

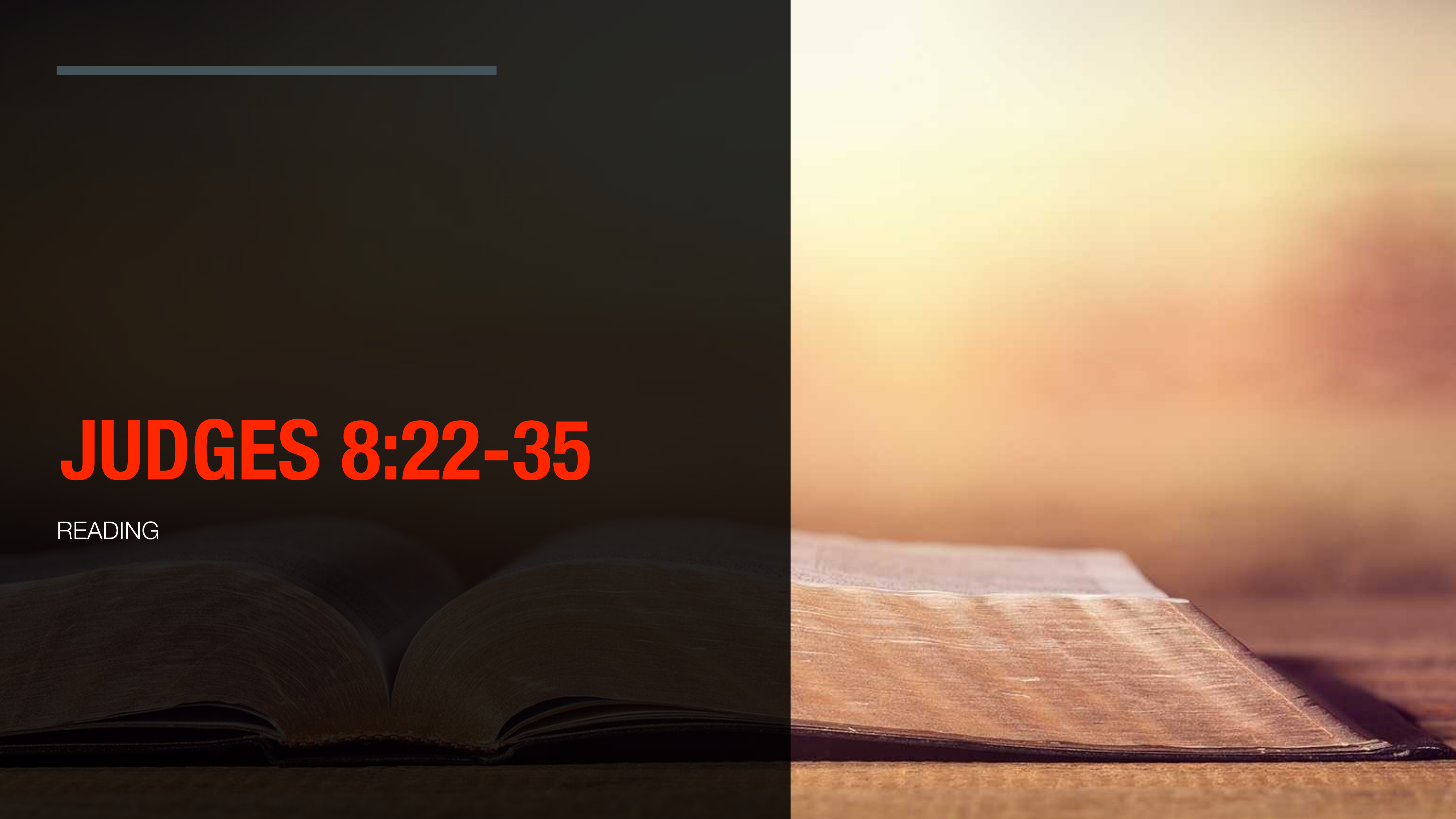


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RADICAL ACTION
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JUDGES 8:22-35

READING



2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-15

‘Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what **fellowship** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what **association** hath light with darkness? And what **agreement** hath Christ with Belial? or what can a believer have in **common** with an unbeliever?’



PSALM 7:15-16

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GALATIANS 6:7-9

‘Be not deceived (*‘led astray’*); God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; **but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not’



PROVERBS 18:10

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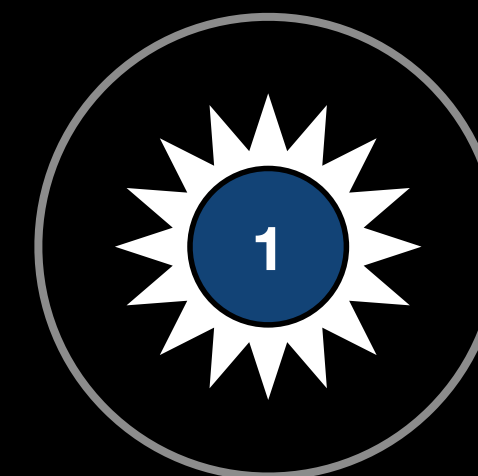
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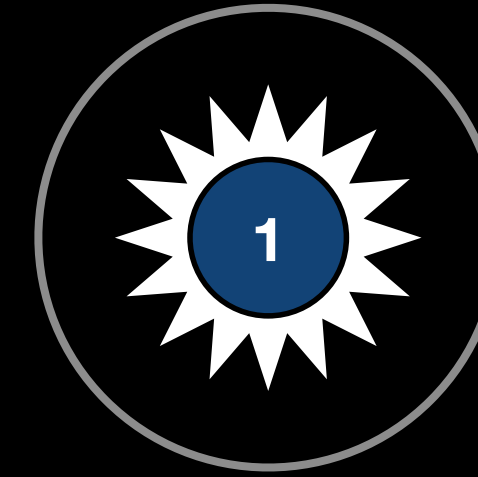


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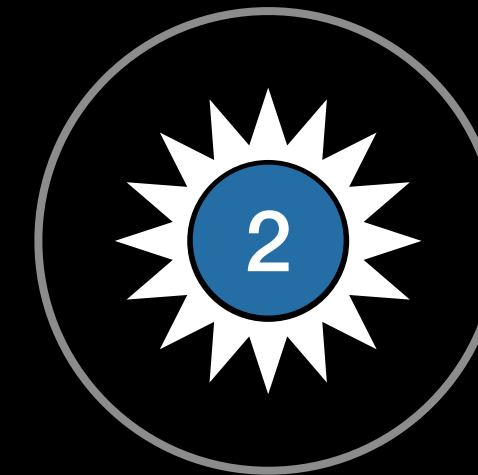
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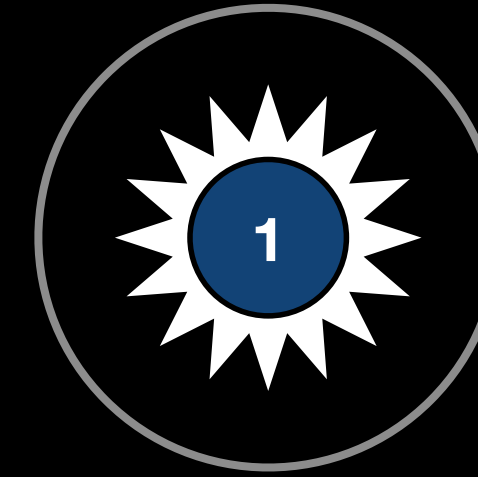


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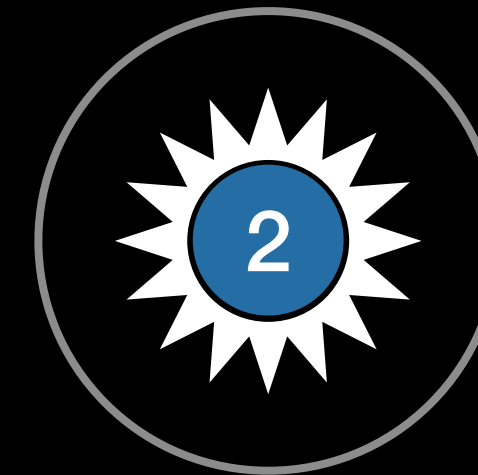
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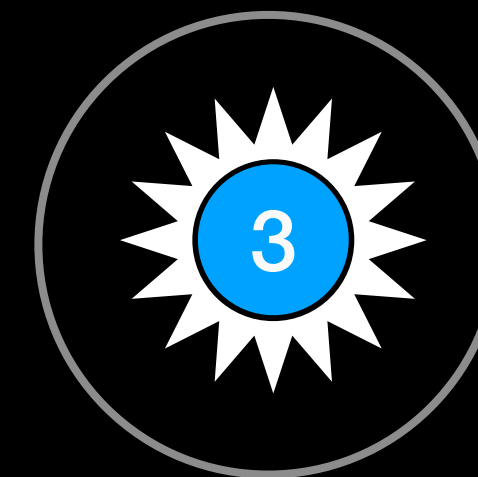
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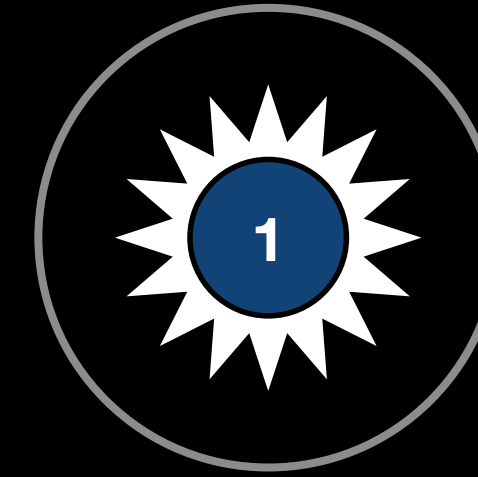


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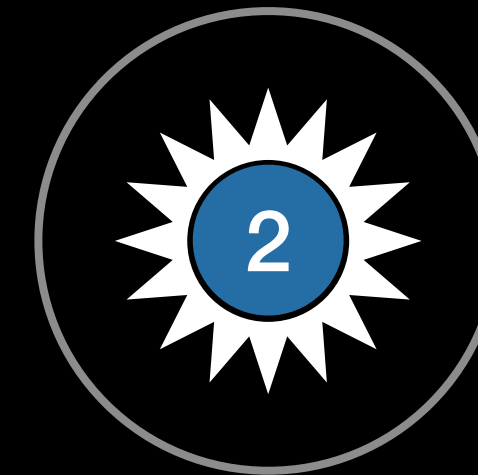
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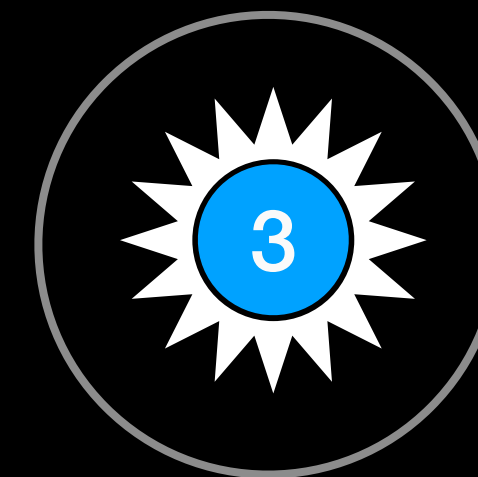
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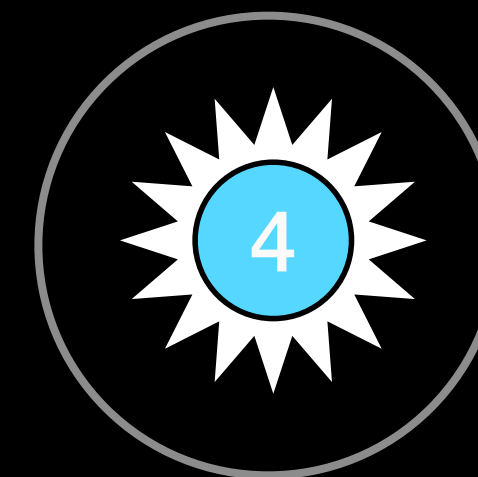
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Israel Witnessed to a Covenant

Joshua 24:1,25-26

EXODUS 3:8

‘And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, *unto a land flowing with milk and honey*; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the **Hivites** (*Hamor and Shechem - Genesis 34*), and the Jebusites’



EXODUS 23:23

‘For **mine Angel** shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the **Hivites**, and the Jebusites: and **I will** cut them off’



EXODUS 23:28-32

‘And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the **Hivite**, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By **little and little** **I will** drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. And **I will** set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for **I will** deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. Thou shalt make **no covenant** with them, **nor** with their gods’

DEUTERONOMY 20:17-18

‘But thou shalt **utterly destroy** them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the **Hivites**, and the Jebusites; as Yahweh thy Elohim hath commanded thee: **that** they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; **so should ye sin** against Yahweh your Elohim’



JOSHUA 3:10

‘And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that **He will** **without fail drive out** from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the **Hivites**, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites’

‘he will **drive out** **drive out** from before’
yarash *yarash*



JUDGES 3:10

‘... they shall be as **thorns** in your sides,
and their gods shall be a snare unto you’



BIBLE ECHOES

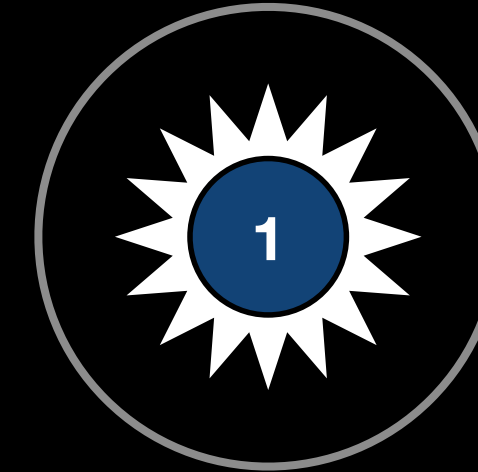
Genesis 34:16

‘Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.’

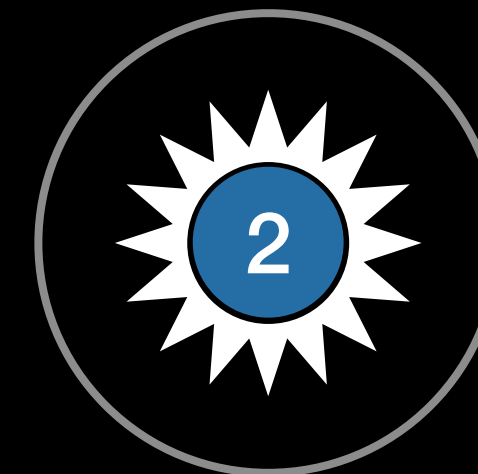
Judges 3:6

‘And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.’

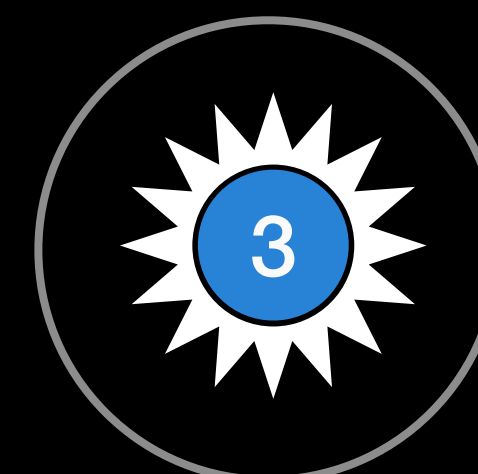
GIDEON'S MISTAKES



Manufactured an Ephod
Judges 8:27



Married Many Wives
Judges 8:30



Met a Concubine
Judges 8:31

“ ... she also bare him a son ... ”



‘As soon as ...’

a warning for today

Instant Anger

Exodus 32:19

Instant Fear

Joshua 2:11

Instant Regression

Judges 8:33

Instant Emotion

1 Samuel 20:41

Instant Judgement

1 Kings 20:36

Instant Revenge

2 Kings 14:5

Instant Obedience

Psalms 18:44

Instant Health

Mark 1:42

Instant Death

Luke 8:6

Instant Forgiveness

Luke 15:30

Instant Joy

John 16:21

Instant Reaction

Revelation 10:10

THE JUDGES

1	Othniel
2	Ehud
3	Shamgar
4	Deborah & Barak
5	Gideon
	<i>Abimelech</i>
1	Tola
2	Jair
3	Jephthah
4	Ibzan
5	Elon
6	Abdon
7	Samson

OVERALL SYNOPSIS

vv1-6

The Massacre

*Armed by the backing
of his family and a
pocketful of cash,
Abimelech massacres
his brethren*

vv7-21

The Message

*Jotham's fable of the
trees challenges
Abimelech*

vv22-55

The Manipulation

*Treachery and
subterfuge abound
within the region of
Samaria as various
factions vie for control*

vv56-57

The Memory

Justice at last

*“ I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you:
Yahweh shall rule over you”*



THE PRICE OF DOING BUSINESS

- Joseph's brethren sold him for 20 pieces of silver
- Judas made an agreement with the authorities for 30 pieces of silver

Matthew 26:15

‘... and they *covenanted* with him for thirty pieces of silver’

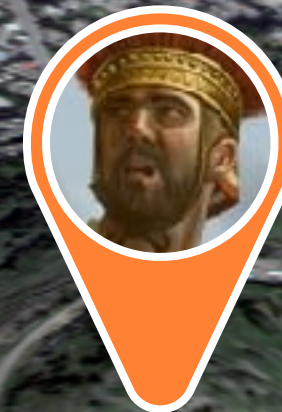


Mt. Ebal

Shechem



Mt. Gerazim



PSALM 36:7

‘How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God!
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PSALM 91:4

‘He shall cover thee with his feathers, and **under**
his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy
shield and buckler’



‘**TRULY**’

‘**SINCERELY**’

‘Yahweh, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?’

PSALM 15:1

‘He that walketh **uprightly**, and worketh righteousness, and
speaketh **the truth** in his heart’

PSALM 15:2

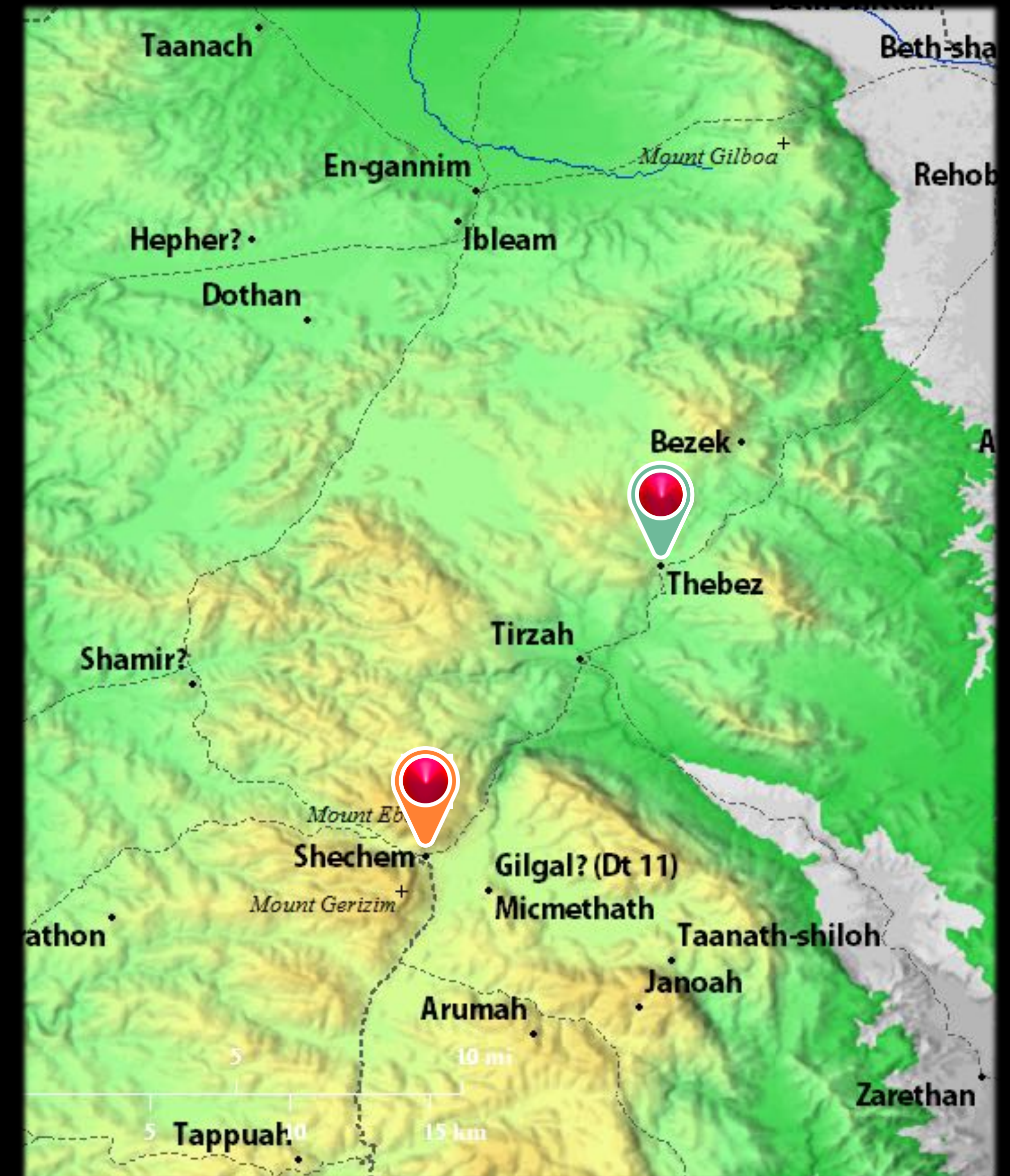
JUDGES 9:49

‘... and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women’



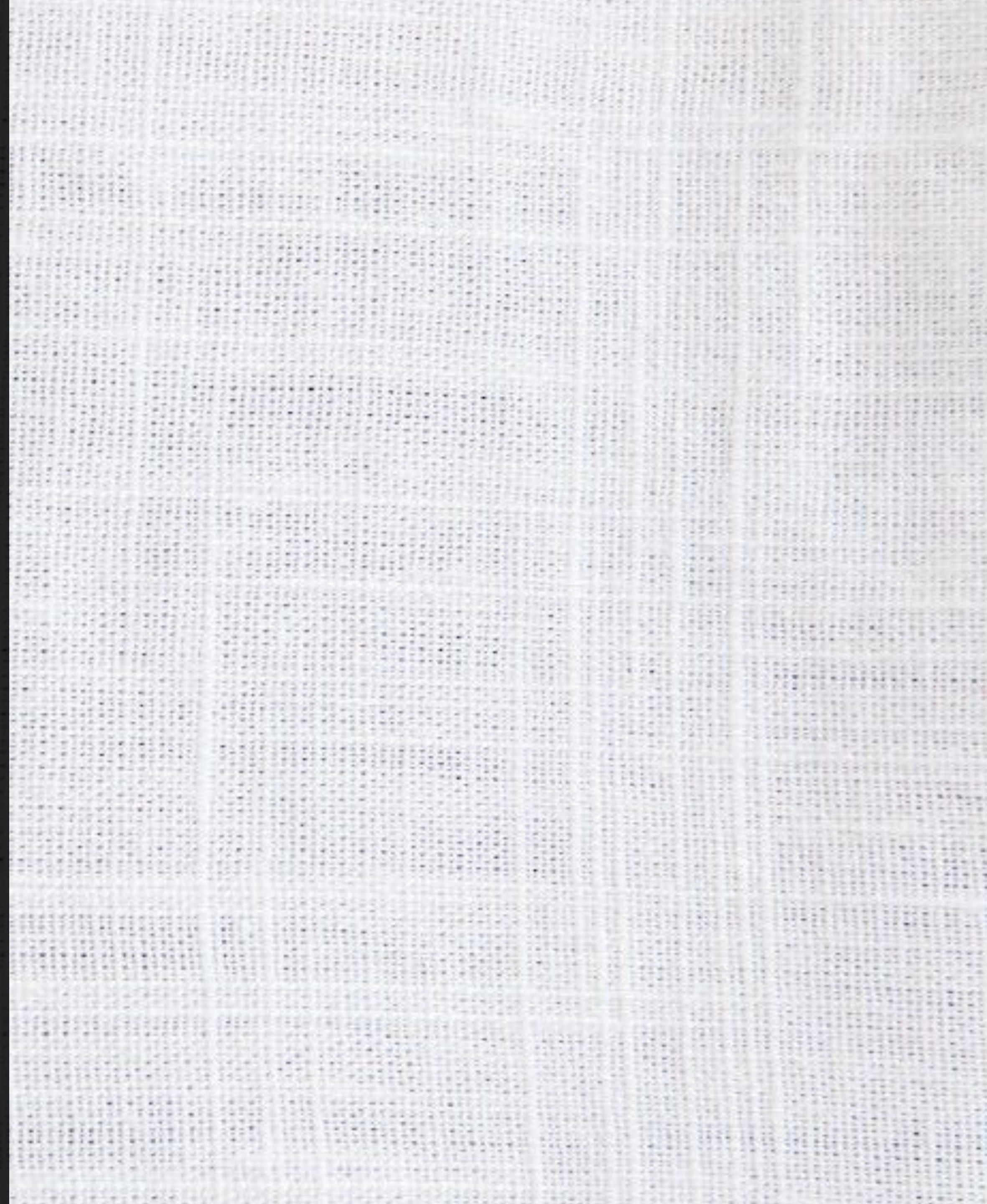
THEBEZ

‘brightness, whiteness’



1 CHRONICLES 15:27

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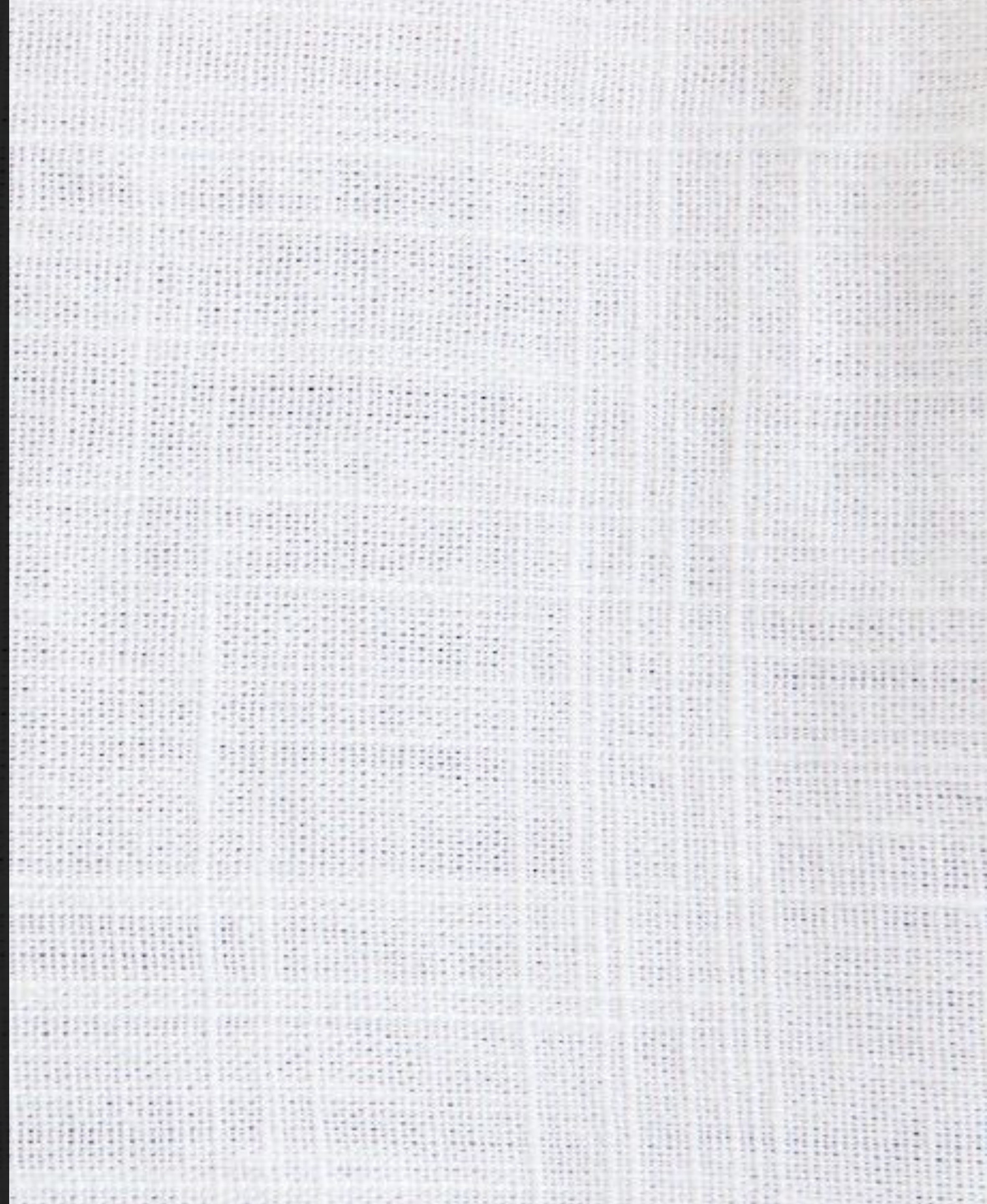


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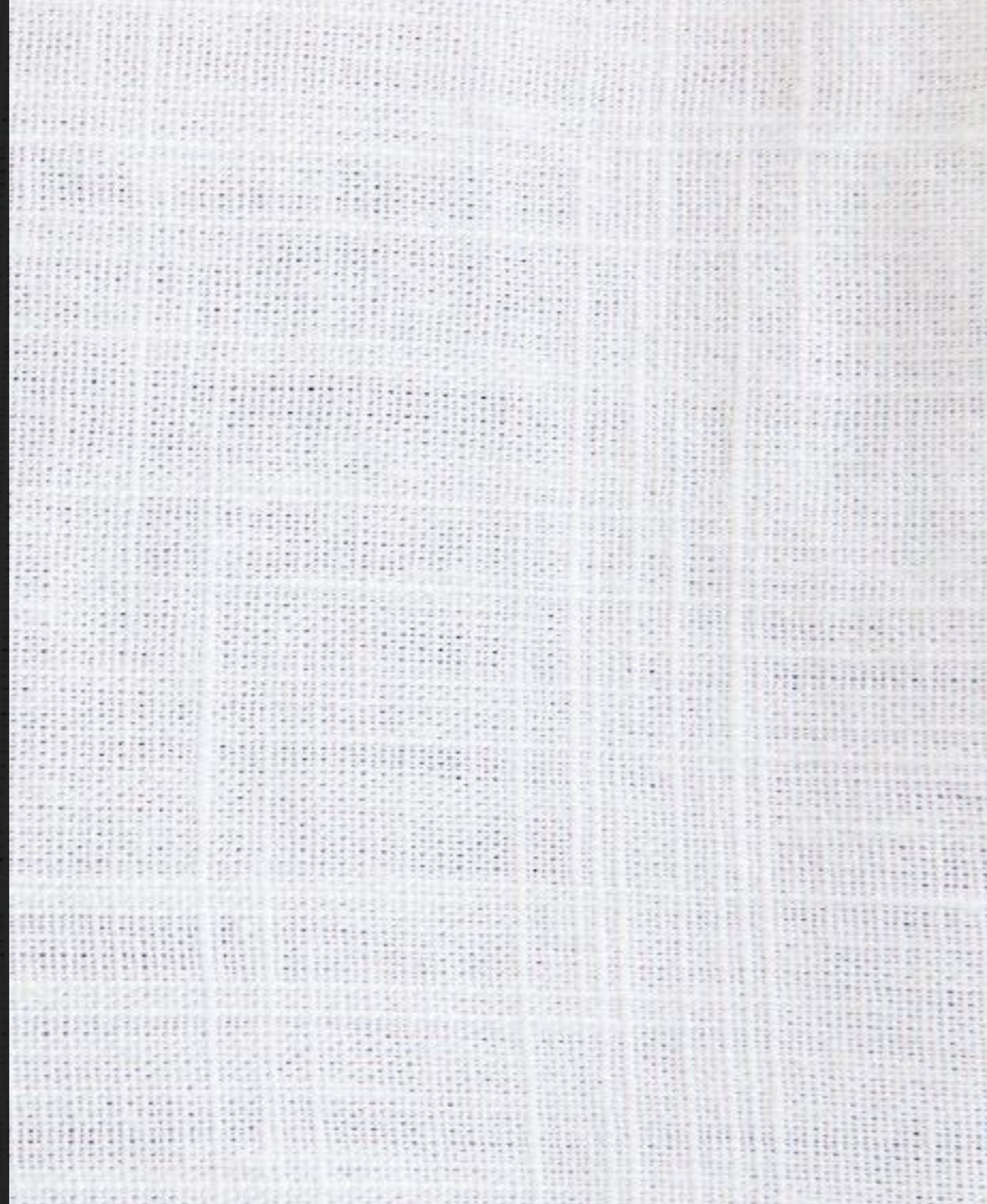
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2 CHRONICLES 5:12

‘Also the Levites which were the singers ... being arrayed in **white linen**, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar’



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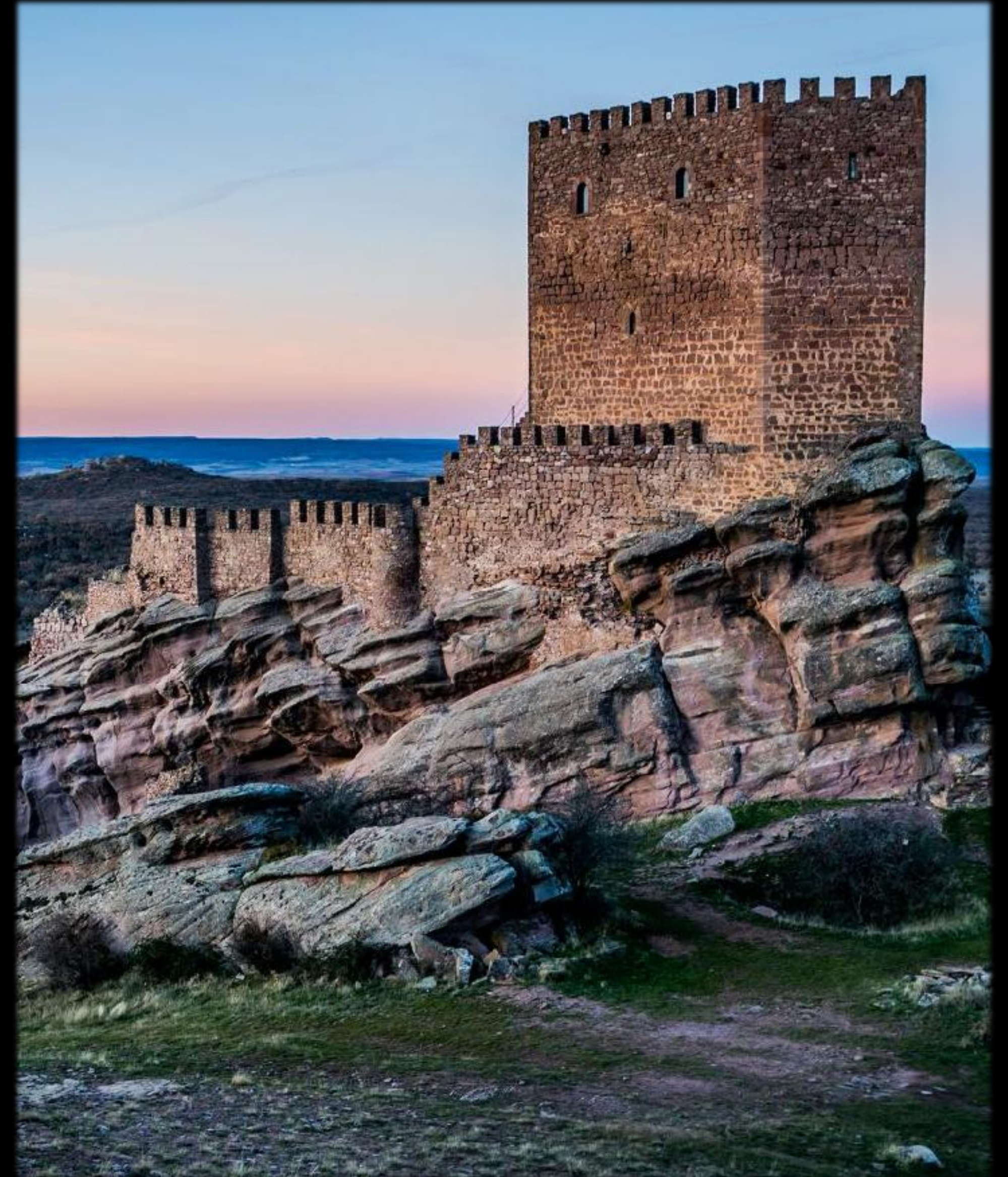
PSALM 61:3

‘For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a *strong* tower from the enemy’



PSALM 71:7

‘I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art
my **strong** refuge’





JUDGES 9:51

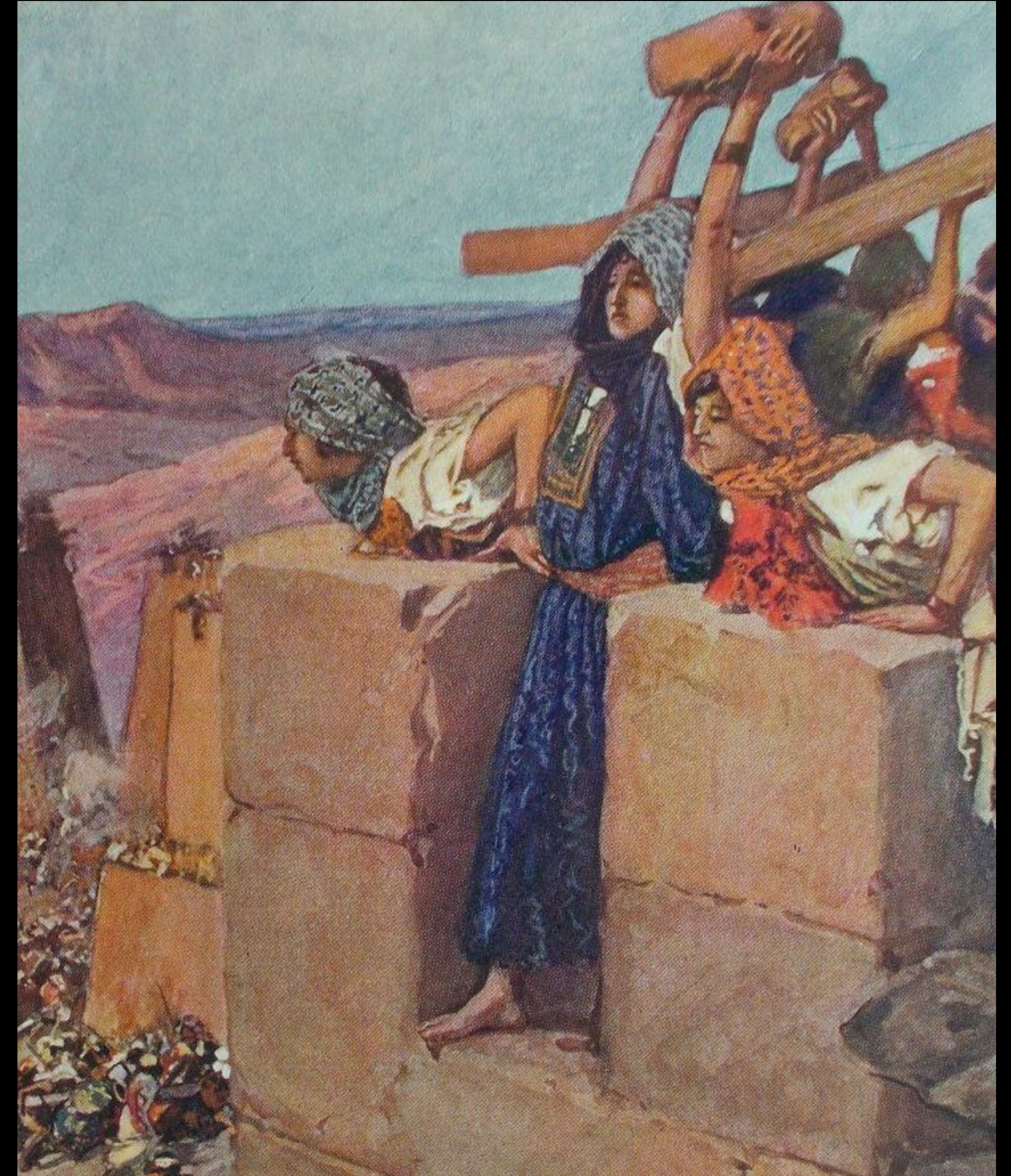
‘But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled **all** the **men and women**, and all they of the city, and **shut it to them**, and gat them **up to the top** of the tower’

GENESIS 7:16-17

‘And they that went in, went in **male and female** of **all flesh**, as God had commanded him: and Yahweh **shut him in**. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and **it was lift up** above the earth’

‘A MILLSTONE’

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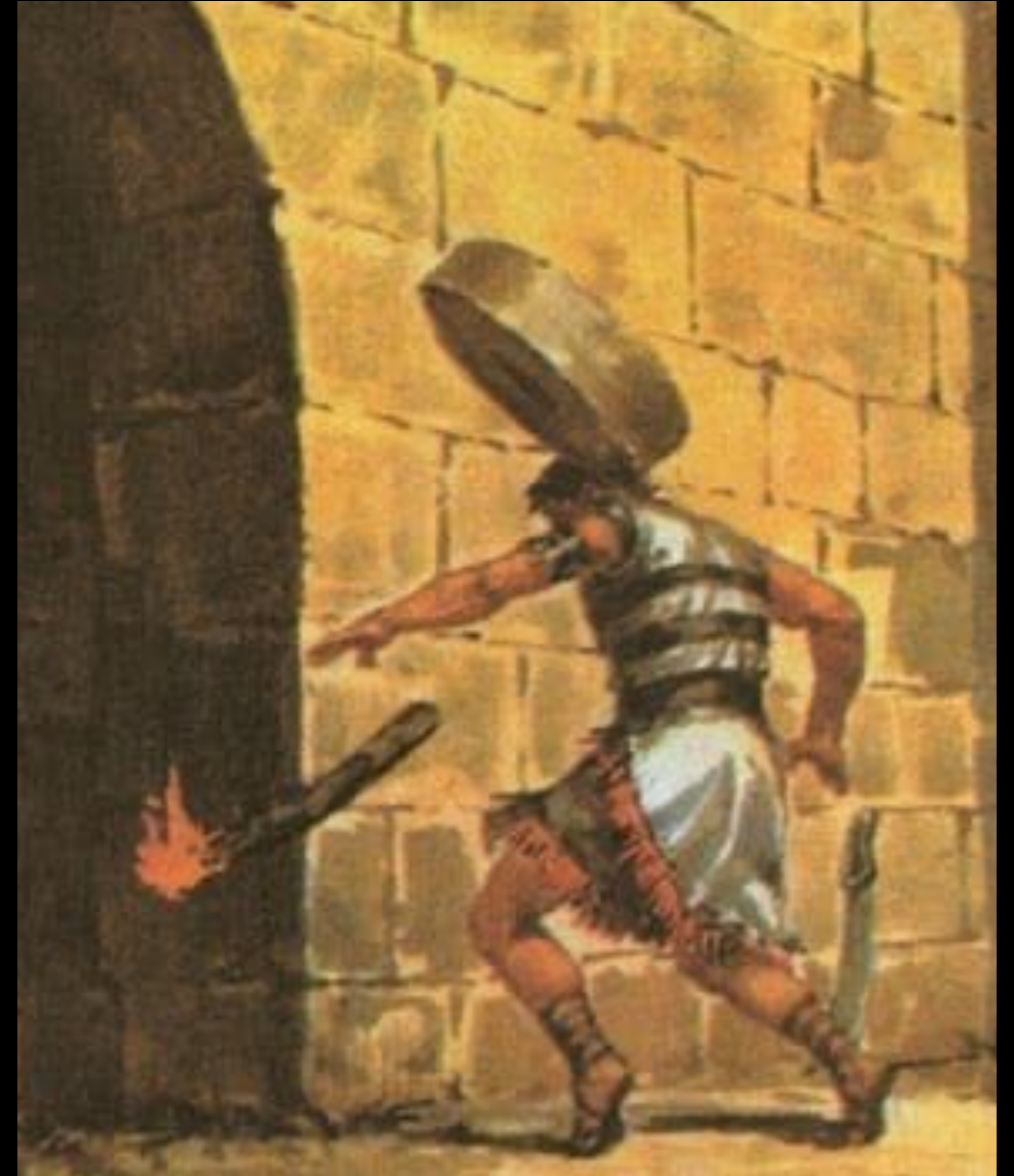


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‘**cruelty**’ Judges 9:24

