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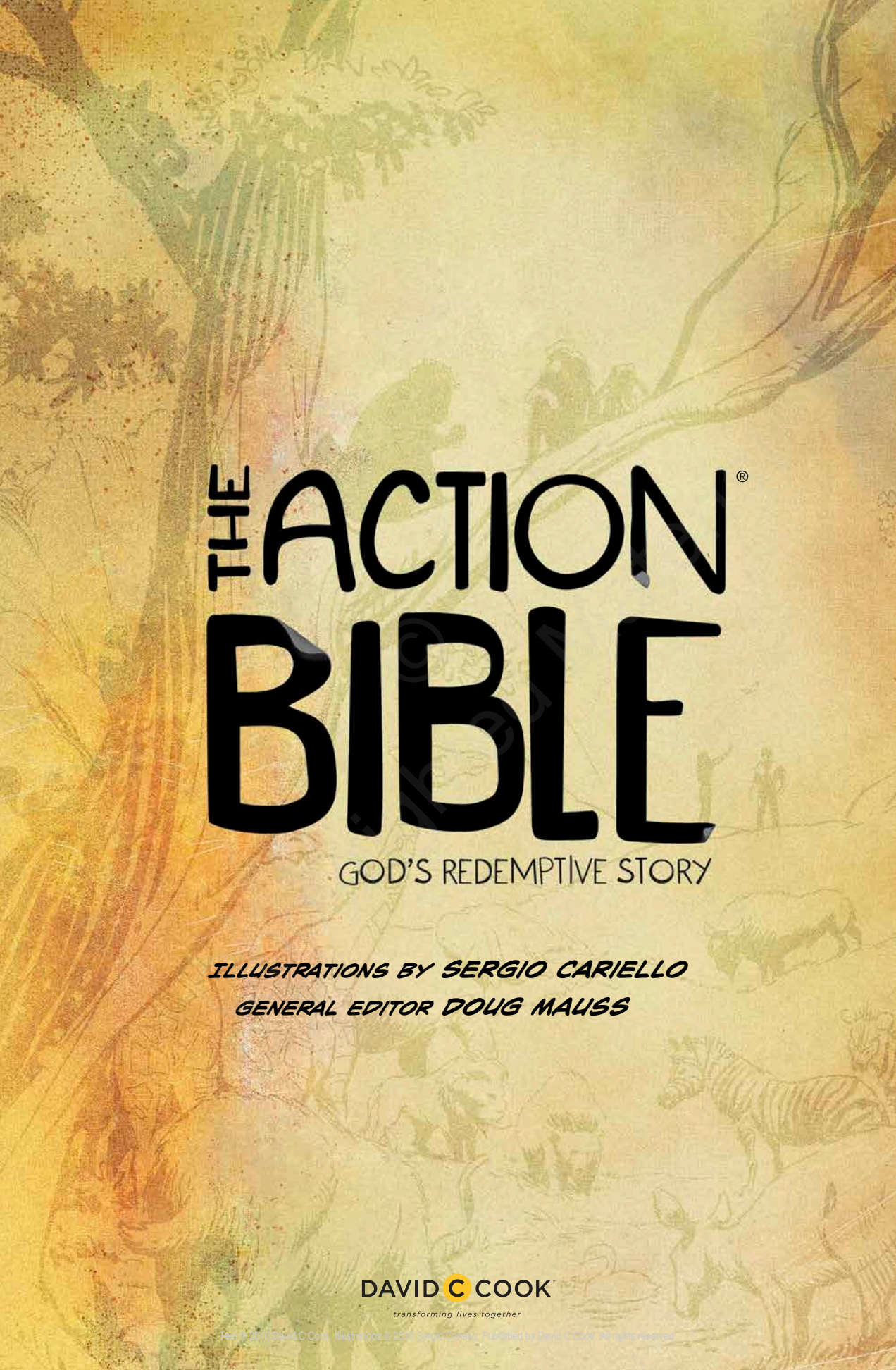


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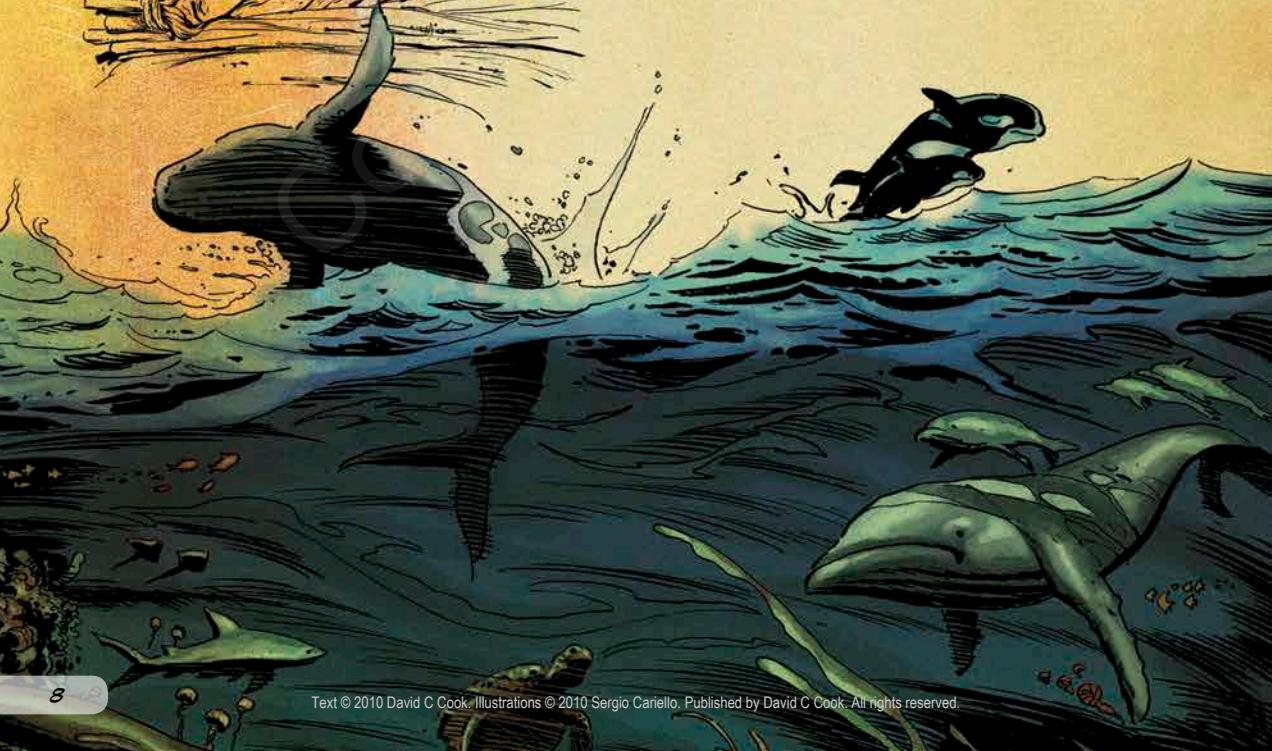
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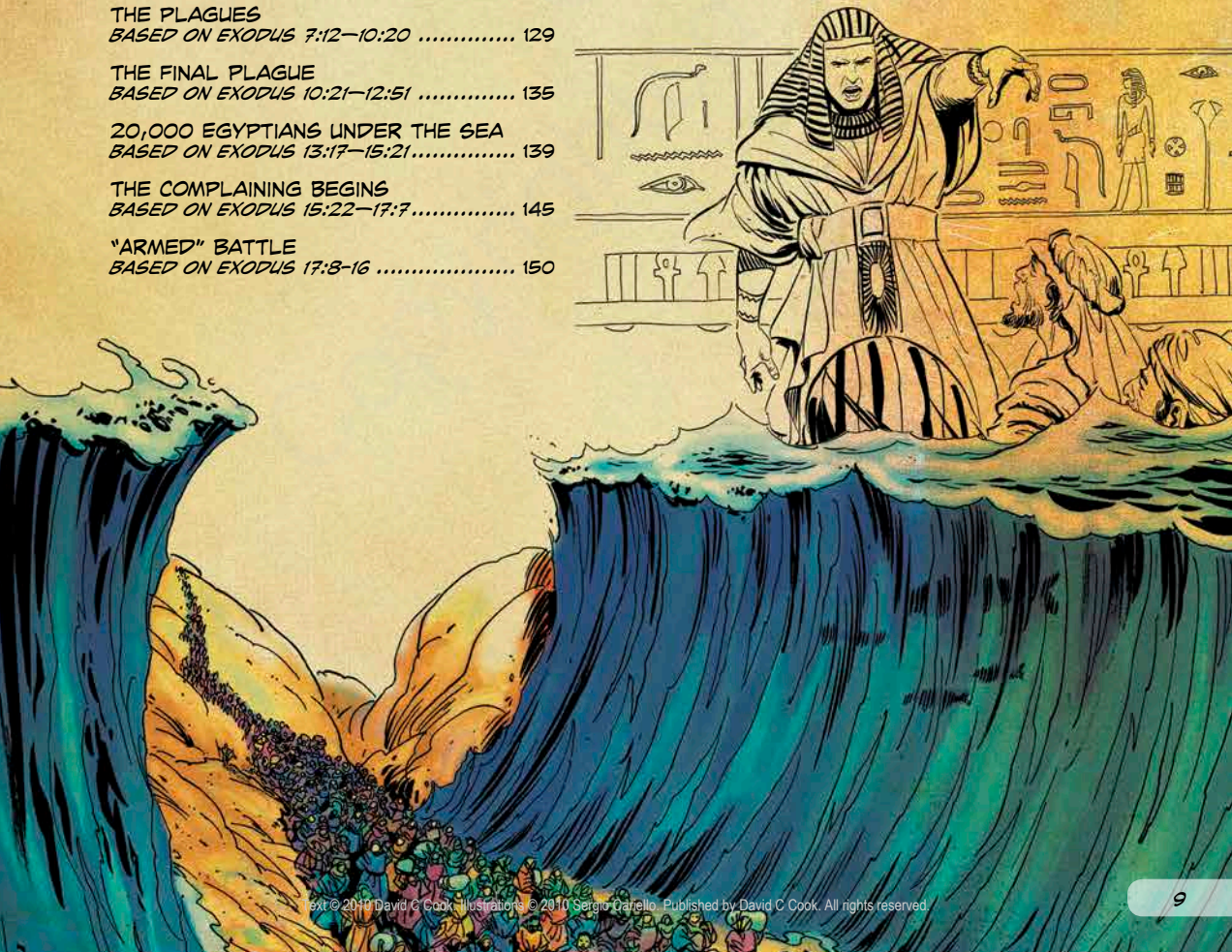
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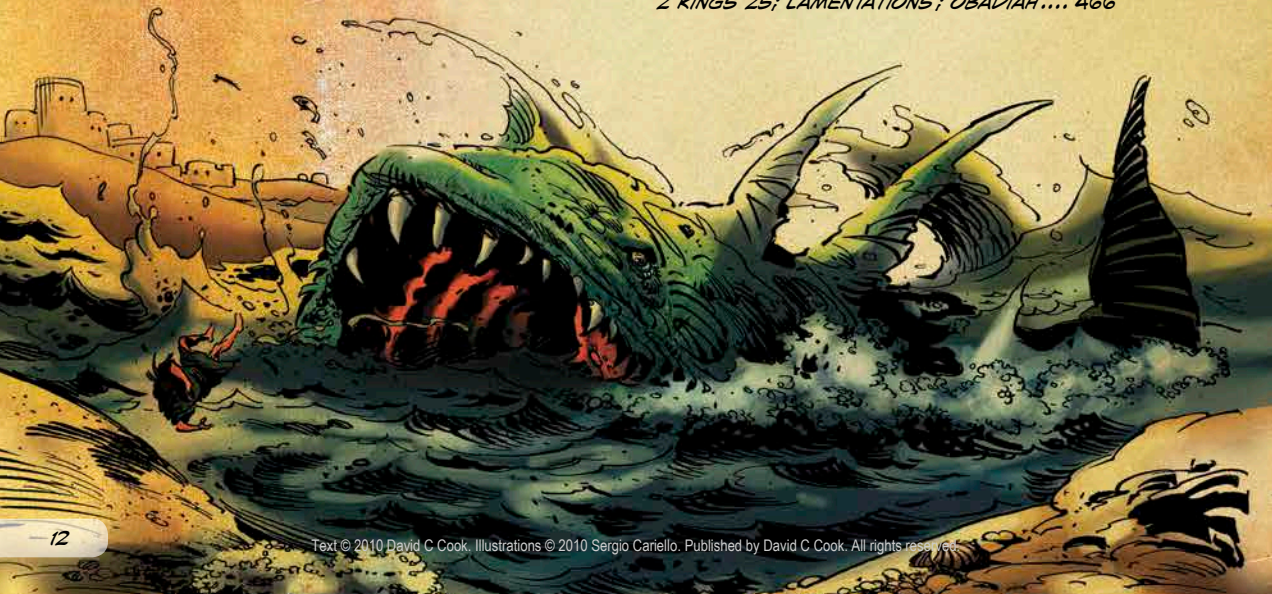
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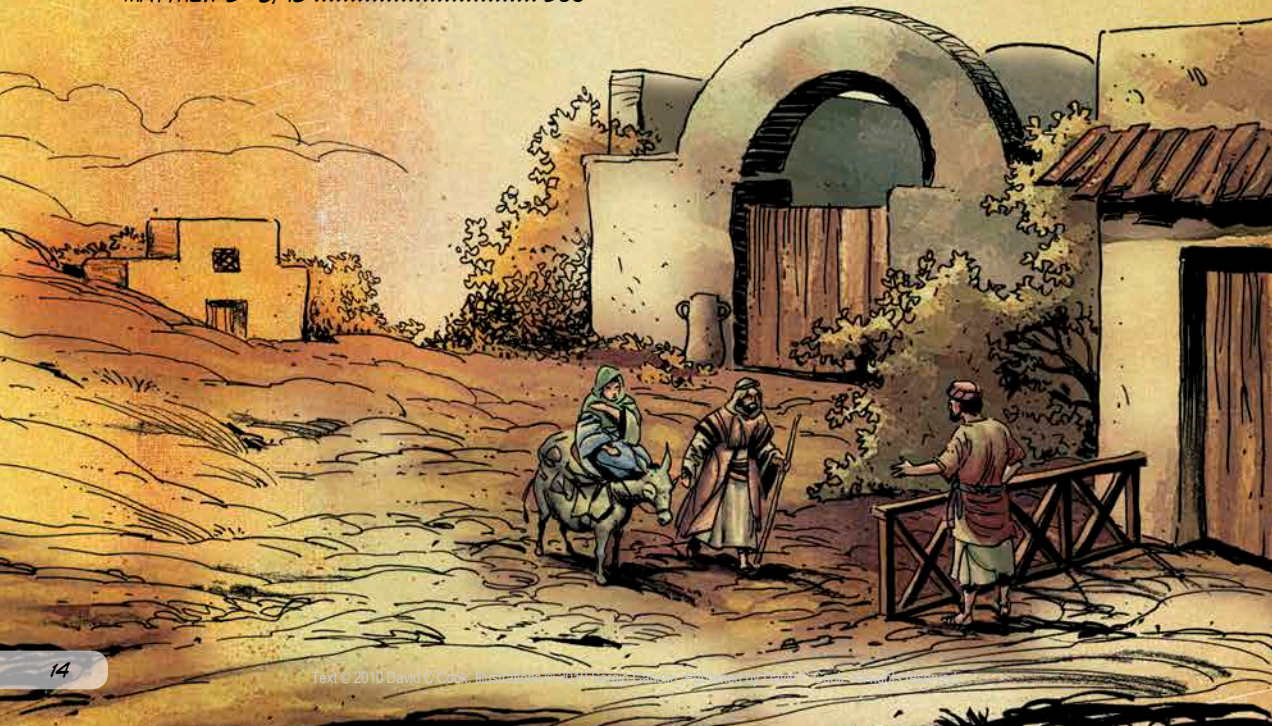
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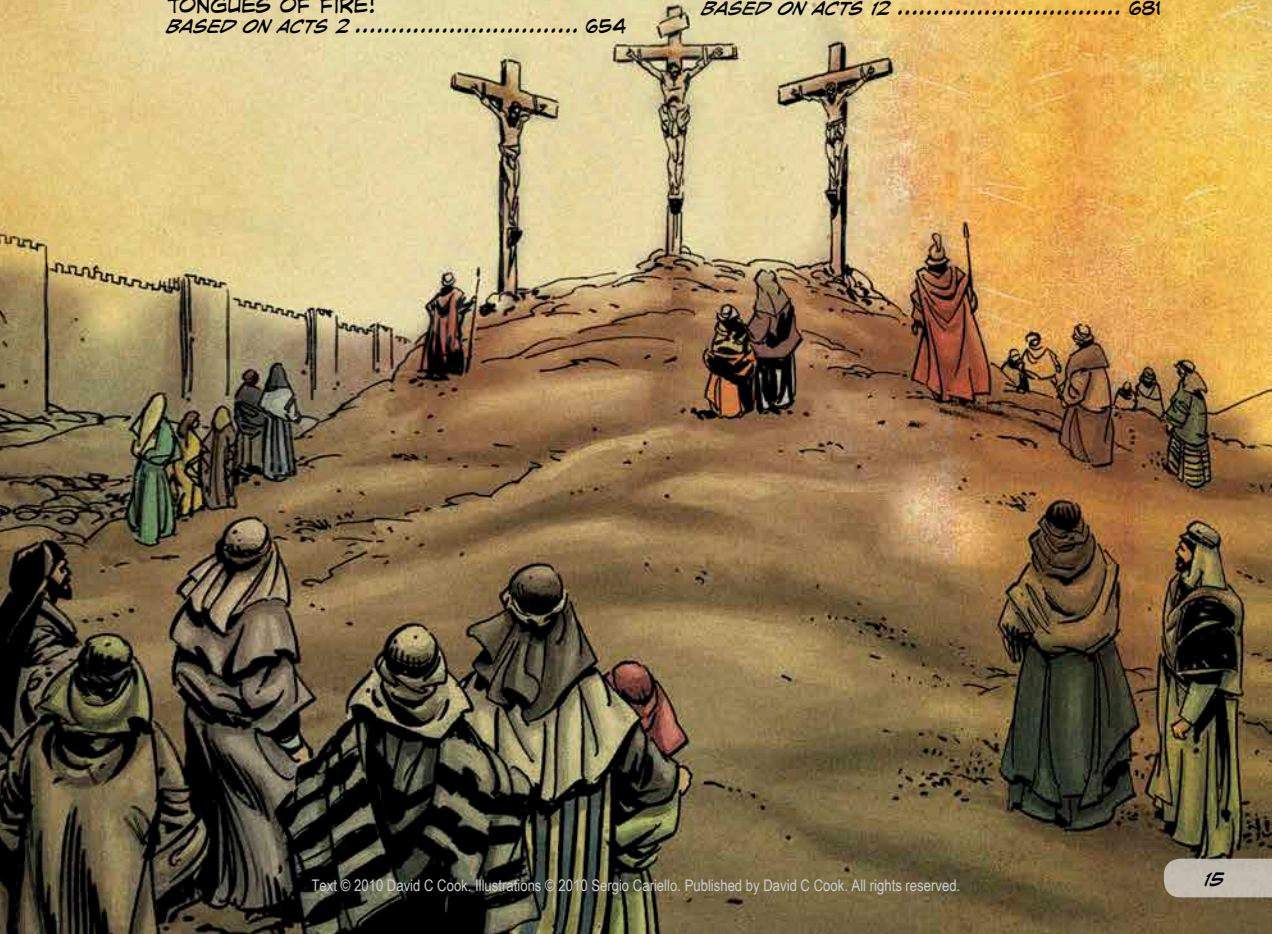
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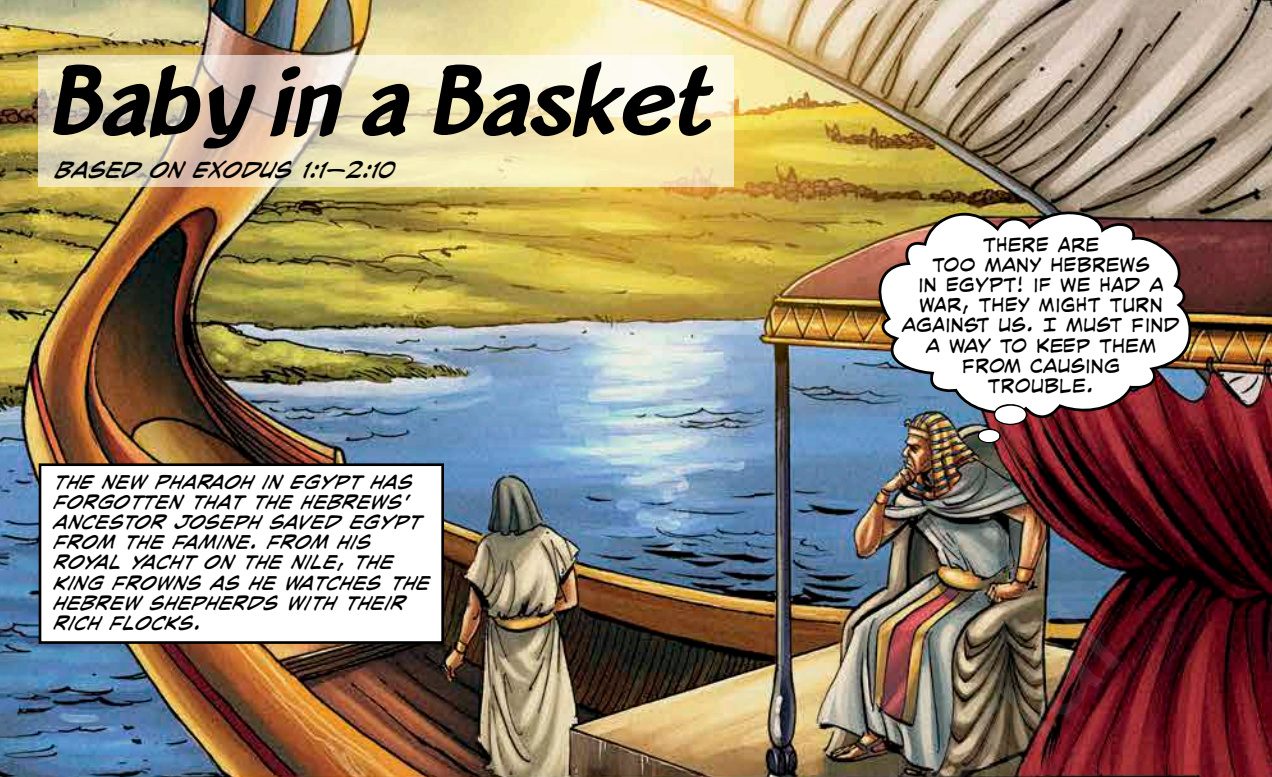
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Baby in a Basket

BASED ON EXODUS 1:1-2:10



THE NEW PHAROAH IN EGYPT HAS FORGOTTEN THAT THE HEBREWS' ANCESTOR JOSEPH SAVED EGYPT FROM THE FAMINE. FROM HIS ROYAL YACHT ON THE NILE, THE KING FROWNS AS HE WATCHES THE HEBREW SHEPHERDS WITH THEIR RICH FLOCKS.

THERE ARE TOO MANY HEBREWS IN EGYPT! IF WE HAD A WAR, THEY MIGHT TURN AGAINST US. I MUST FIND A WAY TO KEEP THEM FROM CAUSING TROUBLE.



THE NEXT DAY, THE KING INSPECTS A NEW BUILDING PROJECT.

WE NEED THOUSANDS MORE WORKERS TO GET THIS JOB DONE.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A PERFECT JOB FOR THE HEBREWS. THEY WILL WORK AS SLAVES. IT WILL SAVE US MONEY, AND THEN THOSE FOREIGNERS WON'T BE ABLE TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

SO FROM DAYLIGHT TO DARK, HEBREW MEN AND BOYS ARE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES AND FORCED TO WORK UNDER WHIP-CRACKING SLAVE DRIVERS.



BUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING, THE HEBREWS FLOURISH AND GROW STRONGER—EVEN UNDER THE HARSH CONDITIONS!

WE WORK THEM HARDER EVERY DAY, BUT THERE ARE MORE HEBREWS THAN BEFORE. THE KING WILL NOT BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS ...



WHEN PHARAOH HEARS THE REPORT ...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SLAVES! THROW EVERY HEBREW BOY BABY INTO THE NILE RIVER!



THE CRUEL ORDER IS CARRIED OUT. HEBREW MOTHERS AND FATHERS RISK THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT THEIR SONS, BUT THE KING'S MEN NEVER GIVE UP ON THEIR SEARCH.



NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, AMRAM, A HEBREW FROM THE TRIBE OF LEVI, HURRIES HOME FROM WORK—AFRAID THAT THE SOLDIERS HAVE VISITED HIS HOME.

O GOD, HELP US KEEP OUR NEW BABY BOY SAFE FROM THE EGYPTIANS.



THERE'S MIRIAM!
THE SOLDIERS
MUST NOT HAVE
COME.



QUICKLY
AMRAM
ENTERS THE
HOUSE—AND
BOLTS THE
DOOR.

SURELY GOD IS
WITH US. OUR BABY
IS THREE MONTHS OLD
AND STILL PHARAOH'S
SOLDIERS HAVE NOT
FOUND HIM.



GOD WILL
HELP ME FIND
A WAY TO SAVE
OUR SON!

THE NEXT DAY, JOCHEBED PREPARES A LITTLE BASKET.

KEEP WATCH, MIRIAM, I'M ALMOST FINISHED.



THEN, CAREFULLY AVOIDING THE EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS, SHE TAKES THE BASKET AND HER TINY SON TO THE RIVER.

HIS BASKET WILL FLOAT LIKE A LITTLE BOAT!

KEEP WATCH OVER HIM, MIRIAM. OH, MY SON, IT TEARS MY HEART TO SEND YOU AWAY. MAY GOD WATCH OVER YOU AND PROTECT YOU.



MIRIAM HIDES IN THE BULRUSHES AND WATCHES ...

THE PRINCESS! WILL SHE SEE THE BABY'S BASKET?



LOOK— WHAT A STRANGE LITTLE BASKET! I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE IT.





THE MAID BRINGS THE BASKET TO THE PRINCESS, WHO OPENS IT.

A HEBREW BABY! LISTEN TO HIM CRY! WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE TO FEED AND CARE FOR HIM.



JUST THEN, MIRIAM STEPS OUT OF THE BUSHES.

SHALL I FIND A HEBREW NURSE FOR THE BABY?

YES. BRING ONE TO ME AS SOON AS YOU CAN.



MOTHER! COME RIGHT AWAY. THE PRINCESS HAS FOUND OUR BABY—AND SHE WANTS A HEBREW NURSE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.

GOD HAS ANSWERED MY PRAYER, MIRIAM. MY SON WILL BE SAFE WITH THE PRINCESS.



AT THE RIVER'S EDGE ...

TAKE THIS BABY AND CARE FOR HIM. IF ANYONE QUESTIONS YOU, SEND WORD TO ME AT ONCE. I'M NAMING HIM MOSES, BECAUSE I PULLED HIM OUT OF THE WATER.

Prince on the Run

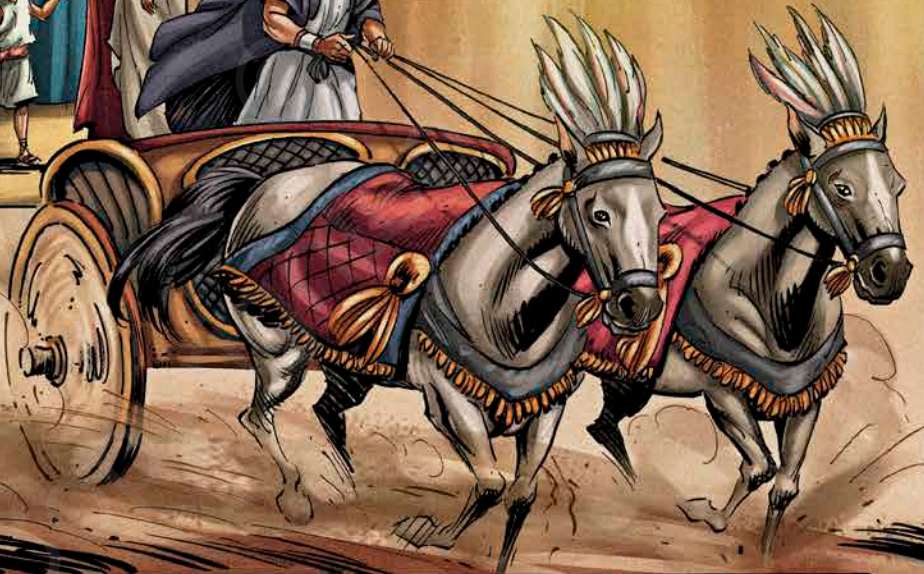
BASED ON EXODUS 2

SO THE HEBREW BABY IS RETURNED TO HIS OWN HOME—BUT NOW UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE KING'S DAUGHTER. THAT NIGHT, AMRAM AND JOCHEBED GATHER MOSES WITH HIS SISTER, MIRIAM, AND BROTHER, AARON, THEY KNEEL AND PRAY.

O GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR SAVING OUR LITTLE SON. HELP US TO TRAIN HIM TO SERVE YOU.

YOUNG MOSES LIVES IN HIS HOME UNTIL HE IS ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD. THEN HIS MOTHER TAKES HIM TO THE PALACE TO LIVE WITH THE PRINCESS, WHO ADOPTS HIM.

YEARS PASS, AND THE BOY MOSES LIVES THE LIFE OF A YOUNG PRINCE IN PHARAOH'S PALACE. ONE DAY HE DRIVES THROUGH THE CITY ...



... TO A PLACE WHERE HEBREW SLAVES ARE WORKING. AS HE WATCHES THE SLAVES TOIL, HE IS STARTLED BY A MAN'S SCREAM ...



MOSES JUMPS FROM HIS CHARIOT TO INVESTIGATE—AND FINDS AN EGYPTIAN GUARD BEATING A HEBREW SLAVE.



IN SUDDEN ANGER, MOSES STRIKES OUT HARD ...



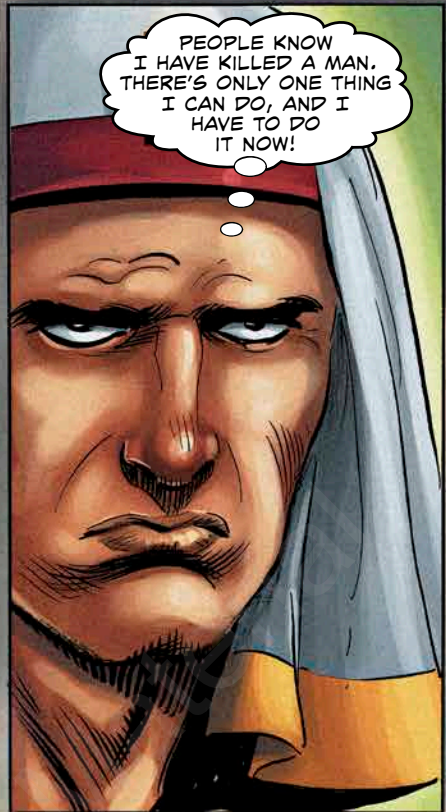
LOOK! HE KILLED THE GUARD!



THE NEXT DAY MOSES RETURNS. WHEN HE SEES TWO HEBREWS FIGHTING, HE TRIES TO STOP THEM.

DON'T FIGHT EACH OTHER, IDIOTS!

WHO MADE YOU A JUDGE OVER US? ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME THE WAY YOU KILLED THAT EGYPTIAN?



PEOPLE KNOW I HAVE KILLED A MAN. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO, AND I HAVE TO DO IT NOW!

LATER THAT DAY IN THE PALACE ...



PRINCE MOSES KILLED AN EGYPTIAN GUARD FOR BEATING A HEBREW SLAVE.

FIND THE TRAITOR—AND KILL HIM!

BUT PHARAOH'S ORDERS COME TOO LATE. MOSES HAS A HEAD START ON THE SOLDIERS WHO CHASE HIM. HE ESCAPES—AND AFTER A LONG, HARD RIDE, HE REACHES THE LAND OF MIDIAN.



TIRED AFTER HIS FLIGHT FROM PHARAOH, MOSES RESTS BY A WELL.



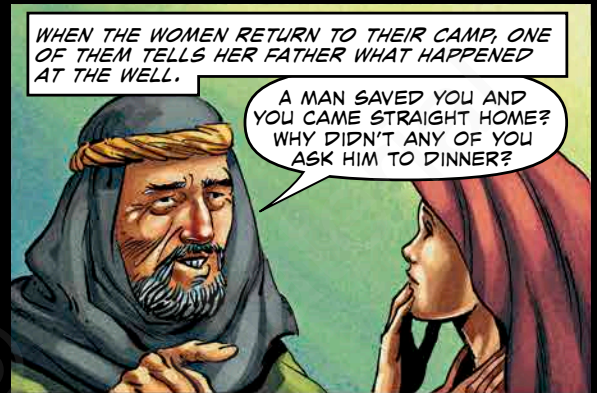
GET AWAY FROM HERE UNTIL WE WATER OUR SHEEP!

NO! WE WERE HERE FIRST. YOU LEAVE US ALONE!



I THINK YOU SHOULD LET THE WOMEN GO FIRST. AFTER ALL, THAT'S THE CIVILIZED THING TO DO.

THE COWARDLY SHEPHERDS RETREAT—AND MOSES HELPS THE WOMEN WATER THEIR FLOCKS.



WHEN THE WOMEN RETURN TO THEIR CAMP, ONE OF THEM TELLS HER FATHER WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WELL.

A MAN SAVED YOU AND YOU CAME STRAIGHT HOME? WHY DIDN'T ANY OF YOU ASK HIM TO DINNER?



I AM ZIPPORAH. MY FATHER, JETHRO, INVITES YOU TO EAT WITH US.



MOSES ACCEPTS THE INVITATION, AND THAT NIGHT AFTER SUPPER ...

I NEED A SHEPHERD—A GOOD MAN I CAN TRUST. WHY DON'T YOU STAY WITH US?

THANK YOU, I WILL.

THIS WILL BE A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE FROM PHARAOH.

A Burning Bush!

BASED ON EXODUS 2:21-4:17



GERSHOM HANDLES HIS SLING VERY WELL.

HE'LL MAKE A GOOD SHEPHERD—LIKE HIS FATHER.

MOSES STAYS WEEKS AND THEN MONTHS. HE MARRIES ZIPPORAH AND THEY HAVE TWO SONS.

MOSES WORKS AS A SHEPHERD FOR HIS FATHER-IN-LAW FOR 40 YEARS. YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE FLOCKS OF JETHRO INCREASE. BUT ONE YEAR, THE GRASSES DRY UP AND MOSES LEADS HIS SHEEP TO PASTURES NEAR THE MOUNTAIN OF SINAI.

BUT EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, MOSES CANNOT FORGET THE HEBREW PEOPLE IN EGYPT.

I WONDER IF PHARAOH IS STILL ALIVE. AND WHAT HAS BECOME OF MY SISTER, MIRIAM, AND MY BROTHER, AARON?



MOSES WONDERS TOO ABOUT THE HEBREW SLAVES STILL STRUGGLING UNDER THE WHIPS OF EGYPTIAN RULERS. ONE DAY, HE LOOKS UP TO SEE A STRANGE SIGHT ON MOUNT SINAI.

HE STEPS CLOSER—AND THEN STOPS. A VOICE FROM THE FIERY BUSH CALLS OUT, "MOSES!"

A BUSH ON FIRE—YET IT'S NOT BURNING UP!

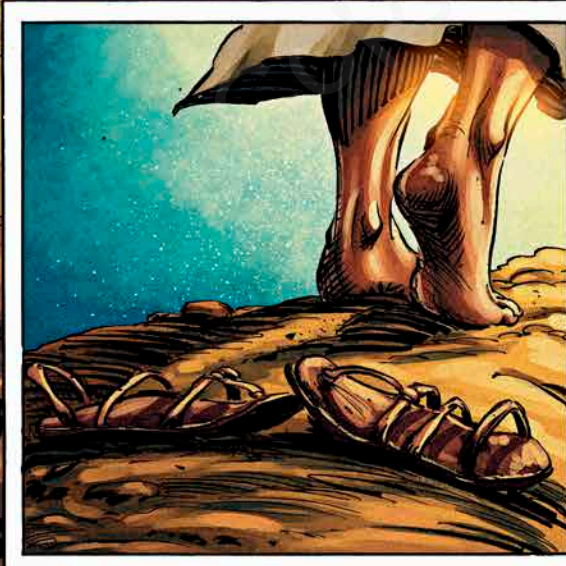




I'M HERE!

ONCE AGAIN, MOSES STARTS TOWARD THE BUSH, BUT THE SAME VOICE WARNS HIM:

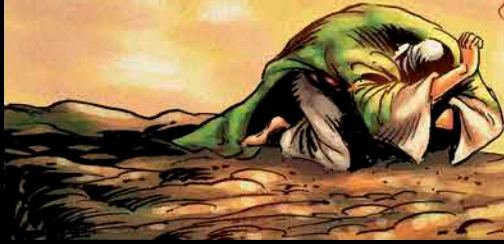
DON'T COME ANY NEARER. TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES BECAUSE YOU ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.



I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER AND THE GOD OF YOUR ANCESTORS ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB.

MOSES HIDES HIS FACE IN FEAR AT BEING ADDRESSED BY THE ONE TRUE GOD.

I HAVE SEEN MY PEOPLE SUFFER IN EGYPT, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO SAVE THEM. I WANT YOU TO BRING THEM OUT OF THAT LAND. THEN YOU WILL LEAD THEM TO A NEW HOME, A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY. NOW, GO! I AM SENDING YOU TO PHARAOH.



WHO AM I TO SPEAK TO PHARAOH OF EGYPT? WHO AM I TO LEAD THE HEBREWS? I AM NOT A LEADER.

I AM NOT A PROPHET OR A PRIEST. WHAT IF THEY ASK ME YOUR NAME?

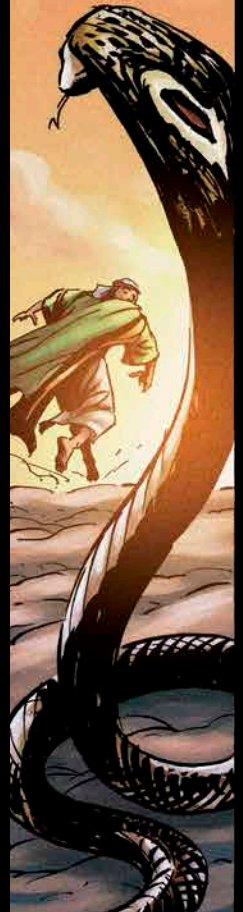
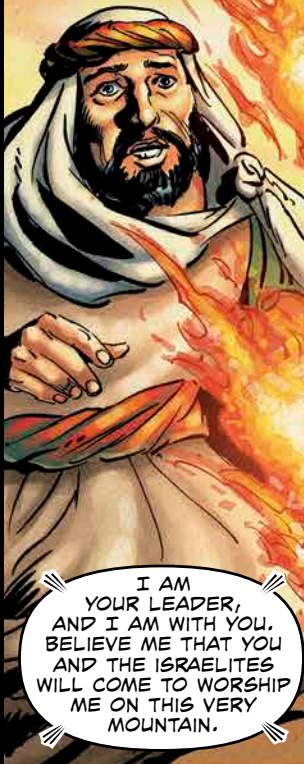
WHAT IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME?

MOSES' STAFF IMMEDIATELY TURNS INTO A VENOMOUS SNAKE. HE RUNS IN TERROR.

I AM YOUR LEADER, AND I AM WITH YOU. BELIEVE ME THAT YOU AND THE ISRAELITES WILL COME TO WORSHIP ME ON THIS VERY MOUNTAIN.

I AM WHO I AM. AND I WILL PERFORM MY WONDERS AGAINST THE EGYPTIANS.

THROW YOUR STAFF ON THE GROUND.





GOD CALLS MOSES TO COME BACK. THEN HE TELLS MOSES TO PICK UP THE SNAKE. TREMBLING AT THE POWER OF GOD, MOSES OBEYS ...



THE LORD HAS GIVEN MOSES THE POWER TO DO THIS MIRACLE—AND TWO OTHERS—SO HE CAN MAKE THE PEOPLE BELIEVE. STILL, MOSES IS AFRAID ...



I AM NOT A GOOD SPEAKER. I CAN'T DO THIS JOB.

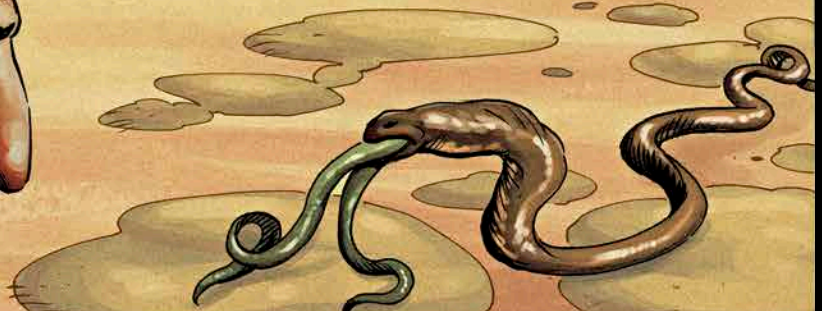


BUT GOD IS TIRED OF MOSES' EXCUSES.

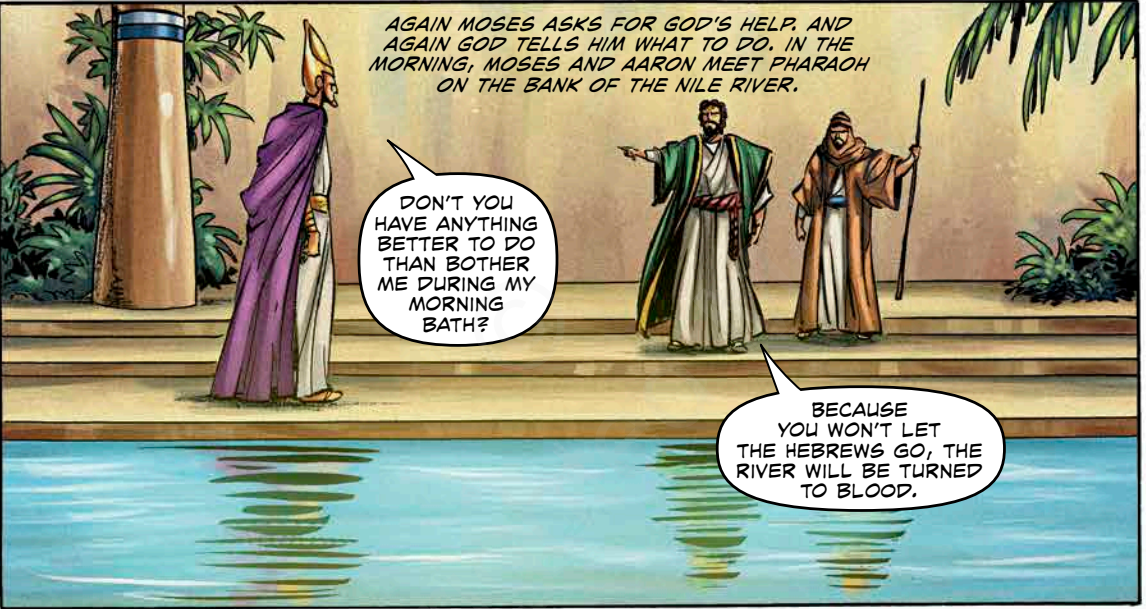
I MADE YOUR MOUTH, DIDN'T I?! I CAN MAKE YOU SPEAK WITH IT, TOO! BUT VERY WELL. I AM SENDING YOUR BROTHER AARON TO MEET YOU. I WILL HELP YOU BOTH SPEAK. NOW, GO!

The Plagues

BASED ON EXODUS 7:12-10:20



BUT WHILE PHARAOH WATCHES, THE SERPENT OF AARON SWALLOWS THE SERPENTS OF THE EGYPTIAN MAGICIANS. THOUGH DISAPPOINTED, PHARAOH REFUSES TO ADMIT THAT MOSES' GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GODS OF EGYPT.



AGAIN MOSES ASKS FOR GOD'S HELP, AND AGAIN GOD TELLS HIM WHAT TO DO. IN THE MORNING, MOSES AND AARON MEET PHARAOH ON THE BANK OF THE NILE RIVER.

DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BOTHER ME DURING MY MORNING BATH?

BECAUSE YOU WON'T LET THE HEBREWS GO, THE RIVER WILL BE TURNED TO BLOOD.

AT MOSES' COMMAND, AARON STRIKES THE WATER WITH HIS ROD, AND THE WATER TURNS RED.

MY SORCERERS CAN DO THE SAME THING.

IF THEY'RE SUCH GREAT SORCERERS, WHY DON'T THEY TURN THE NILE BACK INTO WATER?

BUT THIS THEY CANNOT DO, AND THE NILE REMAINS BLOOD FOR SEVEN DAYS.

THE EGYPTIAN WOMEN ARE UNABLE TO WASH THEIR CLOTHES IN THE BLOODY RIVER. MEN HAVE TO DIG WELLS TO FIND DRINKING WATER. FINALLY THE RIVER IS CLEAR AGAIN, BUT STILL PHARAOH WILL NOT LISTEN TO MOSES' PLEA. AND SO GOD SENDS A DIFFERENT PLAGUE.

IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY ...



AND IN
EGYPTIAN
HOMES ...

EEEK!
MY FLOUR IS
RUINED!





EVEN IN THE PALACE ...

I CAN'T STAND THESE FILTHY CREATURES! SEND FOR MOSES AND AARON!



ASK YOUR GOD TO TAKE AWAY THE FROGS, AND I WILL LET THE HEBREWS GO.

IT WILL BE AS YOU SAY.

BUT WHEN THE FROGS ARE GONE, PHARAOH BREAKS HIS PROMISE. SO GOD PROCEEDS WITH HIS NEXT "WONDER."



GOD TORTURES THE EGYPTIANS WITH A PLAGUE OF GNATS. THEY INFEST EVERYTHING. THE EGYPTIANS CAN'T GET THEM OUT OF THEIR HOUSES, THEIR HAIR—EVEN THEIR BEDS!

PHARAOH TRIES TO BARGAIN WITH MOSES, BUT MOSES STANDS FIRM IN HIS REQUEST. ONCE AGAIN, PHARAOH PROMISES TO FREE THE HEBREWS, BUT WHEN THE GNATS ARE GONE, HE HARDENS HIS HEART AGAIN.

AS IF THE GNATS WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH, GOD FOLLOWS THEM WITH A PLAGUE OF FLIES. FLIES ARE IN EVERYTHING—THE EGYPTIANS CAN'T KEEP THEM OFF THEIR FOOD OR OFF THEIR FACES, BUT NO FLIES TROUBLE THE HEBREWS IN GOSHEN.

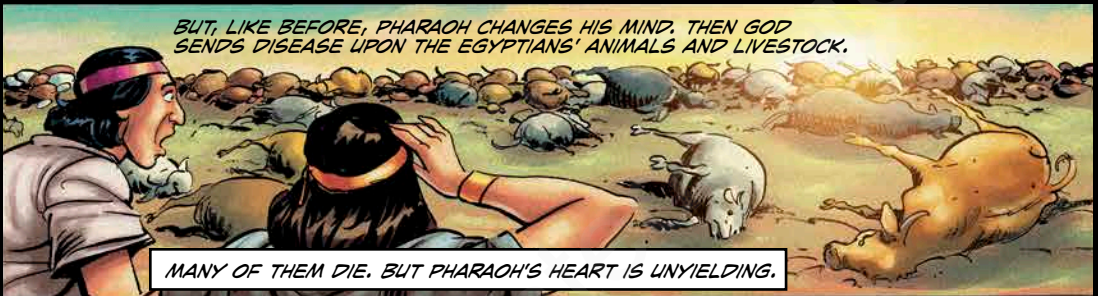


CAN'T YOU WORSHIP YOUR GOD HERE?

NO.

OKAY, OKAY, YOU CAN GO.

BUT, LIKE BEFORE, PHARAOH CHANGES HIS MIND. THEN GOD SENDS DISEASE UPON THE EGYPTIANS' ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK.



MANY OF THEM DIE. BUT PHARAOH'S HEART IS UNYIELDING.



GOD GIVES MOSES HIS NEXT INSTRUCTIONS. HE AND AARON INTERRUPT PHARAOH'S COURT AND THROW SOOT IN THE AIR.



IMMEDIATELY PHARAOH AND HIS ADVISERS BREAK OUT IN PAINFUL SORES AND BOILS. THE REST OF EGYPT IS STRUCK WITH THE SAME DISEASE AS WELL. BUT PHARAOH STUBBORNLY REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE GOD'S POWER AND AUTHORITY.



FATHER, WHY WERE THE SLAVE DRIVERS SO CRUEL TODAY?

THEY ARE ALWAYS CRUEL, SON, BUT RIGHT NOW THEY ARE ANGRY TO BE SUFFERING FROM TERRIBLE BOILS, WHILE WE REMAIN HEALTHY AND STRONG.



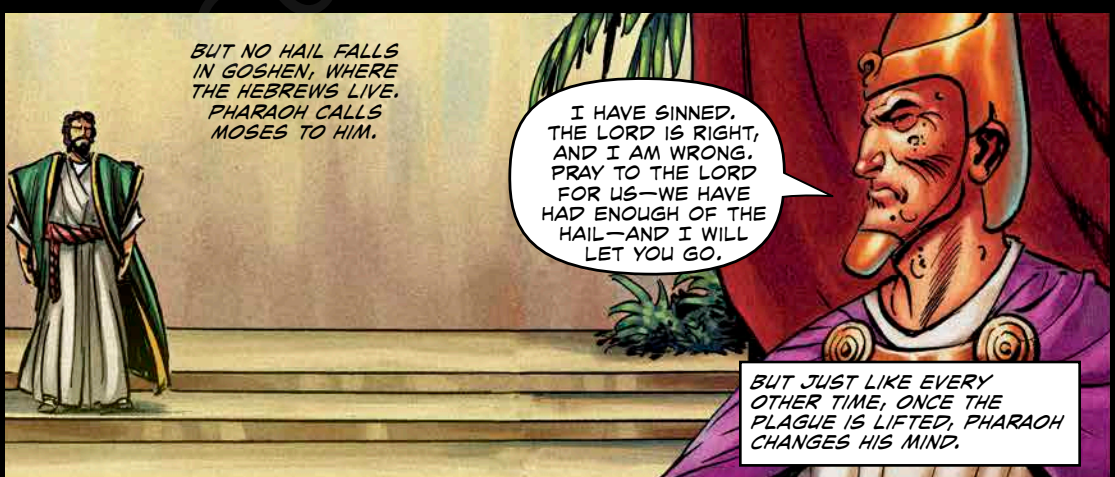
STILL PHARAOH KEEPS THE HEBREWS IN EGYPT. SO A TERRIBLE STORM STRIKES ...

HAILSTONES AS BIG AS MY FIST!

THROUGHOUT THE LAND, THE EGYPTIAN FARMERS WATCH THE STORM WITH TERROR.



OUR CROPS ARE RUINED.



BUT NO HAIL FALLS IN GOSHEN, WHERE THE HEBREWS LIVE. PHARAOH CALLS MOSES TO HIM.

I HAVE SINNED. THE LORD IS RIGHT, AND I AM WRONG. PRAY TO THE LORD FOR US—WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THE HAIL—AND I WILL LET YOU GO.

BUT JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER TIME, ONCE THE PLAGUE IS LIFTED, PHARAOH CHANGES HIS MIND.



HOW LONG WILL YOU REFUSE TO HUMBLE YOURSELF? LET MY PEOPLE GO, OR I WILL SEND LOCUSTS TO DESTROY ANYTHING THAT'S LEFT ALIVE IN THIS LAND.



PHARAOH'S ADVISERS AGREE WITH MOSES.

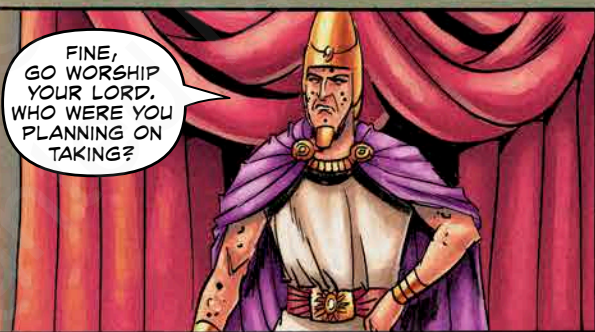
PLEASE, JUST LET THE HEBREWS GO ALREADY!

DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT THESE PLAGUES HAVE LEFT EGYPT IN RUINS?

ALREADY IT WILL TAKE US YEARS TO RECOVER FROM THEM.



BEGRUDGINGLY, PHARAOH CALLS MOSES BACK TO HIM.



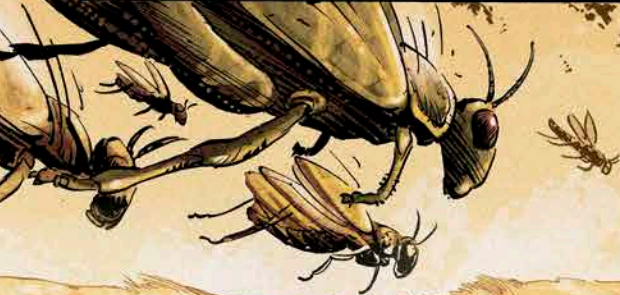
FINE, GO WORSHIP YOUR LORD. WHO WERE YOU PLANNING ON TAKING?



WE WILL TAKE OUR YOUNG AND OLD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, OUR FLOCKS AND HERDS.

HA HA! NO. JUST THE MEN.

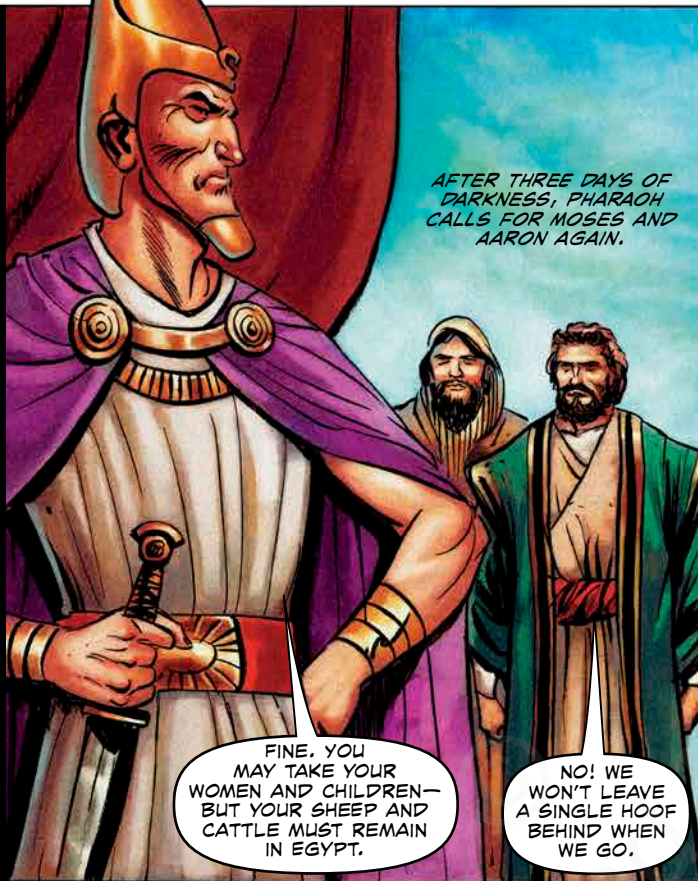
LOCUSTS, IT IS!



GOD SENDS LOCUSTS, WHICH DEVOUR ANYTHING THAT WASN'T DESTROYED BY THE HAILSTORM. THEN, WHEN PHARAOH'S HEART REMAINS HARDENED AGAINST THE ISRAELITES, GOD MAKES THE DAY AS DARK AS NIGHT.

The Final Plague

BASED ON EXODUS 10:21-12:51



AFTER THREE DAYS OF DARKNESS, PHARAOH CALLS FOR MOSES AND AARON AGAIN.

FINE. YOU MAY TAKE YOUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN— BUT YOUR SHEEP AND CATTLE MUST REMAIN IN EGYPT.

NO! WE WON'T LEAVE A SINGLE HOOF BEHIND WHEN WE GO.



THEN YOU'LL ALL STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE. GET OUT OF MY SIGHT! IF I SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN, YOU WILL DIE!



BUT MOSES IS NO LONGER AFRAID OF PHARAOH.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY—HERE'S WHAT THE LORD SAYS:

"TONIGHT EVERY FIRSTBORN SON IN EGYPT WILL DIE—INCLUDING YOURS, O PHARAOH. YOU WILL KNOW GRIEF WORSE THAN ANY EGYPT HAS EVER EXPERIENCED, AND THEN YOU WILL COME TO ME ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES, AND YOU WILL BEG FOR MY PEOPLE TO LEAVE."

QUICKLY, MOSES CALLS FOR A MEETING OF THE HEBREW LEADERS.



GOD TOLD ME THAT THE ANGEL OF DEATH WILL STRIKE EGYPT AND TAKE THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY FAMILY.

FIRSTBORN OF EVERY FAMILY?

MOSES INSTRUCTS THE HEBREWS ON HOW TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES ...

SURELY THIS WILL BRING OUR RELEASE FROM SLAVERY.

NINE TIMES PHARAOH HAS BROKEN HIS PROMISE TO LET US GO—WHAT WILL HE DO THIS TIME?

WHY ARE YOU PUTTING LAMB'S BLOOD ON OUR DOORPOST?

GOD TOLD MOSES IT WOULD BE A SIGN TO LET THE ANGEL OF DEATH KNOW TO PASS OVER OUR HOUSE.



THAT EVENING, EVERY HEBREW FAMILY PACKS ALL OF THEIR POSSESSIONS, HOPING THAT THEY WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO LEAVE EGYPT. THEY EAT A MEAL CALLED THE PASSOVER BECAUSE THE ANGEL OF DEATH WILL PASS OVER THEIR HOMES.



JUST BEFORE
MIDNIGHT ...



THEN, AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, THE LORD STRIKES DOWN ALL THE FIRSTBORN OF EGYPT, BUT EVERY HEBREW HOUSE WITH LAMB'S BLOOD ON ITS DOOR IS PASSED OVER.



GOD WILL GIVE US THE SIGNAL TO LEAVE ANY MOMENT NOW.

WE MUST BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

BE READY FOR THE SIGNAL TO MARCH!



IN THE PALACE ...

YOUR SON IS DEAD, O PHARAOH!

AND MESSENGERS BRING WORD THAT THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY EGYPTIAN HOME HAS DIED SUDDENLY TONIGHT.

MY SON!



SUMMON MOSES AND AARON TO COME IMMEDIATELY!

IT'S TOO LATE—MY SON IS DEAD!



THIS TIME PHARAOH DOES NOT BARGAIN ABOUT CATTLE OR SHEEP.

TAKE YOUR PEOPLE—TAKE YOUR CATTLE, AND GET OUT OF EGYPT.

SERVE YOUR GOD AS YOU WISH.

MOSES GIVES THE ORDER TO MARCH. IMMEDIATELY THE SLAVES RUSH OUT FROM THEIR HOMES AND MEET AT A CAMP IN THE COUNTRY.



WE'RE FREE!
WE'RE FREE!

THANK GOD MY CHILDREN WILL NOT BE SLAVES IN EGYPT!

20,000 Egyptians Under the Sea

BASED ON EXODUS 13:17-15:21

THE NEXT DAY, THE GREAT EXODUS FROM EGYPT IS UNDERWAY. JOYFULLY THE HEBREWS MARCH TOWARD THE LAND GOD PROMISED WOULD BE THEIR HOME. DURING THE DAY, A BRIGHT CLOUD GUIDES THEM ...



... AND AT NIGHT
A PILLAR OF FIRE
LEADS THEM.

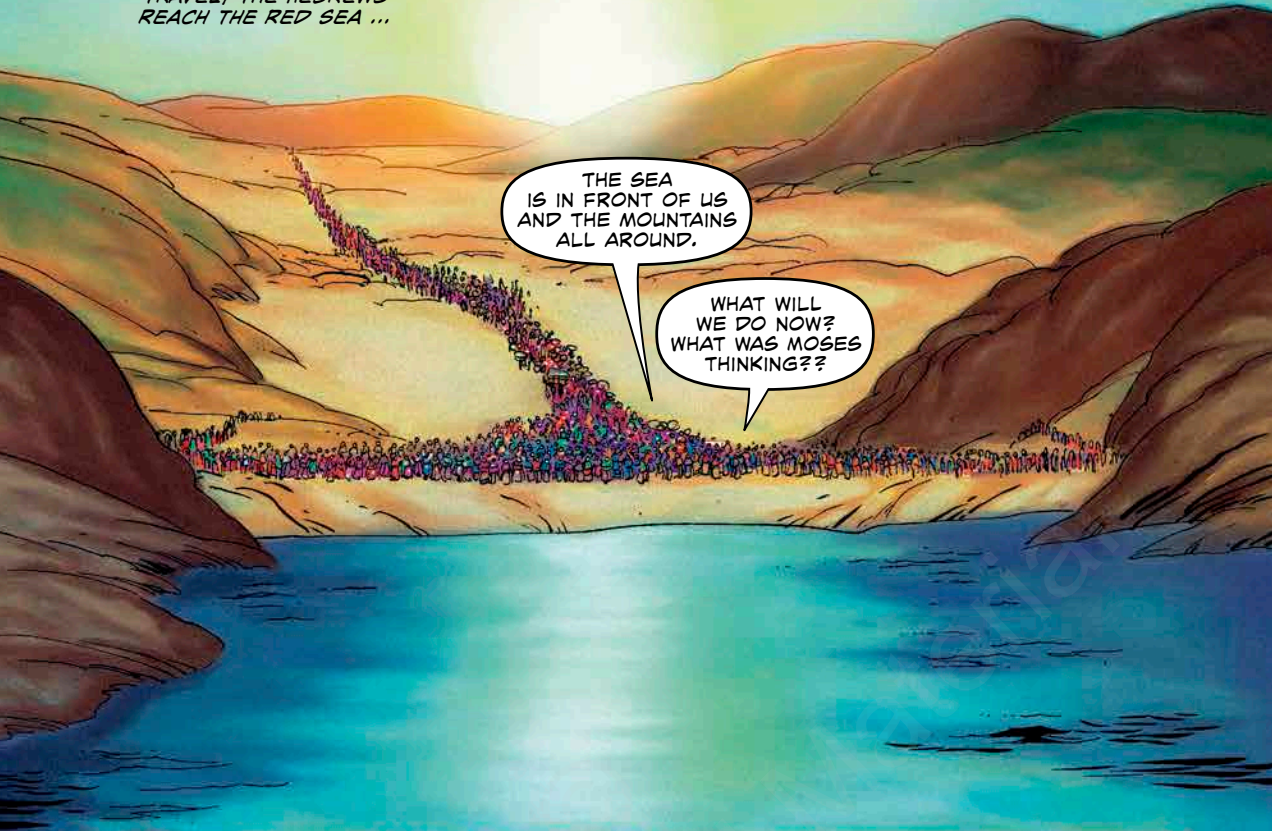


BUT IN THEIR RUSH FOR FREEDOM, THEY
DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE WITH THEM THE
BODY OF THEIR ANCESTOR JOSEPH.

HE WAS A
GREAT MAN IN EGYPT,
BUT HE WANTED TO BE
BURIED IN HIS
OWN LAND.



AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF TRAVEL, THE HEBREWS REACH THE RED SEA ...



THE SEA IS IN FRONT OF US AND THE MOUNTAINS ALL AROUND.

WHAT WILL WE DO NOW? WHAT WAS MOSES THINKING??



MEANWHILE, BACK IN PHARAOH'S PALACE ...

IT WAS A MISTAKE TO LET THOSE HEBREW SLAVES GO. WHO WILL DO OUR WORK FOR US NOW?

IT ISN'T TOO LATE—LOOK!



THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND LIKE LOST SHEEP. THE ROUTE THEY TOOK WILL LEAD THEM INTO THIS TRAP.

SO MUCH FOR THEIR BRILLIANT AND POWERFUL GOD. MUSTER EVERY CHARIOT IN MY ARMY!

THOSE SLAVES WILL SOON BE BACK AT WORK MAKING MORE BRICKS THAN EVER.

PHARAOH'S ARMY SOON
APPROACHES THE CAMP
OF THE HEBREWS.

LOOK!
HERE COMES
THE EGYPTIAN
ARMY!

WE CAN'T
ESCAPE
NOW!

IT'S
YOUR FAULT,
MOSES! WE'RE
TRAPPED.

WERE THE
GRAVES IN EGYPT
NOT GOOD ENOUGH,
YOU HAD TO BRING
US TO THE DESERT
TO DIE?

PHARAOH AND HIS ARMY LOOK AT THE HEBREWS CAMPED BESIDE THE RED SEA.

TRAPPED!
JUST AS I
SAID.

GOOD!
THEY'LL SOON SEE
WHO IS MIGHTIER—
PHARAOH OR THE GOD
THEY WORSHIP!



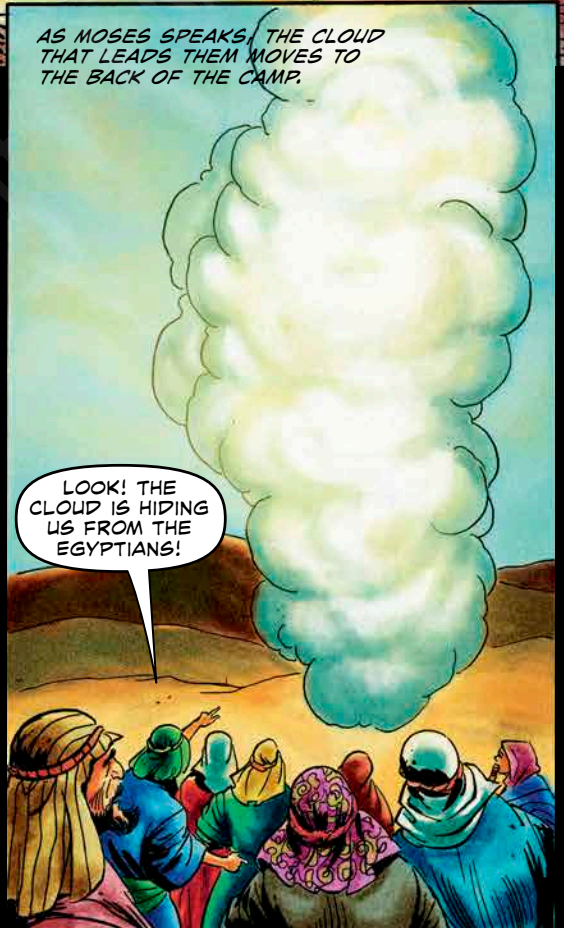
AT THE SAME TIME IN
THE HEBREW CAMP ...

I'D RATHER
BE AN EGYPTIAN
SLAVE THAN DIE
THIS WAY!

DON'T BE
AFRAID! AFTER TODAY,
YOU WILL NEVER SEE THESE
EGYPTIANS AGAIN. THE LORD
WILL FIGHT ON OUR BEHALF.
JUST BE STILL, AND SEE
WHAT GOD IS GOING
TO DO.

AS MOSES SPEAKS, THE CLOUD
THAT LEADS THEM MOVES TO
THE BACK OF THE CAMP.

LOOK! THE
CLOUD IS HIDING
US FROM THE
EGYPTIANS!

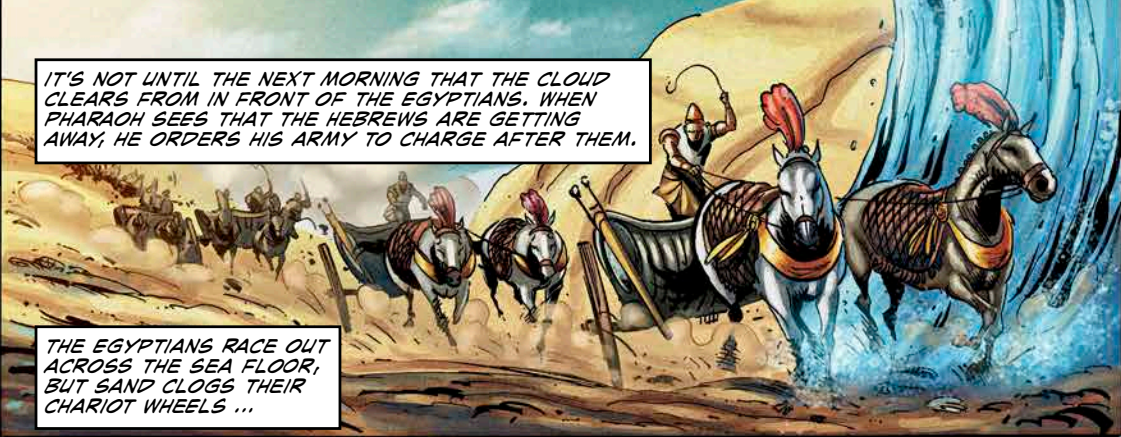




THEN MOSES HOLDS OUT HIS STAFF TOWARD THE RED SEA, AS GOD TOLD HIM TO DO. A STRONG EAST WIND BLOWS ALL NIGHT AND ROLLS BACK THE WATERS OF THE SEA ...




AWED BY THE SIGHT, THE HEBREWS RUSH JOYFULLY ACROSS THE PATH IN THE SEA.



IT'S NOT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING THAT THE CLOUD
CLEARS FROM IN FRONT OF THE EGYPTIANS. WHEN
PHARAOH SEES THAT THE HEBREWS ARE GETTING
AWAY, HE ORDERS HIS ARMY TO CHARGE AFTER THEM.

THE EGYPTIANS RACE OUT
ACROSS THE SEA FLOOR,
BUT SAND CLOGS THEIR
CHARIOT WHEELS ...

THEN MOSES PUTS OUT HIS HAND AGAIN.
SUDDENLY THE WIND DIES, AND THE WATERS
ROLL BACK INTO PLACE. ALL OF PHARAOH'S
MEN ARE CAUGHT IN THE RUSHING SEA.




SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE,
THE HEBREWS LOOK BACK ...

GOD HAS
SAVED US!

I'LL NEVER
DOUBT AGAIN THAT
GOD SENT MOSES TO
SAVE US FROM THE
EGYPTIANS.

JOYFULLY THE HEBREWS CELEBRATE GOD'S DELIVERANCE. THE TRIBES DESCENDED
FROM JACOB (ISRAEL) ARE A FREE PEOPLE, READY TO FORM A NEW NATION.
MIRIAM, MOSES' SISTER, LEADS THE WOMEN'S CHORUS SINGING PRAISES TO GOD.



THE LORD
IS MY STRENGTH
AND SONG. HE IS
MY SALVATION.

SING
TO THE
LORD.

Angel Promises

BASED ON LUKE 1:5-56

AS JEWS IN JERUSALEM GATHER IN THE TEMPLE FOR PRAYER, AN OLD PRIEST NAMED ZECHARIAH ENTERS THE HOLY PLACE TO MAKE AN OFFERING OF INCENSE.

THIS IS THE GREATEST DAY OF MY LIFE! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, IT'S FINALLY MY TURN TO OFFER INCENSE ON GOD'S HOLY ALTAR.

BUT ZECHARIAH STAYS SO LONG IN THE HOLY PLACE THAT THE PRIESTS BEGIN TO WONDER.

WHY IS ZECHARIAH PRAYING SO LONG?

I HOPE HE HASN'T DIED IN THERE. NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED IN THE HOLY PLACE.

MEANWHILE, THE FEARSOME ANGEL GABRIEL HAS APPEARED TO ZECHARIAH IN THE TEMPLE.

DO NOT BE AFRAID. YOU AND ELIZABETH WILL HAVE A SON. GOD WILL MAKE HIM MIGHTY AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

HIS NAME WILL BE JOHN, AND HE WILL PREPARE THE PEOPLE FOR GOD'S DELIVERER.

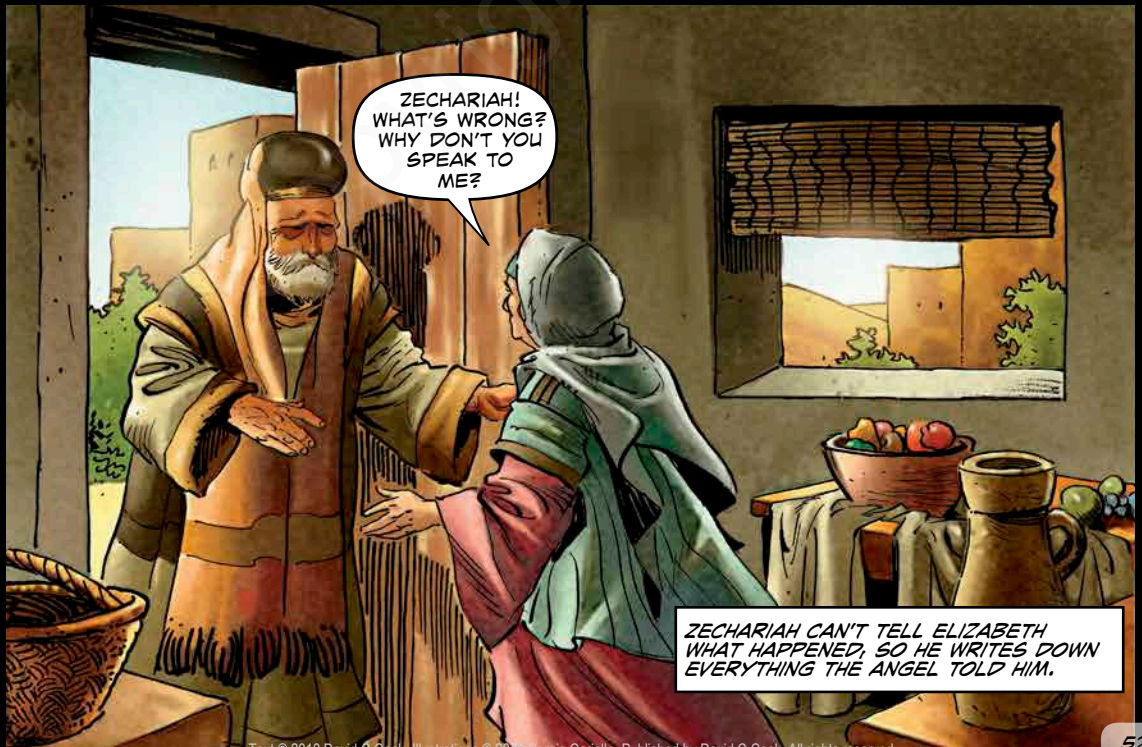
BUT WE'RE TOO OLD TO HAVE A BABY!

BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELIEVE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TALK UNTIL THE BABY IS BORN.

AT LAST ZECHARIAH COMES OUT AND FACES THE PEOPLE. BUT HE CANNOT SPEAK! NO WORDS COME FROM HIS MOUTH.



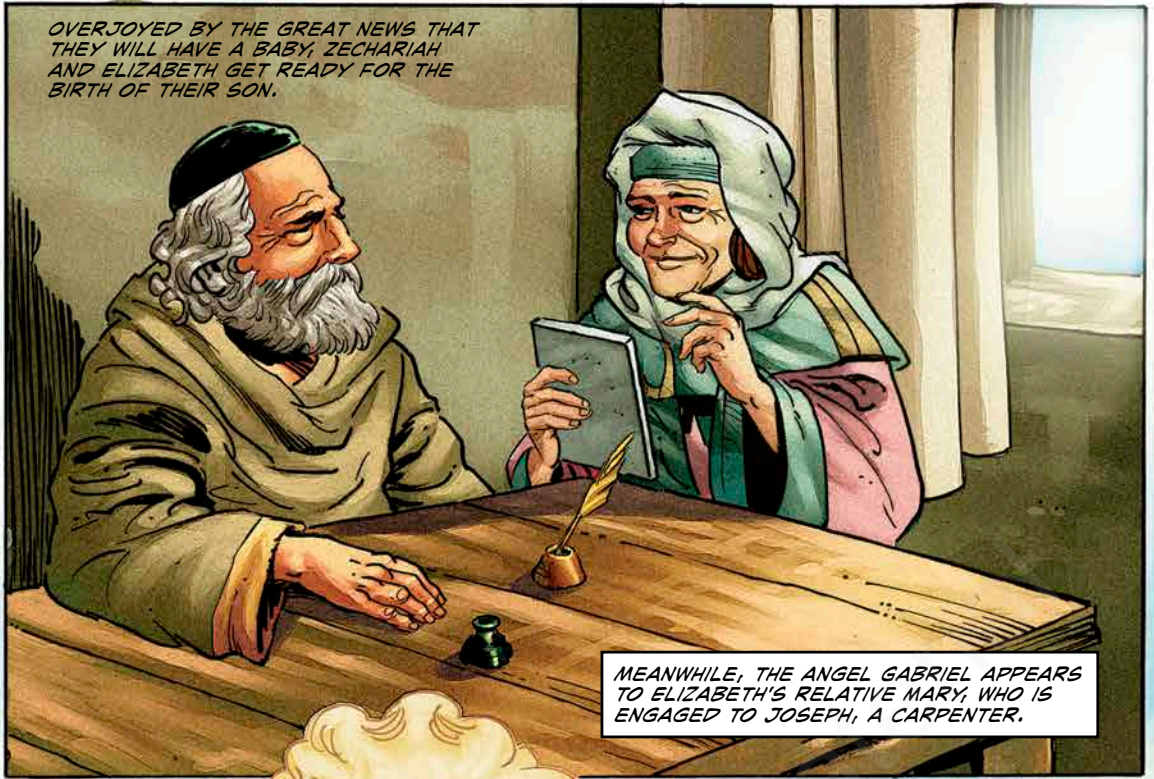
WHAT HAPPENED IN THE HOLY PLACE OF GOD?



ZECHARIAH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY DON'T YOU
SPEAK TO
ME?

ZECHARIAH CAN'T TELL ELIZABETH WHAT HAPPENED, SO HE WRITES DOWN EVERYTHING THE ANGEL TOLD HIM.

OVERJOYED BY THE GREAT NEWS THAT THEY WILL HAVE A BABY, ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH GET READY FOR THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON.



MEANWHILE, THE ANGEL GABRIEL APPEARS TO ELIZABETH'S RELATIVE MARY, WHO IS ENGAGED TO JOSEPH, A CARPENTER.



GREETINGS!
YOU ARE HIGHLY
HONORED!

WHAT?
WHO ARE
YOU?

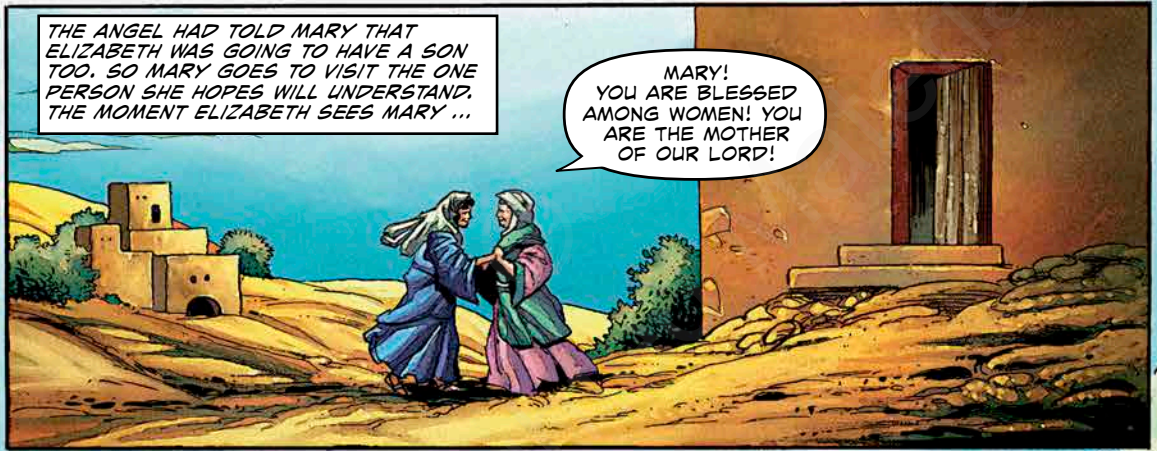
DO NOT BE
AFRAID, MARY. GOD HAS
CHOSEN YOU TO BE THE MOTHER
OF HIS SON. HIS NAME WILL BE
JESUS, AND HE WILL RULE
A KINGDOM THAT WILL
NEVER END.

I AM THE
LORD'S SERVANT.
I WILL DO WHATEVER
HE ASKS.



MARY CHERISHES THIS SECRET IN HER HEART, BUT SHE DOESN'T DARE TELL ANYONE ABOUT THE ANGEL'S PROMISE. JOSEPH IS A GOOD MAN, BUT IF PEOPLE FIND OUT SHE IS PREGNANT, SHE COULD BE KILLED.

I KNOW JOSEPH LOVES ME, BUT WOULD HE BELIEVE ME?



THE ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY THAT ELIZABETH WAS GOING TO HAVE A SON TOO. SO MARY GOES TO VISIT THE ONE PERSON SHE HOPES WILL UNDERSTAND. THE MOMENT ELIZABETH SEES MARY ...

MARY!
YOU ARE BLESSED
AMONG WOMEN! YOU
ARE THE MOTHER
OF OUR LORD!

MARY REALIZES THAT ELIZABETH KNOWS AND BELIEVES HER WONDERFUL SECRET. JOYFULLY SHE SINGS PRAISE TO GOD.

MY SOUL PRAISES THE LORD! AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD, WHO SAVES ME! GOD IS MIGHTY, AND HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME. HIS NAME IS HOLY!

Birth of a Prophet

BASED ON LUKE 1:57-80

FINALLY THE TIME COMES FOR ELIZABETH TO HAVE HER BABY. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS COME TO SEE THE LITTLE BOY.

I'M SURE THEY WILL NAME THE BABY ZECHARIAH, AFTER HIS FATHER.

NO, THE BABY'S NAME IS JOHN.

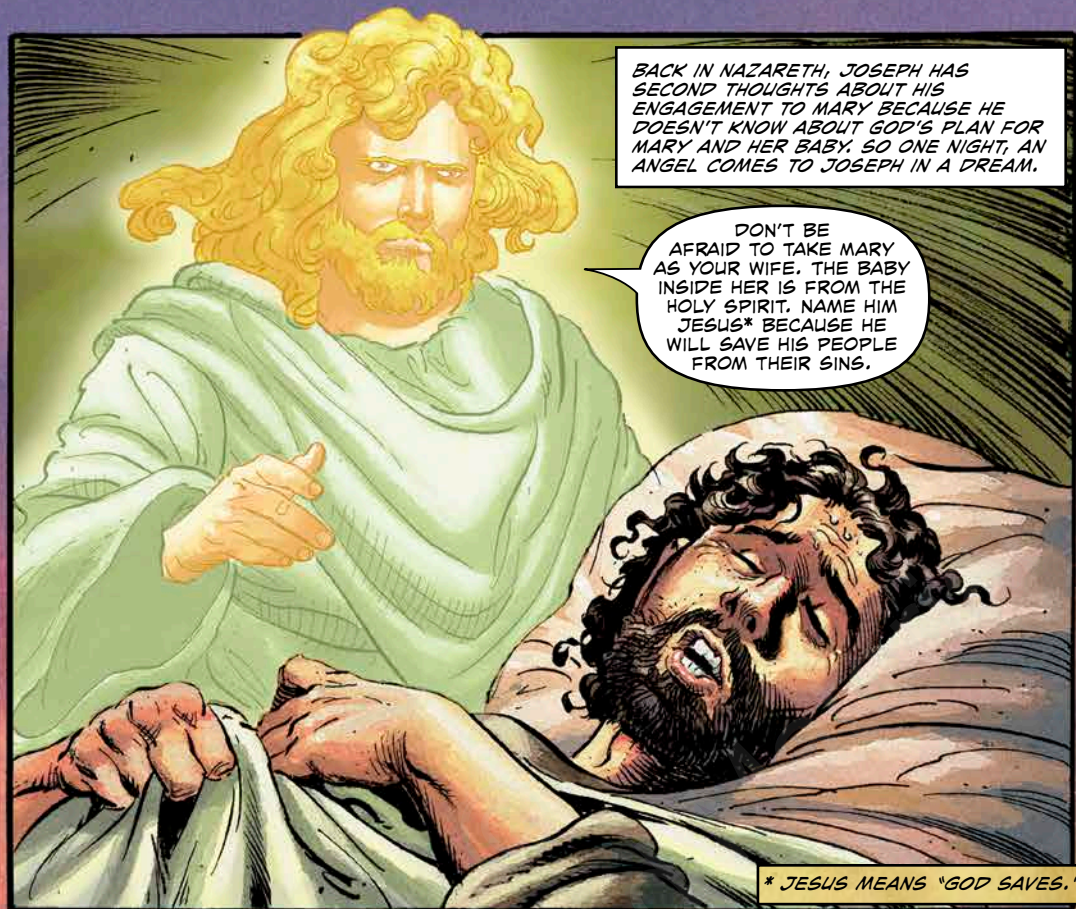
THAT'S ODD. YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY NAMED JOHN. LET'S ASK ZECHARIAH.

ZECHARIAH HAS BEEN SILENT FOR MONTHS. HE MOTIONS FOR A TABLET TO WRITE ON.

HIS NAME IS JOHN.

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ZECHARIAH IS ABLE TO SPEAK AGAIN. HIS FIRST WORDS ARE A SONG OF WORSHIP TO THE LORD.

GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL. HE HAS COME TO SET HIS PEOPLE FREE. HE HAS BEEN KIND TO HIS PEOPLE. AND YOU, MY CHILD, WILL BE CALLED A PROPHET OF THE MOST HIGH GOD.



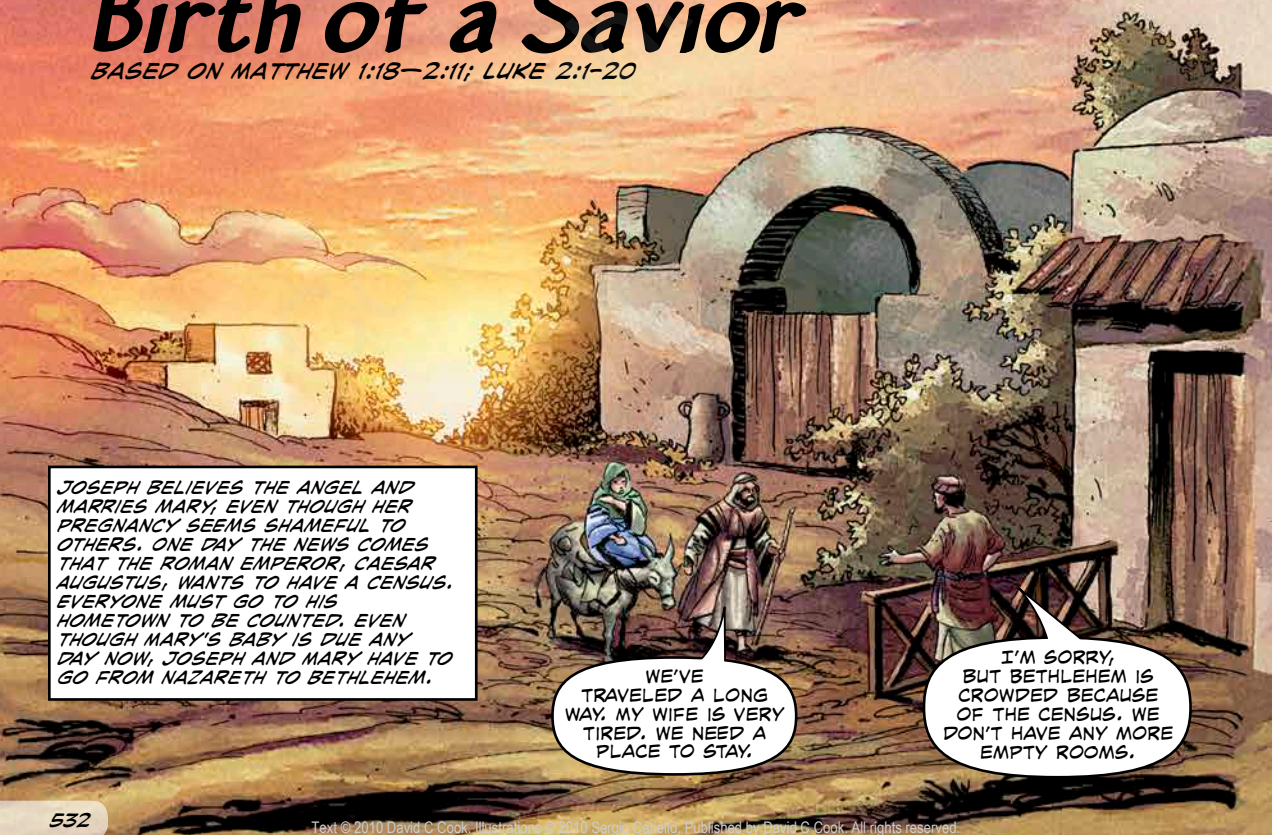
BACK IN NAZARETH, JOSEPH HAS SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS ENGAGEMENT TO MARY BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MARY AND HER BABY. SO ONE NIGHT, AN ANGEL COMES TO JOSEPH IN A DREAM.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE. THE BABY INSIDE HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. NAME HIM JESUS* BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

* JESUS MEANS "GOD SAVES."

Birth of a Savior

BASED ON MATTHEW 1:18-2:11; LUKE 2:1-20



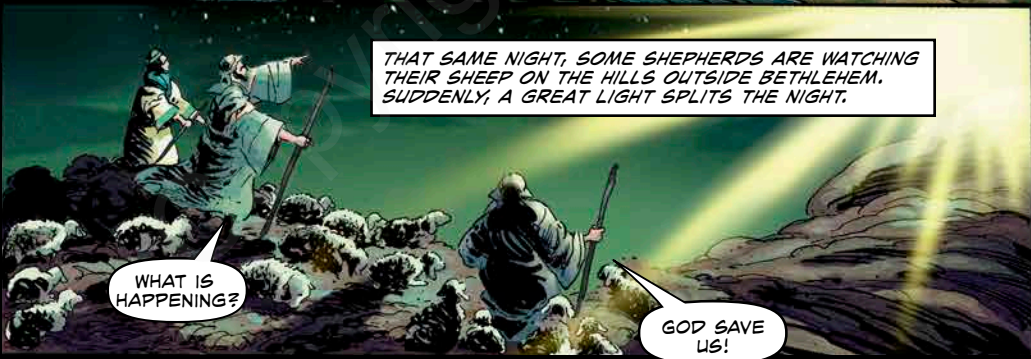
JOSEPH BELIEVES THE ANGEL AND MARRIES MARY; EVEN THOUGH HER PREGNANCY SEEMS SHAMEFUL TO OTHERS. ONE DAY THE NEWS COMES THAT THE ROMAN EMPEROR, CAESAR AUGUSTUS, WANTS TO HAVE A CENSUS. EVERYONE MUST GO TO HIS HOMETOWN TO BE COUNTED, EVEN THOUGH MARY'S BABY IS DUE ANY DAY NOW, JOSEPH AND MARY HAVE TO GO FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM.

WE'VE TRAVELED A LONG WAY. MY WIFE IS VERY TIRED. WE NEED A PLACE TO STAY.

I'M SORRY, BUT BETHLEHEM IS CROWDED BECAUSE OF THE CENSUS. WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE EMPTY ROOMS.



EXHAUSTED, MARY AND JOSEPH HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY IN A STABLE. THERE, SURROUNDED BY ANIMALS, MARY GIVES BIRTH TO JESUS. SHE KEEPS HER BABY WARM IN A MANGER FILLED WITH HAY.



THAT SAME NIGHT, SOME SHEPHERDS ARE WATCHING THEIR SHEEP ON THE HILLS OUTSIDE BETHLEHEM. SUDDENLY, A GREAT LIGHT SPLITS THE NIGHT.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

GOD SAVE US!



DON'T BE AFRAID. I BRING GOOD NEWS FOR YOU AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID, A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU. YOU WILL FIND THE BABY LYING IN A MANGER.



SUDDENLY THE SKY IS FILLED WITH A CHOIR OF ANGELS SINGING PRAISE TO GOD.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO PEOPLE ON EARTH!



THE ANGELS LEAVE AND ONCE AGAIN DARKNESS FALLS UPON THE HILLS.



LET'S GO TO BETHLEHEM.

WE MUST SEE THE CHILD OF GOD FOR OURSELVES.



THE SHEPHERDS HURRY OFF TO BETHLEHEM.

THE CROWDED TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SLEEPS. LOVINGLY, MARY HAS WRAPPED HER BABY IN STRIPS OF CLOTH AND PUT HIM IN A MANGER. THAT'S WHERE THE SHEPHERDS FIND HIM.



AN ANGEL TOLD US THAT THE SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN.

WE HAVE TO TELL EVERYONE THIS GREAT NEWS!

IN A LAND FAR TO THE EAST, WISE MEN SEE SOMETHING STRANGE IN THE SKY.

THAT NEW STAR IS BRIGHTER THAN ALL THE REST. IT MUST HAVE SPECIAL MEANING.

IT'S A SIGN THAT THE KING OF THE JEWS HAS BEEN BORN.

LET US GO TO JERUSALEM AND FIND THIS KING.



AFTER MONTHS OF TRAVEL, THE WISE MEN REACH JERUSALEM.

WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP THE BABY KING OF THE JEWS. WHERE CAN WE FIND HIM?

YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN. NO KING HAS BEEN BORN HERE RECENTLY.

WHEN THE WISE MEN INQUIRE AT THE PALACE, KING HEROD—WHO HAS COMMITTED MORE THAN ONE MURDER TO PROTECT HIS THRONE—IMMEDIATELY COMES UP WITH A PLAN.

LOOK FOR THE CHILD IN BETHLEHEM. WHEN YOU FIND HIM, COME BACK AND TELL ME WHERE HE IS. OF COURSE, I WANT TO WORSHIP HIM TOO.

AND WHEN I FIND THAT CHILD, I'LL KILL HIM. NO ONE IS GOING TO BE KING OF THE JEWS EXCEPT ME!

FOLLOWING HEROD'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE WISE MEN TRAVEL FROM JERUSALEM TO BETHLEHEM. THE STAR THEY HAD SEEN IN THE EAST CONTINUES TO GUIDE THEM.



LOOK!
THE STAR
IS OVER
THAT HOUSE.

OUR LONG
JOURNEY IS FINISHED.
THIS IS WHERE THE
CHILD LIVES.

MARY AND JOSEPH ARE SURPRISED TO RECEIVE RICH FOREIGNERS IN THEIR HUMBLE HOUSE.



WE'VE COME
TO WORSHIP
THE CHILD.

ACCEPT
OUR GIFTS OF
GOLD,
INCENSE,
AND MYRRH.

Flight in the Night

BASED ON MATTHEW 2:12-13

THAT NIGHT, THE WISE MEN HAVE A STRANGE EXPERIENCE. GOD Warns THEM NOT TO TRUST HEROD—AND NOT TO TELL HIM WHERE THE CHILD IS.



I HAD A DREAM—

SO DID I! GOD WARNED US NOT TO GO BACK TO JERUSALEM.


I HAD THE SAME DREAM. WE MUST GO HOME ANOTHER WAY.



AFTER THE WISE MEN LEAVE, JOSEPH HAS ANOTHER DREAM.


ESCAPE TO EGYPT! STAY THERE UNTIL I TELL YOU TO COME BACK. HEROD WANTS TO KILL JESUS.

JOSEPH GETS UP QUICKLY AND PREPARES TO GO. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, JOSEPH, MARY, AND JESUS FLEE TO EGYPT.



IN JERUSALEM, HEROD WAITS FOR THE WISE MEN TO RETURN. WHEN THEY DON'T COME BACK, HE IS FURIOUS.

SIRE, I THINK THOSE WISE MEN HAVE TRICKED US.



THAT CHILD WILL NEVER LIVE TO TAKE MY THRONE! TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T ESCAPE, I'LL KILL EVERY BOY IN BETHLEHEM TWO YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER. I ALONE AM KING.

THAT VERY NIGHT, HEROD'S SOLDIERS DESCEND ON BETHLEHEM AND BRUTALLY CARRY OUT THEIR EVIL ERRAND.



AND SO JEREMIAH'S PROPHECY IS FULFILLED: "THERE IS WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING IN RAMAH. RACHEL WEEPS FOR HER CHILDREN AND WILL NOT BE COMFORTED, FOR THEY ARE NO MORE."



BUT JOSEPH AND MARY ARE ALREADY SAFELY ON THEIR WAY TO EGYPT, WHERE THEY'LL SPEND THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS RAISING THEIR NEW BABY, THE SAVIOR OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

The Sealed Tomb

BASED ON MATTHEW 27:59-28:15; JOHN 19:38-20:18; LUKE 24:13-32



SO THE TOMB IS SEALED WITH A HEAVY STONE, AND ROMAN SOLDIERS STAND GUARD.





BUT BEFORE THE SUN CAN RISE ON SUNDAY MORNING, THE EARTH SUDDENLY SHUDDERS VIOLENTLY! AN ANGEL OF THE LORD ROLLS THE HEAVY STONE ASIDE. THE SOLDIERS FALL TO THE GROUND IN TERROR. WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE SUBSIDES, THEY FLEE BACK TO THE CITY.

AT DAWN THAT MORNING, MARY MAGDALENE AND OTHER FRIENDS OF JESUS HURRY TO THE TOMB. NOW THAT THE SABBATH IS OVER, THEY WANT TO PUT SPICES ON JESUS' BODY FOR A PROPER BURIAL. THEY WONDER WHO WILL HELP THEM MOVE THE STONE. BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE GARDEN ...

THE TOMB!
IT'S OPEN!

MARY RUNS BACK TO JERUSALEM TO TELL PETER AND JOHN THAT SOMEONE HAS STOLEN JESUS' BODY. THE OTHER WOMEN GO IN THE TOMB—AND FIND AN ANGEL SEATED THERE!

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED. JESUS IS RISEN. GO AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES.



WHEN PETER AND JOHN HEAR MARY'S NEWS, THEY RACE TO THE TOMB TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES.

ONLY HIS BURIAL CLOTHS ARE HERE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD! HE SAID HE WOULD, BUT WE DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM.



BY THE TIME MARY RETURNS TO THE GARDEN, THE OTHERS HAVE GONE. SHE STANDS OUTSIDE THE TOMB CRYING. SOMEONE SPEAKS TO HER ...

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN JESUS' BODY, PLEASE TELL ME WHERE YOU PUT IT.





TENDERLY, JESUS SPEAKS MARY'S NAME. SHE RECOGNIZES HIS VOICE NOW ...

MASTER!



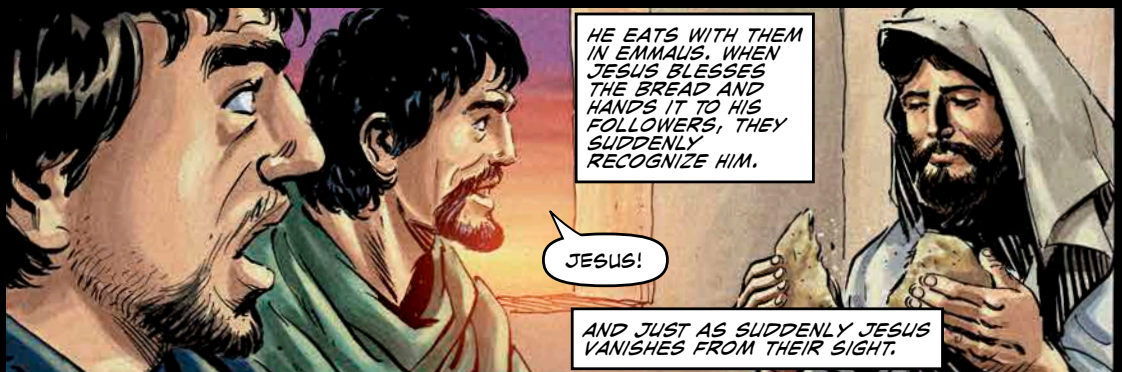
JESUS' FRIENDS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES TO HEAR THE NEWS. THE GUARDS FROM THE TOMB GO STRAIGHT TO THE PRIESTS TO TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED. ALARMED, THE PRIESTS DON'T WANT ANYONE TO HEAR THE TRUTH, SO THEY COME UP WITH A DEVILOUS PLAN ...

HERE, TAKE THIS MONEY. TELL PEOPLE THAT JESUS' DISCIPLES STOLE HIS BODY WHILE ALL OF YOU WERE ASLEEP.



WHILE THE SOLDIERS SPREAD THIS LIE, JESUS JOINS TWO OF HIS FOLLOWERS AS THEY ARE TRAVELING. HE KEEPS THEM FROM RECOGNIZING HIM, AND HE EXPLAINS TO THEM WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT HIS OWN DEATH.

THE PROPHETS SAID THAT THE CHRIST WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER BEFORE HE COULD BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.



HE EATS WITH THEM IN EMMAUS. WHEN JESUS BLESSES THE BREAD AND HANDS IT TO HIS FOLLOWERS, THEY SUDDENLY RECOGNIZE HIM.


JESUS!

AND JUST AS SUDDENLY JESUS VANISHES FROM THEIR SIGHT.

The Last Command

BASED ON LUKE 24:33-53; JOHN 20:19-21:17; MATTHEW 28:16-20

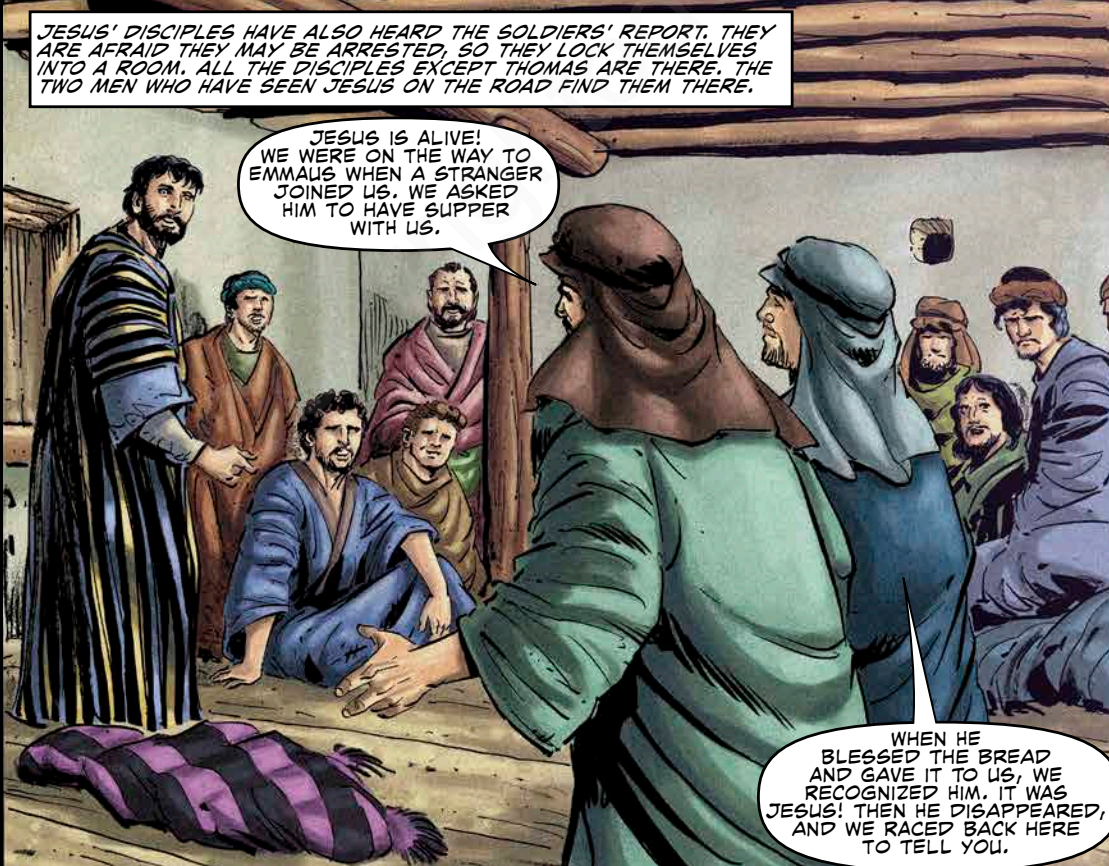
THROUGHOUT JERUSALEM LATE SUNDAY NIGHT, PEOPLE ARE MARVELING AT THE STRANGE REPORT OF THE ROMAN SOLDIERS.



THEY SAY JESUS' DISCIPLES STOLE HIS BODY TO MAKE US BELIEVE HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

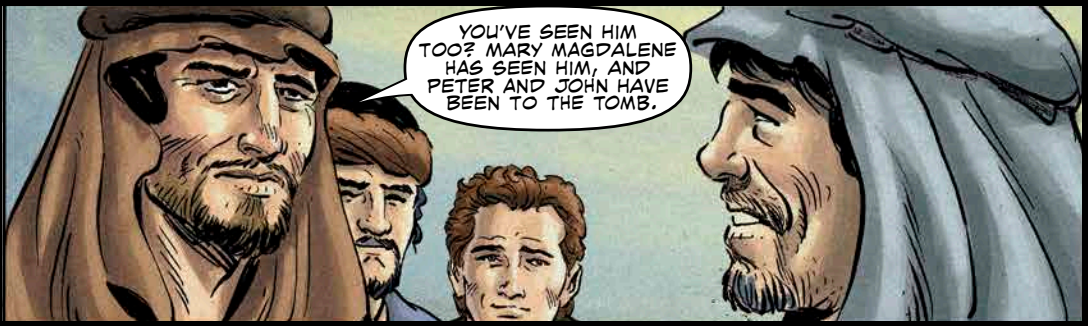
WHAT WERE THOSE ROMAN SOLDIERS DOING WHILE THE TOMB WAS ROBBED?

JESUS' DISCIPLES HAVE ALSO HEARD THE SOLDIERS' REPORT. THEY ARE AFRAID THEY MAY BE ARRESTED, SO THEY LOCK THEMSELVES INTO A ROOM. ALL THE DISCIPLES EXCEPT THOMAS ARE THERE. THE TWO MEN WHO HAVE SEEN JESUS ON THE ROAD FIND THEM THERE.



JESUS IS ALIVE! WE WERE ON THE WAY TO EMMANUS WHEN A STRANGER JOINED US. WE ASKED HIM TO HAVE SUPPER WITH US.

WHEN HE BLESSED THE BREAD AND GAVE IT TO US, WE RECOGNIZED HIM. IT WAS JESUS! THEN HE DISAPPEARED, AND WE RACED BACK HERE TO TELL YOU.

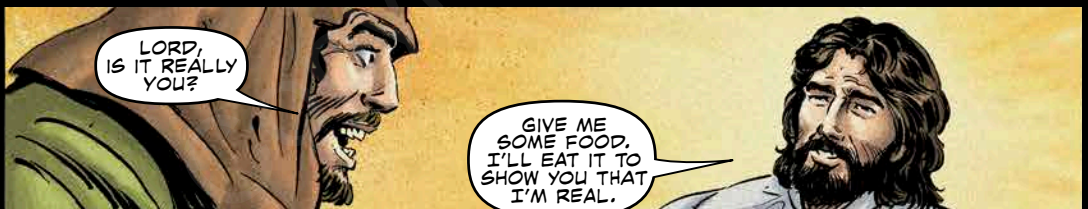


YOU'VE SEEN HIM TOO? MARY MAGDALENE HAS SEEN HIM, AND PETER AND JOHN HAVE BEEN TO THE TOMB.



SUDDENLY, JESUS HIMSELF APPEARS IN THE ROOM—EVEN THROUGH LOCKED DOORS! THE DISCIPLES THINK THEY ARE SEEING A SPIRIT.

PEACE BE WITH YOU. DON'T BE AFRAID. IT'S ME! LOOK AT MY HANDS AND FEET.



LORD, IS IT REALLY YOU?

GIVE ME SOME FOOD. I'LL EAT IT TO SHOW YOU THAT I'M REAL.



QUICKLY, THE DISCIPLES RUN OUT TO FIND THOMAS AND TELL HIM THE GREAT NEWS.

JESUS HAS RISEN! WE'VE SEEN HIM!

I WON'T BELIEVE IT'S JESUS UNTIL I SEE THE NAIL MARKS IN HIS HANDS.

A WEEK LATER, THOMAS IS WITH THE DISCIPLES WHEN THEY MEET AGAIN BEHIND LOCKED DOORS. ONCE AGAIN JESUS APPEARS TO THEM.

THOMAS, TOUCH MY HANDS AND MY SIDE.

MY LORD AND MY GOD!

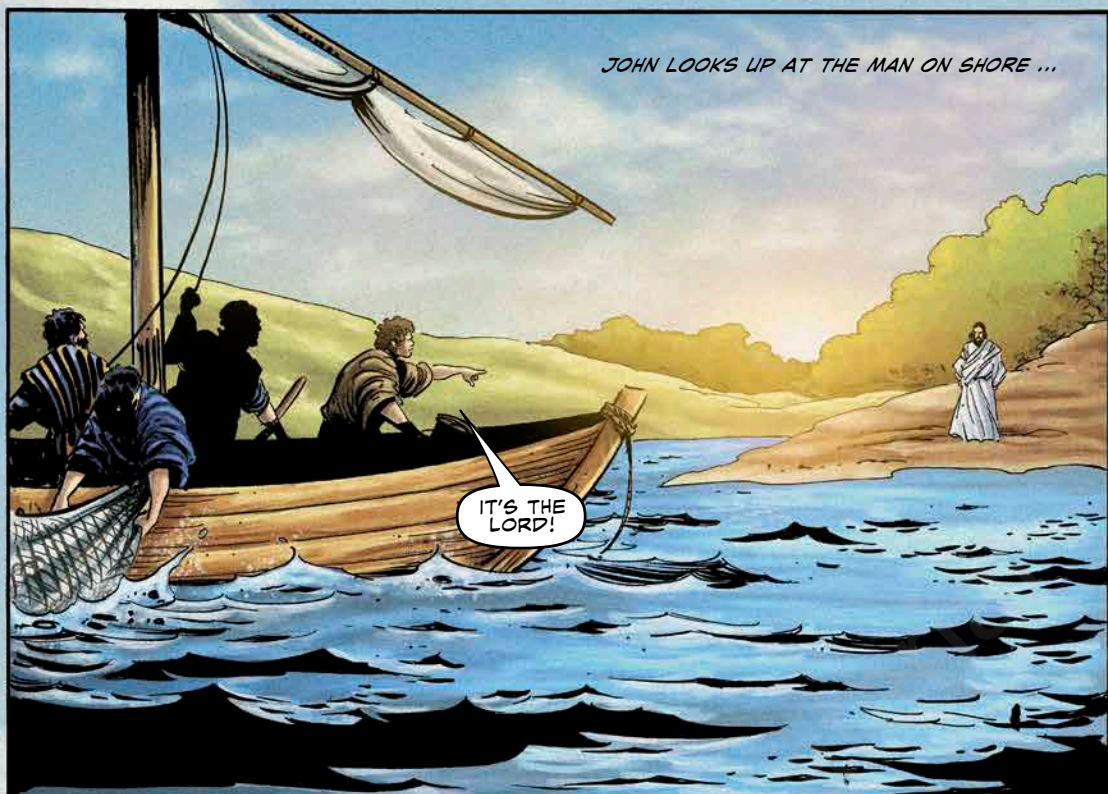
YOU BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU'VE SEEN ME. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE EVEN WITHOUT SEEING ME.

THE DISCIPLES LEAVE JERUSALEM AND GO BACK TO GALILEE. ONE EVENING THEY GO FISHING. THEY FISH ALL NIGHT BUT DON'T CATCH ANYTHING. AT DAYBREAK, THEY SEE SOMEONE STANDING ON THE SHORE.

CAST YOUR NET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOAT!

THE DISCIPLES OBEY, AND SUDDENLY THE NET IS BURSTING WITH FISH ...

JOHN LOOKS UP AT THE MAN ON SHORE ...



PETER IS SO EAGER TO REACH JESUS THAT HE LEAPS INTO THE WATER AND SWIMS TOWARD SHORE. THE OTHERS BRING THE BOAT IN. PETER HELPS DRAG THE NET TO SHORE. JESUS IS WAITING FOR THEM WITH SOME BREAD, AND FISH COOKING OVER A FIRE OF BURNING COALS.

COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST!



AFTER BREAKFAST, JESUS TALKS TO PETER PRIVATELY.

PETER,
DO YOU LOVE
ME?

YES, LORD,
YOU KNOW I
LOVE YOU.

TWO MORE TIMES JESUS ASKS PETER THE SAME QUESTION. EACH TIME, PETER DECLARES HIS LOYALTY. THEN JESUS GIVES PETER A JOB TO DO.

PETER,
FEED MY SHEEP.
TAKE CARE OF MY
FOLLOWERS.

A FEW DAYS LATER, JESUS APPEARS TO 500 OF HIS FOLLOWERS GATHERED ON A MOUNTAIN NEAR THE SEA OF GALILEE. HE GIVES THEM ONE LAST COMMAND.

GO OUT
AND SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS WITH
THE WHOLE
WORLD.

BAPTIZE
THE PEOPLE IN
THE NAME OF THE
FATHER AND
OF THE SON AND
OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

TEACH THEM
TO OBEY WHAT I
HAVE COMMANDED.
AND I WILL ALWAYS
BE WITH YOU.

JESUS EXPLAINS HOW HE HAS COMPLETED GOD'S WORK. HE IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. NOW IT'S THEIR TURN TO CARRY ON GOD'S WORK. JESUS TELLS THEM TO WAIT IN JERUSALEM FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME.



THEN, WITH HIS FOLLOWERS GATHERED AROUND HIM ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES NEAR BETHANY, JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN.

Waiting for the Spirit

BASED ON ACTS 1

IN AWE AND WONDER, JESUS' FOLLOWERS STAND AND LOOK UP INTO HEAVEN AS IF TO CATCH ONE MORE GLIMPSE OF THE MASTER THEY LOVE. SUDDENLY TWO ANGELS APPEAR ...

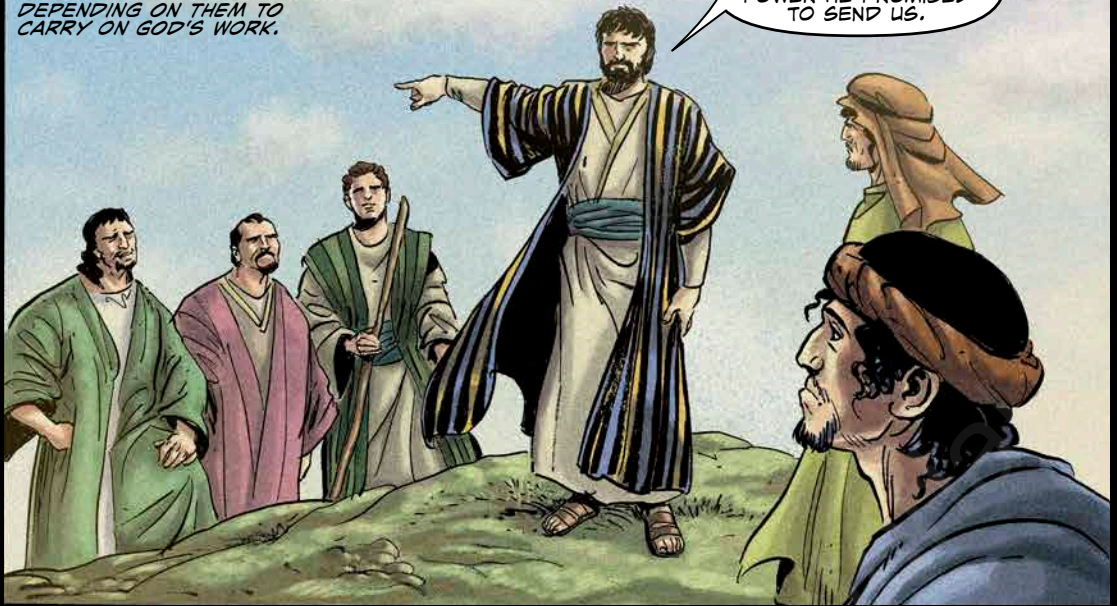
WHY DO YOU STAY HERE LOOKING AT THE SKY?

JESUS WAS TAKEN TO HEAVEN, BUT HE WILL COME BACK THE SAME WAY YOU SAW HIM GO.



THE DISCIPLES, WHO HAD ONCE FLED BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF BEING ARRESTED FOR BEING JESUS' FRIENDS, NOW RETURN TO JERUSALEM. THEY KNOW THAT JESUS IS DEPENDING ON THEM TO CARRY ON GOD'S WORK.

LET'S DO WHAT JESUS TOLD US—WAIT IN JERUSALEM FOR THE POWER HE PROMISED TO SEND US.



IN JERUSALEM, THE DISCIPLES GATHER TOGETHER. PETER TAKES CHARGE ...

JUDAS, WHO BETRAYED JESUS, IS DEAD. WE SHOULD APPOINT SOMEONE TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

I NOMINATE BARSABBAS.

I NOMINATE MATTHIAS.



THE DISCIPLES
ASK GOD'S
GUIDANCE FOR
THEIR DECISION,
AND MATTHIAS
IS CHOSEN.

FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS, THE DISCIPLES
MEET TOGETHER IN PRAYER. THEY ARE
WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME, AS
JESUS PROMISED. AT THE SAME TIME, JEWS
FROM ALL OVER PALESTINE—AND EVEN
DISTANT COUNTRIES—ONCE AGAIN FILL THE
STREETS OF JERUSALEM. THEY COME TO
CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THANKSGIVING
CALLED PENTECOST.



THESE PILGRIMS COME WITH LOTS OF
QUESTIONS AFTER THE RECENT EVENTS.
"WAS JESUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD?"
"OR DID HIS DISCIPLES STEAL HIS BODY
FROM THE TOMB AND CLAIM THAT HE
WAS ALIVE?" THESE QUESTIONS LINGER
IN THE AIR AS JEWS FLOOD INTO
JERUSALEM FOR THE PENTECOST FEAST.
JESUS' DISCIPLES KNOW THE TRUTH,
BUT THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THEM.

Tongues of Fire!

BASED ON ACTS 2

EARLY ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, 120 FOLLOWERS OF JESUS GATHER TO PRAY. SUDDENLY A SOUND LIKE A MIGHTY RUSHING WIND ROARS THROUGH THE ROOM AND FILLS THE WHOLE HOUSE. THEN, TONGUES OF FIRE SETTLE ON THEM.



IN THAT HOLY MOMENT, JESUS' FOLLOWERS ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEY START TO SPEAK IN LANGUAGES THEY DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE.

JERUSALEM IS CROWDED FOR THE FEAST. WHEN PEOPLE HEAR THE SOUND, THEY COME RUNNING ...

WE HAVE TO SEE FOR OURSELVES WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH JESUS' FOLLOWERS.



THE PEOPLE FIND THE DISCIPLES AND LISTEN ...

IT'S TRUE! WE HEAR THEM SPEAKING IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES.

EVEN THOSE OF US FROM FAR AWAY—FROM EGYPT OR ROME OR ARABIA—WE HEAR THEM SPEAKING ABOUT GOD'S WONDERS!



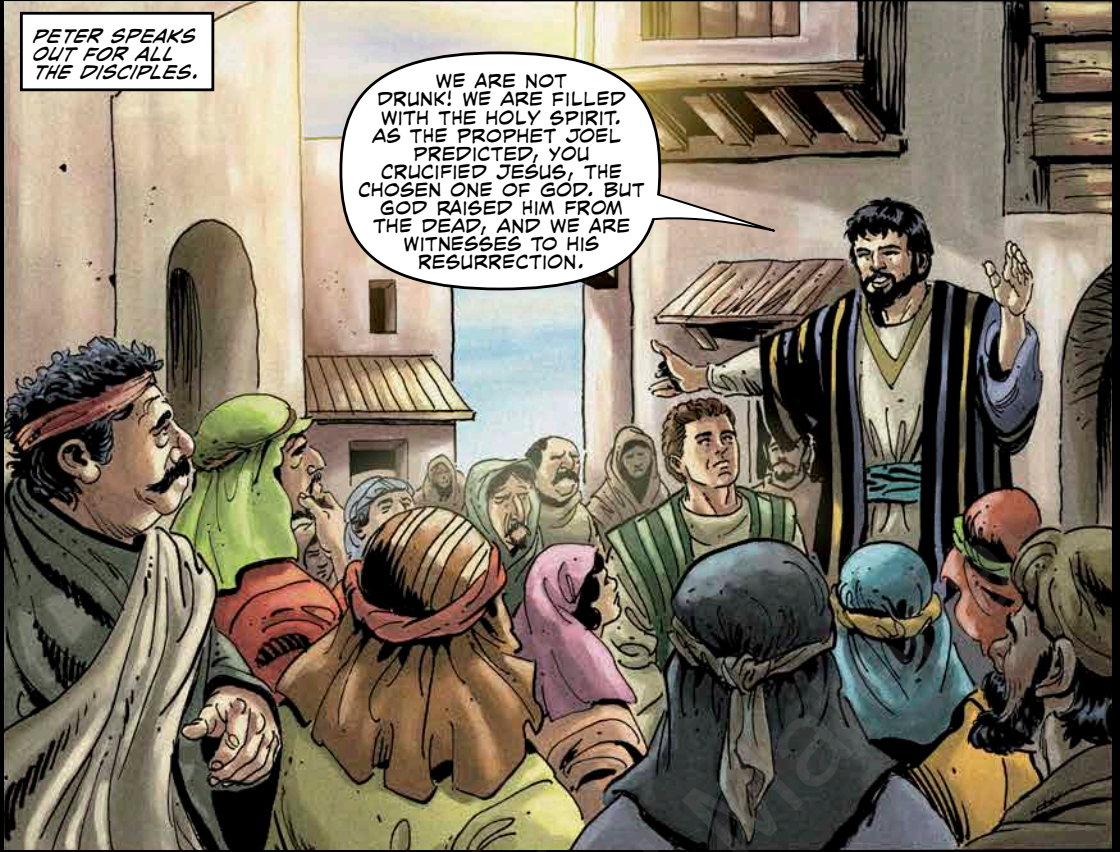
THEY'VE BEEN DRINKING TOO MUCH WINE! THAT'S ALL IT IS.

PEOPLE WHO ARE DRUNK DO NOT SUDDENLY SPEAK IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.



**PETER SPEAKS
OUT FOR ALL
THE DISCIPLES.**

WE ARE NOT
DRUNK! WE ARE FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AS THE PROPHET JOEL
PREDICTED, YOU
CRUCIFIED JESUS, THE
CHOSEN ONE OF GOD, BUT
GOD RAISED HIM FROM
THE DEAD, AND WE ARE
WITNESSES TO HIS
RESURRECTION.



**PETER'S WORDS
CUT DEEP INTO THE
HEARTS OF THE
PEOPLE. THEY
REMEMBER HOW
THEY HAD DEMANDED
JESUS' CRUCIFIXION
ONLY A FEW WEEKS
EARLIER.**

STOP YOUR
SINNING WAYS!
BE BAPTIZED IN THE
NAME OF JESUS. THEN YOU
WILL RECEIVE GOD'S
HOLY SPIRIT FOR
YOURSELVES.





GOD, FORGIVE MY SINS IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

WE WERE SO WRONG!



THESE DISCIPLES SPEAK THE TRUTH. JESUS FULFILLS ALL THE PROPHECIES OF OLD. HE IS THE SON OF GOD, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

BEFORE THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS OVER, 3,000 PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS AND ARE BAPTIZED. AS THE DAYS PASS, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE SEE THE LOVE OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS. BELIEVERS BEGIN MEETING IN HOMES, SHARING MEALS AND EVERYTHING THEY OWN.

I'VE BROUGHT SOME FRIENDS WHO WANT TO LEARN ABOUT JESUS.

COME IN, WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE.

HAVE YOU HEARD? THE POOR WIDOW WE TALKED TO YESTERDAY NEEDS FOOD FOR HER CHILDREN.

I'LL GIVE THE APOSTLES SOME MONEY TO HELP HER.

THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS AND WORSHIP TOGETHER EVERY DAY, EVERY DAY. MORE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS AND JOIN THE BELIEVERS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THESE FRIENDS OF JESUS?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM, BUT I WANT TO FIND OUT MORE. LOOK AT HOW THEY LOVE EACH OTHER!