

Adam & Eve

- † They were the first man and woman, created by God in his image and likeness.
- † They lived in peaceful friendship with God, each other, and all creation.
- † They disobeyed God and committed the first sin, which we call original sin.
- † Jesus restored humanity's relationship to God that was damaged by their sin.

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Abraham

- † God changed his name from Abram.
- † God made a covenant with him—an unconditional promise of faithfulness.
- † God's promise to him included a special land and a countless line of descendants that would include Jesus Christ.
- † He was the father of Ishmael and Isaac.

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David

- † He was a skilled musician and songwriter.
- † God called him to be the second king of Israel, and he ruled for forty years.
- † He made Jerusalem the capital of Israel.
- † He defeated the enemies of Israel and expanded its territory.
- † The twelve tribes of Israel were united into one nation under him.

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Deborah

- † God called her to provide justice and leadership in the Promised Land.
- † She called Barak to lead the Israelites against the Canaanite army.
- † She praised the woman, Jael, who killed the Canaanite commander.
- † She sang praise to God for working through unexpected heroes.

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Ezra & Nehemiah

- † The Persian emperor sent them to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple after the Babylonian Exile.
- † They appointed scribes and judges to establish law and order.
- † They fought against foreign influences.
- † Under their leadership, the people rededicated themselves to God and the Covenant.

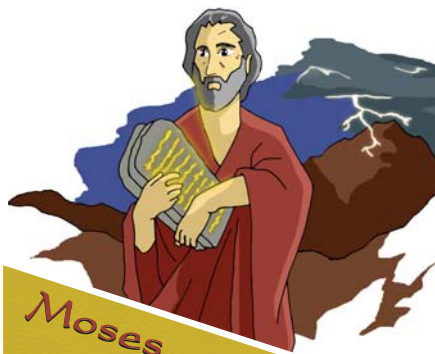
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Isaiah

- † God called him to be a prophet through a powerful vision in the Temple.
- † He advised the kings of Judah (in the southern kingdom) to trust God's power.
- † He criticized how the rich treated the poor.
- † He predicted the coming of a suffering servant who would fulfill God's plan.

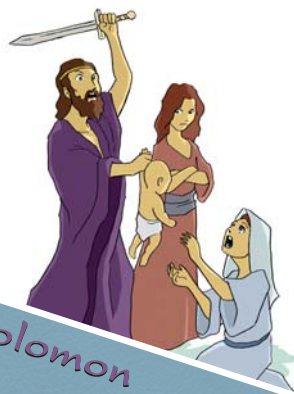
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Moses

- † He was found and raised by Pharaoh's daughter as her own son.
- † He saw and heard God in the form of a burning bush.
- † He led the Israelites out of Egypt.
- † God gave the Ten Commandments to him on Mount Sinai.

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Solomon

- † He was the son of King David and Bathsheba and had many brothers.
- † He was famous for his wisdom.
- † He built the Temple in Jerusalem in seven years.
- † His wives led him to worship other gods.
- † He reigned as king for forty years.

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