

# Better Bible Study



# Session 8: A Hermeneutical Approach





One goal:  
To give purpose  
and meaning in  
life's storms





Another goal:  
To help value our  
past and future





Assignment:

What of the Biblical  
themes of "Exile" ?



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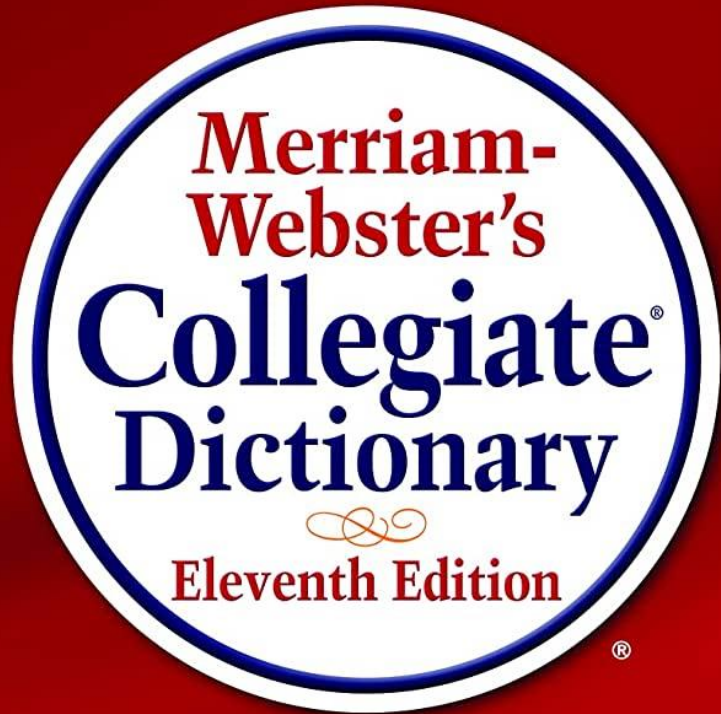
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## Exile

The state or a period of forced absence from one's country or home







“The” exile





And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gn 2:8-9)



HOME  
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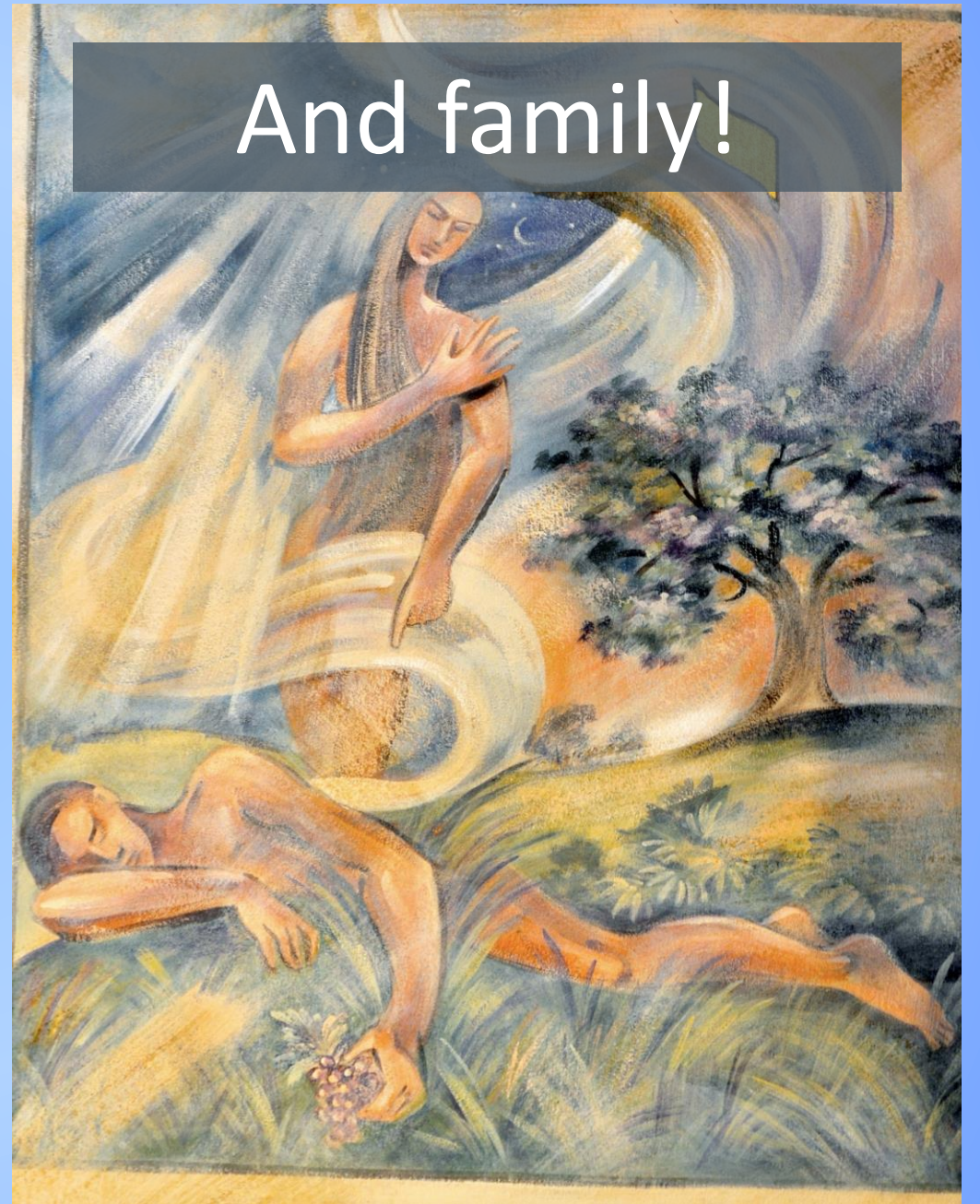
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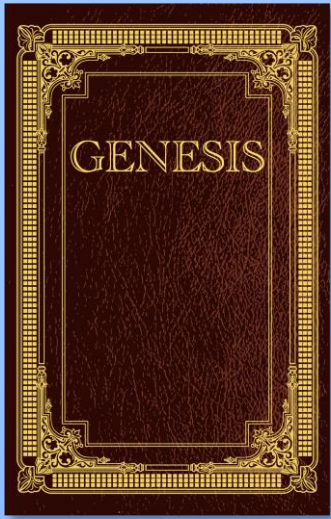


# With sin came exile



Therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. (Gn. 3:23-24)





Certain story lines run throughout



The unfolding story of  
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Hb. 11:13-16 - These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.



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John 14:1-3

Rev. 21-22





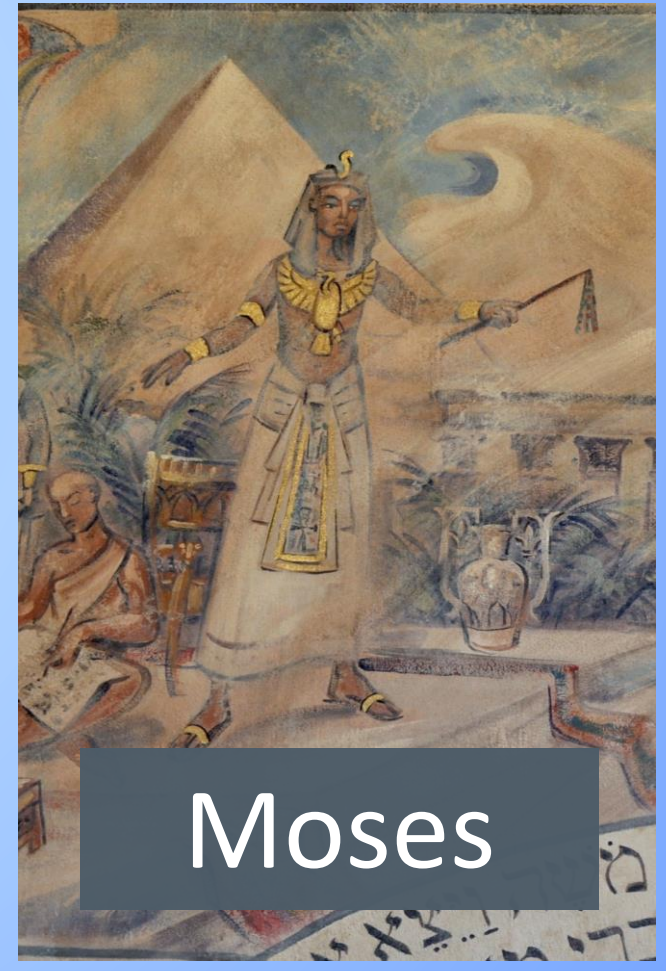
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Themed passages



# Stories of banishment and exile








# Noah and the Flood


The basic story of Exile  
from all land

The post flood  
re-creation



## Creation

 the Spirit (*ruach*) of God was hovering over the face of the waters (1:3)

 God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse.(1:7)


## Re-creation

And God made a wind (*ruach*) blow over the earth, and the waters subsided (8:1)


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He sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth... Then he sent forth the dove, and she did not return (8:7, 12)



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Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth (1:24)

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birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth (8:17)



## Creation

Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth  
(1:28)



## Re-creation

Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground  
(9:1,2)



## Creation

Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food (1:29)



## Re-creation

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. (9:3)

Creation

Re-creation



More echoes.....

echoes

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them (1:27)

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. (9:6)



Creation

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And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed (2:8)

Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. (9:20)

Creation

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she ate and ... he ate.  
Then the eyes of both  
were opened, and they  
knew that they  
were naked (3:6-7)

He drank of the wine and  
became drunk and lay  
uncovered in his tent.  
(9:21)



Creation

Re-creation



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And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

(3:7)

backward and covered them, nakedness of their fathers. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see each other. Then they took a garment, and covered themselves on both sides, and walked

Creation

Re-creation



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God curses the serpent, the woman, and the man  
(3:14-19)

Noah prophesies over Shem, Ham, and Japheth, with a curse on Ham's offspring (9:21)





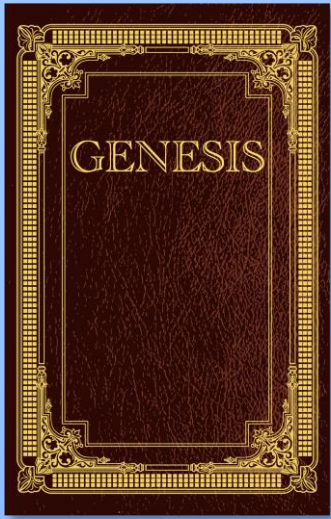
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# The scapegoat of Lev. 16





The scapegoat and Ps  
103:12 and Isa 53:6



Ezekiel, the prophet  
of the exile

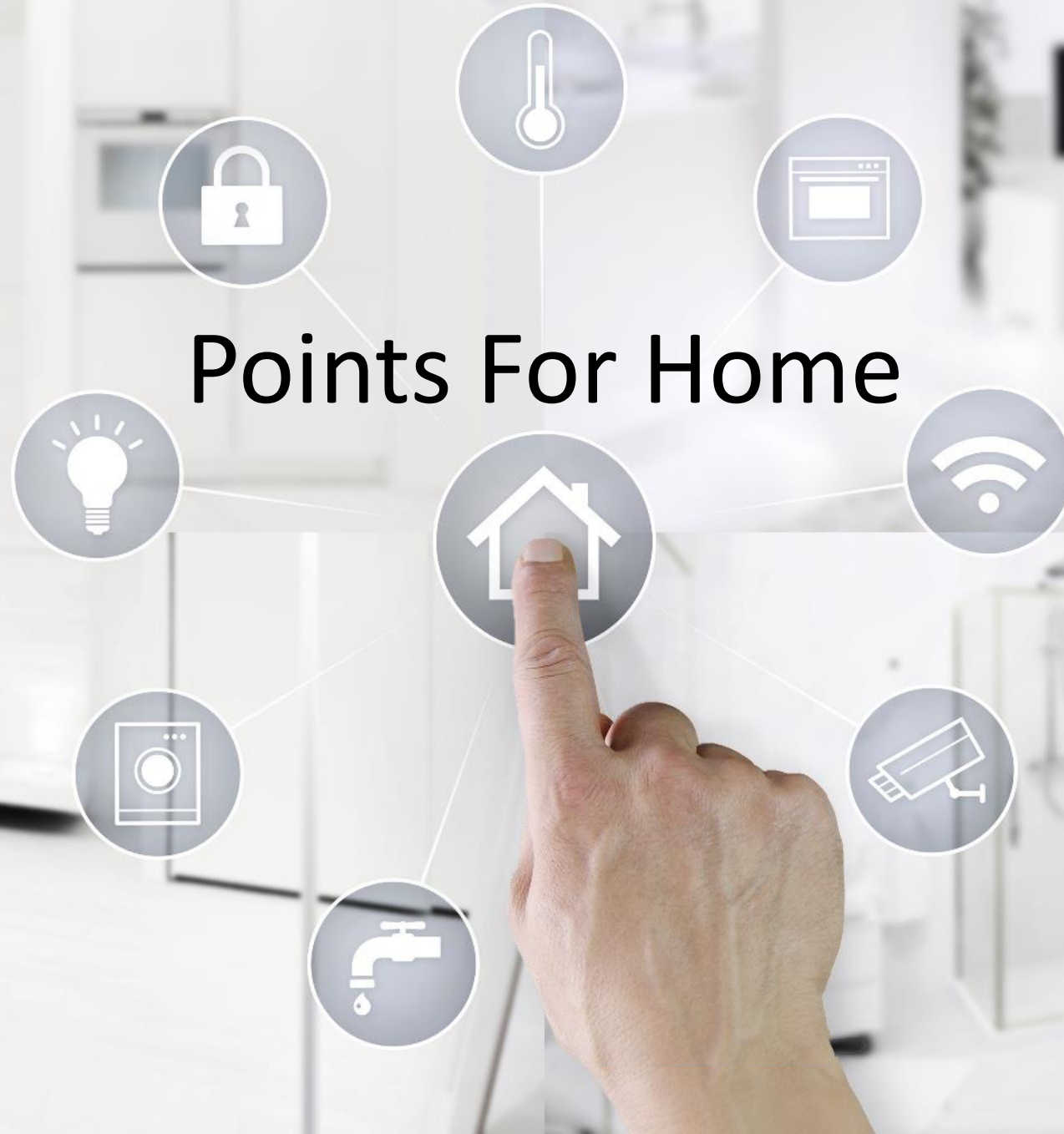




Mt. 8:20 And Jesus said to him,  
“Foxes have holes, and birds of  
the air have nests, but the Son of  
Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

Phil. 2:5-11

# Points For Home



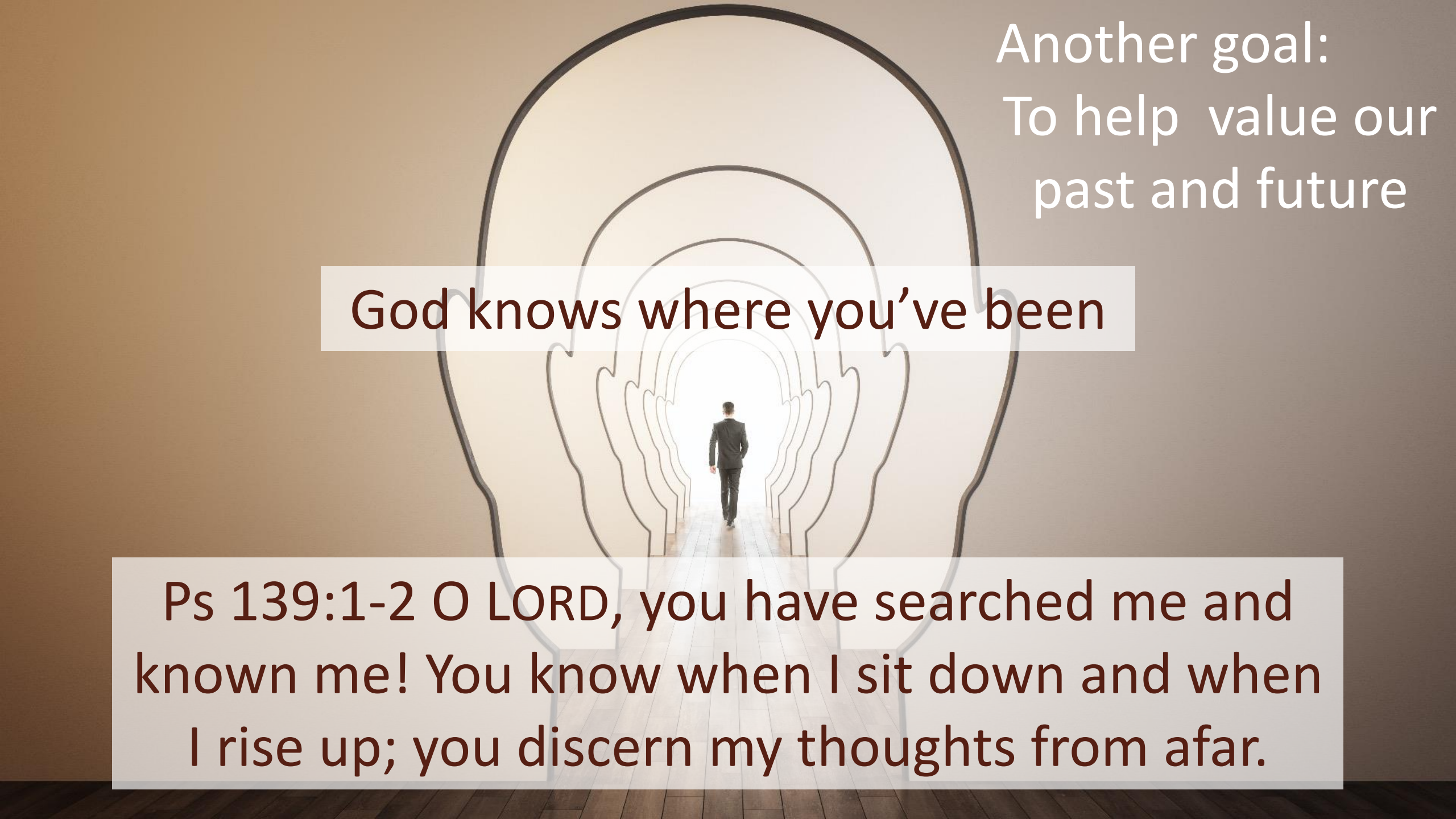


A person wearing a dark coat and holding a black umbrella stands in the rain at night. The scene is illuminated by warm, yellow streetlights that create a bokeh effect in the background. The rain is visible as white streaks against the dark background. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

One goal:  
To give purpose  
and meaning in  
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God is present in the exile

Ps 40:1-2 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.


A person in a dark suit is walking away from the viewer down a long, brightly lit tunnel. The tunnel is formed by a series of hands reaching out from both sides, creating a perspective that draws the eye towards a bright light at the end. The hands are white and appear to be part of a larger, faint outline of a head or a large hand that frames the scene. The floor is made of wooden planks.

Another goal:  
To help value our  
past and future

God knows where you've been

Ps 139:1-2 O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.



A man in a dark suit is walking away from the viewer down a long, brightly lit tunnel. The tunnel is formed by a series of hands, each reaching out from the sides to form an archway. The hands are white and appear to be part of a wall or ceiling. The floor is made of dark wooden planks. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and guidance.

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**God will end all exiles**

**Rev. 21:3 Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God**



HOMEWORK!!!







Assignment:

What of the Biblical  
the "I Ammanuel" in  
Matthew?