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Josephus during the time of Felix.
*As far as the affairs of the Jews they
grew worse and worse continually
until the country was again filled
with robbers and imposters who
deluded the multitude. Yet did Felix
capture and put death those
imposters everyday together with
the robbers.*

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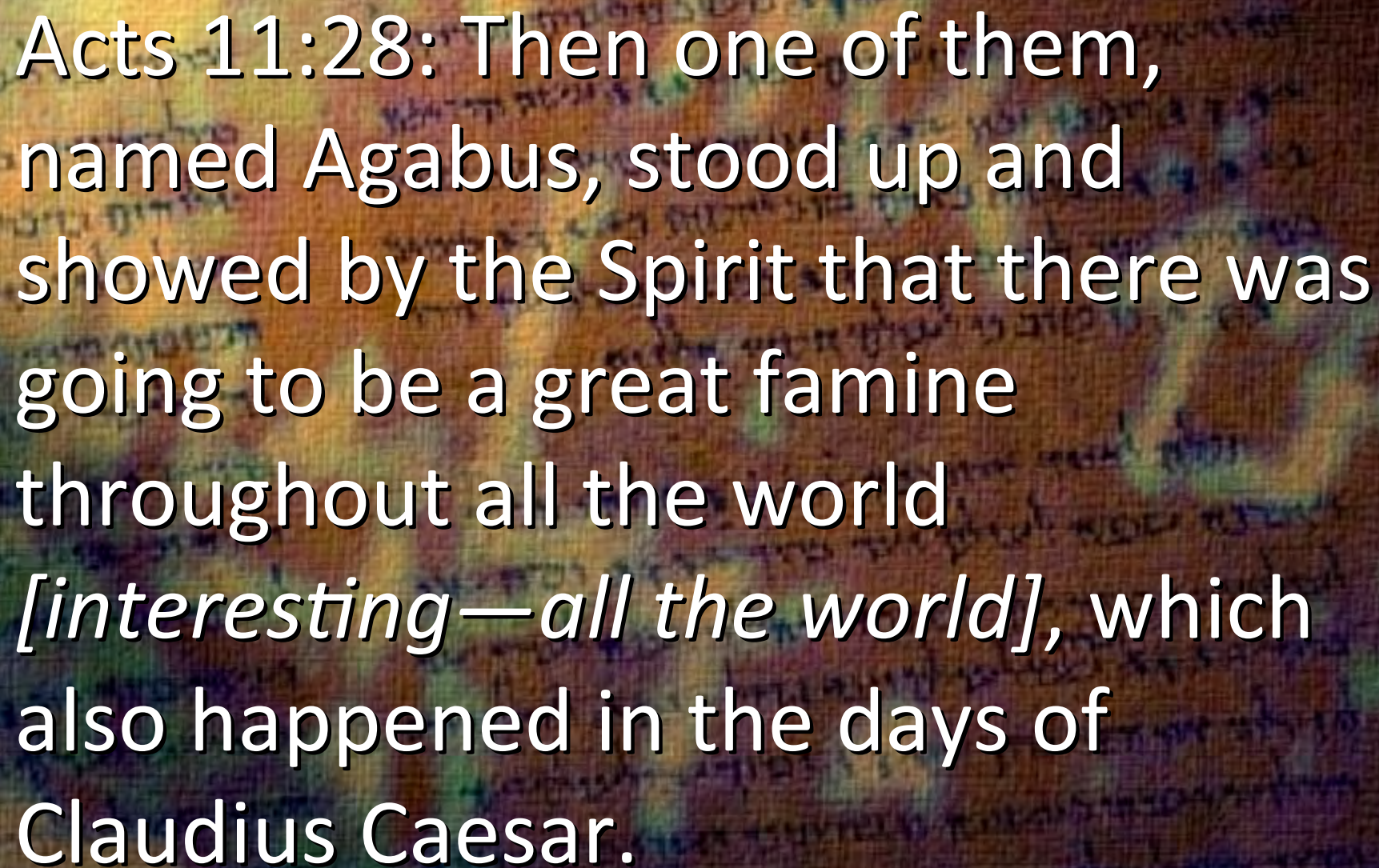
("Histories" 1:2) Tacitus

"The history on which I am entering [just following Nero's death] is that of a period rich in disaster, terrible with battles, torn by civil struggles, horrible even in peace. Four emperors failed by the sword; there were three civil wars, more foreign wars and often both at the same time."



Historians note the following earthquakes

Crete (AD 46/47) Rome (AD 51)
Phrygia (AD 53) Laodicea (AD 60)
Campania (AD 62) Pompeii (AD 63)



Acts 11:28: Then one of them,
named Agabus, stood up and
showed by the Spirit that there was
going to be a great famine
throughout all the world
[interesting—all the world], which
also happened in the days of
Claudius Caesar.



Josephus wrote about:

A famine did oppress them at that time, and many people died for want of what was necessary to procure food withal.

("Jewish Antiquities" 20:2:5)

Tacitus records a famine occurring
about 51AD in Rome:

*"This year witnessed many prodigies;
repeated earthquakes. . . further
portents were seen in a shortage of
corn, resulting in famine. It was
established that there was no more than
fifteen days' supply of food in the city.
Only heaven's special favor and a mild
winter prevented catastrophe."*

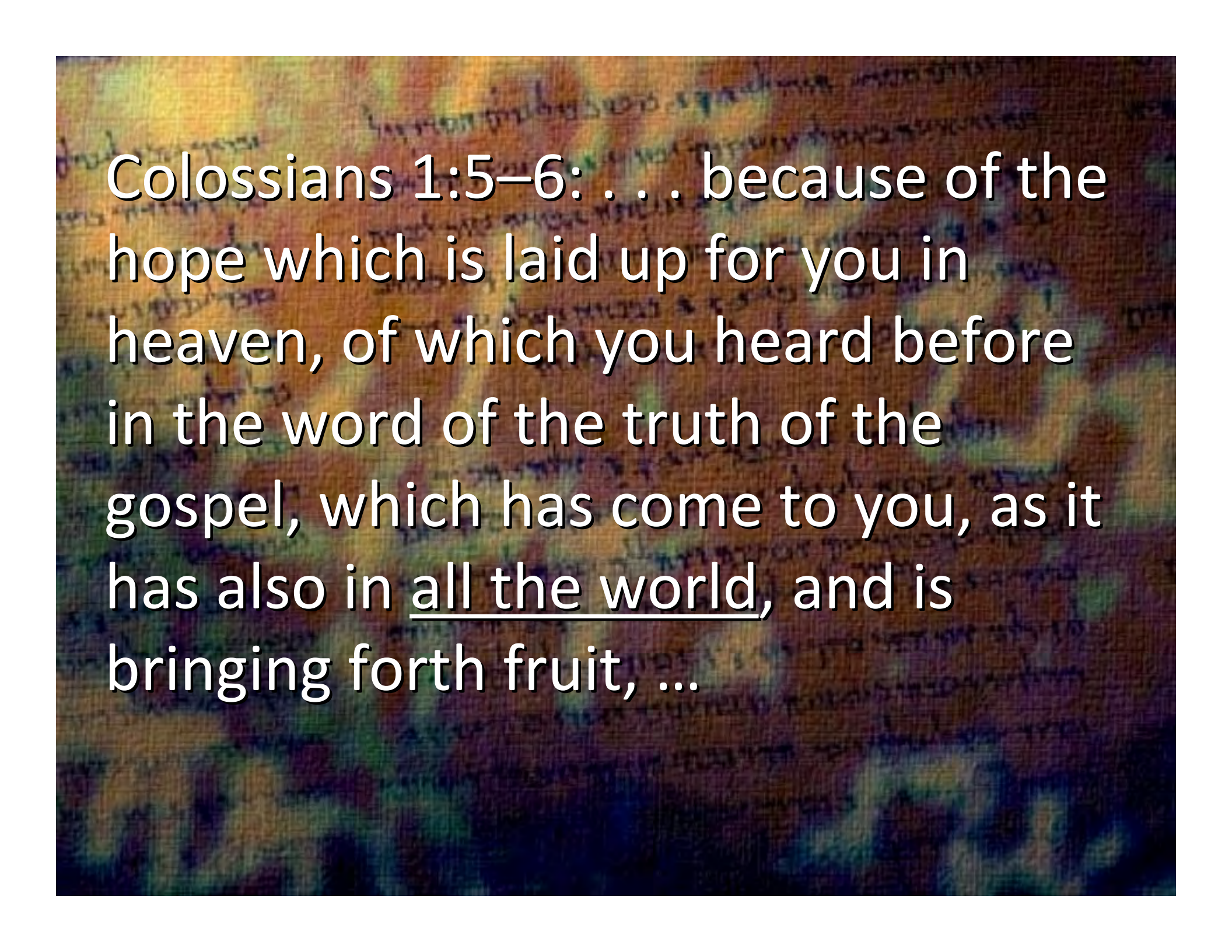
("Annals" 12:43)

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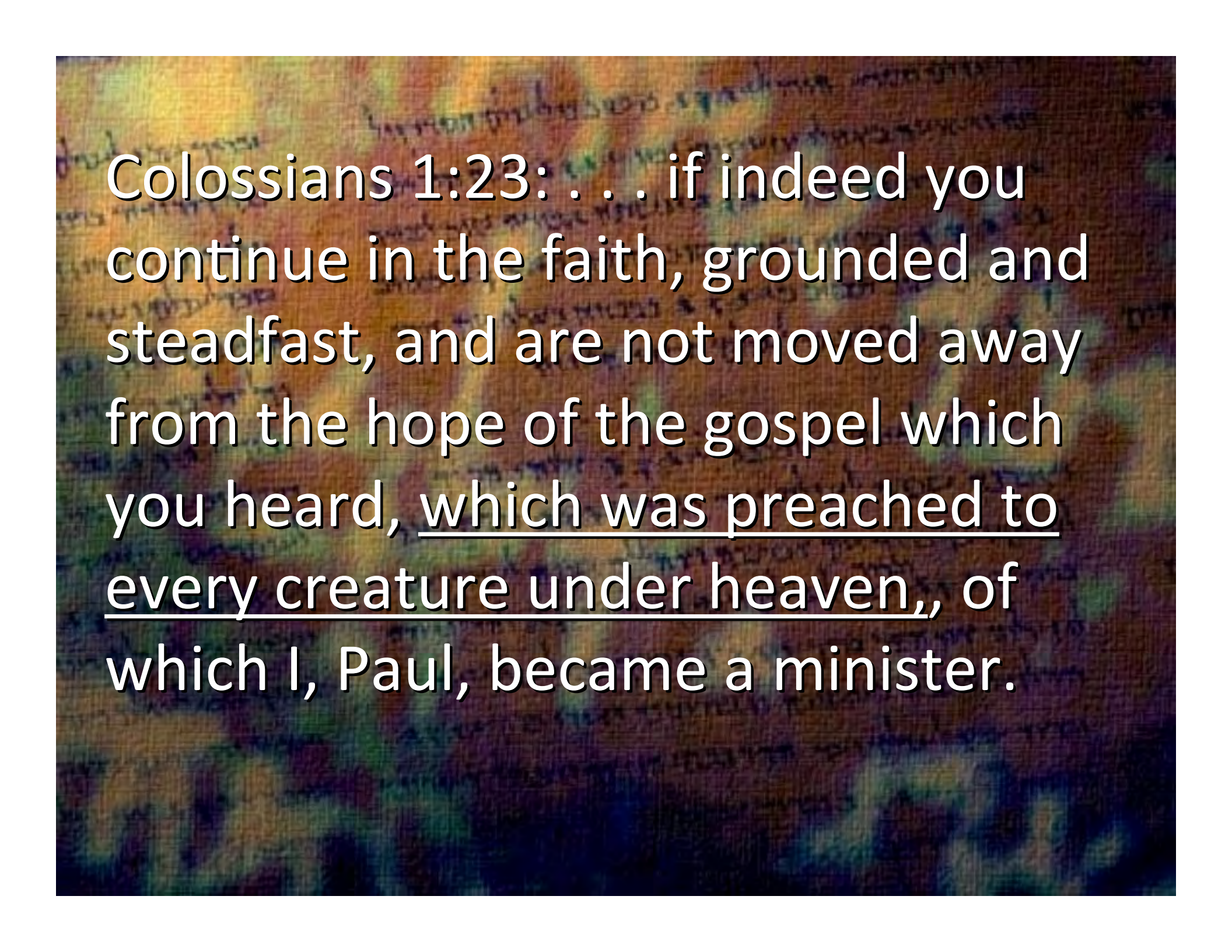
9 “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Mark 13

11 But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit. 12 "A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. 13 And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

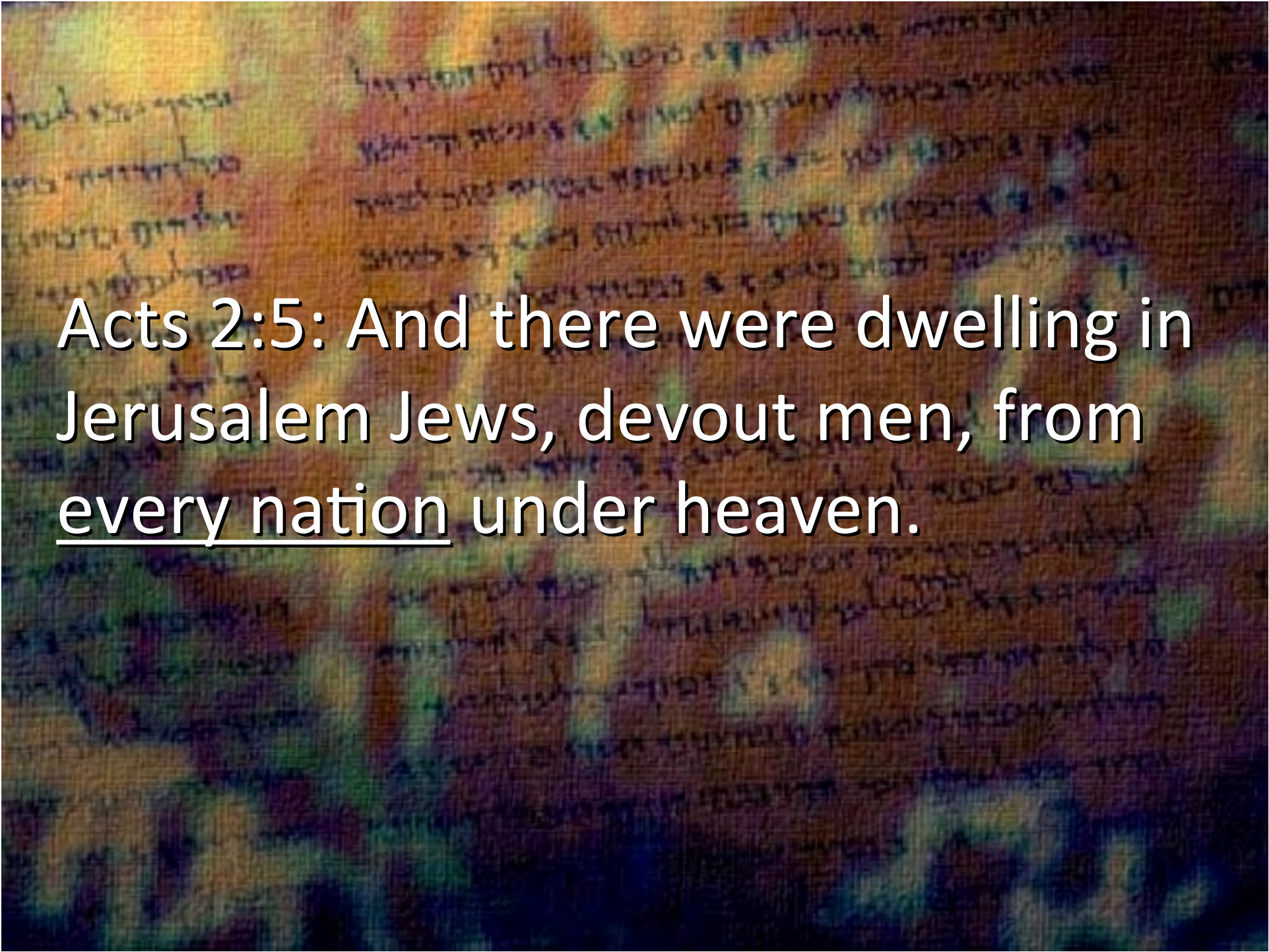
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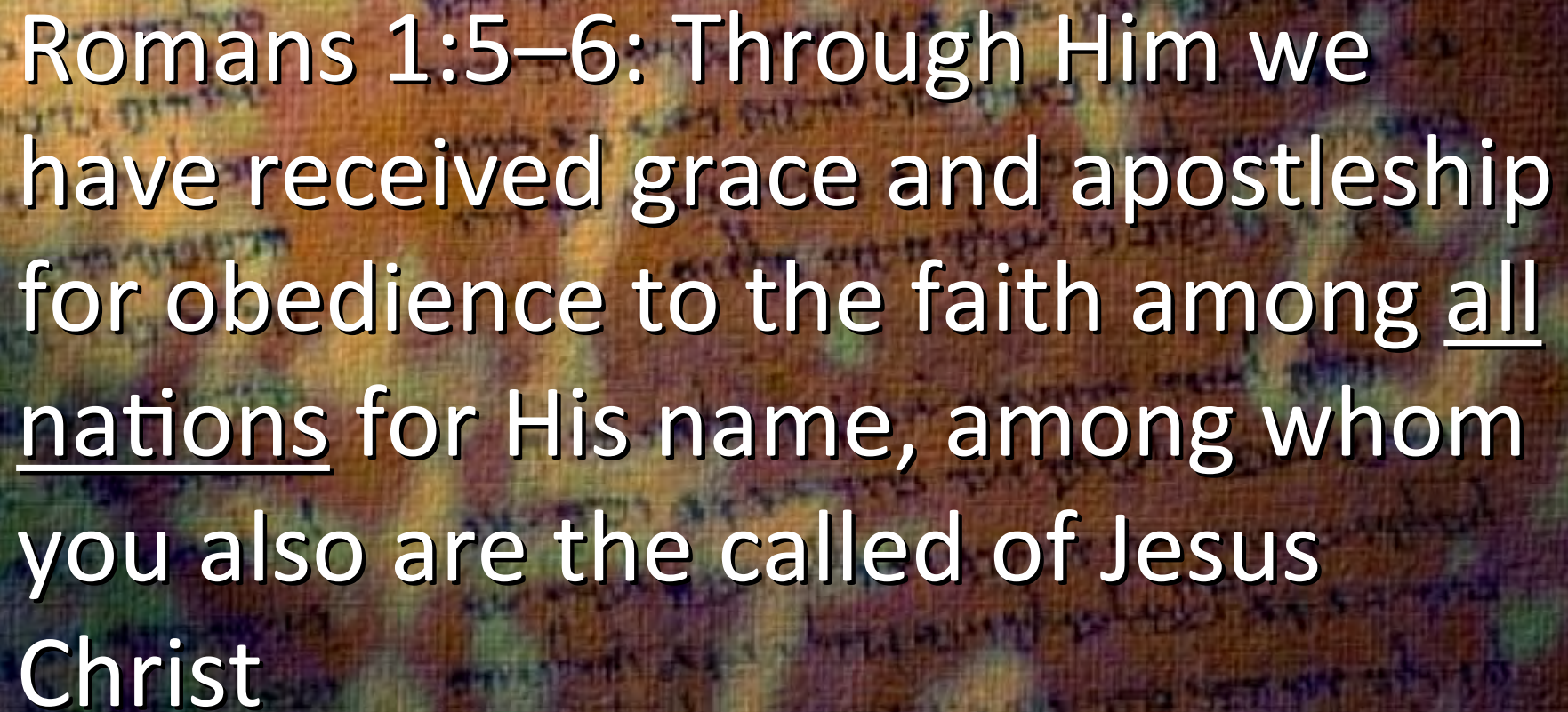
Colossians 1:5–6: . . . because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, ...



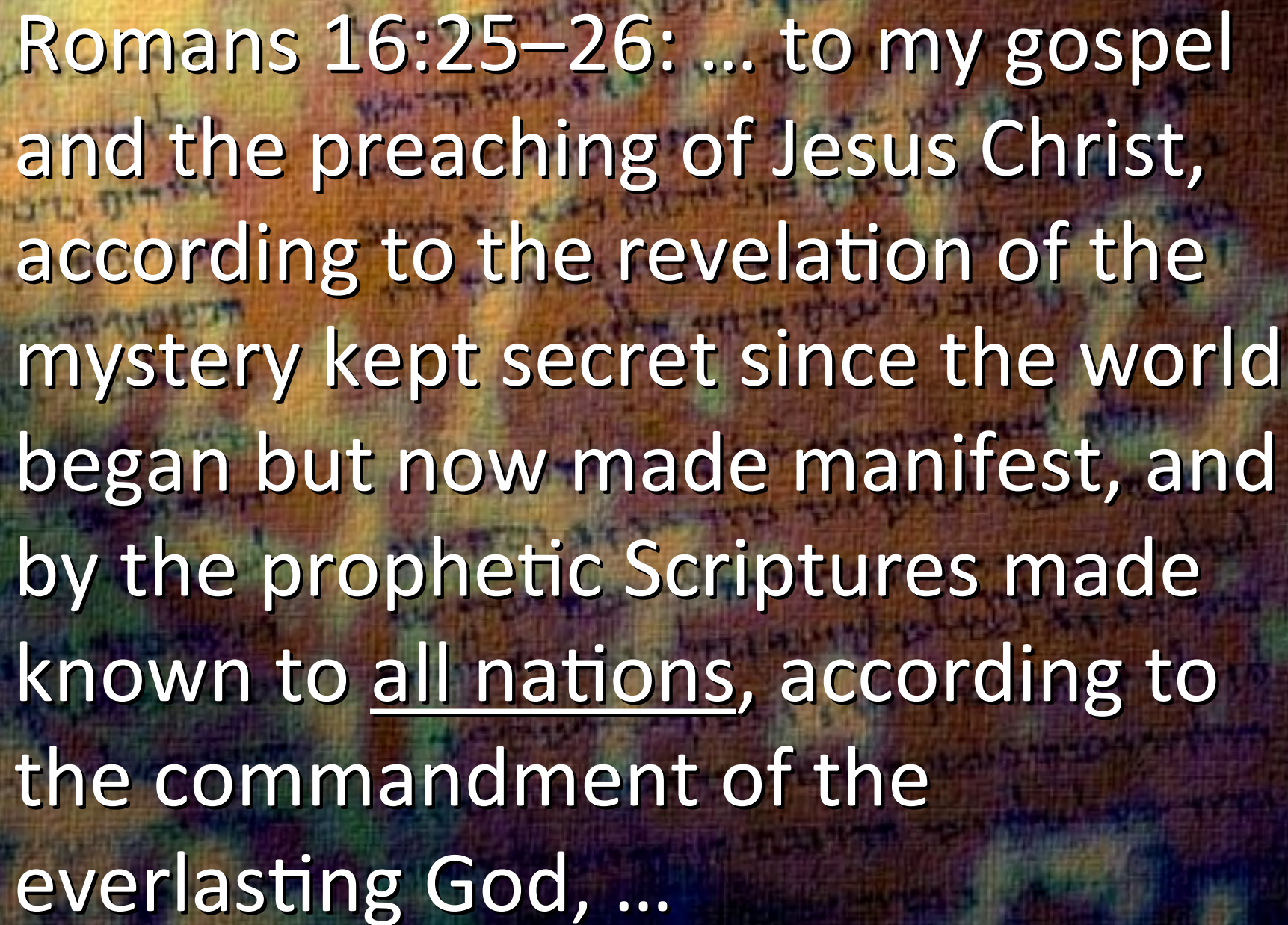
Colossians 1:23: . . . if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven,, of which I, Paul, became a minister.



Acts 2:5: And there were dwelling in
Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from
every nation under heaven.

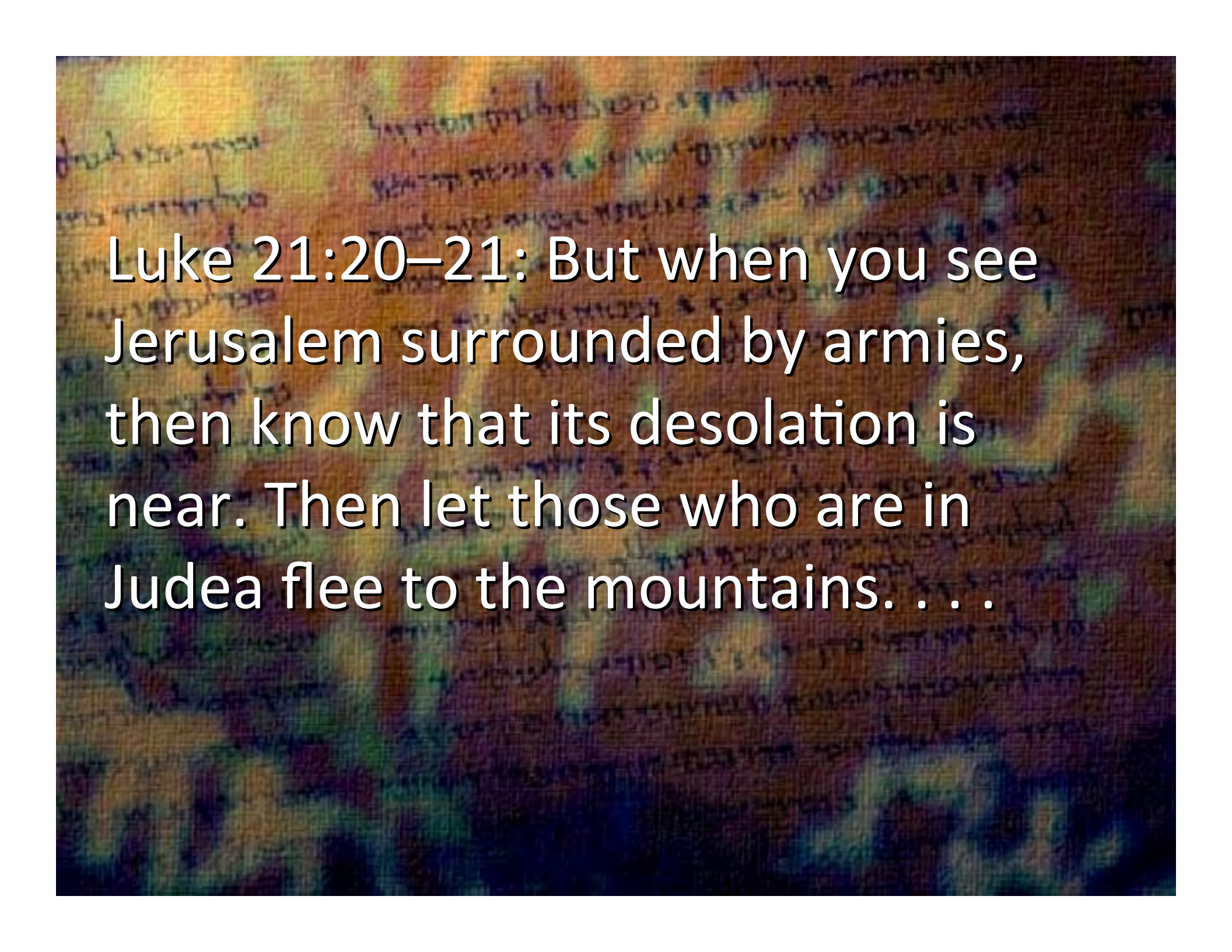


Romans 1:5–6: Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ



Romans 16:25–26: ... to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, ...

14 “But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Mark 13:14



Luke 21:20–21: But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. . . .

15 The one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of his house; 16 and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get his coat. 17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 18 But pray that it may not happen in the winter.

Eusebius tells us:

But before the war, the people of the Church of Jerusalem were bidden in an oracle given by revelation to men worthy of it to depart from the city and to dwell in a city of Perea called Pella. To it those who believed in Christ migrated from Jerusalem. Once the holy men had completely left the Jews and all Judea, the justice of God at last overtook them, since they had committed such transgressions against Christ and his apostles.

Luke 19:41–44: As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Josephus wrote about:

And now the Romans upon the flight of the seditious into the city, and upon the burning of the holy house itself, and of all the buildings lying round about it, brought their ensigns to the temple, and set them over against its eastern gate; and there did they offer sacrifices to them, and there did they make Titus imperator, with the greatest acclamations of joy.

("Jewish Wars" 6:6:1)

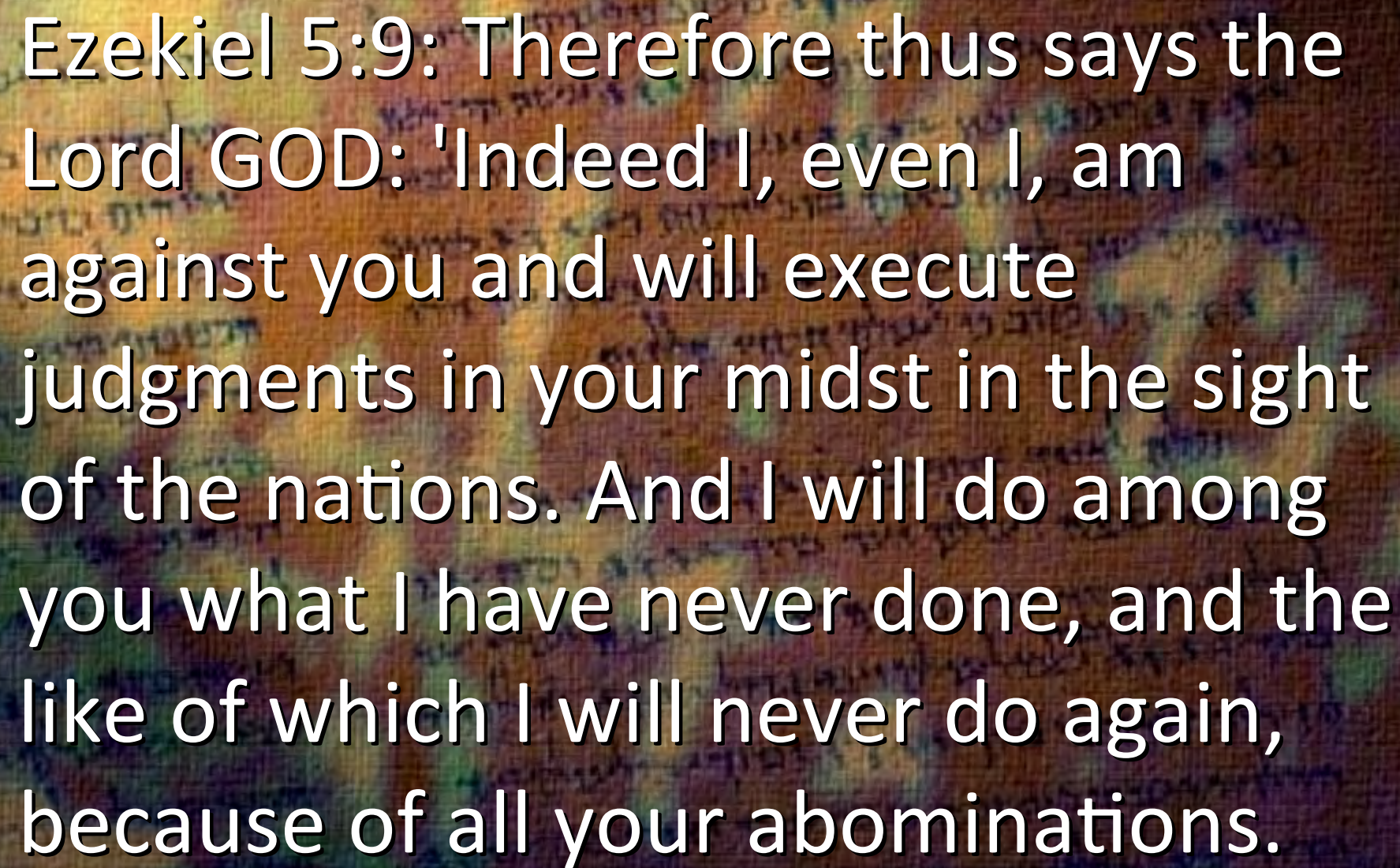


Josephus :

In the very same manner Daniel also wrote concerning the Roman government, and that our country should be made desolate by them.

("Jewish Antiquities" 10:11:7)

19 because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.



Ezekiel 5:9: Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Indeed I, even I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations.'

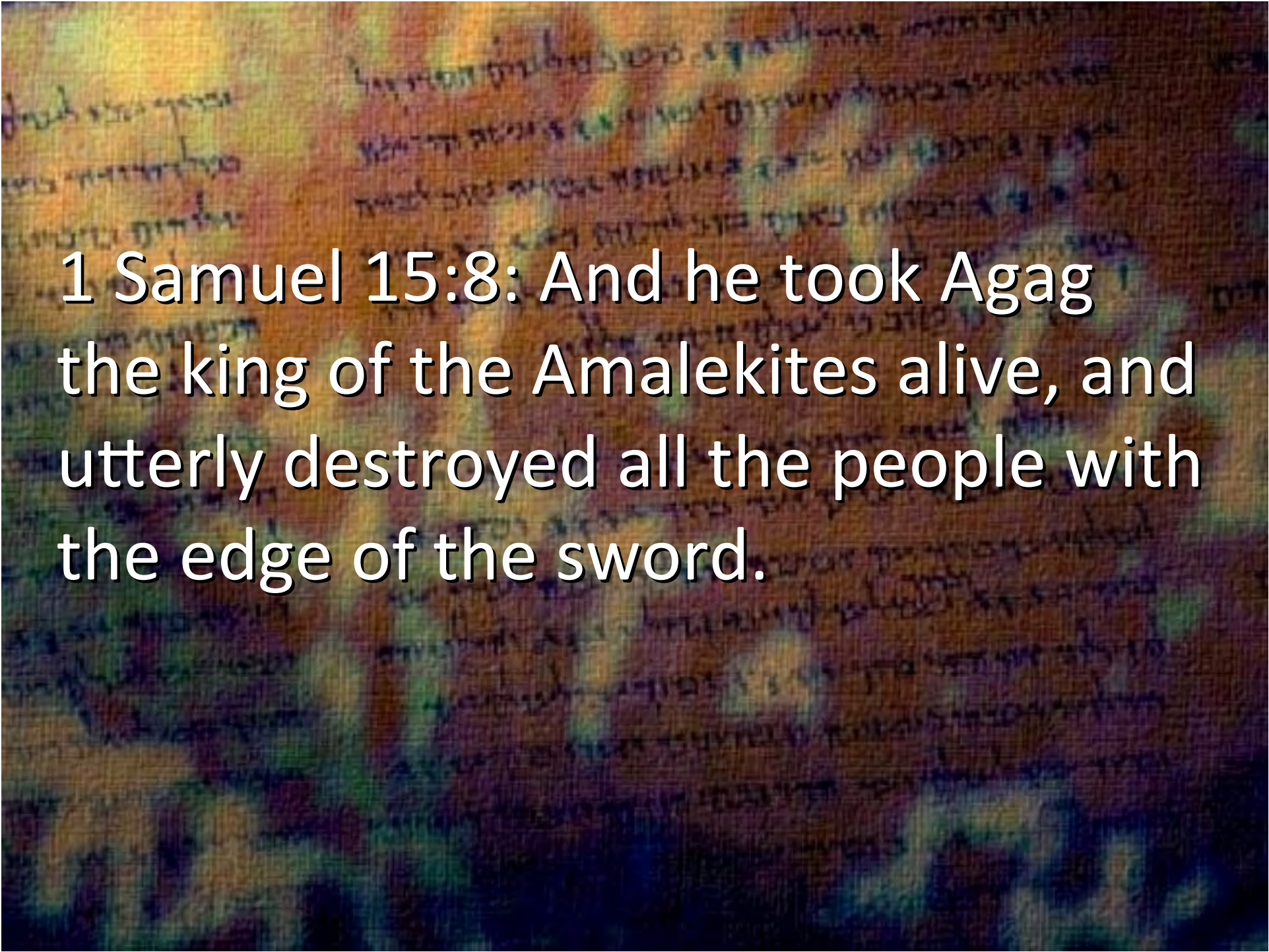
Josephus :

The war which the Jews made with the Romans hath been the greatest of all those, not only that have been in our times, but, in a manner, of those that ever were heard of...

The multitude of those that perished exceeded all of the destructions which either man or God ever brought upon the world. . . . No other city ever suffered such things, no other generation was ever more fruitful in wickedness

20 Unless the Lord had shortened
those days, no life would have been
saved; but for the sake of the elect,
whom He chose, He shortened the
days.

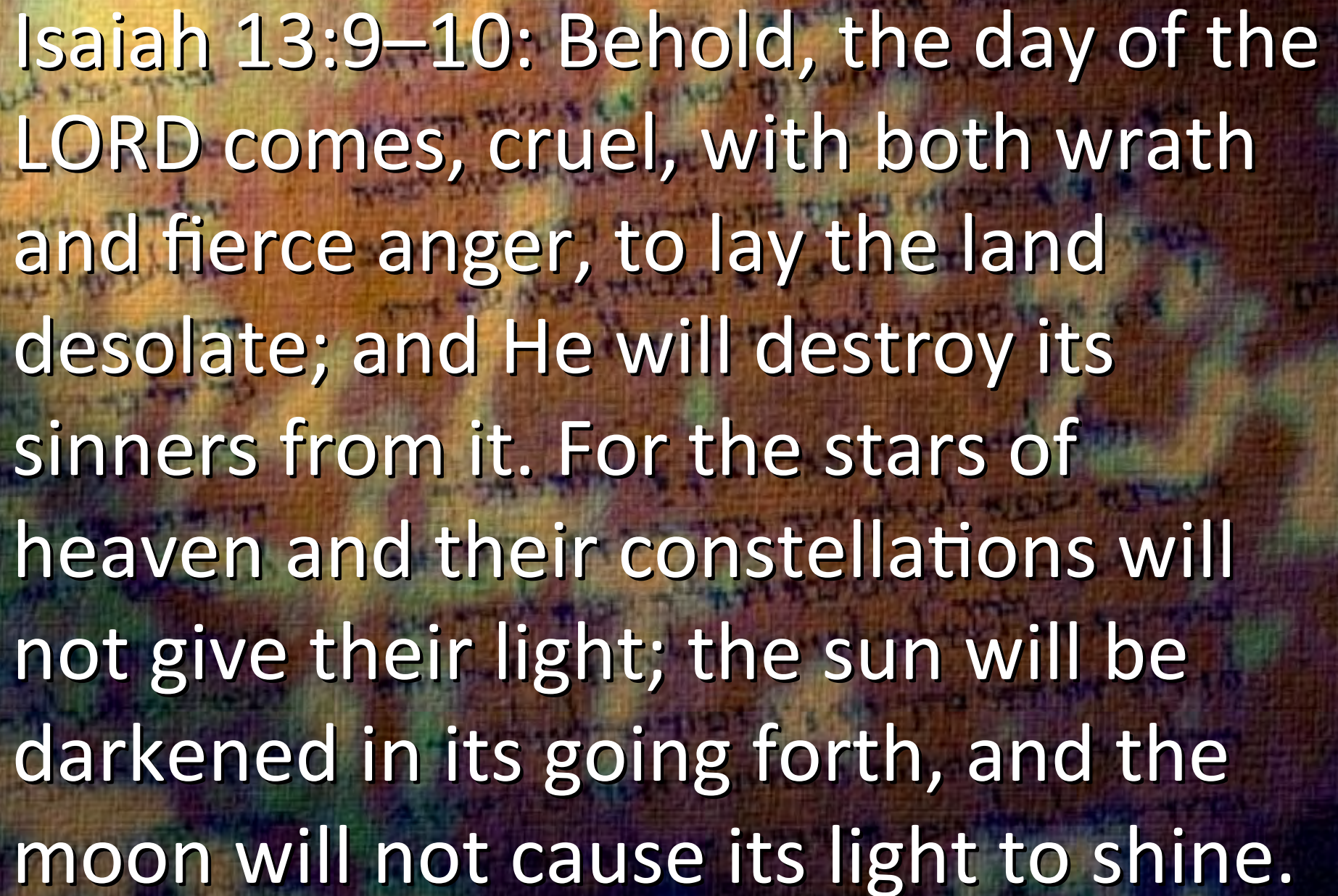
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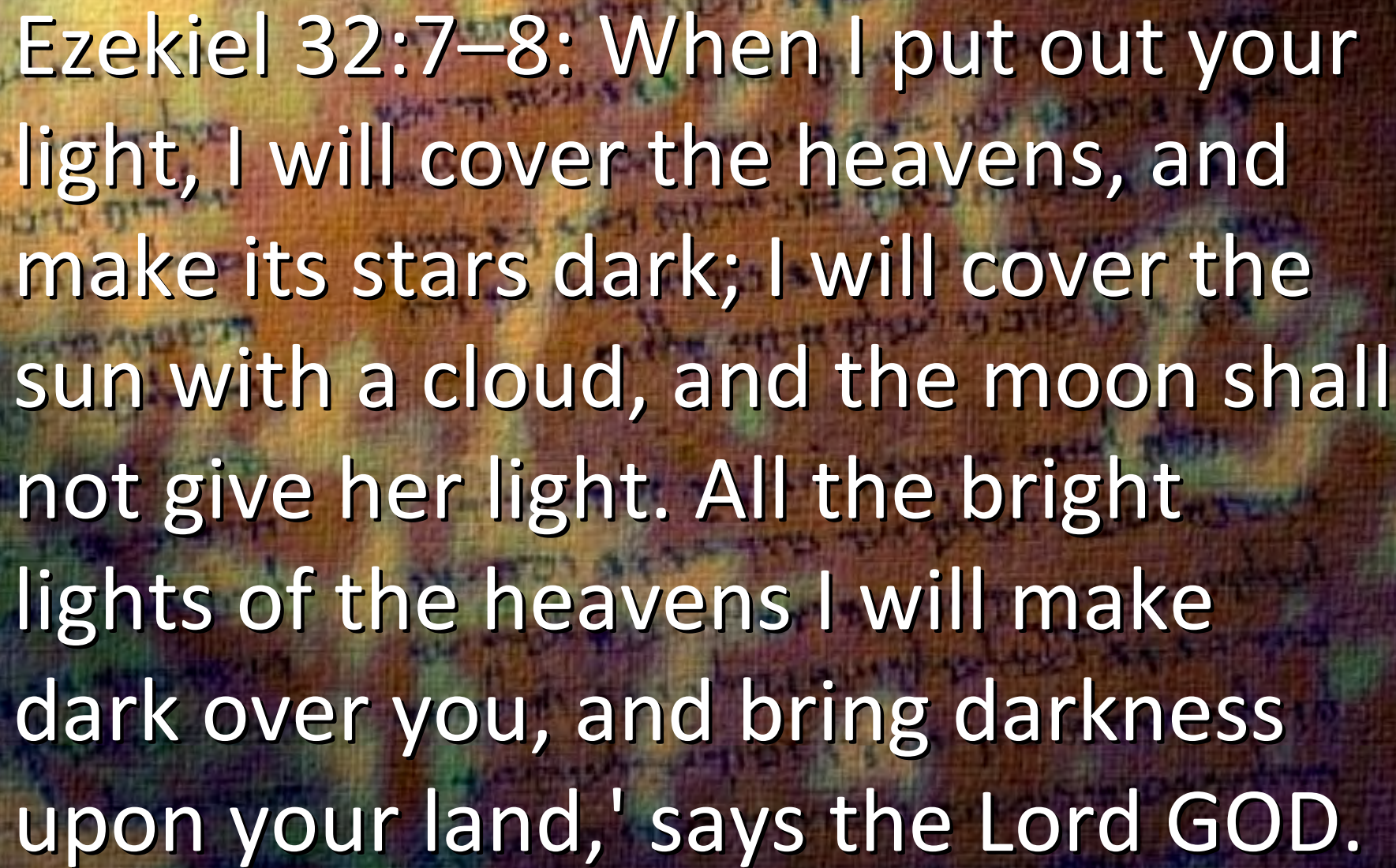
1 Samuel 15:8: And he took Agag
the king of the Amalekites alive, and
utterly destroyed all the people with
the edge of the sword.

21 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

24 “But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’



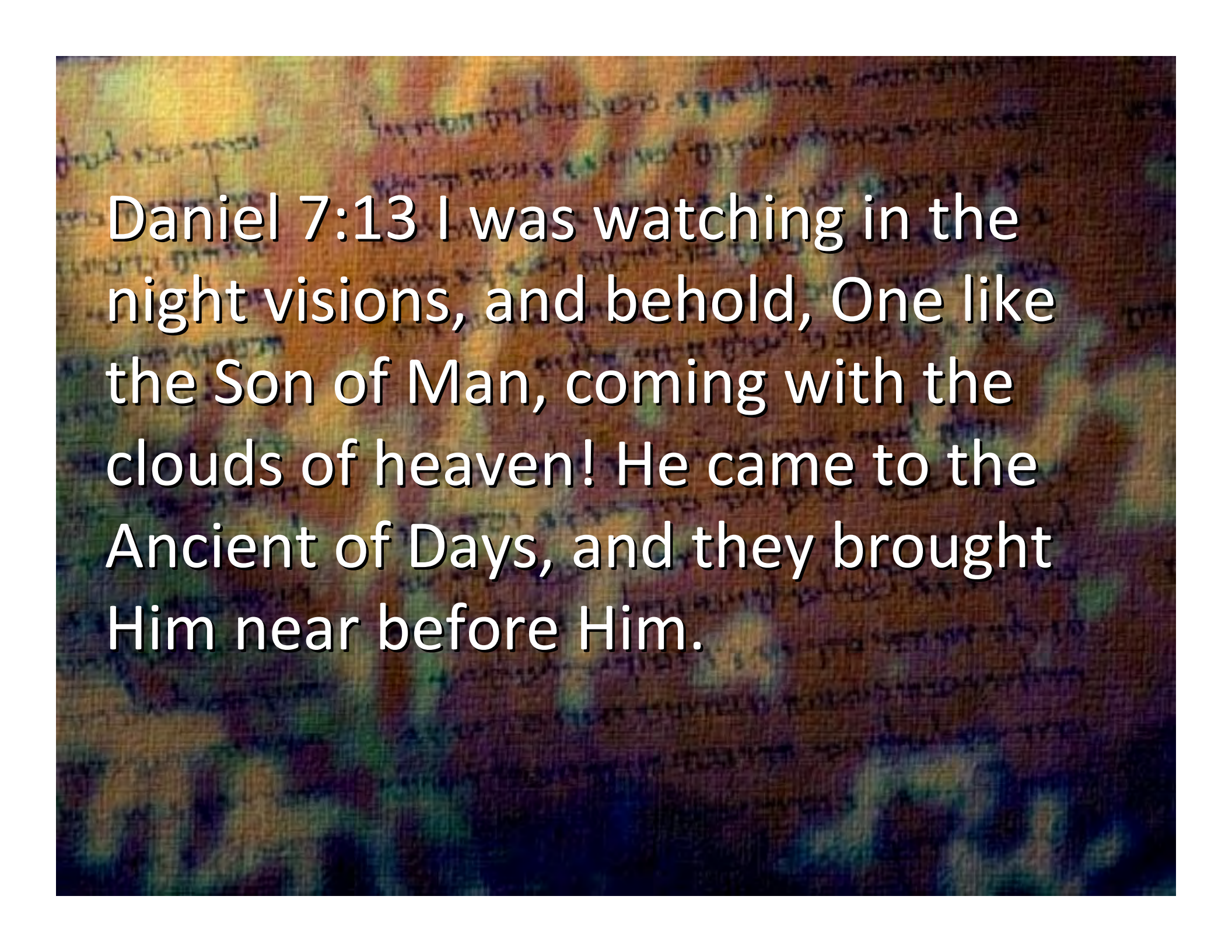
Isaiah 13:9–10: Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.



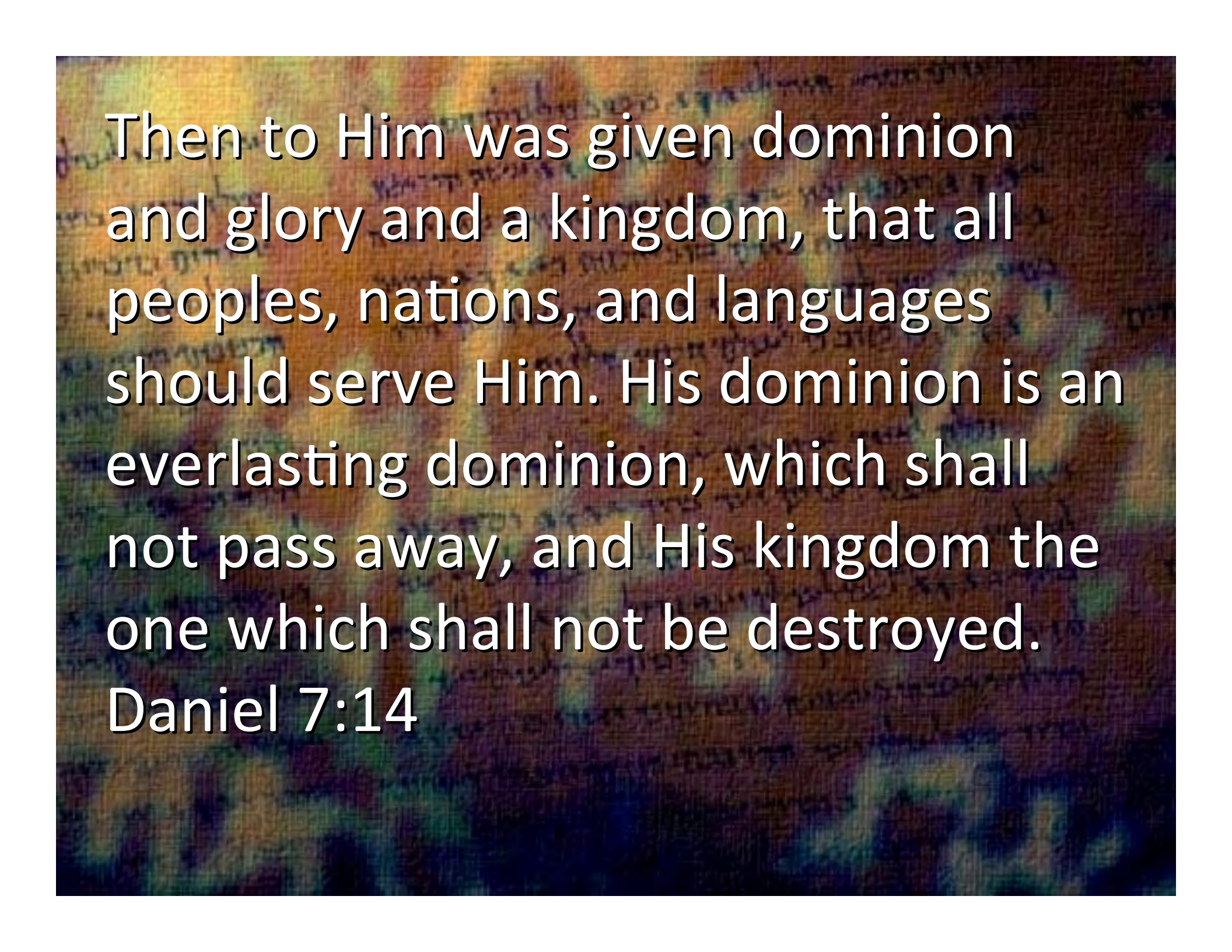
Ezekiel 32:7–8: When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you, and bring darkness upon your land,' says the Lord GOD.

Isaiah 34:3–5: Also their slain shall be thrown out; their stench shall rise from their corpses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree. "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; Indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment.

26 “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

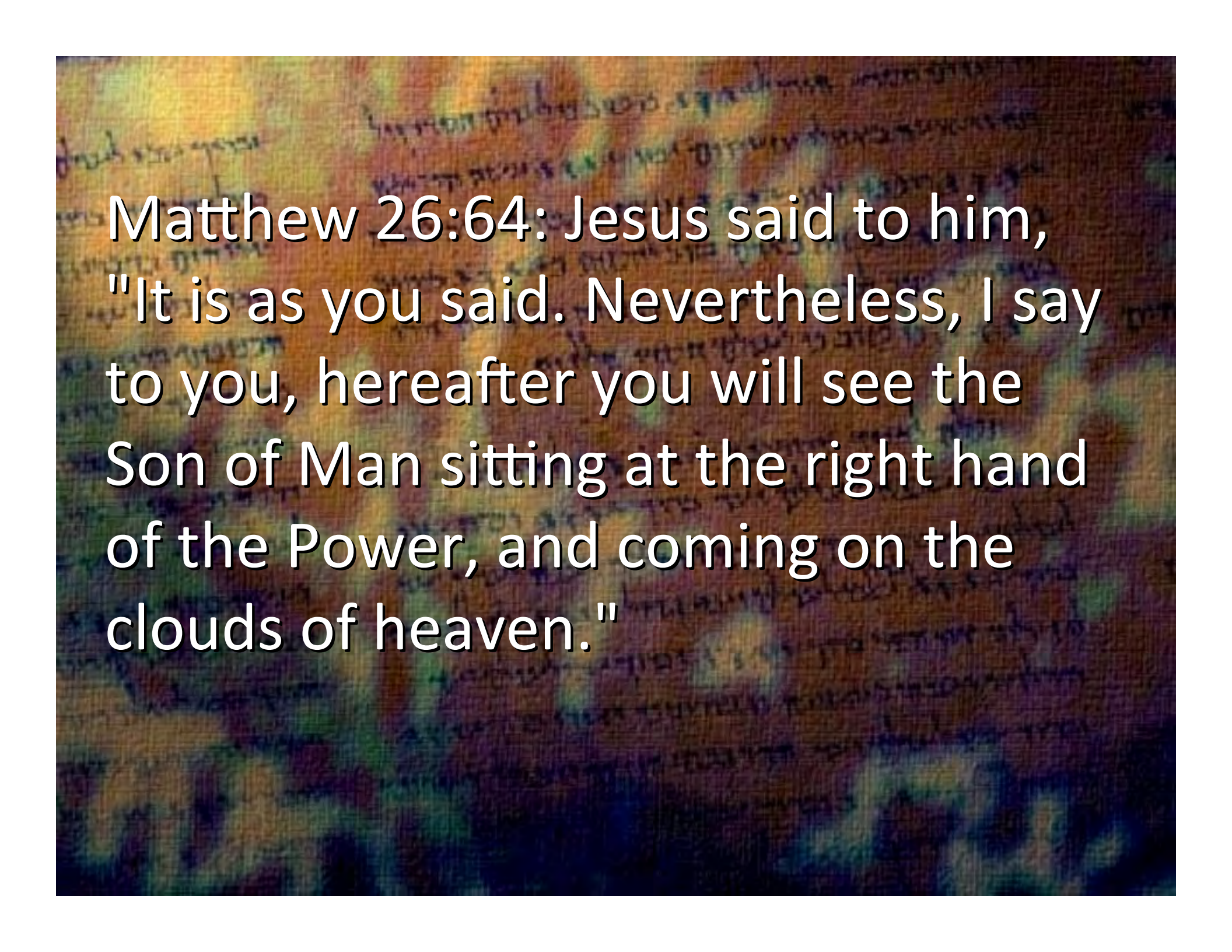


Daniel 7:13 I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

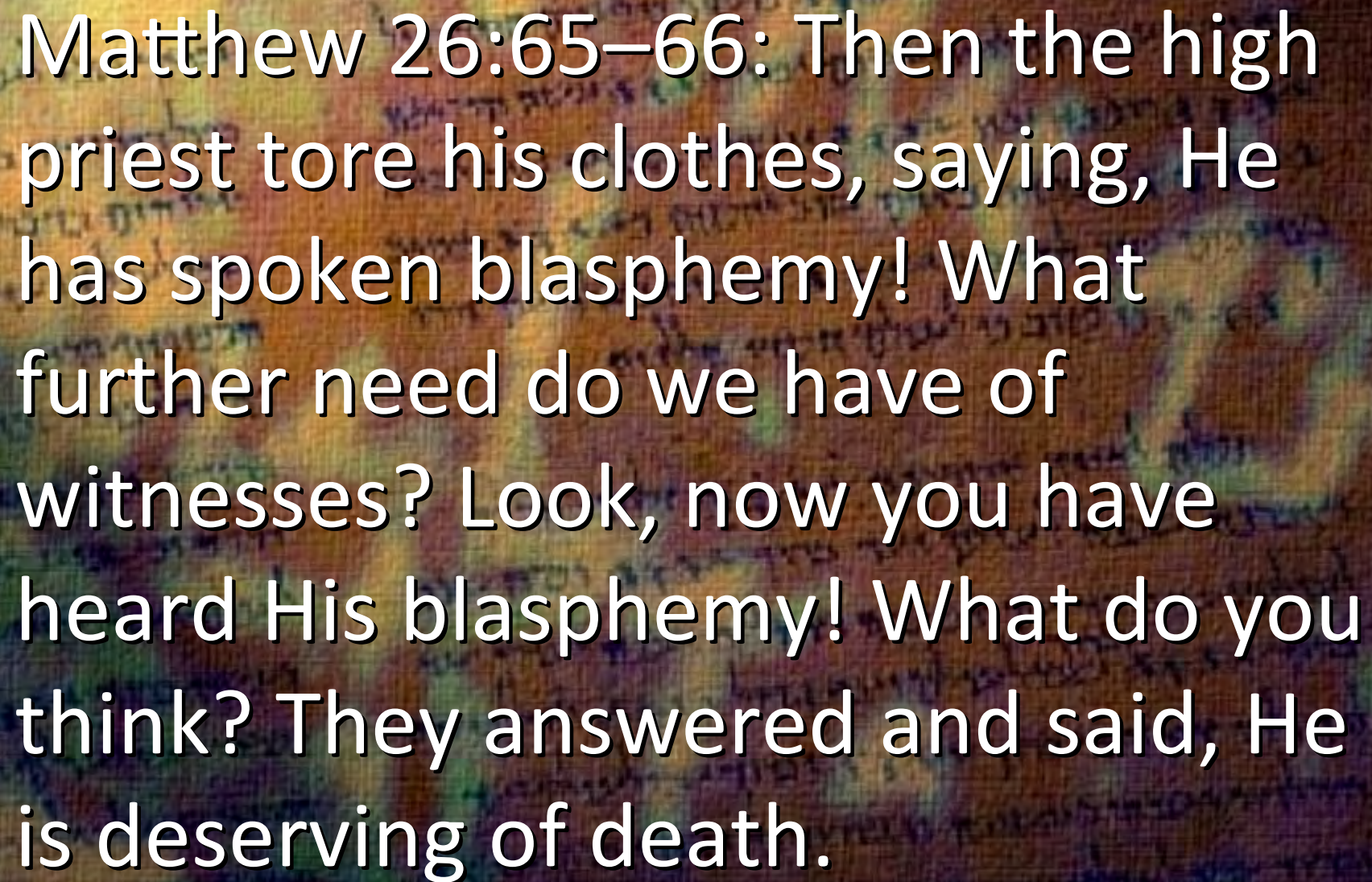


Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:14



Matthew 26:64: Jesus said to him,
"It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say
to you, hereafter you will see the
Son of Man sitting at the right hand
of the Power, and coming on the
clouds of heaven."




Matthew 26:65–66: Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think? They answered and said, He is deserving of death.

Matthew 24:30: . . . and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

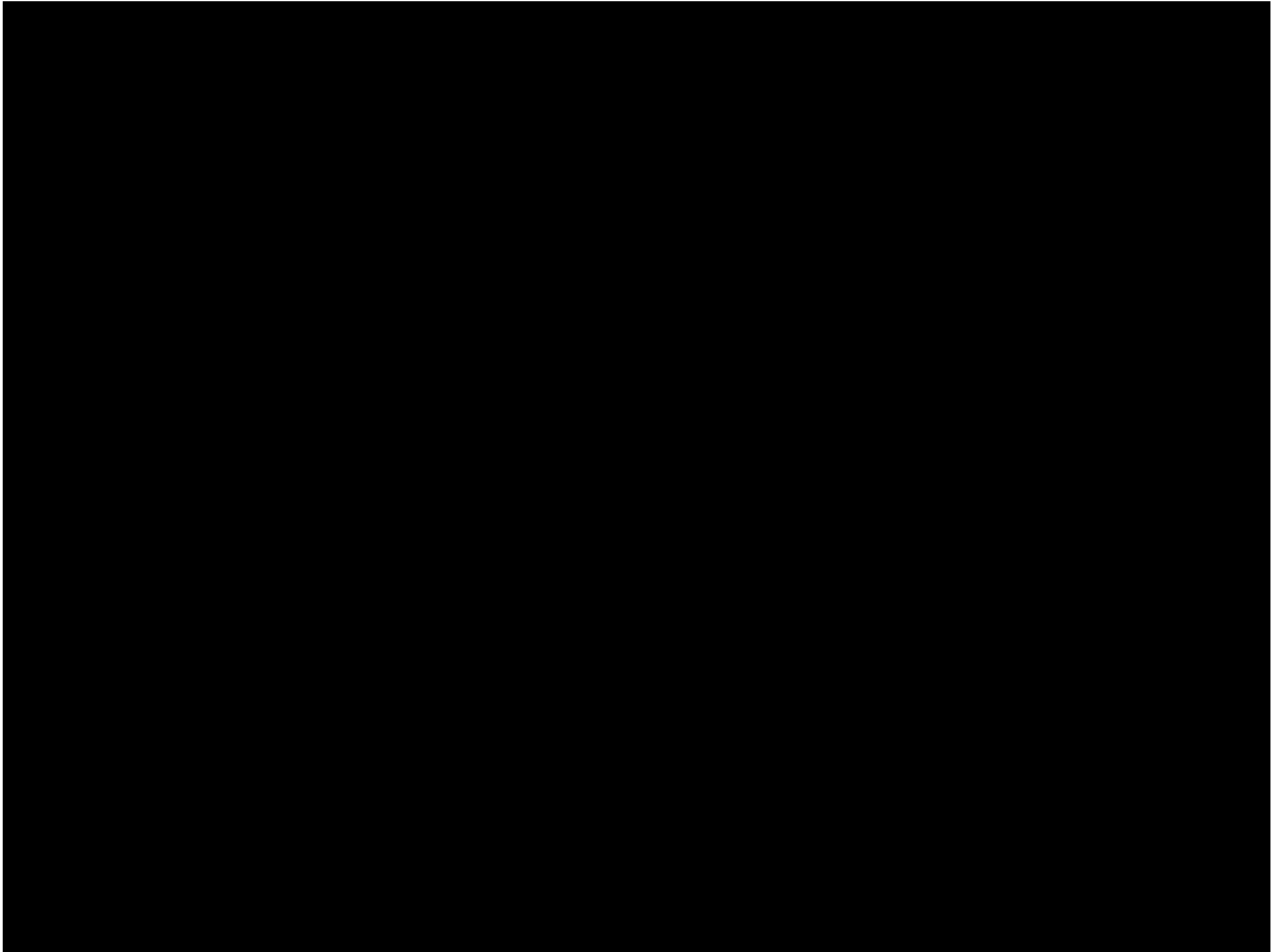
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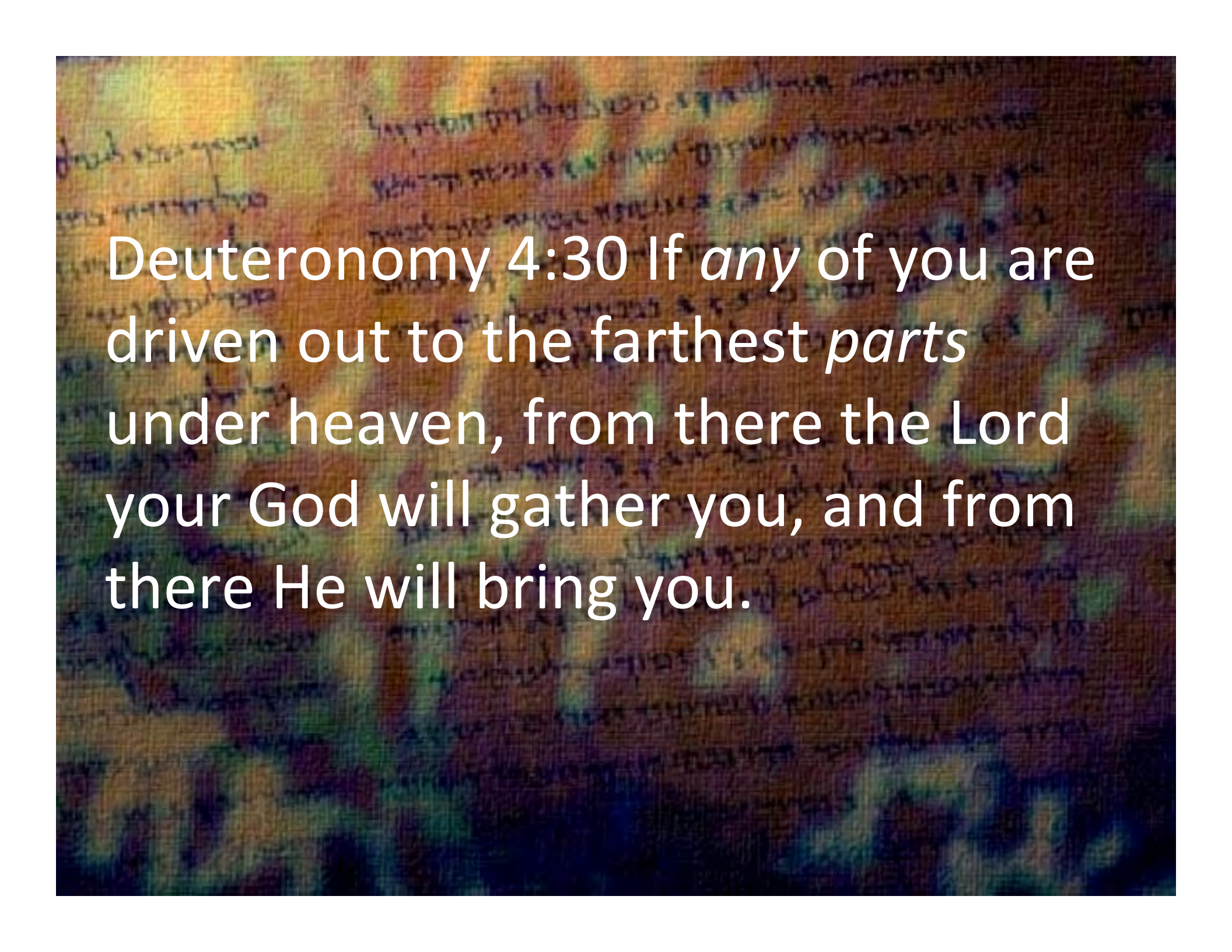
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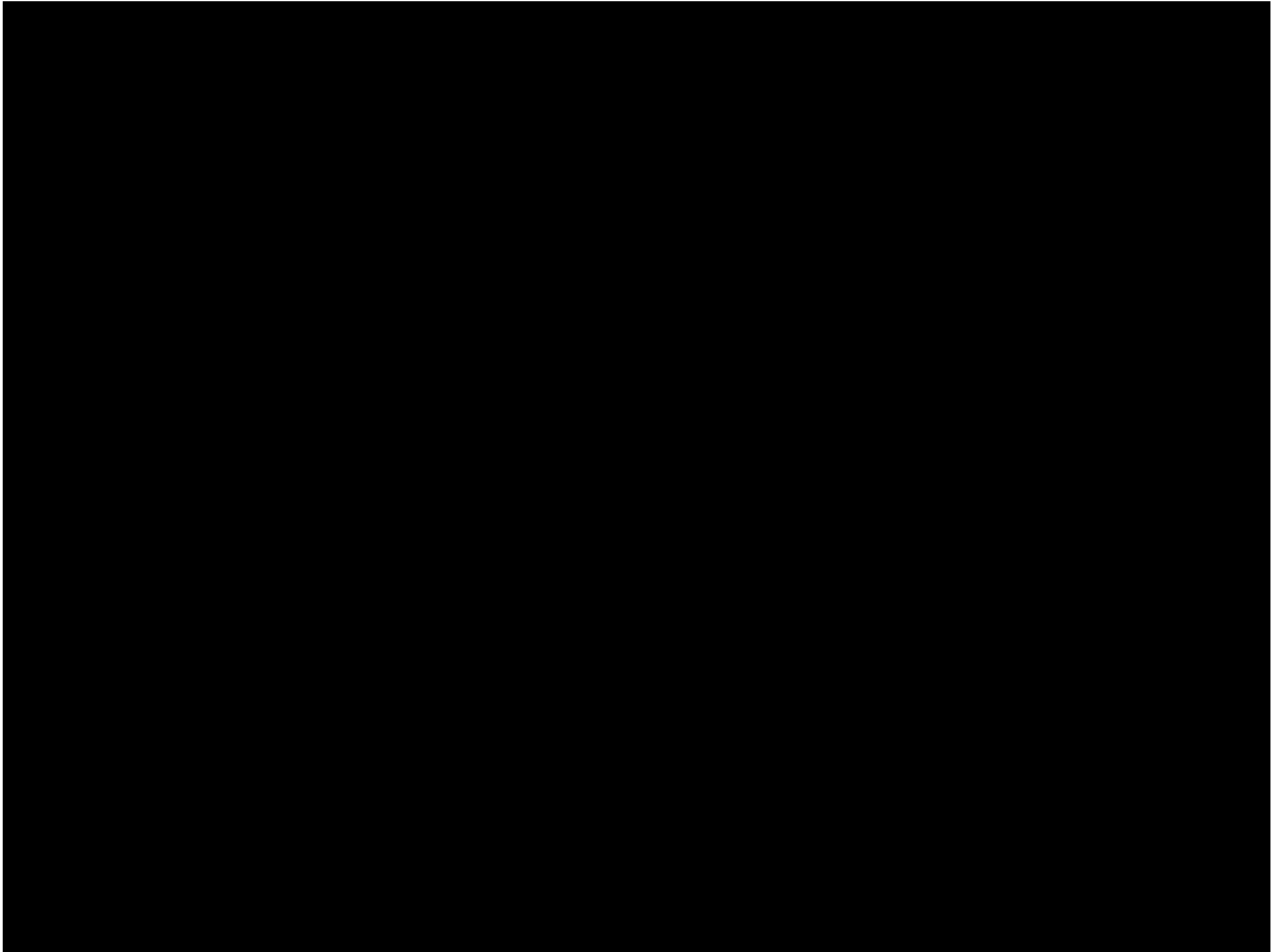
"This fiftieth year is sacred—it is a time of freedom and of celebration when everyone will receive back their original property, and slaves will return home to their families. "

Leviticus 25:10



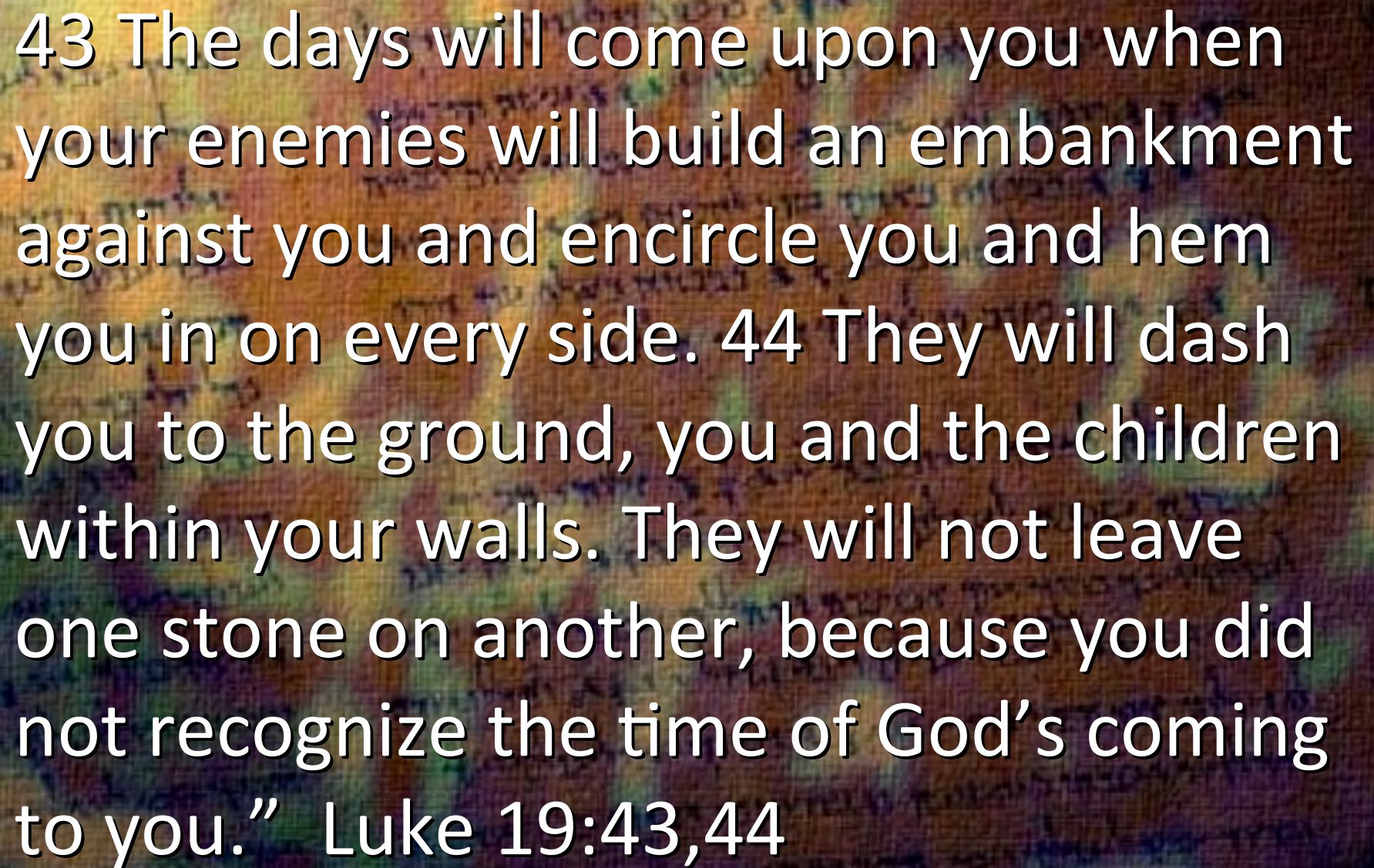


Deuteronomy 4:30 If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.



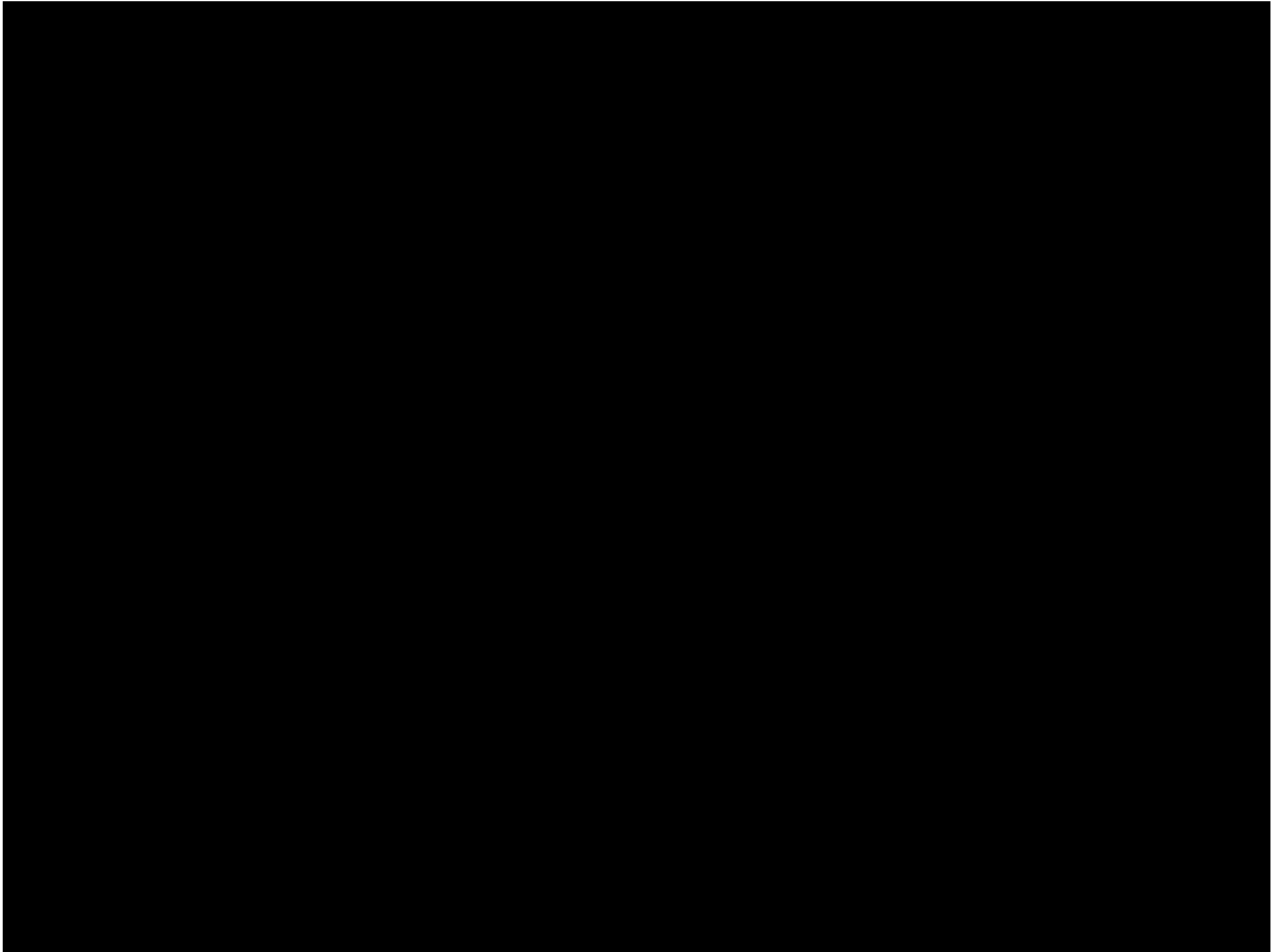
If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. Philippians 3

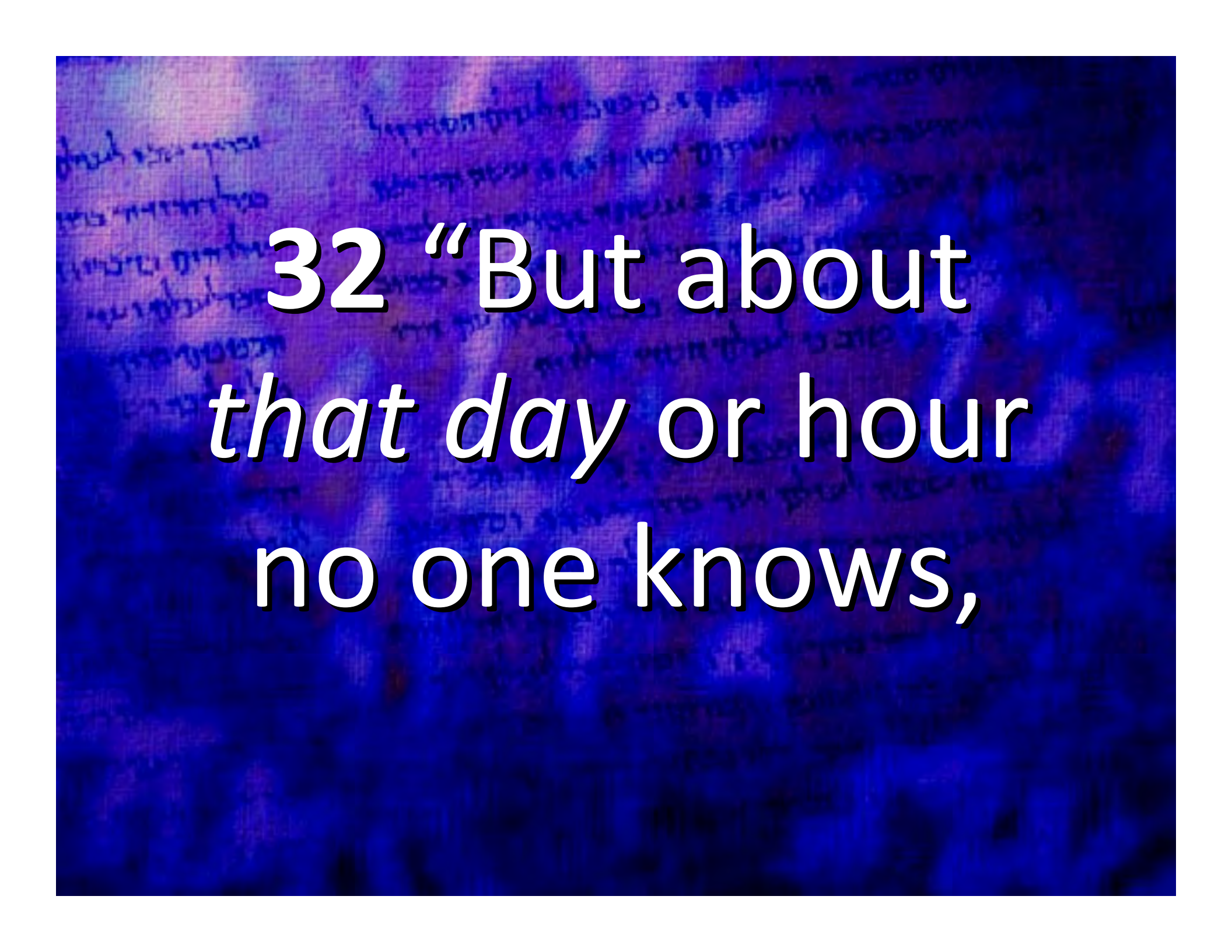
7 But what things were gain to me,
these I have counted loss for Christ.
8 Yet indeed I also count all things
loss for the excellence of the
knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whom I have suffered the loss of
all things, and count them as
rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and
be found in Him...Philippians 3:4-9



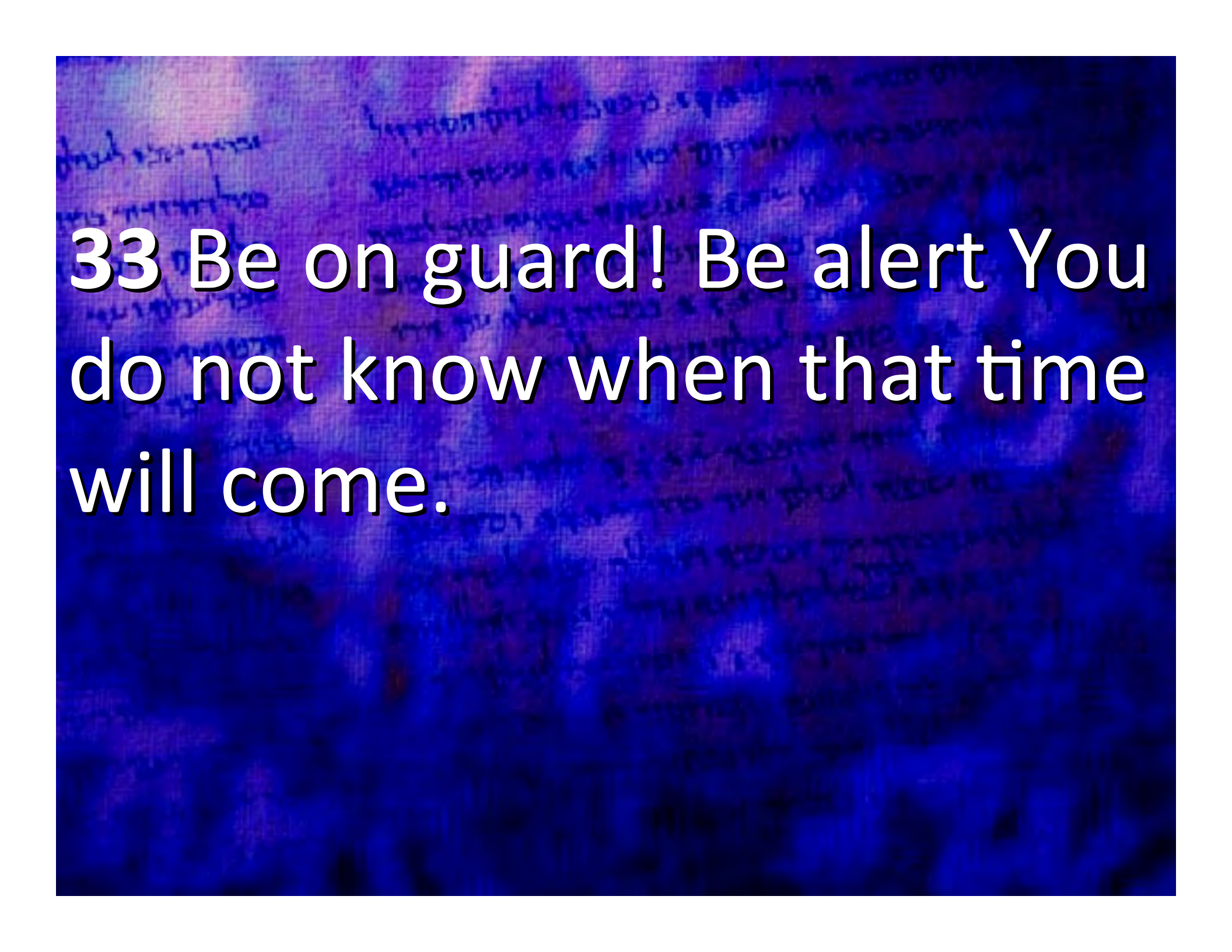
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28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. **29** Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. **30** Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.





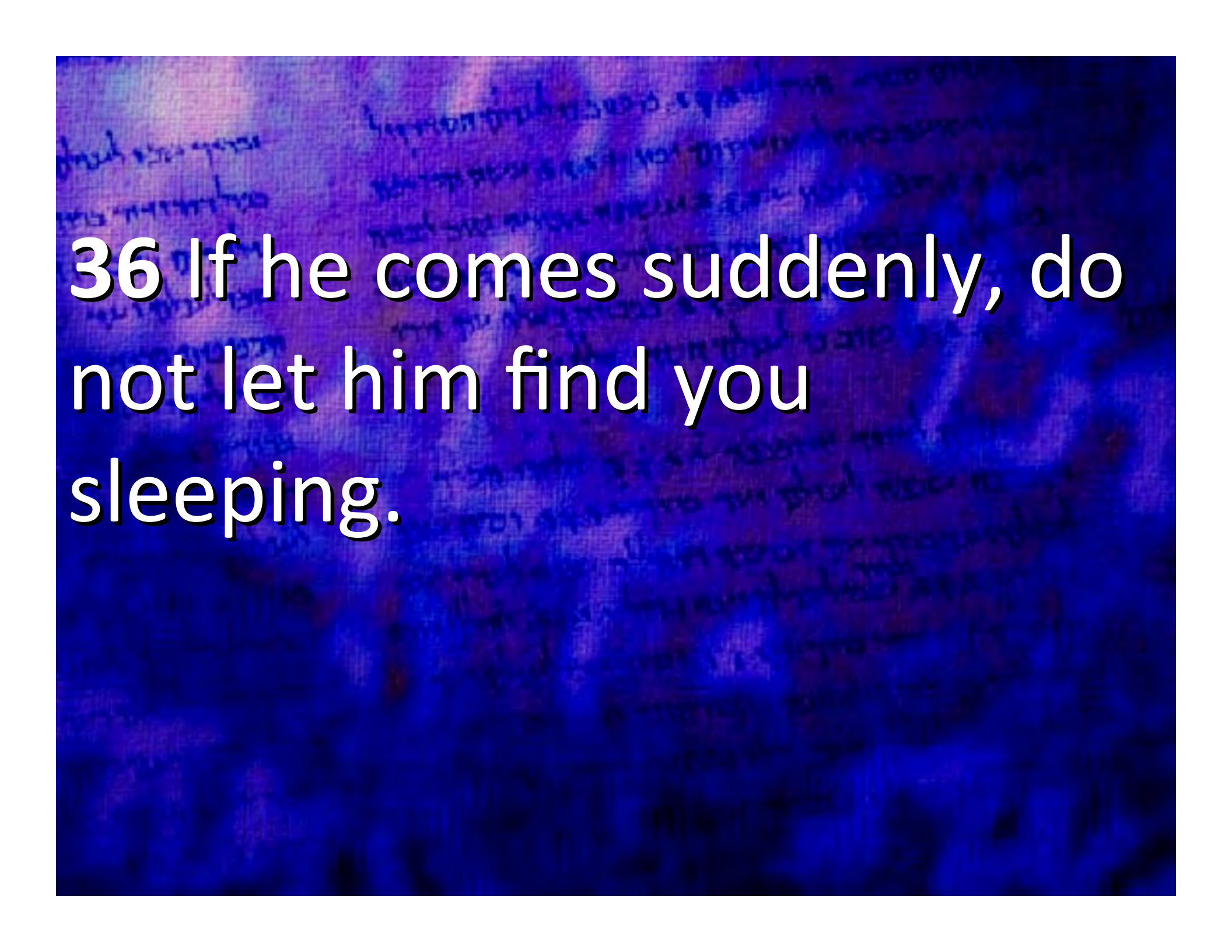
32 “But about
that day or hour
no one knows,



33 Be on guard! Be alert You do not know when that time will come.

34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep **watch**

35 “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.



36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.
38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:37-39



37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

