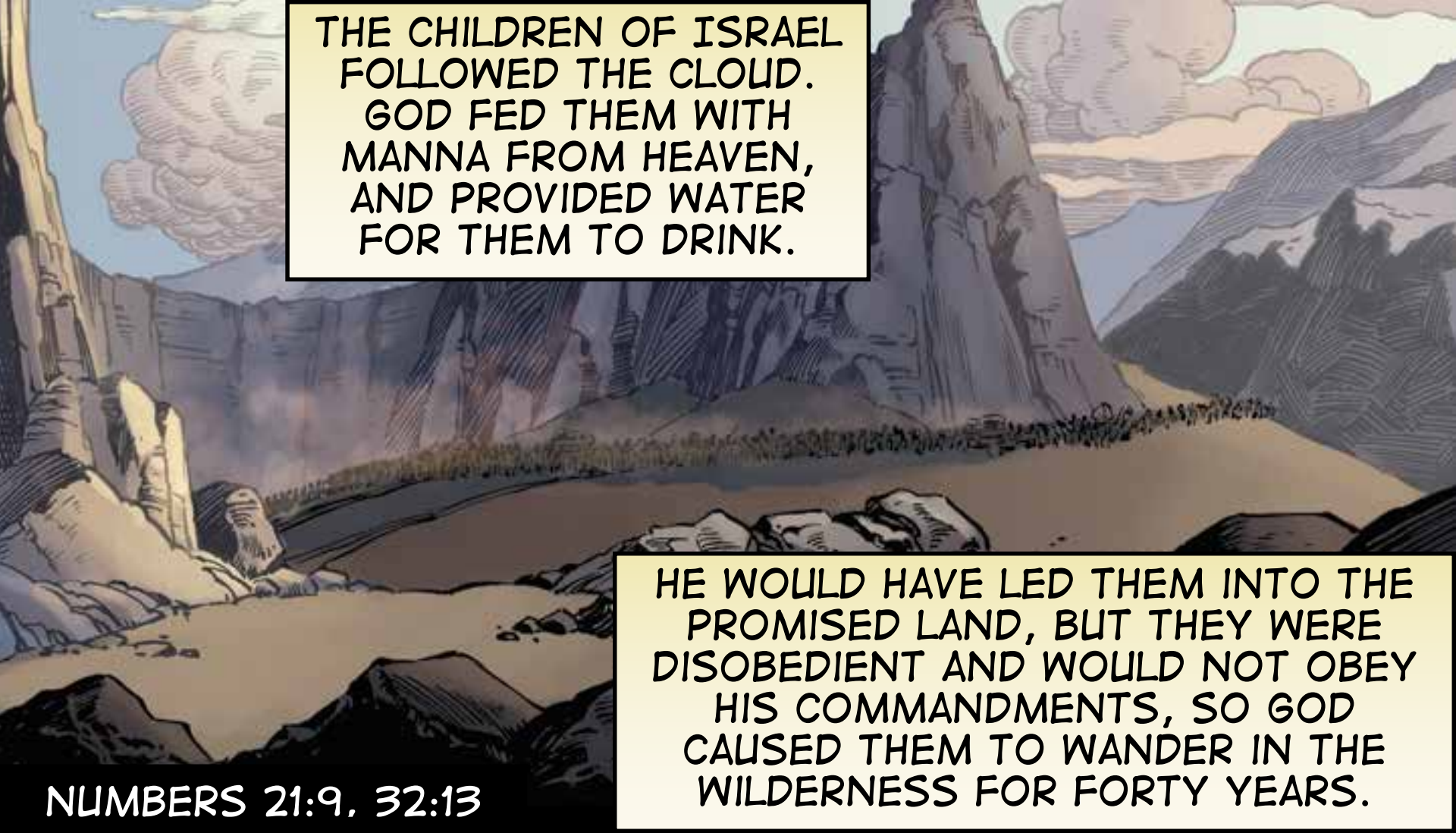
I AM
SORRY HE
WOULDN'T
BELIEVE.

HE HAD
A LOT OF
PRIDE.

ONCE AGAIN THE PEOPLE
SAW THE POWER OF GOD.
THE CAMP MOVED AWAY
FROM THE SERPENTS AND
LIFE RETURNED TO NORMAL.




BUT THE PEOPLE
CONTINUED TO GO
THEIR OWN WAYS,
OFTEN FAILING
TO OBEY GOD'S
COMMANDMENTS.




THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
FOLLOWED THE CLOUD.
GOD FED THEM WITH
MANNA FROM HEAVEN,
AND PROVIDED WATER
FOR THEM TO DRINK.

HE WOULD HAVE LED THEM INTO THE
PROMISED LAND, BUT THEY WERE
DISOBEDIENT AND WOULD NOT OBEY
HIS COMMANDMENTS, SO GOD
CAUSED THEM TO WANDER IN THE
WILDERNESS FOR FORTY YEARS.

NUMBERS 21:9, 32:13



MOSES, YOU THINK YOU ARE THE *ONLY* ONE CLOSE TO GOD. WE ARE JUST AS *HOLY* AS YOU ARE. IN FACT, THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION IS HOLY. THERE ARE NO SINNERS LEFT AMONG US. AND GOD DWELLS AMONG US. WE DON'T NEED YOU AND AARON TO GO AROUND TELLING US WHAT TO DO AND MAKING YOURSELVES JUDGES OVER US. WE ARE CAPABLE OF JUDGING AS WELL AS YOU.



YEAH, I AM TIRED OF ALL THIS WANDERING AROUND IN THE DESERT WITH GOD KILLING US FOR *TRIVIAL* MATTERS.



YEAH, IT IS MOSES' FAULT. HIS STANDARDS ARE TOO *HIGH*.

MOSES WENT TO THE
TABERNACLE AND ASKED
GOD WHAT TO DO.





GOD HAS SPOKEN: "YOU TAKE TOO MUCH **RESPONSIBILITY** UPON YOURSELVES, YOU SONS OF LEVI. YOU WOULD HAVE MEN BECOME PRIESTS WHEN GOD HAS NOT APPOINTED THEM TO BE."

TOMORROW THE **LORD** WILL JUDGE BETWEEN US ALL AND WE WILL KNOW WHO ARE THE PRIESTS OF GOD, WHO IS HOLY AND WHO IS NOT. COME TO THE TABERNACLE TOMORROW MORNING. BRING YOUR CENSERS WITH FIRE IN THEM.

NUMBERS
16:2-6



THE NEXT DAY.

DRAW NEAR,
YOU WHO **PROFESS** YOUR
HOLINESS, YOU WHO WOULD
BE PRIESTS AND RULE OVER
THE PEOPLE.

GOD WILL MEET US HERE
TODAY, AND HE WILL CHOOSE.
WE WILL SEE HIS MIGHT AND
HIS GLORY.



**SEPARATE
YOURSELVES FROM
THESE WICKED PEOPLE, FOR
I WILL KILL THEM IN
A MINUTE.**




**GET AWAY FROM
THEIR TENTS.
DON'T COME NEAR
THEM OR YOU WILL
DIE WITH THEM.**



NUMBERS 16:19-35

HERE IS A **TEST**. IF THESE MEN DIE A NORMAL DEATH, THEN YOU CAN KNOW THAT I AM A FALSE PROPHET AND THAT GOD DOES NOT SPEAK THROUGH ME.



BUT IF TODAY YOU SEE A NEW THING, IF THE EARTH OPENS UP AND **SWALLOWS** THEM AND ALL THEIR BELONGINGS DOWN INTO THE PIT OF HELL, THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT THEY HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD AND THAT I AM HIS PROPHET.



HELP!

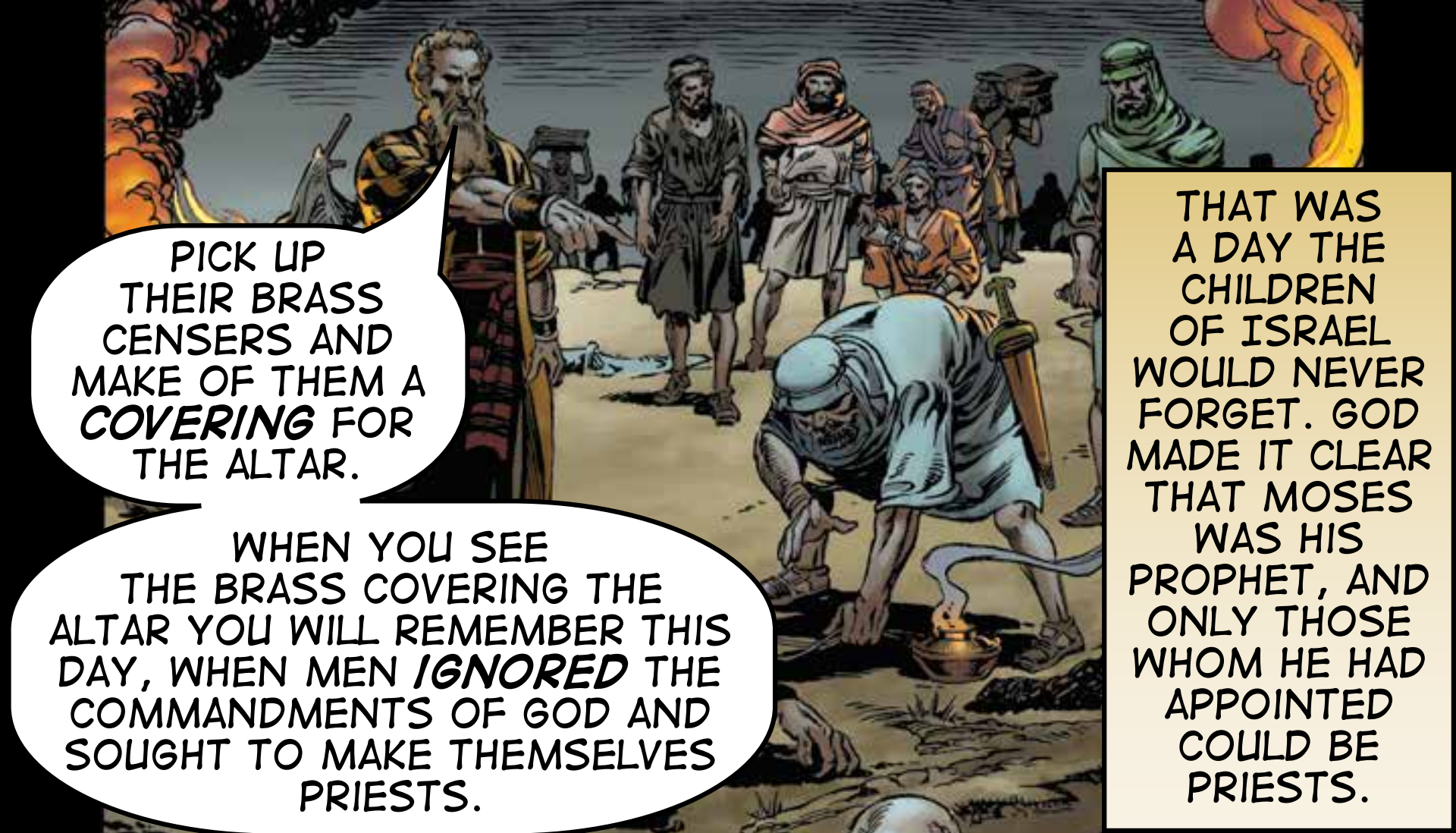
YIEEEEE!

NOOOO!

NUMBERS 16:28-33



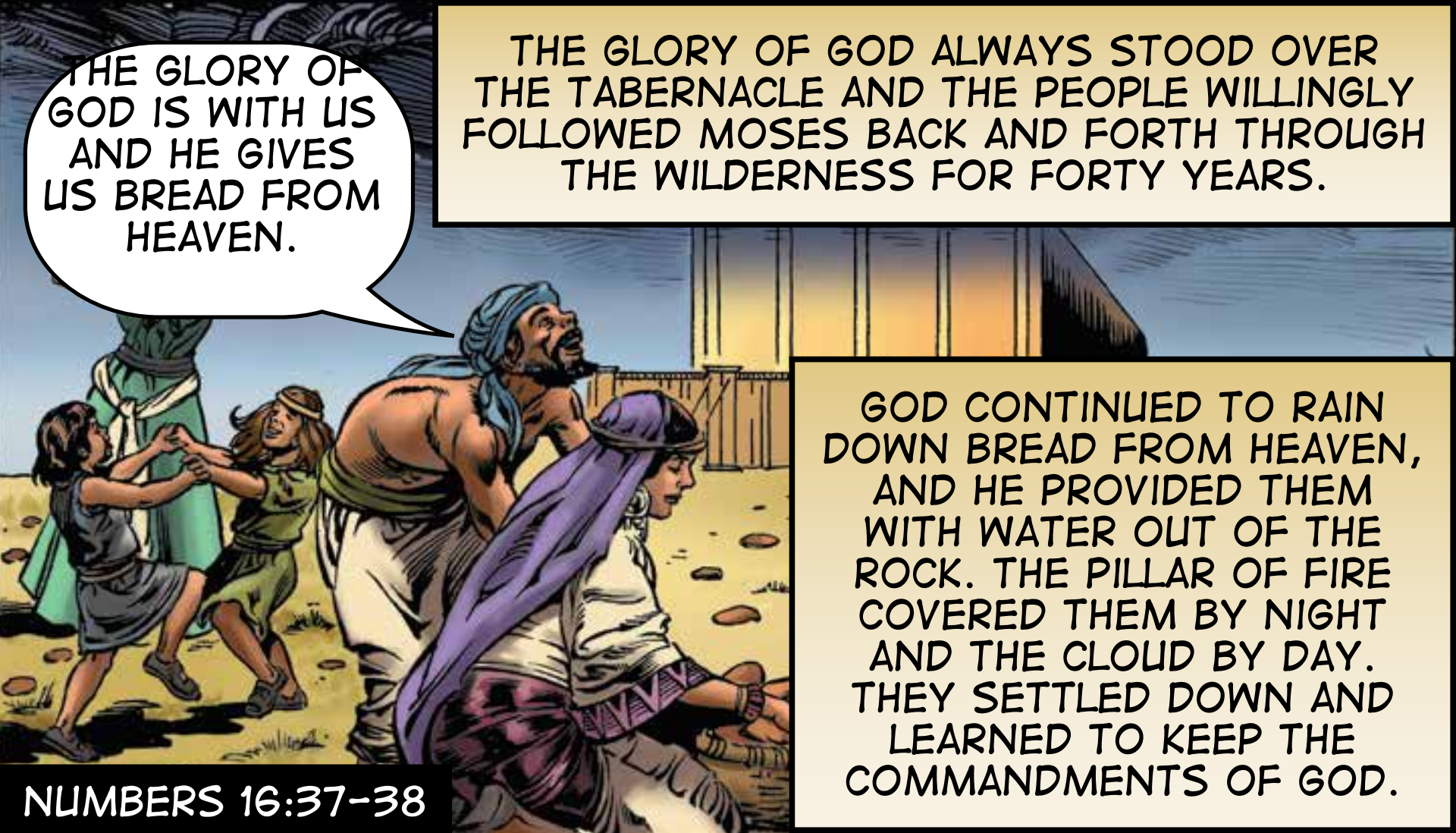
ALL THE MEN WHO SOUGHT TO BE PRIESTS WERE SWALLOWED UP ALIVE INTO THE FIRES OF HELL PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS EVIL ANGELS.



PICK UP
THEIR BRASS
CENSERS AND
MAKE OF THEM A
COVERING FOR
THE ALTAR.

WHEN YOU SEE
THE BRASS COVERING THE
ALTAR YOU WILL REMEMBER THIS
DAY, WHEN MEN **IGNORED** THE
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND
SOUGHT TO MAKE THEMSELVES
PRIESTS.

THAT WAS
A DAY THE
CHILDREN
OF ISRAEL
WOULD NEVER
FORGET. GOD
MADE IT CLEAR
THAT MOSES
WAS HIS
PROPHET, AND
ONLY THOSE
WHOM HE HAD
APPOINTED
COULD BE
PRIESTS.



THE GLORY OF
GOD IS WITH US
AND HE GIVES
US BREAD FROM
HEAVEN.

THE GLORY OF GOD ALWAYS STOOD OVER
THE TABERNACLE AND THE PEOPLE WILLINGLY
FOLLOWED MOSES BACK AND FORTH THROUGH
THE WILDERNESS FOR FORTY YEARS.

GOD CONTINUED TO RAIN
DOWN BREAD FROM HEAVEN,
AND HE PROVIDED THEM
WITH WATER OUT OF THE
ROCK. THE PILLAR OF FIRE
COVERED THEM BY NIGHT
AND THE CLOUD BY DAY.
THEY SETTLED DOWN AND
LEARNED TO KEEP THE
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

NUMBERS 16:37-38



THE PRIESTS ATTENDED
TO THE TABERNACLE
AND OFFERED DAILY
SACRIFICES AS MOSES
HAD COMMANDED.



AFTER FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, JUST AS EVERYONE ELSE WAS PREPARING TO ENTER INTO THE PROMISED LAND, GOD CALLED MOSES UP INTO THE MOUNTAIN. THERE, AFTER ONE FINAL TALK WITH GOD, HE LAY DOWN AND QUIETLY DIED.



IMMEDIATELY, HIS SPIRIT WAS USHERED INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD. THERE, HE WAS TO ABIDE UNTIL THE END OF TIME WHEN HE WOULD AGAIN JOIN HIS PEOPLE IN THE LAND GOD HAD PROMISED TO ABRAHAM.

APPROXIMATELY 1451 B.C. - DEUTERONOMY 34:4-5

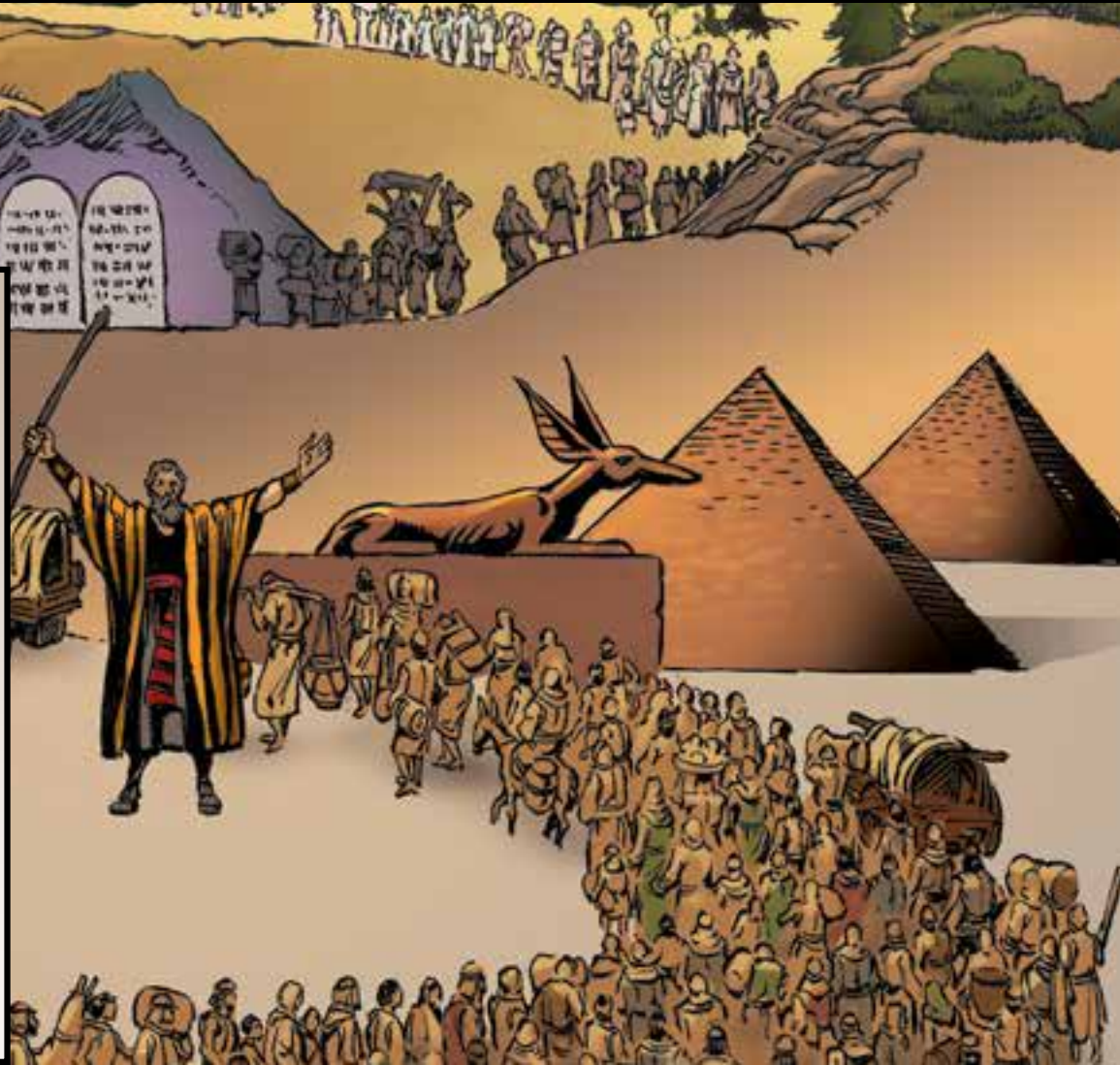
NEARLY 500 YEARS HAD GONE BY SINCE JEHOVAH GOD CALLED ABRAHAM TO LEAVE HIS PEOPLE AND WALK TO THE LAND GOD WOULD GIVE HIM.

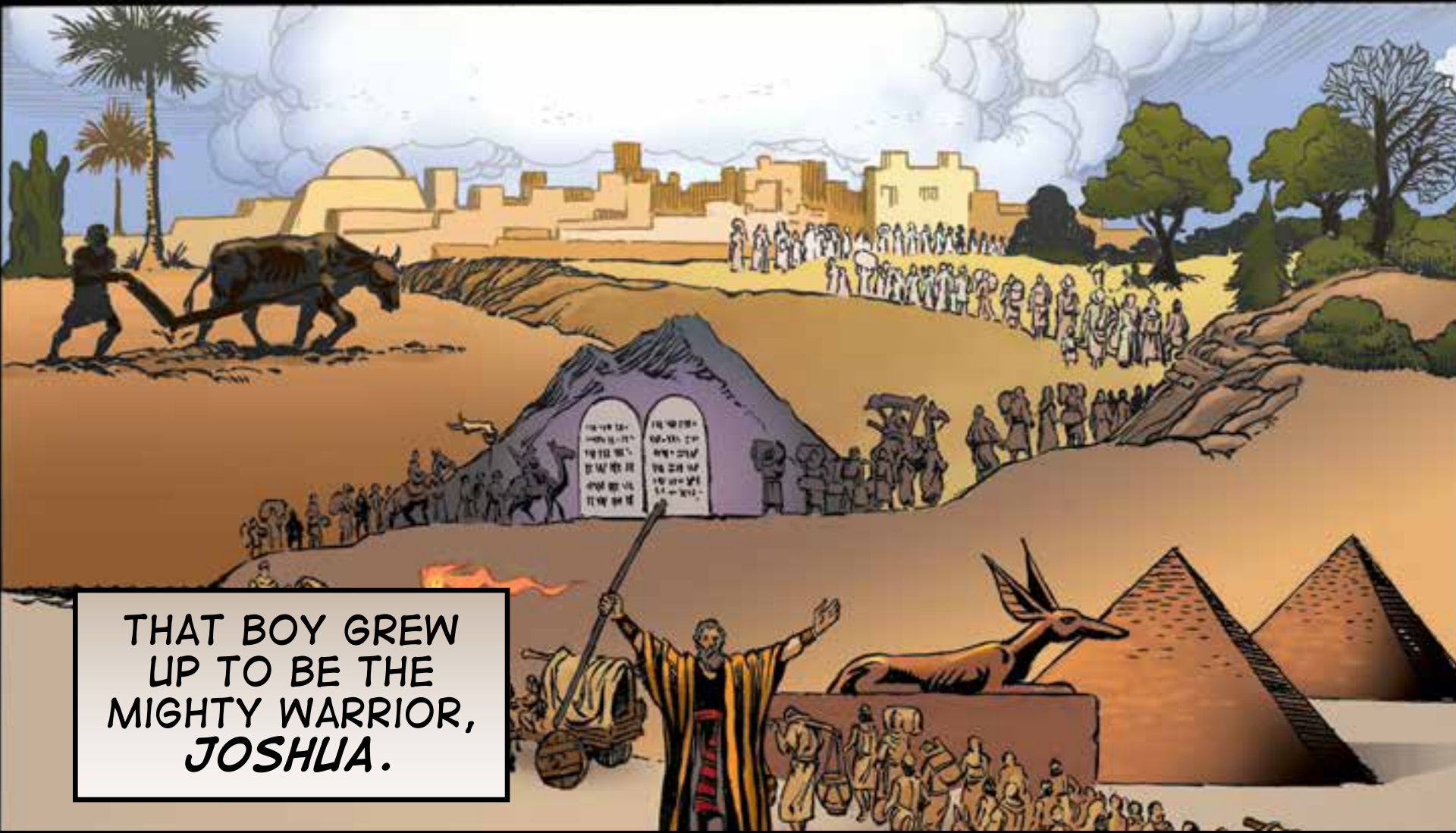


GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH TO MAKE A GREAT NATION FROM THEIR SON ISAAC WAS FULFILLED. THE TWELVE SONS OF JACOB, WHOSE NAME WAS CHANGED TO ISRAEL, HAD BECOME TWELVE TRIBES AND A MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE.

THEY CAME THROUGH
SLAVERY, WANDERED
IN THE DESERT WITH
MOSES, RECEIVED THE
LAW OF GOD, AND NOW
AT LAST WERE ENTERING
THE **PROMISED LAND**.

THROUGHOUT THE
WILDERNESS JOURNEY,
A YOUNG BOY WAS
ALWAYS BESIDE MOSES,
WATCHING AND LEARNING
HOW TO LEAD THE
NATION OF ISRAEL.



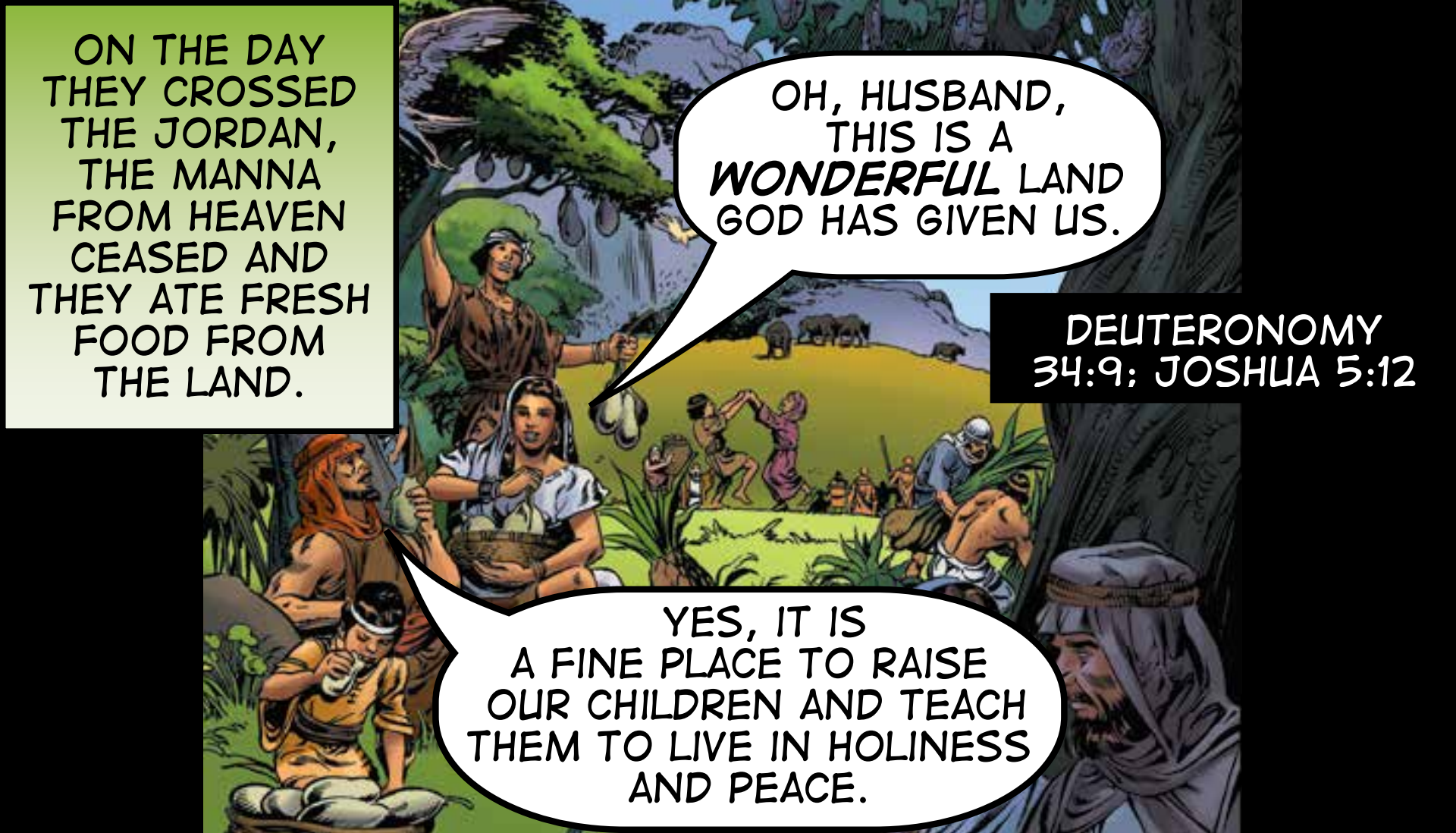


THAT BOY GREW
UP TO BE THE
MIGHTY WARRIOR,
JOSHUA.

AFTER MOSES WENT TO BE WITH GOD, JOSHUA WAS CHOSEN BY GOD TO LEAD THE PEOPLE INTO THE LAND GOD PROMISED TO ABRAHAM.



THE PEOPLE REMEMBERED THE PROPHECY THAT THEY WOULD BE STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND AND THAT AFTER 400 YEARS THEY WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE LAND OF THEIR FATHERS. GOD HAD KEPT HIS WORD.



ON THE DAY
THEY CROSSED
THE JORDAN,
THE MANNA
FROM HEAVEN
CEASED AND
THEY ATE FRESH
FOOD FROM
THE LAND.

OH, HUSBAND,
THIS IS A
WONDERFUL LAND
GOD HAS GIVEN US.

DEUTERONOMY
34:9; JOSHUA 5:12

YES, IT IS
A FINE PLACE TO RAISE
OUR CHILDREN AND TEACH
THEM TO LIVE IN HOLINESS
AND PEACE.



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