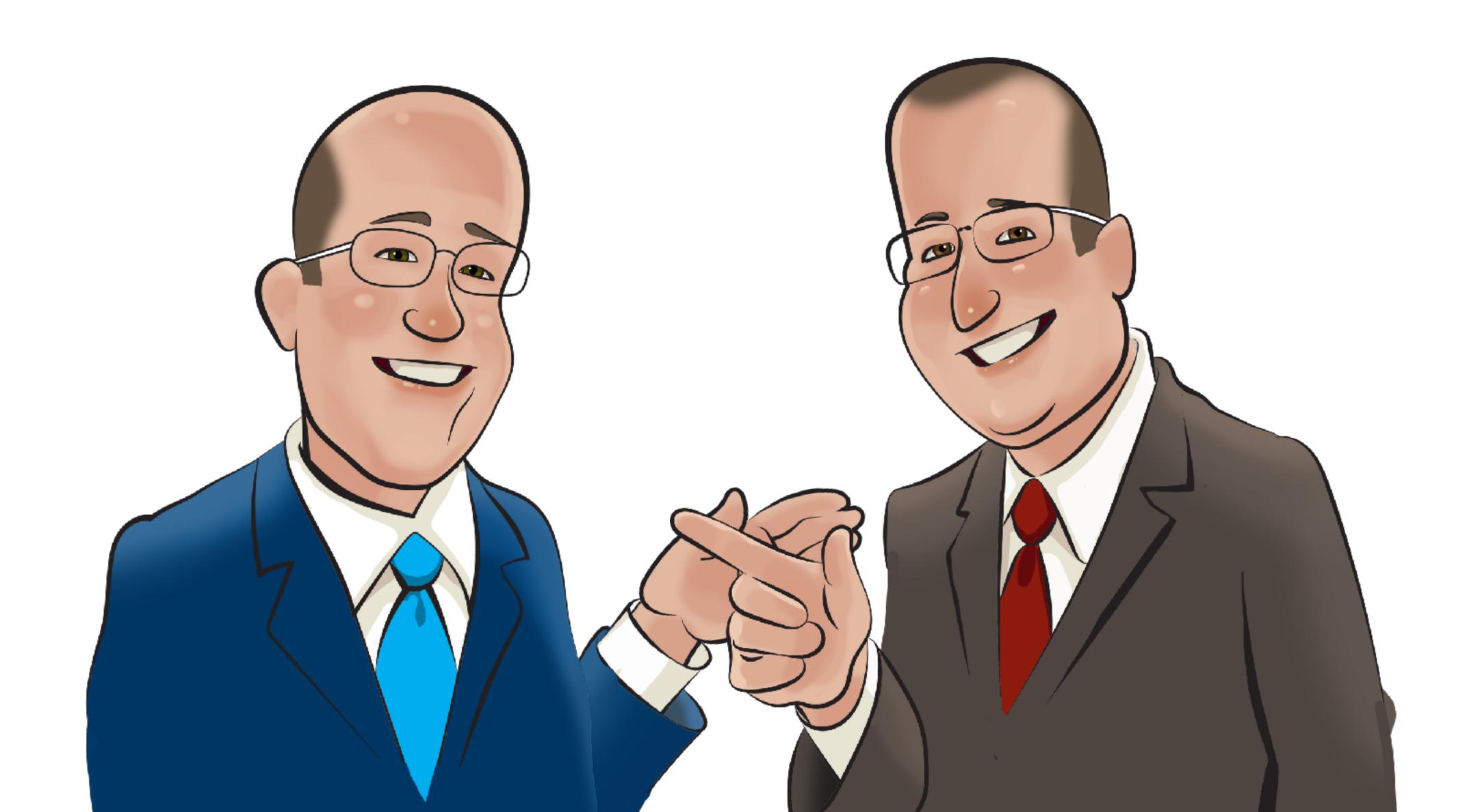




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The story of Ruth occurred during the time of the Judges (Ruth 1:1-2) though it may have been written long after. One indication is the genealogy of King David included at the end of the book. We will find that Ruth is an important part of that genealogy. Also, in this story we will meet a man named Boaz whose mother we have already met. When Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Rahab, a Canaanite, was preserved and married Salmon. Their son is Boaz.

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The book of Ruth seems to provide valuable balance by reminding its readers that the great-grandmother of the revered King David was a faithful woman from Moab [a foreigner] who converted to Israel's religion and married within the covenant. Ruth demonstrated kindness to others and loyalty to the Lord. One of the main messages of the book of Ruth is that such faithfulness is more important than ethnicity.



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Names to Know in the Book of Ruth

Elimelech - the father of the family; his name means "My God is king" (footnote 2a)

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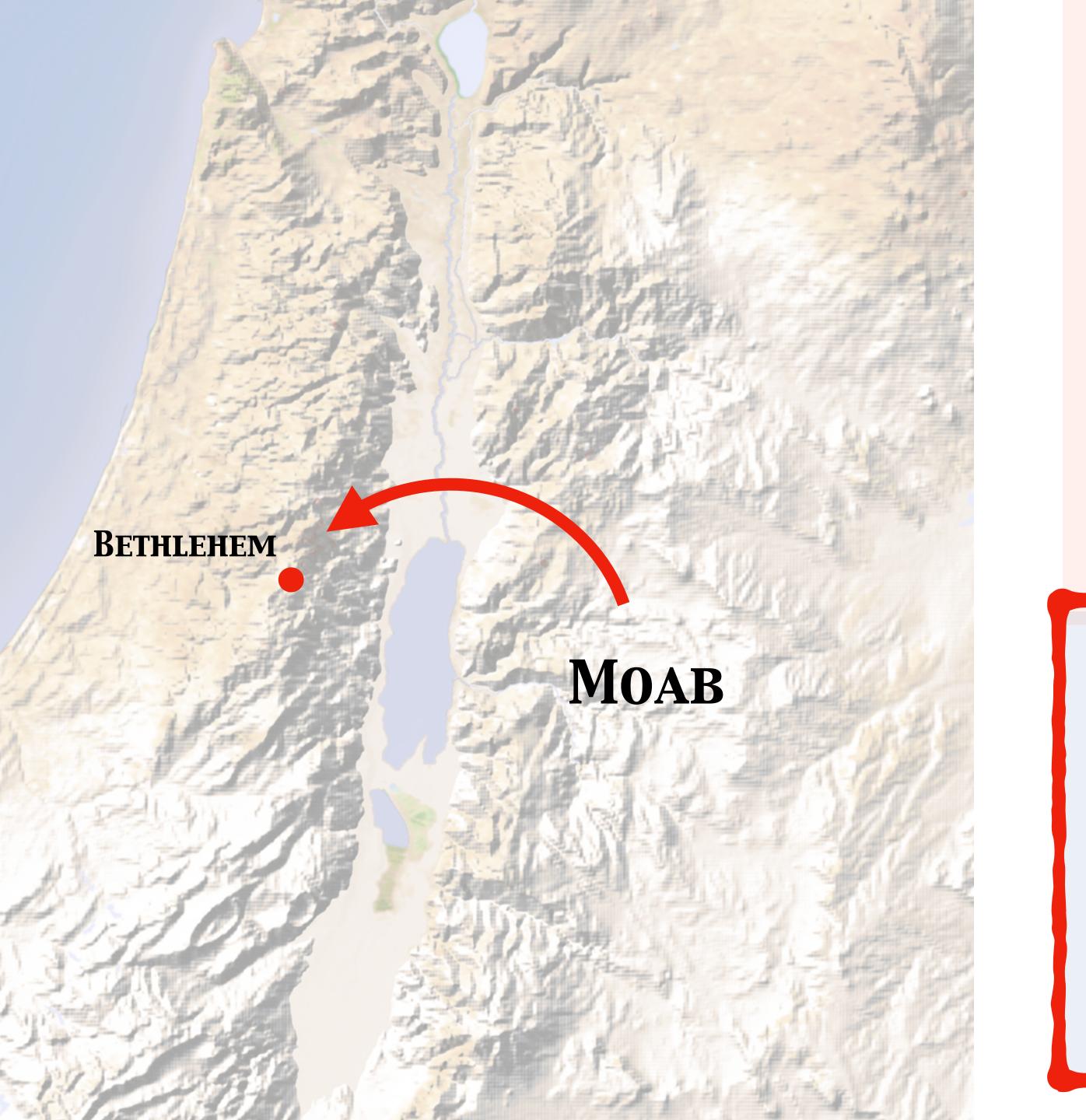
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15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

16 And let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

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4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

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of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

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7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

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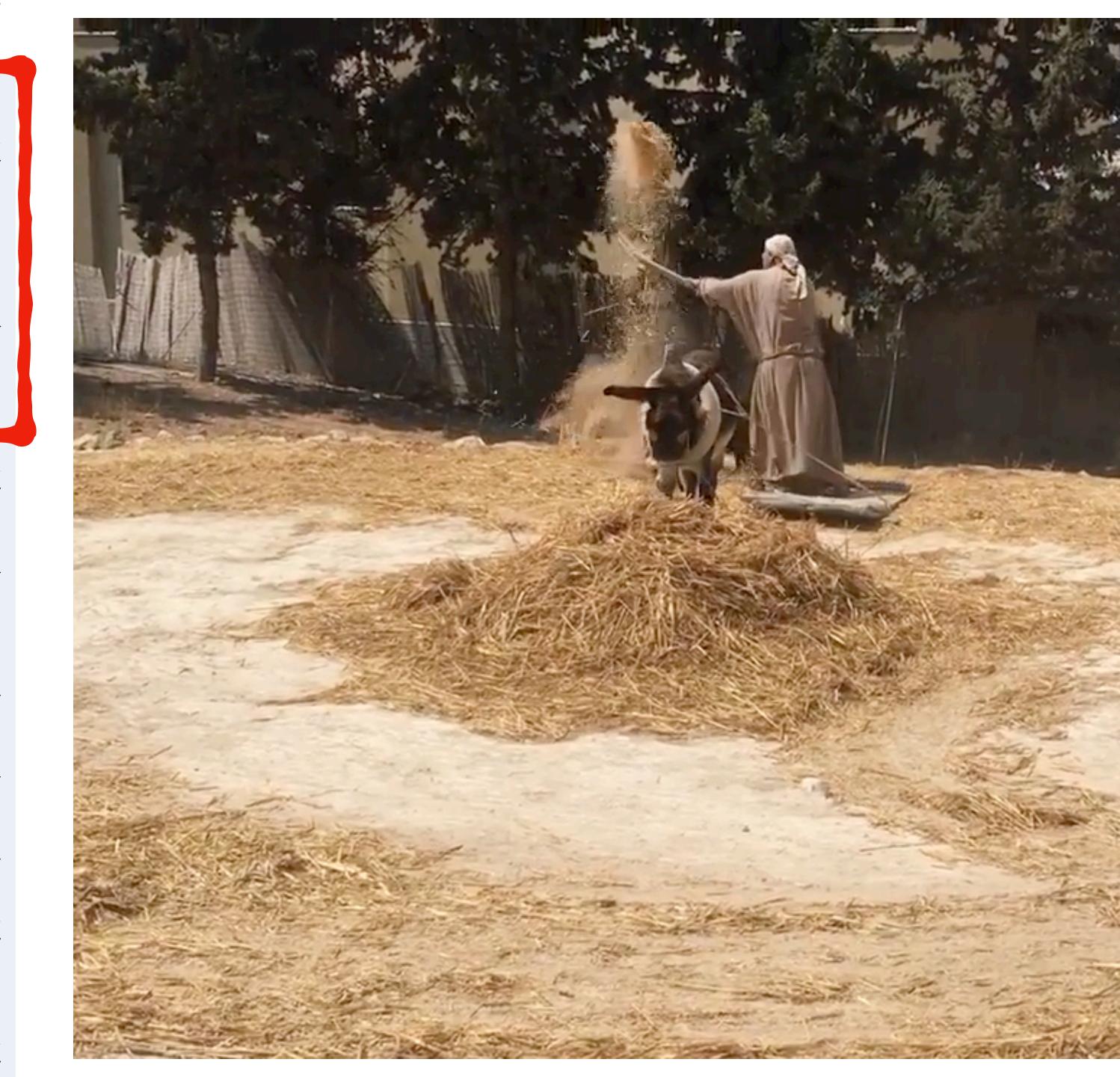
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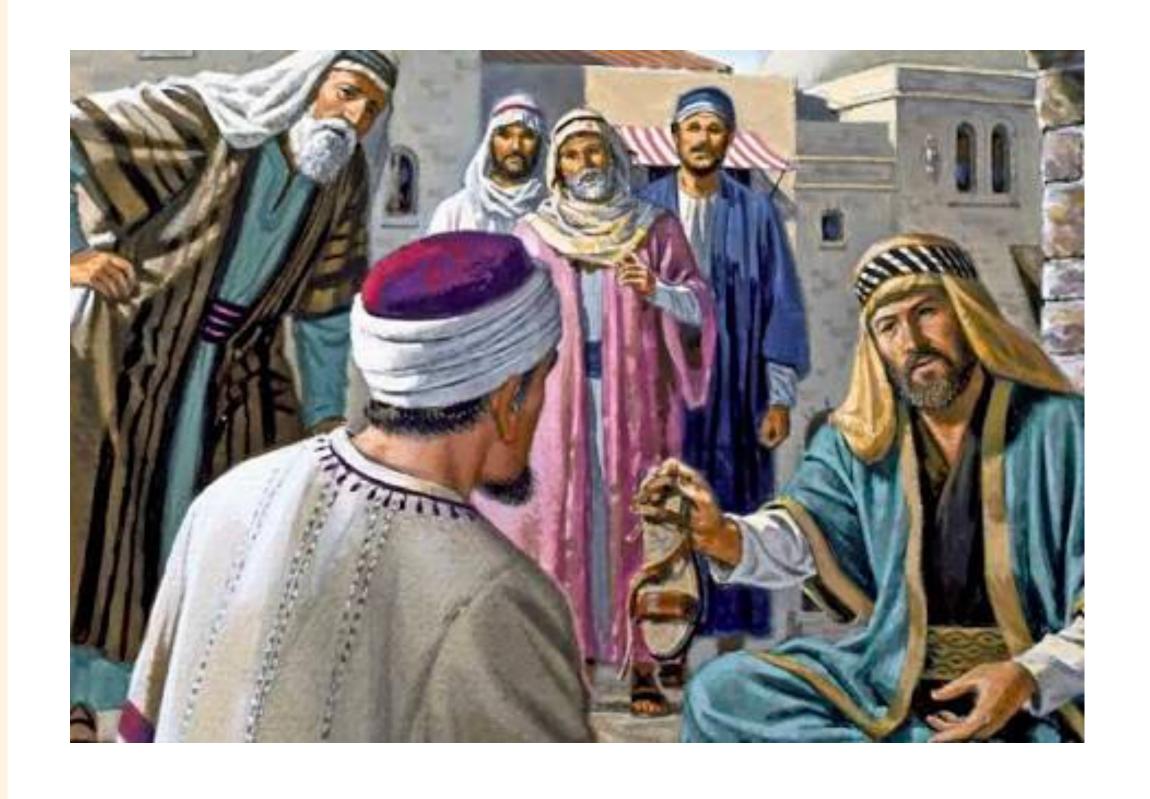
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One prominent theme in the book of Ruth is that of redemption, which applies to all of us. Ruth was a foreigner, childless, and a widow, which left her in complete poverty with no source of support. Nevertheless, Ruth faithfully accepted the gospel and joined the Lord's covenant people. Though she could not deliver herself from her destitute condition, she was ultimately "redeemed" by her kinsman Boaz, a man of Bethlehem. Because of Ruth's faith-driven actions and the kindness of her redeemer, Ruth married again, was fully accepted as an Israelite, became a woman of some wealth, and was blessed with children. Like Ruth, we cannot save ourselves but must rely on a Redeemer from Bethlehem, one who is able to lift us from our fallen state and secure our happiness as part of His family. Given this theme of redemption, it is interesting to note that Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel and of all mankind, was one of Ruth's descendants (see Matthew 1:5-16).

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14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine all age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

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Key Names in Ruth and their Meaning

Elimelech - My God is King Naomi - Pleasant One Mahlon - Disease Chilion - Destruction

Orpah - Back of the Neck Ruth - Dewy

Noami (Mara) - Bitter Woman Boaz - He Who Has Might

The Story of Ruth Using the Meaning of Names

"Once, many years ago, famine drove My-God-is-King and Pleasant-One from Bethlehem in the land of Judah to the land of Moab. There My-God-is-King died. His two sons Disease and Destruction married local women, but after a while, they too died, leaving only Pleasant-One and her two daughters-in-law. When they heard that there was food in Bethlehem, they set out to return. On the way, Pleasant-One released her two daughters-in-law and sent them back to begin new lives. Back-of-neck tearfully turned and left, but Dewy stayed with her mother-in-law, now no longer Pleasant-One but Bitter-Woman, for God had killed her men. In Bethlehem, they turned to their kinsman, He-who-has-Might. First God, then Pleasant-Woman, then Dewy, and then He-who-has-Might planned to bring them together, and finally He-who-has-Might married Dewy and from this union came He-who-Serves, the grandfather of Beloved."

(Tikva Frymer-Kensky, "Reading the Women of the Bible," 2002, p. 254)

Thomas S. Monson

"In our selection of heroes, let us nominate also heroines. First, that noble example of fidelity—even Ruth. Sensing the griefstricken heart of her mother-in-law, who suffered the loss of each of her two fine sons, and feeling perhaps the pangs of despair and loneliness which plagued the very soul of Naomi, Ruth uttered what has become that classic statement of loyalty: 'Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.' (Ruth 1:16.) Ruth's actions demonstrated the sincerity of her words. There is place for her name in the Hall of Fame." ("My Personal Hall of Fame," Ensign, Nov. 1974, p. 108.)



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1 Samuel

The book of 1 Samuel recounts the ministry of the prophet Samuel, who "restored law and order and regular religious worship in the land" (Bible Dictionary, "Samuel") after the Israelites had forgotten the Lord and worshipped idols many times throughout the reign of the judges.

Although we don't know who the author or authors were, the information for the book drew from the writings found in "the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer" (1 Chronicles 29:29).

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One of the major themes of 1 Samuel is the importance of honoring the Lord. In 1 Samuel 2:30 we read, "Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." In other words, the Lord will bless those who honor Him and keep His commandments, and those who do not will not receive His blessings.



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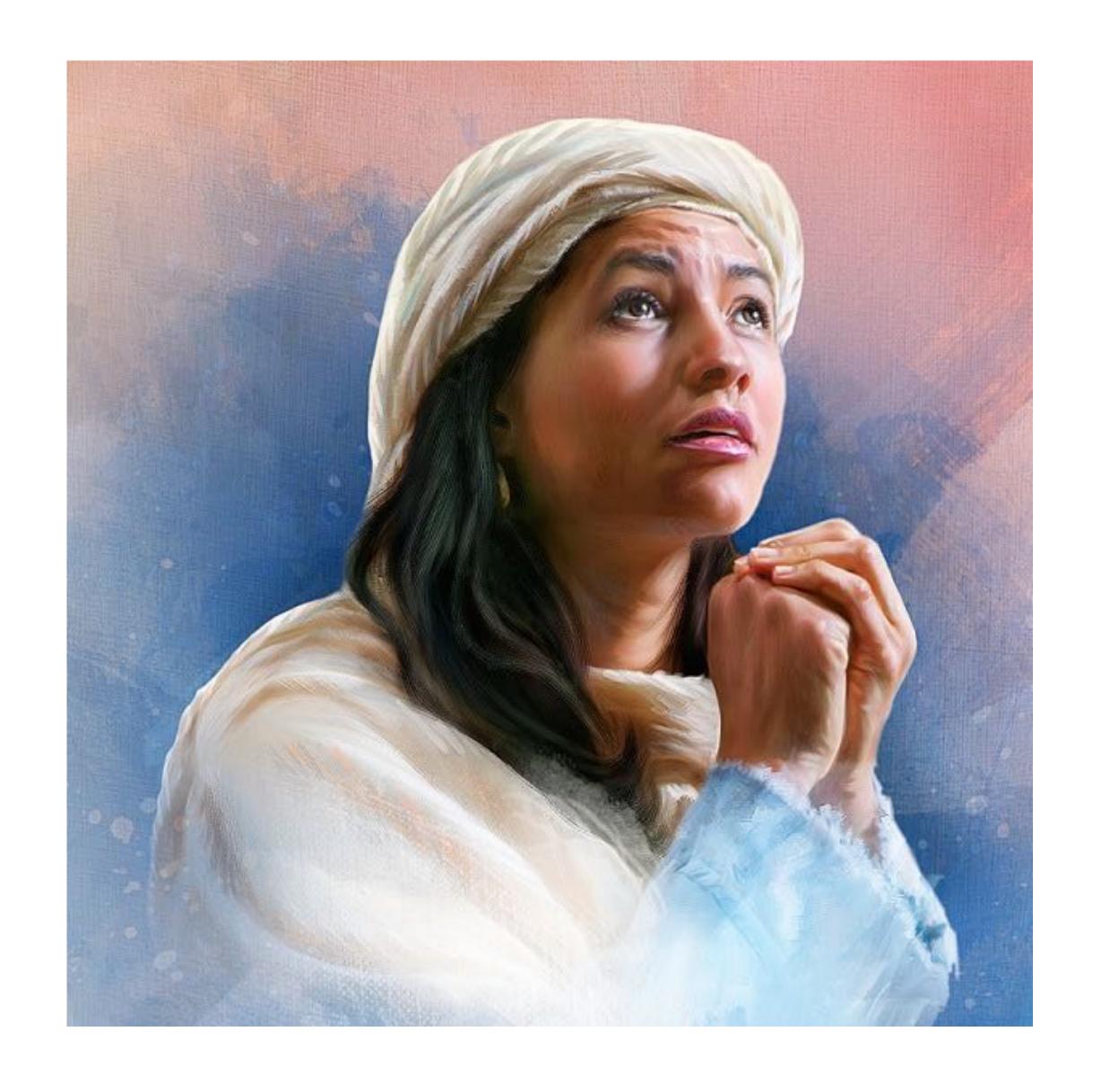
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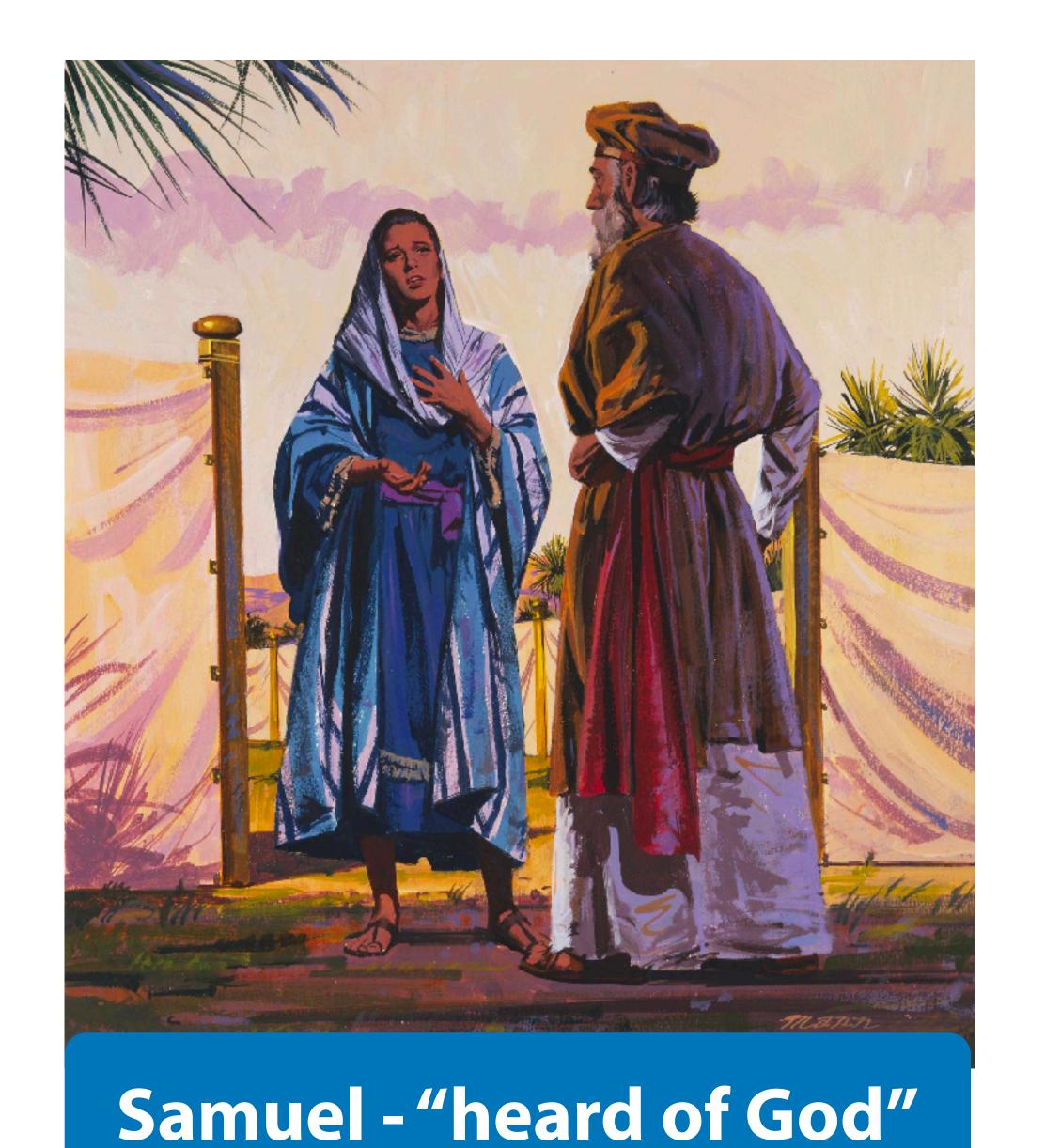
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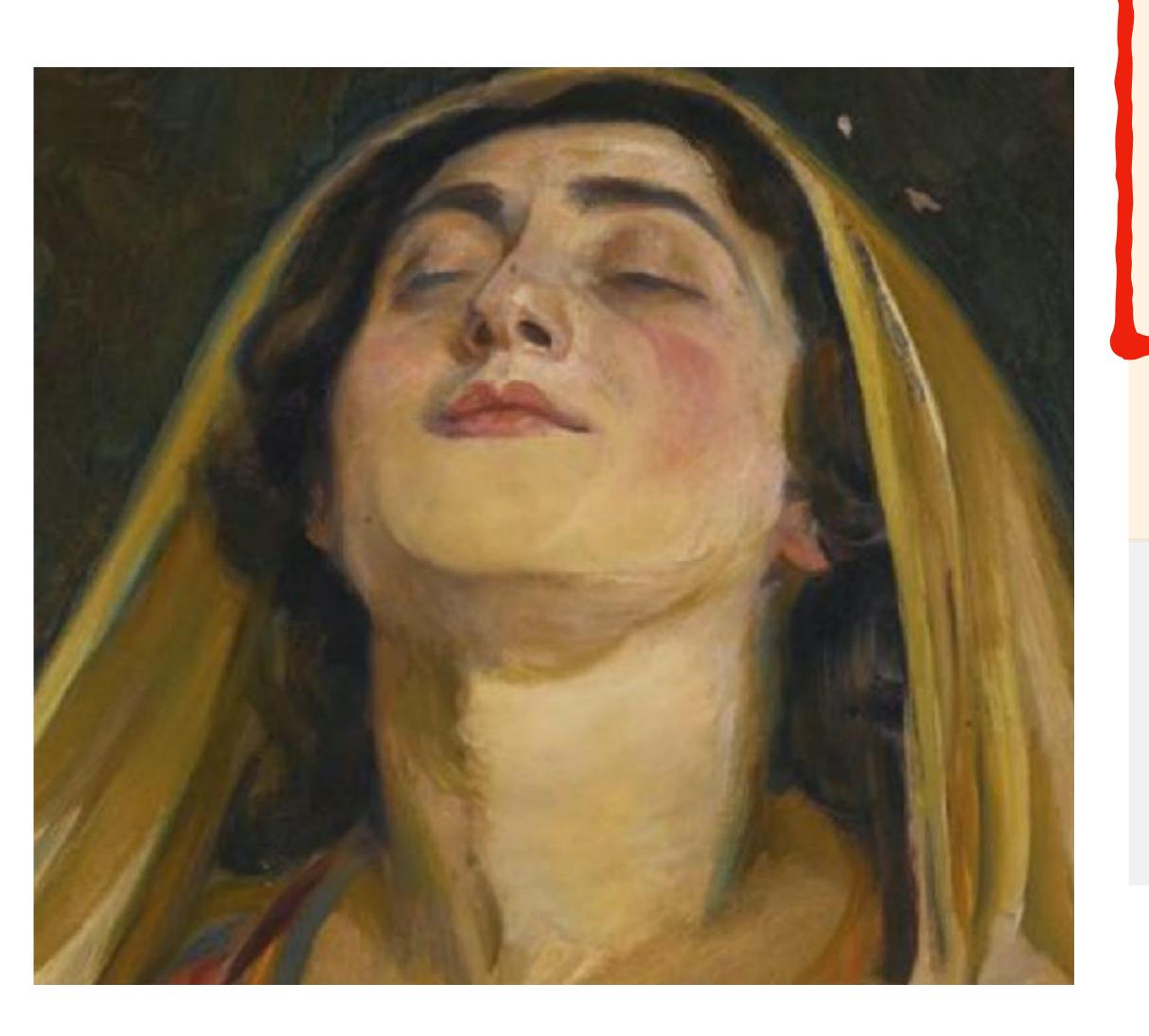
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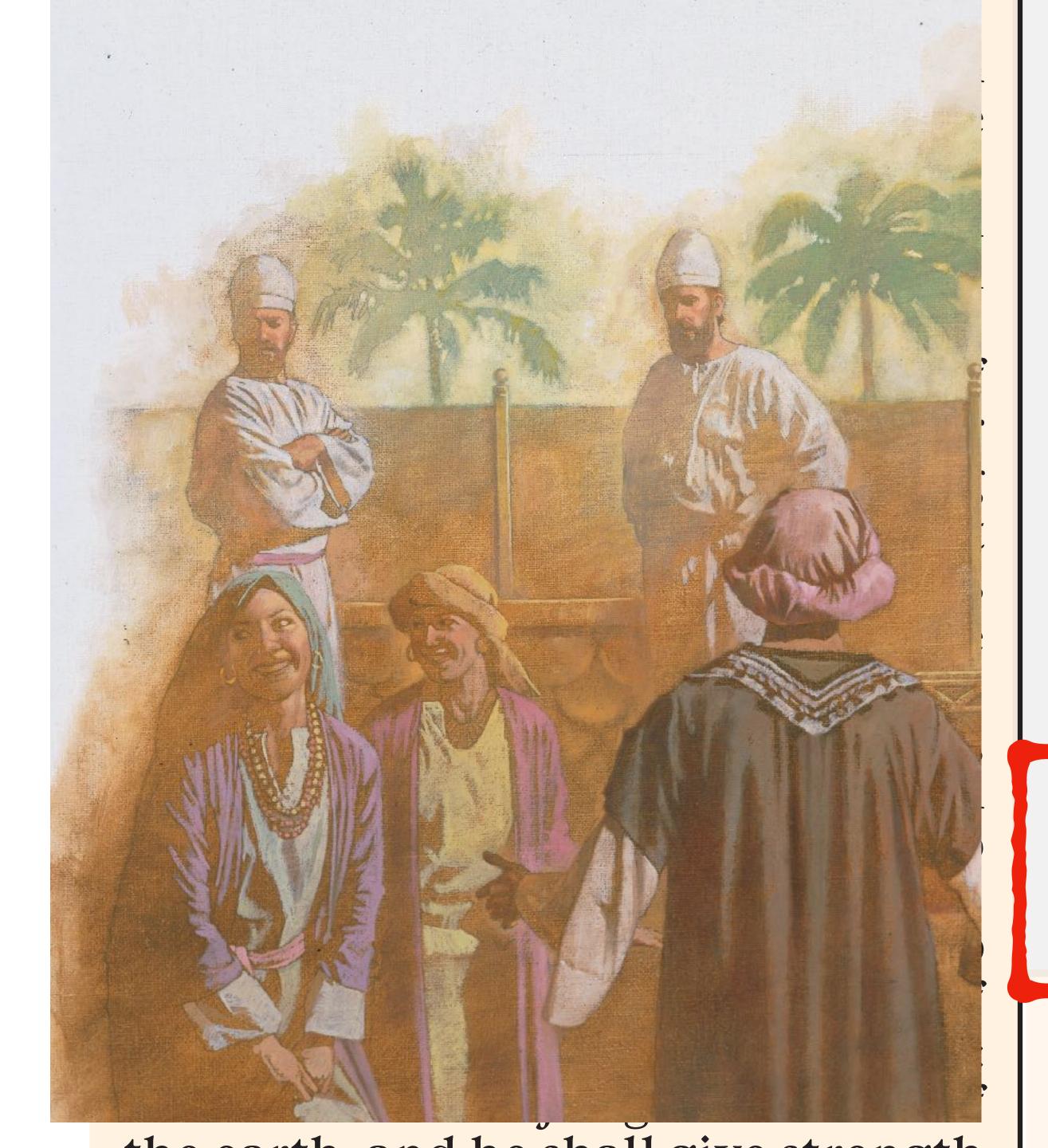
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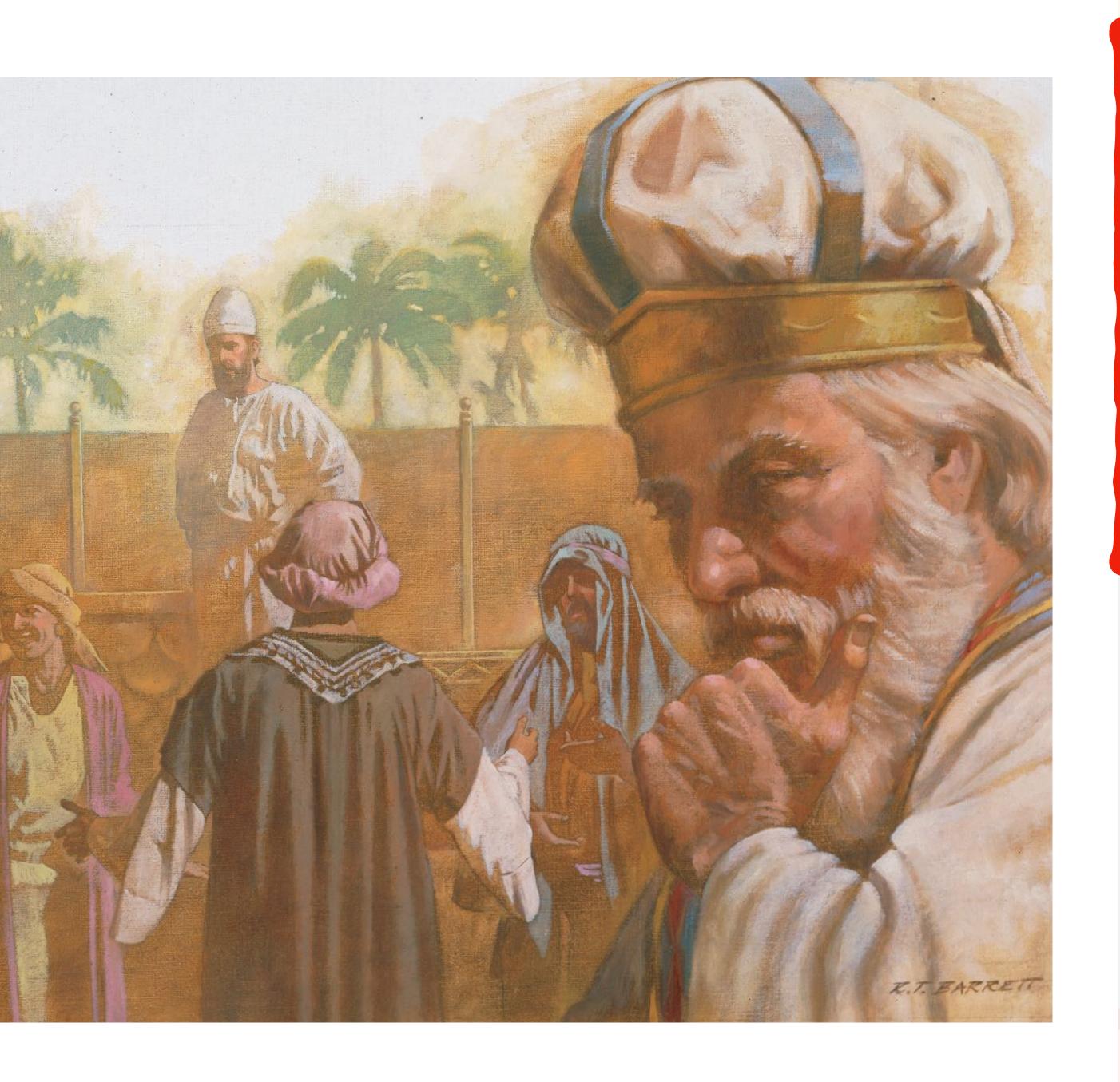
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18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuel ^agrew, and the ^bLORD was ^cwith him, and did let none of his words ^dfall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was ^aestablished to be a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the bond appeared again

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none of his words ^dfall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was ^aestablished to be a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD ^aappeared again in ^bShiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the ^cword of the LORD.

Ne. 11:3;

&C 1:2 (1-2).

Sam. 2:31 (30–36). zek. 7:3 (3–8).

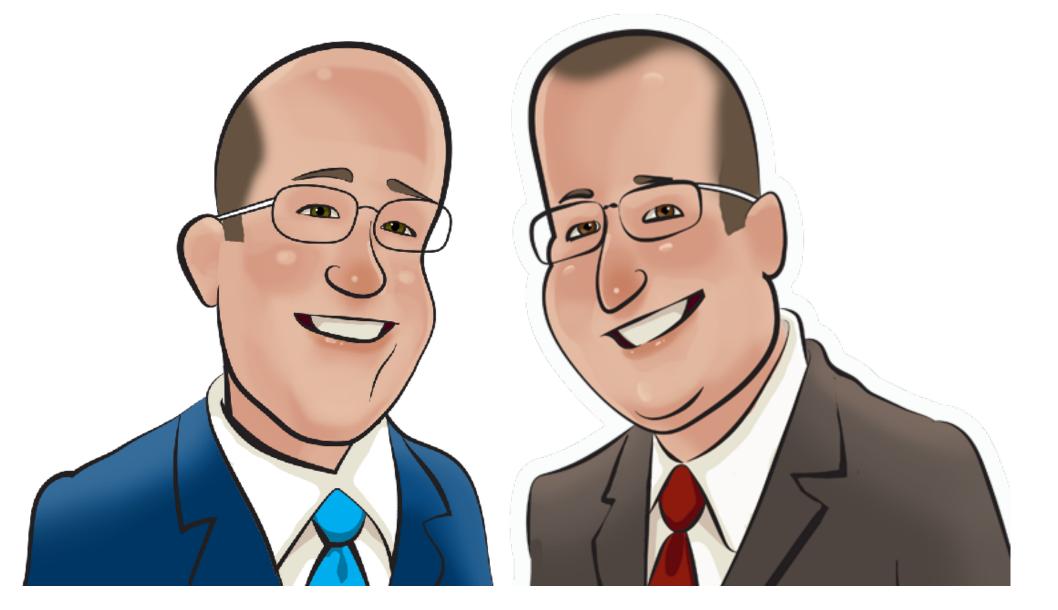
19a 1 Sam. 2:26; Luke 2:52.
b 1 Sam. 9:15 (15–20).

c Josh. 6:27.

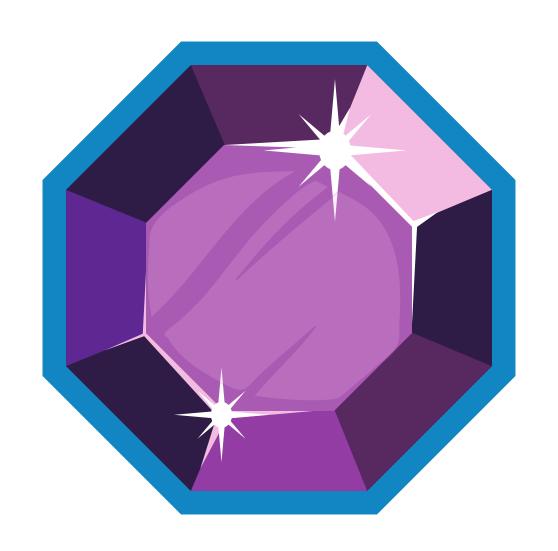
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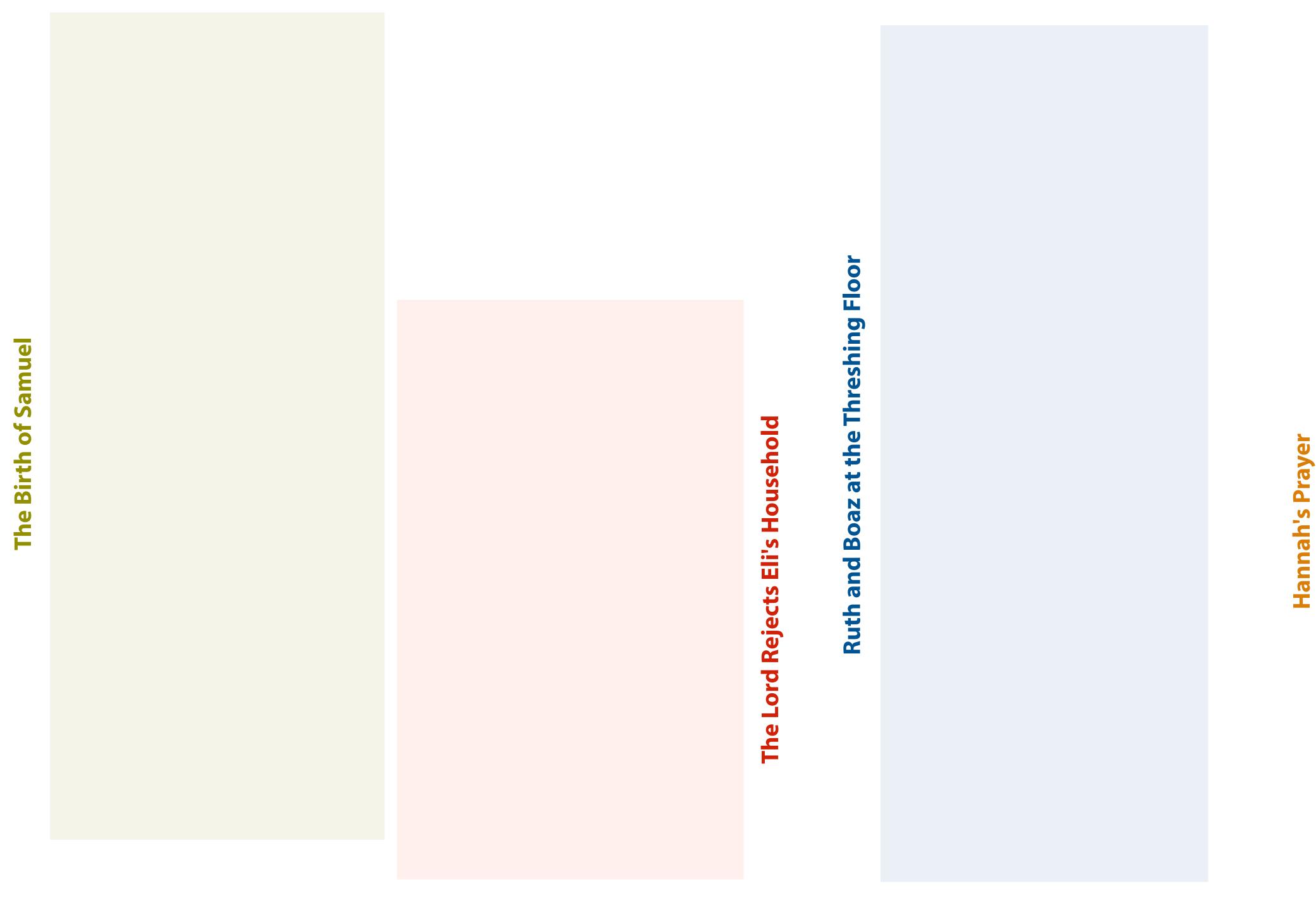


Final music:

"Five Variants of 'Dives and Lazarus': 1st Movement" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arranged by Jon Fullmer

Violin: Becky Fullmer Cello: David Affleck

Outro Audio Production: David Affleck



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Gideon Defeats Zebah and Zalmunna

Naomi and Ruth Return