

Inheritance



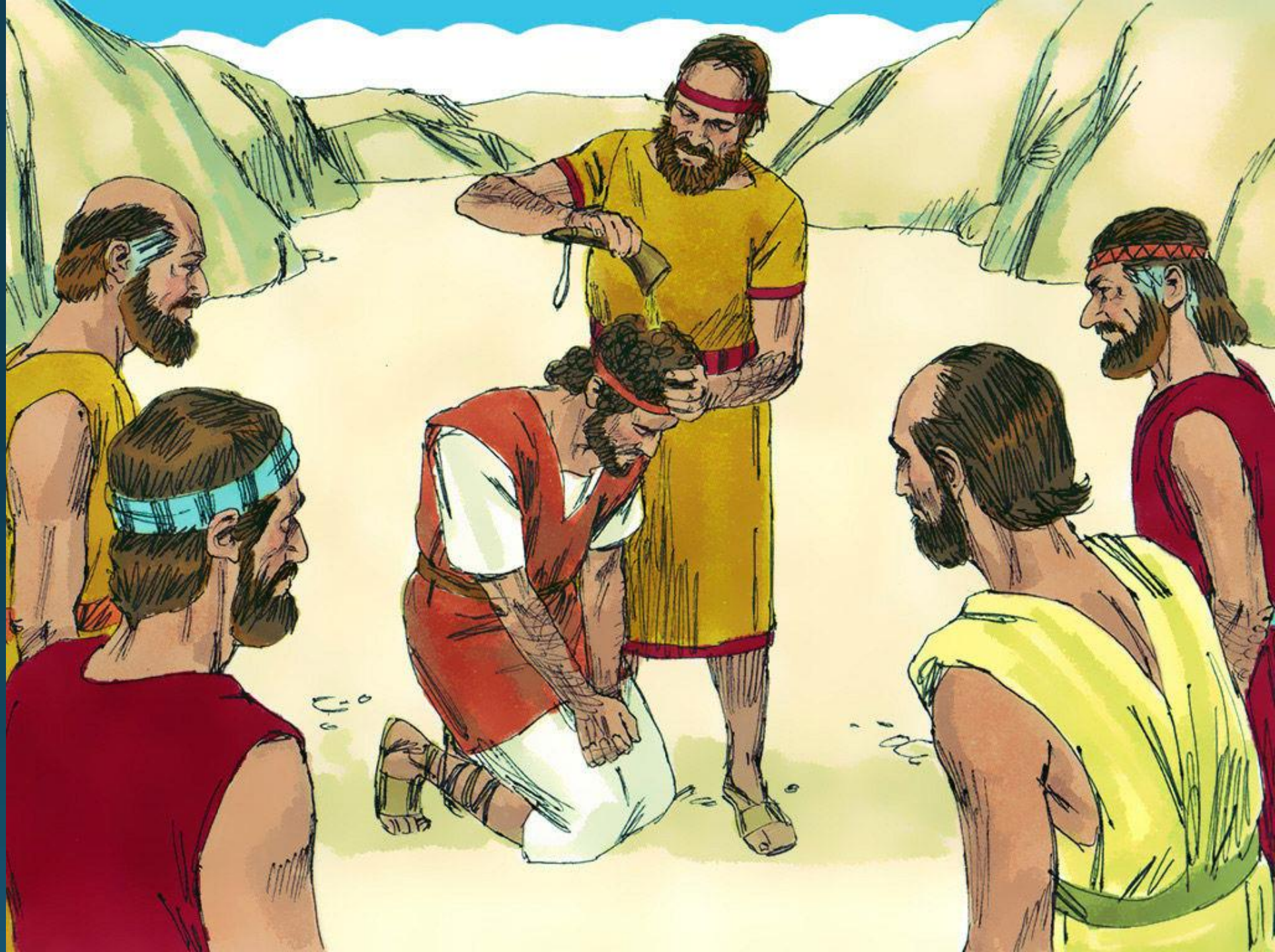




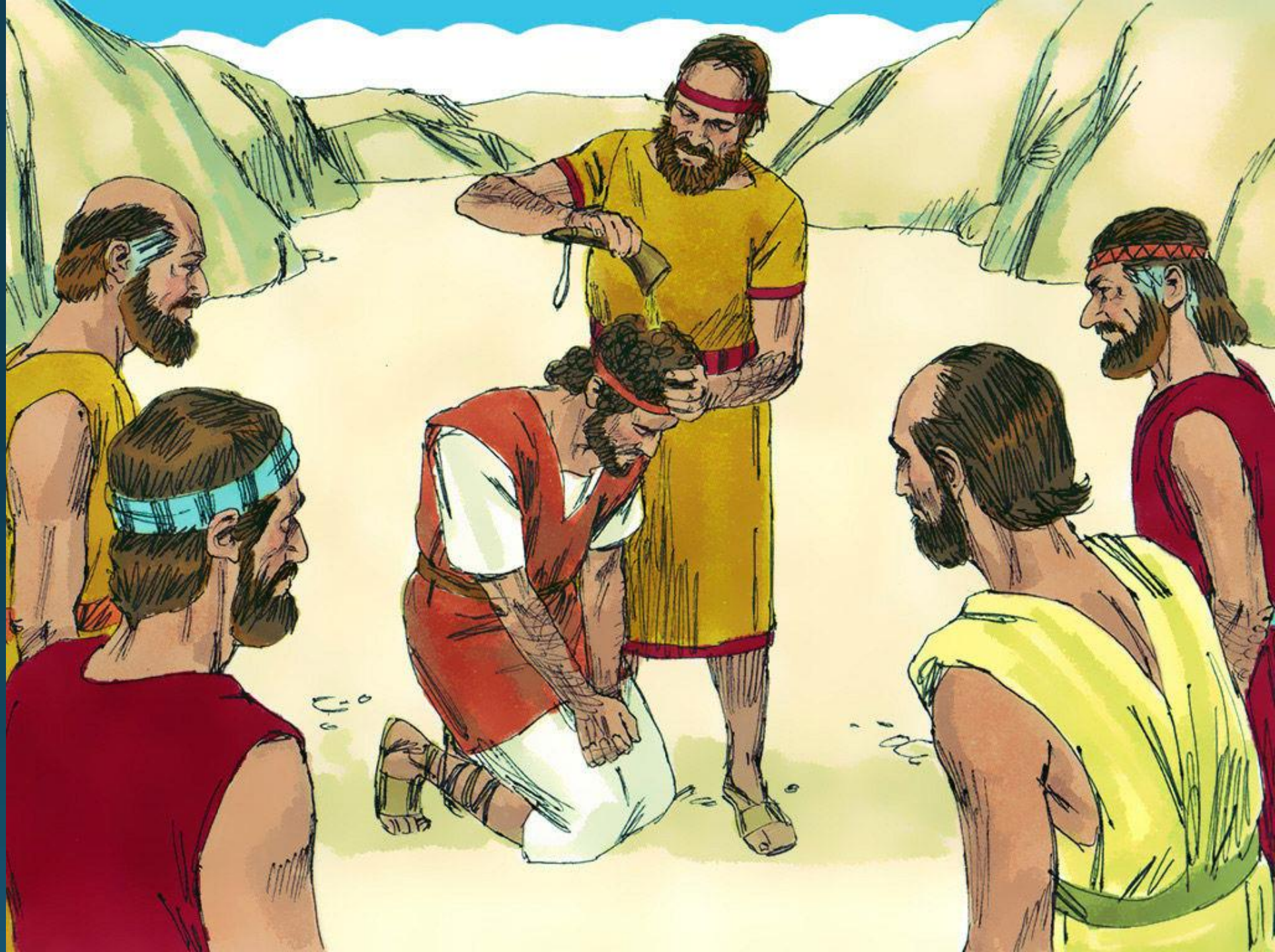


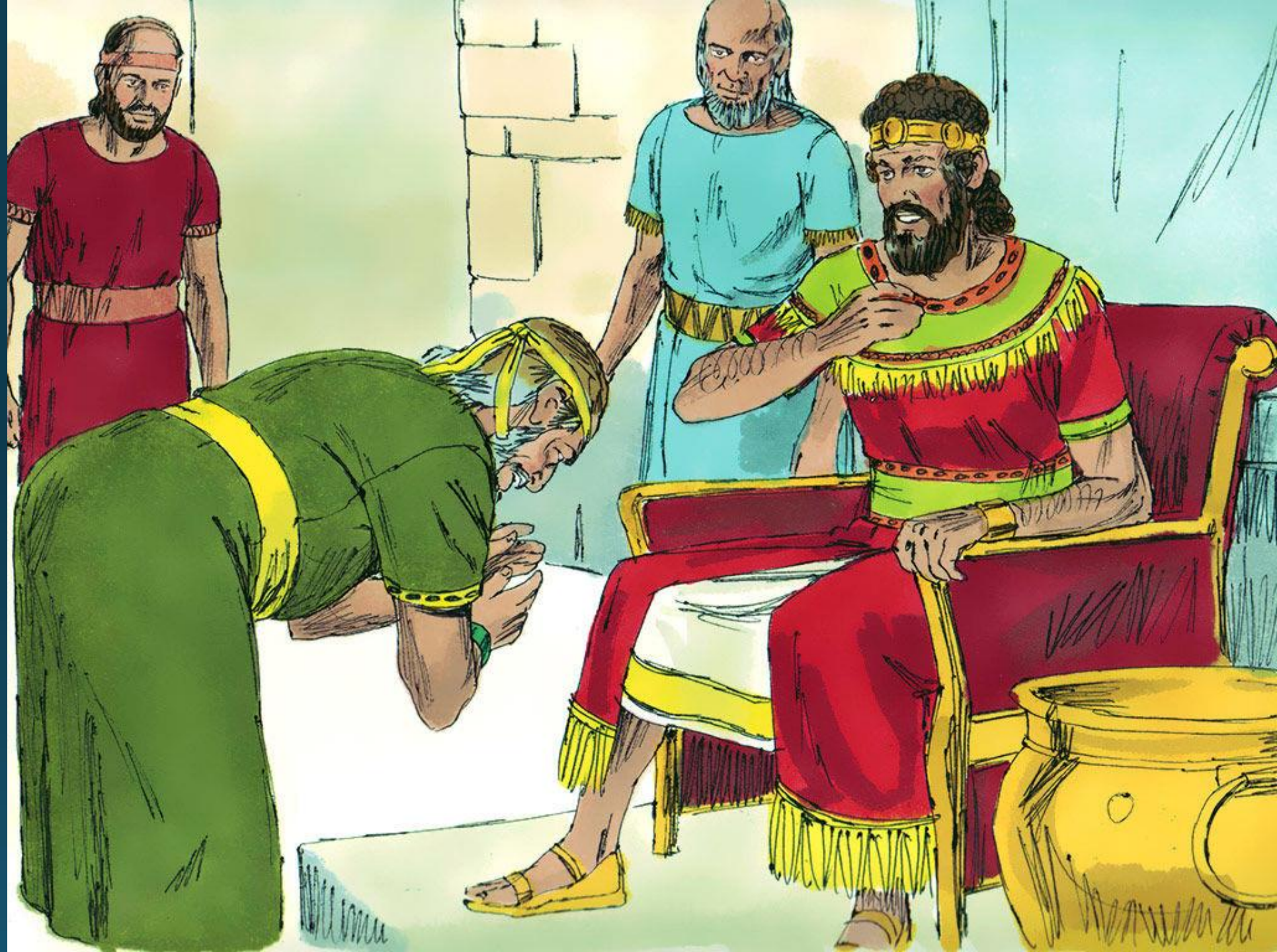




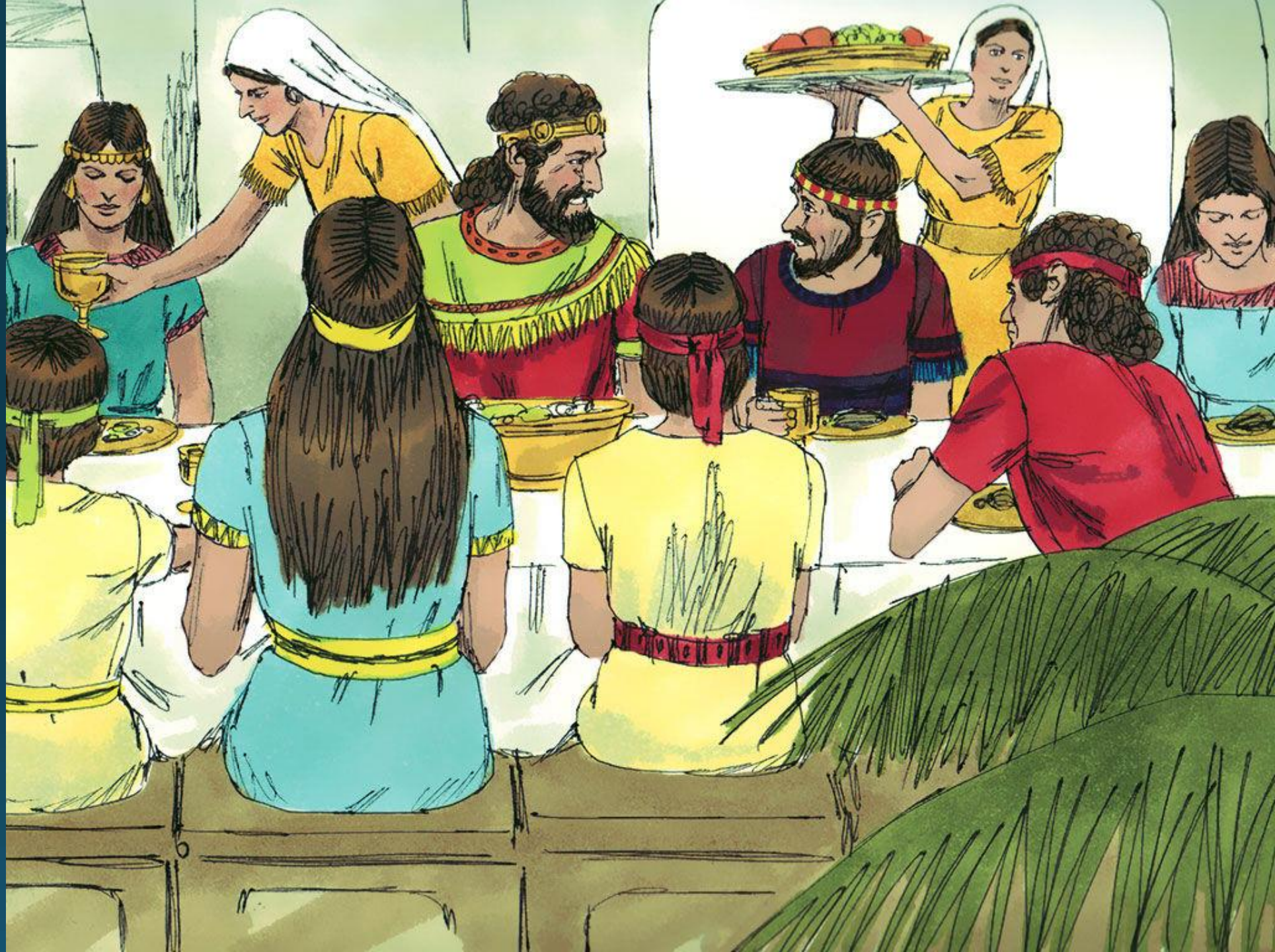












Parallels between Mephibosheth/King David and Us/King Jesus

- Mephib was in “Lo-Debar” (no pasture) – we were in “far country” far from the King
- Mephibosheth suspicious and fearful of the King, – we too saw God as our enemy
- Mephib was lame – we were crippled in sin, unable to come to the King by ourselves
- Mephib means “destroying shame” – in destroying shame when Jesus came to find us
- The King sent messengers to bring Mephib to him – Father sent HS to escort us home
- Mephib from dust to the palace as King’s son – we belong to God’s Royal Household
- Mephib close fellowship with King David – we have intimate closeness to King Jesus

Hallmarks of Jonathan and David's Covenant

- The exchange of oaths and promises, blessings and curses
- The exchange of garments – robe (possessions and position)
- Pledging of weapons – armour, sword, belt – (power, protection)
- Shedding and mingling of blood – “blood brothers”
- The “Mark of the Covenant” scar on the wrist

Important truths from the Mephibosheth story

- The son's birthright is not just intimacy but inheritance
- David did not cut a covenant with Mephibosheth but with Jonathan
- Ziba is a picture of Satan ~ out to accuse me and steal my inheritance
- Mephibosheth originally named MeriBaal ~ "contender with false gods"
- David wrong to break covenant and then split the inheritance
- Mephibosheth lives as if ignorant of the covenant and gives it away
right do I have to make any more appeals to the king?"

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I give away my inheritance whenever:-

- I think and speak of myself according to my old identity
- I am ignorant of what's in my inheritance – “what right do I have?”
- I start trying to earn what is already mine by inheritance
- I act in hopelessness over my life and my world and give up