

The
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Bible

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In the Beginning ...

... THERE WAS NOTHING.

EXCEPT GOD.

Day 1

*GOD'S SPIRIT MOVED THROUGH
THE VOID. THEN GOD SPOKE:*

**LET THERE
BE LIGHT!**

Day 2

THEN GOD SEPARATED THE WATERS OF THE NOTHINGNESS INTO THE MOISTURE AND CLOUDS OF THE SKY ABOVE, AND THE DROPS AND WAVES OF THE OCEAN BELOW. GOD NAMED THE SKY "HEAVENS."

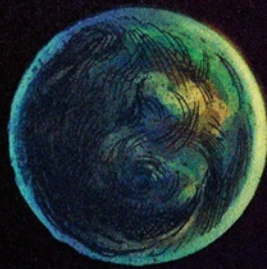
Day 3

GOD NAMED THE LOWER WATERS THE "SEA." HE GATHERED TOGETHER THE WATERS OF THE SEA, EXPOSING DRY GROUND. HE NAMED THE DRY LAND "EARTH." ON THIS LAND, HE MADE GRASS AND FLOWERS AND TREES. HE MADE THEM WITH SEEDS SO THEY COULD GROW MORE GRASS AND FLOWERS AND TREES. THE FRUITFUL EARTH WAS A PLACE OF BEAUTY.

AND GOD KNEW THAT IT WAS GOOD.

Day 4

THEN GOD FASHIONED THE SUN,
THE MOON, AND THE STARS TO
LIGHT THE EARTH. AND HE SET
THEM IN THE HEAVENS TO MARK
THE DAYS, SEASONS, AND YEARS.



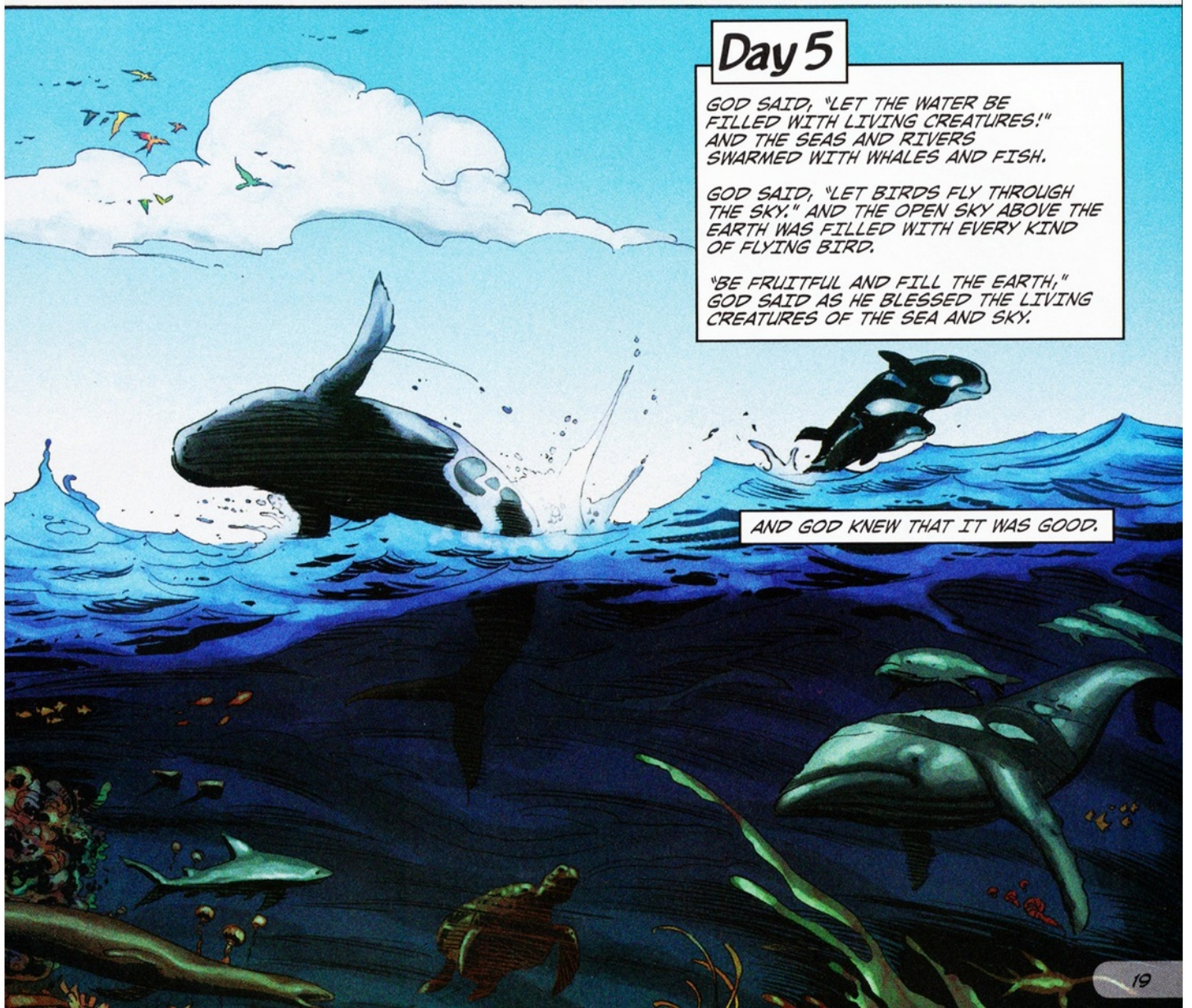
Day 5

GOD SAID, "LET THE WATER BE
FILLED WITH LIVING CREATURES!"
AND THE SEAS AND RIVERS
SWARMED WITH WHALES AND FISH.

GOD SAID, "LET BIRDS FLY THROUGH
THE SKY," AND THE OPEN SKY ABOVE THE
EARTH WAS FILLED WITH EVERY KIND
OF FLYING BIRD.

"BE FRUITFUL AND FILL THE EARTH,"
GOD SAID AS HE BLESSED THE LIVING
CREATURES OF THE SEA AND SKY.

AND GOD KNEW THAT IT WAS GOOD.



Day 6

THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH LIVING CREATURES." AND GOD MADE ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS: WILD ONES, TAME ONES—EVEN THOSE THAT CRAWL ON THE GROUND.

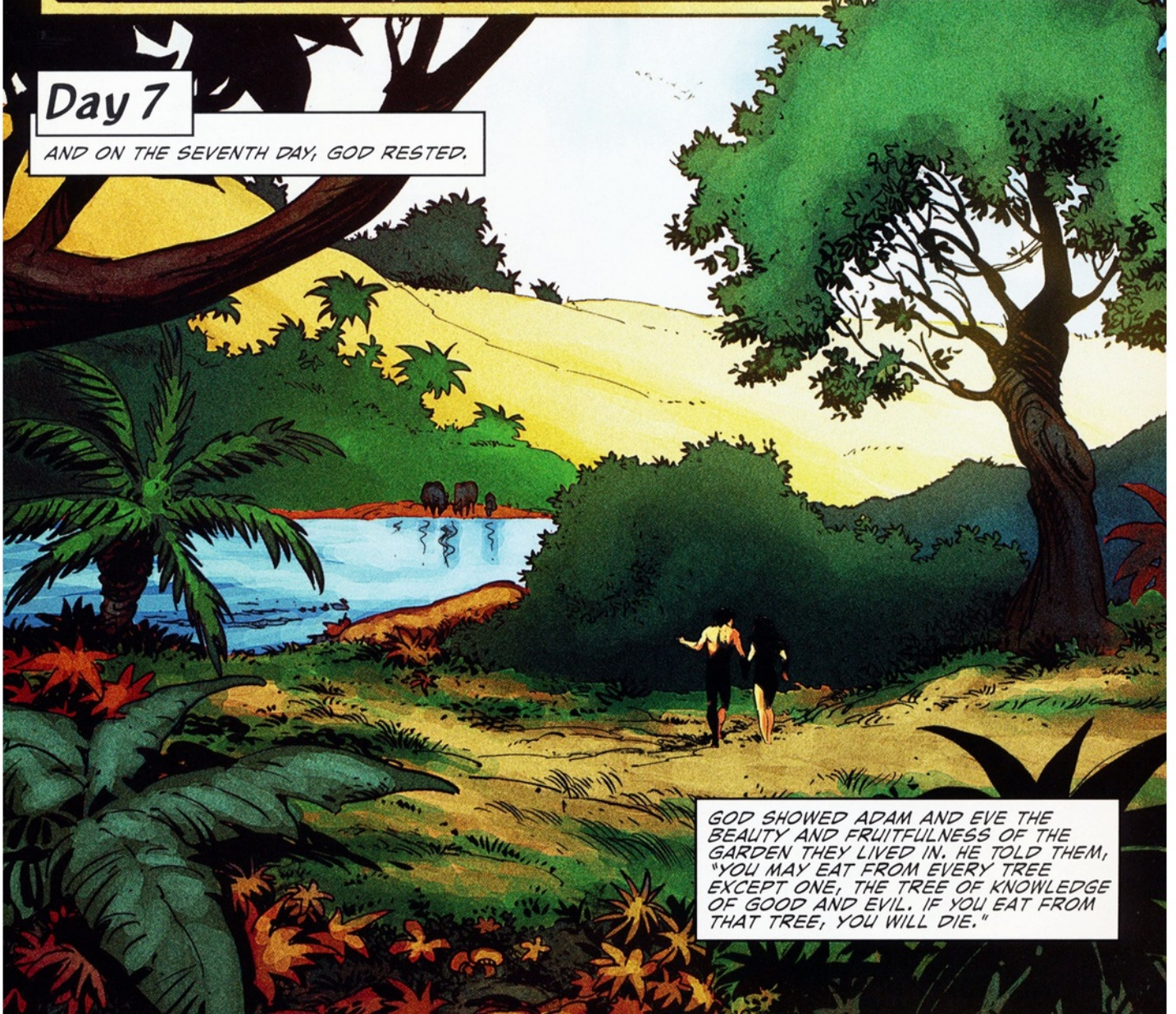
THEN GOD CREATED THE FIRST MAN, ADAM, AND THE FIRST WOMAN, EVE. THEY WERE THE GREATEST OF ALL GOD'S CREATIONS BECAUSE HE MADE THEM IN HIS OWN IMAGE, TO BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT HE IS LIKE. GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE WITH SOULS THAT WOULD LIVE FOREVER. AND HE PLANNED FOR PEOPLE TO RULE AND LIVE IN HARMONY WITH EVERY LIVING THING ON EARTH.



GOD LOOKED AT EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND HE KNEW IT WAS ALL VERY, VERY GOOD.

Day 7

AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY, GOD RESTED.



GOD SHOWED ADAM AND EVE THE BEAUTY AND FRUITFULNESS OF THE GARDEN THEY LIVED IN. HE TOLD THEM, "YOU MAY EAT FROM EVERY TREE EXCEPT ONE, THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. IF YOU EAT FROM THAT TREE, YOU WILL DIE."

Tempted in the Garden

BASED ON GENESIS 3

LOOK, ADAM!
THE LITTLE BIRD
COMES WHEN
I CALL!

GOD IS
GOOD TO US.
HE HAS GIVEN US
EVERYTHING.

EVERYTHING
EXCEPT FRUIT
FROM THE TREE
OF KNOWLEDGE
OF GOOD
AND EVIL.

YES, THAT IS
FORBIDDEN!

BUT EVE WONDERS. AND
ONE DAY SHE GOES TO
THE TREE AND GAZES AT
THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

SATAN, IN THE FORM OF A SERPENT, TEMPTS EVE.

ARE YOU SURE
GOD SAID NOT TO
EAT THIS FRUIT?

OH, YES. IF
WE EVEN TOUCH
IT, WE'LL DIE.

OH, YOU WON'T
DIE IF YOU TOUCH
IT. SEE? AND IF YOU
EAT IT, YOU WILL BE
WISE—JUST LIKE
GOD.

YOU'RE RIGHT!
AND IF THIS FRUIT
WILL MAKE ME WISE,
SURELY THERE'S NO
HARM IN TAKING
JUST ONE BITE.

ADAM!
IT TASTES
DELICIOUS!

AND IT WILL
MAKE YOU WISE.

BUT THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT HAS FAR DIFFERENT EFFECTS THAN THE SERPENT PROMISED. SUDDENLY ADAM AND EVE REALIZE THEY HAVE DISOBEYED GOD. THEIR INNOCENCE IS TAKEN AWAY AS WELL.

WE'RE NOT WISE—WE'RE JUST NAKED!

COVER YOURSELF WITH THESE LEAVES! WE MUST HIDE.

IN THE STILLNESS OF THE GARDEN, GOD COMES TO ADAM AND EVE.

HOW DID YOU KNOW YOU WERE NAKED? HAVE YOU EATEN THE FRUIT I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT?

I ONLY ATE IT BECAUSE THE WOMAN YOU GAVE ME HANDED IT TO ME.

THE SERPENT YOU CREATED TRICKED ME!

BECAUSE YOU DISOBEYED ME, YOU MUST LEAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN. FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK HARD TO SURVIVE.

GOD MAKES CLOTHES FOR ADAM AND EVE OUT OF ANIMAL SKINS AND SENDS THEM AWAY.

LOOK! A FLAMING SWORD BLOCKS THE ENTRANCE TO THE GARDEN. WE CAN NEVER GO BACK NOW!

WHERE CAN WE GO? WHAT CAN WE DO?

GOD'S PROMISE OF SALVATION

THE PERFECT UNITY BETWEEN GOD AND HIS BELOVED CREATION IS NOW BROKEN FOR ALL TIME. ADAM AND EVE ARE FORCED TO CREATE A NEW LIFE OUT OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SHAME.

BUT ALREADY, GOD HAS A PLAN TO REDEEM HIS CREATION. GOD PROMISES THAT ONE DAY HE WILL SEND A SAVIOR FOR HIS PEOPLE.

Brother's Blood Cry

BASED ON GENESIS 4-5

OUTSIDE THE GARDEN OF EDEN, THE LAND IS BARREN, HOT, AND DRY. WEARY, ALONE, AND FRIGHTENED, ADAM AND EVE SEARCH UNTIL THEY FIND A PLACE TO MAKE A HOME.

REMEMBER HOW BEAUTIFUL EDEN WAS? IF ONLY ...

IT IS OUR OWN FAULT FOR DISOBEYING GOD. BUT I WILL TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO OBEY AND LOVE GOD. IF I CAN HELP IT, THEY WON'T REPEAT OUR MISTAKE.

SO ADAM TEACHES THEIR SONS, CAIN AND ABEL, ABOUT GOD.

GOD MADE THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

GOD EVEN GAVE ME MY LITTLE LAMB!

SHEEP ARE DUMB.





AS LONG
AS ABEL IS
AROUND, HE'LL
ALWAYS BE THE
FAVORITE.

GOD TOLD ME I
COULD CHOOSE TO HAVE
POWER OVER MY
SIN ...



... BUT I'D RATHER
CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE
A BROTHER!

*CAIN GIVES IN TO HIS JEALOUSY
AND KILLS HIS BROTHER.*



NOW I
JUST NEED TO
PRETEND I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT ABEL'S
DEATH.

BUT GOD CALLS OUT TO CAIN.

CAIN!
WHERE IS YOUR
BROTHER?



I ...
I DON'T KNOW.
AM I SUPPOSED
TO KEEP TRACK OF
MY BROTHER?

HE
KNOWS!

YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD
CRIES OUT TO ME FROM THE GROUND.
FROM NOW ON, THE GROUND WILL YIELD
NO FRUIT FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL
WANDER THE EARTH UNTIL
YOUR DEATH.

PLEASE, GOD,
THIS PUNISHMENT
IS MORE THAN
I CAN TAKE!



GOD'S SENTENCE IS CARRIED OUT. CAIN FLEES TO A LAND CALLED NOD. EVENTUALLY HE WILL GET MARRIED, START A FAMILY, AND BUILD THE FIRST CITY, WHICH HE WILL NAME FOR HIS SON, ENOCH. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, ADAM AND EVE ARE HEARTBROKEN OVER LOSING BOTH OF THEIR SONS.

OUR HOUSE IS SO EMPTY NOW, ADAM. WILL WE ALWAYS BE ALONE LIKE THIS?

WE BROUGHT THIS TRAGEDY ON OURSELVES. SO DID CAIN. BUT GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US. LET'S ASK HIM TO HELP US NOW.

IN TIME, GOD GIVES ADAM AND EVE A THIRD SON.

WE'LL CALL HIM SETH.

AND WE'LL TEACH HIM TO OBEY GOD THE WAY ABEL DID.

SETH LEARNS TO OBEY GOD. TWO OF HIS DESCENDANTS ARE ENOCH, WHO "WALKED WITH GOD," AND METHUSELAH, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 969—THE OLDEST PERSON WHO EVER LIVED.

AS GENERATIONS
PASS, HOWEVER,
PEOPLE TURN AWAY
FROM GOD. THEY LIE,
CHEAT, AND MURDER.

THEY WORSHIP THE SUN AND THE
MOON AND THE STARS, AND THEY
BOW DOWN BEFORE IDOLS.

BUT THERE IS ONE
MAN, NOAH, WHO
LOOKS ON THE
SINFULNESS OF THE
WORLD WITH FEAR.

HOW
LONG WILL
GOD ALLOW THIS
WICKEDNESS TO
CONTINUE?

Rainy Days

BASED ON GENESIS 6-7



NOAH OBEYS AND BEGINS BUILDING AN ARK. HE FOLLOWS THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT GOD GIVES HIM.



WHEN THE ARK IS FINISHED,
GOD TELLS NOAH TO TAKE
SEVEN PAIRS OF EACH KIND
OF ANIMAL AND BIRD THAT
IS USED FOR FOOD, AND
ONE PAIR OF EACH KIND
THAT IS NOT USED FOR
FOOD. NOAH AND HIS
FAMILY ENTER THE ARK.



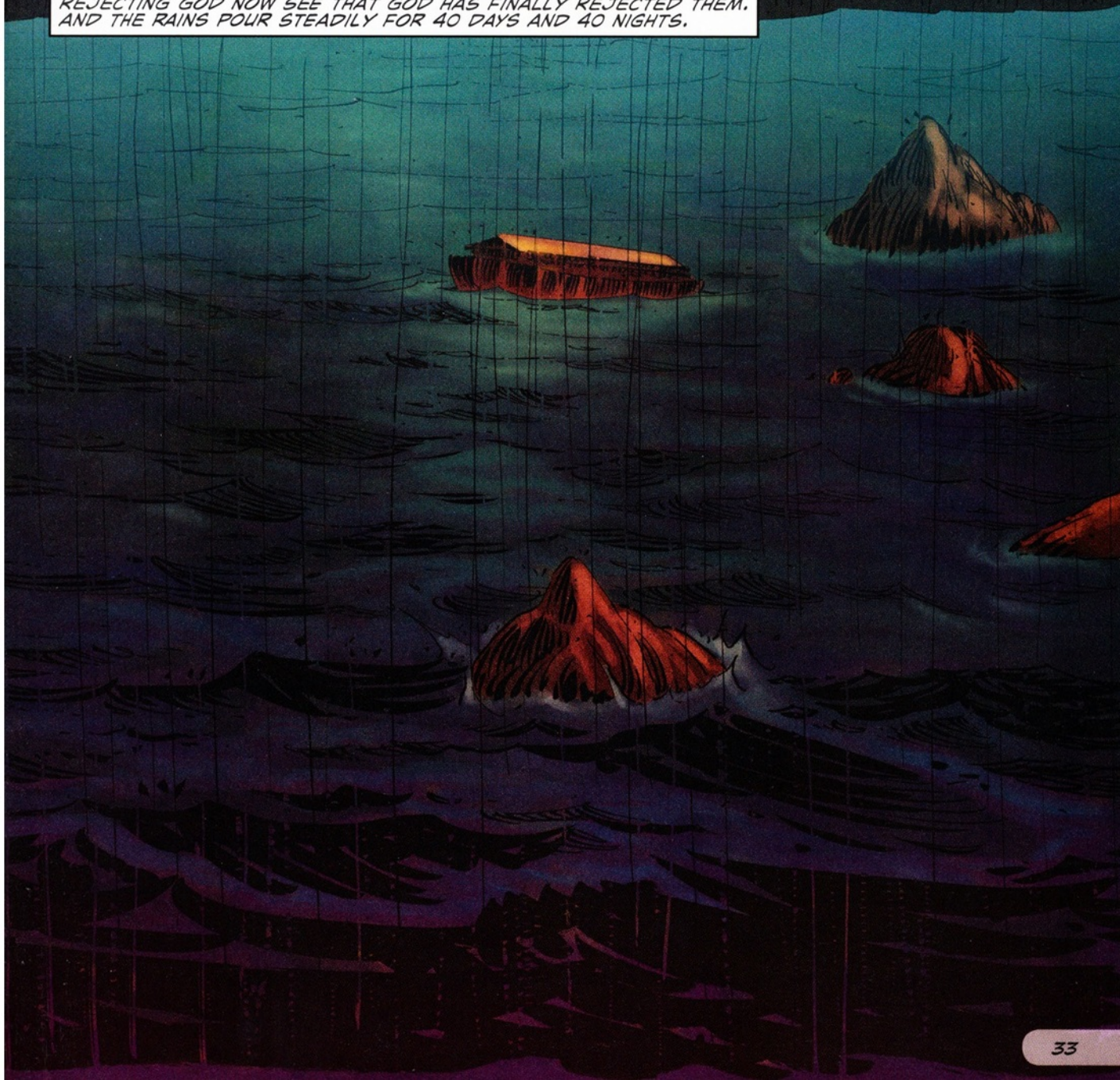


A FEW DAYS LATER, SUDDENLY
LIGHTNING FLASHES. THE
WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPEN
AND THE RAINS POUR DOWN.
FLOODWATERS RISE RAPIDLY.





*BUT IT IS TOO LATE. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPENT THEIR LIVES
REJECTING GOD NOW SEE THAT GOD HAS FINALLY REJECTED THEM.
AND THE RAINS POUR STEADILY FOR 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS.*



WATER FLOWS OVER THE LAND AND RISES ABOVE THE MOUNTAIN TOPS. ALL THE EARTH IS COVERED. ONLY NOAH'S GREAT ARK SURVIVES. THE FLOOD DESTROYS EVERYTHING EVIL.



AS THE RAIN POURS WITHOUT STOPPING, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY WORK HARD TO CARE FOR THE ANIMALS IN THE ARK.

HAVE YOU FED THE COWS AND SHEEP YET, SHEM?

YES, I JUST FINISHED. NOW I'M GOING TO FEED THE REPTILES.

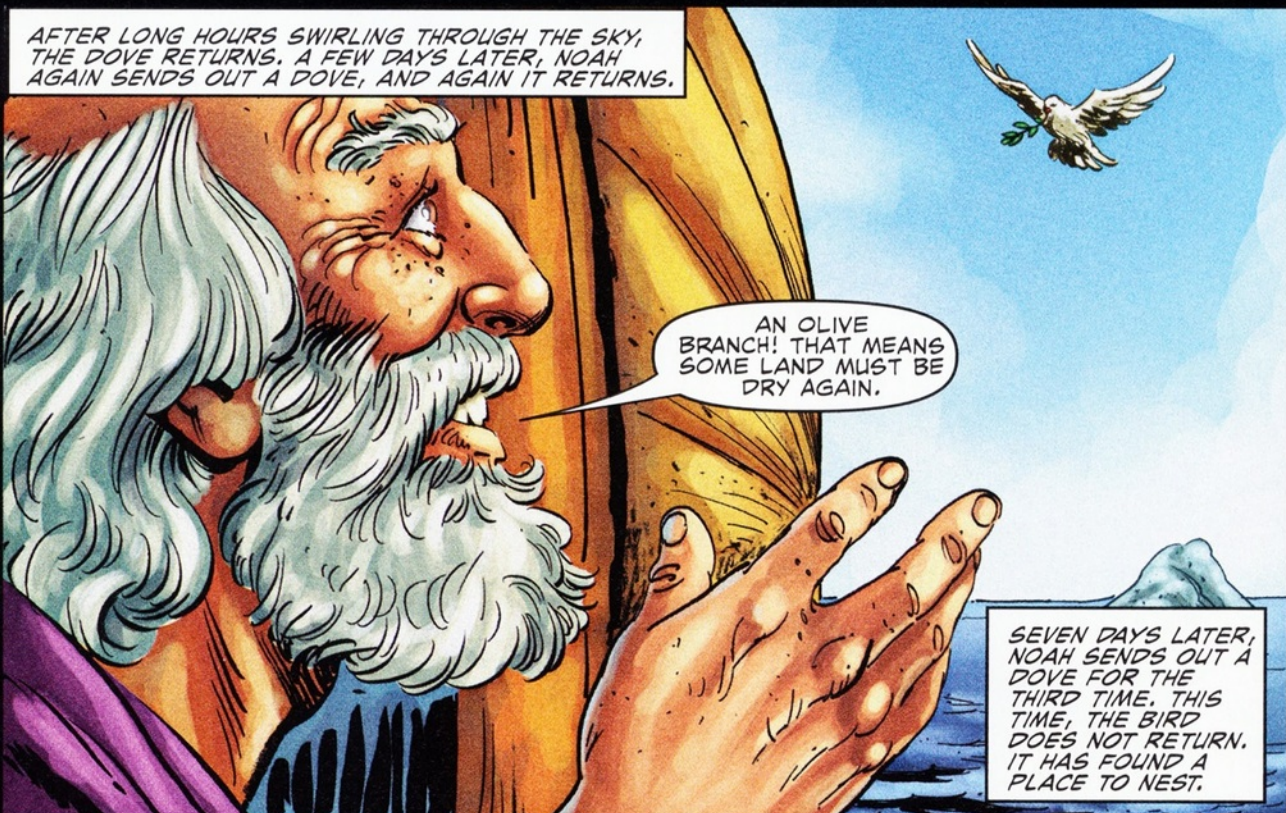
AND NOW I HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE COWS AND SHEEP ...

... AND THEN THE REPTILES.

ONE DAY THE RAIN STOPS! BUT THE ARK STILL FLOATS ABOVE THE FLOODED EARTH. LAND IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT.

A Rainbow Promise

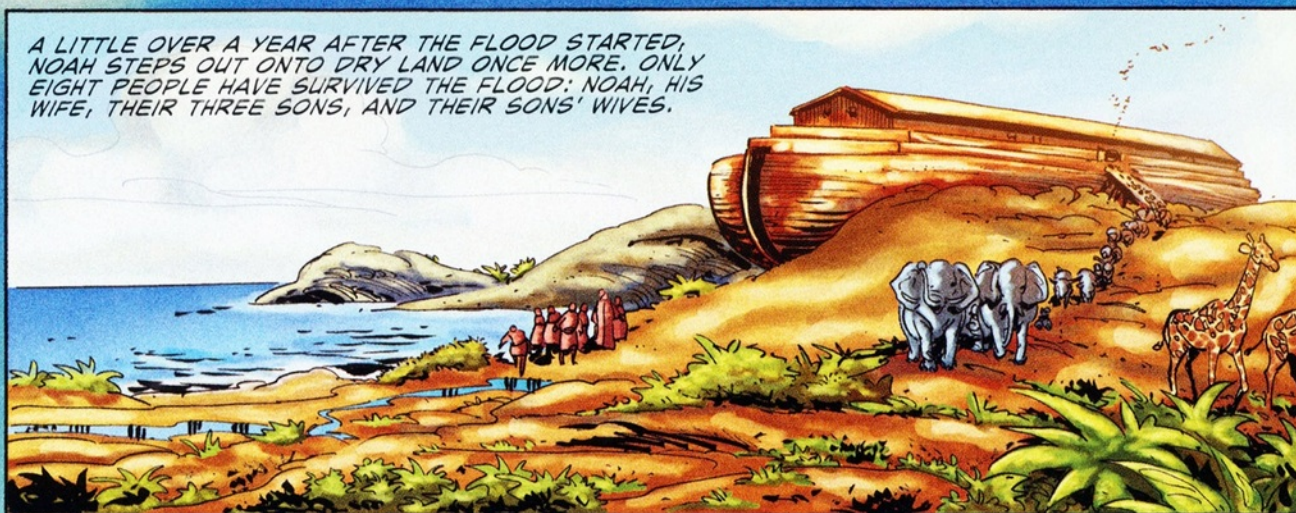
BASED ON GENESIS 8-10





NOAH AND HIS FAMILY ARE ANXIOUS TO LEAVE THE ARK. THEY LOOK EVERY DAY FOR SIGNS OF DRY LAND.

LOOK!



A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AFTER THE FLOOD STARTED, NOAH STEPS OUT ONTO DRY LAND ONCE MORE. ONLY EIGHT PEOPLE HAVE SURVIVED THE FLOOD: NOAH, HIS WIFE, THEIR THREE SONS, AND THEIR SONS' WIVES.

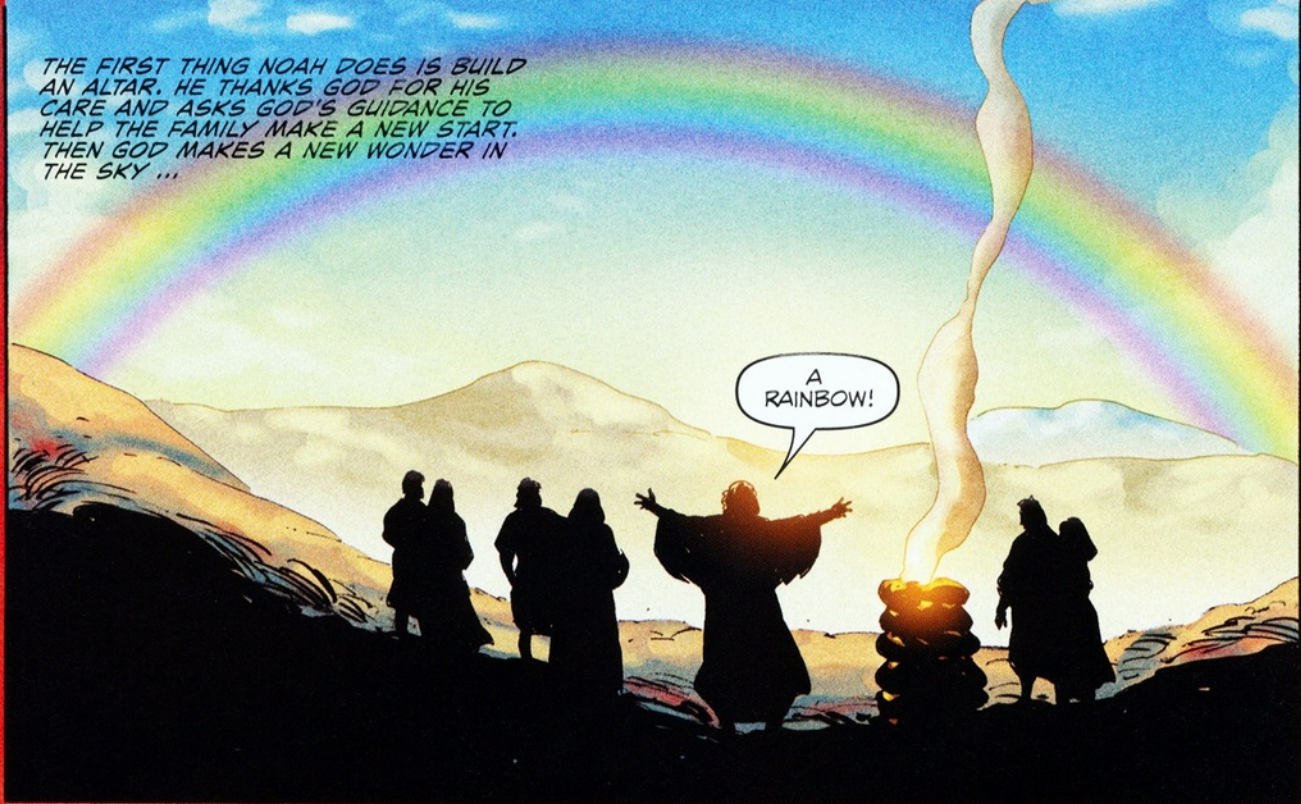
THE WARM SUN ON MY FACE, THE GRASS UNDER MY FEET—IT FEELS WONDERFUL!

EVERYTHING EVIL IS GONE. THROUGH US, GOD IS GIVING HUMAN BEINGS A NEW START. WE MUST OBEY GOD AND TEACH EVERYONE WHO FOLLOWS US TO OBEY.



OH, GROUND! HOW I'VE MISSED YOU!!

THE FIRST THING NOAH DOES IS BUILD AN ALTAR. HE THANKS GOD FOR HIS CARE AND ASKS GOD'S GUIDANCE TO HELP THE FAMILY MAKE A NEW START. THEN GOD MAKES A NEW WONDER IN THE SKY ...



FOR AS LONG AS THE EARTH LASTS, THERE WILL BE A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO HARVEST. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SUMMER AND WINTER, DAY AND NIGHT. BUT NEVER AGAIN WILL A FLOOD DESTROY THE WHOLE EARTH.



IT'S BEAUTIFUL! GOD IS GOOD!

WHENEVER PEOPLE SEE A RAINBOW, THEY'LL REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISE THAT A FLOOD WILL NEVER DESTROY THE WHOLE EARTH AGAIN.

IN THE YEARS AFTER THE FLOOD, NOAH'S SONS—SHEM, HAM, AND JAPHETH—AND THEIR FAMILIES MOVE DOWN TO THE RIVER VALLEYS. THEIR FAMILIES GROW LARGER. IN TIME, THE MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS ARE DOTTED WITH THE TENTS OF SHEPHERD TRIBESMEN, AND THE RICH RIVER VALLEYS WITH GROWING CITIES.



A Babbling Tower

BASED ON GENESIS 11:1-9

AS PEOPLE FROM THE CITIES WORK TOGETHER, THEY BECOME PROUD OF THE THINGS THEY CAN BUILD. THEY EVEN DREAM OF BUILDING A GREAT TOWER ...

WE'LL BUILD A TOWER HIGH ENOUGH TO REACH HEAVEN.

IT WILL MAKE US FAMOUS AND POWERFUL!





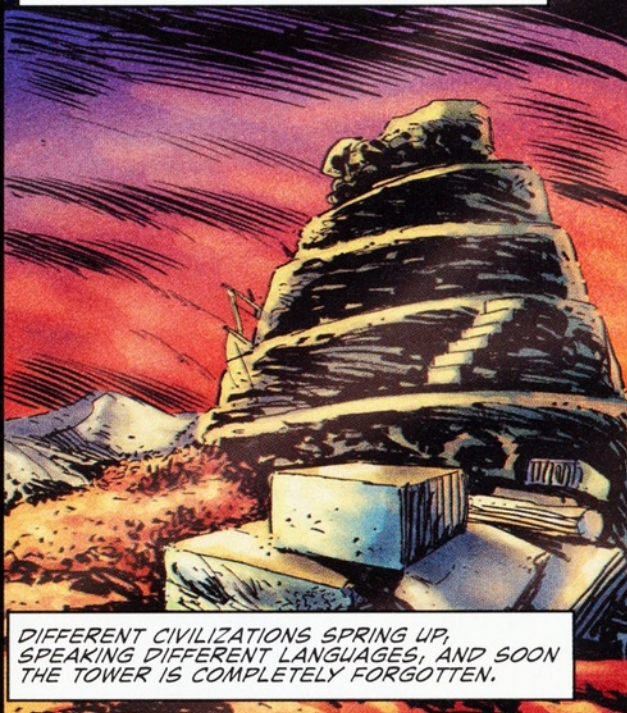
A TOWER
THAT WILL REACH
TO HEAVEN—WE
RULE!!

PEOPLE
CAN SEE IT FOR MILES.
IN TIMES OF DANGER, WE'LL
RALLY OUR FORCES AROUND
IT. NO ONE IS GOING TO
CONQUER AND SCATTER US.
WITH THIS TOWER, WE'LL
BE INVINCIBLE!

BUT GOD IS DISPLEASED WITH THE PEOPLE'S
QUEST FOR FAME AND POWER. TO STOP
THEIR WORK ON THE TOWER, HE CAUSES THE
PEOPLE TO SPEAK IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.

YOU'RE TALKING
GIBBERISH!! HOW CAN I
WORK WITH A MAN I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND?

BECAUSE THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND EACH
OTHER, THE BUILDERS ARE CONFUSED.
THEY STOP WORKING ON THE TOWER. ONE
BY ONE, FAMILIES WHO SPEAK THE SAME
LANGUAGE MOVE AWAY. THE GIANT TOWER,
CALLED BABEL, BEGINS TO CRUMBLE ...



DIFFERENT CIVILIZATIONS SPRING UP,
SPEAKING DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND SOON
THE TOWER IS COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN.

God's Wager

BASED ON JOB

IN A DISTANT LAND, JOB, A MAN WHO LOVES GOD, HAS EVERYTHING HE NEEDS. HE HAS 7,000 SHEEP, 3,000 CAMELS, 1,000 OXEN, 500 DONKEYS AND SERVANTS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL HIS NEEDS. HE ALSO HAS A WONDERFUL FAMILY—A WIFE, SEVEN SONS, AND THREE DAUGHTERS ...

THE LORD HAS BLESSED ME TO OVERFLOWING!

UP IN HEAVEN, GOD IS PROUD OF HIS RIGHTEOUS SERVANT. BUT SATAN HATES TO SEE A HAPPY ENDING.

JOB ONLY WORSHIPS YOU BECAUSE YOU MAKE SURE NOTHING BAD EVER HAPPENS TO HIM.

IF YOU DIDN'T GIVE HIM SUCH RICHES AND BLESSINGS—

—HE WOULD TURN FROM YOU IN AN INSTANT AND CURSE YOUR NAME.

YOU THINK SO? VERY WELL. YOU MAY TEST HIM. TAKE AWAY HIS BLESSINGS, BUT DO NOT HURT HIM.

SATAN WASTES NO TIME IN STRIKING JOB WITH CATASTROPHE. ONE DAY A MESSENGER COMES TO JOB ...

THE SABEANS ATTACKED! THEY STOLE THE OXEN AND DONKEYS AND KILLED THE PEOPLE WORKING IN YOUR FIELDS. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED.

THAT SAME MOMENT, ANOTHER MESSENGER ARRIVES ...

LIGHTNING STRUCK THE SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS. THEY'RE ALL DEAD. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED.

THEN A THIRD MESSENGER COMES ...

CHALDEANS RAIDED THE CAMELS AND KILLED THE CAMEL DRIVERS. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED.

YET ANOTHER MESSENGER ARRIVES WITH BAD NEWS ...

YOUR OLDEST SON'S HOUSE COLLAPSED, KILLING ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED.

JOB IS SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF HIS PROPERTY AND LIVESTOCK. BUT HE IS DEVASTATED AT THE DEATH OF HIS CHILDREN!

HE SHAVES OFF ALL HIS HAIR IN GRIEF, AND RIPS HIS CLOTHES TO TATTERS. BUT HE DOES NOT BLAME GOD FOR THIS MISFORTUNE.

I CAME INTO THIS WORLD WITH NOTHING, AND I WILL LEAVE IT WITH NOTHING. GOD GAVE, AND GOD TOOK AWAY. PRAISE BE TO GOD!

SEE, SATAN? HE IS A BETTER MAN THAN YOU THOUGHT.

WELL, SURE. SINCE I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM OR HIS HEALTH. BUT NO ONE PRAISES GOD WHEN THEY'RE SICK.

SO YOU THINK. RUIN HIS HEALTH, IF YOU THINK THAT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THIS RIGHTEOUS MAN. BUT DO NOT KILL HIM.

SATAN IMMEDIATELY RETURNS TO EARTH AND STRIKES JOB WITH TERRIBLE OPEN SORES FROM HEAD TO FOOT. HE CURSES JOB WITH INSOMNIA AND—WHEN JOB DOES SLEEP—SATAN TERRIFIES HIM WITH NIGHTMARES. JOB CAN'T KEEP HIS FOOD DOWN AND LOSES SO MUCH WEIGHT, HE CAN HARDLY MOVE.

STILL, JOB DOES NOT COMPLAIN. BUT HIS WIFE ...

EVERYTHING WE OWNED AND EVERYONE WE LOVED IS GONE. SURELY THIS DISEASE WILL KILL YOU. YOU SHOULD JUST CURSE GOD AND DIE!

JOB LOOKS AT HIS WIFE OUT OF PAINFUL, BLEARED EYELIDS.

DON'T BE A FOOL. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE GOOD THINGS FROM GOD WITHOUT ALSO ACCEPTING THE BAD.

WHEN JOB'S FRIENDS HEAR ABOUT HIS TROUBLES, THEY COME TO SIT WITH HIM IN THE GARBAGE DUMP AT THE EDGE OF TOWN. THE DISEASE HAS AFFECTED JOB SO STRONGLY, HIS FRIENDS ALMOST DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE HIM. FOR SEVEN DAYS, NO ONE SPEAKS. THEY JUST SIT TOGETHER WITH THEIR FRIEND. FINALLY, AFTER A WEEK, JOB BREAKS OUT WITH A CRY OF GRIEF.

I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG! WHY IS GOD LETTING ALL THESE TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN TO ME?

ELIPHAZ IS SHOCKED AT JOB'S HARSH QUESTION.

NOW, DON'T GET UPSET, JOB, BUT FROM EVERYTHING I'VE SEEN, GOD DOESN'T PUNISH INNOCENT PEOPLE. YOU MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG.

BUT I HAVEN'T SINNED! AND EVEN IF I HAVE, GOD KNOWS MY HEART AND WOULD FORGIVE ME.

BUT BILDAD IS NOT CONVINCED.

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE BLAMING GOD FOR BEING UNFAIR, JOB! I'M SORRY, BUT IF YOUR KIDS WERE KILLED, IT'S BECAUSE THEY MUST HAVE DESERVED IT. YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO CONFESS YOUR SINS—YOU SHOULD TAKE IT.

I WOULD CONFESS MY SINS, IF GOD WOULD COME AND TELL ME WHAT I HAD DONE WRONG.

JOB'S INSISTENCE THAT HE IS INNOCENT OFFENDS HIS THIRD FRIEND, ZOPHAR.

YOU WINDBAG! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT GOD! YOU STUBBORNLY INSIST THAT YOU HAVE DONE NO WRONG, WHEN THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE YOU IS TO APOLOGIZE TO GOD FOR YOUR SINS.

SOME FRIENDS YOU ARE!

YOU DO NOT COMFORT ME AT THE WORST TIME OF MY LIFE. YOU THINK YOU SPEAK FOR GOD? I ONLY WISH HE WOULD COME SPEAK FOR HIMSELF. EVEN IF HE KILLED ME, I WOULD TRUST IN HIM.

EVEN AS JOB SPEAKS, GOD
SUDDENLY COMES TO HIM IN A STORM.

STAND UP
ON YOUR FEET
LIKE A MAN. I
WILL QUESTION
YOU, JOB, AND
YOU WILL
ANSWER
ME!

YOU THINK YOU KNOW SO MUCH,
JOB? WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID
THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH? HAVE
YOU EVER COMMANDED THE MORNING TO
COME? DO YOU SHOW THE SUN WHERE TO
RISE? CAN YOU UNTIE THE ROPES THAT
HOLD THE STARS TOGETHER? CAN YOU
RULE OVER THE MAGNIFICENT
CREATURES I HAVE CREATED?

I AM IN CHARGE OF THE
UNIVERSE. I AM IN CHARGE
OF EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS! YOU
CANNOT UNDERSTAND MY WAYS. YOU
CANNOT KNOW THE GREATER GOOD I
DESIRE FOR YOU. YOUR PLACE IS
SIMPLY TO TRUST IN ME.

IN REPLY TO GOD'S SPEECH,
JOB FALLS TO HIS KNEES ...

I
SPOKE ABOUT
THINGS I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND.
FORGIVE ME.

AFTER THIS, GOD HEALS JOB. HE GIVES HIM
TWICE AS MANY ANIMALS AS HE HAD LOST,
AND HE GIVES HIM TEN MORE CHILDREN. JOB
LIVES FOR A LONG TIME AFTER ALL THIS.