

SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

Lessons In Faith



I SAMUEL 1 & 2

TIMELINE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

**Samuel was a Priest,
Prophet and Judge.
The United Kingdom
began when he anointed
King Saul.**

Adam
Noah
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob & Esau
Job
Joseph
Moses

Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Samuel

Saul, David, Solomon

Divided Kingdom

Elijah & Elisha

Jonah

Northern Kingdom/Israel taken into Assyrian Captivity

Southern Kingdom/Judah taken into Babylonian Captivity

Daniel & Ezekiel in Babylon

Persia takes Babylon – becomes world power

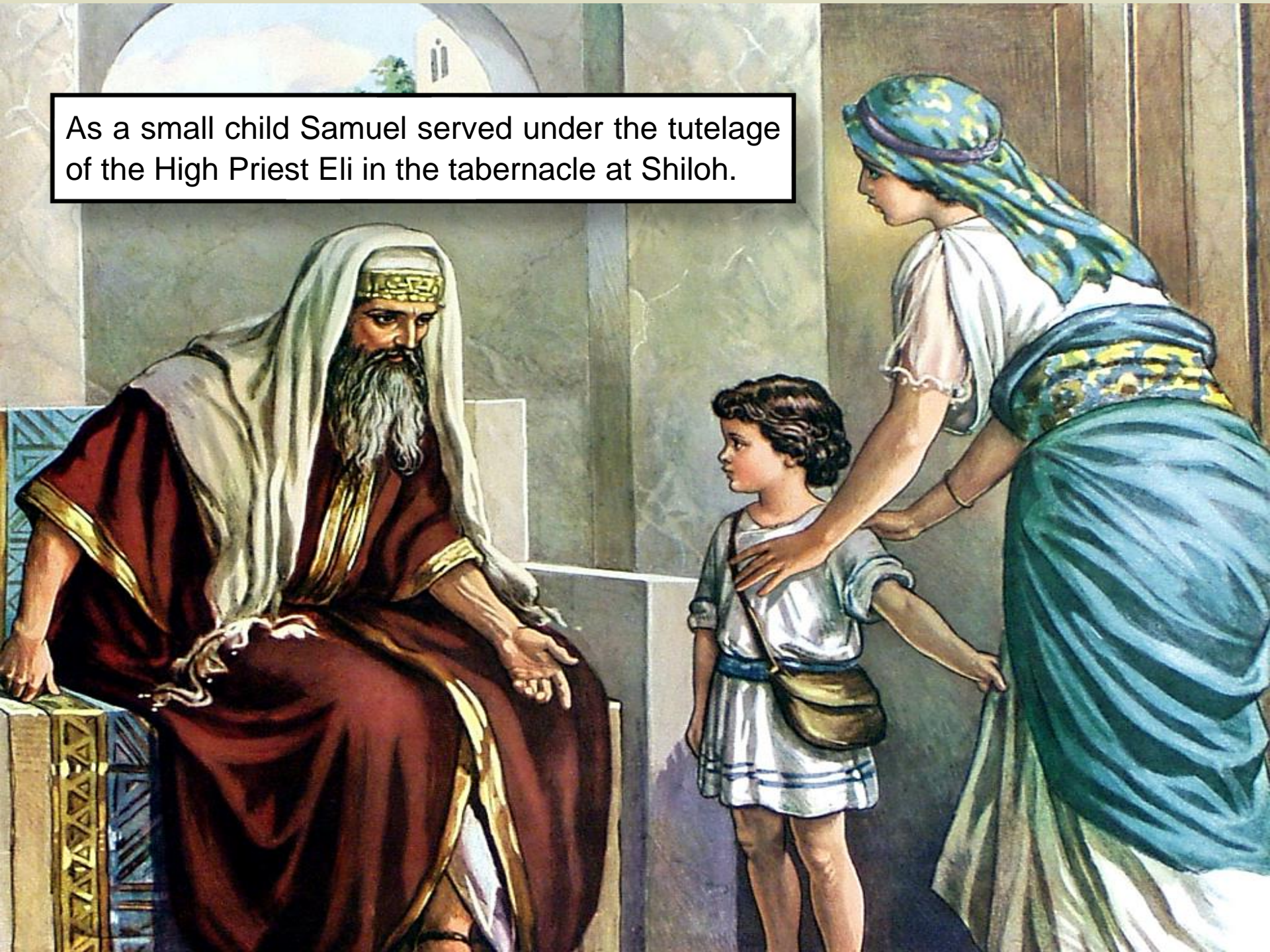
Return to Canaan begins – rebuilding of the temple / Ezra

Esther Persian Queen

More Jews return – rebuilding of the wall / Nehemiah

Malachi

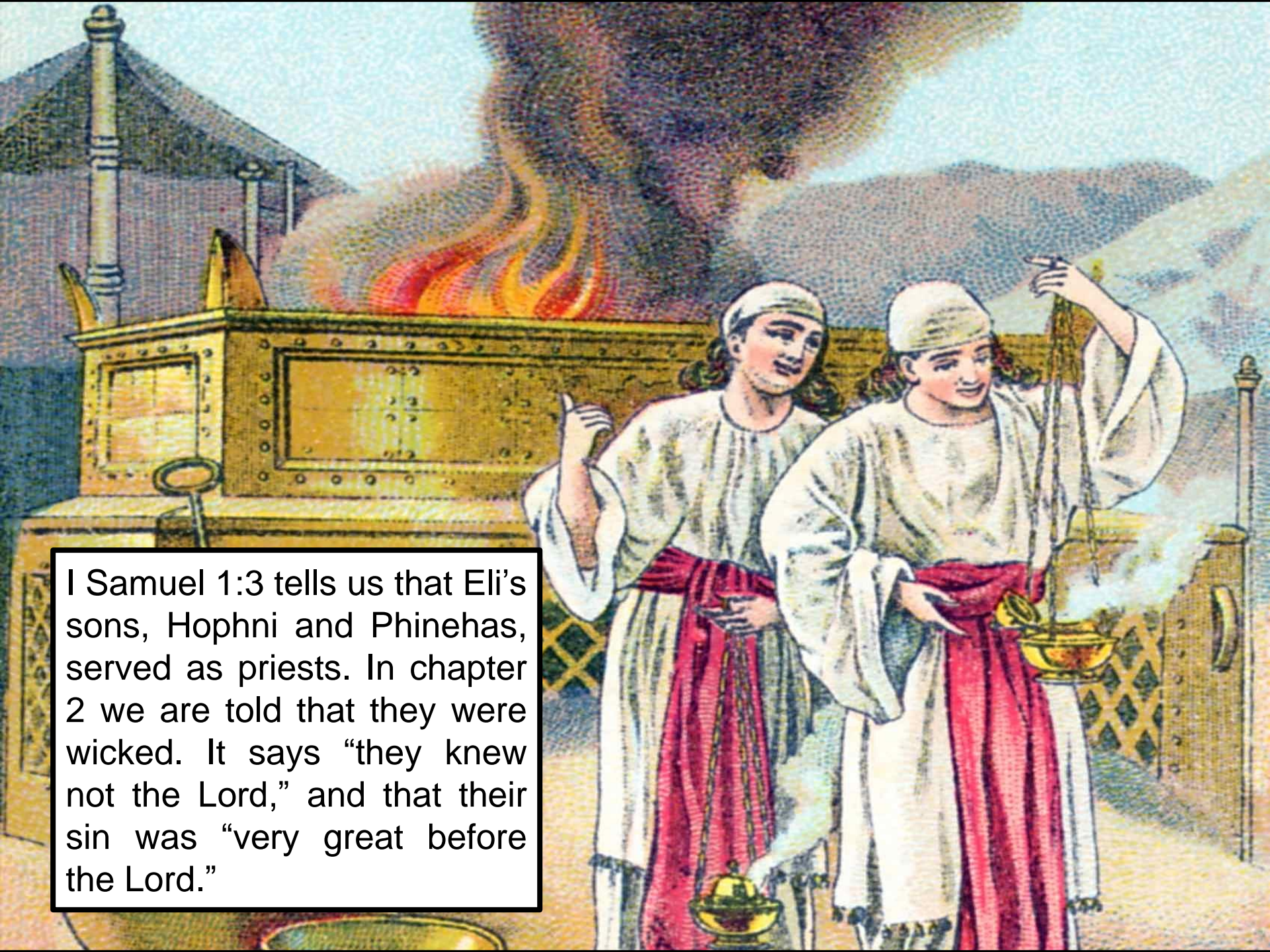
As a small child Samuel served under the tutelage of the High Priest Eli in the tabernacle at Shiloh.



SHILOH

Shiloh was the center of worship in the period of the Judges (Deut. 12:5ff.). It was the place where Joshua set up the tabernacle (Josh. 18:1). Today it is no more than a ruin of fallen stones.





I Samuel 1:3 tells us that Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, served as priests. In chapter 2 we are told that they were wicked. It says "they knew not the Lord," and that their sin was "very great before the Lord."



THE SINS OF ELI'S SONS



I Samuel 2

“²²Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²³And he said unto them, **Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.** ²⁴Nay, my sons; for **it is no good report that I hear:** ye make the LORD’S people to transgress. ²⁵If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.”





Eli reproved his sons too gently.
He didn't threaten them as he should have.
He didn't take action to stop their behavior.



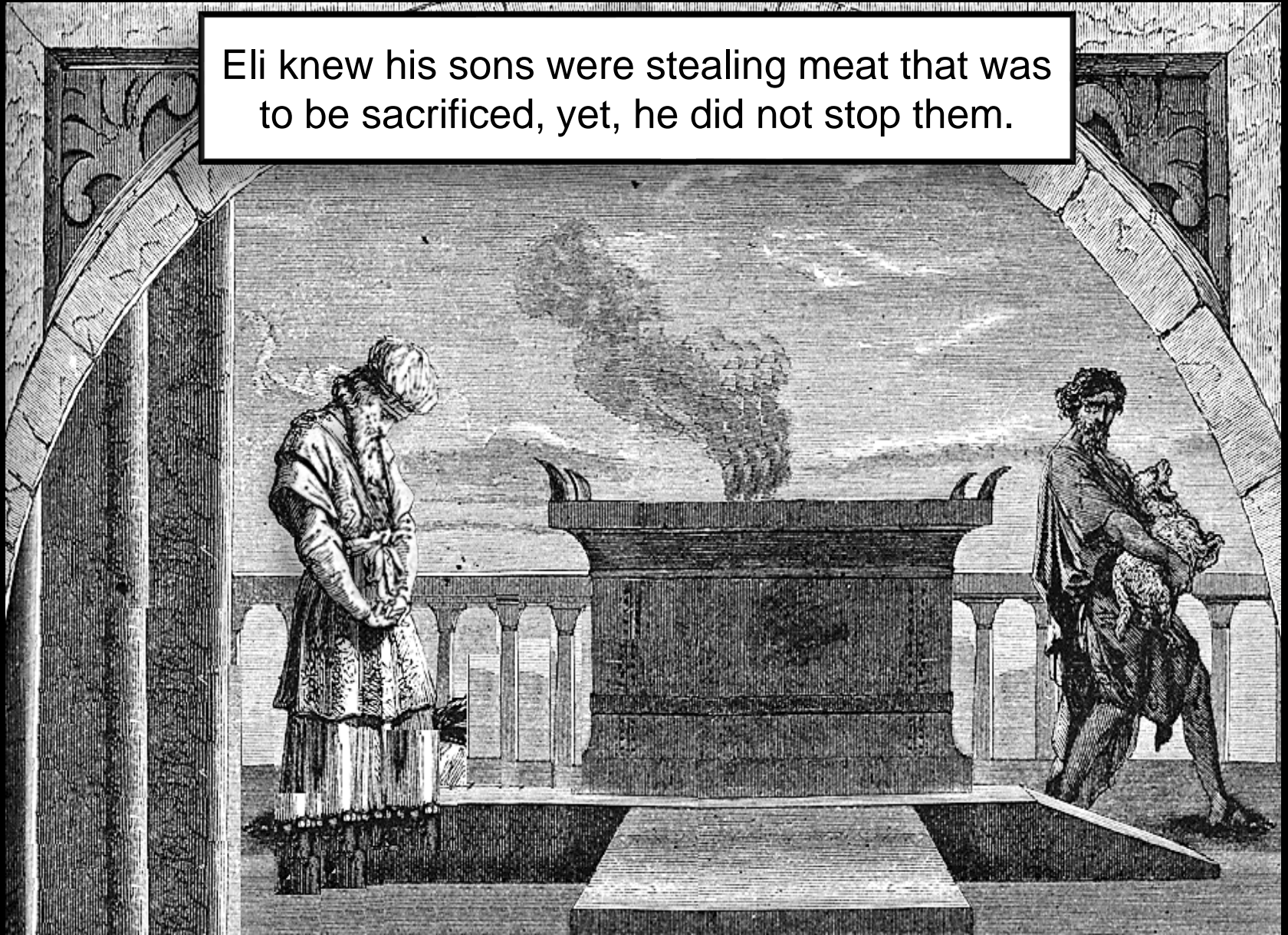
I Samuel 2

“²⁶And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.”

As Samuel grew he showed himself to be faithful, but Eli's sons became more and more profane and evil. They rebelled against the Lord, but Samuel ministered to Him; they ignored their father's admonitions, but Samuel was obedient; they profaned holy things, but Samuel served under Eli's eye and direction.



Eli knew his sons were stealing meat that was to be sacrificed, yet, he did not stop them.

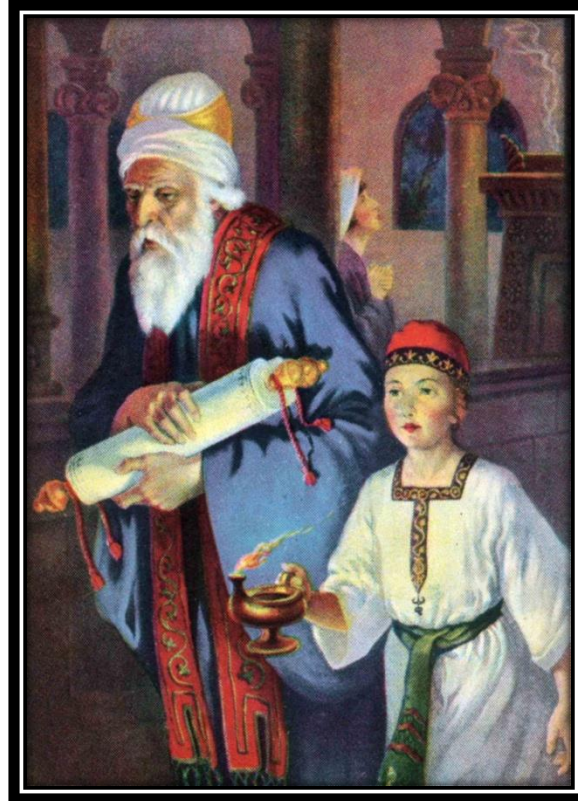




I Samuel 2 tells about a prophet that went to Eli and asked him why he honored his sons above God, for Eli was not reprimanding his sons. The prophet told Eli that both of his sons would die in one day (Verse 34).

1 Samuel 3

“¹And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.”



1 Samuel 3

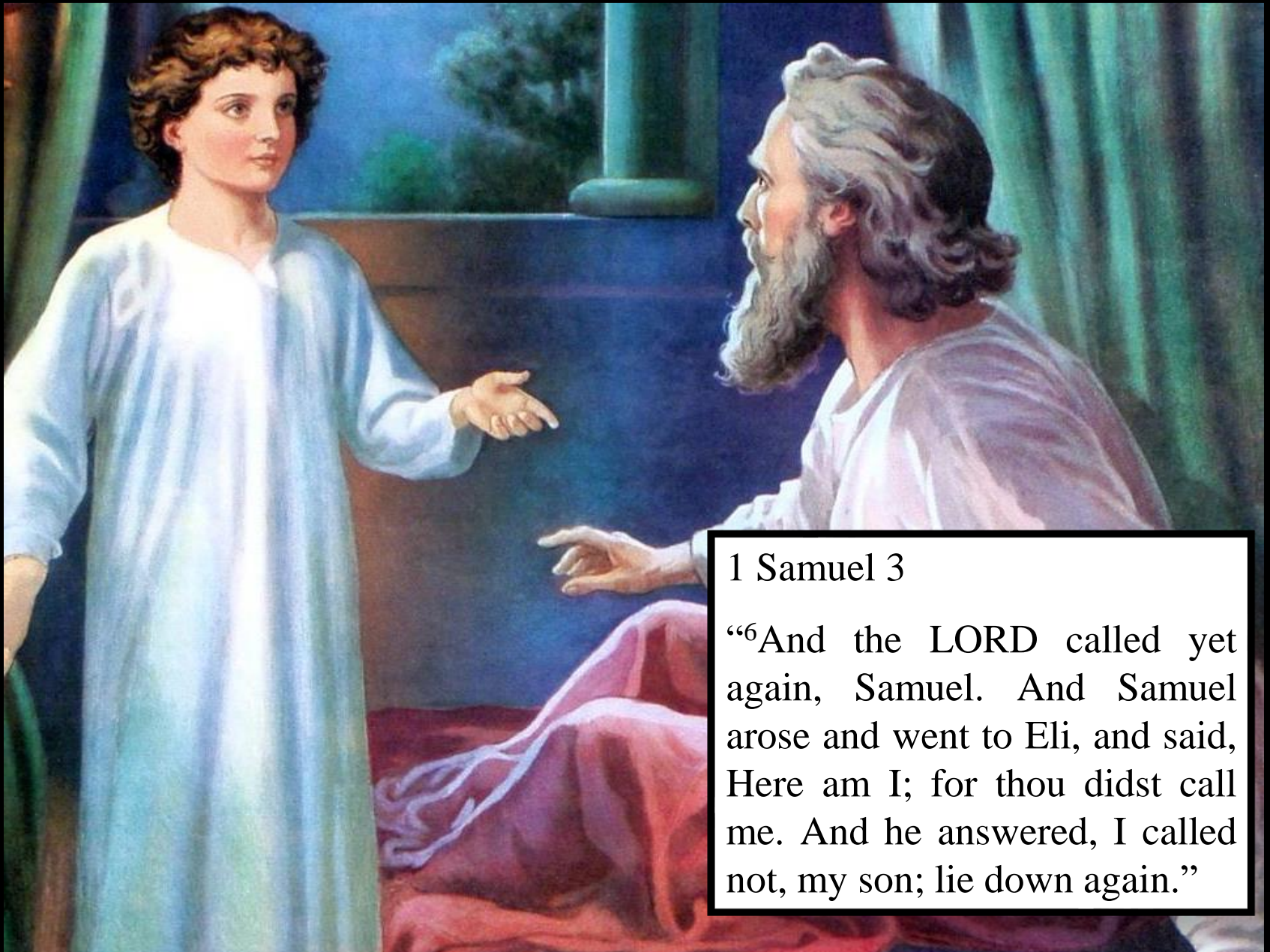
“²And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; ³And ere **the lamp of God went out in the temple** of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep.”



1 Samuel 3

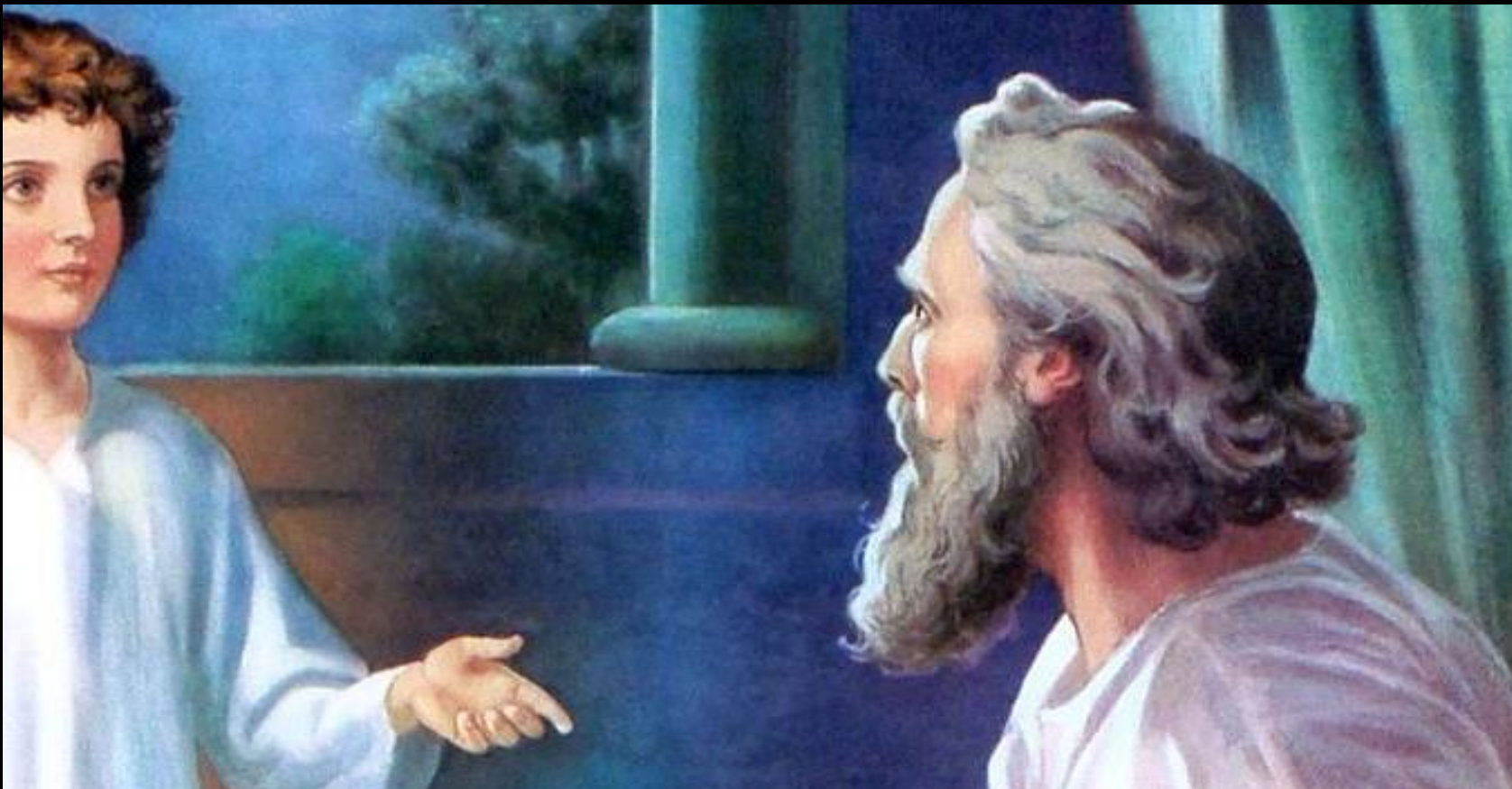
“⁴That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. ⁵And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.”





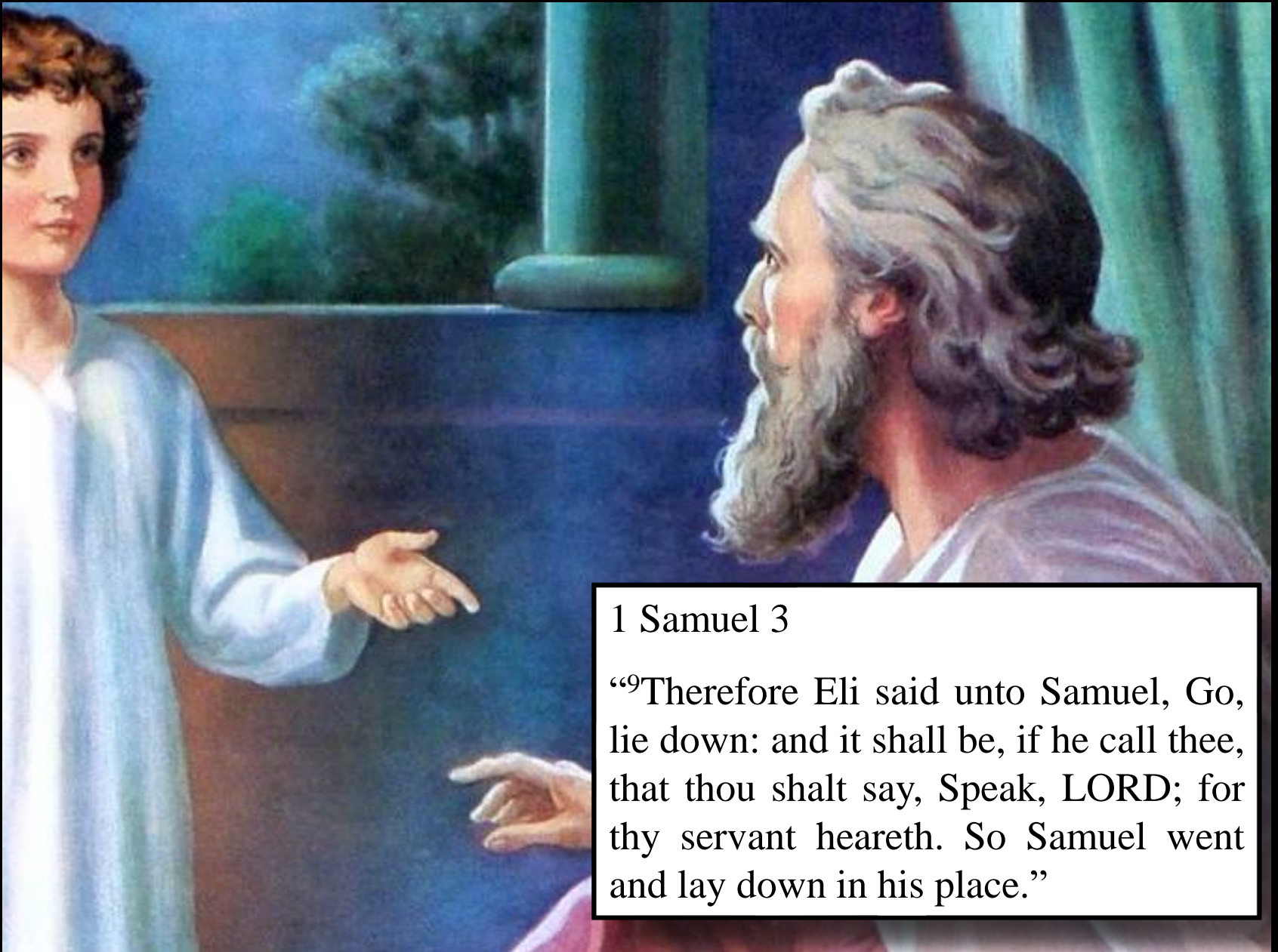
1 Samuel 3

“⁶And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.”



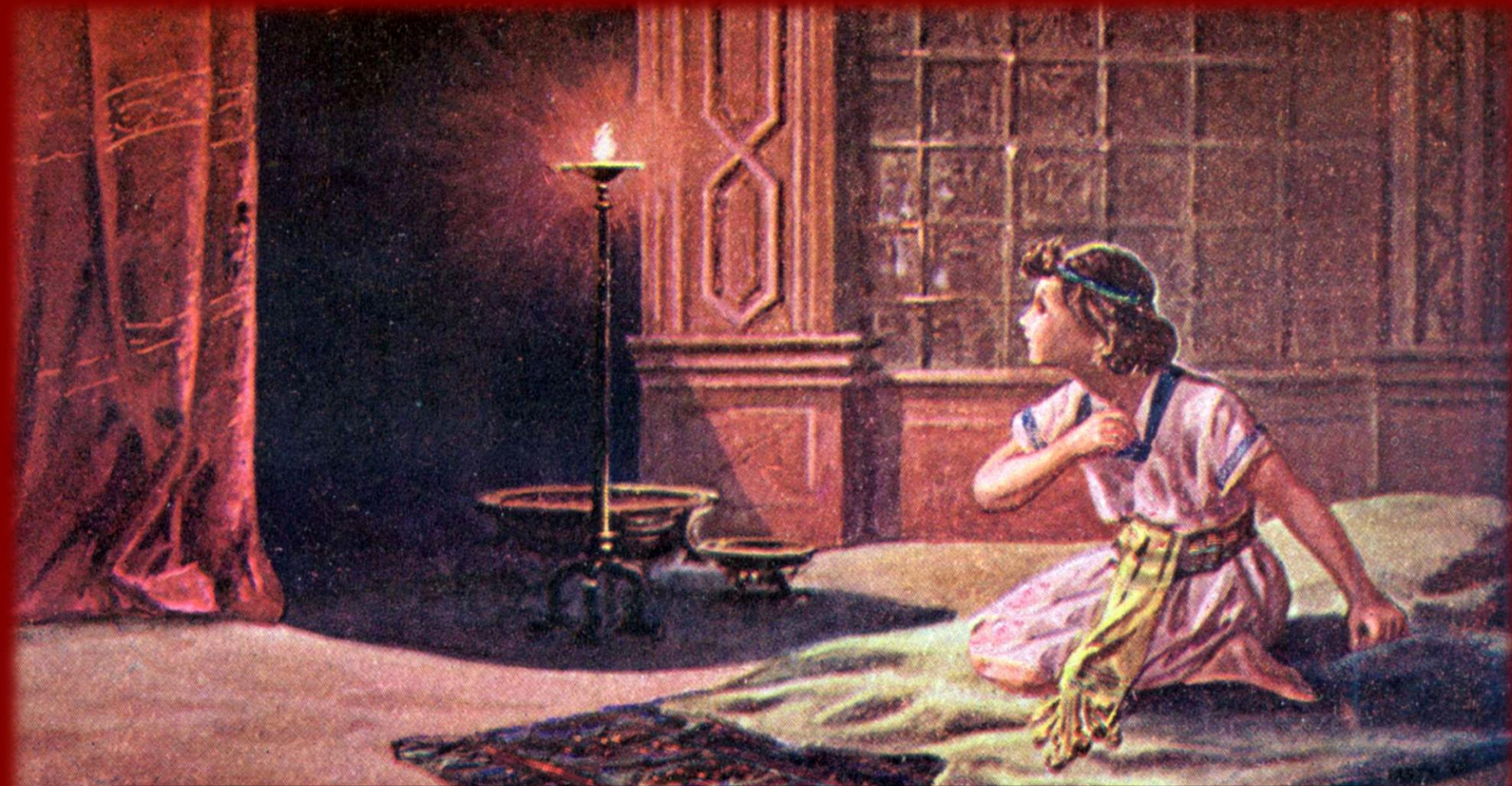
1 Samuel 3

“⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.”



1 Samuel 3

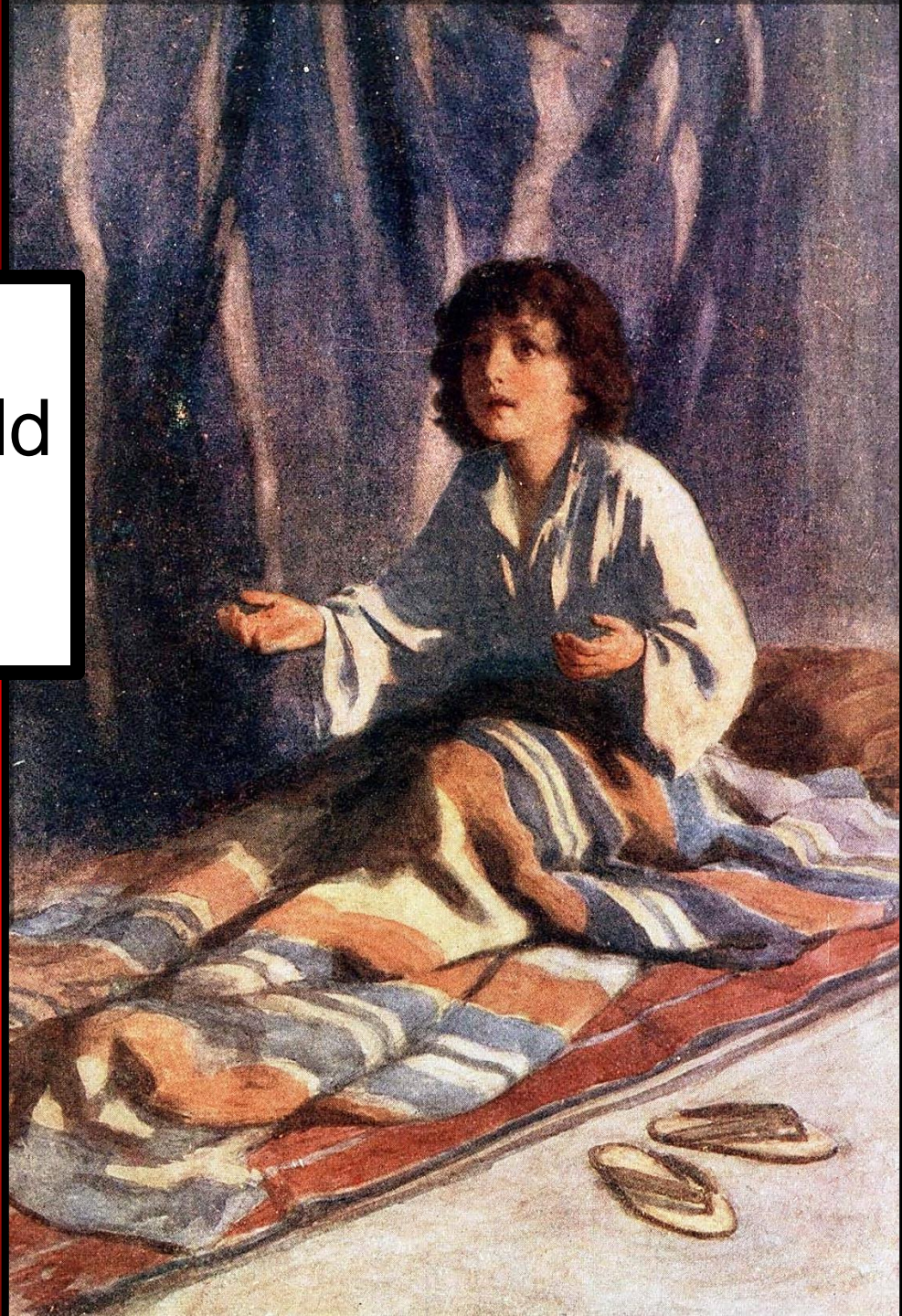
“⁹Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.”



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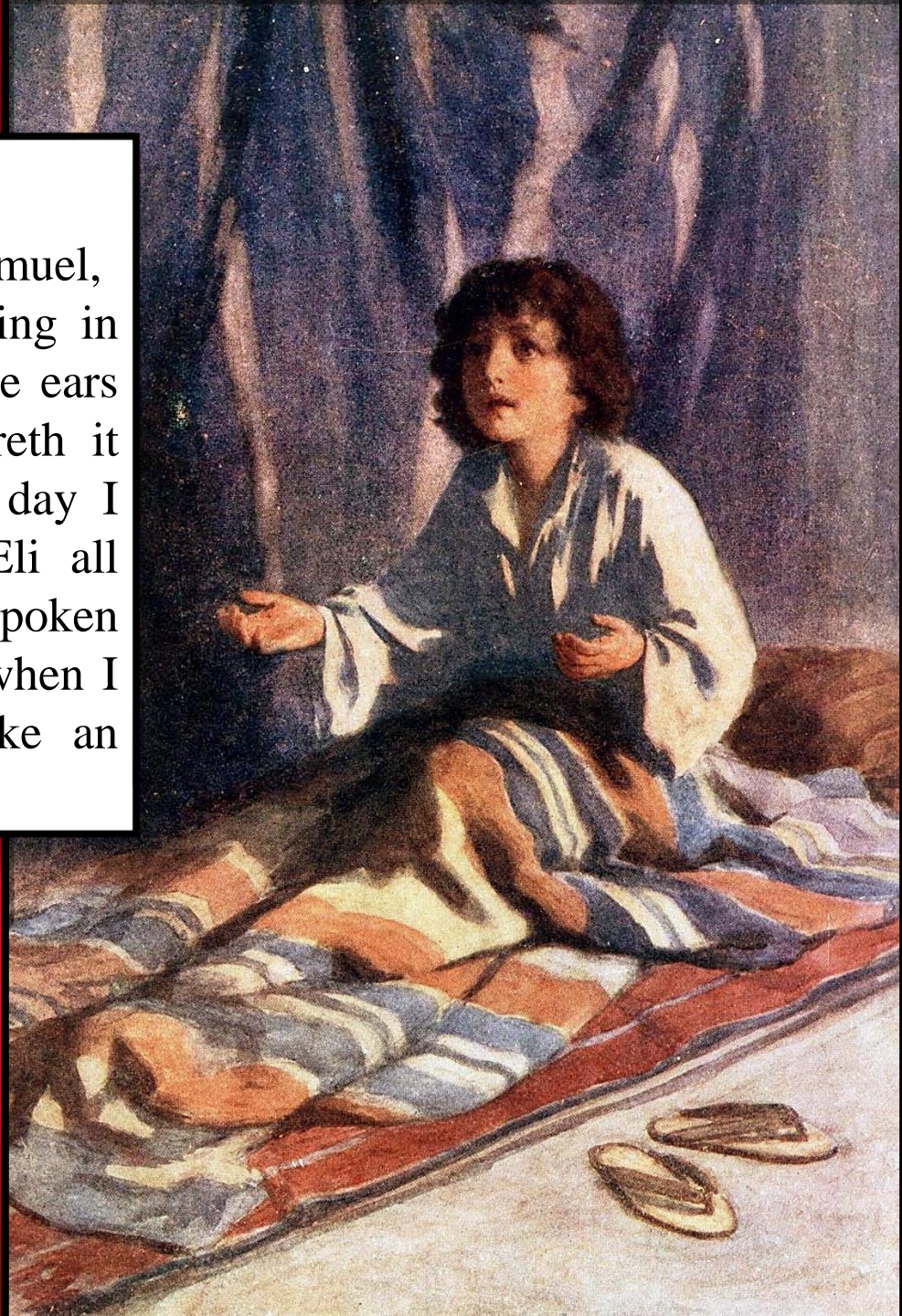
“¹⁰And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.”

God spoke to
Samuel and told
him horrible
news for Eli.



1 Samuel 3

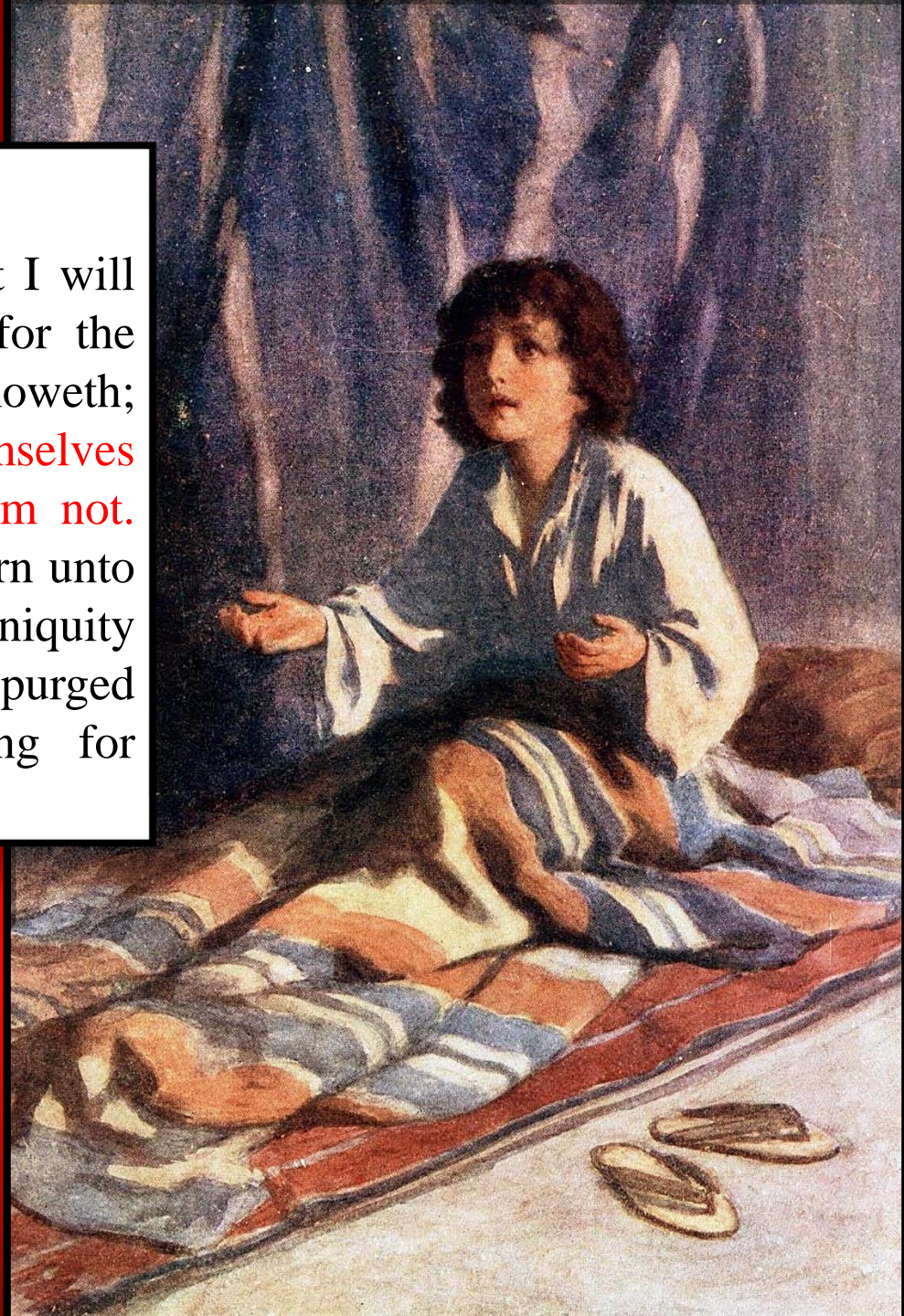
“¹¹And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. ¹²In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.”



1 Samuel 3

“¹³For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his **sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.**

¹⁴And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.”



**The next day
Eli made Samuel
tell him everything
about the vision.**

1 Samuel 3

“¹⁵And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision.”



1 Samuel 3

“¹⁶Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. ¹⁷And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. ¹⁸And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.”





1 Samuel 3



“¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. ²¹And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.”

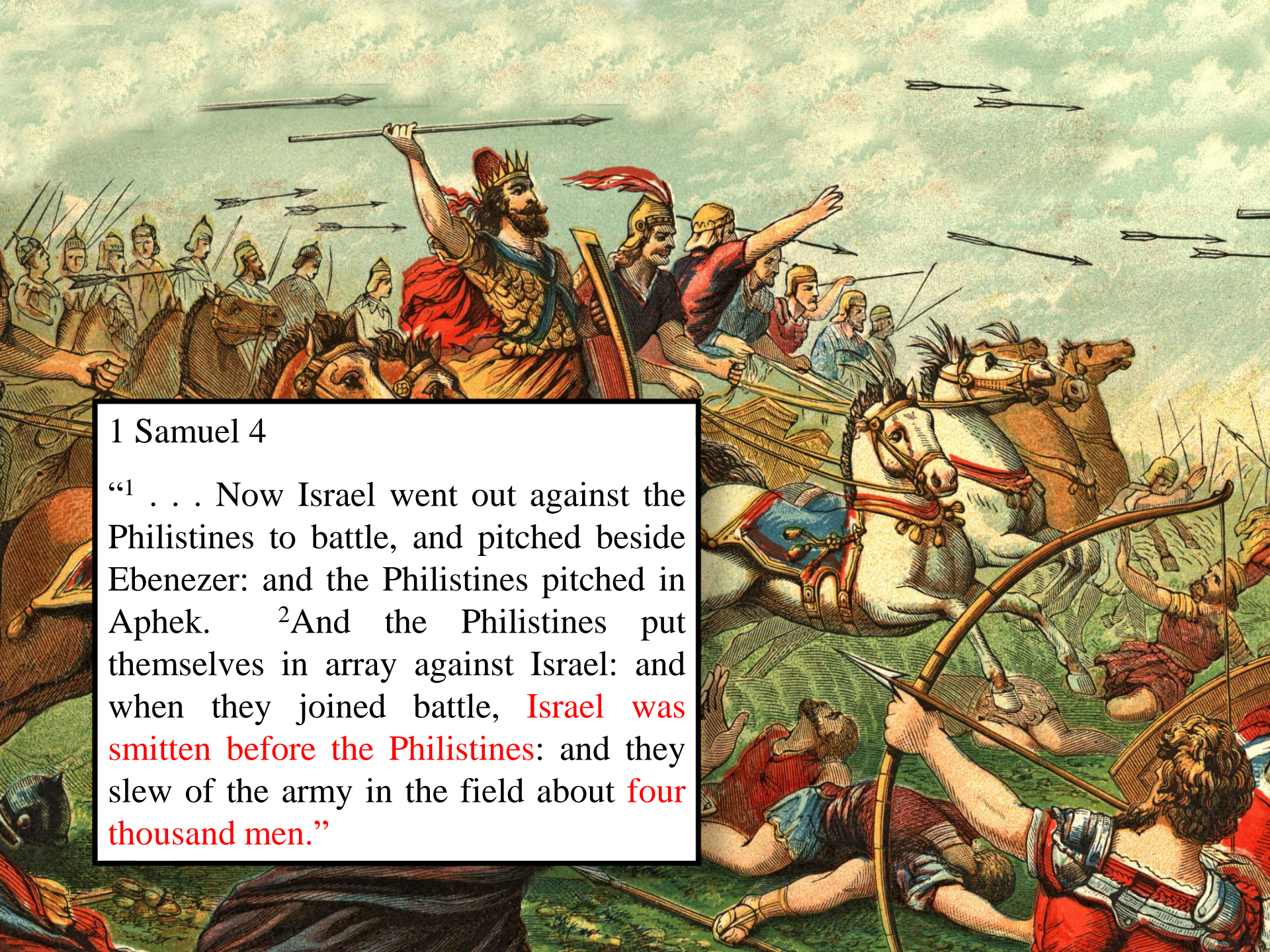


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THE PHILISTINES CAPTURE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT





1 Samuel 4

“¹ . . . Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. ²And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, **Israel was smitten before the Philistines:** and they slew of the army in the field about **four thousand men.**”

1 Samuel 4

“³And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines?

Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.”



1 Samuel 4

“⁴So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. ⁵And **when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout**, so that the earth rang again.”





1 Samuel 4

“⁶And when the **Philistines heard the noise of the shout**, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.”

1 Samuel 4

“⁷And the **Philistines** **were** **afraid**, for they said, God is come into the camp . . . ⁸Woe unto us! who shall deliver us . . . be strong, and **quit yourselves like men, and fight.**”



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THE DEATHS OF ELI AND HIS SONS

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1 Samuel 4

“¹⁰And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a **very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.** ¹¹And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.”

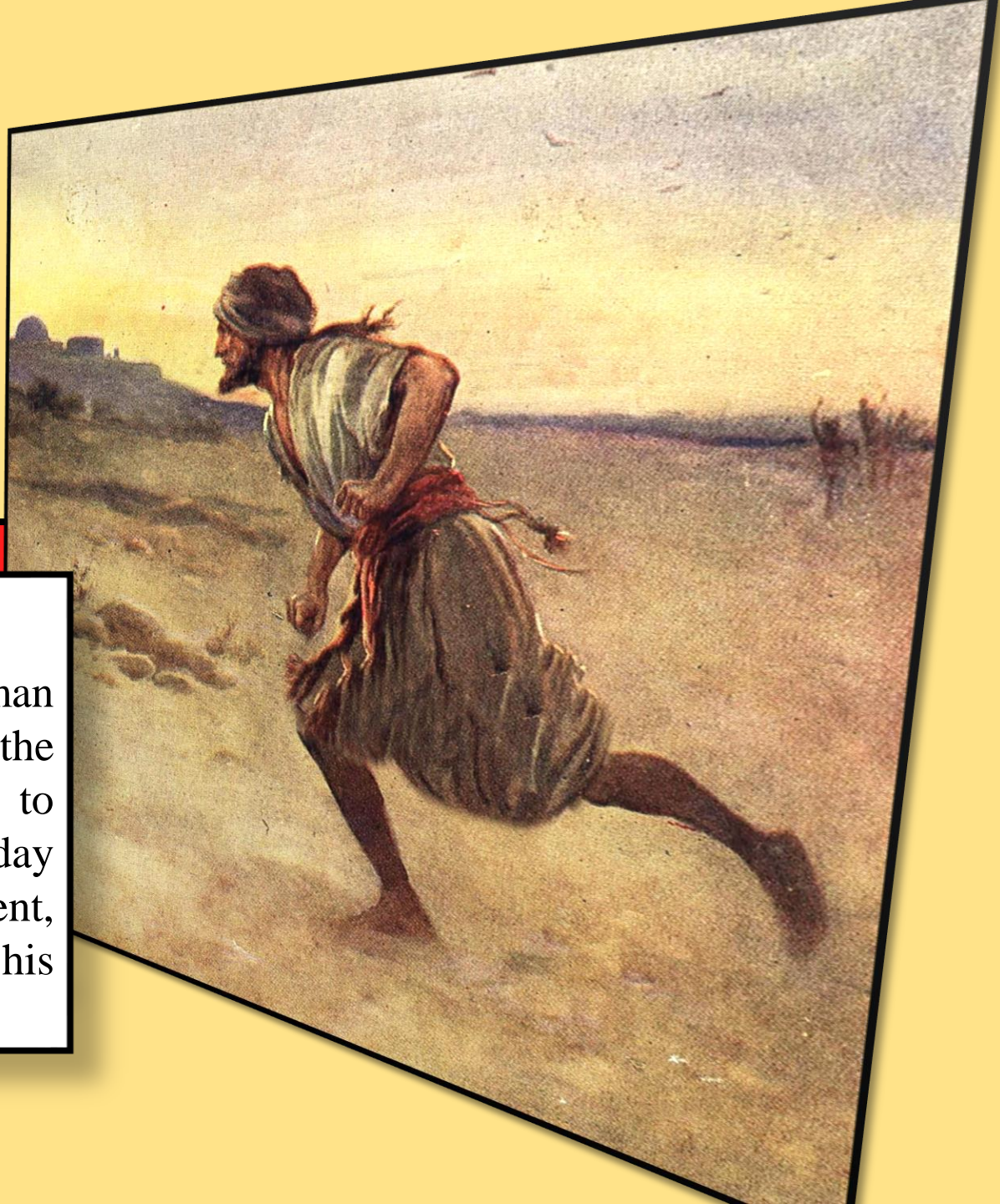


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1 Samuel 4

“¹²And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.”



1 Samuel 4

“¹³And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. ¹⁴And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.”

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1 Samuel 4

“¹⁵Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. ¹⁶And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, **What is there done, my son?**”



1 Samuel 4

“¹⁷And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, **Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.**”

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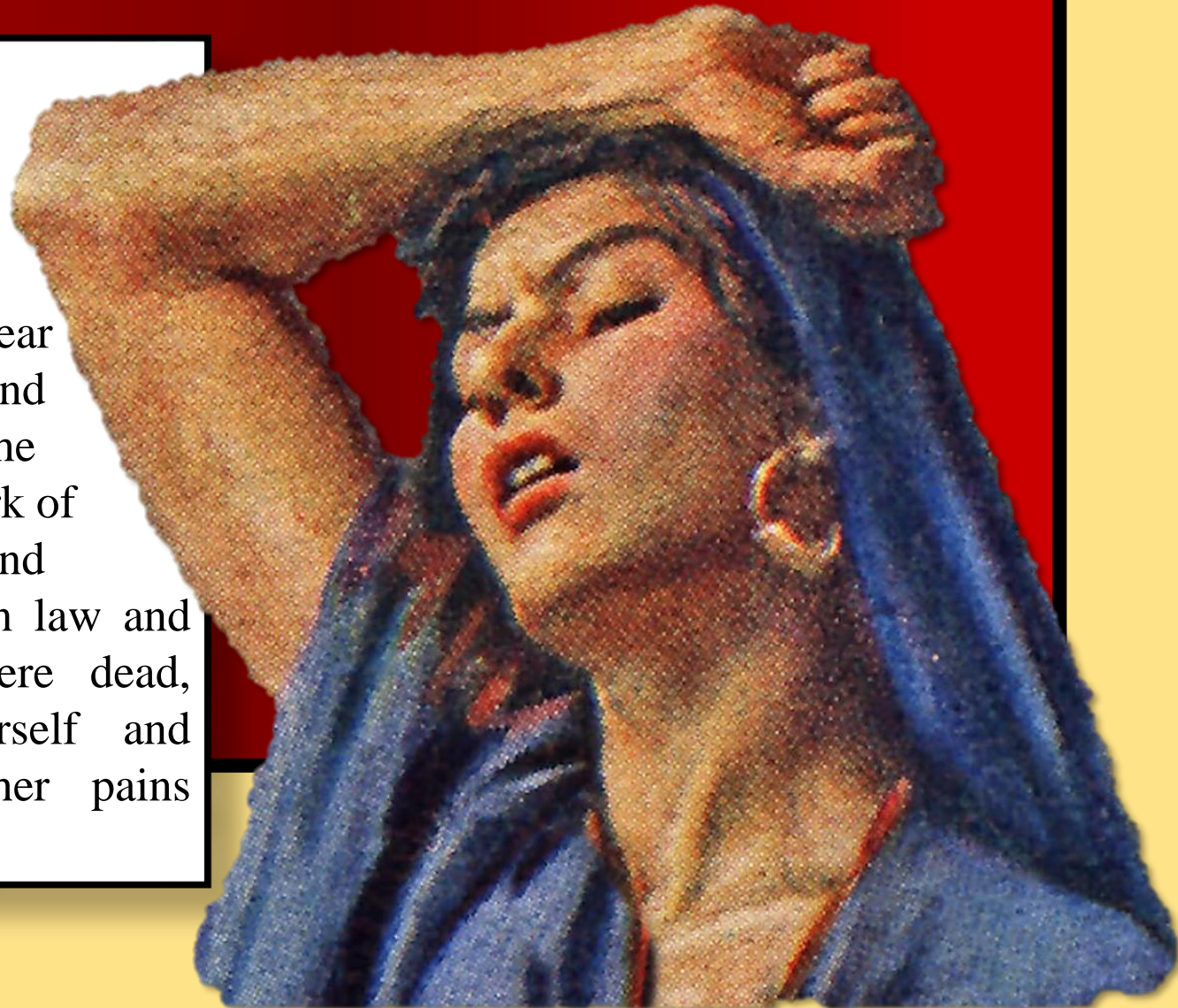
“¹⁸And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.”

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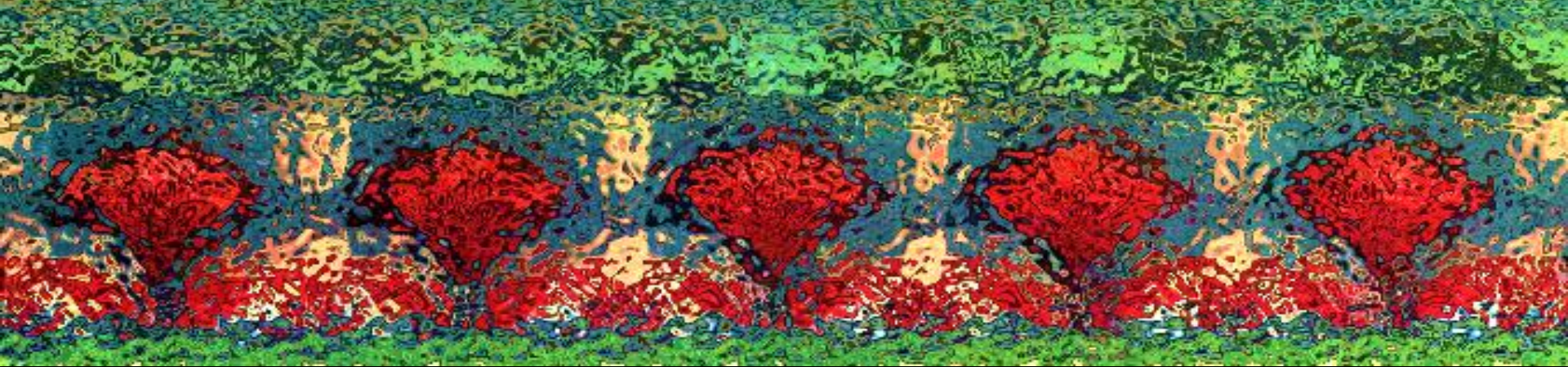
“¹⁹And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.”



1 Samuel 4

“²⁰And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. ²¹And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. ²²And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.”





THE END

