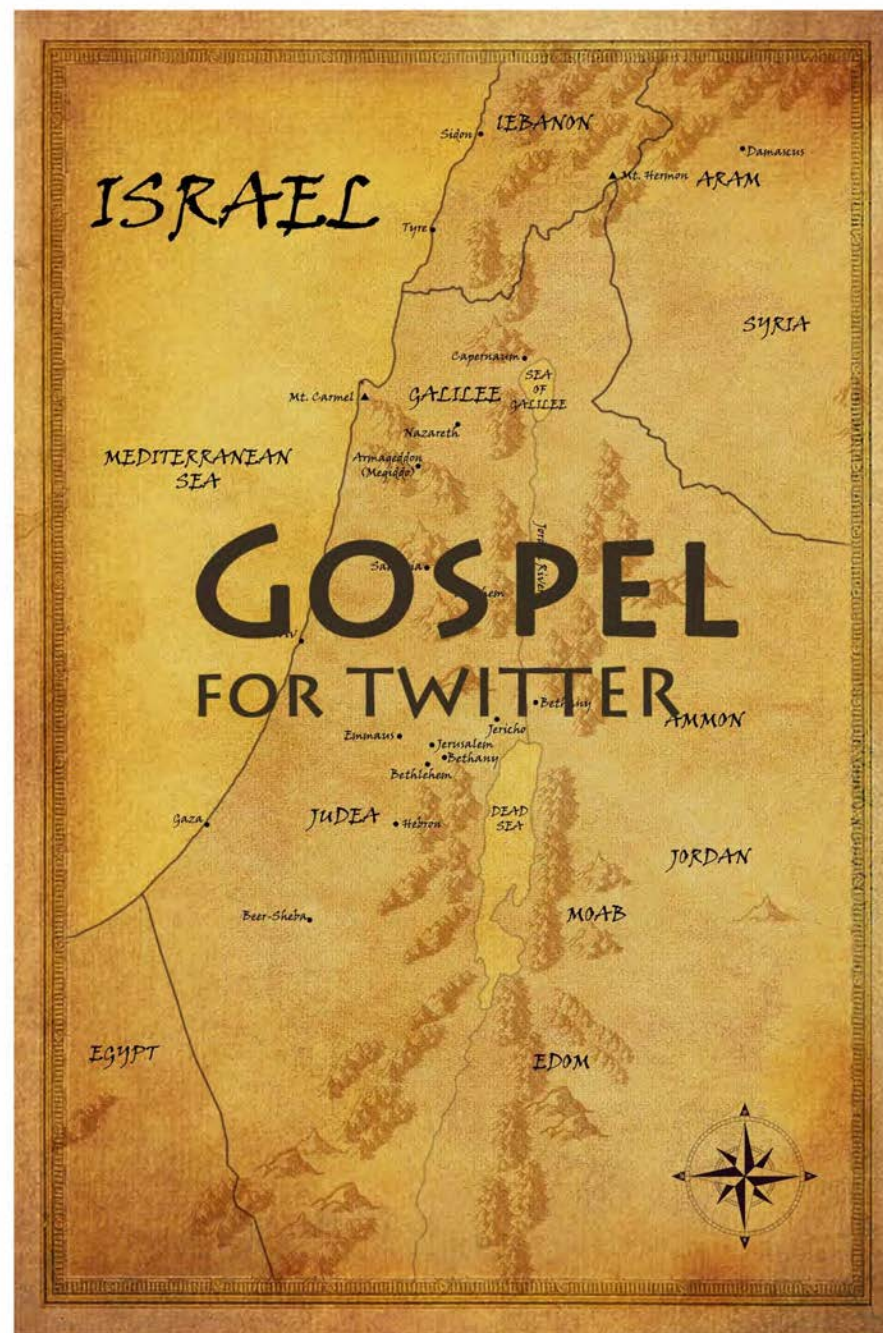




# Ancient World

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Elohim, the trinitarian God, spoke creation into being through the Word, but it ultimately came under the doom of death. As the Word (conjoined with humanity), He came to earth in order to destroy death (through His own death) and create a new creation through His resurrection.



1 Enoch reveals that 200 rebel angels, led by Azazel, descended on Mount Hermon and made an oath to defy God. They are believed to have cohabited with human women, producing the Nephilim giants. The rebels were condemned by the Creator and bound in a fiery place called Tartarus.





A great archangel called Michael leads God's armies and defends the people of God. Michael has confronted Satan and come to the angel Gabriel's aid when fighting against principalities. He was also probably the one who chained the rebel angels in Tartarus. (Bible, Enoch 1)



Watchers are mentioned once in the Bible and many times in 1 Enoch. These mighty angels were present when the human race was created and they counselled with Elohim and performed His decrees. But certain ones saw a way to enslave humans. These became exceedingly evil.





God's angels act as His messengers, swift as the wind and made of flaming fire. Seven archangels are named in 1 Enoch - Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Raguel, Saraquel, and Remiel. Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her she would conceive Jesus.



Nephilim are described in the Bible as mighty hunters of old, men of renown, and fiercely violent. 1Enoch further elaborates on these giants, describing them as cannibalistic.





The Bible indicates that life in pre flood times was very different from what we know today. Not only did Nephilim giants exist, but also huge creatures that were incredibly powerful and frightening to behold. The Bible names Behemoth, who may have been a real type of dinosaur.



Elohim thought of blotting out the human race because it was so violent, but a man named Noah found favour in His sight. He was Elohim's only remaining follower and he was instructed to build a huge rescue ark to protect his family, and some animals and plants in a coming flood.





Before sending the flood, Elohim commissioned the archangel Raphael to cover Azazel in sharp stones in the desert so that he could not see any light. Azazel had been the one who taught humans how to make war. He would be imprisoned until the final judgement.



The Nephilim were wantonly cannibalizing humans and destroying the animal kingdom. The Creator then sent archangel Gabriel to destroy some of the Nephilim by influencing them to direct their hatred at one another, thus causing them to perish by mutual slaughter.





It took 120 years for Noah and his sons to build the ark. It was an ominous warning of what was to come. However Nephilim and human alike were heedless of the danger, becoming increasingly lawless. As prophesied, the flood finally came and the waters covered everything.



The waters broke from the sky (a canopy may have covered the earth insulating it from the rays of the sun and possibly explaining the longevity of life at the time). The waters in the deep also rose up in a cataclysmic deluge. There was no escape for human, beast, or Nephilim.





The flood lasted a year and after the waters subsided, Noah's family spread out over the land. One great grandson, Nimrod, built a great temple (ziggurat) in defiance of Elohim. He reinstituted the old pre-flood religious practices such as prostitution, idolatry, and sorcery.



Elohim saw that humanity was heading back into bondage, so to hinder their descent into wickedness, He confused their language. Building could not proceed amid the confusion of babbling speech and many people left the Tower of Babel for other places.





When the Nephilim and humans died in the flood, their spirits went to Sheol (grave), though Elohim's followers were kept apart in Paradise. Some Nephilim spirits (now called demons) were permitted to remain on earth. They posed as gods behind the idols of pagan religions.



Elohim shut down a one world order attempt at Babel, but people still rejected their Creator and worshipped demon gods instead - except for a man named Abraham. Elohim called him and his wife out of their land and promised to greatly bless them by sending His Seed through them.





Elohim appeared to Abraham several times over the years, but but one day He came with 2 of His angels. He again confirmed His covenant and promised Abraham a son, but the angels went on to Sodom and Gomorrah, where Lot lived, in order to judge the terrible sins happening there.



Elohim promised Abraham if the angels found 10 righteous people living in Sodom, judgement would be averted. Abraham felt sure there would be that many, so he was reassured of Lot's safety. As the angels, who are very beautiful, entered the city, they were noticed and admired.





Lot saw the 2 strangers in Sodom. He knew visitors to the city were often attacked. Not knowing they were angels, he brought them home to protect them. A violent mob gathered at his door but the angels struck them blind. Then the angels forcibly led Lot's family out of Sodom.



As the angels were rescuing Lot's family, Elohim rained down fire and sulfur. Lot's wife lingered along the way and gazed at the destruction, imperilling her life as bitumin and salt smothered her. Some say a stone pillar of her remains exists at the Dead Sea today.





Elohim and Abraham were friends and Abraham now addressed his Friend by His more personal name, YHWH. True to His promise YHWH had given him a son who was named Isaac. Unlike the cruel pagan 'gods', YHWH desired a personal relationship. He wanted a family, as did Abraham.

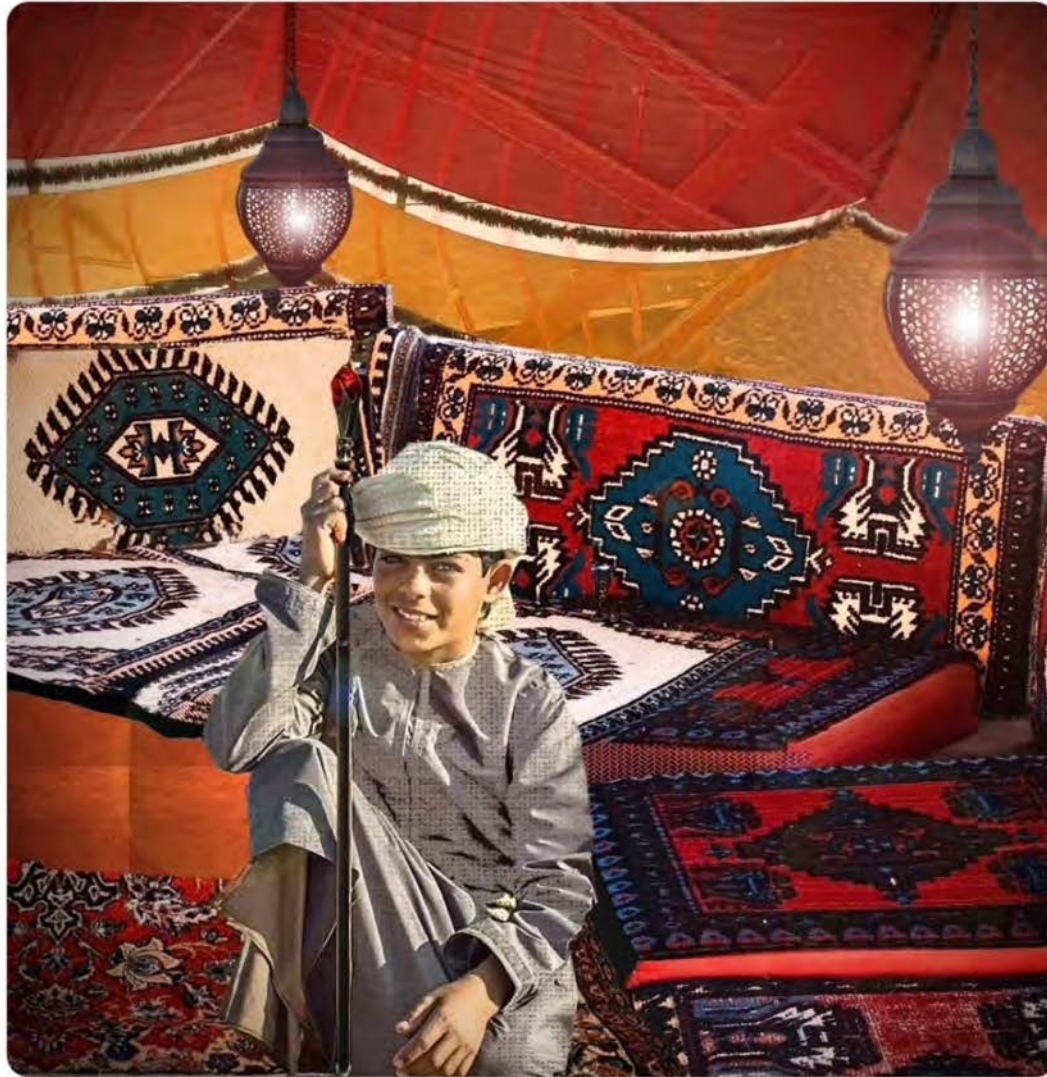


YHWH promised Abraham he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. They would all come through the genetic line of baby Isaac. In fact, many of YHWH's own children would be among them. They would be children who loved and trusted Him - faith children.





Isaac was treated like a prince. The dreams of his parents rested upon this son of their old age. Abraham's love for Isaac may have rivalled the love he felt for YHWH, which could have weakened his faith and shifted his priorities. Perhaps this is why he was put to the test.



Most of the pagan Canaanite religions practiced human sacrifice, so when YHWH asked Abraham to offer up Isaac, it wouldn't have seemed an unusual request. Abraham didn't know that YHWH hated such practices and was only testing him. He thought YHWH would possibly resurrect Isaac.





Abraham and Isaac journeyed 3 days to Mt. Moriah. Though Abraham trusted YHWH, it must have stretched his faith to the uttermost to think of what he was about to do. Isaac asked where the lamb was and Abraham could only tell him that YHWH would provide.



Abraham passed the test by being willing to give up his dearest son to YHWH, but YHWH would one day do the very same for humanity. He would rescue the nations from wickedness by giving up His own beloved Son. YHWH told Abraham to sacrifice a ram in the thickets instead.





Abraham's grandson, Jacob, had a dream vision of angels going up and down a stairway to heaven, like a portal where the spiritual met the physical. YHWH again promised that all the earth would be blessed through Abraham's descendants, and He changed Jacob's name to Israel.



There was jealousy in Jacob's family because Jacob favoured his son Joseph over his brothers and even made a special coat for him. When Joseph was sent out to check on his brothers, they plotted to get rid of him. They threw him into a well before selling him to passing slavers.





Joseph never lost faith in YHWH who caused Joseph to have favour in all he did. When the king had troubling dreams and was told Joseph could interpret such things, the king called for him. Joseph told Pharaoh his dreams foretold 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine.





Pharaoh was impressed with Joseph's wisdom and made him 2nd in command over all Egypt. Joseph stored grain and when the famine hit, everyone came to Egypt to buy grain, including Joseph's family. Just as Joseph had once dreamed, his brothers all bowed down to him begging for food





Joseph's brothers hadn't seen him for 13 years. Joseph put them through a series of tests and saw they were truly repentant of how they had treated him. He forgave them and revealed his identity. Then he arranged for his entire family to move to Egypt so he could provide for them

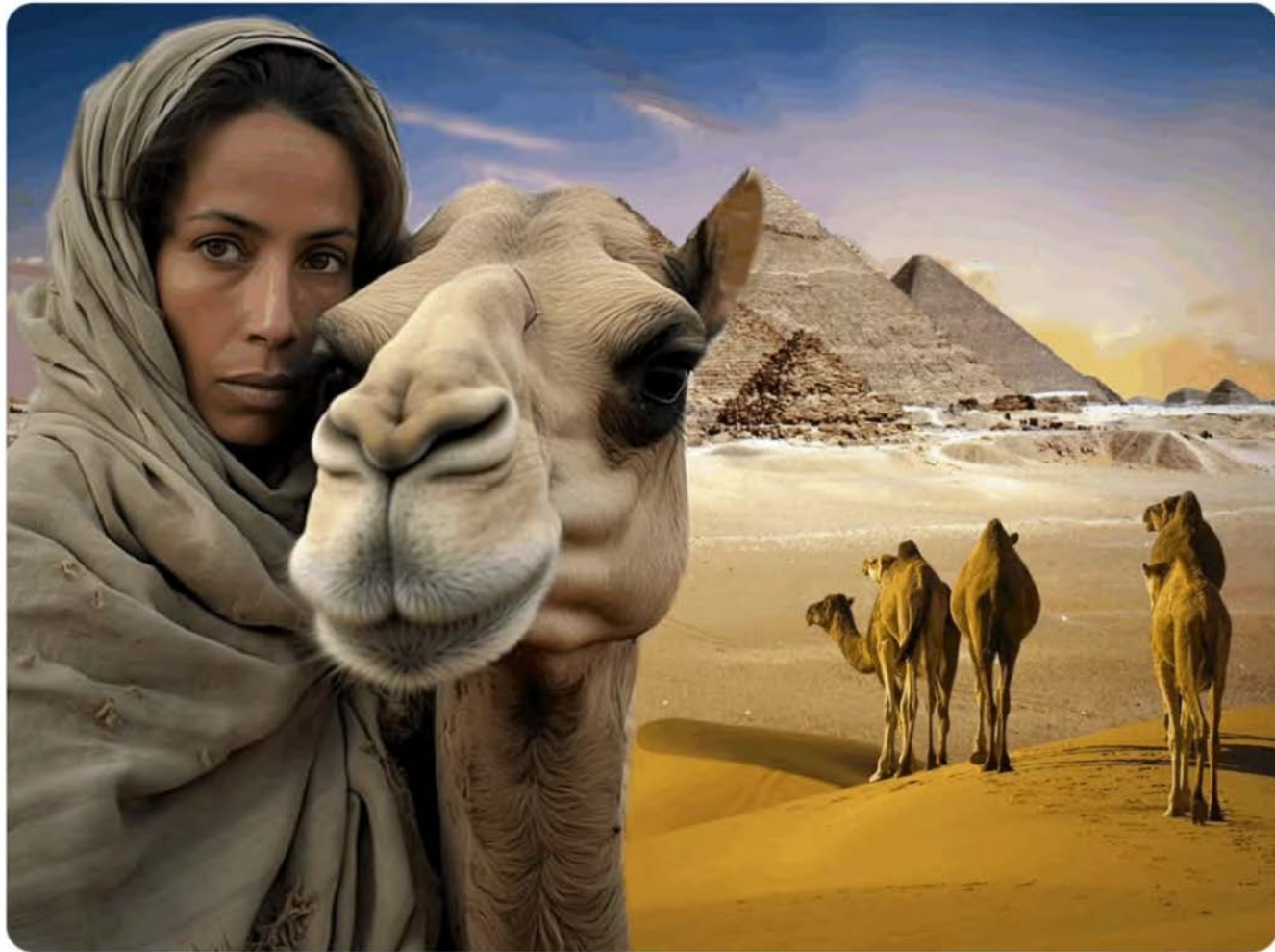


Joseph's life parallels the life of Jesus Christ, YHWH's promised holy Seed who would arrive much later. Both were righteous, betrayed by their brethren, persecuted unfairly, brought low and then raised up, both forgave their enemies and ruled as mighty kings over a kingdom.





YHWH carefully guarded the genetic line to the holy Seed because He loved his human creatures. Their deliverance depended on the coming Holy One. Joseph was chosen to protect YHWH's people in Egypt and his brother Juda was to carry on the line that would lead to the Deliverer.





The people of Israel were also called Hebrews. They became so numerous that Pharaoh became alarmed. He could see they were forming into a nation that could threaten his rule. To weaken and demoralize them, he enslaved them as brick layers.





The Watcher over Egypt stirred evil in the heart of Pharaoh against the Hebrews. The plan was to depopulate them by having their midwives kill all baby boys as they were being born. When that didn't work, Pharaoh decreed every male Hebrew child be thrown into the Nile.





One Hebrew family put their baby boy in a waterproof basket and set it on the Nile River, trusting that YHWH would save him, which He had every intention of doing. An Egyptian princess discovered the babe and had compassion on him. She adopted him as her own and called him Moses.





Moses was greatly favoured in Pharaoh's house. All loved him. But Moses identified with his Hebrew brethren and was disturbed at how they were treated. When he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, Moses killed the taskmaster. Pharaoh heard of it and Moses had to flee for his life.



While living in Midian, Moses saw a burning bush and was amazed that it wasn't consumed. YHWH appeared in the bush and told Moses to go to Egypt to free the Hebrews. Moses was to go in the name of Yahweh, I AM, to convey to the people that His loving presence was with them.





Moses wasn't eager to return to Egypt. The old Pharaoh was dead but Egypt was still the same dark place, full of demonic worship of everything under the sun - planets, weather, animals, snakes, sun, death, fertility, even Pharaoh himself - all controlled by powerful sorcerers.



Egyptian art depicted snake gods on coffins, jewelry, and even on Pharaoh's crown. Snakes symbolized evil and chaos, but also rebirth and healing. Yahweh gave Moses and his brother Aaron rods that could turn into serpents since Pharaoh would recognize this as a show of power.





Pharaoh scoffed at Moses when he asked him to let the Hebrews go. Aaron cast down his staff and it became a serpent, but Pharaoh called in his magicians and they did the same by their sorcery. However Aaron's staff/serpent swallowed up the magicians' serpents.



Yahweh told Moses to put his staff into the Nile and it would turn the water into blood. Even the water in drinking vessels turned into blood and there was a terrible stink over the land. But Pharaoh's magicians did the same by their secret arts, so Pharaoh's was unmoved.





Like all tyrants, Pharaoh cared more about his own power than the wellbeing of people. The suffering of others did not move him. In fact he doubled down on his oppression of the Hebrews, making their lives a nightmare. Yahweh knew this would happen and acted accordingly.



Yahweh sent many plagues on the land of Egypt. The sorcerers even told Pharaoh they were the hand of the Hebrew God, but Pharaoh remained obstinate. Then Yahweh sent His destroying angel to kill the firstborn of everyone who did not have lamb's blood on their door post.





The lamb's blood on the doorposts foretold the coming of a divine Lamb of God who would bring deliverance from spiritual death. All who trusted Him would be under His protection. In Egypt, the blood on the door was a sign to the death angel to pass over that particular home.



All of Egypt was in mourning and Pharaoh finally had enough. He told Moses to leave immediately with the Hebrews. The huge entourage of well over 600,000 left Egypt laden with wealth for the Egyptians were so glad to be rid of them that they gave the Hebrews all they asked.





Yahweh led the Hebrews with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. That way they could travel night and day to distance themselves from Egypt. The Hebrews were unaware of what was awaiting them, but Yahweh knew what was about to happen and He warned Moses.



Pharaoh was consumed with rage and he raced after the Hebrews, showing he had learned nothing from the plagues Yahweh had sent earlier. His chariots and soldiers were mired in mud and found no escape when Yahweh caused the Red Sea to close over them.





Pharaoh regretted letting the Hebrews go and he pursued them with his army, cornering them at the Red Sea. Yahweh told Moses to lift his staff and the waters parted. A strong wind blew all night making a dry path for the amazed Hebrews to cross over.



Next day the Hebrews saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore and were in awe of Yahweh's great power. Not one of Pharaoh's army made it out alive. Just as in antediluvian days, a flood of water had destroyed evil. The Hebrews celebrated the great victory their God had given them.





The rigours of desert life caused the Hebrews to often grumble whenever food and thirst overcame them. Yahweh was always faithful, providing water, quail, and even bread-like flakes that rained down from the sky every day. They named it manna and it sustained them for 40 years.



The Hebrews didn't know much about Yahweh and the first thing He did was reveal His holiness to them. Moses met with Yahweh on Mt. Sinai to receive His 10 commandments so the people would know that Yahweh hated sin. The fire and smoke were impressive displays of His power,





The 10 commands were moral rules necessary to establish order in Hebrew society, plus they clearly showed the height of Yahweh's holiness which was required in order to live with Him. Of course that level of moral perfection required perfect obedience, thus disqualifying all.



The setting of such an impossible standard was Yahweh's way of showing the Hebrews they could not attain righteousness in themselves. They needed a Divine Rescuer who would do it for them, which is why Yahweh gave instructions for a tabernacle.





The tabernacle was a mobile temple that the Hebrews could take with them as they traveled. Everything in its construction pointed to a coming Lamb of God whose blood sacrifice would break down every barrier between Yahweh and humanity.



The Hebrews rebelled against Yahweh and tried His patience. They refused to enter Canaan after the spies they sent out told them about the giants living there. Their lack of faith caused Yahweh to give up on the older generation. They wandered in the desert for 40 years.





The older Hebrews died and Yahweh chose Joshua and Caleb to lead the younger generation into Canaan. Moses was not permitted to lead the people any longer and he died on Mt. Seir, but he watched as the people crossed the border. Then he died and Yahweh buried him on the mountain.



The Hebrews were now a nation, calling themselves Israelites after the name Yahweh had given Jacob. They came near the city of Jericho, a heavily guarded fortress that seemed impregnable. Joshua commissioned 2 spies to enter the city and bring back information.





The spies got into Jericho but the king found out and sent his men to capture them. They hid in a brothel owned by Rahab, a prostitute, who believed Yahweh would give the Israelites victory in taking the city. She hid them on the rooftop under some flax.



Rahab trusted Yahweh to spare her and her family. The spies told her to hang a red cord out of her window to indicate her location when Israel attacked. Israel marched around the city for 7 days carrying the ark of the covenant and blowing the shofar continually.





On the 7th day Israel gave a loud shout and Jericho's walls fell flat. The city was taken and Rahab and her family were the only survivors. The red cord had been her lifeline, just as the blood of Yahweh's Son would one day be the Life line of all who put their trust in Him.



Rahab married Salmon, a Judean prince of Israel. Some say he may have been one of the spies. This marriage placed her in the genealogy of the Messiah. It was a very high honour. In spite of her being a Canaanite and former prostitute, Yahweh had seen her heart and He loved her.





Israel pushed into Canaan where many giant clans dwelt. The Bible mentions a King Og of the Amorites whose bed was 13 feet long and 6 feet wide. These throwbacks to the Nephilim were evil and a dire threat to Yahweh's plan to establish His kingdom family on the earth.



Yahweh told Joshua to destroy all the giants. Because they had thoroughly permeated all of Canaanite society, it was necessary to eradicate whole Canaanite clans. No tribe was free of the giants' wicked influence. With them gone, Israel was finally able to settle in the land.





After Joshua died, Israel turned away from Yahweh and worshipped pagan gods. Israel became increasingly lawless and Yahweh withdrew His protection. The surrounding tribes attacked Israel but Yahweh, in His compassion, sent judges to help them. One unlikely judge was Samson.



Samson, as a Nazarite, was supposed to follow certain rules, one of which was to never cut his hair. Yahweh blessed him with super strength so that he could rip a lion apart with his bare hands and kill 1000 men with a donkey's jaw bone. He was a scourge to the Philistines.



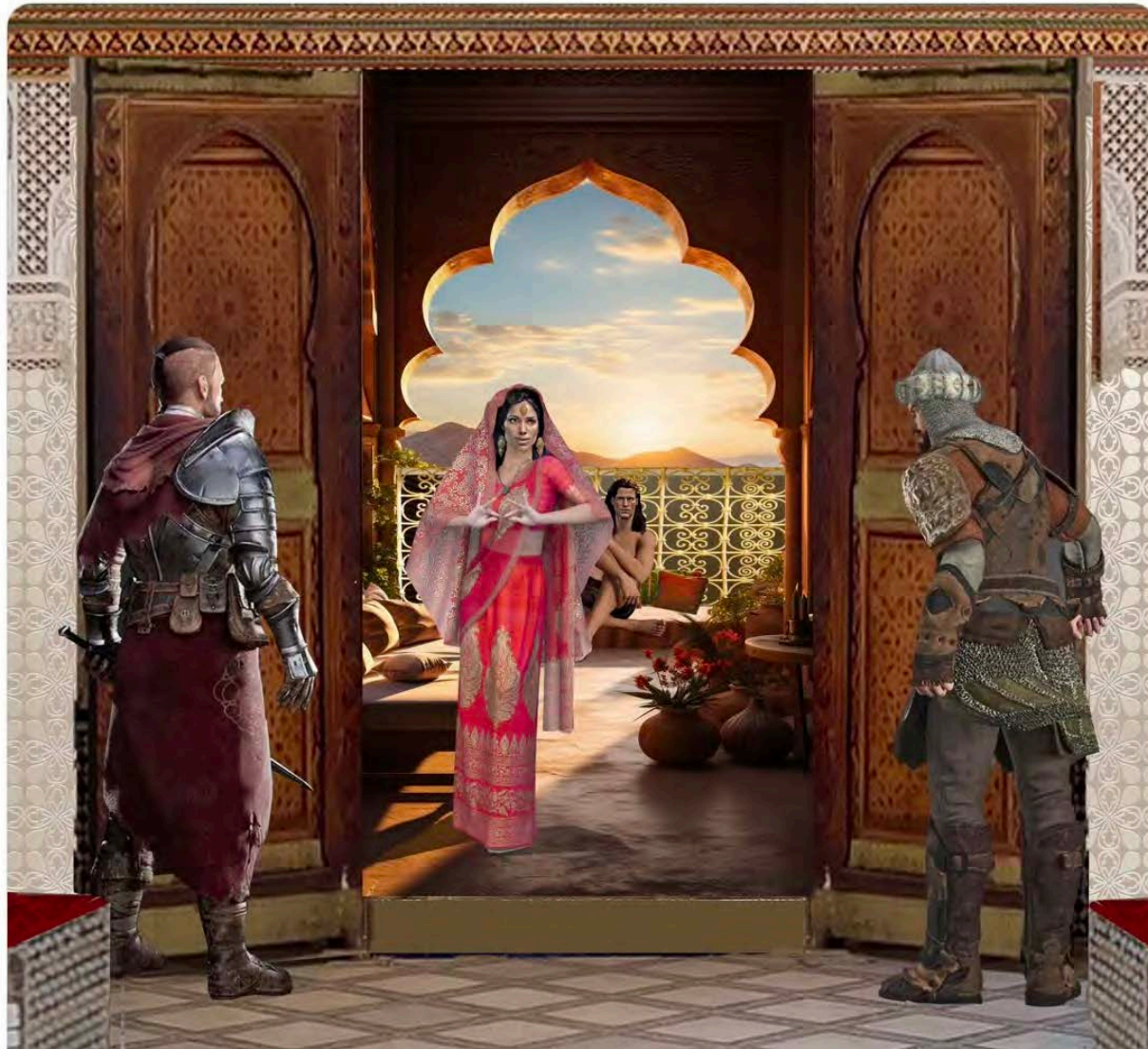


The Philistines failed to capture Samson until his love for Delilah, a Philistine prostitute, entrapped him. Delilah was bribed by the Philistines to discover the secret of Samson's great strength. He finally told her that his strength was due to his vow to never cut his hair.



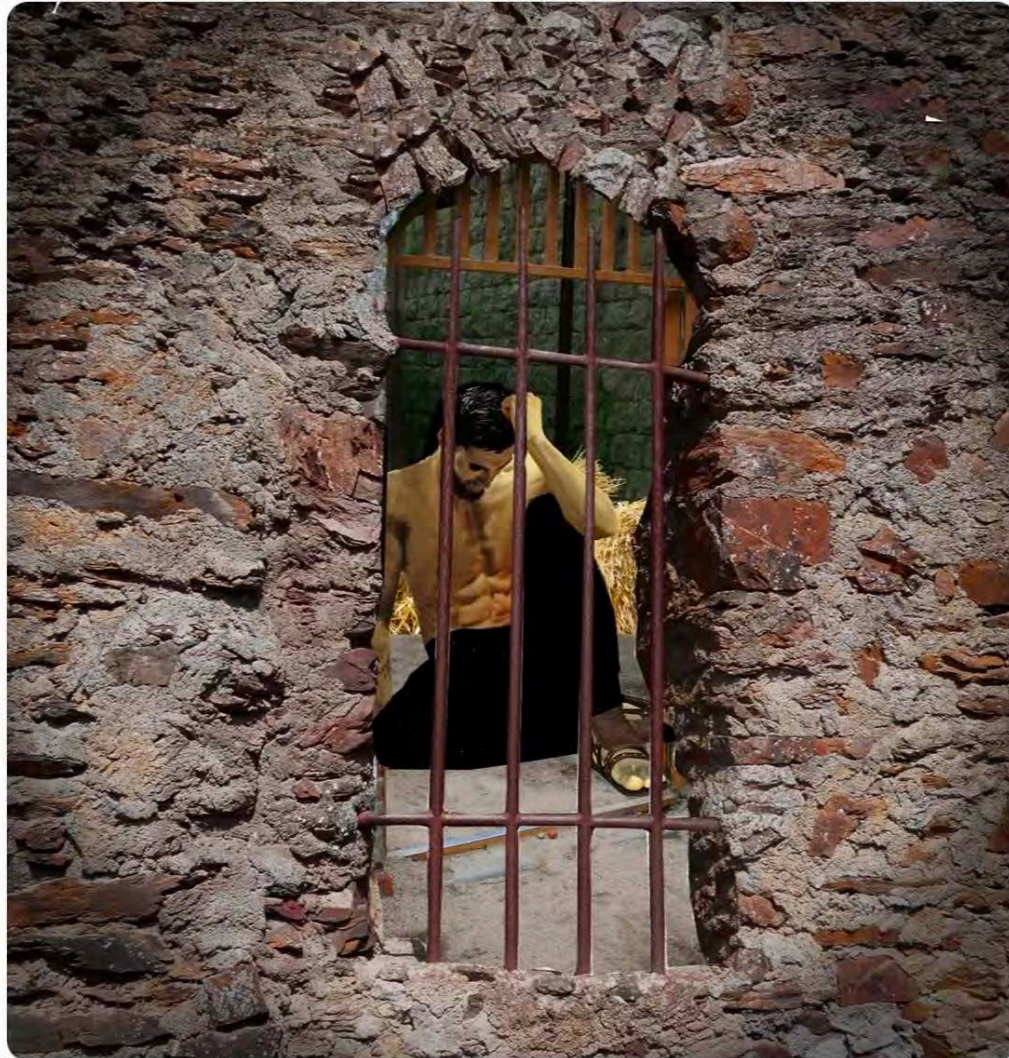


The Philistines were waiting outside Delilah's apartment and after Samson fell asleep she quickly told them about his secret. They came and silently cut his hair. When Samson awoke, his great strength was gone and the Philistines captured and imprisoned him.





Samson's eyes were gouged out and he was made to grind corn at a mill wheel at the prison. The Philistines rejoiced that they had defeated their great enemy and they decided to hold a feast for their god Dagon, to celebrate. Samson was to be the main entertainment.





Samson was chained to the large pillars of a house filled with Philistines (3000 on the upper floor alone). No one noticed that Samson's hair had grown. Samson asked Yahweh to empower him again with strength and he then pushed the pillars apart, bringing the house crashing down.





Samson was impulsive, violent, and driven by his lusts, yet Yahweh used this warrior, with all his faults, for the good of His people. Yahweh Himself is perfect but sometimes uses the sin already existing in the world to fulfill His purposes. The story of Samson showcases this.



Samson was less virtuous than Abraham or Moses, but all descended to Sheol after death. Degree of sin was not the issue, for all required the coming Deliverer to transform and perfect them so as to live with Yahweh. Faith in Yahweh was the determining factor and Samson qualified.

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MOSES

ABRAHAM

SAMSON



Saul, Israel's first king, was a handsome man who stood head and shoulders above most men. Israel hoped their king would be able to defeat the Philistines once and for all. But Saul had a flawed character and when confronted by a major challenge, he failed miserably.



Goliath, a 10 foot Philistine giant challenged Saul to a battle wherein each army would send out a champion and whichever champion won, his army would be declared victorious. Israel was terrified and Saul could find no champion willing to take on the giant.





A young shepherd named David heard about Goliath's insults to Yahweh and his mockery of Israel. David was incensed because he loved Yahweh deeply. He volunteered to be Israel's champion, using only a slingshot and having complete faith that Yahweh would give him victory.



David slew Goliath and became a popular hero in Israel. The giant had been a Gittite, likely descended from the Rephaim of Canaan. The huge stature and violence of the giant was no match for the faith of the young shepherd boy who trusted in Yahweh for victory.





King Saul became increasingly jealous of David's popularity. Knowing Yahweh had rejected him in favour of David, Saul sought to get rid of his competition. During one of his fits of insanity, he threw a spear at David, barely missing him, forcing David to flee for his life.



For the next 10 years David was a hunted man. He and his followers were relentlessly pursued by Saul and his army, forcing David and his men to hide in caves and other enclaves. It was guerrilla warfare training that would later be indispensable when David was king of Israel.





King Saul and his 3 sons were killed in a battle with the Philistines. Saul had been shot with an arrow and fell on his spear rather than be captured and tortured by the enemy. The Israelites living nearby heard that their king was dead and they fled from their cities in terror.



David was 30 years old when he became King of Israel. When the Philistines heard this, they increased their attacks but Yahweh made David victorious. David now took more wives and had more children. He made Jerusalem the capital and brought the ark of the covenant there.

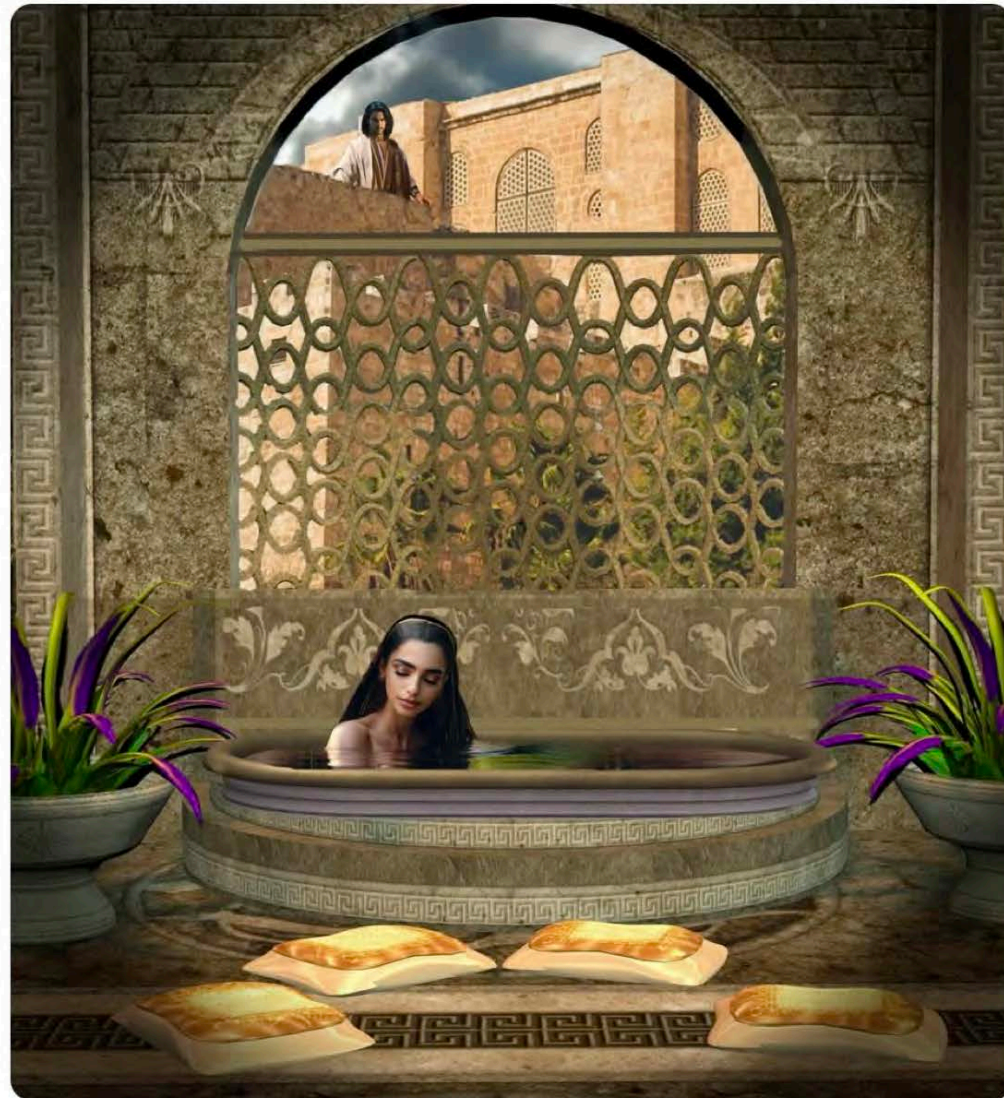




David was a shepherd, poet, musician, warrior, and king. His courage and devotion were exemplary. Yahweh said he was a man after His own heart who would fulfill all His will. But there was one blot on his record which happened when he stayed back in the city during a war campaign



David was walking on the palace roof looking over the city, when he looked down and spied a beautiful woman at her bath. She was the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of David's soldiers. David was moved by lust for her and had her brought to the palace where he slept with her.





David thought he had got away with his sins. A baby son was born and no one knew the details behind the birth. But One knew, and He was angry. Yahweh sent a prophet to confront David about his sins, and though he would be forgiven, there would be serious consequences.



David comforted Bathsheba and slept with her, and she gave birth to another baby. David named him Solomon. Yahweh loved the baby and sent blessings through the prophet Nathan. David then nicknamed the baby Jedidiah meaning 'Beloved of Yahweh'.





David's household was plagued by tragedy - a daughter raped by her brother, another brother killing her seducer, and father/son estrangement. When David was old, yet another son tried to seize the throne, but David quickly crowned Solomon king of Israel, thus ending the revolt.



King Solomon was renowned for his great wisdom, fabulous wealth, and thousands of wives and concubines. The Queen of Sheba heard the stories and was intrigued. She traveled all the way from Ethiopia to meet Solomon to see if the king was as wise as purported.





The Queen of Sheba came by a great camel caravan, weighted down with gold, spices, incense, and precious gems. She hoped to establish trade and commerce between Israel and her own country in Arabia. The journey was 1,2000 miles to Jerusalem.





Solomon showed the Queen his palace and the temple he had built for Yahweh. She was overwhelmed, saying that the things she was seeing far surpassed what she had been told. Solomon was so wealthy that silver was common and gold adorned buildings, temple, throne and furnishings.







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Most of the king's many marriages were formed for diplomatic reasons. They enabled Israel to finally be at peace with their neighbours, but they also brought in idolatry since many of Solomon's wives were from pagan nations. He set up altars to their gods for them in Jerusalem.





Yahweh was angry that Solomon had turned to idolatry. He had broken the covenant, and Yahweh warned that Israel would be divided after the king died. Only Judah would go to Solomon's son, for the sake of His promise to David. Israel soon became embroiled in many wars.



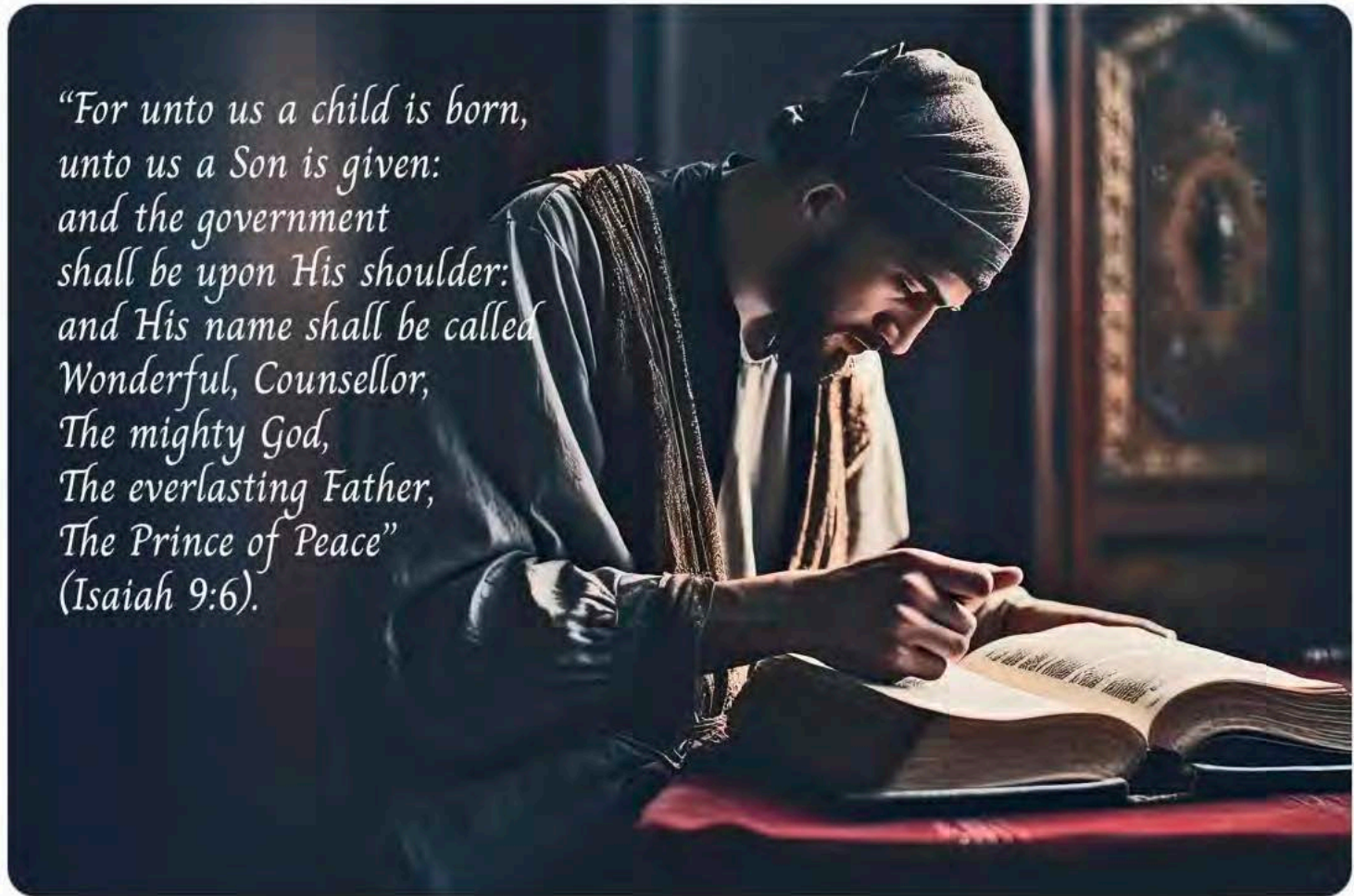
Yahweh sent prophets over the years to warn Israel away from wickedness. One was Elijah who was expected to return to make way for the coming Messiah. He was taken up into the clouds in a chariot, his mantle falling down to Elisha, who would become the next prophet after him.





Another prophet was Isaiah who foretold that Yahweh's Son would establish an everlasting kingdom when He came to earth. More than 300 Scriptures allude to the birthplace of Jesus, His lineage, and method of execution, all of which could not have been accidentally fulfilled.

*"For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a Son is given:  
and the government  
shall be upon His shoulder:  
and His name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace"  
(Isaiah 9:6).*

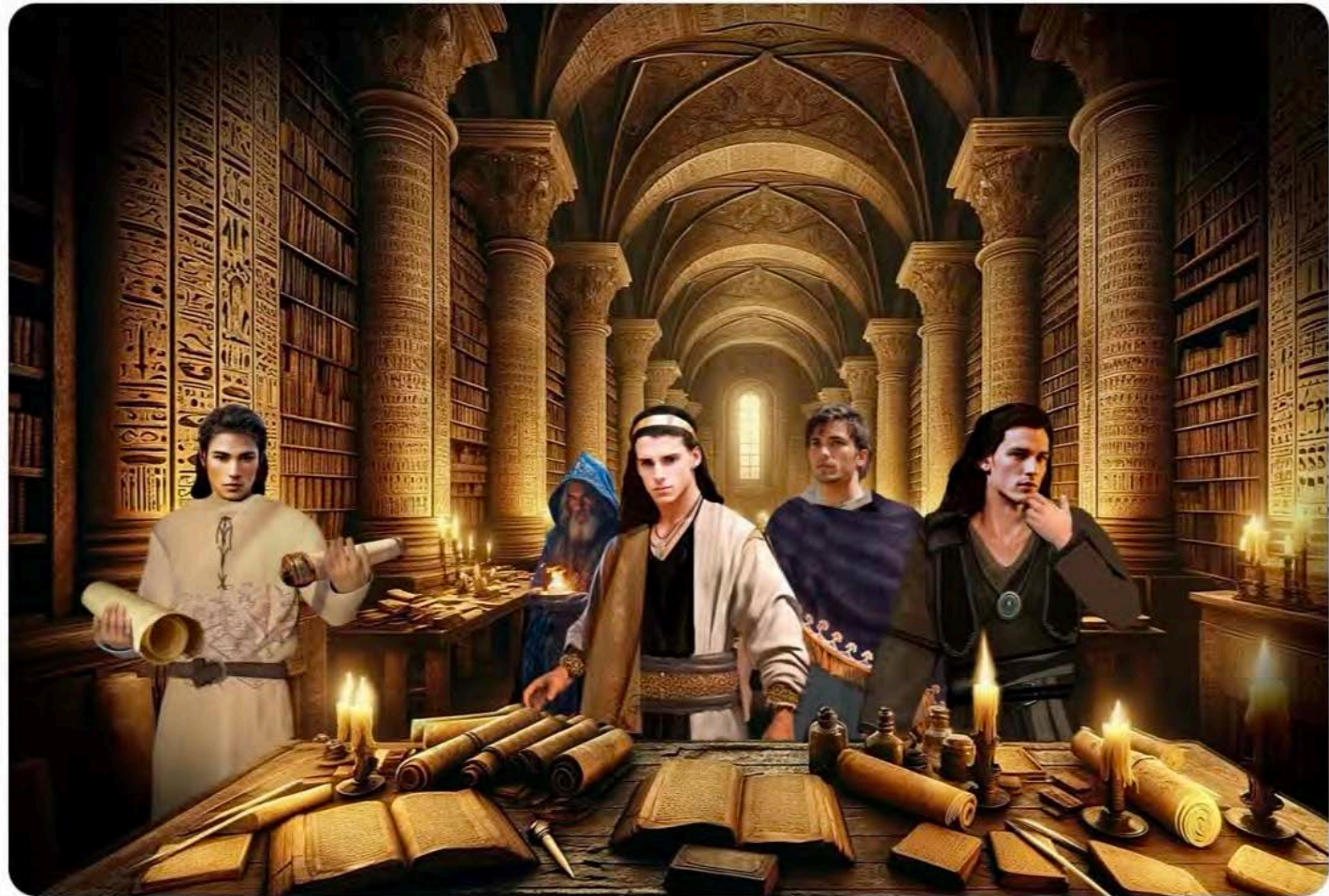


The Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem, taking captive 10,000 prominent Jews who were to be trained for administrative positions in Babylon. They were given Babylonian names and treated well. It was a massive exile. Only the poor were left in Jerusalem.





Daniel (Beltashazzar) and his 3 friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were young Jewish noblemen who were given favour in the king's court. They studied the Chaldean language, literature, and all the arts and sciences of Babylon, while still remaining true to Yahweh.





One day the king decreed that everyone had to worship a 90 foot golden statue made in his image. Daniel's friends refused and the enraged king had them thrown into a furnace. When he looked inside, he was amazed to see 4 men walking in the fire. One looked like an angel.





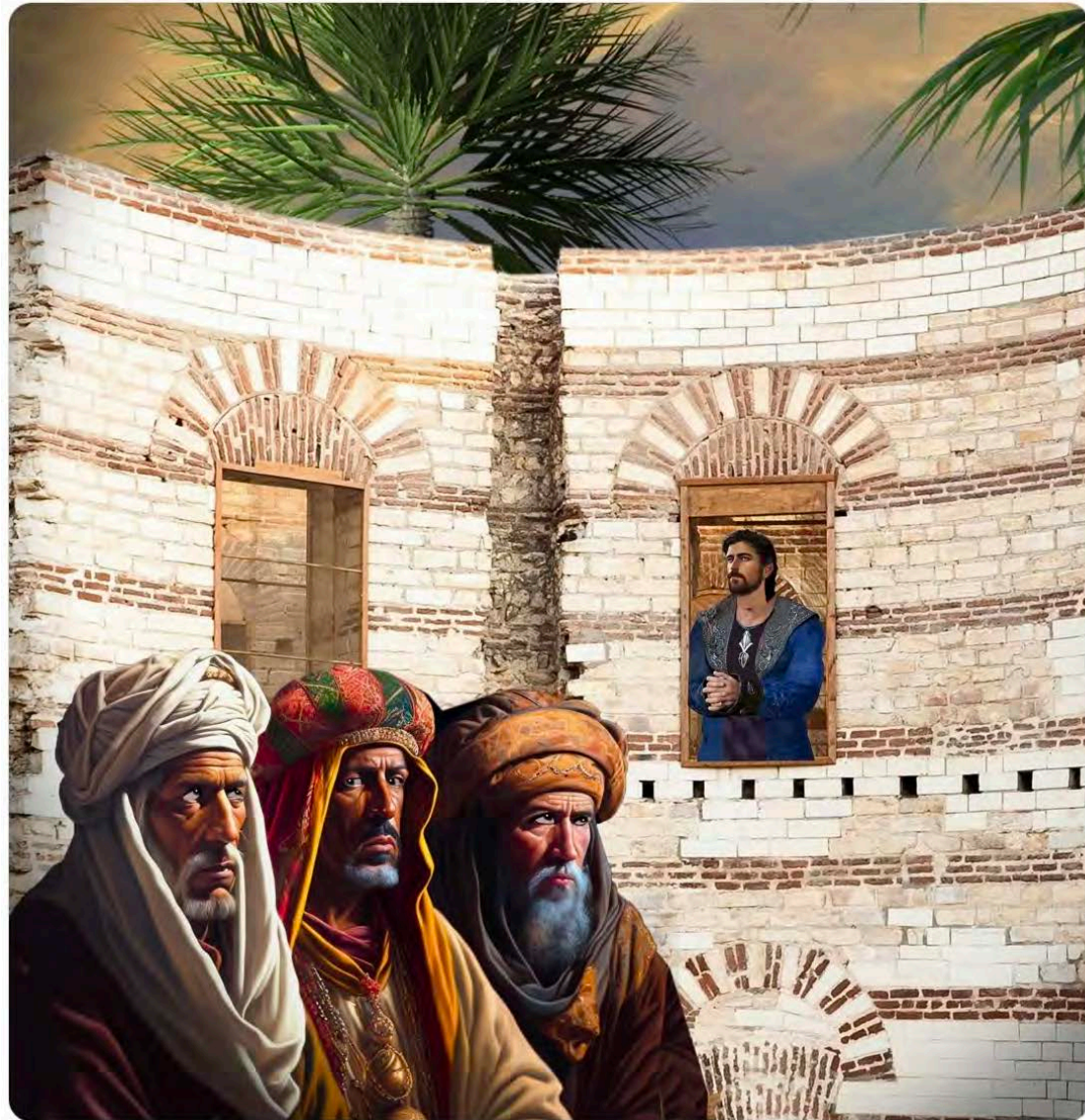
Nebuchadnezzar was amazed that the 3 young men were not even singed by the fire. He was a proud and pompous king but Yahweh humbled him. Later in his reign he became mentally ill for 7 years, but was healed after affirming his faith in Yahweh and giving Him praise and honour.



*Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of a tree reaching to heaven and a Watcher commanding it to be chopped down. Daniel interpreted the dream to mean Yahweh was going to humble the king, and after 7 years he would be restored. Everything happened as foretold with the King praising and honoring Yahweh at the end: "His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom...and all inhabitants are as nothing. He does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand or say 'What have You done?'."*



Daniel remained in Babylon to serve the Persian monarch, King Darius. The king's officials tricked Darius into forbidding prayer for one month to any god but the king. They then informed on Daniel who continued to pray to Yahweh 3 times a day as usual.





The king reluctantly had Daniel thrown into a lion's den but an angel stopped the lions from harming him. When Darius went to see how Daniel fared, he was overjoyed to see him alive and well, and after releasing Daniel, he had the jealous officials thrown to the lions instead.



Daniel was a high official in Babylon who received many visions from Yahweh. Some depicted the future of the nations, such as the image Daniel saw with a head of gold (Chaldeans), arms of silver (Medes and Persians), torso of brass (Greece), and legs of iron (Rome).



*Head of Gold - Babylon - 605-539 BC*

*Breast & Arms of Silver - Medo-Persia - 539-331 BC*

*Belly & Thighs of Brass - Greece - 331-168 BC*

*Legs of Iron - Rome - 49 BC (Julius Caesar) - 33 AD  
(Kingdom of the Messiah begins)*

*Feet of Clay - divided Roman Empire*

*'And in the days of those kings the God of heaven set up a kingdom  
that shall never be destroyed..It shall break in pieces all these  
kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it shall stand forever. '*  
*Daniel 2:44*



Another vision was of Yahweh, the Ancient of Days, on His throne surrounded by countless angels. Then one who looked human came on clouds and was presented before Him. This 'son of man' received dominion, glory, and an everlasting kingdom and was a picture of the coming Messiah.



There was opposition to Yahweh's messages to Daniel. One message was delayed for 3 weeks because one of the evil Watchers (prince of Persia) hindered Gabriel, requiring the mighty archangel Michael to come to his aid and defeat the principality.





At long last the Messiah was to arrive, but not as the Jews expected. God's plan was to send the Deliverer by stealth, under the radar of both man and demon. There would be no fanfare to herald His coming or alert the Watchers. Quietly God sent Gabriel to earth on a mission.





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