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“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one
Lord; And thou shalt love the Lord thy
God with all thine heart, and with all thy
soul, and with all thy might.”

Deuteronomy 6: 4 & 5

I am dedicating this book and my journey of faith to my special friend, Arthur Minerof, whose great interest and help made this project a reality and an honor to his dear Mother, Pearl Couler Minerof, a woman of great faith.

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20: 3



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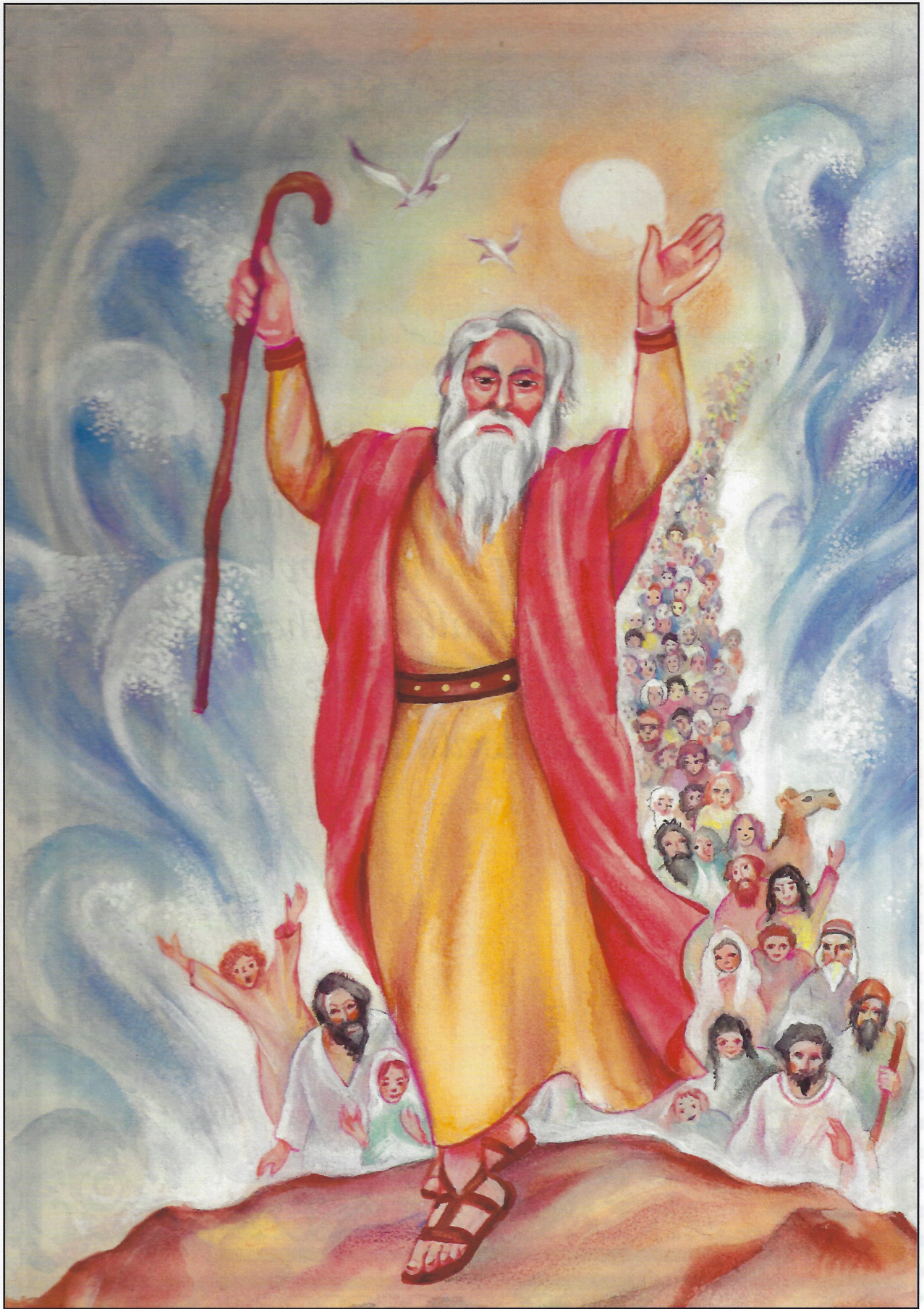
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MOSES

The Israelites in Egypt grew from seventy to two million and tyrant Pharaoh feared they would fight against his people. He enslaved the Israelites, brutally treated them and further decreed that all Israelite male babies be killed. But God intervened and Moses was saved to one day lead his people to freedom.

“Let my people go,” Moses demanded of the Pharaoh ten times. He refused and God caused a plague to follow each refusal. The last punishment, the death of male born Egyptians, caused the tyrant to reluctantly let them go, and the Israelites, two million strong, headed toward the Promised Land.

But Pharaoh in his anger changed his mind and with a great army of chariots pursued the weary Israelites. They were trapped: the sea before them and the murderous soldiers closely behind. When they were frightened, Moses stood firm: “Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will show you today....The Lord will fight for you.”

God rolled back the waters with a strong East wind creating a path for the Israelites to walk across safely on dry ground. But God caused the pursuing Egyptians all to drown when the waters once again came together.

And the saved Israelites danced and sang for joy and praised God for the wonders He had performed.

