

Better Bible Study



Session 4: A Hermeneutical Approach



SHOUT OUT TO
BILL GLASS!



Assignment:

What of the Biblical
“the remove story” ?

of “the temple” ?

of “sacrifice” ?

of “giving” ?



Assignment:

What of the Biblical
~~of the~~ temple” ?

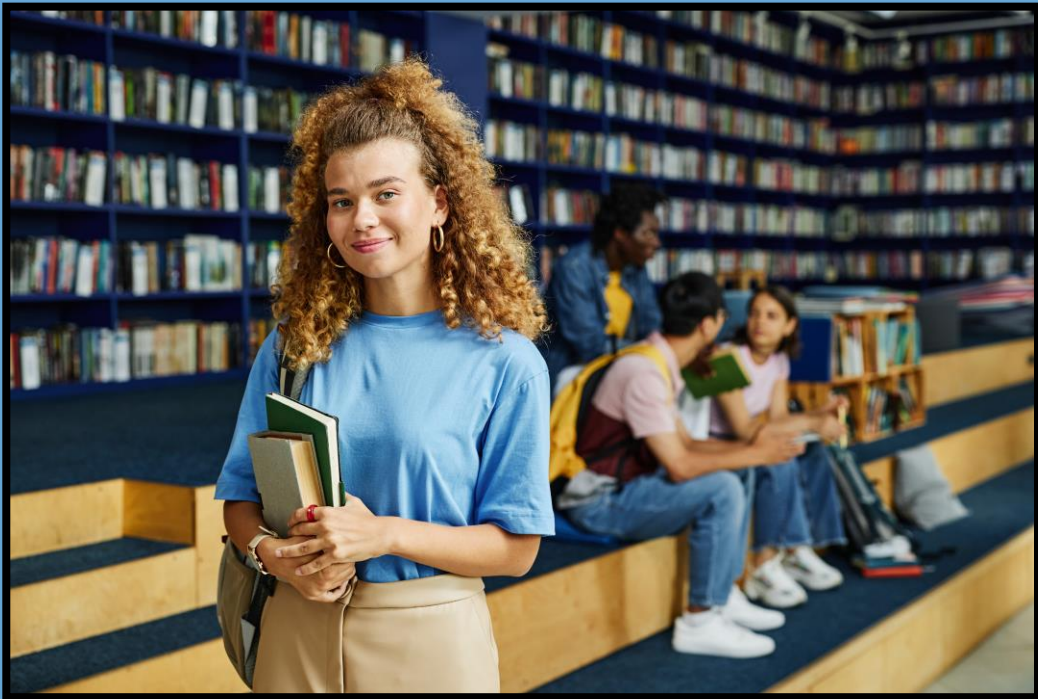
The “Western Wall” or “Wailing Wall”



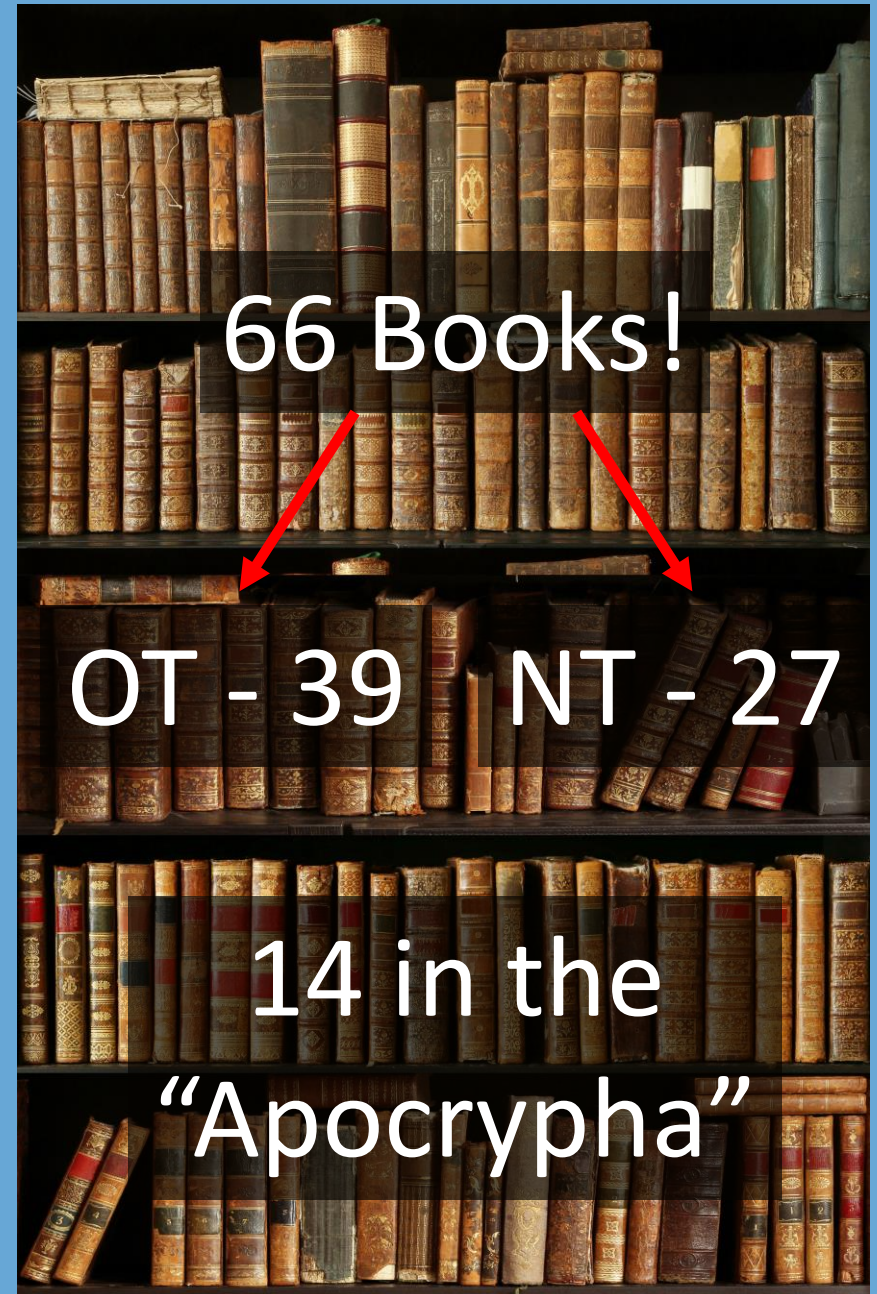
A 20AD extension of
the second temple



What is the Bible?



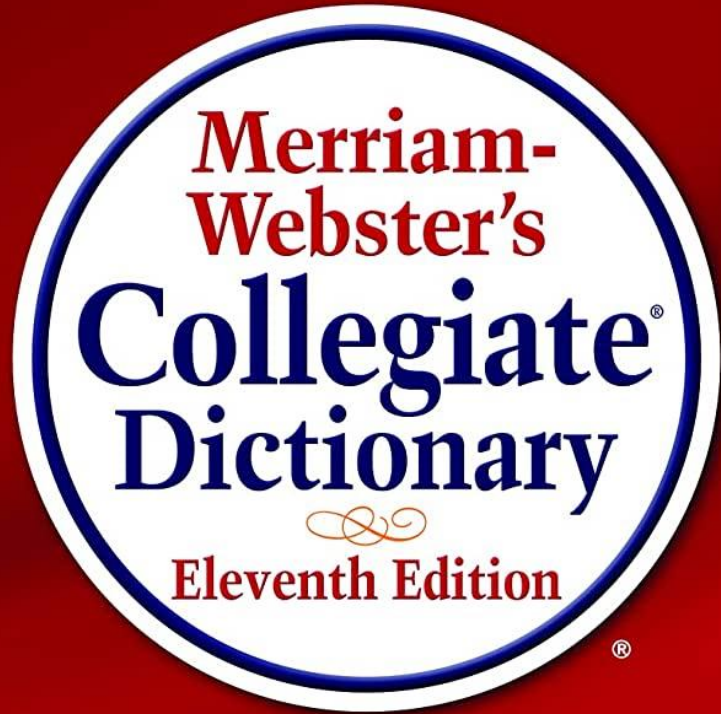
A library!



The 66 books are
something
besides the parts



America's Best-Selling Dictionary

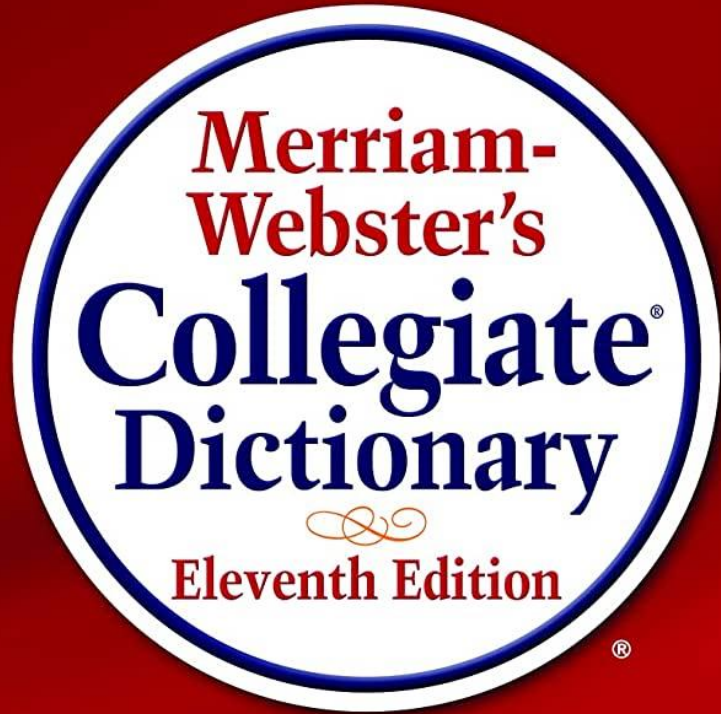


AN ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA® COMPANY

Hermeneutic

1. The study of the methodological principles of interpretation (as of the Bible)
2. A method or principle of interpretation

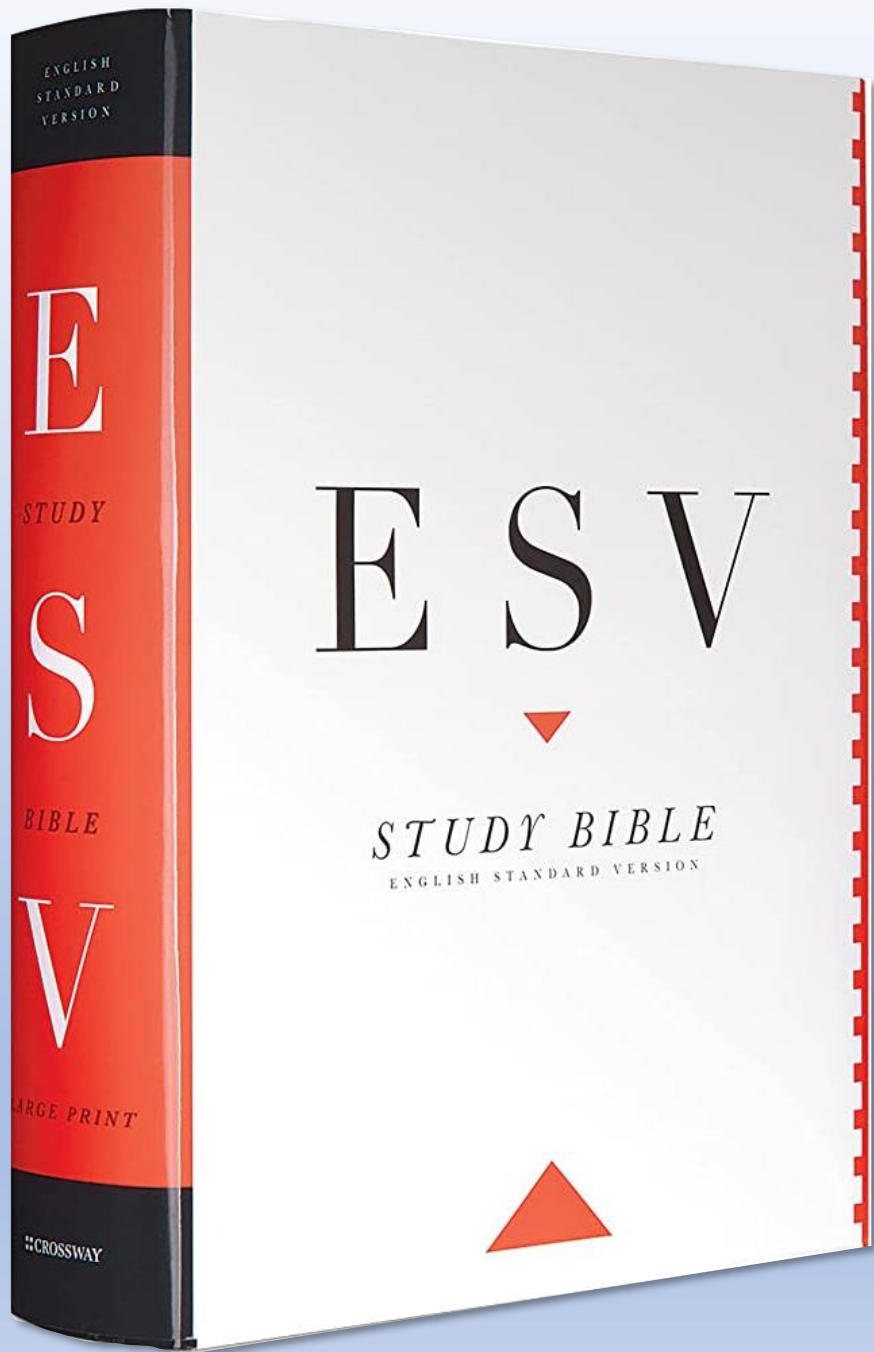
America's Best-Selling Dictionary



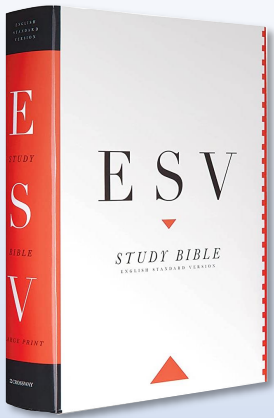
AN ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA® COMPANY

Hermeneutic

You can make better sense of the parts of the Bible by understanding the major themes and storylines of the whole Bible



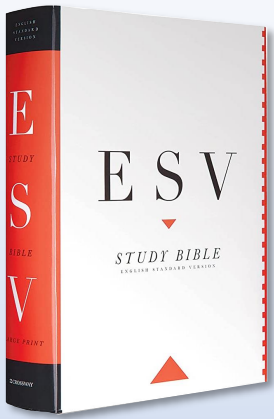
What are the major storylines or themes in the Bible?



1 What was a temple?

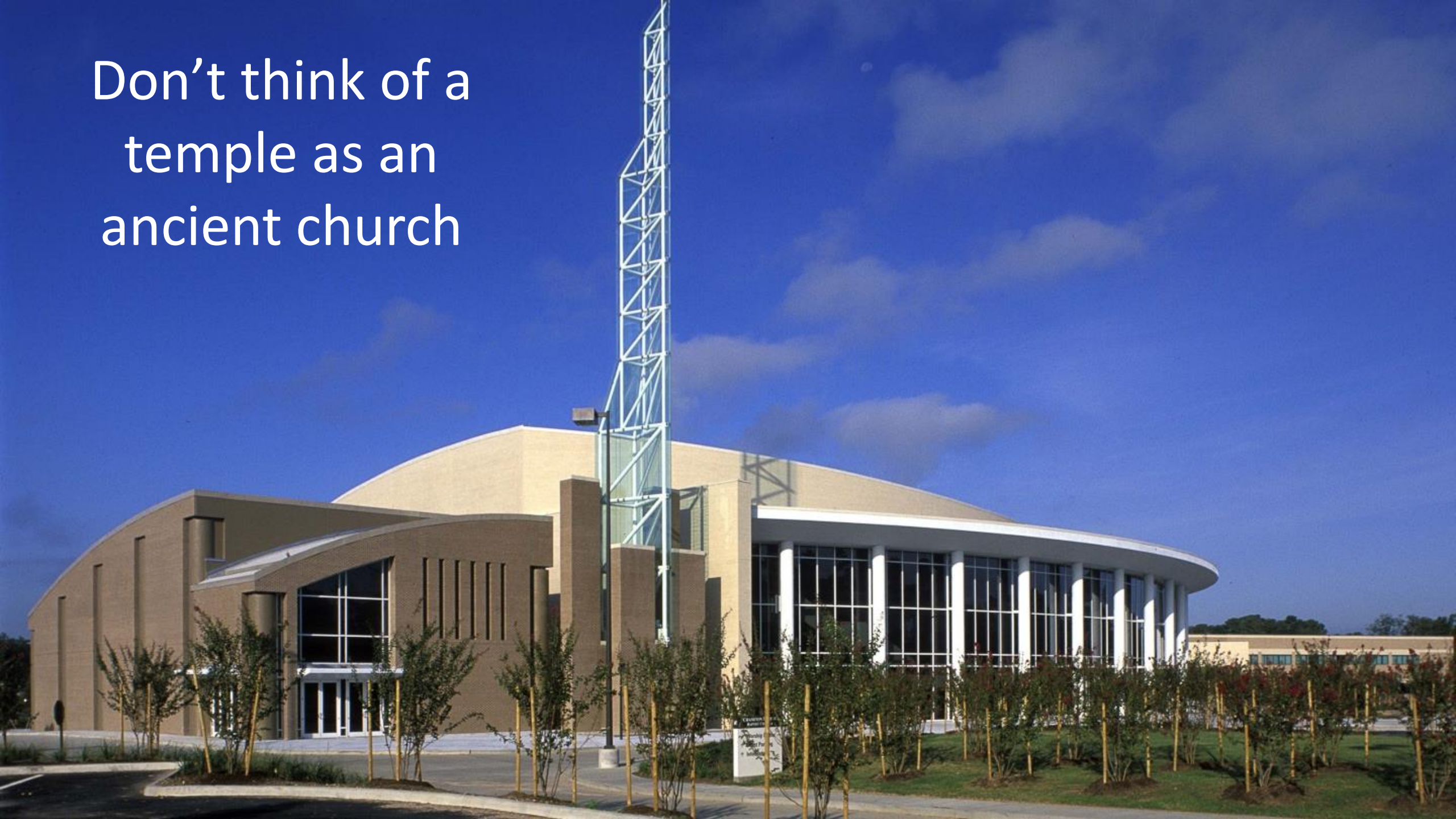
2 The temple theme in the Bible

3 Points for Home



1 What was a temple?

Don't think of a
temple as an
ancient church





GOING
THE DISTANCE

DEVELOPING A
MUSCULAR FAITH



Solomon's temple



Then Solomon said, "...I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever." 1

Kg 8:13



Solomon's temple

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God ... that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there' 1 Kg 8:13

Ziggurat at Ur





Gudea
cylinders
2100BC

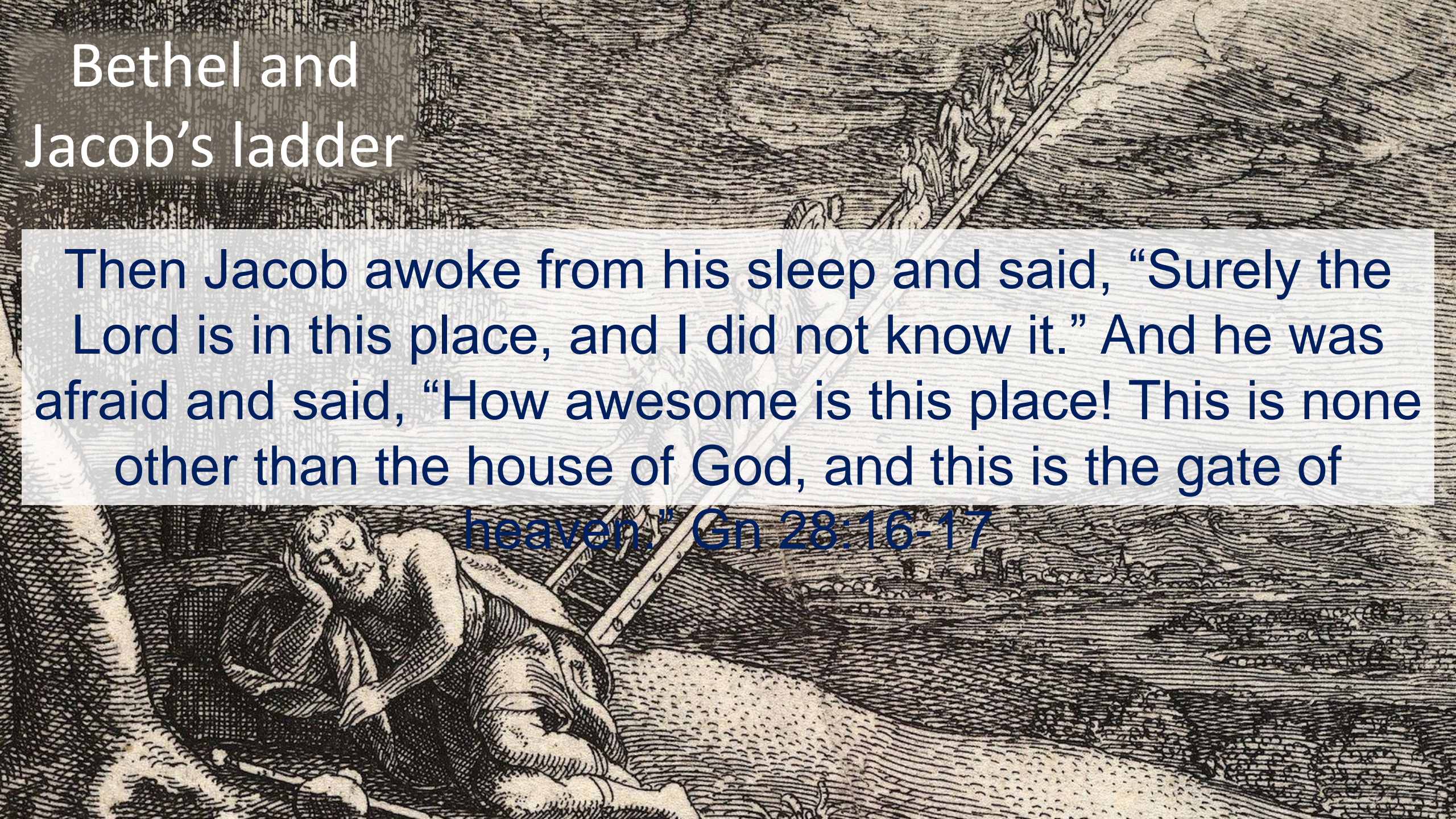
“Gudea, you were building my house
for me... you had my house shine for
me like Utu in heaven’s midst,
separating, like a lofty foothill range,
heaven from earth.”

Tomb of Ramesse IV



Bethel and Jacob's ladder

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Gn 28:16-17



Israel's tabernacle

A portable temple

And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Ex 40:33-35



Solomon's temple

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.... Ps 132:13-14



Solomon's temple

Then the glory of the Lord went out from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes... Ezek. 10:18-19



Second temple

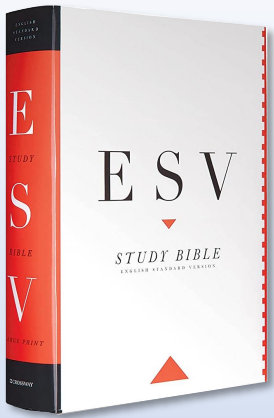
And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord... they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. **Ezr. 3:10-11**



Second temple

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

Mt. 24:1-2



1 What was a temple?

An earthly “home” of God



Solomon's temple

Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the Lord, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon, “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so

much blood before me on the earth. 1 Chr. 22:6-8



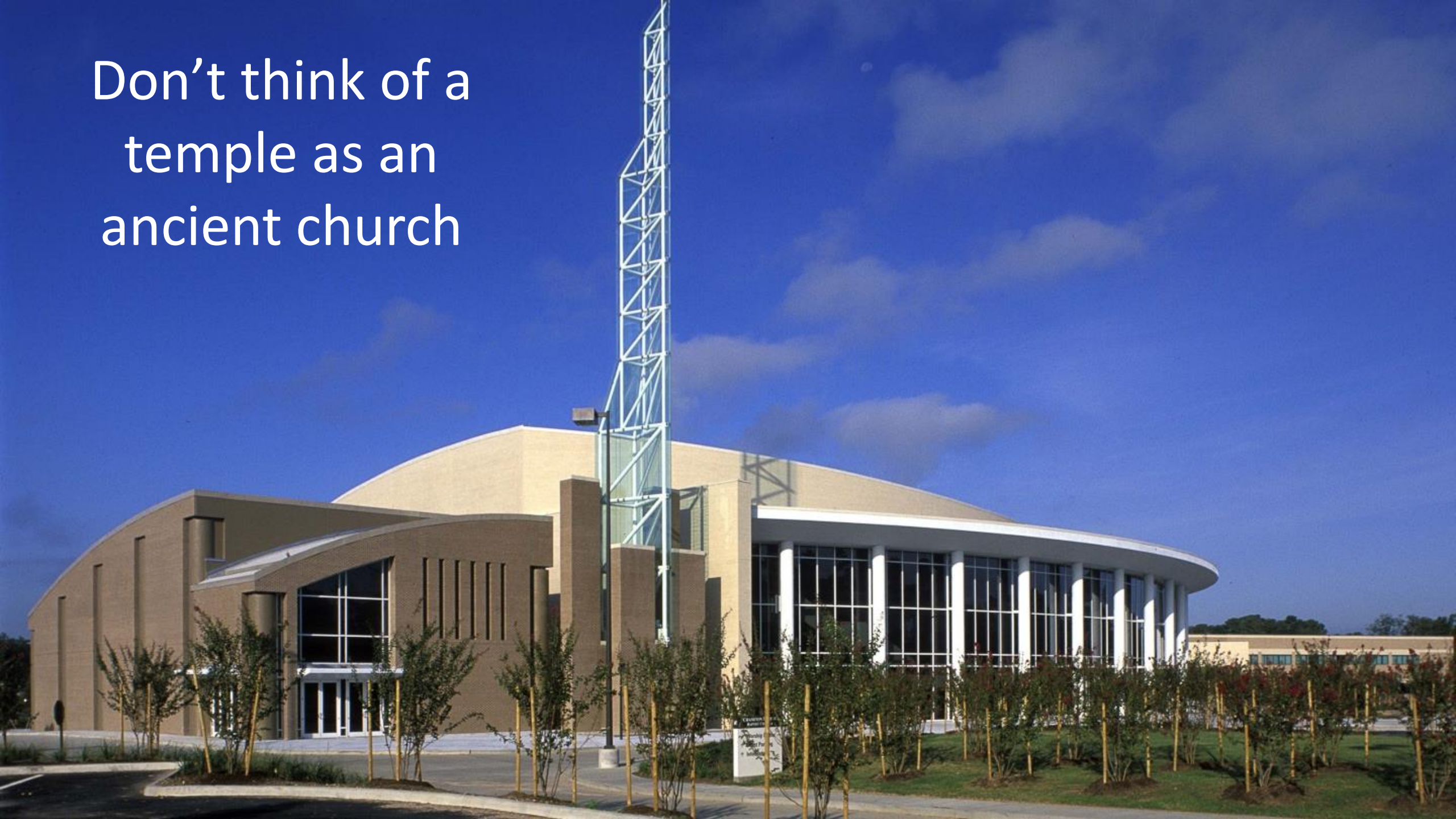
Solomon's temple

If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the LORD at Jerusalem...” 1 Kg

12:27

“Temple of the LORD” is literally “house of the LORD.”

Don't think of a
temple as an
ancient church





Unholy, impure
humans didn't go
into the temple

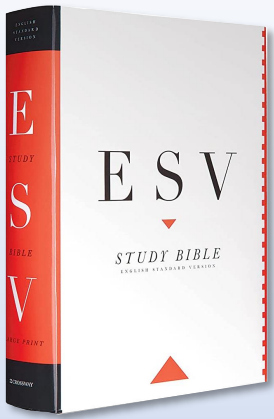


We go to church,
sit in seats and
worship God



Solomon's temple

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train[a] of his robe filled the temple...And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Isa. 6:1, 5



1 What was a temple?

2 The temple theme in the Bible



Ancient context

God's rest

Garden of Eden

The temple
in creation

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (Gn. 3:8)

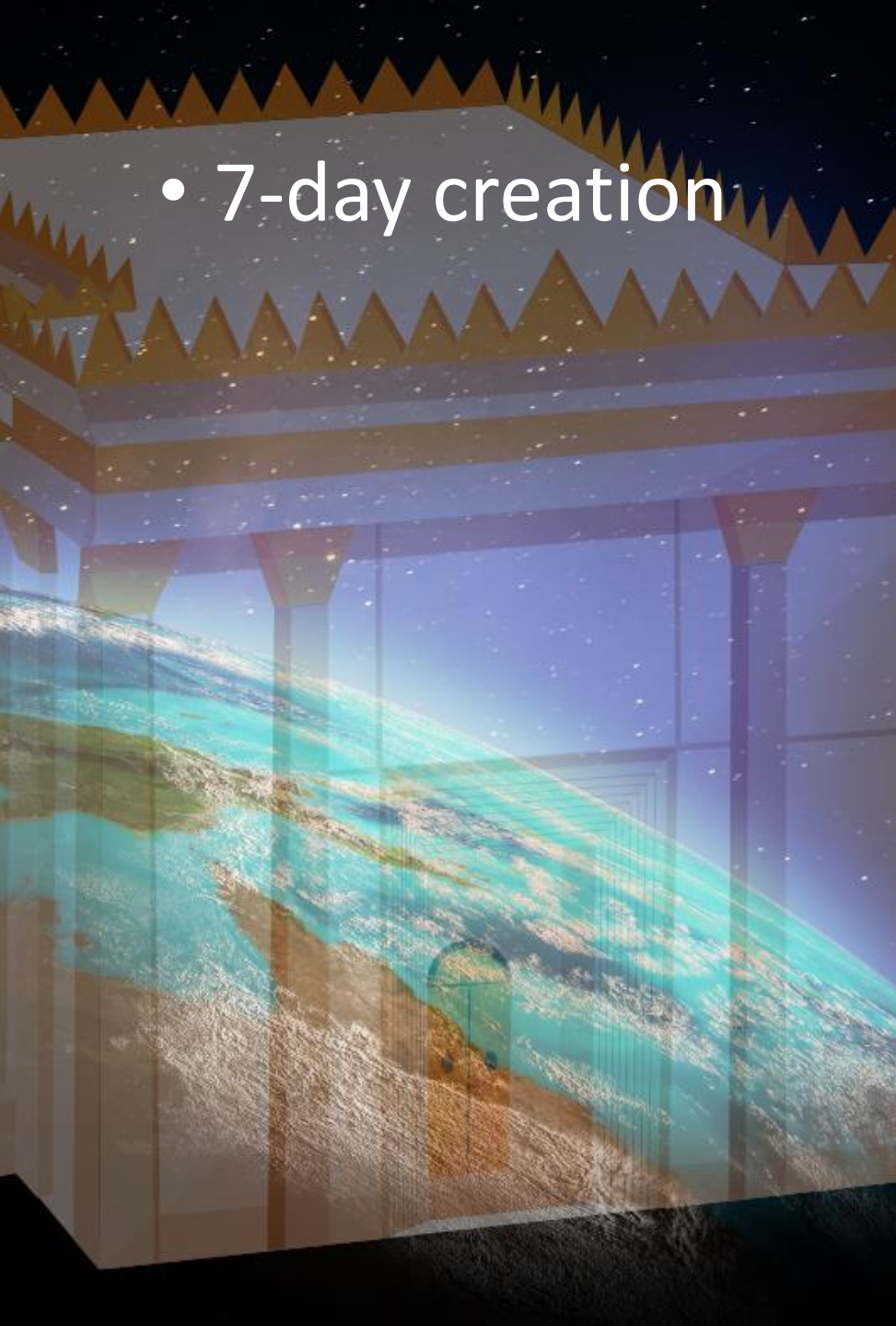
Israel's tabernacle

A portable temple

And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

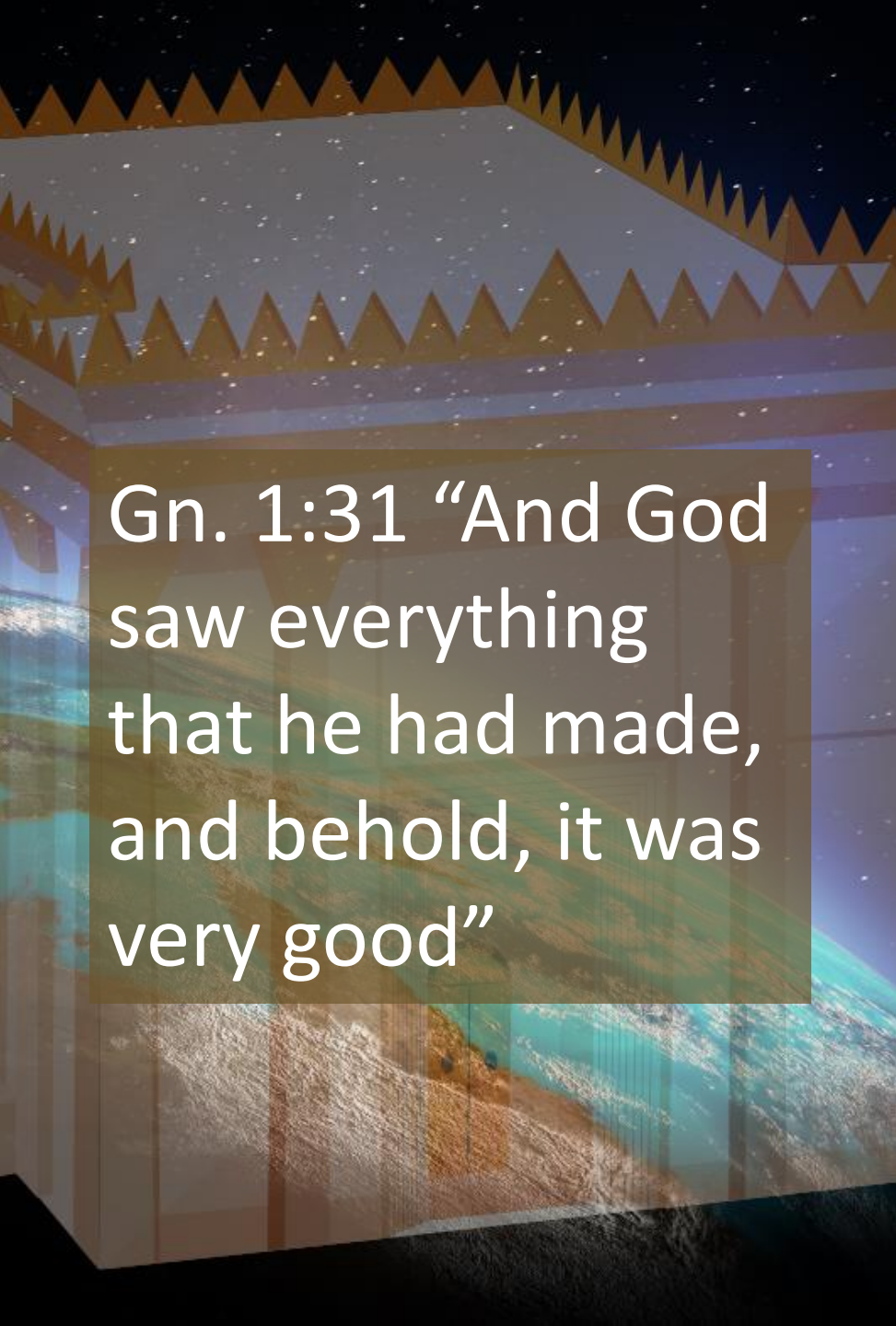
Ex 40:33-35

- 7-day creation

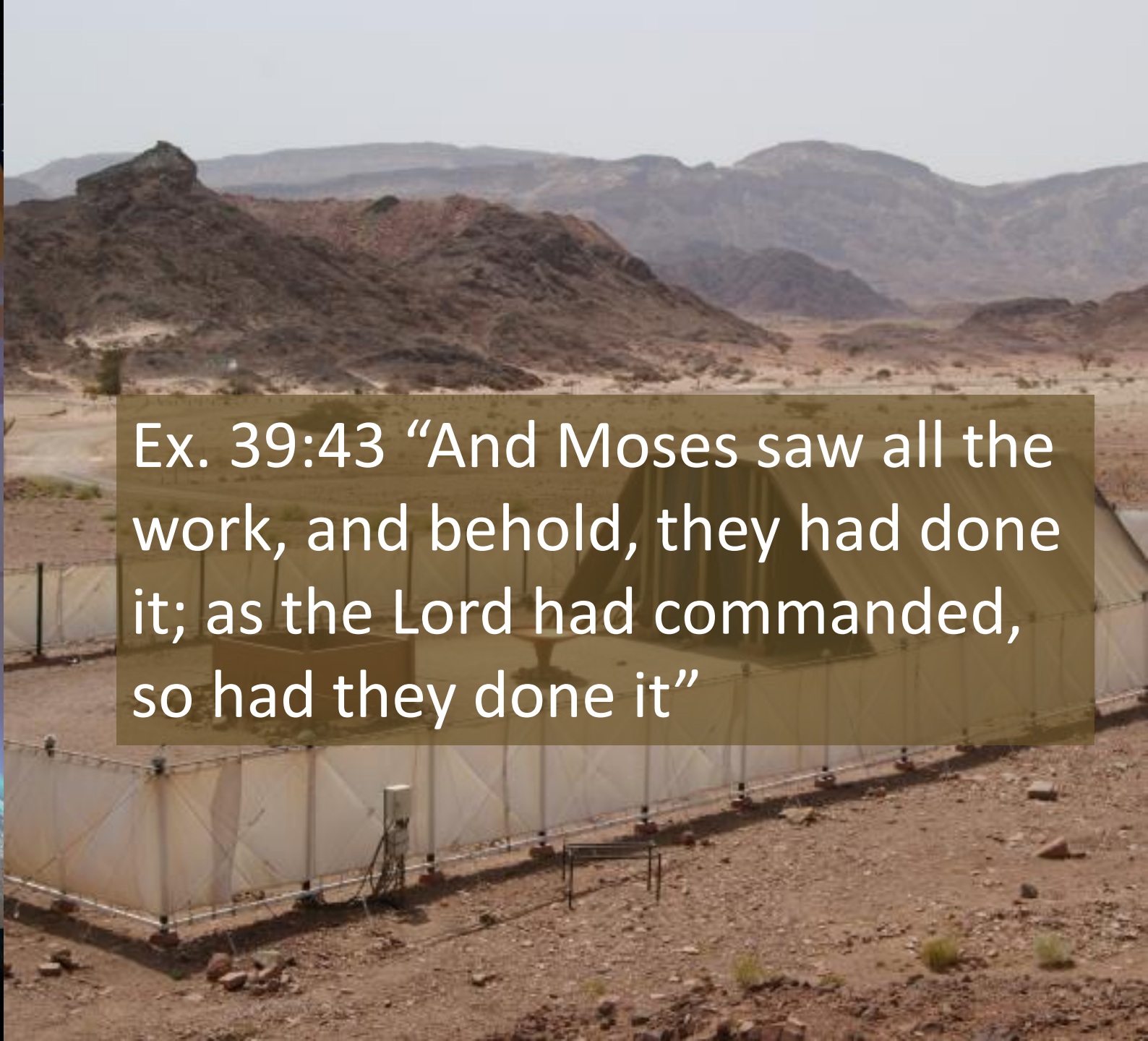


- 7-day dedication

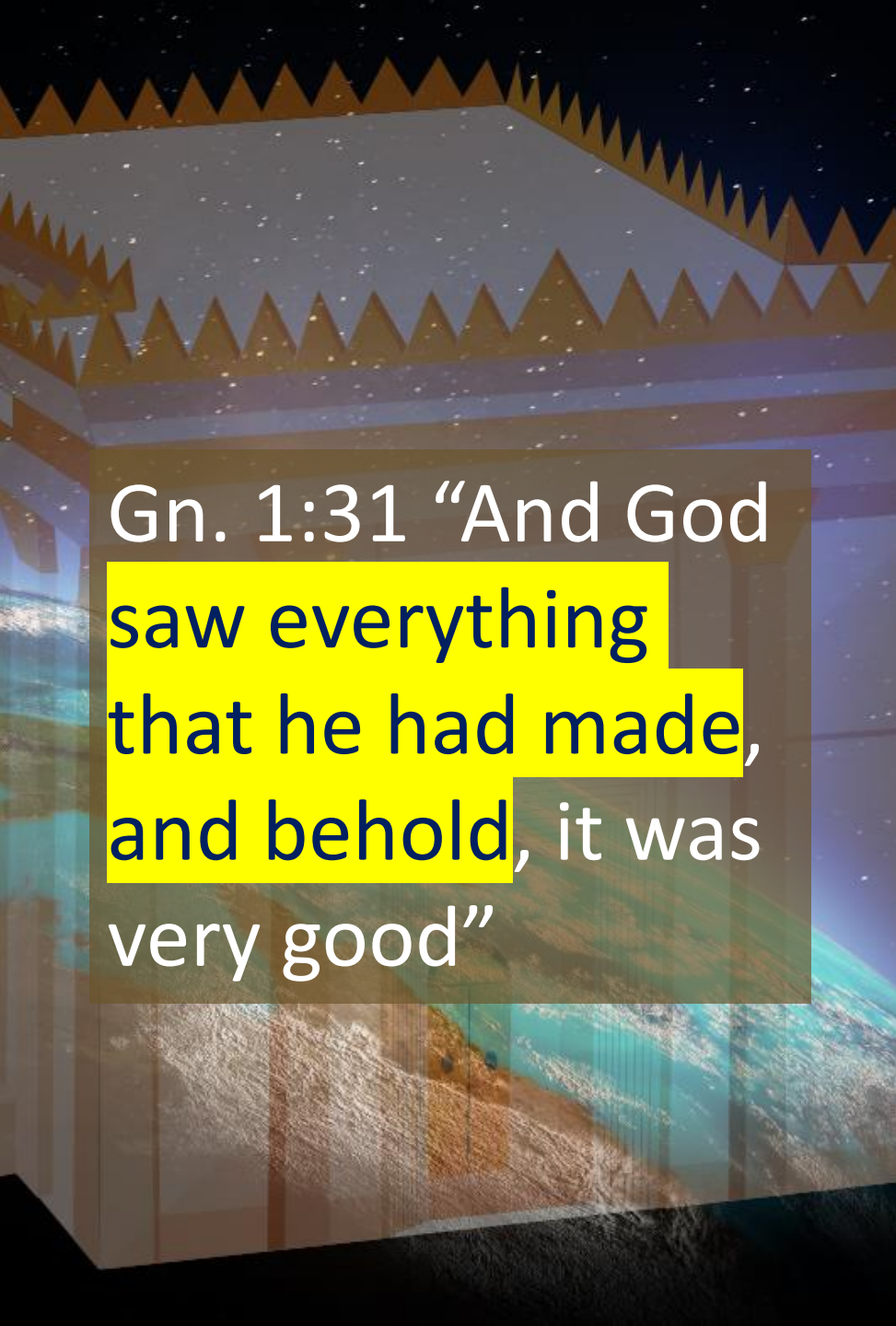




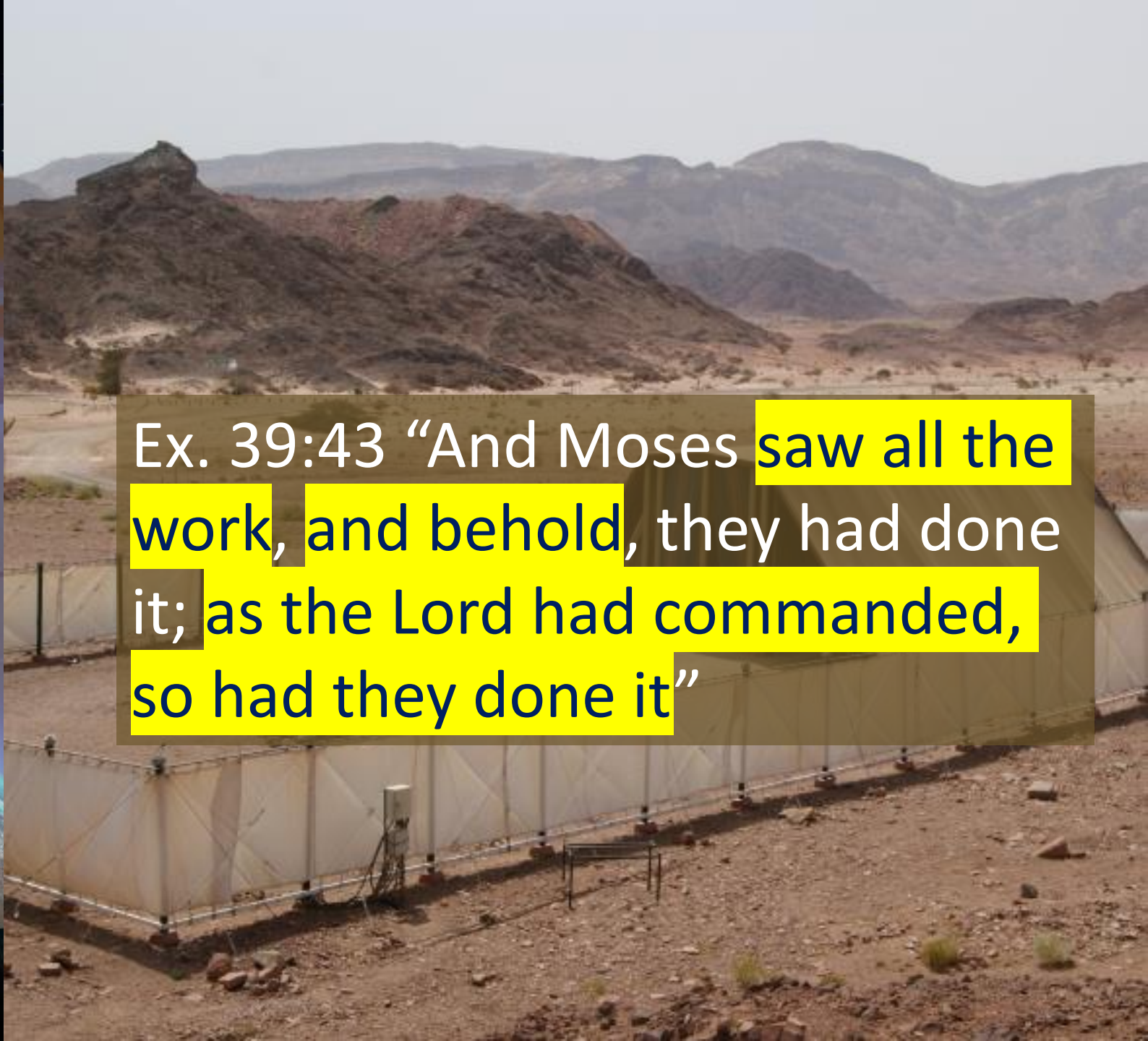
Gn. 1:31 “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good”



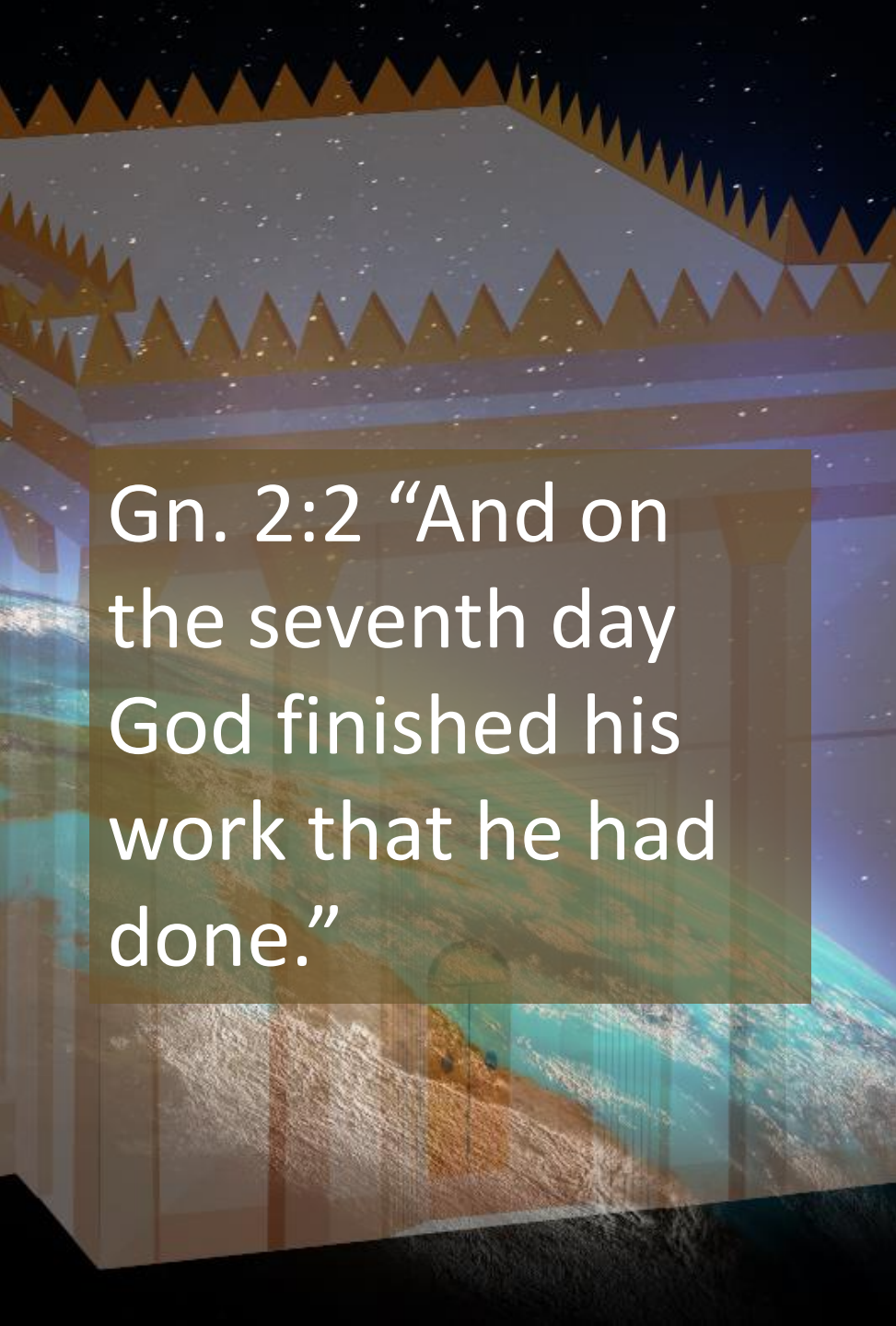
Ex. 39:43 “And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it”



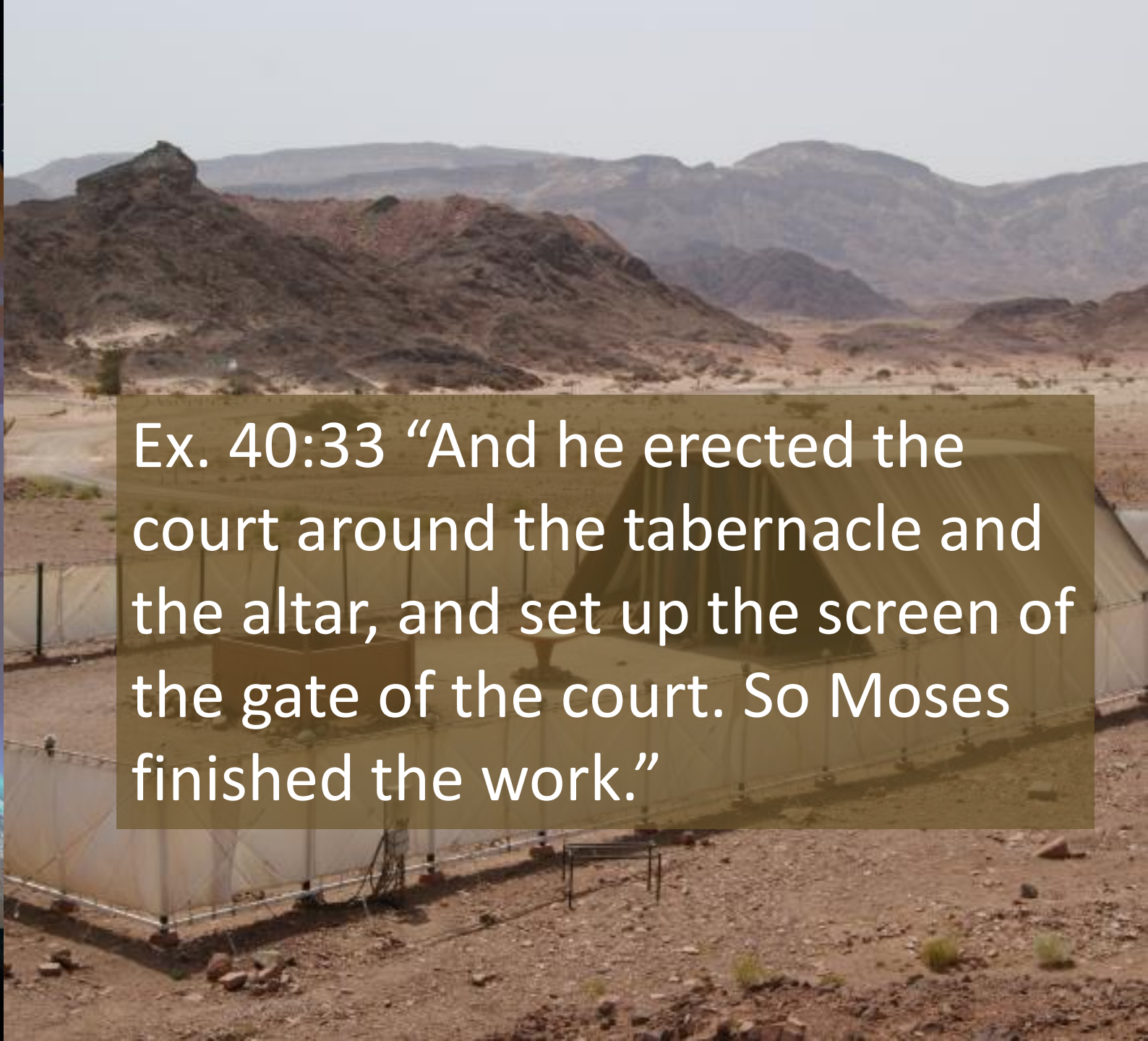
Gn. 1:31 “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good”



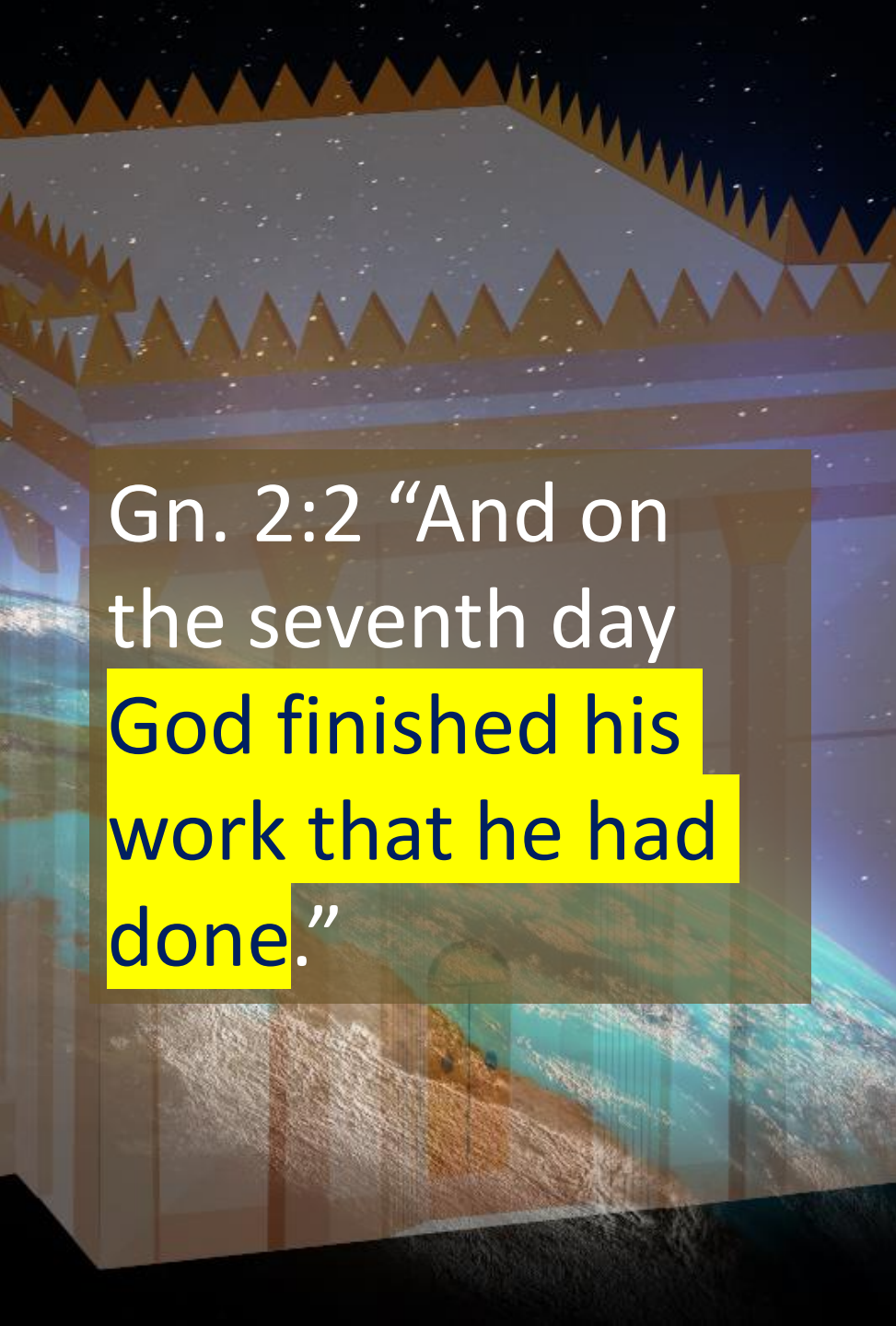
Ex. 39:43 “And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it”



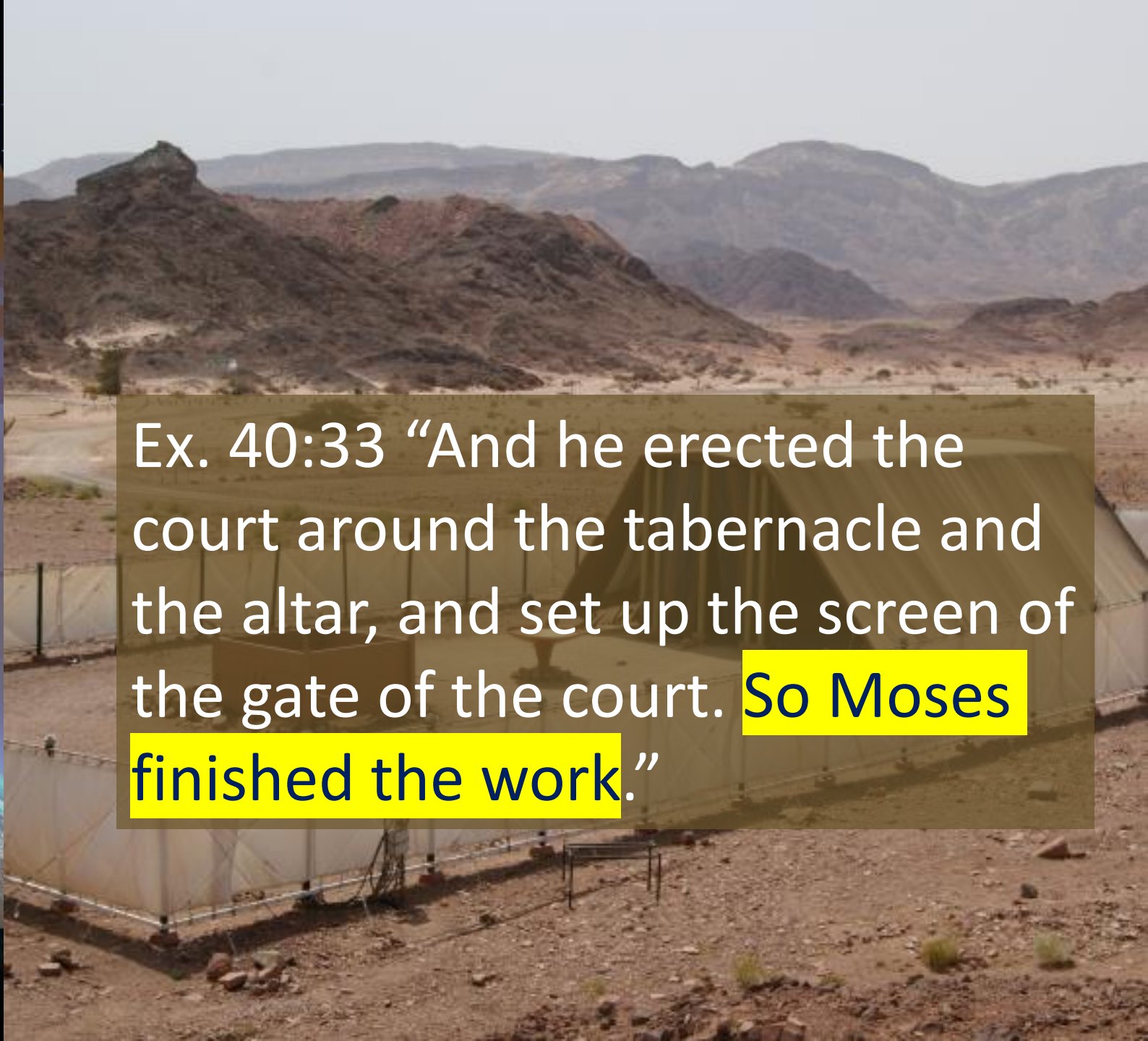
Gn. 2:2 “And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done.”



Ex. 40:33 “And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.”



Gn. 2:2 “And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done.”



Ex. 40:33 “And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.”

A dramatic landscape with a bright light source on a path. The scene is set in a valley with dark, rocky terrain on either side. A bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, is positioned in the distance, casting long, golden rays of light across the path and the surrounding landscape. The sky is a deep, dark blue, and the overall atmosphere is one of awe and wonder.

Jn 1:1, 14 In the beginning was the word...

Jn 1:1, 14 ...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us

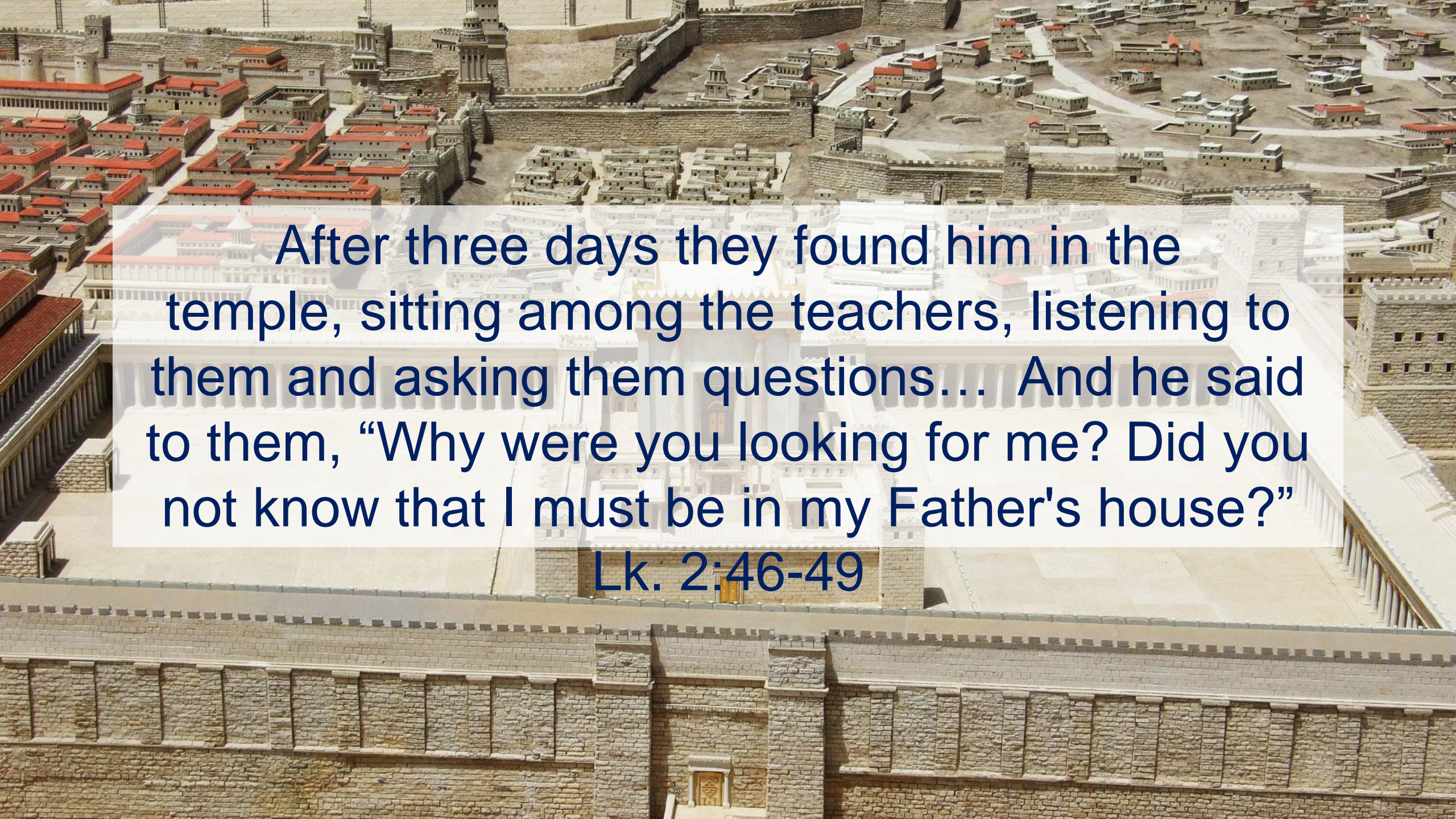


PAUSE

A dramatic landscape with a bright light source on a road. The scene is set in a valley with dark, rocky terrain on either side. A bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, is positioned in the distance, casting long, golden rays of light across the scene. The light rays create a strong sense of depth and focus, drawing the viewer's eye towards the center of the image. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and wonder, with a mix of dark, moody tones and bright, warm highlights.

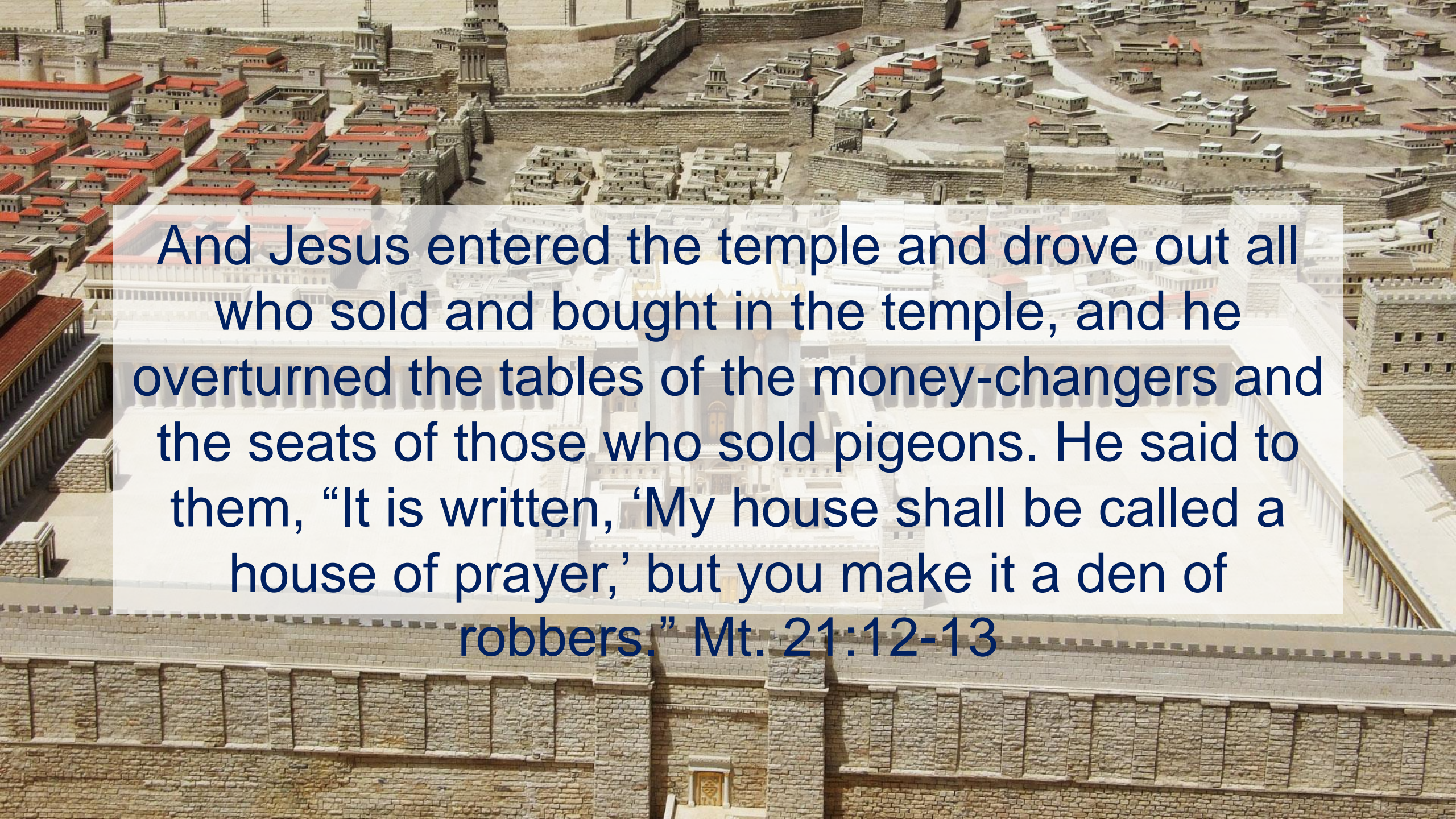
Jn 1:1, 14 In the beginning was the word...

Jn 1:1, 14 ...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us

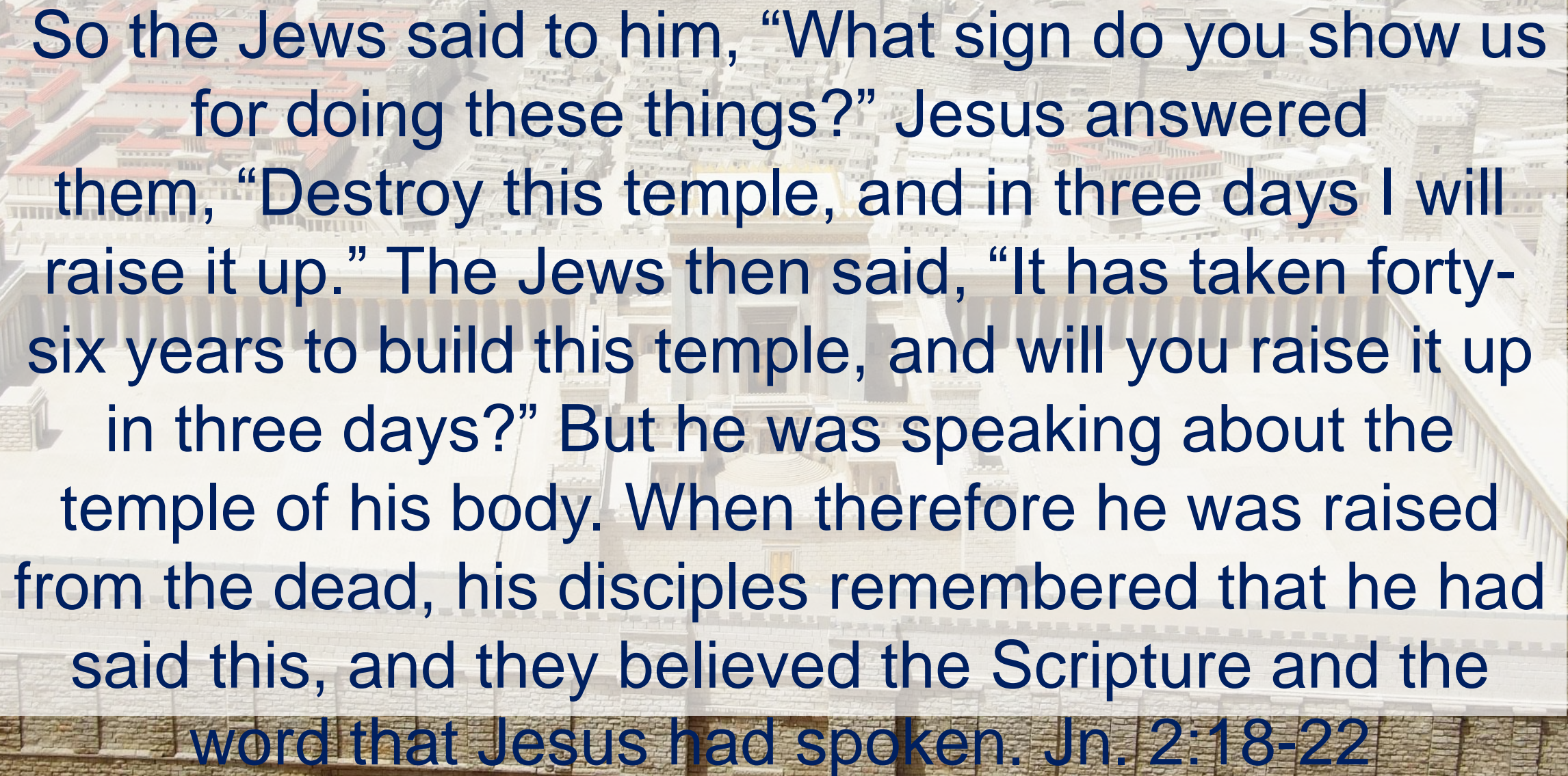


After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions... And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”

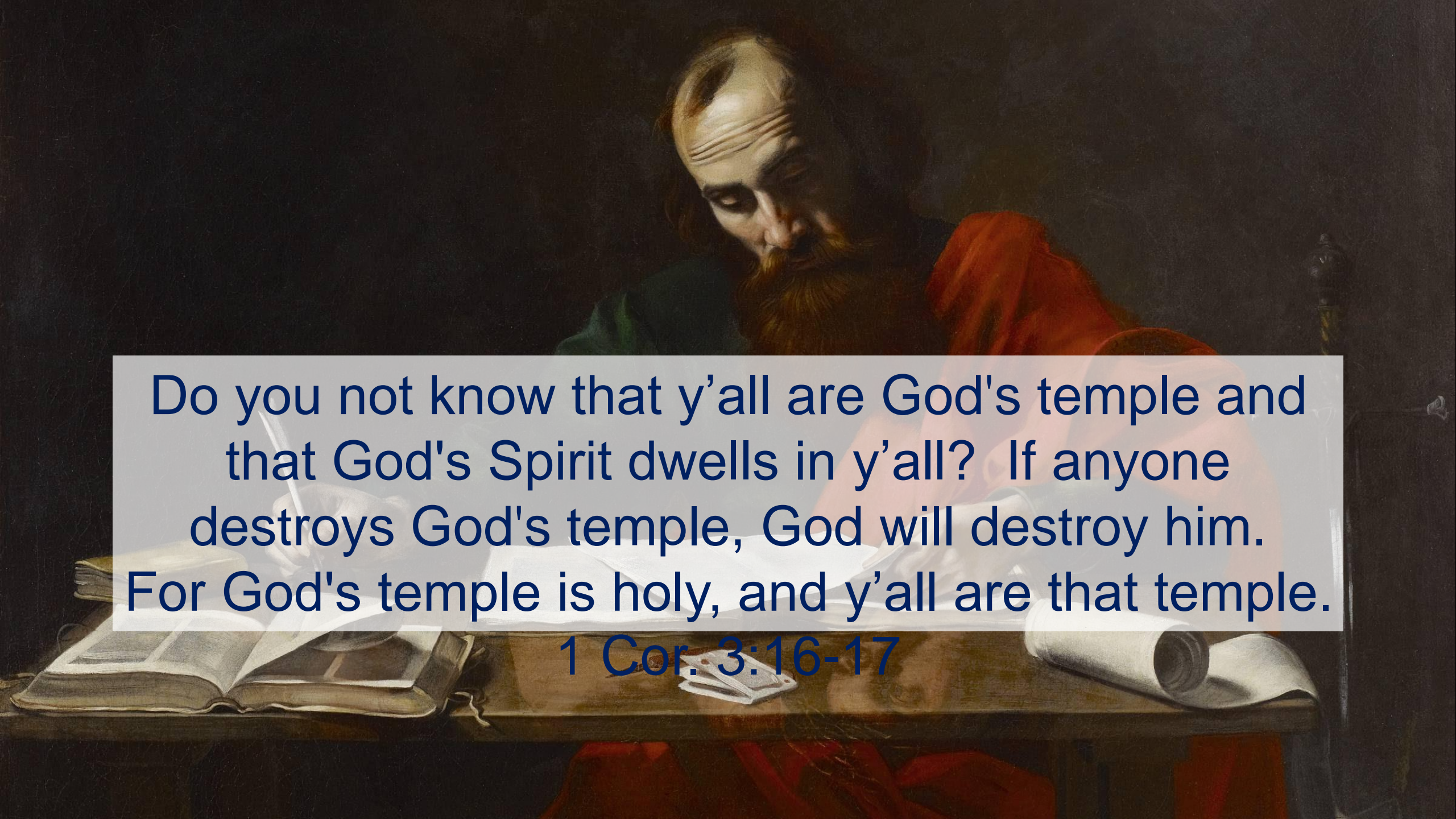
Lk. 2:46-49



And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” Mt. 21:12-13

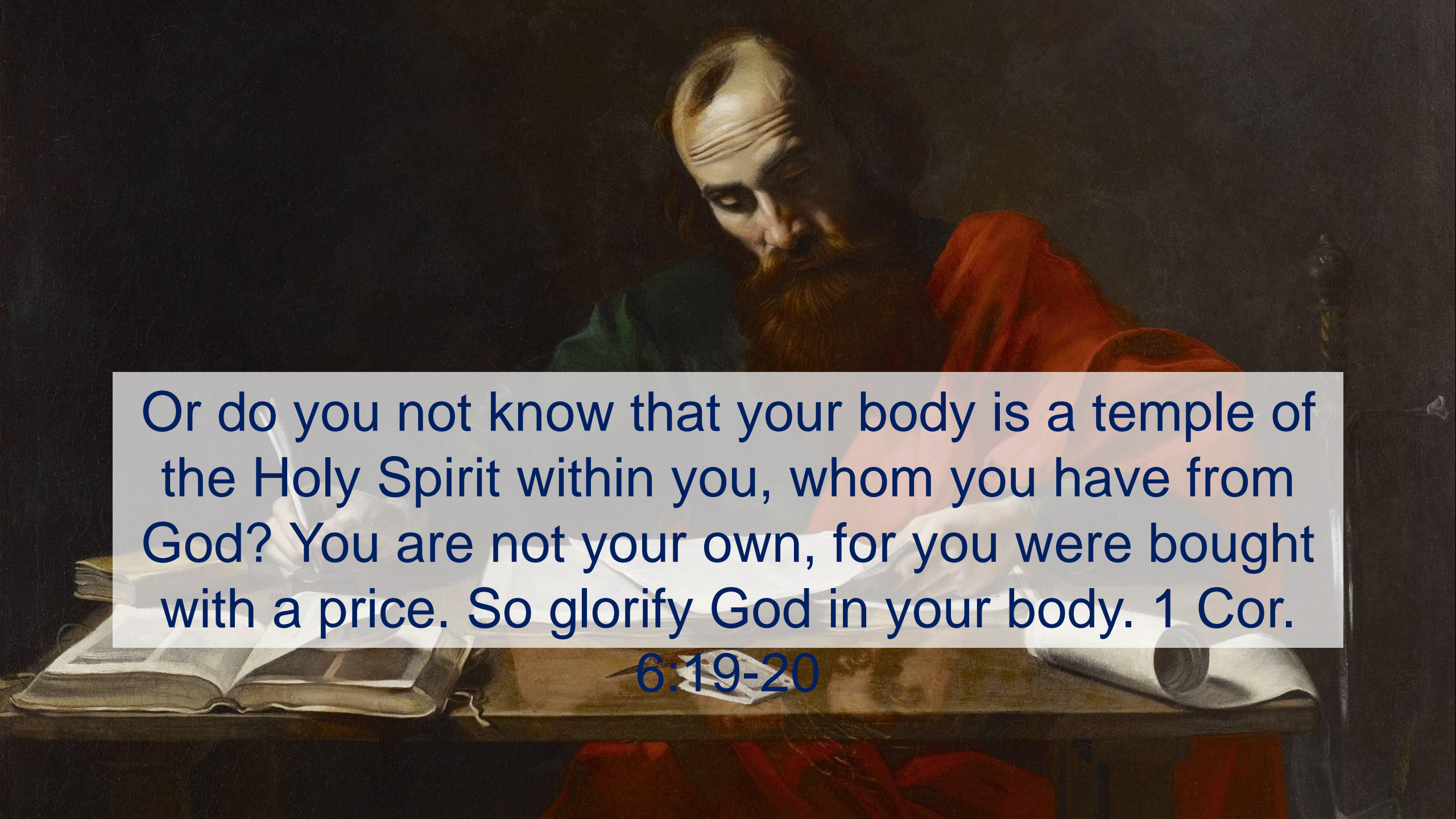
An aerial view of a historical city, likely Jerusalem, showing stone walls, buildings with red roofs, and a central temple area. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. Jn. 2:18-22



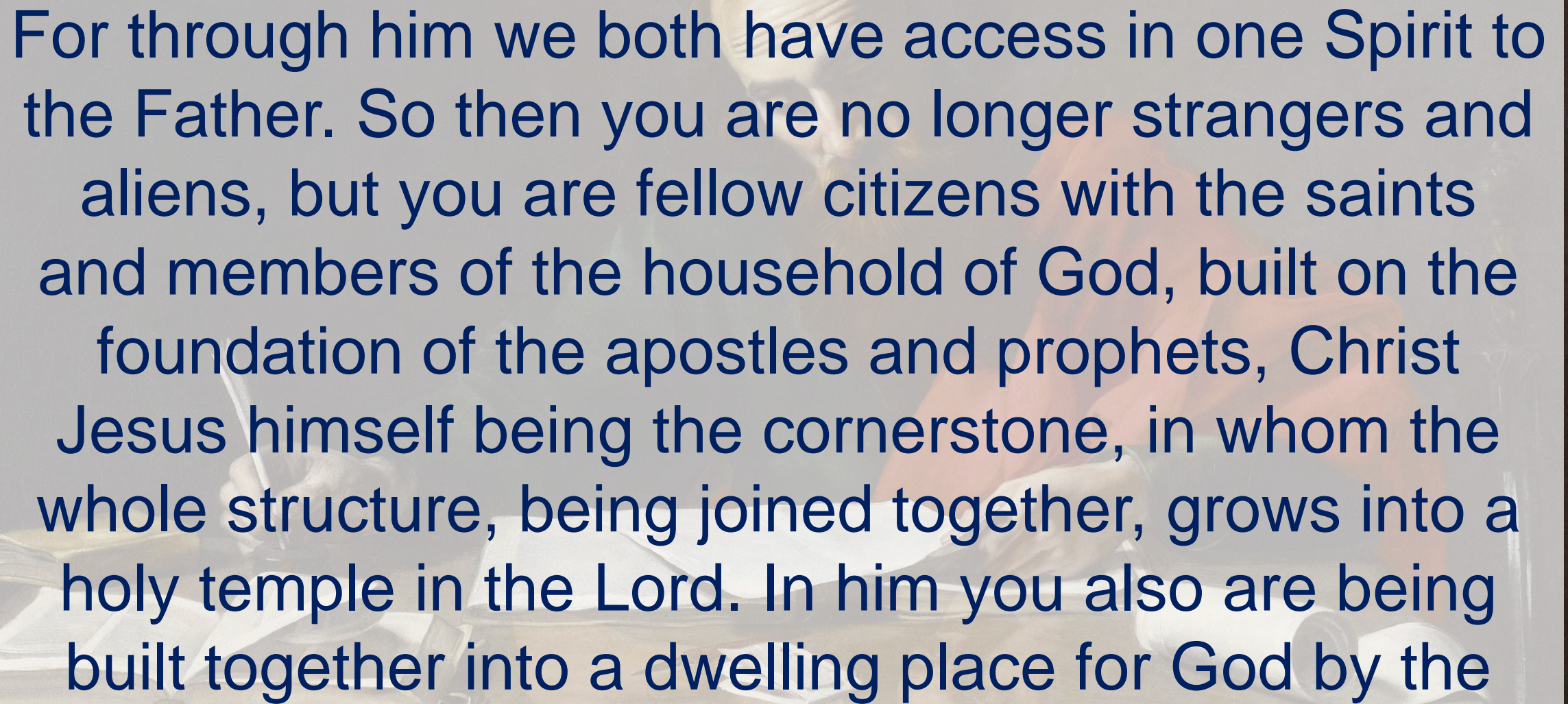
Do you not know that y'all are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in y'all? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and y'all are that temple.

1 Cor. 3:16-17



Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Cor.

6:19-20

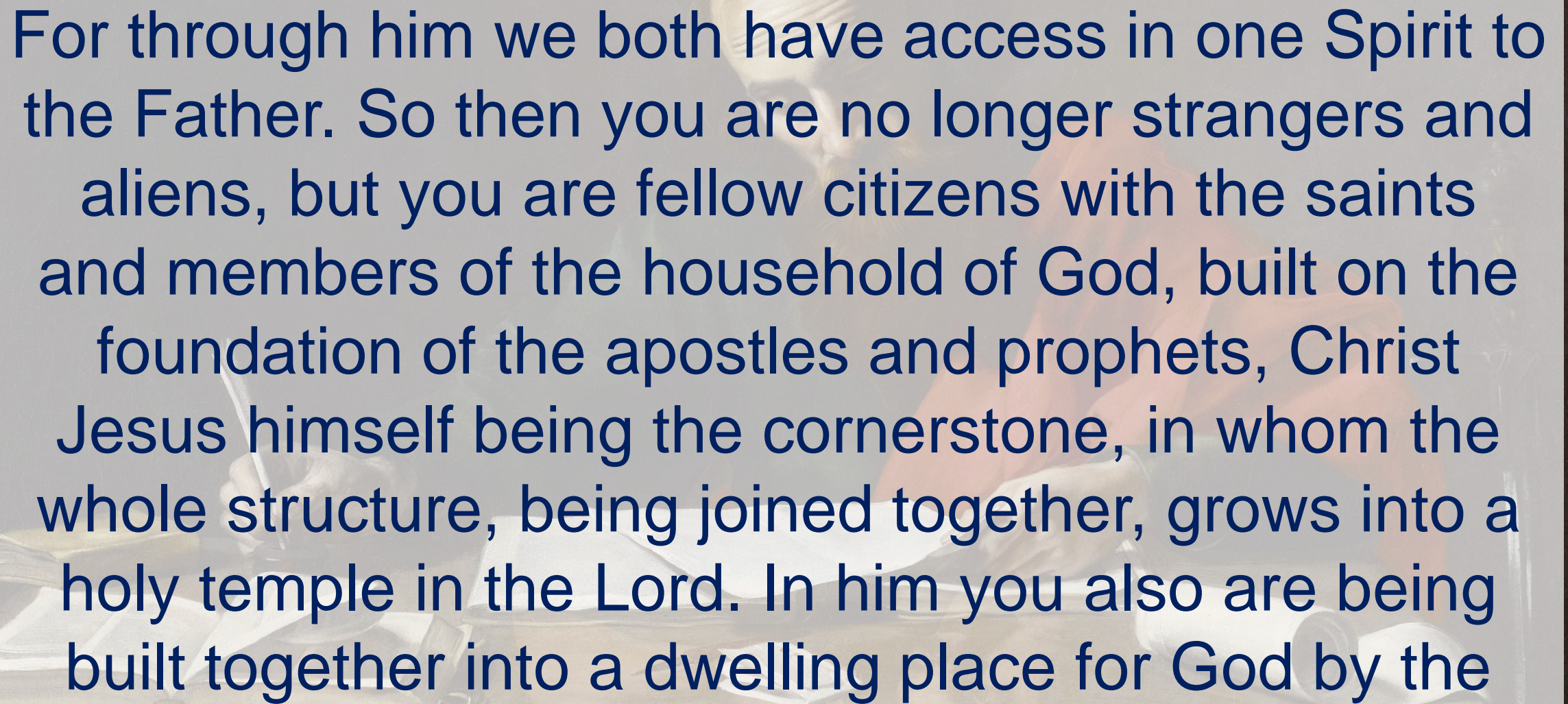


For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the

Spirit. Eph. 2:18-22

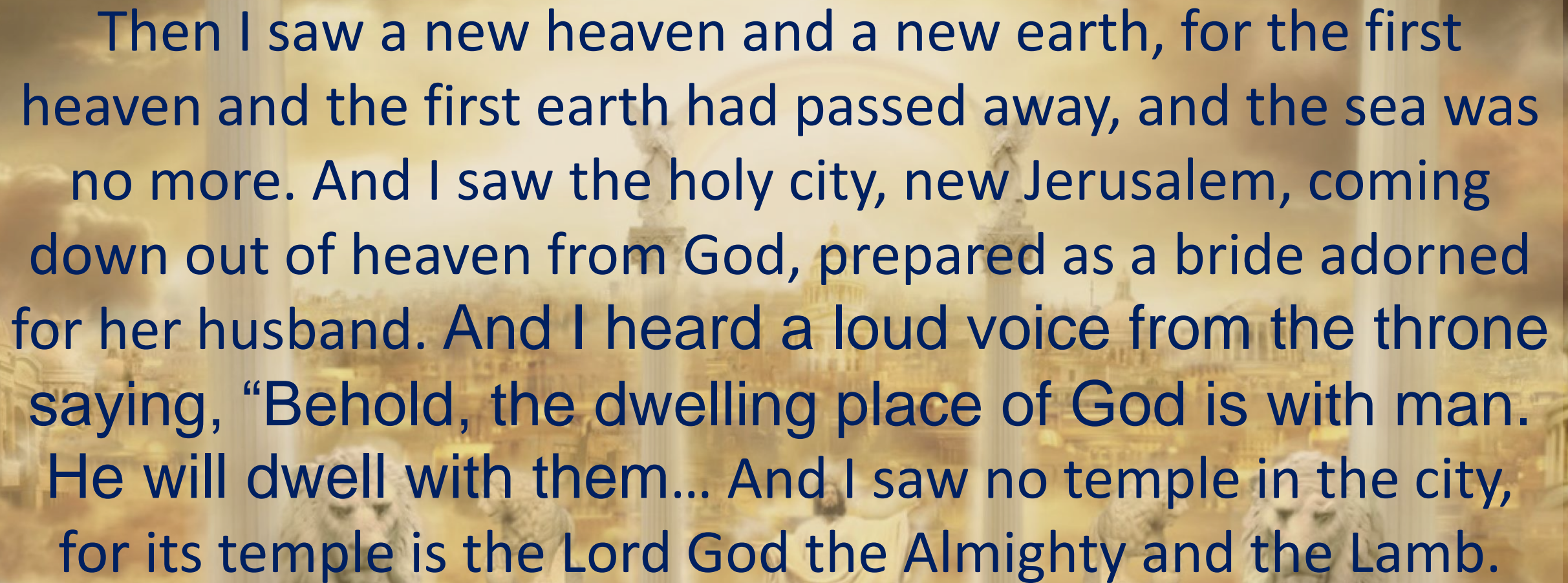


PAUSE

A faint background image of a person in a red garment writing in a book. The person is seen from the side, with their head bowed and hands on the pages. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid clearly.

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the

Spirit. Eph. 2:18-22



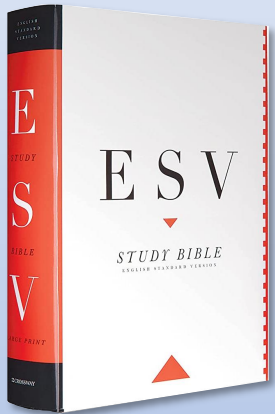
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them... And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

(Rev. 21:1-3, 22)

1 What was a temple?

2 The temple theme in the Bible

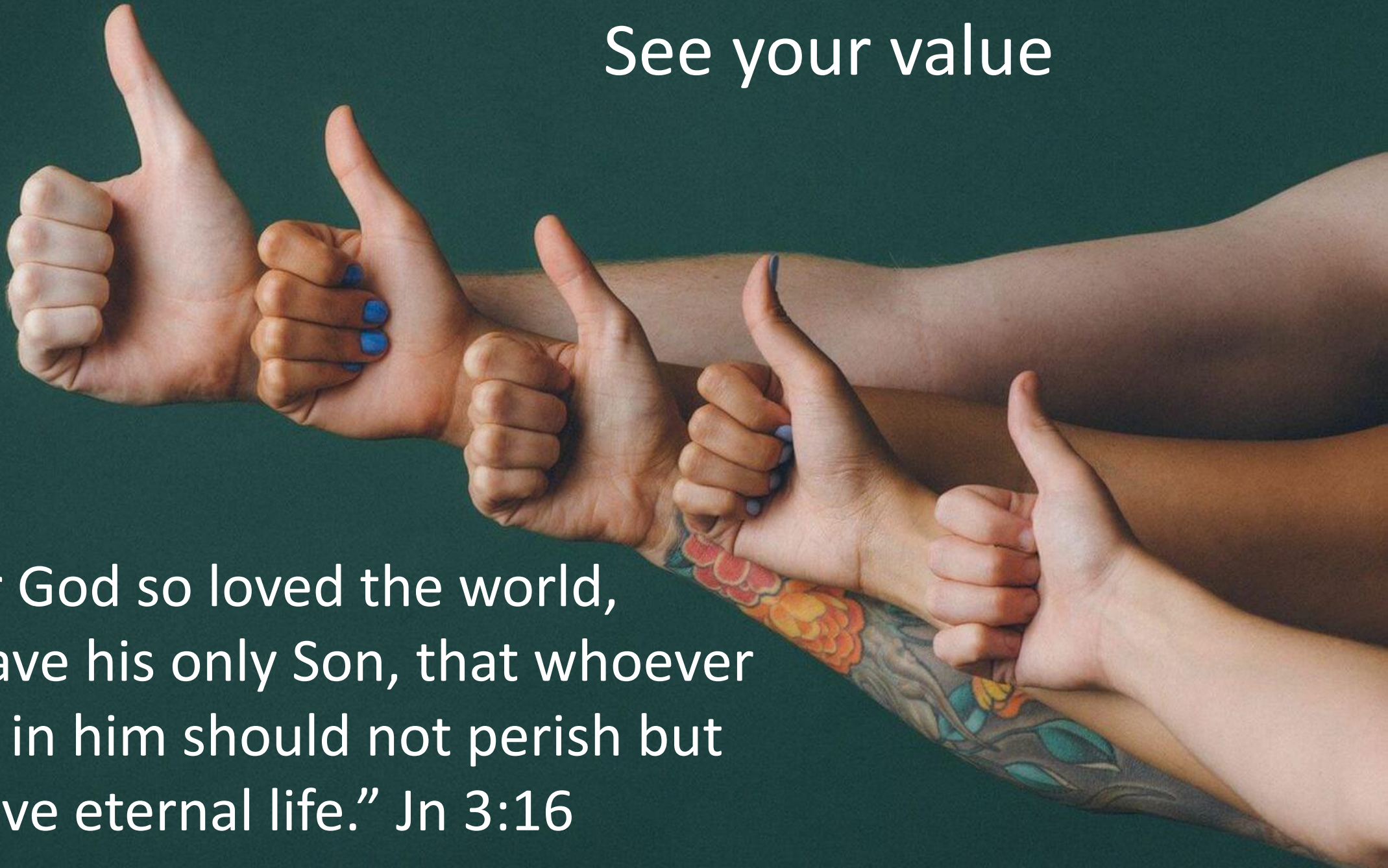
3 Points for Home



Points For Home



See your value



“For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son, that whoever
believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life.” Jn 3:16

See your need

“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips” Isa. 6:5



See your destiny

“Behold, the dwelling
place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them” Rev.

21:2



HOMEWORK!!!





Assignment:

What of the Biblical
“~~the~~ love story” ?

of “sacrifice” ?

of “giving” ?