Genesis 37–50

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Keyword

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Election

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Theme

Origin in Election and Promise

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Key Verse

"I will bless you… and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (12:1-3)

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Summary Statement

The narrow lineage of Israel from Creation to Joseph informs Israel it began with both God's **election** for rule and unconditional promise for blessings through Abraham in contrast to the Canaanites

Kingdom Statement

God created a perfect kingdom (1–2), but man gave up his rule to Satan (3), so God **elected** a seed to produce a ruler (4–11) to bless all nations in Abraham (12–50).

Covenant

God narrowed man's line from Adam through Seth to Abram (1–11) to establish the Abrahamic Covenant with unconditional promises of Canaan, eternal rule, and blessing to his descendants (12–50).

Redemption

Redemption is needed due to man's sin (3:1-7), but as God redeemed Adam and Eve with a sacrificial animal (3:21), so a Redeemer from Eve will finally defeat Satan (3:15), typified in Joseph (45:7).

Messiah

Jesus created the earth (1:26) and will defeat Satan (3:15), after descending from the line of Abraham (12:1-3) so that he might rule in the line of Judah (49:10).

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Origin in Election and Promise

Creation	Fall	Flood	Babel	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Primeval Events				Patriarchal Characters			
1:1–11:26				11:27–50:26			
God's Election				God's Promise			
Adam and Descendants				Abraham and Descendants			
1/5 of the Book				4/5 of the Book			
Mesopotamia				Canaan		Egypt	
2083 Years (4143-2060 BC)				215 Years (2060-1845 BC)		71 Years (1845-1774 BC)	

The *tôledôt* of…	Heavens & Earth	Adam	Noah	Sons of Noah	Shem	Terah	Ishmael	Isaac	Esau	Jacob
Creation	Post-Creation	Sons of Adam	Noah	Sons of Noah	Sons of Shem	Abraham & Isaac	Sons of Ishmael	Jacob	Sons of Esau	Joseph
1:1–2:3	2:4–4:26	5:1–6:8	6:9–9:29	10:1–11:9	11:10-26	11:27–25:11	25:12-18	25:19–35:29	36:1–37:1	37:2–50:26

Covers 2369 Years of History

Written During Wilderness Wanderings (c. 1405 BC)

Genesis

1 **I**nception of the world
2 **N**ewlyweds placed in Eden

3 **T**emptation and man's fall
4 **H**atred and first murder
5 **E**ntire genealogy of Adam

6 **B**uilding of the ark
7 **E**ruption of the flood
8 **G**oing from the ark
9 **I**nitiation of rainbow promise
10 **N**oah's sons and grandsons
11 **N**ations scattered from Babel
12 **I**mmigration of Abram's family
13 **N**ephew Lot leaves Abram
14 **G**ifts for Priest Melchizedek

15 **G**od counts Abram righteous
16 **O**ffspring Ishmael from Hagar
17 **D**esignation changed to Abraham

18 **C**ompassion for Sodom's righteous
19 **R**emoval of Sodom , Gomorrah
20 **E**gyptian escapade of Abraham
21 **A**rrival of promised Isaac
22 **T**est of Abraham's faith
23 **E**nd of Sarah's life
24 **D**enoting Rebekah as bride

25 **T**wins Esau, Jacob born
26 **H**ostility between Isaac, Philistines
27 **E**sau robbed of birthright

28 **H**eavenly ladder at Bethel
29 **E**arning Leah and Rachel
30 **A**dditions to Jacob's family
31 **V**enture away from Laban
32 **E**ndeavoring to wrestle God
33 **N**ew friendship with Esau

34 **A**venge for Dinah's defilement
35 **N**ame changed to Israel
36 **D**escendants of Esau listed

37 **T**reachery of Joseph's brothers
38 **H**arlot Tamar deceives Judah
39 **E**nraged Potiphar jails Joseph

40 **E**xplanation of two dreams
41 **A**ppointing Joseph as ruler
42 **R**euben held in Egypt
43 **T**rek to Egypt again
44 **H**olding Benjamin for cup

45 **A**nnouncement of Joseph's identity
46 **N**ew home in Egypt
47 **D**esign to save Egypt

48 **M**anasseh and Ephraim adopted
49 **A**nnouncement of Jacob's blessing
50 **N**ew relationship among brothers

Barry Huddleston, *The Acrostic Summarized Bible* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

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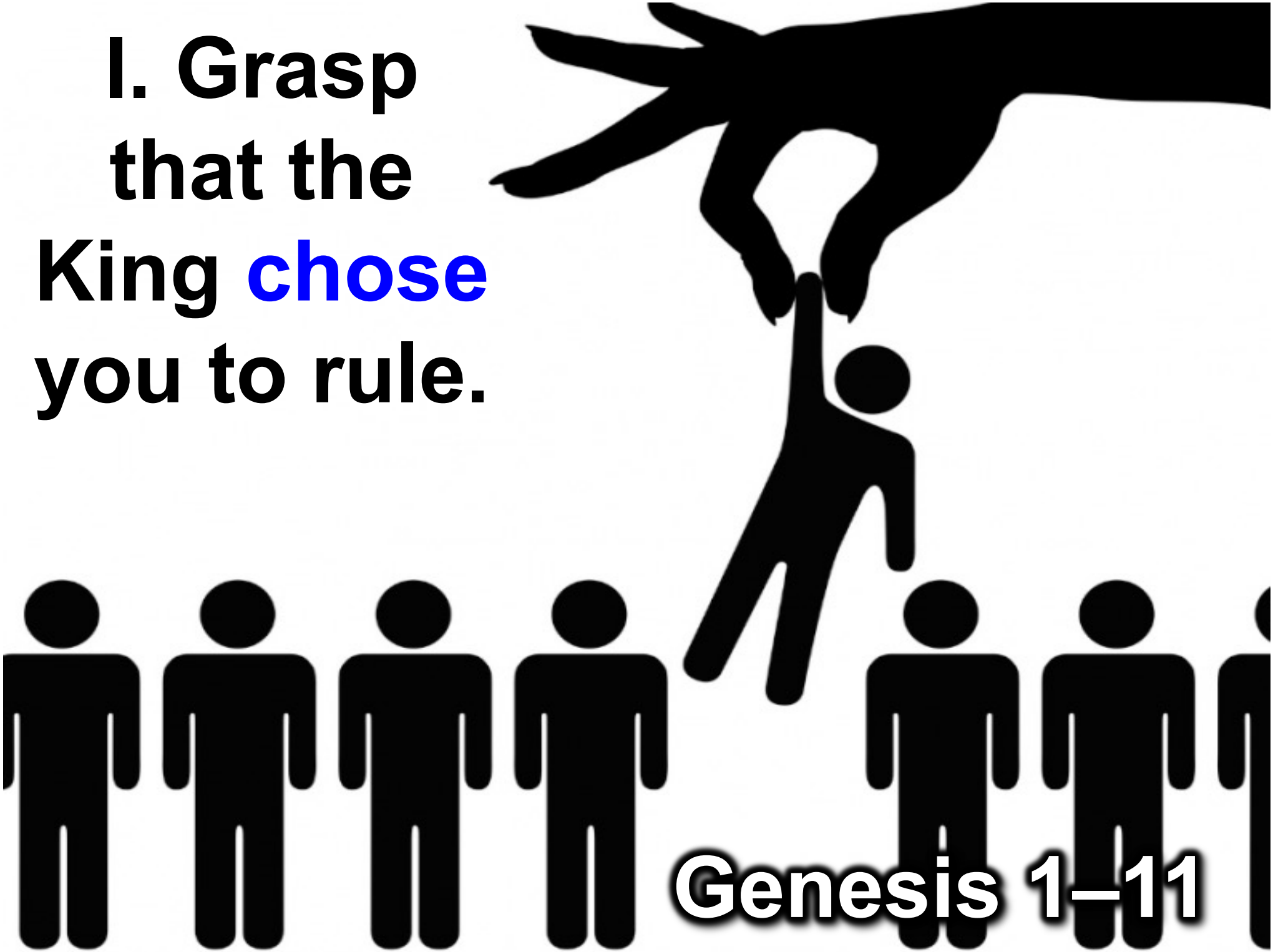
A World of Idols

How can you be faithful to God in a world of idols?

IDOLS
of the
HEART

I. Grasp that the King chose you to rule.



Genesis 1–11

II. Grasp that the King promised you blessings.

Main Idea

Live out God's choice of you and promises for blessing

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What or who are you trusting to save you from your sin?

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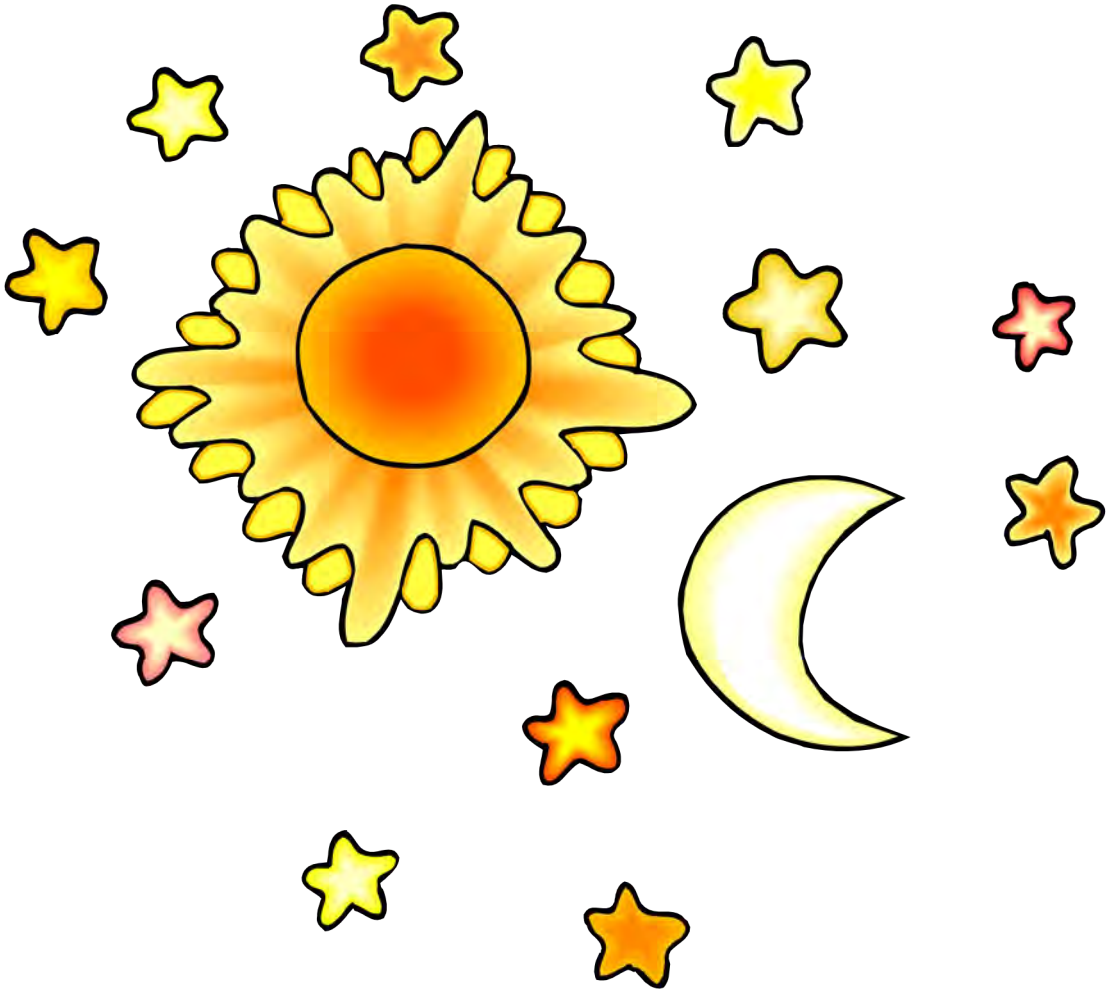
Genesis 37



Youthful Indiscretion

Genesis 37:1-11

JOSEPH THE DREAMER

Genesis 37:1-10

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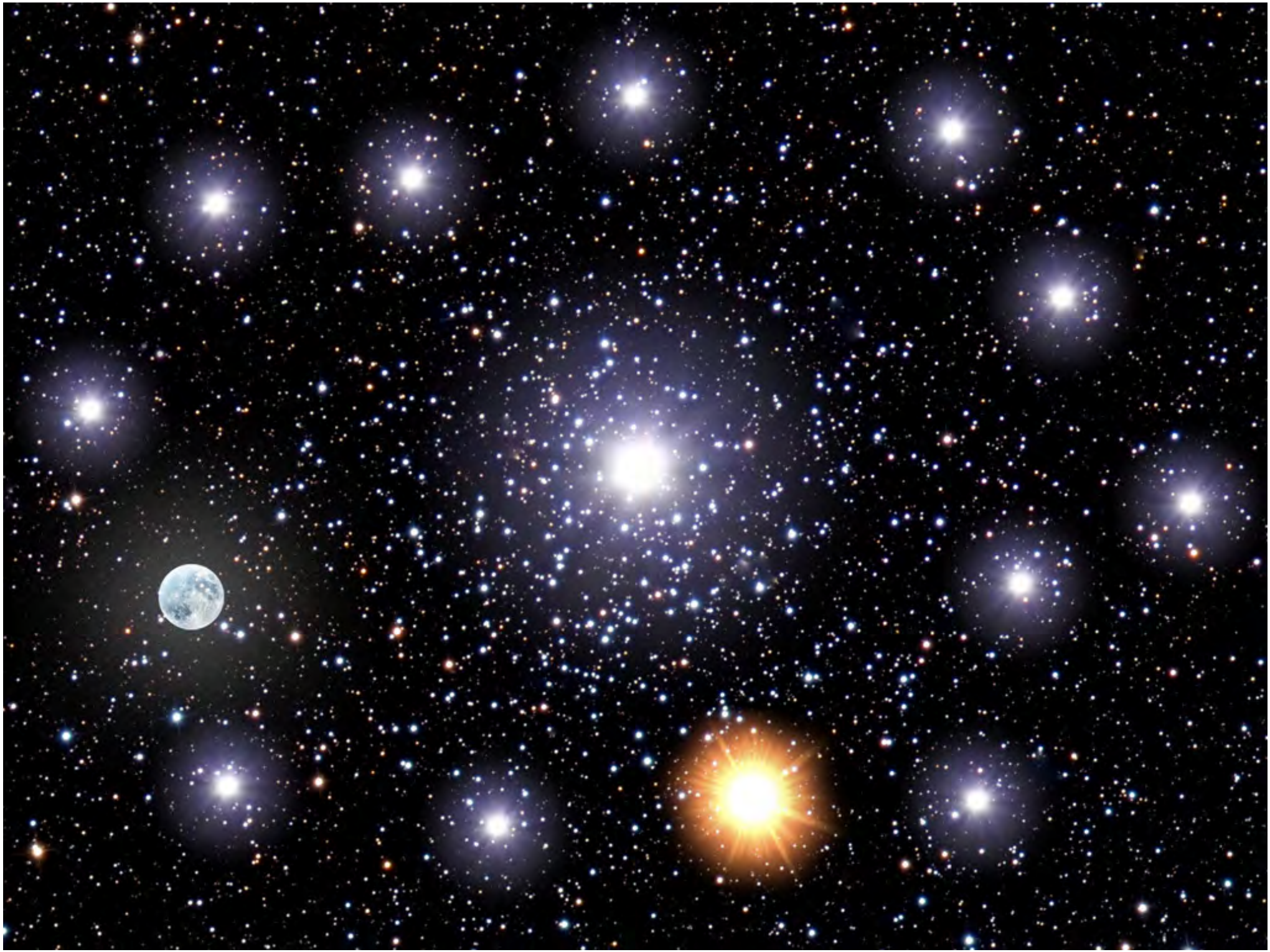

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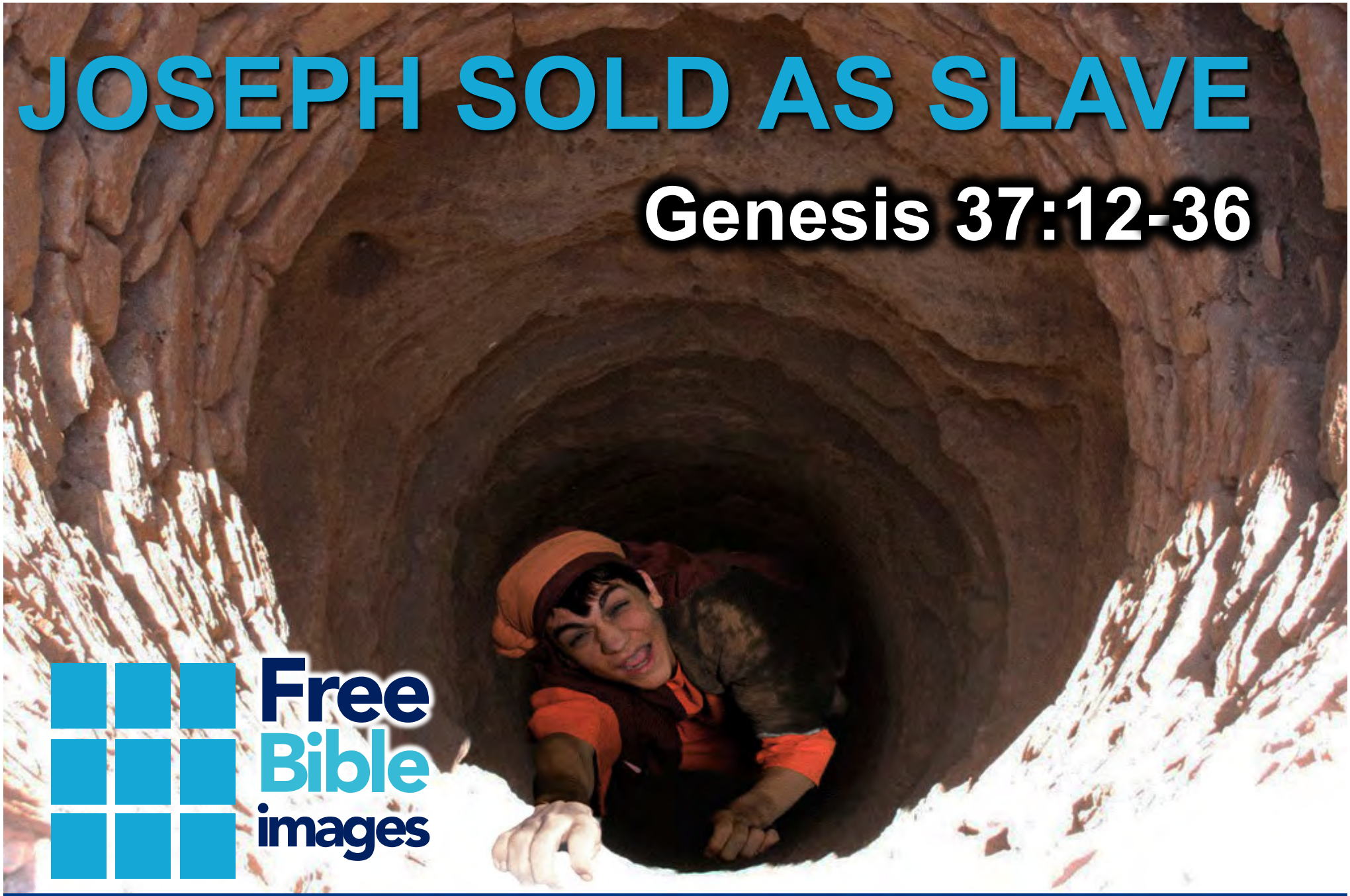
JOSEPH SOLD AS SLAVE

Genesis 37:12-36



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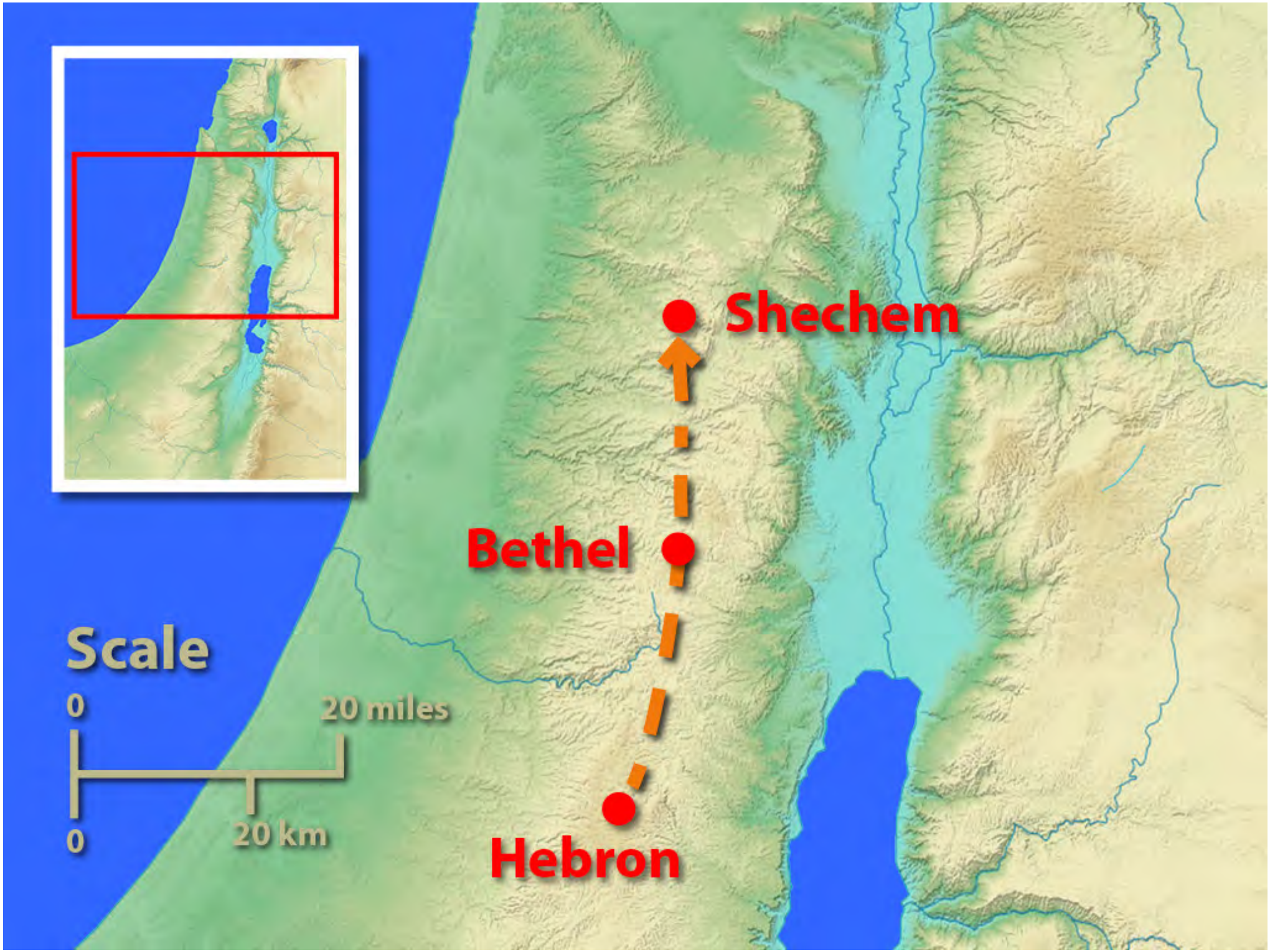
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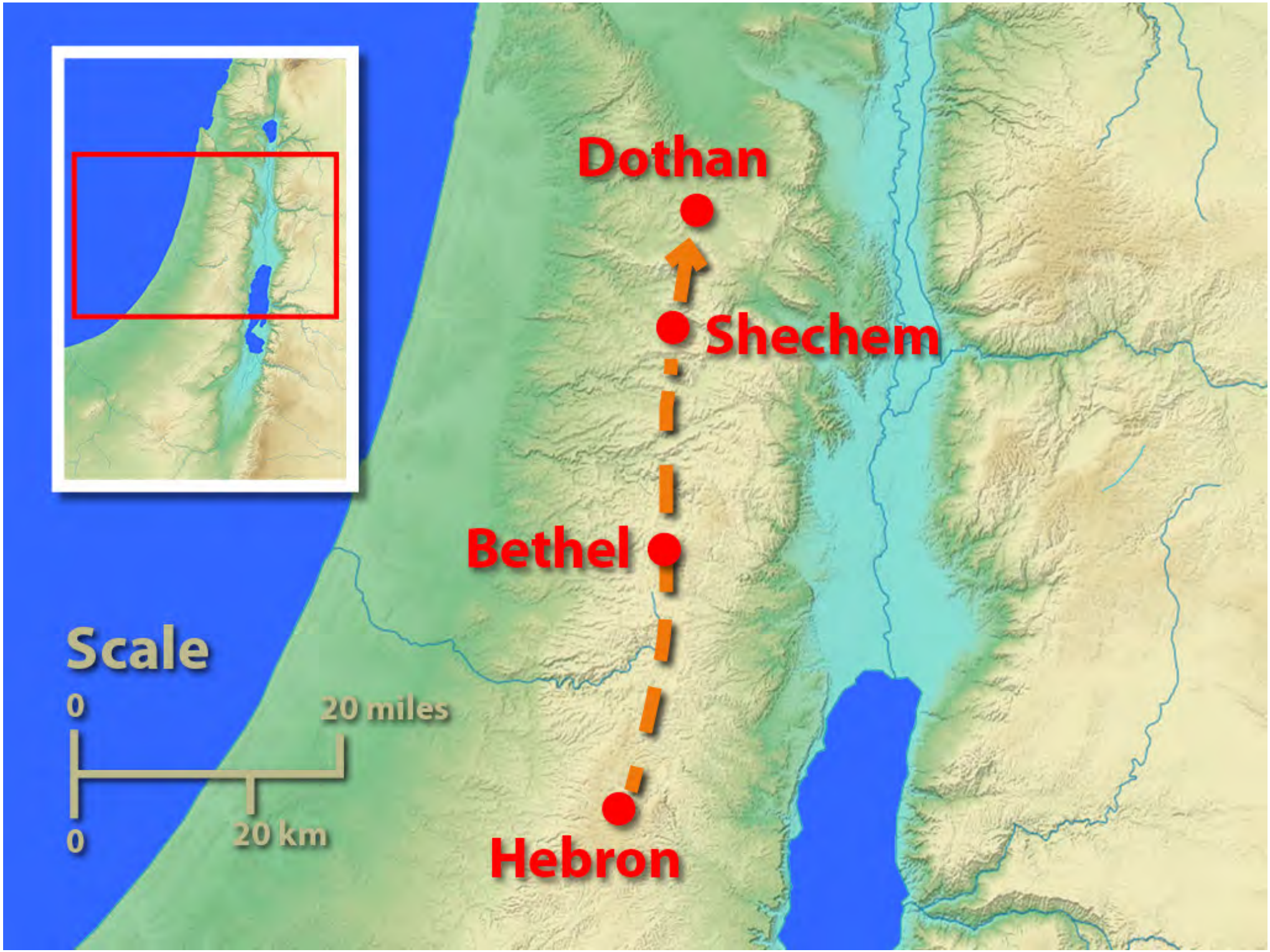
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Joseph a Type of Christ

From Palace to Prison

Genesis 38

God was at work even through the immorality of Abraham's descendants

—*Genesis 38*—

Judah the Creep (Tamar the Innocent)

Genesis 38

About this time, Judah left home
and moved to Adullam, where he
stayed with a man named Hirah.
[2]There he saw a Canaanite woman,
the daughter of Shua, and he
married her. When he slept with
her, [3]she became pregnant and
gave birth to a son, and he named
the boy Er. [4]Then she became
pregnant again and gave birth to
another son, and she named him
Onan. [5]And when she gave birth to
a third son, she named him Shelah.
At the time of Shelah's birth, they
were living at Kezib.

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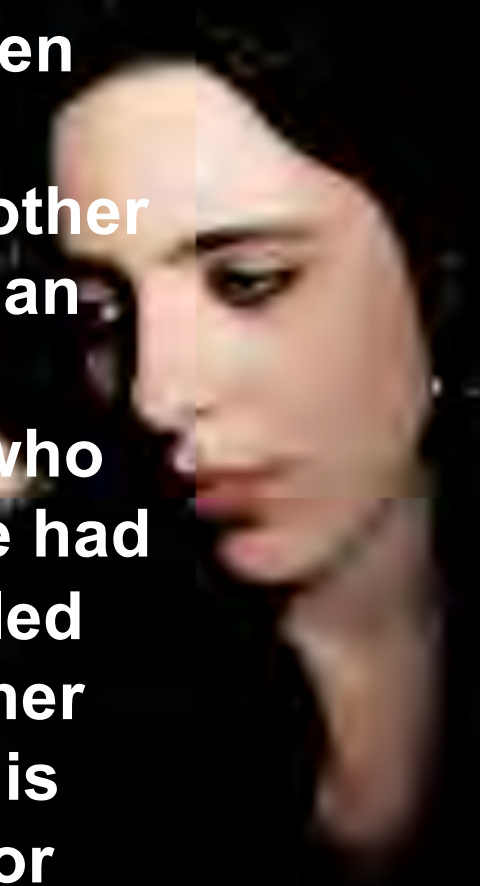
[6]In the course of time, Judah arranged for his
firstborn son, Er, to marry a young woman
named Tamar. [7]But Er was a wicked man in the
LORD's sight, so the LORD took his life. [8]Then
Judah said to Er's brother Onan, "Go and
marry Tamar, as our law requires of the brother
of a man who has died. You must produce an
heir for your brother."
[9]But Onan was not willing to have a child who
would not be his own heir. So whenever he had
intercourse with his brother's wife, he spilled
the semen on the ground. This prevented her
from having a child who would belong to his
brother. [10]But the LORD considered it evil for
Onan to deny a child to his dead brother. So the
LORD took Onan's life, too.



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15 Judah noticed her and thought she was a
prostitute, since she had covered her face.
16 So he stopped and propositioned her. “Let me
have sex with you,” he said, not realizing that she
was his own daughter-in-law. “How much will you
pay to have sex with me?” Tamar asked.
17 “I’ll send you a young goat from my flock,”
Judah promised. “But what will you give me to
guarantee that you will send the goat?” she
asked. 18 “What kind of guarantee do you want?”
he replied. She answered, “Leave me your
identification seal and its cord and the walking
stick you are carrying.” So Judah gave them to
her. Then he had intercourse with her, and she
became pregnant. 19 Afterward she went back
home, took off her veil, and put on her widow’s
clothing as usual.

Judah the Creep (Tamar the Innocent)

[24]About three months later, Judah was
told, “Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has
acted like a prostitute. And now, because
of this, she’s pregnant.” “Bring her out,
and let her be burned!” Judah demanded.
[25]But as they were taking her out to kill
her, she sent this message to her father-
in-law: “The man who owns these things
made me pregnant. Look closely. Whose
seal and cord and walking stick are
these?” [26]Judah recognized them
immediately and said, “She is more
righteous than I am, because I didn’t
arrange for her to marry my son Shelah.”
And Judah never slept with Tamar again.

Judah the Creep (Tamar the Innocent)

Genesis 38

[27]When the time came for Tamar to give birth, it was discovered that she was carrying twins. [28] While she was in labor, one of the babies reached out his hand. The midwife grabbed it and tied a scarlet string around the child's wrist, announcing, "This one came out first." [29] But then he pulled back his hand, and out came his brother! "What!" the midwife exclaimed. "How did you break out first?" So he was named Perez. [30] Then the baby with the scarlet string on his wrist was born, and he was named Zerah.

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Genesis 39

JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR'S WIFE

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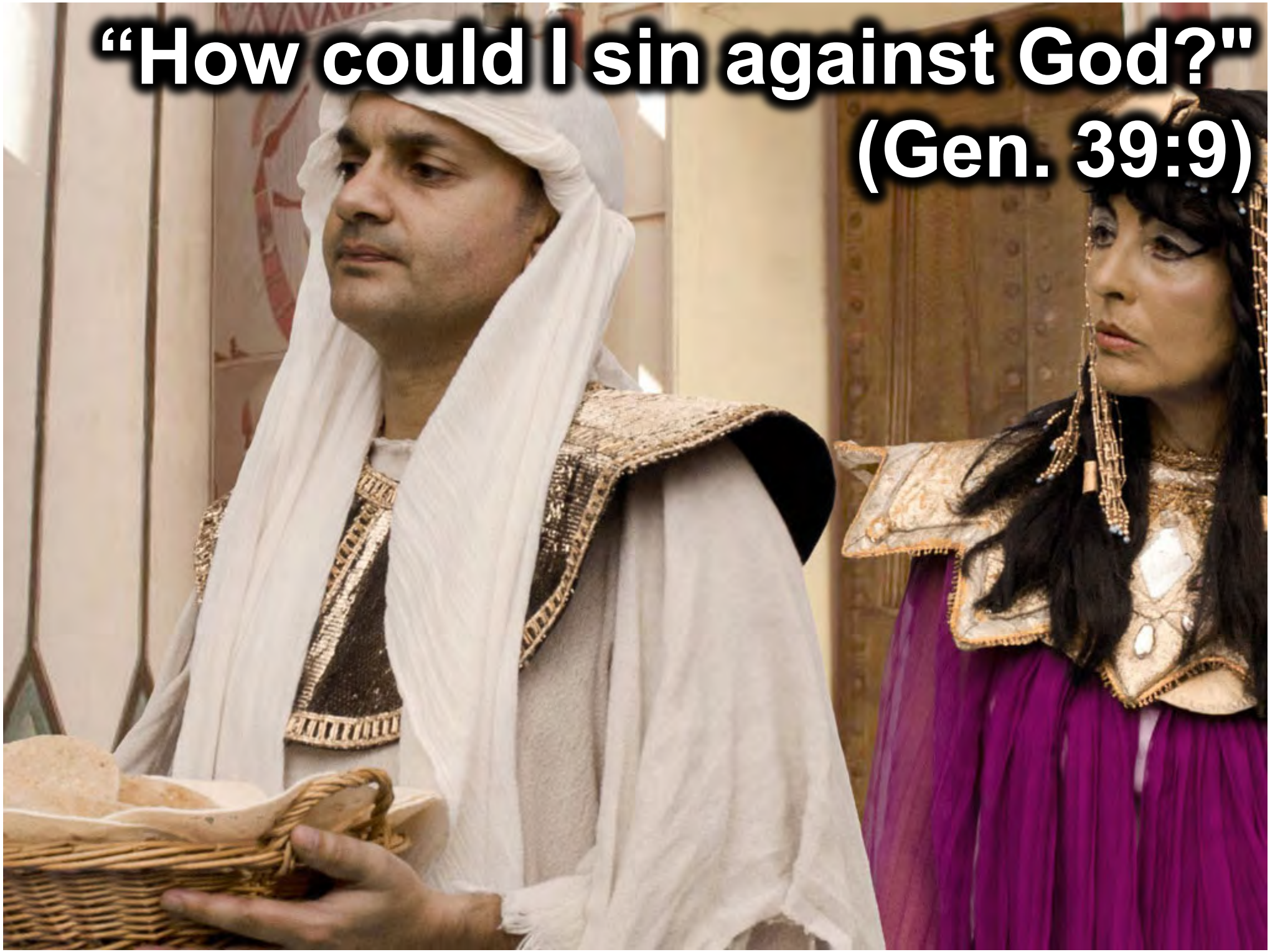
“How could I sin against God?"
(Gen. 39:9)

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Joseph Works for Potiphar

Genesis 39:1-23

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Joseph Interprets Dreams While in Prison

Genesis 39:21–40:23

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JOSEPH, THE BAKER, AND THE CUPBEARER

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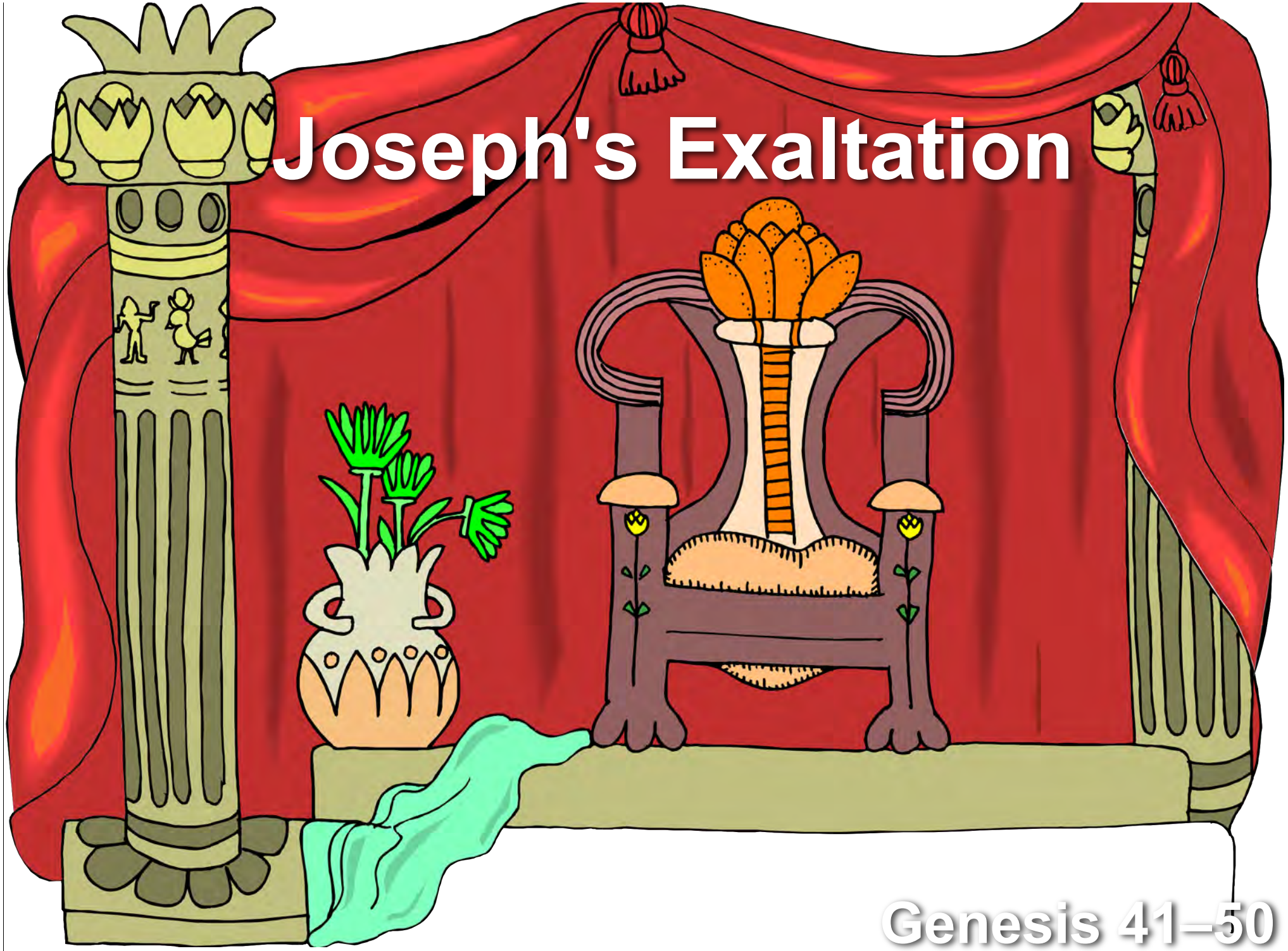
Joseph in Prison (Genesis 40)

Genesis 41

Joseph's Exaltation



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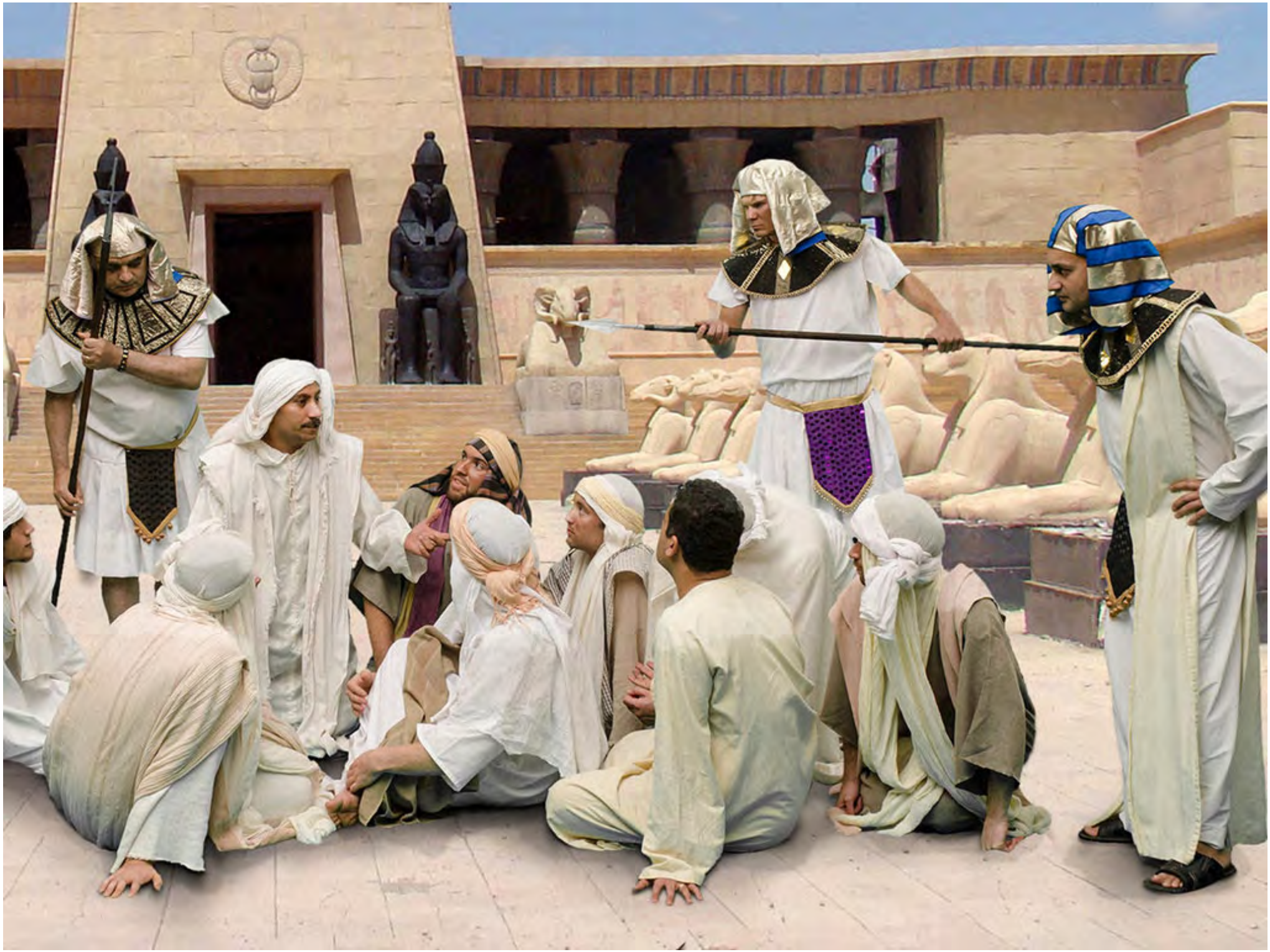

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Genesis 43

Joseph Tests His Brothers (Genesis 42–43)

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Genesis 43:1–45:15

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS RETURN TO EGYPT

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Joseph's Cup (Genesis 44:17)

Joseph is Reunited with His Brothers

Genesis 43:1–44:15

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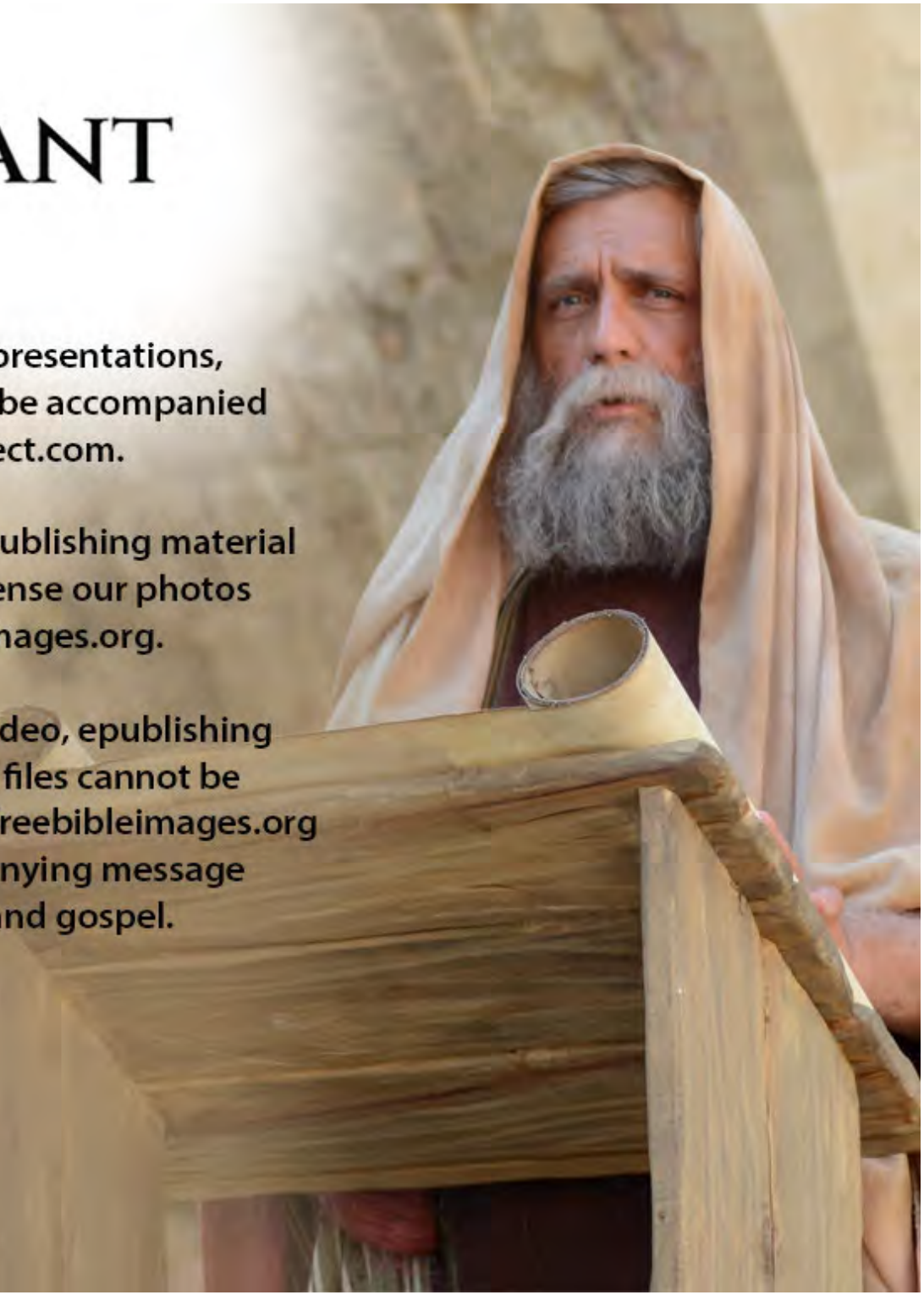

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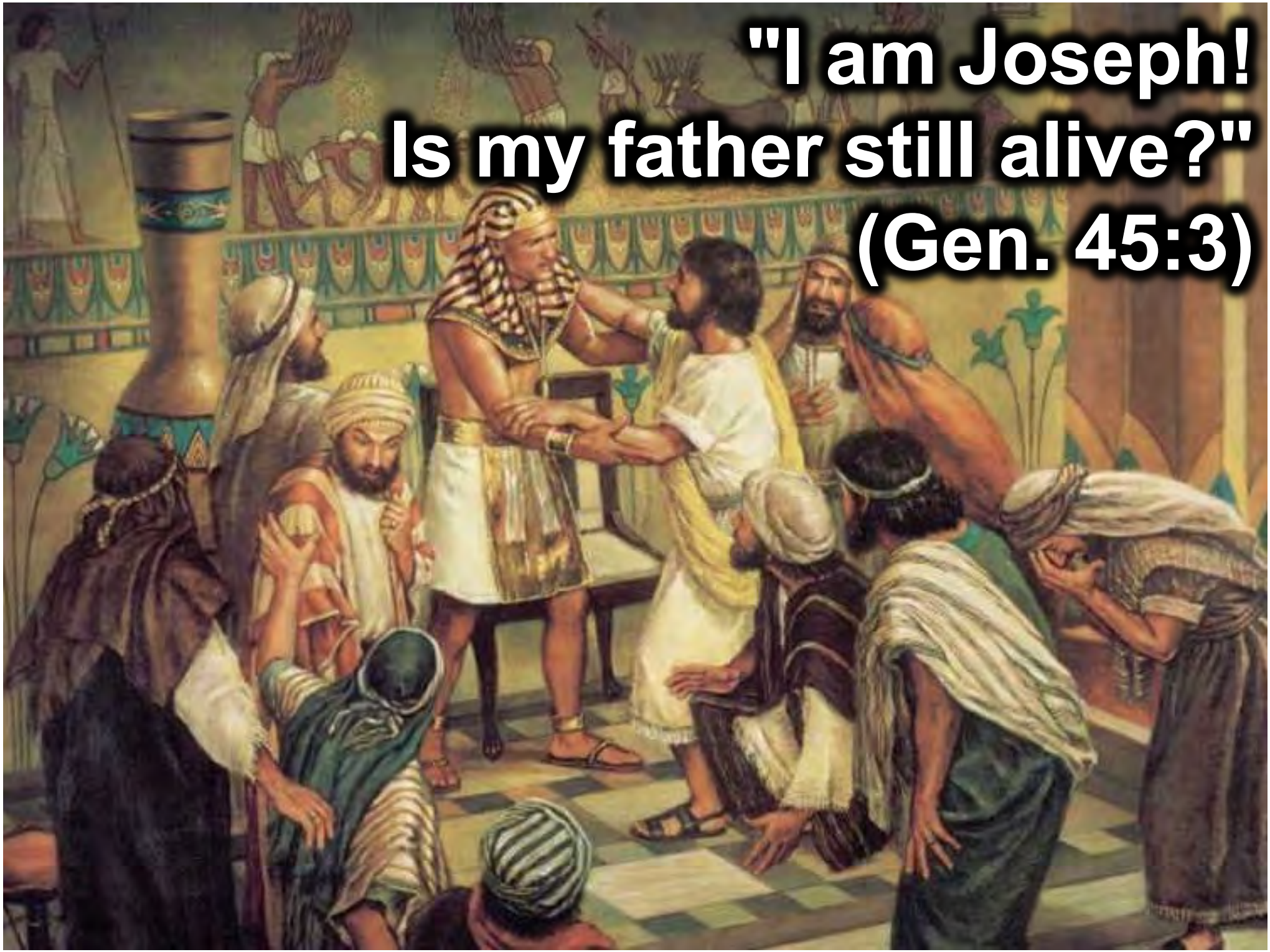
"I am Joseph!
Is my father still alive?"
(Gen. 45:3)

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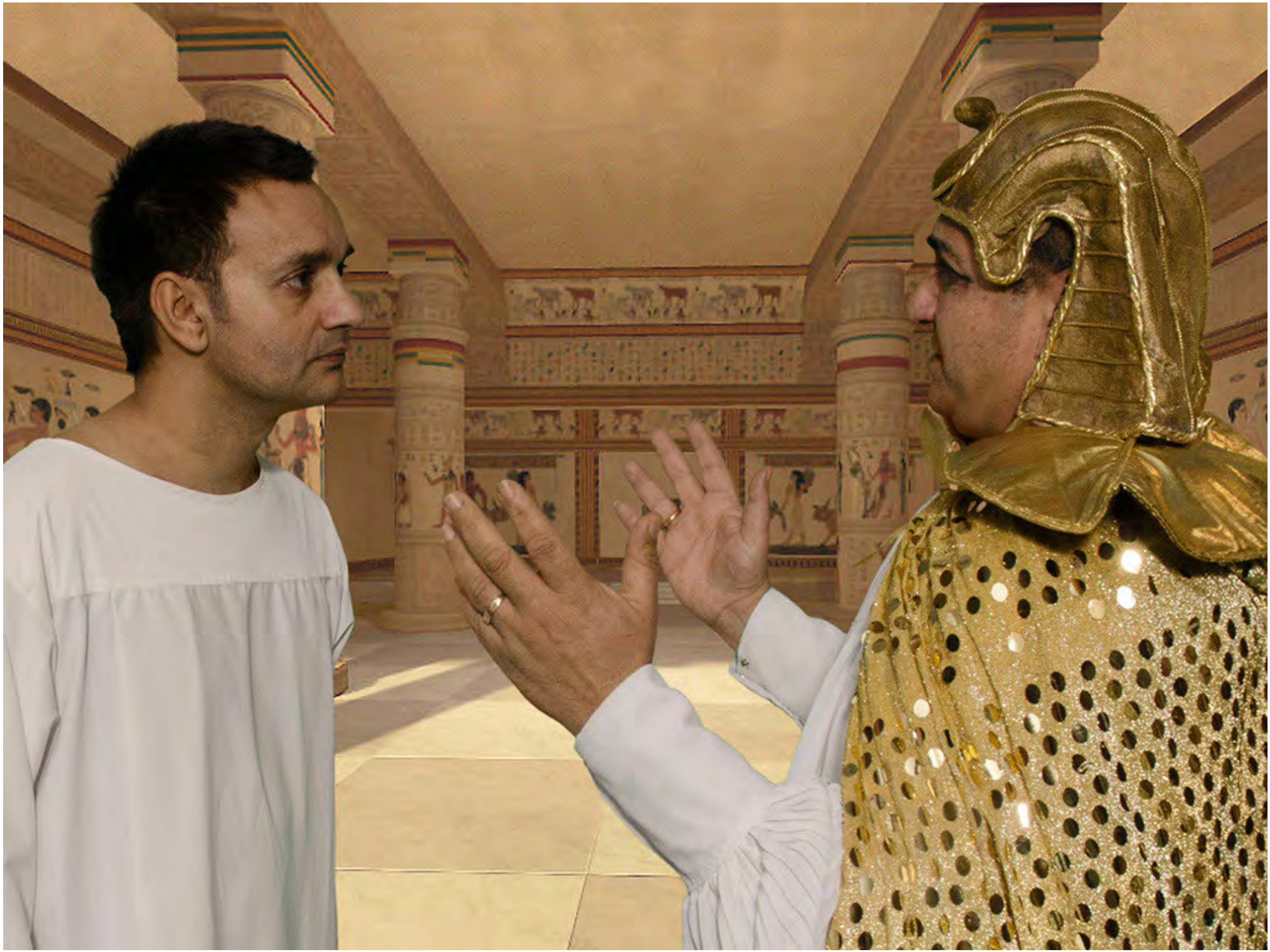

Genesis 46

Jacob & the Family Move to Egypt (Genesis 46)

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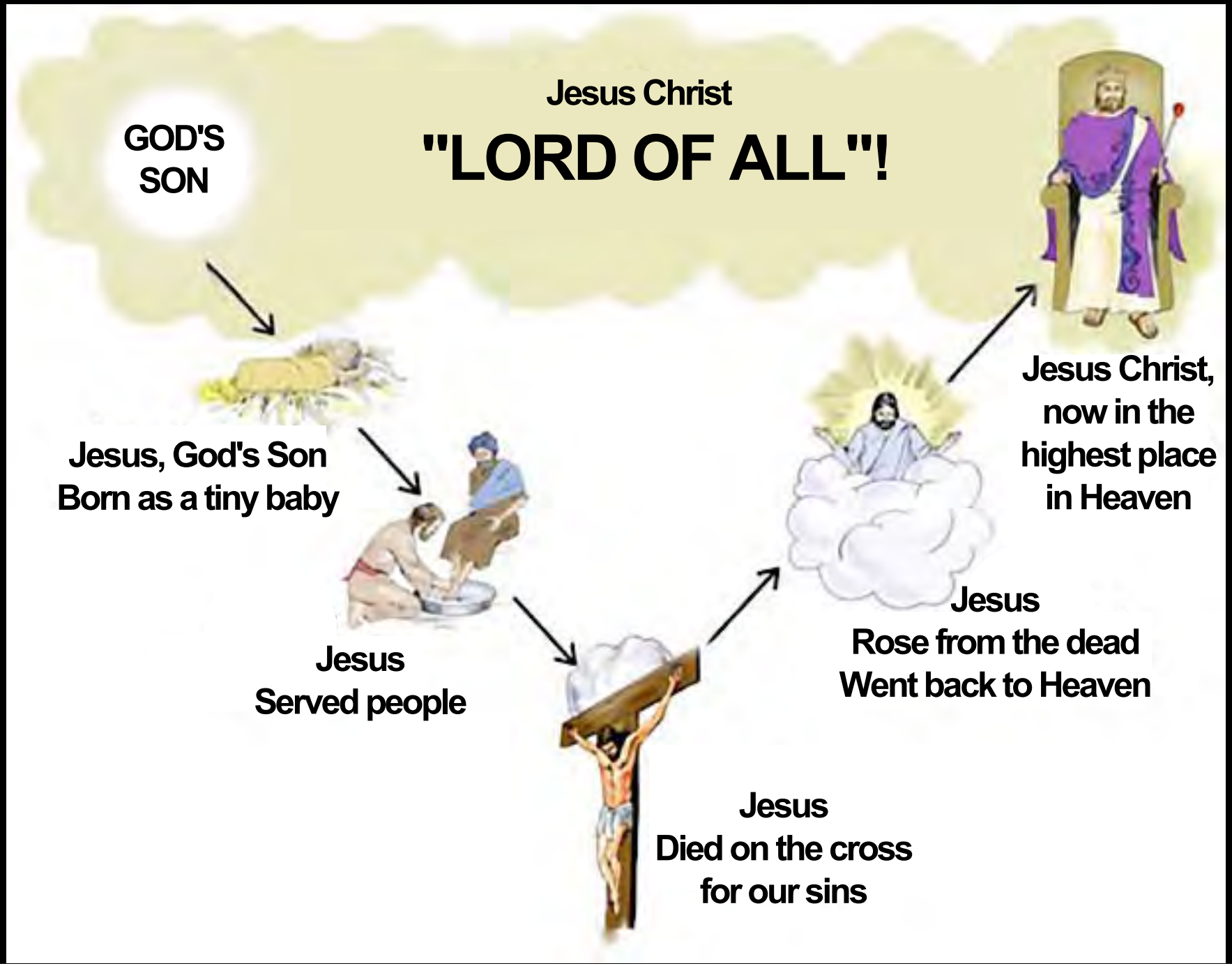
Genesis 47

Joseph a Type of Christ



City of Avaris

"Patterns of Evidence" is a film by Timothy Mahoney (Thinking Man Films, 2015) that presents amazing archaeological evidence for the Early Exodus discovered by Dr. David Rohl, an agnostic Egyptologist.

It's been said THE EXODUS is not a historical event, that the Hebrews were never there in the number described, and yet the city of Avaris in the Egyptian delta grew with great speed to be one of the biggest in the ancient world, with a large Semitic speaking population, right around the time the Bible places Israel in Egypt.

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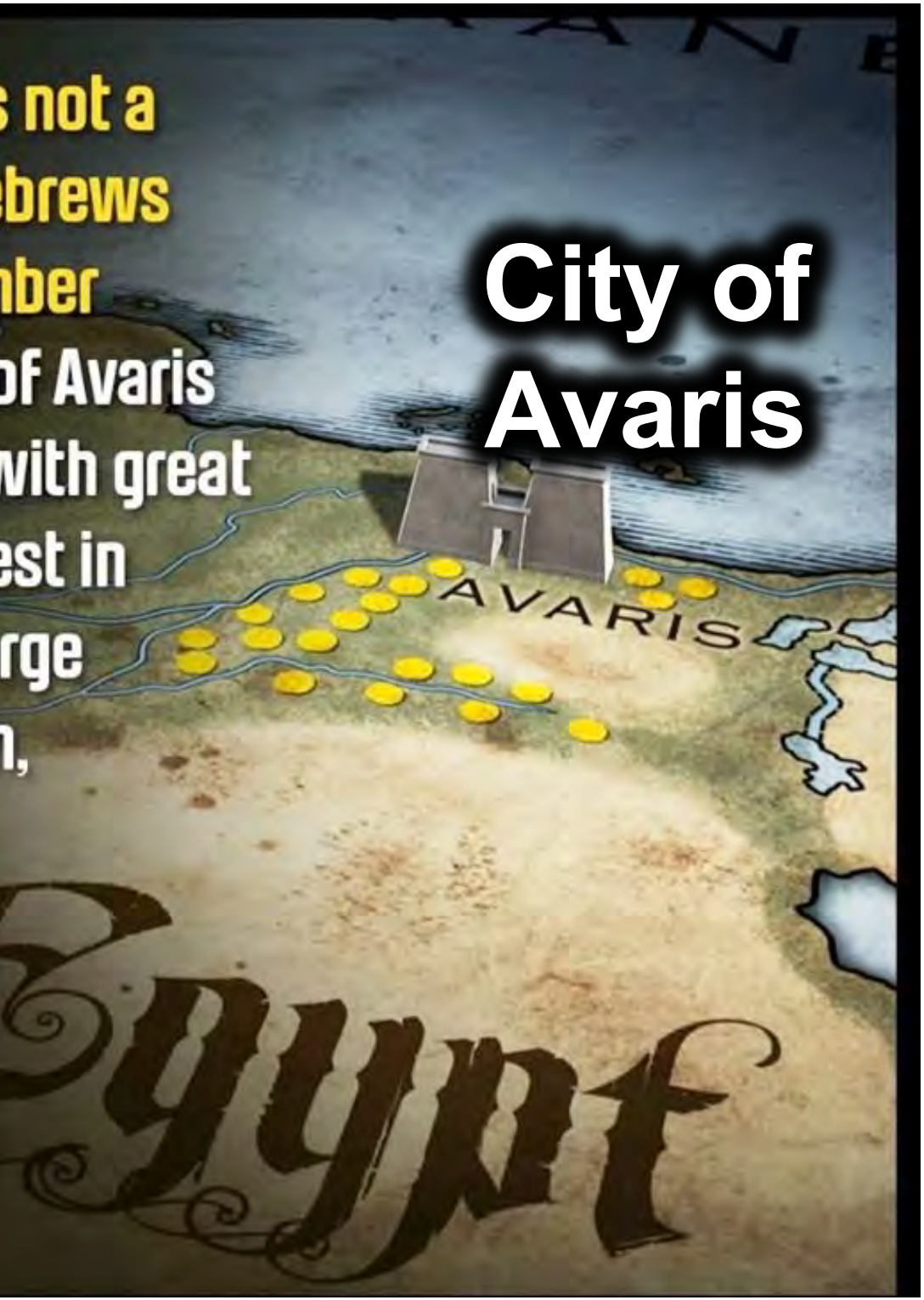
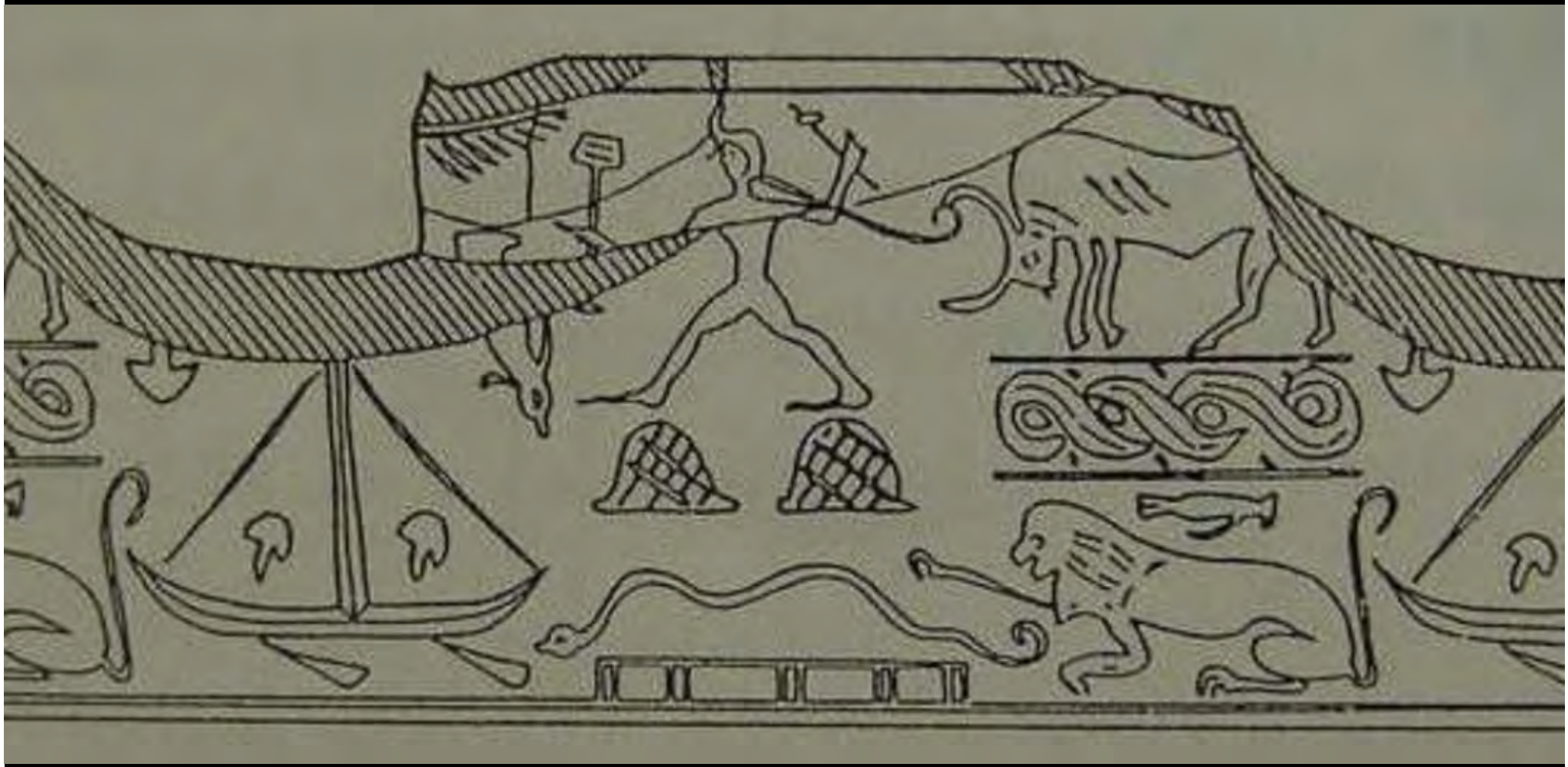


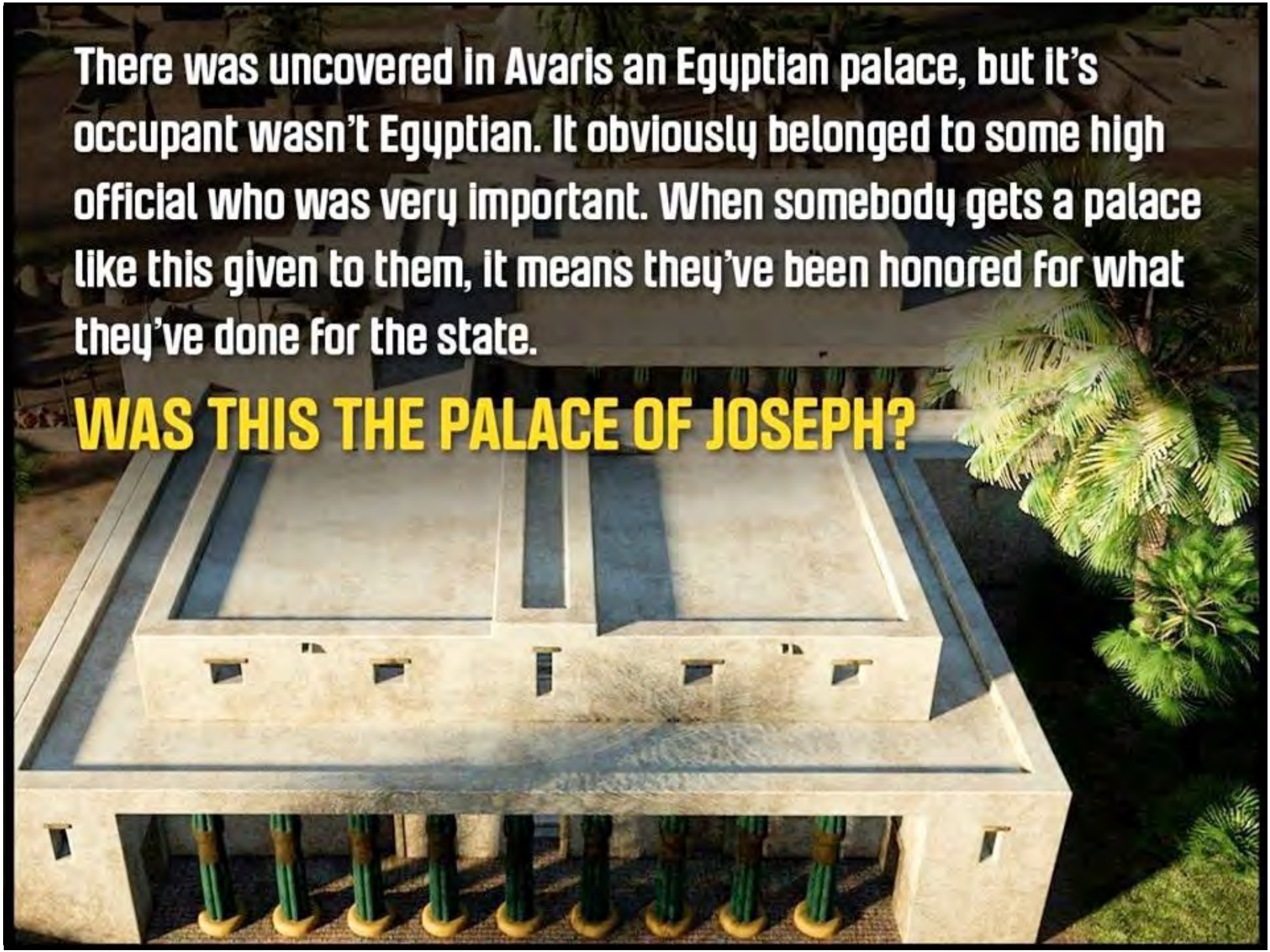
This palace with 12 columns lay directly before 12 tombs behind it



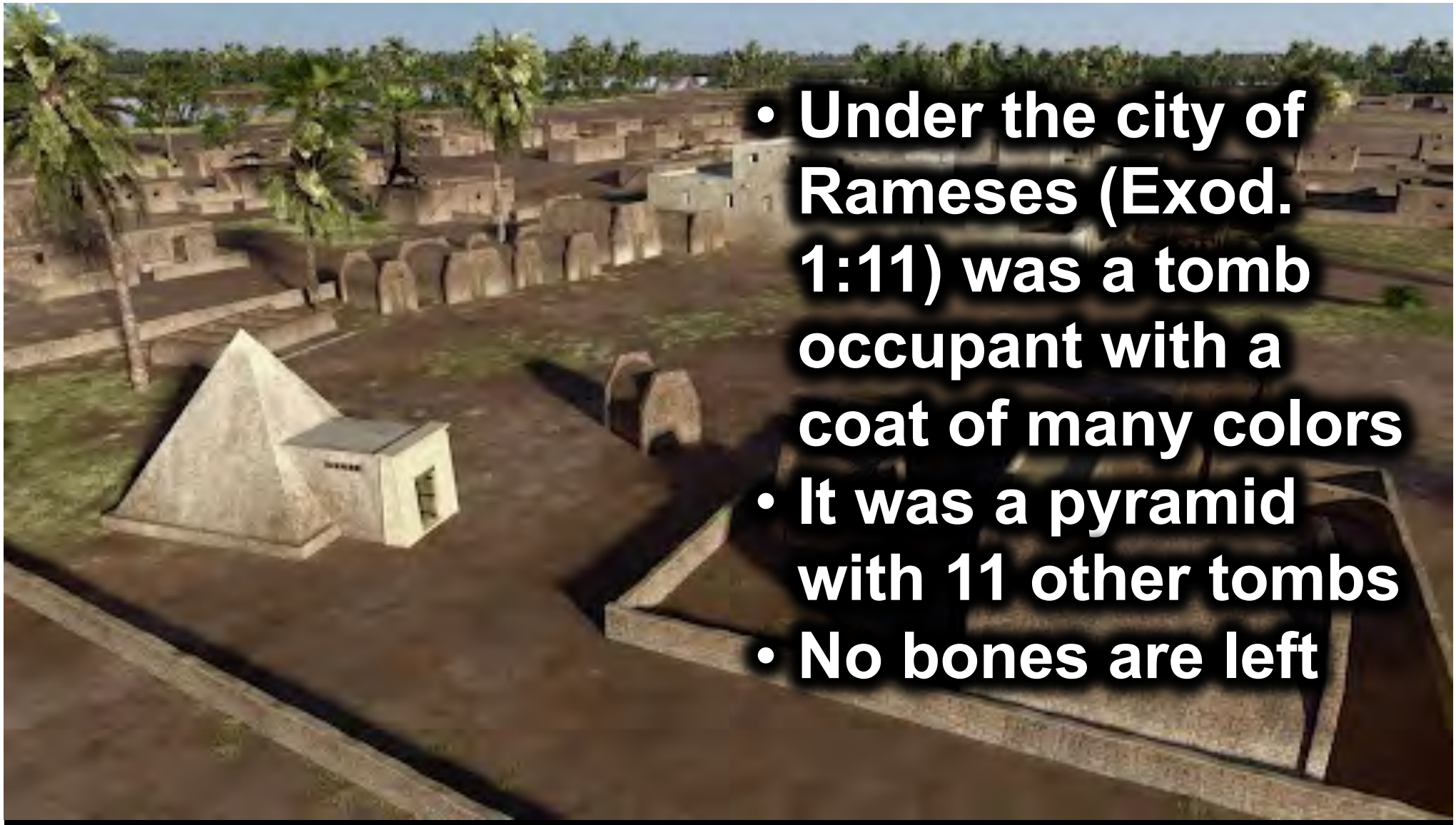
12 Tribes of Israel on a Seal from Avaris, Egypt?

There was uncovered in Avaris an Egyptian palace, but it's occupant wasn't Egyptian. It obviously belonged to some high official who was very important. When somebody gets a palace like this given to them, it means they've been honored for what they've done for the state.

WAS THIS THE PALACE OF JOSEPH?

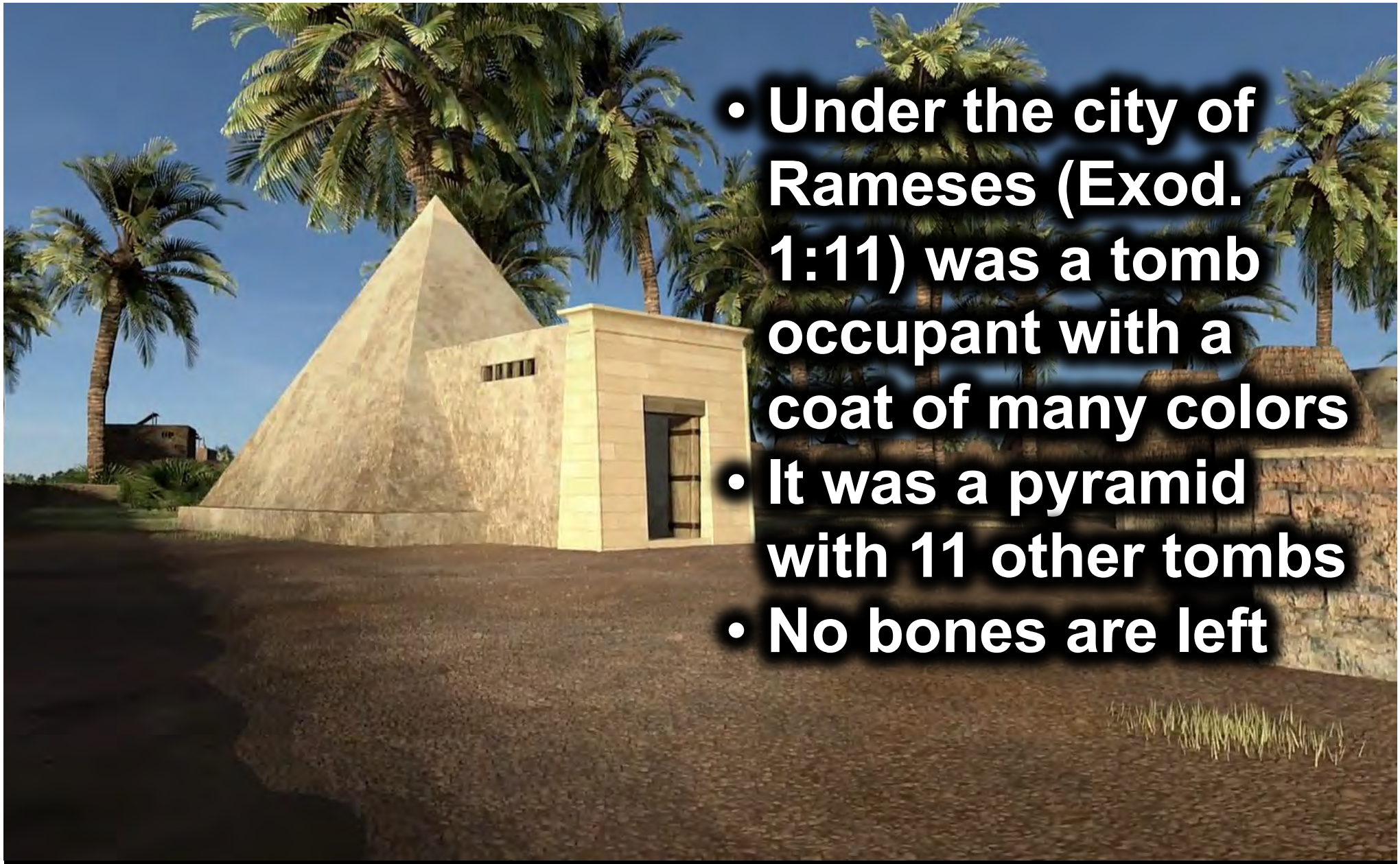


12 Tombs Found Together



- Under the city of Rameses (Exod. 1:11) was a tomb occupant with a coat of many colors
- It was a pyramid with 11 other tombs
- No bones are left

Is the pyramid Joseph's tomb?



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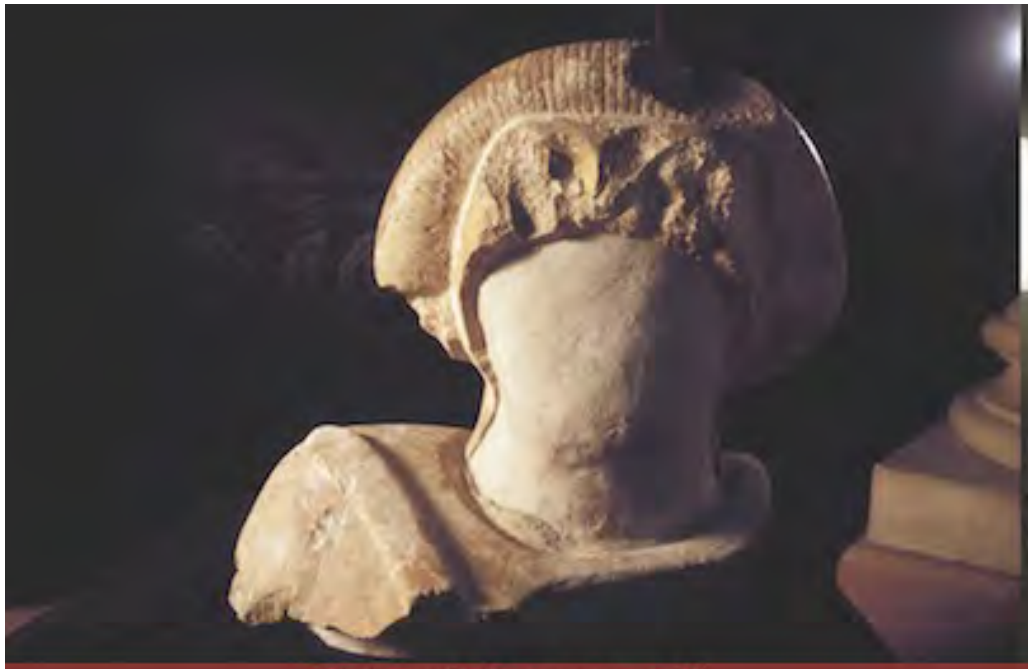
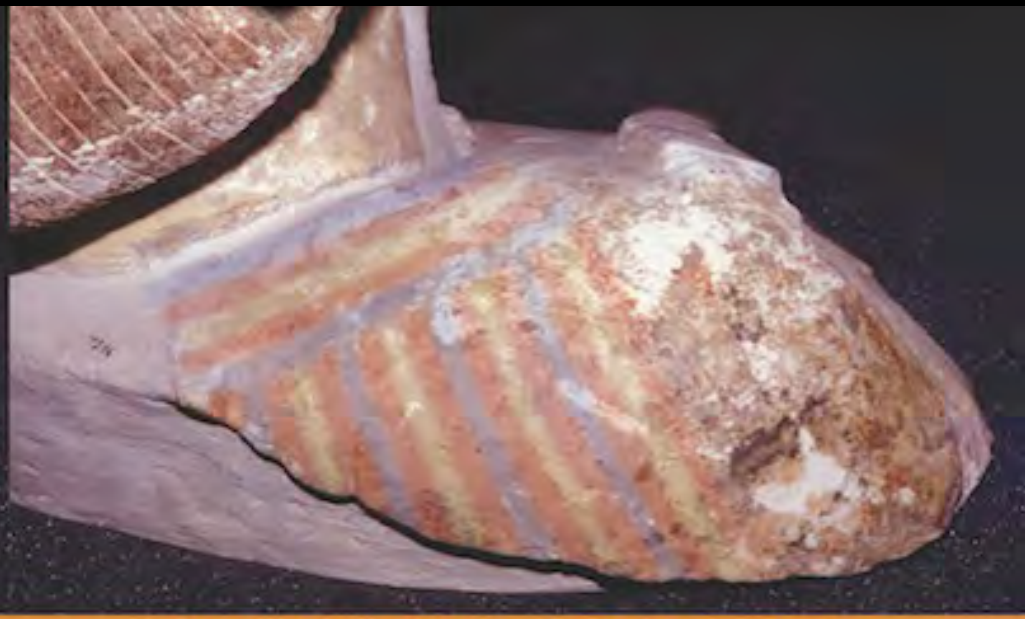


Statue with face broken off

3D rendering of full statue

Statue of Joseph?

Statue's sholder showing paint fragments



Highlights show the pattern of paint fragments

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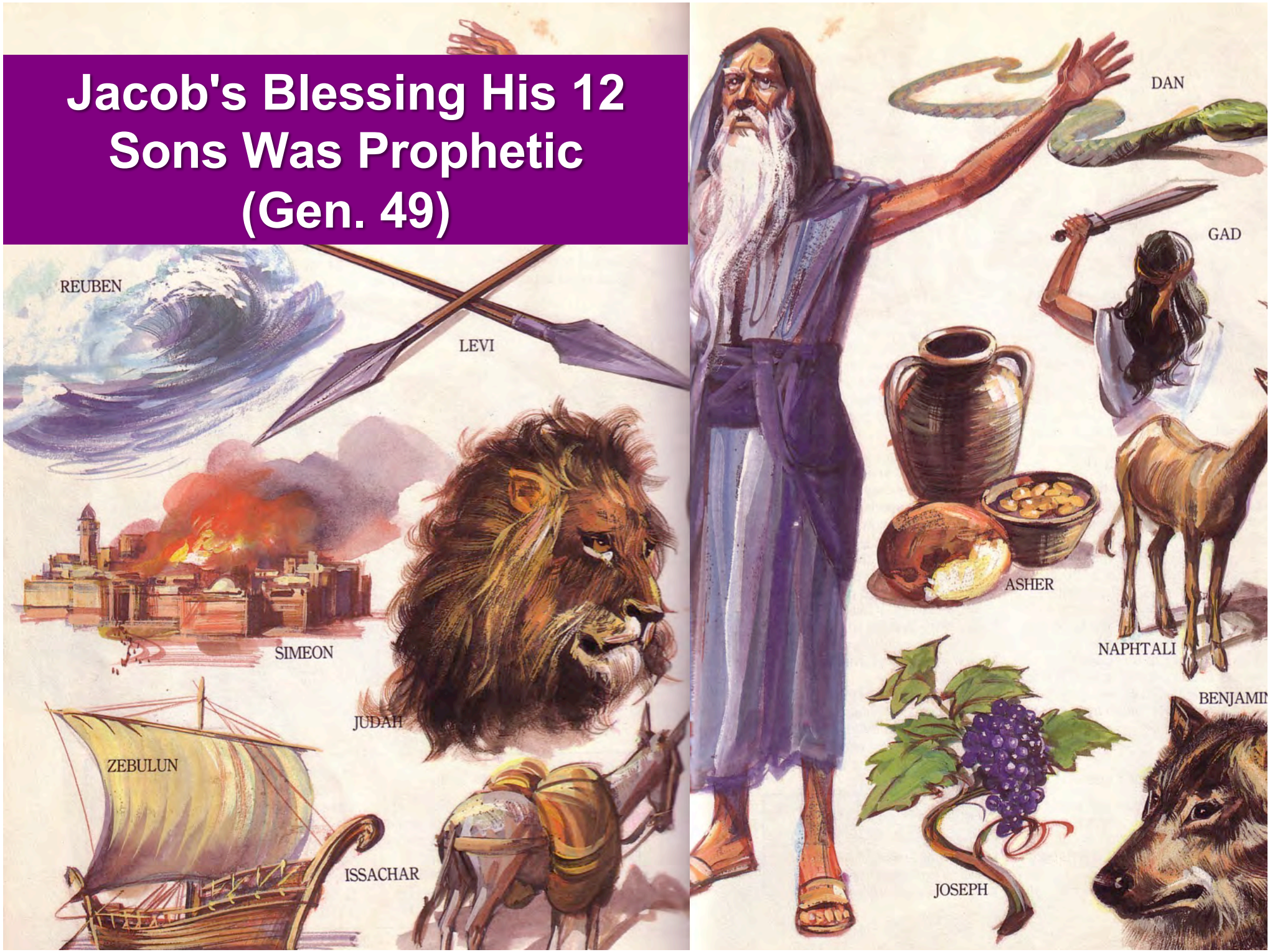
Is this Joseph's statue?

Genesis 48

Ephraim & Manasseh

Genesis 49

Jacob's Blessing His 12 Sons Was Prophetic (Gen. 49)



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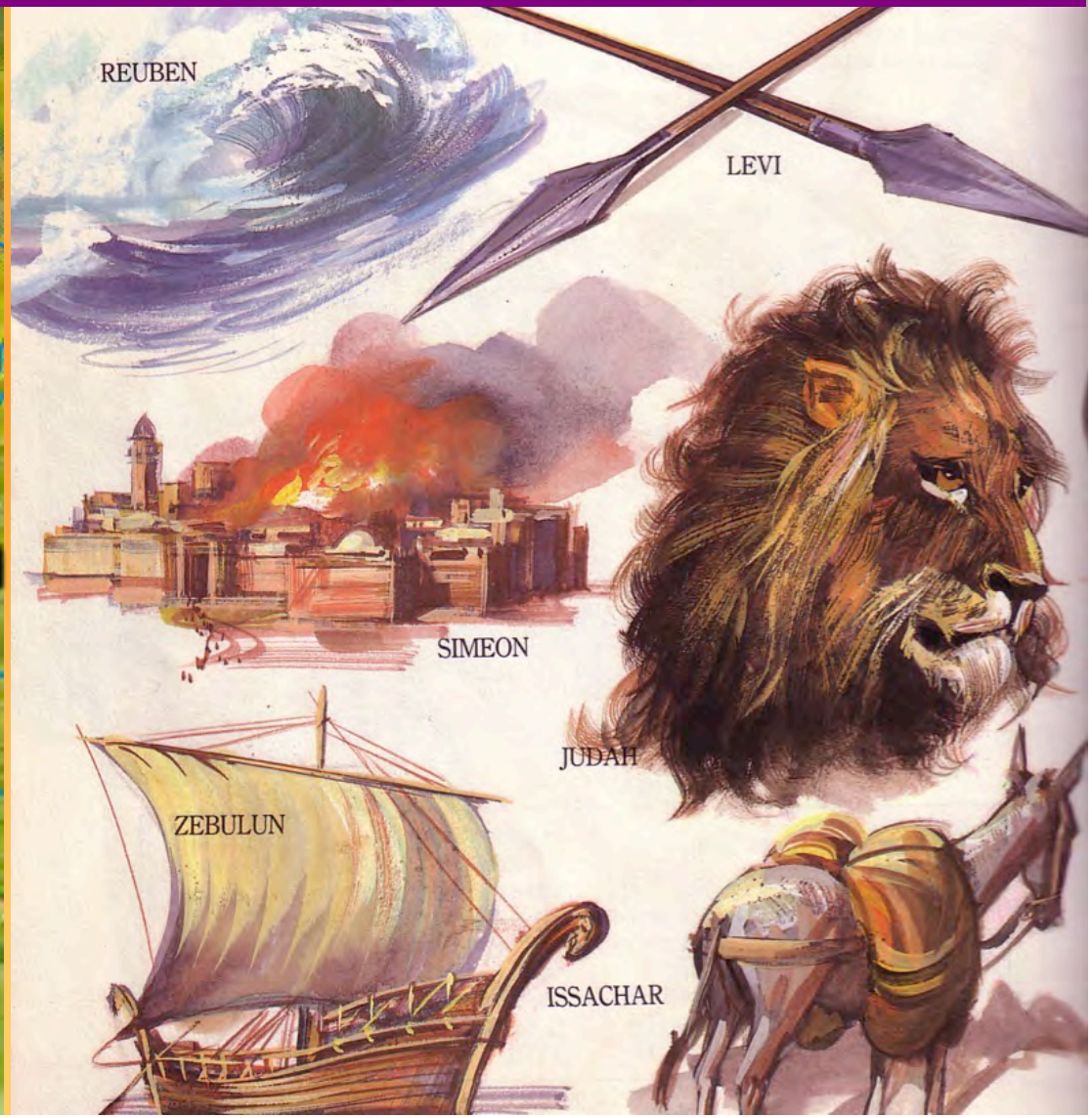

Christ Descended from Judah

Since Jacob's blessing in Genesis 49:9-10, the lion has depicted a king…

"Judah, my son, is a young lion that has finished eating its prey. Like a lion he crouches and lies down; like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honor" (NLT).

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Naphtali
Manasseh
Zebulun
Issachar
Manasseh
Ephraim
Gad
Dan
Benjamin
Levi
Judah
Reuben
Simeon
Mediterranean Sea
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
Acco
Hazor
Sea of Galilee
Mt. Tabor
Mt Gilboa
Ramoth Gilead
Shechem
Succoth
Jabbok R.
Rabbah
Gezer
Gilgal
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Salt Sea
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MOAB
NEGEV
Zoar
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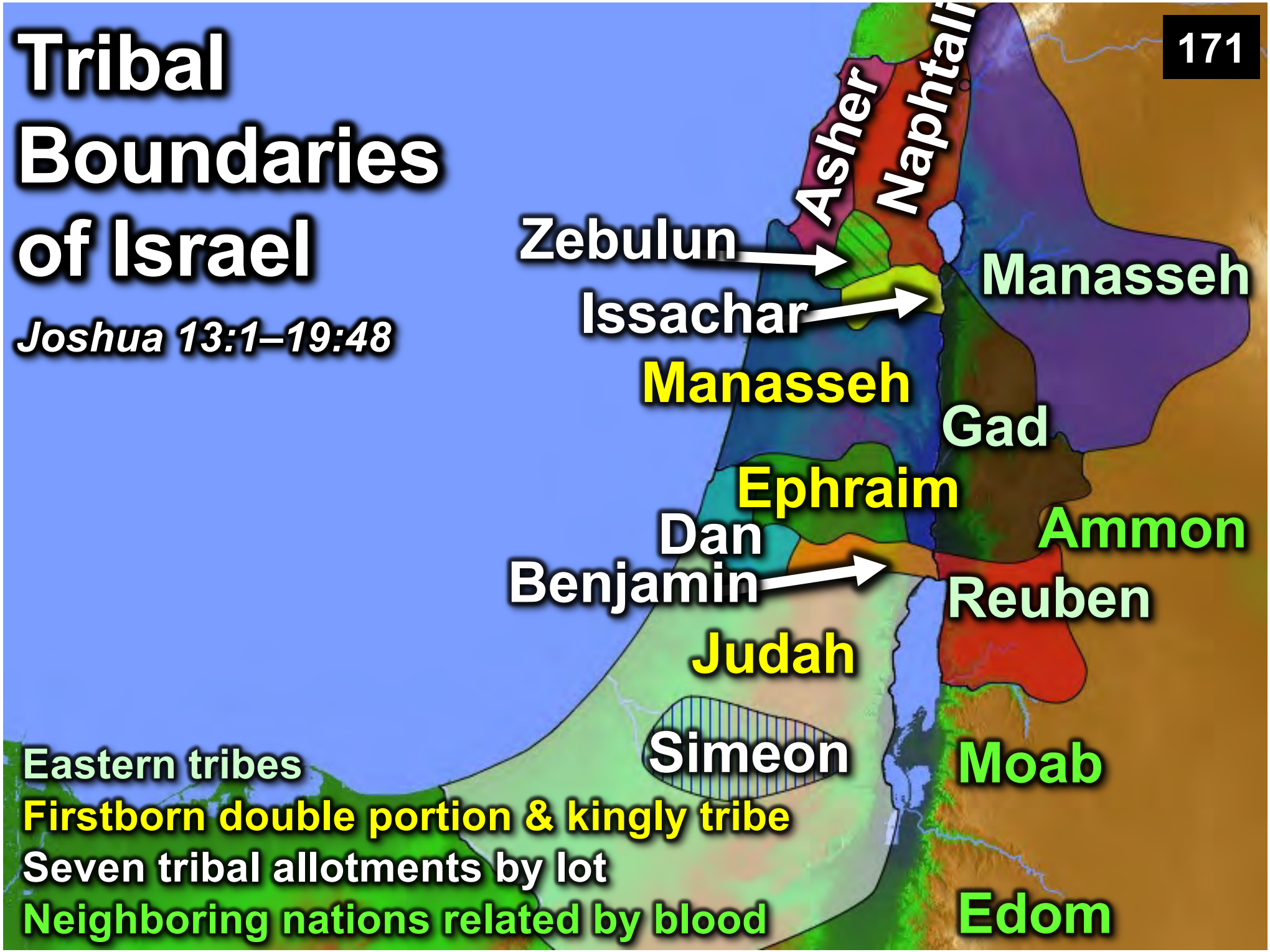
NAPHTALI
BENJAMIN
JOSEPH

Tribal Boundaries of Israel

Joshua 13:1–19:48



Tribal Redistribution

After Conquest (Josh. 13)

Millennial Israel (Ezek. 47-48)

Dan
Asher
Naphtali
Manasseh
Ephraim

Reuben

Judah

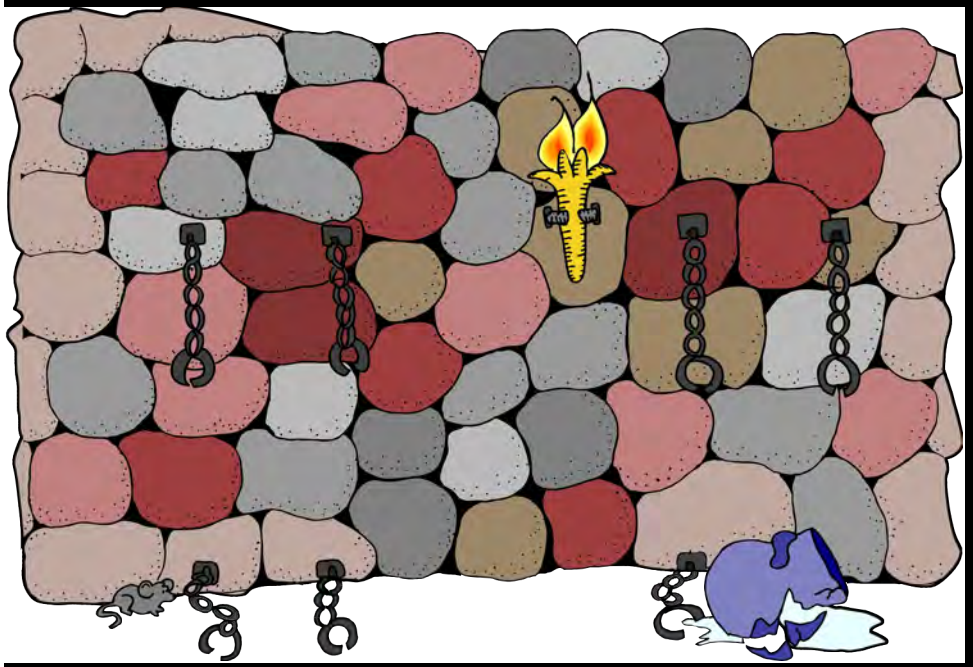
Leaders & Temple

Benjamin
Simeon
Issachar
Zebulun
Gad

Millennial Jerusalem in Ezekiel 47 retains its central location but is south (not north) of Judah

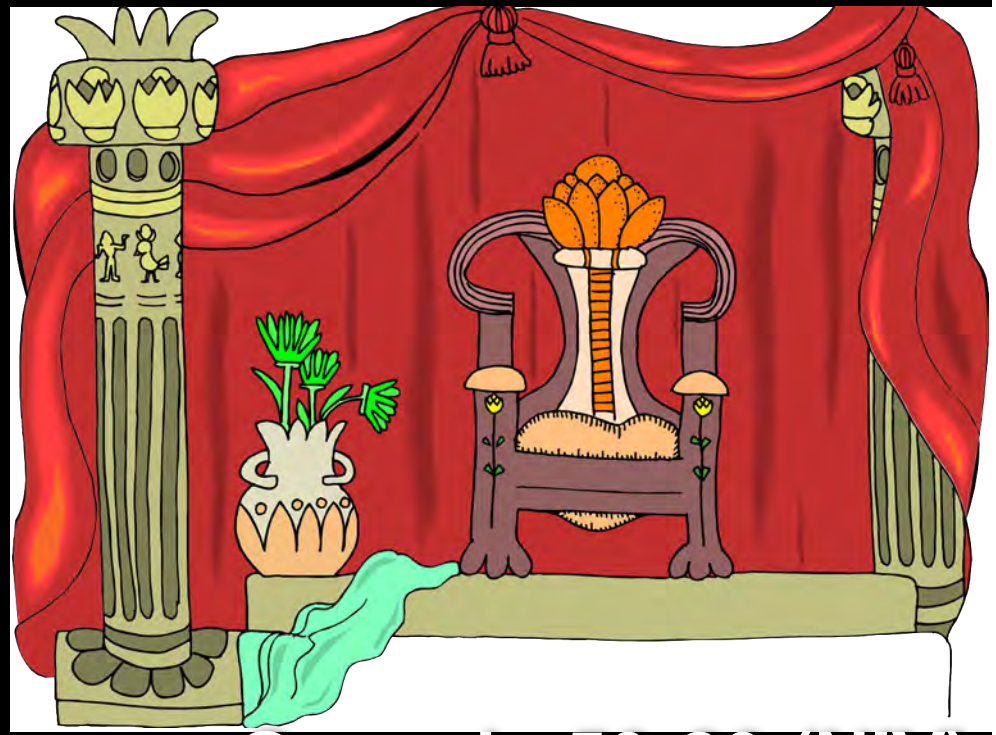
Genesis 50

Joseph Knew God's Sovereign Purpose



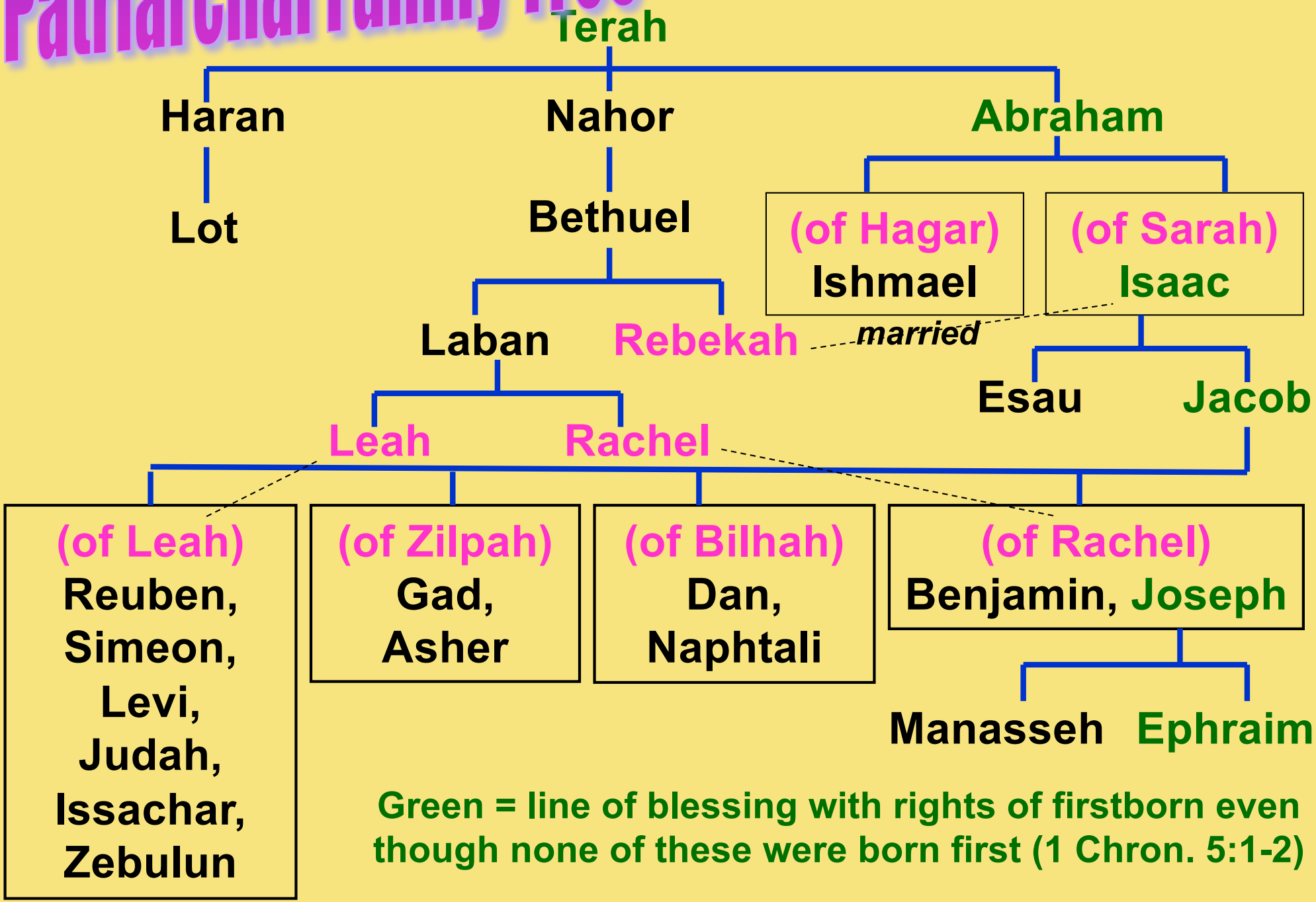
You intended to harm me,

but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.



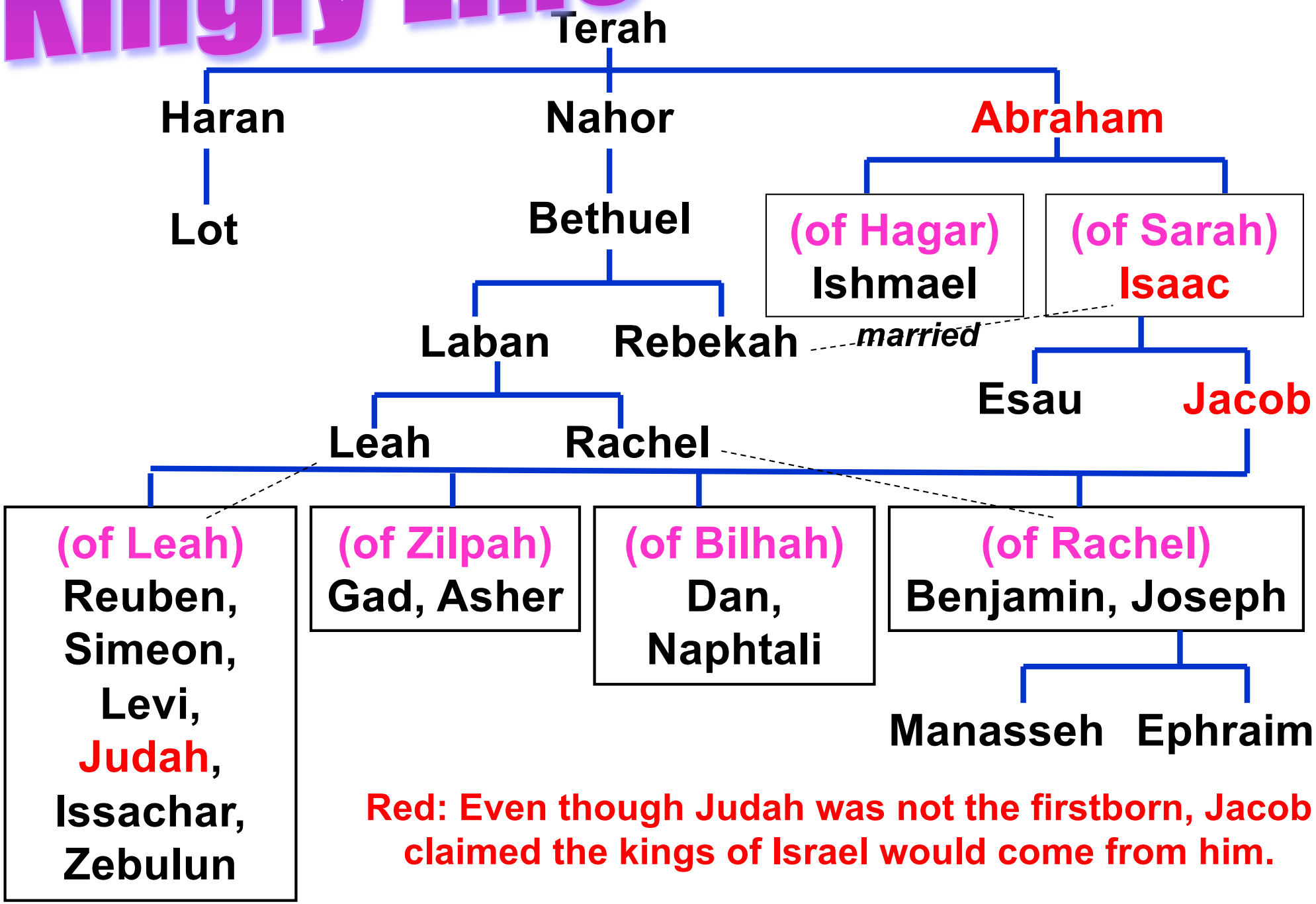
Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

Patriarchal Family Tree



Green = line of blessing with rights of firstborn even though none of these were born first (1 Chron. 5:1-2)

Kingly Line



Red: Even though Judah was not the firstborn, Jacob claimed the kings of Israel would come from him.

Joseph's Death

(the last verse of Genesis)

"So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt" (50:26).

But what about God's promise of a land?

Key Word for Genesis:

Election

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God promised believers
like us blessings of the
Abrahamic Covenant.

Main Idea of Genesis

Live out God's **choice** of you and **promises** for blessing

How should you respond to God's election and promise?

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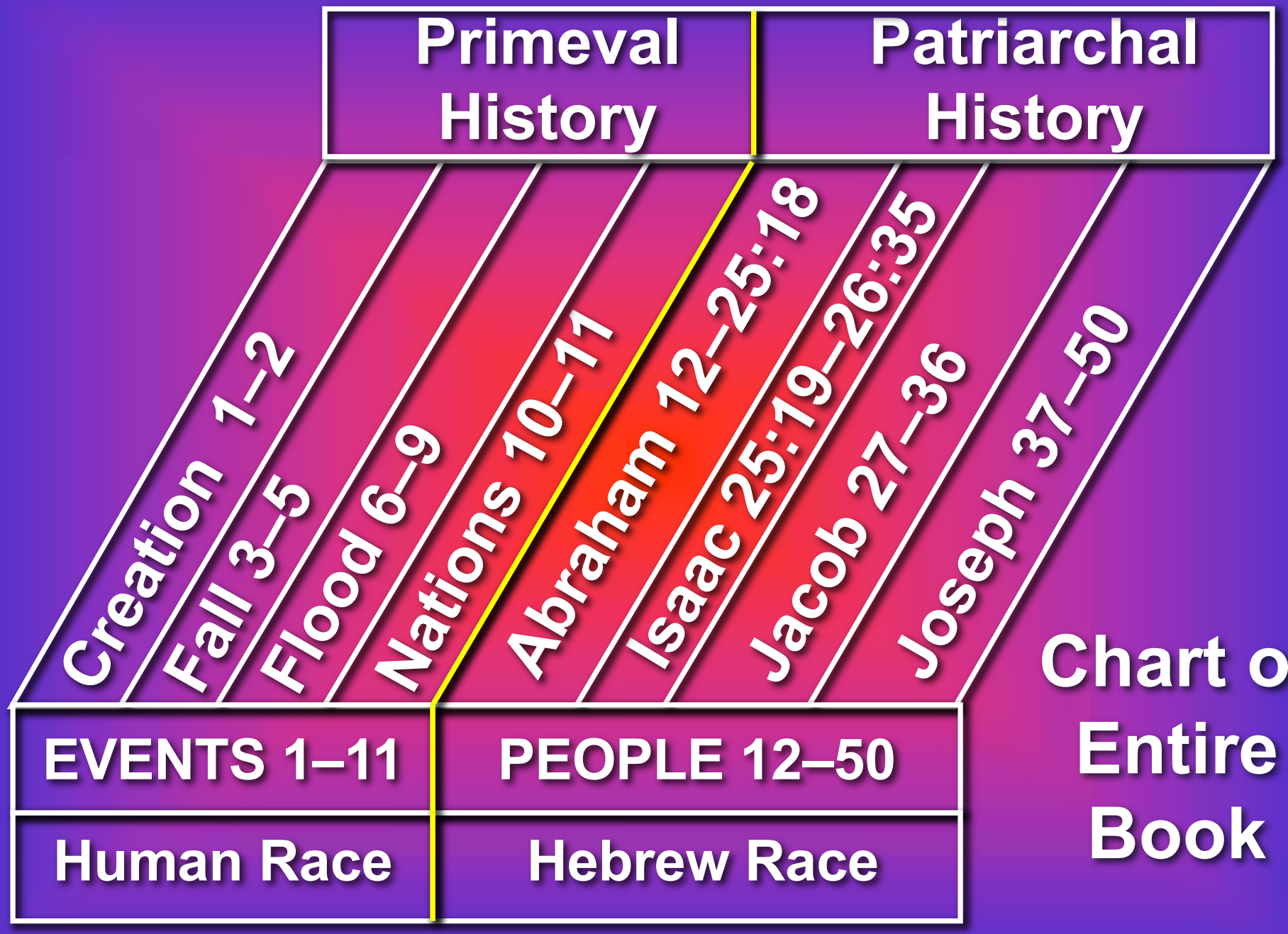


Chart of Entire Book

Theology in Genesis

	The study of . . .
Theology:	*God*
Cosmogony:	*The universe*
Anthropology:	*Humanity*
Sociology:	*Society*
Hamartiology:	*Sin*
Ethnology:	*Races*
Soteriology:	*Salvation*

Questions Answered in Genesis

Beginnings

- Where did we come from?
- Why is there evil in the world?
- Is there hope?

Genesis Teaches Us Wisdom

". . . from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)

Genesis Gives Us Hope

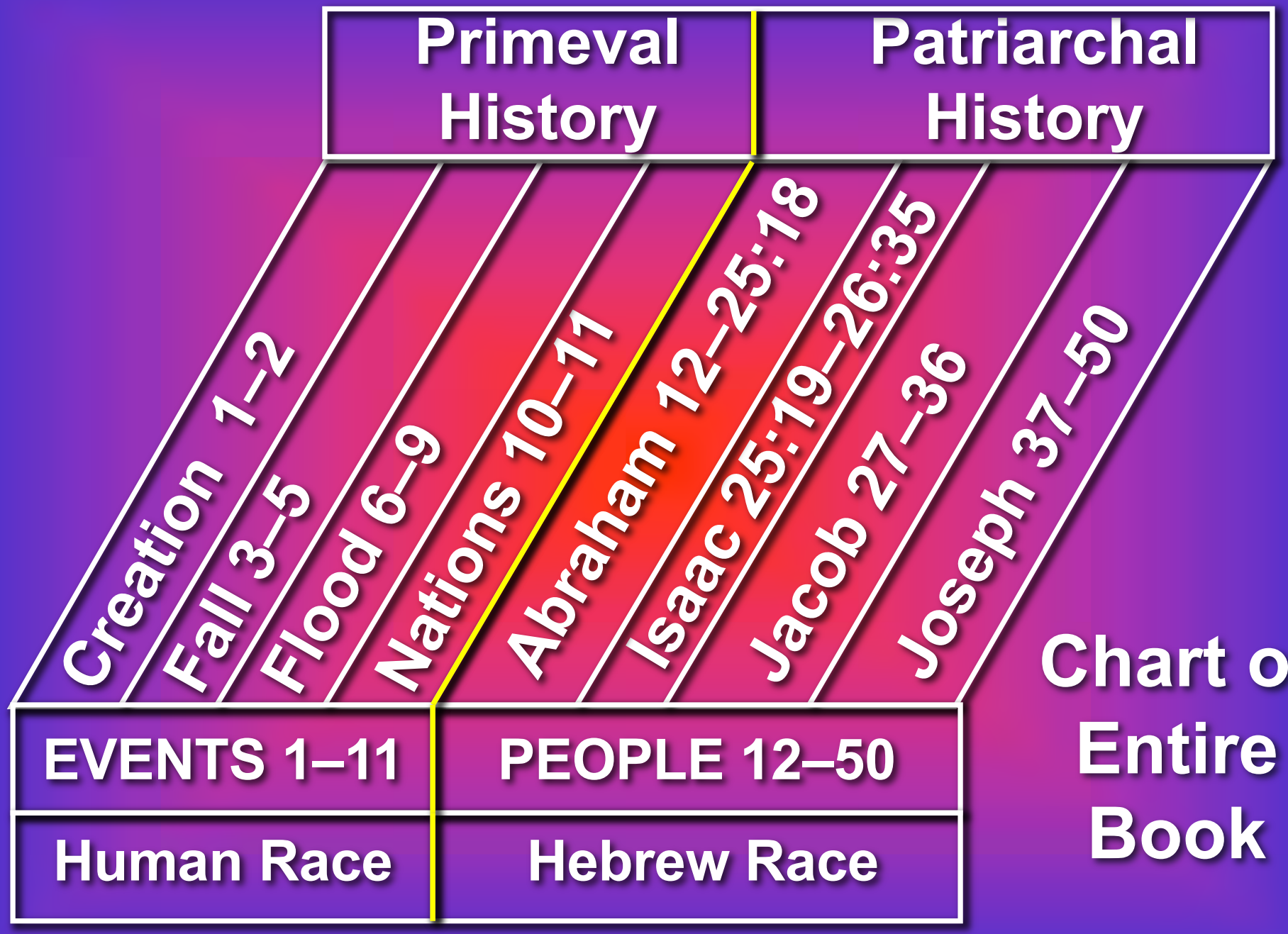
"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

Genesis Warns Us

"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come."

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NIV)



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The First Half

A Balanced Theme

Primeval History	Patriarchal History

Divine Sovereignty

Human Responsibility

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Christ: The Seed

Genesis 3:15

TRUST
and
OBEY
for there's no other way

The Christian OT

HOW?

Old Testament

Genesis - Malachi

- **History (17)**
- **Poetry (5)**
- **Prophecy (17)**

Major Minor

English

The Hebrew OT

HOW?

Old Testament

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- **Prophets (8)** ***Former Latter***
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Just a Different Order!

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• Law	• Law
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• Writings	• Prophets
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