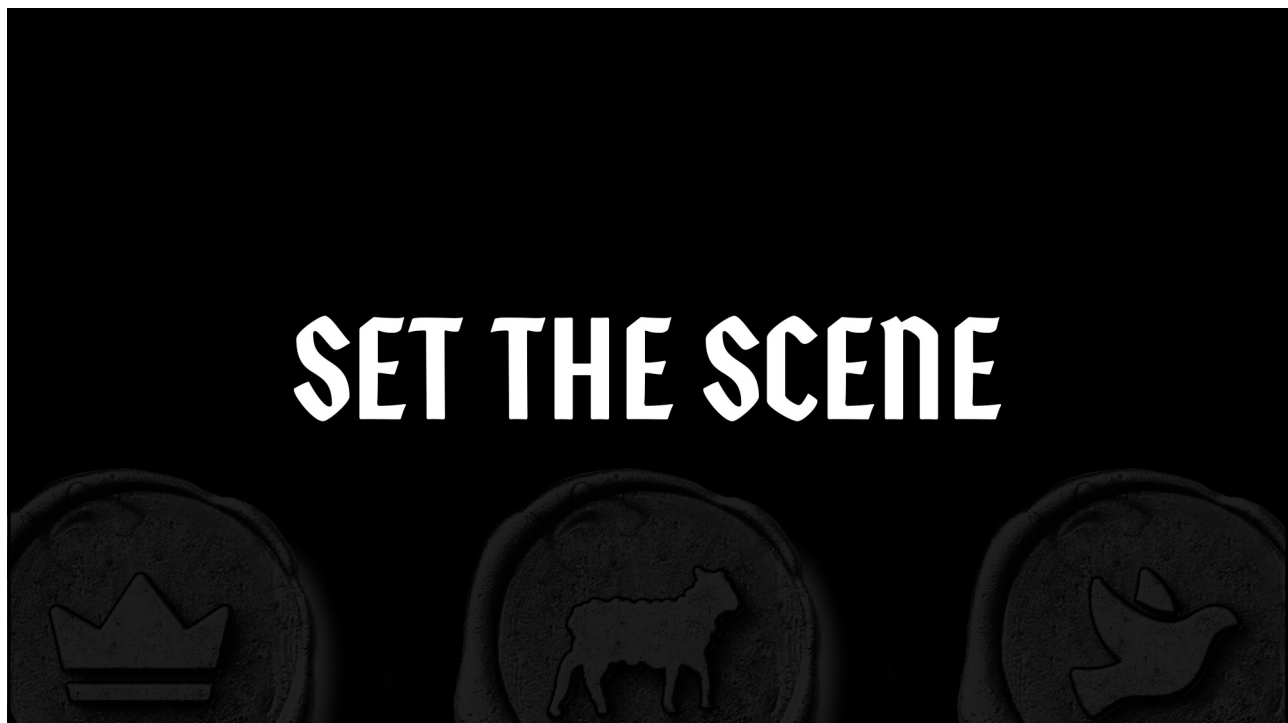


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WILDERNESS: DEUTERONOMY 8:2-5

“And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you **these forty years in the wilderness**, that he might humble you, **testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.** 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, **that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, **as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you.**”

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6

TEMPTATION BY SATAN: GENESIS 3:1-7

“He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

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STUDY THE TEXT



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CONTEXT: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

“Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

— Luke 3:21-22



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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

v.1a: The double mention of the Spirit indicates that this episode in the wilderness was divinely appointed.

v.1b: The “wilderness” was considered to be a meeting place with God in Jewish thought.

v.2: The 40-day fast alludes to the 40 years in the desert. “To test” is a better translation than “to temp.”

Luke 4:1-2

“And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** in the wilderness **2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil.** And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.”



10

TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

v.3a: Luke identifies the tempter as “the devil,” one that Jewish audiences would know as the lead opposition to the will of God.

v.3b: The devil calls God’s word into question with an “If” conditional.

v.4: Jesus quotes Deut. 8:3, linking himself to Israel and hinting at his station as the “New Israel.”

v.5: The devil offers power for worship.

Luke 4:3-7

“3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” 4 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” 5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”



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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

v.8: Jesus uses Scripture to respond, quoting Deut. 6:13, again, from the teaching given in the desert. Only God gets our worship.

v.9: The devil continues to question God’s decree that Jesus IS THE SON OF GOD.

v.10: The devil quotes Scripture too, in his final attack. This time his quote is accurate but his interpretation is misleading and inaccurate.

Luke 4:8-11

And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ 11 and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”



12

TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

v.12: Jesus quotes Deut. 6:16, using Scripture to interpret Scripture.

v.13: Satan tempts, God tests. The devil will not appear again in person, in Luke's gospel. Though he will speak through Jesus's disciples (Peter) and his arrest, trial, and death are understood as the devil's assault (22:3).

v.14: Jesus begins his ministry having passed the test Adam failed and now walks in the Spirit.

Luke 4:12-15

12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.



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JESUS'S EXAMPLE:

- + The Spirit leads Jesus to the wilderness to draw near to God.
- + The Father allows Jesus to be tested, the devil does the tempting.
- + Satan tries to call God's word into question.
- + Jesus KNOWS and TRUSTS the word God has delivered.
- + Where Adam and Israel fail to be faithful to God, Jesus is victorious! He models how to walk by the Spirit.



14

LIVE THE TEXT



15

Hebrews 2:18: “For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

Live the text:

1. Kill your **desire** for Egypt and instead, **delight** in God.
2. Be careful to live by what God has **actually** said.
3. Expect **temptations** to come. **Read**, **pray**, and **commune** to fight!

LIVE THE TEXT



16

“Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.”

—Matthew 6:9-13

LIVE THE TEXT



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MESSIAH



THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD



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