

An illuminated initial letter 'R' in a Gothic script. The letter is filled with green and red floral patterns and is surrounded by a decorative border of green leaves and red berries. The letter is positioned on the left side of the image, with its stem extending downwards and its top extending upwards.

*Renaissance*

Michaelangelo



# Michelangelo's Life



- Born March 6, 1475 in near Florence
- Mother died when he was six
- 13 he was apprenticed to a sculptor

When I told my father that  
I wish to be an artist, he  
flew into a rage, 'artists are  
laborers, no  
better than shoemakers.'

# Michelangelo's Youth

- He made a copy of an old Roman statue
- Lorenzo Medici saw it and was amazed by it
- He was brought to live with ruling Medici family in their palace





Michelangelo wanted to learn about anatomy by studying corpses. The Catholic Church forbid it. He made an agreement with the Church that he could study bodies in return for a carved wooden crucifix. Studying bodies made him ill many times.

# Michelangelo's Pieta

- After Lorenzo's death he went to Rome
- A bishop paid him to make the pieta
- It shows Mary holding Jesus after his death on the cross
- He once heard someone admiring it but they did not know who carved it. He sneaked back in to carve his name on it!!



Pieta at  
Saint  
Peter's  
Basilica





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David

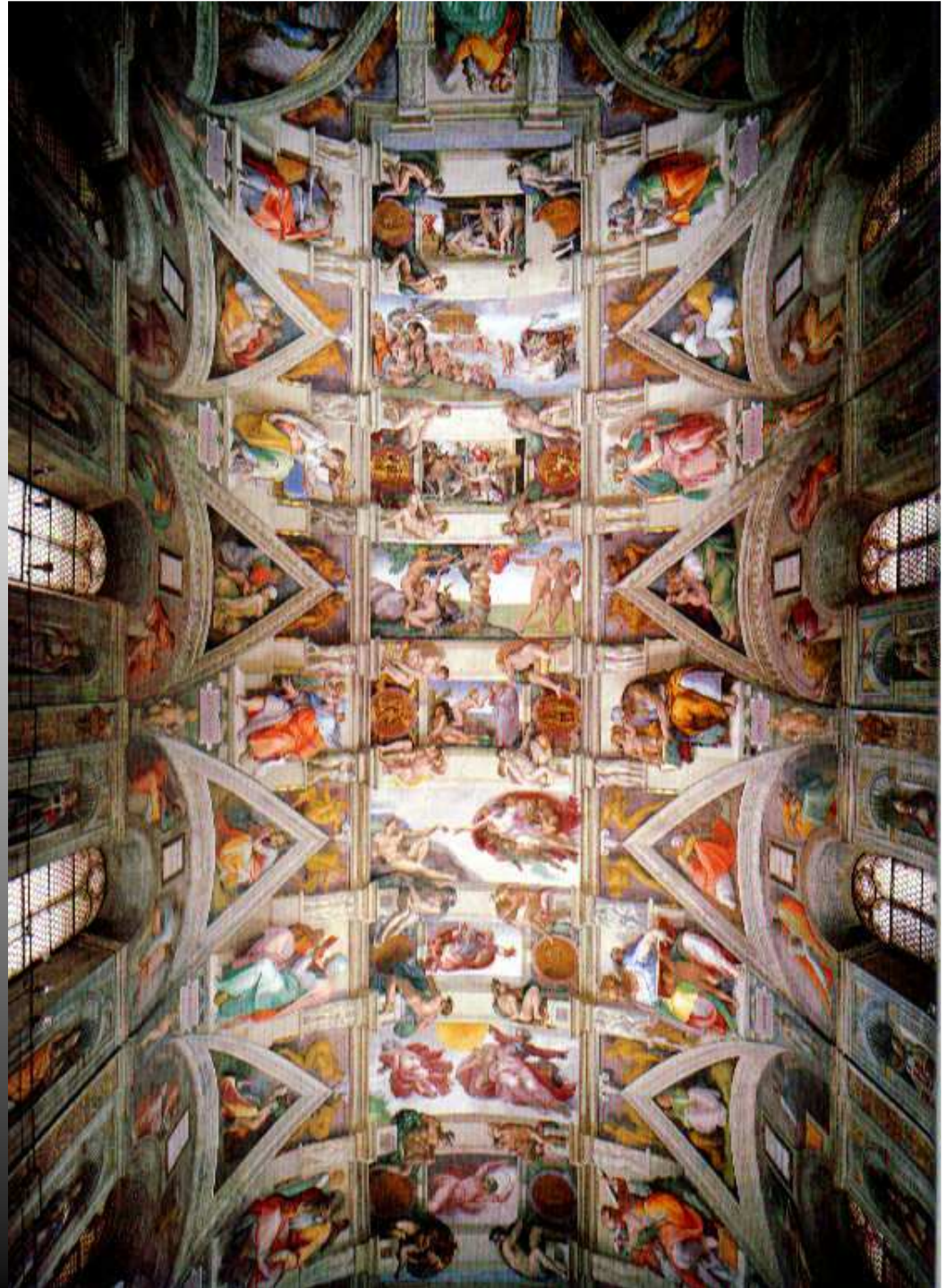
Michelangelo did not want to paint. Pope Julius II insisted he paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. It became Michelangelo's greatest work. He painted scenes from the Old Testament.

# The Sistine Chapel





# The Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel



# God creates the Sun and Moon







The Face  
of God



Finger of  
God  
touching  
Adam's  
finger

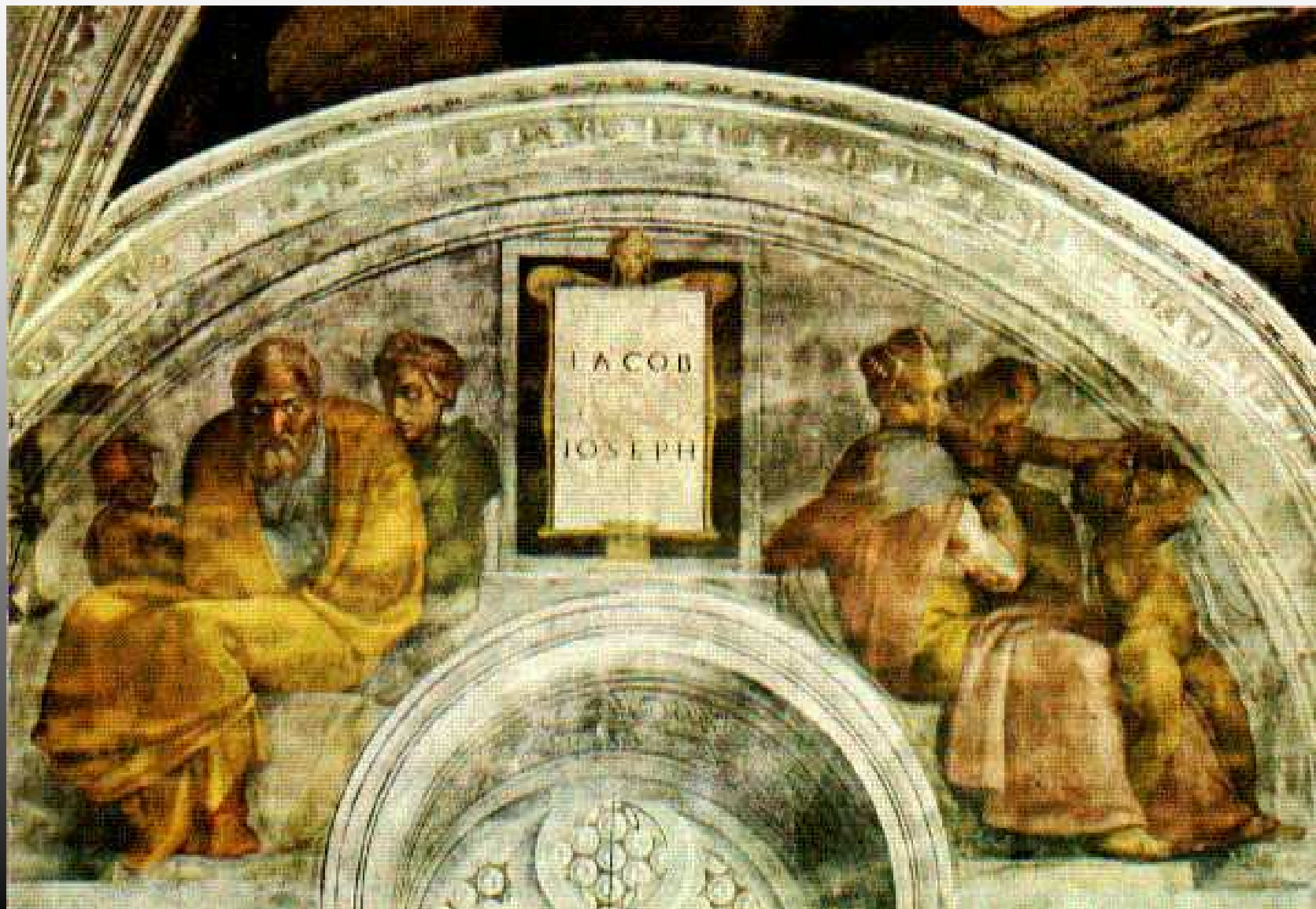




God  
creat  
es  
Eve



# Jacob and Joseph





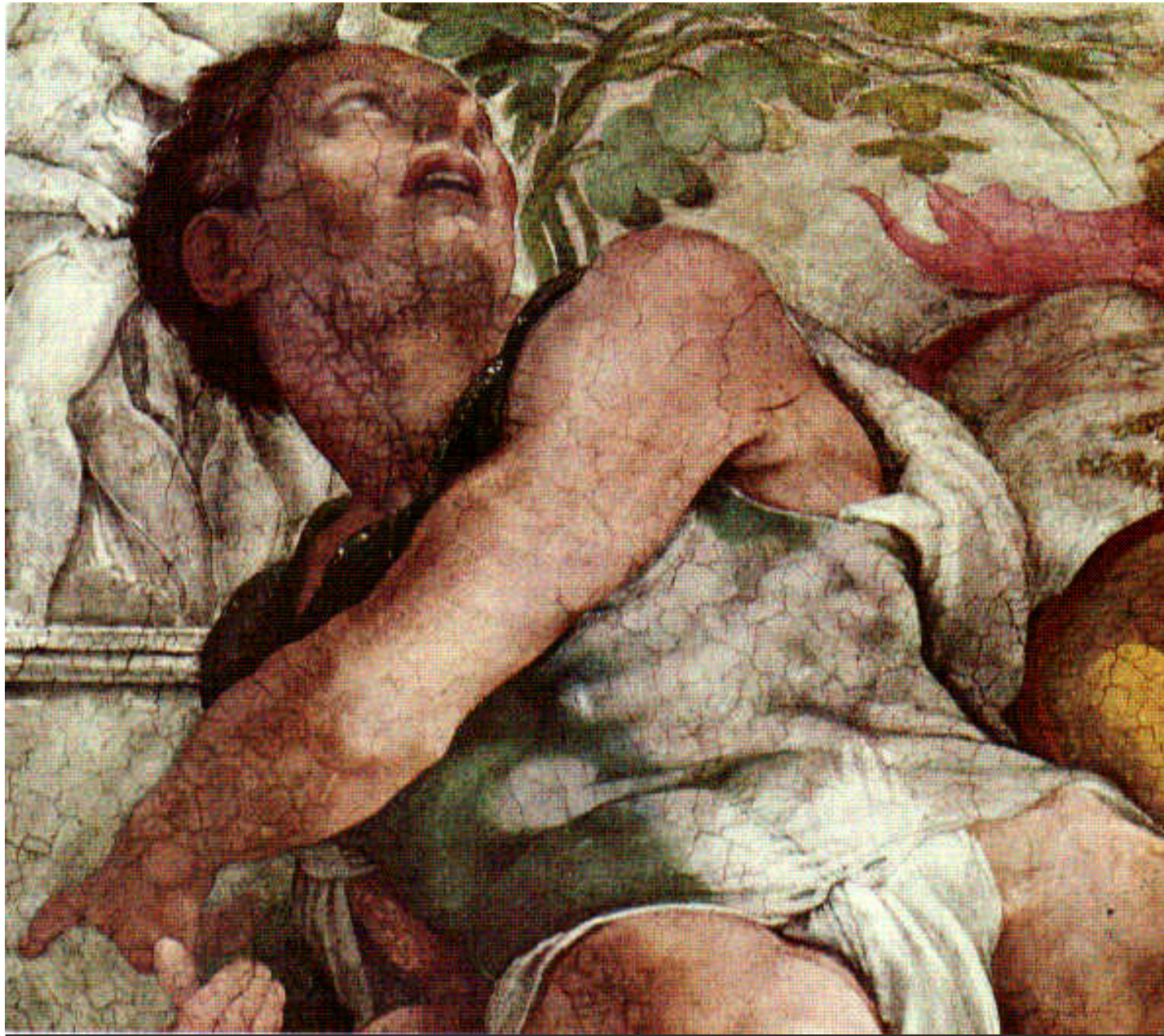
David and Goliath





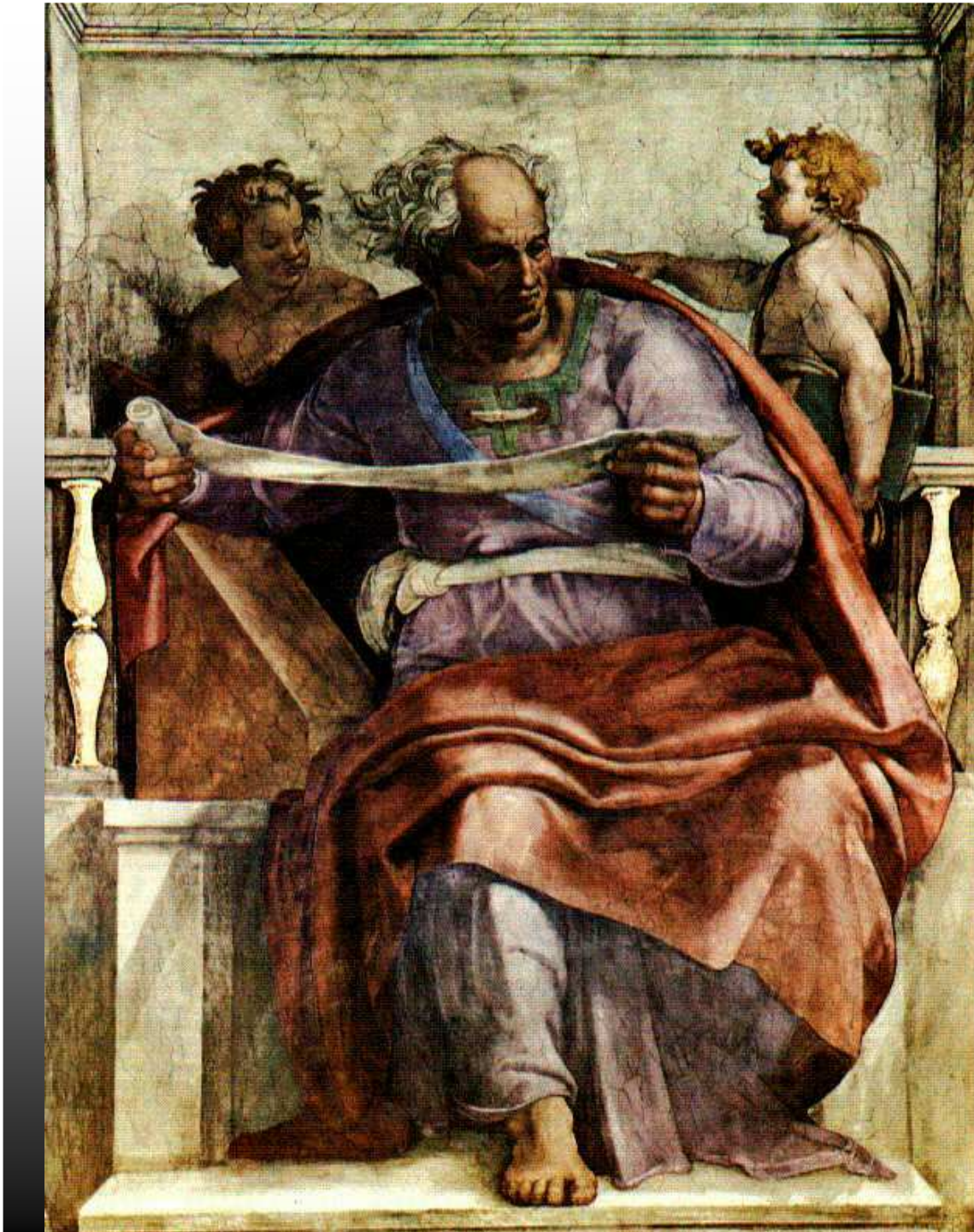
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Jona  
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Joel

# Isaiah



Pope Julius II commissioned him to build a magnificent tomb. Michelangelo worked on it for years, but did not finish the 40 statues ordered.



Moses, the  
centerpiece  
of Pope  
Julius II's  
tomb



Michelangelo was  
commissioned to make the  
tombs for the Medici family.

# Statues of the Medici brothers



Pope Paul VII Farnese asked him to paint a fresco of the Last Judgment which would be the largest painting in the world at that time.



# The Last Judgment

Michelangelo's last years were spent chiseling a last pieta. He wrote his best poetry near the end of his life. He was buried in Florence, Italy.

Michelangelo died and his body was put in a sarcophagus in Rome. His nephew sneaked his body out of Rome and buried it in Florence where he wanted to be buried.

*Michelangelo Buonarroti*  
1475-1564



