






















































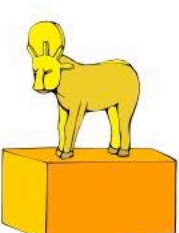




CARDSTOCK CHARACTERS

A Testament gameplay resource from www.Codicil.info (version 1.2 of this resource)

Print these miniatures on cardstock and fold them up to represent different types of biblical-era characters.

							
							
HIGH PRIEST	PRIEST	YOUNG SHEPHERD	PATRIARCH	KING	MERCHANT	RULER	FESTIVAL DANCER
							
							
BAAL IDOL	SWORDS- MAN	SPEARMAN	OLD SHEPHERD	MOSES	WATER- DRAWER	EGYPTIAN SLAVEDRIVER	FESTIVAL DANCER

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TRAVELER	KING	YOUNG MOTHER	PSALMIST	SAGE	TASK-MASTER	HYKSOS RULER	MERCHANT
							
							
GOLDEN CALF IDOL	GOLIATH	SHEPHERD WITH SHEEP	MOUNTED TRAVELER	SEATED KING			



































TIDBITS

The Hebrew manuscript tradition found in the Dead Sea Scrolls pegs Goliath at “four cubits and a span,” about 6 ft. 6 in. tall, rather than the more familiar “six cubits and a span,” or 9 ft. 6 in. tall.

The Hyksos ruled Egypt (or at least much of the Nile Delta region) for about two hundred years, approximately 1750–1550 BCE. They were not Egyptians themselves, but Semites who favored Canaanite-style names and architecture, at least. Some people think that Joseph’s rise to power in Egypt is consistent with the period of Hyksos control.

That thing on the golden calf’s head is a “sun disk.” The illustrator assumed that the golden calf image was influenced by Egyptian iconography. Canaanites also used calf idols, however, which would not have had the sun disk atop the calf’s horns.

































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PROPHET	FARMER	ELDER	HOUSE-HOLDER	OFFICER	KING	KING	WOODCUTTER	
								
								
SLAVE/ PRISONER	VINE- DRESSER	LEVITE	PROPHET	ROYAL MOTHER	PENITENT	RURAL LEVITE	WANDERER	PHARAOH

TIDBITS

Notice how the farmer and woodcutter wear tunics with short skirts, while the prophet, elder, and others wear long-skirted tunics. It's hard to do much manual labor in the longer tunic. Joseph's so-called "coat of many colors" is, in Hebrew, a "tunic of palms/soles" or, as the New Revised Standard Version translates it, a "long tunic with sleeves." The tunic, in addition to showing Jacob's favoritism, may have implicitly or explicitly exempted Joseph from menial shepherding tasks.

In the Bible, axes are almost never mentioned as martial weapons; they are workers' tools. Apparently, axes of a sort were used in ancient Near Eastern warfare, but became somewhat obsolete with the introduction of armor, against which axes were less effective than stabbing weapons and the sickle-shaped sword, a more effective slashing weapon.

								
								
PROPHET	QUEEN	GLEANER	ELDER	QUEEN	SAGE	TOWNS-WOMAN	OFFICER	ARABIAN WARRIOR
								
								
ARABIAN MERCHANT	EGYPTIAN NOBLE	EGYPTIAN PRIESTESS	PHARAOH	ARABIAN FIGHTER	EGYPTIAN GUARD	EGYPTIAN FOWLER		


















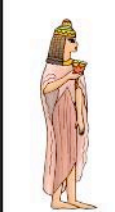
TIDBITS

Three female prophets appear in the Hebrew Bible: Miriam, Moses' sister; Deborah, in the book of Judges; and Huldah, a prophet in the days of King Josiah, who helped authenticate the "Book of the Law" found during repairs on the temple (2 Kings 22).

Very little is known of the function of "queens" in biblical Israel and Judah, though the role of the "queen mother" seems to have had some official status. One queen mother, Athaliah, actually ruled Judah herself for some six years, though she had to kill off all the royal male heirs to achieve this status. Her opponents hid one surviving heir during that time, then eventually deposed her (2 Kings 11). The lavishly robed queen pictured on this page is probably intended to be Esther or her predecessor Vashti.

The "Arabian warrior" with curly-toed slippers is no doubt anachronistic in a *Testament* context, but he looked so menacing (or cool, if used as a PC) that he made the cut anyway. The "Egyptian Fowler," on the other hand, is based on actual Egyptian artwork.

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ARABIAN FIGHTER	SLINGER	EGYPTIAN GUARD	EGYPTIAN SLAVE	EGYPTIAN PRIEST	EGYPTIAN HARPIST	EGYPTIAN FLUTIST	EGYPTIAN PRIESTESS	EGYPTIAN NOBLE- WOMAN

TEDBITS

The Bible's most famous slinger is, of course, David. The image of David pinging Goliath with a pebble is, however, a caricature. Slingstones were generally about the size of softballs, and slingers were the light mobile artillery of ancient Near Eastern armies.