

Class # 4

Training to become Prophets



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²⁸And it came to pass on the day when
Yahweh spake unto Moses in the land
of Egypt, ²⁹That Yahweh spake unto
Moses, saying, I am Yahweh: **spea**
thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt
all that I say unto thee.

—Exodus 6:28-30—

³⁰And Moses said before Yahweh,
Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips,
and how shall Pharaoh
hearken unto me?

—Exodus 6:28-30—



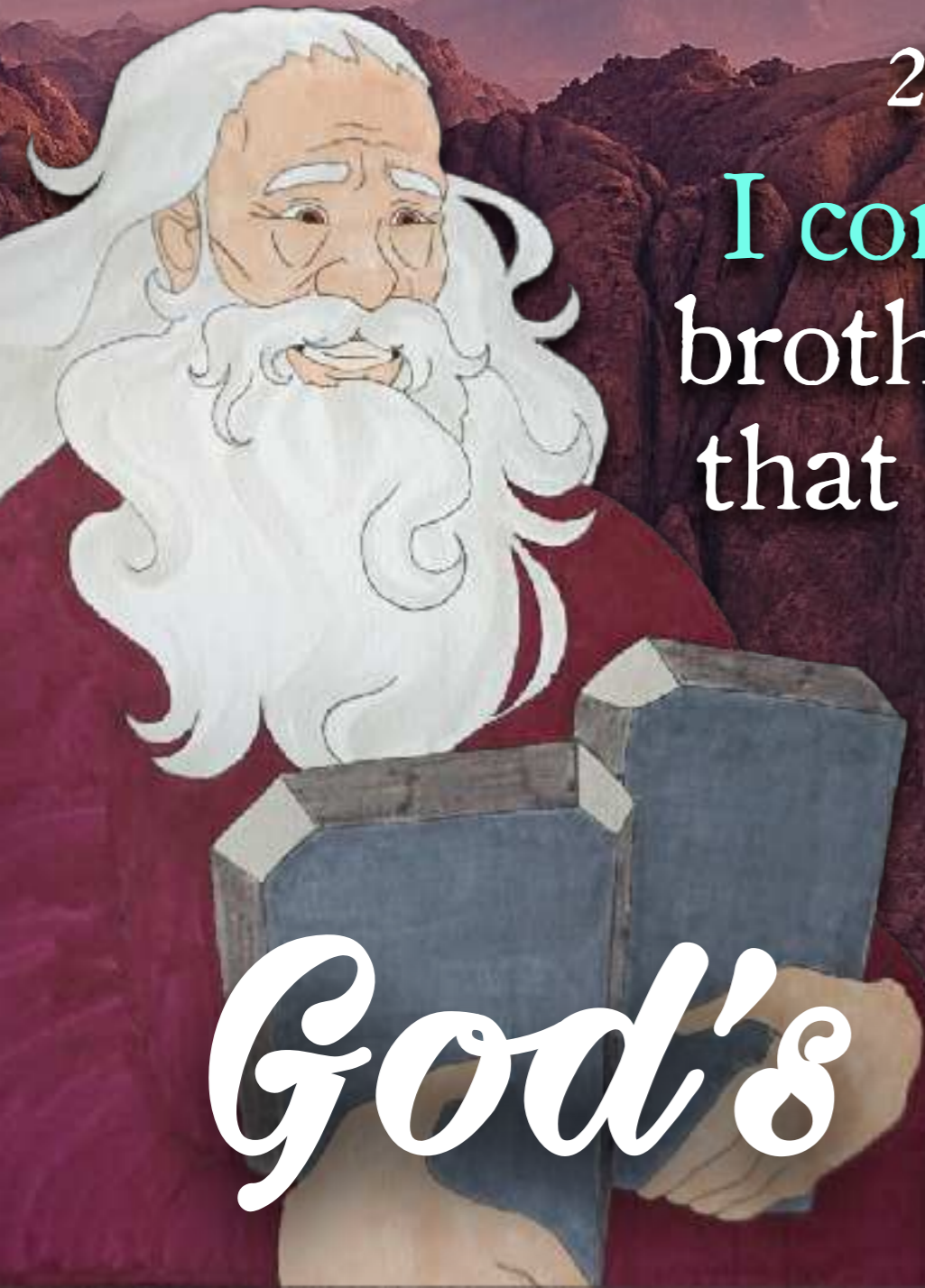
God's Instruction

¹And Yahweh said unto Moses,
See, I have made thee a god to
Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother
shall be thy prophet.

²Thou shalt speak all that
I command thee: and Aaron thy
brother shall speak unto Pharaoh,
that he send the children of Israel
out of his land.

—Exodus 7:1–2—

God's Instruction



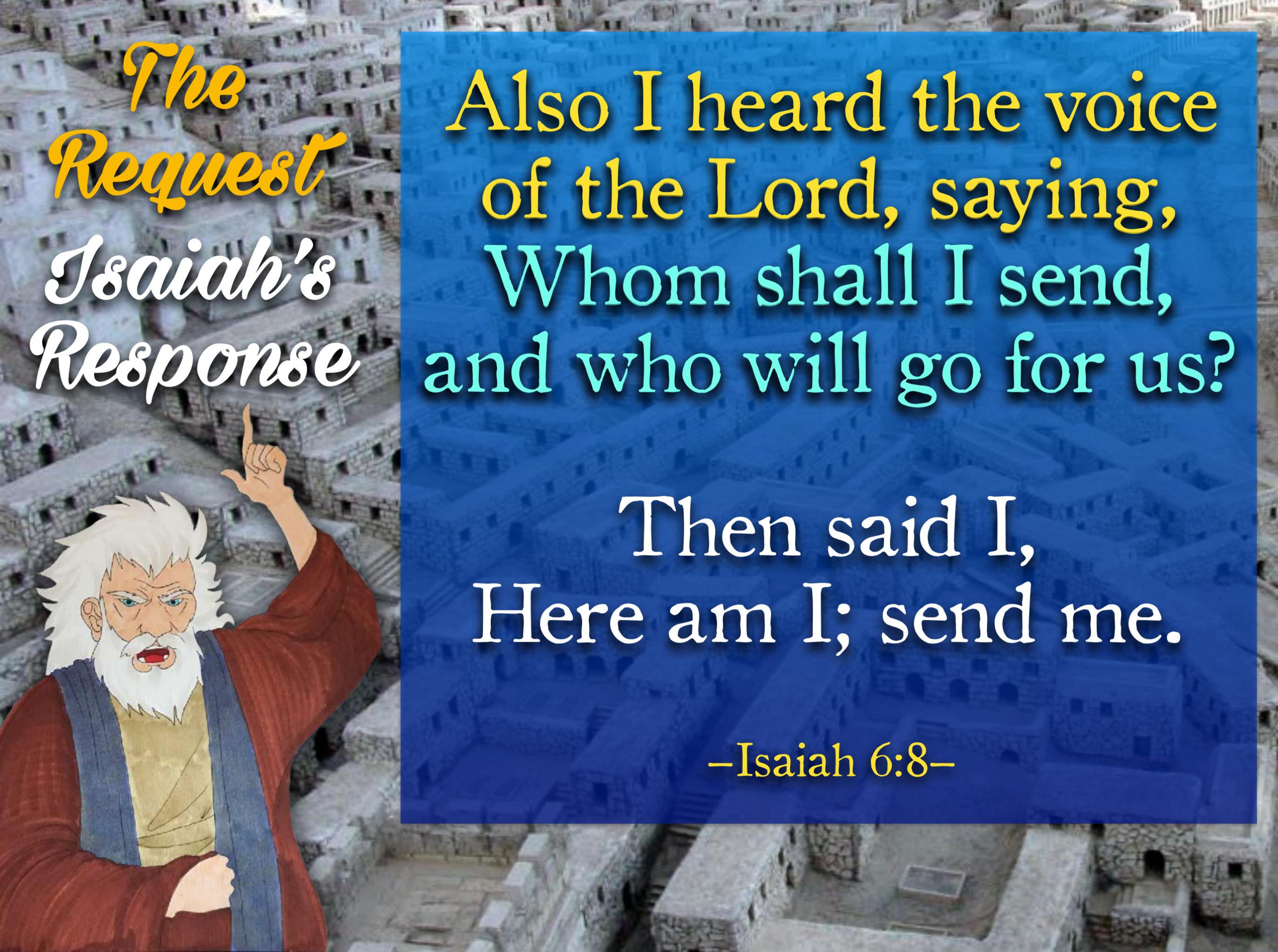
Isaiah's Vision

He Felt Inadequate

⁵Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Yahweh of hosts.

⁶Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

—Isaiah 6:5-7—



*The
Request
Isaiah's
Response*

Also I heard the voice
of the Lord, saying,
Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?

Then said I,
Here am I; send me.

—Isaiah 6:8—

⁵These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

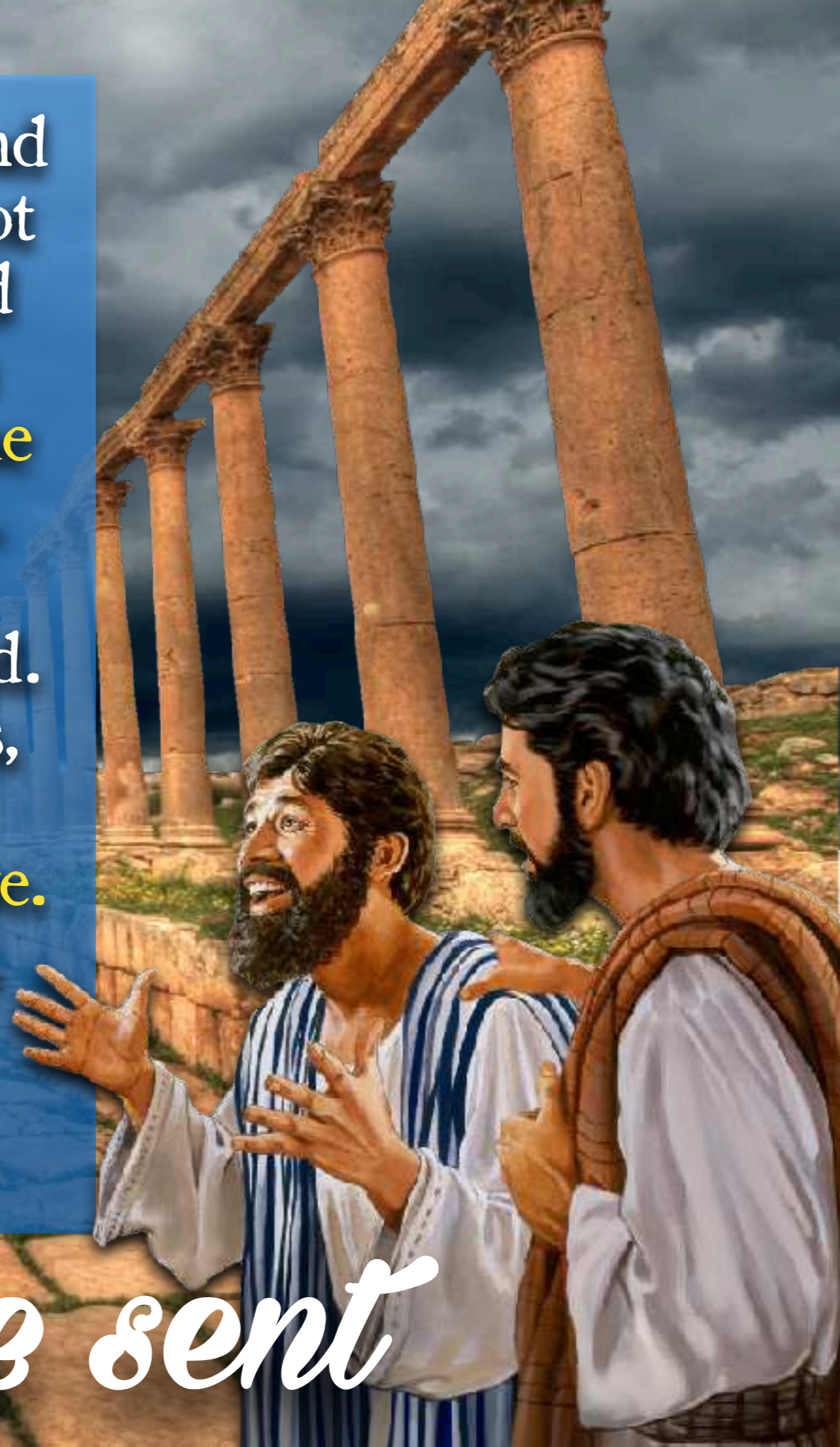
⁷And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

⁹Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

—Matthew 10:5–9—

Apostles were sent



Jeremiah's Commission



Numbers 3:9

Ezra 8:20

⁴Then the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, ⁵Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

—Jeremiah 1:4-5—

⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord Yahweh! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

—Jeremiah 1:6—

Jeremiah's Commission



⁷But Yahweh said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. ⁸Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith Yahweh. ⁹Then Yahweh put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And Yahweh said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. ¹⁰See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

—Jeremiah 1:7-10—

Let no man
despise thy youth;
but be thou an
example of the
believers, in word,
in conversation,
in love, in spirit,
in faith, in purity.

—1 Timothy 4:12—

But watch thou
in all things, endure
afflictions, do the
work of an evangelist,
make full proof of thy
ministry.

—2 Timothy 4:5—



Early Risers

Genesis 22:3

Exodus 24:4

Joshua 29:20

2 Chron 29:20

I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

—Jeremiah 35:15—

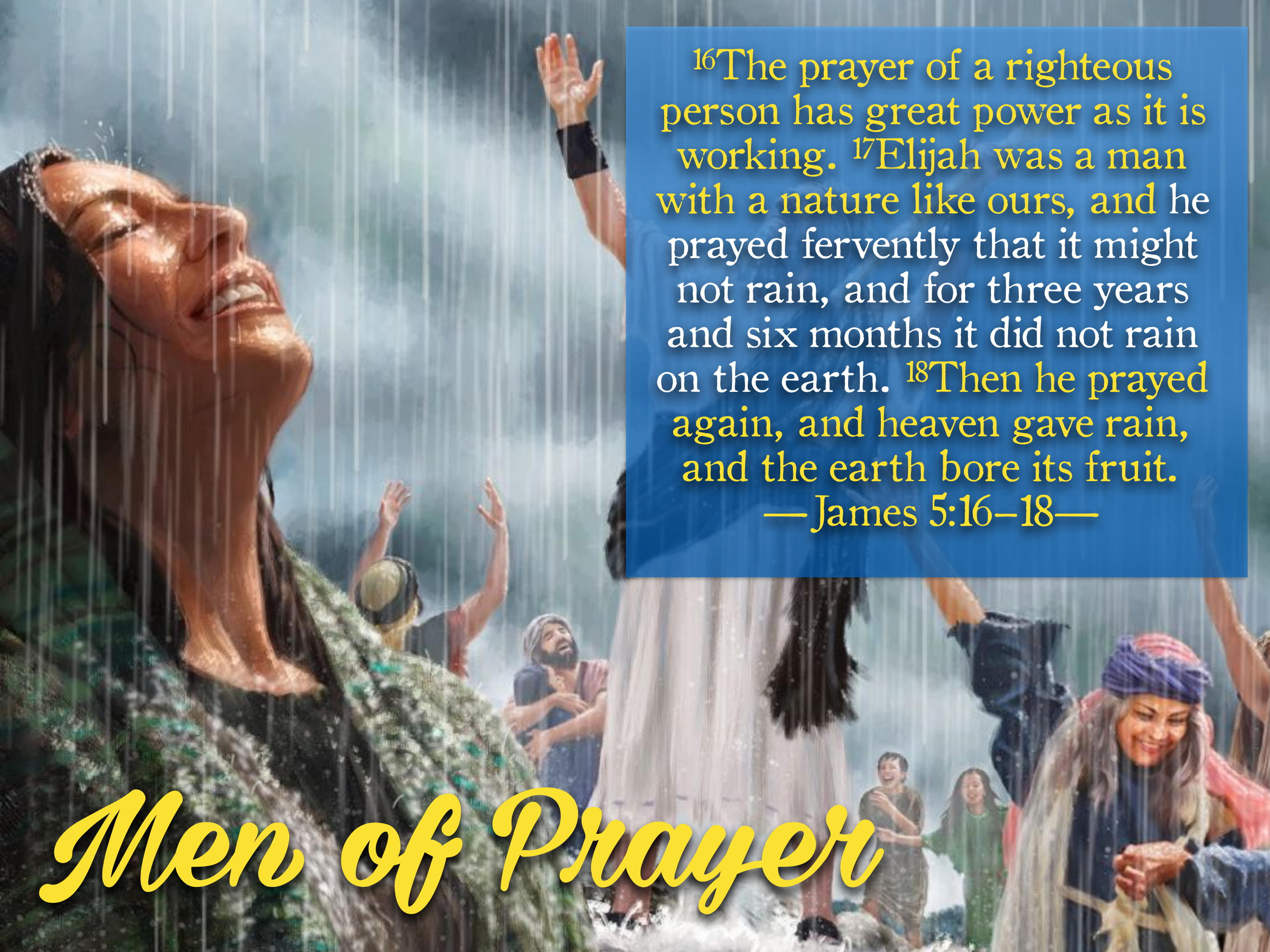
Isaiah's prophecy of Messiah



When Jesus did his bible study

The Lord Yahweh hath
given me the tongue of the
learned, That I should
know how to speak a word
in season to him that is
weary: He wakeneth
morning by morning,
He wakeneth mine ear
to hear as the learned.

-Isaiah 50:4-



¹⁶The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

—James 5:16–18—

Men of Prayer

Thou therefore gird up thy
loins, and arise, and speak
unto them all that I
command thee: be not
dismayed at their faces, lest I
confound thee before them.

—Jeremiah 1:17–19—

And Yahweh answered me,
and said, Write the vision, and
make it plain upon tables, that
he may run that readeth it.

—Habakkuk 2:2—

And the hand of Yahweh
was on Elijah; and he
girded up his loins, and
ran before Ahab to the
entrance of Jezreel.

—1 Kings 18:46—

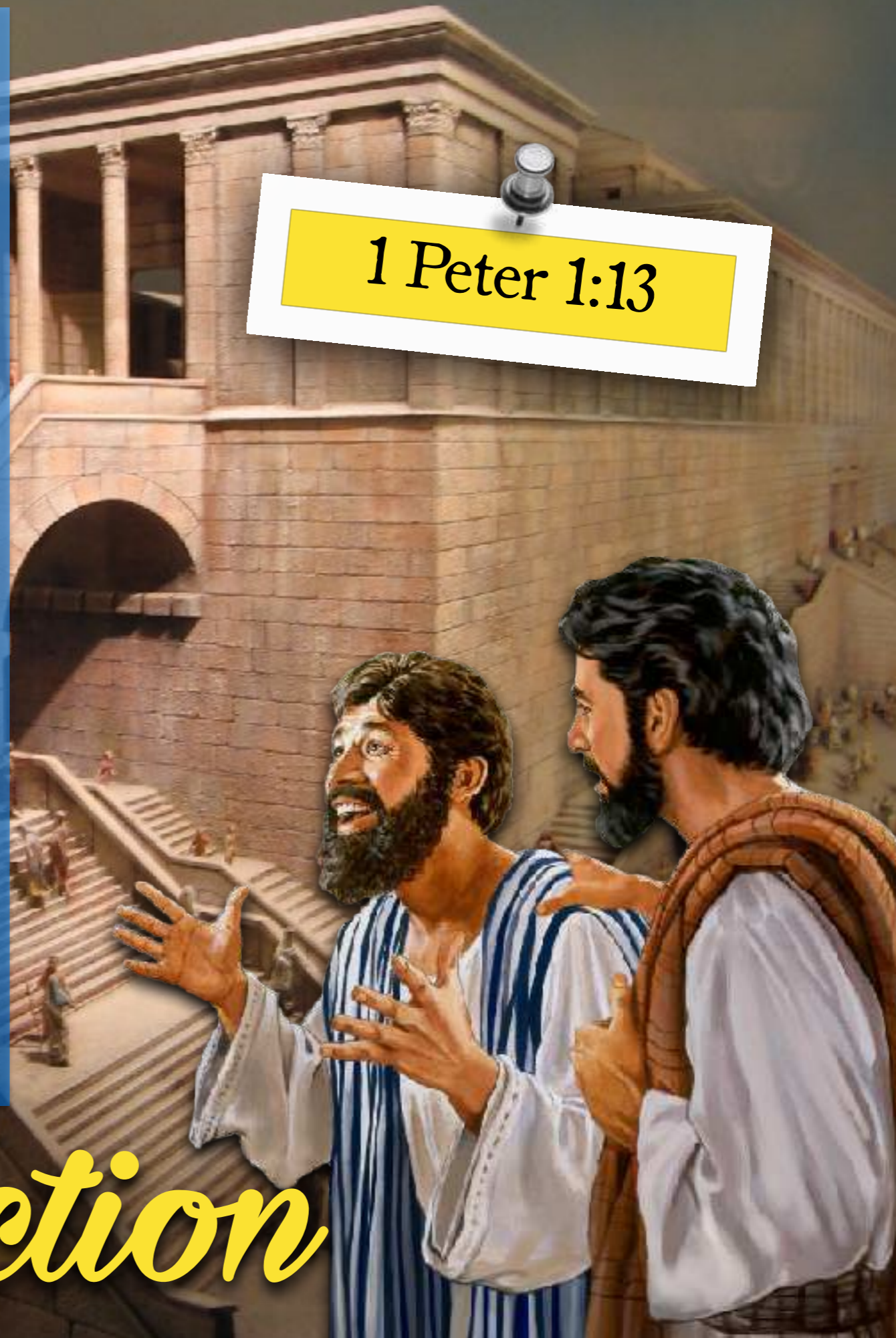
Men of Action

³⁵Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; ³⁶And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

—Luke 12:35–36—

1 Peter 1:13

Men of Action



An illustration of the prophet Ezekiel, an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a red robe with a blue sash. He is pointing his right index finger upwards towards a large, walled city in the background. The city has many towers and a prominent blue wall. The scene is set in a desert-like environment with some palm trees.

Ezekiel's Commission

³And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. ⁴For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Yahweh. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.”

—Ezekiel 2:3-5—

An illustration of the prophet Ezekiel, an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a red robe with a blue sash. He is pointing his right index finger upwards towards a city in the background. The city is depicted with a long, straight road lined with palm trees and a large, ornate gate. The city walls are visible, and the overall scene is set in a desert-like environment.

Ezekiel's Commission

⁴And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them... ⁷But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted. ⁸Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. ⁹As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

—Ezekiel 3:4-9—

An illustration of the prophet Ezekiel, an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a red robe with a blue sash. He is pointing his right index finger towards the Temple of Jerusalem in the background. The temple is a large, complex of stone buildings with blue roofs and walls, situated on a hill. The surrounding area is a desert landscape with palm trees and other vegetation. The sky is a clear blue.

Ezekiel's Commission

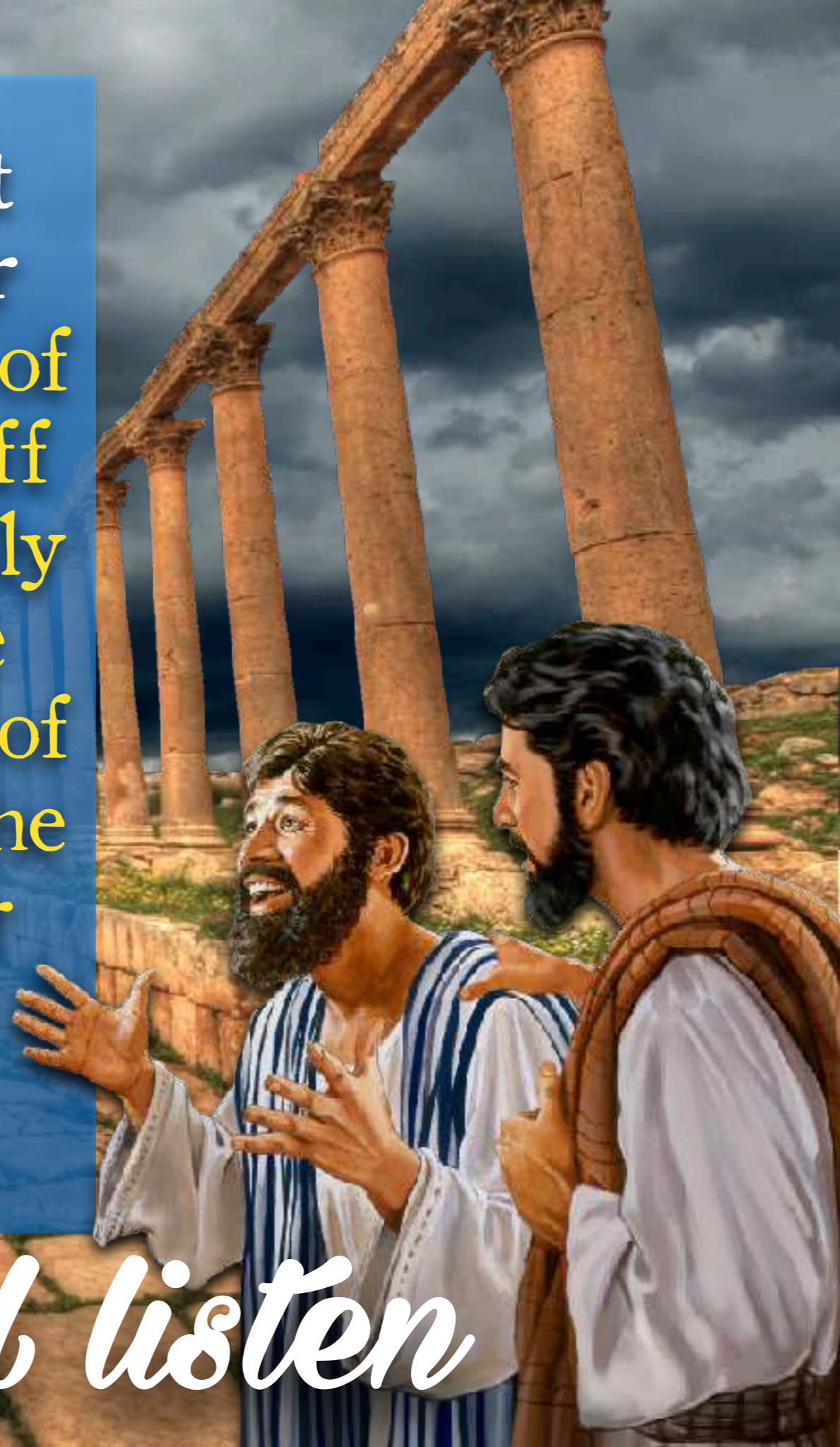
¹⁰Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. ¹¹And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord Yahweh; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

—Ezekiel 3:10-11—

¹⁴And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. ¹⁵Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

—Matthew 10:14-15—

Not all would listen



¹⁶Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. ¹⁷But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; ¹⁸And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

—Matthew 10:16-19—

Disciples would be persecuted



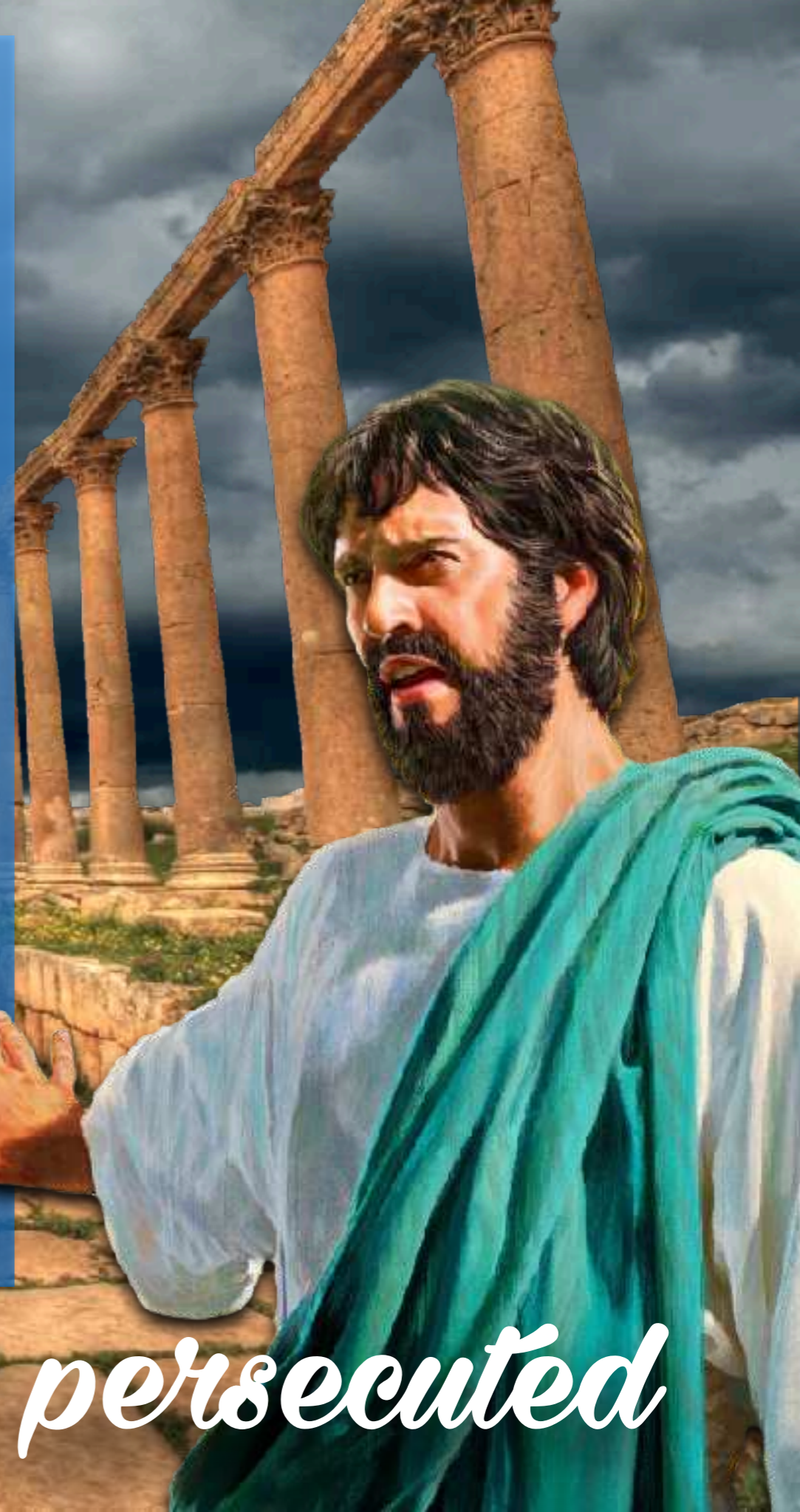
²³But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another...³¹Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

³³But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

—Matthew 10:23,31-33—

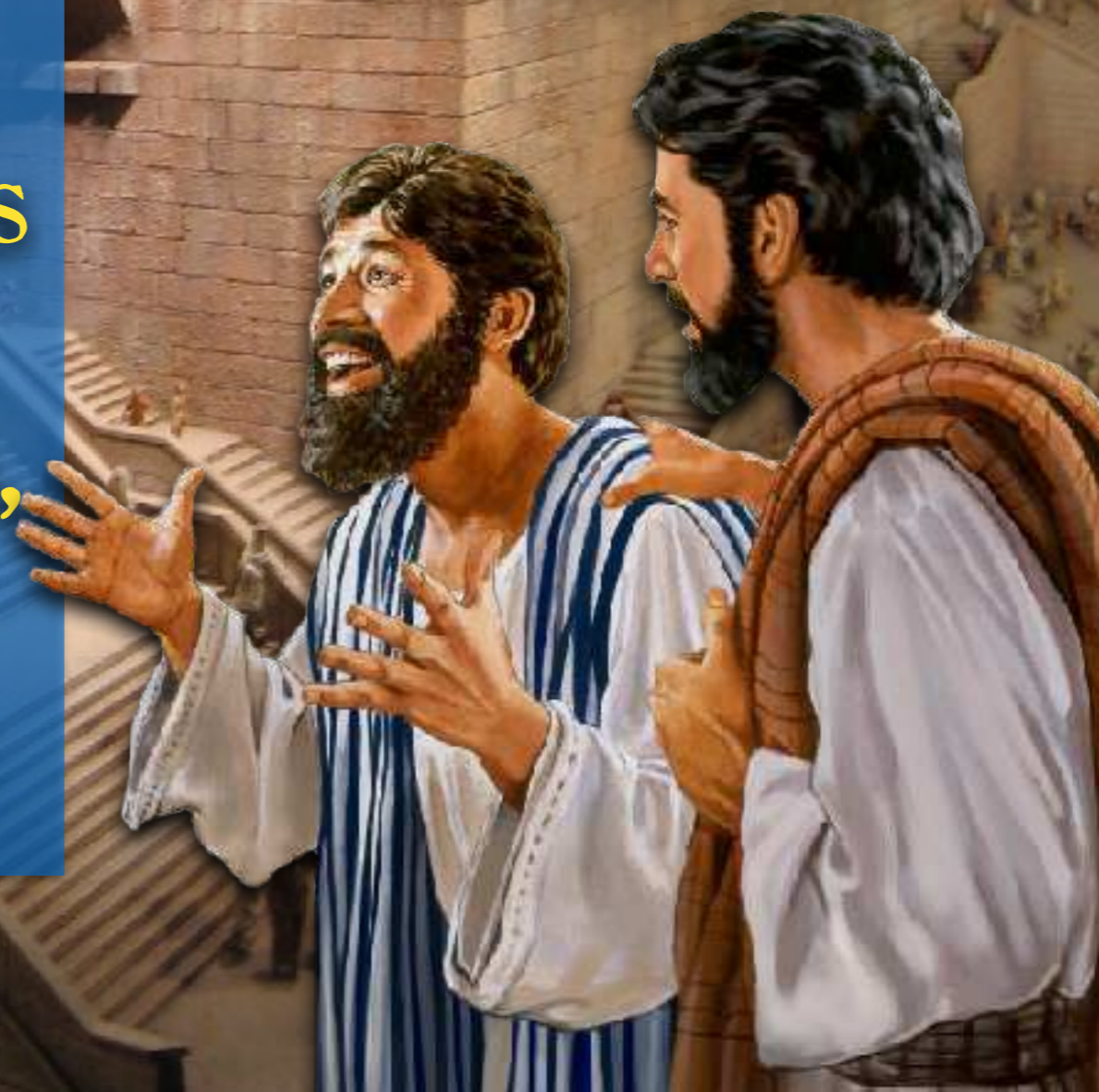
Disciples would be persecuted



O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
thou that killest the
prophets, and stonest
them which are sent unto
thee, how often would I
have gathered thy
children together, even as
a hen gathereth her
chickens under her wings,
and ye would not!”

—Matthew 23:37—

*Formidable
Task
Ahead*



*Jesus
was also
a prophet*



¹⁵Yahweh thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken... ¹⁸I will

raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

¹⁹And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

—Deuteronomy 18:15-19—

Isaiah's prophecy of Messiah



¹The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh is upon me; Because the Yahweh hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all that mourn; ³To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, The planting of Yahweh, that he might be glorified.

-Isaiah 61:1-3-

*All
prophets
are
beautiful*



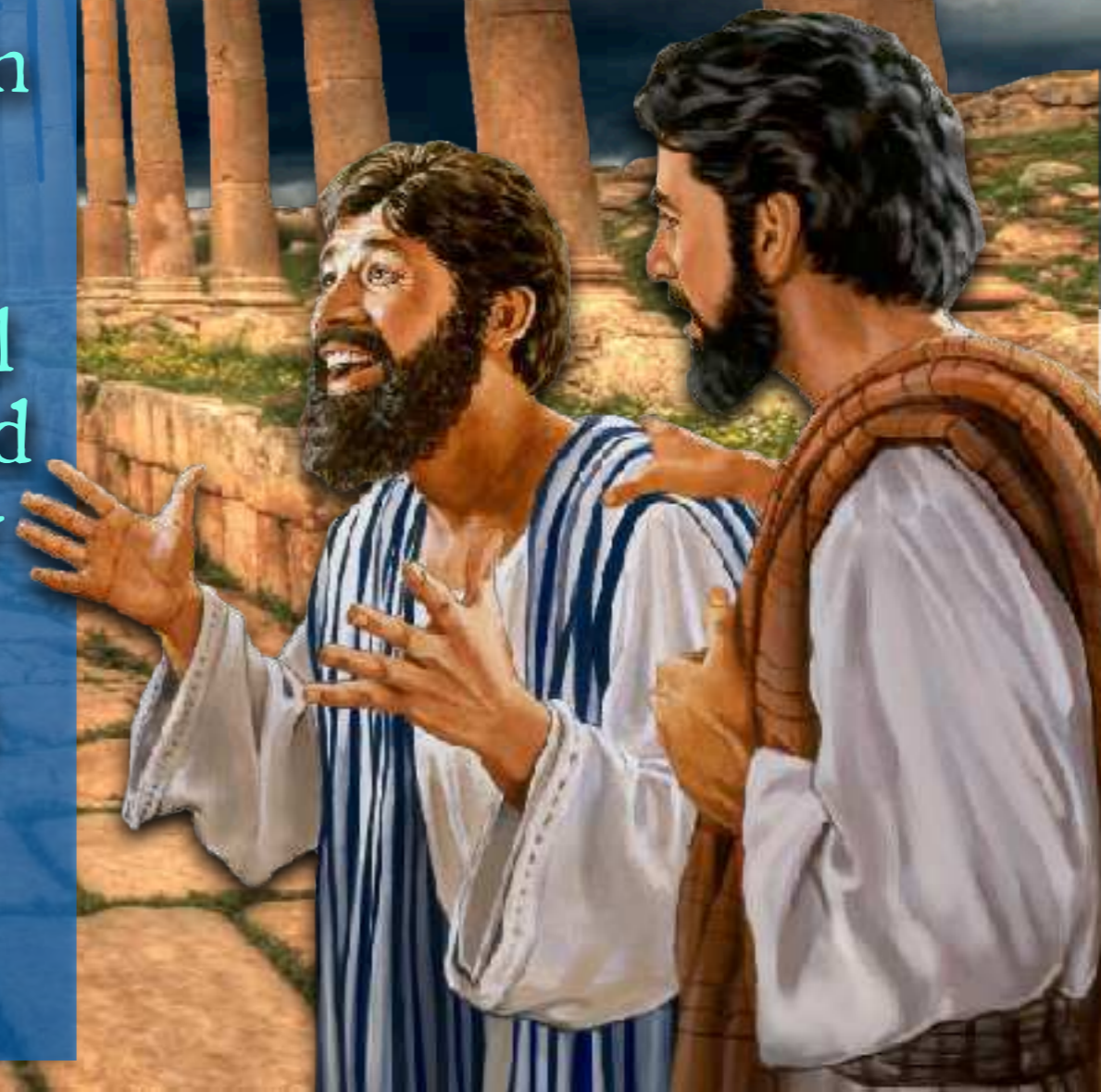
⁷How beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings, **that**
publisheth peace; That bringeth
good tidings of good, **that**
publisheth salvation; **That** saith
unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
⁸Thy watchmen shall lift up the
voice; **With the voice together**
shall they sing: For they shall
see eye to eye, When Yahweh
shall bring again Zion.

—Isaiah 52:7-8—

¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

—Romans 10:11–15—

*God's
purpose
requires
preachers*



God's warning to prophets

Jeremiah 17:9

Isaiah 55:6-9

²Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of Yahweh; ³Thus saith the Lord Yahweh; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

—Ezekiel 13:1–3—

God's warning to prophets



¹⁶Thus saith Yahweh of hosts,
Hearken not unto the words of
the prophets that **prophecy unto
you: they make you vain: they**
speak a vision of their own
heart, and not out of the mouth
of Yahweh. ¹⁷**They say still unto
them that despise me, Yahweh
hath said, Ye shall have peace;
and they say unto every one
that walketh after the
imagination of his own heart,
No evil shall come upon you.**

—Jeremiah 23:16–17—

God's warning to prophets



²⁵I have heard what the prophets said, that prophecy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. ²⁶How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophecy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; ²⁷Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

—Jeremiah 23:25–27—

God's warning to prophets



²⁸The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith Yahweh. ²⁹Is not my word like as a fire? saith Yahweh; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

—Jeremiah 23:28–29—

God's warning to prophets



¹⁹And when they shall say
unto you, Seek unto them
that have familiar spirits,
And unto wizards that
peep, and that mutter:
Should not a people seek
unto their God? For the
living to the dead? ²⁰To the
law and to the testimony: If
they speak not according to
this word, It is because
there is no light in them.

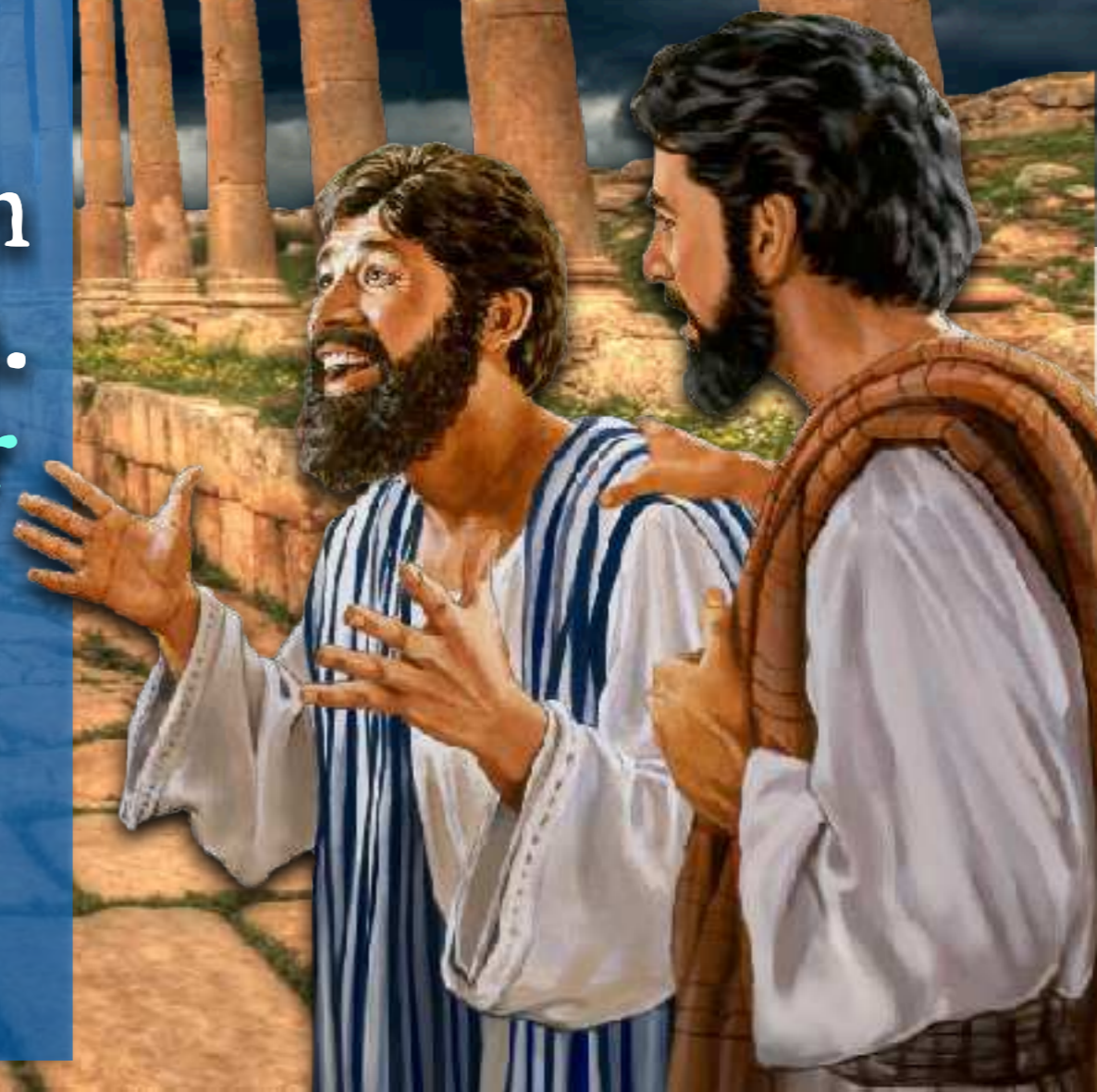
—Isaiah 8:19–20—

¹But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

²And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

—2 Peter 2:1–2—

*Don't allow
False
Prophets*

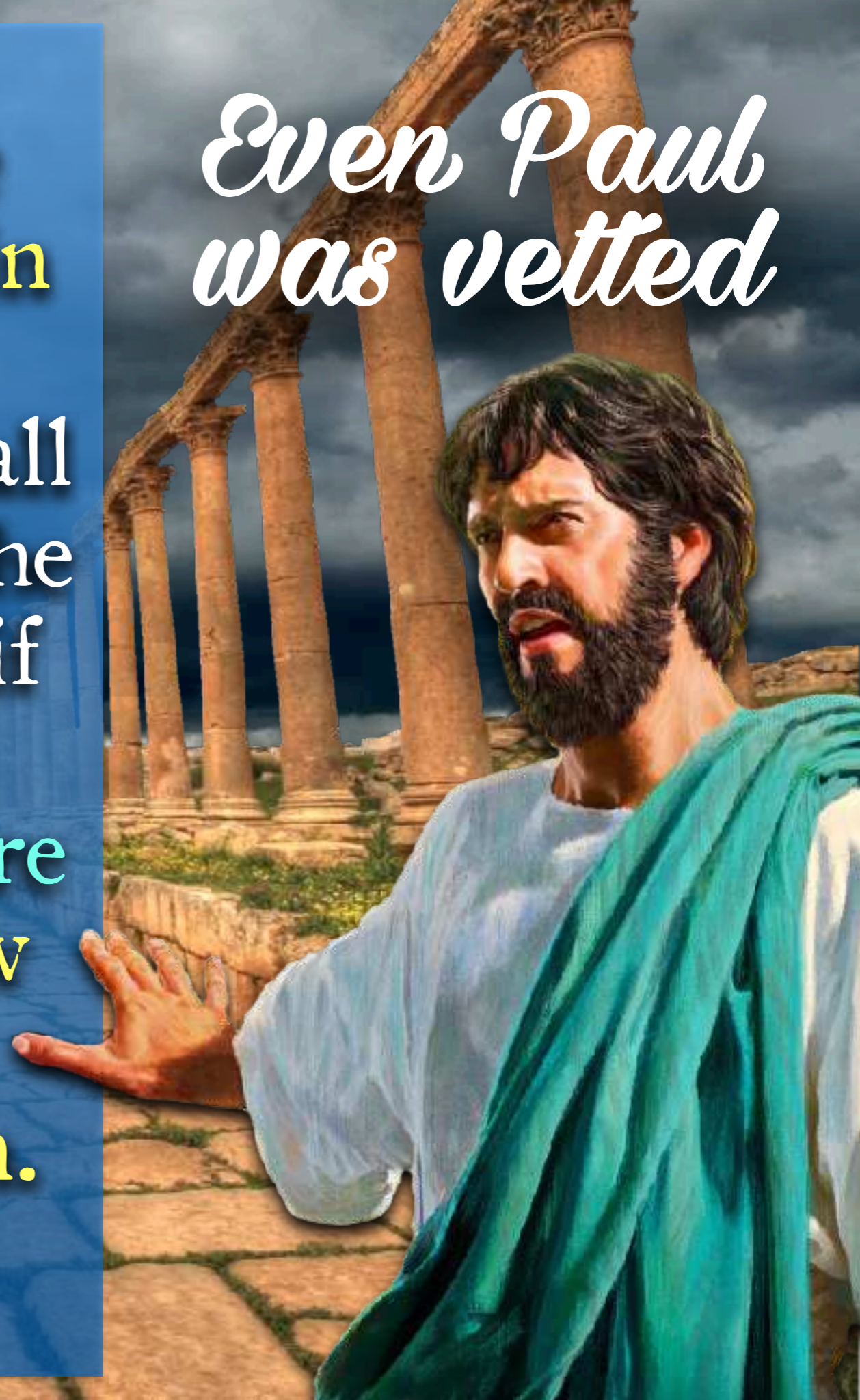


¹¹Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

¹²Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.

—Acts 17:11–12—

Even Paul was vetted



⁴And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: ⁵To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

—Galatians 2:4-5—

*Don't give it
a platform*



¹⁰Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: ¹²If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: ¹³If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

—2 Timothy 2:10-13—

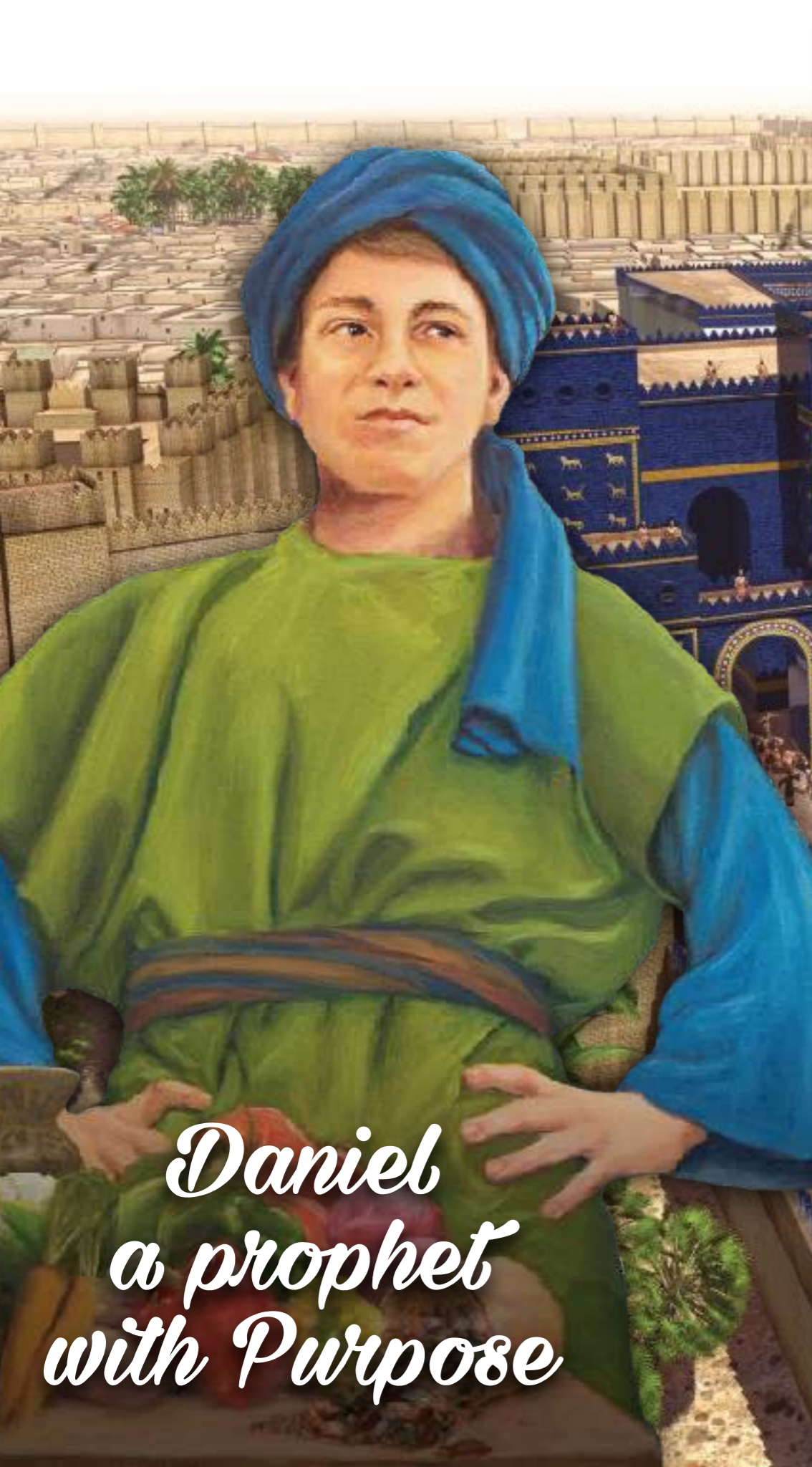


Worth all the Trouble...

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

–Revelation 20:4–





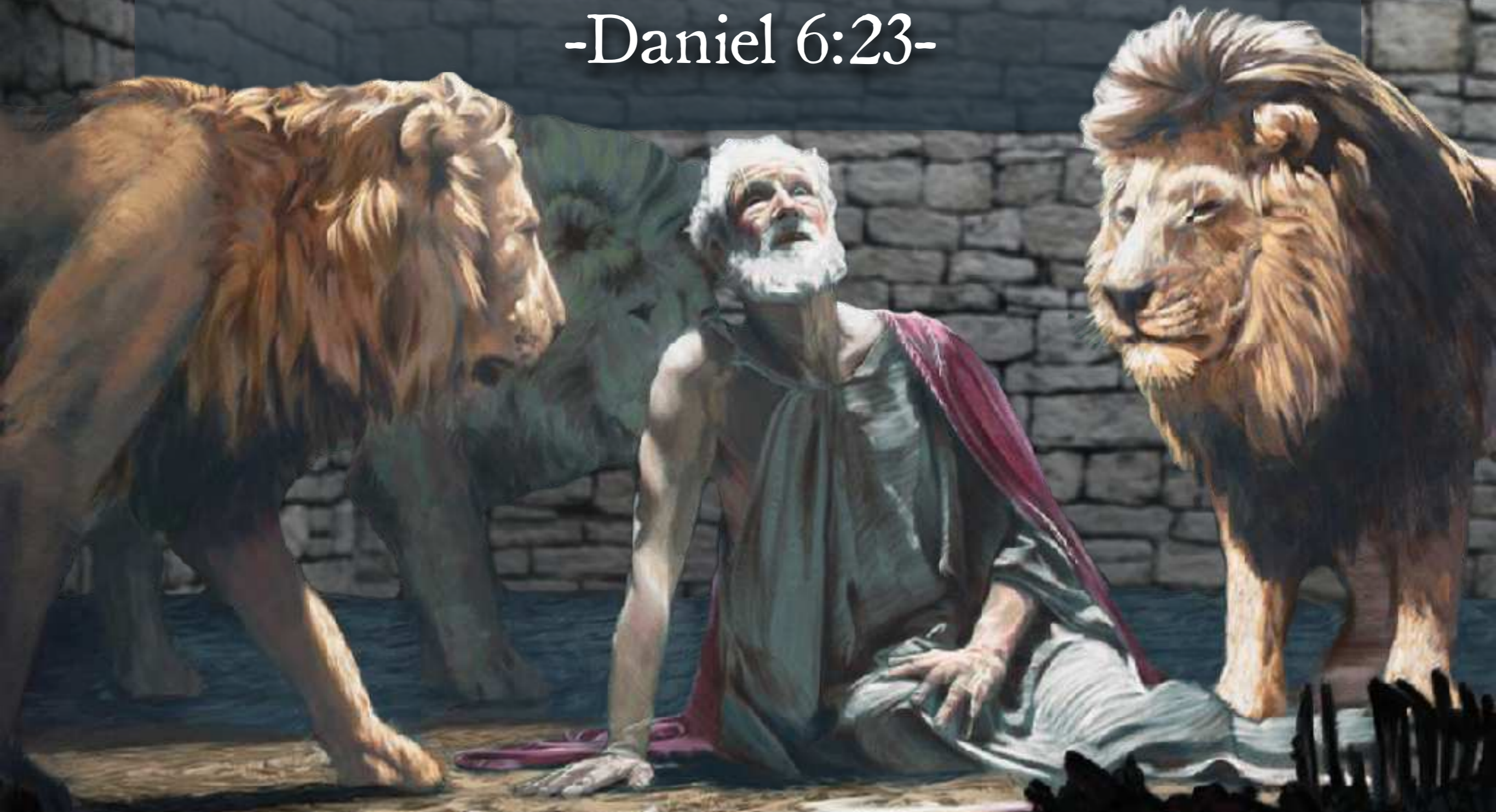
*Daniel
a prophet
with Purpose*

But Daniel purposed
in his heart that he
would not defile
himself with the
portion of the king's
meat, nor with the
wine which he drank:
therefore he requested
of the prince of the
eunuchs that he might
not defile himself.

-Daniel 1:8-

So Daniel was taken up out of the den,
and **no manner of hurt was found** upon
him, **because he believed in his God**

-Daniel 6:23-



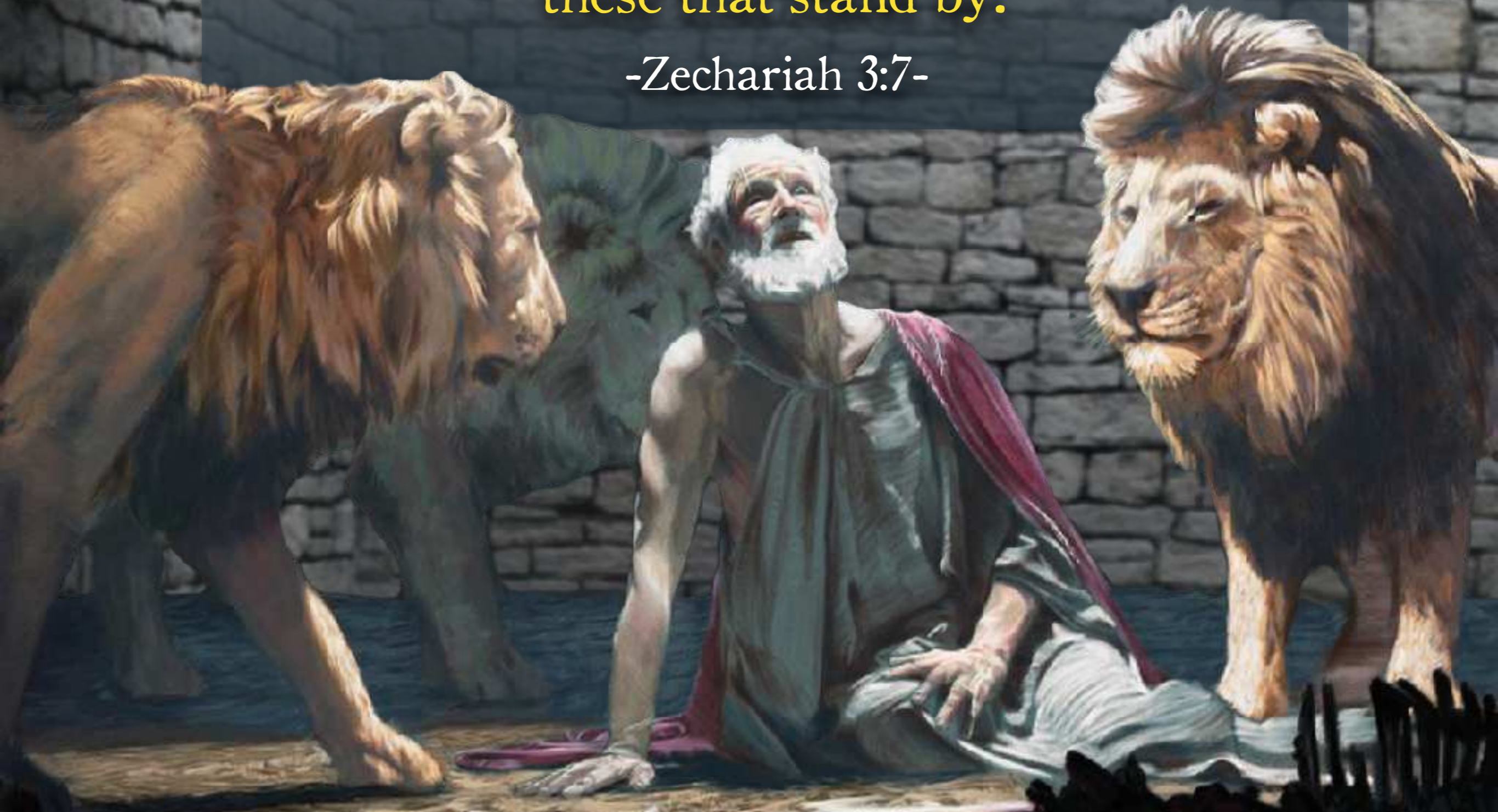
But go thou thy way till the end be:
for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy
allowed place at the end of the days.

-Daniel 12:13-



If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt
keep my charge, Then thou shalt also judge
my house, and shalt also keep my courts,
And I will give thee places to walk among
these that stand by.

-Zechariah 3:7-



For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

—2 Corinthians 4:6-10—

What's your Why?