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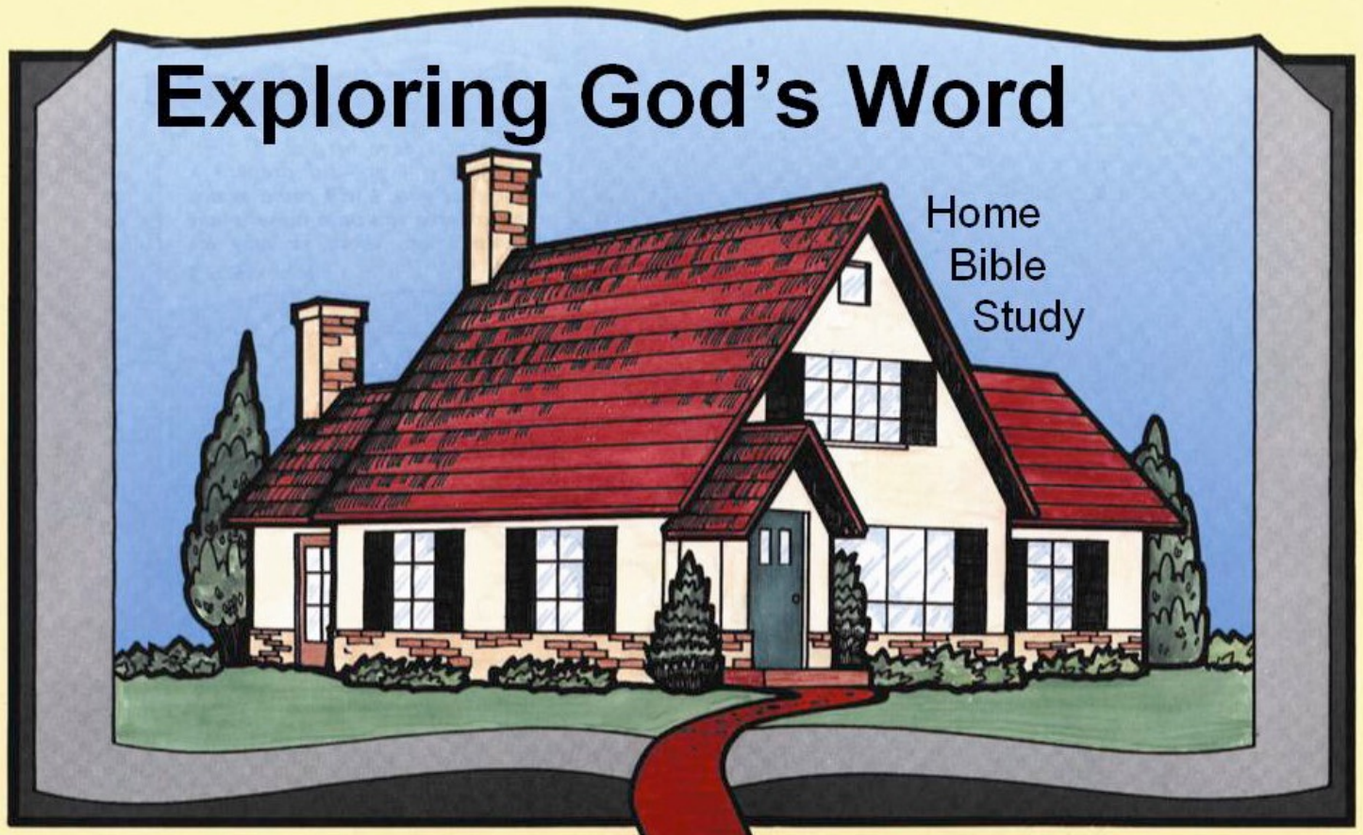

"And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." **Acts 16:32**

"…they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily…" **Acts 17:11**

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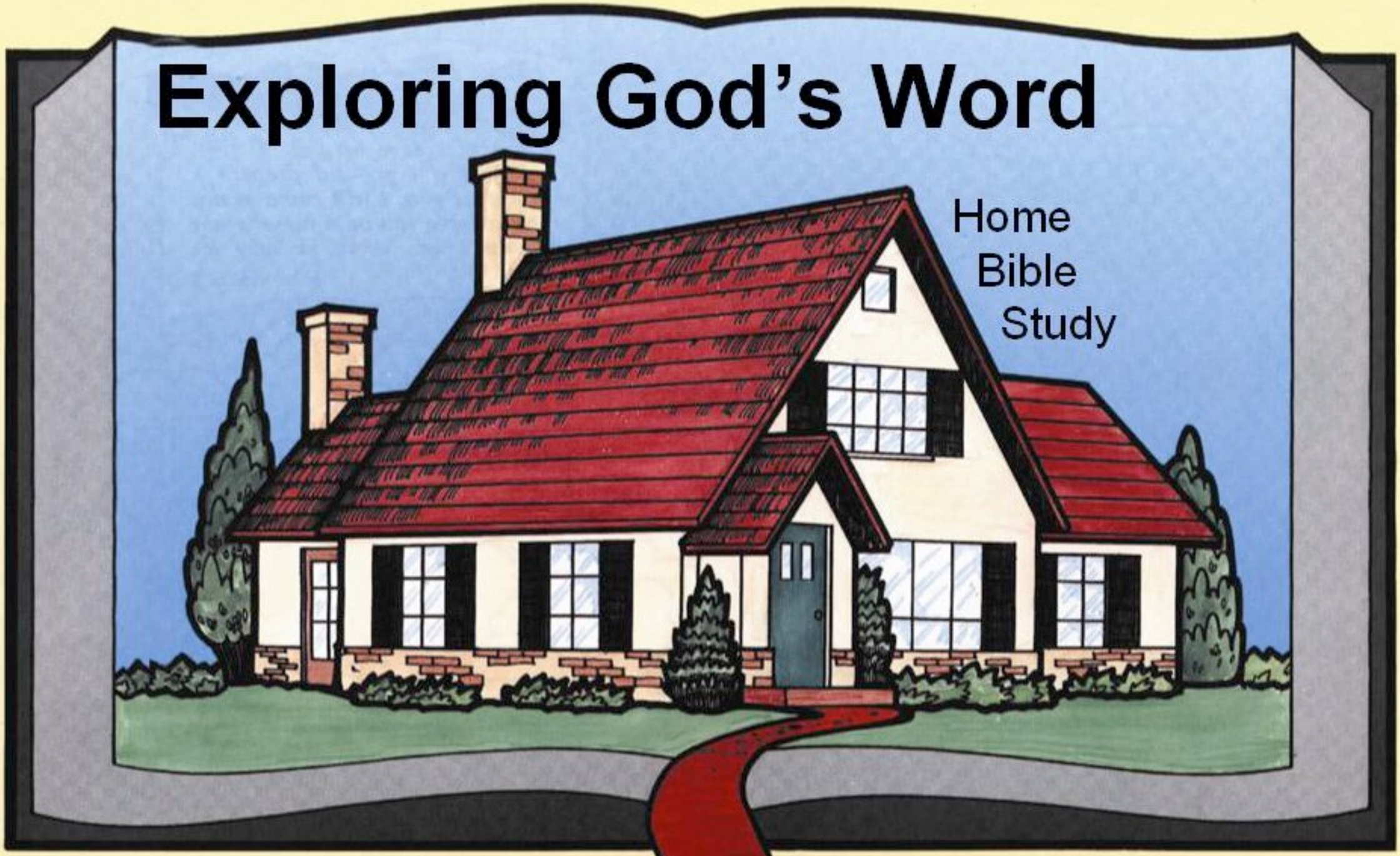

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Introduction to the Old Testament

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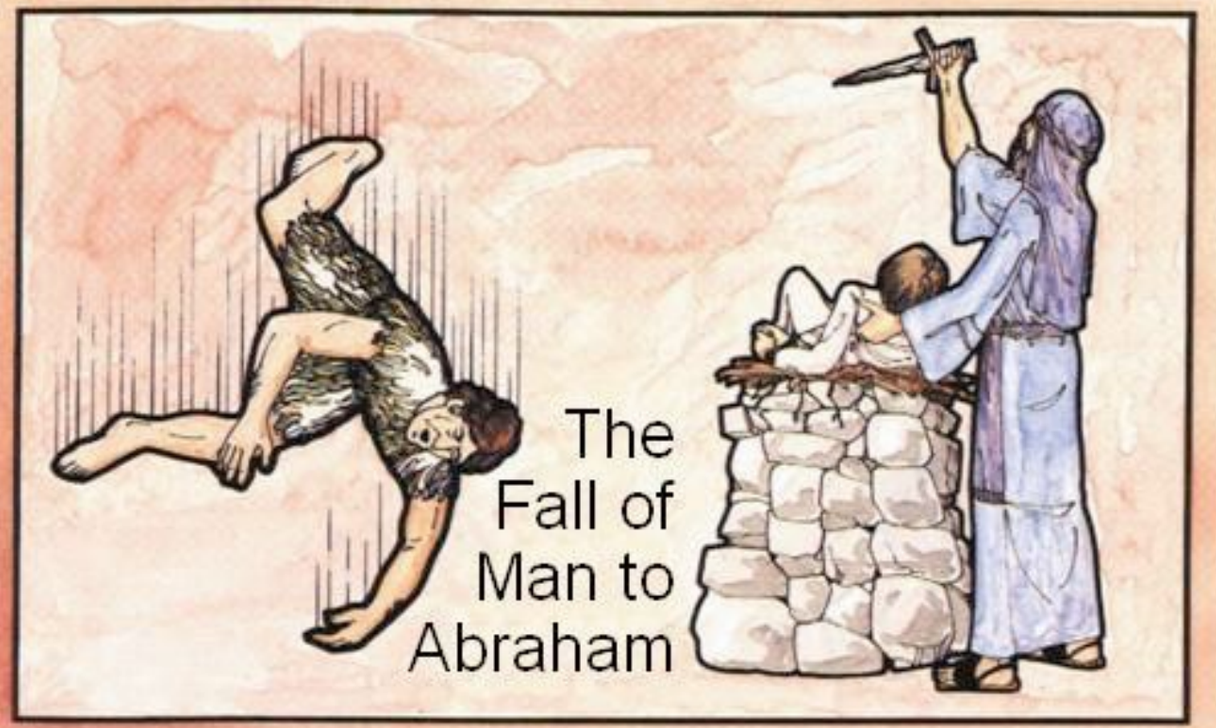

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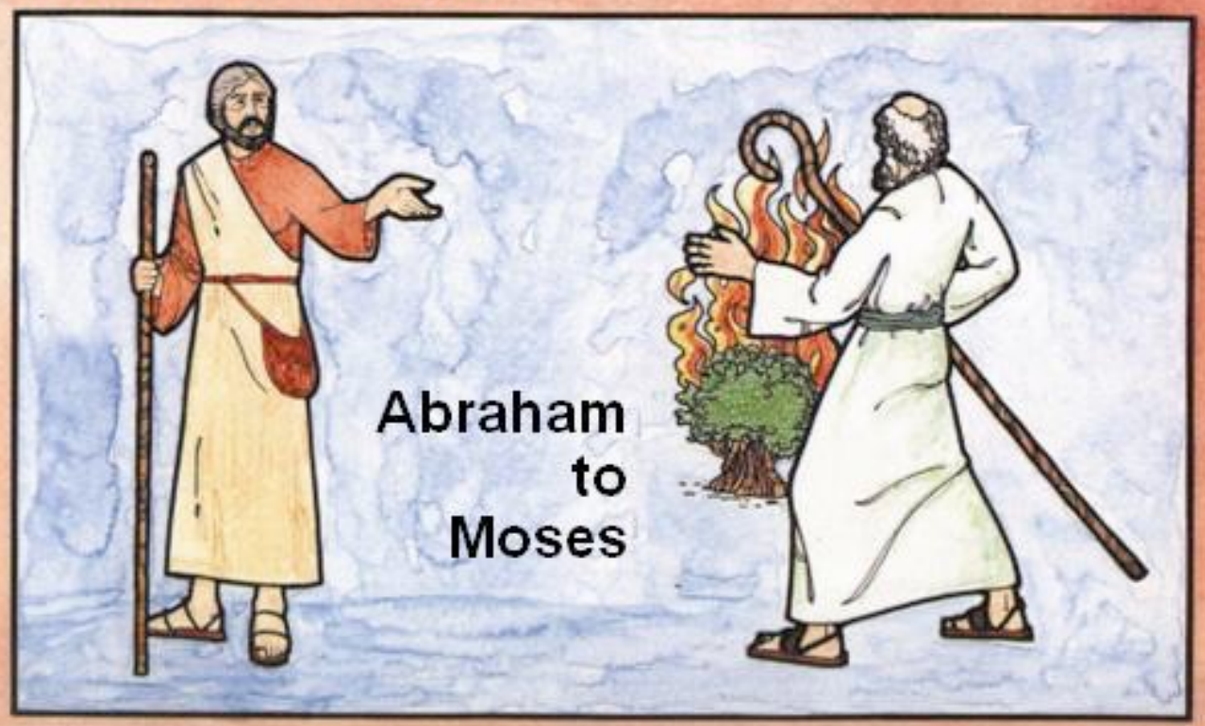

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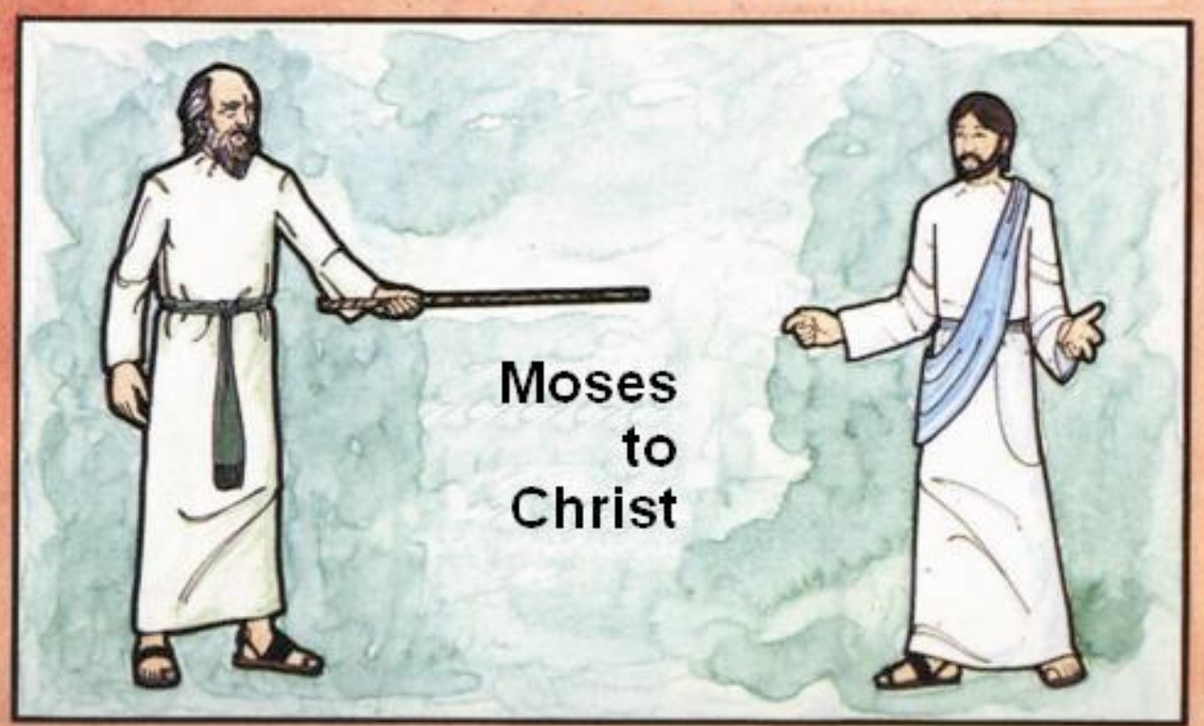

Books of the Old Testament

32 authors
Over 3,600 Years of Man's History
1,500 Years in Writing

> ***"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*** II Pet 1:21

Law
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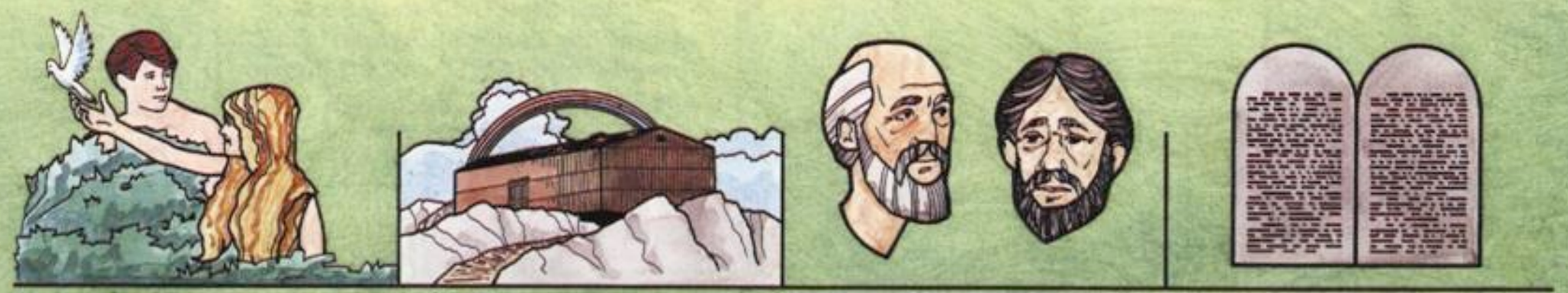
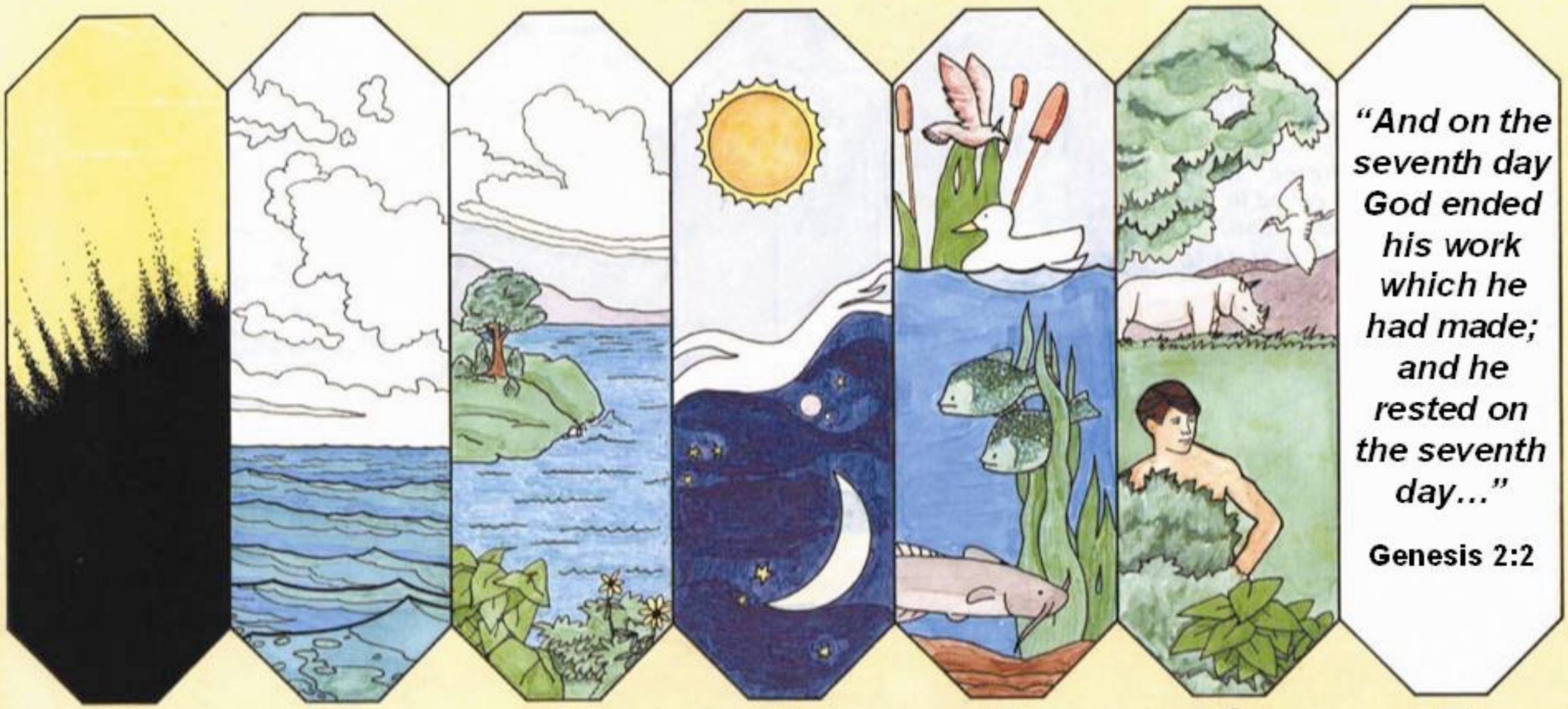


Time Periods

In the Beginning God



"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day..."

Genesis 2:2

1
Light and Darkness Divided

2
The Firmament (sky) Division of Water

3
Dry Land—Seas

Grass
Herbs
Trees

4
Sun—Moon
Stars

Days
Seasons
Years

5
Fish of the Sea

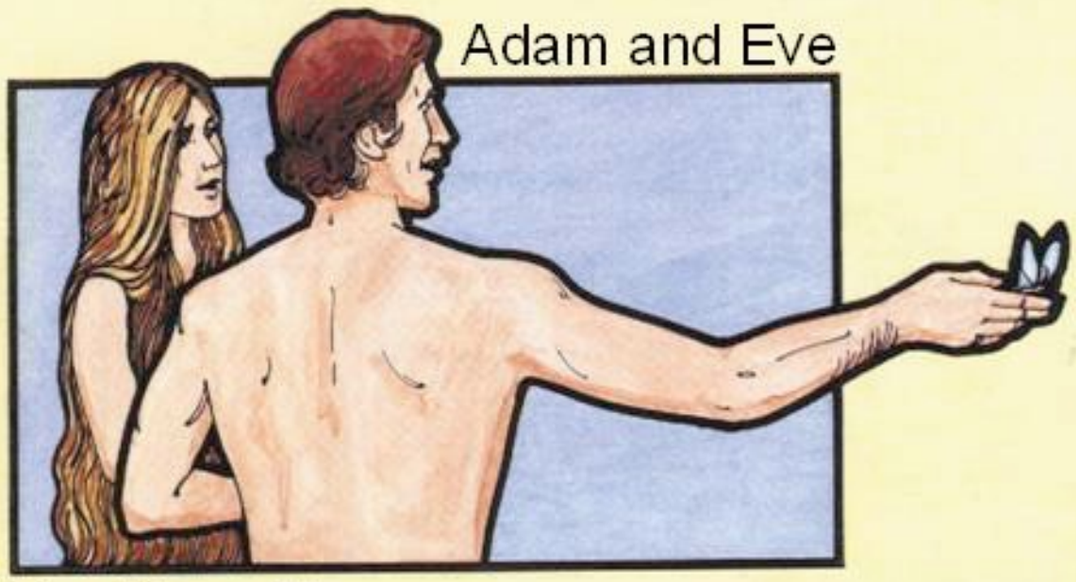
Birds of the Air

6
Animals and Man

7
God Rested on this Day

CREATION WEEK

Power of Choice

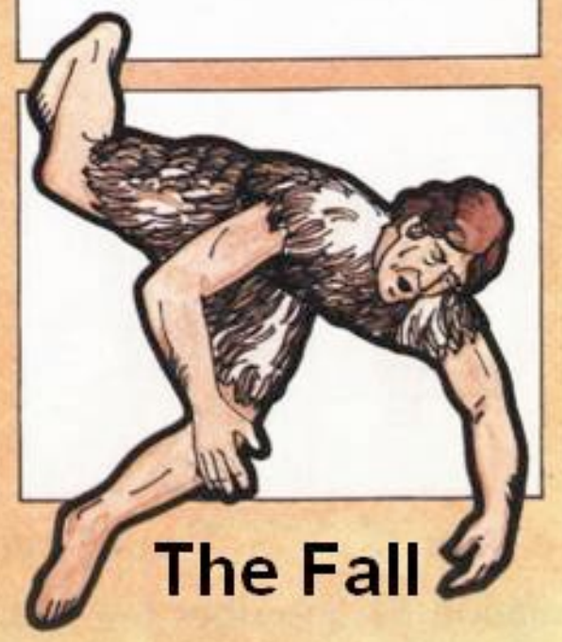


The Time of Innocence Genesis 2:25

Man Chose Sin Genesis 3:1-8

Sin Breaks Communion with God

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." **Genesis 2:17**



The Fall

The First Judgment

Promise

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." **Genesis 3:15**

Four Curses

Genesis 3:15-19

1. Curse on the Devil
2. Curse on the Woman
3. Curse on the Land
4. Curse on the Man

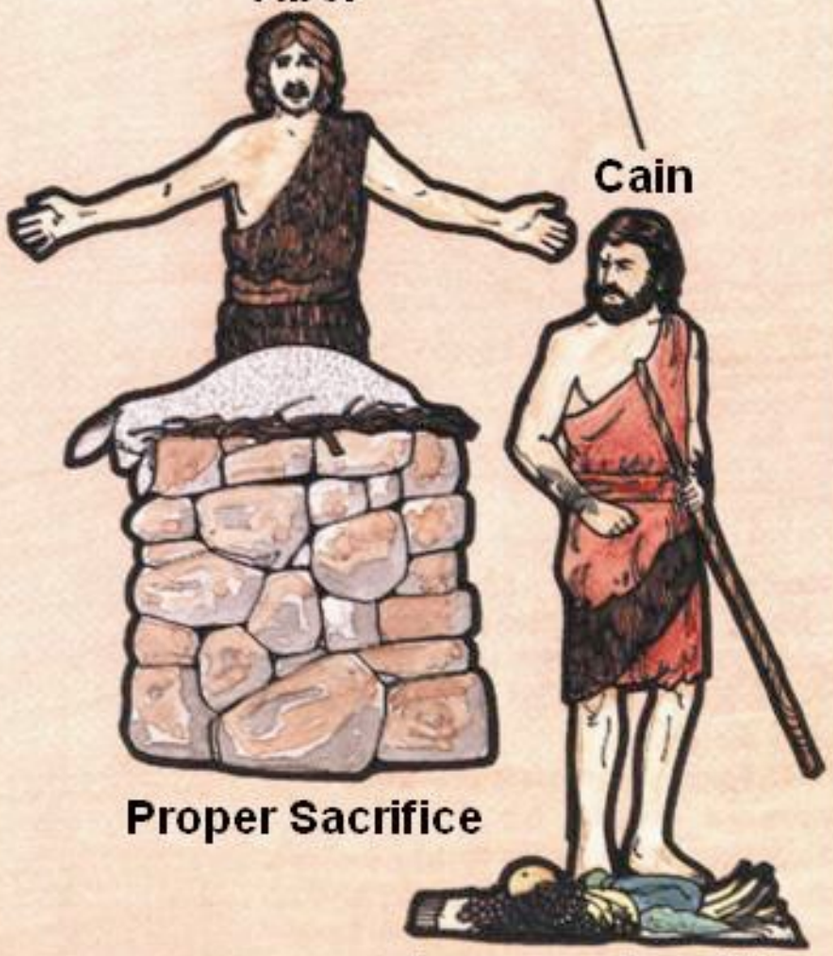
From the Fall to the Flood

The Time of Conscience

Adam

Abel

Cain



Proper Sacrifice

Improper Sacrifice

Genesis 4:3-7

Abel Seth

"Then began men to call upon the name of the LORD."
Genesis 4:26

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Genesis 4:26

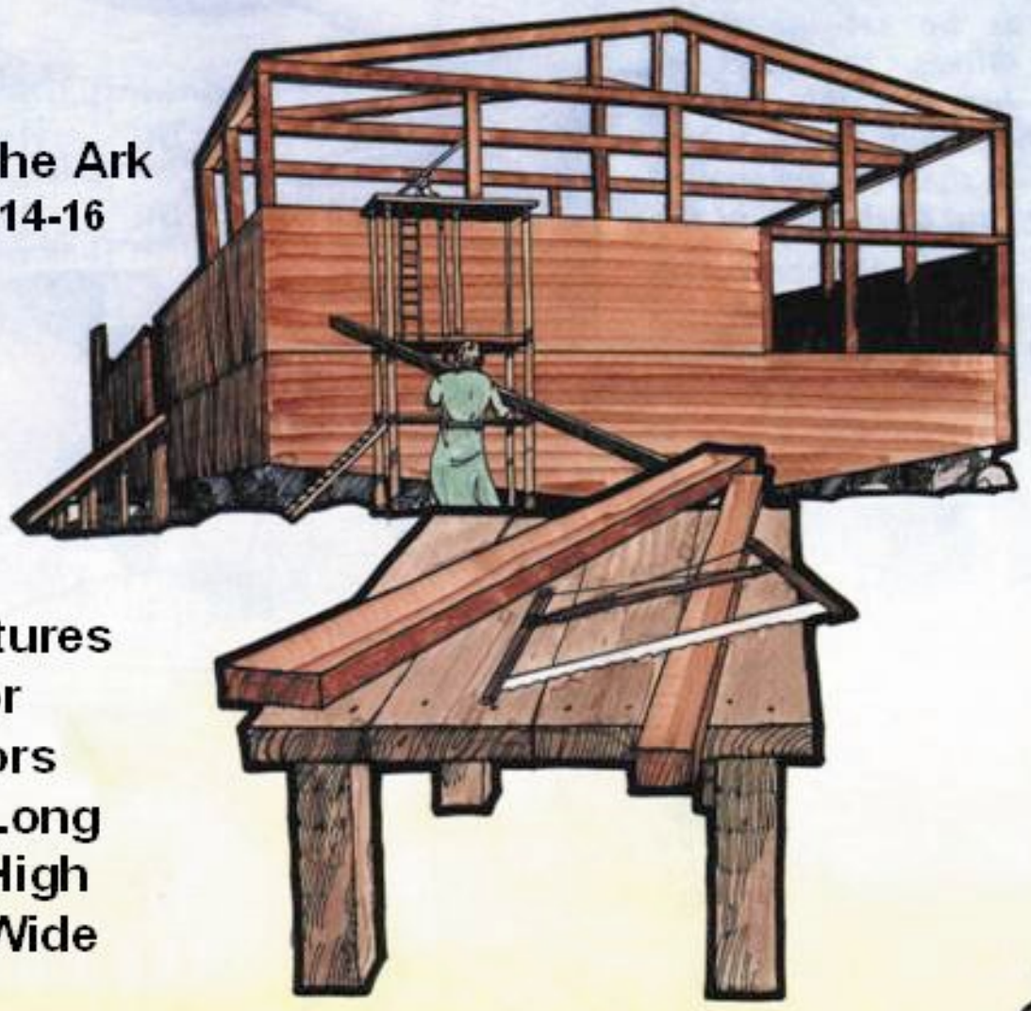
"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."
Genesis 5:5-6

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."
Genesis 6:8

The Righteous Family Preserved

Building of the Ark
Genesis 6:14-16



Ark Features
1 Door
3 Floors
450 Ft. Long
45 Ft. High
75 Ft. Wide

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." **Genesis 6:3, 7**

Covenant of the Rainbow
Genesis 9:11-13

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly." **II Peter 2:5**

Mankind Judged

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:37-44

Days of Noah

Genesis 6:5, 11

Partying

Marrying and Giving in Marriage

They Bought, Sold, Planted, Built

Ignorant of Coming Judgment

Extreme Wickedness

The Flood Comes

Son of Man

Philippians 3:17-19

Matthew 24:38-39

Luke 17:26-30

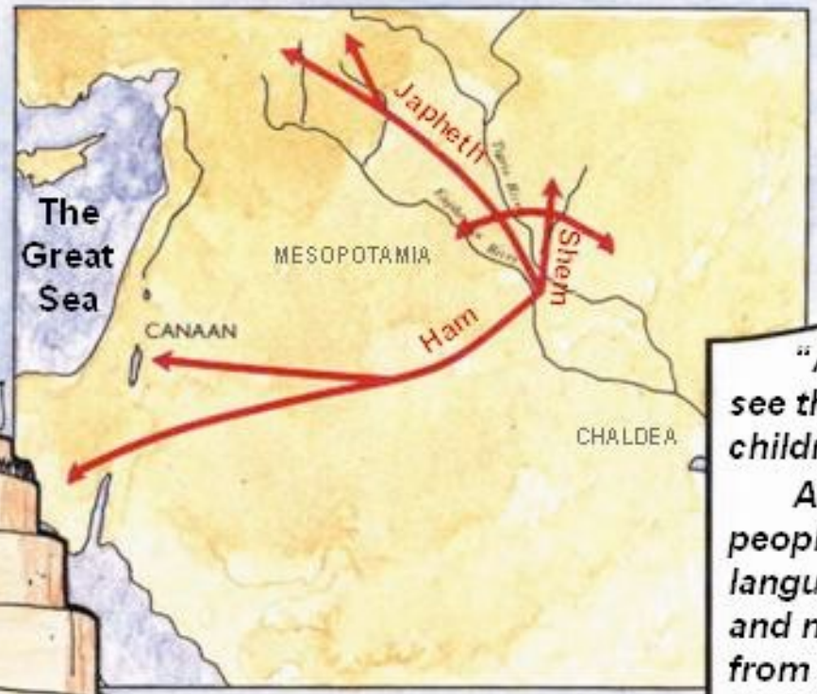
Luke 21:34-35

II Timothy 3:1-4

II Peter 3:3-7

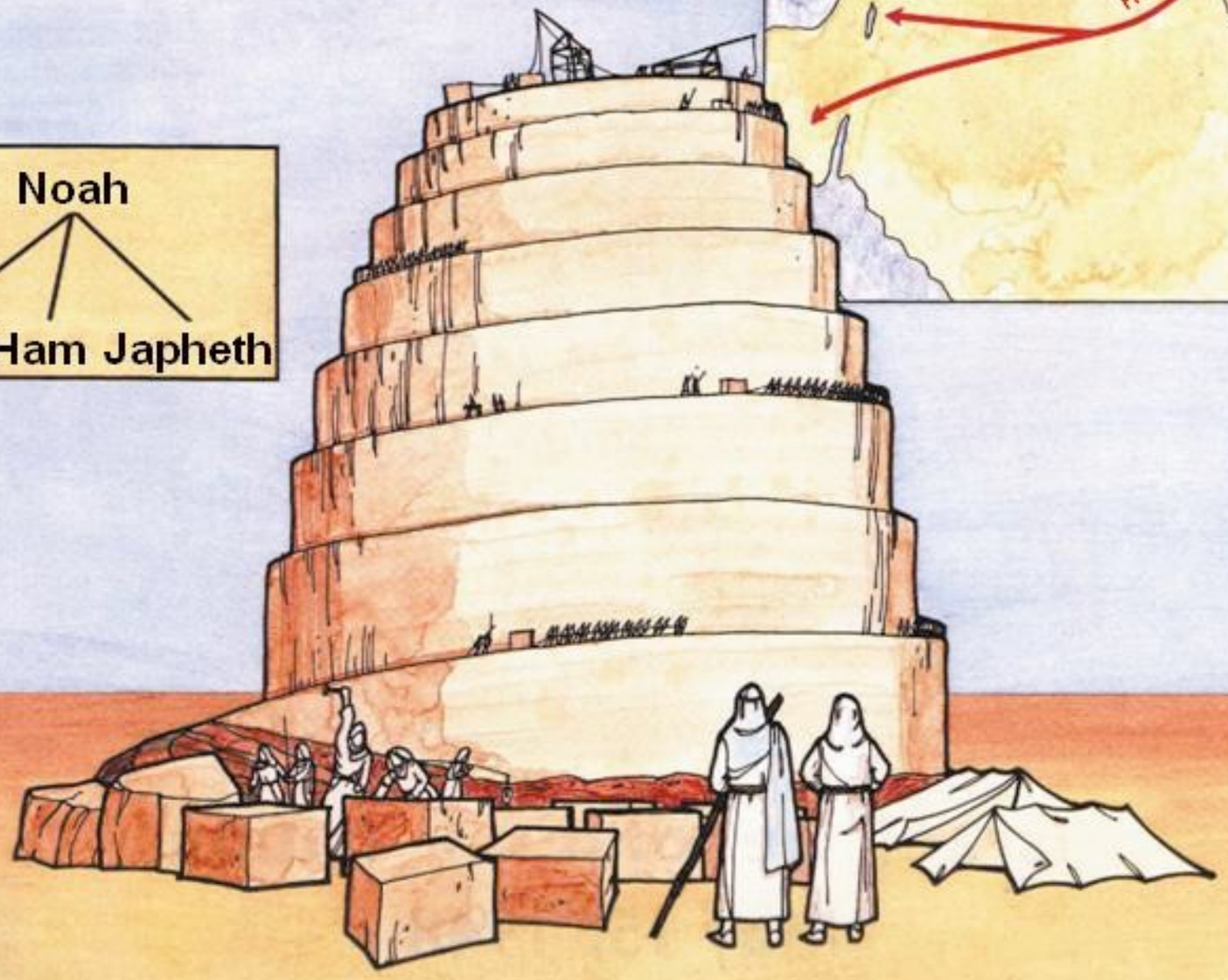
The Origin of Languages/ The Beginning of Nations

"Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood." Genesis 10:1



Noah

Shem Ham Japheth



"And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Genesis 11:5-9

The Chosen Nation

The Time of the Patriarchs

God Calls Abraham

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

Promise

Covenant of Circumcision—
Genesis 17:10-14

Birth of Ishmael
Genesis 16:15
Arab Nations

Birth of Isaac

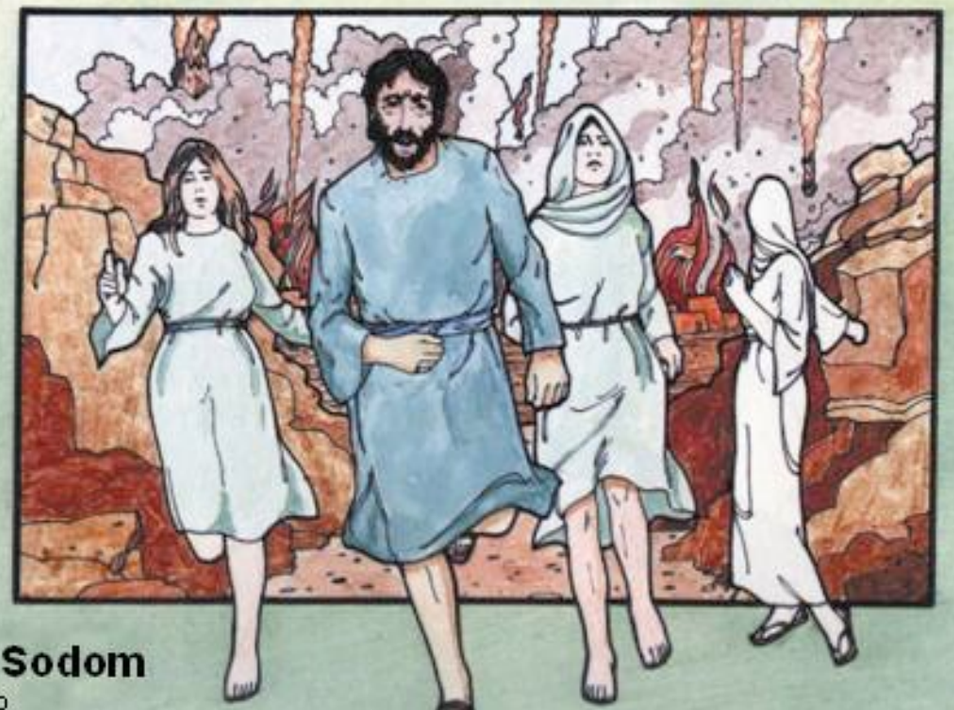
"And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac."

Genesis 21:1-3

Lot and Abraham Separate
Genesis 13:8-13



Lot's Family Flees Sodom
Genesis 19:1-28

Abraham Offers Isaac as Sacrifice
Genesis 22:1-14

The Chosen Nation

Genesis 25:21-26

Isaac

Esau Jacob

Jacob Buys Birthright

Genesis 25:29-34

Jacob Steals Blessing

Genesis 27:26-33

Jacob's Vision of Heaven

Genesis 28:10-22

Promise

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

Genesis 32:24-28

Jacob Renamed Israel

The Chosen Nation

Sons of Jacob

(Twelve Tribes of Israel)

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Zebulun

Issachar

Dan

Gad

Asher

Naphtali

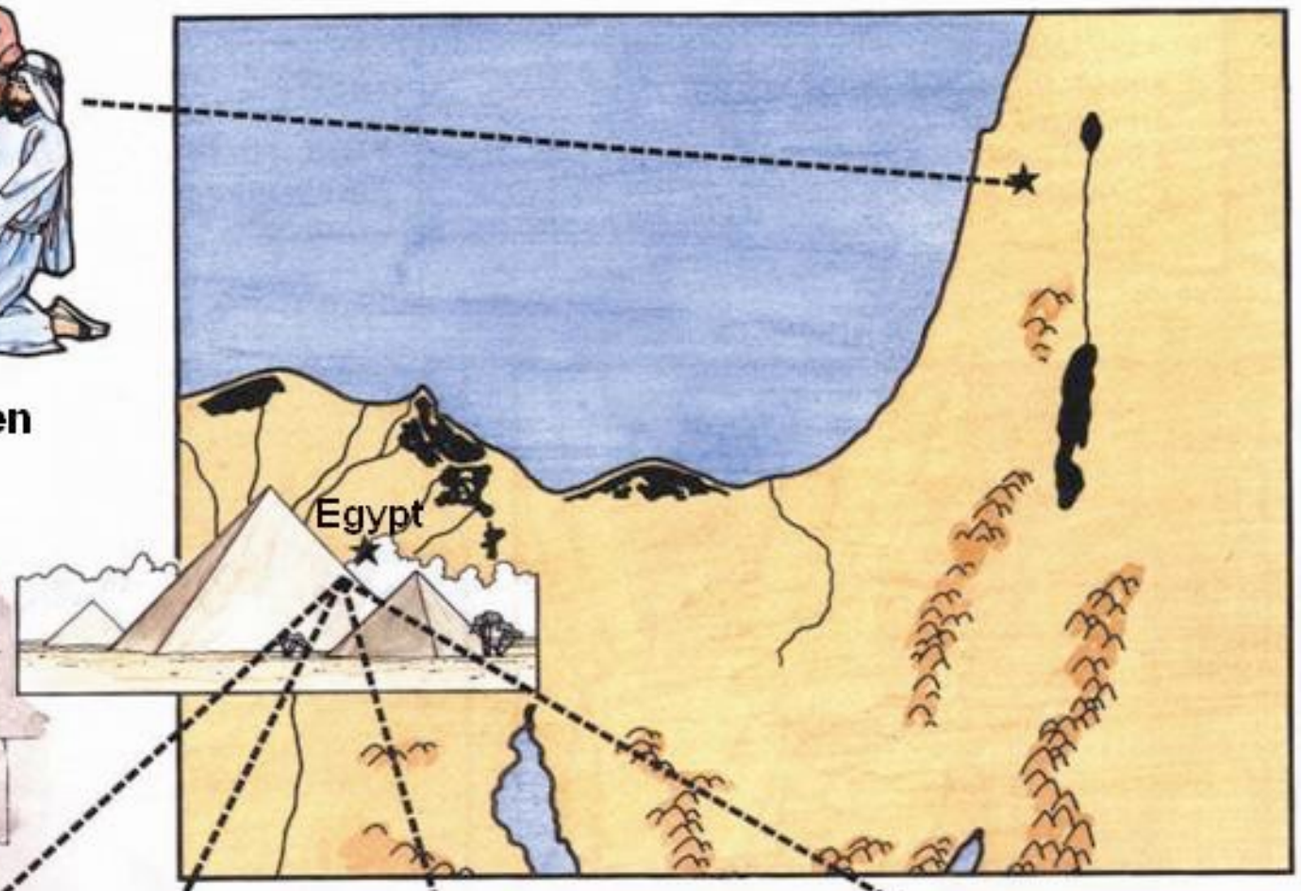
Ephraim

Manasseh

Benjamin

Genesis 48:5-6
Genesis 49:3-27

Joseph Sold by Brethren
Genesis 37:12-28



Joseph Cast into Prison
Genesis 39

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream
Genesis 41

Joseph Forgives His Brethren

"Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life."
Genesis 45:5

Israelites Settle in Goshen
Genesis 47:11-12

Israel Goes into Bondage
Exodus 1:8-14

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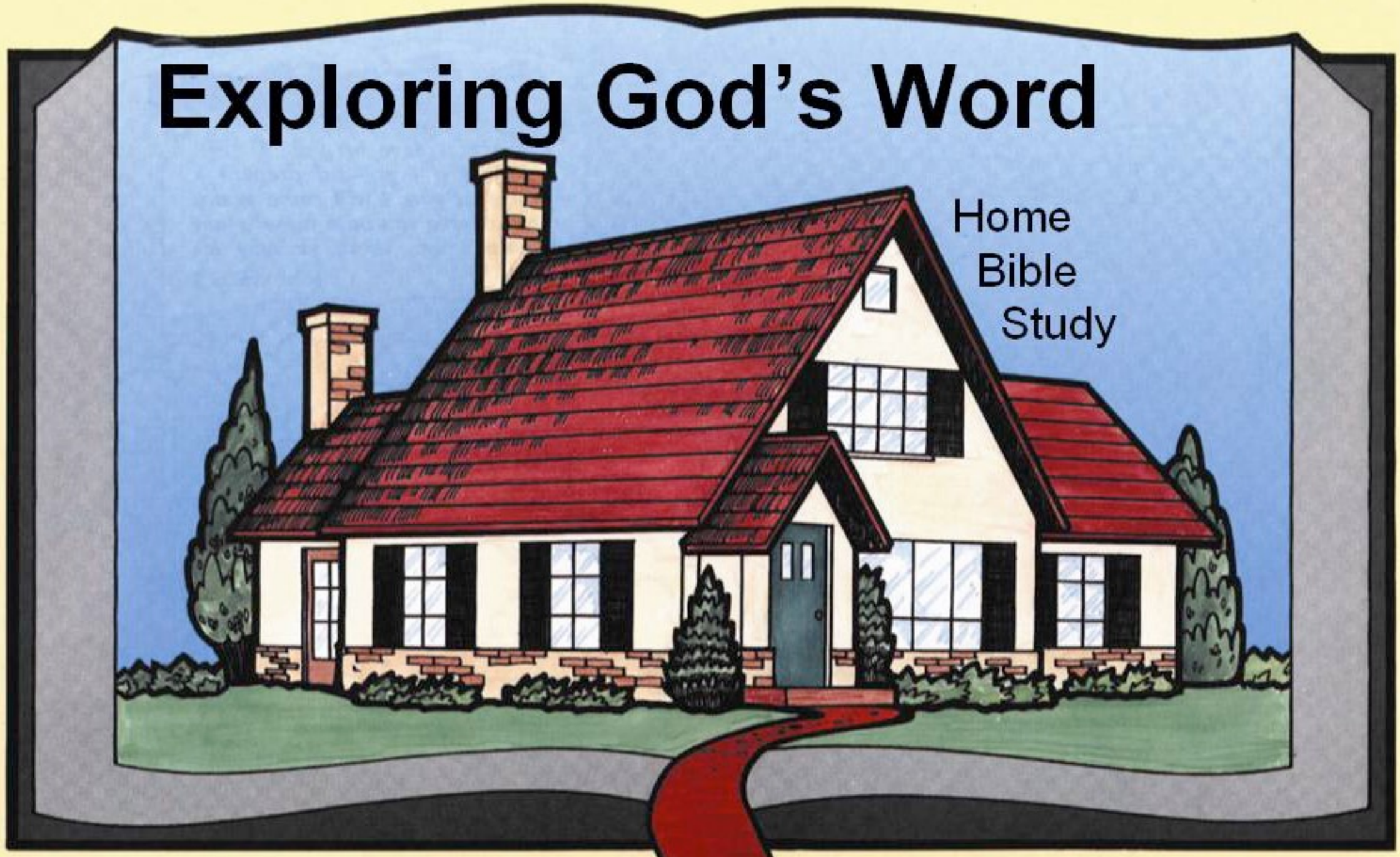


Lesson Two

The Exodus

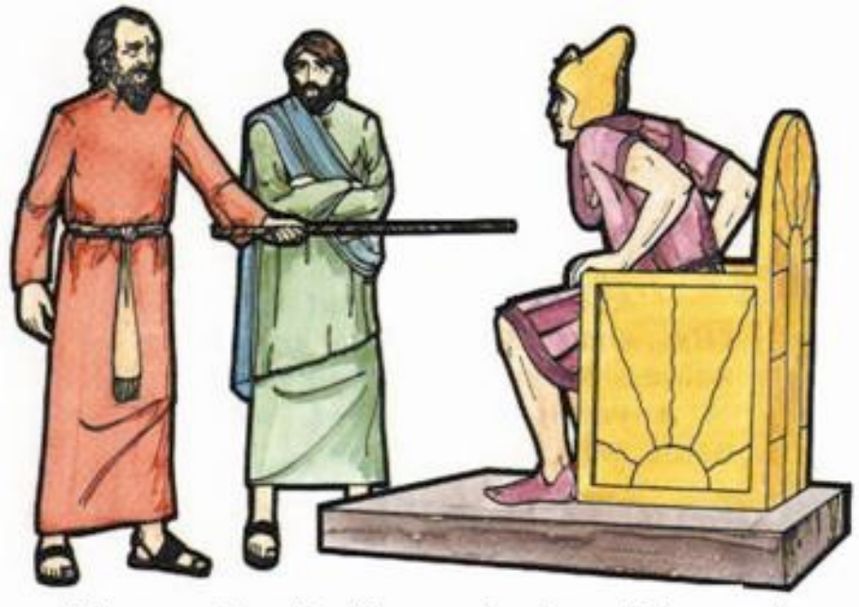
The Plan of Redemption

"And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites." Exodus 3:8

Promise

Moses and the Burning Bush
Exodus 3:1-10

Birth of Moses
Exodus 2:2-10



Moses the Deliverer before Pharaoh

Ten Plagues

WATER TURNED TO BLOOD
FROGS
LICE
FLIES
EGYPTIAN CATTLE SLAIN
BOILS
HAIL
LOCUSTS
DARKNESS
EGYPTIAN FIRSTBORN SLAIN

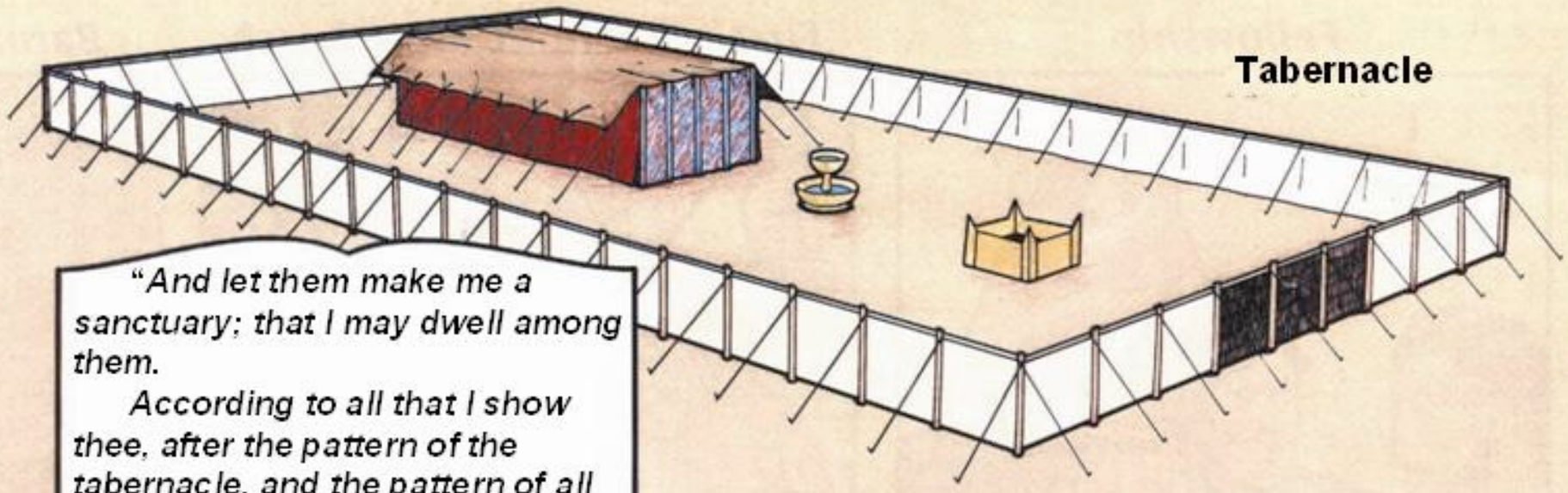
Crossing the Red Sea
Exodus 14:13-31

Blood on Doorposts
Exodus 12:1-36

Israel at Sinai

The Time of the Law

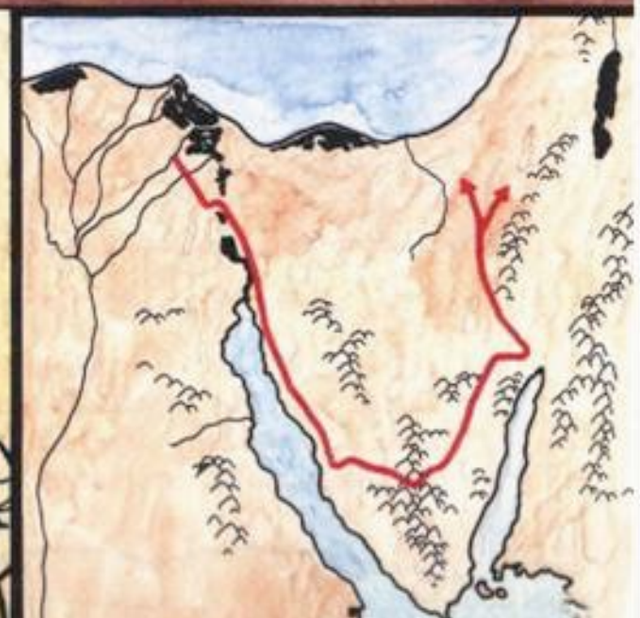
Giving of the 10 Commandments
Exodus 25:8



"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make **it."** **Exodus 25:8-9**

Wandering in the Wilderness 40 Years



The Tabernacle

Man's Approach to God

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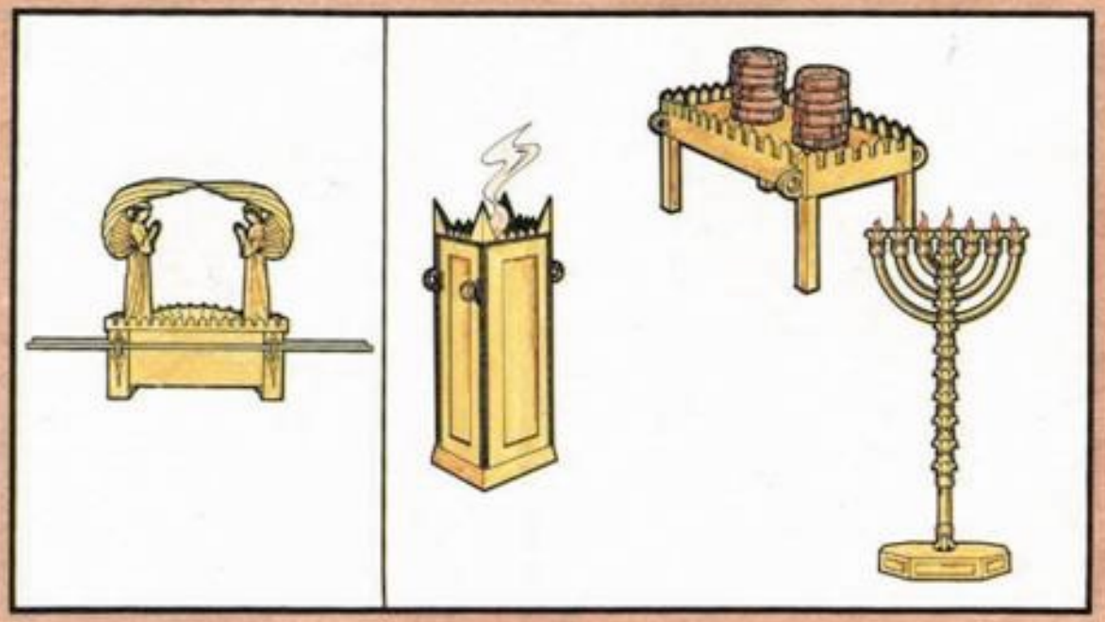

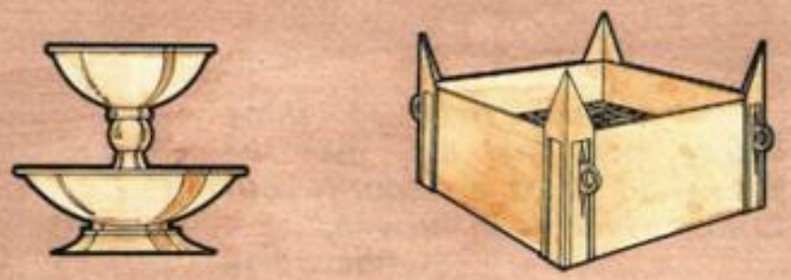

"Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount." Hebrews 8:5

Types and Shadows

I Corinthians 10:11
Colossians 2:16-17
Hebrews 8:5
Hebrews 9:8-9, 24
Hebrews 10:1
I Peter 3:21

Dimensions of Tabernacle

10 Cubits High
10 Cubits Wide
30 Cubits Long

The Altar of Sacrifice

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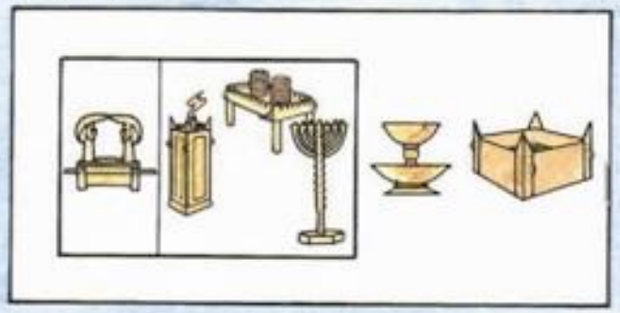
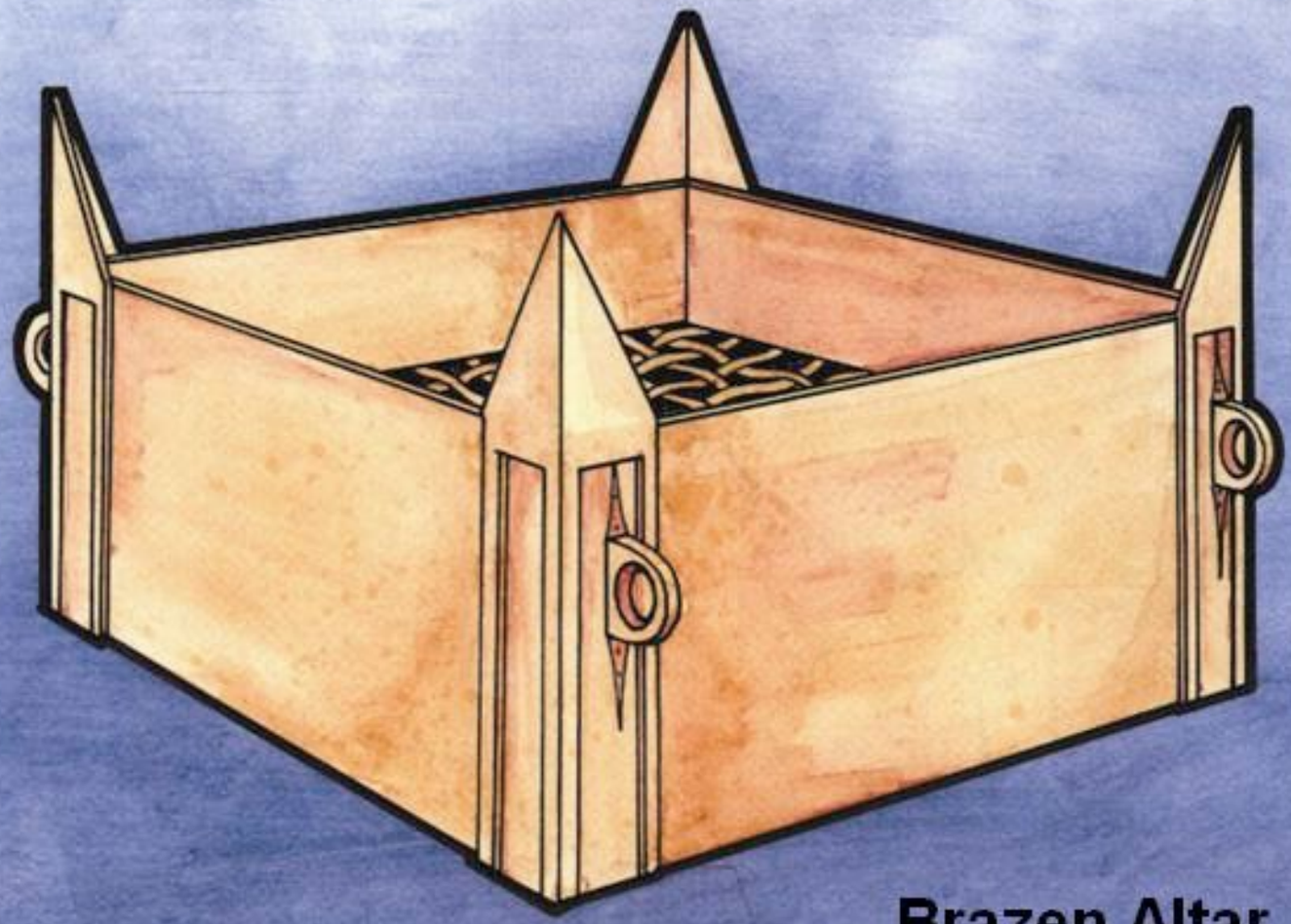


The Priest approached the Tabernacle by way of the brazen altar, where he offered the sacrifice for sin.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."
Leviticus 17:11

Jesus Christ became our perfect sacrifice.

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."
John 1:29



Brazen Altar

The Place of Sacrifice
Death
Shed Blood

The Laver of Water

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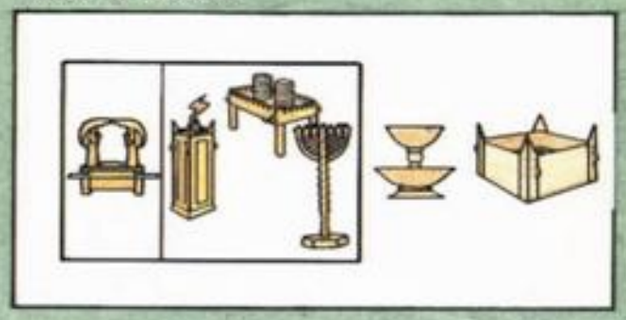


The priest must wash at the laver before ministering at the altar or entering the Tabernacle.

"When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:" Exodus 30:20

The laver was a place of washing and cleansing as baptism is a washing and cleansing from sin.

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16

Brazen Laver

The Place of Cleansing

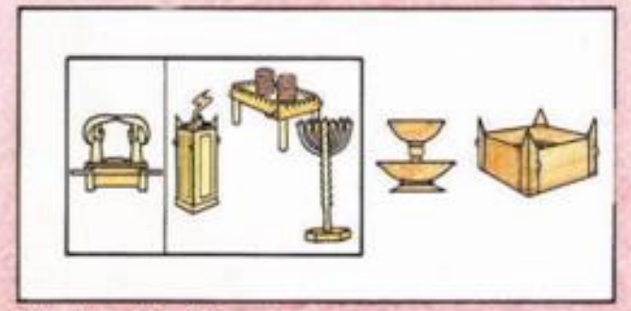
The Holy Place

(The Place of Worship)

Golden Candlestick

The Only Light in the Tabernacle

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." **John 8:12**



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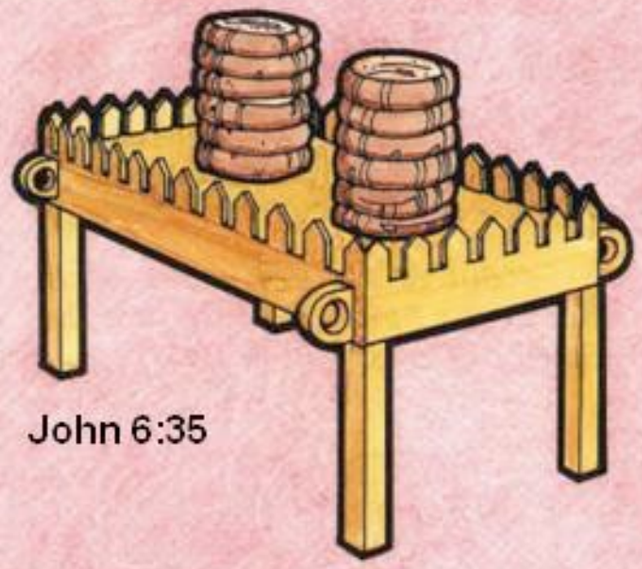
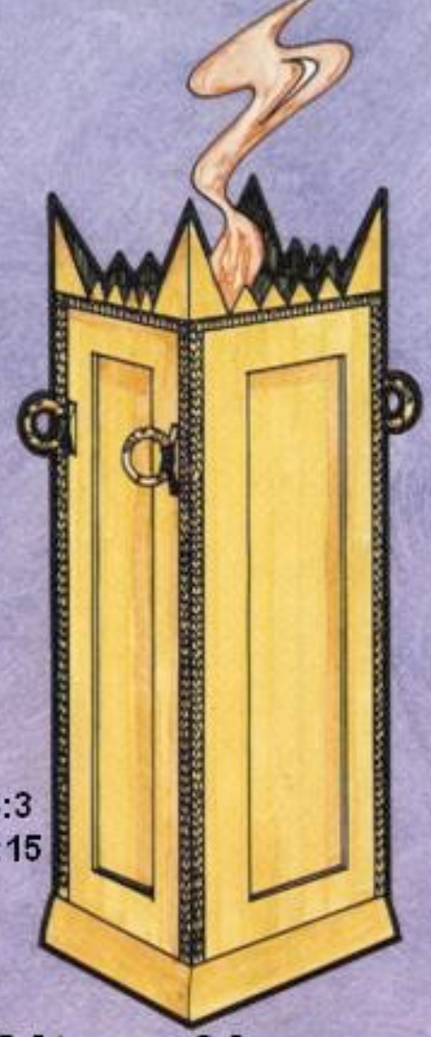


John 6:35

Table of Shewbread

The Daily Bread of the Priest

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." **John 6:51**



Revelation 8:3
Hebrews 13:15

Altar of Incense

The Fire Came from the Altar of Sacrifice

The Altar Was Placed Before the Veil

The Place of Daily Prayer and Praise

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" **I Peter 2:9**

The Holy of Holies

(Beyond the Veil)

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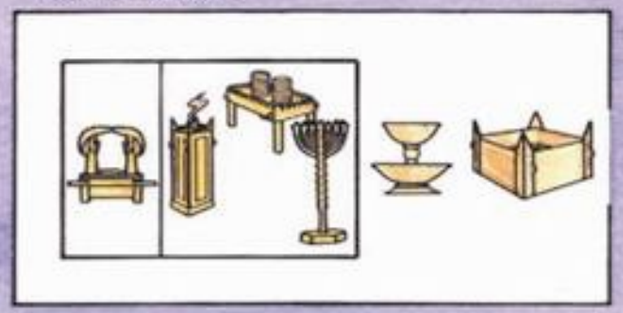
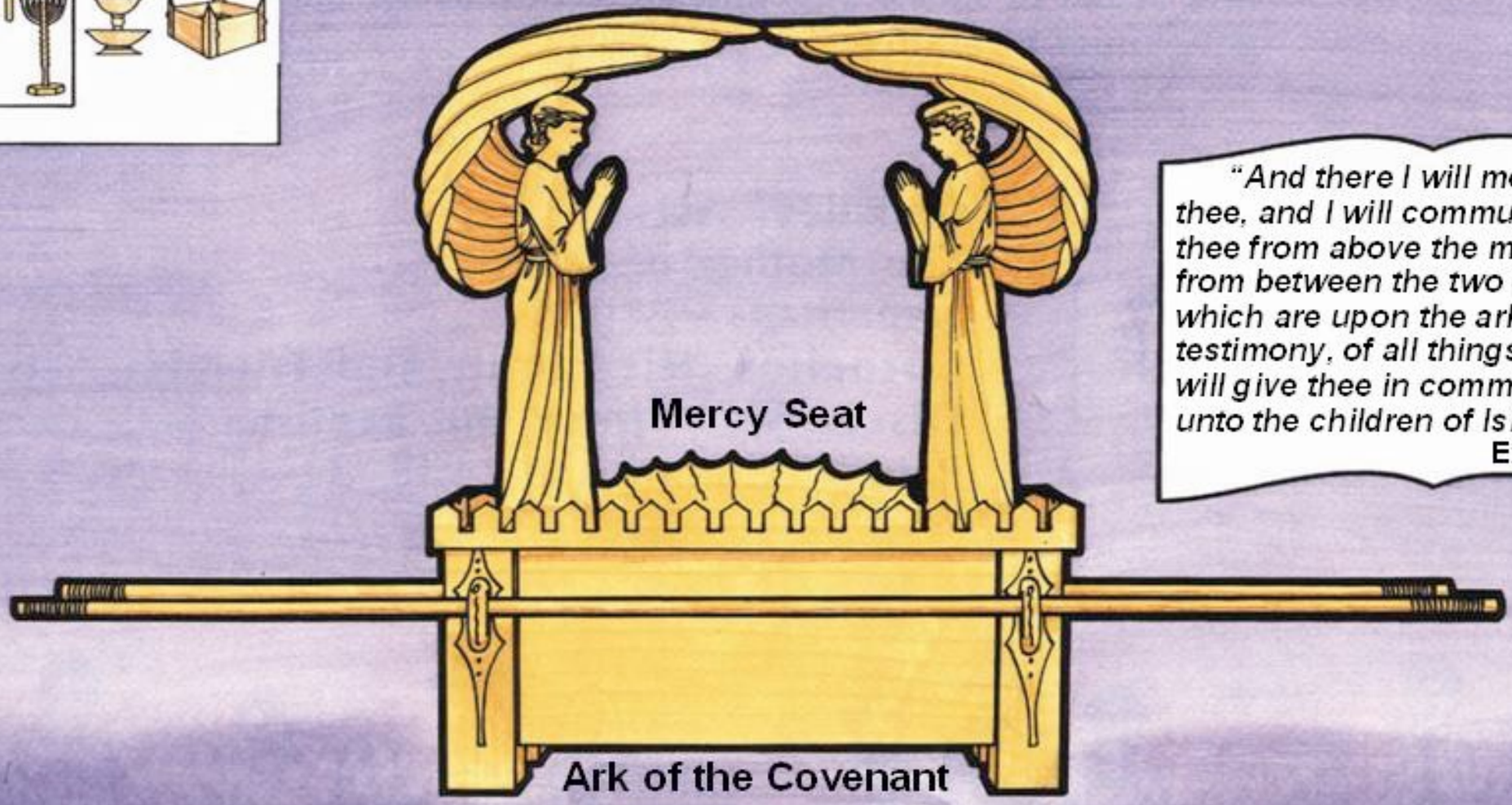




Exodus 25:10-11

"And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."
Exodus 25:22

Veil of Blue, Purple, & Scarlet - *Exodus 36:35* **Veil—His Flesh** - *Hebrews 10:20*

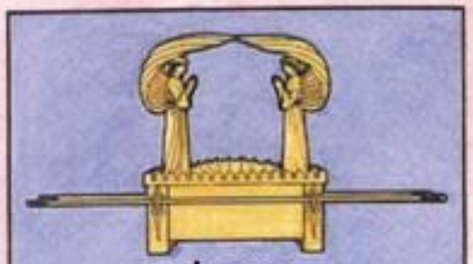
Contents of the Ark

Aaron's Rod That Budded
Hebrews 9:4

Tables of Stone
Exodus 25:16 Hebrews 9:4

Pot of Manna
Hebrews 9:4

From the Tabernacle to the Cross



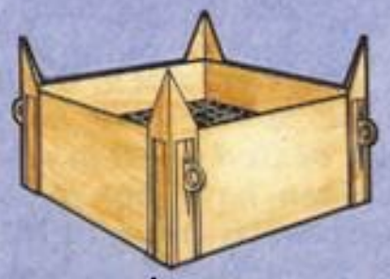
Jesus
Way into Holiness
Hebrews 10:19-20

Jesus
Light of the World
John 12:35

Jesus
Prayed in Garden
Luke 22:41-44

Jesus
Bread of Life
John 6:33-35

Jesus – Baptized
Matthew 3:16



Jesus
Our Offering for Sin
Hebrews 9:28

Holy Ghost

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
Acts 2:4

Baptism

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

Repentance

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Romans 6:6

The Land of Promise

Jericho Destroyed

Joshua 6

Land Subdued and Divided Among the Twelve Tribes

Sea of Galilee

Jordan River

Jericho

Gilgal

Dead Sea

Twelve Stones

Joshua 4:20-24

Moses Dies on Mt. Nebo

> *"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."* Joshua 1:5

Joshua Leads Israel

Joshua 1:1-11

> *"Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them."* Judges 2:16

God Gives Judges to Rule

1. Othniel
2. Ehud
3. Shamgar
4. Deborah
5. Barak
6. Gideon
7. Abimelech
8. Tola
9. Jair
10. Jephthah
11. Ibson
12. Elon
13. Abdon
14. Samson
15. Eli
16. Samuel

The United Kingdom

Israel Demands a King

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,
And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."
I Samuel 8:4-5

Saul
40 Year Reign

"Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?" **I Samuel 10:1**

Tribe of Benjamin
I Samuel 9:1
Head and Shoulders Above Other Men
I Samuel 9:2
Rejected By God
I Samuel 16:14

David
40 Year Reign

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah." **I Samuel 16:13**

Shepherd Boy
I Samuel 16:11
Slays Giant
I Samuel 17
Man After God's Own Heart
Acts 13:22

Solomon
40 Year Reign

"And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon." **I Kings 1:34**

God Gives Wisdom
I Kings 3
Builds Temple
I Kings 6

The Divided Kingdom

Jeroboam Revolts

Rehoboam Solomon's Son

Kingdom of Israel

Ten Tribes (Northern Kingdom)

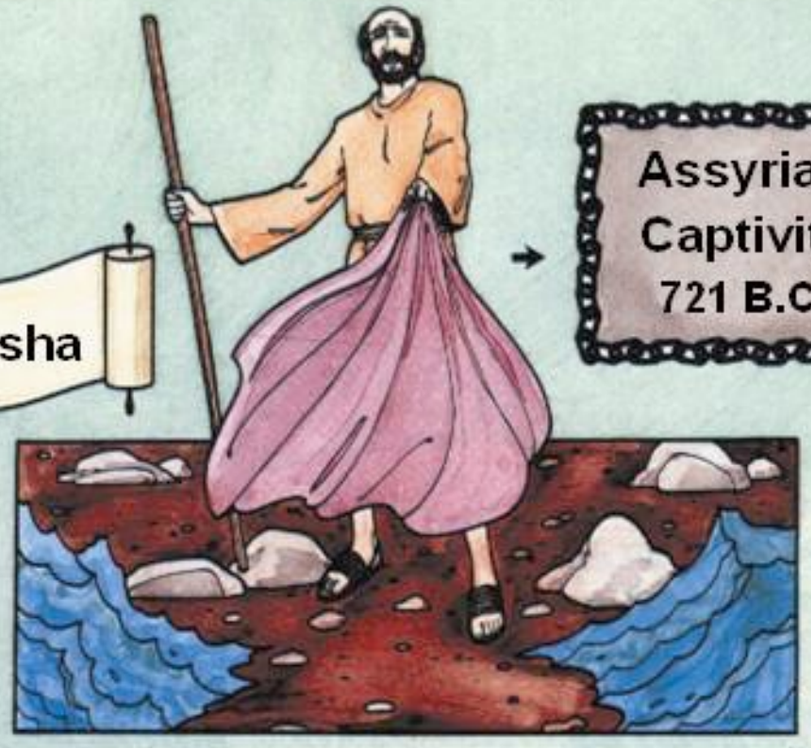
Samaria – Capital

19 Kings

God sent prophets to warn Israel of impending judgment.

Elijah

Elisha



Assyrian Captivity 721 B.C.

Kingdom of Judah

Two Tribes (Southern Kingdom)

Jerusalem – Capital

19 Kings, 1 Queen

God sent prophets to warn Judah of impending judgment.

Isaiah

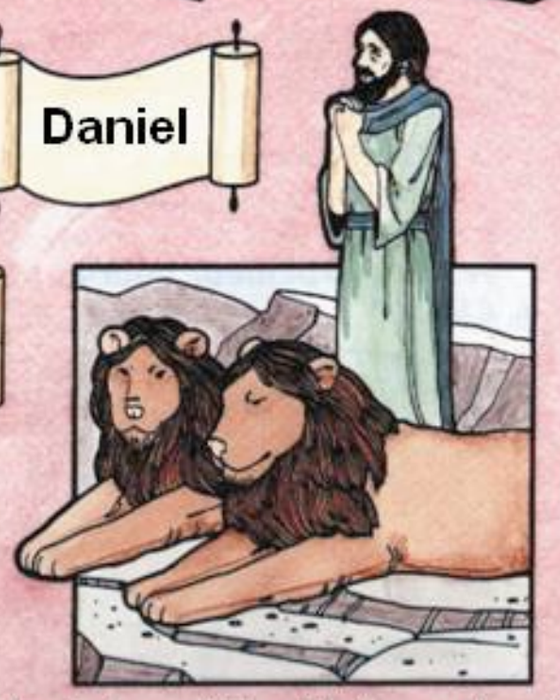
Jeremiah

Babylonian Captivity 606 B.C.

Jerusalem Destroyed

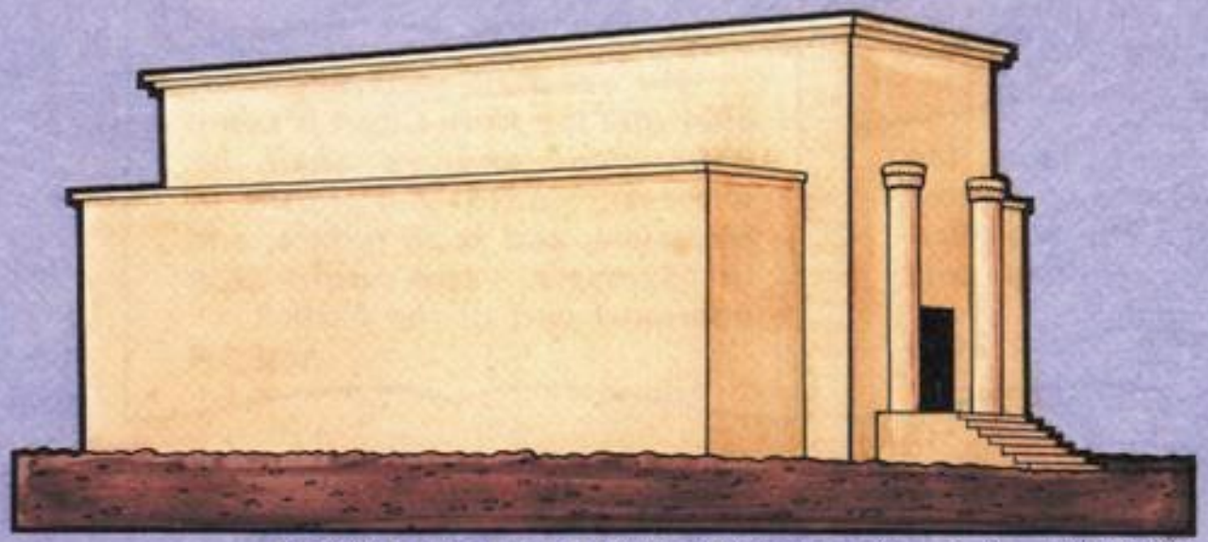
Ezekiel

Daniel



Daniel and Ezekiel prophesied during the Babylonian Captivity

The Return to Jerusalem



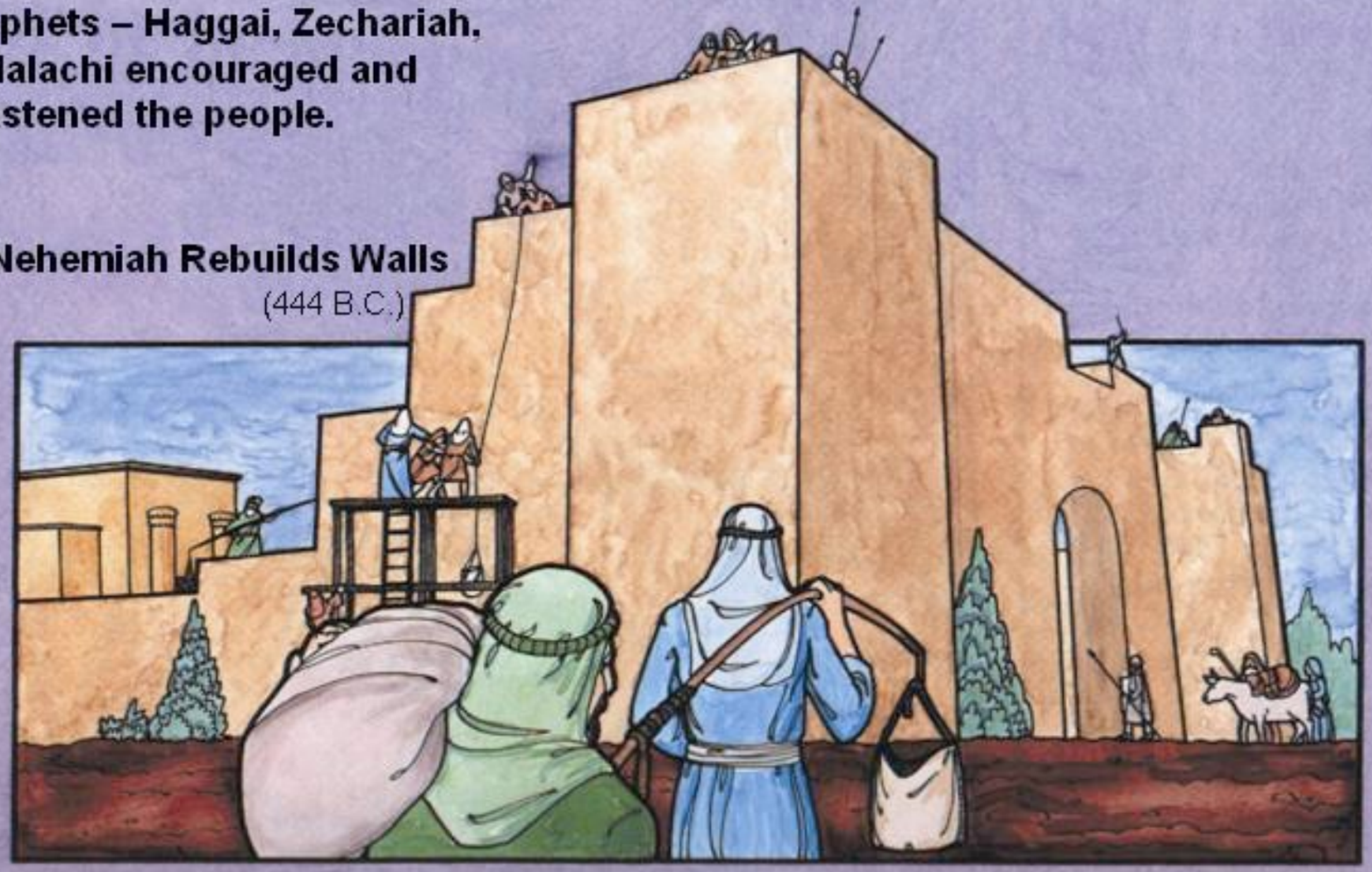
Zerubbabel Rebuilds Temple (beginning 536 B.C.)

> *"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."* **Malachi 3:1**

Prophets – Haggai, Zechariah, & Malachi encouraged and chastened the people.

Return from Babylon to Jerusalem → Zerubbabel Ezra Nehemiah

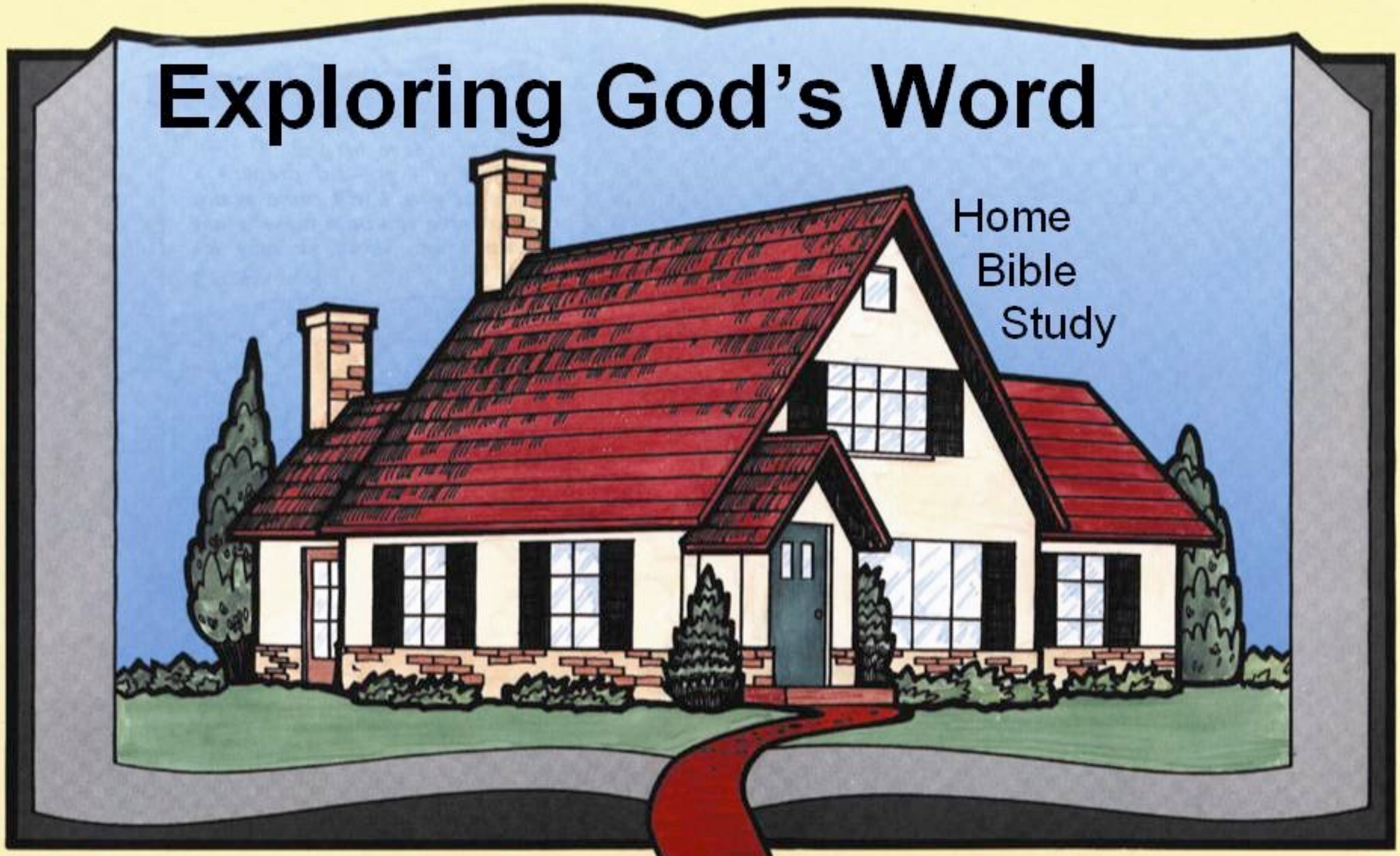
Nehemiah Rebuilds Walls (444 B.C.)



Old Testament Ends

Four Hundred Years of Silence

Exploring God's Word



Lesson Three

Introduction to the New Testament

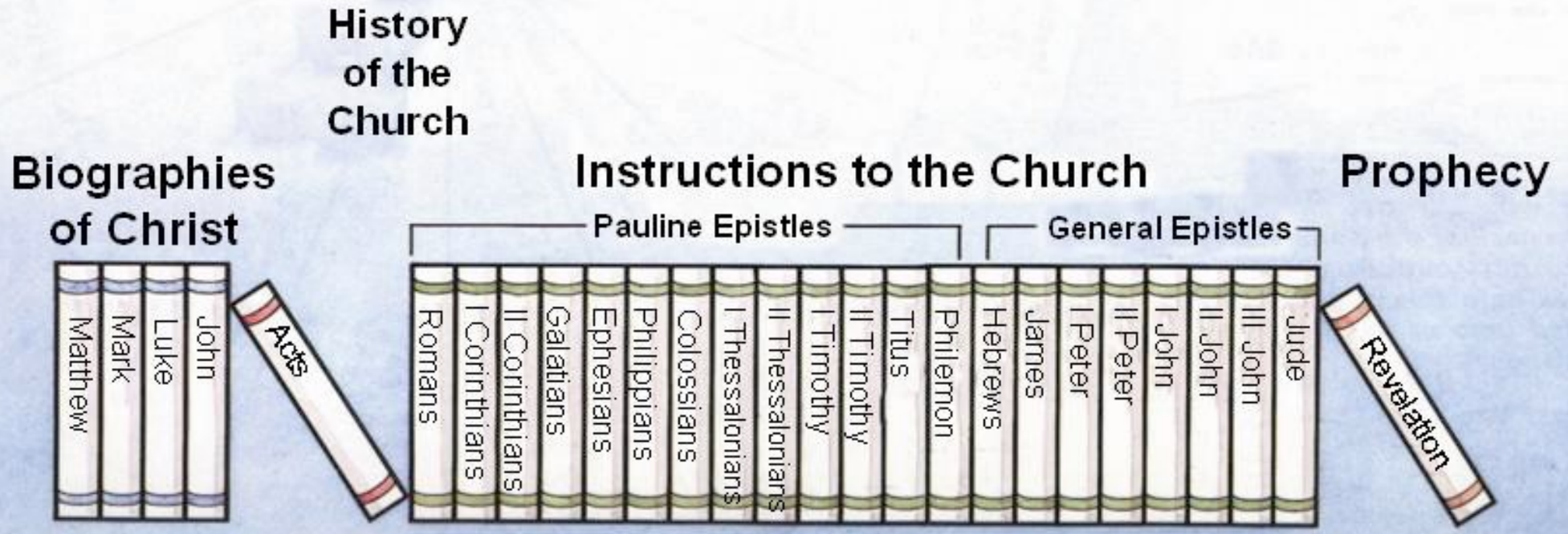
400 Years of Silence between the Old Testament and the New Testament

27 Books
8 Authors
100 Years

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."
Matthew 5:17-18

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" II Timothy 3:16

Books of the New Testament



John the Baptist

(The Forerunner of Christ)

Prophecy Concerning John

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." **Isaiah 40:3**

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts." **Malachi 3:1**

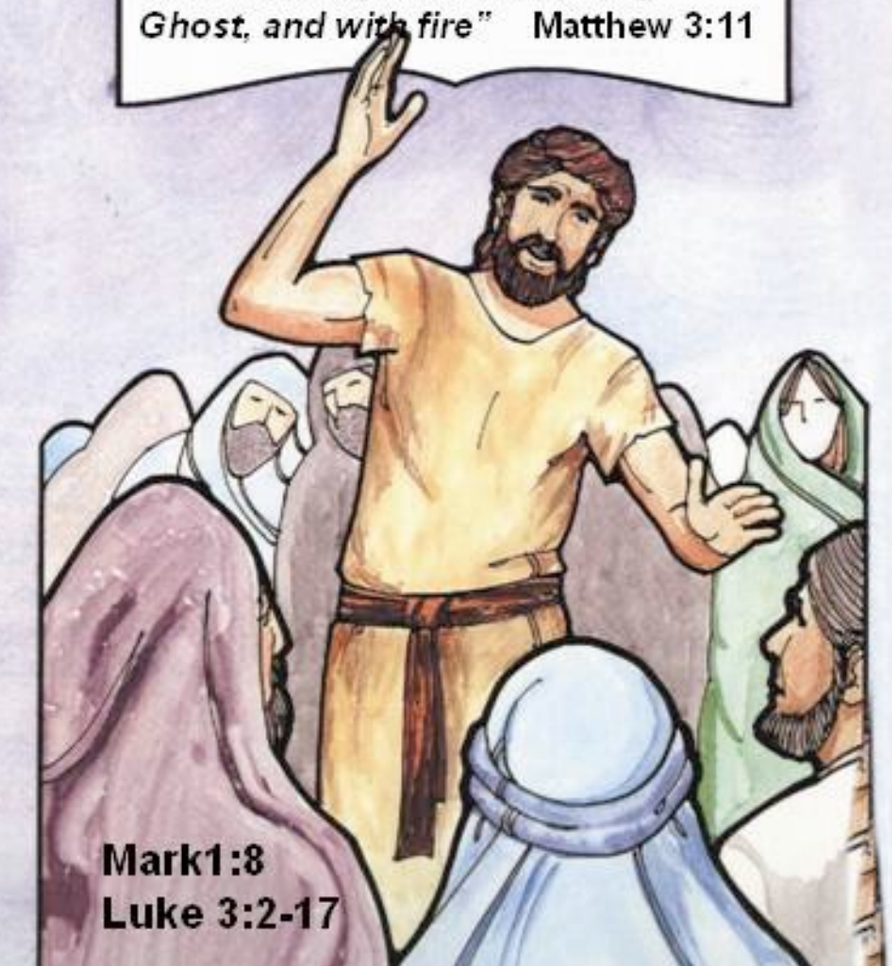
John Introduces Christ to the World

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." **John 1:29**

John's Message

"And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **Matthew 3:2**

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" **Matthew 3:11**



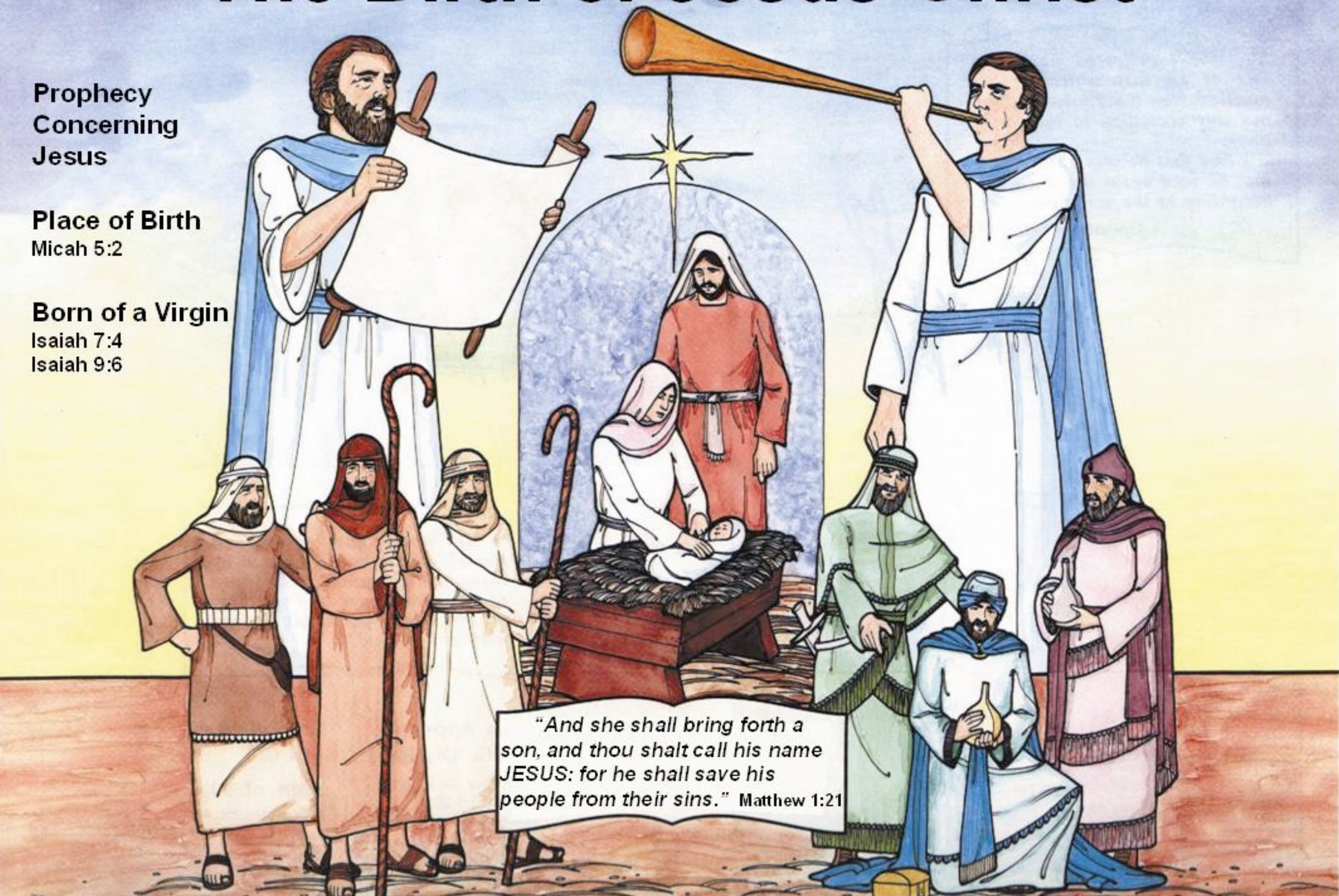
Mark1:8
Luke 3:2-17

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Prophecy Concerning Jesus

Place of Birth
Micah 5:2

Born of a Virgin
Isaiah 7:4
Isaiah 9:6



"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." **Matthew 1:21**

Prophecies Concerning Jesus Christ

Old Testament Prophecy		New Testament Fulfillment
Genesis 3:15	**Seed of Woman**	Matthew 1:20
Isaiah 7:14	**Virgin Born**	Matthew 1:18
Genesis 49:10	**Tribe of Judah**	Luke 3:23, 33
Micah 5:2	**Born at Bethlehem**	Matthew 2:1
Psalm 72:10	**Presented with Gifts**	Matthew 2:1, 11
Jeremiah 31:15	**Herod Kills Children**	Matthew 2:16
Isaiah 7:14	**Shall Be Immanuel**	Matthew 1:23
Isaiah 40:3	**Preceded by a Messenger**	Matthew 3:1-2
Isaiah 35:5-6	**Ministry of Miracles**	Matthew 9:35
Zechariah 9:9	**Enter Jerusalem on a Donkey**	Luke 19:35-37
Psalm 16:10	**Resurrection**	Acts 2:31
Psalm 68:18	**Ascension**	Acts 1:9
Psalm 41:9	**Betrayed by a Friend**	John 13:21
Zechariah 11:12	**Sold for 30 Pieces of Silver**	Matthew 26:15
Zechariah 11:13	**Money Thrown Down in God's House**	Matthew 27:5
Zechariah 13:7	**Forsaken by His Disciples**	Matthew 26:56
Psalm 35:11	**Accused by False Witness**	Matthew 26:59-60
Isaiah 53:7	**Dumb before Accusers**	Matthew 27:12
Isaiah 53:5	**Wounded and Bruised**	Matthew 27:26
Isaiah 50:6	**Smitten and Spit Upon**	Matthew 27:30
Psalm 22:7-8	**Mocked**	Matthew 27:31
Psalm 22:16	**Hands and Feet Pierced**	John 20:25
Isaiah 53:12	**Crucified with Thieves**	Matthew 27:38
Psalm 22:18	**Garments Parted and Lots Cast**	John 19:23-24
Psalm 22:1	**His Forsaken Cry**	Matthew 27:46
Psalm 34:20	**Bones Not Broken**	John 19:33-36
Zechariah 12:10	**Side Pierced**	John 19:34
Amos 8:9	**Darkness Over the Land**	Matthew 27:45
Isaiah 53:9	**Buried in Rich Man's Tomb**	Matthew 27:57-60

The Miracles of Jesus Christ

The Baptism

Matthew 3:13-17

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing..." Isaiah 35:5-6

"Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

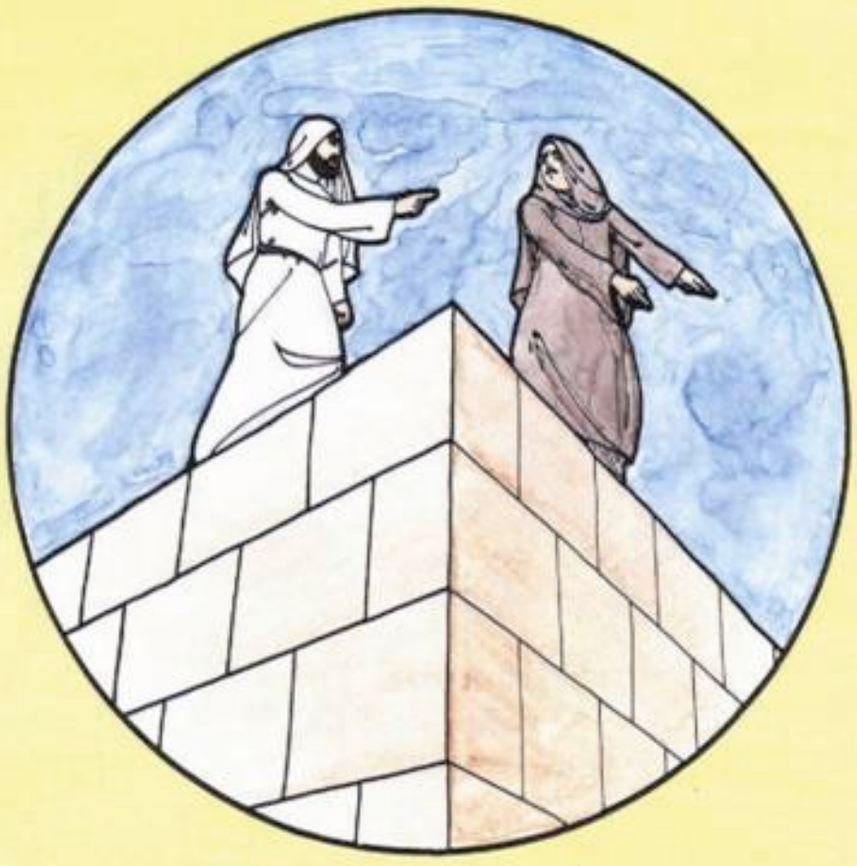
And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see:

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."

Matthew 11:2-6



The Temptation

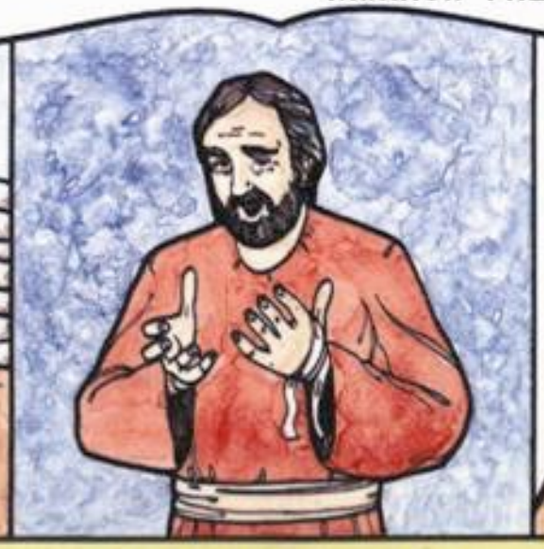
Matthew 4:1-10

Blinded Eyes Opened

Matthew 9:27-30

Lame Walk

John 5:5

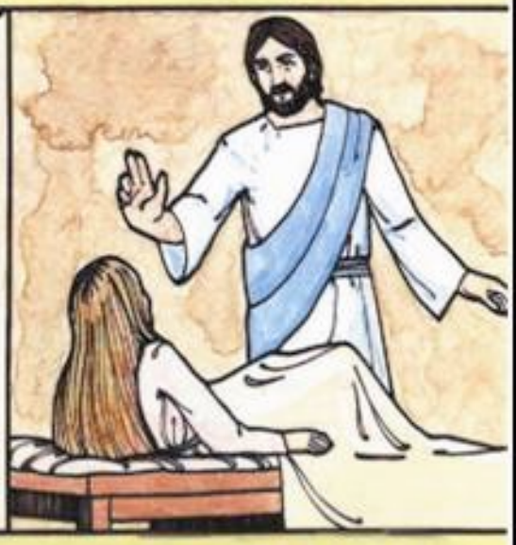


Lepers Cleansed

Matthew 8:2-4

Deaf Ears Hear

Mark 7:35-37



Dead Raised

John 11:41-44

Jesus Teaches the New Birth

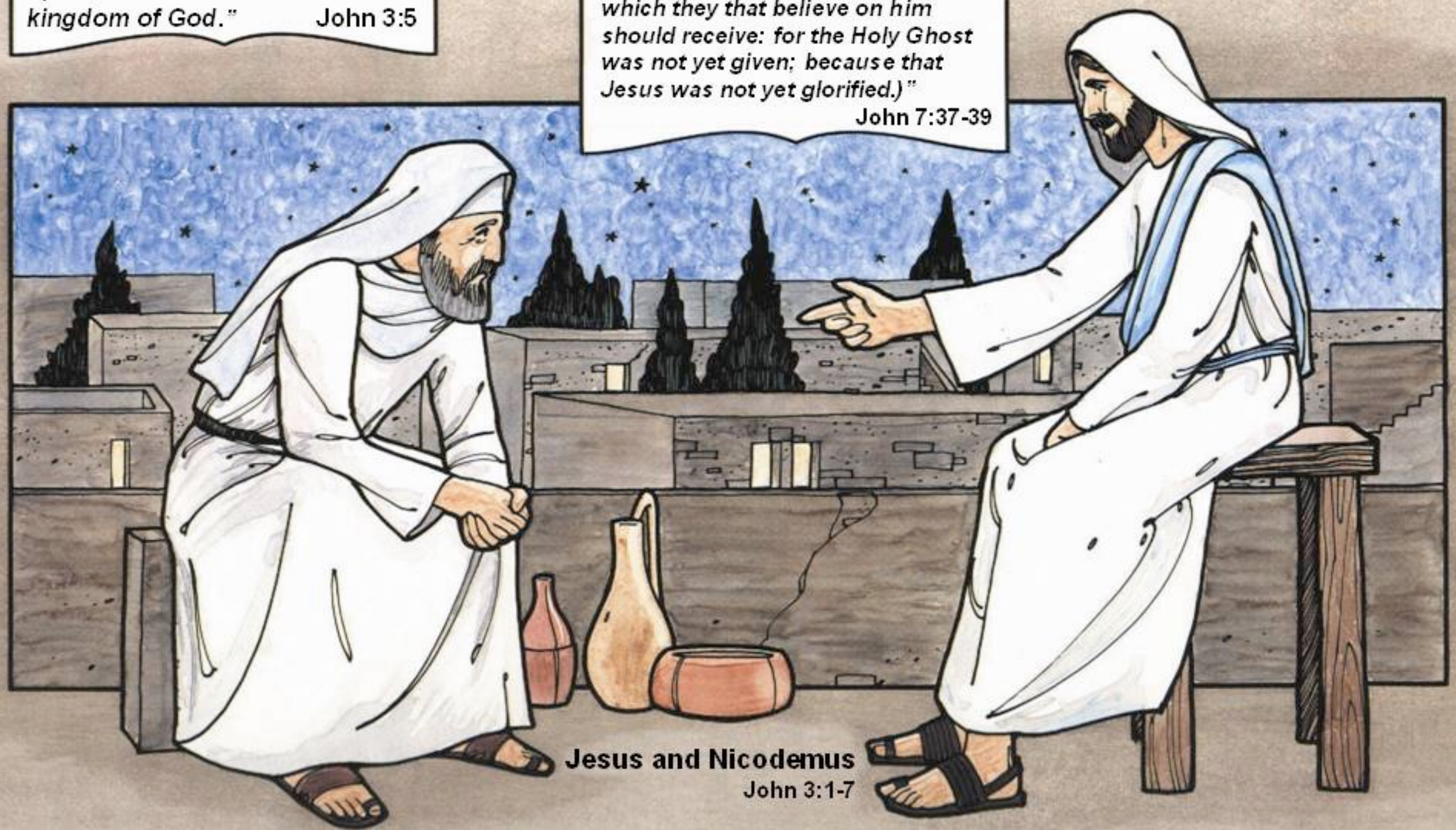
"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

John 7:37-39



Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-7

Jesus Teaches the Parables

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." **Matthew 13:10-11**

The Sower

Matthew 13:1-23

What Kind of Soil Are You?

The Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:45

What Price Will You Pay?

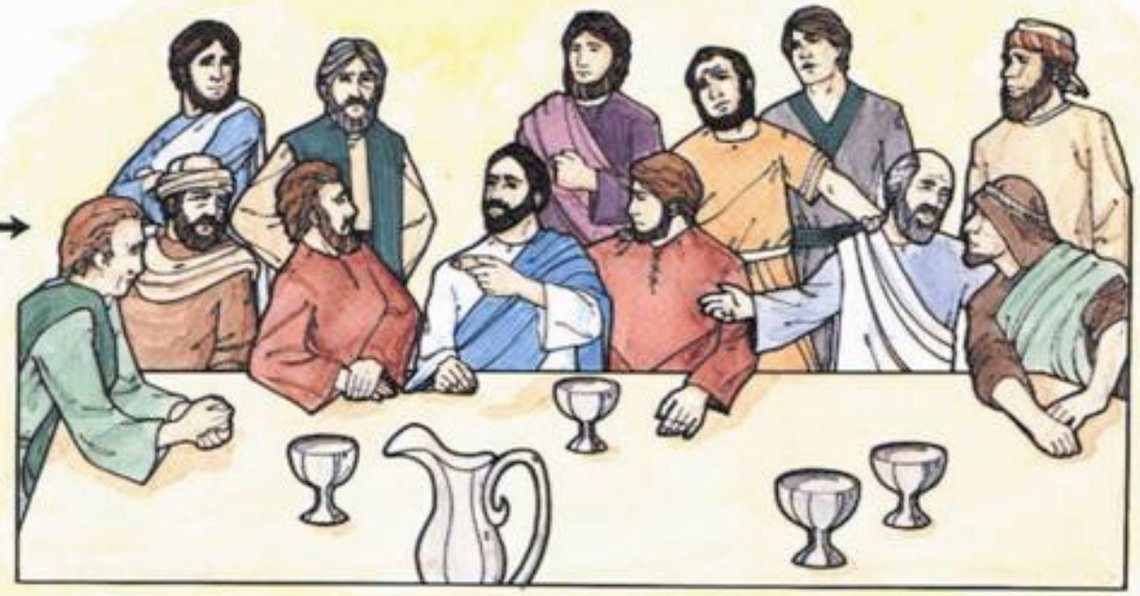
The Talents

Matthew 25:14-25

What Will You Do With Your Life?

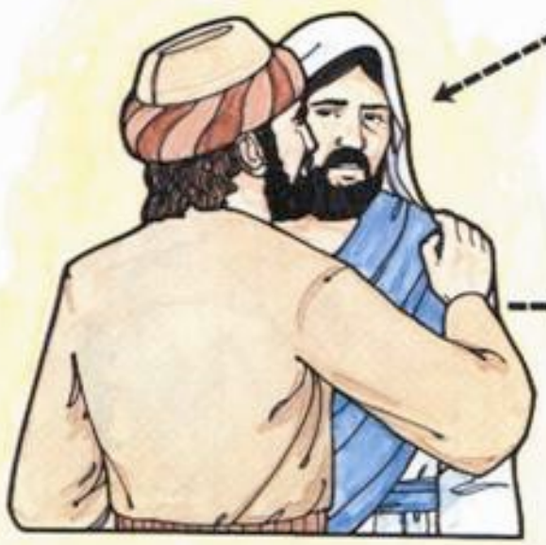
The Road to Calvary

Triumphal Entry
Matthew 21:1-17
Zechariah 9:9



The Last Supper
Matthew 26:18-28

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane
Matthew 26:36-44



Betrayed
Matthew 26:46-50

Beaten
Isaiah 50:6
Isaiah 52:14
John 19:1

Provision of Healing
Psalm 103:3
Isaiah 53:5
I Corinthians 12:9
James 5:14-16
I Peter 2:24

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
Isaiah 53:5

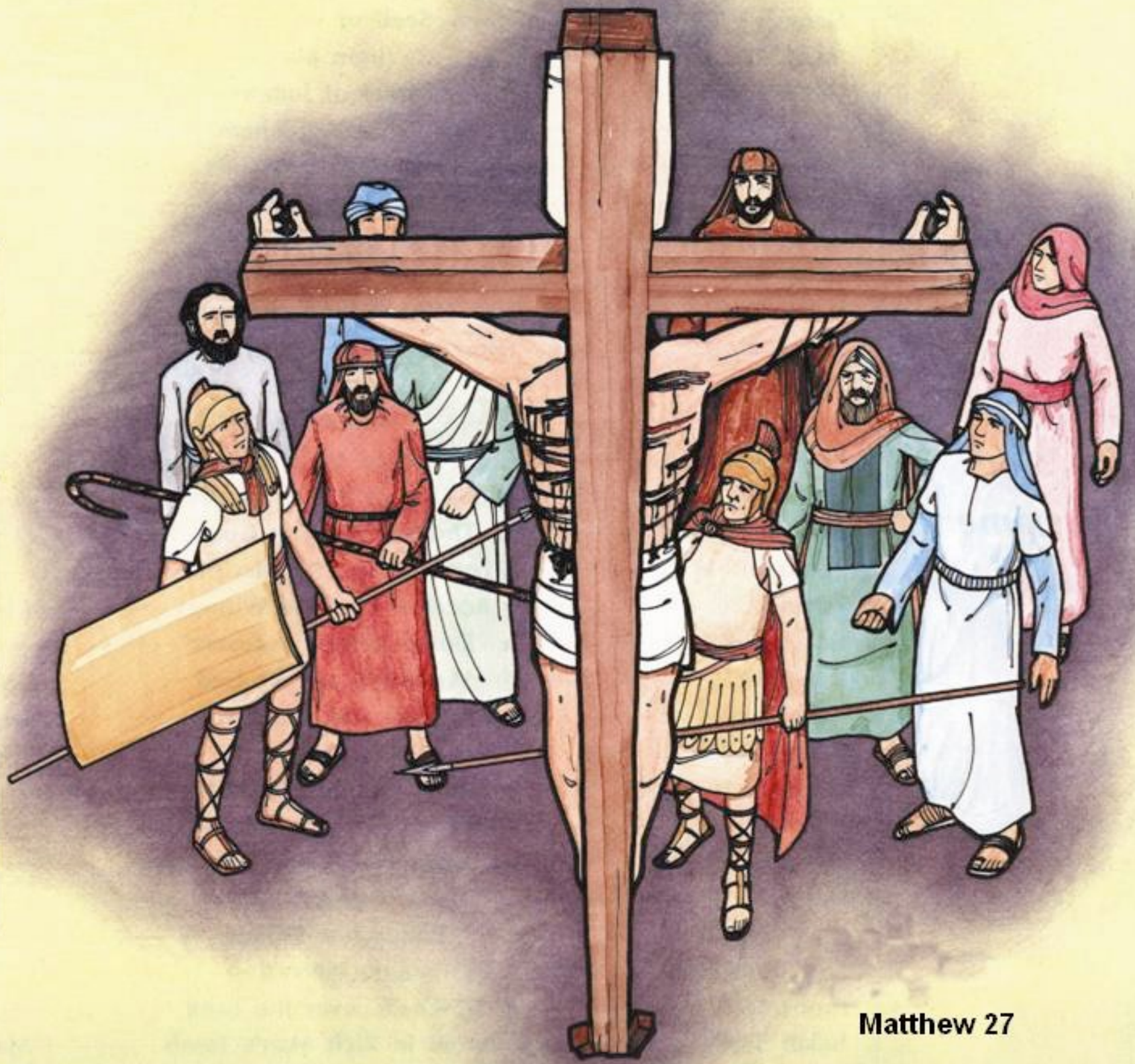
The Trial
Matthew 26:62-68

Christ Died for Us

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."
Romans 5:10

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."
II Corinthians 5:21



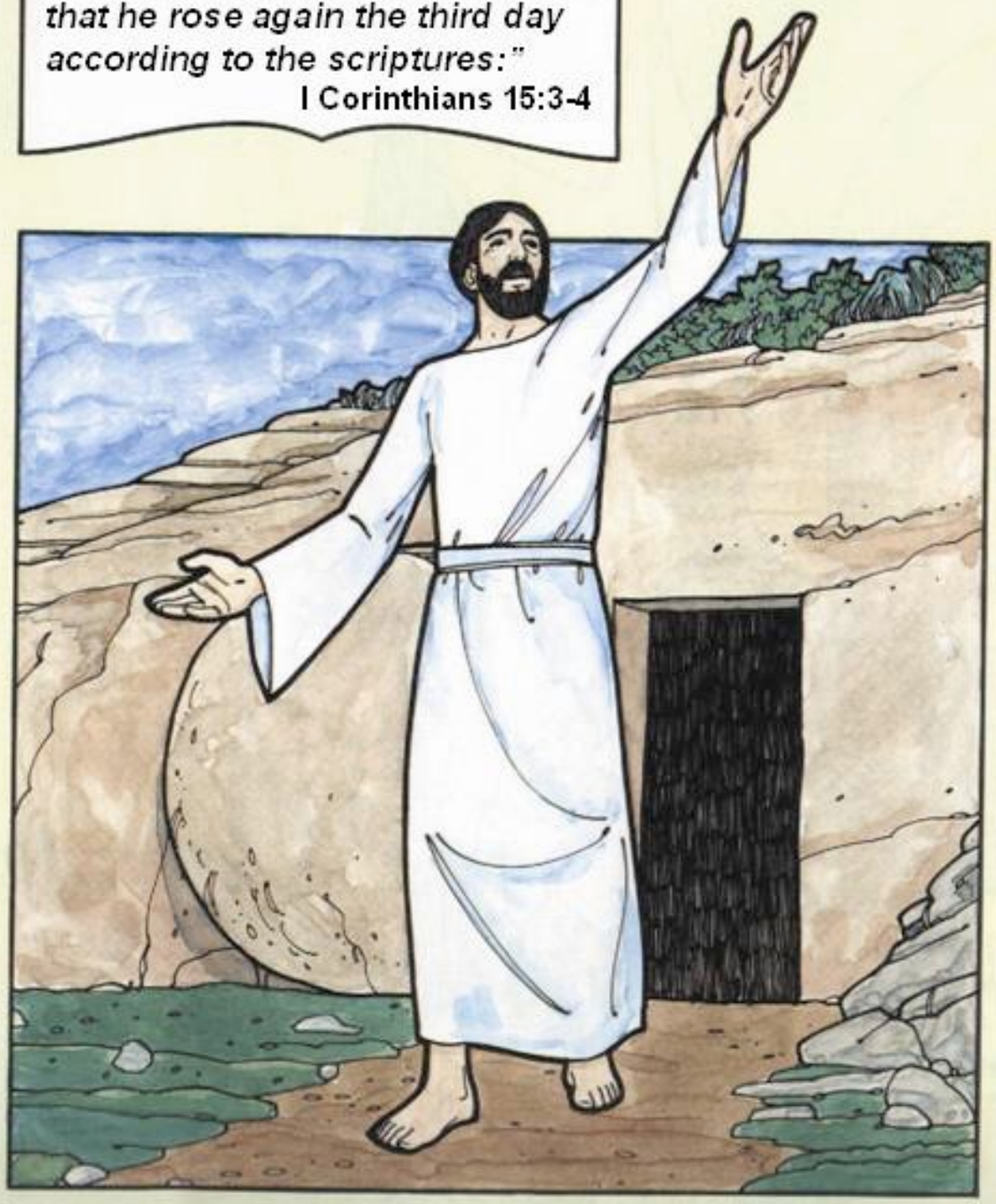
Matthew 27

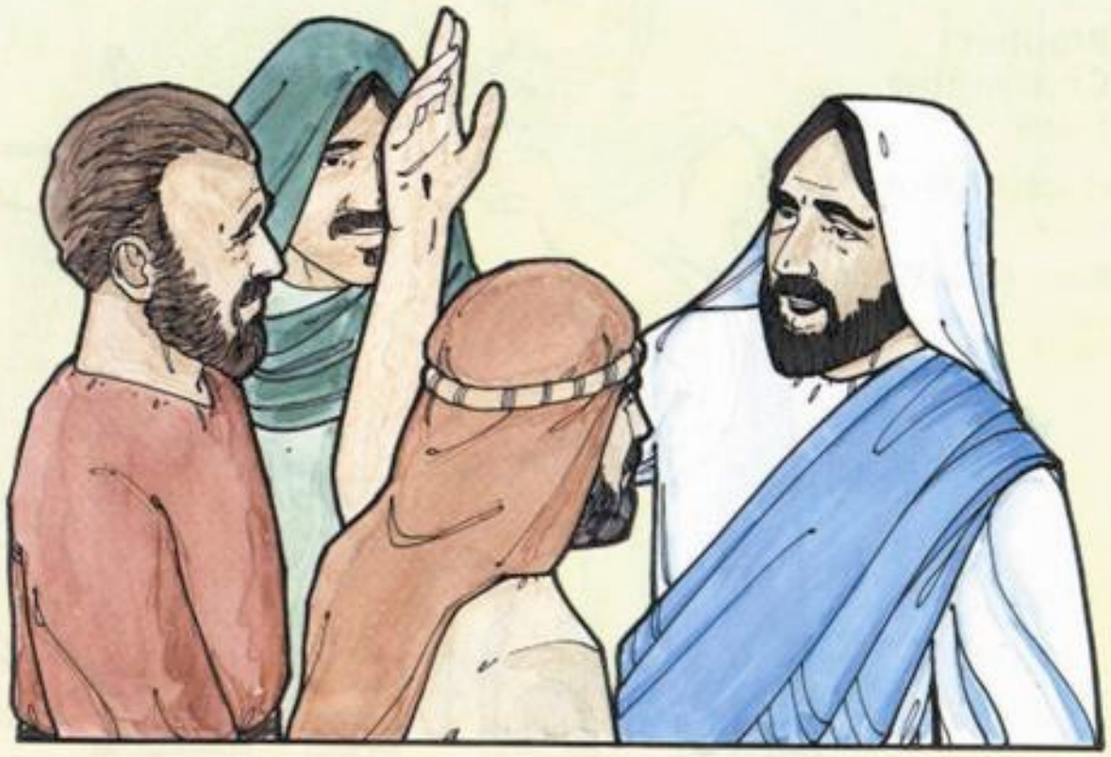
Christ Lives

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

I Corinthians 15:3-4





"To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"

Acts 1:3

Jesus Appears To His Disciples

Matthew 28:16-20
Mark 16:9-20
Luke 24:13-53
John 20:19-31
I Corinthians 15:4-7

Seen 40 Days

Acts 1:3

Seen of 500

I Corinthians 15:4-7

The Great Commission

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."
Luke 24:47

Great Commission

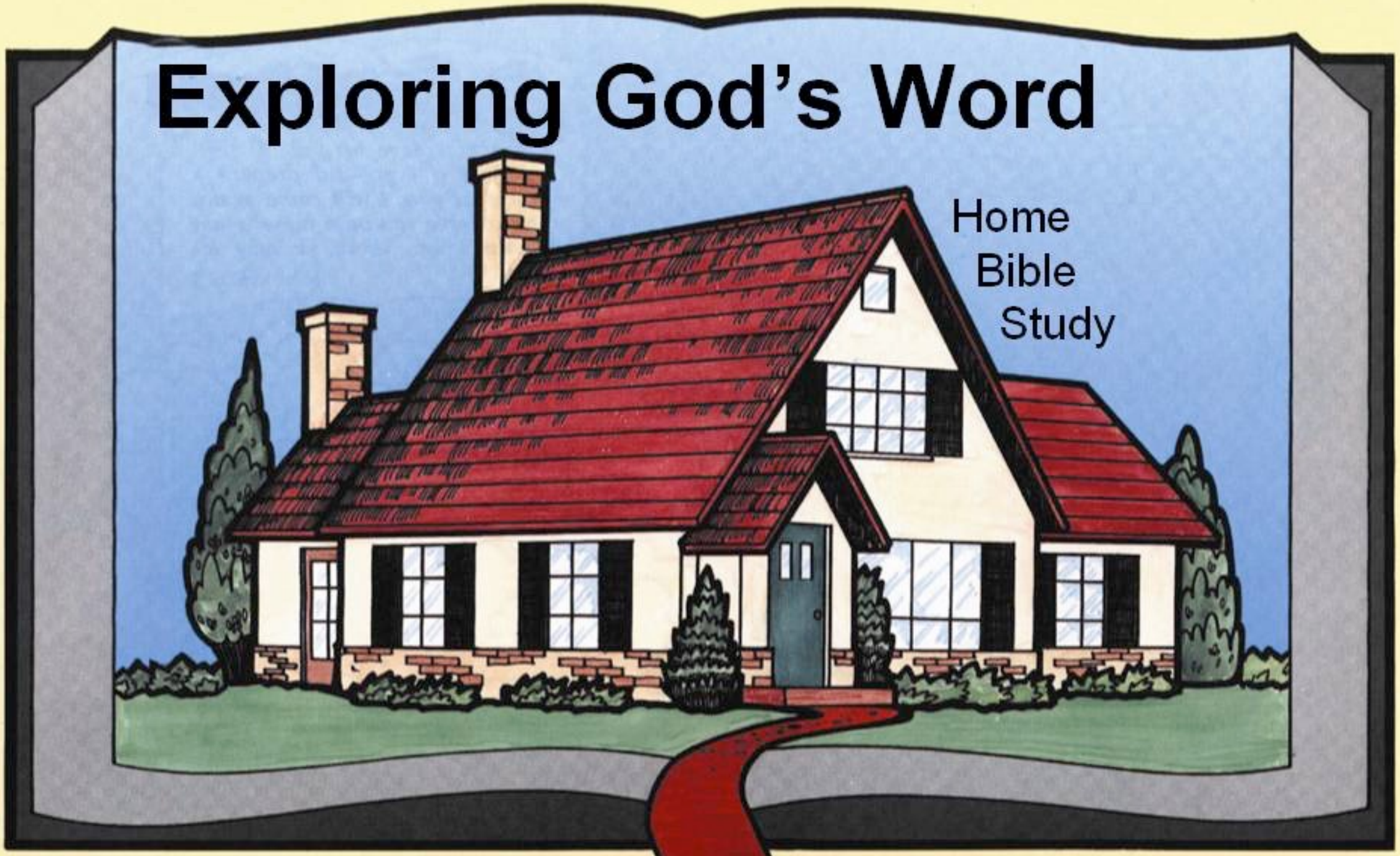
Matthew 28:19-20
Mark 16:15-18
Luke 24:45-49
Acts 1:4-8

Elements of the Great Commission

1. Belief
2. Repentance
3. Water Baptism
4. The Holy Ghost with Supernatural Signs
5. Teaching
6. Healing

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." Acts 1:9

Exploring God's Word



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Lesson Four

The Birth of the Church

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Isaiah 28:11-12
Jeremiah 31:31
Joel 2:28-29
John 7:37-39

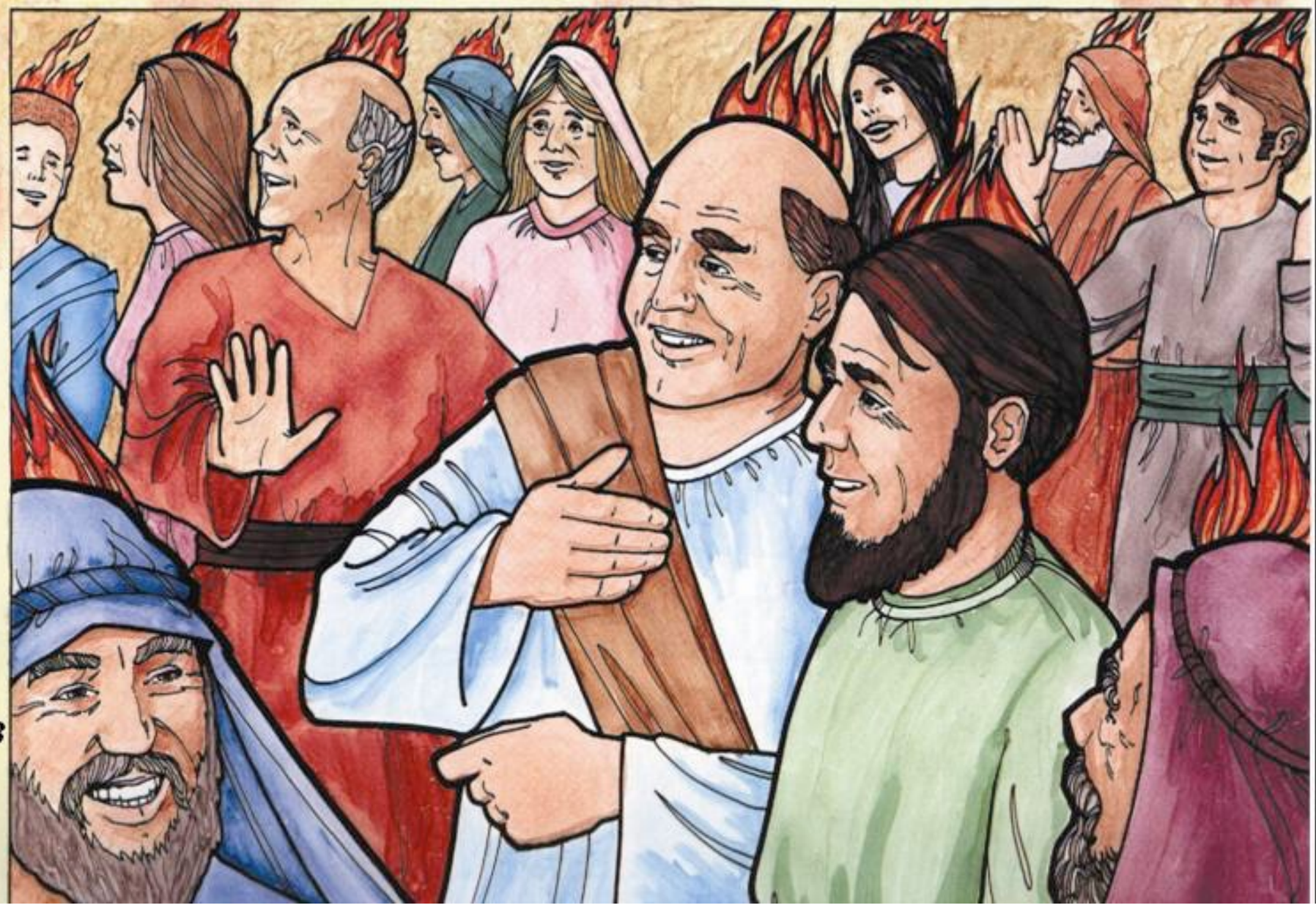
And They Were All Filled with the Holy Ghost

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4



Acts 1:5 & 8

Peter Preaches Christ
God's Plan for Us

"Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

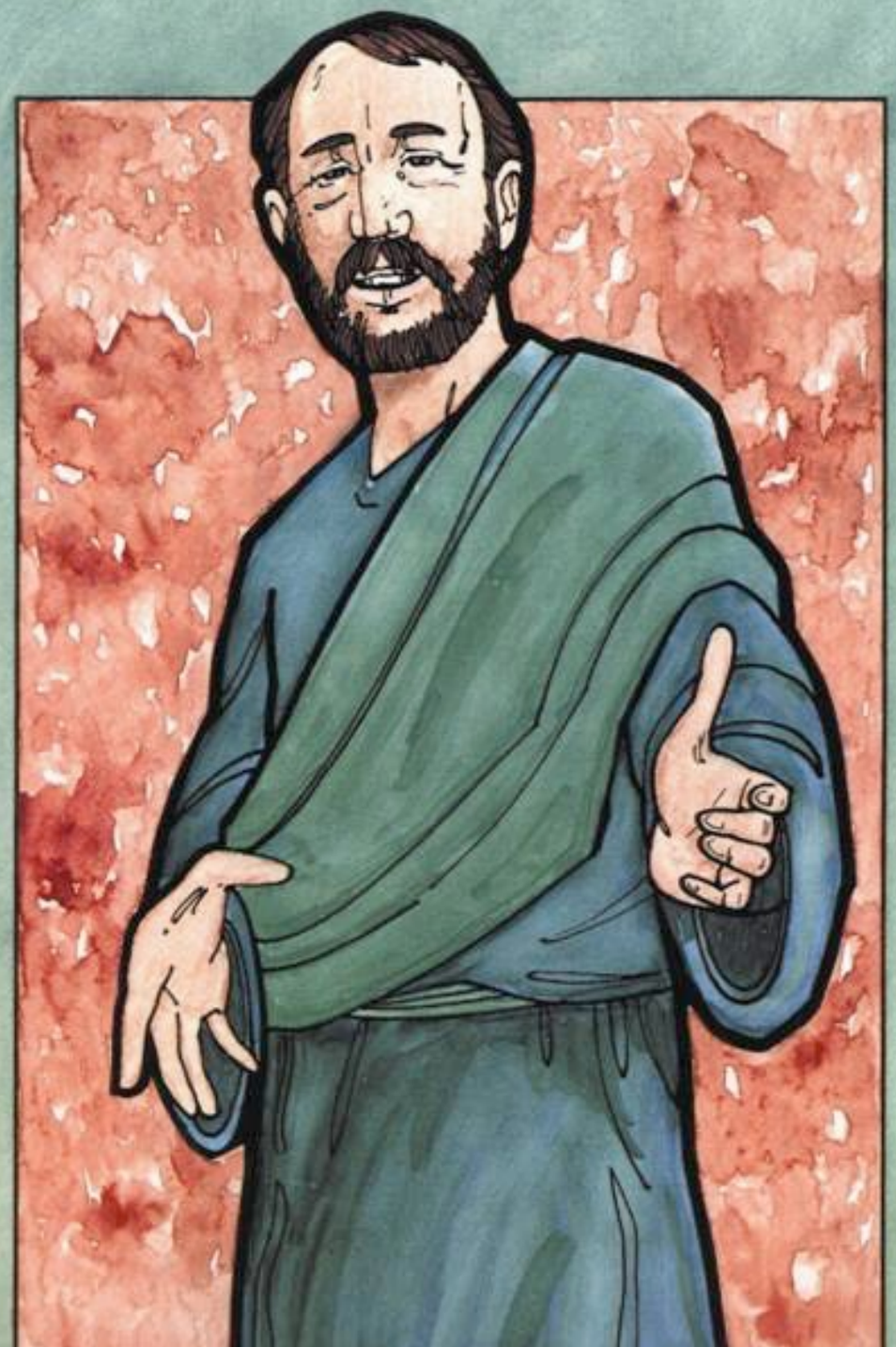
For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:" **Acts 2:14-17**

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." **Acts 2:36**

3,000 Converts! **Acts 2:41**



What Shall We Do?

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Acts 2:38-39

Repentance

The First Step in God's Plan for Salvation

To experience sorrow and conviction over past sins, and a turning away from future sin.

John the Baptist Preached Repentance

Matthew 3:2
Mark 1:4

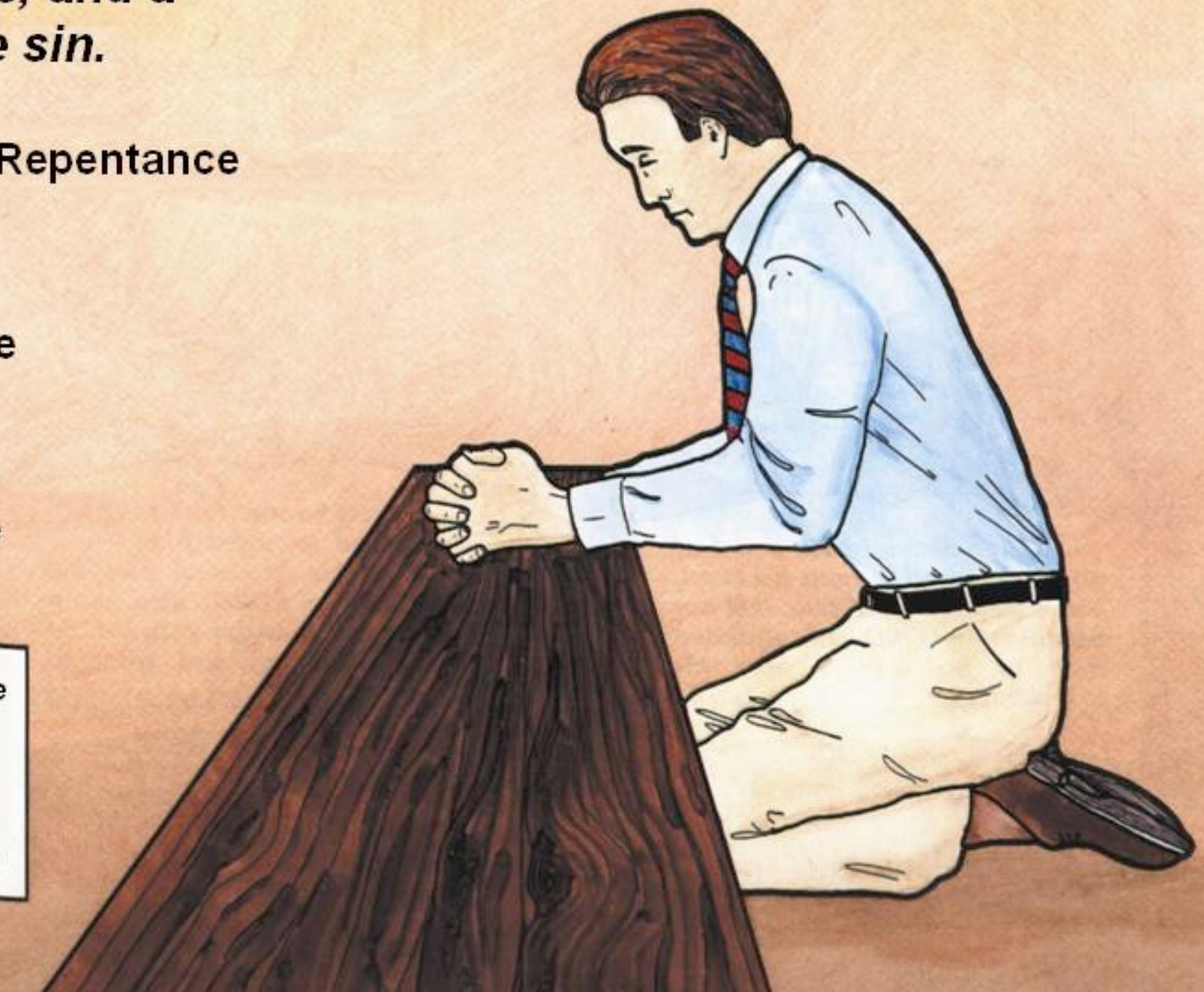
Jesus Preached Repentance

Luke 13:3
Luke 24:47

Peter Preached Repentance

Acts 2:38

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." **II Peter 3:9**



Buried with Him in Baptism

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"
Matthew 28:19

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

"(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)" Acts 8:16

"And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."
Acts 8:38-39

"And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days." Acts 10:48

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 19:5

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
Romans 6:4

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Galatians 3:27

How?

Immersion in the name of Jesus Christ

Who?

Every New Testament believer was baptized

Have You Received the Holy Ghost?

Jesus said…

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Peter said…

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Acts 2:38-39

Paul said…

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

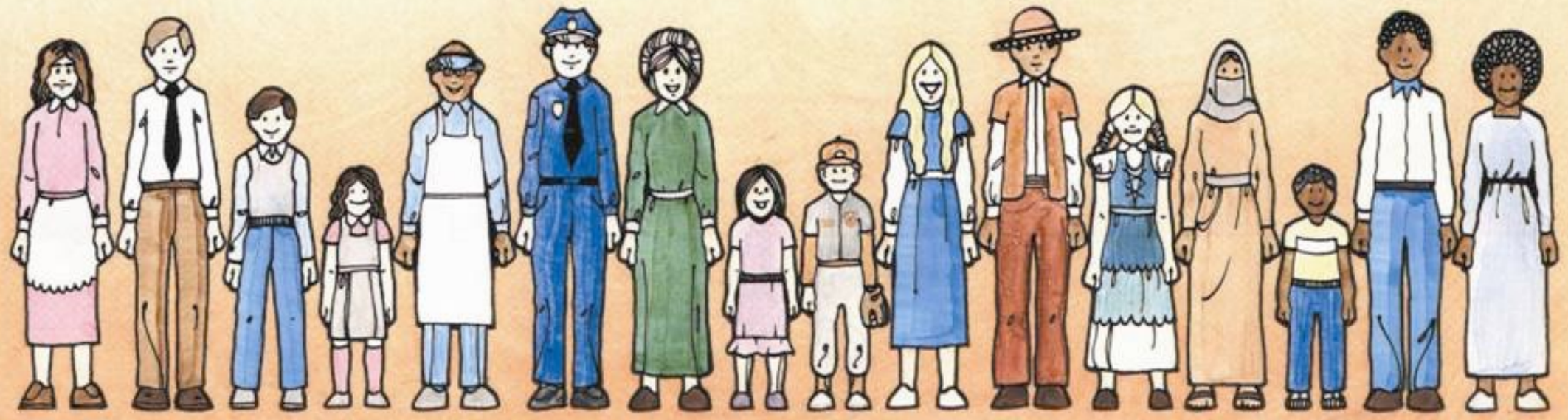
Romans 8:9

The Evidence of the Holy Ghost

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." **Acts 2:4**

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." **Acts 10:46**

Apostles – Acts 2
The Mother of Jesus – Acts 2
Samaritans – Acts 8
Cornelius, His Family and Friends – Acts 10
Disciples of John the Baptist – Acts 19
Paul – I Corinthians 14:18 & 39



The Holy Ghost Is for Everyone **Acts 11:14-17**

The Power of the Holy Ghost

The Spirit Gives Power
Acts 1:8

The Spirit Shows Things To Come
John 16:13

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you."
Romans 8:9

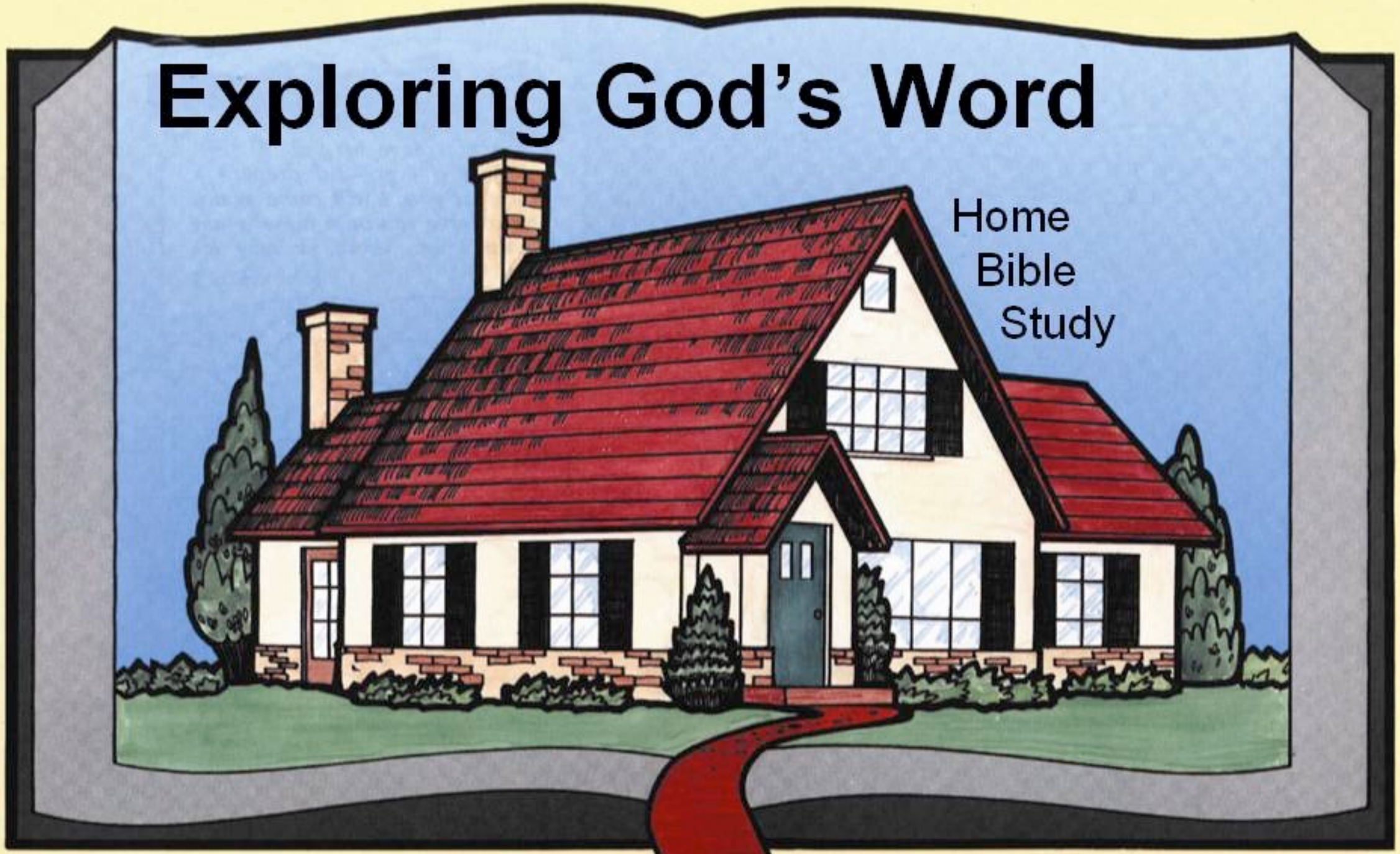
The Spirit Gives Righteousness, Peace, & Joy
Romans 14:17

The Spirit Imparts The Love Of God
Romans 5:5

The Spirit Gives Immortality
Romans 8:11
I Corinthians 15:51-53

The Spirit Teaches
John 14:26

Exploring God's Word



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Lesson Five

The Mighty God In Christ

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

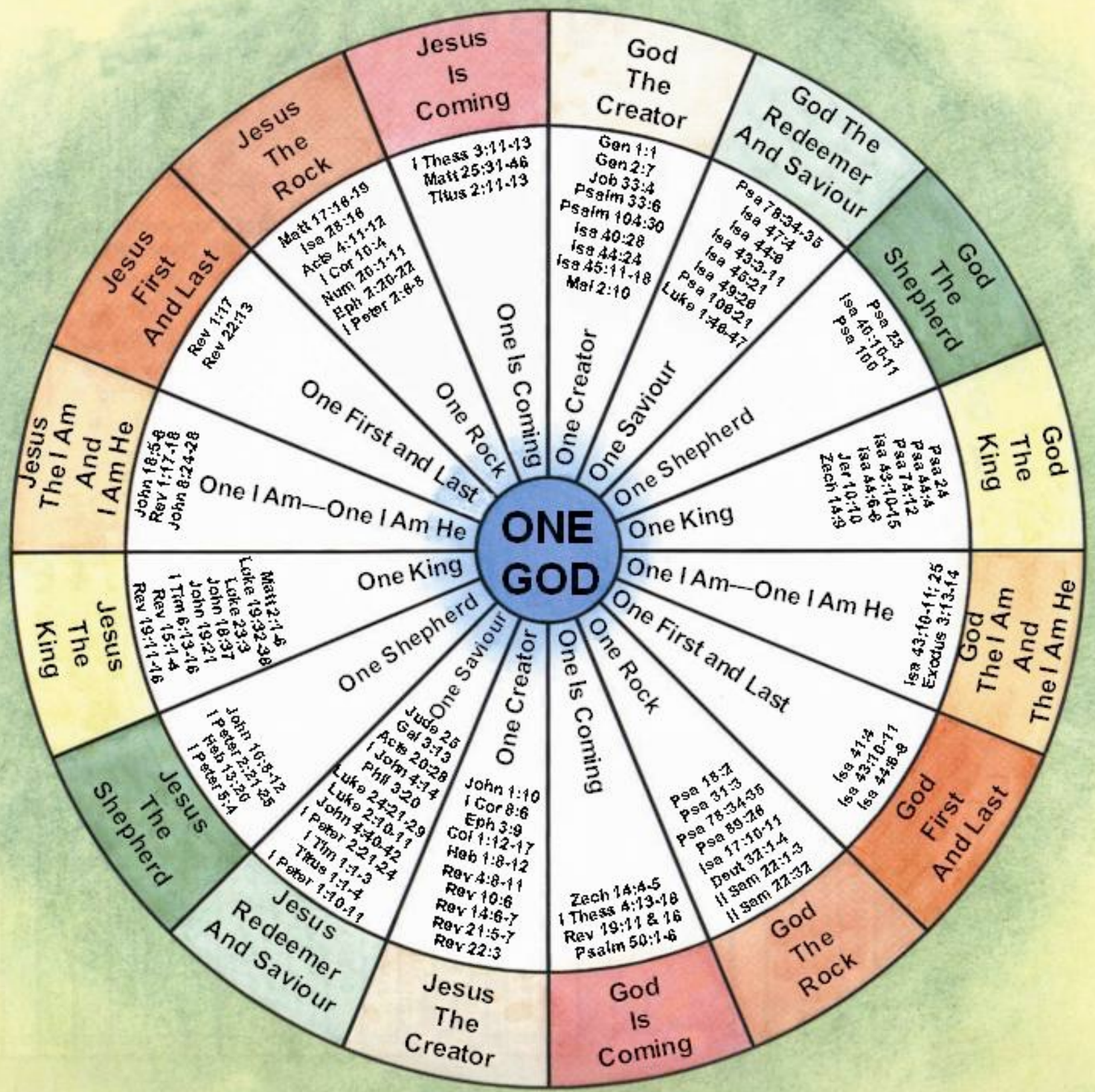
For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Colossians 2:8-9

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

I Timothy 3:16

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." **II Corinthians 5:19**



The Gifts of the Spirit

I Corinthians 12:1-10

Word Of Wisdom

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."
I Corinthians 2:12

Word Of Knowledge

Gift Of Faith

Gift Of Healing

Working Of Miracles

Prophecy

Discerning Of Spirits

Divers Kinds Of Tongues

Interpretation Of Tongues

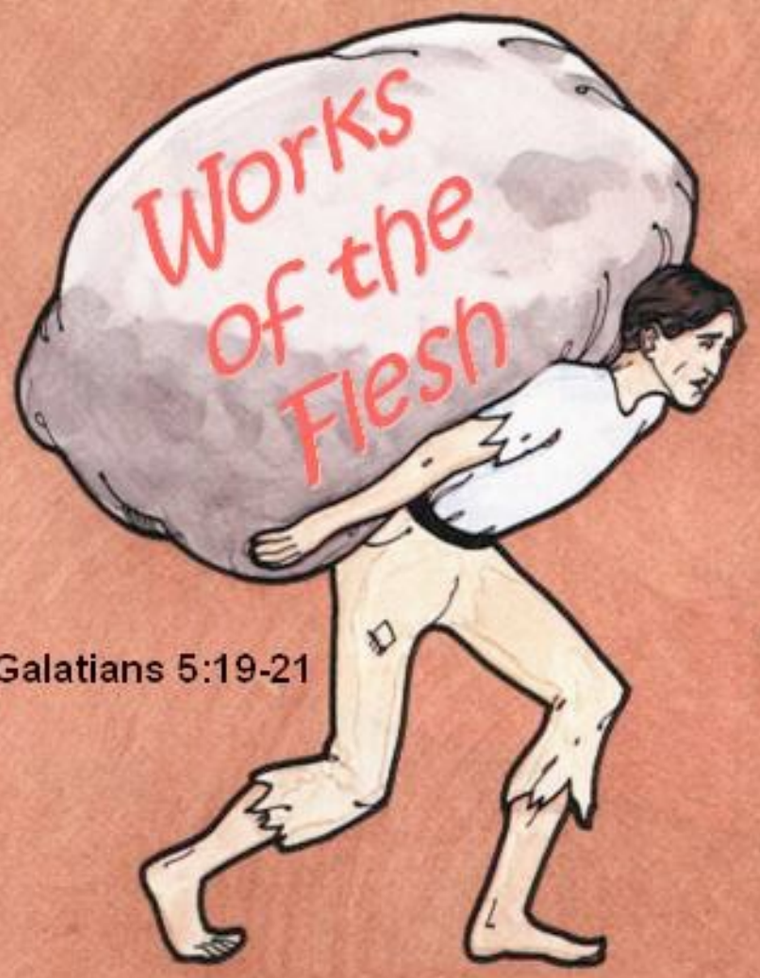
From the Old Man to the New Man

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Ephesians 4:22-24



Galatians 5:19-21

Adultery Fornication Uncleanness Lasciviousness Idolatry Witchcraft Hatred Variance Emulations Wrath Strife Seditions Heresies Envyings Murder Drunkenness Revellings

Galatians 5:22

Love Joy Peace Gentleness Goodness Longsuffering Faith Meekness Temperance

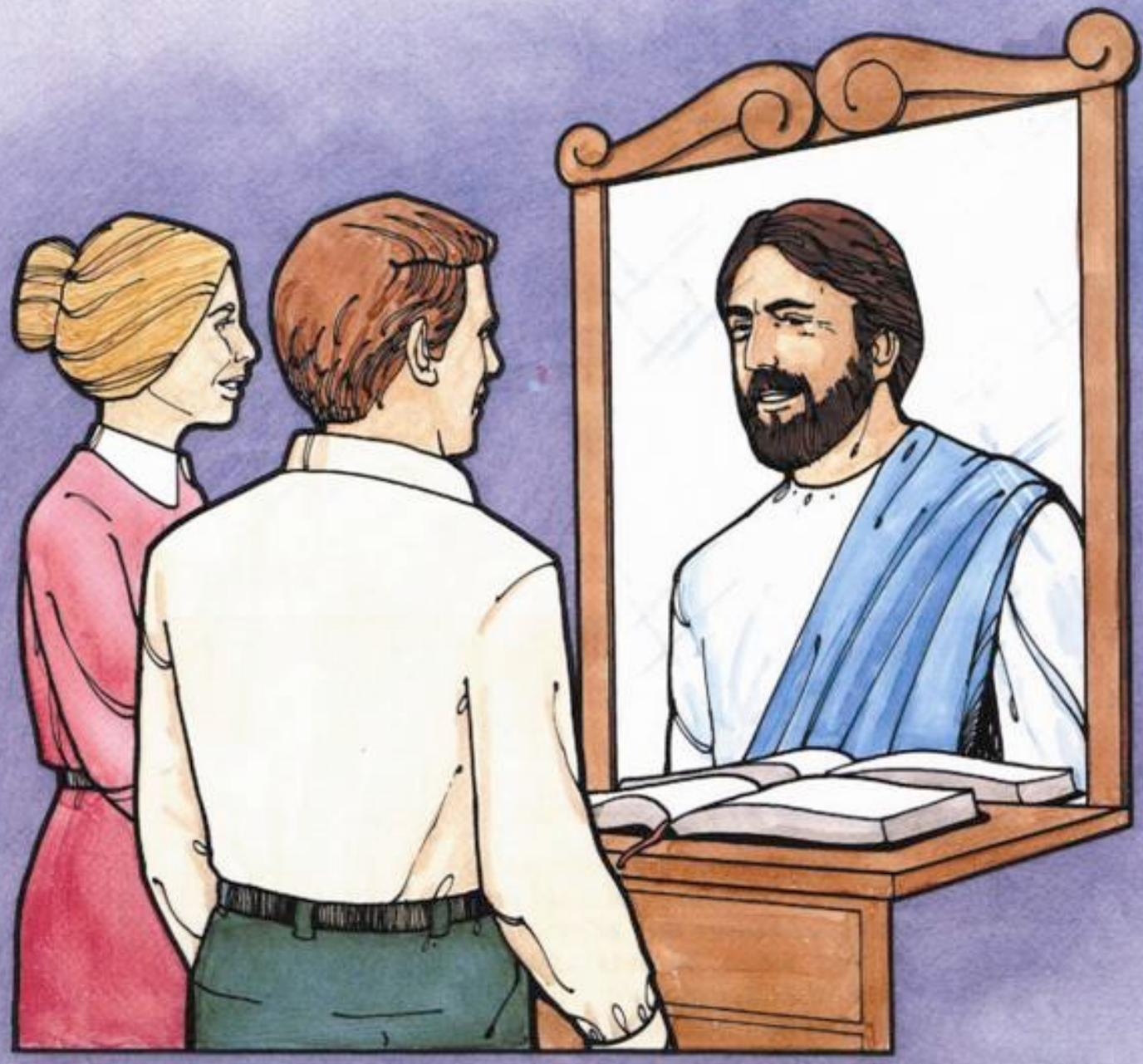
The Beauty of Holiness

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." Psalm 29:2

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16**

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." **II Corinthians 7:1**

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:" **Hebrews 12:14**



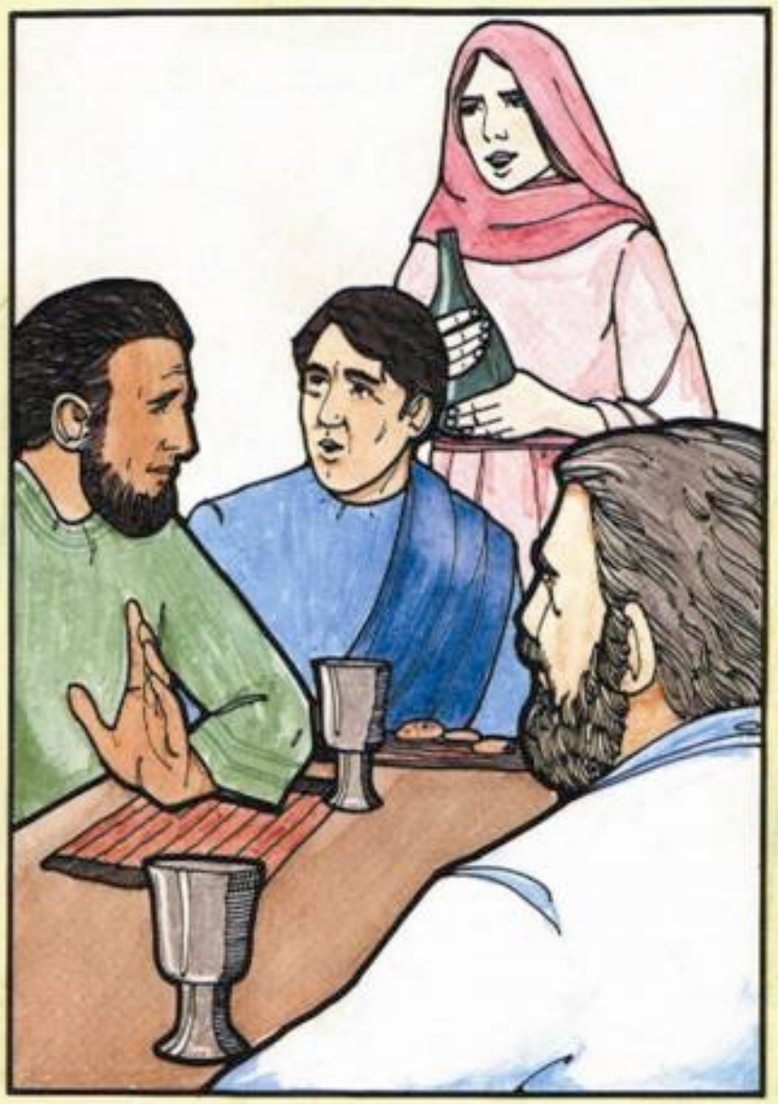
Our Life Should Be a Reflection of Jesus

The New Testament Church

The Church Grows

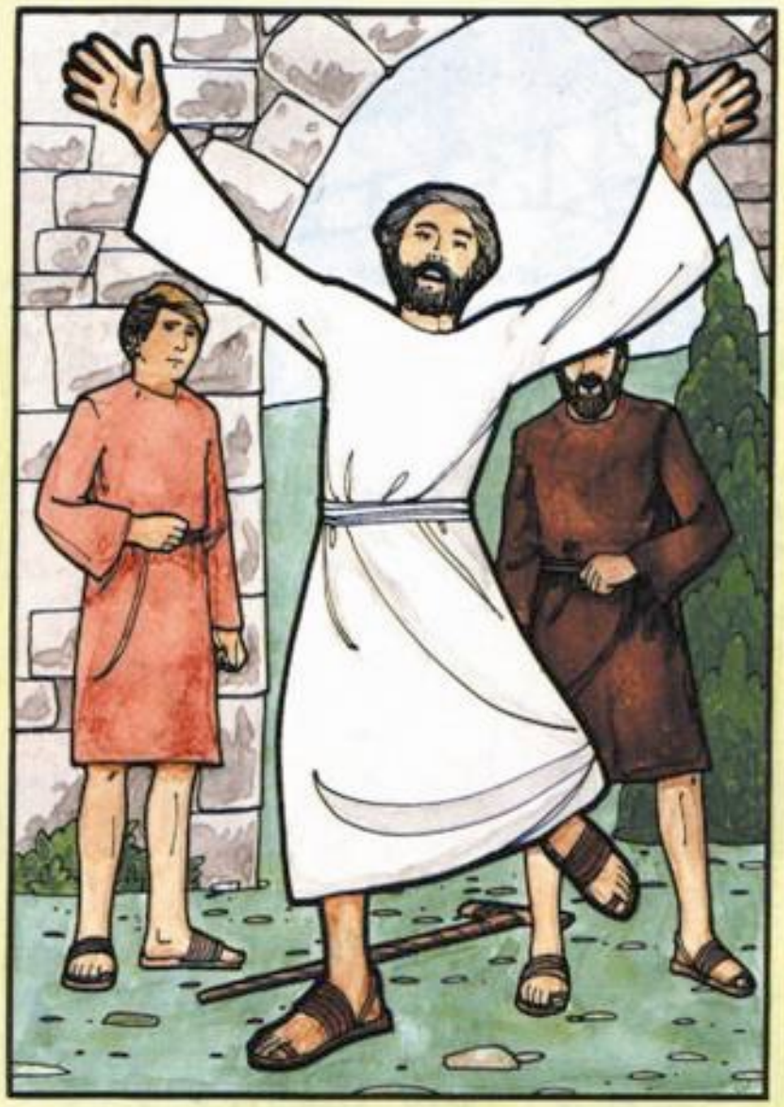
3,000 People (Acts 2:41) • 5,000 People (Acts 4:4) • Multitudes (Acts 5:14) • Great Company of the priests (Acts 6:7)

Fellowship



"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." **Acts 2:42**

First Miracle in the Church



"And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." **Acts 3:8**

Barnabas Shows the Way

"Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet." **Acts 4:37**

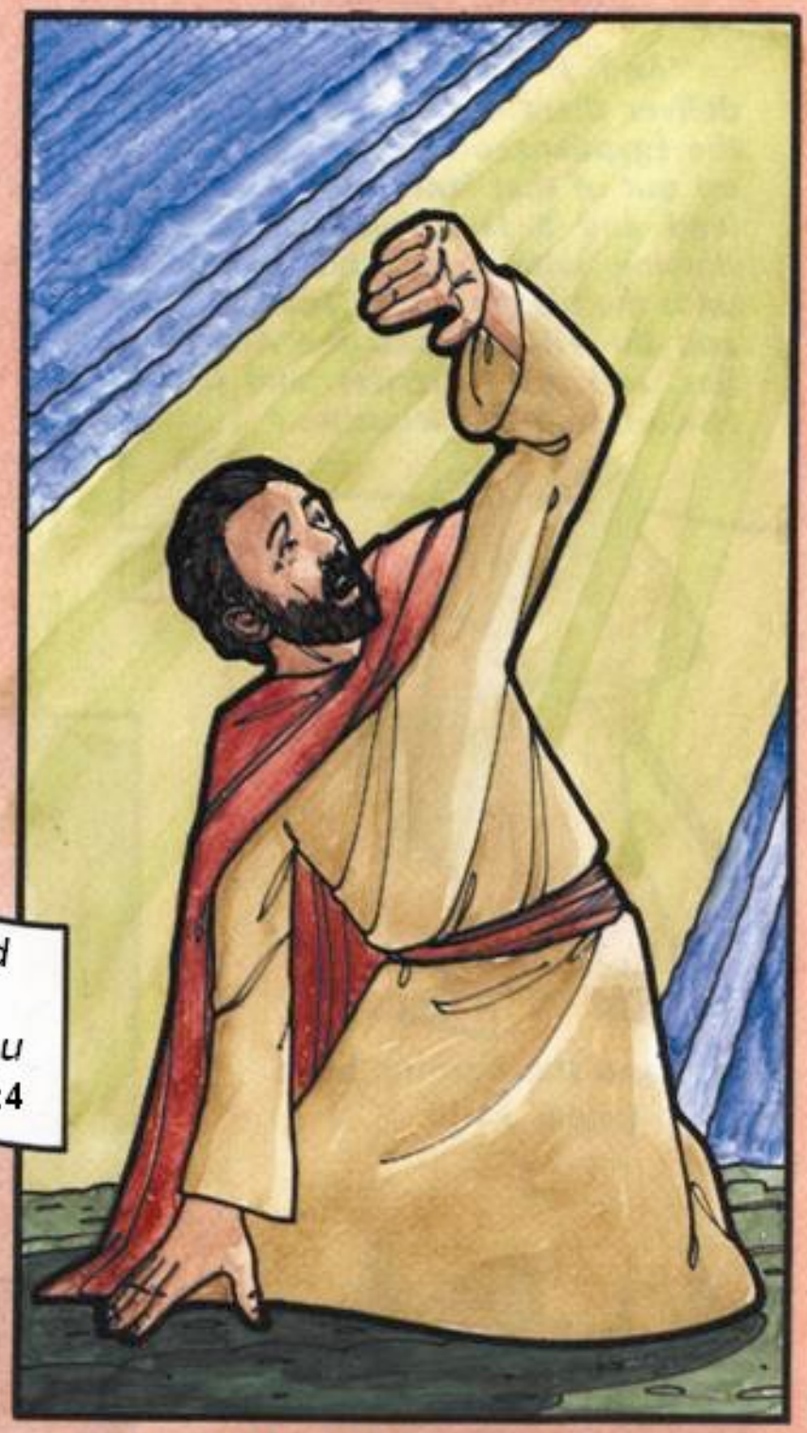
Persecution of the Church

"And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul." Acts 7:58

Saul consents to Stephen's death
Acts 8:1

Saul makes havoc of the Church
Acts 8:3

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Acts 9:4



Stephen's Stoning

Acts 7:54-60

Saul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-31

The Gospel to the Gentiles / Peter

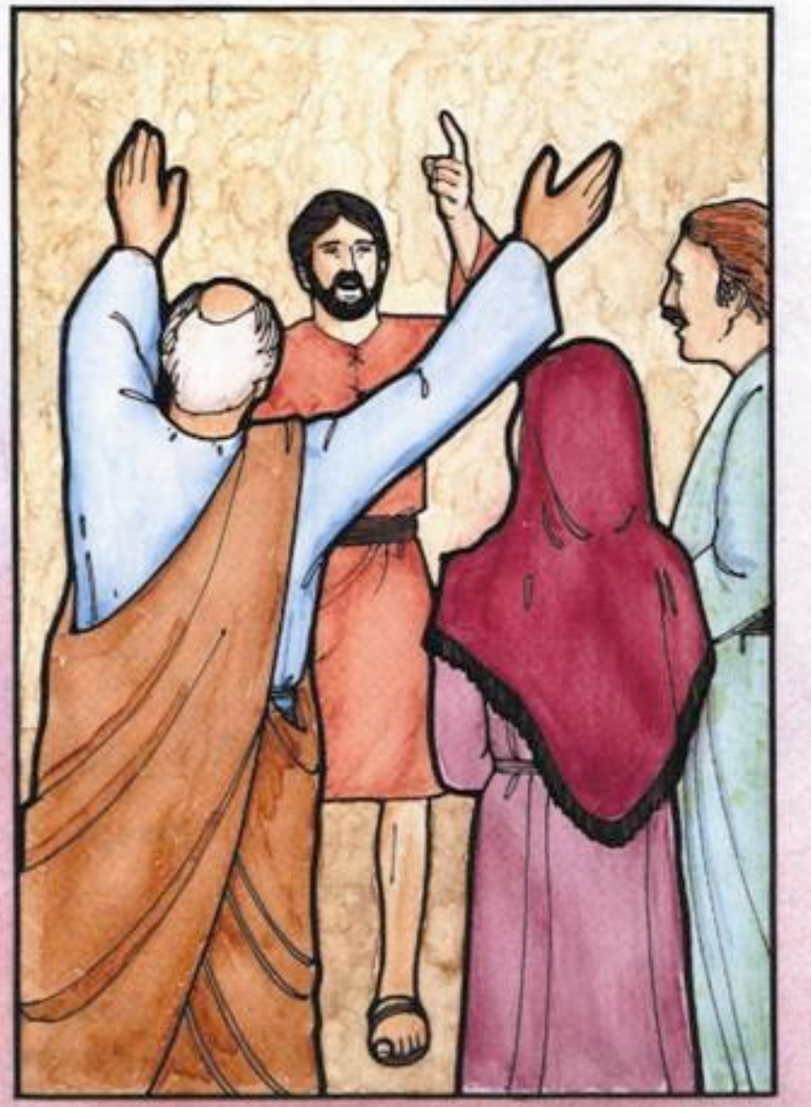
"He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius."
Acts 10:3

"Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:
And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,"
Acts 10:9-10

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."
Acts 10:34-35

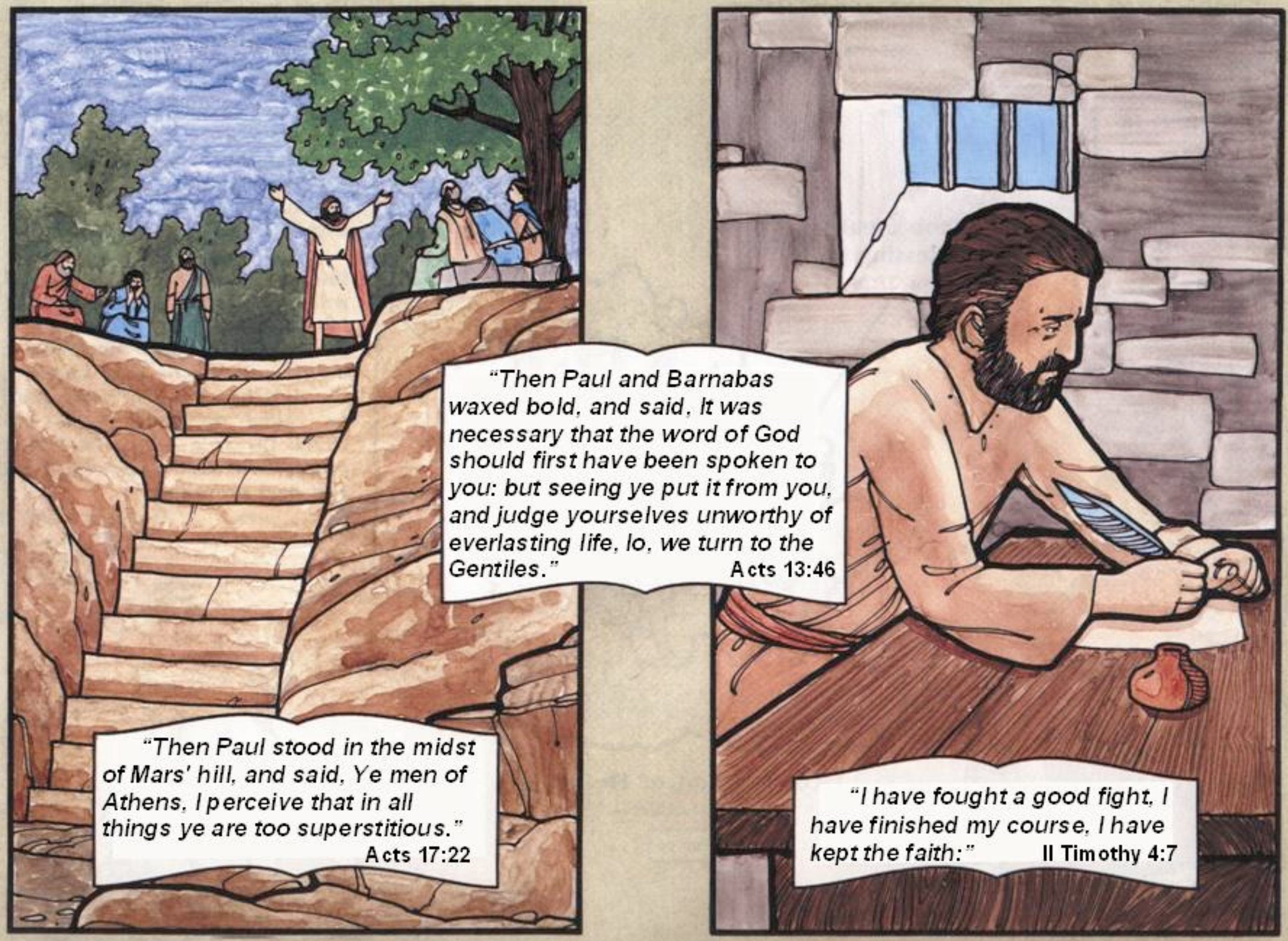
Cornelius and the Angel

Peter on the Rooftop



Gentiles Receive the Holy Ghost

The Gospel to the Gentiles / Paul



Paul on Mars' Hill

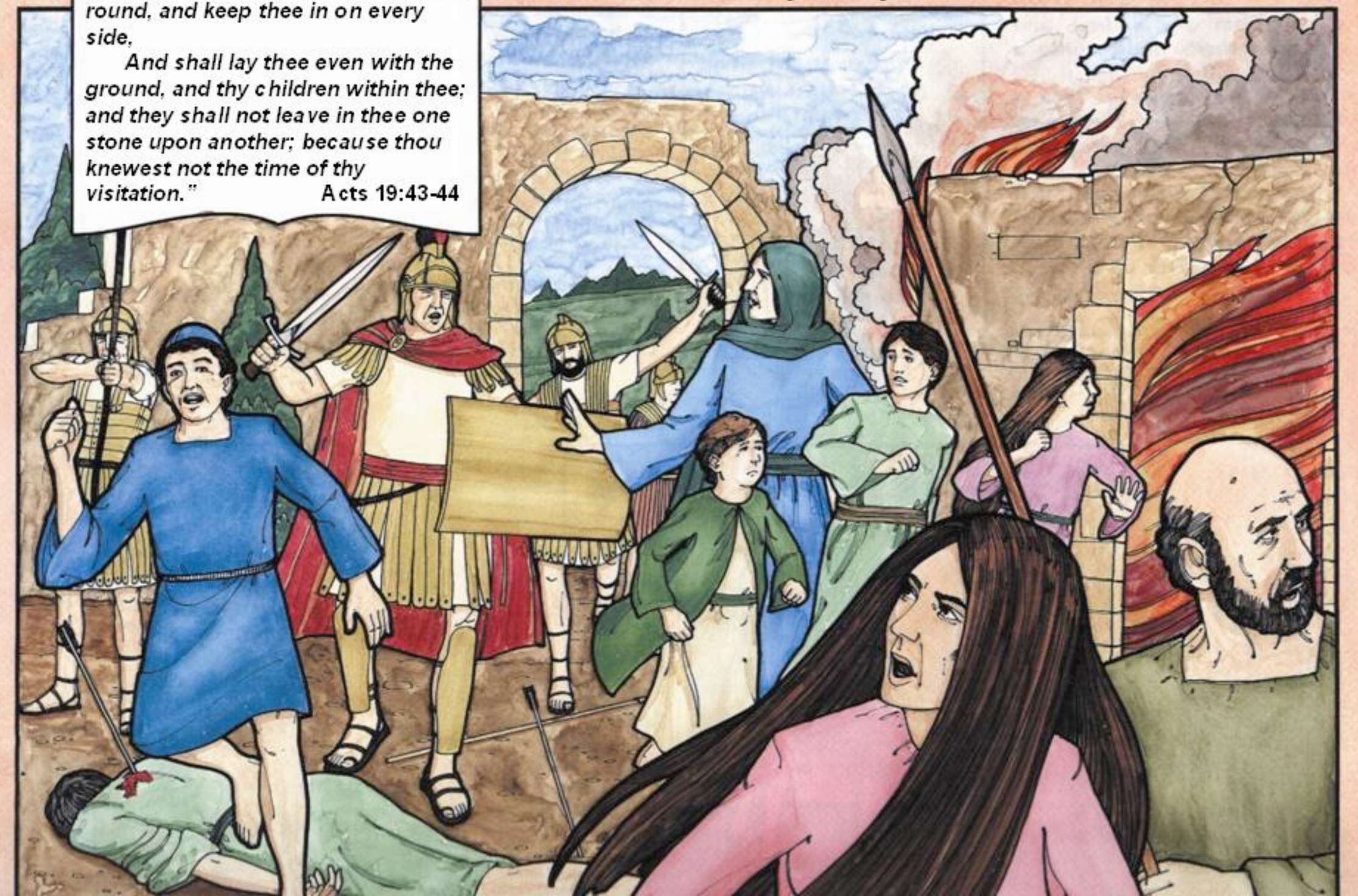
Paul in Prison

The Destruction of Jerusalem

"For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." **Acts 19:43-44**

Jerusalem destroyed by the armies of Titus (A.D. 70)



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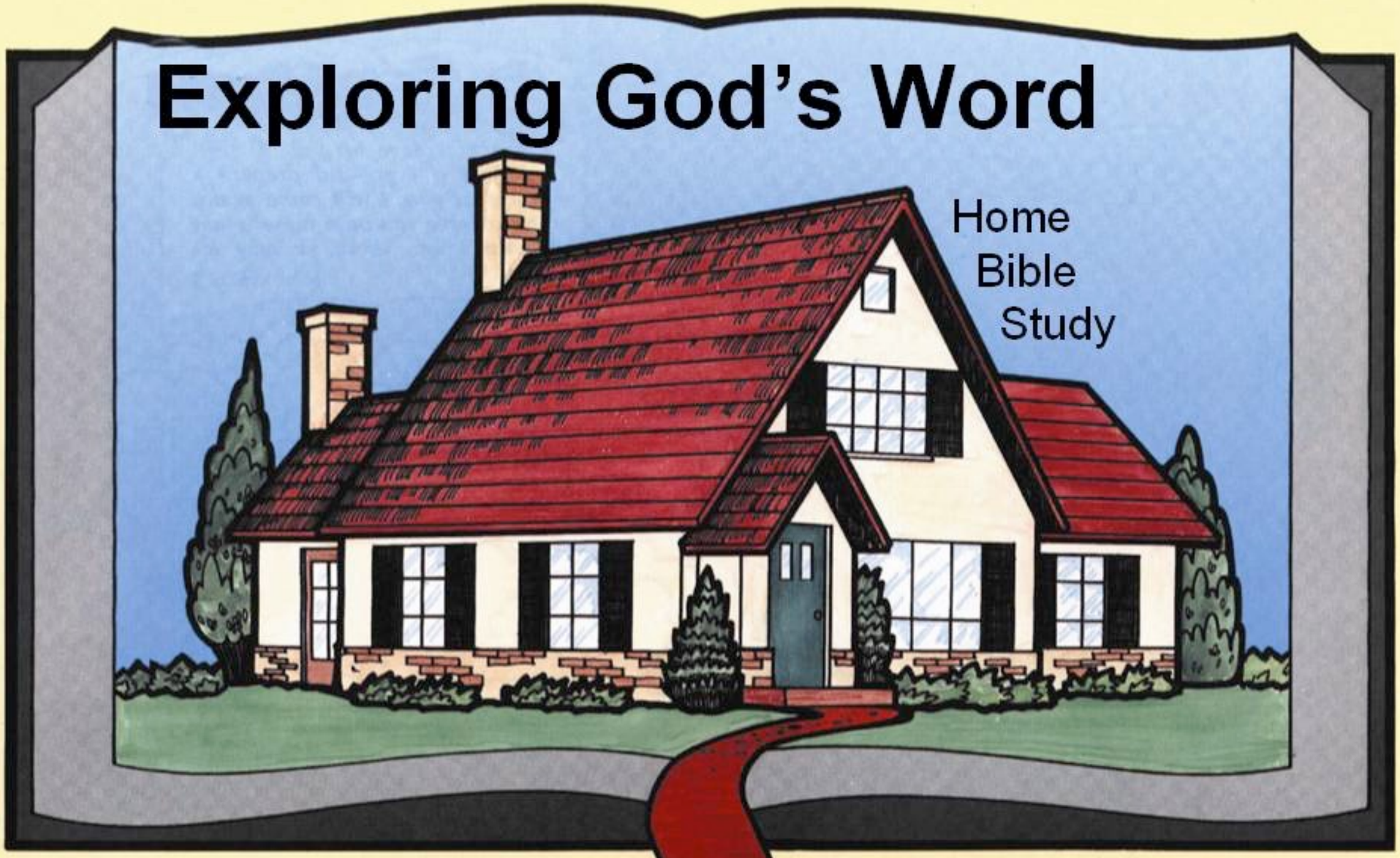

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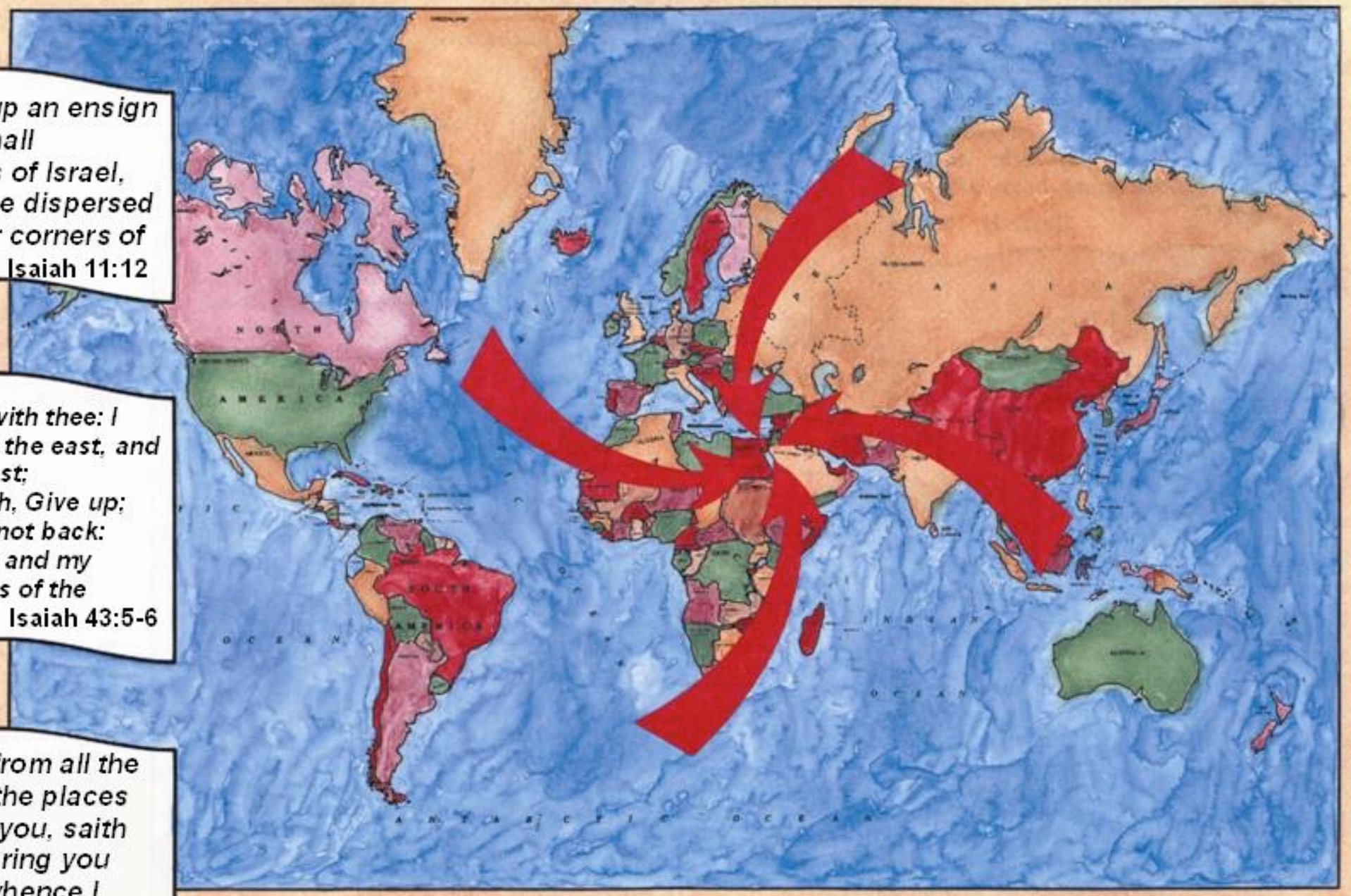
The Jewish Return to Palestine



"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isaiah 11:12

"Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;
I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;" Isaiah 43:5-6

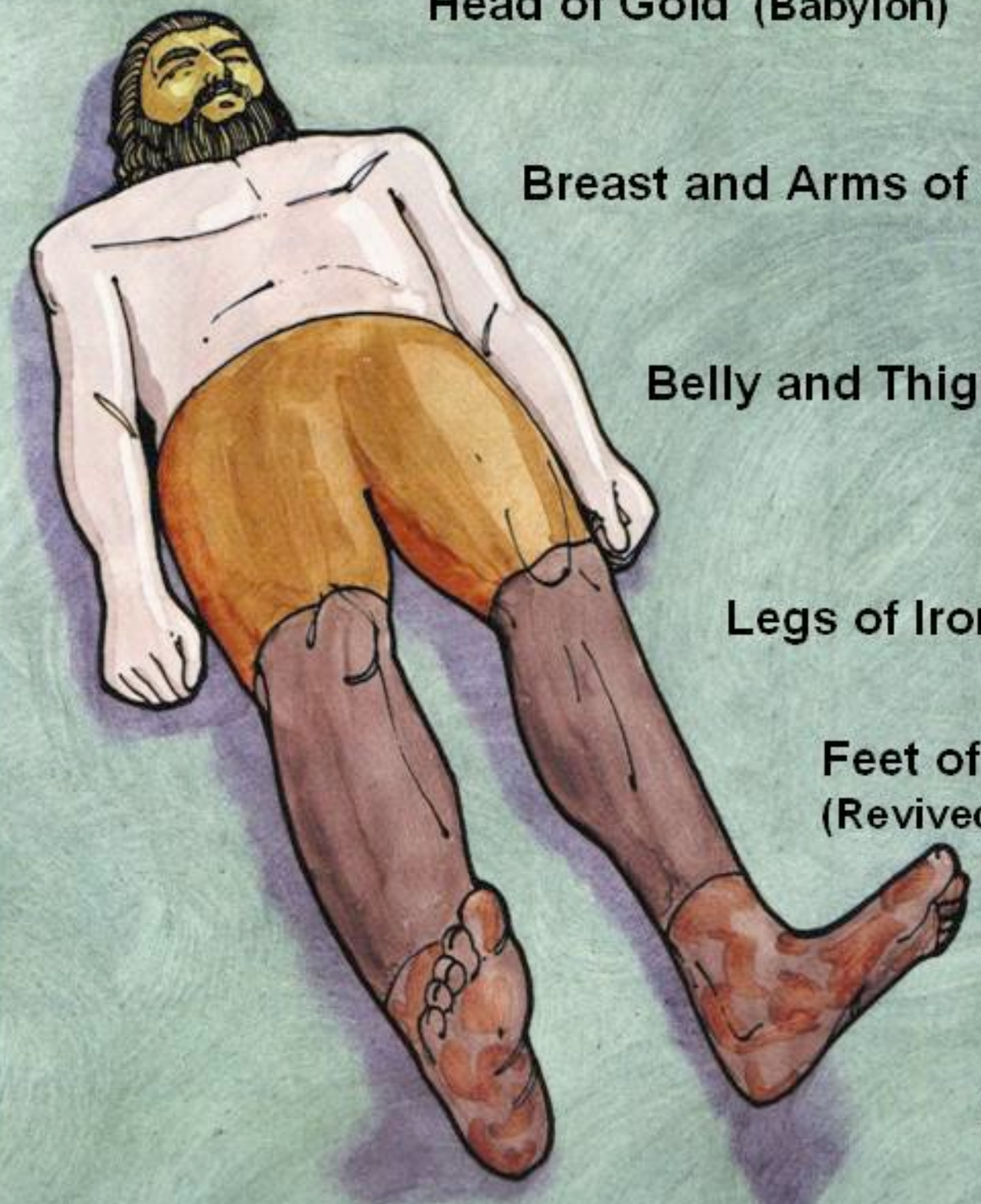
"I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive." Jeremiah 29:14

Israel Becomes a Nation

May 15, 1948

The Times of the Gentiles

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



Head of Gold (Babylon)

Breast and Arms of Silver (Medo-Persia)

Belly and Thighs of Brass (Greece)

Legs of Iron (Roman Empire)

Feet of Iron and Clay
(Revived Roman Empire)

The Stone
(Jesus Christ)

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay." **Daniel 2:31-33**

"The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret." **Daniel 2:47**

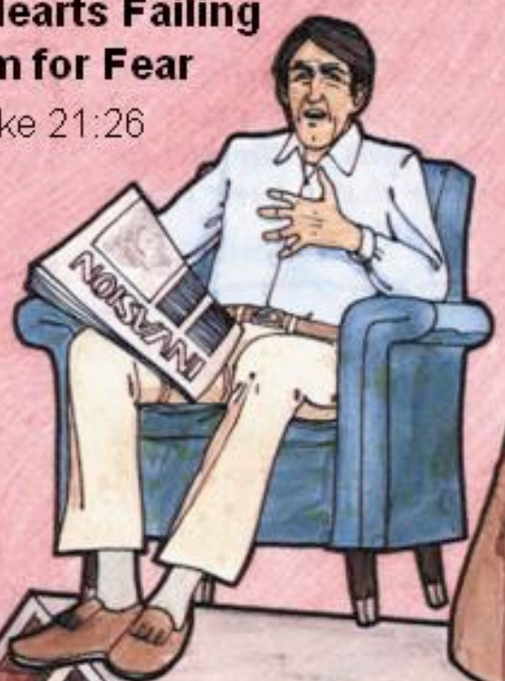
Signs of the End Time

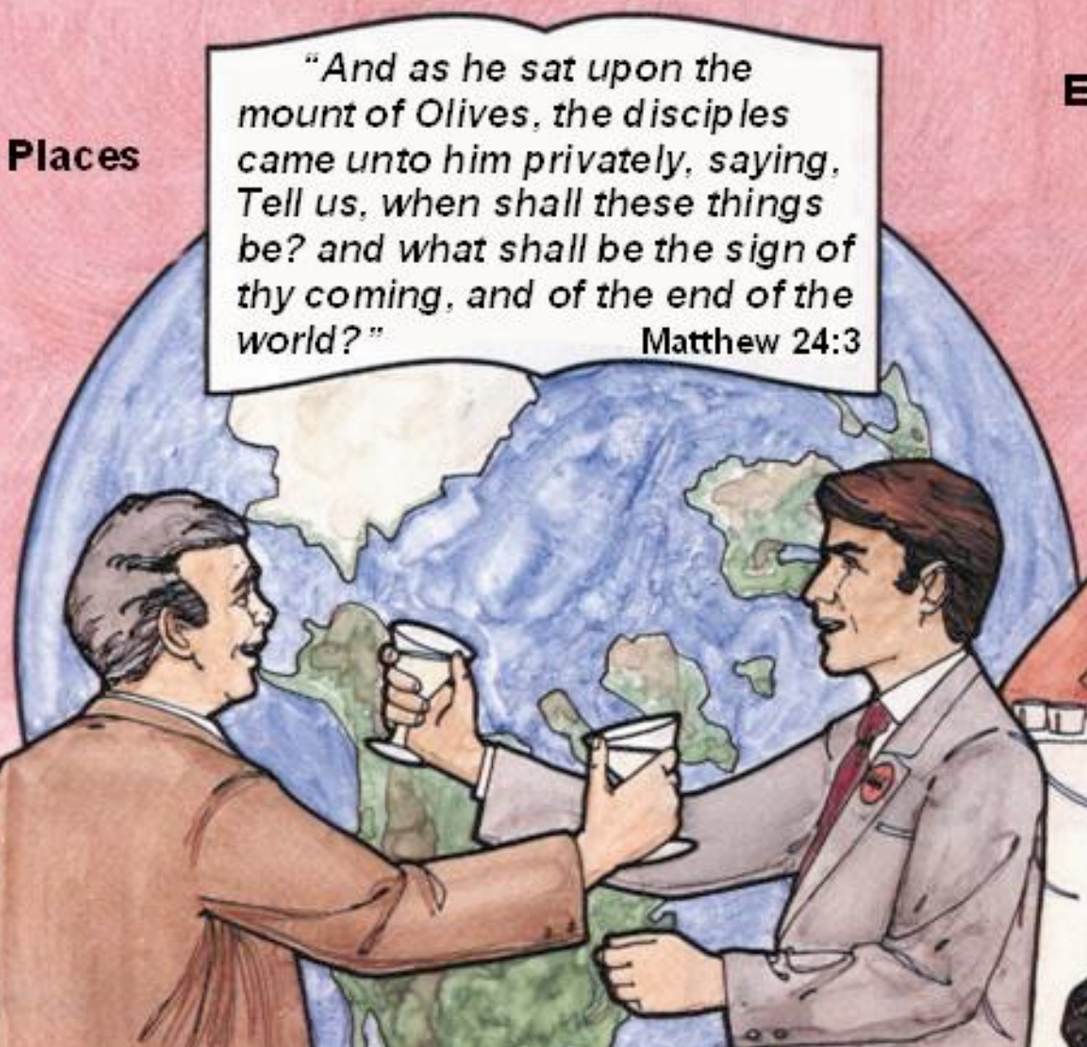
Earthquakes in Divers Places
Matthew 24:7

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" **Matthew 24:3**

Eating and Drinking, Marrying and Giving in Marriage
Matthew 24:38

Men's Hearts Failing Them for Fear
Luke 21:26



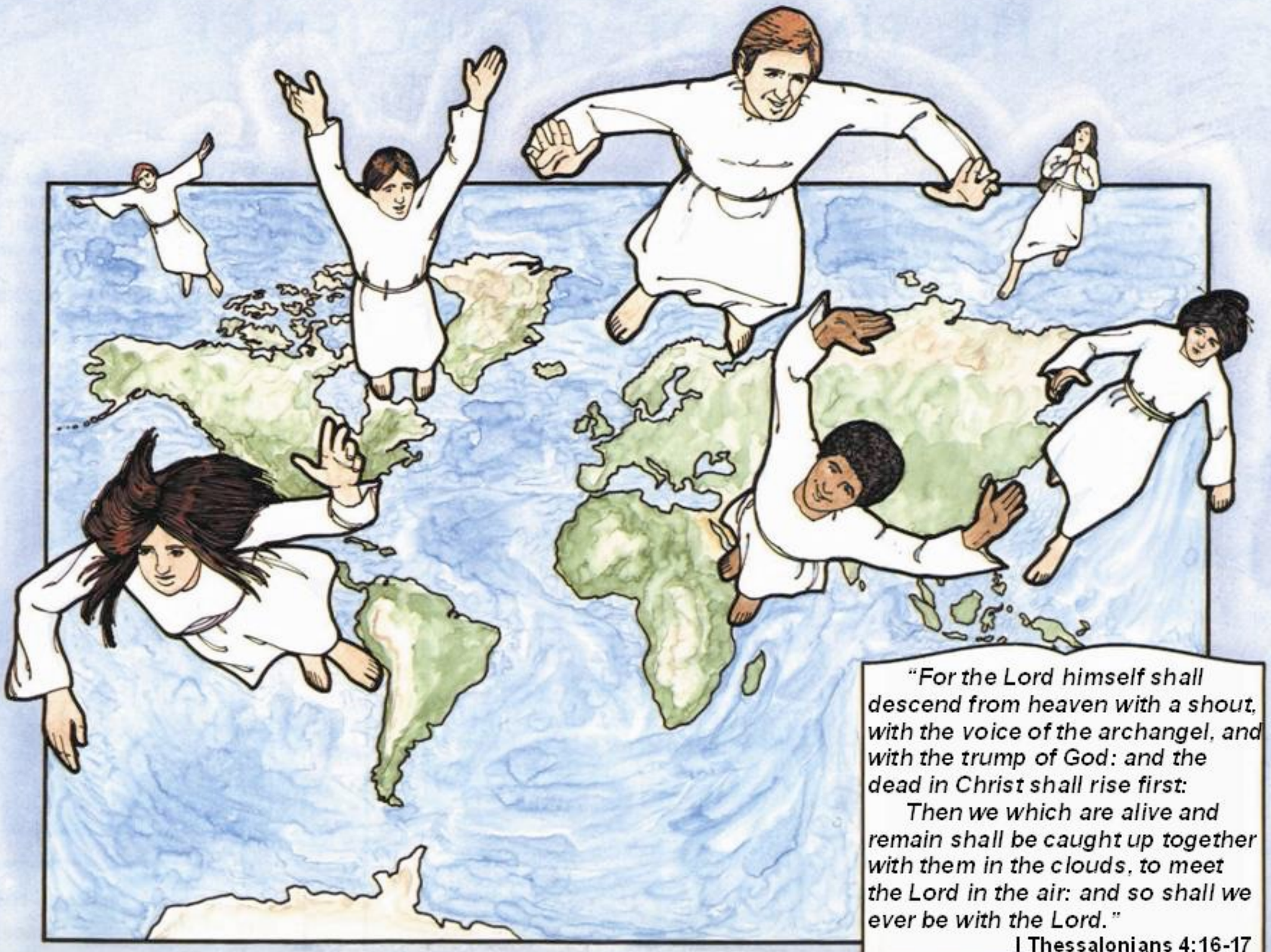


Having a Form of Godliness, but Denying The Power Thereof
II Timothy 3:5

Wars and Rumors of Wars
Matthew 24:6

Disobedient to Parents
II Timothy 3:2

Jesus Comes for His Church



"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

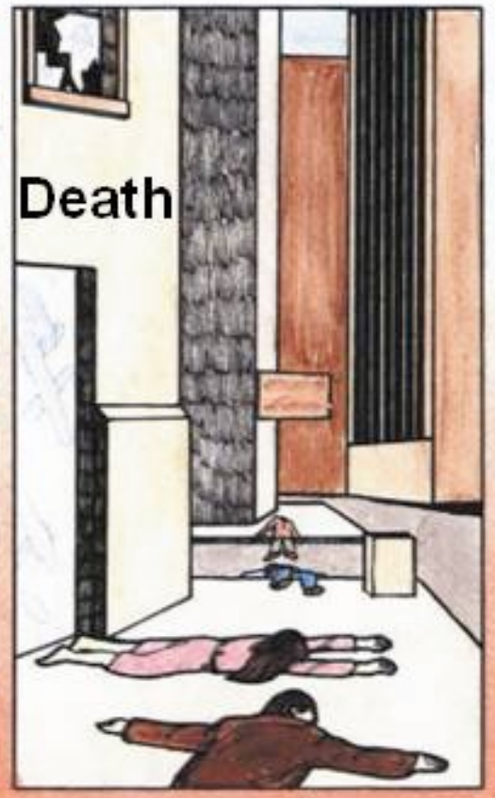
Matthew 24:44 I Corinthians 15:51-54 I Thessalonians 4:13-17

The Tribulation

Seven Seals
Revelation 6 & 8:1

Seven Angels with Trumpets
Revelation 6 & 9

Seven Angels with Vials
Revelation 16



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Babylonian Captivity

Daniel's Sixty Nine Weeks

7 Weeks (49 Years)
To the rebuilding of Jerusalem

62 Weeks (434 Years)
Till the Crucifixion of the Messiah

The Church Age
(Daniel did not see the church age)

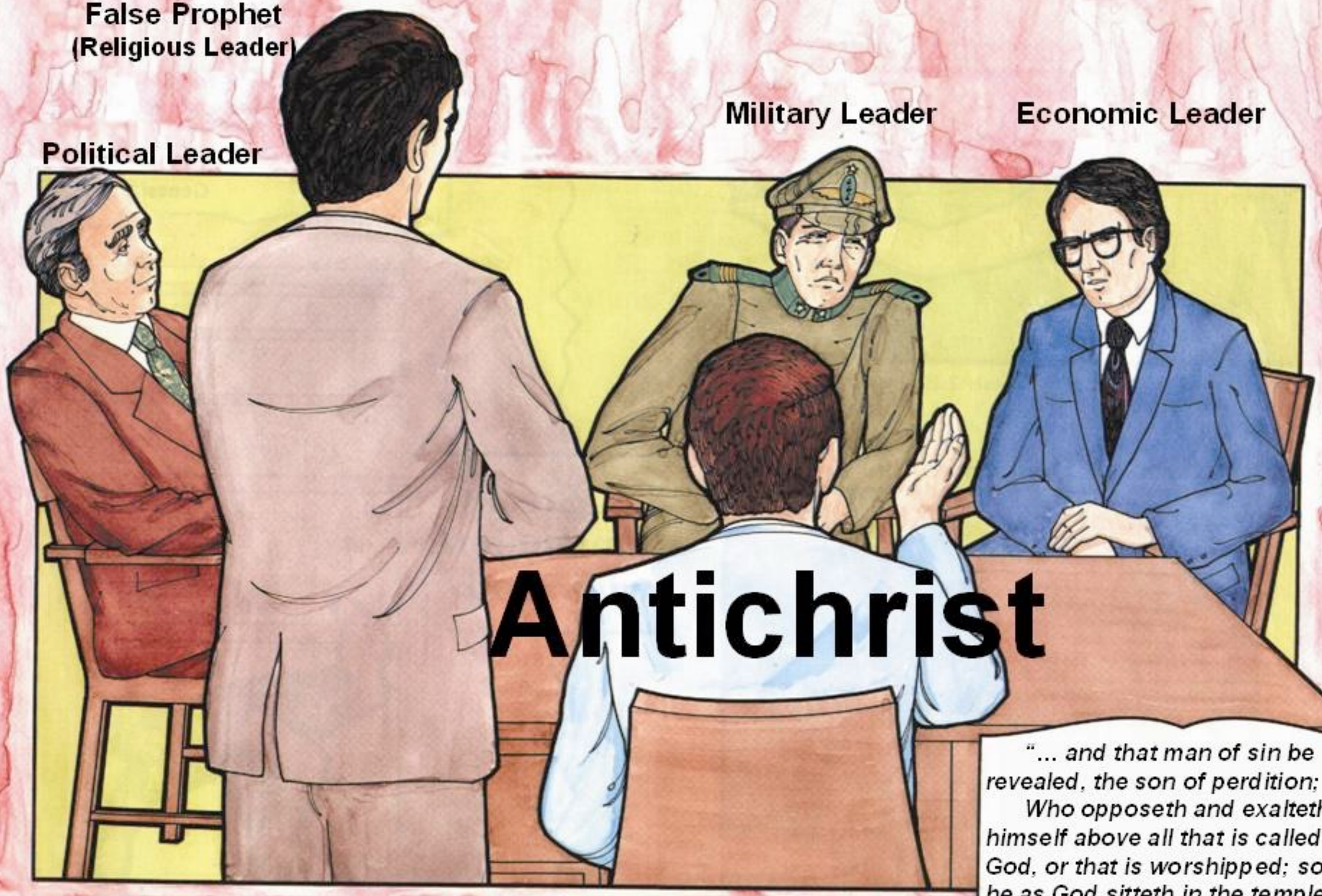
The Rapture

Daniel's Seventieth Week

7 Years
The Great Tribulation

The Millennium

The Reign of the Antichrist



One World Government Will Be Controlled By the Antichrist

Revelation 13 describes the Antichrist as a "beast" rising out of the sea.

"... and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." **II Thessalonians 2:3-4**

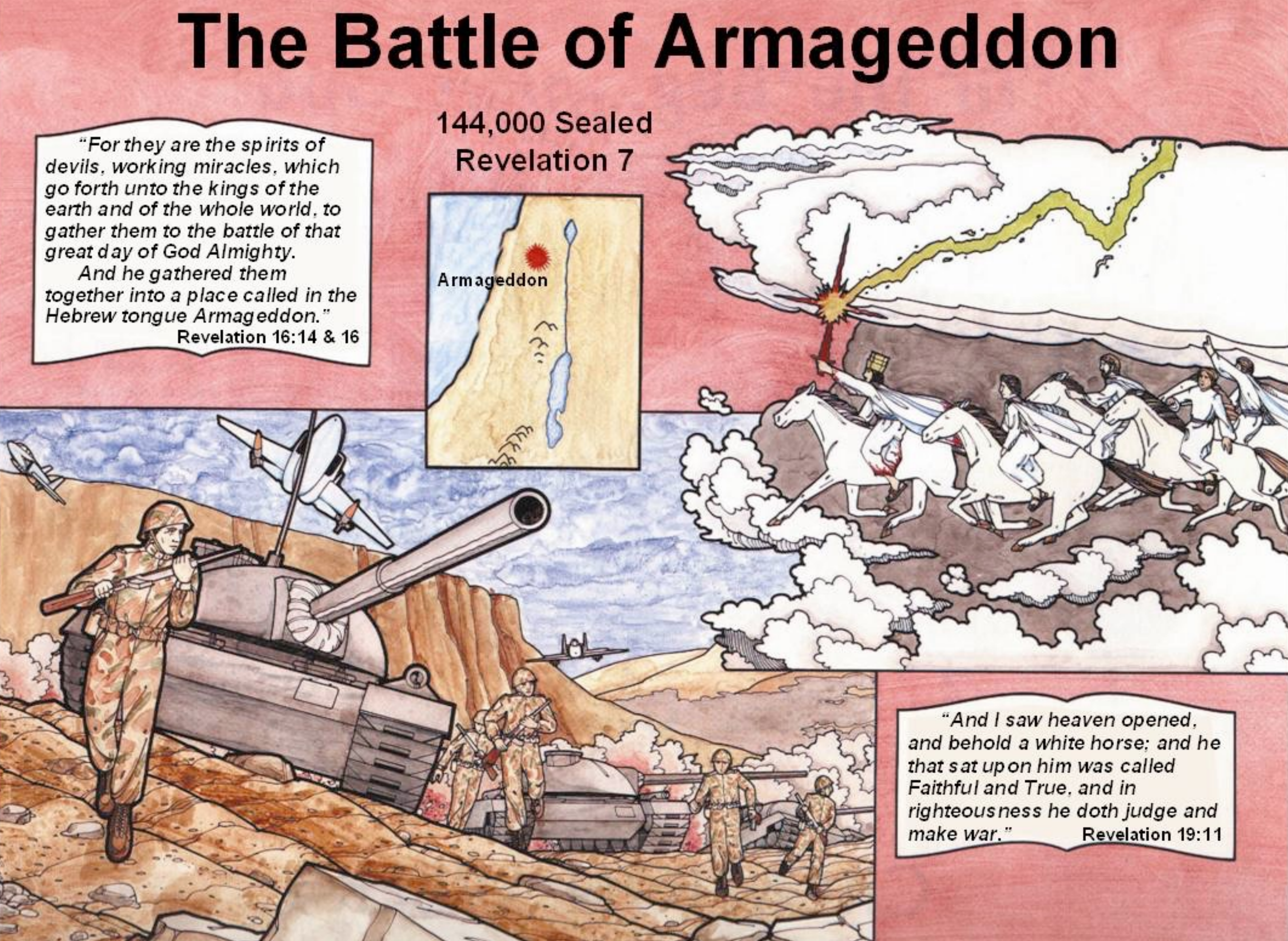
The Battle of Armageddon

"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Revelation 16:14 & 16

144,000 Sealed
Revelation 7



"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

Revelation 19:11

The Return of Christ and the Millennium

"*And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof.*" Zechariah 14:4

Antichrist Army Destroyed

"*And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*" Zechariah 14:9

Jesus will reign on the earth 1,000 years

Revelation 20:6

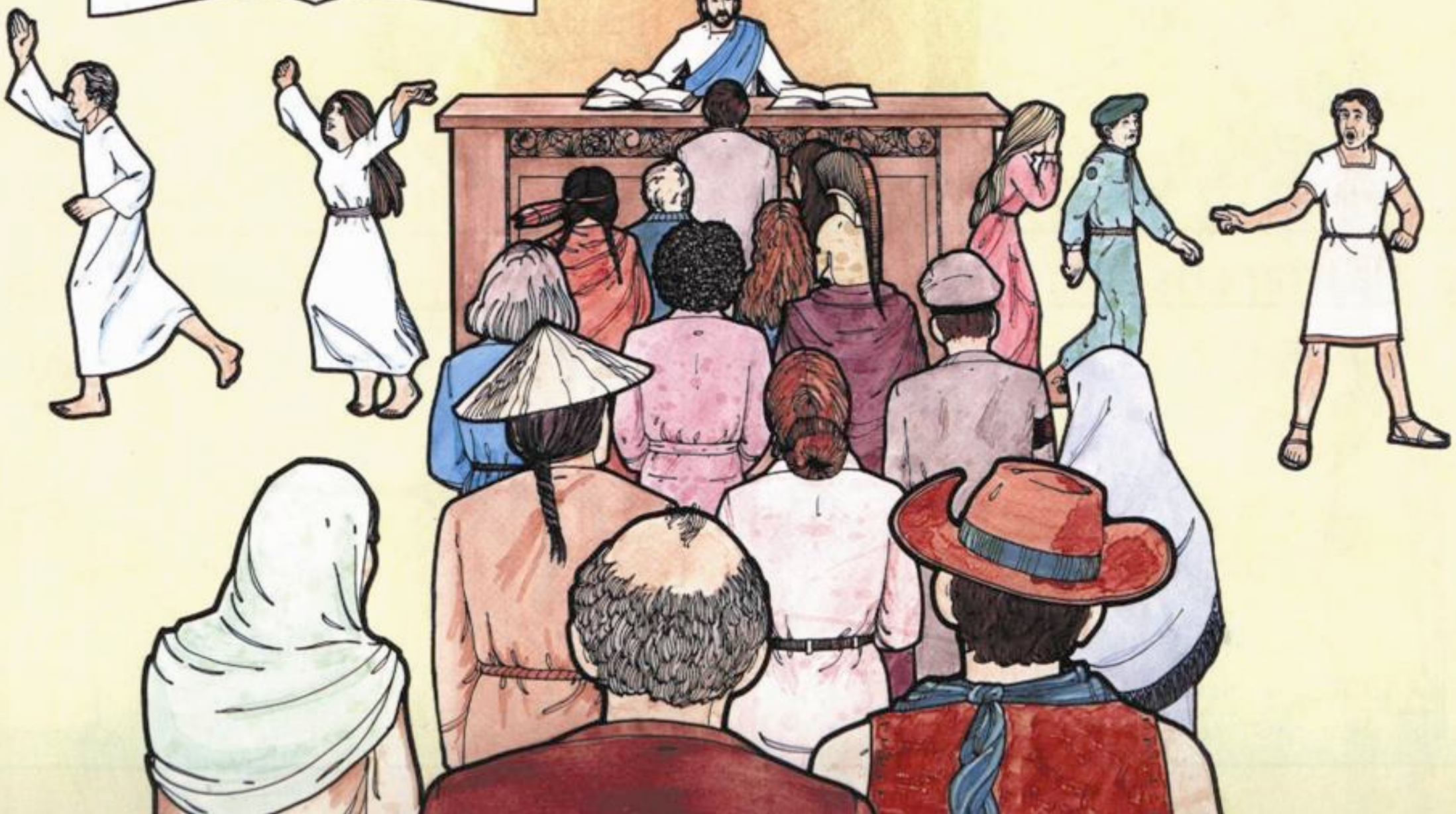
Satan will be bound during the 1,000 years

Revelation 20:2-3

The Great White Throne Judgment

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."
Revelation 20:12

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
Revelation 20:15



Time Ends – Then Eternity

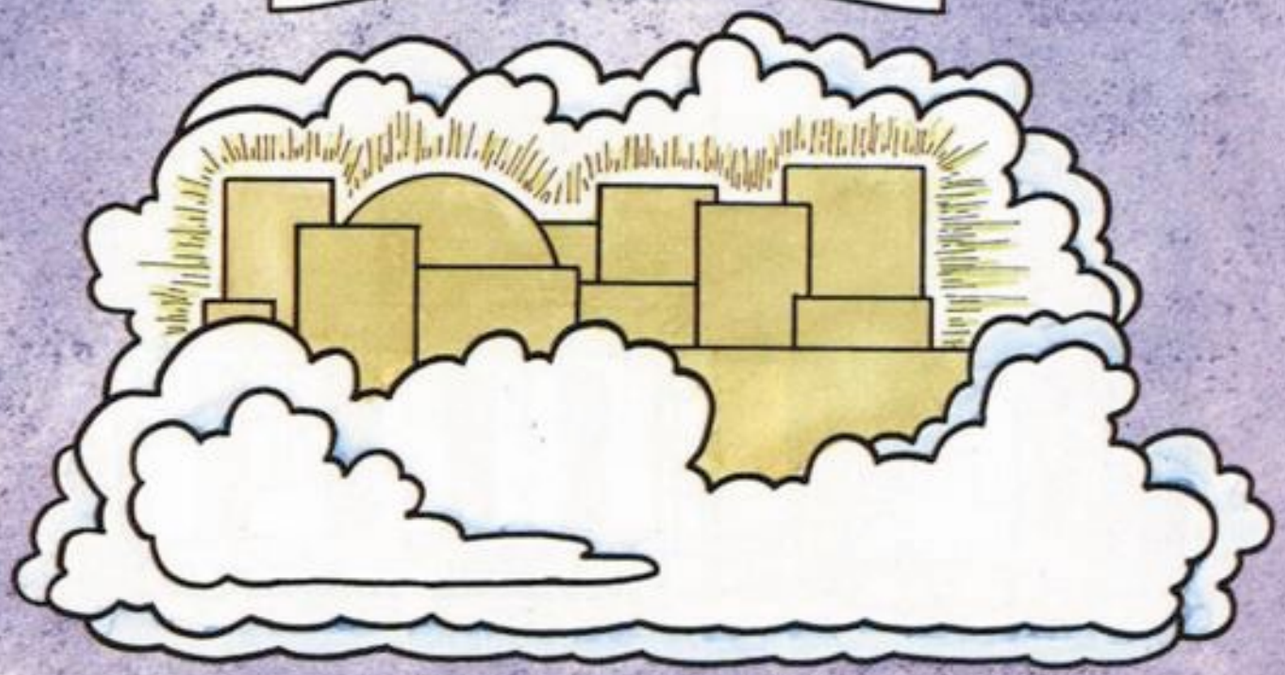
Heavens and
Earth Destroyed

II Peter 3:10

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:2-3



New Jerusalem

Revelation 21

New Heaven
and New Earth

II Peter 3:10
Revelation 21:1

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Revelation 22:20-21