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This volume gathers fifty paintings from the *Bible Comics* catalogue, arranged in canonical order and printed in a single visual register. Each page renders one passage as a sequence of images, with the King James text set below.

The art draws from the Old Master tradition — the chiaroscuro of Rembrandt, the line of Doré, the gold and shadow of the illuminated codex. It was made with generative tools and composited by hand. Where the artist's hand failed, the page was retired.

Read it slowly. The pages are designed to be lingered over.

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I

In the Beginning

From creation to the patriarchs.

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

— Genesis 1:2

In the Beginning

Genesis 1

And God saw everything that he had made,
and behold, it was very good.

The Garden

Genesis 2

And they heard the voice of the Lord God
walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

The Fall

Genesis 3

He will bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6-9

I set my bow in the cloud — a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

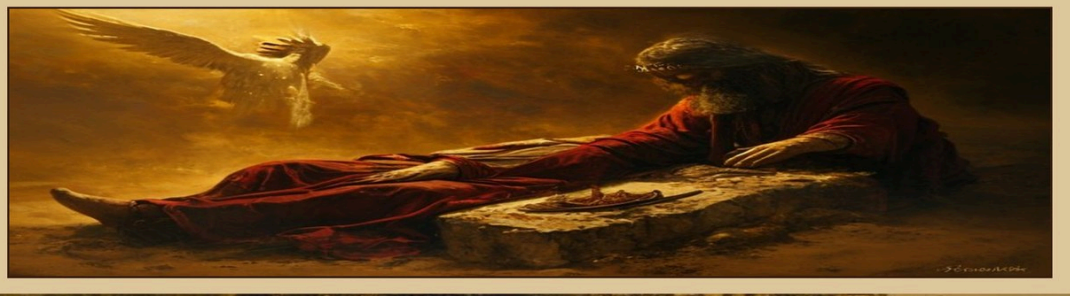
The Call

Genesis 12

I will make of you a great nation,
and in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.

The Binding of Isaac

Genesis 22



The Lord will provide.
On the mountain of the Lord it shall be provided.

The Stolen Blessing

Genesis 27

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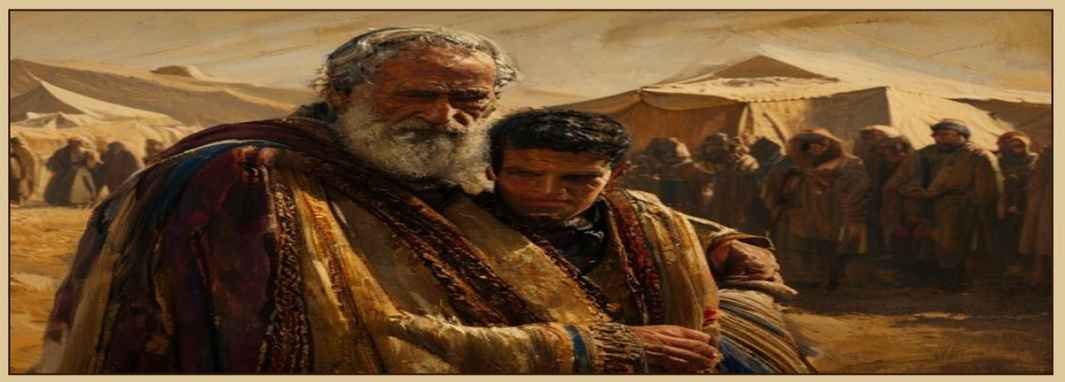
Thy brother came with subtilty,
and hath taken away thy blessing.

The Coat of Many Colors

Genesis 37



So they sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver,
and brought him into Egypt.

II

Out of Egypt

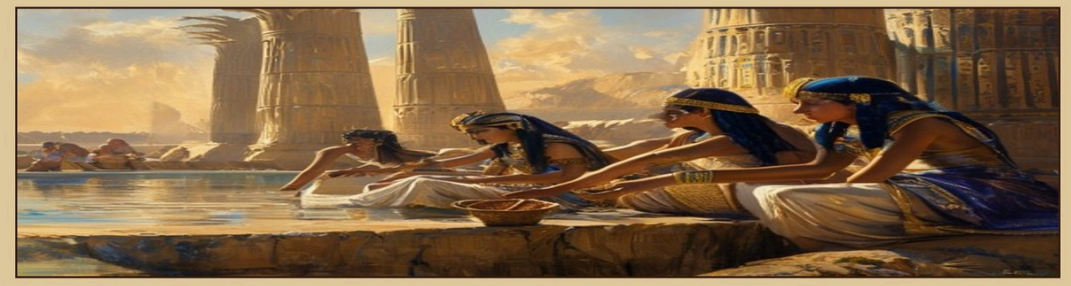
From the bulrushes to the promised land.

"Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD."

— Exodus 14:13

Baby Moses

Exodus 2:1-10



She named him Moses, saying:
"I drew him out of the water."

The Burning Bush

Exodus 3

He turned aside to see this great sight.
And God called to him out of the bush: Moses, Moses.

The Red Sea Parts

Exodus 14

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19-20

I am the Lord your God
who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

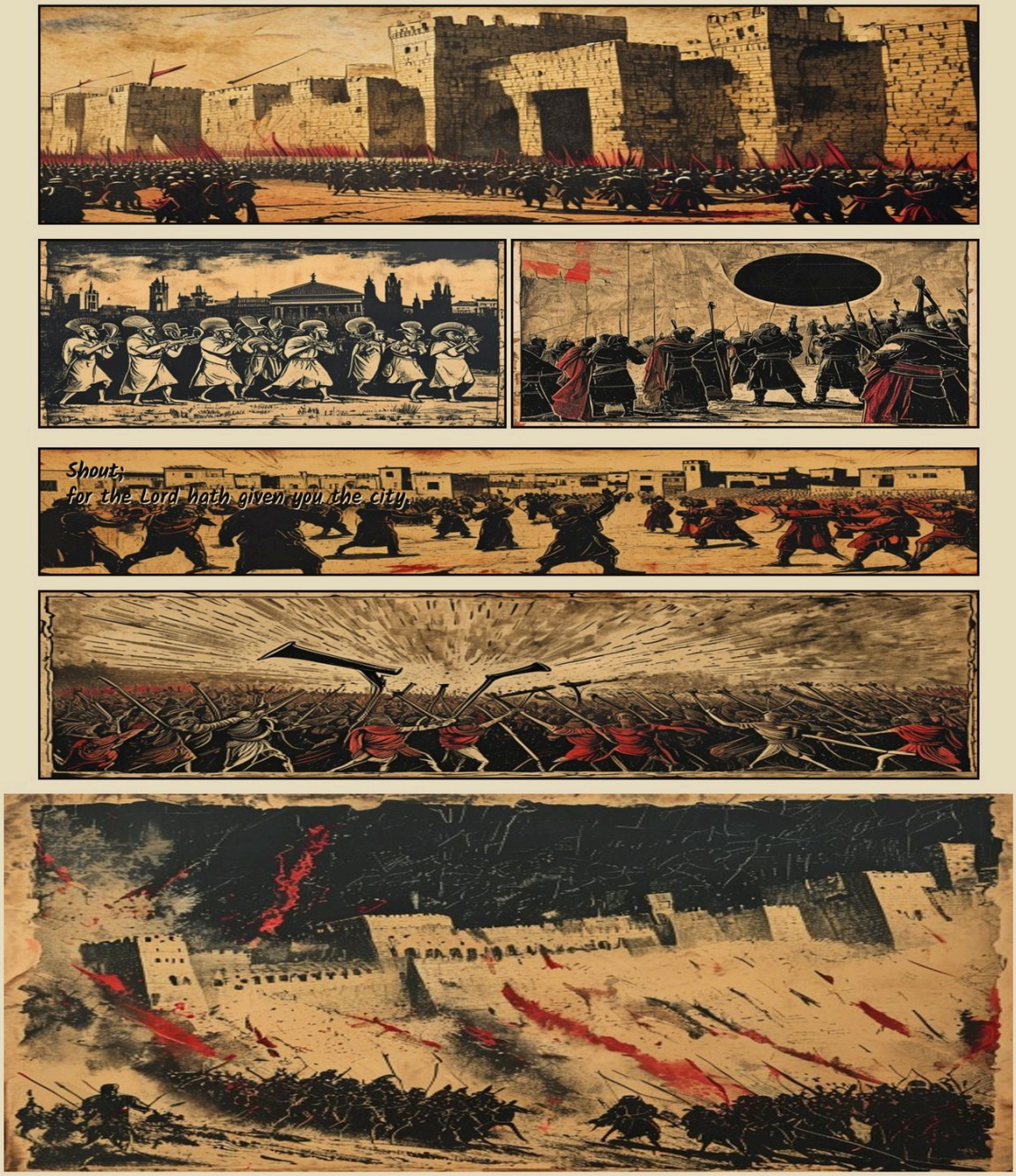
The Jordan Crossed

Joshua 3-4

This day will I begin to magnify thee
in the sight of all Israel.

The Walls of Jericho

Joshua 6



The wall fell down flat,
so that the people went up into the city.

The Sun Stood Still

Joshua 10

The sun stood still,
and the moon stayed.

III

Kings and Prophets

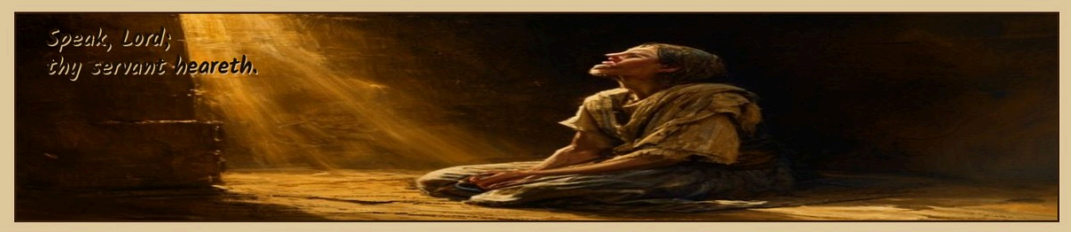
The throne, the altar, and the lonely word.

"What doest thou here, Elijah?"

— 1 Kings 19:9

The Call of Samuel

1 Samuel 3



Speak, Lord;
for thy servant heareth.

David Anointed in Secret

1 Samuel 16

Man looketh on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looketh on the heart.

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

The battle is the Lord's,
and he will give you into our hands.

Ravens and the Widow

1 Kings 17

The jar of flour was not spent,
neither did the cruse of oil fail.

Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18

The Lord, he is God;
the Lord, he is God!

The Still Small Voice

1 Kings 19

After the fire, a still small voice.
And Elijah wrapped his face in his mantle.

Chariot of Fire

2 Kings 2

Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?
And the waters were parted.

The Coal from the Altar

Isaiah 6

Here am I; send me.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

Our God whom we serve is able
to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace.

The Lions' Den

Daniel 6

My God has sent his angel
and shut the lions' mouths.

IV

Wisdom and Lament

Where the answer is silence, and the silence is the answer.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

— Psalm 46:10

Out of the Whirlwind

Job 38-41

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear:
but now mine eye seeth thee.

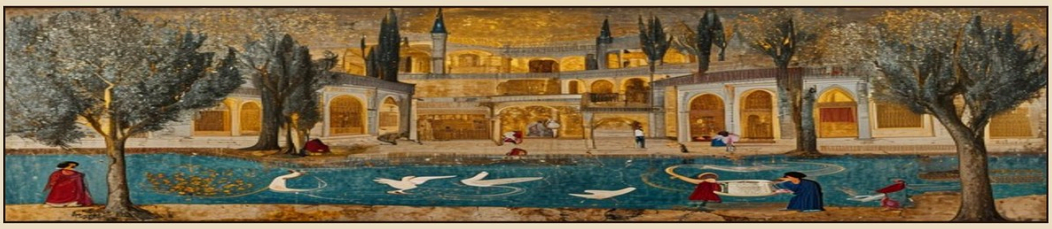
The Lord Is My Shepherd

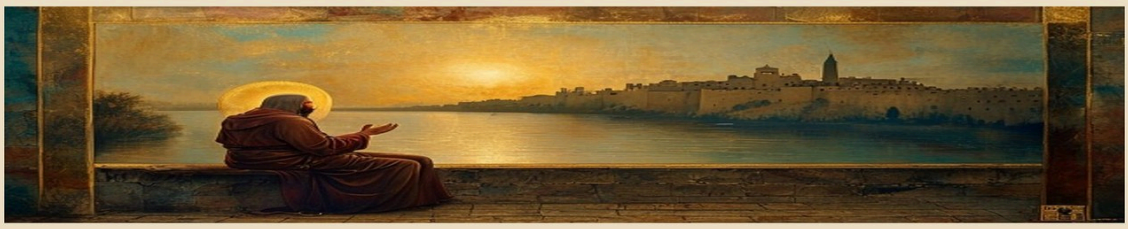
Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

Be Still and Know

Psalm 46





God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Be still, and know that I am God.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.

By the Rivers of Babylon

Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

V

The Gospels

The Word made flesh, and dwelt among us.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

— John 1:29

The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-38

Behold, I am the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.

The Nativity

Luke 2:1-20

And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us.

The Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

They departed into their own country another way.

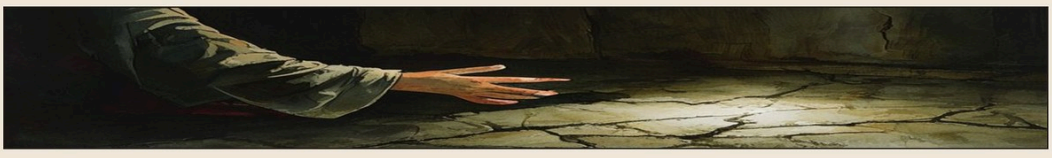
The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

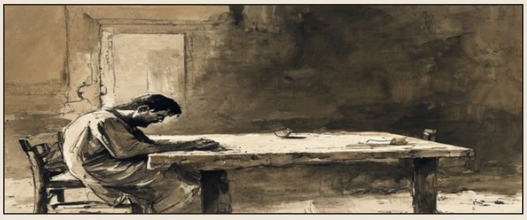
Luke 15:8-10



"There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels"
"over one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

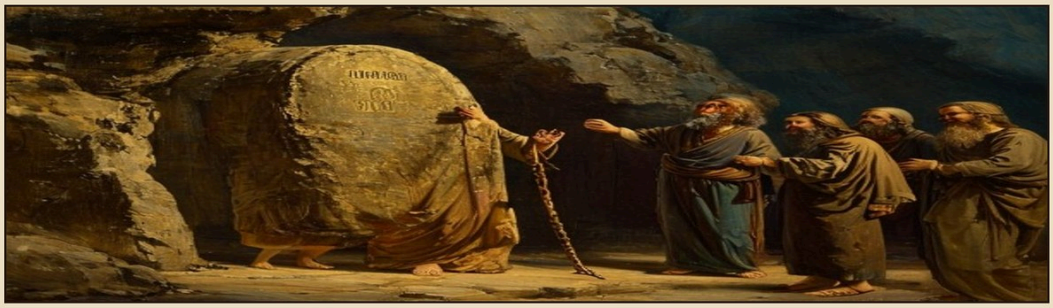
Luke 15:11-32



"Bring the best robe.
My son has come home."

Raising Lazarus

John 11



I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me shall live.

The Last Supper

Matthew 26 · Luke 22 · John 13

This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Gethsemane

Matthew 26 · Luke 22

Not my will,
but yours be done.

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27 · John 19

Father, into your hands
I commit my spirit.

The Resurrection

Matthew 28 · John 20

He is not here;
he is risen.

VI

Acts and Apocalypse

From Pentecost to the city without a temple.

"Behold, I make all things new."

— Revelation 21:5

The Ascension

Acts 1:6-11

"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up..."

The Damascus Road

Acts 9:1-19

Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?
I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

The Macedonian Call

Acts 16

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and you shall be saved, you and your household.

To Rome

Acts 27-28

"Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear..."

The Four Horsemen

Revelation 6:1-8

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse:"
"and his name that sat on him was Death."

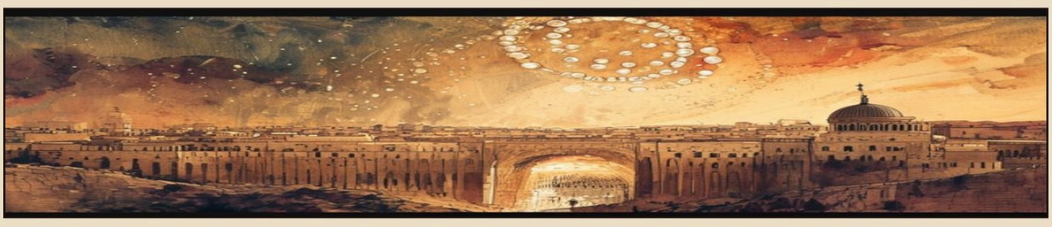
The Lamb on Mount Zion

Revelation 14

"These are they which follow the Lamb"
"whithersoever he goeth."

The New Heaven and New Earth

Revelation 21



"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,"
"and he will dwell with them, and be their God."

Colophon

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