

CHAPTER 7

*PROPHECIES
OF CHRIST*

AFTER ELISHA, GOD RAISED UP OTHER PROPHETS, SUCH AS ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, AND AMOS, WHO WOULD CALL THE PEOPLE TO TURN FROM THEIR IDOLATRY AND SIN. GOD SPOKE THROUGH THESE PROPHETS, HAVING THEM WRITE MANY PROPHECIES OF THINGS TO COME.

ISAIAH WAS A PROPHET DURING THE REIGN OF KINGS UZZIAH, JOTHAM, AHAZ, AND HEZEKIAH (APPROXIMATELY 760-700 B.C.). GOD SPOKE THROUGH ISAIAH, "I HAVE NOURISHED AND BROUGHT UP CHILDREN, BUT THEY HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ME. THE DUMB OX KNOWS ITS OWNER, BUT ISRAEL DOES NOT KNOW ME. YOU ARE A SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE FILLED WITH INIQUITY, CHILDREN OF EVILDOERS..."




"IF YOU WILL PUT AWAY YOUR EVIL AND RELIEVE THE OPPRESSED, TAKE CARE OF THE FATHERLESS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE WIDOWS, I WILL RESTORE AND HEAL YOU, BUT IF YOU DO NOT TURN TO ME, YOU WILL BE DEVoured WITH THE SWORD. YOUR WHOLE LAND WILL BE DESOLATE, AND YOUR CITIES WILL BE BURNED WITH FIRE. AND THEY WILL CARRY ALL YOUR SONS INTO BABYLON AND THERE SHALL THEY BE MADE EUNUCHS TO SERVE IN THE PALACE OF THE KING OF BABYLON."





ISAIAH 1:2-4, 7, 16, 20,
39:7; JEREMIAH 21:8-10

JEREMIAH WAS A PROPHET DURING THE REIGN OF KINGS JOSIAH, JEHOIAKIM, AND ZEDEKIAH (APPROXIMATELY 630-590 B.C.) HE SAID, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, BEHOLD, I SET BEFORE YOU THE WAY OF LIFE, AND THE WAY OF DEATH. HE THAT ABIDETH IN THIS CITY SHALL DIE BY THE SWORD, AND BY THE FAMINE, AND BY THE PESTILENCE: BUT HE THAT GOETH OUT, AND FALLETH TO THE CHALDEANS THAT BESIEGE YOU, HE SHALL LIVE, BUT HE WILL BECOME A SLAVE IN BABYLON. FOR I HAVE SET MY FACE AGAINST THIS CITY FOR EVIL, SAITH THE LORD: IT SHALL BE GIVEN INTO THE HAND OF THE **KING OF BABYLON**, AND HE SHALL BURN IT WITH FIRE."



THE LORD SPOKE
THROUGH JEREMIAH
SAYING, "AND I
MYSELF WILL FIGHT
AGAINST YOU WITH
AN OUTSTRETCHED
HAND AND WITH
A STRONG ARM,
EVEN IN ANGER,
AND IN FURY, AND
IN GREAT WRATH.
AND I WILL SMITE
THE INHABITANTS
OF THIS CITY, BOTH
MAN AND BEAST:

THEY SHALL DIE
OF A GREAT PESTILENCE. AND
AFTERWARD, SAITH THE LORD, I
WILL DELIVER ZEDEKIAH KING OF
JUDAH, AND HIS SERVANTS, AND
THE PEOPLE, AND SUCH AS ARE
LEFT IN THIS CITY FROM
THE PESTILENCE, FROM THE
SWORD, AND FROM THE
FAMINE, INTO THE HAND OF
NEBUCHADREZZAR KING
OF BABYLON, AND INTO THE
HAND OF THEIR ENEMIES, AND
INTO THE HAND OF THOSE THAT
SEEK THEIR LIFE: AND HE SHALL
SMITE THEM WITH THE EDGE
OF THE SWORD; HE SHALL NOT
SPARE THEM, NEITHER HAVE
PITY, NOR HAVE MERCY.

MY FURY WILL BURN LIKE A FIRE
AND NONE WILL QUENCH IT. THEY
SHALL **CARRY YOU AS SLAVES
INTO BABYLON**, AND SHALL
SLAY YOU WITH THE SWORD.
MANY OF THOSE WHO GO INTO
BABYLON SHALL DIE AND BE
BURIED THERE."

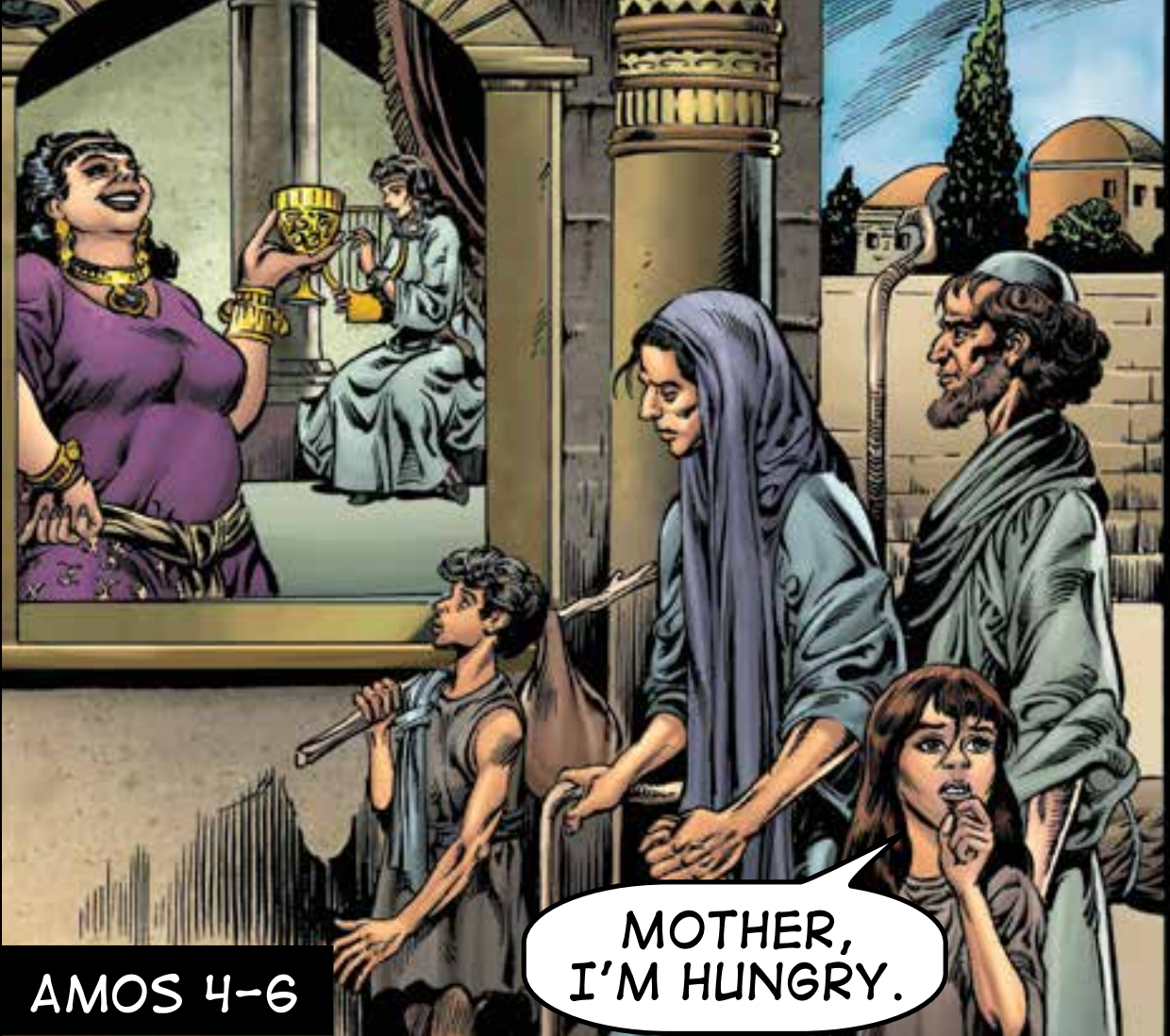


AMOS WAS A PROPHET DURING THE REIGN OF KINGS UZZIAH AND JEROBOAM II (APPROXIMATELY 765-750 B.C.). GOD SPOKE THROUGH AMOS, "YOUR WOMEN ARE AS COWS WHO REQUIRE THEIR HUSBANDS TO KEEP THEM WELL SUPPLIED WITH DRINK. YOU WILL NO LONGER DOMINATE YOUR HUSBANDS. YOU WILL BE LED AWAY WITH HOOKS IN YOUR FLESH TO BECOME SLAVES IN BABYLON."



"YOU LIE ON EXPENSIVE FURNITURE AND EAT DELICATE FOODS FULL OF FAT. YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC WHILE YOU DRINK LARGE QUANTITIES OF WINE. YOU HAVE CAST RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE GROUND, YOU HAVE TRAMPLED THE POOR, OPPRESSED THE RIGHTEOUS AND TAKEN BRIBES, AND DEPRIVED THE POOR OF JUSTICE. YOU WILL PLANT VINEYARDS, BUT YOUR ENEMY WILL DRINK THE WINE. YOUR MILITARY WILL BE DESTROYED AND YOU WILL BE CARRIED AWAY TO BE SLAVES IN A FOREIGN LAND."

GOD SAYS, "I WILL DESTROY THE ALTARS OF BETHEL AND TEAR DOWN YOUR WINTER HOUSES ALONG WITH YOUR SUMMER HOUSES. YOU OPPRESS THE POOR, TAKE BRIBES, AND CRUSH THOSE IN NEED. I HAVE WITHHELD RAIN, SENT FAMINE AND DISEASE AND YET YOU WILL NOT REPENT. YOU PLANT VINEYARDS TO MAKE MORE WINE, BUT YOU WILL NOT DRINK IT."



AMOS 4-6

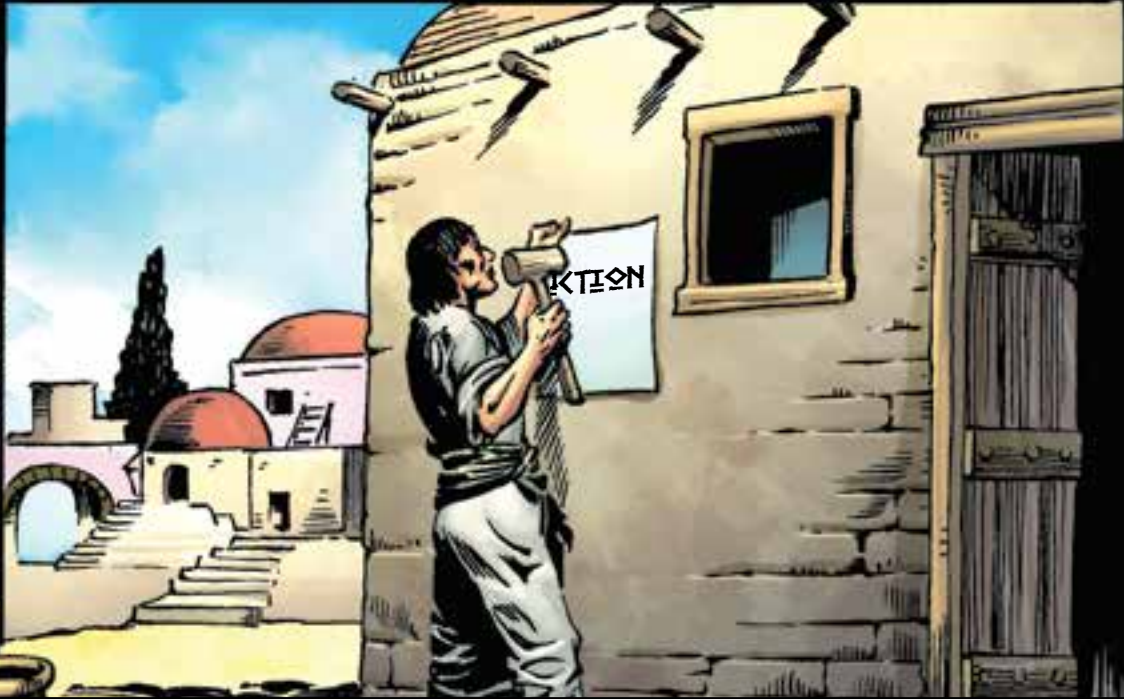
MOTHER, I'M HUNGRY.

753 B.C.

HOSEA WAS A PROPHET DURING THE REIGN OF KINGS UZZIAH, JOTHAM, AHAZ, AND HEZEKIAH (APPROXIMATELY 785-725 B.C.). HE PROPHESED, "ISRAEL WILL FALL BY THE SWORD, THEIR LITTLE ONES WILL BE DASHED TO THE GROUND, THEIR PREGNANT WOMEN RIPPED OPEN."



"THE DAY WILL COME WHEN GOD WILL FORGIVE HER SINS, AND WILL LOVE ISRAEL FREELY. ONCE AGAIN ISRAEL WILL BLOSSOM LIKE A LILY. SHE WILL PROSPER LIKE AN OLIVE TREE AND HAVE FRAGRANCE LIKE A CEDAR OF LEBANON."



"IN YEARS TO COME, AFTER BABYLON, YOU WILL BE SCATTERED TO THE NATIONS AND THERE THEY WILL PERSECUTE YOU, TAKE YOUR PROPERTY, AND YOU WILL FIND NO PLACE TO REST."



THEY ARE TAKING EVERYTHING. WHY WON'T THEY LEAVE US ALONE?

THIS SHOULD BRING A *GOOD PRICE*. I AM GOING TO HATE TO SEE THE JEWS GO. THEY HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR *BUSINESS*.

MOTHER, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO LIVE?

THIS SAYS ALL JEWS ARE TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY IN JUST *THREE DAYS!*

ISAIAH 10:21, CHAPTER 35, 51:11, JEREMIAH 30:11; EZEKIEL 17:21; JOEL 3:2; HOSEA 13:16, 14:1-6



ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT, ALL JEWS ARE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND YOU CANNOT TAKE **ANY PROPERTY** WITH YOU.

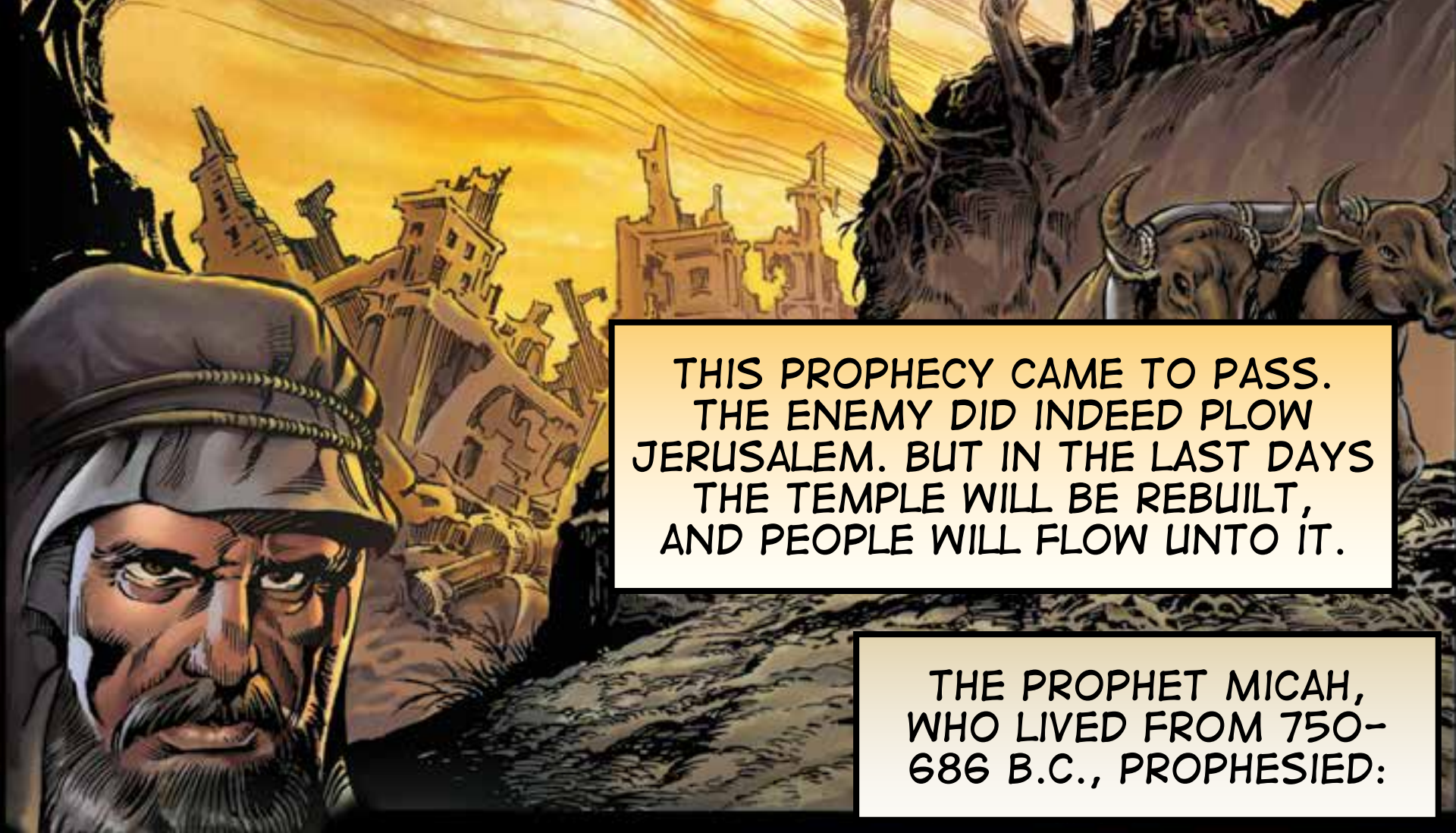
I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED THIS COW.

BECAUSE THE NATION OF ISRAEL REJECTED THE WORD OF GOD, THEY WOULD BE SCATTERED TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH; BUT THEY WOULD NEVER FIND REST UNTIL GOD BROUGHT THEM BACK TO THE LAND OF THEIR FATHERS.

"THE WHOLE LAND OF ISRAEL WILL BECOME A DESOLATION,
AND YOU SHALL ***SERVE THE KING OF BABYLON***
SEVENTY YEARS. BUT AFTER SEVENTY YEARS I WILL
PUNISH BABYLON FOR THEIR INIQUITY AND WILL BRING
A REMNANT BACK TO THIS LAND TO REBUILD IT."



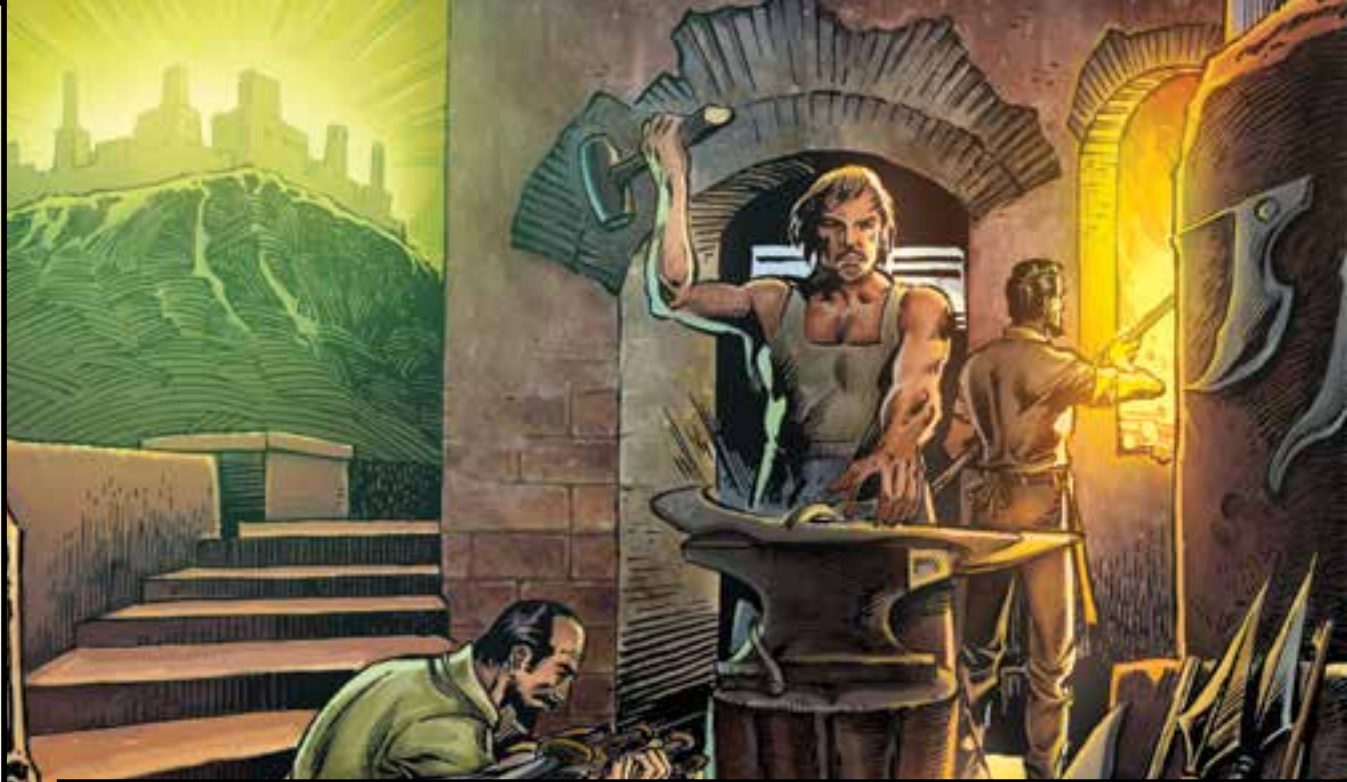
"JERUSALEM WILL BE SO
FORSAKEN THAT IT WILL BE
PLOWED LIKE A FIELD."



THIS PROPHECY CAME TO PASS.
THE ENEMY DID INDEED PLOW
JERUSALEM. BUT IN THE LAST DAYS
THE TEMPLE WILL BE REBUILT,
AND PEOPLE WILL FLOW UNTO IT.

THE PROPHET MICAH,
WHO LIVED FROM 750-
686 B.C., PROPHESED:

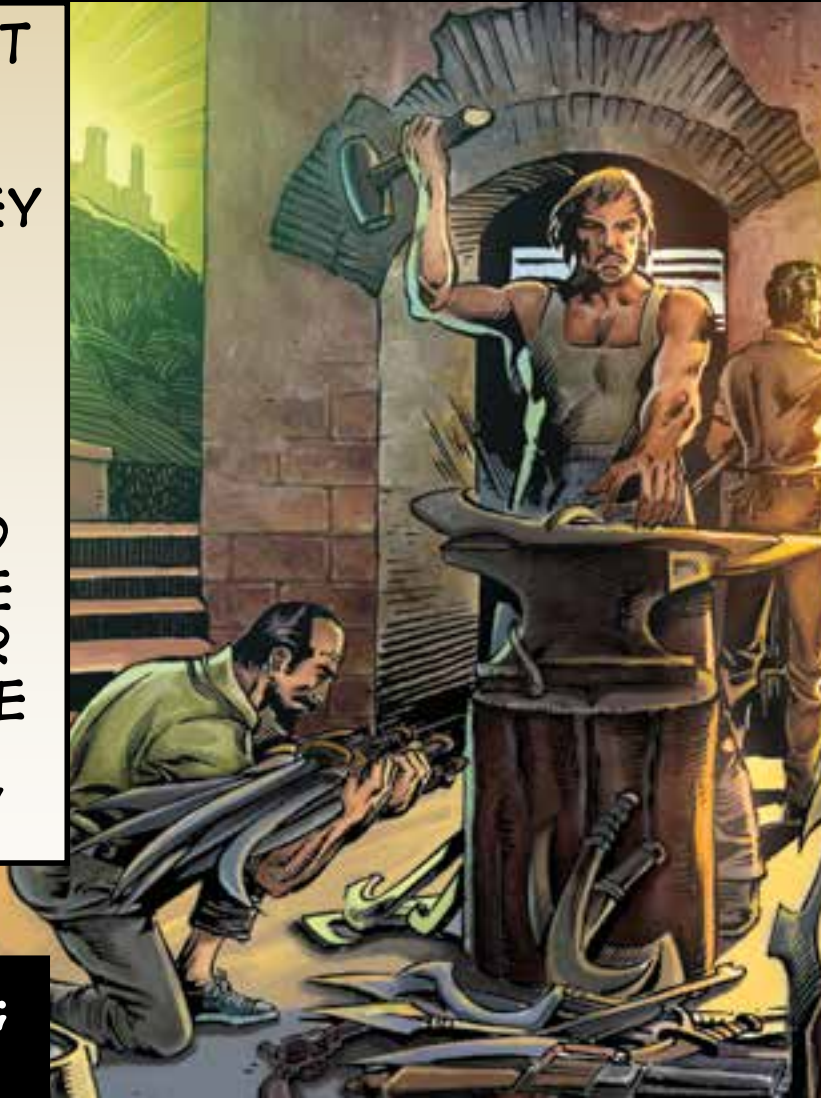
"AND MANY NATIONS SHALL COME, AND SAY, COME, AND LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, AND TO THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB; AND HE WILL TEACH US OF HIS WAYS, AND WE WILL WALK IN HIS PATHS: FOR THE LAW SHALL GO FORTH OF ZION, AND THE WORD OF THE LORD FROM JERUSALEM."



"AND HE SHALL JUDGE AMONG MANY PEOPLE, AND REBUKE STRONG NATIONS AFAR OFF; AND THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNINGHOOKS:

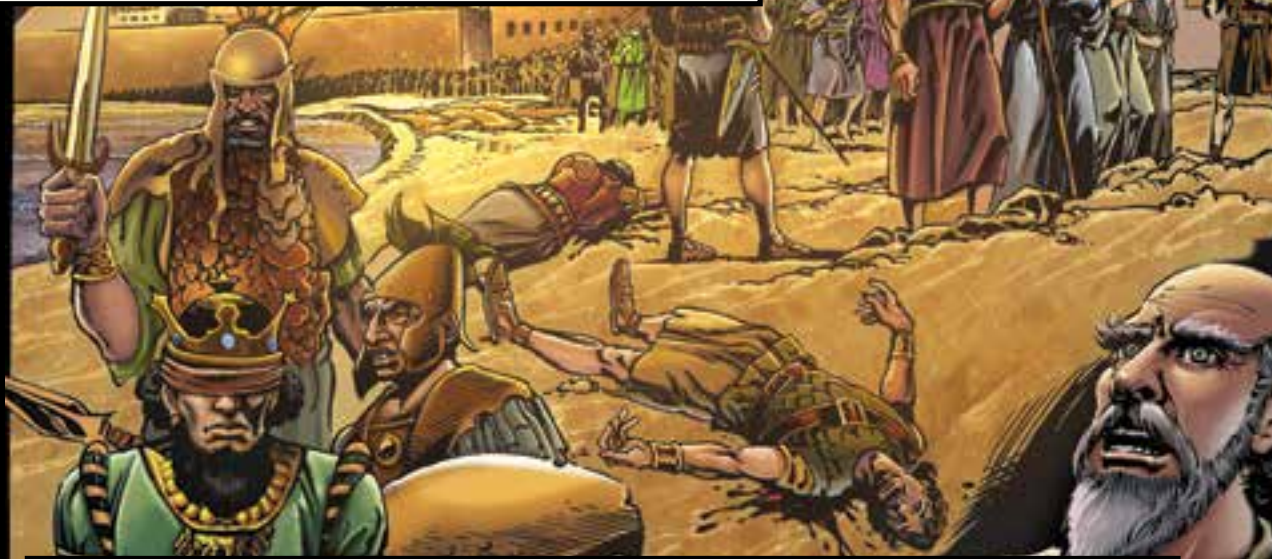
NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP A SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE. BUT THEY SHALL SIT EVERY MAN UNDER HIS VINE AND UNDER HIS FIG TREE; AND NONE SHALL MAKE THEM AFRAID: FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD OF HOSTS HATH SPOKEN IT."

JEREMIAH 25:11-12;
MICAH 3:12, 4:1-7



"AND WE WILL WALK IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD FOR EVER AND EVER. IN THAT DAY, SAITH THE LORD, I WILL GATHER HER THAT IS DRIVEN OUT, AND I WILL MAKE A STRONG NATION: AND THE LORD SHALL REIGN OVER THEM IN MOUNT ZION FROM HENCEFORTH, EVEN FOR EVER."

**JEREMIAH AND OTHERS
PROPHESIED:**



**"AT THE END OF 70 YEARS, BABYLON
WILL BE CONQUERED BY AN ARMY FROM
THE NORTH AND A REMNANT OF OUR
PEOPLE WILL RETURN TO THIS LAND TO
REBUILD THE CITY AND THE TEMPLE."**

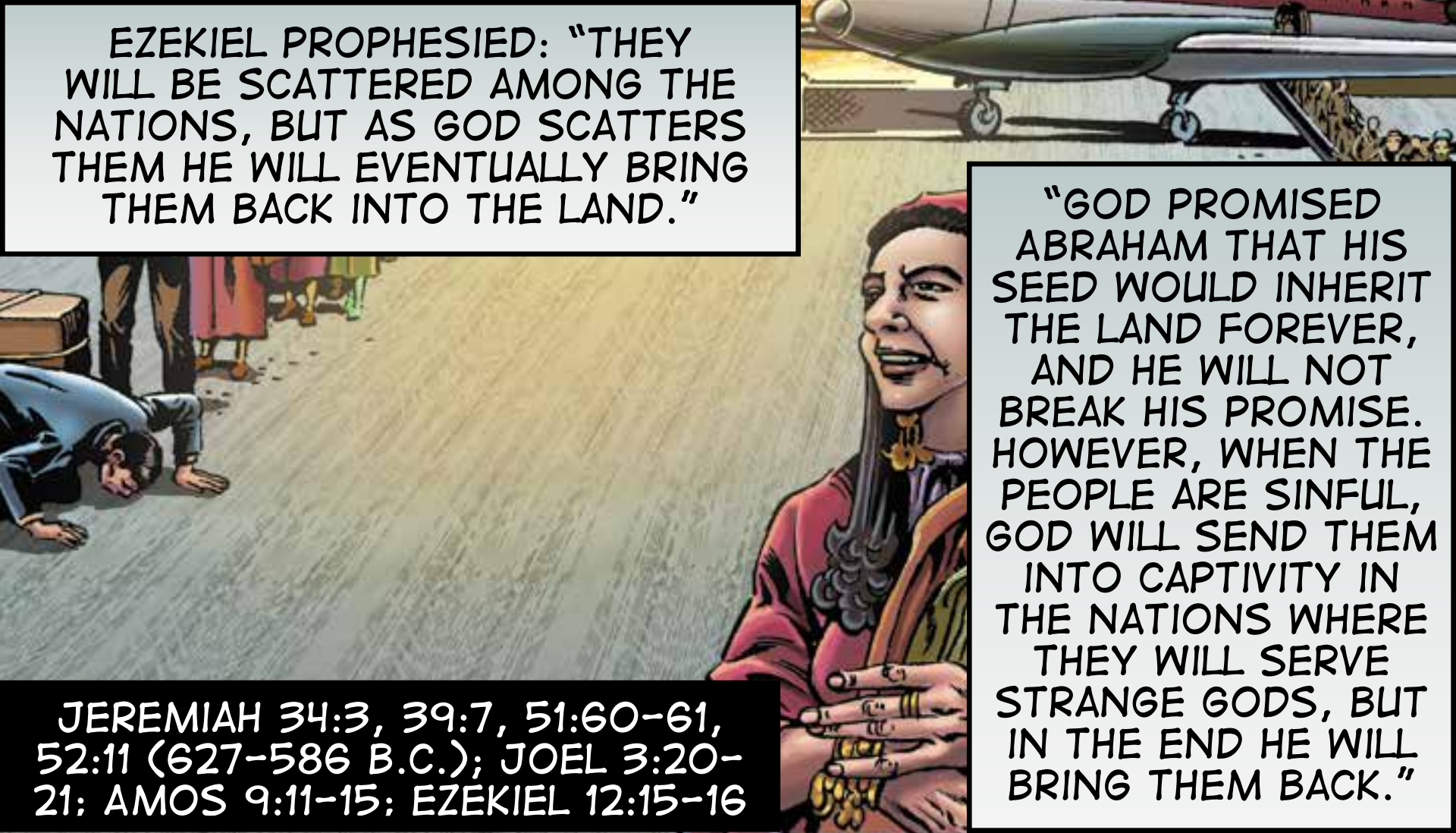
**"KING ZEDEKIAH
HAS DONE EVIL IN
THE SIGHT OF THE
LORD. HE WILL NOT
BE KILLED. HE WILL
GO INTO BABYLON
WHERE HE WILL
LIVE OUT HIS LIFE
WITH HIS PEOPLE,
BUT WITH HIS EYES
HE WILL NEVER
SEE BABYLON. HE
WILL BE BLINDED.
YOU WILL REMAIN
THERE IN BABYLON
FOR 70 YEARS."**

"AFTER A TIME OF JUDGMENT
GOD WILL FORGIVE THEIR SINS AND
JERUSALEM WILL BE INHABITED
THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS."

"TAKE THIS BOOK WITH
YOU TO BABYLON
AND READ IT THERE
BEFORE THE PEOPLE.
LET THEM KNOW WHAT
THEY MUST ENDURE
BEFORE THEY RETURN."

"I WILL RESTORE THE THRONE OF
DAVID AND YOU WILL COME BACK
AND POSSESS ALL YOUR LAND."






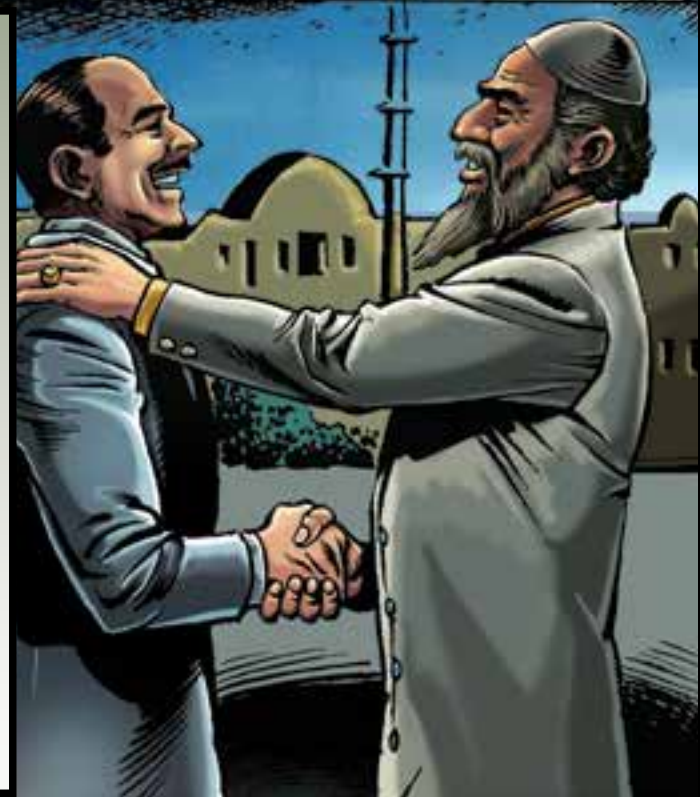
EZEKIEL PROPHESED: "THEY WILL BE SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS, BUT AS GOD SCATTERS THEM HE WILL EVENTUALLY BRING THEM BACK INTO THE LAND."

JEREMIAH 34:3, 39:7, 51:60-61, 52:11 (627-586 B.C.); JOEL 3:20-21; AMOS 9:11-15; EZEKIEL 12:15-16

"GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM THAT HIS SEED WOULD INHERIT THE LAND FOREVER, AND HE WILL NOT BREAK HIS PROMISE. HOWEVER, WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE SINFUL, GOD WILL SEND THEM INTO CAPTIVITY IN THE NATIONS WHERE THEY WILL SERVE STRANGE GODS, BUT IN THE END HE WILL BRING THEM BACK."



"EGYPT WILL ALSO BE JUDGED BY BABYLON, AND FOR 40 YEARS EGYPT WILL LIE DESOLATE. AFTER THEY RETURN FROM BABYLON, EGYPT WILL NEVER AGAIN BE AS GREAT AS IT WAS IN FORMER DAYS, BUT IT WILL ENDURE UNTIL THE END. AND IN THE LATTER DAYS EGYPT AND ASSYRIA WILL JOIN MY PEOPLE ISRAEL IN A THREE-WAY PEACE AGREEMENT, AND I WILL BLESS THEM."

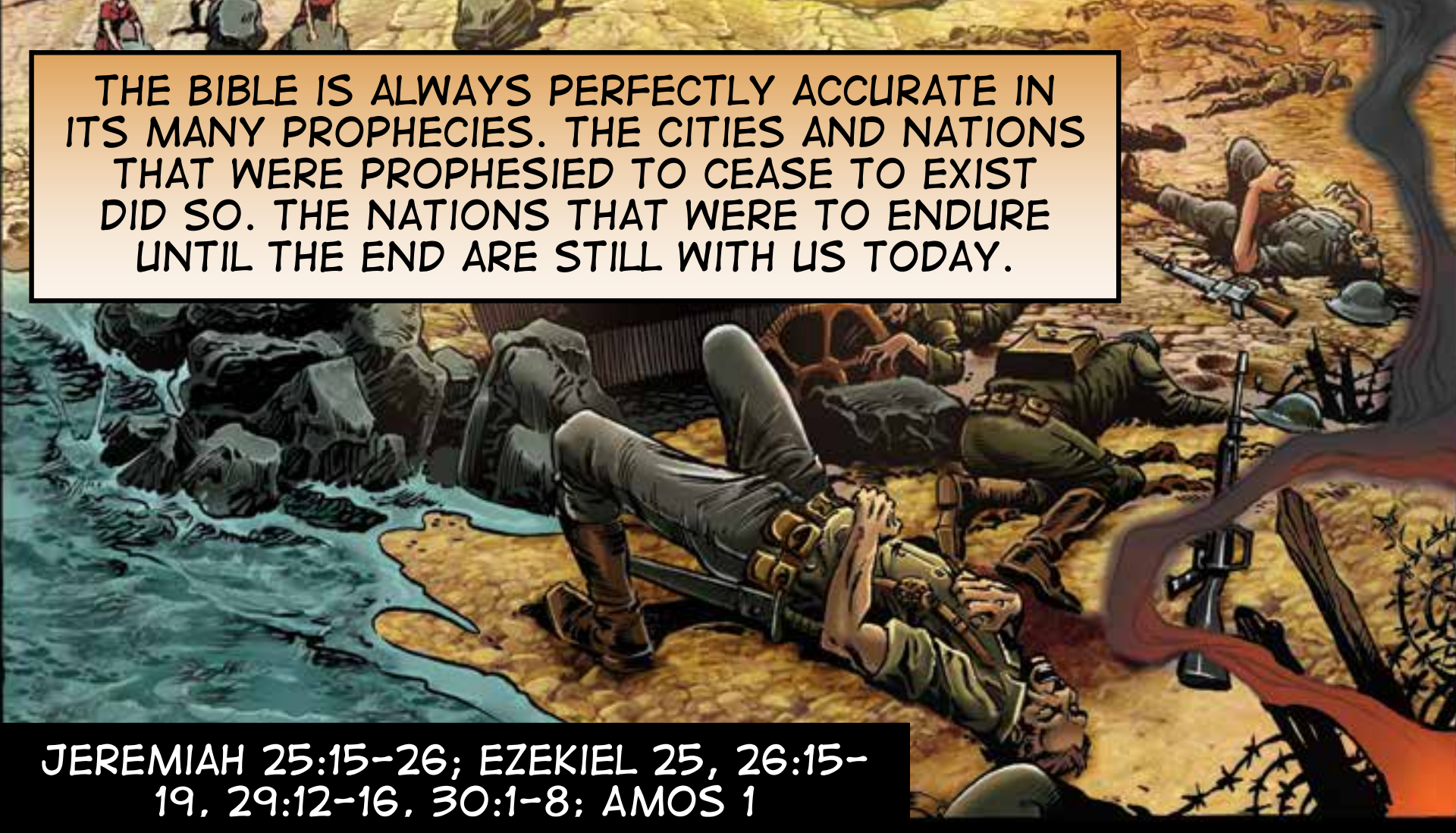




"THE PHILISTINES WILL BE DESTROYED AND BE NO MORE. LIKEWISE ASHDOD, EKRON, AND AMMON WILL BE NO MORE. EDOM WILL UTTERLY BECOME DESOLATE. TYRE WILL BE DESTROYED AND ALL THE STONES AND TIMBERS WILL BE CAST IN THE SEA. IT WILL NEVER AGAIN BE INHABITED AND THE GROUND WILL REMAIN AS SMOOTH AS A ROCK, A PLACE FOR FISHERMEN TO SPREAD THEIR NETS."

"BUT PERSIA (IRAN), TURKEY, ETHIOPIA, AND LIBYA WILL REMAIN UNTIL THE END, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO INVADE THE LAND OF ISRAEL, BUT THEY WILL DIE ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL."



The background image is a detailed illustration of a battlefield. In the foreground, a soldier in a green uniform lies on his back on the ground, his hands clasped over his chest. To his right, another soldier lies on his side, also in a green uniform, with a rifle nearby. In the background, more soldiers are scattered across a sandy, rocky terrain. Some are lying down, while others are partially visible. A body of water is on the left side of the image. The overall scene is one of devastation and loss.

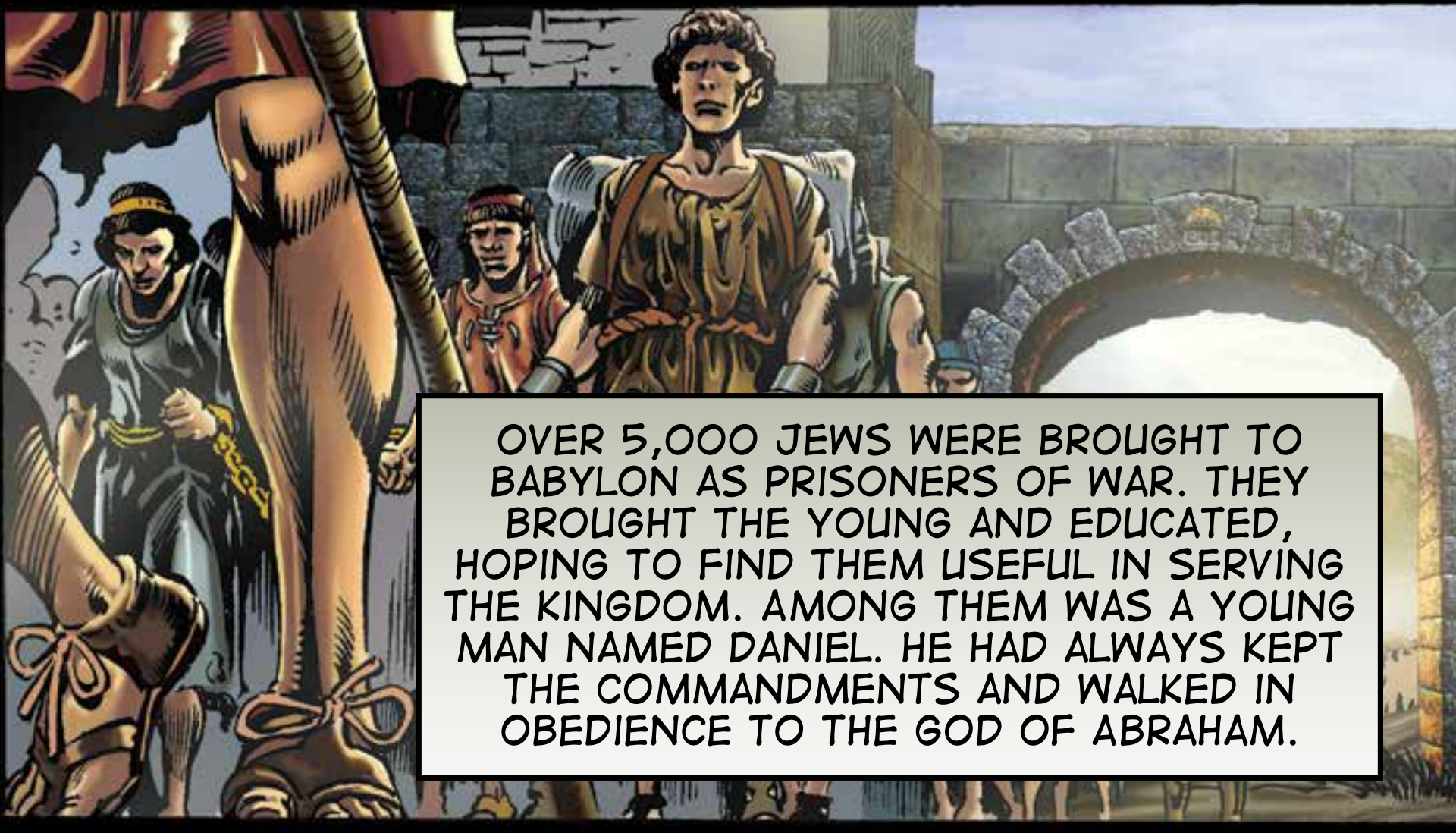
THE BIBLE IS ALWAYS PERFECTLY ACCURATE IN ITS MANY PROPHECIES. THE CITIES AND NATIONS THAT WERE PROPHESED TO CEASE TO EXIST DID SO. THE NATIONS THAT WERE TO ENDURE UNTIL THE END ARE STILL WITH US TODAY.

JEREMIAH 25:15-26; EZEKIEL 25, 26:15-19, 29:12-16, 30:1-8; AMOS 1

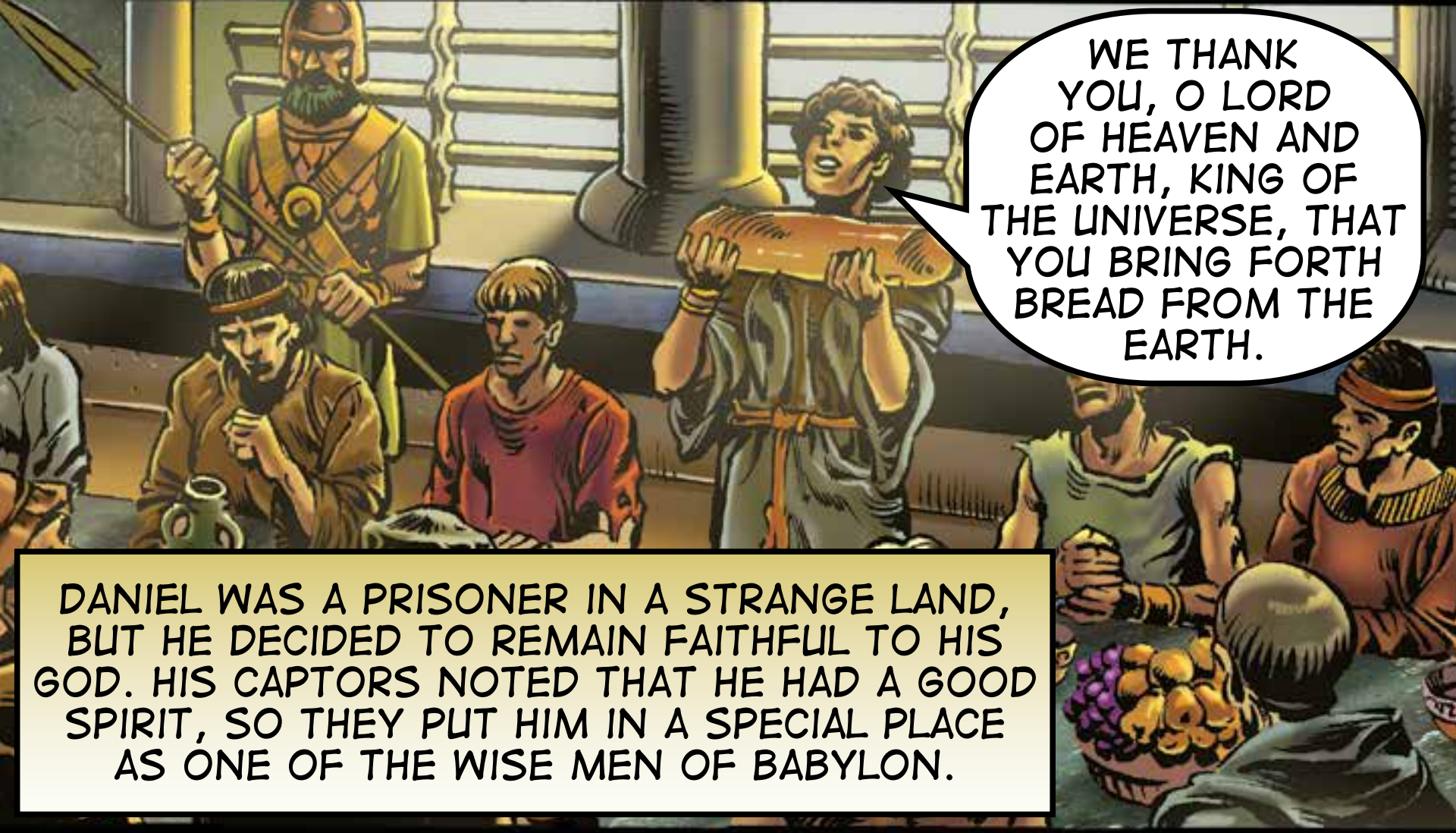
IN 605 B.C. ISRAEL WAS
CONQUERED BY BABYLON,
JUST AS THE PROPHETS
HAD PREDICTED.



O LORD, FOR THE
SINS OF OUR FATHERS
WE ARE BEING PUNISHED.
HELP US TO OBEY YOUR
LAW EVEN NOW IN THIS
STRANGE LAND.

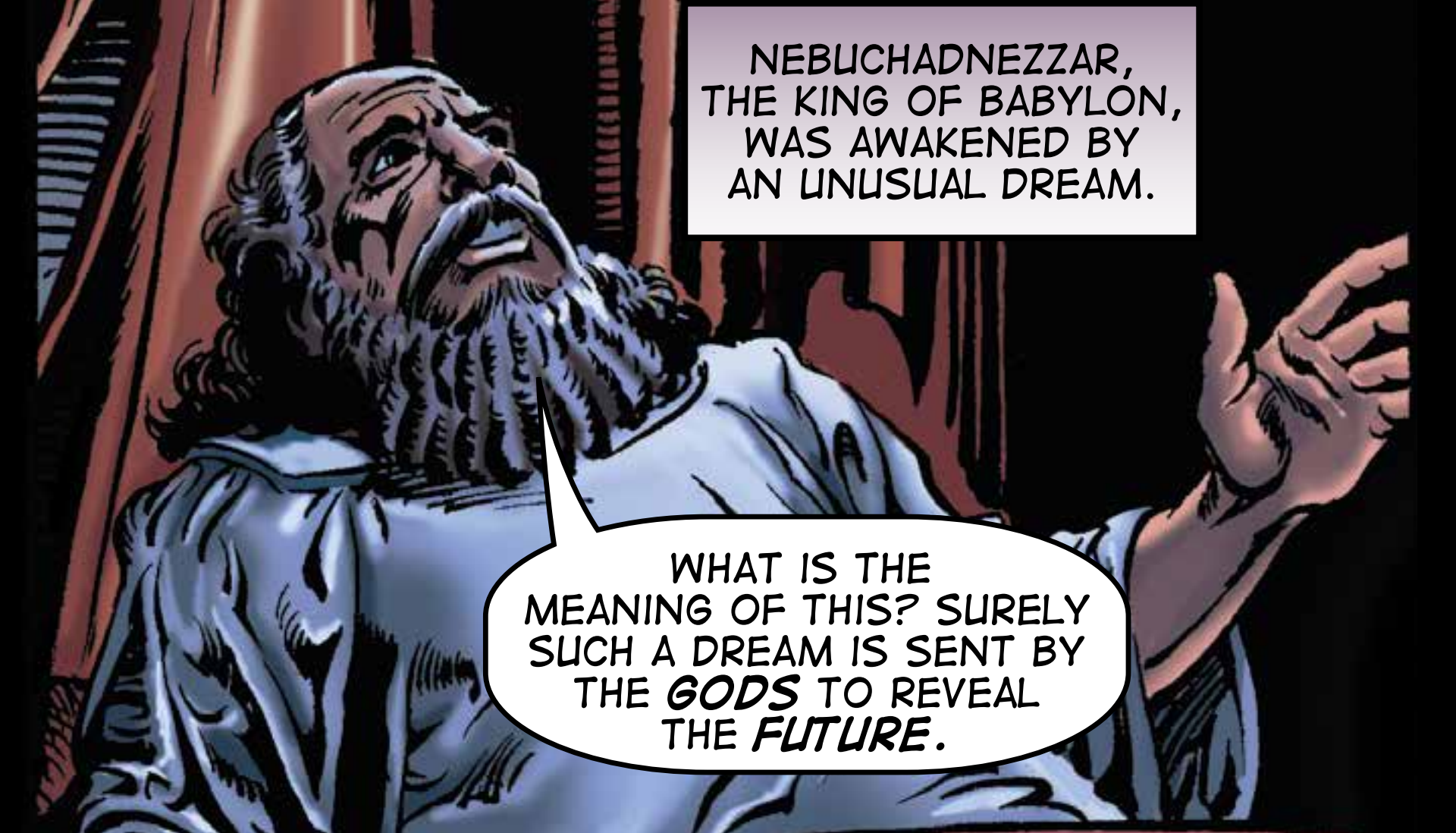


OVER 5,000 JEWS WERE BROUGHT TO BABYLON AS PRISONERS OF WAR. THEY BROUGHT THE YOUNG AND EDUCATED, HOPING TO FIND THEM USEFUL IN SERVING THE KINGDOM. AMONG THEM WAS A YOUNG MAN NAMED DANIEL. HE HAD ALWAYS KEPT THE COMMANDMENTS AND WALKED IN OBEDIENCE TO THE GOD OF ABRAHAM.




WE THANK YOU, O LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, THAT YOU BRING FORTH BREAD FROM THE EARTH.

DANIEL WAS A PRISONER IN A STRANGE LAND, BUT HE DECIDED TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIS GOD. HIS CAPTORS NOTED THAT HE HAD A GOOD SPIRIT, SO THEY PUT HIM IN A SPECIAL PLACE AS ONE OF THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON.



NEBUCHADNEZZAR,
THE KING OF BABYLON,
WAS AWAKENED BY
AN UNUSUAL DREAM.

WHAT IS THE
MEANING OF THIS? SURELY
SUCH A DREAM IS SENT BY
THE *GODS* TO REVEAL
THE *FUTURE*.



YOU ARE THE WISE MEN. YOU CLAIM THAT THE GODS TELL YOU THINGS. NOW TELL ME **WHAT** I DREAMED AND THE **MEANING** OF IT.

BUT HOW CAN WE TELL YOU THE **MEANING** OF THE DREAM IF YOU DO NOT TELL US THE **DREAM?** NO ONE COULD DO THAT EXCEPT THE **GODS.**

DANIEL 1:2-7, 17-21, 2:1-11




I KNEW YOU
WERE ALL **FRAUDS**.
THE GODS DO NOT SPEAK
TO YOU. YOU WILL ALL
BE **KILLED** ALONG WITH
YOUR FAMILIES, AND YOUR
HOUSES WILL BE MADE
INTO **DUNGHILLS**.

I AM SORRY, DANIEL, BUT TOMORROW YOU AND ALL THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON WILL BE **SLAIN**. THE KING DOES NOT BELIEVE HIS OWN PRIESTS.



BUT **JEHOVAH** GOD CAN REVEAL THE KING'S DREAM AND THE INTERPRETATION. I MUST GET ALONE TO PRAY. SEE IF YOU CAN GET HIM TO WAIT FOR ONE DAY.

A comic book panel depicting a man with extensive tattoos on his back and arms, kneeling on a stone floor in a state of prayer. He is wearing a dark, patterned tunic and sandals. His hands are clasped together on a ledge in front of him. In the background, a bright, glowing figure of a man stands, partially obscured by a large, bright light source. The scene is set in a stone-walled room with a warm, golden light.


LORD, YOU ALONE
ARE GOD AND KING
OF THE UNIVERSE.
PLEASE SHOW YOUR
SERVANT THE THINGS
THAT WILL COME TO
PASS. THERE IS NO
OTHER GOD
LIKE YOU.

DANIEL,
LISTEN TO
ME...



**QUICK, TAKE
ME TO THE
KING!**

**IF YOU
CAN'T TELL THE
KING HIS DREAM,
HE WILL KILL ME
ON THE SPOT.**




O KING, YOU ARE THE KING OF ALL KINGS, FOR THE GOD OF HEAVEN HAS MADE YOU SO. HE HAS GIVEN YOU A VISION OF WHAT SHALL BE IN THE *LATTER DAYS*.

THE TRUE GOD, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, HAS REVEALED YOUR DREAM UNTO YOUR SERVANT.

DON'T WASTE MY TIME. CAN YOU TELL ME MY DREAM OR NOT?

DANIEL 2:12-30



O KING, YOU
SAW A VISION OF
A GREAT IMAGE. THIS
IMAGE REPRESENTS
YOUR KINGDOM AND
THREE OTHERS THAT
WILL FOLLOW.


**IT'S TRUE!
I TOLD NO
ONE! YOUR GOD
IS THE ONLY
GOD.**



YOU ARE THIS
HEAD OF GOLD, THE KING OF ALL
KINGS. BEFORE YOU CONQUERED
JUDAH, OUR PROPHETS TOLD US THAT
GOD WAS GOING TO JUDGE US FOR
OUR SIN AND THEN GIVE YOU THE
KINGDOM. NOW YOUR REIGN WILL BE
GLORIOUS.



THE CHEST OF SILVER
REPRESENTS ANOTHER KINGDOM,
THE MEDES AND THE PERSIANS.
AFTER YOU HAVE DIED, THEY WILL
CONQUER BABYLON AND REIGN
OVER THE WORLD AS YOU HAVE.




O KING, AFTER
THE HEAD OF GOLD AND
THE CHEST OF SILVER, YOU
SAW THE BELLY OF BRASS.
THAT BRASS REPRESENTS THE
THIRD KINGDOM, THE **GRECIAN**.
IT WILL COME AFTER PERSIA
AND IT WILL BE **SWIFT**
AND **FIERCE**.


THE FOURTH KINGDOM
WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE
OTHERS, THE LEGS WILL BE MADE
OF **IRON**, AND IT WILL STAMP AND
BREAK IN PIECES MANY NATIONS.
BUT YOU SAW THAT THE IRON TOES
WERE MIXED WITH **CLAY**. IN THE
LAST DAYS THE KINGDOM WILL BE
DIVIDED TEN WAYS AND IT WILL
BE WEAK.



THEN, O KING, YOU SAW A
STONE CUT OUT OF A MOUNTAIN,
BUT **NOT** BY THE HANDS OF **MAN**.
IT ROLLED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND
STRUCK THE IMAGE AT THE FEET AND
DESTROYED **ALL** THE KINGDOMS
IN A MOMENT'S TIME.



THAT ROCK
REPRESENTS
THE SON OF
GOD WHO WILL
COME TO THE
EARTH AND SET
UP A GLORIOUS
KINGDOM.



AT THE END OF TIME,
ALL THE DEAD WILL BE
AWAKENED TO STAND IN
JUDGMENT. THOSE THAT
DID EVIL WILL RECEIVE SHAME
AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.
THOSE THAT DID GOOD WILL
RECEIVE EVERLASTING
LIFE.

WITHOUT QUESTION,
THE WORDS YOU SPEAK ARE
FROM GOD. HOW ELSE COULD
YOU HAVE KNOWN MY DREAM IN
EVERY DETAIL? I WILL MAKE
YOU **RULER OVER ALL
THE WISE MEN.**



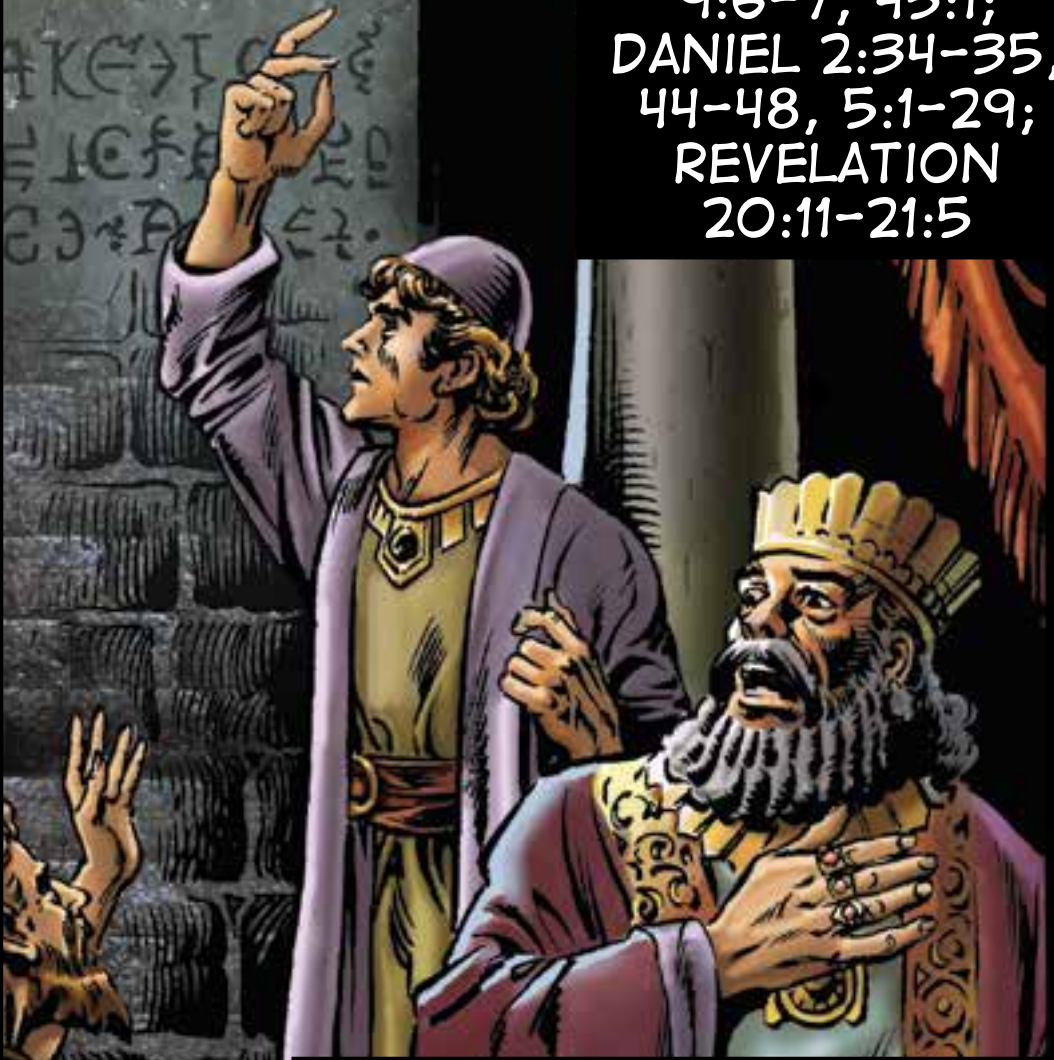
DANIEL CONTINUED IN BABYLON FOR 68 YEARS. HE INTERPRETED MANY DREAMS AND FORETOLD THE FUTURE MANY TIMES. IN TIME, KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR DIED AND HIS SON BELSHAZZAR TOOK HIS PLACE.

ONE NIGHT AS BELSHAZZAR WAS HAVING A DRUNKEN PARTY, A MYSTERIOUS HAND APPEARED AND WROTE ON THE WALL. DANIEL WAS CALLED IN TO INTERPRET IT. GOD GAVE HIM UNDERSTANDING OF THIS UNKNOWN LANGUAGE.



O KING, YOU HAVE **SINNED AGAINST GOD**. AS THE PROPHETS FORETOLD, YOUR KINGDOM HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM YOU THIS VERY NIGHT AND GIVEN TO THE **MEDES** AND THE **PERSIANS**.

**ECCLESIASTES
12:13-14; ISAIAH
9:6-7, 45:1;
DANIEL 2:34-35,
44-48, 5:1-29;
REVELATION
20:11-21:5**



**THE PROPHETS PREDICTED
THAT THIS ENEMY WOULD
CONQUER BABYLON BY
SECRETLY ENTERING TWO
GATES THAT ALLOWED
WATER TO ENTER THE
CITY. THE BABYLONIANS
WOULD BE TOO DRUNK TO
NOTICE. HISTORY RECORDS
THE FALL OF BABYLON IN
EXACTLY THAT MANNER.**

AFTER THE MEDES AND PERSIANS CONQUERED BABYLON, DANIEL DISCOVERED AN OLD BOOK WRITTEN BY THE PROPHET JEREMIAH, ONE OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. AS HE WAS READING, HE WAS SHOCKED TO DISCOVER THAT GOD HAD EARLIER PREDICTED THAT THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY WOULD LAST ONLY 70 YEARS.



AFTERWARD A REMNANT WOULD RETURN TO JERUSALEM AND REBUILD THE WALLS AND THE TEMPLE. READING FURTHER, HE DISCOVERED THAT 200 YEARS EARLIER THE PROPHET ISAIAH HAD ACTUALLY GIVEN THE NAME OF THE PERSIAN KING WHO WOULD COMMAND THEM TO RETURN.



IT HAS NOW BEEN
ALMOST 69 YEARS...ONLY
ONE YEAR LEFT. IT SAYS THAT
CYRUS IS GOD'S SERVANT, DOING
GOD'S WILL. HE WILL COMMAND THAT
WE **RETURN TO OUR HOMELAND!**
BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD OUR
GOD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.

JUST AS GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM, HE HAS GIVEN US THIS LAND FOR AN *EVERLASTING* POSSESSION. HE WARNED OUR FATHERS THAT WE WOULD BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF OUR ENEMIES IF WE SERVED OTHER GODS, BUT HE PROMISED NEVER TO FORGET HIS PEOPLE. GOD HAS KEPT HIS WORD. NOW THAT WE HAVE RETURNED, WE MUST OBEY HIM.

CYRUS DID RELEASE THE JEWS 70 YEARS AFTER THEIR CAPTIVITY BEGAN, JUST AS THE SCRIPTURE FORETOLD, AND 52,000 RETURNED TO REBUILD THE CITY.



WE MUST
GET ORGANIZED. WE WILL
REBUILD THE **WALLS** FIRST
AND THEN WE CAN START ON
THE **TEMPLE**.

O LORD GOD OF ABRAHAM,
YOU HAVE BROUGHT US BACK
AS YOU PROMISED. TEACH US
TO WALK IN YOUR PATHS.

I HAVE
BROUGHT FRESH
WATER. LET US
BEGIN THE WORK.

ISAIAH 44:28; JEREMIAH
25:11-12, 29:10; DANIEL 9:1-2

DANIEL WAS VERY OLD, SO HE DID NOT GO BACK WITH THE OTHERS. HE STILL PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS HE ADVISED THE KINGS OF THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE, NOW LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BABYLON. GOD GAVE HIM SEVERAL MORE VISIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE, EVEN TO THE END OF DAYS. IN ONE DREAM HE SAW A METALLIC BEAST. AN ANGEL TOLD HIM WHAT IT MEANT.





GOD IS SHOWING YOU WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS. HE REVEALED TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR THAT THERE WOULD BE **FOUR** KINGDOMS. THERE HAVE NOW BEEN TWO. AFTER THIS MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE WILL COME THE GRECIAN. IT WILL CONQUER SWIFTLY BUT WILL SOON FALL AND BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR KINGDOMS, WHICH WILL THEN FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES UNTIL THERE ARE JUST **TWO**. THEY WILL FIGHT BACK AND FORTH FOR YEARS UNTIL THEY ARE CONQUERED BY THE FOURTH KINGDOM, WHICH IS WHAT THIS METALLIC BEAST REPRESENTS.



THE FOURTH KINGDOM
WILL BE LIKE IRON, **MORE
POWERFUL** AND FIERCER THAN
ALL FORMER KINGDOMS. IT WILL
CONQUER ALL, BUT IN THE LAST DAYS
THIS KINGDOM WILL BE DIVIDED INTO
TEN NATIONS. THEN THERE WILL ARISE
A MAN SPEAKING PEACE. HE IS THE
LAST HORN THAT GROWS OUT OF THE
BEAST'S HEAD. IN THE LAST DAYS,
HE WILL **FLATTER** AND **PROMISE
PEACE**, ONLY TO CONQUER AND
DESTROY. HE WILL THEN SET UP
THE ABOMINABLE THING IN THE
HOLY PLACE IN THE JEWISH TEMPLE,
MAKING IT CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN
SO THAT THE SACRIFICES WILL CEASE.
THERE WILL THEN COME A TIME OF
GREAT TROUBLE ON THE WHOLE
EARTH, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS WILL
BE DELIVERED.

"DANIEL, GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND WHEN. FROM THE TIME THE COMMANDMENT IS GIVEN TO RESTORE 3 YEARS, AFTER WHICH MESSIAH WILL BE KILLED IN PAYMENT FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEN THE TEMPLE WILL AGAIN BE DESTROYED."



"THIS PROPHECY WILL BE FULFILLED, AND THE MESSIAH WILL BE ANOINTED. THERE WILL BE RECONCILIATION MADE FOR SINS, AND EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE BROUGHT TO MAN."

JUST AS DANIEL RECORDED,

THE MESSIAH MADE HIS
TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM ON THE VERY
DAY WHEN THE 483 YEARS
WERE COMPLETED.



GOD HAD TOLD ADAM
AND EVE THAT THE
SEED OF THE WOMAN
WOULD COME AND
DESTROY THE EVIL
ONE. HE TOLD NOAH
THAT THE MESSIAH
WOULD COME FROM THE
FAMILY OF SHEM, NOT
JAPHETH, AND NOT HAM.

GENESIS 49:9-10; PSALM 22,
53; ISAIAH 7, 9:1-2, 42:1, 49:6,
53; DANIEL 9:25-26; MICAH 5:2;
ZECHARIAH 9:9; MATTHEW 24:1-2;
HEBREWS 2:9

GOD TOLD ABRAHAM THAT THE DELIVERER WOULD COME FROM HIS DESCENDANTS THROUGH HIS SON ISAAC.

GOD TOLD ISAAC THAT THE PROMISED ONE WOULD COME THROUGH HIS SON JACOB, AND HE TOLD JACOB THAT CHRIST WOULD COME THROUGH JUDAH.

MANY SPECIFIC PROPHECIES OF THE LIFE OF THE PROMISED REDEEMER WERE GIVEN BY GOD TO VARIOUS PROPHETS.

THEY SAID THAT HIS ACTIVE PRESENCE HAS BEEN FROM EVERLASTING, THAT HE WOULD BE **BORN OF A VIRGIN** IN THE CITY OF **BETHLEHEM** OF JUDAH, HE WOULD BE HUMBLE IN APPEARANCE, AND BE LOWLY AND RIDING ON A DONKEY.

THE LORD WILL PUT HIS SPIRIT
UPON HIM, AND HE WILL BRING
JUDGMENT TO THE GENTILES.

HE WILL BE A LIGHT TO THE
GENTILES AND WILL TAKE
SALVATION TO ALL THAT ARE IN
THE EARTH.

HE WILL BE A **SUFFERING
MESSIAH** AND WILL BE
REJECTED BY HIS PEOPLE, AND
DIE HAVING HIS **HANDS AND
FEET PIERCED**.

HE WILL HANG NAKED AND WILL
THIRST FOR WATER BUT WILL
BE GIVEN VINEGAR TO DRINK
INSTEAD.

HE WILL DIE BETWEEN
THIEVES AND BE BURIED IN A
RICH MAN'S GRAVE.

THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL CONCERNING THE FOUR KINGDOMS WERE FULFILLED EXACTLY AS HE PREDICTED. IN 330 B.C., ALEXANDER THE GREAT, FROM GREECE, BEGAN A CAMPAIGN WHICH LASTED SEVEN YEARS, IN WHICH HE CONQUERED THE KNOWN WORLD, INCLUDING THE VAST MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE.

GREECE HELD POWER UNTIL ABOUT 167 B.C.

WHEN THE FOURTH
WORLD KINGDOM,
ROME, BEGAN TO
CONQUER. ROME,
REPRESENTED IN
NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S
DREAM AS THE FEET
AND LEGS OF IRON,
AND IN DANIEL'S
VISION AS THE
METALLIC BEAST,
INCREASED ITS
POWER AND
TERRITORY, JUST
AS THE PROPHETS
PREDICTED.

BY 5 B.C., IT RULED
ISRAEL WITH
AN IRON HAND.

500 YEARS LATER

OVER FIVE HUNDRED YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE DANIEL'S PROPHECIES. IN 6 B.C. THE ROMANS ALLOWED THE JEWS FREEDOM OF RELIGION BUT TAXED THEM HEAVILY. THE TEMPLE HAD BEEN REBUILT AND WAS AT THE CENTER OF JEWISH LIFE. MOST HAD FORGOTTEN THE PROPHECIES OF A COMING MESSIAH, BUT SOME STILL KEPT THE LAW AND LOOKED FOR THE CHRIST. AMONG THEM WAS AN OLD MAN NAMED SIMEON. HE WAS A HOLY MAN THAT LONGED TO SEE THE ONE OF WHOM THE PROPHETS SPOKE. FOR YEARS HE HAD READ THE PROPHECIES AND KNEW THAT THE TIME WAS DRAWING NEAR. BUT HE WAS NOW OLD AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT LIVE MUCH LONGER. IT HAD BEEN 4,000 YEARS SINCE GOD FIRST PROMISED EVE THAT HER SEED WOULD COME AND DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE EVIL ONE.

IT WAS NOW TIME. OVER 350 PROPHECIES WERE READY TO BE FULFILLED.



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