



The Book of Hebrews

Key Word

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Superiority

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Theme

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Christ's Superiority Over Judaism as High Priest

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Key Verse

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**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”
(12:1-2).**

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Summary Statement

An unknown author shows Jewish believers the **superiority of Christ as High Priest** and the superiority of Christianity over Judaism to exhort them to **endure** persecution rather than return to their former life under Judaism.

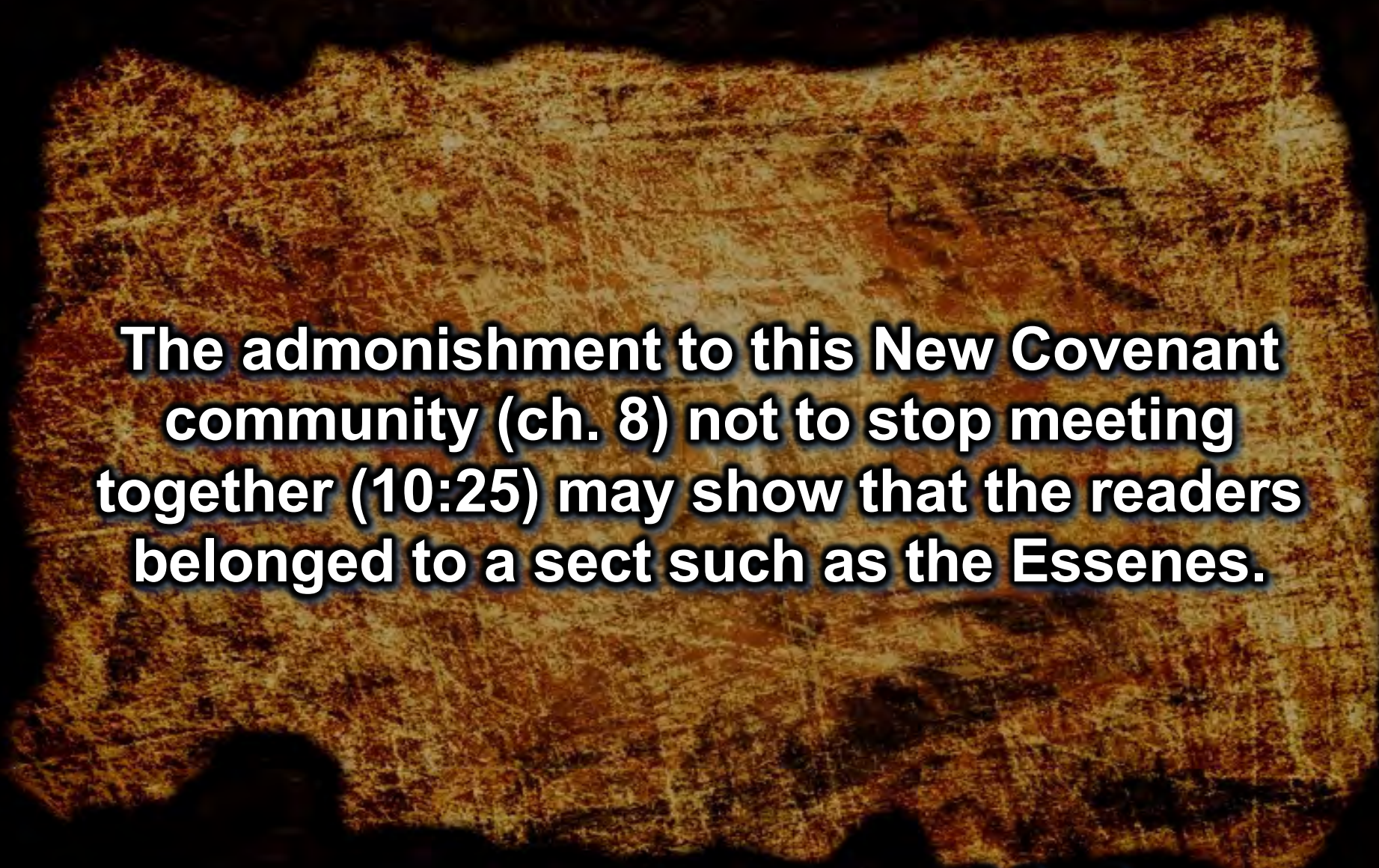
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Kingdom Statement

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The “Sabbath rest for the people of God” (4:9) will be the millennial kingdom where Christ will rule due to His atoning death (2:9-13), and the readers will rule with Him as “partakers” if they remain faithful (3:14).

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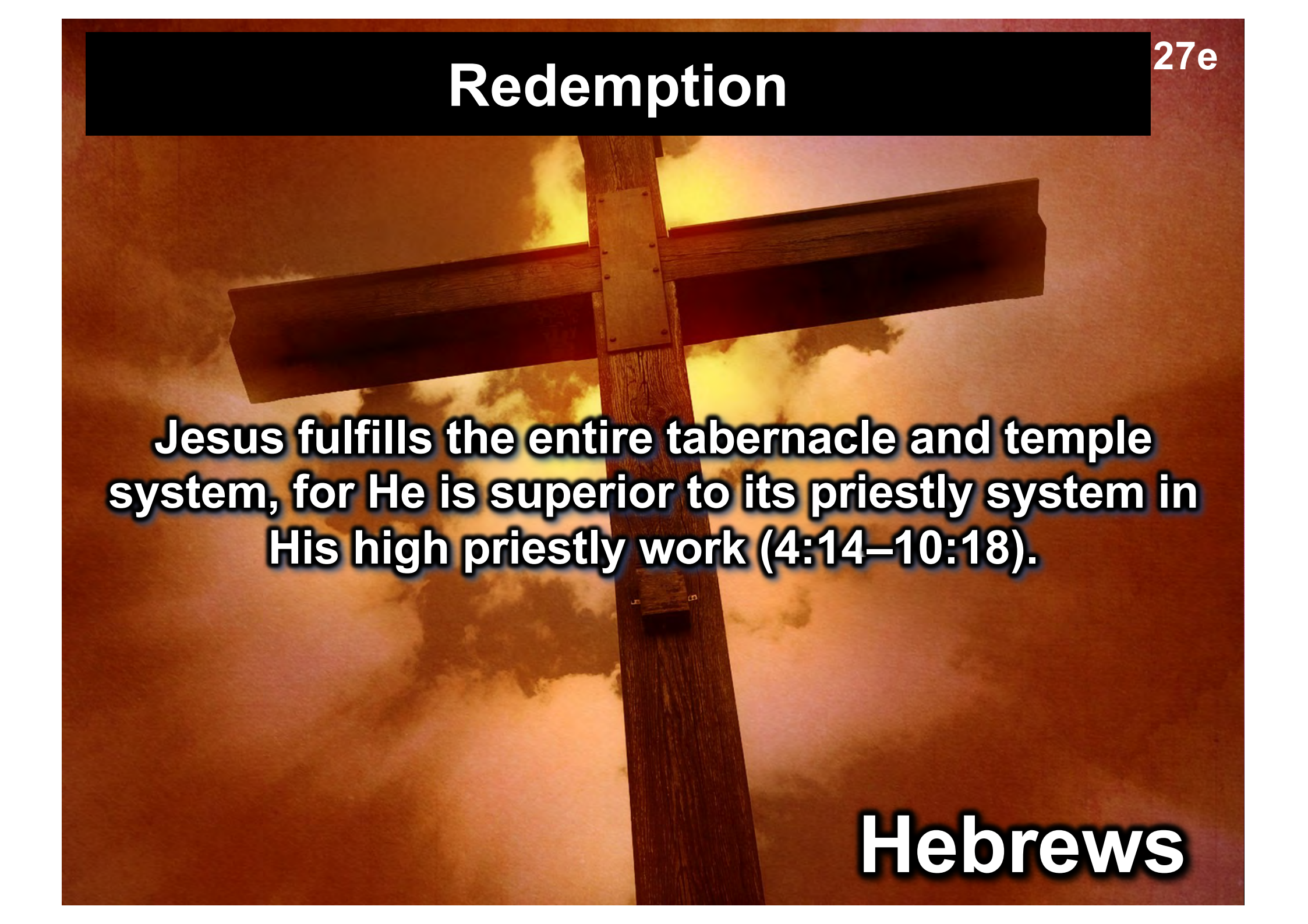


The admonishment to this New Covenant community (ch. 8) not to stop meeting together (10:25) may show that the readers belonged to a sect such as the Essenes.

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Redemption

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A wooden cross is the central visual element, set against a dramatic sky with warm, orange, and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally across the frame.

Jesus fulfills the entire tabernacle and temple system, for He is superior to its priestly system in His high priestly work (4:14–10:18).

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Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

The temple and sacrificial system would soon be destroyed (8:13), which was fulfilled in AD 70, so five severe warnings (2:1-4; 3:7–4:13; 5:11–6:8; 10:19-39; 12:18-29) admonish readers of death in Jerusalem's fires for rejecting Jesus.

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Christ's Superiority Over Judaism as High Priest

Superior in His Person to...			Superior in His Priestly Work to...					Endurance Through Faith					
1:1–4:13			4:14–10:18					10:19–13:25					
Prophets	Angels	Moses	Aaron	Melch	Old Cov.	Taber-nacle	Sacri-fices	Will-ful Sin	Models	Endure as Sons	Ethics	Ignoring God	Exhort
1:1-3	1:4–2:18	3:1–4:13	4:14–6:20	7	8	9:1-10	9:11–10:18	10:19-39	11:1–12:3	12:4-13	12:14-17	12:18-29	13
Christ's Majesty			Christ's Ministry					Christian's Manifestation					
Theology								Practice					
Unknown Author, Recipients, Origin, and Destination!													
AD 67-68													

Hebrews

HEBREWS

- 1 **N**ature of God's Son
- 2 **E**xaltation after Christ's sacrifice
- 3 **W**orthy of man's obedience
- 4 **P**romise of believer's rest
- 5 **R**emember Christ like Melchizedek
- 6 **I**nheritance for persistent faith
- 7 **E**ternal priesthood of Melchizedek
- 8 **S**econd covenant supersedes first
- 9 **T**estimony of Christ's blood
- 10 **H**oliness through one sacrifice
- 11 **O**bedience of God's faithful
- 12 **O**bedience helped by discipline
- 13 **D**uties of the Christian





Be

Uncompromising

Hebrews

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Some quit the Christian race



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What about you?

1. What was
your
previous
religion?

- Atheist?
- Ancestor Worship?
- Buddhist?
- Free thinker?
- Hindu?
- Muslim?
- Taoism?
- Christian?
- Nominal Christian?

2. What tempts
you to go
back?

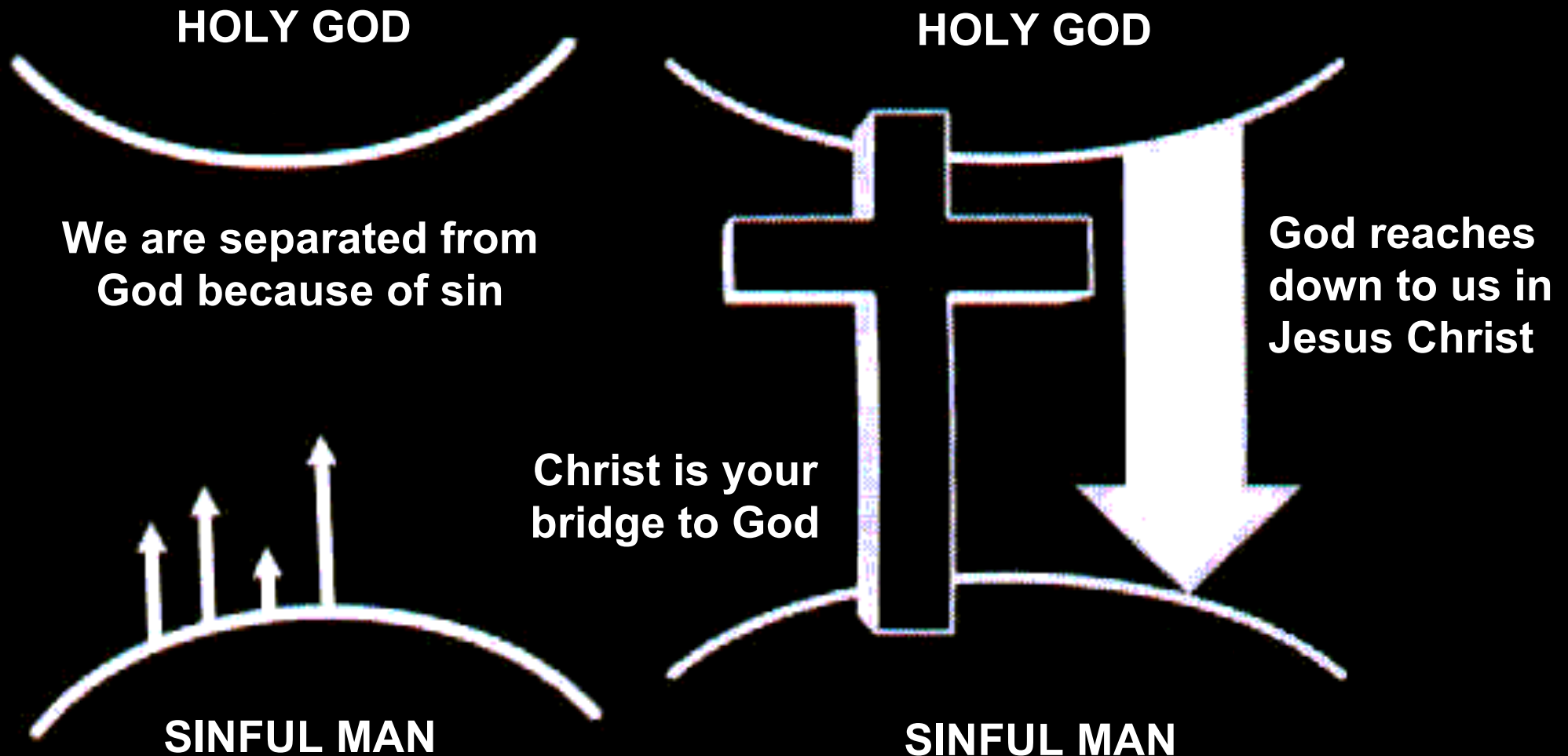
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Why should you be **uncompromising
in your faith in Jesus?**



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I. Jesus is **better** than anyone or anything (1:1–10:18).



II. Don't compromise but **persevere**
by faith (10:19–13:25).



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Main Idea

A cinematic still from a film depicting Jesus washing the feet of his twelve apostles. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, is seated on the right, wearing a green robe, and is washing the foot of a disciple. The other apostles, also with beards and wearing robes, are seated around a low wooden table. On the table are two small clay lamps. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background.

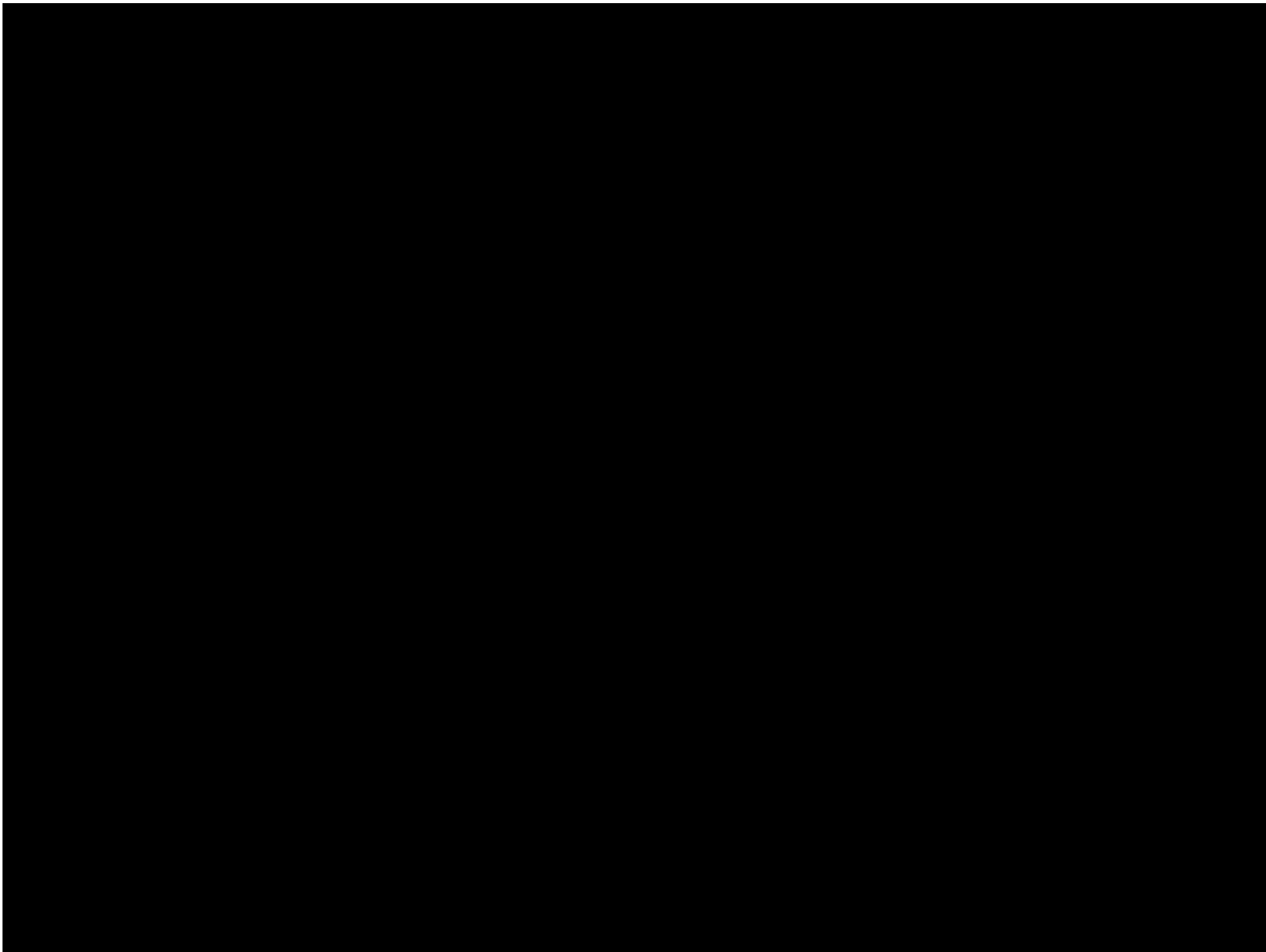
Jesus is your “go-to” **mediator**
between you and God

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Where do you need to press on?

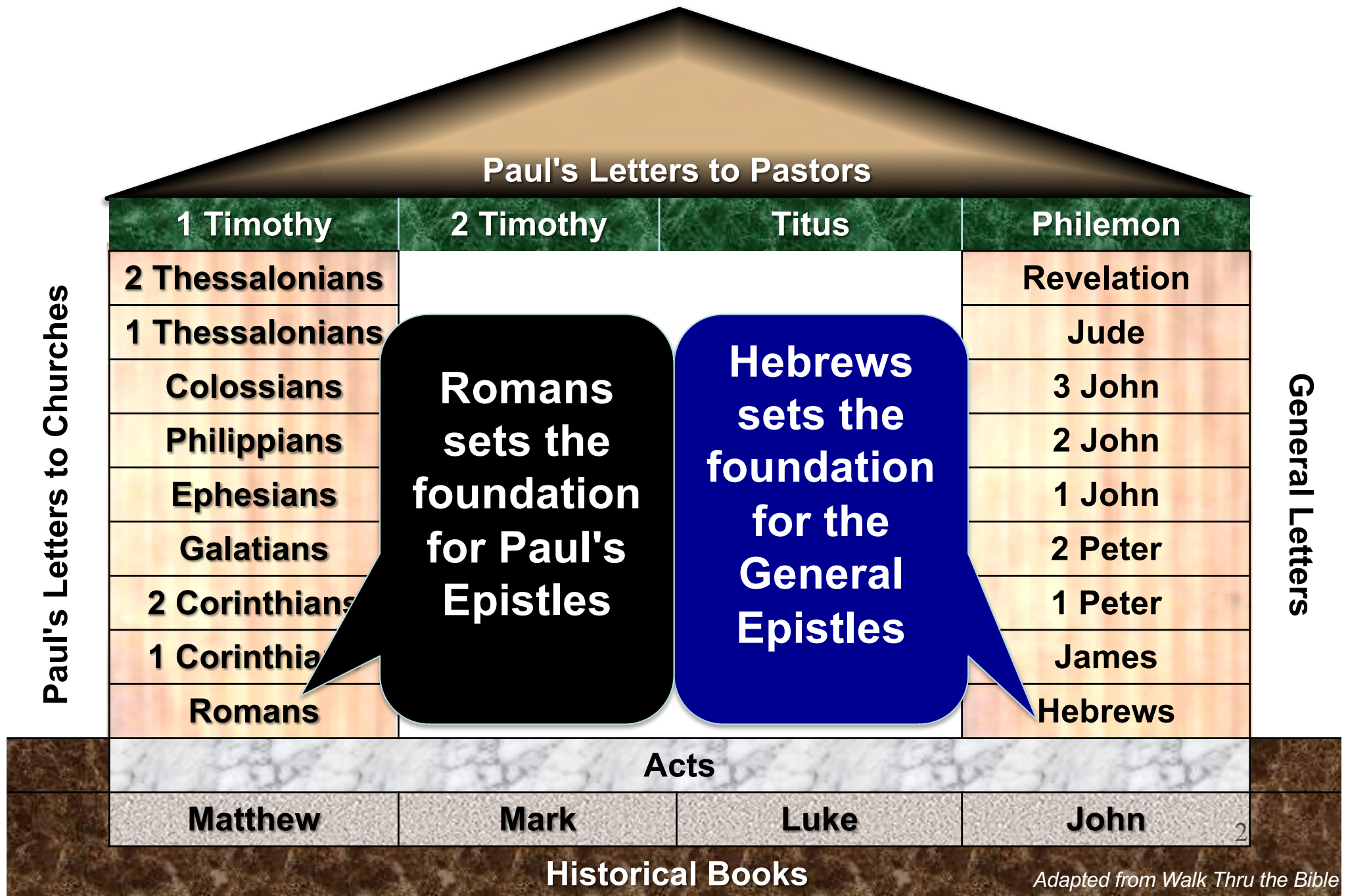


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The New Testament "Building"

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NT Epistle Contrasts

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39-41

Pauline

General

Named after

Recipients

Author (except Hebrews)

Authors

1 (Paul)

5 (anonymous Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude)

Date

Earlier

Later (except James)

Chronology

Missionary journeys & Acts (except Pastorals)

After missionary journeys & Acts (except James)

Number

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Number of Letters in Theological Categories (cf. p. 24)

**Soteriology (2)
Ecclesiology (5)
Eschatology (2)
Christology (4)**

**Soteriology (2)
Ecclesiology (0)
Eschatology (4)
Christology (1)
Missiology (2)**

The General Epistles



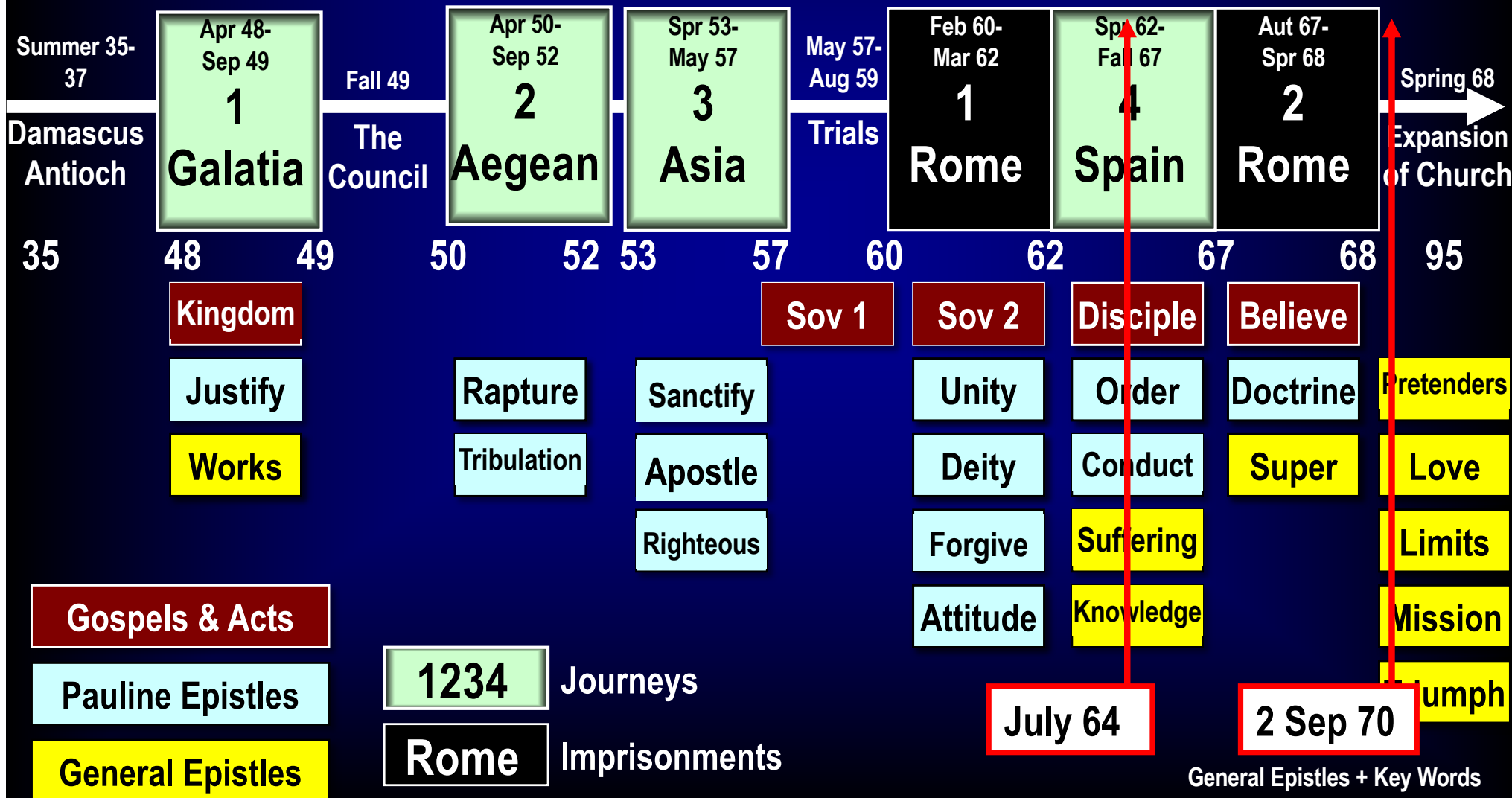
- **Hebrews**
- **James**
- **1 & 2 Peter**
- **1, 2, 3 John**
- **Jude**
- **(Revelation?)**

NT Overview (General + Key Words)

38
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39-41

"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



General Epistles Occasion

- **Addressed Christians under stress**
- **1st generation leadership passing away**
- **Temple gone – change in Jewish system**
- **Increasing antagonism between Jewish and Gentile believers (Jewish-Roman War AD 66-73)**
- **Gentile believers become target for political blame (Jewish Christians suspected they had sided with their enemies)**
- **Great texts for preaching to encourage people**

A Time of Change

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1. Leadership changes

- Original leaders passing away—James beheaded, James (brother of Jesus), Peter & Paul killed, John exiled

2. Change from oral to written tradition

- Teachings from Jesus & apostles becoming published

3. Expectation of Christ's return

- Some expected Jesus to return at time of Jerusalem's destruction, but nothing happened
- People started to doubt & reinterpret their traditions

4. Reorientation of Jewish system

- Temple gone, so Jews worshipped only in synagogues
- Christians eventually forced out of synagogues

Impact of Changes

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1. Churches became more Gentile in membership

- Separation between Jews & Gentiles grew
- Christians were no longer perceived as a sect of Judaism, which was protected, hence became a political target of Rome
- Hence increase in persecution

2. Churches became more Gentile in character

- Hebrew thinking was slowly replaced by Greek thinking

Consequently...

- Questions of church identity
- Threats of syncretism
- Threats of persecution

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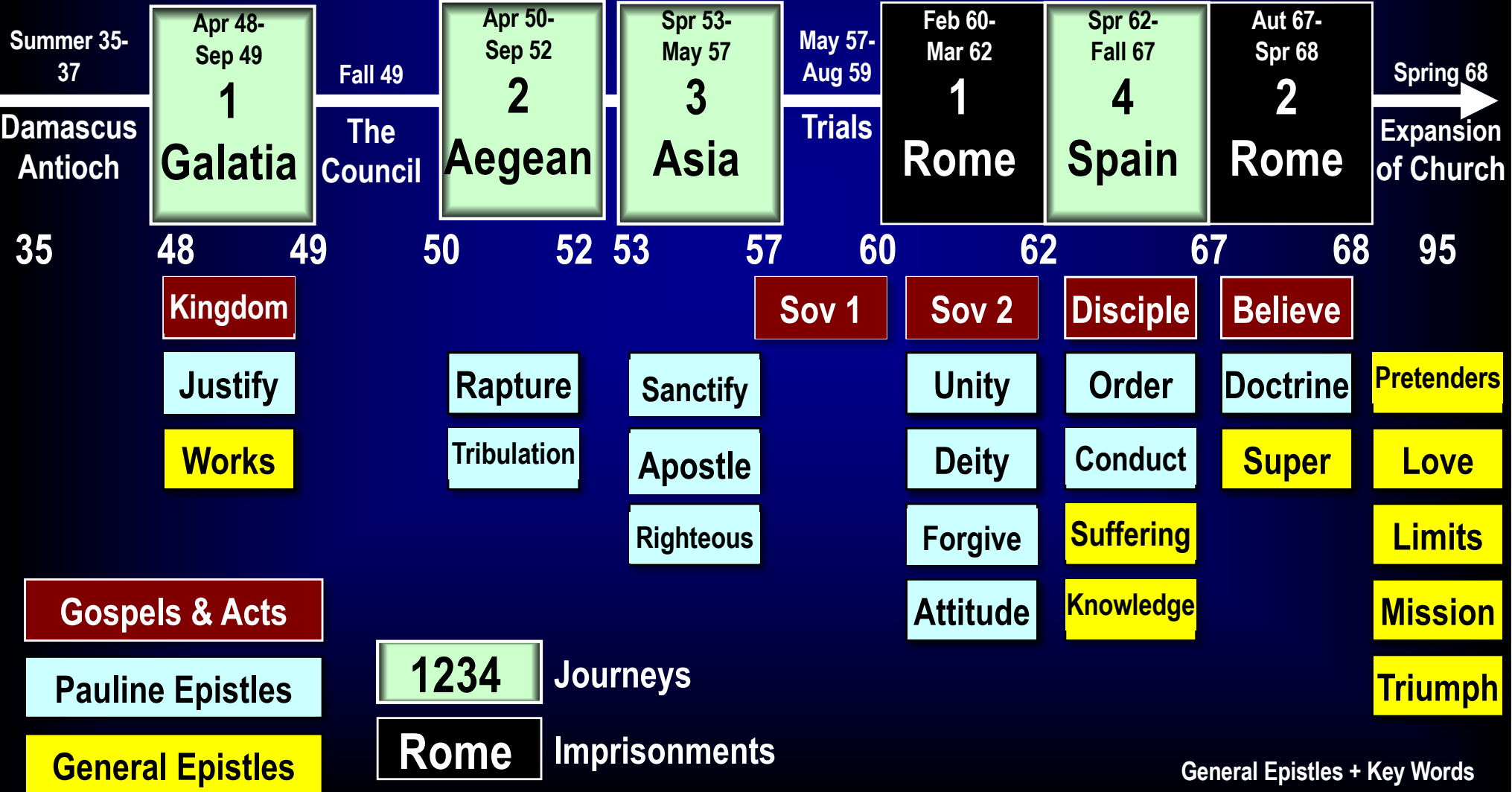
Faith—the issue of the day!

- **James:** Faith that works
- **1 Peter:** Faith in suffering
- **2 Peter:** Knowing the faith
- **Hebrews:** Faith that is superior
- **1-3 John:** Practicing the faith
- **Jude:** Fighting for the faith
- **Revelation:** Faith in God's sovereignty & rule

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The Letter to the
Hebrews



How long will *you* run with Christ?



"They used to be here."



- Divorce
- College doubts
- Living together
- Living apart

Singaporean Returns





America has the largest number of:

- **Churches/Seminaries**
- **Christian Colleges**
- **Christian Bookshops/Resources**
- **Christian Radio/TV**

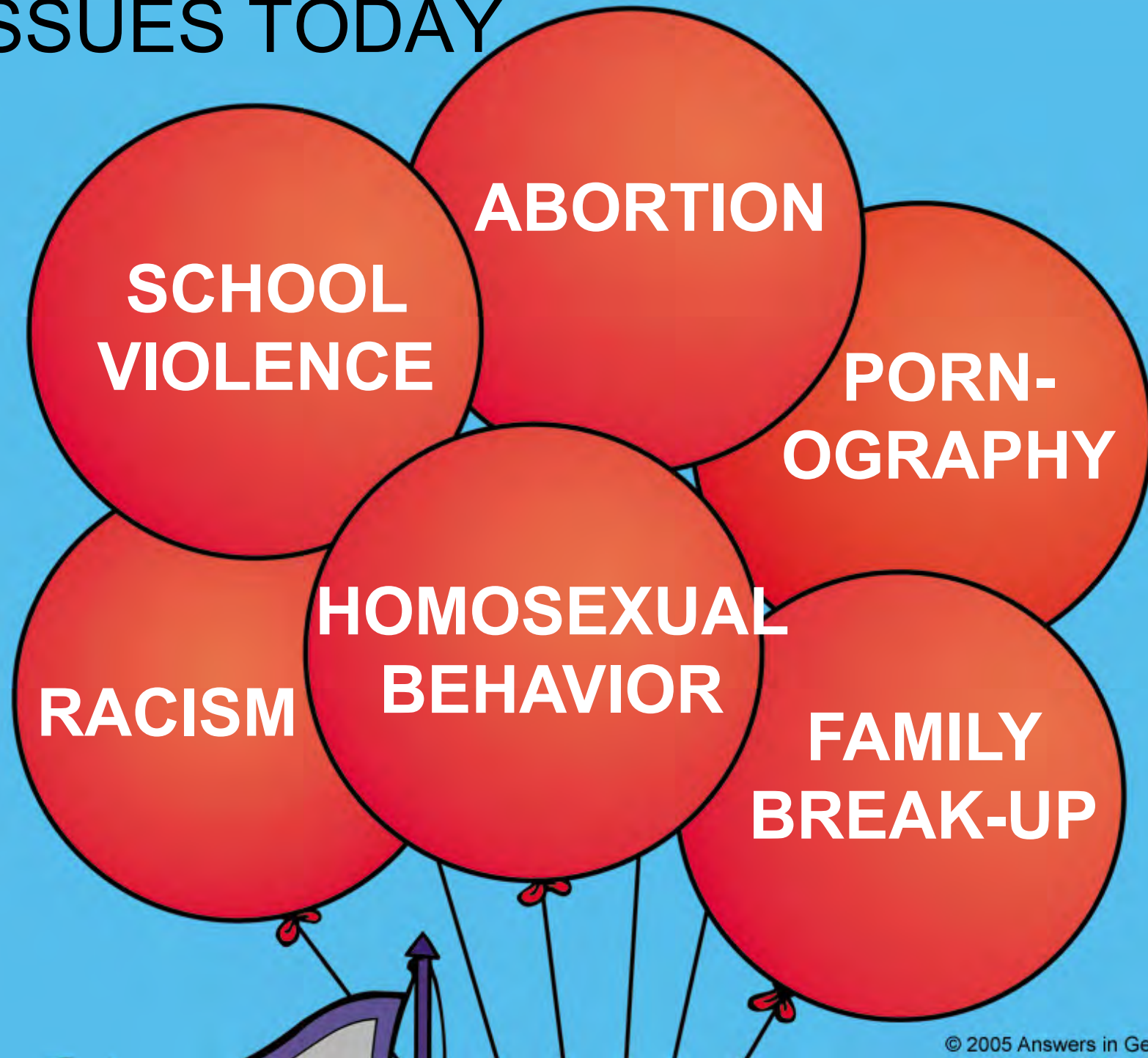


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**But is becoming
LESS Christian
EVERY day!**

ISSUES TODAY



**"A minority of born-again
adults (44%) and an even
smaller proportion of born-
again teenagers (9%) are
certain of the existence of
absolute moral truth."**

**Barna Research Online, 'The Year's Most
Intriguing Findings, From Barna Research
Studies,' December 12, 2000, www.barna.org.**

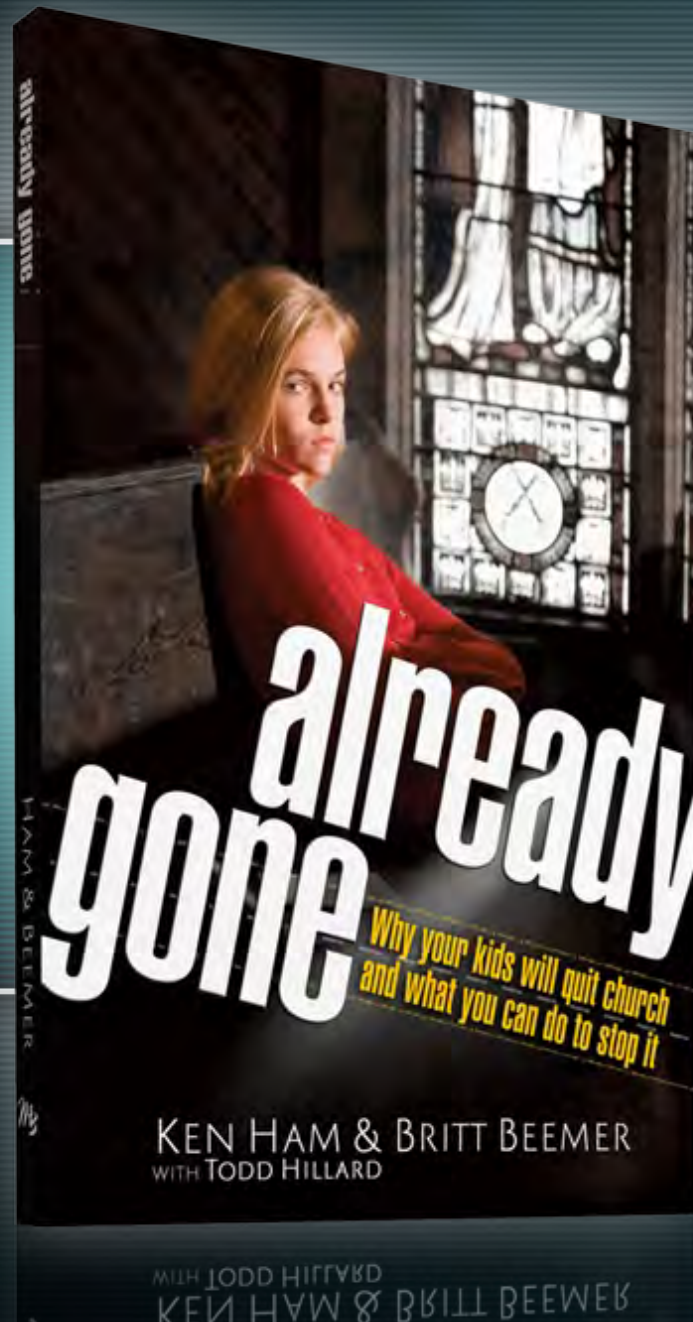
"The 'American Family In Crises Research' by the Southern Baptist Council on Family Life uncovered some disturbing facts. Of the children raised in evangelical homes, 88% leave the church at age 18 and never return."

Pastor's Weekly Briefing, Focus on the Family, 26 July 2002, quoted in Gary Foster, The Foster Letter, 10 Aug. 2002, p. 1.

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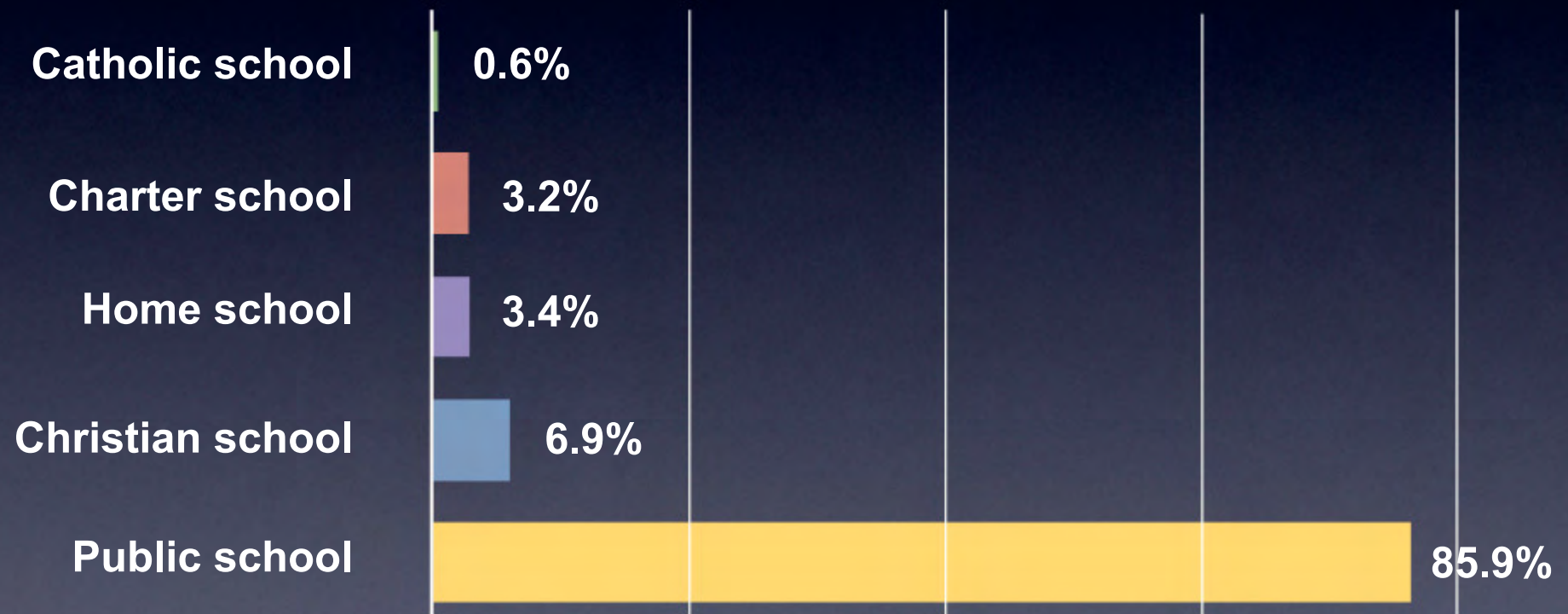
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by Ken Ham and Britt Beemer,
with Todd Hillard

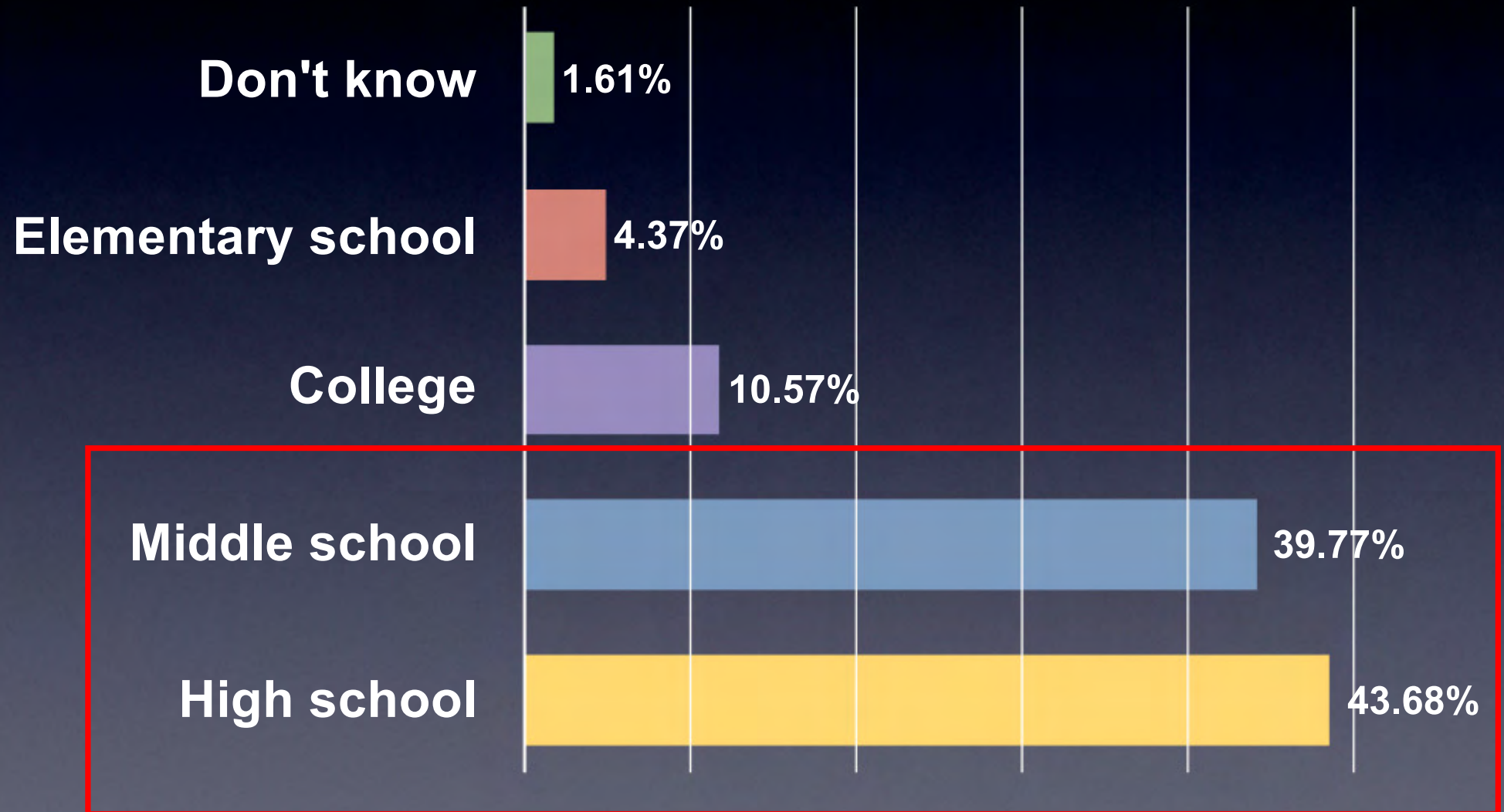


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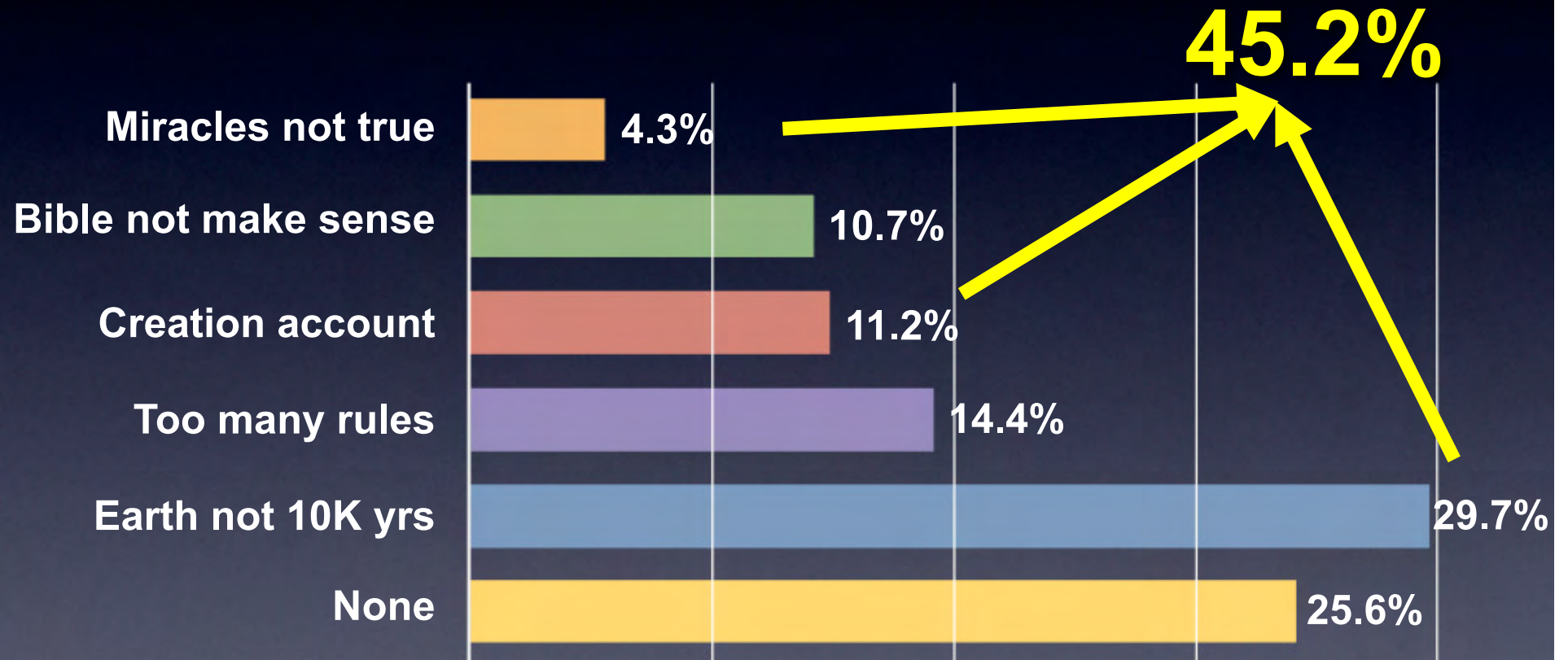
High school attended



If you don't believe, when did you first have doubts?

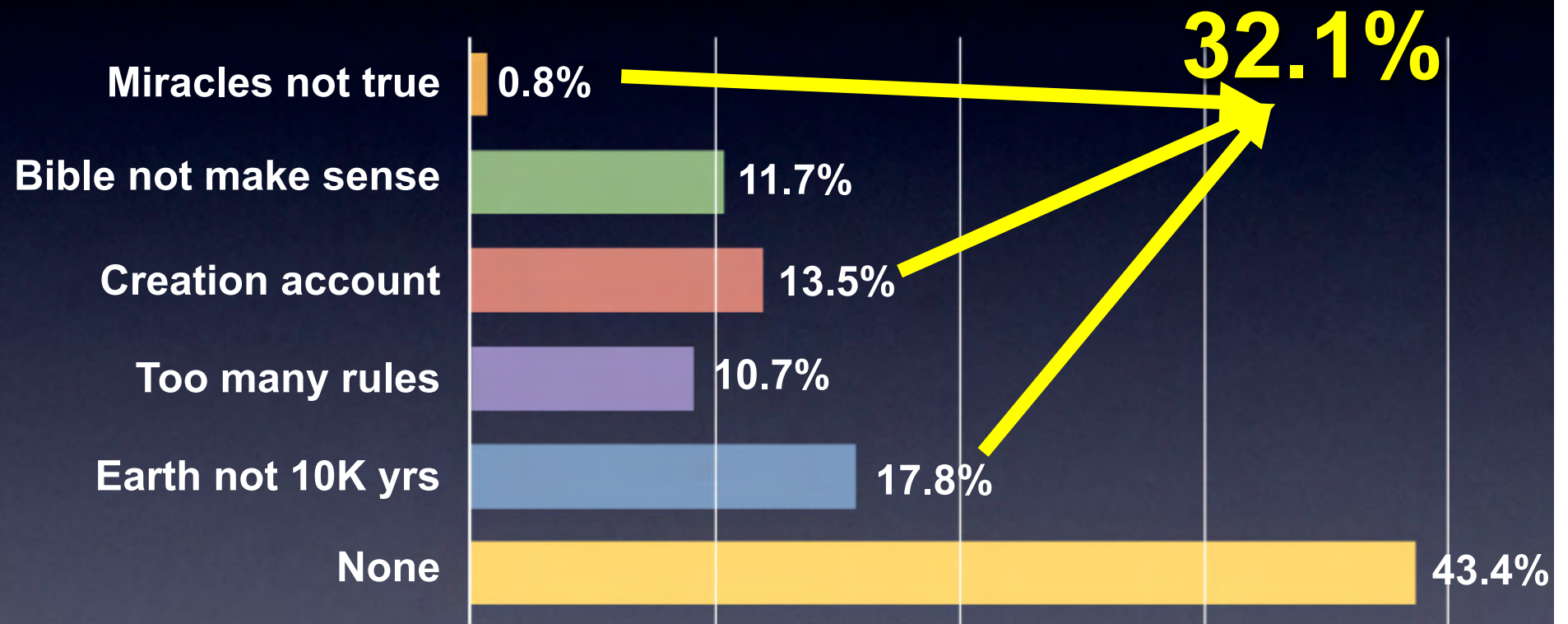


Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



Those Who Often Attended Sunday School

Which of these makes you question the Bible the most?



Those Who Rarely Attended Sunday School

What about you?

1. What was your previous religion?

- Atheist?
- Ancestor Worship?
- Buddhist?
- Free thinker?
- Hindu?
- Muslim?

2. What tempts you to go back?

- Taoism?
- Christian?
- Nominal Christian?

"They used to be here."



KEEP RUNNING





Why keep running?

An Impossibility (Heb. 6:4-6 NLT)

"For it is **impossible to bring back to repentance** those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— ⁶and who then turn away from God. It is **impossible to bring such people back to repentance**; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame."

"...if we deliberately
continue sinning after we
have received knowledge
of the truth, there is no
longer any sacrifice that
will cover these sins."

**ARE THESE
PEOPLE
CHRISTIANS?**

²⁷There is only
terrible expectation of
God's judgment and the
raging fire that will
consume his enemies"
(10:26-27 NLT).

Distinguishing Terms

	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Basic Meaning	Being saved from the penalty of sin forever (once saved, always saved)	<u>Knowing</u> that we are saved from the penalty of sin forever
Definition	“The work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost” (Ryrie, <i>Basic Theology</i> , 328)	“The realization of the truth of eternal security or perseverance” (Ryrie, <i>Basic Theology</i> , 328)

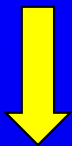
Distinguishing Terms

	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Spirit's Ministry	Sealing (Eph 1:13-14)	Assuring (Rom 8:15-17)
Believer's...	Position as child of God (Rom 8:16b)	Practice or confidence (Rom 8:16a)
Recipients	All Christians possess	Some Christians doubt
Permanence	Can't be lost (John 6:39-40; 10:27-29; Rom 8:30, 38-39; Heb 7:25)	Can be lost (for this reason John wrote 1 John 5:11-13)
Songs	"I Know Whom I Have Believed" "In Christ Alone" "The Solid Rock"	"Blessed Assurance" "Now I Belong to Jesus"

Will each genuine Christian persevere in faithfulness at death?

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Yes



Reformed

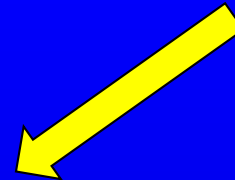
False Believer

Apostasy
Cannot Happen



Eternal Security
but No Assurance

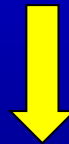
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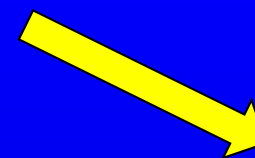
Partakers

Carnal Believer

Apostasy Leads
to Loss of
Rewards



Eternal Security
and Assurance



Arminian

Former Believer

Apostasy Leads
to Loss of
Salvation



No Eternal Security
and No Assurance

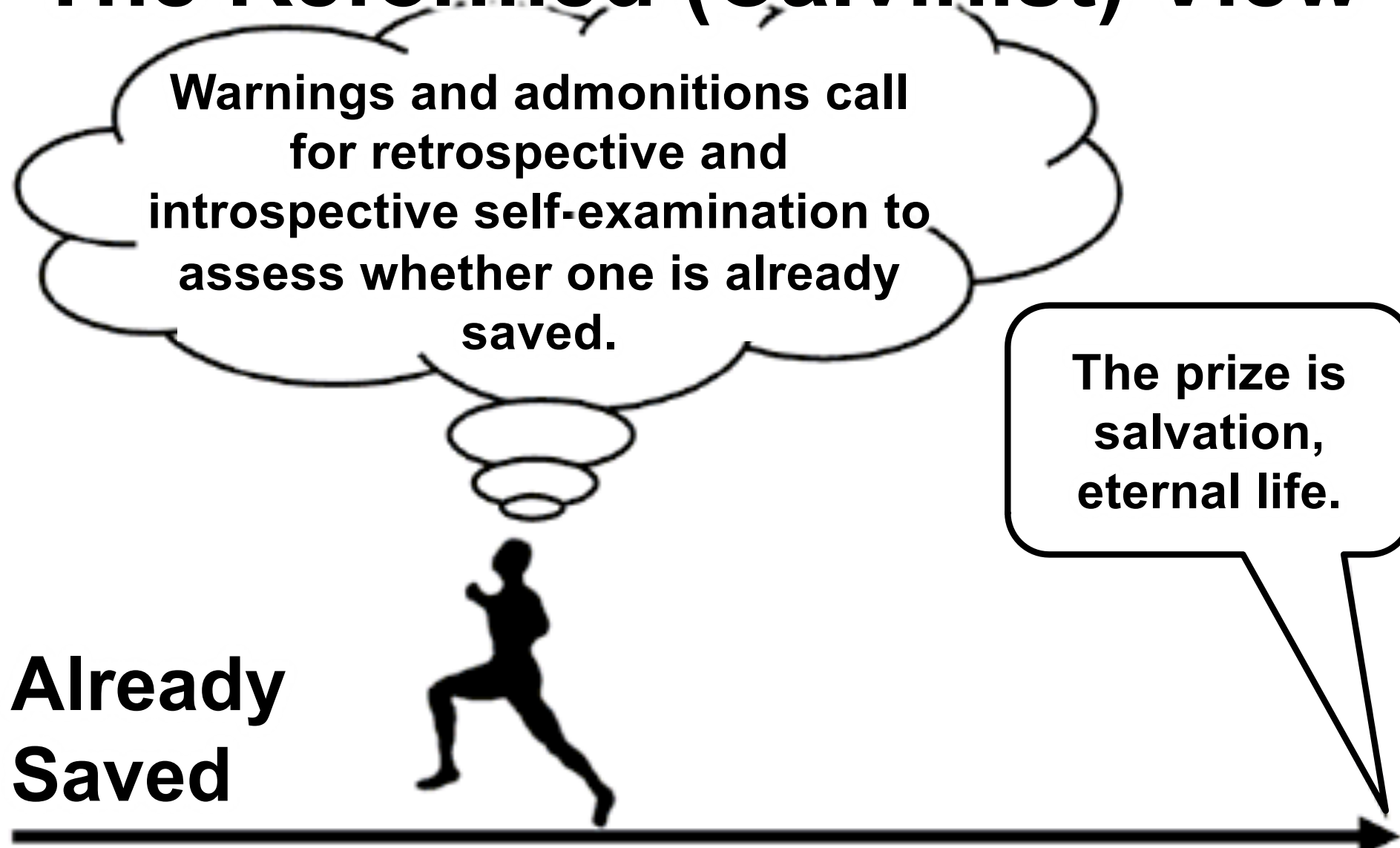
The Arminian View of Hebrews 6:4-8

Bob Deffinbaugh, "13. Dairy Queen or Steak and Ale (Hebrews 6:4-8)"
<https://bible.org/seriespage/13-dairy-queen-or-steak-and-ale-hebrews-64-8>



**The race track represents salvation.
Christians may abandon the race and lose salvation.**

The Reformed (Calvinist) View



Warnings and admonitions call for retrospective and introspective self-examination to assess whether one is already saved.

The prize is salvation, eternal life.

**Already
Saved**

The race represents salvation. To abandon the race proves one was never saved. Christians run with their back toward the goal to assess their progress on the track.

The Hypothetical View

**Warnings and
admonitions only
caution what would
happen if one could fail
to endure to the end.**

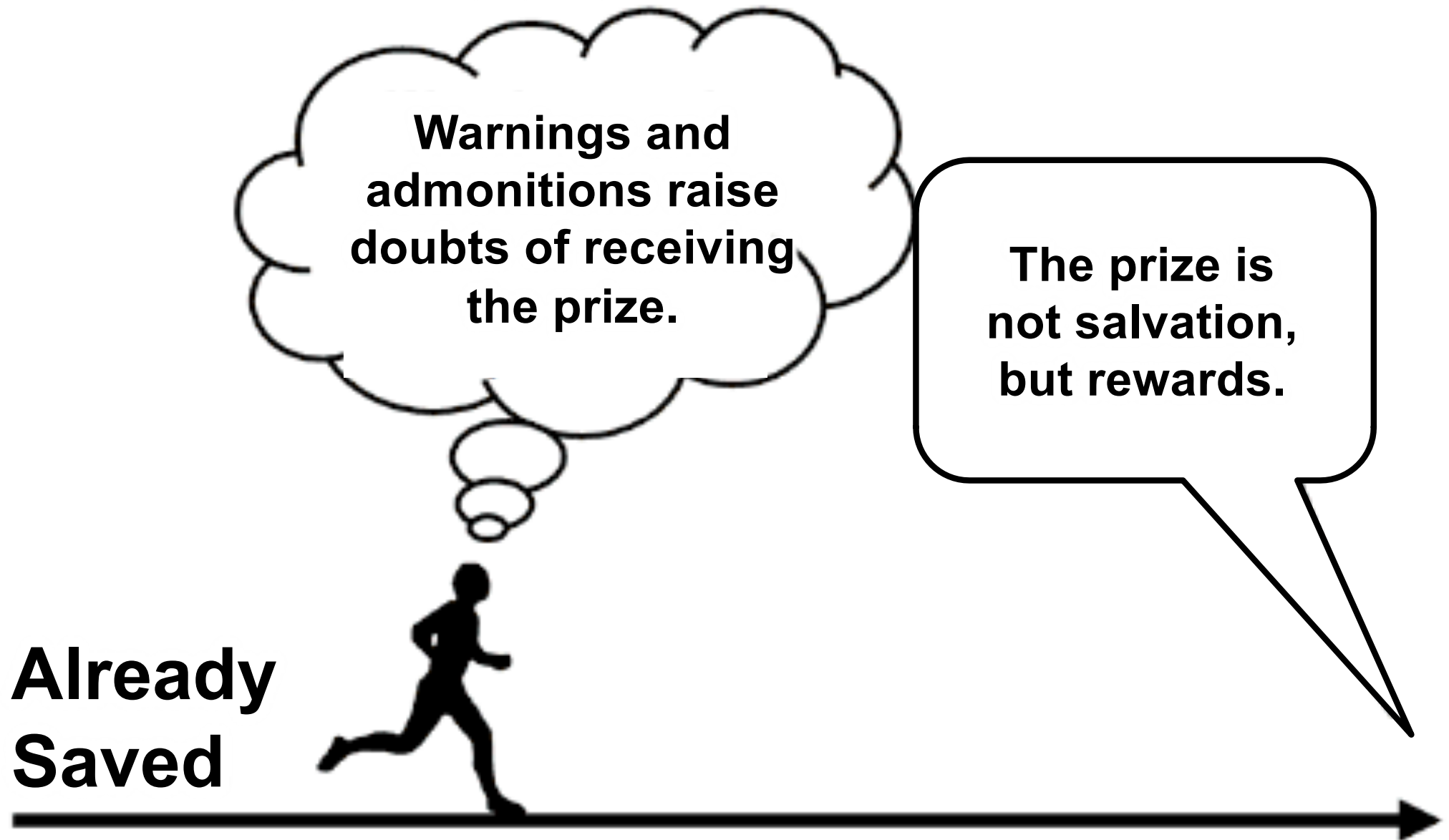
**The prize is
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The Loss of Rewards View

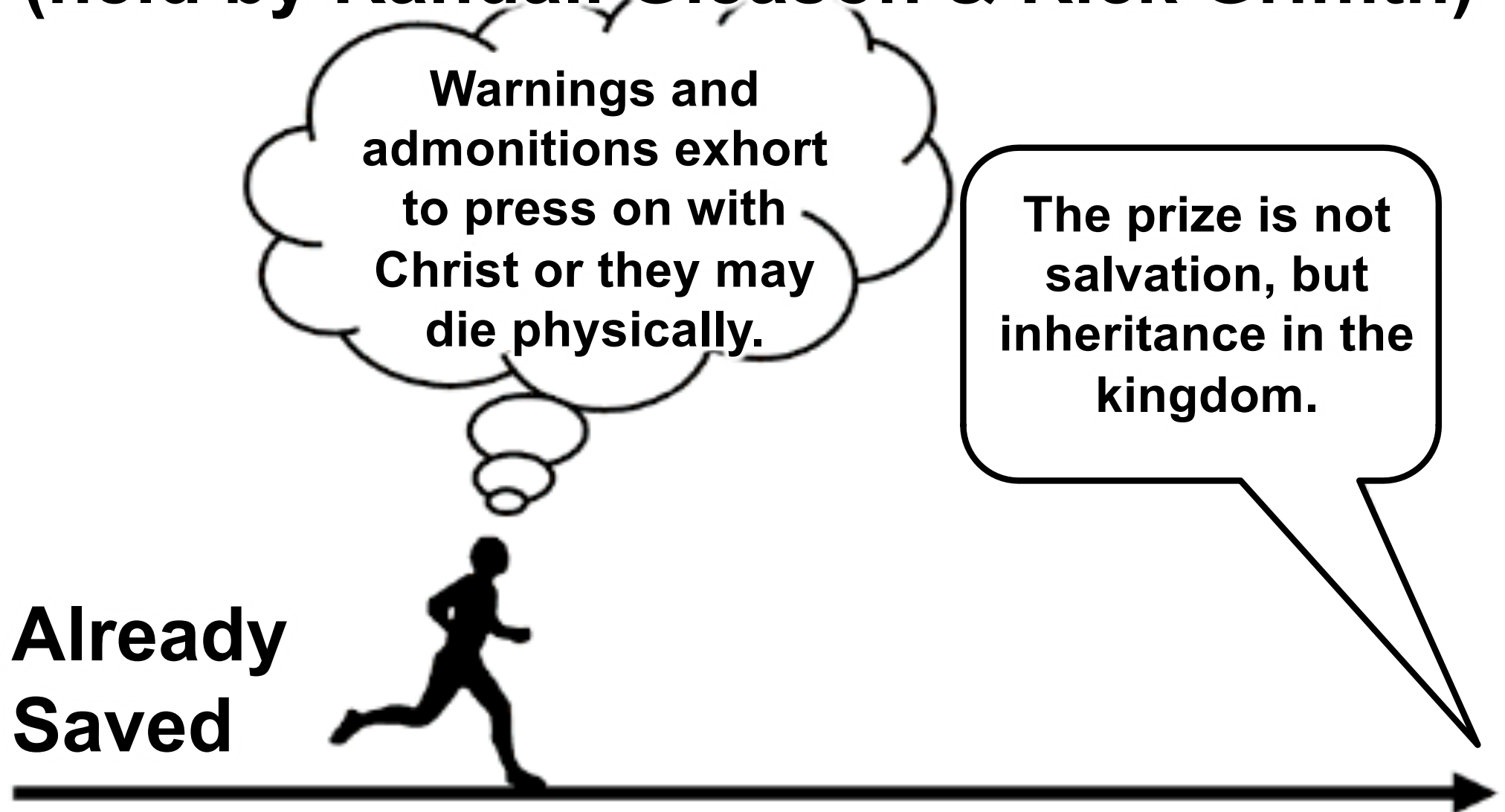


**The race represents salvation.
Christians may abandon the race and lose rewards.**

The Loss of Life View

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(held by Randall Gleason & Rick Griffith)



**Already
Saved**

**The race represents salvation.
Christians may abandon the race and lose their life.**

Jody Dillow is the key author of the Partakers View



Final Destiny

***The Future Reign of the
Servant Kings***

Joseph Dillow



The Reign of the Servant Kings

Inheritance in the OT



Inheritance in the OT

- 1. A difference exists between inheriting the land of Canaan and living there. The former refers to ownership and the latter to mere residence.**
- 2. While Israel was promised the inheritance as a nation, the condition for maintaining their inheritance right to the land of Canaan was faith, obedience, and completion of one's task. The promise, while national, was applied only to the believing and obedient remnant.**

Inheritance in the OT

- 3. The inheritance is not to be equated with heaven but with something in addition to heaven, promised to those believers who faithfully obey the Lord.**
- 4. Just as Old Testament believers forfeited their earthly inheritance through disobedience, we can also forfeit our future reward (inheritance) by a similar failure. Loss of inheritance, however, does not mean loss of salvation.**

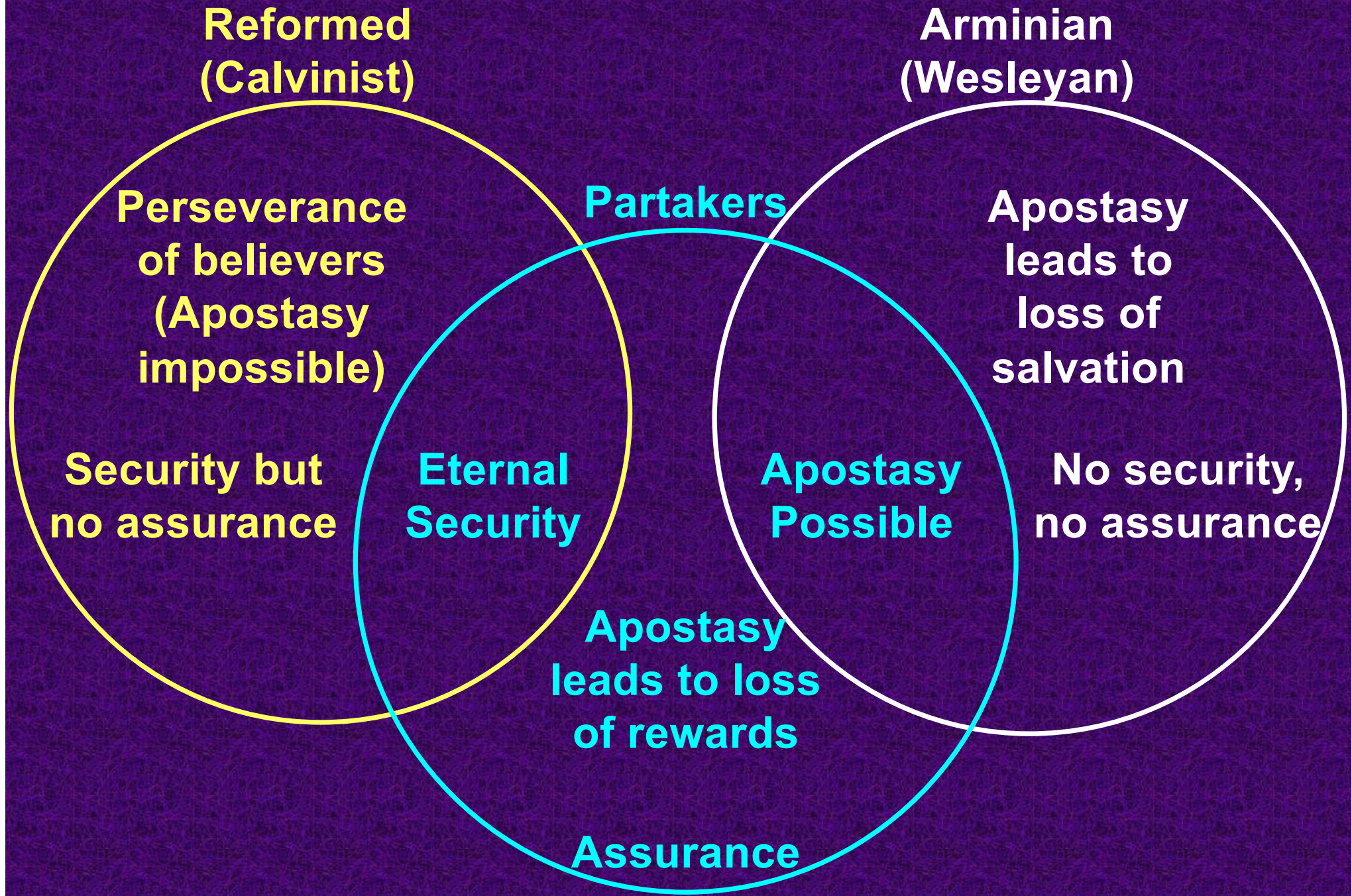
Inheritance in the OT

5. Two kinds of inheritance were enjoyed in the Old Testament. All Israelites who had believed and were therefore regenerate had God as their inheritance but not all inherited the land. This paves the way for the concept that the New Testament may also teach two inheritances. We are all heirs of God, but we are not all joint-heirs with Christ, unless we persevere to the end of life. The former refers to our salvation and the latter to our reward.

Inheritance in the OT

6. A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.

Assurance and Apostasy



Assurance and Apostasy

**The Bible
distinguishes our
two inheritances.**

**Only overcomers
will reign with
Christ.**

**Believers
abandoning Jesus
lose rewards and
rule.**

**Arminian
(Wesleyan)**

**Apostasy
leads to
loss of
salvation**

**No security,
no assurance**

Partakers

**Apostasy
Possible**

**Apostasy
leads to loss
of rewards**

Assurance

**How can we hold
both apostasy
and assurance?**

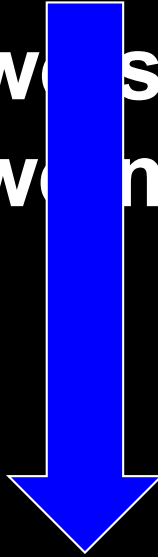


Inheritance in the NT

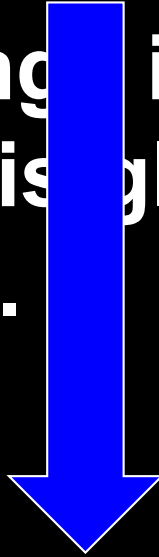


Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—
heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**, if
indeed we share in his suffering in order that
we may also share in his glory"
(Rom. 8:17 NIV).



= Salvation



= Reward

*What is the crown of life offered in James 1:12?
What are the conditions which must be met in
order to receive the crown of life?*

- **It is the prize at the end of the race (2 Tim. 4:8), especially as the reward of faithful endurance (Rev. 2:10).**
- **The conditions are:**
 - **love for God**
 - **perseverance under trials**
 - **enduring the tests of faith**

Can you think of any situation where the reward at the end is worth the struggle? Does that help you persevere in trials?

Crowns in the NT

Incorruptible

1 Cor. 9:25



Hope

1 Thess. 2:19

Righteousness

2 Tim. 4:8



Life

Jas 1:12;

Rev 2:10



Glory

1 Pet. 5:4

From Egypt to Canaan

Natural Man	Carnal Christian	Spiritual Christian	Rewarded Christian
In Egypt	In the Wilderness	Crossing the Jordan	Entering Rest
Ex. 1—Ex. 11	Ex. 12—Deut. 34	Josh. 1—Josh. 11	Josh. 12—Josh. 22
Slave Generation	Exodus Generation	Second Generation	
Lost	Redeemed	Discipleship	Rewarded
1 Cor. 2:14	1 Cor. 3:1-3	Rom. 12:1-2	2 Cor. 5:10



Hebrews

First Argument on their Wedding Night...



Husband to Wife: "You better make my coffee in the morning!"

Wife: "I can't make the coffee! That's not *biblical*!"



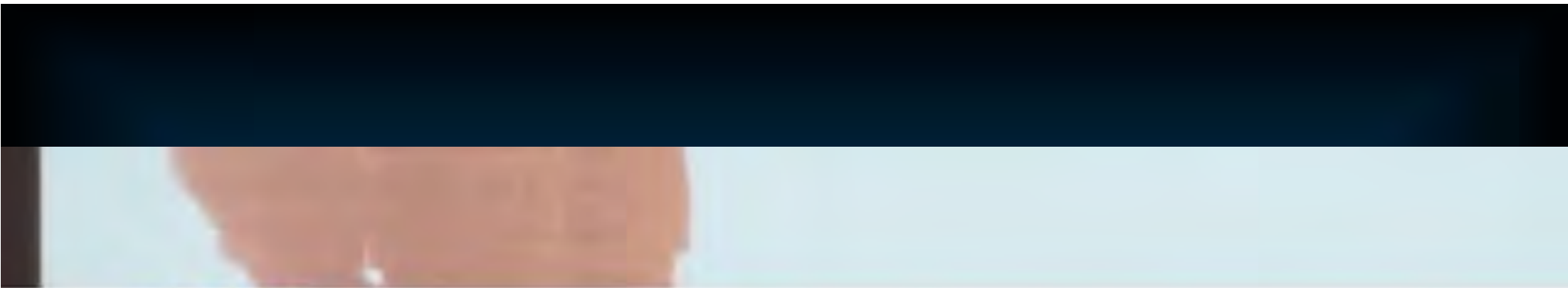
Husband: "Where did you ever read *that* in the Bible?"

Wife: "He brews."



A Biblical Logo...





Hebrews

Issues in Hebrews



Who wrote Hebrews?





AUTHORSHIP

The Greek Title:
To the Hebrews

1. Refers to the ***Recipients***
2. ***Does not follow standard practice***
(General Epistles are normally named after their authors)
3. ***Author not stated*** in the book
4. ***But not anonymous*** to the original readers
(13:18-24)



AUTHORSHIP

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

1. Alexandria (Egypt) & the Eastern Church

➤ **Paul**

2. North African Early Fathers

➤ **Barnabas**

3. Italy & Western Europe

➤ **Initially debated**

➤ **Convinced by Jerome (AD 340-420) & Augustine (AD 354-430) to follow the Eastern Church – i.e., Paul**





AUTHORSHIP

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

4. Reformation Protestants (Calvin, Luther & Erasmus)

➤ **Apollos**

5. Modern Scholarship

➤ **Luke, Clement, Silas, Priscilla,
Philip the Evangelist**





AUTHORSHIP

INTERNAL EVIDENCE

Evidence may suggest **Pauline** Authorship:

- Timothy is mentioned (13:23)
- Author imprisoned (13:19)
- Pauline form of closing benediction (13:20-21)
- Greeting from Italian believers (13:24)

All this may suggest Paul wrote it during one of his two imprisonments in Rome (AD 60-62 or AD 67-68)



AUTHORSHIP

INTERNAL EVIDENCE

Evidence may suggest **Pauline** Authorship:

- Pauline theme of faith (chap. 11)
- New covenant (chap. 8)
- Israel's example (chap. 4)
- Gifts and power (2:4)
- Person of Christ (chaps. 1–10)

Paul may have omitted his name due to hatred Jews had for him since they thought he maligned the temple and "apostatized" from Judaism to Christianity



AUTHORSHIP

INTERNAL EVIDENCE

Opposition to Pauline Authorship

- **More polished** and classical Greek style than the Pauline epistles
- Quoted Old Testament from the **Septuagint** (Greek) not expected of Paul who was trained as a Jew (though Paul does use both translations in his writings)
- **No customary Pauline salutation** at the beginning



AUTHORSHIP

INTERNAL EVIDENCE

Opposition to Pauline Authorship

- Paul did not fit the **second generation author** who received the gospel from the disciples of Jesus (2:3-4; cf. Gal. 1–2)
- Emphasis of **priesthood** of Christ and His present work does not fit Paul's writings which emphasize His death and resurrection



AUTHORSHIP

CONCLUSION

"Who it was that really wrote the Epistle, God only knows!"

**—Origen of Alexandria,
3rd century AD**





Rome

**"The believers from Italy send you
their greetings" (13:24b NLT).**

**Where was this
letter written?**



Rome?

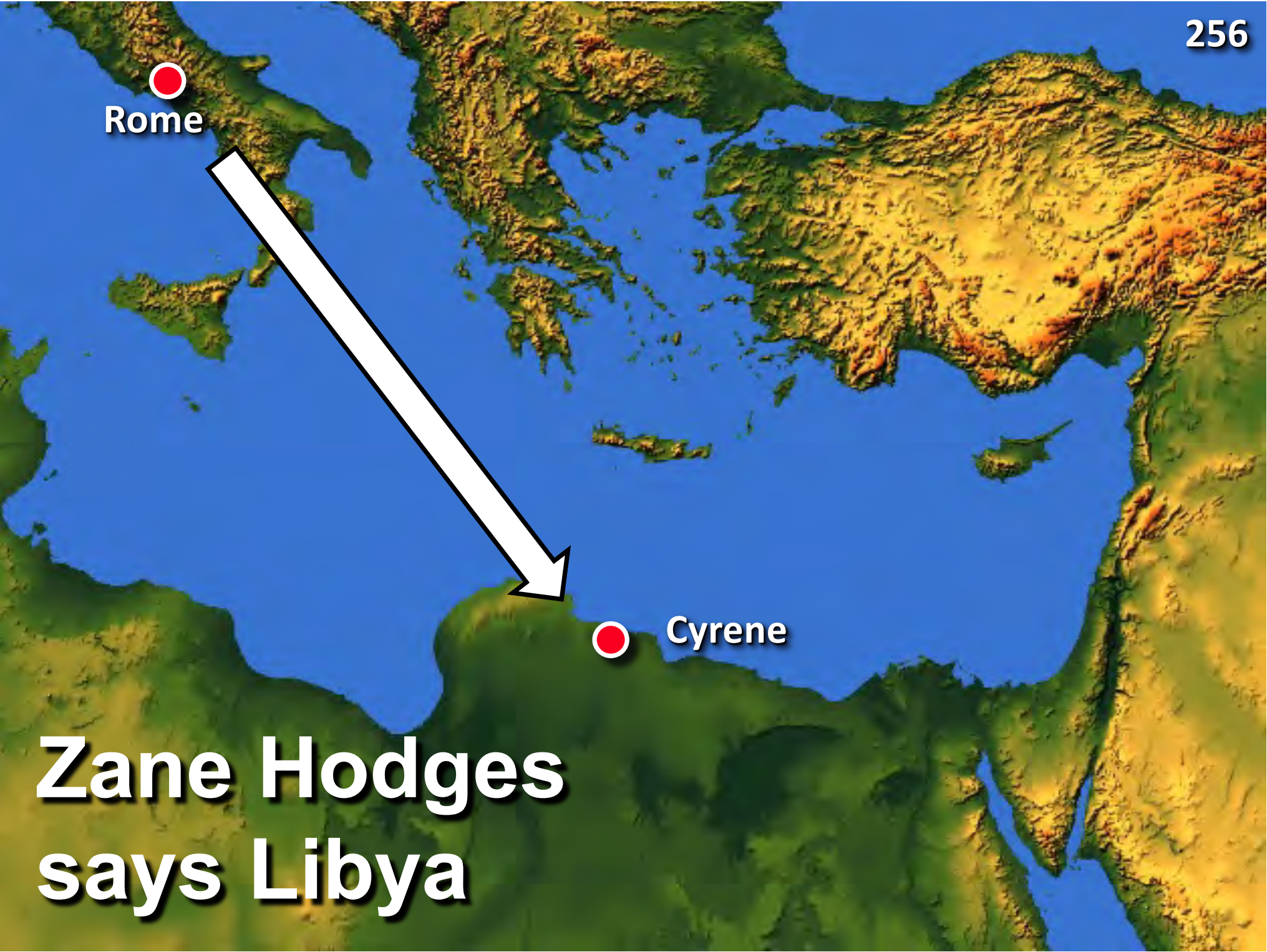
Asia Minor?

Cypress?

Israel?

Cyrene?

**Where did these
Jews live?**

A topographical map of the Mediterranean region. The sea is a deep blue, while the land is shown in shades of green and yellow, indicating elevation. A red dot marks Rome in Italy, and another red dot marks Cyrene in Libya. A large white arrow with a black outline points from Rome to Cyrene.

Rome

Cyrene

**Zane Hodges
says Libya**



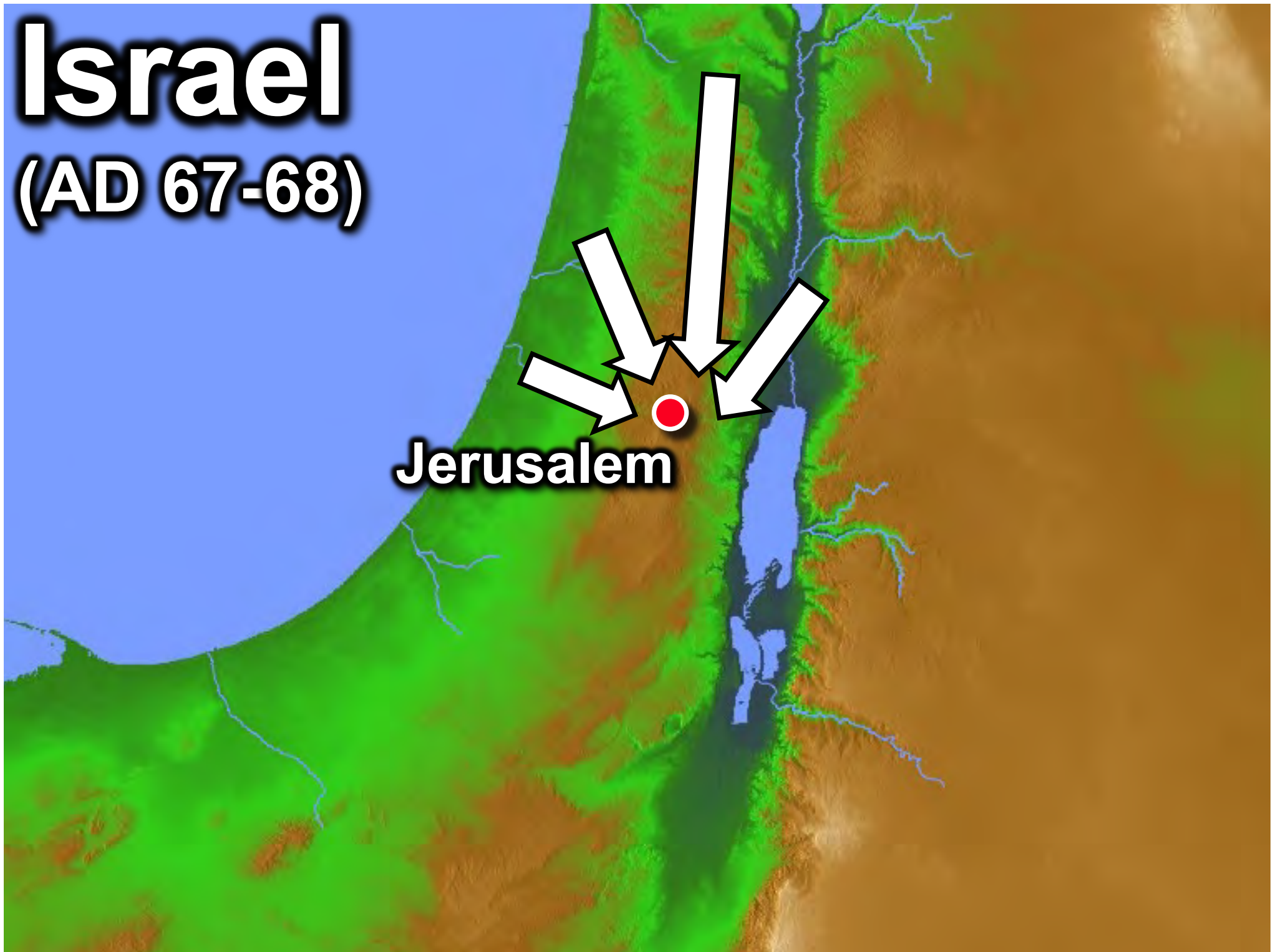
Rome

Israel

**I think they lived
in Israel**

Israel
(AD 67-68)

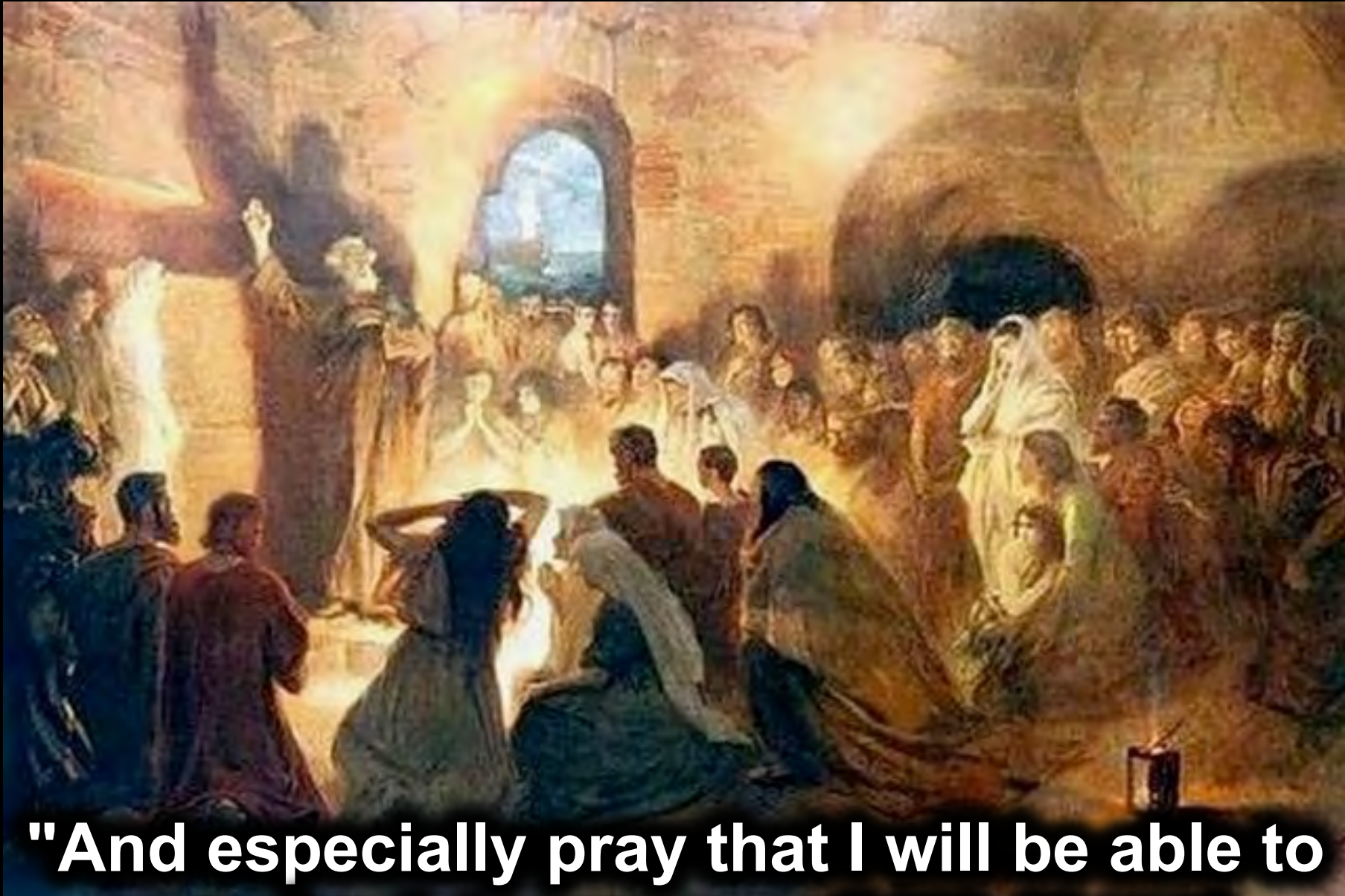
Jerusalem



**How do
we know
that the
readers
were
Jews?**



A Specific Jewish Community



"And especially pray that I will be able to come back to you soon" (13:19 NLT).

Review of the Background...

- 
- The Recipients
 - Most see it as written to Jewish Christians.
 - No one knows where they were at the time of the writing.
 - Many see the recipients in Israel and the author in Italy (***13:24***)
 - The author knew the recipients personally (***10:34; 13:19***)

Hebrews uses the word "**better**" 13 times... 266f

1:4 Christ is "**better** than the angels"

6:9 We are confident of "**better** things in your case"

7:7 Melchizedek "better" ("greater") than Abraham

7:19 "We have confidence in a **better** hope"

7:22 Jesus is the "guarantee of a **better** covenant"

8:6 Christ is the "mediator of a **better** covenant"

8:6 New covenant "established on **better** promises"

9:23 Priestly garments need "**better** sacrifices"

10:34 Heaven a "**better** and lasting possession"

11:16 Heaven a "**better** country"

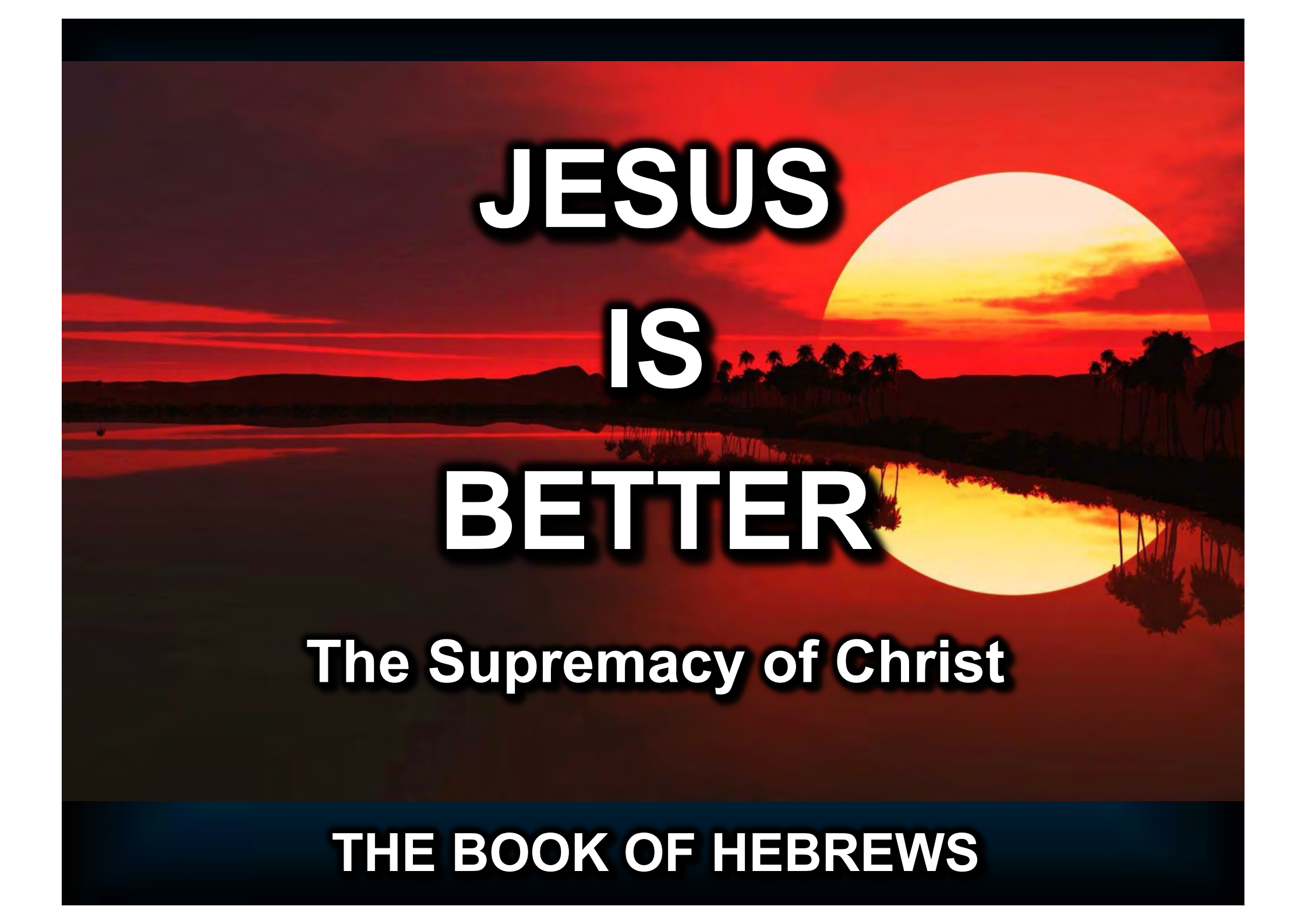
11:35 They obtain a "**better** resurrection" experience

11:40 God "provided something **better** for us"

12:24 Christ's blood is "**better** than the blood of Abel"

Note:

11:4 "Abel offered to God a **better** sacrifice" uses a different Greek word often translated "better"



JESUS IS BETTER

The Supremacy of Christ

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



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Some love running.



Some quit.



The Christian life is a race



Some are running well but...



Some quit the Christian race



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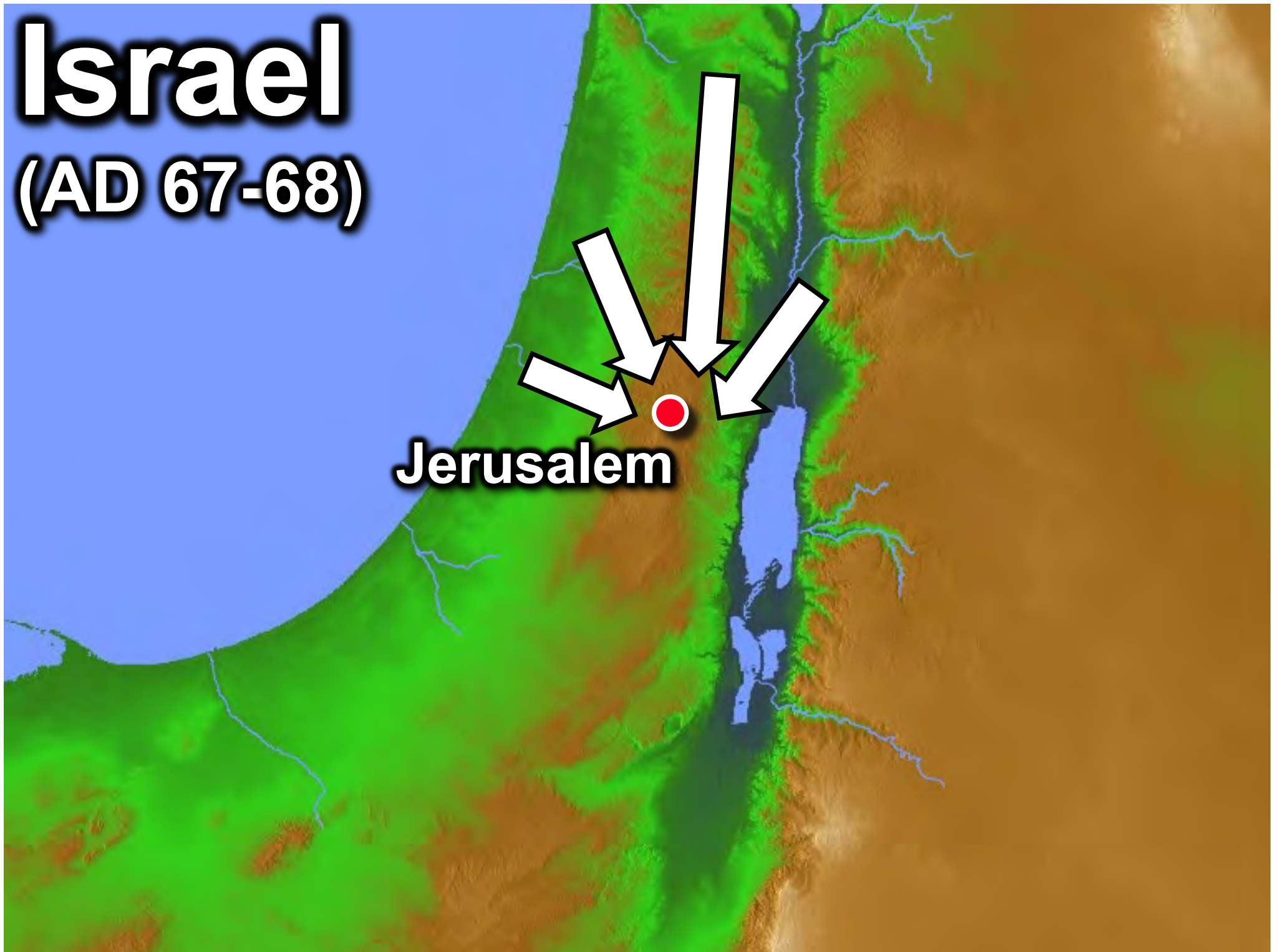
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**I think they lived
in Israel**



Israel
(AD 67-68)

Jerusalem



A Jewish Community Under Stress



"You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever" (10:34 NLT).

The readers were Jewish Christians

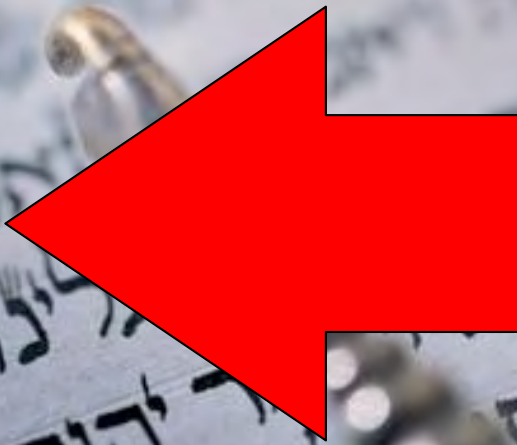
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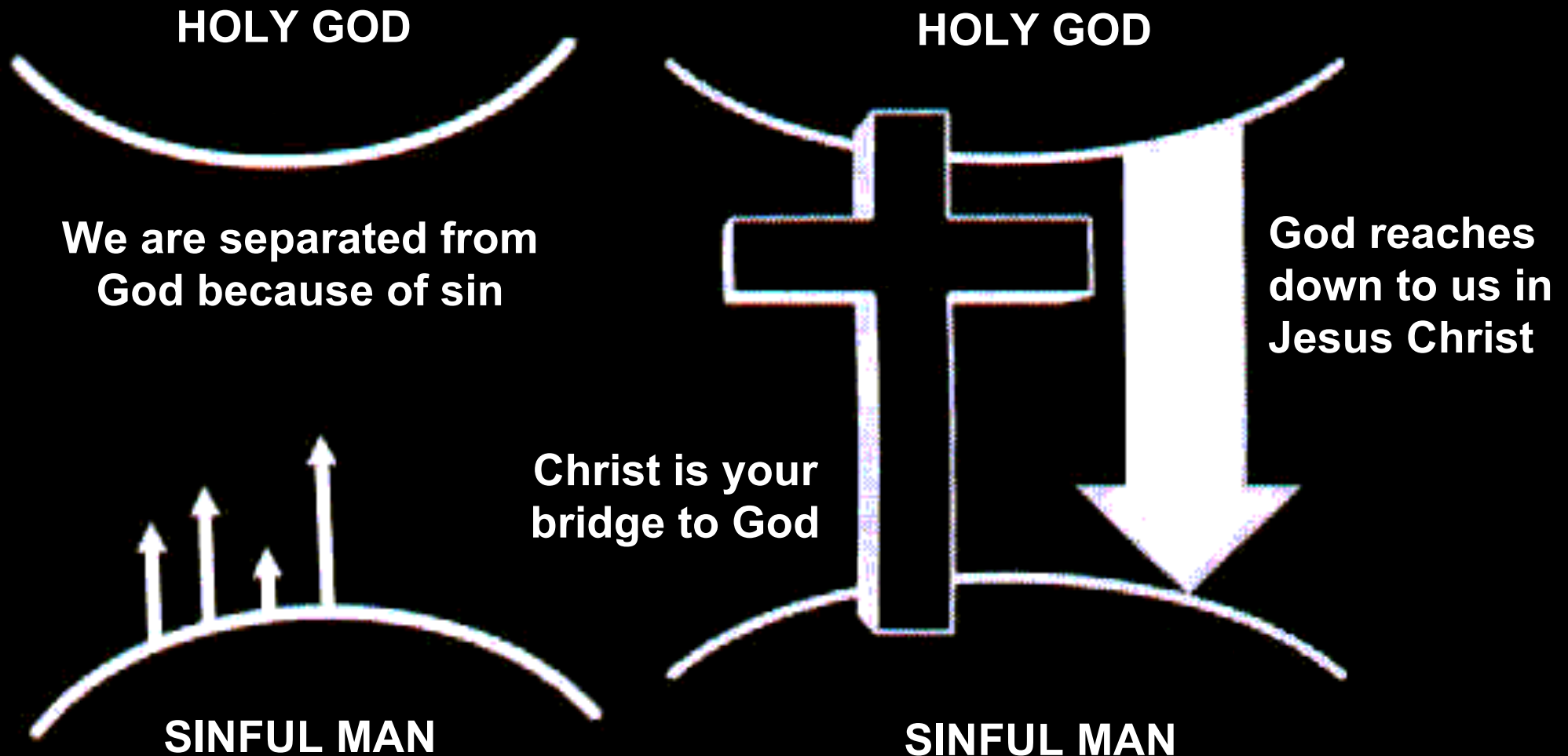
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The Supremacy of Jesus in the Book of Hebrews

Why should you be **uncompromising
in your faith in Jesus?**



I. Jesus is **better** than anyone or anything (1:1–10:18).



Christ's Superiority Over Judaism as High Priest

Superior in His Person to...			Superior in His Priestly Work to...					Endurance Through Faith					
1:1–4:13			4:14–10:18					10:19–13:25					
Prophets	Angels	Moses	Aaron	Melch	Old Cov.	Taber-nacle	Sacri-fices	Will-ful Sin	Models	Endure as Sons	Ethics	Ignoring God	Exhort
1:1-3	1:4–2:18	3:1–4:13	4:14–6:20	7	8	9:1-10	9:11–10:18	10:19-39	11:1–12:3	12:4-13	12:14-17	12:18-29	13
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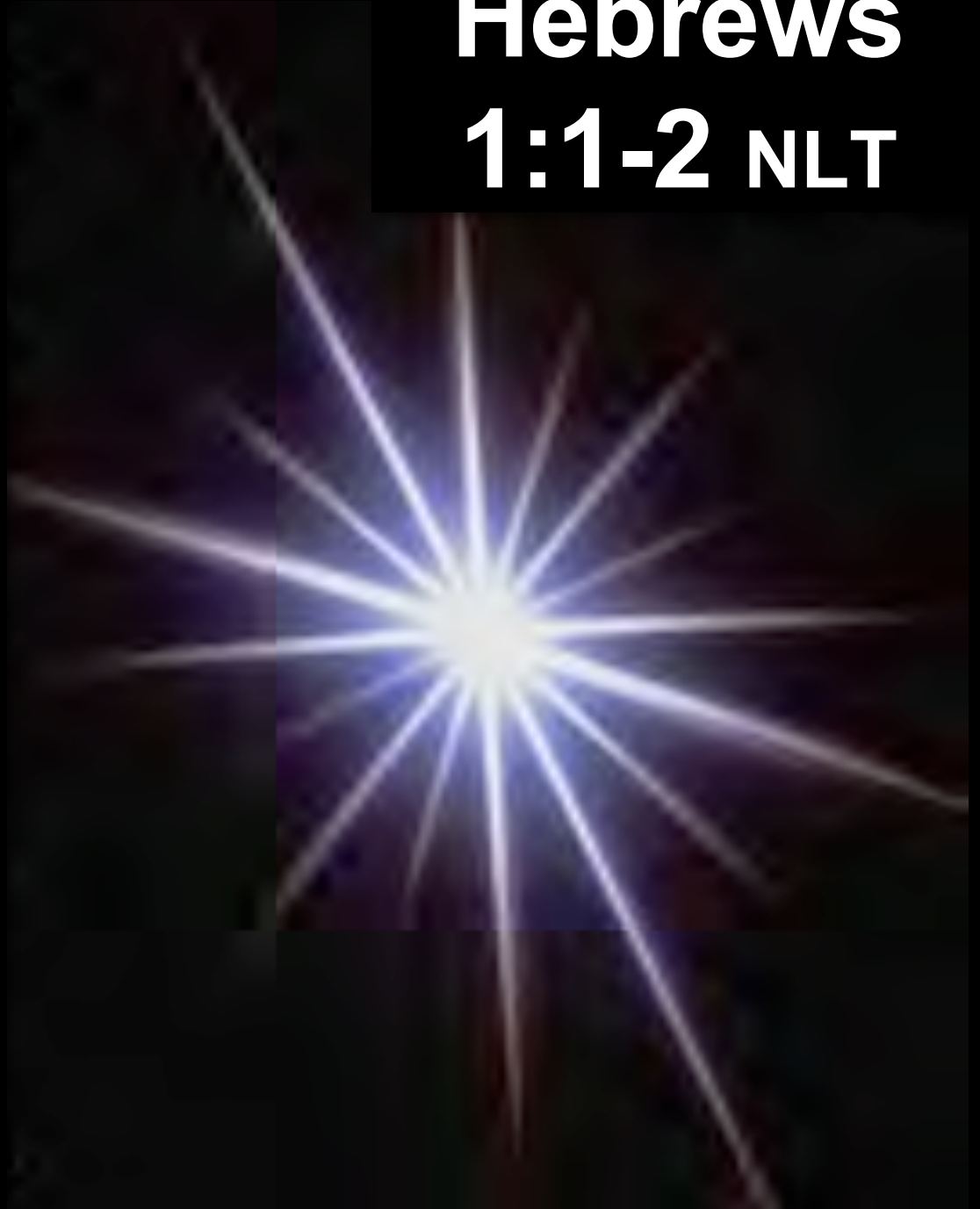


Hebrews 1

Hebrews

1:1-2 NLT

"Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ²And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe."



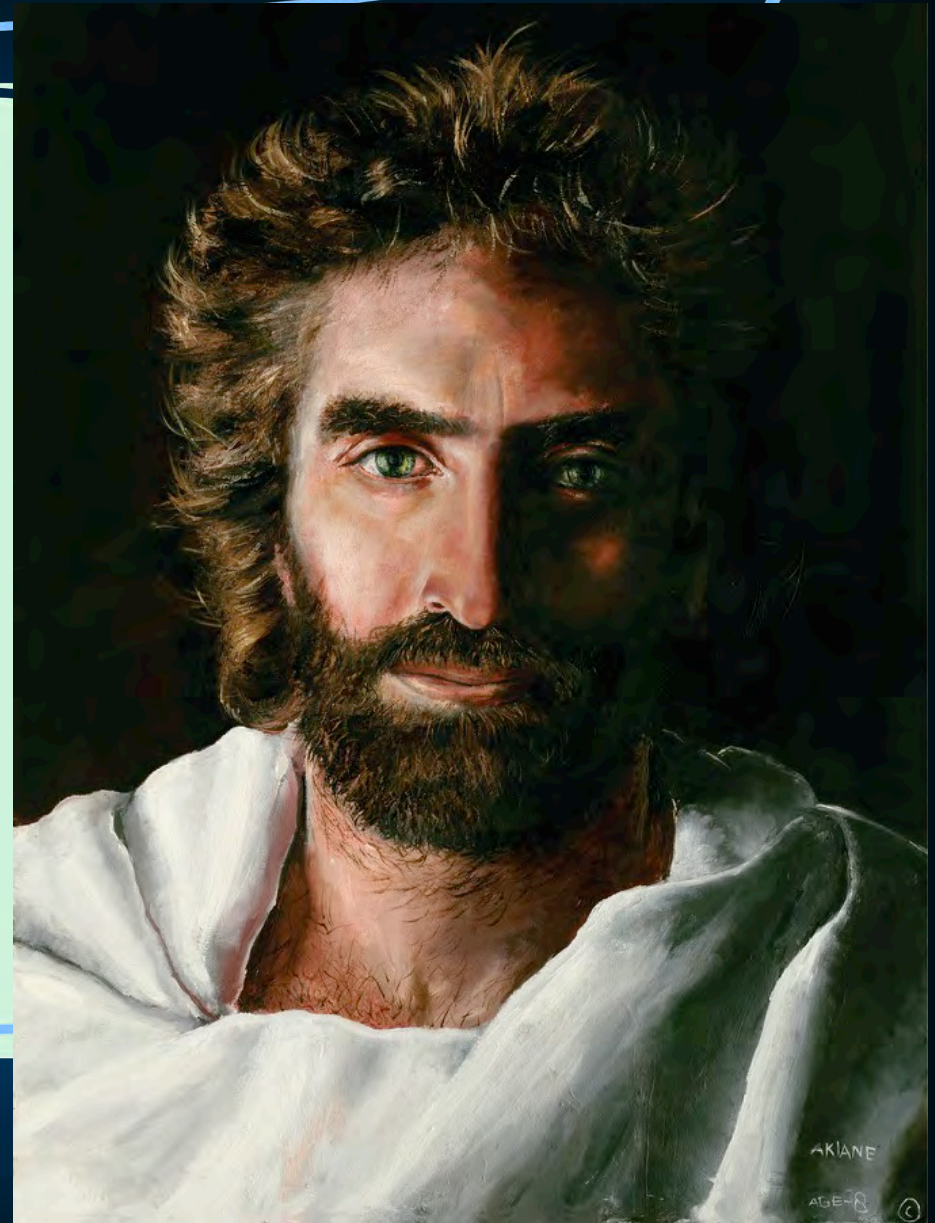
The Better Things



- Superior **Person** 1:1–4:13
- Superior **Work** 4:14–10:18
- Endure by **Faith** 10:19–13:25



**Christ as
Superior in
His Person
(1:1–4:13)**



**He is better than *the OT*
prophets, so follow him (1:1-3).**

Christ is Superior in His Person

➤ Superior to the **Prophets** 1:1-3



Hebrews 1:1-2

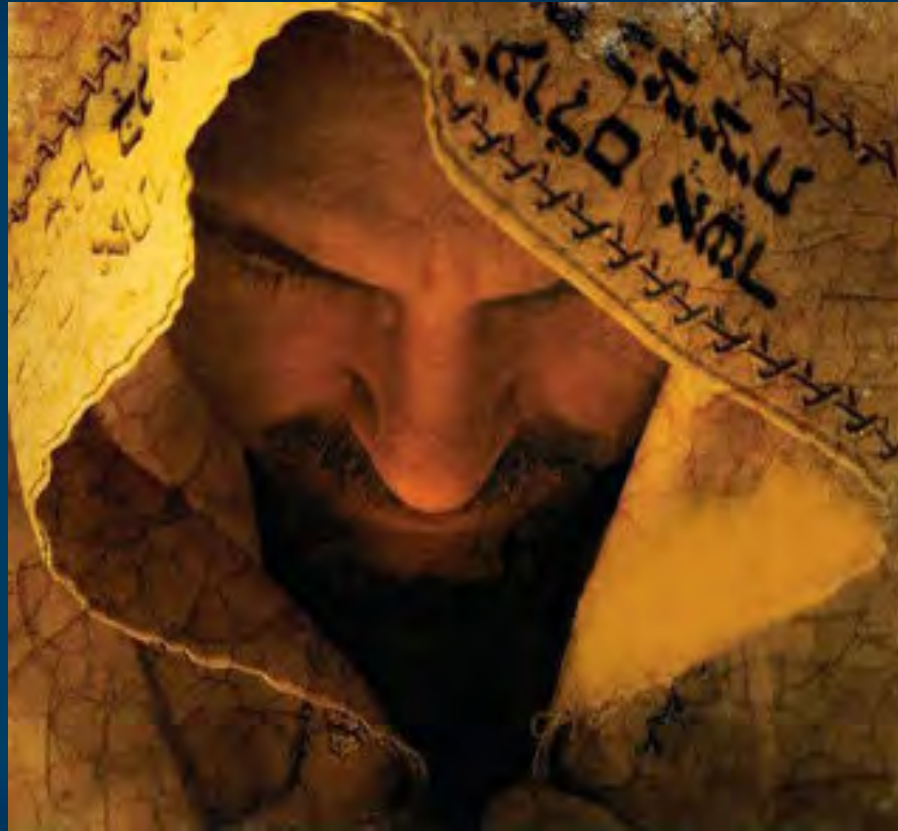
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"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Hebrews 1:3

Main Idea of 1:1-3



Jesus is the ultimate **truth.**

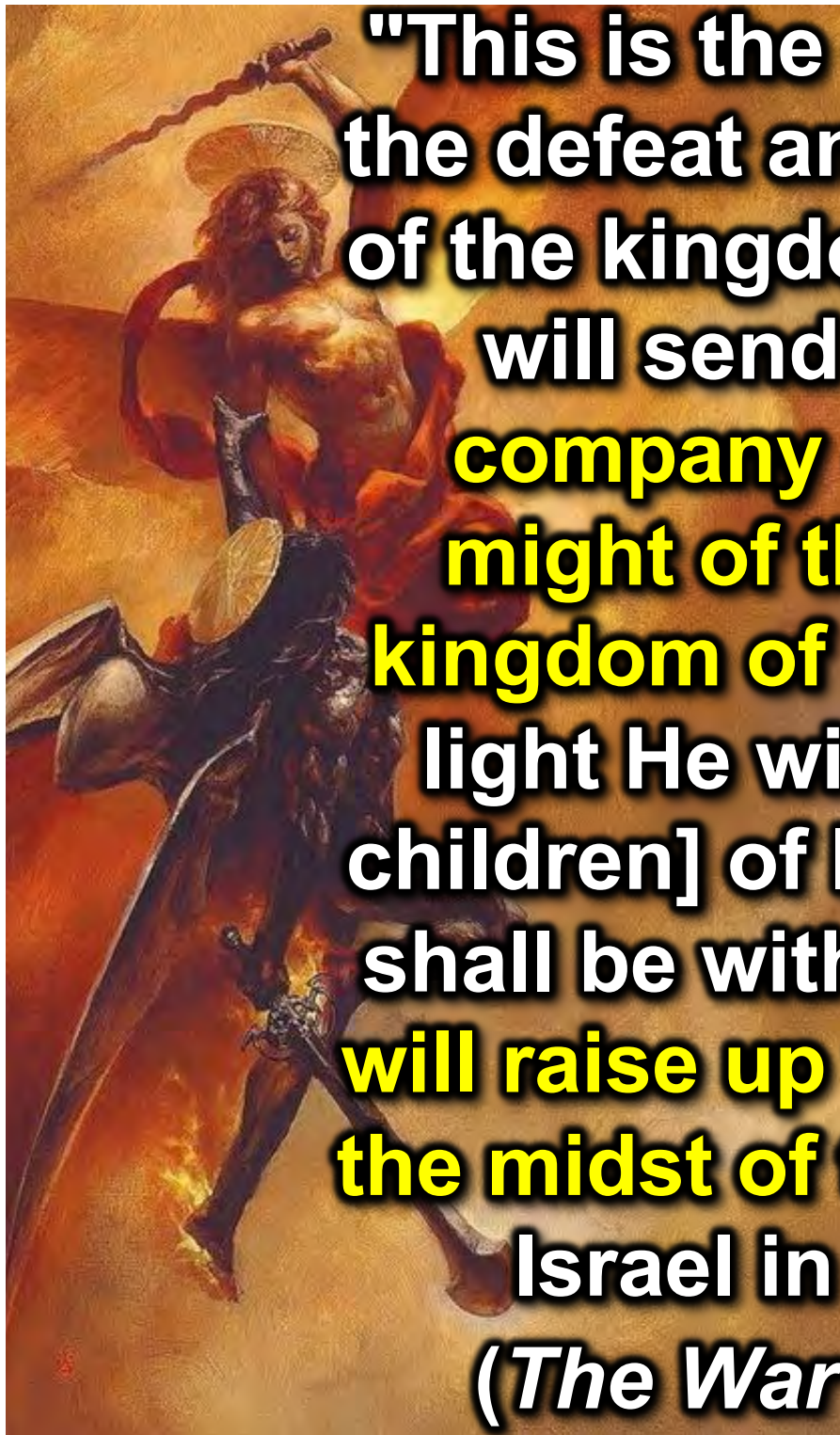
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**The readers had *too high* a
view of angels**



"This is the day appointed by Him for the defeat and overthrow of the Prince of the kingdom of wickedness, and He will send eternal succour to the company of His redeemed by the might of the princely Angel of the kingdom of Michael. With everlasting light He will enlighten with joy [the children] of Israel; peace and blessing shall be with the company of God. He will raise up the kingdom of Michael in the midst of the gods, and the realm of Israel in the midst of all flesh"
(The War Scroll in 1QM 17:5-6).

**He is better than *the angels* as
God and man, so respect him as
Creator (1:4–2:18).**

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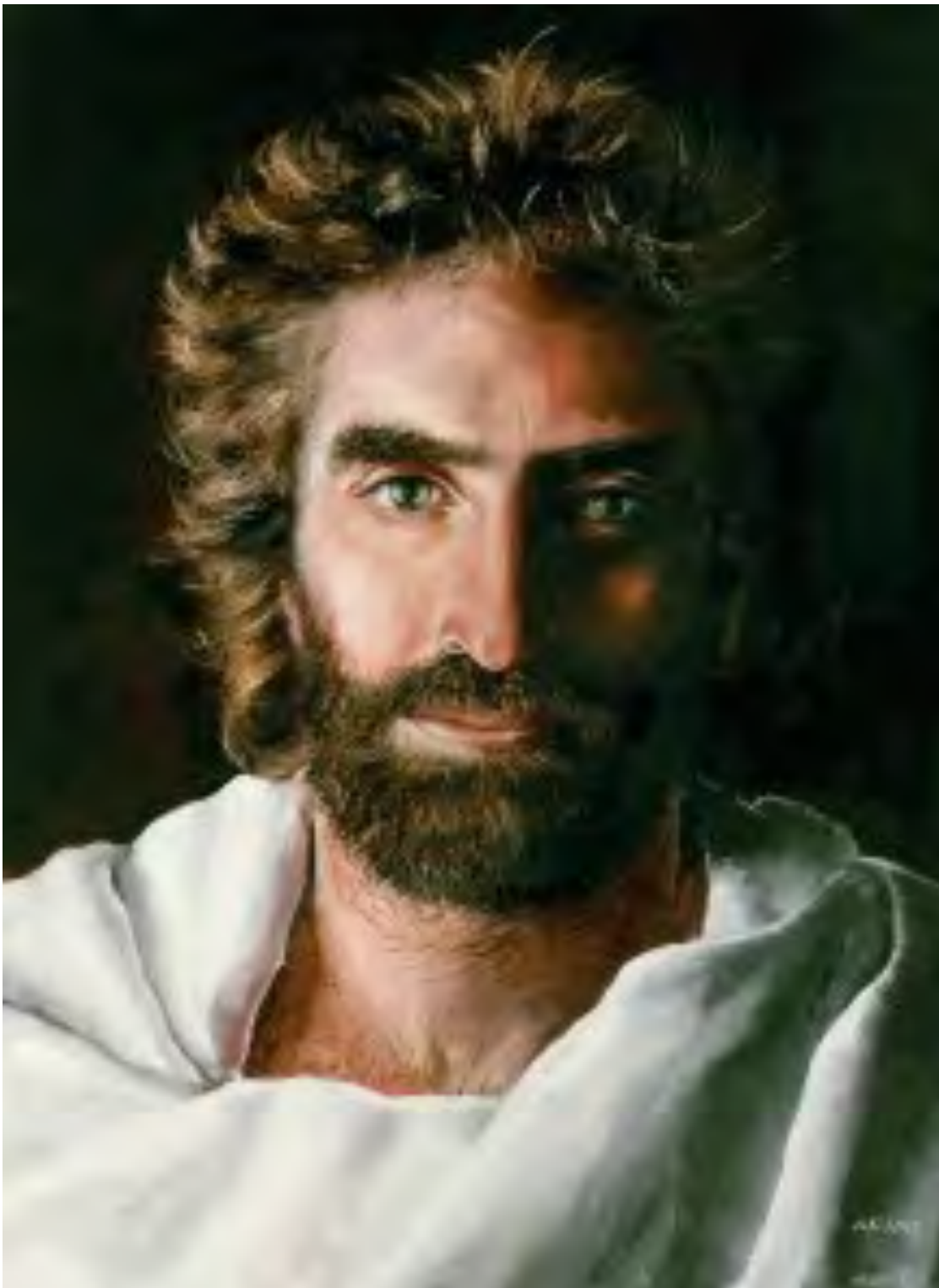
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**1. Jesus is
God
worthy of
worship
(1:4-14).**



**Christ has a better name
than angels since he is
called God's Son (1:4-5)**

Hebrews 1:4 (NLT)

Jesus



Angels



People

"This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names."



"For God never said to any angel
what he said to Jesus:

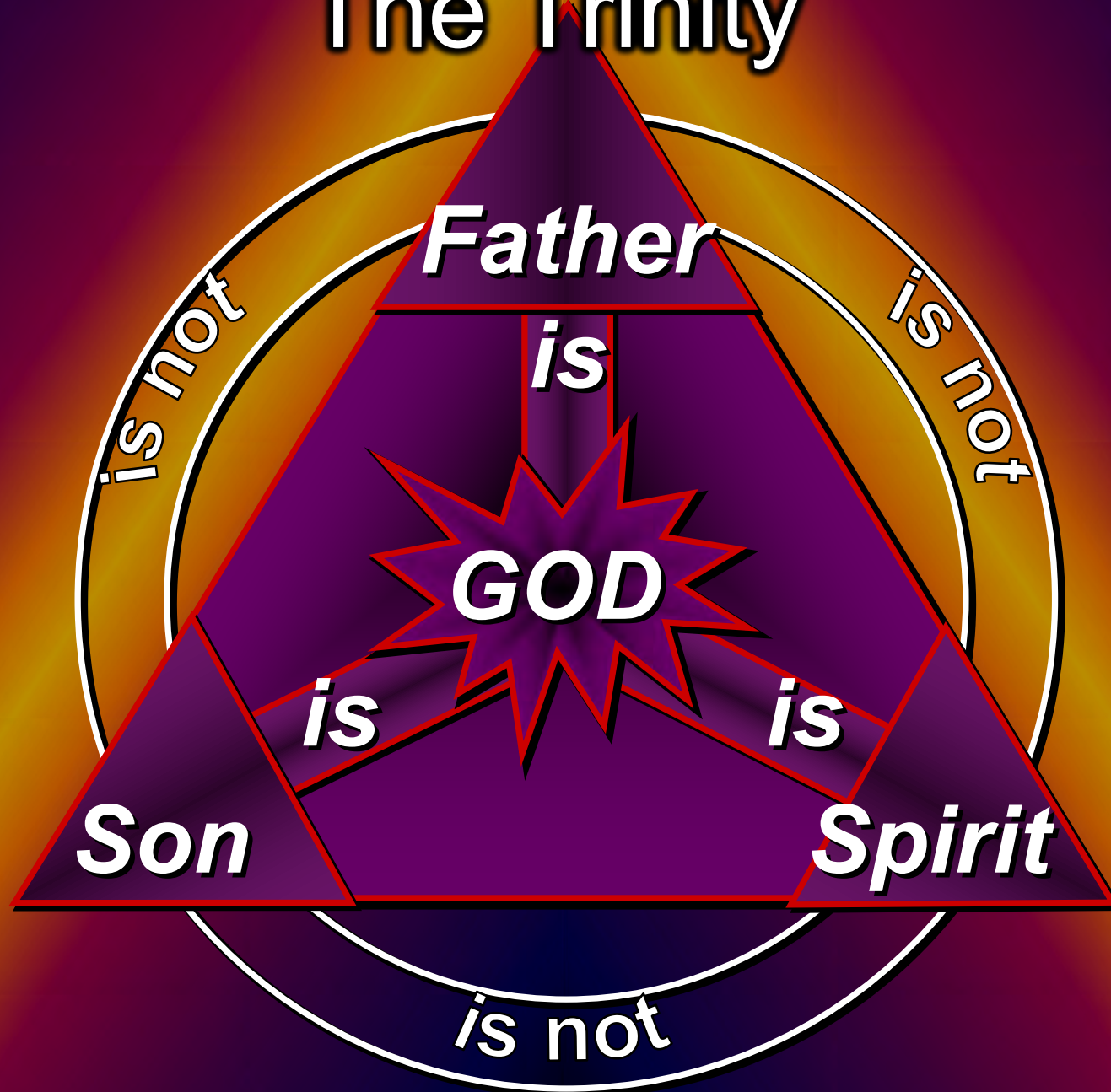
'You are my Son.
Today I have
become your
Father.'

God also said,

**'I will be his Father,
and he will be my
Son.'"**

(Hebrews 1:5 NLT).

The Trinity





Angels worship Jesus

**"And when he brought his
supreme Son into the world,
God said,**

**'Let all of God's
angels worship
him.'"**

(Hebrews 1:6 NLT).



**"You are worthy to take the scroll
and open its seals..." (Rev 5:9)**

**"Regarding the angels,
he says,**

'He sends his **angels like
the winds, his **servants**
like flames of fire.'**

(Hebrews 1:7 NLT).

Four Living Creatures (Rev. 4)



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"But to the Son he says,

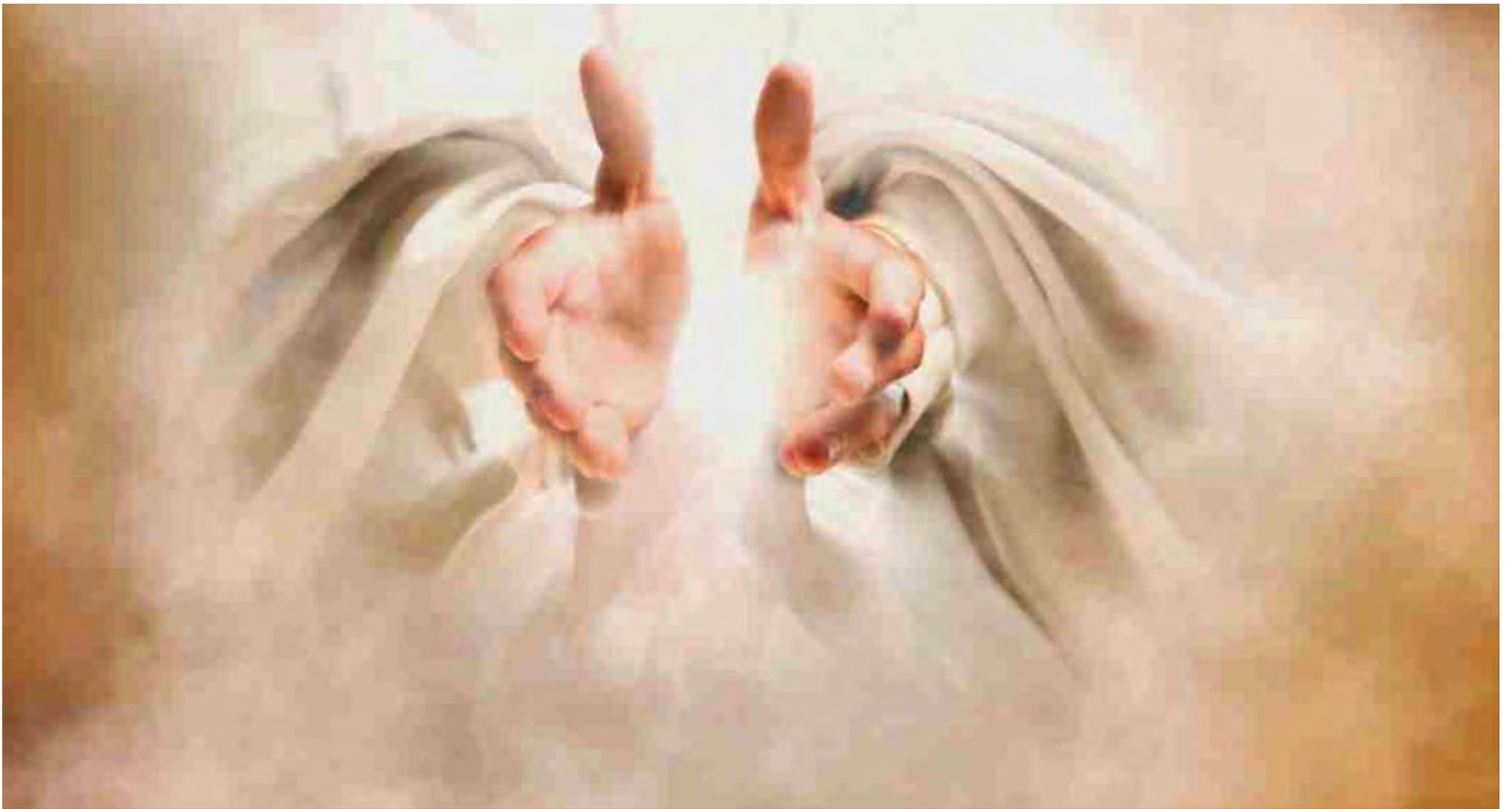
**'Your throne, O God,
endures forever and ever.**

You rule with a scepter of justice.

⁹You love justice and hate evil.

**Therefore, O God, your God has
anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy
on you more than on anyone else."**

(Hebrews 1:8-9 NLT)



**The Father calls Jesus
"God"!**

"He also says to the Son,

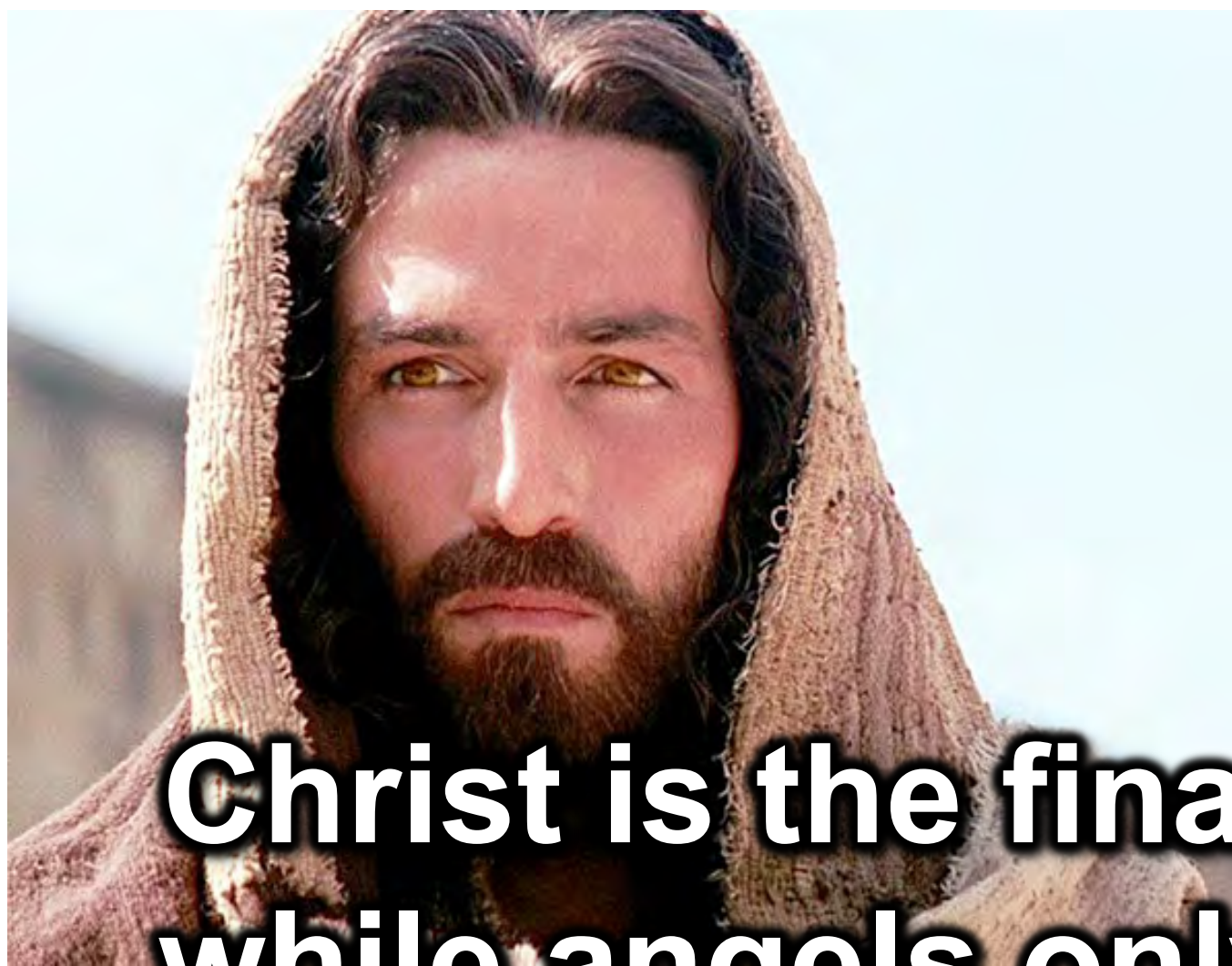
'In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands. ¹¹They will perish, but you remain forever. They will wear out like old clothing.'

(Hebrews 1:10-11 NLT)

"He also says to the Son...

**'You will fold them [the earth and the heavens] up like a cloak
and discard them like old clothing.
But you are always the same;
you will live forever.'"**

(Hebrews 1:10a, 12 NLT)



**Christ is the final victor
while angels only serve
those who will share in that
victory (1:13-14).**

**"And God never said to any of
the angels,**

**'Sit in the place of honor at my right
hand until I humble your enemies,
making them a footstool under
your feet.'"**

(1:13 NLT).



**"Therefore,
angels are
only
servants—
spirits sent to
care for
people who
will inherit
salvation"
(1:14 NLT).**

Hebrews 2

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Why worship **Jesus
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Jesus

Us

Jesus

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Warning 1

**Abandoning Jesus
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Hebrews 2:1-2

"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we **do not drift away**.

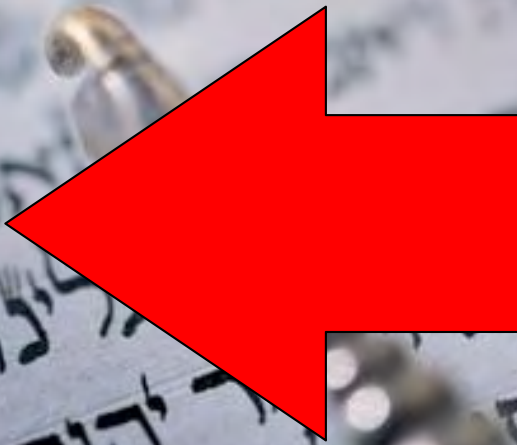
For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment..."



Hebrews 2:3-4

"...how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will."



**"Should I
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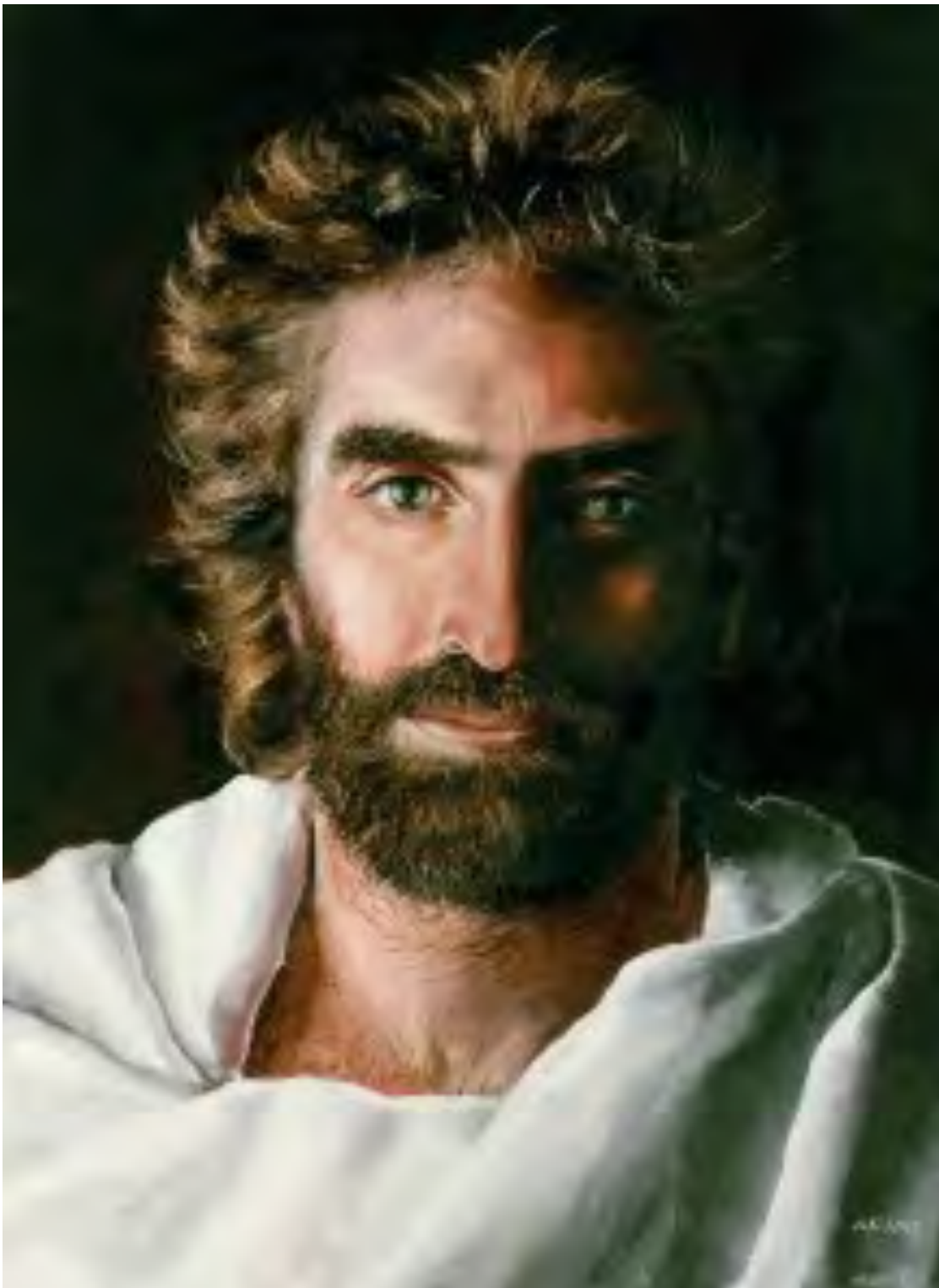
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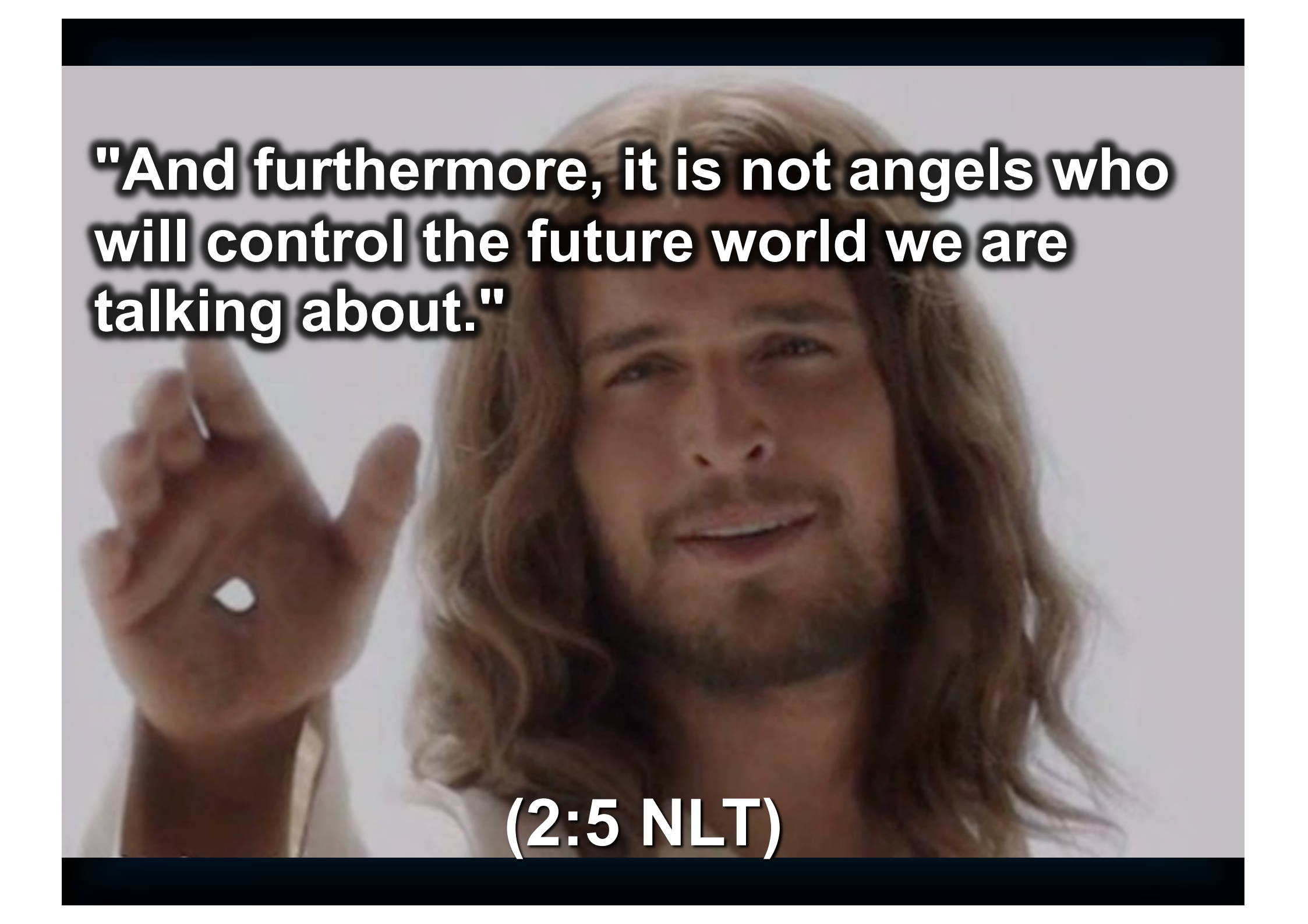


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3. Jesus is a man worthy to rule (2:5-18).

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**"And furthermore, it is not angels who
will control the future world we are
talking about."**

(2:5 NLT)

"For in one place the Scriptures say, 'What are mere **mortals** that you should think about them, or **a son of man** that you should care for him?

⁷Yet you made **them only a little lower** than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁸You gave **them** authority over all things""
(2:6-8a NLT).

"But one has testified somewhere, saying, 'What is **man**, that you remember him? or **the son of man**, that you are concerned about him?

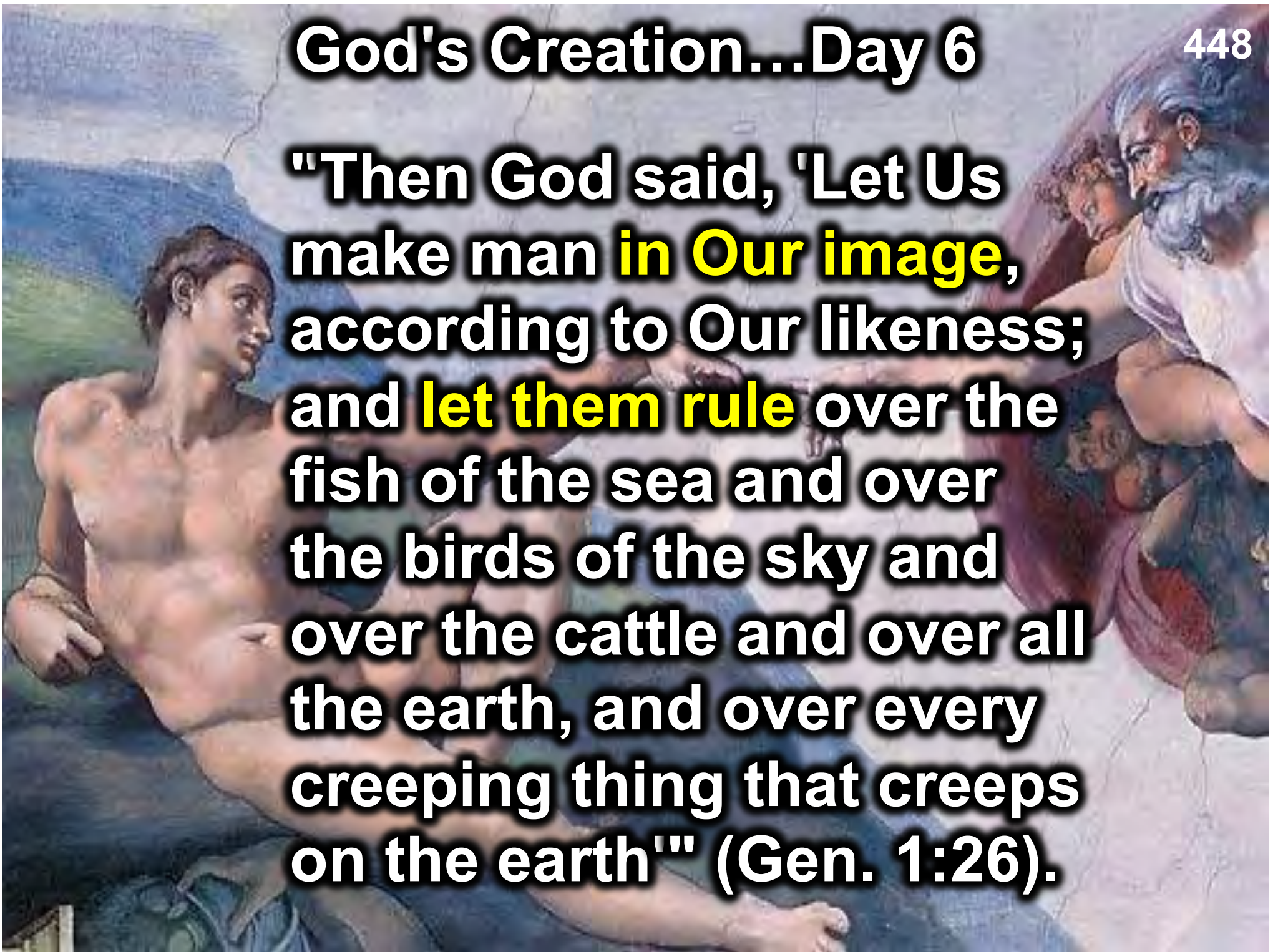
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you have crowned him with glory and honor, and have appointed him over the works of your hands;
⁸you have put all things in subjection under **his** feet"" (2:6-8a NAU).

God's Creation...Day 6

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"Then God said, 'Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (Gen. 1:26).

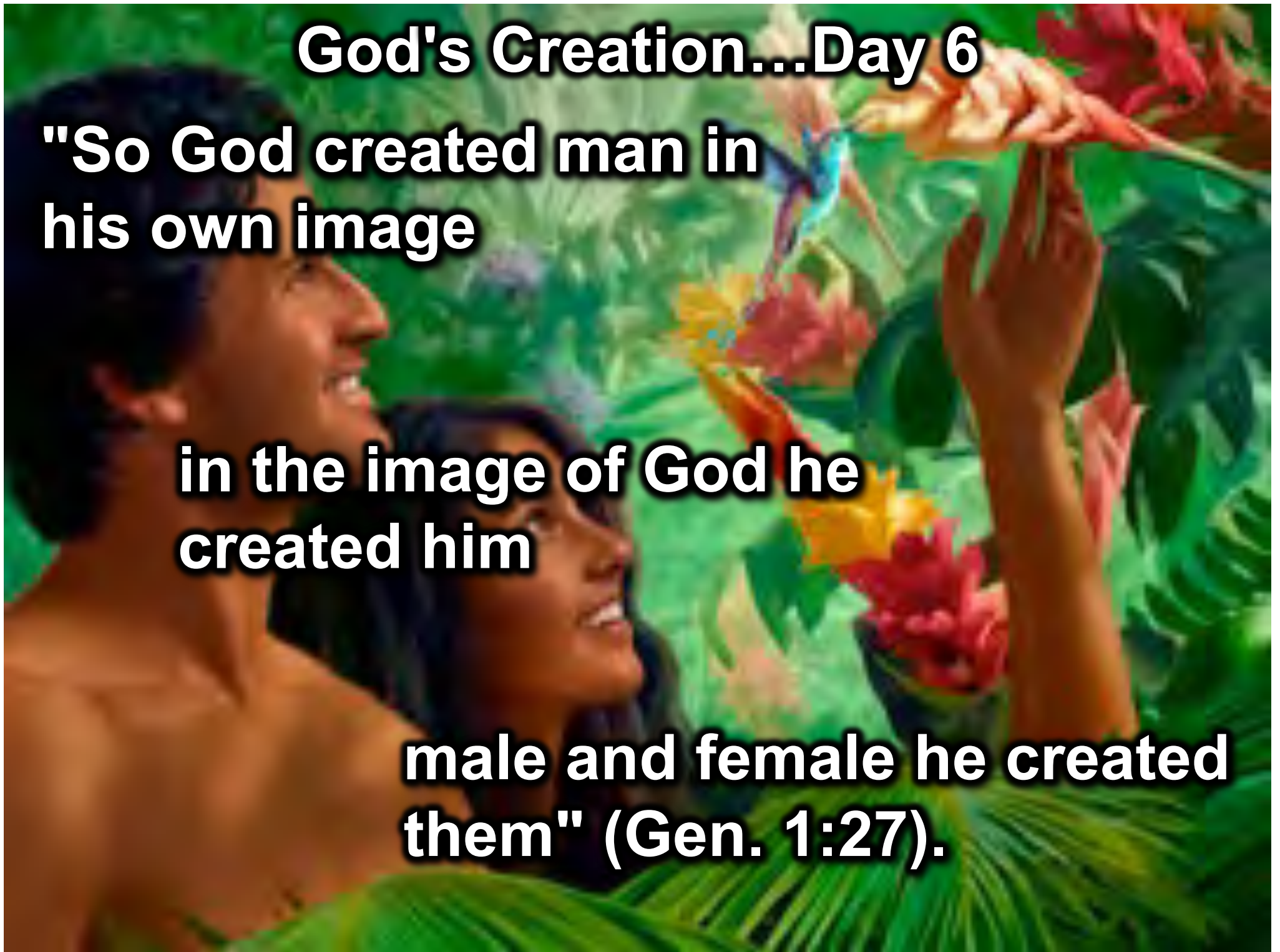


God's Creation...Day 6

**"So God created man in
his own image**

**in the image of God he
created him**

**male and female he created
them" (Gen. 1:27).**





and over the **birds**
of the air

and have dominion over
the **fish** of the sea

and over every living thing that
moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28 NLT).

"And God
blessed them,
and God said
to them, 'Be
fruitful and
multiply, and
fill the earth
and subdue it;

"Now when it says 'all things,' it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.

⁹What we do see is Jesus, who was given a position 'a little lower than the angels'; and because he suffered death for us, he is now 'crowned with glory and honor.' Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

¹⁰God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation."

(2:8b-10 NLT)

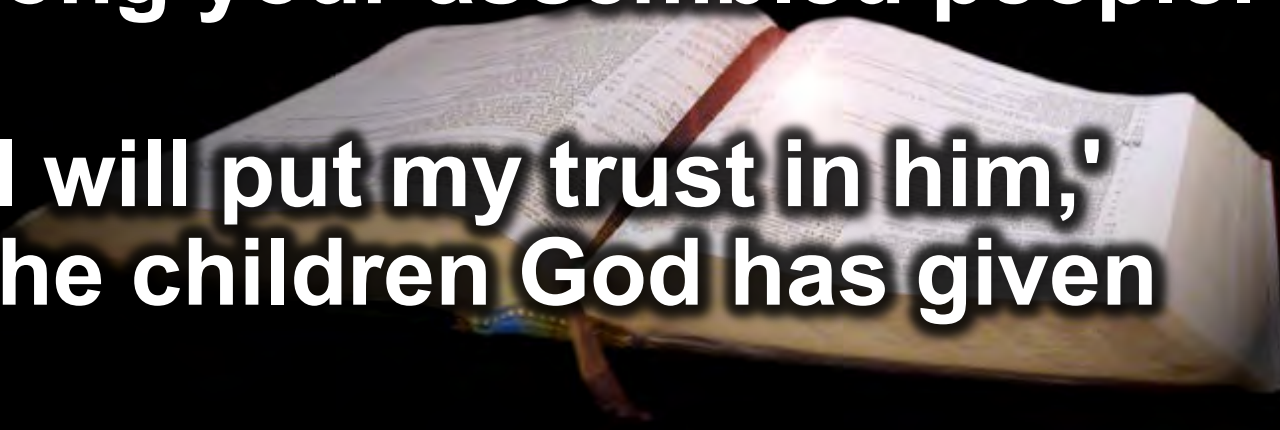
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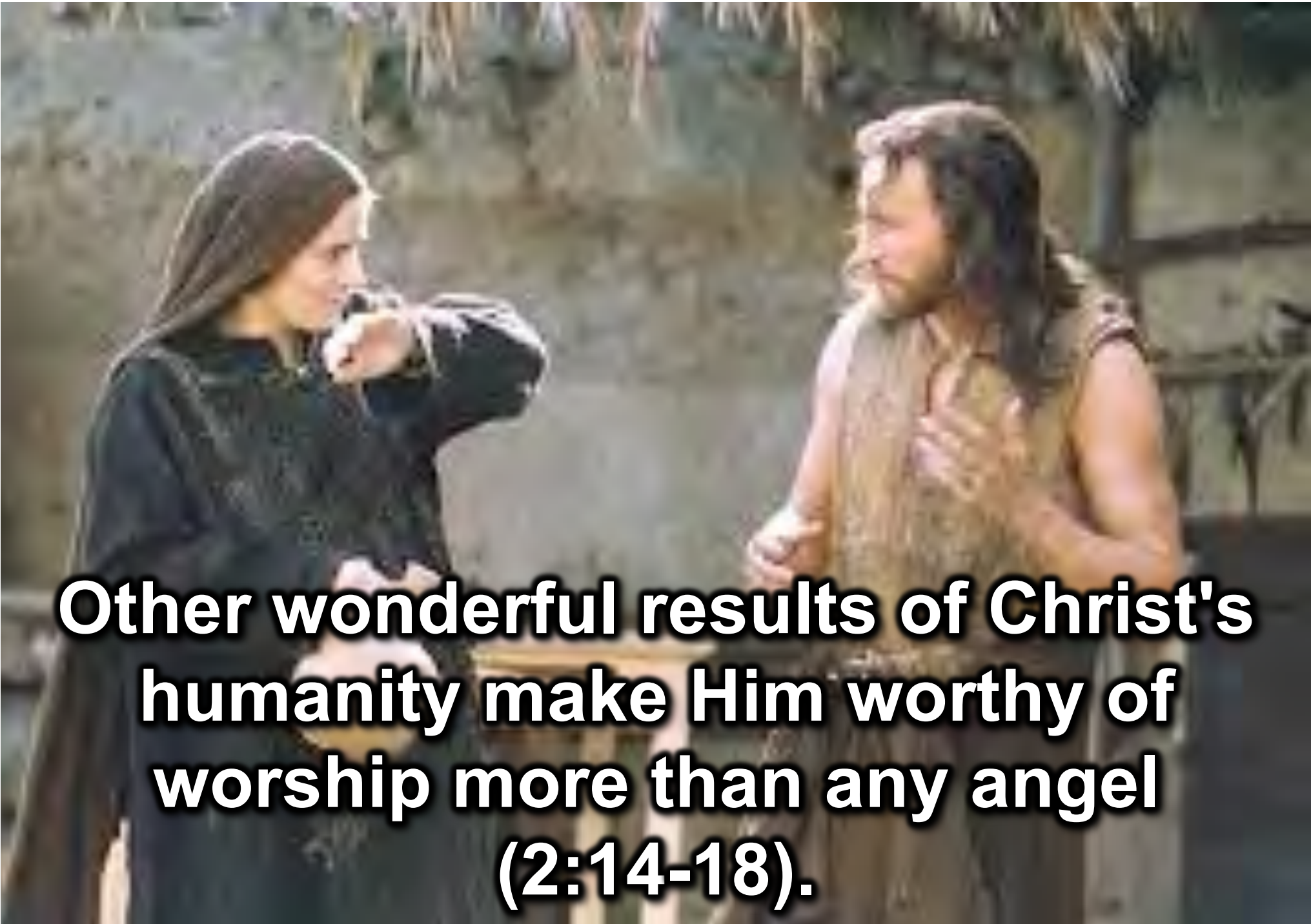
2:11-12 (NLT)

"So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

¹²For he said to God, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.'

He also said, 'I will put my trust in him,' that is, 'I and the children God has given me.'"





**Other wonderful results of Christ's
humanity make Him worthy of
worship more than any angel
(2:14-18).**



**As a man, Christ defeated
Satan's grip on other men
(2:14-15).**

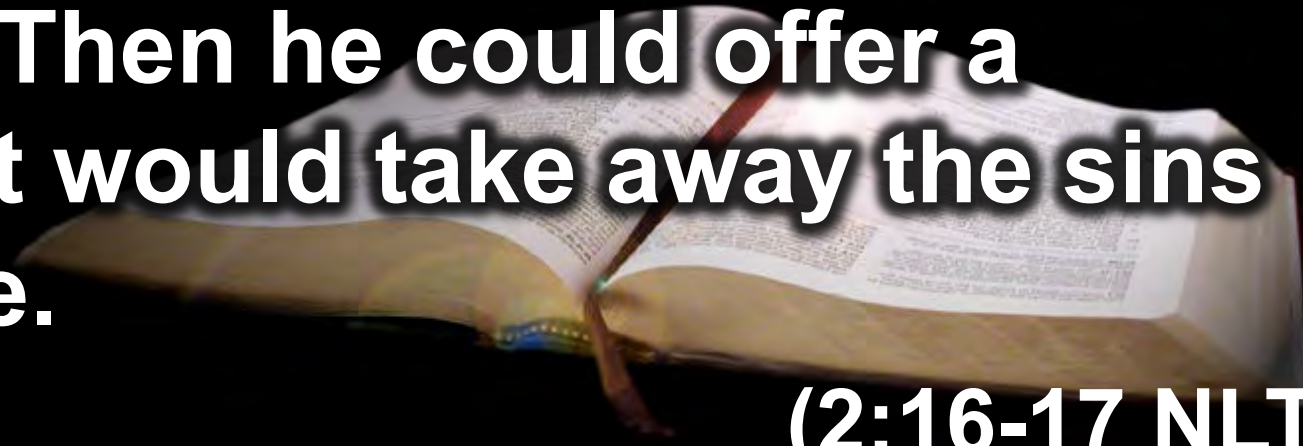
"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

¹⁵Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying."

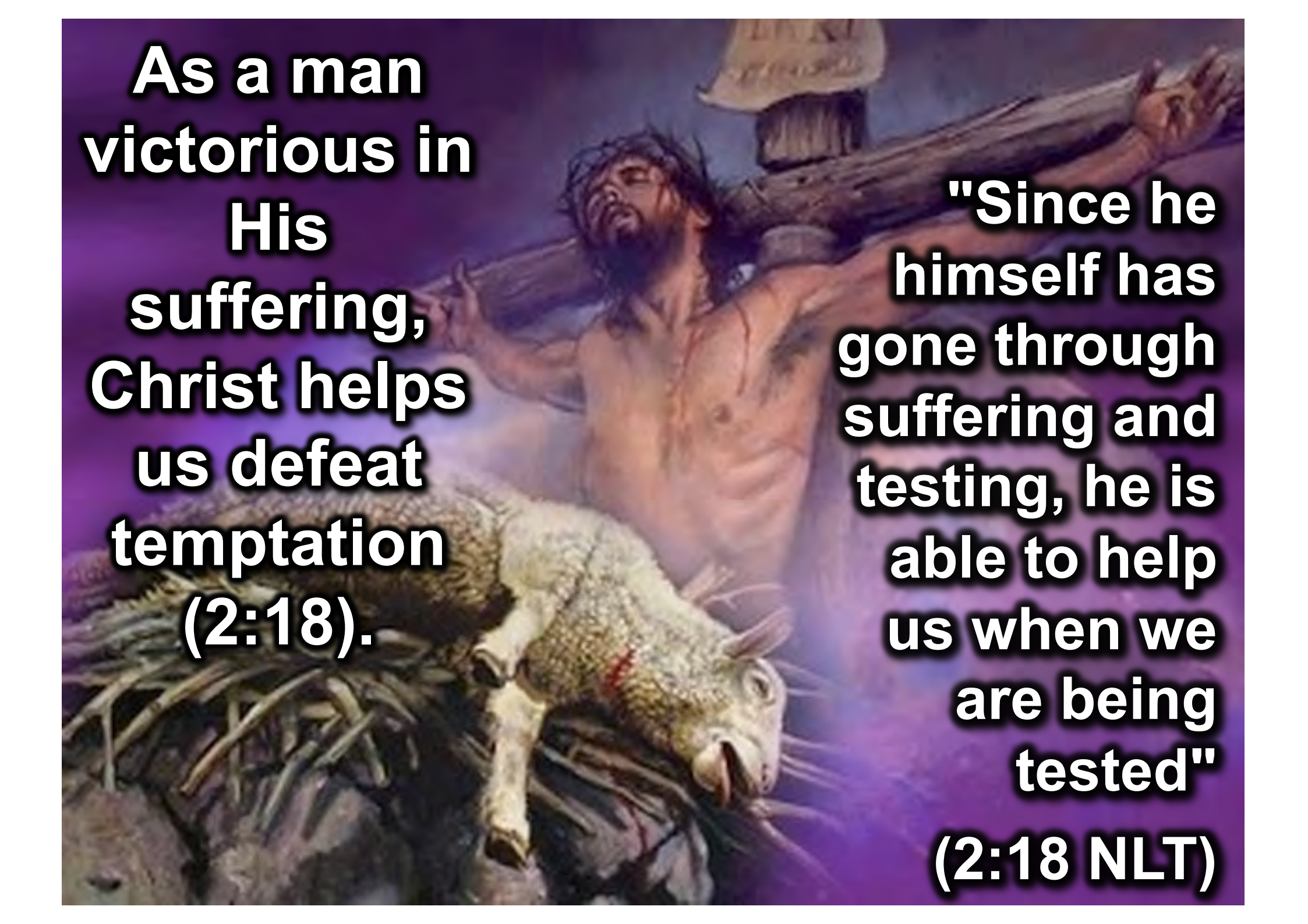
(2:14-15 NLT)

We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.



(2:16-17 NLT)

A religious painting with a purple background. In the center, Jesus Christ is on the cross, his body marked with wounds. In the foreground, a white lamb with a red mark on its side lies on a bed of straw. The text is overlaid on the image in white with black outlines.

**As a man
victorious in
His
suffering,
Christ helps
us defeat
temptation
(2:18).**

**"Since he
himself has
gone through
suffering and
testing, he is
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(2:18 NLT)

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Main Idea of 1:4–2:18



**Jesus is
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Press On!

***Worship Jesus instead of any other
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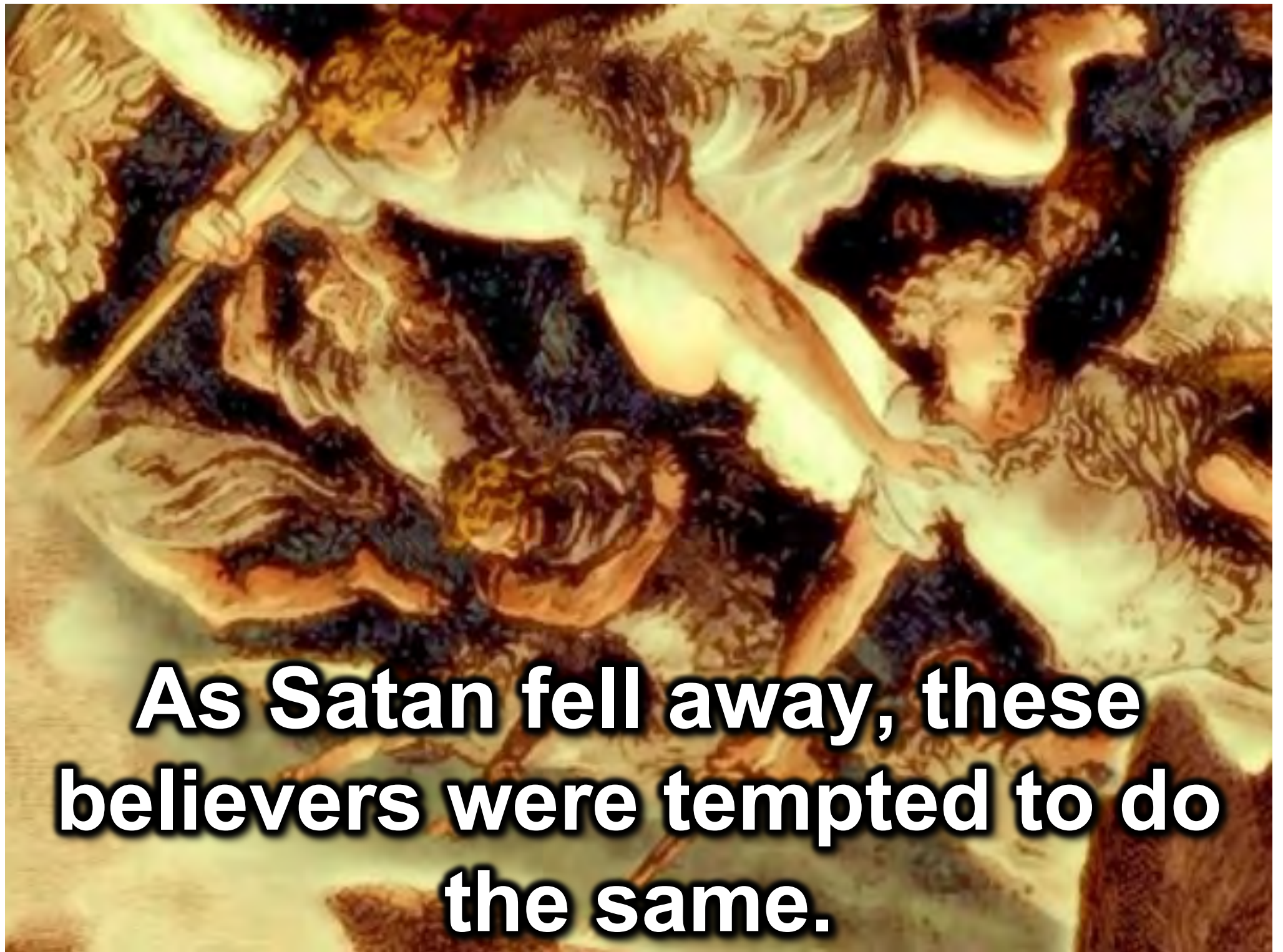
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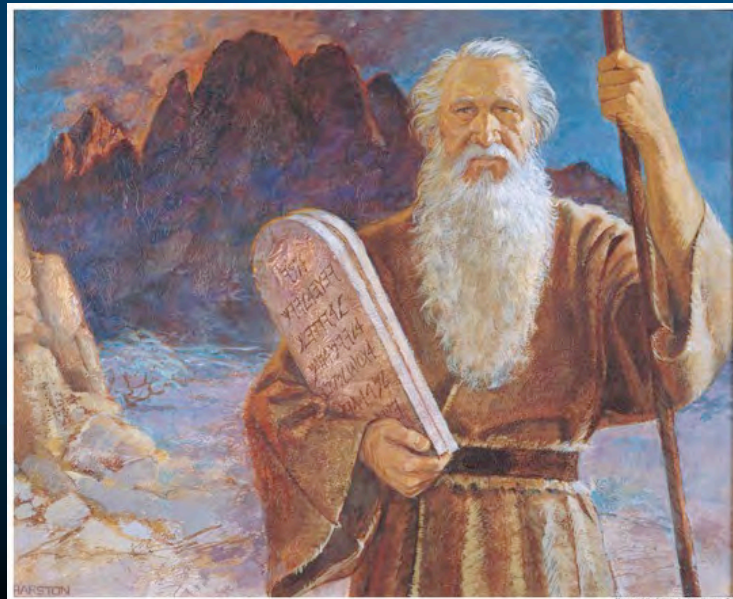
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**As Satan fell away, these
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- Superior to the **Prophets** 1:1-3
- Superior to the **Angels** 1:4–2:18
- Superior to **Moses** 3:1–4:7





5 Warnings in Hebrews

1. Warning of **discipline** (2:1-4)
2. Warning of **disinheritance** (3:7-19)
3. Warning of **death** (6:4-8)
4. Warning of **death** (10:26-31)
5. Warning of **disinterest** (12:14-29)



Warning 1

**Abandoning Jesus
brings discipline
(Hebrews 2:1-4).**

Hebrews 3

**He is better than Moses, so don't
forfeit Canaan in the millennial
kingdom (3:1–4:13).**

Superior to Moses (3:1–4:7)





Warning 2

**Abandoning Jesus
forfeits our future rule
(Hebrews 3:7-19).**

Hebrews 3:7-9 (NLT)

That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, ⁸don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. ⁹There your ancestors tested and tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years."



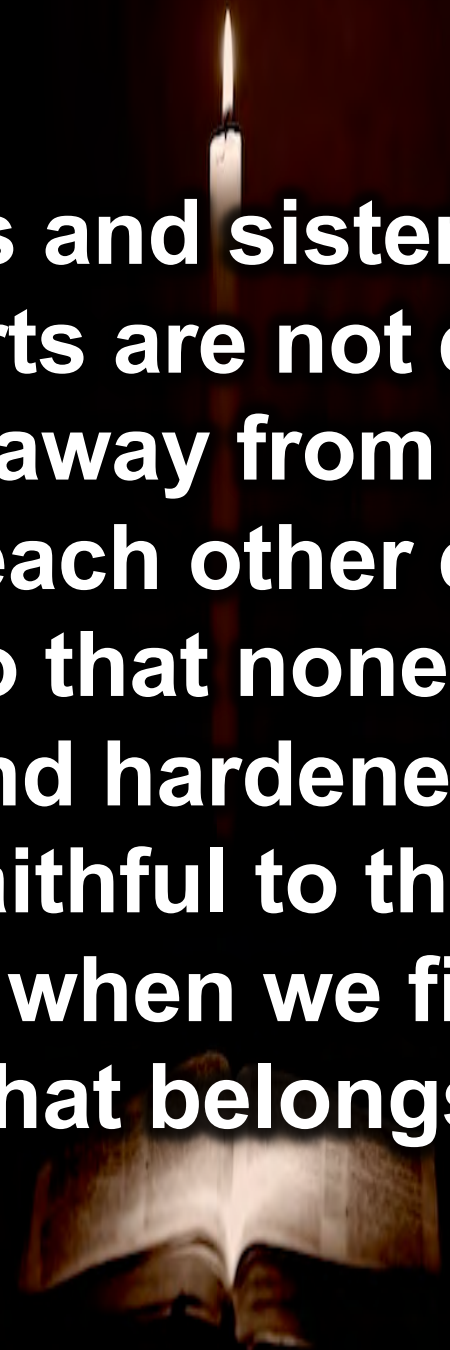
Hebrews 3:10-11 (NLT)

**So I was angry with them, and I said,
'Their hearts always turn away from me.
They refuse to do what I tell them.' ¹¹So
in my anger I took an oath: 'They will
never enter my place of rest.'"**



Hebrews 3:12-14 (NLT)

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. ¹³You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. ¹⁴For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, **we will share in all that belongs to Christ.**

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Hebrews 3:15-16 (NLT)

**Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."
¹⁶And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn't it the people Moses led out of Egypt?**



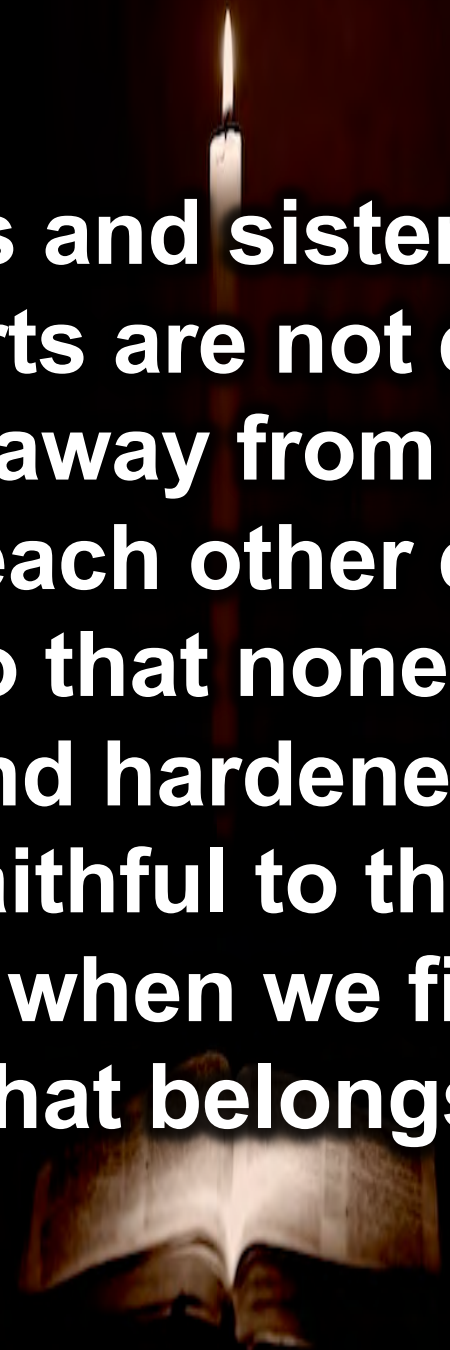
Hebrews 3:17-19 (NLT)

**And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness?
18 And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed him? 19 So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest.**



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**The Hebrews readers were in danger
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(Hebrews 3:7–4:13).**

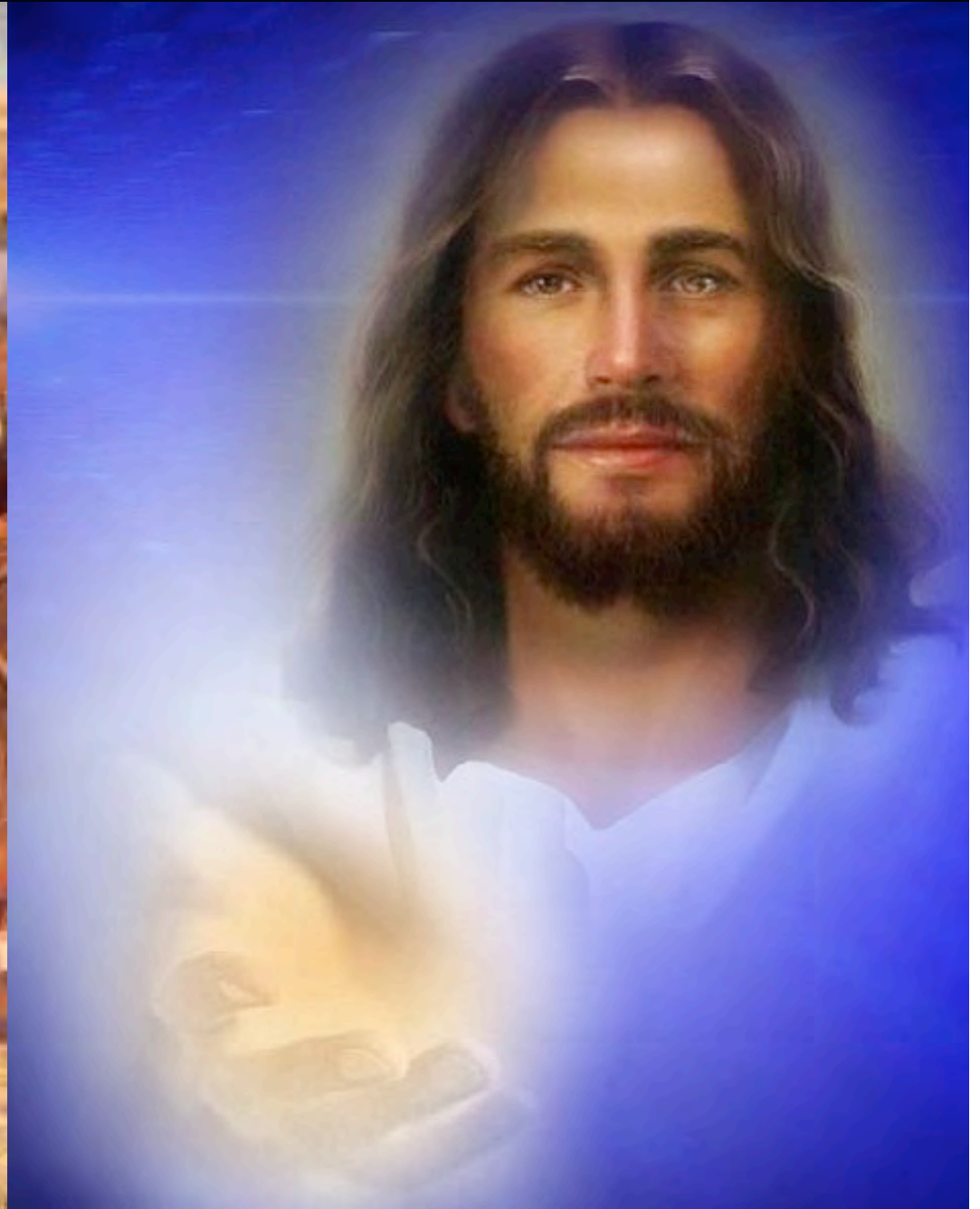
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- Superior to **Moses** 3:1–4:7
- Superior to **Joshua** 4:8-13



Jesus is Superior to Joshua (Hebrews 4:8-13)



"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience" (4:9-11 NIV)



Seven views on the Hebrews 4

"Sabbath-rest for the people of God"

1. Present Sabbath Rest & Future Heavenly Rest
2. Present Sunday & Grace Rests & Future Heavenly Rest
3. Present Spiritual Rest
4. Present Spiritual & Future Heavenly Rest
5. Future Heavenly Rest
6. Millennial Rest with Present Day Application
7. Future Millennial Rest



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Final Destiny

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Inheritance in the OT



Inheritance in the OT

- 1. A difference exists between inheriting the land of Canaan and living there. The former refers to ownership and the latter to mere residence.**
- 2. While Israel was promised the inheritance as a nation, the condition for maintaining their inheritance right to the land of Canaan was faith, obedience, and completion of one's task. The promise, while national, was applied only to the believing and obedient remnant.**

Inheritance in the OT

- 3. The inheritance is not to be equated with heaven but with something in addition to heaven, promised to those believers who faithfully obey the Lord.**
- 4. Just as Old Testament believers forfeited their earthly inheritance through disobedience, we can also forfeit our future reward (inheritance) by a similar failure. Loss of inheritance, however, does not mean loss of salvation.**

Inheritance in the OT

5. Two kinds of inheritance were enjoyed in the Old Testament. All Israelites who had believed and were therefore regenerate had God as their inheritance but not all inherited the land. This paves the way for the concept that the New Testament may also teach two inheritances. We are all heirs of God, but we are not all joint-heirs with Christ, unless we persevere to the end of life. The former refers to our salvation and the latter to our reward.

Inheritance in the OT

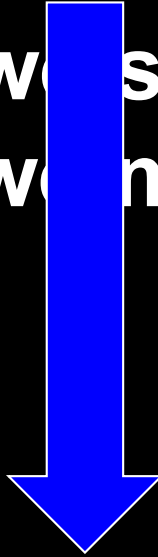
6. A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.

Inheritance in the NT

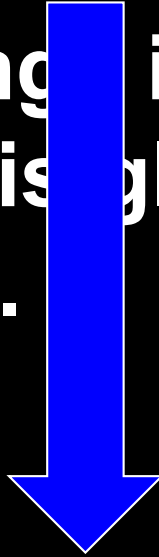


Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—
heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**, if
indeed we share in his suffering in order that
we may also share in his glory"
(Rom. 8:17 NIV).



= Salvation



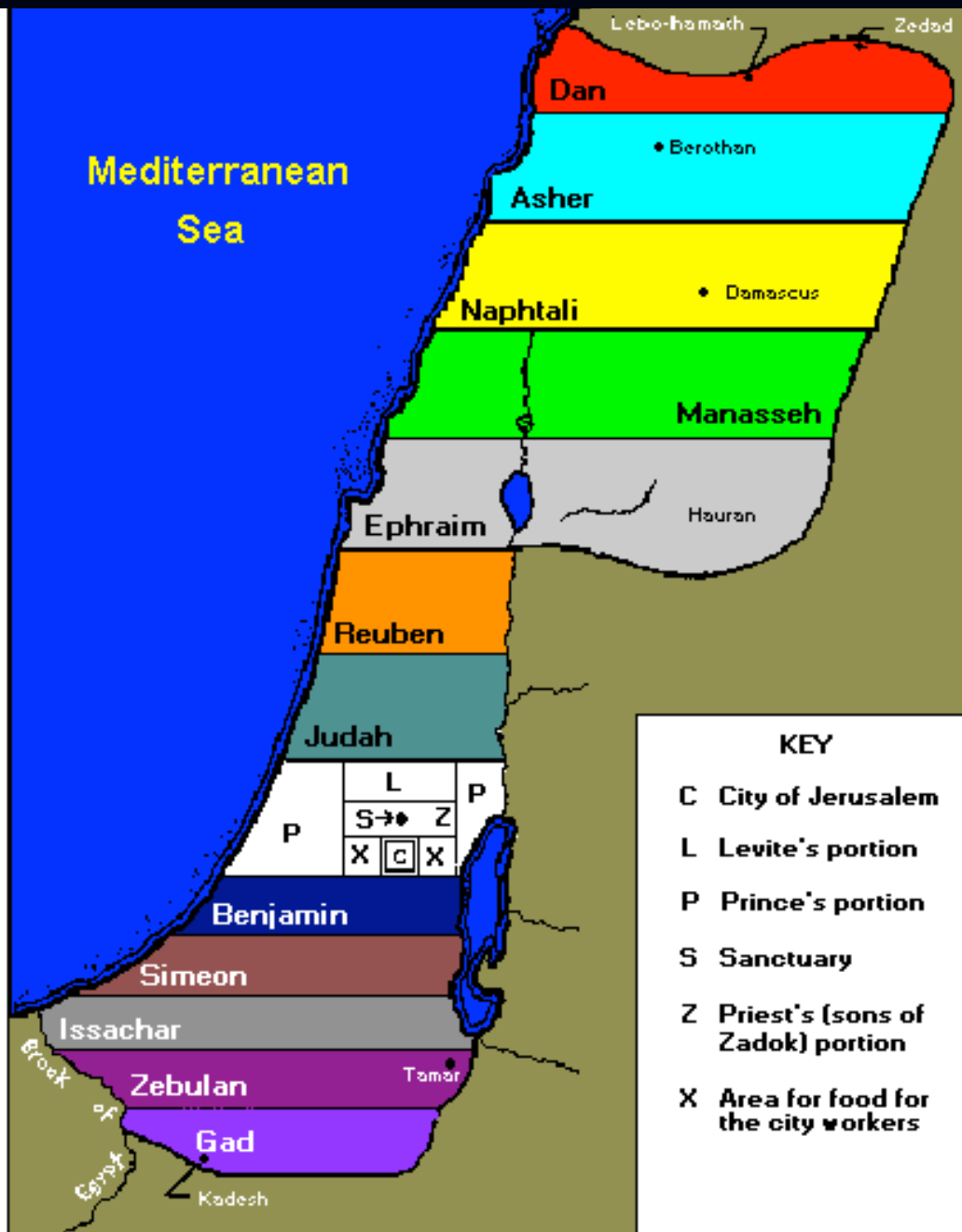
= Reward

Land Allotment in the Millennium According to Ezekiel

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Support for the Future Millennial Rest in Hebrews 4

1. The context
2. The land promise
3. Other Scripture
4. Extra-biblical references
5. Hebrews 4:8 time period



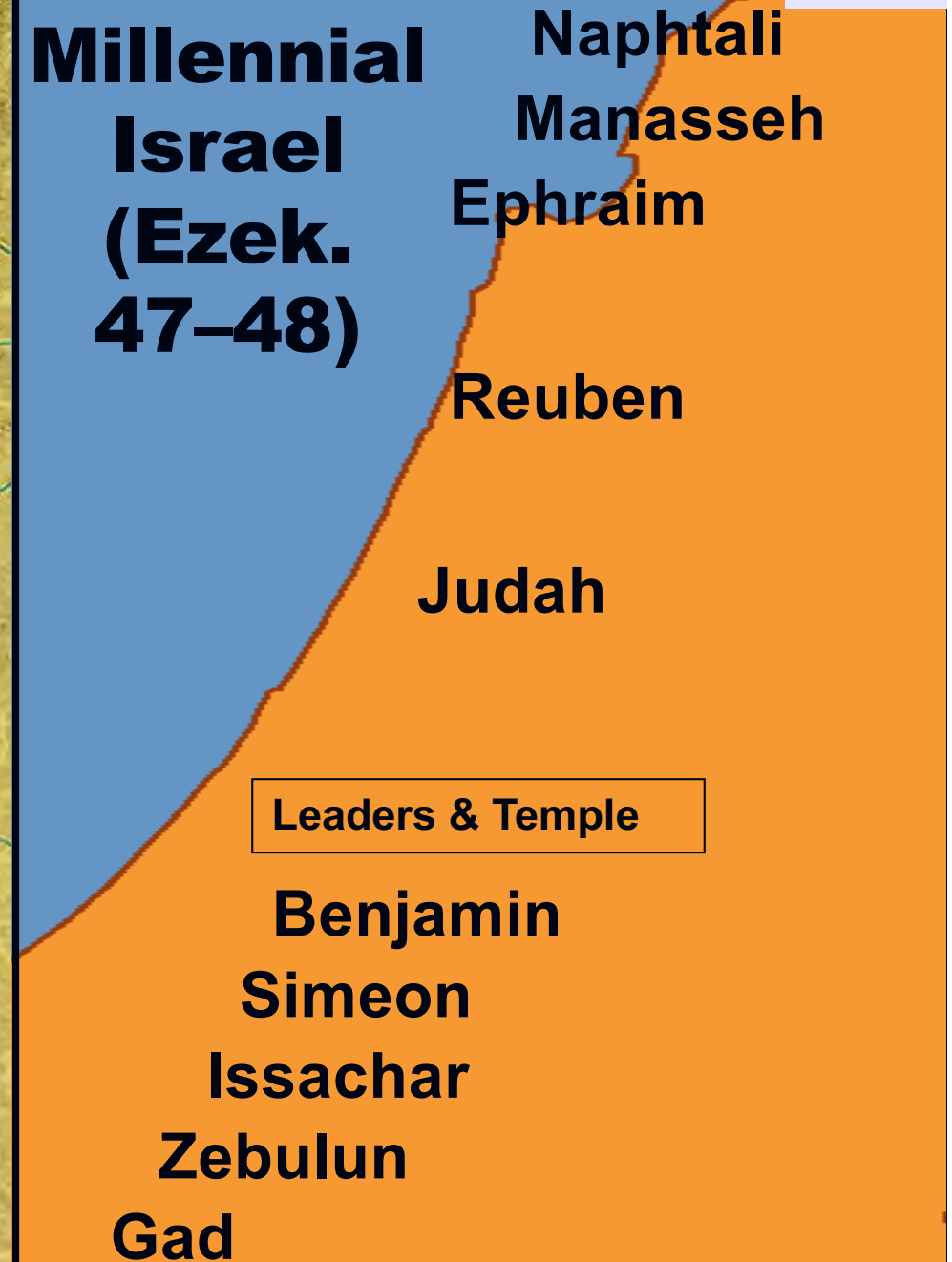
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Tribal Redistribution

**After
Conquest
(Josh.
13)**



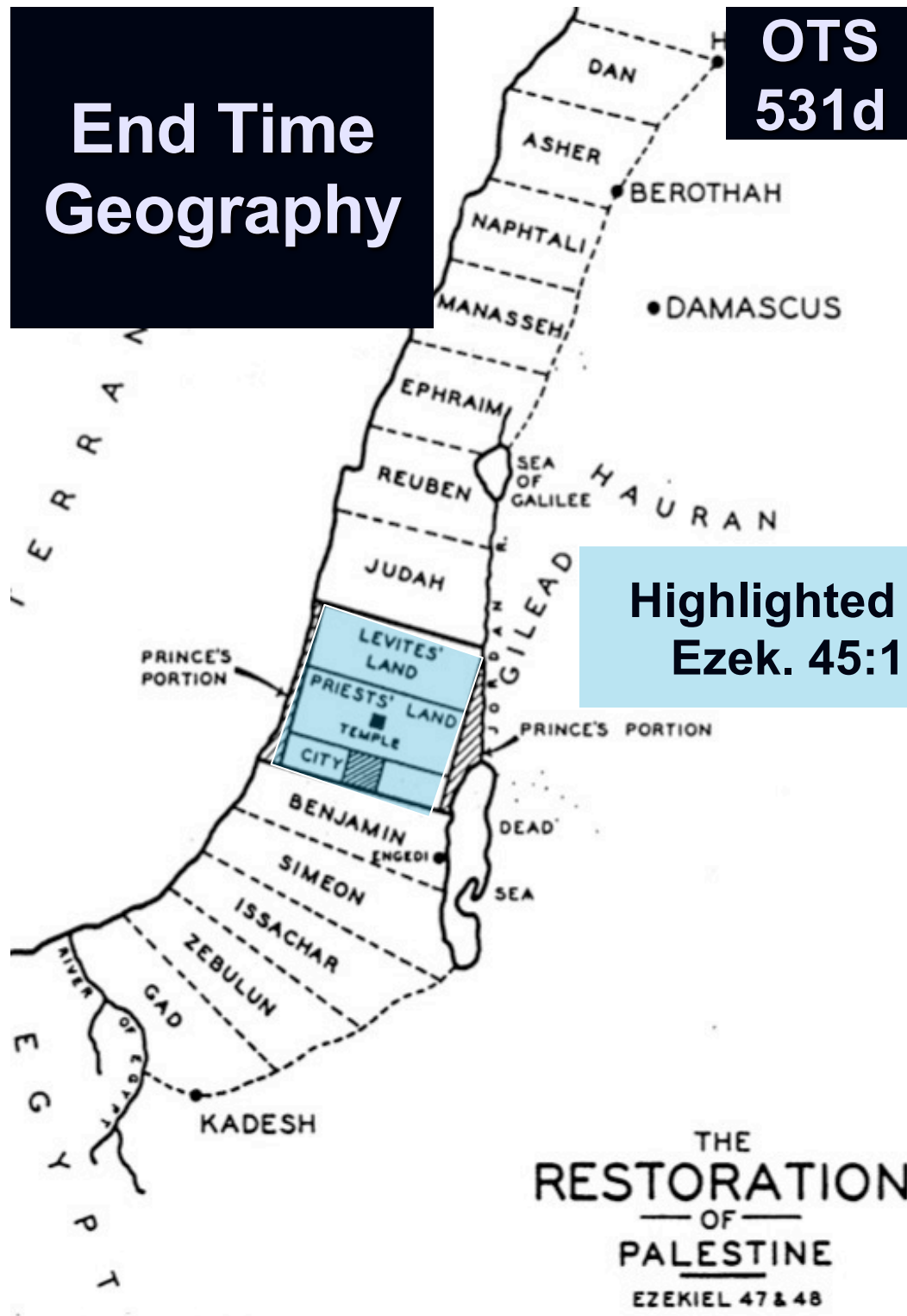
**Millennial
Israel
(Ezek.
47–48)**



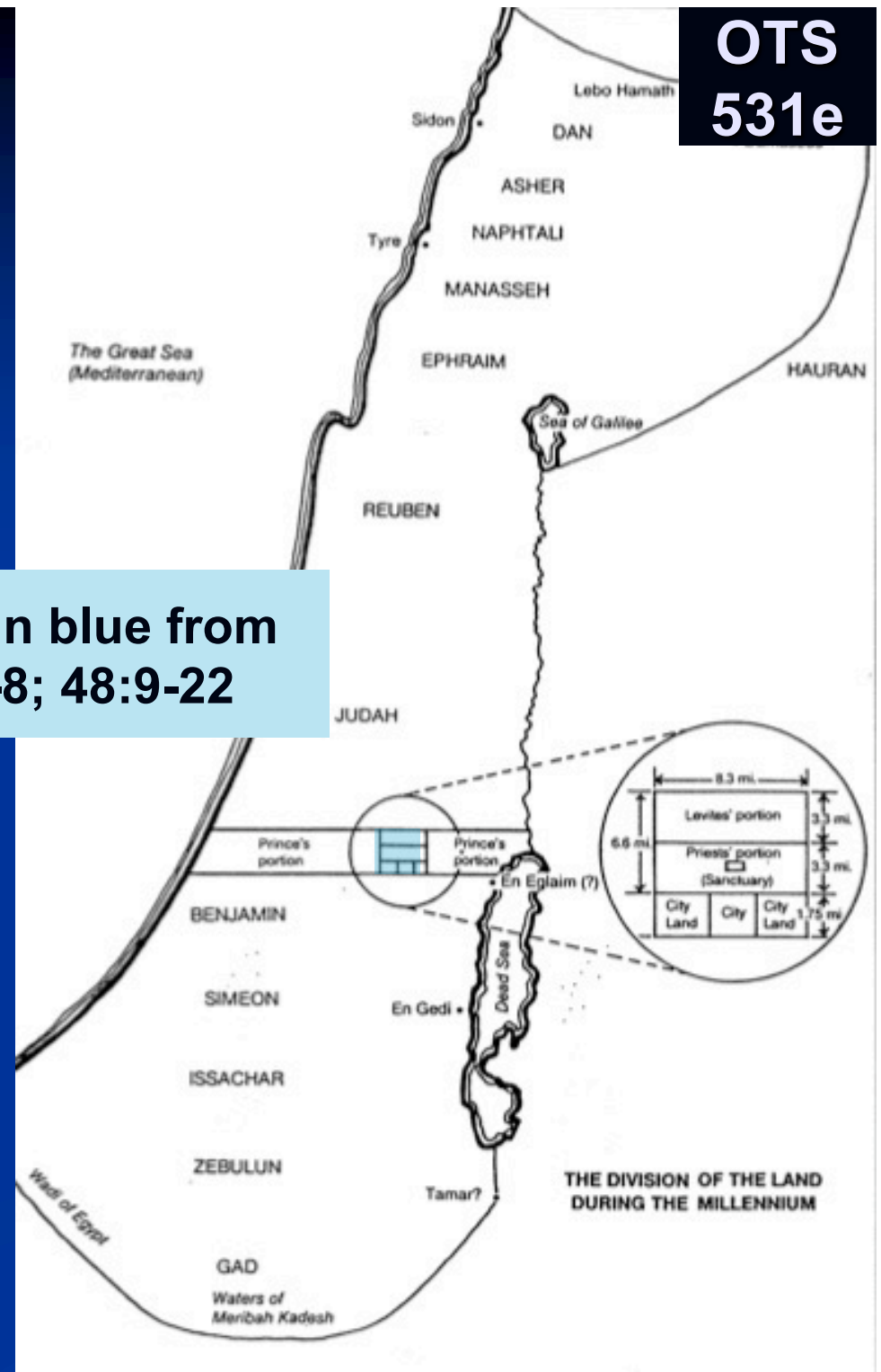
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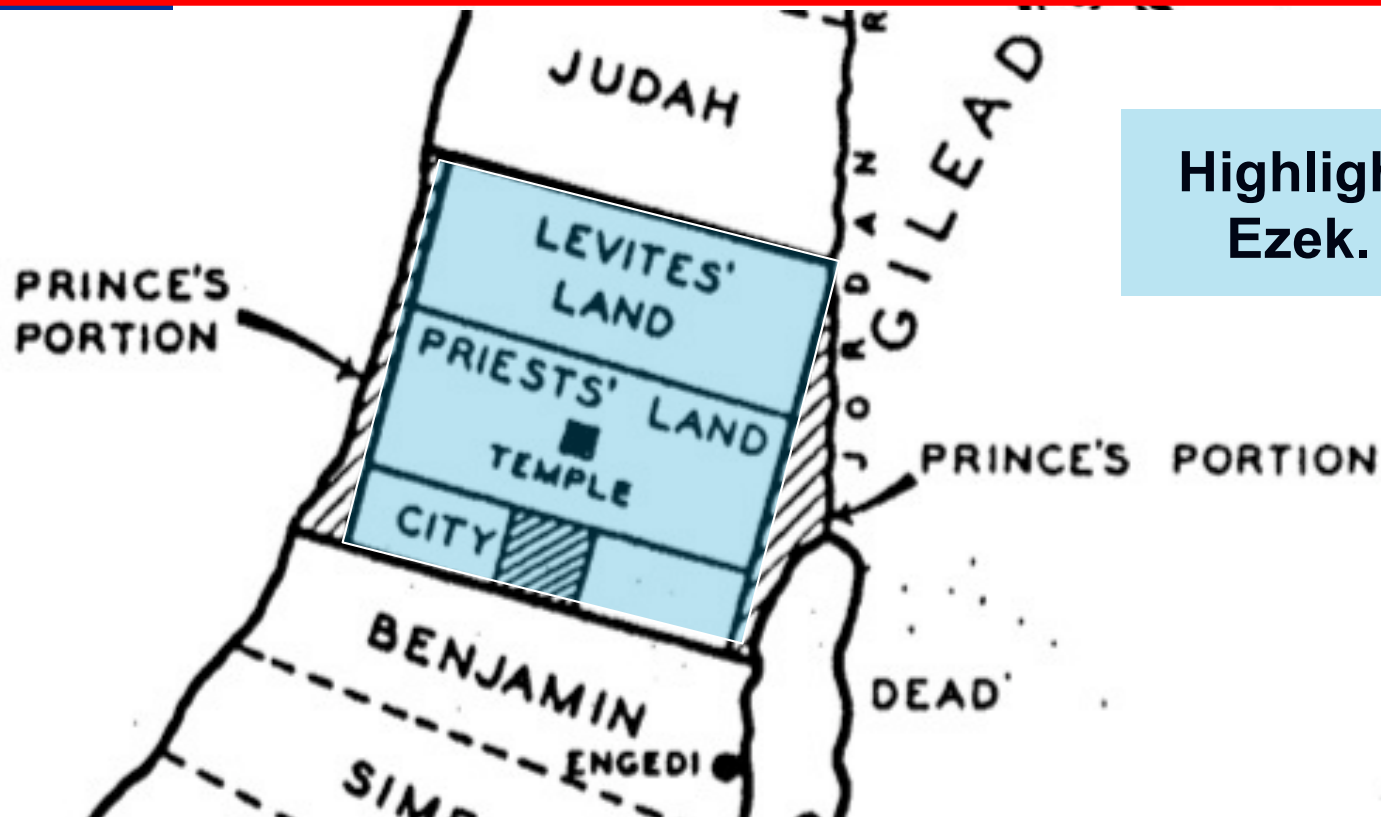
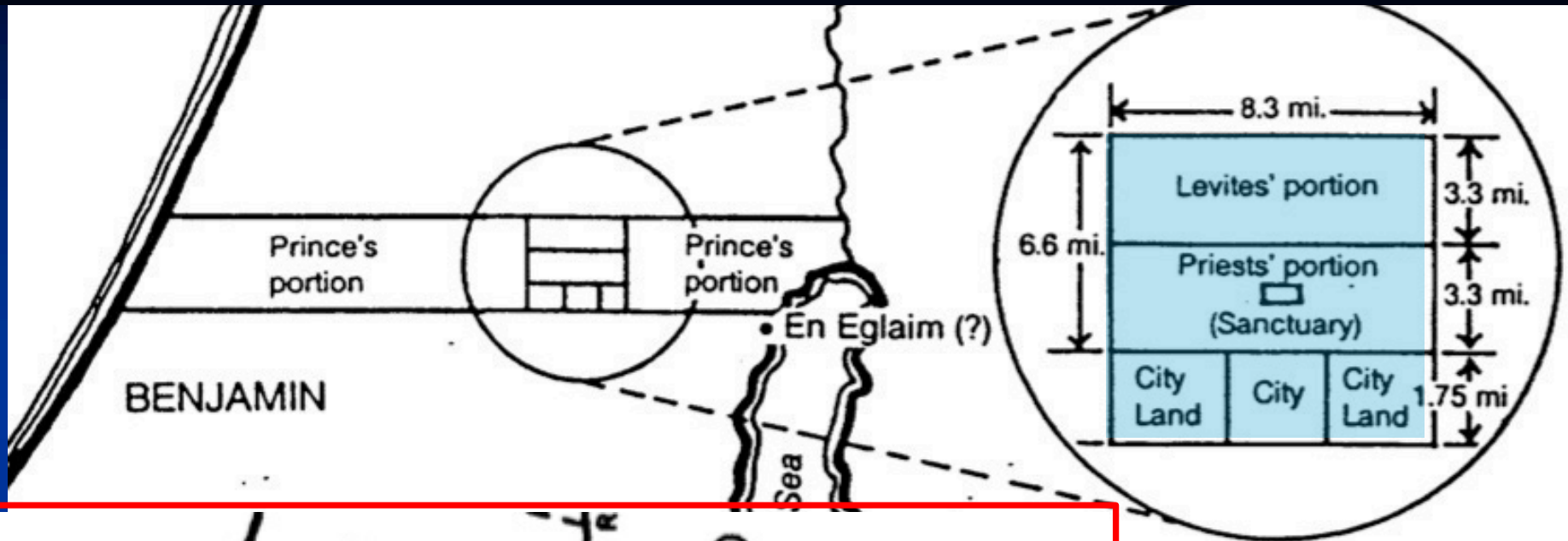
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Priests, Levites & Prince Comparisons

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Ezek. 45:1-8; 48:9-22

Shared Land with Jews & Gentiles

“Divide the land within these boundaries among the tribes of Israel. ²² **Distribute the land** as an allotment for yourselves and **for the foreigners** who have joined you and are raising their families among you. **They will be like native-born Israelites** to you and will receive an allotment among the tribes.

²³ **These foreigners are to be given land** within the territory of the tribe with whom they now live. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!”
(Ezekiel 47:21-23 NLT SE).

The Ten Commandments

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#	Old Testament Commands	New Testament Repetitions
1	And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me" (Exod. 20:1-3).	"Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God..." (Acts 14:15; mentioned at least 50 times).
2	"You shall not make for yourself an idol... of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below... for I... am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers ... but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me..." (Exod. 20:4-6).	"Dear children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21; cf. 1 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 2:14, 20; 9:20; mentioned in the NT 12 times = 12x). * This chart is adapted and expanded from one by Lewis Sperry Chafer, <i>Systematic Theology</i> , 4:209-10
3	"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name" (Exod. 20:7).	"Above all...do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your 'Yes' be yes, and your 'No,' no, or you will be condemned" (James 5:12; 4x).

The Ten Commandments

155m-1

#	Old Testament Commands	New Testament Repetitions
4	"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work... nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth... but he rested on the seventh day..." (Exod. 20:8-11).	No NT text requires this of Christians. However, one passage clearly <i>prohibits</i> the practice as required for believers: "Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ" (Col. 2:16-17; 0x).
5	"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you" (Exod. 20:12).	"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3; Matt. 15:4-6; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; 6x).
6	"You shall not murder" (Exod. 20:13).	"Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him" (1 John 3:15; cf. Matt. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11; 6x).

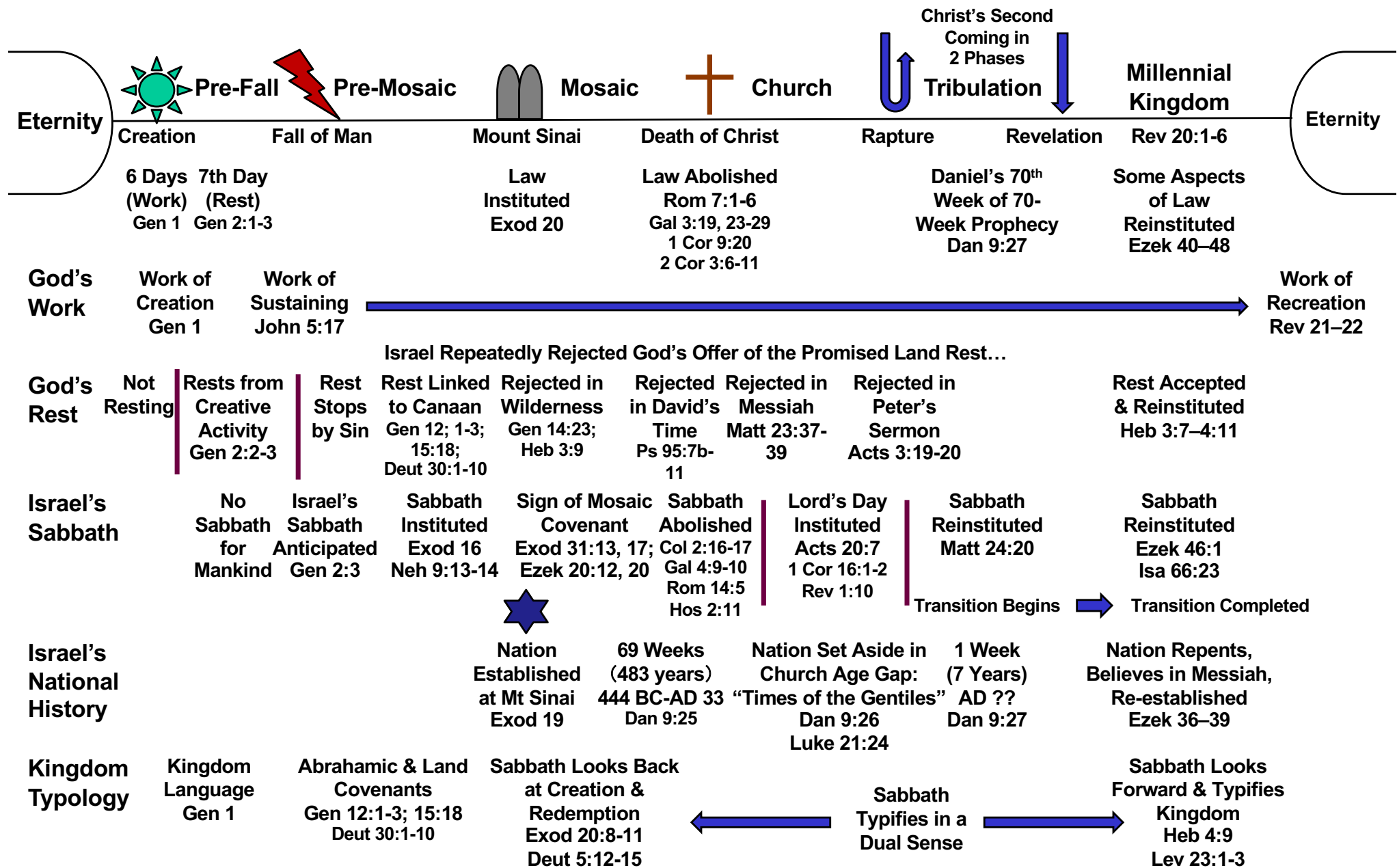
The Ten Commandments 155m-1

#	Old Testament Commands	New Testament Repetitions
7	"You shall not commit adultery" (Exod. 20:14).	"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (Heb. 13:4; cf. Mark 10:19; 12x).
8	"You shall not steal" (Exod. 20:15).	"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands..." (Eph. 4:28; cf. Matt. 27:64; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; Titus 2:10; 6x).
9	"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor" (Exod. 20:16).	"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices" (Col. 3:9; cf. Eph. 4:25; 4x).
10	"You shall not covet your neighbor's house... wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exod. 20:17).	"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15; Rom. 7:7; 13:9; Eph. 5:3; James 4:2; 2 Pet. 2:3, 14; 9x).

The Eschatological Significance of the Sabbath

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A visual summary of the ThD dissertation by Richard James Griffith, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990





Warning 1

**Abandoning Jesus
brings discipline
(Hebrews 2:1-4).**



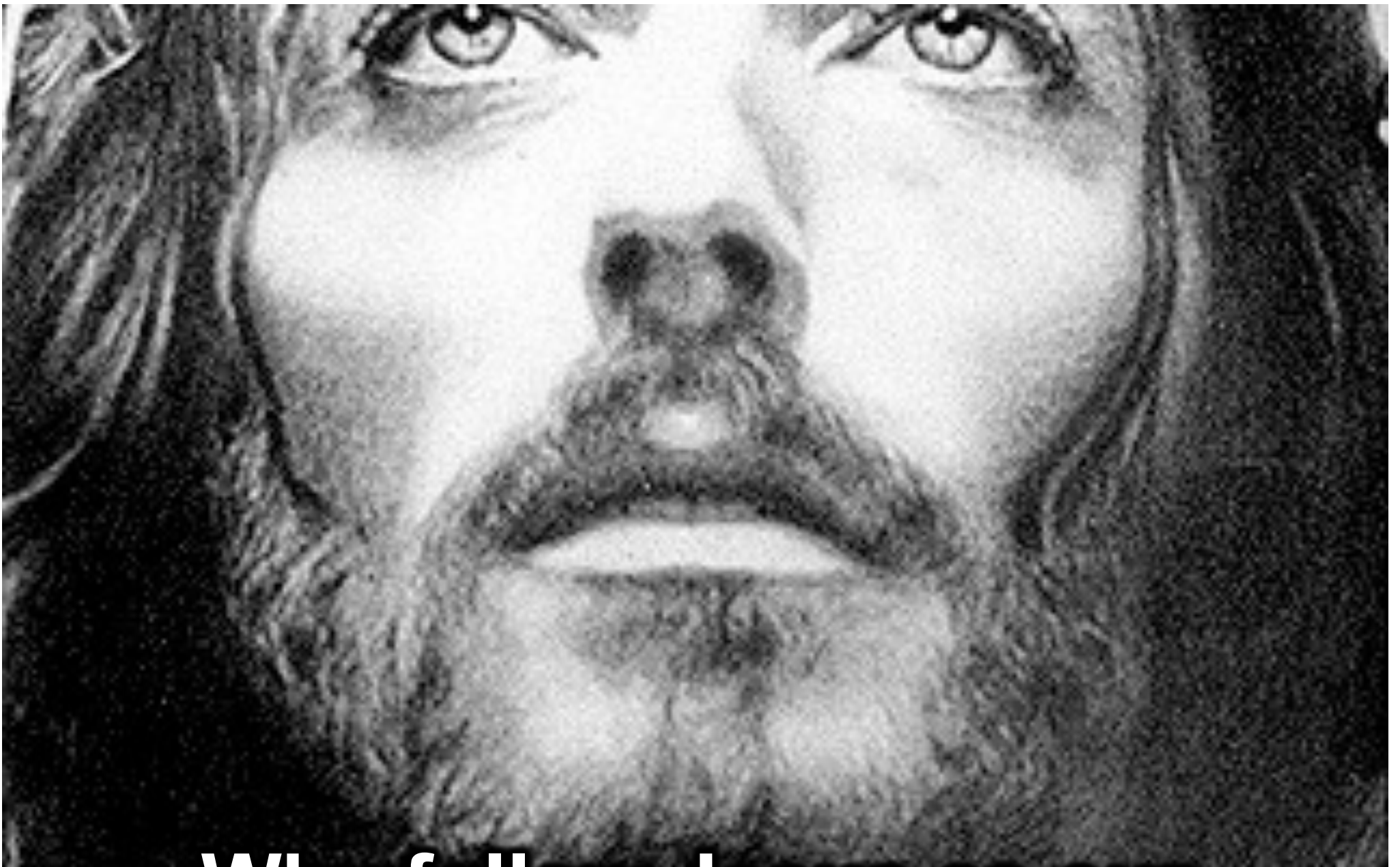
Warning 2

**Abandoning Jesus
forfeits our future rule
(Hebrews 3:7-19).**

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires

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Hebrews 4:12



**Why follow Jesus as our
mediator between God and us?**

He is better than Judaism's *high priest*, so go to him (4:14–6:20).

Theme

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Christ's Superiority Over Judaism as High Priest

Hebrews

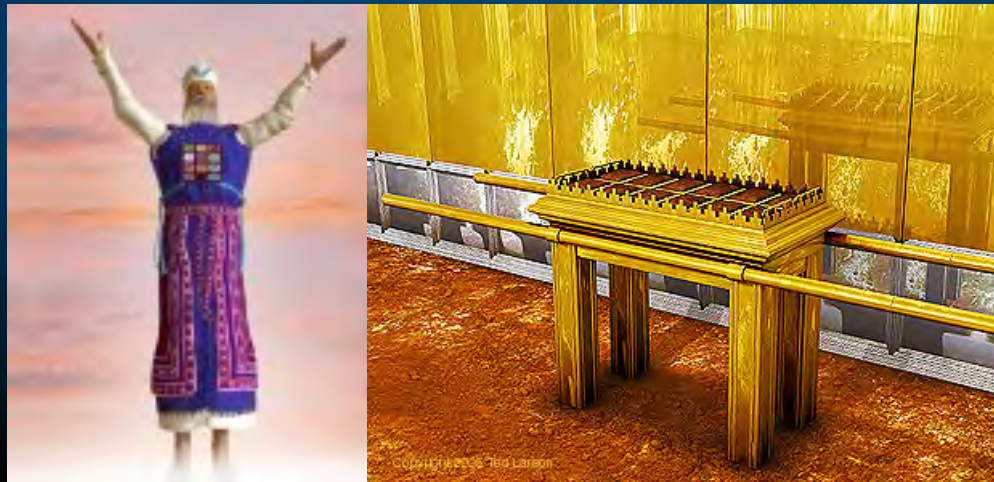
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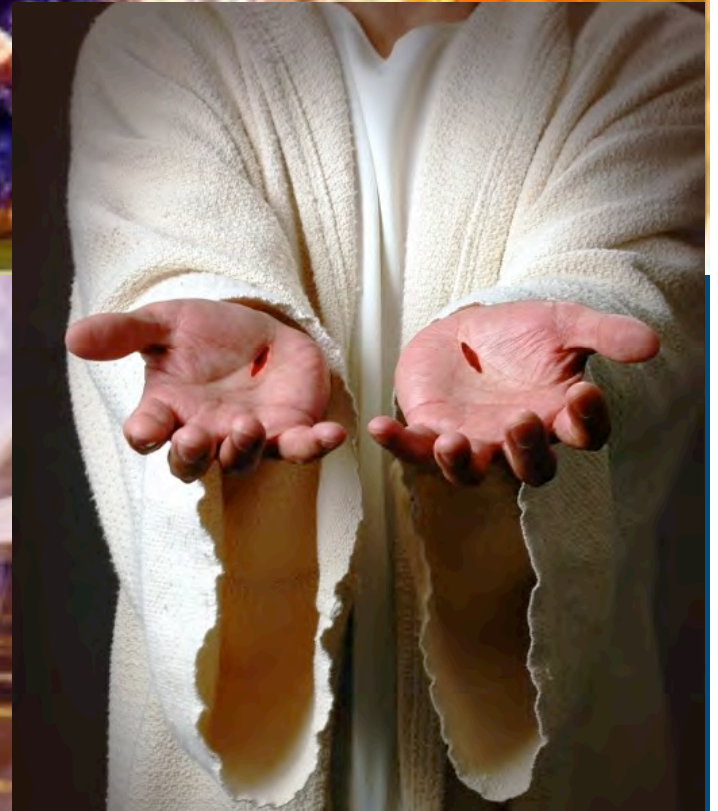
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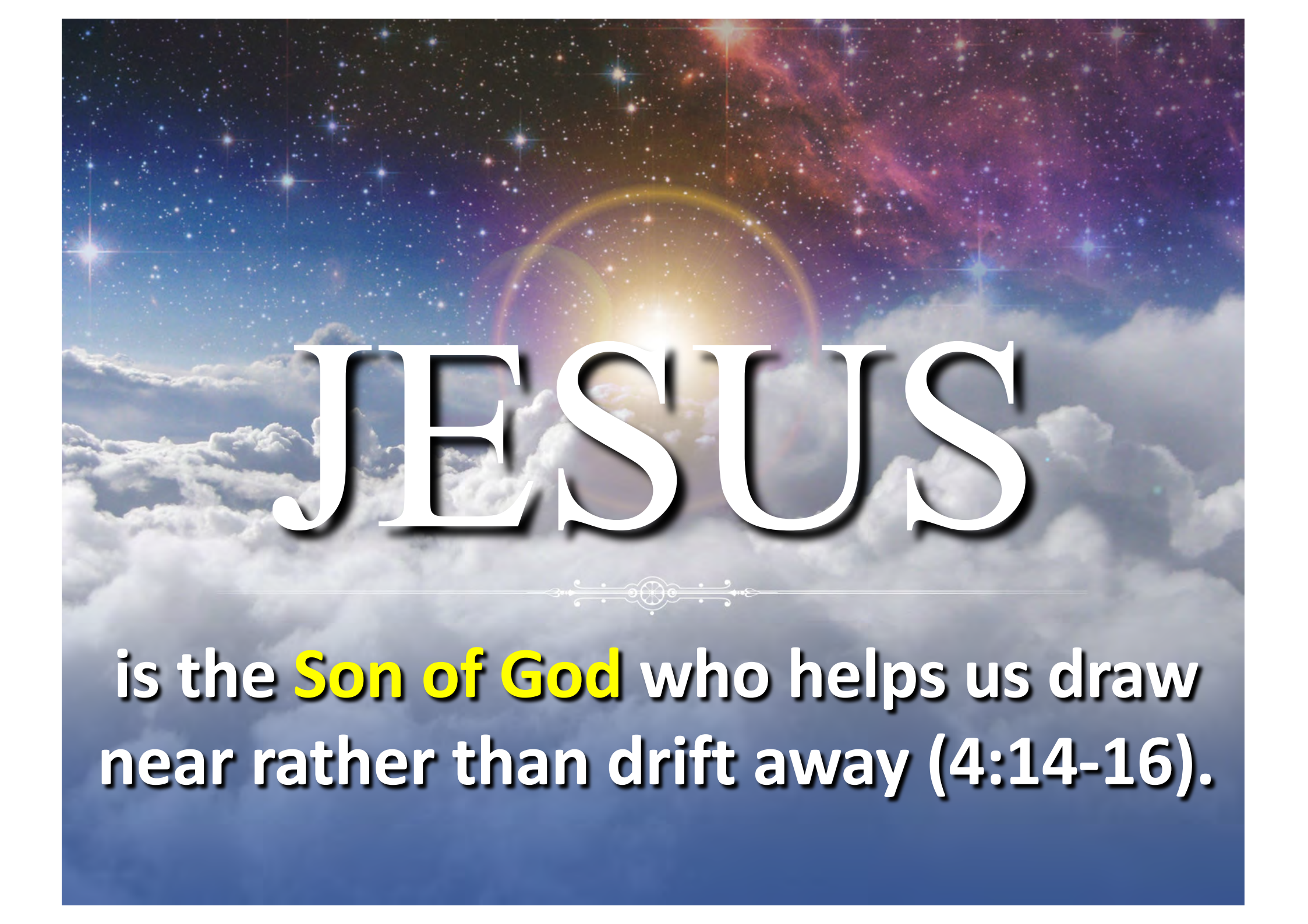
➤ Superior to **Aaron**

4:14–6:20



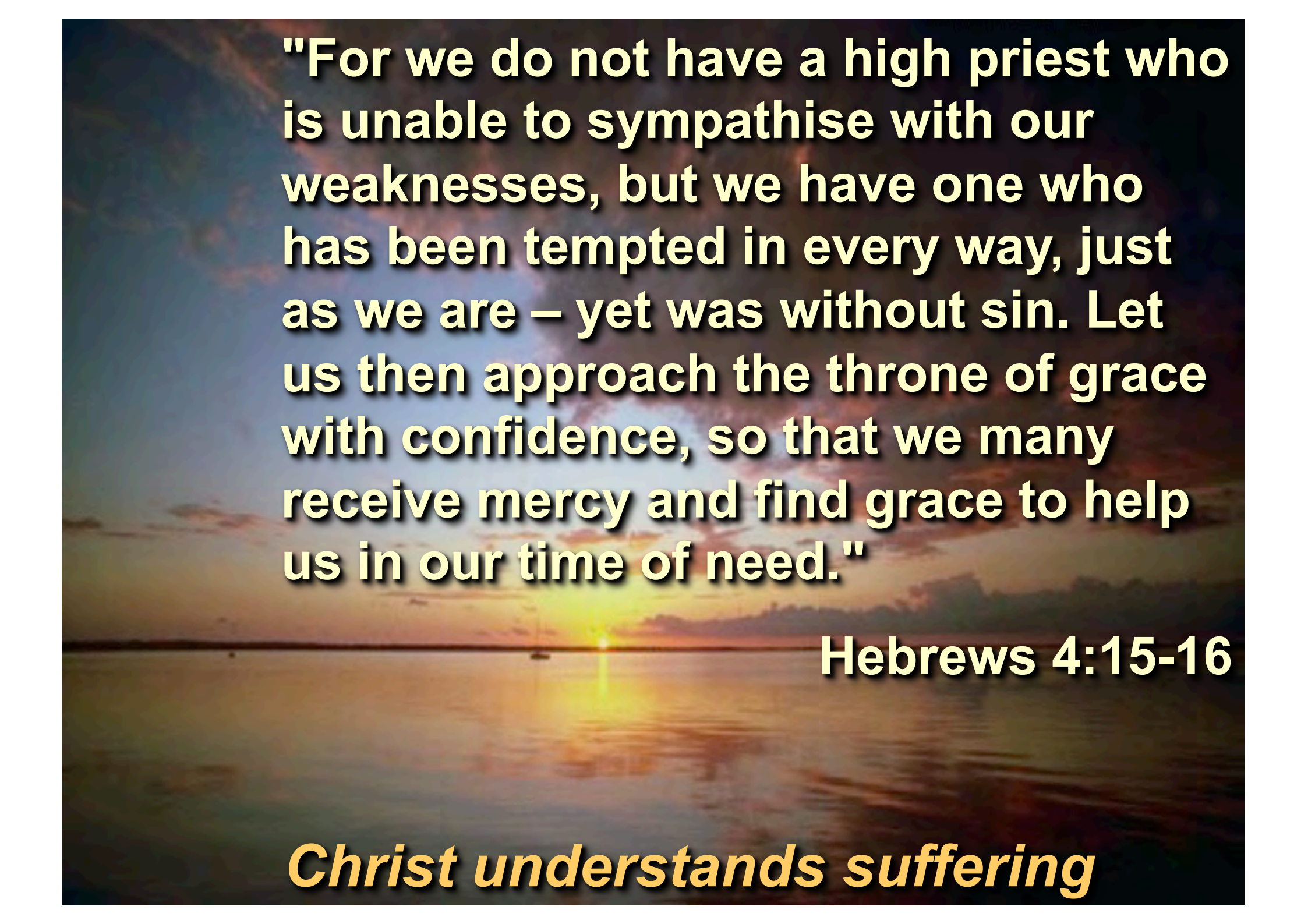
Superior to Aaron (4:14–6:20)





JESUS

is the **Son of God** who helps us draw near rather than drift away (4:14-16).

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"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:15-16

Christ understands suffering



5 Warnings in Hebrews

1. Warning of **discipline** (2:1-4)
2. Warning of **disinheritance** (3:7-19)
3. Warning of **death** (6:4-8)
4. Warning of **death** (10:26-31)
5. Warning of **disinterest** (12:14-29)

Hebrews 5



JESUS

is of a higher **priesthood** than
Aaron so is more worthy to
follow (5:1-10).

The OT Background on the High Priest





**The Holiest
Position in Israel**



Turban: "Holy to the Lord"



The Day of Atonement (Lev. 16)



High Priest Requirements

1. Man (5:1-3)
2. Called by God (5:4)



"Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins. ²And he is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses. ³That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as theirs" (5:1-3 NLT).



Called by God





"And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was" (5:4 NLT).

Jesus: A Man Called by God



JESUS CHRIST

TRUE GOD | TRUE MAN

"That is why Christ did not honor himself by assuming he could become High Priest. No, he was chosen by God, who said to him,



**'You are my Son.
Today I have become your Father'"
(5:5 NLT).**

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**"And in another passage
God said to him,
'You are a priest forever
in the order of
Melchizedek'"
(5:6 NLT).**

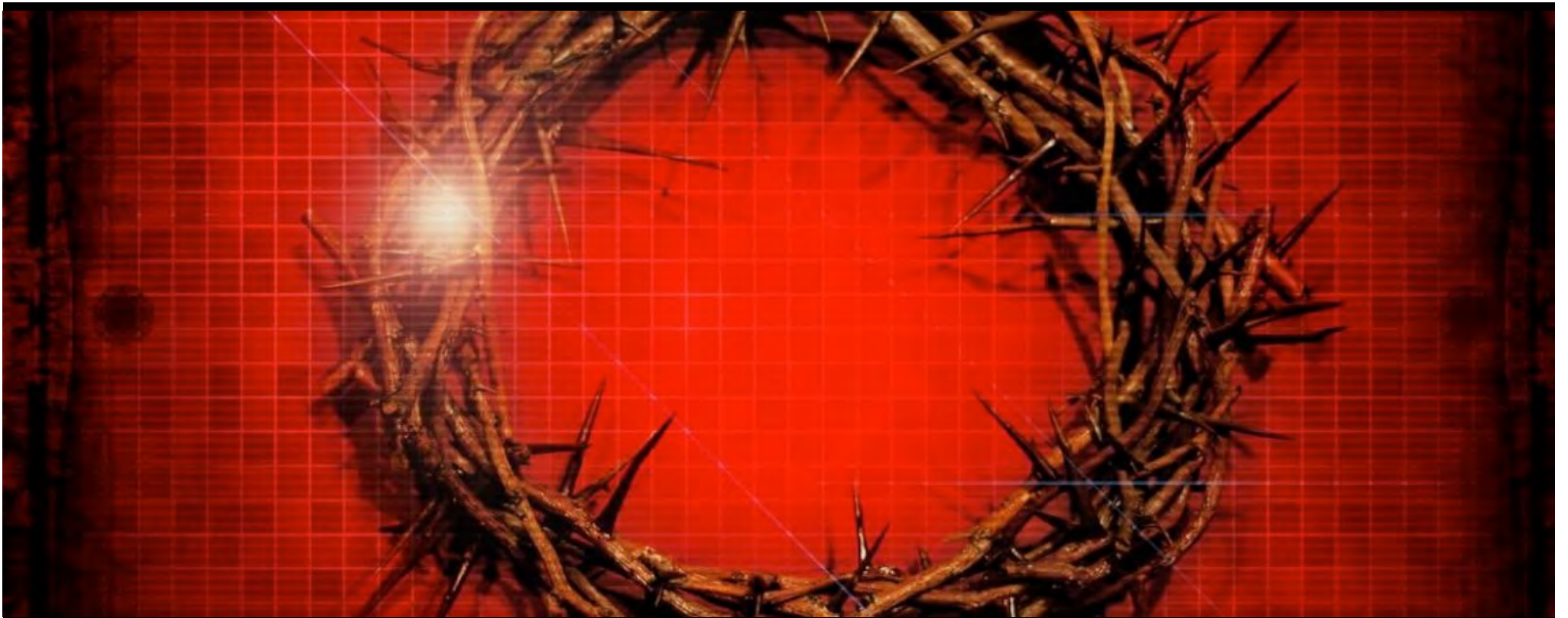
"While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. ⁸Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. ¹⁰And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek" (5:7-10 NLT).

Hebrews 6



Warning 3

**Rejecting Christ can
lead to **physical death**
(5:11–6:20).**



**It is impossible to repent from
apostasy because you're dead
(Hebrews 6:4-8).**

An Impossibility (Heb. 6:4-6 NLT)

"For it is **impossible to bring back to repentance** those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— ⁶and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame."

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Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Warning

6:4-12

10:26-36

(1)
Description
of the
apostate

"fallen away"
(6:6)

"**crucifying
the Son of
God**" (6:6)

"exposing him
to open
shame" (6:6)

"deliberately persist
in sin" (10:26)

"**trample upon the
Son of God**" (10:29)

"treat the blood of
the covenant as
defiled" (10:29)

"**insult the Spirit of
grace**" (10:29)

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Warning

6:4-12

10:26-36

(2) Prior
experience

"once for all brought
into the light" (6:4)
**"have experienced the
gift from heaven" (6:4)**
"have received a
share in the Holy
Spirit" (6:4)
**"have experienced the
goodness of God's
word and the coming
age" (6:5)**

"have received the full
knowledge of the
truth" (10:26)
**"consecrated by
means of the blood of
the covenant" (10:29)**

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Warning

6:4-12

10:26-36

(3)
Impossibility
of renewal

"It is
impossible...
to restore them
to repentance"
(6:4, 6)

"no longer any
sacrifice for sins"
(10:26)

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Warning

6:4-12

10:26-36

(4)
Expectation "loss" (6:6)
"curse" (6:8)
"burning" (6:8)

"terrifying
expectation of
judgment" (10:27)
"raging fire" (10:27)
"severer
punishment" (10:29)
"dread" (10:31)

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Comfort

6:4-12

10:26-36

(1) Basis

**Appeal to
"better things
which
accompany
your salvation"
(6:9)**

**Appeal to
"remember those
earlier days after
you had received
the light" (10:32)**

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Comfort

6:4-12

10:26-36

**(2) Past
experience
as
Christians**

**"work and love
demonstrated"
(6:10)
"you served...
fellow
Christians"
(6:10)**

**"endured a hard contest
with sufferings" (10:32)
"showed solidarity with
those who were harshly
treated" (10:33)
"shared the sufferings of
those in prison" (10:34)
"cheerfully accepted the
seizure of your property"
(10:34)**

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Comfort

6:4-12

10:26-36

**(3) Present
responsibility**

**"demonstrate the
same earnest
concern" (6:11)**

**"not become
sluggish" (6:12)**

**"become
imitators of those
with steadfast
endurance" (6:12)**

**"Do not throw
away your
boldness"
(10:35)**

**["endurance"
(10:36)]**

Parallels in Hebrews Warnings 3 & 4

Comfort

6:4-12

10:26-36

**(4)
Incentive**

**"the realization
of your hope"
(6:11)
"inherit the
promise" (6:12)**

**"great reward"
(10:35)
[receive the
promise" (10:36)]**

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**Will some
Christians
go to hell?**

**He says
yes.**

What is the danger in Hebrews 6:4-8?

1. A Christian who **loses** his salvation?
2. A **hypothetical**, impossible situation that could never happen?
3. A **profession** that really wasn't genuine and thus results in hell?
4. A believer who loses his **rewards**?
5. A believer who is disqualified for Christian service and will never again return to spiritual commitment due to **death** has the best evidence

Following a lesser **mediator** than Jesus can lead to death



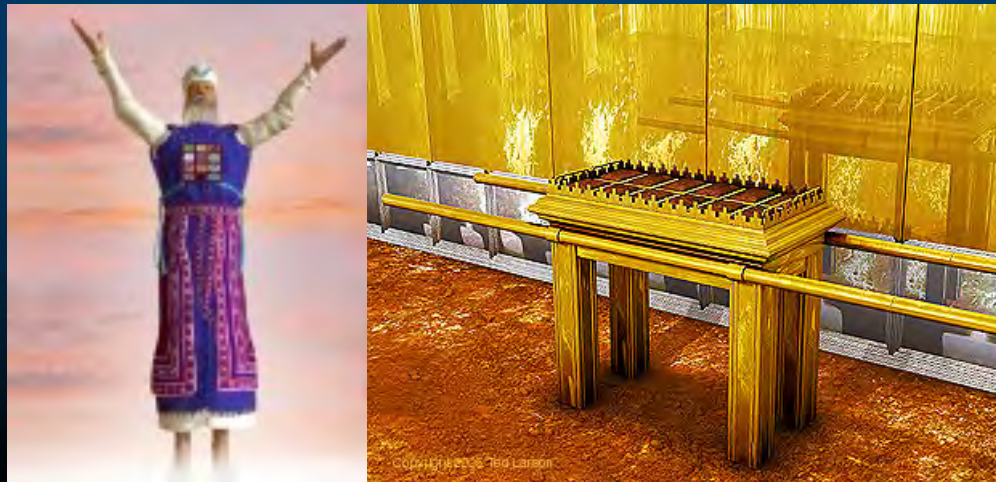
Main Idea of 4:14–6:20

Hebrews 7

He is better than *Abraham and Levi* as a Melchizedek Priest, so follow him (Heb 7).

Christ's Superior Priesthood

- Superior to **Aaron** 4:14–6:20
- Superior via **Melchizedek** 7:1-28



Our Priest



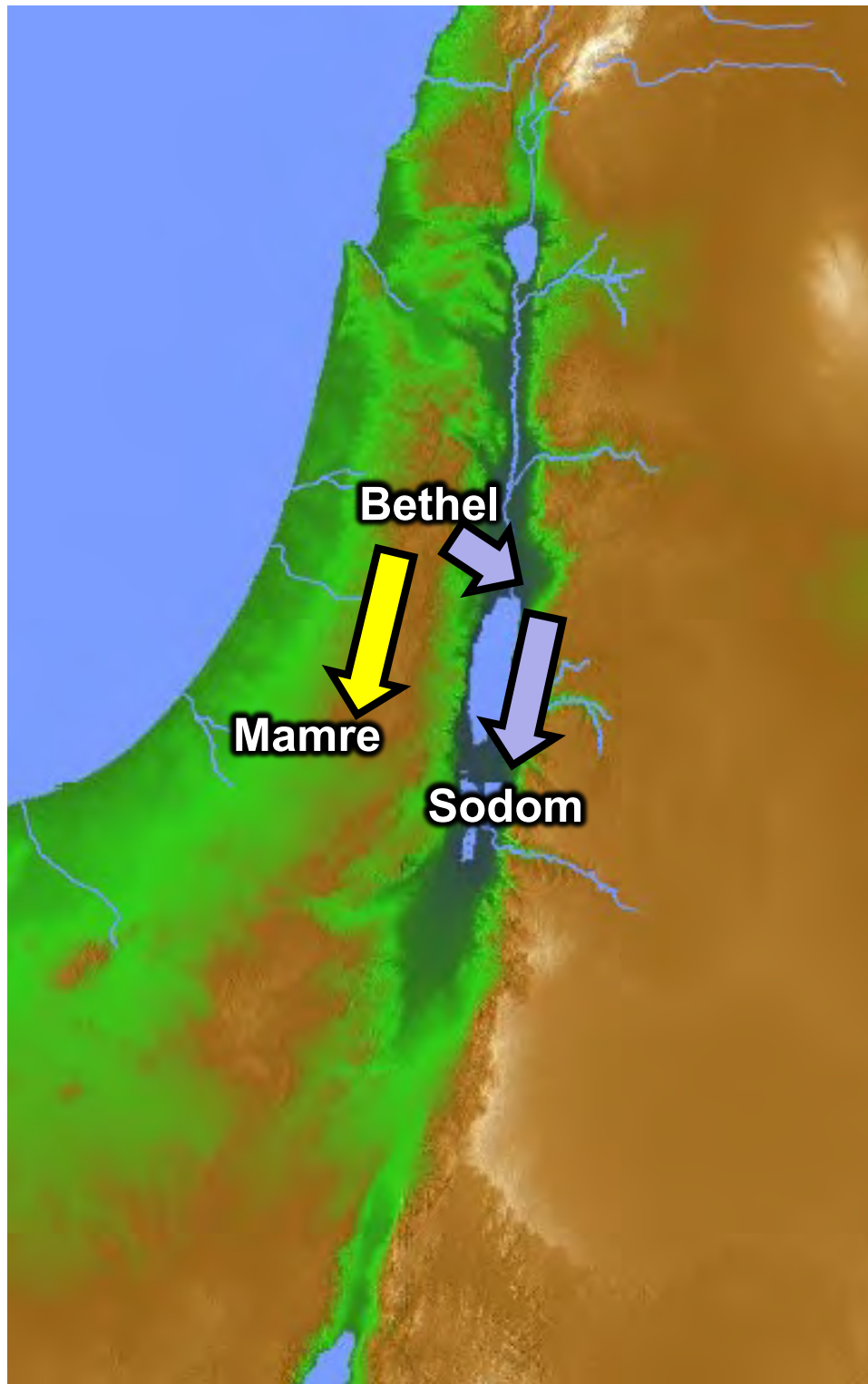
Genesis 14

Background to Hebrews 7

How should we respond to **attacks** against our faith in God?



The Land of Canaan (2000 BC)



Bethel

Mamre

Sodom

Abraham
Lot



"Lot took a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley in the direction of Zoar. The whole area was well watered everywhere, like the garden of the LORD" (Gen. 13:10 NLT)



The Lush Jordan Valley

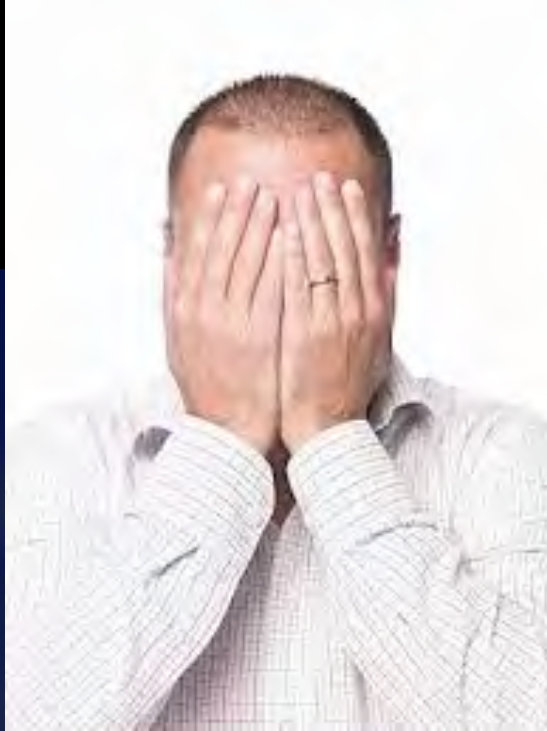
Lot first pitched his tent near Sodom



But soon Lot was living in Sodom



Perils of Success





SUCCESS
is not always what you see

How should we respond to **attacks**
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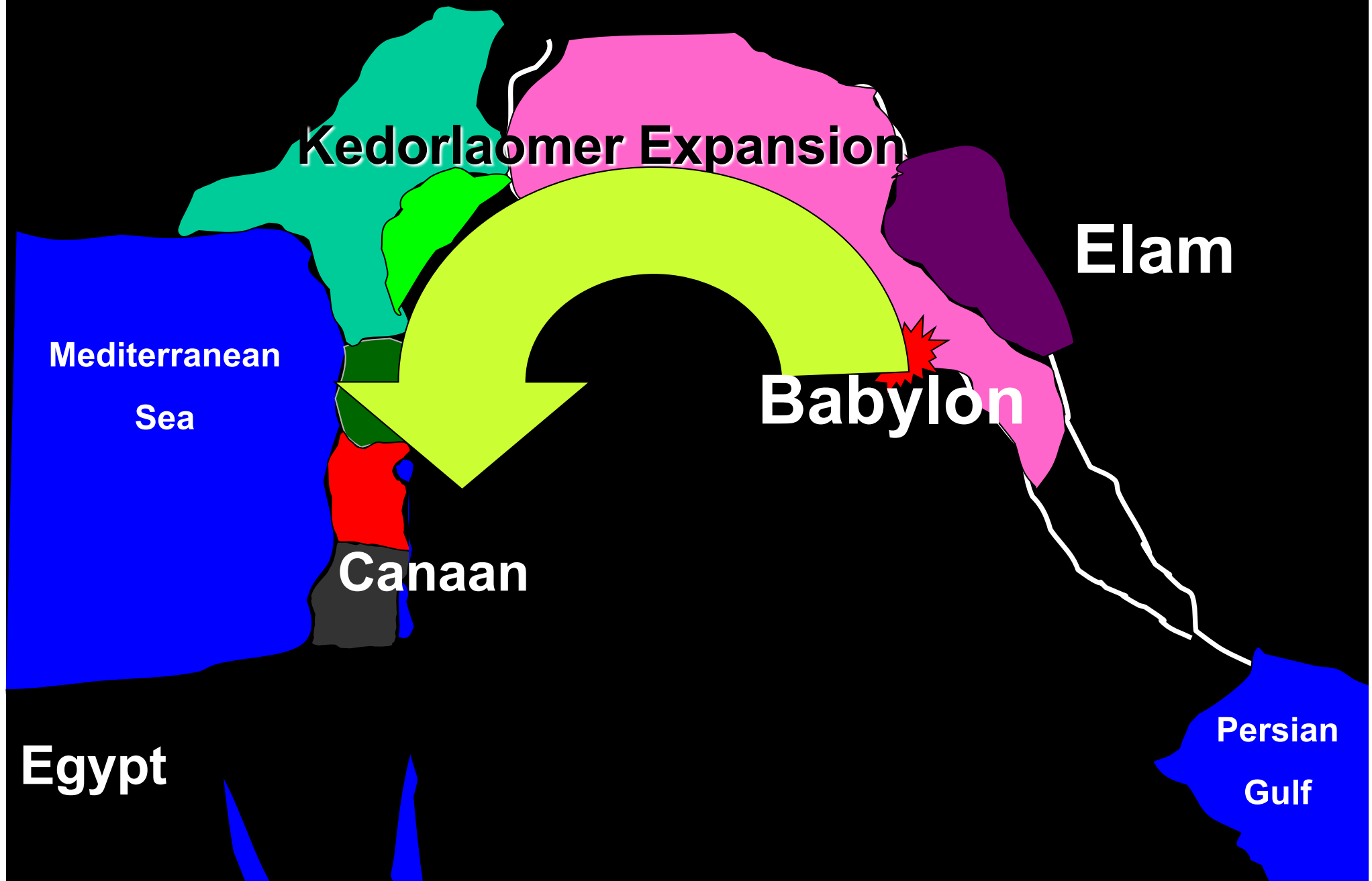
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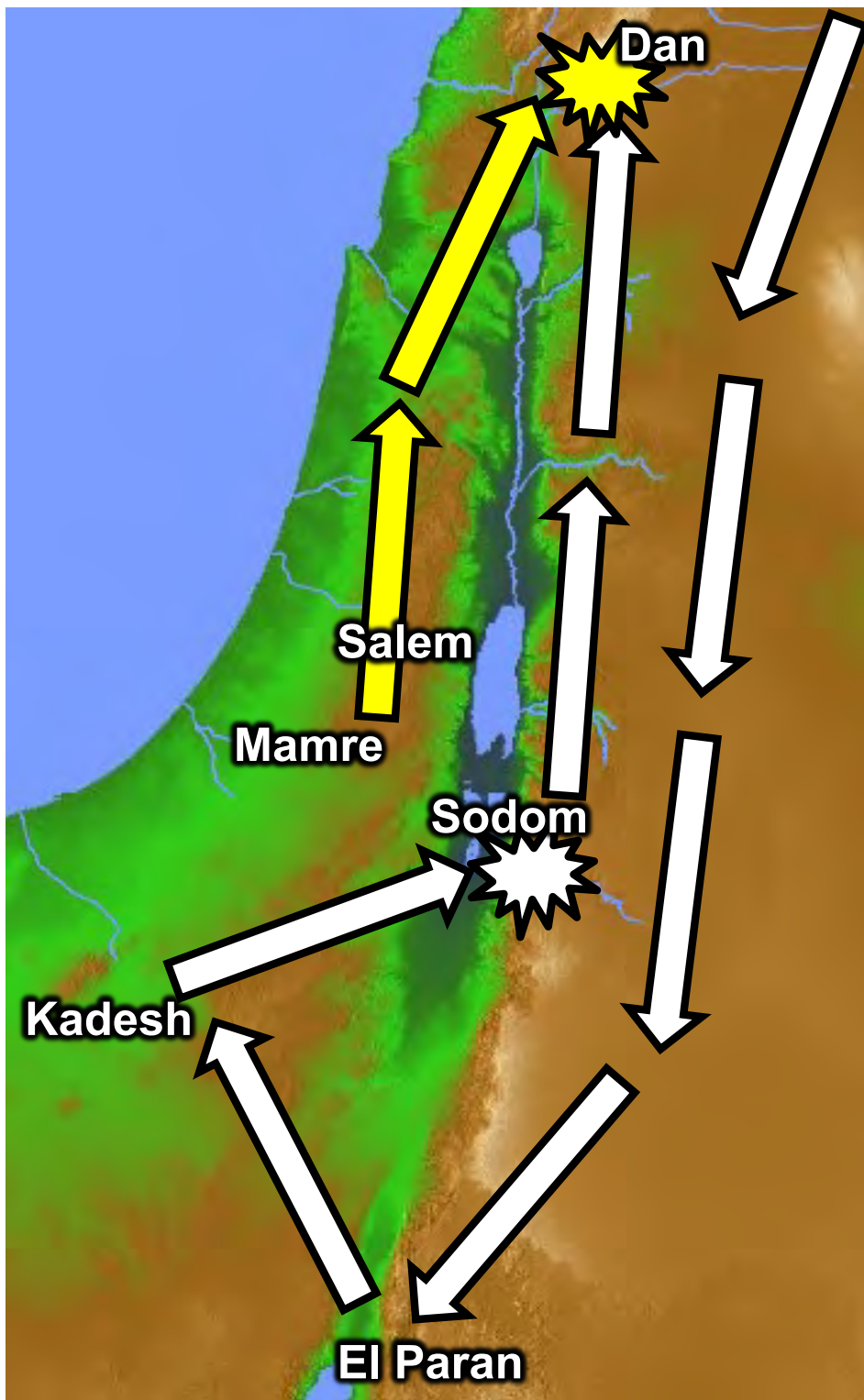
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Kings from the East



The Land of Canaan (2000 BC)



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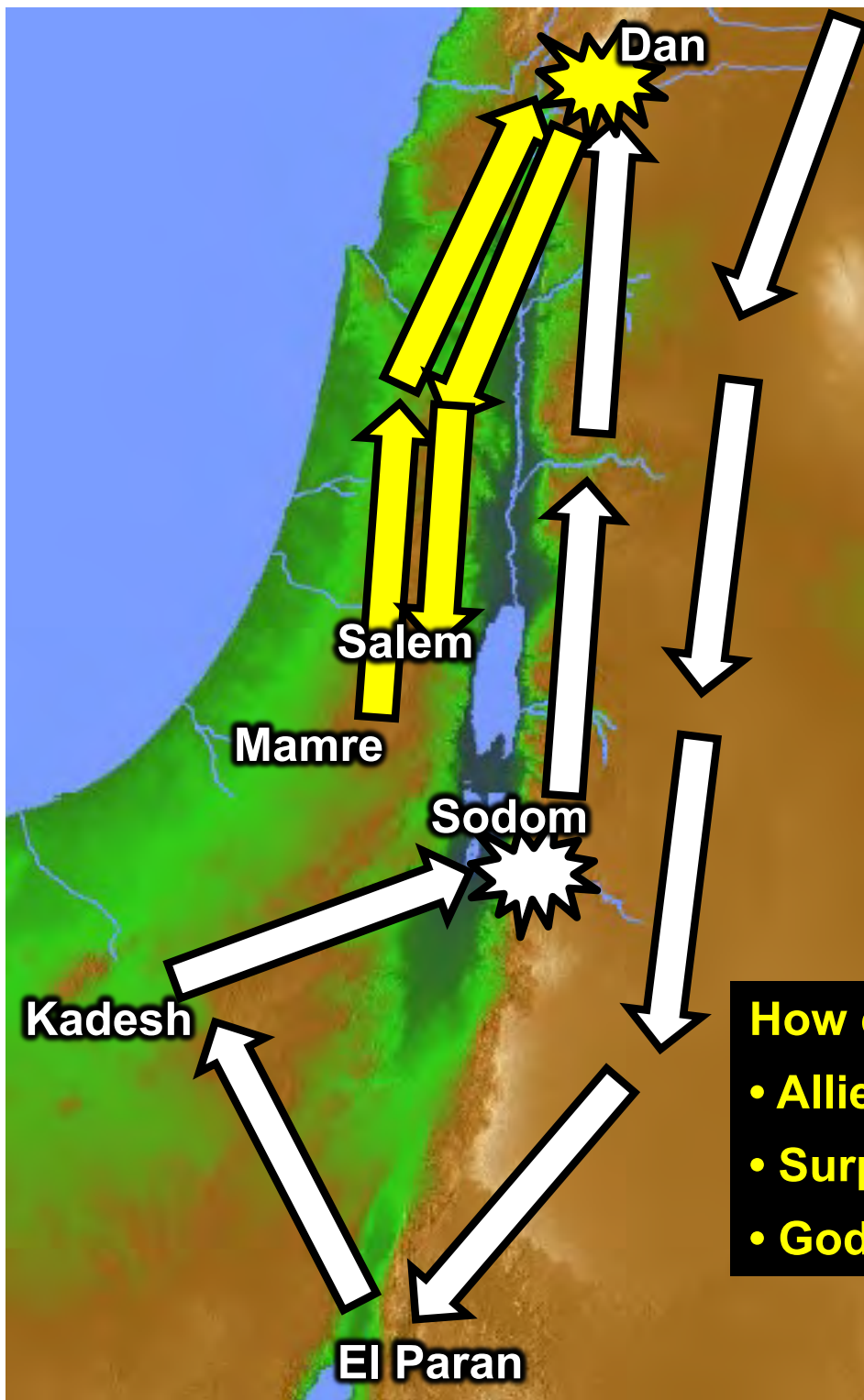
Abraham





**The Gate to Dan
(Gen. 14:15)**

The Land of Canaan (2000 BC)



5 Kings
Abraham



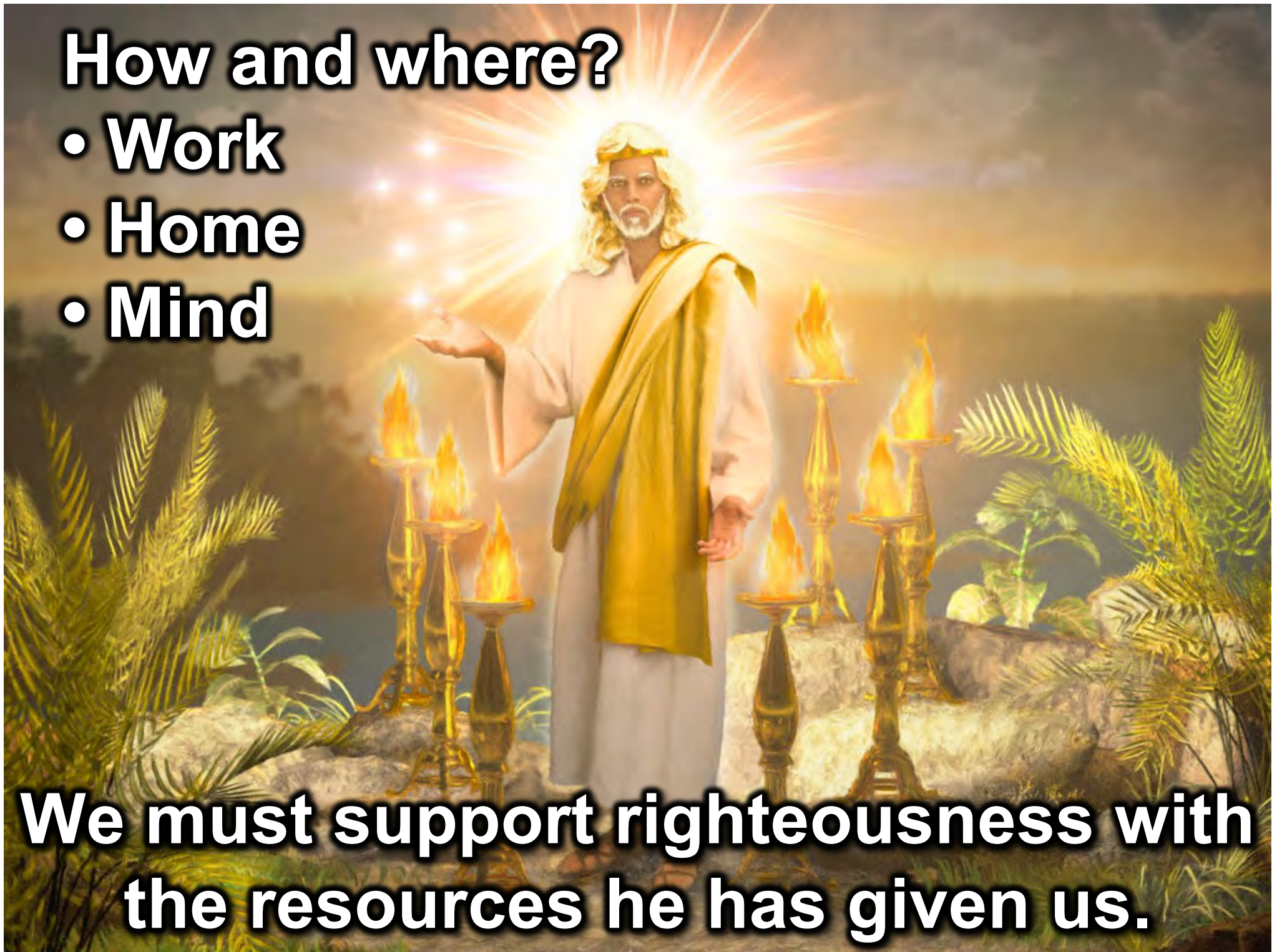
How could Abraham win?

- Allies Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre (14:13, 24)
- Surprise night attack
- God

How and where?

- Work
- Home
- Mind

We must support righteousness with the resources he has given us.



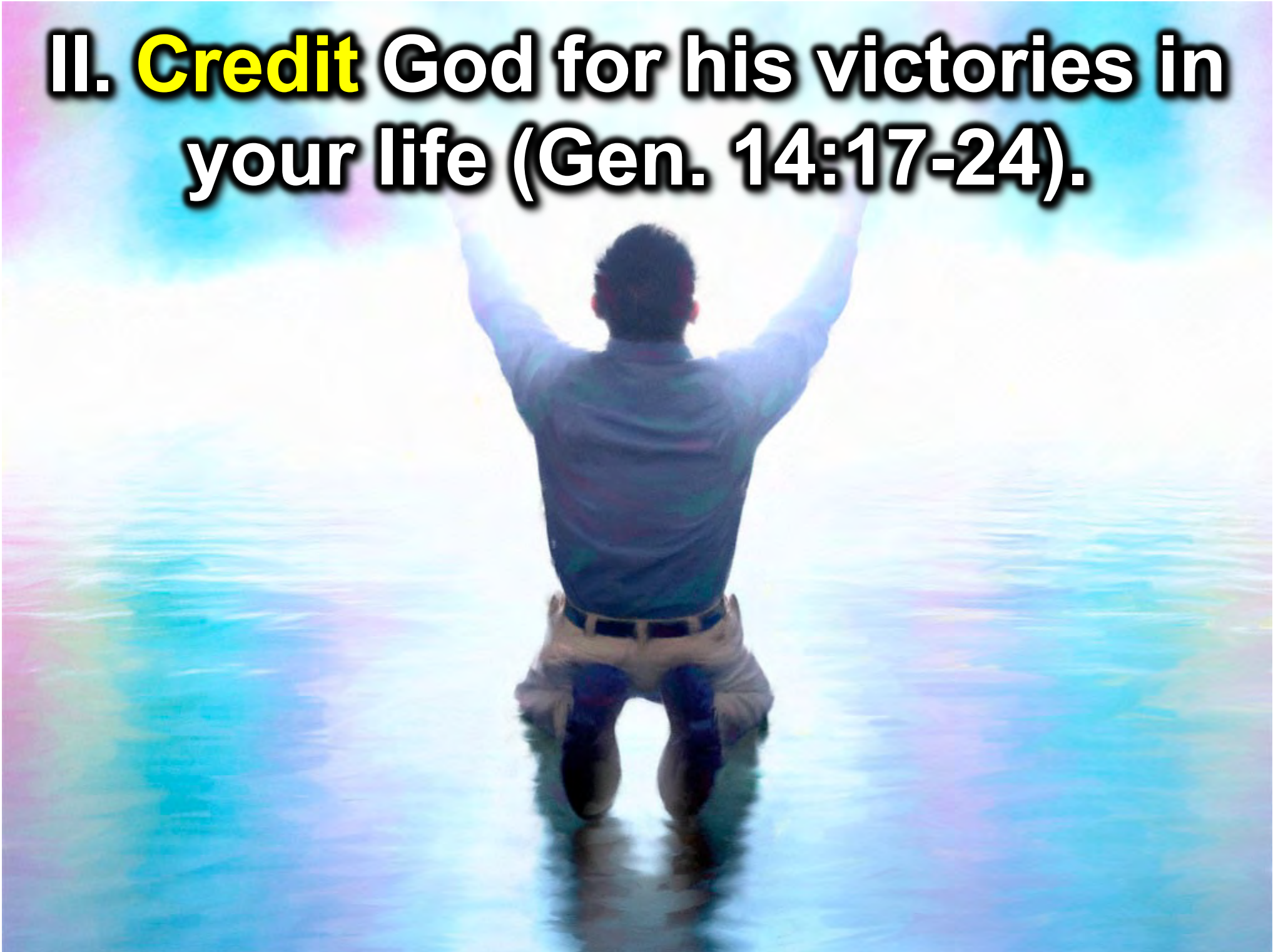
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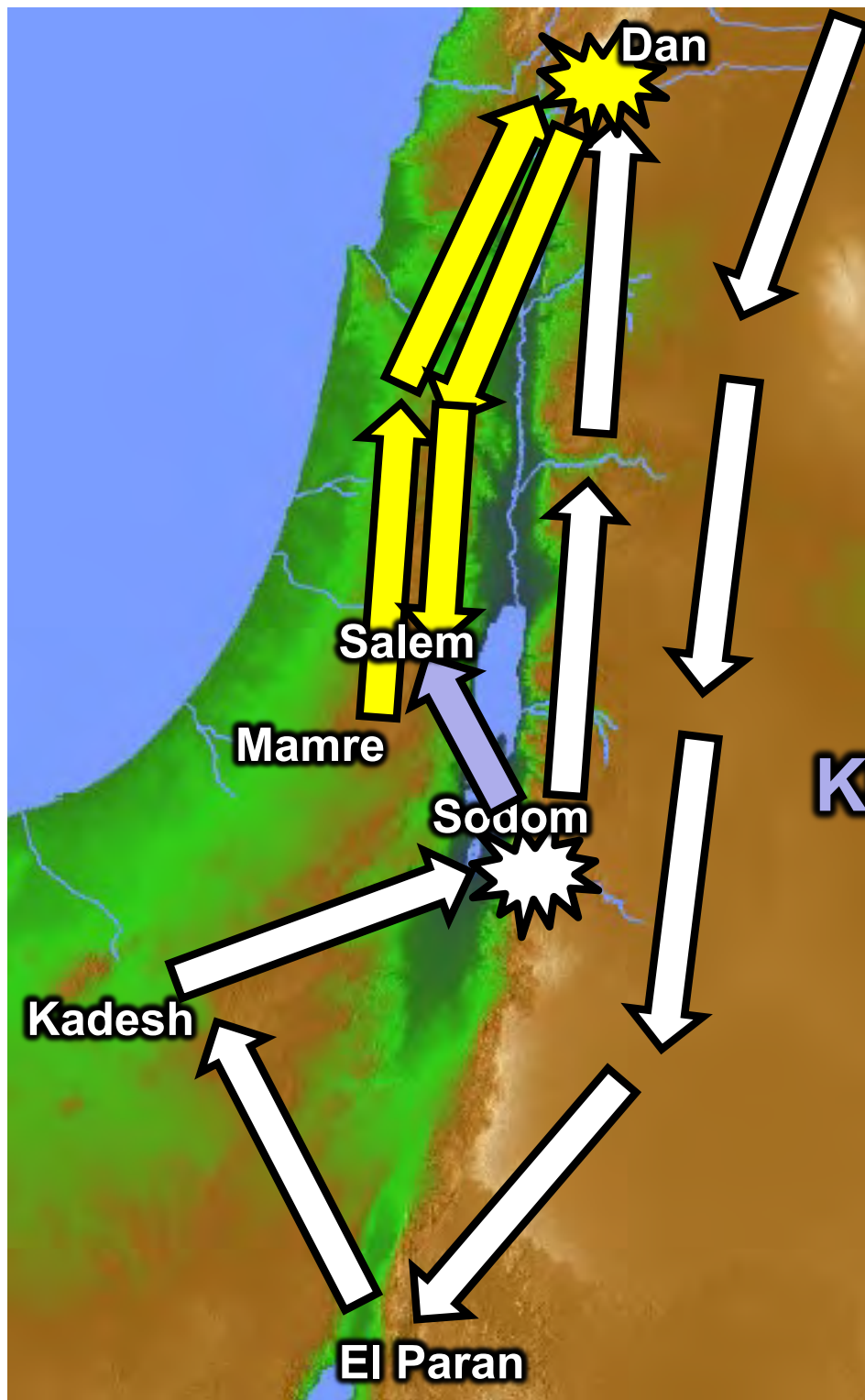
**Our greater danger is not failure.
It is success.**

II. **Credit** God for his victories in your life (Gen. 14:17-24).



The Land of Canaan (2000 BC)

5 Kings
Abraham
King of Sodom



Genesis 14:17-21

Abraham

Valley of Shaveh

King of Sodom





King of Sodom

Genesis 14:17-21

Abraham

Valley of Shaveh

King of Sodom



The Valley of Shaveh

"During his lifetime, Absalom had built a monument to himself in the King's Valley, for he said, 'I have no son to carry on my name.' He named the monument after himself, and it is known as Absalom's Monument to this day" (2 Sam. 18:18 NLT)



Absalom's Pillar

The Valley of Shaveh



Absalom's Pillar

**"And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and
a priest of God Most High, brought
Abram some bread and wine"**

(Gen. 14:18 NLT).



Genesis 14:19-20

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you!"

Abraham



Valley of Shaveh

Melchizedek



King of Sodom



Vast Differences!



Bera

**Wicked King
of Sodom**



Melchizedek

**King of
Righteousness**

Melchizedek



Melchizedek

**Who
was he?**



The Mystical Melchizedek



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Lord Melchizedek



Melchizedek



**The Pre-Incarnate
Christ?**

The Angel Melchizedek





Melchizedek

(Judaism; New Age)

"...Ancient mystical texts describe Melchizedek as one who conducts spirit releasement on a massive scale, working in conjunction with Archangel Michael."

<http://www.angelsandmasters.net/A57.html>



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Mormon Priesthood

A painting depicting the restoration of the Melchizedek Priesthood by Peter, James, and John

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CELEBRATING Christmas @ Melchizedek Church

SUNDAY
December 21
10:30am & 7:00pm

Kids Celebration
Friday, December 19
6:30pm



Who *really* was Melchizedek? **(Gen. 14)**

- **"King of righteousness"**
- **King of Jerusalem (cf. Ps. 76:2)**
- **Priest of God Most High**

The Aaronic High Priest



One Decision



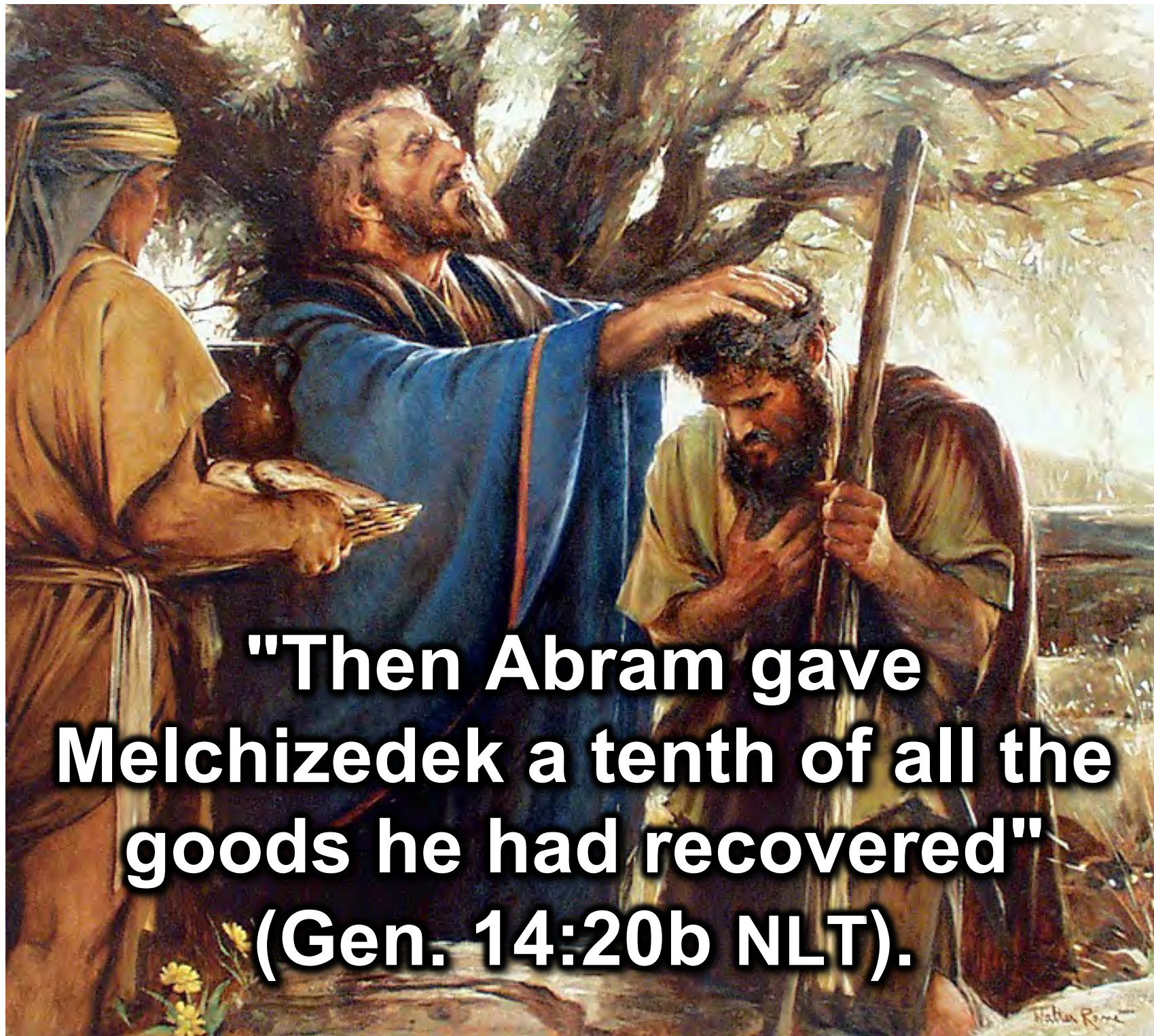
Bera

**Wicked King
of Sodom**



Melchizedek

**King of
Righteousness**



**"Then Abram gave
Melchizedek a tenth of all the
goods he had recovered"
(Gen. 14:20b NLT).**

Melchizedek



2000 BC
(Gen 14)

ABRAHAM

MELCHIZEDEK
(priest / king)

1700 BC

LEVI

JUDAH

1500 BC

1000 BC

Priests

Kings

(e.g., David Ps 110)

AD 30

AD 60

Book of Hebrews

Q: Is Jesus qualified? Legit?

A: Jesus is Better! + Essential!

**Jesus =
King +
High Priest**

Genesis 14:19-20

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you!"

Abraham



Valley of Shaveh

Melchizedek



"I've got a deal for you!"

King of Sodom



Offer Rejected

"The king of Sodom said to Abram, 'Give back my people who were captured. But you may keep for yourself all the goods you have recovered.' ²²Abram replied to the king of Sodom, 'I solemnly swear to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³that I will not take so much as a single thread or sandal thong from what belongs to you. Otherwise you might say, 'I am the one who made Abram rich.' ²⁴I will accept only what my young warriors have already eaten, and I request that you give a fair share of the goods to my allies—Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre'" (Genesis 14:21-24 NLT).

One Decision



Bera

**Wicked King
of Sodom**

**"Give back my
people..."**



Melchizedek

**King of
Righteousness**

**"Blessed be
Abram..."**

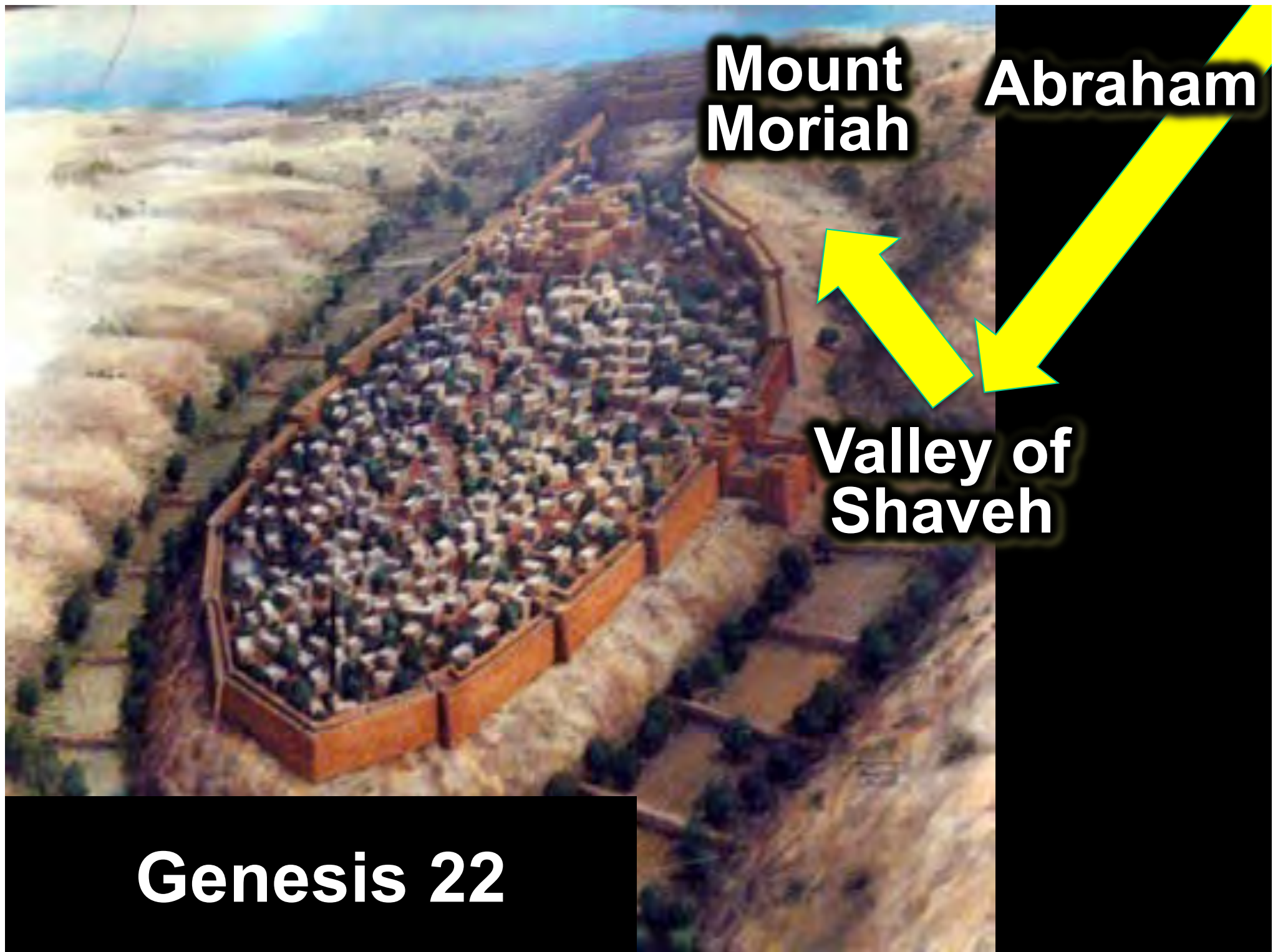
**We must credit Jesus as our
Mediator with God**



JESUS

the great high priest

Series on the Book of Hebrews

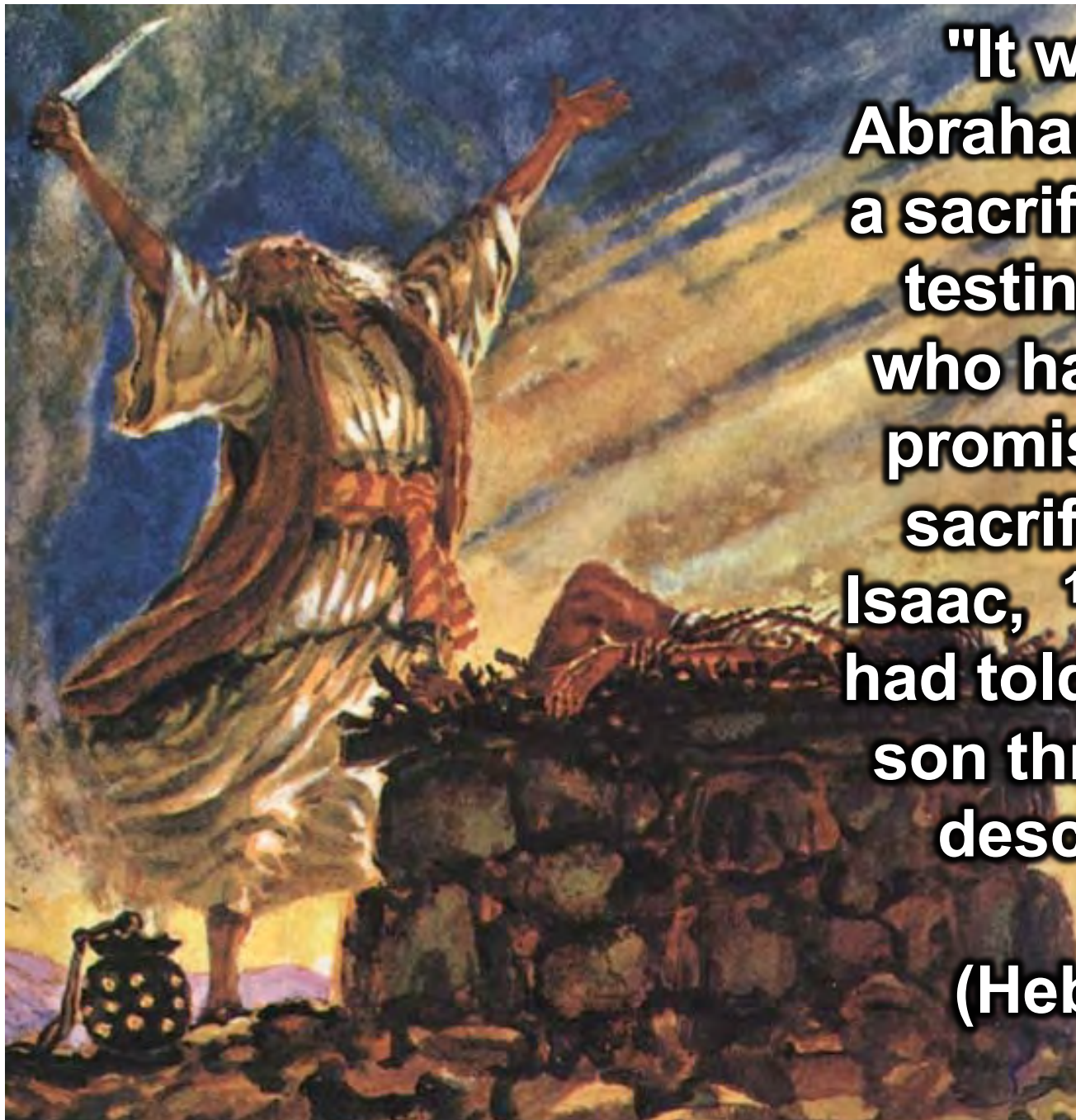


**Mount
Moriah**

Abraham

**Valley of
Shaveh**

Genesis 22

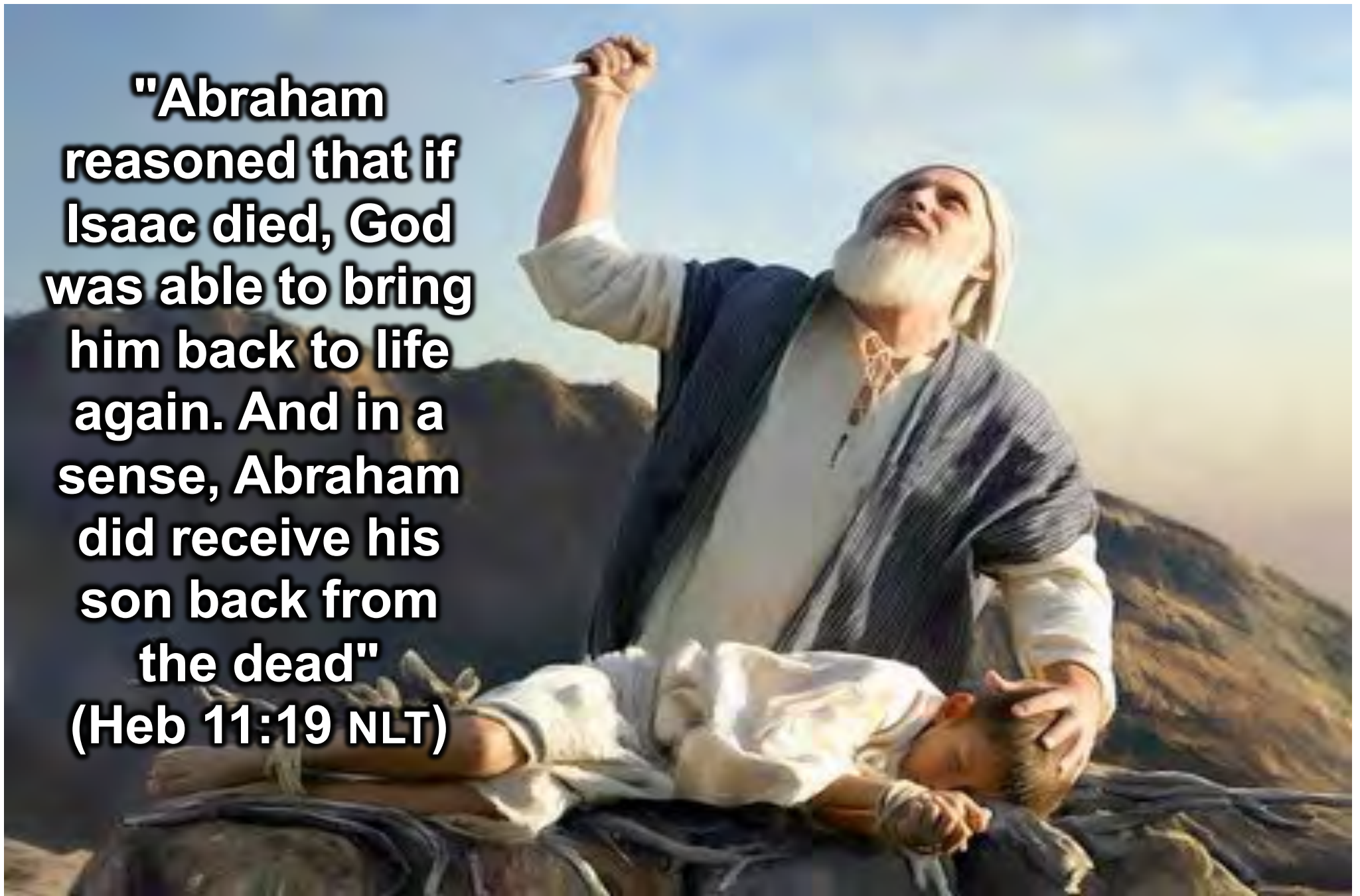


"It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, ¹⁸even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted"

(Heb. 11:17-18 NLT)

"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

**"Abraham
reasoned that if
Isaac died, God
was able to bring
him back to life
again. And in a
sense, Abraham
did receive his
son back from
the dead"
(Heb 11:19 NLT)**



"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

**Christ's
Death**

**Solomon's
Temple**

Abraham

**Valley of
Shaveh**

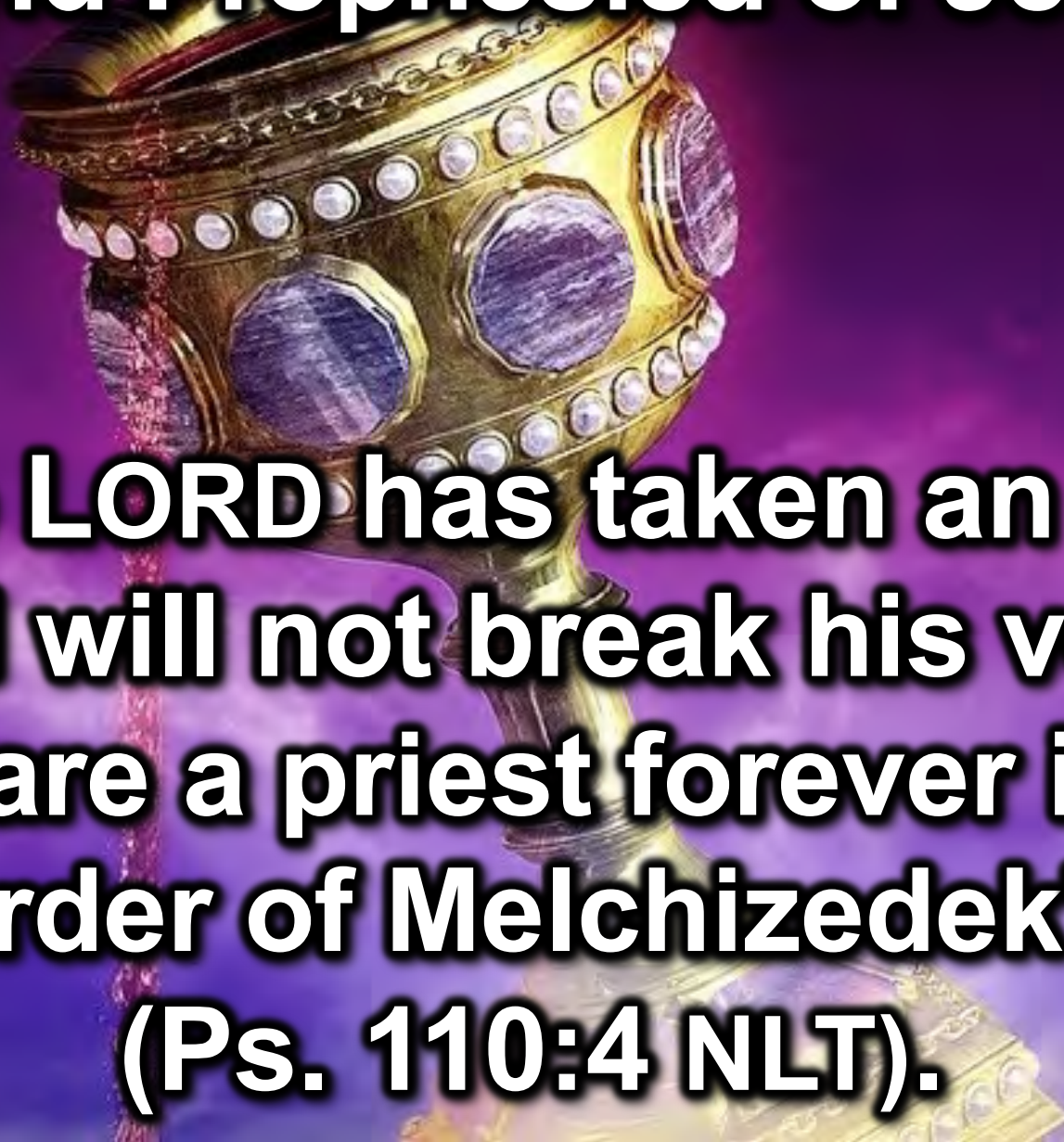
1 Kings 6–9



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THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

David Prophesied of Jesus



**"The LORD has taken an oath
and will not break his vow:
'You are a priest forever in the
order of Melchizedek'"**
(Ps. 110:4 NLT).

How should we respond to **attacks** against our faith in God?





*Defend and
worship Christ
as God's **priest***

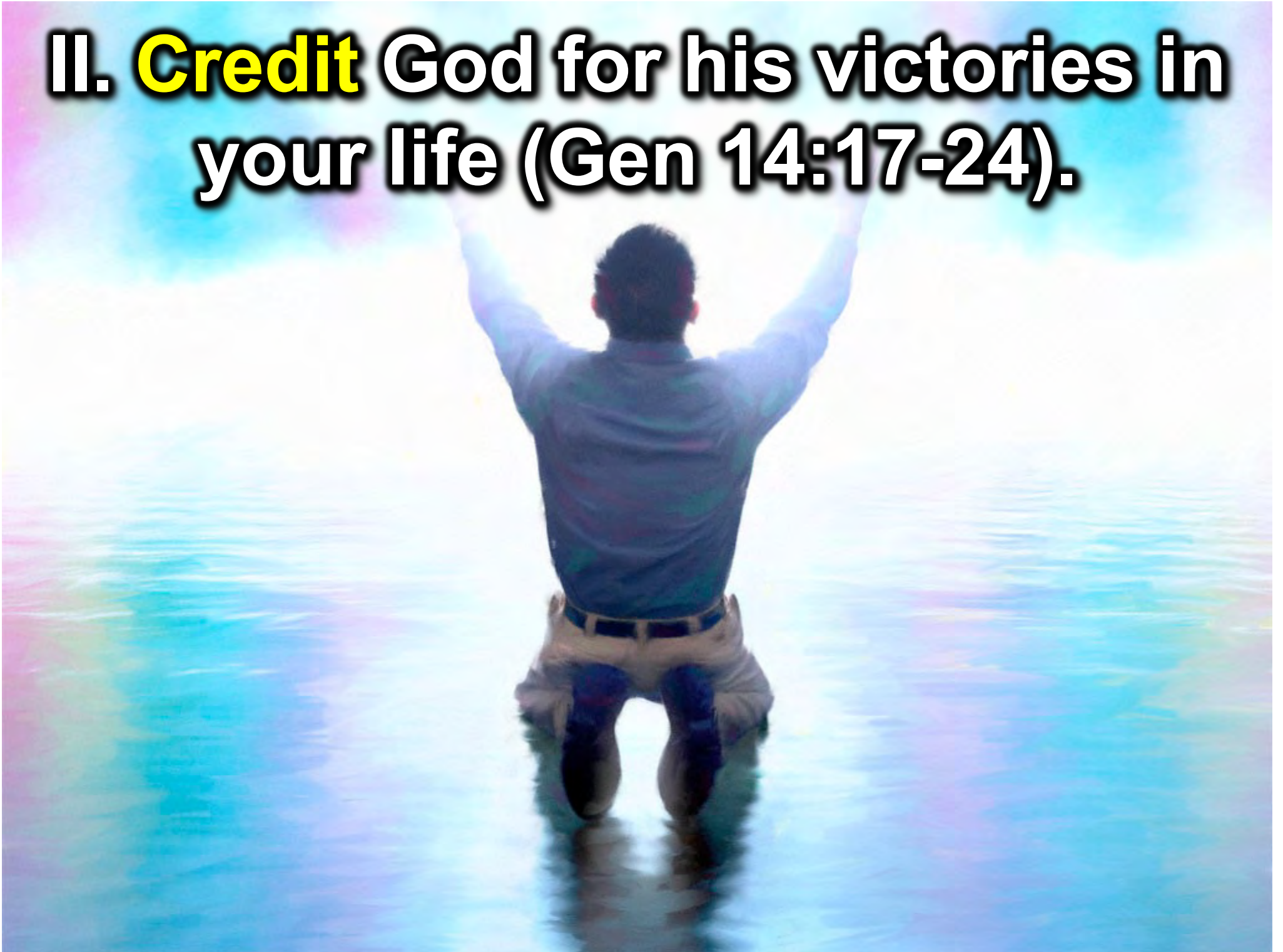


Main Idea of Genesis 14

I. **Trust** God for victory (Gen 14:1-16).



II. **Credit** God for his victories in your life (Gen 14:17-24).



What should we do?

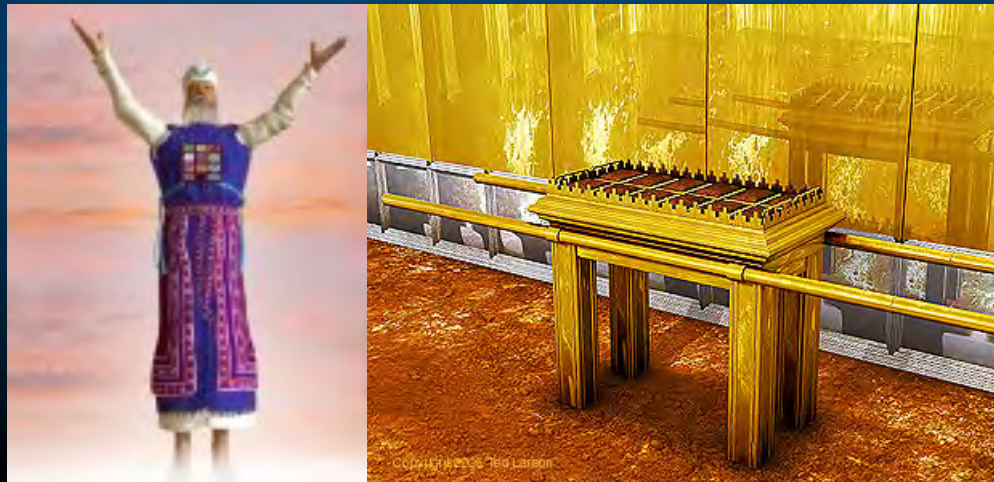
Melchizedek
& CHRIST



- Like Abraham, defend God's honor against attackers.
- Like Abraham, accept God's blessing instead of the best the world can offer.
- Trust in Christ as God's appointed Mediator-Priest.

Christ's Superior Priesthood

- Superior to **Aaron** 4:14–6:20
- Superior via **Melchizedek** 7:1-28
- Superior to the **Old Covenant** 8:1-13



A BETTER
COVENANT

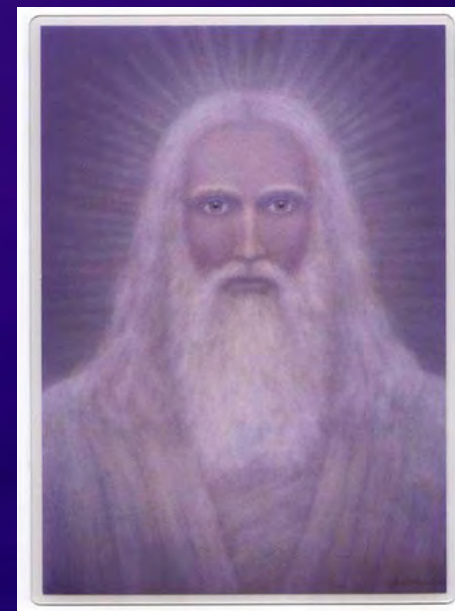
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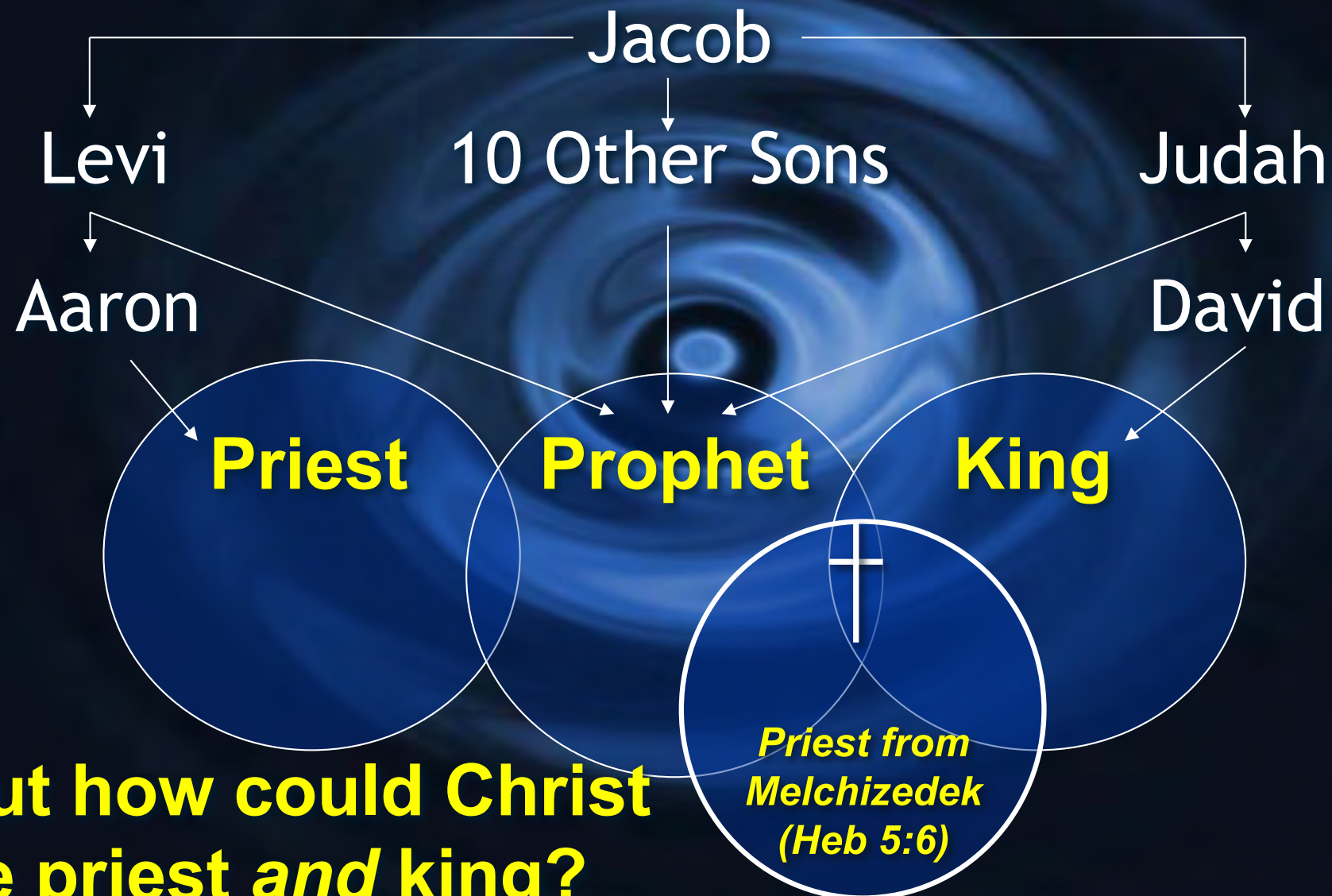
Who was Melchizedek?

Gen. 14:18-20; Psalm 110; Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1-17

1. **Shem**, one of Noah's sons
2. **Godly priest** – king of Salem (Jerusalem)
(first mention of Holy City in the Bible)
3. **Christ Himself** (Heb. 7:3)
4. **Angel** who reigned for a time at Salem
(Not superior to Christ)



Christ as Priest, Prophet, & King



But how could Christ be priest and king?

Implications of Christ's High Priesthood

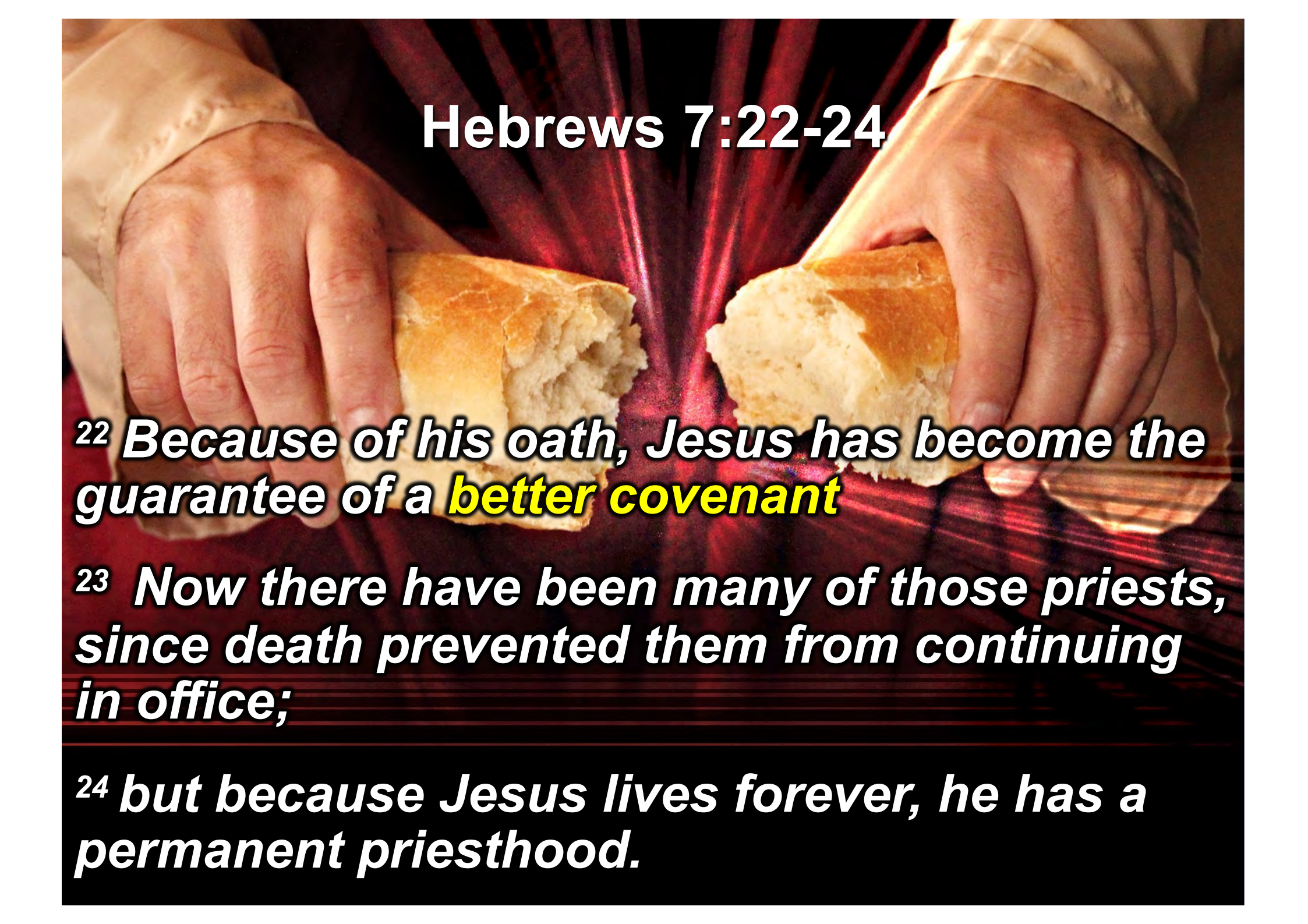


- We gain confidence that we are truly forgiven
- Jesus being worthy of worship motivates us to persevere in our faith
- Christ has a heart for us 
- It gives us boldness to approach Christ in prayer

Implications of Christ's High Priesthood



- We find mercy and grace in times of need
- His priesthood affirms that believers are not under Mosaic Law
- It assures our salvation due to his intercession
- Christ fully meets our needs, so we need not repeat sacrifices



Hebrews 7:22-24

22 Because of his oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a **better covenant**

23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”

Hebrews uses the word "**better**" 13 times... 266f

1:4 Christ is "**better** than the angels"

6:9 We are confident of "**better** things in your case"

7:7 Melchizedek "better" ("greater") than Abraham

7:19 "We have confidence in a **better** hope"

7:22 Jesus is the "guarantee of a **better** covenant"

8:6 Christ is the "mediator of a **better** covenant"

8:6 New covenant "established on **better** promises"

9:23 Priestly garments need "**better** sacrifices"

10:34 Heaven a "**better** and lasting possession"

18:16 Heaven a "**better** country"

18:35 They obtain a "**better** resurrection" experience

18:40 God "provided something **better** for us"

12:24 Christ's blood is "**better** than the blood of Abel"

Note:

18:4 "Abel offered to God a **better** sacrifice" uses a different Greek word often translated "better"

Summary Statement

An unknown author shows Hebrew believers the **superiority of Christ as High Priest** and the superiority of Christianity over Judaism to exhort them **to endure persecution rather than return** to their former life under Judaism.



5 Warnings in Hebrews

1. Warning of **discipline** (2:1-4)
2. Warning of **disinheritance** (3:7-19)
3. Warning of **death** (6:4-8)
4. Warning of **death** (10:26-31)
5. Warning of **disinterest** (12:14-29)



Warning 1

**Abandoning Jesus
brings discipline
(Hebrews 2:1-4).**



Warning 2

**Abandoning Jesus
forfeits our future rule
(Hebrews 3:7-19).**



Warning 3

**Rejecting Christ can
lead to **physical death**
(Hebrews 6:4-8).**

Hebrews 8

**He is better than *the old covenant* in his new covenant,
so follow him (Heb 8).**



OLD

Transition



NEW

Two Covenants

The Purposes of the Law

1. It revealed or exposed the **sinfulness** of man (Gal. 3:19).
2. It revealed the **holiness** of God (1 Pet. 1:15).
3. It revealed the **standard of holiness** for people in fellowship with God (Ps. 24:3-5).
4. It **supervised** the physical, mental, and spiritual development of the redeemed Israelite until he could come to maturity in Christ (Gal. 3:24).

The Purposes of the Law

5. It **unified** the people to establish the nation in voluntary submission to God's decrees (Exod. 19:5-8; Deut. 5:27-28).
6. It **separated** Israel among the nations as a kingdom of priests to mediate God's truth to these nations (Exod. 31:13).
7. It provided **forgiveness** of sins for individual Israelites to restore their fellowship with God, even though they already functioned as a redeemed people (Lev. 1-7).

The Purposes of the Law

8. It made provision for Israel to **worship** God as a redeemed people (Lev. 23).
9. It **tested** if one was in the kingdom or the theocracy over which God ruled (Deut. 28). Faith led to obedience and blessing; lack of faith led to disobedience and judgment.
10. It **revealed Jesus** Christ (typology in the sacrificial system; Luke 24:27).

Interpreting and Preaching Legal Literature

1. Interpretation: Study the ***intent behind*** the legal command, asking, "Why was this command given in Israel?"
2. Principlizing: State the law's intent in a ***general principle*** showing God's character.
3. Application: Show ***how this principle relates*** to a modern parallel situation.



A Suggested Strategy for Expounding the OT Law

Principlizing: Universal truth

Interpretation:
Intent behind
the command

Application:
Parallel Modern
Situation



A Suggested Strategy for Expounding the OT Law

Divinely Ordained Laziness?

"When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. Leave it for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the LORD your God" (Lev. 23:22 NLT).



A Suggested Strategy for Expounding the OT Law

Principlizing: God wants His people to give the underprivileged the chance to earn a living

Interpretation:
Do not harvest the corners of the fields because God had compassion on the poor who should glean for their food

Application:
As an employer you should provide opportunities for the poor to support themselves



A Suggested Strategy for Expounding the OT Law

Divinely Ordained Stealing?

"When you enter your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, but you must not carry any away in a basket.

²⁵And when you enter your neighbor's field of grain, you may pluck the heads of grain with your hand, but you must not harvest it with a sickle" (Deut. 23:24-25 NLT).



A Suggested Strategy for Expounding the OT Law

Principlizing: God allows taking small items for He cares more for human need than human property

Interpretation:
Do not steal your neighbor's crops, but also don't be so fearful of stealing that you become ridiculous

Application:
As a guest, don't be afraid to take the food given to you—but don't secretly pack a lunch or steal the towels!



**The heart of the Mosaic Covenant is
the Ten Commandments**



TRADITIONAL VIEW ON LAW

A Godly Education In Three Parts:

MORAL: The Ten Commandments for our current legal system.

CIVIL: How people are to live with each other in the new social structure.

CEREMONIAL: How to worship God in the new social structure.

BUT ARE THE BIG 10 MORAL LAW?

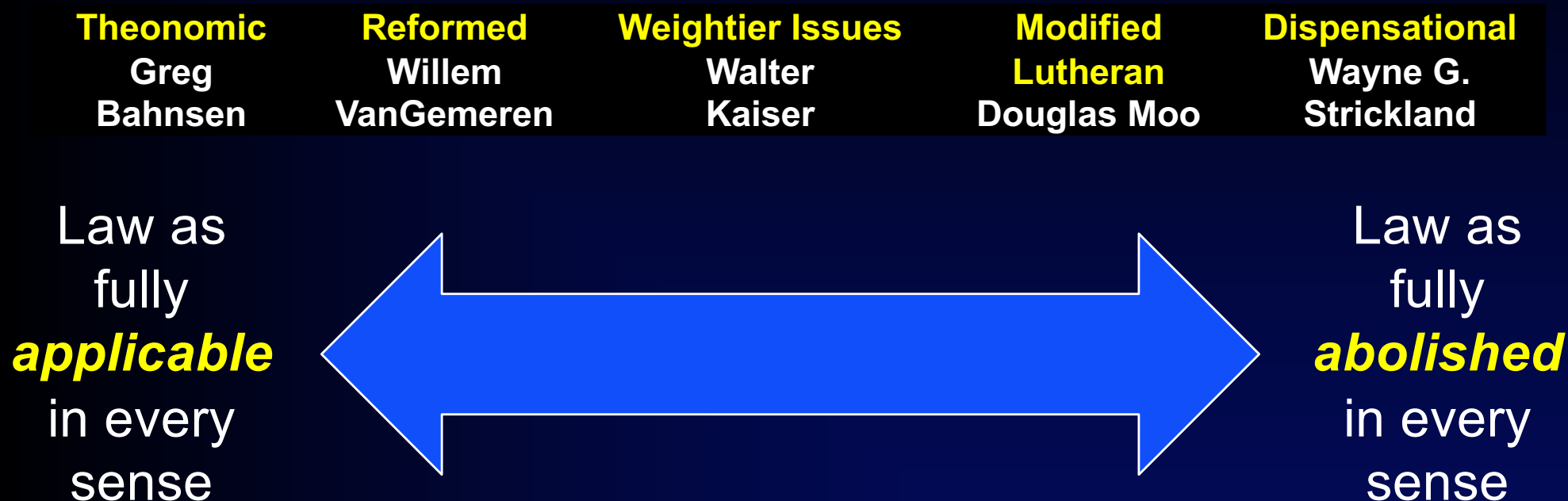
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**Moral law means God's rules
that apply to...**

- **Every time period**
- **Every culture**
- **Every place**
- **Every people**



Spectrum on Degree of Applicability:



This chart summarizes Stanley N. Gundry, ed. *Five Views on Law and Gospel* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), where each author presents his view and responds to the other four views. Generally speaking, views 1-2 are similar as both are Reformed (stressing continuity between the NT and OT) and these stand against views 3-5 which alike stress discontinuity. In my opinion, the dispensational view has the most to commend it as law in the NT is never broken into component parts and this view clearly distinguishes Israel from the church. Further, it is inconsistent to change the Sabbath (Saturday) to Sunday but not apply the OT penalties for Sabbath-breaking today (i.e., death by stoning; cf. Exod. 31:14-15; 35:2). The following chart is adapted from Lee Hwee Chin, "The Applicability of the Law Today," unpublished research paper for the course "Old Testament Survey," Singapore: Singapore Bible College, 2001), 1.

Does the Law of Moses Apply to Me? 113b

Stanley N. Gundry, ed. *Five Views on Law & Gospel* summarized by Lee Hwee Chin, SBC, 2001

	THEONOMIC Bahnsen	REFORMED Van Gemeren	WEIGHTIER ISSUES Kaiser	MODIFIED LUTHERAN Moo	DISPENSATIONAL Strickland
What is the Law?	Same definition as the views 3-5	God's oral or written instructions since creation	The whole Mosaic law given in the Pentateuch (Genesis to Deuteronomy) but also amplified in the rest of the Old Testament		
Who is the Law for?	The Elect (Israel = Church)	All mankind (Israel = Church)	Believers (Israel and Church)	Believers (Israel and Church)	Israel only (Israel ≠ Church)

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Which parts of the Law apply today?	All moral laws apply to people of God only in every age, so all elect persons since creation should observe either the Jewish Sabbath (Sat. before Christ) or "Christian Sabbath," (Sunday, after Christ)	All moral laws apply to believers and unbelievers of every age (e.g., all persons—including unbelieving Gentiles since creation—should observe the Sabbath or "Christian Sabbath," being Sunday)	All moral laws that stem from God's character: • 10 Commandments • Leviticus 18–19 (sex) (i.e., Sabbath is required since Israel's nationhood & prohibited sexual practices still apply)	The Mosaic Law is fully abolished, but its moral content are good Christian guidelines. Yet Christ holds the final say via the Spirit's ministry in believers today; Sabbath obedience is not consistently applied (?)	God's "moral law" before Moses is now called the "law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2) and governs believers through the Spirit's new covenant indwelling; The Law does not easily divide into "parts" and is done away with in its entirety (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13), including the Sabbath (Col. 2:16-17)
• "Moral law"? (i.e., Decalogue or 10 Commandments)					

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• Civil laws? (i.e., judicial law)	All apply (e.g., laws today should require death for adultery)	Some apply (e.g., still tithe and don't charge believers interest)	Judicial <i>principles</i> (not laws) apply since moral laws underlie all judicial and ceremonial laws	Only principles apply now as the Mosaic law was given only to Israel	None apply as these regulated Israel alone (but principles such as love and compassion still apply)
• Ceremonial laws?	All five views agree that ceremonial aspects such as the sacrificial system and Jewish priesthood are now fulfilled in Jesus Christ				

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What is the relationship of the Abrahamic Covenant to Mosaic Covenant?	Both are God's "covenant of grace." They consist of the same substance of God's saving relationship which makes the MC still apply today	MC was added to the AC; both still apply though they are similar in substance but different in form and purpose	MC was given specifically to Israel but its moral principles are still relevant to all believers under the AC	Like dispensationalists, MC was conditional but AC was not; MC was a temporary framework that prescribed terms of obedience for Israel in Law period	MC regulated Israel's life so she could experience the blessings of the AC, but MC is no longer operative as it is fulfilled in Christ

Does the Law of Moses Apply to Me? 113c

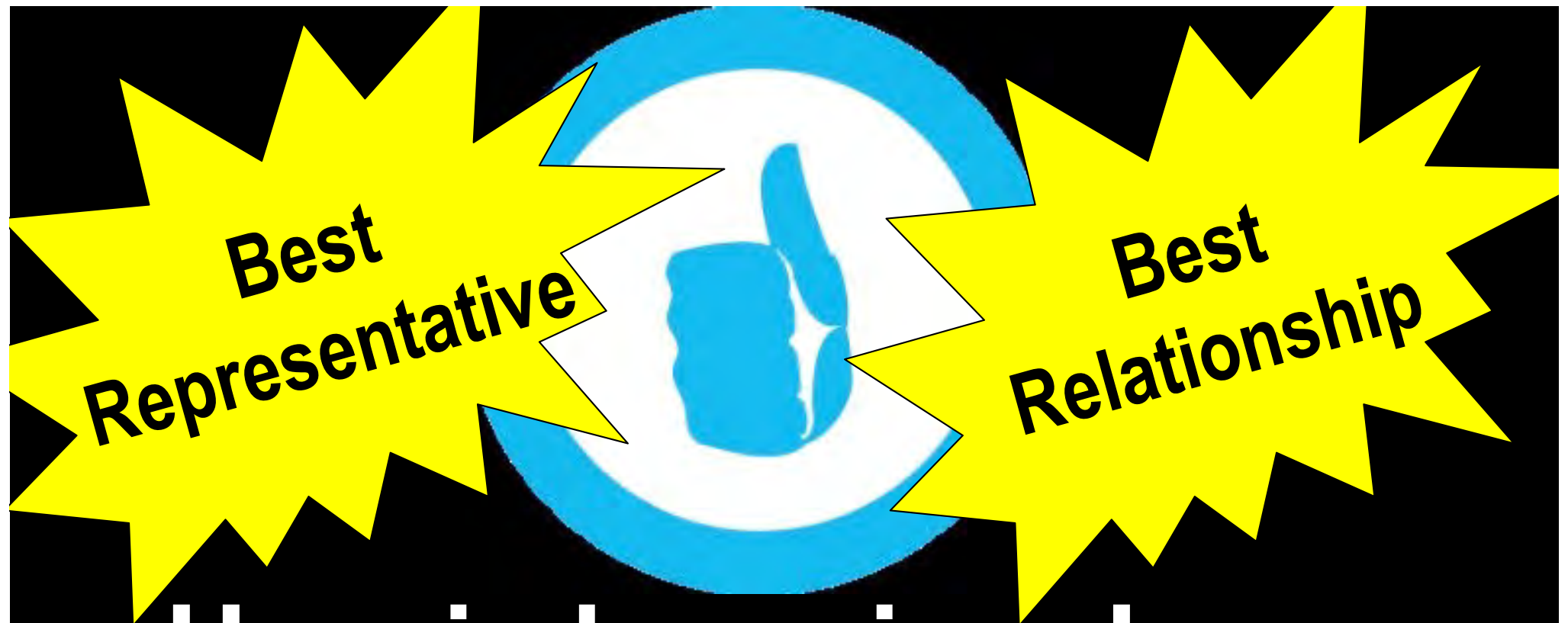
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Strengths	• Continuity between the OT and NT upheld • Desires ethics to relate to all of life • Sees positive aspects of the law	• Continuity between the OT and NT upheld • Notes Mosaic law's foreshadowing of Christ • Sees a convicting role of the law today for unbelievers	• Biblical support for some law aspects (i.e., moral) being weightier than others (Matt. 23:23) • Holiness Code of Leviticus 18–19 stem from nature of God	• Accounts for new covenant emphases under the Law of Christ (Gal. 6:2) • Says OT laws repeated in the NT are applicable • Applies law principles today	• Biblical in that Mosaic law began at Sinai and ended with Christ's death as a temporary tutor (Gal. 3:19, 24-25) • Keeps Israel and church separate • Advocates continued guidance in law of Christ

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Weak- nesses	• Dividing law as moral, civil & ceremonial not biblical • Misguided to apply godly commands to unregenerate • All "law" need not be Mosaic (natural law and law of Christ also exist) • The NT never applies the OT to civil matters • Law condemned man (2 Cor. 3:9)	• Dividing law as moral, civil & ceremonial not biblical • Using "law" in differing ways is inconsistent & confusing • Requiring Sabbath for today contradicts Col. 2:16-17 • Unclear if moral law became law of Christ • Merges Israel & church	• Dividing law as moral, civil & ceremonial not biblical • Arbitrary to pick and choose which parts of the law are required • Choice of Decalogue and Lev. 18–19 too narrow for moral law	• Seeks to teach the indivisibility of the law while upholding its moral content • Too extreme to claim that the law has absolutely no purpose today • Fails to see the gospel in the OT by demarcating Law and Gospel into distinct, discontinuous eras	• Distinguishing law's revelatory aspects (eternal, revealing God's nature) from regulatory (temporary, ruled Israel) makes distinctions within an inseparable code—if the OT law is essentially a unity, then why divide it into two parts? • The law is not nullified but actually upheld



How is knowing Jesus
better than anything you've
ever experienced
(or ever will experience)?

How is the New Covenant

Better?

(Hebrews 8)



**1. Jesus is the best possible
representative before God (8:1-5).**

**Jesus as High Priest is better than the
old priesthood (Heb. 8:1-5)**



**“Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven”
(8:1 NLT).**

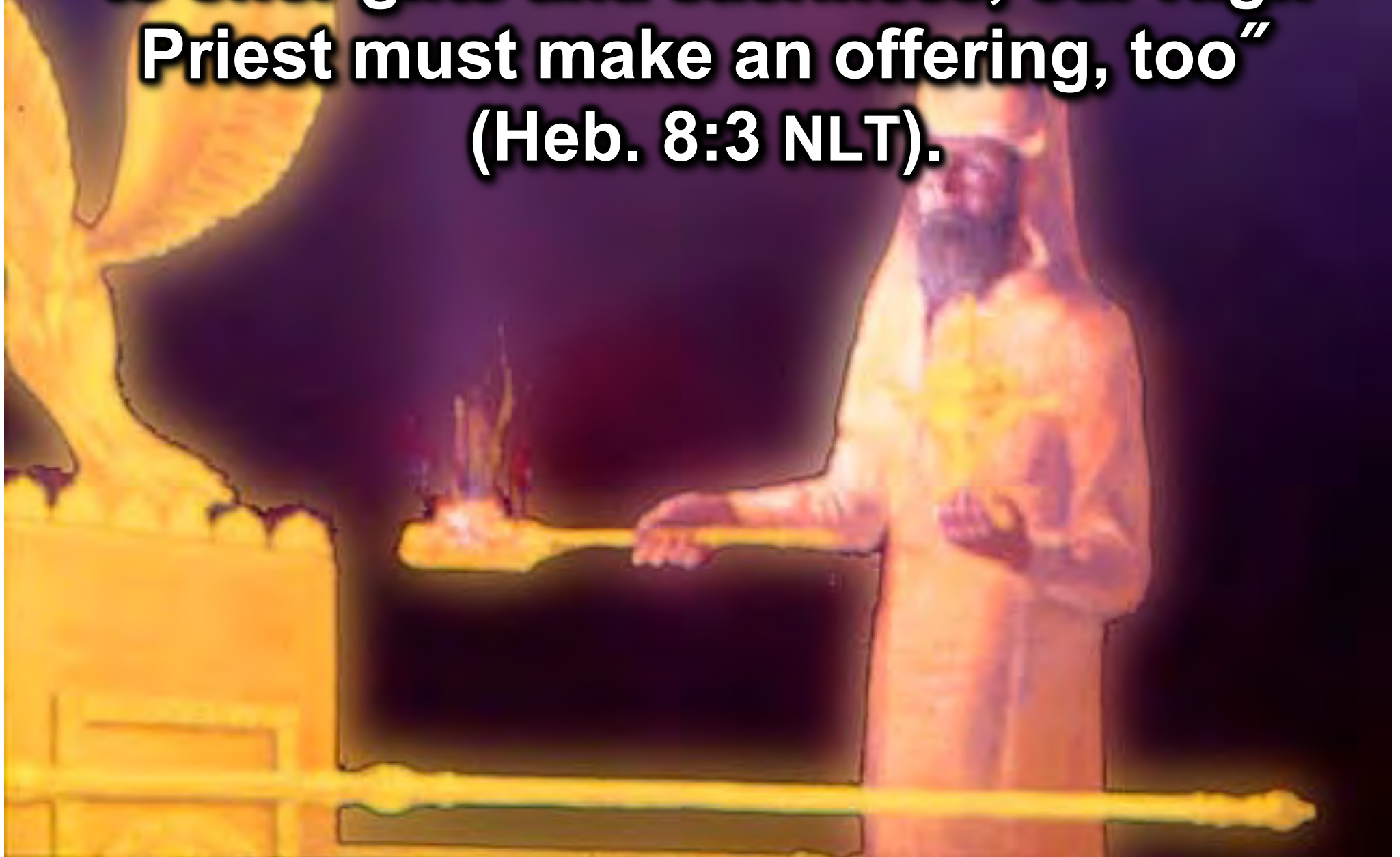




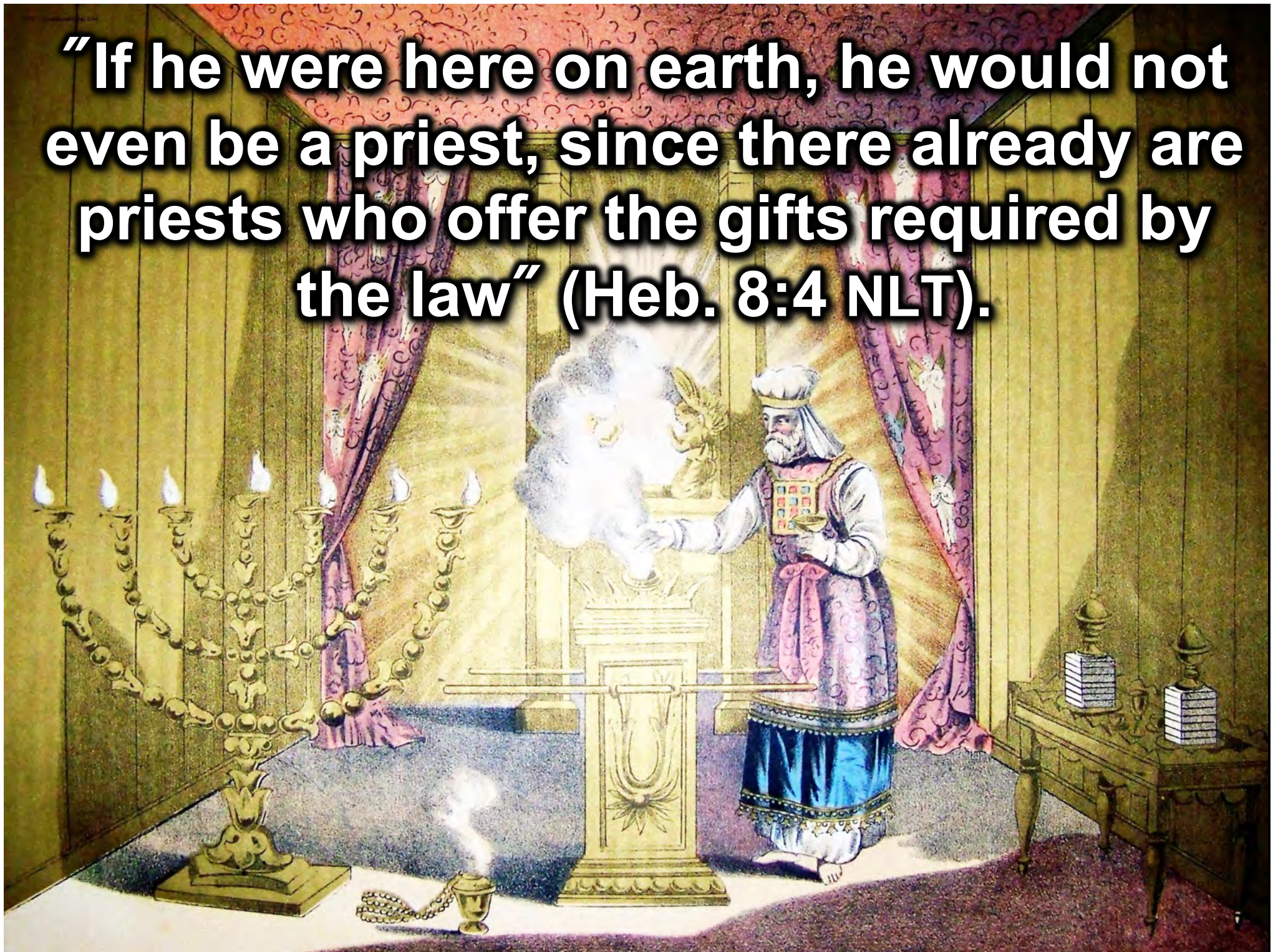
**God honored him with ministry in
heaven itself (Heb. 8:2 NLT).**

**“There he ministers
in the heavenly
Tabernacle, the true
place of worship
that was built by
the Lord and not by
human hands.”**

**“And since every high priest is required to offer gifts and sacrifices, our High Priest must make an offering, too”
(Heb. 8:3 NLT).**



“If he were here on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there already are priests who offer the gifts required by the law” (Heb. 8:4 NLT).



“They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven.’ For when Moses was getting ready to build the...” (Heb. 8:5a NLT).

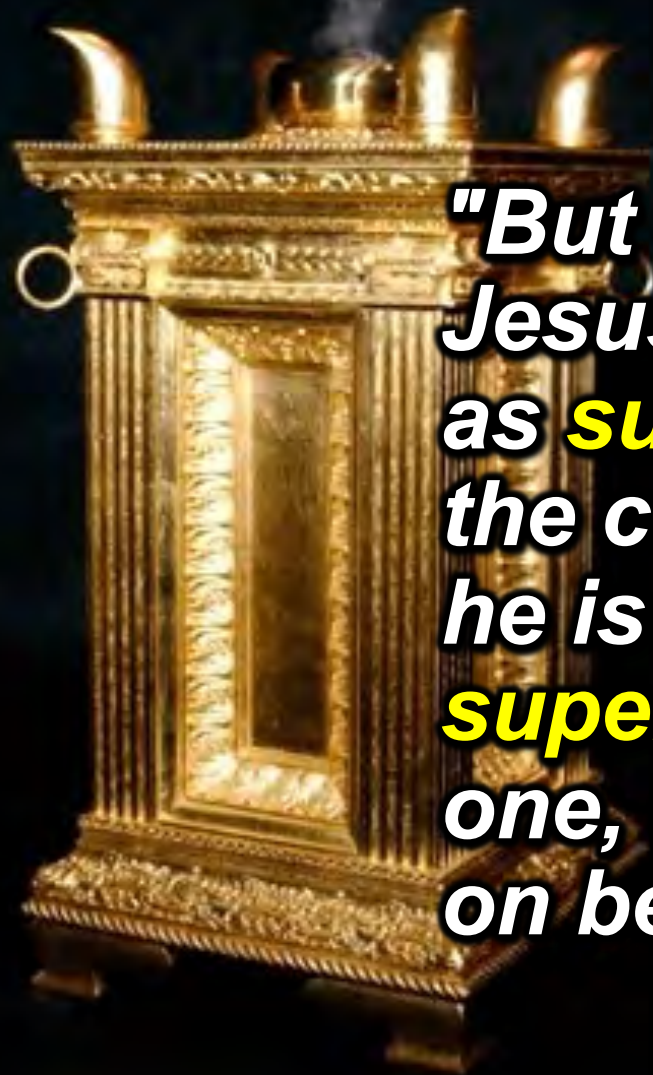


**“...Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: 'Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain'”
(Heb. 8:5b NLT).**



Hebrews 8:6

*"But the ministry
Jesus has received is
as **superior** to theirs as
the covenant of which
he is mediator is
superior to the old
one, and it is founded
on better promises."*





**2. Jesus gives the best possible
relationship (8:7-13)**

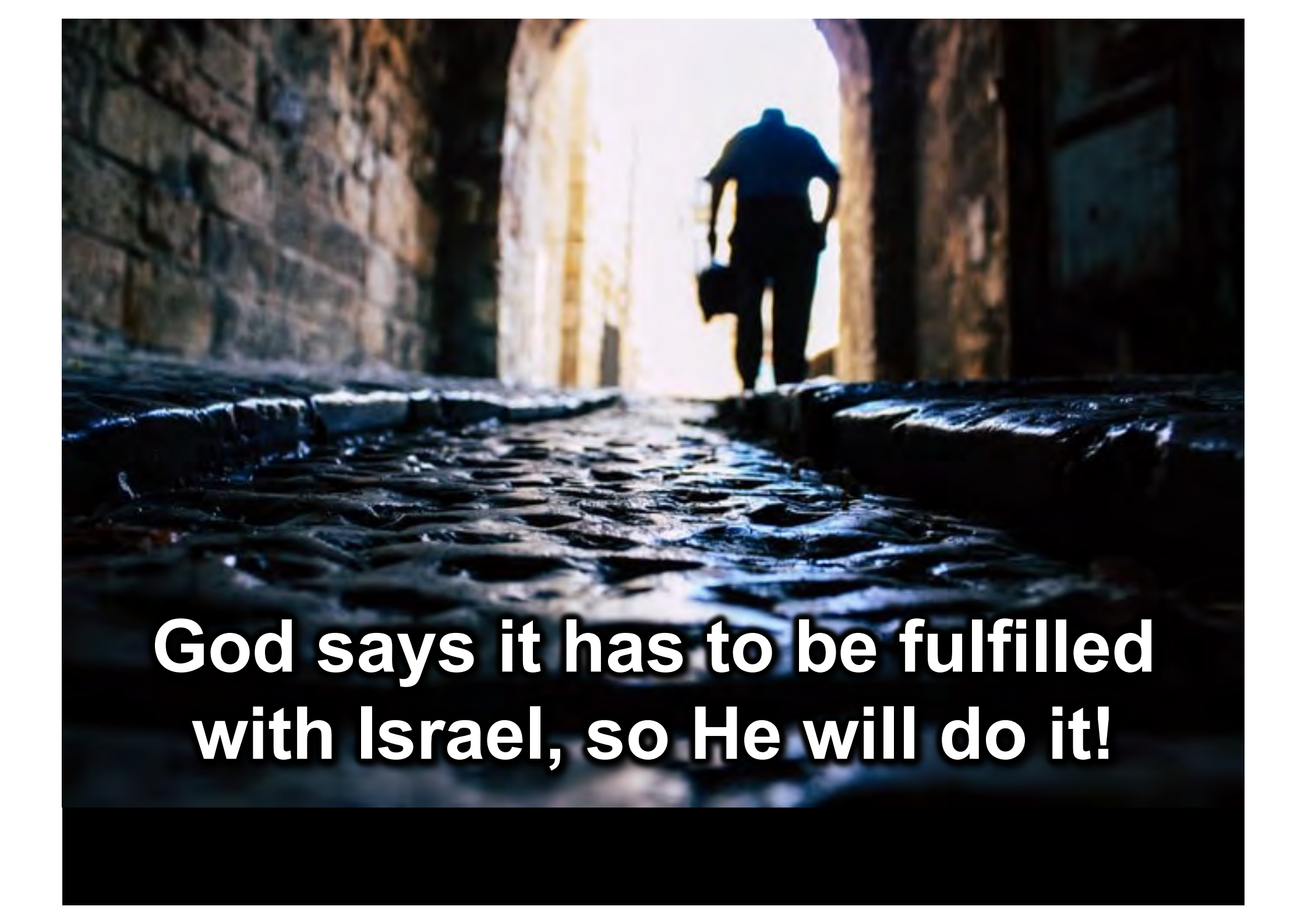


Sign of the Covenant with Noah

Signs of the Covenants

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<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Promise</i>	<i>Fulfillment</i>	<i>Sign</i>
Noahic	Unconditional promise not to flood earth again	Gen. 9:12-17	No more sea (Rev. 21:1)	Rainbow (Gen. 9:12-17)
Abrahamic	Promise to provide Israel a land, rule, and spiritual blessing	Gen. 12:1-3; 15:13-18	Continues at present (Gal. 3:17) but Israel still has a future (Rom. 11:25-27)	Circumcision (Gen. 17:11)
Mosaic	Conditional stipulations for blessing on Israel	Exod. 19-31; Deut. 28	Death of Christ (Rom. 7:4-6)	Sabbath (Exod. 31:13)
Land	Promise of <u>physical</u> land from the Wadi of Egypt to the River Euphrates	Deut. 30:1-10	Land blessed (Amos 9:13-15)	No sign (that I know of)
Davidic	Promise of eternal, <u>political</u> rule of a descendant of David	2 Sam. 7:12-17	Rule renewed (Amos 9:11-12)	Christ seated at the Father's right hand (Acts 2:34-36)
New	Promise of <u>spiritual</u> indwelling of the Spirit ("law written on hearts"), forgiveness, and total evangelization of Israel	Jer. 31:31-34	Paul & the Apostles (2 Cor. 3-4) All Israel saved (Rom. 11:26-27)	Cup of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25)

A person is walking away from the camera through a dark, stone-walled tunnel. The person is silhouetted against a bright light at the end of the tunnel. The ground is made of cobblestones. The walls are made of rough stone.

**God says it has to be fulfilled
with Israel, so He will do it!**



Marriage of the Bride



**The Mosaic stone tablets will be
replaced with a covenant of
minds and hearts (Heb. 8:9-10a)**

**“This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the LORD”
(Heb. 8:9 NLT).**



**“But this is the new covenant I will make
with the people of Israel on that
day, says the LORD” (Heb. 8:10a NLT).**





**How can we contrast the
Old and New Covenants?**

The Old Covenant for Israel

I AM THE LORD THY GOD
THOU SHALT HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO
THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE
NAME OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN
REMEMBER THE SABBATH
DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY

HONOUR THY FATHER AND
THY MOTHER
THOU SHALT NOT KILL
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
THOU SHALT NOT COVET



**The New
Covenant is for
the Church now
(Jew and Gentile),
but many more
Jews will believe
in Christ during
the Tribulation**

Contrasting the Covenants (2 Cor. 3-4)

Old Covenant

New Covenant

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initiated by Moses (3:8)

initiated by Christ (3:4)

of the letter (3:6a)

of the Spirit (3:6a, 18b)

kills (3:6b, 7a)

gives life (3:6b)

engraved on stone (3:3b, 7a)

engraved on hearts (3:3b; Jer. 31:33)

glorious (3:7a)

more glorious (3:8, 10)

glory faded (3:7b, 11a, 13b)

glory ever-increases (3:11b, 18)

condemns men (3:9a)

brings righteousness (3:9b)

deception (3:13)

boldness (3:12)

veiled face of Moses (3:13b)

unveiled faces (3:13a, 18a)

veiled minds (3:14a)

unveiled minds (3:14b; 4:3-6)

veiled hearts (3:15)

unveiled hearts (3:16)

dullness (3:14a)

freedom (3:17)

Moses reflected God's glory

all believers reflect Son's glory (3:17)

non-transforming (3:7)

transforming (3:18)

lack of zeal (3:13)

confidence, steadfastness (3:4-5; 4:1)

deception (3:13)

sincerity (4:2)

**"I will put
my laws in
their minds,
and I will
write them
on their
hearts"
(8:10b NLT).**



**“I will be their God,
and they will be my people”
(Heb. 8:10c NLT).**



**"And they will not
need to teach their
neighbors, nor will
they need to teach
their relatives,
saying, 'You should
know the LORD.'
For everyone, from
the least to the
greatest, will know
me already"
(Heb. 8:11 NLT).**



Our better **priest gives us a
better **relationship** with God.**

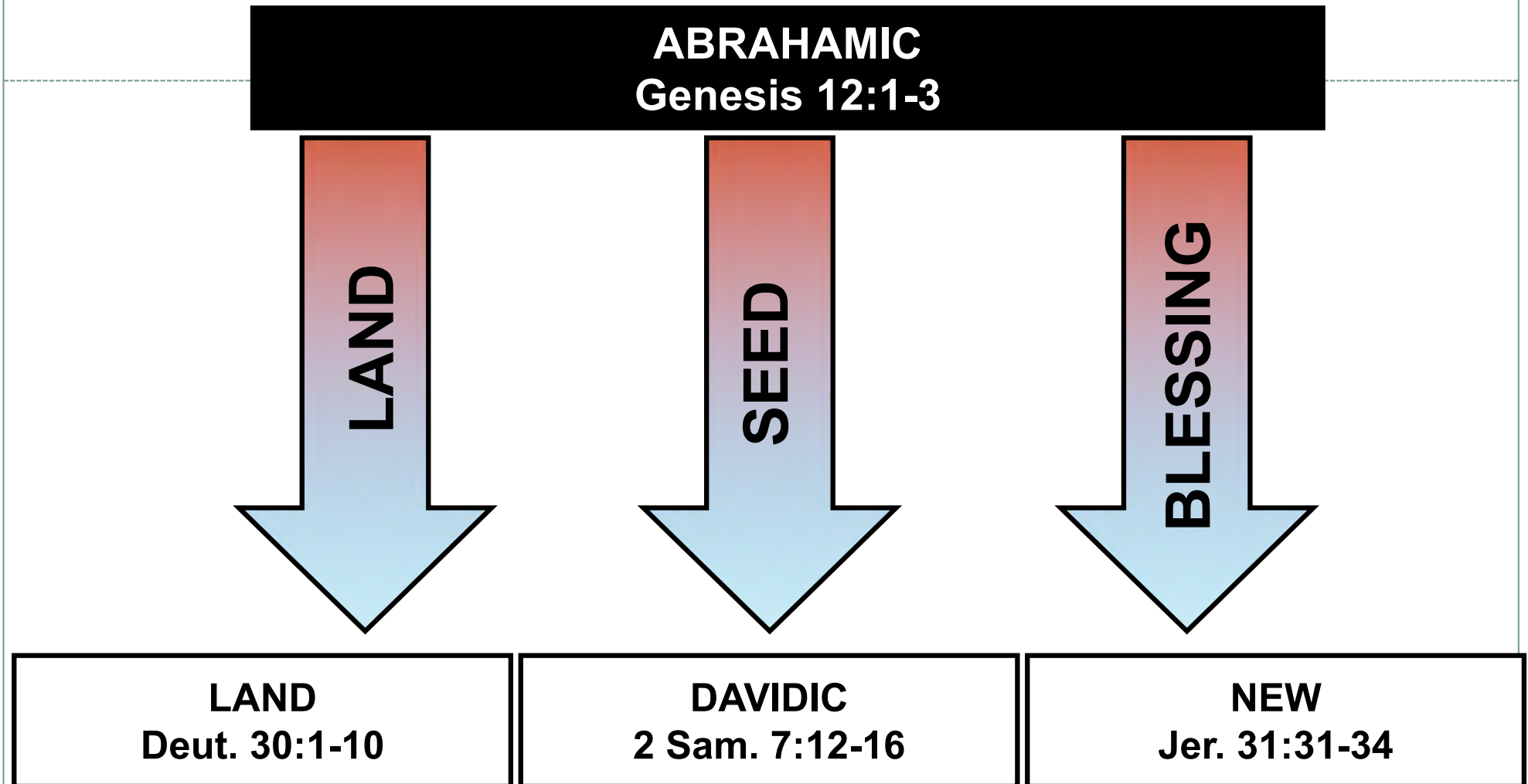


Main Idea of Hebrews 8

The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)



Four Unconditional Biblical Covenants



The new covenant is God's unconditional amplification of the blessing promise in the Abrahamic Covenant where Judah and Israel will experience national and spiritual redemption.

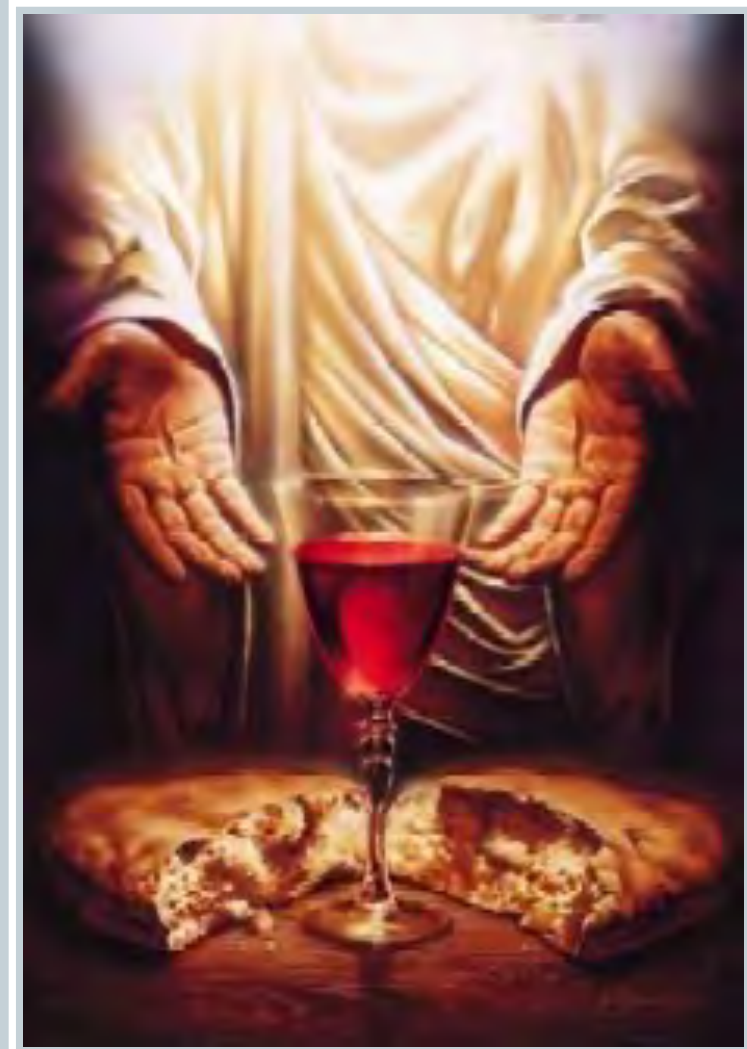
The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant **with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.**

³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

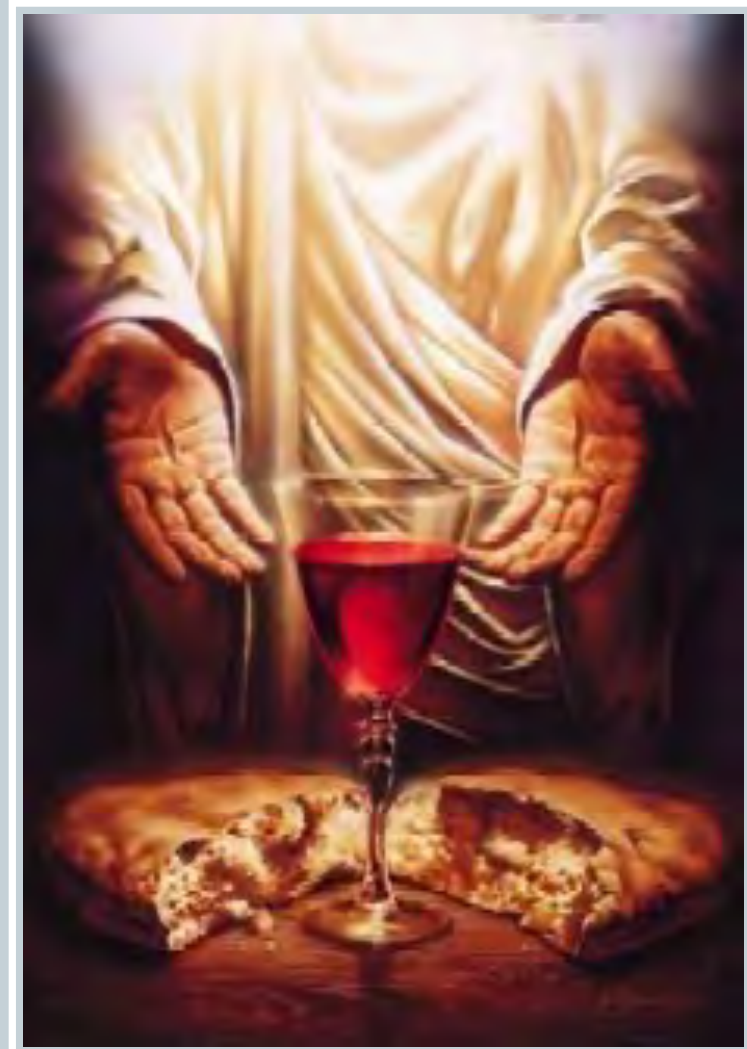
³³"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.



The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

33b "I will put my **law within them**, and I will write it on their hearts. And **I will be their God**, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for **they shall all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will **forgive** their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



Unconditional Nature



"God's love is unconditional. But you must act now. Offer may be withdrawn at any time. Void where prohibited by law."

- A. Eternal (Jer. 31:36, 40; 32:40; 50:5; Isa 61:2. 8-9; 24:5; Ezek. 37:26)**
- B. Amplification of the Abrahamic Covenant, which is unconditional**
- C. Unqualified "I will" statements of God**



***The cup (not baptism) is
the new covenant sign***

***...This cup is the
NEW COVENANT
in my blood, which is
POURED OUT
for you.***

LUKE 22:20



How could Jesus apply the new covenant promises to his disciples when the other provisions were not fulfilled then?

**(What about Israel and Judah reunified?
What about all people knowing God?)**

Provisions



FULFILLED

- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Jer. 31:33 with Ezek. 36:27)
- New nature, heart & mind (Jer. 31:33; Isa. 59:21)
- Forgiveness of sins (Jer. 31:34b)

NOT YET FULFILLED

- Everyone will know the Lord (Jer. 31:34a)
- Israel and Judah will be reunited (Jer. 31:31)



HOW TO RECONCILE?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (for Israel)

'everlasting covenant'

'a new heart'

'a new spirit'

'a covenant' *'a covenant of peace'*

Luke 22:20 (for church)

Views on the Time of Fulfillment



Amillennialists often say all of the provisions of the New Covenant are being realized now in the church which they consider the "new Israel." But are they?

1. Partial Fulfillment in the present church age

- a. Only one New Covenant for Israel (Darby)
- b. Two New Covenants: one for Israel and one for the church (Chafer)
- c. One New Covenant with a two fold- application: primarily to Israel, secondarily to the Church

2. Complete fulfillment after the return of Christ



View	Explanation	School & Scholars	Problems	OTS2 490
Restated Mosaic	No New Covenant	<u>Critical:</u> –Couturier –Duhm –Schmidt –Potter	1. OC/NC distinctions in text ignored 2. OC = conditional, NC = unconditional 3. OC = temporal, NC = eternal 4. OC = external, NC = internal 5. OC = no enablement, NC = enablement 6. NC = peace, prosperity, sanctuary, Spirit (parallel passages)	
Views on New Covenant Fulfillment				
Church Alone	No Israel Participation	<u>Amillennial/Postmillennial:</u> –Allis –Cox –Smick –Boettner	1. Ignores OT data by equating Israel & the Church 2. NC introduced ≠ fulfilled to Israel 3. Present need to know YHWH (we still need to obey the Great Commission) 4. AD 70 Jerusalem vs. Jer. 31:40	

View	Explanation	School & Scholars	Problems	OTS2 490
Israel Alone	No Church Participation	<u>Misc/Classical Dispensational:</u> –Darby – Thompson –von Rad	1. Ignores NT data –Christ's Last Supper words –Paul's statements –Hebrews application to Church 2. Ignores present work of Spirit	
Views on New Covenant Fulfillment				
Two New Covenants	NC for Israel + NC for Church	<u>Early 1900s Dispensational:</u> –Chafer –Walvoord (old) –Ryrie (old)	1. Same terminology for OT & NT NCs 2. Israel/Church distinction too sharp 3. Basis of forgiveness the same 4. If 2 NCs then no OC for Church 5. Church doesn't possess Israel's promises	

View	Explanation	School & Scholars	Problems	OTS2 490
Church Participates	Primarily for Israel Secondarily for the Church	<u>Misc/Present Dispensational:</u> –Keil –Lemke –Bright –Scofield –Walvoord (DTS) –Ryrie (DTS) –Archer (TEDS) –Kaiser (TEDS)	<u>Support:</u> 1. Primary fulfillment is future—Rom 11 2. Deals with both OT & NT data 3. Forgiveness & the Spirit are blessings experienced now 4. NC has new law 5. Rebuttals to above views	
= My View on New Covenant Fulfillment				

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Davidic Covenant

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

“Old” Replaced by “New”

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 521

“What then is the 'old covenant' in contrast with the 'new covenant' in Christ? It is not the whole of the Old Testament, because the covenants with Abraham and David are never called 'old' in the New Testament. Rather, only the covenant under Moses, the covenant made at Mount Sinai (Ex. 19-24) is called the 'old covenant' (2 Cor. 3:14; cf. Heb. 8:6, 13), to be replaced by the “new covenant” in Christ (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:24).”

Hebrews 8:13

*"By calling this covenant 'new,'
he has made the first one **obsolete**;
and what is obsolete and aging
will soon **disappear**."*



Obsolete

AD 33

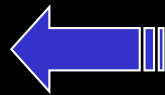
Hebrews Written

AD 67-68



Disappeared

AD 70

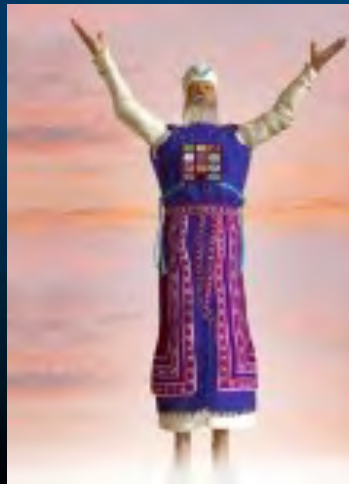


Hebrews 9

**He is better than *the tabernacle*
by his sacrifice, so follow him
(9:1–10:18).**

Christ's Superior Priesthood

- Superior to **Aaron** 4:14–6:20
- Superior via **Melchizedek** 7:1-28
- Superior to the **Old Covenant** 8:1-13
- Superior to the **Tabernacle** 9:1–10:18





**What was wrong
with the OT
sacrifices?**

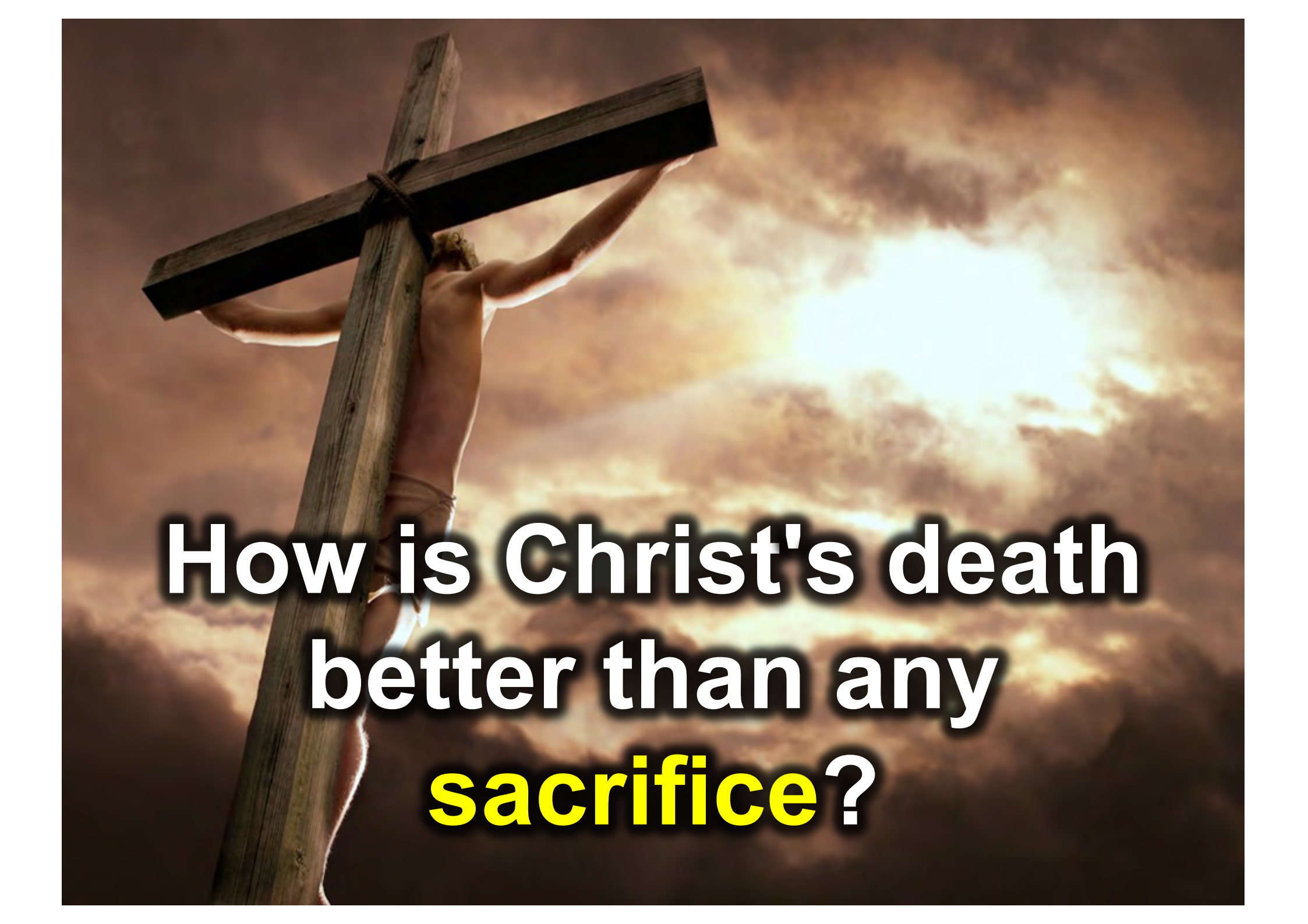


**How was Jesus'
death better?**

Two questions to consider

**What was wrong with the
OT sacrifices?**



A dramatic low-angle shot of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The wooden cross is the central focus, with Jesus' body visible on it. The background is a sky filled with clouds, illuminated by a bright, low sun, creating a golden, hazy atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

**How is Christ's death
better than any
sacrifice?**

Jesus saves us **permanently**.



Main Idea

**1. Tabernacle sacrifices
were temporary (9:1-10).**





**2. Christ's death saves us
permanently (9:11–10:18).**

Hebrews 9:11

*“When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect **tabernacle** that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of his creation.”*



**"For without
the shedding
of blood, there
is no
forgiveness"
(Heb. 9:22b
NLT).**



Without the
shedding
of

BLOOD

there is no
forgiveness
of sins

Hebrews 9:22

Sin Done Away With (Not Just Covered)

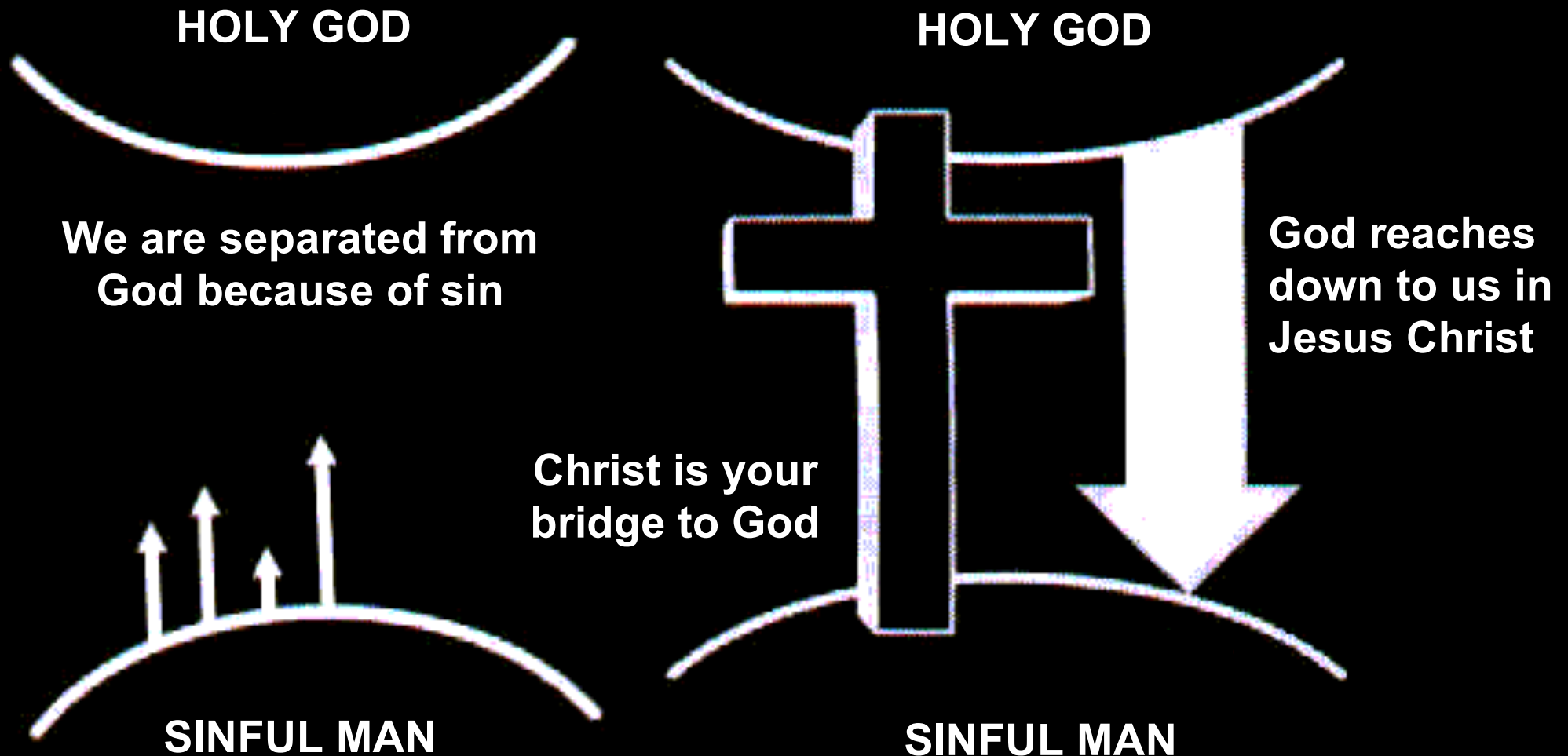
"Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Hebrews 9:26 (NIV)

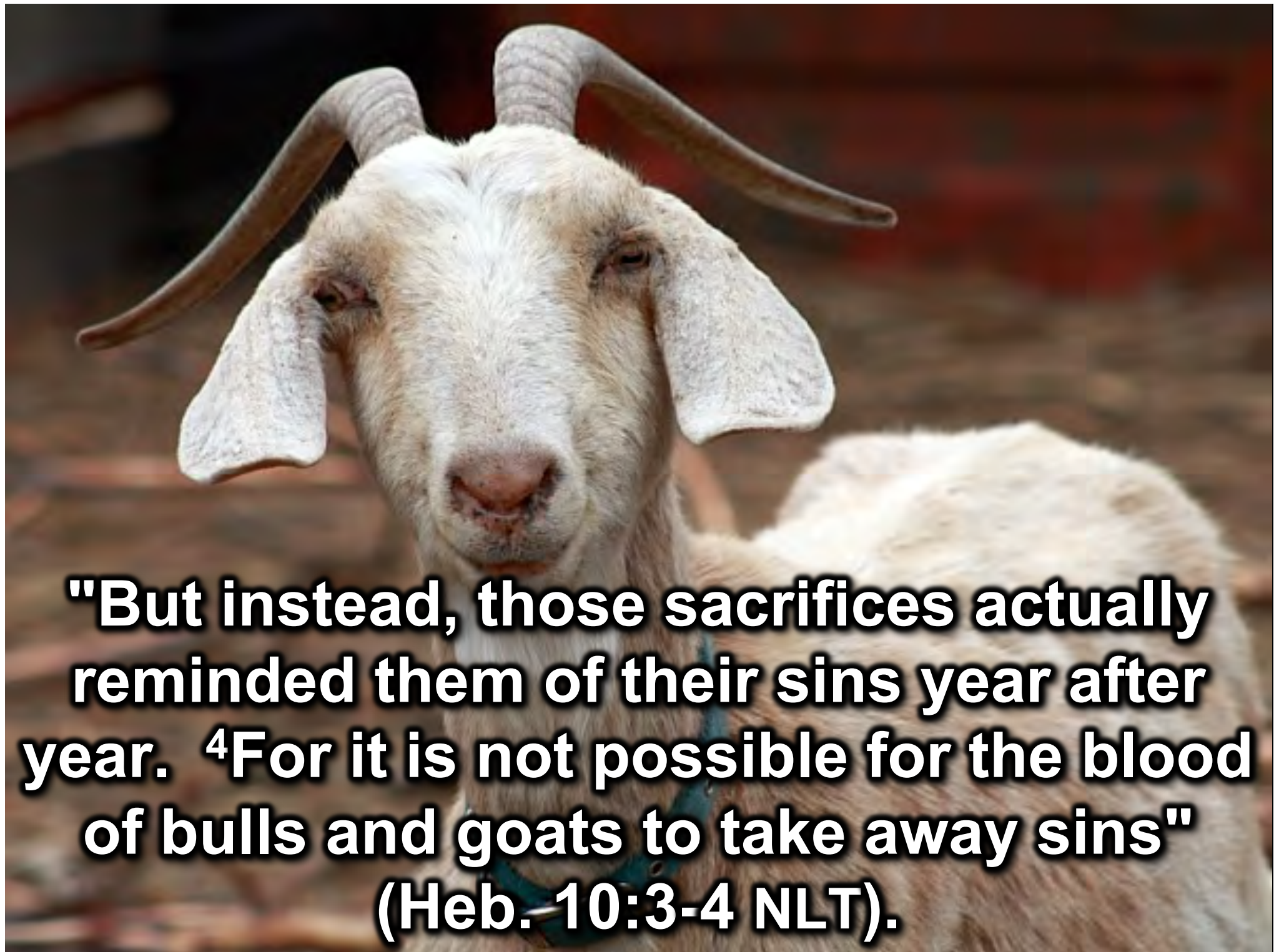
Why should you be **uncompromising
in your faith in Jesus?**



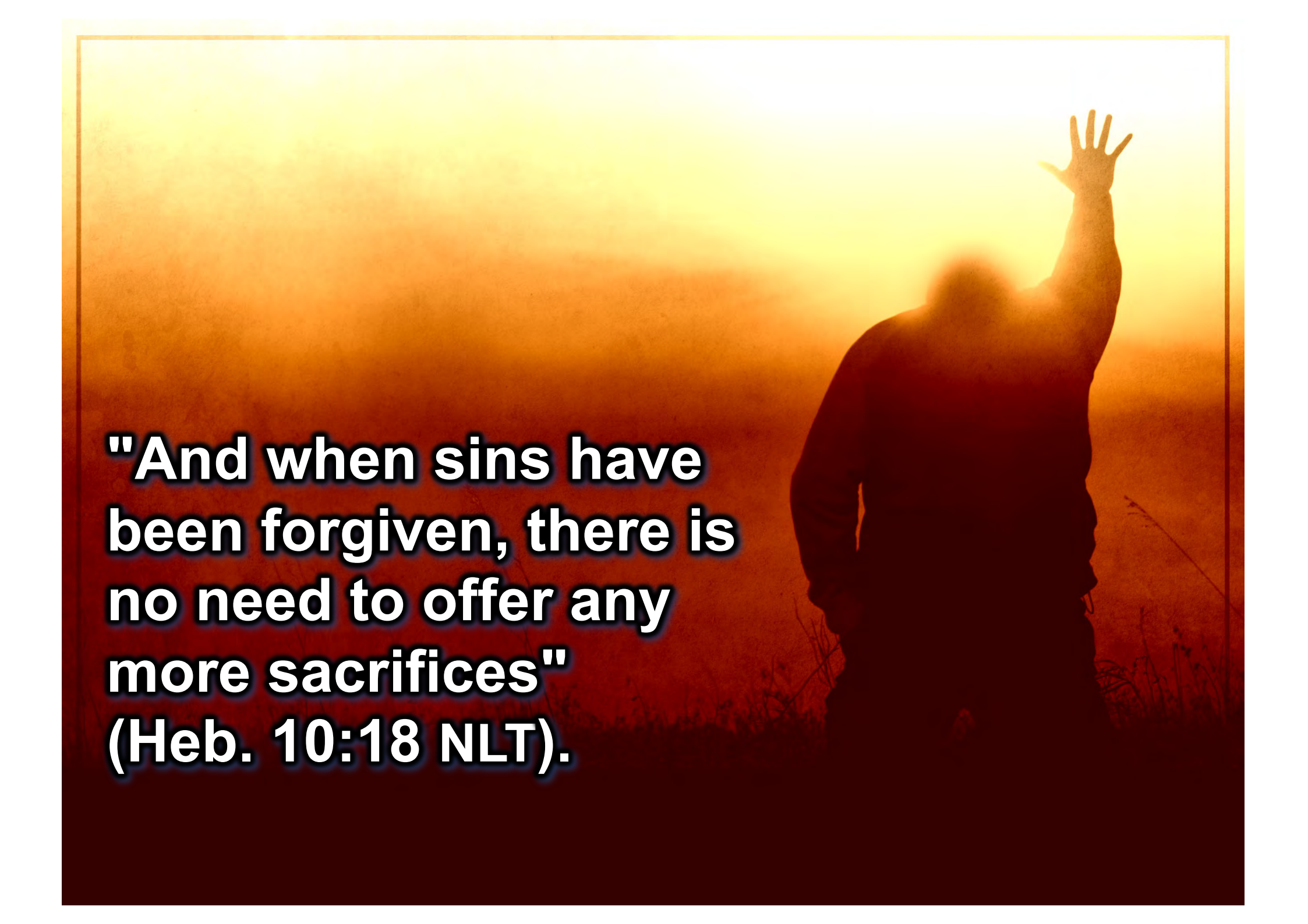
I. Jesus is **better** than anyone or anything (1:1–10:18).



Hebrews 10



"But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. ⁴For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Heb. 10:3-4 NLT).



**"And when sins have
been forgiven, there is
no need to offer any
more sacrifices"
(Heb. 10:18 NLT).**

II. Don't compromise but **persevere**
by faith (10:19–13:25).



**Stubborn unbelief can even kill
you—so press on (10:19-39).**



Therefore...
Endure Through Faith
(10:19–13:25)

FINISH LINE FAITH



Warning 1

**Abandoning Jesus
brings discipline
(Hebrews 2:1-4).**



Warning 2

**Abandoning Jesus
forfeits our future rule
(Hebrews 3:7-19).**



Warning 3

**Rejecting Christ can
lead to **physical death**
(Hebrews 6:4-8).**



Warning 4

**Willful sin can lead to
physical death
(Hebrews 10:26-31).**

An Impossibility (Heb. 6:4-6 NLT)

"For it is **impossible to bring back to repentance** those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— ⁶and who then turn away from God. It is **impossible to bring such people back to repentance**; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame."

"...if we deliberately
continue sinning after we
have received knowledge
of the truth, there is no
longer any sacrifice that
will cover these sins.

**ARE THESE
PEOPLE
CHRISTIANS?**

²⁷There is only
terrible expectation of
God's judgment and the
raging fire that will
consume his enemies"
(10:26-27 NLT).

Why believers?

**The letter repeatedly refers to the readers as believers.
They had already professed this hope in Christ (10:23).
They should build one another up in the faith (10:24-25).
They had "received the knowledge of the truth" (10:26).
The author also could sin like this (10:26).
They had been "sanctified" (10:29).
They had faithfully suffered for Christ (10:32-34).
They had confidence in the Lord (10:35).
They needed only to persevere in that faith (10:36).
They were deemed among "the righteous" (10:38).**

The readers were Jewish Christians

"**brothers and sisters**
who belong to God
and are partners with
those called to
heaven" (3:1)

"...dear **brothers and sisters**, we can boldly
enter heaven's Most
Holy Place because
of the blood of Jesus"
(10:19)

"...let us hold firmly
to **what we believe**.
This High Priest of
ours understands..."
(4:14b-15a)

"...those early days
when you first learned
about Christ...**you**
remained faithful even
though it meant terrible
suffering" (10:32)

Distinguishing Terms

	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Basic Meaning	Being saved from the penalty of sin forever (once saved, always saved)	<u>Knowing</u> that we are saved from the penalty of sin forever
Definition	“The work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost” (Ryrie, <i>Basic Theology</i> , 328)	“The realization of the truth of eternal security or perseverance” (Ryrie, <i>Basic Theology</i> , 328)

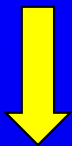
Distinguishing Terms

	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Spirit's Ministry	Sealing (Eph 1:13-14)	Assuring (Rom 8:15-17)
Believer's...	Position as child of God (Rom 8:16b)	Practice or confidence (Rom 8:16a)
Recipients	All Christians possess	Some Christians doubt
Permanence	Can't be lost (John 6:39-40; 10:27-29; Rom 8:30, 38-39; Heb 7:25)	Can be lost (for this reason John wrote 1 John 5:11-13)
Songs	"I Know Whom I Have Believed" "In Christ Alone" "The Solid Rock"	"Blessed Assurance" (#367) "Now I Belong to Jesus"

Will each genuine Christian persevere in faithfulness at death?

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Yes



Reformed

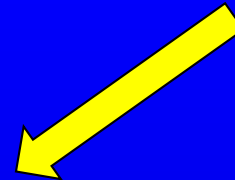
False Believer

Apostasy
Cannot Happen



Eternal Security
but No Assurance

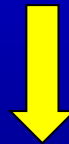
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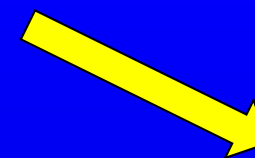
Partakers

Carnal Believer

Apostasy Leads
to Loss of
Rewards



Eternal Security
and Assurance



Arminian

Former Believer

Apostasy Leads
to Loss of
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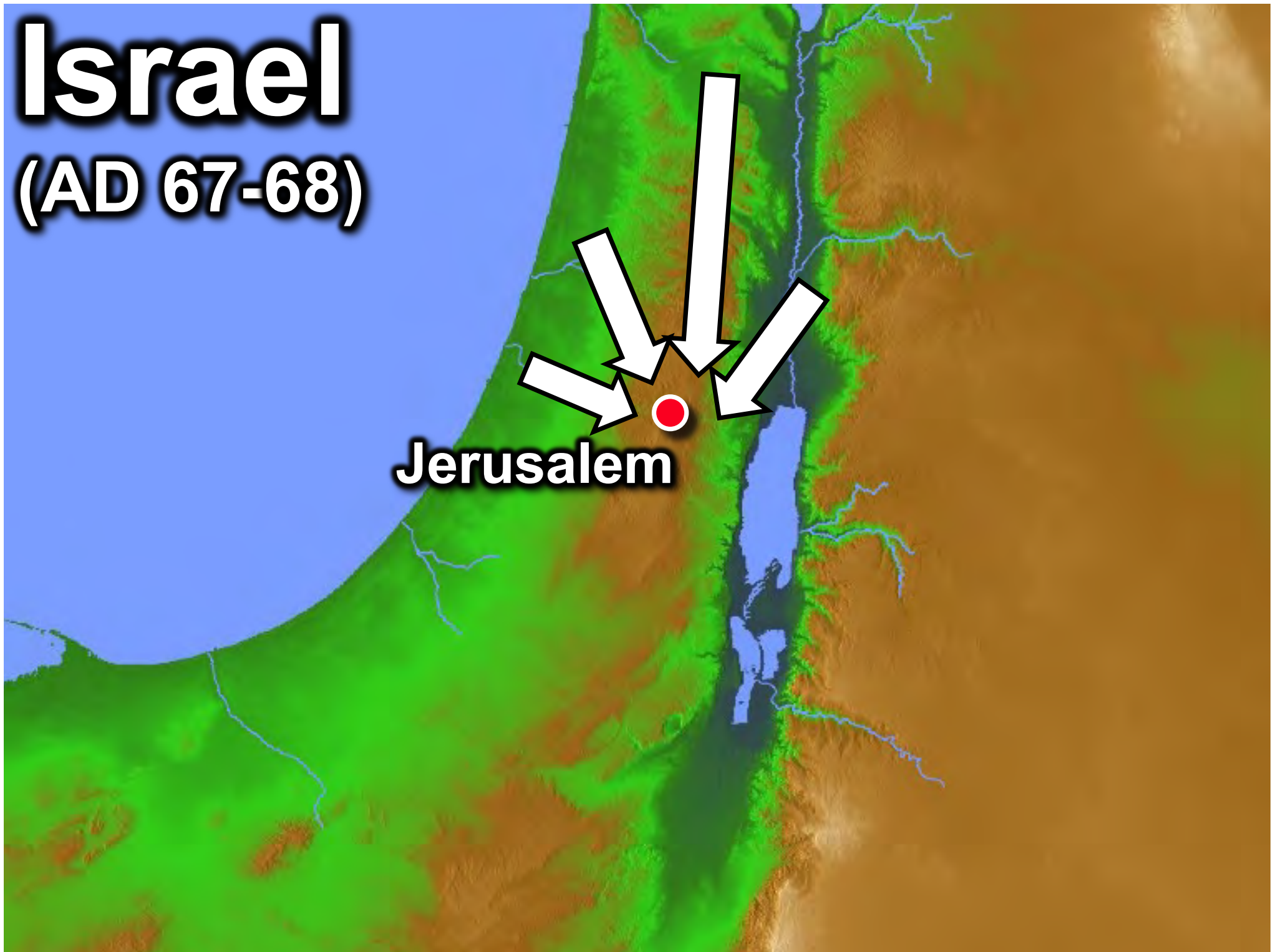
No Eternal Security
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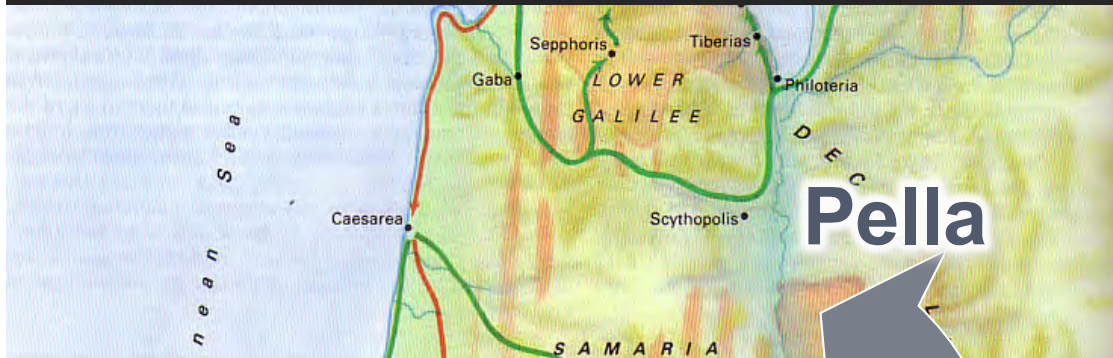
Jerusalem Christians

Israel
(AD 67-68)

Jerusalem



What happened to the Christians in Jerusalem?



A revelation told them to find protection in Pella.





Jerusalem Christians left

First Century Jerusalem



The Fire

"Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. ²⁷ There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies" (Hebrews 10:26-27 NLT).

Hell fire?

No, Jerusalem fire!



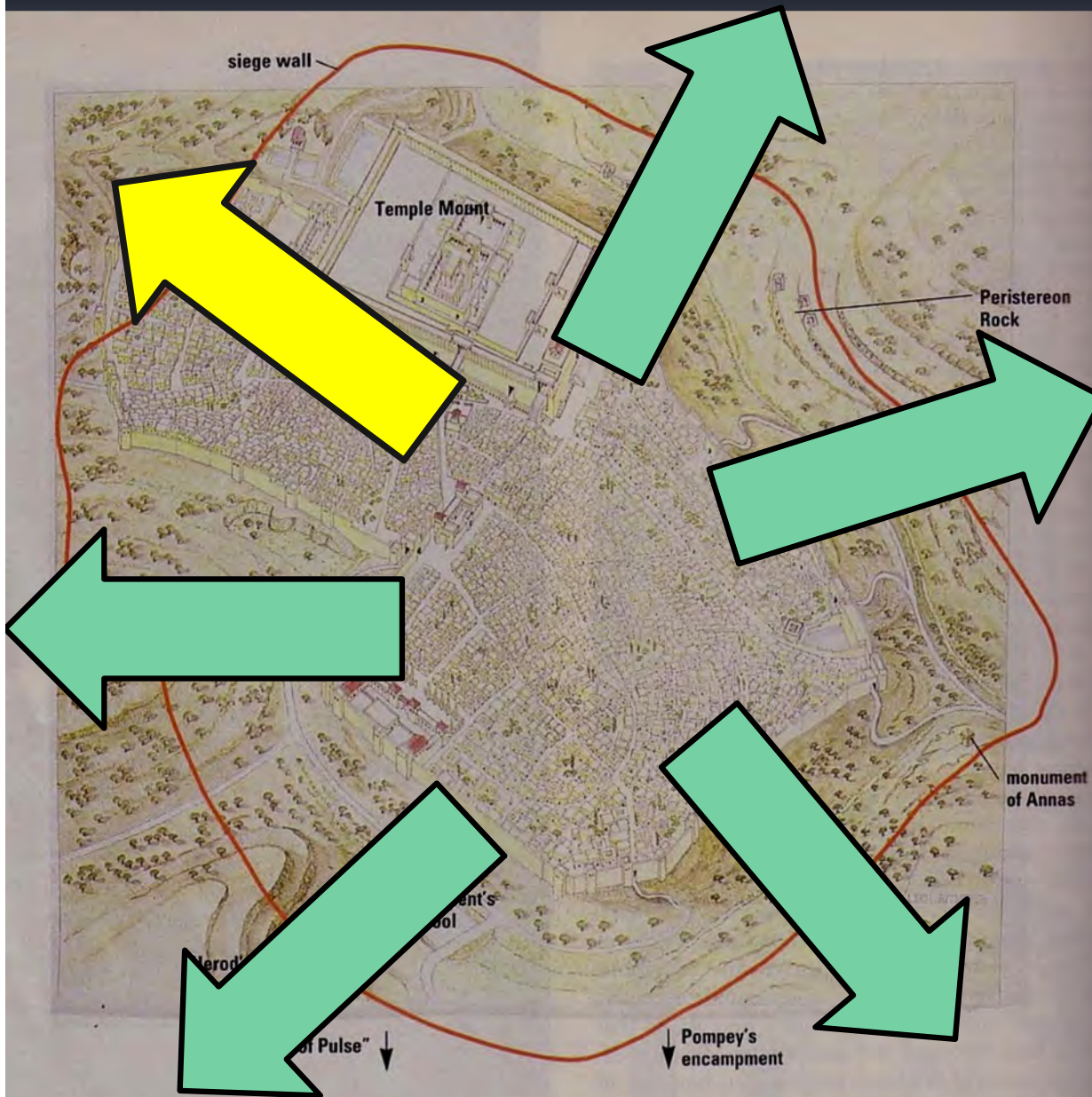
**"And when you
see Jerusalem
surrounded by
armies, then you
will know that the
time of its
destruction has
arrived."**

Luke 21:20 NIV



Luke 21:20 NIV

Application: "Leave Jerusalem"



"So also **Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates** to make his people holy by means of his own blood"

(Heb. 13:12 NLT)

¹³ **So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore"**

(Heb. 13:13 NLT)

Jeremiah's Application: "Leave Jerusalem"



Jeremiah 24 Figs

Jeremiah 24 portrayed all the Jews as two types of figs during Babylon's siege:

1. The "bad figs" who refused to submit to God's discipline by the Babylonians would disobey God by staying in the city and dying.

2. The "good figs" would spare their lives by leaving the city to surrender to the Babylonians outside!

AD 70 was no different!

OT Discipline



The Man Picking Up Sticks on the Sabbath (Numbers 15:30-36)



"For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses" (Hebrews 10:28; cf. Num. 15:30-36 NLT).



**"Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us"
(Hebrews 10:29 NLT).**





Worse Than Death?

"This kind of spiritual rebellion clearly calls for a much worse punishment than the capital penalty that was inflicted under the Mosaic setup. But again the writer was not thinking of hell. Many forms of divine retribution can fall on a human life which are worse than immediate death. In fact, Jeremiah made just such a complaint about the punishment inflicted on Jerusalem (Lam. 4:6, 9). One might think also of King Saul, whose last days were burdened with such mental and emotional turmoil that death itself was a kind of release."

Zane C. Hodges, "Hebrews," in *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 2:806

NT Discipline

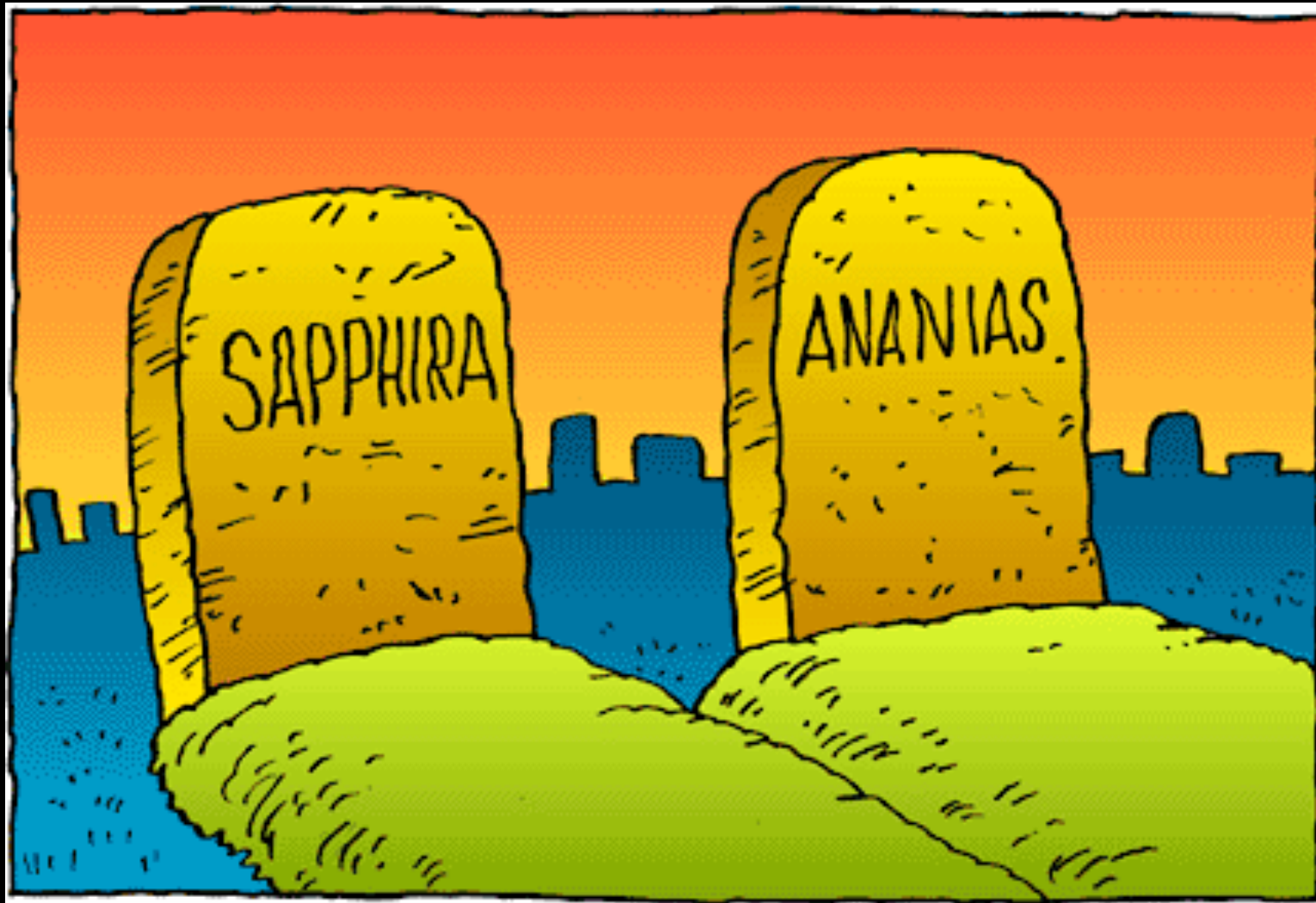


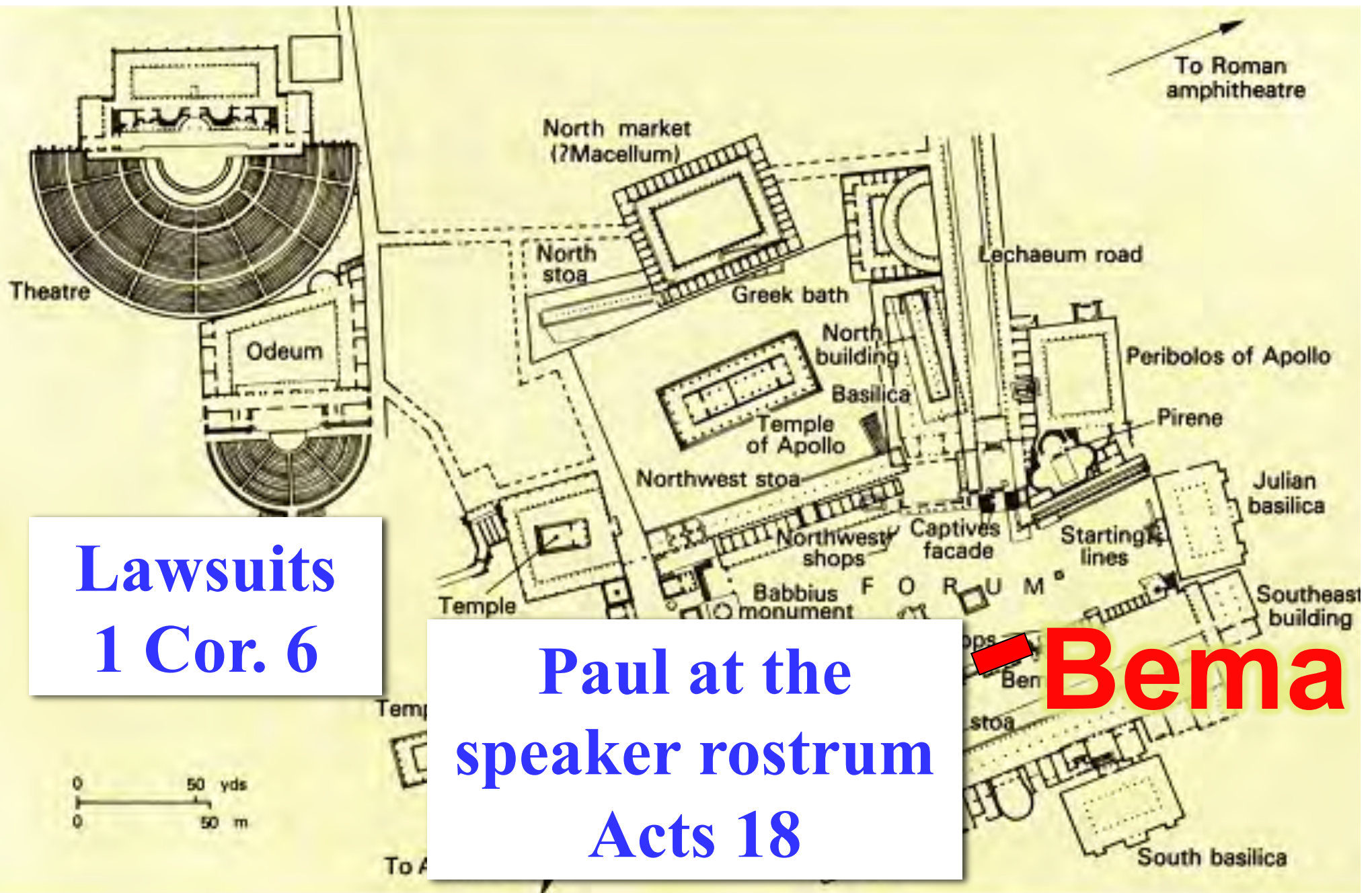
Ananias & Sapphira



Acts 5

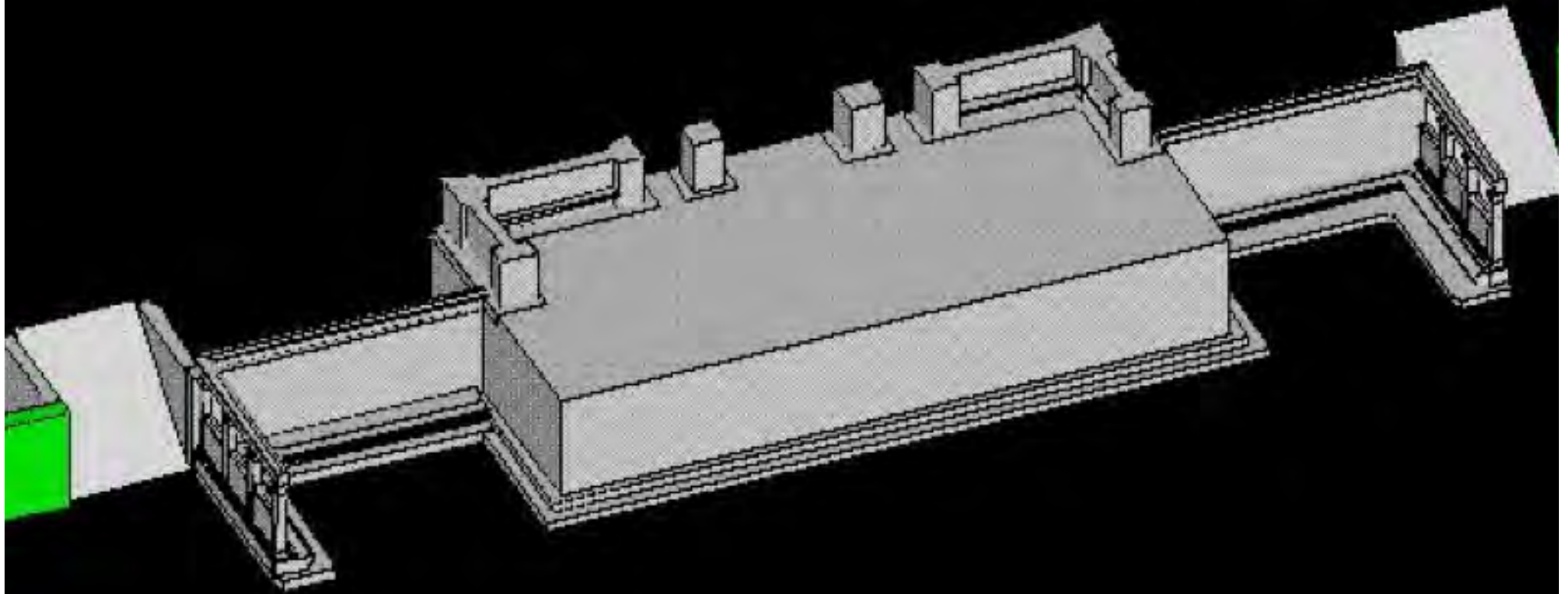
**Grace, yes, but there is still
divine discipline...**





The Bema at Corinth

Bema Close-up



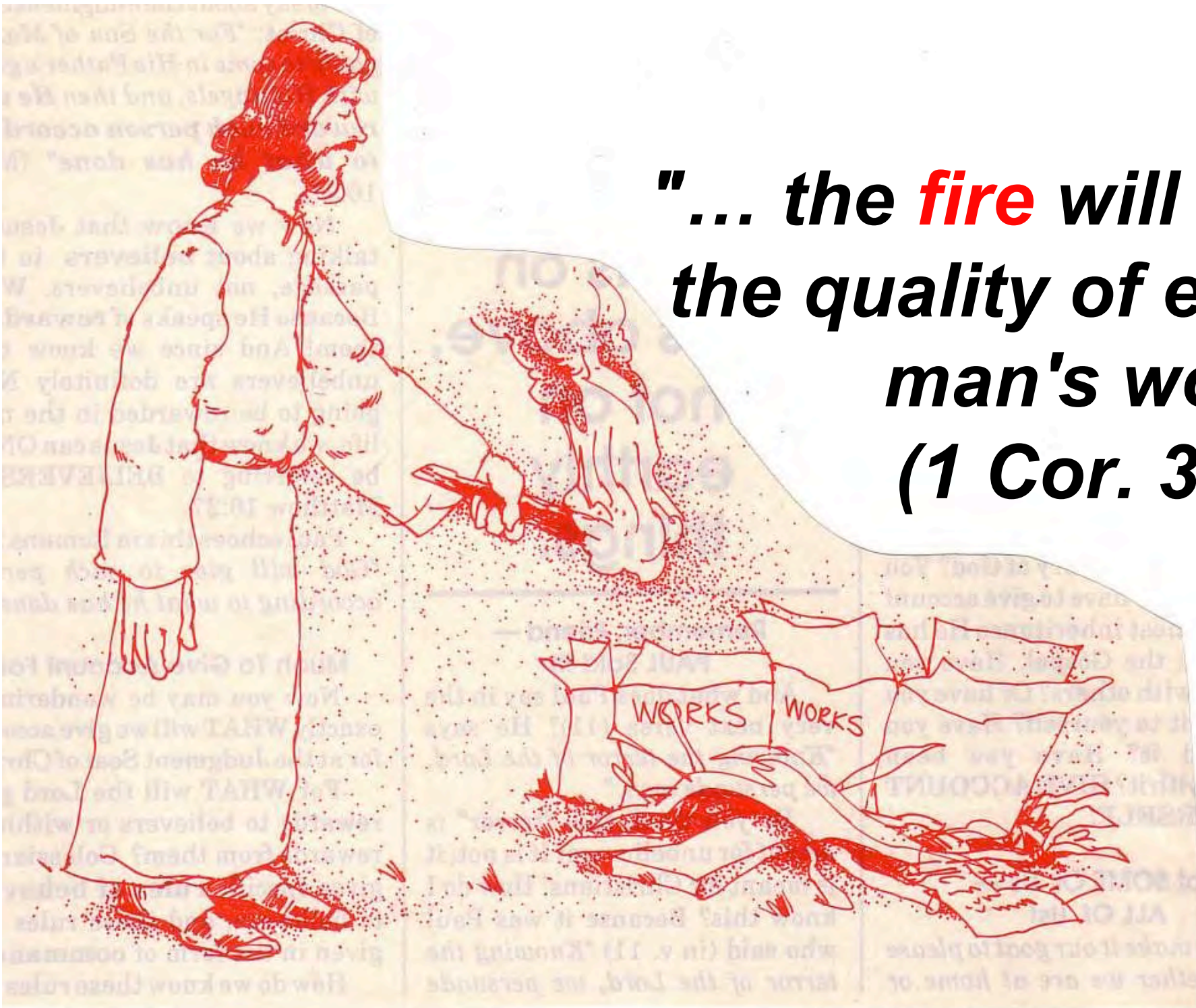
The Speaker or Judge Above



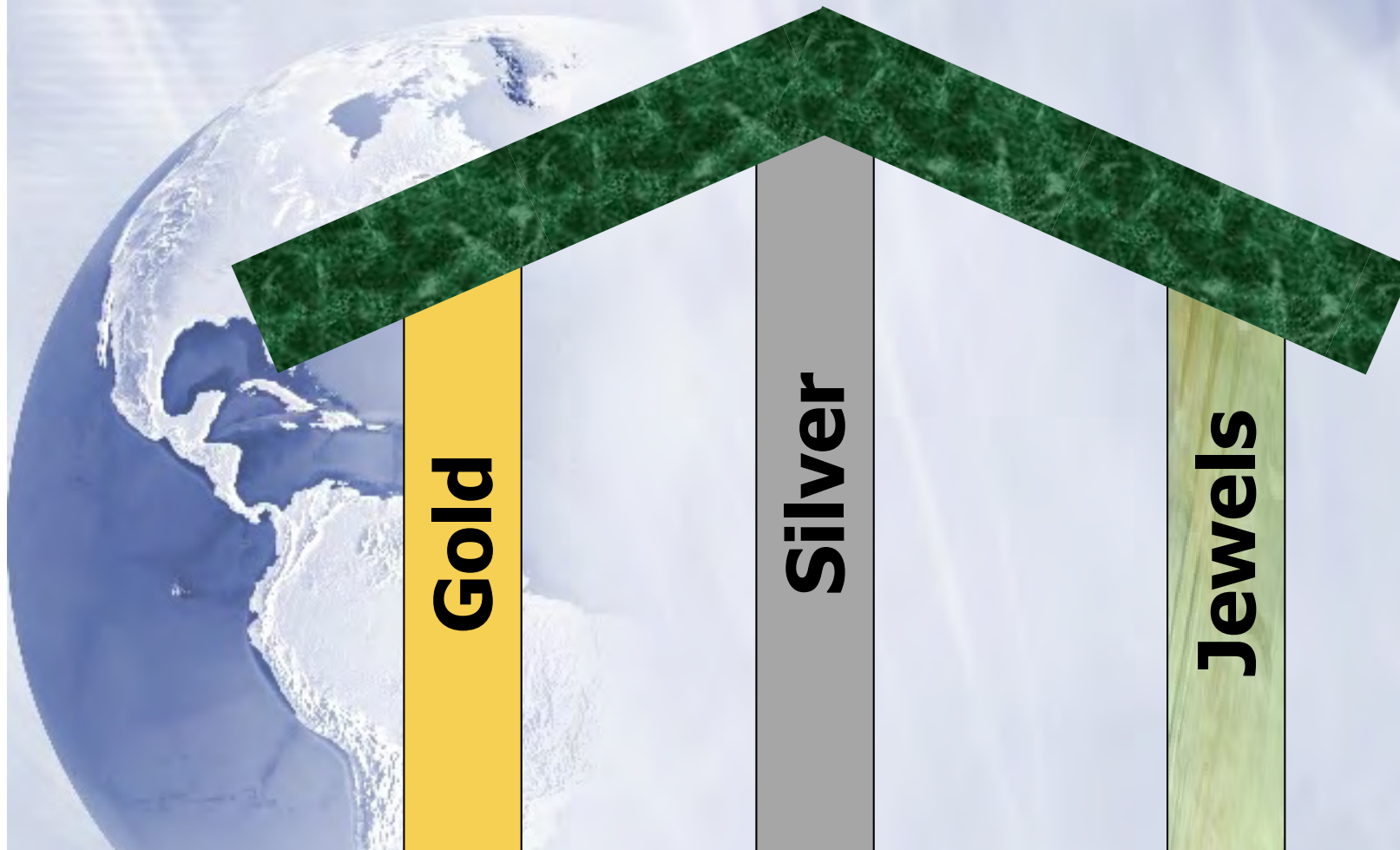
The One Being Judged or Rewarded Stood Below



**"... the *fire* will test
the quality of each
man's work"
(1 Cor. 3:13)**



Lasting Building Materials (3:12a)



Foundation: Apostles & Prophets (Eph. 2:20)

Foundation: The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11)

Perishable Building Materials (3:12b)



Foundation: Apostles & Prophets (Eph. 2:20)

Foundation: The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11)



**"saved
as
through
fire..."
(3:15)**

1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NLT)

³⁰ **That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.**

³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

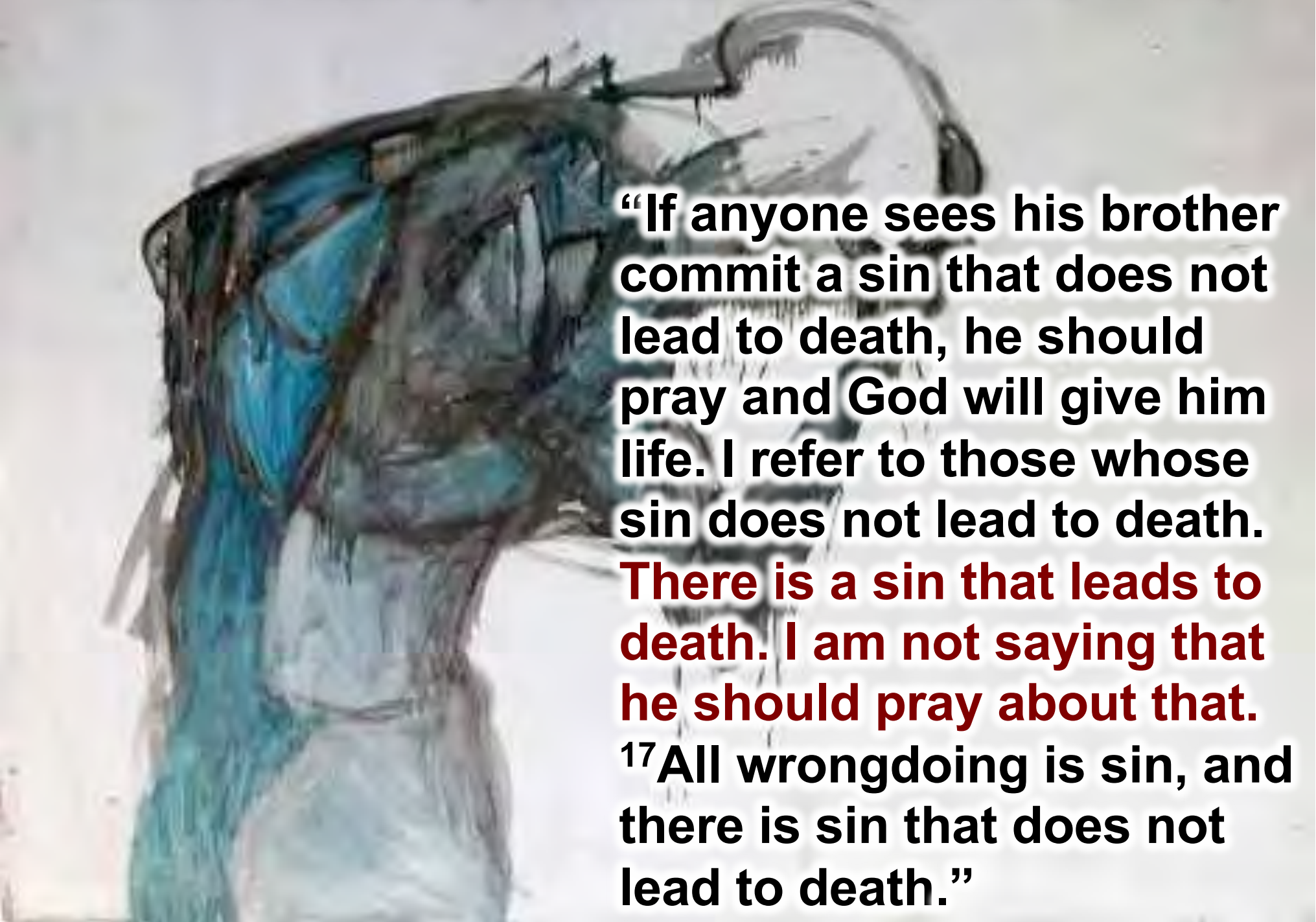


Rewards can be lost!

"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward" (2 John 8 NLT)



Some sin leads to premature death (1 John 5:16-17 NIV)



“If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.”

**"For we know the one who said,
'I will take revenge.
I will pay them back.'**

**He also said,
'The LORD will judge his own people.'**

**³¹It is a terrible thing to fall into the
hands of the living God"
(Hebrews 10:30-31 NLT).**

Views on the Warning Passages

What group of Jews is being addressed?



False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
People who are not really believers	Christians who sin by not seeing Christ's superiority	Christians who sin by not seeing Christ's superiority

Views on the Warning Passages

What is the nature of their punishment?



False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
Never had Salvation	Loss of Salvation	Loss of Reward

Views on the Warning Passages

What is the result?



False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
Hell	Hell	Divine Discipline

Views on the Warning Passages

Which theological perspective holds to this view?



False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
Reformed	Arminian	Partakers

Views on the Warning Passages

Strengths



False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
Signifying Hell (sees the judgment as serious)	Signifying Hell (sees the judgment as serious)	Loss of rewards judgment is better than loss of salvation

Views on the Warning Passages

Weaknesses



False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
Consistently speaks of the readers as genuine Christians	Temporal security goes against NT doctrine of justification by grace	10:27 refers to judging persons, not deeds

The Jewish War (AD 66-73)

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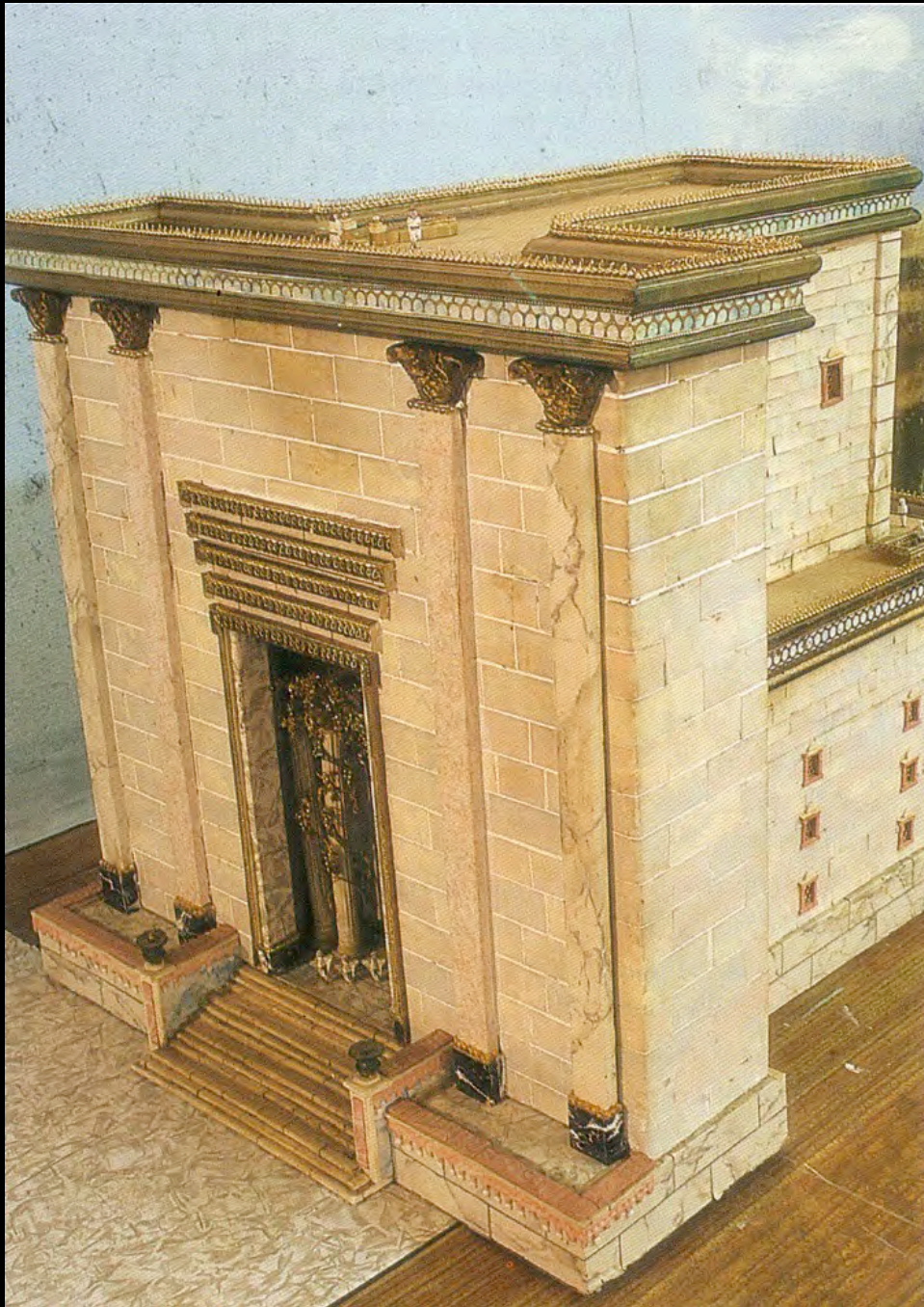
- Caesarea desecration
- Jerusalem revolt
- Temple sacrifice for Nero stopped
- Rome sent Vespasian
- Nero died
- Siege of Jerusalem by Titus (April-Sept. 70)



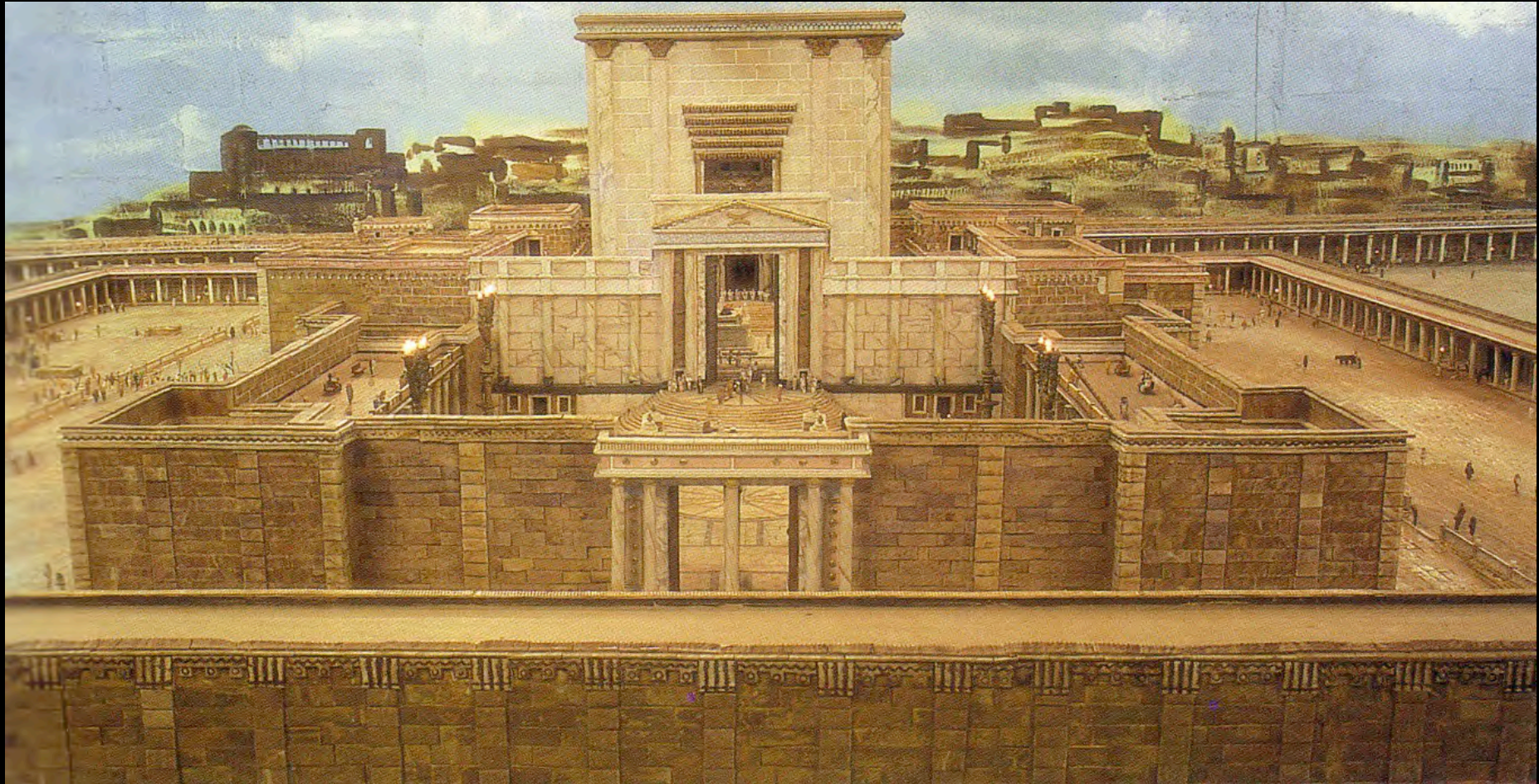
Jerusalem Siege Wall (AD 70)



Josephus notes that a siege wall surrounded the entire city, including the tomb of Annas, located among the tombs of Akeldama. This lends support to these being a wealthy burial place (not Potter's Field).



The Temple Sanctuary



The Temple from the east

Antonia Fortress







Antonia Fortress Leveled

The Temple Assault



The Fire

"Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. ²⁷ There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies" (Hebrews 10:26-27 NLT).

Hell fire?

No, Jerusalem fire!

Hebrews 8:13

*"By calling this covenant 'new,'
he has made the first one **obsolete**;
and what is obsolete and aging
will soon **disappear**."*



Obsolete

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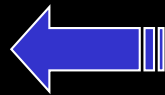
Hebrews Written

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Disappeared

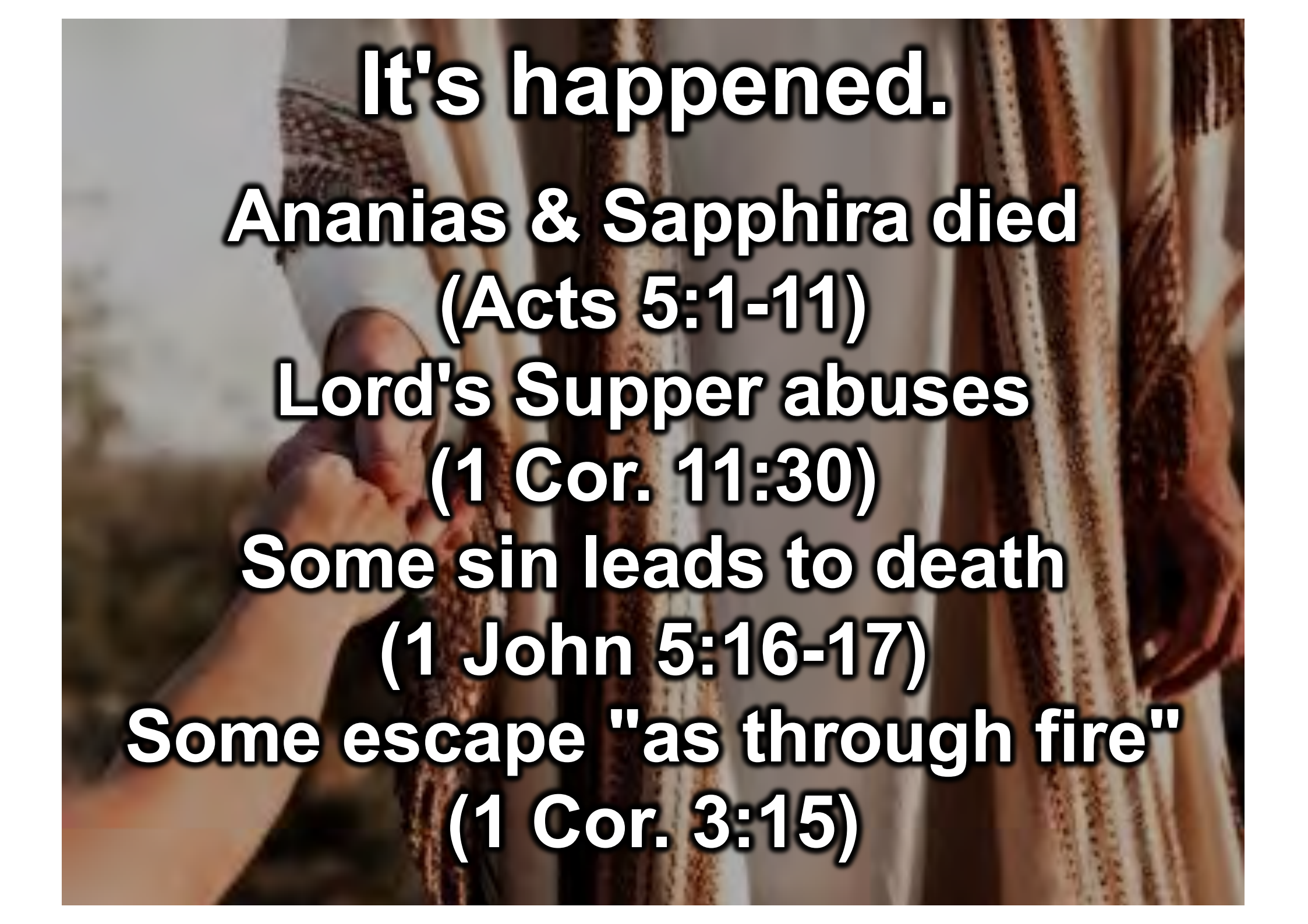
AD 70



**Don't
convince
God to
bring you
to heaven
early!**



Main Idea



It's happened.

**Ananias & Sapphira died
(Acts 5:1-11)**

**Lord's Supper abuses
(1 Cor. 11:30)**

**Some sin leads to death
(1 John 5:16-17)**

**Some escape "as through fire"
(1 Cor. 3:15)**

The Problem with Labels

Must we be one or the other...?

Reformed?

...or...

Arminian?

**Many do
Fall Away**

Weaknesses

**Loss of
Salvation**

**Eternal
Security**

Strengths

**Reality of
Apostasy**

**Partakers View Has
Both Strengths &
Neither Weakness**

Jody Dillow is the key author of the Partakers View



Final Destiny

***The Future Reign of the
Servant Kings***

Joseph Dillow



***The Reign
of the
Servant
Kings***

Commit yourself to him.



Endurance Through Faith

- **#4 Willful Sin** (warning) 10:19-39
- **Models** of Faithful Endurance 11:1–12:3
- **Endure** as Sons 12:4-13
- **Ethics** of Endurance 12:14-17
- **#5 Ignoring** God's Voice 12:18-29
- **Exhortations** to Love 13:1-25



Hebrews 11



JESUS

**Have you ever met someone with
too high a view of Jesus?**

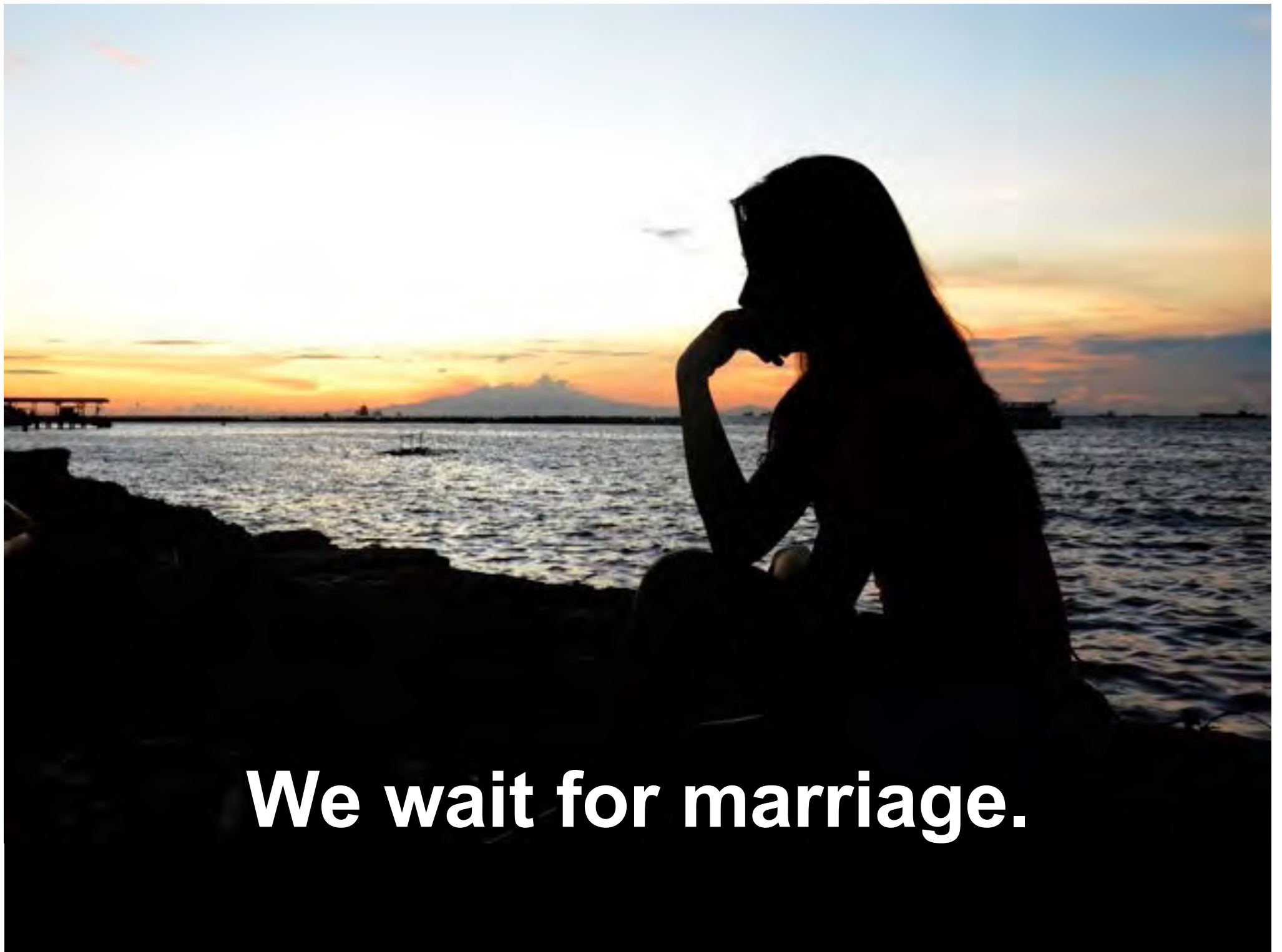
Why press on with Christ?



**Others faithfully endured before
you to give you examples—so
press on (11:1–12:3).**



Waiting.



We wait for marriage.



**Some wait for direction from God
on where we should work**



**We wait upon God to overcome
difficulties at work from being a
Christian.**

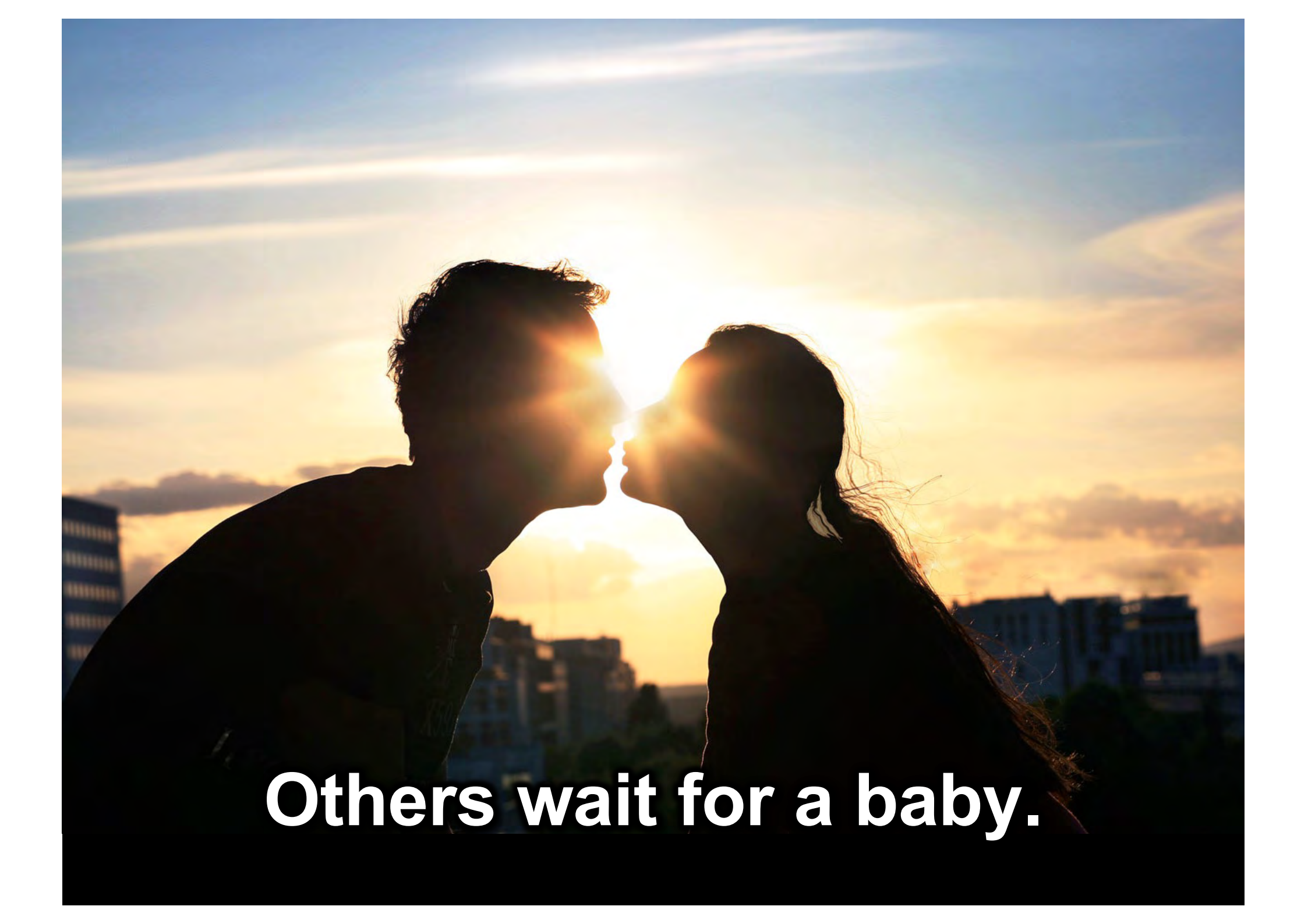


**Bad
Leadership**

**Dear God,
Please stop teaching
me how to deal with
difficult people.
Amen.**



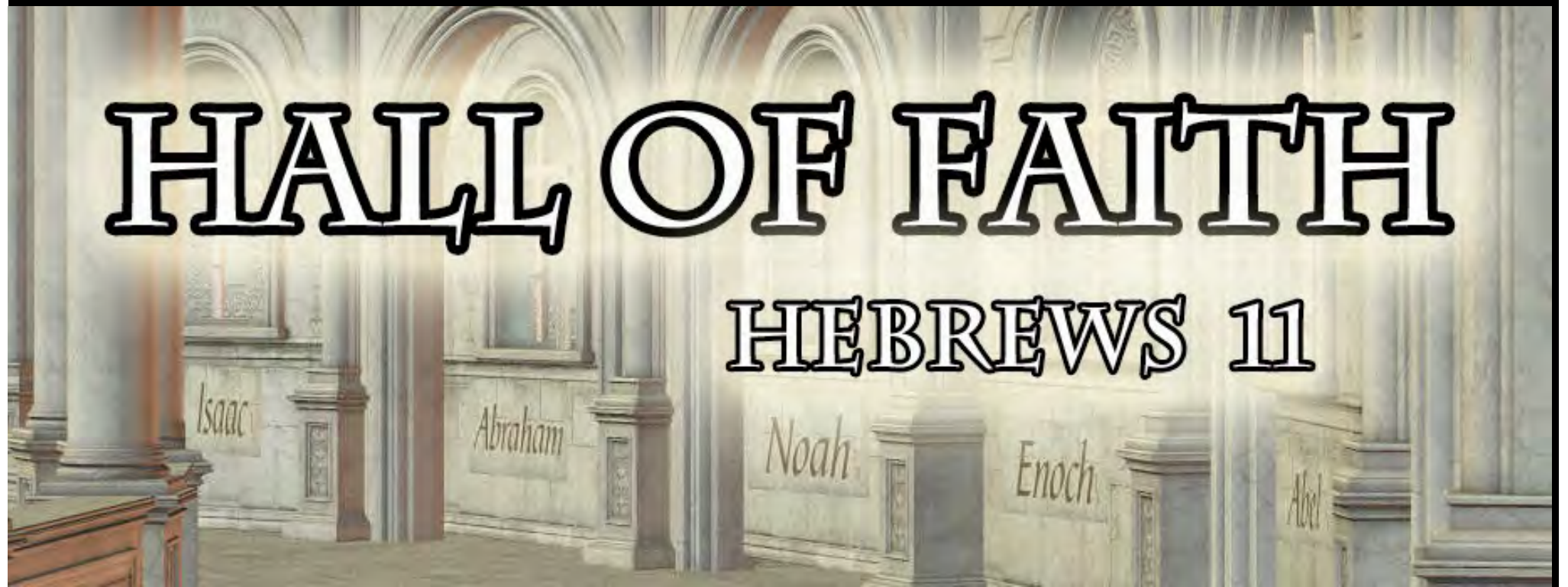
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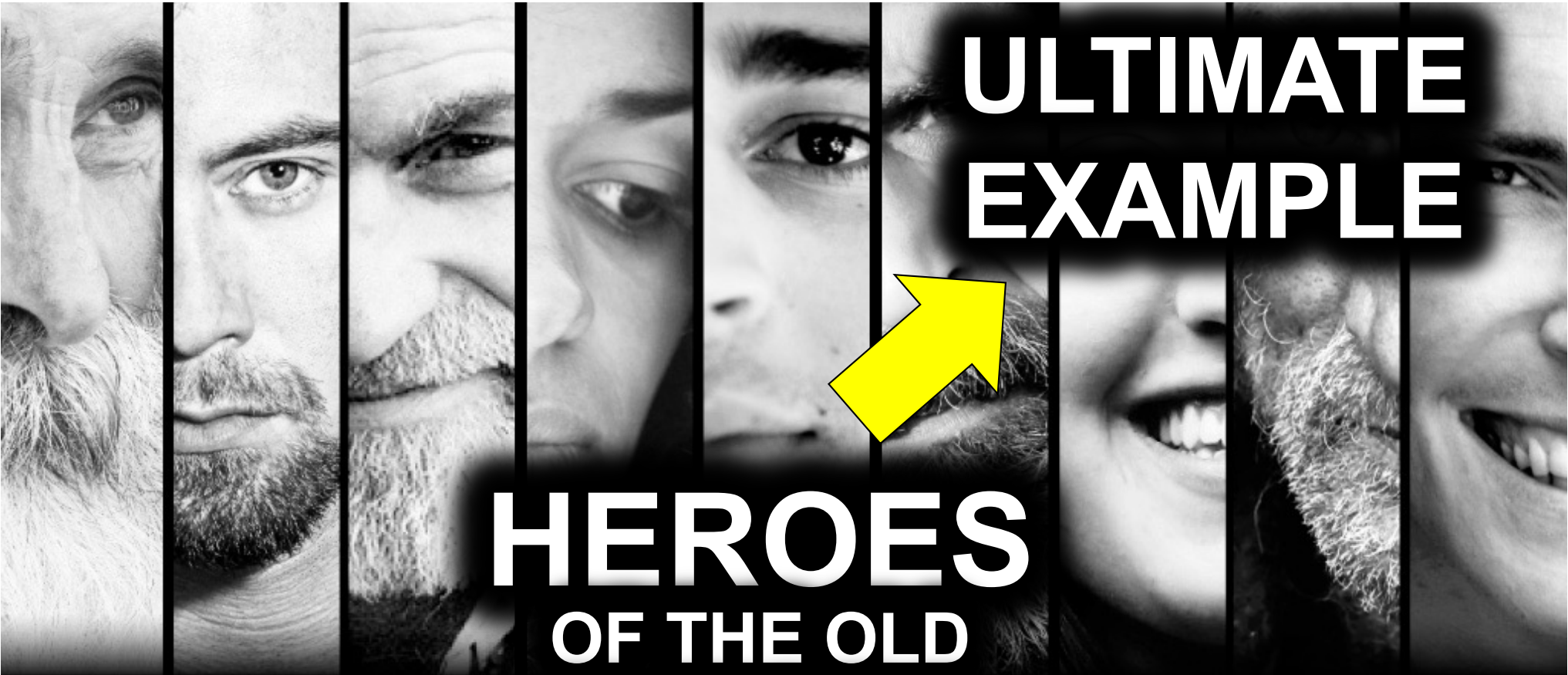
A romantic silhouette of a man and a woman kissing at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that silhouettes the couple. The background shows a city skyline with buildings under a sky filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall mood is intimate and hopeful.

Others wait for a baby.

**What are you
waiting for?**

(Tell the person next to you.)

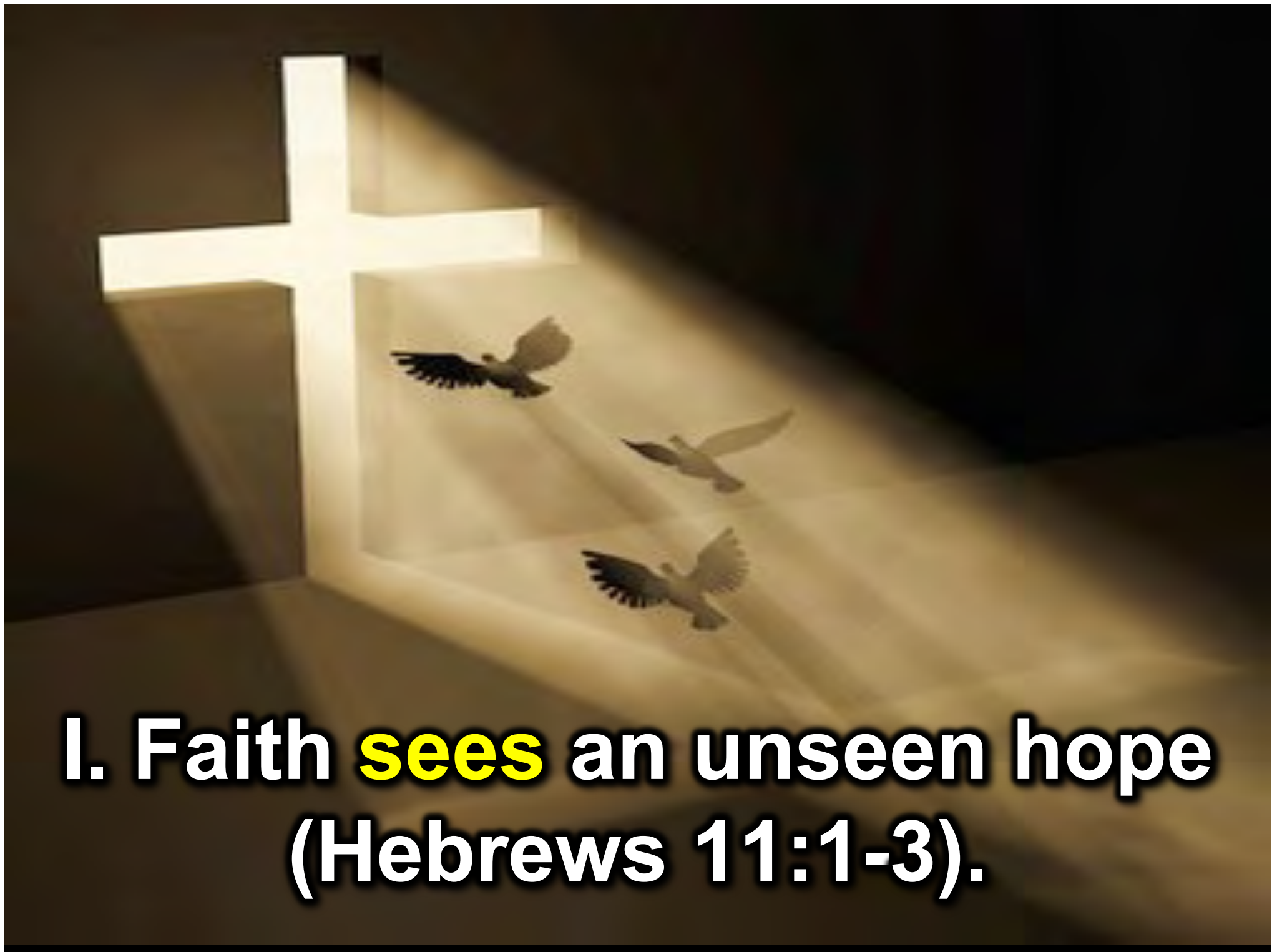




**ULTIMATE
EXAMPLE**

**HEROES
OF THE OLD
TESTAMENT**

**KEY
PRINCIPLE**



I. Faith **sees an unseen hope
(Hebrews 11:1-3).**

"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see" (Heb. 11:1 NLT)

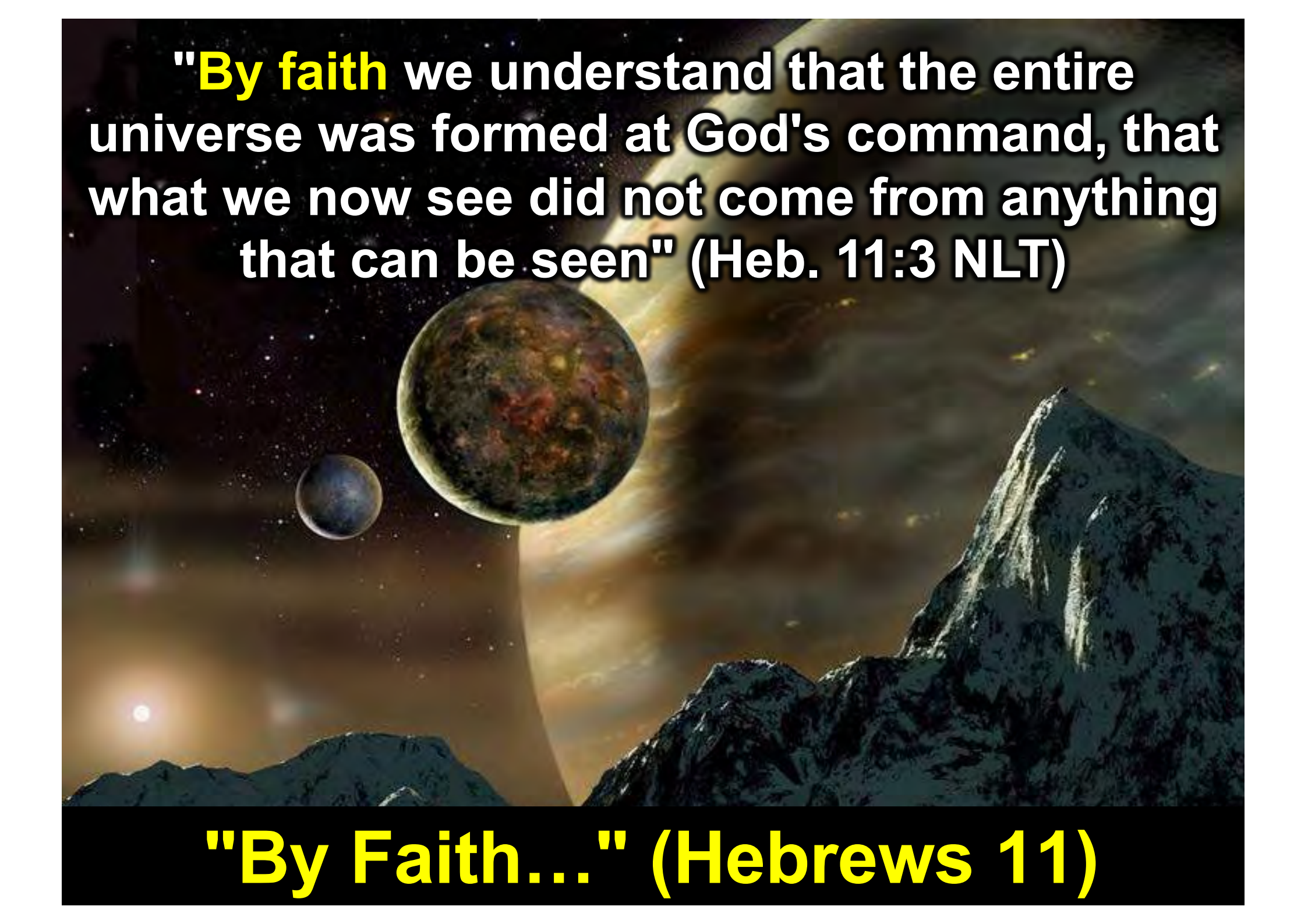


"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

"Through their **faith, the people in days of old
earned a good reputation"
(Heb. 11:2 NLT)**

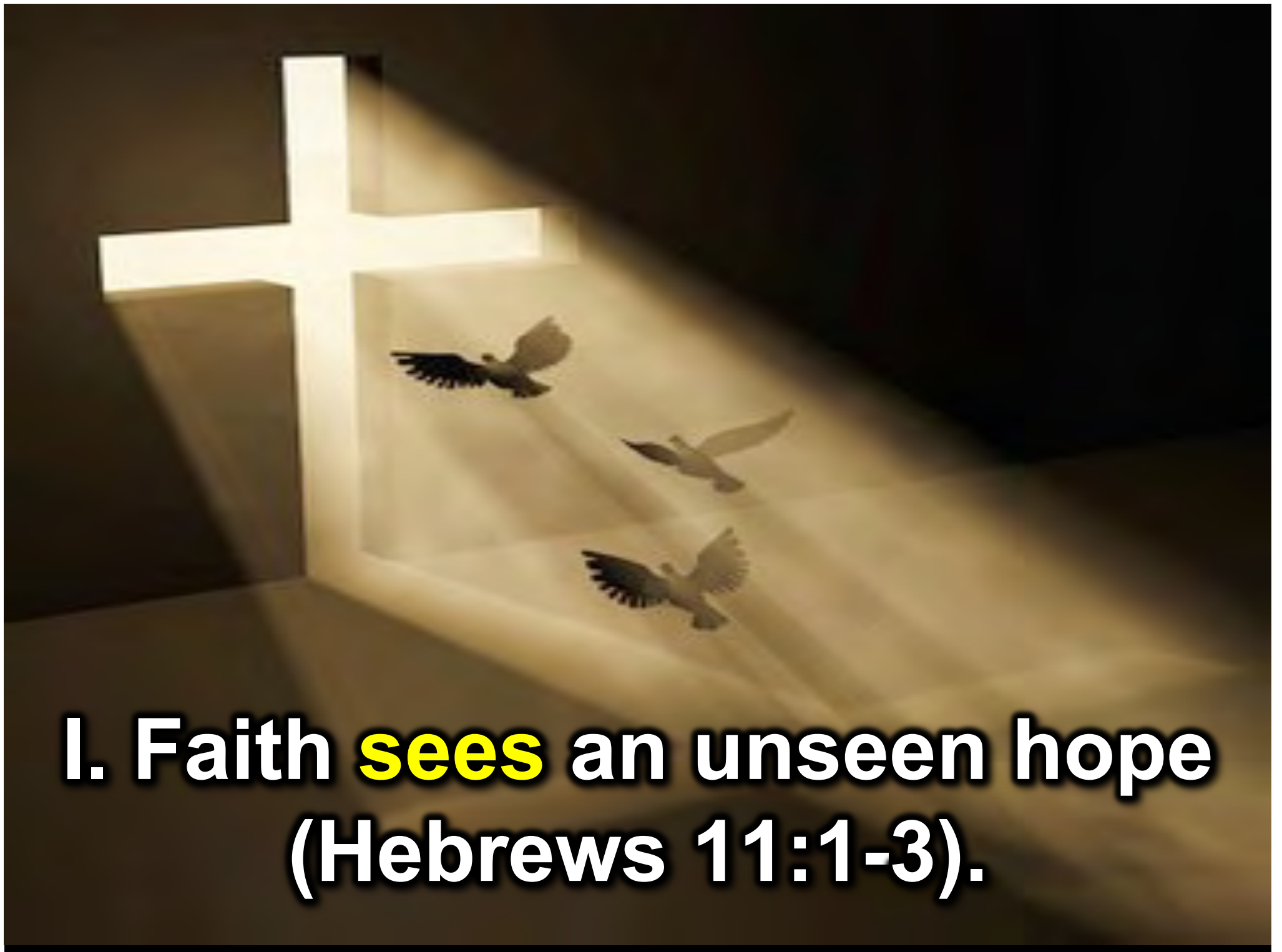


"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



"By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen" (Heb. 11:3 NLT)

"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



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(Hebrews 11:1-3).**

HEROES

AMAZING STORIES OF FAITH

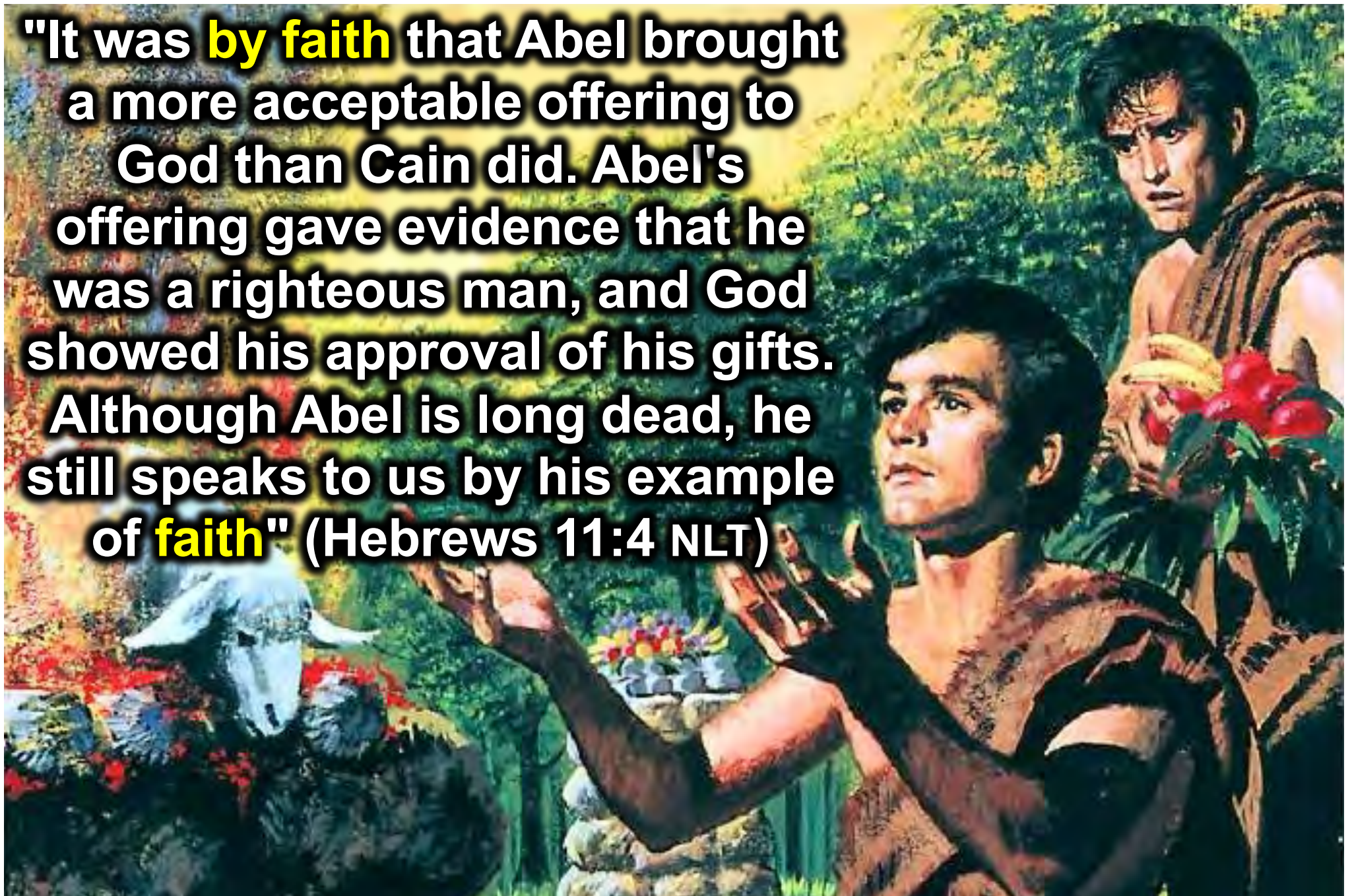


II. Imitate OT **saints that persevered (Hebrews 11:4-40).**



**Pre-patriarchal people acted with
certainty on an unseen hope
(Hebrews 11:4-7).**

"It was **by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of **faith**" (Hebrews 11:4 NLT)**



"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

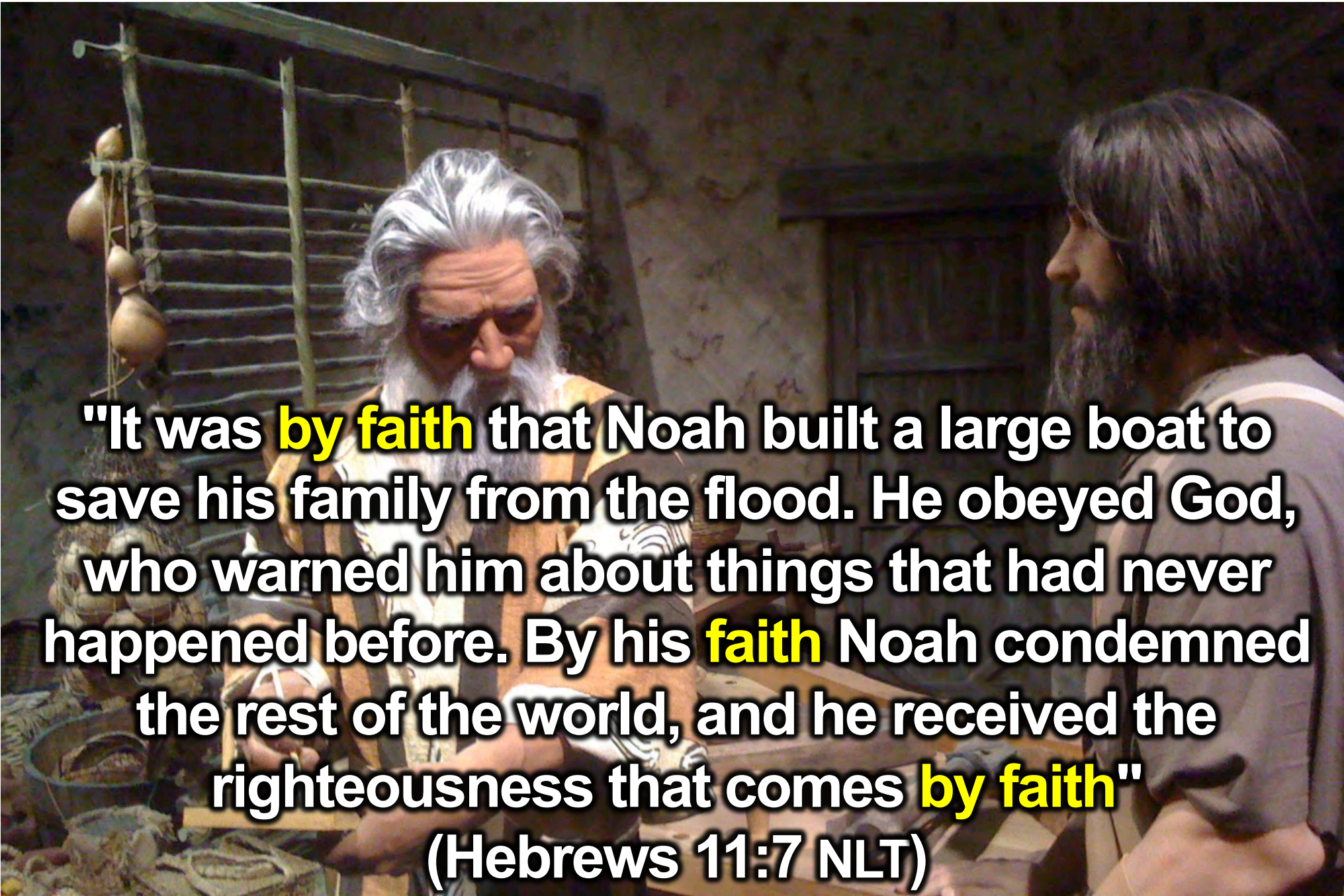
"It was **by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—'he disappeared, because God took him.' For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5 NLT)**



"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



"And it is impossible to please God without **faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him"**
(Hebrews 11:6 NLT)



"It was **by faith** that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his **faith** Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes **by faith**"
(Hebrews 11:7 NLT)

"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



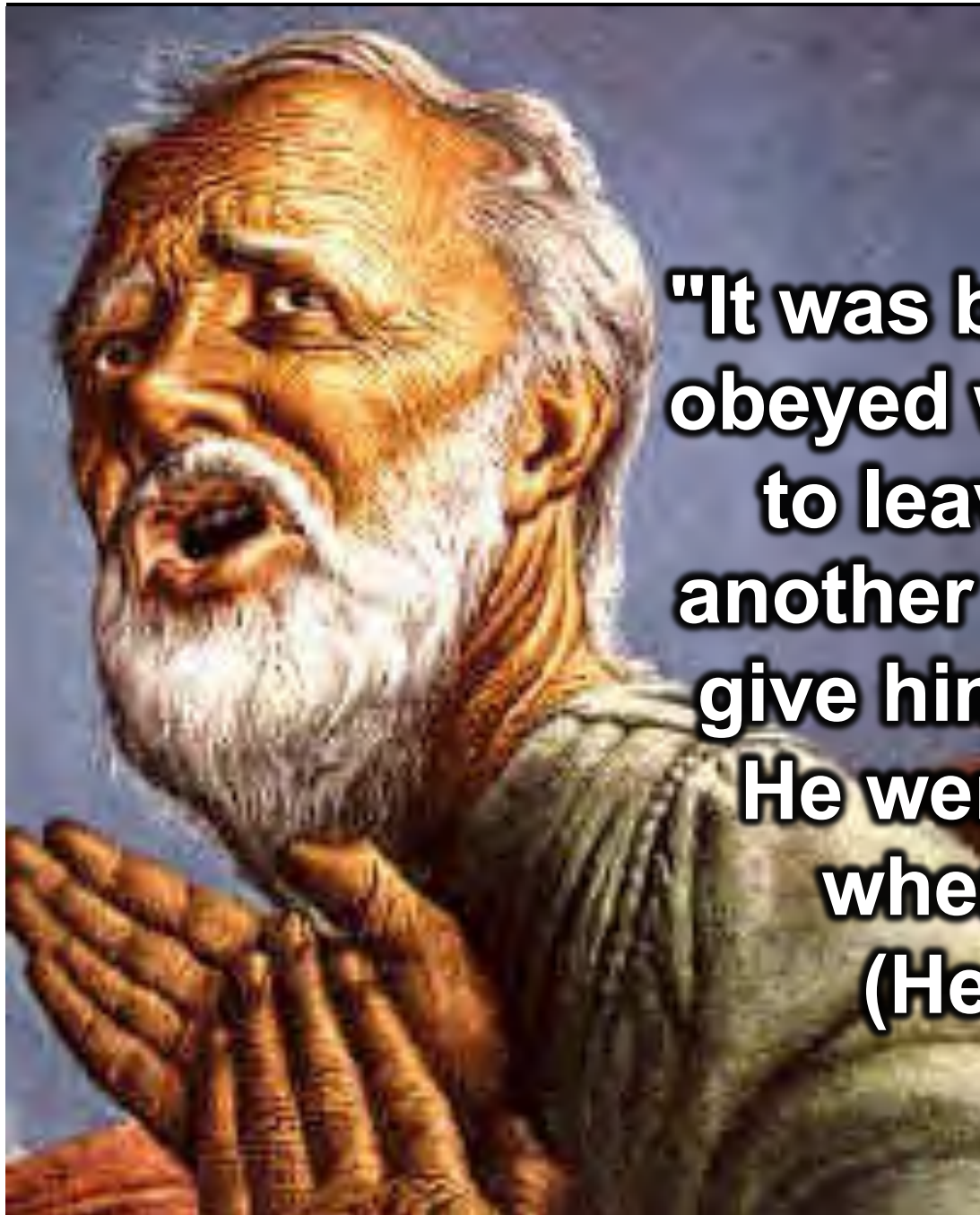
Abraham

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Jacob

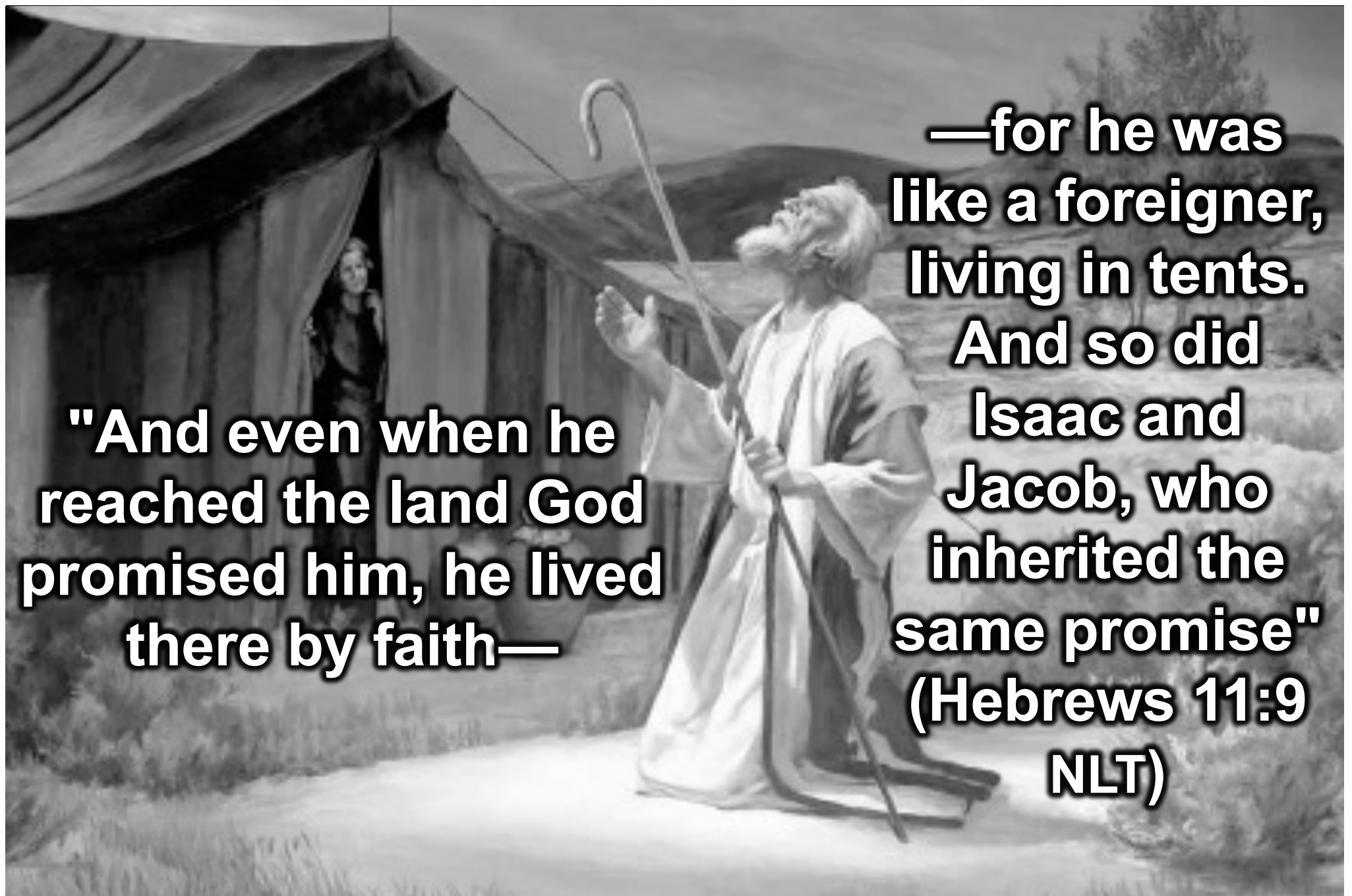
Joseph

The patriarchs acted with certainty on an unseen hope (Hebrews 11:8-22).



**"It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going"
(Hebrews 11:8 NLT)**

"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



"And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—

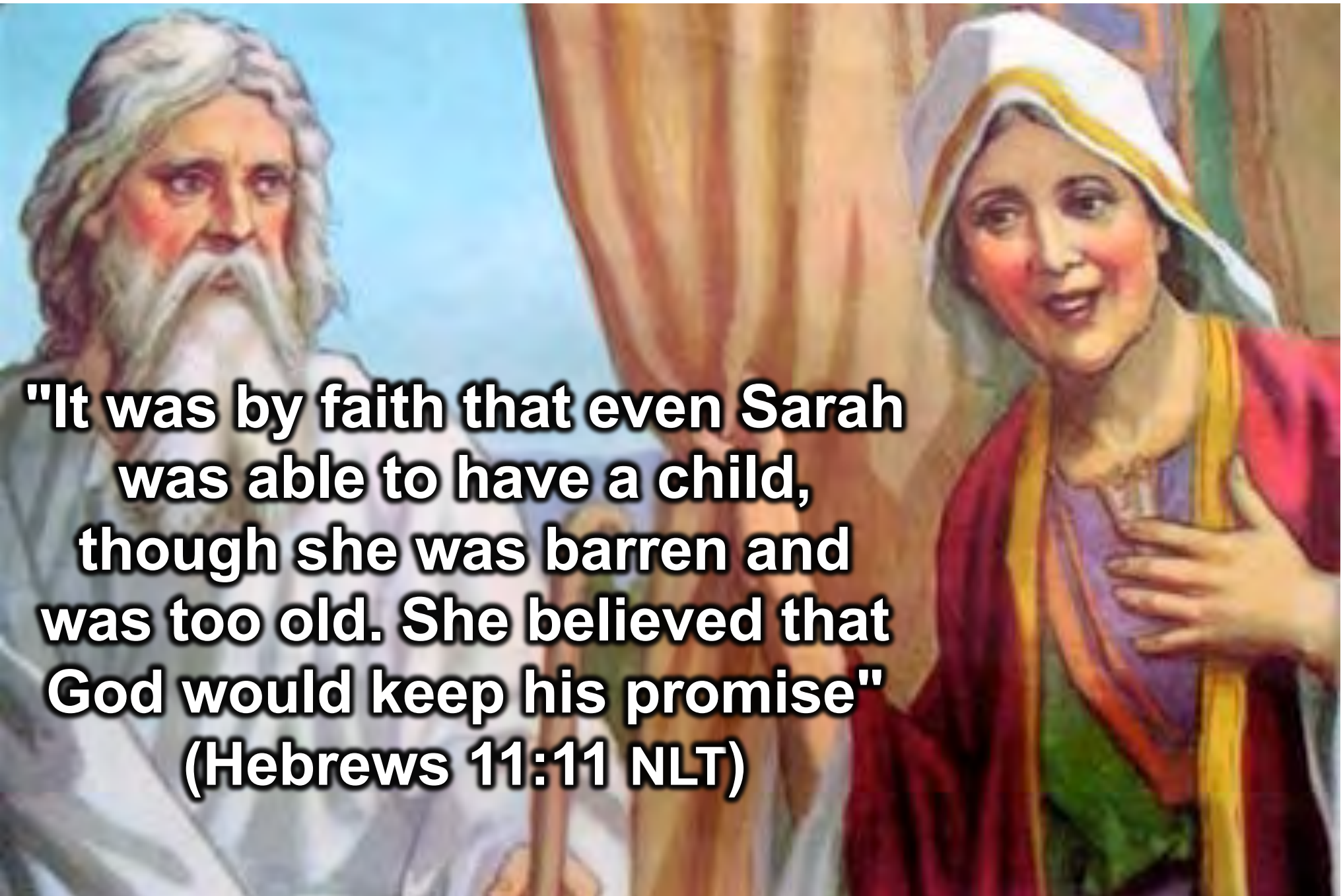
—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise" (Hebrews 11:9 NLT)

"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

**"Abraham was confidently looking forward to
a city with eternal foundations, a city
designed and built by God"
(Hebrews 11:10 NLT)**

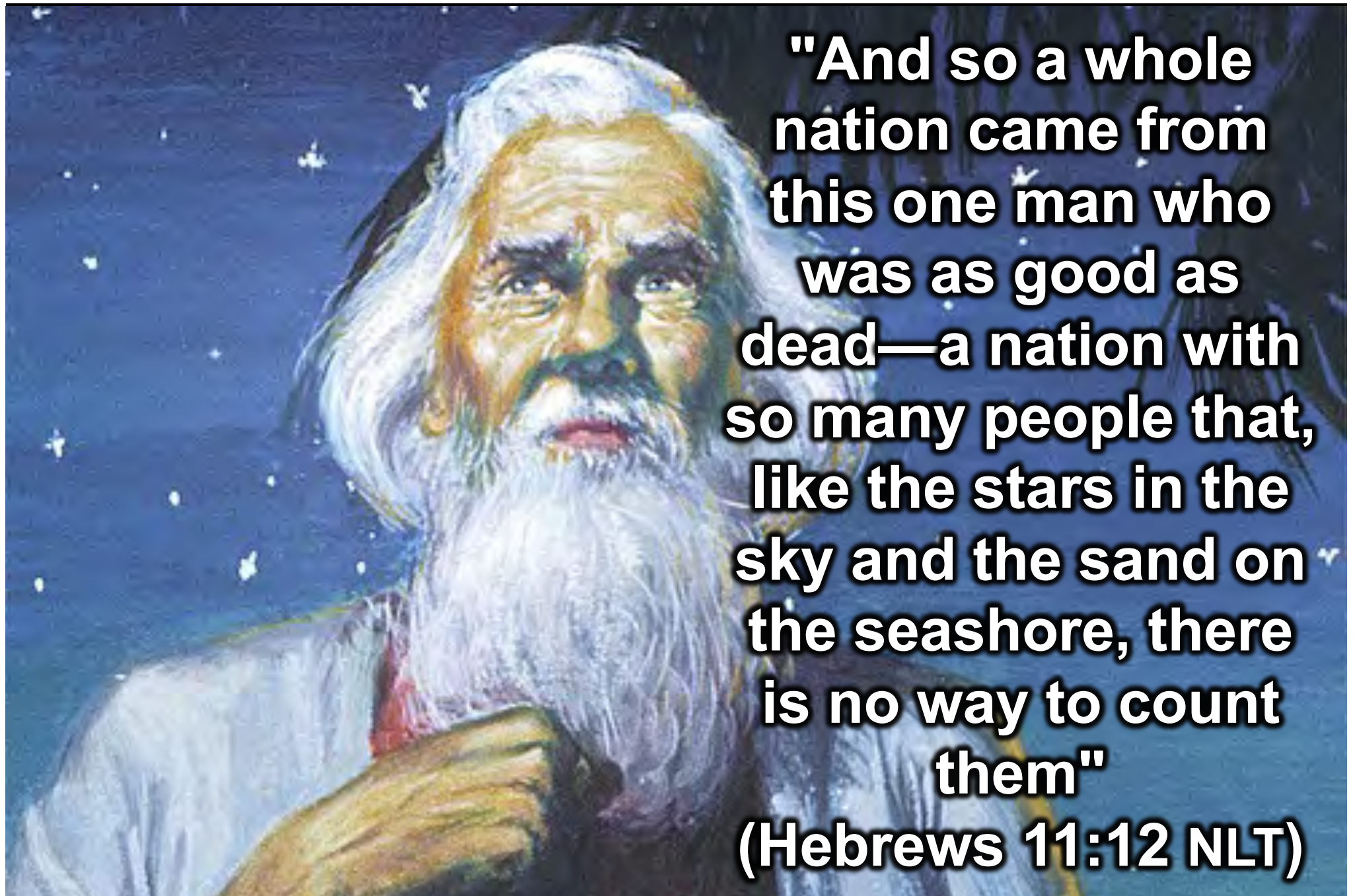


"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



**"It was by faith that even Sarah
was able to have a child,
though she was barren and
was too old. She believed that
God would keep his promise"
(Hebrews 11:11 NLT)**

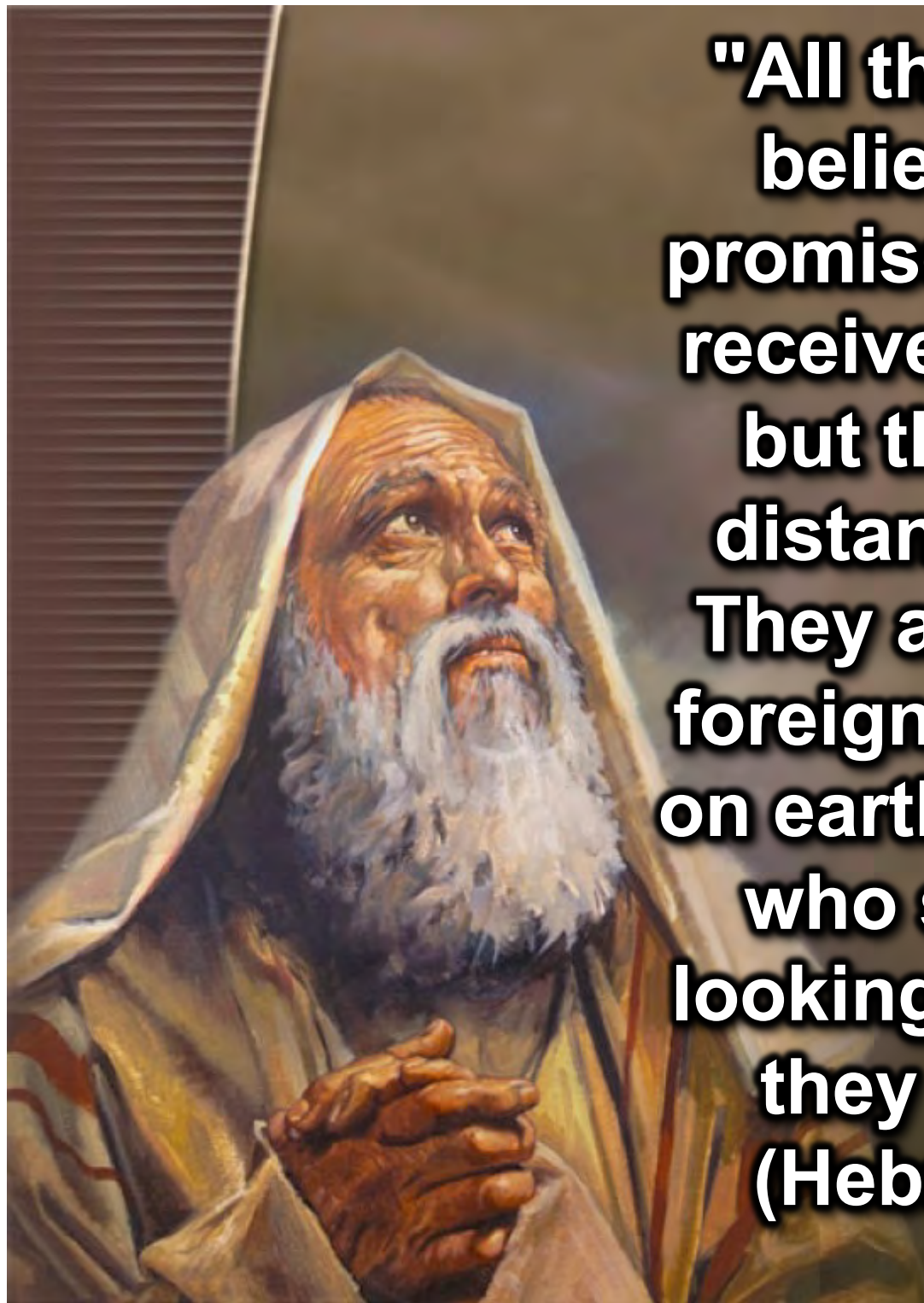
"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)



"And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them"

(Hebrews 11:12 NLT)

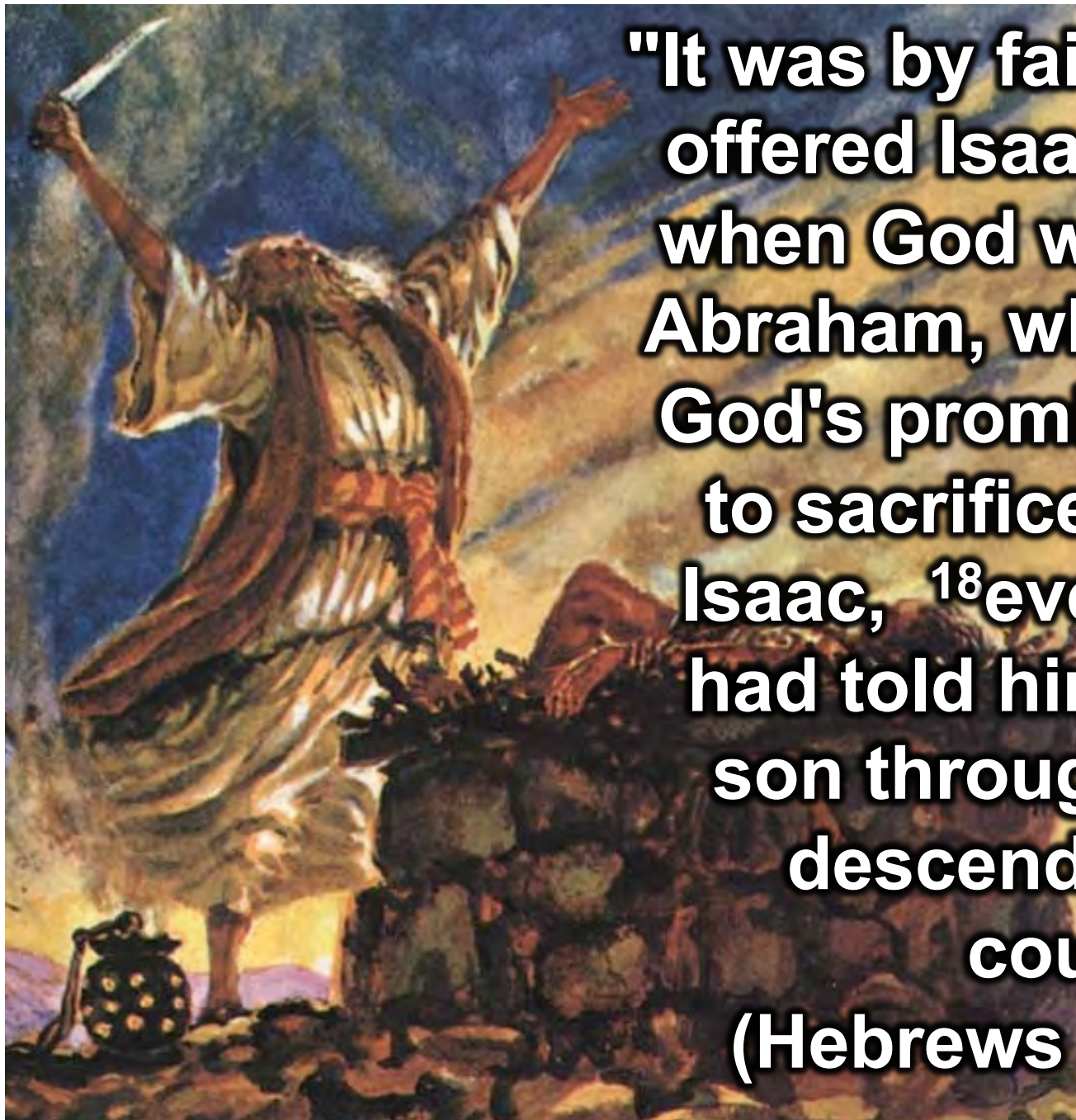
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"All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. ¹⁴Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own" (Hebrews 11:13-14 NLT).

"If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. ¹⁶But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them" (Hebrews 11:15-16 NLT).



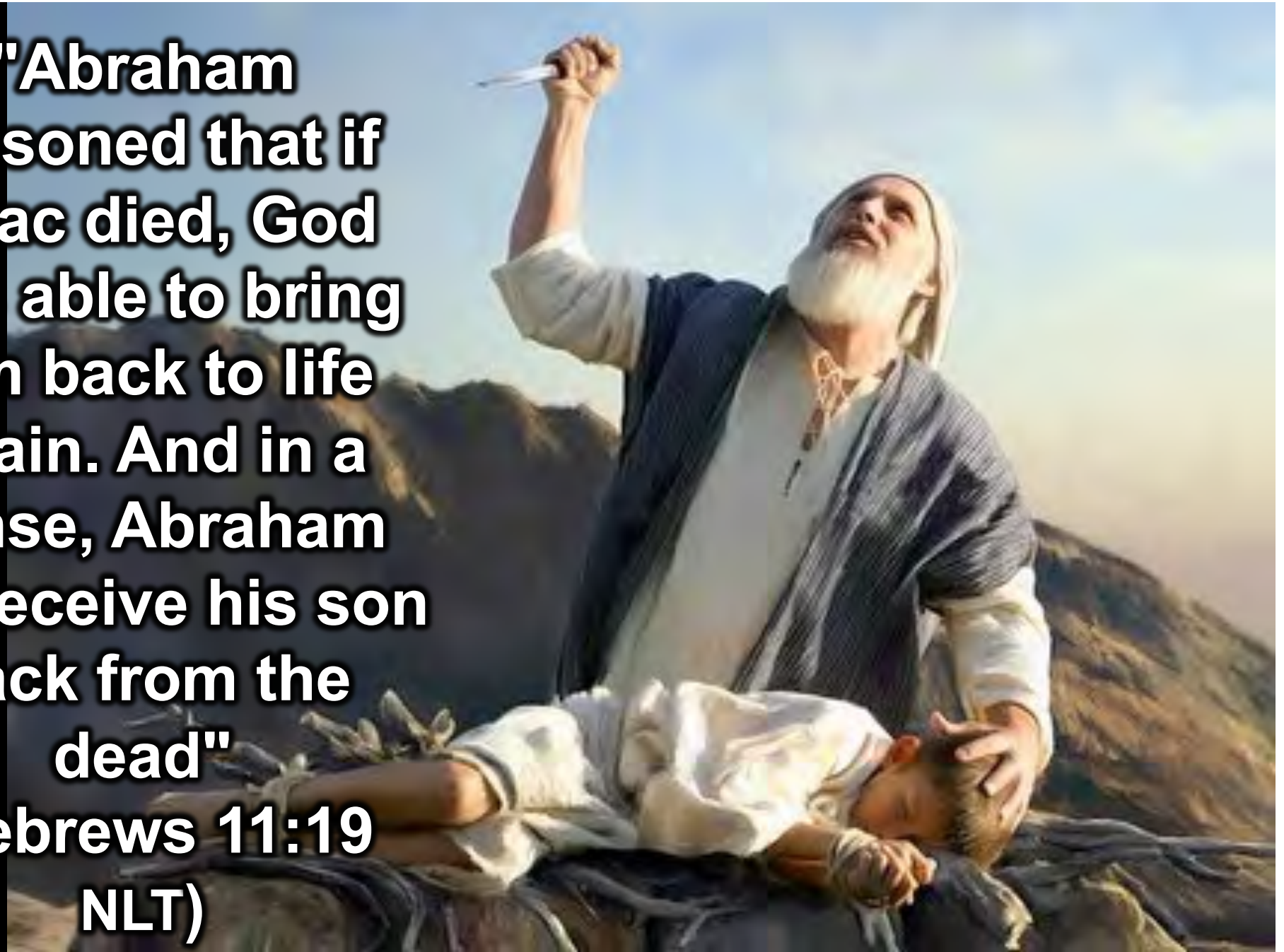


"It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, ¹⁸even though God had told him, 'Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted'"

(Hebrews 11:17-18 NLT)

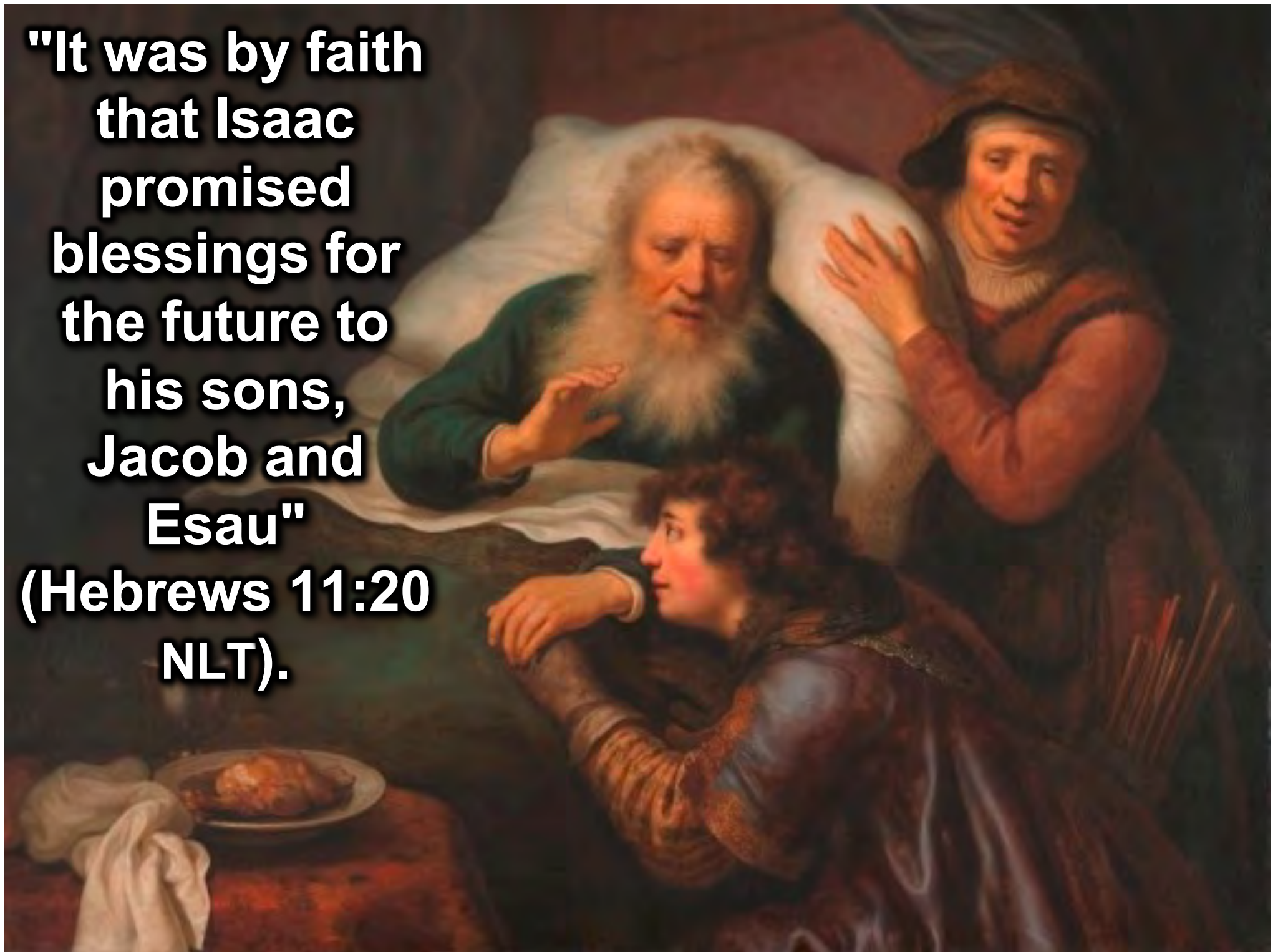
"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

**"Abraham
reasoned that if
Isaac died, God
was able to bring
him back to life
again. And in a
sense, Abraham
did receive his son
back from the
dead"
(Hebrews 11:19
NLT)**

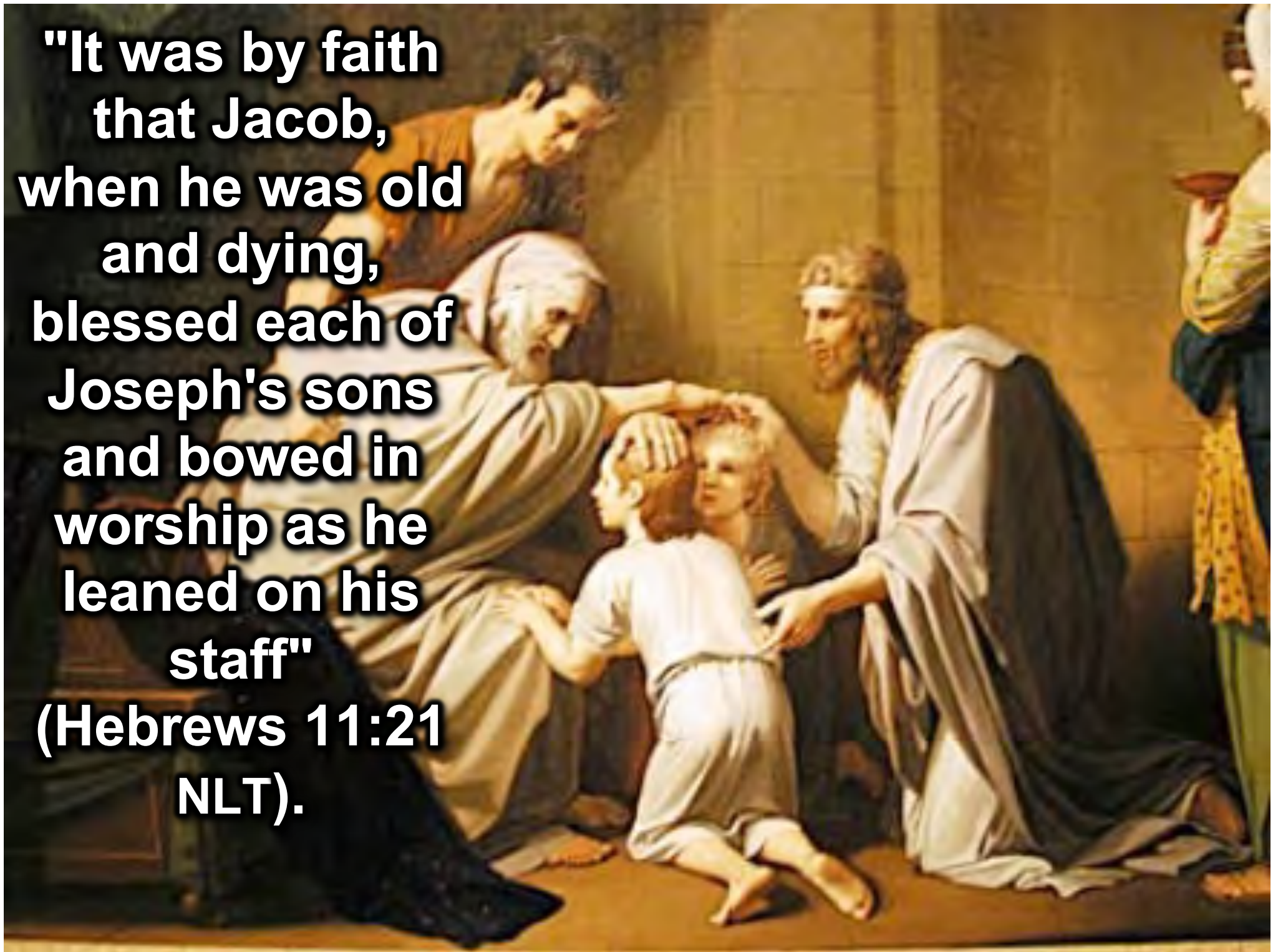


"By Faith..." (Hebrews 11)

**"It was by faith
that Isaac
promised
blessings for
the future to
his sons,
Jacob and
Esau"
(Hebrews 11:20
NLT).**



**"It was by faith
that Jacob,
when he was old
and dying,
blessed each of
Joseph's sons
and bowed in
worship as he
leaned on his
staff"
(Hebrews 11:21
NLT).**



"It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left" (Hebrews 11:22 NLT).





**Moses and the conquest generation
acted with certainty on an unseen hope
(Hebrews 11:23-31).**

"It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command" (Hebrews 11:23 NLT).

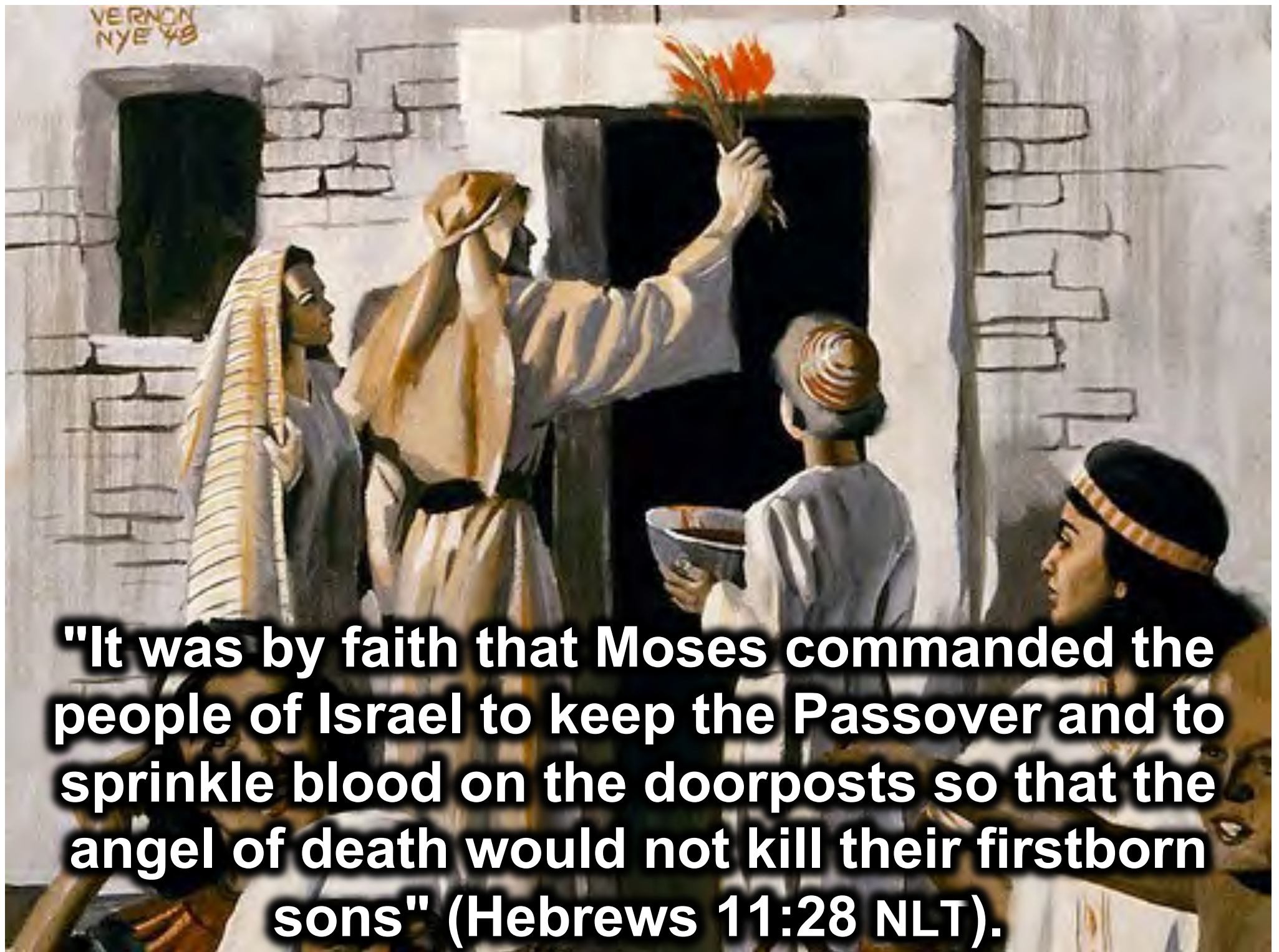


**"It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward"
(Hebrews 11:24-26 NLT).**



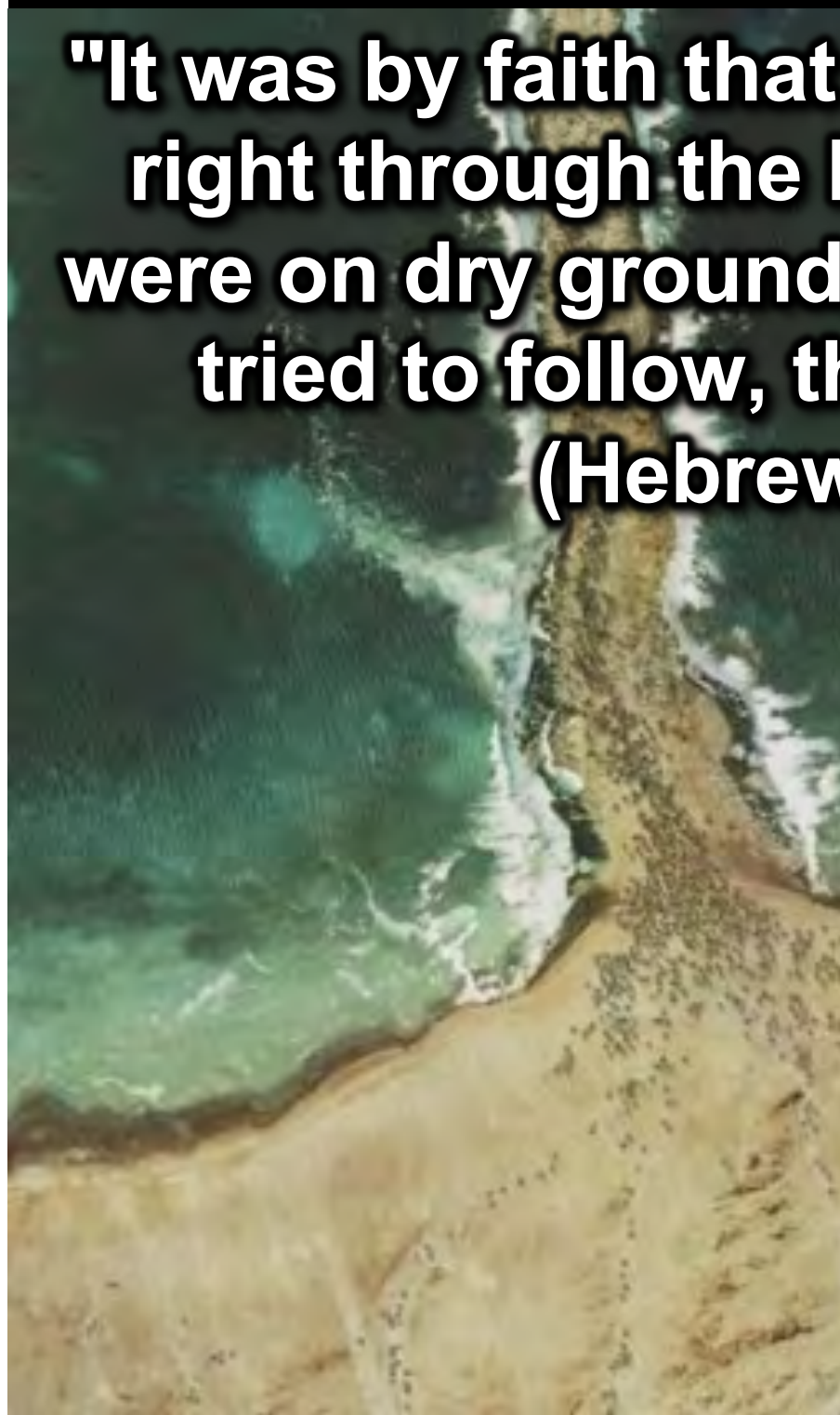
"It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27 NLT).



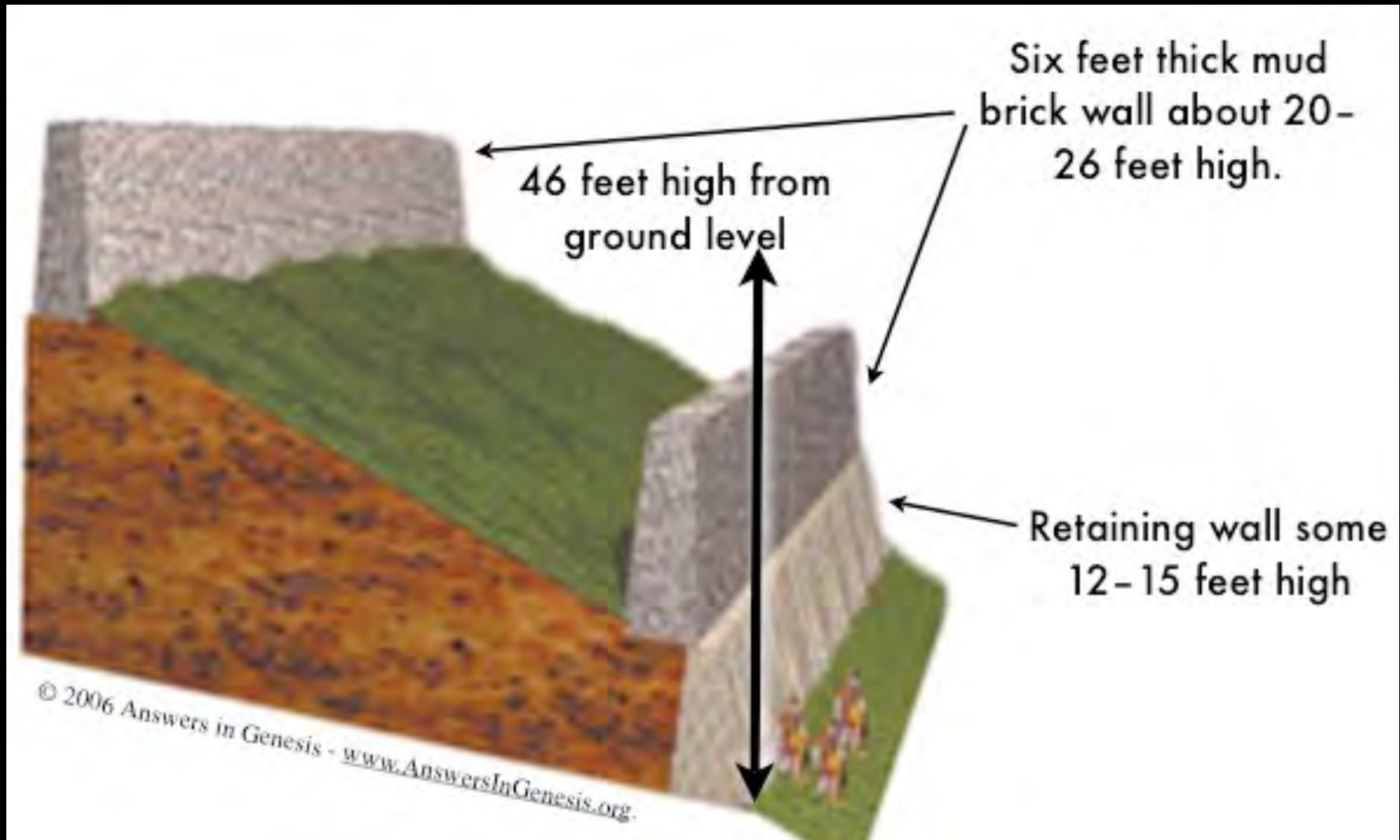


"It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons" (Hebrews 11:28 NLT).

"It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned" (Hebrews 11:29 NLT).



**"It was by faith that the people of Israel
marched around Jericho for seven days, and
the walls came crashing down"
(Hebrews 11:30 NLT).**



**"It was by faith
that Rahab the
prostitute was not
destroyed with the
people in her city
who refused to
obey God. For she
had given a
friendly welcome
to the spies"
(Hebrews 11:31
NLT).**

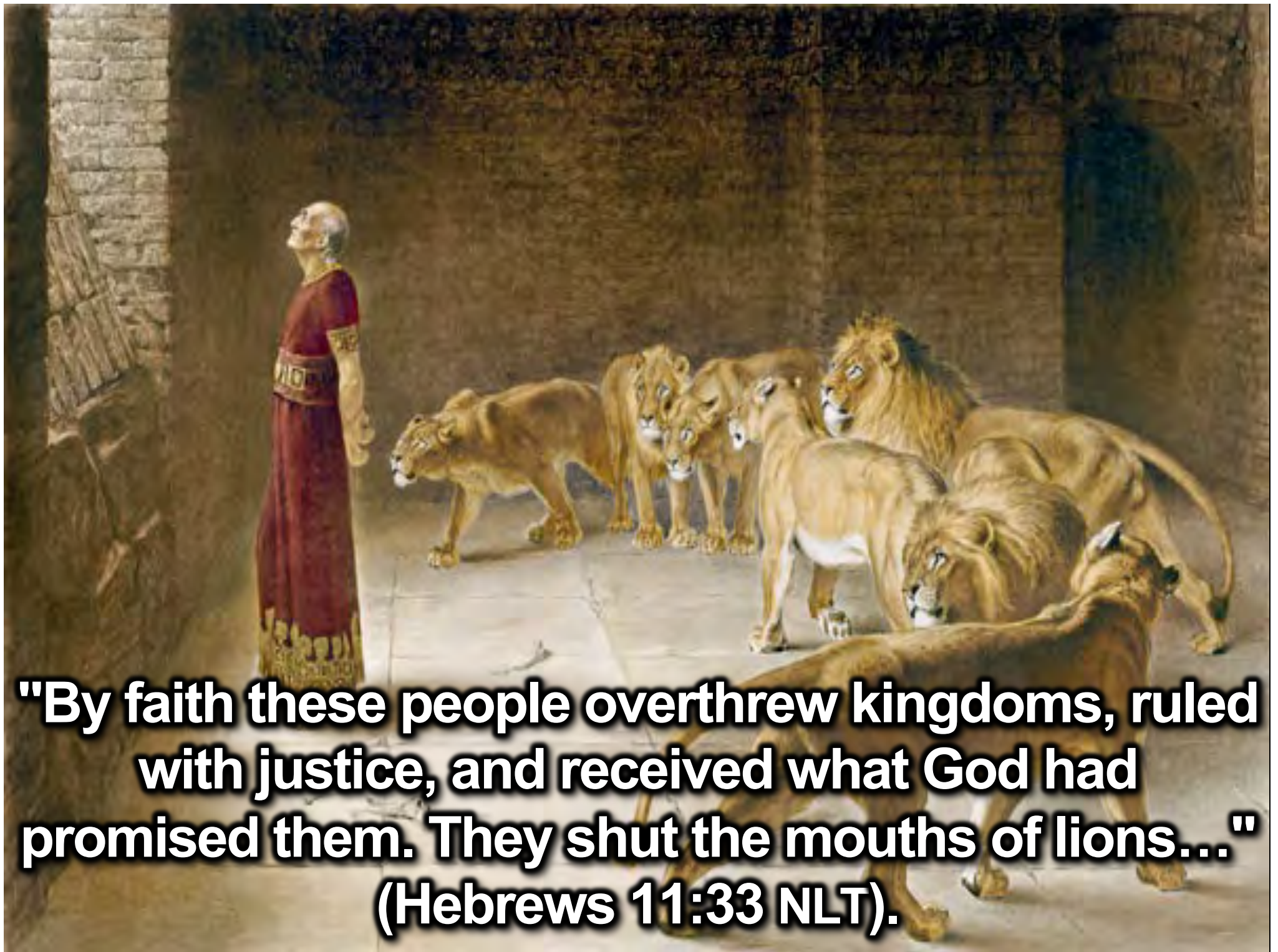




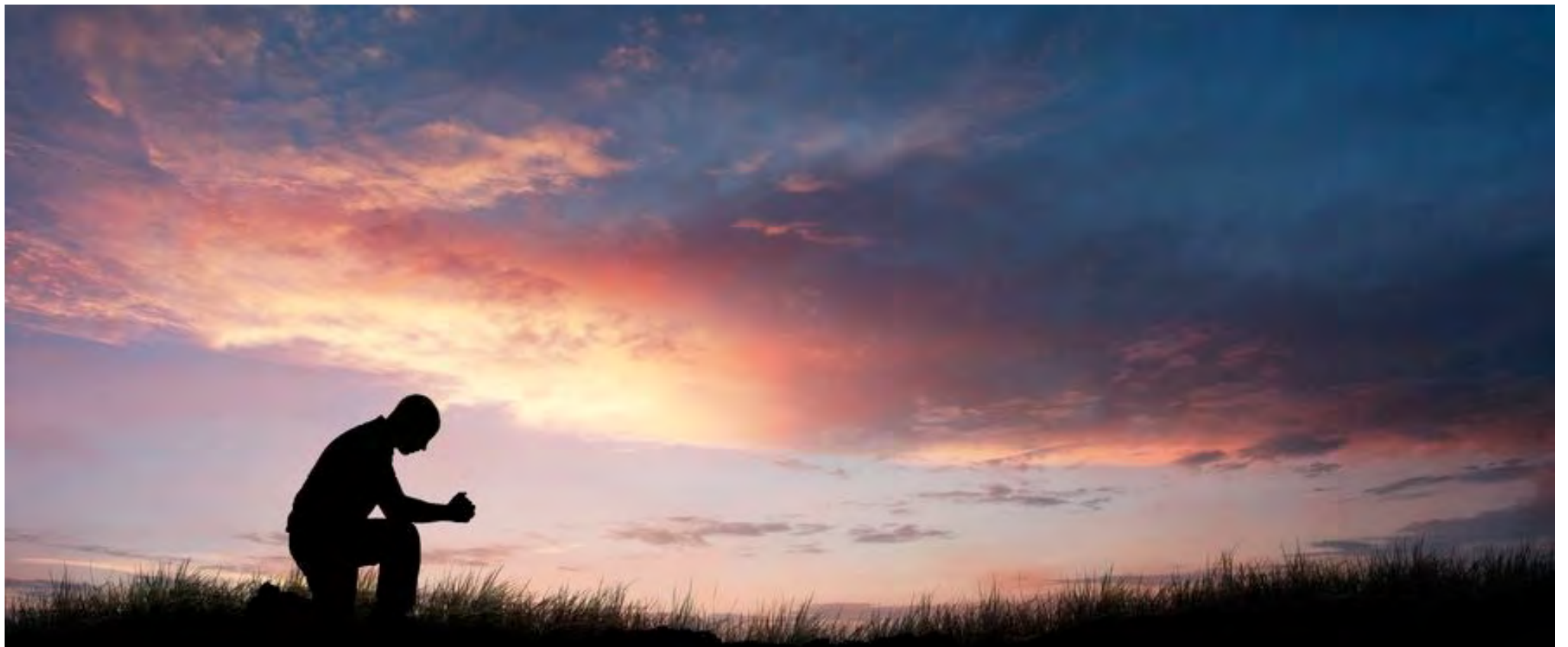
People of many generations acted with certainty on an unseen hope (Hebrews 11:32-38).

"How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets" (Hebrews 11:32 NLT).





**"By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions..."
(Hebrews 11:33 NLT).**



**"...quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight"
(Hebrews 11:34 NLT).**

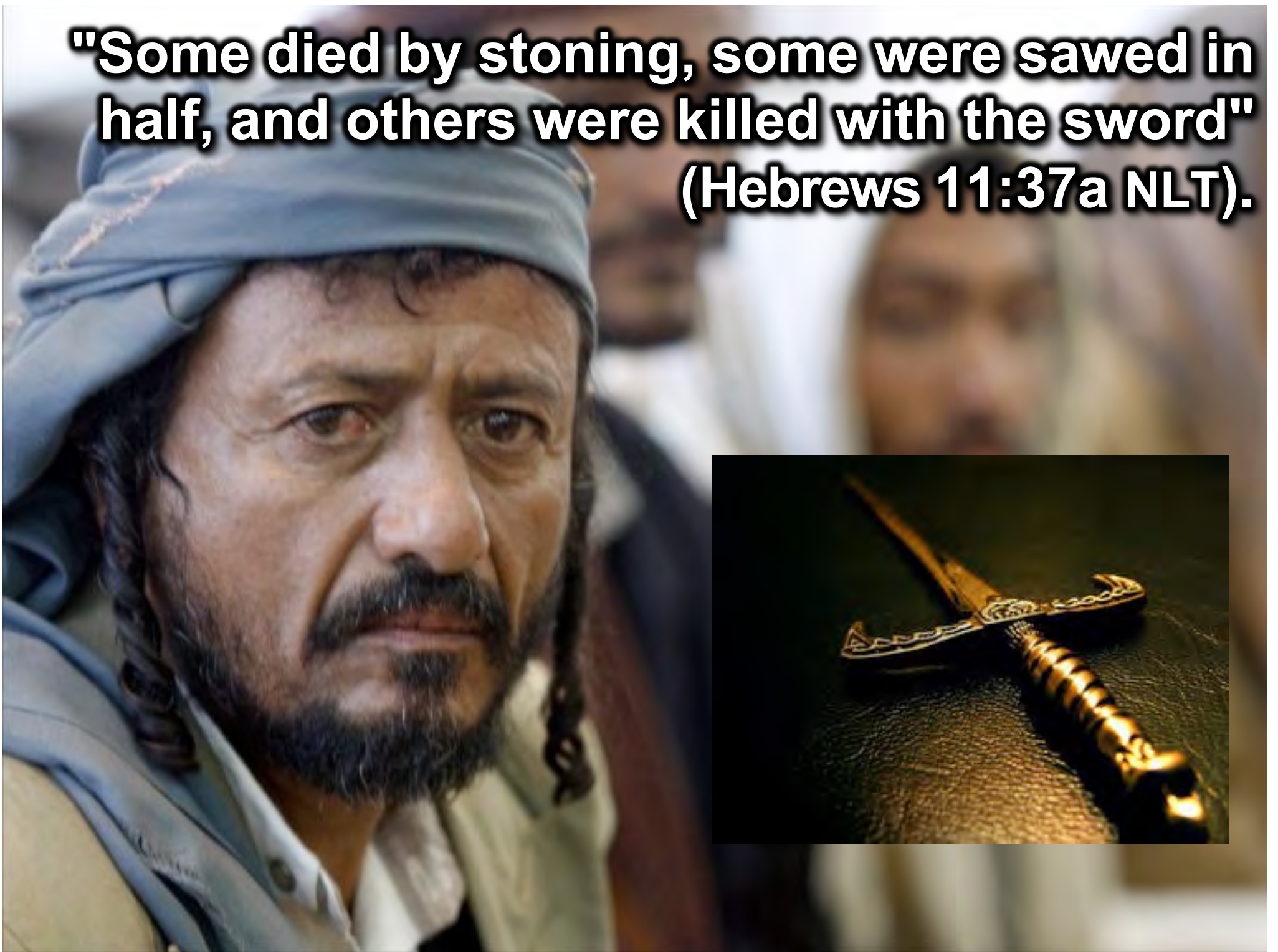
"Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection" (Hebrews 11:35 NLT).





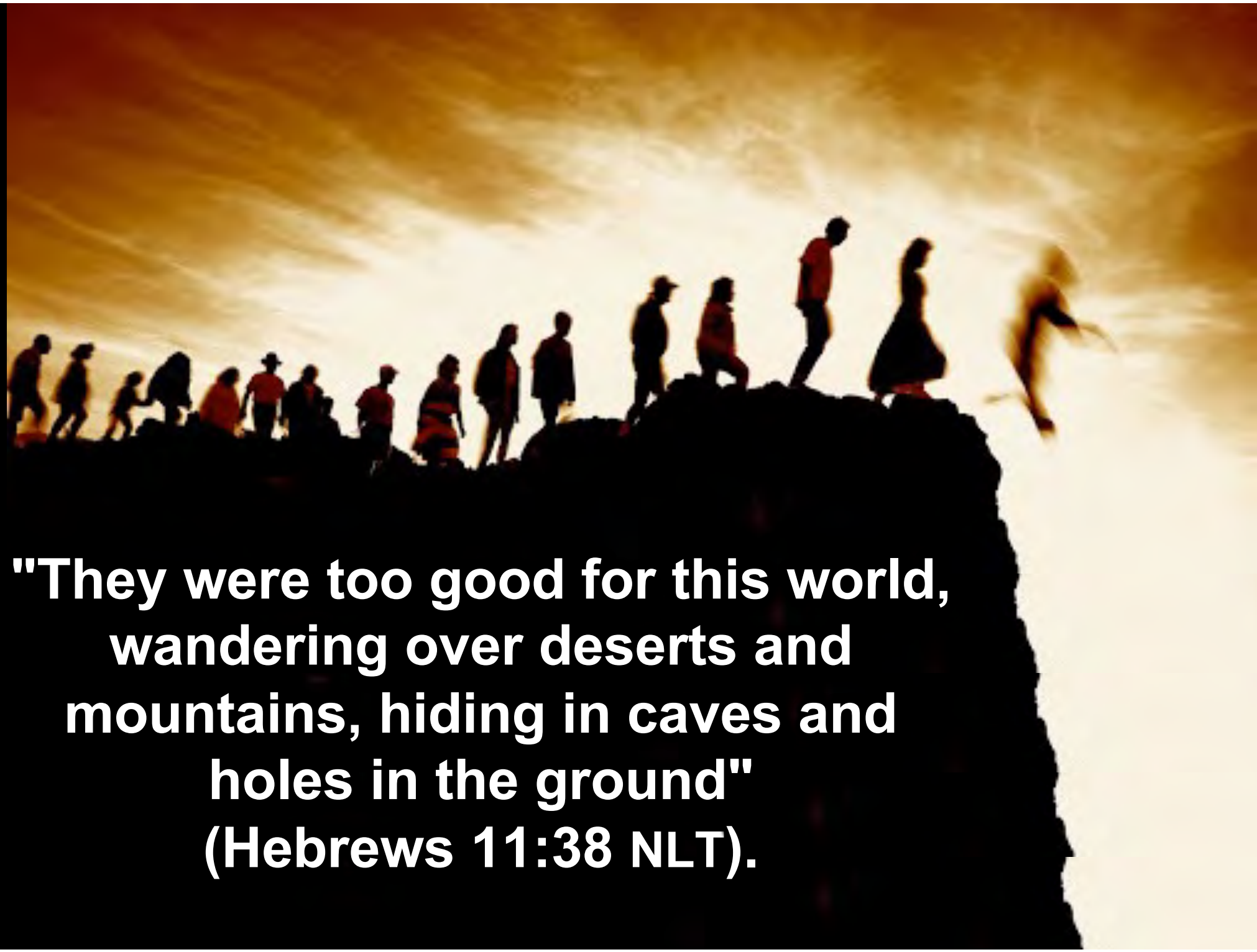
**"Some
were jeered
at, and
their backs
were cut
open with
whips.
Others
were
chained in
prisons"
(Hebrews
11:36 NLT).**

**"Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword"
(Hebrews 11:37a NLT).**



**"Some went about wearing skins of sheep
and goats, destitute and oppressed and
mistreated" (Hebrews 11:37b NLT).**



A photograph showing the silhouettes of a group of people walking along the edge of a dark, rocky cliff. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The people are walking from left to right, and their forms are dark against the light sky. The overall mood is contemplative and dramatic.

**"They were too good for this world,
wandering over deserts and
mountains, hiding in caves and
holes in the ground"
(Hebrews 11:38 NLT).**

"All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. ⁴⁰For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us" (Hebrews 11:39-40 NLT).



Hebrews 12

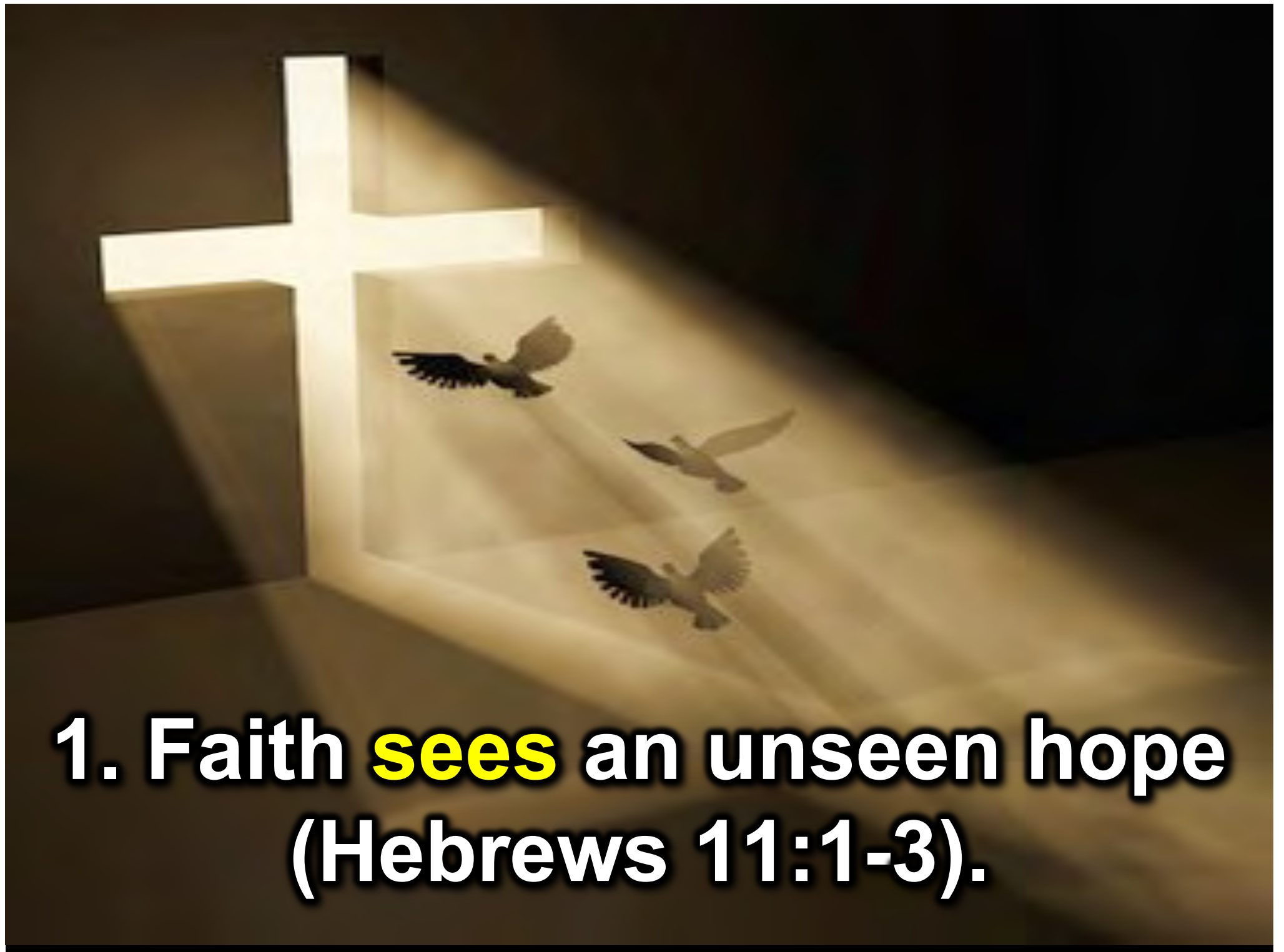


How can
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faith?



Press On!

A Study of Hebrews



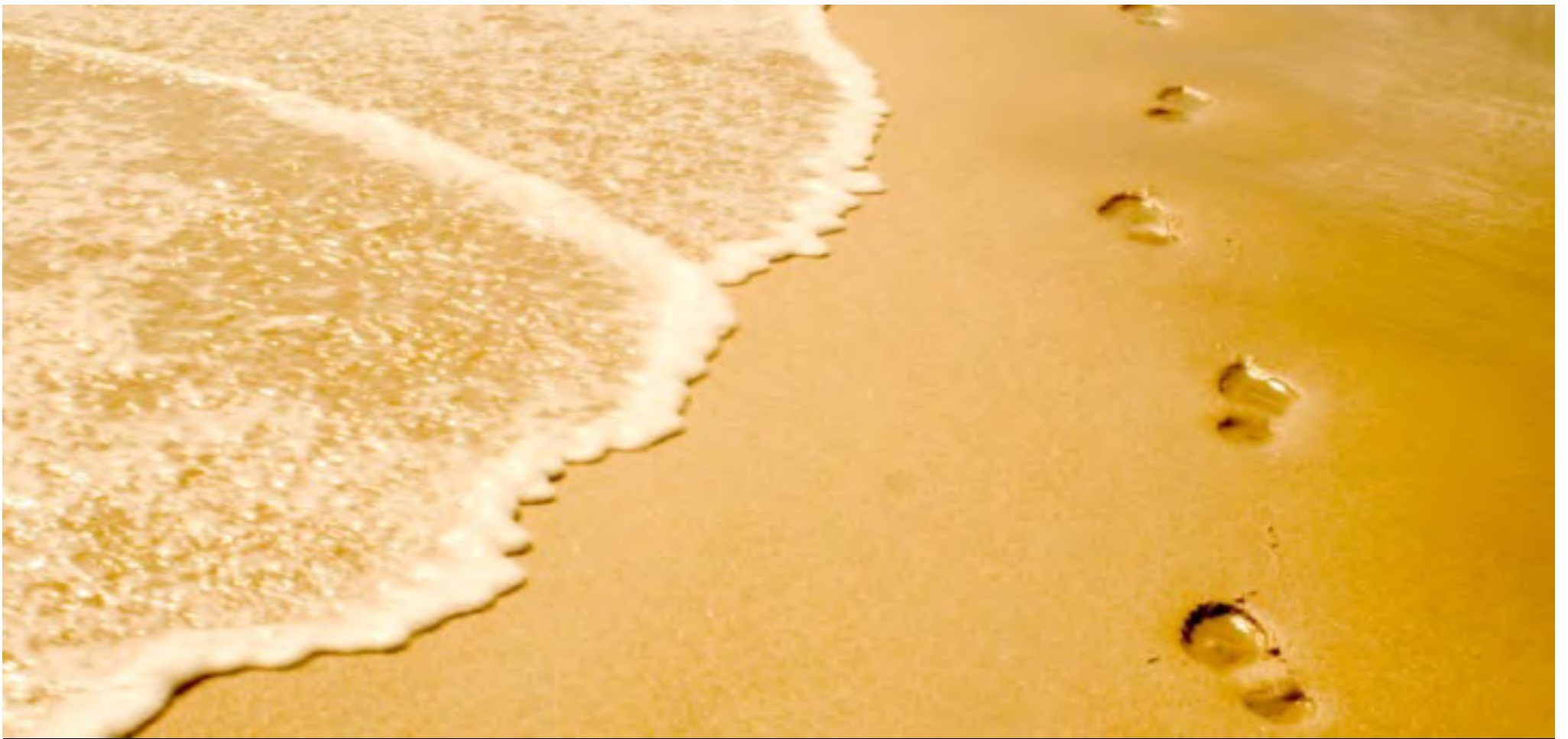
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HEROES

AMAZING STORIES OF FAITH



2. Imitate OT **saints that persevered (Hebrews 11:4-40).**



**3. Run in the footsteps of
Jesus who ran before you
(Hebrews 12:1-3).**

KEY VERSE



Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Endure your situation ("run") by focusing on Christ's example of endurance (Hebrews 12:1-2).



**"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a
huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith..."
(Hebrews 12:1a NLT).**

**Realize that you are
not alone!**





"...let us strip off every **weight** that slows us down, especially the **sin** that so easily trips us up..."
(Hebrews 12:1b-c NLT).

Trim down your life

"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us" (Hebrews 12:1d NLT).



**Run the right race
with endurance**

"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne" (Hebrews 12:2 NLT).

**Focus on God
rewarding
Christ's
endurance**



"Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up" (Hebrews 12:3 NLT).



**God's discipline grows
righteousness, confidence and
relationships—so press on
(12:4-17).**

Hebrews 12:3-4 & 28

³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe



Loving Discipline (Hebrews 12:5-7 NLT)

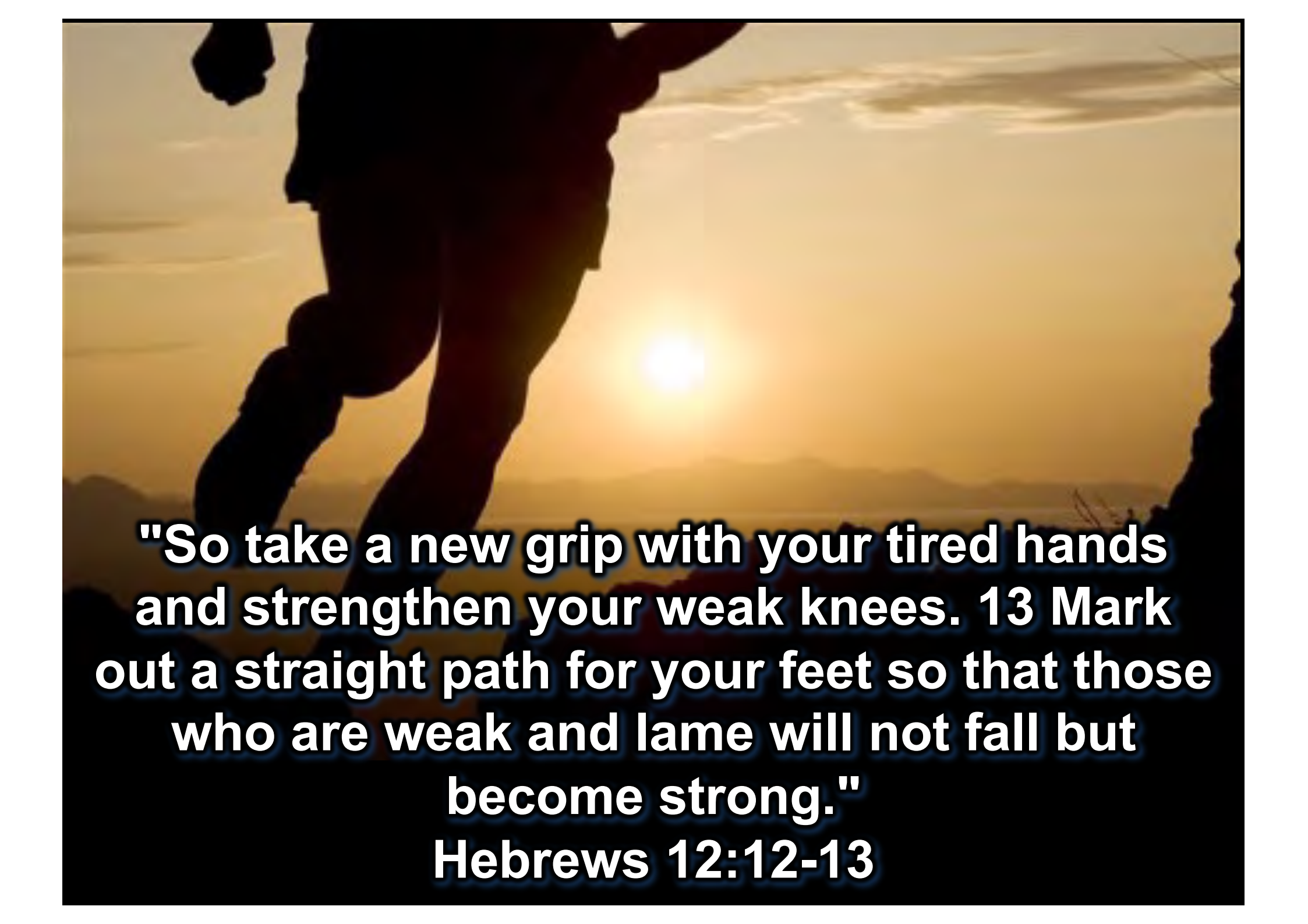
"My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you.

⁶For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."



Loving Discipline (Hebrews 12:5-7 NLT)

⁷As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?

A silhouette of a person running is shown on the left side of the image, moving towards the right. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise with a bright sun in the center. The overall tone is inspirational and motivational.

**"So take a new grip with your tired hands
and strengthen your weak knees. 13 Mark
out a straight path for your feet so that those
who are weak and lame will not fall but
become strong."**

Hebrews 12:12-13



5 Warnings in Hebrews

1. **Warning** of discipline (2:1-4)
2. **Warning** of disinheritance (3:7-19)
3. **Warning** of death (6:4-8)
4. **Warning** of death (10:26-31)
5. **Warning** of disinterest (12:14-29)



Warning 1

**Abandoning Jesus
brings discipline
(Hebrews 2:1-4).**



Warning 2

**Abandoning Jesus
forfeits our future rule
(Hebrews 3:7-19).**



Warning 3

**Rejecting Christ can
lead to **physical death**
(Hebrews 6:4-8).**



Warning 4

**Willful sin can lead to
physical death
(Hebrews 10:26-31).**

**Ignoring God invites his loving
discipline of you—so press on
(12:18-29).**



Warning 5

**Refusing God has
consequences
(Hebrews 12:25-29).**

Hebrews 12:22-23 (NAU)

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to

- **myriads of angels,**
- **to the general assembly**
- **and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,**
- **and to God, the Judge of all,**
- **and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect"**

New Jerusalem Citizens

Hebrews 13

**Many practical ways to serve
God exist for you—so press on
(Heb 13).**



The Stranger Is The Gift

Hebrews 13:2

do not forget to
show hospitality
to strangers
for in doing so
some have
entertained
angels
without knowing





The image features two white ceramic mugs stacked vertically on a wooden surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of warm colors. In the bottom left corner, the word "Hospitality" is written in a stylized, golden-yellow font with a dark, textured, wood-like background.

Hospitality



PRACTICING
Hospitality

**"love of
strangers"**



φιλοξενία

*Why should
we show
hospitality to
strangers?*



HOSTING ANGELS

Heb. 13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it (NAU).*

**Show hospitality to
strangers (13:2a)**



I. Show hospitality to strangers (13:2a)

Hospitality was a big deal for the ancient world:

- Jews
- Greek (*Zeus*)
- Roman roads

HOSTING
ANGELS

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I. Show hospitality to strangers (13:2a)

Hospitality is a big deal for Christians today

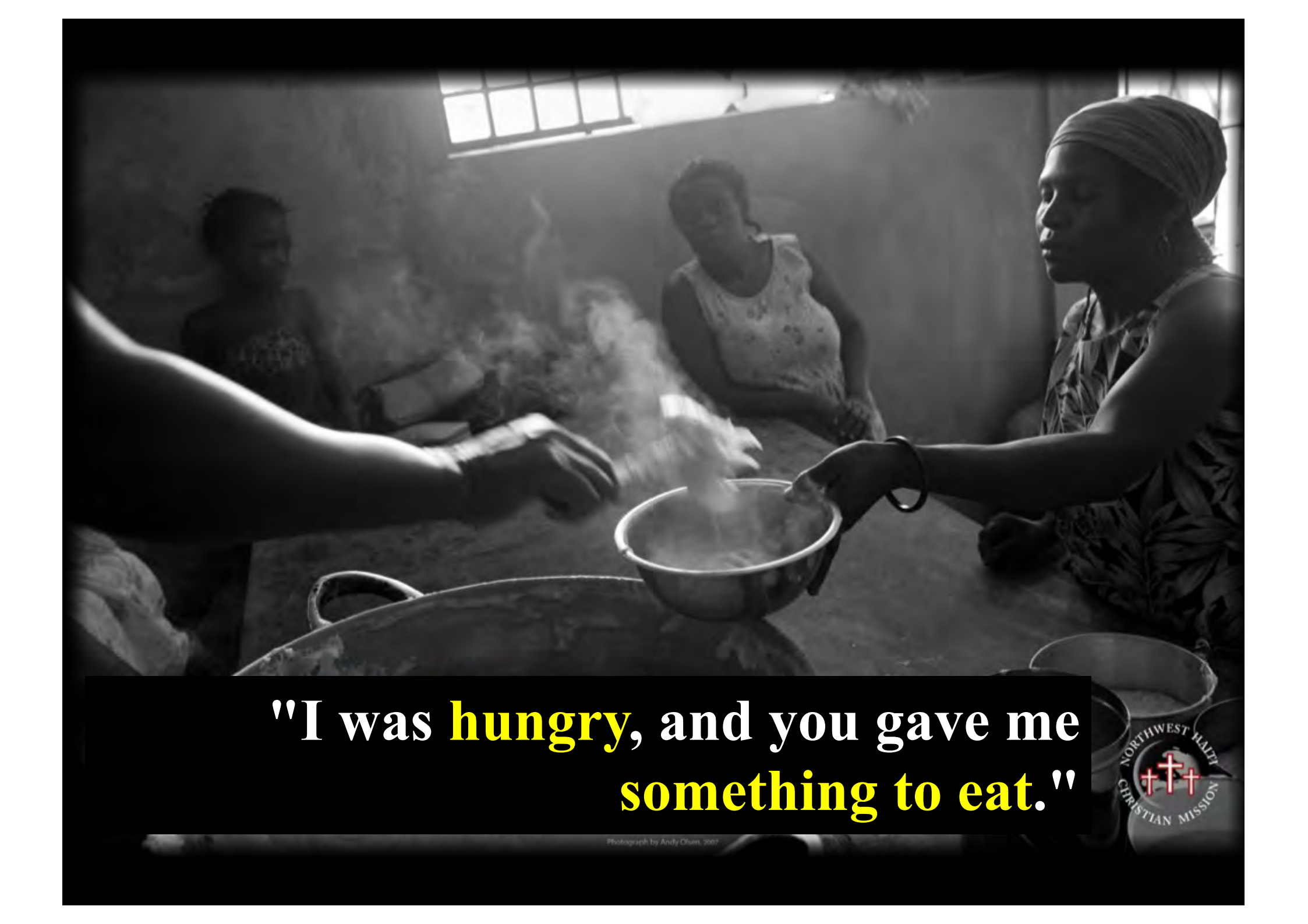
- The NT often emphasizes it

Texts encouraging hospitality



- ☐ **Romans 12:13**
- ☐ **1 Timothy 3:2**
- ☐ **Titus 1:8**
- ☐ **1 Peter 4:9**

Also Acts chapters 10, 21 & 28



"I was **hungry**, and you gave me
something to eat."

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**II. Show hospitality as if you
are doing it to angels
(13:2b)**





**"Don't forget to entertain
strangers, for by so doing
some people have
entertained angels without
knowing it.
Hebrews 13:**

II. Show hospitality as if you are doing it to angels (13:2b)

Some have entertained angels:

- Genesis 18–19
- Judges 6 & 13
- Matthew 25

HOSTING
ANGELS

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Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. ³⁴ **"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;* ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? ³⁸ **'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in,** or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ **"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to **one of these brothers of Mine,** even the least of them, you did it to Me.****

Needs are all around us...



What's your motive?



- ❑ Entertain others *versus* show hospitality
- ❑ People of your choice
- ❑ Do it just as you should do to Jesus

Hebrews 13:2



*Show hospitality to
strangers and God will show
up to you.*

Heb. 13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it (NAU).*

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs and feet as they walk. The person is wearing blue denim jeans and brown leather boots. Large, white, feathered angel wings are attached to their back, extending outwards. They are walking on a light-colored paved surface. In the background, a red vehicle is partially visible on the left, and a building with a stone pillar and a red sign is on the right. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting.

*I believe...
there are angels among us*

Opportunities in Singapore



- **37% of Singapore's total workforce of 3.36 million = 1.24 million are foreigners**
- **136,738 travelers per day**
- **Hosting Ministries**

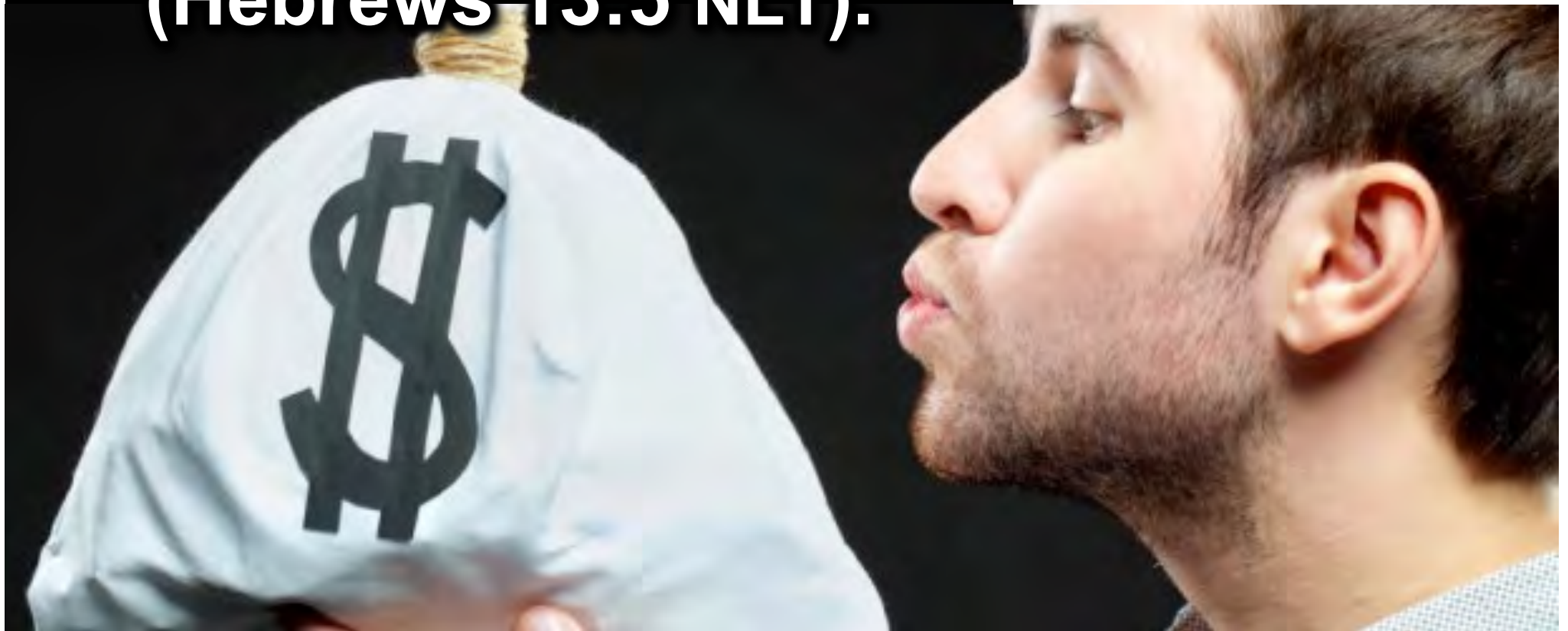


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13:2

WILL YOU?

**"Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you'"
(Hebrews 13:5 NLT).**



Application: "Leave Jerusalem"



"So also **Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates** to make his people holy by means of his own blood"

(Heb. 13:12 NLT)

¹³ **So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore"**

(Heb. 13:13 NLT)

Obey Leaders

Hebrews 13:17

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. **Obey** them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

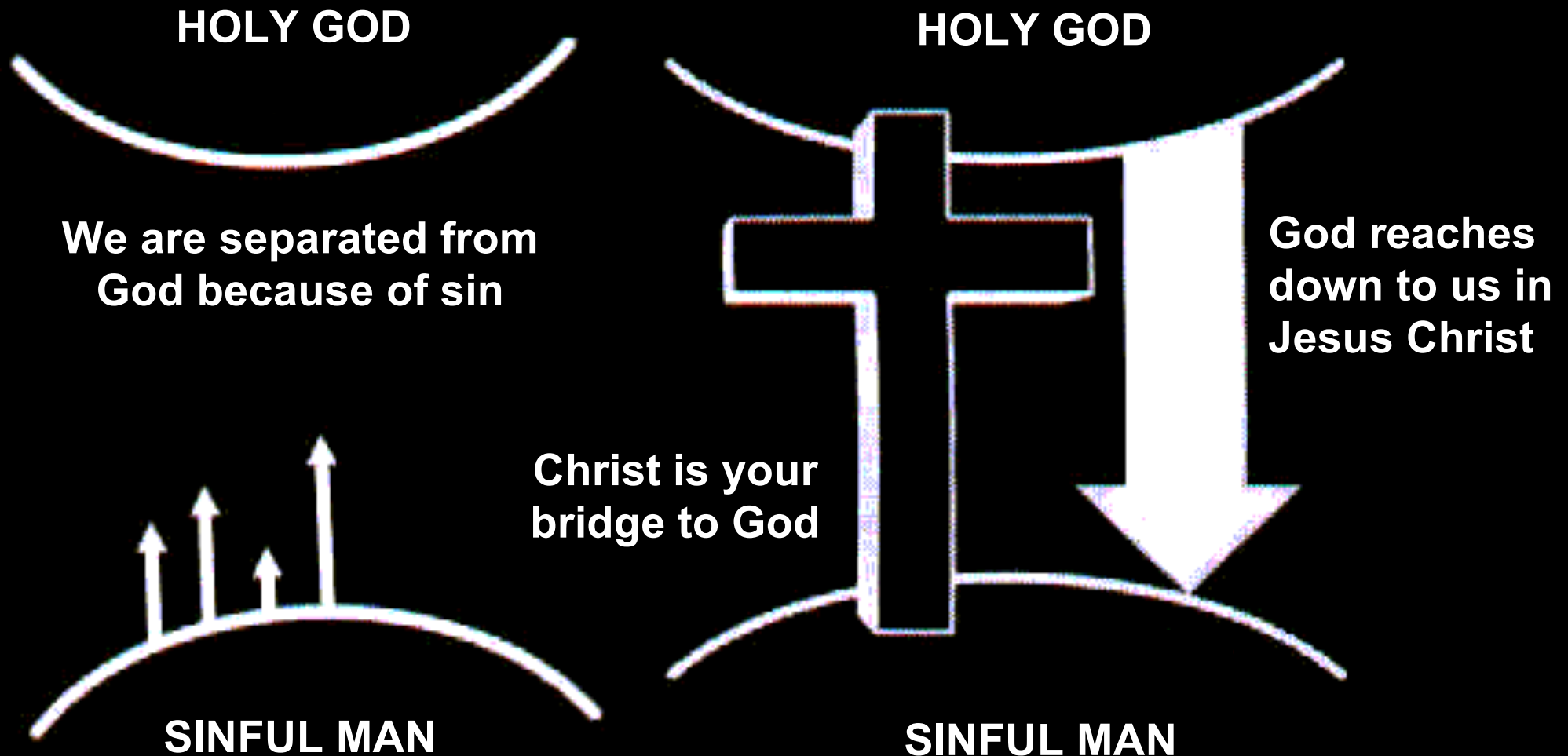
Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Why should you be **uncompromising
in your faith in Jesus?**



I. Jesus is **better** than anyone or anything (1:1–10:18).



II. Don't compromise but **persevere**
by faith (10:19–13:25).



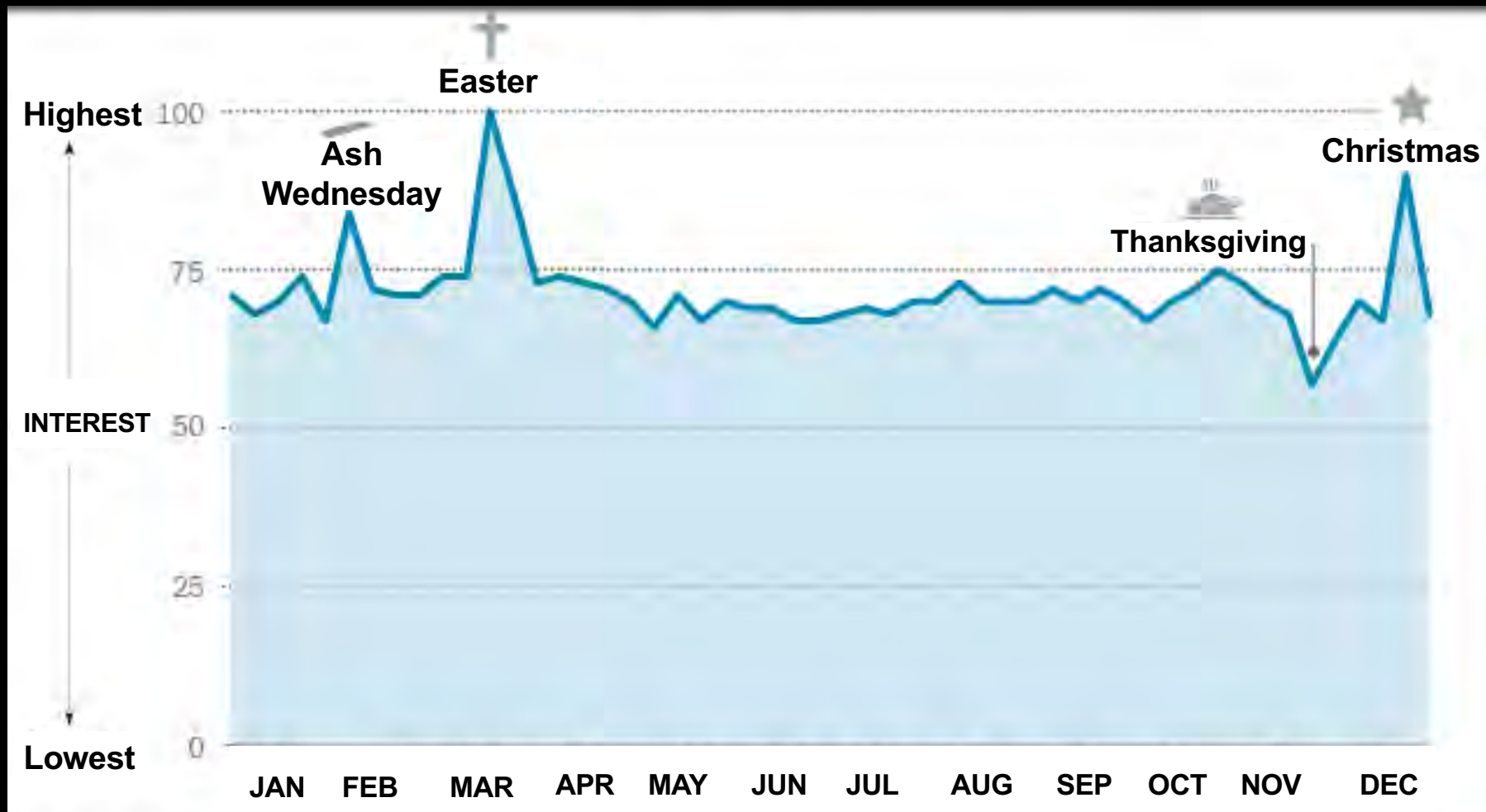
Main Idea

A cinematic still from a film depicting Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, is seated on the right, wearing a green robe, and is washing the foot of a disciple. Several other disciples with beards and head coverings are seated around a low wooden table in the background. On the table are two small oil lamps. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background.

Jesus is your “go-to” **mediator**
between you and God

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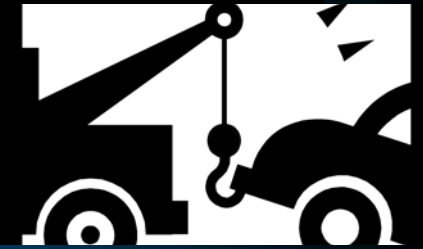
“Two Timers!”



Google Searches for “Church” (2013)

The 5 "Better Nots"

- Don't **Disregard** His Word 2:1-4
- Don't **Doubt** His Word 3:12-13; 4:11
- Don't **Depart** from His Word 6:4-6
- Don't **Despise** His Word 10:26-29
- Don't **Disagree** with His Word 12:25





Run while you
wait—just like
those before
you

(Main Idea of
Hebrews)

How can you run while you wait?

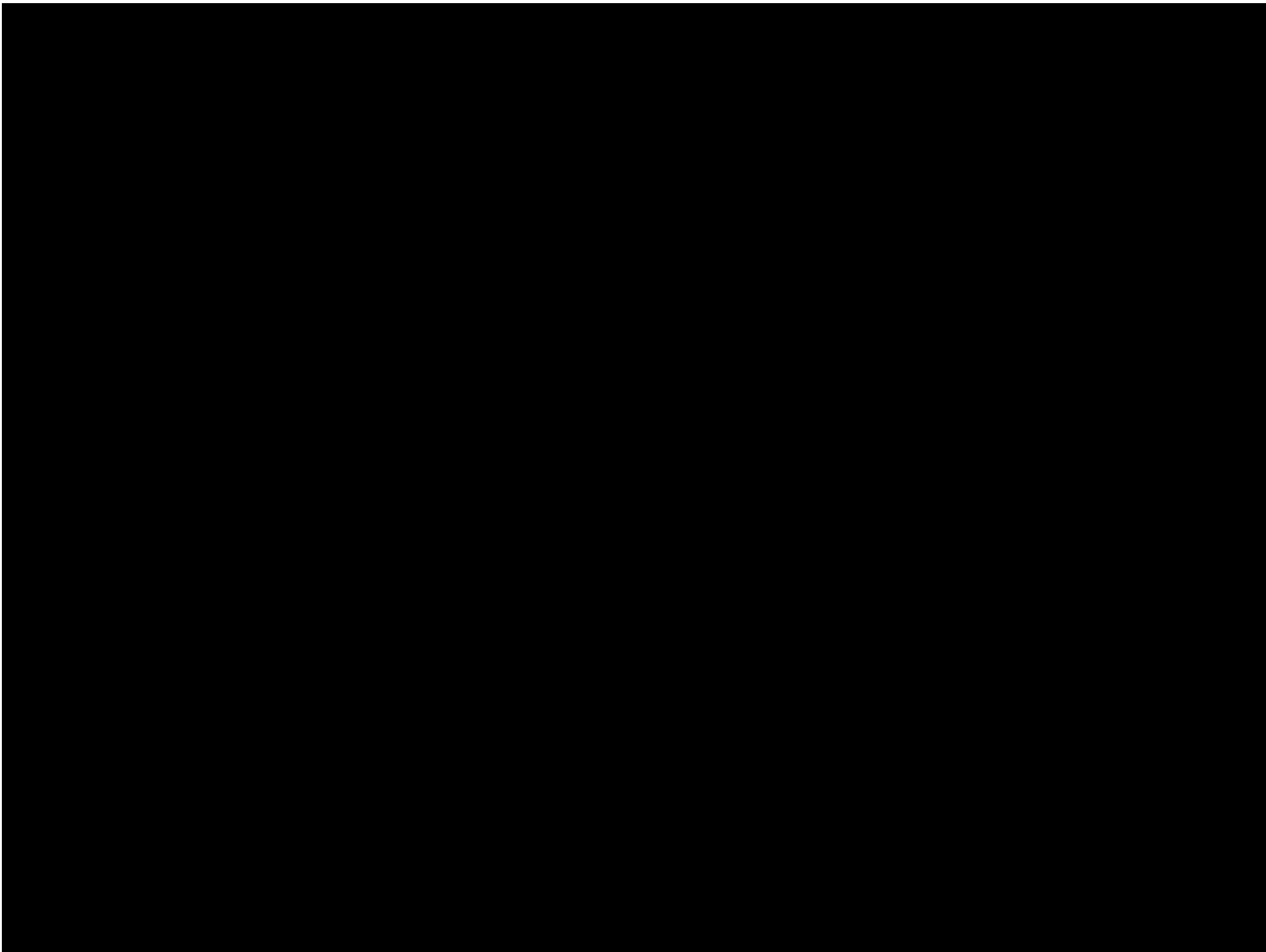
- **Realize that you are not alone.**
- **Trim down your life.**
- **Run the right race with endurance.**
- **Focus on Christ.**



Where do you need to press on?



Hebrews



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Keyword for Hebrews

SUPERIORITY

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King of Salem & Priest of
the Most High

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The "BETTER" book HEBREWS

Views on the Warning Passages

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<i>Issues</i>	False Believer	Former Believer	Carnal Believer
<i>What group of Jews is being addressed?</i>	Unbelievers: Professing "Christians" in the assembly who are not really believers after all	Believers: Christians who sin because they do not see the superiority of Christ	Believers: Christians who sin because they do not see the superiority of Christ
<i>What is the nature of their punishment?</i>	Never had salvation	Loss of salvation	Loss of reward
<i>What is the result?</i>	Hell	Hell	Divine discipline (even by death)
<i>Which theology perspective holds this view?</i>	Reformed (Presbyterian, BP, etc.), some Arminians	Arminian (Methodist, AOG, Nazarene, etc.)	Partakers (Baptist, Bible church, etc.)

Views on Security & Perseverance

<i>Issues</i>	Reformed	Arminian	Partakers
<i>How does each system define election and perseverance?</i>	God sovereignly elects to salvation and helps believers persevere in faith until death	God elects those whose <i>free will</i> accepts Christ and preserves them unless they lose faith	God <i>elects</i> to salvation; some do not persevere, but the faithful will partake of rewards
<i>What specific elements of salvation make up this system of belief?</i>	Total depravity Unconditional election Limited atonement Irresistible grace Perseverance	Natural inability Conditional election Unlimited atonement Resistible grace Conditional perseverance	Total depravity Unconditional election Unlimited atonement Irresistible grace Conditional perseverance

Views on Security & Perseverance

<i>Issues</i>	Reformed	Arminian	Partakers
<i>How does this view see carnal Christians (e.g., 1 Cor. 3:1-5)?</i>	They aren't Christians or are at a low level of spiritual commitment in a particular area	They spurn Christ to the point of almost losing their salvation	These believers lack blessings now and later (but are still saved)
<i>Do all believers persevere until death?</i>	Yes 1 Cor. 15:2; Phil. 1:6	No Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:21; 6:8	No 1 Cor. 3:15; Rev. 3:26
<i>Can a true Christian lose his salvation?</i>	No, it is eternally secure	Yes, it is not eternally secure	No, it is eternally secure

Views on Security & Perseverance

<i>Issues</i>	Reformed	Arminian	Partakers
<i>Is 100% assurance of salvation possible?</i>	No, since no one knows if he has genuine faith that will persevere	No, since no one knows if he will persevere	Yes, if one knows Christ as Saviour
<i>How does this system counsel believers in habitual sin?</i>	"You better re-examine whether you genuinely trusted Christ"	"You either lost your salvation or never were really saved"	"You must turn from your sin to be fully rewarded (Heb. 3:14)"
<i>How do those struggling with sin gain spiritual motivation?</i>	From fear that they may not actually be saved after all	From fear that they may not have sufficiently maintained their salvation	From fear that they will miss key rewards (their inheritance can be lost but not their salvation)

Views on Security & Perseverance

<i>Issues</i>	Reformed	Arminian	Partakers
<i>What actually results in the listeners from this teaching?</i>	They may become carnal Christians by doubting their salvation	They believe God must always be appeased (low view of grace)	They will more likely appreciate God's faithfulness to them
<i>Who holds this view?</i>	John Calvin (d. 1564), Reformed churches, Presbyterians, Charles Hodge, Arthur Pink	Jacob Arminius (d. 1609), John Wesley, Methodists, Wesleyans, Nazarenes, Holiness churches, Pentecostals/Charismatics	Baptists, Bible churches, Joseph Dillow, Zane Hodges, Earl Radmacher, Charles Ryrie

Our Response

Hold on with *courage & hope* in God's promises (3:6; 4:14)

Endure with *faith* to suffer for Jesus Christ (6:10-12)

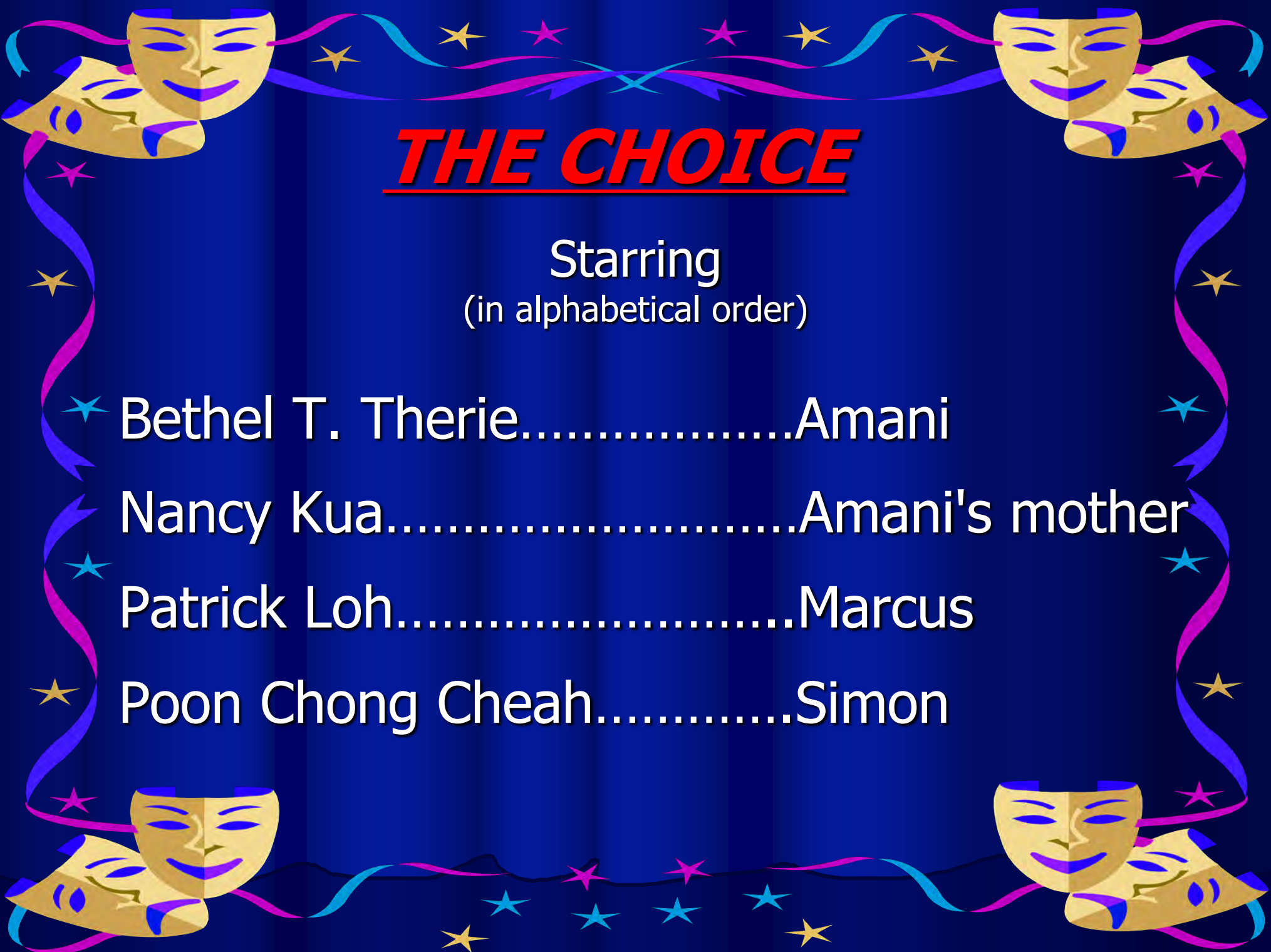
Be fully devoted to *study* of God's Word (2:1-4; 5:12-14)

Remember to faithfully *obey* every instruction of God (4:8-11)

Ebrace God's *discipline* to produce maturity (12:4-11)

Willingly obey & submit to *church leadership* (13:7,17)

Seek to *model life after Christ* discarding any attitude or practice hindering you (12:1-3)

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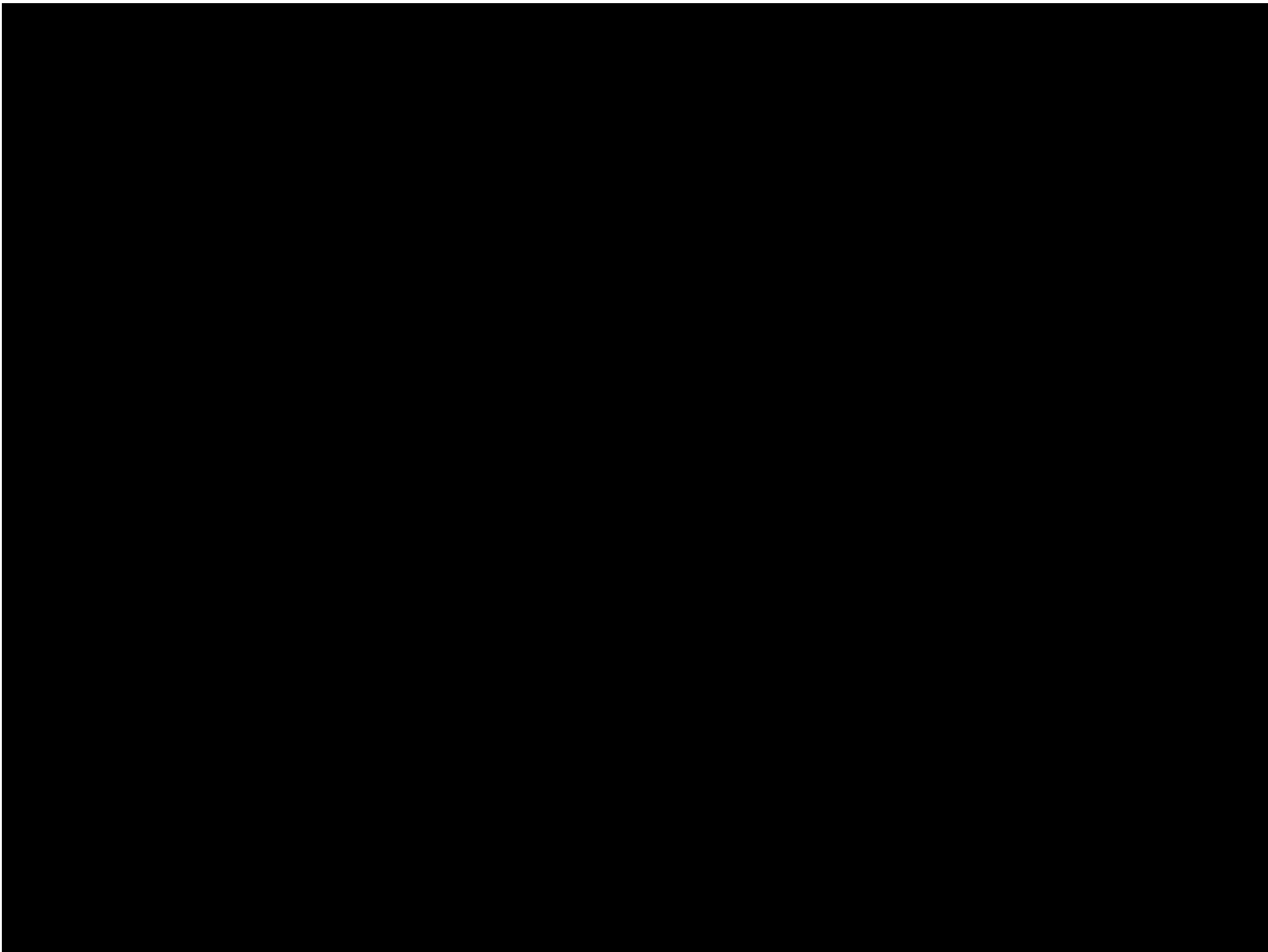
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