

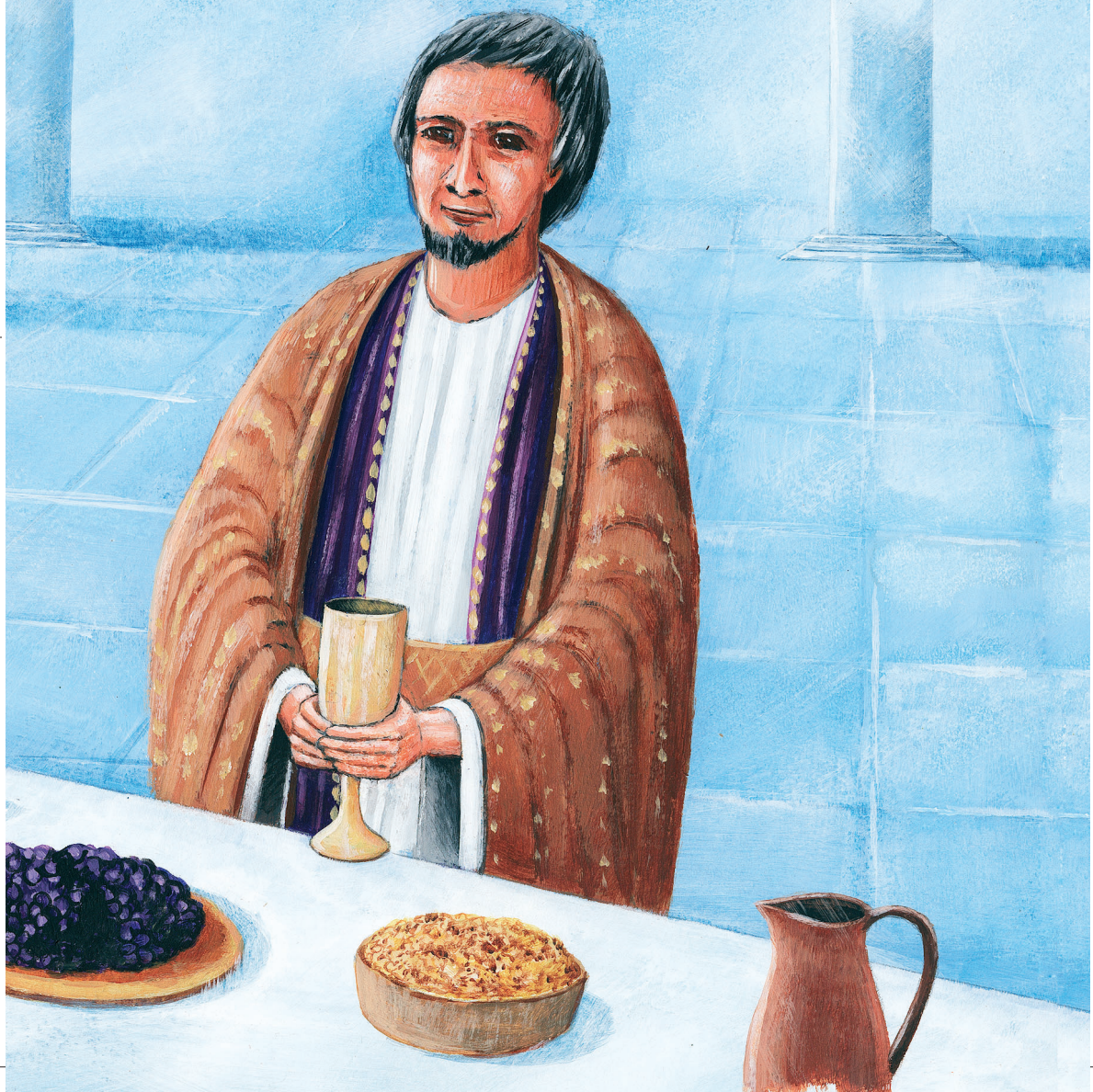


Long ago, in the land of Persia, there was a rich and noble Jew called Nehemiah, who loved and worshipped God.





He was the important servant, called the Cup-bearer, of King Artaxerxes of Persia and served the king's wine to him.





King Artaxerxes ruled over many lands.
One of these lands was Judah where the
Jews lived and where the famous city of
Jerusalem was.

One day, some Jews from Judah visited
Nehemiah and gave him sad news.

They told him that the Jews there were
being cruelly treated by their enemies, and
that the wall and city gates of Jerusalem
were in ruins.





Nehemiah wept after hearing this. What could he do?

He did the best thing he could have done. He prayed to God about it. He asked God to help him to do something for the Jews.

