

In preparation for Father's Day...

Dad jokes and other humor from the Bible

What kind of man was Boaz  
before he got married?

***Ruth-less***

Why did Adam and Eve  
do math every day?

***They were told to be fruitful  
and multiply.***

Who was the most  
disappointed when the  
Prodigal Son came home?

***The fattened calf***

What did Obi-Wan Kenobi (Star Wars) tell Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

***May the fourth be with you.***

Did you know Jesus  
is divine?

***And we are de-branches***

# Why humor in the Bible?

- The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.
  - Psalm 2:4
- The Lord laughs at the wicked,  
for he knows their day is coming.
  - Psalm 37:13

# Types of humor in the Bible

- Irony & Sarcasm
- Exaggeration & Hyperbole
- Satire & Mockery
- Wordplay & Puns
- Absurdity & Situational Humor



# Irony and Sarcasm

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<sup>27</sup> About noontime, Elijah began mocking them. “You’ll have to shout louder than that,” he scoffed, “to catch the attention of your god! Perhaps he is talking to someone, or is out sitting on the toilet, or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be awakened!”

1 Kings 18 (LB)





# Irony and Sarcasm

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<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

- Matthew 23



# Irony Reversals

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered.  
“He is tending the sheep.”

- 1 Samuel 16



# Who was the best businesswoman in the Bible?

***Pharoah's daughter. She went down to  
the BANK of the Nile and pulled out a  
little Prophet.***



A green tennis ball is in the foreground, slightly out of focus. In the background, a tennis racket with a dark frame and light-colored strings is visible. The scene is set on a tennis court with a reddish-brown surface.

What was the first tennis match  
in the Bible?

***When Joseph served in  
Pharaoh's court***

# Exaggeration and Hyperbole

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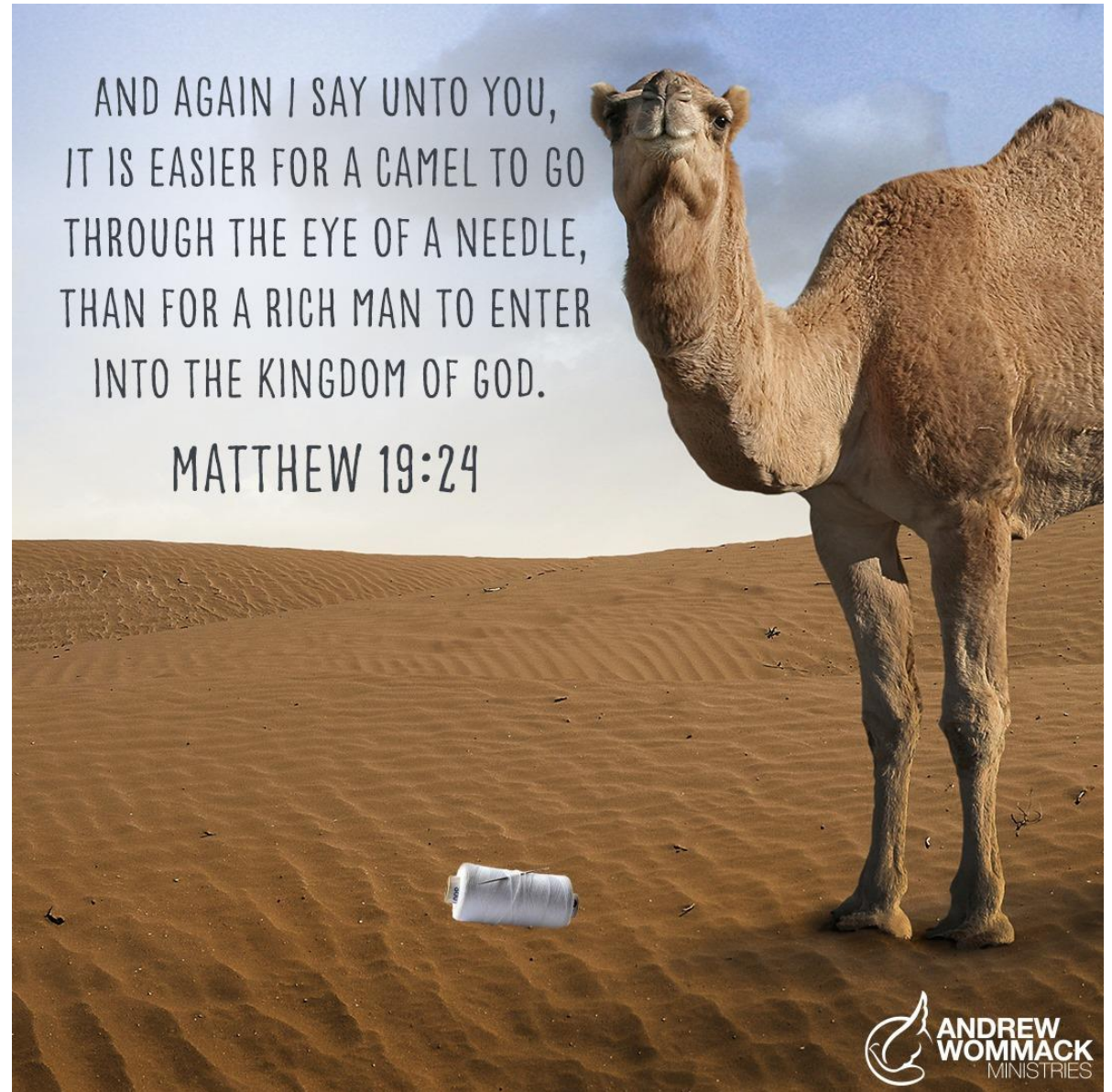
**7** “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2** For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**3** “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **4** How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

- Matthew 7



# Exaggeration and Hyperbole







# What car did the apostles drive?

***A Honda, because the Bible says they were all in one Accord.***



Who was the greatest  
comedian in the Bible?

***Samson - he  
brought the  
house down!***





# Satire and Mockery

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Half of the wood he burns in the fire;  
over it he prepares his meal,  
he roasts his meat and eats his fill.

He also warms himself and says,  
“Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.”

<sup>17</sup> From the rest he makes a god, his idol;  
he bows down to it and worships.

He prays to it and says,  
“Save me! You are my god!”

- Isaiah 44

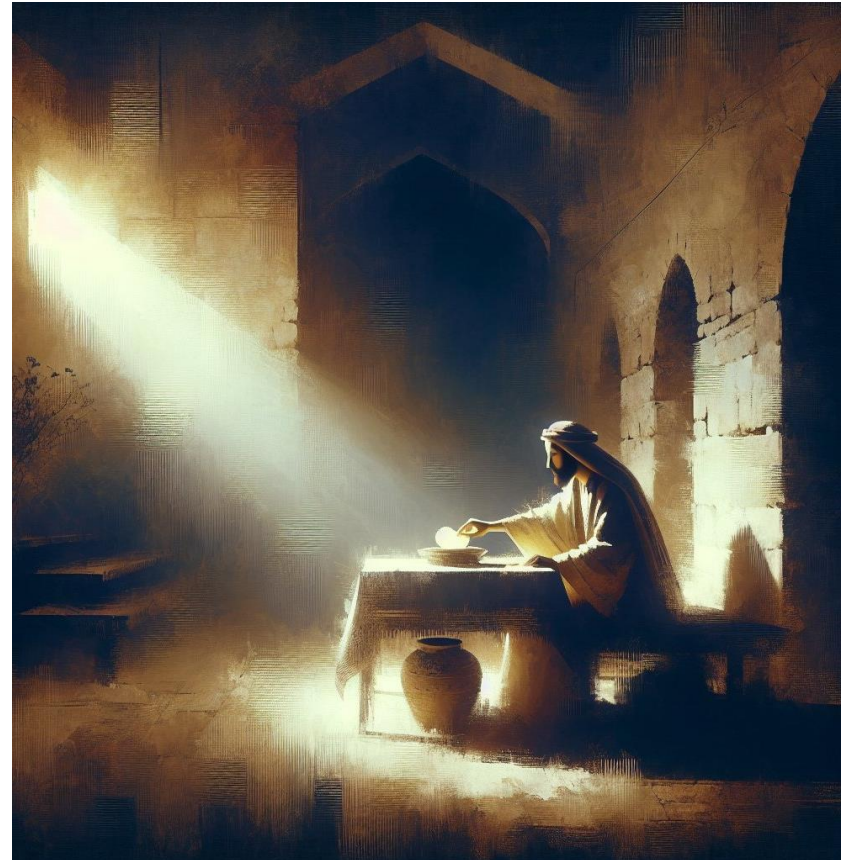


# Satire and Mockery

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Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more.

- 2 Corinthians 11





How do we know God  
loves coffee?

***Because Hebrews it.***







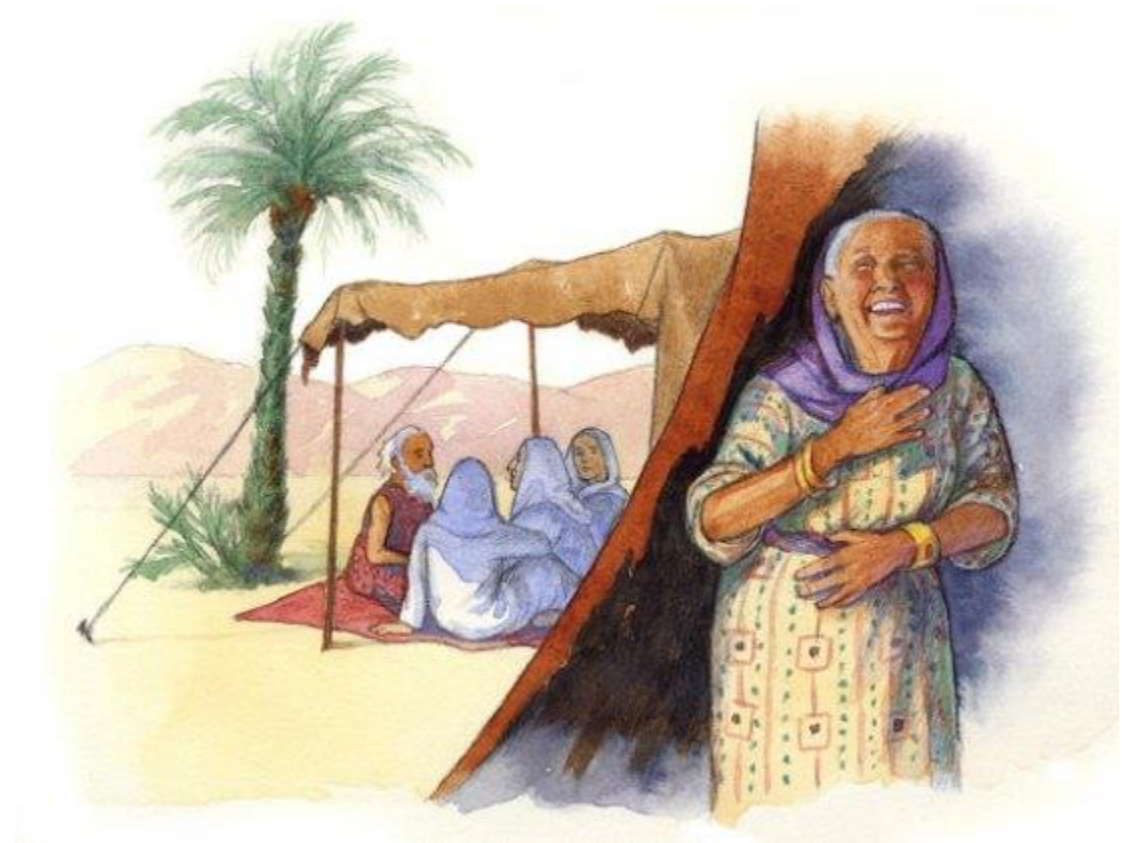
Why did Noah have to punish  
the chickens on the Ark?

*Because they were using fowl language.*



# Wordplay and Puns

- Gen 18:12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”
- Gen 21:6 Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.”
- Isaac’s name means “one who laughs”.

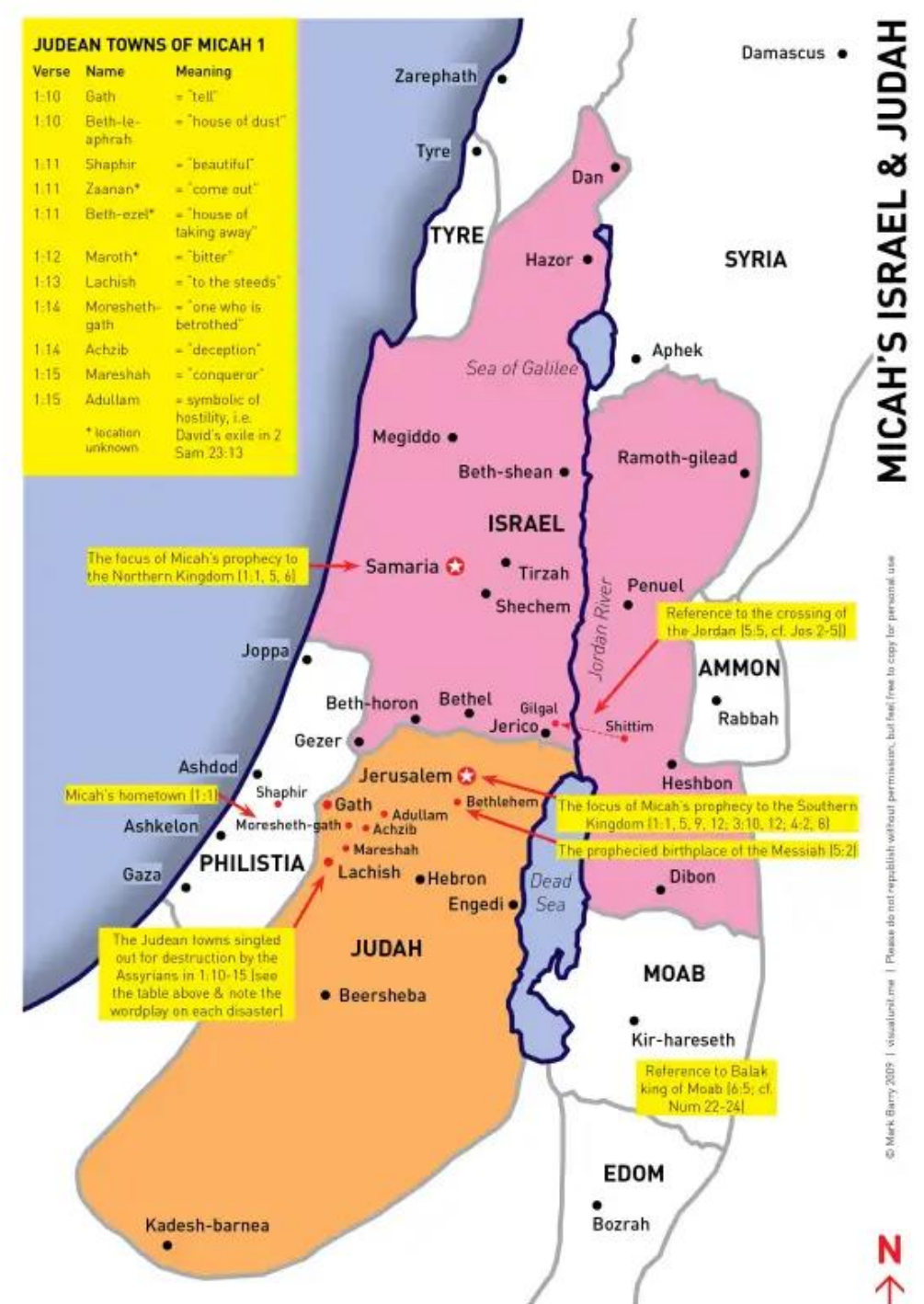


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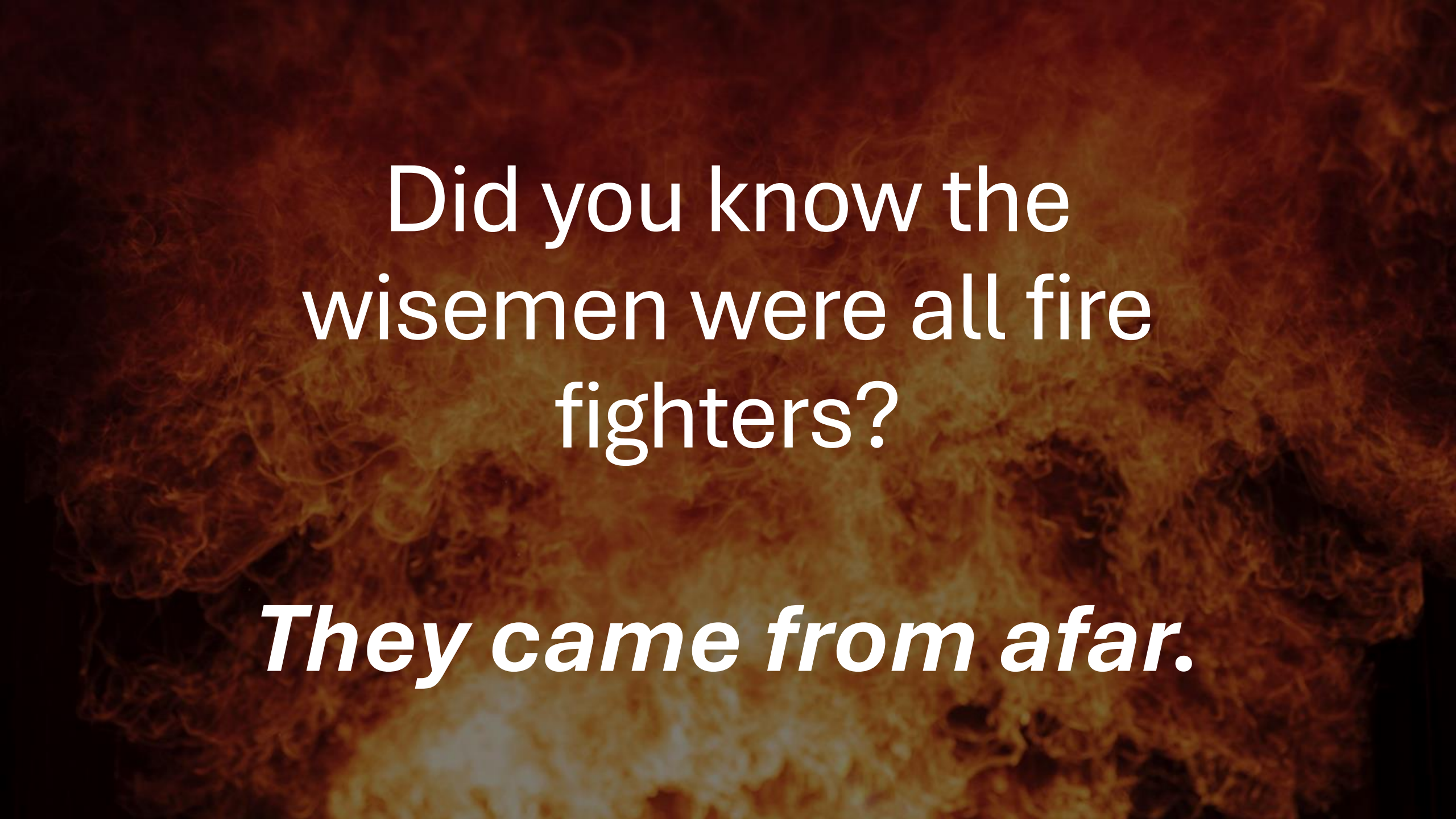
In Beth Ophrah  
roll in the dust.

<sup>11</sup> Pass by naked and in shame,  
you who live in Shaphir.  
Those who live in Zaanān  
will not come out.

- Micah 1







Did you know the  
wisemen were all fire  
fighters?

***They came from afar.***



Which book of the Bible is  
only 80% truth?

*Ruth*



# Absurdity and Situational Humor

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<sup>28</sup> Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

- Numbers 28





# Absurdity and Situational Humor

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<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”  
“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

- Jonah 4



# Absurdity and Situational Humor

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<sup>9</sup> Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.

- Acts 20





Do you need to build a boat?  
I Noah guy.  
He is an ARKitect.



Why was Noah the  
greatest businessman  
in history?

*He kept all his stock afloat while the  
rest of the world was in liquidation*

# Why does God use humor?

- **Teaching Tool:** Humor makes truth memorable. We remember funny stories long after we've forgotten serious lectures. When Jesus tells the parable of the speck and the log in Matthew 7, the absurd image of someone with a telephone pole sticking out of their eye trying to perform eye surgery on someone else is unforgettable. The humor drives home the point about judging others.
- **Relationship Building:** Shared laughter creates intimacy. When God uses humor, He's not being distant or austere—He's connecting with us on a deeply human level. Laughter is a gift that brings us together.
- **Corrective Measure:** Sometimes humor can correct where confrontation might only create defensiveness. Jesus' gentle teasing of His disciples' slow understanding often accomplished what stern rebuke might not have.
- **Humanizing Effect:** Humor in Scripture shows us that following God doesn't require us to be perpetually somber. Joy and laughter are part of the abundant life Christ promises.
- "Joy is the serious business of heaven." — C.S. Lewis

Why couldn't Cain please  
the Lord with his offering?

***Because he wasn't Abel.***





Why did Moses wander in  
the desert for 40 years?

***Because even back then, men  
wouldn't ask for directions!***



When did Jesus leave  
the tomb on Sunday?

***A little after son-rise***

**The oldest computer  
was in the Garden of  
Eden.**

**It was an Apple with  
very limited capacity.**

**It had only 1 byte and  
everything crashed.**







Did you know Jeremiah  
opened a French candy  
store?

*He called it Le Mints*

# Who was the worst law-breaker in the whole Bible?



***Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at one time.***



A close-up photograph of a person's hand, with dark skin, reaching down to touch a field of golden wheat. The person is wearing a white garment. The background is a vast field of wheat under a bright sky.

Who was the youngest  
person to curse?

***Job. He cursed the day he was born.***