

Bible Explorers

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Issue 185

Love the LORD and learn!



This issue we'll be looking at prophecy

Principles of
prophecy

Prophecies
about Israel

Prophecies of
Jesus

1 Hi Bible Explorers!

Welcome back to another edition, this time focusing on God's **prophecies** all the way through the Bible.

We're going to have a look at the prophecies about **Jesus** and why they matter, and how **the Jews** were and still are an amazing fulfillment of God's prophesied plan for the world.

Of course, we're also going to think about the prophecies that God has given us about the **kingdom**, and why they're so important.

As always, let us know what you think!

Loads of love,

Joel, Claire, and Phoebe

PS – by the way, our references are always from the NKJV!

Hi Bible Explorers!

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My name is Anna and I am from Cambridge. I am 10 years old and I have an 8-year-old brother called James. My 3 favourite subjects are: English, Art and music. I really like to read and cook. I have 22 pets – 20 fish and 2 Guinea pigs. The Guinea pigs are called Toffee and Caramel. I am also in my school choir.

Recently, we've had our Sunday School party! It was very fun and the adults did a very funny play about super spies! We did a play as well about pirates who found the Bible as treasure! We also enjoyed playing LOADS of games.



I am writing this from my half term holiday in South Wales. So far I have been to the cinema to watch a very funny movie, the swimming pool and two beaches! I love the beach because it is so calm and I can see God's creation all around me. That's why I love going to beaches at any time of the year!



Me and James at the beach

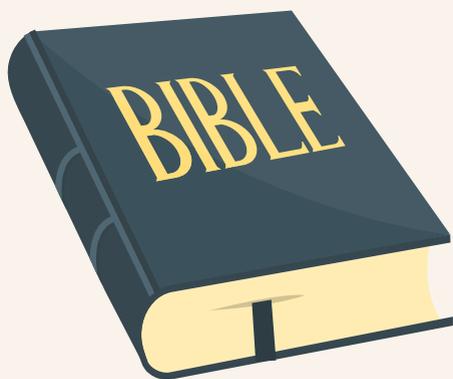
Tomorrow we are going to a Premier Inn, and then we will go to see my Great Gran at Eden House. I am so excited to see her!

For each entry I will include a joke. Here's today's:
 What game did the ravioli play at his birthday party?
 Pasta Parcel!!!

See you next time!!!!

Anna

We can use this principle too. There are lots of prophecies in the Bible that have **already come true** – ones that we're told about in other books of the Bible, as well as ones that **historians** tell us about!



This means that we can **TRUST** the Bible and the prophecies in it, that they will someday come **true** (if they haven't already).

EXPLORE MORE!
What are some prophecies
you already know from the
Bible?



The Jews

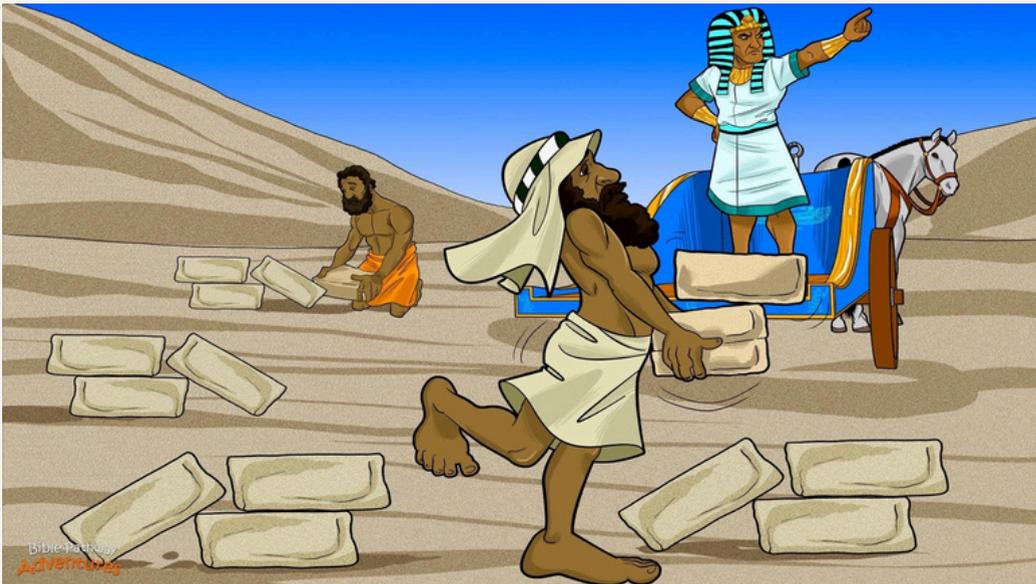


Why are the Jews so important?

One reason is because they are God's "witnesses" (Isaiah 43:10) – meaning they are a proof that God exists and is working in the world at the moment!

This is because they have fulfilled so many prophecies!

And the most amazing thing is, these are not just prophecies that were fulfilled ages ago – your grandparents might remember some of them happening!



CAN YOU SPOT TEN DIFFERENCES

We're going to go
through the Jews'

history as we find it in
the Bible, and see how
these prophecies are
fulfilled.

Into Egypt ⁶

God prophesied to Abraham
that the Israelites would be
slaves in Egypt in **Genesis**
15:13:

"Your descendants will be s_____ in a land
that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will
afflict them f_____ years."



BETWEEN THESE PICTURES?

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The Promised Land

He also prophesied that they would escape, and would go to the land he had promised them. There's lots of

times he tells them about this, like **Exodus 3:8**.

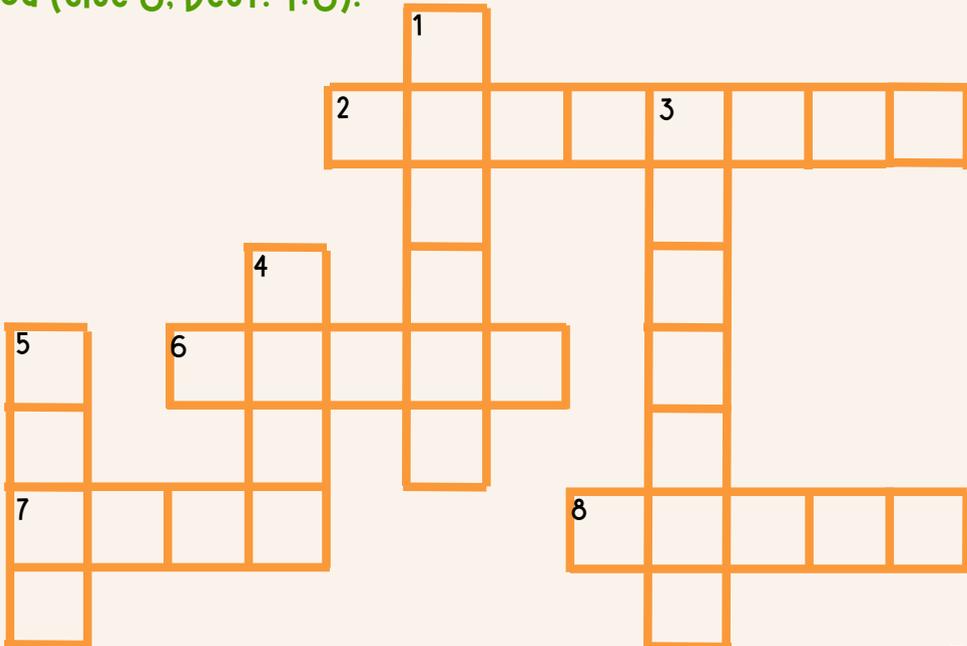
See if you can fill in the crossword!

The clues are below and across the page...

HINT: use this verse if you're not sure!

God said that he would bring Israel to a l____ (clue 7) flowing with _____ (clue 5) and _____ (clue 6).

It was all God's doing: 'I have _____ you this land', says God (clue 8, Deut. 1:8).



Israel in the Land

12 spies went into the land and brought back huge

_____ (Clue 1, Numbers 13:23).

2 of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, reported that the land was

very _____ (Clue 4, Numbers 14:7).

Joshua led the people to _____ the land (Clue 3,

Joshua 1:6) – it was passed on to them, like an heir.

So the land was _____ by God – it was the 'what'

land? (Clue 7 – it's at the top of page 9!)

We're going to skip over loads of history, but once Israel is

in their land, they end up rebelling against God, setting up

kings, and serving idols.

Because of this, God sends prophets to warn them that he

will punish them if they don't change their ways.

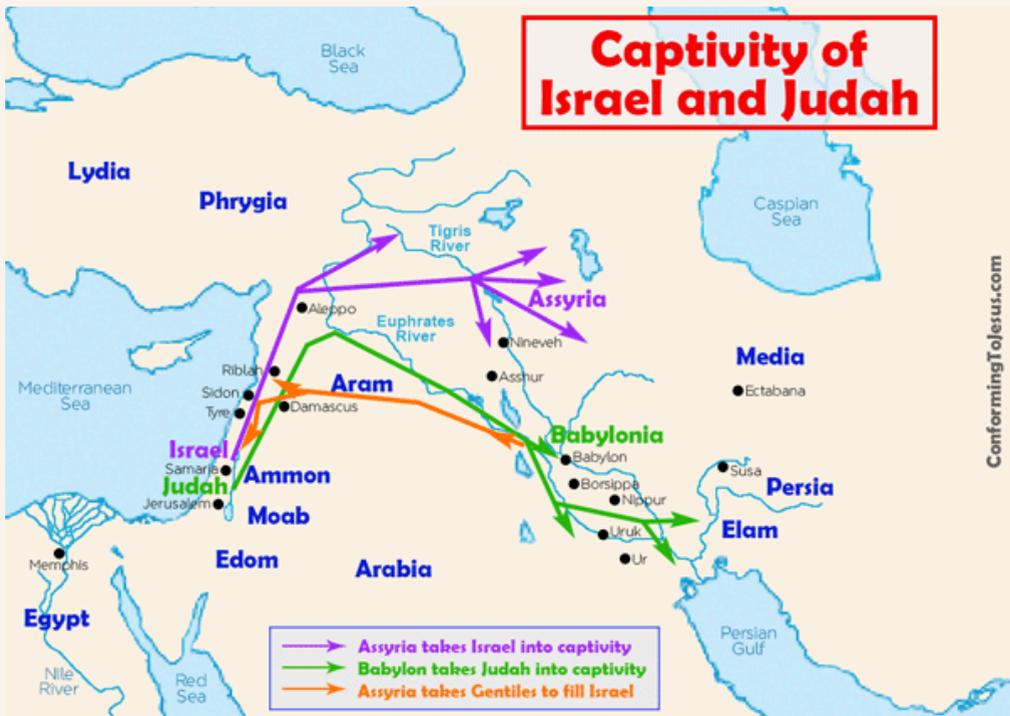
Can you think of some prophets? Write them on the scroll

below:



Into Exile

God's punishment was exile, which he prophesied from even before they entered the land! (Deuteronomy 28:64). Israel didn't listen to the prophets, so God sent them into exile in Assyria and Babylon.

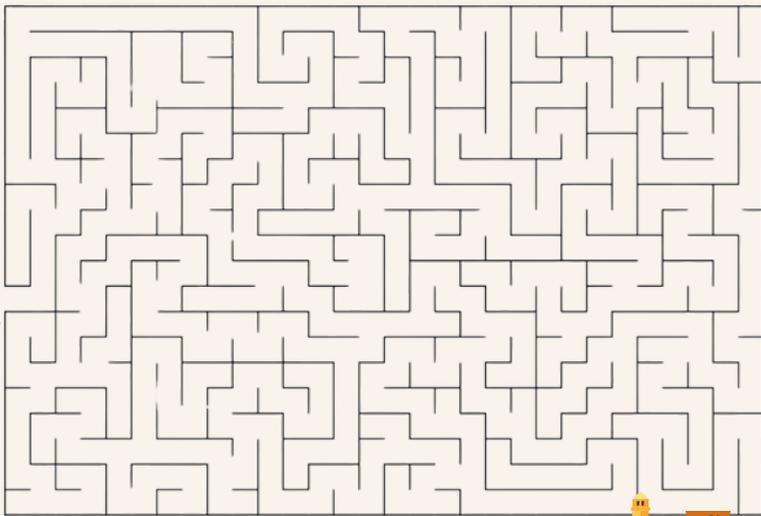


But it's not all doom and gloom! God always prophesies hope for the faithful people who love him...

The Return

God also said that he would bring a remnant of the people back from the nations: just take a look at Deuteronomy 30:3, or Jeremiah 29:14.

Use the maze to help the faithful remnant like Ezra find the way back to the Promised Land!



Babylon



Israel



In Isaiah 11 we have another prophecy of Israel being gathered from the nations – and God tells us this is 'for the second time' (Isa. 11:11). What's that all about?! We'll find out on page 15. First, let's think about the person who is the subject of more prophecies than anyone else...

11 Prophecies about Jesus

There are LOADS of prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament – we could probably fill a whole magazine with them all!! Let's see which ones you can match together...

Jesus would:

We're told this in:

Be born in Bethlehem

Isaiah 53:3

Be born to an unmarried woman (a 'virgin')

Zechariah 9:9

Go into and out of Egypt

Isaiah 7:14

Not be listened to by Israel

Psalms 22:18

Be rejected by Israel

Psalms 118:17–18

Enter Jerusalem on a donkey

Micah 5:2

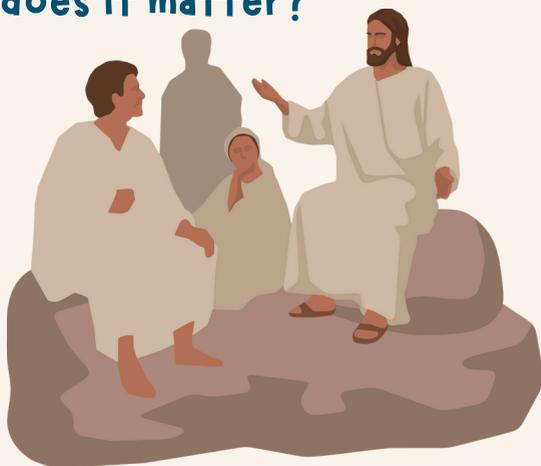
Have lots cast for his clothing

Isaiah 6:9–10

Raised again to life

Hosea 11:1

We've not even looked at half of the prophecies about Jesus – there are literally hundreds! But why does it matter?



It matters because it shows us that Jesus is, without a doubt, the true Messiah – the one whom God sent to save us from our sins. So we need to listen to what he tells us, and make sure we do it!

EXPLORE MORE!
Can you go through either Psalm 22 or Isaiah 53 and find the bits that refer to Jesus?



13 Back to the Jews

Did you know that Jesus was also a prophet? In Luke 21, Jesus told us that armies would surround Jerusalem, they would destroy the city, and the Jews would again be scattered into all of the nations. This came true in **AD 70**.

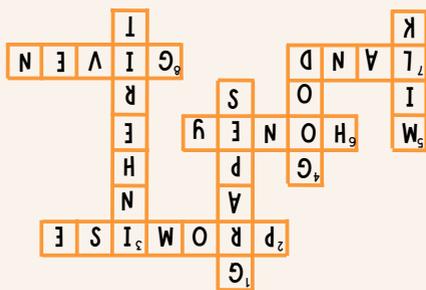
But what about now? If you look at a world map, you can see that Israel is a country again. The nation of Israel was reborn in **1948** – ask your grandparents about it!

The story of the Jews returning to the land is a long and complicated one – we won't go into it all now!

The important thing for us to remember is, God prophesied that this would happen in Jeremiah 16:15-16 – in about 605 BC! That's over 2500 years before it happened!!

EXPLORE MORE!

In the 'Olivet Prophecy' Jesus prophesied AD 70, and also the time before he returns. Can you find verses in Luke 21 and Matthew 24 that apply to AD 70, verses that do not apply to AD 70, and verses that could be applied to both?

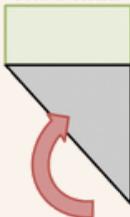


Crafty Corner: Make an Origami Fortune Teller

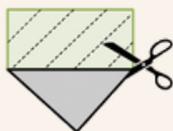
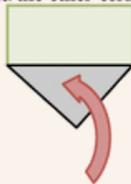
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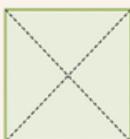
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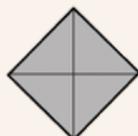
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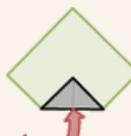
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Turn over



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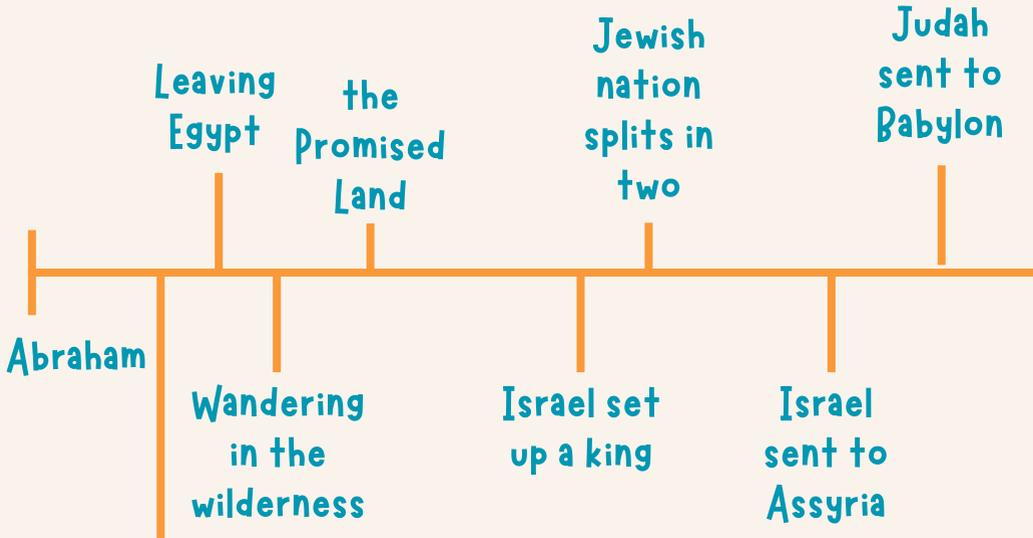
Insert fingers and play!

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Obviously, we don't believe in telling fortunes – this is just for fun! We know now that God's prophecies will come true though – so can you find your favourite prophecies about the kingdom to be the 'answers' in your fortune teller – then one day they really will come true!

Timeline

Phew! About 3000 years of history in 10 pages!
 Let's see if we can fit it all onto one timeline, to help make sense of it all. We've given you a load of Bible verses – can you look them up, and put them on the timeline below? One is done for you.



Going into Egypt

Genesis 12

2 Kings 25:1-6

Nehemiah 4:6

Jeremiah 16:16

Joshua 3

Matthew 24:15-22

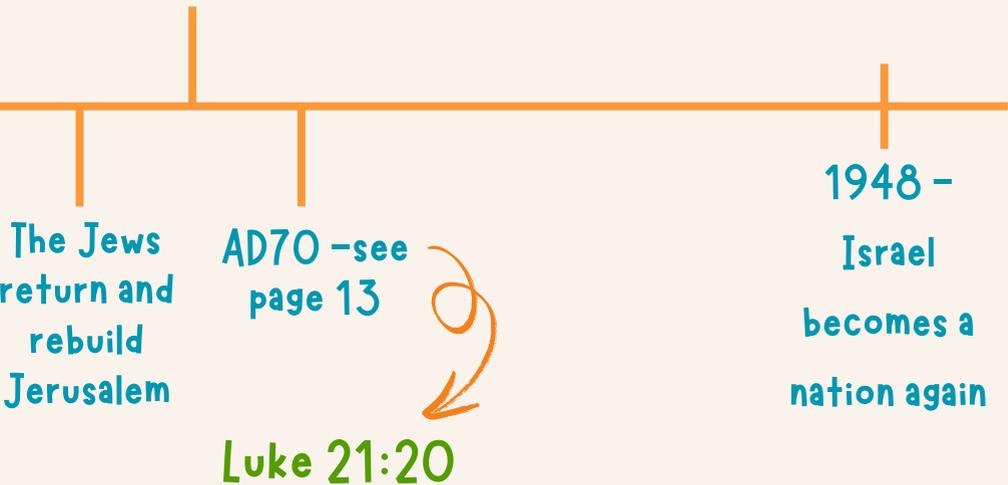
Exodus 13:18

Numbers 32:13

Jesus's life,
he predicts
the coming
destruction
of
Jerusalem

1 Kings 12:16-20

1 Samuel 20:24



Genesis 46:5-7

2 Kings 17:23

Prophecies of the Kingdom

The Bible gives us some beautiful pictures of what the kingdom will be like. Read the following pictures, and match up each of the pictures below with its pair.

Rev 5:10
Isaiah 35
Isaiah 11
Micah 4:1-4

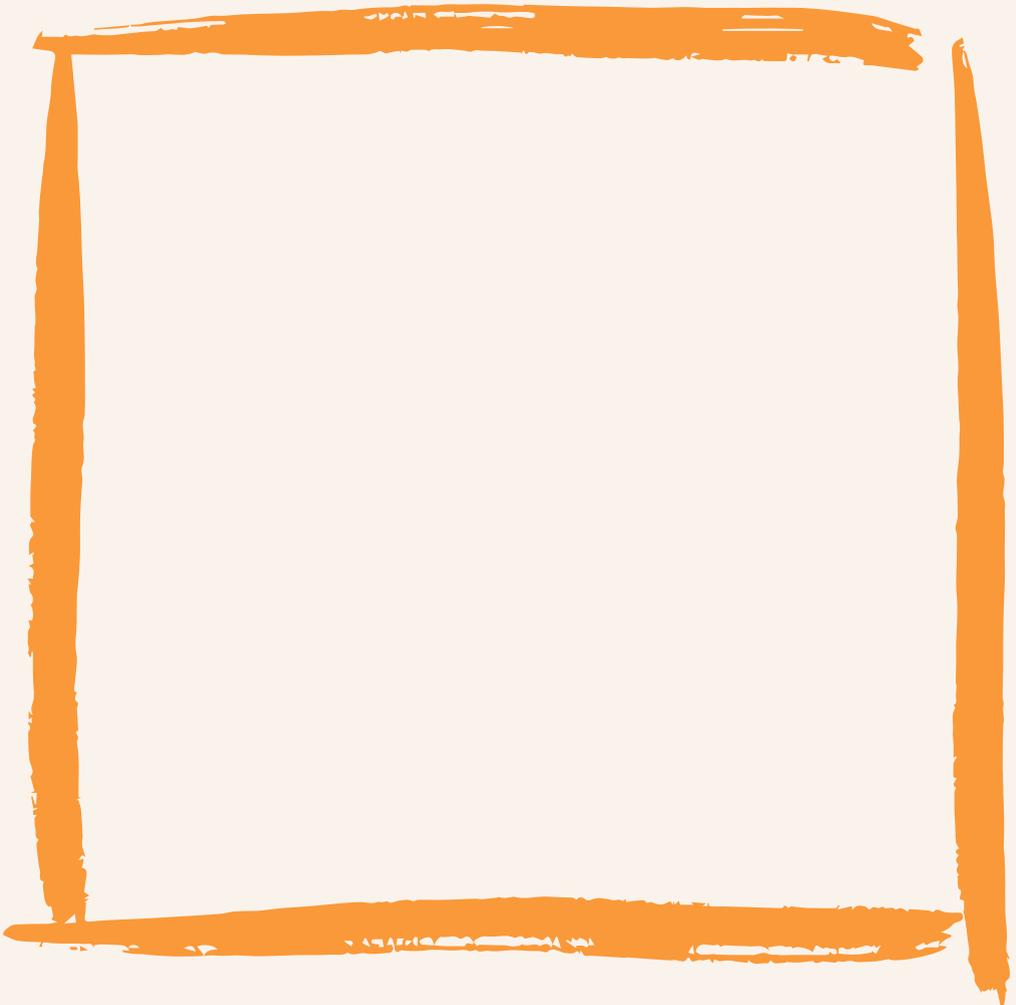


What's your kingdom vision?

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Proverbs tells us that 'where there is no vision, the people perish' (Proverbs 29:18).

Competition Time! Can you draw your kingdom vision?



Key verse:

'No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.'

2 Peter 1:20-21

Please share pictures of your kingdom vision
with us!

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