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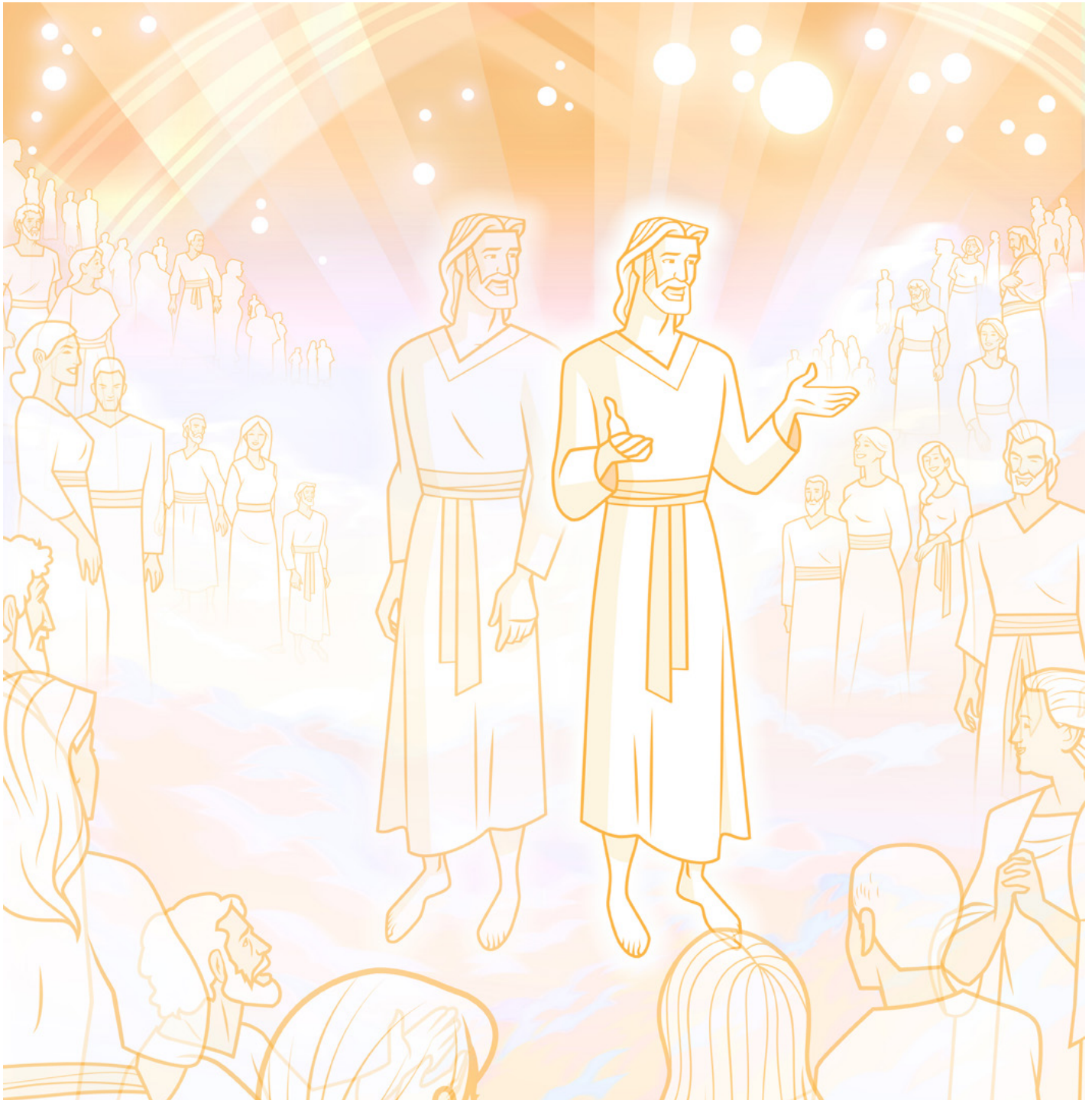
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About the Old Testament

Heavenly Father's promises to His children long ago



The first part of the Holy Bible is the Old Testament. These scriptures were written a long time ago, even before Jesus Christ was born. It has stories that help us have faith in Him. It teaches us that each person on earth is part of Heavenly Father's family and that He loves His children.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9; Isaiah 45:10-12



In the Old Testament, Jesus Christ is called Jehovah and the Lord. He follows Heavenly Father's instructions. Since the time of Adam and Eve, Heavenly Father has sent the Lord Jesus Christ to speak to His prophets. Heavenly Father sends the Holy Ghost to help us know a prophet's words are true.

Exodus 6:2-3; 2 Chronicles 20:20; Amos 3:7; 2 Peter 1:21; Moses 2:1



The Lord promised the prophet Abraham and his wife Sarah that their family would grow and bless the whole world. Their grandson Jacob had a large family that became a nation. They were called the house of Israel, or Israelites. Prophets taught them to look forward to when Jesus Christ would come.

Genesis 15:5-6; 17:1-8; Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 7:14



Many stories in the Old Testament show how the Lord kept His promises to the Israelites.

Genesis 9:13-17; Jeremiah 11:4-5; Hebrews 11:1-35



When the Israelites listened to the prophets and kept the commandments, the Lord helped them. When they disobeyed, He could not help them.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28; Job 36:11-12



You are part of Heavenly Father's family. Heavenly Father is kind, and He loves you. He has a plan for you. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can return to live with Heavenly Father again. Just like the Israelites were taught, you can choose to have faith in the Lord and keep His commandments.

Exodus 15:2; Deuteronomy 4:31; 5:10; Moses 1:39

The Creation of the Earth

A beautiful home for Heavenly Father's children



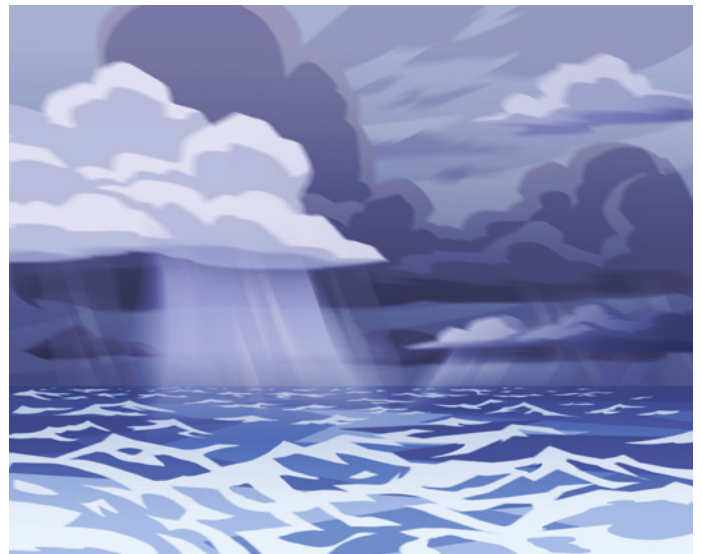
God our Heavenly Father presented the plan of salvation in heaven. We all shouted for joy! We would be able to come to earth to receive a physical body. While on earth, we would learn to follow God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord created the earth following God's instructions.

Genesis 1:1; Job 38:4-7; Moses 1:32-33; 2:1; Abraham 3:22-27



On the first day, the Lord separated light from dark. He called the light *day* and the darkness *night*.

Genesis 1:3-5; Moses 2:3-5; Abraham 4:1-5



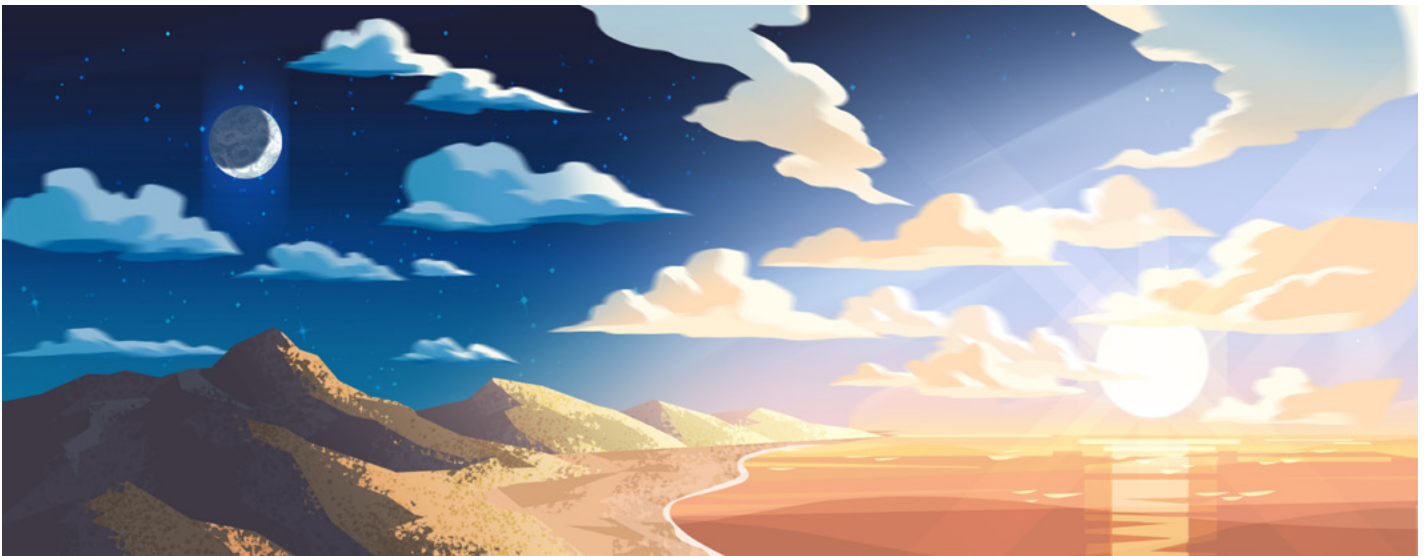
On the second day, He divided the waters between the clouds in the sky and the oceans on the earth.

Genesis 1:6-8; Moses 2:6-8; Abraham 4:6-8



On the third day, the Lord formed great oceans and dry land. He named the waters *sea* and the dry land *earth*. He made the land beautiful with flowers, fruits, plants, and trees.

Genesis 1:9-13; Moses 2:9-13; Abraham 4:9-13



On the fourth day, He created the sun to shine during the day. Then He created the moon and stars to shine at night.

Genesis 1:14-19; Moses 2:14-19; Abraham 4:14-19



On the fifth day, the Lord made the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. He blessed the creatures to multiply and blessed the fish to fill the waters.

Genesis 1:20-23; Moses 2:20-23; Abraham 4:20-23



On the sixth day, He created animals on the land, some that walked and some that crawled.

Genesis 1:24–25; Moses 2:24–25; Abraham 4:24–25



Heavenly Father and the Lord went down to earth on the sixth day. Man and woman were created in the image of God. Heavenly Father told them to care for each other and have children. Man and woman were also trusted to care for the land and animals.

Genesis 1:26–27; Moses 2:26–27; Abraham 4:26–31; 5:7–8



Heavenly Father was happy with everything They created. On the seventh day, They rested from all Their work. The earth was beautiful and filled with life.

Genesis 2:1-3; Moses 3:1-3; Abraham 5:1-3

Adam and Eve

Gaining experience by making choices



Adam and Eve were the first of Heavenly Father's children to live on earth. They lived in the beautiful Garden of Eden, surrounded by all sorts of plants and trees. God our Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ visited them and talked to them.

Genesis 2:8-9; 3:8; Moses 3:8-9; Abraham 5:8, 14-19



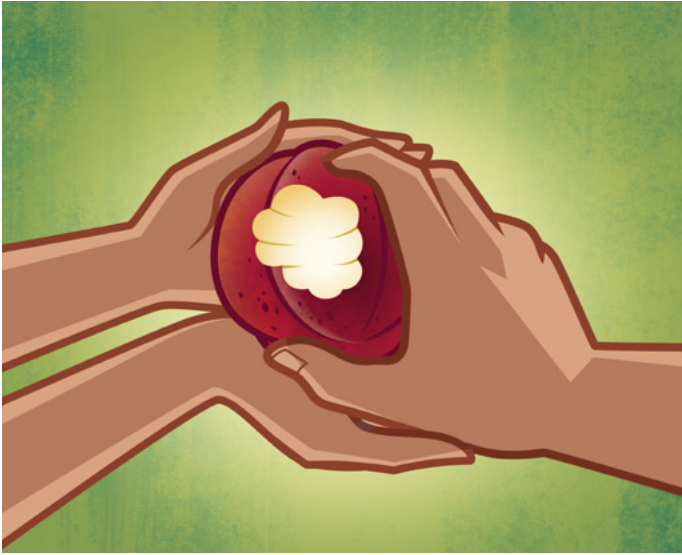
God let them eat the fruit of every tree but one. If they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would have to leave the garden and would eventually die. Satan lied to Adam and Eve. Satan said if they ate the fruit, they would know good and evil but they would not die.

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-5; Moses 3:9; 4:6-11; Abraham 5:9, 12-13



Eve chose to eat the fruit.

Genesis 3:5-6; Moses 4:12



Eve gave Adam some of the fruit. He also chose to eat it.

Genesis 3:6-7; Moses 4:12



God and the Lord visited them, but Adam and Eve were afraid and hid. God asked if they had eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 3:8-13; Moses 4:13-14



Adam and Eve told God that they chose to eat the fruit. Because of their choice, they had to leave the Garden of Eden. They were separated from God, but He had a plan for them. Now they knew right from wrong and could have children.

Genesis 3:16-24; Moses 4:15-31



Adam and Eve promised to obey all of God's commandments. They were taught to make animal sacrifices. As they obeyed, they learned more about God's Son Jesus Christ. They both felt great joy because He would help their family return to God.

Genesis 3:23; Moses 5:1-12

Adam and Eve's Family

Choosing to follow the Lord



After Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, they continued to learn about Heavenly Father's plan for them on earth. They had many children and taught them all that they knew about the Lord. Some of Adam and Eve's children chose to obey the Lord. But some of them chose not to.

Moses 5:1-12; 6:15



Adam and Eve's family kept a book of remembrance. They wrote their family history in the book. They wrote about how the Lord helped them.

Moses 6:5-6



Cain and Abel were two of Adam and Eve's sons. Abel loved the Lord and chose to follow Him. Cain did not obey the Lord. He chose to rebel.

Genesis 4:1-16



Adam and Eve's family kept growing. Many more people were born. They all had the freedom to make choices. In time, some people rebelled against the Lord's commandments. The Lord sent prophets to teach the people to repent.

Genesis 4:25-26; Moses 5:13; 6:23

Enoch the Prophet

How faith in the Lord saved a city



The Lord Jesus Christ asked Enoch to tell the people to repent. But Enoch thought he could not speak well. He feared that the people would not listen to him.

Genesis 5:22; Moses 6:26-31



The Lord promised to strengthen and protect Enoch even though some people did not like what Enoch taught.

Moses 6:32-39



The Lord's promise gave Enoch courage. Enoch obeyed the Lord and taught the people with power. He taught about Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism, and the Holy Ghost. Some people believed Enoch and wanted to follow the Lord.

Moses 6:47-68



Enoch had authority from God to baptize. All the people who believed Enoch were baptized and came closer to the Lord. No one was poor because they took care of each other. They were called Zion because they lived together in love and righteousness.

Moses 7:10–20



One day the Lord showed Enoch a vision of all that would happen on the earth. Enoch saw the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enoch learned that in the last days the gospel would be restored. He also saw Jesus's Second Coming.

Moses 7:21-67



Eventually, all the people in the city of Zion believed Enoch and repented. Because they took care of each other and lived in peace, the Lord took them to live with Him.

Genesis 5:24; Moses 7:18, 21, 68-69

Noah and His Family

An ark, a flood, and the Lord's promises



Noah and his family obeyed the Lord. All the other people were very wicked. The Lord told Noah a flood would cover the earth if the people did not repent.

Genesis 6:5-13; Moses 8:13-17



Noah taught the people that the Lord loved them and wanted them to repent and have faith in Jesus Christ. They would not listen.

Moses 8:19-30



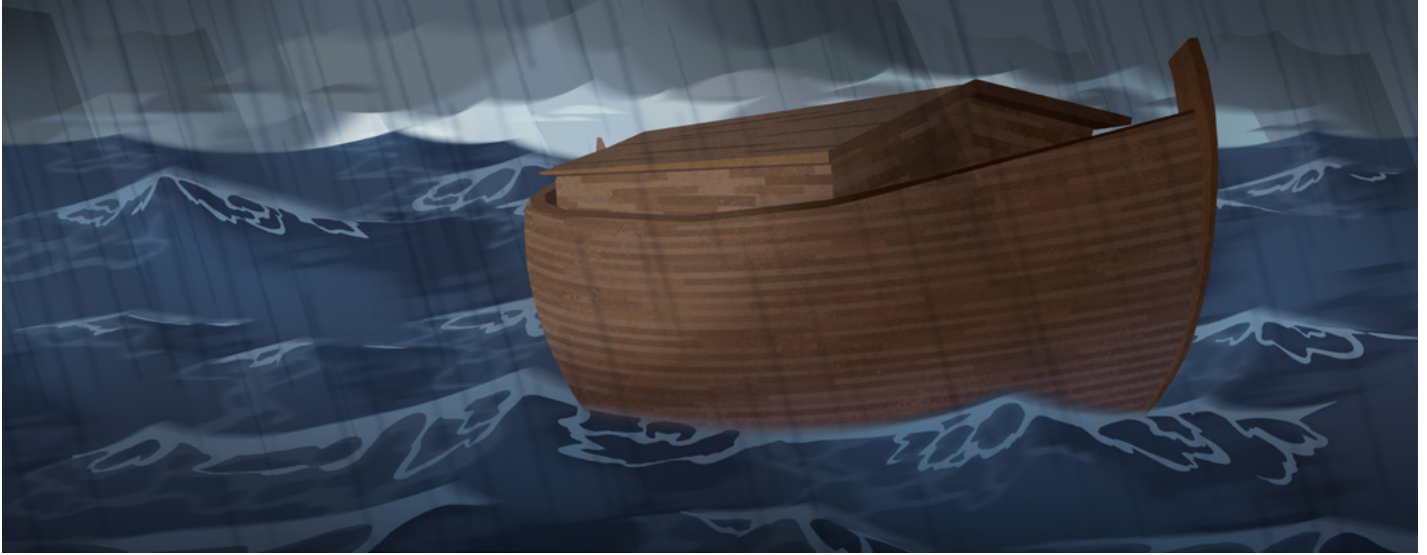
Noah was sad that the people would not repent. The Lord told Noah to build a large ship called an ark. The ark would keep Noah's family safe during the flood.

Genesis 6:14-18; Moses 8:25



Noah's family brought food into the ark. The Lord sent at least two animals of every kind to Noah. The animals went into the ark, and seven days later it started to rain.

Genesis 6:18-22; 7:1-9



Just as the Lord had warned, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. A flood covered the earth.

Genesis 7:6–23



Noah's family and all the animals in the ark floated safely on the water.

Genesis 7:24; 8:1–3



When the flood ended, the ark landed on dry ground. Noah and his family built an altar to worship the Lord and thank Him for protecting them. The Lord promised to never flood the earth again. He sent a rainbow as a reminder of His promise.

Genesis 8:13-22; 9:8-17

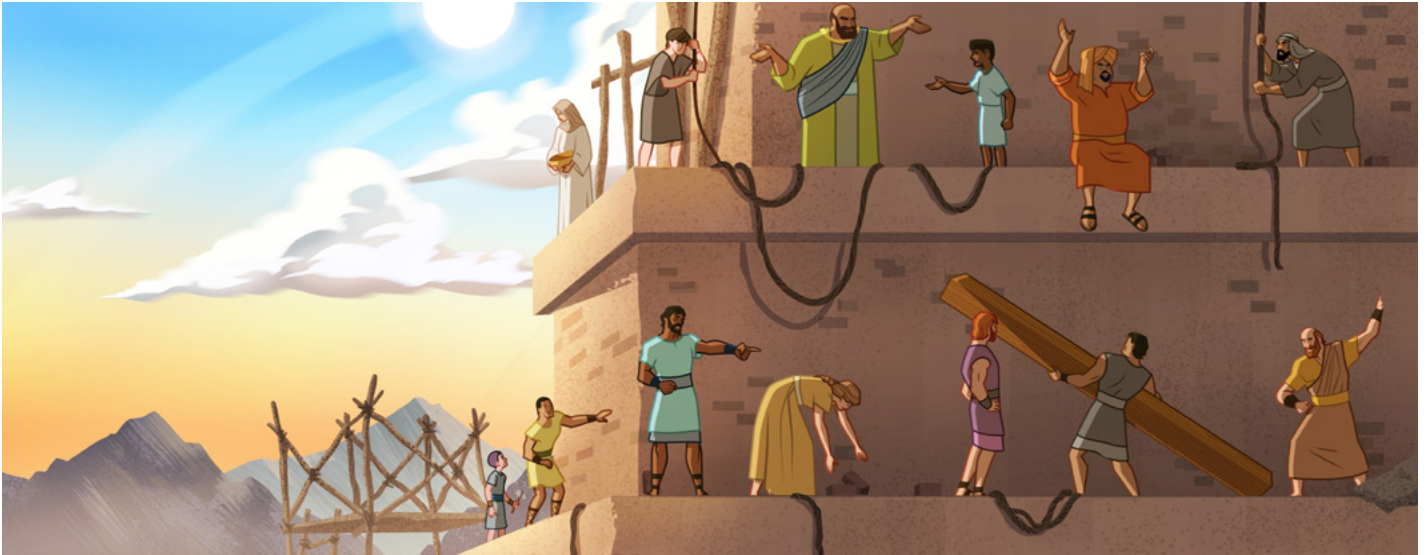
The Tower of Babel

People trying to build a way to heaven



After the flood, the people began to disobey God. Some of them did not believe God's plan. Without asking God, they started building a tower to try to get to heaven. It was a false temple called the Tower of Babel.

Genesis 11:4, 9



God was not happy that the people were building the tower. He changed their language so that they could not understand each other. Because they could not understand each other, they had to stop building the tower.

Genesis 11:6-8; Ether 1:33



God scattered the people and sent them all over the earth to live.

Genesis 11:9

Abraham and Sarah

A promise to bless the human family



Abraham lived in the city of Ur. Wicked priests there wanted to sacrifice him to their idols. Abraham prayed, and the Lord saved him.

Abraham 1:1-20



Then the Lord commanded Abraham and his wife Sarah to leave Ur and travel to a faraway land. He promised to bless them on their journey.

Genesis 12:1-3; Abraham 2:2-4



Abraham and Sarah trusted the Lord and left Ur. But they felt sad because they couldn't have children. The Lord comforted them. He promised that they would have a child.

Genesis 11:30-31; 15:1-6; 17:2-16; Abraham 2:6-9



Abraham prayed to the Lord to learn more about Him. The Lord visited Abraham and called Himself Jehovah. Jehovah made a covenant with Abraham. He promised that Abraham would have the priesthood. He also promised that through Abraham's family, all the families of the earth would be blessed.

Abraham 2:6-11



As Abraham and Sarah traveled, they needed to find food. They tried to live in a land called Canaan. There was no food there, so they had to go to Egypt. But living in Egypt was dangerous for them.

Genesis 12:10–20; Abraham 2:21–25



Abraham and Sarah left Egypt and returned to live in Canaan. They brought food and animals from Egypt with them. Canaan was part of the land the Lord promised them.

Genesis 13:1–4, 12; Abraham 2:19



The Lord also kept His promise that Abraham would receive the priesthood. One day Abraham and Sarah met a righteous king named Melchizedek. Abraham paid tithing to him.

Genesis 14:18–24; Alma 13:15



Abraham received the priesthood from Melchizedek. This was the same priesthood that the prophets Adam and Noah had received.

Joseph Smith Translation, Genesis 14:36–40; Abraham 1:2–4; Doctrine and Covenants 84:14



Abraham and Sarah were happy in Canaan, but they still worried because they didn't have a child. They had to trust the Lord's promise that one day their family would grow and bless the whole earth.

Genesis 13:12; 15:3–6

Hagar

The Lord's plan for His daughter



Hagar was Sarah's servant. Sarah was old and had no children. She told her husband, Abraham, to marry Hagar so they could have children. Abraham and Hagar got married, and soon Hagar was going to have a baby.

Genesis 16:1-3



Hagar and Sarah started being unkind to each other. Hagar chose to run away into the desert.

Genesis 16:4-6



As Hagar traveled, she became very tired and thirsty. At last, she came to a place with water and rested there.

Genesis 16:7



The Lord knew about Hagar's troubles and had a plan to help her. He sent an angel to ask her to go back to Abraham and Sarah. He promised that Hagar's family would grow. He said the baby she would have was a boy and that she should name him Ishmael.

Genesis 16:7-14



Hagar trusted the Lord and obeyed the angel. She went back to Abraham and Sarah. Hagar had her baby boy, and his name was Ishmael. Hagar knew that the Lord was watching over her.

Genesis 16:11, 15

Abraham and Isaac

A father, a son, and a sacrifice



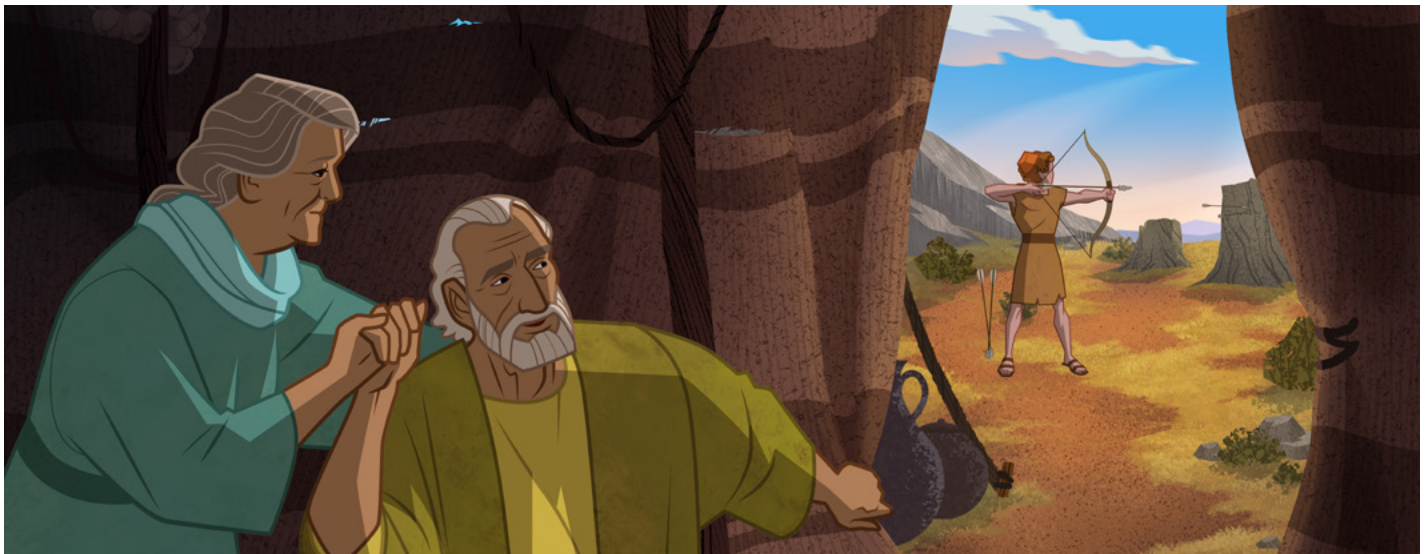
Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy, just as the Lord promised. They named him Isaac.

Genesis 17:9; 21:1-3



They loved Isaac. They taught him to choose the right and to trust the Lord.

Genesis 21:8



The Lord promised Abraham and Sarah that through Isaac their family would grow to bless the whole earth. But one day the Lord told Abraham to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and offer Isaac as a sacrifice.

Genesis 17:1-8; 22:1-2



On their way to the mountain, Isaac asked where the lamb for the sacrifice was. Abraham said the Lord would provide one.

Genesis 22:4-8



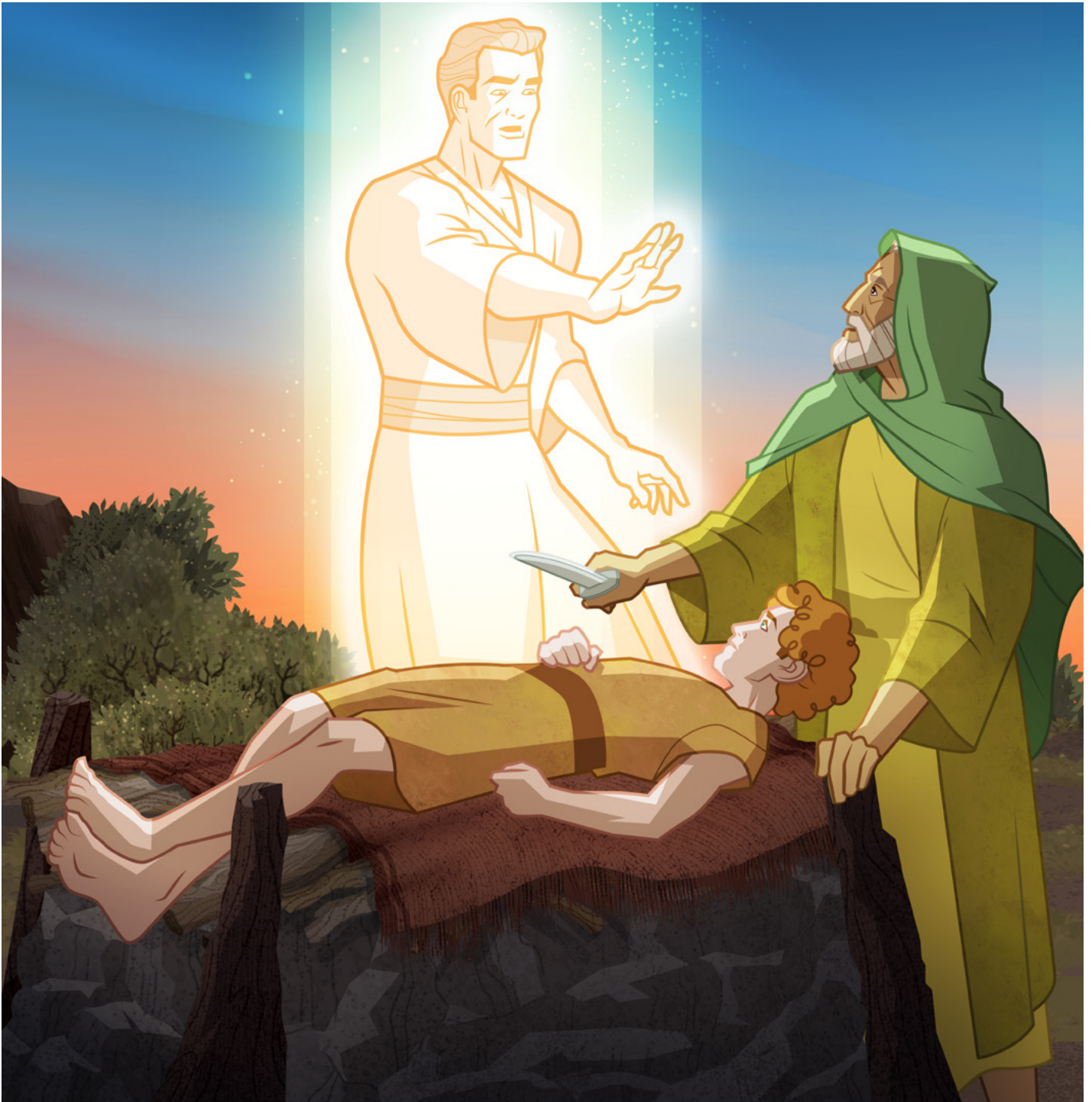
On Mount Moriah, Abraham built an altar and placed wood on it.

Genesis 22:8-9



As the Lord commanded, Abraham asked Isaac to lie down on the altar. Isaac trusted Abraham just like the Savior Jesus Christ trusted His Father.

Genesis 22:9



When Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, an angel of the Lord stopped him. Abraham showed his faith in the Lord. Abraham knew he would always follow the Lord.

Genesis 22:10-12



Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the bushes. The Lord provided the ram for the sacrifice.

Genesis 22:13



Abraham and Isaac learned about how Heavenly Father would offer His Son Jesus Christ as a sacrifice. The Lord Jesus Christ trusted Abraham because he obeyed. Abraham trusted the Lord's promise that one day his family would grow beyond the number of stars in the sky.

Genesis 22:17-18; Jacob 4:5

Jacob and Esau

Two brothers and one birthright



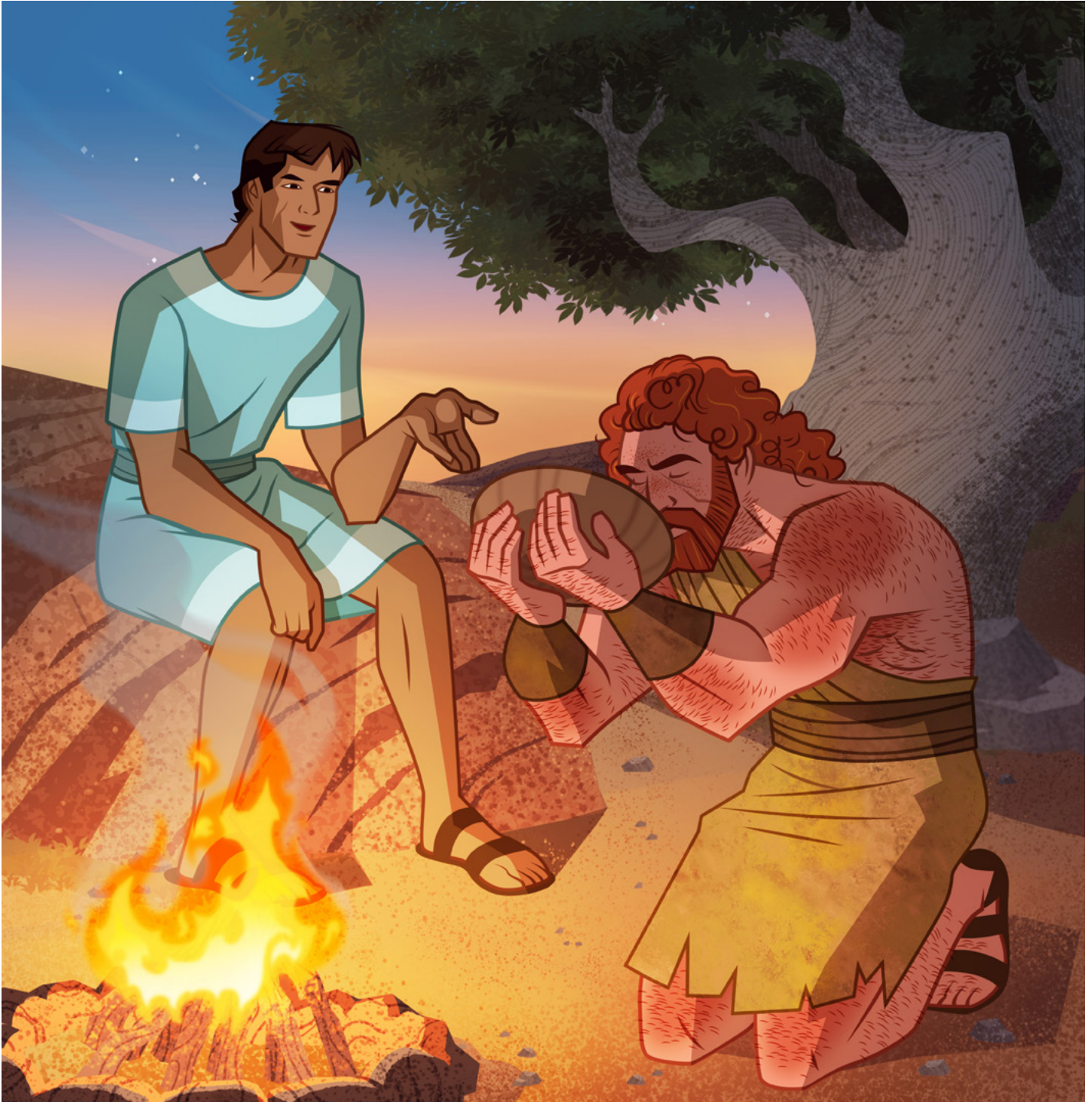
Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys, Jacob and Esau. Esau was a skilled hunter. Jacob lived a simple life and followed the Lord.

Genesis 25:20-28



Esau was born first. The firstborn usually received the birthright blessing from his father. The birthright meant he would lead the family and have more land and animals to help care for the family. But Esau cared more about himself than his family, and he disobeyed his parents and the Lord.

Genesis 25:25, 32; 26:34-35



One day Esau came back from hunting. He was very hungry and begged Jacob to feed him. The Lord wanted Jacob to have the birthright blessing because Esau was not worthy of it. Jacob asked Esau to trade him the birthright for some food. Esau agreed and traded his birthright to Jacob.

Genesis 25:23, 29-34; Hebrews 11:20



Rebekah and Isaac wanted what was best for their children. They were sad that Esau continued to do the things he wanted and not what the Lord wanted.

Genesis 26:34–35



Isaac grew old and blind. Before he died, he asked Esau to hunt and cook an animal for him to eat and enjoy.

Genesis 27:1–4



Rebekah knew that it was time for Isaac to give the birthright blessing.

Genesis 27:5



Rebekah asked Jacob to get two animals so she could cook the meal before Esau returned. Then Jacob would receive the blessing.

Genesis 27:6-17



Jacob dressed up like Esau and brought the meal to his father. Isaac gave Jacob the birthright blessing. When Esau returned, he was very angry with Jacob. But the birthright went to Jacob because he kept the Lord's commandments and Esau did not.

Genesis 27:18-29

Jacob and His Family

How the Lord keeps His promises



Jacob left his home to escape his angry brother Esau. Jacob's father blessed him to find and marry a woman who loved the Lord and kept His commandments.

Genesis 27:42-46; 28:1-5



While Jacob traveled, the Lord visited him in a vision. He promised to always be with Jacob. Jacob promised to give the Lord a tenth of all he received.

Genesis 28:10-16, 20-22



The Lord promised Jacob that he would have many children. Through Jacob's children, the families of the earth would be blessed to know the Savior. Jacob's family in the latter days is called the house of Israel.

Genesis 28:3-4, 14; 1 Nephi 10:14



Jacob traveled to a land called Haran. There he fell in love with a righteous woman named Rachel.

Genesis 27:43; 29:9-20



Jacob agreed to work seven years for her father, Laban, if Laban would allow him to marry Rachel. Laban agreed. Jacob worked for seven years.

Genesis 29:21-27



But Laban wanted Leah, his oldest daughter, to be married first. During the wedding, Laban tricked Jacob and had him marry Leah instead. But Jacob loved Rachel. He promised to work another seven years if he could also marry her. Laban agreed, and Jacob's family began to grow.

Genesis 29:28-35; 30:3-13, 17-24; Jacob 2:27-30



Laban did not pay Jacob fairly. But the Lord blessed Jacob with many animals and told Jacob to go back home.

Genesis 30:31, 43; 31:1-7, 17-18



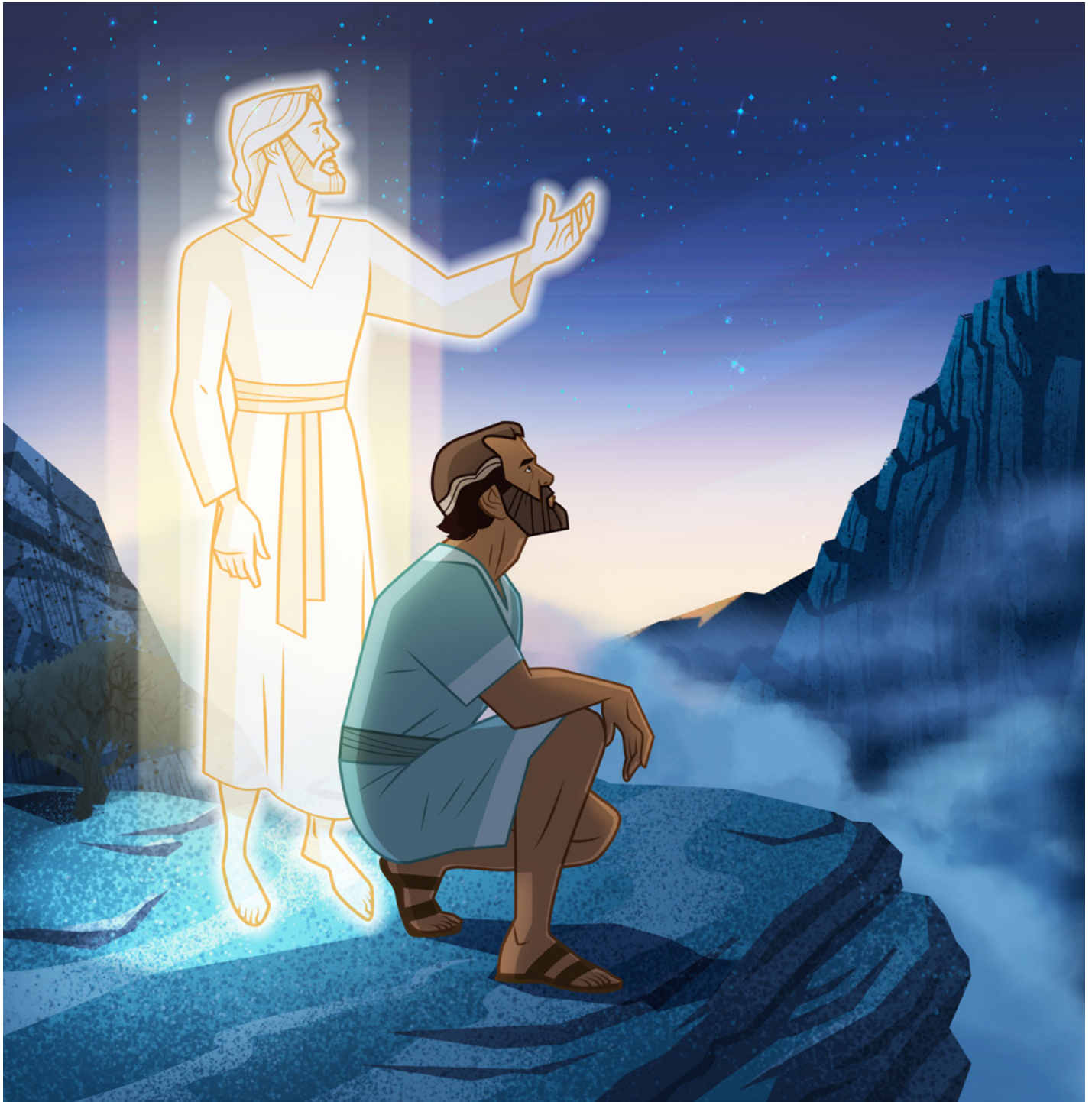
On his way home, Jacob learned that his brother Esau and 400 men were coming to meet him.

Genesis 32:3-6



Jacob thought Esau might still be angry at him. Jacob feared for the safety of his family, so he took them to a safe place and prayed.

Genesis 32:7-24



Jacob prayed all night and into the morning. The Lord visited Jacob and blessed him. The Lord told Jacob that he would be a great leader to many. The Lord changed Jacob's name to Israel.

Genesis 32:24-30



Soon Esau and his men found Jacob and his family. Esau was no longer angry with Jacob. He ran to meet Jacob and hugged him. He was very happy to see him and meet his family. Jacob was happy to see Esau again too.

Genesis 33:1-7



The Lord kept His promises to Jacob throughout his life. Jacob arrived home with his family and settled there. From then on, Jacob was called Israel, and his family were called Israelites. He continued to keep the commandments and worship the Lord.

Genesis 33:17-20

Joseph's Inspired Dreams

A family's struggle to love each other



Rachel and Jacob had prayed for many years to have a son. The Lord answered their prayers when Joseph was born. Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, and he gave Joseph a special coat. Jacob's 10 older sons were jealous.

Genesis 30:22–24; 37:1–4



When Joseph was about 17 years old, he had an inspired dream that he was gathering grain in the fields with his brothers. Joseph's bundle of grain stood tall. But his brothers' bundles of grain bowed down to Joseph's. When Joseph told his brothers about the dream, they were angry with him.

Genesis 37:2, 5–8



Later, Joseph had another inspired dream. In this dream, the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowed down to him. Joseph told his family about the dream. This dream made it sound like Joseph would rule over the family. Joseph's brothers became even angrier at him. They did not like his dreams.

Genesis 37:9-11



One day Joseph's brothers were away from home feeding the sheep. Jacob sent Joseph to check on them.

Genesis 37:12-19



Some of Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him. They took Joseph's coat and threw him into a pit.

Genesis 37:20-24



While Joseph was in the pit, his brothers saw travelers going to Egypt. The brothers decided to sell Joseph as a slave to the travelers for 20 pieces of silver.

Genesis 37:25-28



Then Joseph's brothers put goat's blood on his coat. The brothers went to their father, Jacob, and showed him the coat. They lied to Jacob and told him that wild animals had killed Joseph.

Genesis 37:31-33



Jacob cried because he thought Joseph was dead.

Genesis 37:32-35



But Joseph was still alive. He was far away from home in Egypt, living as a slave.

Genesis 37:36

Joseph in Egypt

A slave becomes a leader



Joseph was sold as a slave to a man named Potiphar. Potiphar worked for Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. Potiphar could tell that the Lord helped Joseph. He trusted Joseph and put him in charge of his house and everything he owned.

Genesis 39:1-6



Potiphar's wife liked Joseph. She wanted Joseph to break the Lord's commandments with her. Joseph told her no.

Genesis 39:7-10



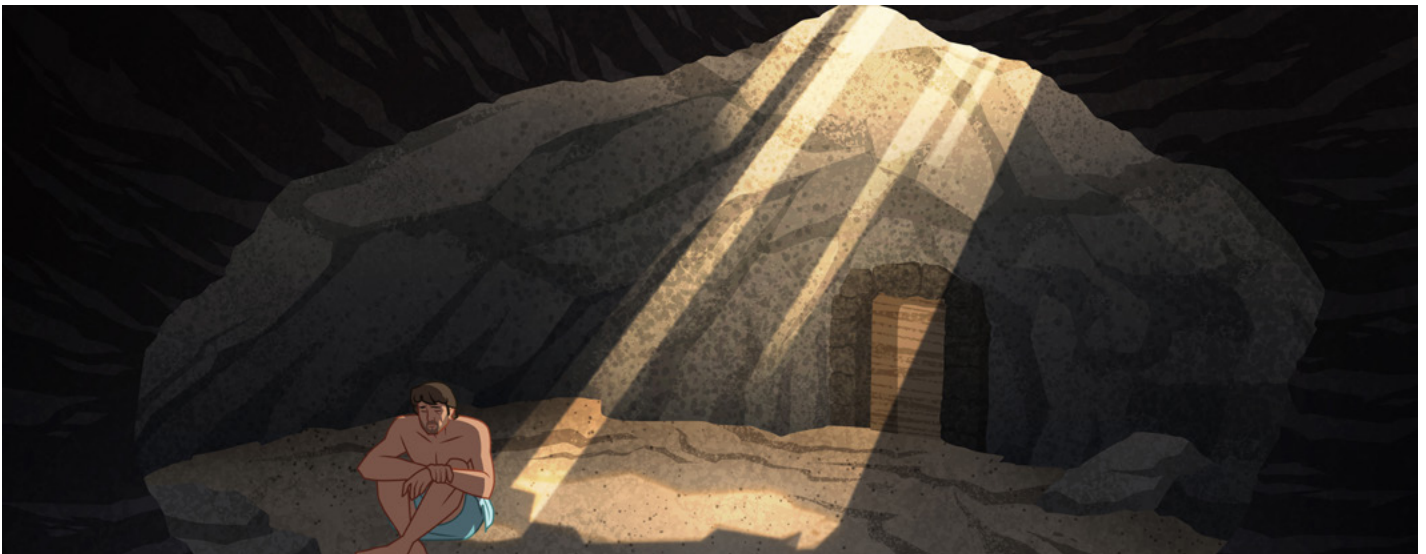
Potiphar's wife would not listen, so Joseph ran away. She was angry at Joseph.

Genesis 39:11-12



She showed Potiphar a piece of Joseph's clothing. She lied to Potiphar about Joseph. Potiphar put Joseph in prison.

Genesis 39:13-20



Joseph had been separated from his family. He had become a slave, and now he was a prisoner. But the Lord still helped Joseph. Joseph did not give up. The Lord blessed the prison guard to see the good in Joseph. The guard began to trust him, so he put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners.

Genesis 39:21



Joseph met two prisoners, a baker and a butler, who had worked for Pharaoh. They both had strange dreams. Through the Lord's power, Joseph explained what their dreams meant. The butler's dream meant that the butler would be freed. Three days later, he was set free to work for Pharaoh again.

Genesis 39:22-23; 40:1-21



One day Pharaoh was upset by his dreams. No one could tell him what his dreams meant.

Genesis 41:1-8



Then the butler remembered that Joseph could explain dreams.

Genesis 41:9-13



Joseph was brought out of prison to explain Pharaoh's dreams. Joseph said the dreams meant that Egypt would have seven years with lots of food followed by seven years of famine with very little food. Joseph told Pharaoh that Egypt should save extra food during the good years.

Genesis 41:14-36



Pharaoh knew that what Joseph said about his dreams was true. He set Joseph free from prison and made Joseph a great leader in Egypt. For seven years, Joseph helped Egypt store extra food.

Genesis 41:37-53



Then the famine came. During this time, no one could grow any food. People traveled to Egypt to buy the food Joseph had stored. Because of Joseph, the Egyptians saved enough food to help them and others survive the famine.

Genesis 41:54-57

Joseph and the Famine

A brother's chance to unite his family



Jacob's family was hungry because of a famine. So Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy food. He kept his youngest son, Benjamin, at home. He was afraid of losing Benjamin like he had lost his son Joseph many years before. He didn't know that his older sons had sold Joseph as a slave.

Genesis 42:1-4



By this time, Joseph was a great leader in Egypt. He was in charge of selling food during the famine. The brothers met with Joseph and asked him for food. They didn't recognize him.

Genesis 42:5-8



Joseph recognized them, but he pretended not to know them. He asked about their family to see if his father and brother Benjamin were alive.

Genesis 42:10-14



Then Joseph gave his brothers food. He told them not to come back for more food unless they brought their youngest brother, Benjamin, with them.

Genesis 42:15-20



When the family ran out of food again, Jacob knew he had to send Benjamin with his other sons back to Egypt. Jacob was still scared about letting Benjamin go. But Judah, one of the brothers, promised he would keep Benjamin safe.

Genesis 43:1-15



When the brothers returned to Egypt, Joseph made it look like Benjamin stole a silver cup. He wanted to see if his older brothers had changed. Judah begged Joseph not to punish Benjamin but to punish Judah instead.

Genesis 44



Joseph was happy to see that his brothers had changed. They loved Benjamin enough to protect him. So, at last, Joseph told them who he was.

Genesis 42:21–24; 45:1–4



Joseph's brothers went back to their father, Jacob, and told him all that had happened. Jacob moved his whole family to Egypt.

Genesis 45:24–28; 46:1–26



Joseph forgave his brothers for selling him to be a slave. Joseph said it was the Lord's way to help their family survive the famine.

Genesis 45:5–8



Pharaoh welcomed Jacob's family. He gave them land and animals so they could have plenty of food. Jacob's family lived in peace for a long time.

Genesis 45:16–23

Baby Moses

Protecting the future leader of the Israelites



Jacob's family became a great people in Egypt. They were called Israelites. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was scared that one day there would be too many Israelites and that they would take over Egypt, so he made the Israelites his slaves.

Exodus 1:7-14



Pharaoh then commanded that all the newborn Israelite baby boys should be killed. The Israelite families were very afraid.

Exodus 1:15-22



An Israelite mother named Jochebed thought of a way to save her newborn son. She put her baby in a basket and hid the basket in the tall grass by the Nile River. The baby's sister Miriam watched over him to keep him safe.

Exodus 2:1-4



While bathing in the river, Pharaoh's daughter discovered the basket. She saw the helpless Israelite baby crying and wanted to raise him as her own child. Miriam came to Pharaoh's daughter and asked if she could bring an Israelite woman to care for the baby.

Exodus 2:5-6



Miriam brought her mother, Jochebed, to Pharaoh's daughter. Pharaoh's daughter agreed to pay Jochebed to care for the baby.

Exodus 2:8-9



The Israelite baby grew. Pharaoh's daughter raised him as her own son. She named him Moses.

Exodus 2:10

Moses the Prophet

Called to free the Lord's people



Moses grew up as a son of Pharaoh's daughter. Moses saw that the Egyptians were mean to the Israelites. He was sad that the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves.

Exodus 2:10-11



One day Moses saw an Egyptian hitting an Israelite. To defend the Israelite, Moses killed the Egyptian.

Exodus 2:11-14



When Pharaoh found out, he wanted to kill Moses, but Moses ran away from Egypt.

Exodus 2:15



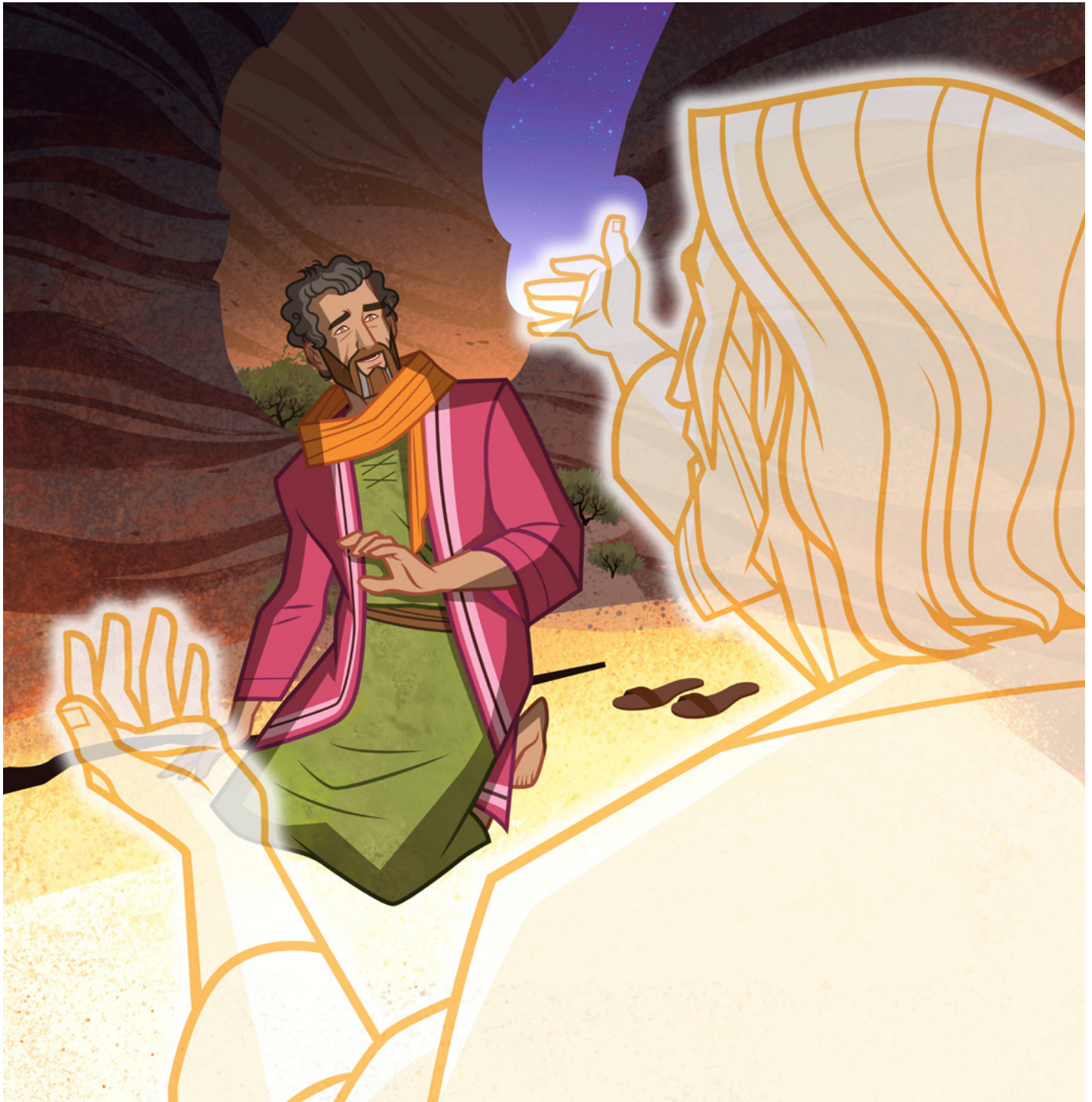
Moses came to a place called Midian, where he met a woman named Zipporah. They got married and had children.

Exodus 2:21-22



While living in Midian, Moses saw a bush that was on fire, but the fire did not burn up the bush. The Lord appeared in the fire and spoke to Moses.

Exodus 3:1-6



The Lord said He knew the Israelites were suffering in Egypt. He commanded Moses to return to Egypt and to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free. The Lord said He would help Moses free the Israelites and lead them to a promised land.

Exodus 3:7-18

EXODUS 4-5; 7-12

The Plagues of Egypt

Pharaoh's choices against the Lord



Moses trusted the Lord and returned to Egypt. Moses and his brother Aaron went to Pharaoh and asked him to let the Israelites be free and leave Egypt. Pharaoh was angry and refused. He forced the Israelites to work even harder.

Exodus 4:10-16; 5:1-18



Because Pharaoh did not listen to the Lord, the Egyptians were cursed with terrible plagues. First, all the water in Egypt turned into blood. Moses asked Pharaoh again to let the Israelites go, but Pharaoh said no.

Exodus 7:14-25



Next, the Lord sent frogs to Egypt. They were everywhere. Pharaoh said he would let the Israelites go if the frogs went away. The Lord made the frogs go away, but Pharaoh didn't let the Israelites go. Then the Lord sent lice and flies.

Exodus 8:1-32



Next, all of the Egyptians' farm animals died, but none of the Israelites' animals died. Then the Egyptians got painful sores on their bodies.

Exodus 9:3-12



A great storm with hail and fire also came to Egypt. This caused terrible destruction.

Exodus 9:22-35



Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go. Then the Lord sent locusts, and they ate all the people's food.

Exodus 10:12–20



Then there were three days of darkness. During many of the plagues, Pharaoh promised to let the Israelites go if the plagues would stop, but he lied every time.

Exodus 10:21–23, 27



After nine different plagues, Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go. The Lord told Moses another terrible plague would come. The Lord guided and protected the Israelites as they waited for their freedom.

Exodus 11:4–7; 12:1–13

The Passover

Protected by the Lord



Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go free, so the Lord told Moses that He would send one last plague. The firstborn child of every family in the land of Egypt would die, even the firstborn of their animals.

Exodus 11:1, 4-10



The Lord promised that if the Israelites followed His instructions, the plague would pass over them and not hurt them.

Exodus 12:3, 13, 23



The Lord told each Israelite family to sacrifice a perfect male lamb and paint the blood of the lamb on the doorframe of their houses.

Exodus 12:4-7



The Lord told the Israelites to cook and quickly eat the lamb. While they ate, they should be dressed and ready to leave their homes. The Lord said if the Israelites did these things, their firstborn would be safe from the plague.

Exodus 12:8-11



Like the Lord warned, the plague came. All the firstborn in Egypt died, including Pharaoh's oldest son. But the plague passed over each home that had lamb's blood on the doorframe. The firstborn of the Israelites were saved because they obeyed the Lord.

Exodus 12:12-13, 29-30



When Pharaoh saw his own son was dead because of this plague, he told Moses and Aaron to take all the Israelites and leave Egypt.

Exodus 12:31-33



The Israelites left, but Pharaoh was angry. He gathered his army and chariots and chased after the Israelites.

Exodus 12:37-41; 14:5-8



The Israelites camped at the Red Sea. Soon Pharaoh and his army caught up to them. When the Israelites saw the Egyptians coming, they were afraid. But Moses told the Israelites that the Lord would protect them.

Exodus 14:9-14



As the Egyptians got closer, the Lord told Moses to lift up his rod. Moses did, and the Lord parted the sea. The Israelites crossed the sea on dry ground. They ran away from Pharaoh and his army.

Exodus 14:15-16, 21-22



The Egyptian army chased after the Israelites. When all the Israelites were safe on the other side of the sea, the Lord let the water come down. The Egyptian army drowned in the sea.

Exodus 14:23-30



The Israelites were free at last. They sang songs, danced, and thanked the Lord. They always remembered the Passover as the time the Lord saved their lives and led them out of Egypt.

Exodus 14:31; 15:1-22

The Israelites in the Wilderness

Learning to rely on the Lord



Soon after the Israelites left Egypt, they complained that they did not have enough food. They said it would be better to be slaves in Egypt than to starve in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:1-3



To teach the Israelites to trust Him, the Lord sent bread from heaven for them to pick up each day. They called the bread manna. It tasted like honey. The Lord did not send manna on the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. So on the sixth day, He told them to pick up enough manna for two days.

Exodus 16:4-5, 14-31



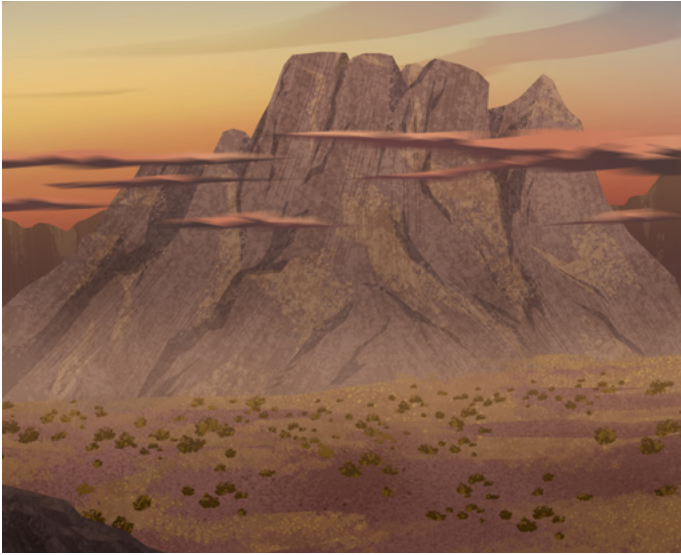
For a time, the Lord also sent quail for the Israelites to eat. In the morning they picked up manna, and in the evening they gathered quail. The Lord wanted the Israelites to learn to trust Him. In this way, He took care of them in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:11–13

EXODUS 19-20; 24; 31-34; DEUTERONOMY 4-7

Moses on Mount Sinai

Helping the people remember the Lord



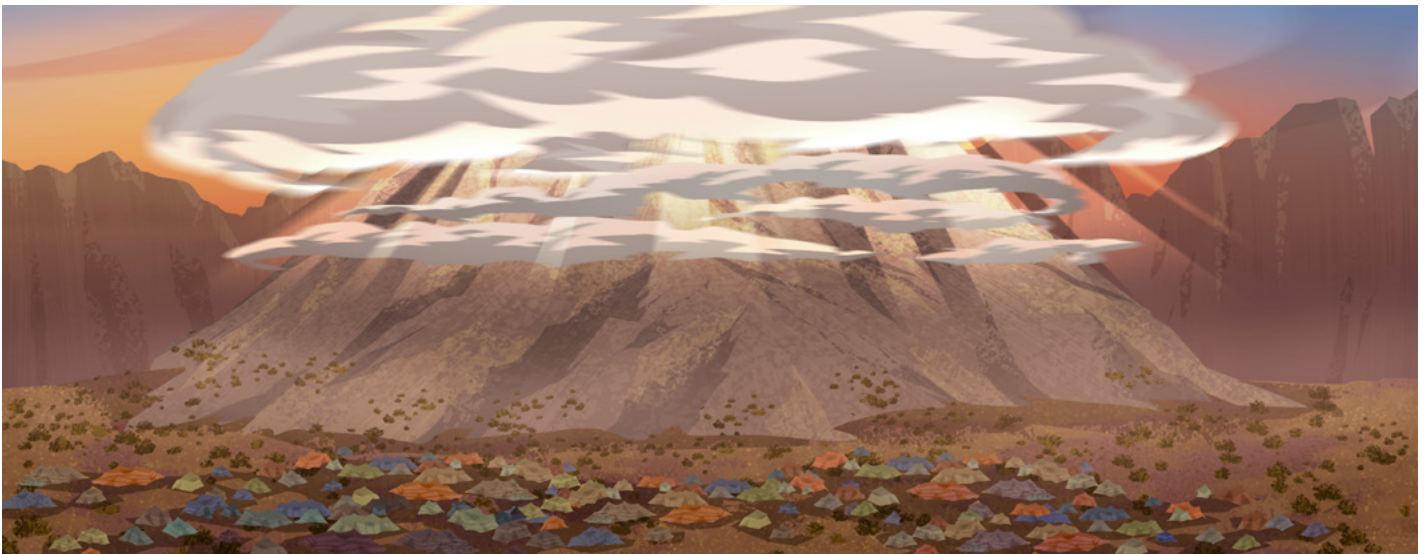
Moses and the Israelites traveled through the wilderness. They came to a mountain called Mount Sinai.

Exodus 19:1



Moses climbed the mountain to speak to the Lord. The Lord told Moses that He wanted to talk to the Israelites face to face.

Exodus 19:3, 9-11



The Israelites came to the base of Mount Sinai, and the Lord caused a cloud of smoke to surround the mountain. The Lord was in the cloud. He spoke to the Israelites and gave them commandments. The mountain shook as He talked.

Exodus 19:16-19; 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 4:12-13, 33; 5:4-5



The Israelites were afraid. They asked Moses to speak with the Lord so that Moses could tell them what the Lord wanted.

Exodus 20:18-19



Moses took Aaron and 70 Israelite elders to the mountain to receive more of the Lord's teachings. The Lord appeared to them.

Exodus 24:1, 9-11



Then the Lord told Moses to leave the elders and go even higher up the mountain. Moses obeyed. The Lord used His finger to write His law and commandments on stone tablets. For 40 days, the Lord taught Moses many things.

Exodus 24:12-18; 31:18



While Moses was on Mount Sinai, the people of Israel got tired of waiting for him. They told Aaron to make statues for them to worship like they had in Egypt. Aaron gathered all their gold and made a statue of a calf.

Exodus 32:1-4



The Israelites worshipped the golden calf and offered sacrifices. They said the golden calf, not the Lord, freed them from Egypt.

Exodus 32:4-6, 21-24



The Lord knew the Israelites were worshipping an idol and forgetting Him. He commanded Moses to go back and tell the people to repent.

Exodus 32:7-10



Moses came down from Mount Sinai and saw the Israelites worshipping the golden calf. He was very upset. The people weren't ready to obey the law and commandments the Lord had written. Moses broke the tablets and destroyed the golden calf. He helped the Israelites repent and remember their true God.

Exodus 32:15–20, 25–29



Moses asked the Lord to forgive the Israelites and to make promises with them again. Moses promised to lead and teach them.

Exodus 32:30-34



The Lord asked Moses to create new stone tablets and go back to Mount Sinai. The Lord made a new promise with the Israelites and gave them His Ten Commandments.

Exodus 20:2-17; 34:1-17, 28; Deuteronomy 6:24-25; 7:12-13

Moses and the Brass Serpent

Learning to have faith in the Lord



While the Israelites traveled in the wilderness, they often forgot the Lord and complained. The Lord sent serpents to help them be humble and remember Him. The serpents bit the people, and many of the people died.

Numbers 21:1-6



Soon the people repented. They asked Moses to pray that the Lord would make the serpents go away. The Lord did not take the serpents away. But He did make a way for the people to be saved if they were bitten.

Numbers 21:7



The Lord told Moses to make a serpent out of brass and attach it to a pole. When the people were bitten and looked at the brass serpent, the Lord saved them. The Lord helped the Israelites to be humble and trust in Him.

Numbers 21:8-9; 1 Nephi 17:41; Helaman 8:14-15

DEUTERONOMY 10; 31; 34; JOSHUA 1; 3-6; 10-11; 21; 24

Joshua the Prophet

A final test before entering the promised land



The Lord called Joshua to be the new prophet after the prophet Moses was taken to heaven. While the Israelites camped near the Jordan River, the Lord said it was time for them to move to the promised land.

Deuteronomy 34:1-9; Joshua 1:1-4; Alma 45:19



The promised land was in Canaan, but wicked people lived there. The Lord told Joshua to be strong and have courage. With the Lord's help, the Israelites could conquer the land of Canaan.

Joshua 1:1-9



Joshua gathered an army. The Lord told them to carry the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments and other scriptures. The priests carried these sacred items in a box called the ark of the covenant. Then the army prepared to cross the Jordan River. The river was deep and moved quickly.

Deuteronomy 10:5; 31:25-26; Joshua 1:10-11; 3:1-11



Joshua promised the Israelites that the Lord would help them cross the river.

Joshua 3:10-13



Joshua asked 12 priests to take the ark of the covenant and walk into the water. As soon as the priests stepped in the river, the water parted.

Joshua 3:12-17



The Israelites crossed the river on dry land. Joshua asked the Israelites to take 12 stones from the dry riverbed. He stacked the stones to remind the Israelites of the Lord's miracle that day.

Joshua 3:17; 4:1-24



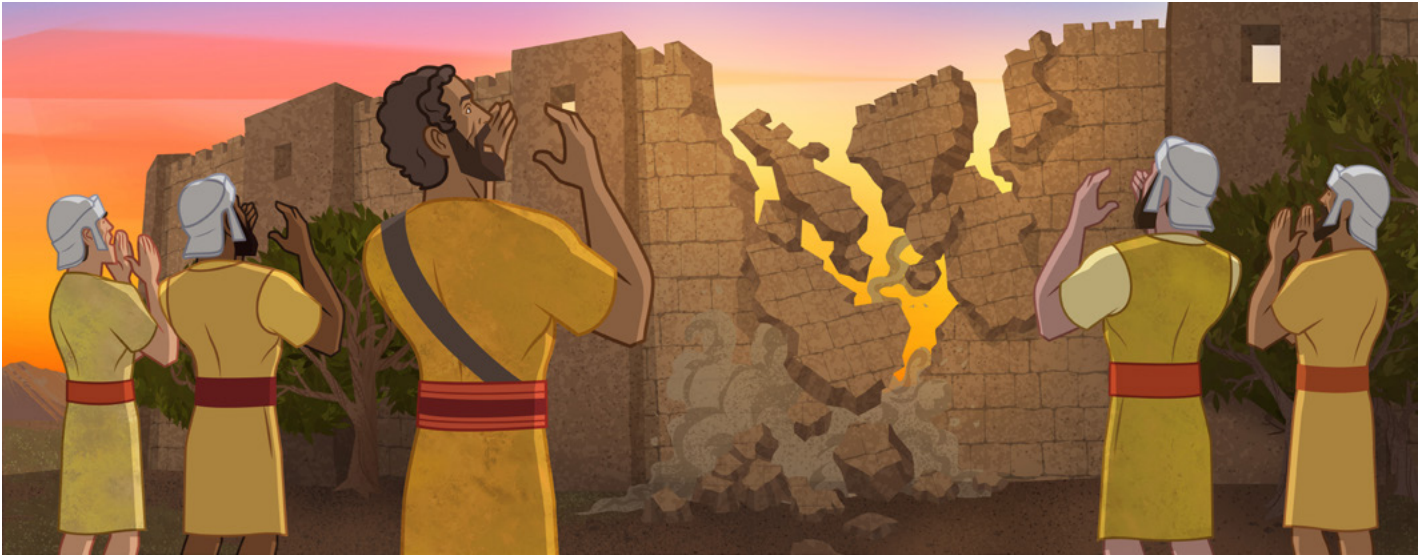
Joshua led the Israelite army to the land of Canaan. They arrived at a city called Jericho. The city was very strong and had high walls. The Lord told Joshua how to conquer Jericho. He said the Israelites should march around Jericho every day for six days. Joshua obeyed the Lord.

Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5



Joshua told the priests to carry the ark of the covenant in front of the Israelites. Each day, the army marched around Jericho, and seven priests blew their horns. All the other Israelites were silent.

Joshua 6:6-14



On the seventh day, the army marched around Jericho seven times. As the priests blew their horns, Joshua told the Israelites to shout. Suddenly Jericho's walls fell to the ground, and Joshua's army took the city.

Joshua 6:15-16, 20



The Lord helped the Israelites, like He promised. Joshua's army continued to conquer the land of Canaan, and the Israelites began to live there. Joshua reminded them of the Lord's miracles and promises. He asked the Israelites to choose to serve the Lord.

Joshua 10:42; 11:23; 21:43-45; 24:15

JOSHUA 2; 6

Rahab and the Spies

A choice that saves a family



A woman named Rahab lived in Jericho before it was conquered by the Israelites. She heard that the Lord had parted the Red Sea for the Israelites. Rahab knew the Lord would help the Israelites fight against her city. The people in Jericho were wicked.

Joshua 2:9-11



The prophet Joshua led the Israelite army. He sent two spies into Jericho. But the spies had been seen, and the king of Jericho sent guards to arrest them.

Joshua 2:1-3



The spies came to Rahab's house. Rahab agreed to help the spies, so she hid them on her roof.

Joshua 2:4-6



The king's men searched Rahab's house but could not find the spies. After they left, Rahab asked the spies to protect her family when their army came to fight against Jericho. The spies promised Rahab that her family would be safe. Then Rahab threw a rope out her window for the spies to use to escape.

Joshua 2:3, 12-15



The spies returned to the prophet Joshua and told the Israelite army not to harm anyone in Rahab's house. Later, when the Israelites fought Jericho, they kept their promise to Rahab. Rahab's courage saved her family. Her family joined the Lord's people.

Joshua 2:23; 6:25; Hebrews 11:31

Deborah the Prophetess

A leader who helped Israel trust the Lord



Deborah was a prophetess, a faithful Israelite leader who was inspired by the Lord. Her people had stopped keeping the Lord's commandments, and the Canaanites ruled over them. After twenty years, the Israelites began to pray for the Lord's help.

Judges 4:1-5



The Lord heard their prayers. He told Deborah to gather an army of Israelites to fight against the Canaanites.

Judges 4:6



The Canaanite army had many soldiers and chariots. This made the Israelite army afraid, but not Deborah. She knew the Lord would help them.

Judges 4:3, 7



Barak was the leader of the Israelite army. He did not want to fight. But he thought that if Deborah went with the army, the Lord would protect them. Deborah agreed to go. She prophesied that a woman would defeat Sisera, the leader of the Canaanite army.

Judges 4:8-9



The Israelite army gathered on a mountain, and the Canaanites gathered in the valley. Deborah told Barak to go down from the mountain. She promised that the Lord would be with them.

Judges 4:12-14



The Lord sent rain, and the Canaanites' chariots were swept away in the water. Many Canaanites were drowned in the river, but Sisera ran away.

Judges 4:15, 17; 5:4-5, 19-22



A woman named Jael lived in a tent nearby. She saw Sisera running and told him to hide in her tent. Jael knew that he was a leader of the Canaanite army and killed him so that he couldn't hurt more people.

Judges 4:15-21



Deborah's prophecy came true. Sisera was defeated by a heroic woman. Deborah sang a song to help the Israelites remember how the Lord saved them. The Israelites kept the commandments and lived in peace for 40 years.

Judges 5:1, 24-27, 31

The Army of Gideon

Trusting the Lord in battle



The people of Israel were blessed for many years. But then they chose to disobey the Lord. To help them remember Him, the Lord let their enemies the Midianites take their food and animals. The Israelites were starving, so they remembered the Lord and prayed to Him for help.

Judges 6:1-7



Gideon was a man from a poor family. The Lord sent an angel to call him to free Israel. Gideon wondered why the Lord chose him.

Judges 6:11-15



The Lord told Gideon to destroy places where the Israelites worshipped false gods. When Gideon obeyed, the people were mad.

Judges 6:25-27



The Israelites wanted to kill Gideon. But Gideon's father convinced them not to hurt him. Gideon was kept safe.

Judges 6:28-32



Gideon did not think he could free Israel. There were more than 135,000 soldiers in the Midianite army. But the Lord gave Gideon wisdom and strength.

Judges 6:13-16; 8:10



The Lord wanted the Israelites to know that they could win with His strength, not their own. Even though Israel had only 32,000 soldiers, the Lord asked Gideon to send home any soldiers who were scared. After 22,000 went home, the Israelites were left with 10,000 soldiers.

Judges 7:2-3



The Lord said 10,000 was still too many soldiers. He told Gideon to take the army down to the water. Those who drank straight from the water with their mouths would be sent home. Those who used their hands to drink the water could stay. Now only 300 men were left.

Judges 7:4-7



At last, the Israelites were ready to fight. The Lord showed Gideon how to defeat the Midianites. Gideon told his army to use trumpets and lamps to scare them. The noise and the lights confused the Midianites so much that they started to fight each other. Then they cried out and ran away.

Judges 7:16-22



Because Gideon trusted the Lord, the Israelites beat the large Midianite army with only 300 soldiers. The Lord freed the people of Israel.

Judges 7:23-25

Ruth and Naomi

Surviving trials with love and loyalty



Naomi and her family moved to Moab because there was not enough food in the land of Judah. Then Naomi's husband died. Naomi's sons married women from Moab named Orpah and Ruth. They took care of Naomi for 10 years.

Ruth 1:1-4



Then Orpah's and Ruth's husbands died. Now the women were alone. Naomi could not provide food for Ruth and Orpah.

Ruth 1:5, 8-10



Orpah returned home. But Ruth wanted to stay and take care of Naomi. Ruth and Naomi heard the land of Judah had crops again, so they traveled there.

Ruth 1:16-19



Ruth and Naomi arrived in Judah during the harvest. They needed food. Naomi's relative named Boaz owned fields in Judah. He let Ruth take the leftover grain in his fields. It was hard work.

Ruth 1:22; 2:3



Boaz respected Ruth because she worked hard and because she was loyal to Naomi and the Lord. He told the servants to leave more grain in the fields for Ruth.

Ruth 2:5-17



Naomi wanted Ruth to have a family. She encouraged Ruth to marry Boaz. Ruth knew that if she and Boaz got married, they could take care of Naomi together.

Ruth 3:1-2; 4:15



Ruth decided to ask Boaz to marry her. Boaz knew Ruth was a loyal and virtuous woman. He agreed.

Ruth 3:3-18; 4:13



Ruth and Boaz got married. Soon Ruth had a baby boy. He became the grandfather of David, the future king. Many years later, Jesus Christ was born into this family line.

Ruth 4:13-17

Hannah

The Lord's answer to a faithful woman



Every year, Hannah and her husband traveled to the house of the Lord, the temple. Hannah had no children, so she felt very sad. She fasted and prayed for a baby boy. Hannah promised the Lord that if she had a son, her son would grow up to serve Him.

1 Samuel 1:1-11



A priest named Eli saw Hannah crying. He told her that the Lord would answer her prayer. Hannah trusted the Lord and had hope.

1 Samuel 1:12, 17-18



That year, Hannah had a baby boy. She named him Samuel.

1 Samuel 1:20-23



Hannah kept her promise to the Lord. When Samuel was old enough, she took him to serve in the house of the Lord. He served with Eli, the priest. Hannah continued to visit Samuel. She brought him clothes that she made for him. The Lord blessed Hannah with five more children.

1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:21

Samuel the Prophet

A boy called by the Lord



For a long time, the Israelites did not have a prophet of the Lord to lead them. Instead, judges ruled in Israel for many years. During this time, Hannah brought her young son Samuel to live with Eli, the priest and judge of Israel. Samuel helped Eli in the temple.

1 Samuel 2:11, 18, 26; 3:1



Eli's two sons also served in the temple, but they stole the offerings meant for the Lord. Some people complained to Eli, but Eli did not punish them.

1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-23



One evening Samuel heard a voice call him. He thought it was Eli, so Samuel went to him. But Eli did not call him. Eli told Samuel to go back to bed.

1 Samuel 3:3-5



Samuel heard the voice call him a second time. He went to Eli and asked what he wanted. But Eli did not call him. Eli told Samuel to go to bed.

1 Samuel 3:6



Samuel heard the voice call him a third time. He went to Eli again and asked what he wanted. This time, Eli knew it was the Lord who was speaking to Samuel. Eli told Samuel to go back to bed. Eli said if the Lord called again, Samuel should listen.

1 Samuel 3:8-9



Samuel heard the voice call him again. This time Samuel asked the Lord to speak and said he would listen. The Lord told Samuel it was wrong for Eli to let his wicked sons serve in the temple. Eli's family would not be allowed to serve there anymore.

1 Samuel 3:10-14



The next day, Eli asked Samuel what the Lord said. Samuel told him. Eli knew the Lord spoke through Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:15–18



The news went throughout the land of Israel. The people knew that the Lord chose Samuel to be His prophet.

1 Samuel 3:19–20

Young David

A shepherd boy called to become king



The Lord sent the prophet Samuel to find a new king. Saul, who was king at that time, had stopped following the Lord. The Lord told Samuel to travel to Bethlehem and find a man named Jesse. The new king would be one of Jesse's sons.

1 Samuel 16:1-5



Jesse's older sons were tall and strong. But the Lord told Samuel not to judge them by how they looked.

1 Samuel 16:6-10



Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other sons. Jesse said his youngest son, David, was caring for the sheep. David was brought to Samuel.

1 Samuel 16:11



David was smaller than his brothers and was just a shepherd boy. But the Lord did not care what David looked like. The Lord knew David's heart was full of faith. He told Samuel that David would be the king. Samuel blessed David. The Spirit of the Lord prepared David to be king.

1 Samuel 16:12-13

David and Goliath

Facing a giant challenge



The Philistines were attacking the Israelites. Every morning a giant Philistine named Goliath challenged any Israelite to fight him. Goliath was bigger and taller than anyone else, and he was fierce. He wore heavy armor and carried a sword, spear, and large shield. No one dared to fight him.

1 Samuel 17:1-11



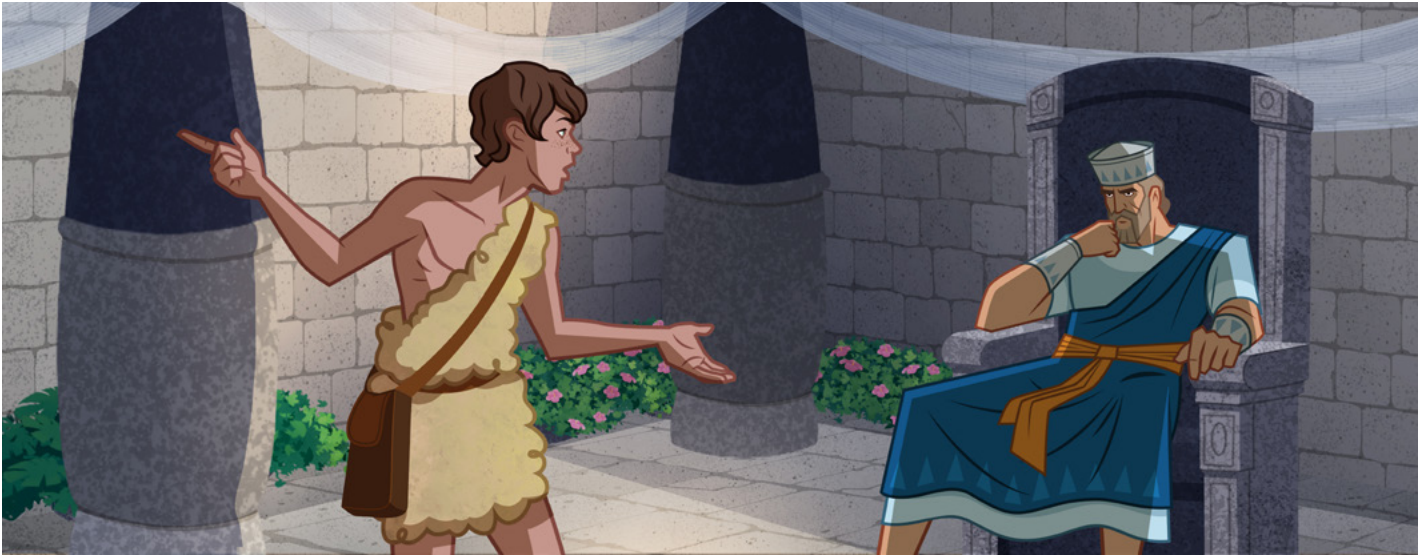
David was a young shepherd boy who had faith in the Lord. His older brothers were soldiers in Israel's army. One day, David took his brothers some food. When he arrived at the army's camp, he heard Goliath's challenge.

1 Samuel 17:20-23



David asked the soldiers why no one defended Israel. His brothers were angry and told him to go take care of the sheep. But David knew the Lord would defend Israel.

1 Samuel 17:24-30



King Saul knew of David's faith, so he asked to see David. David told Saul he was not afraid to fight Goliath. David explained that once when he was looking after his sheep, he killed a lion and a bear. The Lord protected him then, and David knew the Lord would protect him now.

1 Samuel 17:31-37



Saul gave David his armor. But it didn't fit, so David took it off. He decided to fight without any armor.

1 Samuel 17:38-39



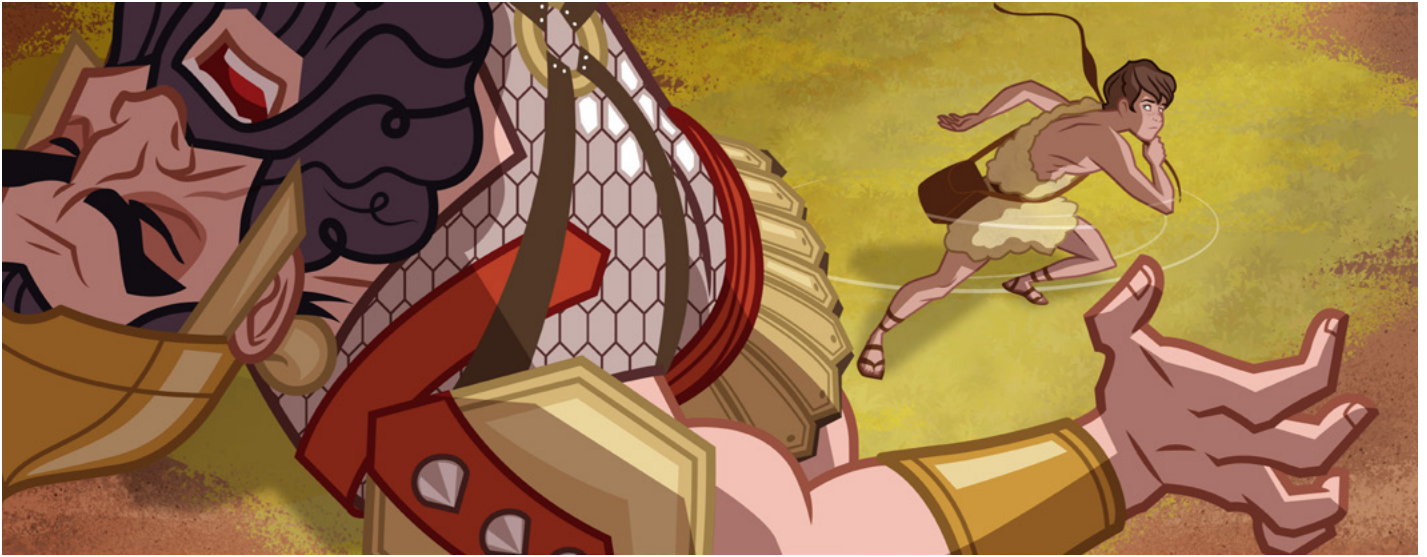
David collected five smooth stones and put them in a bag. He took his sling and shepherd's staff and went to face Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:40



When Goliath saw David, he shouted and made fun of him. He said a shepherd boy could not beat him. David shouted back that he trusted the Lord to protect him! David said he would beat Goliath to show the Lord's greatness.

1 Samuel 17:42-47



David ran toward Goliath. He quickly threw a stone with his sling. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead, and the giant man fell to the ground. The Lord helped David defeat Goliath without a sword or armor.

1 Samuel 17:48-50



When the Philistines saw that Goliath was dead, they ran away in fear. The Israelites won the battle. David trusted the Lord, and the Lord protected Israel.

1 Samuel 17:51-53

1 SAMUEL 18-19; 31; 2 SAMUEL 1; 5; 11-12

King David

The struggles of a king



King Saul, the king of Israel, was impressed by David's victory over Goliath. Saul made David the leader over his armies.

1 Samuel 18:5



David loved the Lord and always wanted to do what was right. The people of Israel loved David.

1 Samuel 18:6-7



Saul grew jealous and tried to kill David. But David followed the Lord, and the Lord protected him from Saul.

1 Samuel 18:6-16; 19:1



The Israelites fought in many wars. One day Saul and his sons died in battle. David loved them and was very sad to learn of their deaths. Now the Israelites needed a new king. The Lord chose David to be the king. The people were happy.

1 Samuel 31:2-6; 2 Samuel 1:11-12; 5:1-5



The Lord blessed King David and guided him. With the Lord's help, David's army conquered their enemies.

2 Samuel 5:6-10, 17-25



One day when David was supposed to go to battle, he stayed home. He saw a beautiful woman. Her name was Bathsheba, and David wanted to marry her. But she was already married to Uriah, a soldier in David's army.

2 Samuel 11:1-3



David wanted to marry Bathsheba, so he sent her husband Uriah into a dangerous battle so that Uriah would be killed.

2 Samuel 11:4-17



Soon David learned that Uriah died in battle. David sent his servants to bring Bathsheba to his house, and he married her.

2 Samuel 11:24, 26-27



But the Lord was not happy with what David had done. The Lord sent Nathan, a prophet, to tell David how serious his sin was. David grew very sad for what he had done to Uriah and Bathsheba. He prayed and fasted for forgiveness from the Lord.

2 Samuel 11:27; 12:1-13

Elijah the Prophet

A mother's faith and the Lord's miracles



The kingdom of Israel had no rain, and water was running out. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel did not like the prophets of the Lord. They even had some of the prophets killed. The king and queen prayed to idols for rain. But the prophet Elijah told them the Lord would not send rain for years.

1 Kings 16:29-33; 17:1; 18:13



The king and queen were angry at Elijah. The Lord warned Elijah to hide because his life was in danger.

1 Kings 17:2-3



The Lord led Elijah to a stream and sent birds to bring him food. But because there was no rain, the stream dried up, and Elijah had no water.

1 Kings 17:4-7



The Lord led Elijah to a woman in a faraway city. Elijah asked her for water and bread. But she had only enough for herself and her son for one more day.

1 Kings 17:8-12



Elijah knew it was her last bit of food. He promised that if she fed him, the Lord would provide food for her family until the rains returned.

1 Kings 17:13-14



The woman made bread for Elijah. Then her oil and flour multiplied! There was enough food for both Elijah and her family for many days.

1 Kings 17:15-16



One day the woman's son got sick and died. She asked Elijah why the Lord would let this happen to her.

1 Kings 17:17-20



Elijah had the priesthood. He blessed her son and asked the Lord to allow him to come back to life. The child breathed again, and the woman knew Elijah was a prophet of the Lord.

1 Kings 17:21–24

Elijah and the Priests of Baal

The Lord's prophet versus false priests



The kingdom of Israel continued to suffer from having no water. King Ahab told the people to follow a false god named Baal.

1 Kings 18:1-2, 17-18



The Lord sent Elijah the prophet to meet Ahab. Elijah invited all the people to the top of a mountain. He invited the king and his priests to a challenge to see whether the Lord or Baal was the true God.

1 Kings 18:19-21



Elijah explained the challenge. He and the priests would sacrifice a bull on an altar, but they would not light a fire themselves. Instead, the priests would pray to Baal to start a fire. Then Elijah would pray to the Lord to start a fire. Elijah knew that only the true God would start the fire.

1 Kings 18:22-25



The priests of Baal prayed to their god from morning until noon, but nothing happened. Elijah joked with them and said their god Baal must be asleep.

1 Kings 18:26-27



The priests grew angry, jumped on the altar, and shouted into the evening. They hoped their god would answer, but there was still no fire.

1 Kings 18:28-29



Then it was Elijah's turn. He built an altar to the Lord, dug a trench around the altar, and prepared the sacrifice.

1 Kings 18:30-32



Elijah asked the people to fill four barrels of water and pour them onto the wood of his altar three times. Water soaked the wood and the altar. It filled the whole trench.

1 Kings 18:33-37



Elijah prayed to the Lord to show the true God's power. The Lord's fire came down and consumed the sacrifice, wood, stones, and water. The people knew that Elijah's God was the true God. Elijah prayed that the drought would end, and the Lord sent rain.

1 Kings 18:38-41

The Lord Speaks to Elijah

Listening to the voice of the Lord



King Ahab told Queen Jezebel that the Lord defeated the priests of Baal. Jezebel was angry and said she would kill the prophet Elijah.

1 Kings 19:1-2



To stay safe, Elijah left the land of Israel. He traveled for 40 days and 40 nights, fasting as he went. Then he came to Mount Sinai and found a cave to hide in. The Lord told Elijah to go to the top of the mountain so that He could speak to Elijah.

1 Kings 19:3, 8-11



A strong wind came and broke the rocks around the cave to pieces. After that, an earthquake shook the ground. Then a fire started. Elijah heard the loud sounds of the wind, earthquake, and fire. But the Lord's voice was not in those loud noises.

1 Kings 19:11-12



Then Elijah heard a quiet, still, small voice. He knew it was the Lord. The Lord asked Elijah what he was doing there.

1 Kings 19:12-13



Elijah said he was hiding to stay safe. All the prophets had been killed, and the people had rejected the Lord.

1 Kings 19:14



The Lord comforted Elijah and told him there were many Israelites who still worshipped the Lord. The Lord asked Elijah to return home and prepare another prophet. This new prophet's name was Elisha.

1 Kings 19:15-18

Elisha the Prophet

Miracles of the Lord



Through the prophet Elijah, the Lord prepared Elisha to be the next prophet. Then the Lord took Elijah into heaven.

2 Kings 2:1-15



The Lord helped Elisha perform many miracles. Elisha once blessed a poor woman's oil to fill many jars. Then the woman sold the oil to pay her debts.

2 Kings 4:1-7



Another time, a faithful woman served Elisha and was very kind to him. Elisha asked her what he could do to serve her. She hoped for a child. Elisha blessed her and her husband to have a son.

2 Kings 4:8-17



But after a few years, the son got sick and died. The woman went to look for Elisha because she had faith that he could save her son. Elisha came and blessed the boy, and he lived again. The Lord helped Elisha do many miracles. He was a great prophet of the Lord.

2 Kings 4:18-37

Elisha Heals Naaman

How a great miracle followed simple faith



Far away in Syria lived a man called Naaman. He was a great captain in the Syrian army. But Naaman had a painful skin disease called leprosy.

2 Kings 5:1



The servant of Naaman's wife was an Israelite girl. The girl had faith in the Lord. She said that if Naaman could visit the prophet Elisha, Naaman would be cured from his disease.

2 Kings 5:2-4



Naaman traveled a long way to find Elisha. Naaman thought he would be healed by a great miracle.

2 Kings 5:5-8



Naaman came to Elisha's home with his servants, horses, and chariots. Elisha sent his servant to give Naaman the Lord's instructions. The Lord would heal Naaman if he washed himself in the Jordan River seven times.

2 Kings 5:9-10



Naaman was angry because he wanted the Lord's prophet to come out and quickly heal him. Naaman complained that the Jordan River was not as good as the great rivers in Syria.

2 Kings 5:11-12



But Naaman's servants asked why Naaman would not do such a simple task. Even if it didn't make sense to Naaman, the prophet of the Lord had asked him to do it.

2 Kings 5:13



Naaman stopped being proud and listened to his servants. He washed himself in the Jordan River seven times. Then the Lord healed Naaman, like Elisha said. Naaman knew that Elisha was a prophet and that the Lord was real.

2 Kings 5:14-15

Elisha and the Lord's Army

The Lord's chariots of fire



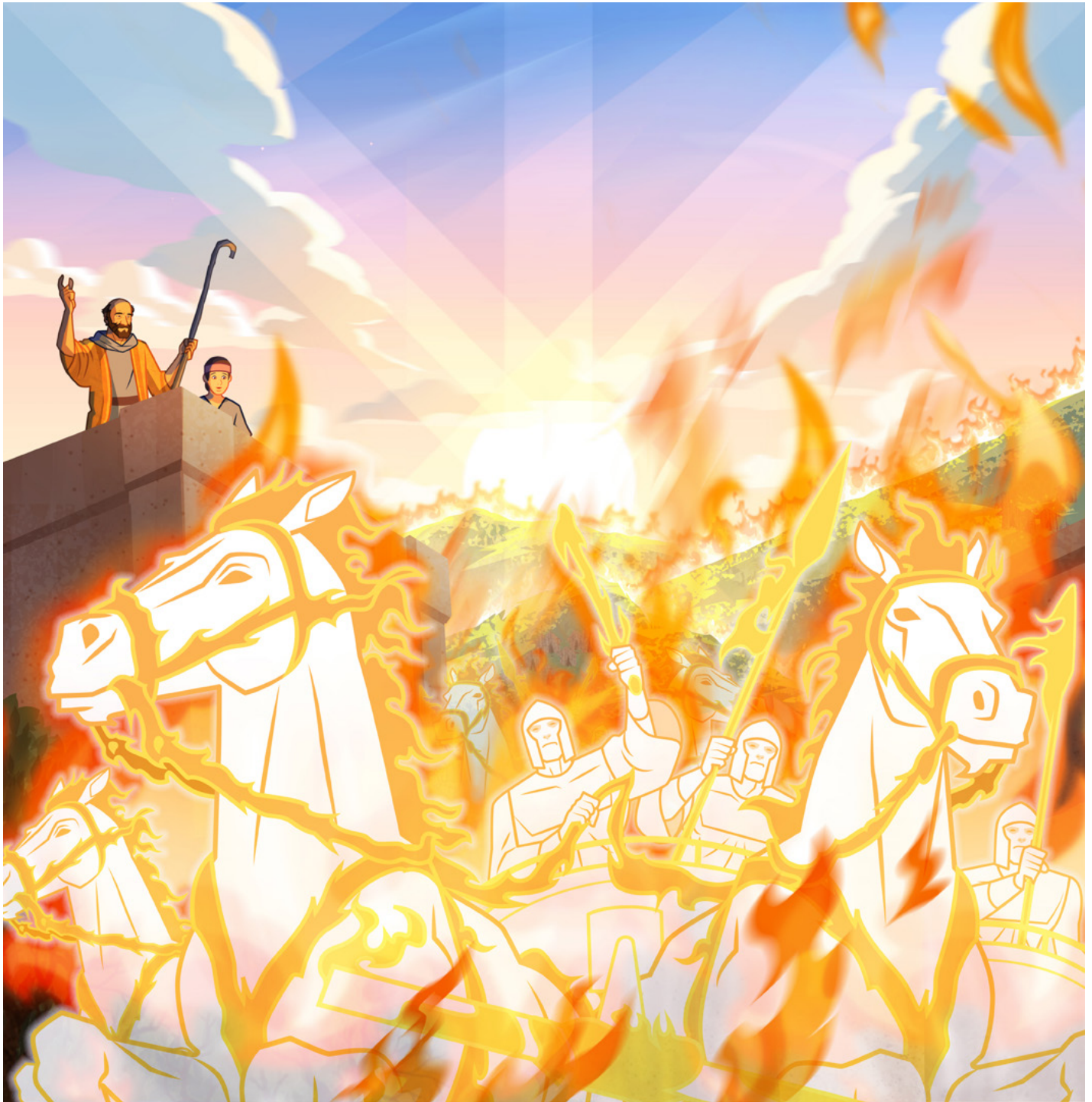
The Syrians did not like the Israelites. The Syrian king sent his army to capture Elisha the prophet. At night, the army surrounded the city where Elisha was.

2 Kings 6:8-14



Elisha's young servant woke up and saw the Syrian army. He asked Elisha what they should do. Elisha told the young man to not be afraid. He said that the army fighting for them was much bigger than the army fighting against them.

2 Kings 6:15-16



Elisha asked the Lord to show the young man what Elisha saw. The Lord showed him a heavenly army with horses and chariots of fire to protect them. The Syrian army was blinded by the power of God. They did not fight against the Israelites anymore.

2 Kings 6:17-23

Jonah the Prophet

Learning to trust the Lord's mercy



Jonah was a prophet. The Lord told him to warn the people in Nineveh that their city would be destroyed if they did not repent.

Jonah 1:1-2



But the people of Nineveh were enemies to the Israelites. Jonah did not want to preach to them. So he got on a ship to sail far away from Nineveh.

Jonah 1:3



While Jonah was on the ship, a big storm came. The men on the ship were afraid for their lives. They asked Jonah to pray to the Lord to save them.

Jonah 1:4-6



Jonah knew the Lord sent the storm because he was running away from what the Lord asked him to do. Jonah wanted to save the people on the ship. He said if they threw him into the sea, the storm would stop.

Jonah 1:12



The men did not want to throw Jonah overboard. They tried to row the ship to land, but the storm was too great. Finally, they threw Jonah into the sea.

Jonah 1:13-15



The storm stopped. But then Jonah was swallowed by a large fish.

Jonah 1:15, 17



Jonah was inside the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. During that time, Jonah prayed and repented. He wanted to do what was right and listen to the Lord. The Lord heard Jonah's prayers and made the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land.

Jonah 1:17; 2:1-10



The Lord again told Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh. This time Jonah obeyed. He went to Nineveh and told the people to repent or the Lord would destroy their city. The king and his people repented. The Lord forgave them and did not destroy Nineveh.

Jonah 3



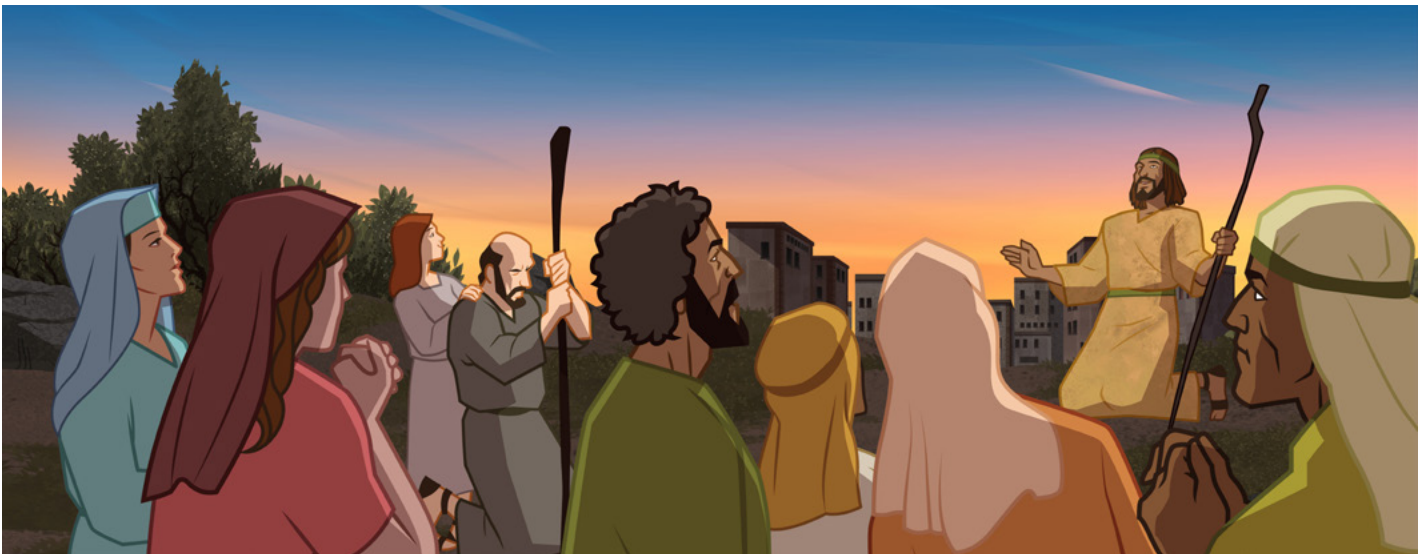
But Jonah was disappointed that the people had not been destroyed. He didn't think they deserved to be forgiven.

Jonah 4:1-2



To teach Jonah a lesson, the Lord grew a plant to shade Jonah from the sun. Then the plant died, and Jonah felt bad for the plant.

Jonah 4:5-9



The Lord was teaching Jonah a lesson about His children. Jonah learned that he should be sad when people do not repent and that he should be happy when they do.

Jonah 4:10-11

Job

Trusting the Lord's love



Job was a good man who loved the Lord and kept His commandments. He and his wife had 10 children, and he had many herds of animals and great wealth.

Job 1:1-5



The Lord allowed Job's faith to be tried. Job experienced hard things.

Job 1:6-12



One day many of Job's animals were stolen. Later a fire burned all Job's property and killed all his servants and other animals. Then a storm knocked down Job's son's house. Job's children were inside, and they all died. Job and his wife had nothing left but their health.

Job 1:13-19



Job and his wife were sad. They lost everything, even their children. But Job still had faith in the Lord. He didn't blame the Lord for what happened.

Job 1:20-22



Then Job became very sick. Painful sores covered his body. Job and his wife wondered why all these bad things were happening.

Job 2:7-9; 3:1-11



The Lord spoke to Job and showed him the earth, the stars, and all living things. The Lord taught Job an important lesson. All things were created to help Heavenly Father's children learn about His Son Jesus Christ and follow Him.

Job 38-41



Job repented and asked the Lord to forgive him for doubting. He promised to trust the Lord. The Lord knew that Job loved Him. He healed Job and blessed him with more children and twice as much wealth as he had before.

Job 19:25-26; 42

King Josiah

A quest to obey the Lord's commandments



Josiah was eight years old when he was made king of Judah. He was a good king who loved the Lord. He wanted to help his people, the Israelites, obey the Lord and stop worshipping idols. When he was older, he and his people started to repair the temple and make it beautiful again.

2 Kings 22:1-2; 2 Chronicles 34:3-7



While the people were working on the temple, Hilkiah the high priest found the book of the law, a scroll that contained the scriptures.

2 Kings 22:3-9



A servant read the book to Josiah. Josiah heard the words and was sad because his people did not obey the Lord. He tore his clothes to show he was sad.

2 Kings 22:10-13, 19



He told Hilkiah to ask the Lord what they should do. Hilkiah and the king's servants visited Huldah. She was a prophetess, a faithful leader who was inspired by God. She said the Lord was happy with Josiah because he was helping the people obey. The Lord promised that King Josiah would live in peace.

2 Kings 22:12-20



King Josiah wanted his people to keep their promises to the Lord. He asked them to celebrate the Passover to help them remember how the Lord freed the Israelites long ago in Egypt.

2 Chronicles 35:1-19

Isaiah the Prophet

Prophecies about the Lord Jesus Christ



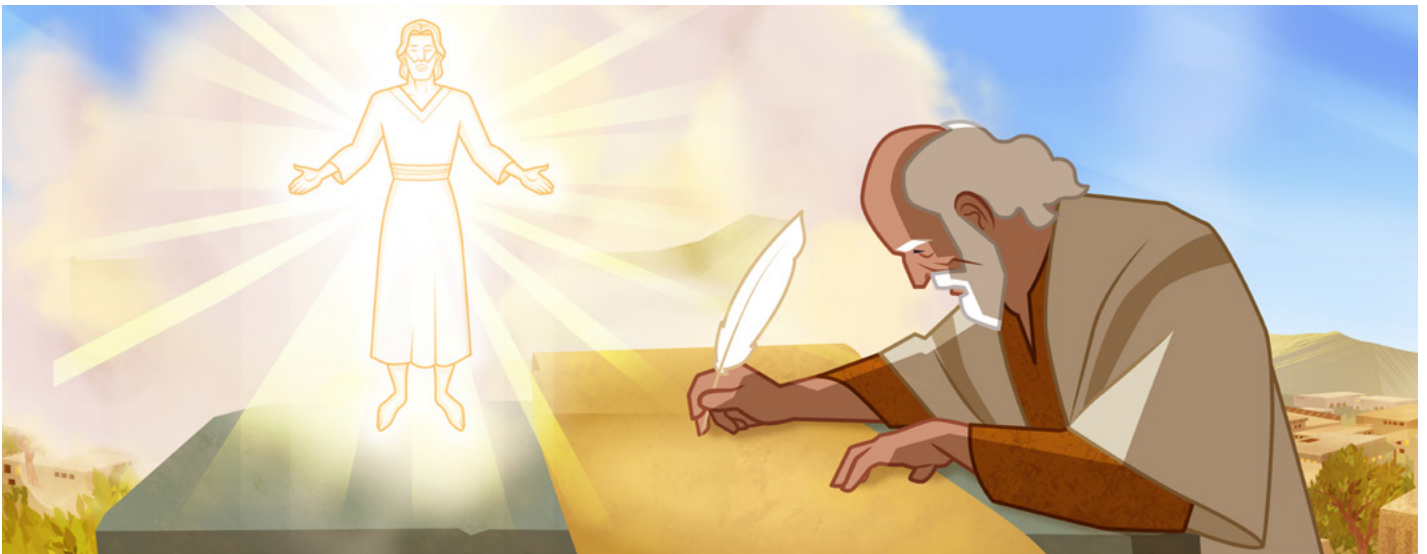
The Israelites had been conquered many times and wanted the Lord to protect them. One day in the temple, the Lord called a man named Isaiah to teach the people about the coming of Jesus Christ. Isaiah loved the people and taught them about how Christ could save them.

Isaiah 6:1-8



Isaiah learned that Jesus Christ would come one day to save His people from sin. But not everyone would recognize Him as their Savior. Isaiah was very sad because he knew many people would not believe in Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 6:9-13; 7:14; 53:1-9



But Isaiah also prophesied of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ would return and be the King of the whole earth. He would come again and fulfill His Father's plan by bringing kindness and peace forever. Isaiah said everyone would know Jesus Christ is their Savior.

Isaiah 9:6-7; 54:1-10

Jeremiah the Prophet

Called before his birth



Jeremiah lived in Jerusalem when he was young. One day the Lord came to Jeremiah and called him to be a prophet. The Lord told Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet before he was born. The Lord knew that Jeremiah's life would be hard. But He promised Jeremiah that He would always be with him.

Jeremiah 1:1-10



The people in Jerusalem did not keep their promises with the Lord. Because of their wickedness, Jeremiah warned the people that they would be conquered. The Lord said that if they kept the Sabbath day holy, the city of Jerusalem would not be destroyed. But the people did not listen.

Jeremiah 6:1-19; 8-9; 17:21-27



Jeremiah taught the people for many years. But they did not repent. Instead, they hurt Jeremiah and threw him in prison.

Jeremiah 20:2; 26:8-9; 37:15-18; 38:6



Jeremiah loved the people. He cried because of their sins. Just like he said, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the people were captured.

Jeremiah 9:1-8; 25:9-12; 52:1-10



Jeremiah was taken to Egypt. The Lord told him to write down his prophecies. Jeremiah obeyed the Lord even when things were hard. He continued to tell his people to keep their promises with the Lord.

Jeremiah 36:1-2, 27-32

Daniel and His Friends

Refusing to eat the king's food



The kingdom of Babylon conquered Jerusalem. They took some of the smartest and strongest young men away from their families in Jerusalem and brought them back to Babylon to serve the king.

Daniel 1:1-4



Daniel and his friends were some of these young men. They were chosen to serve in the king's court and become his wise men.

Daniel 1:4-6



The king gave Daniel and his friends food and wine. But they would not eat the king's food or drink the wine. It was against God's commandments.

Daniel 1:5-8



This made the king's servant afraid for his life. He took care of Daniel and his friends, and he thought if they refused the king's food, they would grow weaker than the other young men. Then the king would be angry and put the servant to death.

Daniel 1:9-10



But Daniel trusted God and wanted to obey His commandments. Daniel asked the servant to give them water and grains for 10 days and then compare their health with the health of the other young men. The servant agreed.

Daniel 1:11-14



After 10 days, Daniel and his friends were healthier than all the other young men. Daniel and his friends followed God's commandments, and God made them the wisest men in the king's court.

Daniel 1:15-20

DANIEL 2

Daniel and the King's Dream

God's mysterious message to a king



The king of Babylon had a dream that upset him. He demanded that his priests and wise men tell him what the dream meant.

Daniel 2:1-3



The king would not tell them the dream. He said if the priests and wise men really had power, they could tell him what the dream was and what it meant.

Daniel 2:4-9



The priests and wise men told the king they could not interpret his dream if he would not tell them what it was. They said no man could do that. The king was angry and said he would kill all the wise men in the kingdom, including Daniel and his friends.

Daniel 2:10-13



When the king's guard came to take Daniel and his friends, Daniel asked for more time so that he could tell the king what his dream meant. Daniel knew that God knows and sees everything, even dreams. Daniel asked his friends to pray with him.

Daniel 2:14-18



God showed Daniel the king's dream in a vision and taught Daniel what it meant. Daniel thanked God for answering the prayers of him and his friends and for saving their lives. Then he went to tell the king the meaning of the dream.

Daniel 2:19-25



Daniel said the king's dream was about a giant statue that was destroyed by a stone cut out of a mountain. The statue represented the kingdoms of the earth. The stone cut out of the mountain represented the kingdom of God that would fill the earth. The king knew that Daniel spoke the truth.

Daniel 2:26-49

DANIEL 1; 3

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego

A dangerous trial of faith



King Nebuchadnezzar built a giant, golden statue and forced his people to worship it. If they refused, they would be put into a furnace of fire.

Daniel 1:6-7; 3:1-6



Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego loved God and would not worship the king's false god. The king was angry with them.

Daniel 3:6-15



The three friends told the king they would worship only God. They believed God could protect them. But even if He did not save them, they would stand up for what they believed.

Daniel 3:15-18



The king was furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. He had them thrown into the furnace of fire. But when the king looked into the furnace, he was surprised to see a heavenly being in the fire with the three men. They were not hurt by the fire.

Daniel 3:19-25



The king called to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and they walked out of the furnace. The fire had not hurt them or even burned their clothes.

Daniel 3:26-27



Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego obeyed God's commandments, even when their lives were in danger. Their example helped the king believe in God.

Daniel 3:28-29

Daniel and the Lions' Den

One man's courage to pray



Darius became the ruler over Babylon. He loved Daniel and wanted to make him leader over all the kingdom. Some of the king's wise men were jealous.

Daniel 6:1-4



The wise men knew Daniel prayed to God, so they tricked the king into making a new law. Anyone who prayed to God would be thrown into a lions' den.

Daniel 6:5-9



Daniel chose to pray to God anyway. The king's wise men saw Daniel praying and told the king that Daniel was breaking the law. The king realized his wise men had tricked him. He tried to find a way to save Daniel, but the king had to follow his own law.

Daniel 6:10-15



Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. The king stayed awake all night, fasting so that Daniel would be protected.

Daniel 6:16-18



Early the next morning, the king rushed to the lions' den. He called to Daniel to see if he was still alive. Daniel called back! He told the king that God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. The lions did not hurt him.

Daniel 6:19-23



The king was happy that Daniel was safe. He punished those wise men who tricked him, and he ended the law. He taught his kingdom about God's power and goodness.

Daniel 6:23-27

ESTHER 2-5; 7-9

Queen Esther

Brave in a time of danger



Some Israelites were called Jews. Esther was a Jew who lived in Persia. Her parents died, so her cousin Mordecai took care of her. She was invited to the king's palace with other young women in the kingdom. The king wanted a new queen, and he chose Esther.

Esther 2:2-7, 16-17



The king had a servant named Haman who rose to great power. Haman helped the king rule the land. The king made everyone bow to Haman.

Esther 3:1-2



But Mordecai would not bow to Haman. Mordecai would bow only to the Lord. This made Haman angry. He wanted to punish Mordecai and all of the Jews.

Exodus 20:5; Esther 3:5-6, 8



Haman told the king that the Jews did not follow the king's laws. So the king let Haman make a new law: on a certain day, all the Jews would be killed.

Esther 3:8-11, 13



Mordecai asked Esther to talk to the king. The king could change Haman's law and save the Jews. But Esther was afraid. Sometimes the king killed people who came to talk to him without an invitation.

Esther 4:5-11



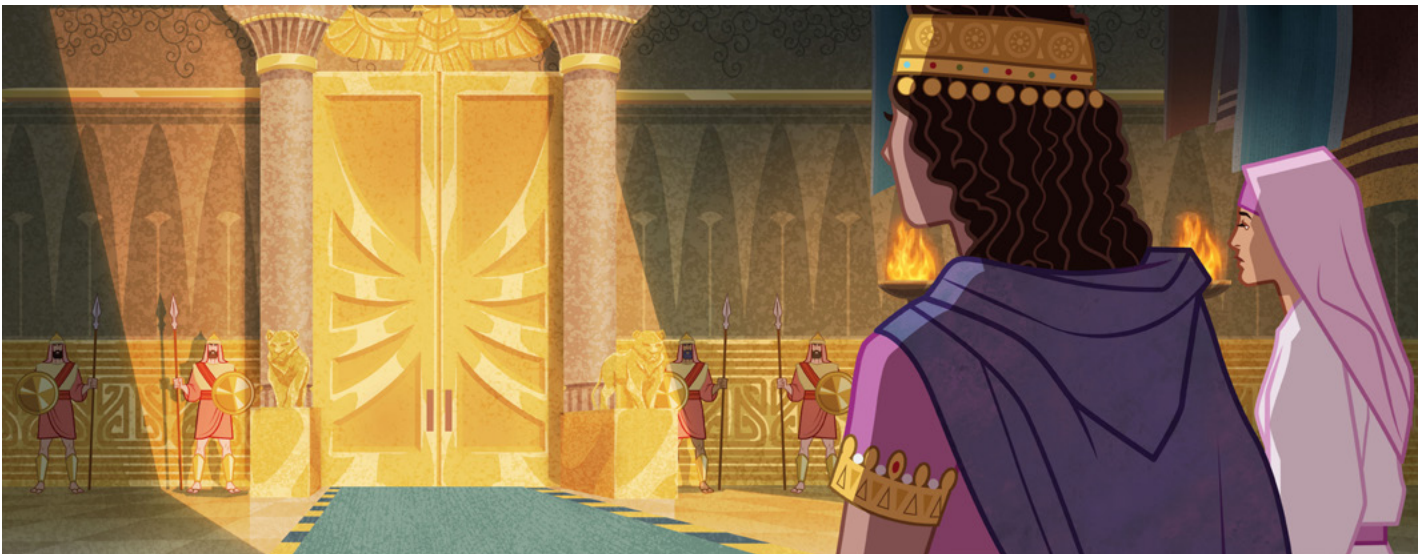
Mordecai asked Esther to think about the Jews who would be killed. Mordecai said the Lord may even have placed Esther in the king's palace to save the Jews.

Esther 4:13-14



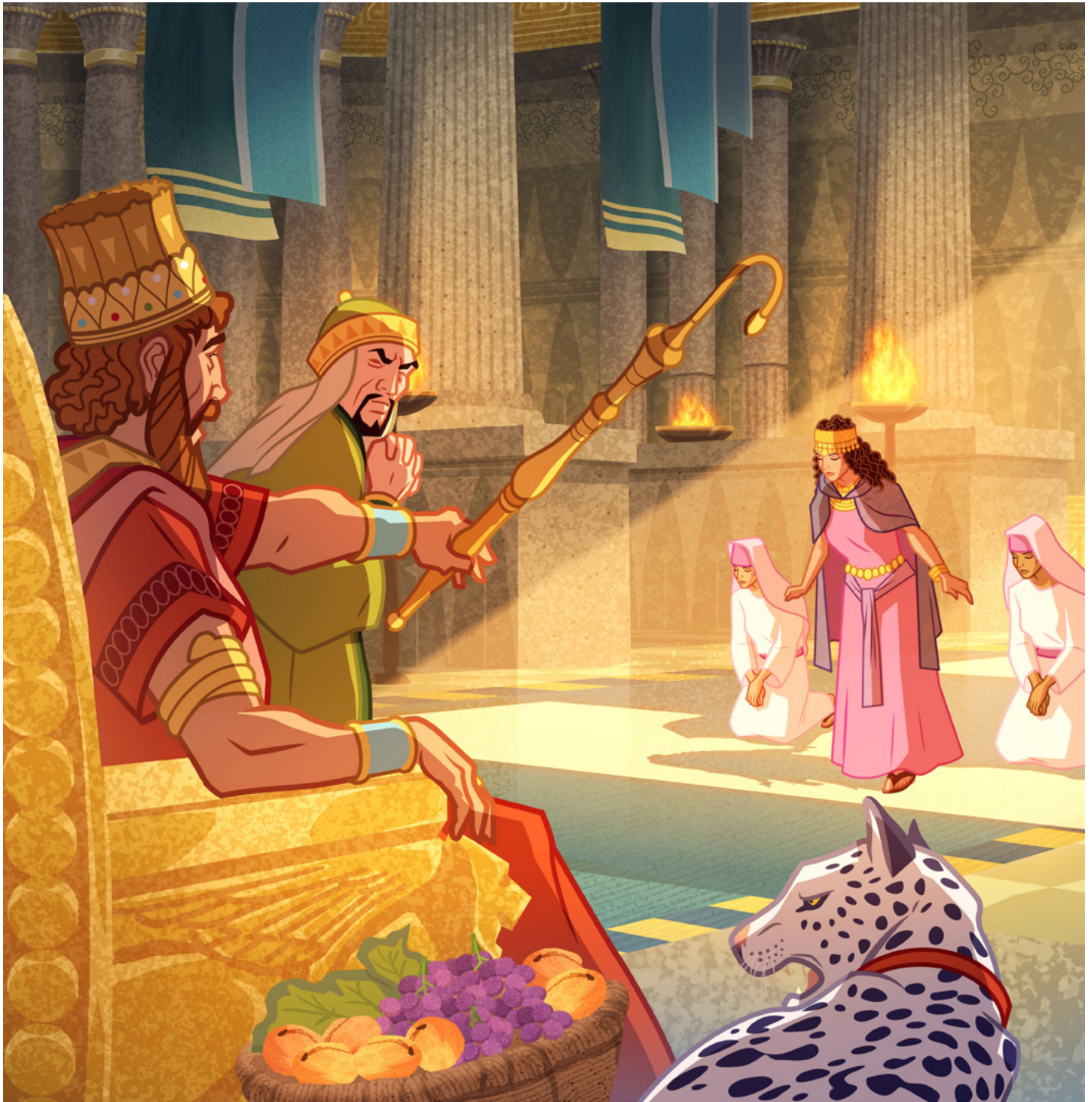
Esther knew she must talk to the king, even if it meant she could be killed. Esther asked all the Jews and her servants to fast with her.

Esther 4:15-16



After fasting for three days, Esther prepared herself and went to see the king.

Esther 5:1



When she approached the king, he held out his scepter. This meant the king was happy to see her and would not put her to death. He asked what she wanted. Esther told the king that her people were in danger. Because of Haman's law, she and all the Jews in the kingdom would be killed.

Esther 5:2-3; 7:4-6



The king was angry with Haman and put him to death. The king made a new law that protected the Jews. Now they were allowed to defend themselves if anyone tried to hurt them.

Esther 7:9-10; 8:10-11



Esther's faith in the Lord and her courage to talk to the king saved her people. Instead of death and sorrow, there was a feast. The Jews celebrated.

Esther 8:16-17; 9:18-32

Malachi the Prophet

Living the law of tithing



The Jews paid tithing by giving one-tenth of their crops and animals to the Lord. The Lord blessed them when they paid tithing. But some Jews began to give bad bread or blind or sick animals as their tithing. They kept the best for themselves.

Genesis 14:20; 28:22; Deuteronomy 12:6, 11, 17; Malachi 1:7-8, 12-13



The Lord was not pleased. Malachi, a prophet, told the Jews they were robbing the Lord when they were not honest in paying tithing. Malachi told them to repent.

Malachi 3:8-9



The Lord gave the Jews a promise. If they gave an honest tithing, the Lord would pour out great blessings from heaven.

Malachi 3:10-12

Nehemiah

Rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem



Nehemiah was a Jew who lived in Persia. He was the king's trusted servant. One day Nehemiah heard that the Jews in Jerusalem were suffering. The walls protecting Jerusalem were destroyed and had never been rebuilt. Jerusalem was in danger. Nehemiah fasted and prayed for the Lord's help.

Nehemiah 1



The king asked Nehemiah why he was so sad. He told the king about the danger in Jerusalem. The king said he could help. Nehemiah asked to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall. The king made Nehemiah a leader and gave him the supplies he needed.

Nehemiah 2:2-8



Nehemiah and the Jews started to rebuild Jerusalem's walls. But their enemies made fun of them and tried to stop them.

Nehemiah 2:17-20



The enemies tried to trick Nehemiah into leaving the city. But Nehemiah would not leave. He trusted the Lord. He was doing a great work.

Nehemiah 6:2-4



Nehemiah told his people not to be scared. They placed guards at the wall to keep it safe. The Jews kept building the wall. The Lord gave the Jews strength, and they finished the wall in 52 days. Jerusalem was safe again.

Nehemiah 4:6-15; 6:5-9, 15-16



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