



# EXODUS

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REDEMPTION & GLORY

**EVER FEEL LIKE GOD'S  
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“As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.”

**"These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." (v.4)**





**As the Heidelberg Catechism says,**  
*"Idolatry is having or inventing something in which to put our trust instead of, or in addition to, the only true God."*

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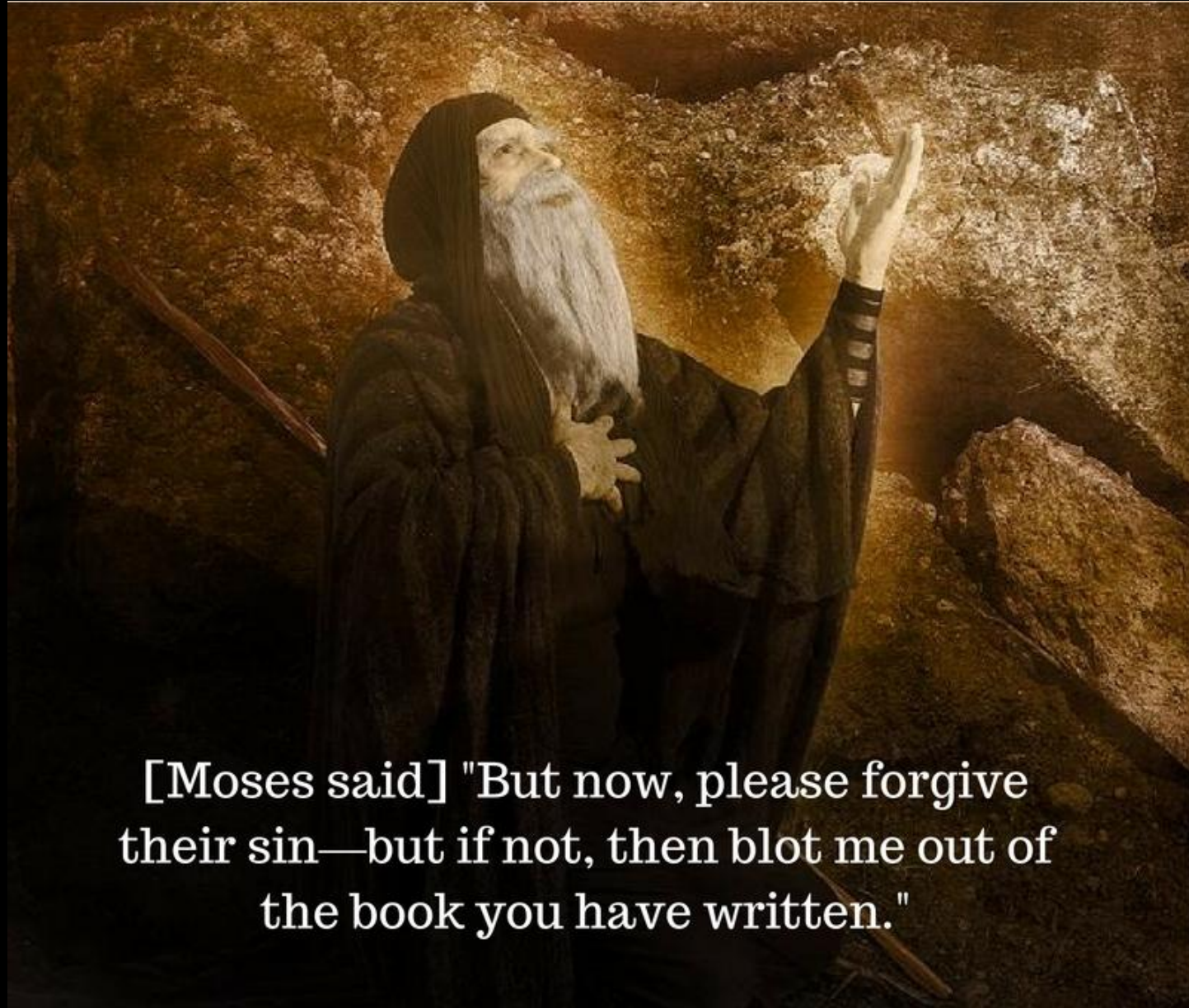
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Third, Moses takes God all the way back to Genesis — to the covenant promises he made to the Patriarchs.

"Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" (v.13)

"Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened."

~Exodus 32:14



[Moses said] "But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."



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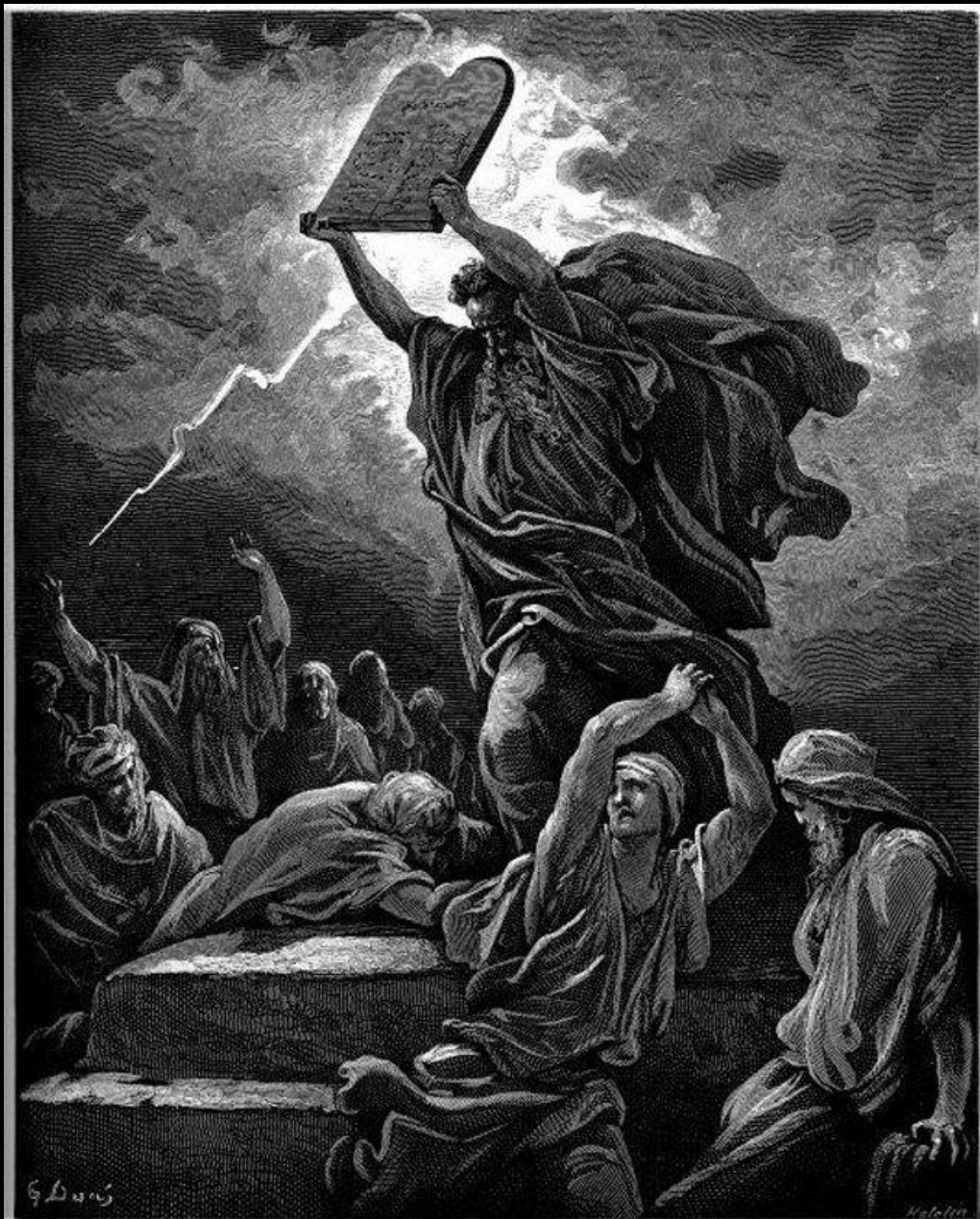
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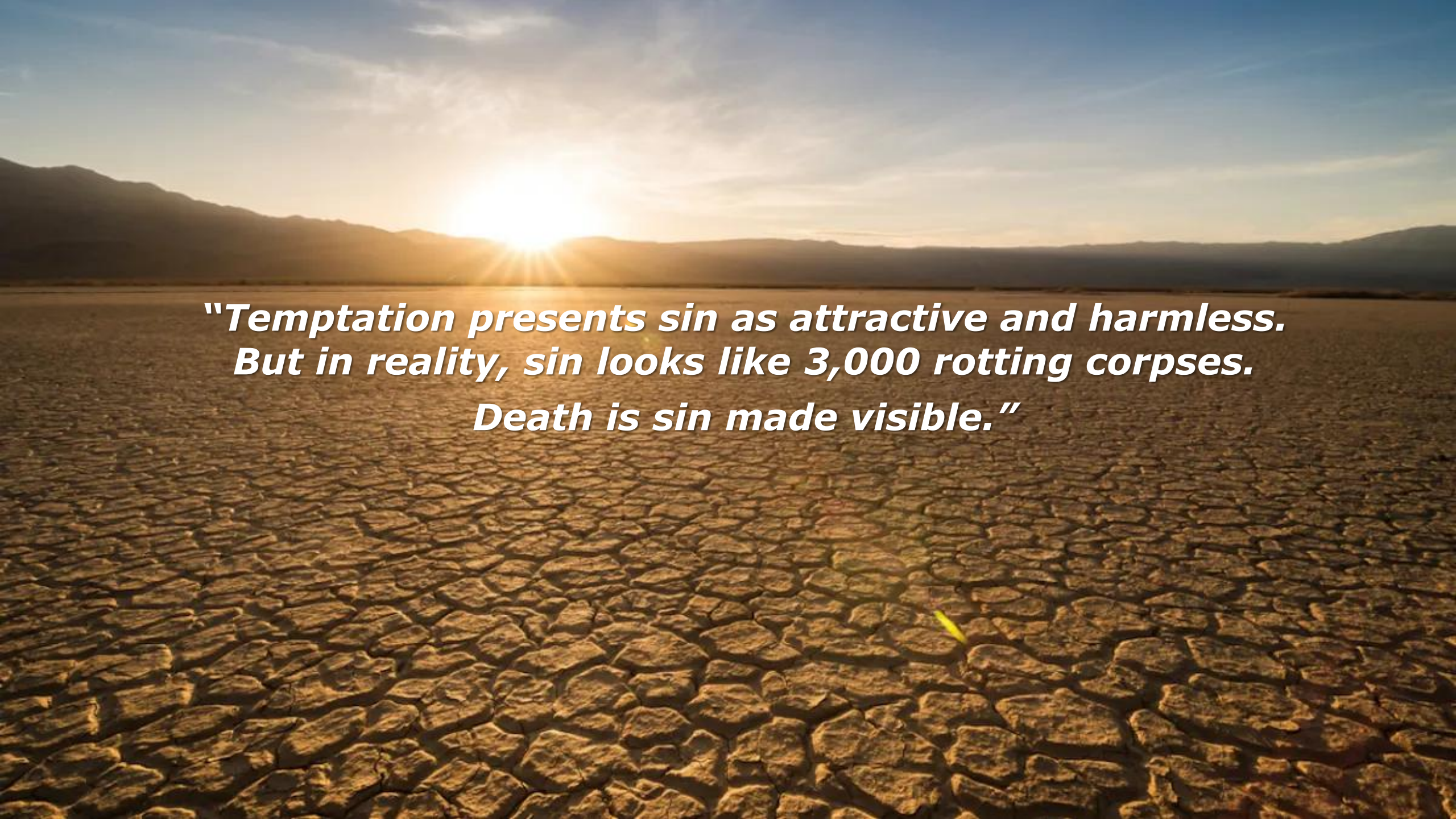
"It is not the sound of victory," he says, "nor the sound of defeat. It is the sound of singing." (v.18)



**“I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”**

~Exodus 32:24

“So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the Lord, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.” (v.26)

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***“Temptation presents sin as attractive and harmless.  
But in reality, sin looks like 3,000 rotting corpses.  
Death is sin made visible.”***

The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." (v.30)

Moses returns to God the next day and says: "These people have sinned greatly... yet now, please forgive their sin." (vv.31-32)

God says: "When the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin." (v.34)



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