



Jesus's Family Tree



God created a beautiful and perfect world filled with wonderful things. One of the most wonderful things he created was a man named Adam and a woman named Eve. God loved them, cared for them and wanted to have a friendship with them. They were like his children.



As children sometimes do, Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They introduced sin into God's perfect world. This grieved God because this sin separated Adam and Eve from God.

However, God promised that he would send a Messiah (or Savior) to mend the relationship between God and his people.



God gave His people clues so they could find the Savior when he arrived. These clues are called prophecies.

One of the clues he gave was the Messiah's family. God told us exactly who Jesus's great-great-great grandparents would be. When God called Abraham, he promised him that the Savior would be a part of his family.



Even though Abraham was old and didn't have any children, God promised him a family filled with more members than the stars in the sky. God said, "All people on Earth will be blessed through you."

This was a clue that the Savior would be a part of Abraham's family.



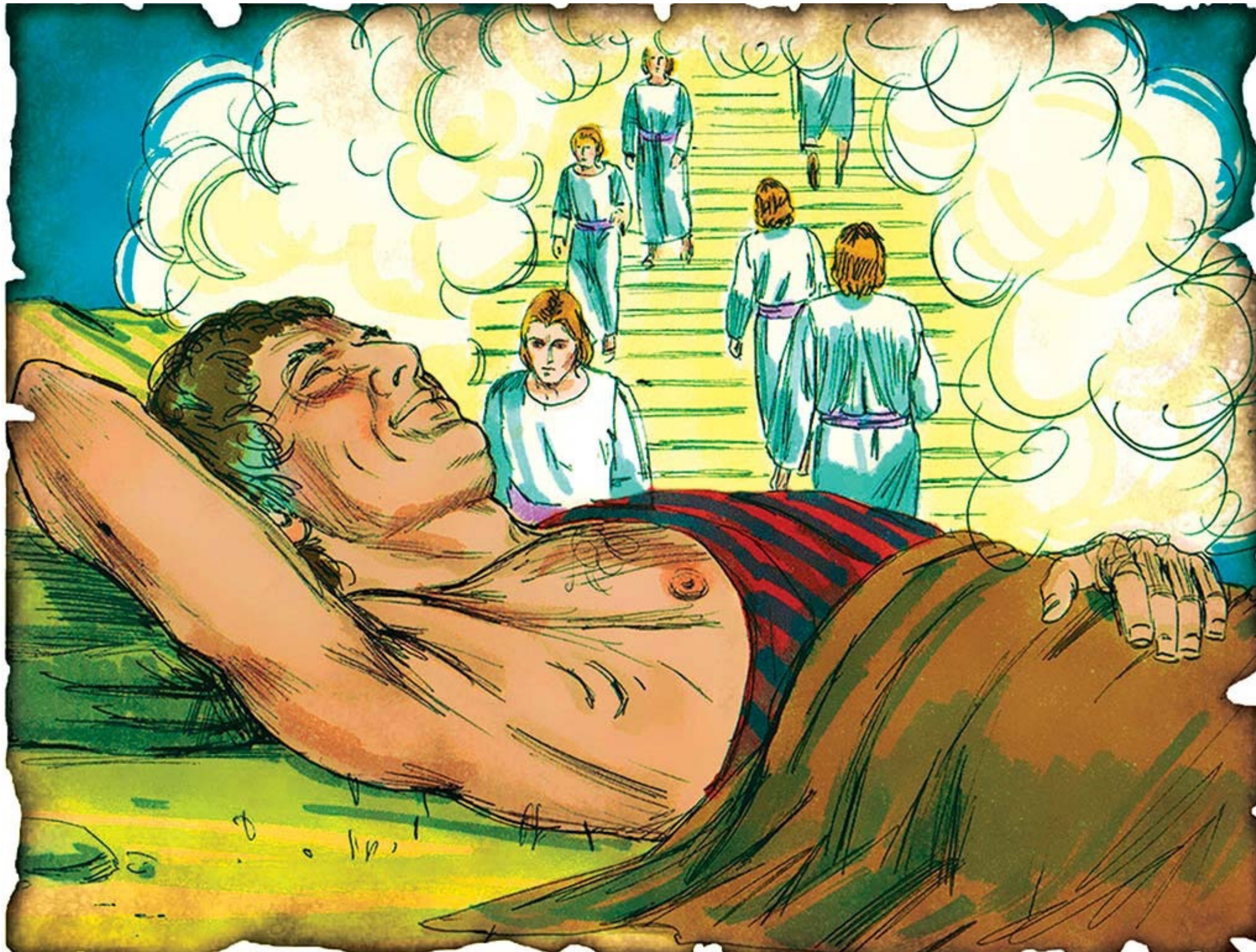
When Abraham was 100 years old, he had a son named Isaac. God told Abraham that Isaac would inherit the promise that the Savior would be born to his family.

God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. This was a hint about what God was going to do!



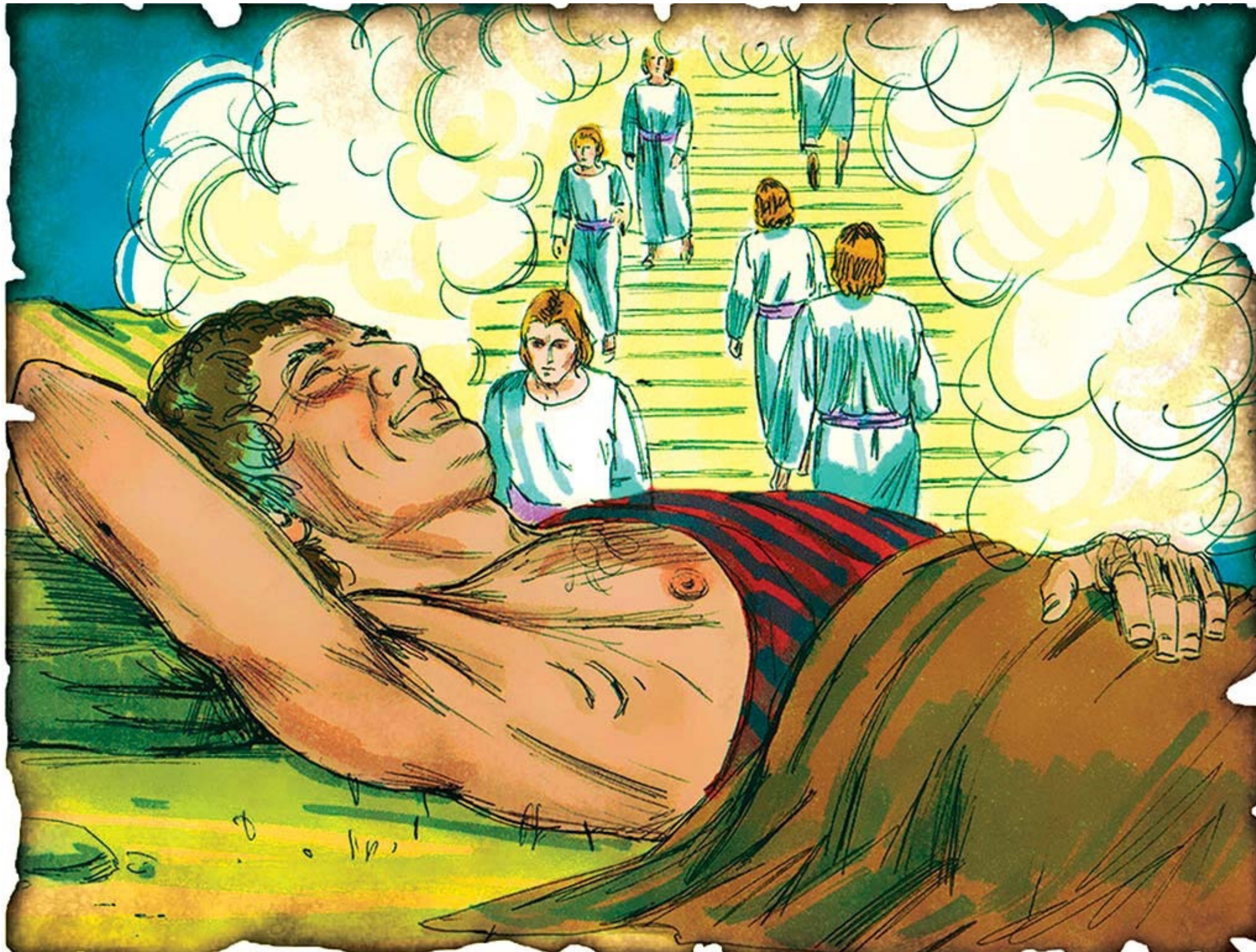
Abraham was going to obey God, but before he could sacrifice Isaac, God stopped him. He sent a ram to be a sacrifice instead.

God continued to give the people clues about the coming Messiah!

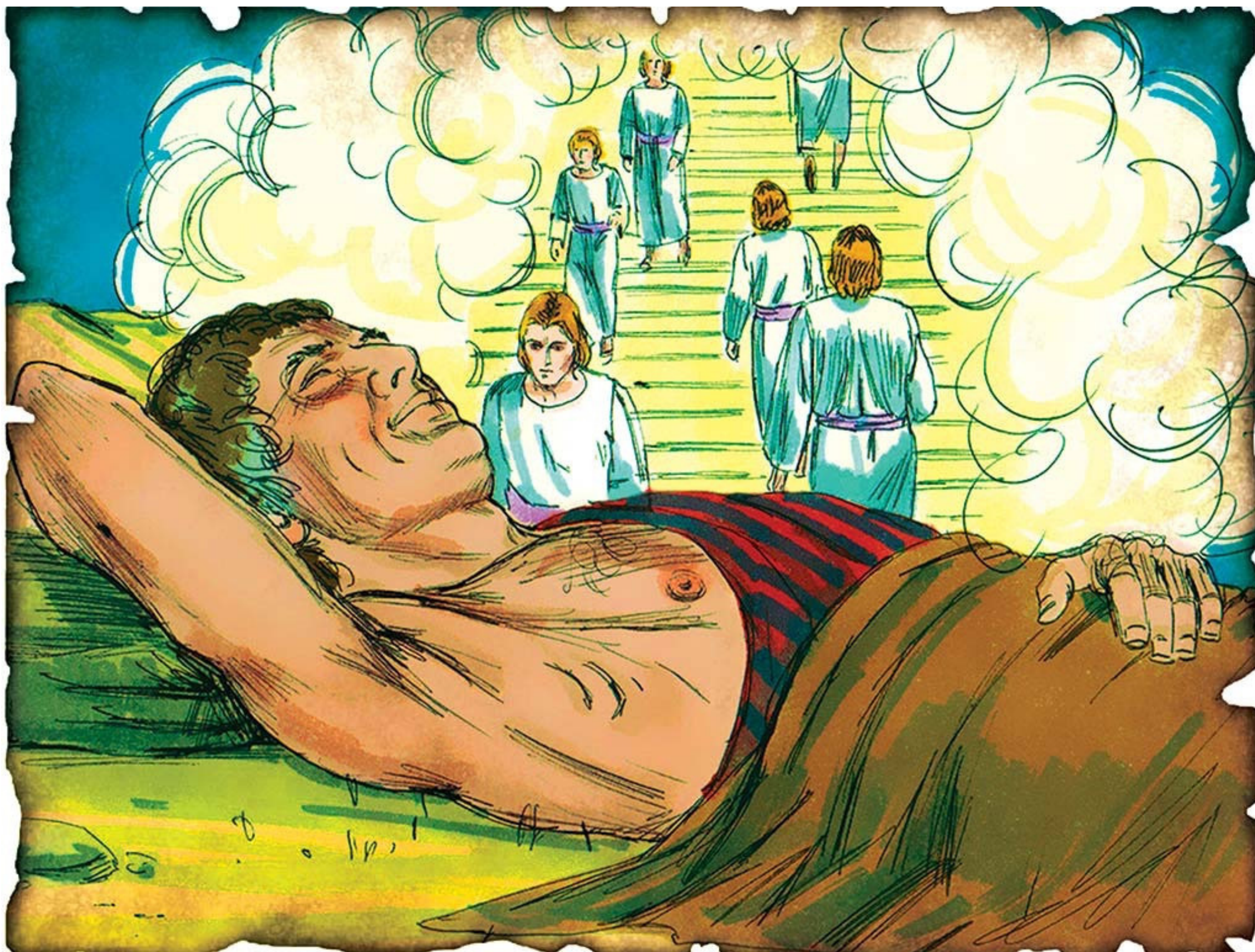


Isaac had two sons--Esau and Jacob. Jacob was sneaky and stole his older brother's birthright and blessing.

With his stolen inheritance, Jacob fled to his uncle's house. Along the way, he had a special dream. In his dream, Jacob saw a staircase and angels.



In his dream, God made Jacob a special promise. He said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your family. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go..."



and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Jacob would be another member of the Savior's family. With each generation, God reminded them of His promise and gave them clues so they could spot the Savior when he arrived.



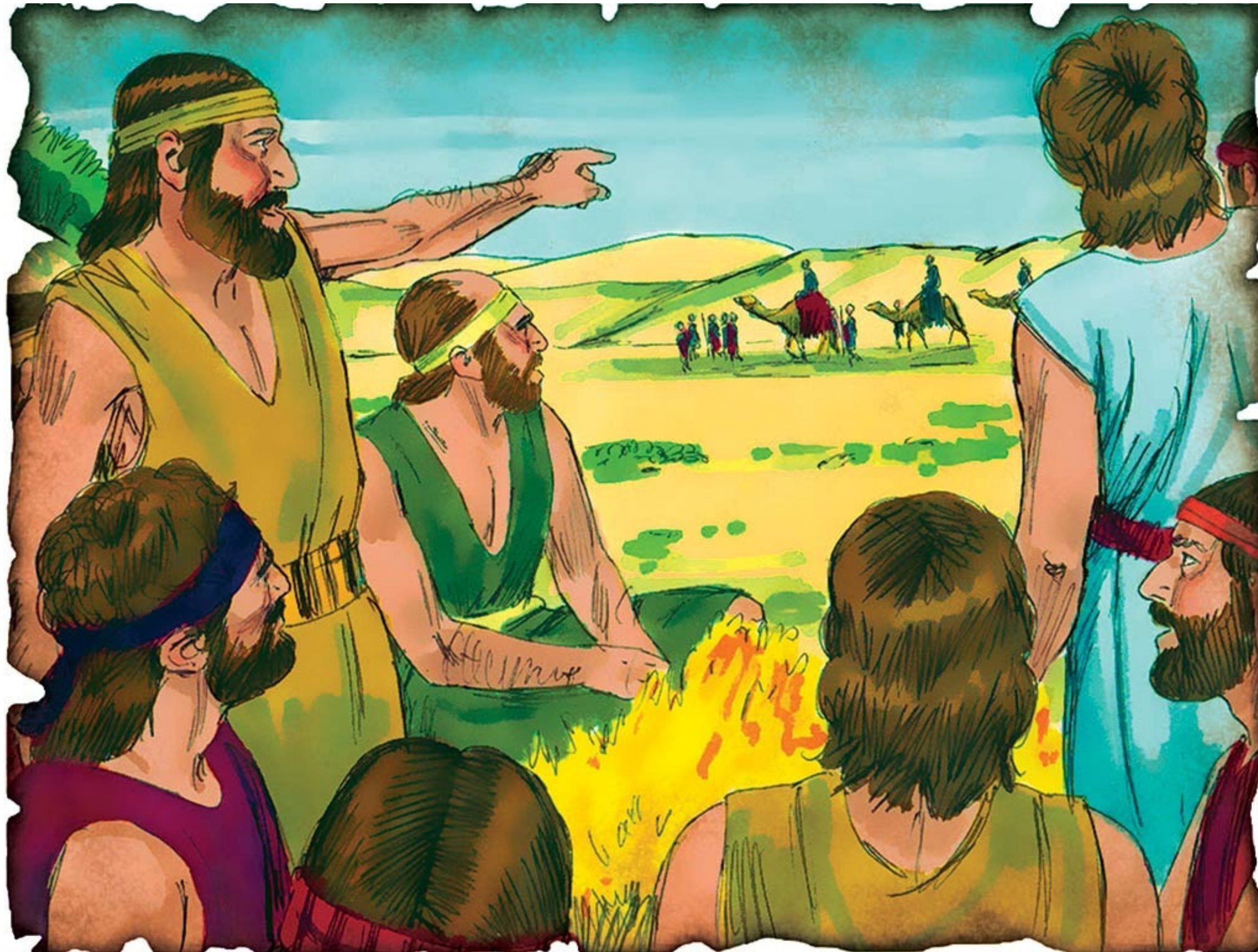
Jacob had 12 sons. They were very jealous boys who did not get along. They made lots of bad decisions. They even sold one of their brothers, Joseph, into slavery!

But God was able to use this bad decision for good. Joseph was able to rescue his family from a great famine.

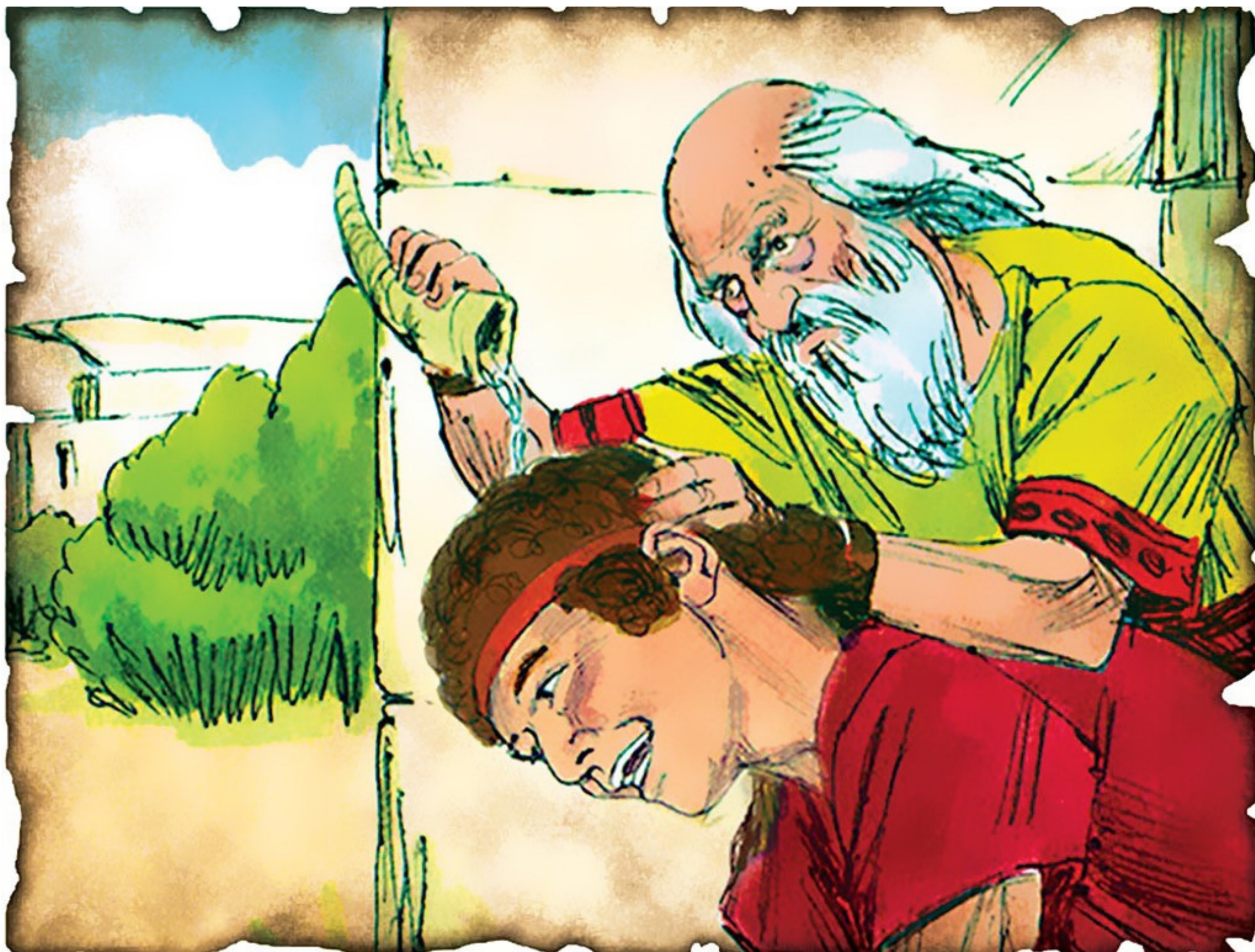


When Jacob's family was reunited, he called everyone together. He knew he was very old and wanted to give them each a blessing.

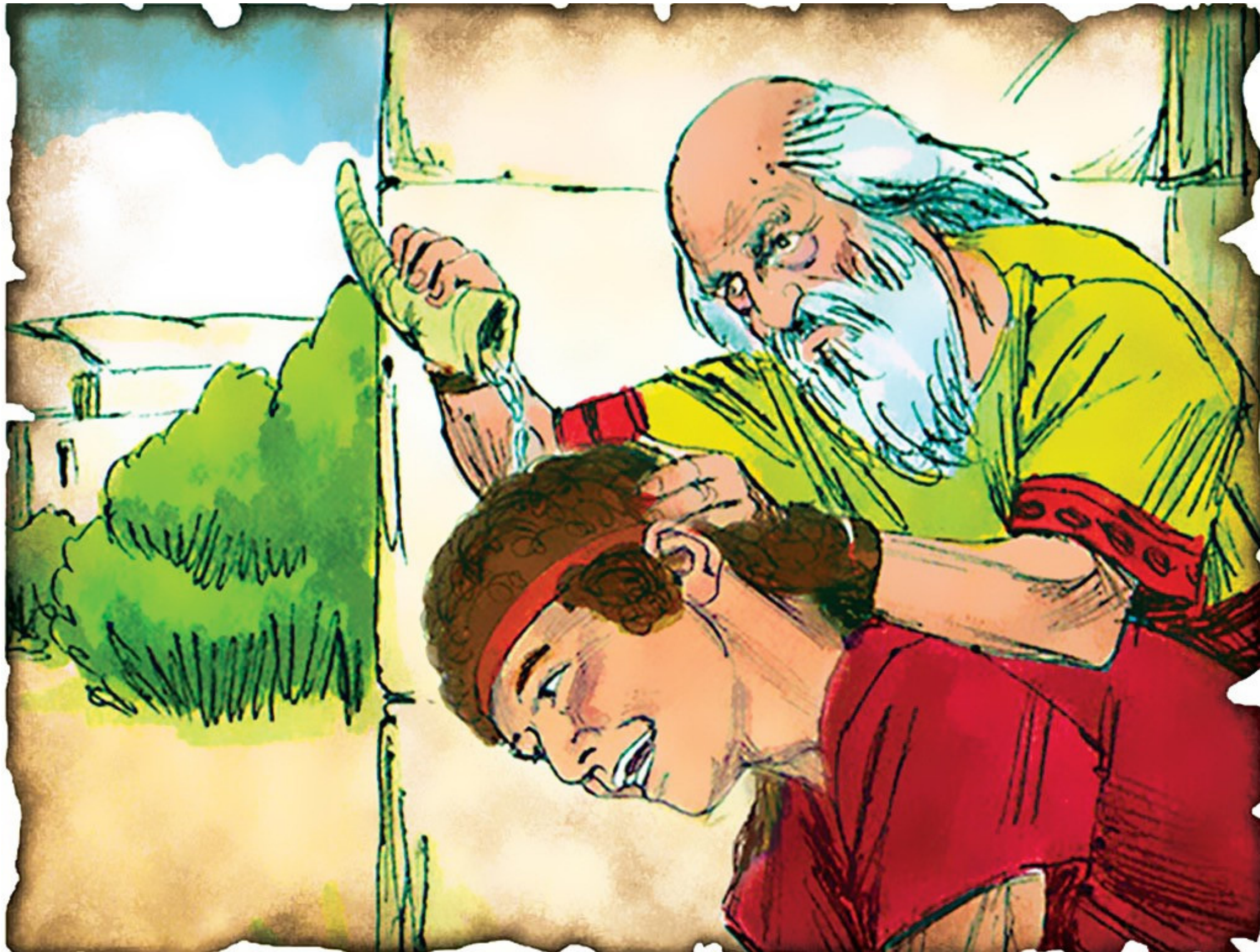
To his son Judah, he prophesied, "The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his."



This gave us another clue. Out of all of Jacob's twelve sons, the promised Savior would come from Judah's family.



King David is another member of Jesus's family tree. He wanted to build God a great temple to honor God. However, God sent the prophet Nathan a special message. God told David that he did not want him to build a temple for God but promises to bless David and his lineage forever.



God told the prophet to tell David, “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you, Your throne shall be established forever.”

This clue meant the Savior would come to establish a new kingdom and would also be a descendant of David's family.



One of Jesus's followers Matthew would later record the entire genealogy of Jesus to show that Jesus was born to a mother and father who were relatives to all of these people. There was not one left out.

Matthew recorded 28 generations that came before Jesus! That's a big family!



If you were going to pick the members of your family, who would you choose? You would be surprised at some of the people God chose to be in Jesus's family tree. Many of them were sinners and others were not even Jews. God wanted to us to know that Jesus would welcome all kinds of people into His family.



Jesus's family tree fulfills God's clues (or prophecies) about who the Savior would be. This strengthens our faith! We can trust that Jesus is the Messiah (or Savior) God promised!

**Let's Talk About
The Story...**



**Who did God promise to
send after Adam and
Eve sinned?**



**What does the word
prophecy mean?**



**What does the word
Messiah mean?**



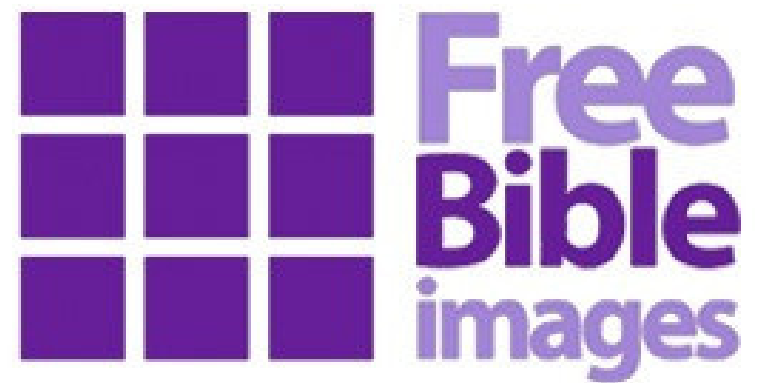
**Can you name some of
the people in Jesus's
family tree?**



**How many generations
passed between
Abraham and Jesus?**



**Why is it important to
know who Jesus's
ancestors are?**



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