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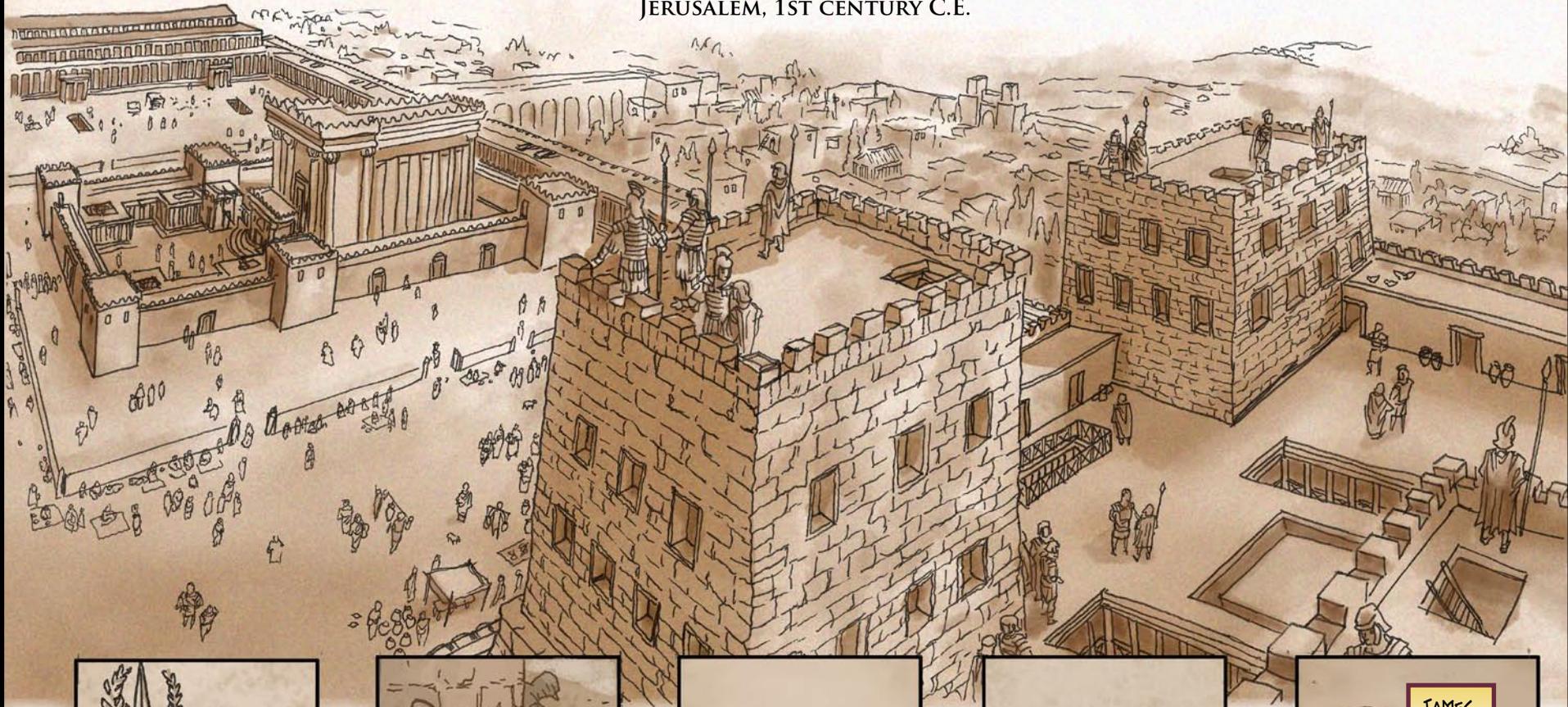
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JERUSALEM, 1ST CENTURY C.E.



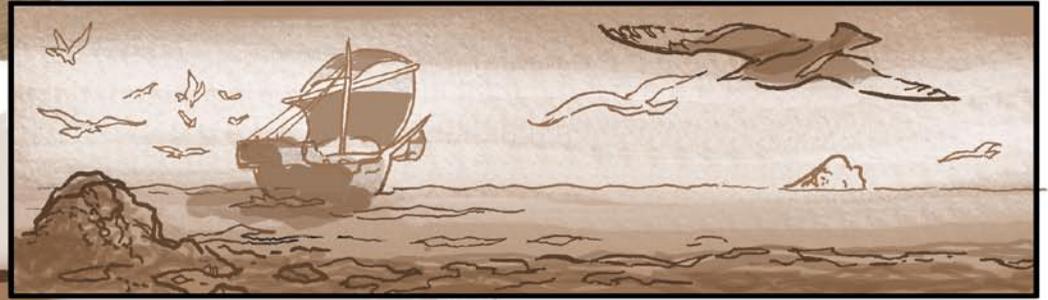
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A SERVANT OF GOD AND OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST



TO THE TWELVE TRIBES WHO ARE SCATTERED ABROAD...

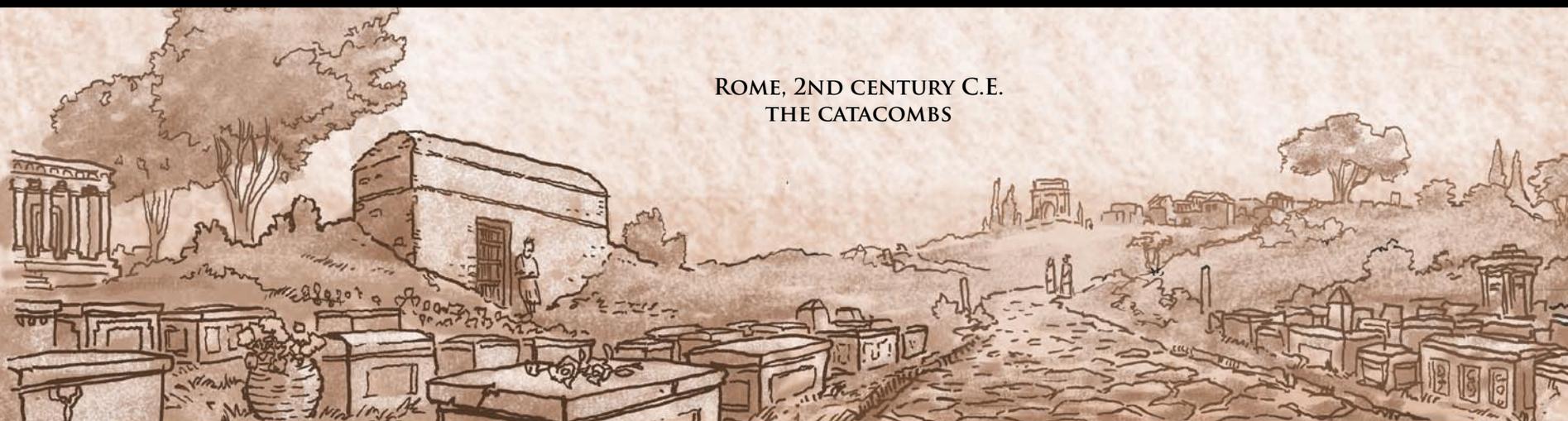


ΧΑΙΡΕΙΝ GRACE.



James 1:1

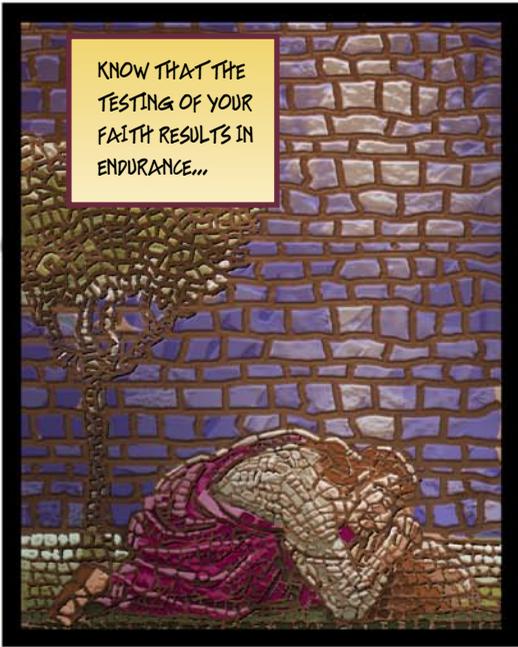
ROME, 2ND CENTURY C.E.
THE CATACOMBS





James 1:2





KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH RESULTS IN ENDURANCE...



AND LET ENDURANCE COMPLETE THE WORK



THAT YOU MAY BE COMPLETE

PERFECT

A WHOLE PERSON

LACKING IN NOTHING



BUT IF ANYONE OF YOU IS LACKING IN WISDOM ...

ASK GOD,
WHO GIVES TO ALL,
SIMPLY,
GENEROUSLY,
WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION,
WITHOUT
REPROACHING...



AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO THAT PERSON.

James 1:3-5

BUT ASK IN FAITH,
DOUBTING NOTHING,



FOR THE ONE WHO DOUBTS
IS LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA,
BEING BLOWN AND TOSSED
ABOUT BY THE WIND.



A TWO-MINDED
PERSON IS
UNSTABLE/
IRRESOLUTE
IN ALL OF HIS
OR HER WAYS.



James 1:6-8

LET THE HUMBLE LOWLY
ONES TAKE PRIDE IN BE-
ING LIFTED HIGH...

AND THE RICH ONE IN BEING
HUMBLED AND LOWLY

FOR HE WILL
FADE LIKE A
FLOWER IN THE
GRASS

FOR AS THE SUN ROSE,
AND IT'S BURNING HEAT
DRIED THE GRASS, AND
THE FLOWER FELL...

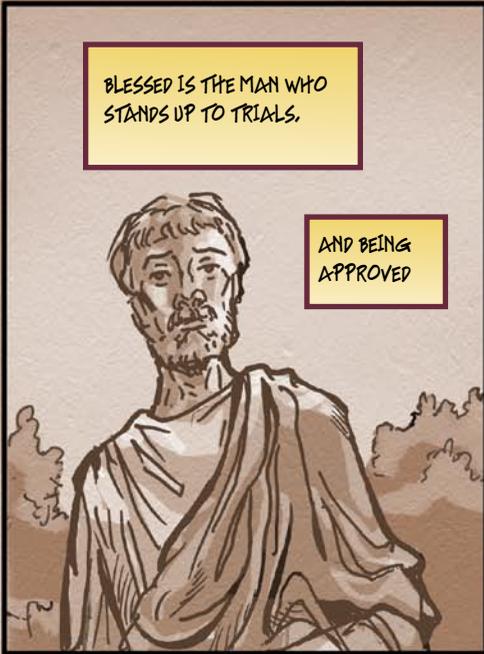
AND THE BEAUTY OF IT'S
APPEARANCE PERISHED,

EVEN SO, THE RICH
PERSON WILL ALSO FADE
AWAY IN HIS JOURNEY

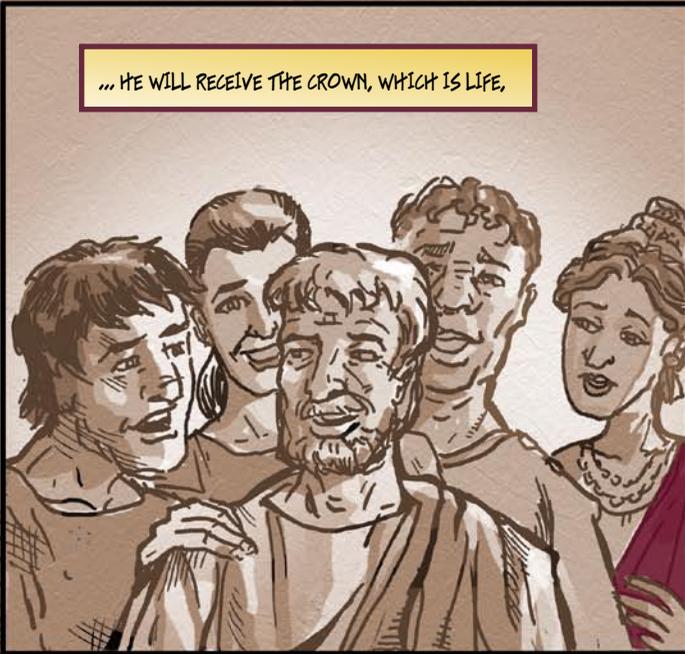
James 1:9-11

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO STANDS UP TO TRIALS.

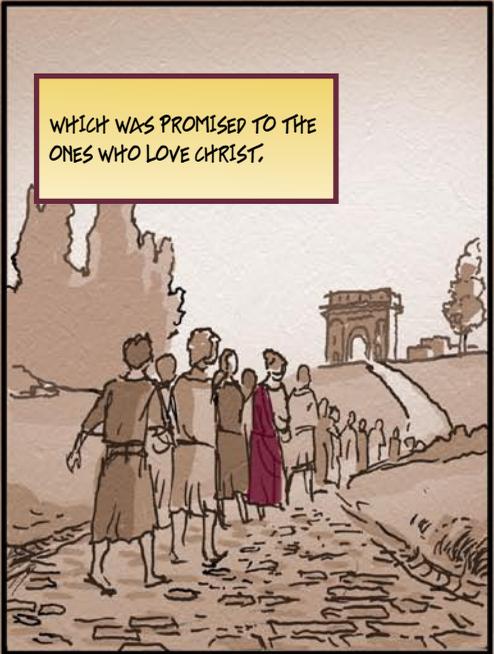
AND BEING APPROVED



... HE WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN, WHICH IS LIFE,



WHICH WAS PROMISED TO THE ONES WHO LOVE CHRIST.



James 1:12

DRUNKENNESS
GLUTTONY

BACCHUS
THE GOD OF WINE

ENVY

LET NO ONE BEING TEMPTED,
SAY THAT I AM BEING
TEMPTED BY GOD!

ANGER

DESTRUCTION

MARS
THE GOD OF WAR

REVENGE

LUST

DESIRE

VENUS
GODDESS OF LOVE

VANITY

FOR GOD IS NOT TEMPTED
BY EVIL, AND GOD TEMPTS
NO ONE.

WEALTH

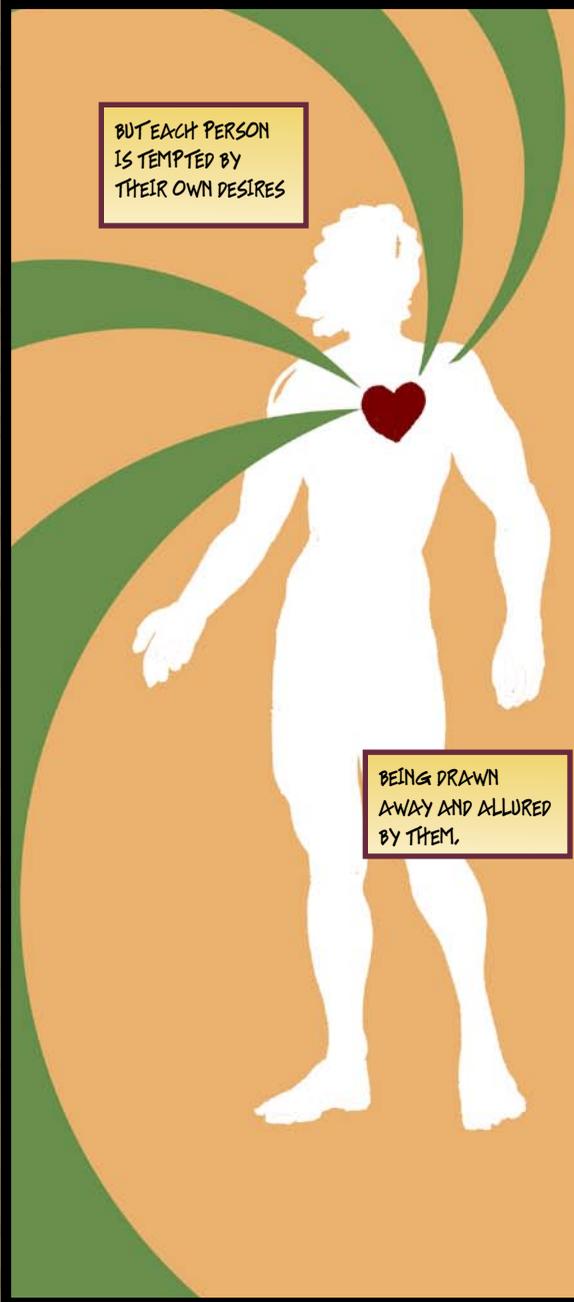
PRIDE

EMPEROR
WORSHIP

POWER

James 1:13

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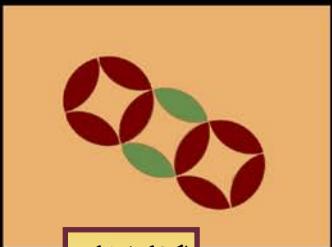


BUT EACH PERSON IS TEMPTED BY THEIR OWN DESIRES

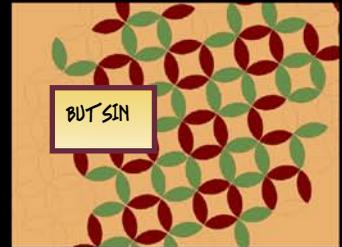
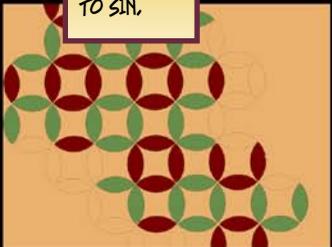
BEING DRAWN AWAY AND ALLURED BY THEM.



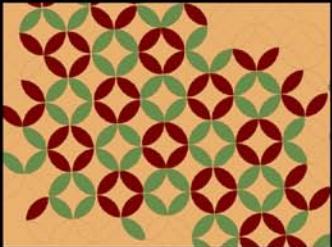
THEN DESIRE, HAVING CONCEIVED...



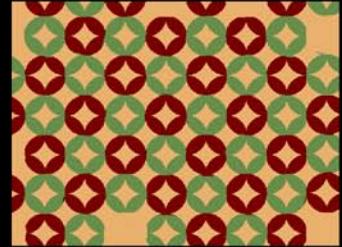
GIVES BIRTH TO SIN.



BUT SIN



WHEN IT COMES TO MATURITY



BRINGS FORTH DEATH.

James 1:14-15

DO NOT BE SO DECEIVED, MY
BELOVED BROTHERS AND
SISTERS,

EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT
GIFT IS FROM ABOVE!

COMING DOWN FROM
THE FATHER OF LIGHTS

BY AN ACT OF WILL HE
GAVE US BIRTH BY THE
WORD OF TRUTH...

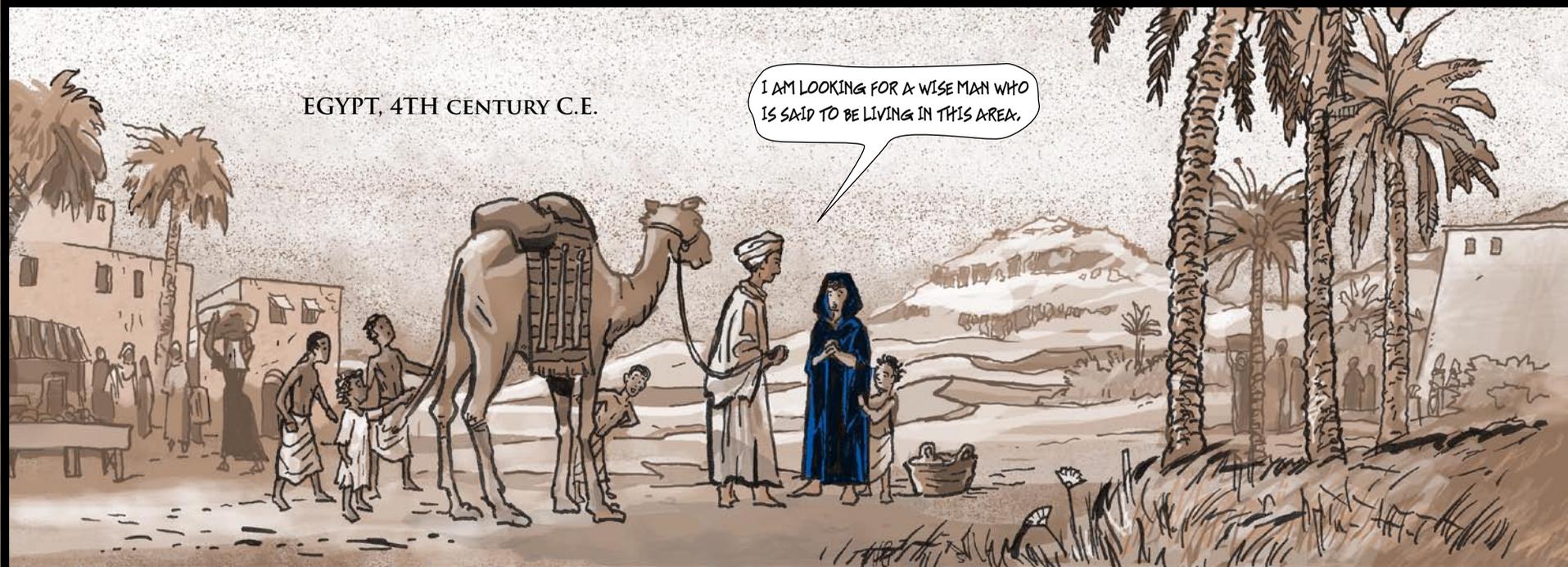
WITH WHOM THERE IS
NO VARIATION,
NO SHIFTING OF
SHADOWS.

SO THAT WE MAY BE A KIND OF
FIRST FRUIT OF GOD'S CREATION.

James 1:16-18

EGYPT, 4TH CENTURY C.E.

I AM LOOKING FOR A WISE MAN WHO IS SAID TO BE LIVING IN THIS AREA.



I AM BUT A WIDOW, WITH CHILDREN.



James 1:19-27



YOU CAN FIND HIM IN A MONASTERY, IN THE MOUNTAINS.





James 1:19-27



COME WITH ME.

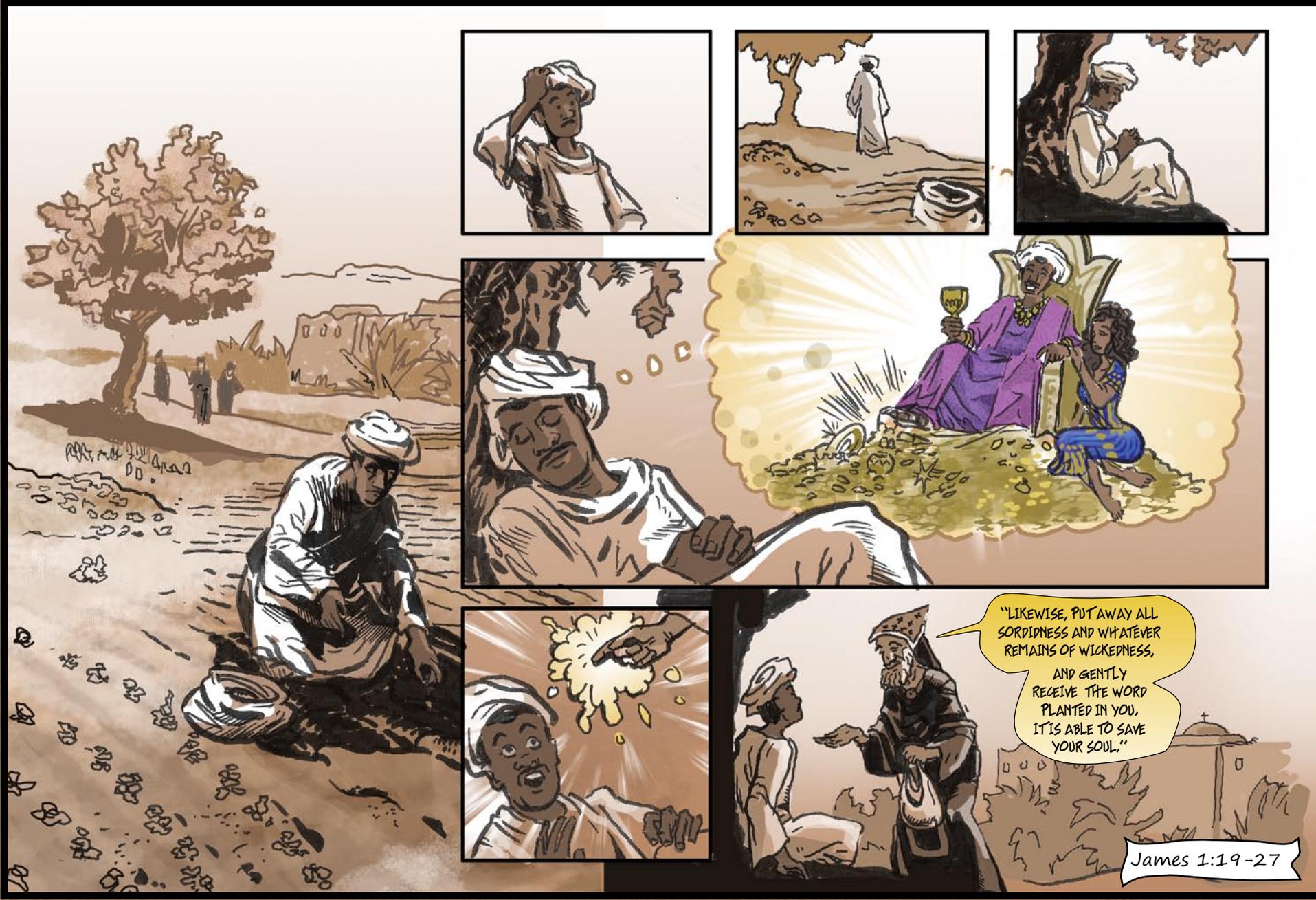
YOU CAN BEGIN BY WASHING THE FLOOR.

IT IS WRITTEN, IN THE LETTER OF JAMES...

"KNOW THIS, MY BELOVED BROTHERS, LET EACH PERSON BE QUICK TO LISTEN... BE SLOW TO SPEAK IN ANGER.

...FOR A MAN'S ANGER DOES NOT BRING ABOUT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD."

James 1:19-27



James 1:19-27



"BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT ONLY LISTENERS WHO DECEIVE YOURSELVES



FOR IF ANYONE IS A HEARER OF THE WORD AND IS NOT A DOER,



THIS ONE IS LIKE A MAN WHO STUDIES HIS NATURAL FACE IN A MIRROR...



EVEN THOUGH HE OBSERVED HIMSELF, ONCE HE HAS GONE AWAY, HE IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE WAS LIKE.



BUT THE ONE WHO HAS LOOKED CLOSELY INTO THE PERFECT LAW, THE ONE OF FREEDOM,



AND WHO REMAINS THERE, NOT BECOMING A FORGETFUL HEARER, BUT A DOER OF WORK...



THAT PERSON WILL BE BLESSED IN DOING IT."

James 1:19-27



RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND FAULTLESS BEFORE OUR GOD AND FATHER IS THIS; TO VISIT THE ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS, AND TO KEEP ONESELF SPOTLESS FROM THE WORLD."



James 1:19-27

IRELAND, 9TH CENTURY C.E.



BROTHER, WE FOUND ANOTHER BOOK OF THE BIBLE FOR YOU TO COPY.



James 2:1



IT'S THE LETTER OF JAMES!

