

JUST BEFORE
MIDNIGHT ...



THEN, AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, THE LORD STRIKES DOWN ALL THE FIRSTBORN OF EGYPT. BUT EVERY HEBREW HOUSE WITH LAMB'S BLOOD ON ITS DOOR IS PASSED OVER.



GOD WILL GIVE US THE SIGNAL TO LEAVE ANY MOMENT NOW.

WE MUST BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

BE READY FOR THE SIGNAL TO MARCH!



IN THE PALACE ...

YOUR SON IS DEAD, O PHARAOH!

AND MESSENGERS BRING WORD THAT THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY EGYPTIAN HOME HAS DIED SUDDENLY TONIGHT.

MY SON!



SUMMON MOSES AND AARON TO COME IMMEDIATELY!

IT'S TOO LATE—MY SON IS DEAD!



THIS TIME PHARAOH DOES NOT BARGAIN ABOUT CATTLE OR SHEEP.

TAKE YOUR PEOPLE—TAKE YOUR CATTLE, AND GET OUT OF EGYPT.

SERVE YOUR GOD AS YOU WISH.

MOSES GIVES THE ORDER TO MARCH. IMMEDIATELY THE SLAVES RUSH OUT FROM THEIR HOMES AND MEET AT A CAMP IN THE COUNTRY.



WE'RE FREE!
WE'RE FREE!

THANK GOD MY CHILDREN WILL NOT BE SLAVES IN EGYPT!

20,000 Egyptians Under the Sea

BASED ON EXODUS 13:17-15:21

THE NEXT DAY, THE GREAT EXODUS FROM EGYPT IS UNDERWAY. JOYFULLY THE HEBREWS MARCH TOWARD THE LAND GOD PROMISED WOULD BE THEIR HOME. DURING THE DAY, A BRIGHT CLOUD GUIDES THEM ...

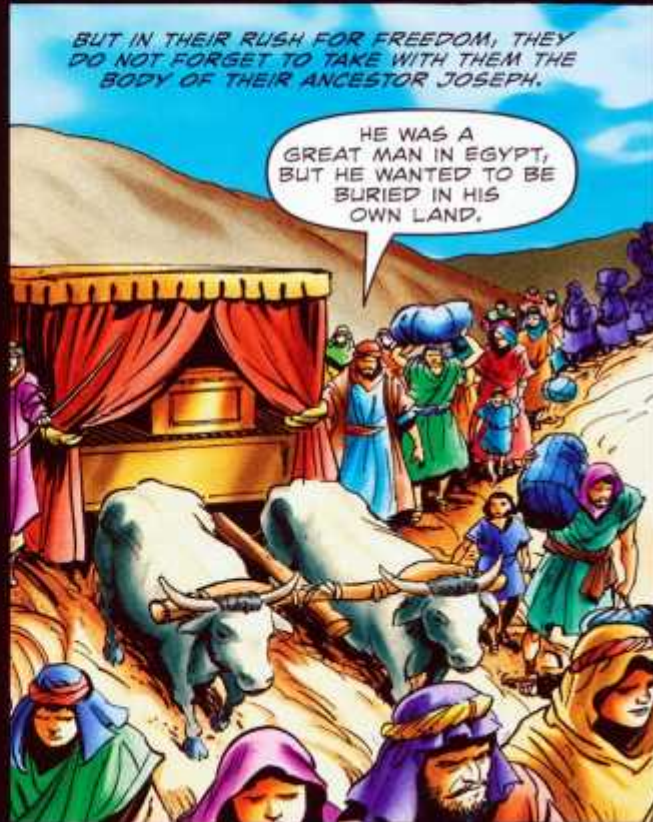


... AND AT NIGHT A PILLAR OF FIRE LEADS THEM.



BUT IN THEIR RUSH FOR FREEDOM, THEY DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE WITH THEM THE BODY OF THEIR ANCESTOR JOSEPH.

HE WAS A GREAT MAN IN EGYPT, BUT HE WANTED TO BE BURIED IN HIS OWN LAND.



AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF TRAVEL, THE HEBREWS REACH THE RED SEA ...

THE SEA IS IN FRONT OF US AND THE MOUNTAINS ALL AROUND.

WHAT WILL WE DO NOW? WHAT WAS MOSES THINKING???

MEANWHILE, BACK IN PHARAOH'S PALACE ...

IT WAS A MISTAKE TO LET THOSE HEBREW SLAVES GO. WHO WILL DO OUR WORK FOR US NOW?

IT ISN'T TOO LATE—LOOK!

THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND LIKE LOST SHEEP. THE ROUTE THEY TOOK WILL LEAD THEM INTO THIS TRAP.

SO MUCH FOR THEIR BRILLIANT AND POWERFUL GOD. MUSTER EVERY CHARIOT IN MY ARMY!

THOSE SLAVES WILL SOON BE BACK AT WORK MAKING MORE BRICKS THAN EVER.

PHARAOH'S ARMY SOON APPROACHES THE CAMP OF THE HEBREWS.

LOOK!
HERE COMES
THE EGYPTIAN
ARMY!

WE CAN'T
ESCAPE
NOW!

IT'S
YOUR FAULT,
MOSES! WE'RE
TRAPPED.

WERE THE
GRAVES IN EGYPT
NOT GOOD ENOUGH,
YOU HAD TO BRING
US TO THE DESERT
TO DIE?

PHARAOH AND HIS ARMY LOOK AT THE HEBREWS CAMPED BESIDE THE RED SEA.

TRAPPED!
JUST AS I
SAID.

GOOD!
THEY'LL SOON SEE
WHO IS MIGHTIER—
PHARAOH OR THE GOD
THEY WORSHIP!



AT THE SAME TIME IN
THE HEBREW CAMP ...

I'D RATHER
BE AN EGYPTIAN
SLAVE THAN DIE
THIS WAY!

DON'T BE
AFRAID! AFTER TODAY,
YOU WILL NEVER SEE THESE
EGYPTIANS AGAIN. THE LORD
WILL FIGHT ON OUR BEHALF.
JUST BE STILL, AND SEE
WHAT GOD IS GOING
TO DO.



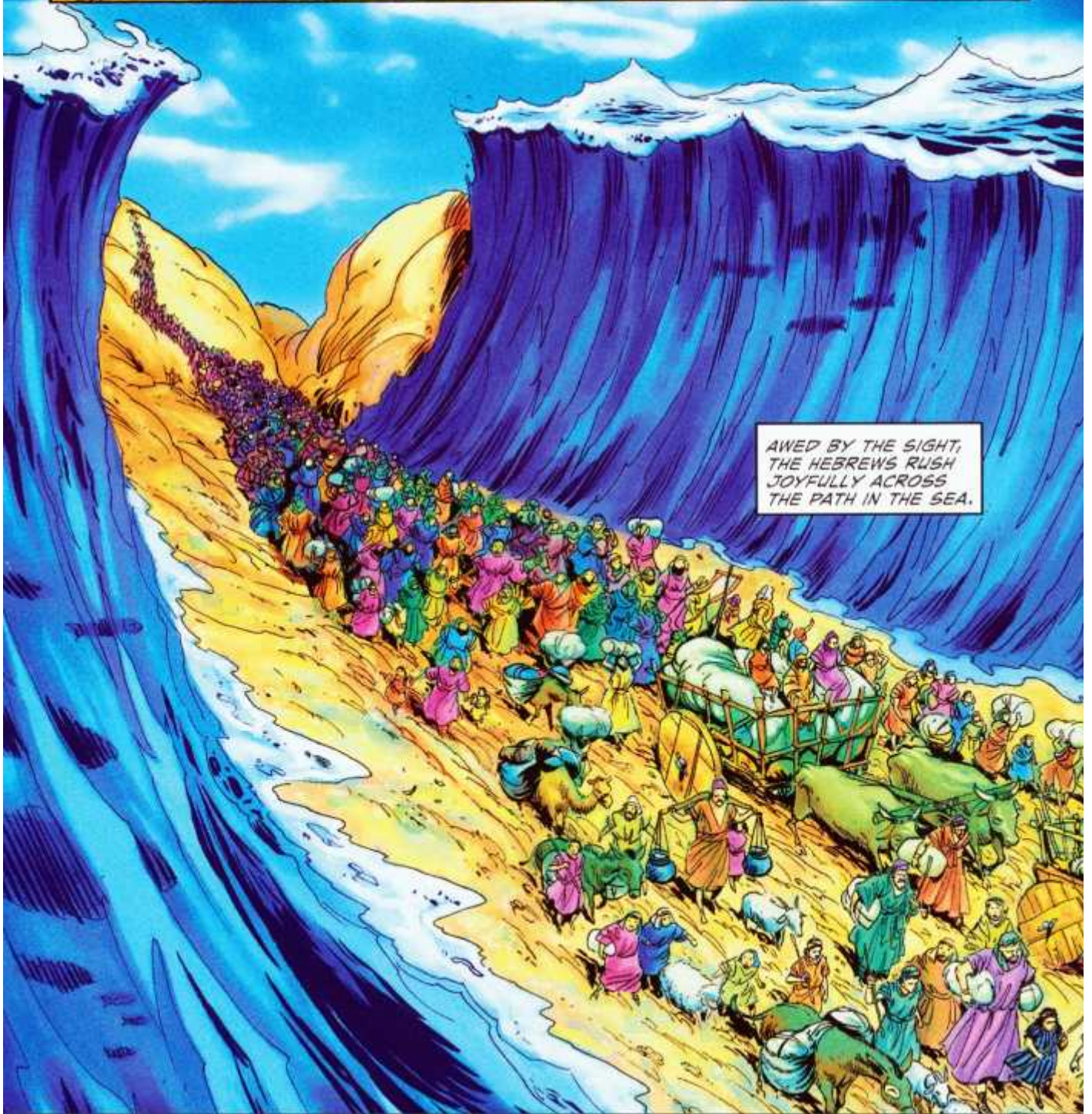
AS MOSES SPEAKS, THE CLOUD
THAT LEADS THEM MOVES TO
THE BACK OF THE CAMP.

LOOK! THE
CLOUD IS HIDING
US FROM THE
EGYPTIANS!






THEN MOSES HOLDS OUT HIS STAFF TOWARD THE RED SEA, AS GOD TOLD HIM TO DO. A STRONG EAST WIND BLOWS ALL NIGHT AND ROLLS BACK THE WATERS OF THE SEA ...



AWED BY THE SIGHT, THE HEBREWS RUSH JOYFULLY ACROSS THE PATH IN THE SEA.



IT'S NOT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING THAT THE CLOUD
CLEARS FROM IN FRONT OF THE EGYPTIANS. WHEN
PHARAOH SEES THAT THE HEBREWS ARE GETTING
AWAY, HE ORDERS HIS ARMY TO CHARGE AFTER THEM.

THE EGYPTIANS RACE OUT
ACROSS THE SEA FLOOR,
BUT SAND CLOGS THEIR
CHARIOT WHEELS ...

THEN MOSES PUTS OUT HIS HAND AGAIN.
SUDDENLY THE WIND DIES, AND THE WATERS
ROLL BACK INTO PLACE. ALL OF PHARAOH'S
MEN ARE CAUGHT IN THE RUSHING SEA.



SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE,
THE HEBREWS LOOK BACK ...

GOD HAS
SAVED US!

I'LL NEVER
DOUBT AGAIN THAT
GOD SENT MOSES TO
SAVE US FROM THE
EGYPTIANS.

JOYFULLY THE HEBREWS CELEBRATE GOD'S DELIVERANCE. THE TRIBES DESCENDED
FROM JACOB (ISRAEL) ARE A FREE PEOPLE, READY TO FORM A NEW NATION.
MIRIAM, MOSES' SISTER, LEADS THE WOMEN'S CHORUS SINGING PRAISES TO GOD.



THE LORD
IS MY STRENGTH
AND SONG. HE IS
MY SALVATION.

SING
TO THE
LORD.

The Complaining Begins

BASED ON EXODUS 15:22-17:7

FROM THE RED SEA, THE ISRAELITES MARCH ACROSS THE DESERT. BUT AFTER DAYS OF TRAVEL THEY FORGET WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR THEM, AND THEY BEGIN TO COMPLAIN ...

I'M THIRSTY.

THREE DAYS AND NO WATER IN SIGHT!

AT LAST THEY FIND A SPRING, BUT ...

IT'S BITTER! WE CAN'T DRINK THIS!

WE'LL ALL DIE OF THIRST.


THE PEOPLE COMPLAIN TO MOSES WHILE HE IS SITTING AS A JUDGE. MOSES PRAYS TO GOD FOR HELP—AND GOD POINTS OUT A NEARBY BRANCH. MOSES THROWS IT INTO THE SPRING.

NOW TASTE THE WATER AND KNOW THE POWER OF GOD!

IT'S CLEAN NOW.


GOD HAS SAVED US AGAIN. NOW I **KNOW** GOD IS GUIDING MOSES.

THE PEOPLE CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY. AS THEY TRAVEL ACROSS THE HOT SANDS, THEIR THOUGHTS ARE OF THE HOMETLAND GOD PROMISED THEM. THEY DREAM OF GREEN FIELDS ... FRESH STREAMS ... GREAT FLOCKS. BUT THEN THERE IS NO FOOD IN THE DESERT. THE PEOPLE GROW HUNGRY. THEY FORGET THAT GOD CARED FOR THEM WHEN THEY WERE THIRSTY. ANGRILY, THEY GO TO MOSES AND AARON.



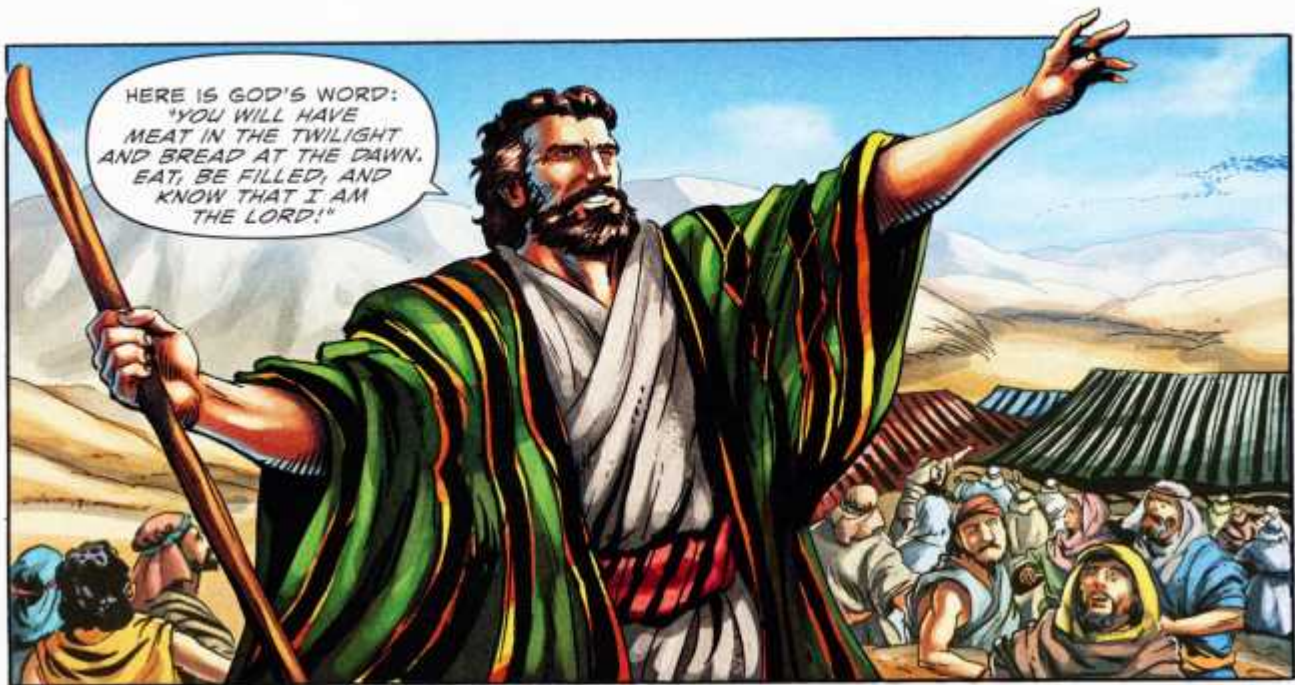
LOOK—
OUR FOOD IS
GONE. HOW CAN
WE FEED OUR
CHILDREN?

THE LORD
SHOULD HAVE JUST
KILLED US IN EGYPT. THERE
WE HAD POTS FULL OF MEAT!
MMMM. ALL THE MEAT WE
COULD EAT!



HAVE
YOU BROUGHT
US OUT HERE IN
THE WILDERNESS
TO STARVE US
TO DEATH?

I AM
SICK OF YOUR
GRUMBLING! THIS
EVENING, COME BEFORE
THE LORD, AND HE
WILL SHOW YOU
HIS MIGHT!



EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THE PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED TO FIND A STRANGE WHITISH COVERING ON THE GROUND.

WHAT IS IT? IT LOOKS LIKE FROST.

WHAT IS IT? IT'S FOOD THAT GOD HAS SENT YOU. CALL IT MANNA, WHATEVER IT IS.

GOD IS SO GOOD TO US.

GATHER WHAT YOU NEED JUST FOR TODAY.

HOW CAN I BE SURE THERE WILL BE MORE TOMORROW? I'M GOING TO COLLECT AS MUCH AS I CAN.

SEE! I'LL PUT THIS EXTRA ASIDE FOR TOMORROW. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OTHERS, WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT.



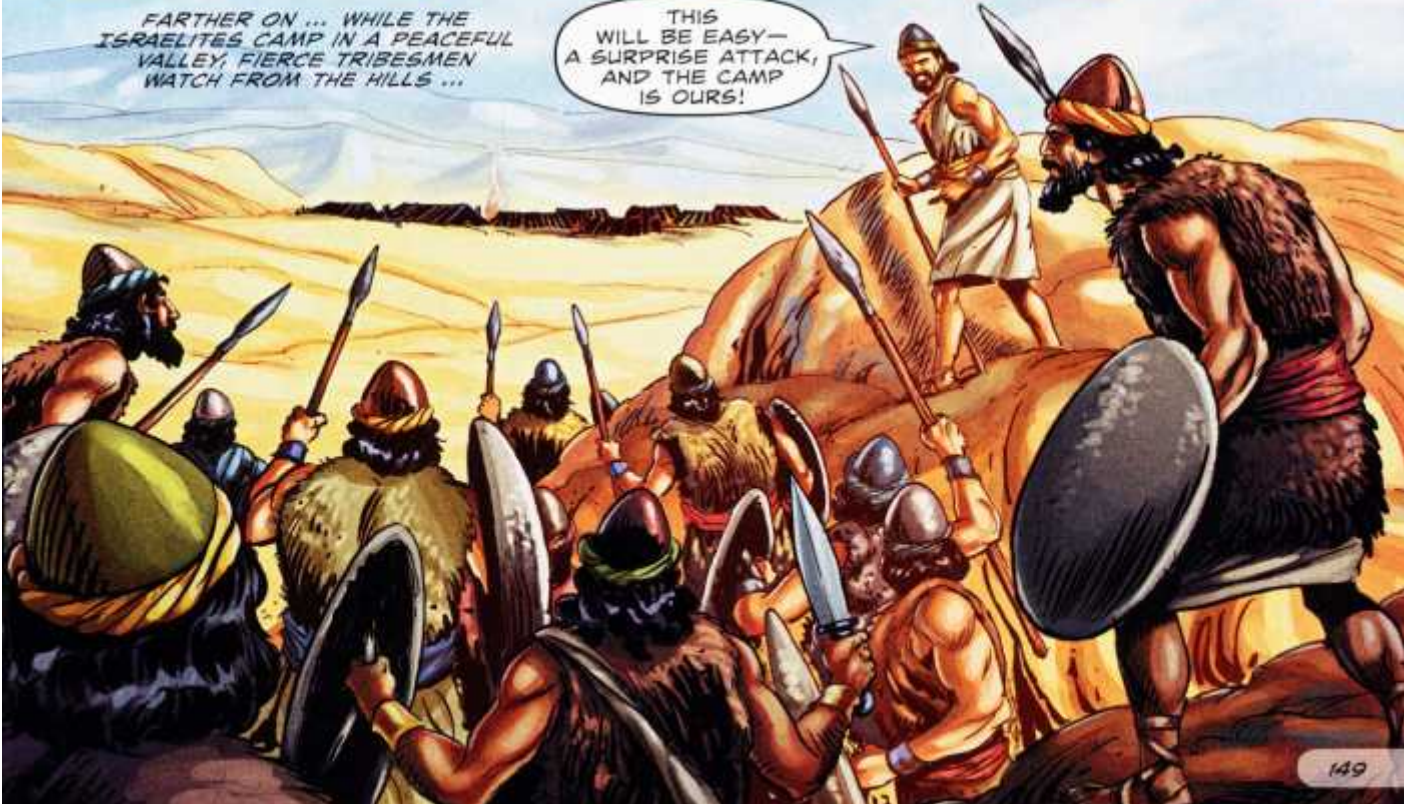
WITH RENEWED FAITH IN GOD, THE ISRAELITES CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY. THEY TRAVEL TOWARD MOUNT SINAI, WHERE MOSES WAS CALLED BY GOD TO SET THEM FREE FROM SLAVERY. MOSES SENDS HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS ON AHEAD TO VISIT THEIR OLD HOME.

TELL YOUR FATHER, JETHRO, WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR OUR PEOPLE.



FARTHER ON ... WHILE THE ISRAELITES CAMP IN A PEACEFUL VALLEY, FIERCE TRIBESMEN WATCH FROM THE HILLS ...

THIS WILL BE EASY—A SURPRISE ATTACK, AND THE CAMP IS OURS!



"Armed" Battle

BASED ON
EXODUS 17:8-16

AMALEKITES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO AMBUSH THE ISRAELITES, BUT THE ISRAELITE SENTINELS SEE THE DANGER ...

RAIDERS!
PREPARE FOR AN
ATTACK!

MOSES CALLS TO JOSHUA, SON
OF NUN, HIS FAITHFUL AIDE.

JOSHUA, CHOOSE
OUR BEST SOLDIERS AND
FIGHT OFF THOSE RAIDERS.
I'LL STAND ON TOP
OF THE HILL WITH THE
STAFF OF GOD IN MY
HAND.

THE BATTLE RAGES ALL DAY, AS LONG AS MOSES
KEEPS HIS HANDS IN THE AIR, THE TIDE OF THE
BATTLE GOES IN FAVOR OF THE ISRAELITES.

BUT WHEN MOSES'
WEARY ARMS DROP ...

... THE ISRAELITE SOLDIERS FALL
BACK IN FEAR AND RETREAT BEFORE
THE SAVAGE ATTACK OF THE RAIDERS.

TO WIN THE FIGHT, MOSES MUST KEEP HIS ARMS RAISED. BUT MOSES CANNOT HOLD UP HIS ARMS ALL DAY. HIGH ON THE HILL, AARON AND HUR ARE FORCED TO HOLD UP MOSES' TIRED ARMS SO THAT THE ISRAELITES WILL WIN THE BATTLE.

LOOK!
MOSES IS HOLDING
THE STAFF OF GOD
ABOVE US!

FIGHT,
MEN! WE WON'T
FAIL NOW.



AFTER A TIRING DAY, BOTH FOR THE SOLDIERS AND FOR MOSES' ARMS, GOD GIVES THEM THE VICTORY.



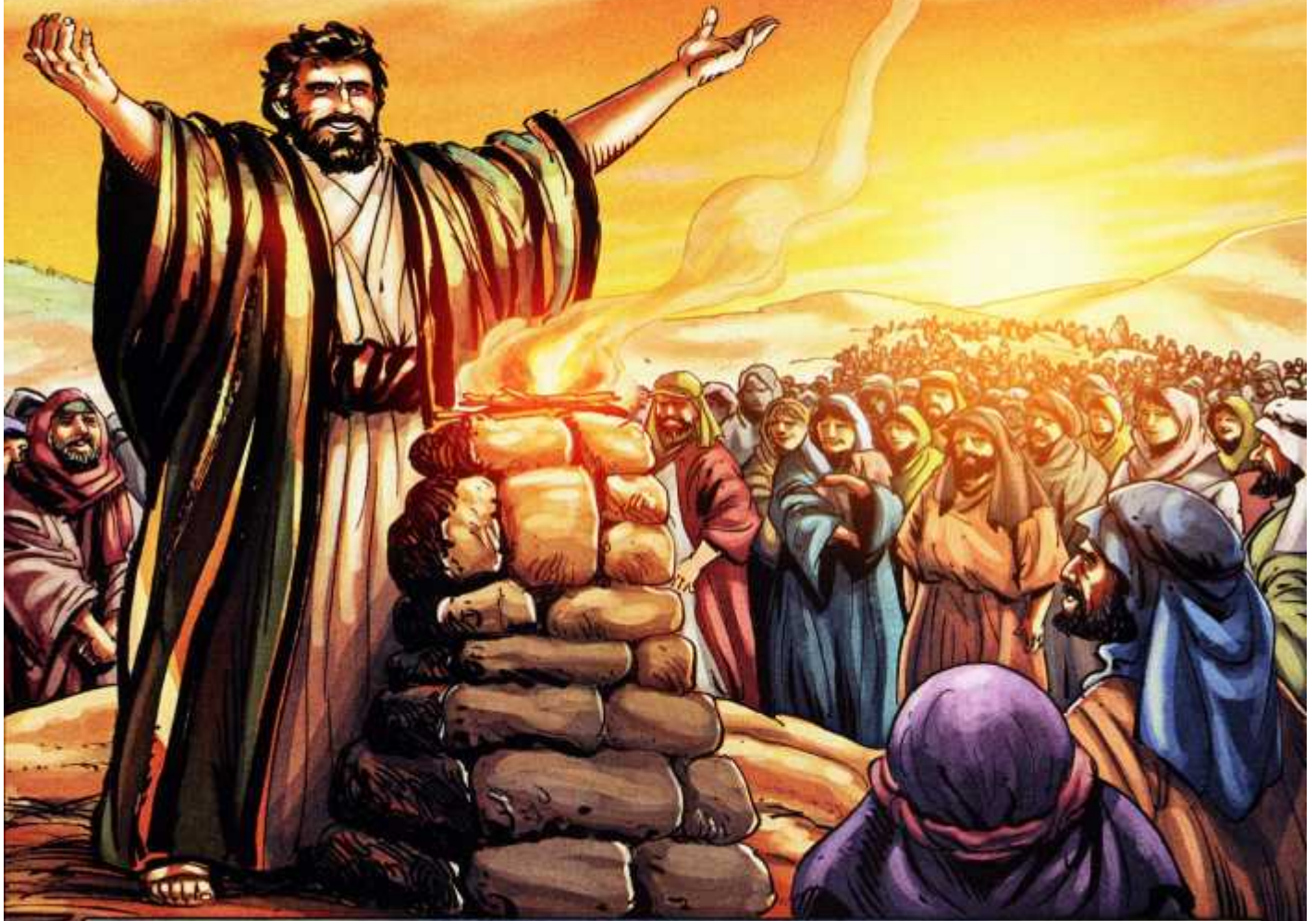
AT SUNSET, JOSHUA'S MEN
RETURN VICTORIOUS ...

HERE
COME THE
VICTORS!

GIVE YOUR
PRAISE TO GOD.
WITHOUT HIS HELP,
WE WOULD HAVE
FAILED.



THEN MOSES BUILDS AN ALTAR
AND LEADS THE PEOPLE IN A
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD.



FRESH FROM THEIR FIRST
MILITARY VICTORY, THE
ISRAELITES EAGERLY PUSH ON.

ONLY A FEW
WEEKS AGO, WE WERE
SLAVES IN EGYPT. NOW WE
ARE FREE—AND STRONG
ENOUGH TO DEFEND
OURSELVES!

WHEN WE
GET TO THE
PROMISED LAND, WE'LL
BUILD A NATION
MIGHTIER THAN
ALL EGYPT.



Good Advice

BASED ON
EXODUS 18-19

WHEN THEY REACH
THE WILDERNESS AT
MOUNT SINAI, MOSES
SETS UP CAMP. ONE
DAY A MESSENGER
BRINGS HIM GOOD
NEWS ...

YOUR
FATHER-IN-LAW,
JETHRO, YOUR WIFE,
AND YOUR SONS
ARE ON THEIR WAY
TO SEE YOU.



MOSES TAKES HIS FATHER-IN-LAW'S ADVICE.



YOU WERE RIGHT. THIS GIVES ME MORE TIME TO TEACH MY PEOPLE ABOUT GOD.

SOON AFTER THIS, MOSES GOES UP THE MOUNTAIN TO TALK WITH GOD.

WHEN HE RETURNS, HE HAS NEWS FOR HIS PEOPLE.



PREPARE YOURSELVES, FOR ON THE THIRD DAY, THE LORD WILL COME DOWN IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON MOUNT SINAI.

ON THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY, THUNDER ROLLS ACROSS THE SKY, LIGHTNING FLASHES. THEN THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET FILLS THE AIR.



THIS IS THE SIGNAL TO LEAVE CAMP!

STAY RIGHT BESIDE ME. DON'T GO BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES MOSES SET FOR US.

MOSES SAYS IF WE EVEN TOUCH THE MOUNTAIN, WE WILL DIE!



God's Commandments

BASED ON EXODUS 20

*WHILE THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL STAND BEFORE
MOUNT SINAI, GOD SPEAKS FROM THE MOUNTAIN
AND GIVES THEM THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:*

I am the Lord your God. You must not worship other gods.

You must not make any idols.

You must not use the name of the Lord your God wrongly.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Respect your father and your mother.

You must not murder.

You must not cheat on your husband or wife.

You must not steal.

You must not lie.

You must not be jealous of other people's possessions.

A Golden Calf

BASED ON EXODUS 32

GOD GIVES MOSES MORE LAWS, AND WHEN THESE ARE WRITTEN DOWN, MOSES BUILDS AN ALTAR. HE AND HIS PEOPLE MAKE AN AGREEMENT, OR "COVENANT," WITH GOD. THE PEOPLE PROMISE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE LORD'S COMMANDS.

LATER, GOD CALLS MOSES TO COME AGAIN TO MOUNT SINAI, WHERE HE WILL GIVE MOSES THE LAW WRITTEN ON STONE TABLETS. JOSHUA GOES PARTWAY WITH HIM, DAYS PASS, AND MOSES DOES NOT RETURN.

WHEN IS MOSES COMING BACK?

CAN WE GO LOOK FOR HIM?

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN MOSES WILL BE BACK, BUT YOU MUST NOT FOLLOW HIM UP THE MOUNTAIN. HE IS ALONE WITH GOD.

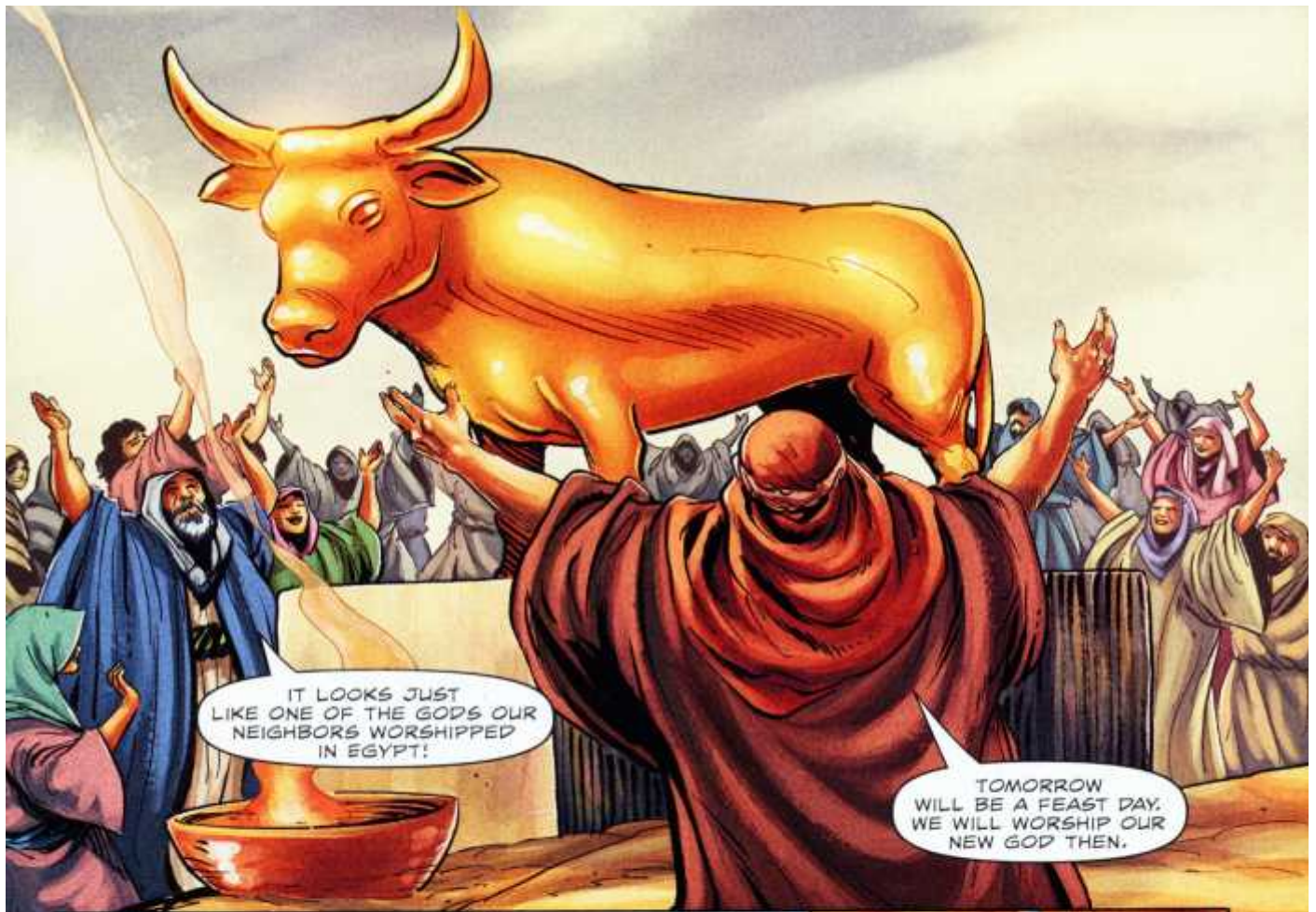
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE MOSES ISN'T COMING BACK ...

IF HE DOESN'T COME BACK, WHAT WILL WE DO?

LET'S ASK AARON TO LET US MAKE A STATUE TO WORSHIP.

YES! WE WANT A GOD WE CAN SEE.

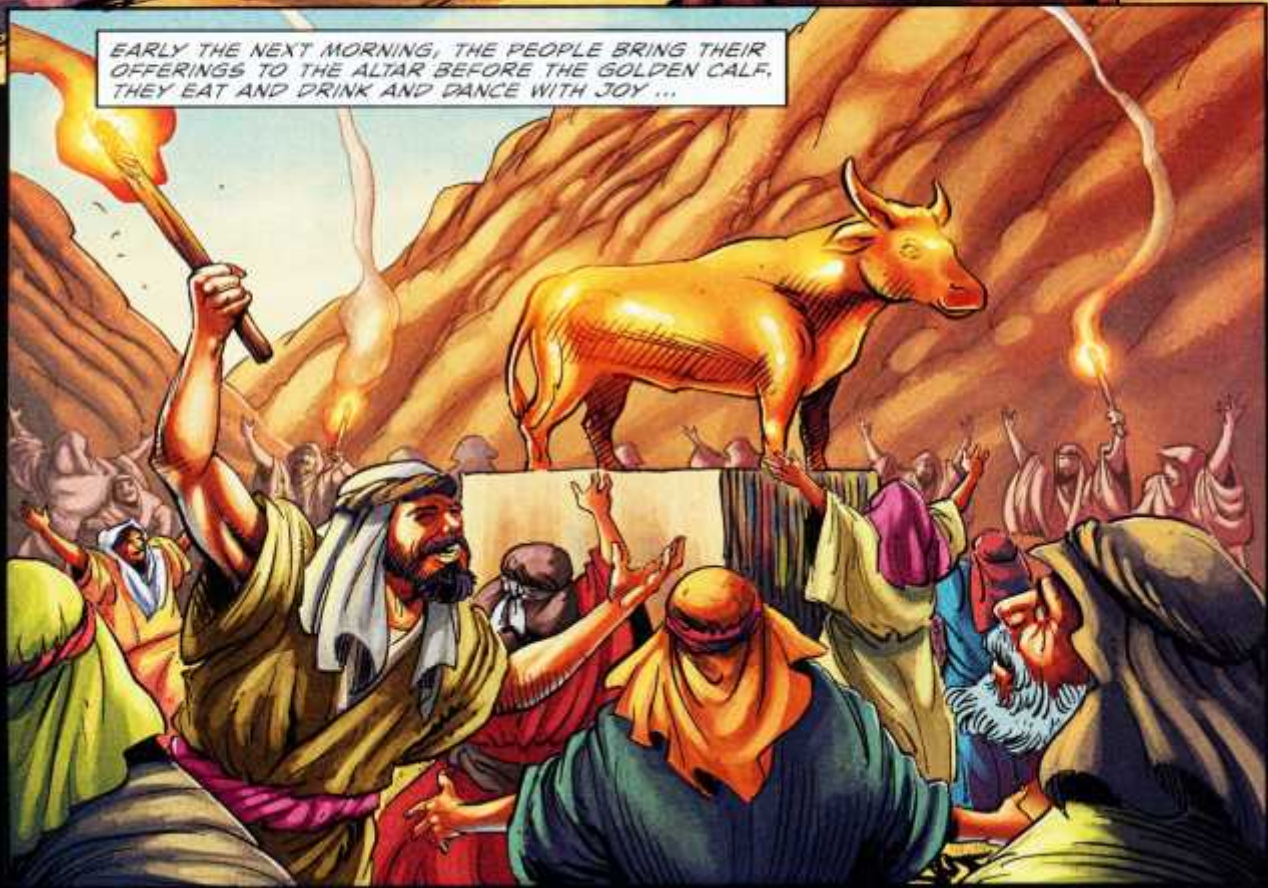
FEELING LOST WITHOUT THEIR LEADER, THE PEOPLE FORGET GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND THEIR PROMISE TO WORSHIP ONLY GOD. THEY BRING THEIR JEWELRY TO AARON, WHO MELTS IT AND MAKES A GOLDEN STATUE OF A CALF.



IT LOOKS JUST LIKE ONE OF THE GODS OUR NEIGHBORS WORSHIPPED IN EGYPT!

TOMORROW WILL BE A FEAST DAY. WE WILL WORSHIP OUR NEW GOD THEN.

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THE PEOPLE BRING THEIR OFFERINGS TO THE ALTAR BEFORE THE GOLDEN CALF. THEY EAT AND DRINK AND DANCE WITH JOY ...



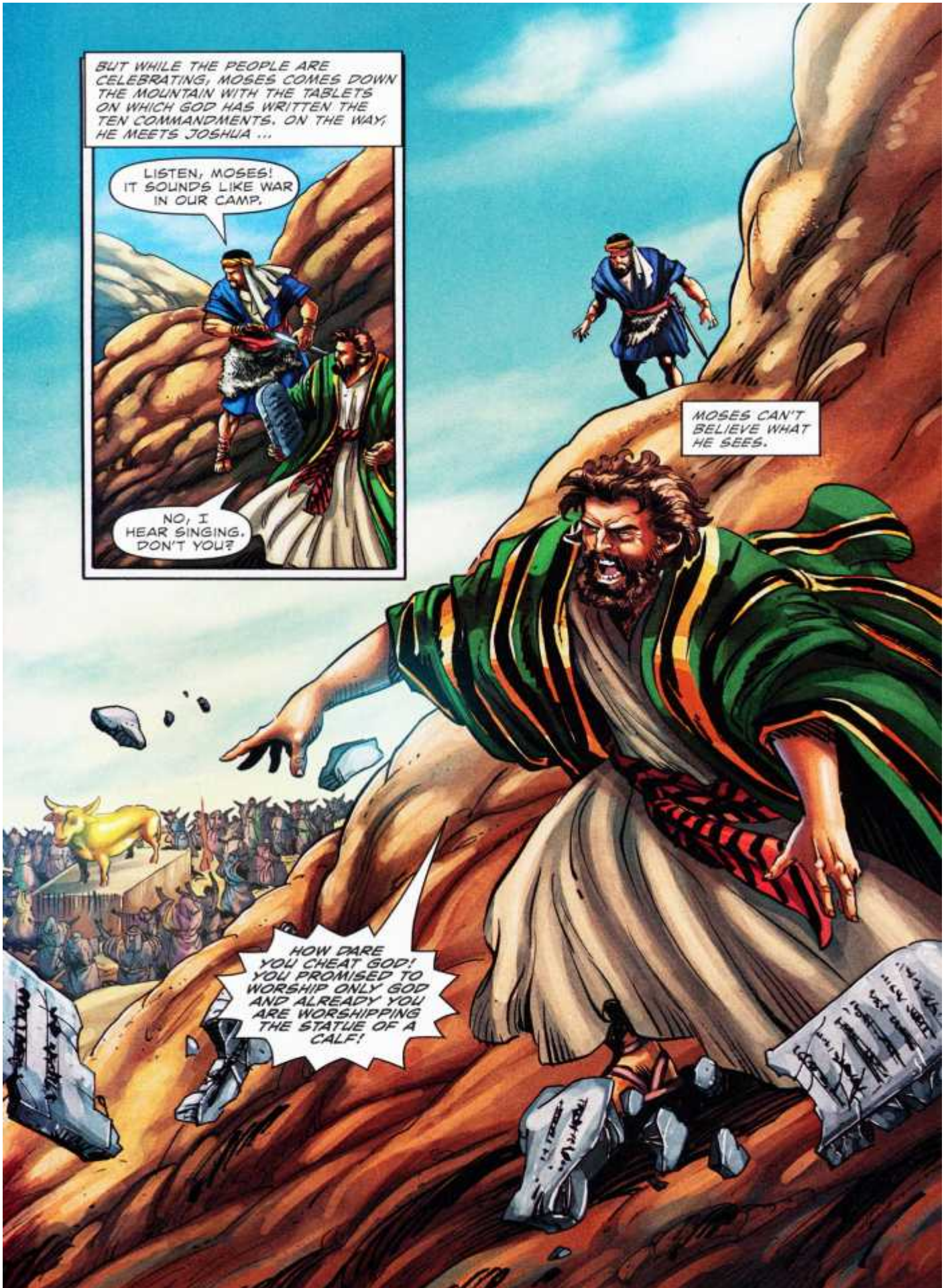
BUT WHILE THE PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING, MOSES COMES DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WITH THE TABLETS ON WHICH GOD HAS WRITTEN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. ON THE WAY, HE MEETS JOSHUA ...

LISTEN, MOSES!
IT SOUNDS LIKE WAR
IN OUR CAMP.

NO, I
HEAR SINGING.
DON'T YOU?

MOSES CAN'T
BELIEVE WHAT
HE SEES.

HOW DARE
YOU CHEAT GOD!
YOU PROMISED TO
WORSHIP ONLY GOD
AND ALREADY YOU
ARE WORSHIPPING
THE STATUE OF A
CALF!



SHOCKED BY THE SIGHT OF MOSES BREAKING THE STONE TABLETS, THE PEOPLE STOP WORSHIPPING THE GOLDEN CALF.



WHAT WILL MOSES DO TO US?



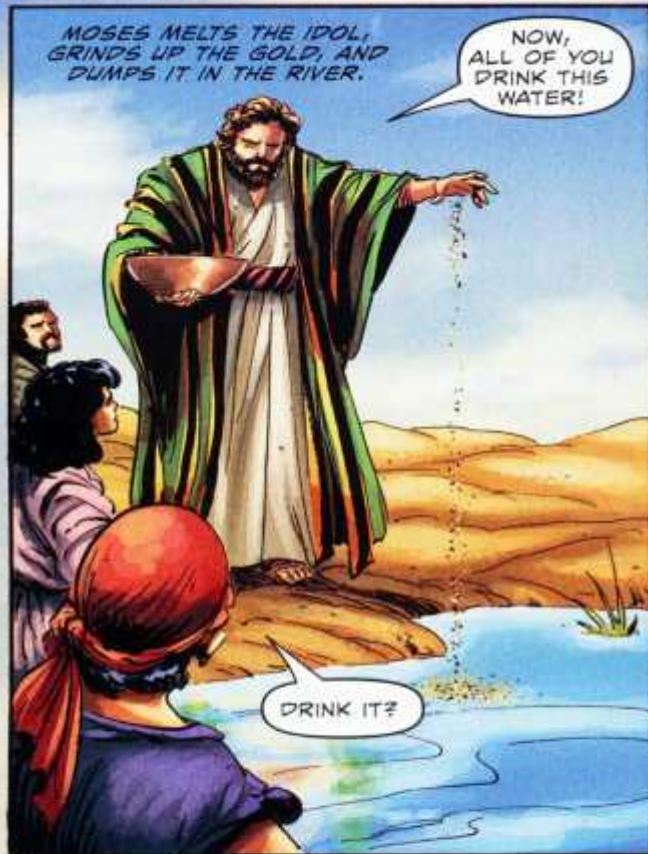
AARON, WHO MADE THIS IDOL?

IT'S NOT MY FAULT! THE PEOPLE GAVE ME THEIR GOLD!

I JUST THREW IT INTO THE FIRE AND ... AND ... OUT CAME THIS GOLDEN CALF.



THEN THROW IT BACK INTO THE FIRE!



MOSES MELTS THE IDOL, GRINDS UP THE GOLD, AND DUMPS IT IN THE RIVER.

NOW, ALL OF YOU DRINK THIS WATER!

DRINK IT?



IT'S AWFUL!

UGH! THIS WILL MAKE US SICK.

JUST DRINK IT. LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU! PONDER YOUR FAITHLESSNESS WHILE I GO BACK UP THE MOUNTAIN AND ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU.

HIGH ON THE MOUNTAIN, WHERE HE RECEIVED GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, MOSES KNEELS TO PRAY.

THESE ARE A STUBBORN, REBELLIOUS PEOPLE. LEAVE ME, MOSES, SO I MAY DESTROY THEM.



LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE THEM. YOU PROMISED ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB TO BLESS THEIR DESCENDANTS. I KNOW THEY DON'T DESERVE IT. BUT IF YOU DESTROY THEM, THE OTHER NATIONS WILL THINK THAT YOU CAN'T FULFILL YOUR PROMISES.

BACK IN CAMP, THE PEOPLE PRAY FOR MOSES' SAFE RETURN. THEY HOPE BEYOND HOPE THAT THE LORD WILL FORGIVE THEM. BUT WHEN THEY SEE MOSES COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, THEY ARE TERRIFIED ...

IT'S MOSES!
BUT LOOK AT HIS
FACE! IT'S AS BRIGHT
AS THE SUN.

THE GLORY OF HAVING BEEN WITH GOD SHINES ON MOSES' FACE. HE COVERS HIS FACE WITH A VEIL SO THAT THE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE FRIGHTENED.

DON'T
BE AFRAID.
GOD HAS
FORGIVEN
YOU.



The Tent of Meeting

BASED ON EXODUS 34:29-40:38

GOD HAS FORGIVEN HIS PEOPLE FOR THEIR FAITHLESSNESS. HE GIVES MOSES MORE LAWS AND WRITES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON TWO NEW TABLETS OF STONE. BUT GOD HAS MORE IN STORE FOR THE ISRAELITES TO DO ...

GOD HAS GIVEN ME PLANS FOR A TENT-HOUSE OF WORSHIP. BRING YOUR OFFERINGS AND WE WILL ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT.



THE PEOPLE GLADLY BRING JEWELRY, CLOTH, SKINS, RARE METALS, AND WOOD SO THAT GOD'S HOUSE WILL BE BEAUTIFUL.

