

The Shunammite Woman



And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly.





Respect for messengers of the Lord



Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."





Elijah calls for the Shunamite



And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?'"





So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old."





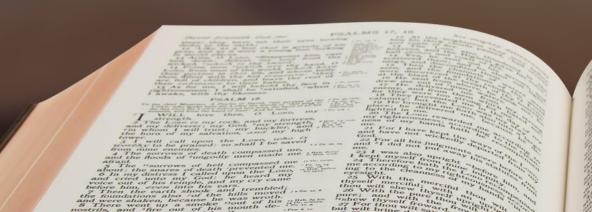


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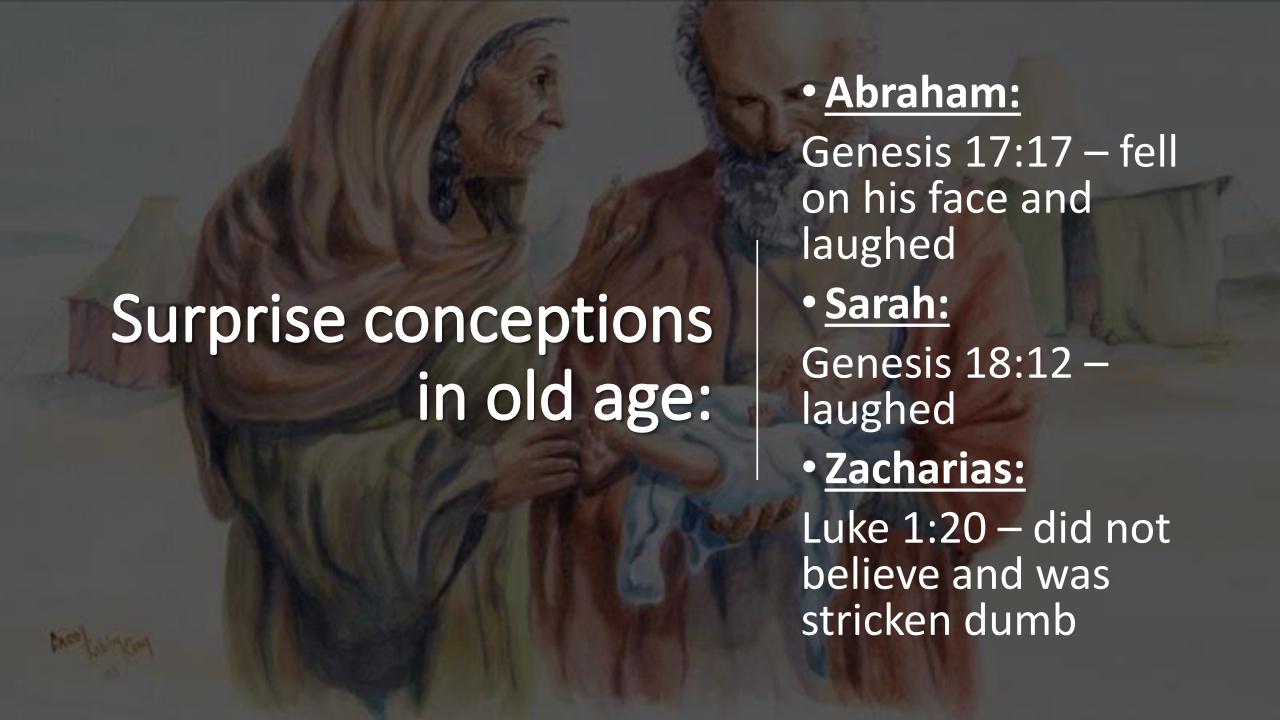
A sign of modesty and good manners

Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son."

And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"









A true prophet does not make false predictions

 The boy that brought gladness, now brought anguish

Then she called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back."





So he said, "Why are you going to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath." And she said, "It is well."





Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you."





She goes without her husband's knowledge or blessing





Please run now to meet her, and say to her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?' "

And she answered, "It is well."







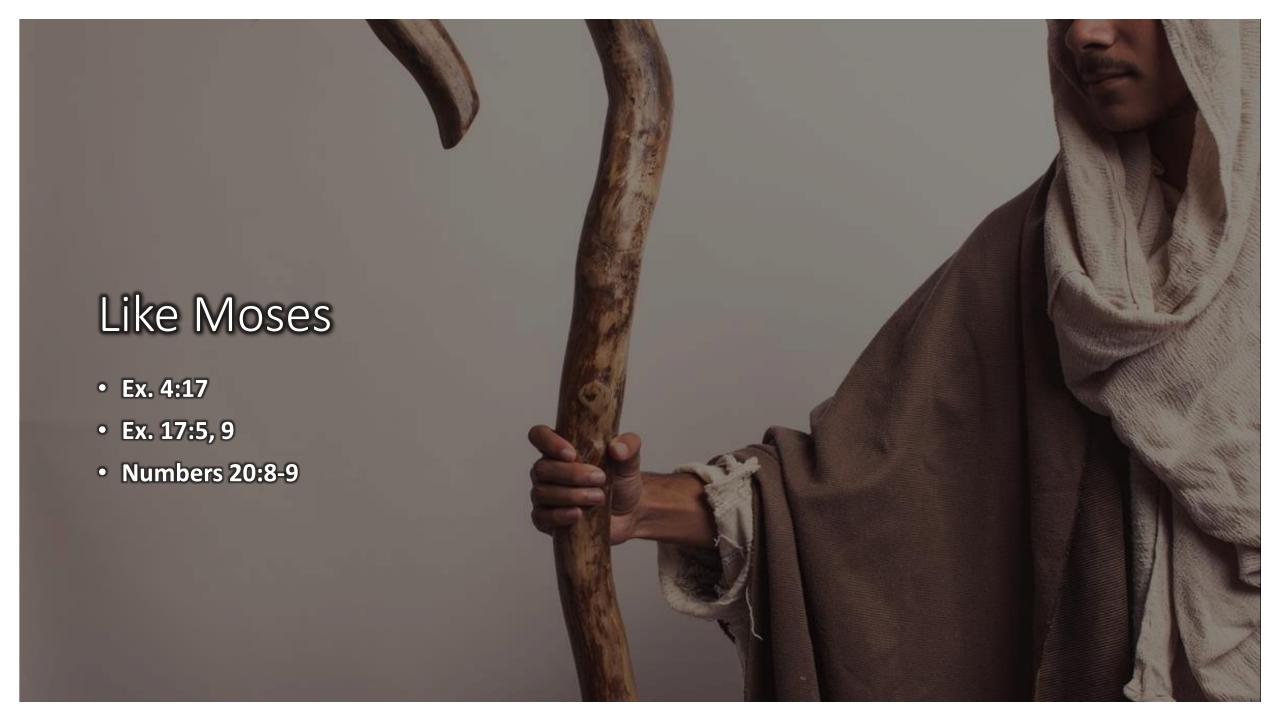
Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me, and has not told me."





So she said, "Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me'?"





Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has not awakened."







He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD.



And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.





1 Kings 17:21





And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."







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The heart of Jesus goes out to every mother who weeps over the loss of a child, and the glad resurrection day, children who are now asleep in their grave will be brough back to life once more to be carried by angels and placed in their mother's arms.

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So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.







