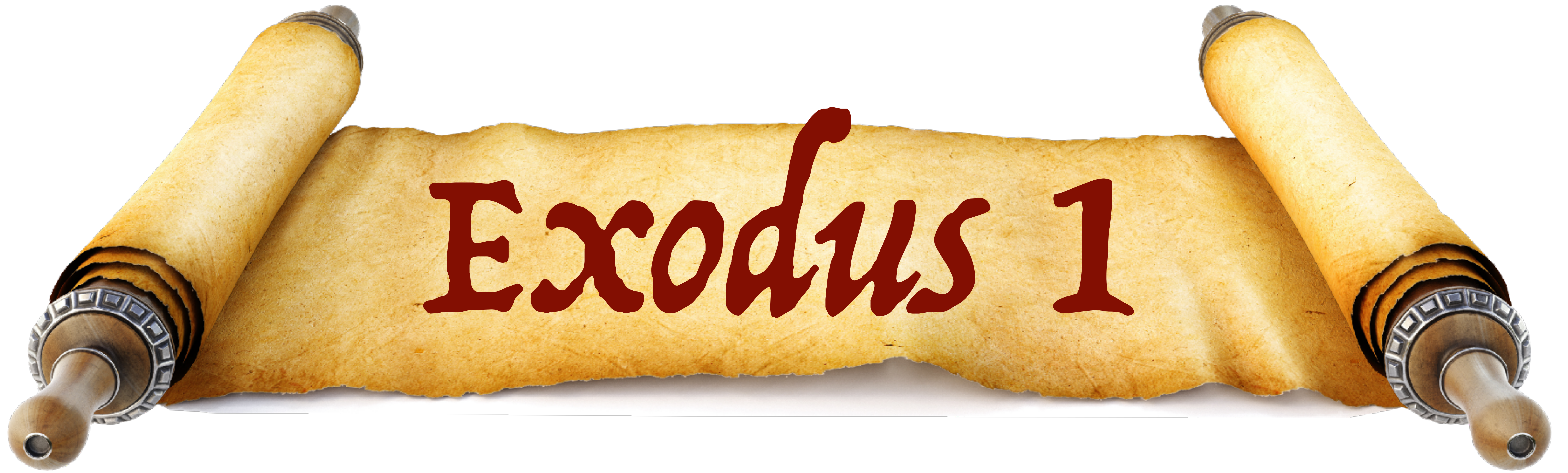




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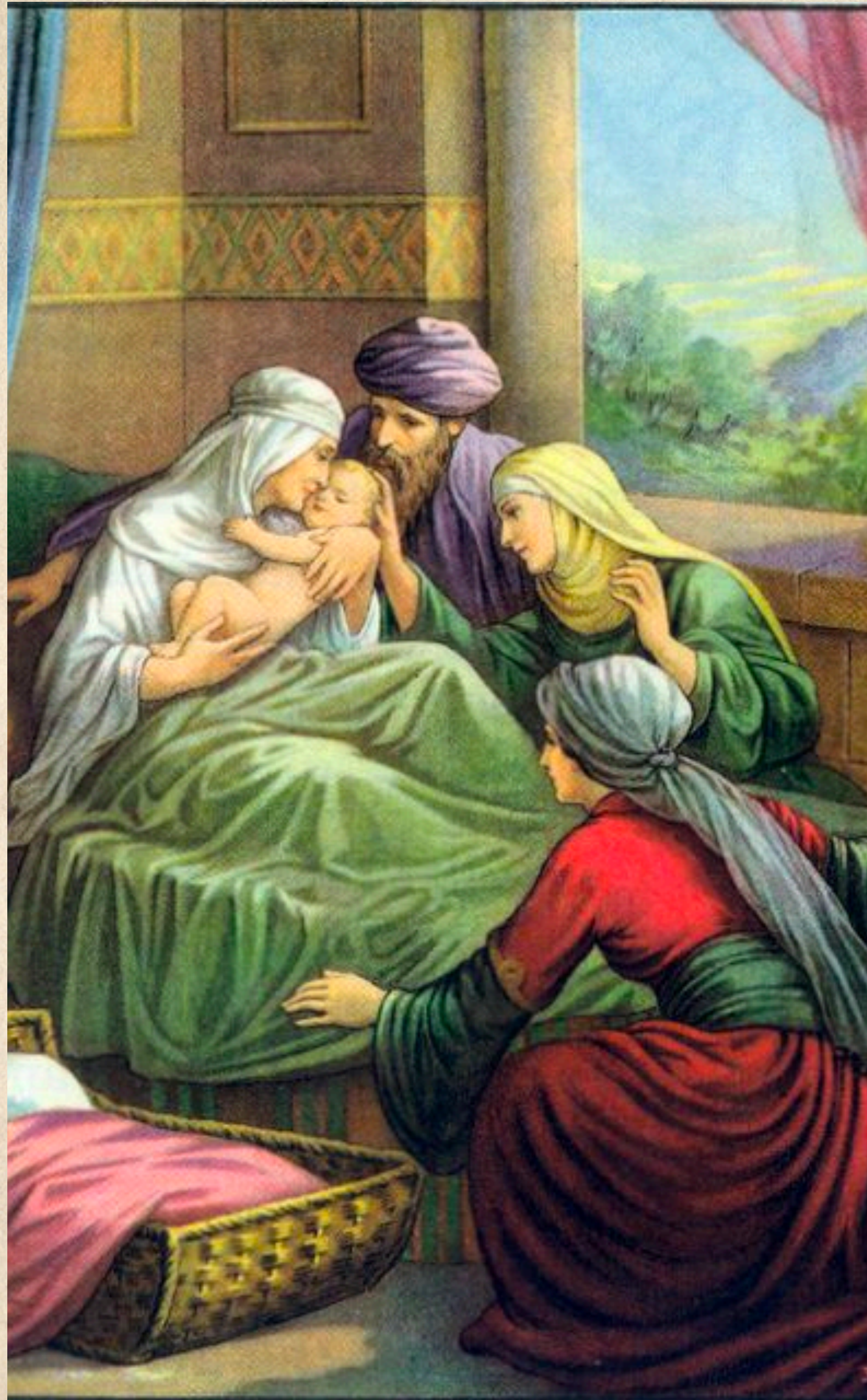
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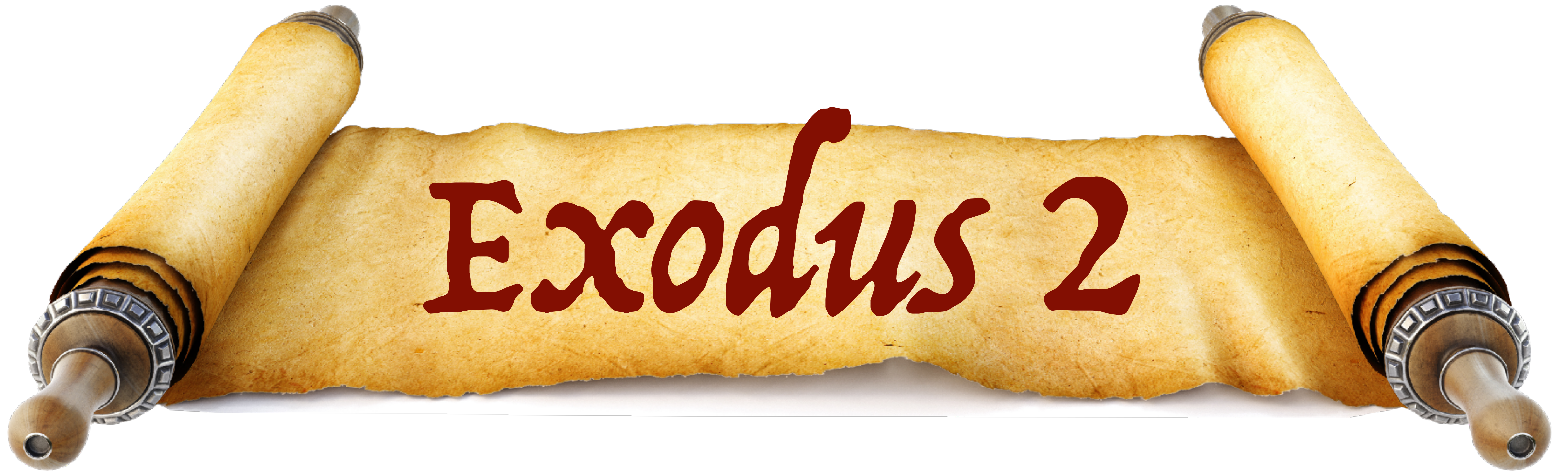
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16 Now the priest of ^aMidian had seven daughters: and they came and drew ^bwater, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

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3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God ^acalled unto him out of the midst of the bush,

13a Acts 7:26 (26–28).

14a Ex. 3:13 (13–15); 4:1;

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1a Ex. 7:25 (25–25)

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23a Ex. 4:19.

b Deut. 26:7;

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"And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22).



“And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. ... For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.” (Acts 7:23, 25.)

“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; ... esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt” (Hebrews 11:24, 26). Moses’ mother, Jochebed, likely taught him the principles and righteous traditions of the Hebrews as she nursed and cared for him (see Exodus 2:7–9).

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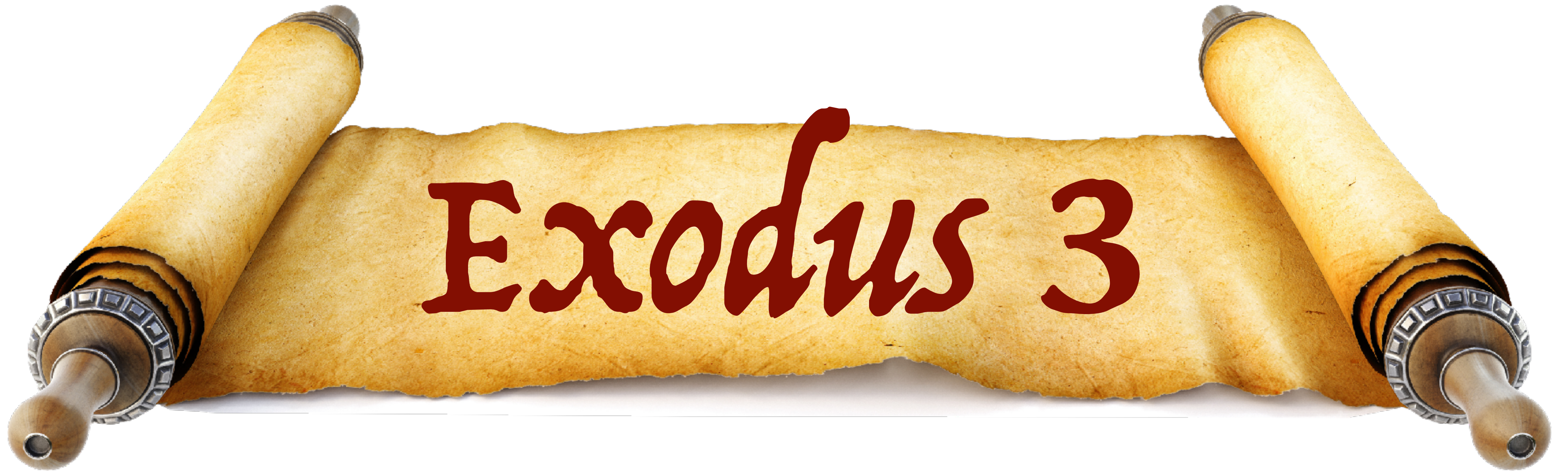
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5a Josh. 5:15.

b D&C 45:32; 101:64; 115:7. TG Holiness; Reverence.

6a TG Jesus Christ, Jehovah.

b Mark 12:26 (19–27);

1 Ne. 19:10; Mosiah 7:19; Alma 29:11; 36:2; D&C 136:21.

c Deut. 5:5.

D&C 38:18.

d Gen. 17:8 (1–27); Ex. 13:11 (1–16);

Num. 34:2; Abr. 2:19 (4, 6, 18–19).

9a Ex. 2:23; 2 Ne. 26:15; Mosiah 21:15; D&C 109:49.

10a TG Called of God.

12a 1 Ne. 17:55;

Mosiah 24:17; Alma 38:4.

TG Walking with God.

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c TG Authority.

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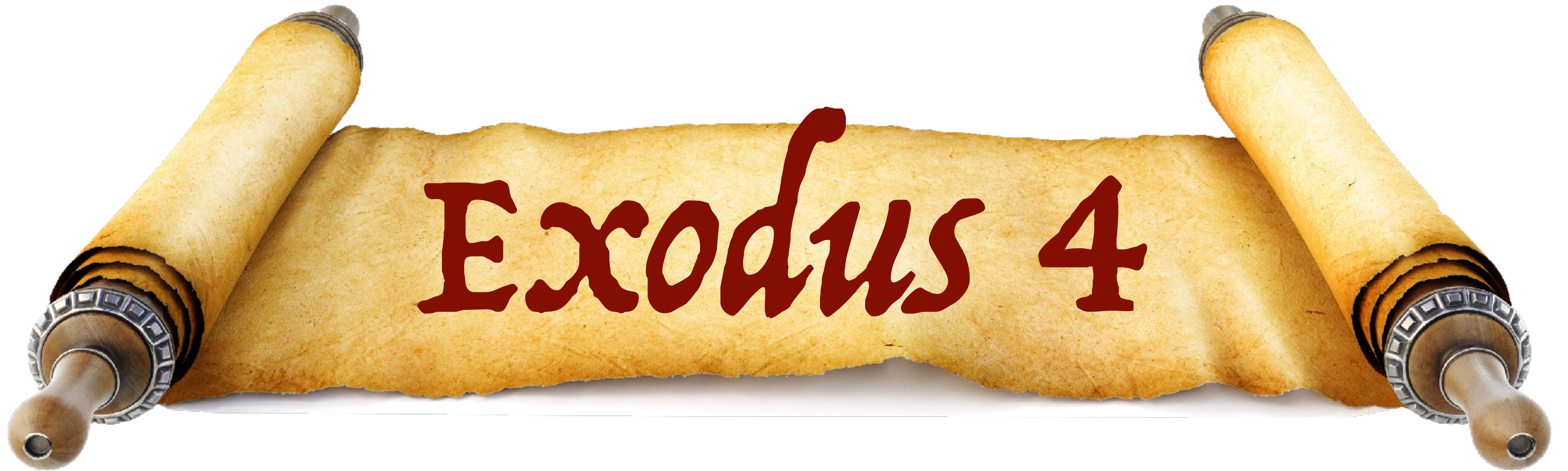
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19 ¶ And ^aI am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, ^bno, not by a ^cmighty hand.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my ^awonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you ^bgo.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go ^aempty:

22 But every woman shall ^aborrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall ^bspoil the Egyptians.

CHAPTER 4

The Lord gives signs to Moses—Aaron is chosen as a spokesman—Israel is the Lord's firstborn and must be released to serve Him—Moses' son is circum-

cised—Moses and Aaron lead Israel in worship.

AND Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not ^abelieve me, nor ^bhearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

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5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 ¶ And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* ^aleprous as snow.

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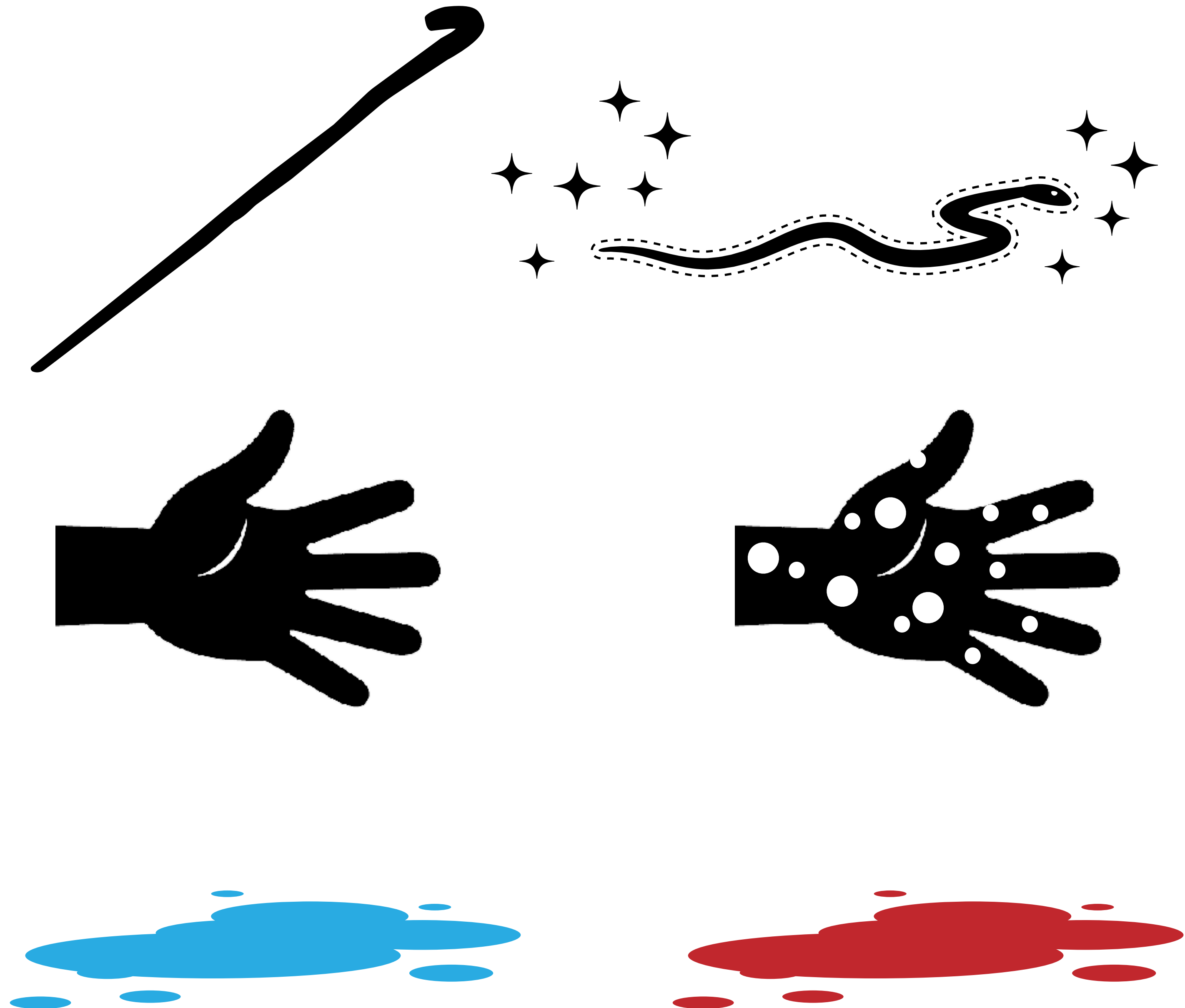
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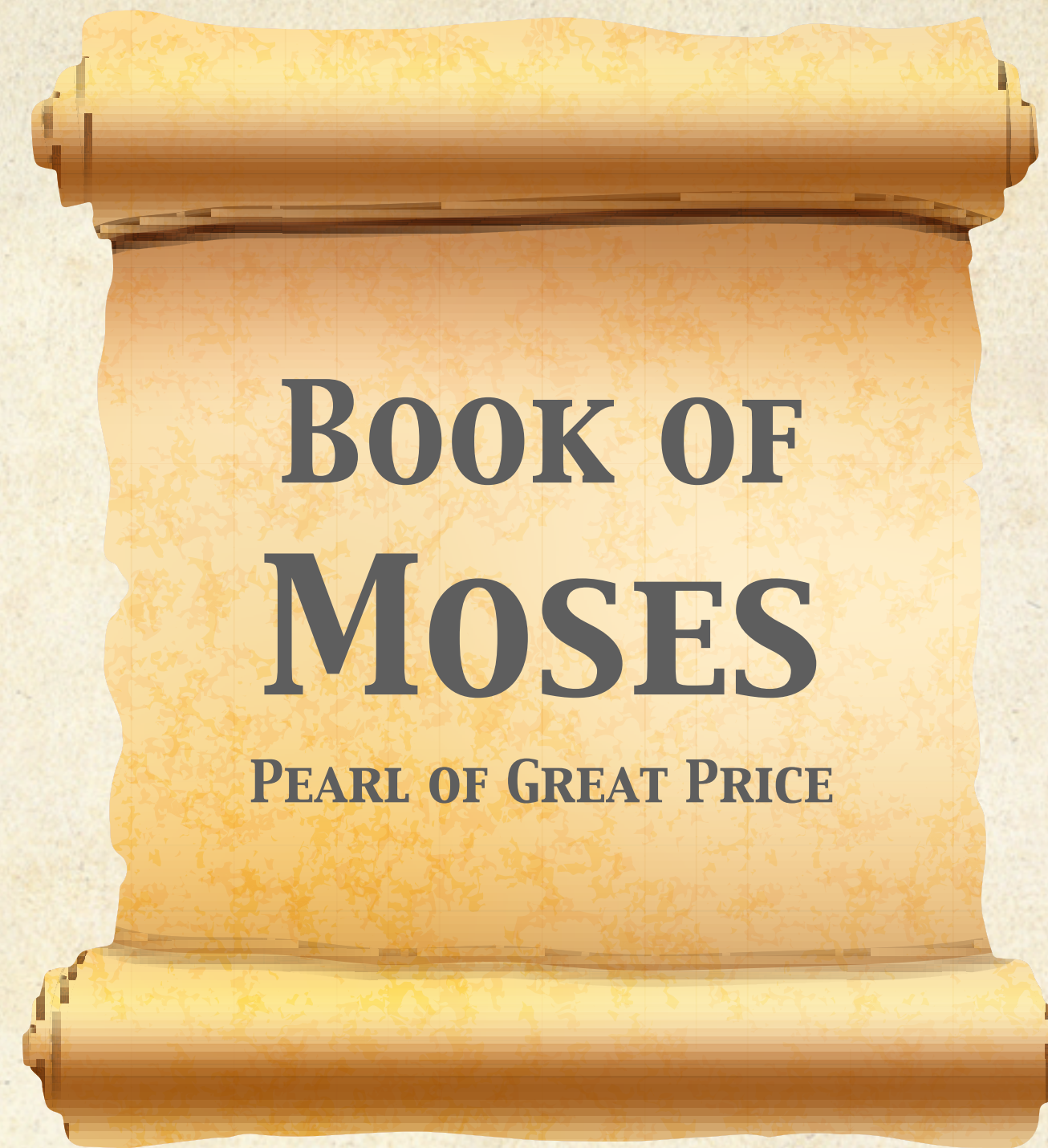
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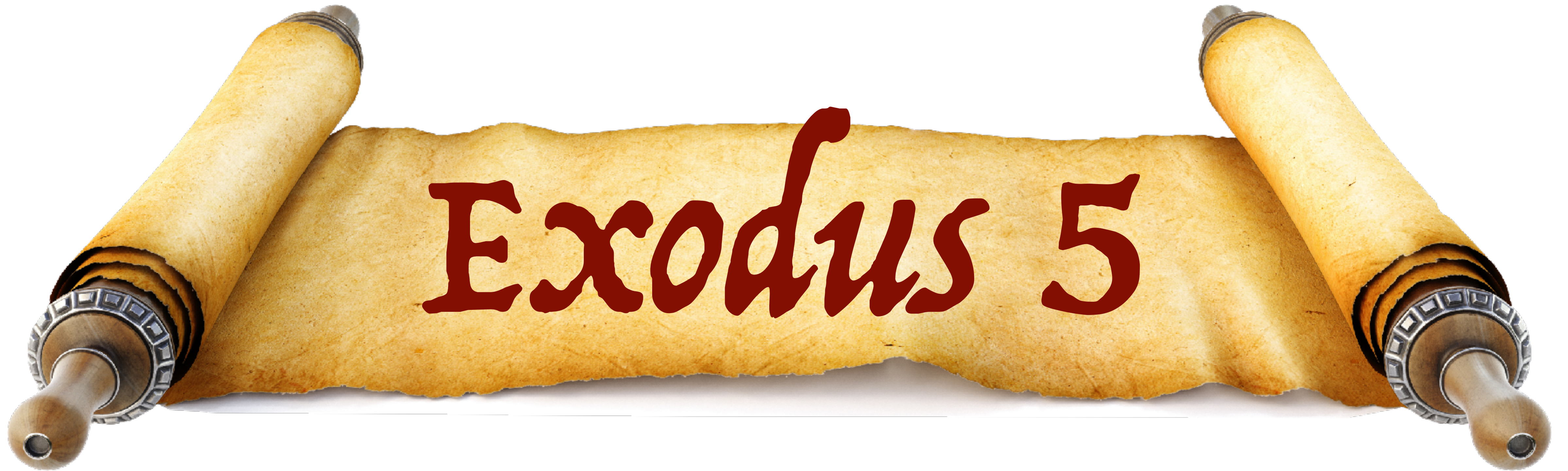
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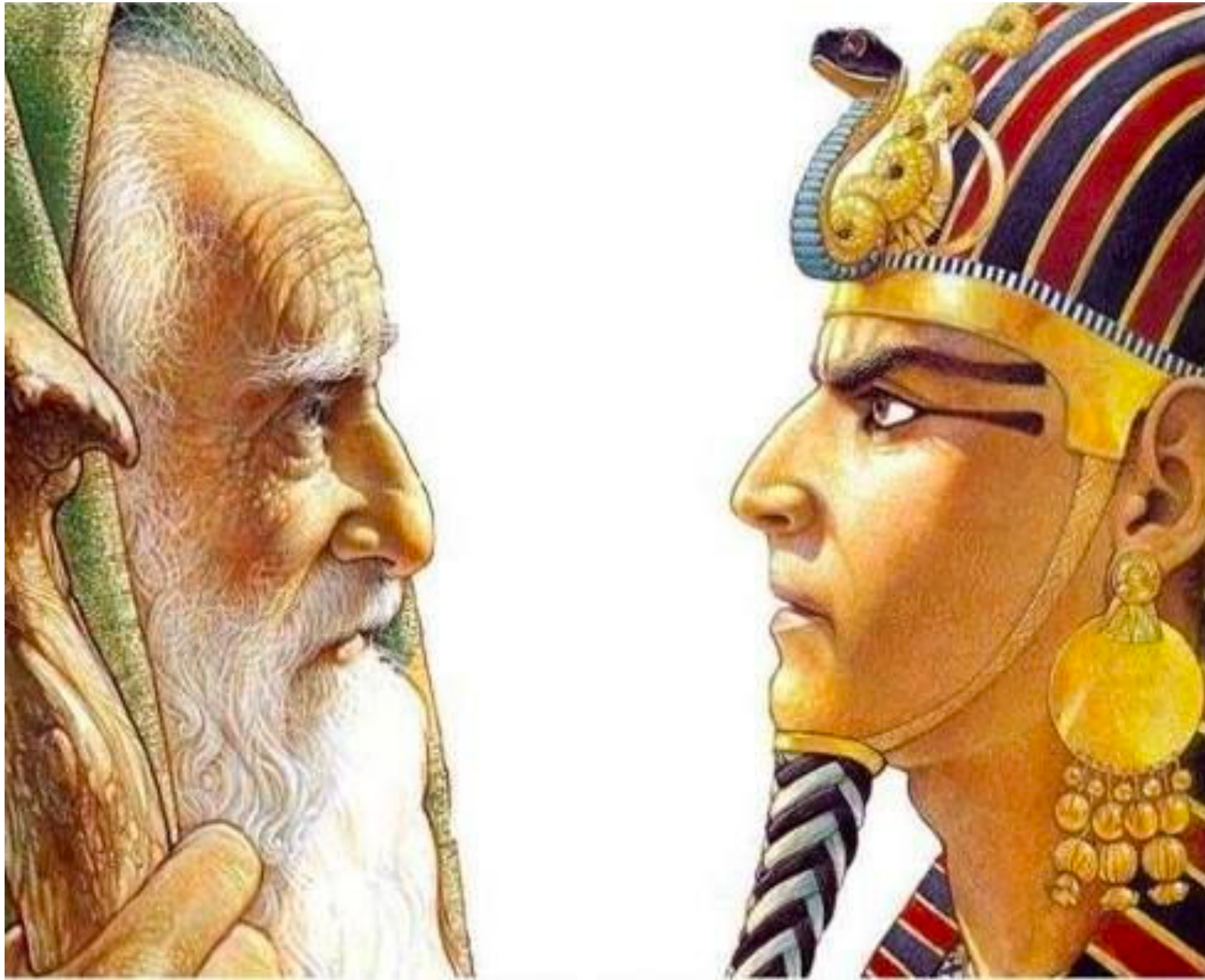
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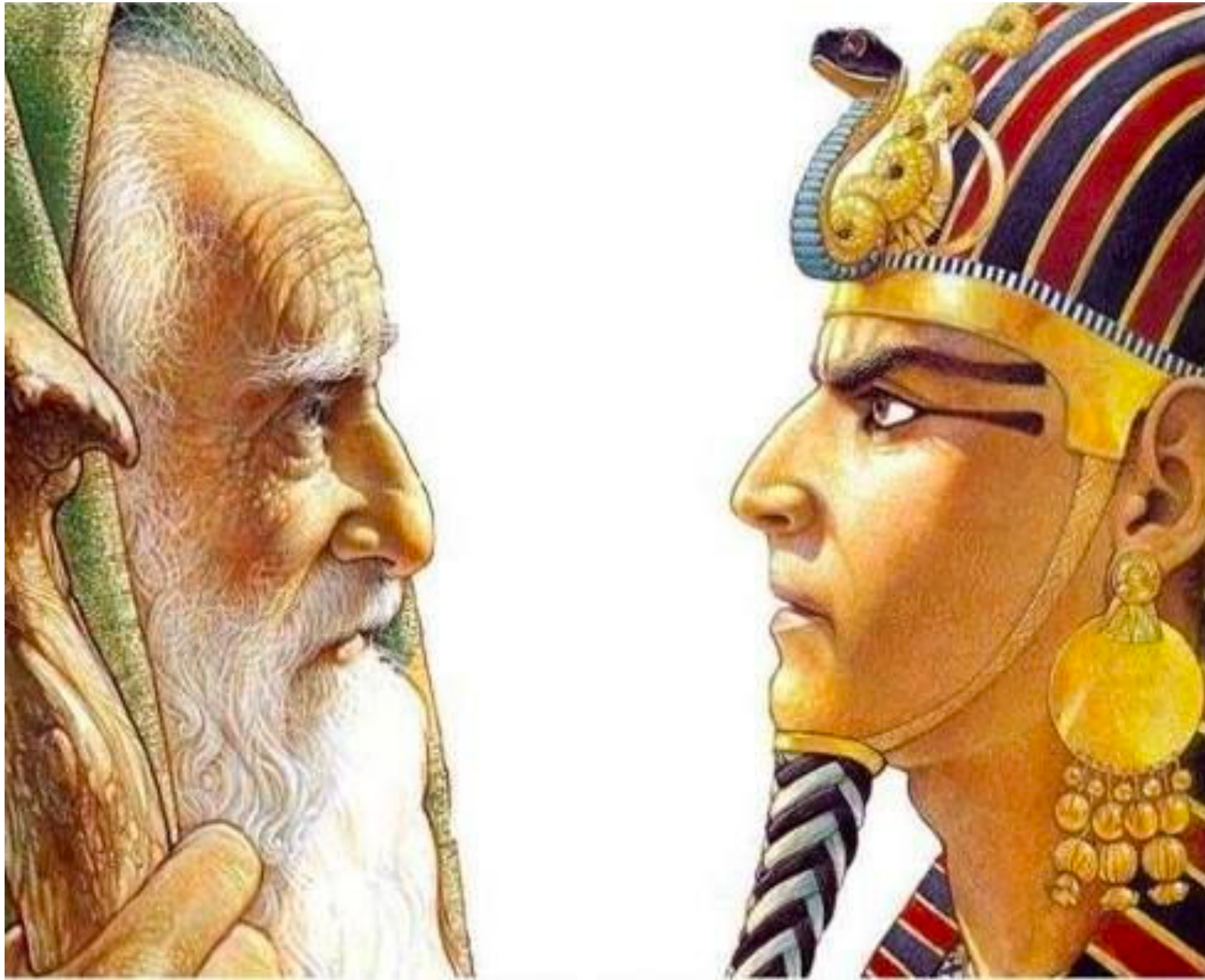
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Elder Neil L. Andersen

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She concludes: "Sometimes, as President Monson said, 'You have to stand alone.' Hopefully as youth, we will stand together in being true to God and to the teachings of His living prophets."

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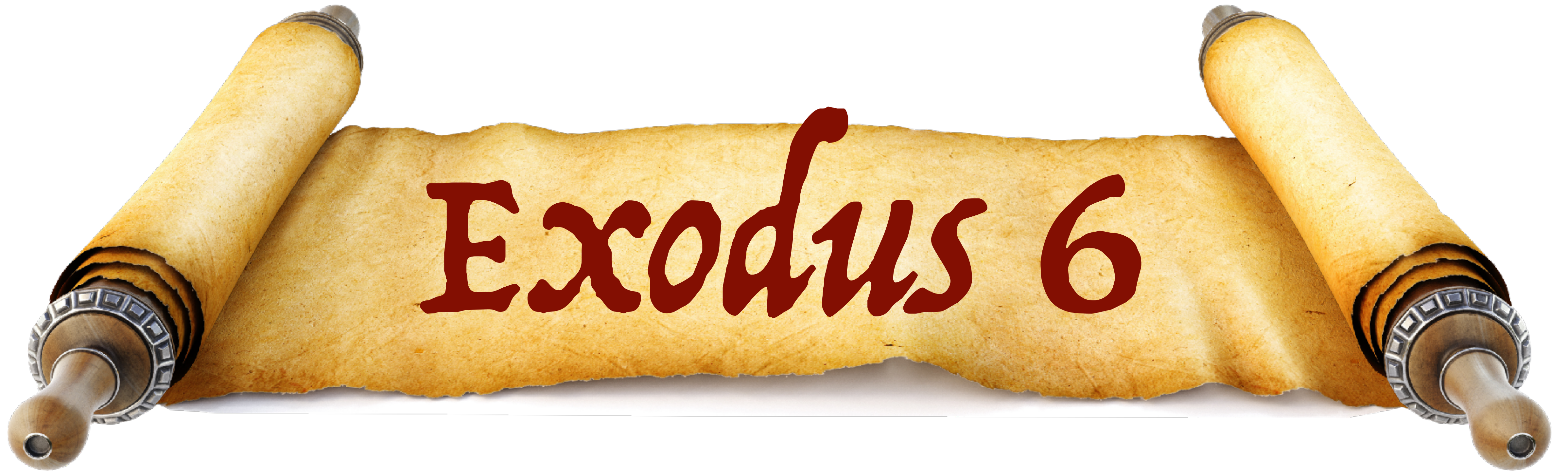
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1 Chr. 6:16 (16–19).

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“The stories of the great women of the Exodus show the true meaning of the Midrashic proverb ‘Because of the righteous women of that generation, Israel was redeemed from Egypt.’ These women were proactive and assertive even while the men were passive, reactive, or absent. They continue to function strongly and decisively even in conditions of dire oppression. And they stood up to overwhelming power. Political power, paternal power, even divine power all failed to deter these women.”

(Tikva Frymer-Kensky, “Reading the Women of the Bible,” p. 32)