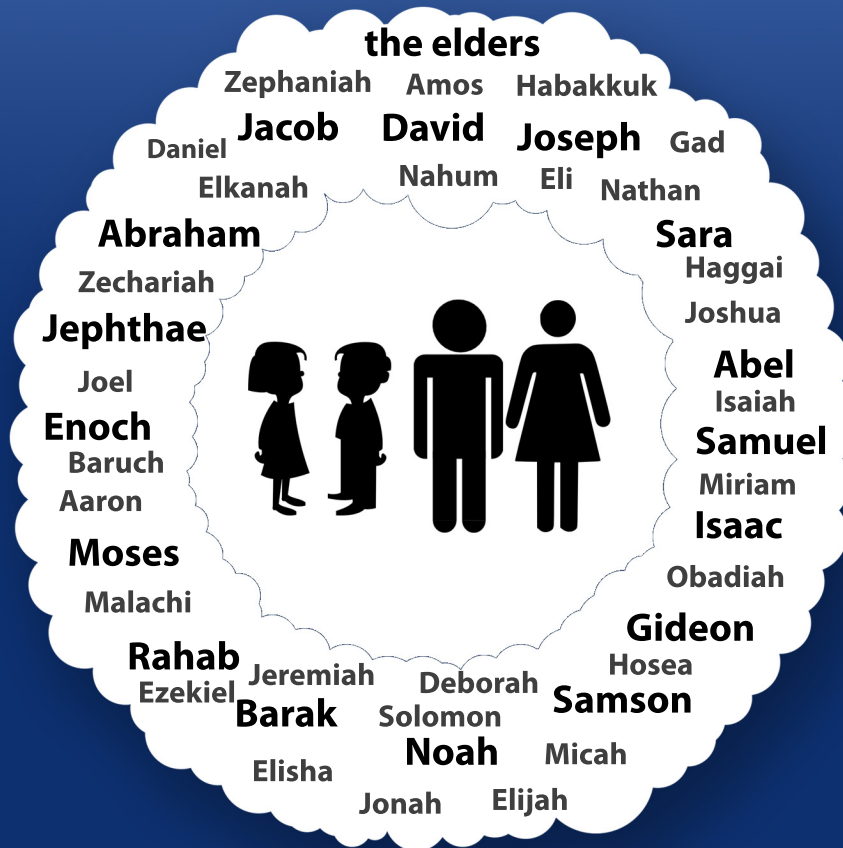


A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Hebrews 12:1-2 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."



And many more

Who has God surrounded us with?

Hebrews chapter 11 is a wonderful chapter of the Bible that illustrates the persistence and perseverance of faith. These men and women:

- * Looked for a city whose builder was God
- * Obeyed God
- * Rejected the pleasures of sin for a season
- * Kept the Passover
- * Passed through the red sea
- * Subdued kingdoms
- * Wrought righteousness
- * Obtained promises
- * Stopped the mouth of lions
- * Quenched the violence of fire
- * Escaped the edge of the sword
- * In weakness were made strong
- * Were valiant in fight
- * Received the dead raised again to life
- * Were tortured and did not reject their faith
- * Trials of cruel mocking
- * Endured scourging
- * Suffered bonds and imprisonment
- * Were stoned
- * Were sawn in pieces
- * Were Tempted
- * Were killed with the sword
- * Wandered destitute, afflicted and tormented

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