

Isaiah -
Visions of
our Lord

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[1] "Immanuel"

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz,
which he saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem in the days of Uzzi'ah,
Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of
Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear,
O earth;

"Sons have I reared and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows its owner,
and the ass its master's crib;
but Israel does not know,
my people does not understand."

your cities are burned with fire,
in your very presence
aliens devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown by
aliens.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left,
like a booth in a vineyard,
like a lodge in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.

9 If the LORD of hosts
had not left us a few
we should have been
and become

10 Hear the

Isaiah's name means 'Yahweh is
salvation' or 'Yah saves', and he calls
for Israel to have faith in Yahweh their
Saviour, for only He could save them

Isaiah was married and he called his wife "the prophetess" (8:3)

Plus, Isaiah's sons were given prophetic names -see Isaiah 8:18

Shear-Jashub (7:3) ~ 'a remnant will return' and Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (8:1,3) ~ 'quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil'

In their very names were messages of hope and judgement for the nation!



Cum sic fuit filius Amos, Caput, 1.

"They were stoned,
they were sawn
asunder ... (Of whom
the world was not
worthy:) ... And these
all, having obtained a
good report through
faith ..." (Heb 11:37-39)

Isaiah's father Amoz may have been the brother of Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah (see 2 Kings 14:1). This would make Isaiah the cousin of King Uzziah, and a close relative to these kings



King Uzziah reigned for 52 years and "did that which was right in the sight of the LORD" (2 Chron 26:4), "But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destructions" (v16)

"He shall be great, and shall
be called the Son of Highest:
and the Lord God shall
give unto him the throne of
his father David" (Luke 1:32)

"his train" (Isa 6:1),
see margin: 'the skirts
thereof'



This is the same word
that's used of the
priestly robe

See Ex 28:33 "hem",
margin: 'skirts'

The lesson they were
to remember - see
Num 15:39

The veil had been torn in
two and removed; the
redemptive work of our
Lord had been done

"high" and "lifted up" (Isa 6:1)

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"high" and "lofty One" (57:15)



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See Numbers 21

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"pole" [nec] ~ 'standard, ensign'
The seraph on the pole was lifted high as an ensign, a standard of God's salvation for all to see

"seraphim" ~ 'the burning ones'

"... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fires taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess 1:7-8)

IMMANUEL
GOD WITH US

"Ask thee a sign
of the LORD thy
God; ask it
either in the
depth, or in the
height
above" (Isa 7:11)

English Idioms: The Weather

Under the weather



Feeling unwell, sad or lacking energy.

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of the LORD thy
God; ask it
either in the
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height
above" (Isa 7:11)

Joseph says: "God will surely visit you" (Gen 50:24-25)

God said at the burning bush: "I am come down to deliver them" (Ex 3:8)

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"Behold a virgin shall
conceive, and bear a son, and
shall call his name
Immanuel" (Isa 7:14)

"a virgin" [almah] ~ 'a young
woman of marriageable age'

Literally translated, 'the
virgin' (a known individual?)

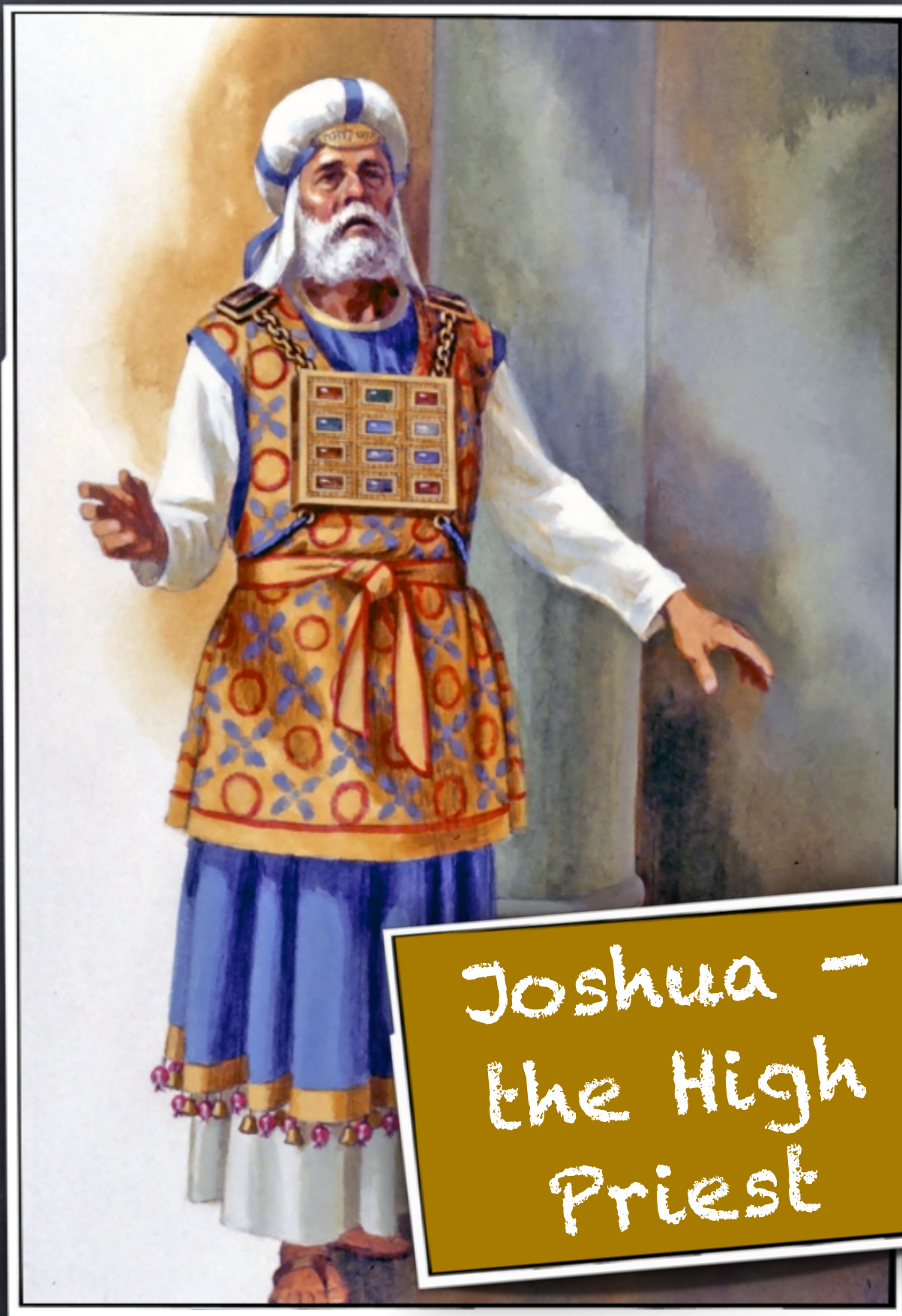
Thamar (Matthew 1:3)

Rahab and Ruth (Matt 1:5)

Bathsheba - "the wife of Urias"
(v6)

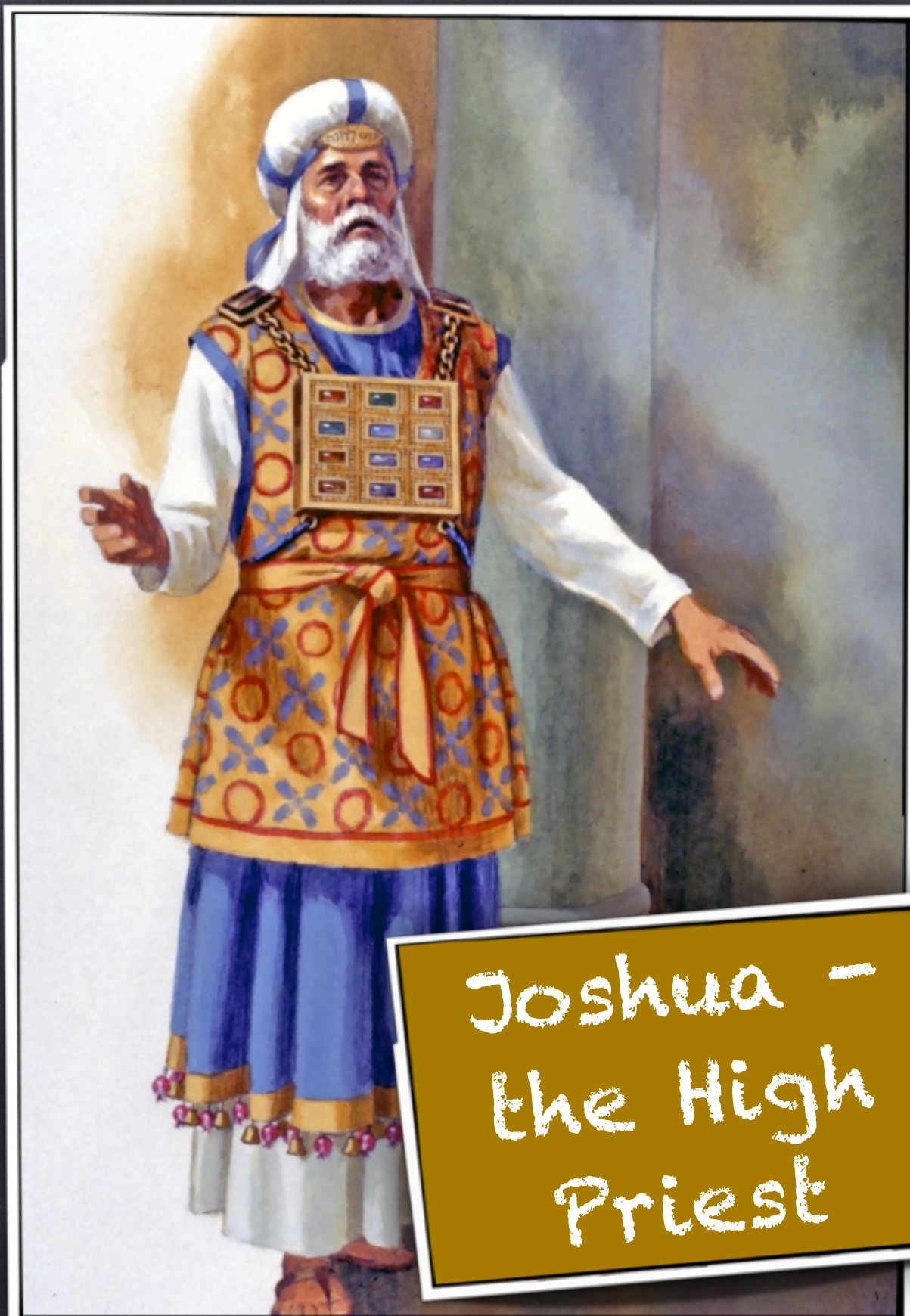
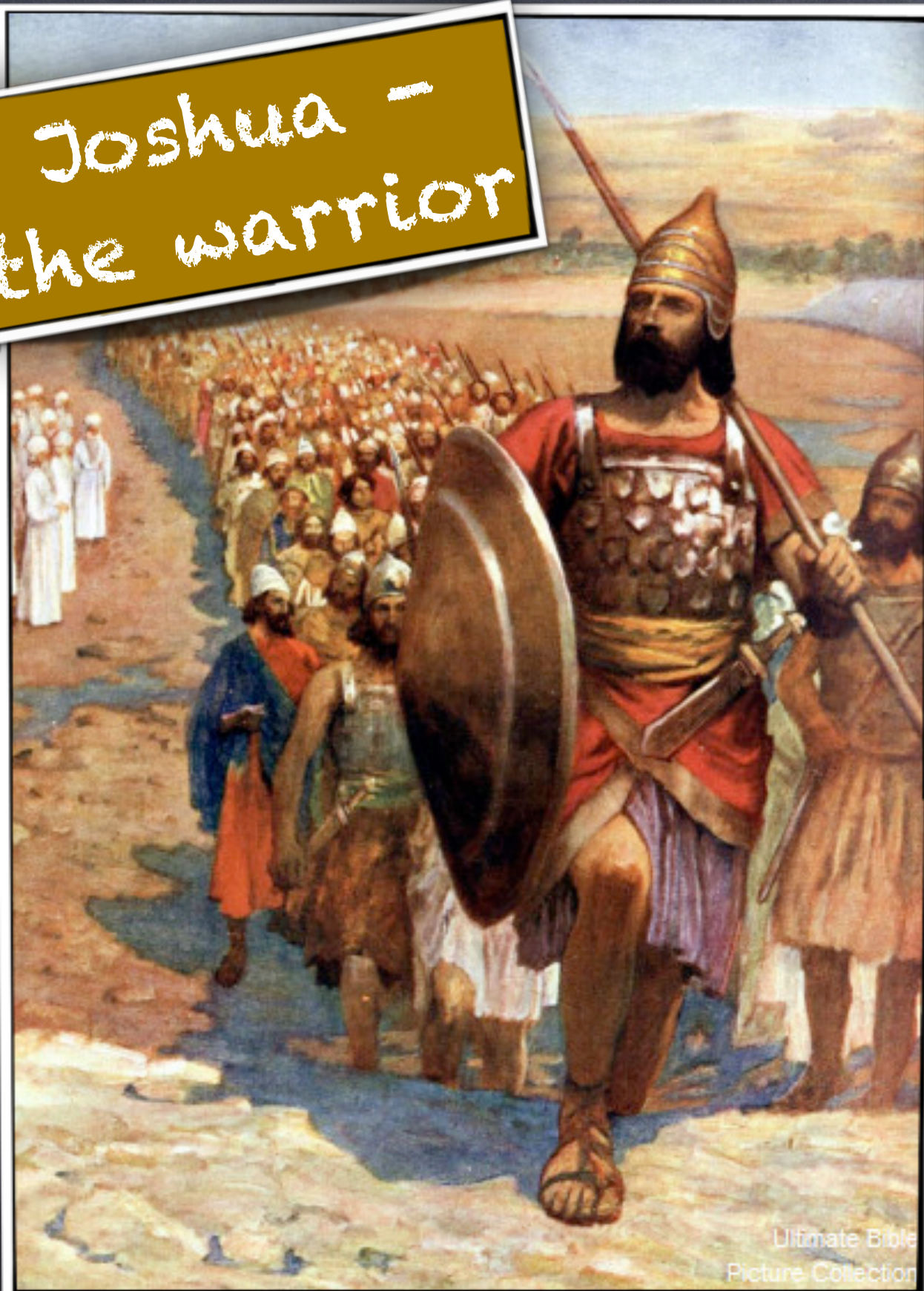
Two were Gentiles, while
three brought marks of
humiliation on this genealogy
in different ways

"Jesus: for he shall save his
people from their sins" (v21)



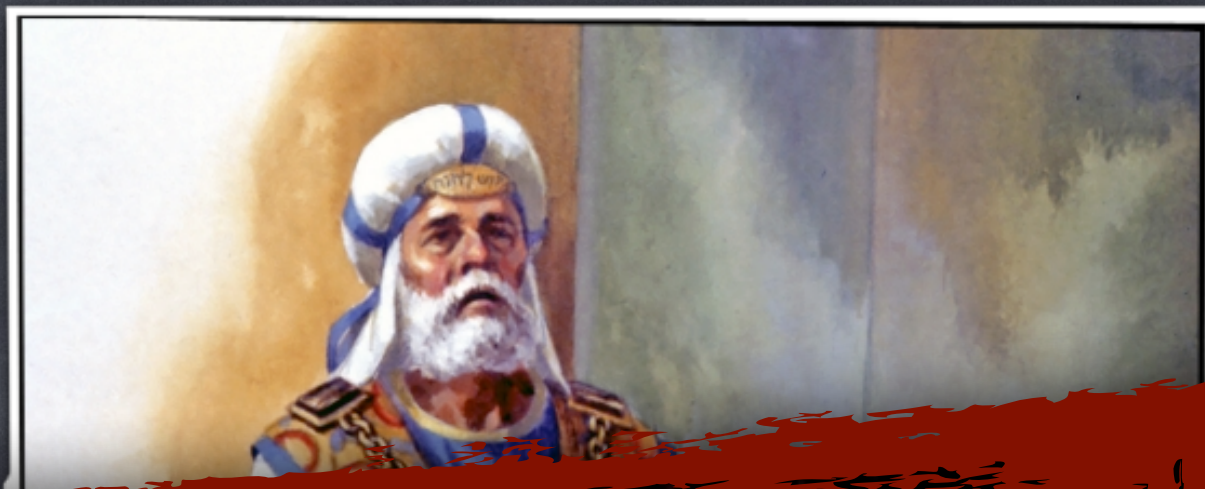
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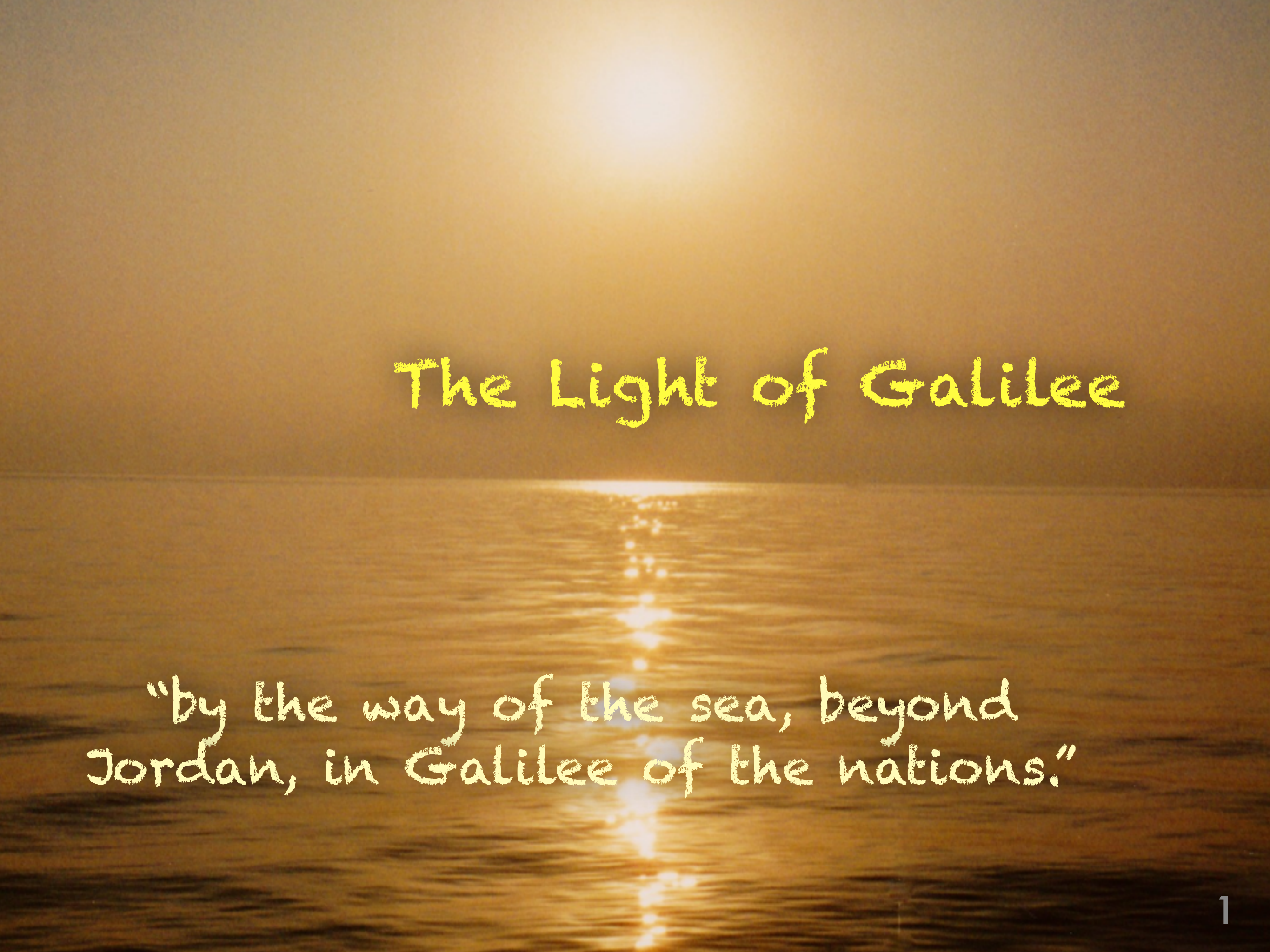
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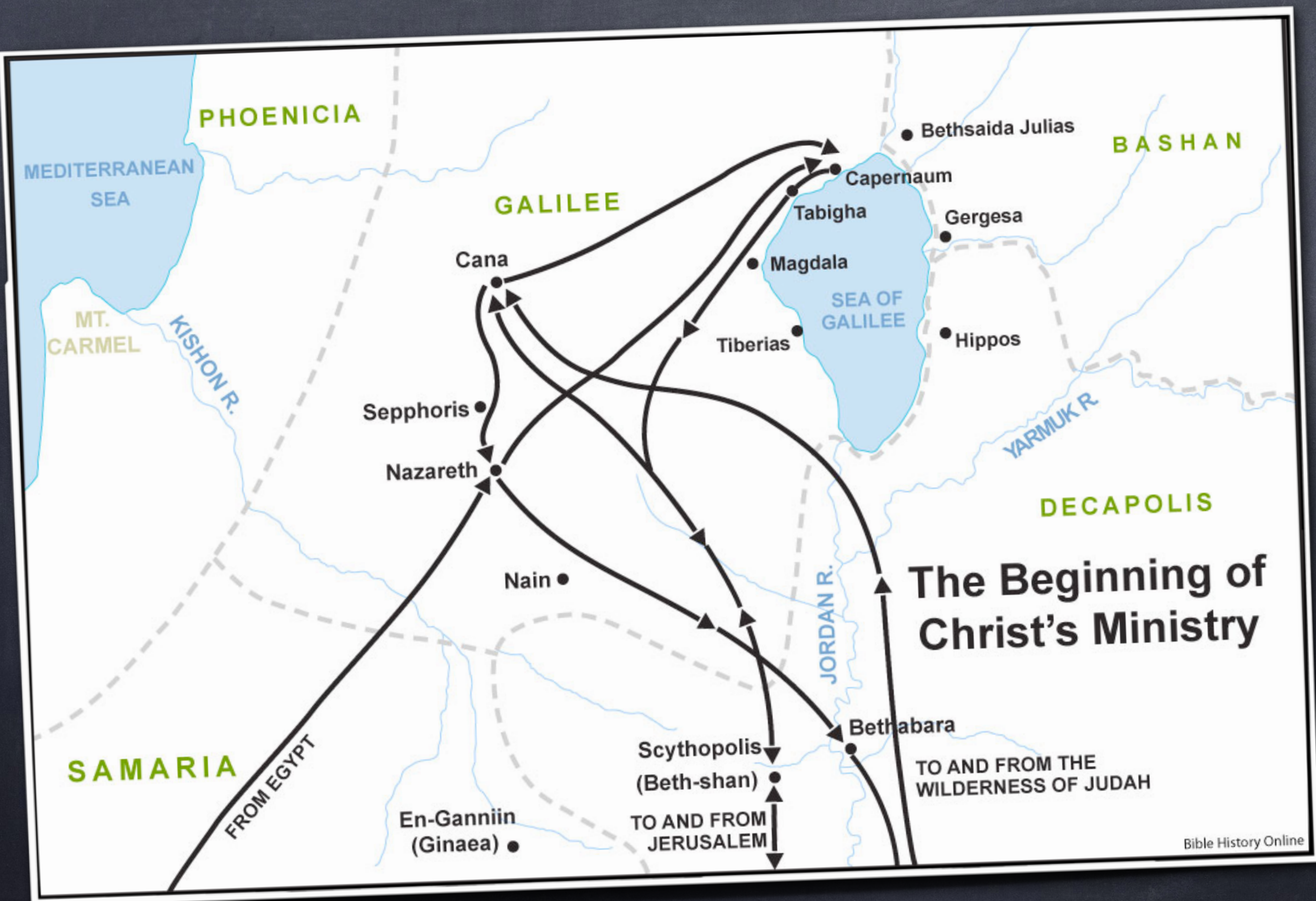
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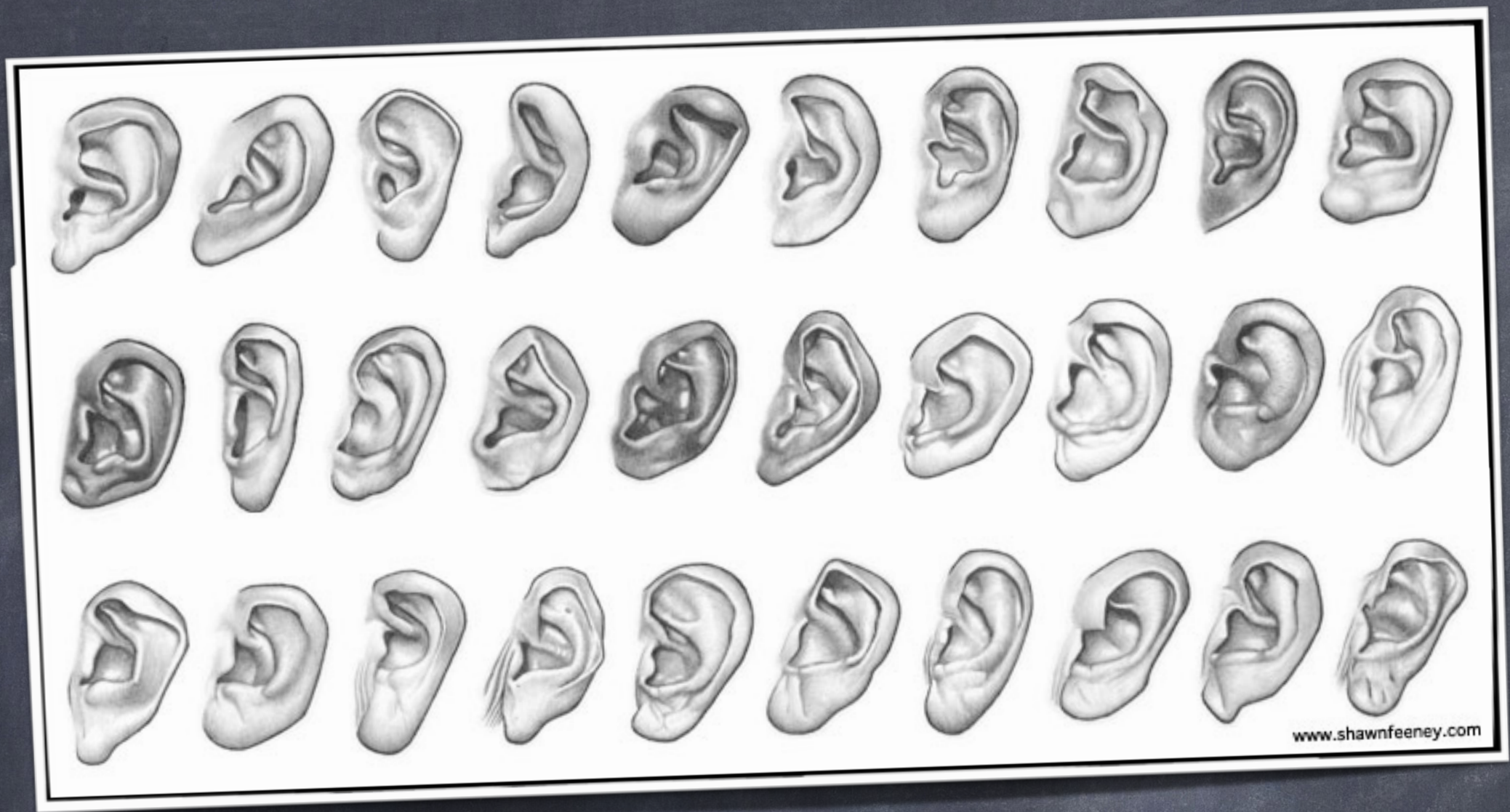
[2] "Beyond Jordan, in
Galilee of the nations"



The Light of Galilee

"by the way of the sea, beyond
Jordan, in Galilee of the nations."





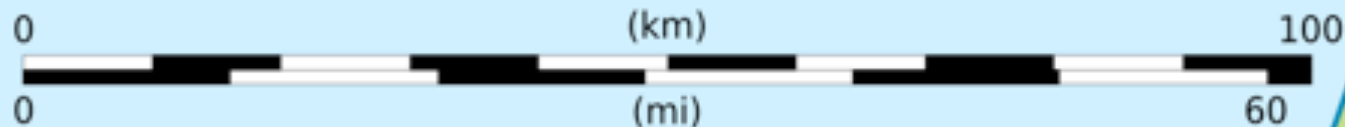
'This day is the
scripture fulfilled
in your ears'



Elijah is the first prophet to
travel to the Gentiles

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Around 1200-1050 B.C.
(according to the Book of Joshua)



Mediterranean Sea



The land of Zebulun and Nephtalim -
country around the sea, called Gennesaret





See 2 Kings 15:29;
1 Chronicles 5:26

This relief is from Tiglath-Pileser's palace, from his capital city. It depicts the capture of the city of Ashteroth-Karnaim in Gilead, which was annexed along with Galilee in 732 B.C. Many Jews were taken as prisoners, as pictured here carrying their bundles.



The River Jordan, the
scene of our Lord's baptism

From Isaiah 9:1 we see that the
dimness is after a time "more
grievously afflicted"

The Hebrew is 'glory'

RV: "...and the land of Naphtali,
but in the latter time hath he
made it glorious, by the way of
the sea beyond Jordan, in
Galilee of the nations"

In the Complete Jewish Bible: "But there will be no more gloom, for those who are now in anguish, in the past in the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali were regarded lightly; but in the future he will honor the way to the lake, beyond the Jordan, Galil-of-the-Goyim."

No more gloom. God would
honour this region by giving the
Light of the World!

And so Messiah would
launch his worldwide
mission from Galilee



v8: "it hath lighted
upon Israel"

Capernaum, City of Comfort

- Catching of the fish
- The centurion's servant
- The Paralytic man
- Jairus' daughter
- The woman with the issue of blood
- Jesus walking on water



"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3, 19:14)



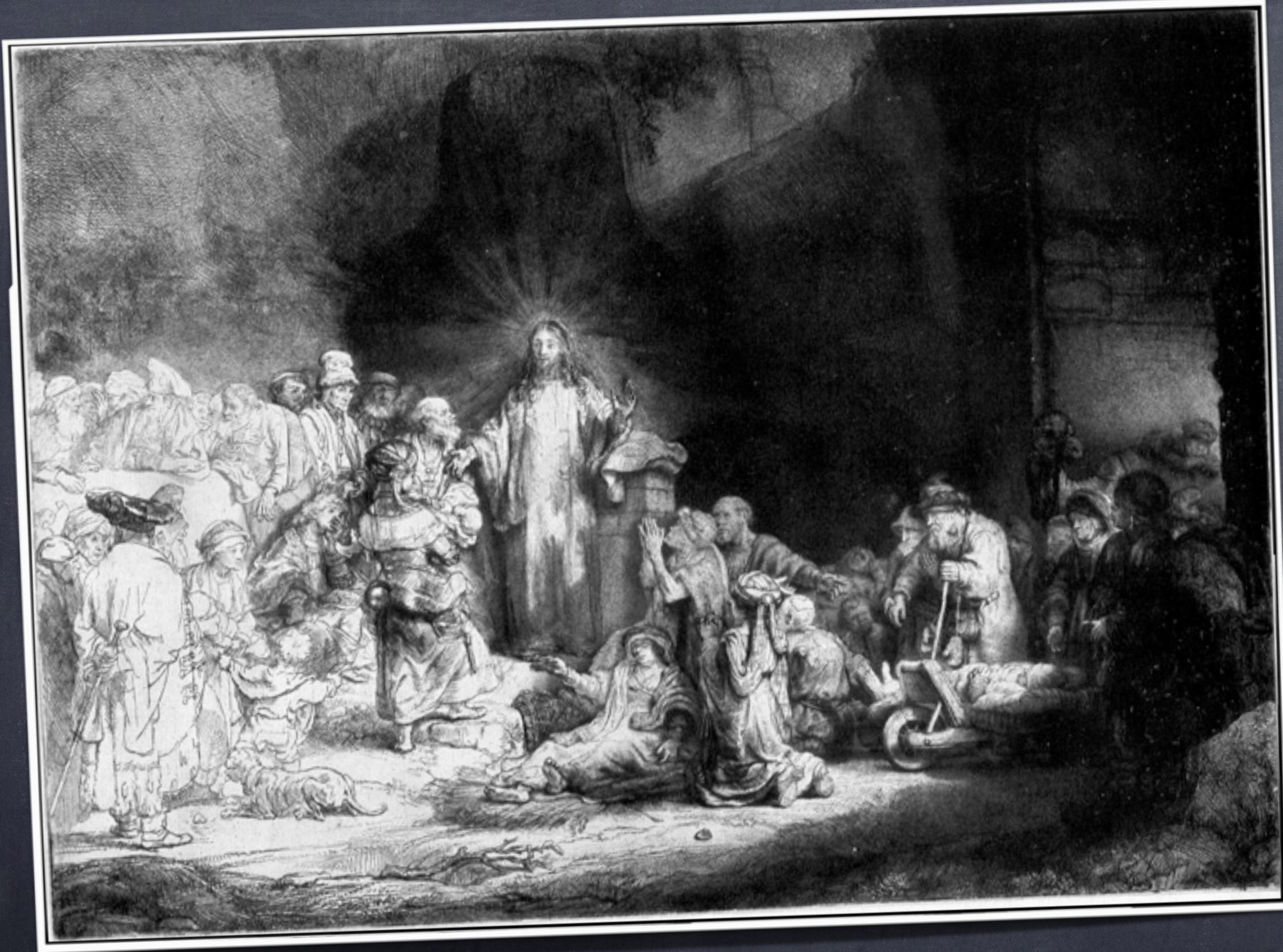
Not only were his works
marvellous, but so were his words



These are the remains
of the house believed
to be where Simon Peter
lived in Capernaum





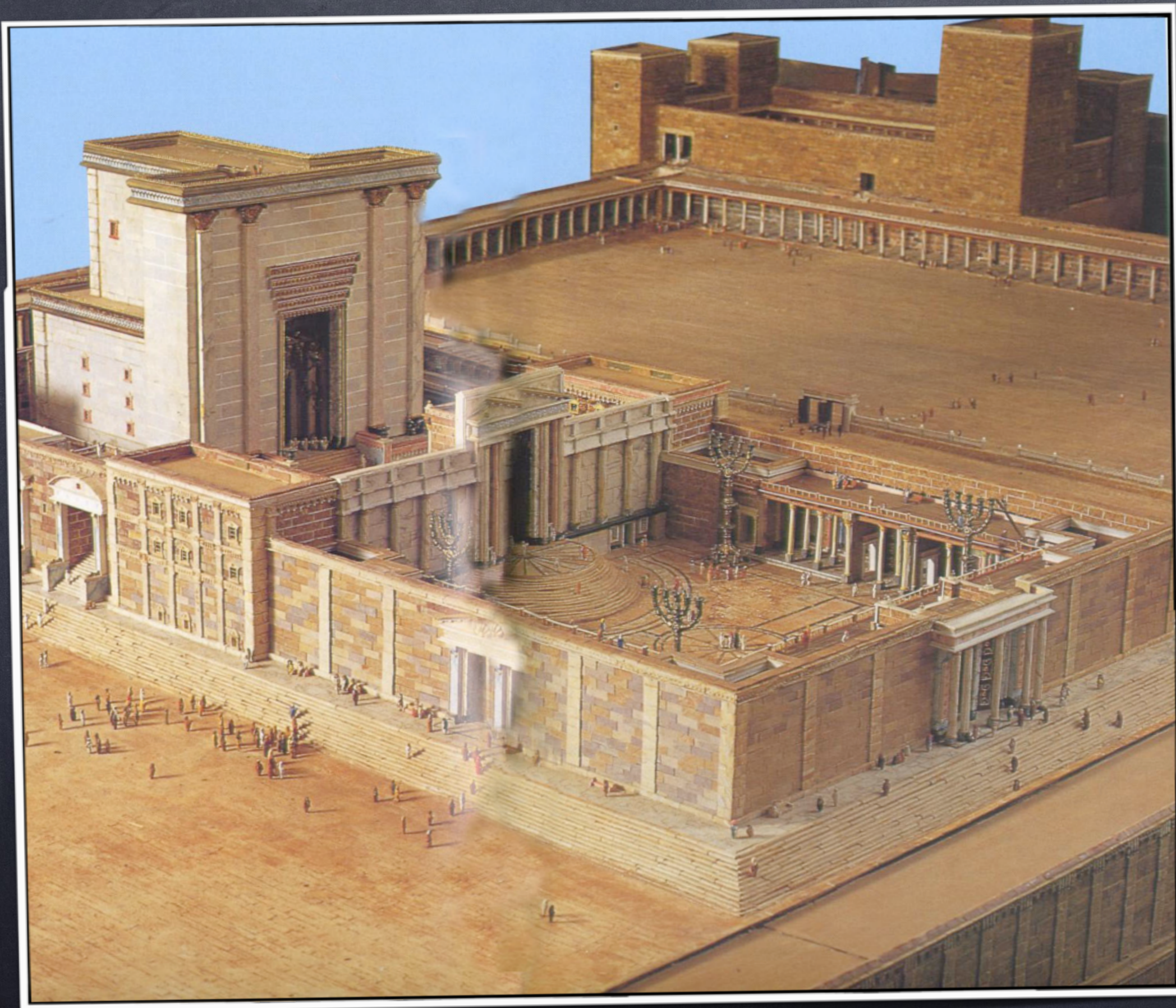


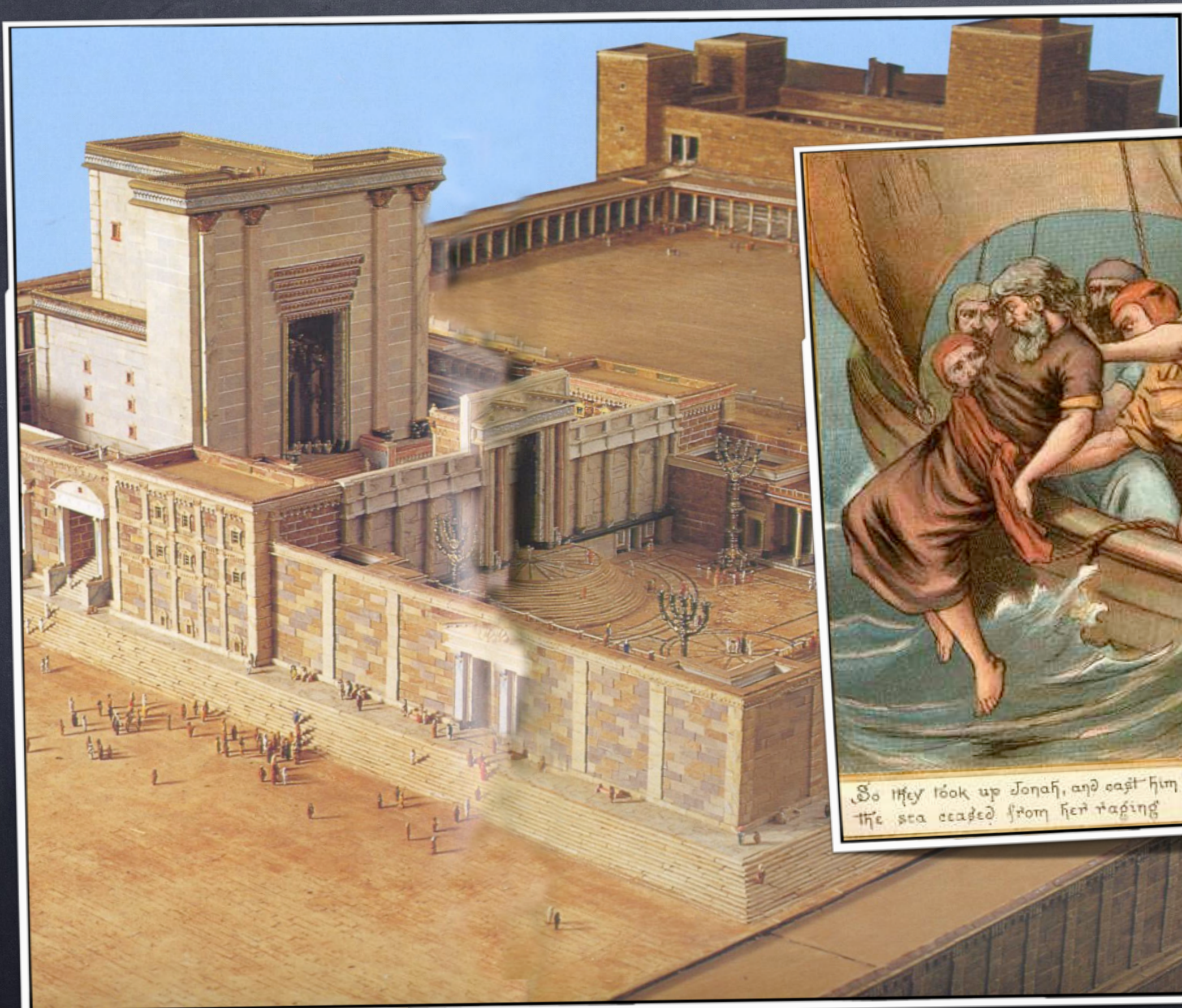
The Light of Galilee
Lights up Capernaum





"... they that dwell in the land of
the shadow of death, upon them
hath the light shined."





So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging
Jonah. 1. 15.



Nicodemus came to
Jesus by night

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[3] "He wakeneth
morning by morning"



butter and honey



a branch with green shoots

Israel's deliverance from Egypt



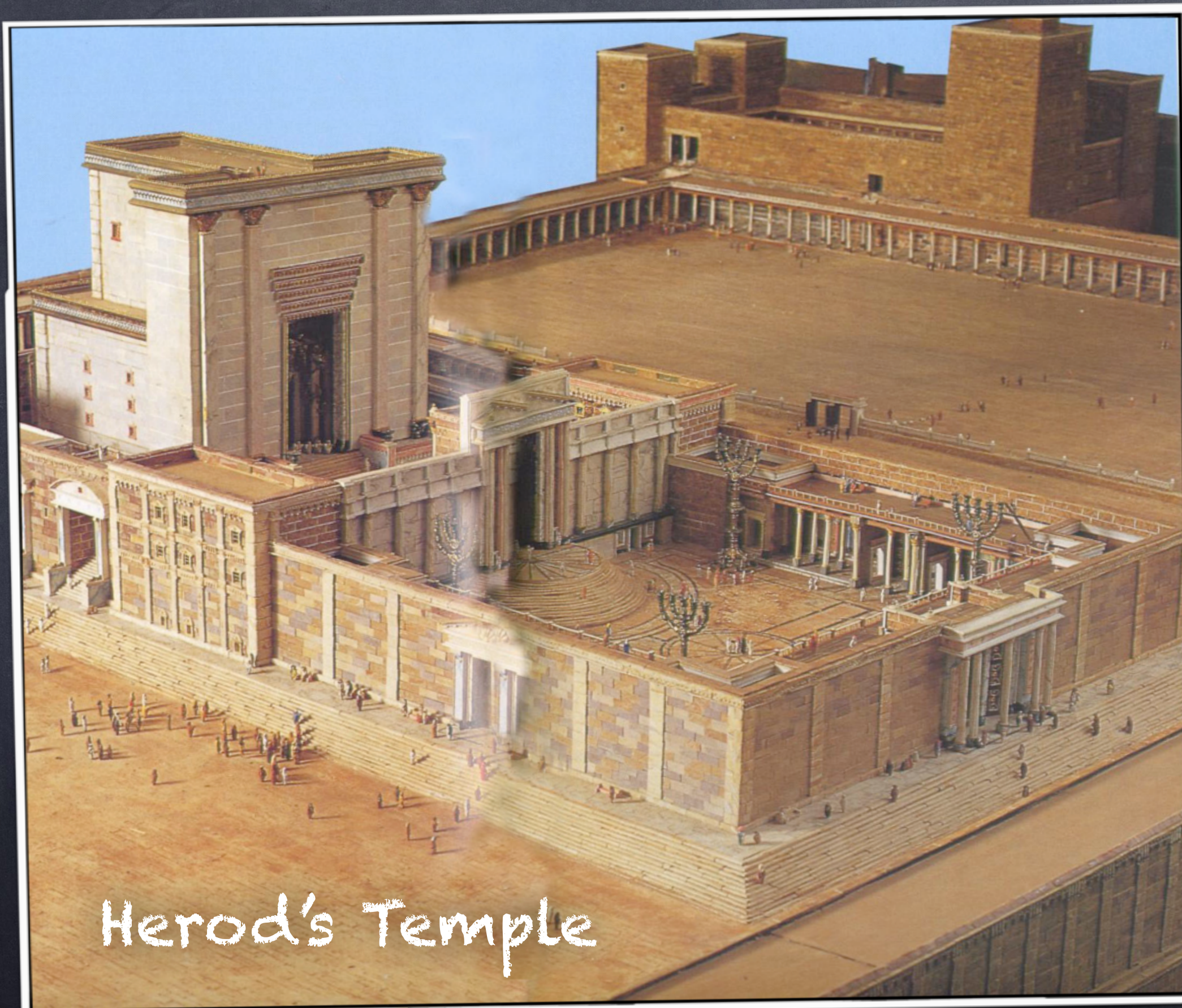
"The LORD spake unto Moses
face to face, as a man
speaketh unto his friend"
(Ex. 33:11)

"And there arose not a prophet
since in Israel like unto
Moses, whom the LORD knew
face to face"
(Deut. 34:10)



Jesus had "the tongue of the learned" so he could "speak a word in season to him that is weary" (Isa 50:4). Lifting heavy souls. Jesus would always encourage

- "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge" (John 5:30)
- "I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him" (8:26)
- "as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things" (8:28)
- "... truth, which I have heard of God" (8:40)
- "... even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (12:49-50)
- "all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (15:15)
- "I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest me" (17:8).

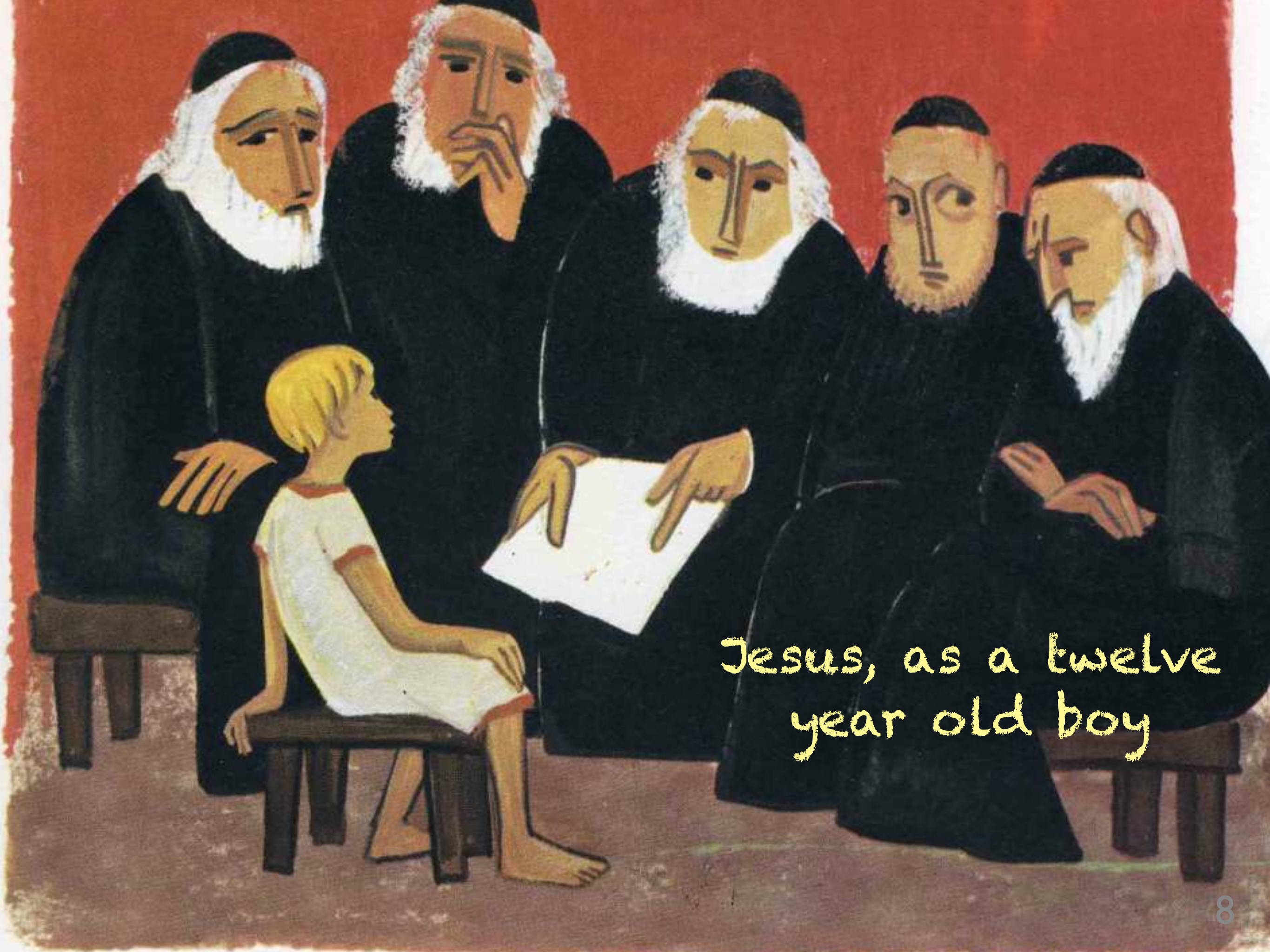


Herod's Temple



The largest stone:
(Master Course)

Herod's Temple



Jesus, as a twelve
year old boy

- o "My son, hear the instruction of thy father" (Proverbs 1:8);
- o "My son, if thou wilt receive my words" (2:1);
- o "My son, forget not my law" (3:1); "My son, attend to my words" (4:20)
- o "My son, attend unto my wisdom" (5:1); "My son, keep my words" (7:1)

The image shows the archaeological ruins of Sepphoris, an ancient city in Galilee. In the foreground, there is a prominent wall made of large, roughly-hewn stones. Behind it, more ruins are visible, including a large, rectangular stone structure that appears to be a platform or a foundation for a building. The ground is sandy and uneven, with some patches of low-lying vegetation. In the background, there are trees and a modern building with a flat roof. A text box is overlaid on the right side of the image, providing information about the site's location and historical significance.

Sepphoris is only 3 miles north
of Nazareth and was the capital
of Galilee at the time of Jesus

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[4] "The voice of
him that crieth in
the wilderness""



When will this "comfort" (40:1)
come?

When "her warfare is accomplished"
and "her iniquity is pardoned" (v2)

See in contrast: Isa 1:4

Therefore, the situation is going to
be totally reversed and transformed!

"double" in v2 means 'double portion'

"ye shall have double" (Isa 61:7)

God will give them a 'double portion' because of their faithfulness

Who is this going to be through?

v5- "the glory of the LORD"

v10- "... the LORD ... with strong hand"





John: "My Messenger"

Jesus: "The Messenger of
the Covenant"

From Malachi 3:1

Malachi 3:1

Malachi 4:5

"Behold I will send
my messenger, and
he shall prepare the
way before me"

"Behold I will send
you Elijah the
prophet before the
coming of the
great and dreadful
day of the LORD"

"before" ~ 'in front of', 'in the face of', 'in the presence of'

"the day of the LORD" : used as a time of national judgement
(Zechariah 14:1; Zephaniah 2:2-3)

John the
Baptist

The future Elijah
figure

"And **many** of the
children of Israel
shall turn to the
Lord their God"
(Luke 1:16)

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(Matthew 17:11)

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Future tense

"Elias is come already"
(Matthew 17:12)

Past tense

"And if ye will receive it,
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to come."

(Matthew 11:14)

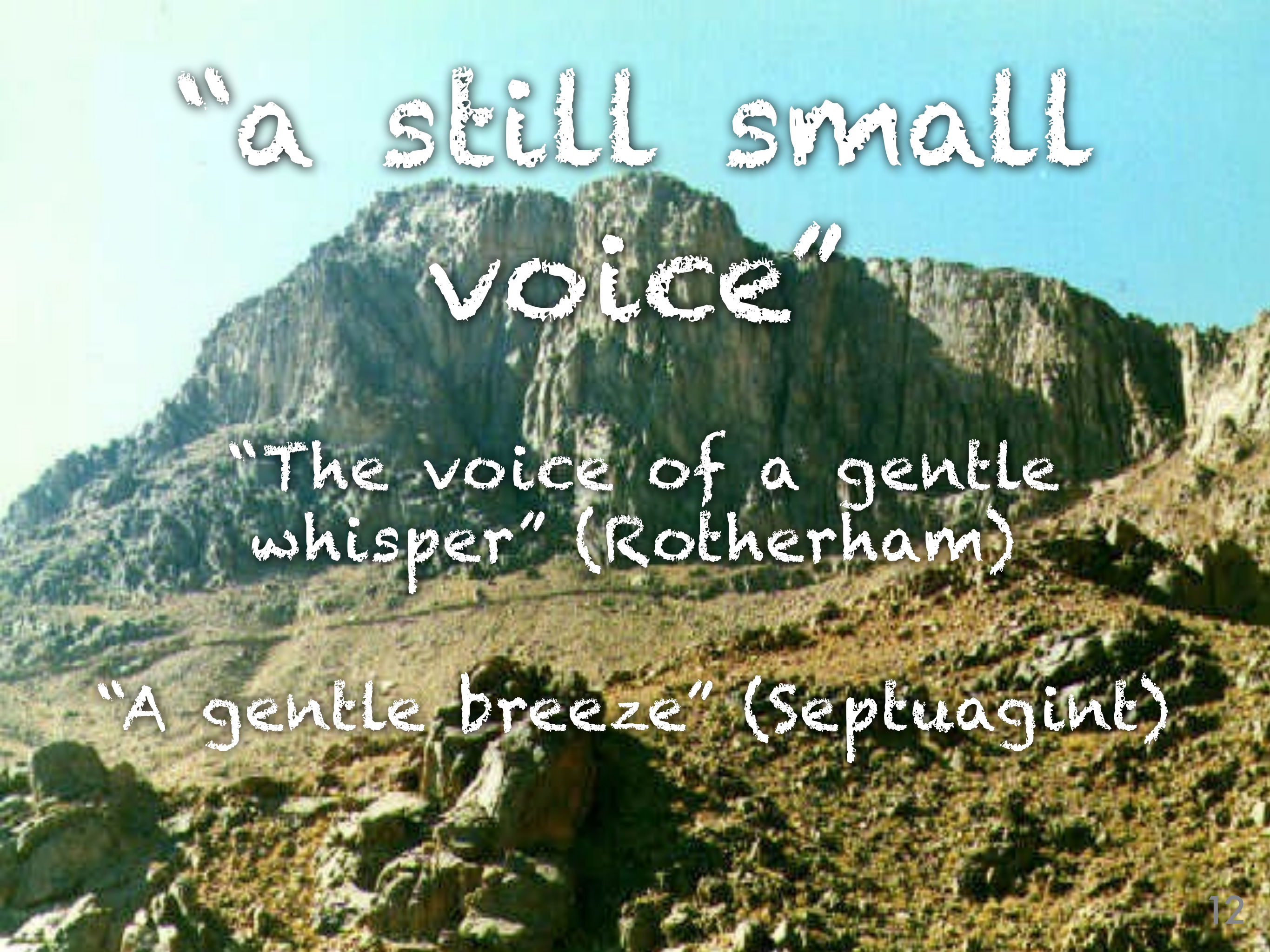
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Rotherham: "He is
Elijah - the one
destined to come"

"a still small
voice"

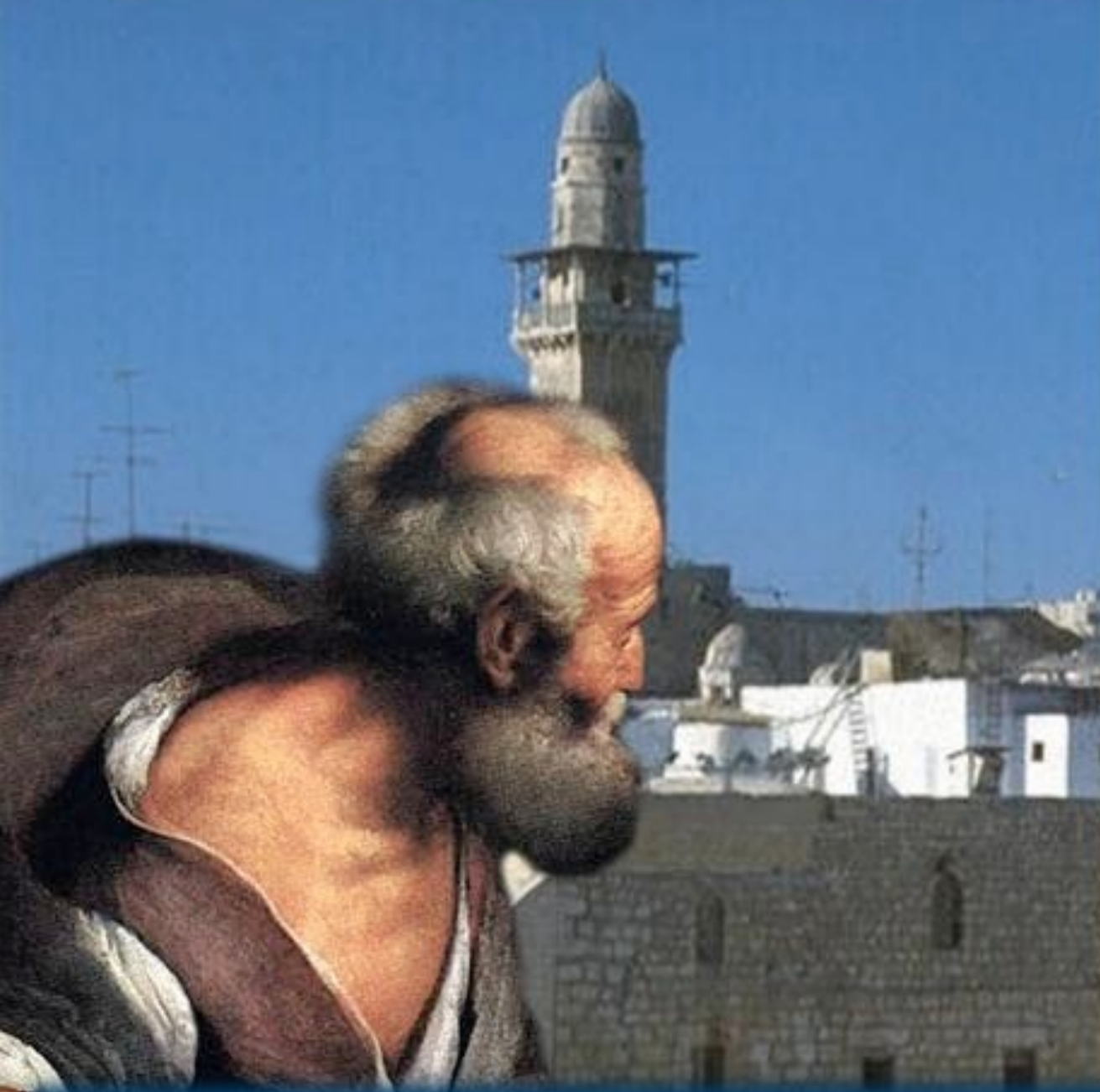




"a still small
voice"

"The voice of a gentle
whisper" (Rotherham)

"A gentle breeze" (Septuagint)



The Eliġjah Mission

Elijah will appear before "the Messenger of the Covenant" – the Lord Jesus Christ's Second Advent; while John the Baptist appeared before Christ's First Advent

Elijah's prayer

"... that thou hast turned
their heart back again" (1
Kings 18:37)

Elijah's future role

"And he shall turn the
heart of the fathers to
the children ..."
(Malachi 4:6)

Elijah's

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We would suggest that
the whole scene upon
Mount Carmel has
echoes of a future time
- all preparing Elijah
for his future work

(Leviticus 4:6)

"Carmel" ~ 'a garden', 'a park'
- From root: 'to be fruitful'

"Jezreel" ~ 'God sows'

See Jeremiah 2:7 "a plentiful country"
or margin: 'the land of Carmel'

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Elijah looked forward to
a greater day to come:
when he would gather
Israel to 'Carmel' (i.e. a
land of "milk and honey"
~ the Land of Israel)



"and they shall look upon
me whom they have pierced,
and they shall mourn for
him, as one mourneth for
his only son, and shall be in
bitterness for him, as one
that is in bitterness for his
firstborn."

(Zechariah 12:10)

"Therefore, behold, I will allure
her, and bring her into the
wilderness, and speak
comfortably unto her. And I will
give her ... the valley of Achor for
a door of hope: and she shall
sing there ... as in the day when
she came up out of the land of
Egypt. And ... thou shalt call me
Ishi; and shalt call me no more
Baali."

(Hosea 2:14-16)

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"sing" ~ 'to answer, respond'
Rotherham: 'And she will
respond there'

(Hosea 2:14-16)



Vine and Fig Tree

"And he shall **turn** the heart of
the fathers to the children, and
the heart of the children to
their fathers ..." (Malachi 4:6)



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[5] "As a lamb to
the slaughter"

53:1 ¶ Who hath believed our
report? and to whom is the arm
of the LORD revealed?

53:2 For he shall grow up before him
as a tender plant, and as a root out
of a dry ground: he hath no form
nor comeliness; and when we shall
see him, there is no beauty that we
should desire him.

53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

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53:6 All we like sheep have
gone astray; we have turned
every one to his own way; and
the LORD hath laid on him the
iniquity of us all.

53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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53:8 He was taken from prison and
from judgment: and who shall
declare his generation? for he was
cut off out of the land of the living:
for the transgression of my people
was he stricken.

53:9 And he made his grave with
the wicked, and with the rich in
his death; because he had done
no violence, neither was any
deceit in his mouth.

53:10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD
to bruise him; he hath put him to
grief: when thou shalt make his
soul an offering for sin, he shall
see his seed, he shall prolong his
days, and the pleasure of the
LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of
his soul, and shall be satisfied:
by his knowledge shall my
righteous servant justify many;
for he shall bear their iniquities.

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[6] "The way of holiness"



Ups and downs

- The blind receive sight (Isa 29:18, 35:5)
- The lame walk (Isa 35:6)
- Lepers are cured (Isa 53:4)
- The deaf hear (Isa 29:18)
- The dead are raised (Isa 26:18-19)
- The good news is preached to the poor (Isa 61:1)

The message: Those who would be given true salvation, a walk was required. Jesus was challenging their way of life, and calling upon them to remember the wonderful promises of the kingdom, and to be stirred up by them. 'For where there is no vision, the people perish' (Prov 29:18).

Isa 35:1-2 - "The wilderness"
will blossom

v8 - "a way" "The way of
holiness"

v9 - "redeemed will walk there"

v10 - "AND the ransomed of the
LORD shall return" ... "with
songs and everlasting joy"

- The wilderness will be changed
- The way becomes the way of holiness
- The redeemed will walk
- The ransomed will return with joys of gladness

A wide-angle photograph of a vast, flat landscape covered in a dense carpet of wildflowers. The flowers are primarily red and yellow, scattered across a greenish-grey ground. The horizon is visible in the distance under a bright, overcast sky.

[1] The wilderness
will be changed

A winding road, depicted as a dark blue line, curves across a vast, textured yellow landscape that resembles sand or a dry earth. The road starts from the bottom left and winds towards the top right. The background is a solid black sky.

[2] The highway becomes
"the way of Holiness"

Rotherham: "... but He Himself
shall be one of them,
travelling on the road. And the
perverse shall not stray
thereinto."

There's some beautiful descriptions found in Isaiah concerning this highway - the way of holiness:

35:7 - grassed;

35:8 - holy;

35:9 - protected;

40:3 - straight;

43:19 - watered;

62:10 - raised and elevated

Israel will be "the
third with Assyria and
Egypt" (Isa 19:24)



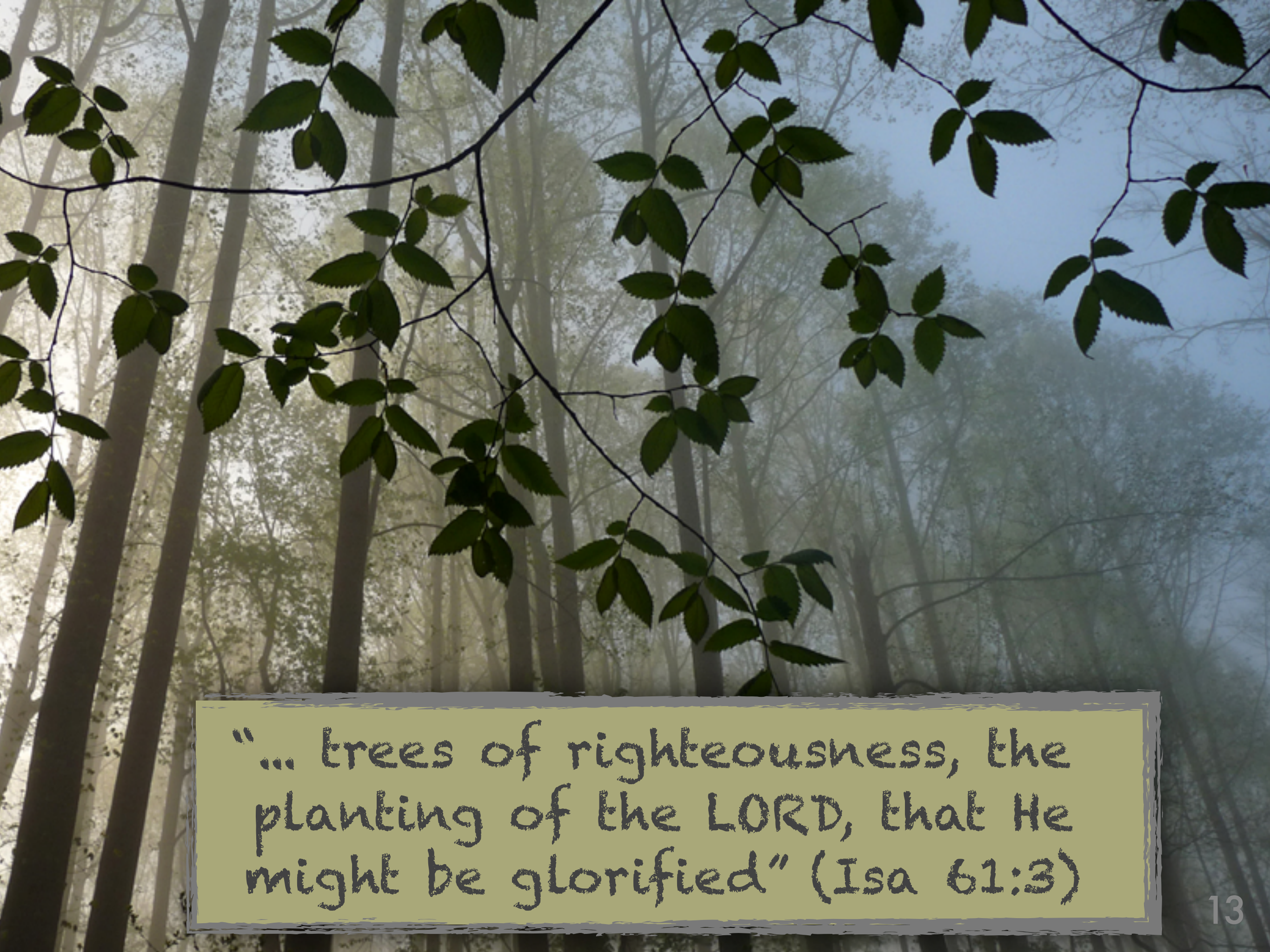
A large crowd of men, likely a church assembly or a group of students, are seated in many rows. They are all wearing black robes or suits, and many have beards. The image is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the sheer number of people.

[3] The Ransomed of
the Lord shall return

GENESIS 15:18



"In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."



"... trees of righteousness, the
planting of the LORD, that He
might be glorified" (Isa 61:3)

Waters shall break forth
in the wilderness
and streams in the desert
the burning ground
shall become a pool

and the thirsty ground
springs of water.



The End

Jechonias or Jechoniah (Matt 1:11)

A wicked King of Judah who was taken prisoner by the Babylonians

God removed Je [Jah or Yah] - God's Divine Name - from his name

Jechoniah ~ 'Yahweh will establish'

None of his ancestors could therefore sit on the throne of David

'Wonderful'

'Counsellor'

'The mighty God'

'The everlasting Father'

'The Prince of Peace' (Isa 9:6)

These titles are God's revelation
amongst men, of how He will
deliver, redeem and save them



