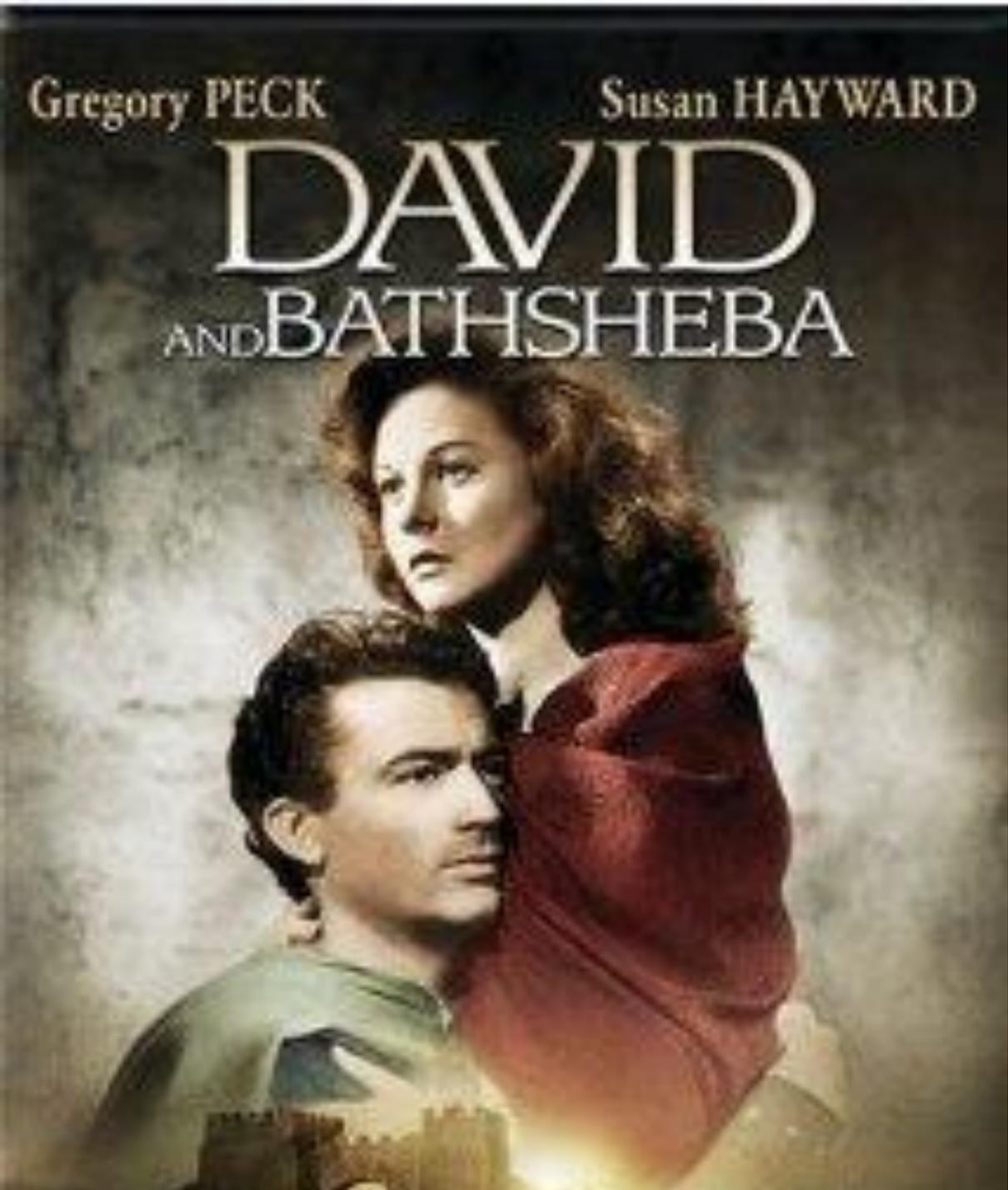




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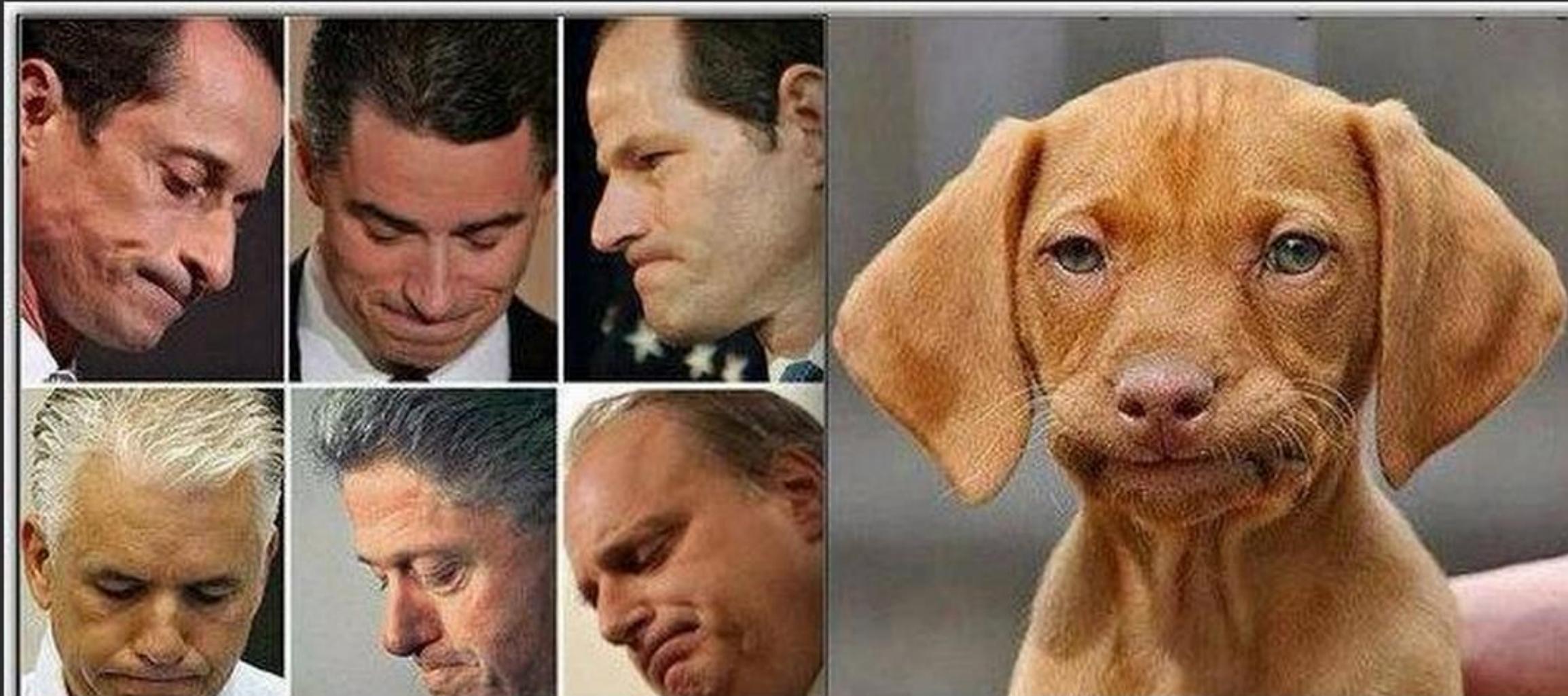


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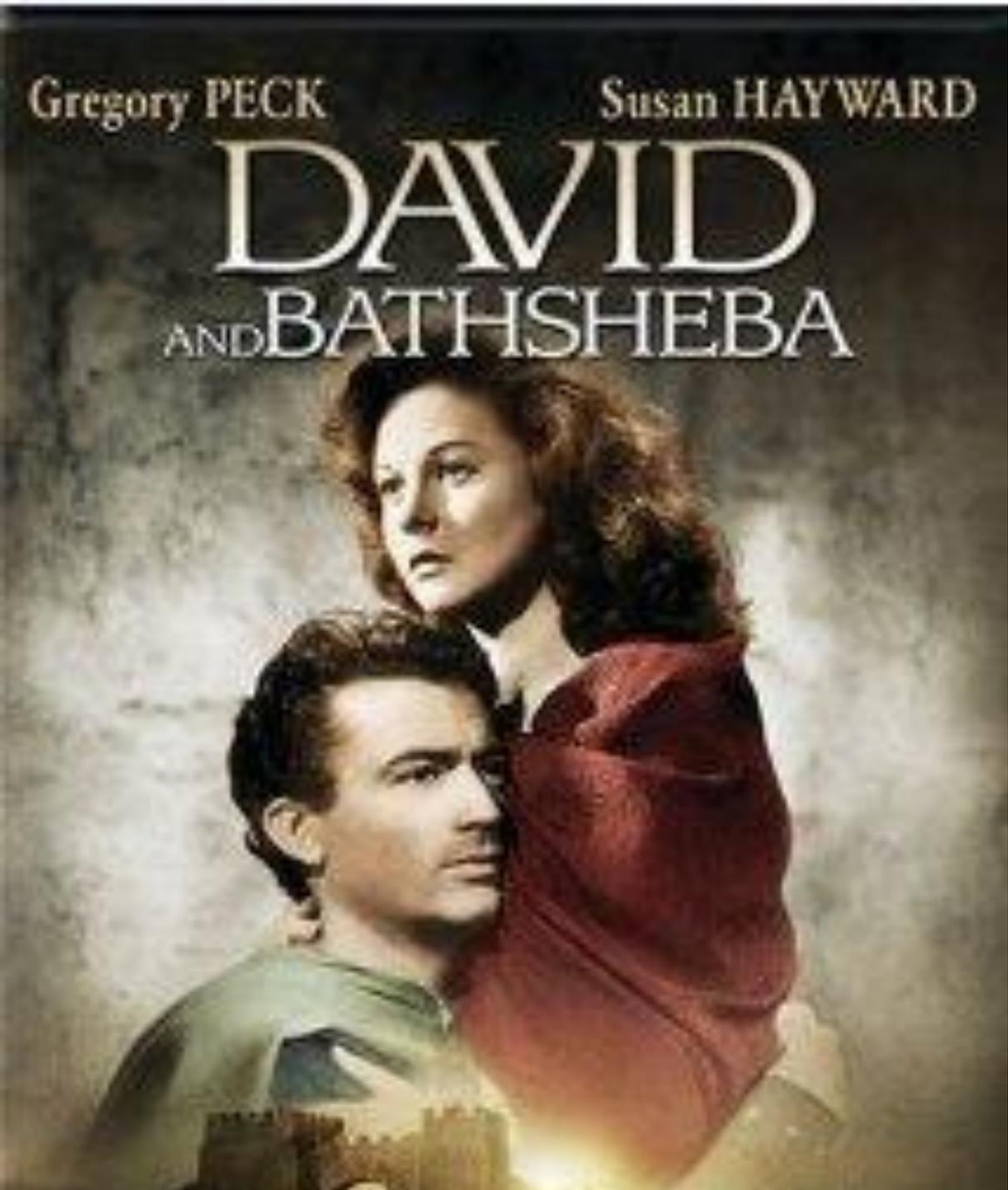


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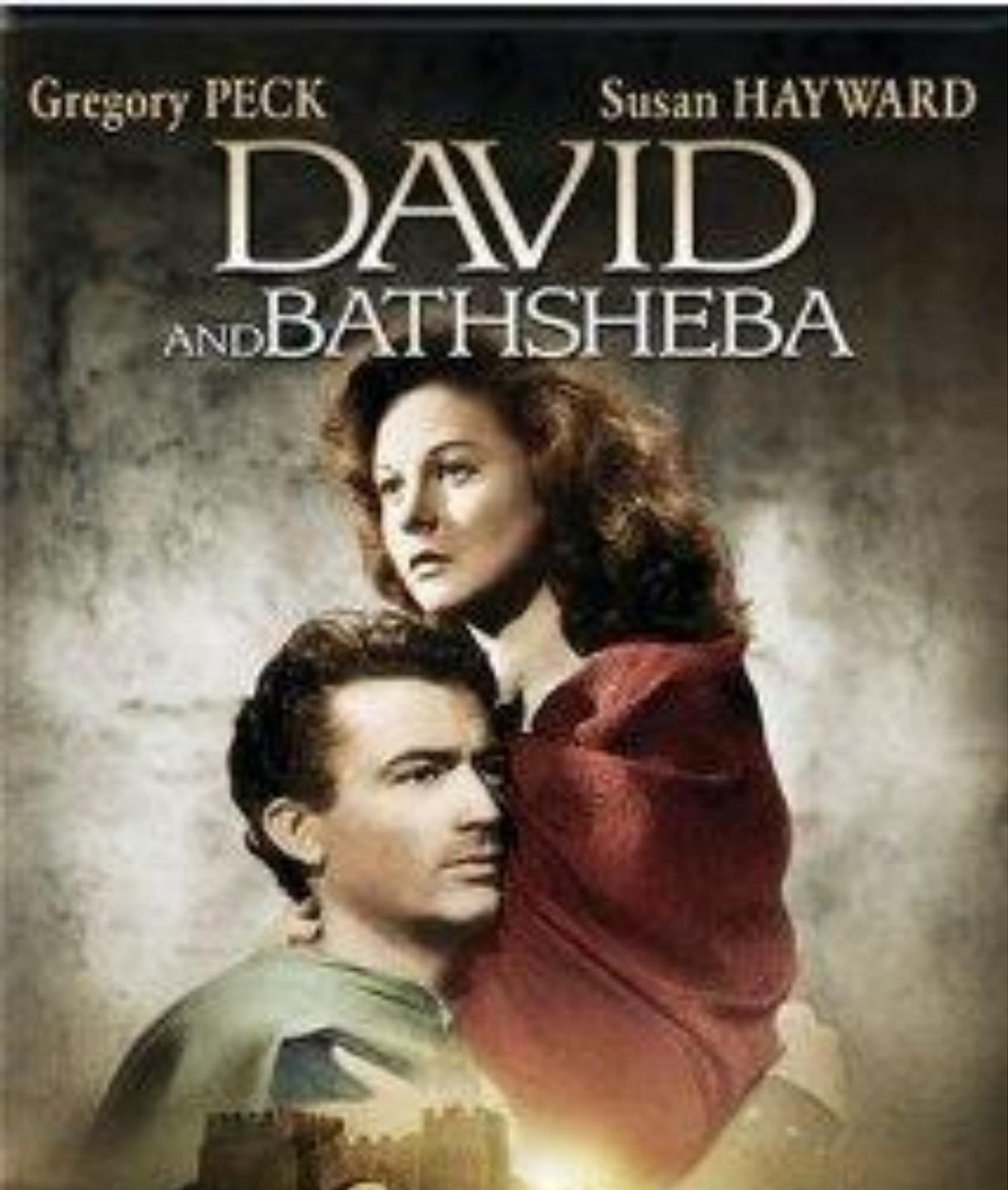
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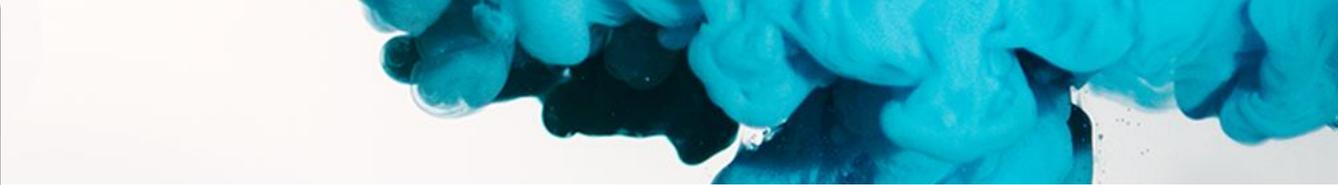
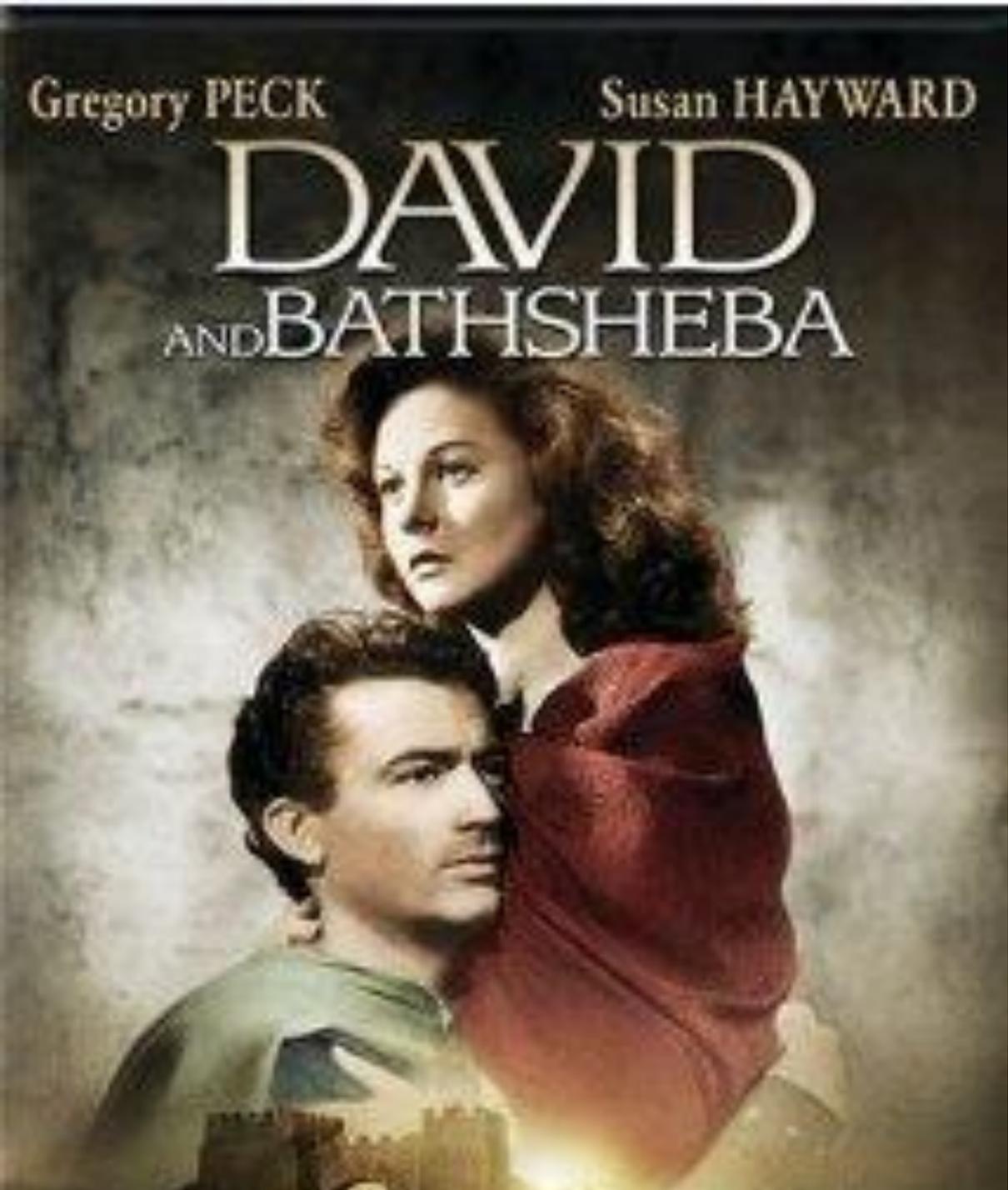
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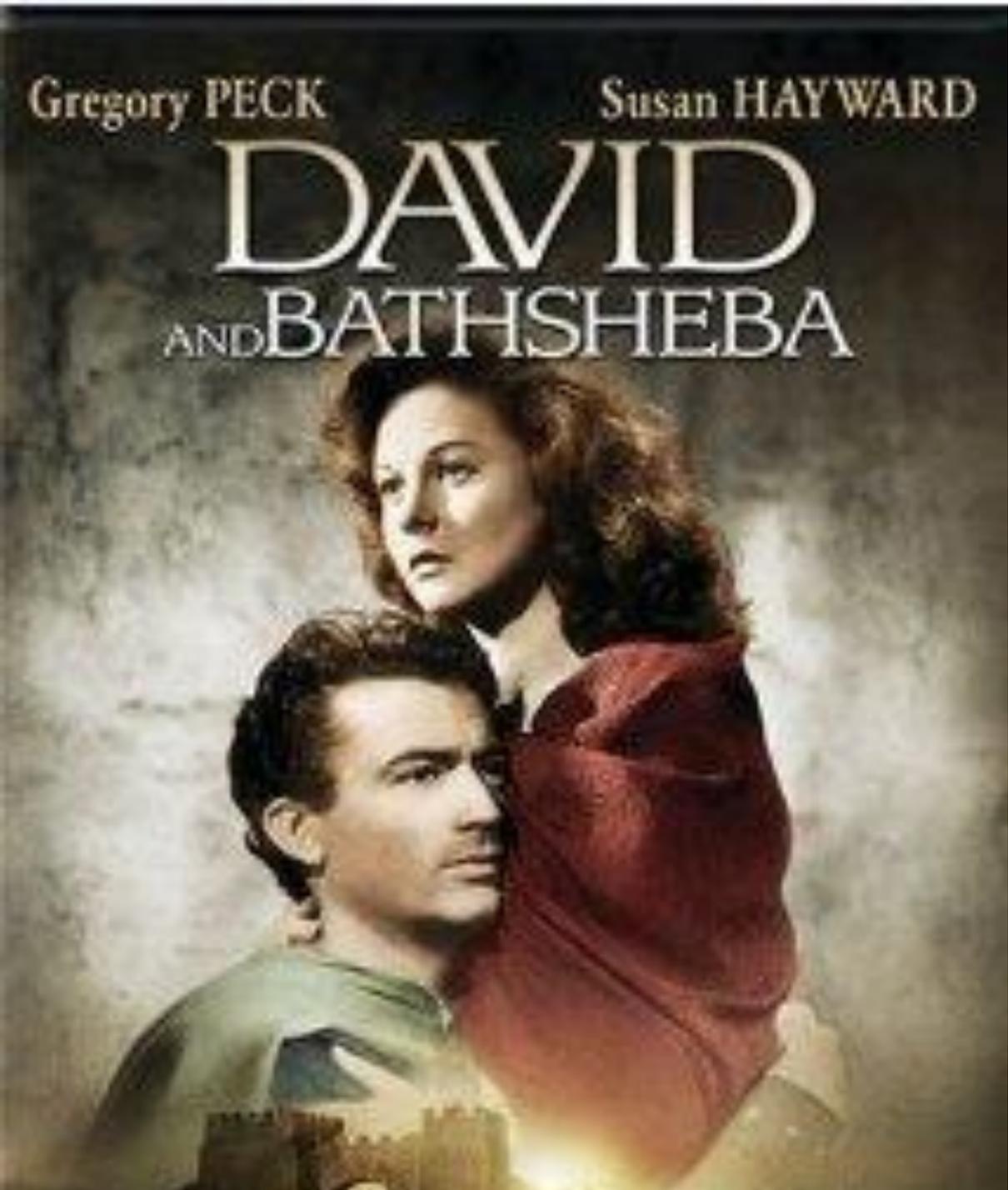


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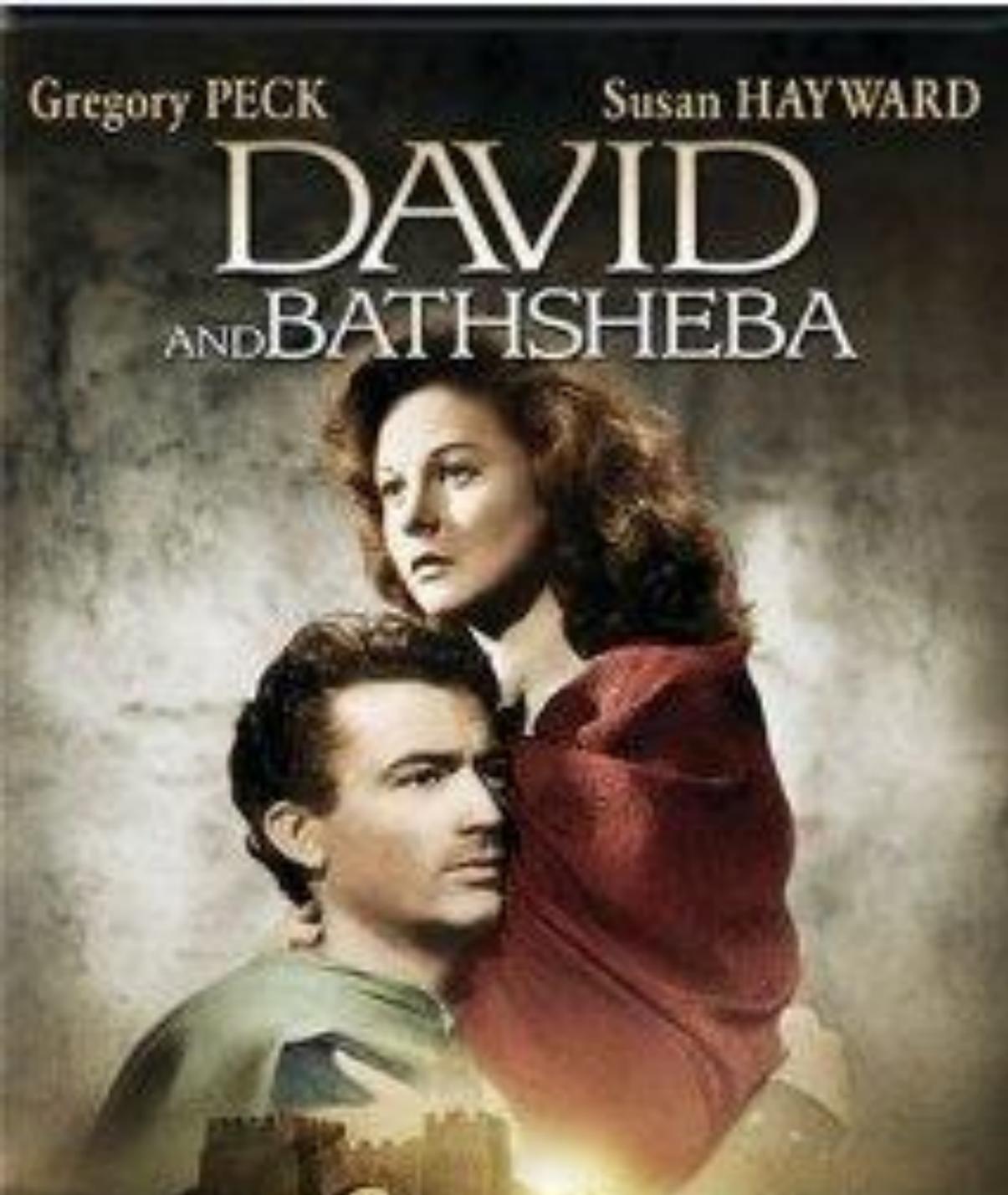




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5 Unexpected Lessons From a Bible Story I Hate

The rape in Judges 19 is terrible, but it also shows us how God sees sexual abuse.

by David Lamb

I hate the story of the gang rape of the Levite's concubine in [Judges 19](#).

With striking parallels to the story of Sodom in [Genesis 19](#), the men of the city of Gibeah surround the home of a man who has offered hospitality to a traveling Levite and his concubine. They command the host to bring out his Levite guest so that they can "know" him. After the mob rejects the host's counter offer of his virgin daughter, the Levite forces her outside where she is ravished to death (literally) all night long. Upon finding her body, the Levite takes her home, carves her corpse into 12 pieces, and sends the parts to the 12 tribes. The tragedy culminates in a national civil war.

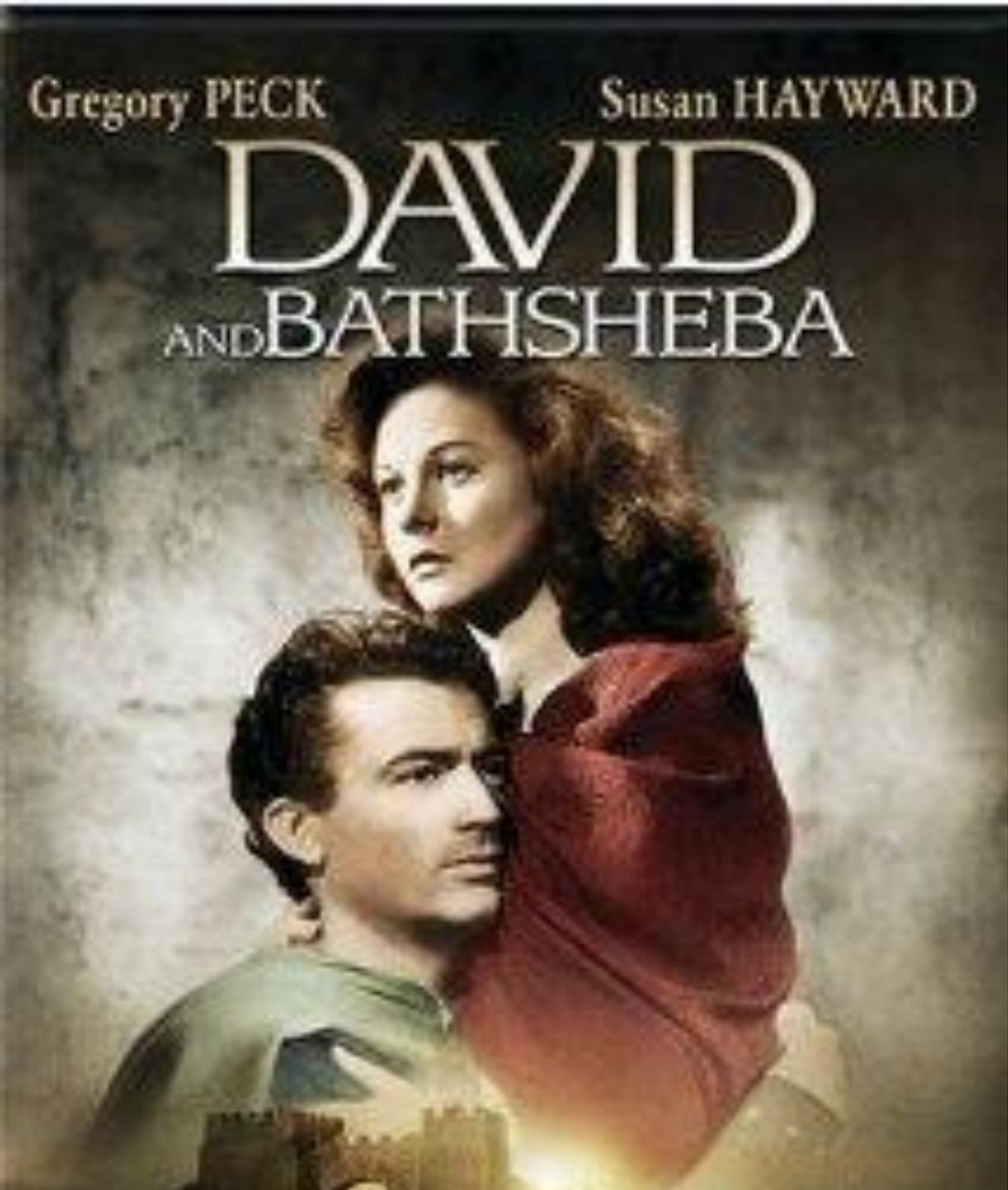
This woman was abandoned and sacrificed by her host, raped and tortured by her countrymen, and betrayed and dismembered by her husband. It's hard to argue with the conclusion of scholar Phyllis Trible, who thinks that of all the characters in Scripture, "this woman is the most sinned against."

I wish I could just cut this story out of my Bible. But I can't.

So, what is this horrific story doing in God's word? Why didn't God remove it? Could there be a purpose? I see this story offering us five unexpected invitations.

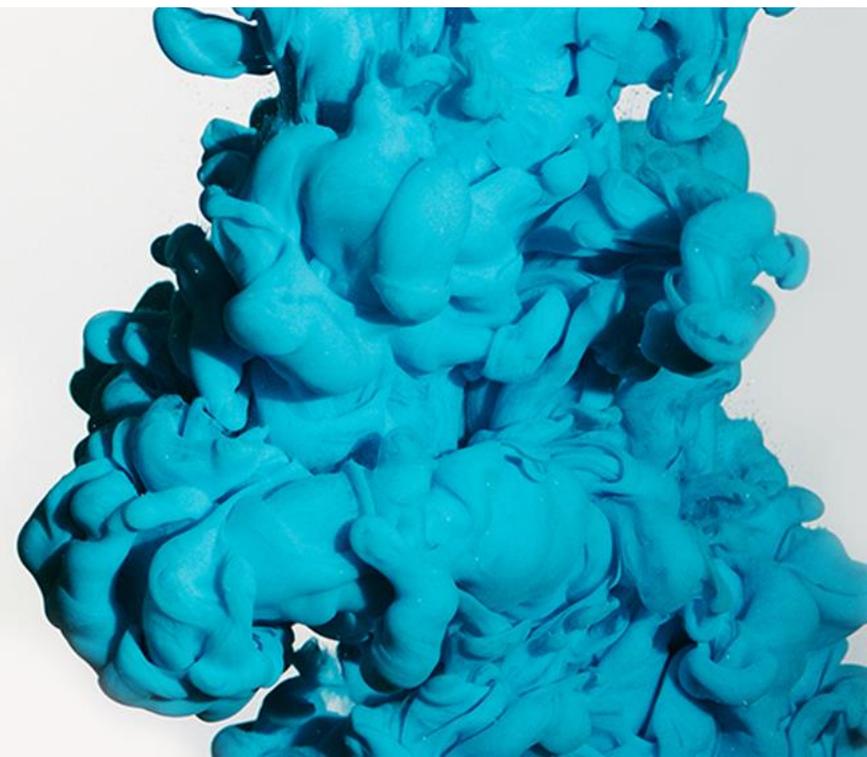
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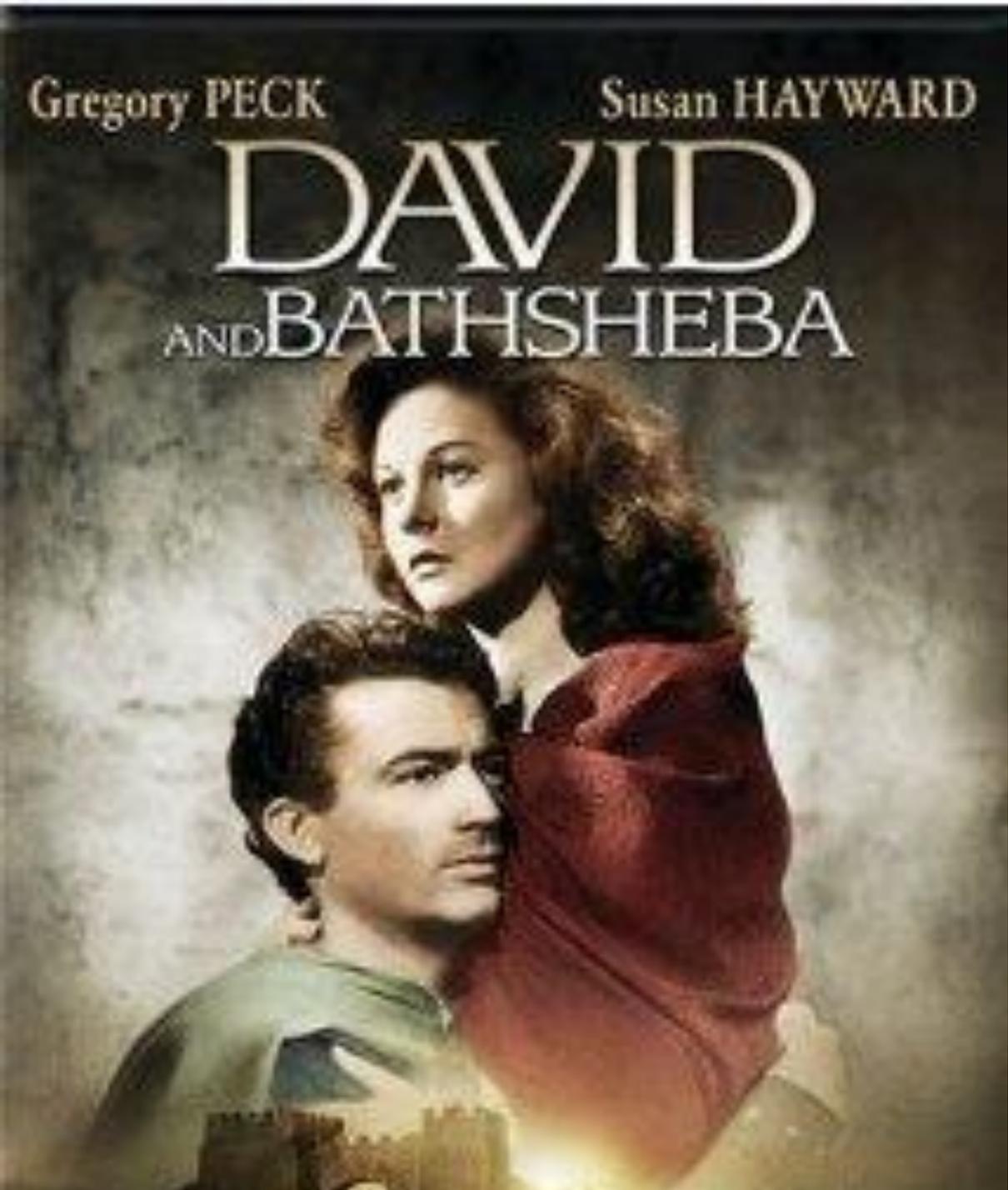
I hate this story, but I believe it's good that it's recorded in Scripture. As we read it and reflect on the tragedy, we can weep, mourn, and lament her fate, and the fate all of victims of such heinous crimes.



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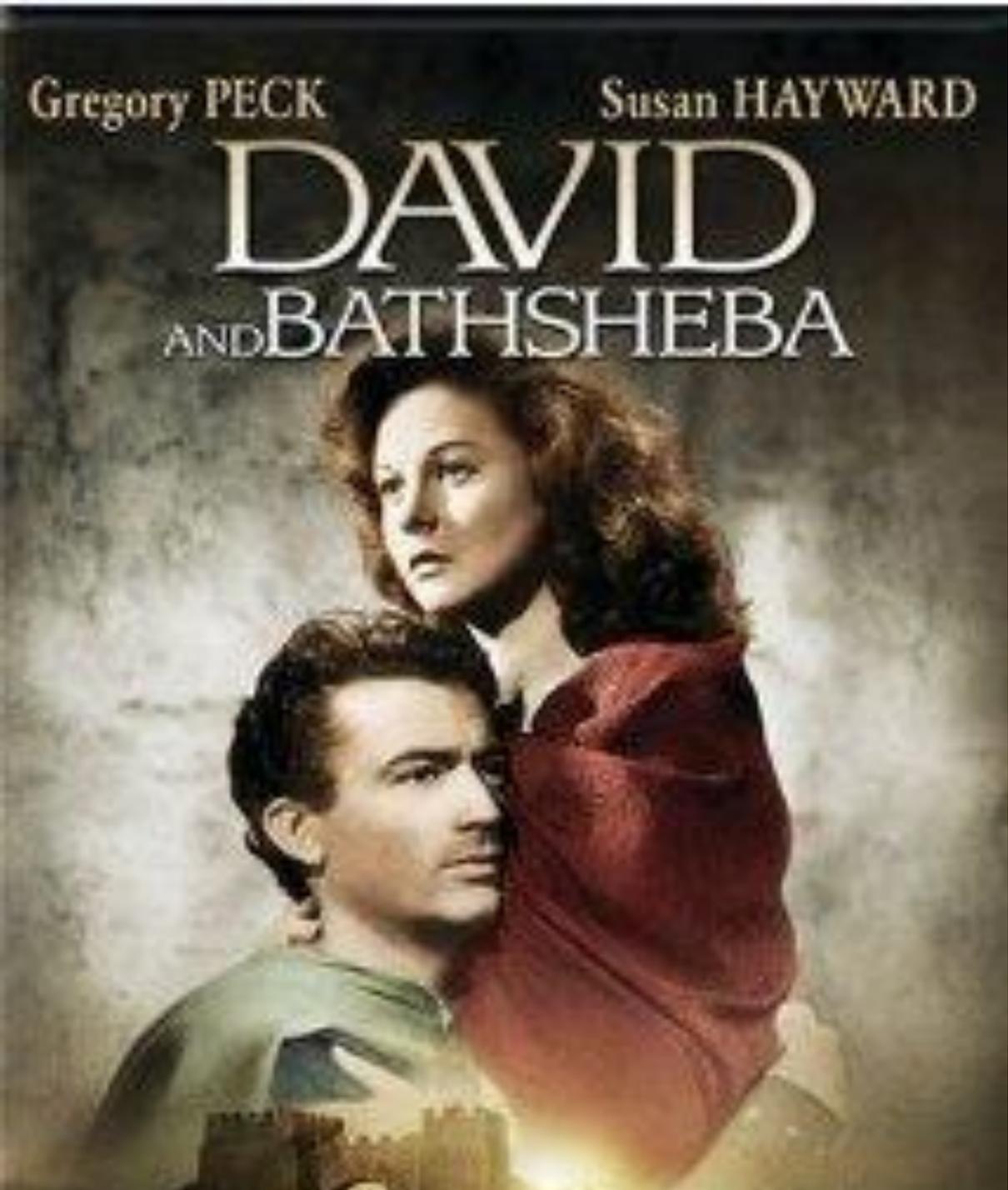


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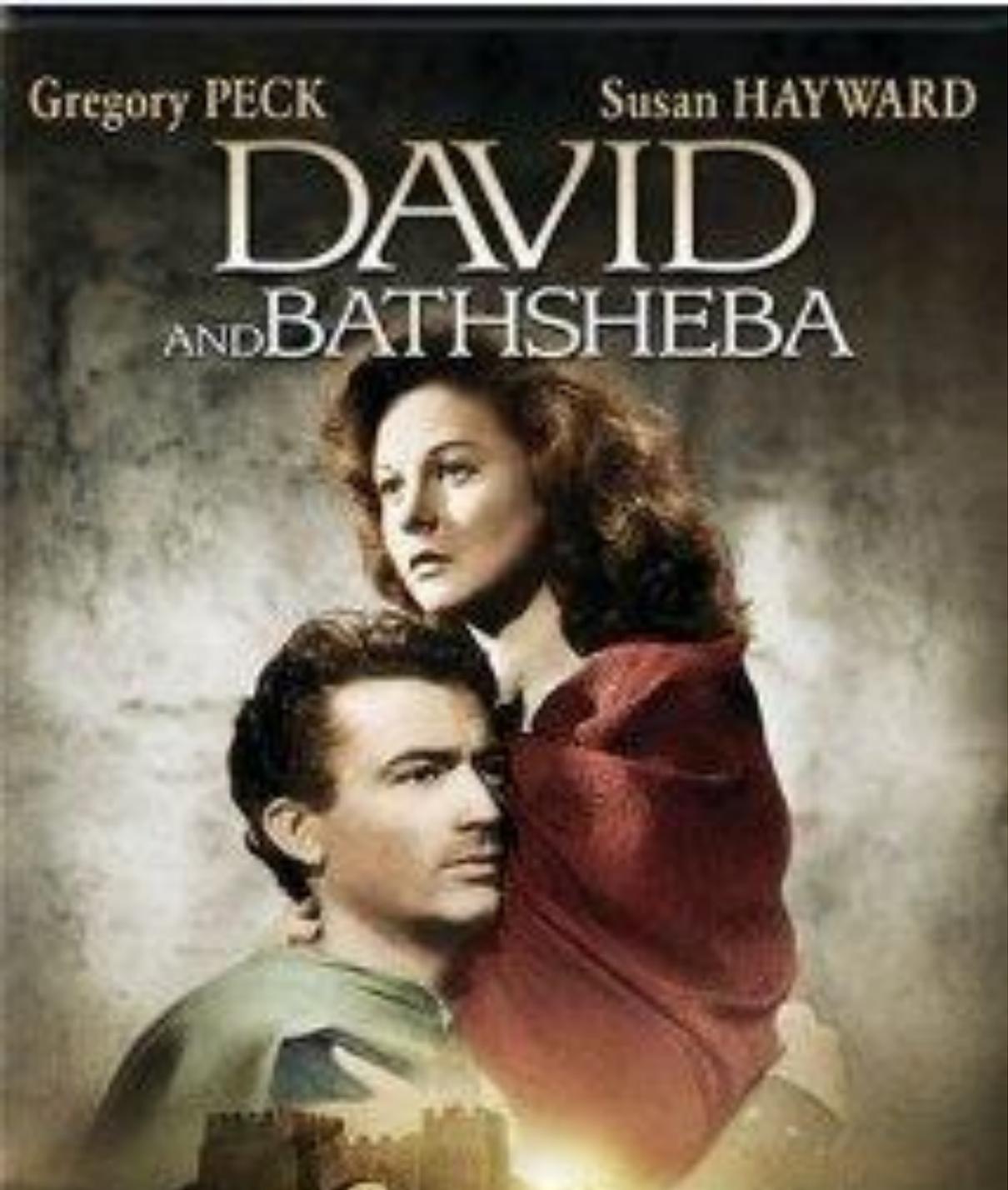
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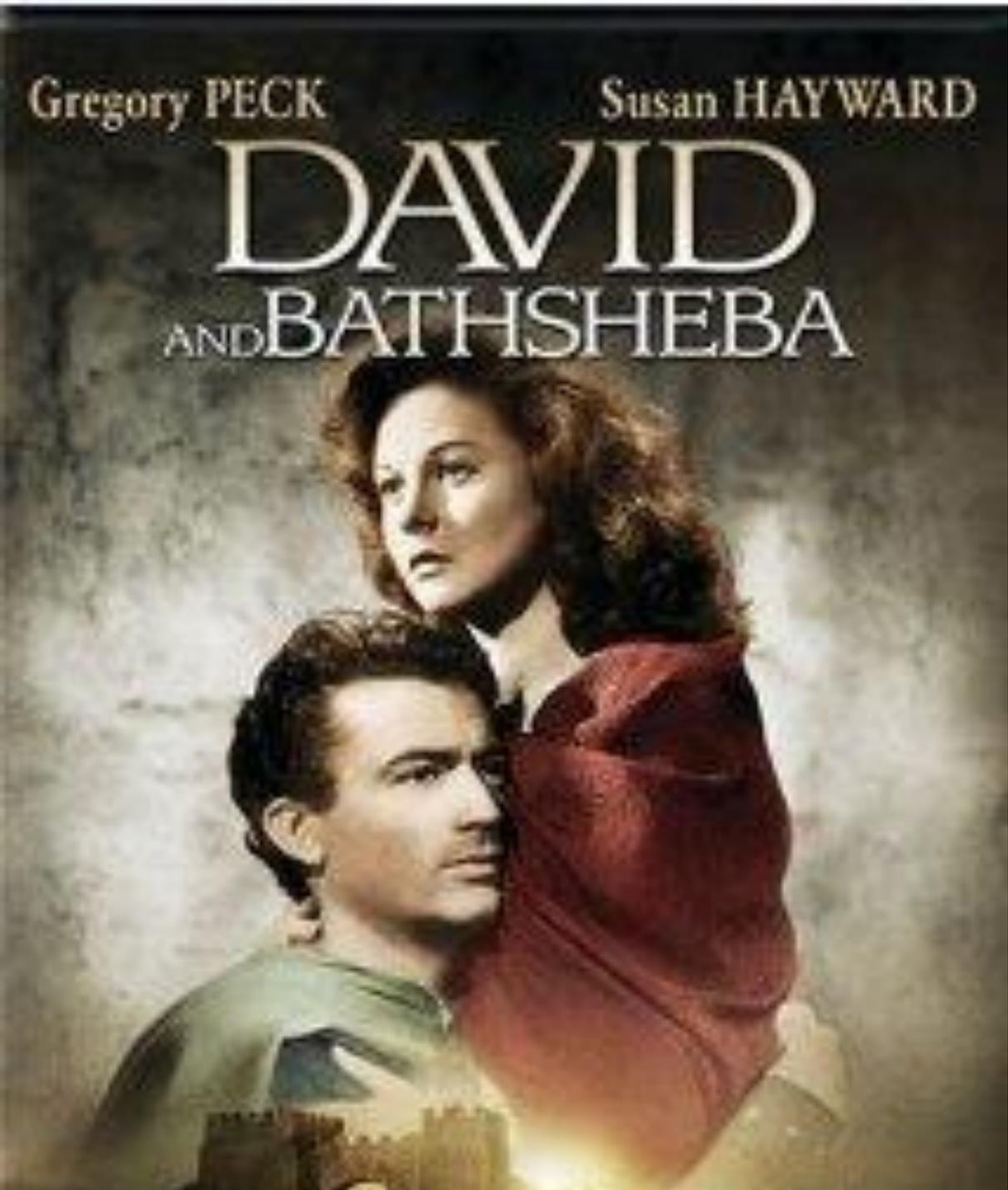
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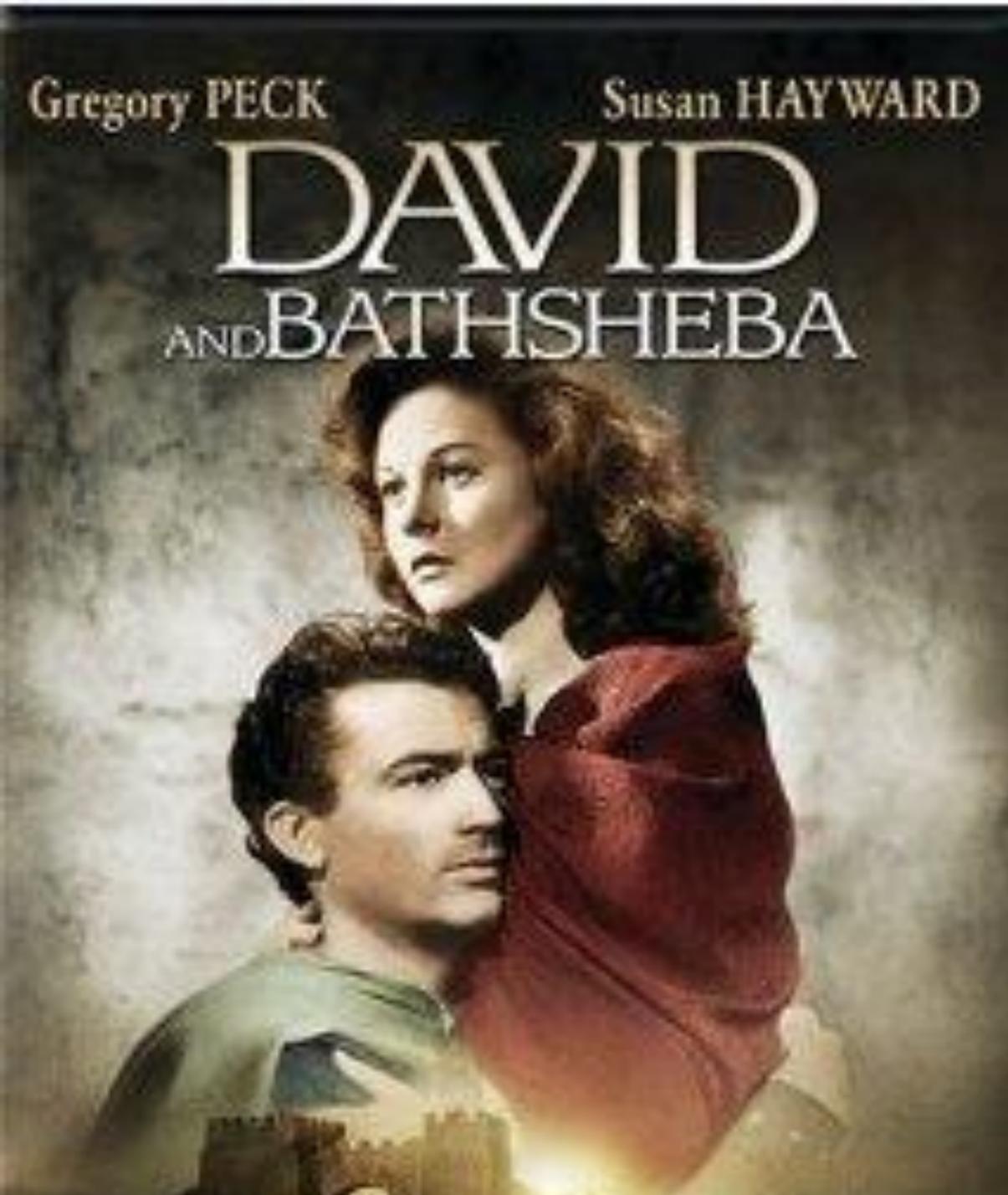
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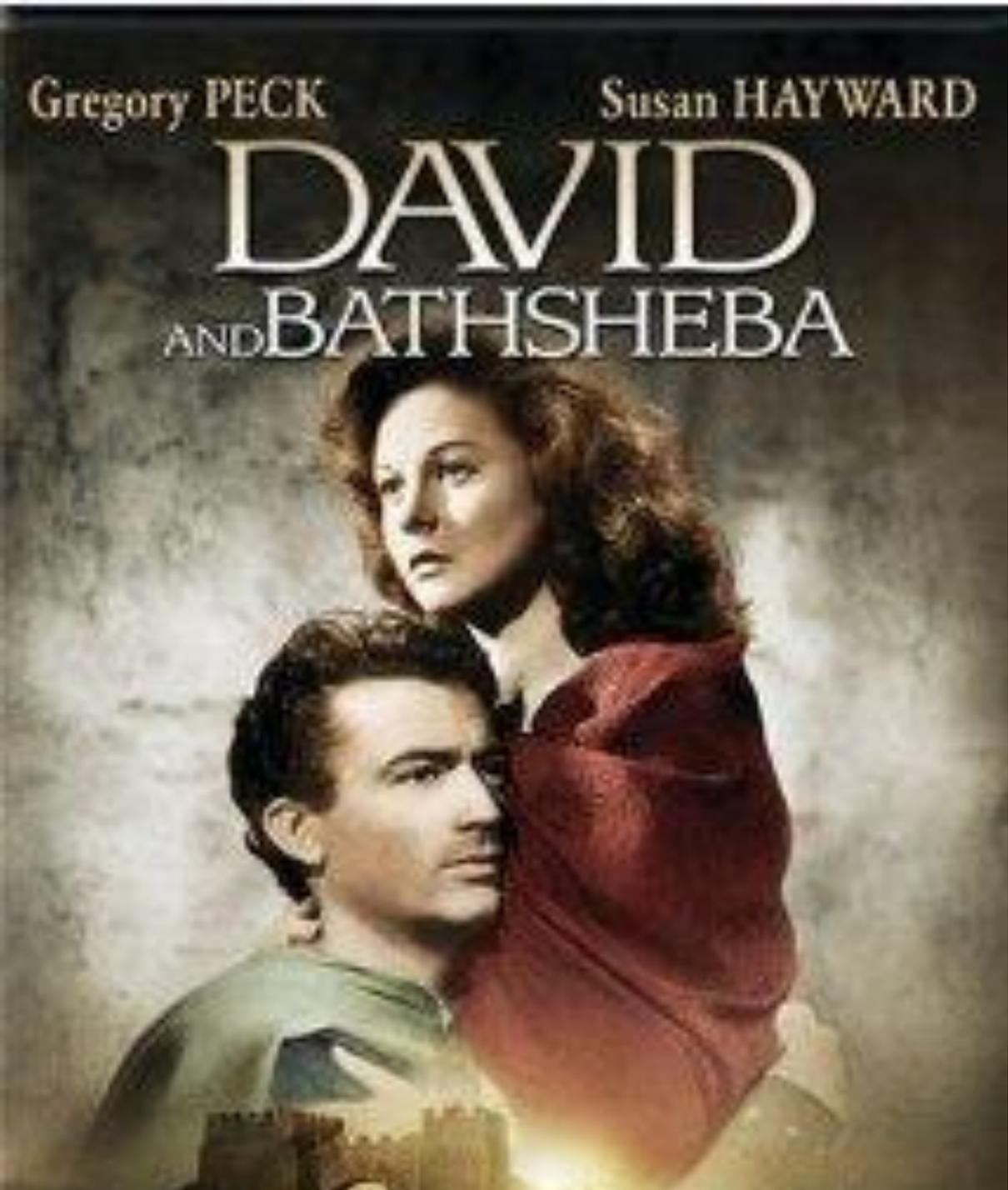


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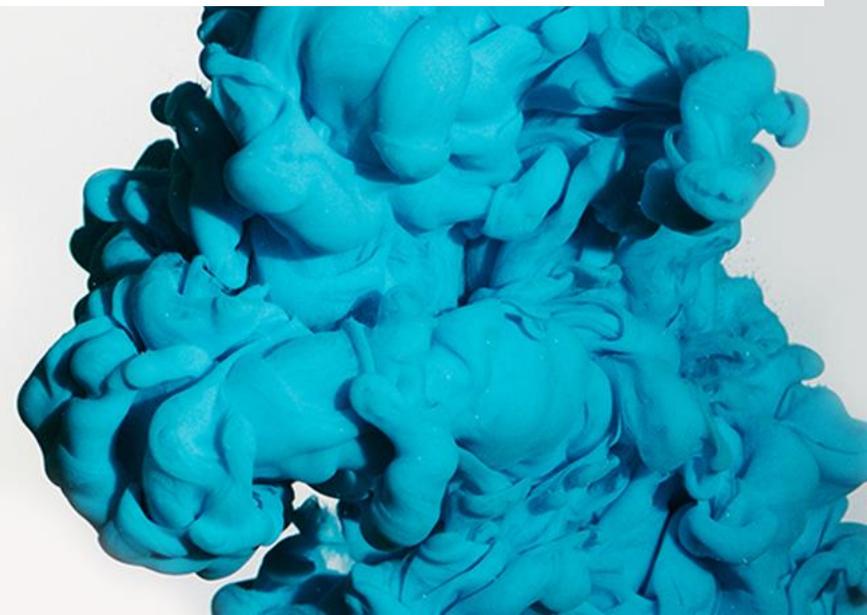
2 Samuel 11:1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David **sent** Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's **house**, that he saw from the roof a **woman** bathing (*rachats*= “washing”; see 11:8; 12:20); and the **woman** was very beautiful. ³ And David **sent** and **inquired** about the **woman**. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the **daughter** of Eliam, the **wife** of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David **sent** messengers and **took** (*laqach*, 3rd singular) her, and she came to him, and he lay (*shakav*) with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her **house**. ⁵ And the **woman** conceived, and she **sent** and told David, "I am pregnant."

2 Samuel 11:27b But the thing David had done displeased the **LORD** (“was evil in the eyes of YHWH”) **12:1** And **the LORD** sent Nathan to David. He came to him and **said to him**, “There were two men in a certain city, the one **rich** and the other **poor**.² The **rich man** had very many **flocks** and herds,³ but the **poor** man had nothing but one little **ewe lamb**, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter (*bat*) to him.⁴ Now there came a traveler to the **rich man**, and he was **unwilling** to take one of his own **flock** or **herd** to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he **took** (*laqach*; 11:4) the **poor** man's **lamb** and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”⁵ Then David's **anger** was **greatly kindled** against the **man**, and he said to Nathan, “As the **LORD** lives, the **man** who has done this deserves to **die**,⁶ and he shall restore the **lamb** fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no **pity**.”⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are the **man**! (*'atah ha'ish*).



David & Bathsheba:

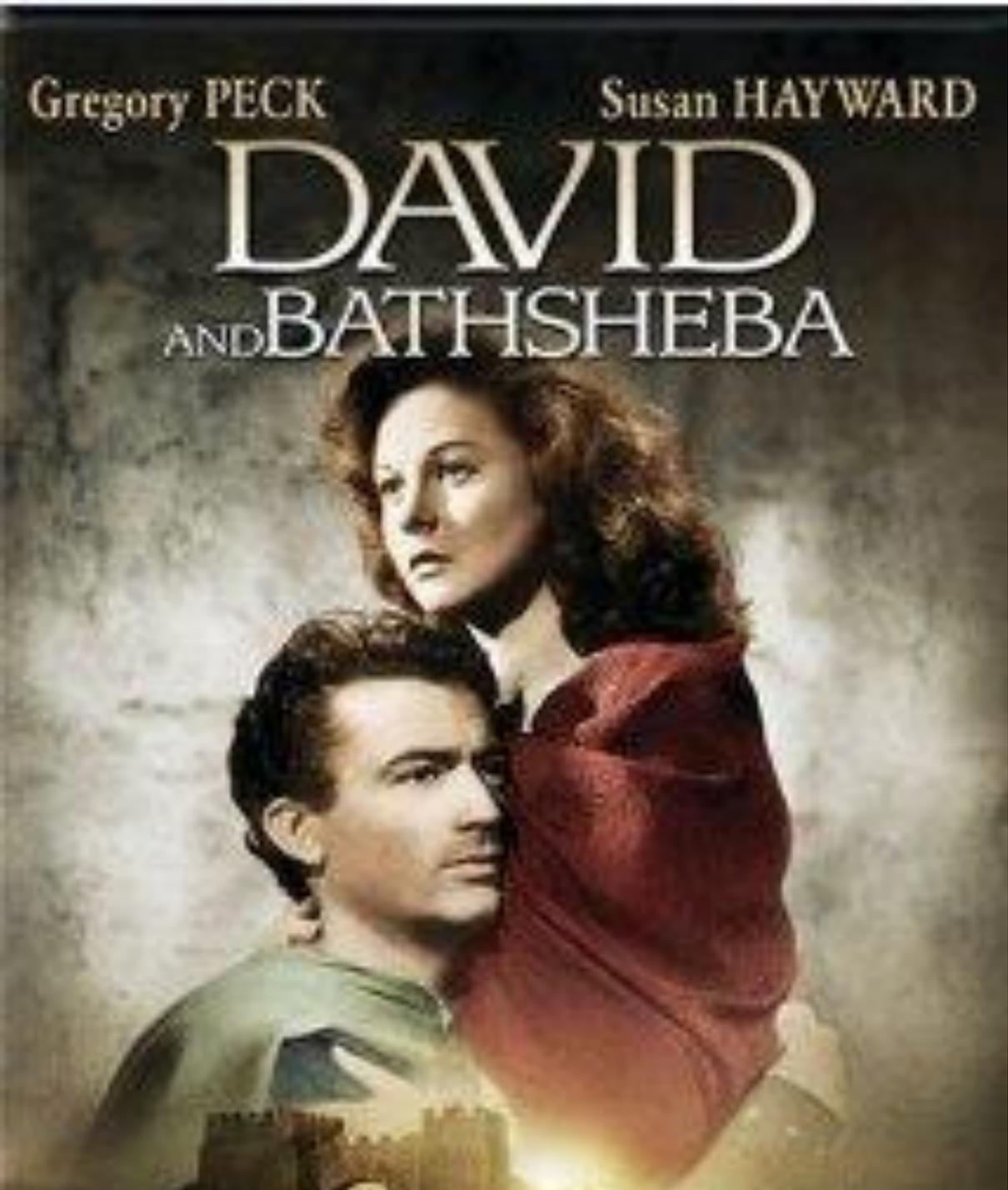
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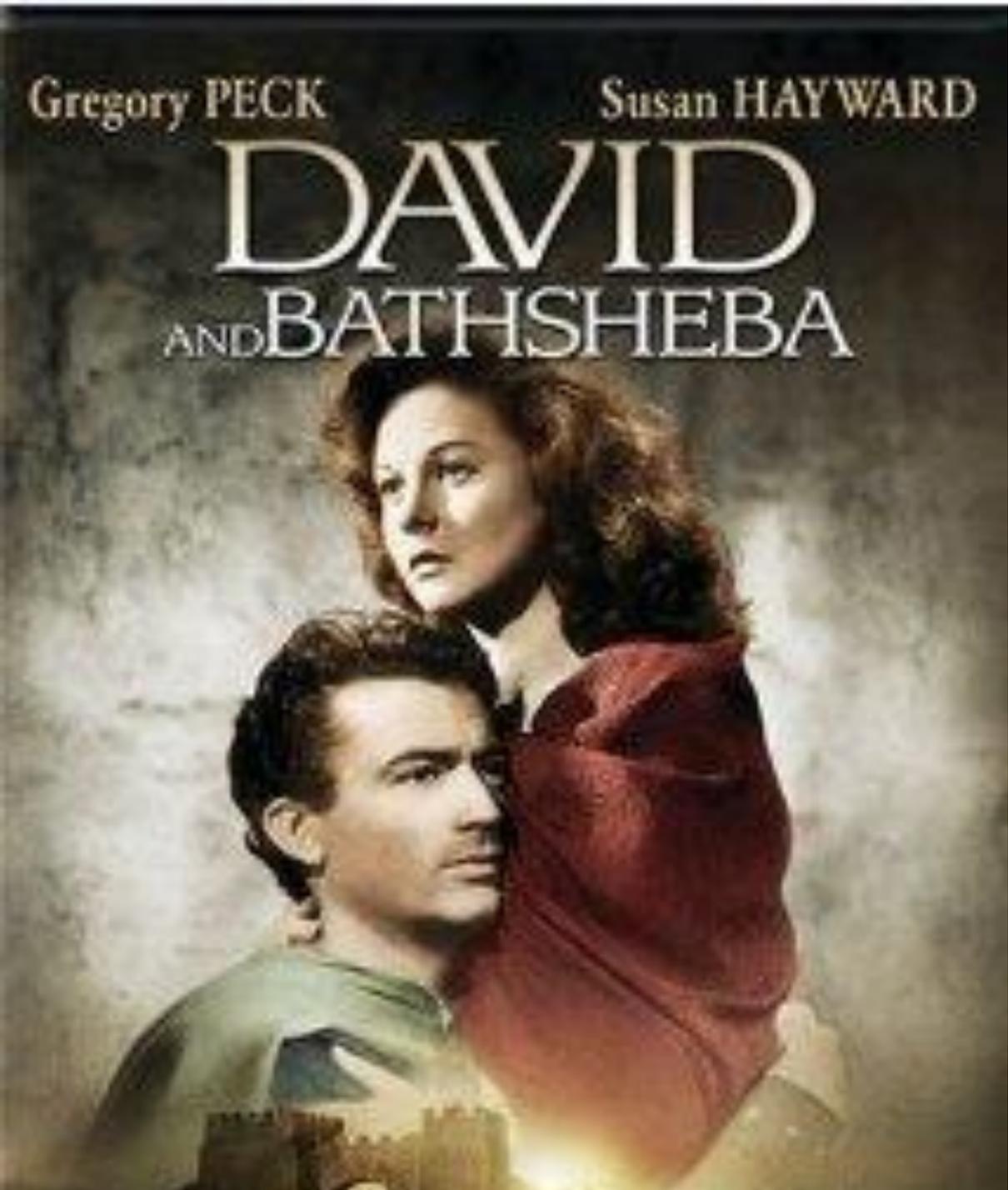
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**David and
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Definition of *adultery*

: voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than that person's current spouse or partner

also : an act of adultery



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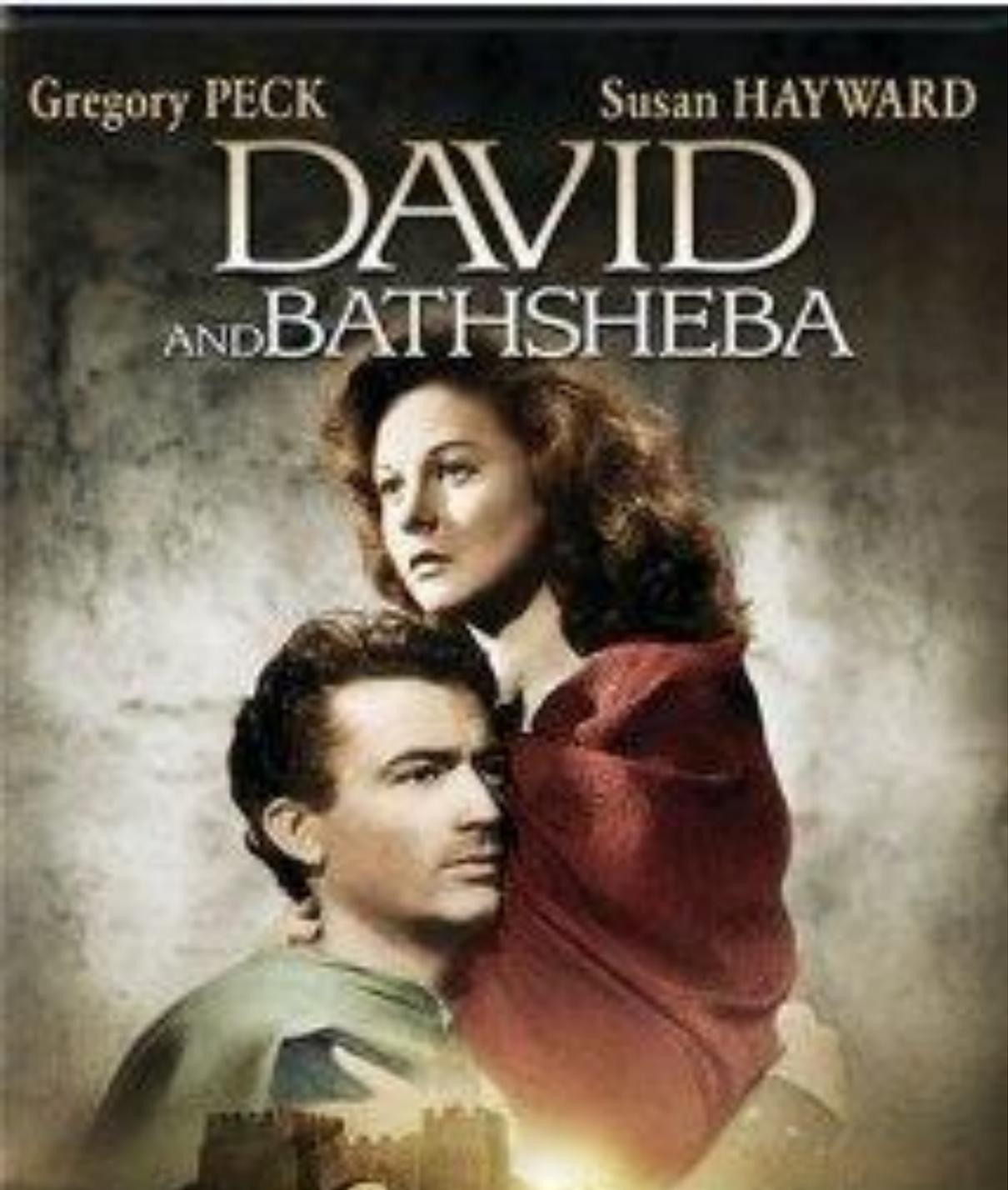
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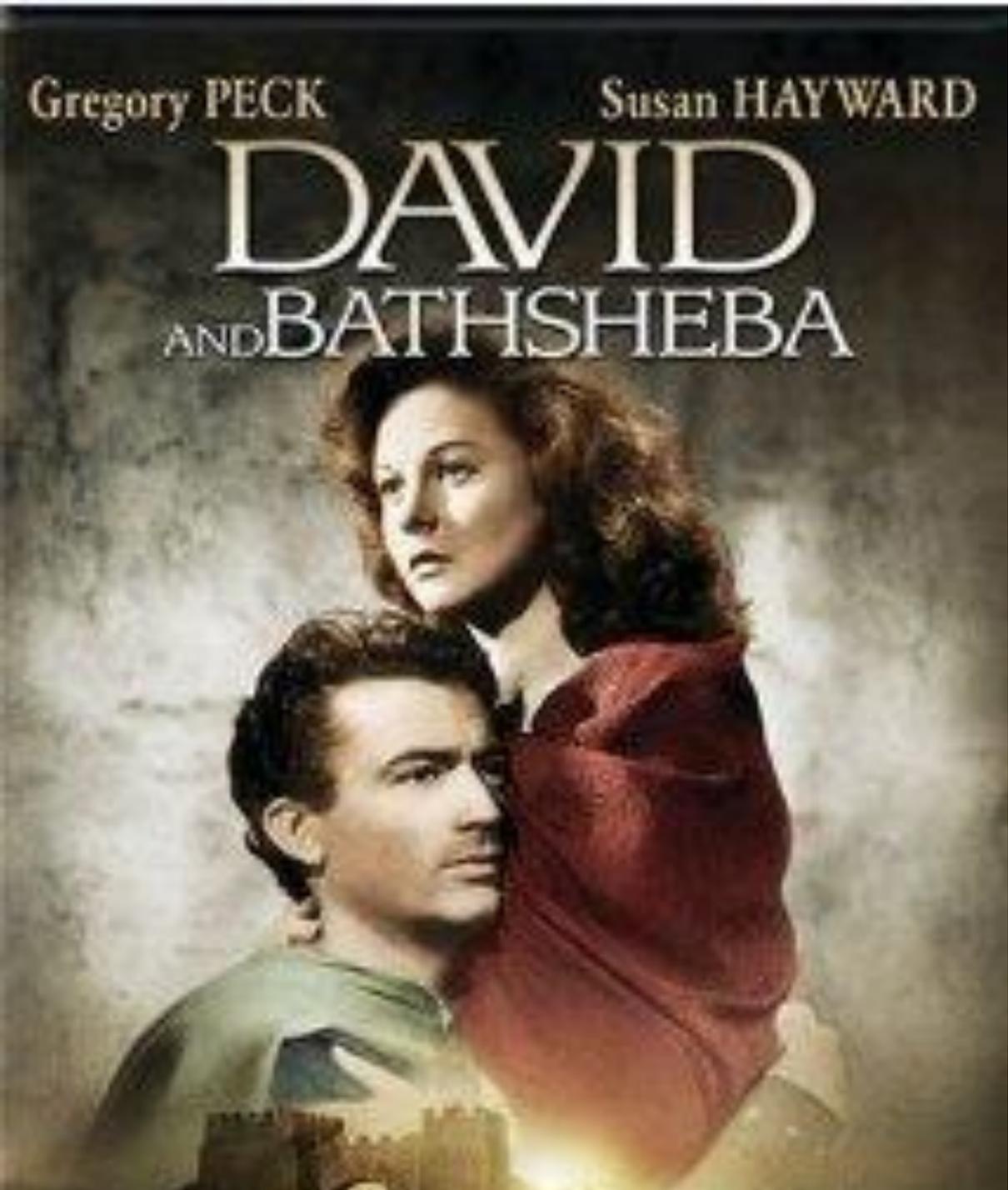
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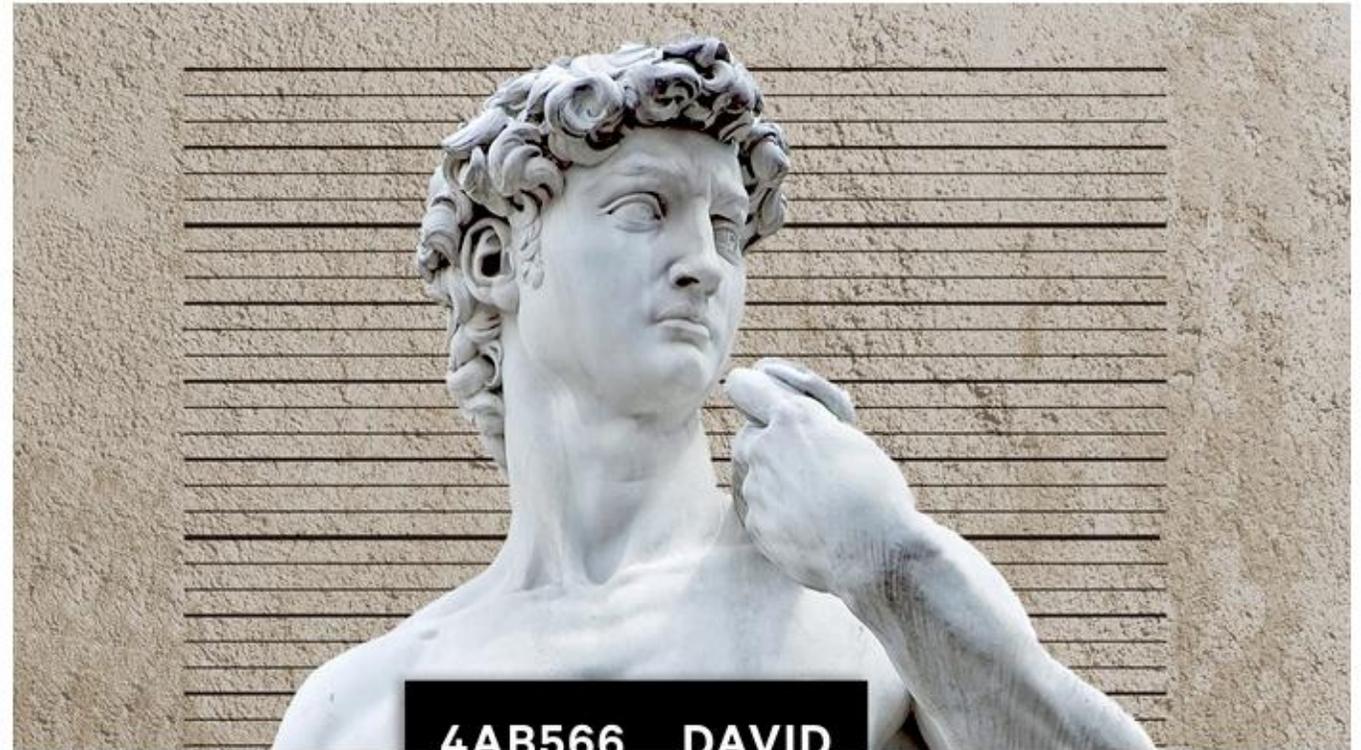
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David Was a Rapist, Abraham Was a Sex Trafficker

What we miss when we downgrade Old Testament abuse stories to sexual peccadilloes.

DAVID T. LAMB | OCTOBER 22, 2015



My family and I were driving to the movie theater recently and *Game of Thrones* came up in our conversation. Having never read the book or seen the HBO show, but figuring reviews and trailers gave me all I needed to know, I pontificated, “*Game of Thrones* is popular only because it’s about sex and

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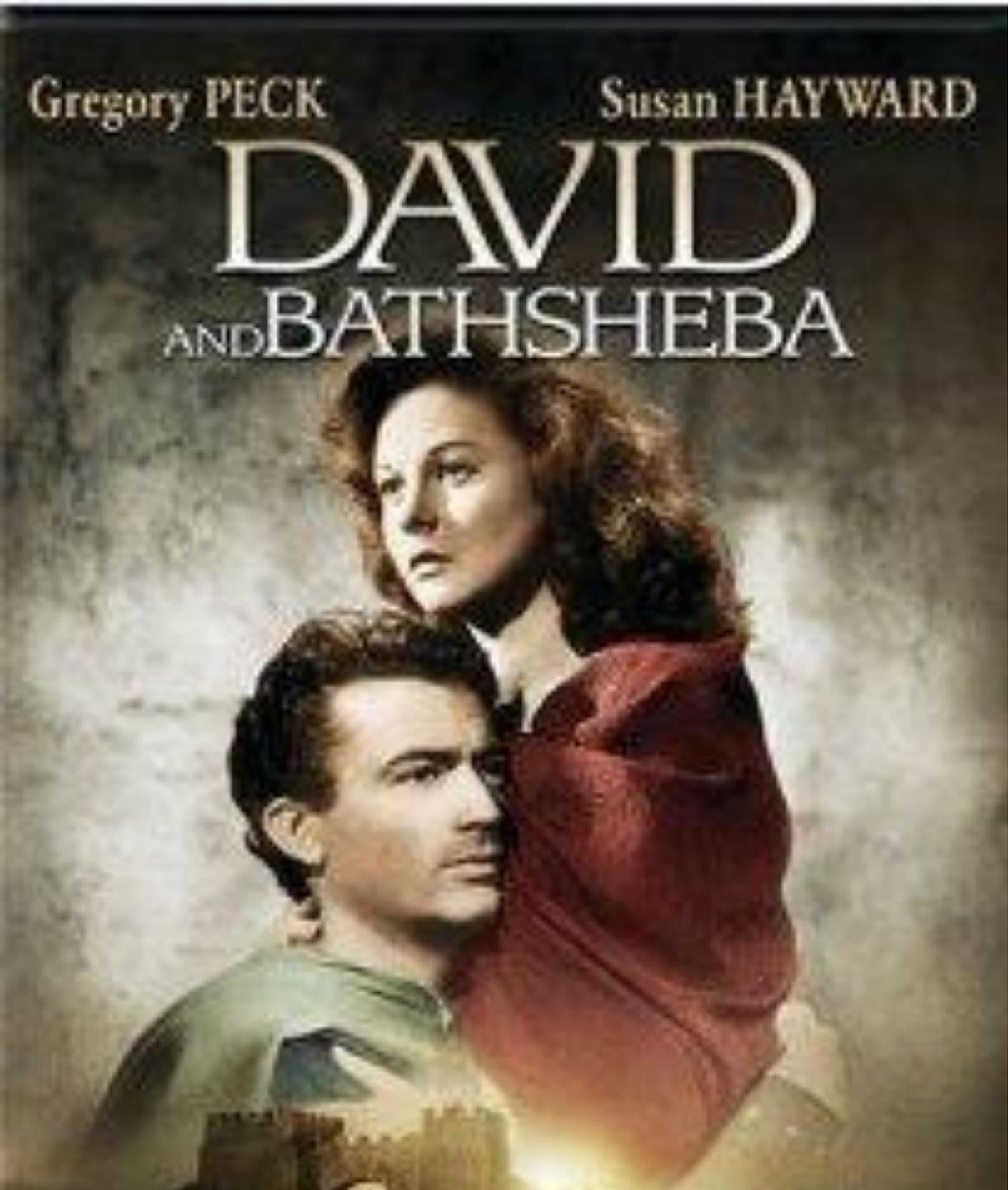


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