

Joshua Takes Command

*(Based on Deuteronomy 2:16-3:28, 9:5, 10:6,
Deuteronomy 34:9,
Joshua 1:1-9)*

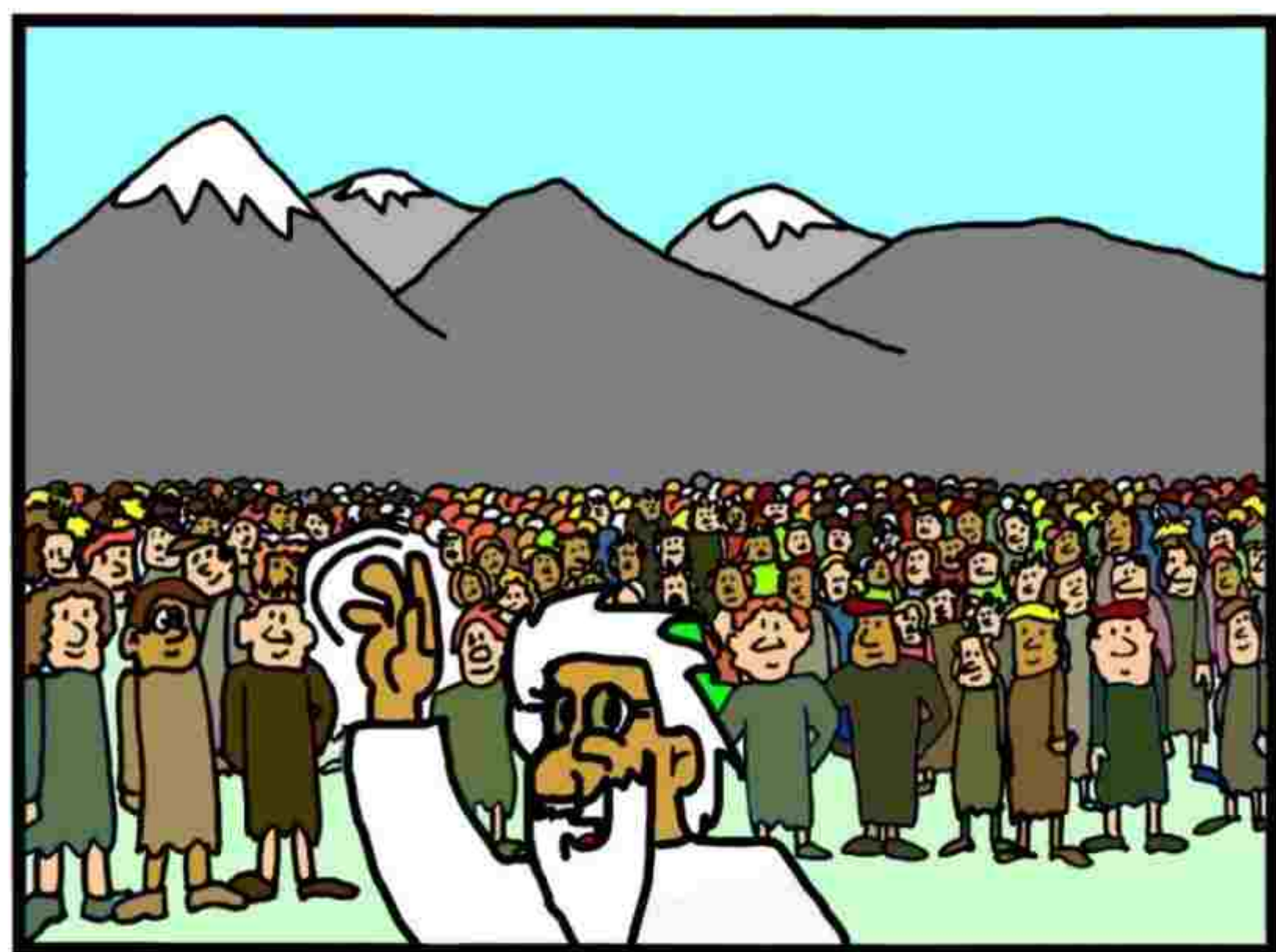
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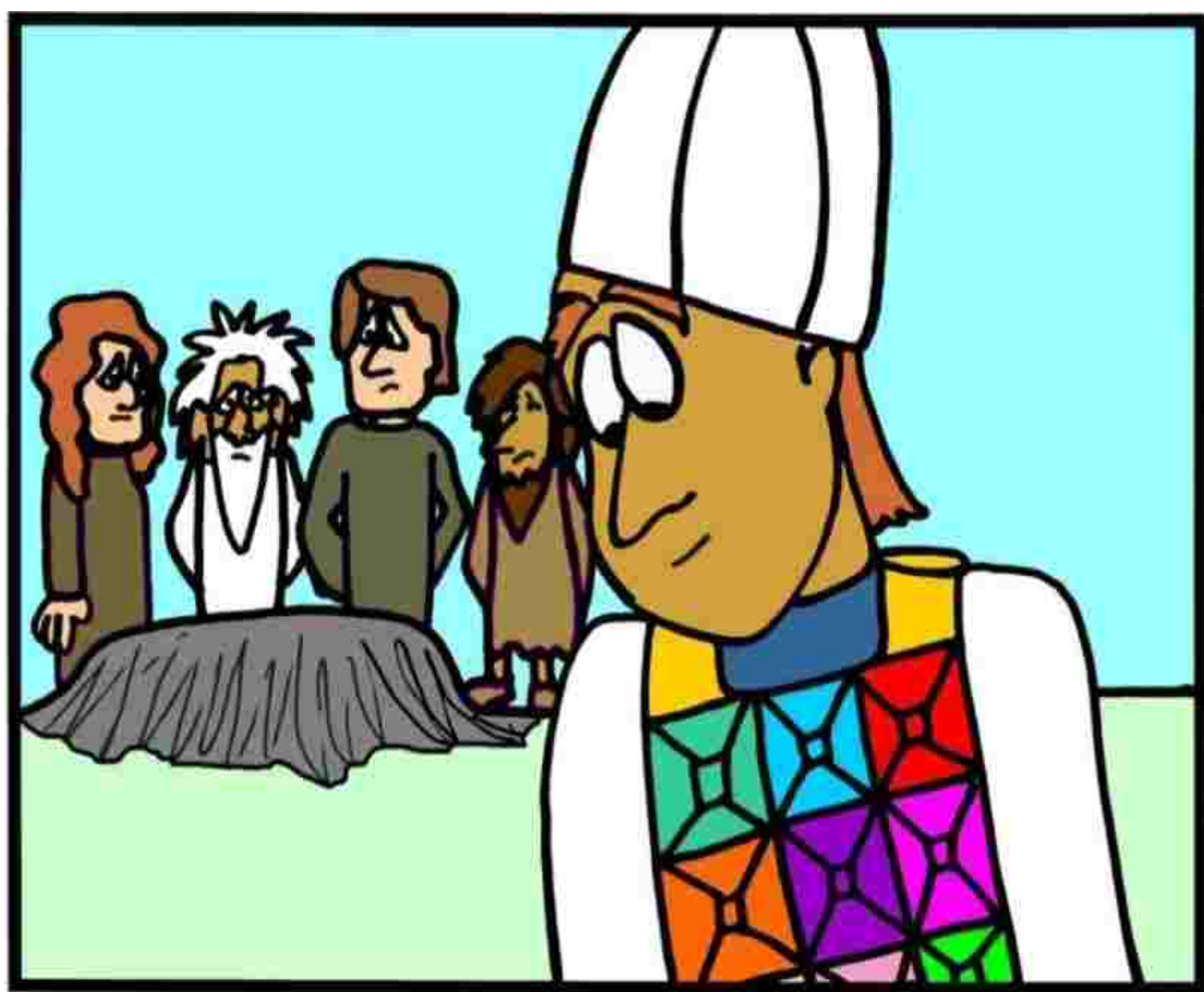
The last complainer died. It was time to take the promised-land. Moses asked Sihon, King of Hesbon for permission to pass through, but he refused. His army attacked the people of Israel. God helped the people of Israel and they took King Sihon's land.



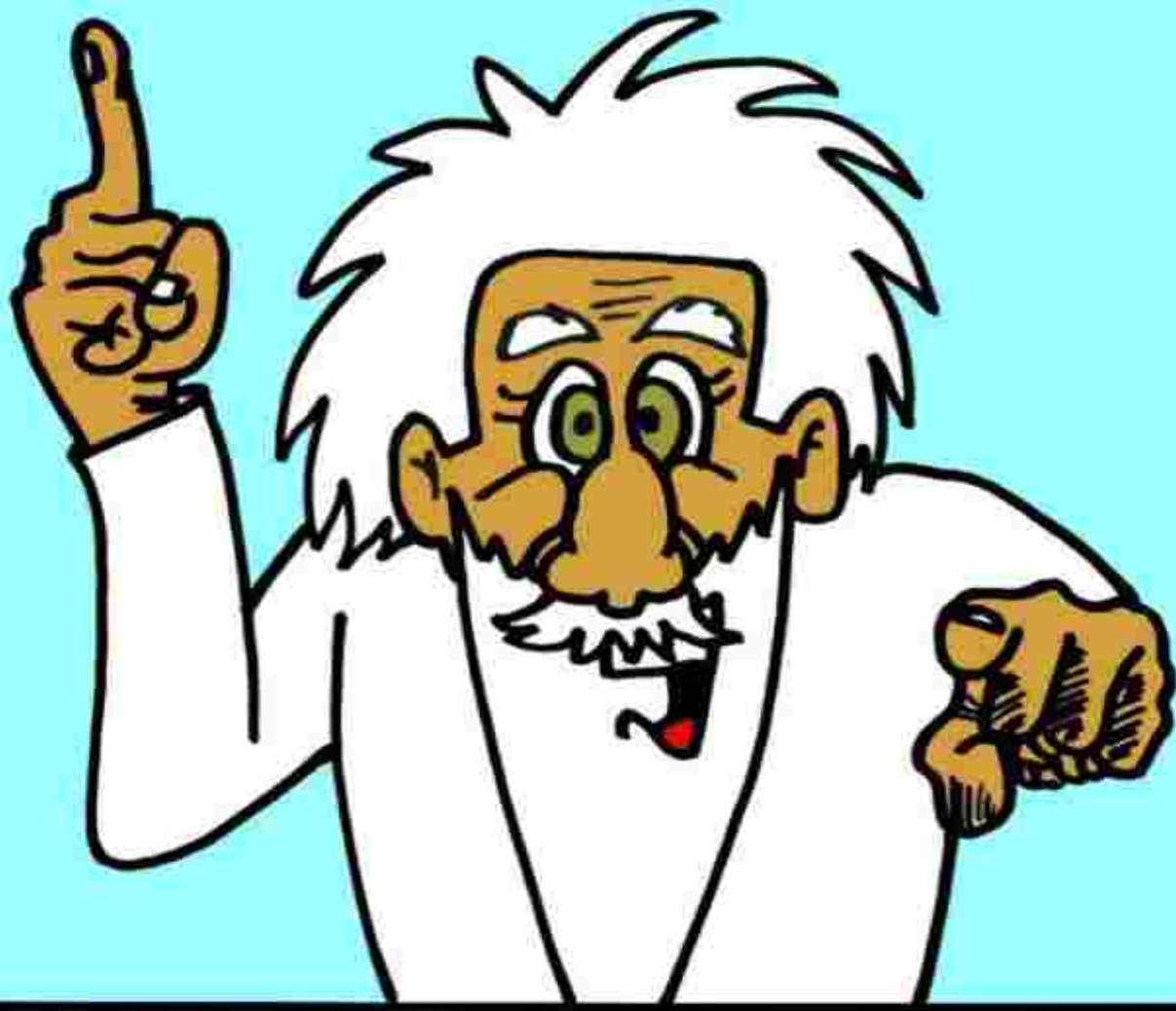
Og, King of Bashan came with his army and attacked the people of Israel. Og was a giant. He had an iron bed about 18.5 feet long and 8 feet wide. God helped the people of Israel and they took his land too.



These lands were given to the tribe of Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh. Moses told the men from these tribes that they must continue the journey into the promised-land and help until all the people of Israel had their own land.



Aaron died and was buried. His son Eleazar took his job as the boss Priest.



Moses gave a final speech. He reminded them to love and obey God. “God is not giving you the promised land because you are so good, but because the people who live in these lands do very bad things. If you begin to do the same bad things, then you will be kicked out of this good land too.”



Moses laid his hands upon Joshua and gave him the job of being the leader.



God spoke to Joshua. “Be brave. Don’t be afraid. I am with you just like I was with Moses. You must think and say my commandments to yourself day and night. Then you will be able to do them and you will be blessed.”



Lord, thank you that if I think and say your word to myself like Joshua did, then I will be able to do the work you have for me to do. Help me to be brave.