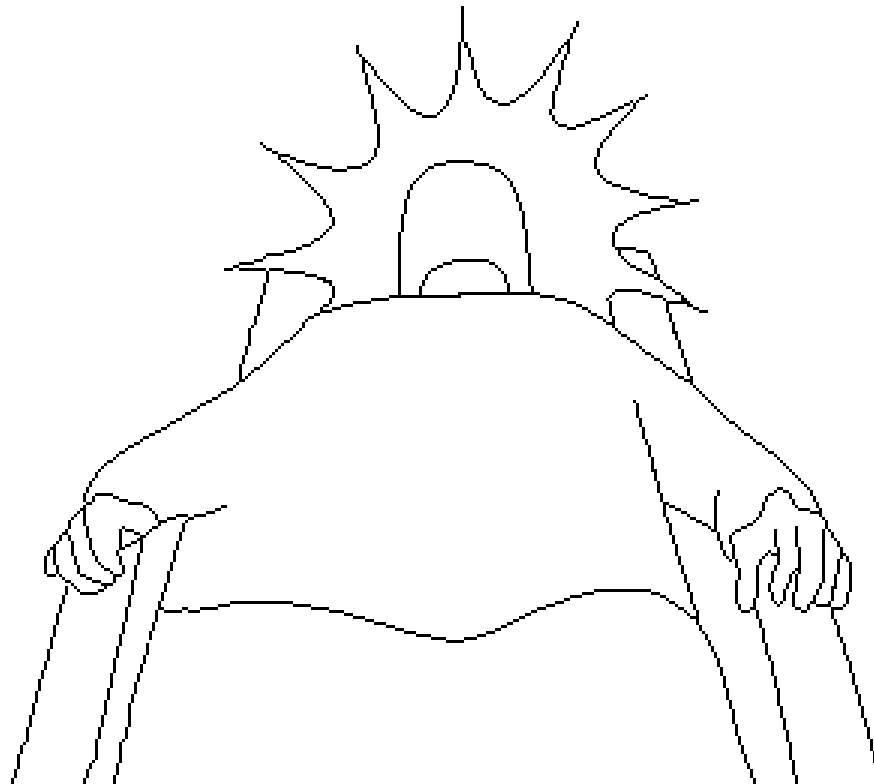


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ISAIAH SEES THE FUTURE



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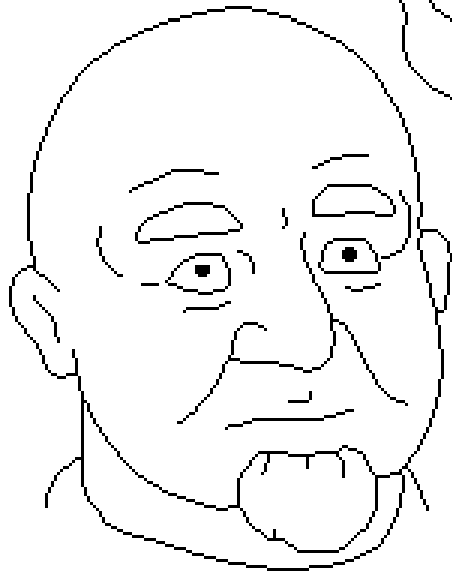
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Isaiah was a prophet. His job was to tell people what God said. People didn't always want to hear God's Word, but Isaiah never let God down.

Isaiah preached during the reigns of four different kings.



Uzziah



Jotham



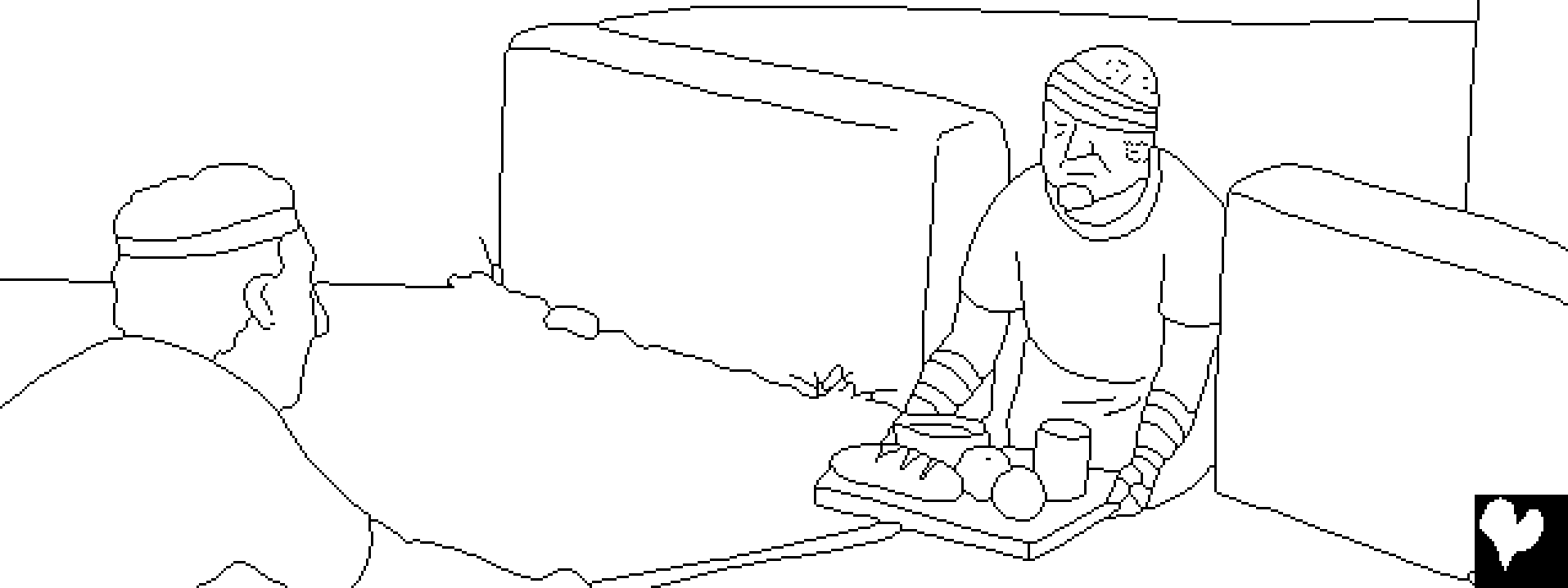
Ahaz



Hezekiah



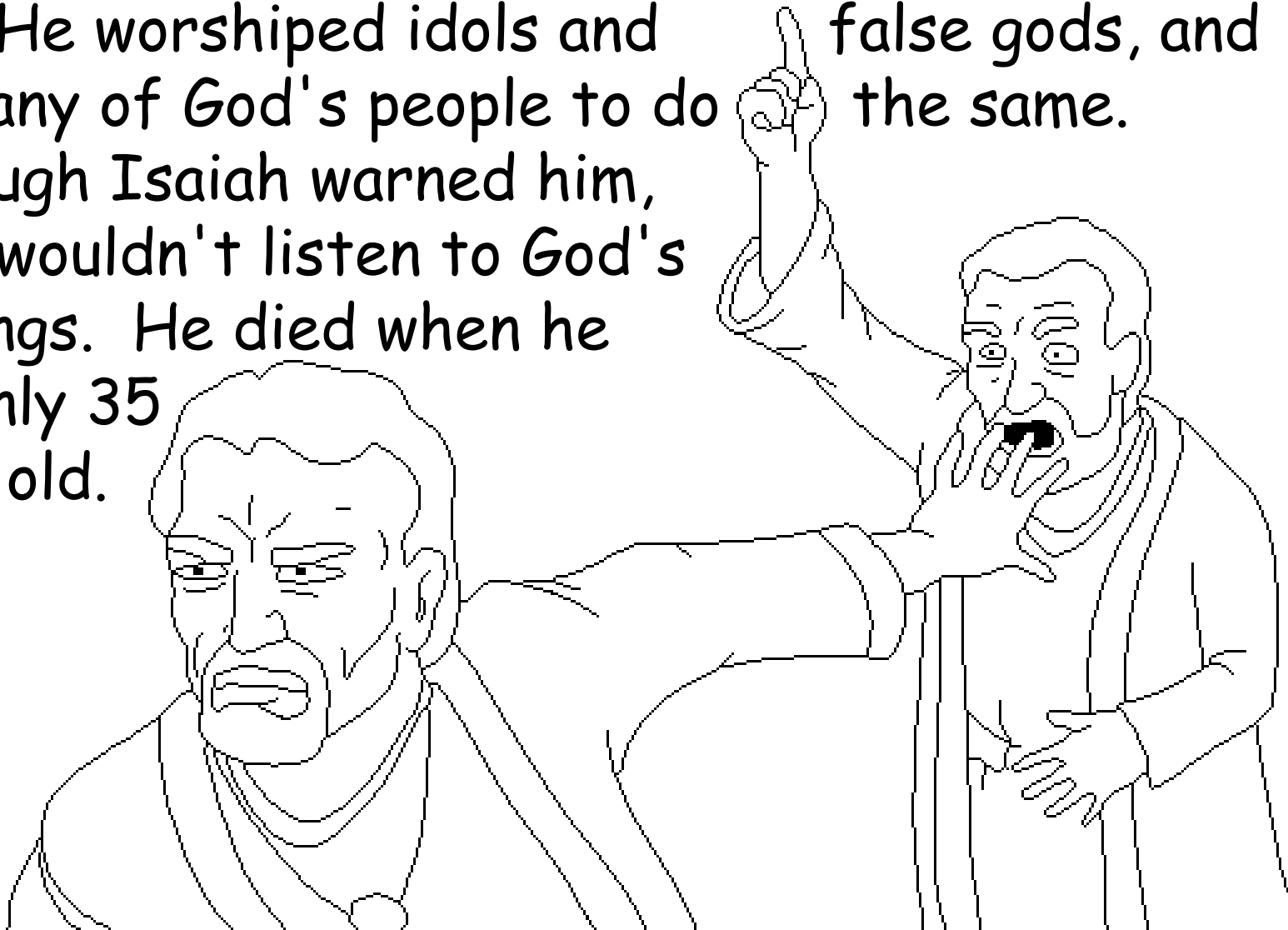
King Uzziah ruled the land of Judah from the city of Jerusalem. At first, God blessed Uzziah (who also had the name Amaziah) because he did what was right in the sight of the Lord. But Uzziah became proud and stopped obeying God. He became a leper and had to live alone until he died.



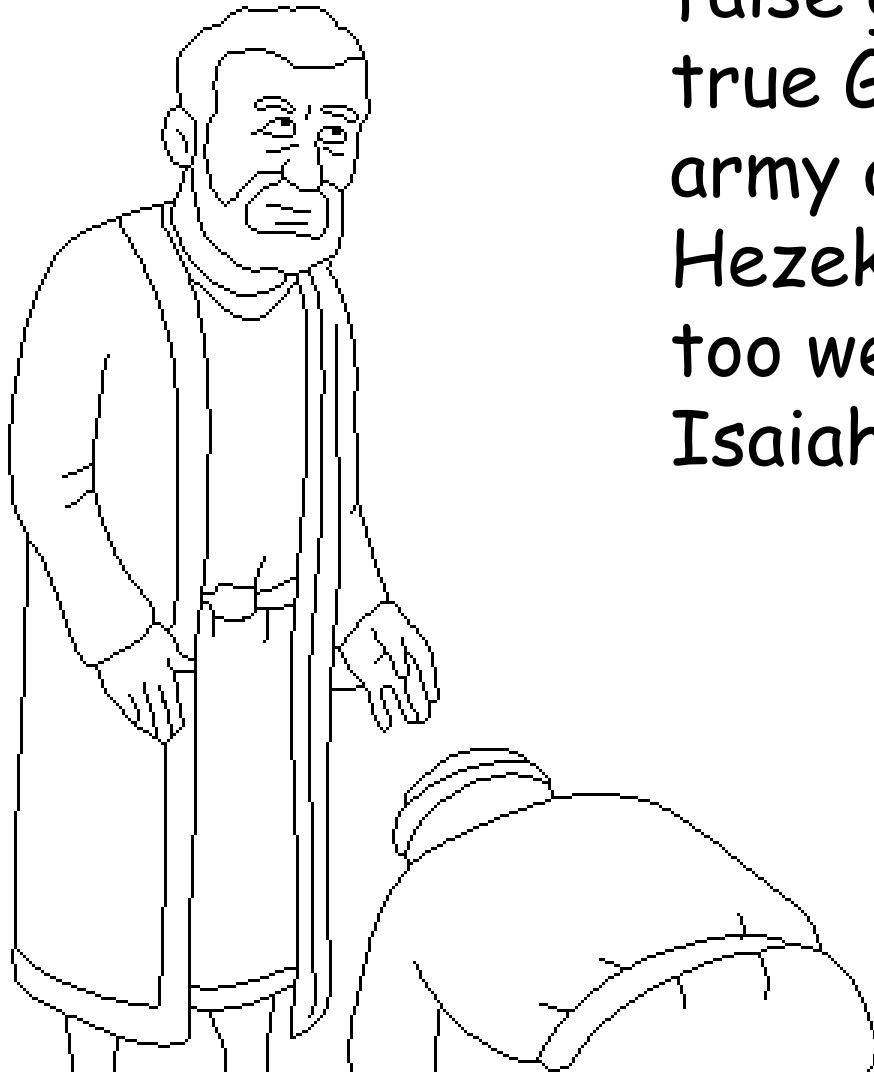
King Uzziah reigned for over 60 years. When he died, his son Jotham took his place and reigned for seventeen years. God blessed Jotham because he listened to what God had to say through Isaiah and other prophets.



King Jotham's son was Ahaz. Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. Ahaz didn't care about God. He worshiped idols and led many of God's people to do the same. Although Isaiah warned him, Ahaz wouldn't listen to God's warnings. He died when he was only 35 years old.



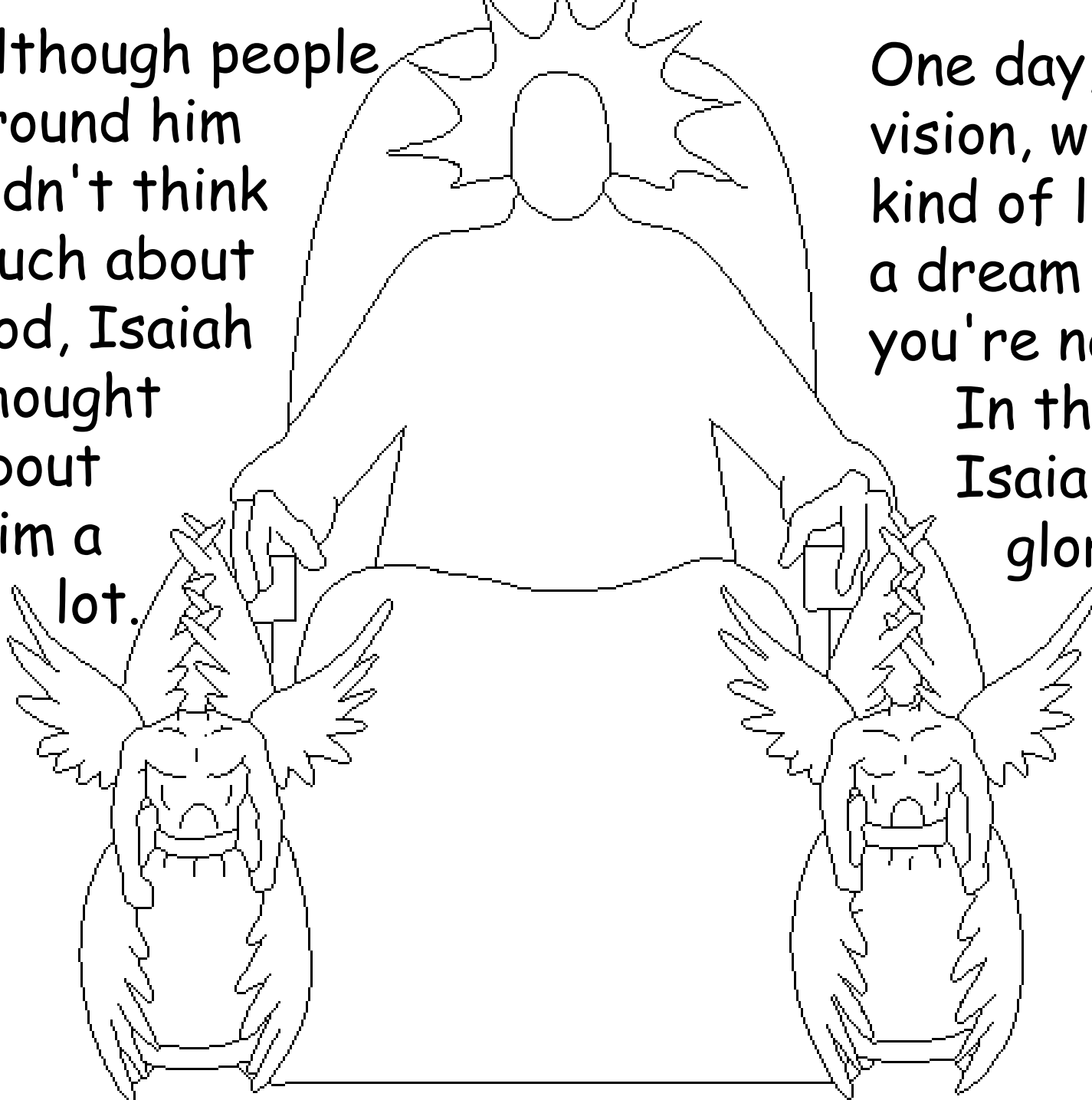
God blessed the next king, Hezekiah, because he removed all the idols and false gods, and prayed to the true God. When an enemy army attacked Judah, Hezekiah knew his army was too weak to win. He asked Isaiah to pray for God's help.



Isaiah sent this message to the King. "This is what the LORD says: Don't be afraid of this enemy ... I will cause him to fall ..." Soon after, God made the enemy army leave without even fighting Hezekiah!



Although people
around him
didn't think
much about
God, Isaiah
thought
about
Him a
lot.

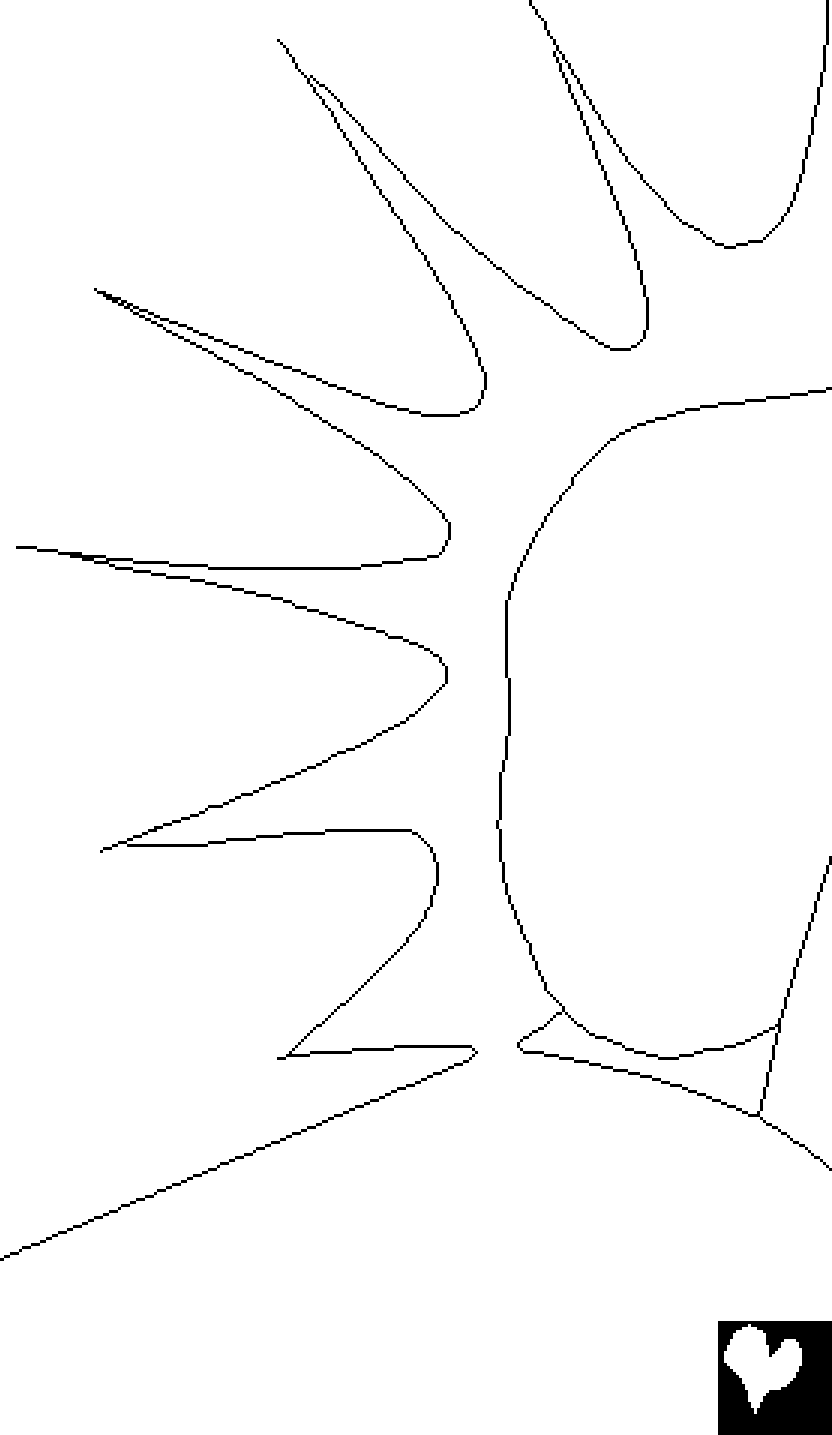
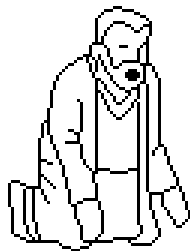


One day, he had a
vision, which is
kind of like having
a dream when
you're not asleep.

In the vision,
Isaiah saw how
glorious and
holy the
LORD is.

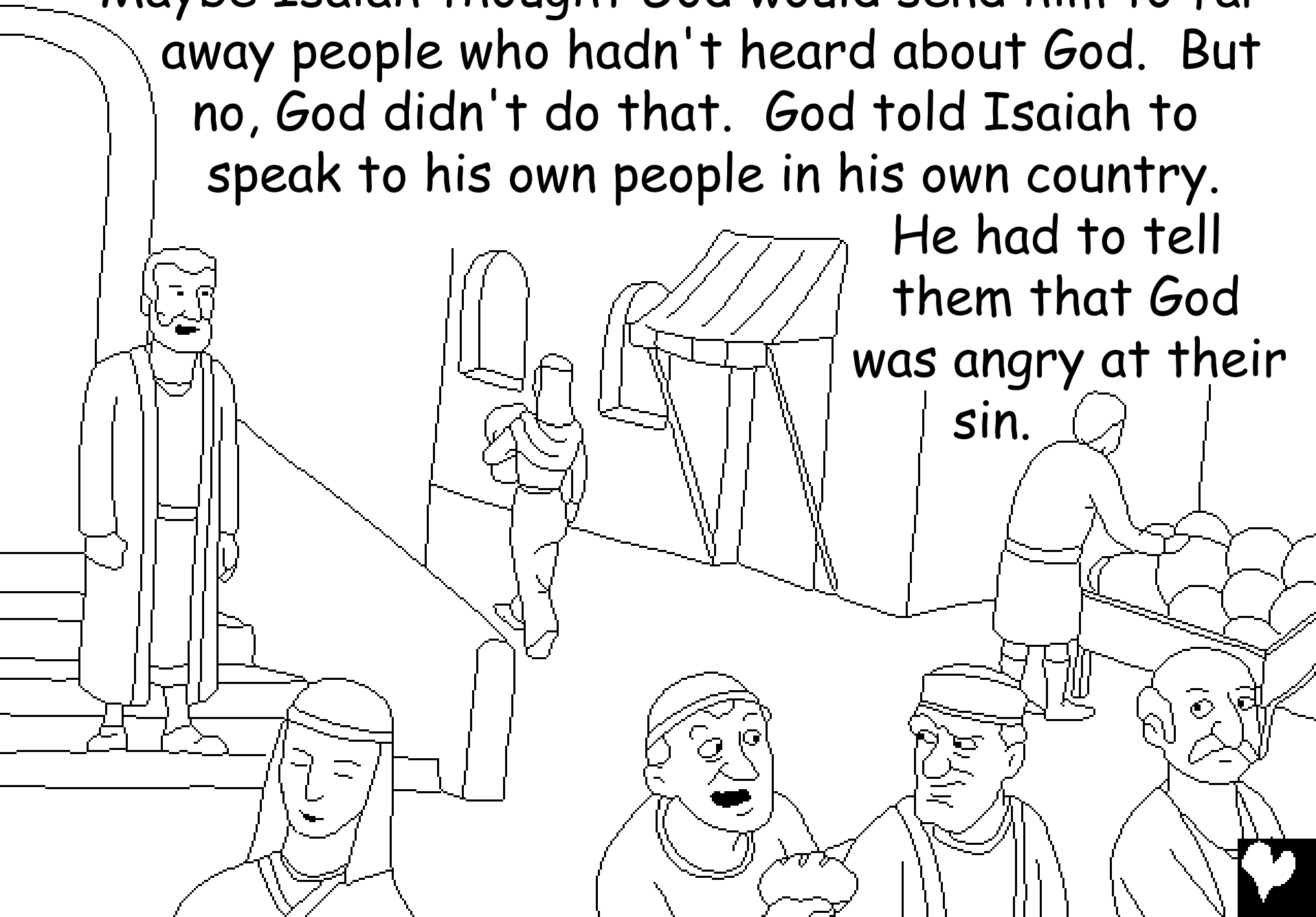


"Who shall I send?"
God asked in the vision.
"Here am I. Send me,"
Isaiah answered.
He was willing to do
whatever God asked,
and go wherever God
sent him.

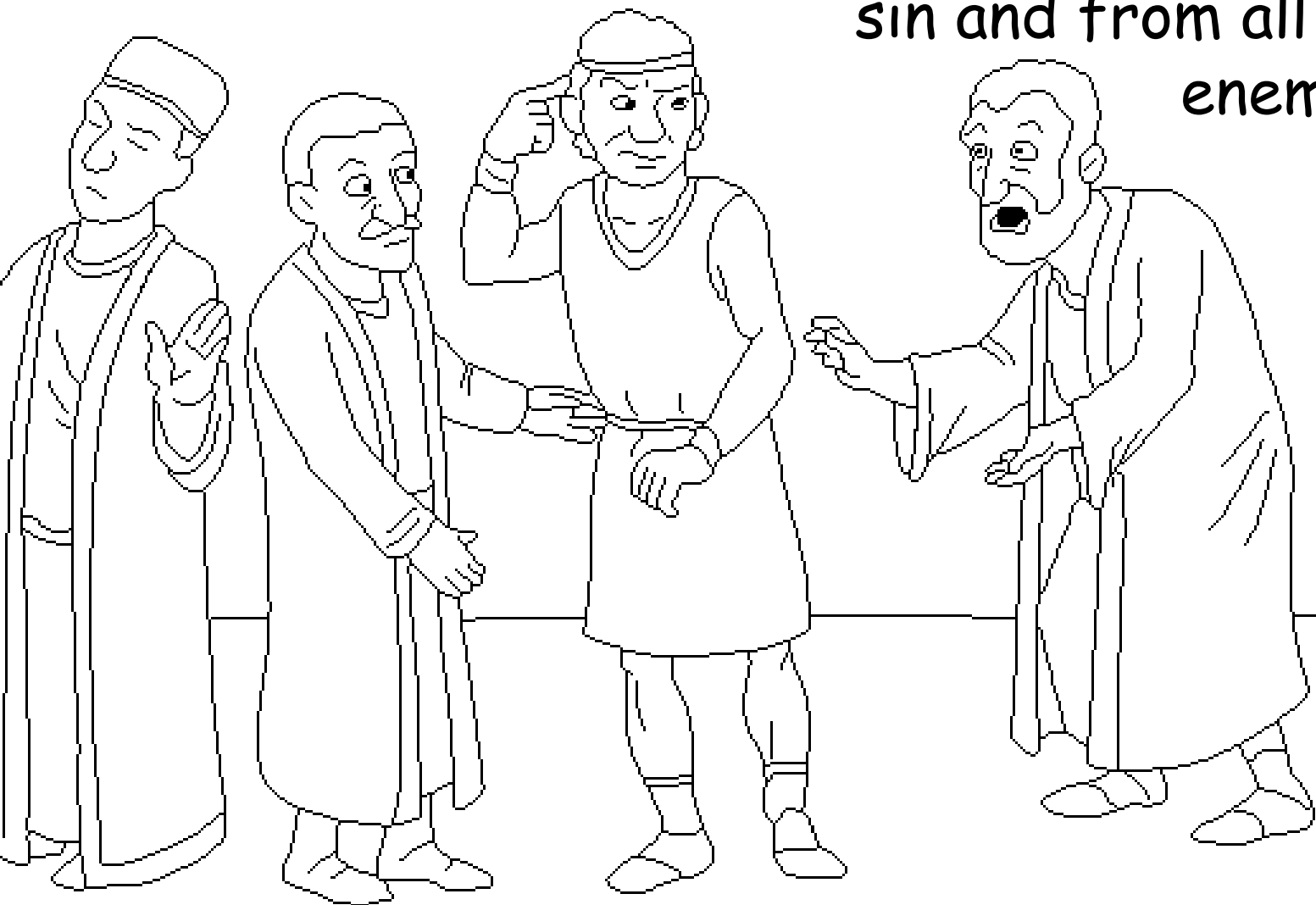


Maybe Isaiah thought God would send him to far-away people who hadn't heard about God. But no, God didn't do that. God told Isaiah to speak to his own people in his own country.

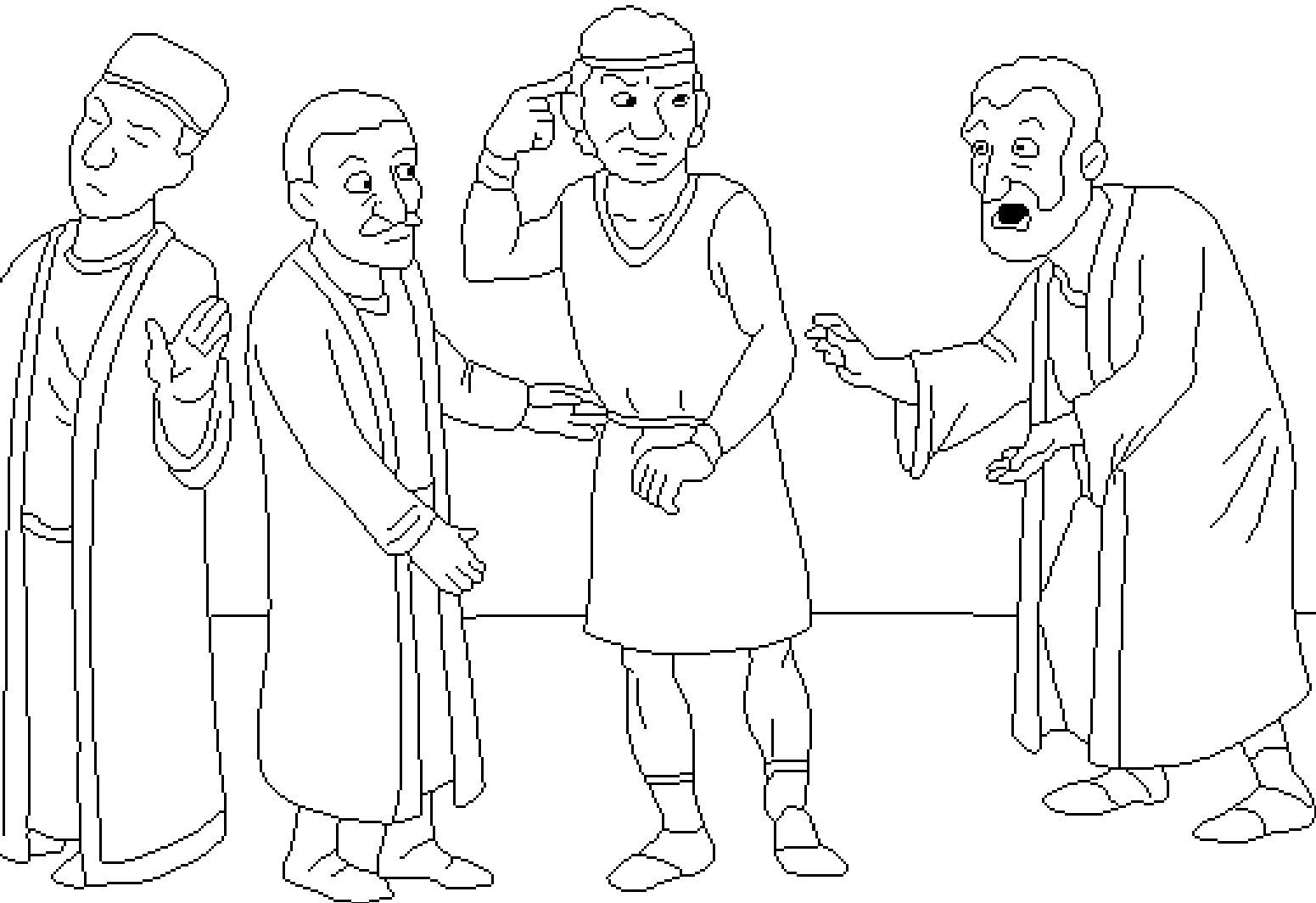
He had to tell them that God was angry at their sin.



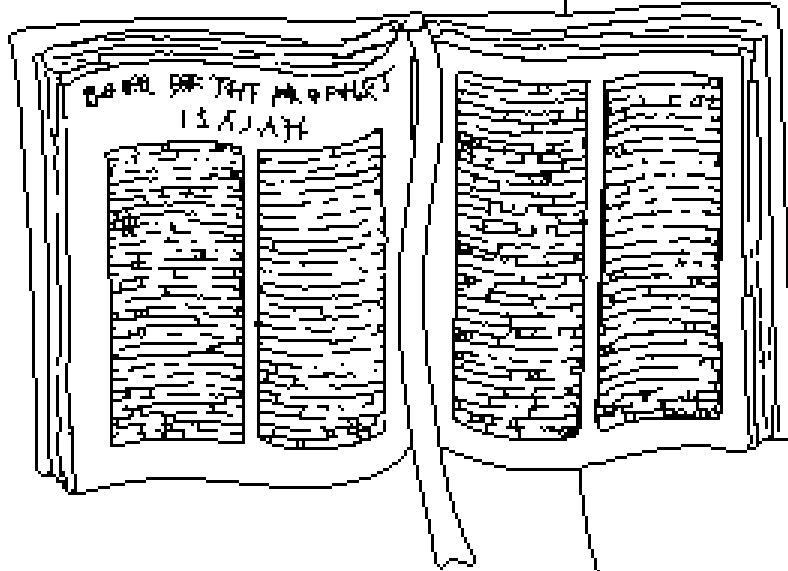
There were other things Isaiah had to tell his people - wonderful things about a Person who would be a strong deliverer and come to save them from sin and from all their enemies.



The Jewish people called this Person "Messiah".
Even though they expected God to send Messiah,
many people lived as if He would never come.



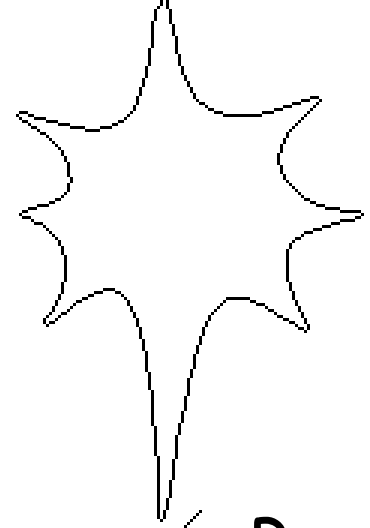
All the things
Isaiah said about
Messiah are
written in his
book. Although
he wrote these
things hundreds
of years before
they happened,
everything
Isaiah said
about Messiah
would come true.



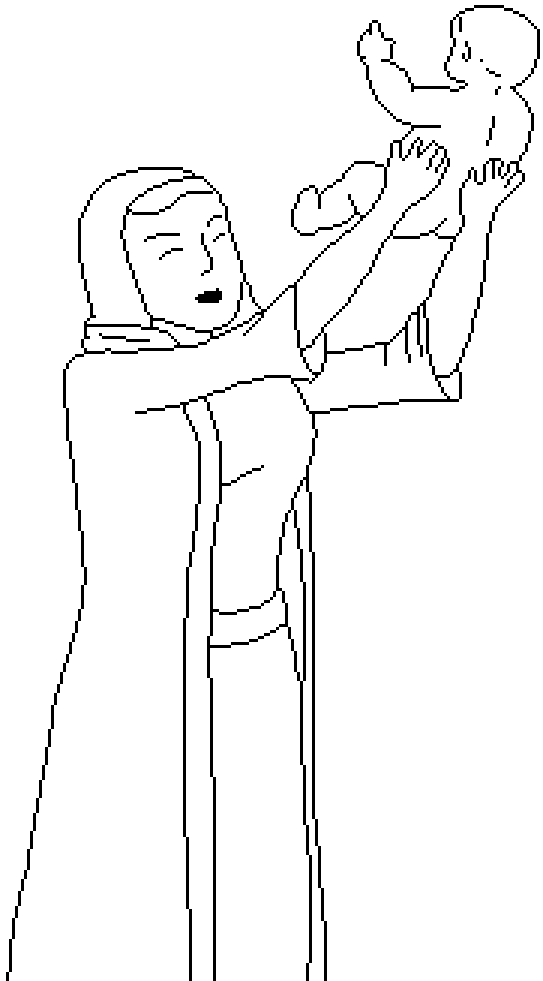
Isaiah said that God Himself
would give a sign.
He said,

"Behold a virgin
shall bear a son
and call his name
Immanuel."

People
knew
Isaiah was
talking about
God's Messiah
because a woman
could not be a virgin
and also have a child.
Also, the name Immanuel
means God with us!



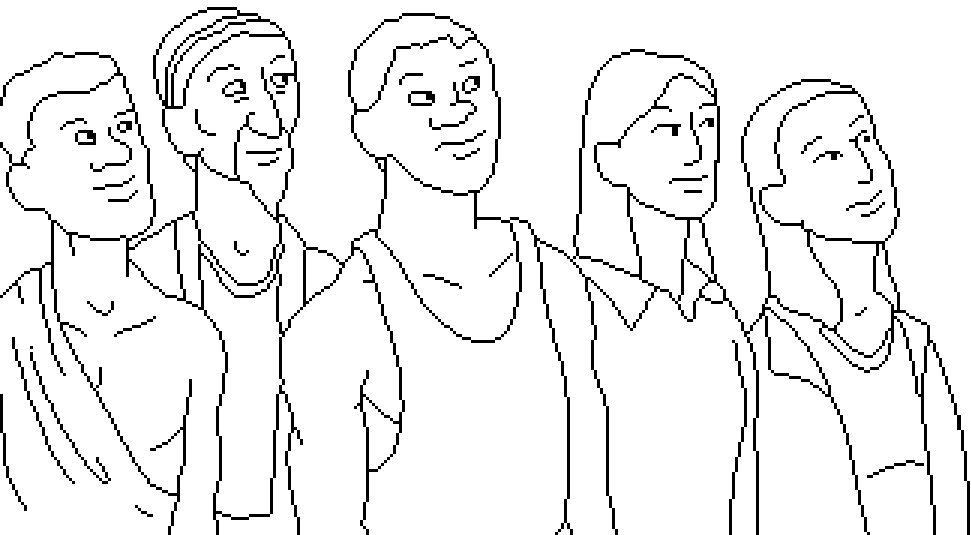
"For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given; and
the government shall be
upon His shoulder. And His
name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah was so sure that
God's promises would come
true, he spoke as if the
event had already
happened. This is called
prophecy.



Isaiah said that Messiah would be great and do great things. God also told Isaiah to tell the people that Messiah would suffer and be put to death. Isaiah might have wondered how Messiah could be great and powerful and also weak and injured. But Isaiah didn't argue with God - he just repeated what God told him to say. God would make sure His prophecy came true.



Messiah was coming - not just for the Jewish people. God told Isaiah that Messiah would be "a light to the Gentiles". Gentiles are all the people in the world who are not Jews. God loves everybody and His Messiah would come to bless everyone and to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.



Isaiah Sees the Future

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

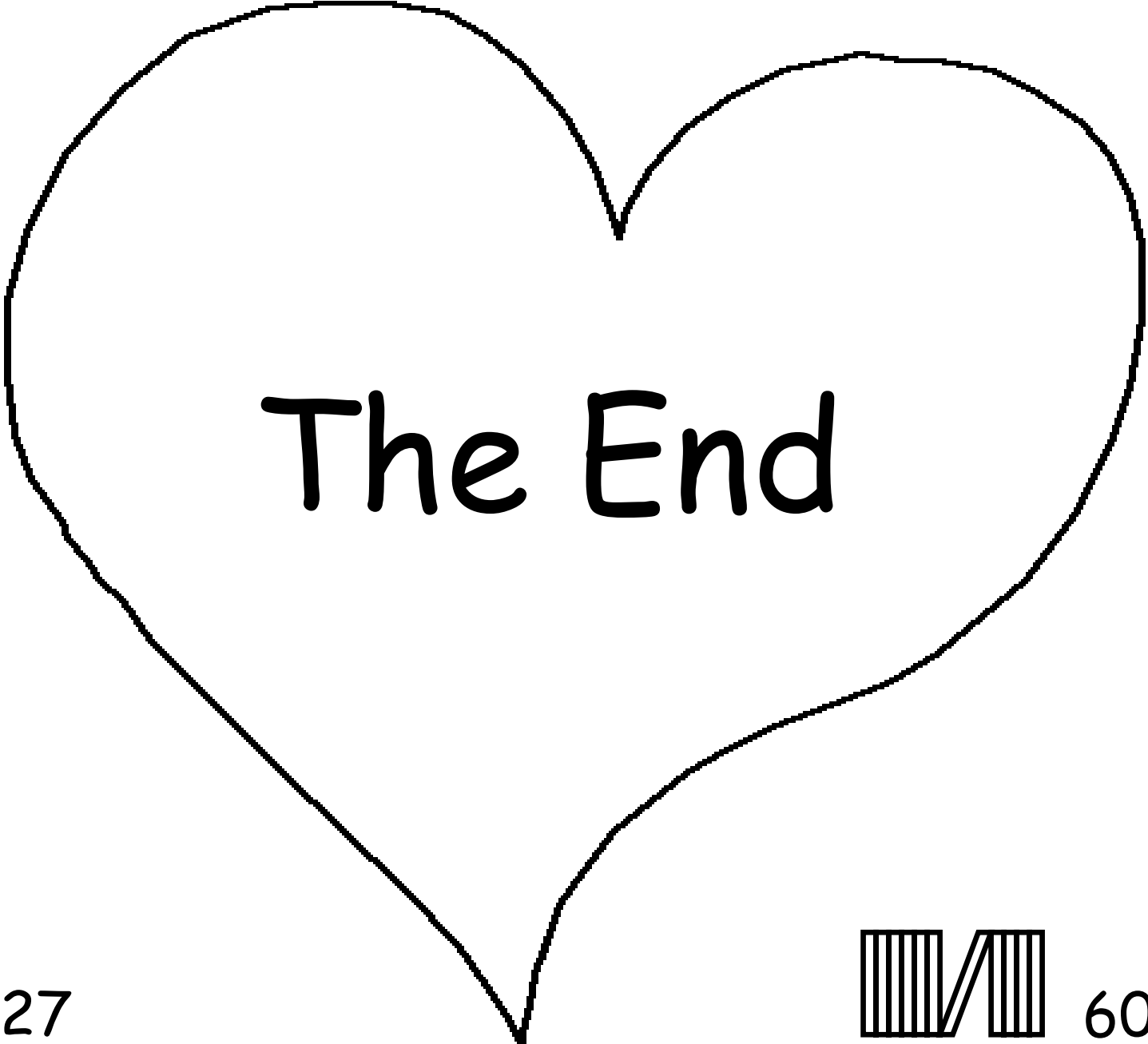
is found in

Isaiah 1, 6, 7, 9, 53

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130





The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin.

The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so that I can have new life now, and one day go to be with You forever. Help me to live for You as Your child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every day! John 3:16

