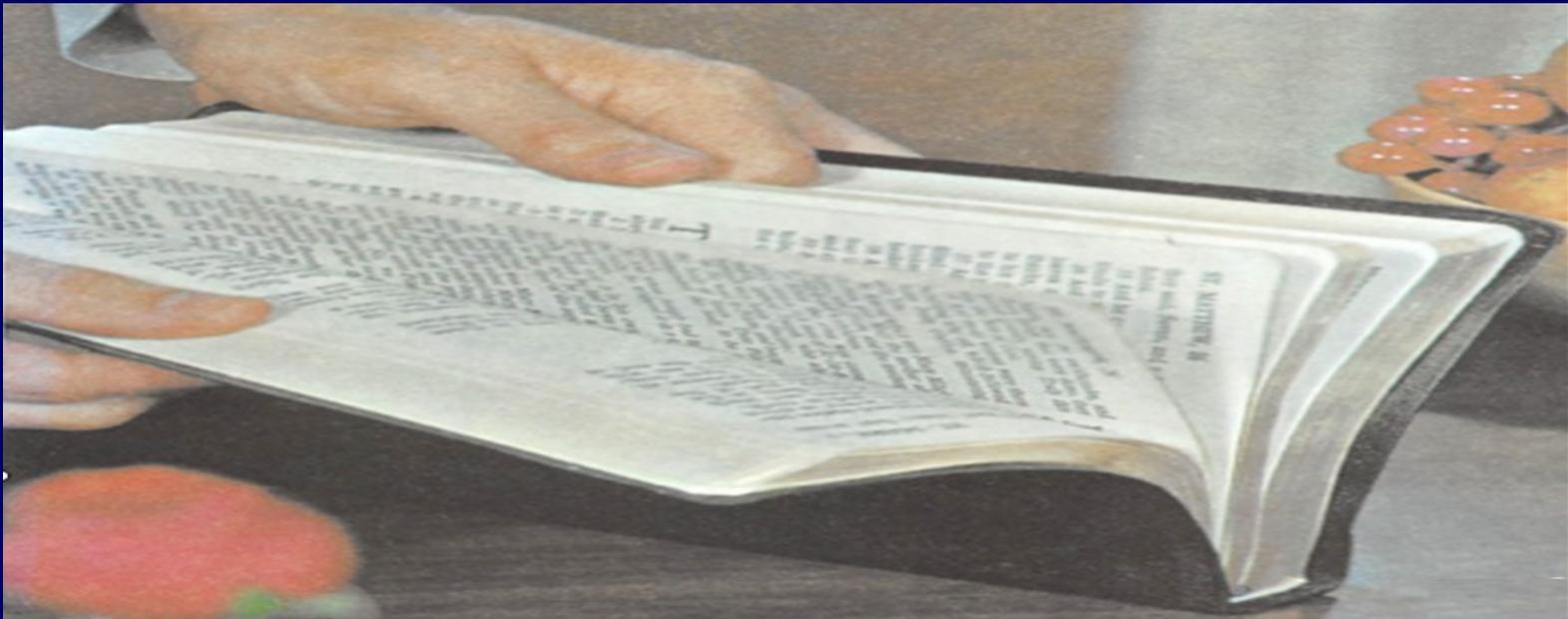


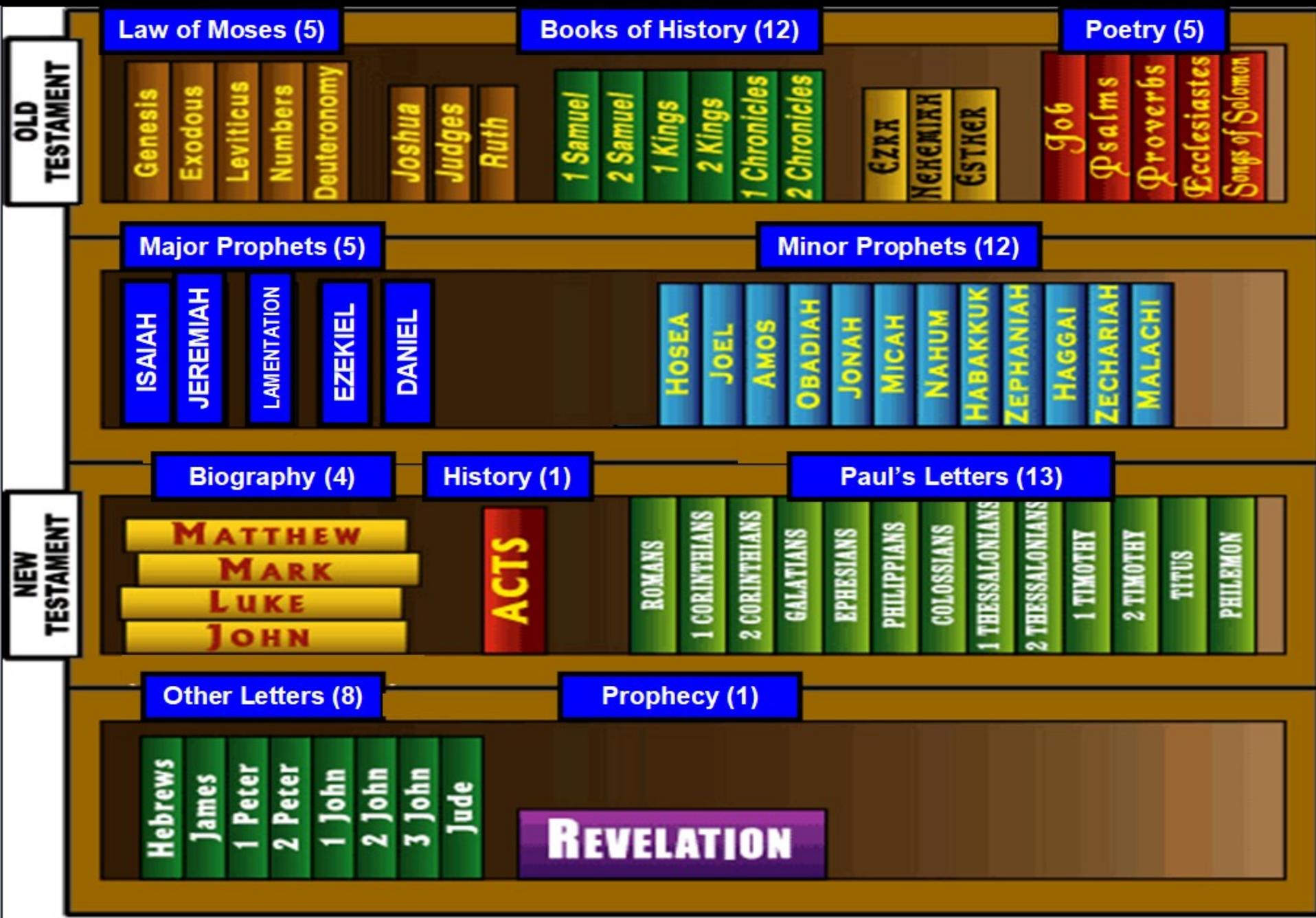
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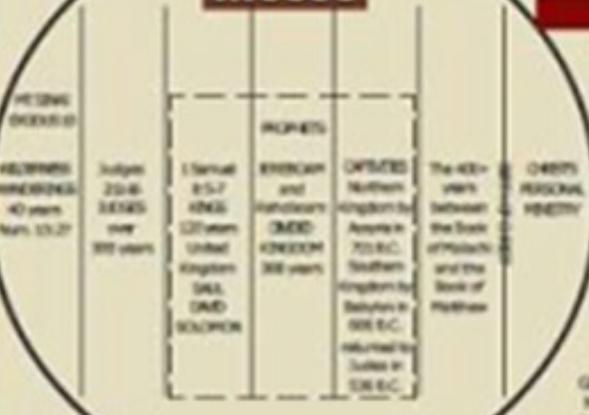
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1654 Years

857 Years

Rod Sea

Moses



Galatians 4:4-5
Matthew 5:17
Colossians 2:14

Christ

The Kingdom

Colossians 1:13

or

The Church

Acts 2:47

30 A.D. Until ?

GOD SPOKE TO THE FATHERS

- Hebrews 11:1
- Family Religion
- Animal Sacrifices
- Family Altar
- No Written Law

LAW CAME BY MOSES

- Jewish Age
- Was Abolished
- Was Schoolmaster
- Animal Sacrifices
- Sabbath Day Observed
- Passover Feast

GRACE & TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST

John 1:17

Gospel Preached

Rom. 1:16

The Church

Lord's Supper

1 Cor. 14:1-4

Lord's Day

Christian

The Purpose of this lesson is to continue the basic Bible stories which link together the Jewish or Law period of Bible History.

To show how **God's plan for worship** under the Old Law differs from His plan for worship today.

To give numerous examples of **unbelief which led to suffering.**

To show how **Jesus was born and lived under the Old Law** in order to fulfill the Law and bring us to the Age of Grace.

SYNOPSIS By the miraculous hand of God the Israelites were delivered from bondage.

Unbelief on the part of many brought heartache and misery which caused God's people to **wander in the wilderness** for **Forty Years** before reaching the promised land.

We see stories of the **Kings** of Israel, How the **Kingdom** became **divided** and the **Prophets** who foretold of the coming of Jesus.

This story ends with a **brief account** of the **Life of Jesus**.

**When God delivered the Nation of Israel
from Egyptian SLAVERY,
He gave Israel a covenant through Moses.**

**The stories in the book of Genesis and the
first part of Exodus are to explain where Israel
came from and why God singled that nation
out to make His covenant with it.**

**The whole plan had to do with the coming
of His Son into the world through
the Jewish nation, to die on the cross
to bring salvation to the world through Him.**



The Mosaic Age is named after **Moses**
through whom God gave
the Old Testament Law to the Jews.

This age **begins with Moses**
and covers **Old Testament History**
through **the Life and Times of Jesus**
to **His death on the Cross,**
to the beginning of **the Christian age.**

The Mosaic Age extends from **the Israelites**
in the wilderness **to Jesus on the cross.**

Patriarchal Age
ADAM



Mosaic Age
MOSES



Christian Age
CHRIST



**ALL TOGETHER THERE ARE THREE PERIODS
OF BIBLE HISTORY:-**

The first is the **Patriarchal age**;
the second is the **Mosaic Age**;
and the last the **Christian Age**.

God Spoke to the
Fathers Heb 1:1-3;

Law Came by
Moses John 1:17;

Gospel came by
Christ Rom 1:16;



In our study of the Patriarchal Age the last few scenes depicted how God sent the **final plague upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians.**

Death entered every home where the **Blood of the Lamb** had not been sprinkled. Pharaoh lost his first born son

In the grip of this tragedy, **Pharaoh gave orders to release the Israelites from slavery.**

Immediately the Israelites began their flight from Egypt.

Exodus 12:29-51;

Families find that studying these true Bible events is a gripping and dynamic experience.

The drama, intrigue and excitement artificially portrayed by modern day authors are even more vividly produced by **the Bible as its truths and history unfold.**

At the same time we realise we are studying the only source book which can prepare us for Time and Eternity

THE MOSIAC AGE

Wilderness
Mount Sinai
Tabernacle

Canaan
Judges
Kings

Divided Kingdom

Judah Israel
Prophets

Jesus Birth
Jesus Ministry

God Spoke To the Fathers



The Mosaic age

THIS IS AN OUTLINE of the Mosaic Age.

We will learn about the Israelites in the wilderness, Mount Sinai, the Tabernacle and how the Children of Israel entered Canaan.

We will also study the judges, the kings, and the divided kingdom.

The account of the Mosaic Age closes with a look at the prophets, Jesus' birth, His ministry and His death on the cross.

AS MOSES WAS LEADING THE ISRAELITES out of Egypt toward the Red Sea.

Pharaoh again hardened his heart and decided to pursue the Israelites to return them to slavery. As the Egyptian army approached, **Moses cried, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord . . ."**



Then God said to Moses,
“Speak unto my people that they go forward.”
Moses stretched his rod over the sea
and by the power of God the waters divided.



As a result of this miracle God's people
walked over on dry ground.
Exodus 14:15-22;

SEEING THE HEBREWS walking through the sea, the pursuing **Egyptians tried to follow**, but as soon as the Israelites were safe on the opposite shore, the Lord caused the walls of water to collapse.

The **Egyptians were drowned** in the sea.

The Bible says, "And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses." (Exodus 14:23-31;).



MIRIAM, MOSES SISTER led God's people
in singing and dancing for joy
because they were now a free people.

They praised God as they sang, "Sing to the Lord,
for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and
his rider has He thrown into the sea." (Exodus 15:1;)



Their freedom was symbolic of those today **who learn and do God's will and are delivered from the slavery of sin.** (John 8:32;)



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God Spoke To the Fathers

THE NEXT TOPIC pointed out
by the arrow is **the "wilderness."**

**The Israelites were destined
to wander in the wilderness for 40 years
because of their unbelief.**

IN THE WILDERNESS God soon
fed His people with a nourishing food
called "**manna.**"



He also caused a strong wind to blow many **quail** into the camp and the people gathered them for meat.



Though the Israelites often complained and rebelled against Him, **God continued to care for them** and taught them to depend on Him daily. Exodus 16:1-15;



THE LAND through which
God's nation wandered was desert,
so when they needed water,
God always made it available.



**He even caused water to flow
from a rock to care for their needs.**



**This shows that God always provides
for those who follow His leadership.**

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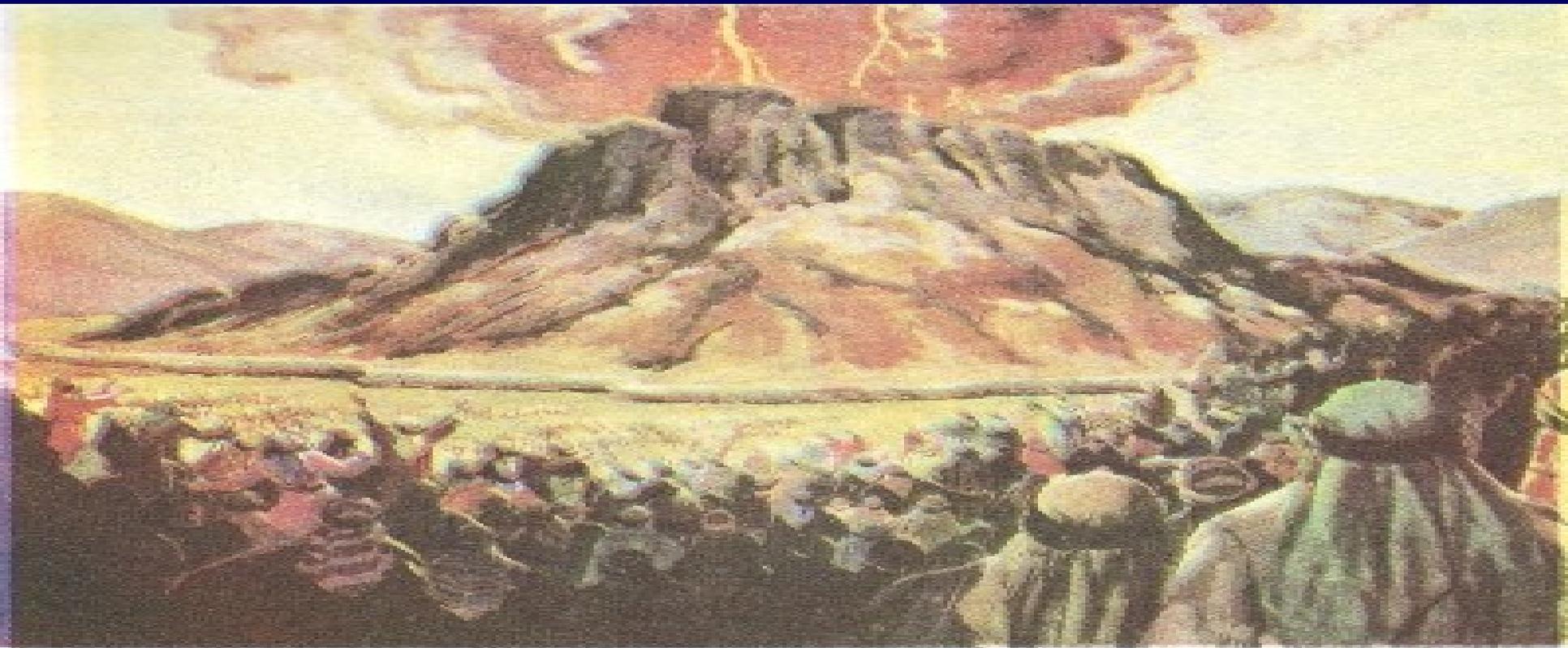


God Spoke To the Fathers.

MOUNT SINAI

**soon loomed in the distance
as the people journeyed southward.**

**This is where God delivered His law
through Moses.**



MOSES HAD FLED to this area
forty years earlier after killing
the Egyptian slave-driver.



Also, this is the place where God had spoken to Moses from the burning bush.



Now, once again, Moses is at the foot of Mt. Sinai, this time to be called by the voice of Almighty God to ascend to its peak and stand in the very presence of the Lord.

AMID THUNDER AND LIGHTENING

**and the awesomeness
of God's presence, Moses received
the Ten Commandments:-**

You will have no other god's before me.

You shall not make a graven image.

**You shall not take
the name of the Lord in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day
and keep it Holy.**

Honour your father and mother.

You shall not commit Adultery.

**You shall not steal.
You shall not testify falsely
against your neighbour.
You shall not covet.**

**Ironically, while Moses
was on the mountain receiving The Law.**

**The Israelites were making
a golden image of a calf,
bowing before it and worshipping it.
Exodus 19:3-20:17; Exodus 32:1-14;**



DESCENDING FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Moses was enraged when he saw
Gods people **bowing to the image.**

Already they were breaking
the second commandment.



**“You shall not make any graven image
You shall not bow thyself down to them.
(Exodus 20:4-5;)**

In his anger **Moses broke the tables
of stone on which God had written
the Ten Commandments. Exodus 32:15-19;**



THEN MOSES BURNED THE GOLDEN CALF

Ground it to powder, poured it into the camps water supply and forced the people to drink.



**In punishment for their idolatry,
three thousand men who refused
to repent were put to death.**



**Fear and reverence came upon
all the nation of Israel. God has always
been displeased with image worship
even to this day.**

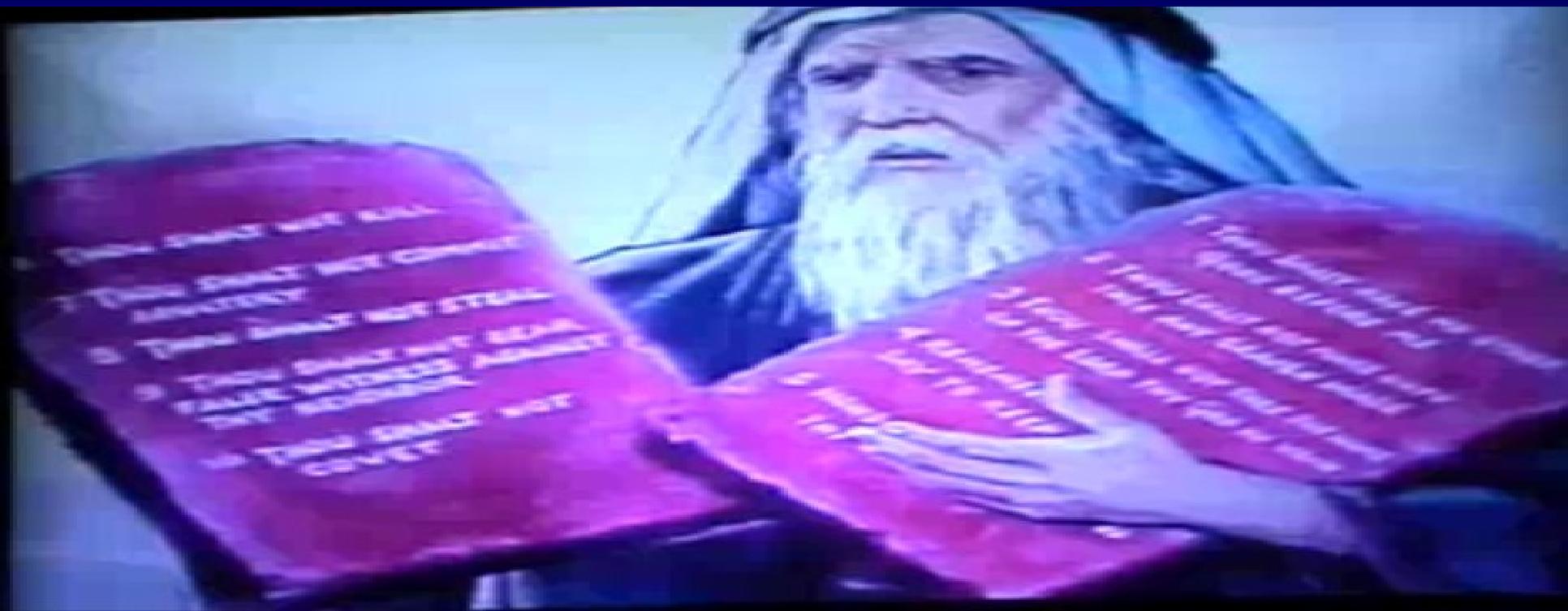
Exodus 32:20-28; Romans 1:21-24;



GOD AGAIN CALLED MOSES

to come up on the mountain.

After another forty days, Moses returned from Mt. Sinai with another set of stone tables on which he had written the Ten Commandments.



**These commandments were the basis
of all of God's laws for the Jewish people
during the Mosaic Age
and were given exclusively to the Jews.**



**The New Testament, however,
reveals God's will for us today.**

The
New Testament
of Our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK
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**Moses told the people that God
would some day raise up
another prophet like himself.**

**He was speaking of Jesus Christ
who was destined to lead people
out of the slavery of sin.**

Exodus 34:1-35; Deuteronomy 18:18; Acts 3:22-23;



THE MOSIAC AGE



Wilderness
Mount Sinai
Tabernacle

Canaan
Judges
Kings
Divided Kingdom

Judah Israel
Prophets

Jesus Birth
Jesus Ministry



THE TABERNACLE was the first house of worship ordained by the Heavenly Father.

THE TABERNACLE *The Bible teaches that it was a tent-like structure built for God's people who were moving through the wilderness.*



You will notice that the 12 tribes of the Israelites were encamped around the Tabernacle courtyard.

**Moses built the Tabernacle exactly
According to God's design given on Mt Sinai.**

**How the Tribes of Israel were
positioned in the wilderness**

North

Asher - 41,500

Dan - 62,700

Naphtali - 53,400

West

Benjamin - 35,400

Ephraim - 40,500

Manasseh - 32,200

The Levites

Merarites

Gershonites

Tabernacle

Moses &
Aaron

Kohathites

East

Issachar - 54,400

Judah - 74,600

Zebulun - 57,400

Gad - 45,650

Reuben - 46,500

Simeon - 59,300

South

A pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud during the day hovered over the Tabernacle to symbolize to the Israelites the presence of Almighty God. But today, God Himself dwells by faith in the hearts of Christians.

Num 1:51-2:34; 2 Heb 8:5; 2 Cor 6:16-18;



The Tabernacle by Day.



MATERIALS FOR BUILDING THE TABERNACLE

were furnished by **free-will offerings** of God's people.

The value of the Tabernacle must have been very great because of the large amount of **costly materials** used in its construction.



God's people gave **so generously** that Moses had to restrain them from giving too much.



**Even today in the Christian Age
the LORD'S WORK is to be supported
by free-will offerings. (1 Cor 16:1-2;)**



Why should not Christians give more freely today than the Israelites gave? God has given so much to us, including the gift of His Son to save us.

Exodus 35:4-36:6;





Though the Tabernacle was an expensive structure the free-will offerings of the people were more than enough to build it.

NOW LET US OBSERVE *three pieces of furniture inside the Tabernacle.* **First** there was an **ALTAR** upon which the Old Testament priests burned incense as directed by the Law of Moses.



ALTAR of INCENSE

The priests were appointed only from among the **tribe of Levi.**

However, today, **in the Christian Age,** the Bible teaches that **every Christian is a priest.** (1 Pet 2:5;)

“And now God is building you, as living stones, into His spiritual temple. What's more, you are God's holy priests, who offer the spiritual sacrifices that please Him because of Jesus Christ.”

Burning of incense as worship to God was strictly an Old Testament practice.



God never has authorized its use in Christian worship but instructs that our prayers are a sweet incense to Him. (Rev 5:8;)

24. TWO OLD TESTAMENT PRIESTS, Nadab and Abihu, while offering incense were punished by being burned to death by fire from Heaven. God had commanded a special fire to be used in Jewish worship, but these priests secured fire elsewhere and substituted it for what God had commanded.



This example teaches us to worship God only as He has directed in His Word rather than according to our own choices.



THE **SECOND** PIECE OF FURNITURE
in the Tabernacle was the **CANDLESTICK**
supporting seven lamps.

These **lamps** were lit each evening
as part of the Old Testament worship.



God has chosen **not to continue**
the use of lamps or candles
in His NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY.

Today **God's Word** is the lamp to light our
souls. Christians are urged to study the Bible
daily. *Exodus 25:31-40; 2 John 4:23-24;*

The
New Testament
of Our Lord and Saviour
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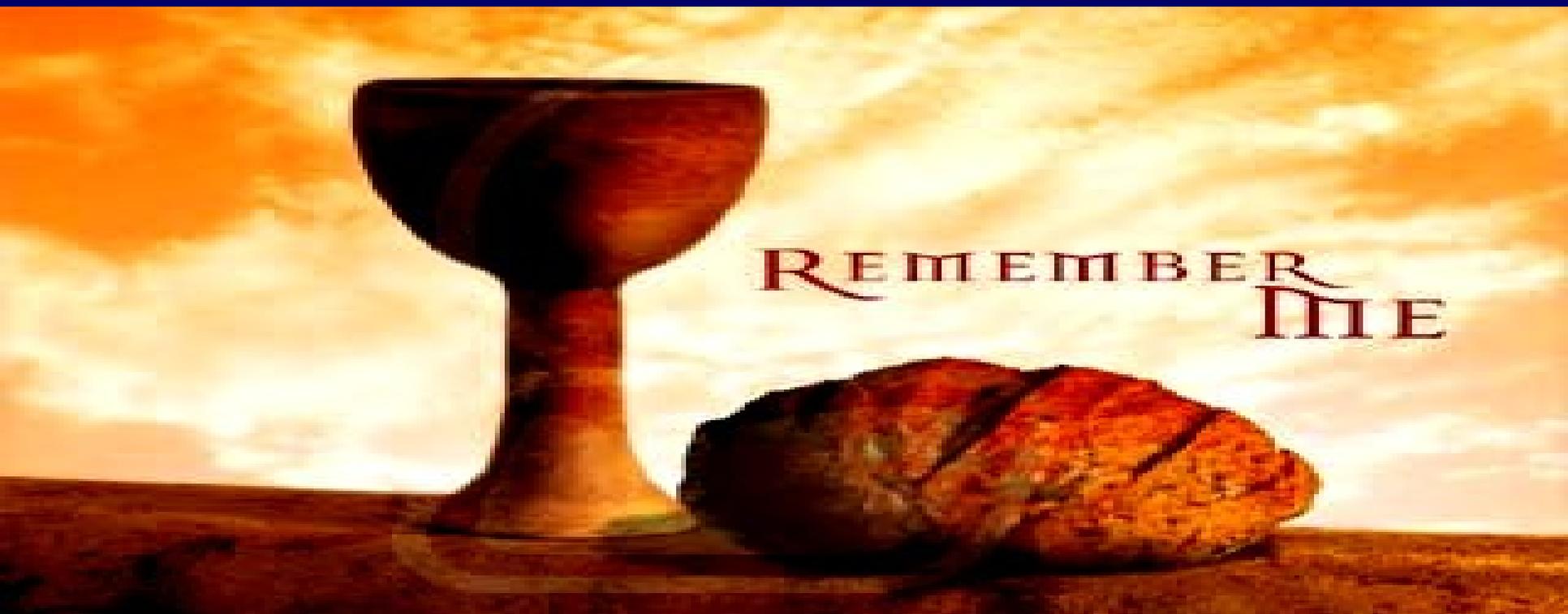
THIRD **A TABLE OF SHOWBREAD**

was placed in the Tabernacle according to God's plan.

This bread was eaten only by the priests as part of their ritual and was replaced each Sabbath Day. (Saturday.)



Today, instead of Showbread, **the Lord's supper** is eaten **each Sunday by Christians, all of whom are priests** according to the New Testament. *Exod 25:23-30; Acts 20:7; 1 Peter 2:5;*



**Christians share together
in the Lord's Supper every Sunday.**



THE TABERNACLE was an elaborate tent divided into two rooms. The first room, called the **HOLY PLACE**, contained the **ALTER OF INCENSE**, the **CANDLESTICK** and the **TABLE OF SHOWBREAD**.

The **back room**, called the **HOLY of HOLIES** was separated by a curtain, or veil. The presence of God Himself dwelt in the **HOLY of HOLIES**.

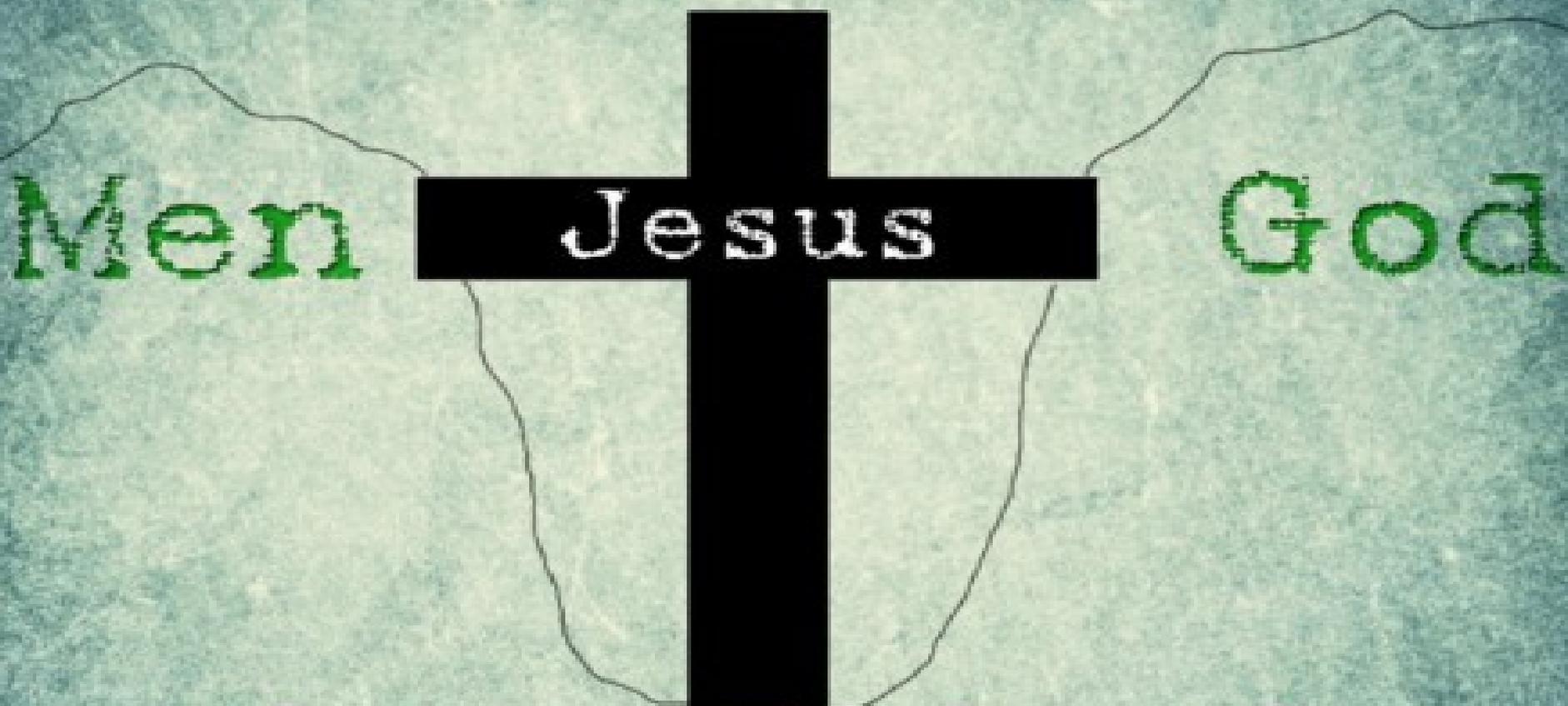


The only human being allowed in this room was the High Priest who was the eldest male descendant of the family of Aaron.

The High Priest could enter inside the veil only once each year to make a sin offering for himself and for the people.



Today **JESUS CHRIST IS OUR ONLY HIGH PRIEST**
AND THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.
Therefore, a separate priesthood of men has been
forever abolished. (1 Timothy 2:5;) *Hebrews 9:7;*



For there is one God, and one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus
1 Timothy 2:5

INSIDE THE HOLY OF HOLIES there was only one piece of furniture. This was a wooden chest overlaid with gold called "**THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.**"

The ark contained **the original Ten Commandments on stone, a pot of manna that never spoiled and Aaron's rod which once had budded miraculously overnight.**



Here the High Priest came once a year into the presence of Almighty God to sprinkle blood of animals to atone for his and the people's sins. **The top of this ark was called the "Mercy Seat."**



Here the **blood of animals** was offered for atonement annually **under the Mosaic system.**

But now Jesus, our High Priest, has entered into Heaven, the true Holy Place, and offered His own blood once for all for our sins. Heb 9:12;



NOT BY THE BLOOD OF GOATS
and calves, **but by His own blood** He entered
once into the Holy Place, having obtained
eternal redemption for us." (Hebrews 9:12;)

Since **Jesus' blood obtained**
the opportunity for our eternal redemption,
His death on the cross
marked the end of animal sacrifices.

Hebrews 10:4-10;

WHILE THE OLD TESTAMENT TABERNACLE
was in use, **the altar of burnt offering**
stood in front of the Tabernacle.

Animal sacrifices were burned
on this altar day by day.



From here also the high priest took the sacrificed
animal's blood into the Holy of Holies once a year
on the Day of Atonement. *Leviticus 16:1-19;*

THE PRIESTS under the Law of Moses were required to **wash in a basin** made of **brass** before entering the Tabernacle.



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"Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, **having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,** that he might **present the assembly to Himself** gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:26;

AFTER COMPLETING THE TABERNACLE

God's people carried it with them as they traveled.

But they soon learned that
Tabernacle worship, important as it was,
could not be substituted for obedience.

At Kadesh Barnea the Israelites
rebelled against God again.

To show how sinful and wicked rebellion was,
God sent **poisonous snakes** among the people
so that many of them died.

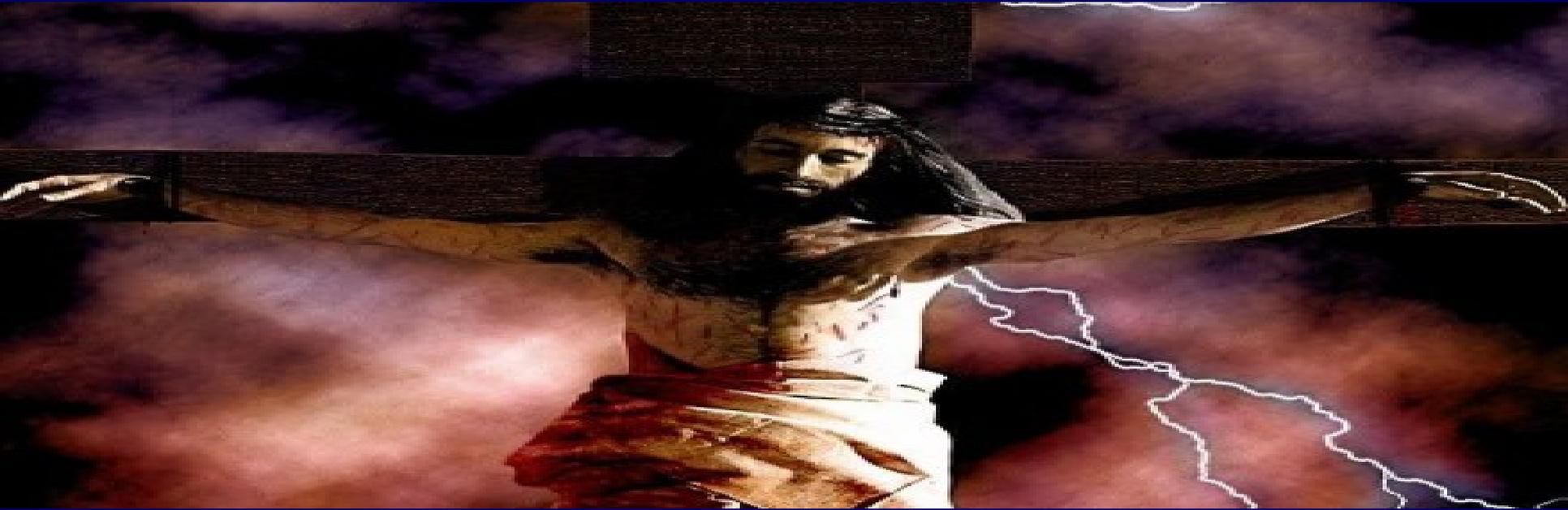
They soon saw their **great need** for God
and **cried for deliverance.**

Then God told Moses to **set up a brass serpent** so that those who had been bitten might look at it and be healed.



Notice, God did not take away
the poisonous snakes
He made a way for His people to be healed.

Today, God does not remove temptation,
but He lifted up Christ on the cross so that
we might be healed from the fatal sting of sin.
Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-15;



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CANAAN The Promised Land,
was finally reached by the descendants
of the people who originally had left Egypt.

Because of their **faithless hearts**, the people
had wandered in the wilderness **40 long years**.

God had **promised Abraham** many years before
that **His people** would **inherit the Land of Canaan**.

We shall see how God kept his promise.

Genesis 15;

MOSES AND JOSHUA

were finally at the place where they could
lay plans to take the land of Canaan.

Knowing he could not enter Canaan because of sin,
Moses gave the leadership to Joshua.



God then enabled Moses to enjoy a panoramic view of all the Promised Land towards which he had been marching for 40 years.



With this transcending scene stamped in his heart, Moses ascended Mt. Nebo where he died.

Though his heart was filled with sadness,
Joshua immediately sent two spies into the land
in preparation for conquering it.
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Joshua 1:1-2:24;



RAHAB A CITIZEN hid the spies when they were in danger of being caught, and assisted them in their escape.



**Although she was a Gentile,
this brave woman became a believer in God.**



**She and her family were spared later
when the Israelites came into possession
of the Promised Land. *Joshua 2:1-24;***

JOSHUA ORGANISED HIS FORCES
to cross the Jordan River and begin
the **conquest** of the **promised land**
as soon as he received the report of the spies.



They told him,

**"Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands
all the land, for even all the inhabitants
of the country do faint because of us."**

(Joshua 2:24;)

All that remained between **Israel and their
"**Promised Land**" was **the Jordan River**, now
at the peak of its flood season. *Joshua 3:14-17;***

AT GOD`S COMMAND the **priests** carried the **Ark of the Covenant** into the flooded river.



When the feet of the priests touched the water, **God caused the waters to divide** and all the Israelites crossed safely on dry ground.

This was a new generation of Jews.
Only **Joshua** and **Caleb** remained of the original generation which had **escaped Egyptian slavery** forty years previously.

The rest had fallen in the wilderness because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:14-19

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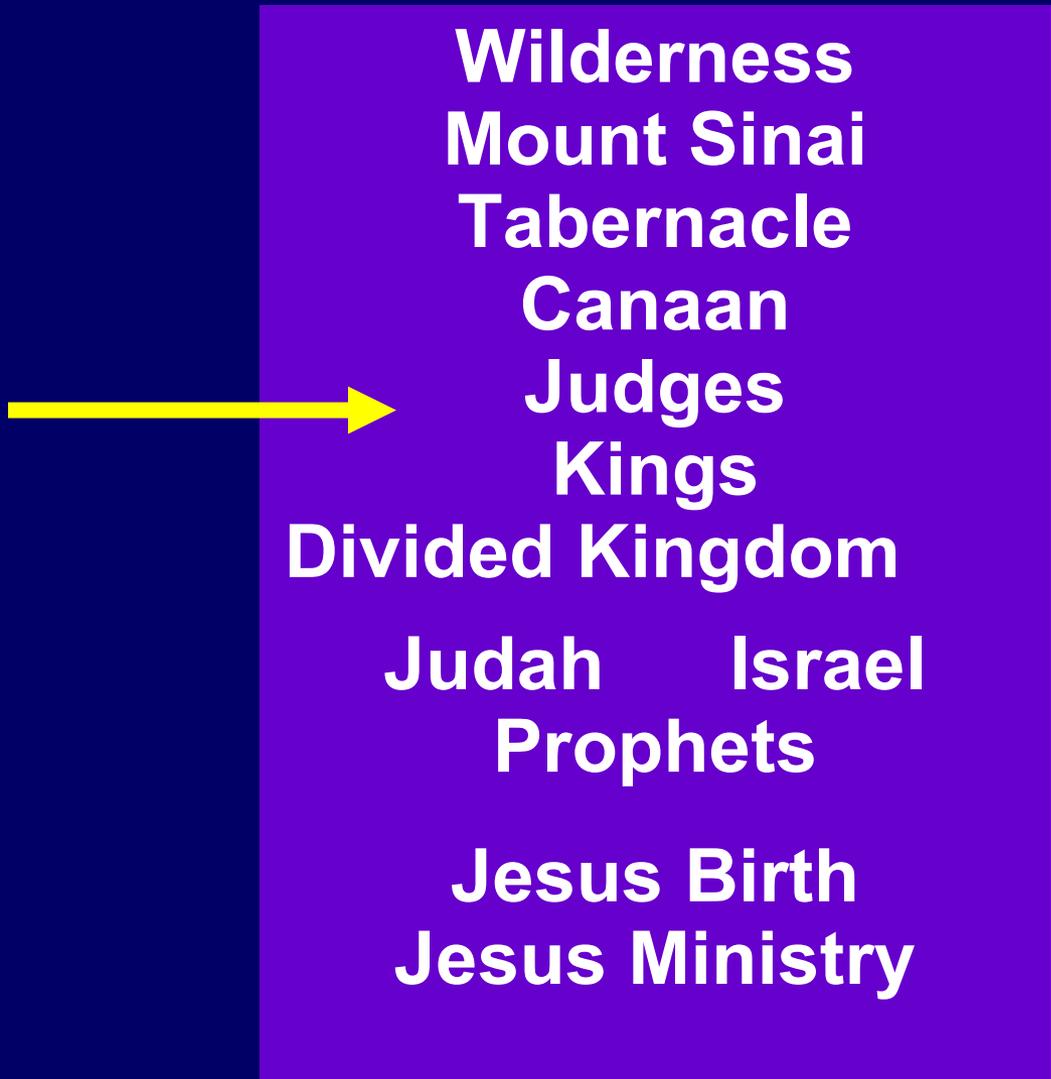
17 And against whom was God provoked for forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose dead bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did he swear they would never enter into his rest, except those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they could not enter because of unbelief.

This reminds us of Jesus' statement,
"Strait is the gate and narrow is the way
which leads unto life and few there be
that find it." (Matthew 7:14;)



The **faithful Jews** who crossed the Jordan
River **subdued** and **possessed** the Promised
Land before Joshua died.' *Numbers 26:63-65;*

FOLLOWING JOSHUA`S DEATH the judges were the **only rulers** and **military leaders** of the Israelites for the next 300 years.

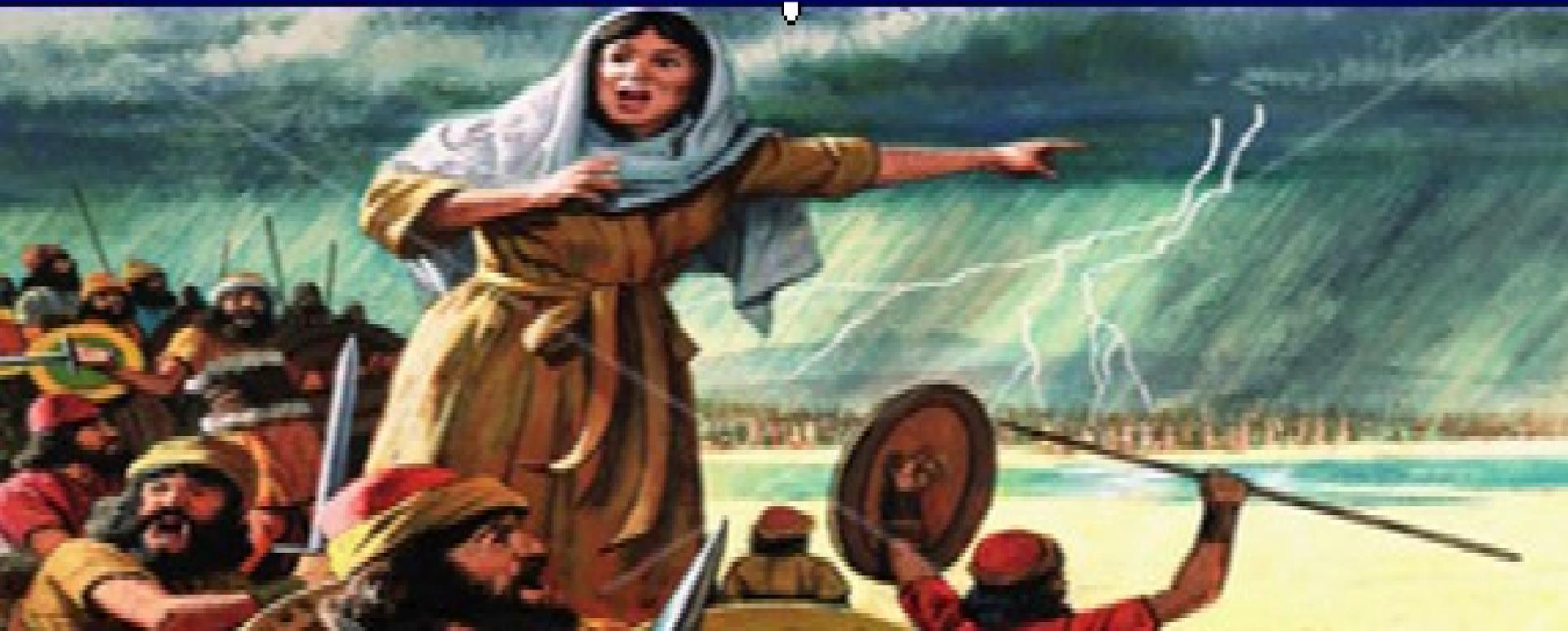


**The people were united under God
but without
a centralized human government.**

**God raised up these leaders called "judges"
as special needs arose. *Judges 2:16-19;***

ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL JUDGES
of Israel was a woman named **Deborah.**

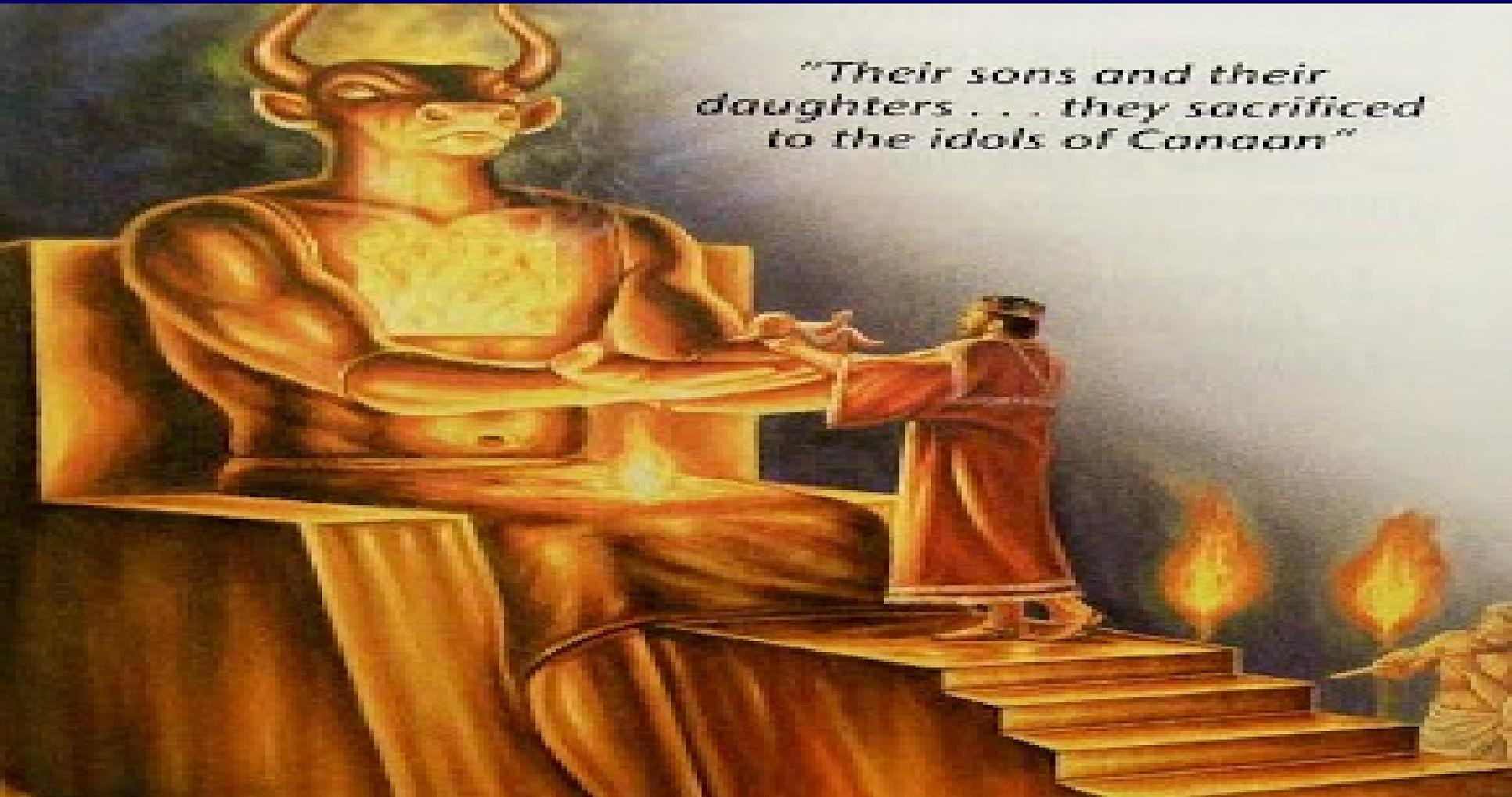
She was also a prophetess. Because
the **Israelites began worshipping images**
in Canaan, **God allowed their enemies,**
the Canaanites, to conquer them.



**When the Israelites repented of their idolatry,
God delivered them from the Canaanites
through the leadership of Deborah.**

Judges 4:1-15;

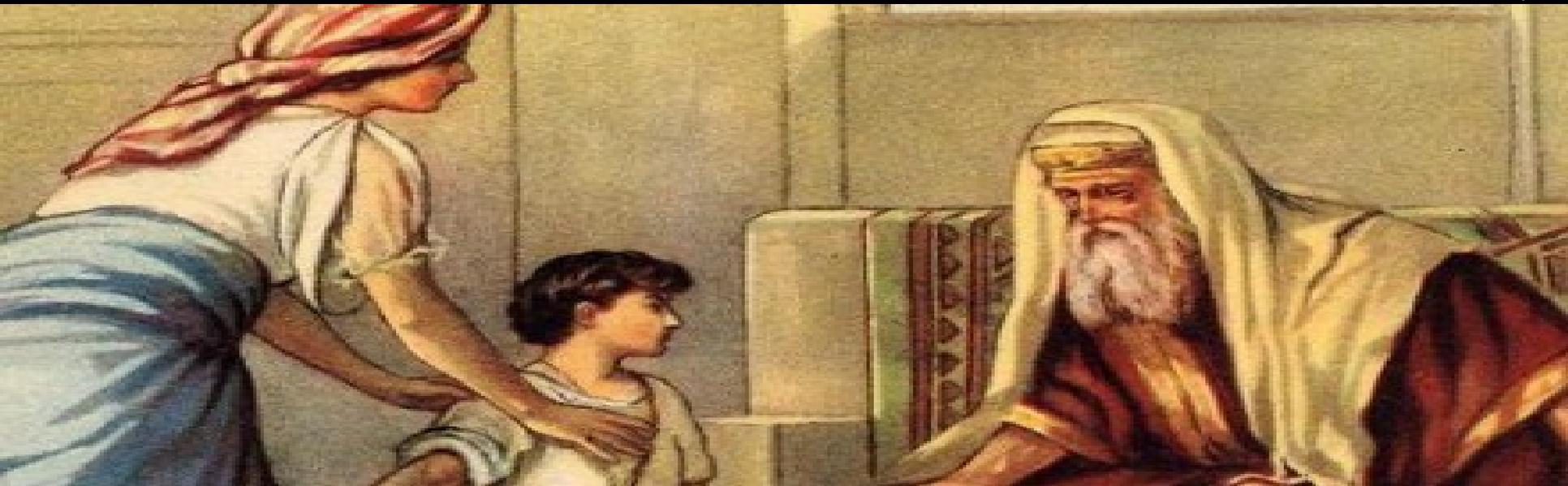
*"Their sons and their
daughters . . . they sacrificed
to the idols of Canaan"*



THE LAST JUDGE OF ISRAEL was Samuel.

Samuel was born in answer
to his mother's prayer.

Hannah promised God that if He would
give her a son, she would dedicate him to
the Lord's service all his life. *1 Samuel 1:9-18;*



IT MUST HAVE BEEN **VERY DIFFICULT** for **Hannah** to bring her young son, **Samuel**, to **Eli, the priest**, and leave him there to be trained and used **in the service of the Lord**.

But **Hannah kept her promise** to the Lord.

She showed her continued **love** for her son by **bringing him a new coat** each year when she made the trip to the temple.

1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18-19;

ONE NIGHT while **Samuel** was still a boy God spoke to him, **giving him a message for Eli.**

This demonstrated that **Samuel** was **God's messenger.**

One who received **a message direct** from God to be delivered to men was called **a prophet.**

Samuel became **the first** in a **long line of prophets** who **preached** **God's message** to **His people.**

1 Samuel 3; Acts 3:24;



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