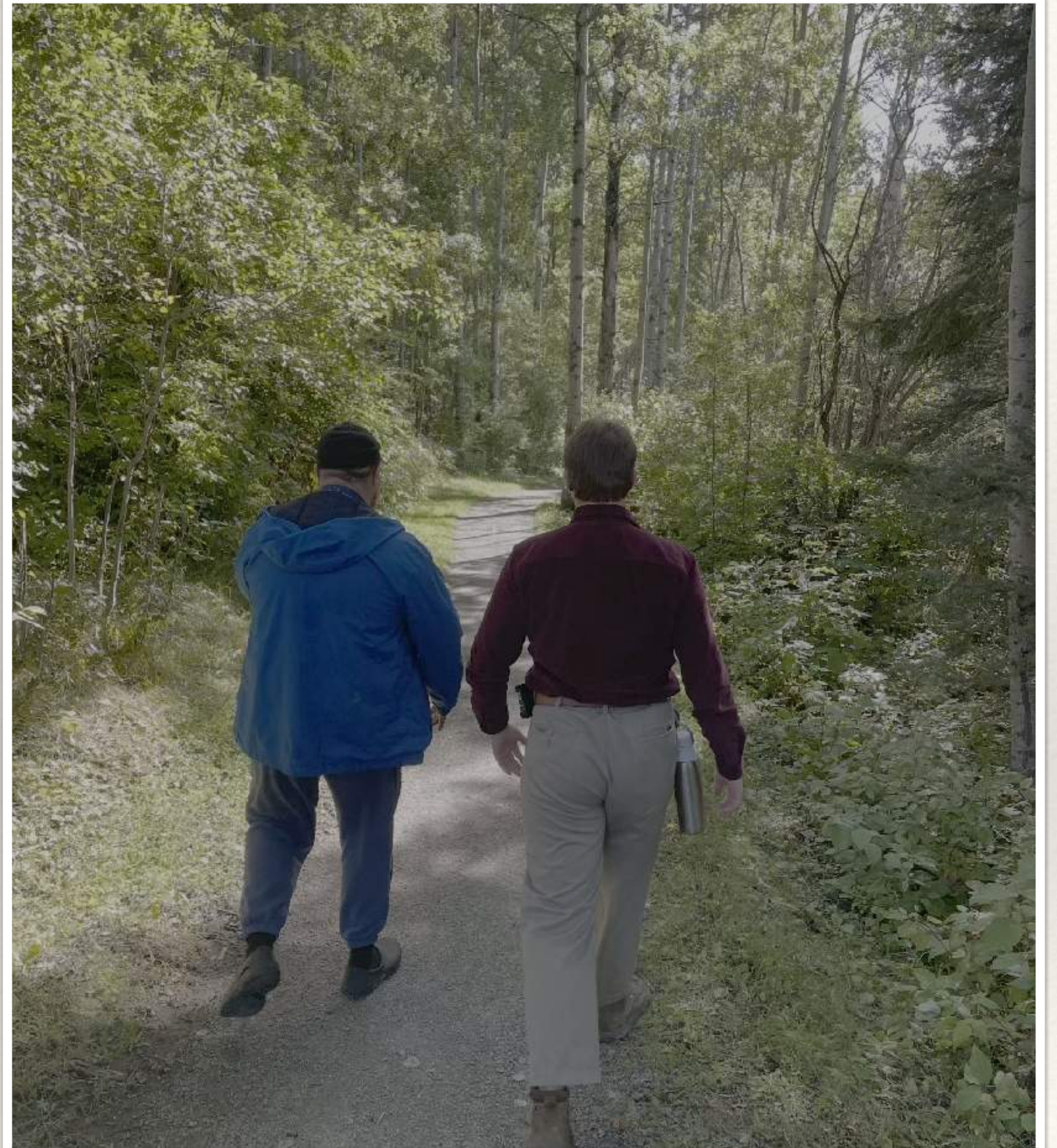

The “Ways” of Exodus

Introducing Exodus

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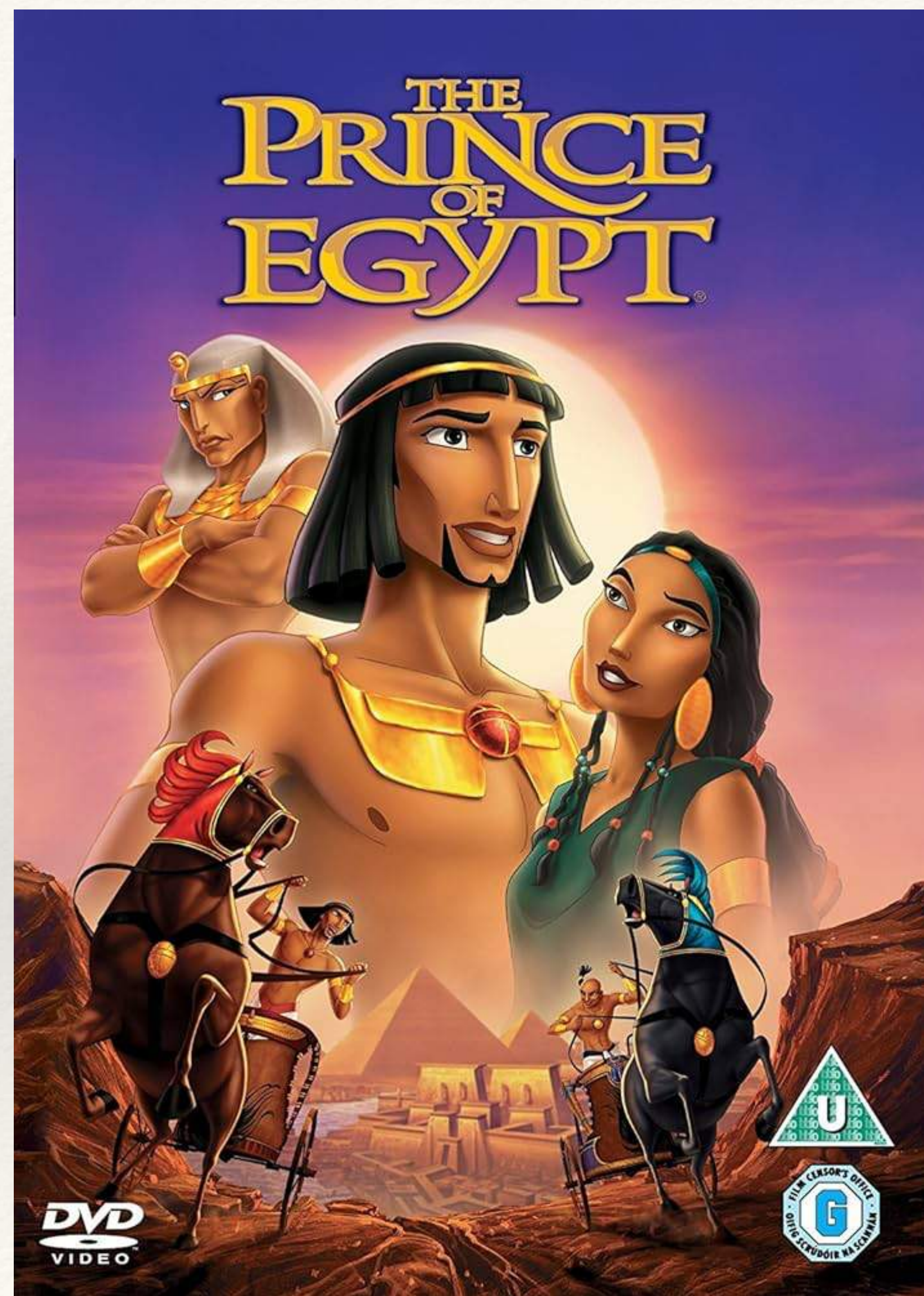






Exodus 3:7,8 NIV

The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey



ἔξοδος - exodos

- the way out

The “*way*” the
book is designed

Literary Design of Exodus

Exodus 1-4: The Saga of Moses

1-2: Moses delivered from Pharaoh

3-4: Moses commissioned by YHWH

Exodus 5-40: The Saga of the Hebrews

5-18: Hebrews delivered from Pharaoh

5-11: Ten plagues

12-15a: Passover and exodus

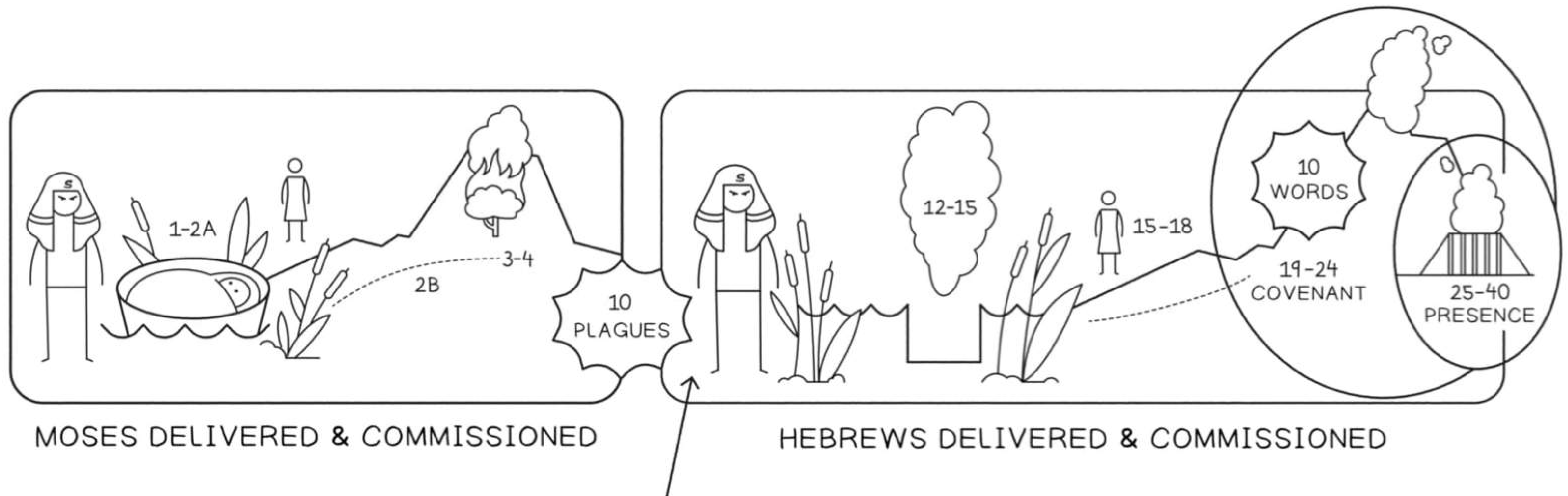
15b-18: Wilderness journey

19-40: Hebrews commissioned by YHWH

19-24: Covenant

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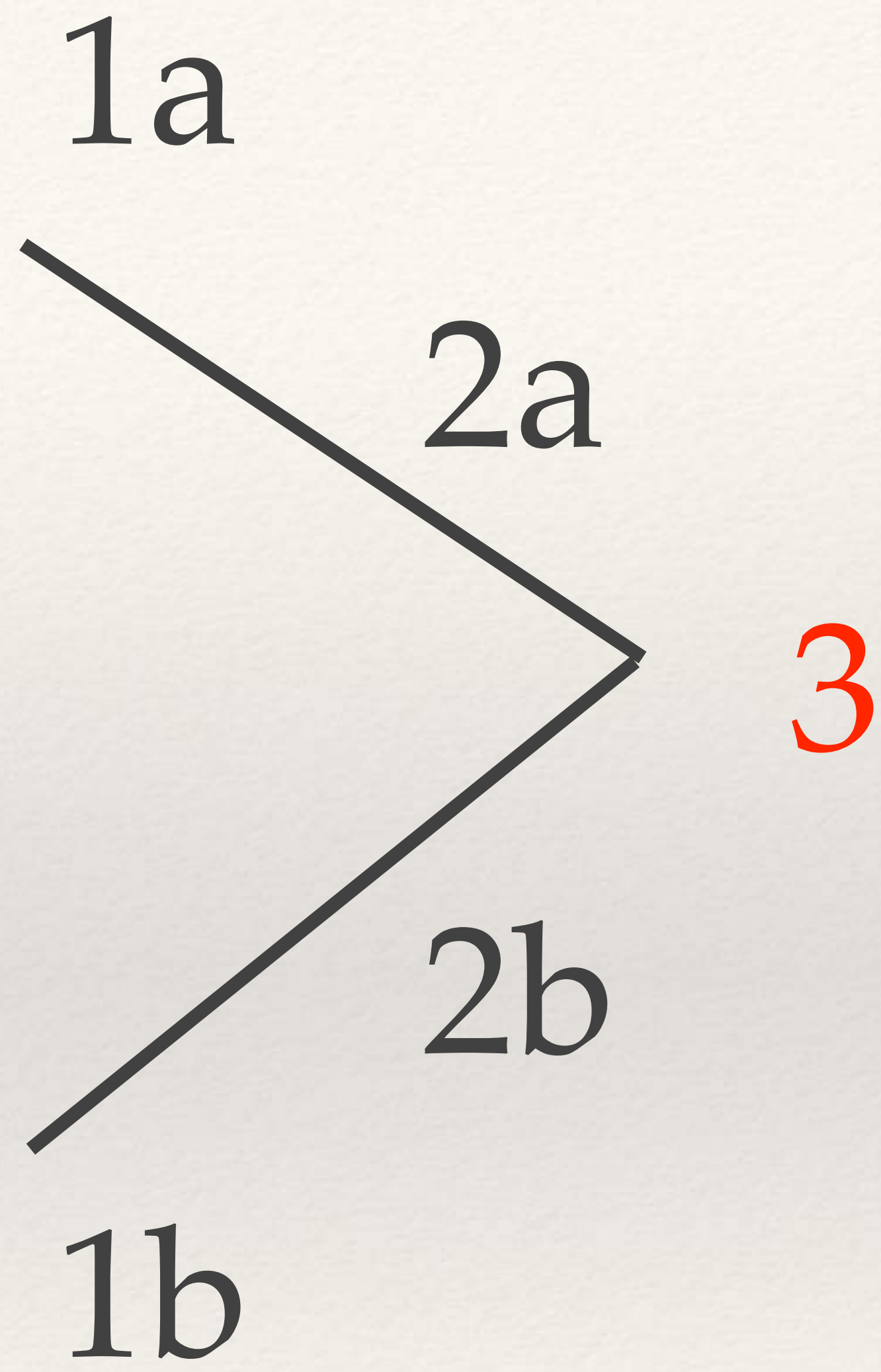
Literary Design of Exodus



Exodus 19:4-6 NIV

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

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Exodus / Numbers

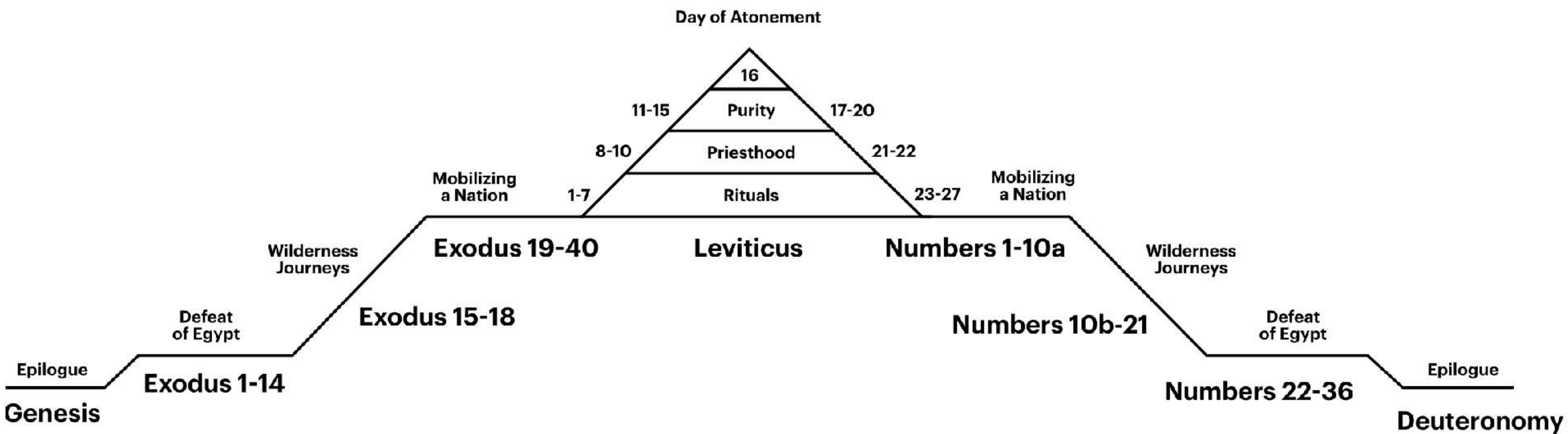
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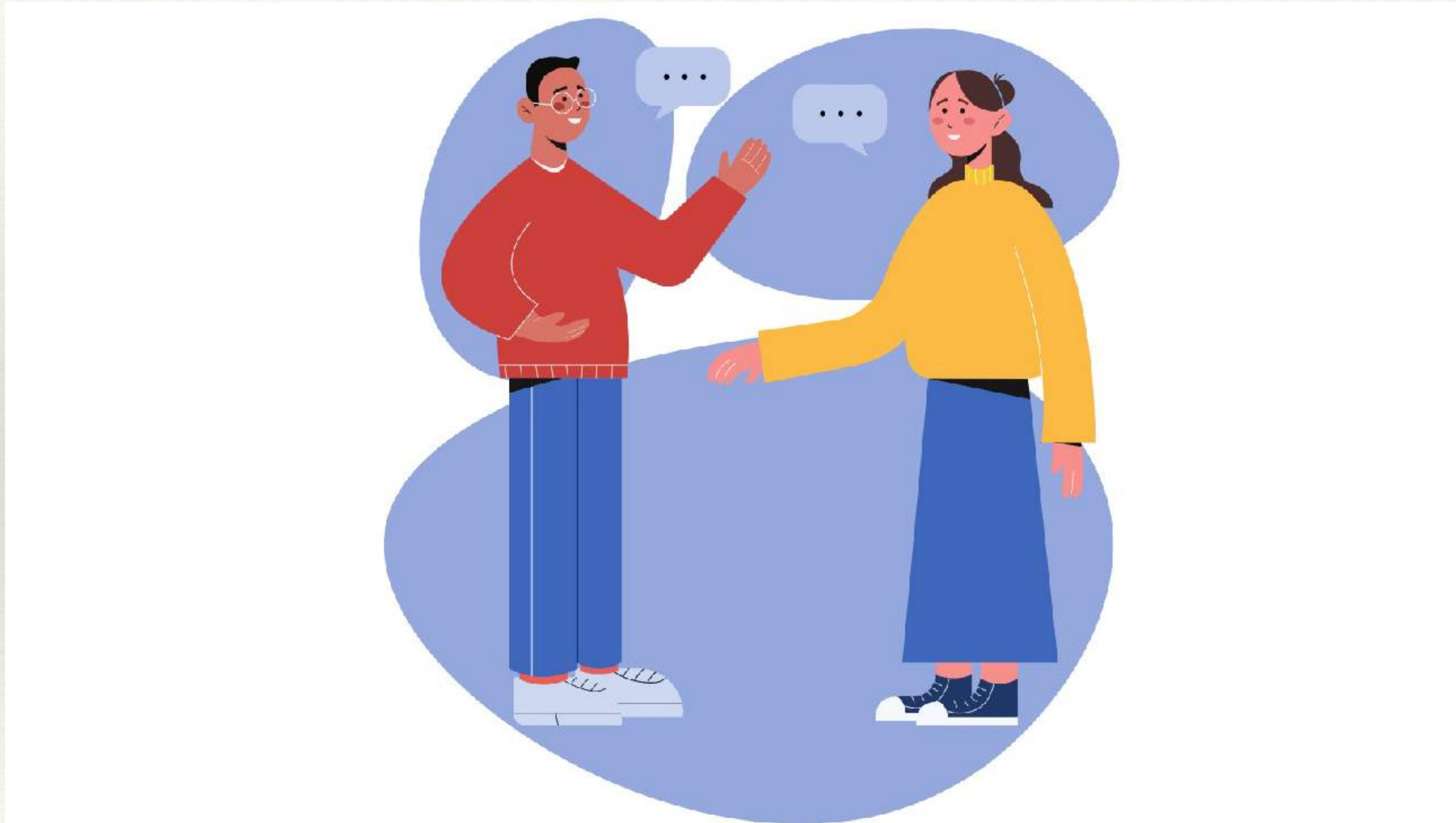
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Chiasm Mountain of the Torah



“Ways” to know God





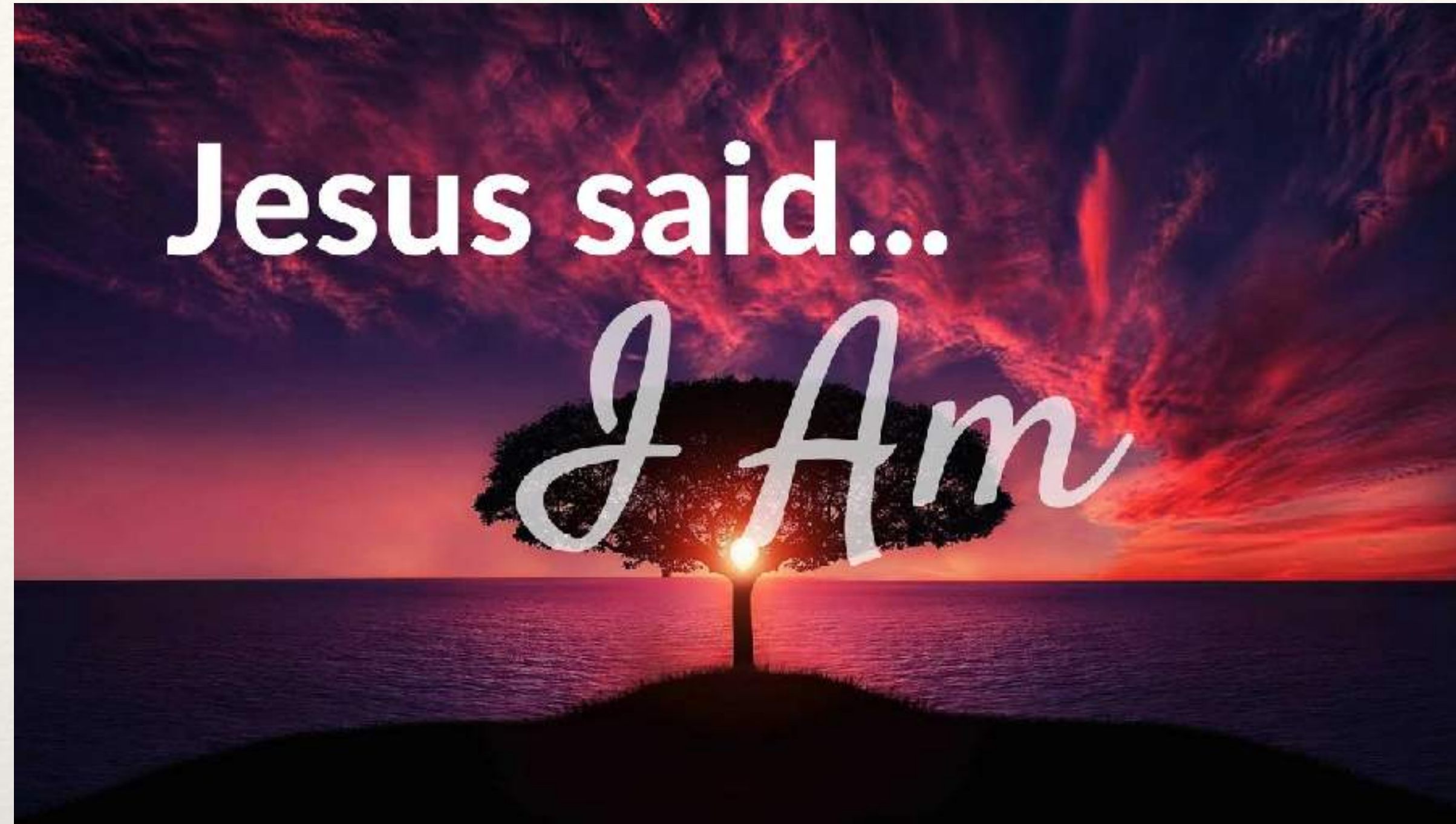
Exodus 3:13-15 NLT

But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.”

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: **Yahweh** the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.



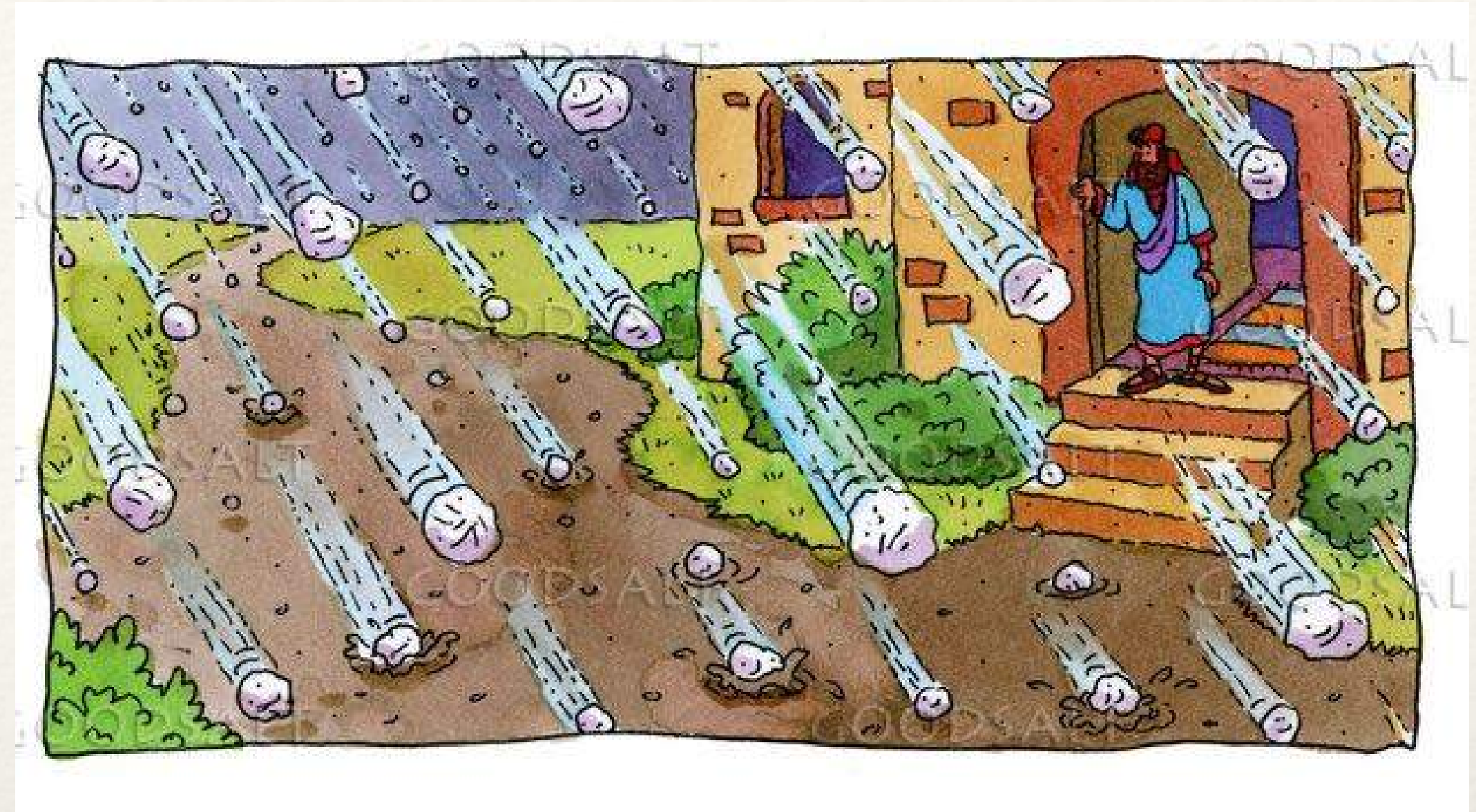
John 8:58 NIV

Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered,
“before Abraham was born, I am!”



Exodus 7:17 NIV

This is what the LORD (Yahweh) says: **By this you will know that I am the LORD (Yahweh):** With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.



Exodus 9:15-16 NLT

By now I could have lifted my hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the face of the earth. But I have spared you for a purpose—**to show you my power and to spread my fame throughout the earth.**

Joshua 2:9-11 NLT

Everyone in the land is living in terror. **For we have heard** how the LORD (Yahweh) made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. **For the LORD (Yahweh) your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.**





Exodus 34:5-7 NLT

Then the LORD (Yahweh) came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh.

The LORD (Yahweh) passed in front of Moses, calling out,

“Yahweh! The LORD (Yahweh)!

The God of compassion and mercy!

I am slow to anger

and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations.

I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin.

But I do not excuse the guilty.

I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren;

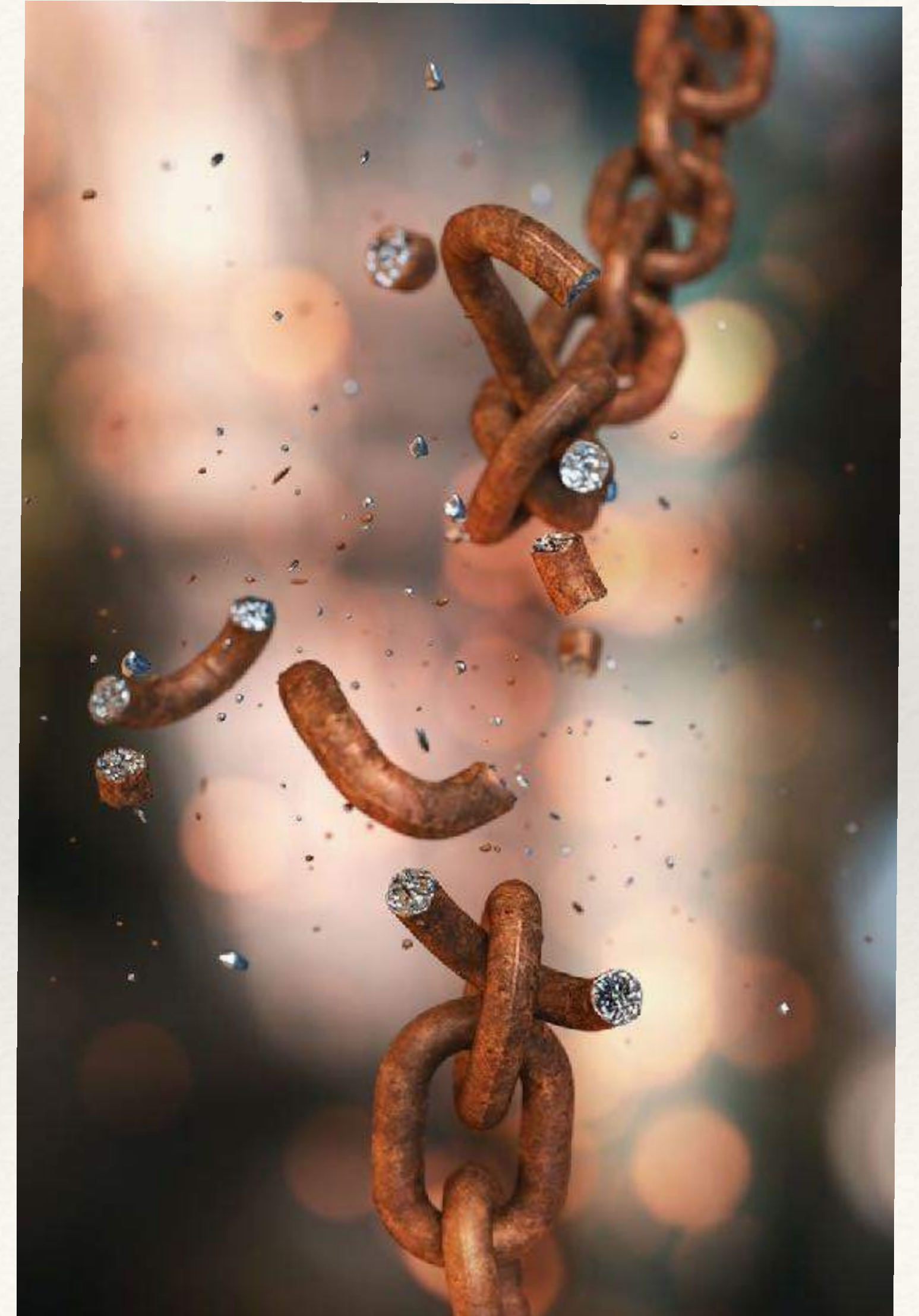
the entire family is affected—

even children in the third and fourth generations.”

“Ways” to understand familiar terms

Exodus 6:6 NIV

“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD (Yahweh), and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will **redeem** you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.’





1 Peter 1:18,19 NIV

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Colossians 1:14 NLT

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



Exodus 14:10,13 ESV

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the **salvation** of the LORD, which he will work for you today.



Titus 3:3-5 NIV

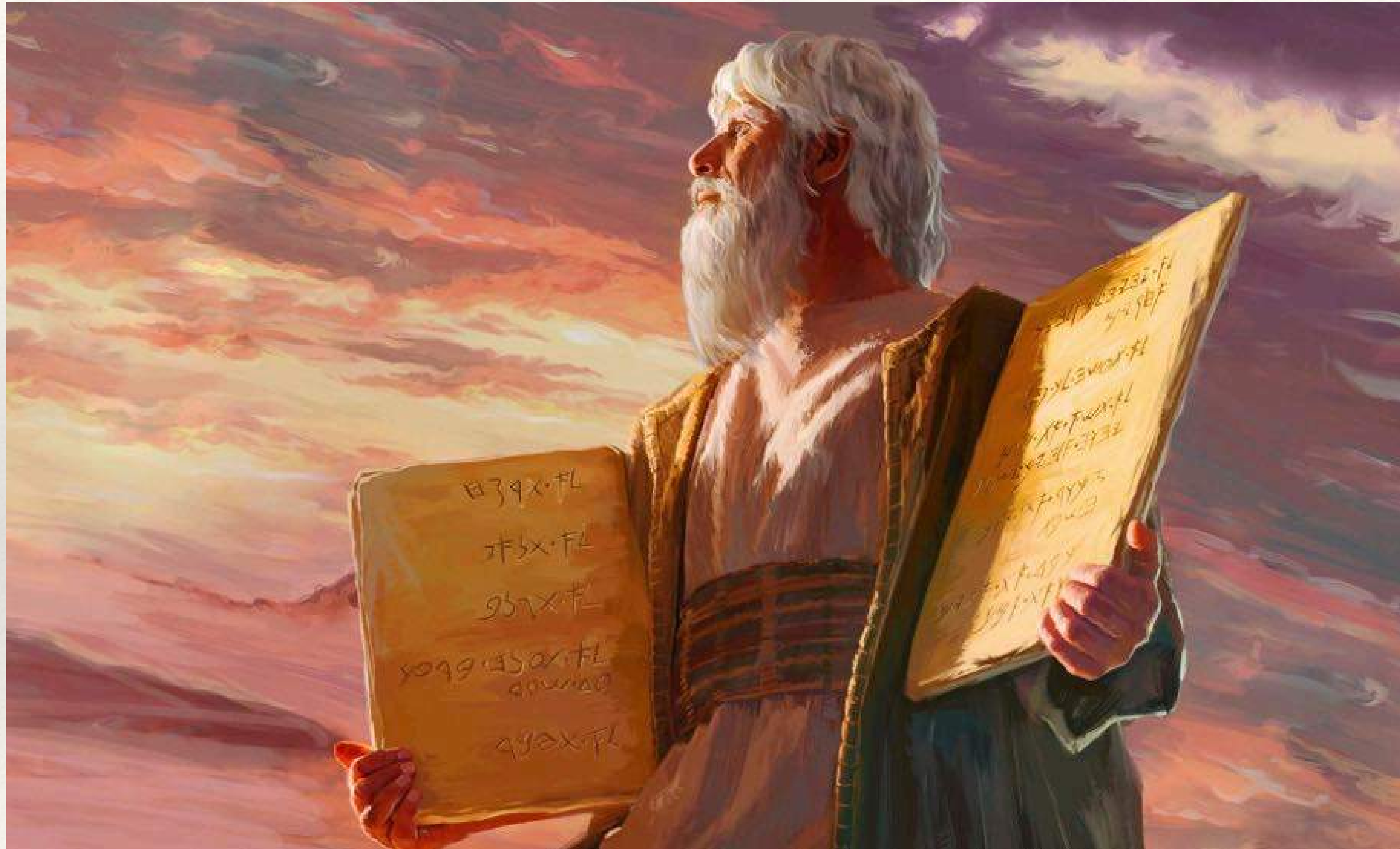
At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and **enslaved** by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our **Saviour** appeared, he **saved** us,



Passover



“Ways” to live as God’s people



Deuteronomy 4:5-8 NIV

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your **wisdom and understanding** to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a **wise and understanding** people.” What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD (Yahweh) our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

The Exodus “Way”

- a pattern for life

Isaiah 11:11 NIV

In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.

“The Exodus motif is the Bible's grand narrative, and it is one of the best stories, because it encompasses all the major aspects of God's work of salvation through Christ. Redemption from sin, suffering, and from the tyranny of the devil, it's in Exodus from Egypt, and from Pharaoh. Bringing us into the presence of God is represented in Mount Sinai. The wilderness wanderings, as a pilgrimage towards a special place. The possession of the land of Canaan, ultimately symbolizing entitlement in the world to come, in order to become a unified, holy people, in a place where they might worship God perpetually. All of this is an Exodus story.

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