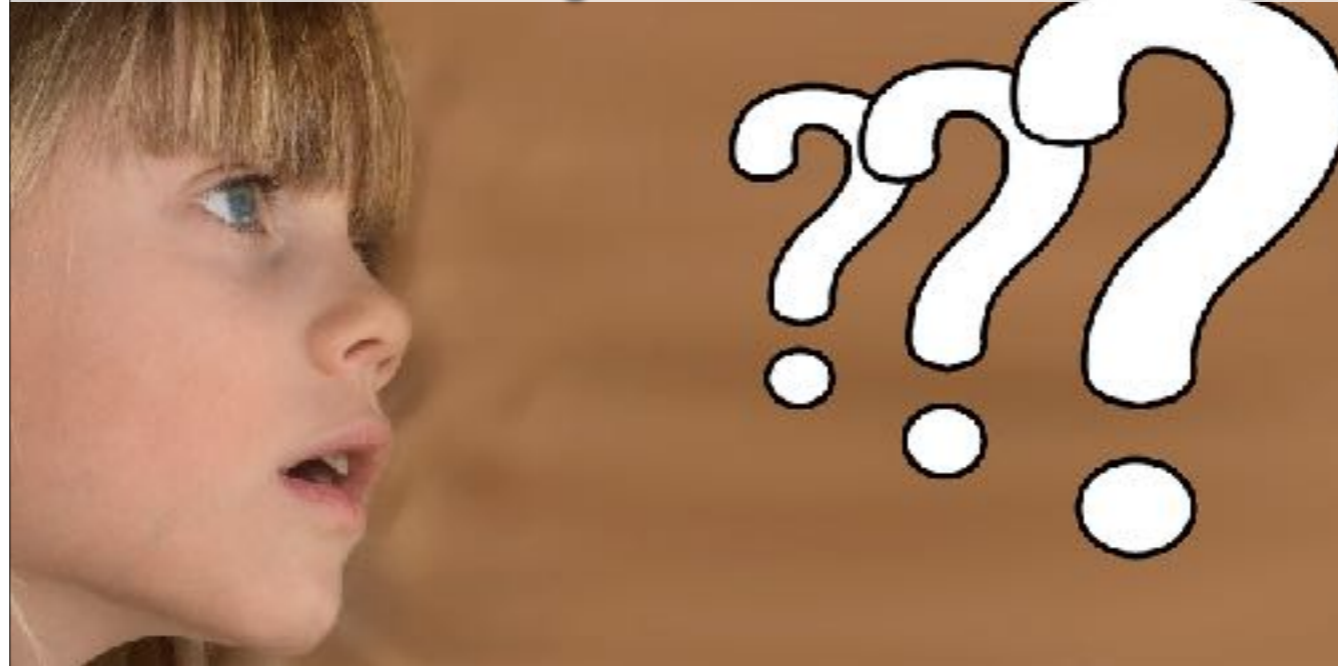




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- Reading: Psalm 106:1-12

What is Jehovah Doing?



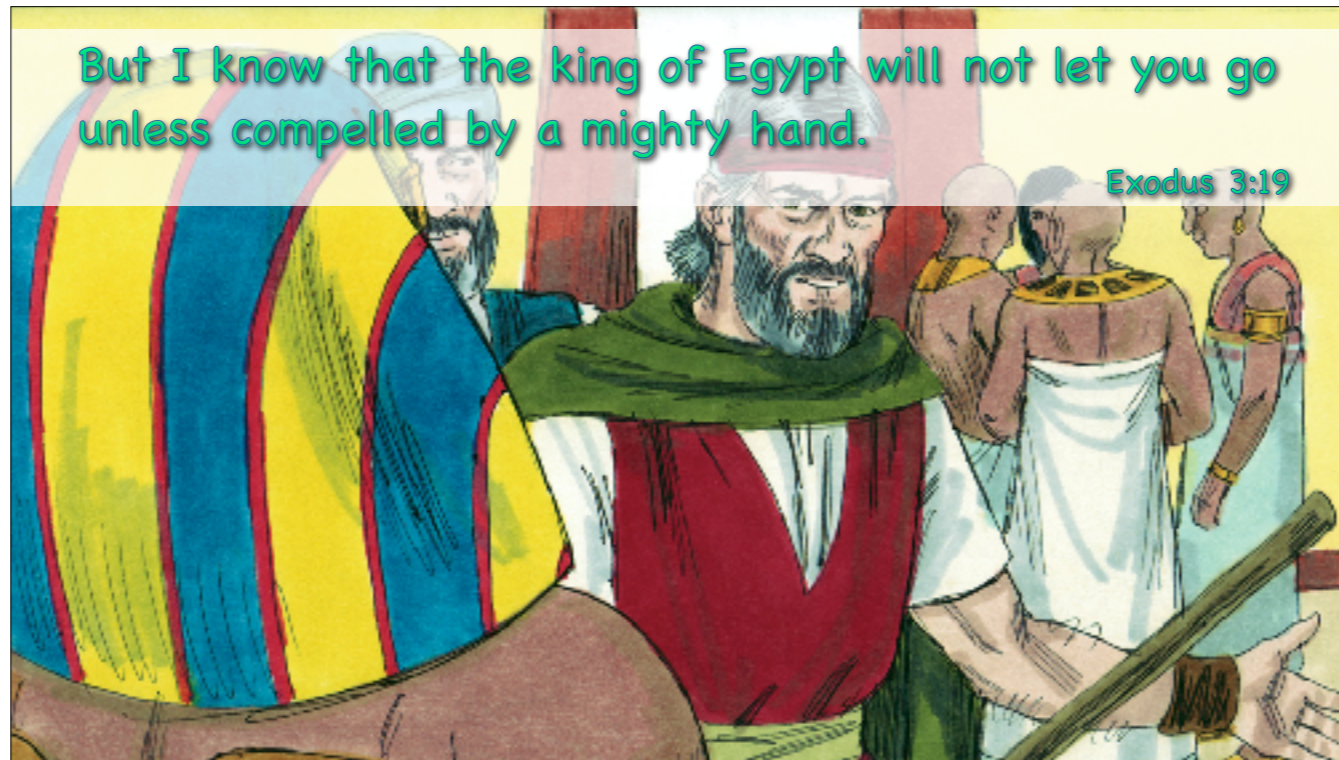
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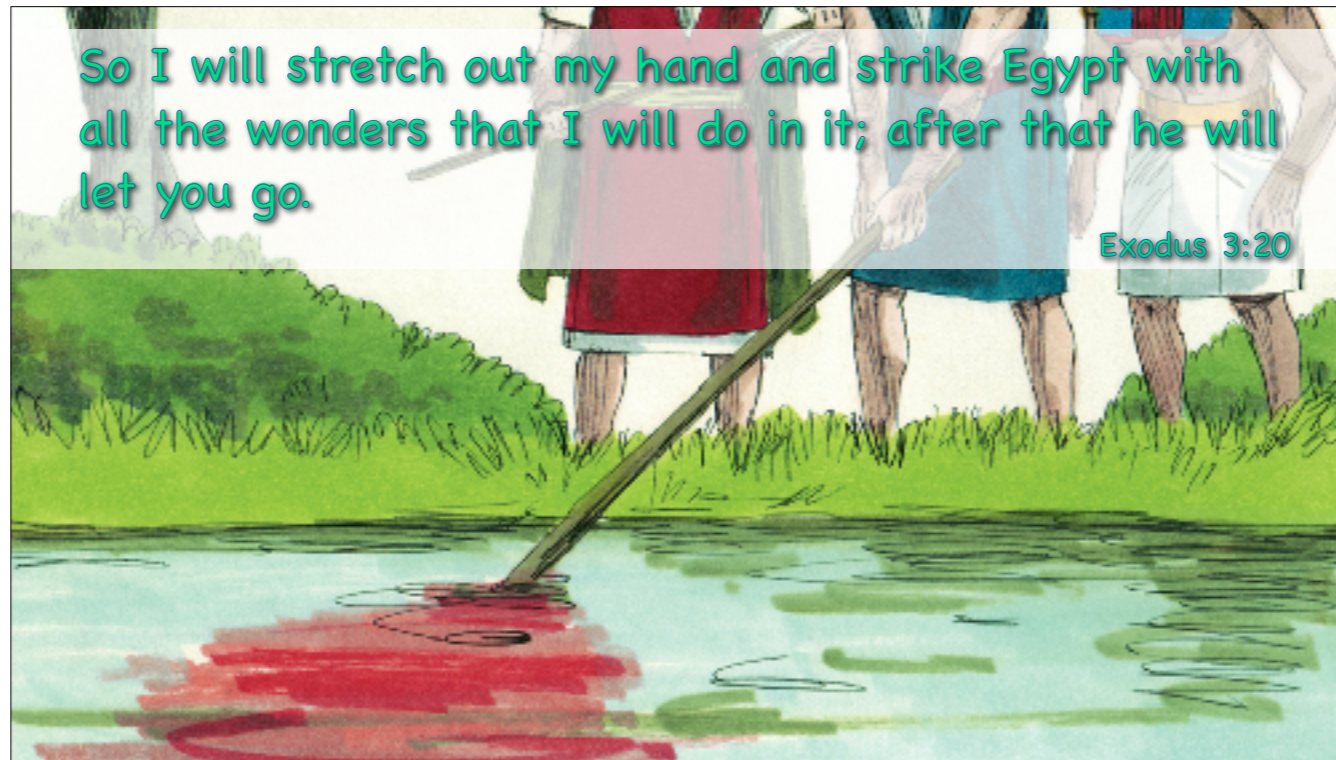
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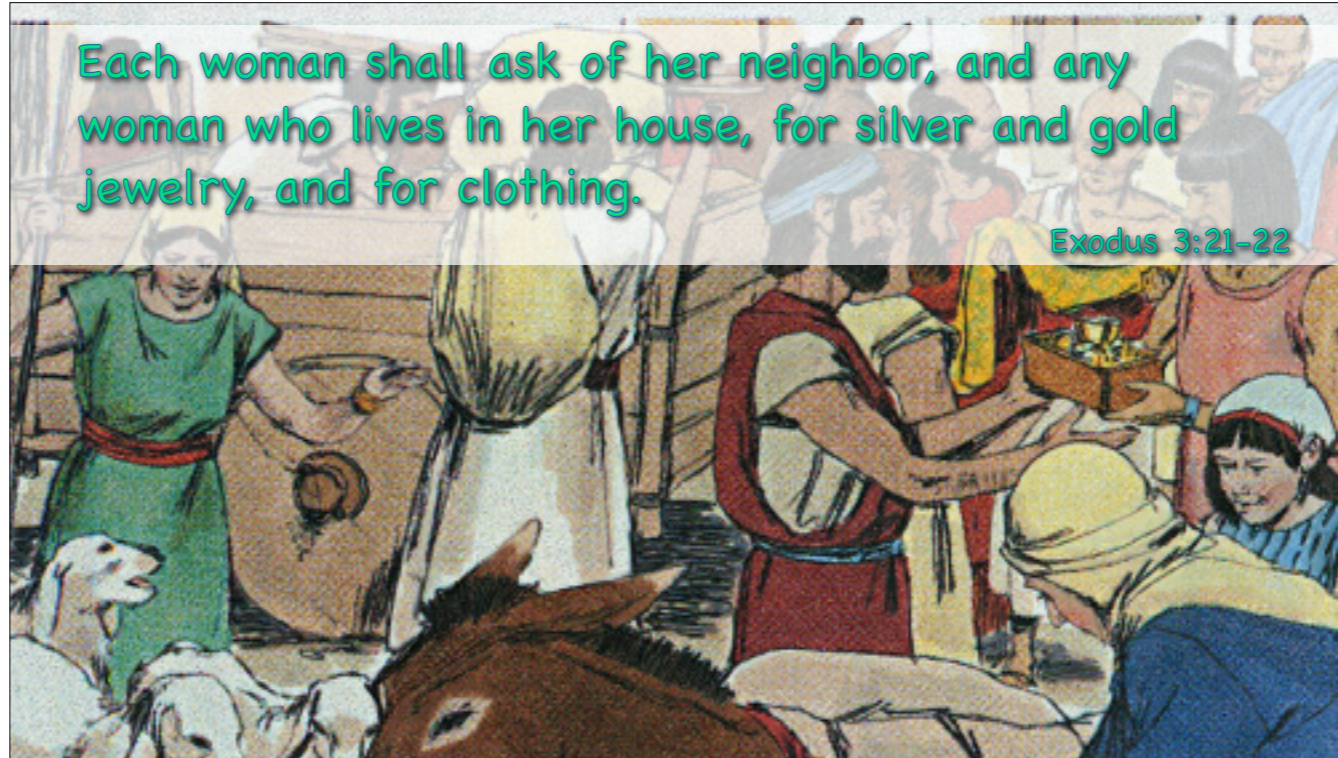
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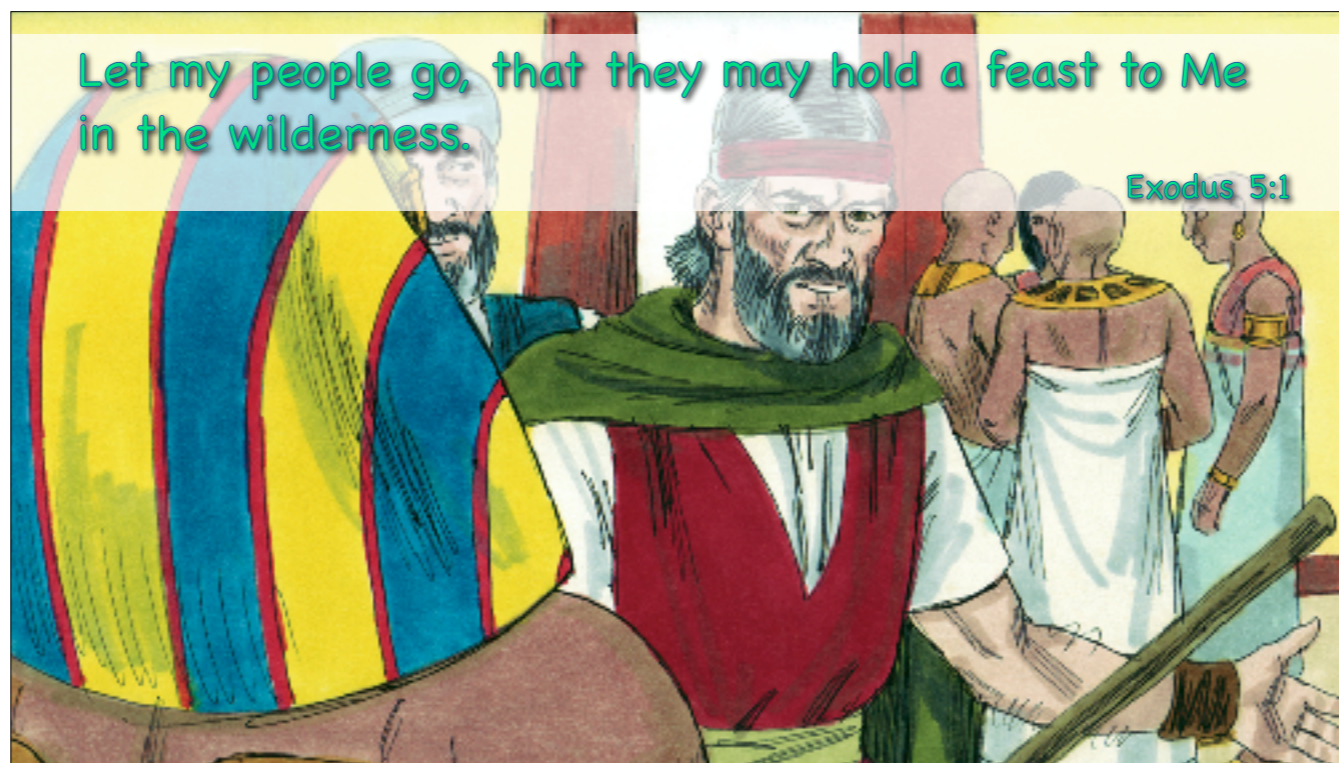
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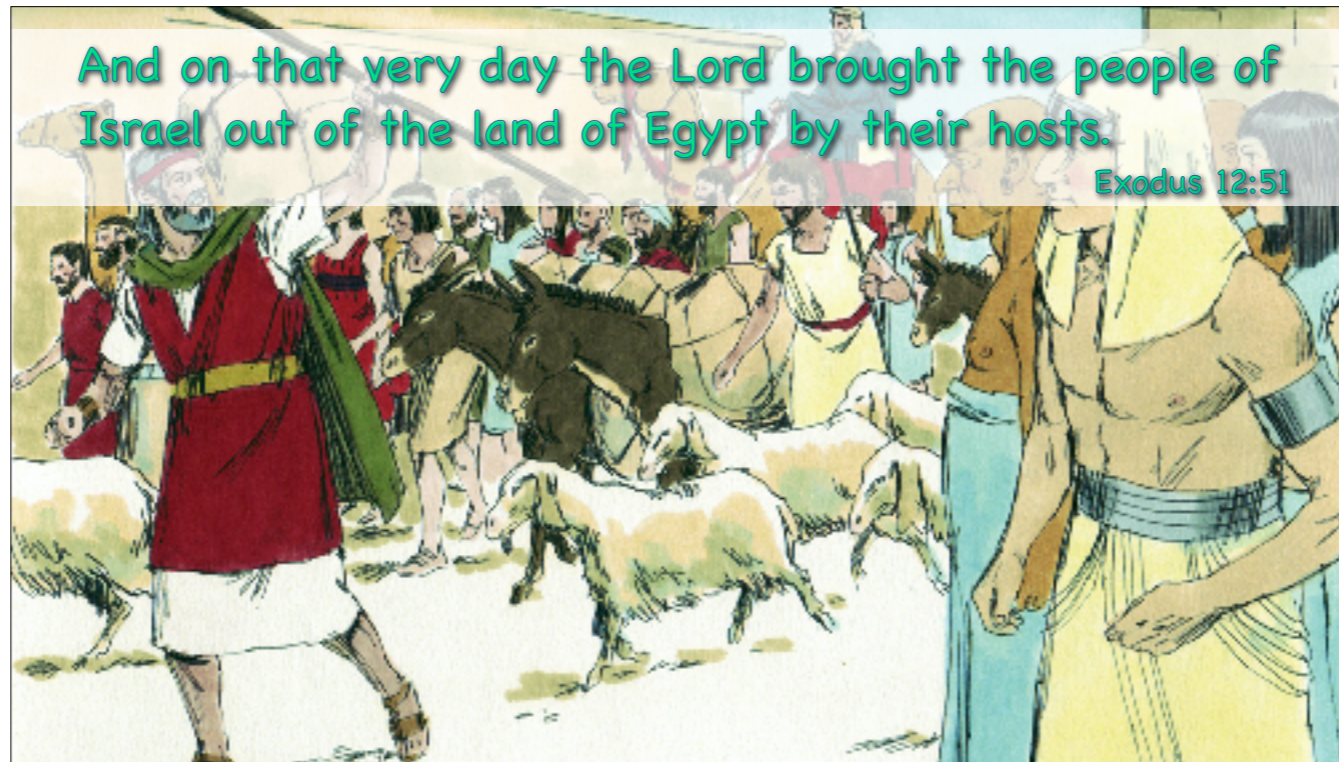
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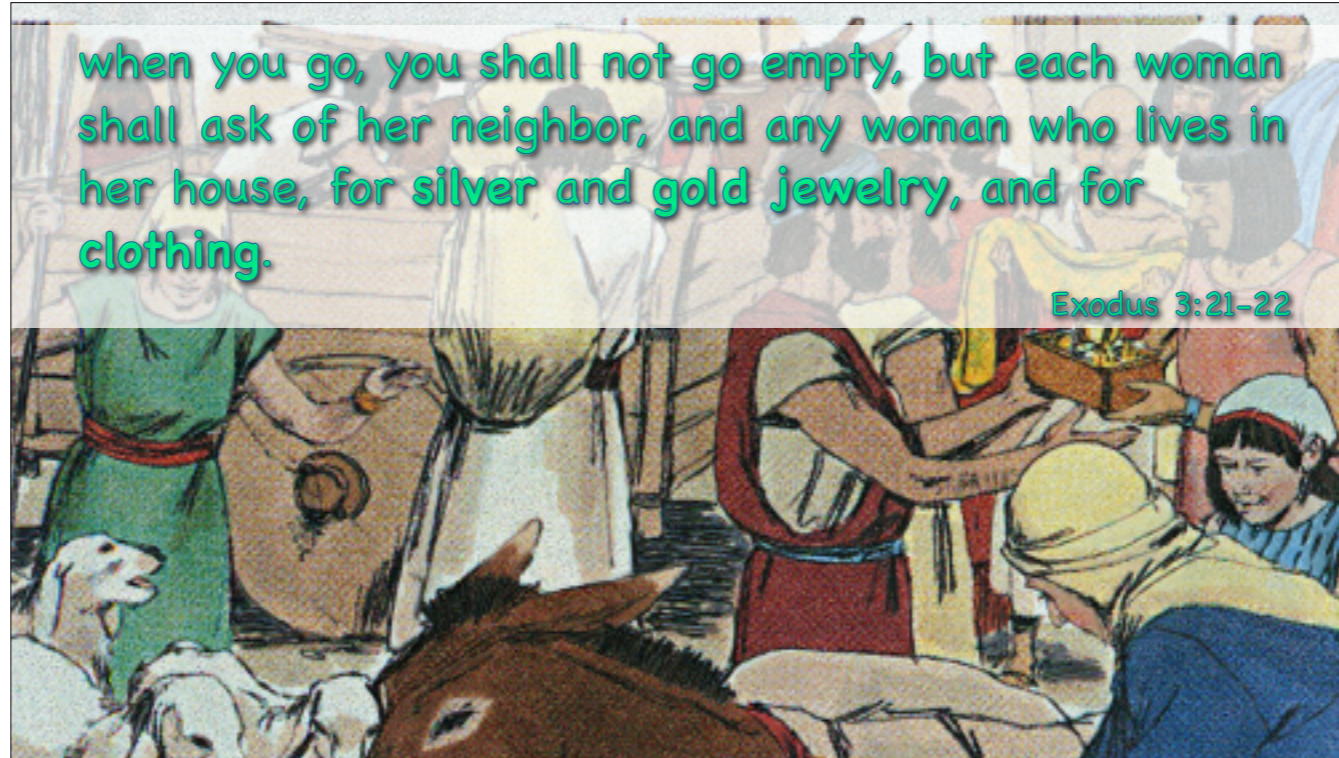
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- Institution of Passover

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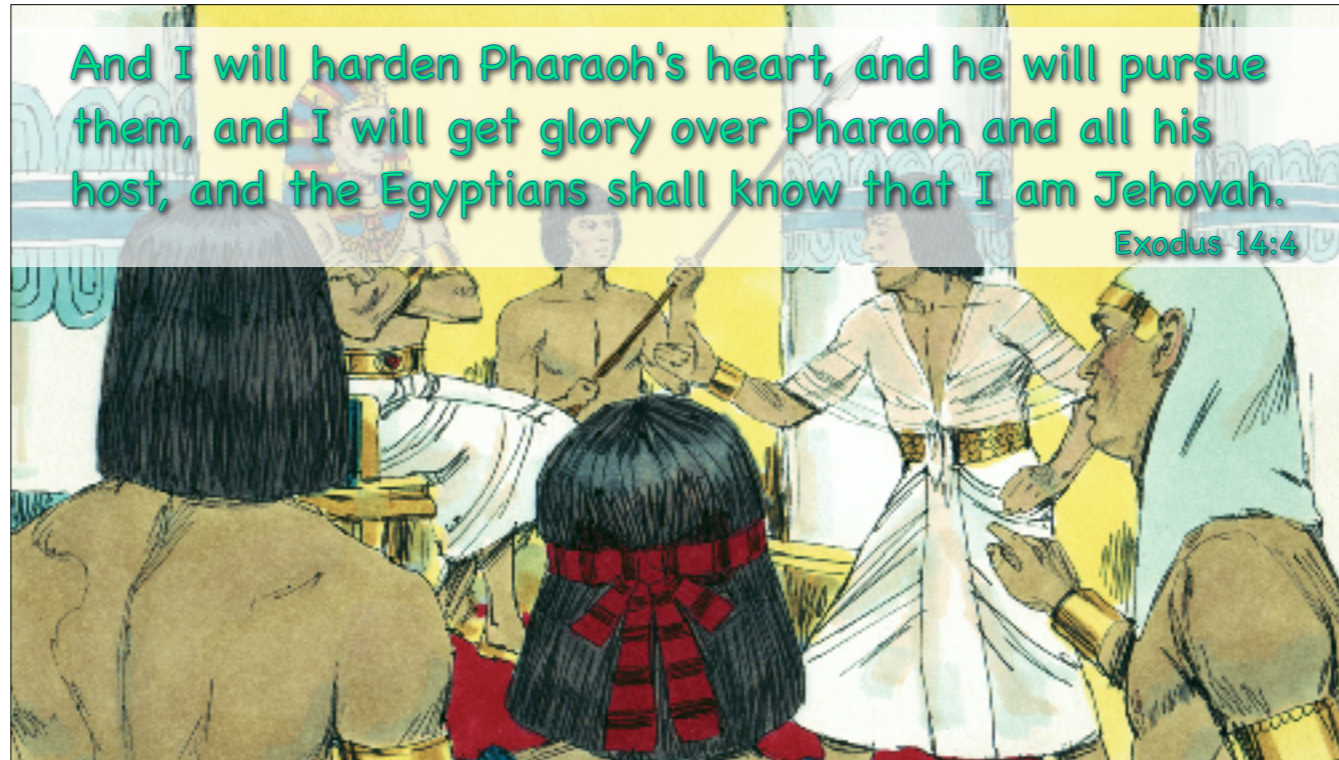
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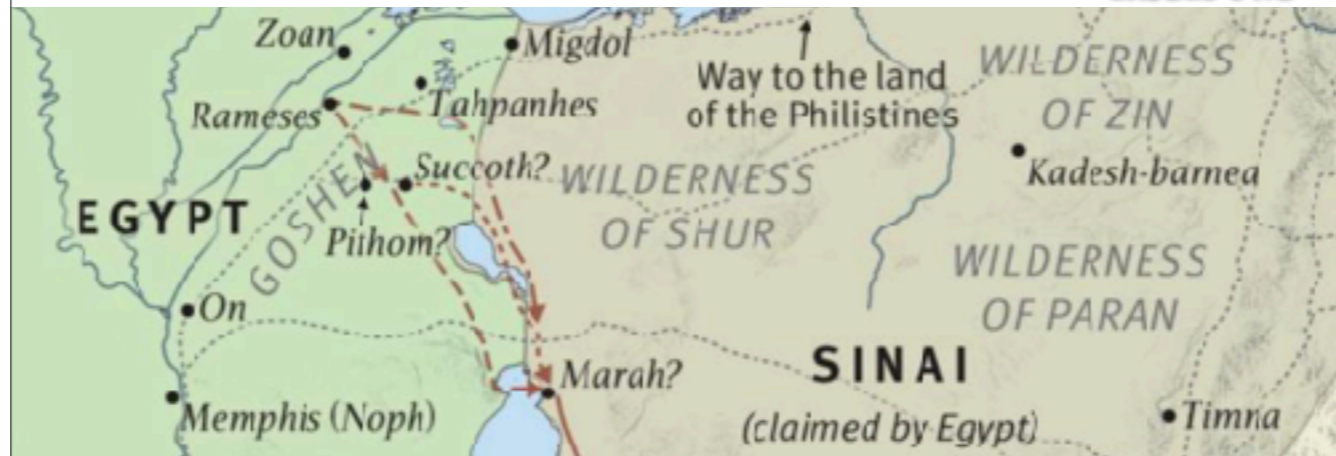
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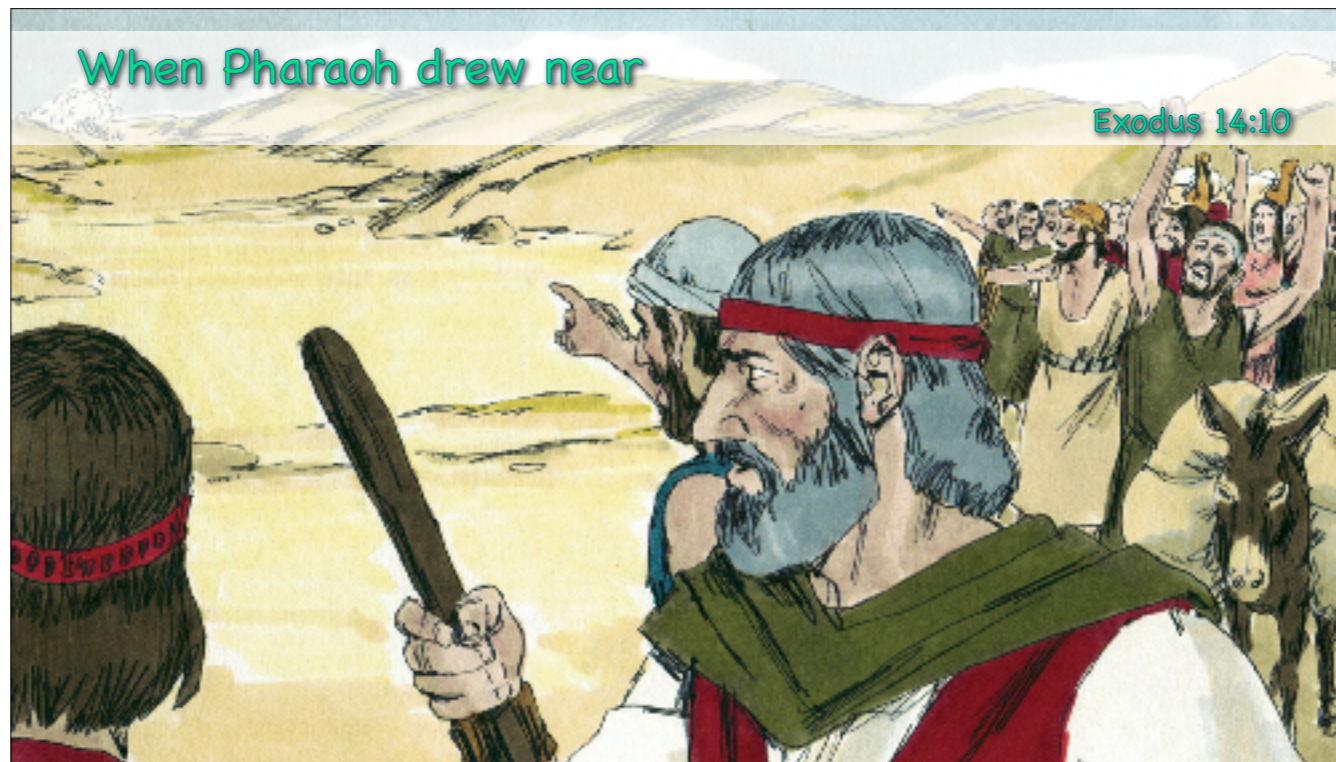
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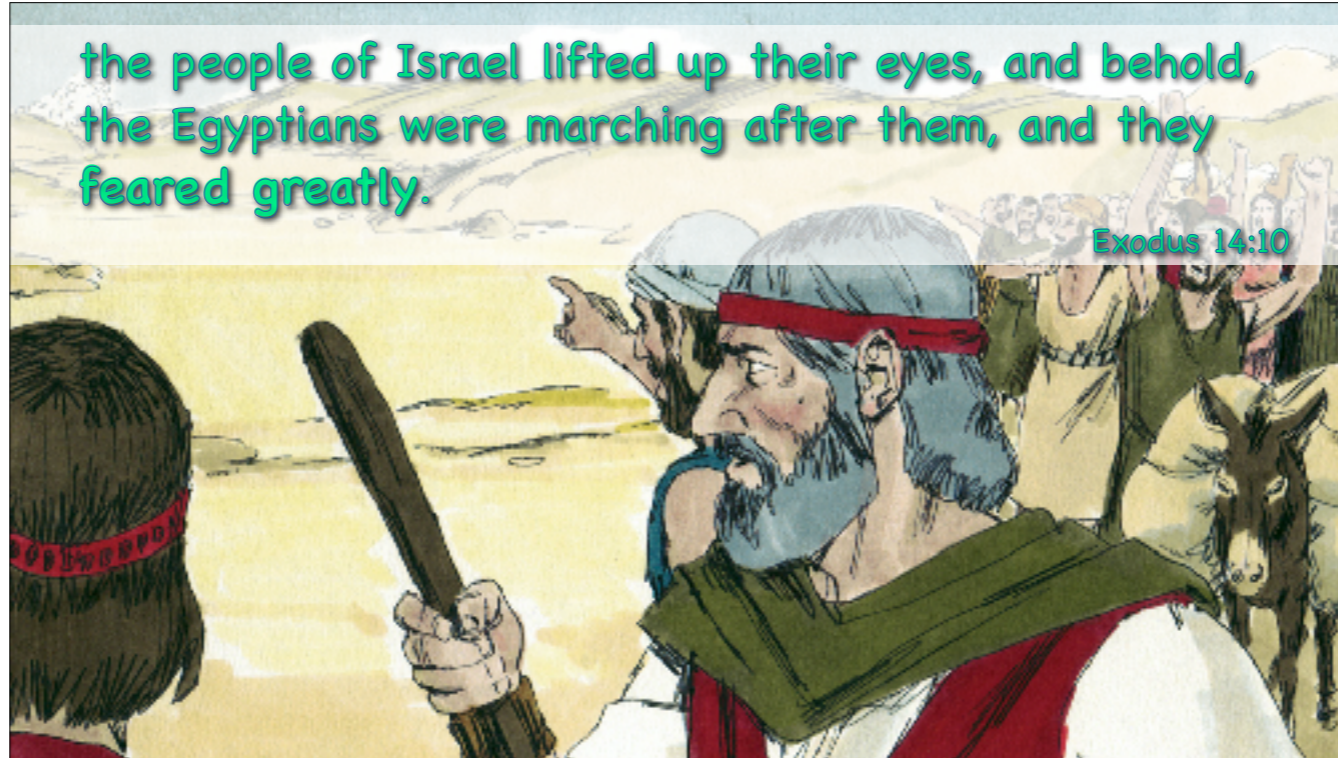
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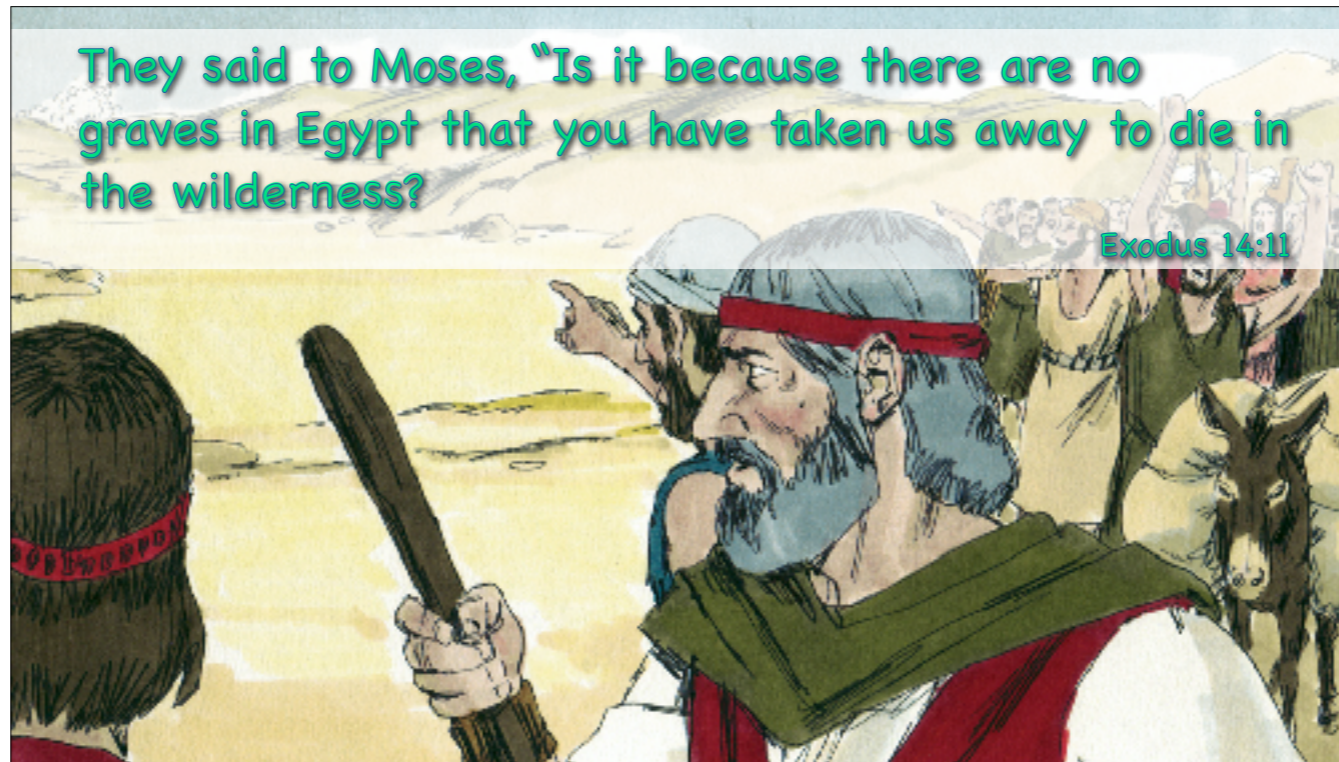
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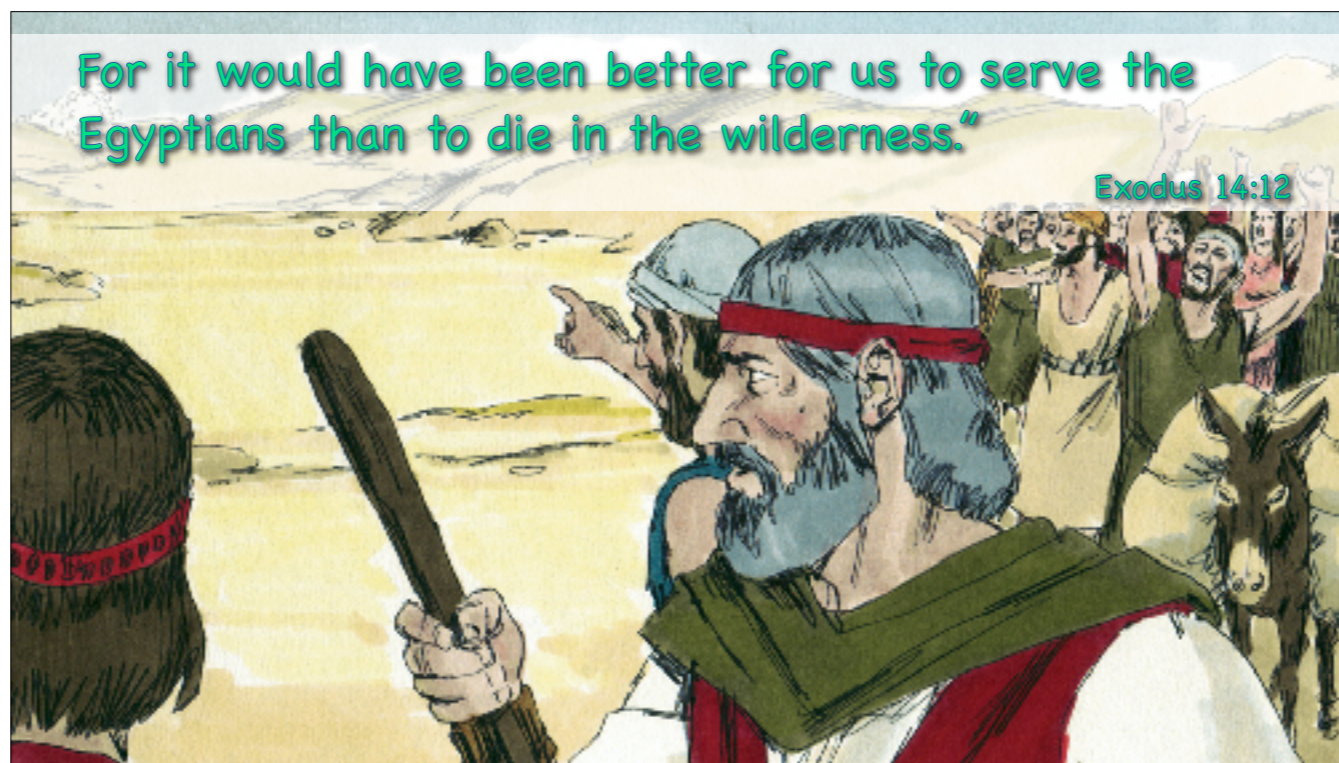
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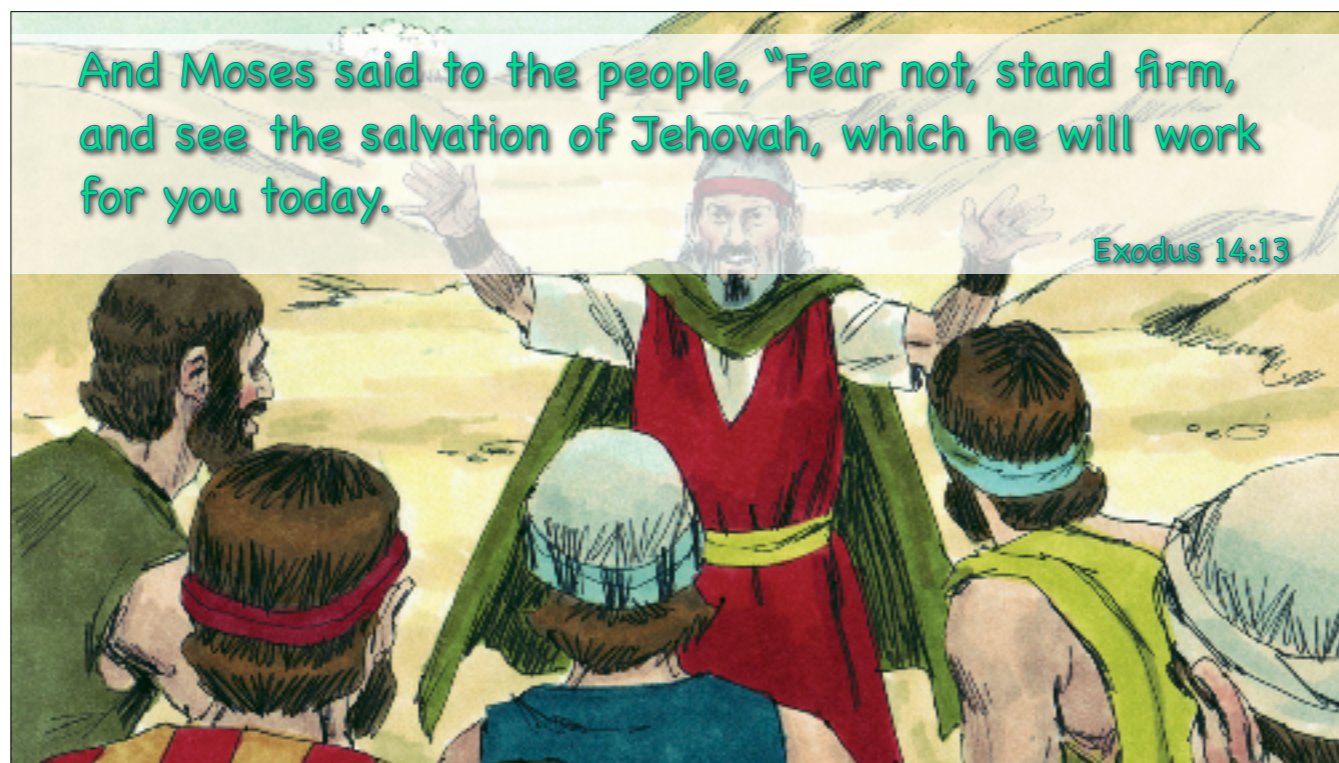
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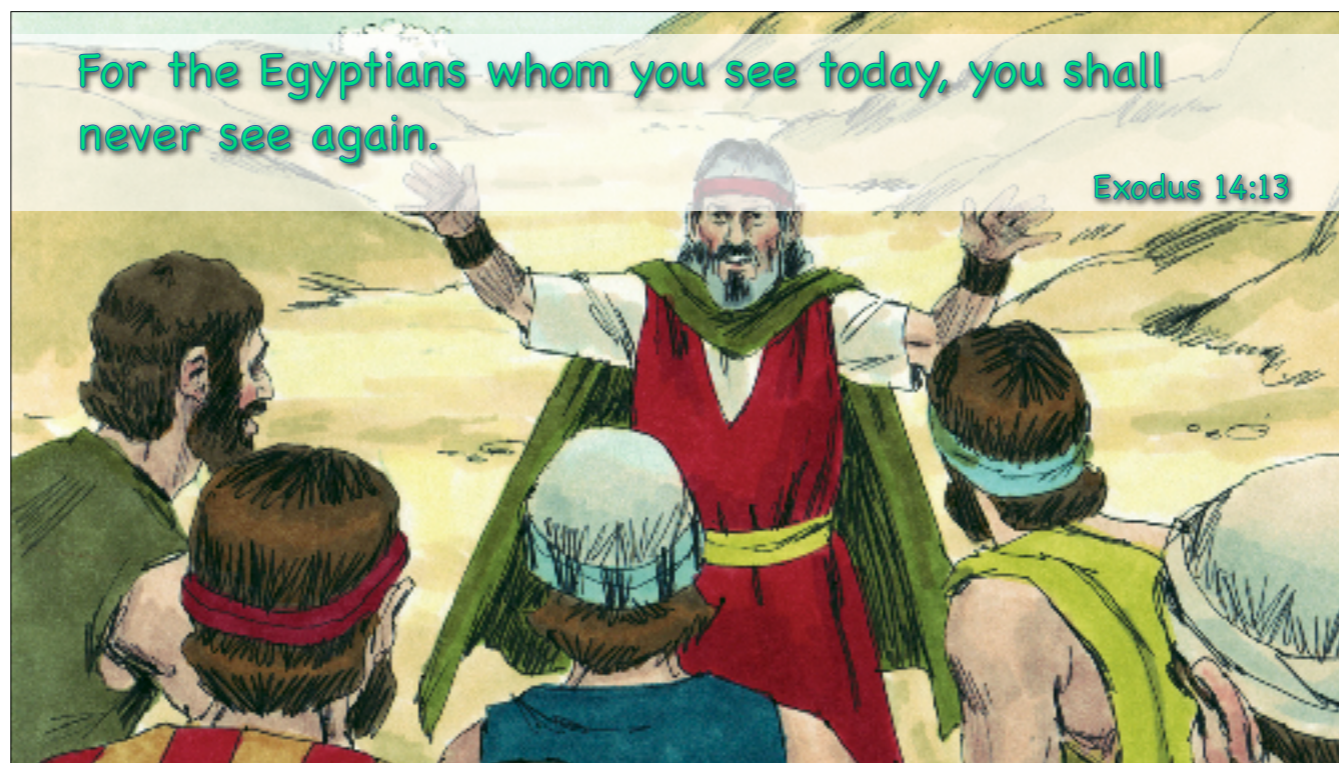
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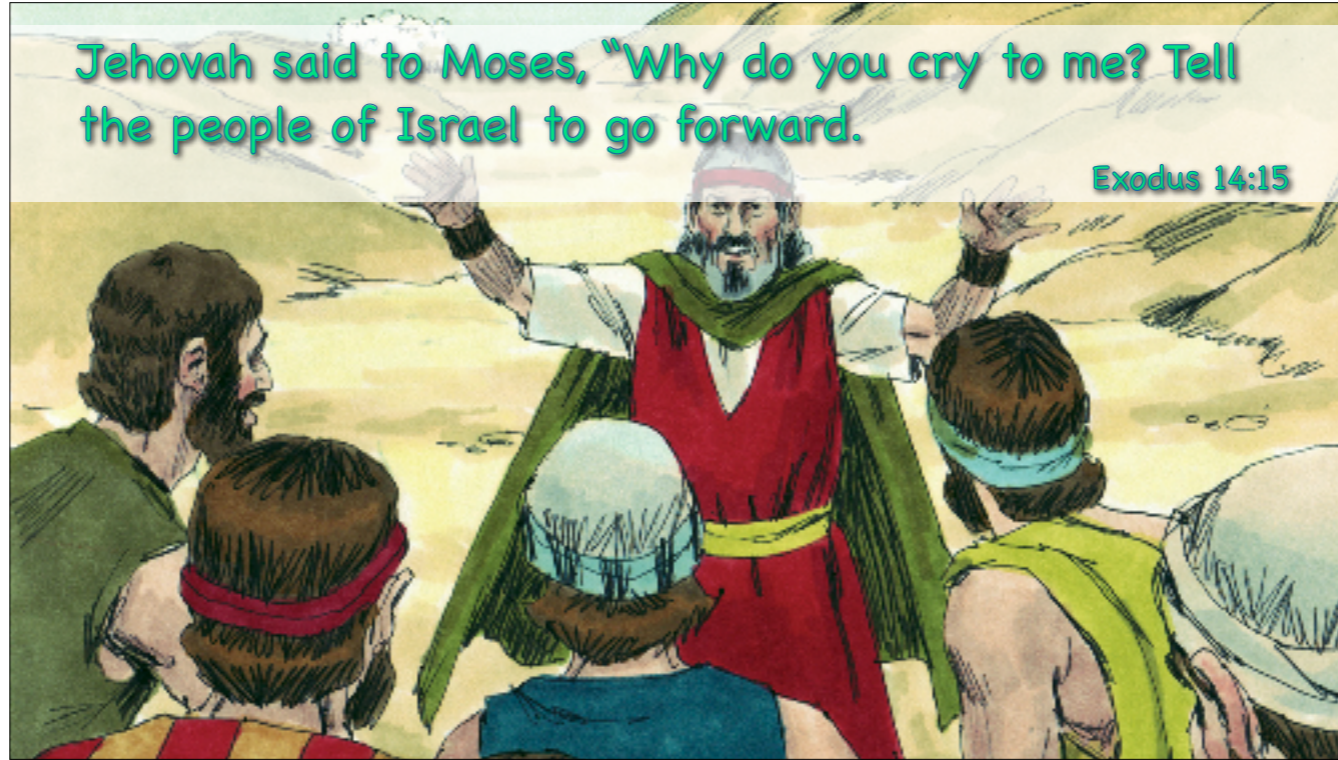
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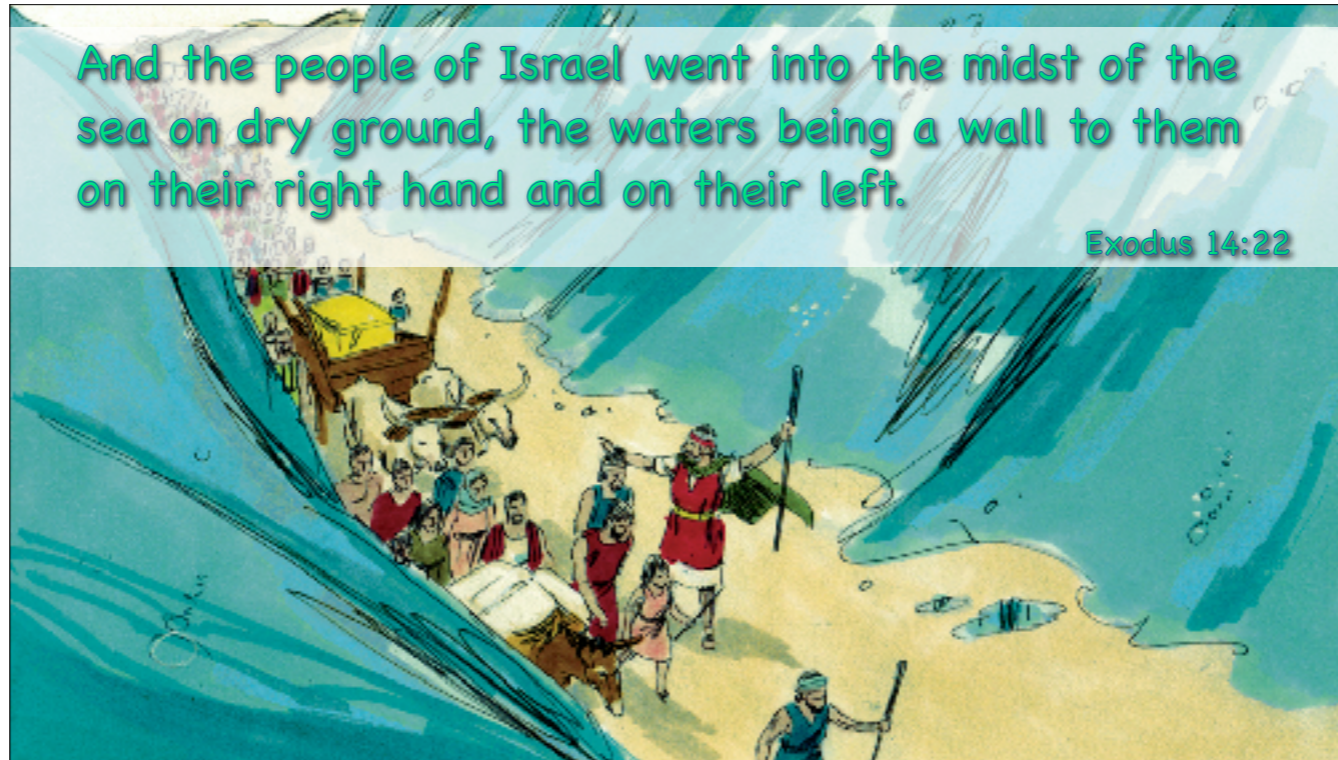
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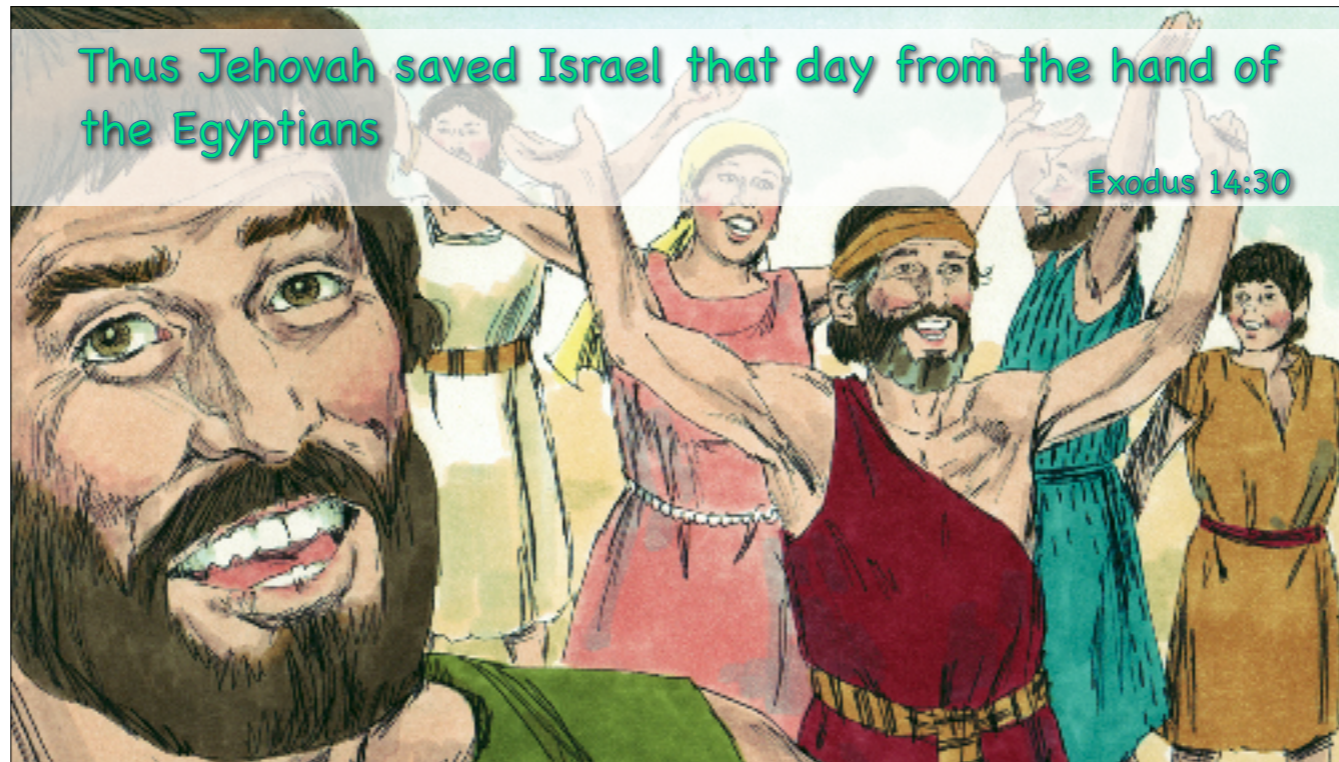
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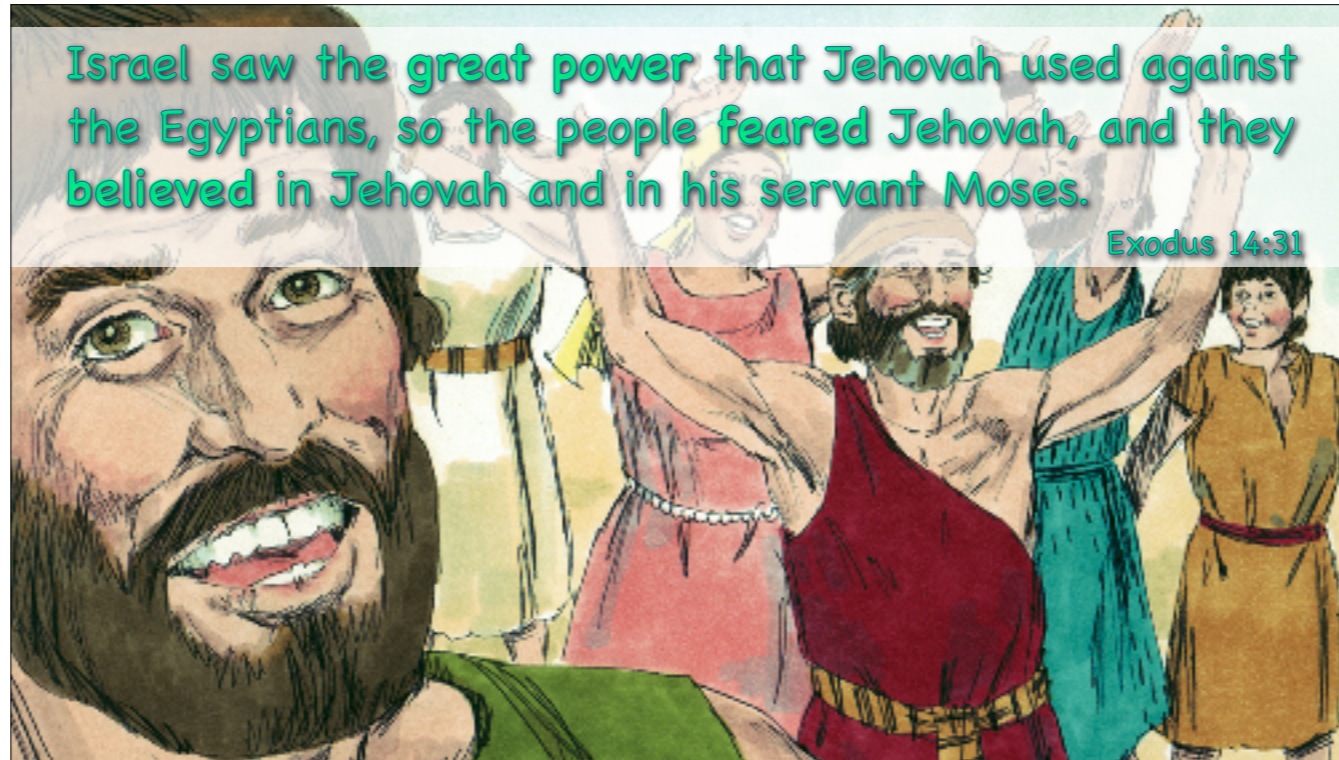
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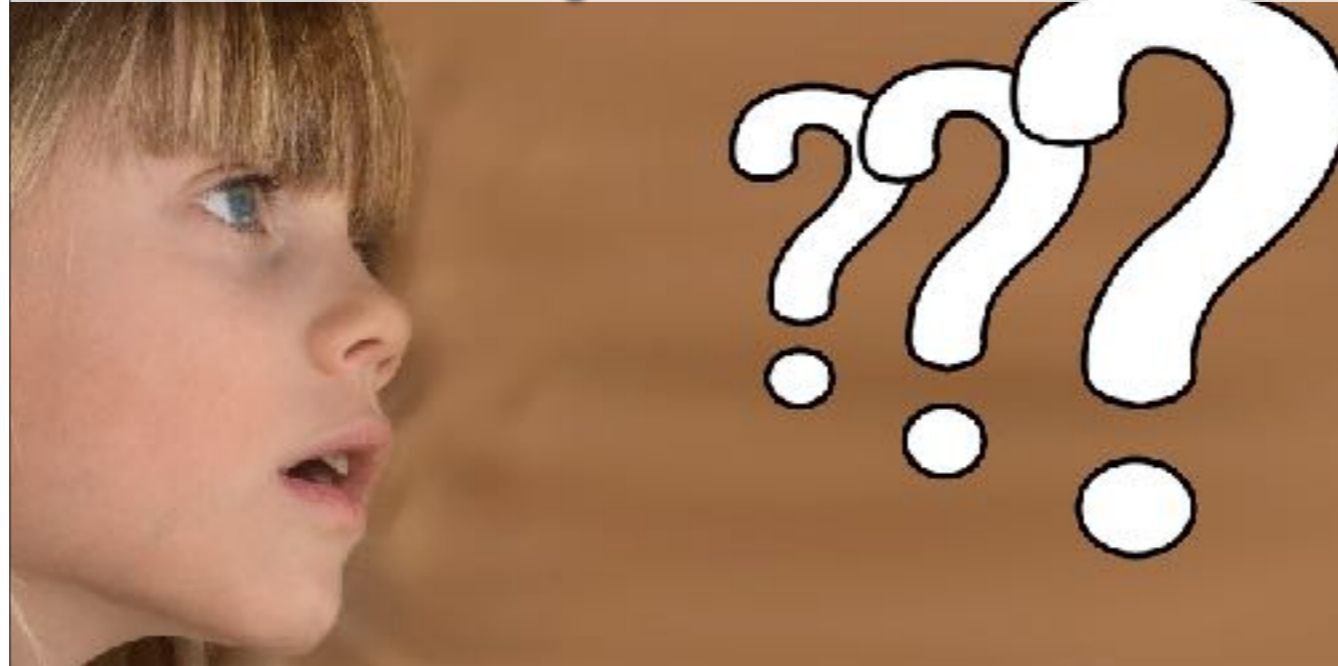


- Exodus 14:30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.



- Exodus 14:31 Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

What is Jehovah Doing?



- What is Jehovah doing?

Jehovah Knows What He Is Doing and Why.



- Jehovah Knows What He Is Doing and Why
 - God's Plan was always for the Salvation to his people
 - Promise to Abraham
 - Genesis 15:13-14 (ESV) 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Jehovah Knows What He Is Doing and Why.



- Joseph
 - Almost killed by brothers, Sold as a slave, Taken to Egypt, Falsely accused, Prison, Forgotten, Famine, 2nd in Kingdom
 - Genesis 45:5-8 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

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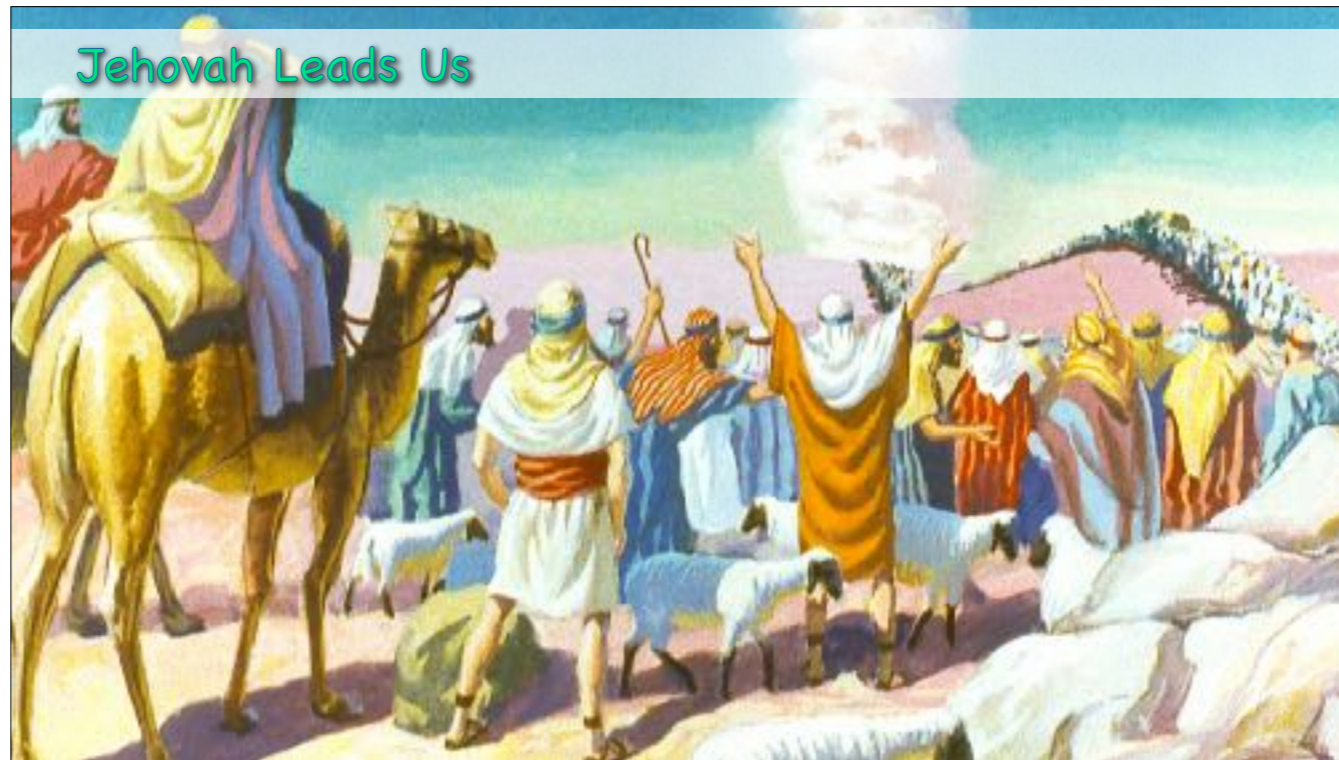


- Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.
- Slavery
 - Exodus 1:13-14 (ESV) 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

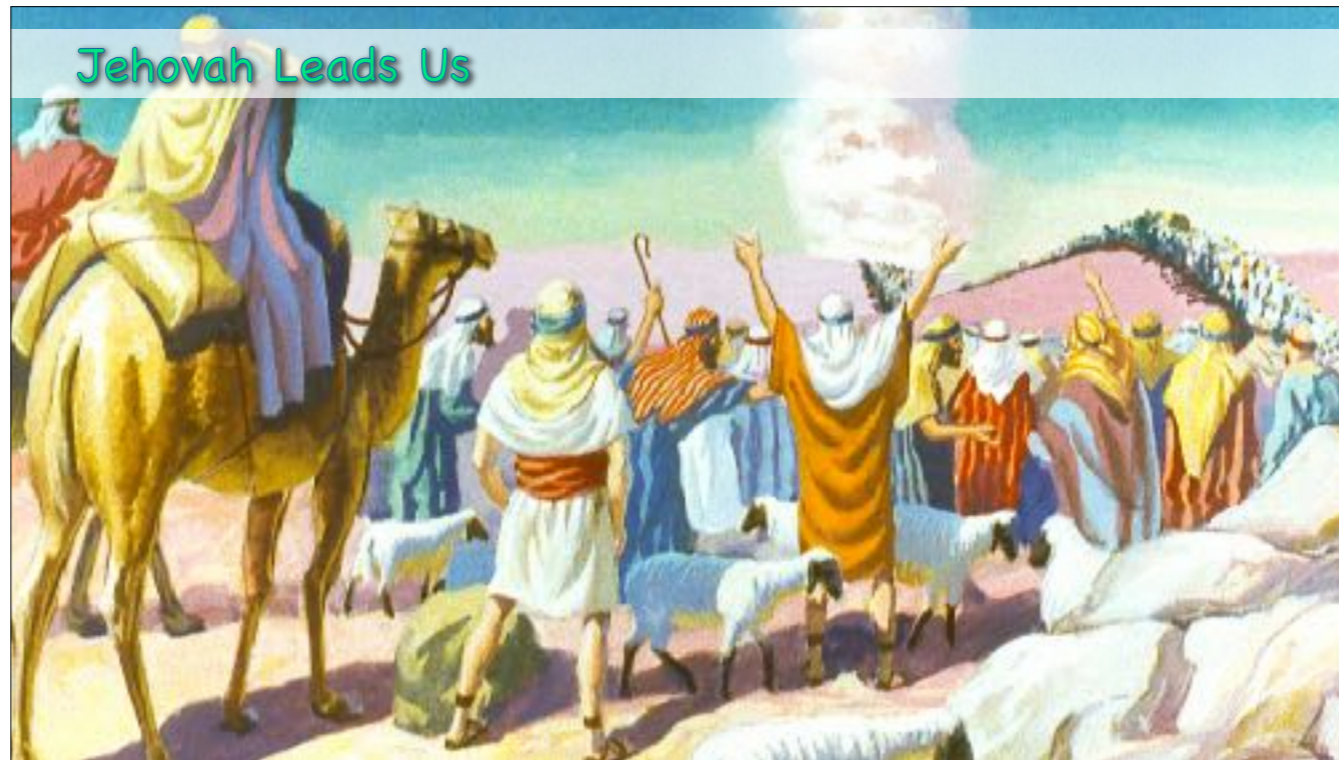
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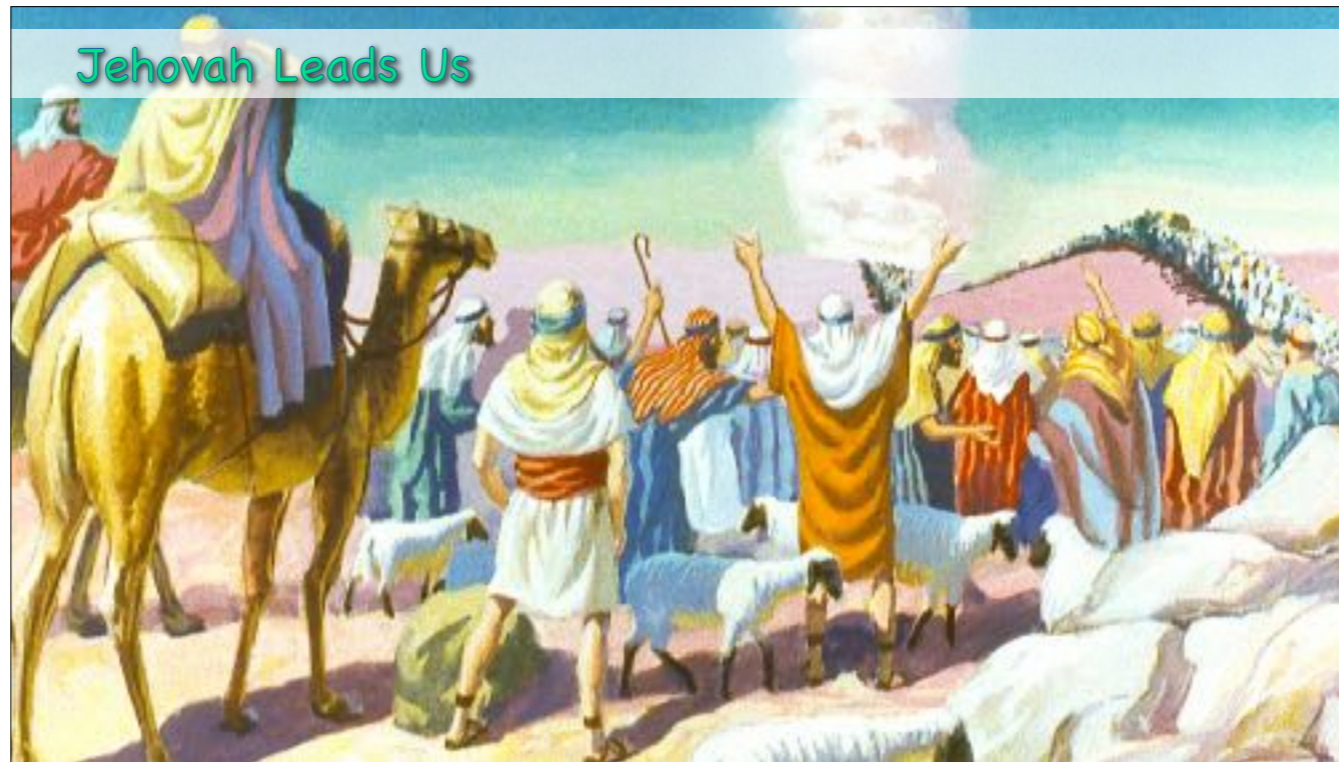
- But we don't.
 - We don't see the big picture.
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- Jehovah Is Leading Us
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Jehovah Leads Us



- Do you trust how God is leading you?
 - Even though it doesn't make sense to you?
 - Moses thought he knew when he was 40 years old and tried to free the Israelites.
 - But the time wasn't right, and he fled into the wilderness himself: for 40 more years.

Jehovah Loves Us



- Jehovah loves us; motivated
 - Psalms 106:7 Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; **they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,** but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

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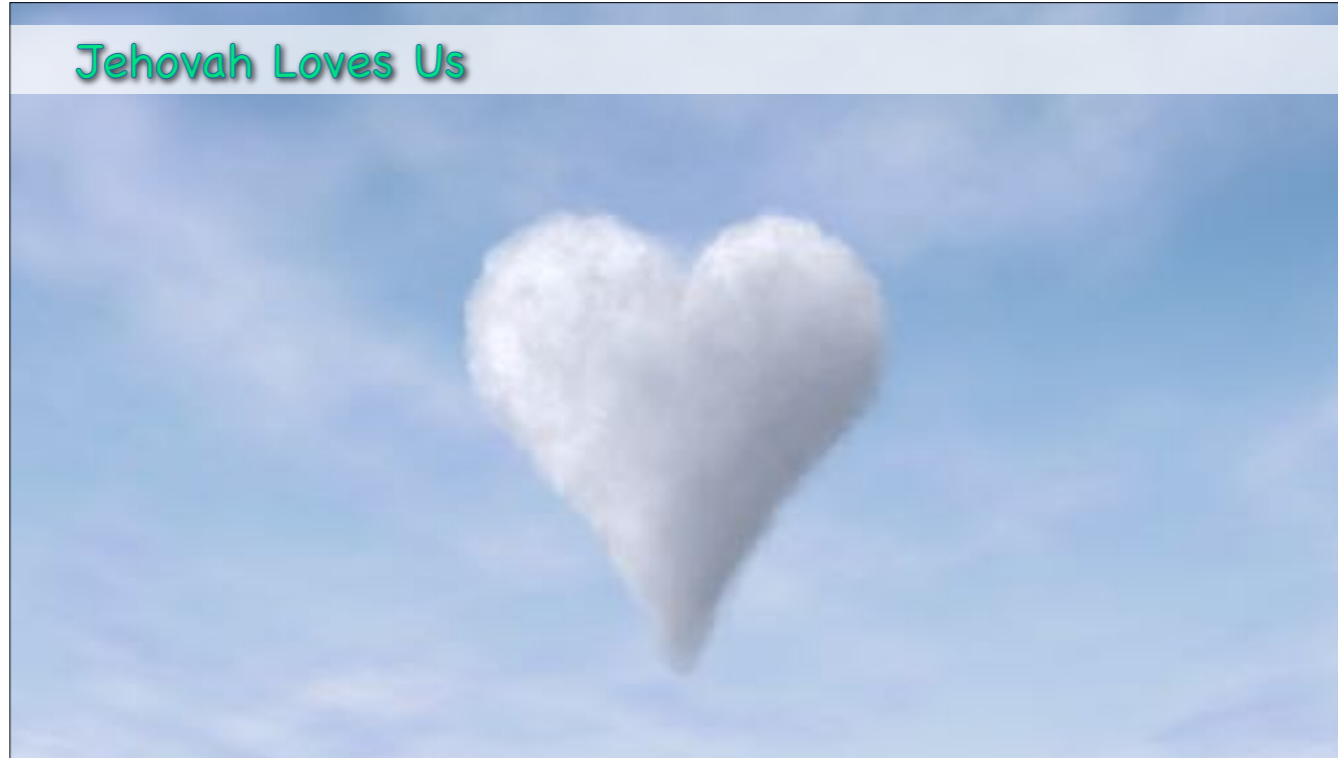
- Often think God is motivated by other things
 - Wrath
 - Holiness
 - Vindication
 - Defeat Satan
 - His own glory

Jehovah Loves Us



- How quickly we forget God's love.
 - Facing fear, failure to understand what God is doing, looking back
 - difficulties
 - sin, guilt

Jehovah Loves Us



- God Loves me, does what is best for me
 - 1 John 4:8-10 (ESV) 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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See the Salvation of Jehovah

Exodus 13 - 15

Synopsis: The journey into the wilderness for Israel began with powerful demonstrations to Jehovah's power and love for his people, yet the people still struggled with fear and unbelief. It's important that we constantly see our salvation and remember the power and love of the one who delivers us.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”