



Come Follow Me 2022
Joshua



CHRISTIAN BIBLE (Old Testament)

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Come, Follow Me - Thoughts to Keep in Mind

The books of Joshua through Esther are traditionally known as the “historical books” of the Old Testament. This doesn’t mean that other books in the Old Testament don’t have historical value. Rather, the historical books are called that because the main objective of their writers was to show God’s hand in the history of the people of Israel. The purpose was not to outline the law of Moses, as Leviticus and Deuteronomy do. It was not to express praise or lament in poetic form, as the Psalms and Lamentations do. And it was not to record the words of prophets, as the books of Isaiah and Ezekiel do. Instead, the historical books tell a story.

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“Joshua, the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim, was first called Oshea or Hoshea, ... [Numbers 13:16], which signifies saved, a saviour, or salvation; but afterwards Moses, guided no doubt by a prophetic spirit, changed his name into ... Yehoshua or Joshua, which signifies he shall save, or the salvation of Jehovah; referring, no doubt, to his being God’s instrument in saving the people from the hands of their enemies, and leading them from victory to victory over the different Canaanitish nations, till he put them in possession of the promised land. ... By the Septuagint he is called ... , Jesus Naue, or Jesus son of Nave: and in the New Testament he is expressly called ... Jesus; [see Acts 7:45; Hebrews 4:8].” (Clarke, Bible Commentary, 2:3.) In other words, in the original Hebrew both Joshua and Jesus were the same name.

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“over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto ^athe utmost sea,

3 And the ^asouth, and the plain of the valley of ^bJericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I ^aswore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 ¶ So ^aMoses the servant of the LORD ^bdied there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he ^aburied him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth ^bof his ^csepulchre unto this day.

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8 ¶ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* ^amourning for Moses were ended.

9 ¶ And Joshua the son of ^aNun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had ^blaid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel ^chearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 ¶ And there arose not a ^aprophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew ^bface to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty ^ahand, and in all the great ^bterror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

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7a Ex. 7:7;

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“The Lord was not promising Joshua material wealth and fame, but that his life would prosper in righteousness and that he would have success in that which matters most in life, namely the quest to find true joy. (See 2 Nephi 2:25.)”

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Study of the Scriptures Leads to Great Success

The sons of Mosiah in Alma 17:2

“...they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth; for they were men of a sound understanding and they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God.”

Using prayer and fasting as part of the tools of meditation, the results were that they had, “the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority of God.” (v. 3)

James 1:5



Richard G. Scott

“In 1991 I wanted to give a special Christmas gift to my family. In recording the fulfillment of that desire, my personal journal states: ‘It is 12:38 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 1991. I’ve just concluded an audio recording of the Book of Mormon for my family. This has been an experience that has increased my testimony of this divine work and strengthened in me a desire to be more familiar with its pages to distill from these scriptures truths to be used in my service to the Lord. I love this book.’”

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Joshua 2:1–8

Tikva Frymer-Kensky

“From Israel’s point of view she is an outsider; from Canaan’s point of view, she is a woman; and even from the Canaanite woman’s point of view, she is a prostitute, outside normal family life. Rahab is smart, proactive, tricky, and unafraid to disobey and deceive her king. Her allegiance to God and Israel make her one of Israel’s early saviors.”

(Tikva Frymer-Kensky, “Reading the Women of the Bible,” 2002, p. 35)



**“Bring forth the men that are come to thee,
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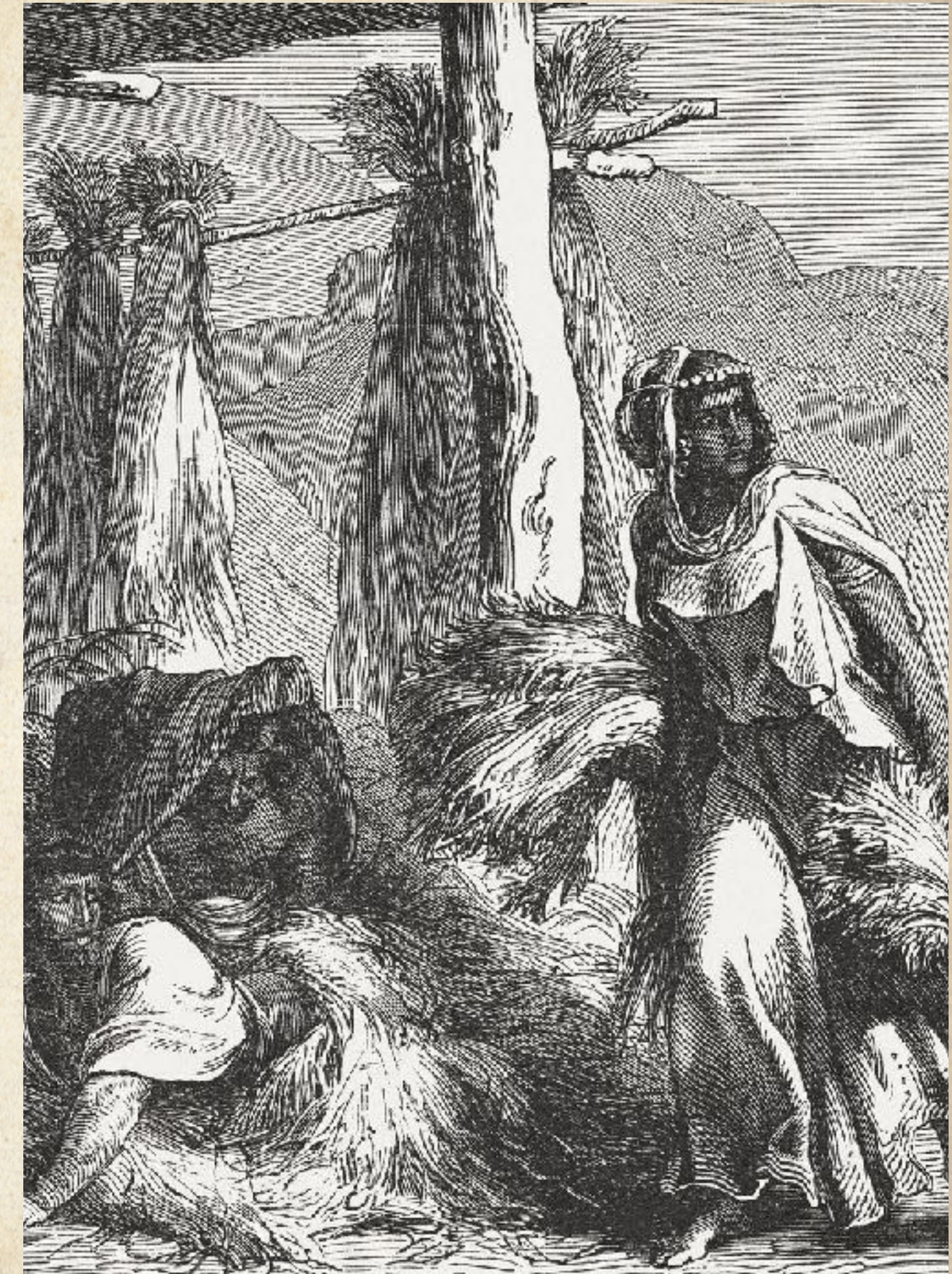
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“The incongruous use of the singular suffix draws attention to the only other time the verb occurs in the third person feminine imperfect. When Moses’ mother saves Moses ‘she hid him’ (same phrase used for Rahab’s story). Rahab hides the Israelite spies just as Moses’s mother hid her baby.”

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3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were*:

5 And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I ^awot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were laid

down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your ^aterror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land ^bfaint because of you.

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22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath ^adelivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

CHAPTER 3

Joshua leads Israel to the Jordan—The Lord cuts off the water of the Jordan; it

stands up as a heap, and Israel passes over on dry ground.

AND Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ^aark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the ^away by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, ^aSanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to ^amagnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 ¶ And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the ^aliving God is

18b TG Capital Punishment.

10a Josh. 6:27; 9:9.

b Josh. 5:1.

17a HEB pure; i.e., innocent, free from blame in this

3 3a TG Ark of the Covenant. 1a 1 No. 16:10

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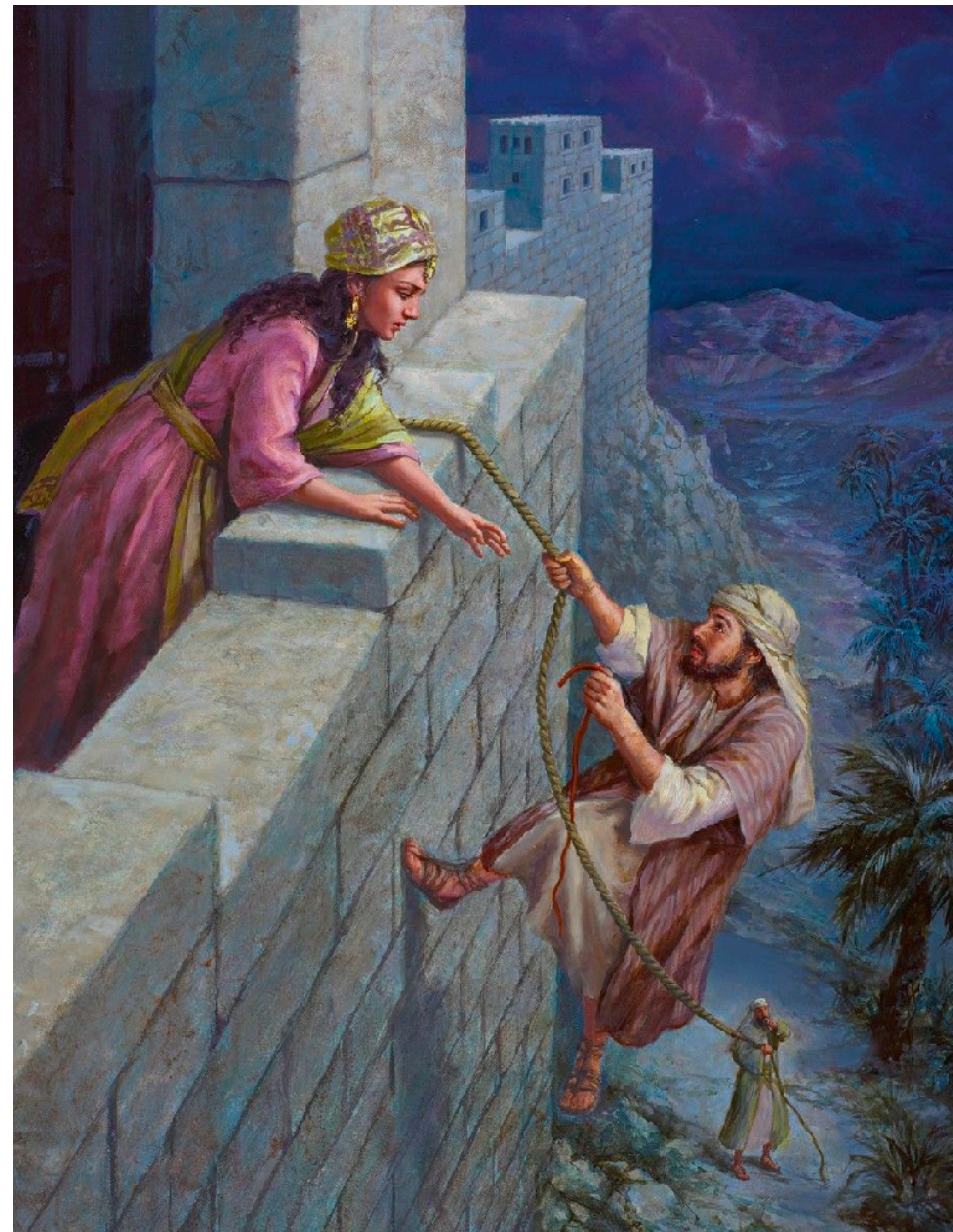
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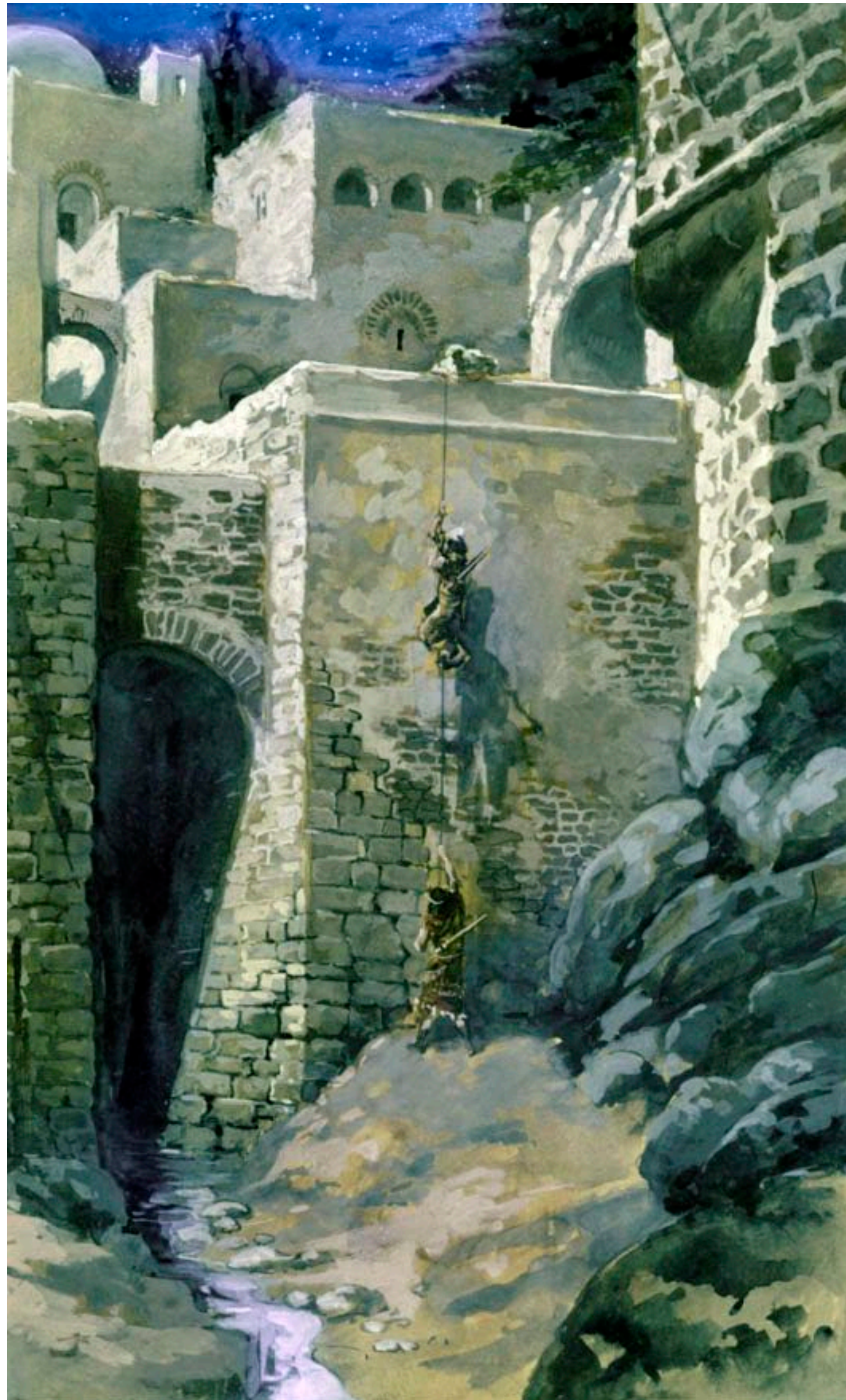
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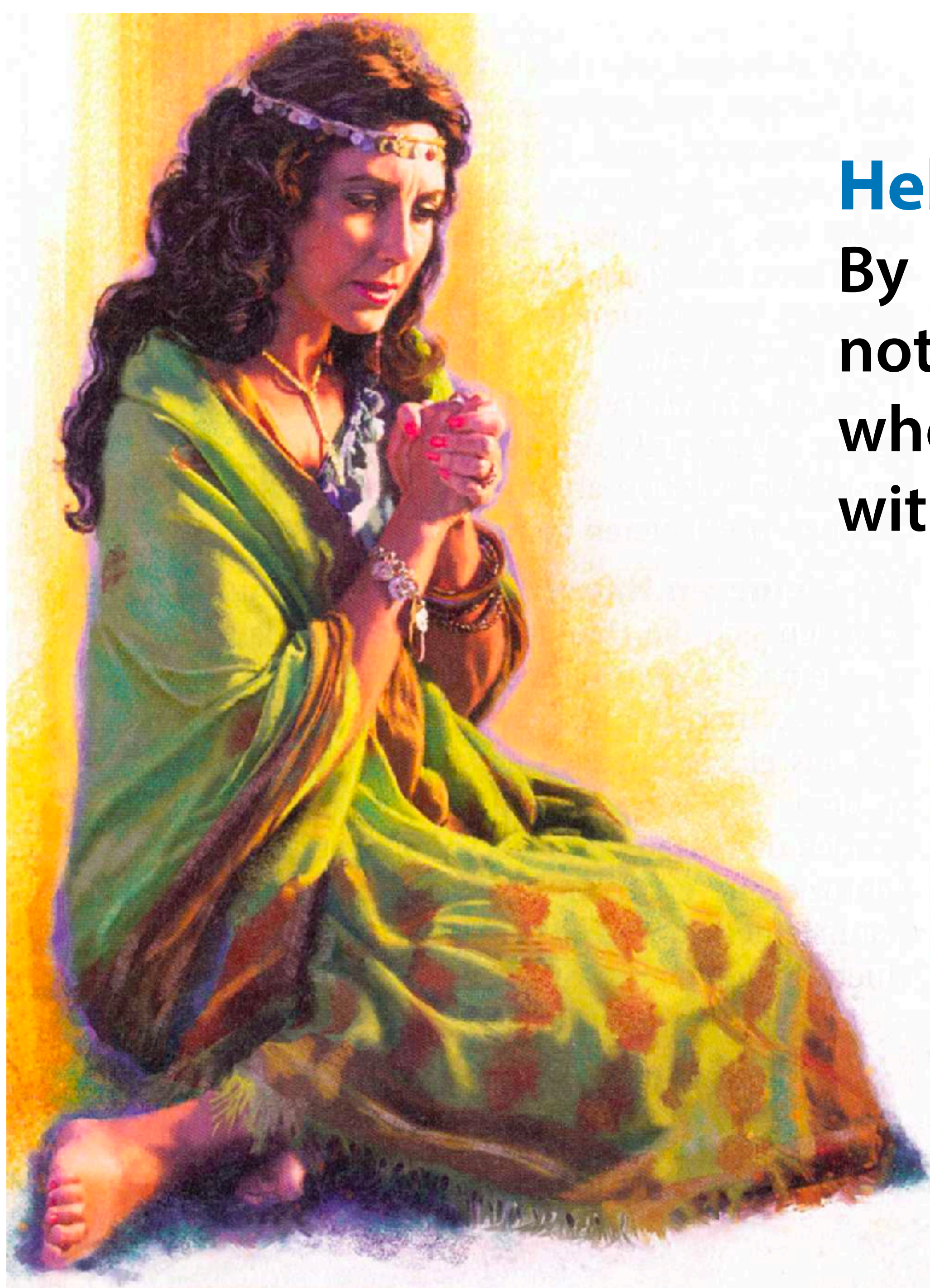
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James 2:25

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Examples of Faith

- **Joshua follows God's counsel to be strong and courageous in the impossible task he's been given,**
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17 And the men said unto her, We will be ^ablameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

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21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath ^adelivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

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Joshua leads Israel to the Jordan—The Lord cuts off the water of the Jordan; it

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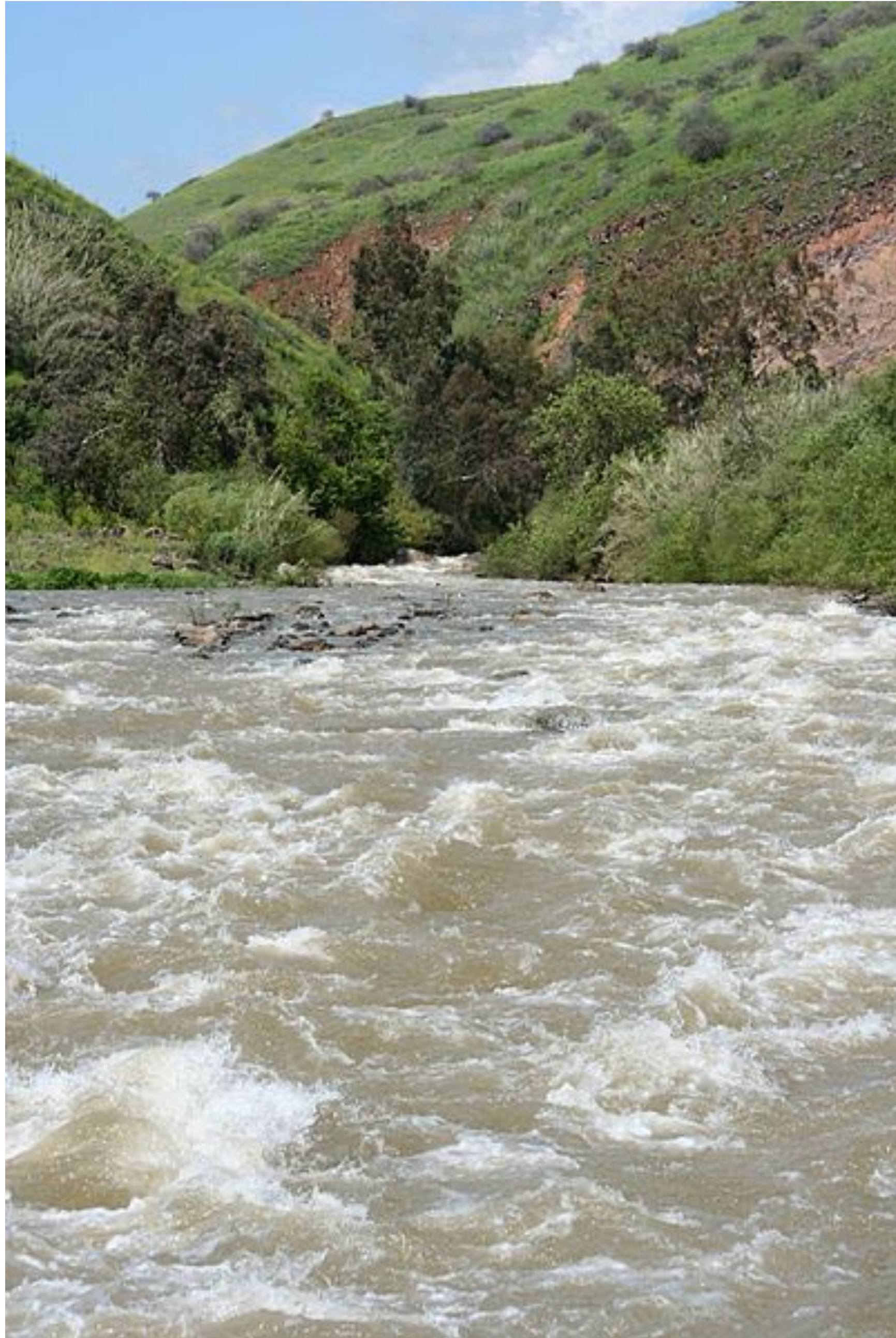
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(David A. Bednar, “Seek Learning by Faith,” Ensign, Sept. 2007, 63).

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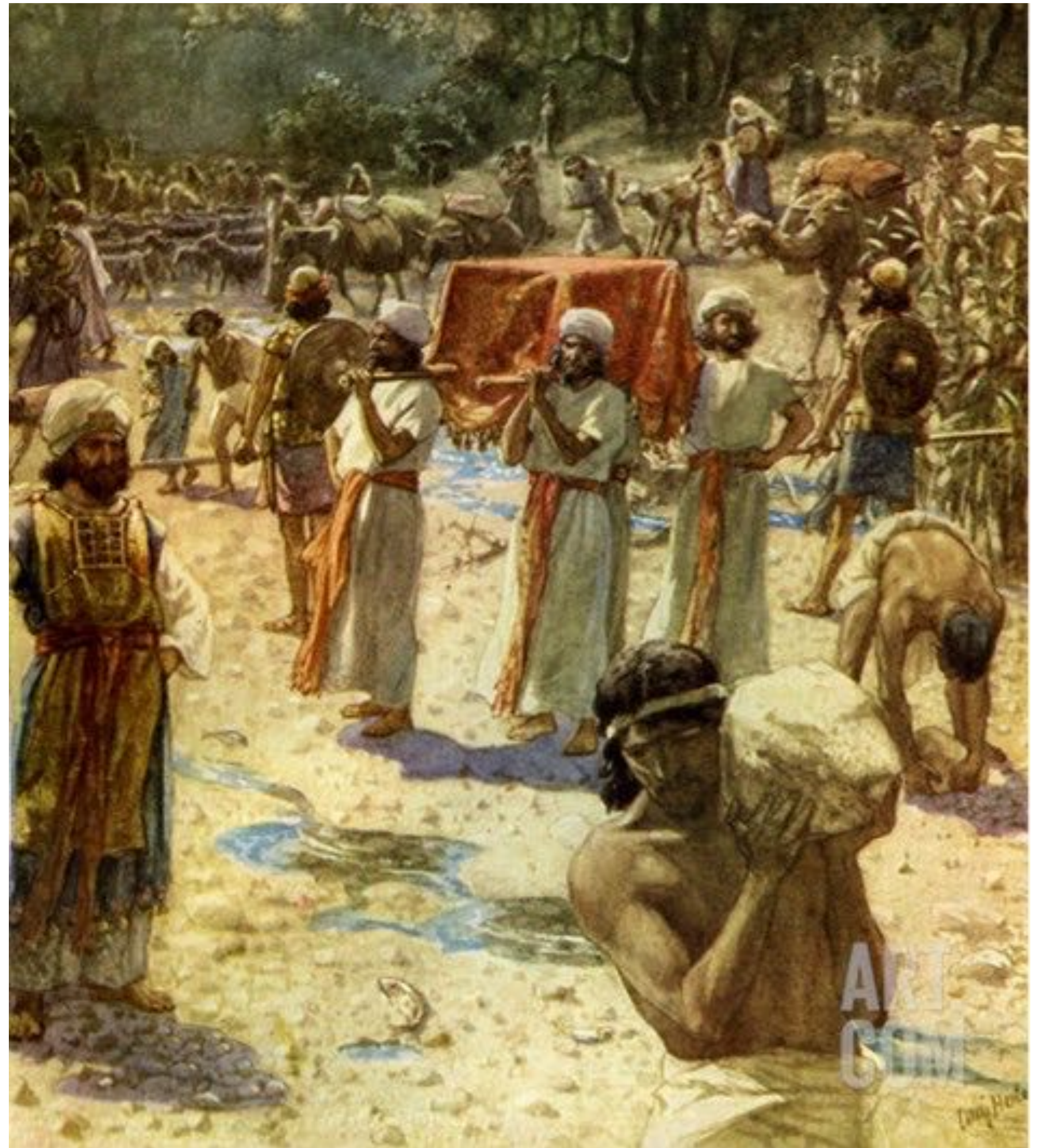
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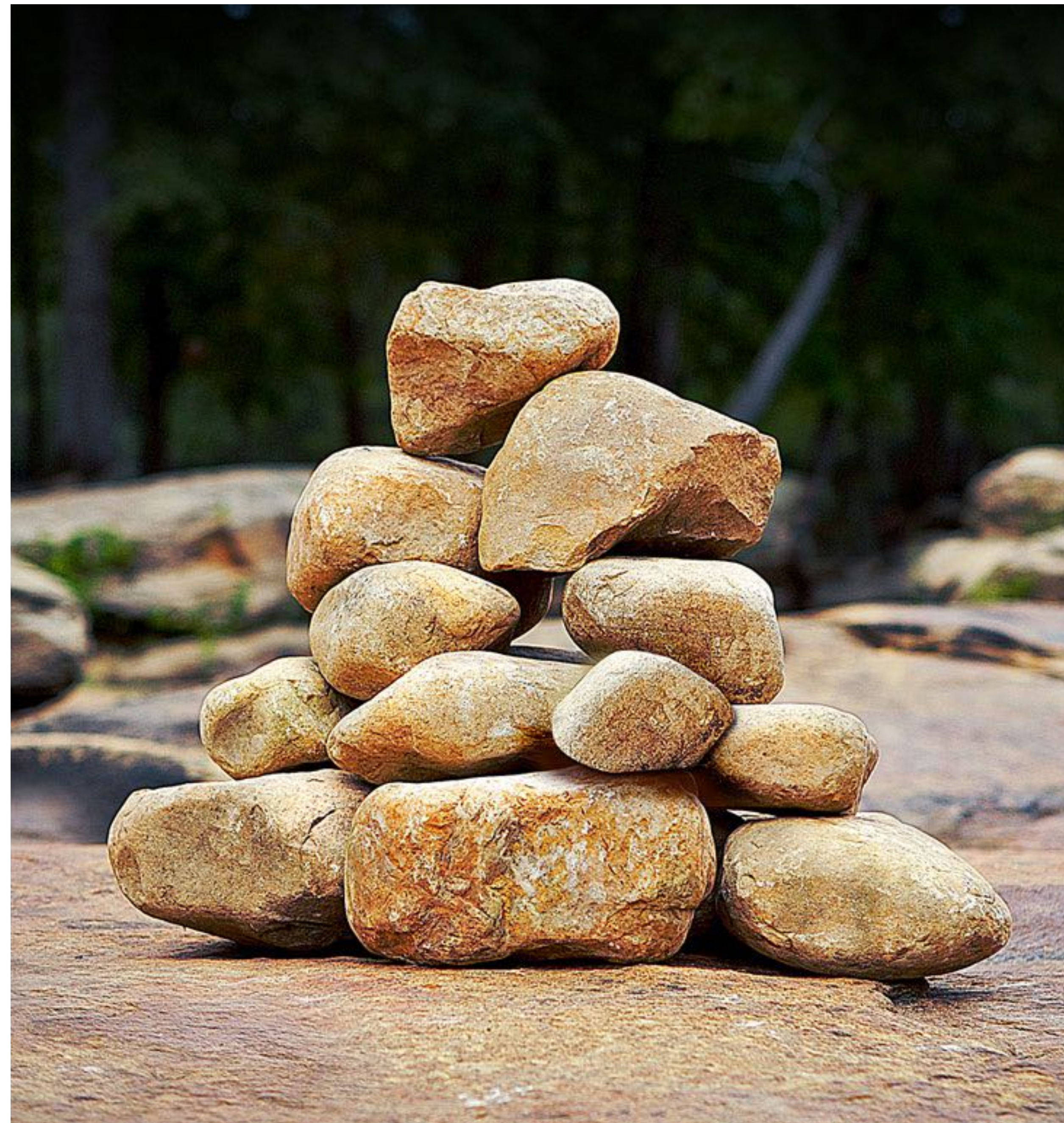
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“Remembering enables us to see God’s hand in our past, just as prophecy and faith assure us of God’s hand in our future”

(Marlin K. Jensen, “Remember and Perish Not,” GC Apr. 2007, Ensign or Liahona, May 2007, 38).

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5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they ^aobeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD swore that he would not shew them the ^bland, which the LORD ^cswore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

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9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called ^aGilgal unto this day.

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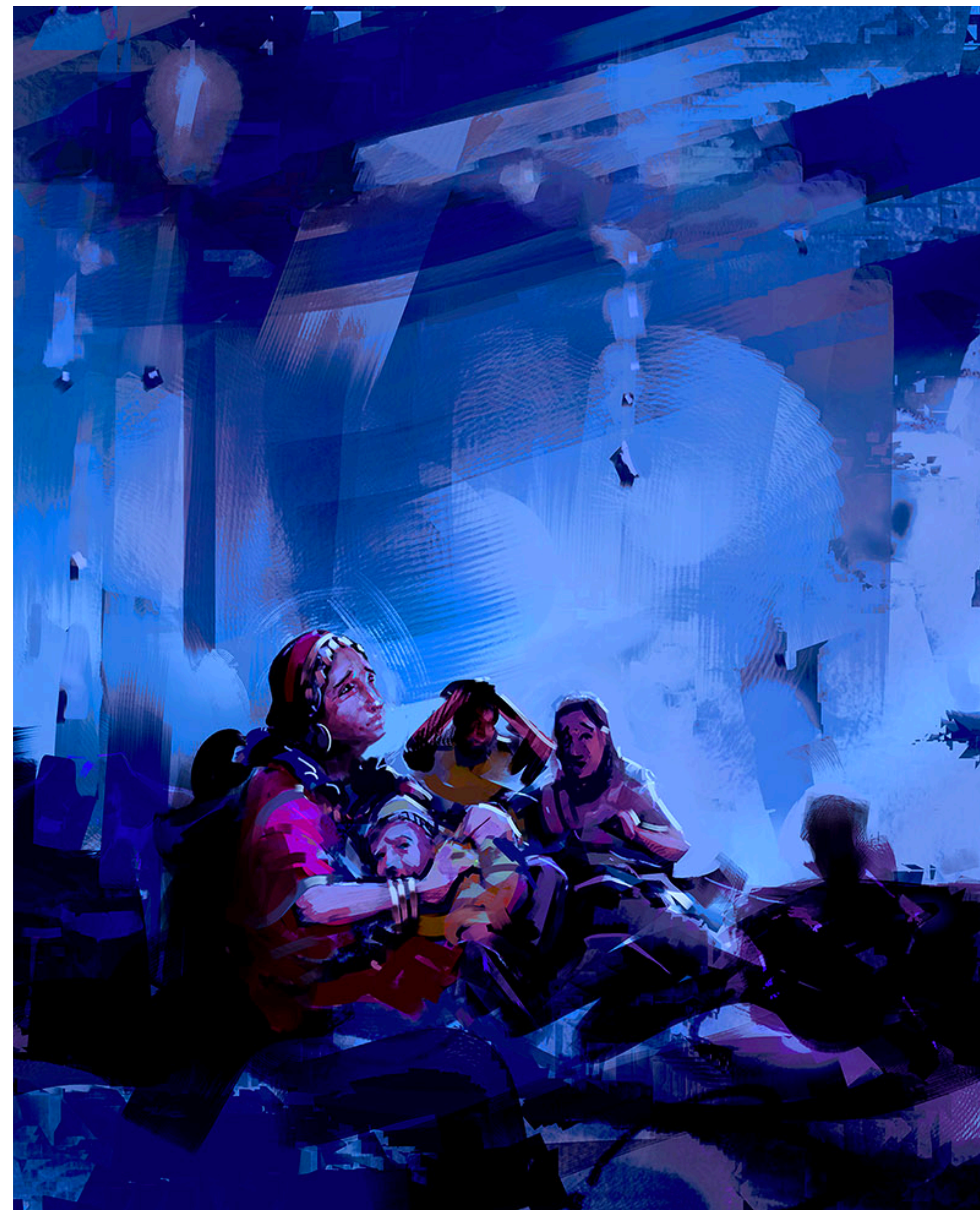
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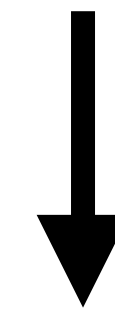
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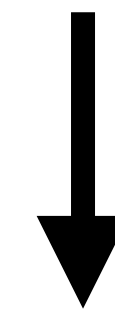


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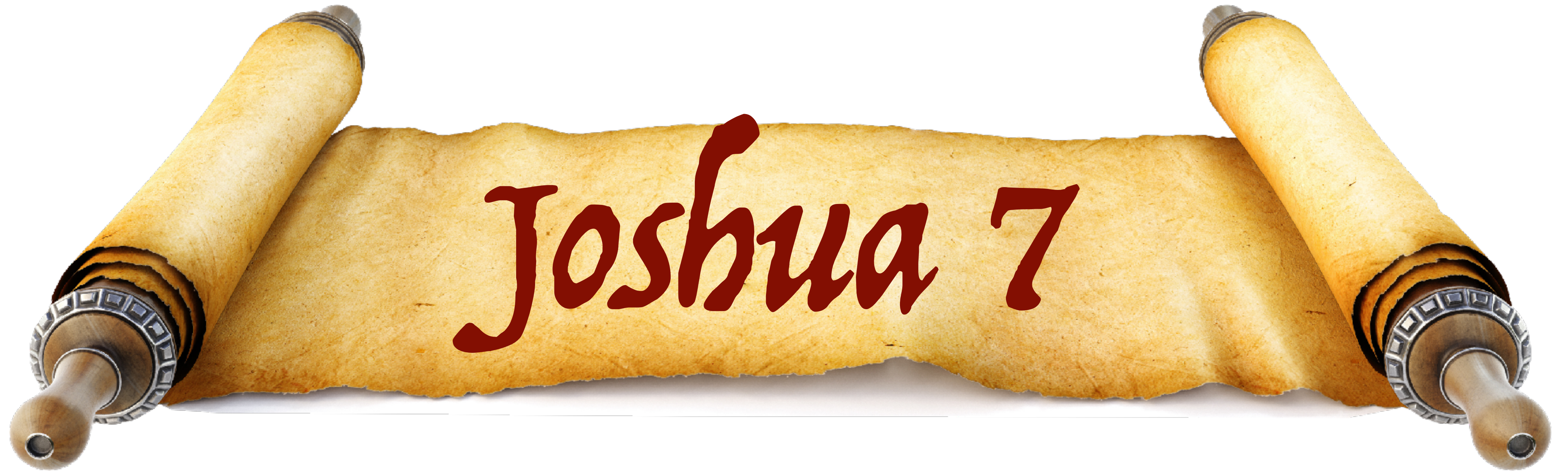


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The Fall of Ai

27a OR spoil, booty.

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29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an ^aaltar of whole ^bstones, over which no man hath lift up *any* ^ciron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 ¶ And he ^awrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount ^aGerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

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27a OR spoil, booty.

31a Deut. 27:6 (1–8).

b Ex. 20:25 (24–25):

Ether 10:23;

Moses 5:46.

32a TG Scriptures.

27:12 (12–13).

34a TG Scriptures, Study of.

b TG Curse.

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4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the Lord thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

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10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

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22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the Lord thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

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Joshua 10:1-15 - The Sun Stands Still

12 ¶ Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

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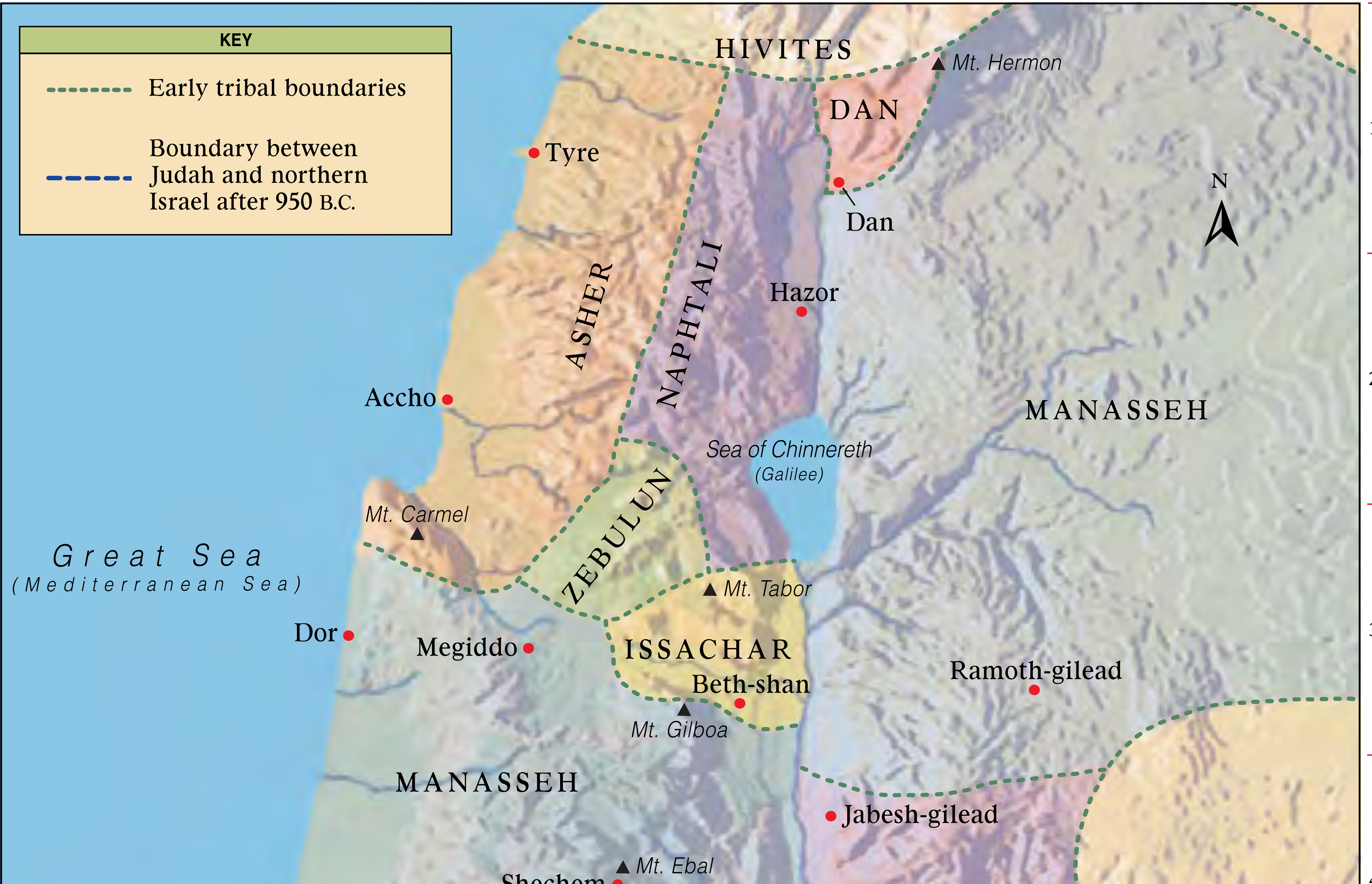
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Joshua 21:43–45

43 ¶ And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And the Lord gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Joshua 22:4-5

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54:4 (3–6); 104:52

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20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange ^agods, then he will turn and do you ^bhurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

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22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to ^aserve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

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“Here was a great statement of full commitment of a man to God. ... He was telling the Israelites that regardless of how they decided, he would do what he knew was right. He was saying that his decision to serve the Lord was independent of whatever they decided; that their actions would not affect his; that his commitment to do the Lord’s will would not be altered by anything they or anyone else would do. Joshua was firmly in control of his actions and had his eyes fixed on the commandments of the Lord. He was committed to obedience.

“Surely the Lord loves, more than anything else, an unwavering determination to obey his counsel. Surely the experiences of the great prophets of the Old Testament have been recorded to help us understand the importance of choosing the path of strict obedience” (*Howard W. Hunter, “Commitment to God,” GC Oct. 1982, Ensign, Nov. 1982, 58; see also Spencer W. Kimball, “The False Gods We Worship,” Ensign, June 1976, 2–6).*

Elder Erastus Snow

“If good and evil is placed before us, does not the person who chooses the good and refuses the evil exhibit his agency and manhood as much as the man who chooses the evil and refuses the good? or is the independence of manhood all on the side of the evil-doer? I leave you to answer this question in your own mind. To me, I think the angels and saints and all good people have exercised their agency by choosing the good and refusing the evil; and in doing so they not only exhibit their independence and manhood as much, but show a much higher and greater nobility of character and disposition; and I leave the future to determine who are wise in the choice of their freedom and independence.

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“Joshua said to ancient Israel: ‘Choose ye this day whom ye will serve; if the Lord be God, serve him; if Baal, serve him. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.’ I think what we need to learn are the true principles that shall lead us to peace, to wealth and happiness in this world, and glory and exaltation in the world to come. And that if we can learn these principles, and receive them in good and honest hearts, and teach them as our faith, and practice them in our lives, we shall show our manhood, our independence and our agency as creditably before the angels and the Gods, as any wicked man can, in refusing the good and cleaving to the evil, exhibit his before the devil and his angels.” (In Journal of Discourses, 19:180–81.)

king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto ^aJericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I sent the ^ahornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy ^bsword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I have ^agiven you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 ¶ Now therefore ^afear the LORD, and serve him in ^bsincerity and in truth: and put away the ^cgods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, ^achoose you ^bthis day whom ye will ^cserve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my ^dhouse, we will ^eserve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is*

that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an ^aholy God; he *is* a ^bjealous God; he will not ^cforgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange ^agods, then he will turn and do you ^bhurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will ^aserve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to ^aserve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange ^agods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 ¶ And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great ^astone, and set it up there under an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the

people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they ^aburied him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

31 And Israel ^aserved the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the

days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

32 ¶ And the ^abones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill *that pertained* to Phinehas his son, which was given him in ^amount Ephraim.

Choose Whom You Will Serve

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

CHAPTER 1

Judah, Simeon, and Joseph continue to conquer the Canaanites—Remnants of the Canaanites remain in the lands of Judah, Manasseh, Ephraim, Zebulun, Asher, Naphtali, and Dan.

NOW after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my

with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ^aten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, ^aThree-score and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off

11a Josh. 6:1 (1-27).

12a Ex. 23:27-28.

d TG Family, Children, Responsibilities toward.

devotion. Ex. 20:5;