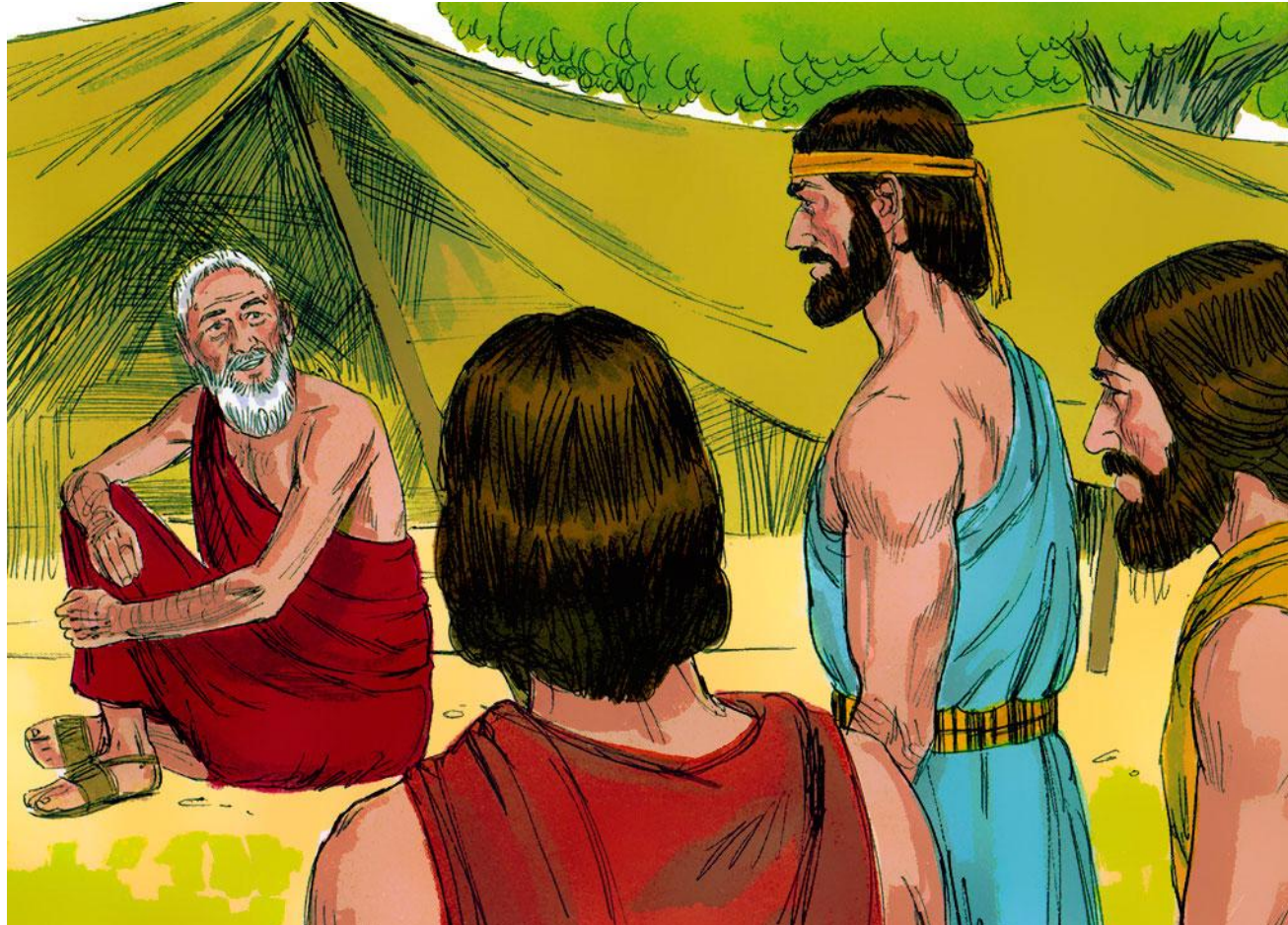


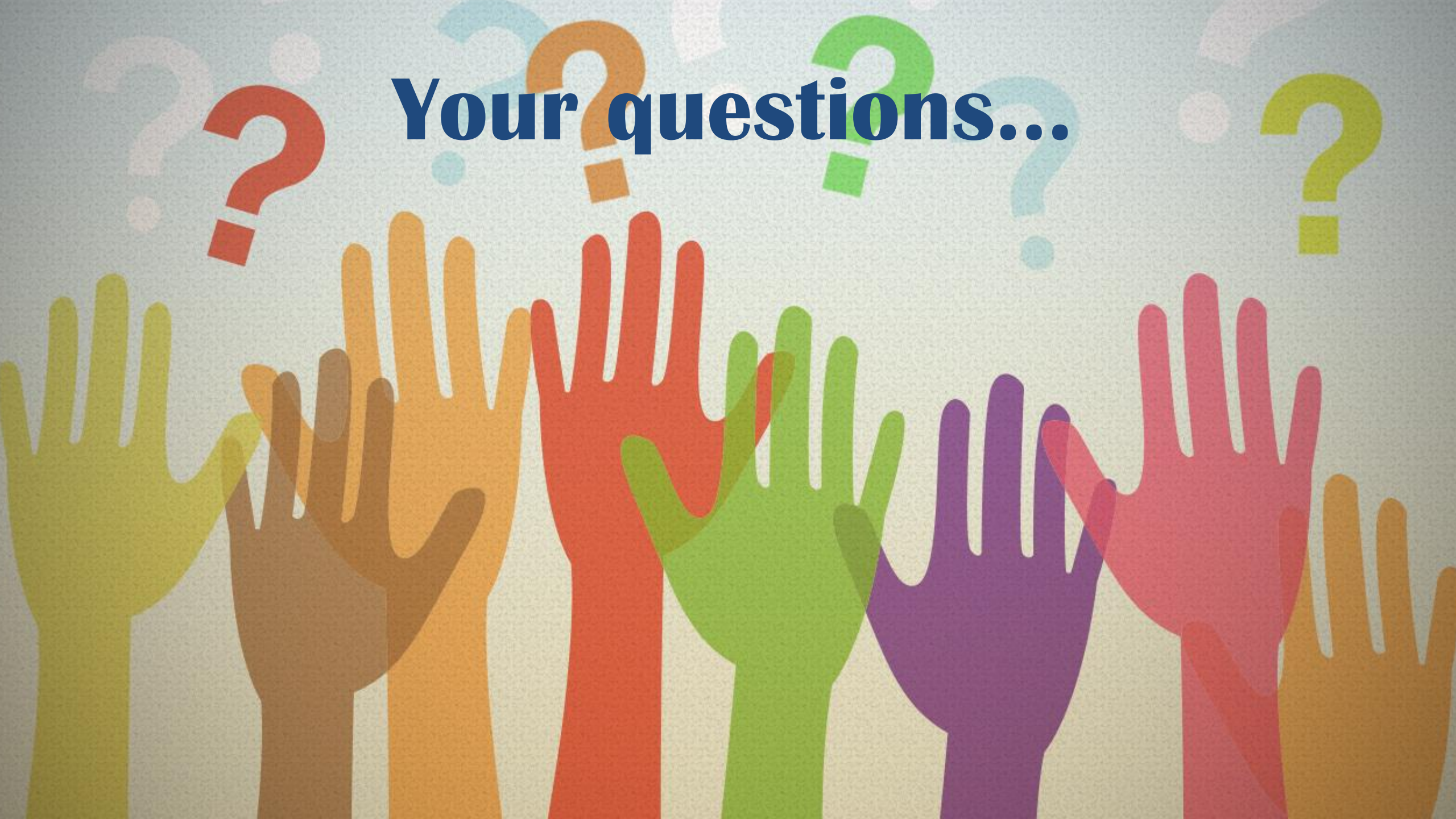
The LORD Visits Abraham & The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 18:1-19:29; 21:1-7

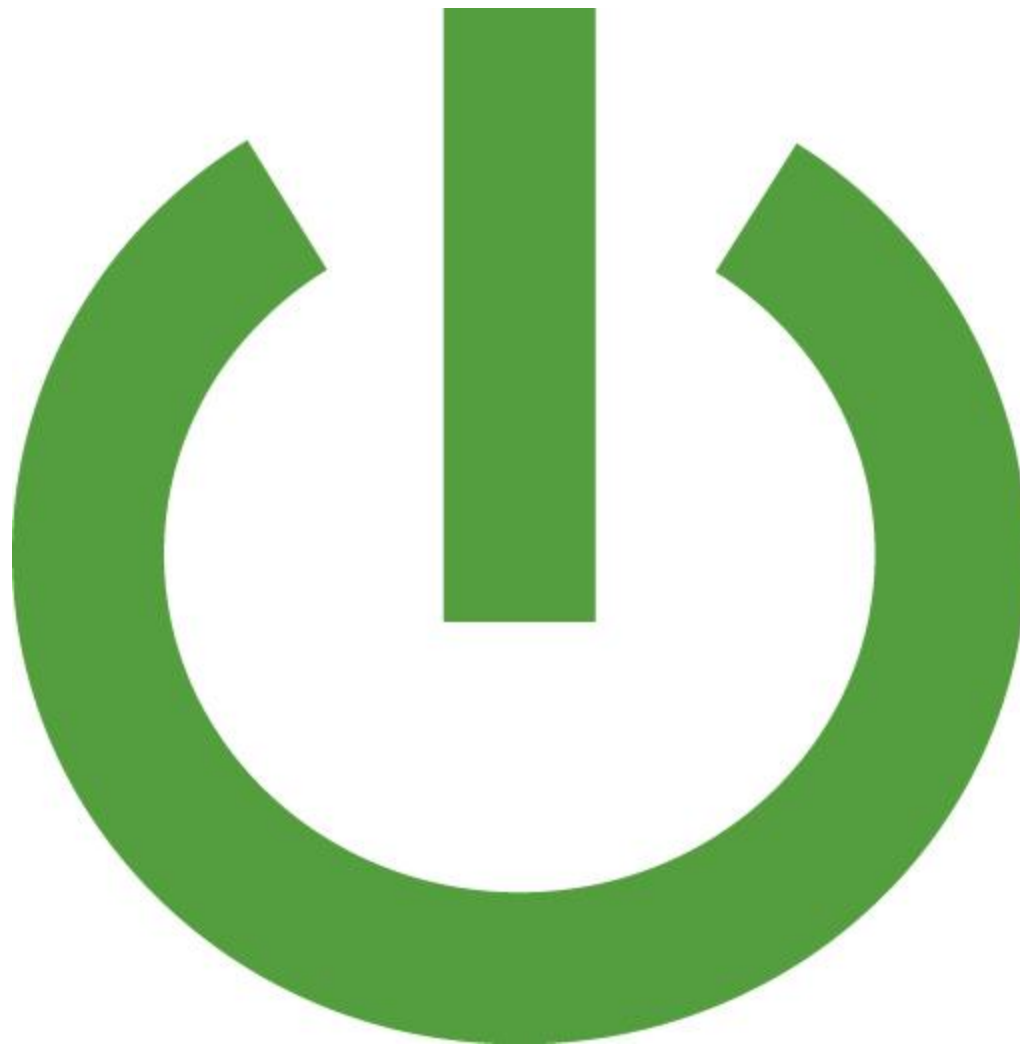


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Your questions...



Getting Started



WHEN?

- Genesis 17:1 tells us that Abraham was ___ years old.

WHEN?

- Genesis 17:1 tells us that Abraham was 99 years old.

WHO?

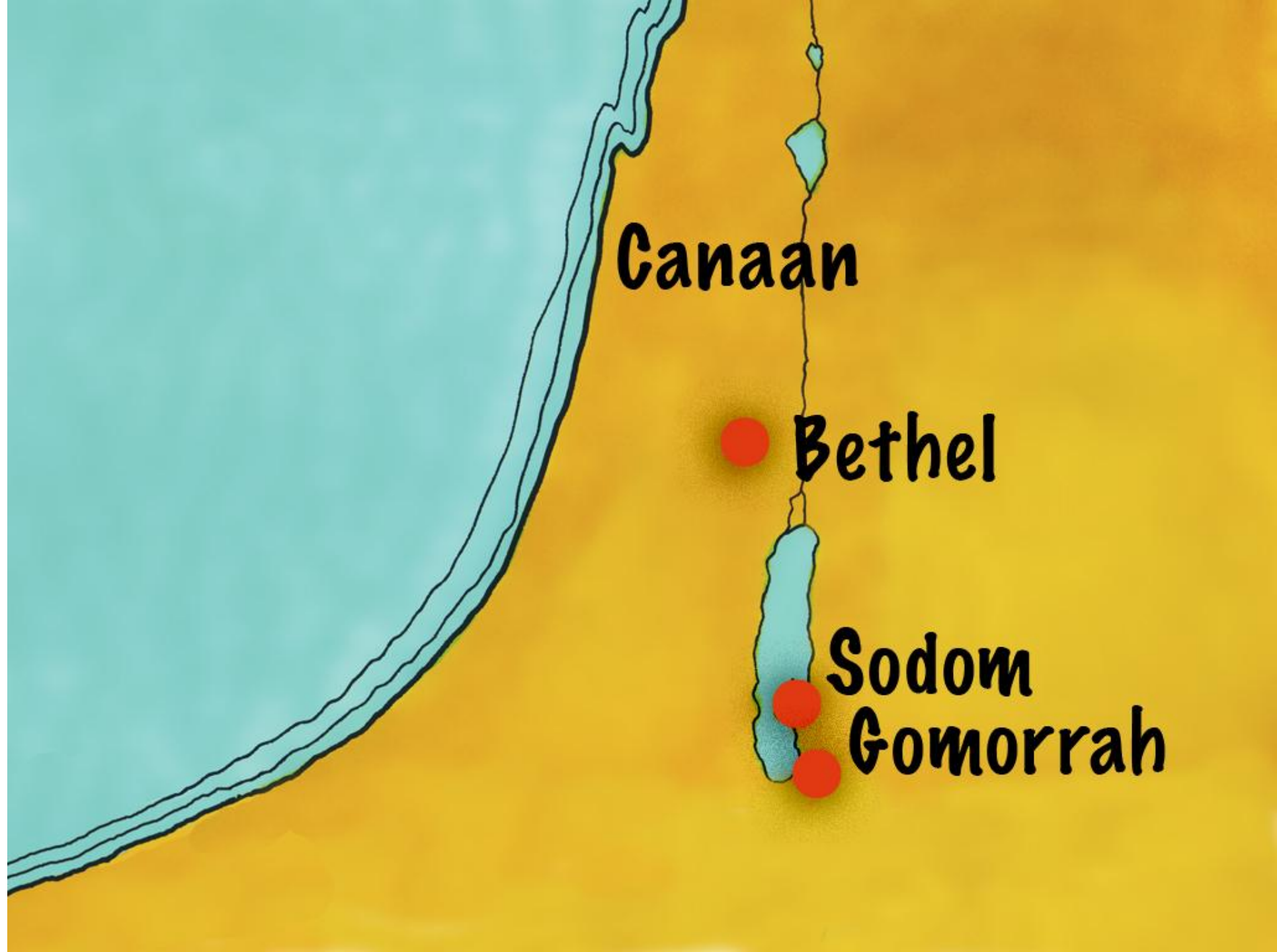


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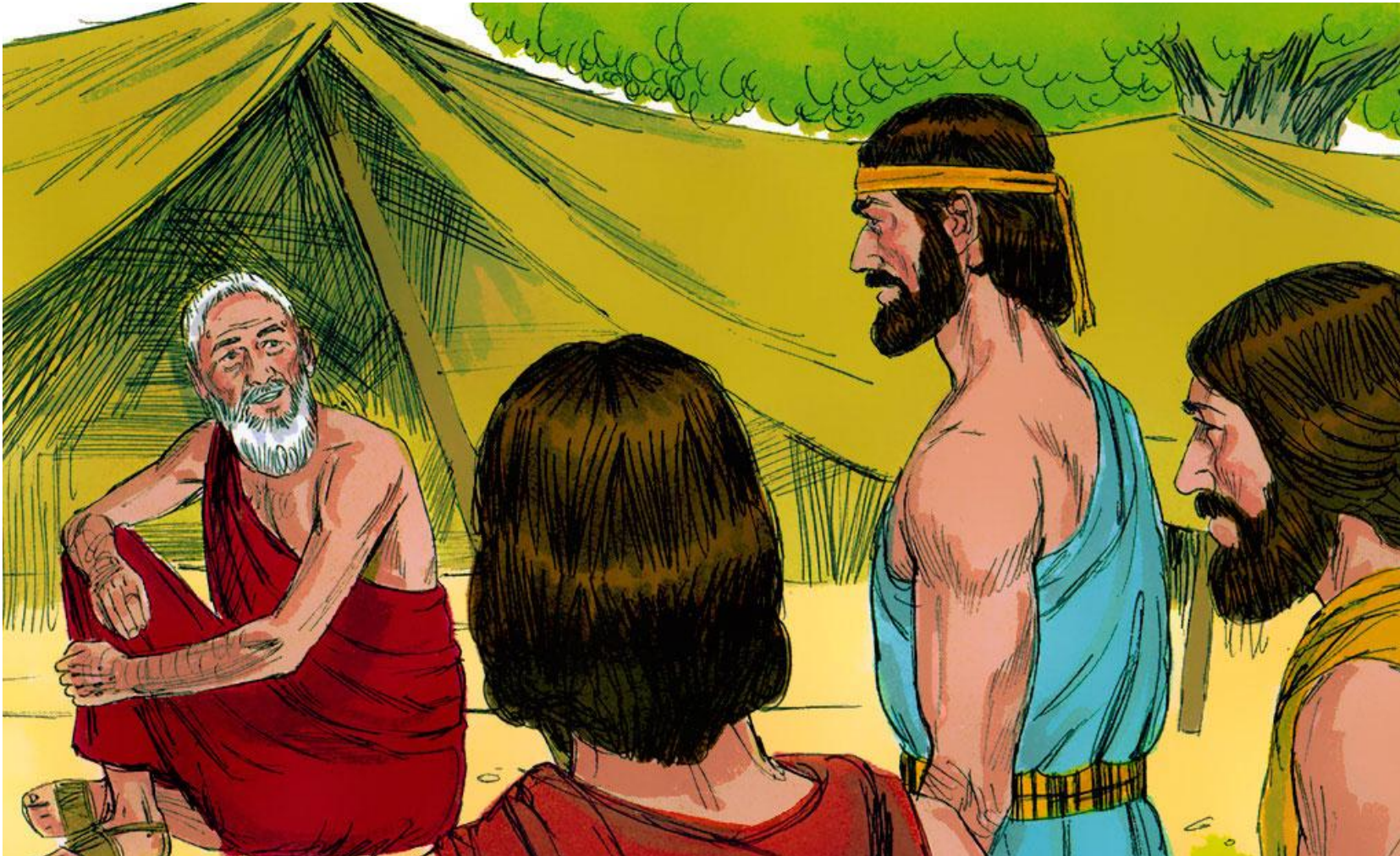
Sodom
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The Story

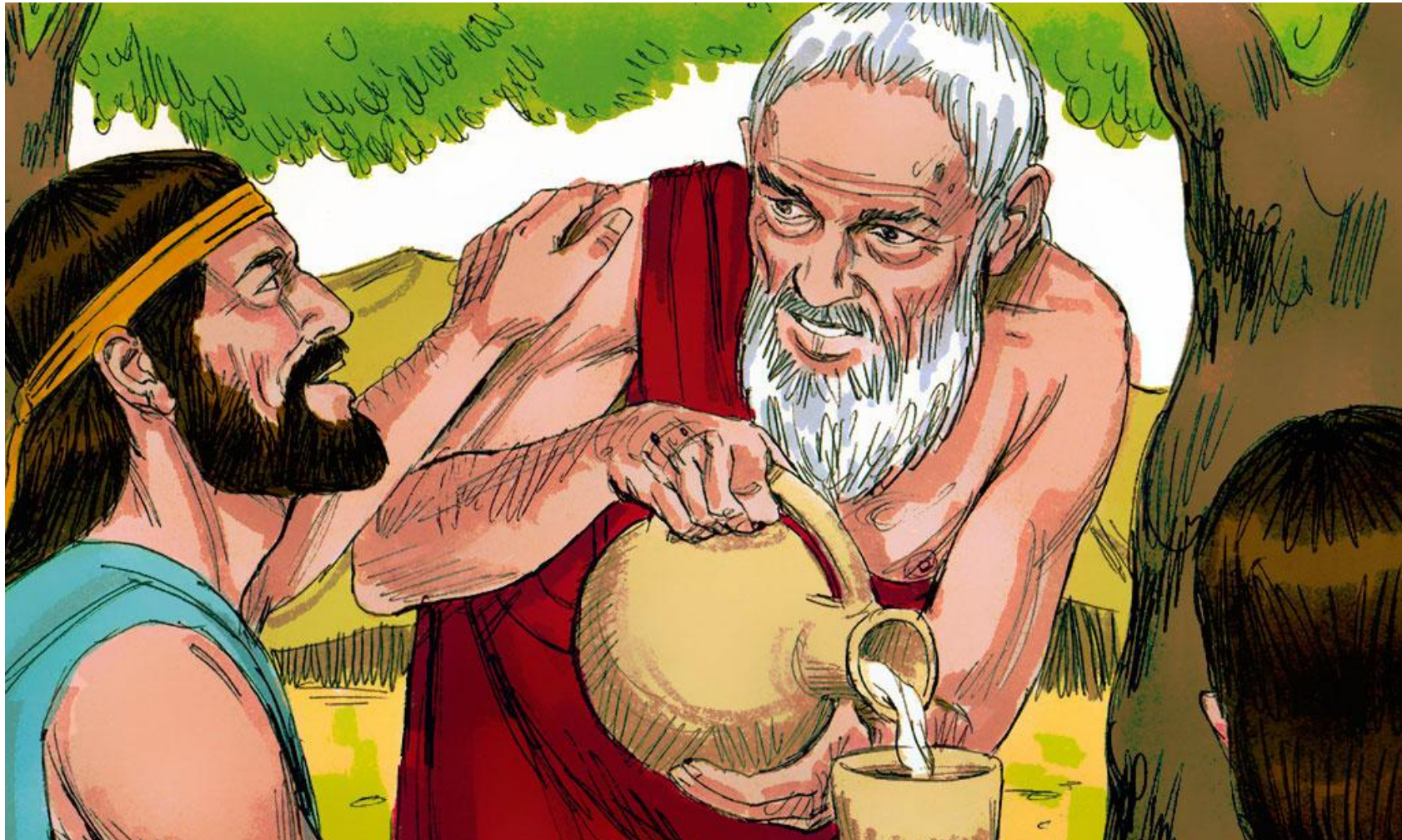


Overview: Genesis 18:1-8

1.) How did Abraham treat these three strangers?



With humble hospitality



Read: Genesis 18:9-15

1.) How did Sarah respond to God's promise?

- With questioning laughter



2.) How did the LORD respond to her unbelief?

- He points it out and reminds her that he can do ANYTHING and will keep his promise



Overview: Genesis 18:16-21

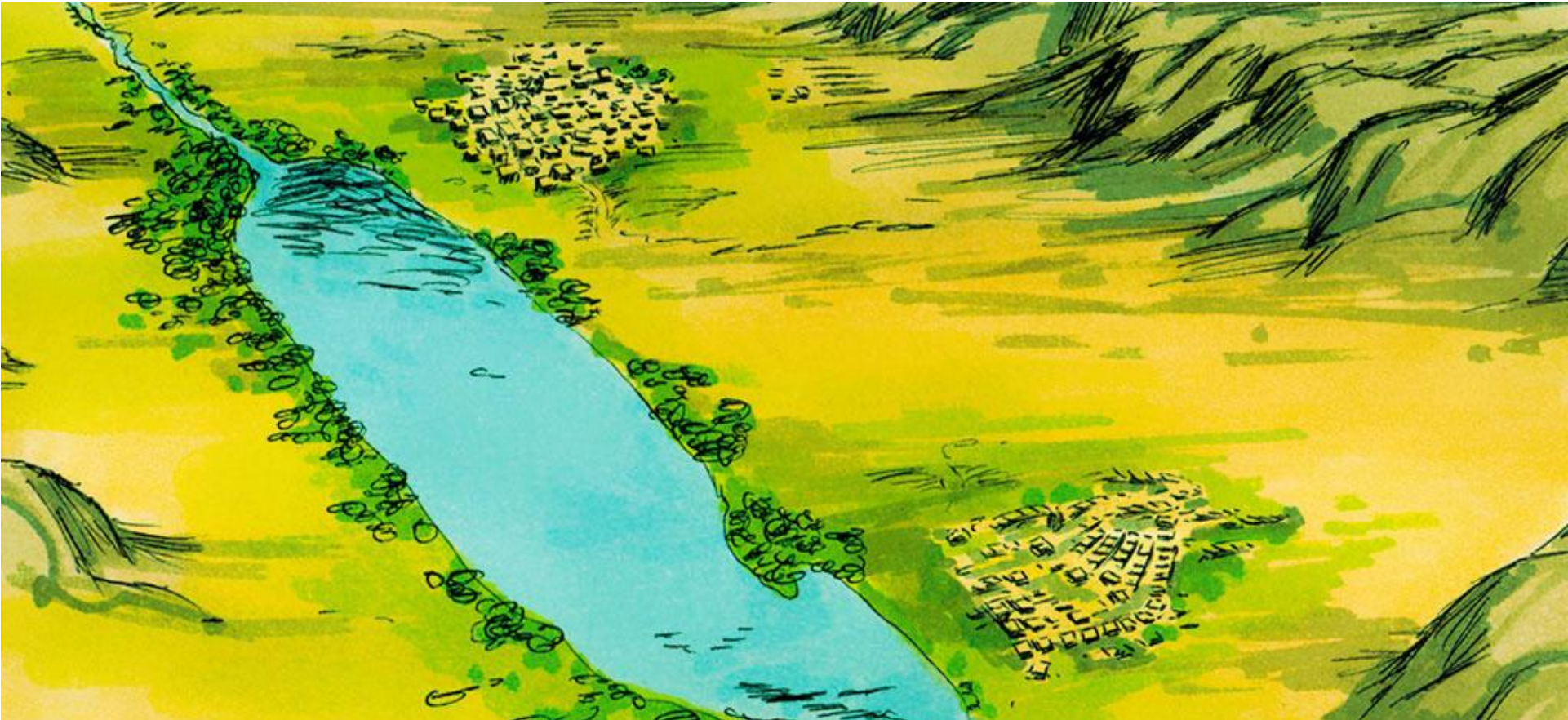
1.) The LORD wanted to reveal to Abraham what he was about to do so his descendants would follow the way of the LORD. (law as curb)



2.) What does it mean that God would send two angels to personally investigate these cities?



- God doesn't do anything on a whim or without good reason



3.) What were the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah?

a.)



a.) They had perverted God's design for sexuality (Cf. Genesis 2:24)



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b.) They only cared for themselves and showed no remorse whatsoever for their sins



Overview: Genesis 18:22-33

1.) Abraham undoubtedly knew the bad reputation of these cities. Why would he be concerned for them?



- His nephew, Lot, and family lived there



2.) What does Abraham make as the basis of his plea? (vv. 22-25)

- God's justice and compassion for the righteous = believers



3.) What three qualities does Abraham exhibit in prayer that we would do well to emulate?

a.) Boldness



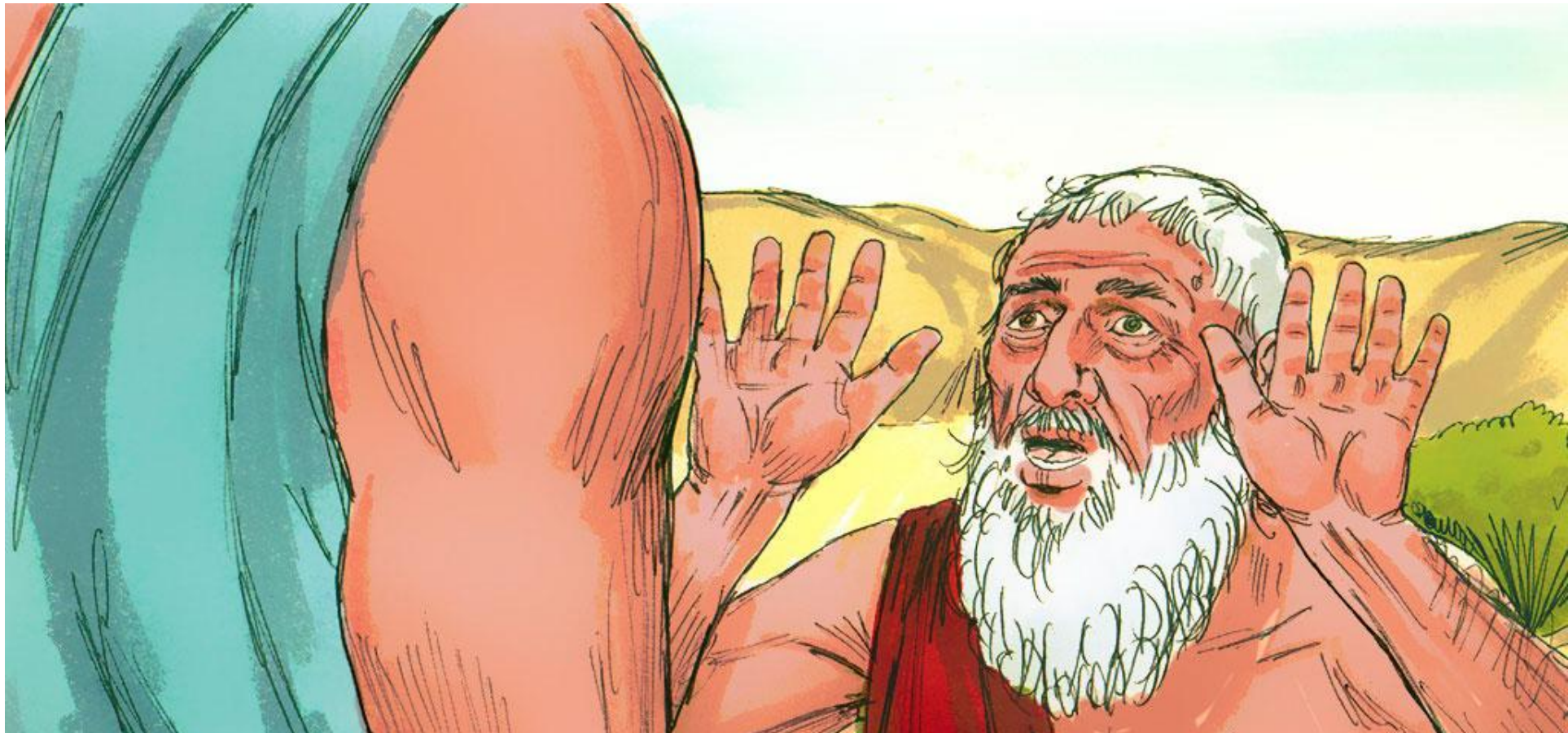
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b.) Humility



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c.) Persistence

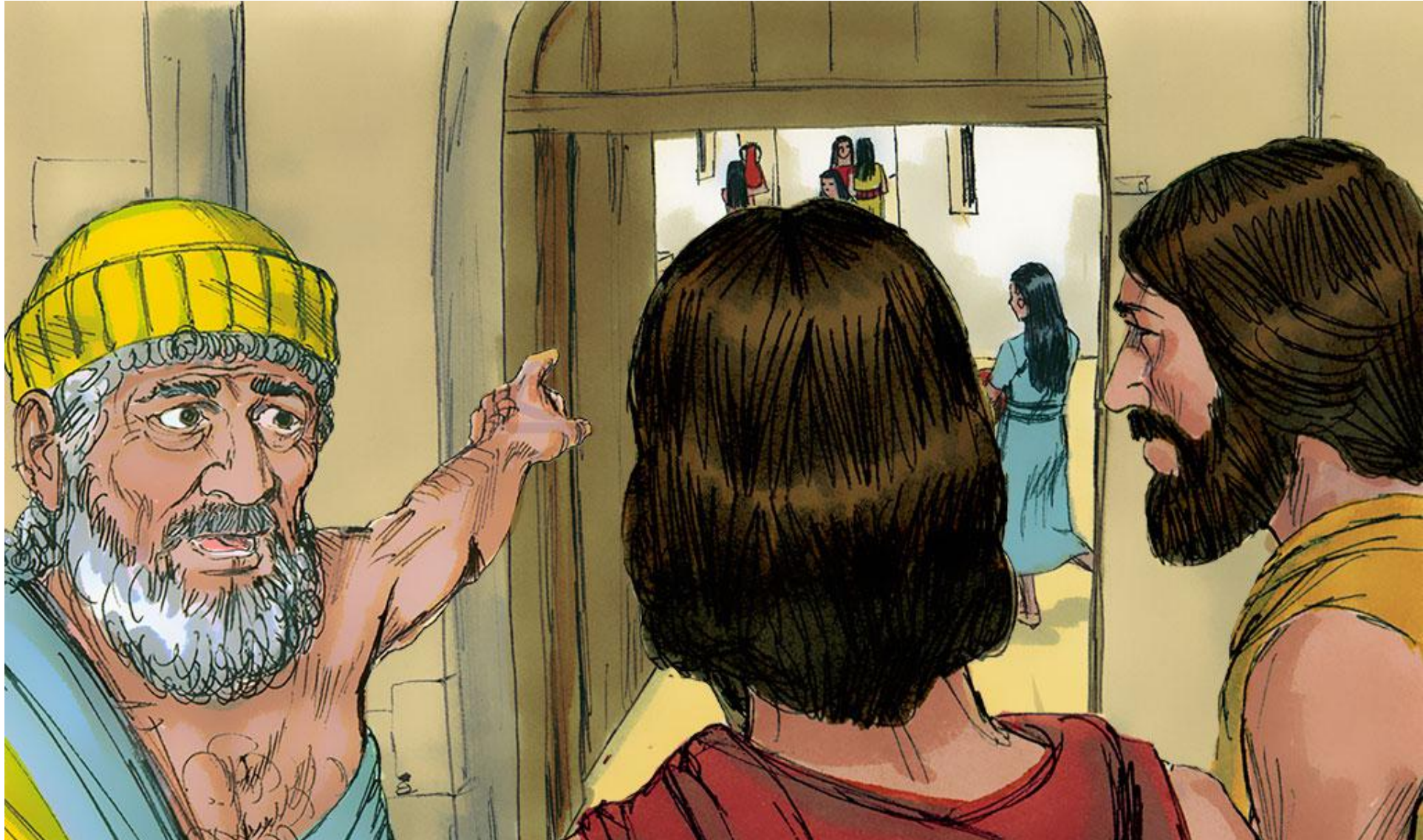


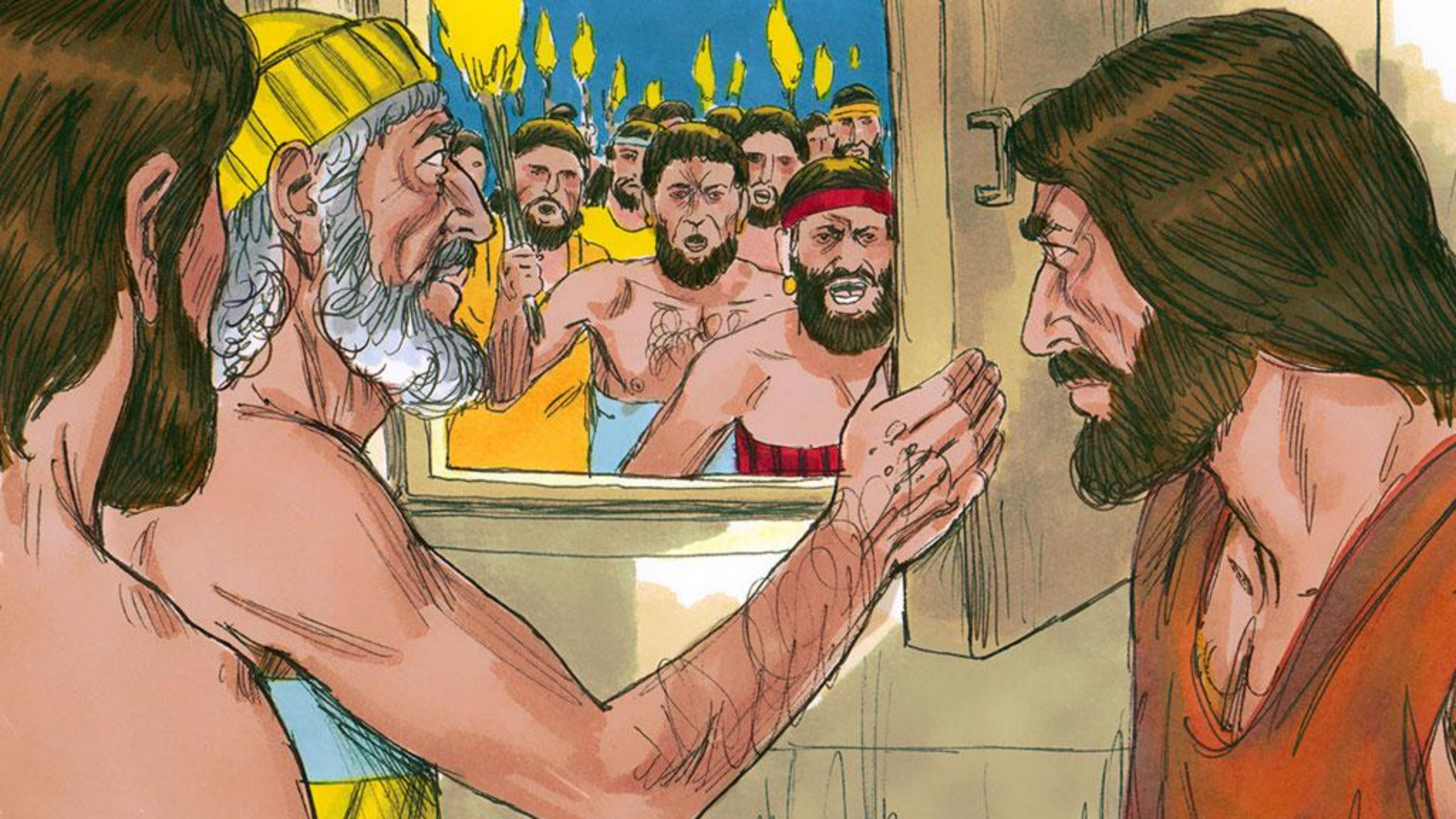
Genesis 19:1-29

Before we read this section we need to remember some things:

- Just because something is recorded in the Bible doesn't mean God automatically approves of it! Often the opposite is true.
- Elsewhere God clearly gives us his standards for right and wrong and these should be our guide in evaluating behavior.

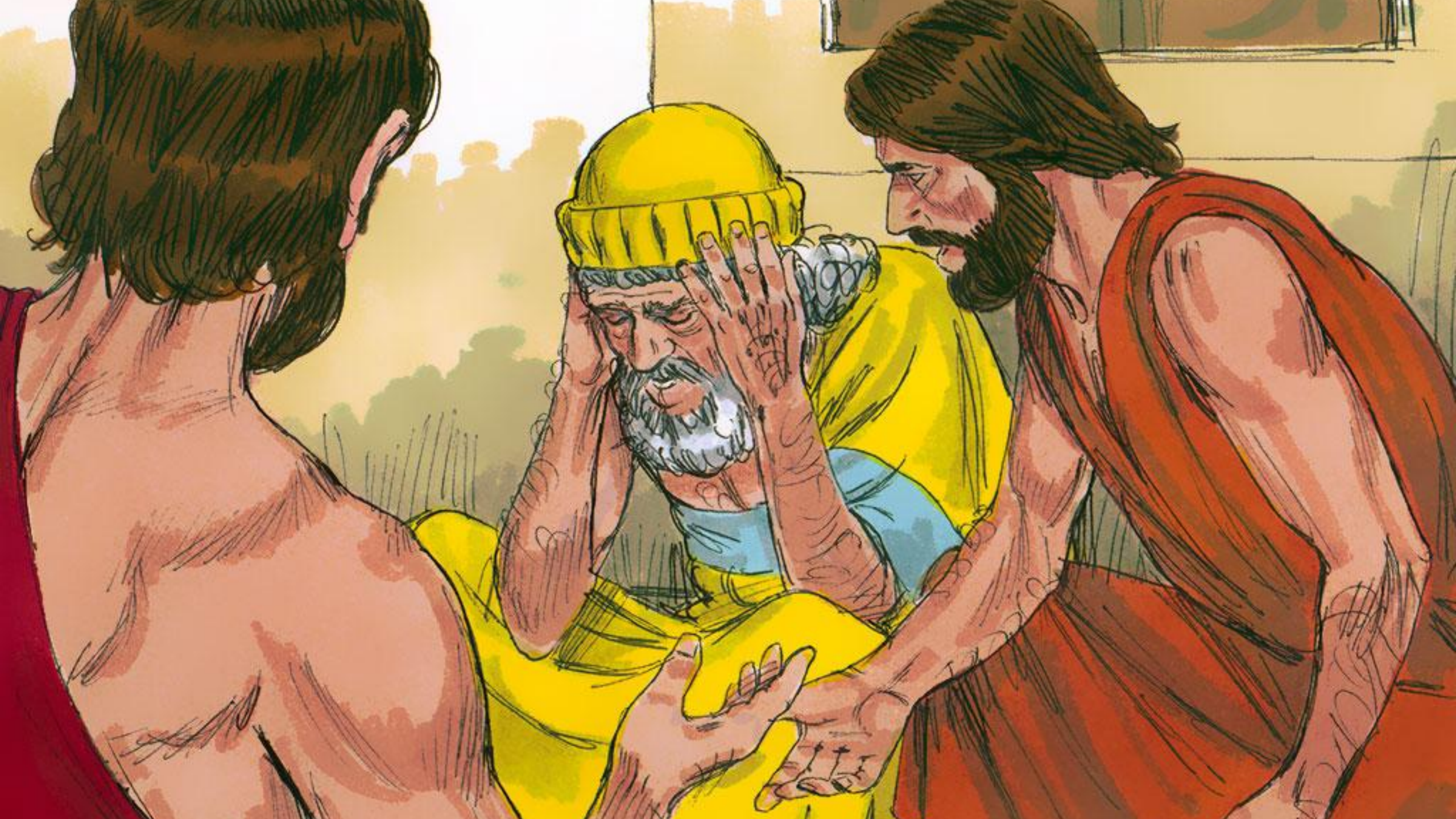
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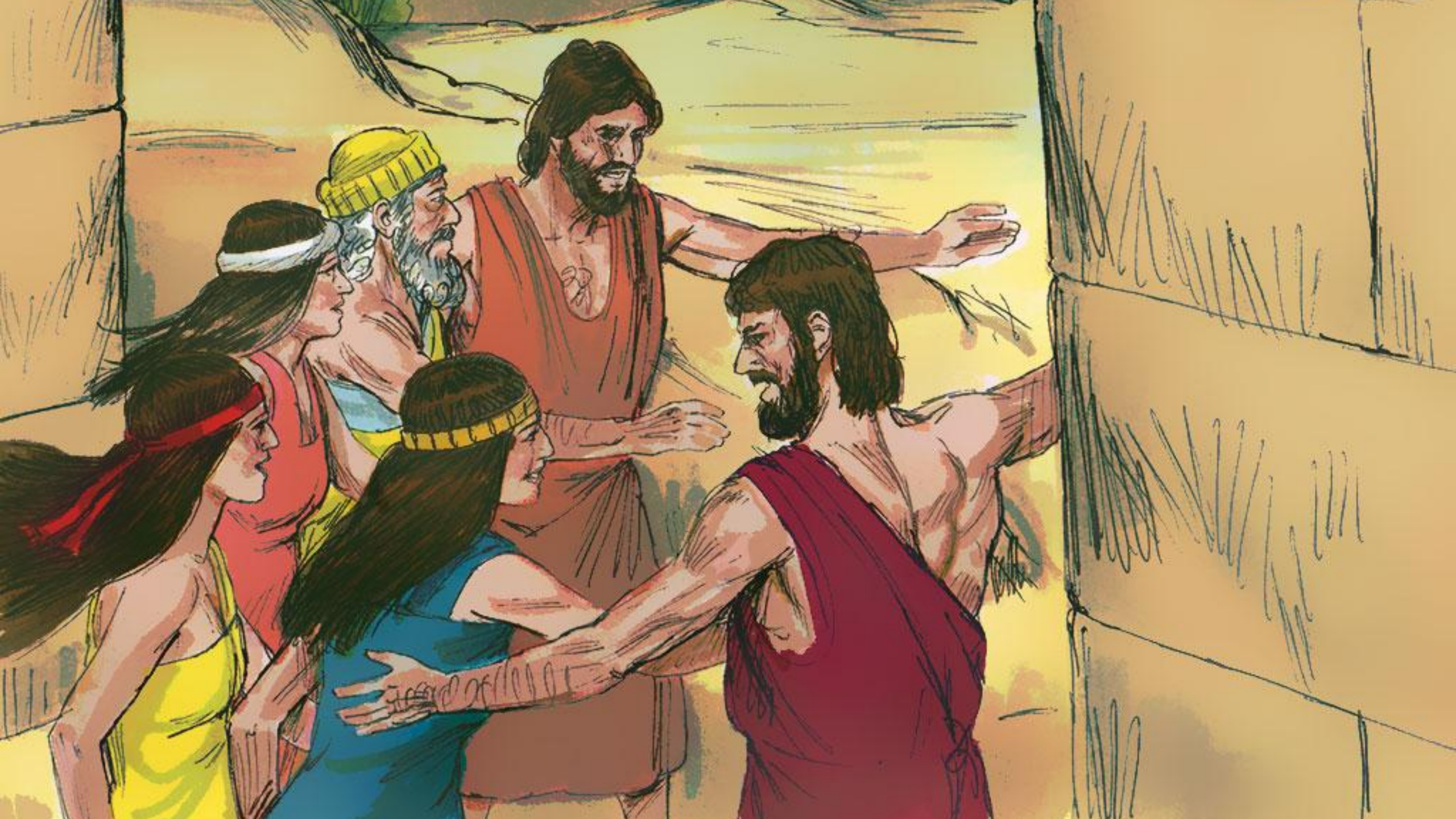














Review: Genesis 19:1-29

1.) How many believers were there in all these towns? _____



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2.) How would you rate God's keeping his promise to Abraham?



- He went over and above his promise and rescued a reluctant Lot and his daughters



Read: Genesis 21:1-7

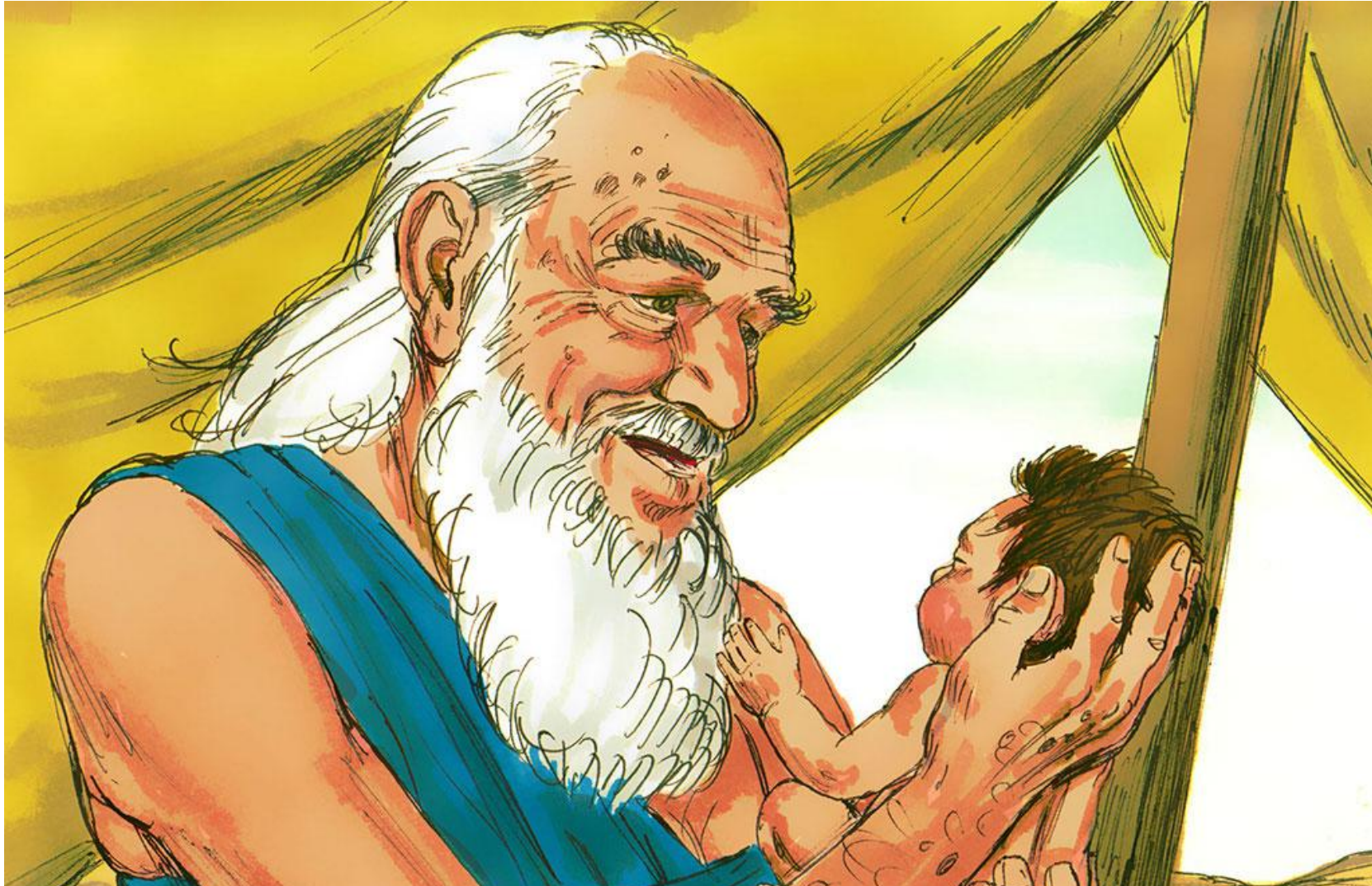
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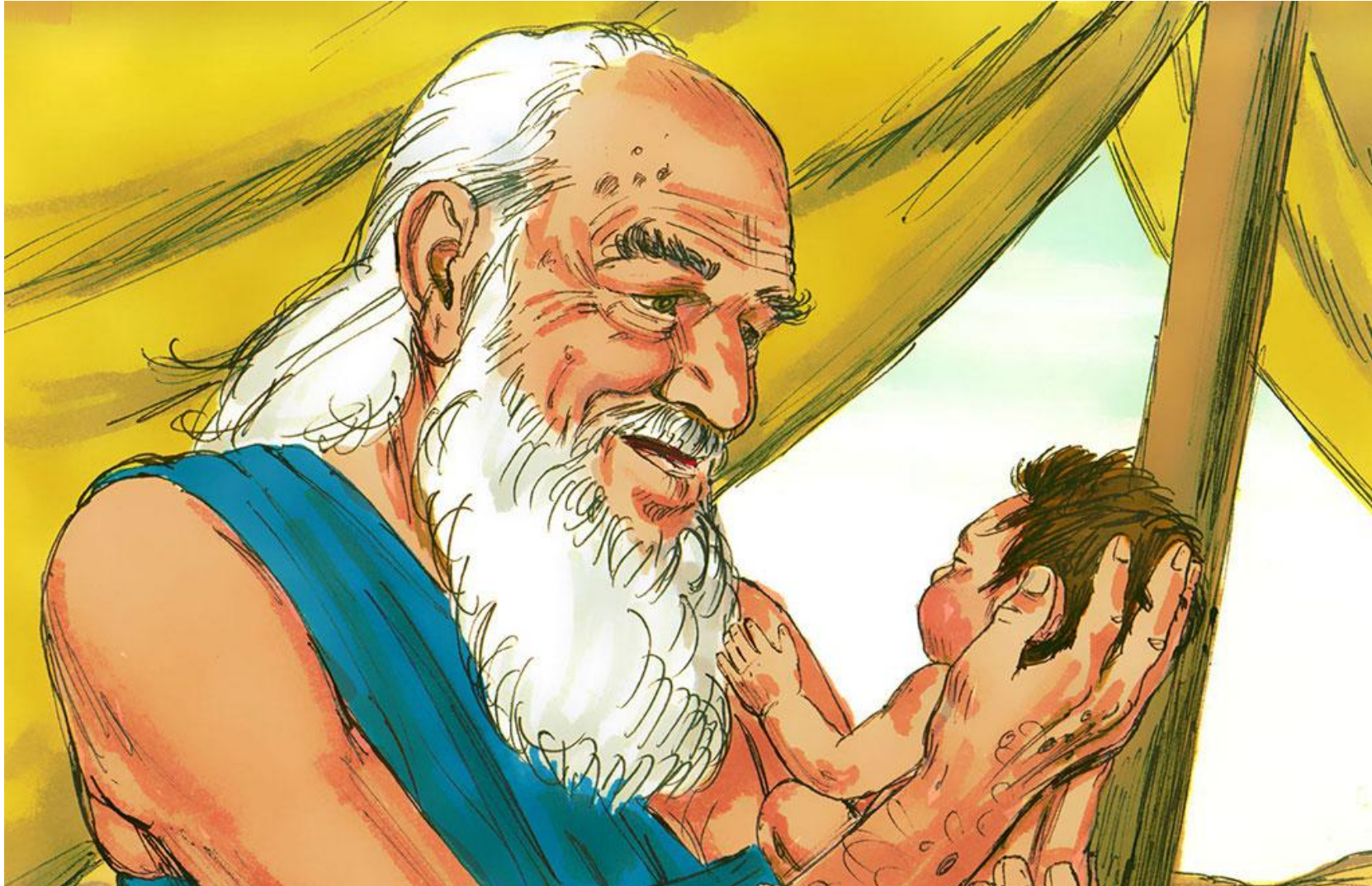
- 100 years old! Sarah was 90! (cf. 17:17)



2.) This means Abraham had to wait ____ years for God's promise of a son to be fulfilled!



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3.) Now Sarah laughed again _____



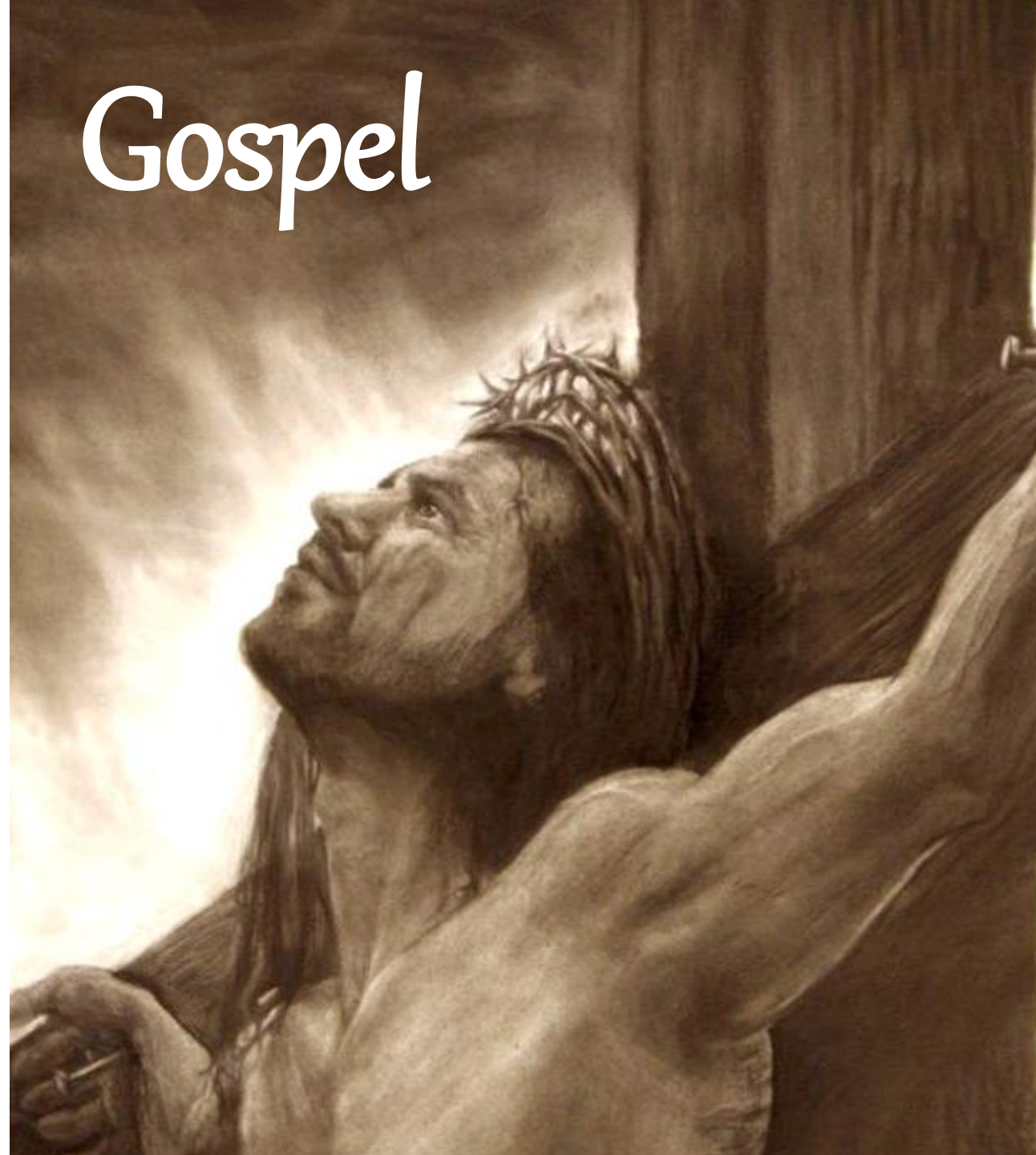
3.) Now Sarah laughed again for joy!



LAW



Gospel



LAW

- God's commands, threats, punishments...
 - God calls out Sarah's unbelief/laughter
 - God's condemnation and destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
 - God blinded the mob
 - Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt

Gospel

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
 - God promises and gives Abraham a son
 - God hears and grants Abraham's prayer for Sodom
 - God rescues Lot and his family

Connecting to HIStory





1.) God miraculously preserved the line of the Savior by allowing barren Sarah to give birth

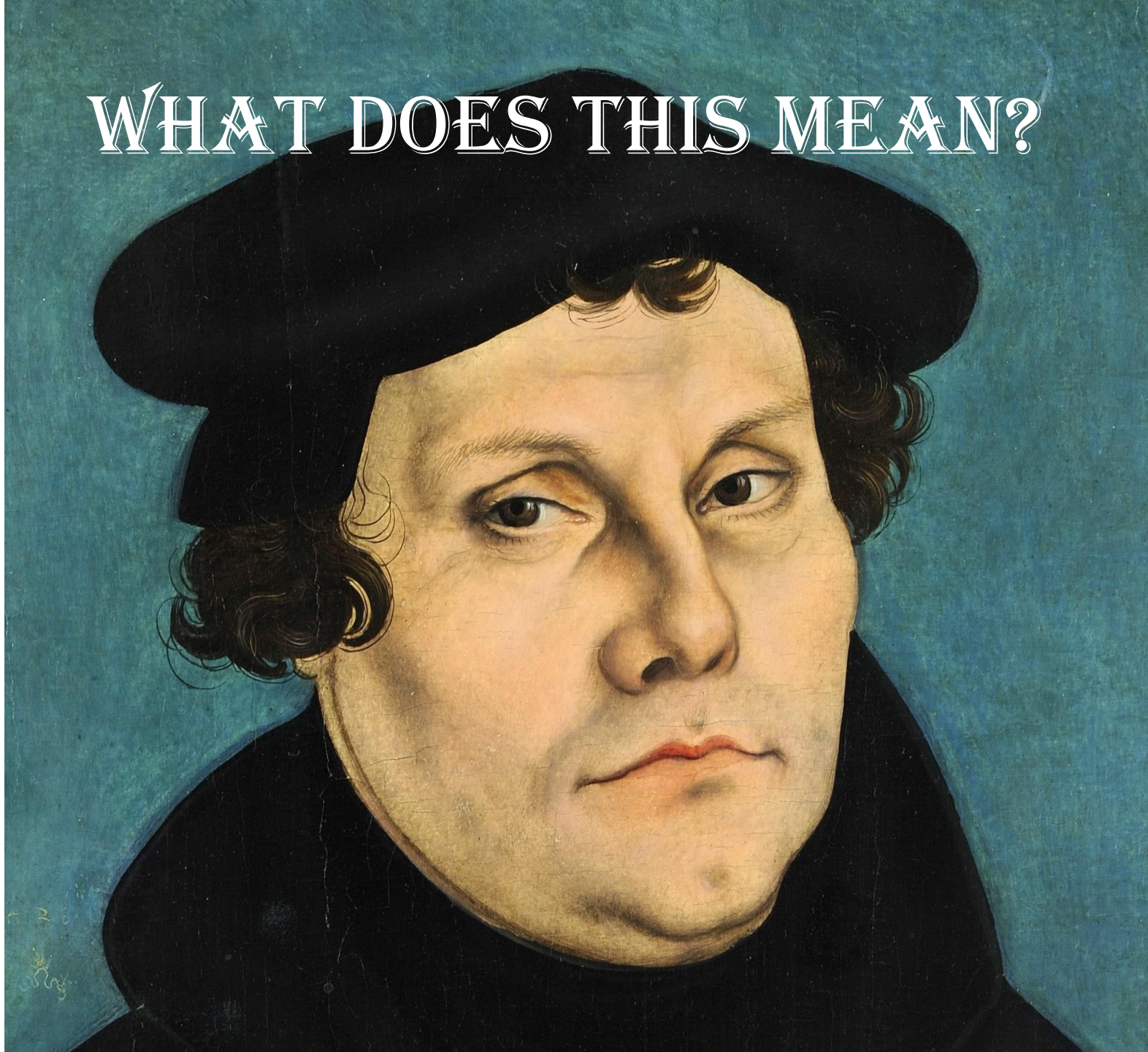


2.) Jesus says that his return on Judgment Day will come as swift and sudden as the destruction of these cities



- Luke 17:28-30 “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



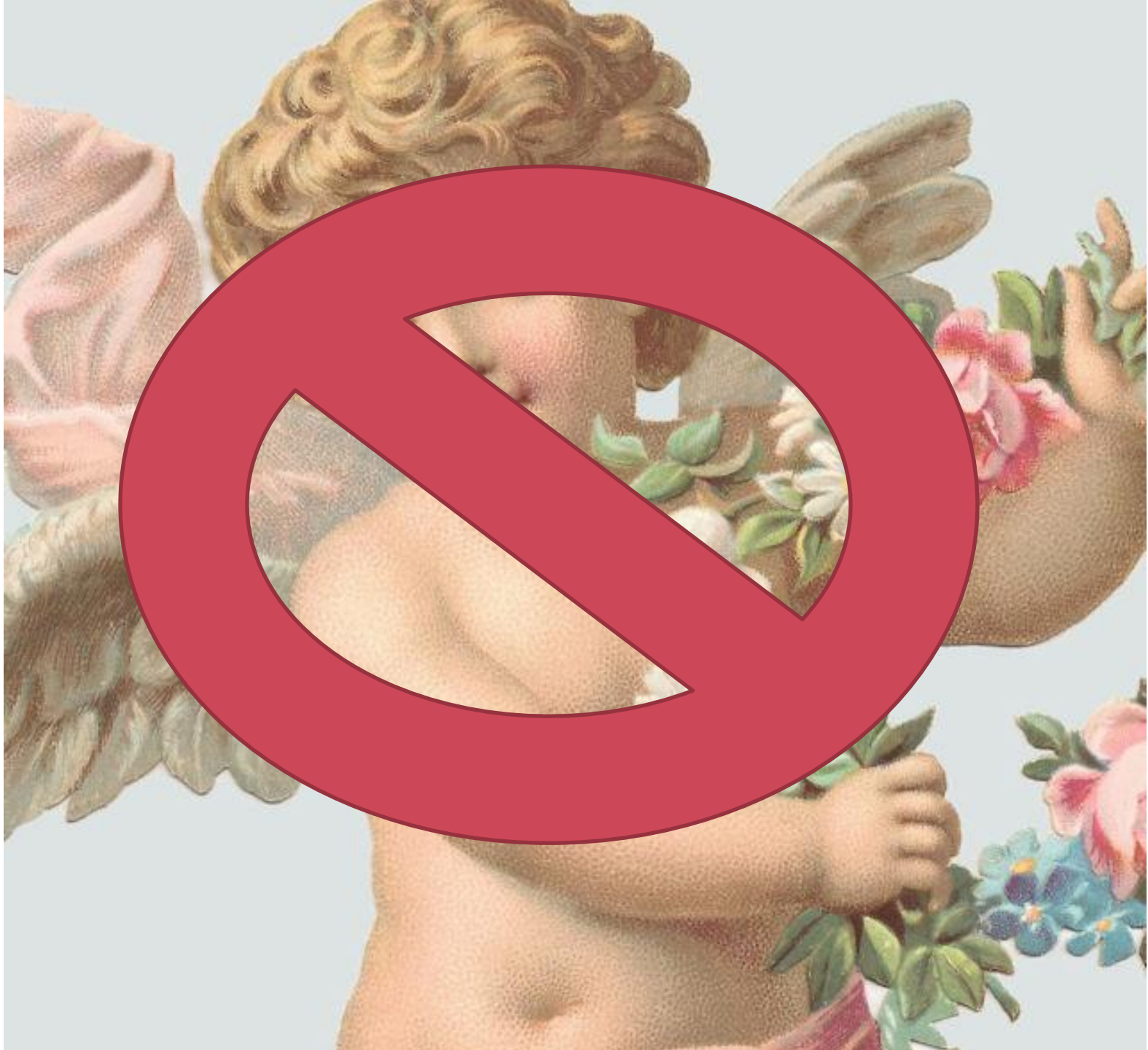
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2. We should not test God's patience with willful sin
3. Believers need to beware of getting comfortable with sin—the love of sin can steal your heart!

4. No matter how big, God ALWAYS keeps his promises, but in his time!
5. God's powerful angels carry out his will and protect us!

- Psalm 91:11-12 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?





For Next Week...

- Read:
 - Exodus 1-4:17 & 7-12 (The Call of Moses and the Exodus)
- Memory Work:
 - *The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.*
 - *John 1:29b*

