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# MOSES

THE MAN WHO LED HIS PEOPLE FROM SLAVERY

SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE MOSES LIVED, A MAN CALLED JACOB AND HIS TWELVE SONS CAME TO LIVE IN EGYPT BECAUSE THERE WAS A GREAT FAMINE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, CANAAN. THE KING OF EGYPT WELCOMED THEM WARMLY.



WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

WE ARE SHEPHERDS, SIR. THE FAMINE IS SO SEVERE IN THE LAND OF CANAAN THAT THERE IS NO PASTURE FOR OUR FLOCKS.

THE KING LET THEM SETTLE IN A PART OF EGYPT CALLED GOSHEN.



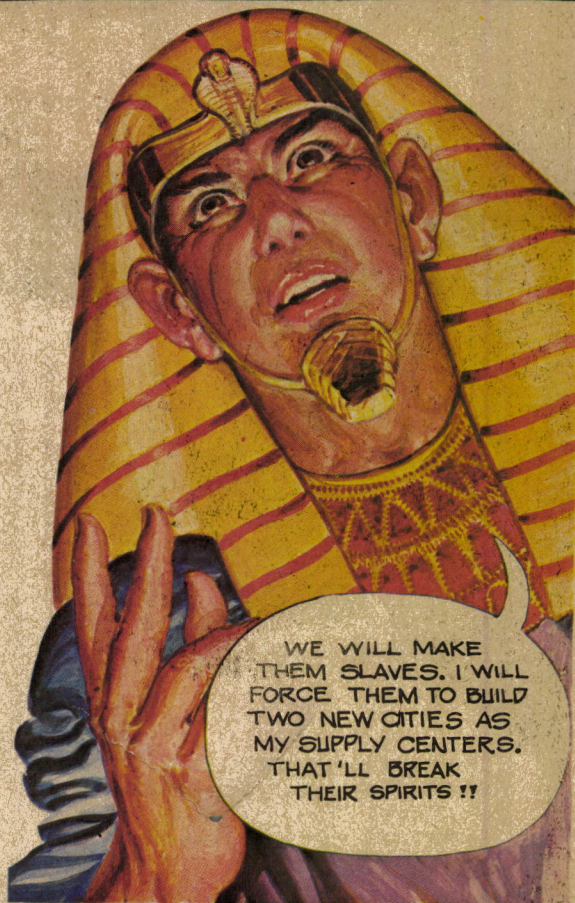
IN THE COURSE OF TIME, JACOB AND HIS FAMILY DIED. BUT THEIR DESCENDANTS, THE ISRAELITES, HAD MANY CHILDREN, AND THEY BECAME VERY NUMEROUS. A NEW KING RULED WHO HATED THE ISRAELITES.



O KING!! THERE ARE SO MANY OF THESE ISRAELITES! THEY ARE A GREAT DANGER TO US. IF THERE IS A WAR, THEY MIGHT JOIN OUR ENEMIES TO FIGHT AGAINST US!!



WE MUST FIND A WAY TO KEEP THEM FROM BECOMING STRONGER.

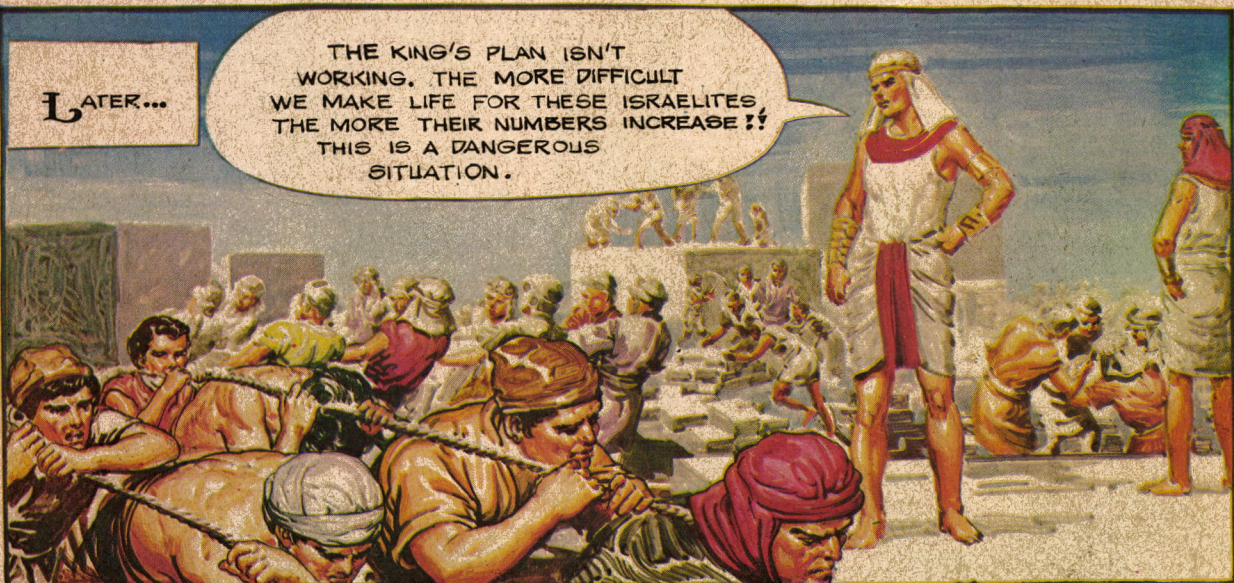


WE WILL MAKE THEM SLAVES. I WILL FORCE THEM TO BUILD TWO NEW CITIES AS MY SUPPLY CENTERS. THAT 'LL BREAK THEIR SPIRITS!!



LATER...

THE KING'S PLAN ISN'T WORKING. THE MORE DIFFICULT WE MAKE LIFE FOR THESE ISRAELITES THE MORE THEIR NUMBERS INCREASE!! THIS IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION.



YOU MIDWIVES, WHEN YOU HELP AN ISRAELITE WOMAN HAVE A BABY, IF THE BABY IS A BOY, KILL IT !!!



BUT EVEN THIS PLAN DID NOT WORK. AND SO THE KING ORDERED HIS PEOPLE TO TAKE EVERY NEWBORN ISRAELITE BOY AND THROW HIM INTO THE NILE RIVER.

IN THE HOME OF AN ISRAELITE COUPLE FROM THE TRIBE OF LEVI...

WE HAVE HIDDEN HIM FOR THREE MONTHS, BUT NOW WE CAN'T HIDE HIM ANY LONGER.



I HAVE COVERED THIS BASKET WITH TAR TO MAKE IT WATERTIGHT. I'LL PUT THE BABY IN IT AND HIDE IT IN THE GRASS.

MIRIAM, YOU WAIT OVER THERE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.





SOON...

IT'S THE KING'S  
DAUGHTER! SHE'S  
GOING TO  
BATHE!

OH! WHAT'S THAT  
OVER THERE? GET IT  
AND BRING IT TO  
ME.

OH, LOOK! IT'S A  
BABY BOY, AND HE'S  
CRYING. IT'S AN  
ISRAELITE  
BABY!

EXCUSE  
ME, YOUR  
HIGHNESS.  
SHALL I GO  
AND FIND AN  
ISRAELITE  
WOMAN TO  
COME AND  
NURSE THE  
BABY FOR  
YOU?

YES, THAT'S  
A GOOD IDEA!

TAKE  
THIS BABY  
AND LOOK  
AFTER  
HIM FOR  
ME. I WILL  
PAY YOU  
WELL.

DOES THE PRINCESS  
KNOW THAT THIS WO-  
MAN IS THE BABY'S  
MOTHER?

SOME YEARS  
LATER ...

I WILL ADOPT  
HIM AS MY OWN  
SON AND CALL  
HIM MOSES.



SO MOSES GREW UP AND WAS EDUCATED AS AN EGYPTIAN PRINCE.



HE LEARNED EVERYDAY SKILLS...

HE ALSO LEARNED THE ART OF WAR.



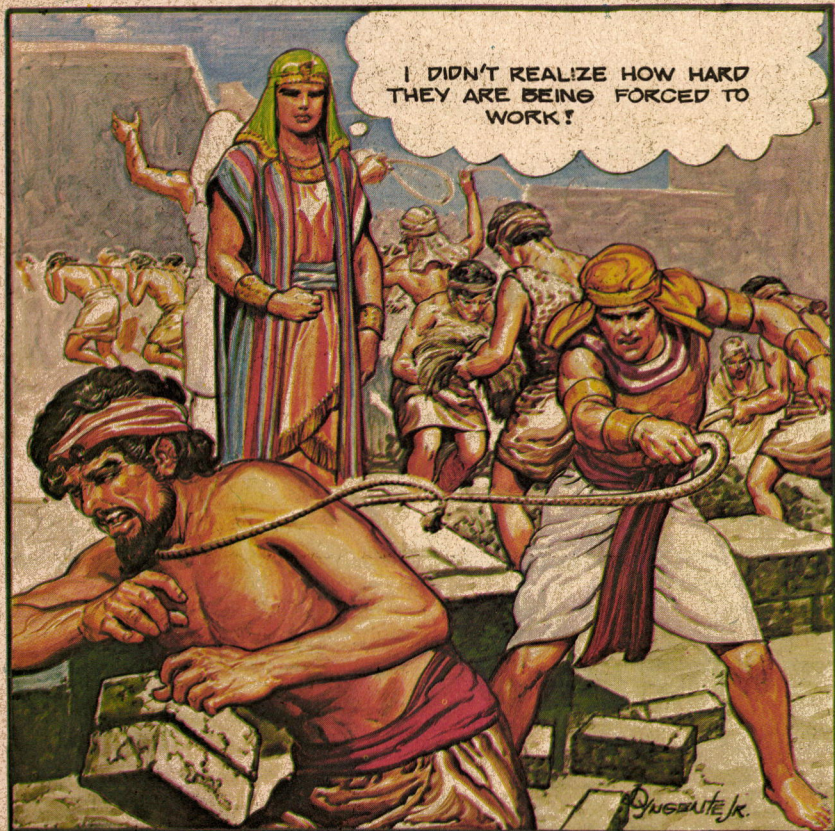


ONE DAY,  
MOSES  
SAW HOW  
BADLY THE  
EGYPTIANS  
WERE  
TREATING THE  
ISRAELITES.



THOSE SLAVES  
ARE MY OWN PEOPLE.  
LOOK HOW THEY'RE  
BEING TREATED!





I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW HARD  
THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO  
WORK!

HE HAS KILLED HIM! THAT  
EGYPTIAN MURDERED AN  
ISRAELITE -- ONE OF MY  
OWN PEOPLE!



KILL AN  
ISRAELITE, WILL  
YOU? NOW IT'S  
AN ISRAELITE'S  
TURN TO GET  
YOU!



NOBODY  
SAW THAT...  
I'LL HIDE THE  
BODY IN THE  
SAND.



THE NEXT  
DAY,  
MOSES  
SAW TWO  
ISRAELITES  
FIGHTING...

HEY, WHY ARE  
YOU BEATING UP THIS  
MAN? HE IS AN  
ISRAELITE, THE SAME  
AS YOU.

WHO MADE YOU BOSS? THIS IS NONE  
OF YOUR BUSINESS. ARE YOU PLANNING  
TO KILL ME LIKE YOU KILLED THAT  
EGYPTIAN?

THEY  
KNOW WHAT  
I DID! I'M IN  
BIG TROUBLE  
NOW!!

WHEN THE KING HEARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED...

SO MOSES KILLED  
AN EGYPTIAN, DID HE?  
THEN FIND MOSES  
AND KILL HIM!

BUT MOSES  
FLED TO THE  
COUNTRY OF  
MIDIAN...



ONE DAY IN MIDIAN, MOSES SAW SOME WOMEN BEING TREATED BADLY. THEY WERE DAUGHTERS OF JETHRO, AN IMPORTANT MAN.



LOOK OUT, YOU WOMEN! GET YOUR SHEEP OUT OF THE WAY! OUR SHEEP ARE GOING TO DRINK FIRST! YOU CAN WAIT TILL WE'VE FINISHED.



JUST A MINUTE... THESE WOMEN WERE HERE FIRST. YOU WAIT YOUR TURN!

LATER, WHEN THE WOMEN ARRIVED HOME AND TOLD THEIR FATHER HOW MOSES HAD HELPED THEM ...



WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS? GO AND INVITE HIM TO EAT WITH US.

MOSES EXPLAINED TO JETHRO WHY HE HAD LEFT EGYPT.



MOSES, WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE IN MIDIAN WITH US?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA, SIR. I WILL STAY...

LATER, MOSES MARRIED ZIPPORAH, ONE OF JETHRO'S DAUGHTERS.



ONE DAY, WHEN MOSES WAS LOOKING AFTER JETHRO'S SHEEP NEAR MT. SINAI...



THAT BUSH SEEMS TO BE ON FIRE, BUT IT ISN'T BEING BURNT UP!



I'LL GO CLOSER AND TAKE A BETTER LOOK.



YES ? WHO CALLED ME ? HERE I AM !

COME NO CLOSER ! REMOVE YOUR SANDALS, FOR THIS IS A HOLY PLACE. I AM THE GOD OF YOUR ANCESTORS-ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB.

I HAVE SEEN HOW CRUELLY MY PEOPLE ARE BEING TREATED IN EGYPT. I HAVE HEARD THEM CRY OUT TO BE RESCUED.

MOSES, I AM SENDING YOU TO THE KING OF EGYPT SO THAT YOU CAN LEAD MY PEOPLE OUT OF HIS COUNTRY.















THEN THE LORD TOLD MOSES  
TO PUT HIS ARM INSIDE HIS  
ROBE. WHEN HE TOOK IT OUT,  
IT WAS COVERED WITH WHITE  
SPOTS, LIKE  
LEPROSY.



YOUR BROTHER  
AARON WILL  
BE YOUR  
SPOKESMAN  
AND SPEAK  
TO THE PEOPLE  
FOR YOU...  
NOW TAKE  
THIS STICK  
WITH YOU  
AND PERFORM  
MIRACLES  
WITH IT!!



THE LORD SENT MOSES' BROTHER AARON TO MEET MOSES NEAR MT. SINAI.



MOSES AND AARON HAPPILY EMBRACE EACH OTHER?

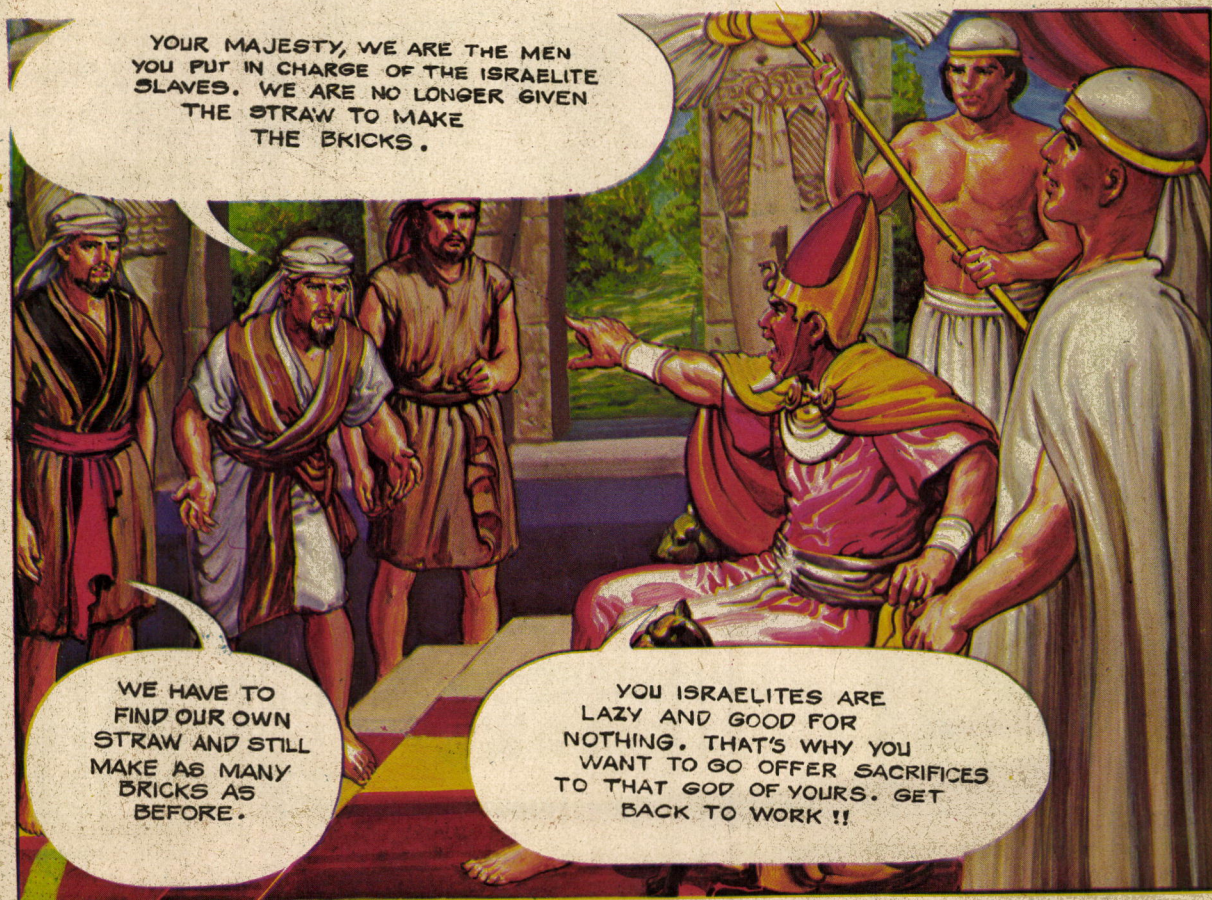




LATER, AT THE PALACE OF THE KING OF EGYPT...







OUTSIDE THE PALACE...





AGAIN MOSES  
APPEALS TO  
THE KING.

YAHWEH COMMANDS  
YOU TO LET HIS PEOPLE  
LEAVE YOUR  
COUNTRY.

HOW CAN YOU PROVE TO ME THAT  
THIS YAHWEH HAS SPOKEN?

AARON  
WILL THROW  
DOWN HIS  
STICK,  
AND IT WILL  
BECOME  
A SNAKE!

MY MAGI-  
CIANS CAN  
DO THAT  
TOO?

SHOW  
THEM!

THE KING'S WISE MEN AND  
MAGICIANS DID THE SAME  
THING WITH THEIR MAGIC,  
BUT THEIR SNAKES WERE  
SWALLOWED BY AARON'S  
SNAKE.

THIS STILL WON'T  
MAKE ME CHANGE MY  
MIND. I REFUSE TO LET  
THE ISRAELITES GO!





IN THE MORNING...

THERE ARE THOSE ISRAELITES AGAIN. WHAT DO THEY WANT NOW?

YOUR MAJESTY, SO FAR YOU HAVE NOT OBEYED YAHWEH. BUT HE WILL SHOW YOU HOW GREAT HE REALLY IS WHEN I STRIKE THE RIVER WITH THIS STICK.



THE WATER IN THE NILE RIVER TURNED INTO BLOOD.



THE FISH ARE ALL DYING!

THE WATER STINKS. WE CAN'T DRINK IT.

WE WILL HAVE TO DIG ALONG THE RIVER BANK TO GET DRINKING WATER.

THE KING'S MAGICIANS THEN DID THE SAME MIRACLE, AND THE KING REMAINED AS STUBBORN AS EVER.



WHEN THE KING AGAIN REFUSED, THE LORD SENT FROGS TO TROUBLE THE EGYPTIANS.



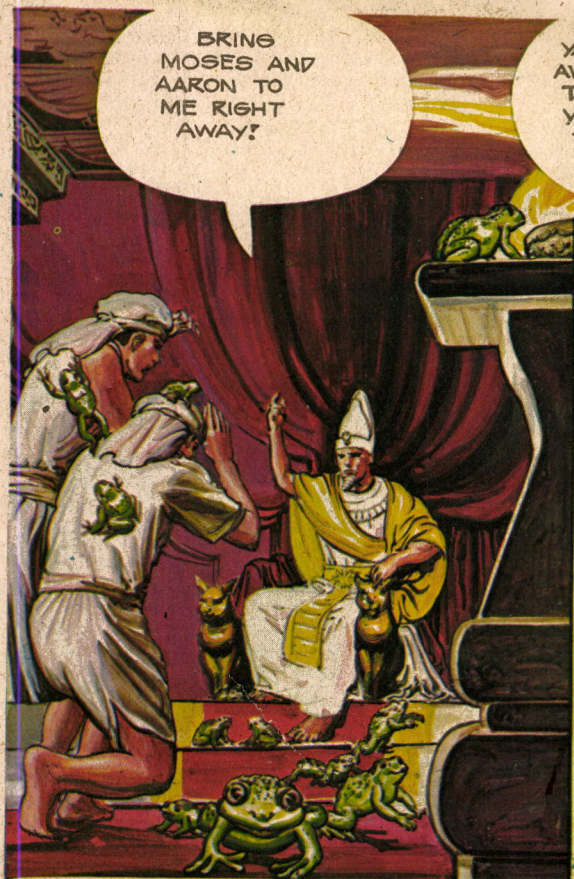
FROGS!  
WHERE ARE ALL  
THESE FROGS  
COMING FROM?  
THEY'RE  
EVERYWHERE!

FROGS IN THE BEDS, AND NOW  
FROGS IN THE BAKING PAN, EVEN  
IN THE OVEN.



MOMMY,  
THEY'RE JUMPING  
ON ME??

THE KING'S MAGICIANS WERE ALSO ABLE  
TO PRODUCE FROGS.



BRING  
MOSES AND  
AARON TO  
ME RIGHT  
AWAY!

MOSES, PRAY TO  
YAHWEH TO TAKE  
AWAY THESE FROGS.  
THEN I WILL LET  
YOUR PEOPLE GO  
TO OFFER THEIR  
SACRIFICES.

I'LL BE GLAD TO  
PRAY FOR YOU  
AND ALL YOUR PEOPLE.  
YOU JUST SET THE  
TIME.





THE NEXT DAY...

LORD, DO  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT THESE  
FROGS.

THE LORD ANSWERED MOSES' PRAYER.

THESE  
DEAD FROGS  
ARE MAKING  
THE WHOLE  
LAND  
STINK?

THE FROGS ARE ALL DEAD...  
GOOD! NOW THERE'S NO REASON TO  
LET THE ISRAELITES GO? WHY  
SHOULD I LISTEN TO MOSES  
AND AARON?

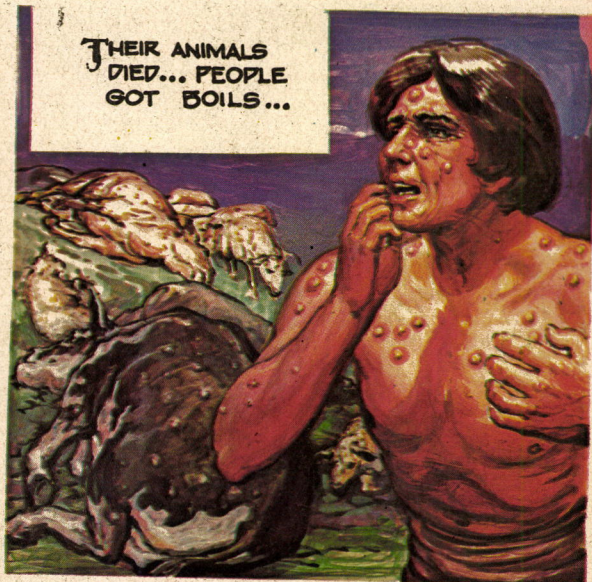
SO THE  
KING  
REMAINED  
STUBBORN,  
JUST  
AS THE  
LORD HAD  
SAID.



THEN THE LORD  
SENT SWARMS OF  
GNATS UPON THE  
EGYPTIANS...  
THEN FLIES...



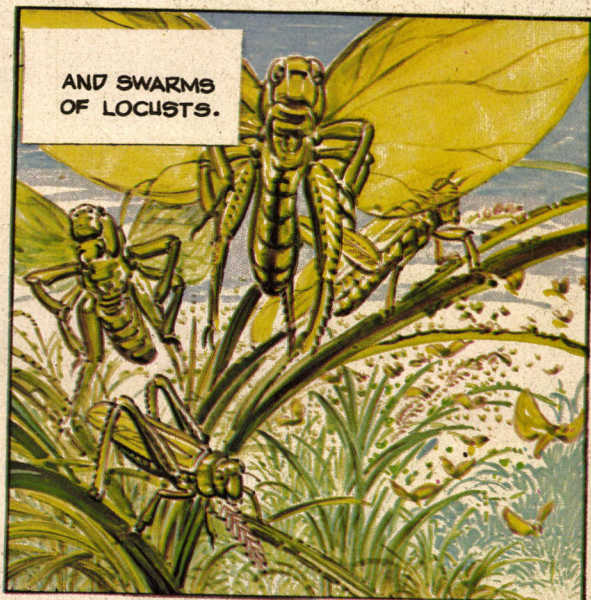
THEIR ANIMALS  
DIED... PEOPLE  
GOT BOILS...



THE LORD SENT THE WORST HAILSTORM  
IN EGYPT'S HISTORY...



AND SWARMS  
OF LOCUSTS.



THEN THERE WERE  
THREE DAYS OF  
TOTAL DARKNESS  
FOR THE  
EGYPTIANS.



BUT IN SPITE OF THE TERRIBLE  
PUNISHMENT, THE KING REMAINED  
STUBBORN AND CONTINUED TO  
BREAK HIS PROMISES.





SO MOSES  
GAVE  
INSTRUCTIONS  
TO THE  
ISRAELITES.



MOSES TOLD US TO  
SPRINKLE BLOOD ON THE BEAMS  
AND DOORPOSTS OF OUR HOUSES.  
WHEN THE LORD COMES TO KILL  
THE EGYPTIANS, HE WILL SEE  
THE BLOOD AND SPARE  
OUR LIVES...



EVERY YEAR WE WILL CELEBRATE THIS  
EVENT. WE WILL ROAST A LAMB AND  
EAT IT WITH BITTER HERBS AND BREAD  
MADE WITHOUT YEAST. WE WILL CALL  
THIS FEAST "PASSOVER" BECAUSE  
TONIGHT THE LORD WILL PASS OVER  
OUR HOUSES.

BUT NOW, WE MUST GET  
READY FOR TRAVEL AND  
EAT OUR MEAL QUICKLY.



THAT NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT, THE ANGEL OF DEATH VISITED  
EVERY EGYPTIAN HOME.



THE LORD CAUSED THE DEATH OF THE OLDEST SON IN EVERY EGYPTIAN FAMILY... FROM THE KING'S SON, WHO WAS HEIR TO THE THRONE...



TO THE SONS OF THE PRISONERS IN THE JAIL, THE FIRST-BORN OF THE ANIMALS ALSO DIED THAT NIGHT.

THAT SAME NIGHT THE KING CALLED MOSES AND AARON.

OUR OLDEST SONS ARE ALL DEAD!!

WE WILL ALL DIE IF YOU DON'T LEAVE SOON.

GET OUT-- YOU AND YOUR ISRAELITES!! GO AND WORSHIP YAHWEH! AND ASK HIM TO HELP US TOO.



THAT WAS  
A NIGHT  
THAT WOULD  
LONG BE  
REMEMBERED.

THE LORD HAS  
SET US FREE AND  
HAS ALSO GIVEN US  
ALL THE WEALTH  
OF EGYPT.

HE SURE  
HAS. I ASKED  
MY EGYPTIAN  
NEIGHBOURS FOR  
GOLD AND SILVER  
JEWELRY AS  
MOSES TOLD US  
TO DO. THEY GAVE  
ME WHATEVER  
I ASKED  
FOR.

THE ISRAELITES SET OUT  
ON FOOT TOWARD THE  
DESERT, AS THE  
LORD HAD INSTRUCTED  
THEM. THE ISRAELITES  
HAD BEEN IN EGYPT  
FOR 430 YEARS.

EACH DAY THE LORD  
WENT IN FRONT OF  
THEM IN A PILLAR  
OF CLOUD. AND  
EACH NIGHT HE  
WENT IN FRONT  
OF THEM IN A  
PILLAR OF FIRE  
TO GIVE THEM  
LIGHT.



*Mediterranean  
Sea*

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RAMESES

GOSHEN

SUKKOTH

*Bitter  
Lakes*

DESERT



*Nile River*

EGYPT

*Gulf of  
Suez*



MT. SINAI

THE BEGINNING  
OF THE  
EXODUS





MEANWHILE,  
BACK IN THE  
EGYPTIAN  
PALACE...

LOOK WHAT WE'VE  
DONE! WE'VE LOST OUR  
SLAVES! GET MY WAR  
CHARIOT READY! CALL  
OUT THE ARMY!



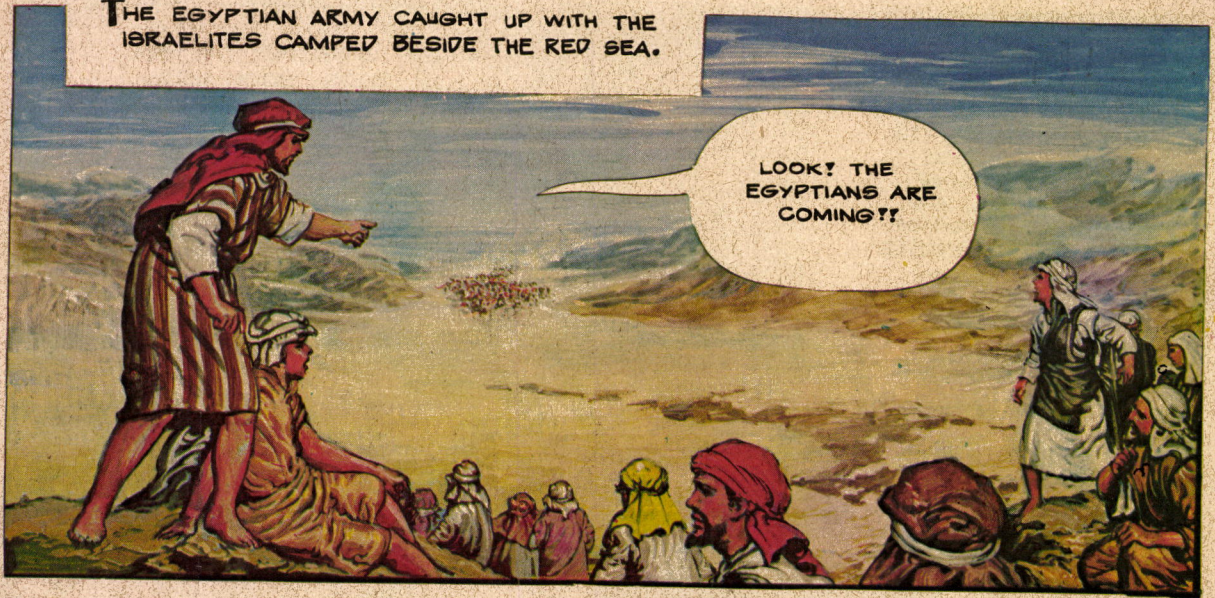
I WANT AT  
LEAST SIX HUNDRED  
OF OUR BEST CHARIOTS.  
WE MUST CATCH THOSE  
ISRAELITES !!!



HURRY!  
THOSE \* !!! @  
SLAVES  
WILL  
ESCAPE!!



THE EGYPTIAN ARMY CAUGHT UP WITH THE ISRAELITES CAMPED BESIDE THE RED SEA.



WASN'T THERE ENOUGH ROOM TO BURY US IN EGYPT? DID YOU HAVE TO BRING US OUT HERE IN THE DESERT TO DIE?



WE TOLD YOU TO LEAVE US ALONE! WE WERE BETTER OFF IN EGYPT.



NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE. IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LIVE AS A SLAVE IN EGYPT THAN TO DIE OUT HERE IN THE DESERT!!



THE PILLAR OF CLOUD CAME BETWEEN THE ISRAELITES AND THE EGYPTIAN ARMY.

DON'T BE AFRAID! DON'T PANIC! THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL NEVER SEE THE EGYPTIANS AGAIN.





THE EGYPTIAN ARMY  
COULD NOT COME  
NEAR THE ISRAELITES  
ALL NIGHT. MOSES  
HELD OUT HIS HAND  
OVER THE SEA, AND  
SOMETHING STRANGE  
HAPPENED. A STRONG  
EAST WIND BEGAN  
TO BLOW, AND IT  
BLEW ALL NIGHT.

LOOK! THE WIND  
IS DRIVING THE SEA  
BACK. SOON WE'LL  
BE ABLE TO CROSS  
ON DRY LAND.



WE'RE ON  
OUR WAY  
NOW.

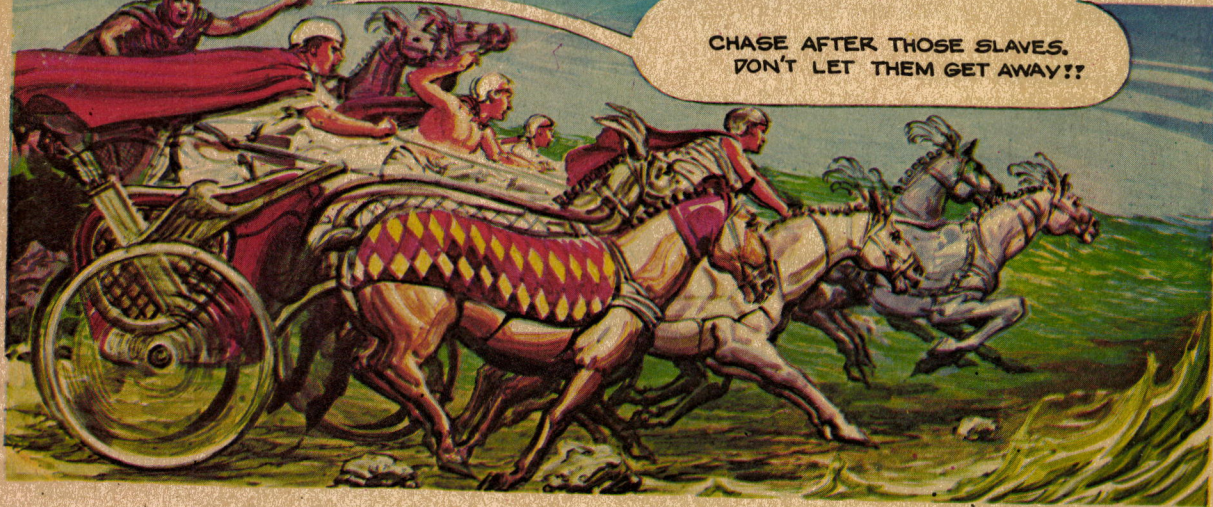
I HOPE WE  
CAN ALL MAKE  
IT ACROSS BEFORE  
THE EGYPTIANS  
CATCH US!





THE EGYPTIAN ARMY FOLLOWED THE ISRAELITES INTO THE SEA.

CHASE AFTER THOSE SLAVES.  
DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!!



OUR  
CHARIOTS  
ARE STICKING  
IN THE MUD!!  
YAHWEH IS  
FIGHTING FOR  
THE ISRAELITES.  
LET'S GET  
OUT OF  
HERE!!



I JUST HAVE TO  
HOLD OUT MY STICK  
AND THE WATER  
WILL RETURN.





SO MOSES HELD  
OUT HIS  
STICK...



NOT ONE OF  
THE EGYPTIAN  
SOLDIERS WAS  
LEFT ALIVE.



THE LORD HAS  
CONQUERED THE  
EGYPTIANS BY  
HIS MIGHTY  
POWER.



THE LORD  
IS GREAT !  
FROM NOW  
ON I WILL  
REALLY  
TRUST  
HIM !

PRAISE THE  
LORD! HE IS  
FAITHFUL, AND  
HIS SERVANT  
MOSES IS  
TRUST-  
WORTHY!!





I WILL SING TO THE LORD!  
HE HAS WON A GREAT VICTORY.  
THE LORD IS MY STRONG DEFENDER.  
HE HAS RESCUED ME!!

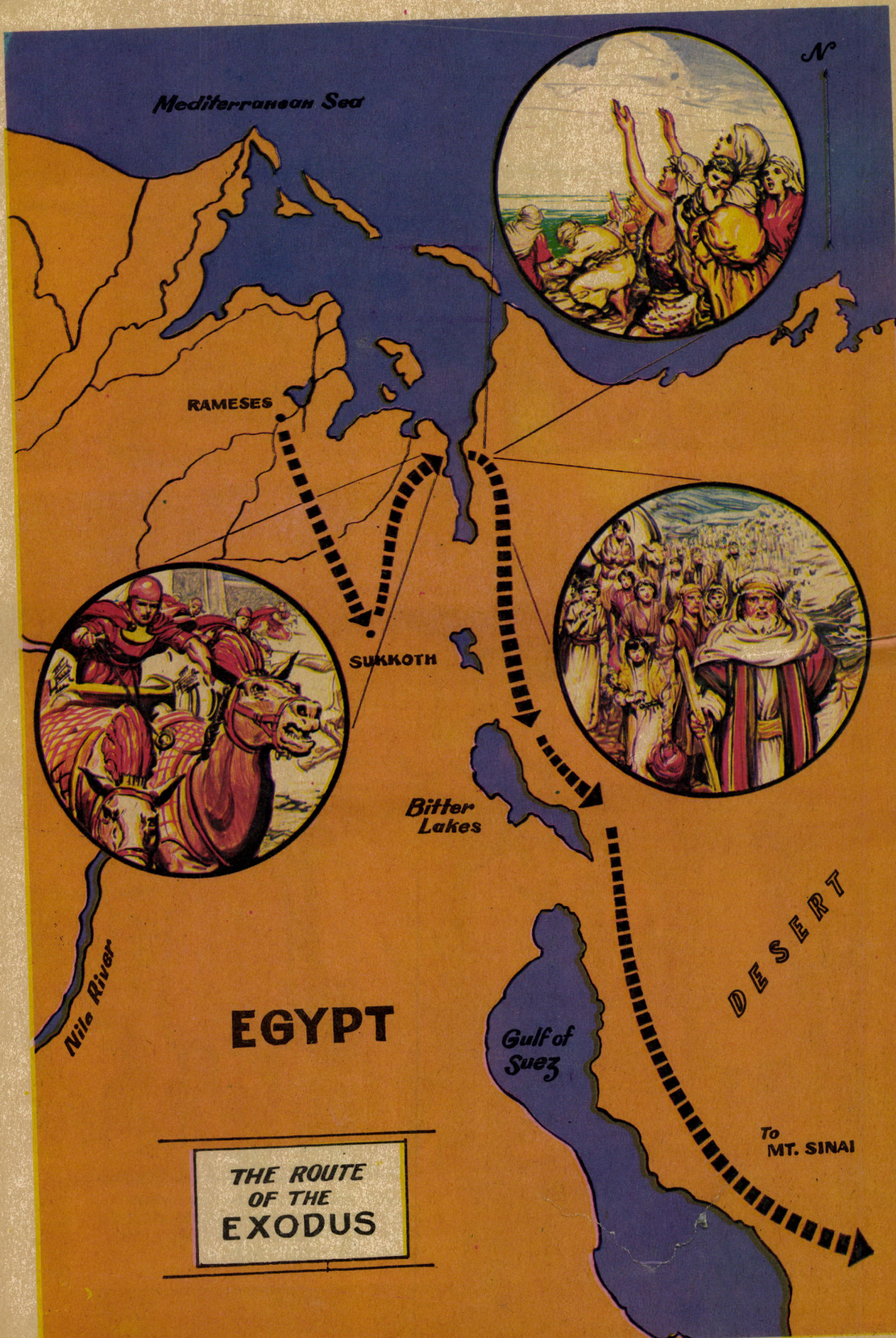


THE LORD HAS  
THROWN THE HORSES  
AND THEIR RIDERS  
INTO THE SEA.



...AND SO THE ISRAELITES WERE  
FREE. PEOPLE STILL REMEMBER TO  
THIS DAY THAT IT WAS THE LORD  
WHO RESCUED THEM.





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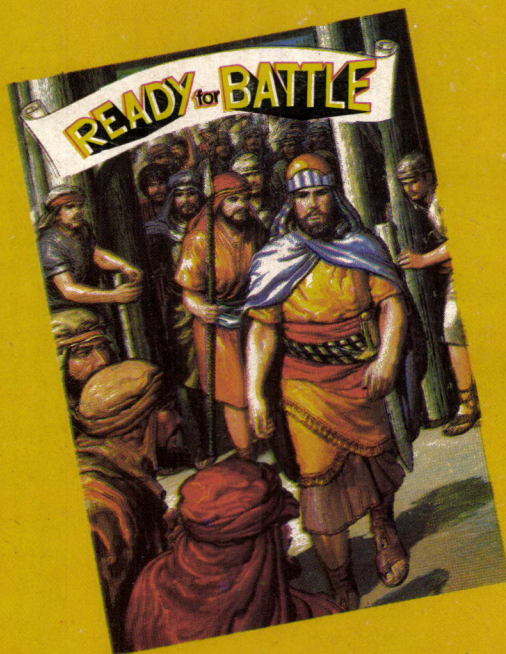
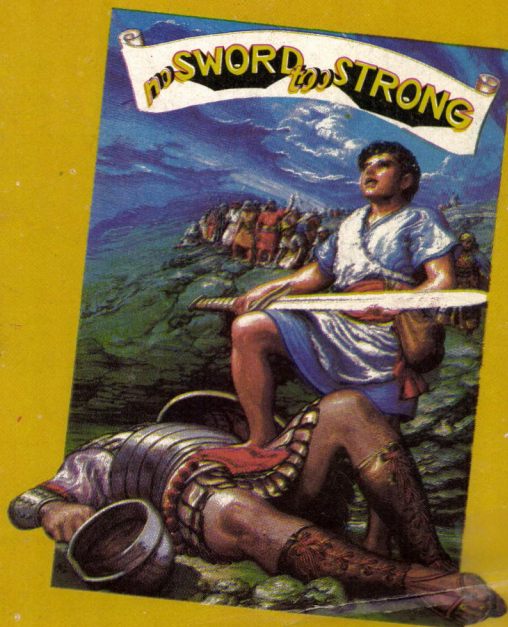
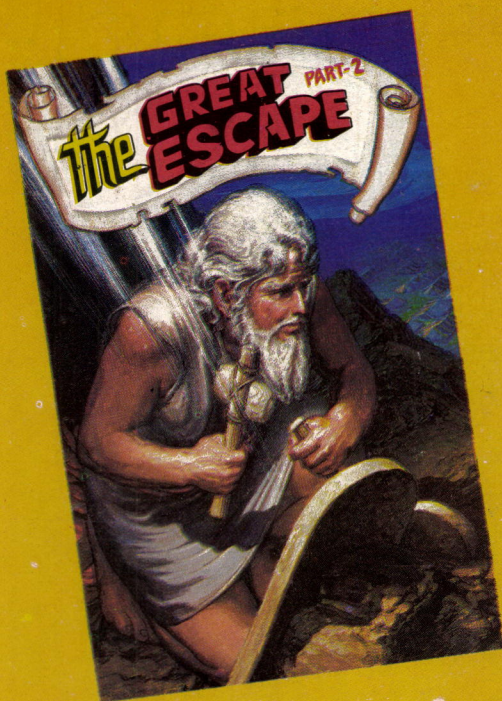
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