



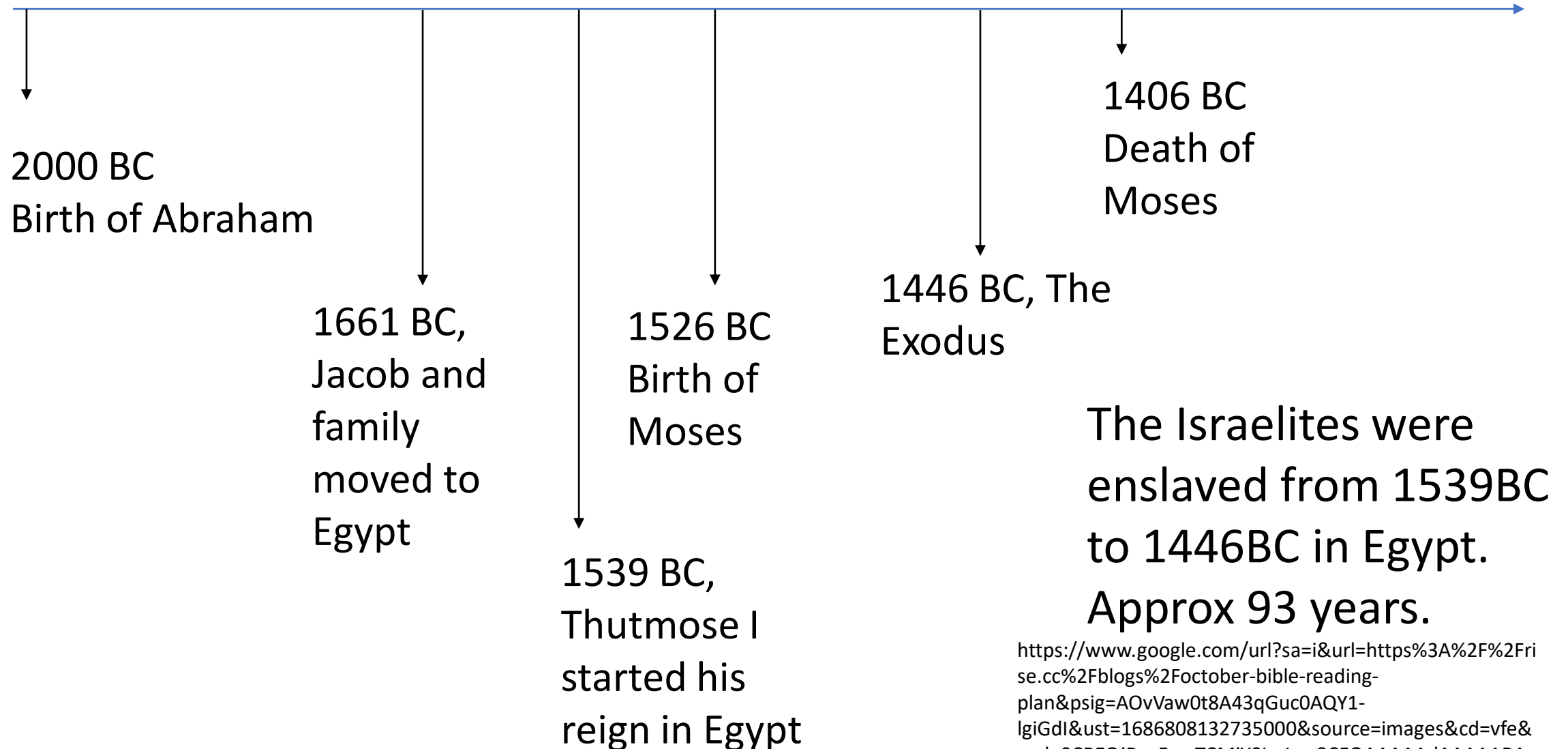
Spiritual  
Lessons from  
the life of  
Moses

Lesson 1-  
Slavery in  
Egypt

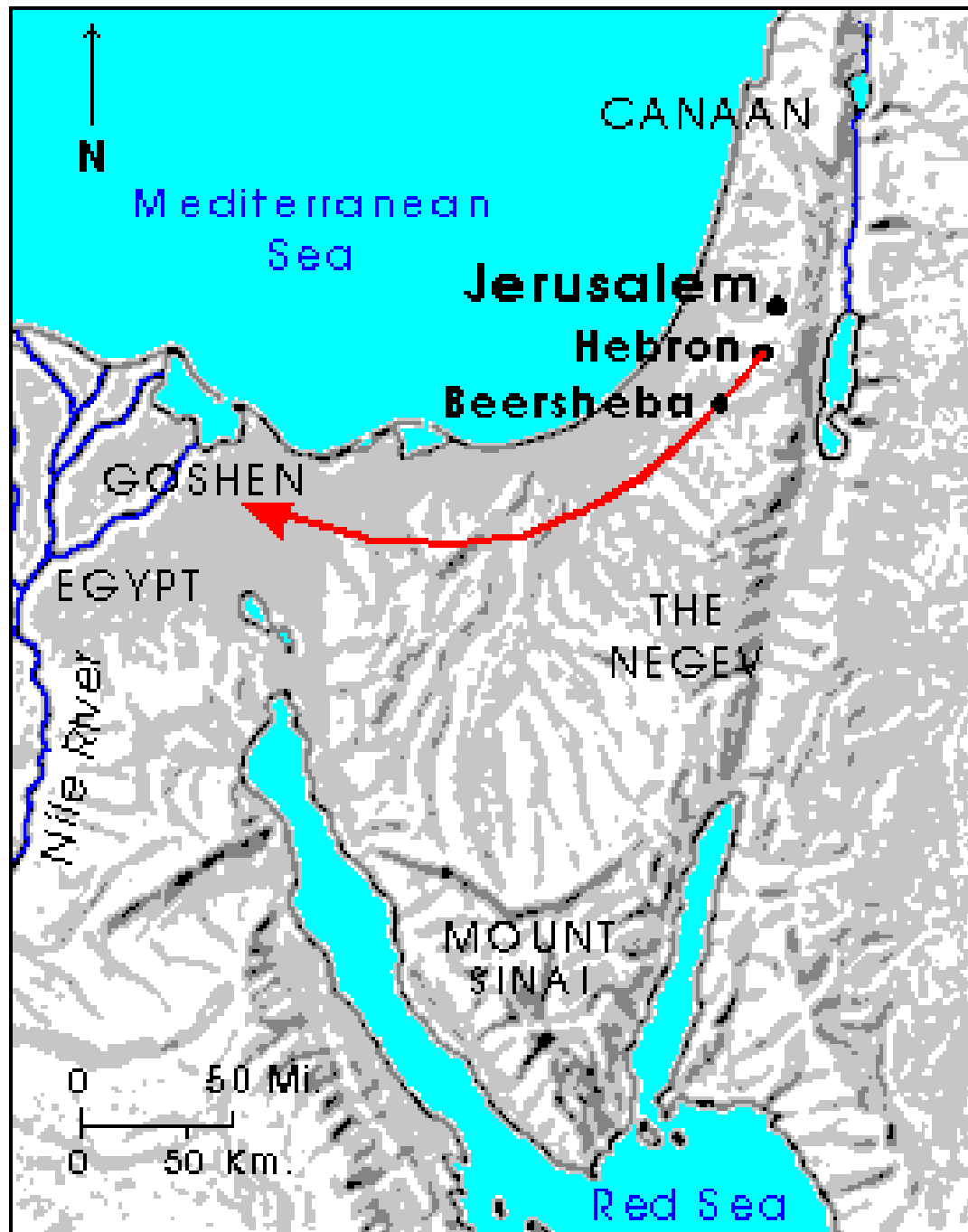
Exodus 1-2

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# Timeline of the life of Moses



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Jacob and family of 70 members moved from Canaan to Egypt to escape the famine.

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- Watch video 00:30 – end, Chap 1, Exodus, Bible Movie app (inbox 15 Dec 2023)

<https://biblemovie.subspla.sh/5c1d2f6>

- Watch video start – 01:55, Chap 2, Exodus. Bible Movie app

<https://biblemovie.subspla.sh/3b88235>

Please watch with discernment as the movie may be inaccurate.

- Pay attention to the hard labour, whipping and physical abuse and oppressive conditions the Israelites had to endure as slaves.



## Moses Prince of Egypt

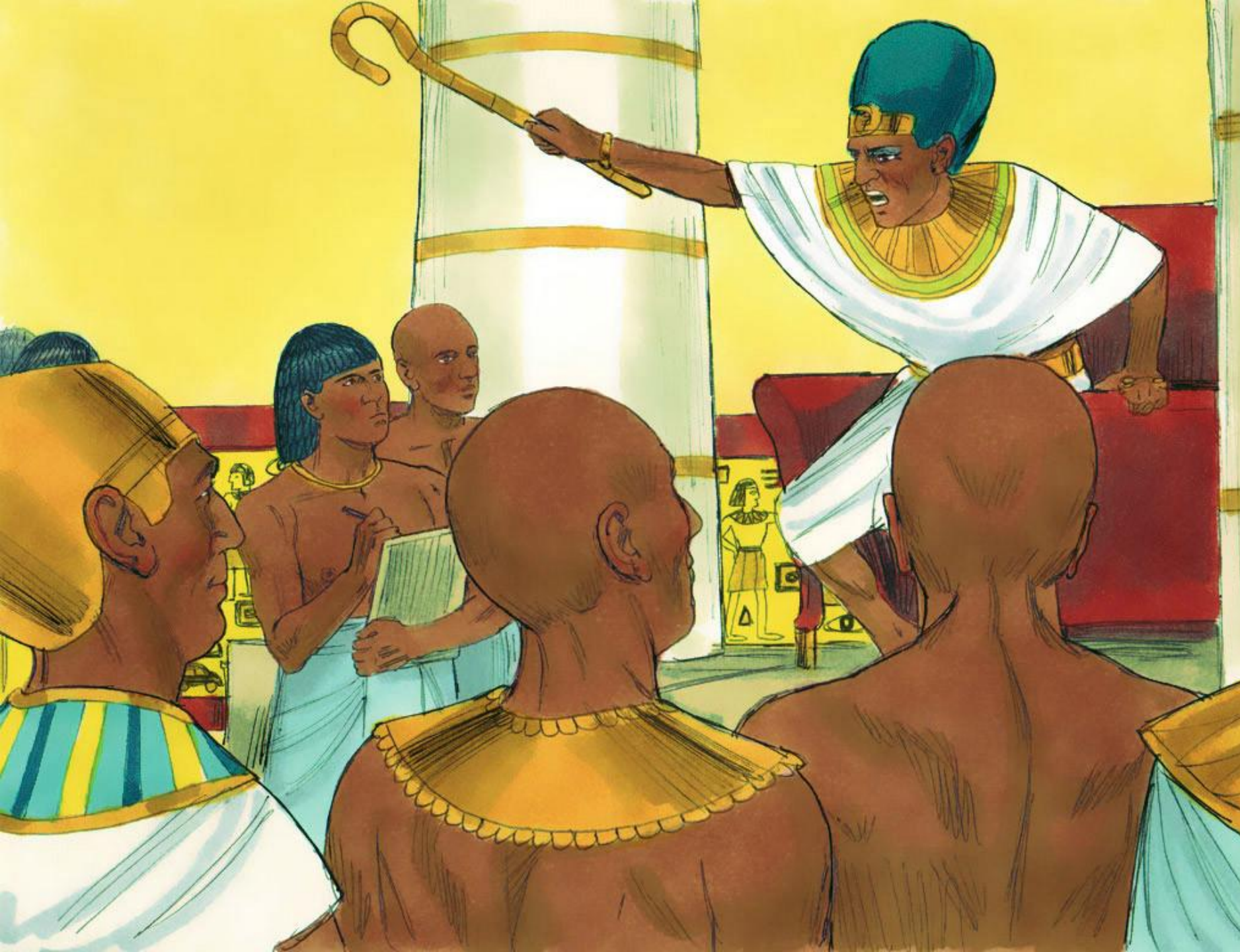
Exodus 2:11-23



Exodus 1: 8  
A new  
Pharaoh (king  
Thutmose I)  
ruled over  
Egypt where  
the Israelites  
were living.

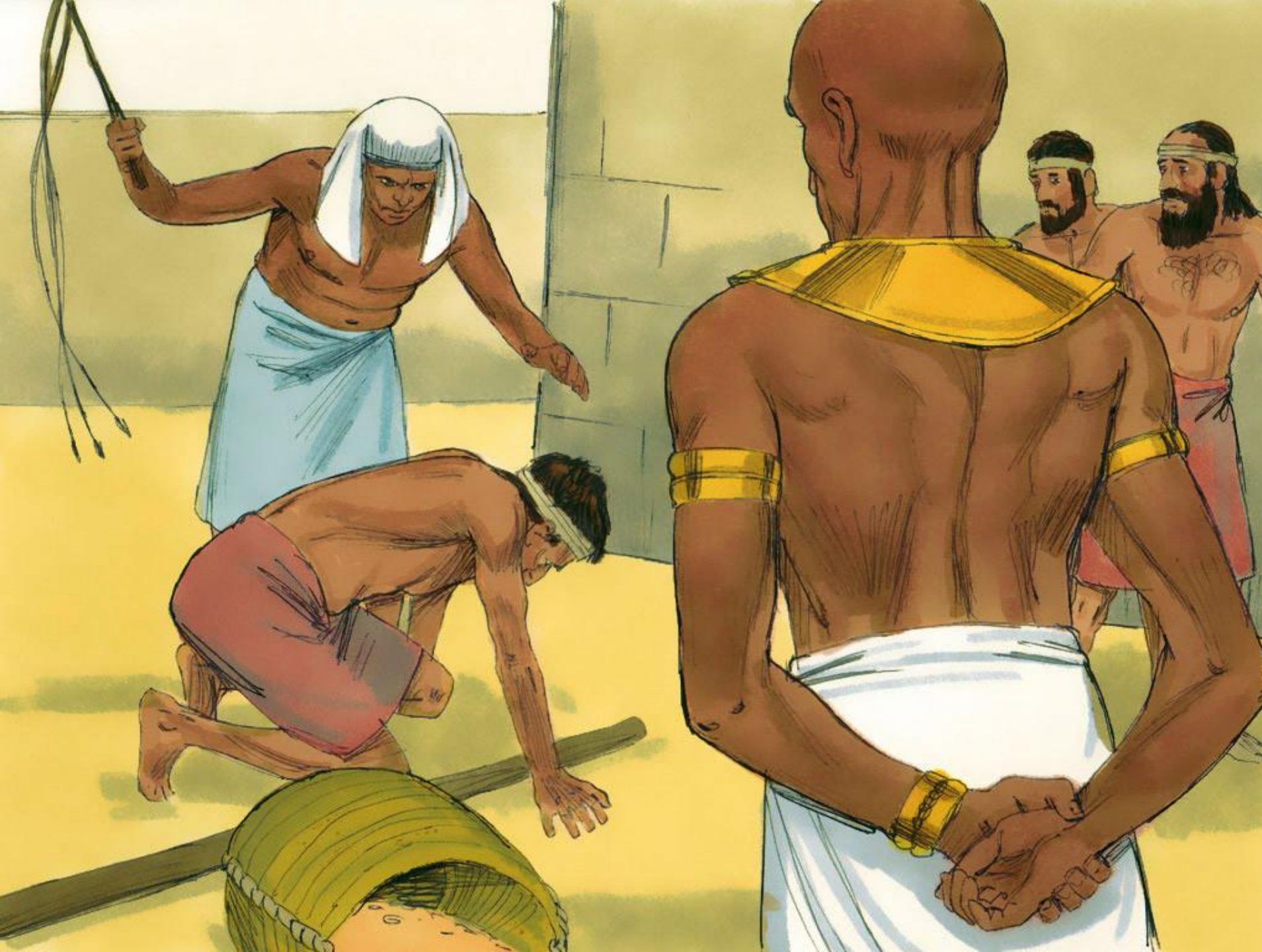


When he saw how many Israelites there were, he became afraid of their power.

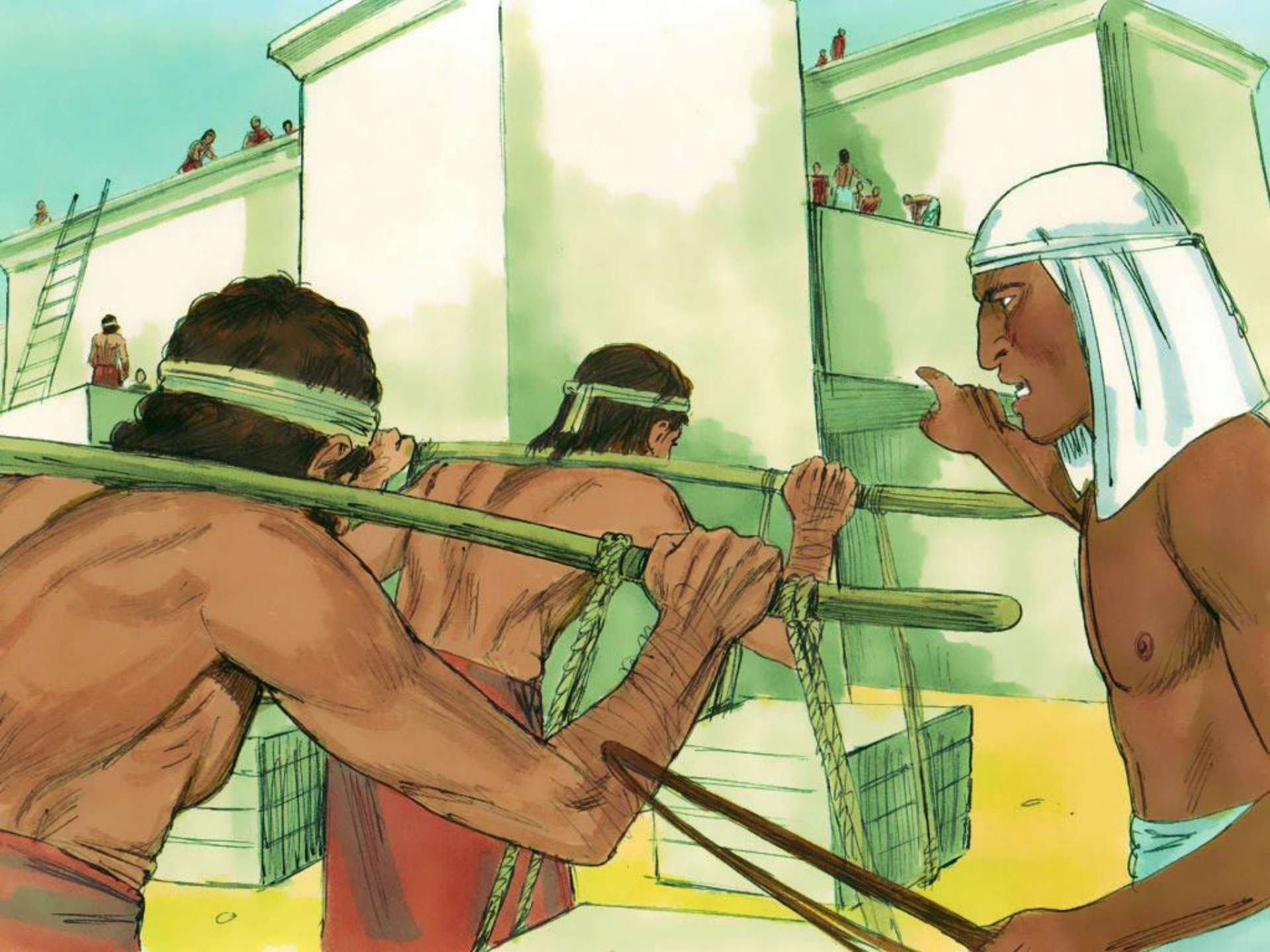


Exodus 1:9-10  
He warned his people that if war came, the Israelites might side with their enemies and then leave the country.





Exodus 1:11  
So the  
Egyptians  
forced the  
Israelites to  
become their  
slaves.



Tough slave masters made them build the cities of Pithom and Rameses.

- Watch video 00:43-01:45 – Slavery in Egypt, The Ten Commandments 1956  
Please watch with discernment as the movie makers made the video for entertainment and not strictly according to the Bible.
- Understand from the video that slavery is a severe form of physical and mental torture with much physical abuse.



Exodus 1:12-13  
But despite  
their poor  
treatment, the  
Israelites grew  
stronger and  
more  
numerous.



Exodus 1:14  
So the  
Egyptians  
brutally forced  
them to work  
even harder.



Exodus 1:15  
The two  
midwives  
who helped  
Hebrew  
women  
deliver their  
babies were  
called  
Shiphrah and  
Puah.



Exodus 1:16  
Pharaoh  
summoned  
them and  
ordered that if  
a Hebrew  
woman gave  
birth to a baby  
boy, they must  
kill it. Only if  
the baby was a  
girl could they  
let her live.

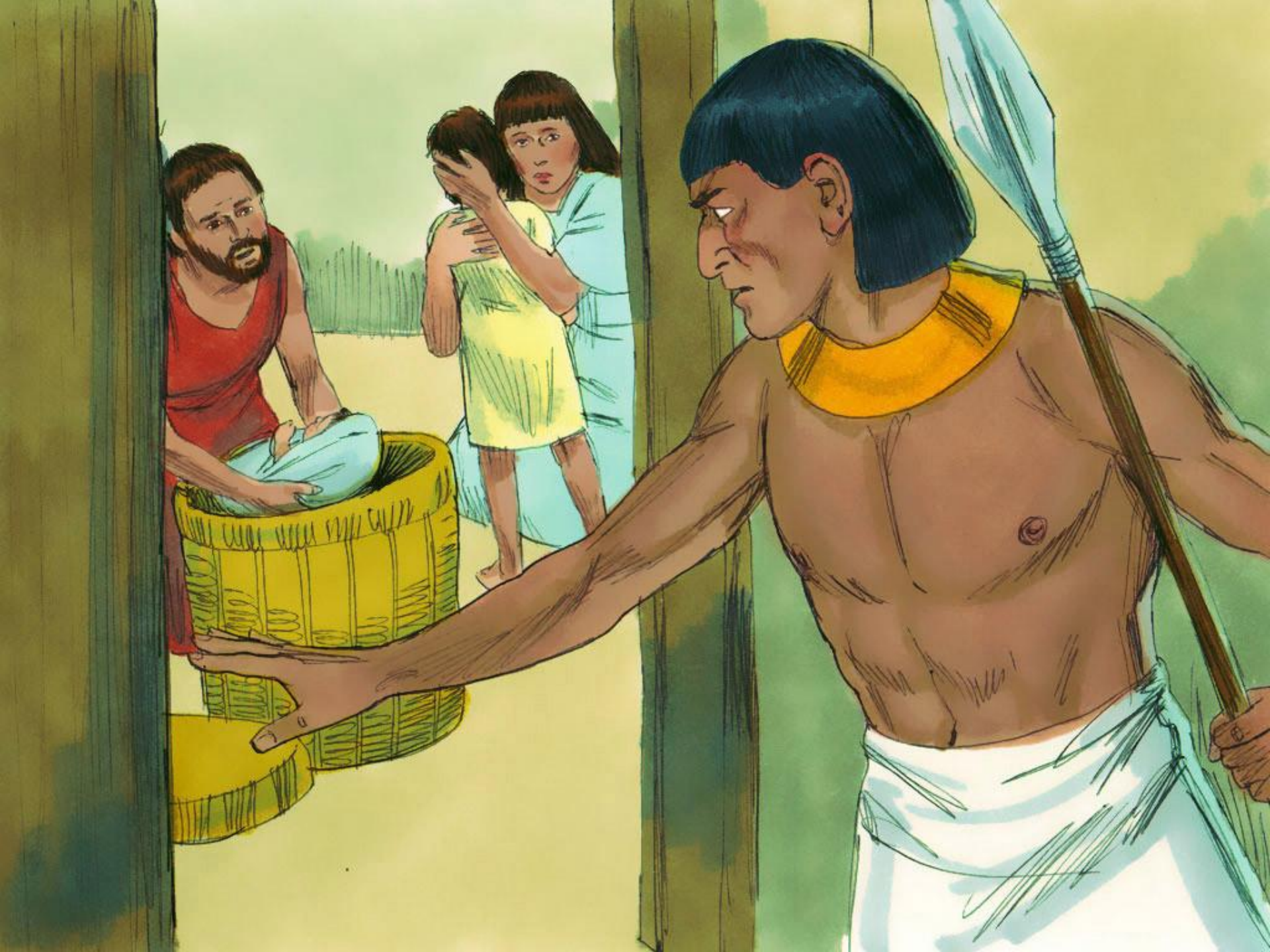


Exodus 1:17  
But the  
midwives  
obeyed God  
rather than  
Pharaoh and  
let the baby  
boys live.

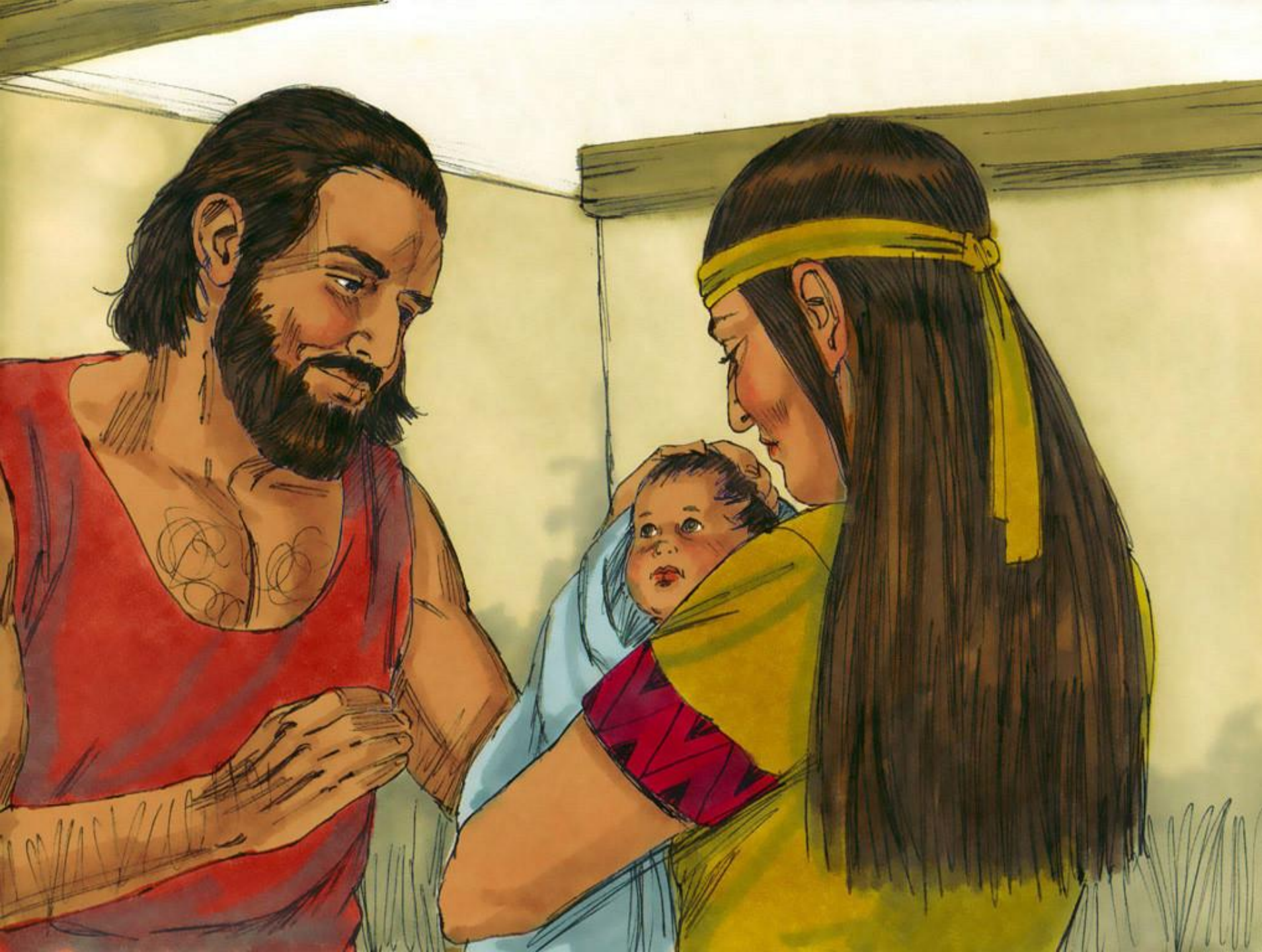




Exodus 1:18-19  
Pharaoh  
summoned the  
midwives to ask  
why the baby  
boys were not  
killed. The excuse  
they gave was  
that the Hebrew  
women were  
giving birth to  
baby boys before  
they had time to  
get to them.



Exodus 1:22  
So Pharaoh  
gave orders to  
his people  
that every  
baby boy born  
to a Hebrew  
woman must  
be thrown in  
the River Nile.



Exodus 2:1-2  
When a  
Hebrew man  
and wife from  
the tribe of  
Levi had a  
baby boy they  
hid him away  
from the  
Egyptians for  
three months.



Exodus 2:3  
But as the  
baby grew  
older, it  
became  
harder to  
keep him  
hidden.



Exodus 2:3 So his mother came up with an idea to keep her baby out of sight. She got a basket made from papyrus leaves and covered it in tar and pitch to make it waterproof.



She put the baby in the basket and carried it down to the River Nile. Her young daughter Miriam helped her.

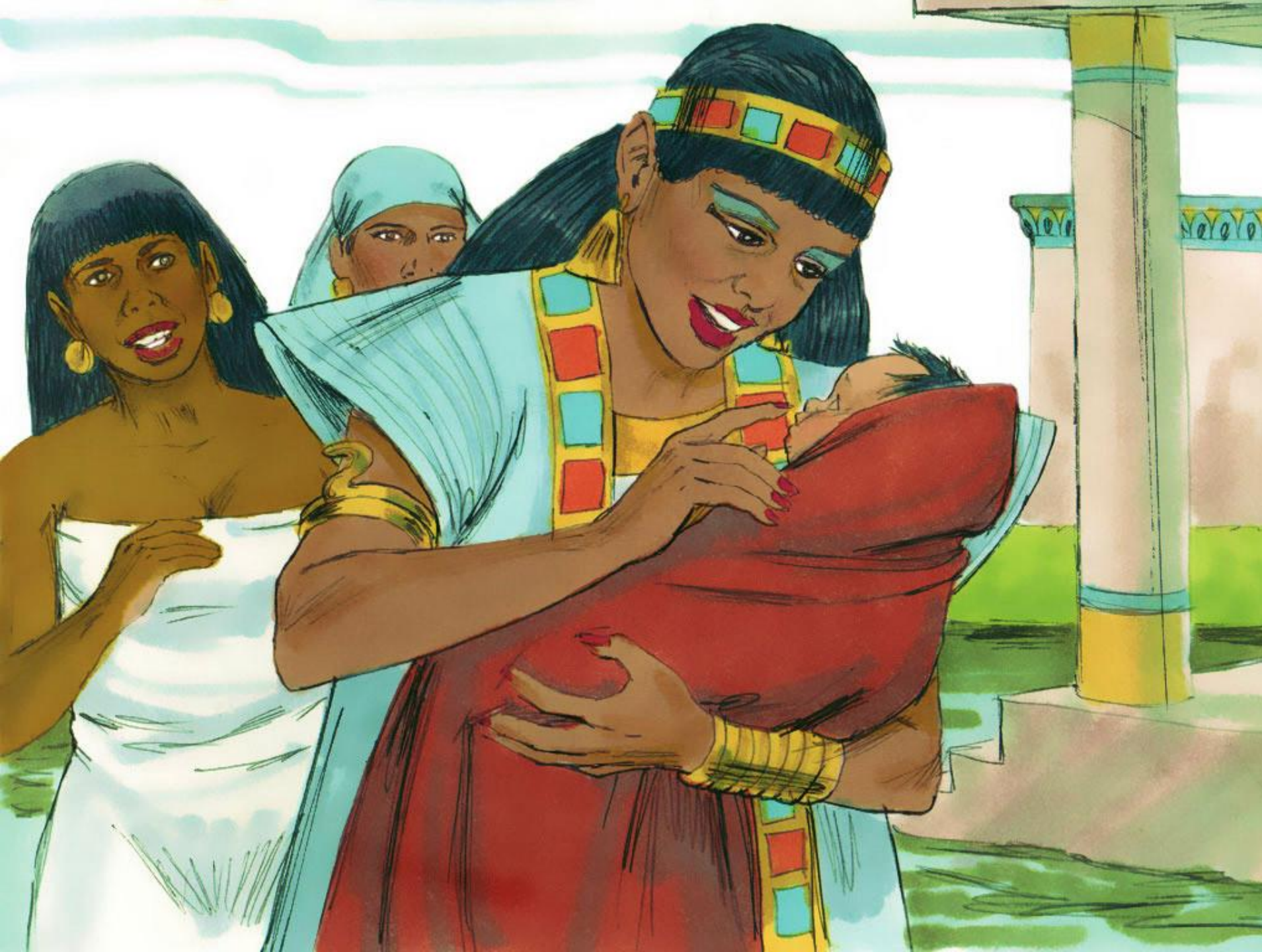


Exodus 2:4  
She hid the  
basket in tall  
bulrushes by  
the side of the  
river. Miriam  
kept watch  
over the baby  
from a  
distance.



Exodus 2:5  
Pharaoh's  
daughter came  
down to the  
river to bathe.  
She spotted  
the basket and  
sent one of her  
attendants to  
fetch it.

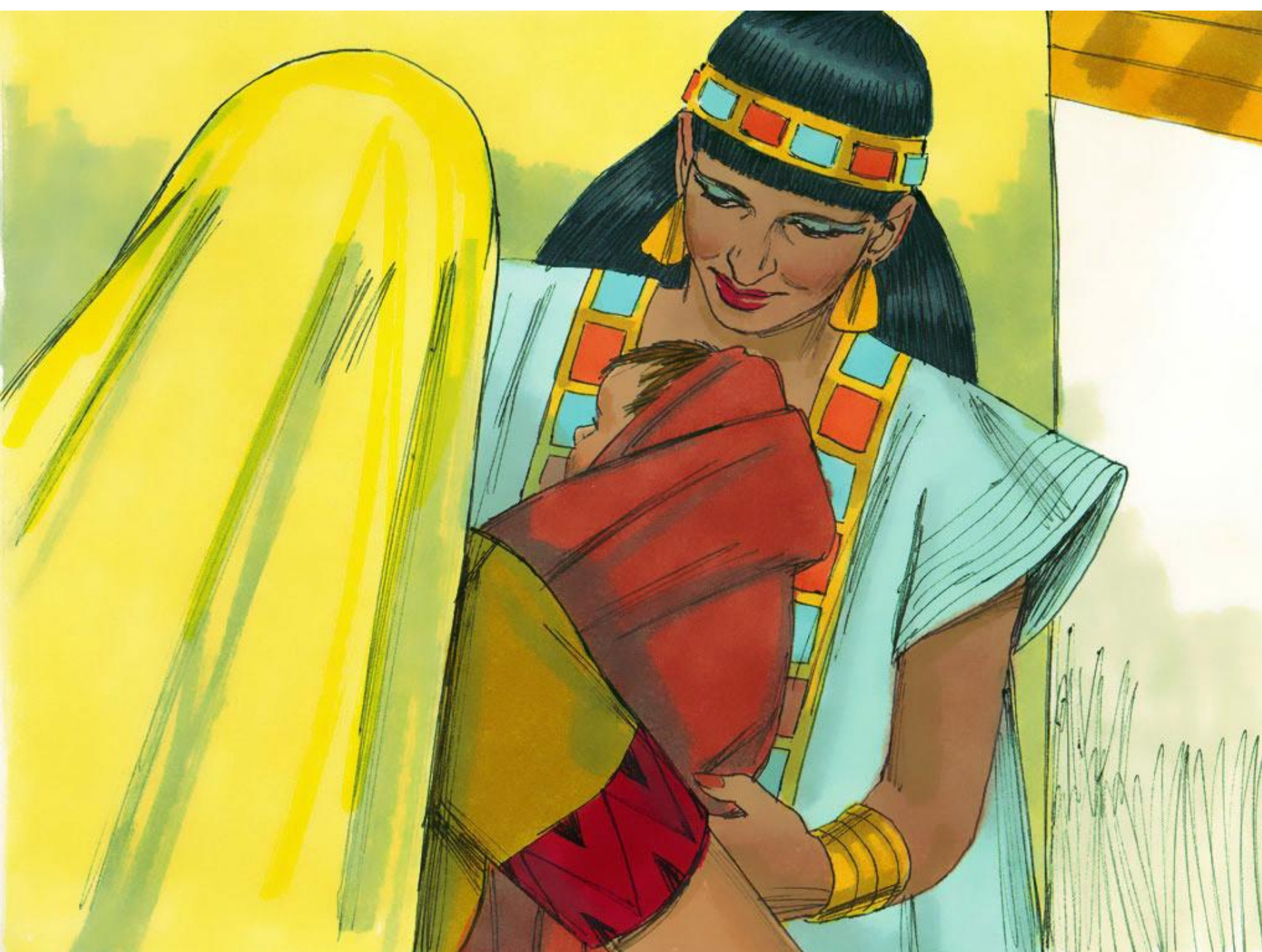




Exodus 2:6  
When she opened the basket and saw the baby was crying, she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.



Exodus 2:7  
Miriam, who had been watching, came up to the Princess. 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' she asked. 'Yes,' replied the princess.



Exodus 2:8-9  
Miriam ran to  
get her  
mother. 'Take  
this baby and  
nurse him for  
me, and I will  
pay you,' said  
the Princess.



Exodus 2:10  
So the mother  
looked after  
her child until  
he was old  
enough to be  
taken to the  
Princess  
where he was  
brought up as  
her son.



Exodus 2:10  
She named  
him Moses,  
(an Egyptian  
word meaning  
'drawn out').  
'I drew him  
out of the  
water,' she  
told everyone.



Moses grew up  
as a prince in  
Egypt.



Exodus 2:11 One day he watched his people, the Hebrews, being forced to work hard as slaves by the Egyptians. He was upset at the way his people were being treated.

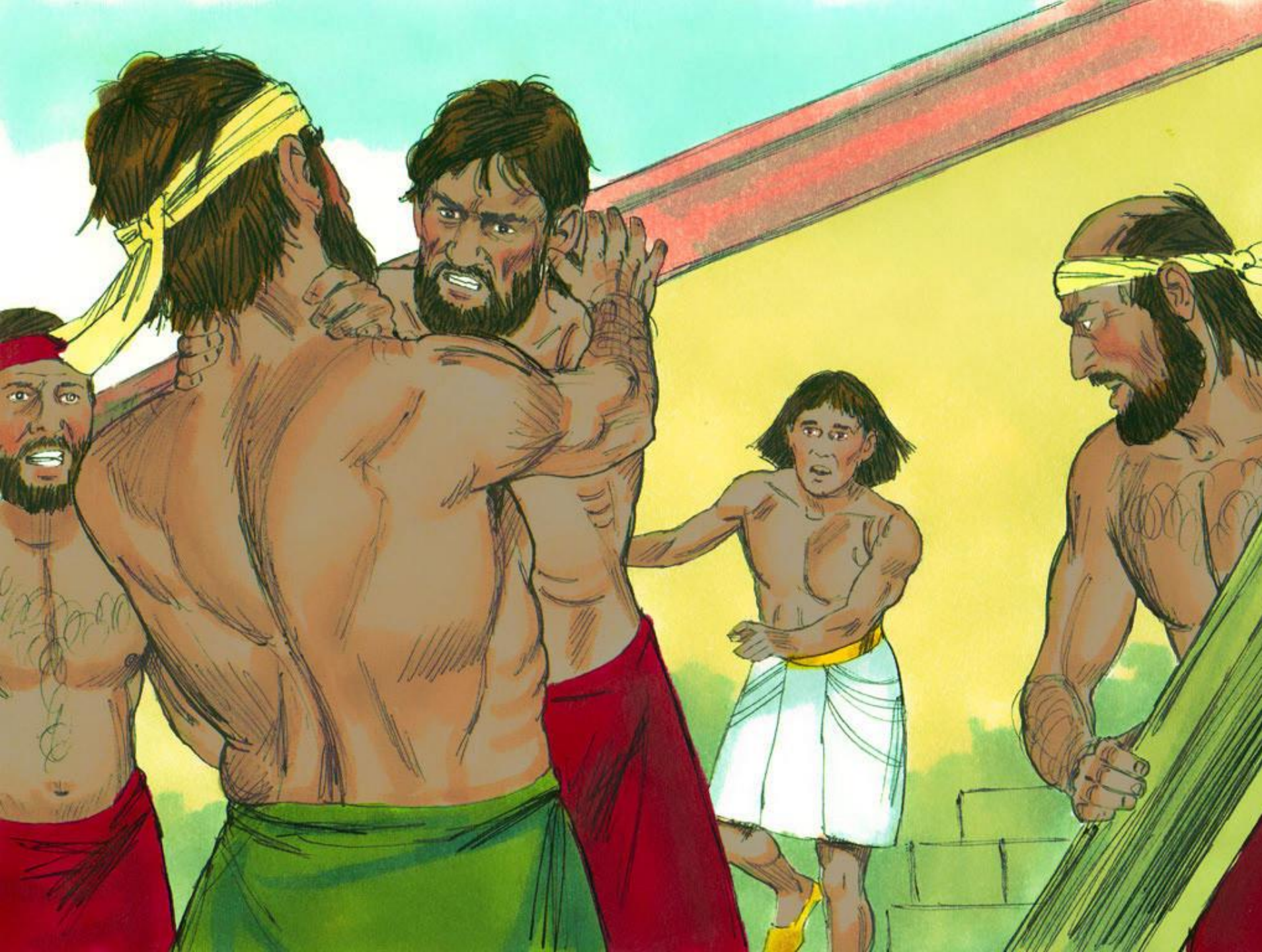


Exodus 2:11-12  
When he saw  
one of the  
Hebrews  
beaten by an  
Egyptian, he  
looked around  
to check no one  
was watching ...





Exodus 2:12  
... then, Moses  
attacked the  
Egyptian, killing  
him. He buried  
the dead man's  
body in the  
sand.



Exodus 2:13  
The next day he saw two Hebrews fighting and went across to stop them. 'Why are you hitting a fellow Hebrew?' he asked.



Exodus 2:14  
‘Who made you ruler over us?’  
came the reply.  
‘Are you going to kill us like you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’  
Moses was afraid. People knew he had murdered an Egyptian.



Exodus 2:15  
When Pharaoh found out, he gave orders that Moses should be killed. But Moses ran away, left the country and hid in the far-away wilderness of Midian.

# Moses Moves to Midian



Exodus 2:15

Moses escaped  
from Egypt to  
Midian (part of  
Saudi Arabia  
today)

## (1) Comments

### (a) Israelites slavery in Egypt

- It was God's will for the Israelites to return to the Promised Land:

Genesis 15:13-16:

*<sup>13</sup> And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;*

...

*<sup>16</sup> But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.*

- God provided the push factors for the departure of Israelites.



Slavery of the Israelites being the push factors for them to leave Egypt.

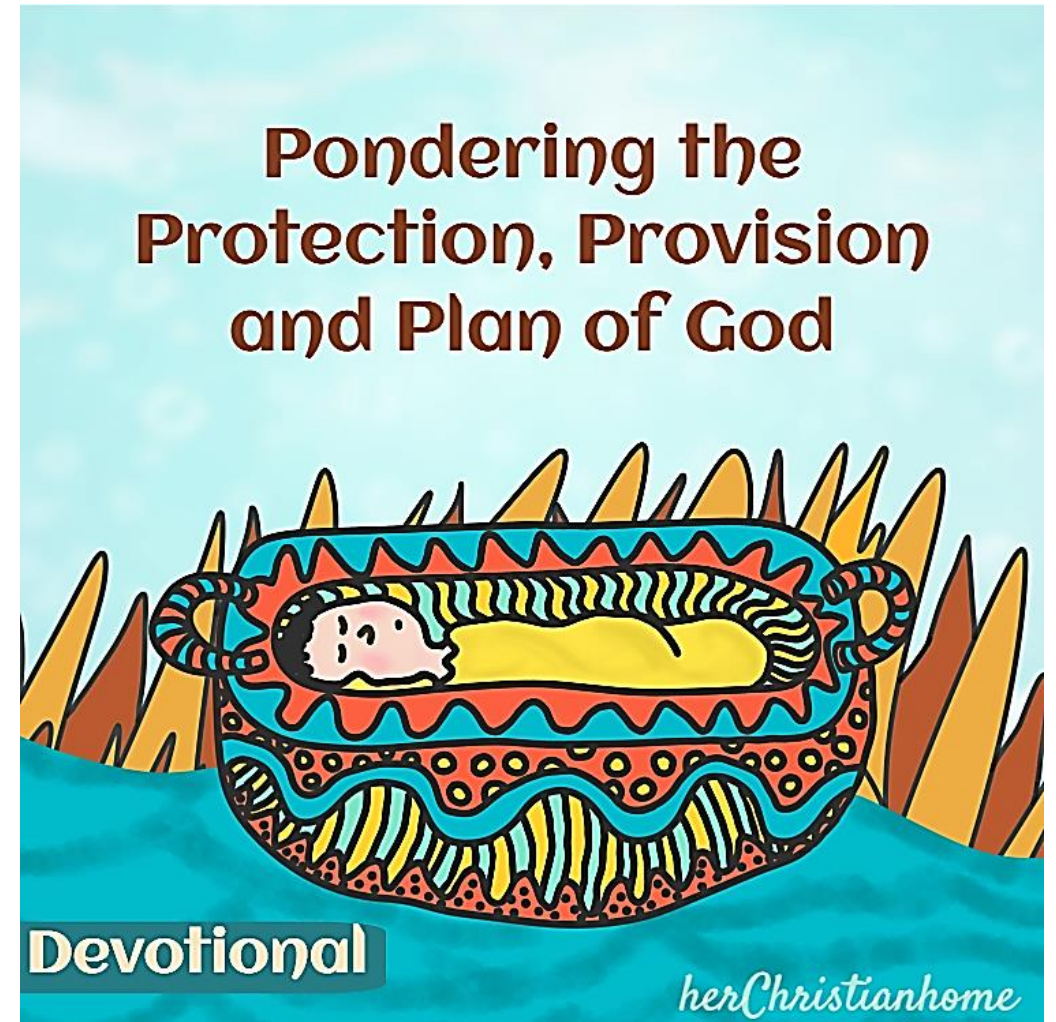
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- **Spiritual Lessons**
- When we meet suffering or difficulties, it may be God's message to us:
  - Oppressive boss
  - Health
  - Conflicts in the family, colleagues and friends etc
- What we must do?
  - Seek God in prayer
  - If in sin, repent and turn away from our sins
    - Be honest to admit our sin and repent
    - Examples: pride, lust, greed, hatred, unforgiveness, judgmental spirit
  - If it is God's will to change our life, we must make a change:
    - Change a job
    - Change our attitude towards family, colleagues, friends etc
    - Draw near to God and trust him



## (b) God's protection and nurturing of Moses

- Thutmose I order to kill > basket in river > adopted by princess > under the protection of a powerful princess.
- God sent Moses to Midian for 40 years to protect him (Exod 4:19).
- Likely to learn:
  - under his mother, God's laws and his ethnic heritage as an Israelite.
  - Egyptian academics, science, arts, military, technology etc as an Egyptian prince.
- God was preparing Moses to be a leader.



<https://herchristianhome.com/pondering-the-protection-provision-and-plan-of-god/>

- **Spiritual Lessons**

- Similarly, God will protect and provide for us, so we should trust Him in our:
  - Health
  - Work
  - Relationships
  - Needs
- Reading, meditating on and applying God's Word.



<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-for-god-s-provision-in-times-of-need-your-daily-prayer-january-31-2017.html>

## (e) Moses' killing of the Egyptian guard

- From man's perspective, Moses had done well:
  - to get rid of the cruel Egyptian guard, and
  - perhaps, to deliver his Israelite brothers from slavery (Acts 7:23).
- However, his own Israelite brothers turned against him.
- Pharaoh got to know of the killing and Moses had to flee to Midian.
- From God's perspective, Moses was not ready to lead the Israelites out of slavery. He was impulsive and killed a man. God trained Moses in hard conditions for 40 years in Midian.

- **Spiritual Lessons**

- We too may encounter gross injustice and unfairness when we have done well in our work but are put down by our boss.
- God has a divine purpose for “putting us down”. Some reasons, not exhaustive, are as follows:
  - God has a better place for us:
    - Example, due to harsh circumstances, compelled to resign:
      - > enjoyed rest and recreation for 8 months in UK.
      - > new job in NUS
  - God is disciplining us:
    - Sometimes, due to our sin and error, we were “put down”:
      - > we must be prepared to admit our error, repent and accept the disciplining process (like Moses).

- Examples of sins and errors:
  - Anger and fighting (verbally or physically)
  - Hatred and unforgiveness
- What we must do:
  - To repent and seek forgiveness.
  - To reconcile with the person you have hated.

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(g) Moses wanted to help his Israelite brothers instead of living a life of splendour and wealth of a prince

- Heb 11: 25, 26:

*<sup>25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

*<sup>26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

- **Spiritual Lessons**
- Are we willing to suffer for the sake of Christ and give up the desire to possess great earthly riches and material comfort?
- Making contribution of your time, talents and funds for the kingdom of Christ.

Questions:

(1) Share how God has protected and provided for all your needs, eg. health.