

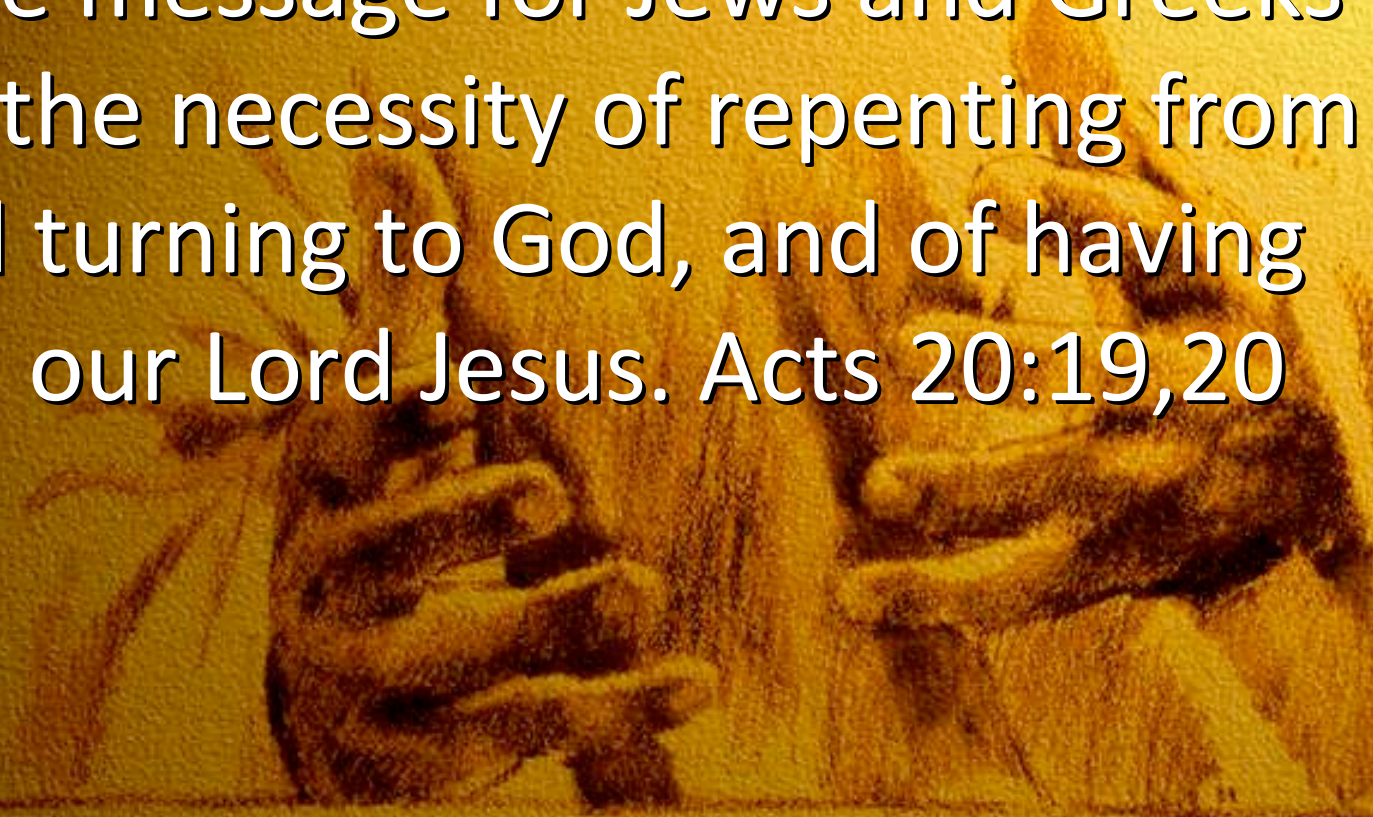


# *The story, power and purpose of the Church.*



*...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE  
AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9*

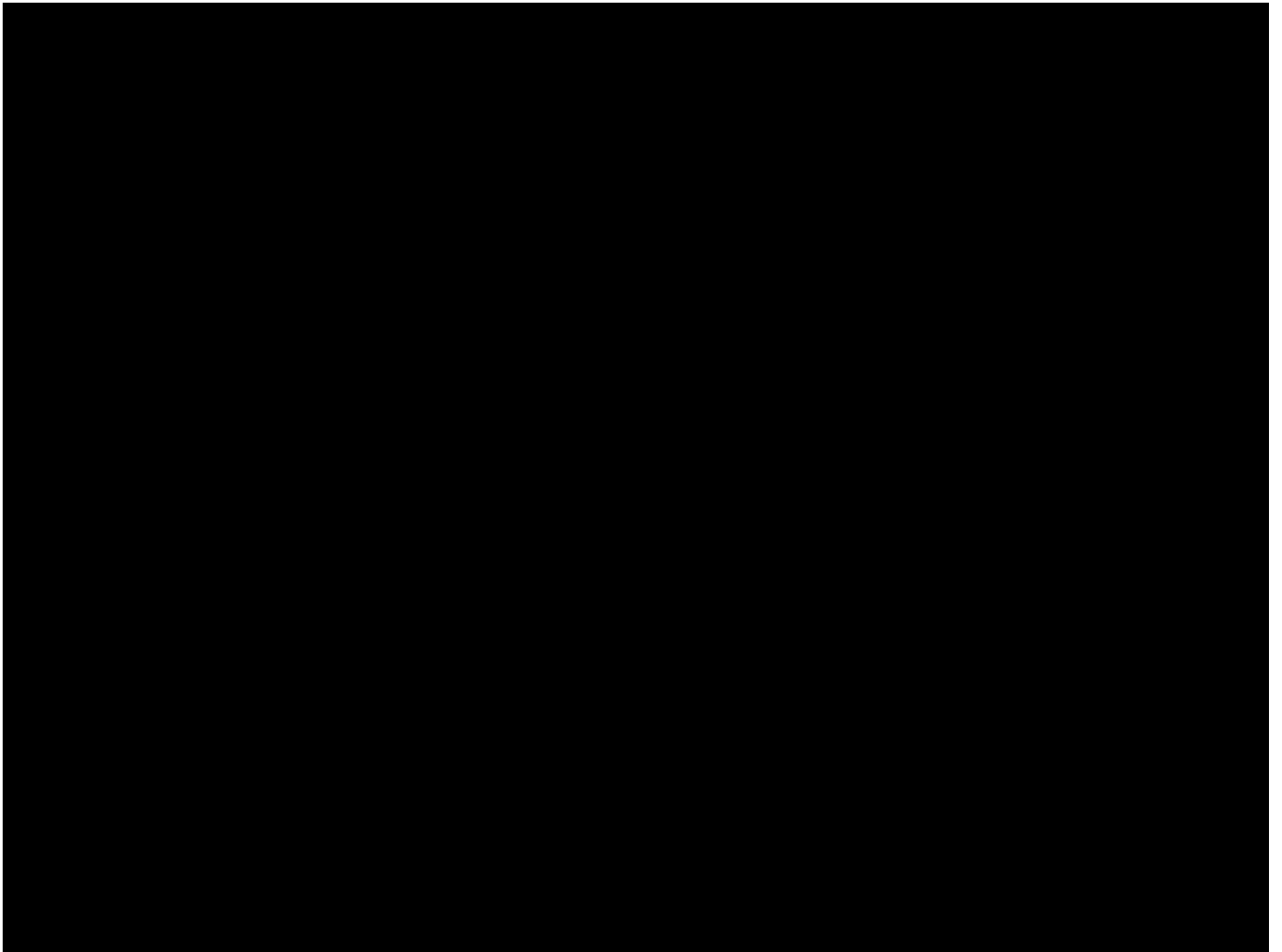
I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. **21** I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus. Acts 20:19,20







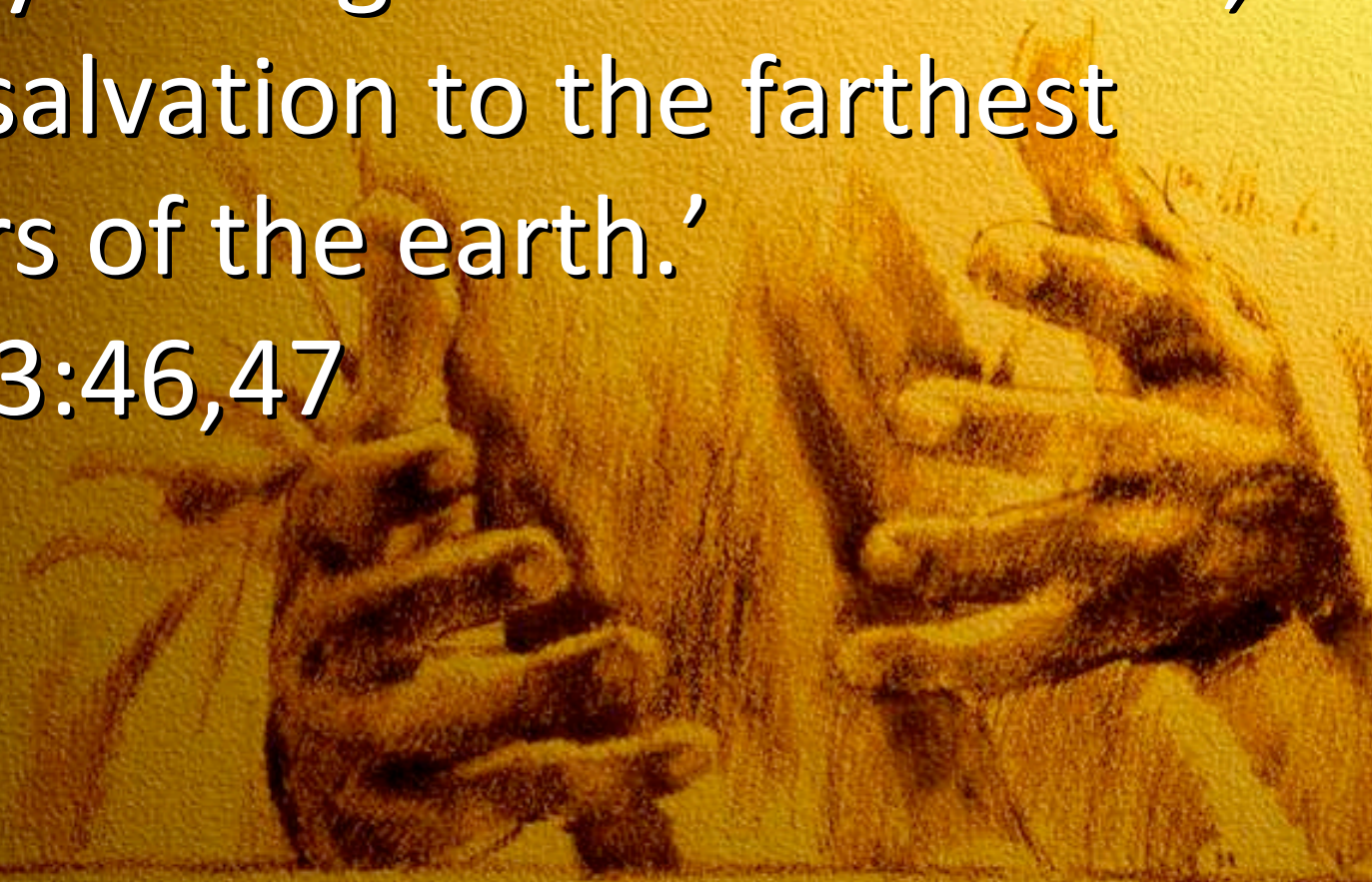
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For the Lord gave us this command when he said, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.'

Acts 13:46,47





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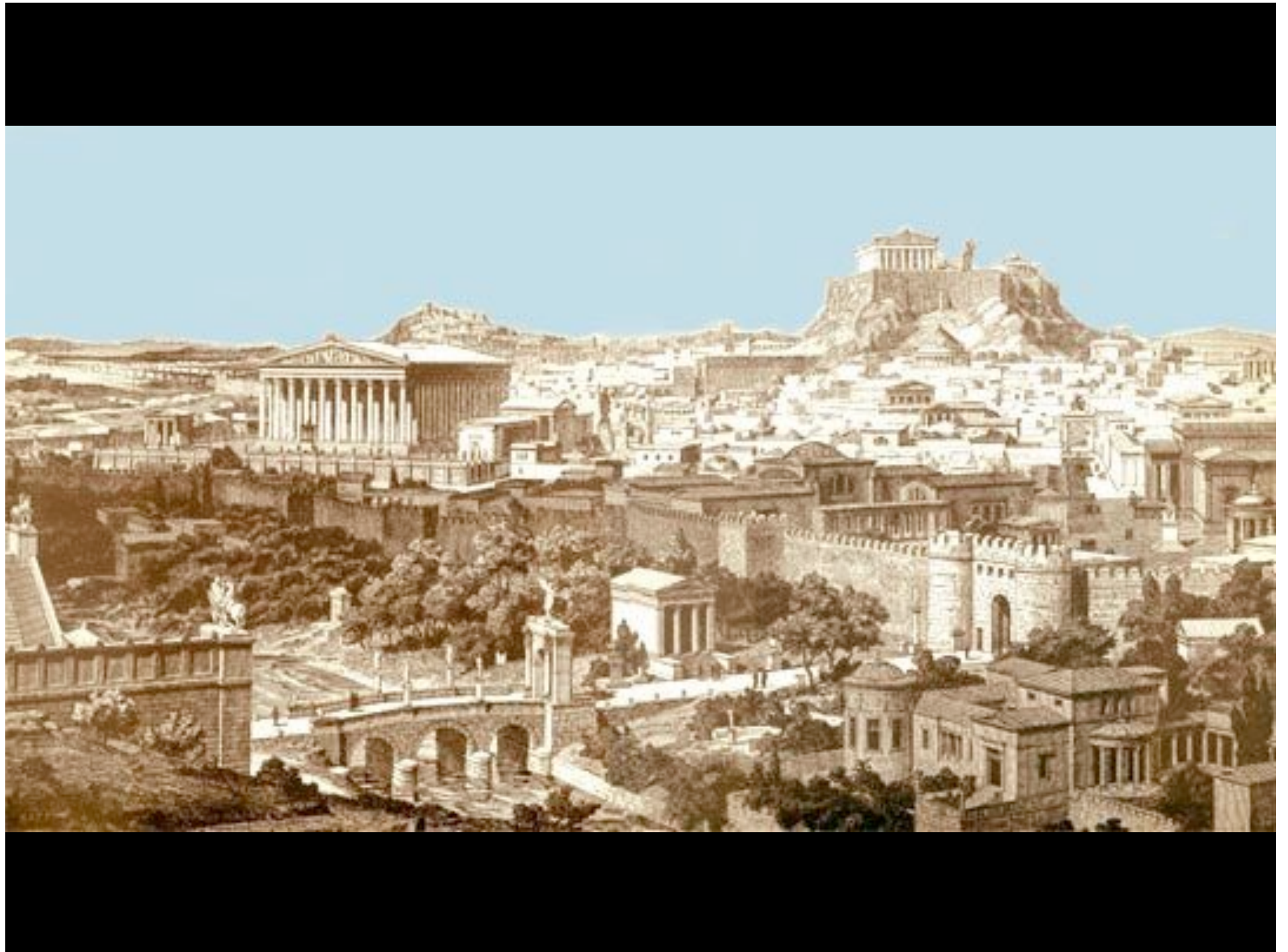


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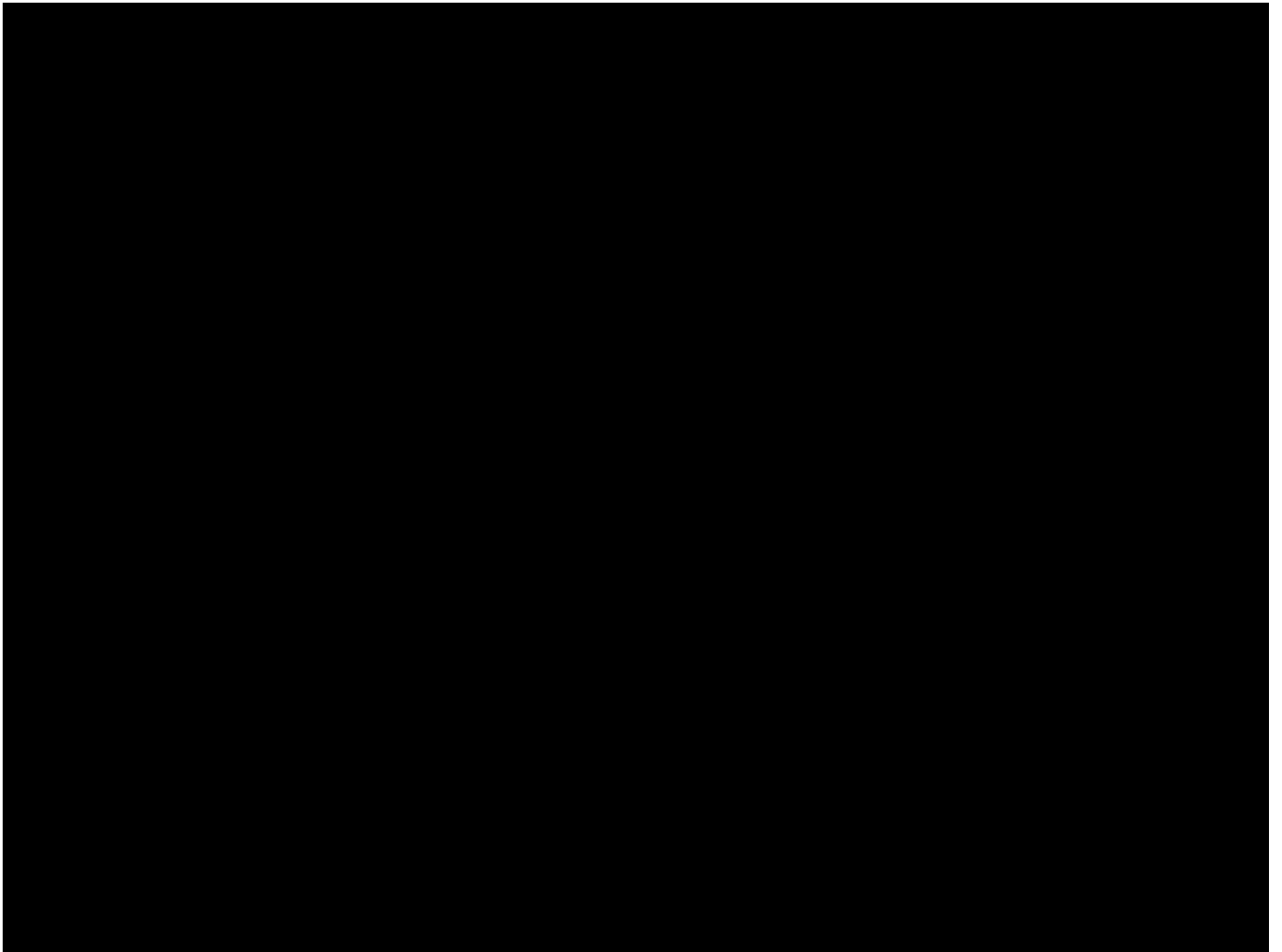


While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. Acts 17:16











Why are we Christians willing to follow Jesus into suffering in order to accomplish his mission of liberation?

Because Jesus has changed our minds about a lot of things, and we can no longer tolerate the foolishness and futility that is passed out as wisdom at this university.

We are tired of the "enlightenment" of this age which is blindly ignorant of its intellectual slavery to materialism and its contradictory obligation to ethical relativism.

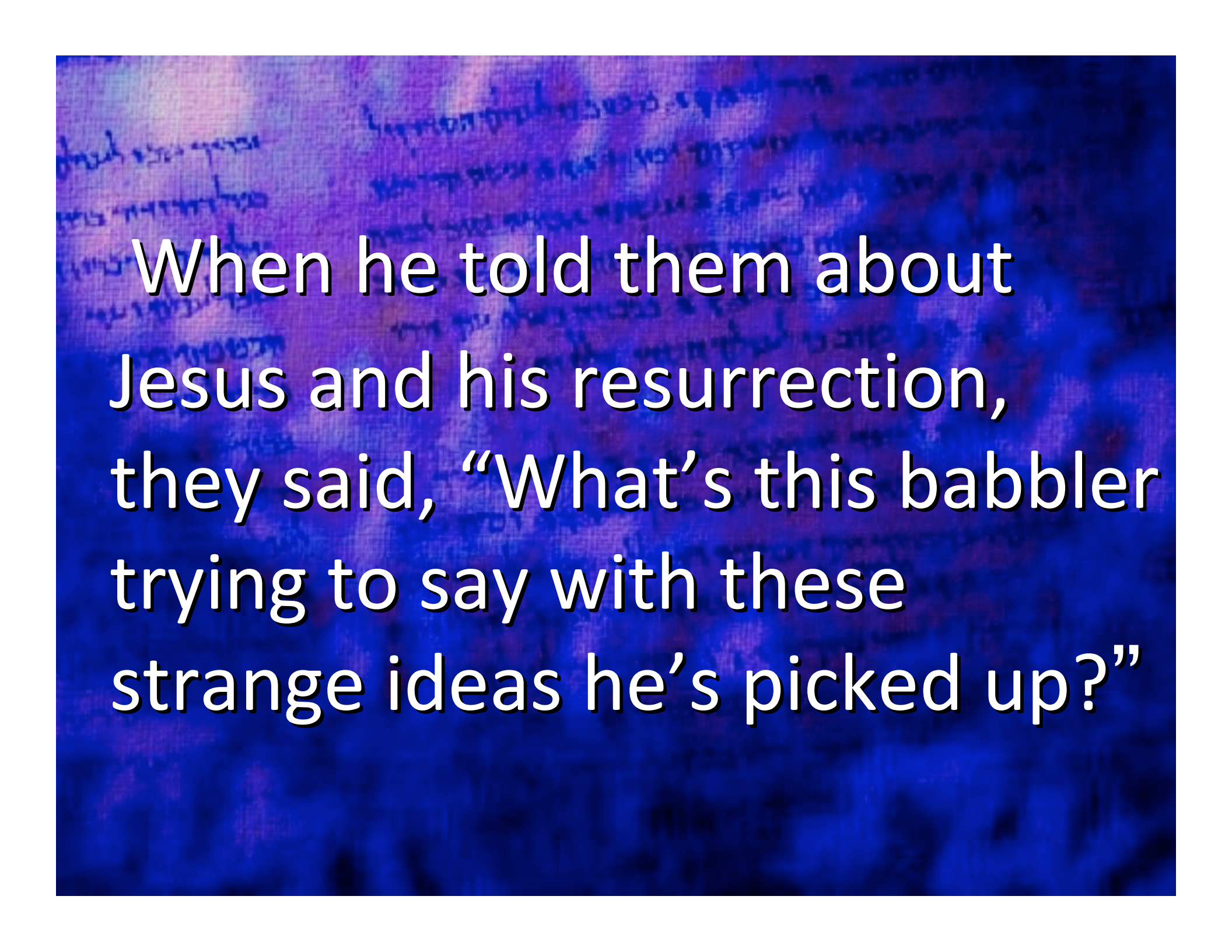
We are tired of seeing people's lives wasted and unfulfilled because of their submission to the established world order.



He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there. **18** He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers.

Acts 17:16-18a





When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, “What’s this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he’s picked up?”



Others said, “He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods.”<sup>19</sup> Then they took him to the high council of the city. “Come and tell us about this new teaching,” they said. <sup>20</sup> “You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it’s all about.” <sup>21</sup> (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.) Acts 17:18b-21



So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, 23 for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about.

Acts 17:22,23



**Paul meets them  
where they live.**



“He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, ... Acts 17:24



**1. God is the Maker  
not the made.**



**2. God is the giver,  
and does not have  
any needs himself.**



Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, 25 and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. Acts 17:24-25



**3. God draws men  
and does not seek  
to evade them**



He himself gives life  
and breath to  
everything, and he  
satisfies every need.

Acts 17:25



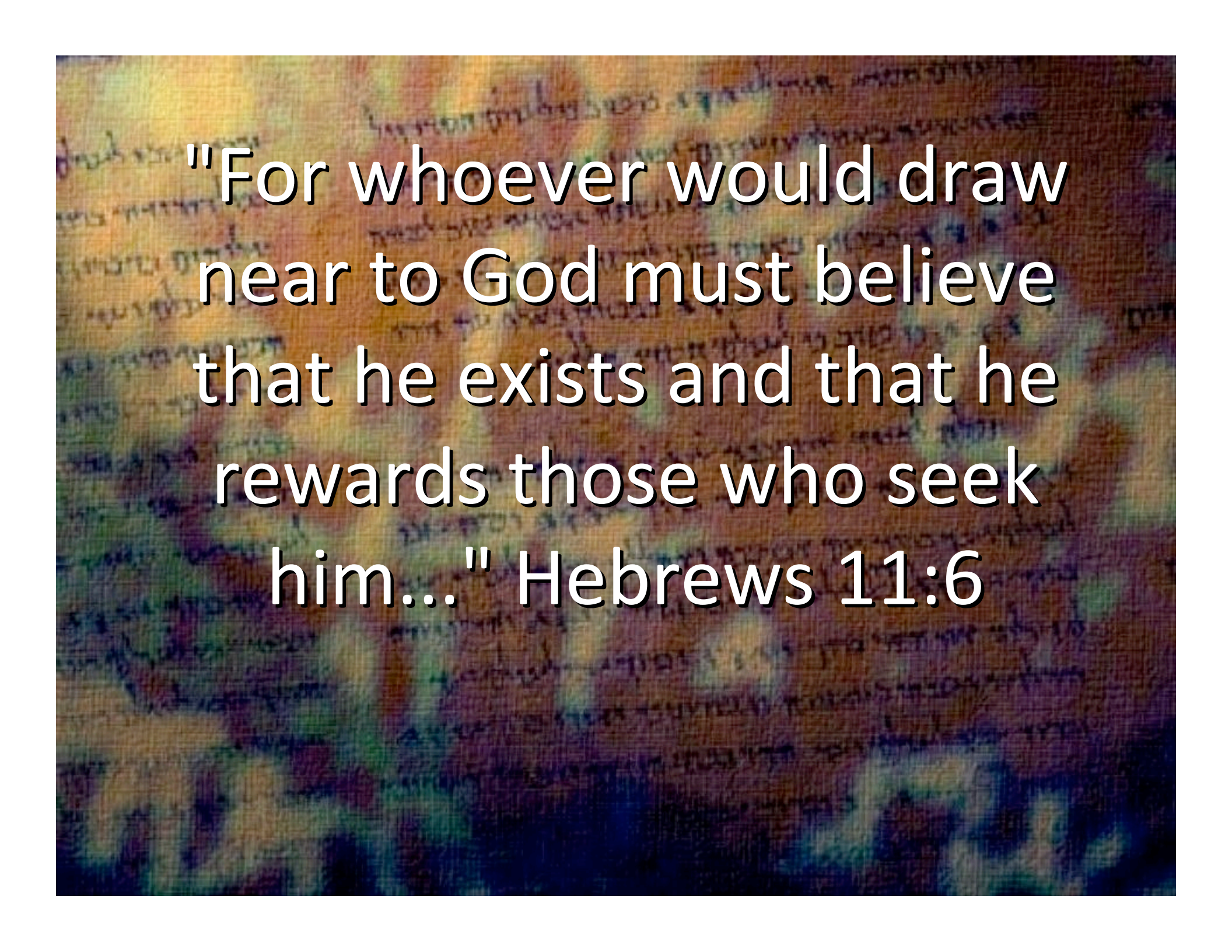
From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.**27** His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. **28** For in him we live and move and exist.

Acts 17:26-28



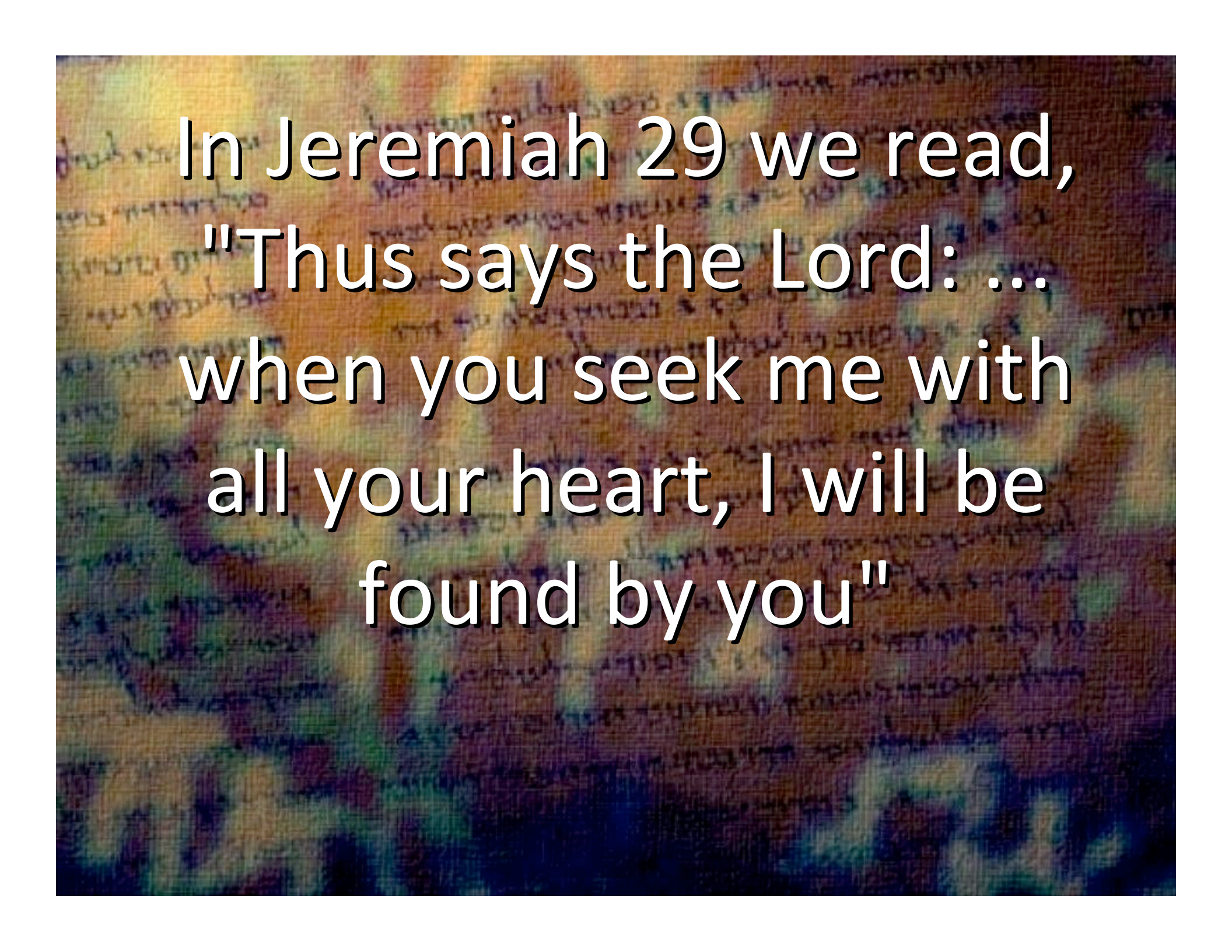
**The reason for  
human history  
that they might  
find God**





"For whoever would draw  
near to God must believe  
that he exists and that he  
rewards those who seek  
him..." Hebrews 11:6

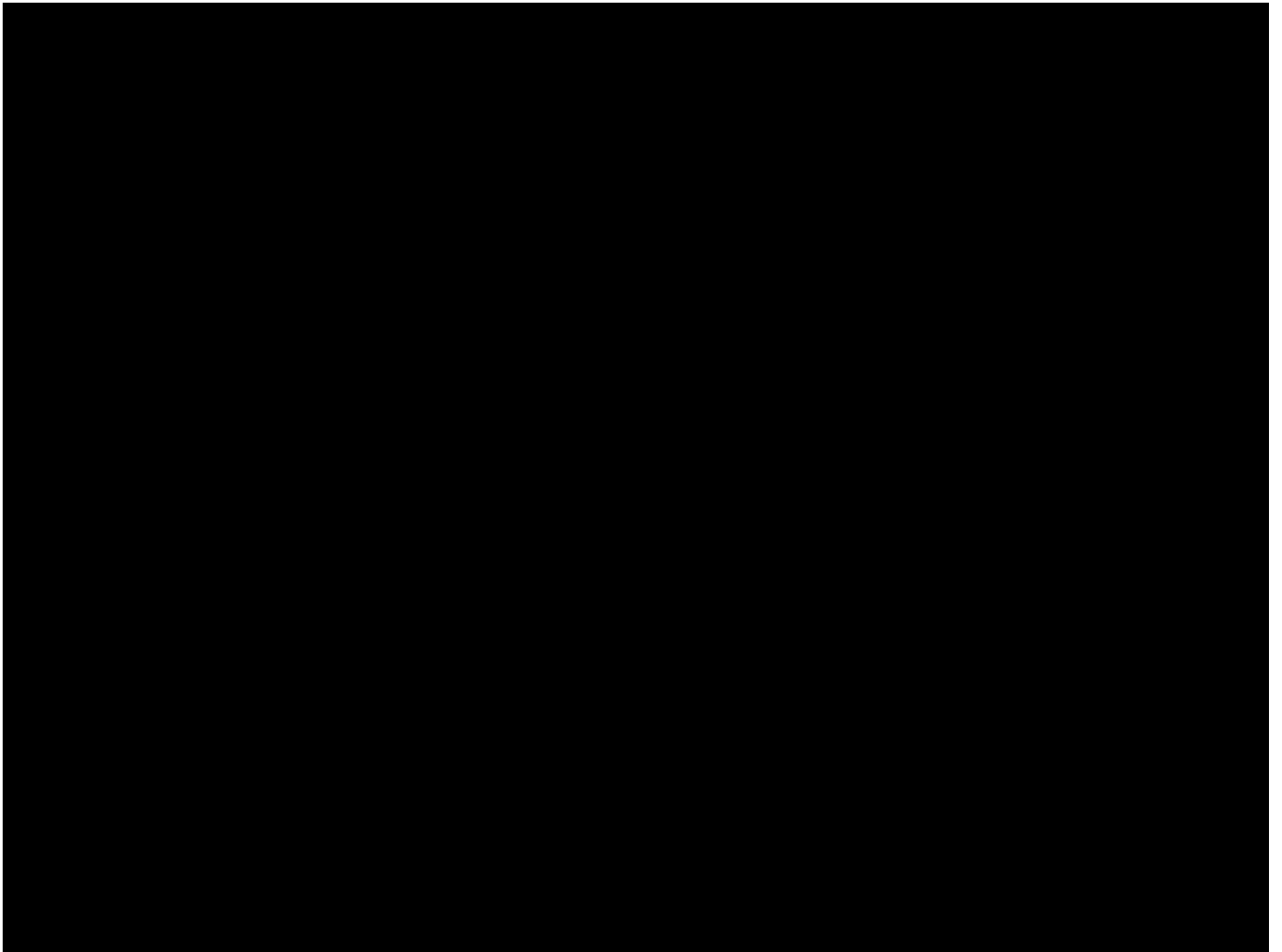




In Jeremiah 29 we read,  
"Thus says the Lord: ...  
when you seek me with  
all your heart, I will be  
found by you"









--though he is not far from any one of us. 28 For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' 29 And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

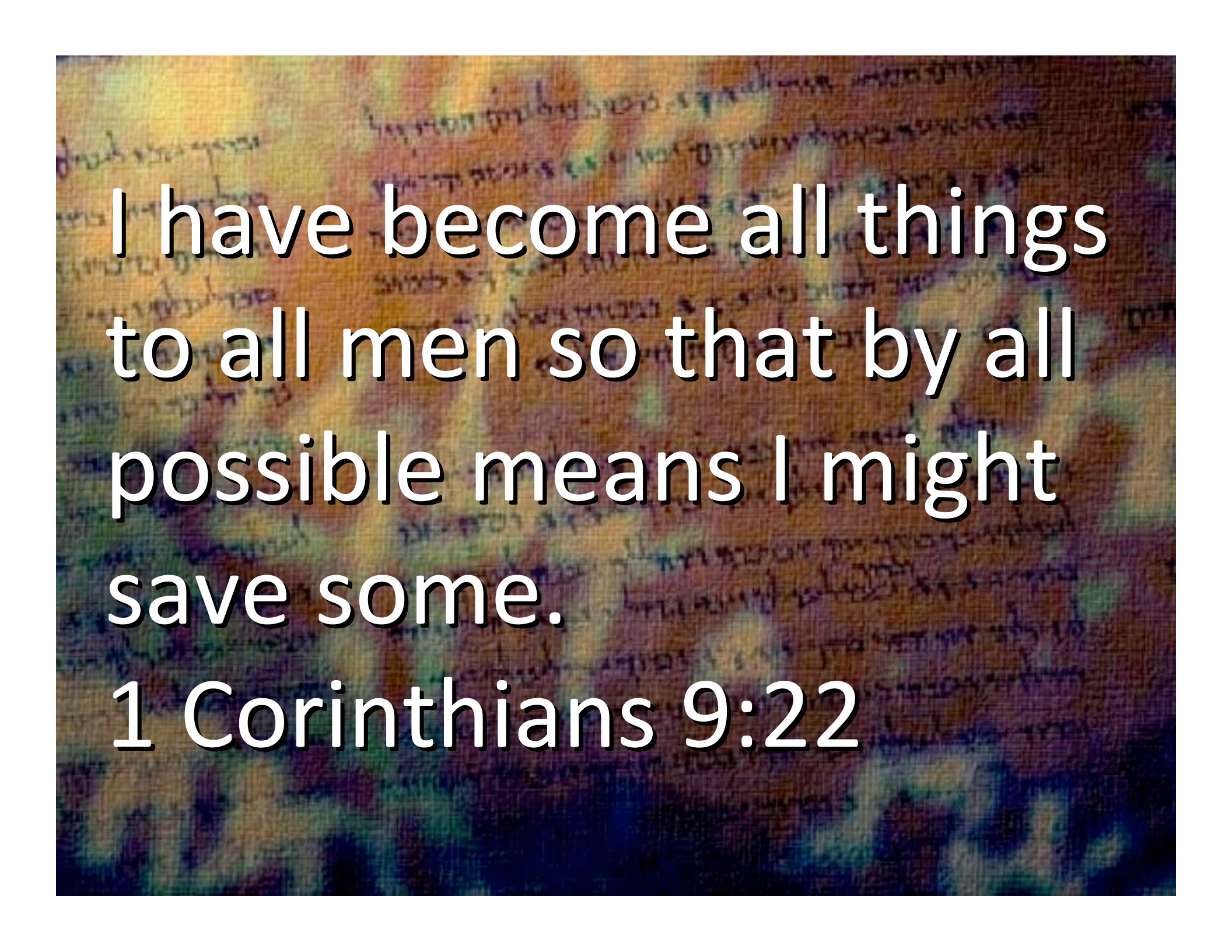
Acts 17:27b-29



**Mankind has**

**Dignity**





I have become all things  
to all men so that by all  
possible means I might  
save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22



“God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. **31** For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:30-31



**There is an  
inescapable day of  
Judgment**



**There is an  
unchallengeable  
Judge**



**God has made this evident to  
all by an irrefutable fact:**

**By raising Jesus from the dead**



When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, “We want to hear more about this later.” **33** That ended Paul’s discussion with them, **34** but some joined him and became believers. Acts 17:32-34



**Some**  
**mocked**



**Some**  
**delayed**



**Some**

**believed**

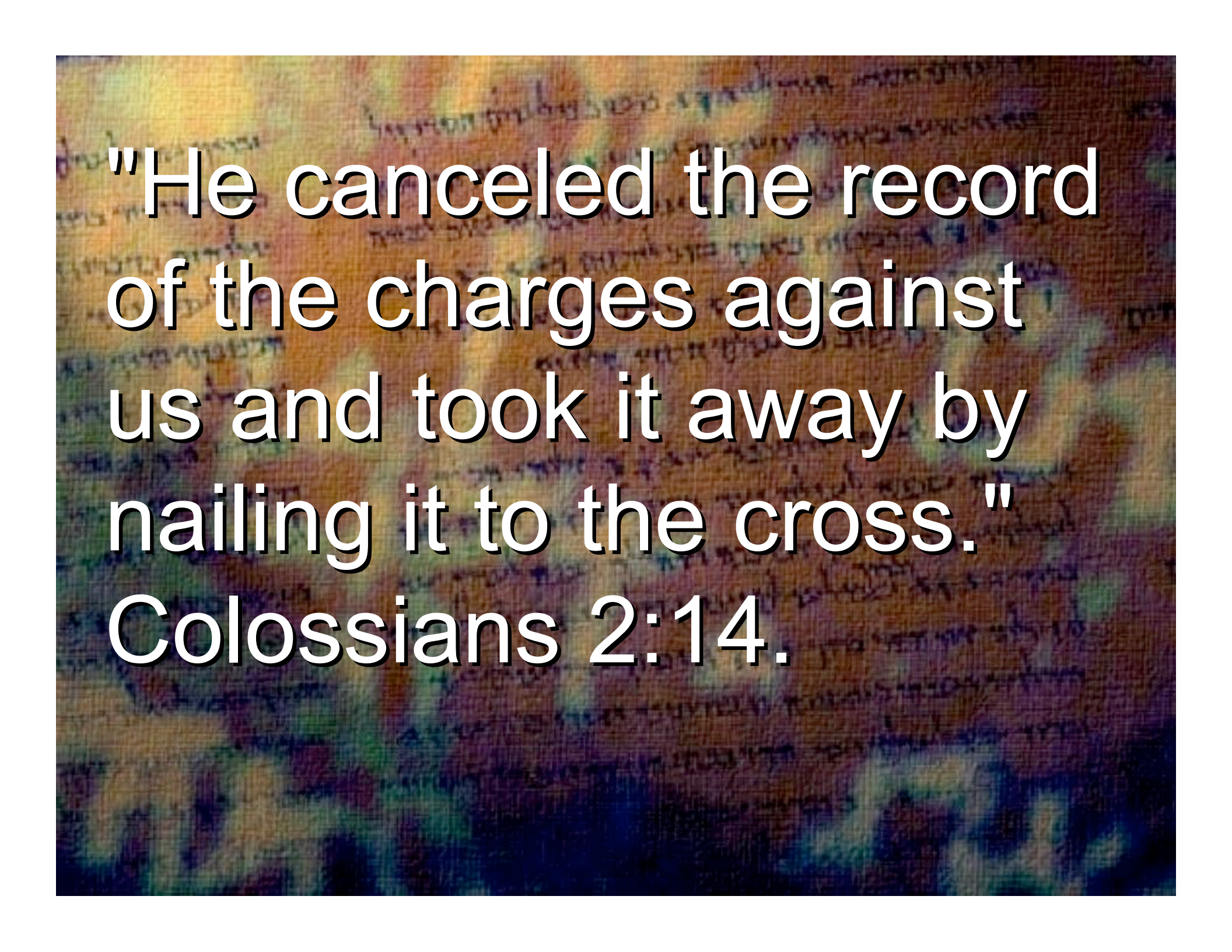


Among them were  
Dionysius, a member of the  
council and a woman  
named Damaris, and others  
with them. Acts 17:35









"He canceled the record  
of the charges against  
us and took it away by  
nailing it to the cross."  
Colossians 2:14.











