

Two Paths Two Choices

Matthew 7:13-14



A photograph of a foggy landscape. Two dirt paths diverge from the foreground, one curving to the left and one to the right, leading into a misty, green field. Bare tree branches are visible in the upper corners. The word "Death" is overlaid on the left path, and "Life" is overlaid on the right path.

Death

Life

A photograph of a foggy landscape. Two dirt paths diverge from a central point in the foreground, curving outwards and then back towards the center as they disappear into the distance. The paths are flanked by green grass. The background is a thick, white fog that obscures the horizon. Bare tree branches are visible in the upper left and right corners.

Adversity

Prosperity

A photograph of a foggy landscape. Two dirt paths diverge from the bottom center towards the horizon. The path on the left is slightly more worn and leads into a misty area. The path on the right is cleaner and leads towards a brighter, more open area. The ground is covered in green grass. Bare tree branches are visible in the top left and top right corners. The overall atmosphere is misty and ethereal.

Curse

Blessing

Luke 12:49-53 NLT



⁴⁹“I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! ⁵⁰ I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. ⁵¹ Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other!

Luke 12:49-53 NLT



⁵² From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against. ⁵³ ‘Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20



15"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; 16in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

Deuteronomy 20:15-20

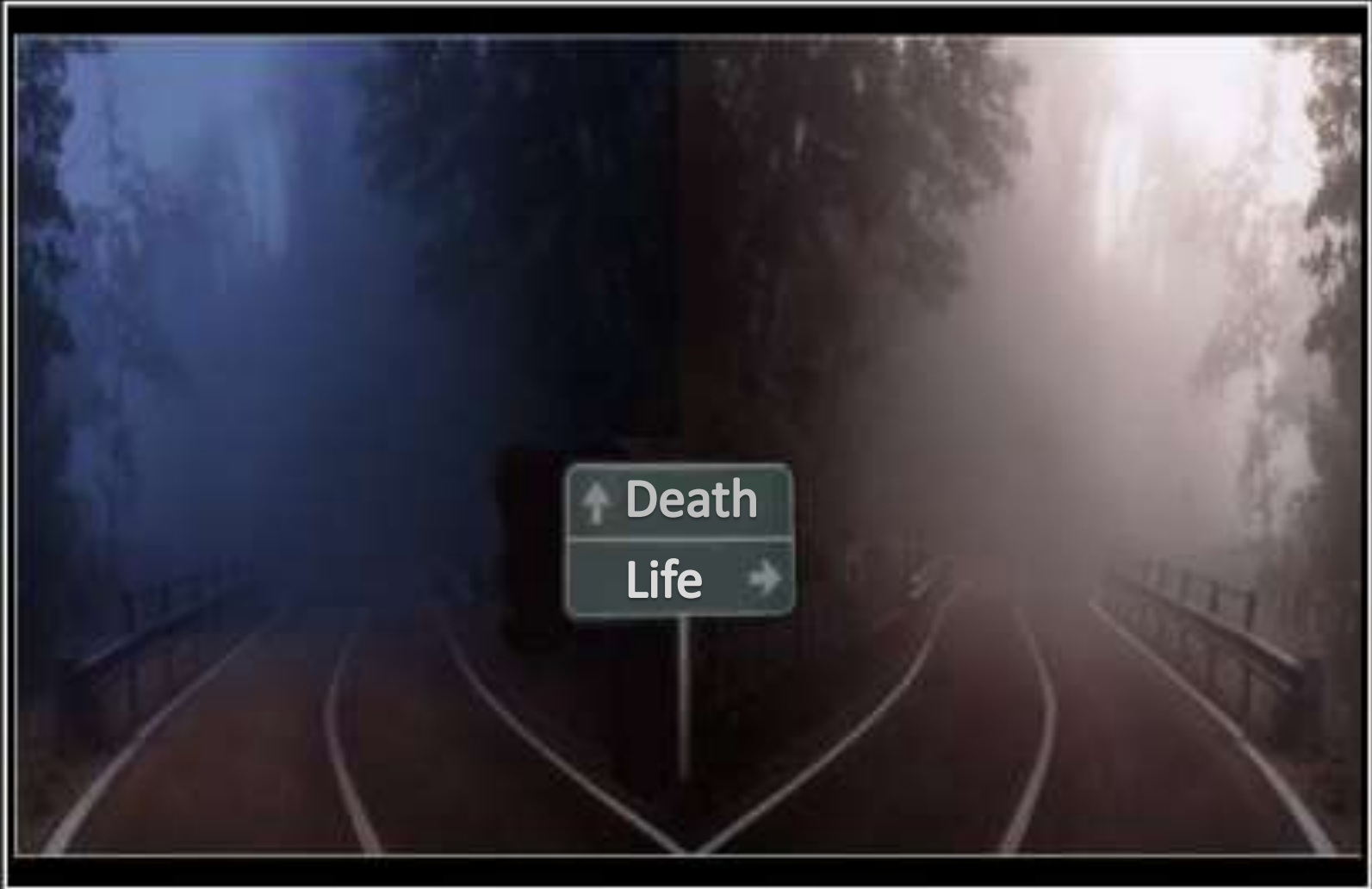


17But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, **18**I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. **19**"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.

Deuteronomy 20:15-20



So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days ...



I. The Most Important Choices in Life



***When you have to make a choice
and don't make it, that is in itself a choice.***



Career, Friends, Choosing a Mate



Proverbs 12:4



**An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband,
But she who causes shame *is* like rottenness
in his bones.**

Proverbs 12:26
1 Corinthians 15:33



**The righteous should choose his friends
carefully, For the way of the wicked leads
them astray.**

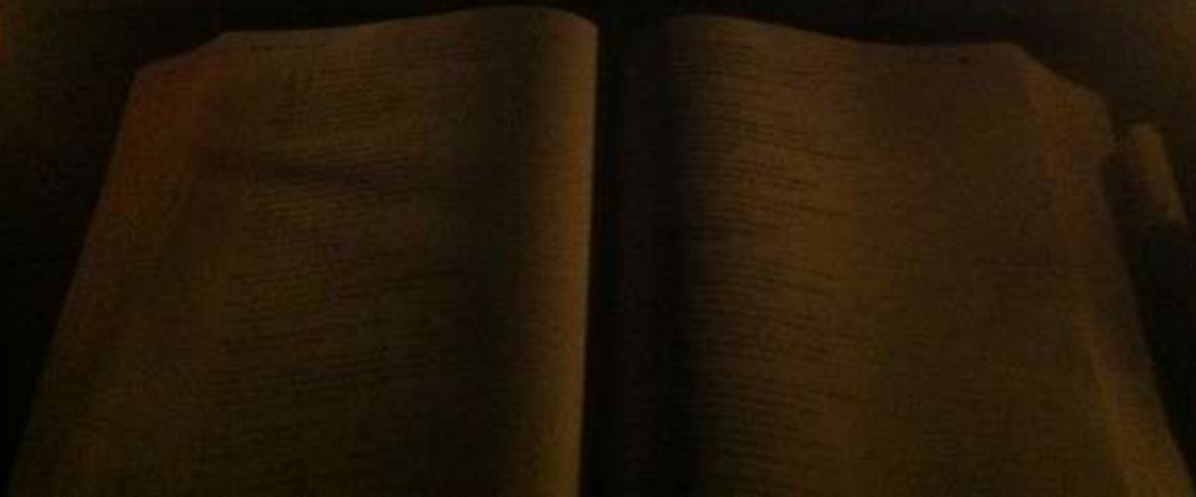
**Do not be deceived:
"Evil company corrupts good habits."**

For every choice there is a consequence!



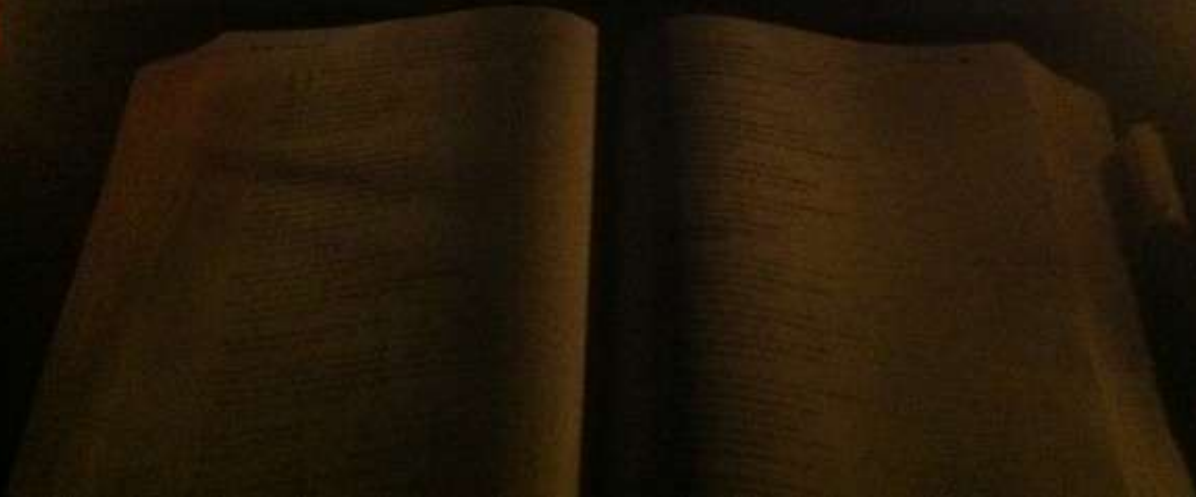
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Adam and Eve



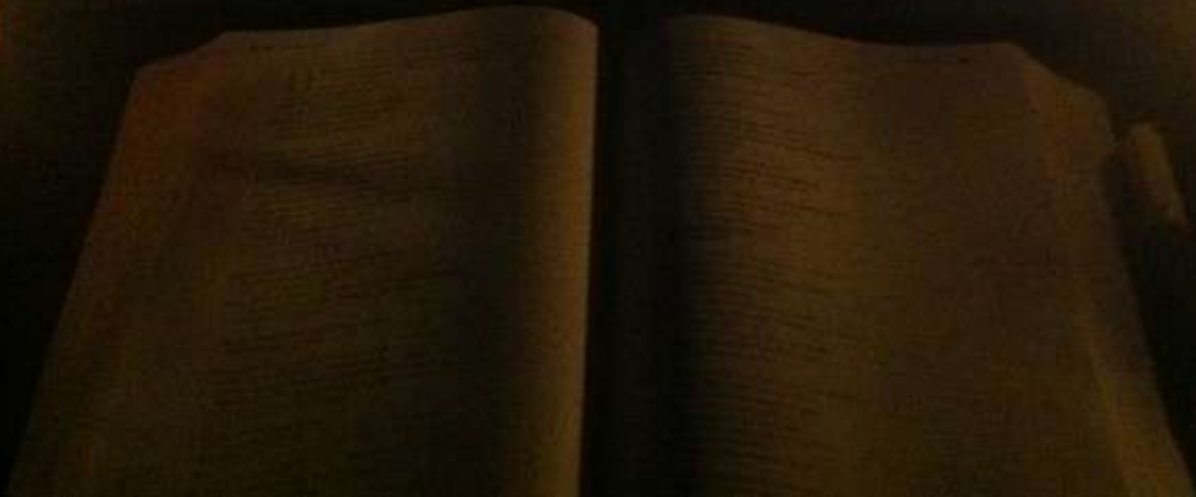
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Abraham



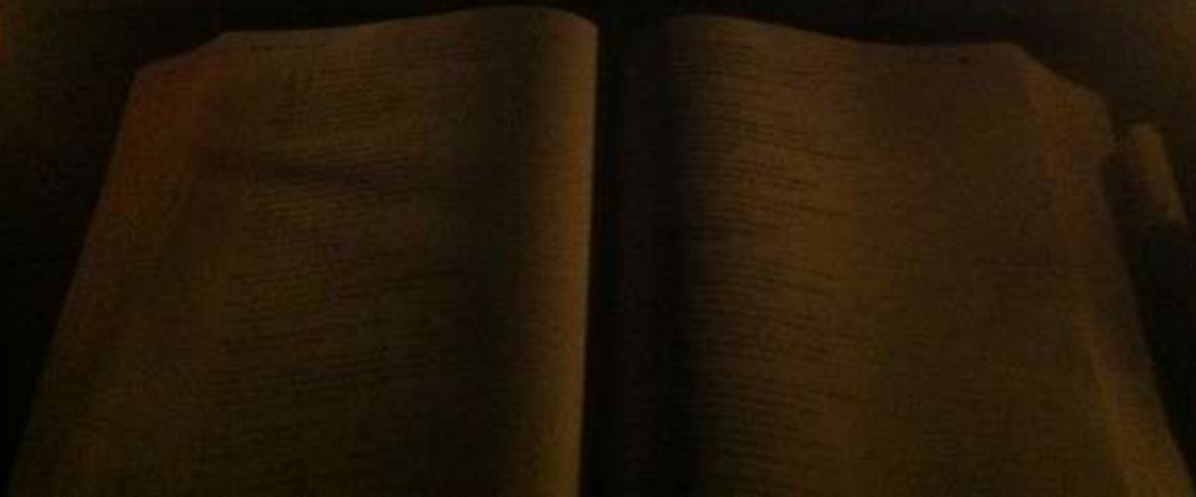
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Lot



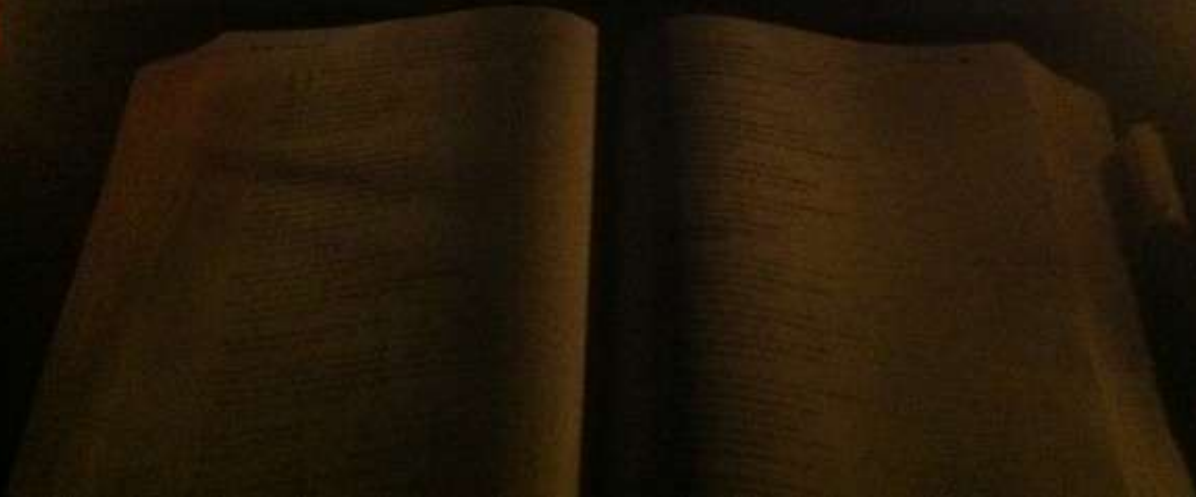
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Moses



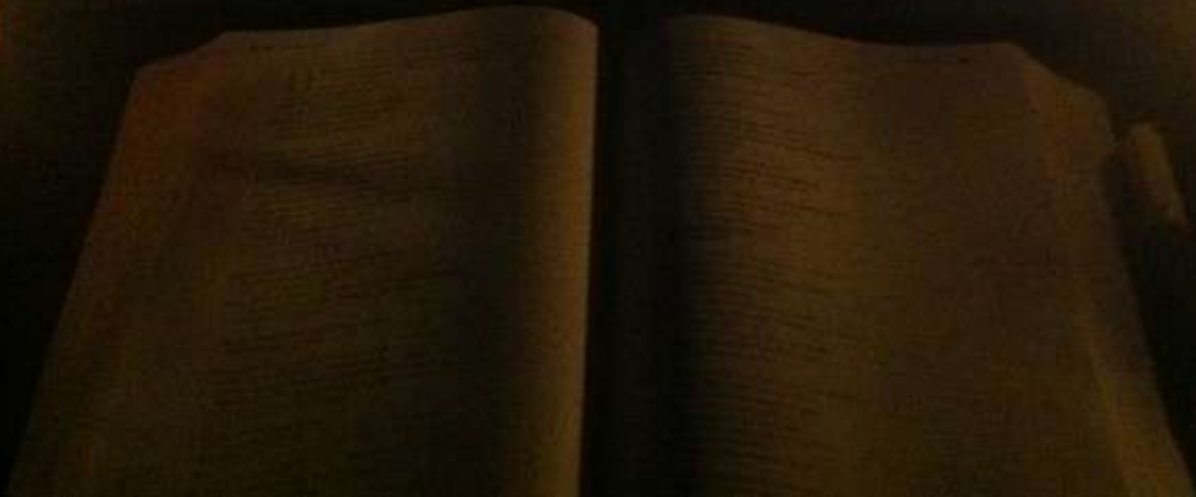
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Joshua



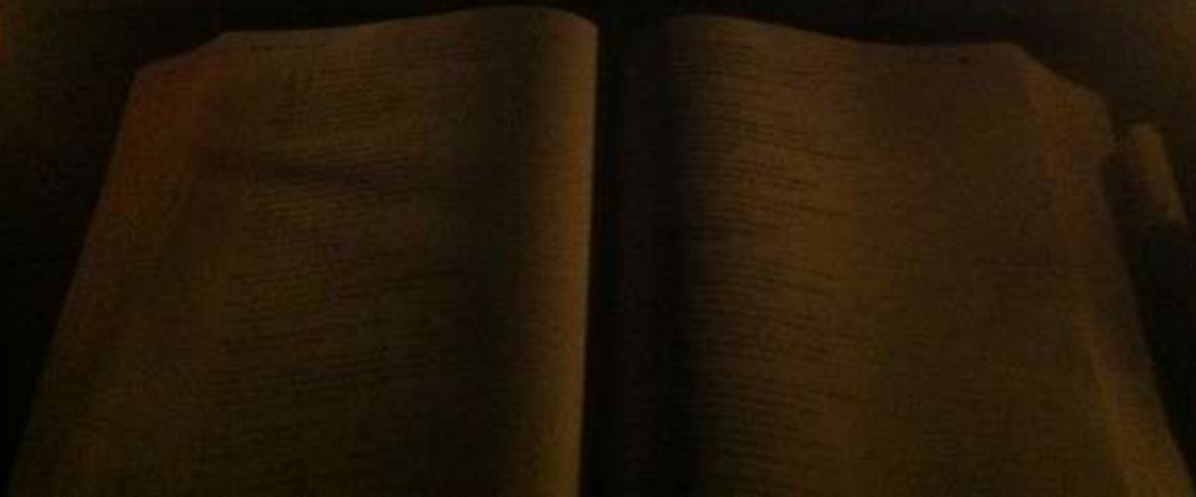
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David and Daniel



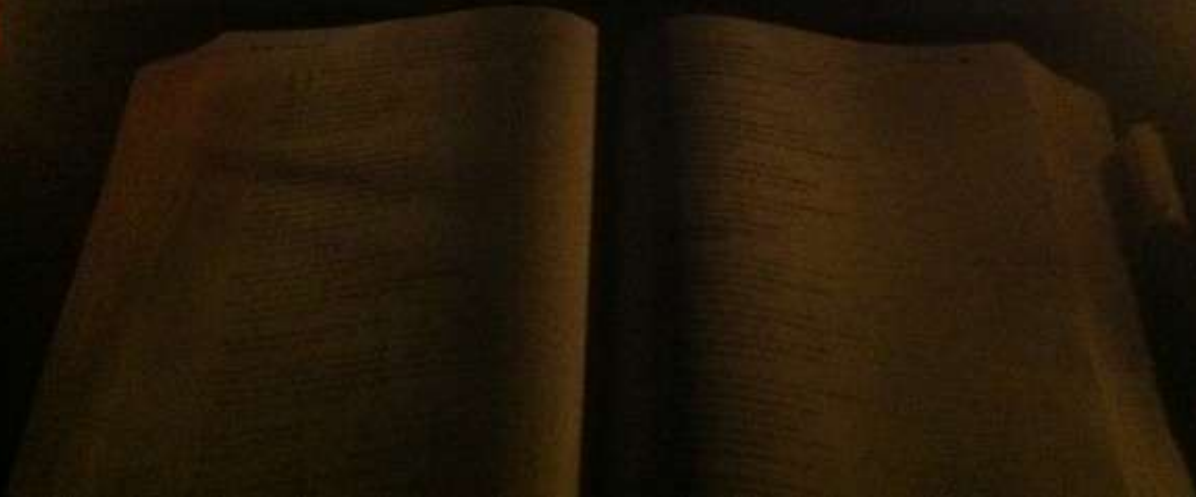
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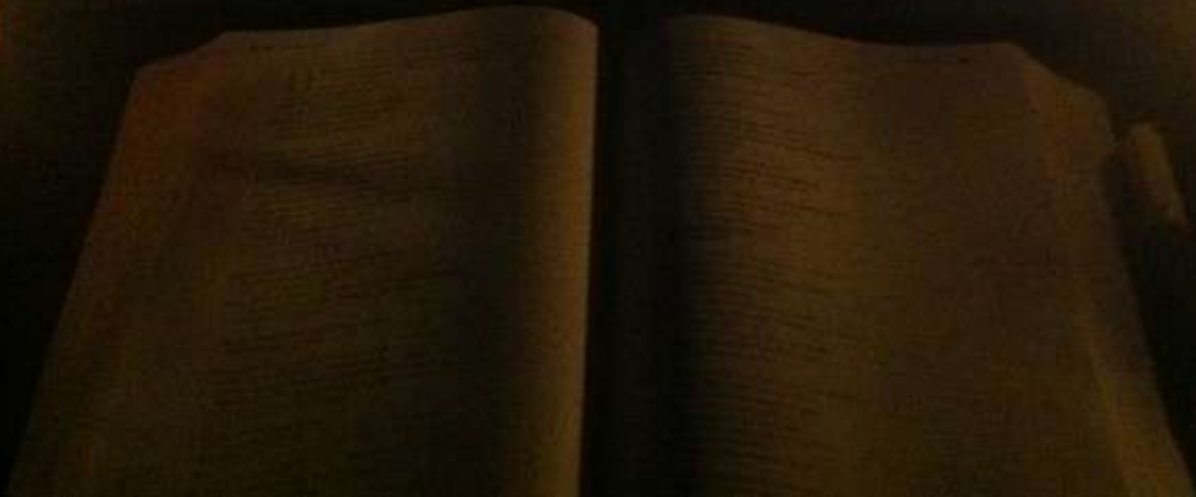
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The Widow of Zarephath
The Woman at the well



3. A Time to Choose,

Decisions Shape Destiny



Proverbs 4:7



**"Wisdom is supreme;
therefore get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have,
get understanding."**

1 Corinthians 10:11



Now these things happened to them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

1 Corinthians 10:11



(TLB) - All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end.

Galatians 3:6



(GW) - Abraham serves as an example. He believed God, and that faith was regarded by God to be his approval of Abraham.

Jude 1:7



(HCSB) - In the same way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them committed sexual immorality and practiced perversions, just as angels did, and serve as an example by undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. Why not learn from these examples?

Hebrews 3:8, 4:7



**Do not harden your hearts in rebellion,
as the Israelites did on their day of testing
in the wilderness...**

Again, ...

**Today, if you hear His voice,
do not harden your hearts.**

Revelation 20:12



And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.