

The Inheritance of the Believer

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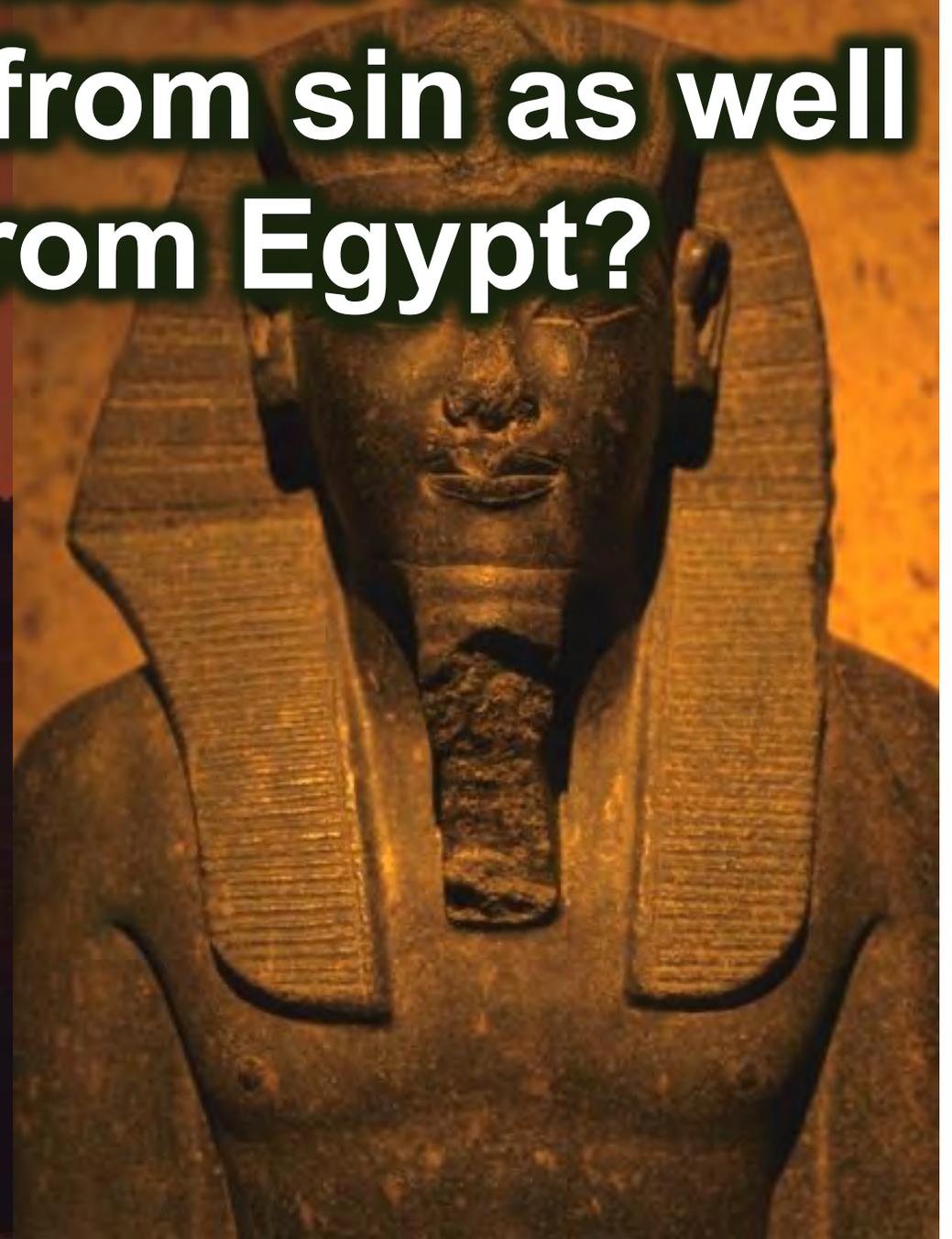


Soteriology: God's Rescue Program

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**Were the Israelites of the
Exodus saved from sin as well
as saved from Egypt?**

***Give why
you hold
your view***



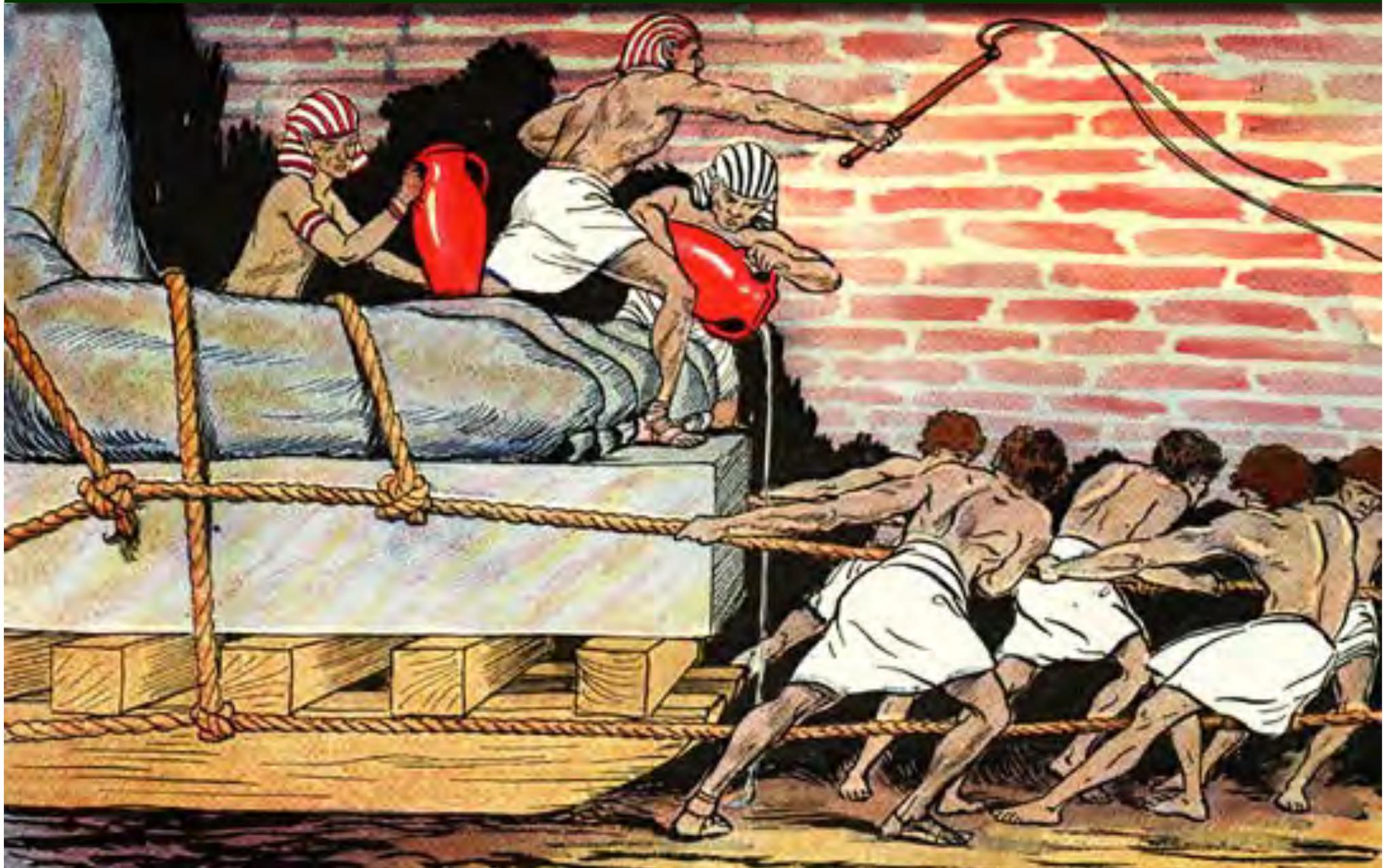
**How can we
balance the
Bible's teaching
on salvation and
rewards?**



1. God saved Israel from Egypt and from sin by simple faith.



Egyptians Ruthlessly Oppressed Israel



"Ultimate" Power



**Who has greater power –
Pharaoh or Yahweh?**



The Point of Exodus 1–11

God used Moses to urge Pharaoh to free Israel from slavery to show that:

- the LORD **cared**,
- was **faithful** to the Abrahamic Covenant, and
- was **sovereign** over Egypt's gods.

Canaan

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Goshen

Nile River

Egypt

**Mt.
Sinai**

Midian

**Traditional
Route of
the Exodus**



"The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt."

Exodus 12:13 (NIV)



Passover Protection

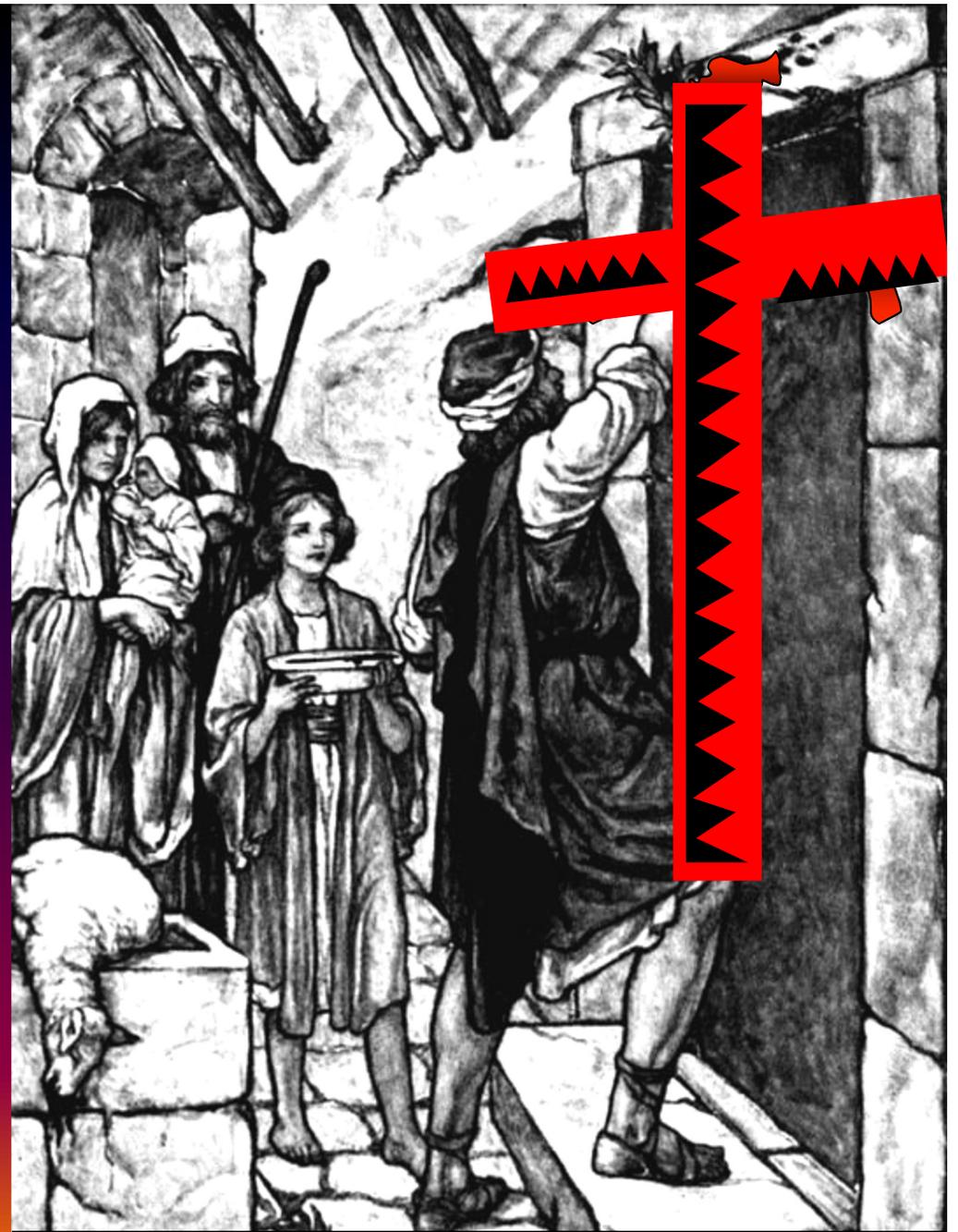
"By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel."



Hebrews 11:28 (NIV)

Faith Pictured

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"



John 1:29 (NIV)

The Lamb Pictured

**2. Jesus is our
New Exodus
who delivers
us from sin as
our Passover
Lamb.**



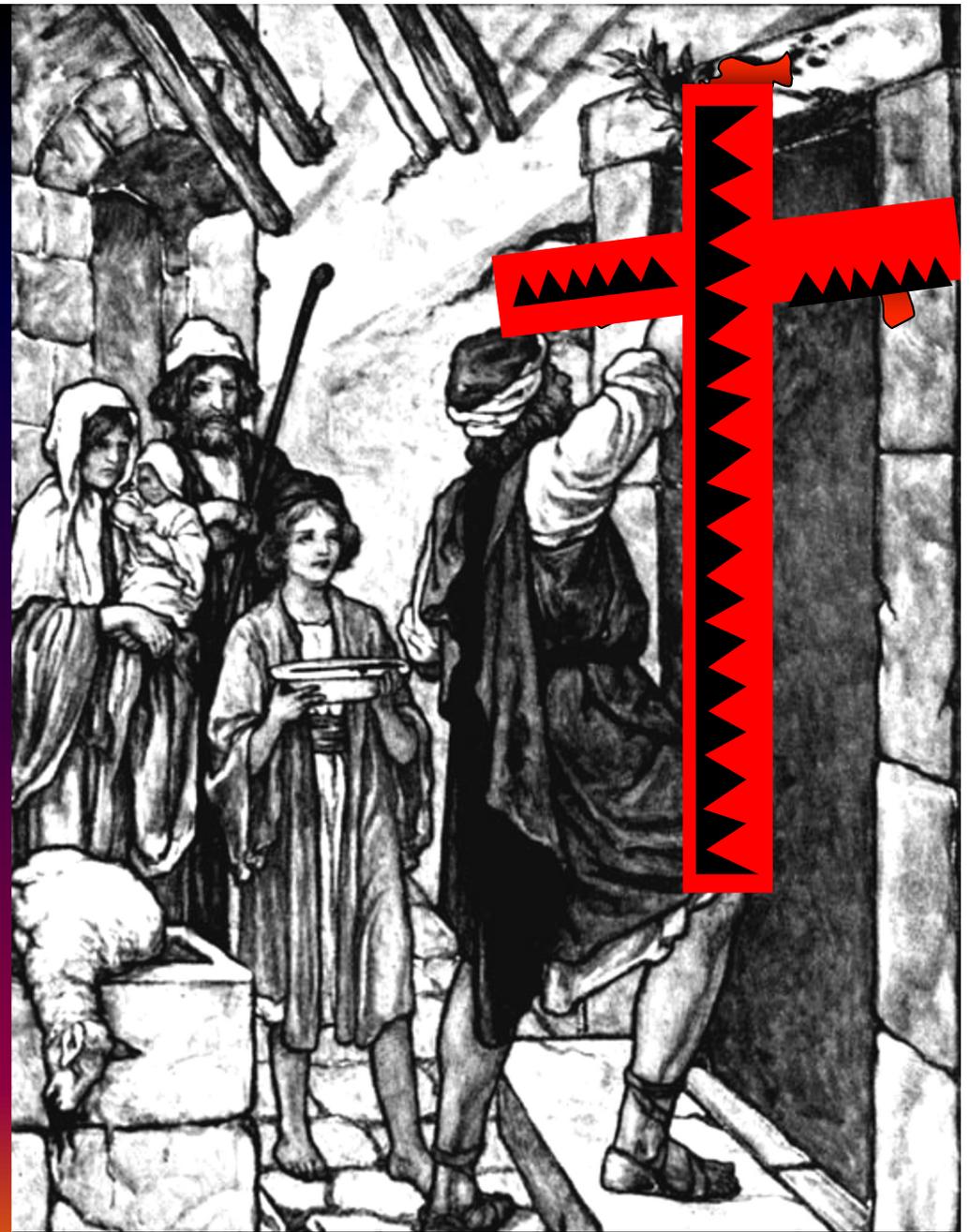


The Passover Lamb

**"Look, the Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sin of the world!"
(John 1:29)**



*"For Christ, our
Passover lamb, has
been sacrificed."*



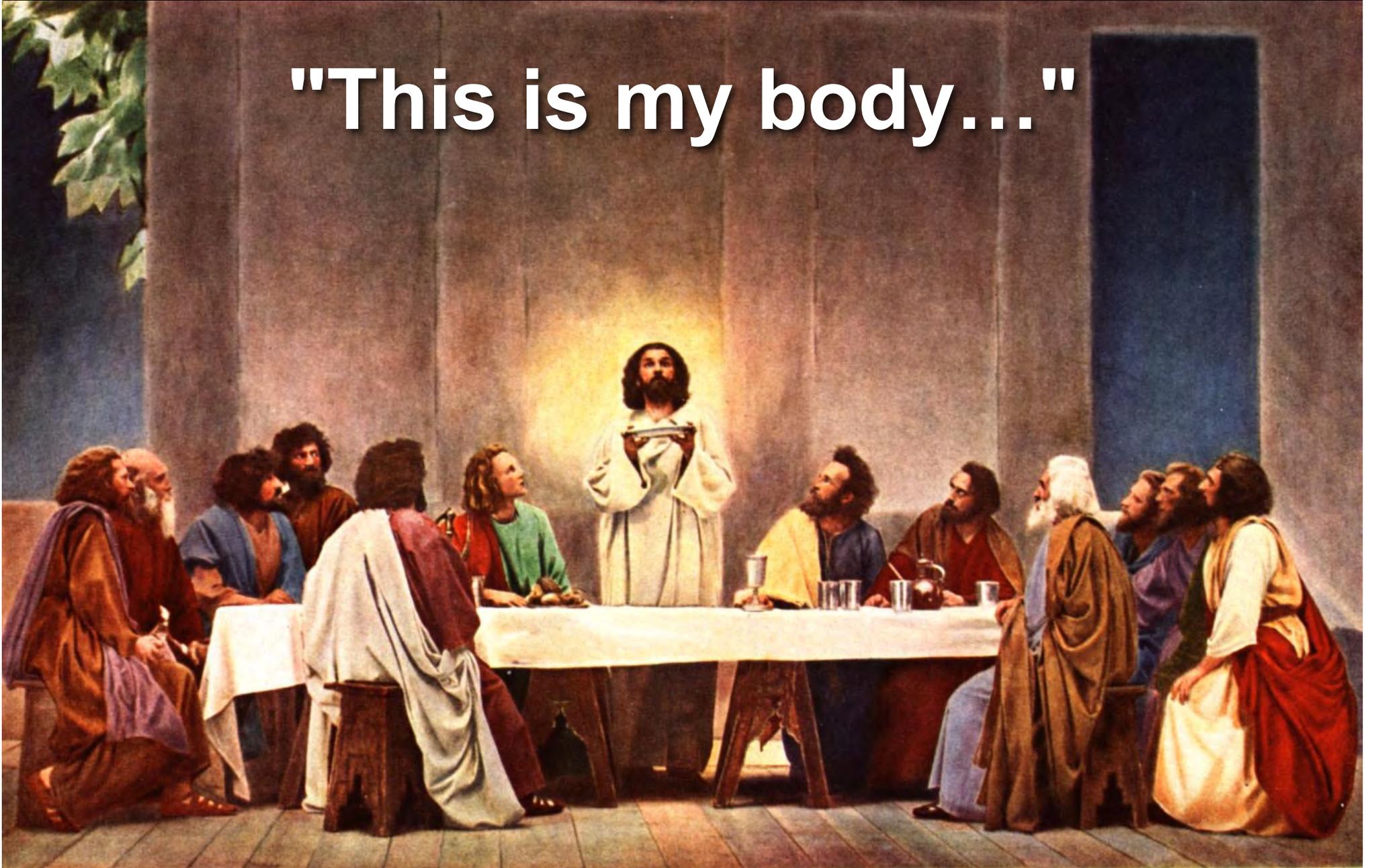
1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

The Cross Pictured

Faith in a Lamb



"This is my body..."



Jesus' death paid for our sin



Exodus 12:1-16

The Angel of
Death
Passed Over
Houses with
Blood on the
Doors



Thus says the LORD, "About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt" (Exod. 11:4)

What the Exodus
is to the Old
Testament...

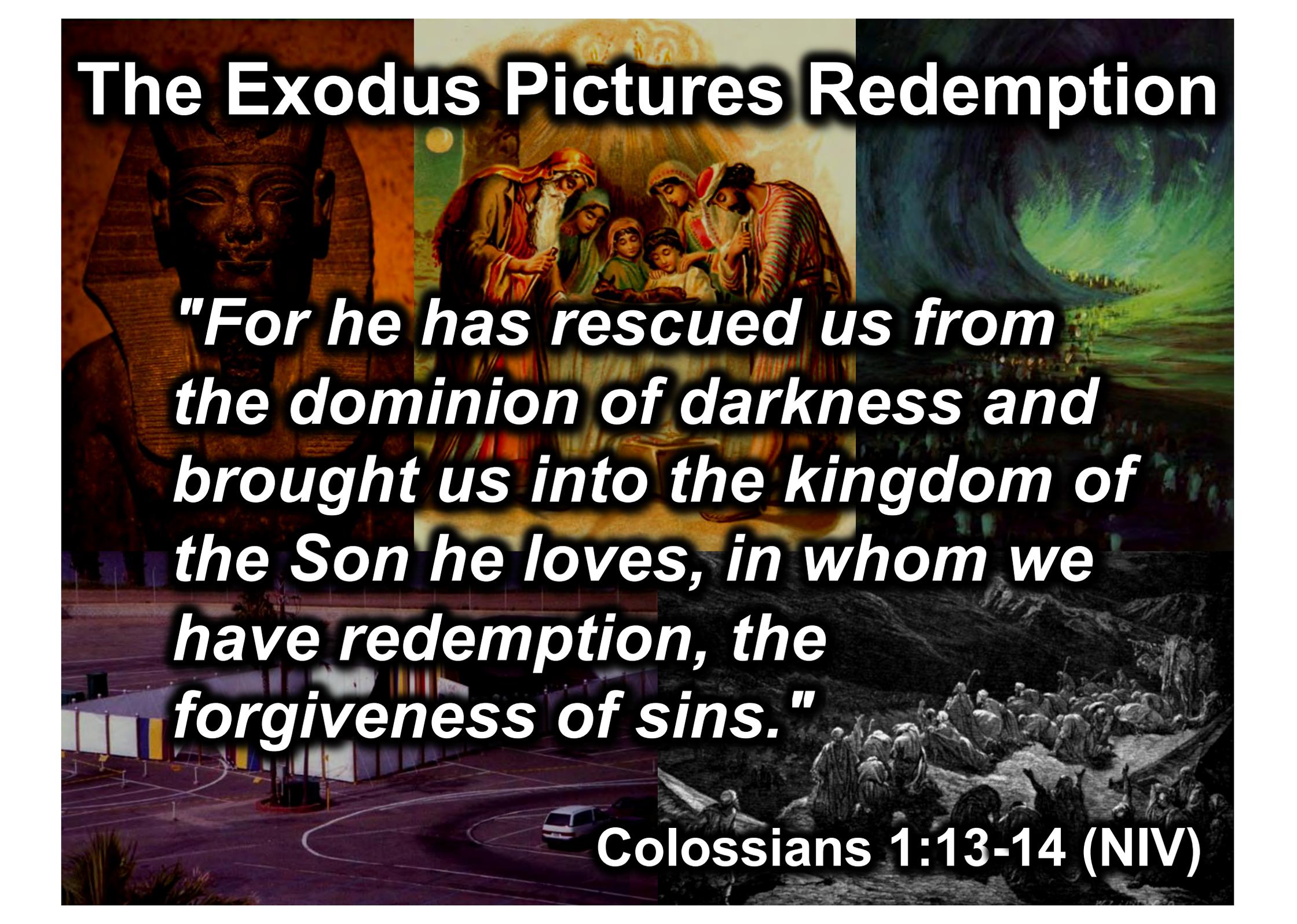
the cross of
Christ is to the
New Testament

The Common Thread



Deliverance!

The Exodus Pictures Redemption



"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (NLT)

"I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. **All** of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and **all** of them walked through the sea on dry ground. ²In the cloud and in the sea, **all** of them were baptized as followers of Moses. ³**All** of them ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and **all** of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness."

The Cloud



**Exodus 40;
1 Cor. 10:1-4**

The Sea



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**Exodus 40;
1 Cor. 10:1-4**

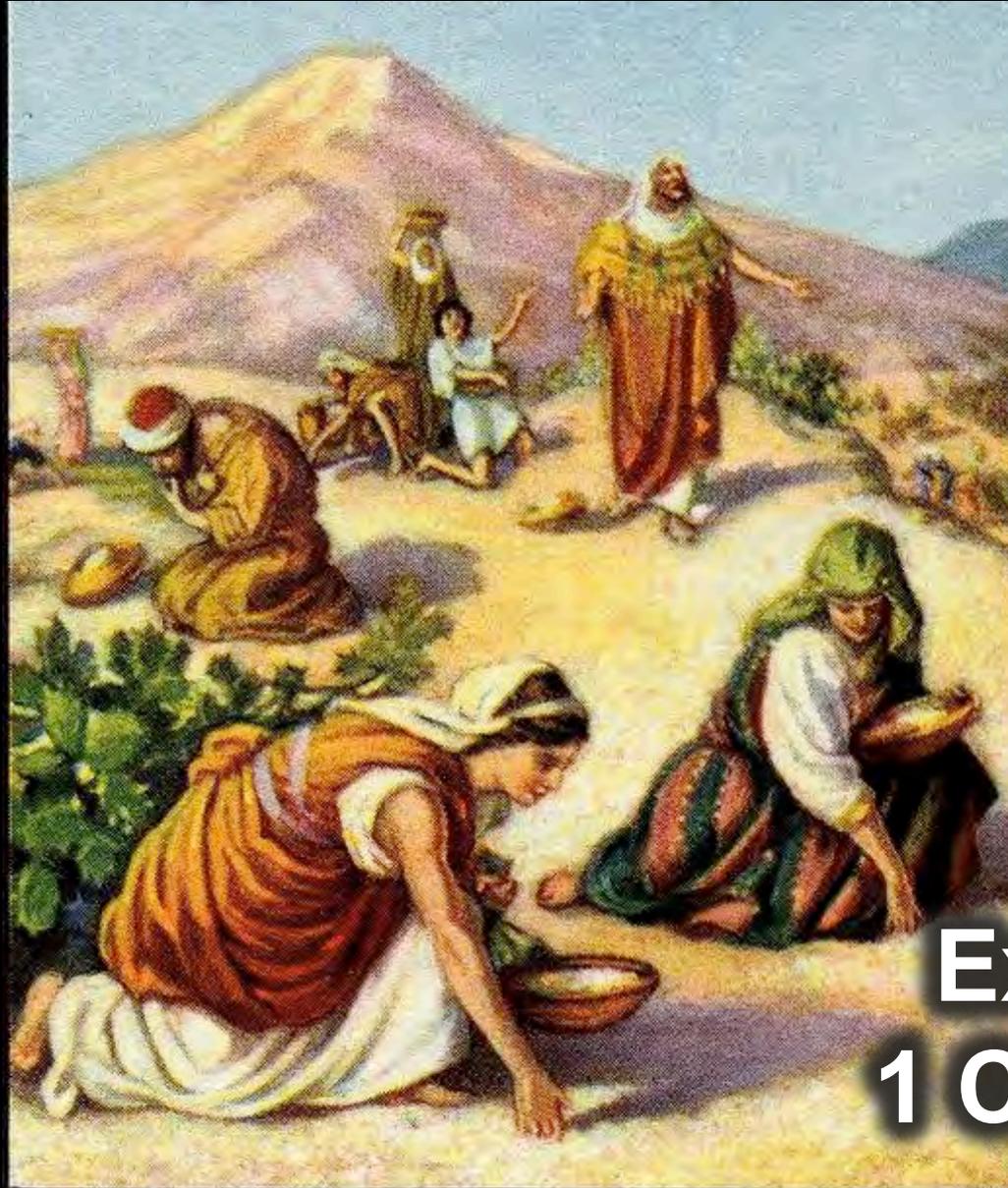
The Leader



Exodus 40;
1 Cor. 10:1-4

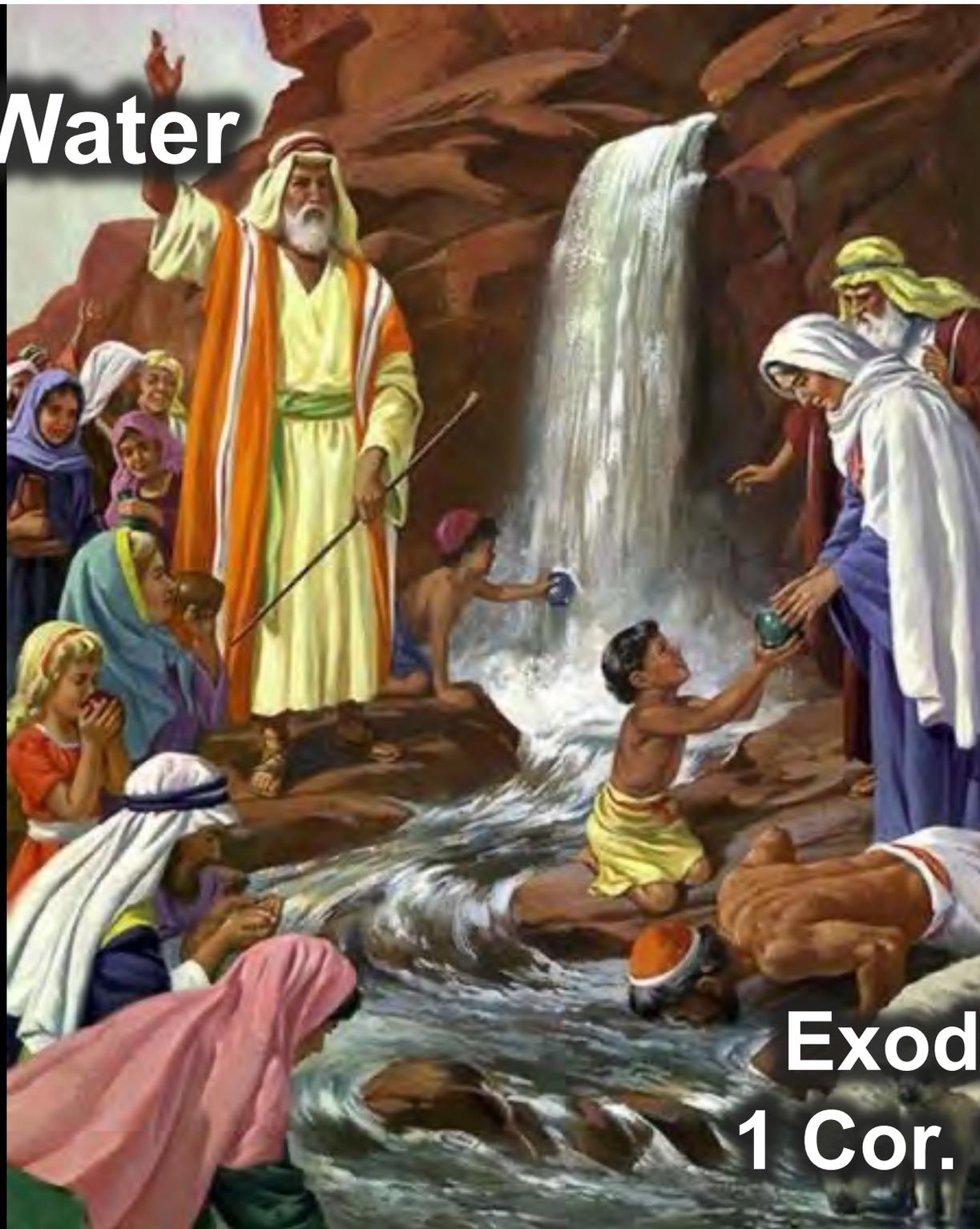
אלו בני ישראל פתחו חים נמלים להם חובת פיפנס זכישאל

The Food



**Exodus 40;
1 Cor. 10:1-4**

The Water



Exodus 40;
1 Cor. 10:1-4

Which is the Most Accurate?

Salvation by...

OT

Works

Faith +
Works

Faith
Alone

Faith +
Works

NT

Faith

Faith
Alone

Faith
Alone

Faith +
Works

- *Which verses in the Bible support your answer?*

Salvation in All Ages:

The Centrality of the Cross

B.C.

Looked

forward to the
Cross of Christ



A.D.

Look

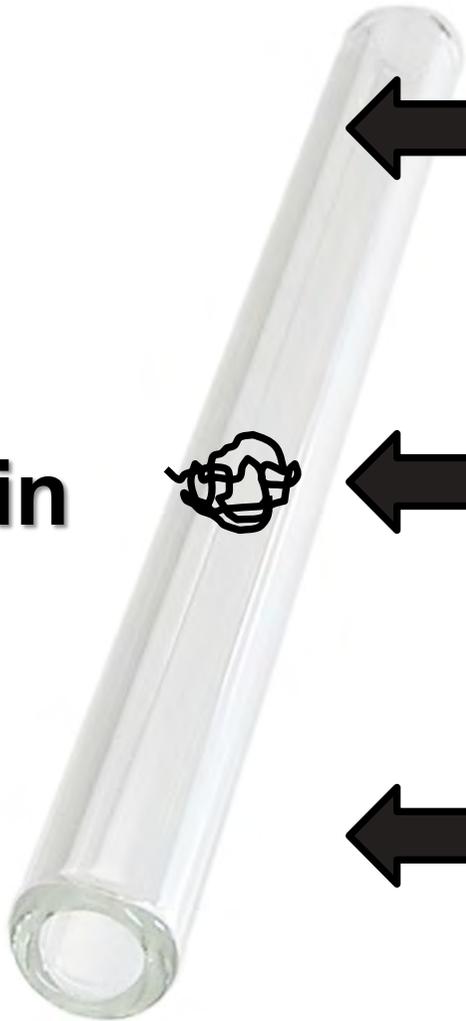
back at the
Cross of Christ



OT Forgiveness of Sin

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Sin



Pipe = **Relationship** with God
(never changing)

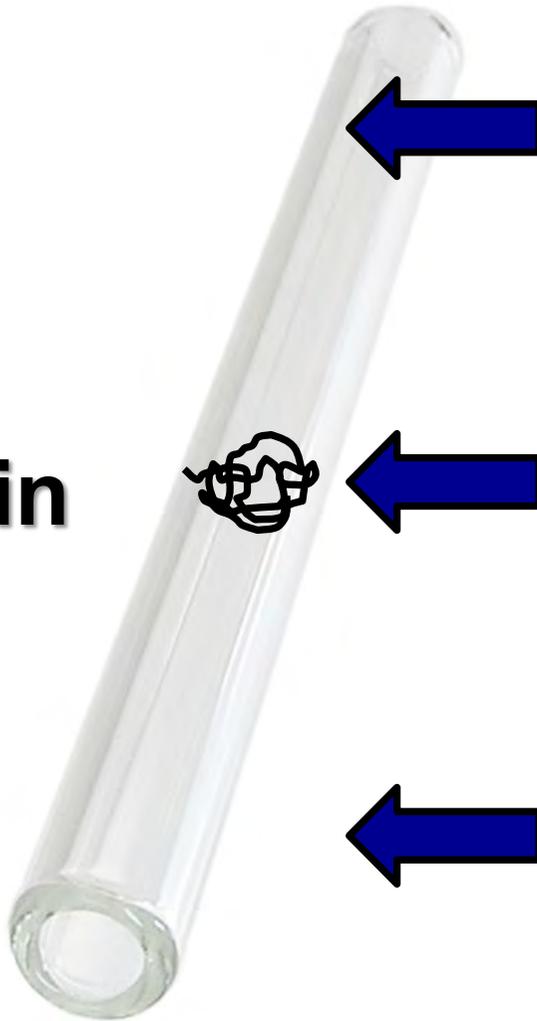
Clog = **Fellowship** with God
(hindered by sin)

Sacrifices = **Confession** of Sin
(sin forgiven to restore
fellowship but relationship
was never threatened)

NT Forgiveness of Sin

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Sin



Pipe
(new)

"If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and righteous
to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all

Clog
(hindrance)

unrighteousness"
(1 John 1:9 NAU)

Christ's Sacrifice = The Basis
for **Confession** of Sin (sin is
forgiven to restore fellowship
but relationship has never
been never threatened)

Inheritance in the OT



3. Inheritance in the OT included both salvation and reward.



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

- 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.

**Salvation is by faith but
rewards are by works.**



Main Idea

1. God saved Israel from Egypt and from sin by simple faith.



**2. Jesus is our
New Exodus
who delivers
us from sin as
our Passover
Lamb.**



3. Inheritance in the OT included both salvation and reward.



**How can you better press on
in your own journey of faith?**



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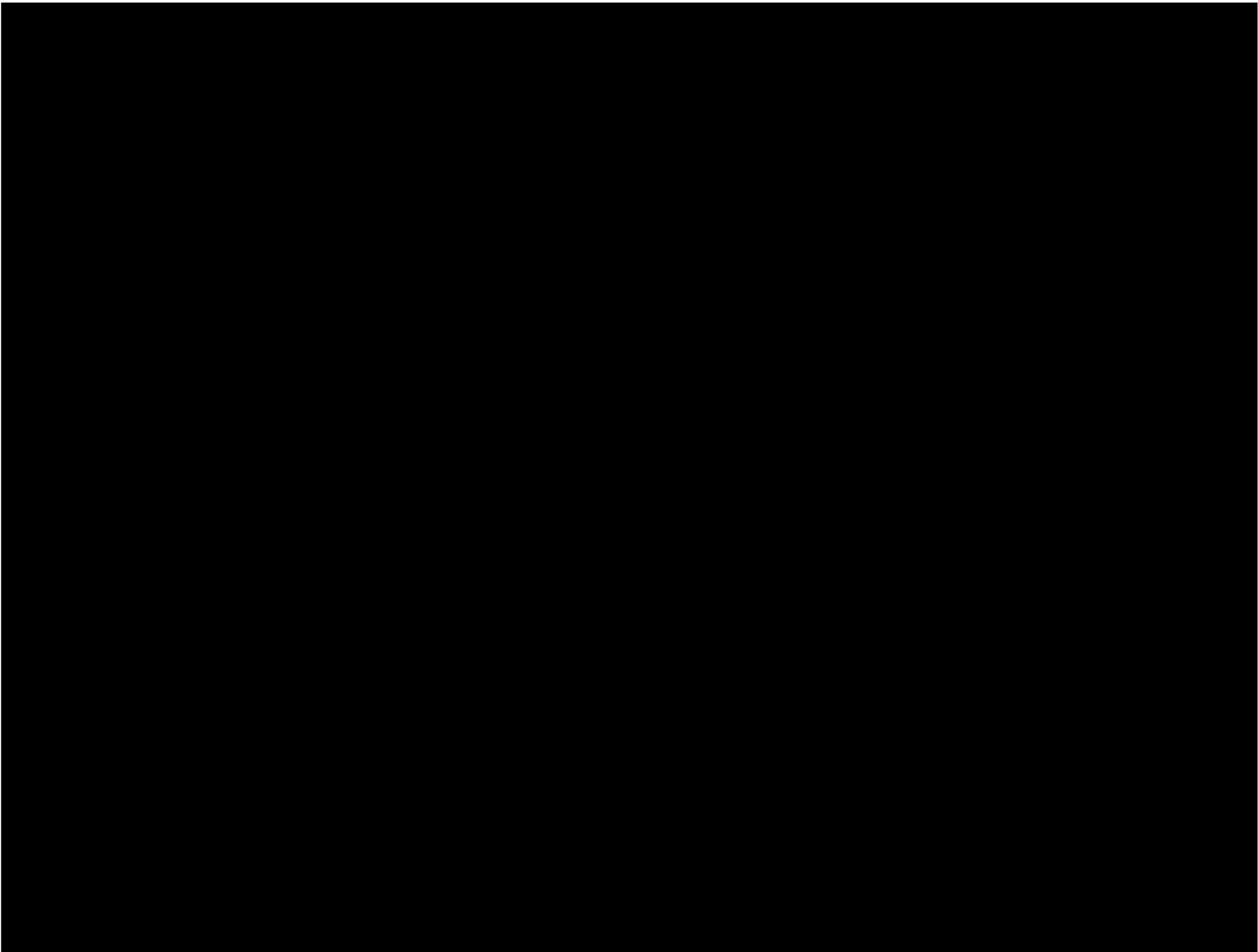
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**Will each genuine Christian
persevere in faithfulness at death?**

Distinguishing Terms

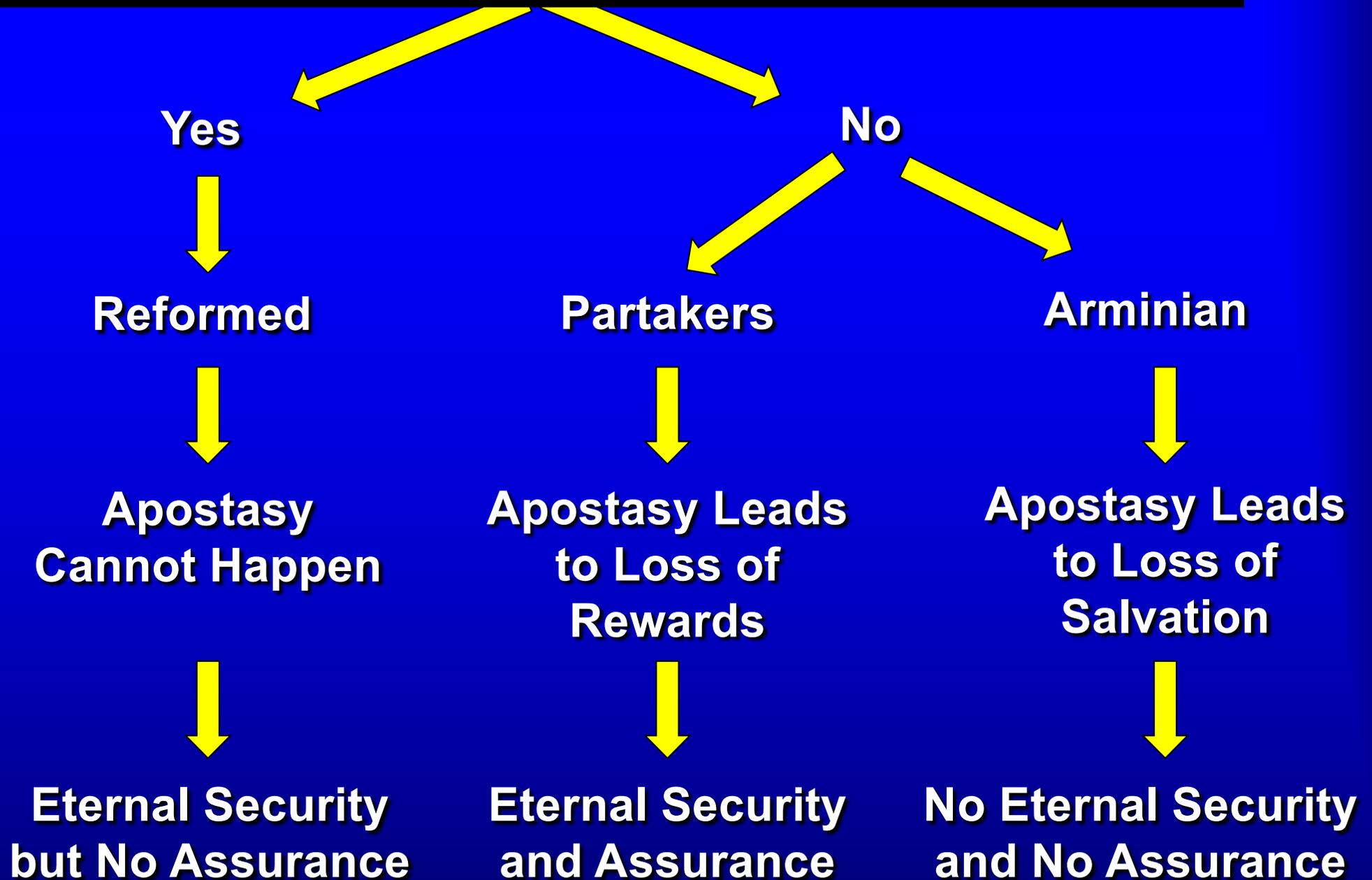
	Eternal Security	Assurance of Salvation
Basic Meaning	Being saved from the penalty of sin forever (once saved, always saved)	<u>Knowing</u> that we are saved from the penalty of sin forever
Definition	“The work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be 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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Views on Apostasy



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Inheritance Today

Last Will and Testament

I being of sound and disposing
and not acting under duress,
undue influence or coercion,
publish and declare my last
Testament

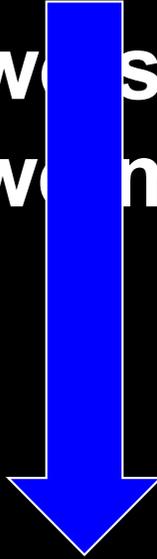
I hereby direct and order that all just
claims are filed against my estate
or last illness and funeral
expenses shall

Inheritance in the NT

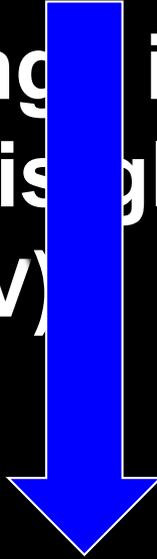


Two Types of Inheritance

"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"
(Romans 8:17 NIV)



= Salvation



= Reward



Kingdom Entering

Enter into Salvation

Enter into Discipleship

Salvation

Rewards

All believers

**Entering into a Rich
Experience of Life!**

Millennial dwelling

Wood, hay, straw

Based on faith alone

Millennial ruling

Gold, silver, jewels

Based on works



Kingdom Entering

Enter into Salvation

Faith for salvation

Enter into Discipleship

Matt. 5:19 “So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the **least** in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called **great** in the Kingdom of Heaven.””



Kingdom Entering

Enter into Salvation

Faith for salvation

Enter into Discipleship

Matt. 5:20 “But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never **enter the Kingdom** of Heaven!”



Kingdom Entering

Enter into Salvation

Faith for salvation

Enter into Discipleship

Matt. 7:21 “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will **enter the Kingdom** of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.”



Kingdom Entering

Enter into Salvation

Faith for salvation

Enter into Discipleship

Matt. 19:23 "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to **enter the Kingdom of Heaven.**'"



The Kingdom

Enter

Faith for salvation

Inherit

1 Cor. 6:9 "Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not **inherit the Kingdom** of God ...Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality...



The Kingdom

Enter

Faith for salvation

Inherit

1 Cor. 6:10 “or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will **inherit the Kingdom of God.**”

Crowns in the NT

Incorruptible

1 Cor 9:25



Hope

1 Thes 2:19

Righteousness

2 Tim 4:8

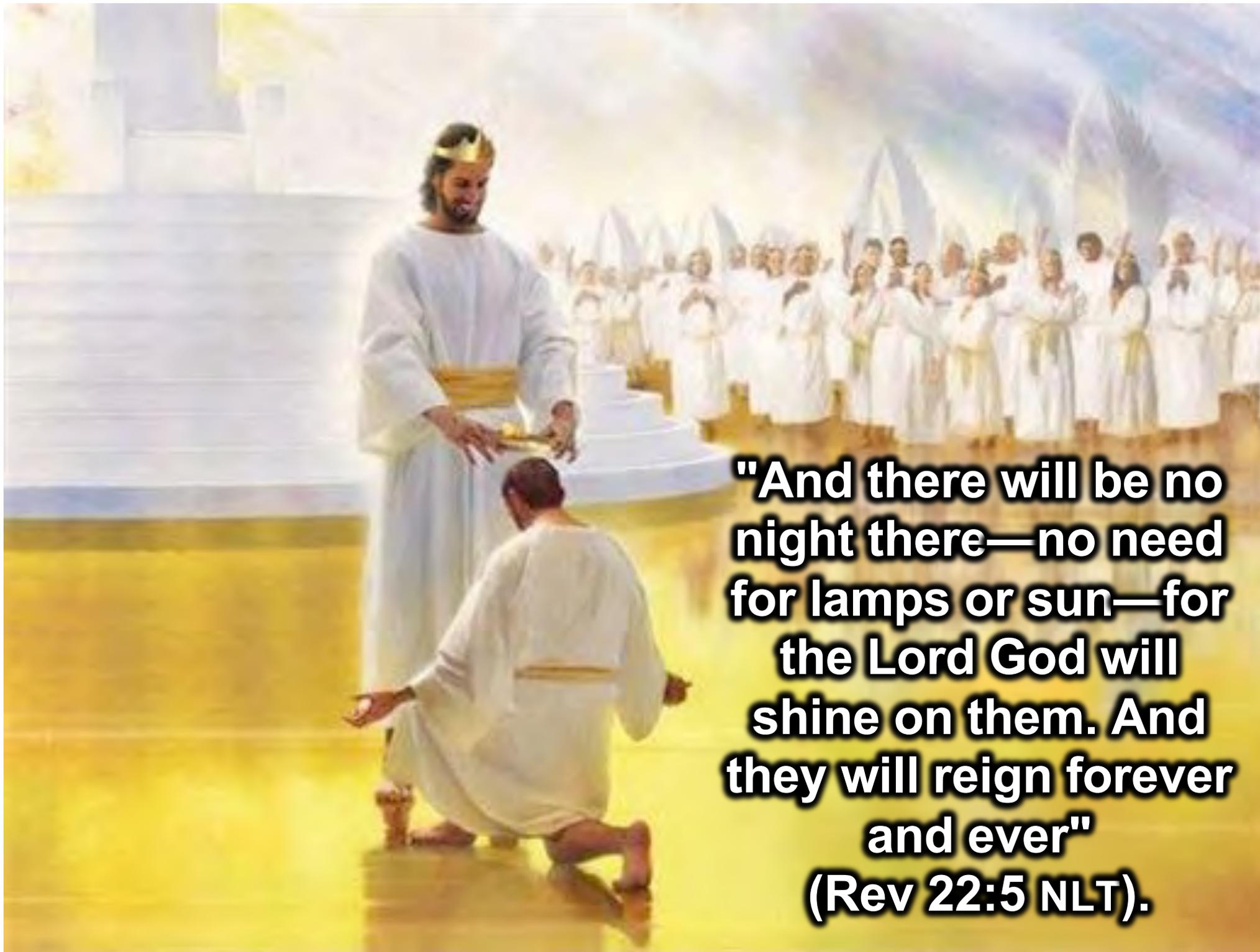


Life
Jas 1:12;
Rev 2:10



Glory
1 Pet 5:4





**"And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever"
(Rev 22:5 NLT).**

Assurance and Apostasy

The Bible distinguishes our two inheritances.

Only overcomers will reign with Christ.

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?

The Overcomers of Revelation 2–3



The 7 Churches (Rev. 2–3)

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The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God” (1 John 5:4-5 NIV)

**All
believers
overcome**

The overcomer has “kept my command to endure patiently” (Rev 3:10 NIV) and “does my will to the end” (Rev 2:26 NIV)

**Faithful
believers
overcome**

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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“...whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness... because the darkness has blinded him” (1 John 2:11)

“Only the crowned and rewarded church in heaven will rule” (Dillow, 664)

**Are all
Christians
overcomers?
No. Only
faithful ones.**

All believers overcome in 1 John 5:4-5, yet some will still “shrink away in shame” (1 John 2:28)

“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth” (Rev 5:10).

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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The context of
Rev 21:6-8
presents three
types of people:

All Saints: “He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life’” (21:6).

He who overcomes
will inherit these
things, and I will be
his God and he will be
My son (21:7)

Unbelievers: “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death” (21:8).

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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If all overcome, then none could lose their crown: “I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown” (3:11).

“The seven letters deal with Christian works, not salvation (2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15)” —Yates, *BibSac* (2006): 227

**Are all
Christians
overcomers?
*No. Only
faithful ones.***

If we all overcome, then why all the warnings and promises?

His name will not be removed from the book of life (3:5)

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

"He who overcomes"
(NAU) is used once
for each of the 7
churches, plus 21:7
with a total of 8
times in Revelation

Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

Laodicea

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

To him who
overcomes, I will
grant to **eat of the
tree of life** which is
in the Paradise of
God (2:7)

Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

2:7

Laodicea

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

365



Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes
will not be hurt by
the second death
(2:11)

Sardis

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

Laodicea

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

To
him
who
overcomes,

Smyrna

2:11

to him I will give some of
the **hidden manna**, and I
will give him a **white stone**,
and a **new name** written
on the stone which
no one knows but he
who receives it (2:17)

Sardis

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

Laodicea

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

2:26

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes,
and he who keeps My
deeds until the end,
TO HIM I WILL GIVE
**AUTHORITY OVER
THE NATIONS (2:26)**

Sardis

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

Laodicea

The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

2:26

He
who

overcomes will thus be
clothed in white garments;
and I will **not erase his name**
from the book of life, and I
will **confess his name**
before My Father and
before His angels (3:5)

Smyrna

2:11

Sardis

3:5

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

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The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

2:26

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes, I will **make him a pillar** in the temple of My God, and he will **not go out from it anymore**; and I will **write on him the name of My God**, and the **name of the city of My God**, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, **and My new name** (3:12)

Sardis

3:5

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

3:12

Laodicea

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Pergamum

2:17

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2:26

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to **sit down with Me on My throne**, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne (3:21)

Sardis

3:5

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

3:12

Laodicea

3:21



***Rule with
Christ just as
he rules with
the Father
(Rev 3:21-22).***

Promise

**Overcomers
will eat with
Christ and
rule with
Christ**



The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

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He who overcomes
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Philadelphia

3:12

3:21

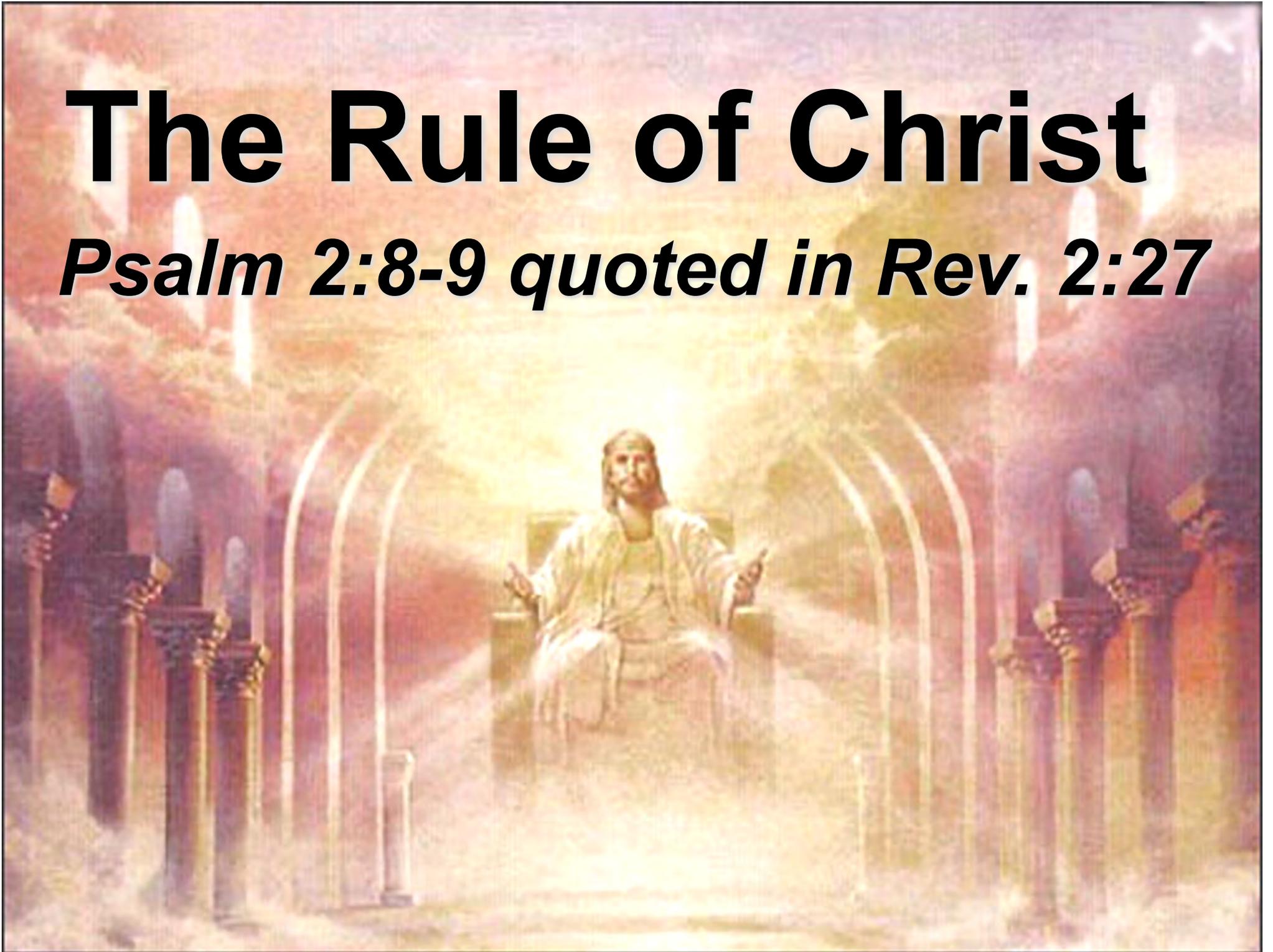
Laodicea

**Are you ready to rule
the world?**

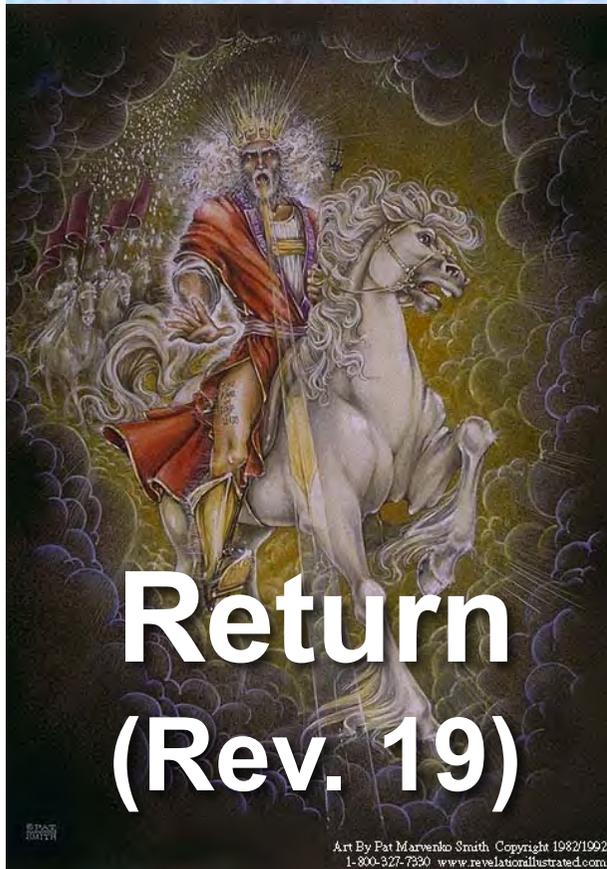


The Rule of Christ

Psalm 2:8-9 quoted in Rev. 2:27



Our Future (Rev. 19–20)



Revelation 20:4 (NAU)

⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.



***"Do you not know
that saints will
judge the world?"
(1 Cor. 6:2a)***



**"If we endure hardship,
we will reign with him"**
(2 Tim. 2:12 NLT)

**"Those who
are victorious
will sit with me
on my throne,
just as I was
victorious and
sat with my
Father on his
throne"
(Rev. 3:21
NLT).**



Assurance and Apostasy

The Bible distinguishes our two inheritances.

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Believers abandoning Jesus lose rewards and rule.

Arminian (Wesleyan)

Apostasy leads to loss of salvation

No security, no assurance

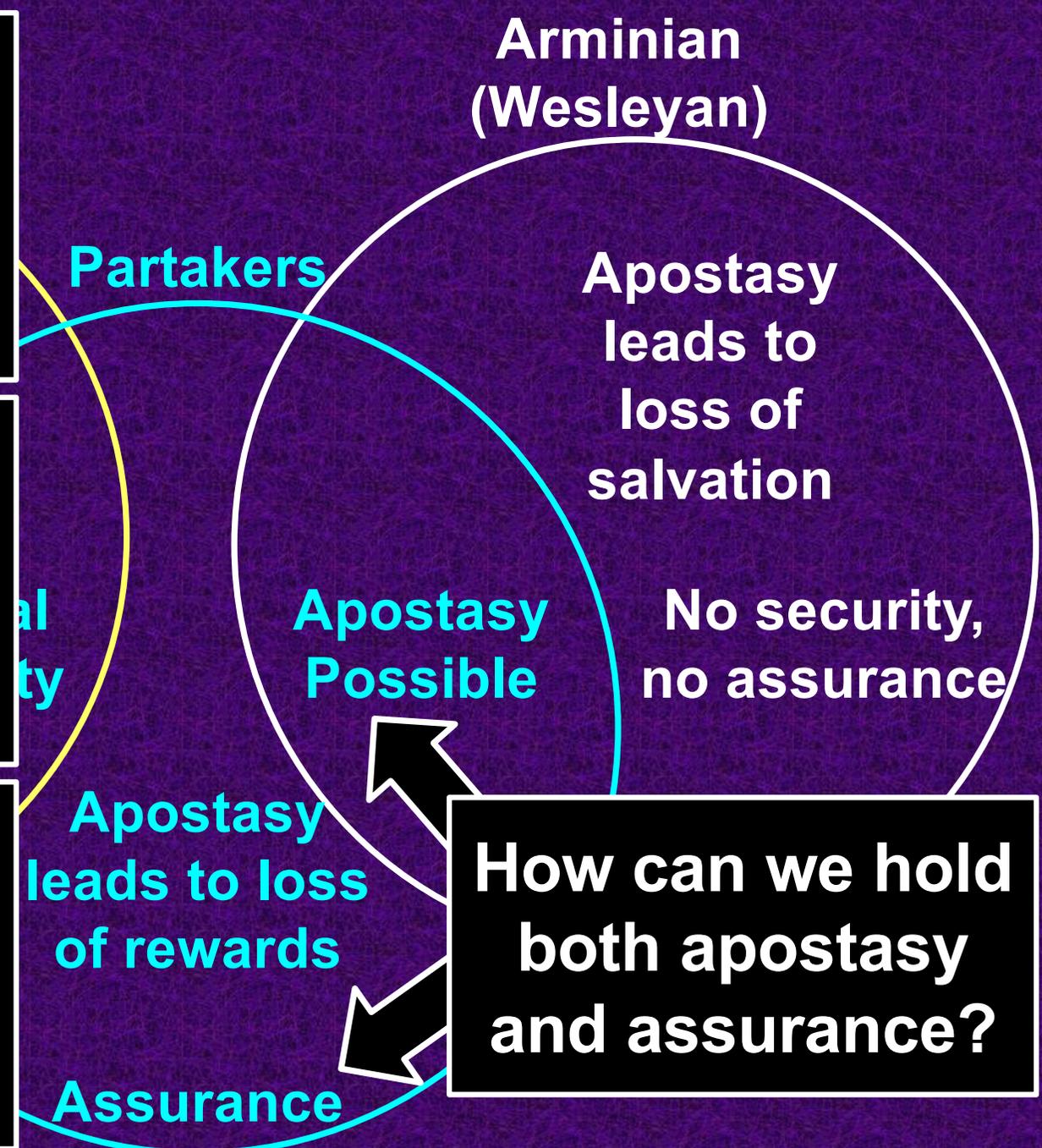
Partakers

Apostasy Possible

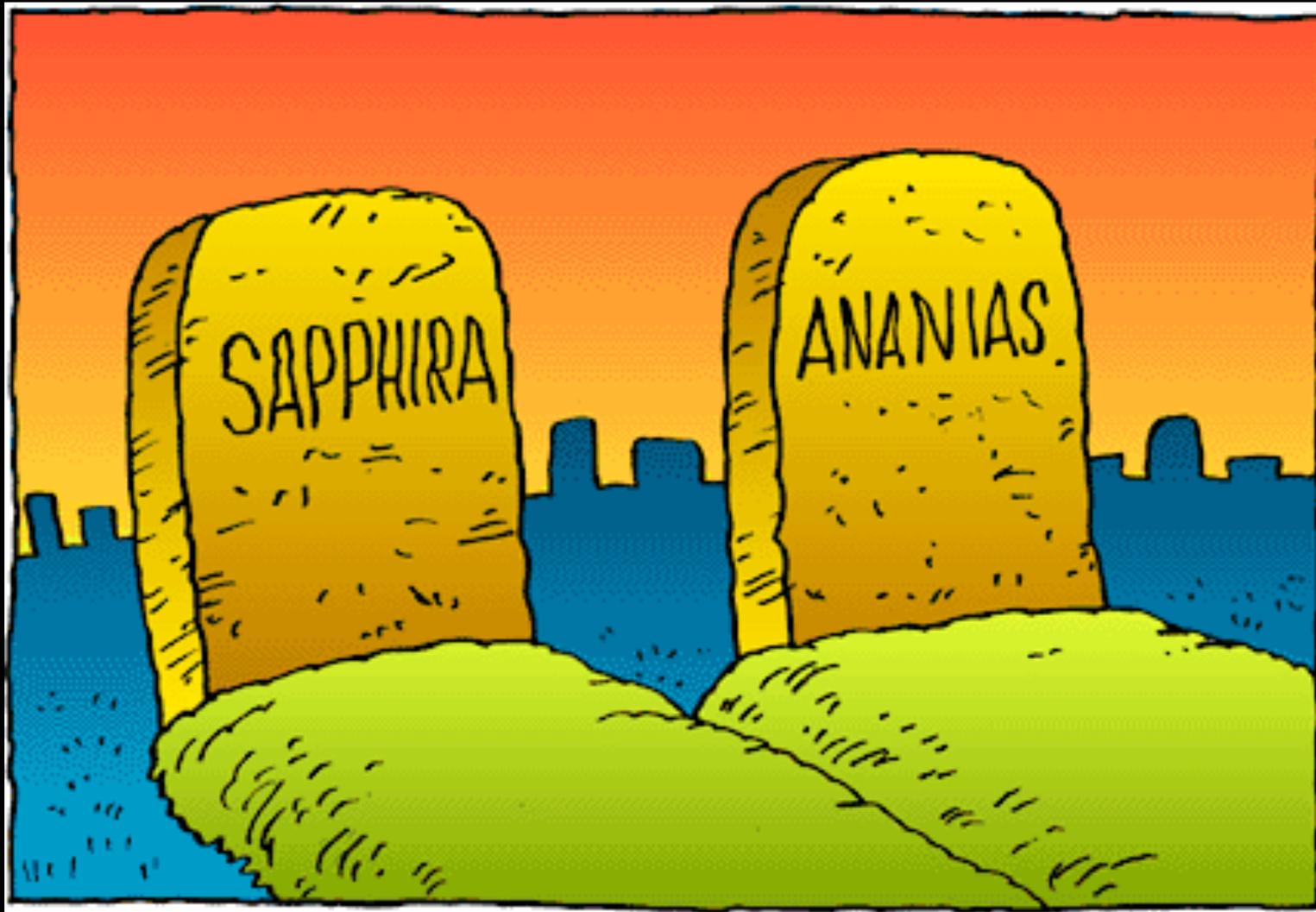
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Assurance

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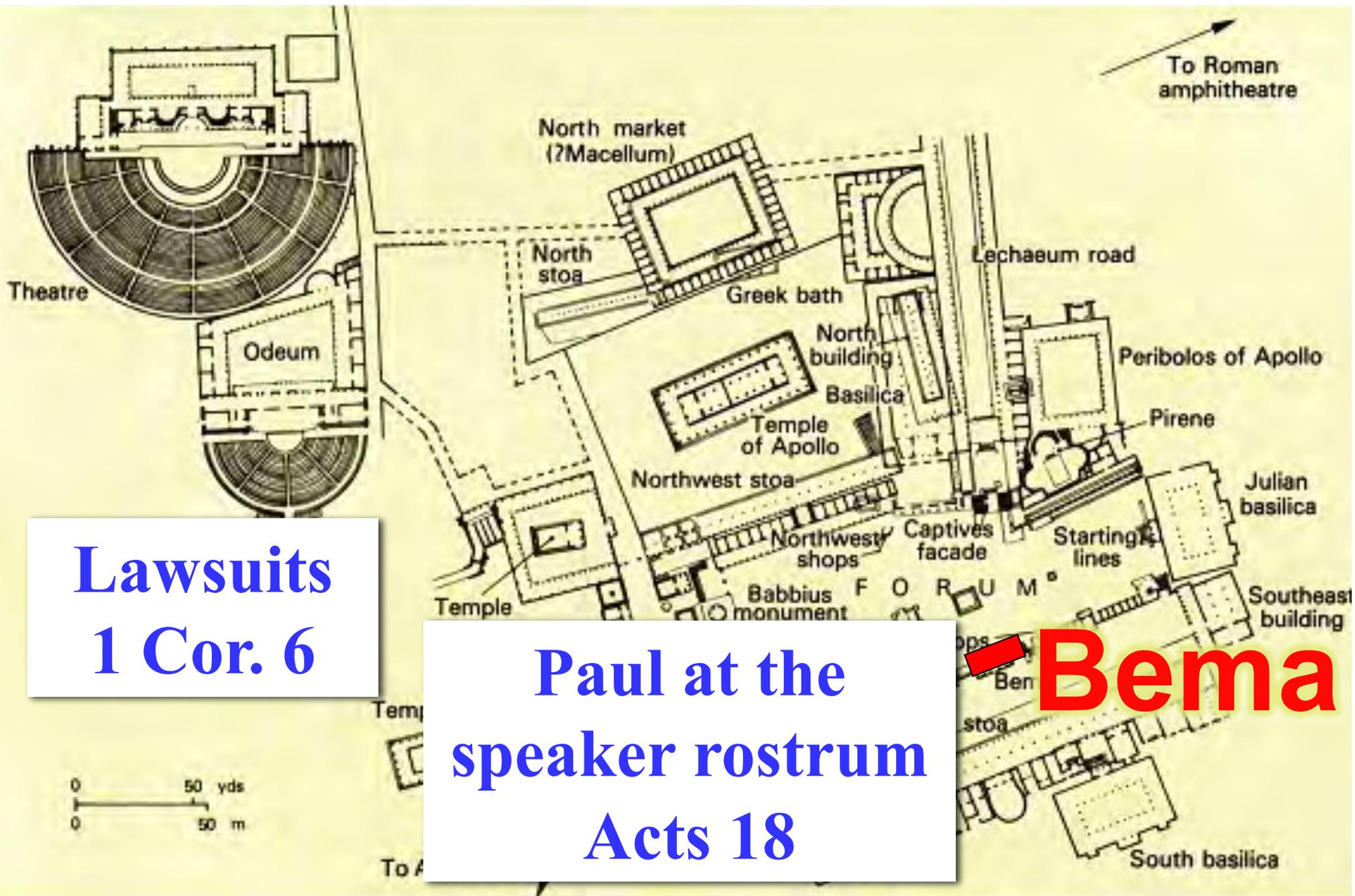
**However, there is still
divine discipline...**



Ananias & Sapphira



Acts 5



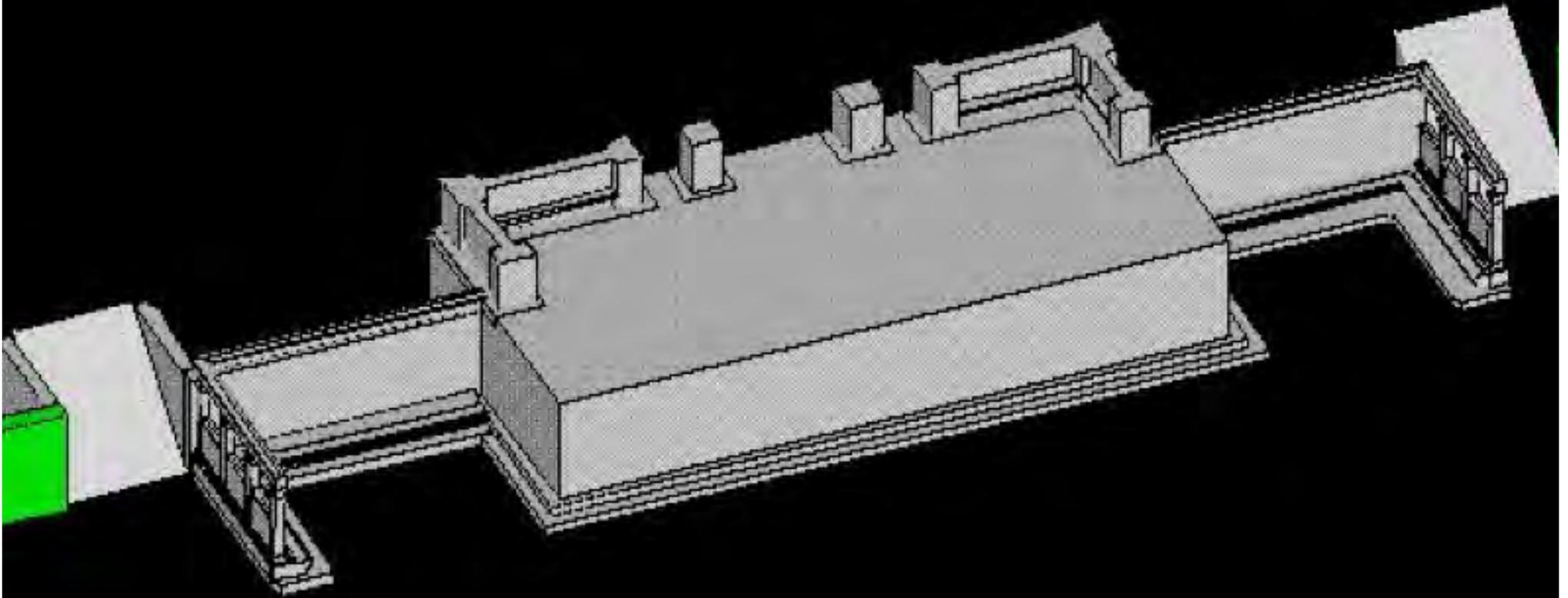
Lawsuits
1 Cor. 6

Paul at the
speaker rostrum
Acts 18

Bema

The Bema at Corinth

Bema Close-up



“So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For **we must all appear before the judgment seat [bema] of Christ**, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:9-10 NIV).

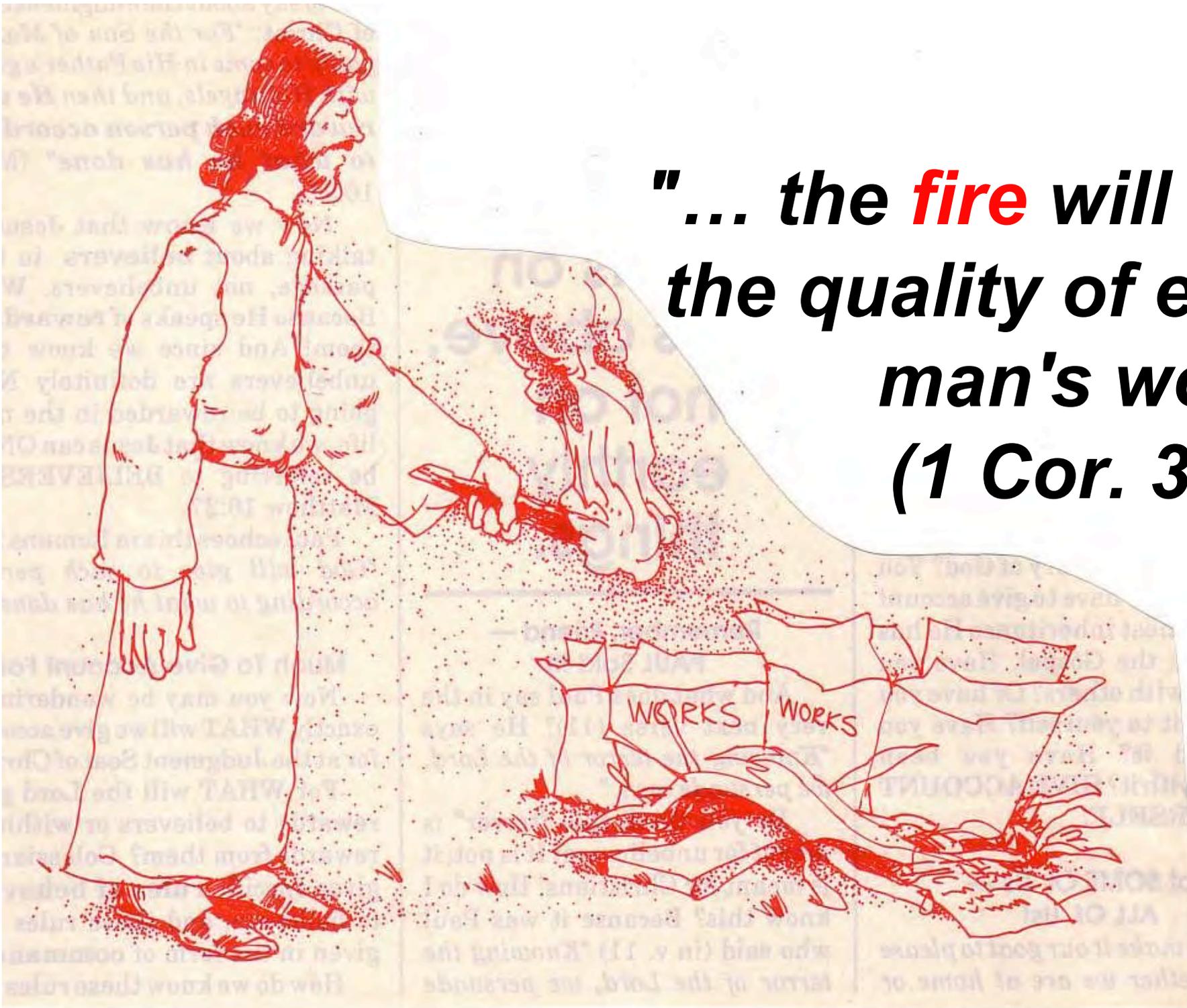
The Speaker or Judge Above



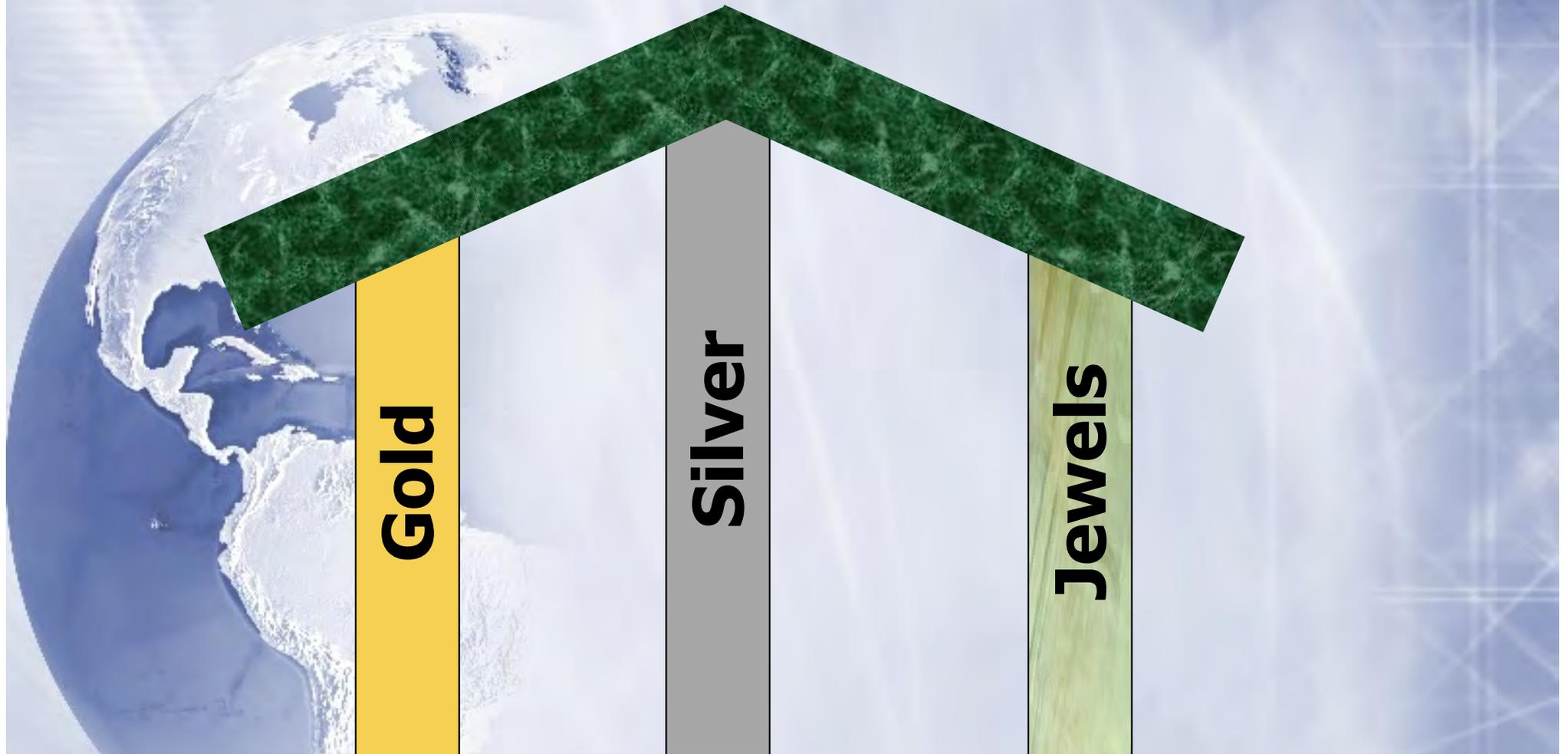
The One Being Judged or Rewarded Stood Below



**"... 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..."
(1 Cor
3:15)**

Believers Can Be “Disqualified”

"Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, **I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:24-27 NLT).**



Christ promises rewards for perseverance (Rev. 3:11b).



"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown" (NLT).

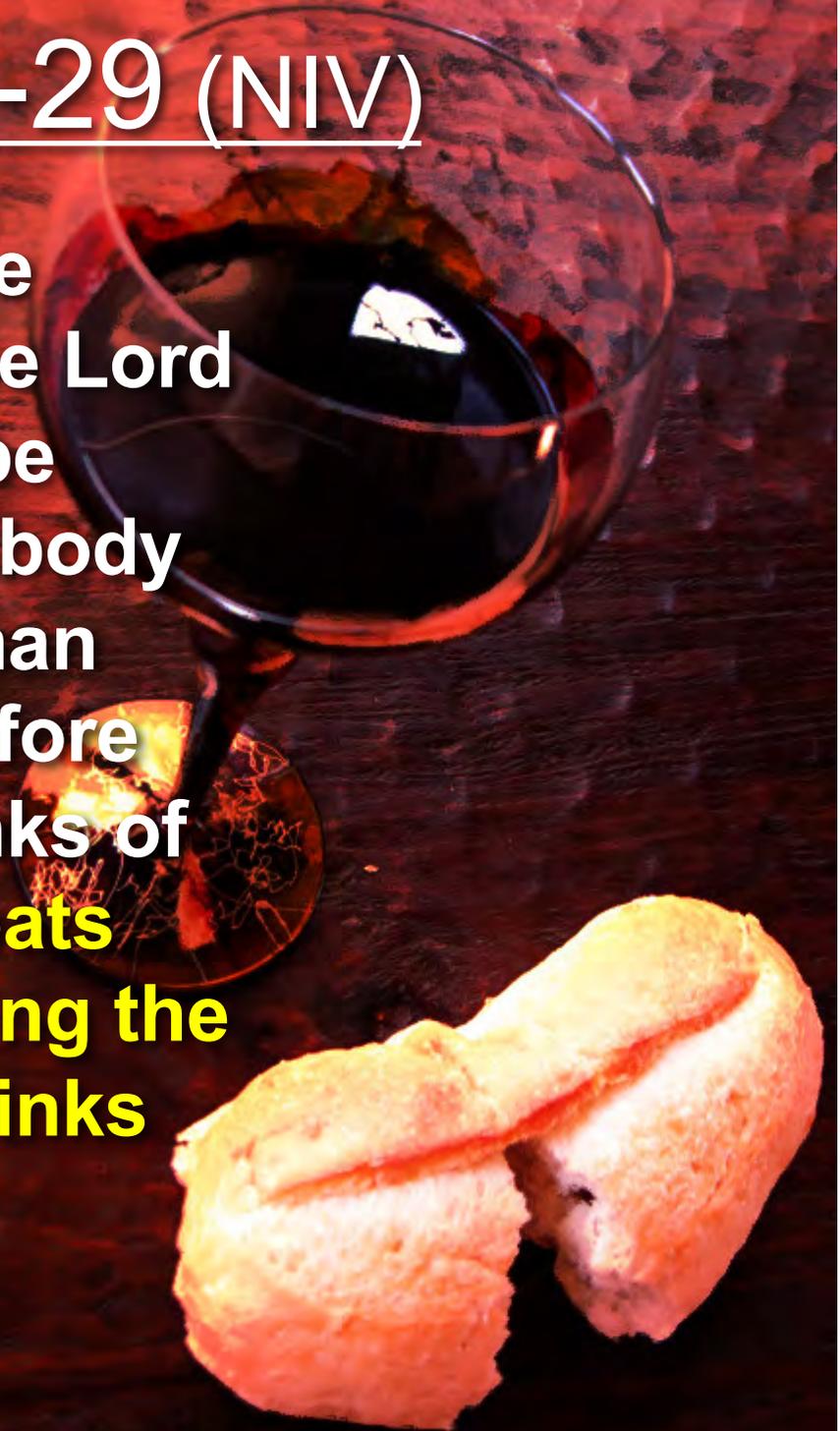
Rewards can be lost!

"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)



1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For **anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.**

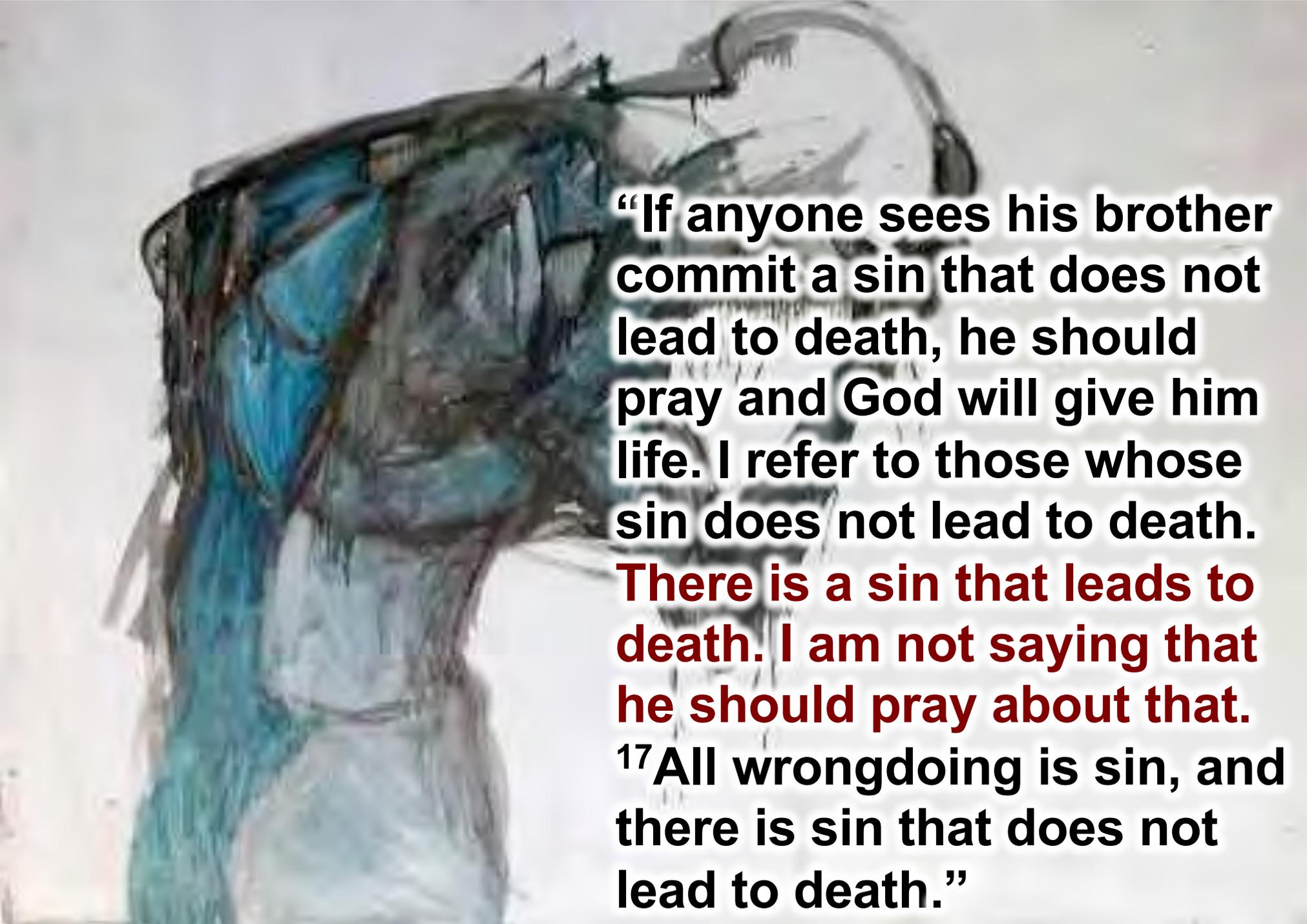


1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

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.



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.”

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

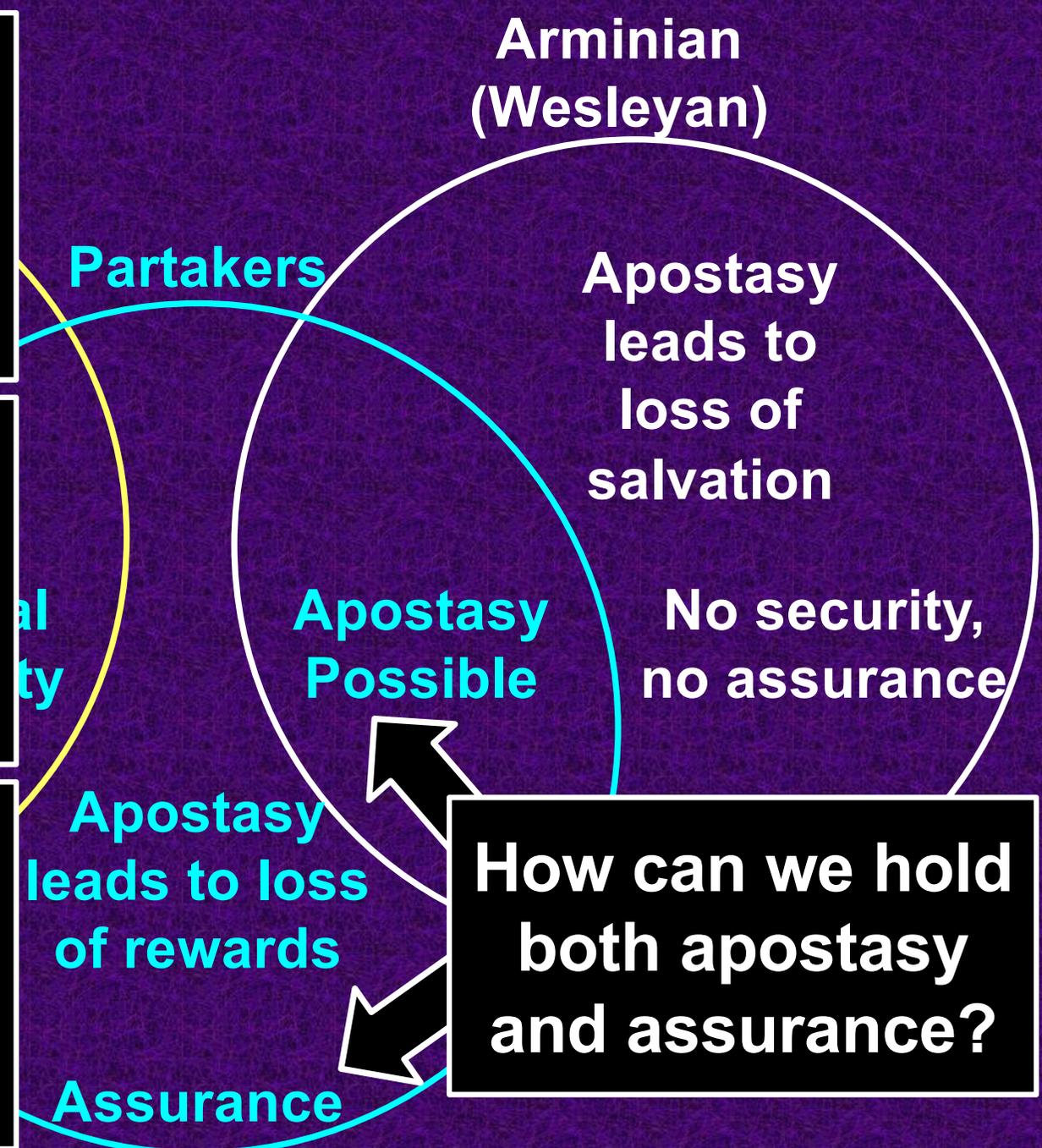
Partakers

Apostasy Possible

Apostasy leads to loss of rewards

Assurance

How can we hold both apostasy and assurance?



**Our salvation is secure but
defectors lose rewards.**



Main Idea

**All believers are clothed with
Christ's righteousness.**



All believers will enjoy heaven.



But Jesus will judge the earth.



Jesus will reward the faithful.



Live Towards Your Future!



**Turning away from Christ
forfeits your future **rule**.**



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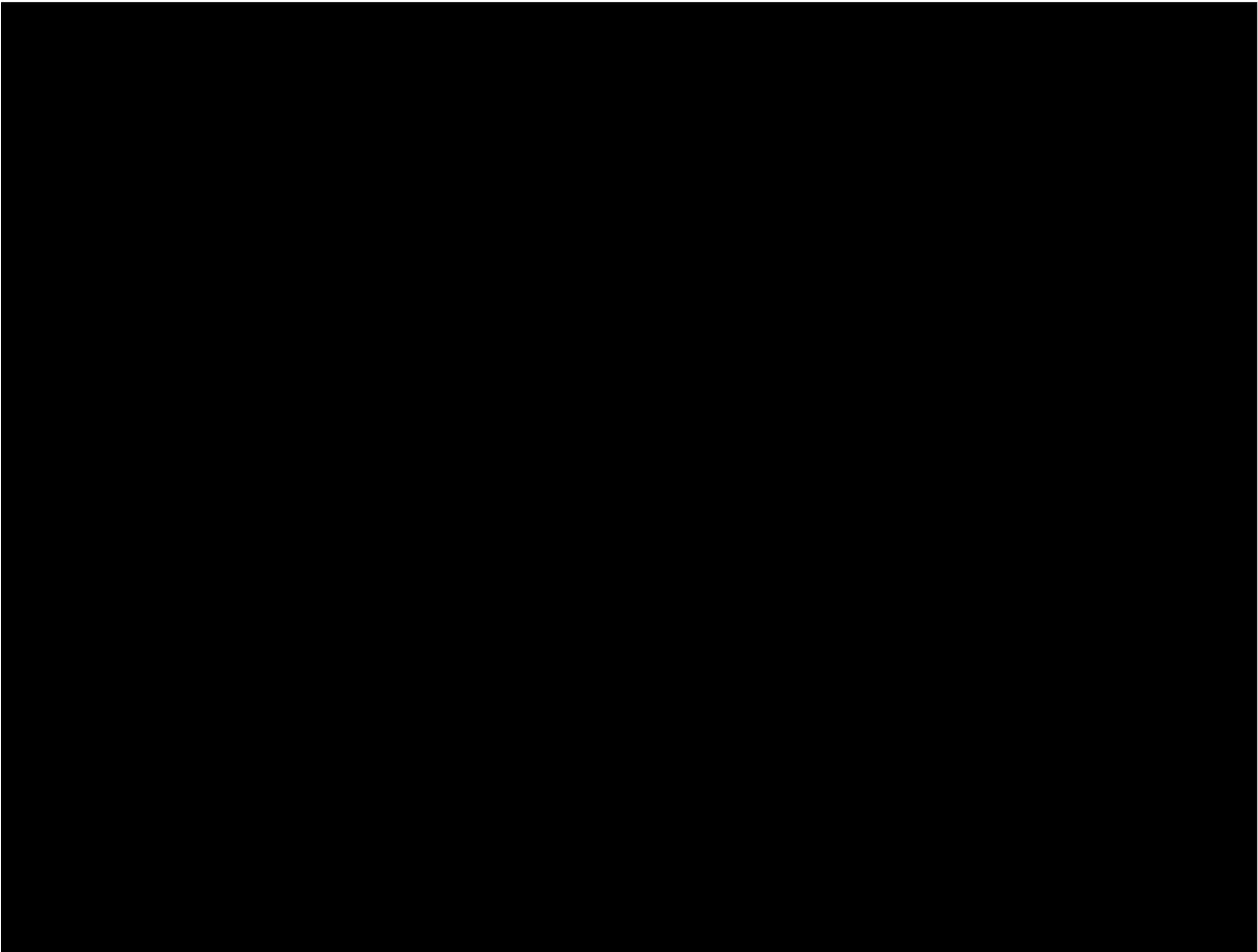
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Apostates don't wear nametags



Apostates Destroy From Within

APOSTATE

The Men who Destroyed the Christian West

**Nathaniel
Hawthorne**

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Darwin**

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Nietzsche**

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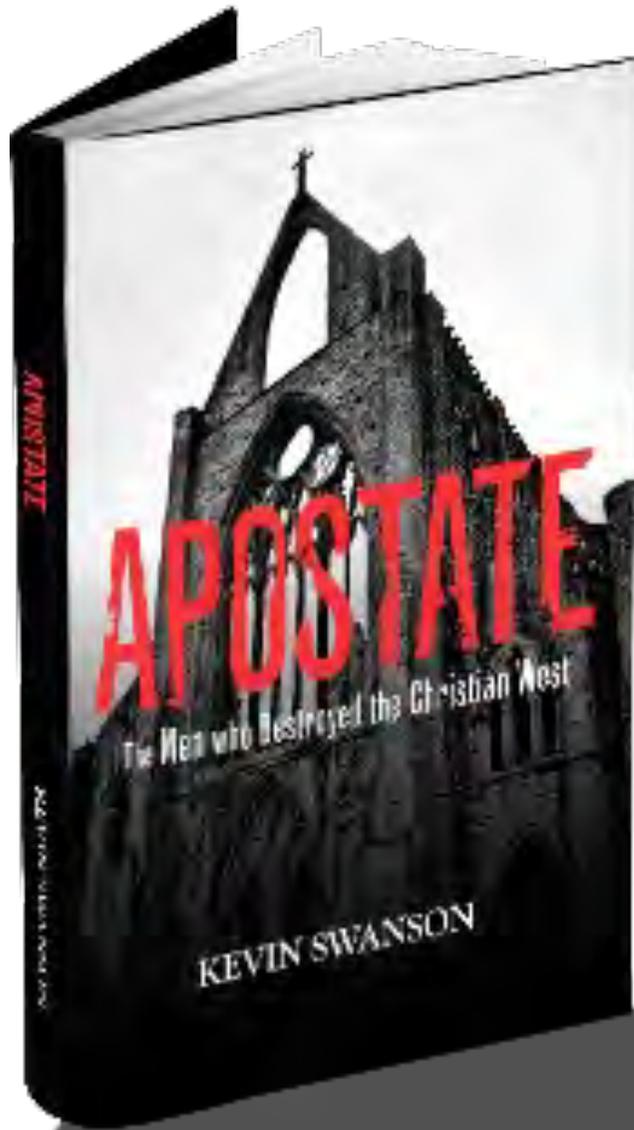
**Who are the
apostates?**

**Ernest Hemingway
Lady Gaga**

The Book *Apostate*



Kevin Swanson and his family



Why are they significant?

**"This is the story of the decline and fall of Western civilization. It is the story of uncommonly powerful men, unfathomably evil men. . . apostates."
–Kevin Swanson**

**Nathaniel
Hawthorne**

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Nietzsche**

**Mark
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**Karl
Marx**

**Jean-Paul
Sartre**

**"Eliminate
home schools!"**

**"There is no
God!"**

**What did the
apostates teach?**

**"God didn't create.
We evolved!"**

Godless Philosophy

"God is dead."

– Nietzsche, 1883



"Nietzsche is dead."

– God, 1900



Rob Bell & Oprah Winfrey

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**Salvation is by faith,
but rewards are by works.**



Main Idea of Message 1

**Our salvation is secure,
but defectors lose rewards.**



Main Idea of Message 2

The Letter to the
Hebrews



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



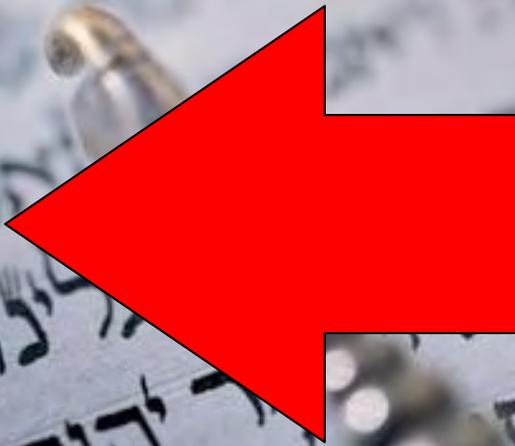
The readers were Jewish Christians

"**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)



**"Should I
go back?"**

**"So we must listen very carefully to the truth
we have heard, or we may drift away from it"
(Hebrews 2:1 NLT).**



BETTER

The Supremacy of Jesus in the Book of Hebrews

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

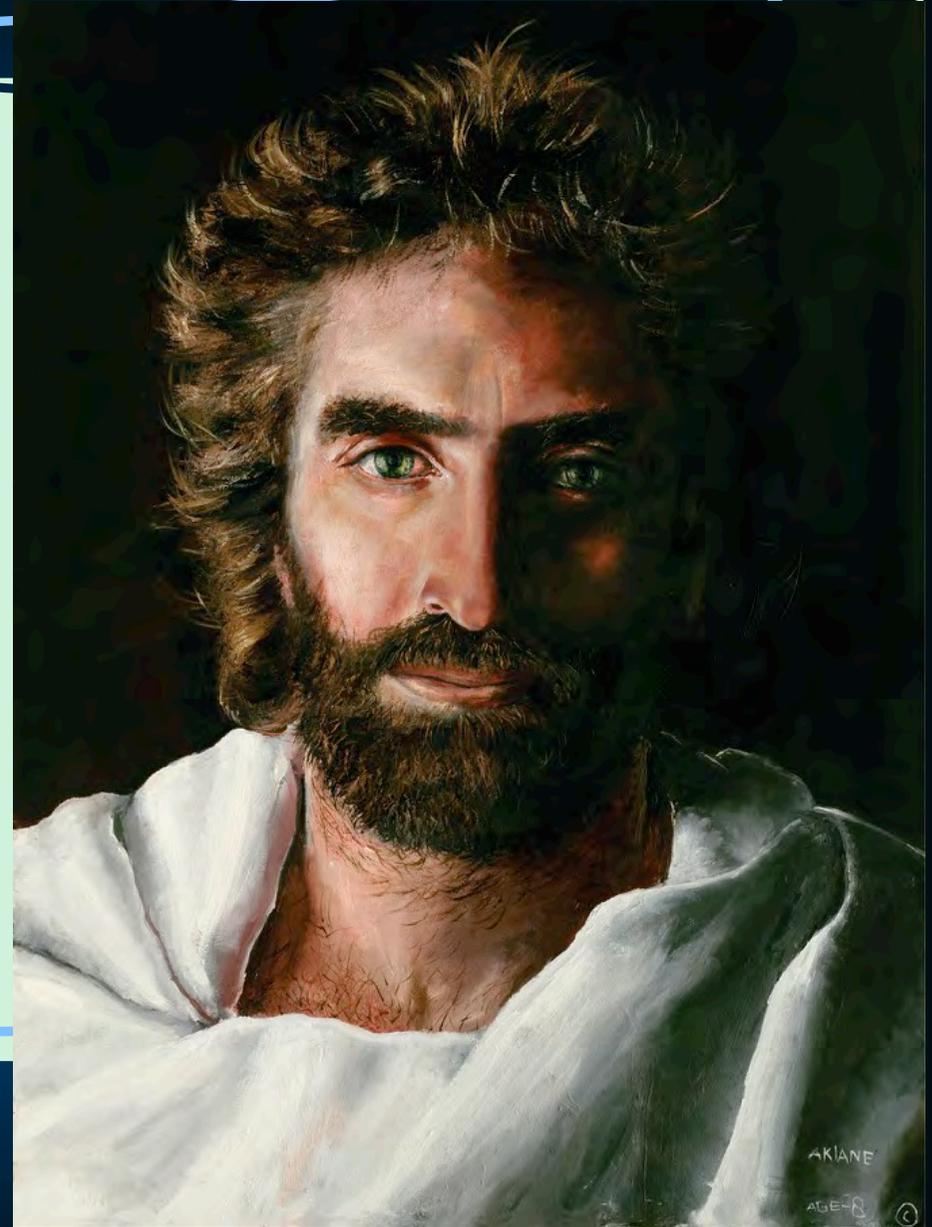
11:40 God "provided something **better** for us"

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"

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





5 Warnings in Hebrews

1. **Warning** of drifting from truth (2:1-4)
2. **Warning** of unbelief (3:7-19)
3. **Warning**
4. **Warning**
5. **Warning** of unconcern (12:14-29)

Today we will see two key warnings in Hebrews on apostasy



Warning 1

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



Warning 2

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



Warning 3

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



Warning 4

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



Warning 5

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



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."

47^A WORD
BIBLICAL
COMMENTARY

Hebrews 1–8

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**Will some
Christians
go to hell?**

**He says
yes.**

What is the danger in 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 is disqualified for Christian service and will never again return to spiritual commitment due to **death** has the best evidence

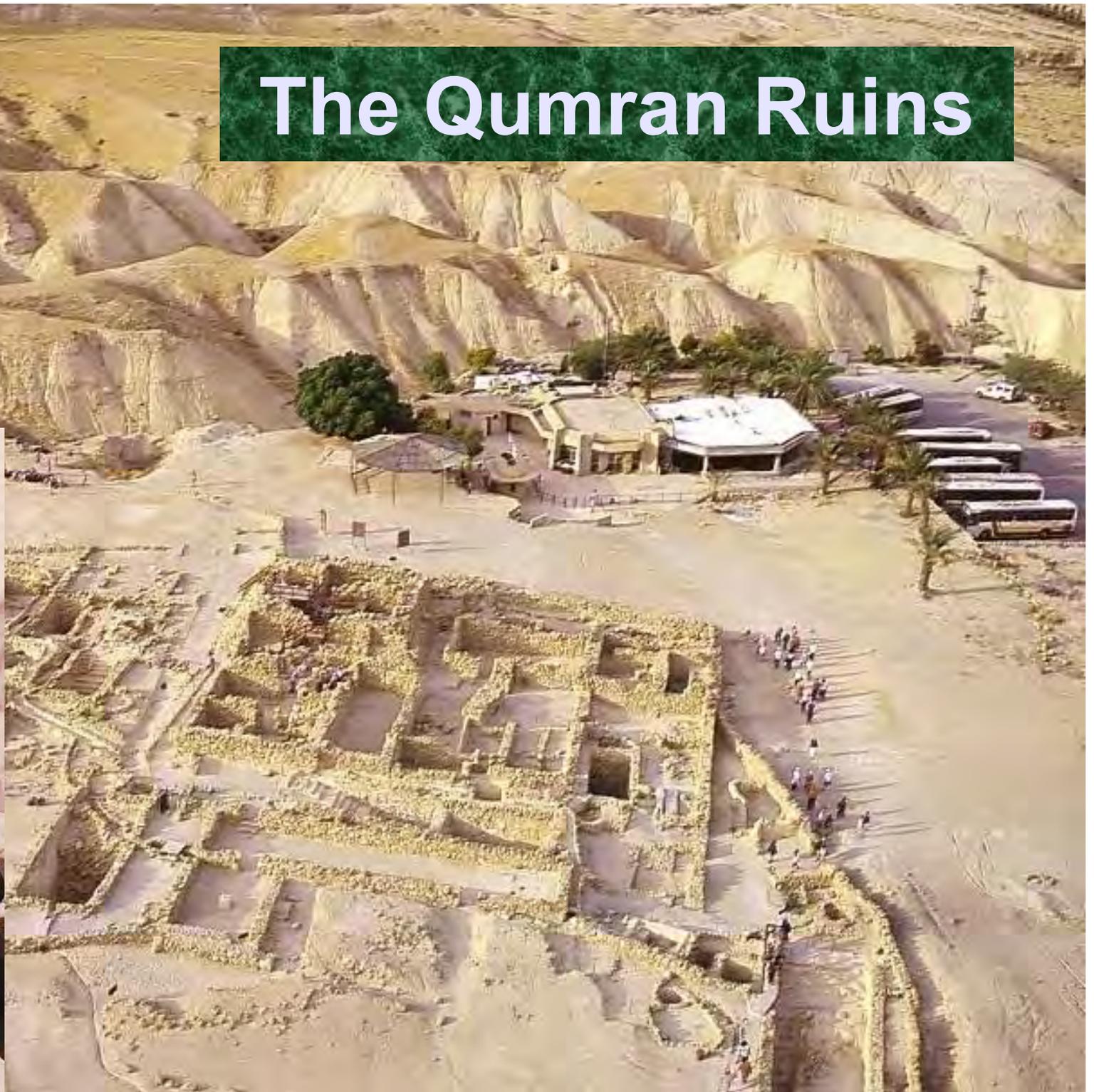
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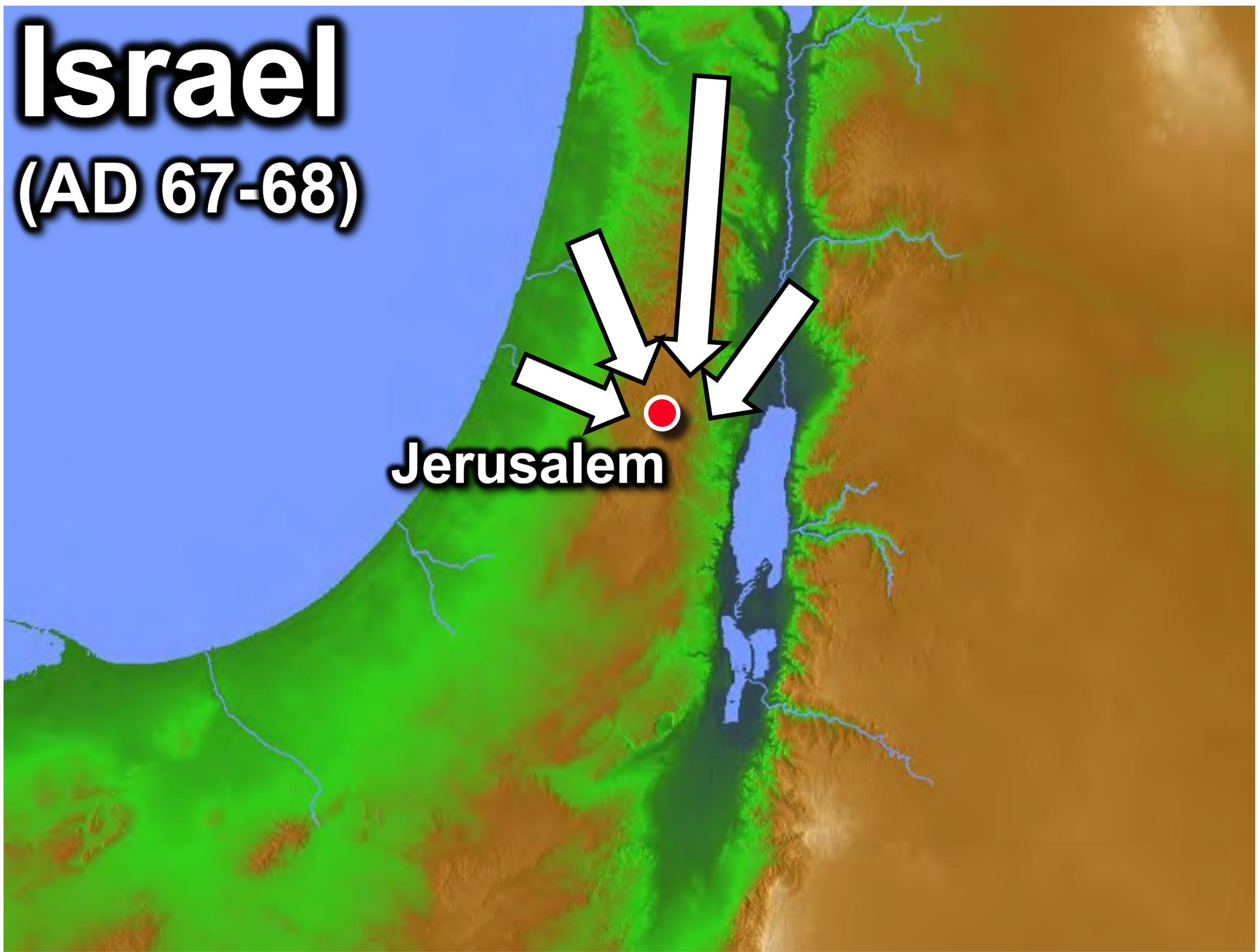
**I think the readers
lived in Israel**



The Qumran Ruins



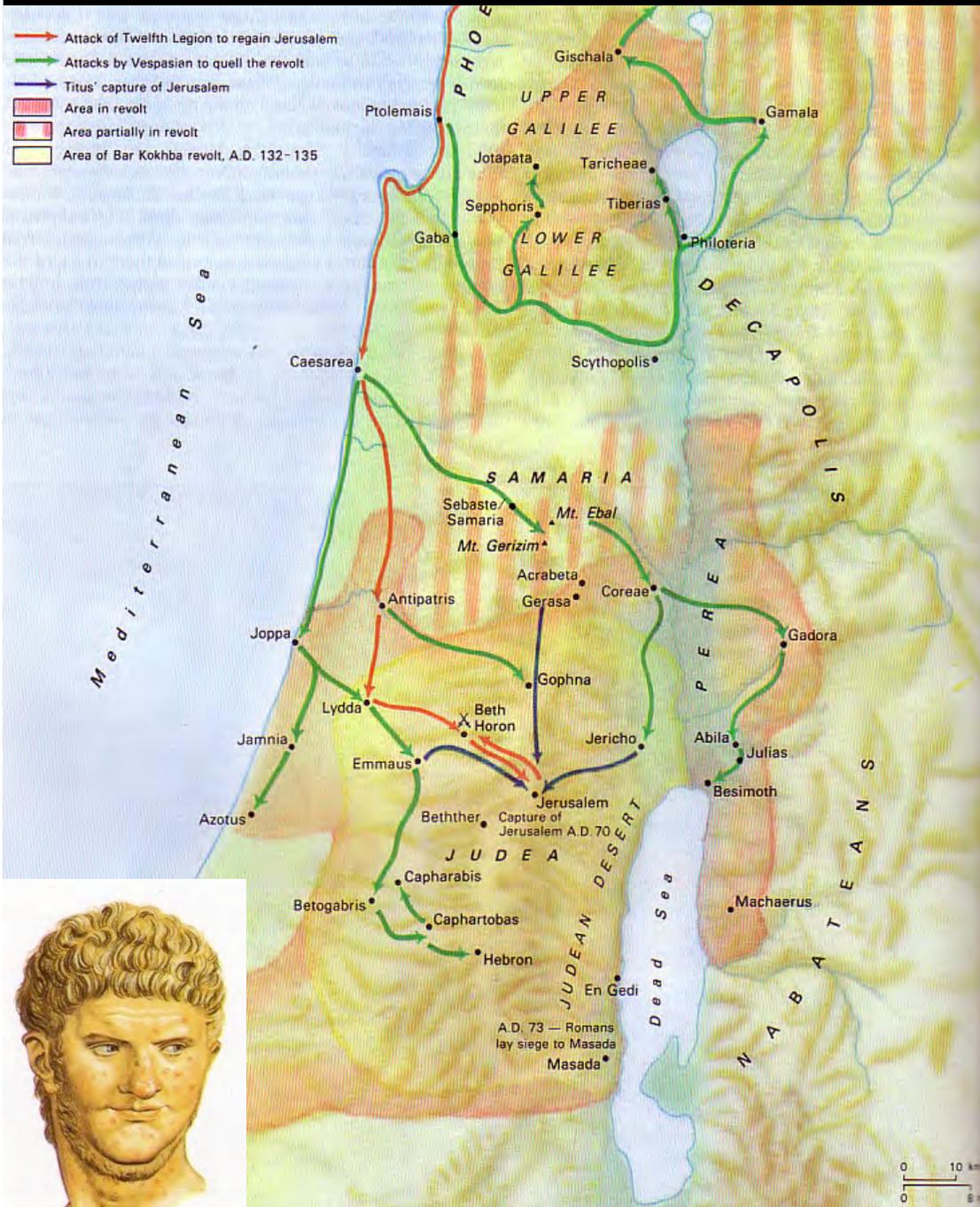
Israel (AD 67-68)



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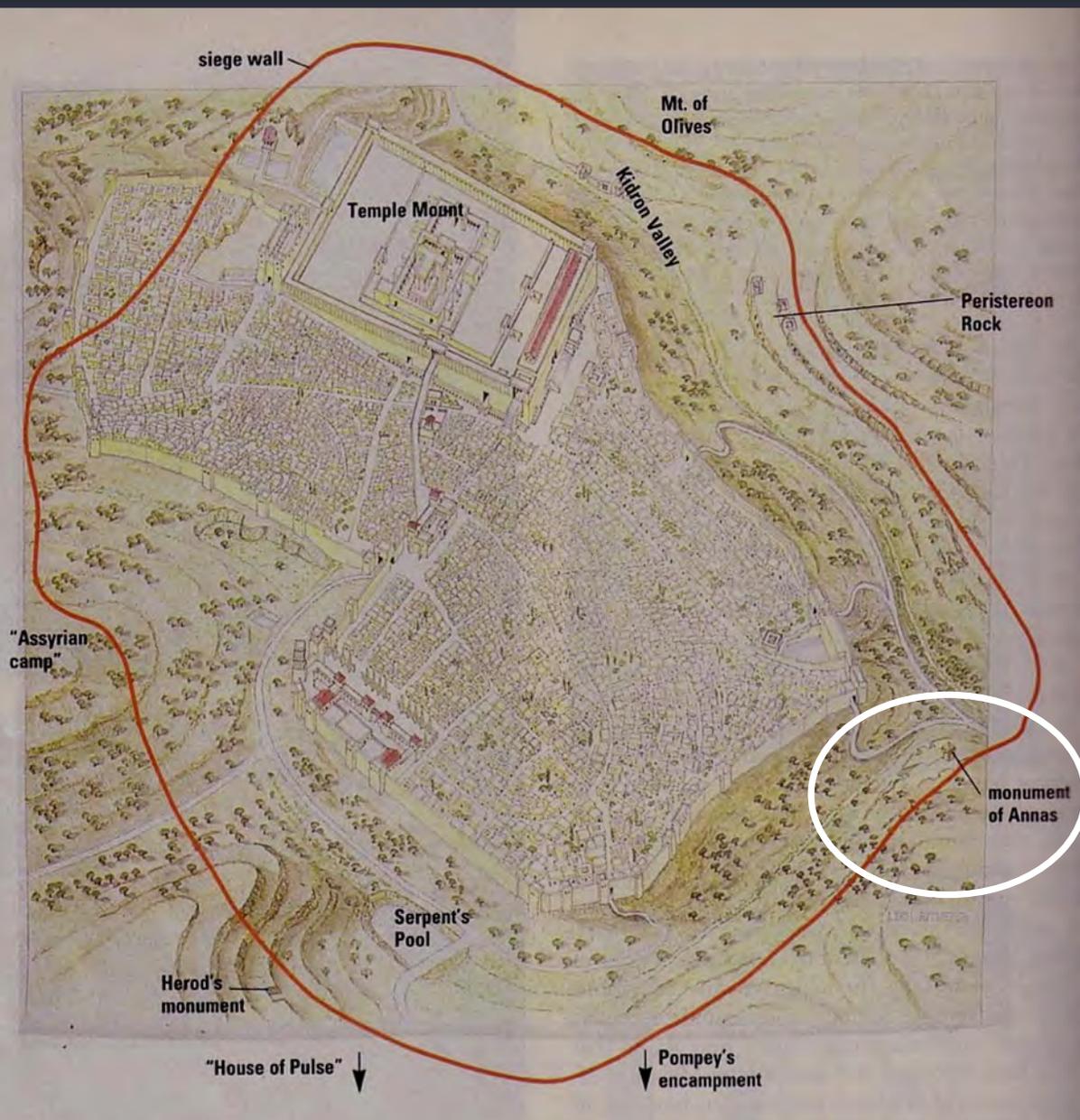
The Jewish War (AD 66-73)

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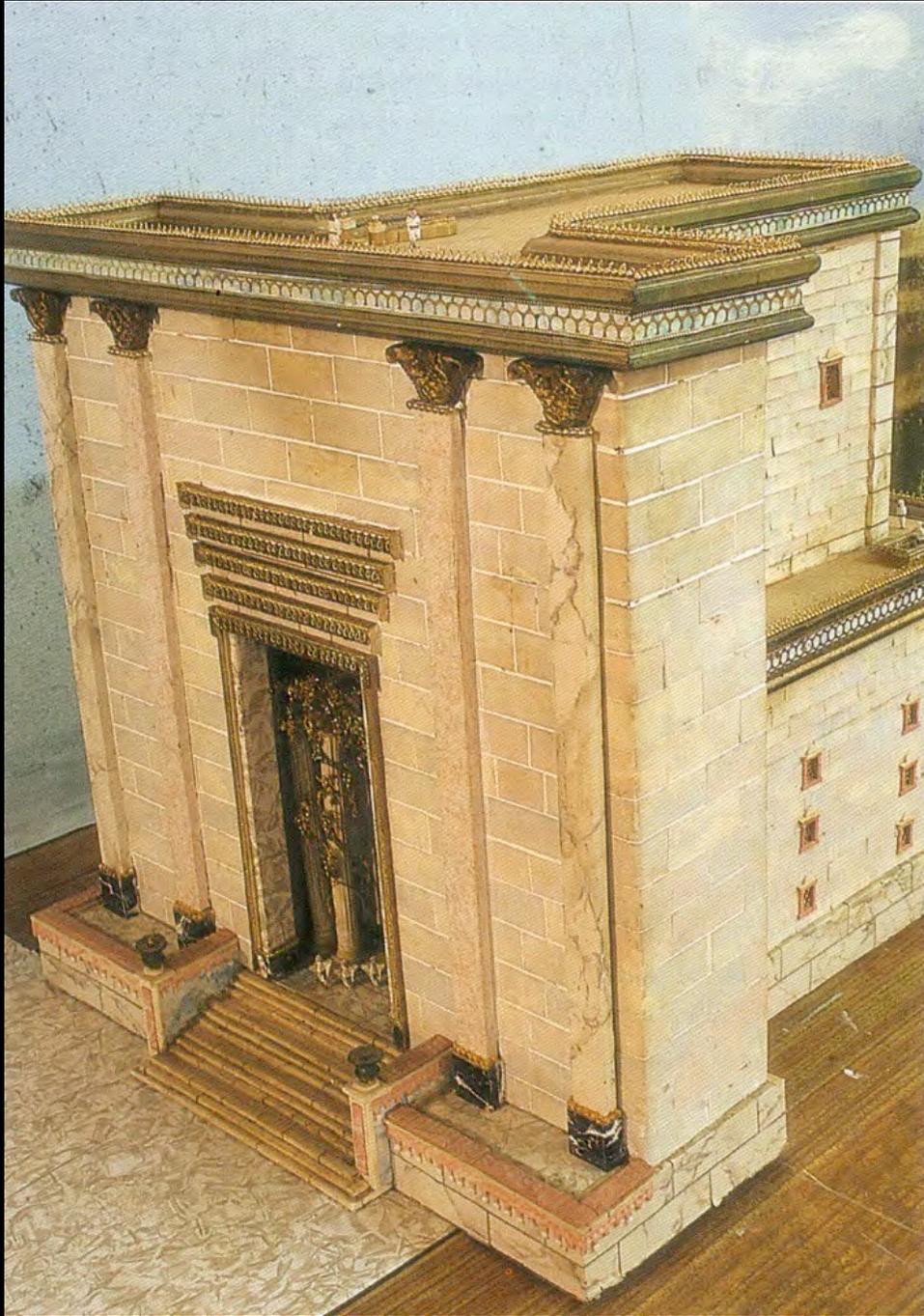


- Caesarea desecration
- Jerusalem revolt
- Temple sacrifice for Nero stopped
- Rome sent Vespasian
- Nero died
- Siege of Jerusalem by Titus (April-Sept. 70)

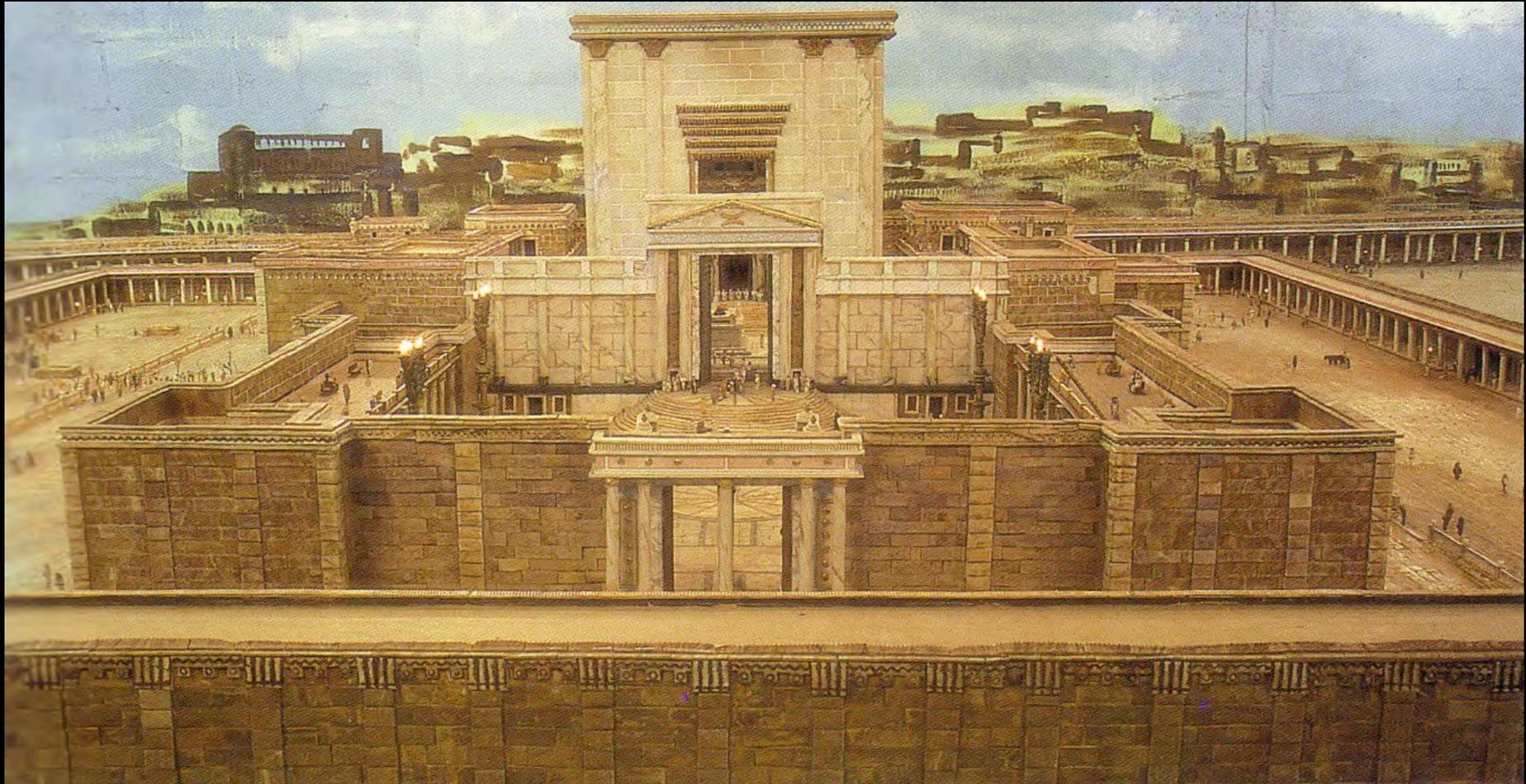
Jerusalem Siege Wall (AD 70)



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



Struthion Pool





Antonia Fortress Leveled

The Temple Assault





Jerusalem Christians



**Should the Christians
stay and fight?**

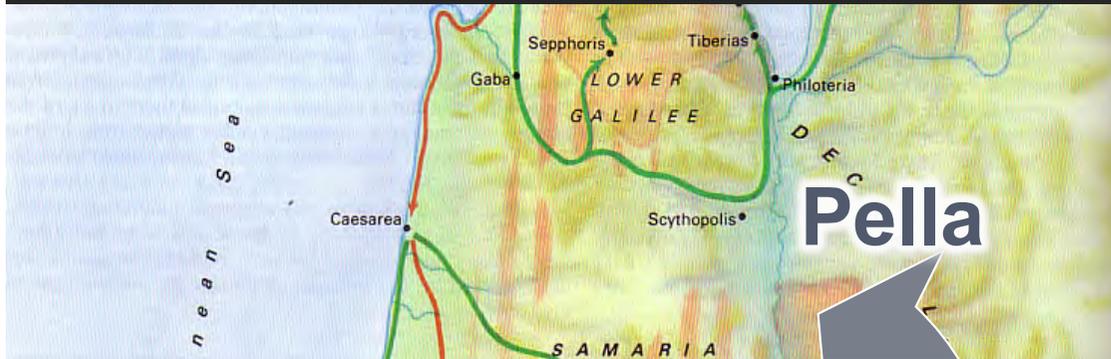


Jerusalem Christians left

First Century Jerusalem



What happened to the Christians in Jerusalem?



A revelation told them to find protection in Pella.





Warning 3

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



Warning 4

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

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

²⁷There is only
a terrible expectation of
God's judgment and the
raging fire that will
consume his enemies"

(10:26-27 NLT).

**ARE THESE
PEOPLE
CHRISTIANS?**

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 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

AD 33

Hebrews Written

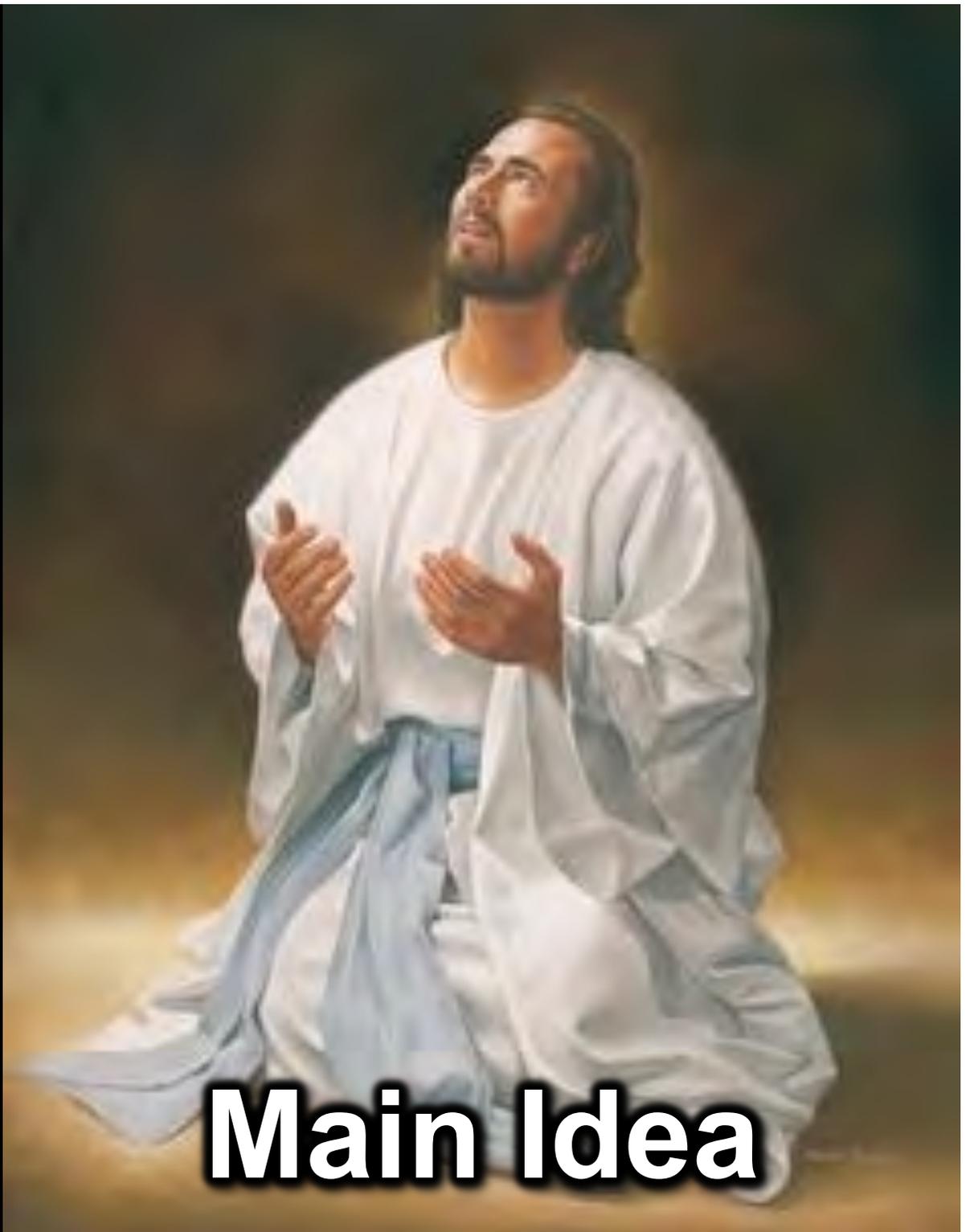
AD 67-68

Disappeared

AD 70



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



Main Idea



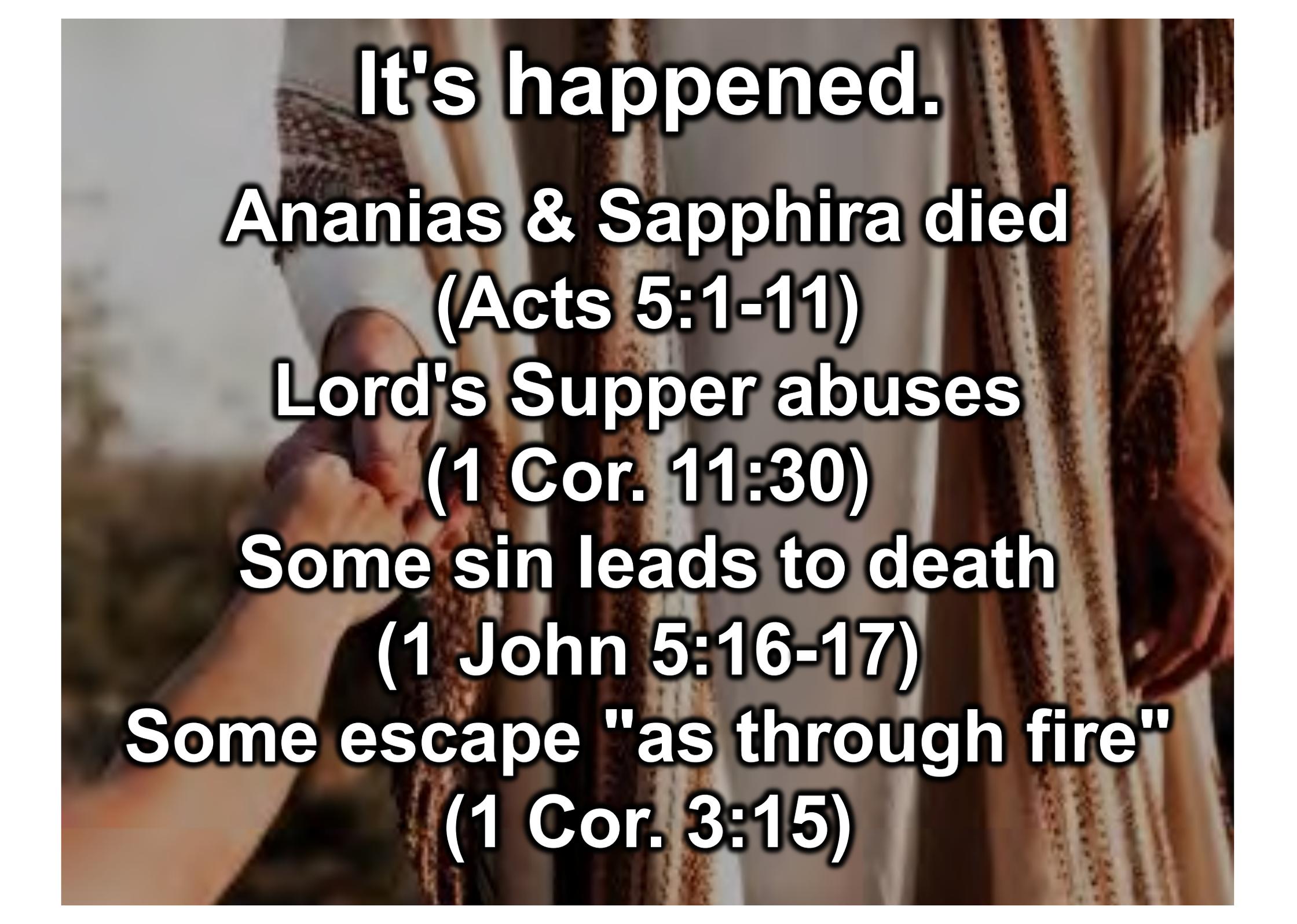
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It's happened.

**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

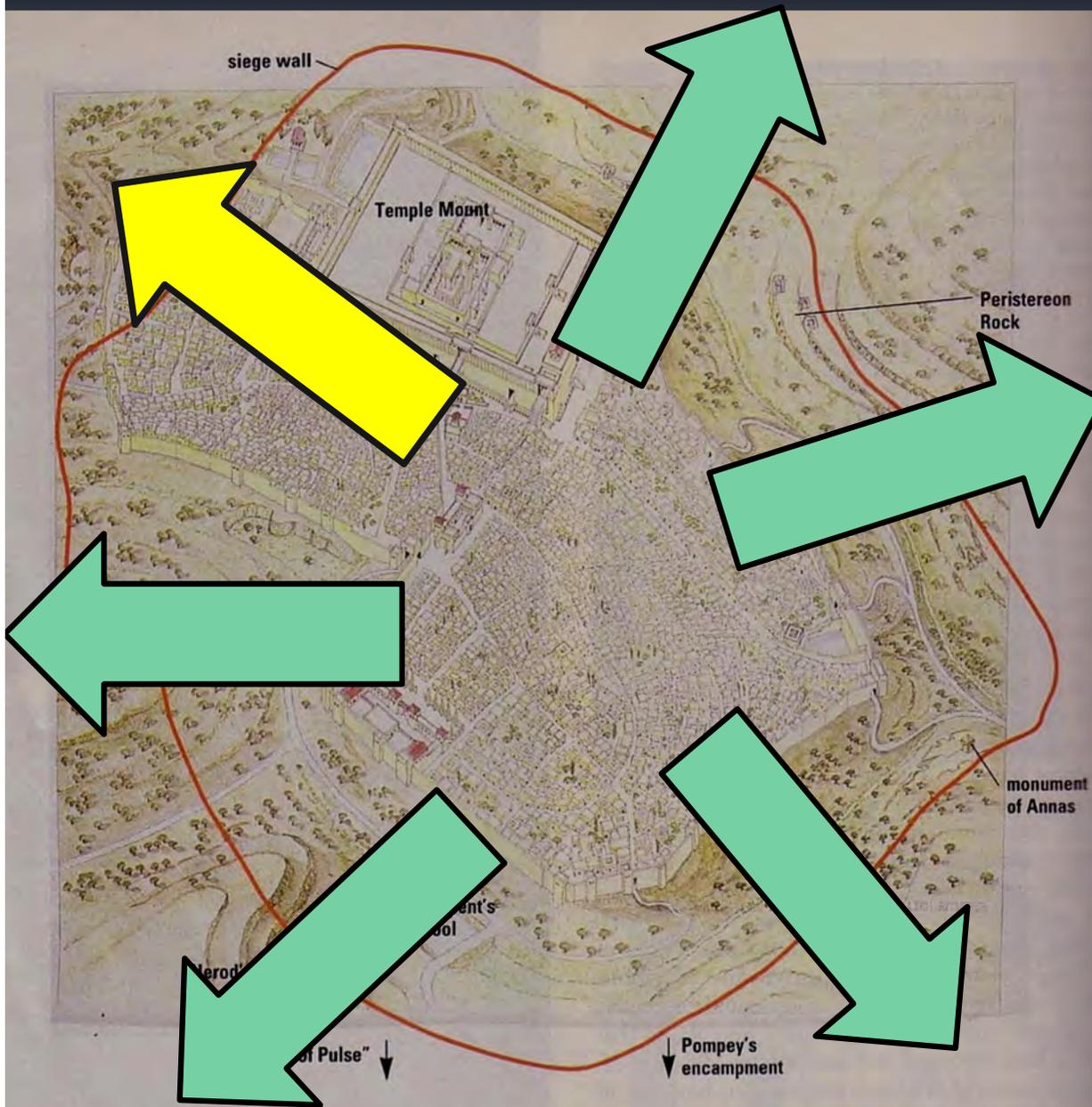
*The Future Reign of the
Servant Kings*

Joseph Dillow



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

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)

Commit yourself to him.



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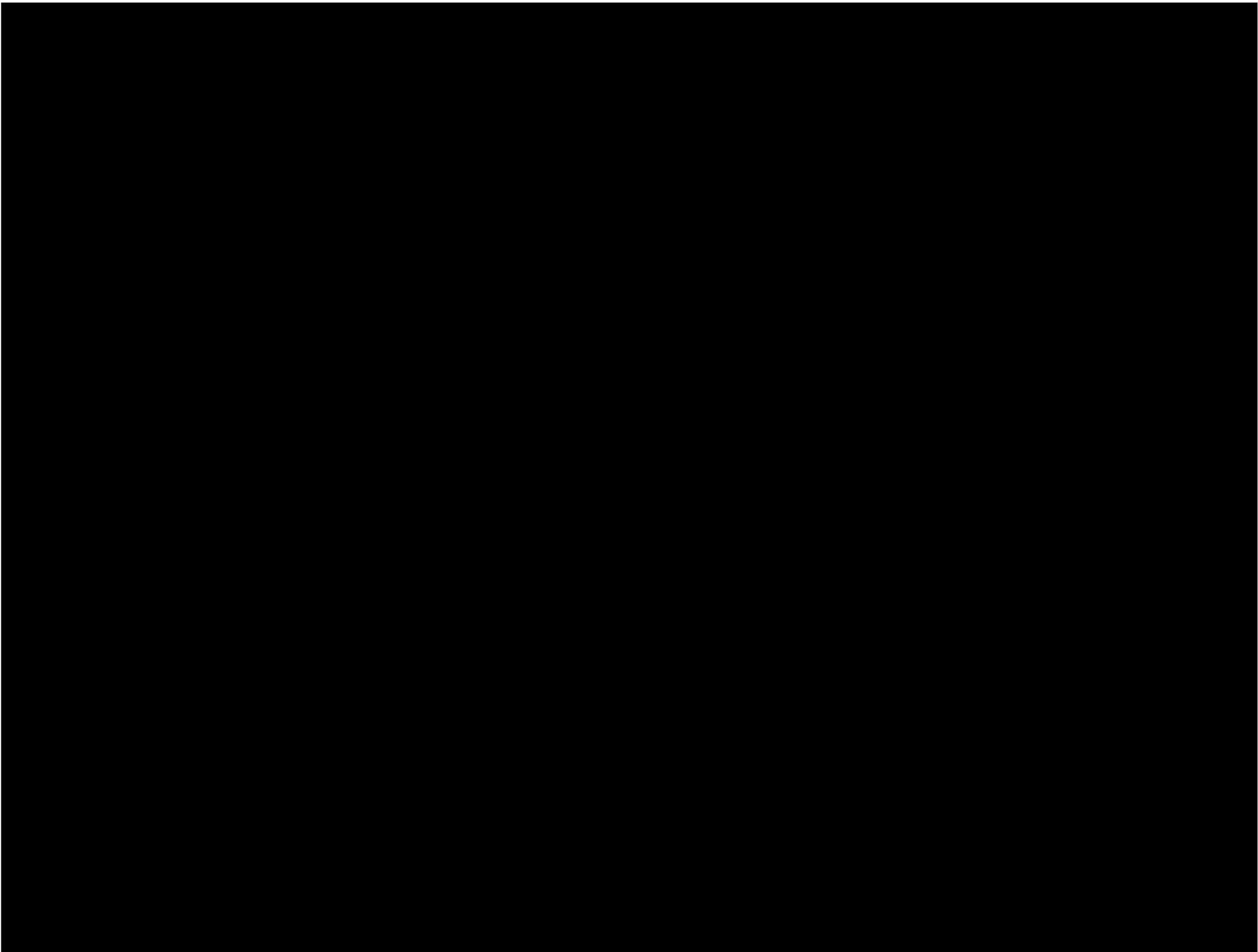
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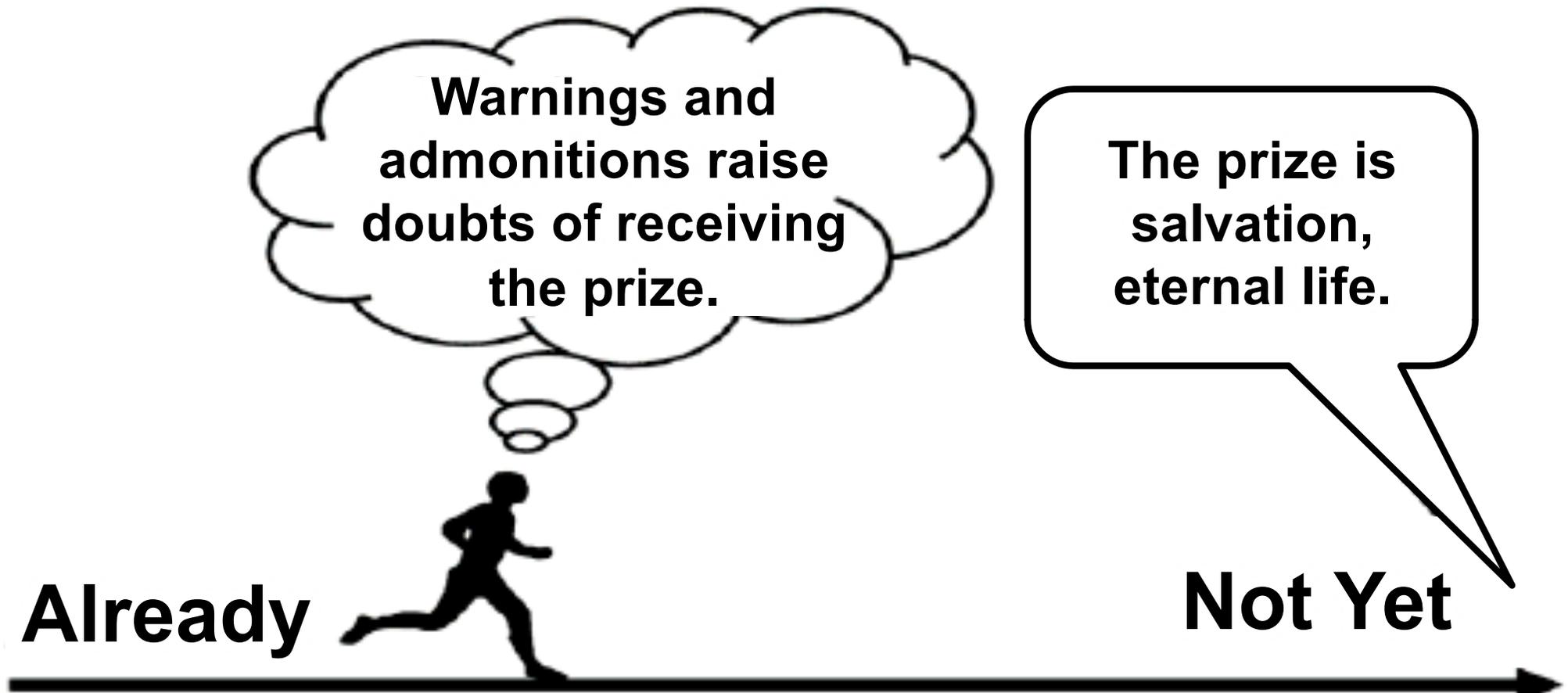
**Have you ever met someone with
too high a view of Jesus?**

Why press on with Christ?



The Arminian View of Hebrews 6:4-8

Bob Deffinbaugh, "13. Dairy Queen or Steak and Ale (Hebrews 6:4-8)"
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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 salvation, eternal life.

Already Saved



The race represents salvation. One who is already saved cannot abandon the race.

The Loss of Rewards View



Warnings and admonitions raise doubts of receiving the prize.

The prize is not salvation, but rewards.

**Already
Saved**

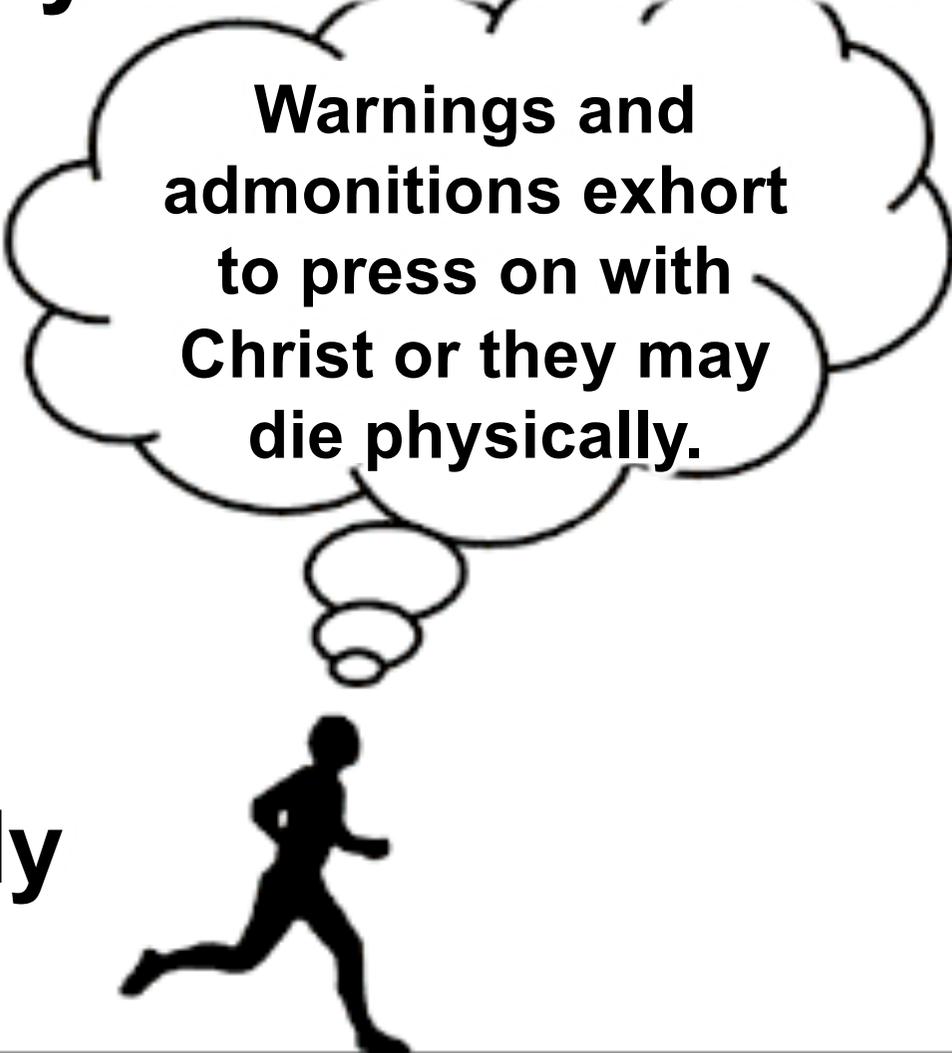
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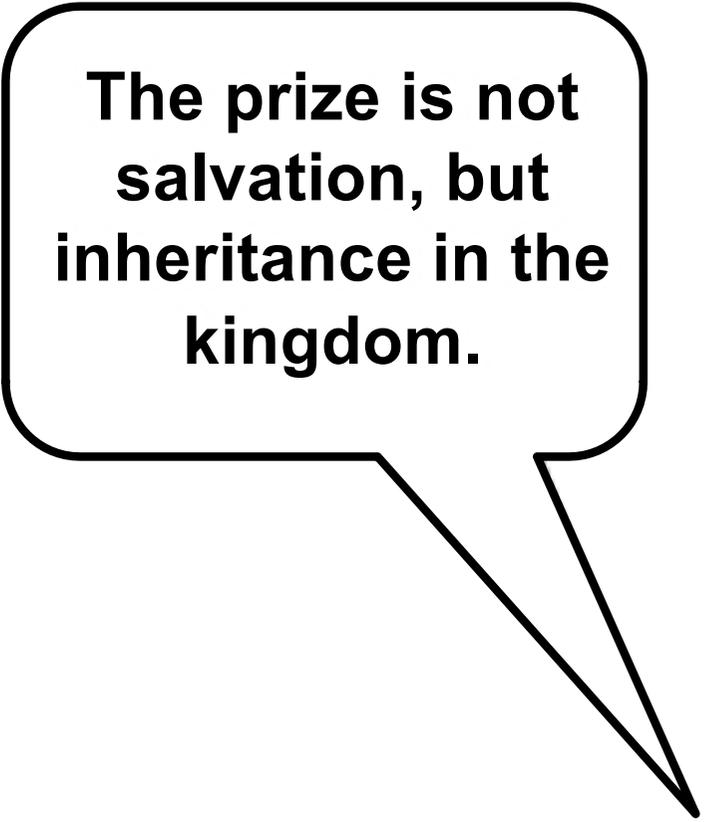
The Loss of Life View

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(held by Randall Gleason & Rick Griffith)



Warnings and admonitions exhort to press on with Christ or they may die physically.



The prize is not salvation, but inheritance in the kingdom.

**Already
Saved**

The race represents salvation.

Christians may abandon the race and lose their life.

**But what is
the result
for the
believer
who later
rejects
Christ?**



Views on the Warning Passages

Which Jews are 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 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

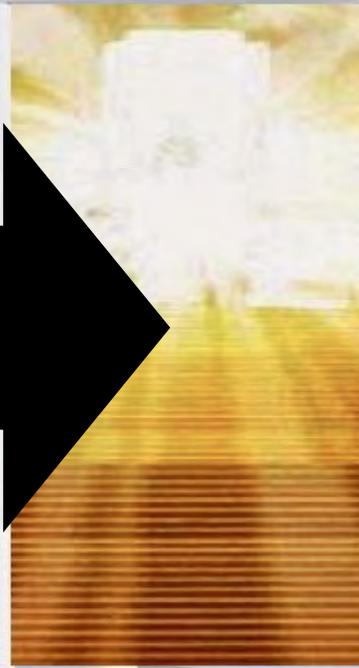
Hebrews 4:12-13 (NLT)

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.

¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.



**ENTER
MILLENNIAL
RULE**



**Why press on
with Christ?**



**The Hebrews readers
were in danger of
losing their kingdom
rule (Hebrews 3:7–
4:13).**



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.



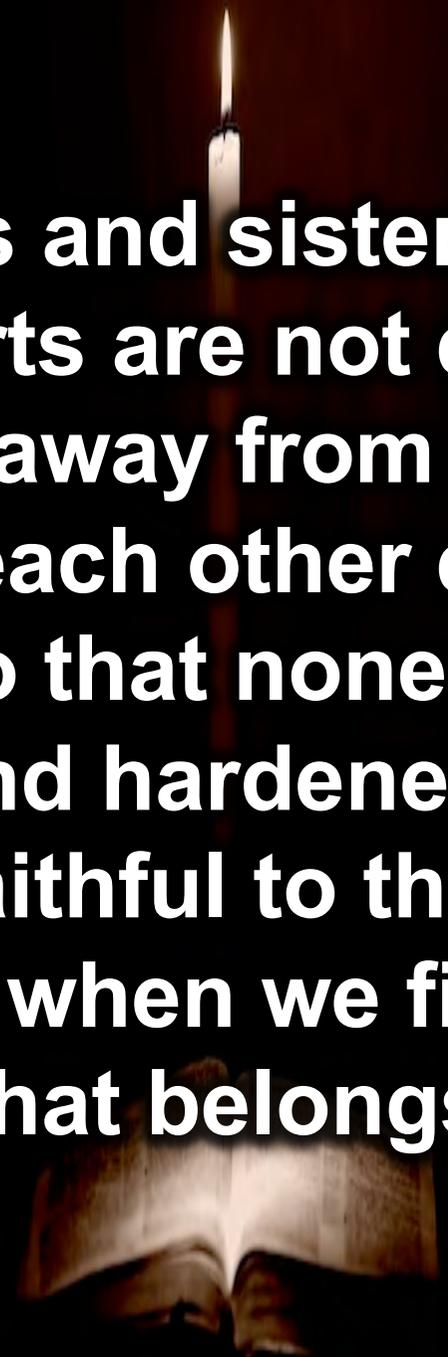
Hebrews 3:10-11 (NLT)

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? ¹⁸And 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? ¹⁹So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest.





**"And you have caused them to become a
Kingdom of priests for our God.
And they will reign on the earth"
(Rev. 5:10 NLT).**

But apostates will not rule with Christ.





Rejecting Jesus disqualifies believers from ruling with him

**ENTER
MILLENNIAL
RULE**



**ENTER
MILLENNIAL
REST**

**Why press on
with Christ?**

**Israel's unbelief
should warn
these Hebrew
Christians
against rejecting
Christ, as
disobedience
would forfeit
their Canaan
rest (Hebrews
4:1-13).**



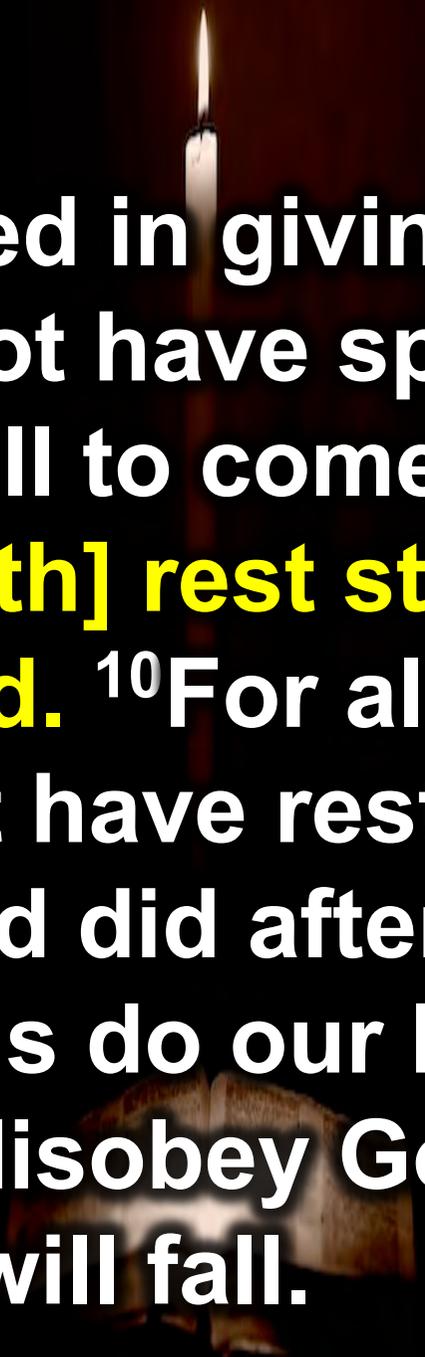
Hebrews 4:1-3a (NLT)

God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. ²For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God. ³For only we who believe can enter his rest.



Hebrews 4:8-11 (NLT)

Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. **⁹So there is a special [Gr. Sabbath] rest still waiting for the people of God.** ¹⁰For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world. ¹¹So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.

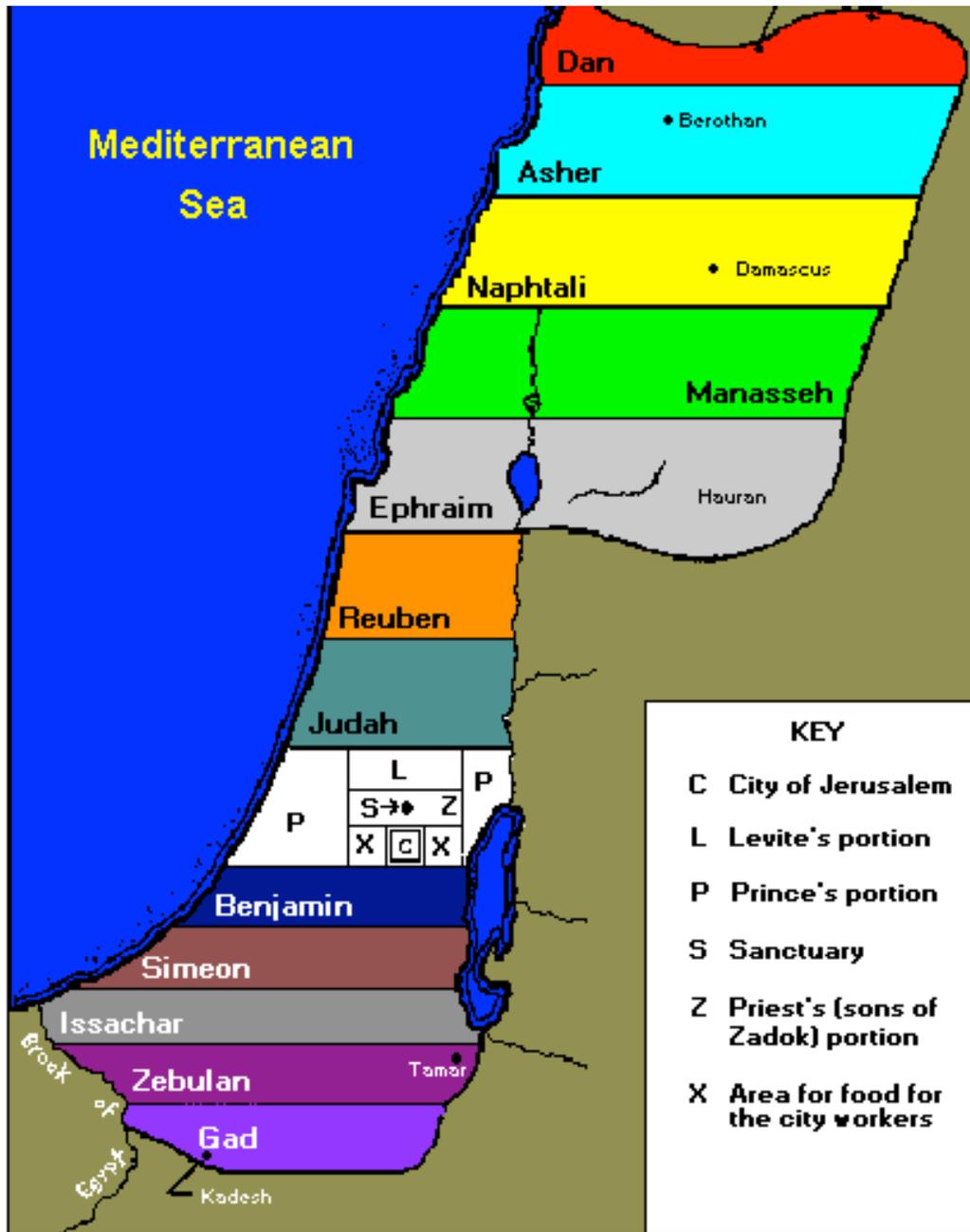
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Seven views on the Hebrews 4 "Sabbath-rest for the people of God"

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



Land Allotment in the Millennium (Ezekiel 47–48)



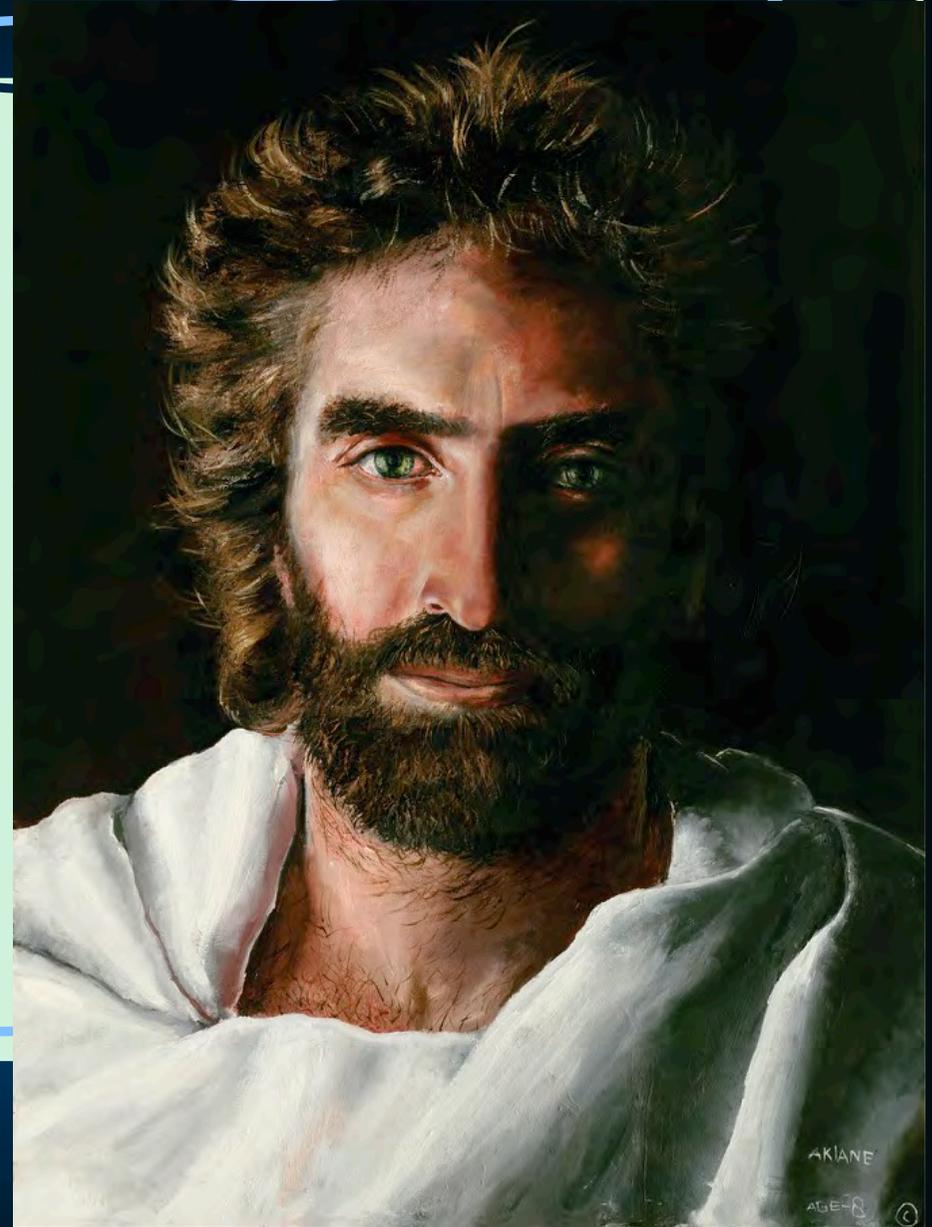
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Support for the Future Millennial Rest in Hebrews 4

1. The context

**Christ is
Superior in
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(1:1–4:13)**

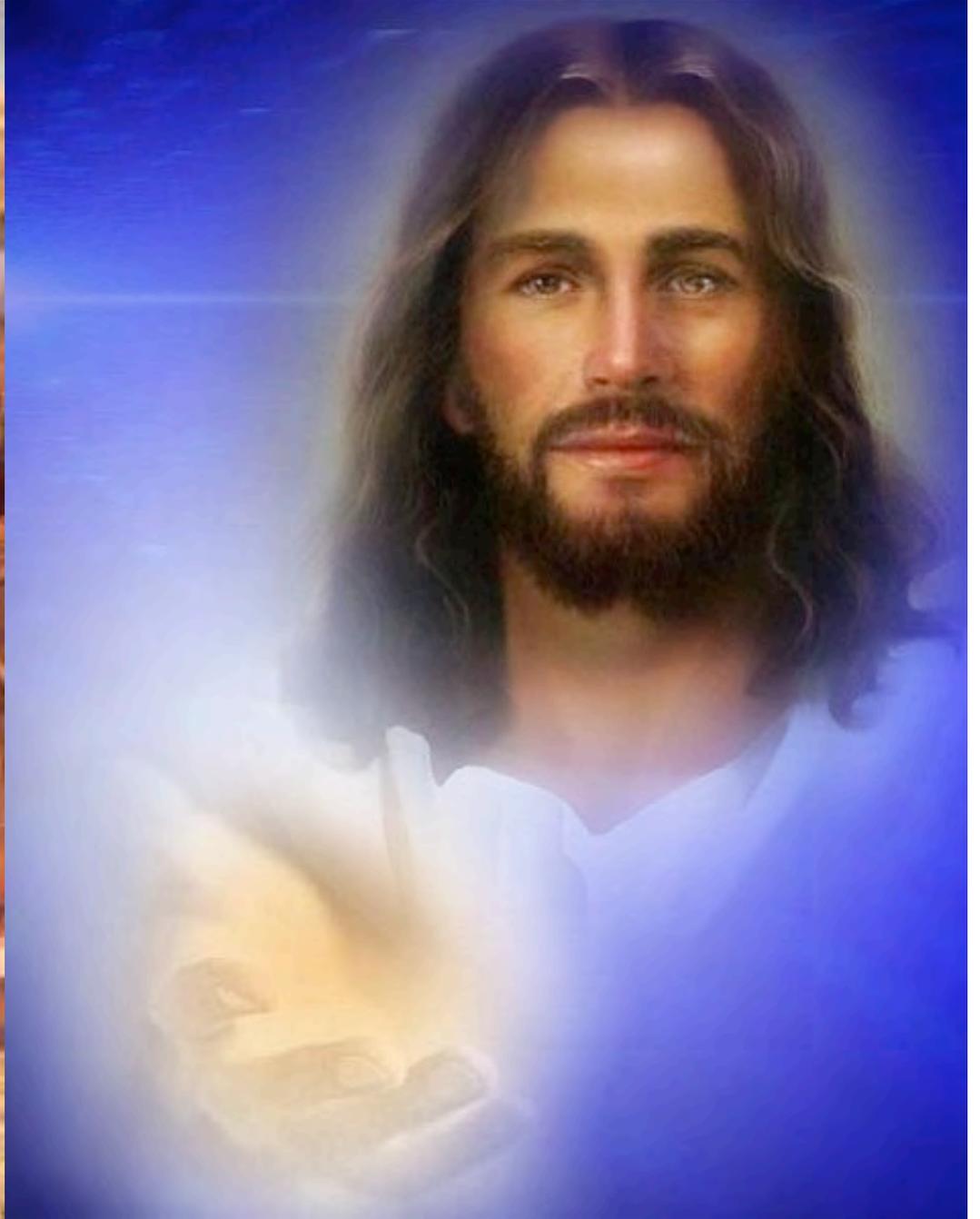


Christ is Superior in His Person

- Superior to the **Prophets** 1:1-3
- Superior to the **Angels** 1:4–2:18
- Superior to **Moses** 3:1–4:7
- Superior to **Joshua** 4:8-13



Superior to Joshua (4:8-13)



"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
[Gr. beside your partakers]."**

(1:8-9 NLT).

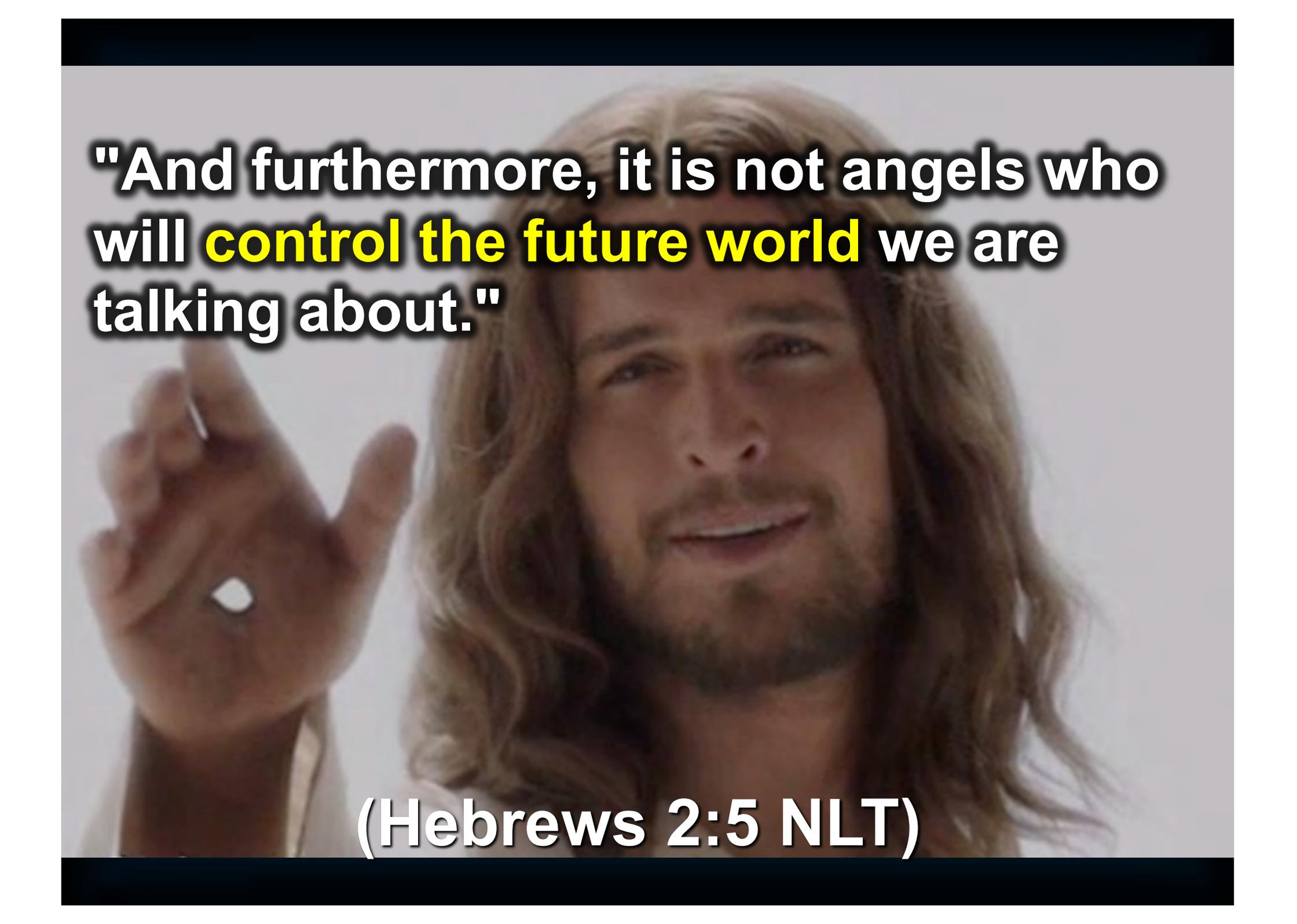
**"And God never said to any of
the angels,**

**'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,
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servants—
spirits sent
to care for
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who will
inherit
salvation"
(1:14 NLT).**

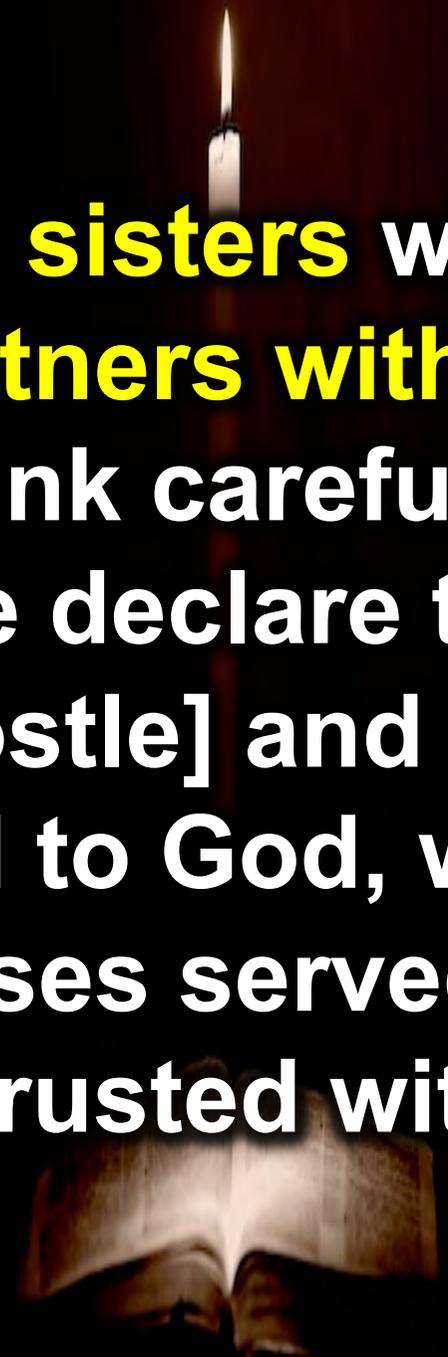


"And furthermore, it is not angels who will **control the future world we are talking about."**

(Hebrews 2:5 NLT)

Hebrews 3:1-2 (NLT)

And so, dear **brothers and sisters** who belong to God and **are partners with those called to heaven**, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger [Gr. Apostle] and High Priest. ²For he was faithful to God, who appointed him, just as Moses served faithfully when he was entrusted with God's entire house.

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Hebrews 3:5-6 (NLT)

Moses was certainly faithful in God's house as a servant. His work was an illustration of the truths God would reveal later. ⁶But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, **if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.**

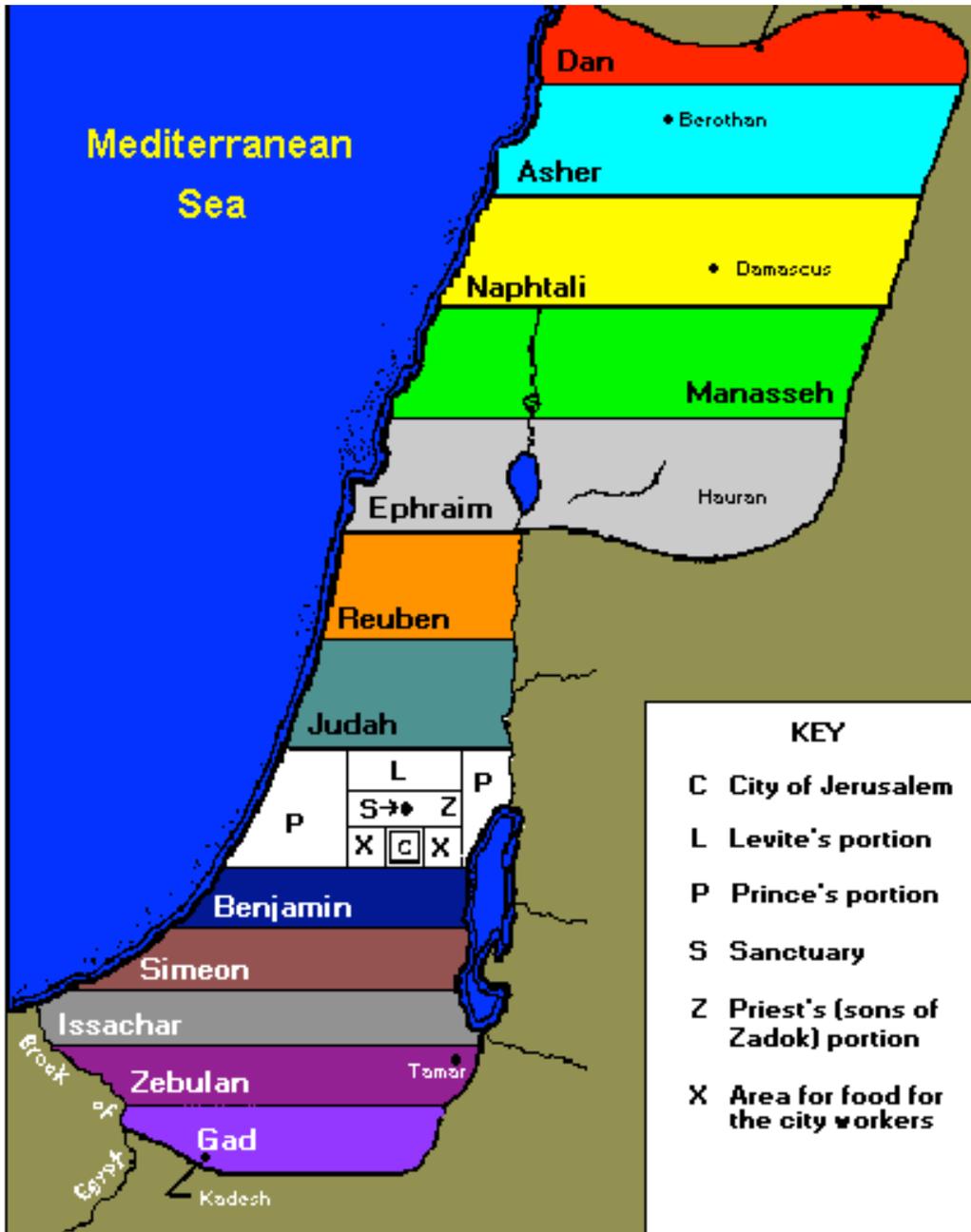


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2. The land promise



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Hebrews 4:3-5 (NLT)

For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, "In my anger I took an oath: **'They will never enter my place of rest,'**" even though that rest has been ready since he made the world. ⁴We know it is ready because of the promise in the Scriptures where it mentions the Sabbath day: "On the seventh day God rested from all his work." ⁵But in the other passage God said, **"They will never enter my place of rest."**



Psalm 95

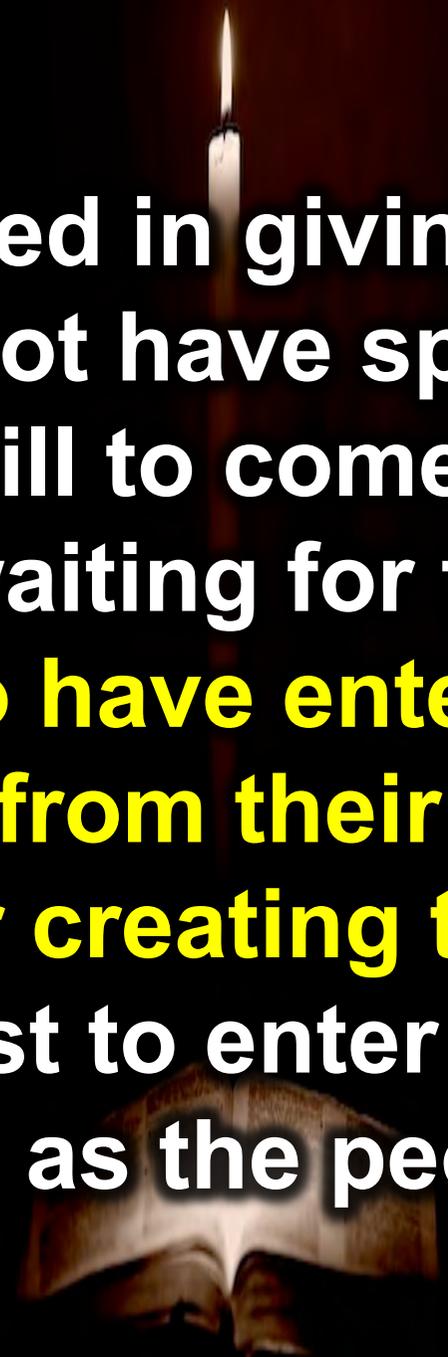
Joshua offered rest in Canaan



**"I will give you
every place
where you set
your foot, as I
promised
Moses"
(Josh. 1:3 NIV)**

Hebrews 4:8-11 (NLT)

Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. ⁹So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. ¹⁰**For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.** ¹¹So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.

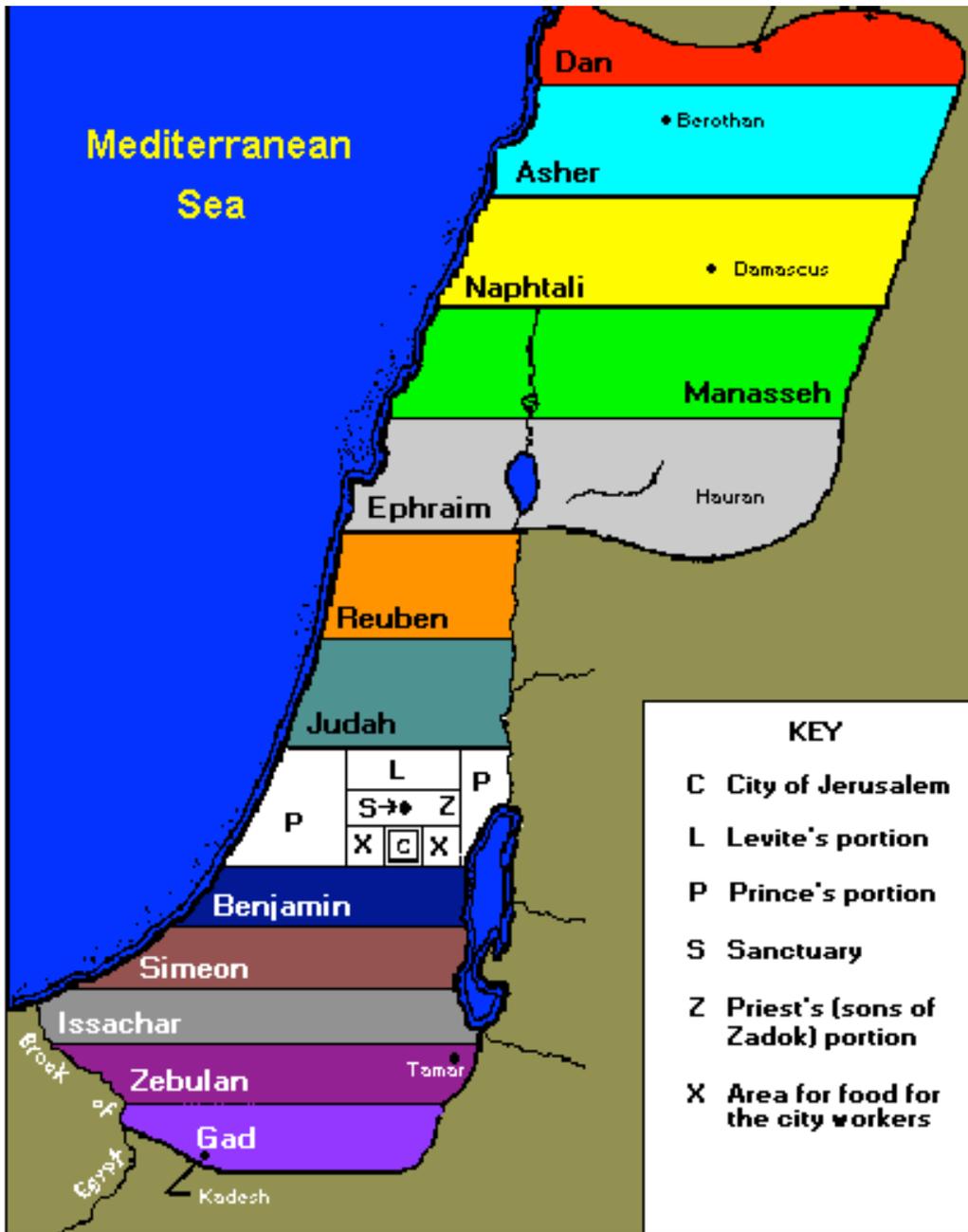
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Psalm 132:14 (NLT)

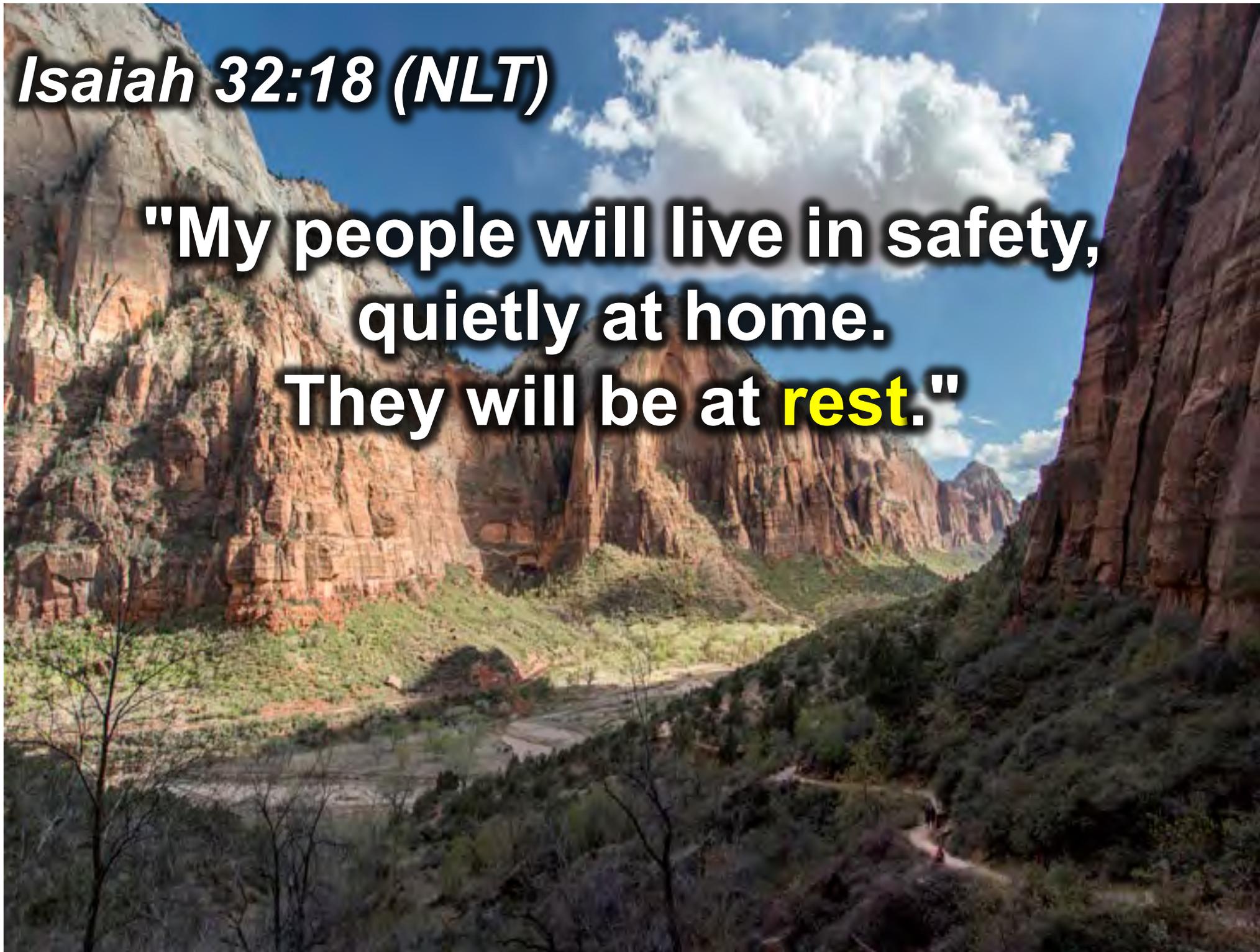
**""This is my resting place forever,'
[the LORD] said.
'I will live here, for this is the home I
desired.'"**

Isaiah 14:2-3 (NLT)

"The nations of the world will help the people of Israel to return, and those who come to live in the LORD's land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will themselves be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies. ³In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people **rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains"**

Isaiah 32:18 (NLT)

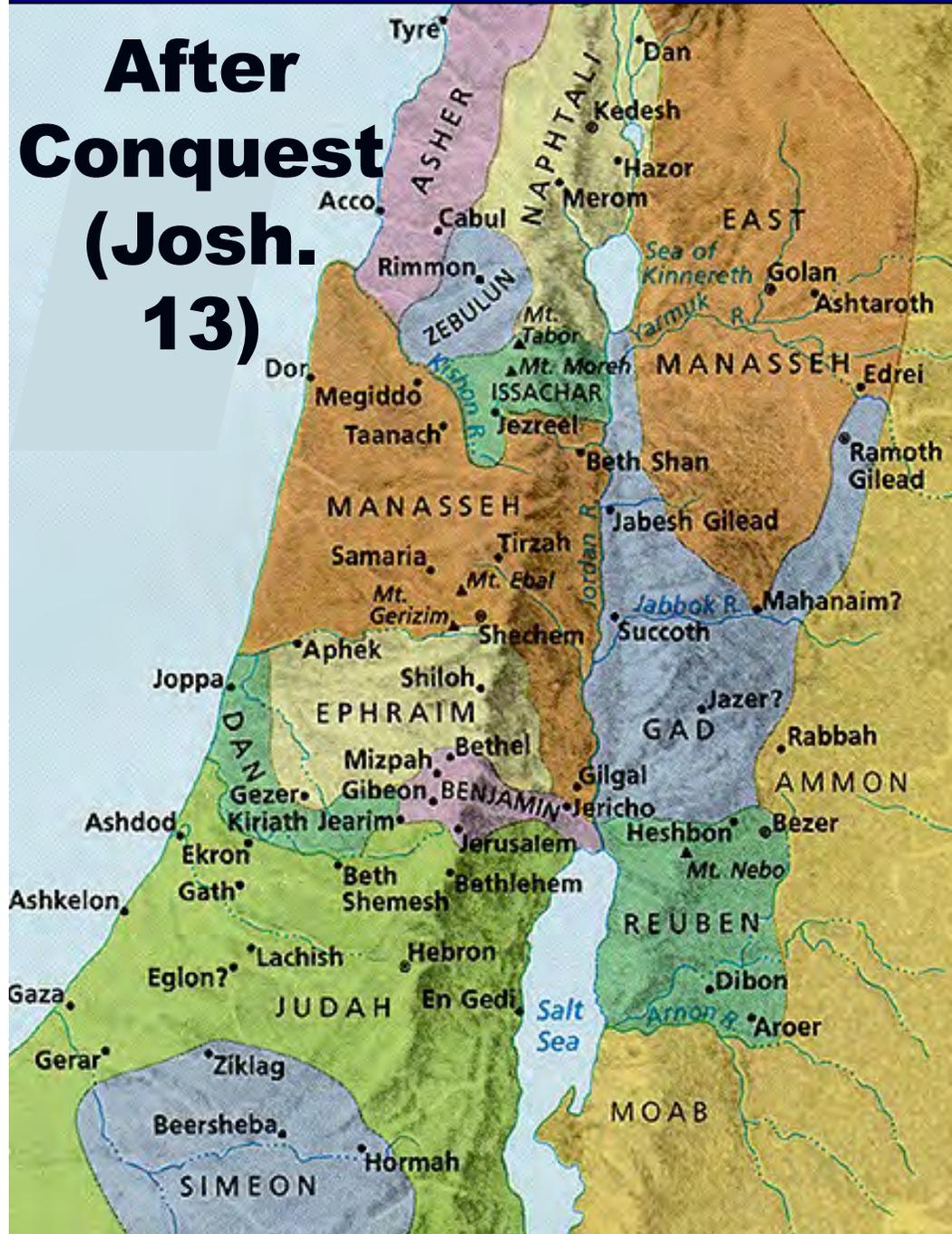
**"My people will live in safety,
quietly at home.
They will be at **rest**."**



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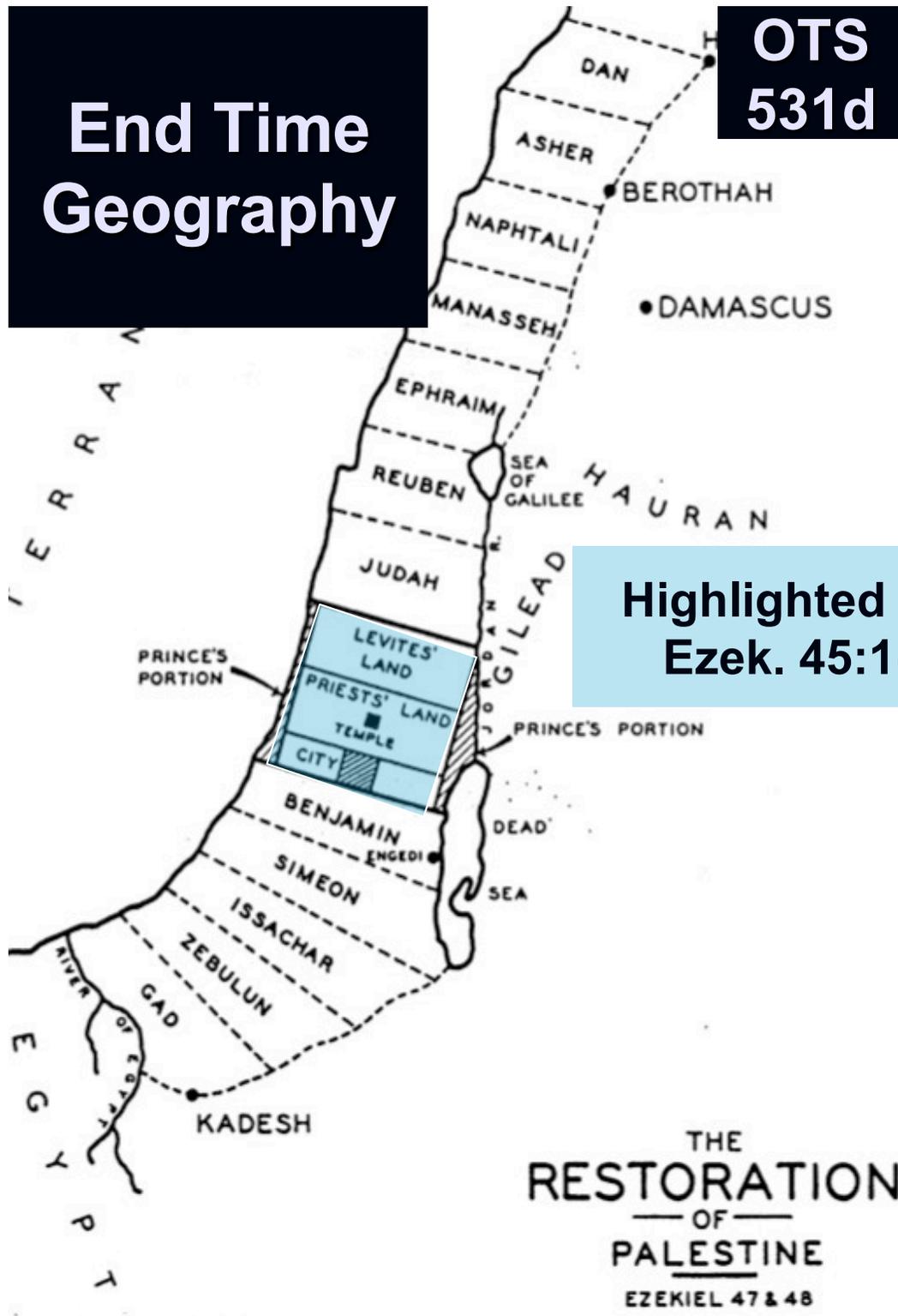


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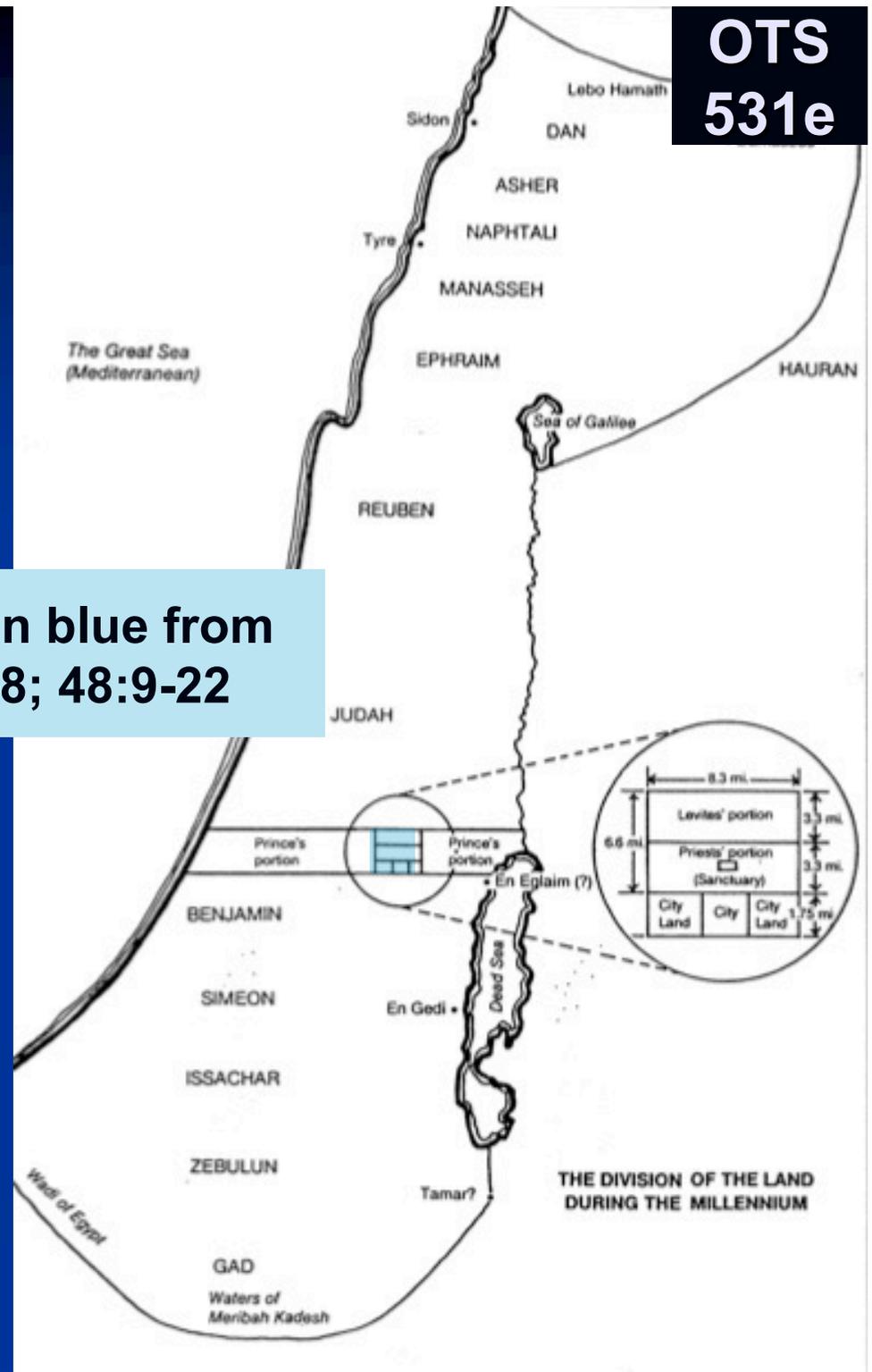


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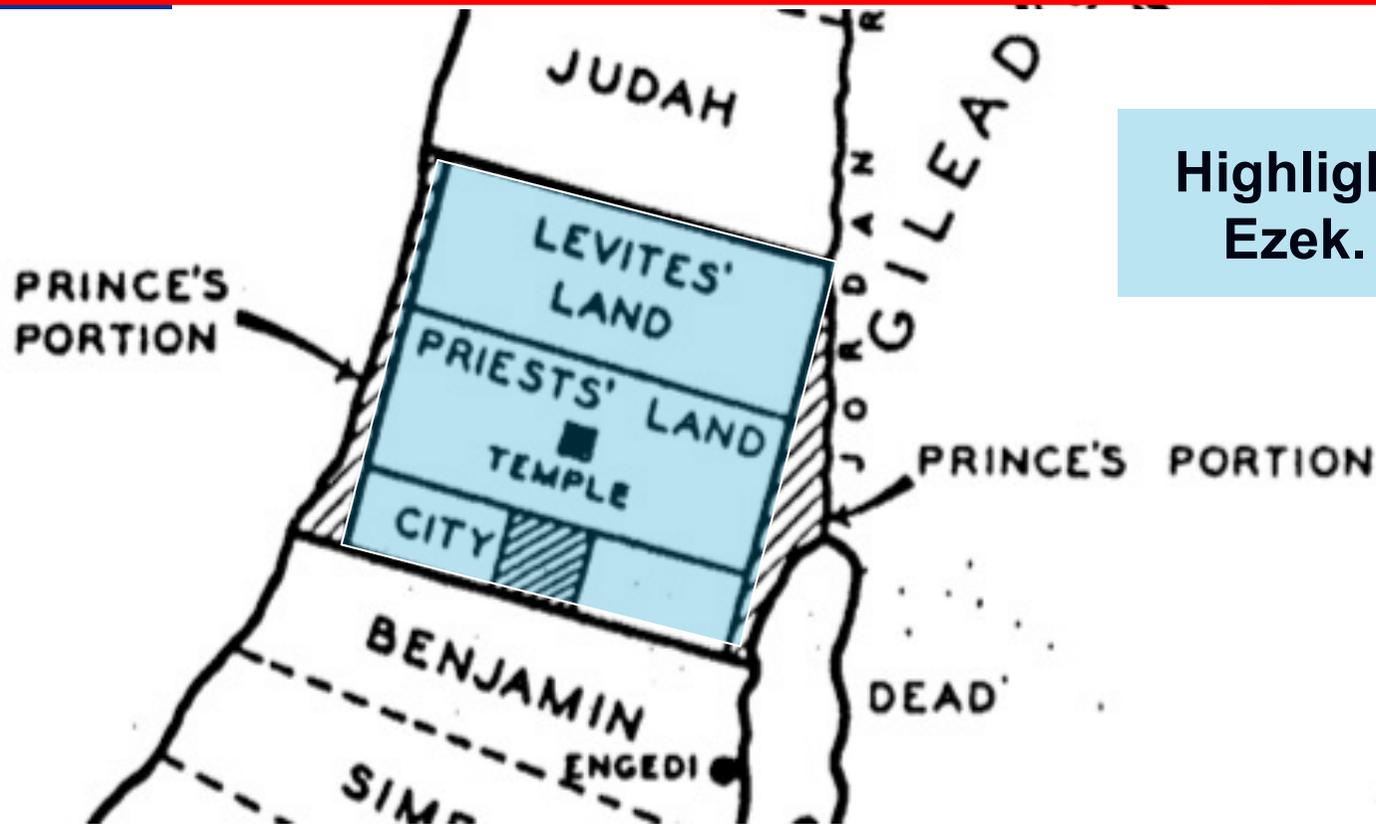
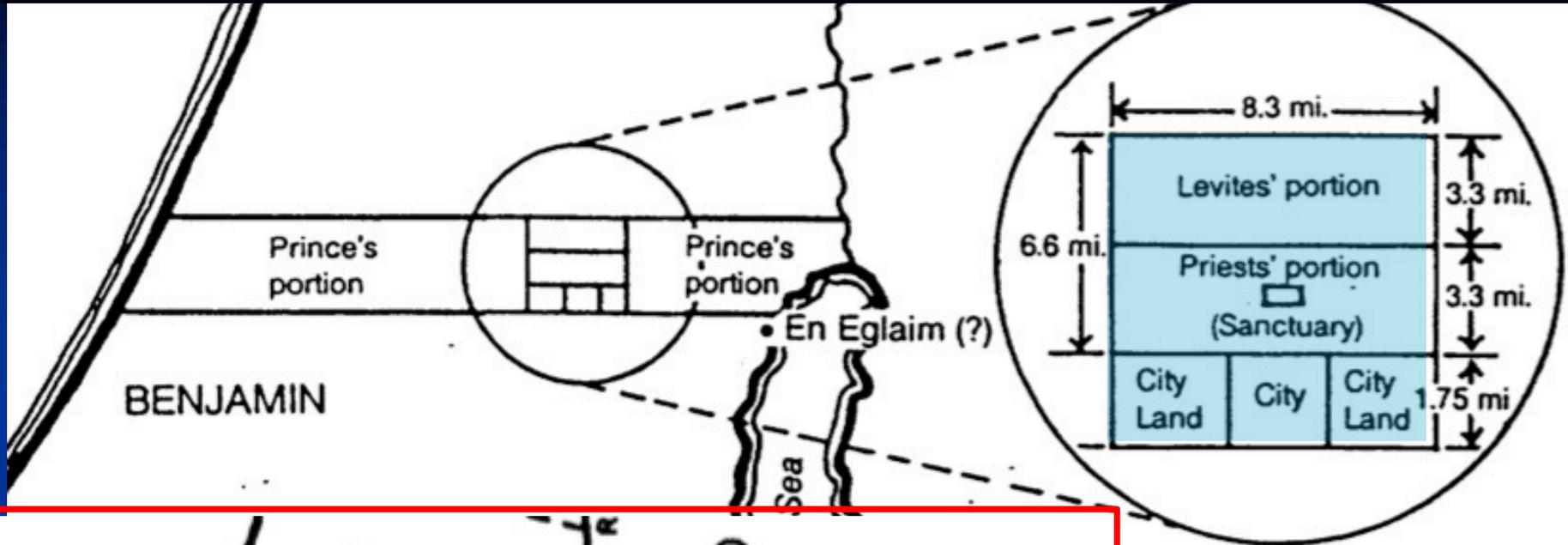


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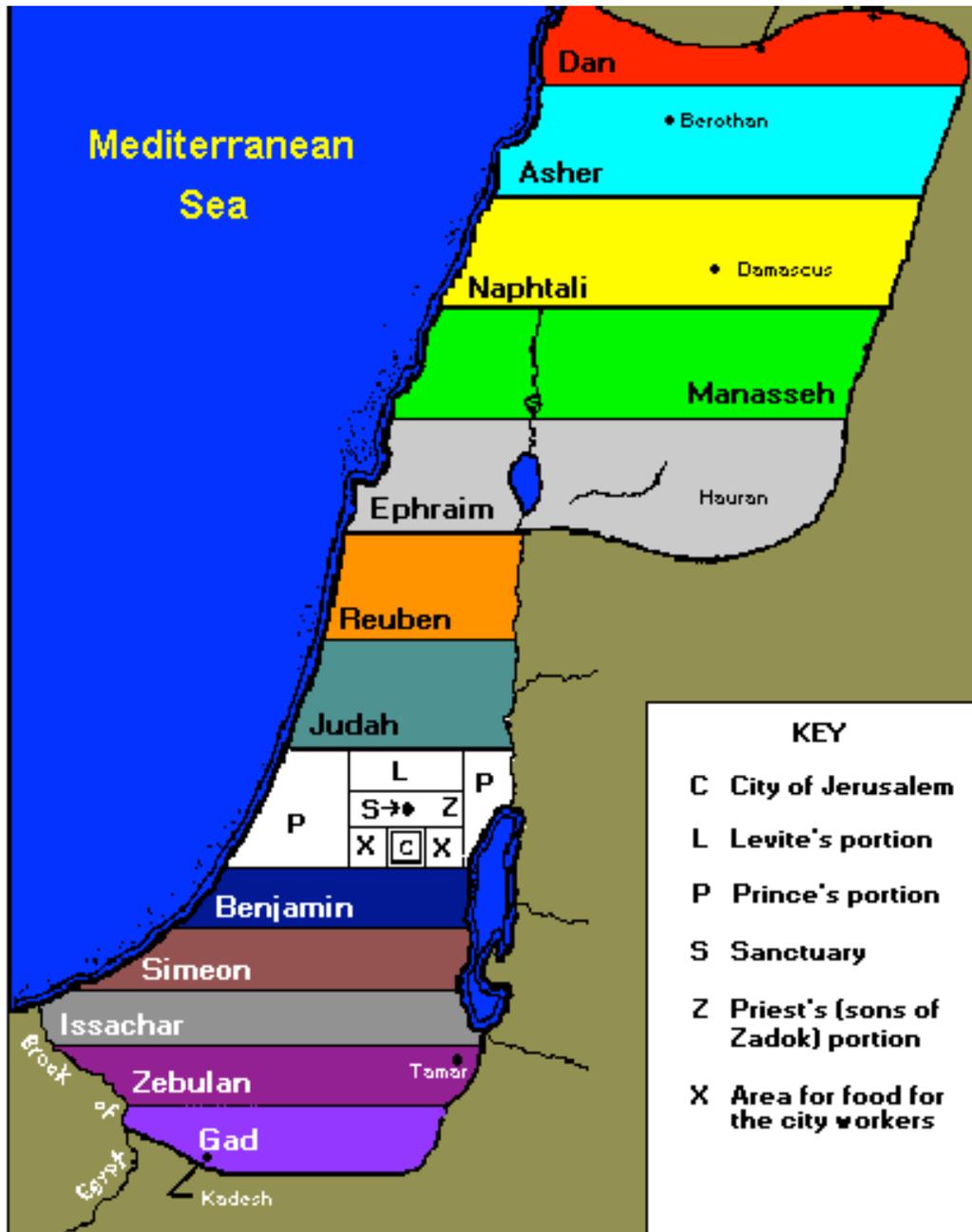


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Rabbinic Teaching

Messiah's Coming

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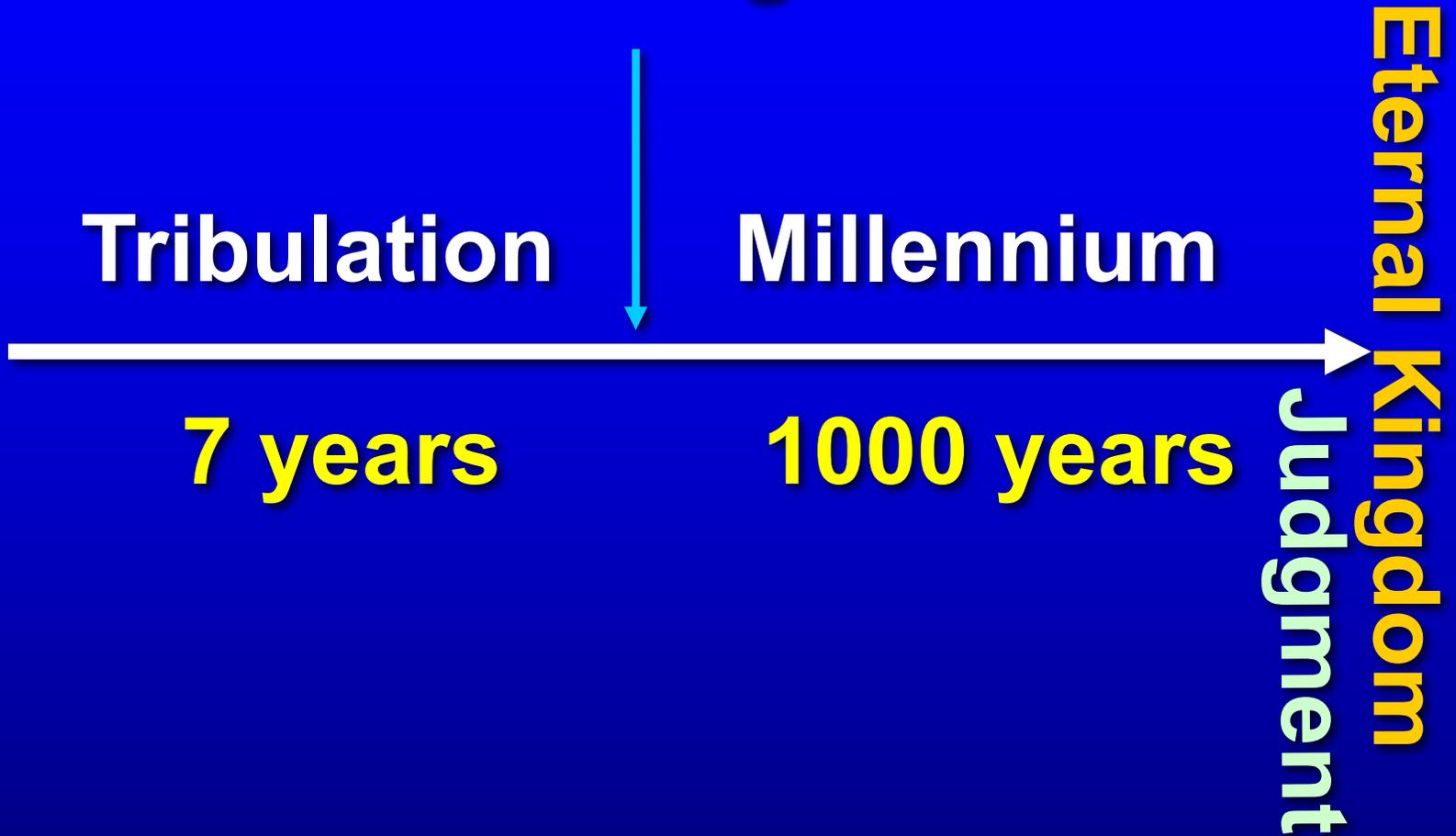
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Day 7
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Earliest Christian Teaching

Second Coming = Second Advent

Church Age

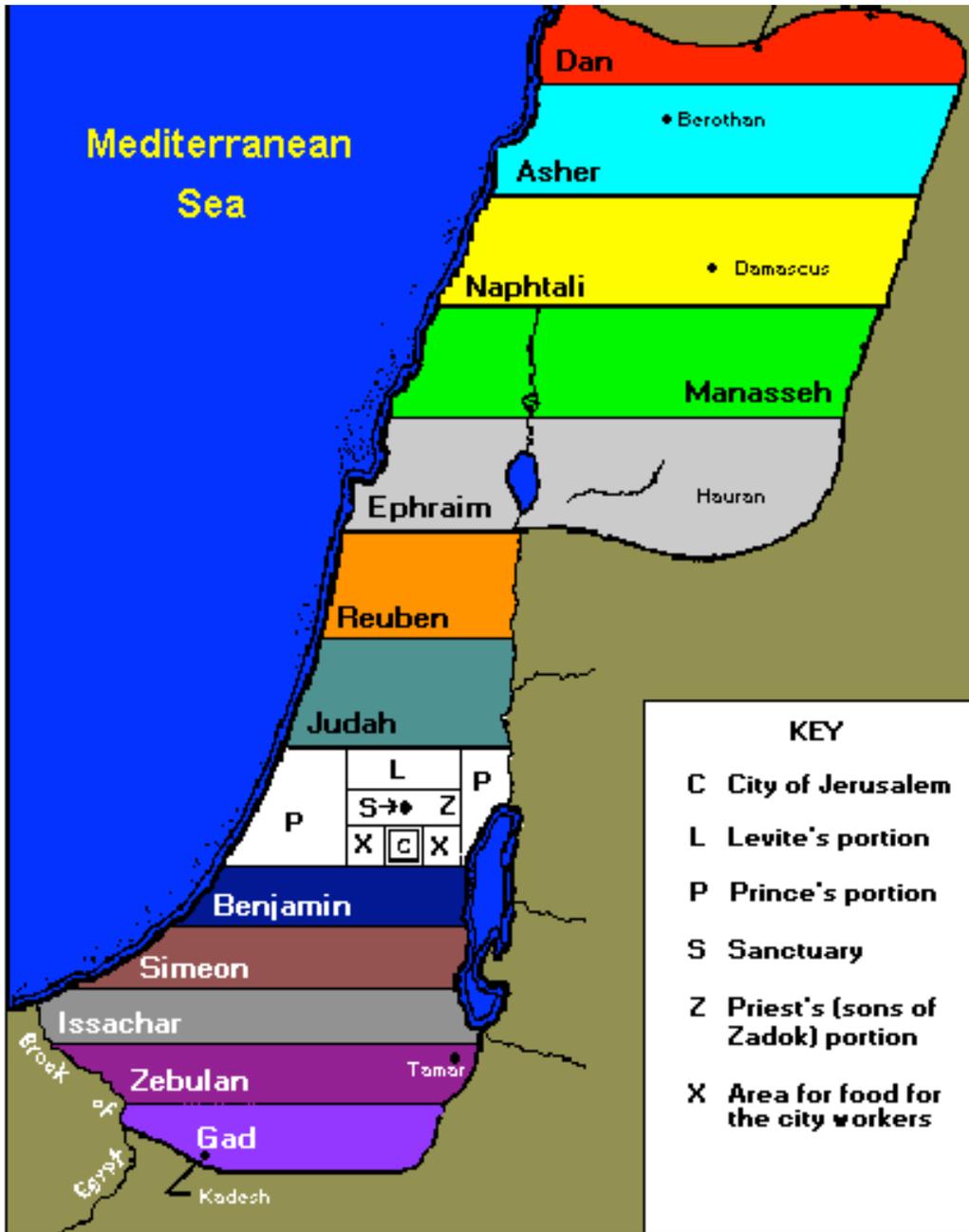


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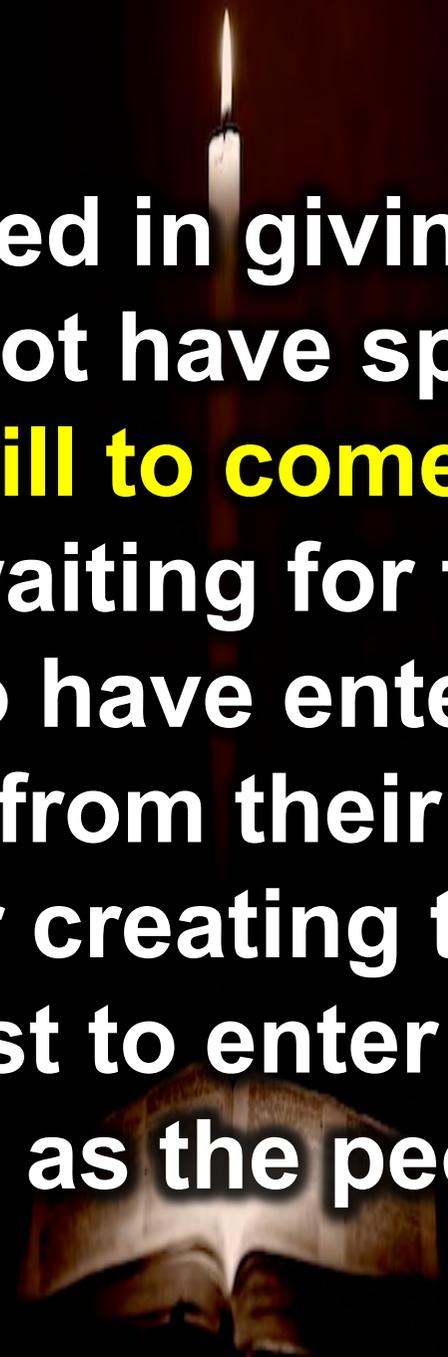
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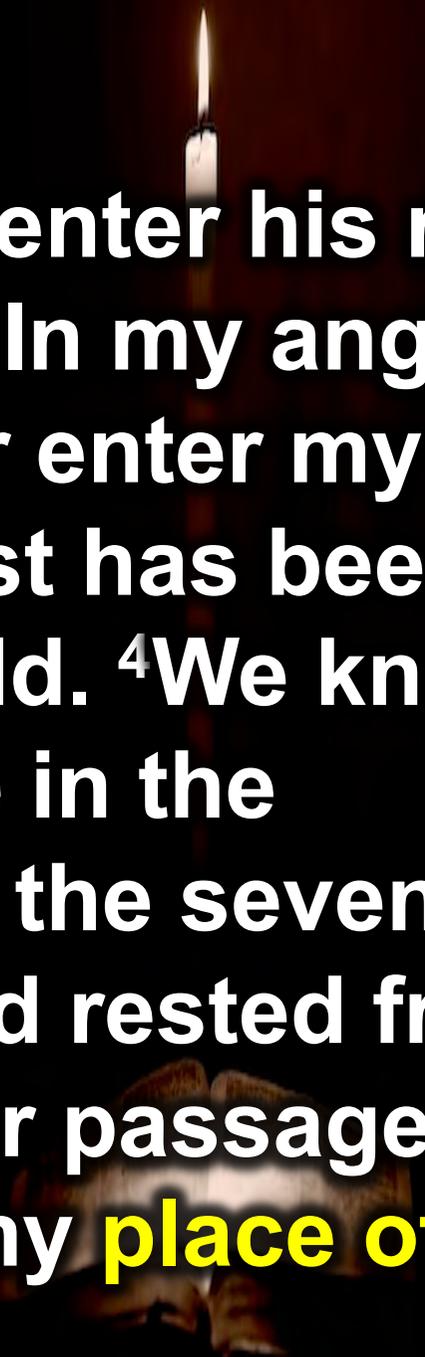
Hebrews 4:1-2 (NLT)

God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. ²For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God.



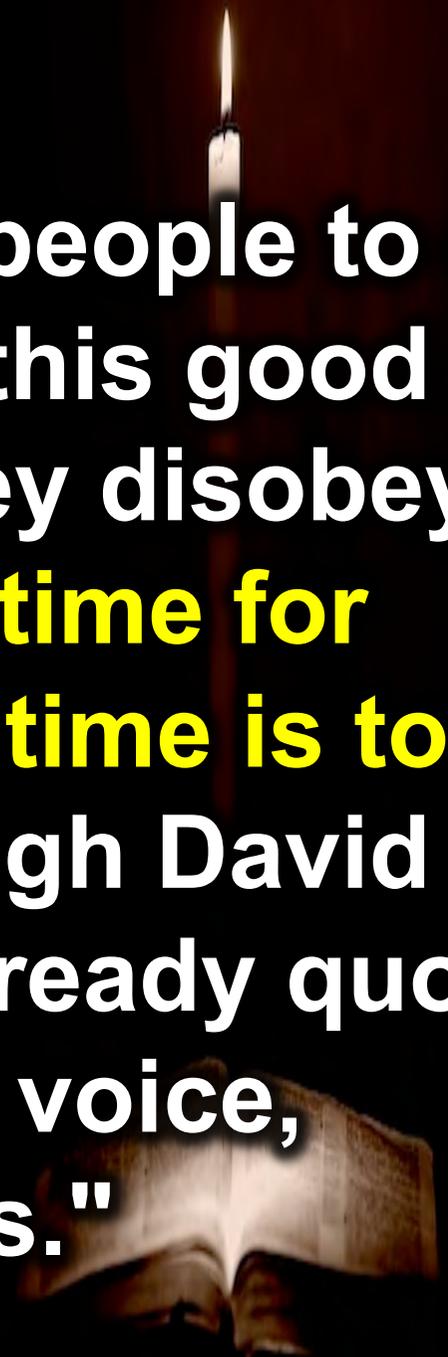
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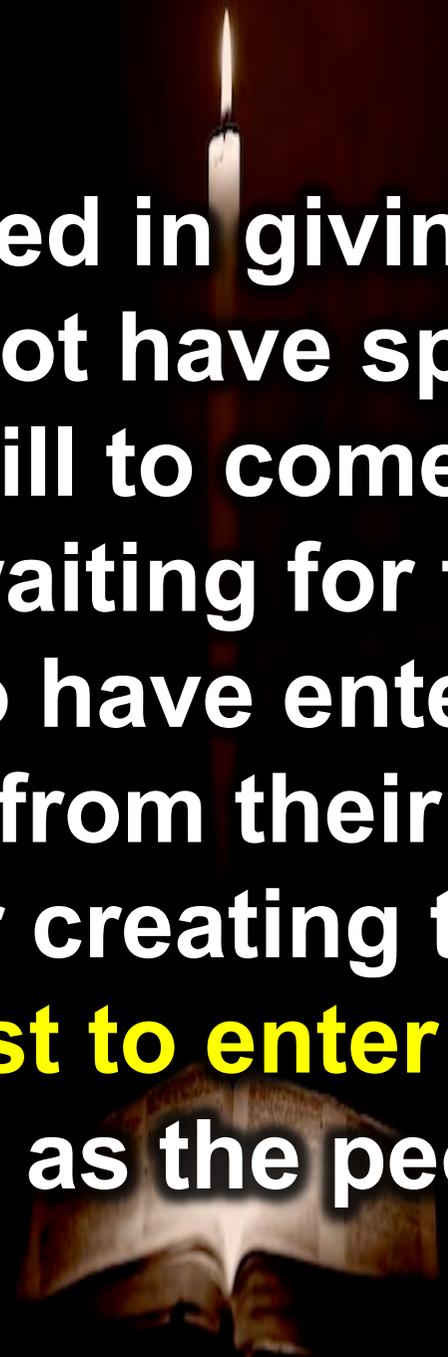
Hebrews 4:6-7 (NLT)

So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. **⁷So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today.** God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts."

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**ENTER
MILLENNIAL
RULE**



**ENTER
MILLENNIAL
REST**

**Why press on
with Christ?**

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Main Idea:

Press on to **rule and rest
with Christ**

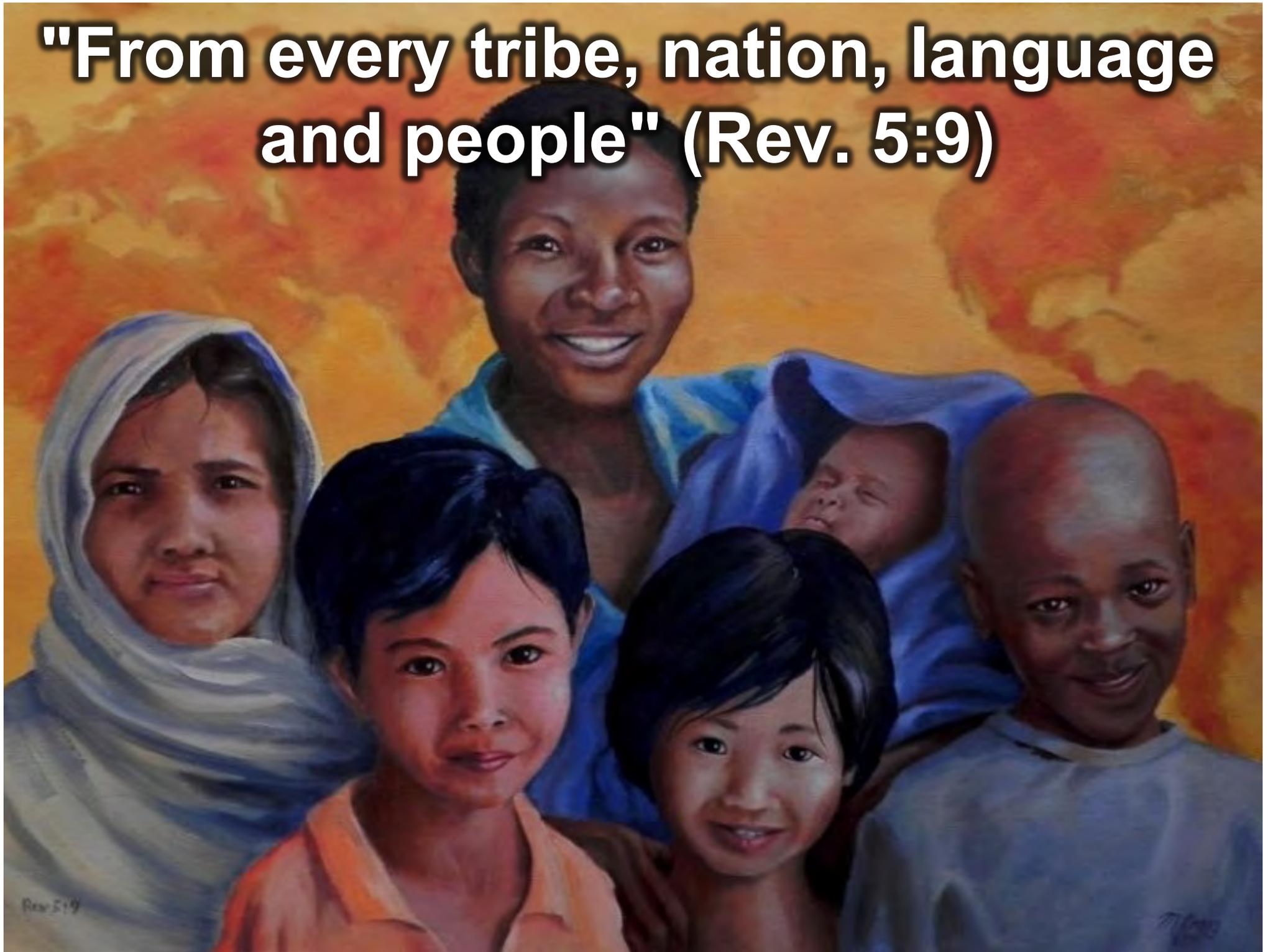
**Turning away from Christ
forfeits your future **rule**.**



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



**"From every tribe, nation, language
and people" (Rev. 5:9)**

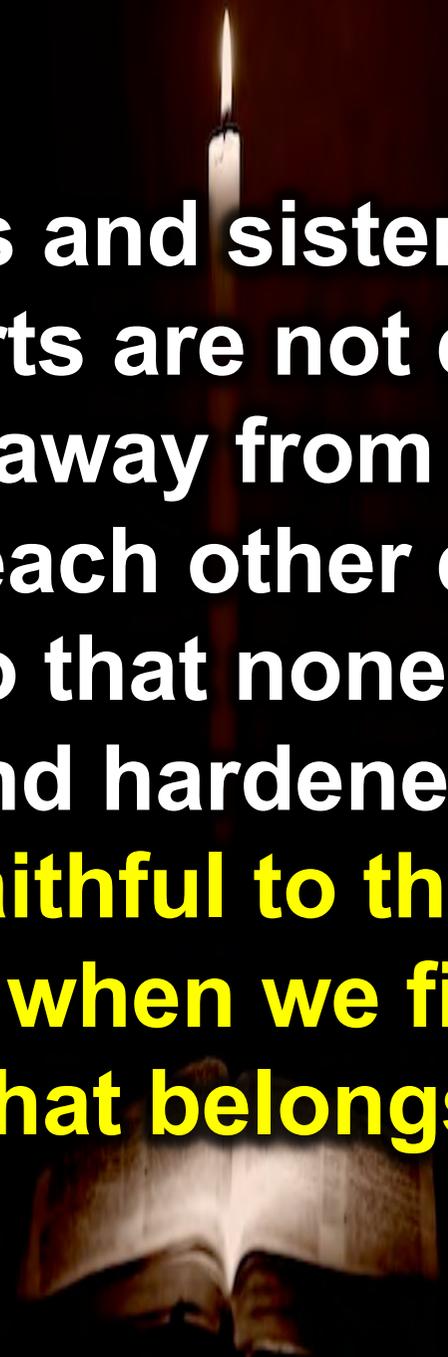


Rev. 5:9

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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. ¹⁴**For 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 4:12-13 (NLT)

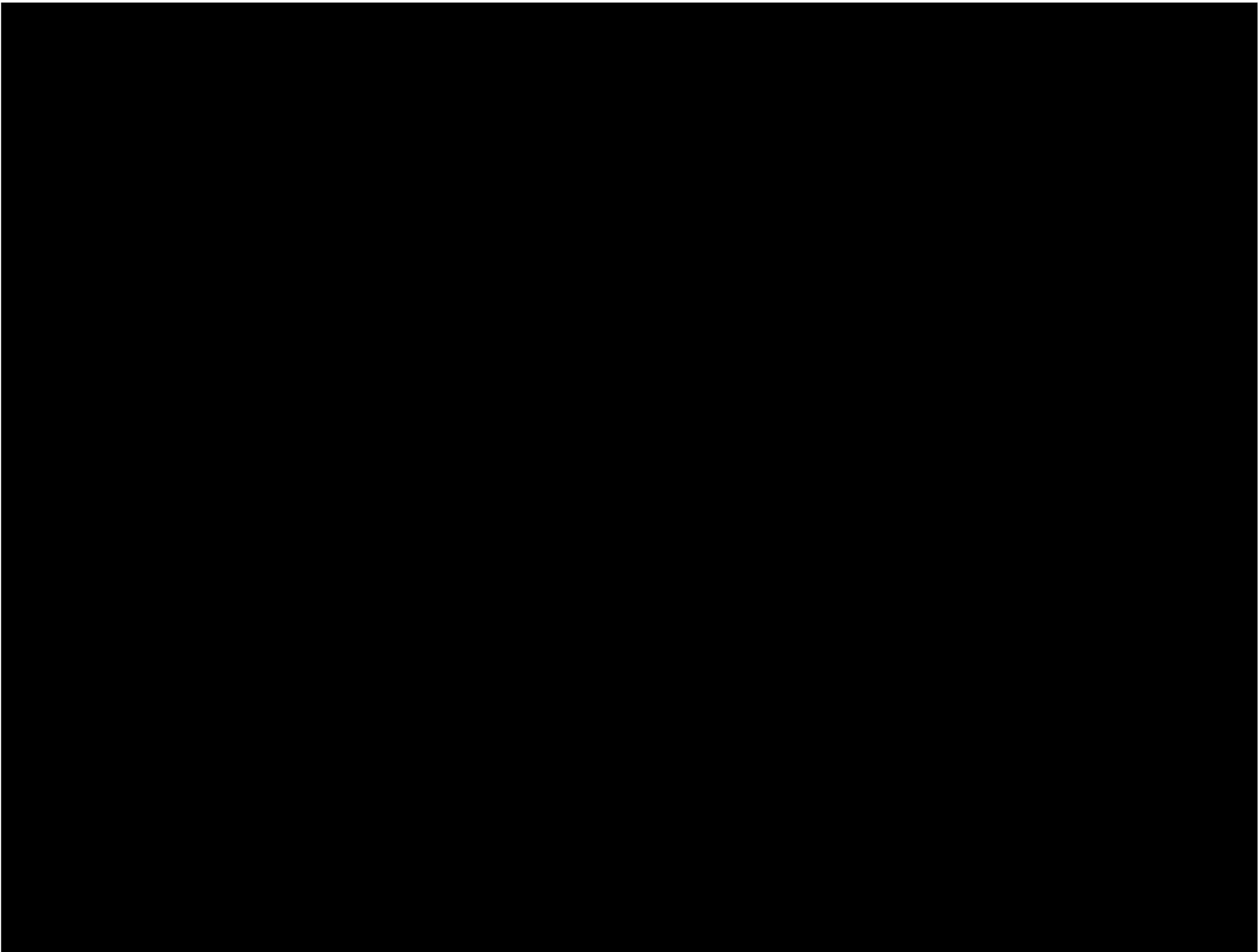
For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.





***Is your* heart hardening?**



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