

# Printing and Finishing Guide

This file is for making stapled lesson booklets. The content of the booklet is the same as in the spiral booklets, but this file makes a thinner and less expensive booklet.

## Materials:

Select paper that has a thickness of about 1 millimeter for 10 pages. This is typical of 20 to 28 pound paper. We prefer glossy paper when printing on laser printers but for inkjet printers we like the colors better on the non-glossy paper we have tried.

Lamination equipment and supplies for full-size paper.

## Printing:

1. Print the first side of the pages by using Adobe Acrobat Reader's settings:

Odd Pages only

Auto-Center

Pages 1-end

If printing on European A4 paper size, depending on which printer model you are using, it might be necessary to choose the option to reduce oversized pages to fit.

2. Arrange the pages printed in step 1 as needed for your printer to print on the reverse side, and print the other side:

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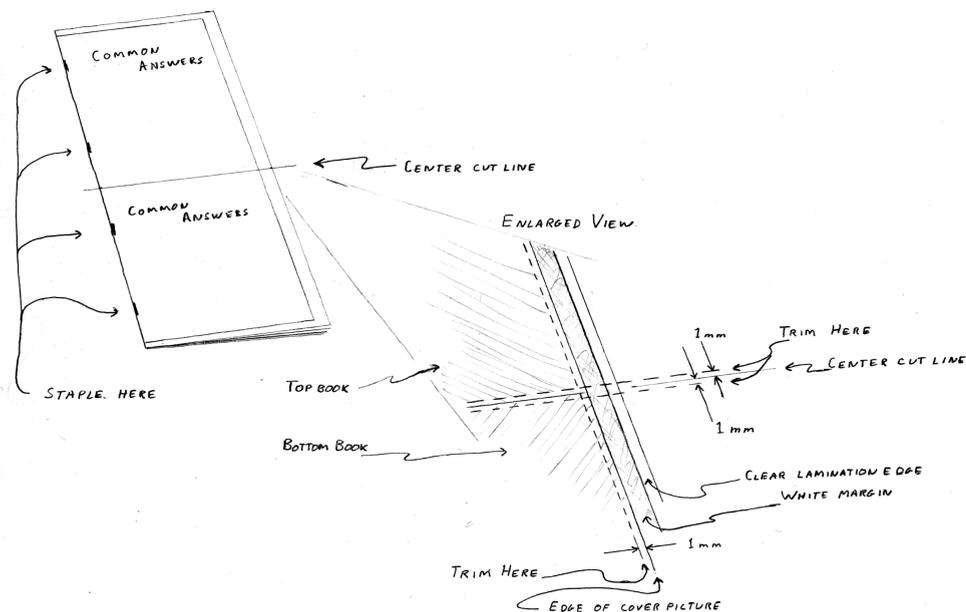
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## Finishing:

1. Laminate both sides of the cover. If only one side is laminated, the pages will curl with changes in temperature and humidity.
2. Fold each page in half long-wise and place the pages in their final booklet order.
3. Since the lamination edges will be cut off, make sure the inside booklet pages line up with the cover page inside the lamination--not the outside clear edge of the lamination.
4. Place 4 staples approximately equally spaced along the fold-line and about 1.25 inches away from the outside edges.
5. With a ruler and razor blade (or an industrial paper cutter), cut into two equally-sized books.
6. Trim off the margins including about 1mm of the cover's picture on the top, bottom, and non-stapled edge. Although removing the laminated edges reduces the protection that is typical of laminated pages, it still leaves significant protection to the book, and makes the book more comfortable to handle.





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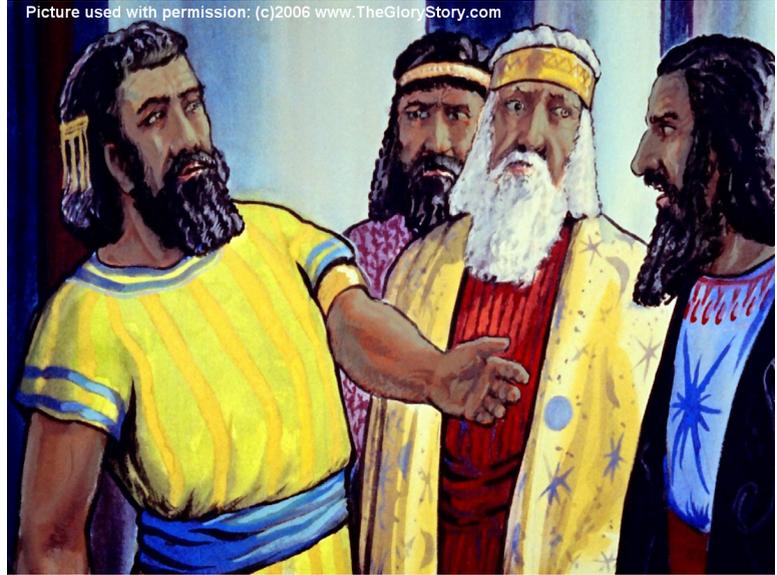
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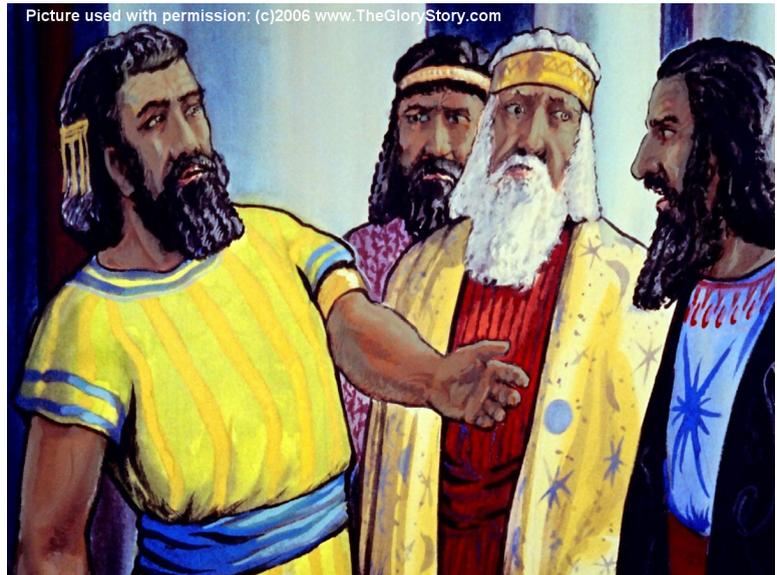


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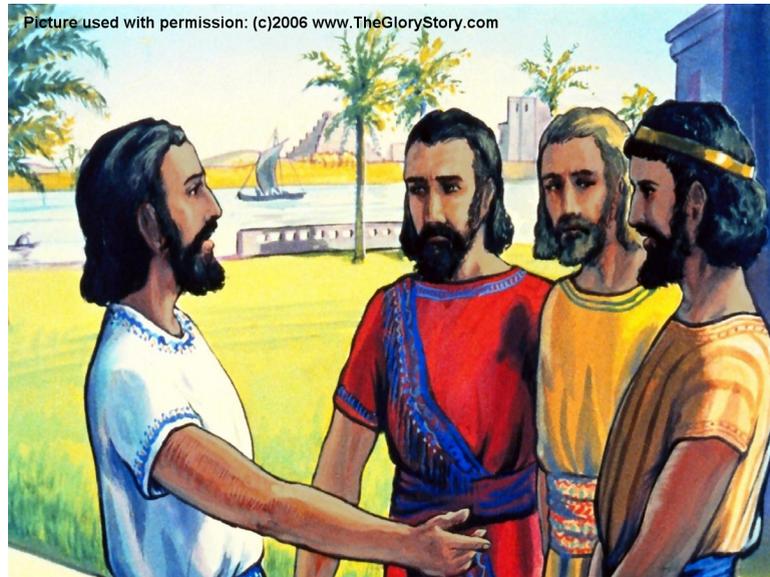
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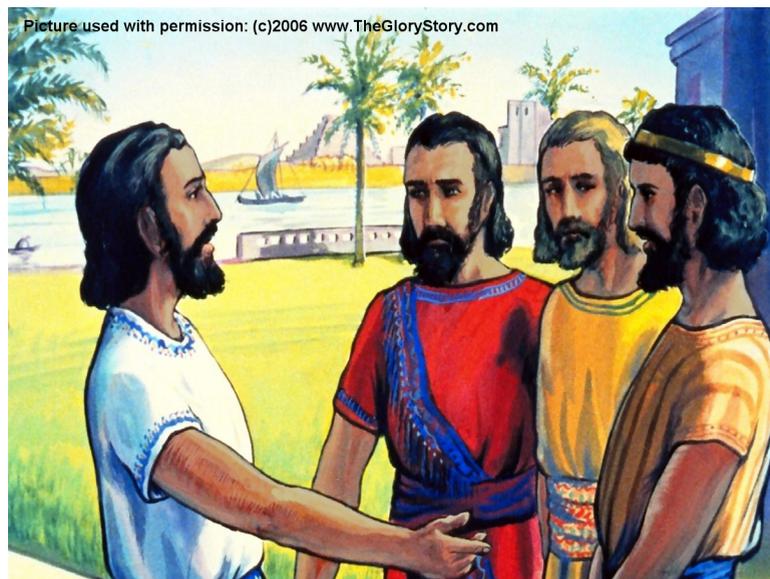
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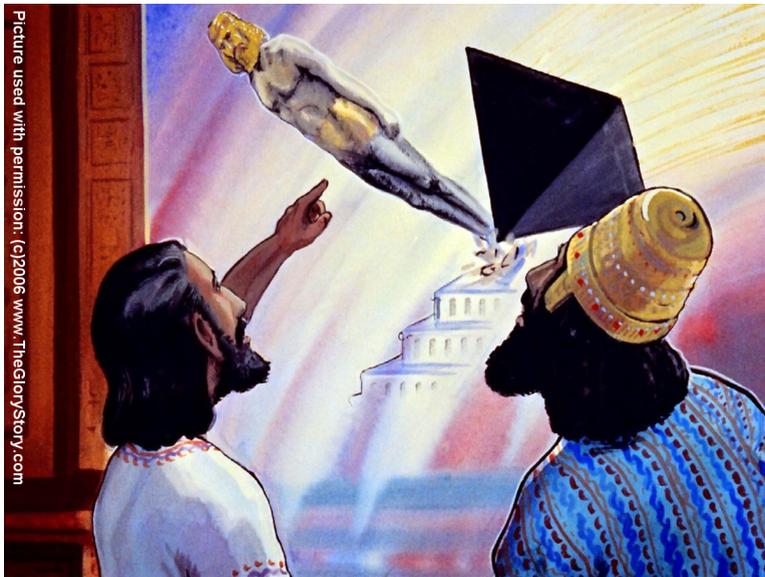
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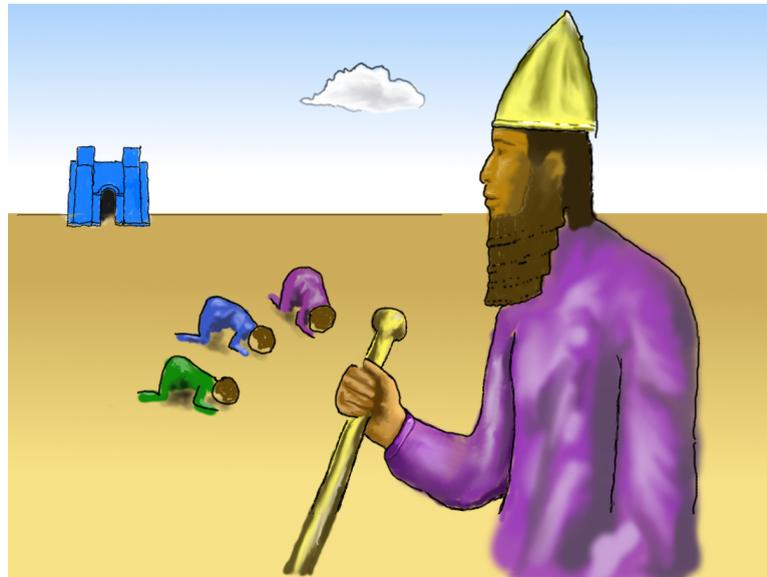
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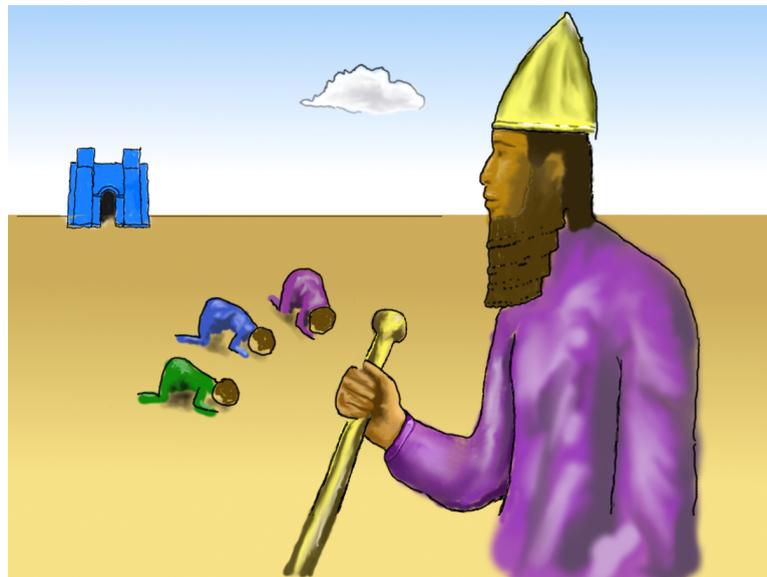
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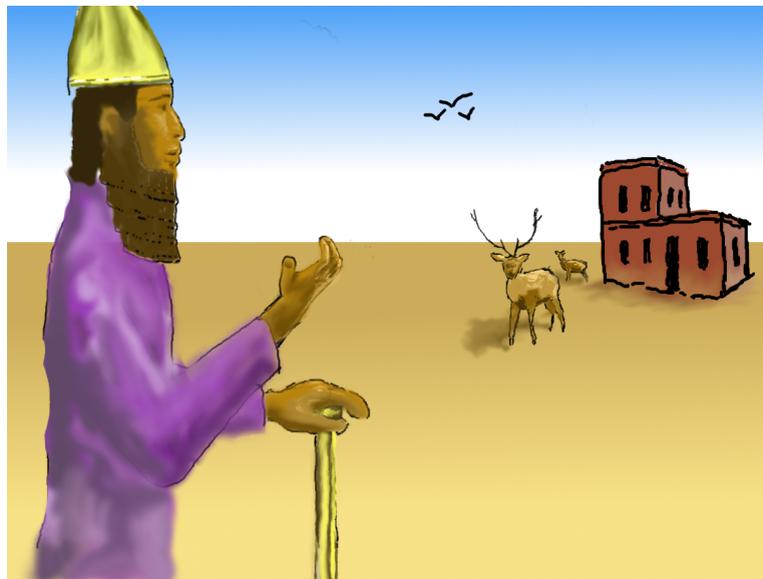
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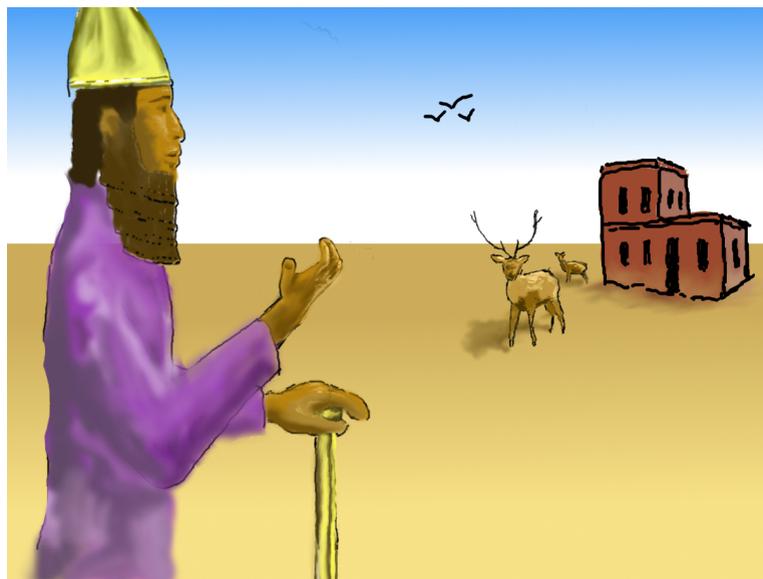
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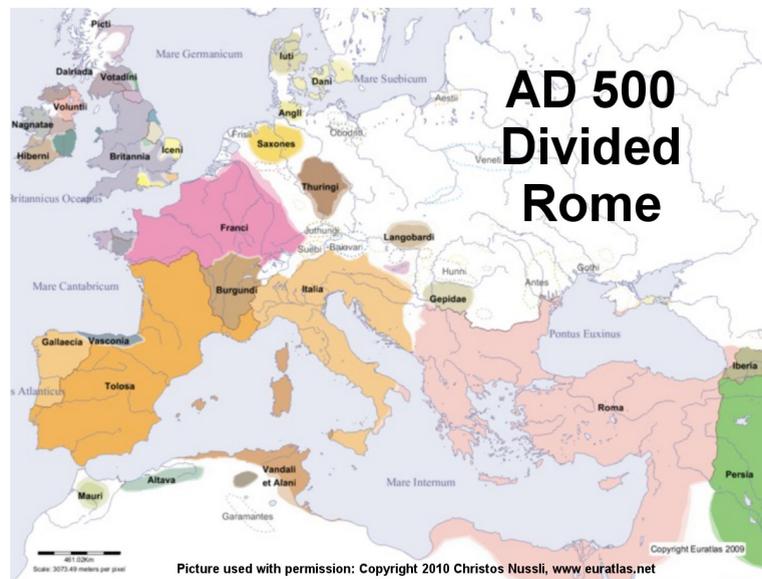
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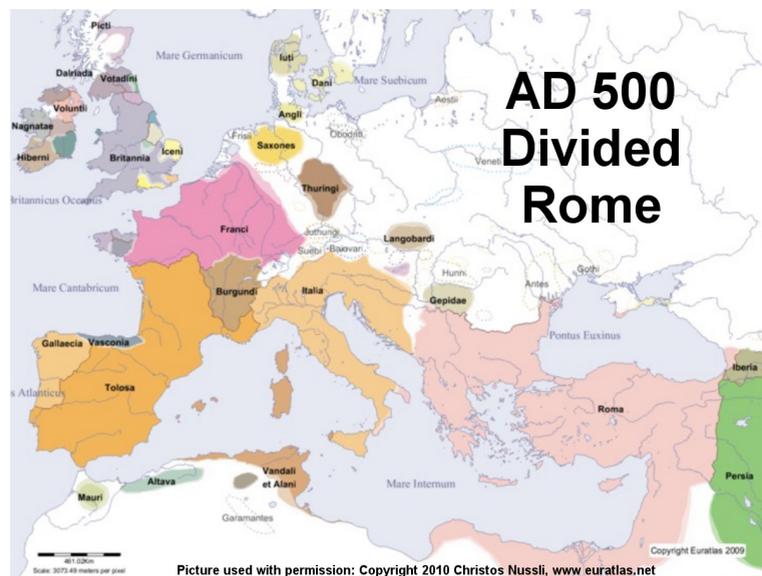
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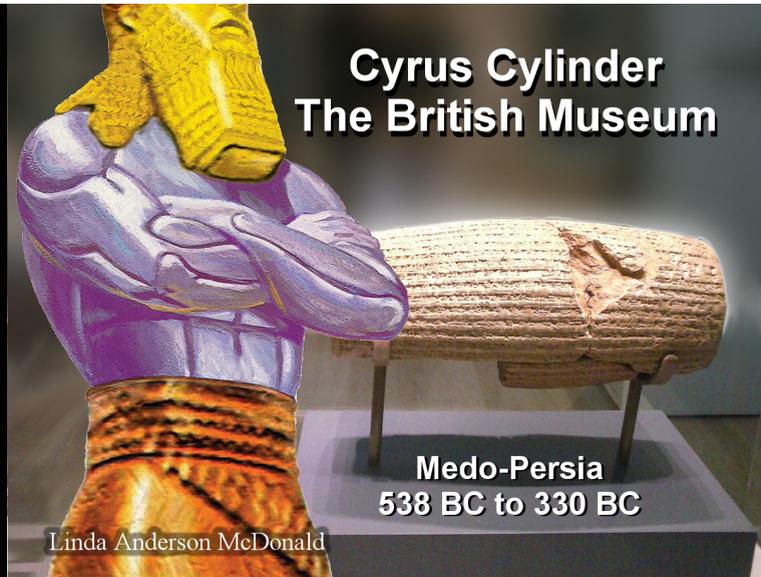


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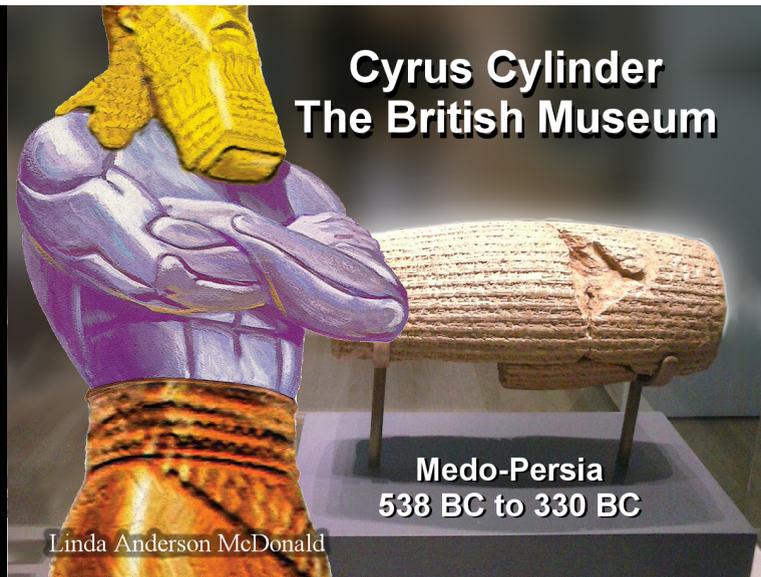
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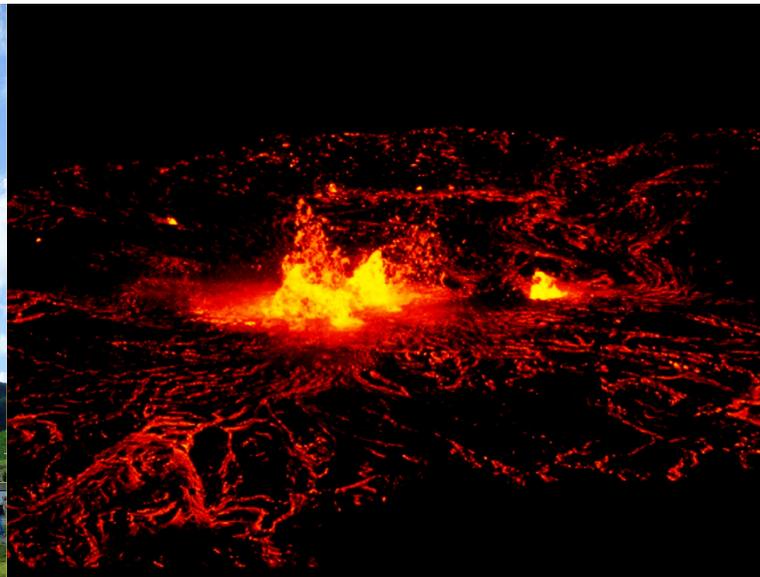
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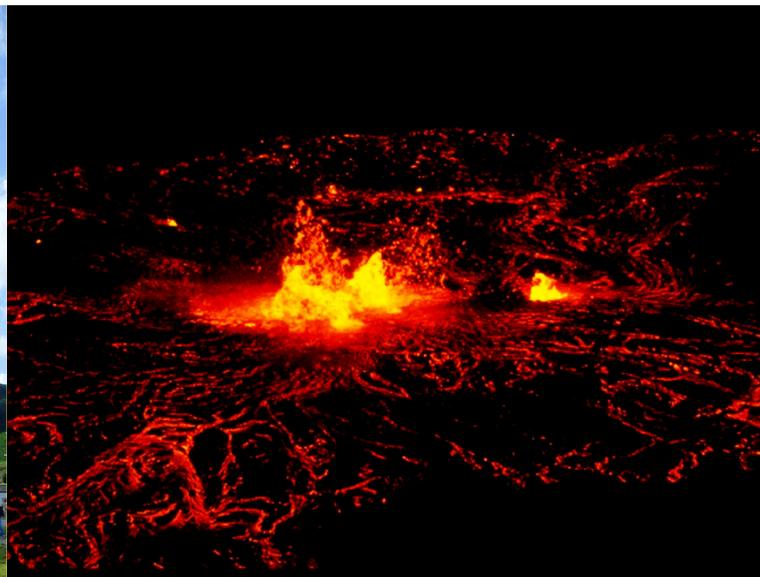
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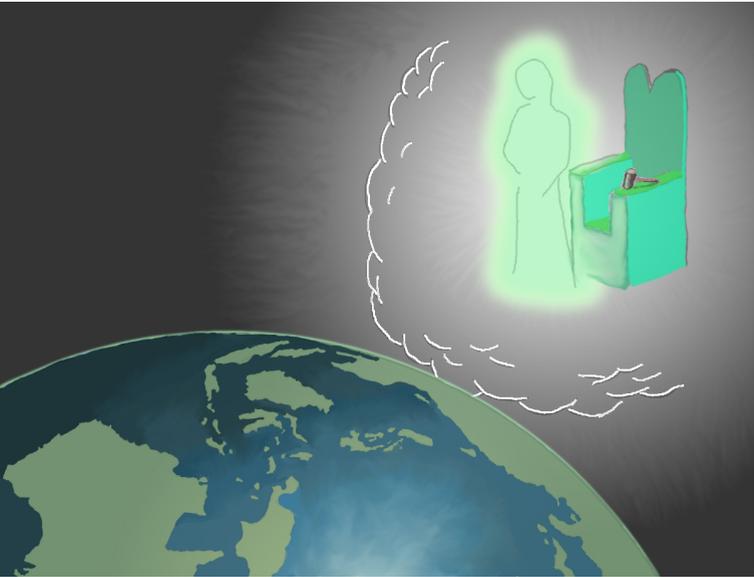


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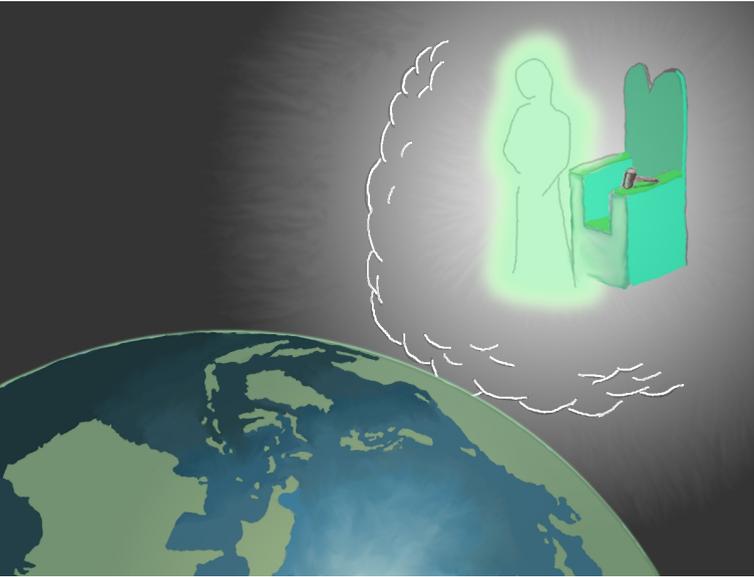
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