

The following is pages 273-302 of *Good and Evil*. Jesus has just returned to Heaven after telling His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit.

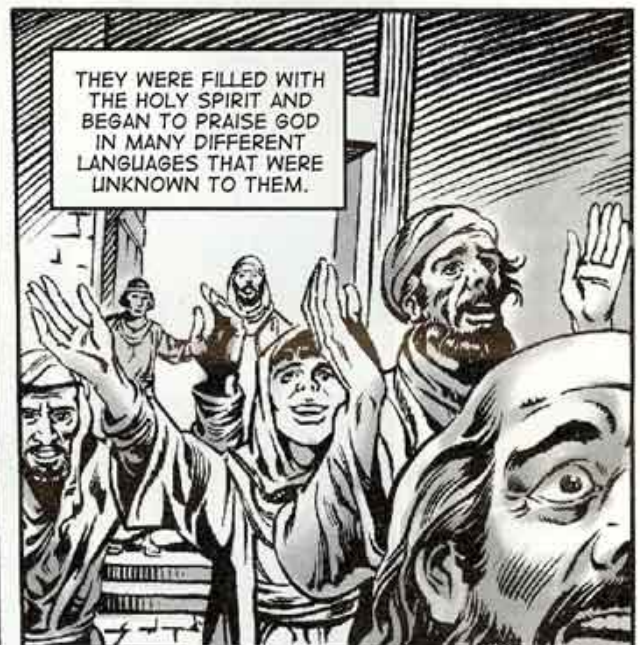




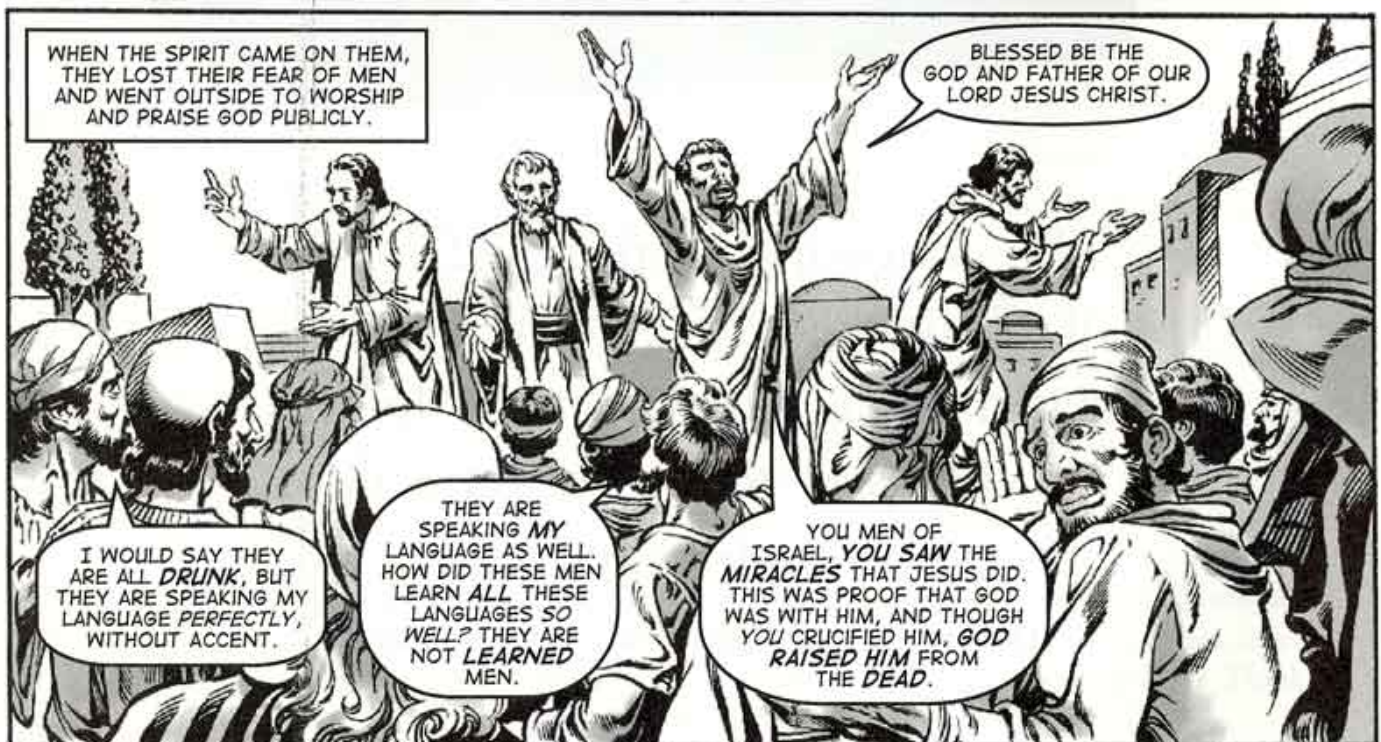
THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM AS JESUS COMMANDED, AND THERE THEY CONTINUED IN PRAYER FOR TEN DAYS, WAITING FOR THE PROMISE OF POWER FROM ON HIGH. THEY WERE AFRAID TO SPEAK OPENLY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION, LEST THEY ALSO BE PUT TO DEATH.



THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE PRAYING WAS SHAKEN, AND A MIGHTY WIND BLEW THROUGH THE ROOM AS TONGUES OF FIRE DESCENDED ON EACH OF THEM.



THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO PRAISE GOD IN MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES THAT WERE UNKNOWN TO THEM.



WHEN THE SPIRIT CAME ON THEM, THEY LOST THEIR FEAR OF MEN AND WENT OUTSIDE TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE GOD PUBLICLY.

BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

I WOULD SAY THEY ARE ALL *DRUNK*, BUT THEY ARE SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE PERFECTLY, WITHOUT ACCENT.

THEY ARE SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE AS WELL. HOW DID THESE MEN LEARN ALL THESE LANGUAGES SO WELL? THEY ARE NOT LEARNED MEN.

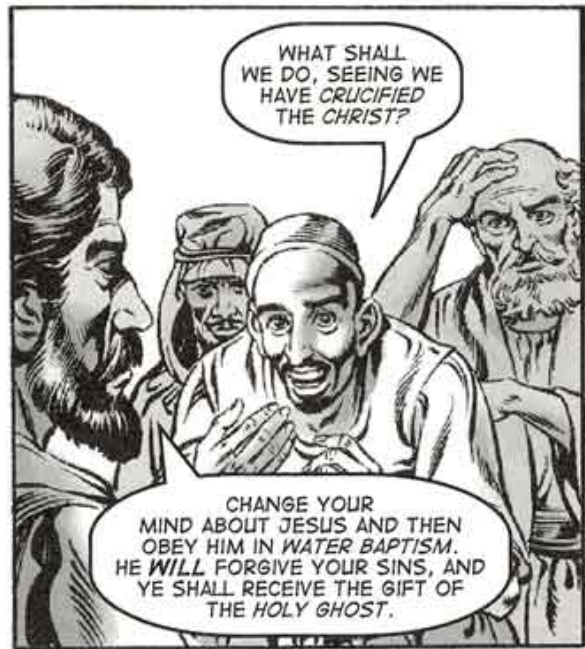
YOU MEN OF ISRAEL, YOU SAW THE *MIRACLES* THAT JESUS DID. THIS WAS PROOF THAT GOD WAS WITH HIM, AND THOUGH YOU CRUCIFIED HIM, GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.





1000 YEARS AGO, DAVID PROPHESIED OF HIM SAYING, "THOU WILT NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL, NEITHER WILT THOU SUFFER THINE HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION."

THEREFORE LET ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL KNOW ASSUREDLY, THAT GOD HATH MADE THAT SAME JESUS, WHOM YE HAVE CRUCIFIED, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST.



WHAT SHALL WE DO, SEEING WE HAVE CRUCIFIED THE CHRIST?

CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT JESUS AND THEN OBEY HIM IN WATER BAPTISM. HE WILL FORGIVE YOUR SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.



JESUS IS LORD.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS. BAPTIZE ME!

THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED: AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED UNTO THEM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND.



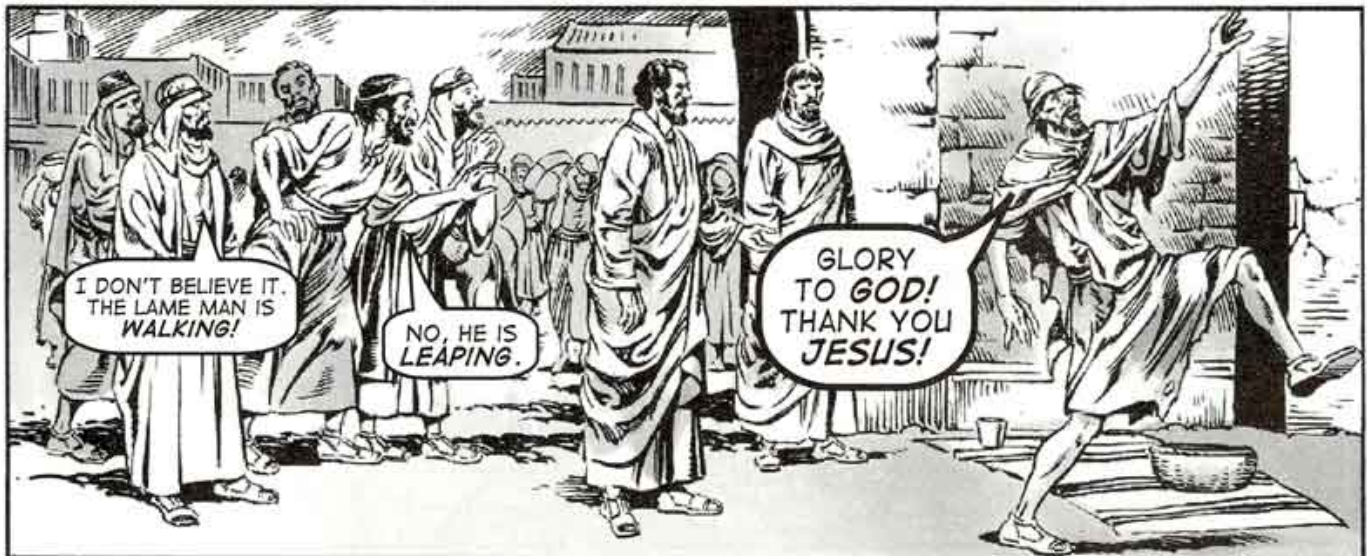
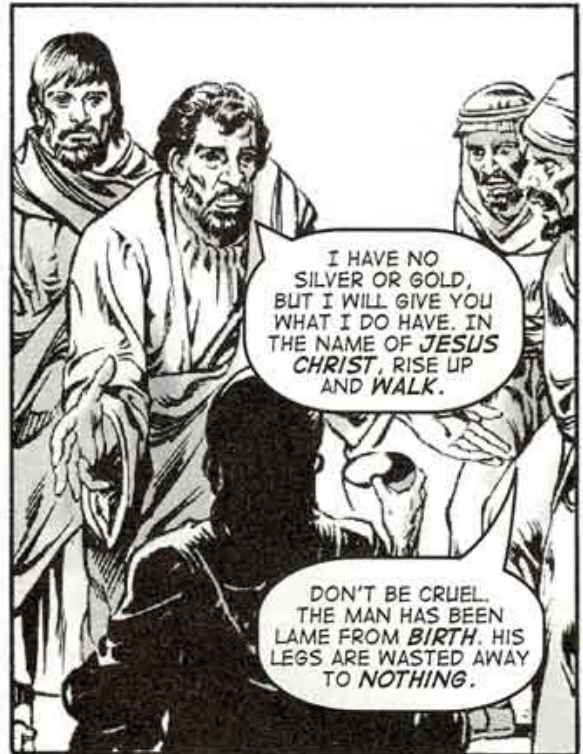
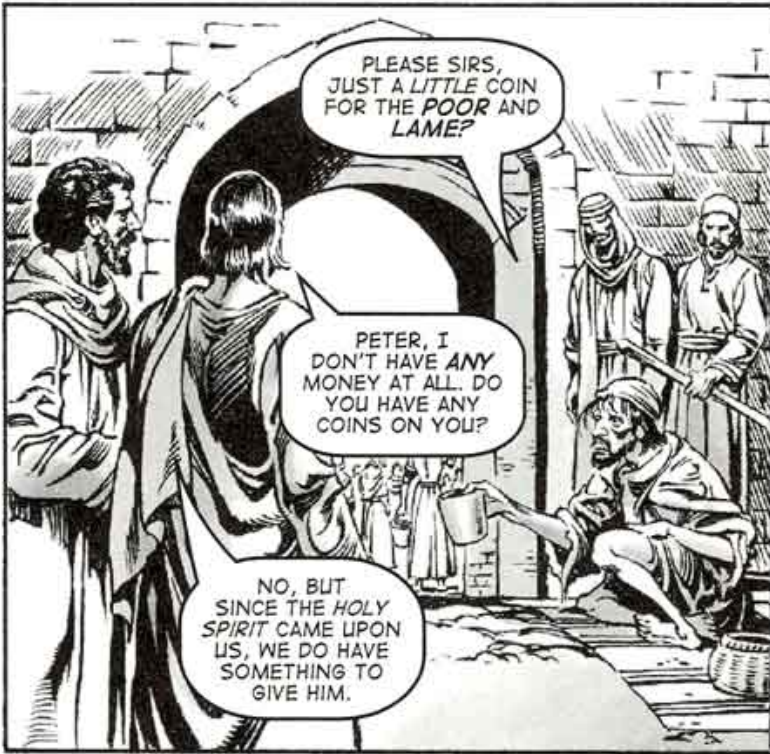
MONTHS LATER

IT SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY THAT JESUS WAS HERE WITH US.

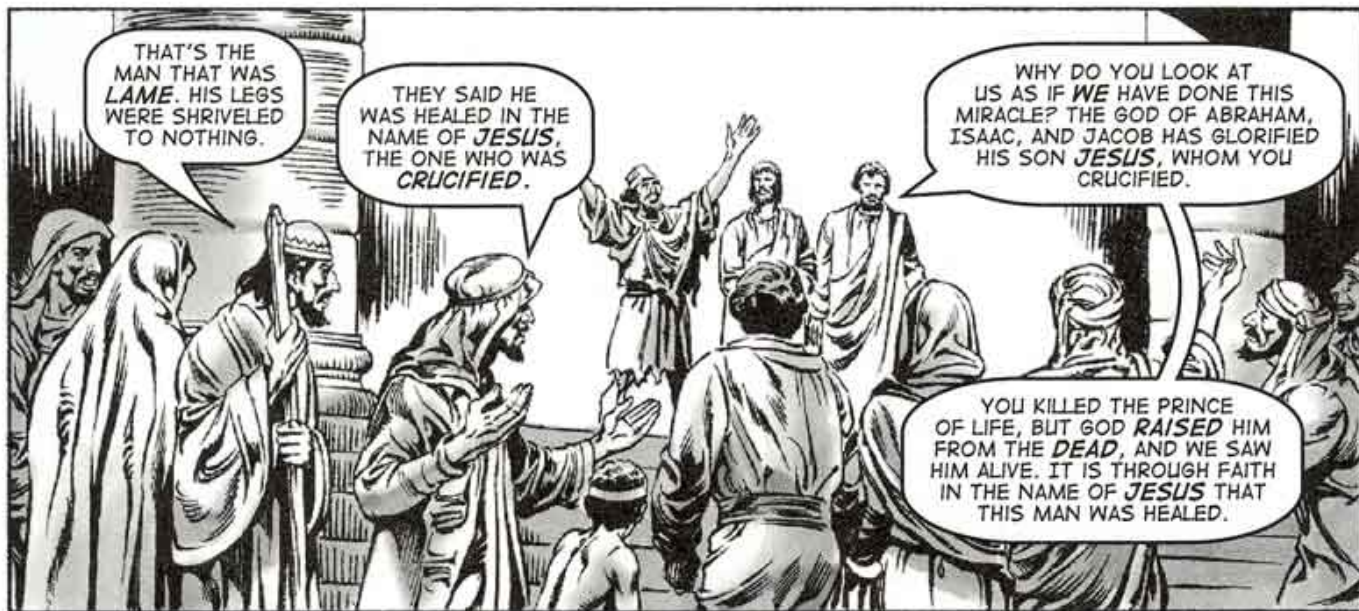
THERE ARE NOW THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FOLLOWING JESUS, MORE EVERY HOUR.

YES, BUT YOU KNOW, I CAN FEEL HIS PRESENCE STRONGER NOW THAN I DID WHEN HE WALKED WITH US.









THAT'S THE MAN THAT WAS **LAME**. HIS LEGS WERE SHRIVELED TO NOTHING.

THEY SAID HE WAS HEALED IN THE NAME OF **JESUS**, THE ONE WHO WAS **CRUCIFIED**.

WHY DO YOU LOOK AT US AS IF **WE** HAVE DONE THIS MIRACLE? THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB HAS GLORIFIED HIS SON **JESUS**, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED.

YOU KILLED THE PRINCE OF LIFE, BUT GOD **RAISED** HIM FROM THE **DEAD**, AND WE SAW HIM ALIVE. IT IS THROUGH FAITH IN THE NAME OF **JESUS** THAT THIS MAN WAS HEALED.



I KNOW THAT IT WAS THROUGH **IGNORANCE** THAT YOU CRUCIFIED JESUS, BUT THE PROPHETS WARNED US THAT THESE THINGS **WOULD** COME TO PASS.

YOU ALL KNOW ME. **ONLY GOD** COULD HAVE GIVEN ME BACK MY LEGS. BELIEVE AND FOLLOW **JESUS**.



CHANGE YOUR MINDS ABOUT JESUS AND BECOME HIS **DISCIPLES** THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE **BLOTTED OUT**.



THE SAME RELIGIOUS LEADERS THAT CRUCIFIED CHRIST SENT FOR THE SOLDIERS AND ARRESTED PETER AND JOHN.

IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO **STIR UP** THE PEOPLE AGAINST OUR RELIGION.

THEY DID NOTHING WRONG.





NOW THEY ARE ARRESTING LAME MEN FOR WALKING.

IT WAS A MIRACLE, JUST LIKE JESUS DID WHEN HE WAS HERE.

I HAVE A NEIGHBOR WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN JESUS ALIVE AFTER HIS DEATH. THEY SAY HE APPEARED TO OVER 500 AT ONE TIME.

I AM GOING TO FIND THOSE OTHER DISCIPLES AND LEARN MORE.



I THOUGHT WE WERE RID OF THAT SECT OF HERETICS WHEN WE CRUCIFIED THEIR LEADER.

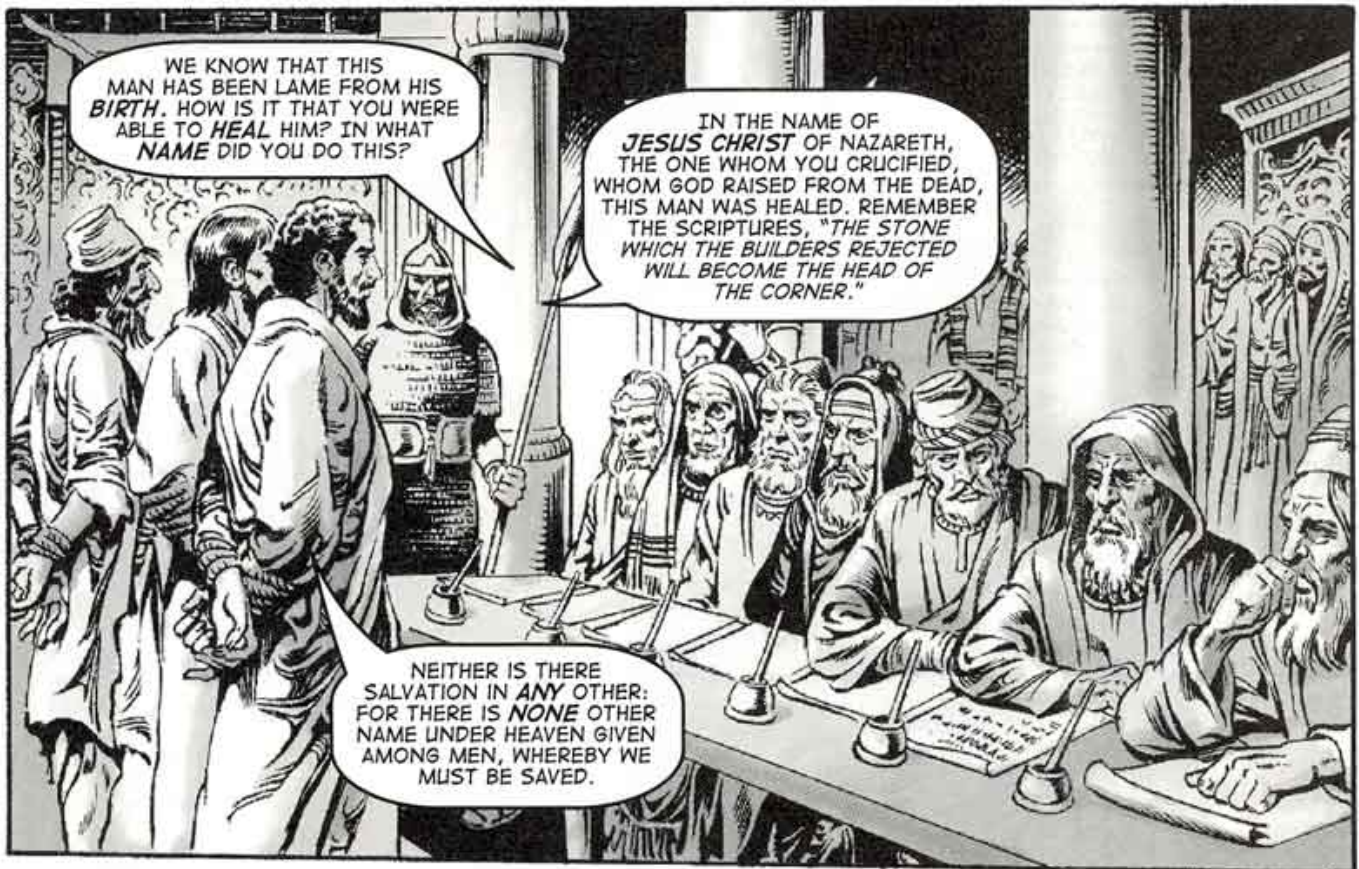
THEY CLAIM HE IS NOT DEAD.

THEN WE WILL KILL HIM AGAIN AND ALL HIS FOLLOWERS.

THEY SAY HE IS WITH THE FATHER IN HEAVEN.

WELL, THOSE TWO WILL SOON BE JOINING HIM.





WE KNOW THAT THIS MAN HAS BEEN LAME FROM HIS BIRTH. HOW IS IT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO HEAL HIM? IN WHAT NAME DID YOU DO THIS?

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH, THE ONE WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THIS MAN WAS HEALED. REMEMBER THE SCRIPTURES, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED WILL BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER."

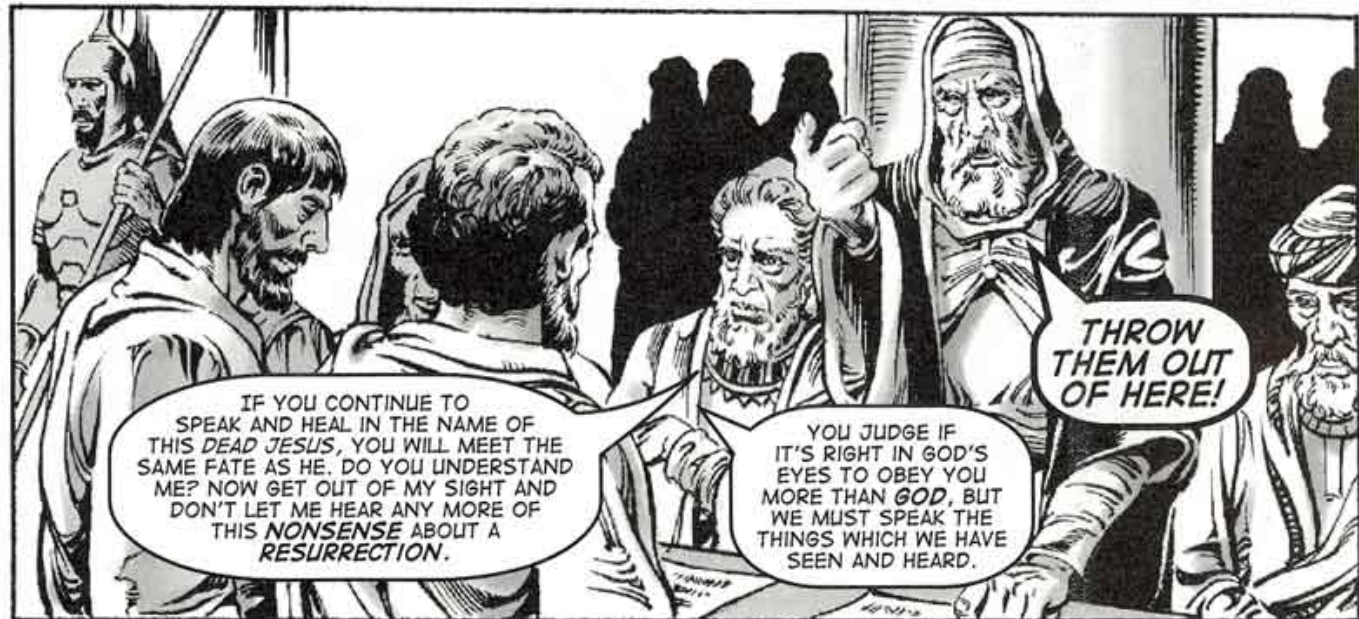
NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED.



THESE MEN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IGNORANT. THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN EDUCATED, YET THEY QUOTE THE PROPHETS FREELY.

THERE IS NO USE IN DENYING THE MIRACLE. EVERYONE KNOWS HE WAS HEALED, AND THEY KNOW IT WAS JESUS' DISCIPLES DOING IT IN HIS NAME. WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM HERE.

I RECOGNIZE THEM. THEY WERE INDEED WITH JESUS.



IF YOU CONTINUE TO SPEAK AND HEAL IN THE NAME OF THIS DEAD JESUS, YOU WILL MEET THE SAME FATE AS HE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME? NOW GET OUT OF MY SIGHT AND DON'T LET ME HEAR ANY MORE OF THIS NONSENSE ABOUT A RESURRECTION.

YOU JUDGE IF IT'S RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES TO OBEY YOU MORE THAN GOD, BUT WE MUST SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.

THROW THEM OUT OF HERE!



THE GOSPEL SPREAD  
ALL OVER ISRAEL.  
MANY BELIEVED IN  
JESUS AND WERE  
BAPTIZED IN WATER.

THE CHURCH BECAME A  
FAMILY OF THOUSANDS  
FILLED WITH LOVE AND  
PEACE.

HAVE YOU  
HEARD THE **GOOD**  
NEWS OF **JESUS**  
**CHRIST**?

JESUS WAS  
RAISED FROM THE  
DEAD. HE IS ALIVE  
AND WITH US  
EVEN NOW.

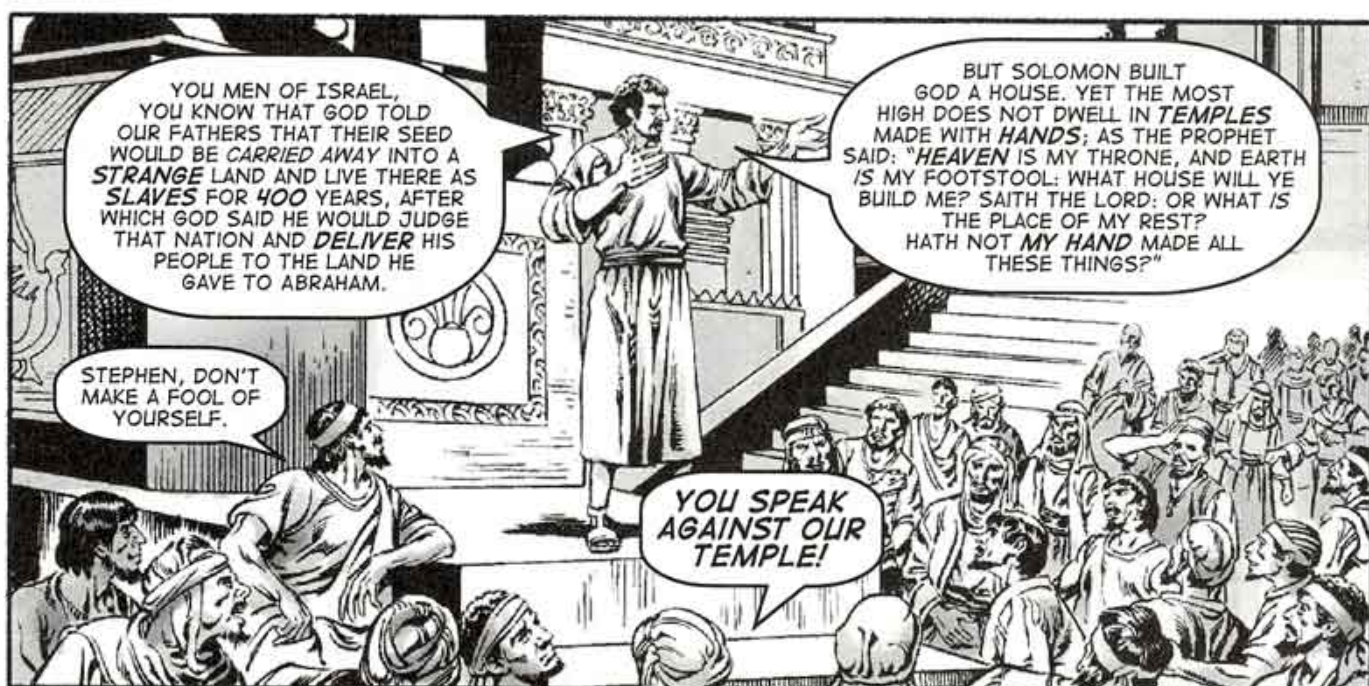
SINCE MY  
FAMILY HAS  
BELIEVED ON JESUS  
CHRIST, THERE HAS  
BEEN **PEACE** IN OUR  
HOME FOR THE  
**FIRST TIME**.

IN THE CHURCH, WOMEN  
WERE TREATED WITH  
**RESPECT AND DIGNITY**.

CHRISTIANS  
SANG AS THEY  
WORKED.

CHRISTIANS GREW TO THE  
THOUSANDS AND THEY  
CONTINUED TO SHARE  
THEIR BELONGINGS AND  
DAILY PREACHED JESUS  
FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE  
AND IN THE STREETS TO  
EVERYONE THEY MET.



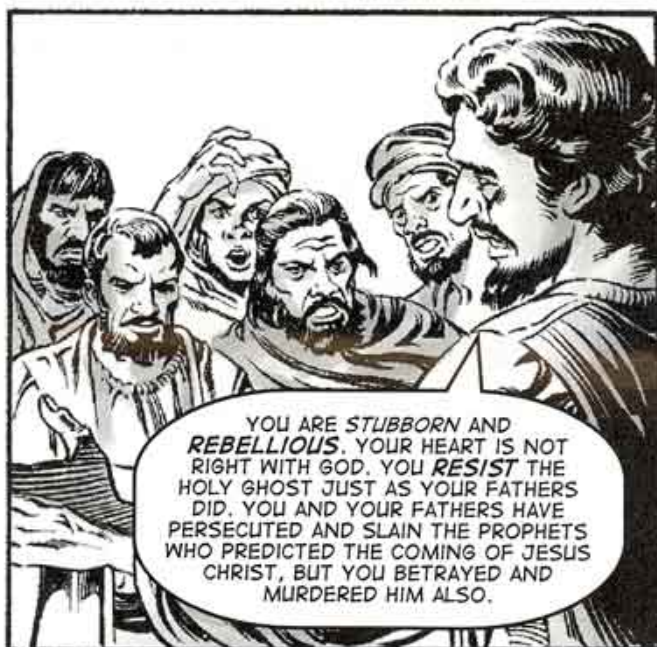


YOU MEN OF ISRAEL, YOU KNOW THAT GOD TOLD OUR FATHERS THAT THEIR SEED WOULD BE CARRIED AWAY INTO A STRANGE LAND AND LIVE THERE AS SLAVES FOR 400 YEARS, AFTER WHICH GOD SAID HE WOULD JUDGE THAT NATION AND DELIVER HIS PEOPLE TO THE LAND HE GAVE TO ABRAHAM.

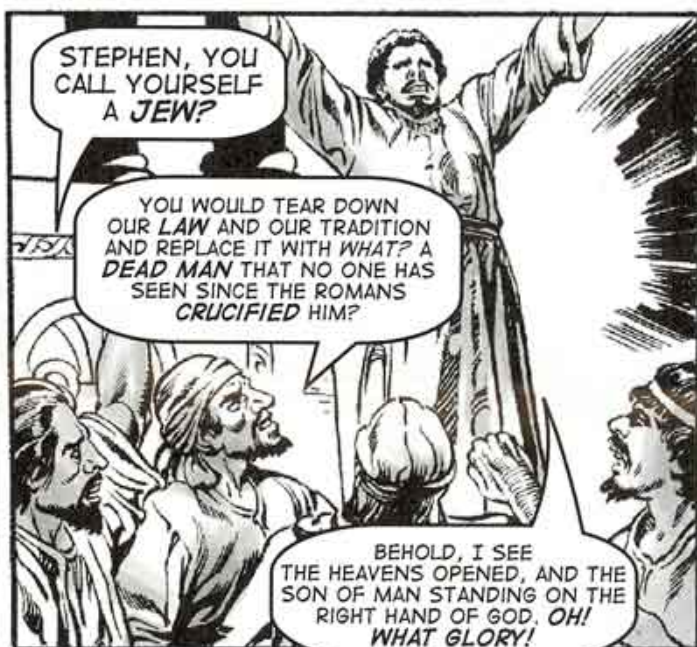
BUT SOLOMON BUILT GOD A HOUSE. YET THE MOST HIGH DOES NOT DWELL IN TEMPLES MADE WITH HANDS; AS THE PROPHET SAID: "HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND EARTH IS MY FOOTSTOOL: WHAT HOUSE WILL YE BUILD ME? SAITH THE LORD: OR WHAT IS THE PLACE OF MY REST? HATH NOT MY HAND MADE ALL THESE THINGS?"

STEPHEN, DON'T MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF.

YOU SPEAK AGAINST OUR TEMPLE!



YOU ARE STUBBORN AND REBELLIOUS. YOUR HEART IS NOT RIGHT WITH GOD. YOU RESIST THE HOLY GHOST JUST AS YOUR FATHERS DID. YOU AND YOUR FATHERS HAVE PERSECUTED AND SLAIN THE PROPHETS WHO PREDICTED THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, BUT YOU BETRAYED AND MURDERED HIM ALSO.



STEPHEN, YOU CALL YOURSELF A JEW?

YOU WOULD TEAR DOWN OUR LAW AND OUR TRADITION AND REPLACE IT WITH WHAT? A DEAD MAN THAT NO ONE HAS SEEN SINCE THE ROMANS CRUCIFIED HIM?

BEHOLD, I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED, AND THE SON OF MAN STANDING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. OH! WHAT GLORY!

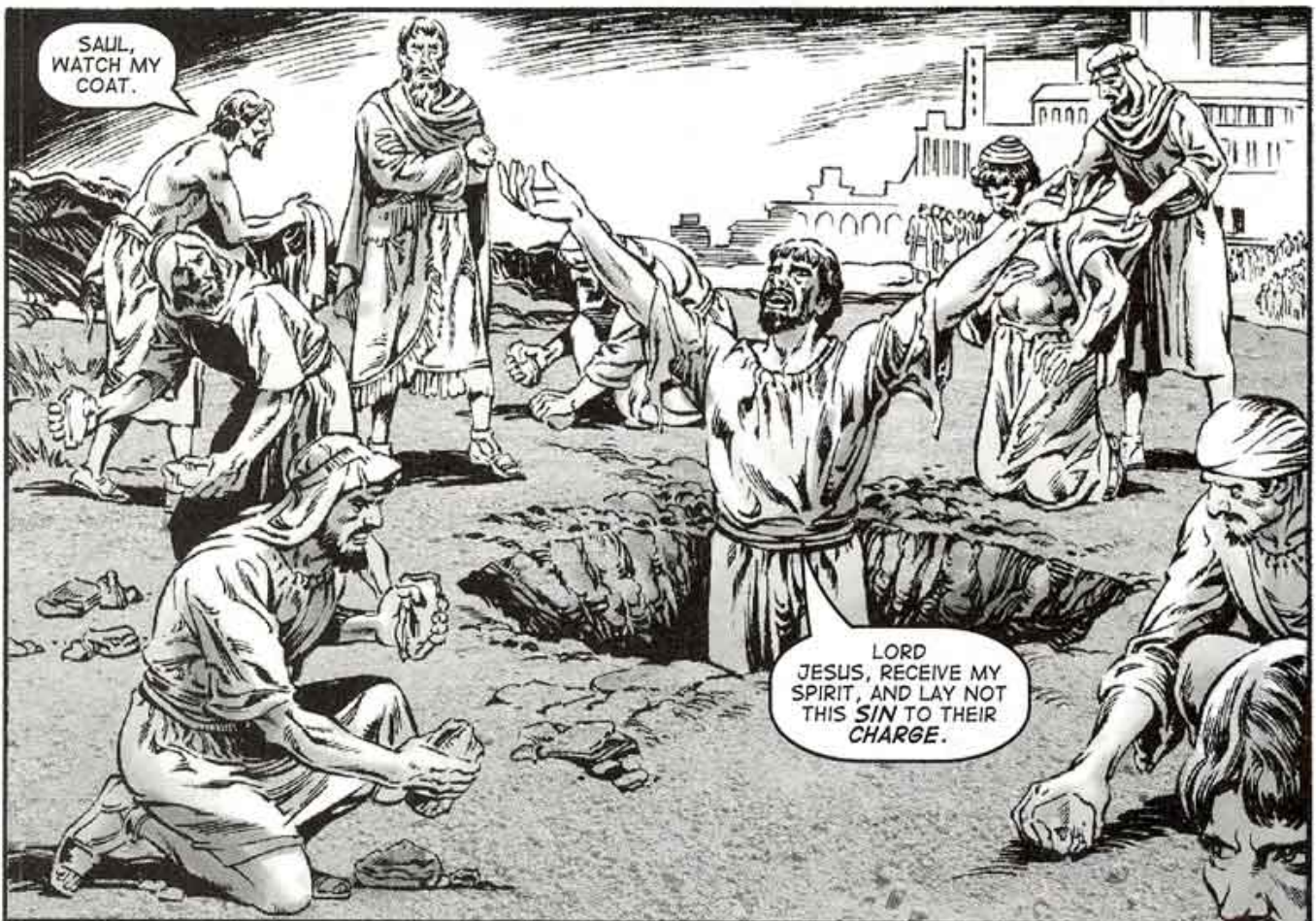
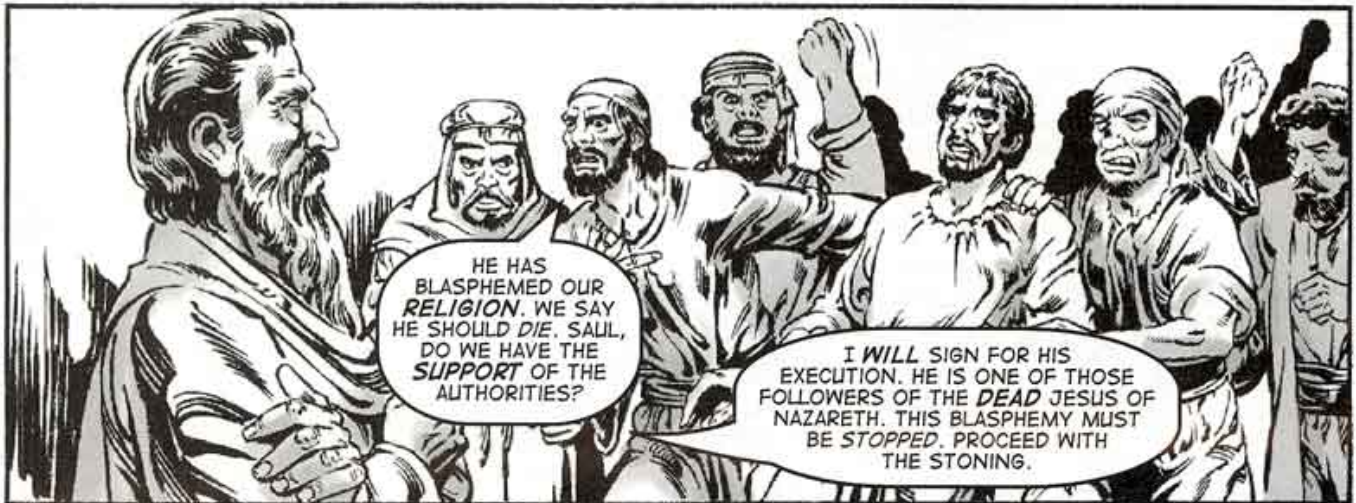


PUT YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR EARS. DO NOT LISTEN TO SUCH BLASPHEMY!

HE DESERVES TO DIE!

TAKE HIM OUT OF THE CITY AND STONE HIM TO DEATH.









AND AT THAT TIME THERE WAS A GREAT PERSECUTION AGAINST THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM; AND EVERYONE LEFT THE CITY, EXCEPT THE APOSTLES.

THE PHARISEE, SAUL, FOUGHT AGAINST THE CHURCH, ENTERING INTO EVERY HOUSE, AND CASTING THE MEN AND WOMEN INTO PRISON.







AS A CHRISTIAN NAMED PHILIP WAS PRAYING, AN ANGEL SPOKE TO HIM.

PHILIP,  
ARISE AND GO  
DOWN SOUTH ON THE  
HIGHWAY THAT LEADS  
FROM JERUSALEM  
TO GAZA.



I DON'T KNOW  
WHY HE WANTS ME  
DOWN THERE, BUT IF  
GOD SAYS GO, I  
WILL GO.



THIS  
LOOKS LIKE  
THE PLACE.  
NOW WHAT,  
LORD?



LORD,  
WHAT  
IS IT YOU  
WANT?



A CARAVAN!  
LORD, IS THIS WHY YOU  
BROUGHT ME DOWN HERE?  
IS THERE SOMEONE THERE  
WHOM YOU HAVE CHOSEN  
FOR YOUR OWN?

GO AND JOIN  
YOURSELF TO THIS  
CARAVAN.





HERE WAS A MAN OF GREAT AUTHORITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE QUEEN OF ETHIOPIA. HE WAS HER TREASURER, ENTRUSTED WITH ALL THE WEALTH OF THE KINGDOM. HE HAD BEEN TO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP IN THE MANNER OF THE JEWS, AND WAS NOW RETURNING TO ETHIOPIA, AND HE WAS READING THE SCRIPTURE.

HE IS LED AS A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND LIKE A LAMB BEFORE HIS SHEARER, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH, FOR HIS LIFE WAS TAKEN FROM THE EARTH...



I HEAR YOU'RE READING FROM THE PROPHET *ISAIAH*. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?

YOU RECOGNIZED WHAT I WAS READING, BUT I CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT UNLESS SOMEONE EXPLAINS IT TO ME. COME RIDE WITH ME.



YOU HAVE JUST COME FROM JERUSALEM?

YES, I WAS THERE TO WORSHIP. THE RELIGION OF MY COUNTRY NEVER BROUGHT PEACE. GOD SEEMED SO FAR AWAY.

I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING THE PROPHETS TO SEE IF ANY SUCH THING WAS PREDICTED. DO YOU KNOW IF THE PROPHET *ISAIAH* IS SPEAKING, OF HIMSELF, OR OF SOME OTHER MAN?

I HAVE READ OF A PROMISED MESSIAH. NOW WHEN I GO TO JERUSALEM THERE ARE THOUSANDS PROCLAIMING THAT HE HAS COME, BUT THAT HE WAS CRUCIFIED AND THEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD.



AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOOK OF ISAIAH WAS WRITTEN NEARLY 800 YEARS AGO. THIS ENTIRE 53<sup>RD</sup> CHAPTER IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY PROPHECIES ABOUT MESSIAH. IT SAYS HE WOULD BE "DESPISED AND REJECTED."

YOU JUST CAME FROM JERUSALEM, SO YOU KNOW THAT THOUGH JESUS DID MIGHTY MIRACLES, OUR LEADERS REJECTED HIM.

ISAIAH PROPHESED THAT JESUS WOULD SUFFER WOUNDS TO PAY FOR OUR SINS. AND IN VERSE 5, IT SAYS THAT THE PUNISHMENT DUE US SINNERS WOULD BE LAID ON JESUS.

VERSE 7 IS A PROPHECY THAT WHEN JESUS STOOD BEFORE HIS JUDGES HE WOULD NOT DEFEND HIMSELF.

I ESPECIALLY LIKE VERSE 6 WHERE IT SAYS, "ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE LORD HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL." THAT TELLS US THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS LEFT THE WILL OF GOD AND GONE HIS OWN SINFUL WAY, BUT THAT GOD LAID OUR SIN ON JESUS SO THAT WHEN HE DIED HE WAS PAYING FOR OUR DISOBEDIENCE.

VERSE 8 SAYS HE WAS TAKEN FROM PRISON AND THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED TO PAY FOR THE TRANSGRESSIONS OF HIS PEOPLE.

VERSE 9 SAYS THAT JESUS WOULD BE BURIED WITH THE RICH AND THE WICKED.

AND VERSE 9 TELLS US THAT JESUS DID NOT SIN AS OTHER MEN HAVE AND THAT IT WAS THE WILL OF GOD THAT JESUS SHOULD BE BRUISED AND SUFFER GRIEF, BECAUSE JESUS WAS MAKING HIS SOUL A PAYMENT FOR SIN.

VERSE 10 SPEAKS OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND OF THE MINISTRY HE WOULD HAVE AFTERWARD.

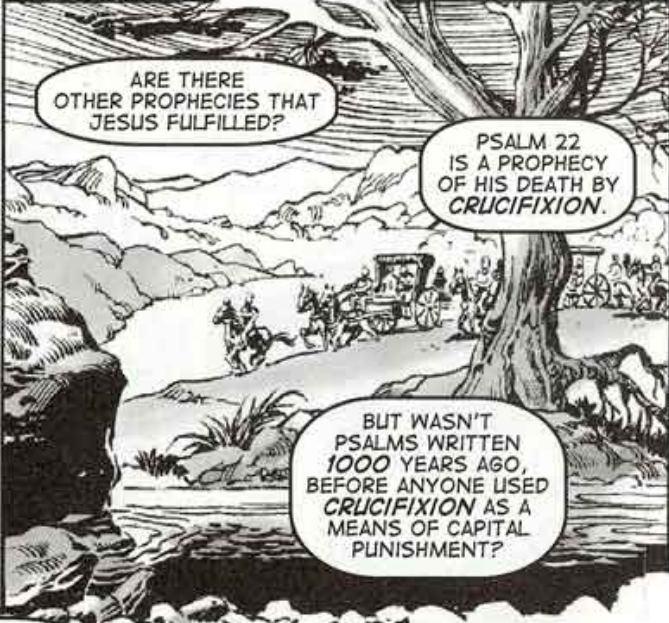
AND MANY OTHER PROPHECIES TELL US THAT AFTER HIS RESURRECTION JESUS WOULD SIT ON THE THRONE AND THAT AFTER WE DIE, WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE HIM AND GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE WE HAVE LIVED.





I HAVE HEARD THE SCRIBES AND PRIESTS SPEAK OF THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES MANY TIMES. WHY HAVE MANY OF THEM REJECTED JESUS?

SOME OF THE PRIESTS AND SCRIBES HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS, BUT THE OTHERS WERE OFFENDED WHEN HE POINTED OUT THEIR HYPOCRISY. THEY WANTED A MESSIAH THAT KILLED ROMANS, NOT ONE THAT EXPOSED THEIR SINS. THEY WANTED TO RULE OVER A KINGDOM, BUT THEY DID NOT WANT GOD RULING OVER THEIR HEARTS.



ARE THERE OTHER PROPHECIES THAT JESUS FULFILLED?

PSALM 22 IS A PROPHECY OF HIS DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION.

BUT WASN'T PSALMS WRITTEN 1000 YEARS AGO, BEFORE ANYONE USED CRUCIFIXION AS A MEANS OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?



YES, BUT GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING BEFORE IT HAPPENS AND THERE WERE OVER 340 PROPHECIES GIVEN CONCERNING THE MESSIAH. THAT IS HOW WE KNOW JESUS IS THE ONLY TRUE ONE SENT FROM GOD.

IN **PSALMS 22:16** IT TELLS US THAT HIS HANDS AND FEET WOULD BE PIERCED - AS THEY WERE WITH THE NAILS. VERSE 14 OF **PSALMS 22** TELLS HOW HE WOULD BE THIRSTY AND THAT HIS BONES WOULD ALL BE PULLED OUT OF JOINT IN HIS DEATH, BUT THEN **PSALMS 34:20** TELLS US THAT NOT ONE BONE WOULD BE BROKEN WHEN HE WAS CRUCIFIED. AND AS YOU KNOW, IT IS CUSTOMARY TO BREAK THE BONES OF THOSE CRUCIFIED, BUT JESUS DIED BEFORE THEY COULD BREAK HIS.

VERSE 17 OF **PSALMS 22** PREDICTED THAT THEY WOULD LOOK UPON HIS NAKEDNESS AND VERSE 18 TELLS HOW THEY WOULD CAST LOTS FOR ONE OF HIS GARMENTS WHILE THEY DIVIDED THE OTHER INTO SMALLER PIECES AMONG THEMSELVES. ALSO **ZECHARIAH 12:10** TELLS US THAT HIS HANDS WOULD BE PIERCED, AND THAT LATER, THE JEWS WOULD SEE THE PRINTS IN HIS HANDS.

**ISAIAH 50:6** SAYS THAT HIS BACK WOULD BE BEATEN AND THAT HE WOULD BE STRUCK UPON THE CHEEK.

**PSALMS 16:10** TELLS US THAT THOUGH HE WOULD BE BURIED, HIS BODY WOULD NOT STAY IN THE GRAVE LONG ENOUGH TO DETERIORATE.

THE PROPHECIES TELL US THAT HE WOULD BE BETRAYED BY A FRIEND, AND THAT HIS BETRAYER WOULD KILL HIMSELF BY HANGING WHICH WOULD RESULT IN HIS BODY FALLING AND SPILLING HIS BOWELS IN A FIELD, WHICH WOULD THEN BE USED TO BURY STRANGERS IN.

ALL THESE THINGS AND MANY MORE WERE FULFILLED JUST AS THE PROPHETS WROTE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH IS THE MESSIAH, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.









OUT OF FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES, THE CHRISTIANS MET IN SECRET TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD READ AND TO SING PRAISES.

DEAR FRIENDS, OUR LORD SUFFERED THAT HE MIGHT TAKE AWAY *OUR* SINS. IT IS NO WONDER THAT WE TOO MIGHT HAVE TO *SUFFER* FOR HIM. DON'T BE AMAZED AT THE PERSECUTION WE ARE EXPERIENCING.

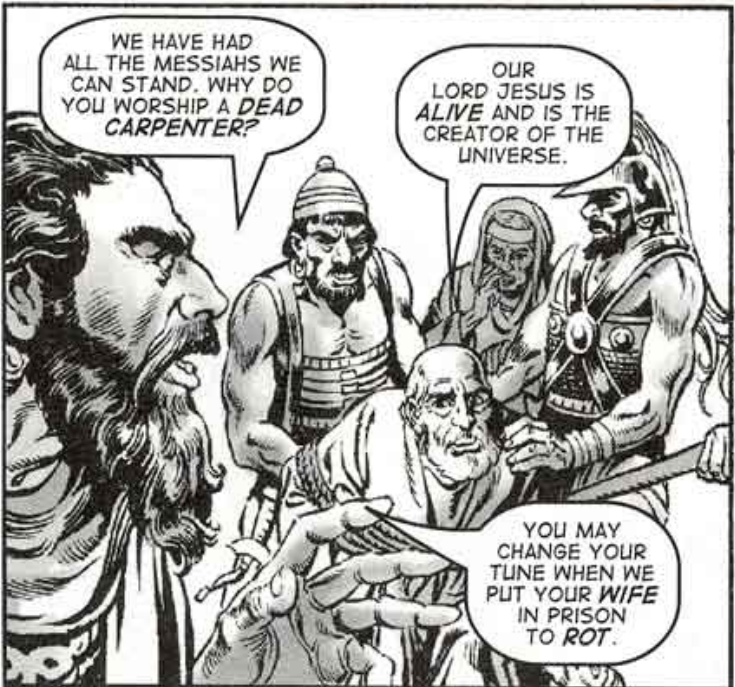
JESUS SAID, "IF ANY MAN WOULD BE MY DISCIPLE, HE MUST TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME." THAT MEANS WE SHOULD CARRY OUR CROSSES TO THE HILL OF CRUCIFIXION IF WE ARE CALLED UPON TO DO SO. NOW TURN TO PSALM 22 AND WE...



GOD HELP US. IT'S THE KILLER, SAUL.

STAY WHERE YOU ARE! THIS FOREIGN RELIGION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. YOU BLASPHEME OUR FATHERS AND OUR NATION. YOU ARE FOOLS! YOU WILL EITHER REPENT OR DIE.

GRAB THEIR LEADER. WE WILL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF HIM.



WE HAVE HAD ALL THE MESSIAHS WE CAN STAND. WHY DO YOU WORSHIP A DEAD CARPENTER?

OUR LORD JESUS IS ALIVE AND IS THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.

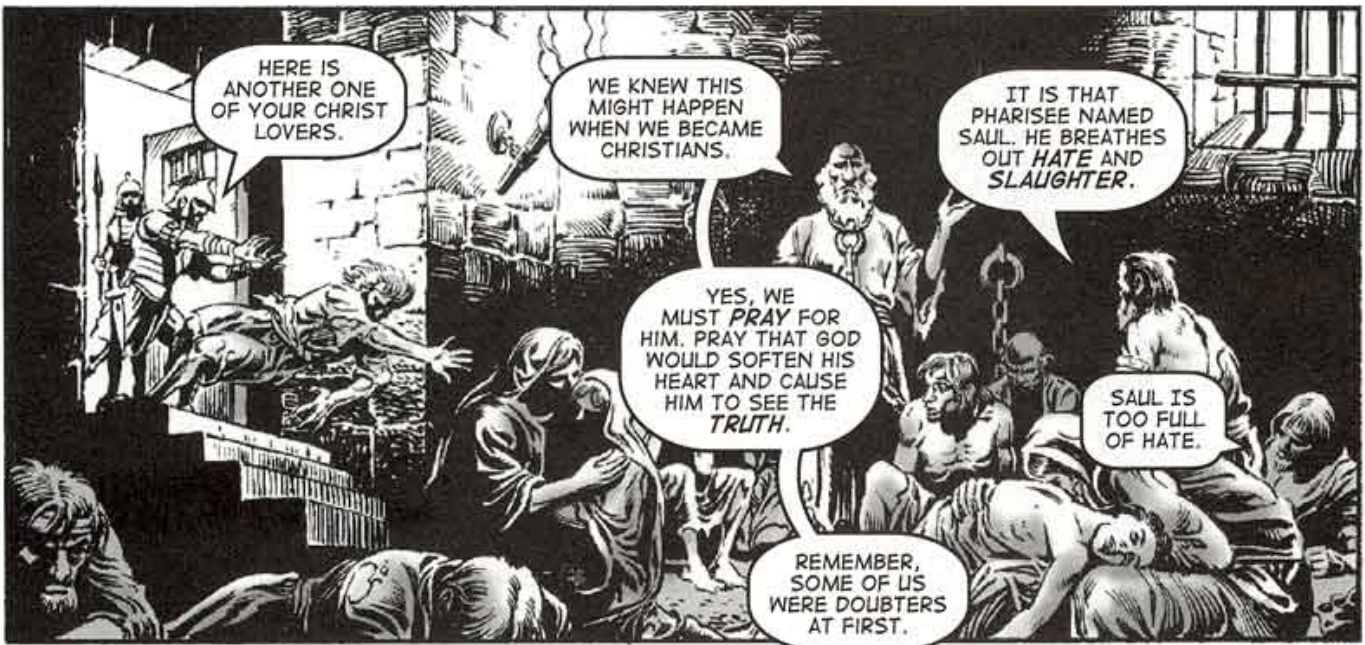
YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR TUNE WHEN WE PUT YOUR *WIFE* IN PRISON TO ROT.



NO! NOT MY WIFE!

THUD!





HERE IS ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR CHRIST LOVERS.

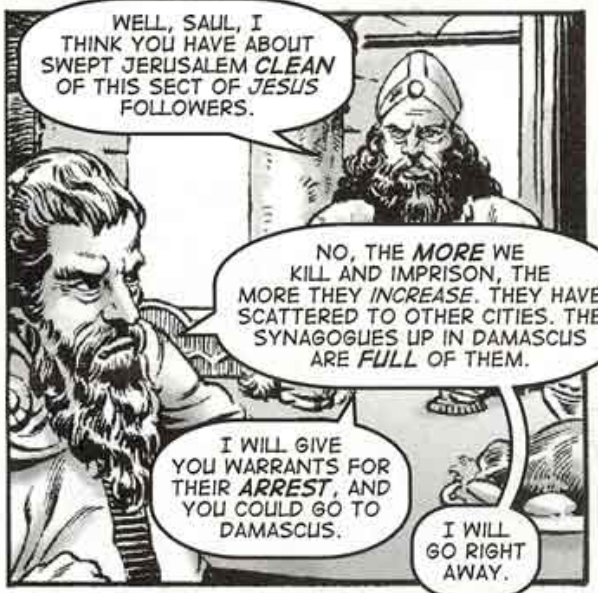
WE KNEW THIS MIGHT HAPPEN WHEN WE BECAME CHRISTIANS.

IT IS THAT PHARISEE NAMED SAUL. HE BREATHES OUT HATE AND SLAUGHTER.

YES, WE MUST PRAY FOR HIM. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD SOFTEN HIS HEART AND CAUSE HIM TO SEE THE TRUTH.

SAUL IS TOO FULL OF HATE.

REMEMBER, SOME OF US WERE DOUBTERS AT FIRST.

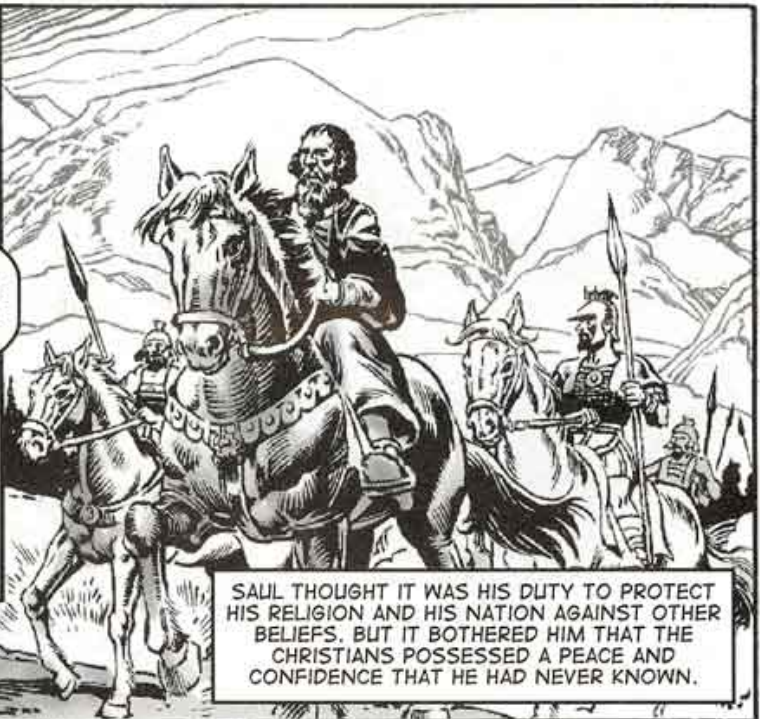


WELL, SAUL, I THINK YOU HAVE ABOUT SWEEP JERUSALEM CLEAN OF THIS SECT OF JESUS FOLLOWERS.

NO, THE MORE WE KILL AND IMPRISON, THE MORE THEY INCREASE. THEY HAVE SCATTERED TO OTHER CITIES. THE SYNAGOGUES UP IN DAMASCUS ARE FULL OF THEM.

I WILL GIVE YOU WARRANTS FOR THEIR ARREST, AND YOU COULD GO TO DAMASCUS.

I WILL GO RIGHT AWAY.



SAUL THOUGHT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO PROTECT HIS RELIGION AND HIS NATION AGAINST OTHER BELIEFS. BUT IT BOTHERED HIM THAT THE CHRISTIANS POSSESSED A PEACE AND CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD NEVER KNOWN.



SUDDENLY THERE APPEARED IN FRONT OF SAUL A LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN.

SAUL, SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

SAUL'S HORSE WAS SO FRIGHTENED THAT IT THREW HIM INTO THE ROAD AND RAN AWAY.



WHO ARE YOU, LORD, THAT I AM PERSECUTING YOU?

I AM JESUS, WHOM YOU PERSECUTE WHEN YOU PUNISH MY FOLLOWERS.

LORD, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO?

ARISE. GO INTO THE CITY, AND YOU WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO DO.





DID YOU HEAR THE VOICE?

YES, BUT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS SAID.

NEITHER COULD I. IT SOUNDED LIKE THUNDER.

IT WAS THE VOICE OF GOD!

I CAN'T SEE! HELP ME. I CAN'T SEE. LEAD ME INTO THE CITY.

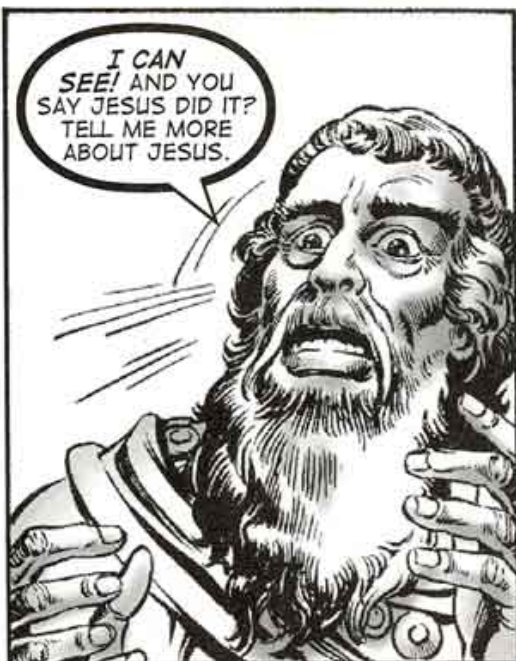


MY NAME IS ANANIAS. JESUS SPOKE TO ME IN A VISION AND TOLD ME TO COME TO YOU AND HE WOULD RESTORE YOUR SIGHT.

I AM INDEED BLIND.



IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT.



I CAN SEE! AND YOU SAY JESUS DID IT? TELL ME MORE ABOUT JESUS.



SO ANANIAS OPENED THE HOLY SCRIPTURE AND SHOWED SAUL THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

YES, I HAVE BEEN SUCH A FOOL. IT WAS ALL THERE IN THE SCRIPTURE ALL THE TIME. I WAS BLINDED BY MY RELIGIOUS ZEAL. I WANT TO BE BAPTIZED AND BECOME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

GOD CHANGED SAUL'S NAME TO PAUL.



SALIL, NOW PALL, WAS A NEW MAN WITH A NEW MESSAGE. HE NO LONGER WANTED TO KILL CHRISTIANS. HE WANTED TO PERSUADE OTHERS TO BELIEVE ON JESUS CHRIST.

I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DOUBT. I, TOO, DID NOT BELIEVE, BUT I TELL YOU, JESUS OF NAZARETH FULFILLED ALL THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES CONCERNING OUR MESSIAH.

WHAT KIND OF FOOL ARE YOU? HOW COULD THE MESSIAH ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE KILLED BY OUR ENEMIES?

HE WAS GOD'S LAMB, TO TAKE AWAY OUR SINS.

BUT THE GREATEST PROOF IS THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

GOD WAS ALSO REACHING OUT TO THE GENTILES. THERE WAS A ROMAN SOLDIER WHO SOUGHT GOD IN PRAYER.

GOD, I KNOW YOU ARE ONE, THE CREATOR OF ALL MEN. THE RELIGION OF MY PEOPLE IS CORRUPT AND IT DOES NOT GIVE PEACE. SHOW ME YOUR WAY AND I WILL WALK IN IT.

WHO? WHAT? WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN HEARD. I HAVE BEEN SENT BY GOD. SEND MEN TO JOPPA TO THE HOUSE OF A TANNER NAMED SIMON. YOU WILL FIND IT DOWN BY THE SEASHORE. ASK FOR A MAN NAMED PETER. HE WILL COME HERE AND TELL YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

OUR MASTER IS A VERY RELIGIOUS MAN, A GOOD MAN, BUT HE IS TROUBLED ABOUT MANY THINGS. HE PRAYS ALL THE TIME AND GIVES MONEY TO THE POOR, BUT HE IS NOT AT PEACE WITH GOD.

GOD HAS MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I WILL EXPLAIN IT TO YOUR CAPTAIN.

THE CAPTAIN MEETS PETER AT THE DOOR AND BOWS TO HIM.

STAND UP. DO NOT SHOW REVERENCE TO ME. I AM A MAN JUST LIKE YOU. CALL EVERYONE TOGETHER AND I WILL TELL YOU THE GOOD NEWS.

THIS IS A GREAT DAY. GOD HAS SENT PETER, ONE OF JESUS' DISCIPLES, TO TELL US ABOUT HIM.

YES, I WALKED WITH JESUS FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS. I SAW HIM CRUCIFIED, AND I SAW HIM AFTER HE HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD. THERE WERE 500 OF US GATHERED TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE TO HEAR HIM PREACH AFTER HIS RESURRECTION. HE ATE WITH US AND WE TOUCHED HIM. HE TAUGHT US TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES AND TO PRAY FOR THOSE THAT PERSECUTE US. HE SENT HIS SPIRIT...





CAPTAIN CORNELIUS AND HIS WHOLE HOUSE BELIEVED THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND WERE ALL BAPTIZED THAT SAME DAY.



PAUL WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE IN ANTIOCH AND PREACHED TO THE JEWS ON THE SABBATH DAY.

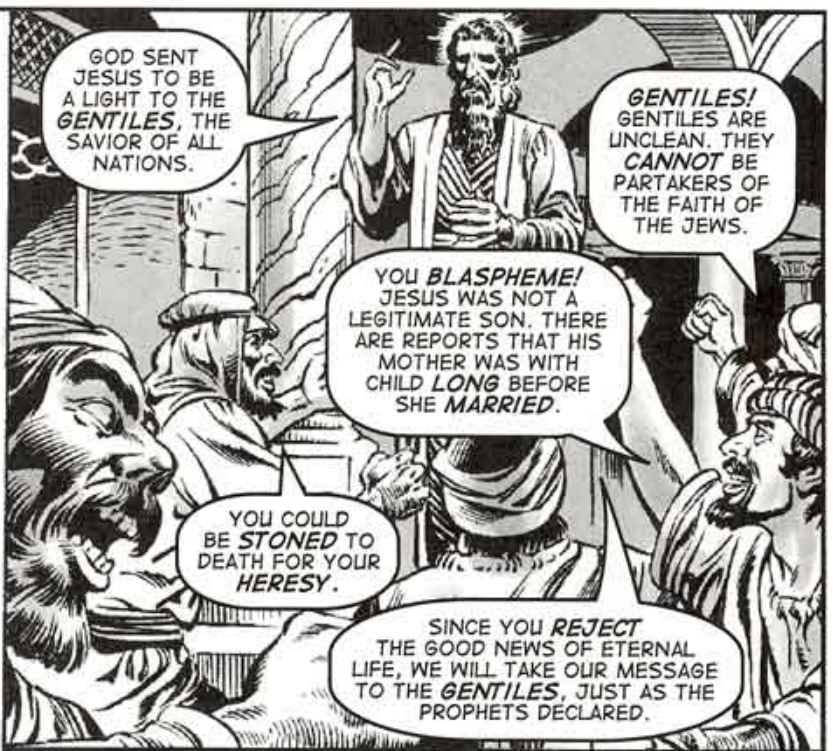
YOU KNOW ME. I PERSECUTED THE CHRISTIANS UNTO DEATH, BUT JESUS APPEARED UNTO ME IN A BLINDING LIGHT, AND WITH A VOICE LIKE THUNDER TOLD ME TO PREACH HIS WORD. I HAVE SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURE CONCERNING MESSIAH AND FOUND THAT JESUS FULFILLED ALL THE PROPHECIES.

GOD SAID THAT HE WOULD RAISE UP A SON OF DAVID TO BE A SAVIOR UNTO ISRAEL, AND THAT THE LEADERS IN JERUSALEM WOULD CONDEMN HIM TO DIE.

IT IS WRITTEN IN THE SECOND PSALM, "THOU ART MY SON, THIS DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN THEE."



IN ANOTHER PSALM IT SAYS THAT GOD WOULD NOT ALLOW HIS HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. THIS IS A PROPHECY THAT, THOUGH HE WOULD DIE, HIS BODY WOULD NOT DETERIORATE. LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IN JESUS YOU CAN FIND COMPLETE FORGIVENESS FROM SINS, SOMETHING MOSES COULD NOT GIVE.



GOD SENT JESUS TO BE A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THE SAVIOR OF ALL NATIONS.

GENTILES! GENTILES ARE UNCLEAN. THEY CANNOT BE PARTAKERS OF THE FAITH OF THE JEWS.

YOU BLASPHEME! JESUS WAS NOT A LEGITIMATE SON. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT HIS MOTHER WAS WITH CHILD LONG BEFORE SHE MARRIED.

YOU COULD BE STONED TO DEATH FOR YOUR HERESY.

SINCE YOU REJECT THE GOOD NEWS OF ETERNAL LIFE, WE WILL TAKE OUR MESSAGE TO THE GENTILES, JUST AS THE PROPHETS DECLARED.



WHEN IT WAS CLEAR TO PAUL THAT THE JEWS AS A NATION WOULD CONTINUE TO REJECT CHRIST, HE CONCENTRATED HIS EFFORTS ON THE GENTILES, EVERYONE NOT JEWISH.

PRAISE BE TO GOD AND HIS SON JESUS. SALVATION HAS COME TO THE GENTILES!

PAUL, BAPTIZE ME!

TELL US MORE OF THE PROPHECIES CONCERNING JESUS.

MANY GENTILES BELIEVED THE GOSPEL AND CONTINUED IN THE GRACE OF GOD.



THE JEWS WERE ANGERED AND DROVE PAUL AND BARNABAS OUT OF THE CITY, THREATENING THEM WITH DEATH IF THEY RETURNED. SO PAUL AND BARNABAS WENT TO ASIA AND CARRIED THE GOOD NEWS TO EVERYONE THEY MET.

IF I FALL, KEEP RUNNING. DON'T STOP.



IN LYSTRA, THE JEWS STONED PAUL UNTO DEATH AND THREW HIS BODY OUT OF THE CITY.

GOD FORGIVE THEM. THEY HAVE KILLED PAUL.

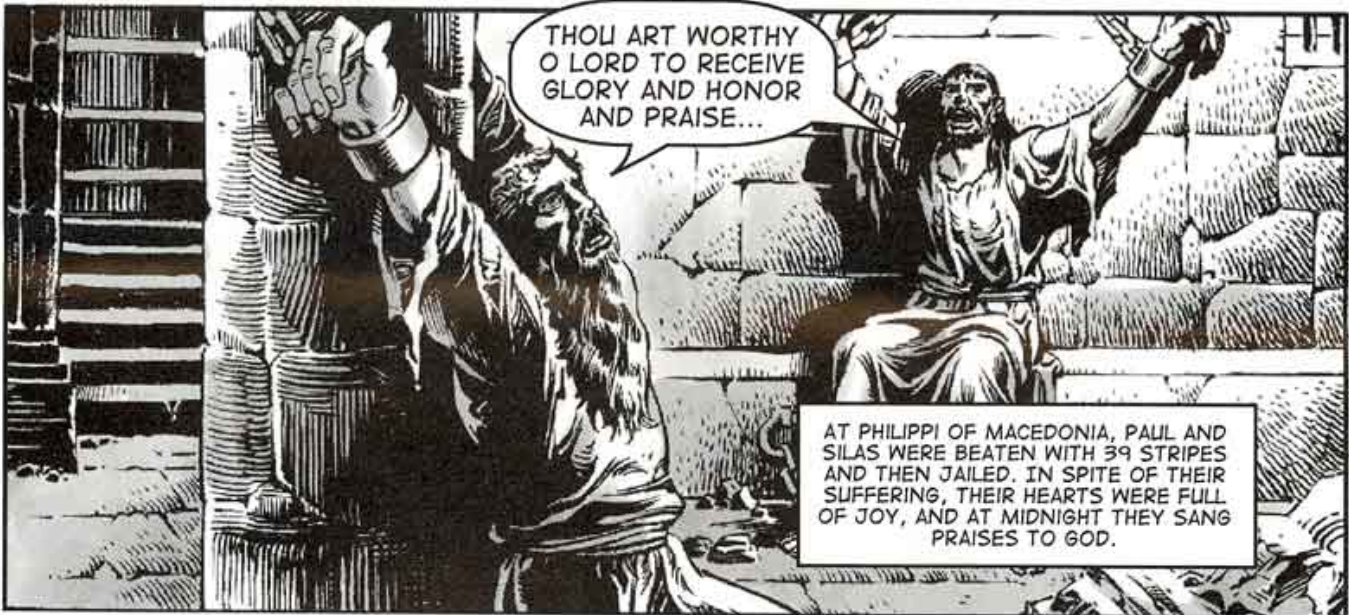




BUT GOD PERFORMED A MIRACLE AND RAISED PAUL UP.

PAUL, I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!

NOT YET, GOD SHOWED ME MANY THINGS THAT I WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER FOR HIS NAME, AND WE HAVE ONLY *BEGUN*. LET US GO *BACK* INTO THE CITY.

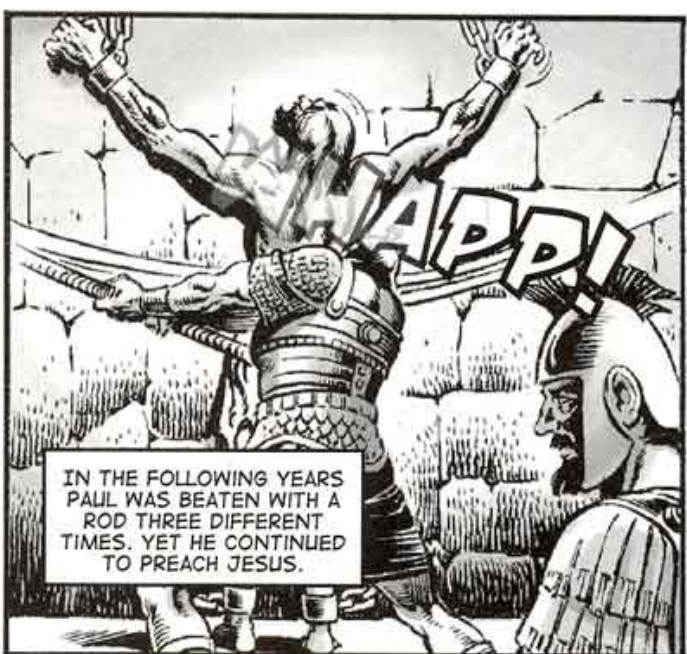


THOU ART WORTHY O LORD TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND PRAISE...

AT PHILIPPI OF MACEDONIA, PAUL AND SILAS WERE BEATEN WITH 39 STRIPES AND THEN JAILED. IN SPITE OF THEIR SUFFERING, THEIR HEARTS WERE FULL OF JOY, AND AT MIDNIGHT THEY SANG PRAISES TO GOD.



AHHHH! JESUS IS LORD!



IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS PAUL WAS BEATEN WITH A ROD THREE DIFFERENT TIMES. YET HE CONTINUED TO PREACH JESUS.



AS PAUL TRAVELED FROM PLACE TO PLACE PREACHING, THREE DIFFERENT TIMES THE SHIP ON WHICH HE WAS TRAVELING SANK.



ONE TIME HE DRIFTED IN THE SEA FOR A DAY AND A NIGHT BEFORE A PASSING SHIP PICKED HIM UP.

PAUL WAS OFTEN ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.



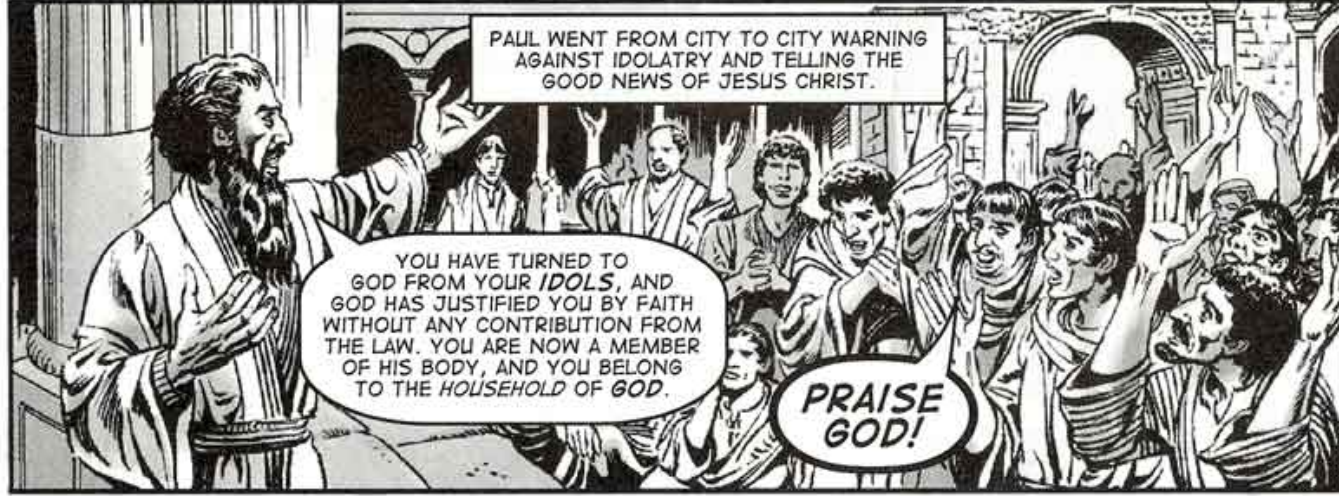
BUT HE WENT ON PREACHING.

PAUL SUFFERED SICKNESS, COLD, HEAT, HUNGER, AND ALL MANNER OF DISCOMFORT AS HE TRAVELED THE WORLD TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS.



LORD, HEAL THIS BODY SO I CAN GO AND PREACH TO THE NEXT CITY.

PAUL WENT FROM CITY TO CITY WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY AND TELLING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.



YOU HAVE TURNED TO GOD FROM YOUR IDOLS, AND GOD HAS JUSTIFIED YOU BY FAITH WITHOUT ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM THE LAW. YOU ARE NOW A MEMBER OF HIS BODY, AND YOU BELONG TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

PRAISE GOD!

THIS STUFF NEVER GAVE ME PEACE.



WHEN THE PEOPLE TURNED TO GOD, THEY LEFT THEIR IDOLS AND CHARMS. THEY THREW EVERYTHING THAT HAD TO DO WITH THEIR RELIGION OR THEIR SIN INTO THE FIRE. WITHIN TWENTY YEARS, THERE WERE BELIEVERS ALL OVER THE KNOWN WORLD WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.



JESUS HAD WARNED THE DISCIPLES, IN MATTHEW 24:9-11, "THEN SHALL THEY DELIVER YOU UP TO BE AFFLICTED, AND SHALL KILL YOU: AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL NATIONS FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. AND THEN SHALL MANY BE OFFENDED, AND SHALL BETRAY ONE ANOTHER, AND SHALL HATE ONE ANOTHER. AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS SHALL RISE, AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY."

WHEN THOSE WHO HAD SEEN CHRIST WERE OLD AND THE CHURCH HAD SPREAD ALL OVER THE ROMAN EMPIRE, THE ROMANS BEGAN TO SEEK OUT THE CHRISTIANS AND PERSECUTE THEM UNTO DEATH. IF THE BELIEVERS WOULD NOT DENY CHRIST, THEY WOULD PUT THEM IN THE ARENA, AND THE PEOPLE WOULD WATCH AS THE LIONS AND TIGERS TORE THEM TO PIECES.

LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT!

FATHER, DON'T PUNISH THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO US.



GGRRRR!

SOMETIMES THE CHRISTIANS WERE HACKED TO DEATH BY THE ROMAN GLADIATORS. THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED THAT THE BELIEVERS WOULD NOT RENOUNCE THEIR FAITH. THEY WERE READY TO DIE FOR JESUS.

JASON, I WILL SEE YOU IN PARADISE.

NO!



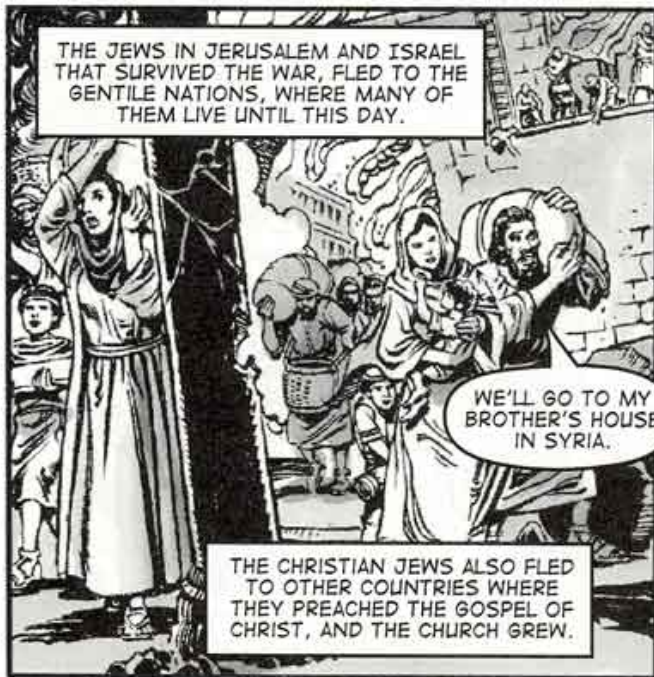




BEFORE HIS DEATH, JESUS PROPHESED OF THE TEMPLE:

DO YOU SEE THIS TEMPLE? I TELL YOU IT WILL BE DESTROYED AND NOT ONE STONE WILL BE LEFT STANDING UPON ANOTHER.

FORTY YEARS LATER, IN 70 AD, THE ROMANS CAME AND DESTROYED THE CITY AND THE TEMPLE. WHEN THE WOOD INSIDE THE TEMPLE BURNT, THE GOLD OF THE TEMPLE MELTED AND RAN DOWN INTO THE CRACKS BETWEEN THE STONES IN THE FLOOR AND THE FOUNDATION. AS THE ROMANS TRIED TO RECOVER THE GOLD, THEY FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REMOVE EVERY STONE. JESUS' PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED.



THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM AND ISRAEL THAT SURVIVED THE WAR, FLED TO THE GENTILE NATIONS, WHERE MANY OF THEM LIVE UNTIL THIS DAY.

WE'LL GO TO MY BROTHER'S HOUSE IN SYRIA.

THE CHRISTIAN JEWS ALSO FLED TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THEY PREACHED THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, AND THE CHURCH GREW.



WHEREVER THEY FLED, THERE WERE ALREADY CHRISTIANS THERE TO WELCOME THEM.

WE HAD NO PLACE TO GO.

WE HEARD OF THE HORRIBLE THINGS IN JERUSALEM. OF COURSE YOU CAN STAY WITH US.



THE APOSTLES OF JESUS CONTINUED TO PREACH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST UNTIL THEIR DEATHS. ONE BY ONE THEY WERE PUT TO DEATH. THEY ALL DIED BRAVELY, KNOWING THAT THEY HAD A BETTER HOME IN HEAVEN.









SIXTY YEARS AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION, JOHN WAS THE ONLY APOSTLE LEFT. HE WAS EXILED TO A ROCKY ISLAND CALLED PATMOS. THE SPIRIT CAUGHT JOHN UP TO HEAVEN WHERE GOD SHOWED HIM THE FUTURE.

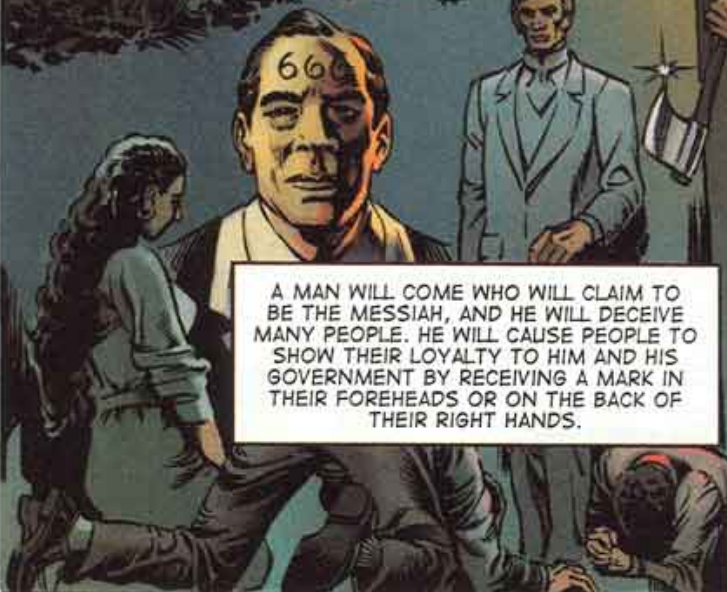
JOHN, I WILL SHOW YOU THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU SEE AND PUT IT IN A BOOK AND SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA.



WHEN THIS AGE IS NEAR THE END, JESUS WILL COME BACK AND OPEN THE GRAVES OF ALL THOSE THAT ARE HIS CHILDREN. THEY WILL ALL RISE UP TO MEET JESUS IN THE AIR AND WILL REMAIN WITH HIM FOREVER.



IN THE END OF DAYS, GOD WILL VISIT THE EARTH WITH TERRIBLE CALAMITIES. FIRE WILL FALL AND THERE WILL BE OTHER PLAGUES THAT WILL DESTROY MOST OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE EARTH.



A MAN WILL COME WHO WILL CLAIM TO BE THE MESSIAH, AND HE WILL DECEIVE MANY PEOPLE. HE WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO SHOW THEIR LOYALTY TO HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT BY RECEIVING A MARK IN THEIR FOREHEADS OR ON THE BACK OF THEIR RIGHT HANDS.

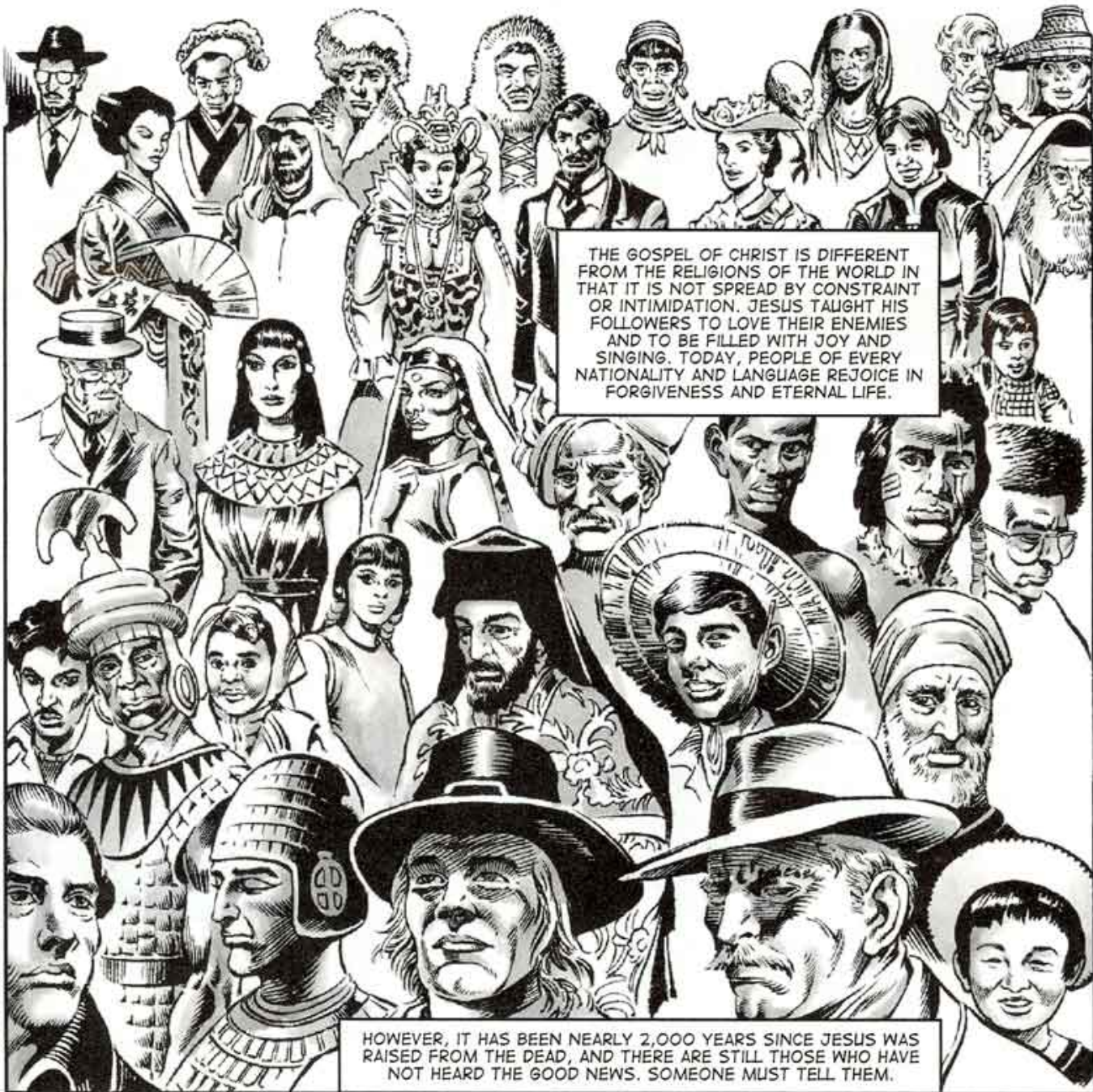
THOSE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE MARK WILL BE KILLED BY DECAPITATION. IT WILL BE A TIME OF GREAT SUFFERING FOR THOSE WHO ARE LEFT ON THE EARTH.





THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST HAS BEEN PREACHED FOR 2000 YEARS. JESUS PREDICTED THAT HIS KINGDOM MESSAGE WOULD SPREAD AROUND THE WHOLE WORLD UNTIL EVERY NATION, TRIBE, AND FAMILY GROUP HAD HEARD THE GOOD NEWS.

THERE IS JUST ONE GOD AND HE HAS ONLY ONE SON. THERE IS JUST ONE FAITH AND ONE HOLY BOOK. THERE IS JUST ONE WAY TO ENTER PARADISE AFTER THIS LIFE. JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, AS MANY PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS HAVE FOUND.



THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS DIFFERENT FROM THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD IN THAT IT IS NOT SPREAD BY CONSTRAINT OR INTIMIDATION. JESUS TAUGHT HIS FOLLOWERS TO LOVE THEIR ENEMIES AND TO BE FILLED WITH JOY AND SINGING. TODAY, PEOPLE OF EVERY NATIONALITY AND LANGUAGE REJOICE IN FORGIVENESS AND ETERNAL LIFE.

HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN NEARLY 2,000 YEARS SINCE JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD THE GOOD NEWS. SOMEONE MUST TELL THEM.





IN 1999, SOME CHRISTIANS WHO WERE CONCERNED THAT SOME HAD NEVER HEARD THE GOOD NEWS GOT TOGETHER AND DISCUSSED HOW THEY COULD SEND THE GOOD NEWS TO THE MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD.

THEY DECIDED THE BEST APPROACH WAS TO MAKE A PICTURE BOOK THAT TOLD THE BIBLE STORIES IN A WAY THAT ALL COULD UNDERSTAND.



AFTER WRITING THE TEXT, THEY FOUND DANNY BULANADI, ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING COMIC BOOK ARTISTS, AND CONTRACTED HIM TO DRAW THE PICTURES.



IT TOOK OVER SEVEN YEARS TO DRAW AND WRITE AND PRODUCE THIS BOOK.

IT IS NOW BEING TRANSLATED AND DISTRIBUTED IN MANY LANGUAGES AROUND THE WORLD - PAID FOR BY CONCERNED CHRISTIANS.



CHRISTIANS ARE SPENDING THEIR OWN MONEY AND TIME TO GIVE THIS BOOK TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET HEARD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

HOW DO YOU DO, MY FRIEND? I HAVE A BOOK I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU. IT TELLS HOW YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR ALL YOUR SINS AND GO TO PARADISE WHEN YOU DIE.

I CANNOT PAY FOR IT.

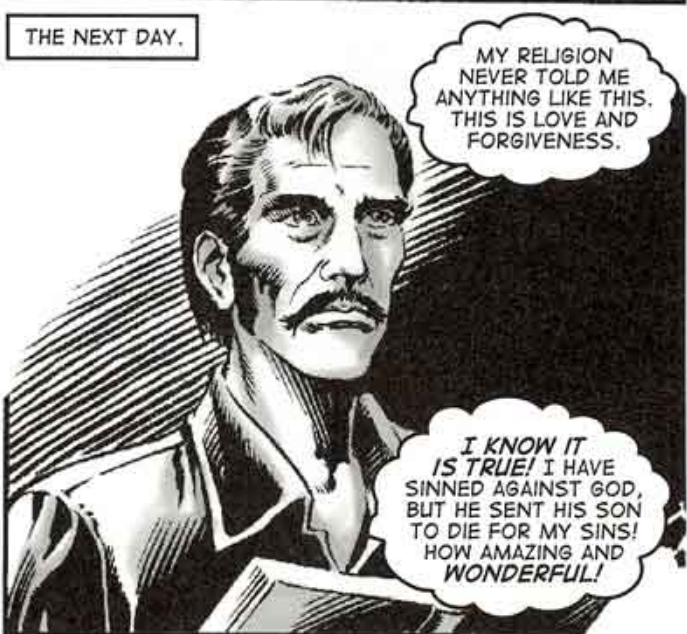
I DO NOT CHARGE FOR IT. IT IS A GIFT.



WHY DO YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING FREE?

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, MY BROTHER, AND THIS BOOK HAS VERY GOOD NEWS.

THEN I WILL READ IT AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY GOOD NEWS LEFT IN THE WORLD.



THE NEXT DAY.

MY RELIGION NEVER TOLD ME ANYTHING LIKE THIS. THIS IS LOVE AND FORGIVENESS.

I KNOW IT IS TRUE! I HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD, BUT HE SENT HIS SON TO DIE FOR MY SINS! HOW AMAZING AND WONDERFUL!





DEAR JESUS,  
THANK YOU FOR  
LOVING ME AND FOR  
DYING IN MY PLACE.  
I WANT TO FOLLOW  
YOU THE REST  
OF MY LIFE.



I AM  
**FORGIVEN!**  
GOD NOW  
LIVES IN ME!



WIFE, A MOST **WONDERFUL**  
THING HAS HAPPENED, A MAN I HAVE  
NEVER SEEN GAVE ME THIS BOOK. IT  
TELLS THE STORY OF HOW GOD CAME  
TO THE EARTH AS A MAN AND PUT  
AWAY OUR SINS.

WILL YOU  
READ IT TO US,  
MOHAMED?

CAN I  
READ IT PAPA?  
CAN I?



THE PART  
ABOUT **ABRAHAM** AND  
**MOSES**, WE ALREADY  
KNEW. BUT THE WRITINGS  
OF OUR RELIGION NEVER  
TOLD US THE REST OF THE  
STORY. GOD SENT HIS SON  
**JESUS** TO SHED  
HIS BLOOD AND PAY  
FOR OUR SINS.

CAN **WOMEN**  
BE FORGIVEN AND  
ACCEPTED INTO  
GOD'S FAMILY JUST  
LIKE MEN?

YES. **JESUS**  
WELCOMES  
ALL.



OTHERS SAW THE PEACE THAT  
HAD COME TO THE ROAIL  
FAMILY AND CAME TO HEAR  
THIS WONDERFUL NEWS.

THIS IS  
INDEED WONDERFUL  
NEWS. I WILL BRING  
MY FAMILY TO HEAR  
ALSO.



SOON MOHAMED HAD READ  
HIS PICTURE BOOK TO  
NEARLY EVERYONE IN HIS  
VILLAGE. BUT MOHAMED  
WANTED TO KNOW MORE.