

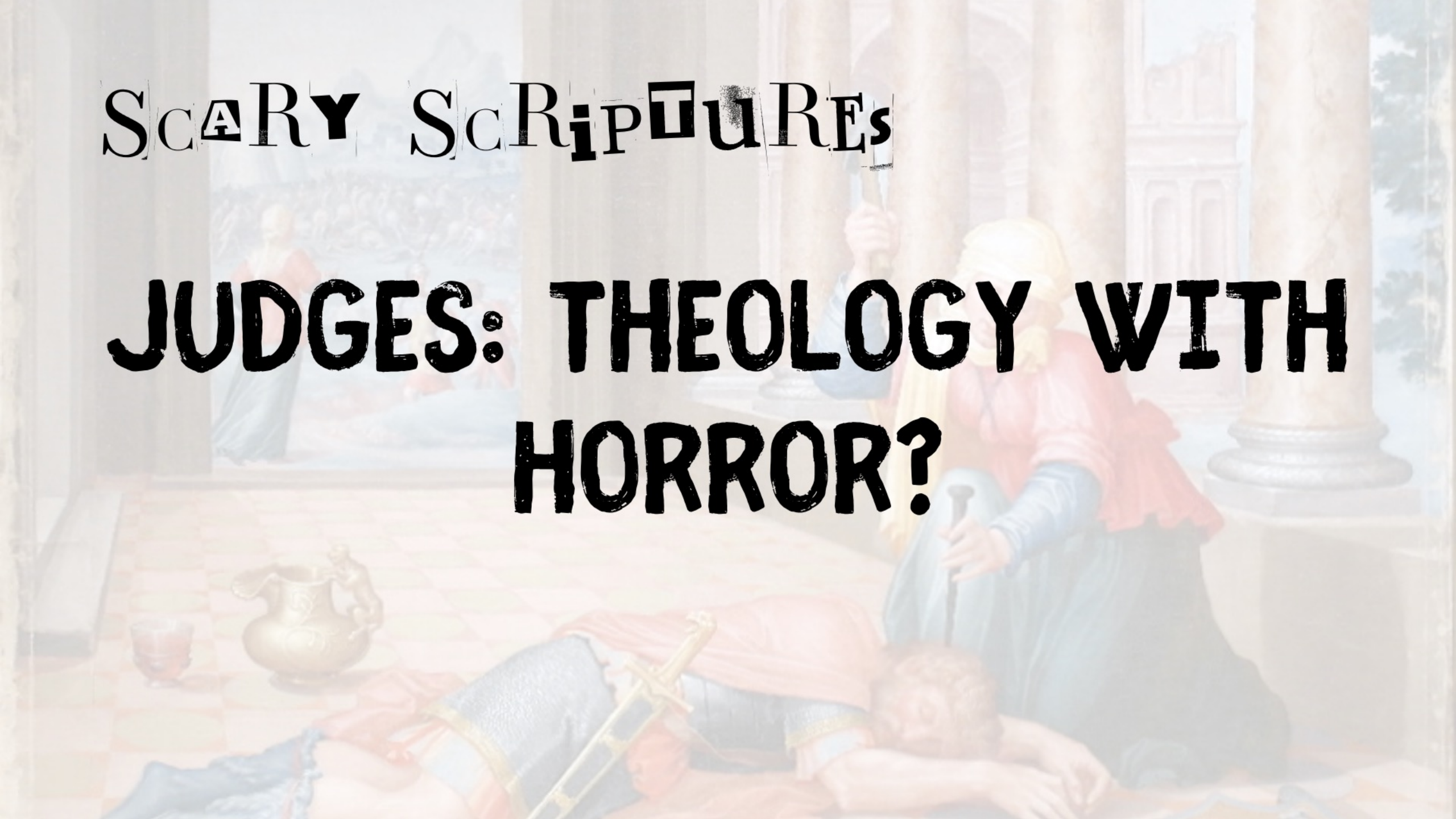
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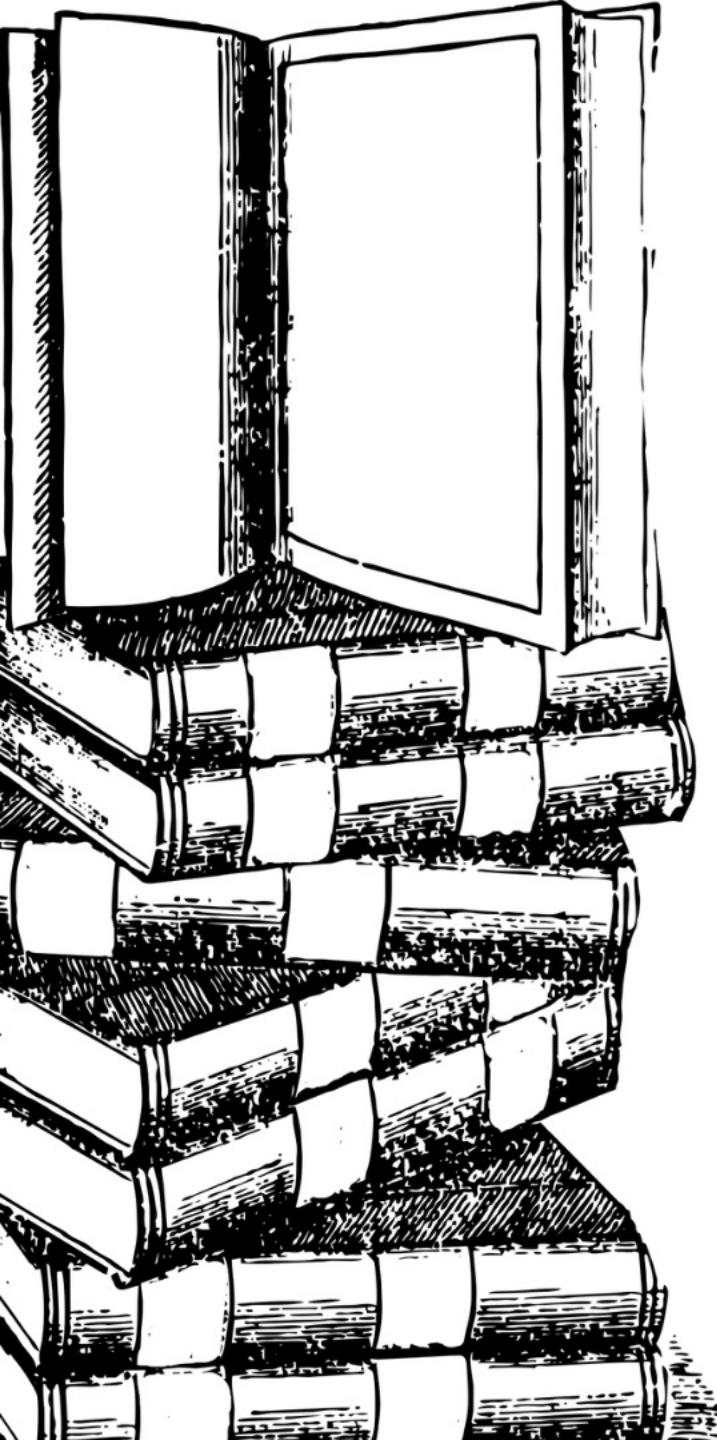


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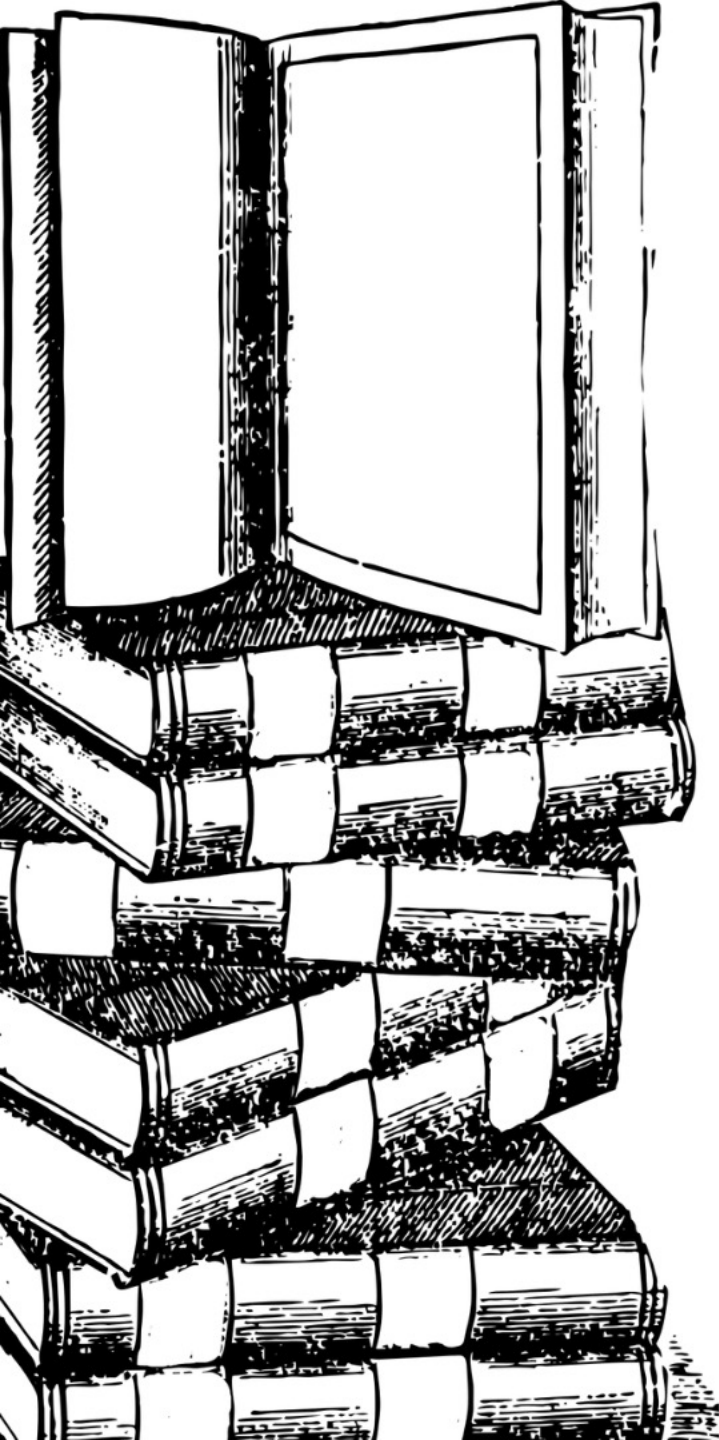






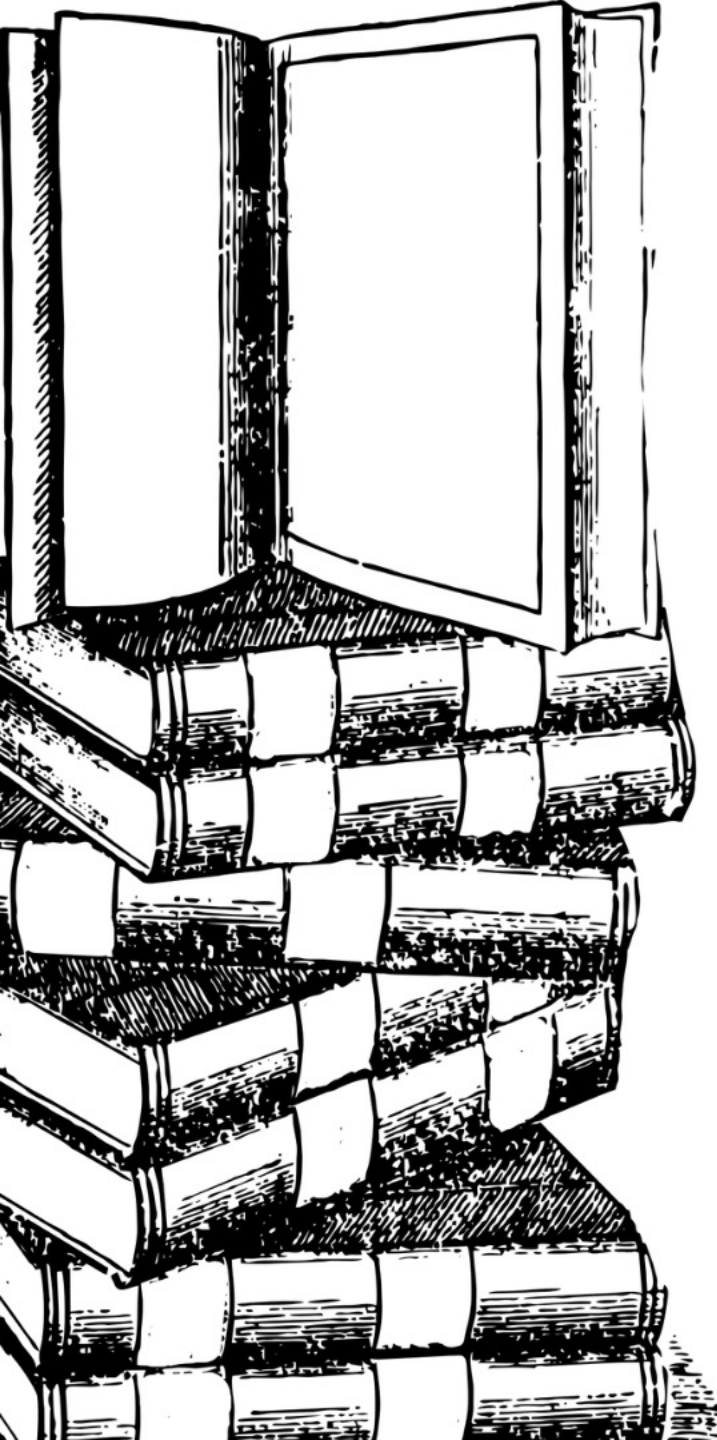
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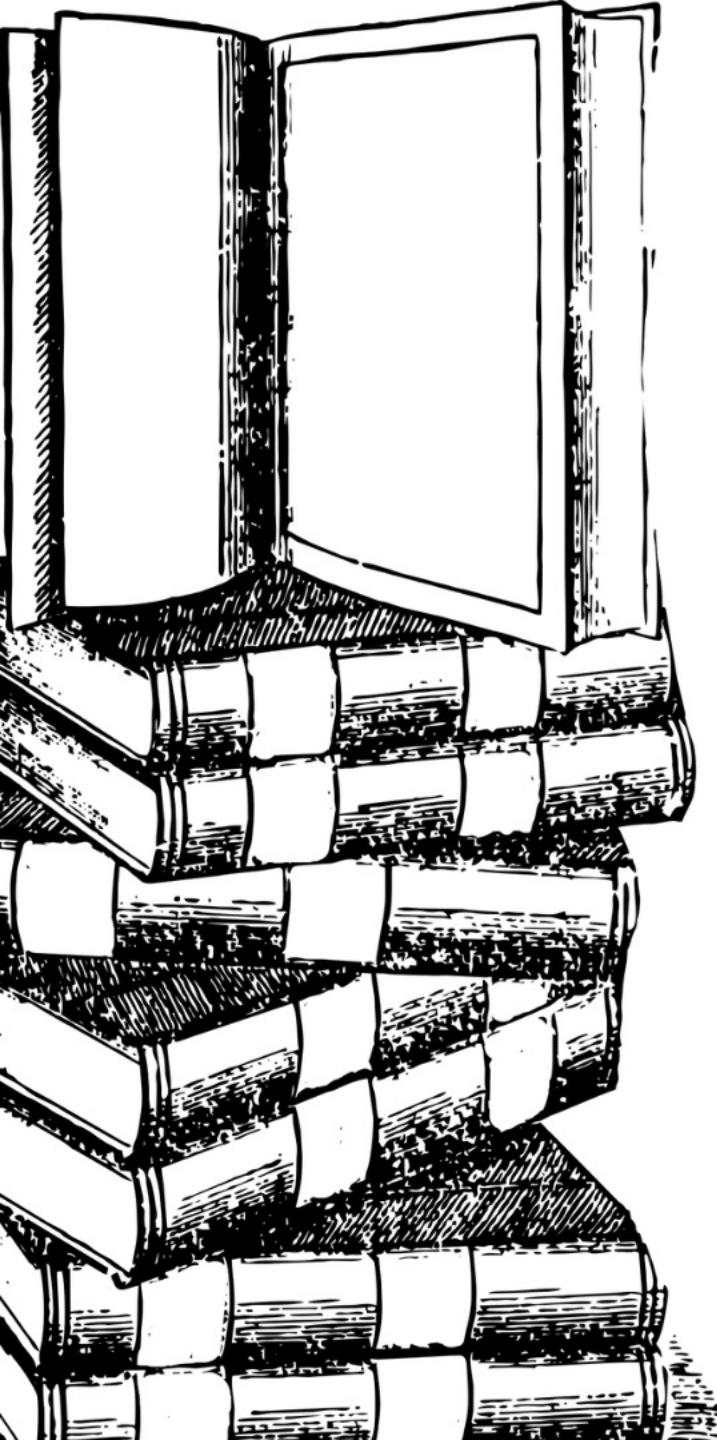
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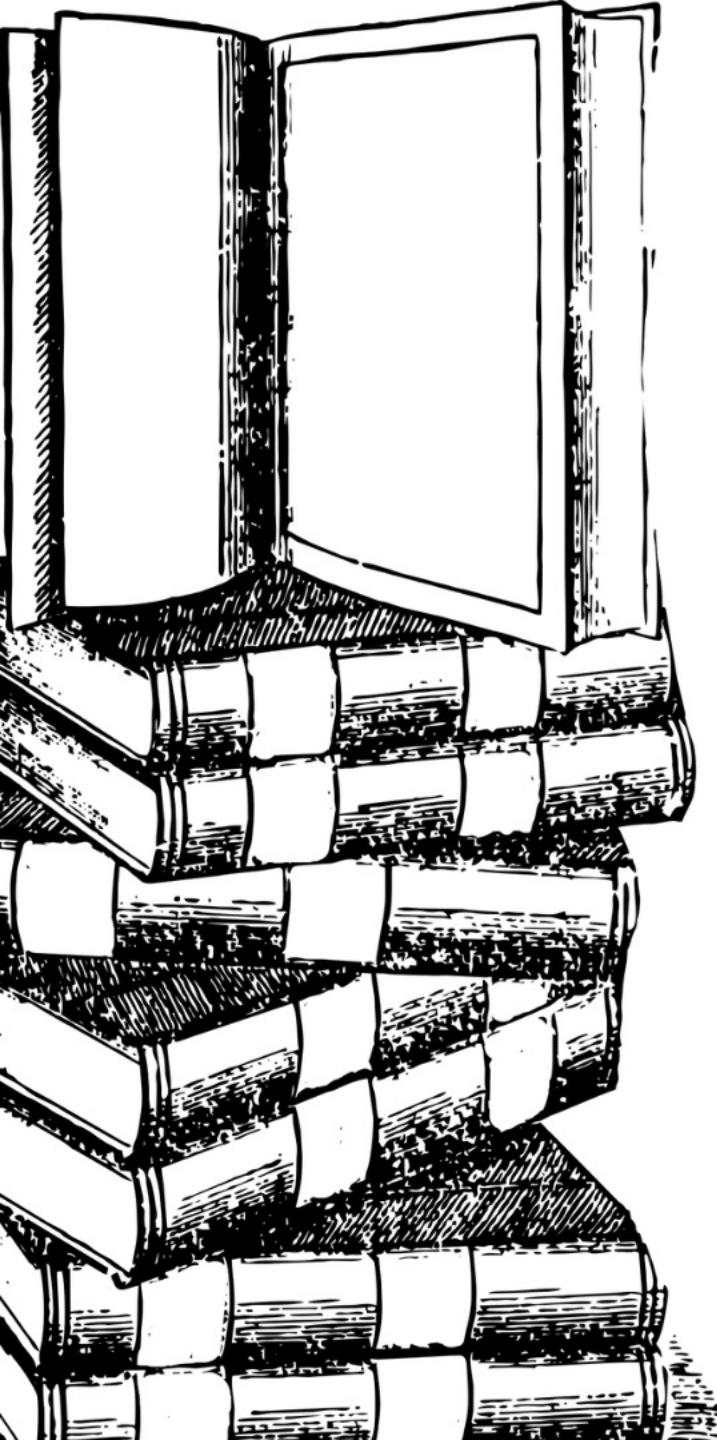
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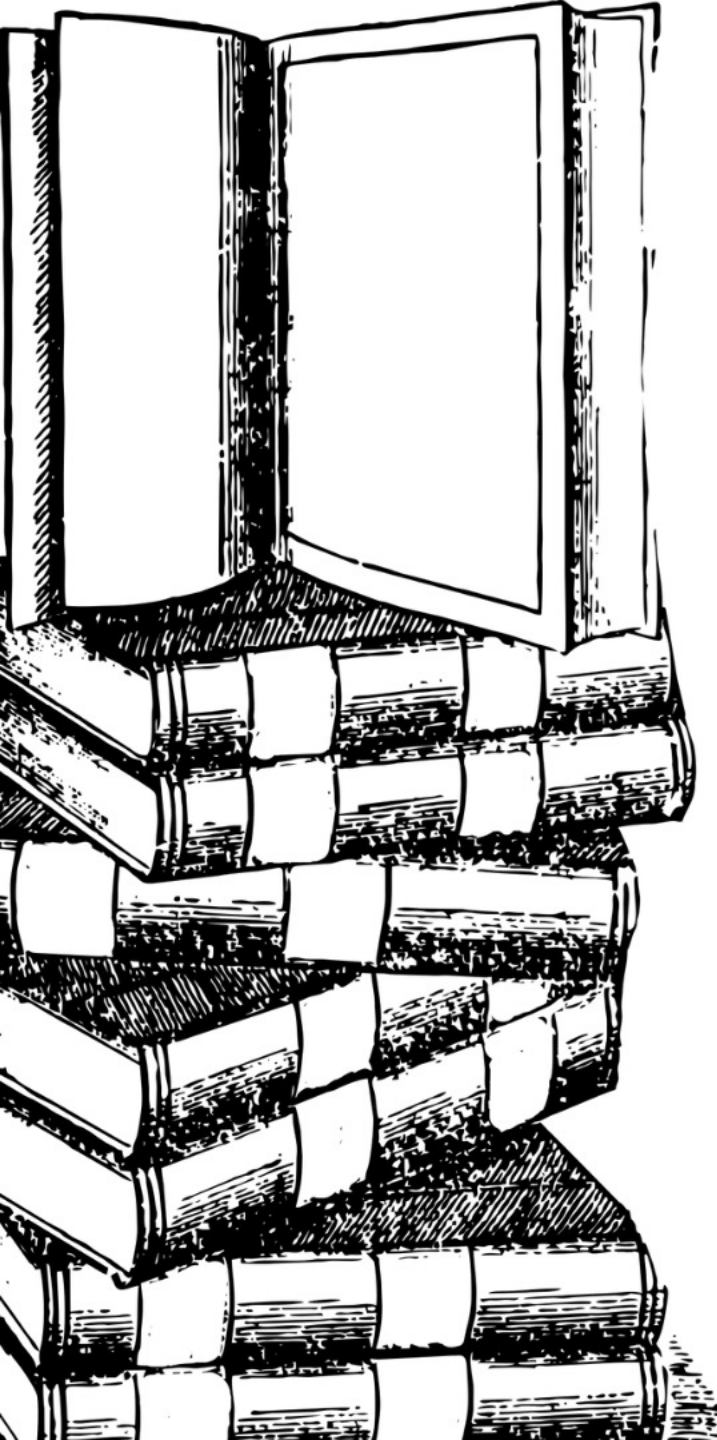
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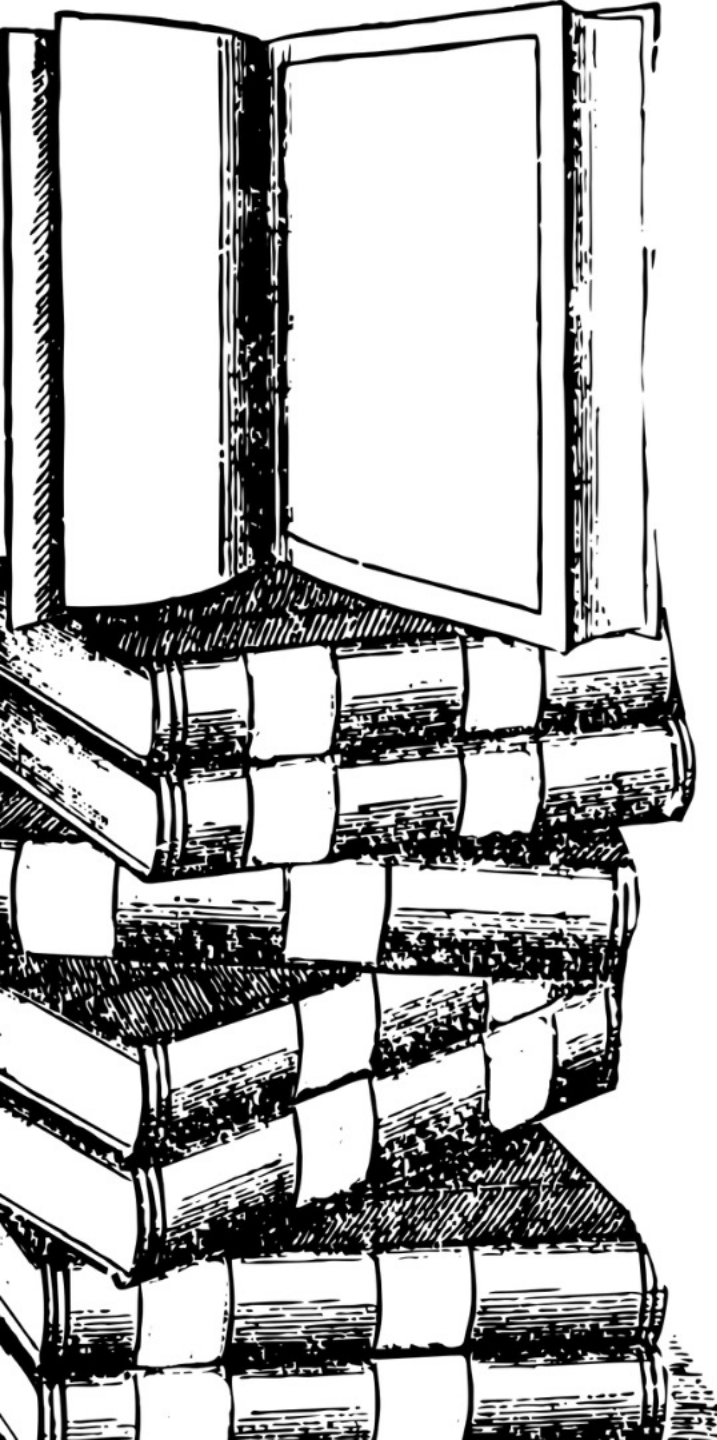
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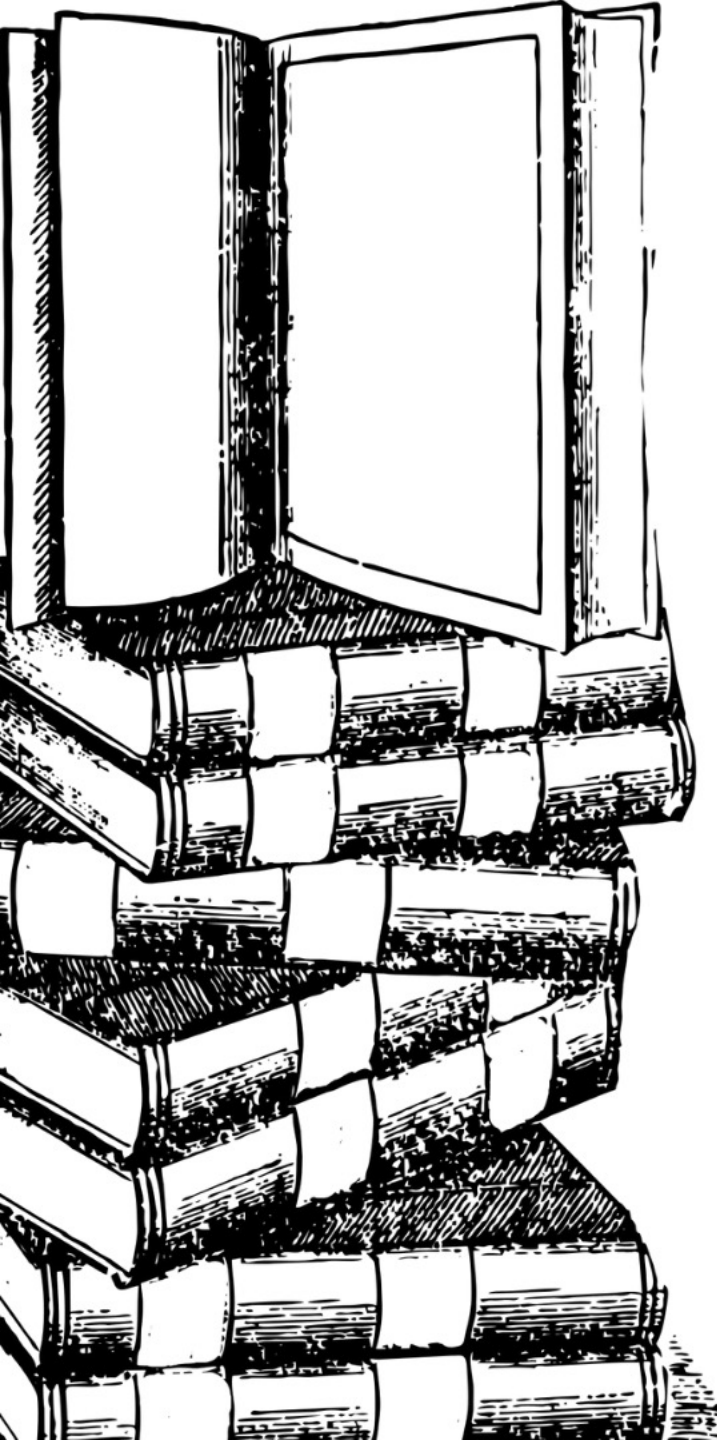
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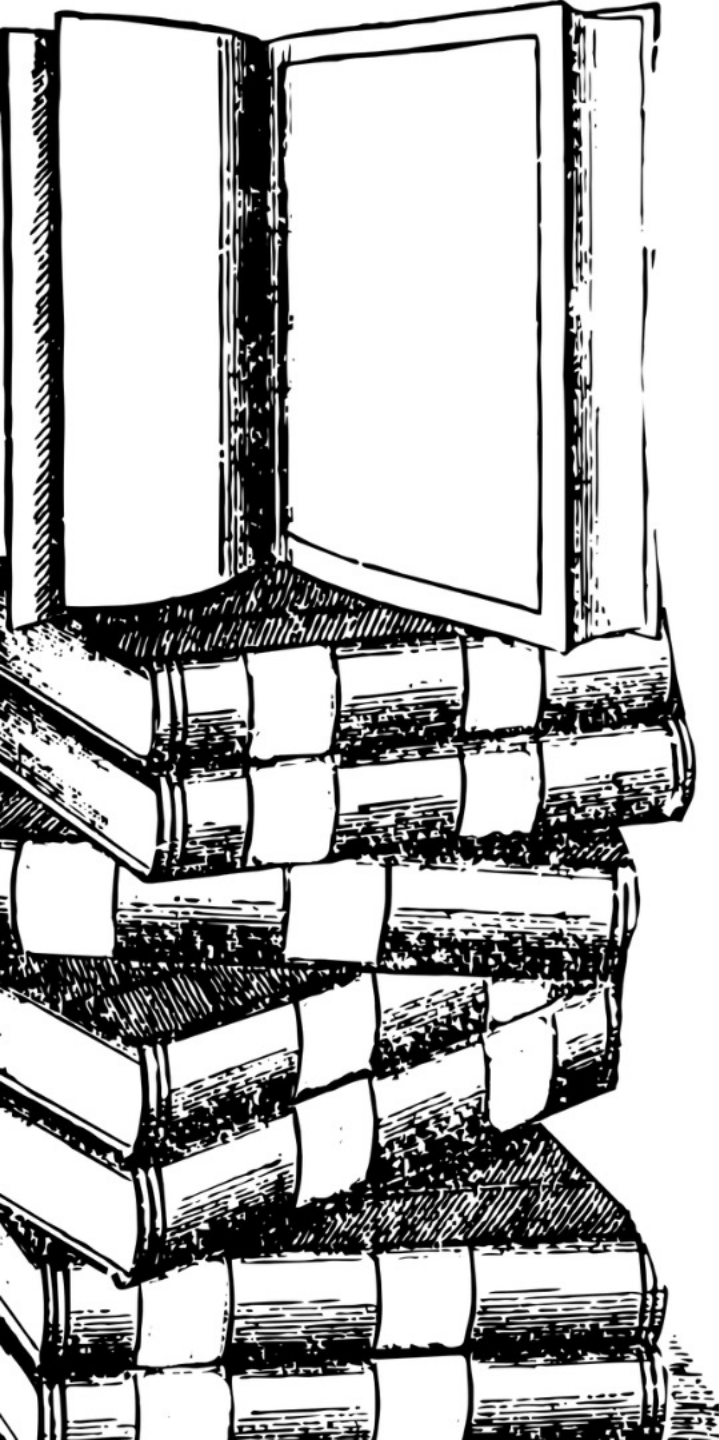
- **THE CONTEXT:** AFTER THE DAYS OF JOSHUA'S INFLUENCE, ISRAEL WAS LOOSELY CONNECTED BY TRIBAL RULE.
- **THE CYCLE:** "AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DID WHAT WAS EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD... (2:11; 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1)... THEN THE LORD PUNISHED THEM.. AND ISRAEL CRIED OUT TO THE LORD TO RESCUE THEM.
- **THE TEXT:** 4X "IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL" (17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25) + 2X "EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES" (17:6; 21:25).



CONSIDER:

- **CONTEXT: WITHOUT SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION, PEOPLE WILL DRIFT AWAY FROM GOD. THERE IS A REASON, JUDGES = ISRAEL'S DARK AGES.**
- **THE CYCLE: WHEN GOD GIVES US OVER TO OUR VICES, WE ENTER INTO A WILD AND DANGEROUS WORLD OF VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION, AND COMING OUT OF IT COMES AT THE COST OF HARDSHIP.**
- **THE TEXT: THE TRIBES WERE MAKING UP THEIR JUSTICE SYSTEM AS THEY WERE GOING ALONG, THEY LACKED A UNIFYING VOICE FOR JUSTICE.**





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