



Come Follow Me 2022
Genesis 24-27



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“Women: Old Testament”

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Women were responsible for the care and the discipline of the children. And to teach them about God and their duties to Him.

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The Power of Women in the Old Testament

Exodus 34:16

As Moses explains to the Israelites that they should worship no other gods, he warns them that if they make covenants with the Caananites they will turn them to their gods.

16 And thou take of their daughters [Caananites] unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

Numbers 25:1-2 It is the Moabite women who led the Israelites to worship their gods.

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Nehemiah 13:23-24, 26

23 ¶ In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish [foreign] women cause to sin [worship other gods].

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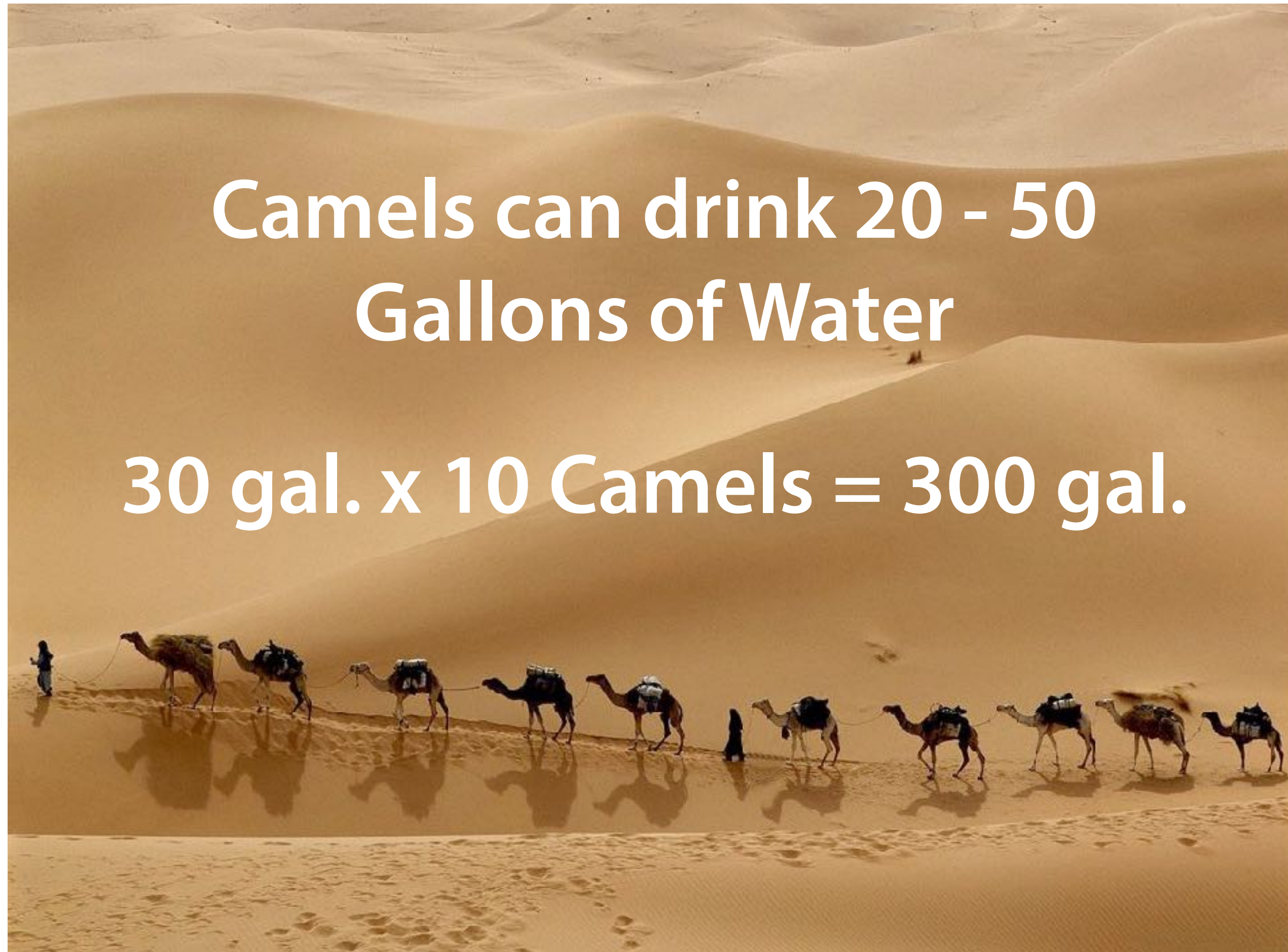
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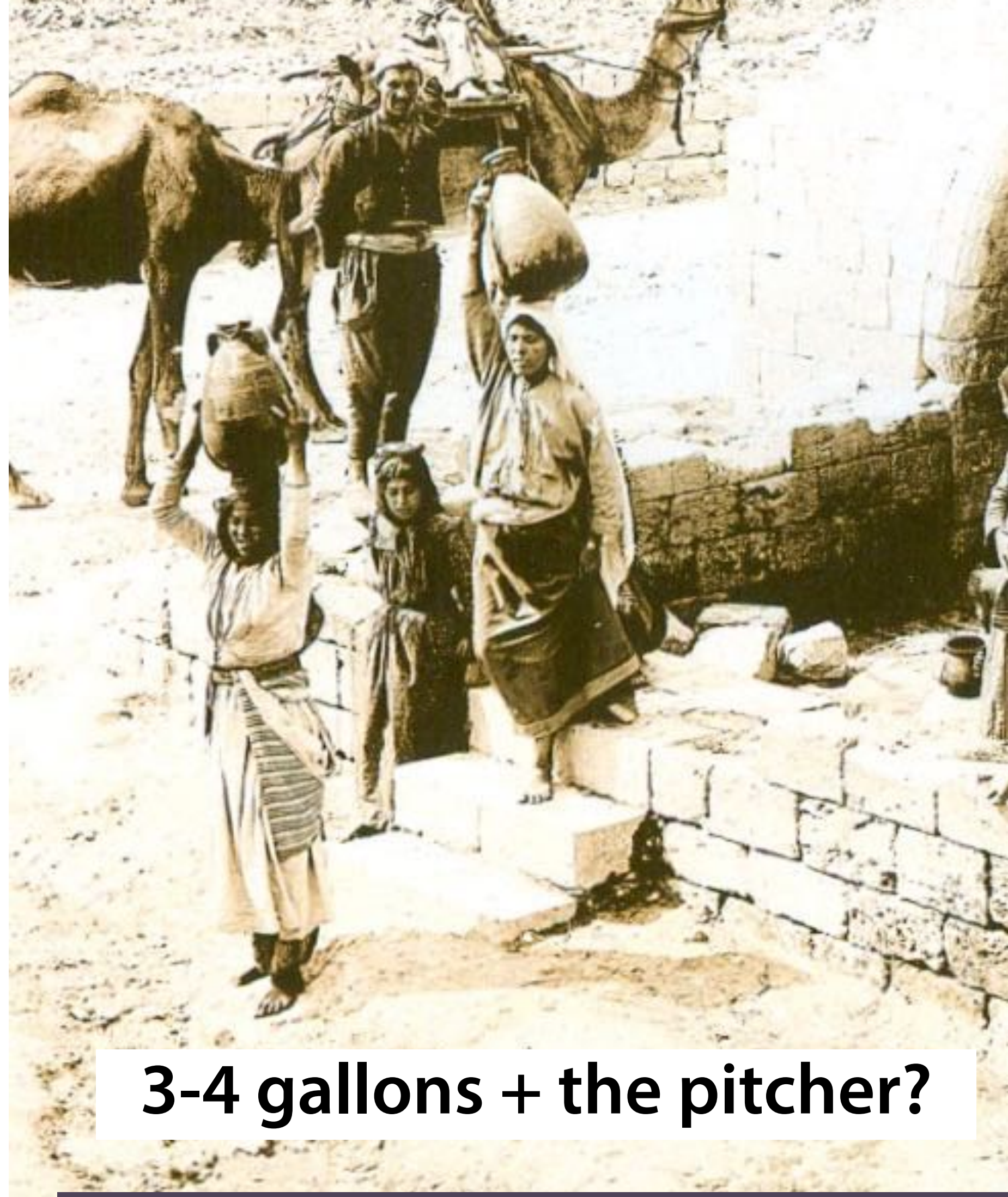
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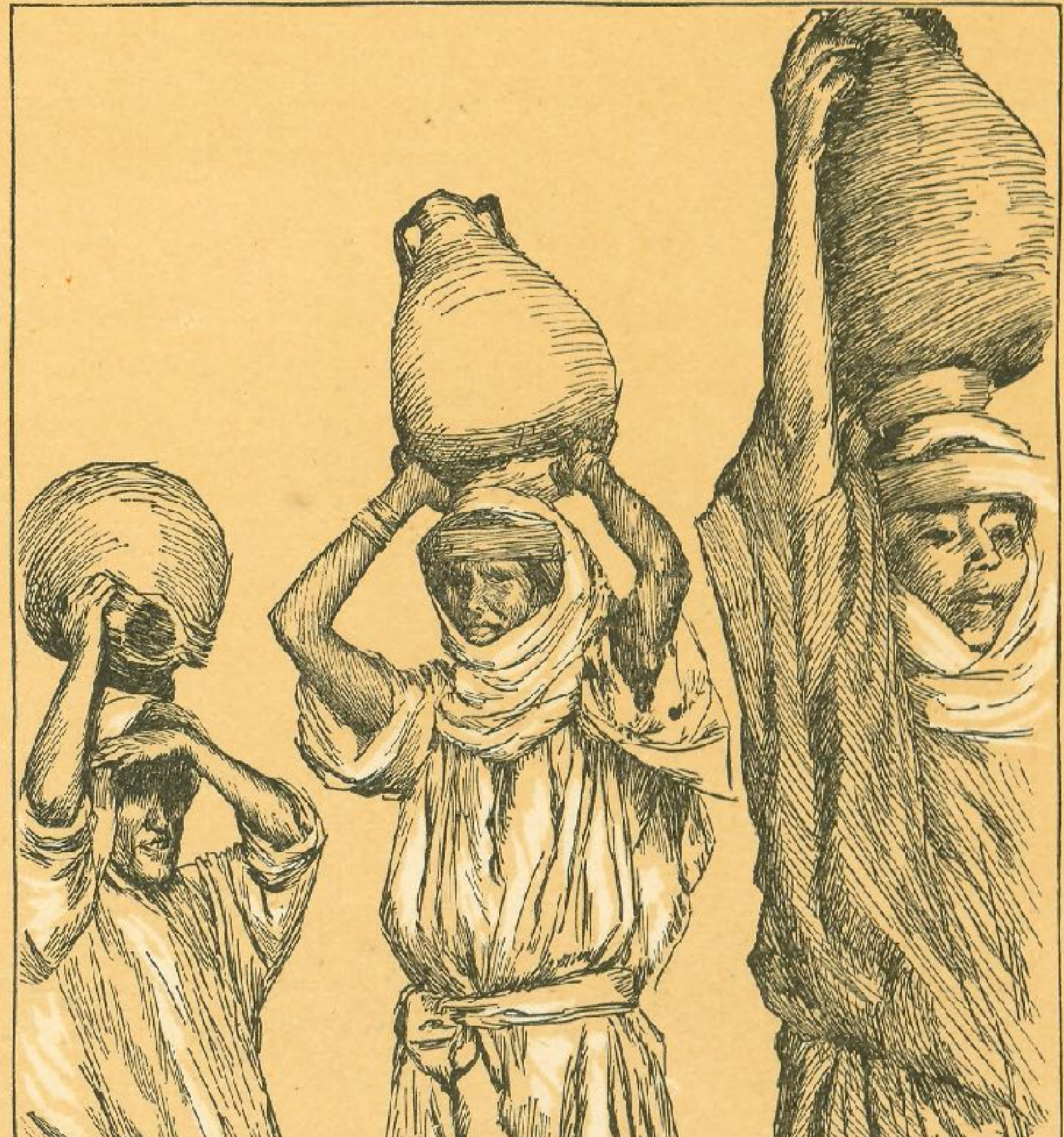
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36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.
37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:
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(David A. Bednar, in “Understanding Heavenly Father’s Plan,” originally from an international broadcast to YSA [lds.org/prophets-and-apostles/unto-all-the-world/understanding-heavenly-fathers-plan](https://www.lds.org/prophets-and-apostles/unto-all-the-world/understanding-heavenly-fathers-plan)).

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Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Now, there are those among you fine young members of the Church who might never marry. Although they are worthy in every way, they may never find someone to whom they will be sealed [in] the temple of the Lord in this life. ...

“... I cannot tell you why one individual’s prayers are answered one way while someone else’s are answered differently. But this I can tell you: the righteous desires of your hearts will be fulfilled. ...

“... The brief span of this life is nothing in comparison with eternity. And if only we can hope and exercise faith and joyfully endure to the end, ... there, in that great heavenly future, we will have the fulfillment of the righteous desires of our hearts, and so very much more than we can scarcely comprehend now”

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9a Gen. 35:29.

b Gen. 23:9 (9, 19); 49:30.

10a Gen. 23:16.

b Gen. 49:31; 50:13.

20a Gen. 22:23.

b Gen. 28:2.

21a TG Marriage, Husbands; Marriage, Wives.

b TG Barren.

c 1 Chr. 5:20.

b Gen. 32:28 (24–32).

c Gen. 27:36;

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Esau Sells His Birthright

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CHAPTER 26

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AND there was a ^afamine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto ^bAbimelech king of the ^cPhilistines unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 ^aSojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will ^bbless thee;

28a Gen. 27:4 (4–31).

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Abraham's Death and His Descendants

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^b Gen. 24:36.

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The phrase “gathered to his people” is one more evidence of their gospel knowledge. Two Bible scholars commented on the significance of that phrase: “This expression ... denotes the reunion in *Sheol* [shee-OLE] with friends who have gone before, and therefore presupposes faith in the personal continuance of a man after death, as a presentiment which the promises of God had exalted in the case of the patriarchs into a firm assurance of faith [see Hebrews 11:13]” (Keil and Delitzsch, Commentary, 1:1:263). *Sheol* is the Hebrew word for the world of spirits where one goes when one dies, the equivalent of the spirit world. The Hebrews had not only a concept of life after death but also a correct concept of the intermediate place between death and the Resurrection.

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