

The Promise

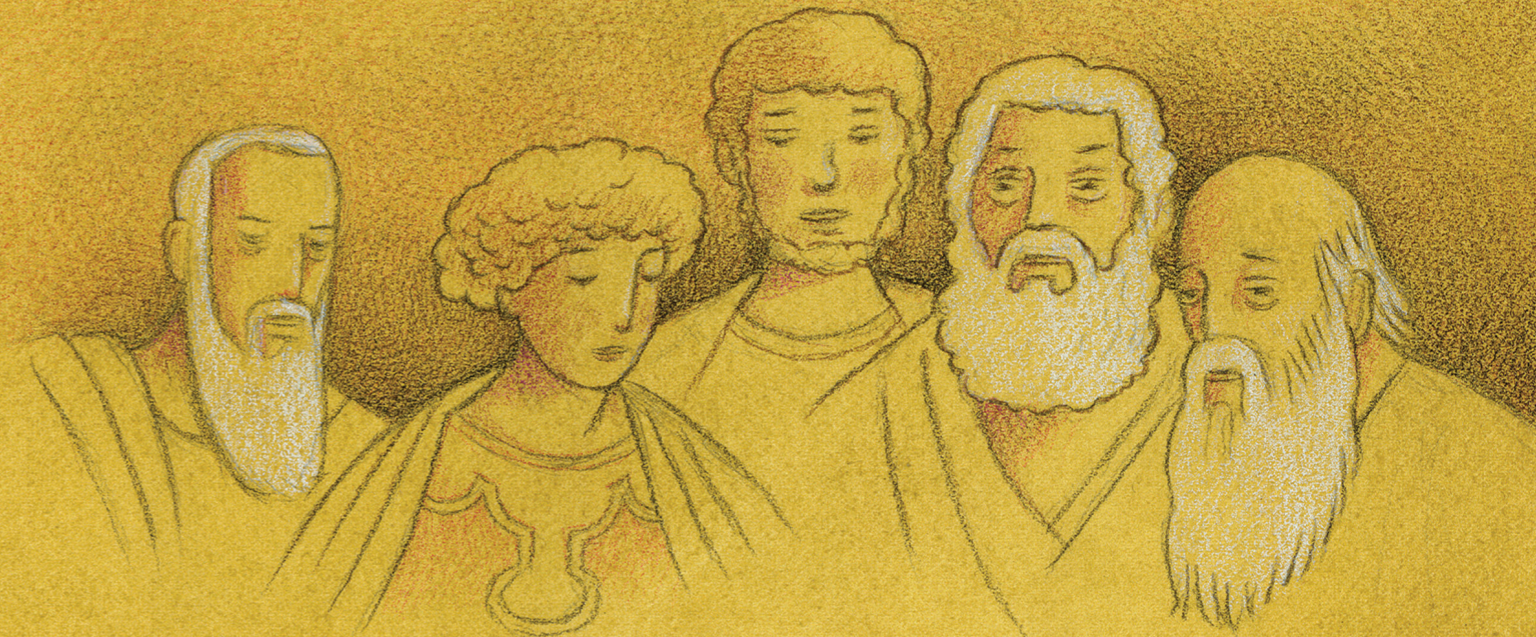
How God Told the World about Jesus

You have probably made lots of promises, but have you always kept them? Probably not.

When God makes a promise, he keeps it. In the Old Testament he promised that he would send a Saviour. The Saviour would forgive the sins of those who trusted in him. He would defeat Satan, the evil one. God planned this before the world began.

Although the promise took many years to be fulfilled, at just the right time, God sent the Saviour, his own beloved Son, to the earth to live and die and rise again from the dead.

God told several men through the centuries about his promise and by faith they believed what God said. Let's find out about some of these people.



ADAM AND EVE (GENESIS 3)

When God made Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, he wanted them to worship and obey him. 'Eat from any tree,' God said, 'except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. If you eat from that tree, you will die.'

But, Satan, disguised as a serpent, deceived Eve. She disobeyed God. She ate the fruit and gave some to Adam. Sin entered the world. Adam and Eve were no longer perfect.



God has to punish sin. He is perfectly holy. However, he gave Adam and Eve hope for the future. God told the serpent, 'The woman's son will crush your head and you will hurt his heel.'

This was the first hint that God gave of his promise of a Saviour. Jesus Christ fulfilled this promise when he died on the cross, saving his people from sin, defeating Satan and death.

