

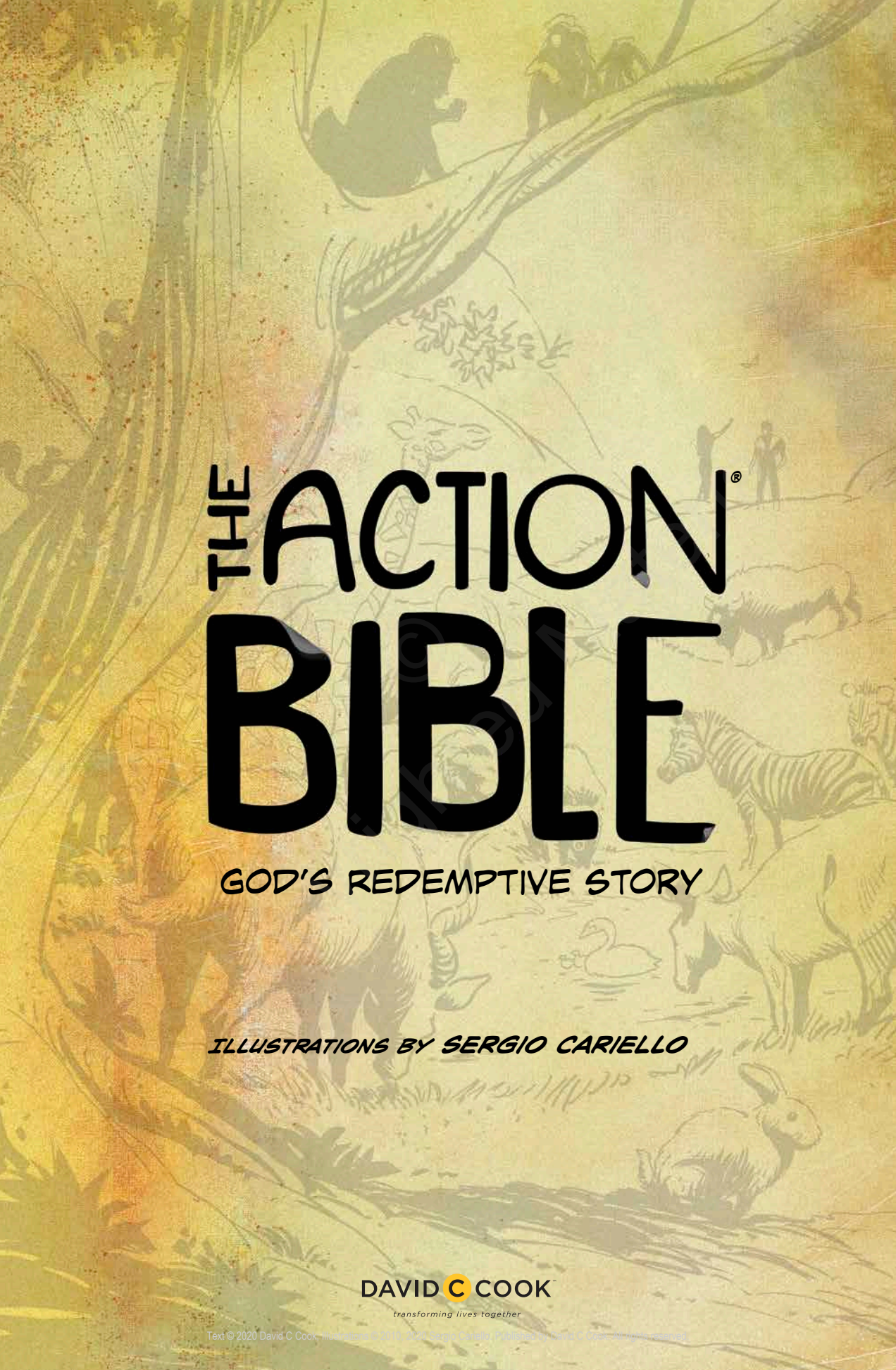


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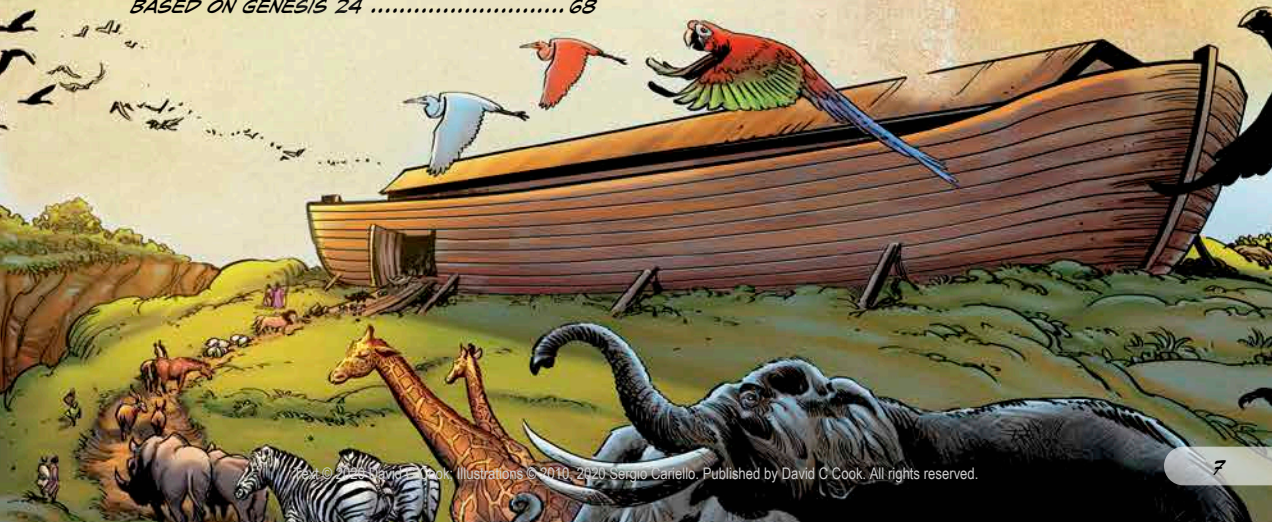
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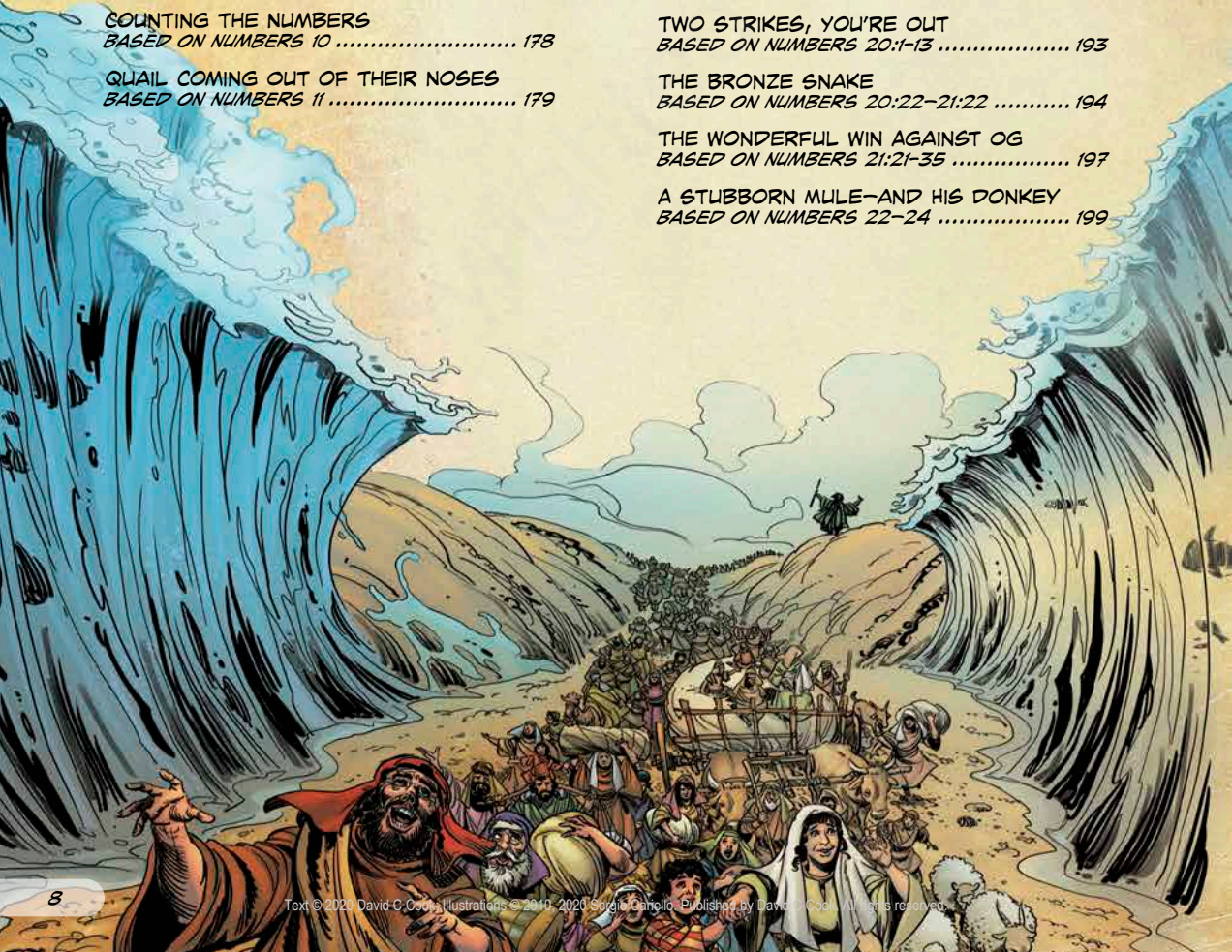
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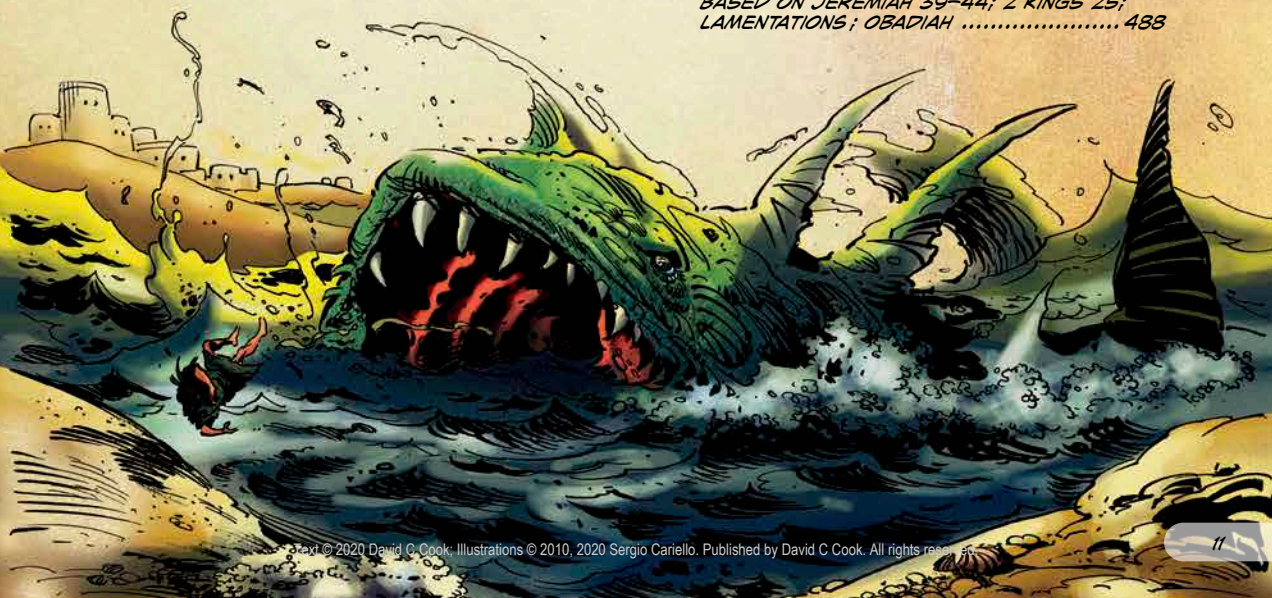
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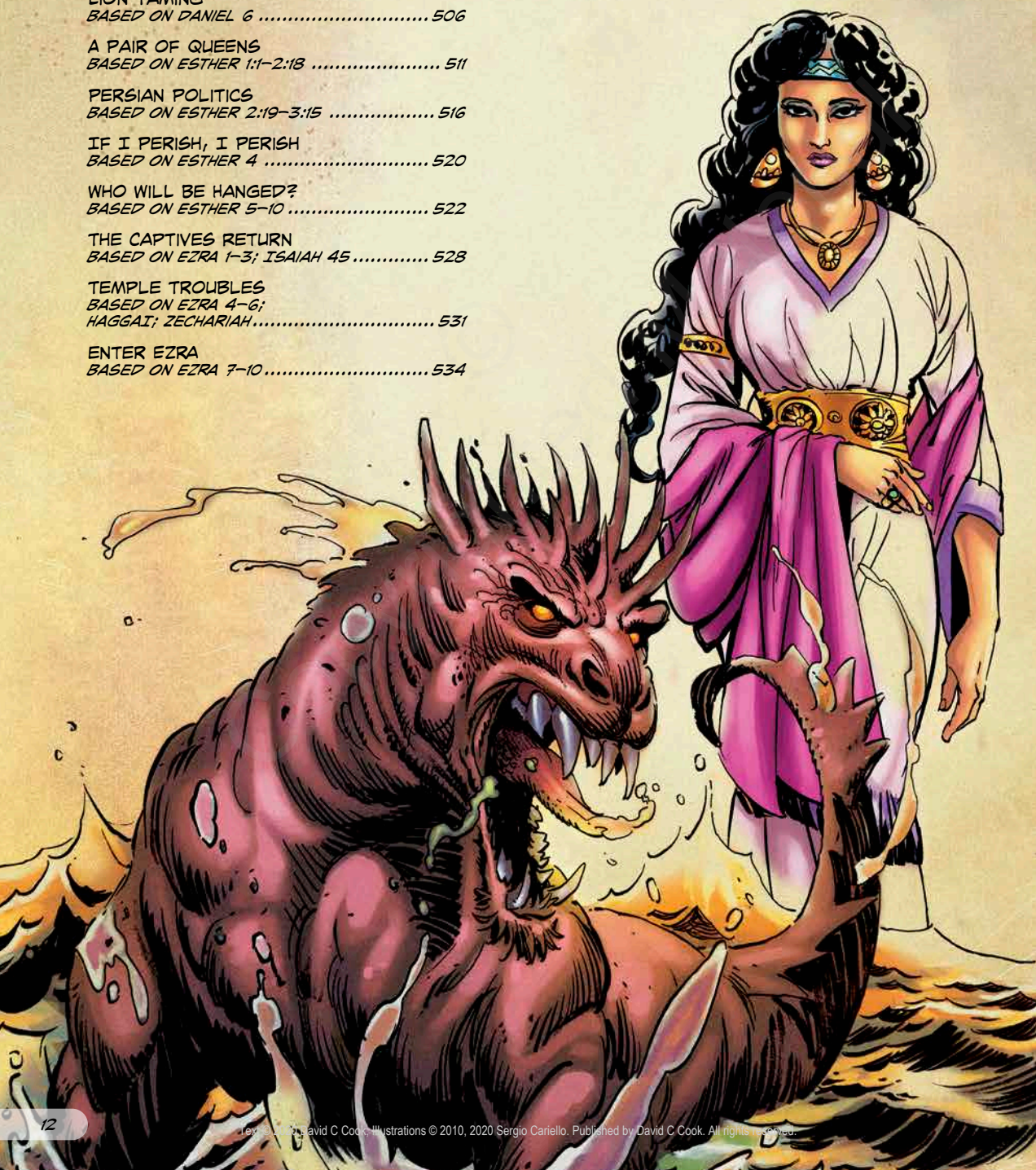
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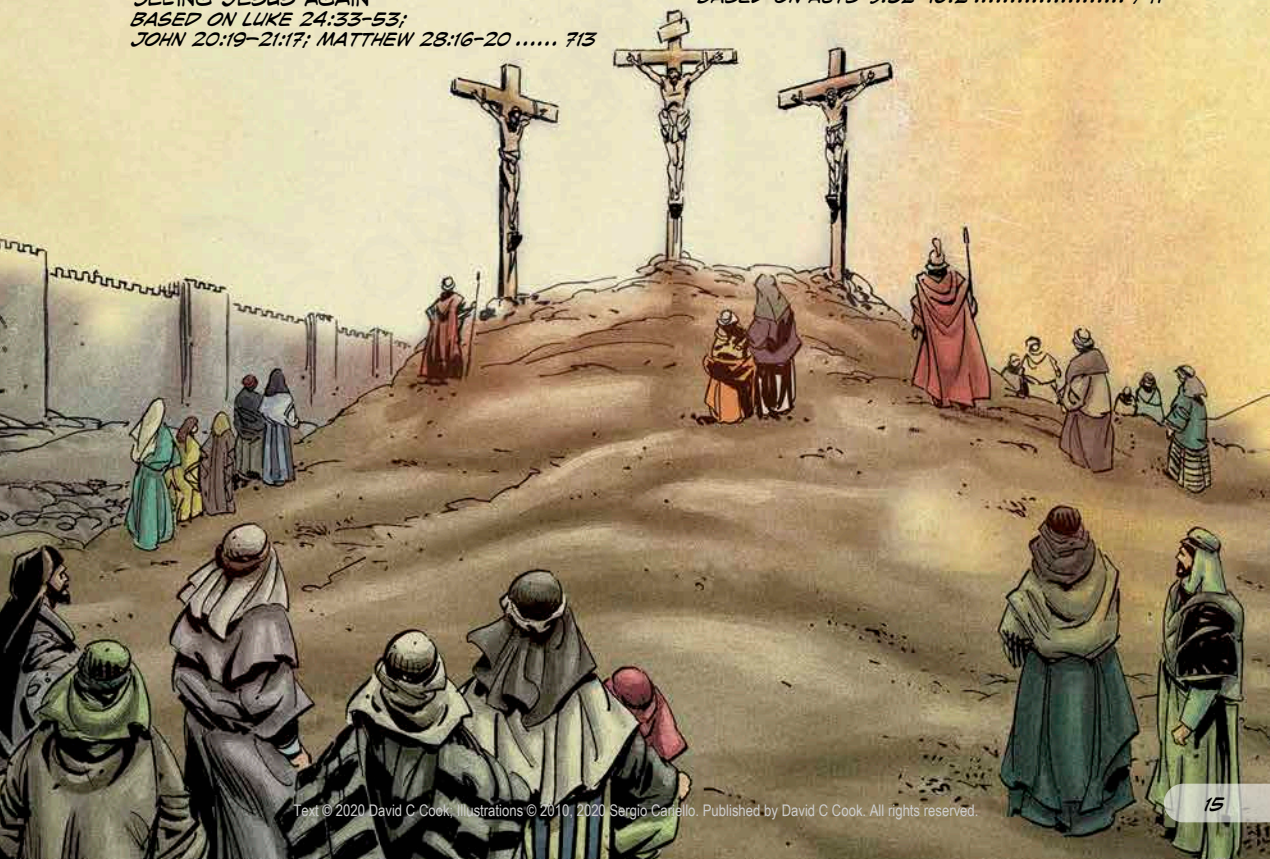
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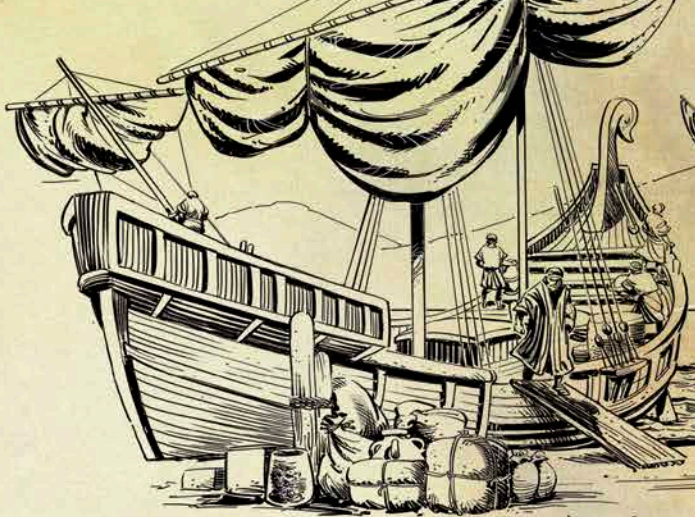
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In the Beginning ...

... 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."

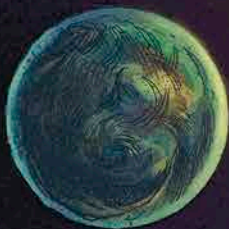
Day 3

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.



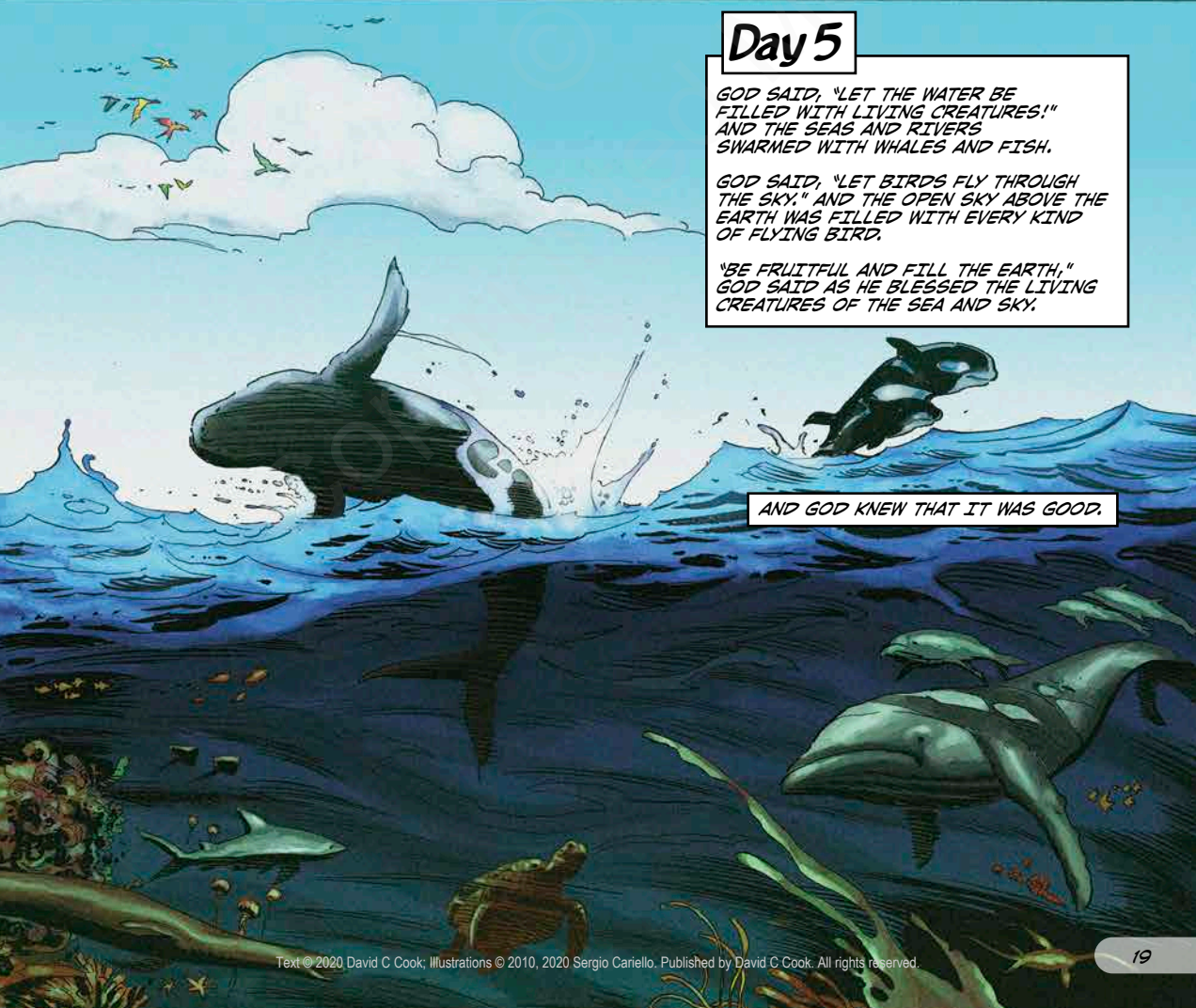
Day 5

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.

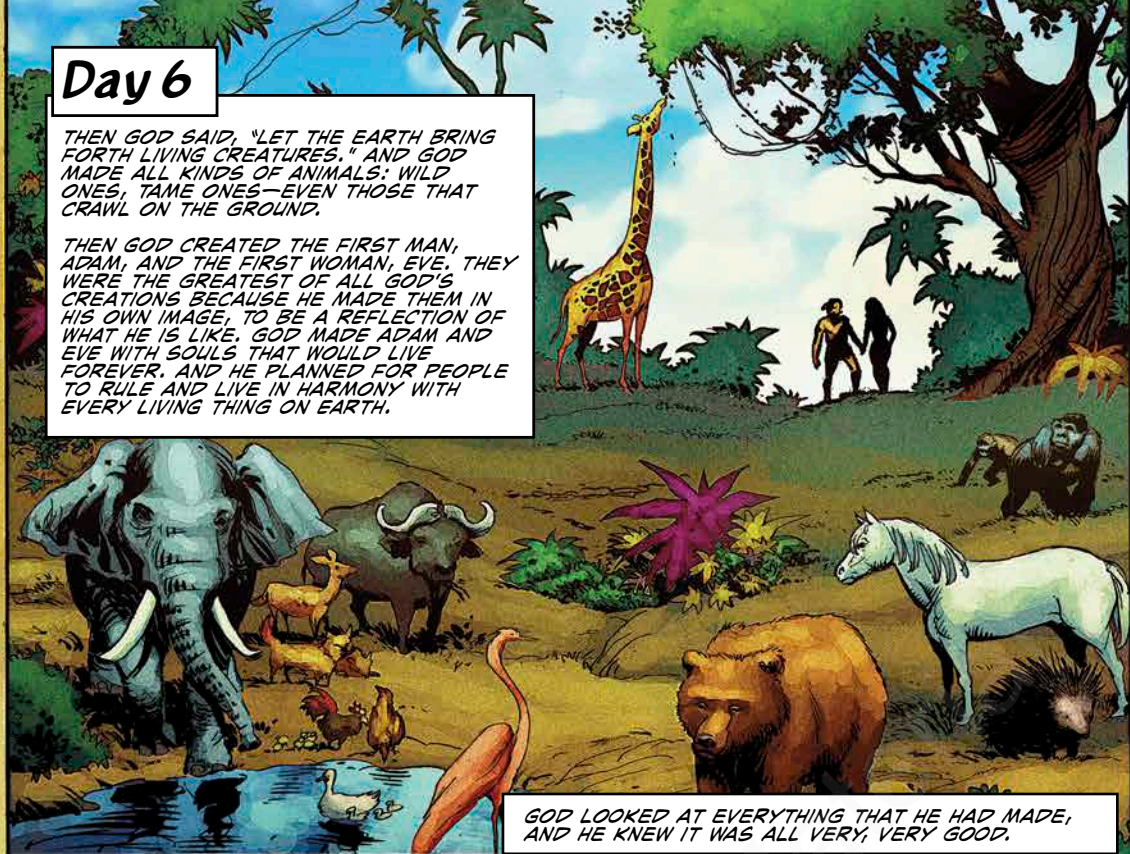
AND GOD KNEW THAT IT WAS GOOD.



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.

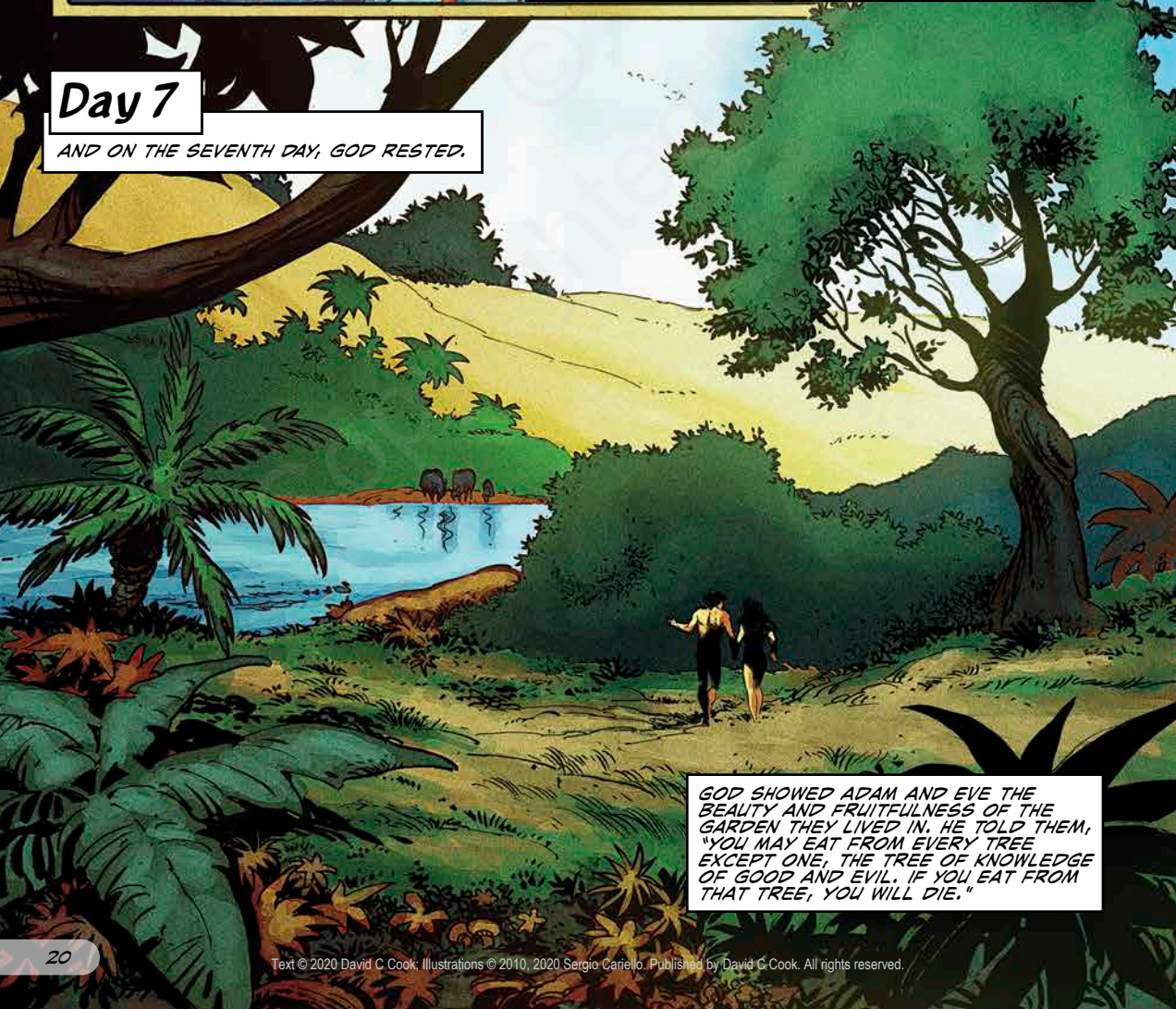
THEN GOD CREATED THE FIRST MAN, ADAM, AND THE FIRST WOMAN, EVE. THEY WERE THE GREATEST OF ALL GOD'S CREATIONS BECAUSE HE MADE THEM IN HIS OWN IMAGE, TO BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT HE IS LIKE. GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE WITH SOULS THAT WOULD LIVE FOREVER, AND HE PLANNED FOR PEOPLE TO RULE AND LIVE IN HARMONY WITH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

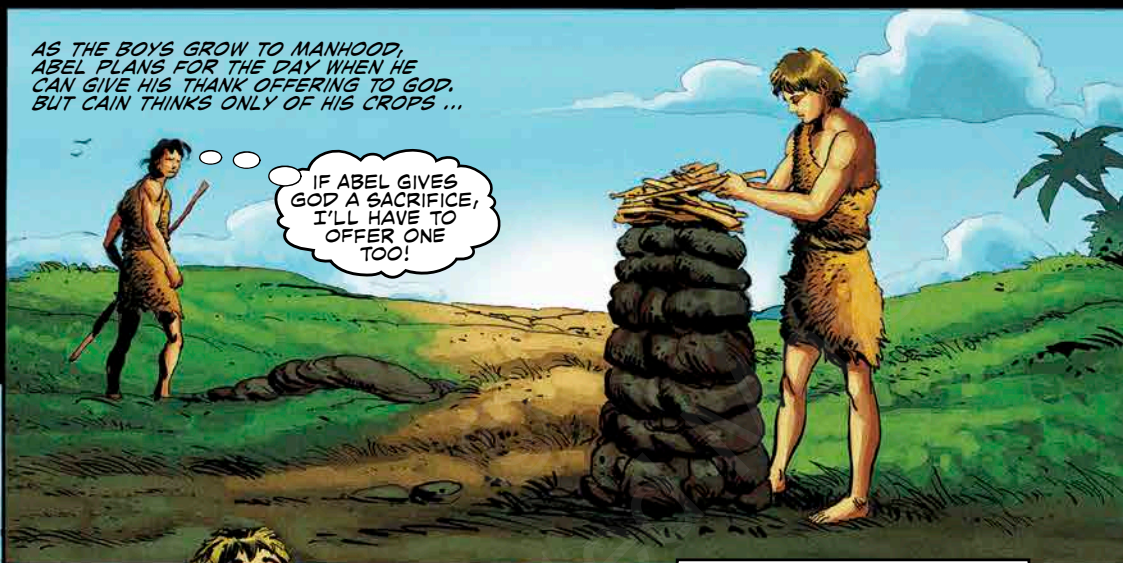
GOD EVEN GAVE ME MY LITTLE LAMB!

SHEEP ARE DUMB.



HOW
CAN I THANK
HIM?

WHEN YOU'RE
OLDER, ABEL, YOU CAN
GIVE GOD THE BEST OF YOUR
FLOCK. HE TOLD US WE SHOULD
MAKE SACRIFICES TO SHOW OUR
THANKFULNESS.



AS THE BOYS GROW TO MANHOOD,
ABEL PLANS FOR THE DAY WHEN HE
CAN GIVE HIS THANK OFFERING TO GOD.
BUT CAIN THINKS ONLY OF HIS CROPS ...

IF ABEL GIVES
GOD A SACRIFICE,
I'LL HAVE TO
OFFER ONE
TOO!



GOD IS PLEASED WITH ABEL'S
GIFT, BUT CAIN'S GRUDGING
SPIRIT DISPLEASES GOD ...

WHY SHOULD
GOD BE HAPPY
WITH ABEL AND
NOT WITH ME?
IT'S NOT
FAIR!

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?