

Hebrews 11:1-31

This chapter begins with a proverb about such people of faith.

- + Begins, not with Adam, but creation (v.3)
- + Then follows a record of people of faith (vv.4-31).
- + “By Faith” used 18 times!

People of Faith

Context of Hebrews 11

There are 17 examples of faith
+ Listed in 5 stages

1. Primeval People of Faith;
2. Abraham;
3. The Three Patriarchs;
4. Moses;
5. The Israelites/Rahab

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Examples of Faith

There are 2 rhetorical devices:

+ Chronological Order

+ “Seeing” (use of the Greek root word, **βλέπω**, that includes vision, sight, showing, or discerning)

Purpose: to encourage you to run the race faithfully and persistently, with your eyes fixed on Jesus to the end!

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Examples of Faith

These two verses are the heading
for this section of Hebrews
beginning here through 12:2.

V.1 is a poetic couplet...two parts
that are connected.

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Hebrews 11:1-2

fides qua creditur: The faith which believes. This is saving faith which receives and holds the riches of Christ's atonement that He has won for us; the favor of God through His merit. Jesus gives His salvation to us through Word and Sacrament (MoG) and we take hold of them by faith. The fides qua makes you a Christian.

fides quae creditur: The faith which is believed. The faith which is believed does not refer to the grasping quality of saving faith but to that which faith clings. Fides quae is THE faith. Christians have faith in the faith! May be it's better to say: We have faith in the Gospel!

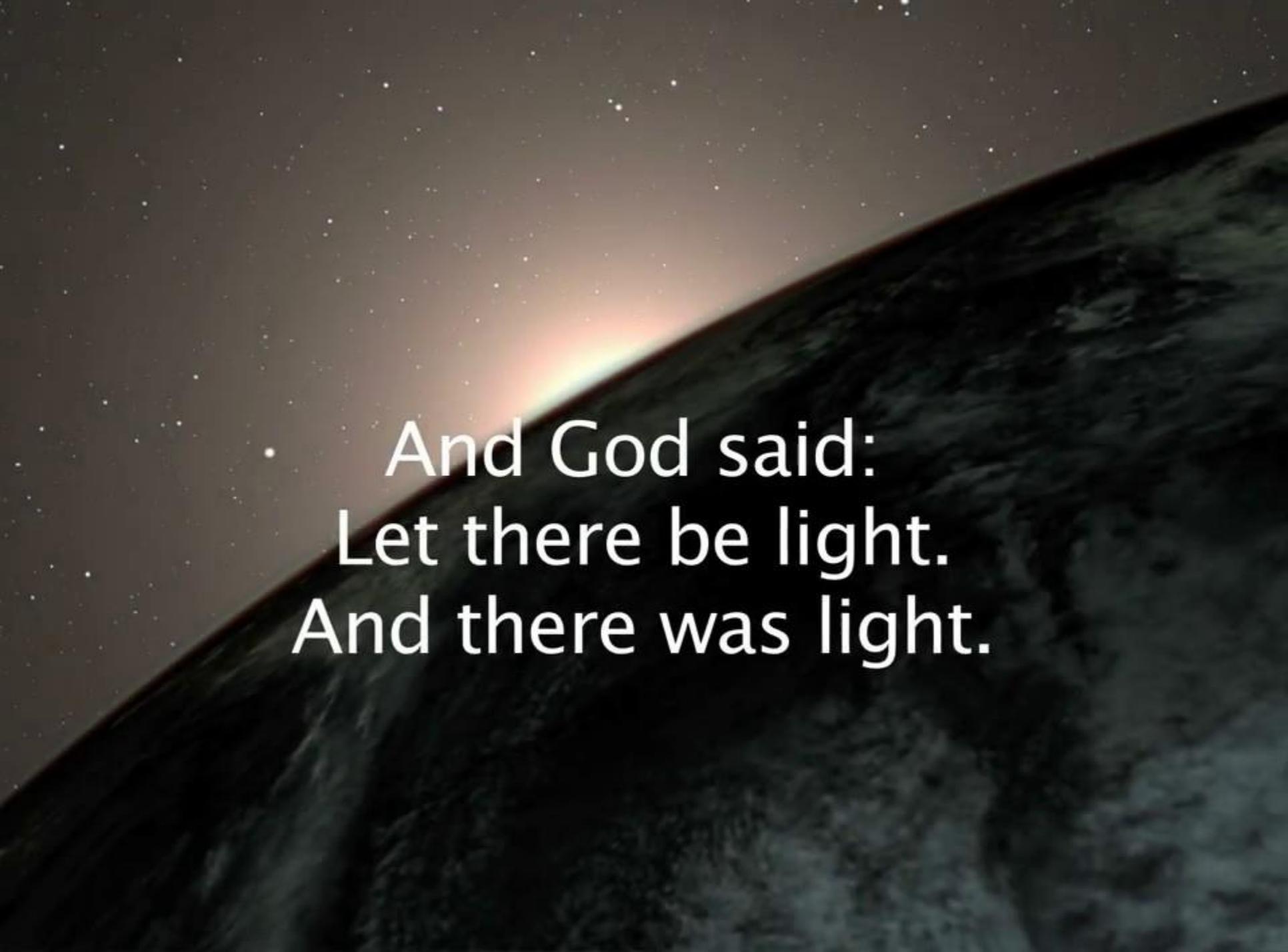
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“...so that what is seen has come to be from things that are invisible.”

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Hebrews 11:3

A celestial scene featuring a bright sun rising over a dark, textured horizon, likely representing the Earth's surface. The sky is filled with numerous small stars, and the overall atmosphere is dark and serene. The sun's light creates a soft glow on the horizon line.

• And God said:
Let there be light.
And there was light.



“By faith...”

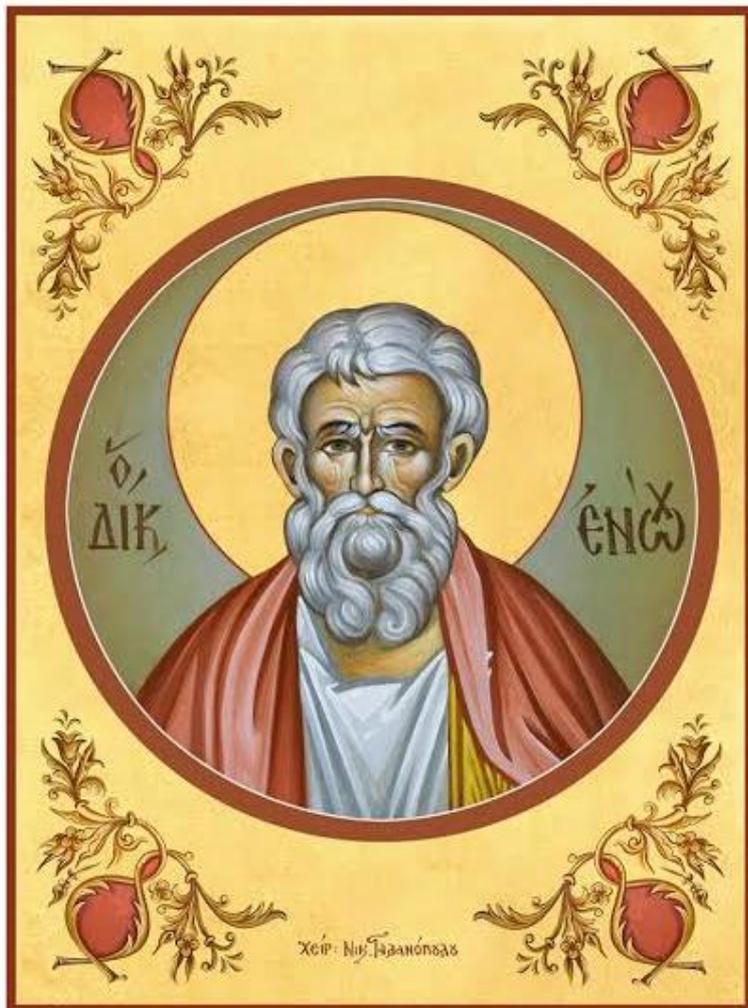
Let's read Gen. 4:4b-5.

What was pleasing to God?

Abel's faith!

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Hebrews 11:4



“By faith...”

Gen. 5:18–24

Enoch did not
shrink back from
God!

Rather, a model of
faith!

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Hebrews 11:5–6

Without faith, it's
impossible to please
God!

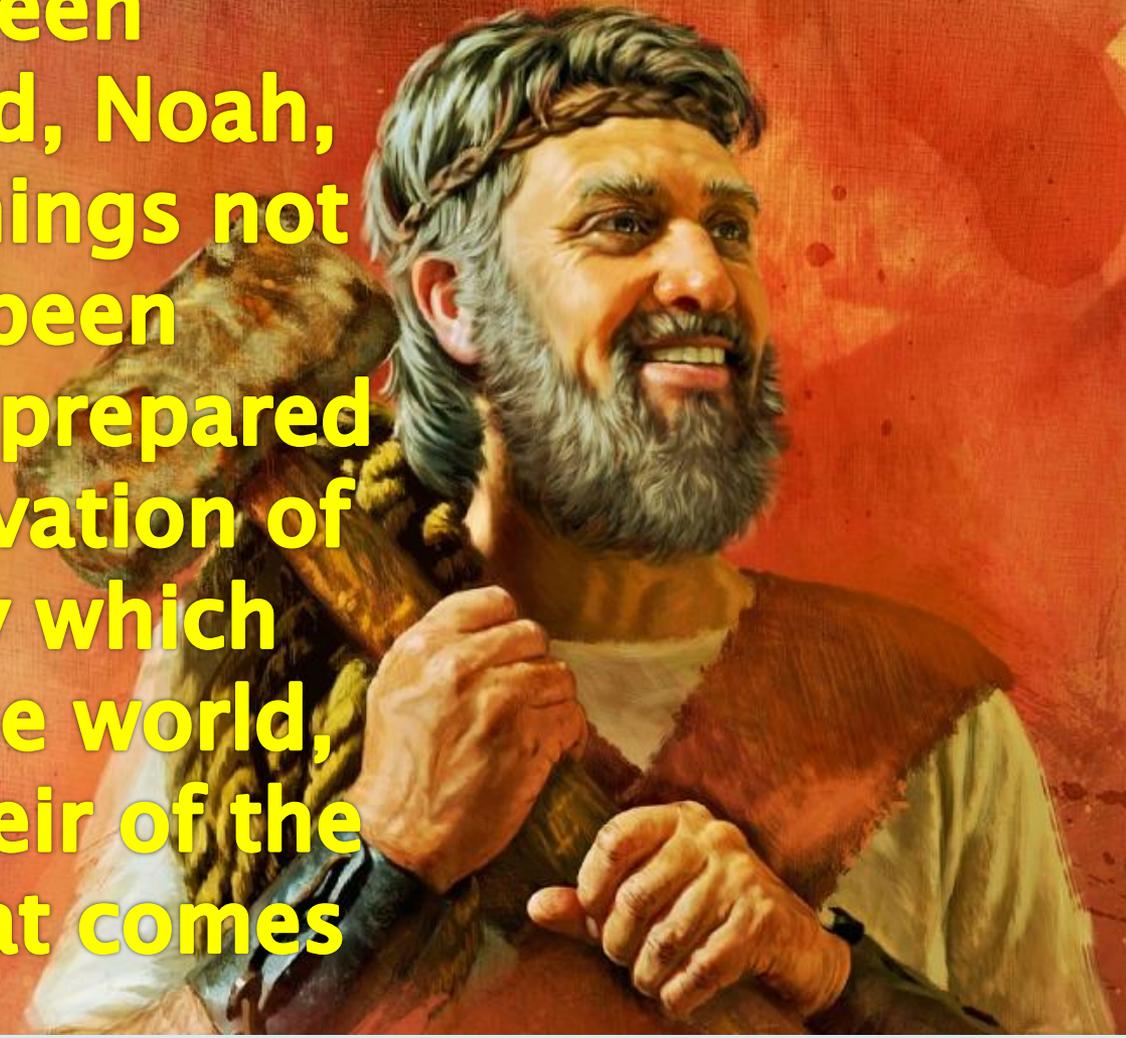
You please God by
approaching Him in the
right way, in worship of
Him, BY FAITH!



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Hebrews 11:5-6

By faith, having been divinely instructed, Noah, concerning the things not yet seen, having been moved with fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.



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Hebrews 11:7



Hebrews 11:8-19

Isaac:
Future Gifts

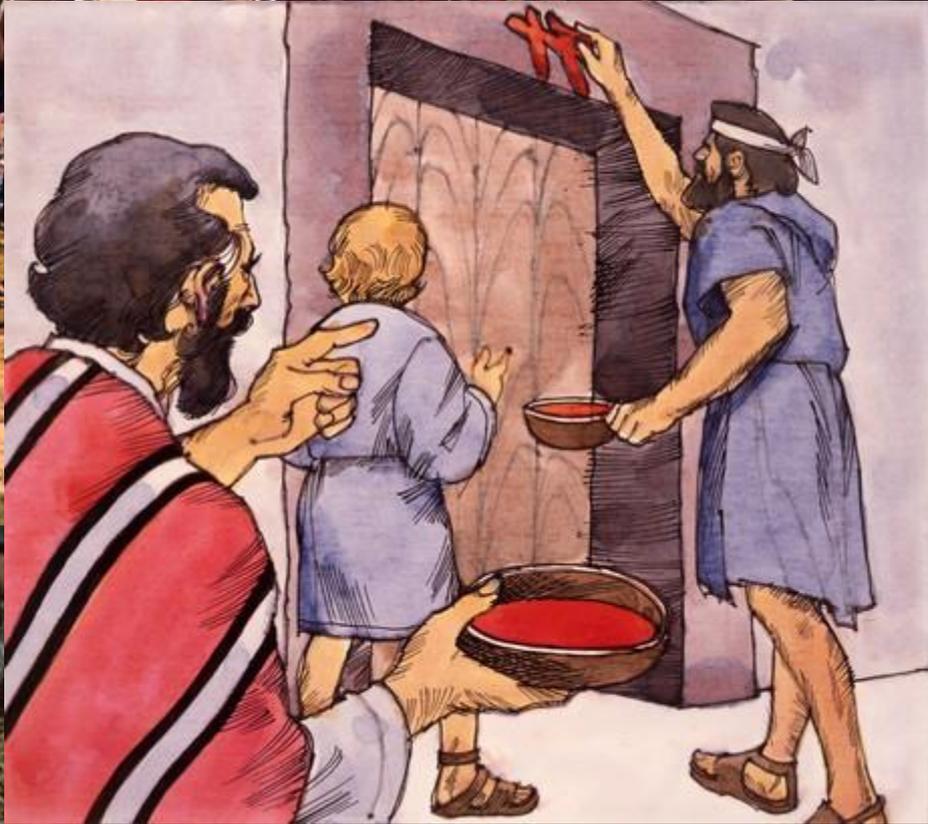
Jacob:
Future Inheritance

Joseph:
Future Home



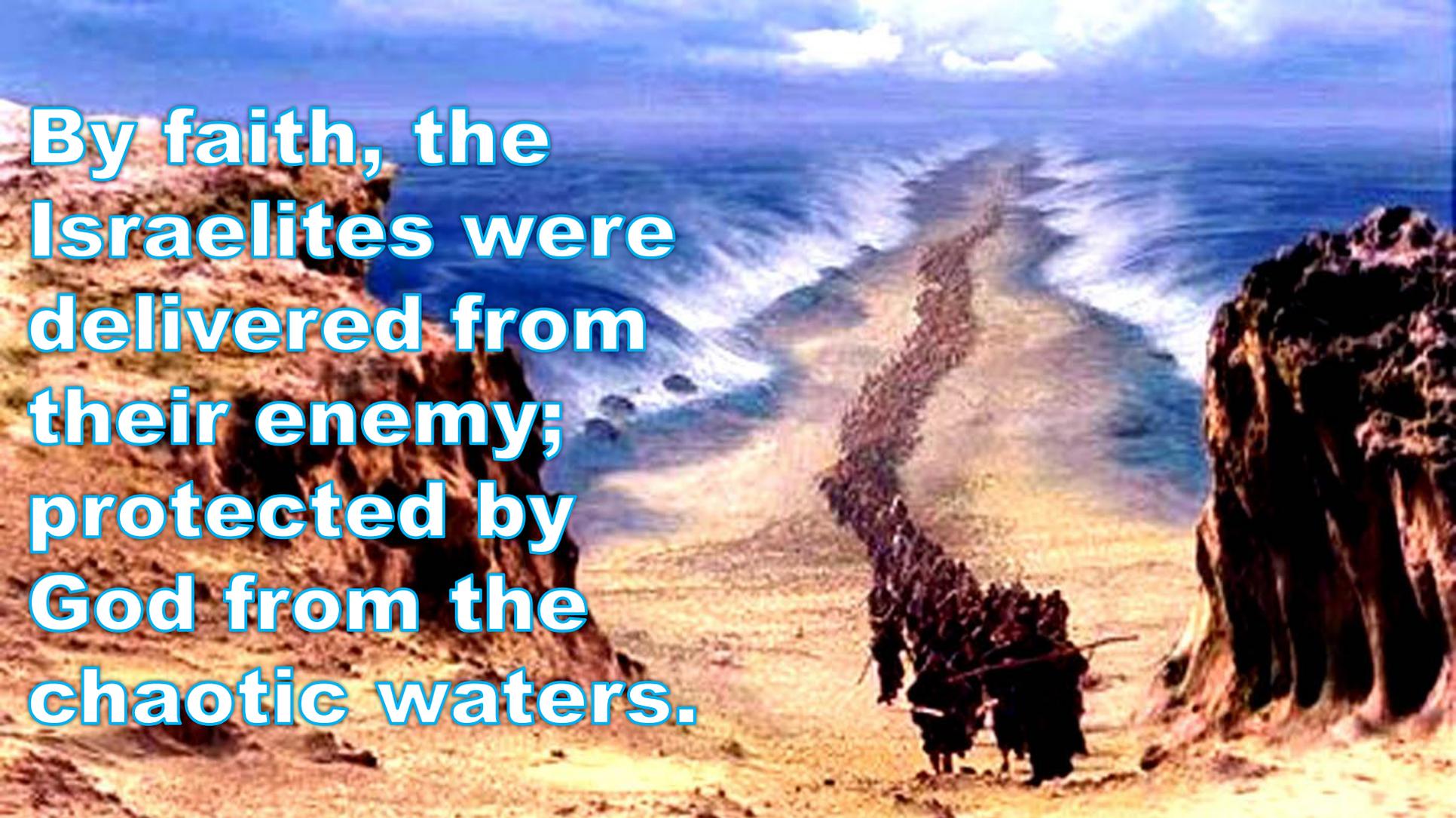
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Hebrews 11:20-22



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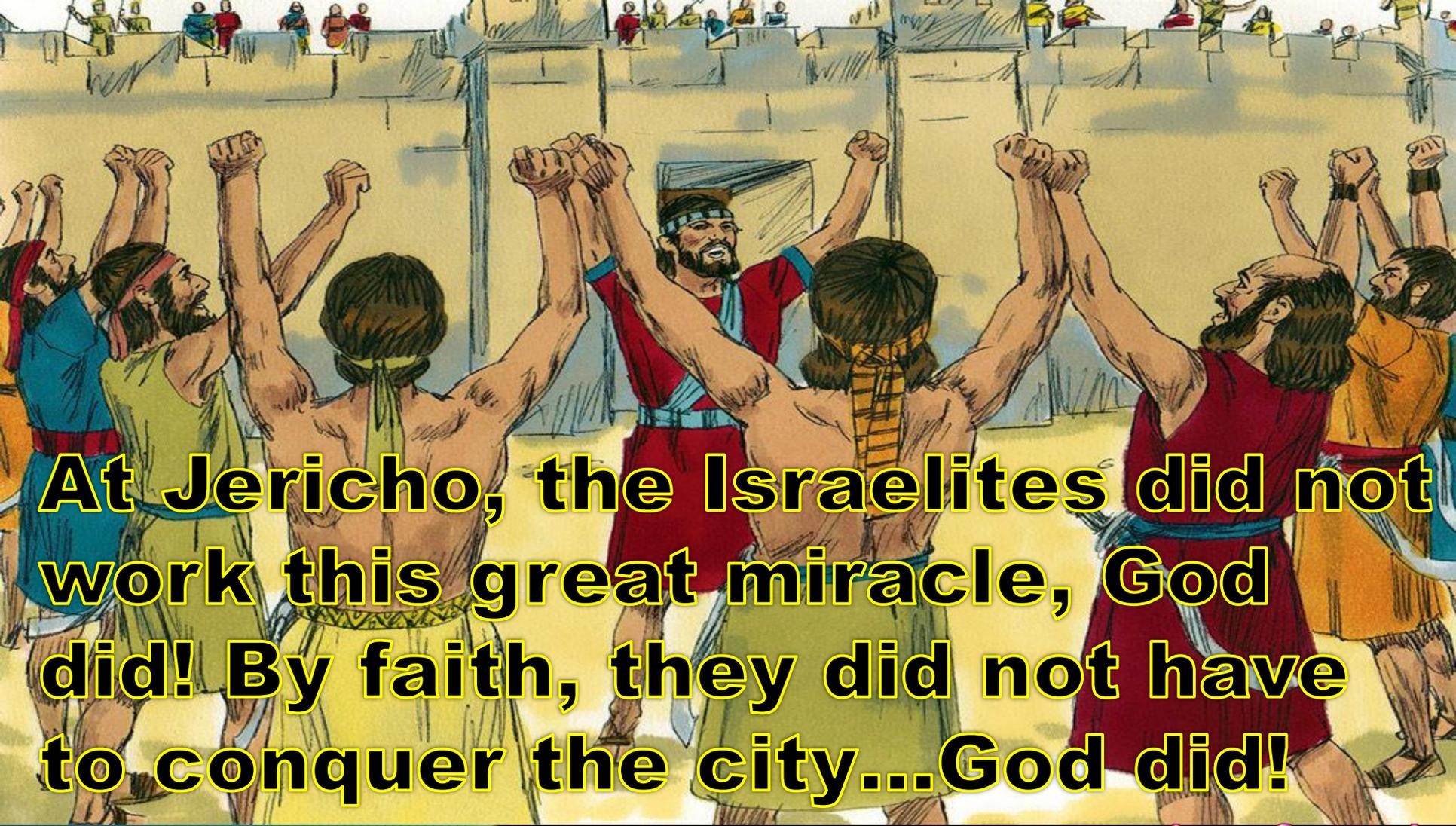
Hebrews 11:23-28



**By faith, the
Israelites were
delivered from
their enemy;
protected by
God from the
chaotic waters.**

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Hebrews 11:29



At Jericho, the Israelites did not work this great miracle, God did! By faith, they did not have to conquer the city...God did!

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Hebrews 11:30

Rahab

Hebrews 11:31 (KJV)

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

By faith she heard about God and His righteous judgment upon her city. She believed that she would not be destroyed. Thus, she became one of God's righteous people.



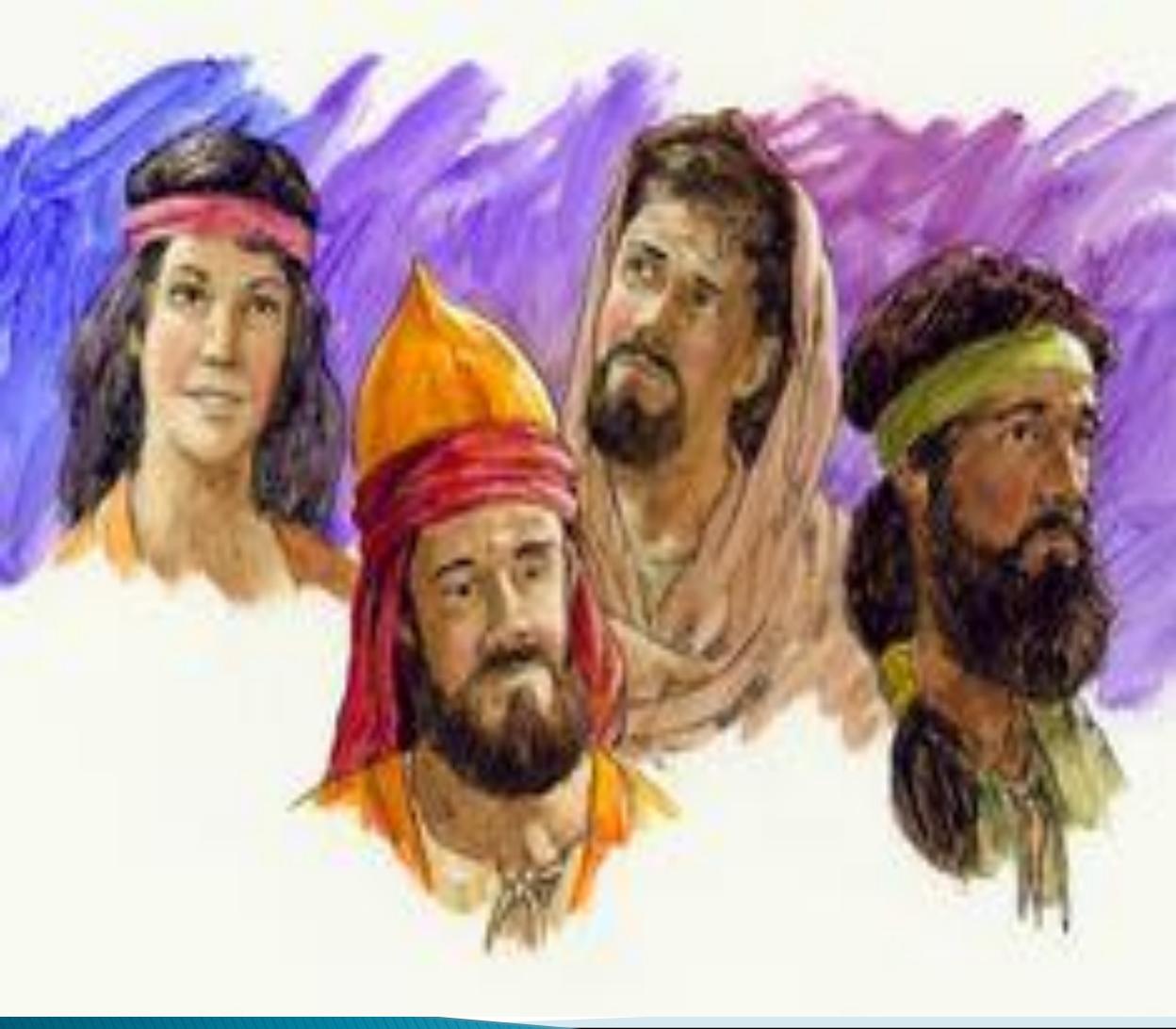
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All these examples are of divinely attested people of faith that illustrate for us what is asserted about faith (v.1). In different circumstances and in different ways, each one have the kind of faith that is generated by God's Word, faith that is based on hope, and faith that provides convincing evidence for what is unseen in this age; will be revealed in the age to come!

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Summary of Hebrews 11:1-31



Next Week: Hebrews 11:32-40