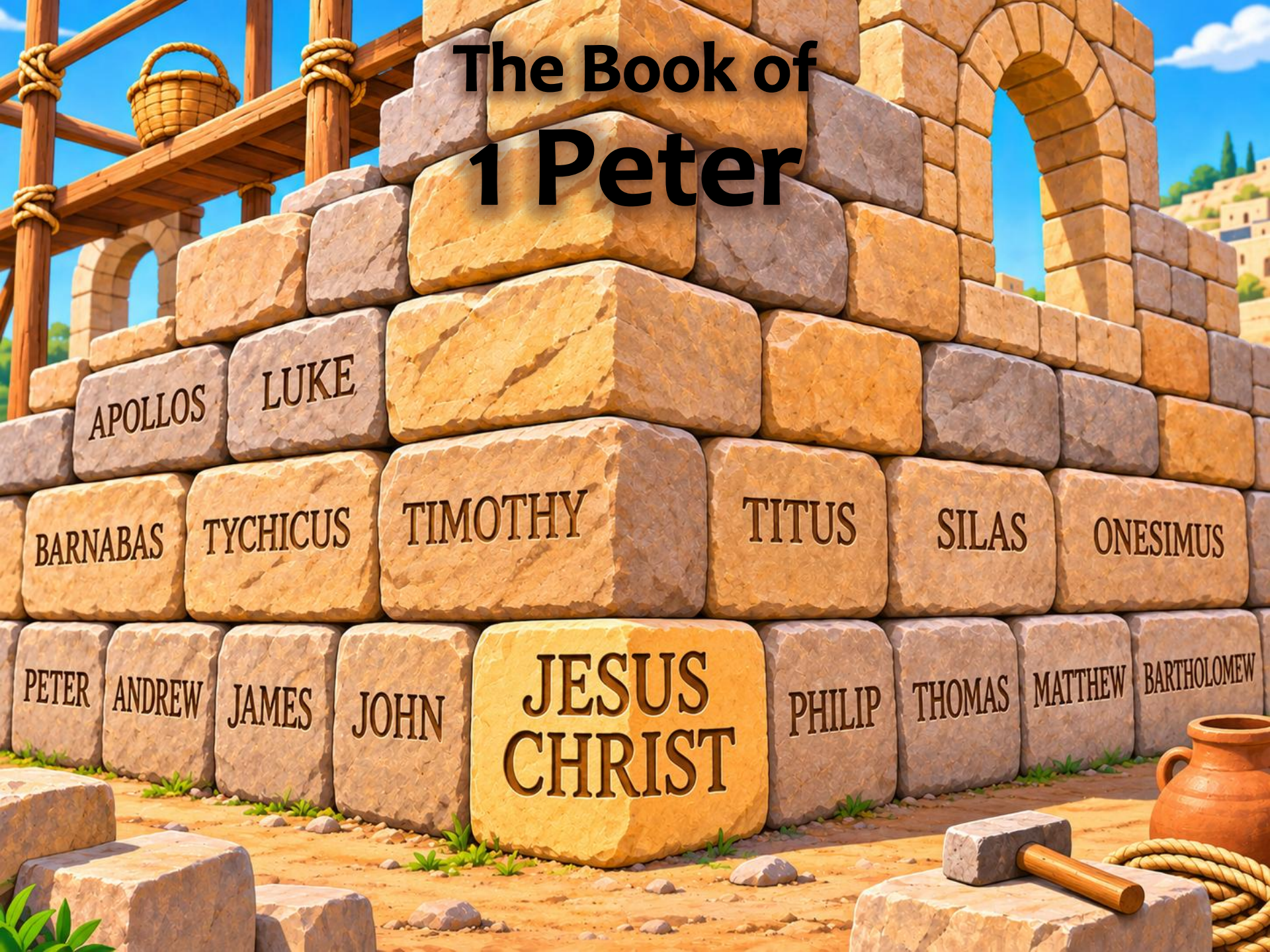
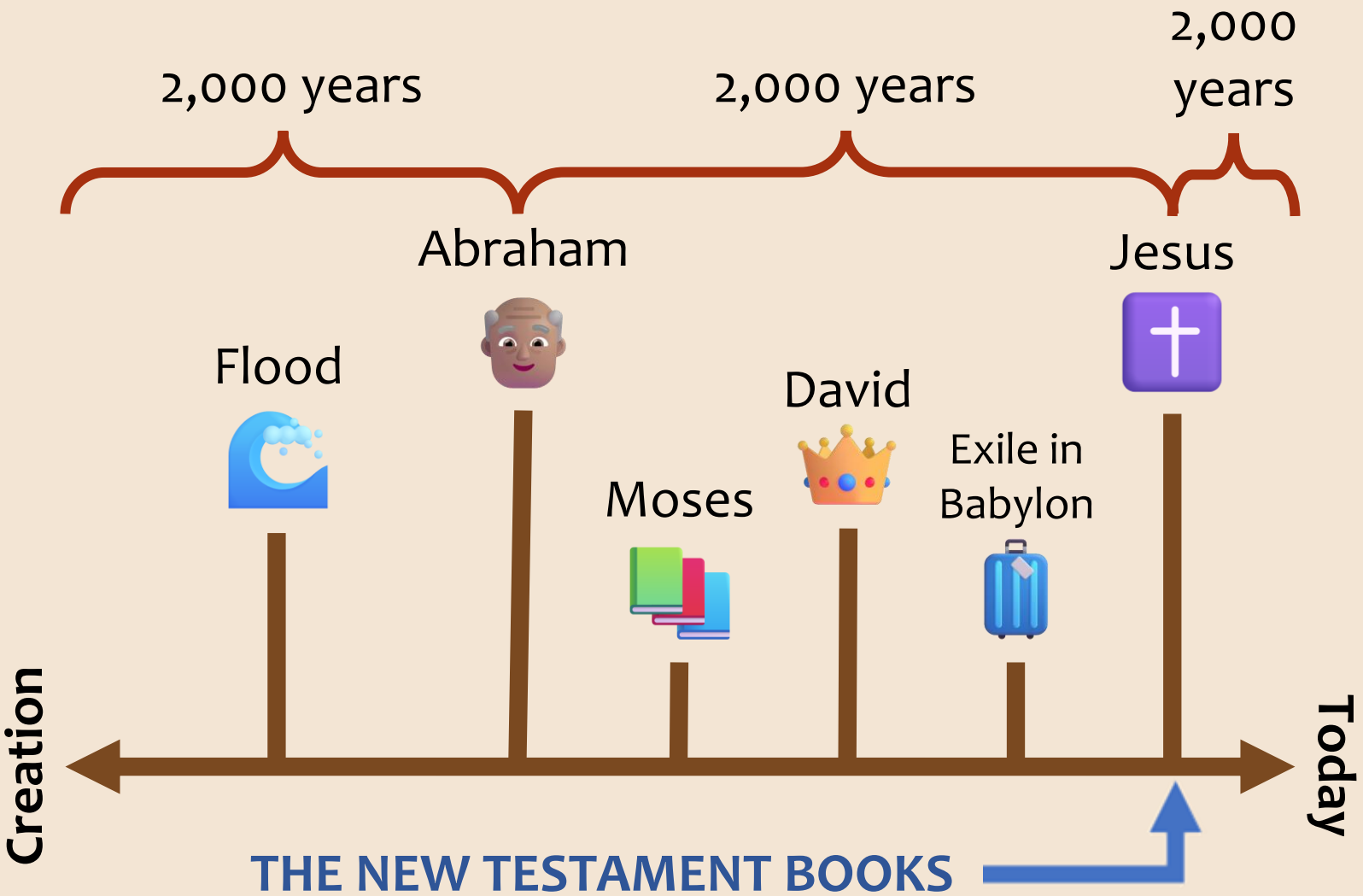
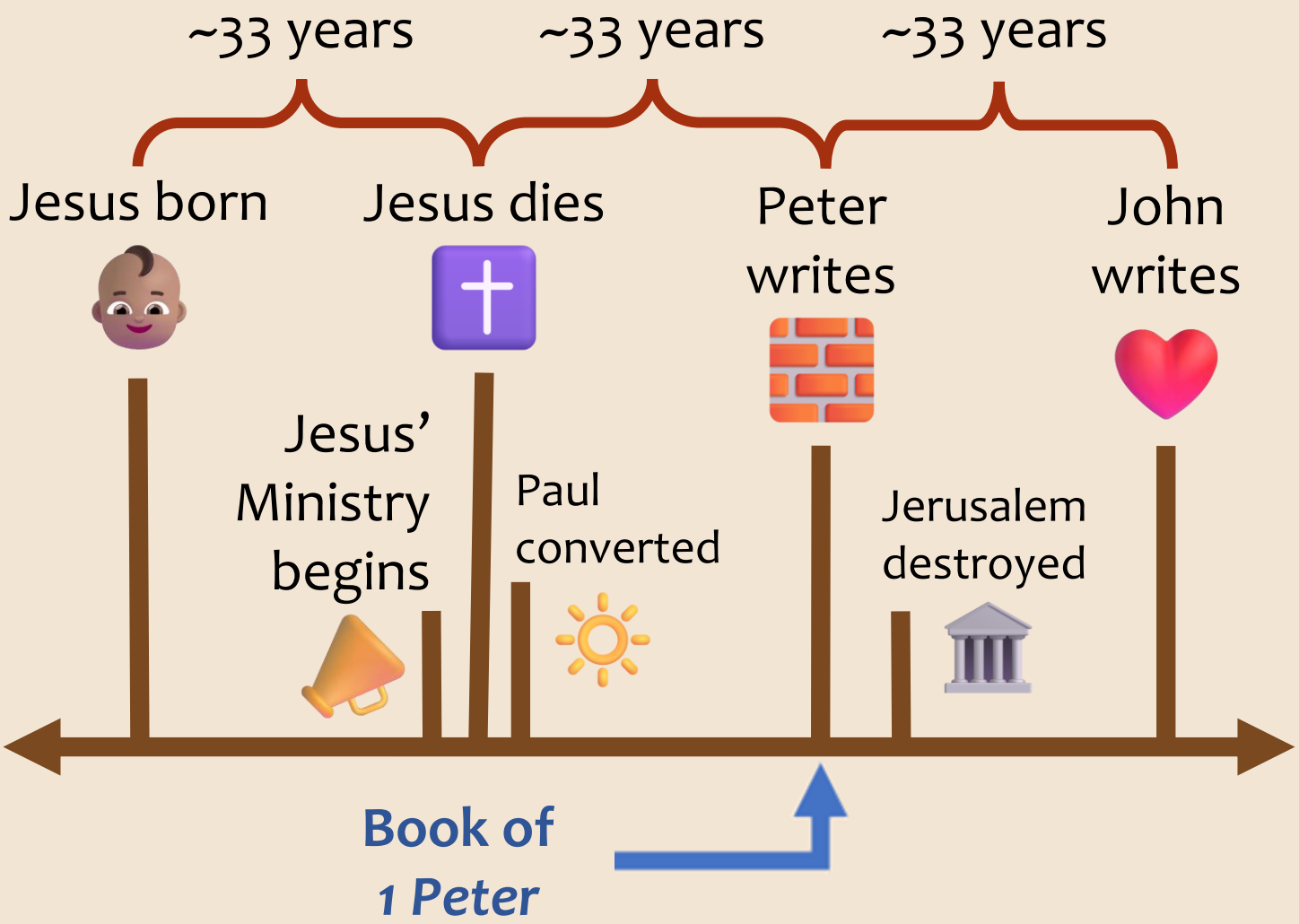

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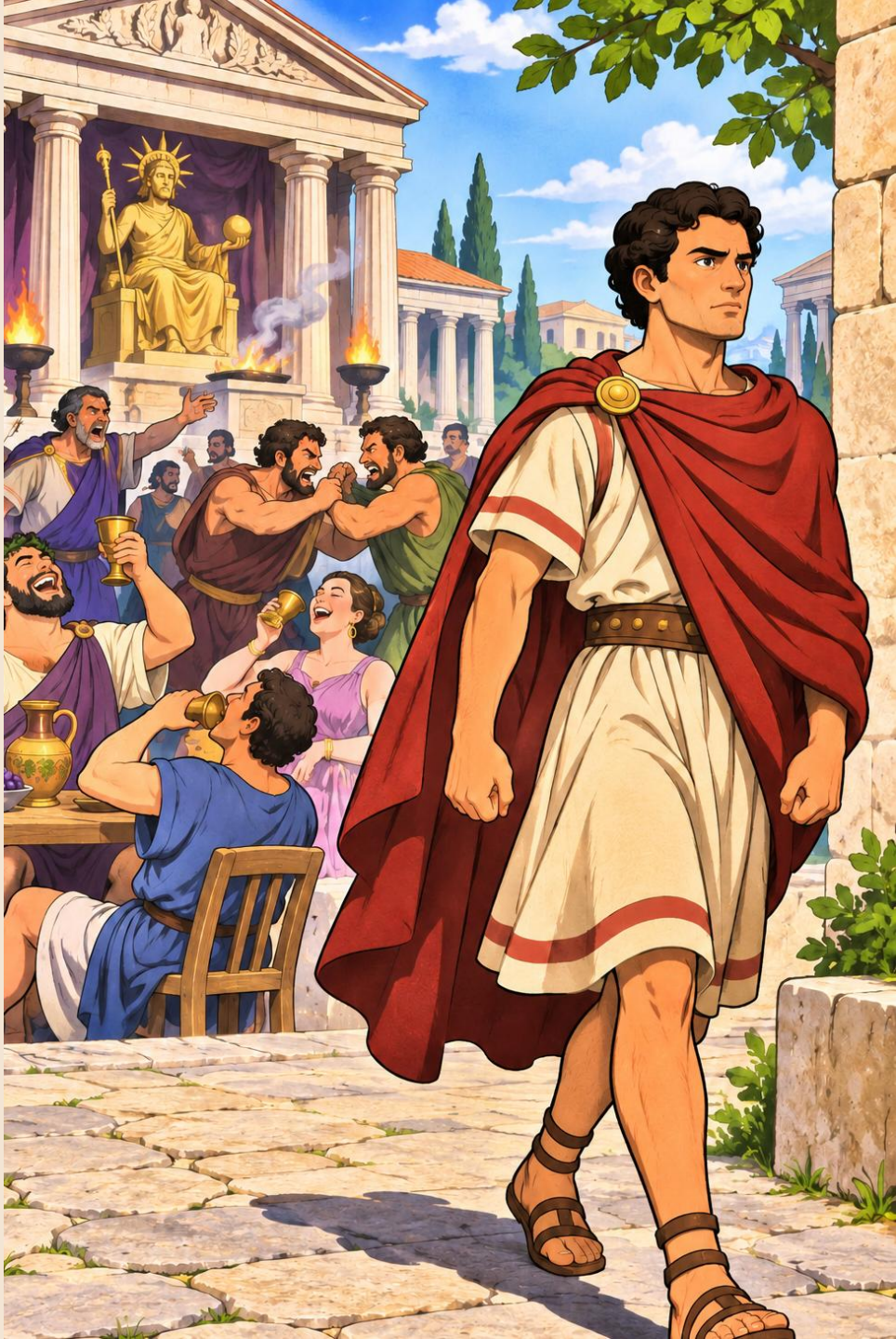
Bible timeline



Summary

1 Peter

- Advice to Christians on being good in a wicked world
  - “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.” (**1 Peter 2:12** ESV)



Why *1 Peter* is special

- It is example after example of practical advice on living faithfully
  - Submitting to unjust governments and masters
  - Being married to a nonbeliever
  - Being mocked by peers for refusing to sin
  - But also being elders that are good examples, and submitting to them



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Main characters

- 👴🏾 **Peter**
  - Apostle (**1:1**) and elder **(5:1)**
  - Author of the book

- 🦃 **Christians in *Asia Minor***
  - Regions of "Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia" (Modern-day Turkey)
  - *Sounds like* it is written to Jews of the *Diaspora* (**1:1**)
  - Seems to be written to Gentiles (compare **2:10-11** to **1:1** – but then notice **2:9 and 2:12**)
  - Point is, written to Christians, who *feel* like exiles in the world they live in (or they should); **Psalm 33:12**

Outline of *1 Peter*

- **1:1 – 2:10** Looking to Jesus
  - A chosen people
  - Christ the cornerstone
- **2:11 – 4:6** Live right among unbelievers
  - Submit to worldly people
  - Suffer for doing good
  - Run from sin
- **4:7 – 5:14** Live right among believers
  - Love each other; hospitality (4:8-9)
  - Elders' work (5:1-4)

Theology and doctrine

Suffering as a Christian

- This is probably the biggest theme of the book of 1 Peter
- Jesus promised it but called it a blessing (**Matthew 5:10-12**)

- Peter gives several applications of this in the book
  - Slaves serving unjust masters (**2:18-20**)
  - Jesus' silence in trial (**2:21-24**)
  - Wives with unbelieving husbands (**3:1-6**)
  - When refusing to join in sin (**4:3-4**)
  - Literally just for believing in Christ (**4:13-14**)
  - In general, and you should turn it into a time to bless and teach others (**3:9-17**)
  - Serving government (**2:13-17**)
    - This is not actually stated as "even if the government is bad"
    - Notice it precedes all of the other applications

Recap of *1 Peter*

- **Summary**
  - Advice to Christians on being good in a wicked world
- **Why it is special**
  - It is example after example of practical advice on living faithfully
- **Main characters**
  - Peter
  - Christians in Asia Minor

- **Outline**
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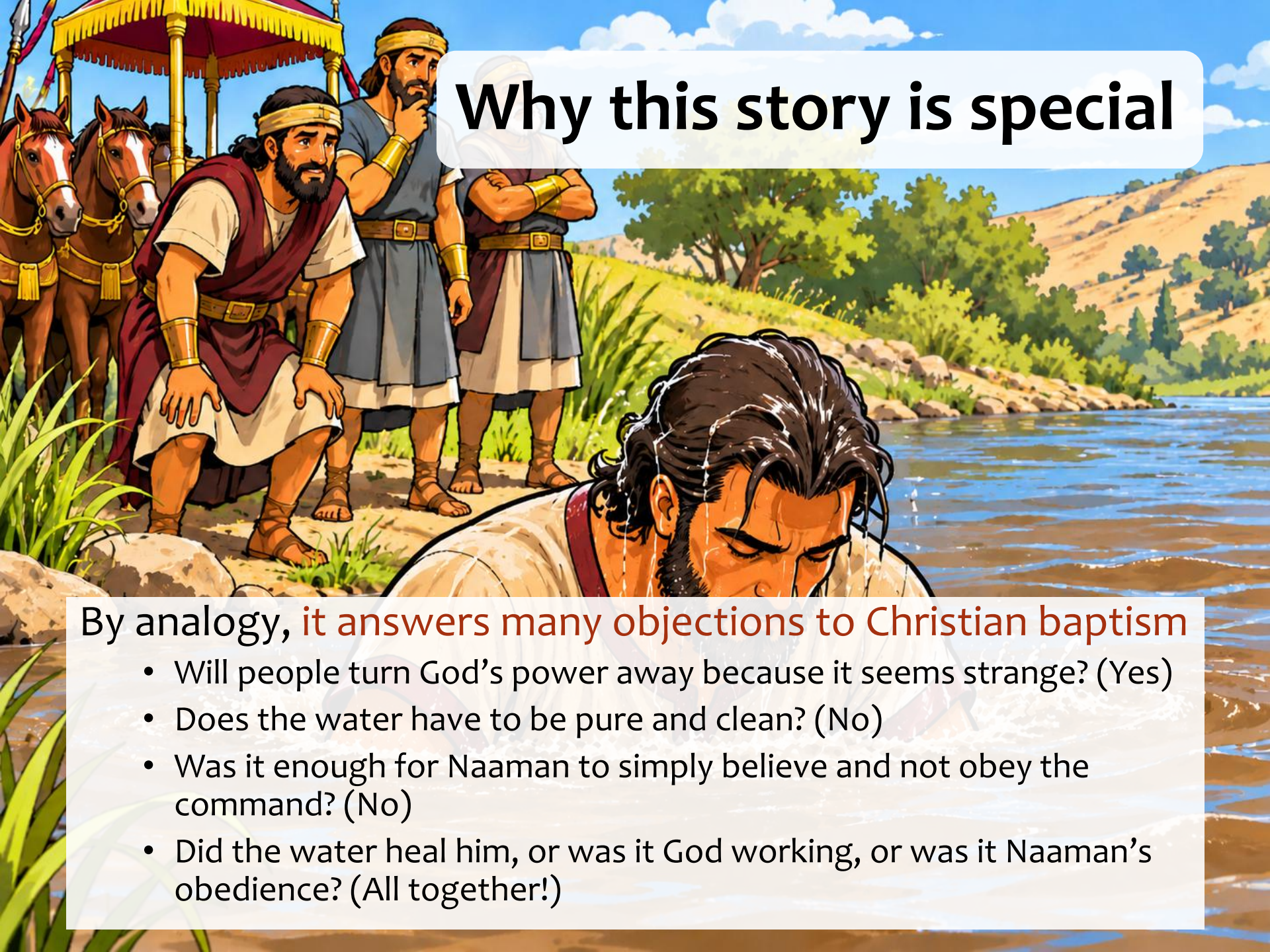


Summary

Naaman is healed

2 Kings 5:1-14

- Naaman is healed from leprosy when he does what Elisha the prophet says
  - Which is to dip in the Jordan River 7 times



Why this story is special

By analogy, it answers many objections to Christian baptism

- Will people turn God's power away because it seems strange? (Yes)
- Does the water have to be pure and clean? (No)
- Was it enough for Naaman to simply believe and not obey the command? (No)
- Did the water heal him, or was it God working, or was it Naaman's obedience? (All together!)

Main characters

- 👳🏻 **Naaman**
  - Commander of a foreign army
  - Has “leprosy” (some skin disease)
- 🧔🏾 **Elisha**
  - A prophet of God in Samaria (Israel)
- 👧🏾 **Servant girl**
  - From Israel but worked for Naaman’s wife (**v. 2**)
- 👑 **King of Syria/Aram**
  - Cares enough about Naaman to seek help from another nation (**vs. 5-6**)
- 👑 **King of Israel**
  - Does not want any part of this (**v.7**)



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Outline of *2 Kings 5:1-14*

1. **Vs. 1-4:** Naaman learns that Elisha can heal him
2. **Vs. 5-7:** Elisha's king does <u>not</u> want to help Naaman's king
3. **Vs. 8-10:** Elisha tells* Naaman to go to the Jordan River
   - (He tells him by a messenger)
4. **Vs. 11-12:** Naaman finds it absurd and refuses
5. **Vs. 13-14:** People convince him anyway and he obeys and is healed

In case you missed it

The young girl embodies 1 Peter

- She was literally an exile (**1 Peter 1:1**) from Israel (**2 Kings 5:2**)
- She worked for Naaman's wife (**2 Kings 5:2**) and tells her about Elisha (**2 Kings 5:3**)
  - It's implied that the wife tells Naaman, who believes them both
  - Naaman actually gives credit to the girl (**2 Kings 5:4**)
  - That respect implies that the girl had served faithfully and well (**1 Peter 2:18**; compare **3:1-2**)
- She used the opportunity to tell Gentiles about the God of Israel (**1 Peter 3:9, 15**)
- It resulted in glory to God (**2 Kings 5:15; 1 Peter 2:12**)

Theology and doctrine

Baptism saves

- **1 Peter 3:21** literally says this
- Do scholars try to refute this plain idea? Naturally!
  - Most say it is symbolism; some are more blunt than others
- Is baptism a work we do?
  - Was it enough for Naaman to simply believe and not obey the command? Of course not!
    - One, it was a command!
    - And two, *he did not want to do it*! He only *proved* his belief by actually doing something.
- Does the water do anything?
  - Peter isn't saying "water does not matter"
  - Would Naaman have been healed without the water?
  - Can one be saved today without baptism in water?

Recap of *2 Kings 5:1-14*

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  - The young girl embodies 1 Peter
    - Exile (**1 Peter 1:1**)
    - Servant (**1 Peter 2:18**)
    - Blessed Gentiles (**1 Peter 3:9, 15**)
    - Hearers glorify God (**1 Peter 2:12**)

Poem: **Psalm 34**
"Taste and See"

- **1 Peter 3:10-12** quotes **Psalm 34:12-16**
- Famous for **verse 8**, "O taste and see that the LORD *is* good"
  - Compare **1 Peter 2:2-3**, "if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good" (ESV)
- The hymn "*Tell His Praise in Song and Story*" is based on this Psalm

- Outline
  - **Vs. 1-4**: Praise to the LORD who delivers
  - **Vs. 5-10**: The LORD protects His people
  - **Vs. 11-14**: Fear the LORD and be blessed
  - **Vs. 15-22**: The LORD hears when His people cry out