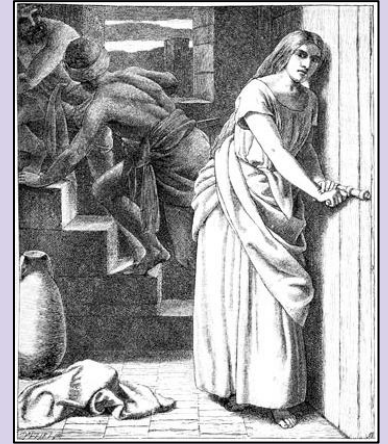


Joshua 2

Life-Changing Faith: Rahab

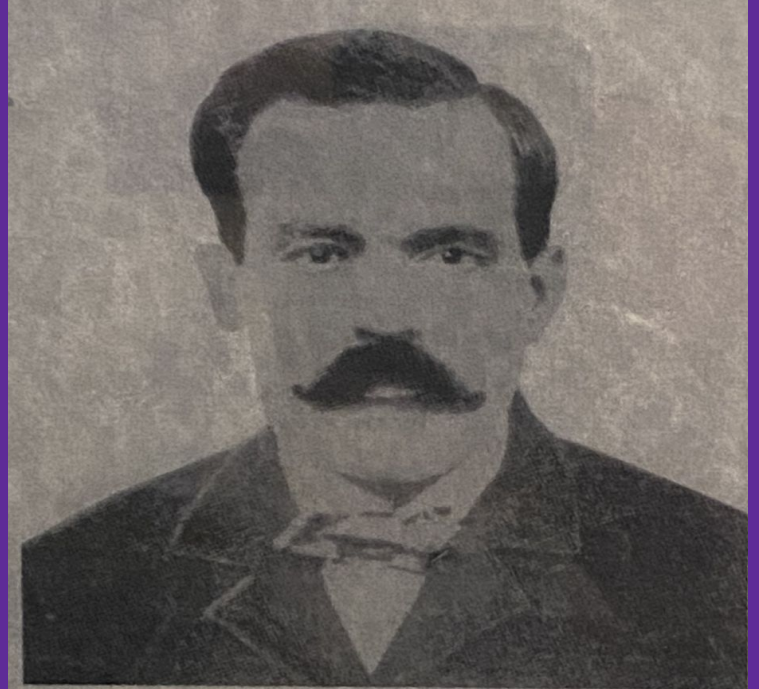


Now faith is *confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see*. This is what the ancients were commended for.

- Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)

Thomas E. Ketchum

All in the family

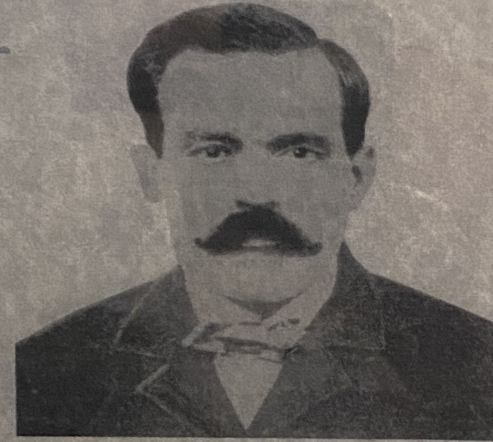


WANTED:

Thomas E.
"Black Jack"
Ketchum

Also all in the family...

\$1,000 REWARD



THOMAS E.
"Black Jack" Ketchum

ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1898 BLACK JACK AND HIS GANG ROBBED THE MAIL AND PASSENGER TRAIN of the COLORADO and SOUTHERN RAILROAD AT TWIN MOUNTAIN, NEAR DES MOINES, NEW MEXICO.

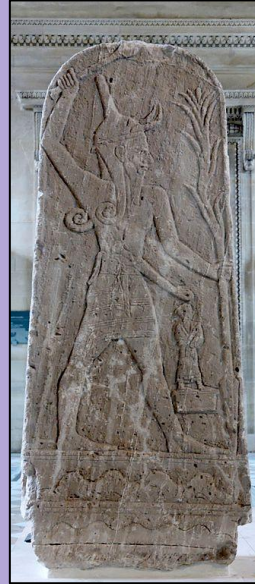
CONTACT AUTHORITIES

CLAYTON, NEW MEXICO

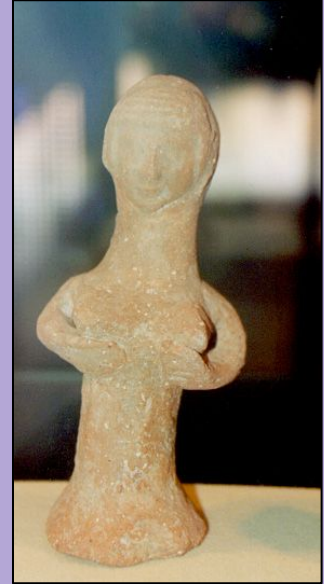
Canaanite gods *(a sampling)*



El

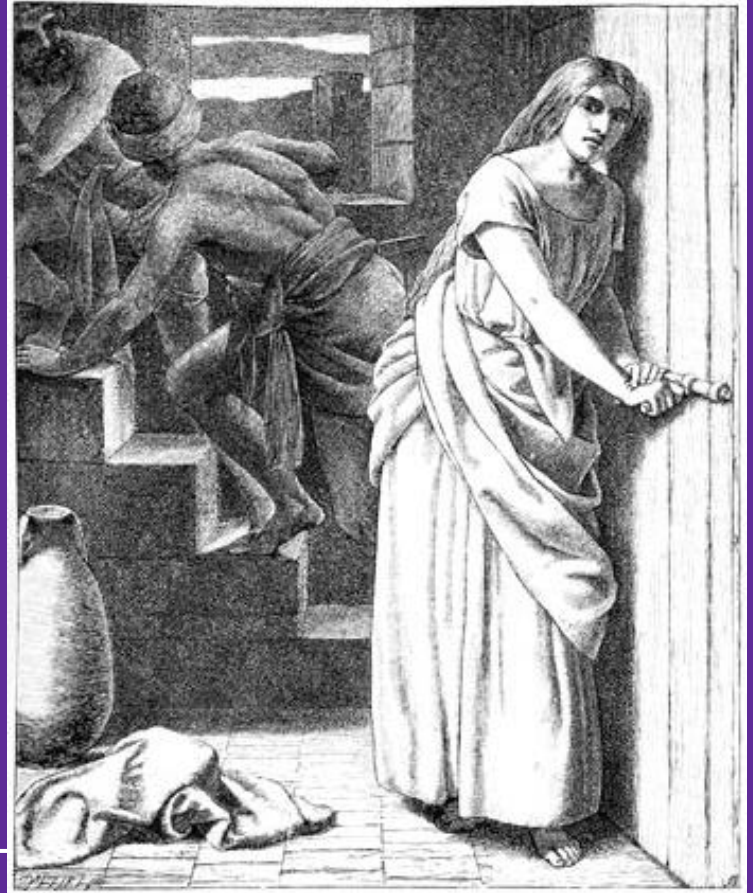


Ba'al



Asherah

The faith of a Canaanite woman



Rahab's faith

She put faith in her business  FAIL

She put faith in her political connections  FAIL

She put faith in her negotiation skills  FAIL

She put faith in the God of Israel  UNFAILING

Our faith

We put our faith in financial security  FAIL

We put our faith in relationships  FAIL

We put our faith in ourselves  FAIL

We put our faith in the God of Israel  UNFAILING

The faith of another Canaanite woman

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”





The woman argues with Jesus

The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

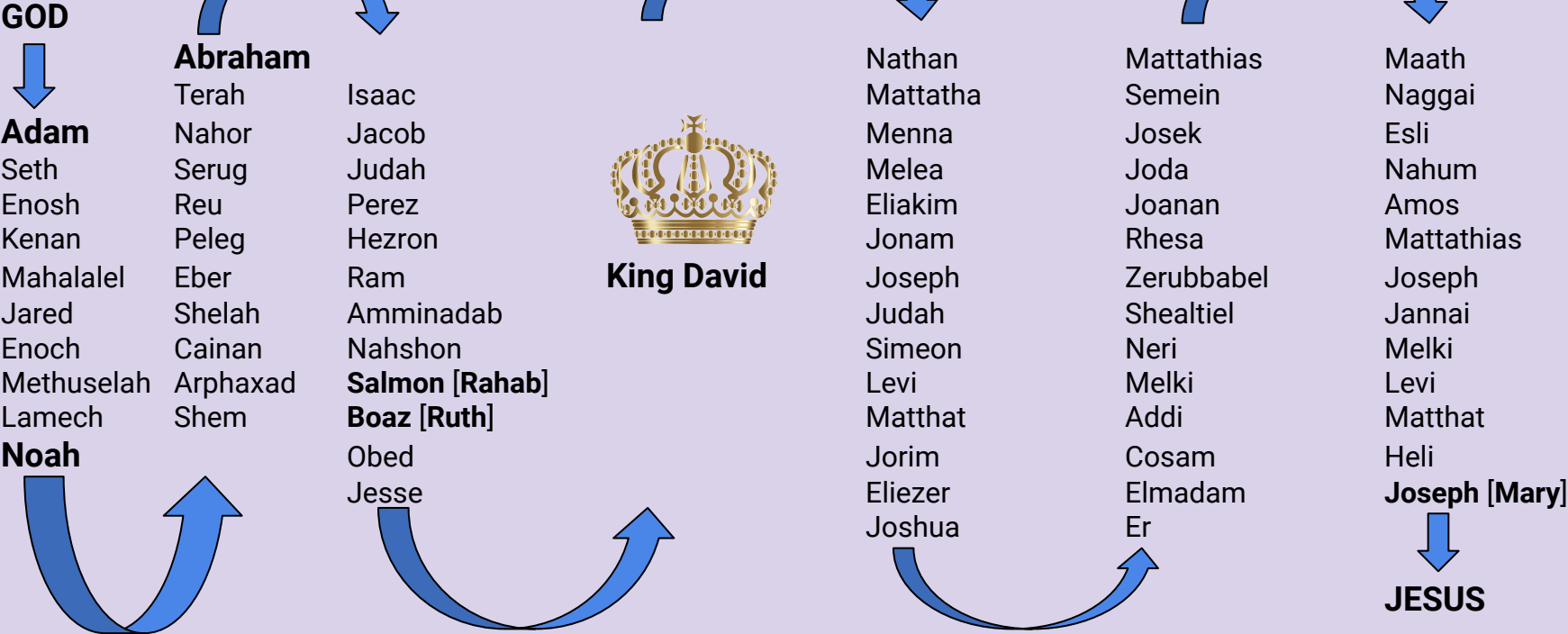
He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”



Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Luke's genealogy of Jesus (Luke 3:23-38)



A wooden cross stands on a grassy hill at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, purple, and orange. The foreground is filled with tall grasses and some red flowers. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Faith

Confidence in what we hope for

Assurance of what we do not see