

# God calls Abram

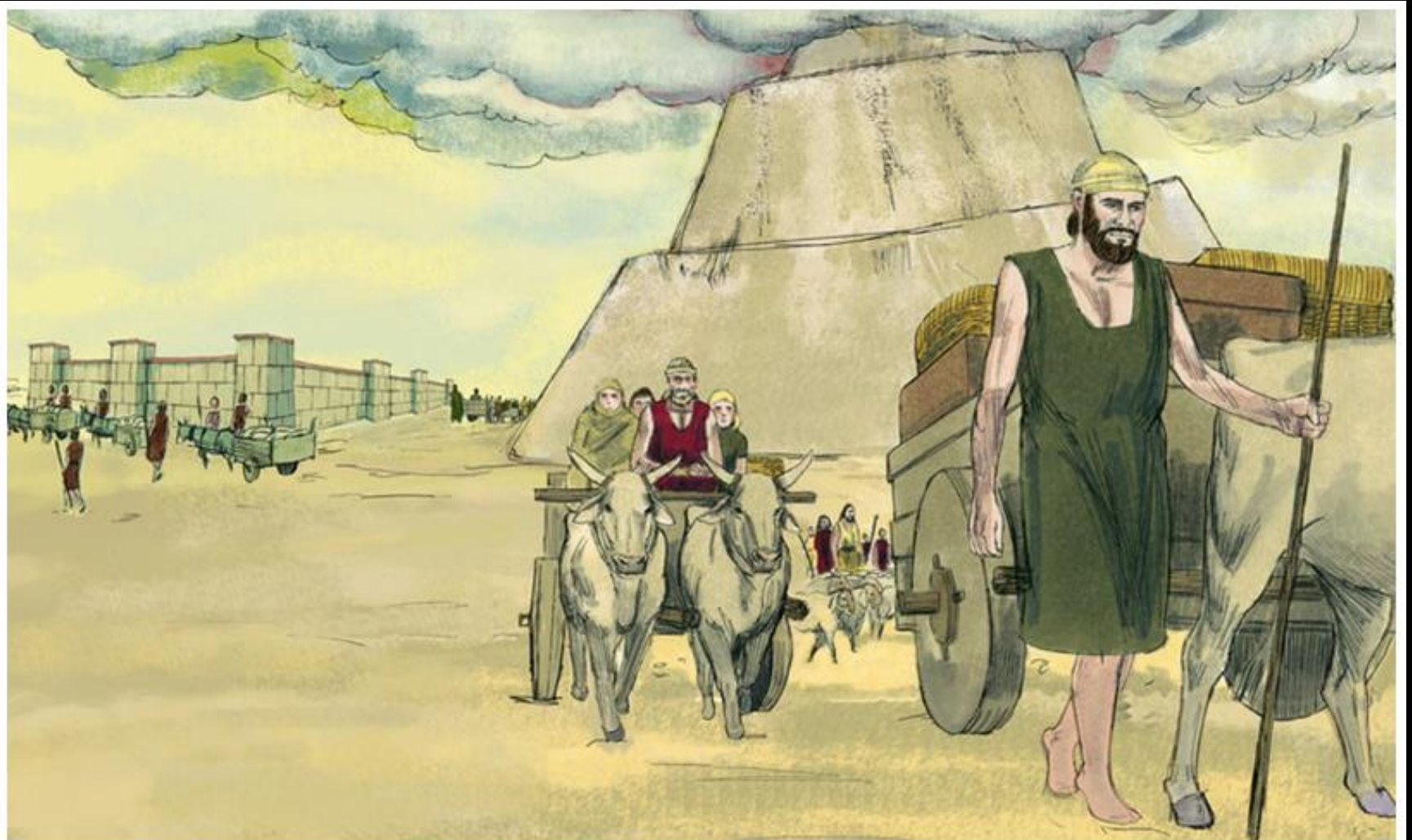


**Remember the setting:** God had sent the flood to destroy the world, which was entirely wicked...minus one man and his family.

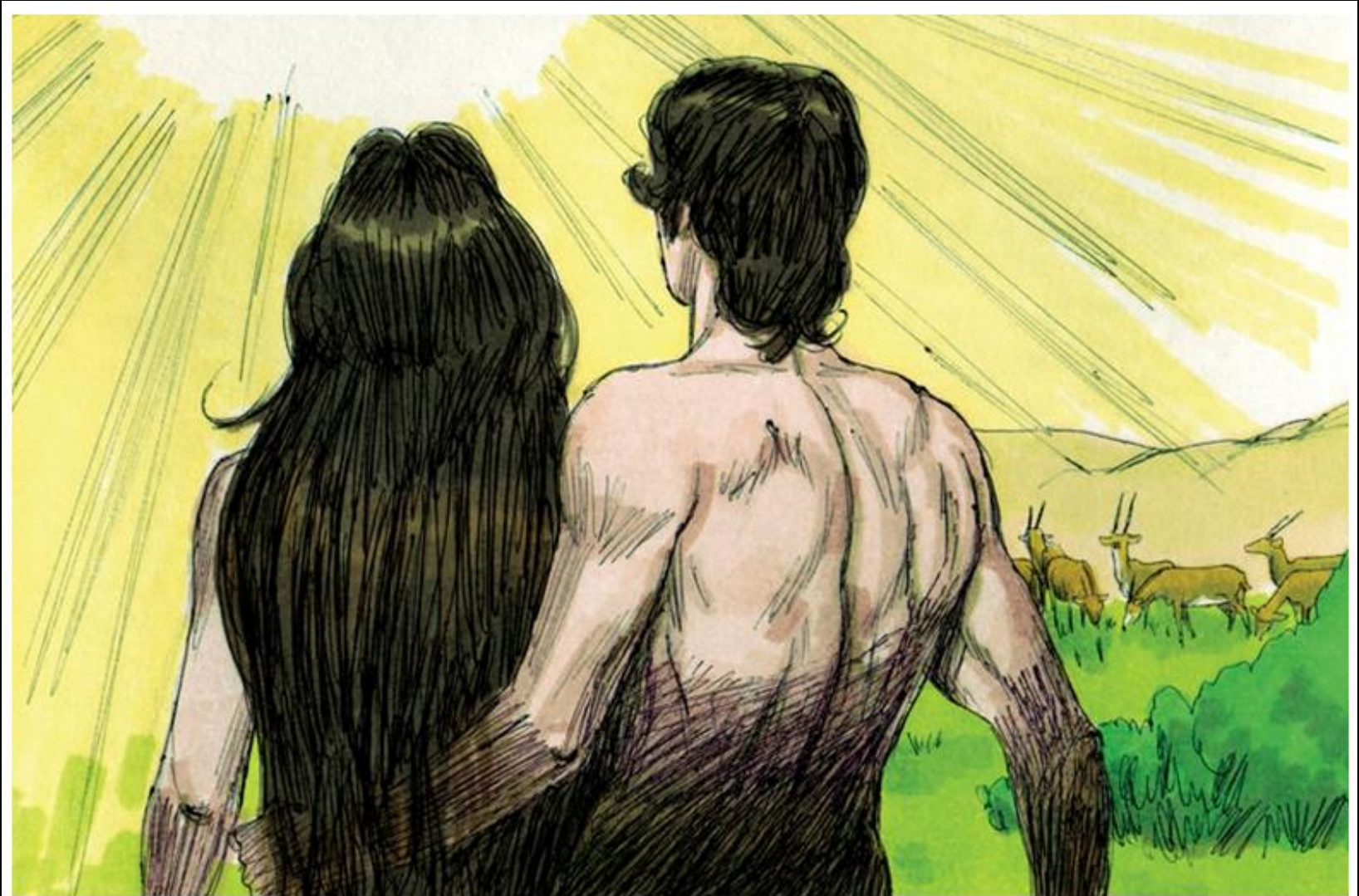




**Remember the setting:** Everyone is scattered from Babel. Not trusting God, not coming to God. Everyone speaks their own language.



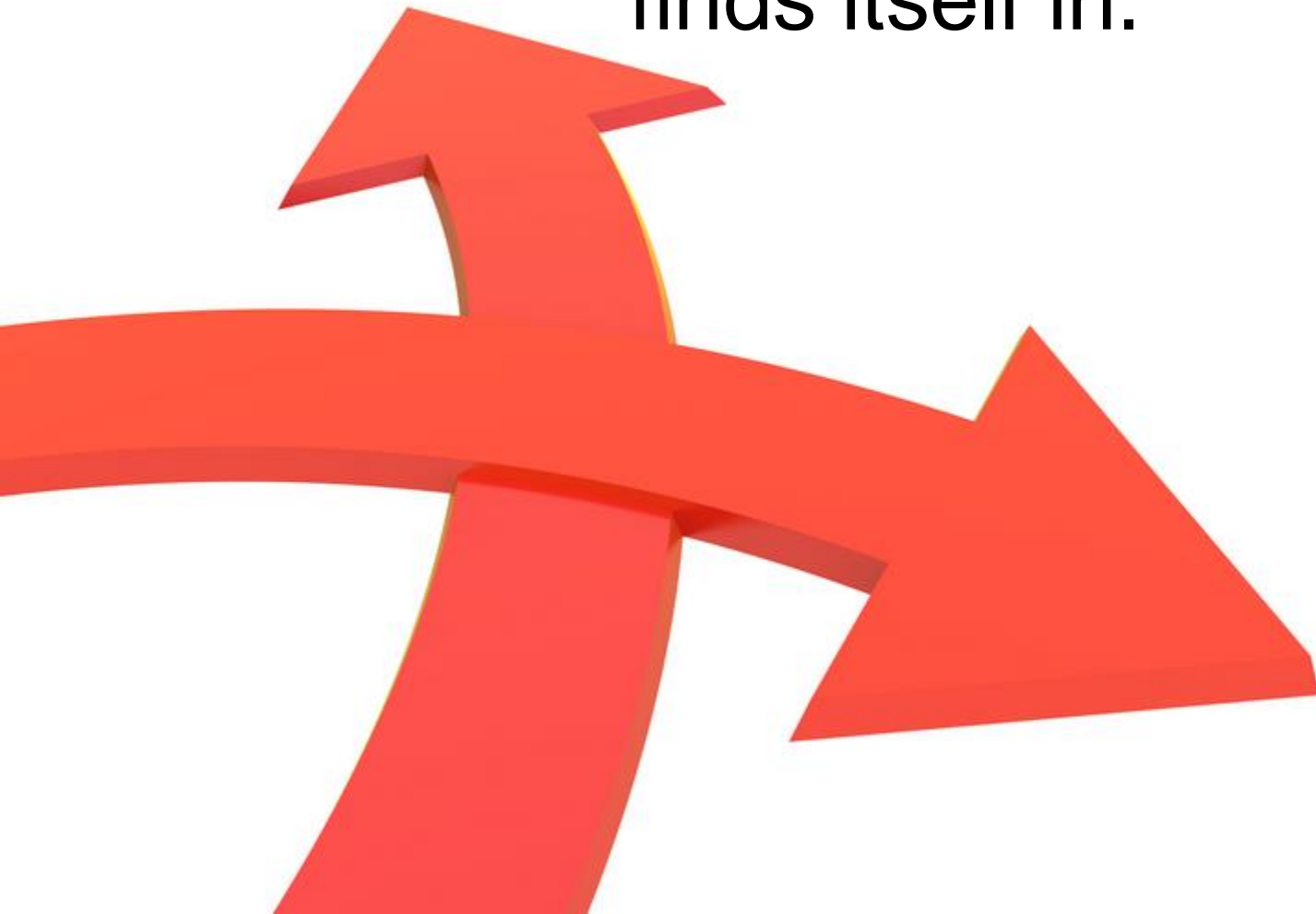
**Remember the promise:** God is still committed to his promise to bring about a male from the line of the woman who will crush the head of Satan.



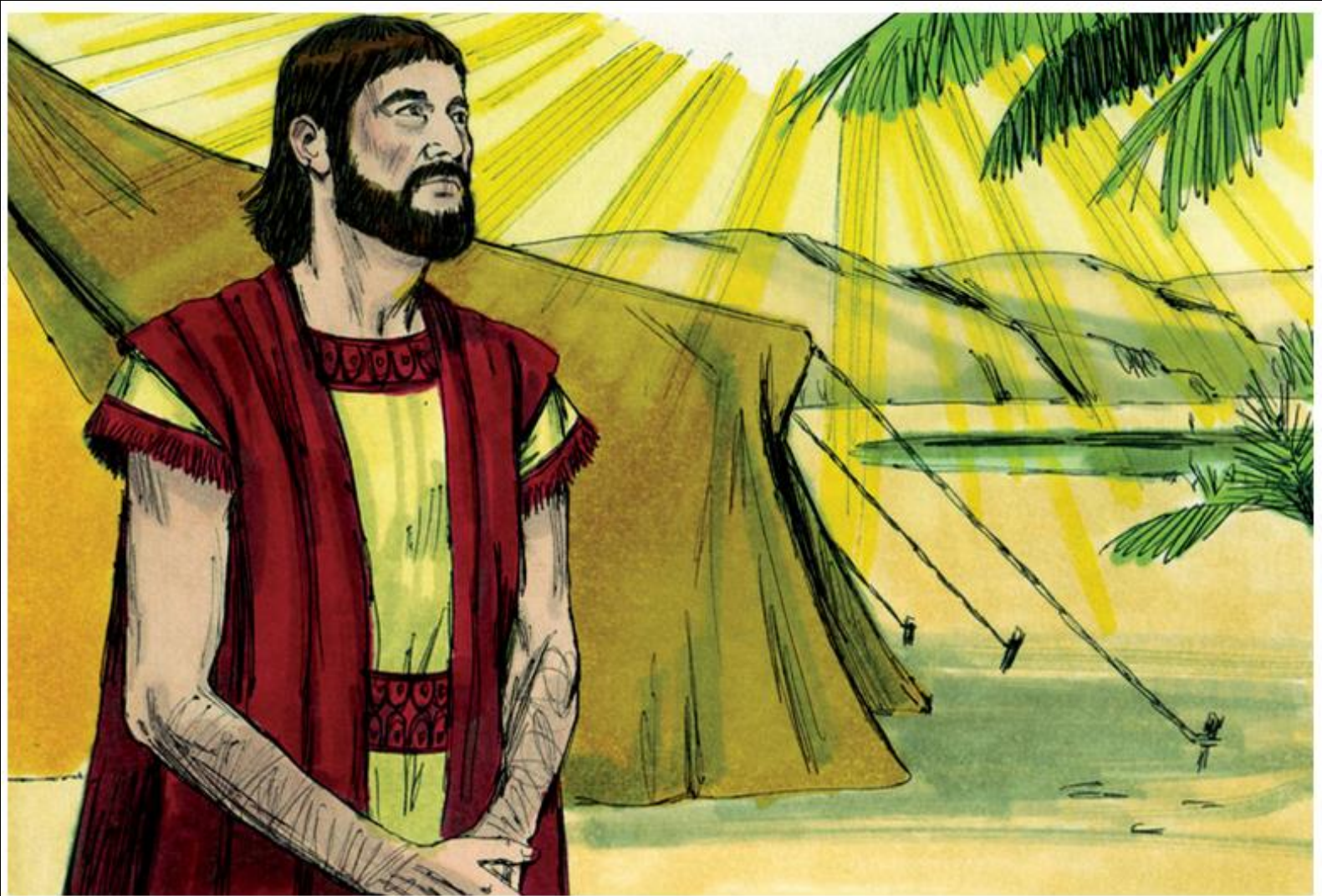
**How will God bring about  
this promise is such a  
fallen world and hopeless  
situation?**



The call of Abraham is the **intersection** of God's promise to bring about a deliverer and the hopeless situation that the world finds itself in.



God chose a man named Abram and spoke directly to him and told him what he was to do.





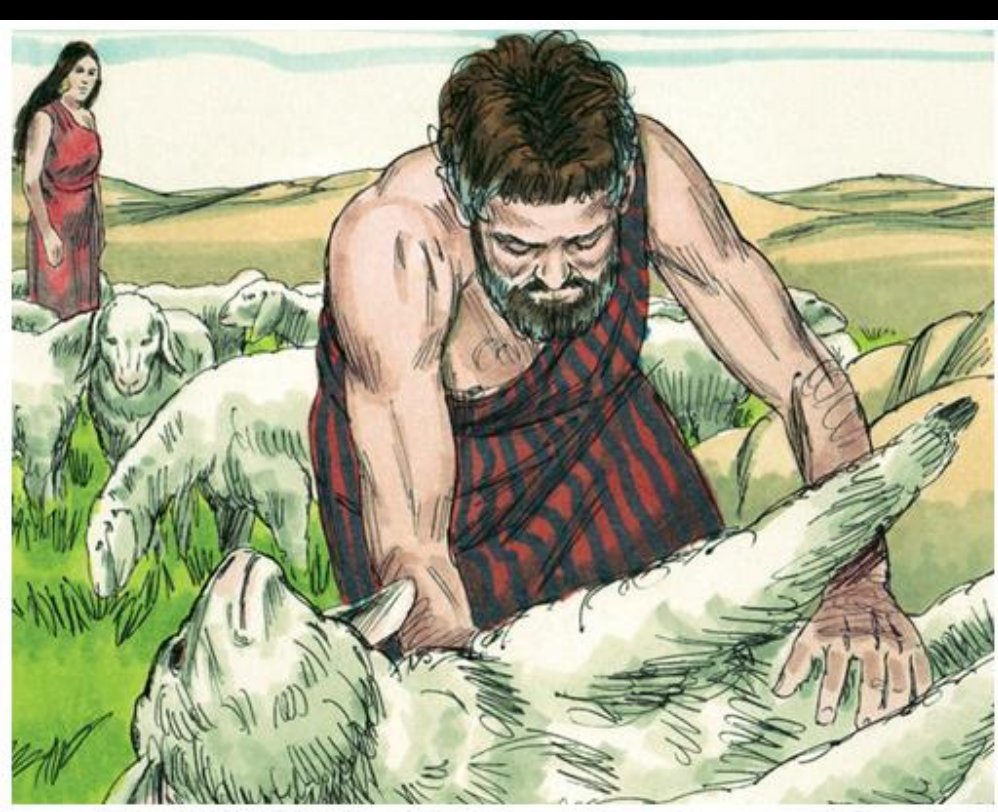
Abram was not found by God in the same situation that Noah was found in when God approached him.





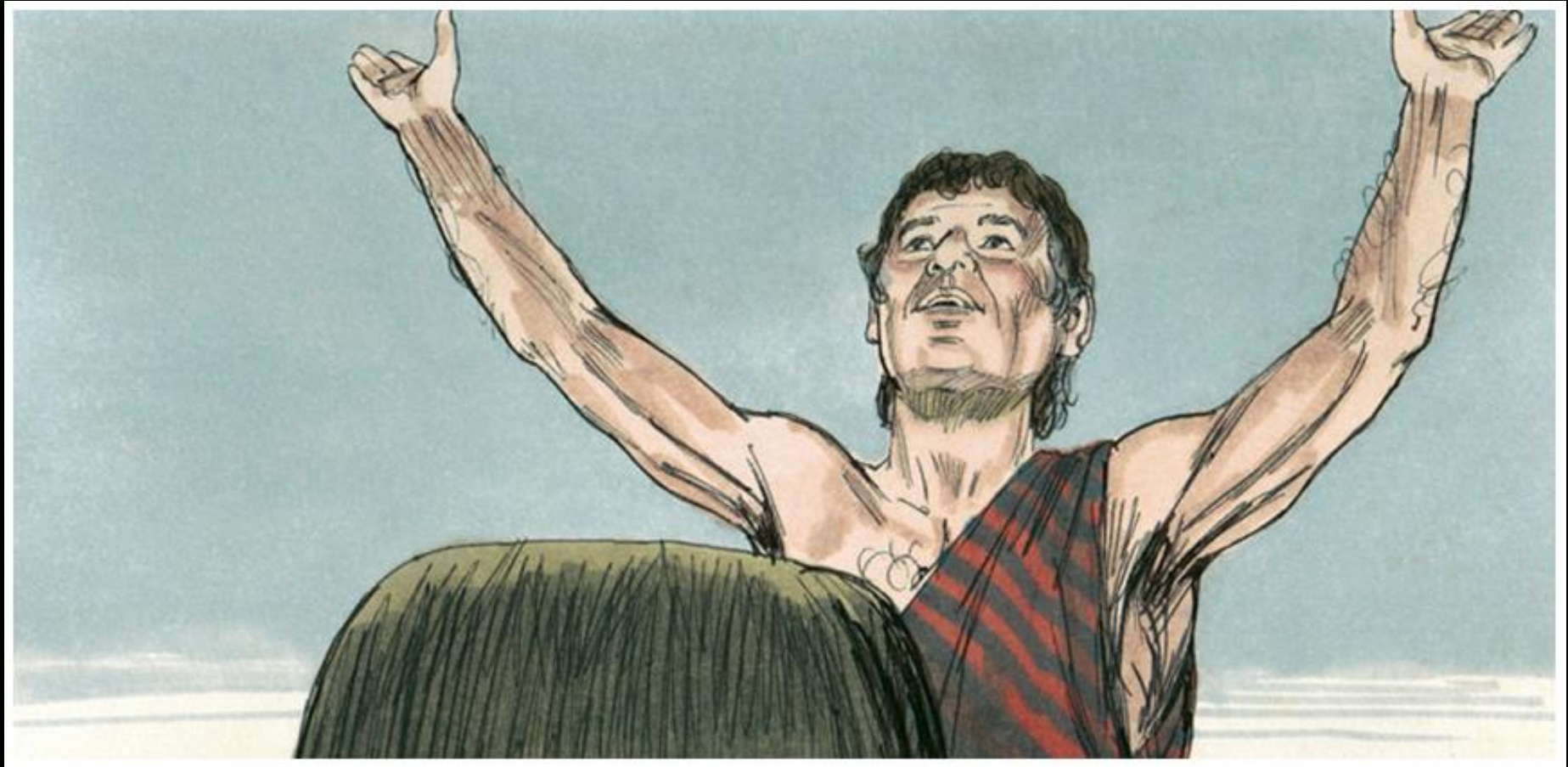
We know that Noah was counted  
by God as a righteous man,  
obedient to God, coming to God-  
God's way and that 'he walked in  
close fellowship with God'  
(Gen 6:9)

From Adam to Noah there were 10 Generations of men who believed God and continued to look for the coming Deliverer promised in Eden!  
(Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech etc.)





The Bible says (**Joshua 24:2-3**) that Abram worshipped false gods with his father Terah before God came to him.



Joshua said to all the people,

“This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:

‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. **But**

I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac...”



It appears that God is coming to Abraham as the first man to talk with God since the scattering of the people and confusing the languages. And at this point in time in history, no one is believing God or trusting God, or even knows who he is.

**And God decides to come and introduces himself and his plan to Abram.**

The Bible was not yet written in Abram's day. God doesn't speak to us now through an audible voice or in person as he did to Abram. He speaks now through his written word and Holy Spirit.



# God told Abram:

**“Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”**

**(Gen 12:1-3)**

God told Abram:

To leave the country he  
was currently living in  
and to follow God to a  
new land.

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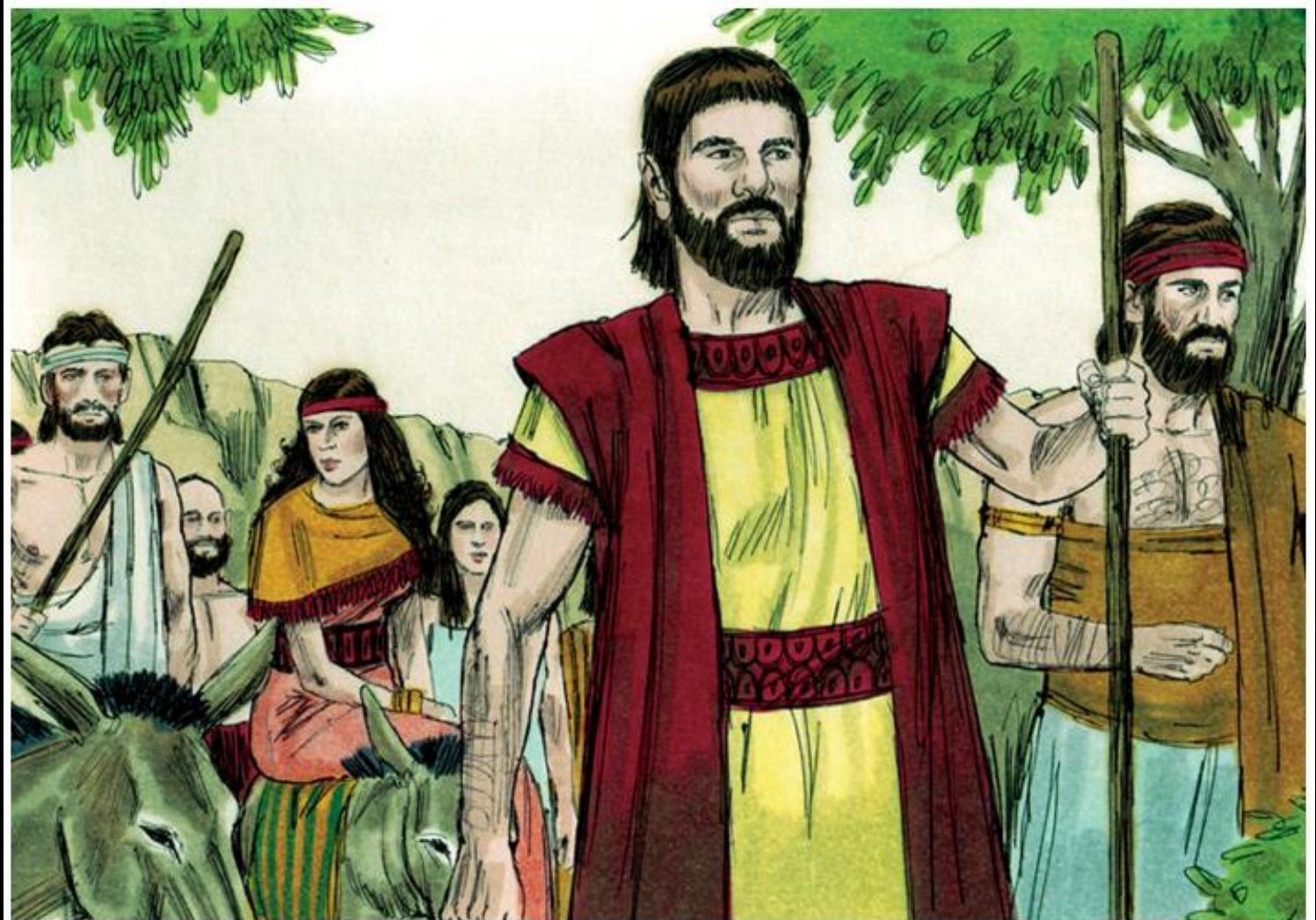
That he would be  
blessed greatly and he  
would multiply into a  
great nation.



God told Abram:

That all the peoples  
scattered across the  
earth would some how  
be blessed through him.

‘So Abram went, as the LORD  
had told him...’ Gen 12:4



Some of the simplest words  
are the most profound:





SO

A thick, horizontal red brushstroke underline that starts under the 'S' and extends to the right, ending under the 'O'.

‘for this  
reason;  
therefore’

'so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.'



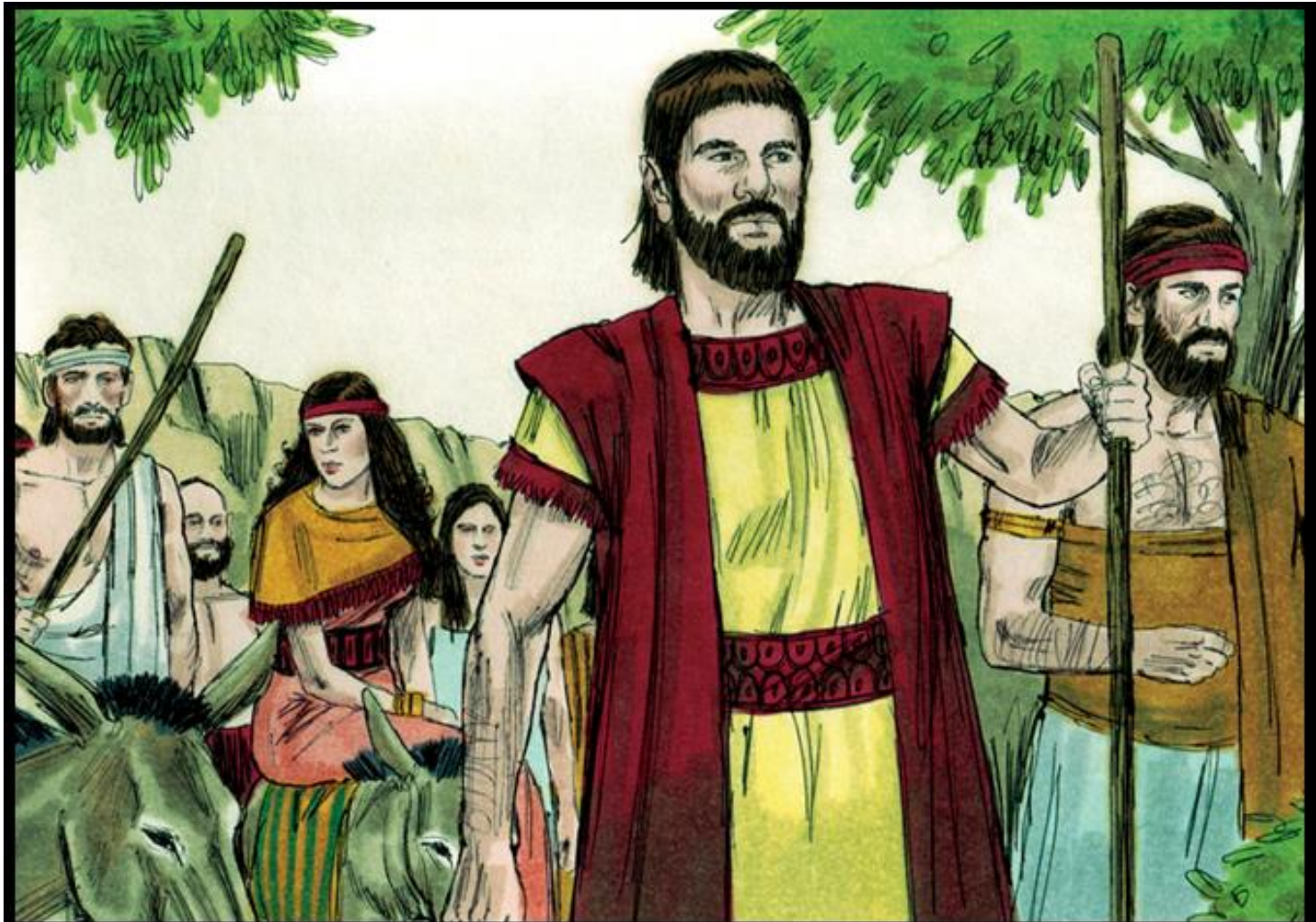


**'So** Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.'





‘**So** Abram went,  
as the LORD had told him...’

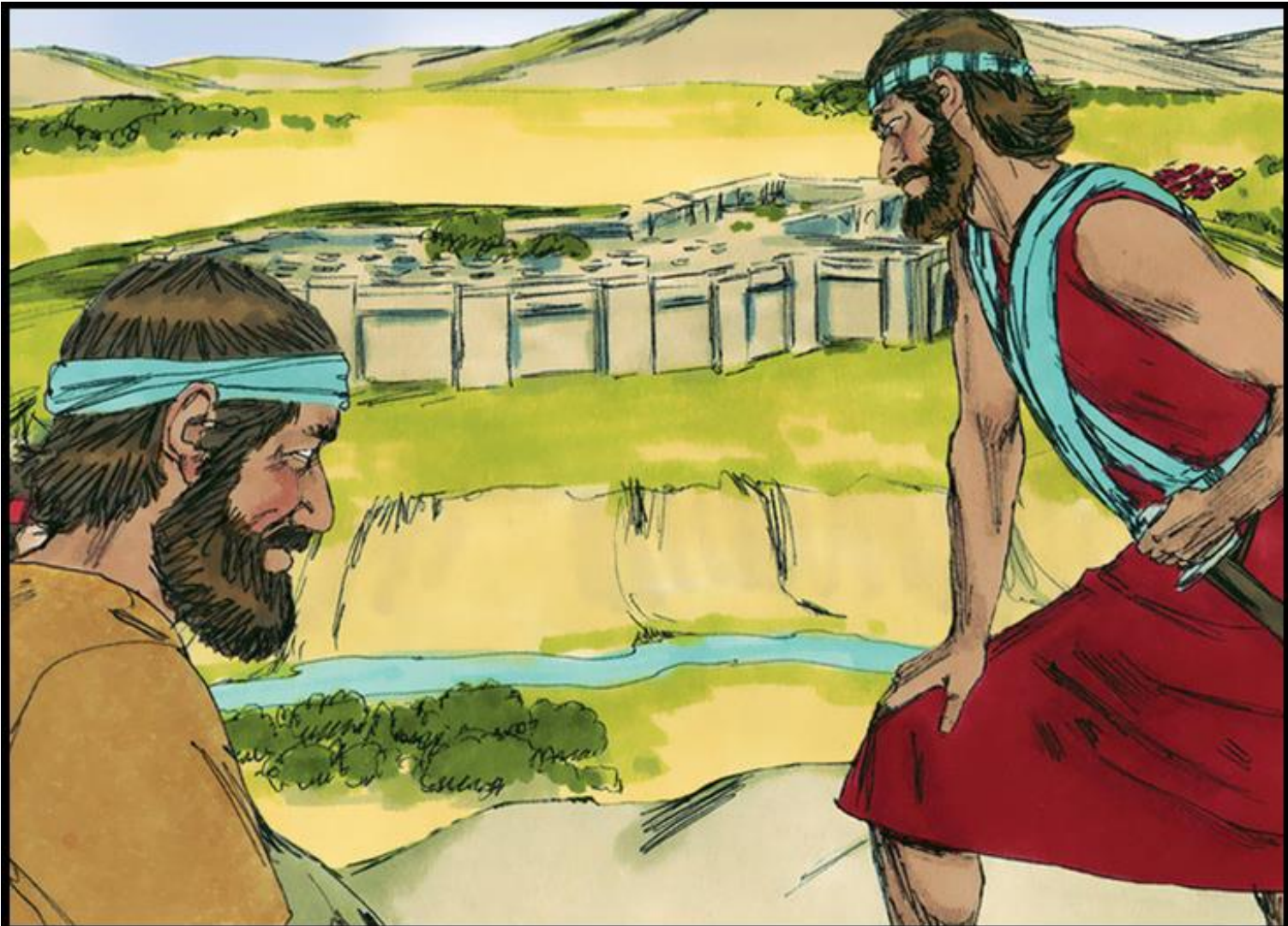


'So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole.'



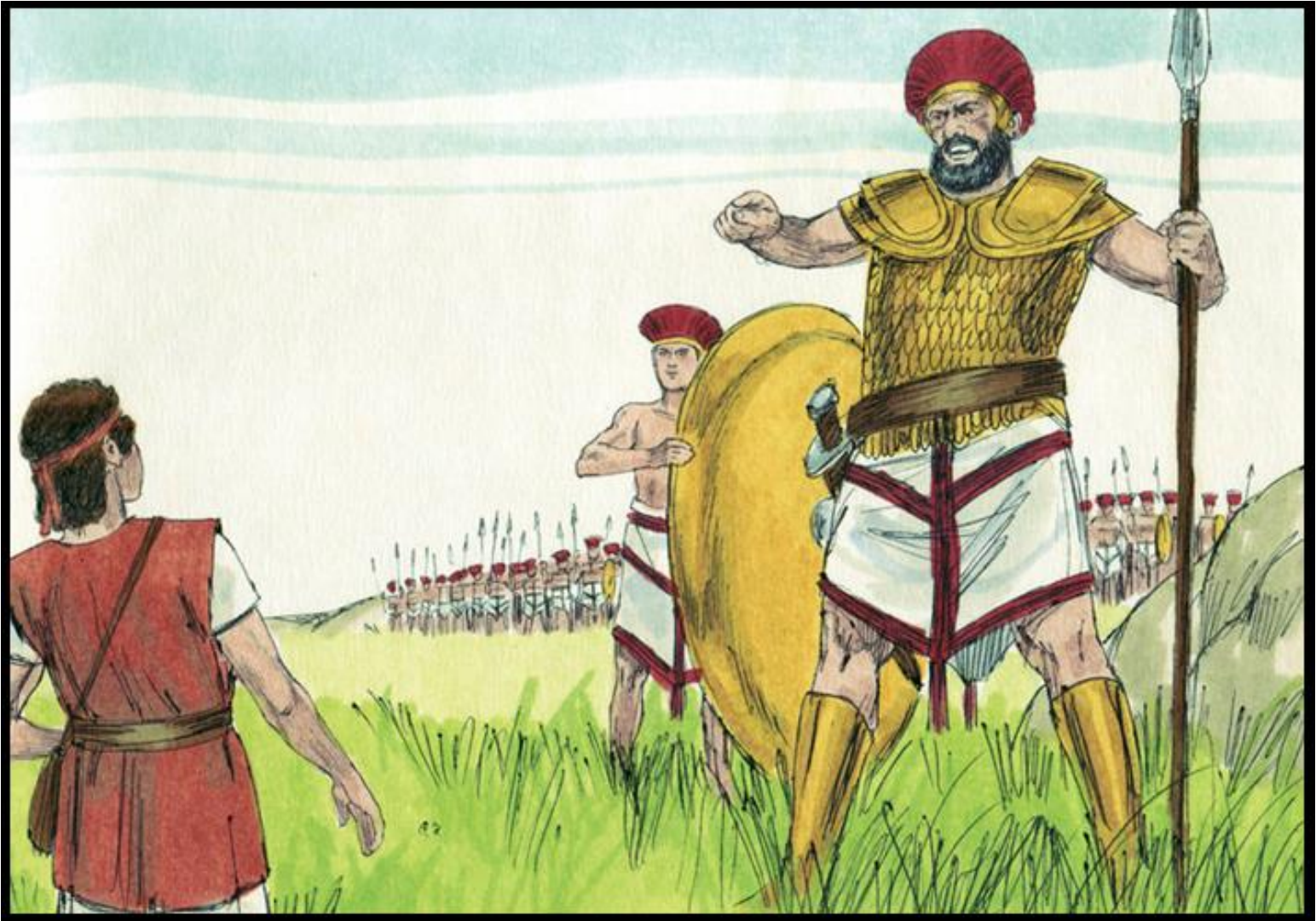


‘**So** Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel...’





**'So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling...'**



The '**SO**' shows on the  
outside, what's true  
*(believed)* on the inside.

Just as Noah

heard what God said

believed what God said &

did what God said

...so did Abram.



Abram heard and will  
continue to hear what God  
declared **to be true about  
the future** and what he  
promises **to do** for Abram.

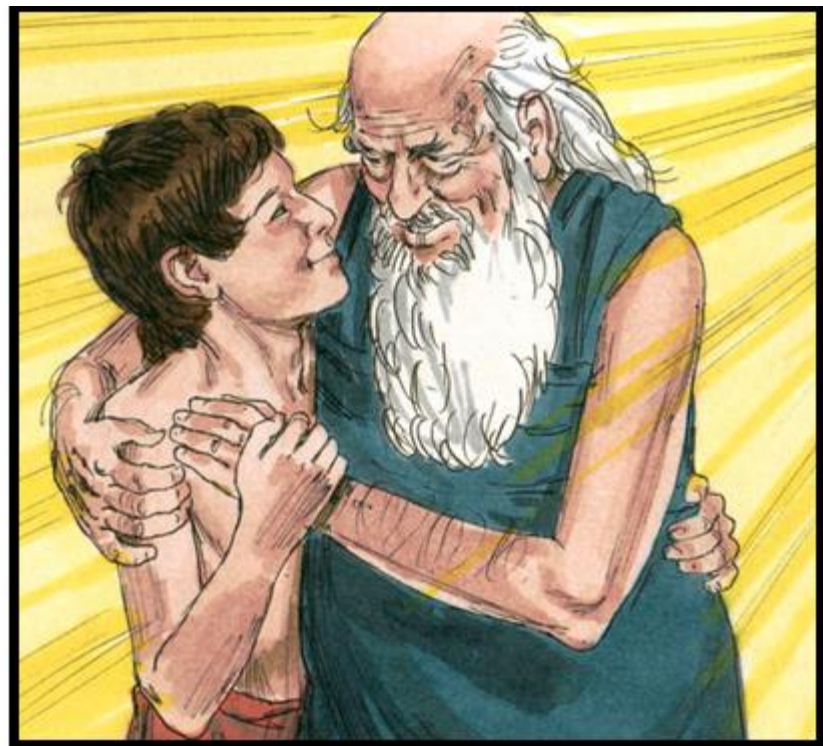
Abram will believe  
what God says  
is true.

Abram will do what  
God says to do.

*(even though he will fail along the way as well)*



From this point forward, most of the remainder of the Bible centers on Abram, his faith and his offspring (*physical and spiritual*)...



# **Abraham's faith and relationship with God will become the model for all believers.**

‘In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. (Gal 3:6-9)

**Abraham's faith and relationship with God will become the model for all believers.**

God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.' (Gal 3:6-9)