



# Be Loyal

*Hosea*

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# Loyalty





# Are you loyal?







# Are you loyal to God?



How does God motivate us to  
be **loyal** to him?





# Placing the Prophets

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Key Dates



# Perils of Prosperity

	<b>Jonah</b>	<b>Amos</b>	<b>Hosea</b>
<b>Responsibility Addressed</b>	<b>Evangelistic</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Spiritual</b>
<b>Israel's Problem</b>	<b>Myopia</b>	<b>Injustice</b>	<b>Adultery</b>
<b>God's Attribute</b>	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Justice</b>	<b>Faithfulness</b>
<b>Key Word</b>	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Injustice</b>	<b>Loyal</b>
<b>Summary</b>	<b>God cares even for cruel Gentiles, so you should too!</b>	<b>God is fair with you, so you should be fair with others!</b>	<b>God is loyal to you, so be loyal to him.</b>
<b>Modern Parallels</b>	<b>Failure in Mission Responsibility</b>	<b>Oppression of Maids &amp; Foreign Workers</b>	<b>Church's God is Modernity (Methods)</b>
<b>Date of Ministry (approx.)</b>	<b>785-758 Beginning of Jeroboam's Reign</b>	<b>767-753 Middle of Jeroboam's Reign</b>	<b>755-710 End of Jeroboam's Reign</b>



# The Idolatry of Israel





# AMAZING LOVE

THE STORY OF HOSEA





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How does God motivate us to  
be **loyal** to him?

2 Ways



**Key Word**

**565  
343**

**Loyal**

**Hosea**





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**examples.**

**Hosea showed amazing loyalty in his failed marriage (Hosea 1–3).**



# Hosea 1



# When Hosea Wrote (1:1)

*Kings  
of  
Israel*

**Jeroboam**

**Pekah**

**Hoshea**

*Kings  
of  
Judah*

**Uzziah**

**Jotham**

**Ahaz**

**Hezekiah**

**Hosea's 45-Year Ministry**  
(755-710 BC)

## Hosea 1:2 NLT

**"When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, 'Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshiping other gods.'"**



**Gomer took off for other lovers...**





# What about Gomer's children?





## Gomer's Children

	Hosea 1:2-5	Hosea 1:6-7	Hosea 1:8
<b>Name</b>	Jezreel	Lo-Ruhamah	Lo-Ammi
<b>Sex</b>	Boy	Girl	Boy
<b>Translation</b>	"He [God] scatters"	"No compassion"	"Not My people"

# What about Gomer's children?







# **FUTURE SIGNIFICANCE OF HOSEA**

**Despite God's discipline, God tells Hosea that He will eventually restore the nation in the following ways:**

- **Numerical growth (1:10a)**
- **Spiritual restoration (1:10b)**
- **National unification (1:11a)**
- **Civic centralization (1:11b)**
- **Territorial occupation (1:11c)**
- **Divine blessing (2:1)**



**These promises have not been fulfilled yet. Texts like these show God makes these types of promises about a literal future kingdom where Israel will occupy the land in peace and experience God's blessings. If you don't believe in a millennium, you have to ignore these passages or say that they have already been fulfilled in history or are going to be fulfilled in the church.**

# Hosea 2



## Hosea 2:1 NLT

**"In that day you  
will call your  
brothers Ammi—  
'My people.' And  
you will call your  
sisters  
Ruhamah—'The  
ones I love.'"**





## Hosea 2:2-3 NLT

**"But now bring charges against Israel  
—your mother—**

**for she is no longer my wife,  
and I am no longer her husband.**

**Tell her to remove the prostitute's makeup  
from her face  
and the clothing that exposes her  
breasts.**

**<sup>3</sup> Otherwise, I will strip her as naked  
as she was on the day she was born.  
I will leave her to die of thirst,  
as in a dry and barren wilderness."**

*Divorce Decree*

A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel resting on a document. The document is cream-colored and has the words "Divorce Decree" written in a large, black, gothic-style font. The gavel is made of polished wood and has a brass band around its handle. The background is a dark wooden surface.

**Did Hosea Divorce Gomer?**





## **Arguments For & Against Hosea Divorcing Gomer**

## Hosea 2:5 NLT

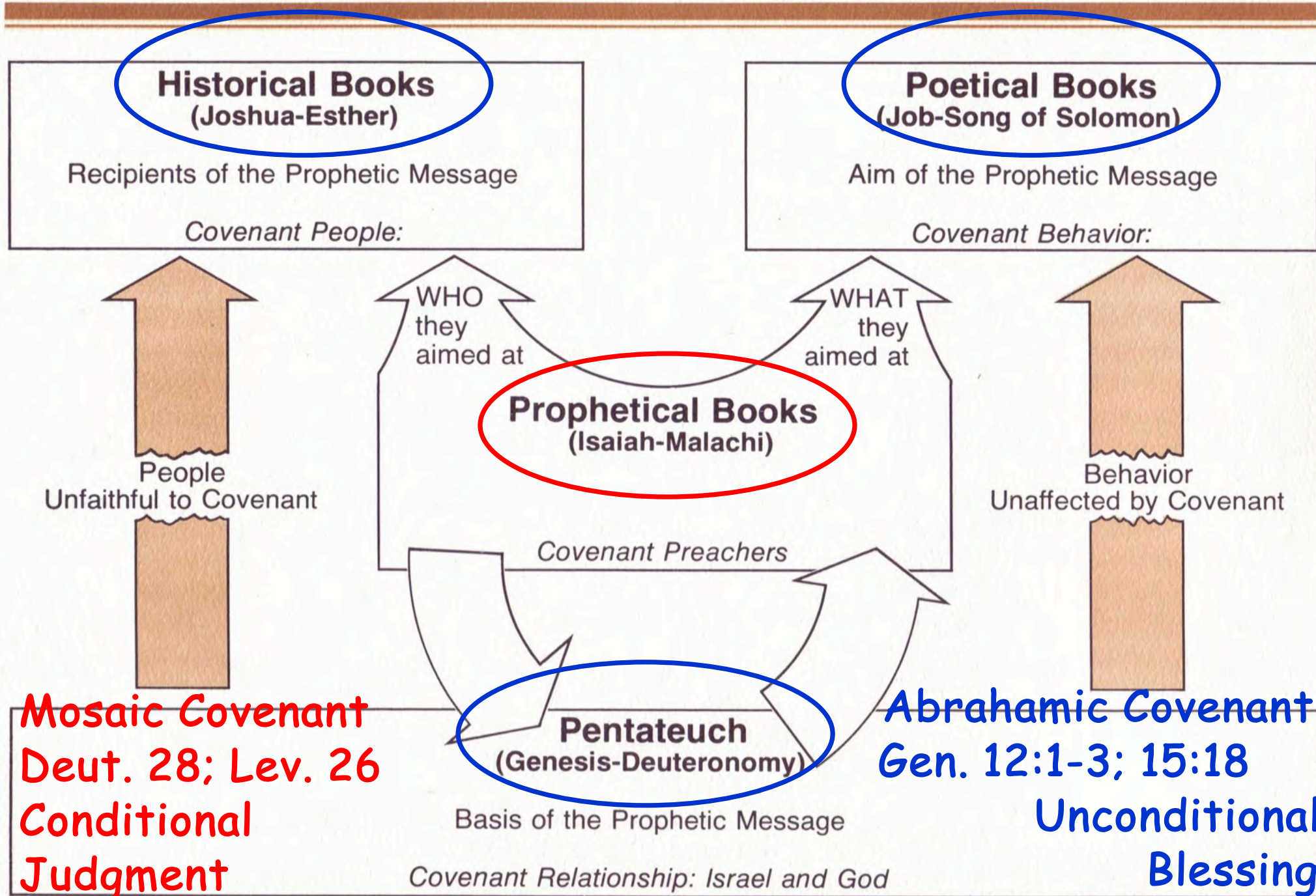
**"Their mother is a shameless prostitute and became pregnant in a shameful way. She said, 'I'll run after other lovers and sell myself to them for food and water, for clothing of wool and linen, and for olive oil and drinks.'"**



**"But then I will win her back  
once again. I will lead her  
into the desert and speak  
tenderly to her there."**

**Hosea 2:14**





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## Abrahamic Covenant

*Gen. 12:1-3*



**LAND**

**SEED**

**BLESSING**

• **LITERAL**

• **ETERNAL**

• **UNCONDITIONAL**

ABRAHAM
The CALL
L - S - B

Handbook pg. 19-24

# Prophetic Curses



Why?

**Deut. 28**

**Exile**



# Deut. 28 Blessings & Curses

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**Your towns and your fields  
will be blessed (3)**

**Your children and your crops  
will be blessed (4)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-  
boards will be blessed (5)**

**Wherever you go and whatever  
you do, you will be blessed (6)**

**Your enemies will attack you from  
one direction, but they will scatter  
from you in seven! (7)**

**You will lend to many nations, but  
you will never need to borrow  
from them (12)**

**Your towns and your fields  
will be cursed (16)**

**Your children and your crops  
will be cursed (17)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-  
boards will be cursed (18)**

**Wherever you go and whatever  
you do, you will be cursed (19)**

**You will attack your enemies from  
one direction, but you will scatter  
from them in seven! (25)**

**They will lend to money to you,  
but you will not lend to them  
(44)**



**"When that day comes," says the LORD,  
"you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master.'  
17 O Israel, I will wipe the many names of Baal from your lips, and you will never mention them again" (NLT).**

**Hosea 2:16-17**

# Hosea 3



# Restoration



## Hosea 3:1 NLT



**"Then the LORD said to me, 'Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.'"**



## Hosea 3:2-3 NLT



**"So I bought her back for fifteen pieces of silver and five bushels of barley and a measure of wine.  
<sup>3</sup>Then I said to her, 'You must live in my house for many days and stop your prostitution. During this time, you will not have sexual relations with anyone, not even with me.'"**



**GOMER THE HARLOT**  
(Hos. 3:2)

**ISRAEL THE HARLOT**  
(cp. Jer. 3:1-5)

**15 Shekels of  
Silver**



**+ A Homer & a Half  
of Barley**



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**= 1 Unfaithful Gomer**

**Hosea 3:2**

**The Redemption Price**

# Hosea 3:4-5 NLT



# The Meaning of *Hesed* חֶסֶד

- KJV: "lovingkindness," "mercy," "goodness"
- Nelson Glueck (1927): "covenant loyalty"

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**Key Word for Hosea: Loyal**

**Key Verse for Hosea:**

**"At that time I will plant a crop of Israelites  
and raise them for myself.**

**I will show **love****

**to those I called 'Not loved.'**

**And to those I called 'Not my people,'**

**I will say, 'Now you are my people.'**

**And they will reply, 'You are our God!' " (2:23 NLT)**





# Others model God's type of loyalty for us.







I. God  
motivates  
loyalty by  
**examples.**



# Hosea: God's Loyalty to Israel

**Unfaithful Gomer**

**Unfaithful Israel**

**Faithful Hosea**

**Faithful LORD**

**Marriage of Hosea**

**Message of Hosea**

**Personal**

**National**

**Chapters 1–3**

**Chapters 4–14**

**II. God motivates loyalty by  
balancing correction and  
blessings.**








**He punished Israel as he  
promised in his covenant with  
Moses (Hosea 4–13).**




# Hosea 4



**"Hear the word of the LORD,  
O people of Israel!  
The LORD has brought  
charges against you,  
saying:**

**'There is no **faithfulness**,  
no **kindness** (*hesed*)  
no **knowledge** of God  
in your land"  
(Hosea 4:1 NLT).**




**4:4–6:3**



**6:4–11:11**




**11:12–13:16**



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# Parallels with the Ten Commandments

**HOSEA 4:2**

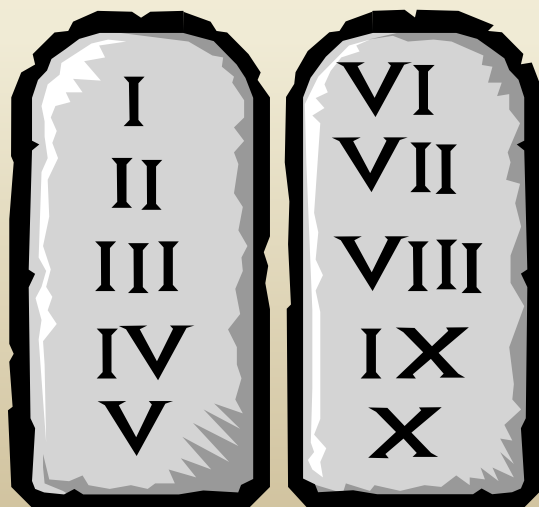
**Ten Commandments  
(Exodus 20)**

**Lying** → **Commandment 9 (20:16)**

**Murder** → **Commandment 6 (20:13)**

**Stealing** → **Commandment 8 (20:15)**

**Adultery** → **Commandment 7 (20:14)**



# Hosea 5

# PSYCHOLOGICAL DOWNSPIRAL (5:4-15)

**"Their pride will not permit them to return to the LORD" (5:4)**

**"When they seek the LORD, they will not find him" (5:6)**

**God said that He will go back to His place "until they admit their guilt" (5:15a)**



# Hosea 6

**Israel went after other lovers instead of knowing her true husband, the LORD**



**"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has  
torn us to pieces but he will heal us"  
(Hosea 6:1 NLT).**






# ***Eschatological Significance - Hosea 6:1-3***


- **One of the several promises of restoration**
- **God will never completely and finally destroy his people**
- **A remnant will remain, rescued from exile**
- **Passage not limited to OT—Restoration finds partial fulfillment in NT**
- **In essence, it is an invitation to (re)acceptance by God of a people (note that the language here is plural and corporate, not singular and individual)**





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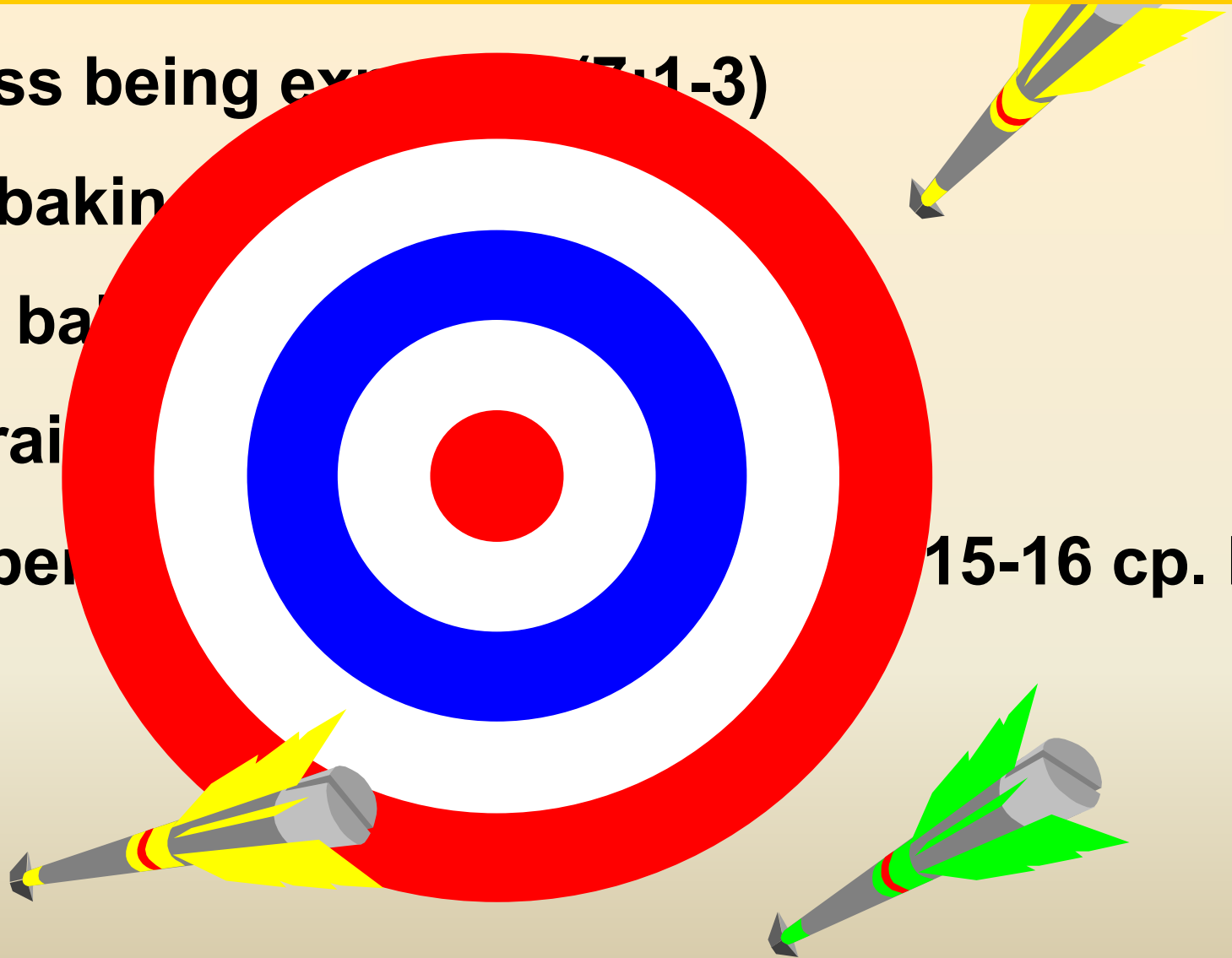
**6:4–11:11**

# Hosea 7



# MISSING THE TARGET!

- Badness being experienced (7:1-3)
- Bread baking
- Before baptism
- Bird-brain
- Bows bent (78:57)



15-16 cp. Ps

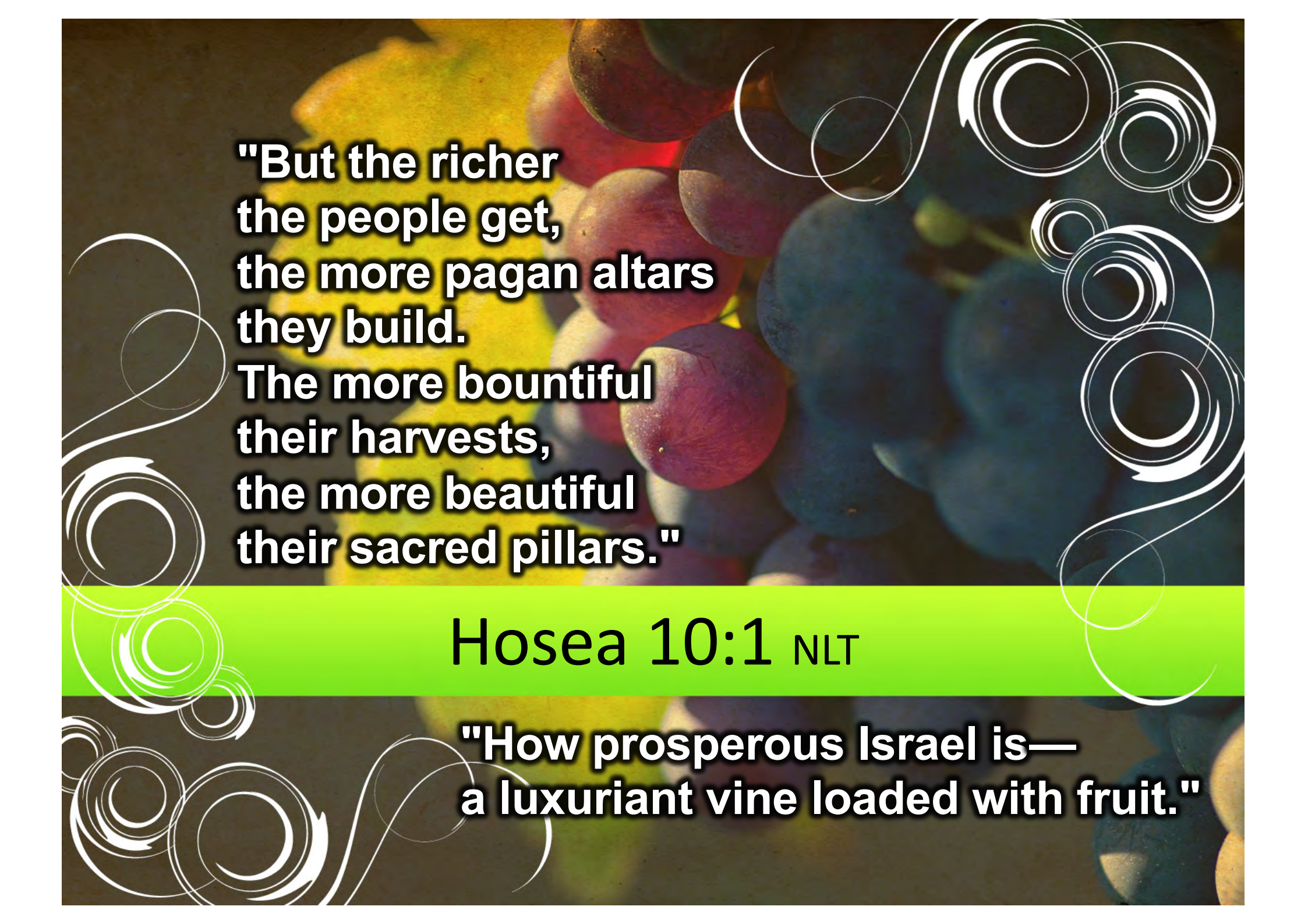
# **So how do Christians miss the target today?**



**Believers today commit spiritual adultery  
by compromising with atheists**

# Hosea 10





**"But the richer  
the people get,  
the more pagan altars  
they build.  
The more bountiful  
their harvests,  
the more beautiful  
their sacred pillars."**

**Hosea 10:1 NLT**

**"How prosperous Israel is—  
a luxuriant vine loaded with fruit."**

# Hosea 11

# Case Study:

## Hosea 11:1 in Matthew 2:15

- Who does "son" refer to in each passage?
- What difference does this make?
- What is Matthew's message for us?
- Is it faithful to the OT context and message?






# Case Study:

## Hosea 11:1 in Matthew 2:15


- Hosea called Israel God's "son," but Israel was a **disobedient** son.
- Matthew calls Jesus God's Son, but He is an **obedient** Son. Unlike Israel, Jesus was perfect in every instance where Israel failed.





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# Hosea 13





**"The people of  
Samaria  
must bear the  
consequences of  
their guilt  
because they  
rebelled against  
their God"  
(Hosea 13:16 NLT).**

# Hosea 14

# HOSEA

**FROM BROKEN TO BRAND NEW**



**God balances discipline with  
blessings today too!**



**FROM  
BROKEN**





**TO  
BRAND  
NEW**

# HOSEA

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# Main Idea

**God is loyal to you,  
so be **loyal** to him**

**Hosea**

**Simply put...**

**565  
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**Hosea**



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**How are you doing at being  
loyal to your loyal Lord?**





***"Yet I hold this against you:  
You have forsaken  
your first love."***



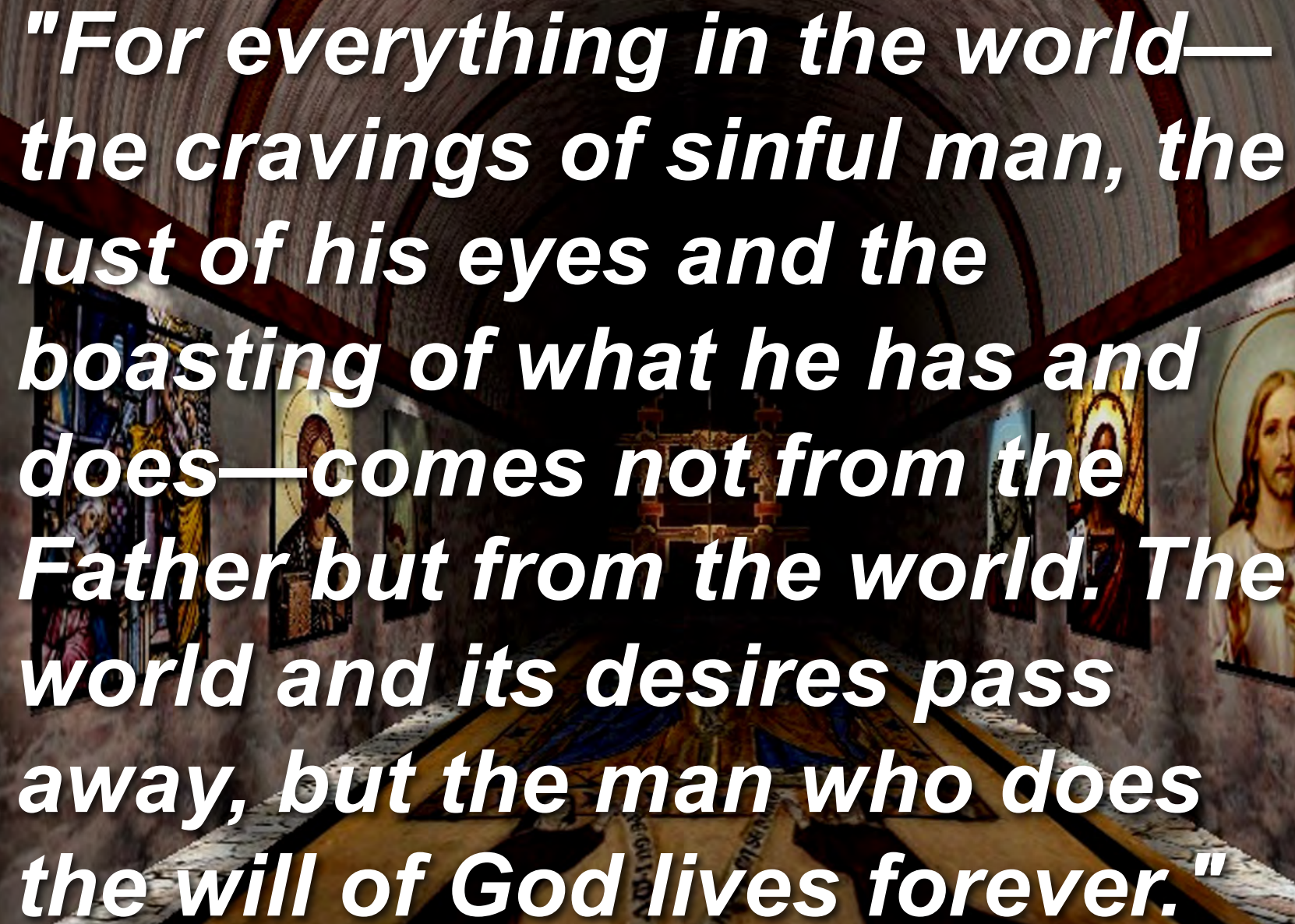
**Revelation 2:4 (NIV)**



***"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."***

**1 John 2:15 (NIV)**

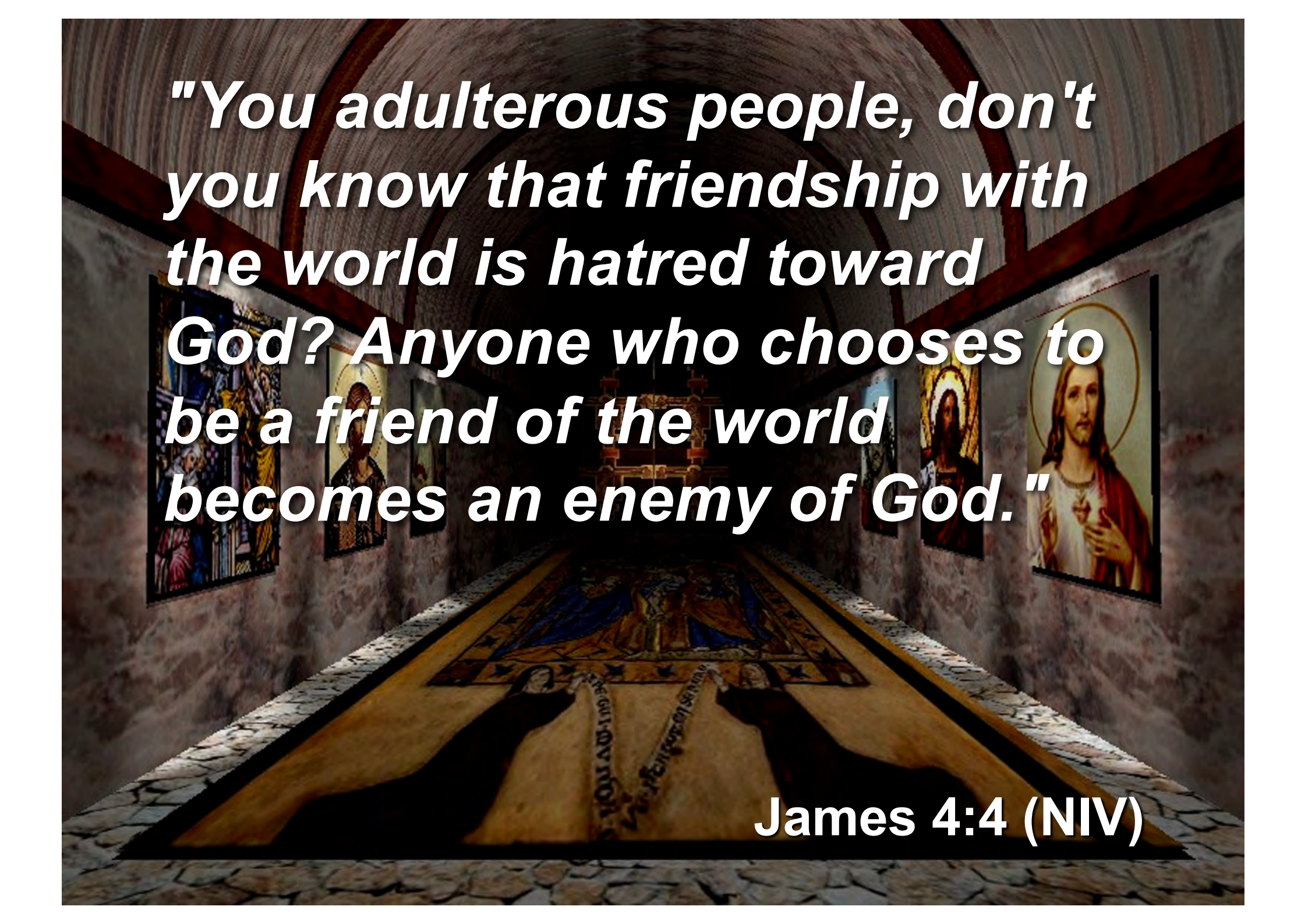


A perspective view of a long, arched hallway in a church. The walls are covered with religious paintings, including a large one of Jesus Christ on the right. The floor is made of stone tiles, and a large cross is visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, serif font.

***"For everything in the world—  
the cravings of sinful man, the  
lust of his eyes and the  
boasting of what he has and  
does—comes not from the  
Father but from the world. The  
world and its desires pass  
away, but the man who does  
the will of God lives forever."***

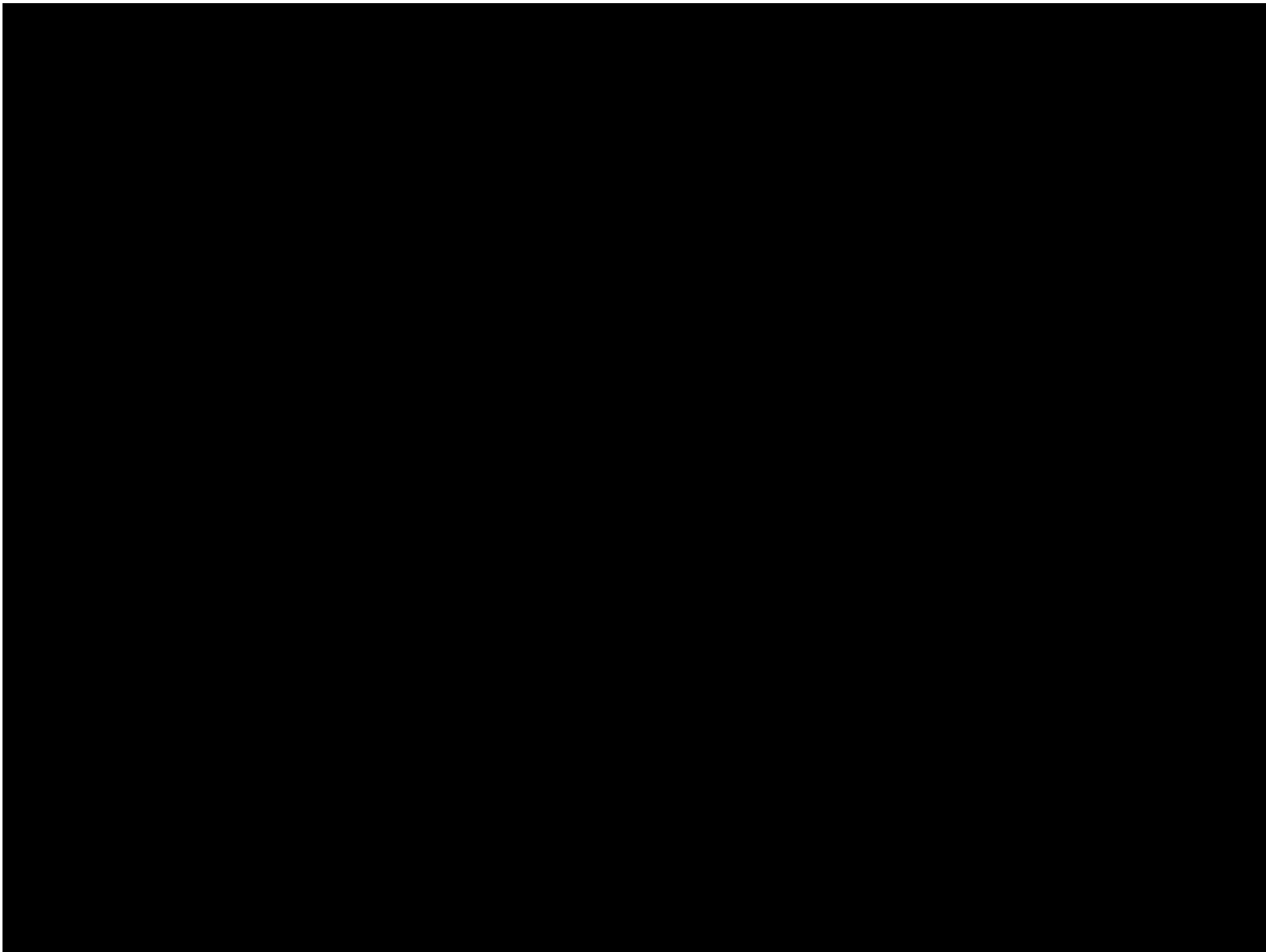
**1 John 2:16-17 (NIV)**



A perspective view of a long, arched hallway with a vaulted ceiling. The walls are covered in religious art, including large tapestries and framed paintings of saints and Jesus. The floor is paved with stone tiles, and a large, colorful tapestry depicting a religious scene is visible in the distance. The lighting is warm and focused on the central path.

***"You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."***

**James 4:4 (NIV)**






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