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Doubted God's love for them

Mal 1:2 "I have loved you," says the Lord. But you say, "How have you loved us?"

Despised God's name

Mal 1:6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'

Thought that God is unjust

Mal 2:17 You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

Robbed God of the offerings due

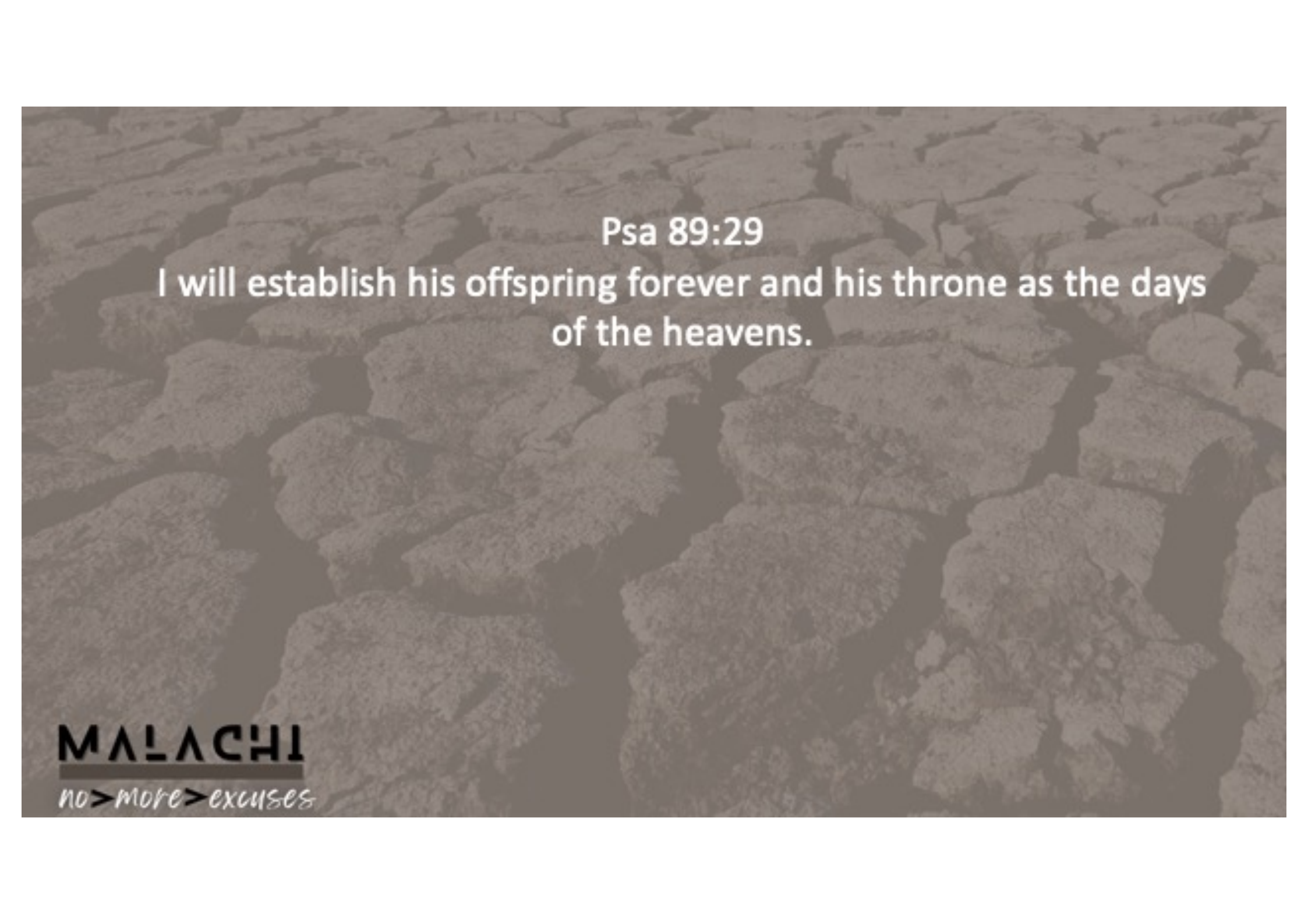
Mal 3:8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

Jealous of non-believers

Mal 3:14 You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?

15 And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"





Psa 89:29

I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days
of the heavens.

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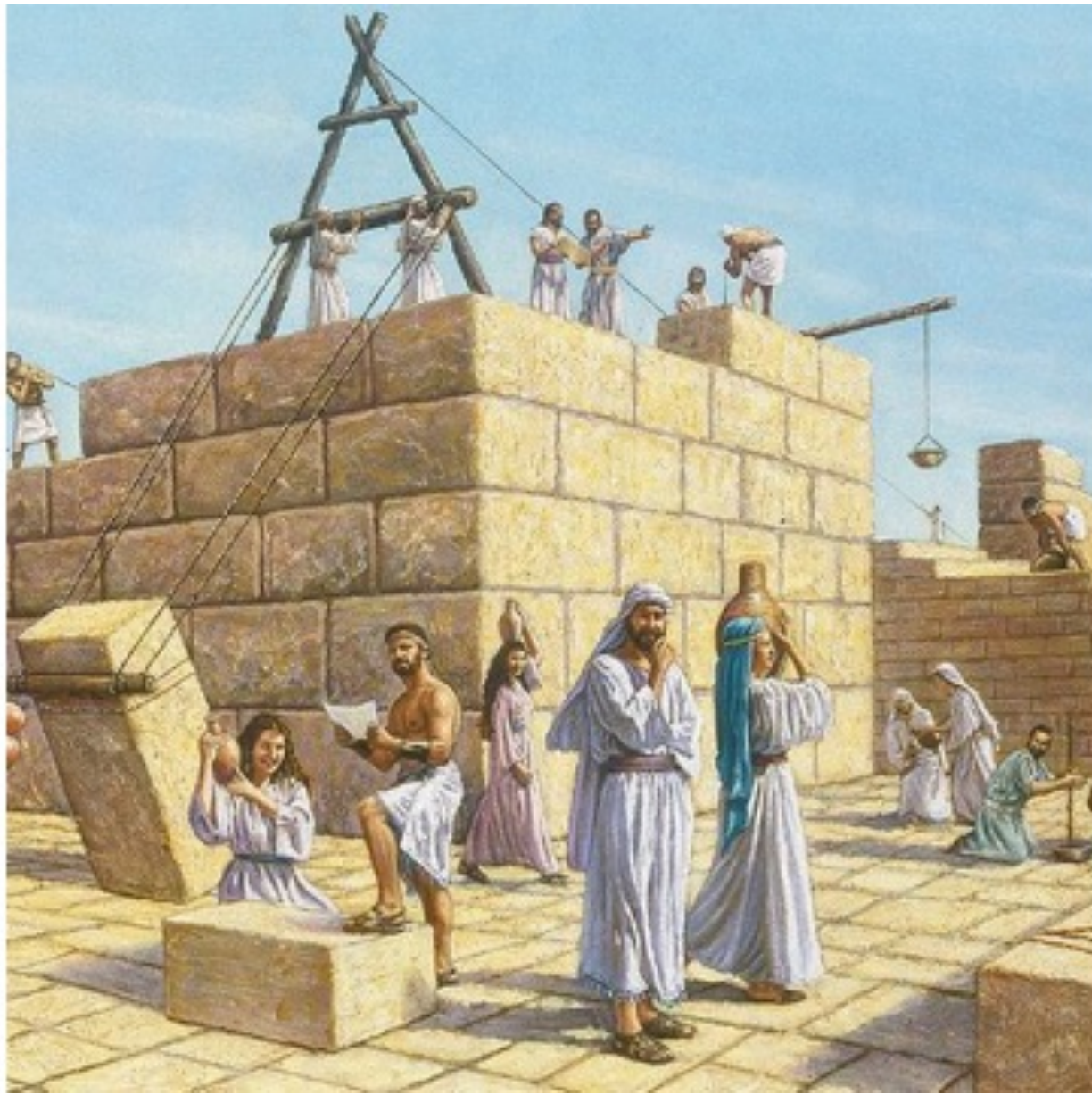


Psa 89:30

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules, 31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, 32 **then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes**, 33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness.

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Haggai 2:5

according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. 6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. 7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts.

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- Negligent / Corrupted Priesthood
- Failing system of offerings (tithings)
- Failure to uphold God's moral and social laws

"If God doesn't care, why should we?"

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The oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel by
Malachi.





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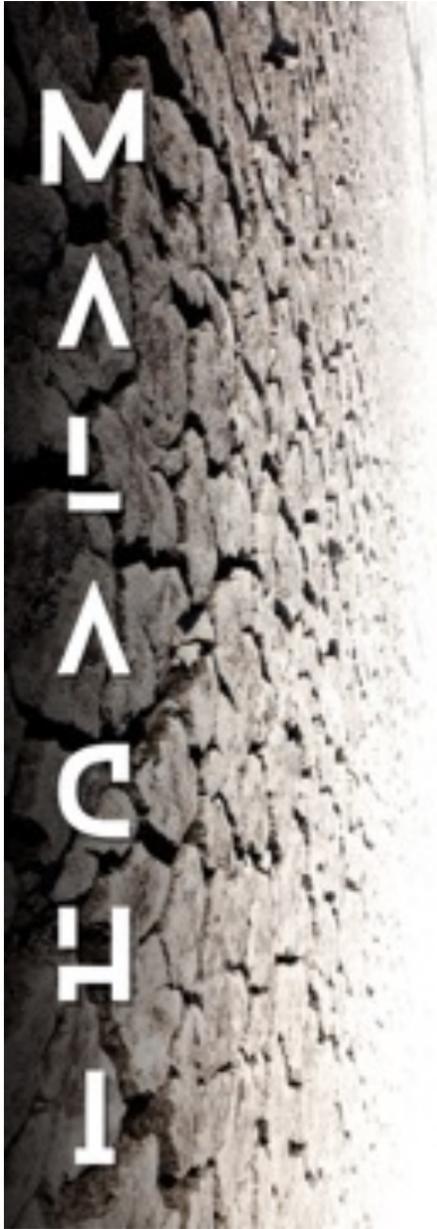
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God: "I love you"

People's excuse: "Where got?" "We don't see it"
"Got what proof?"

= People do not love God in return



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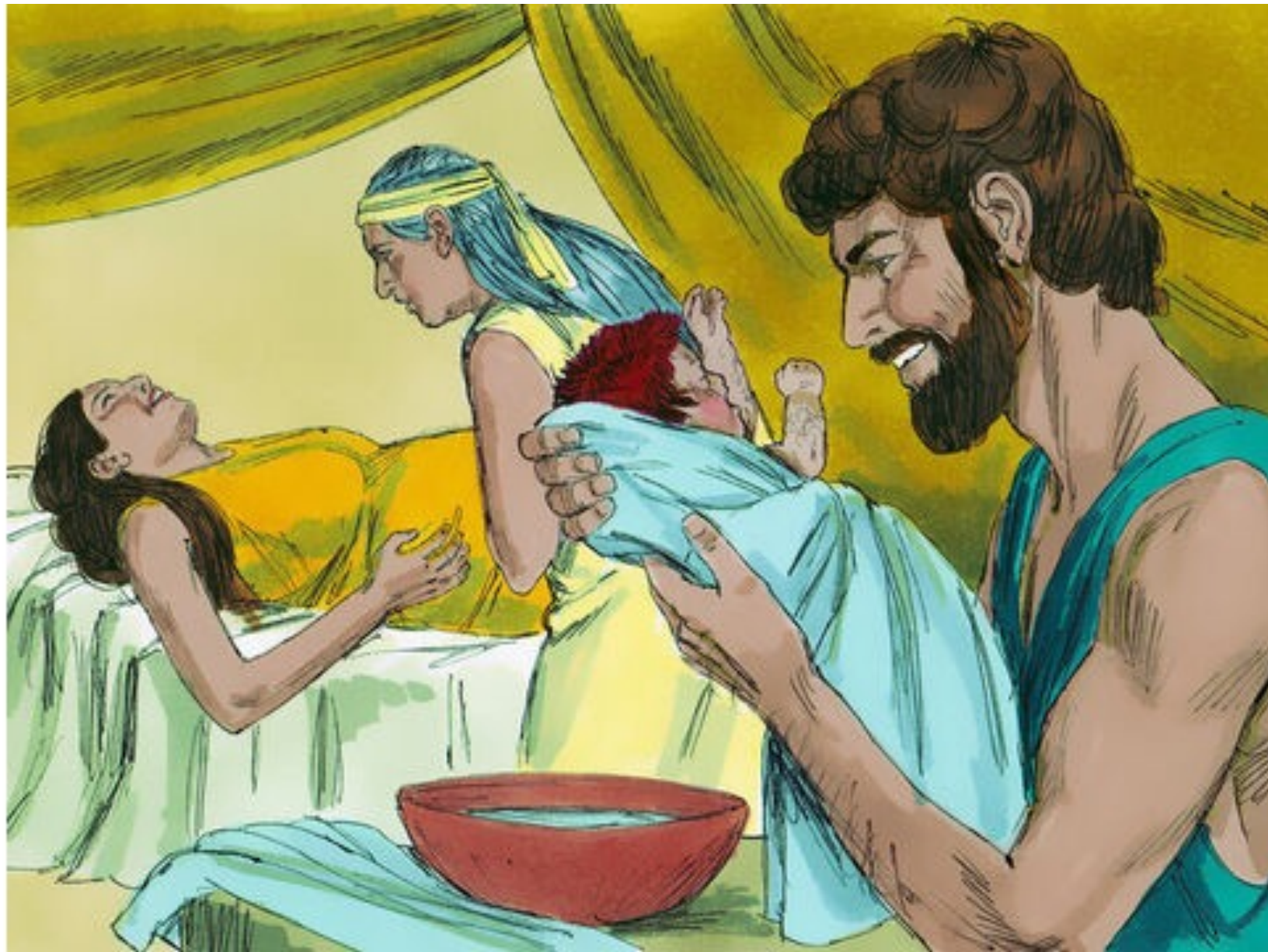
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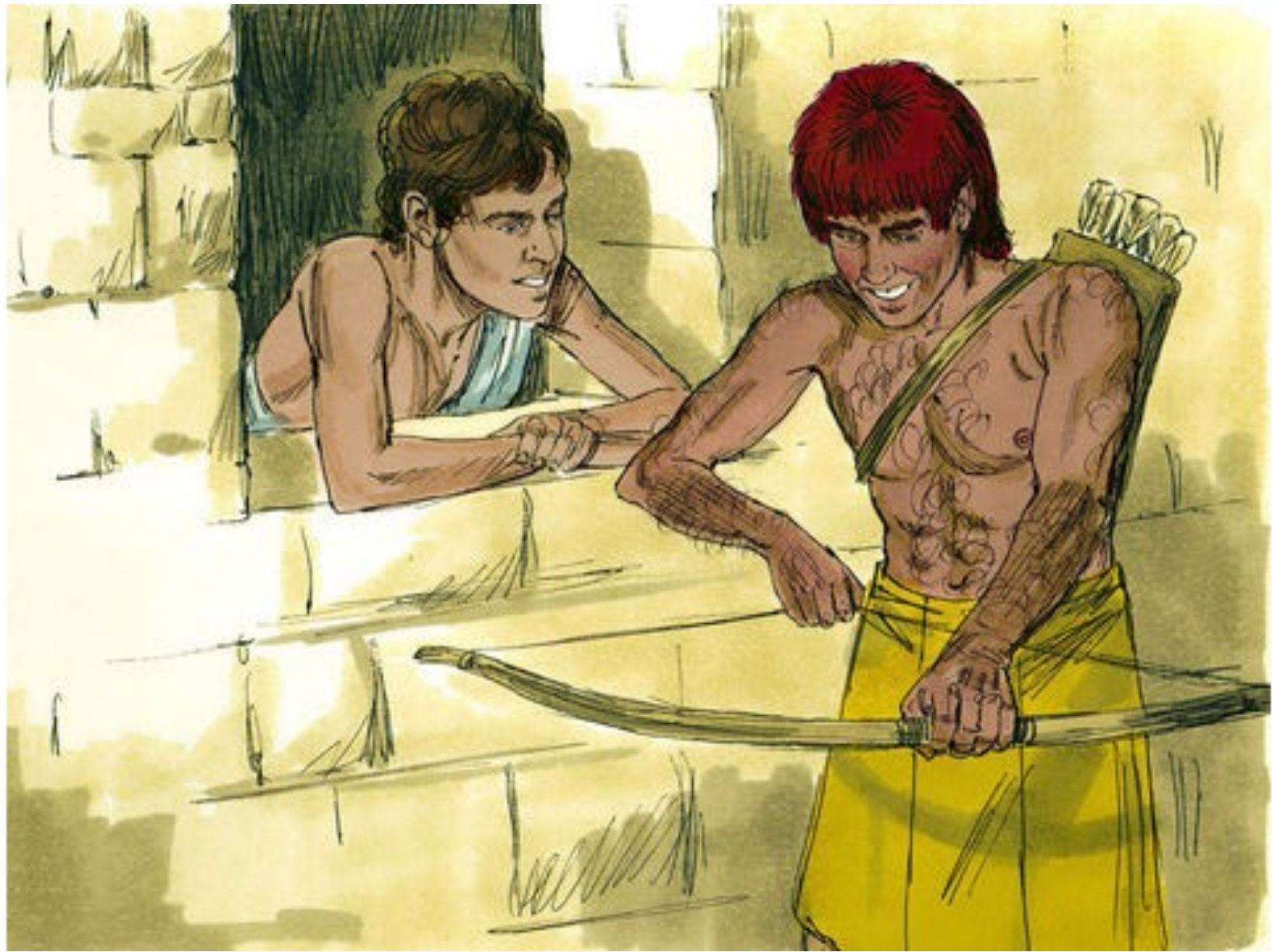
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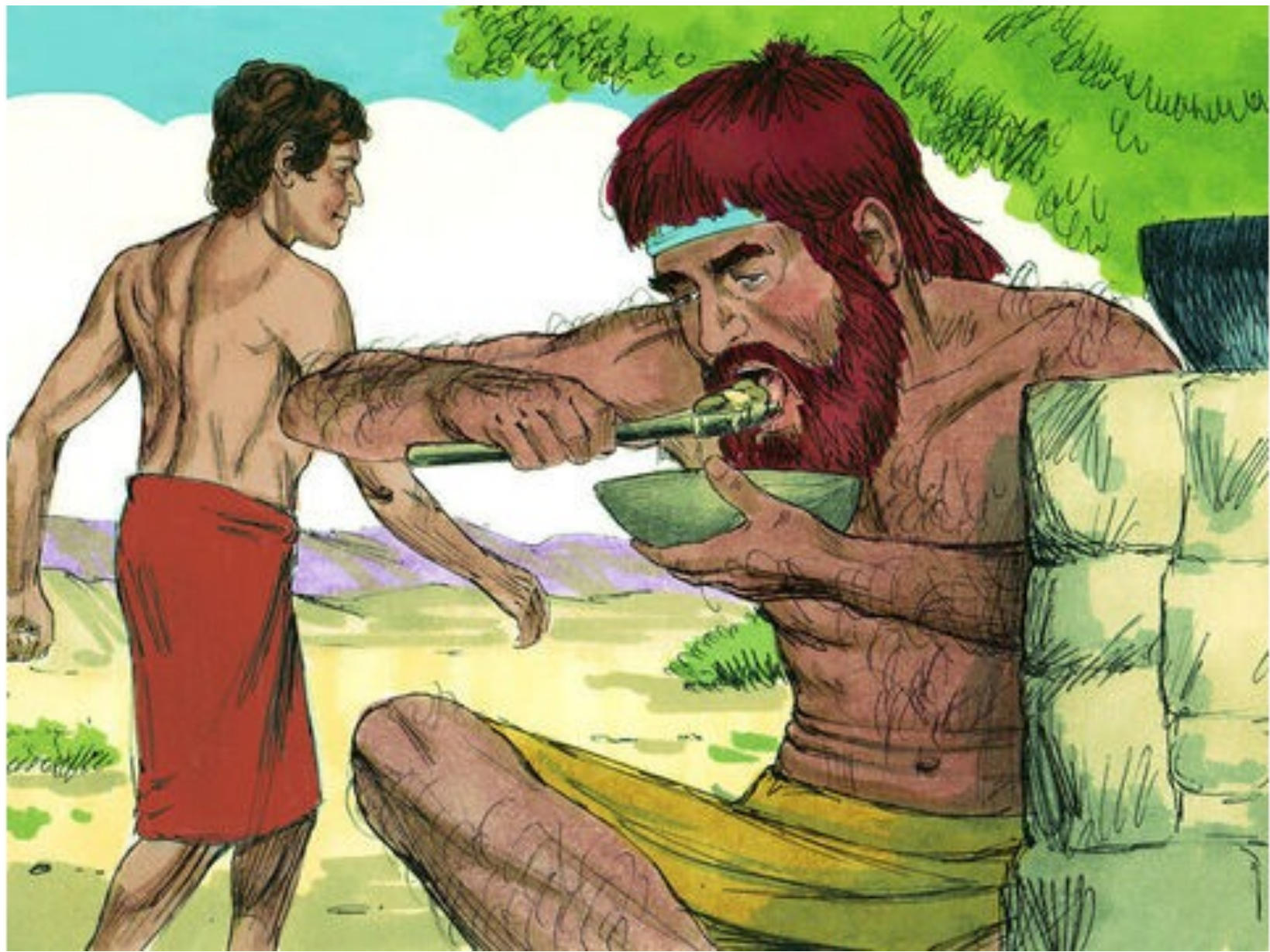
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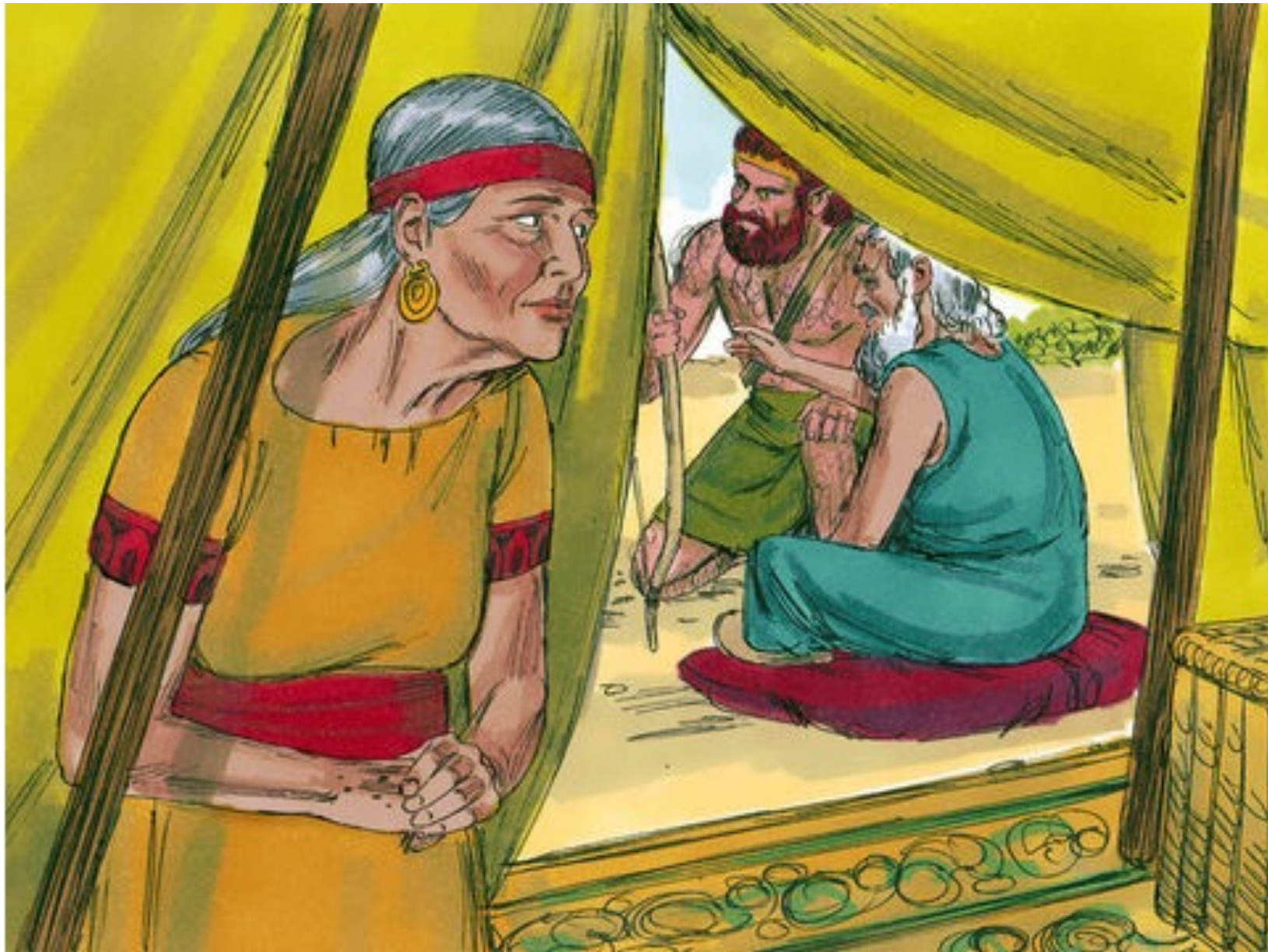
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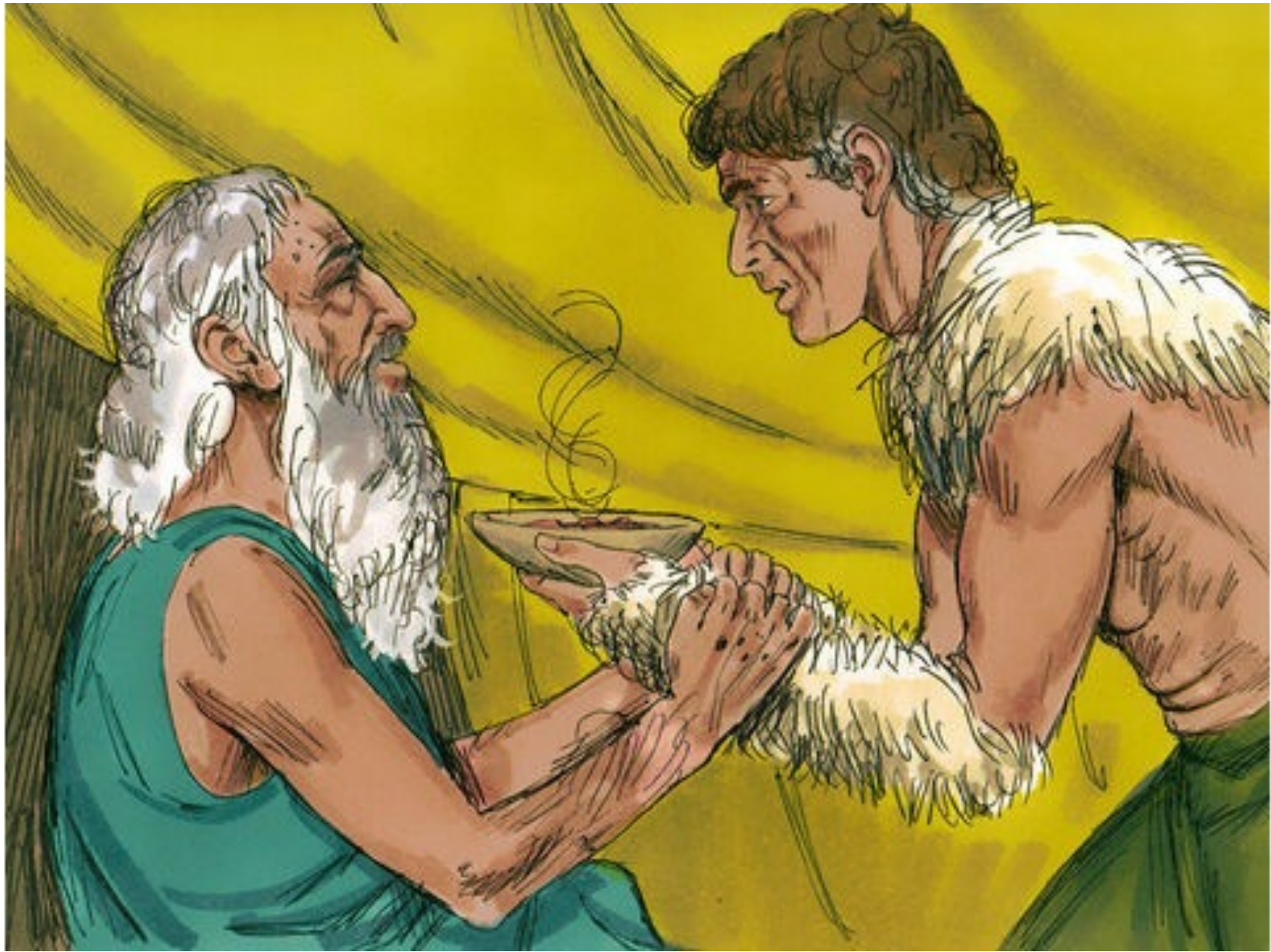


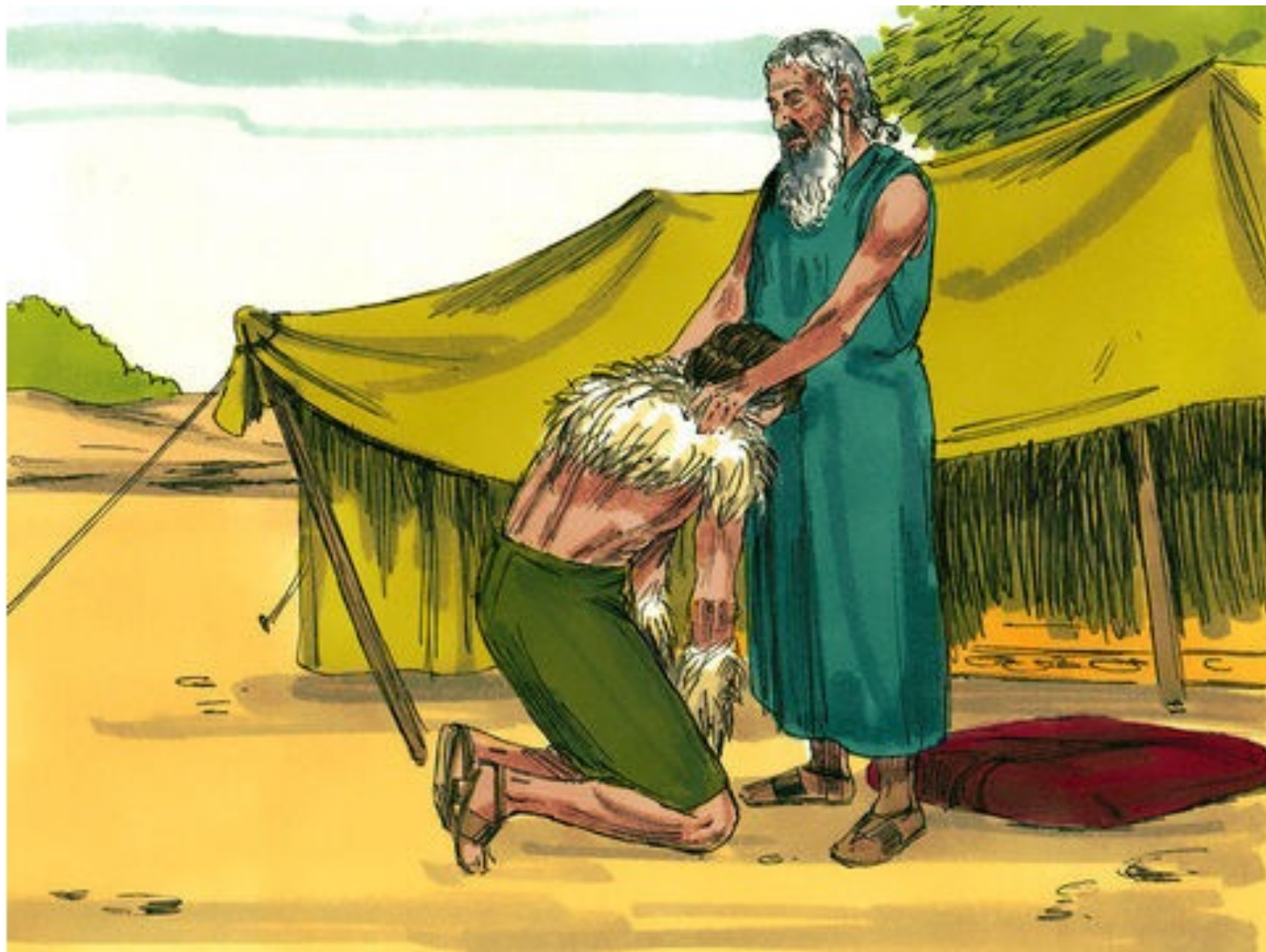




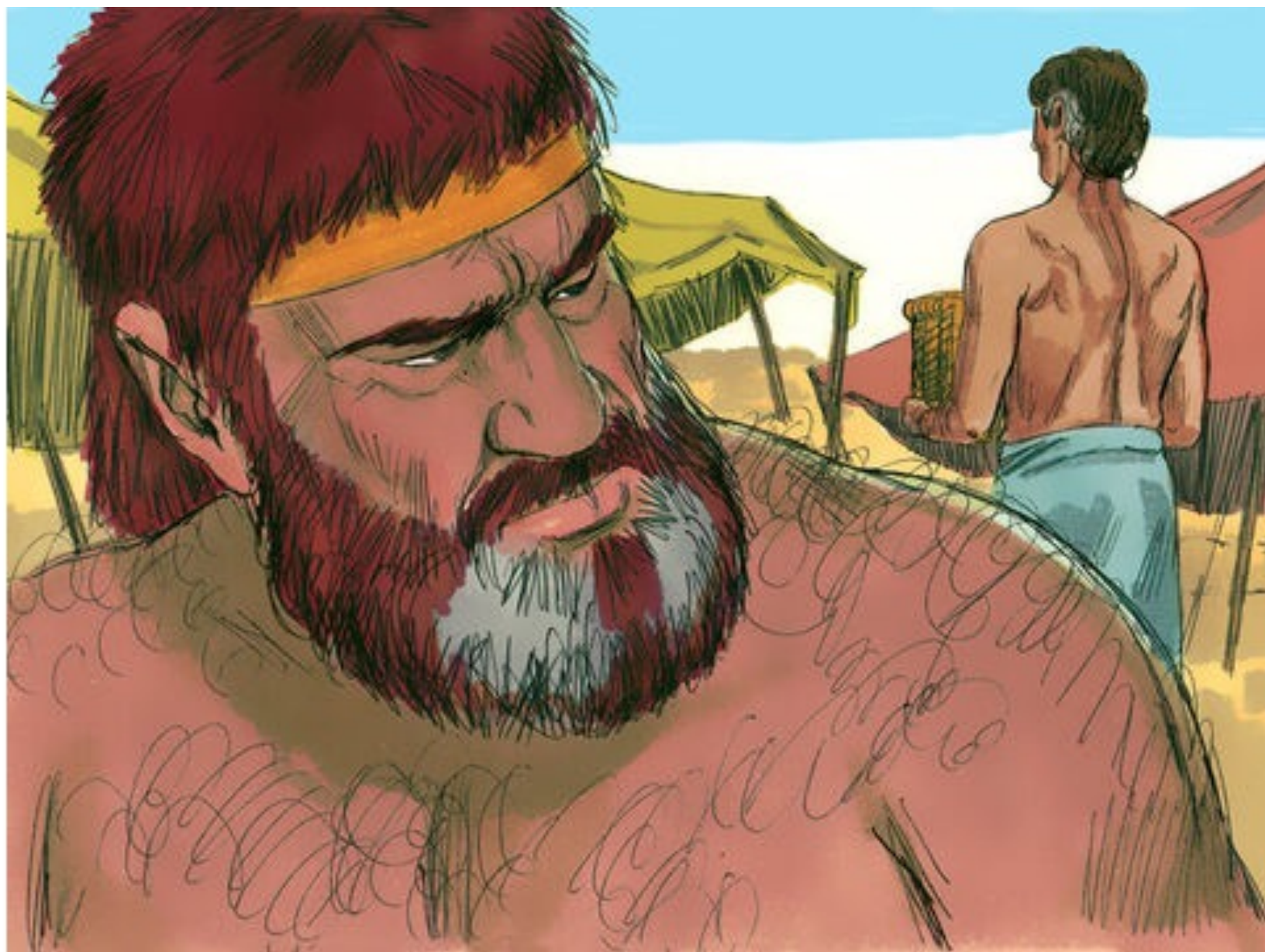












Rom 9:10

And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 **though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls**— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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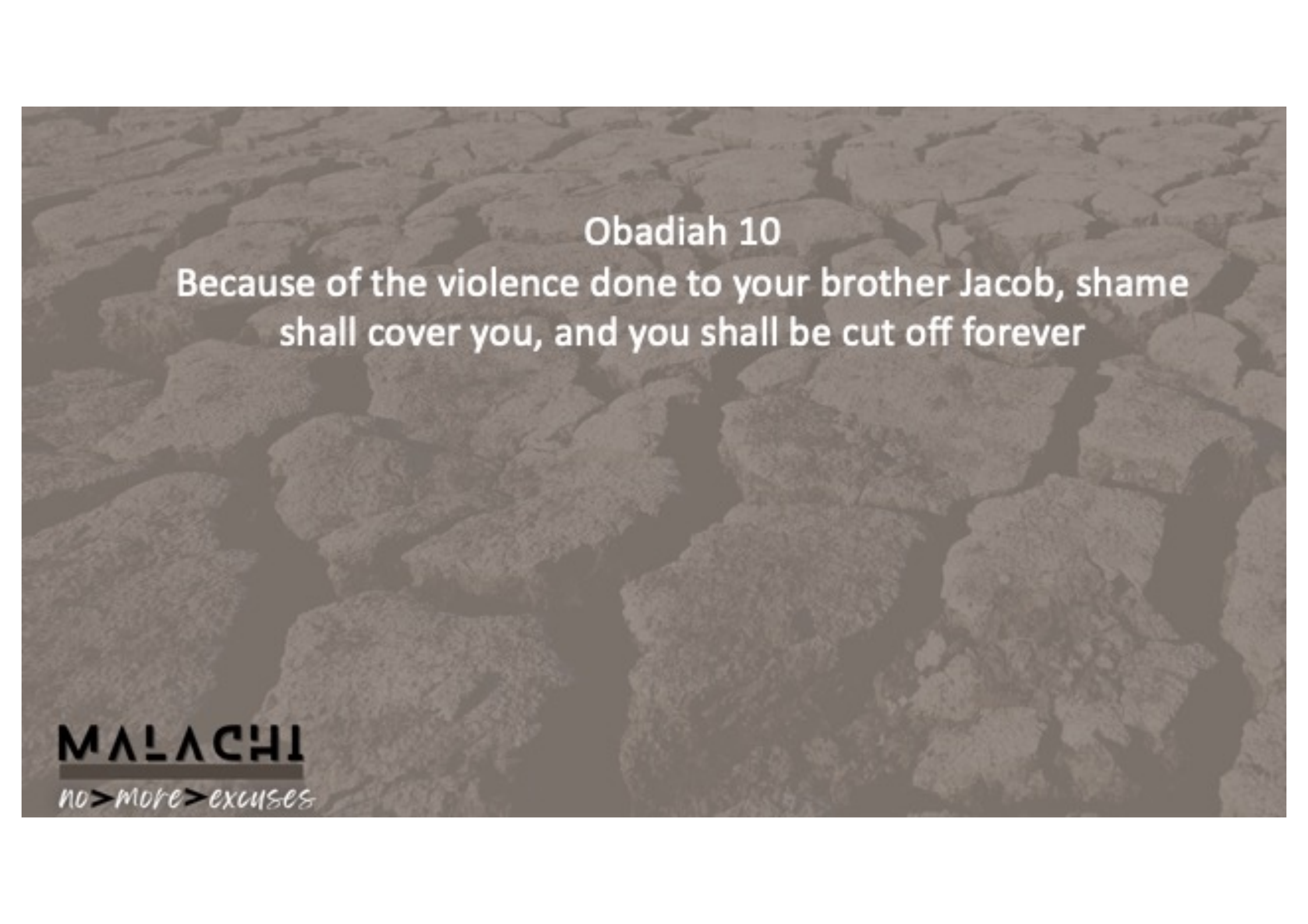
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Obadiah 10

Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame
shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever

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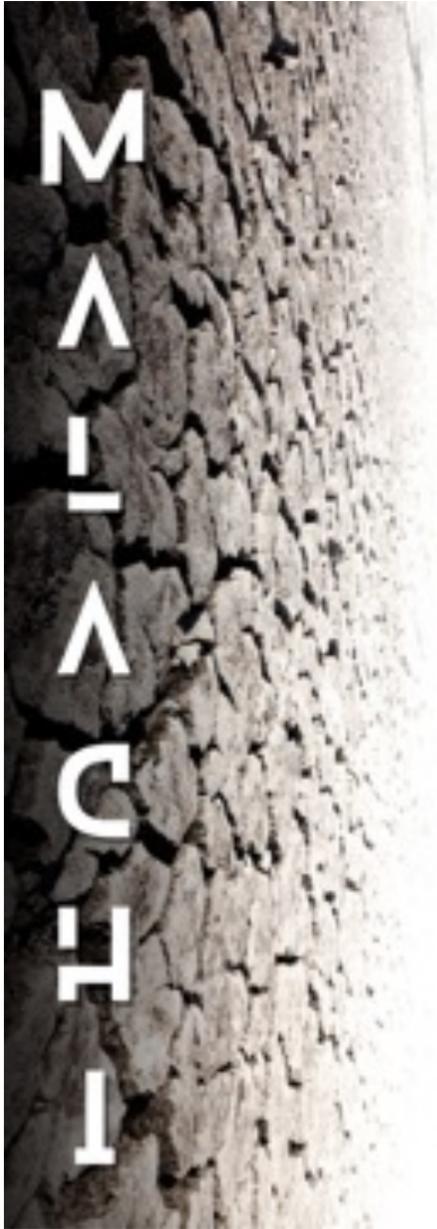
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Ezra 4:3-4 Concerning the house of God at
Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt, ... Let the
cost be paid from the royal treasury.

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Neh 2:7-8 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given me ...” And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

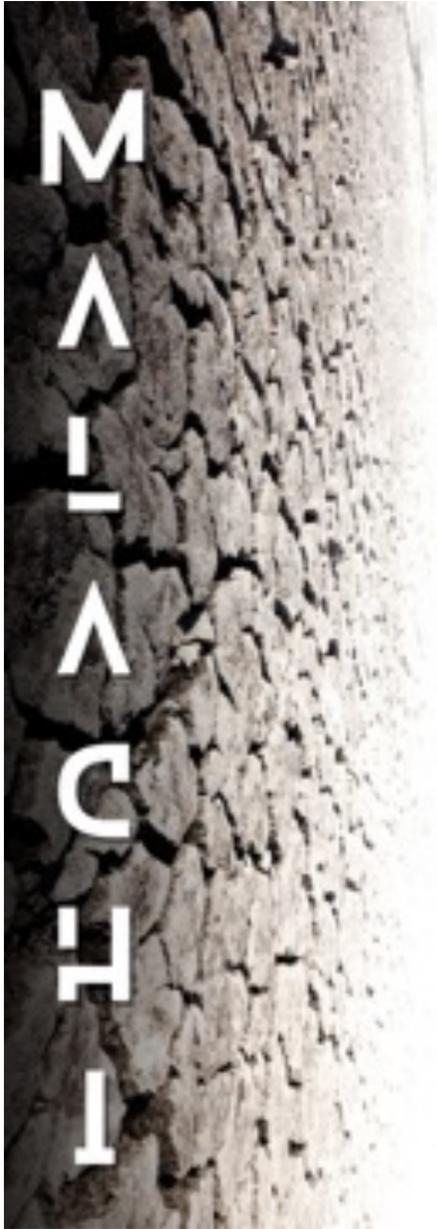
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- Profession (v5)

Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the Lord beyond the border of Israel!"

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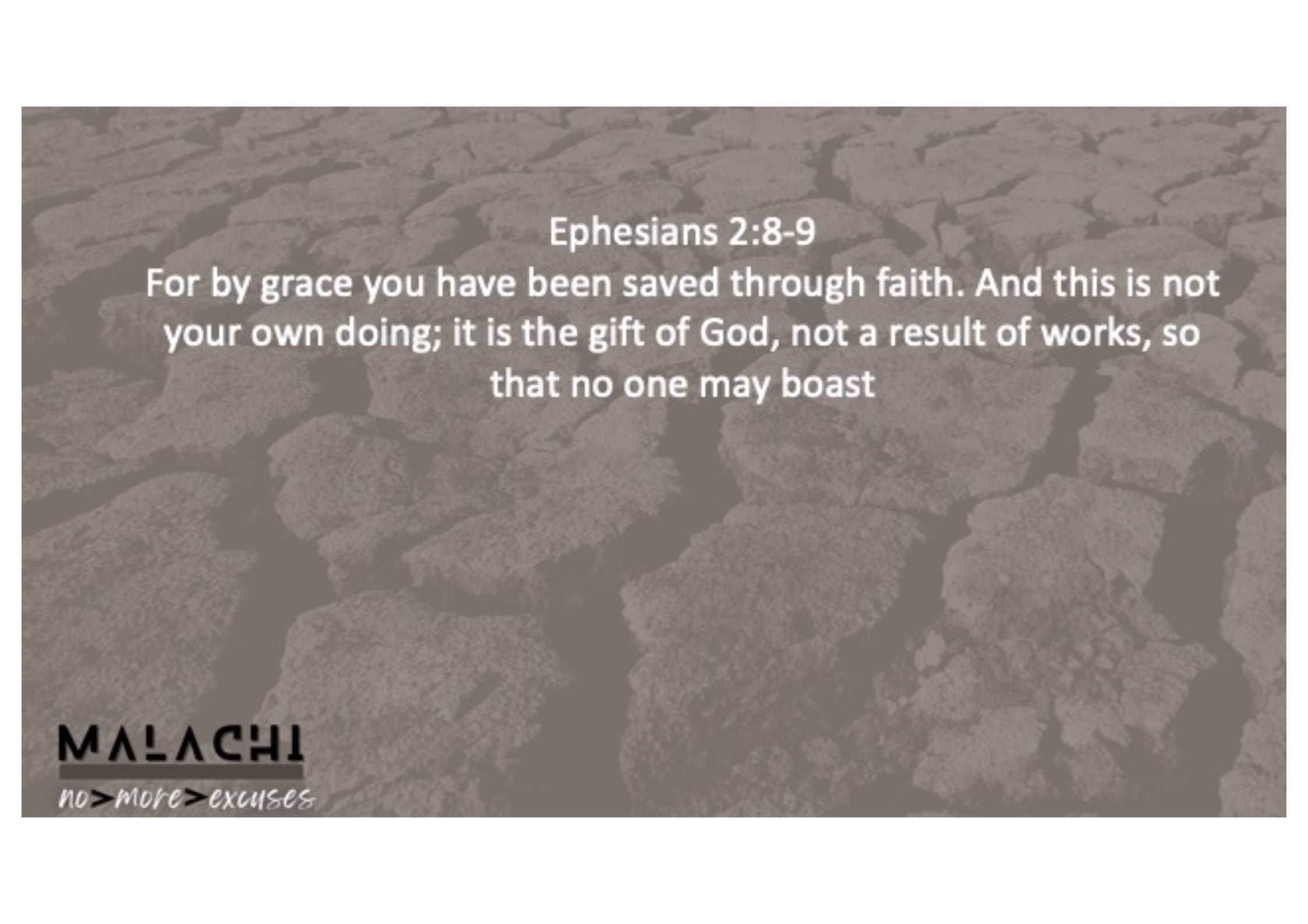


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Qn: How does this apply to believers today?

Christians today are similarly God's chosen people!





Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not
your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so
that no one may boast

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