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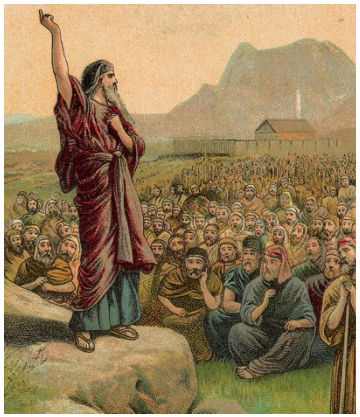

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In the early 1800s, one out of every six women who gave birth in Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis' hospital died of what was called "childbed fever." He set out to discover why and found that doctors were not cleaning their hands or instruments between patients. As a result, they were spreading germs from one patient to the next. Dr. Semmelweis then required clean hands and instruments for each patient, and mortality rates dropped almost to zero!

But Dr. Semmelweis's discovery was not new knowledge. Thousands of years earlier, God had taught the Israelites, through Moses, that whenever they came into contact with a dead or diseased person, they were "unclean." Unclean people and their clothing had to be cleansed in clear running water. They also had to sprinkle their clothing with wet hyssop branches. Today we know that hyssop contains a powerful antibacterial and antifungal agent. So when the Bible says something that touches upon an area of science, it is still technically accurate and correct. After all, the Author of the Bible is also the Author of everything that science studies!

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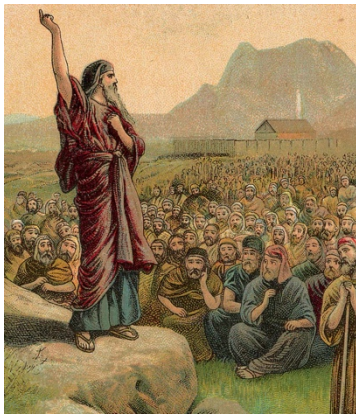

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