

An illustration of Moses, an elderly man with a white beard and a red headband, standing on a rocky outcrop. He is wearing a red tunic with a green cape and a yellow sash. He holds a long wooden staff in his left hand and has his right arm raised in a gesture of address. Below him, the backs of several Israelites are visible as they look up at him. The background shows a blue sky with white clouds.

# Moses Does Not Honour God

Numbers 20:1-13













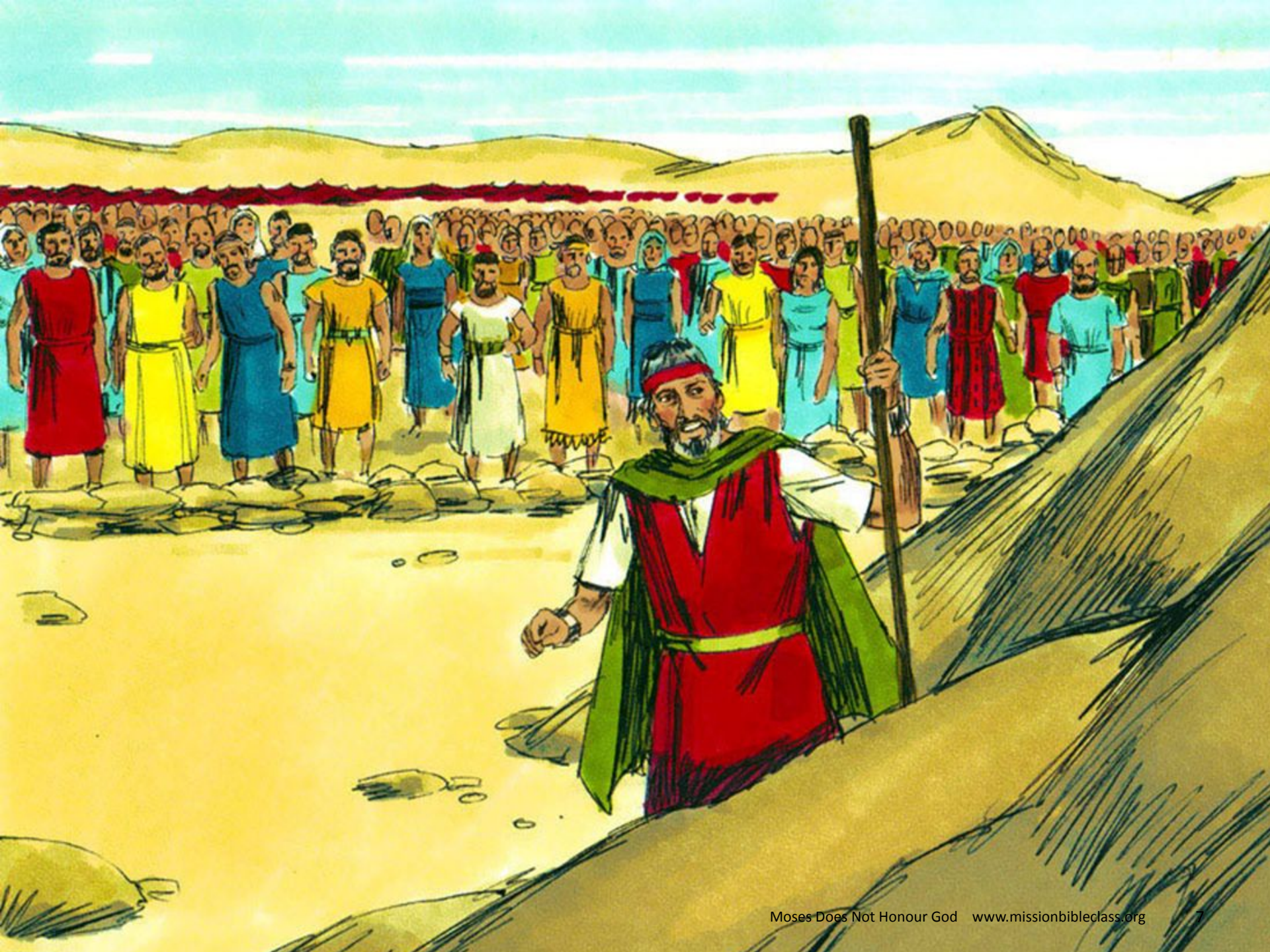




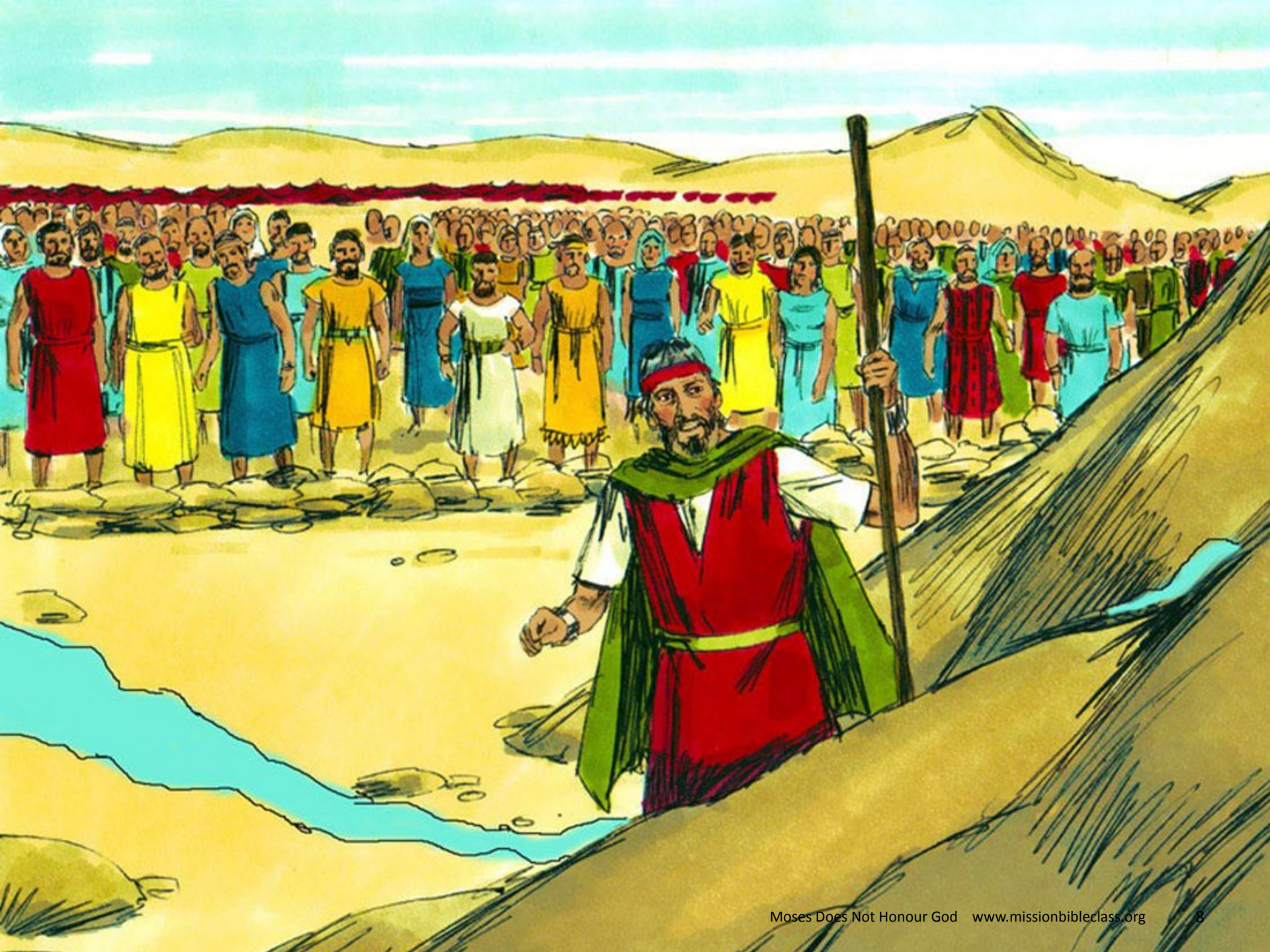




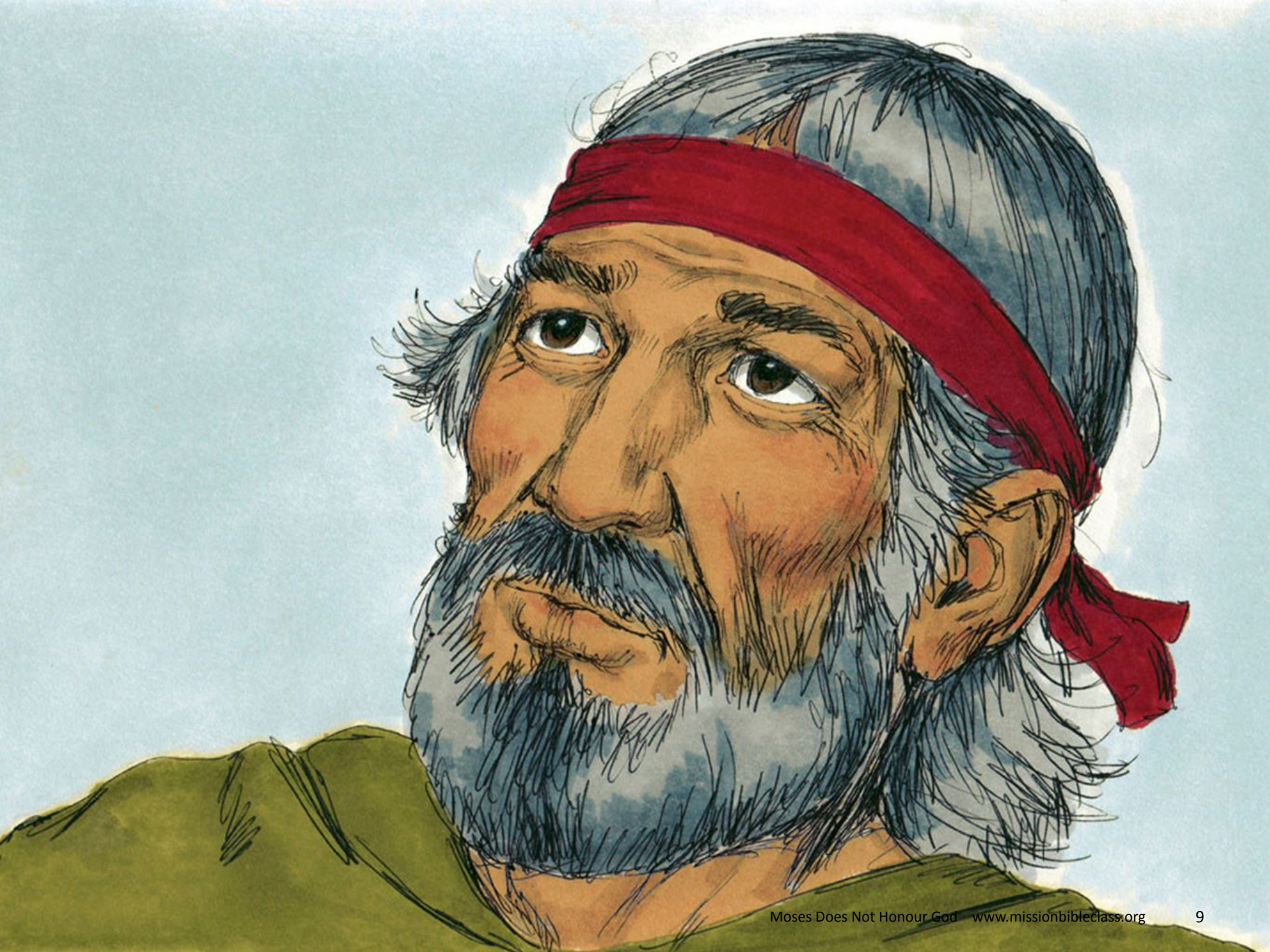














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2. After leaving their time of slavery in Egypt the Israelites had been wandering in the wilderness for many years. Moses had led them to the edge of a new land to call their own, but many of the people rebelled against God before they could claim it. They did not honour God.

As punishment, God told them that they would have to wander in the desert for forty years before they could come back and claim the land.

3. The time would come for them to enter the promised land, but for now, they were spending their time travelling and living in tents. Even though the people had to wander in the desert, the Lord always cared for them.

4. Sadly, even then, the people sometimes failed to honour the Lord. They thought He would not take care of them. They sometimes complained to Moses when they did not have enough to eat or drink.

One day, they complained to Moses and Aaron that they were thirsty. The people said, "It would have been better if we would have stayed in Egypt! We are just going to die out here in the desert!"

5. Moses and Aaron went to the entrance of the special tent, the Tabernacle, and prayed to the Lord. They asked Him to help the people.

The Lord gave them special instructions. He told Moses to take the staff from the Tabernacle and then go and gather the people together. After he gathered the people together, Moses was to speak to a rock. The Lord promised that water would gush out of the rock so the people would have plenty to drink. Years before, the Lord had told Moses to hit a rock to make water come out. This time, the Lord gave Moses new instructions.

6. Moses and Aaron took the staff and gathered all the people together. Moses knew that the Lord had told him to speak to the rock but Moses began to speak to the people instead. The more he talked, the angrier he became. Moses was not giving honour to God. Giving honour to God means respecting and obeying Him and showing He is holy and good.

7. Moses was not doing that. In fact, Moses became so angry that he hit the rock with the staff. Then, he did it again.



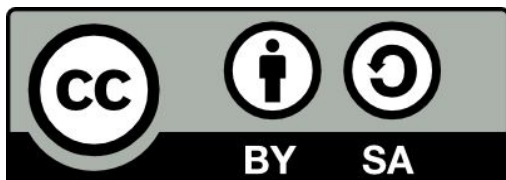
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8. Water began to pour out of the rock as the Lord had promised, but the Lord was not pleased with Moses.

9. He told Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust Me and give honour to Me, you will not enter the Promised Land with my people."

Moses and Aaron were very sad, but they knew that they should have honoured the Lord and obeyed Him.





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