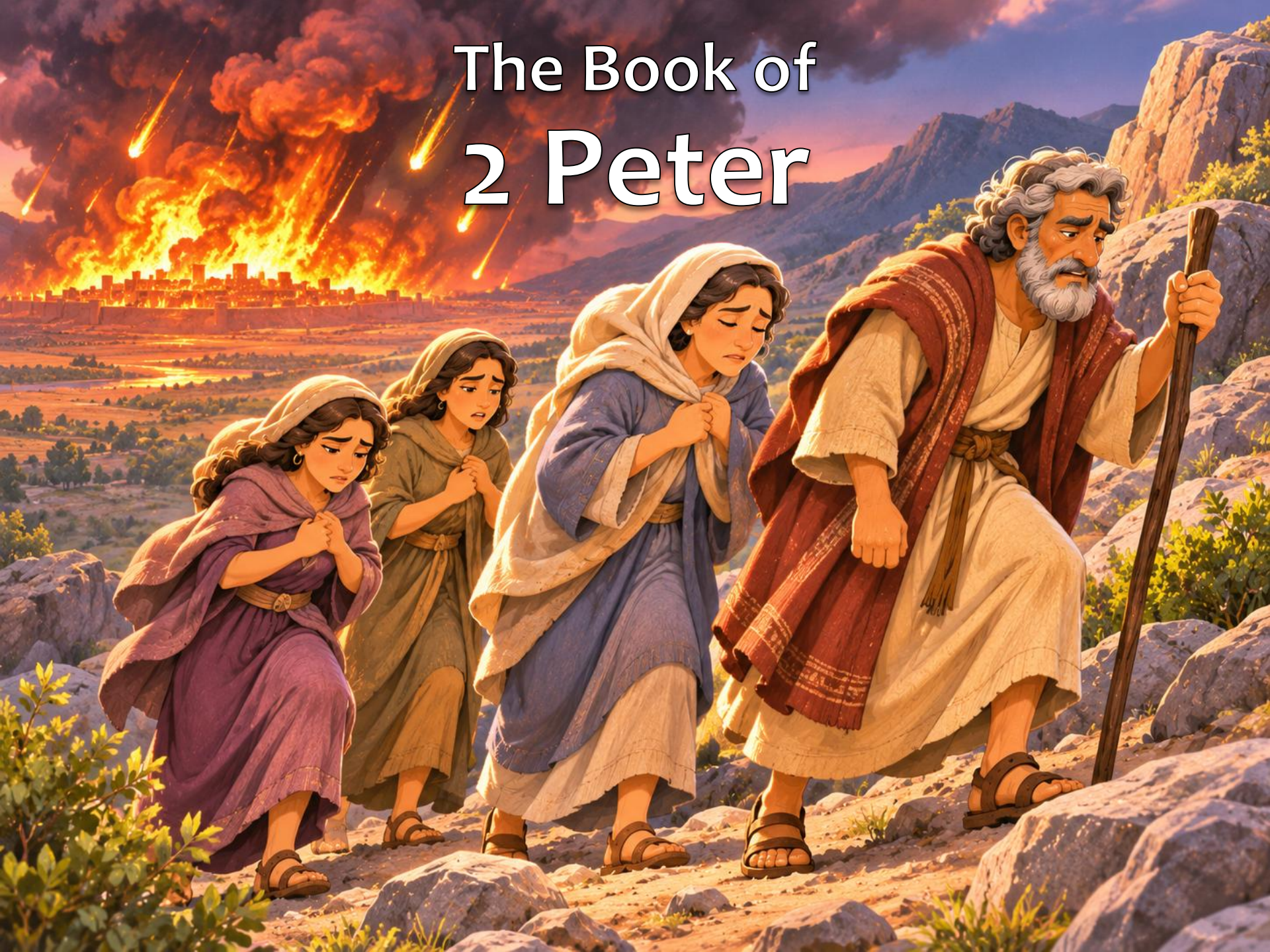
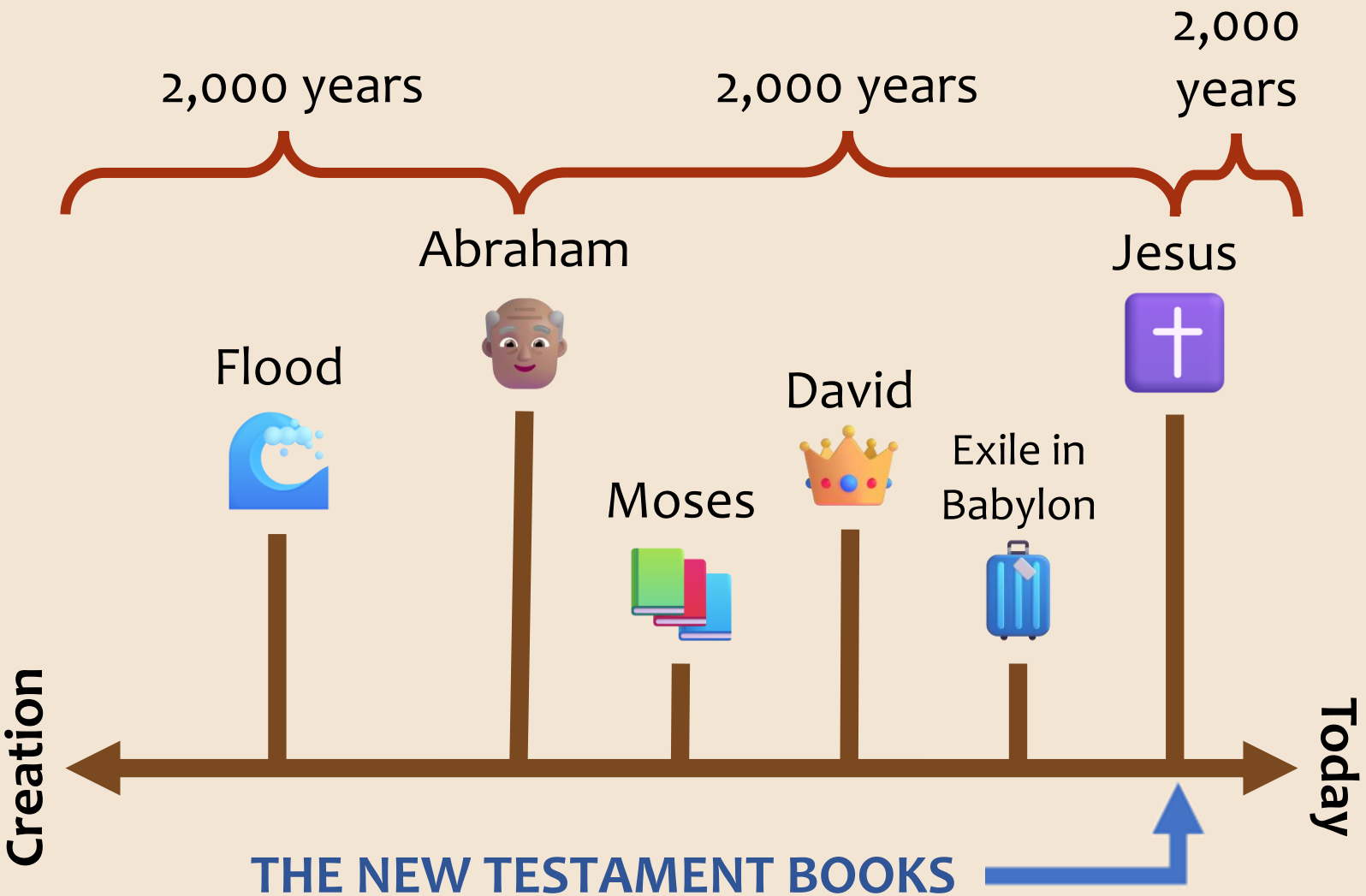
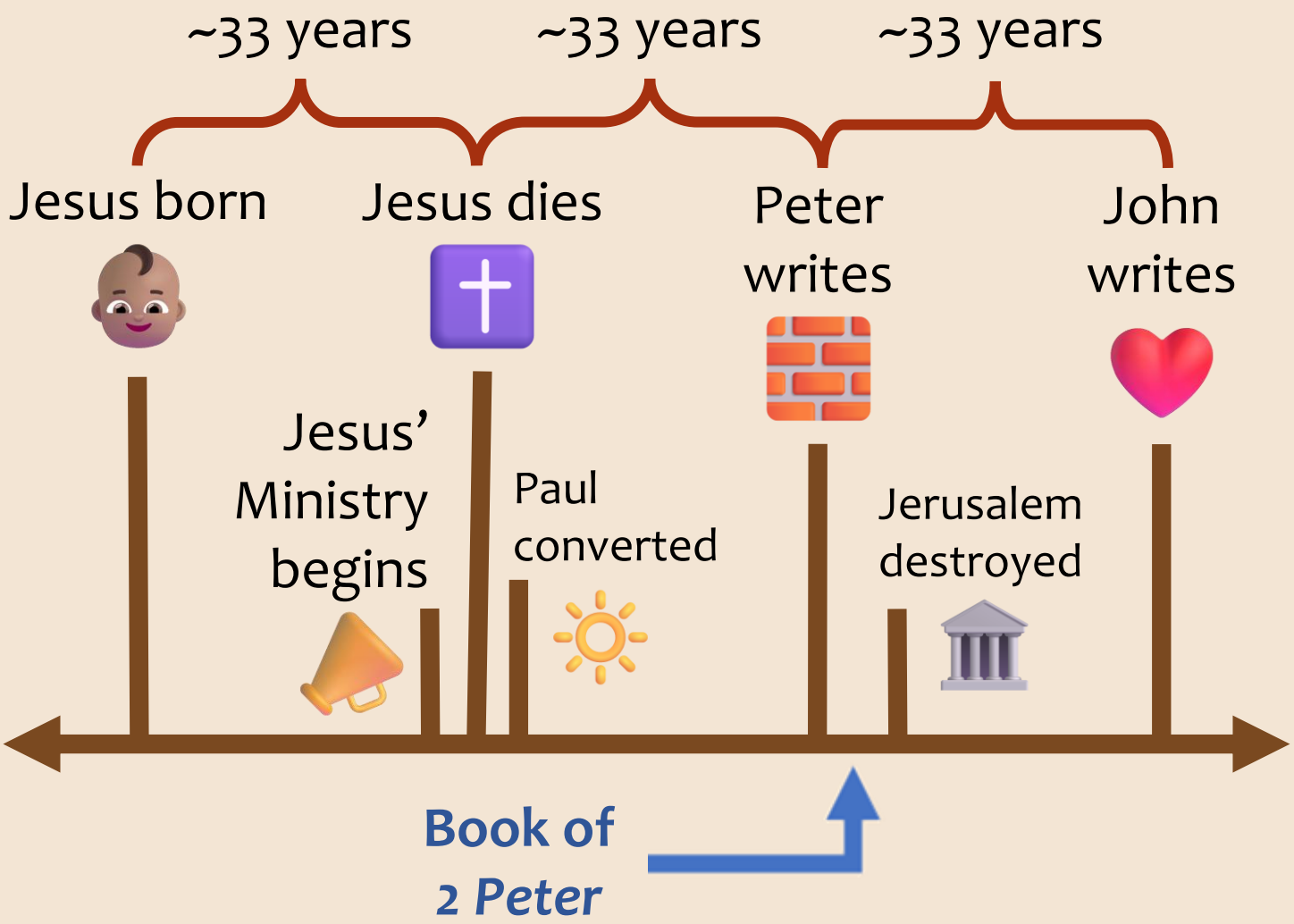

The Book of
2 Peter

Bible timeline



Bible timeline



Summary

2 Peter

- Teaching us to recognize **patterns** of faithfulness and sin, and of God's mercy and judgment.
  - Peter is writing near death (**1:13-15**).
  - Experience leads us to see patterns in life and in history, and I think that is where Peter is coming from here.
  - He wants us to see these patterns before it is too late.



Why 2 *Peter* is special

- Paul and John also wrote letters near the end of their lives. They show their concern in different areas. (See chart.)

2 Peter wants his audience to always know right from wrong.

- Or "to make your calling and election sure" (**1:10**, KJV), "so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things" (**1:15**, ESV)

	1 John	2 Peter	2 Timothy
Approx. date	A.D. 85–95	A.D. 64–67	A.D. 64–67
Audience	Community of believers	Community of believers	Timothy
Main concern	Remaining in truth, love, and fellowship	Resisting corruption and growing in godliness	Preserving and passing on the gospel

Main characters

-  **Peter**
  - Disciple that witnessed The Transfiguration (**1:16-18**)
  - Author (disputed, as always )
-  **Christians**
  - None in particular
  - Although it is the "second letter" (**3:1**) to them, so possibly the same audience as *1 Peter*
-  **False teachers**
  - Be on guard against them

Outline of 2 *Peter*

- **1:1-15:** A pattern of growth
  - "Christian virtues" famously in **vs. 5-7**
  - **Vs. 12-15** is the purpose of the letter
- **1:16—2:3:** Patterns of true and false teaching
  - **1:16-21**: True teaching has always looked like this
  - **2:1-3**: False teachers sneak in like this
- **2:4-10:** God's pattern of punishing evil while rescuing the good
- **2:10-22:** A pattern of spiritual desolation of false teachers
  - Their end is (near?) hopelessness (**vs. 20-22**)
  - How did they get there? **Verses 12-19**.
- **3:1-18:** God's pattern of doing things in His own time
  - His patience *and* His wrath
  - Contrasting a false pattern in **v. 4**

Theology and doctrine

God's patience (**2 Peter 3:9-15**)

- God does punish the wicked (**2 Peter 2:9**), but he also mercifully delays that wrath, in hopes that sinners would repent
- There is a pattern!
  - Nineveh repented and was spared (**Jonah 3**)
  - Judah's exile was delayed after the faithfulness of Hezekiah (**Jeremiah 26:18–19**) and Josiah (**2 Kings 22:16-20**)
  - Noah warned people for 120 years (**1 Peter 3:20**)
- Just don't think you have unlimited time to wait



Recap of 2 *Peter*

- **Summary**
  - Patterns of faithfulness and sin, and of God's mercy and judgment
- **Why it is special**
  - 2 Peter wants the audience to always know right from wrong
- **Main characters**
  - Peter
  - Christians
  - False teachers

- **Outline**
  - **1:1-15**: A pattern of growth
  - **1:16—2:3**: Patterns of true and false teaching
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The Transfiguration
Matthew 17:1-13

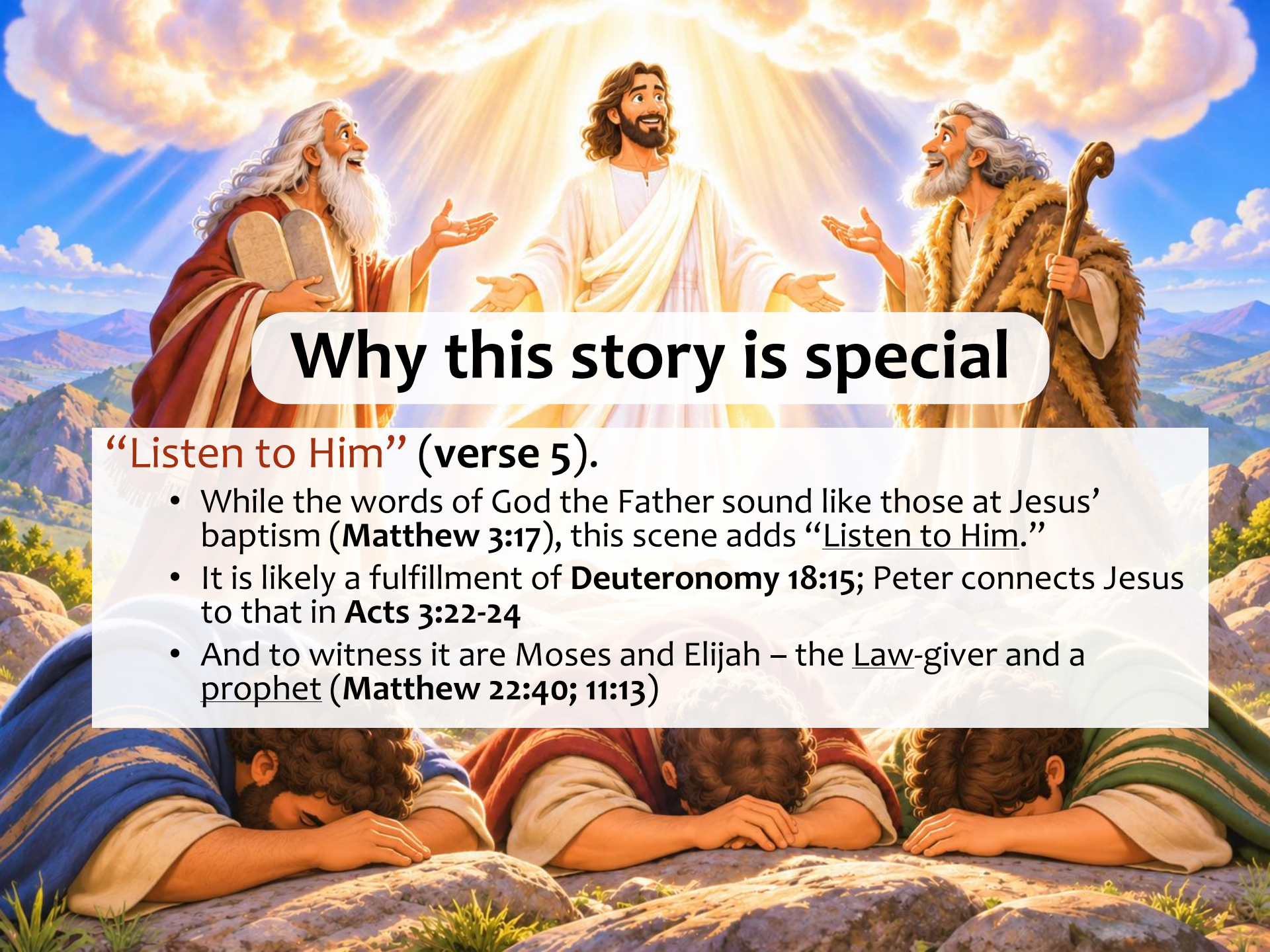
Summary

The Transfiguration
Matthew 17:1-13

On a mountain, Jesus is transformed and hears from Moses, Elijah, and God the Father*

*It doesn't "say" this, but the voice from heaven calls Jesus "my Son."





Why this story is special

"Listen to Him" (**verse 5**).

- While the words of God the Father sound like those at Jesus' baptism (**Matthew 3:17**), this scene adds "Listen to Him."
- It is likely a fulfillment of **Deuteronomy 18:15**; Peter connects Jesus to that in **Acts 3:22-24**
- And to witness it are Moses and Elijah – the Law-giver and a prophet (**Matthew 22:40; 11:13**)

Main characters

- 🌞 **Jesus**
  - Shined bright
- 🙈 **Peter, James, and John**
  - Witnesses… mostly
- ⚖️ 📢 **Moses and Elijah**
  - Back from the… somewhere
- 💭 **God the Father**
  - Spoke to His Son from a cloud

Outline of *Matthew 17:1-13*

1. **Vs. 1-2:** Jesus is transfigured on a mountain
2. **Vs. 3-4:** Moses and Elijah appear
3. **V. 5:** God the Father praises Jesus
4. **Vs. 6-7:** The disciples were afraid
5. **Vs. 8-9:** Tell no one - yet
6. **Vs. 10-13:** Elijah came as John the Baptist

In case you missed it

This story sounds a lot like Moses – and Elijah

	Moses at Sinai (Exodus 24 and 34)	Jesus at the Transfiguration (Matthew 17)
A mountain	Mount Sinai (24:12–13)	A high mountain (v. 1)
Six days	The cloud covers Sinai for six days before God calls (24:16)	The Transfiguration happens "after six days" (v. 1)
Selected companions	Moses brings Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and 70 elders (24:1)	Jesus brings Peter, James, and John (v. 1)
Shining face	Moses' face shines (34:29–30)	Jesus' face shines like sun (v. 2)
A cloud and God's voice	God's glory appears in a cloud covering Sinai (24:15–17)	A bright cloud overshadows Jesus and the disciples (v. 5)
Fear	Israelites afraid when they see Moses' shining face (34:30)	The disciples are terrified when they hear God's voice (v. 6)

- Elijah met the LORD on Mount Horeb (Sinai) in **1 Kings 19:8–18**, after 40 days, and hid in a cave as the LORD passed by (like Moses; **Ex. 33:21-23**) before hearing the LORD.
- Also, Elijah did not die (**2 Kings 2:1**), and Moses' death is recorded, but he was buried by God in an unknown place (**Deuteronomy 34:5-6**).

Theology and doctrine

Was Elijah reincarnated?

- No. John the Baptist says himself that he is not Elijah (**John 1:21**)
- The disciples refer to "the scribes" predicting Elijah, but they seem to mean the prophecy in **Malachi 4:5-6** (the very end of our Old Testament)
- **Luke 1:17** does say that John would go in the "spirit and power of Elijah."
  - Ultimately, it is the Holy Spirit that moves people (**2 Peter 1:21**)

Recap of *Matthew 17:1-13*

- **Summary**
  - On a mountain, Jesus is transformed and hears from Moses, Elijah, and God the Father
- **Why it is special**
  - "Listen to Him" (**v. 5**).
- **Main characters**
  - Jesus
  - Peter, James and John
  - Moses and Elijah
  - God the Father

- **Outline**
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  - This story sounds a lot like Moses – and Elijah
- **Theology and doctrine**
  - Was Elijah reincarnated? (No.)

Poem: **Isaiah 65:17-25**
New heavens and earth

- **2 Peter 3:13**, after describing the world's final destruction, says, "But according to his promise we are waiting for *new heavens and a new earth…*" (ESV)
- This seems to come from Isaiah 65 or 66 (both mention the new heavens and new earth)
- Is Isaiah describing eternity?
  - In **65:20**, it says, "for the young man shall <u>die</u> a hundred years old" (ESV)
  - If people are still dying, is that eternal life?
- Instead, we should look at Isaiah 65 as symbolic
  - Perhaps it will not *literally* be a different Earth where wolves and lambs get along (**v. 25**)