



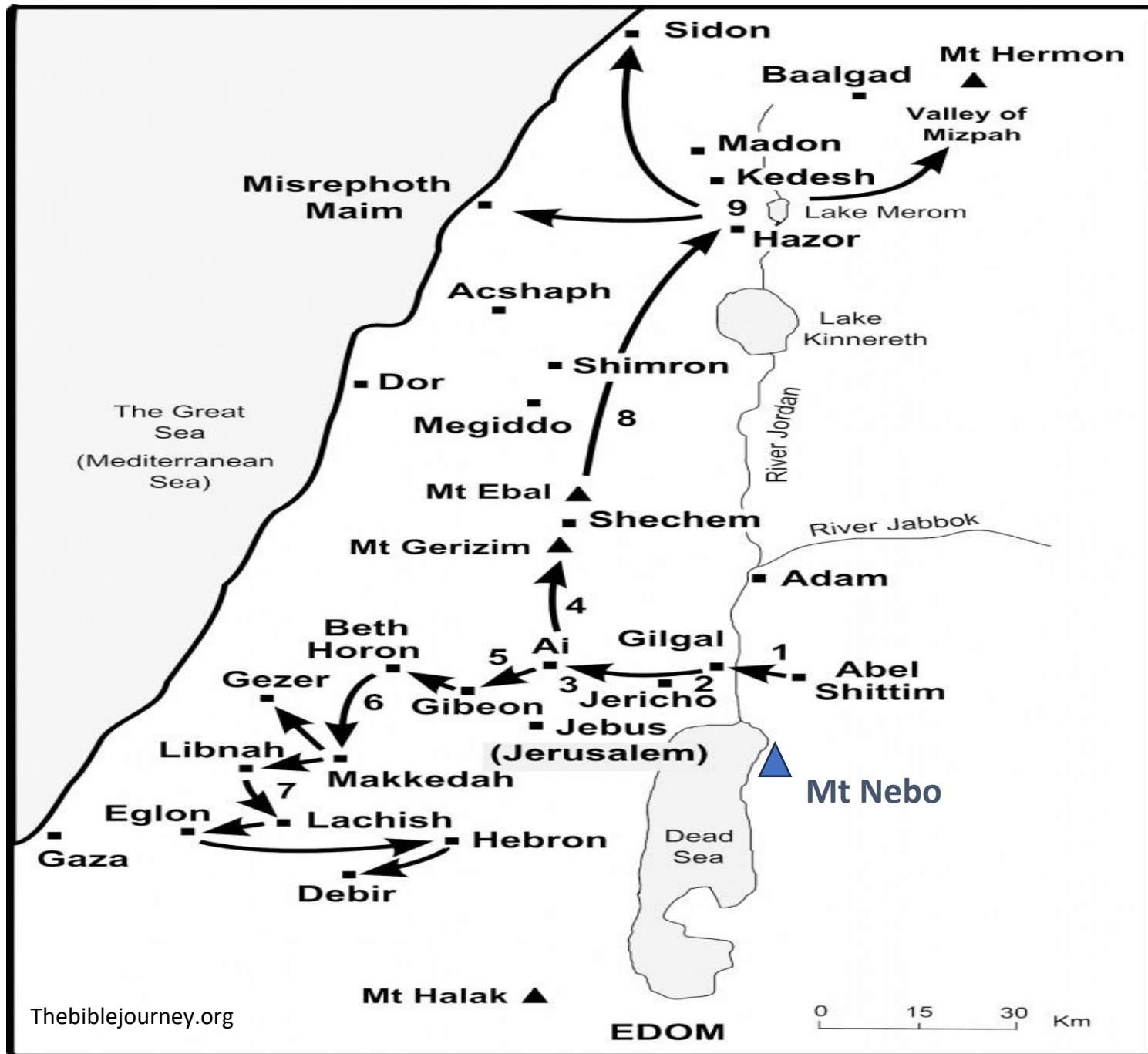
Spiritual
Lessons from
the Life of
Moses

Lesson 26
Death of Moses
Deut 31, 32, 34

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(1)Background: Moses prepared the Israelites for Joshua to be the new leader.

(1)Moses reminded the Israelites to be strong and courageous.



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God then summoned Moses and Joshua to meet Him in the Tent of Meeting. He appeared to them both in a great cloud at the Tent entrance. Deut 31: 14, 15

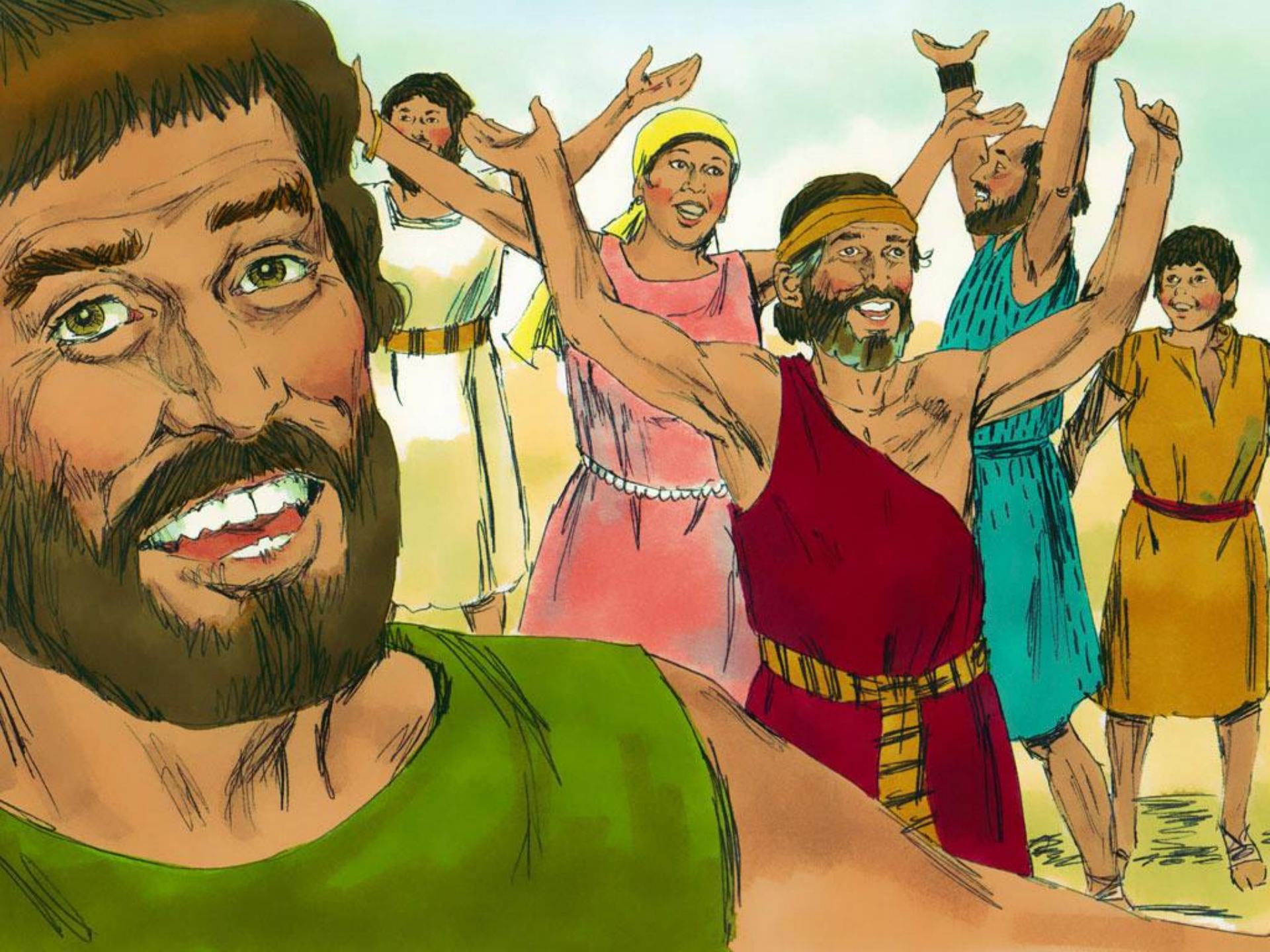


God told Moses that he would die.

He also revealed that once the people of Israel had conquered the Promised Land they would disobey Him and worship foreign gods.

So, God then asked Moses to write down the words of a song which would remind them of the foolishness of disobedience and its consequences.

Moses wrote down the lyrics of the song and then recited it to the people to learn. [Read Deut 31: 16-22](#)



The words of this song are recorded in Deuteronomy chapter 32:

God's goodness to Israel –
Deut 32:10-14

Israel's turning away from God-
Deut 32:15-18



God's
punishment on
Israel- Deut
32:19-20, 23-26.

God's
compassion on
Israel-
Deut 32:39



That same day the
Lord told Moses,

‘Go to Mount Nebo
in the land of Moab
across from
Jericho. Look out
across the land of
Promised Land of
Canaan.

Deut 32:48



After you see the land, you must die.

That is because you rebelled against my instructions to order water to come out of the rock at the springs of Meribah-kadesh.

You will see the land I am giving the people of Israel, but you will not enter it.’
(Deut 32: 50-52, Numbers 27:12-14).



Moses climbed from the plains of Moab to Pisgah Peak in Mount Nebo, across from Jericho.

God pointed out to Moses places in the Promised Land including the Jordan Valley and Jericho.

Deut 34: 1-3



The Lord explained, 'This is the land I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that I would give to their descendants. Now you have seen it, but you will not enter it.' Deut 34:4

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Photo view from
Mt Nebo

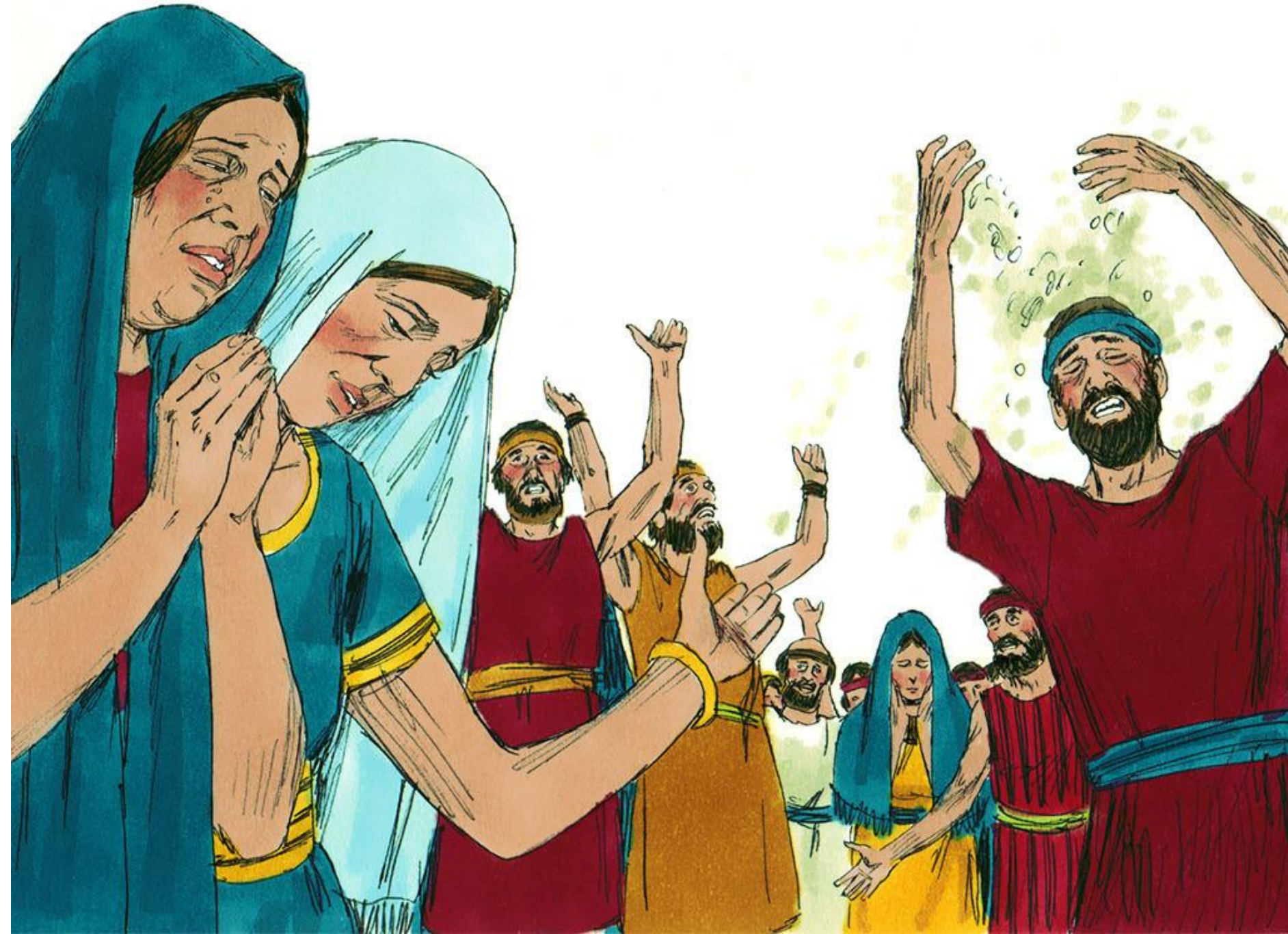


So Moses died in the land of Moab as the Lord had said.

The Lord buried him in a valley near Beth-peor in Moab, but no one knows the exact place.

Moses was 120 years old when he died, yet his eyesight was perfect and he was as strong as a young man.

Deut 34:5-7



The people of Israel mourned for Moses for thirty days on the plains of Moab.

There has never been another prophet like Moses, for the Lord talked to him face to face.
Deut 34:8-10



Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him.

He was now their leader and the people of Israel obeyed him and the Lord.

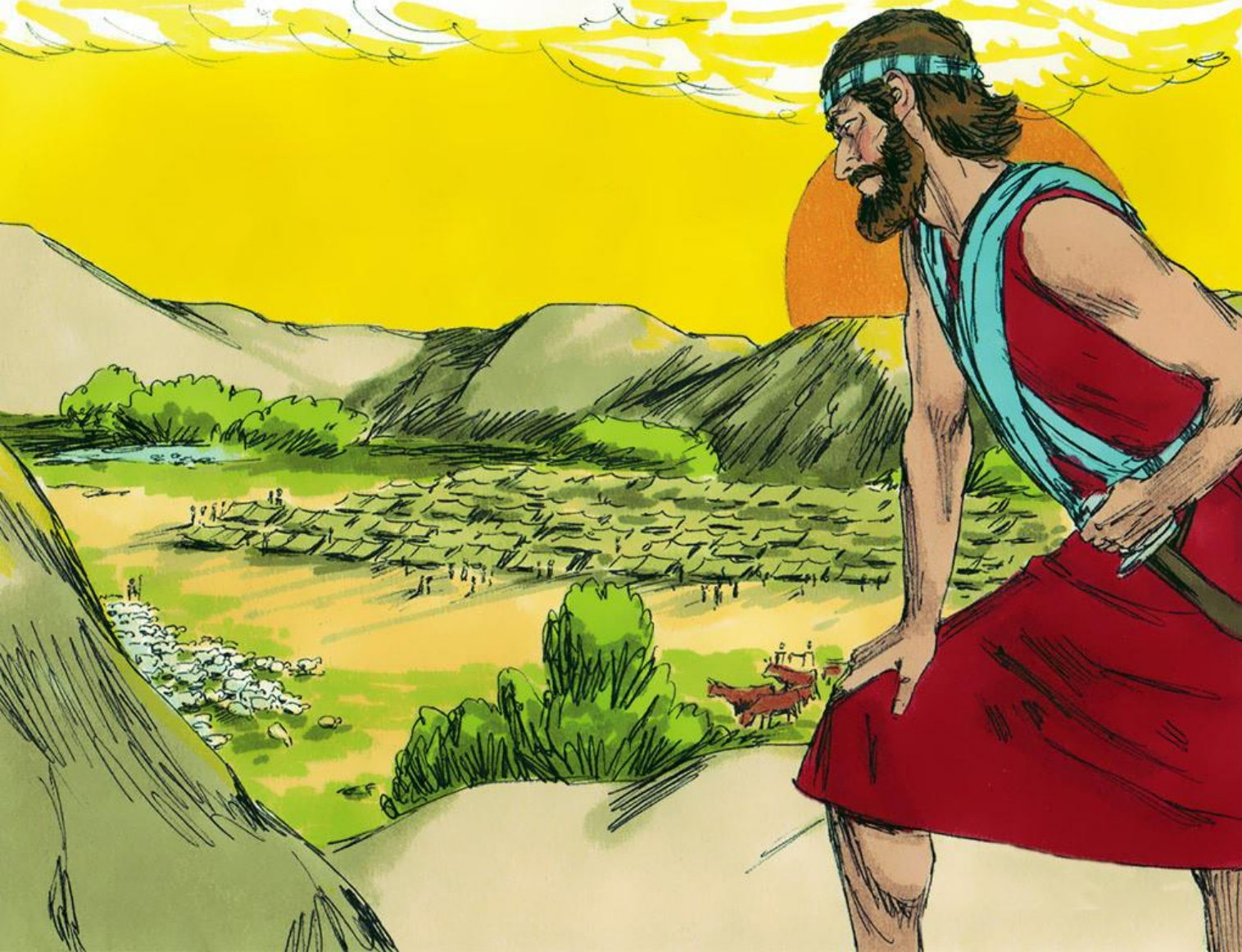


God told Joshua, 'You are the new leader of Israel.

Lead my people across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. It extends from the Negeb Desert in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, and from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Euphrates River in the east, including all the land of the Hittites.

I will be with you just as I was with Moses. I will not abandon you or fail to help you.'

Joshua 1:1-5



'Be strong and courageous.

Obey every law Moses gave you and you will be successful in everything you do. Remind the people about these laws, and think about them every day and night. Be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt!

For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:6-9



Assyria captured Israel (Northern kingdom): 2 Kings 17:6.

722 BC

Babylonians captured Judah (Southern kingdom):

2 Kings 24:11-12.

605BC

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(a) Sin, punishment and restoration of Israel and Judah

Israel

- Israel turned away from God from 930 BC
- Hosea's prophecy against Israel. Hosea 4:1-5 etc.

Assyria conquered Israel (722 BC)

Judah

- Judah turned away from God
- Jeremiah's prophecy against Judah. Jer 2:5-8 etc.

Babylon conquered Judah (605 BC)

70-year captivity

Return of the exiled 536 BC

(b) God's blessing, man's sin and punishment

(i) The lesson was composed into a song to be sung by the Israelites so that they remember that God has warned them beforehand.

(ii) Similarly, we have no excuse for our sins, as God's requirements are in the Bible. But, we rather have our way than God's way.

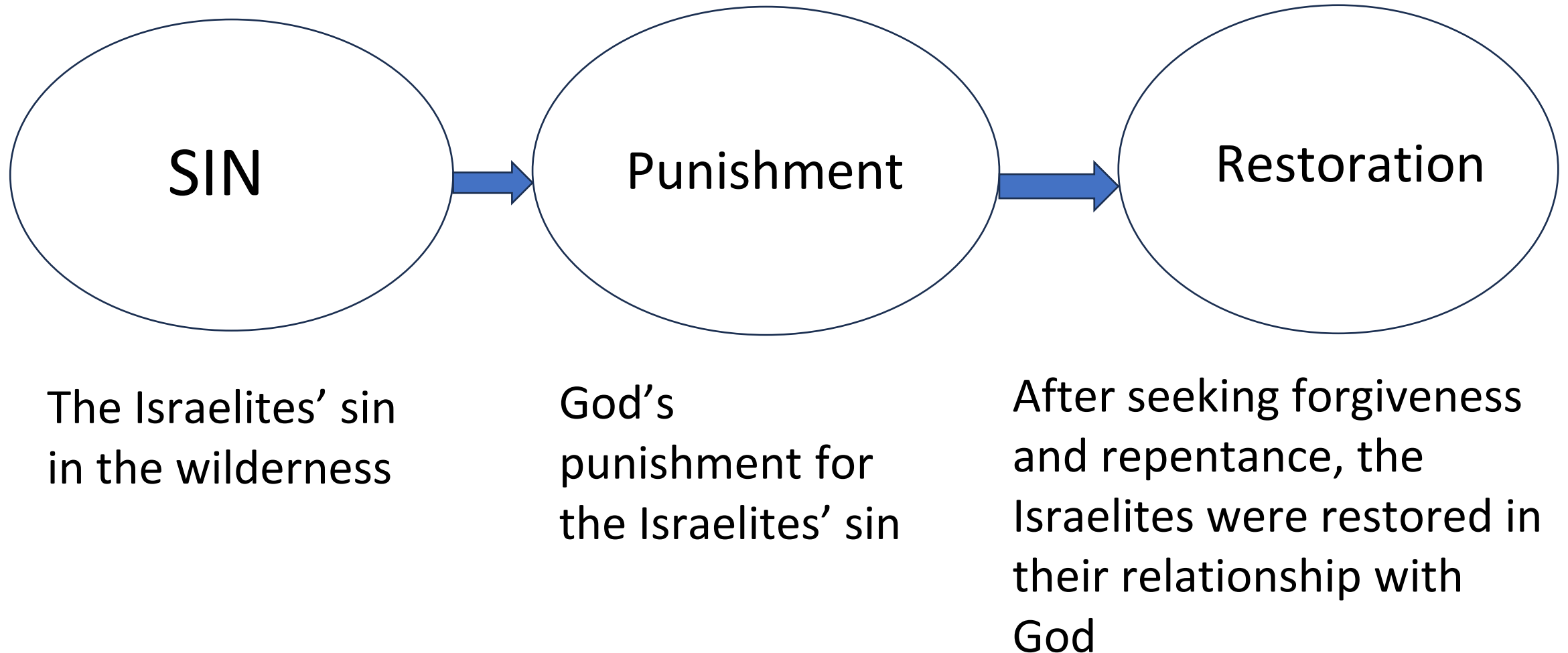
(iii) Man's way will bring about problems and troubles. And we will learn it the hard way.

(c) Moses disallowed to enter the Promised Land

Let us learn to obey the Lord with reverence and faith. Read:

(Deut 32: 50-52, Numbers 27:12-14,).

The theme in Exodus and the Bible:



As believers, many of us face similar process as the above chart.

What we should do

- (a) Similarly, many of us are disobedient to God.
- (b) After we have been blessed, we become complacent, proud and presumptuous.
- (c) And then God will bring troubles into our lives to turn us back to the righteous path.
- (d) Rather than going through the cycle of sinning, punishment and restoration, we should avoid sinning in the first place by guarding against temptations to sin.

(e) The example of Israel's turned away from God - Deut 32:15-18

V15: But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation

Application:

Do we take God's blessings for granted and have a sense of entitlement?

Learn instead to give thanks to Him for every blessing, eg. Good health, a roof over our heads, a job, family, freedom of worship.

(f) The example of Israel's turned away from God - Deut 32:15-18

v16: They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

Application:

Are there 'strange gods' (idols) in our lives, eg. your career, wealth, spouse, children, reputation, material possessions, even our own life?

Guard against worshipping the gifts. We should worship the Giver.

(g) The example of Israel's turned away from God - Deut 32:15-18

V18: Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

Application:

Apart from Sunday worship and Christian activities, how often do you think of God in a week?

Learn to commune with God often, praising Him and seeking His counsel in your life.