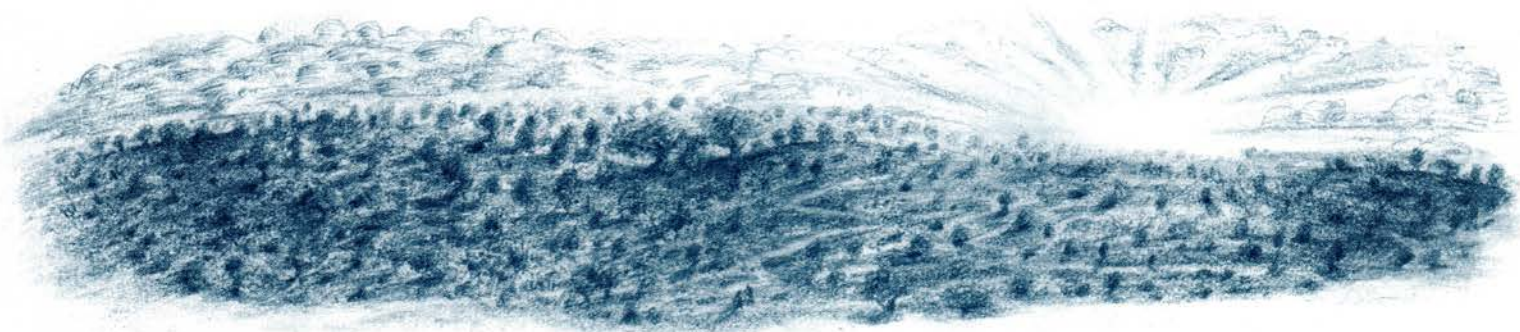


# Seeing the Lights of God

"O peoples of the earth! Verily the resplendent Light of God hath appeared in your midst, . . ." —*The Báb*



**H**ave you heard stories about the Messengers of God? Do you know how people react when these Lights of God tell the world who They are? Every time a Messenger comes, some people see the light They bring. But many other people are filled with hate, fear, and anger. Like beetles under a rock, they panic when the light shines on their dark world. These fearful people have caused great suffering in the lives of God's Messengers.

Moses lived during the time when Pharaohs ruled in Egypt. When Moses let people know that He was a Messenger of God, many Egyptians rejected His claim. They were sure He wasn't God's

Messenger. Even though Moses had been raised in the palace of the Pharaoh, he had been born a slave. Moses and His followers were beaten and many were killed.

Jesus appeared in the time when Rome was powerful. When

He told the Romans that He was the Son of God, many did not believe Him. People wondered how Jesus could be the Son of God when he was really the son of Joseph, the carpenter. They had Jesus arrested. They hurt Him and mocked Him, and they put Him to death.



When the Báb announced

His coming to the world about 160 years ago, many people were angry. They wondered how the Báb could be the Promised One of their religion if the priests claimed that He was against Islam. They hit Him.

They called Him names. They put Him in prison. And finally, on July 9, 1850, they killed Him.

On July 9 this year, we can remember the Lights of God Who have come to the earth. We can tell the stories of Their lives. We can pray that the laws, the peace, and the hope the Messengers have brought will grow. Most of all, we can live as They have taught us to live—with love, truthfulness, and compassion. ✨

