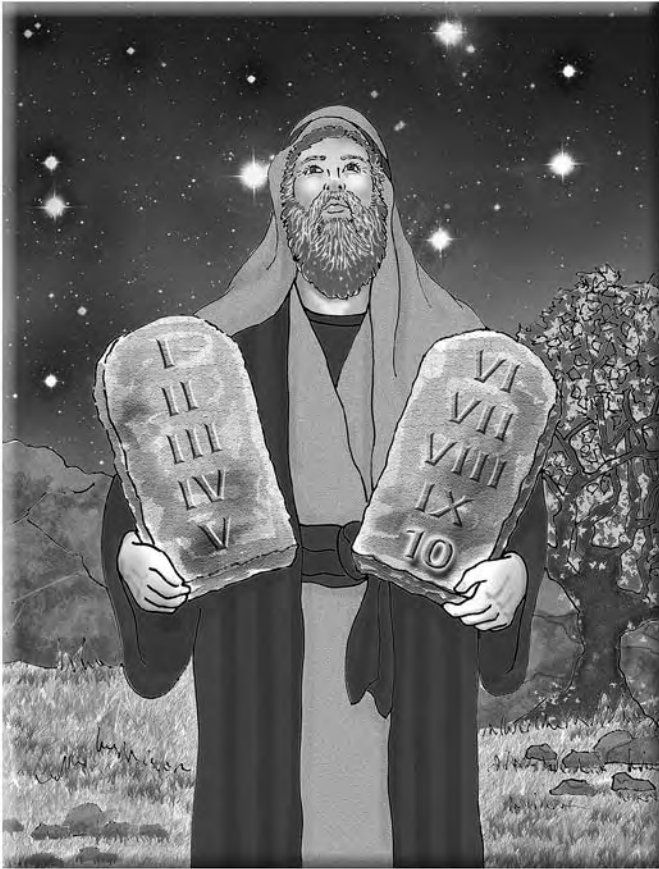


The TENTH Commandment



**“Thou shalt
not covet . . .”**

Exodus 20:17

The 10th Commandment to Israel says, "Thou shalt not covet."

To wish to have something that does not belong to you can make you jealous, envious and selfish at times.

When this happens, you are not content with the blessings you have.

This is what it means to covet.



King David had a son named Absalom. Absalom was very handsome and strong. He was also very prideful, and he coveted his father David's throne and Kingdom.



Absalom was not content to wait to see if God would give him the throne.

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No, he wanted his father's throne so badly, that he plotted and schemed with his friends to be sure he got it.



He didn't care what his father thought.
He didn't care what God wanted.
Absalom only cared about himself
and what he wanted.

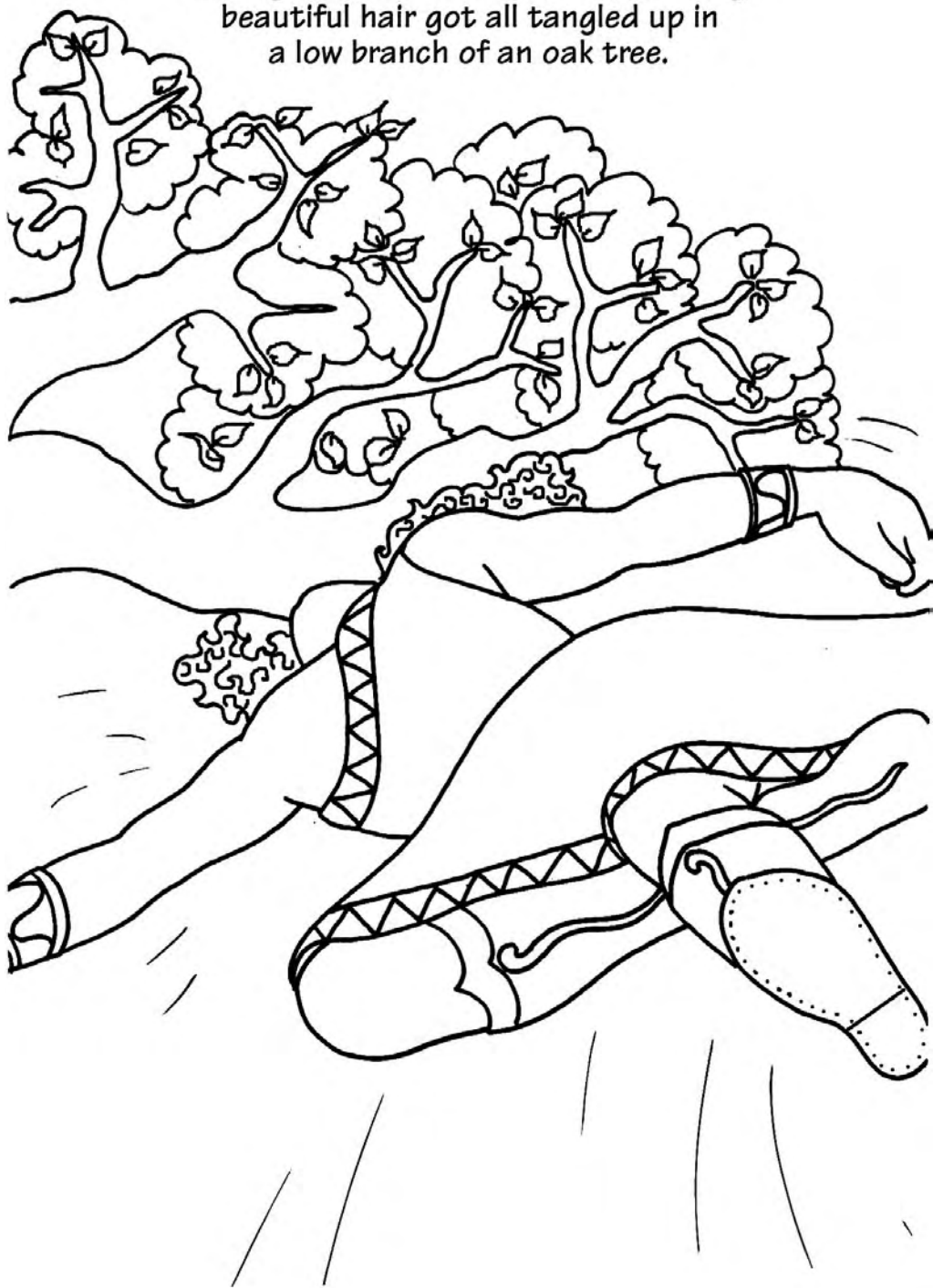


So, Absalom took the throne in
Jerusalem away from his father.
King David had to flee for his life,
and all of those who loved
David left with him.

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But, one day, when Absalom was riding through the woods on a mule, his long, beautiful hair got all tangled up in a low branch of an oak tree.



When King David's servants saw this, they killed Absalom. David grieved over the death of his son, but because Absalom was removed from the throne, David was free to return to Jerusalem as King.

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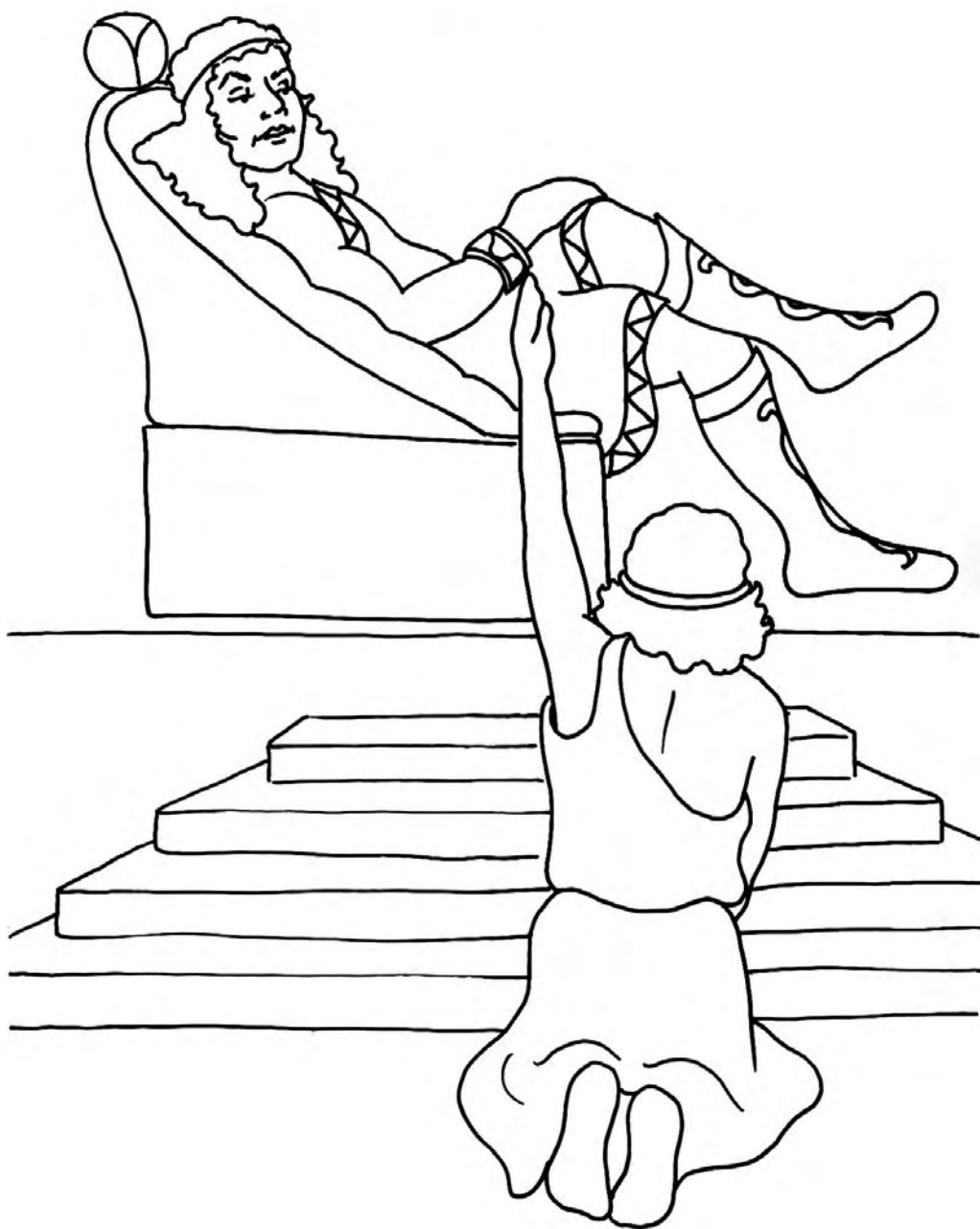


Absalom's greediness—his covetousness led to his death and caused many people to be hurt, as well.

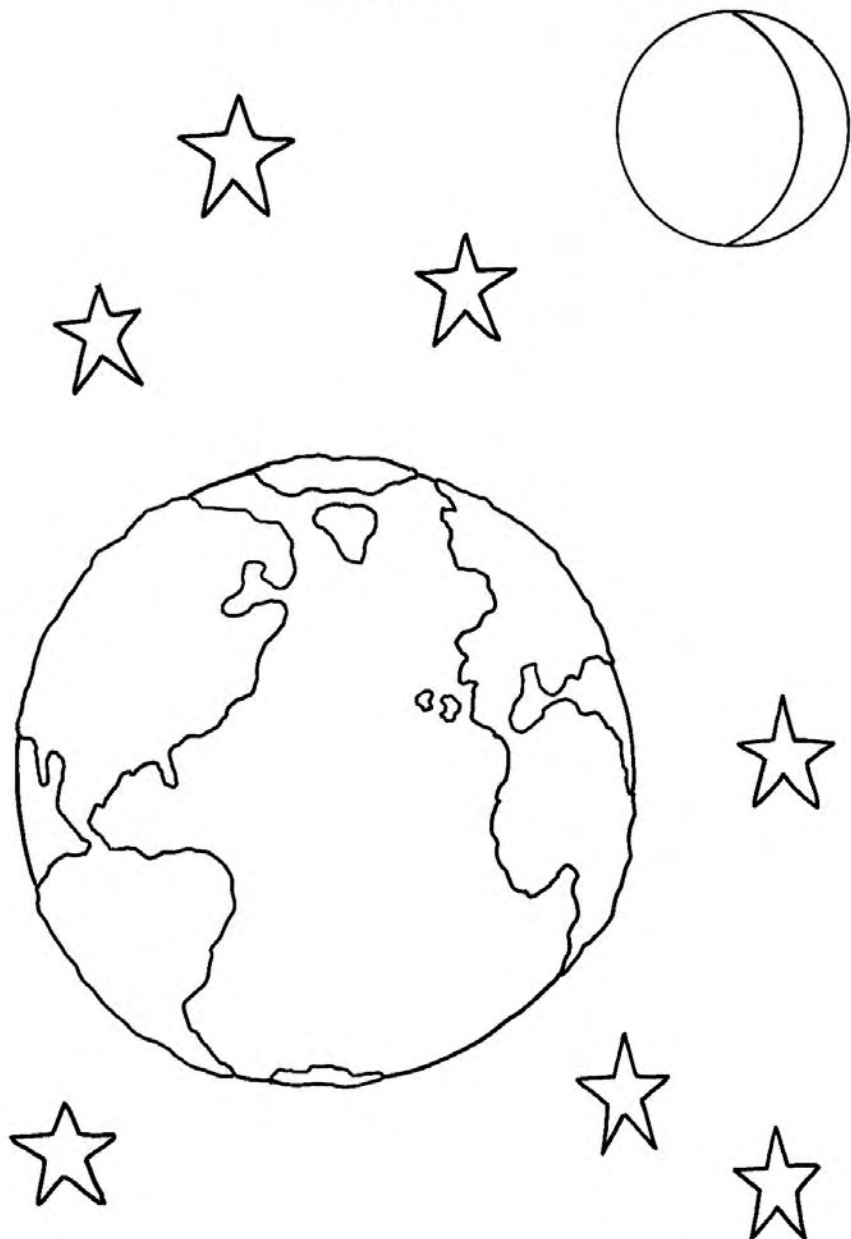


"Pride goeth before destruction
and a haughty spirit
before the fall."
Proverbs 16:18

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Satan is another example of one who has been covetous. Just like Absalom, Lucifer wants or covets his Father's throne and Kingdom.
Isaiah 14:13-14

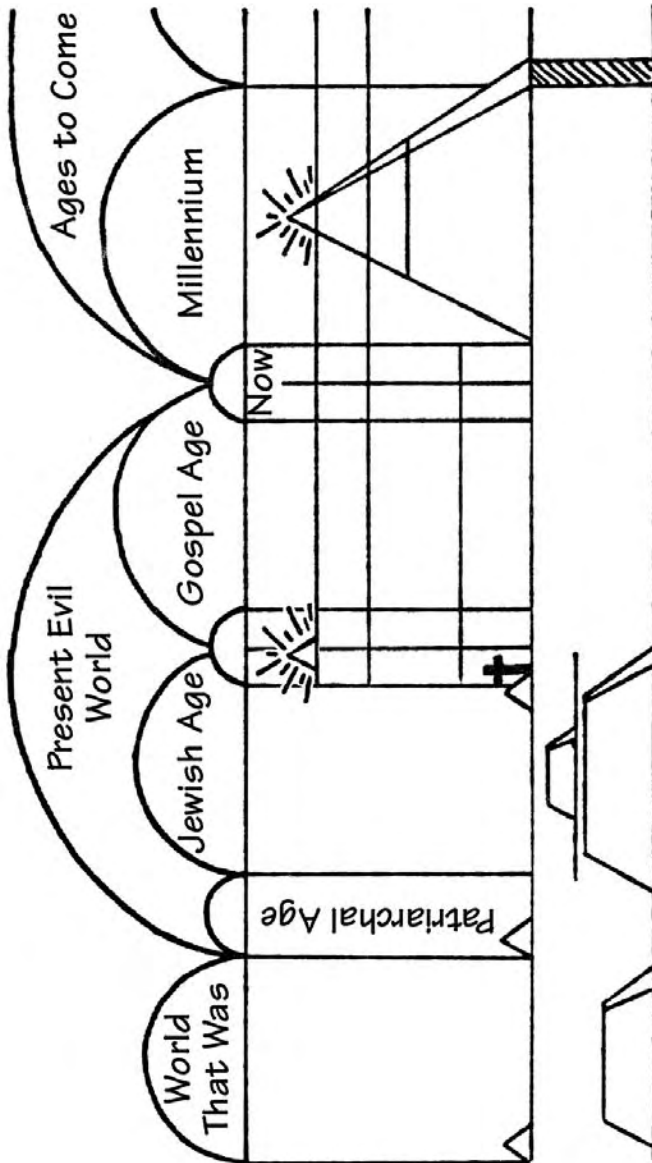


Satan has plotted and schemed to take God's throne. Just like Absalom, Satan's greed and pride has hurt many people along the way.

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But, just like Absalom, Lucifer will die,
 never to hurt God's Kingdom again.
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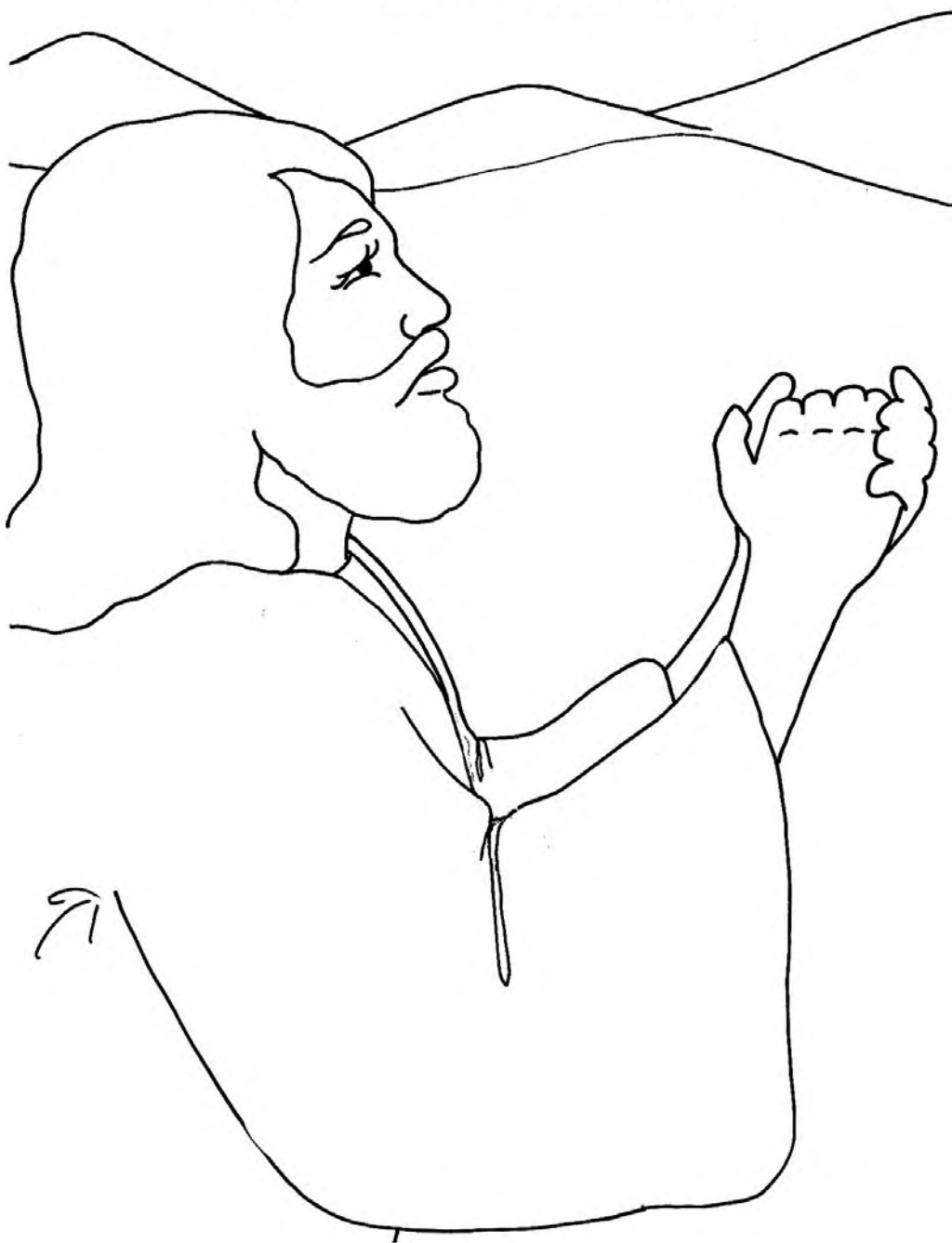


Jesus was always happy with those things that God was pleased to give him.
He was never covetous of anything.

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He never sought his Father's throne, but said, "...glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17:5



This means that Jesus would have been 237
happy to just be given back his former
angelic nature — the nature he had before
he came to earth to be our Savior. But,
because Jesus obeyed God and lived a
life in sacrifice, God rewarded him with
the divine nature — the nature of
the Heavenly Father Himself!



God was pleased to see that His “only begotten Son” was content with whatever providence permitted. God is also pleased when we follow the words, “...be content with such things as ye have . . .” Hebrews 13:5



Today, we see many people coveting things they do not have and can not afford to buy. But, in the Kingdom, they will learn that much of what they coveted is just foolishness.

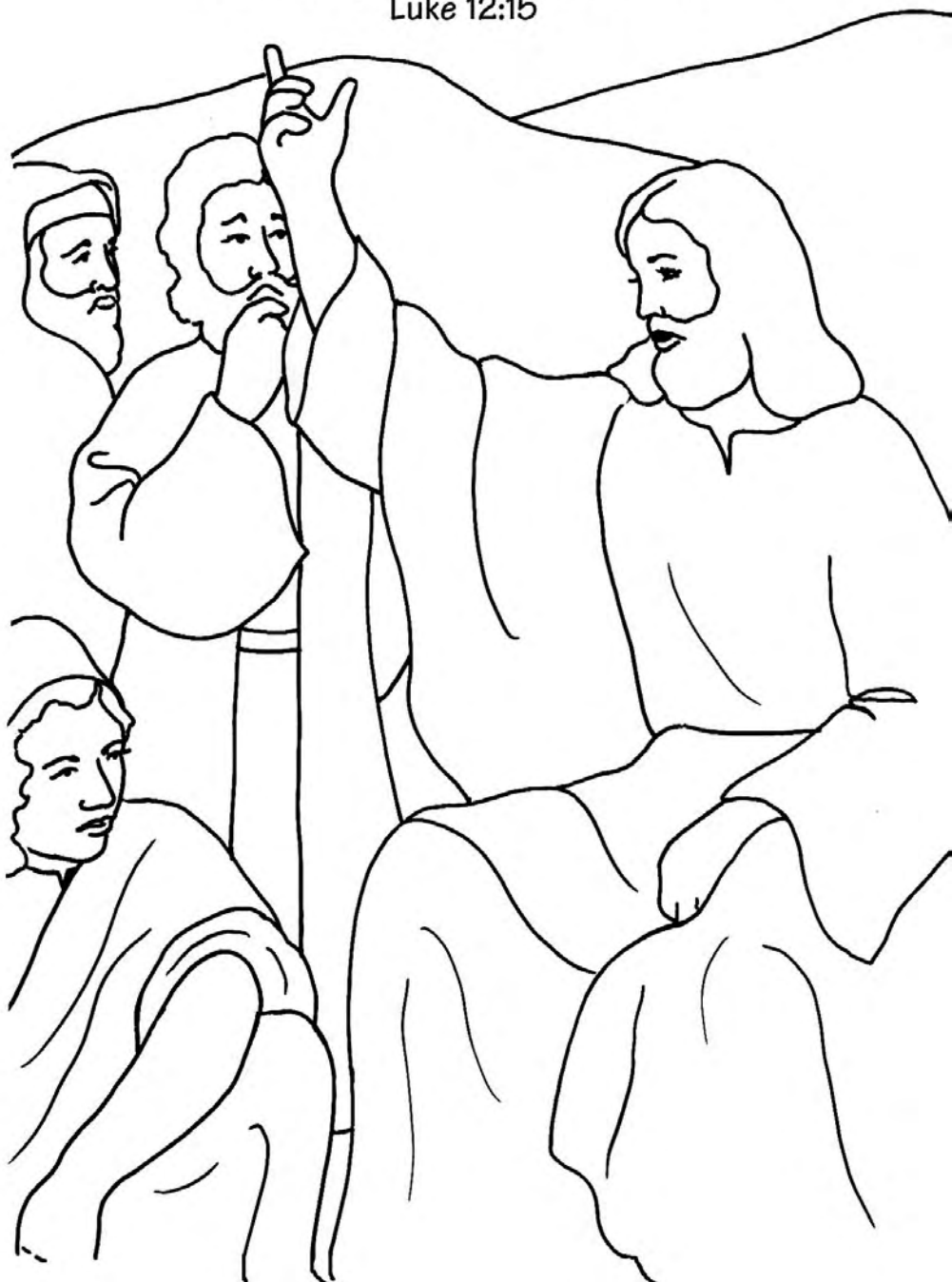
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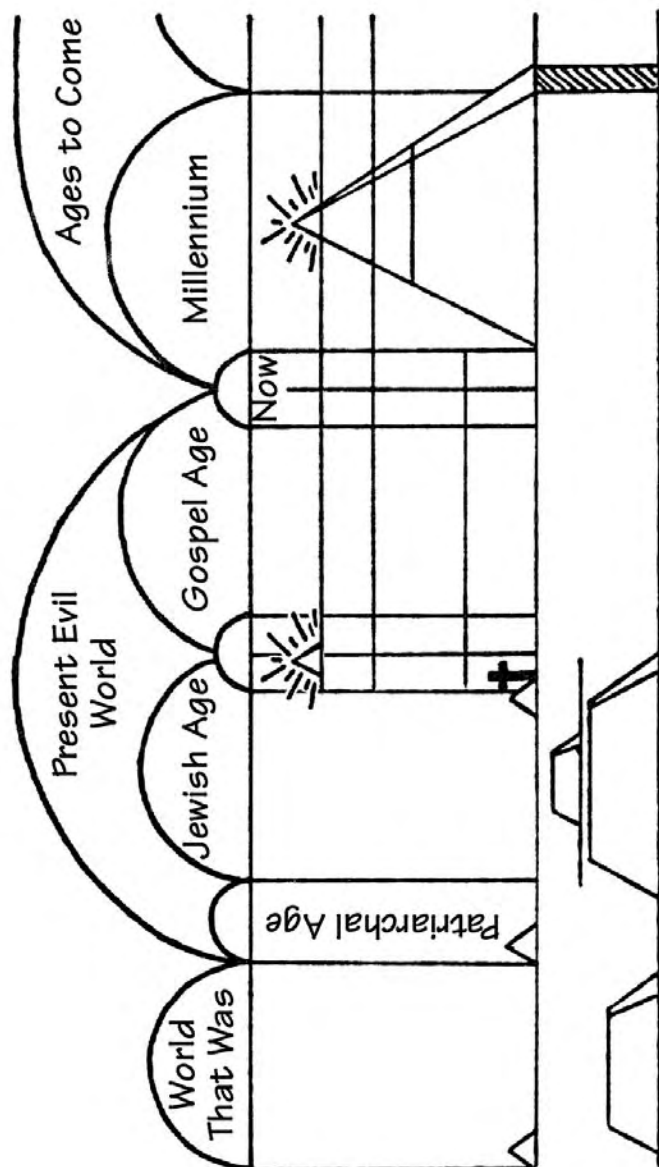
They will learn that real riches are the peace and contentment of doing good and living in harmony with God's will.

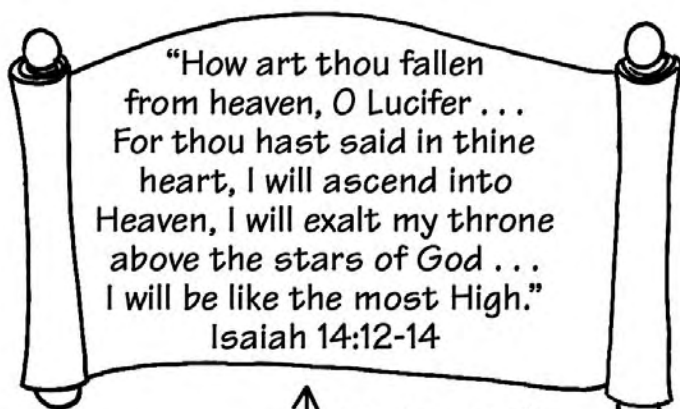


Jesus warned: "Take heed and beware
of covetousness: for a man's life
consisteth not in the abundance
of the things which he possesseth."
Luke 12:15

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↑ Put the scroll on Page 233



← Put King David in the Age of the Patriarchs on Page 242

→ Put the little girl in the Millennium on Page 242



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