

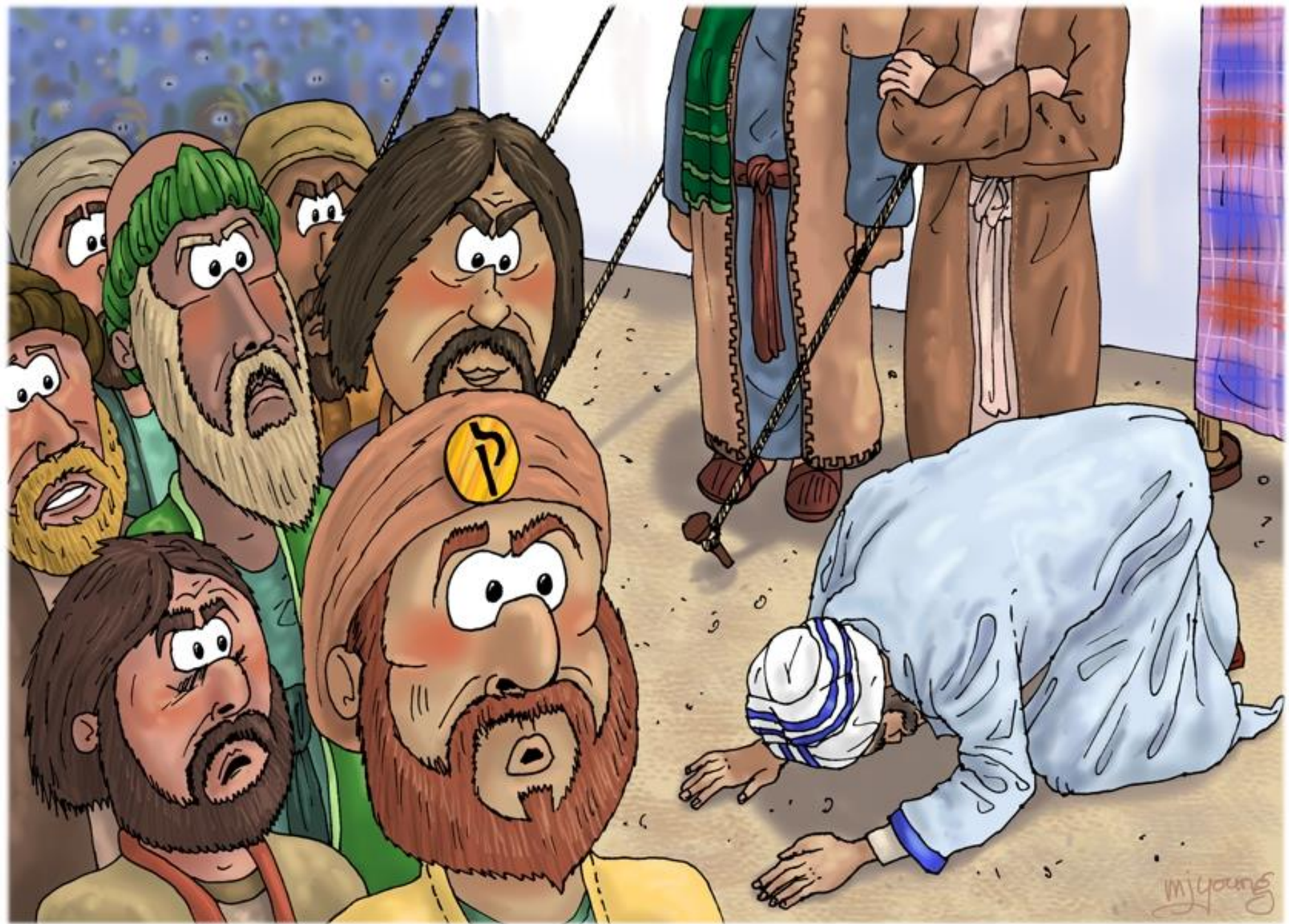


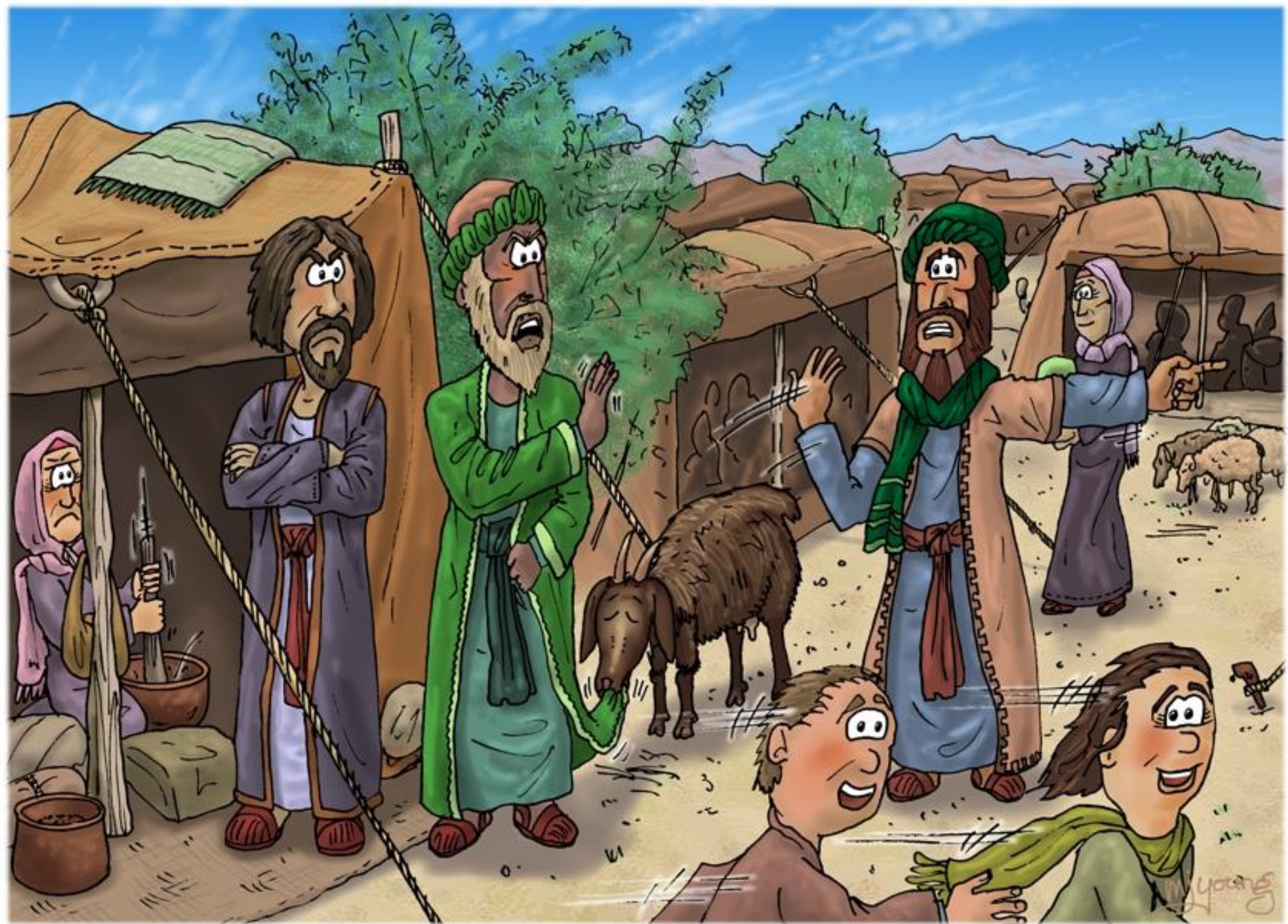
THE STORY OF MOSES

PART 14 – UNDER ATTACK

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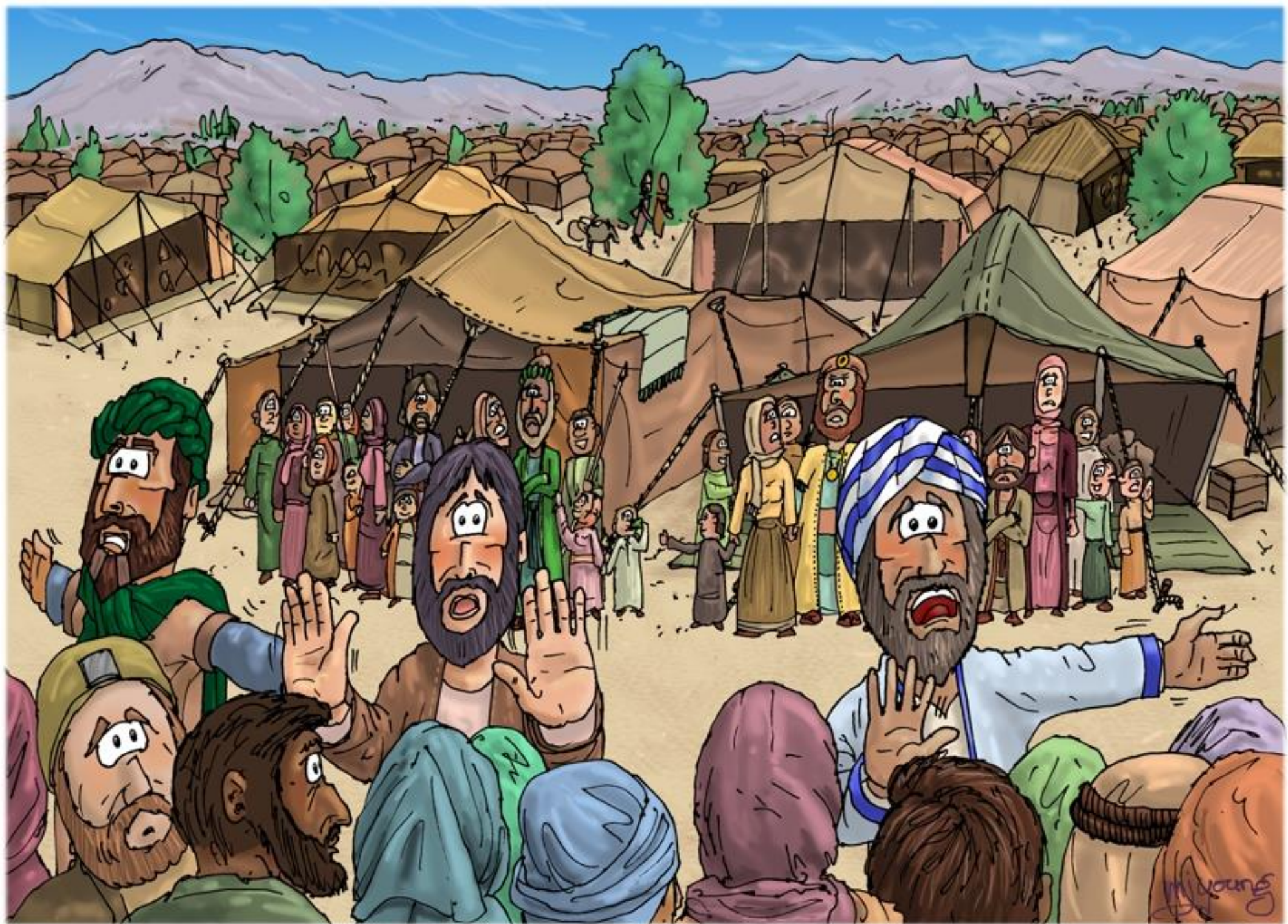


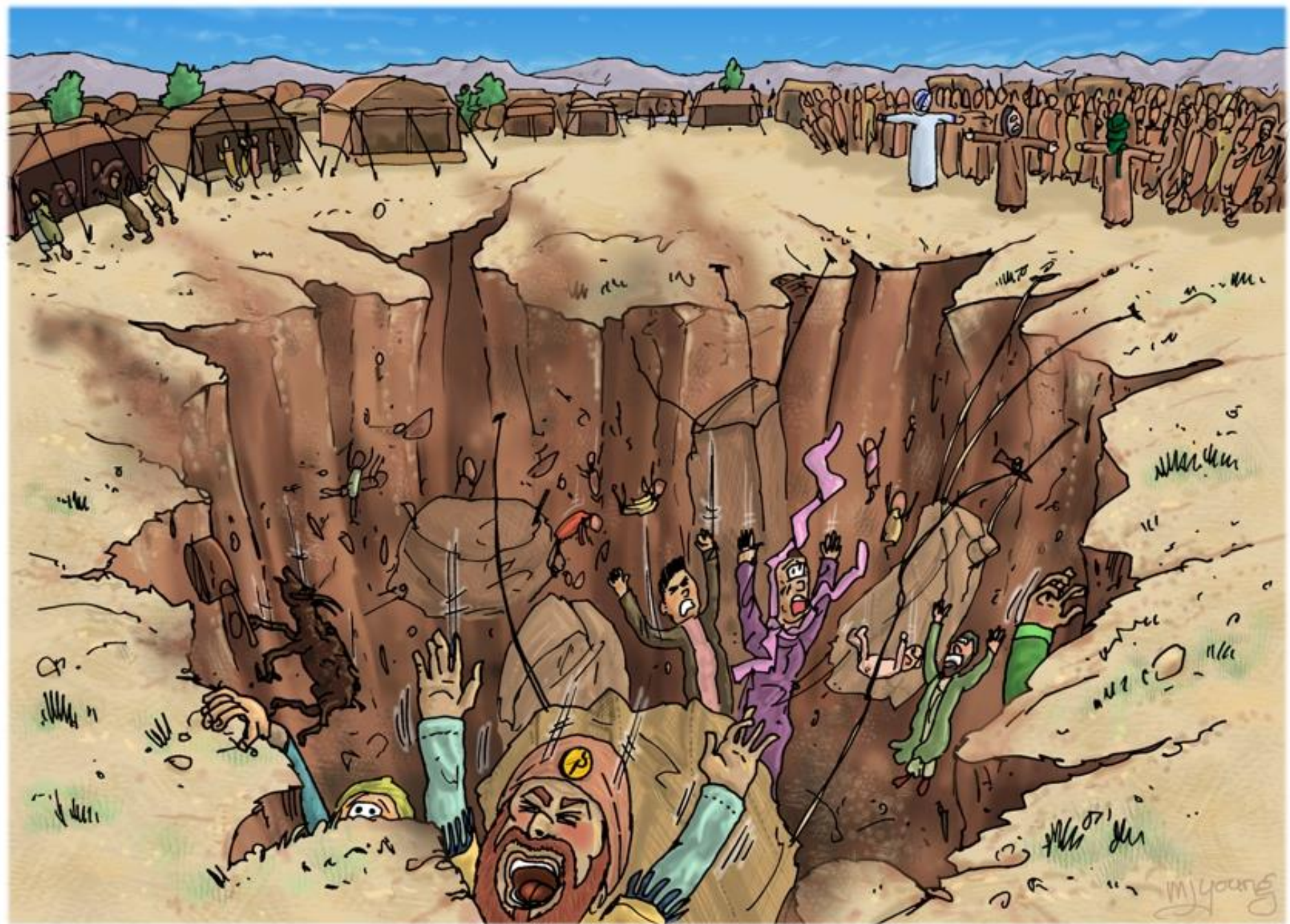












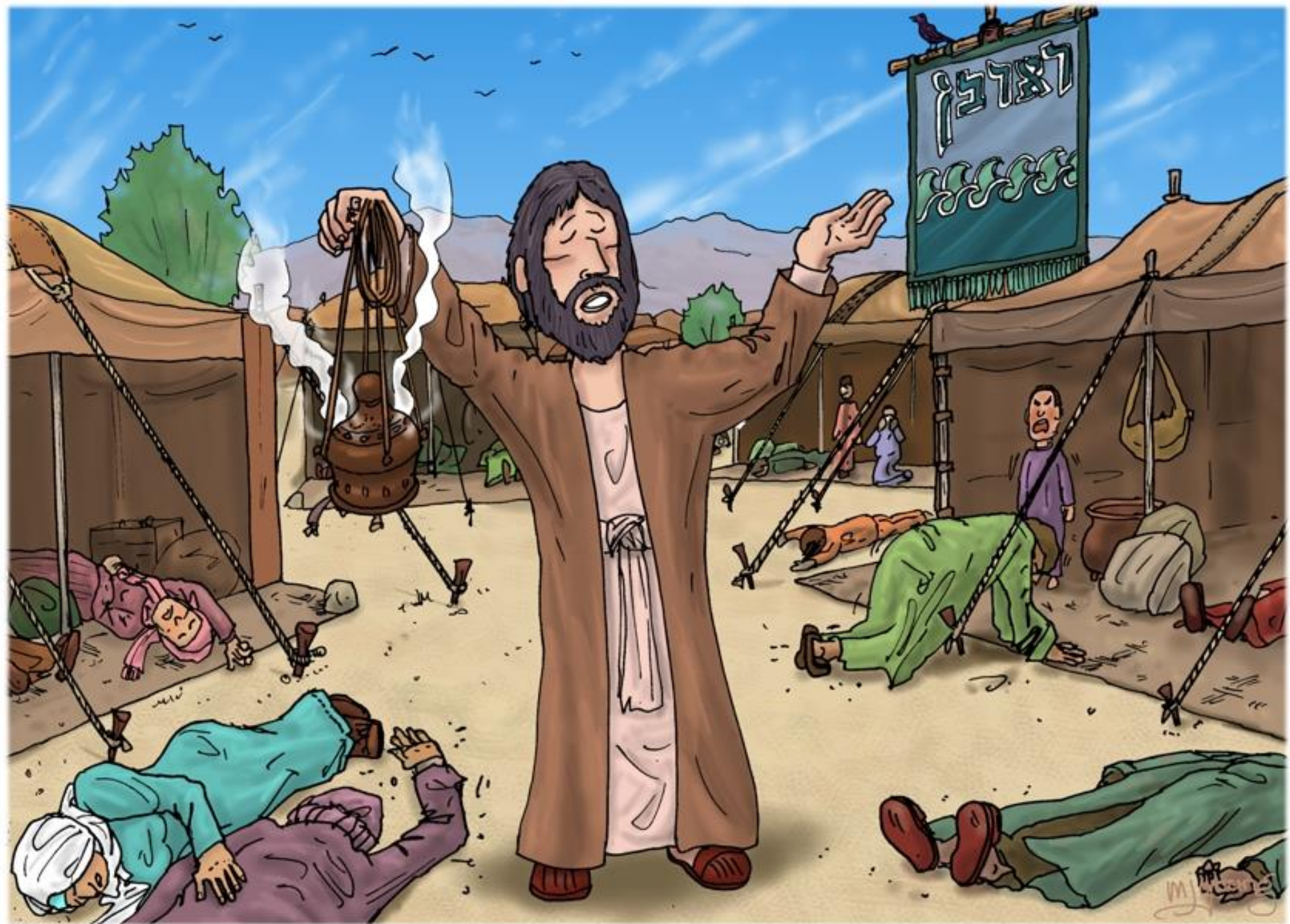












UNDER ATTACK

- The Rebellion
- Moses Response



THE REBELLION

- How had the grievances of Korah, Dathan, Abiram and On grown to over 250 people?
- “Murmuring”, “Grumbling”



THE REBELLION

- Imagine the “private” conversations in their tents...
 - “This Moses, who does he think he is, telling us what we can and can’t do?”
 - “He’s supposed to be leading us to a land filled with milk and honey and yet here we are stuck in the wilderness with rubbish food to eat.”
 - “I don’t believe Moses is capable of leading such a large group of people. He’s not hearing God properly else we would be there by now. He’s got it all wrong.”

THE REBELLION

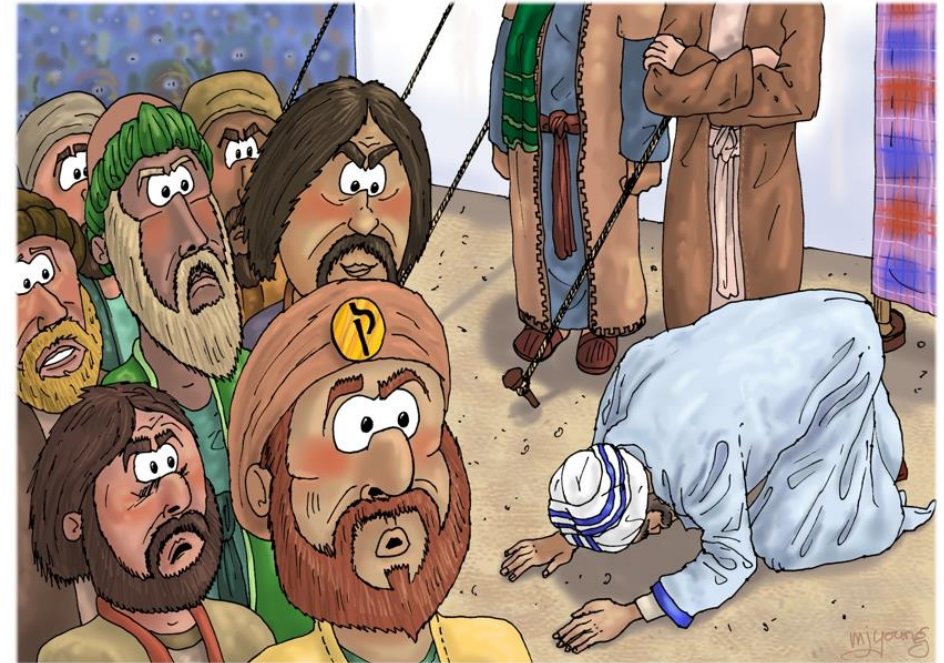
- The trouble with whinging and grumbling is that it spreads and then becomes distorted from the truth
 - Moses did not appoint himself as the leader, God did.
 - Egypt was not a land flowing with milk and honey; they were slaves.
 - It wasn't Moses who led them away from the Promised Land, it was the peoples' unbelief.
 - Moses was not intent on killing anyone; he interceded for them all the time.

THE REBELLION

- What might have been better discussions these people could have had in their tents?
 - “Moses seems to be really struggling at the moment. How can we help?”
 - “I feel we need to really commit to praying for Moses and Aaron at this time. Things don’t seem to be going to plan and we need to hold up their hands.”
 - “I’m really sorry – I messed up. I’m going to say sorry to Moses for my part in all of this and simply offer myself to him in whatever way helps to put things right.”

MOSES' RESPONSE

- Moses falls facedown before God, he cries to God, he pleads with God, he questions God, he even vents his own anger before God.
- The common factor, he goes to God first.



MOSES' RESPONSE

- I Peter 2:20-23 says this

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

MOSES' RESPONSE

- Meekness

- Controlled strength that puts everything in the hands of God.
- Founded on a total trust in God; Christlike, love at the centre
- Meekness grows alongside humility and wisdom in that it seeks another person's interest at the expense of its own
- It is pure, peaceable, gentle, and open to reason
- James 3:13-17

MOSES' RESPONSE

- A great sin had been committed *against God*, and had to be dealt with
- Moses' love for the people is seen as he tries to plead for God's mercy.
- A true godly leader carries God's burden and carries God's love.



SUMMARY

1. Proverbs 4:23 – Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
2. Colossians 3:11-13 – Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
3. Imagine Jesus sitting next to you and then ask yourself the question: “*How does Jesus feel about this conversation I am in?*”