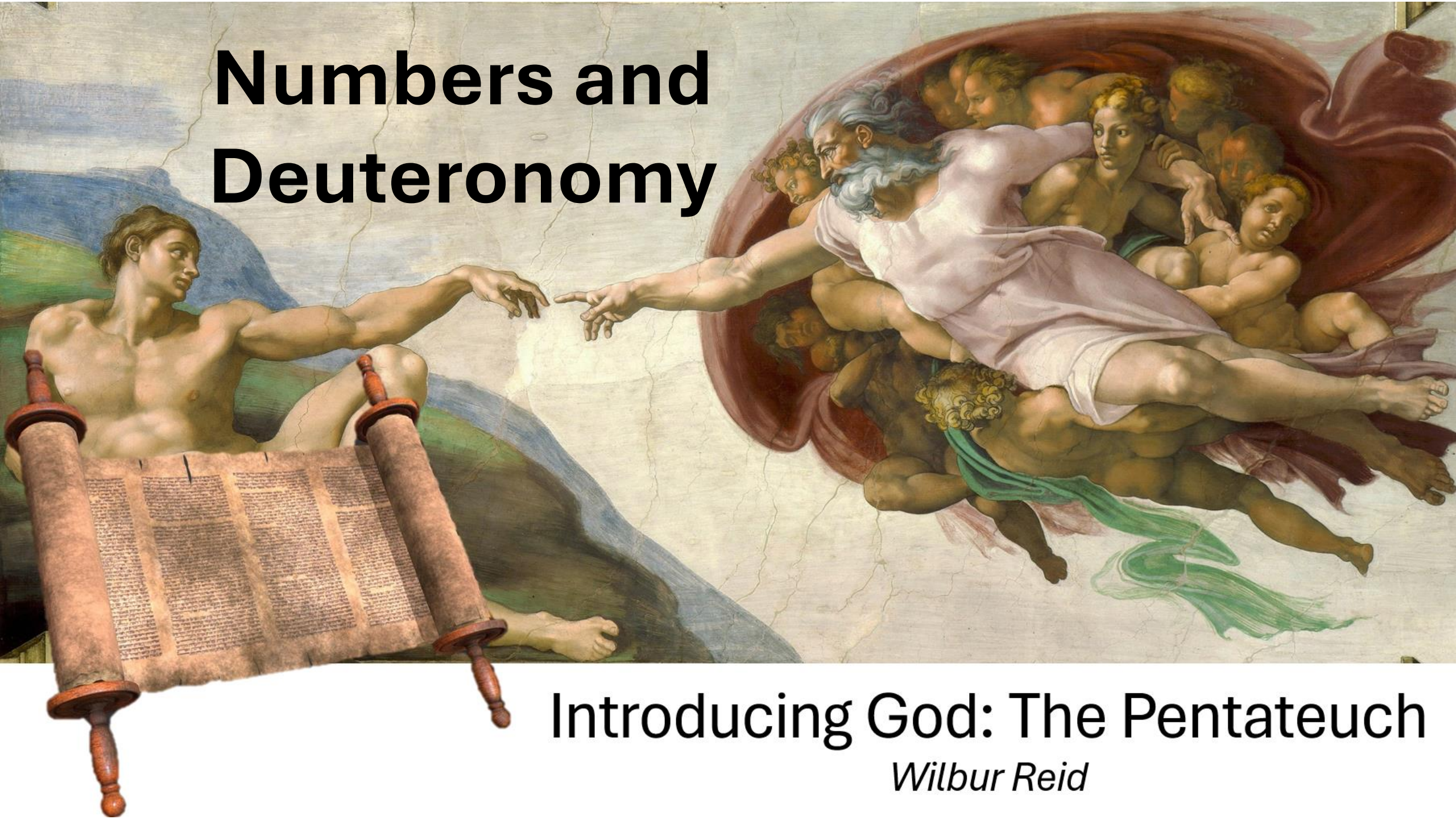


Numbers and Deuteronomy

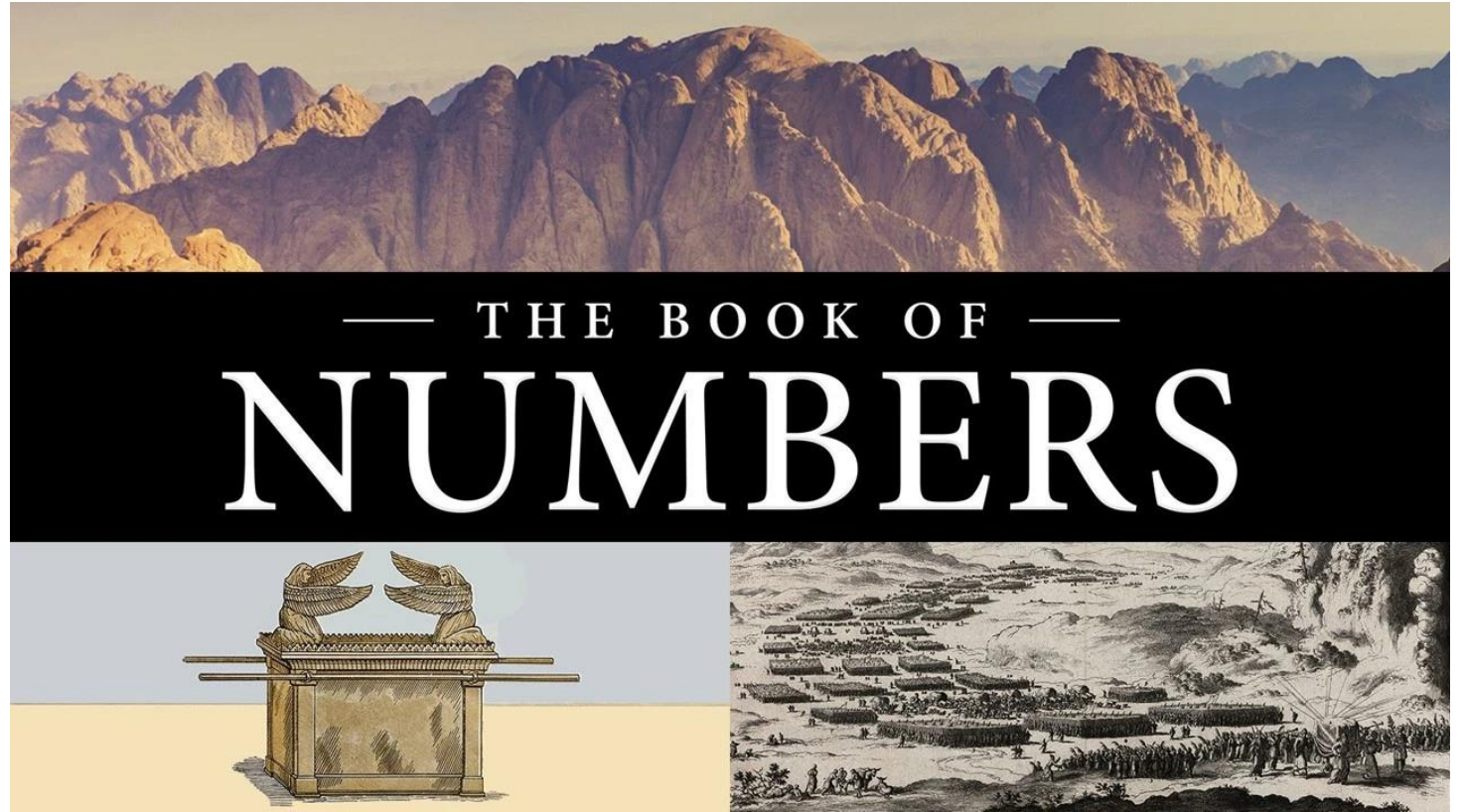


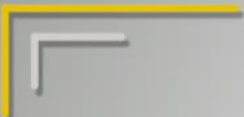
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Numbers / “In the Wilderness”

- Named for census: Chapters 1 and 26
- Also, lists, laws and narratives
- 2nd month of the 2nd year
- Key theme: rebellion



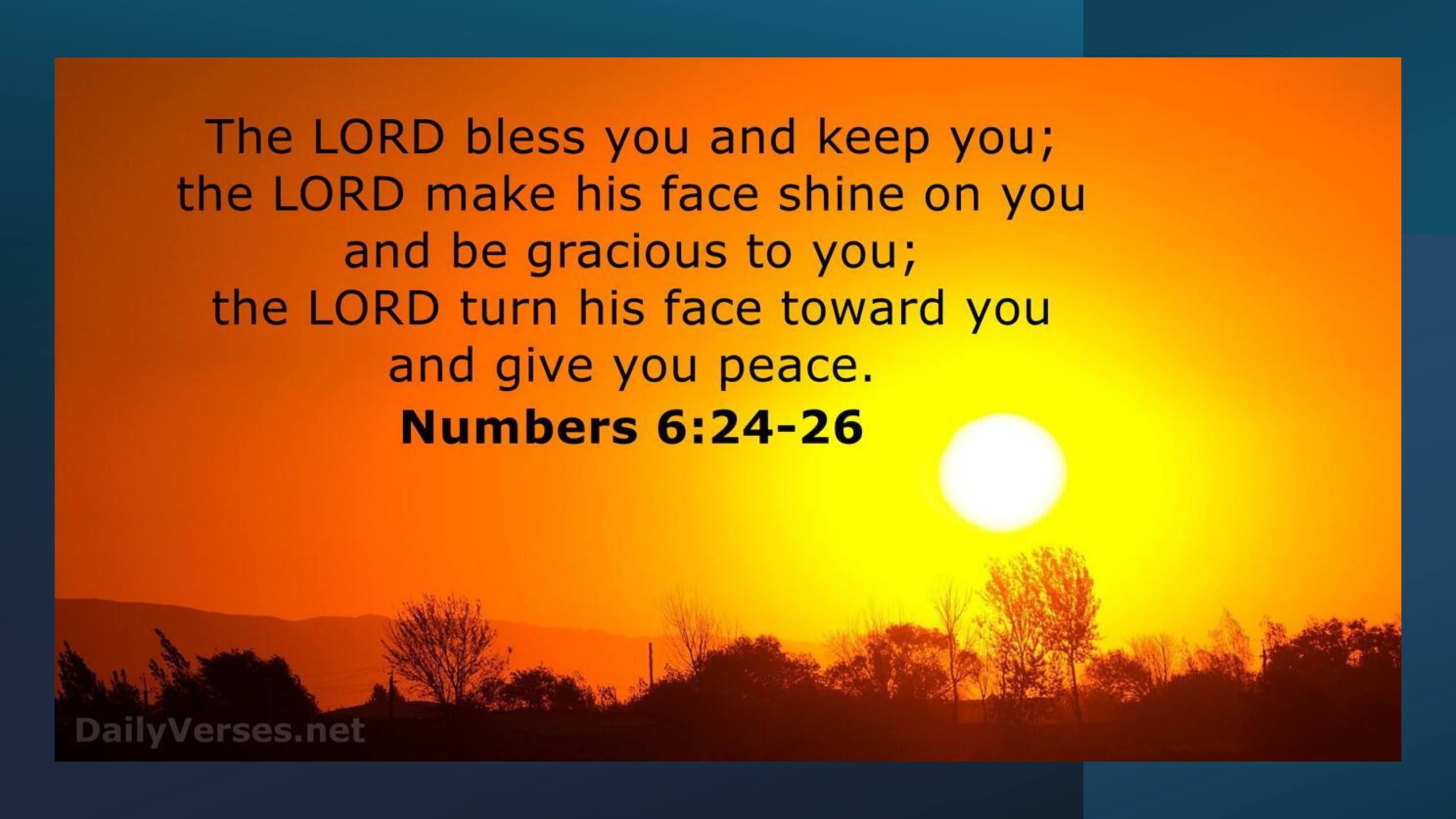


22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

Romans 11:19–23

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The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

WEST

ISRAELITE CAMP: Where tribes pitched their tents



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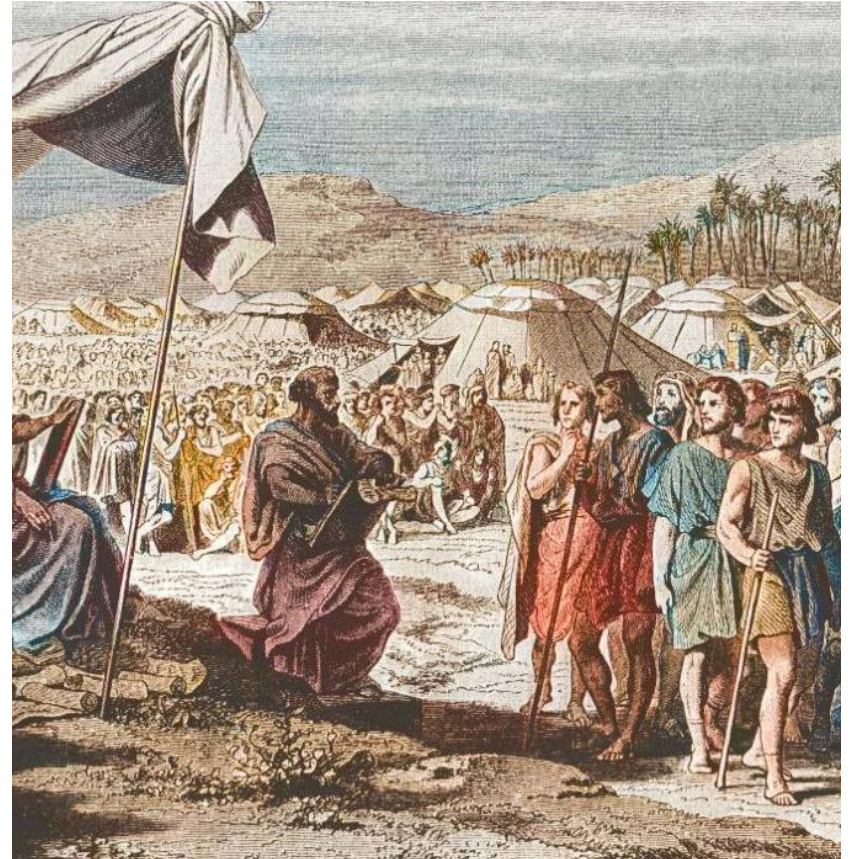
EAST

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Census of military age men

- 1st year in wilderness
 - 603,550
 - Exodus 38:26, Numbers 1:46
- 40th year in wilderness
 - 601,730
 - Numbers 26:51
- Total population estimated to be over 2 million.
- Example from Numbers 1:
 - ²⁰ From the descendants of Reuben the firstborn son of Israel:
 - All the men twenty years old or more who were able to serve in the army were listed by name, one by one, according to the records of their clans and families. ²¹ The number from the tribe of Reuben was 46,500.
 - ²² From the descendants of Simeon:
 - All the men twenty years old or more who were able to serve in the army were counted and listed by name, one by one, according to the records of their clans and families. ²³ The number from the tribe of Simeon was 59,300.



The census problems

- Other biblical passages assume a smaller population
 - ²⁹ But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. - Exodus 29
 - ⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. - Deut. 7
 - ¹ Hear, Israel: You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you... – Deut. 9
 - Song of Deborah: ⁸ God chose new leaders when war came to the city gates, but not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel. – Judges 5
 - Israel would be 3-4 times larger than all the nations in the area combined.
 - 10 spies
 - Power of Yahweh
- First born problem: too many children per family
 - ⁴² So Moses counted all the firstborn of the Israelites, as the LORD commanded him. ⁴³ The total number of firstborn males a month old or more, listed by name, was 22,273. – Numbers 3
 - Each family must have 29 non-first-born sons (and assume there were 30 daughters)

The census problem

Population of 2 million or army of 600,000 doesn't match the stories or archeology

- Population of Egypt was 2-3 million
- Population of Canaan no more than 600,000
- 10 hours, Moses speaking
- Jericho was about 9 acres with a population of about 20,000.



Possible solution

- Literal translation: Reuben's tribe is "six and forty thousand and five hundred".
 - translated in English Bibles to 46,500.
- The Hebrew word *elep* translated "thousands" is translated "tribes", "clans", "families", and "divisions" elsewhere in Joshua and Numbers.
- The word translated "and" can also mean "or", depending on the context.
- Therefore, the original text might have meant "six and forty clans, or 500".
 - In other words, 46 clans totaling 500 men
- The total population would have been about 20,000 – 30,000.

Military Census of Israel, (Numbers 1)

Tribe	אלפ as 1000	אלפ as contingents	No. men	Approx. No. of Men/contingent
Reuben	46,500	46	500	11
Simeon	59,300	59	300	5
Gad	45,650	45	650	14
Judah	74,600	74	600	8
Issachar	54,400	54	400	7
Zebulon	57,400	57	400	7
Ephraim	40,500	40	500	13
Menashe	32,200	32	200	6
Benjamin	35,400	35	400	11
Dan	62,700	62	700	11
Asher	41,500	41	500	12
Naphtali	53,400	53	400	8
TOTALS:	603,550	598	5,550	9 (average)

Aaron and Miriam

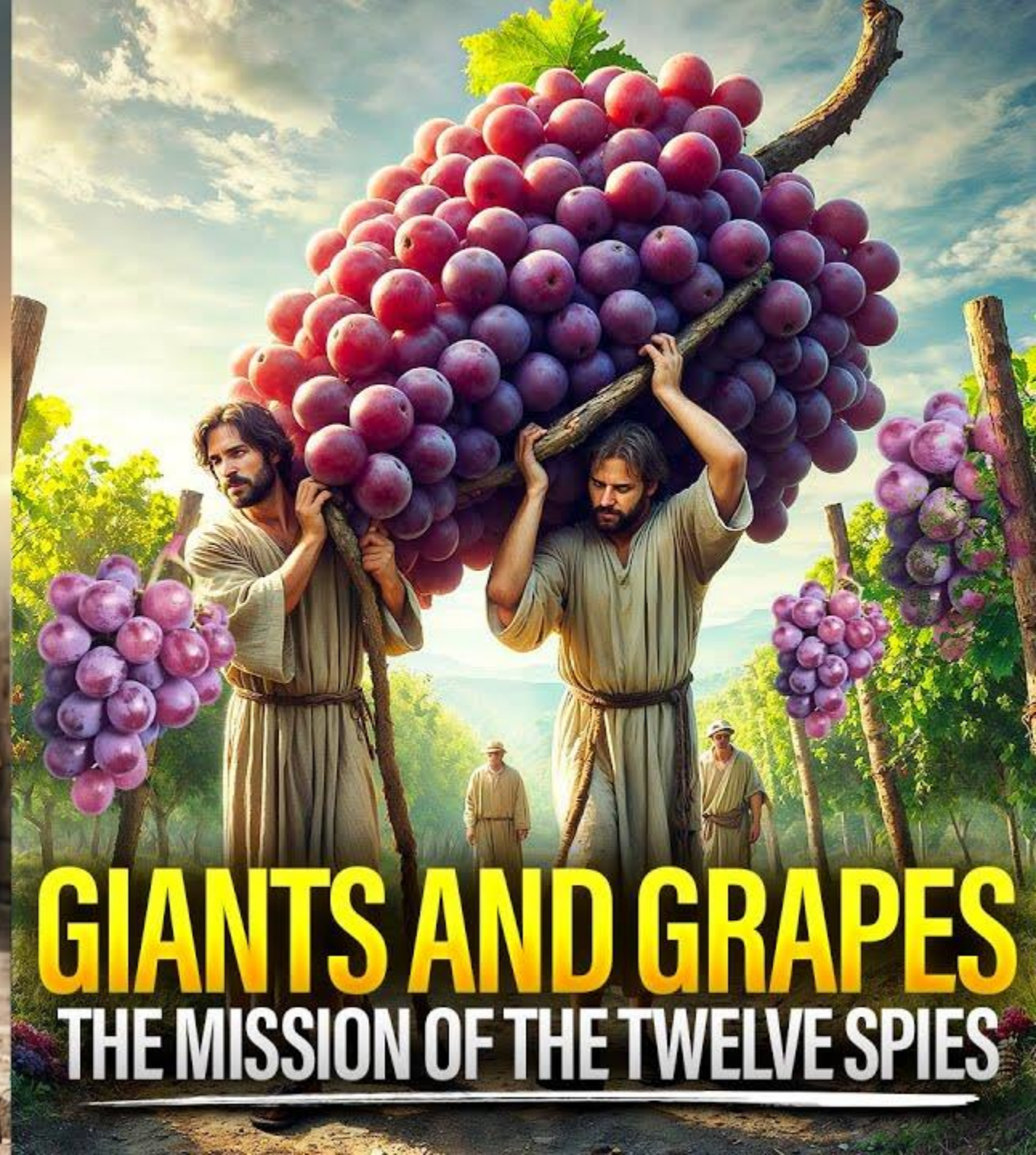


12 Spies

Canaanite Tribes and the Route of the 12 Spies

Numbers 13
Joshua 3:10





GIANTS AND GRAPES

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE SPIES

The people rebel

*40 years of
wandering*



Korah's rebellion



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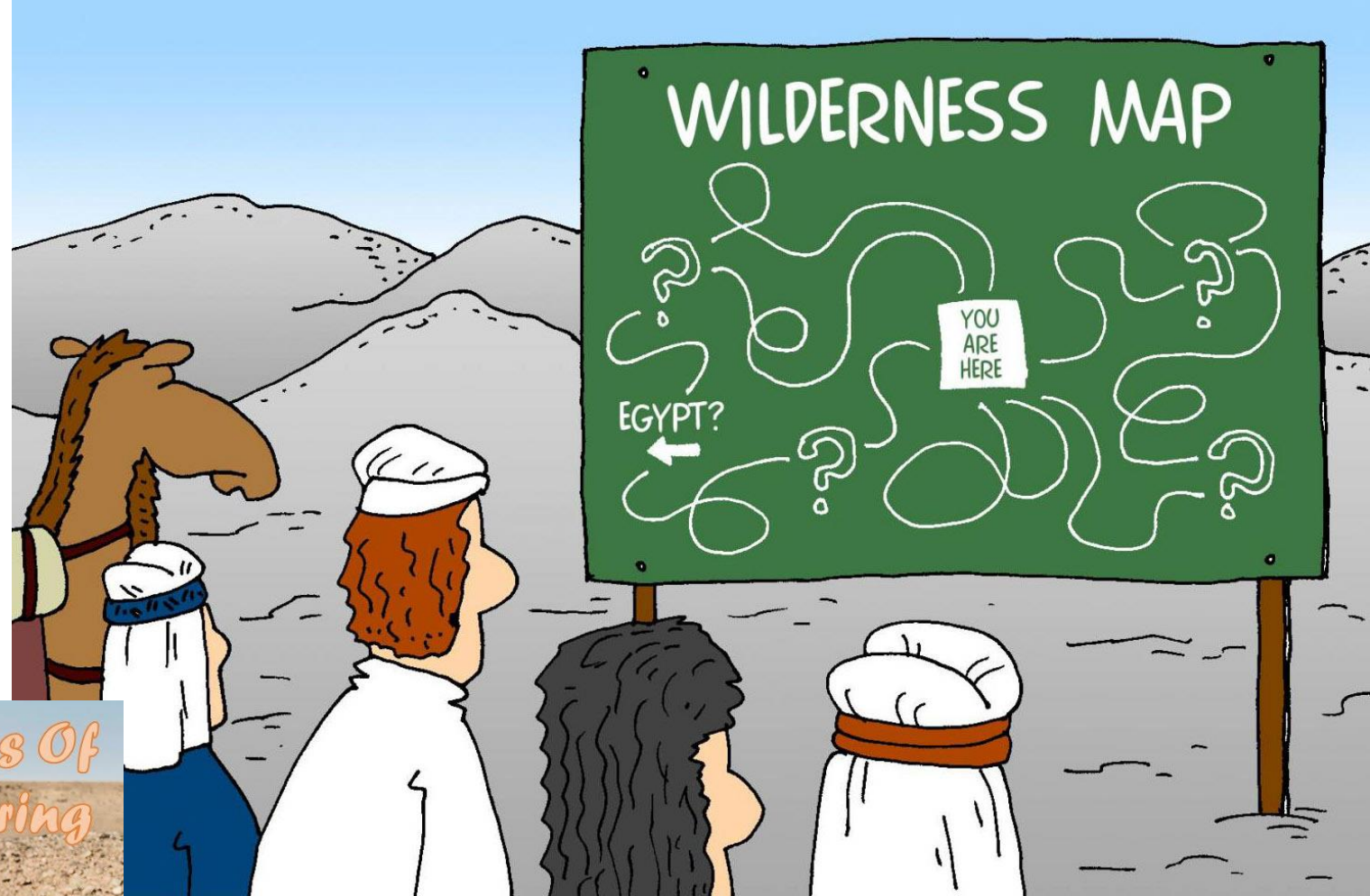
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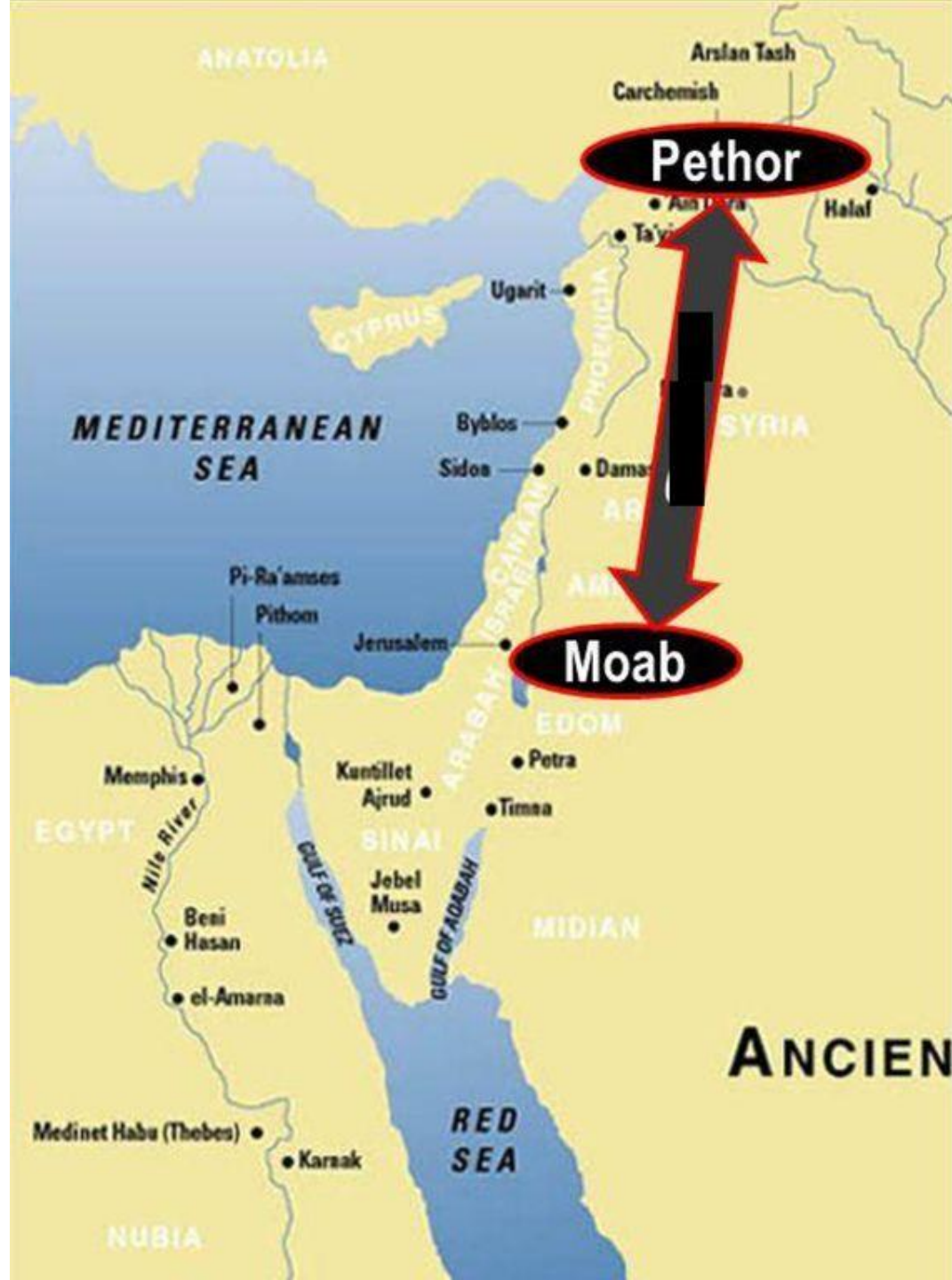
MOSES

WATER FROM THE ROCK
NUMBERS 20



Fast forward:
40 years of
Wandering





Balak = King of Moab
Feared The Israelites

Balak sent men to have
Balaam come and
curse the Israelites

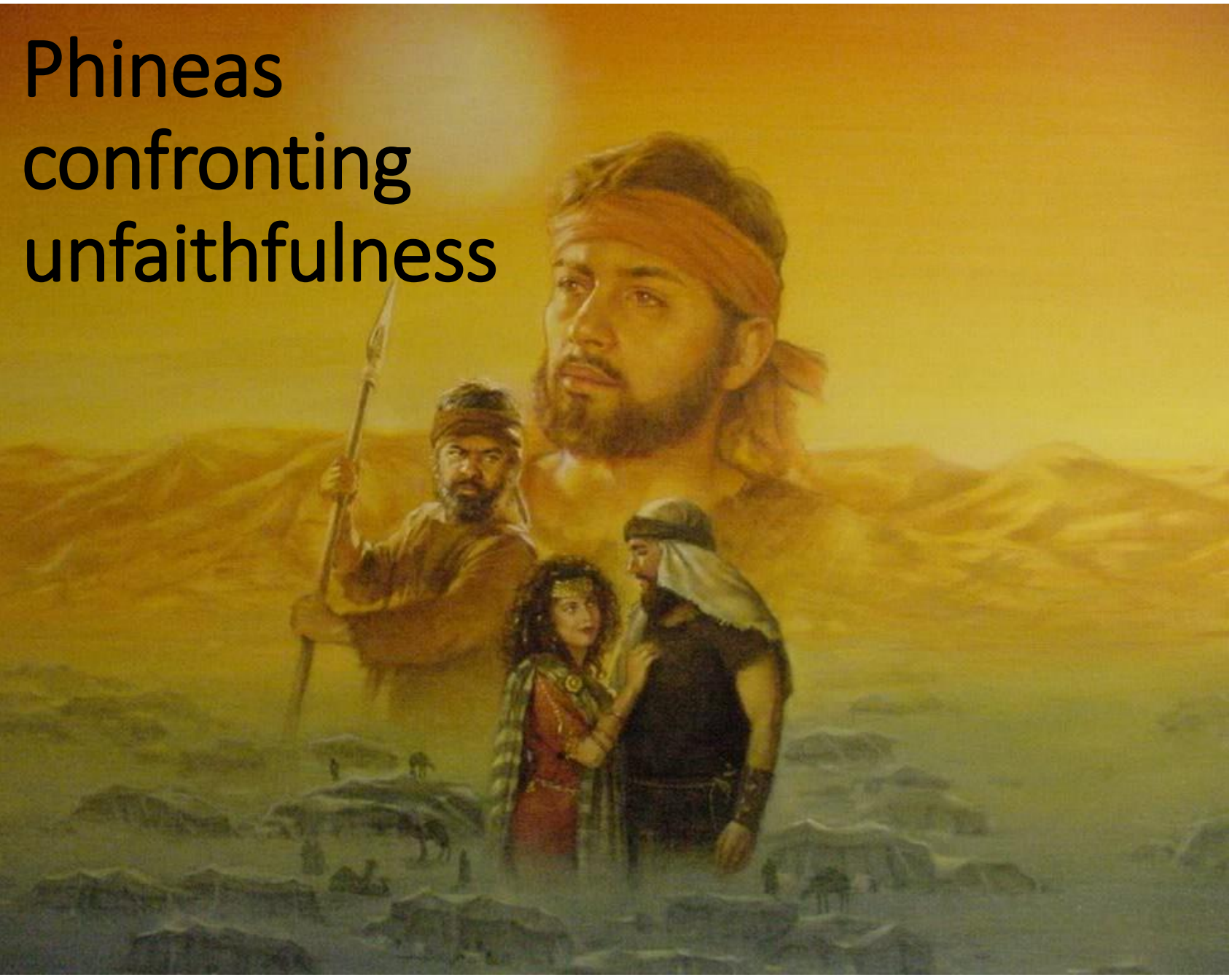
Balaam = prophet
From Pethor

Balak and Balaam





Phineas
confronting
unfaithfulness

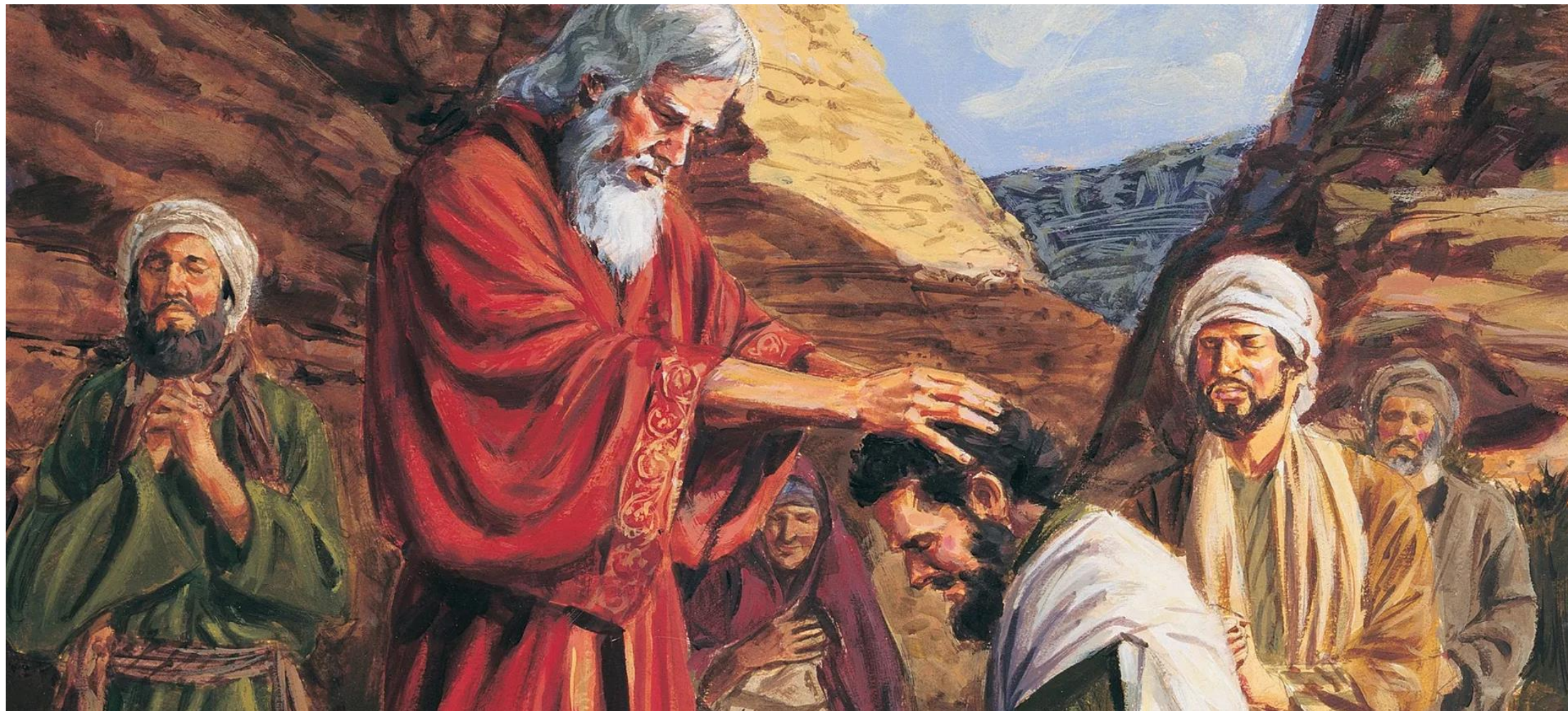


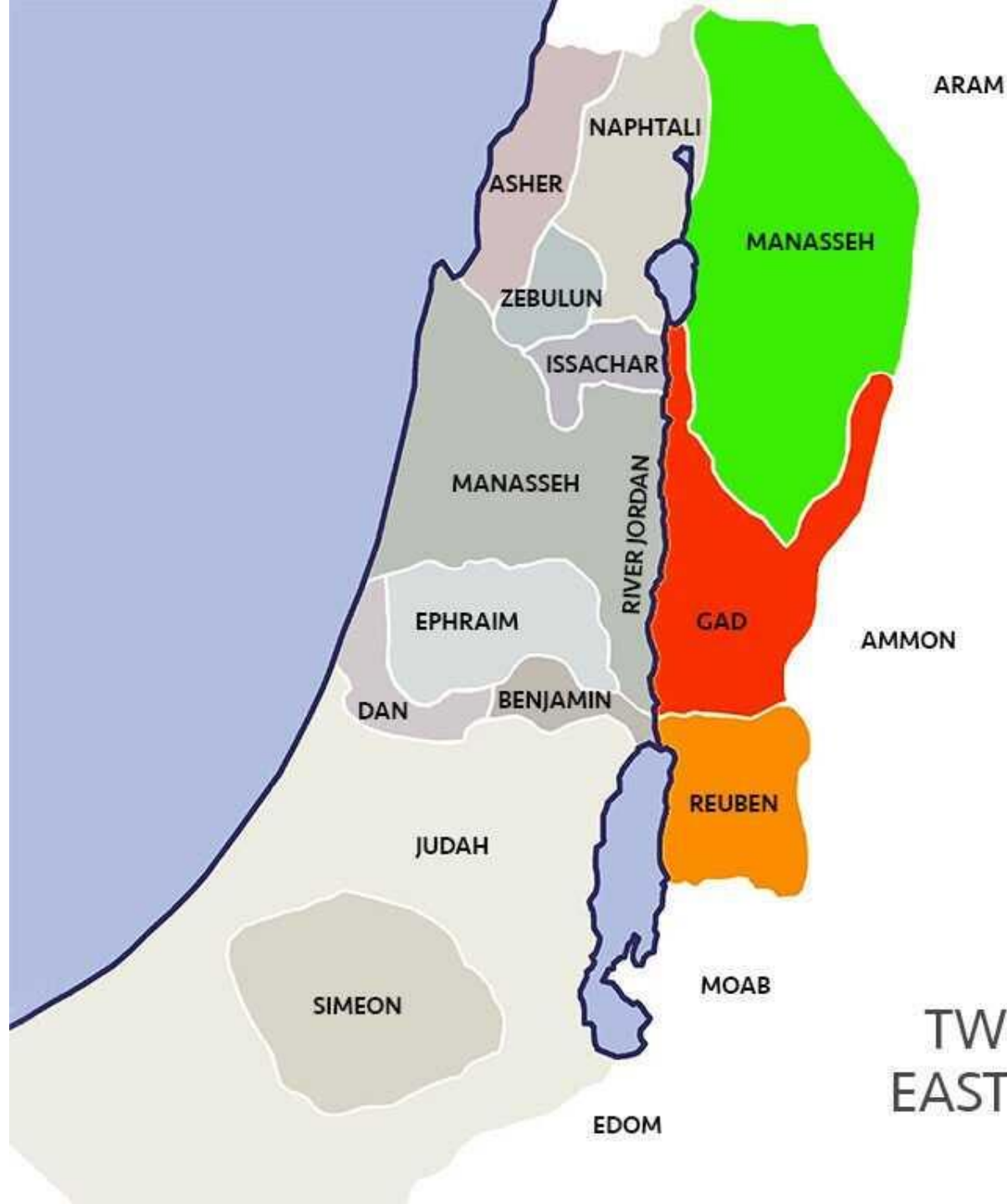
Military age men

Tribes of Israel - First and Second Census (Numbers 1 and 26)

TRIBE	BEFORE	AFTER	CHANGE	PERCENT
Reuben	46,500	43,730	-2,770	-6%
Simeon	59,300	22,200	-37,100	-63%
Gad	45,650	40,500	-5,150	-11%
Judah	74,600	76,500	+1,900	+3%
Issachar	54,400	64,300	+9,900	+18%
Zebulun	57,400	60,500	+3,100	+5%
Manasseh	32,200	52,700	+20,500	+64%
Ephraim	40,500	32,500	-8,000	-20%
Benjamin	35,400	45,600	+10,200	+29%
Dan	62,700	64,400	+1,700	+3%
Asher	41,500	53,400	+11,900	+29%
Naphtali	53,400	45,400	-8,000	-15%
Levi	Not counted	Not counted	-	-
Total	603,550	601,730	-1,820	-0.3%

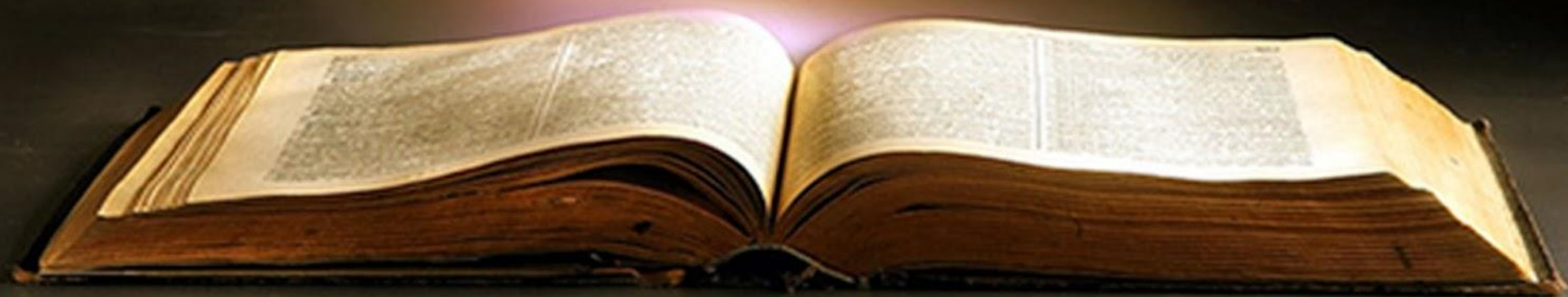
Joshua and Moses





TWO-AND-A-HALF TRIBES
EAST OF THE RIVER JORDAN

Deuteronomy



3 Speeches of Moses in Deuteronomy

preparing to cross Jordan into the promised land

- Chapters 1-4: **Review of history**
- Chapters 5-28: **Commandments of God given on Mt. Sinai**
- Chapters 29-33: **Moses' farewell**



Types of Law

- Moral
 - 10 commandments, justice, sexual conduct, etc.
- Civil / Judicial
 - Includes moral law and expands to property, business, relationships, and torts (compensation for harm).
- Ceremonial
 - Sacrifices, feasts and festivals, Sabbath, circumcision, etc.
- 613 total
 - 248 positive (duties, “you shall...”)
 - 365 negative (prohibitions, “you shall not...”)
- Applicability today
 - 202 require the temple
 - 42 pertain to slaves, kings, nazirs, etc.
 - 26 apply only in Israel
 - 99 require special circumstances
 - For most Jews, only 244 (40%) of laws apply today.

King David's Summary of the Law

11 principles

Psalm 15

A psalm of David.

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;

³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD;

who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

Isaiah's Summary of the Law

6 principles

Isaiah 33

¹⁵ Those who walk righteously
and speak what is right,
who reject gain from extortion
and keep their hands from accepting bribes,
who stop their ears against plots of murder
and shut their eyes against contemplating evil—
¹⁶ they are the ones who will dwell on the heights,
whose refuge will be the mountain fortress.
Their bread will be supplied,
and water will not fail them.

Micah's Summary of the Law

3 principles

The LORD's Case Against Israel

Micah 6

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Moses to the people

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.

So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.

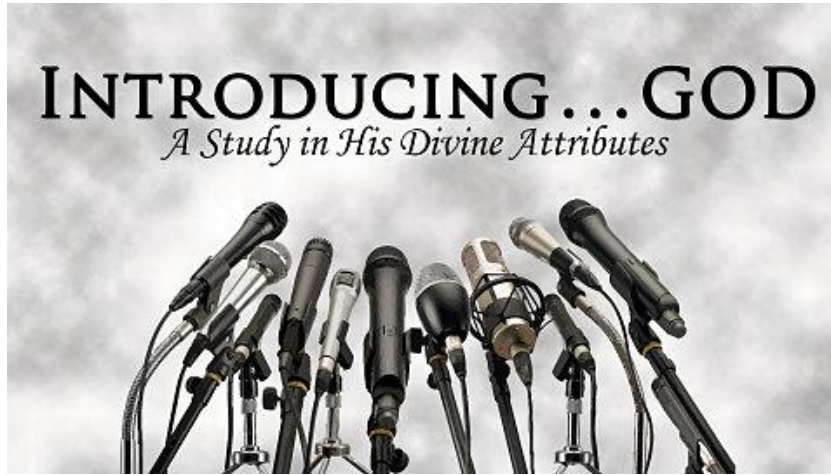
Deut. 30:19-20

Death of Moses

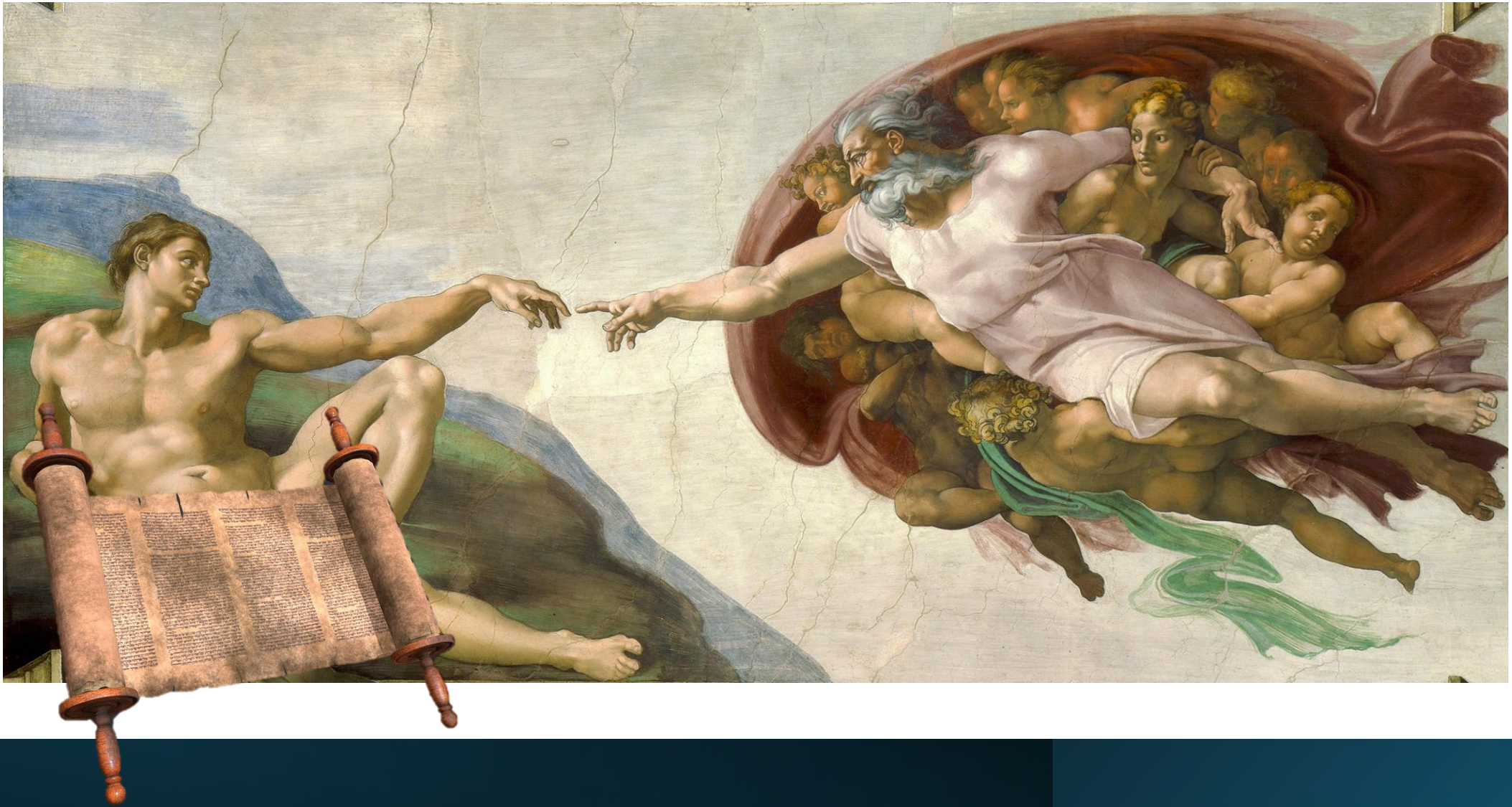


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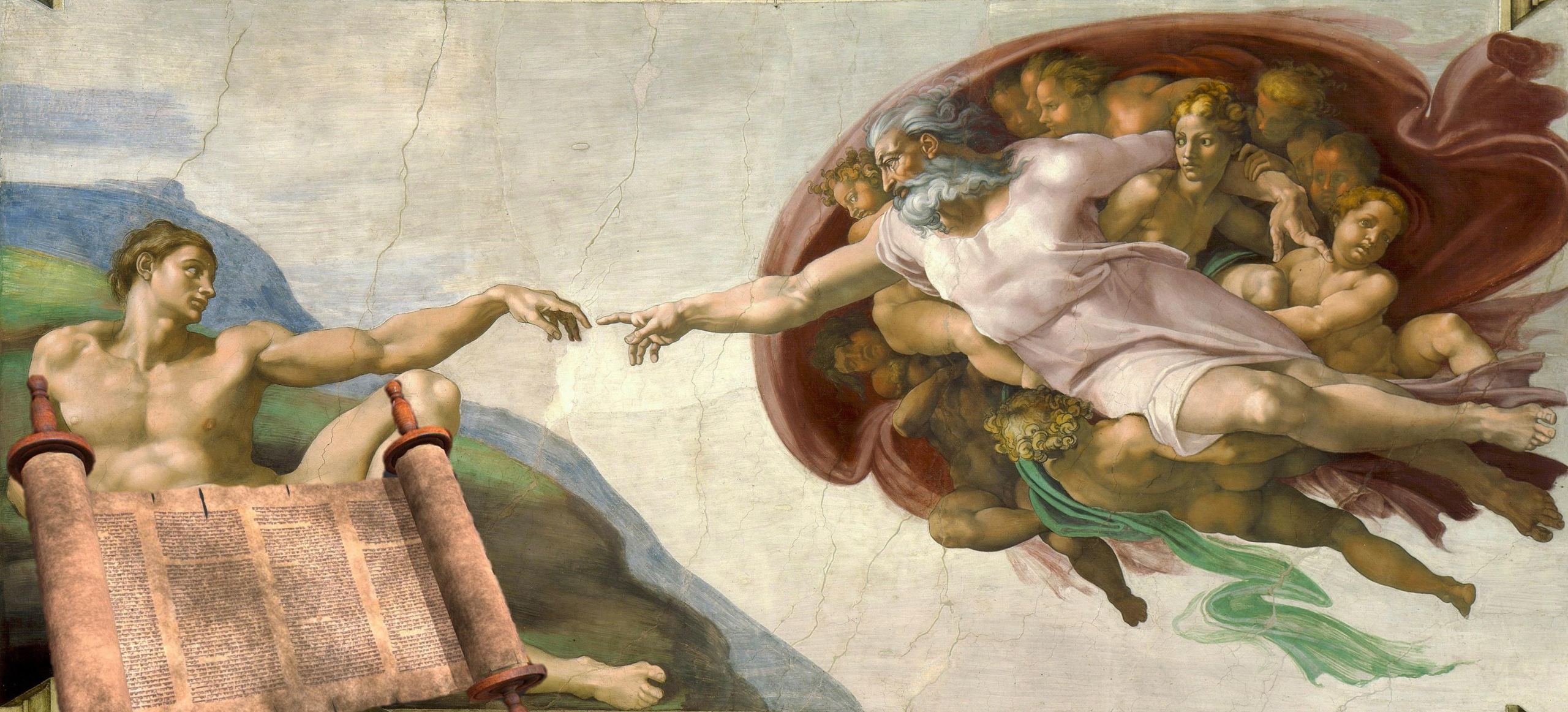
A Study in His Divine Attributes



1. Creation: Gen 1-2
 - *A God who creates*
 - Yahweh/Jehovah (2:4)
 - Elohim (1:1)
2. Fall of Man: Gen 3-10
 - *A God who is holy*
3. Abraham: Gen 11-23
 - *A God who blesses*
 - El Shaddai (17:1)
 - El Elyon (14:18)
 - Adonai (15:2)
 - El Olam (21:33)
 - Jehovah Jireh (22:14)
 - El Roi (16:13)
4. Isaac and Jacob: Gen 24-36
 - *A God who is with me*
5. Joseph: Gen 37-50
 - *Foreshadowing of Christ*
6. In Egypt: Ex 1-12
 - *A God who knows*
 - *A God who fights*
 - *A God who saves*
7. To Mt. Sinai: Ex 13-20
 - *A God who is gracious*
 - Jehovah Nissi (17:15)
 - Jehovah Rapha (15:26)
 - El Qanna (20:5)
8. Law from Mt. Sinai: Ex 21-40
 - *A God who is slow to anger*
 - *A God who is holy*
 - *A God who is jealous*
 - Jehovah Mekoddishkem (31:13)
9. Leviticus
 - *A God who is covenantally loyal*
10. Numbers
 - *A God who is faithful*
11. Deuteronomy
 - *A God who loves*



What do we learn about God?



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Jesus in Sermon on the Mount:

Matthew 5:21-37

You have heard it said...

- Do not murder
- Do not commit adultery
- Divorce
- Do not break an oath
- Eye for eye
- Love neighbor, hate enemy

But I tell you...

- Do not even be angry
- Do not lust
- Sin
- Do not make an oath
- Turn the other cheek
- Love your enemies

Creation and Garden of Eden

About 4,000BC (based on Biblical timeline)



Patriarchs
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob (Israel)
Joseph



430 YEARS OF HEBREW SEMITIC SLAVERY



God reveals
himself to
the nation of
Israel





Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36



10 COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

I. YOU SHALL HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II. YOU SHALL MAKE
NO IDOLS.

III. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE
THE NAME OF THE LORD
YOUR GOD IN VAIN.

IV. KEEP THE SABBATH
DAY HOLY.

V. HONOR YOUR FATHER
AND YOUR MOTHER.

VI. YOU SHALL NOT
MURDER.

VII. YOU SHALL NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY.

VIII. YOU SHALL
NOT STEAL.

IX. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET.

Instructions for the Tabernacle

- God wants to be with his people.
- God is holy.

