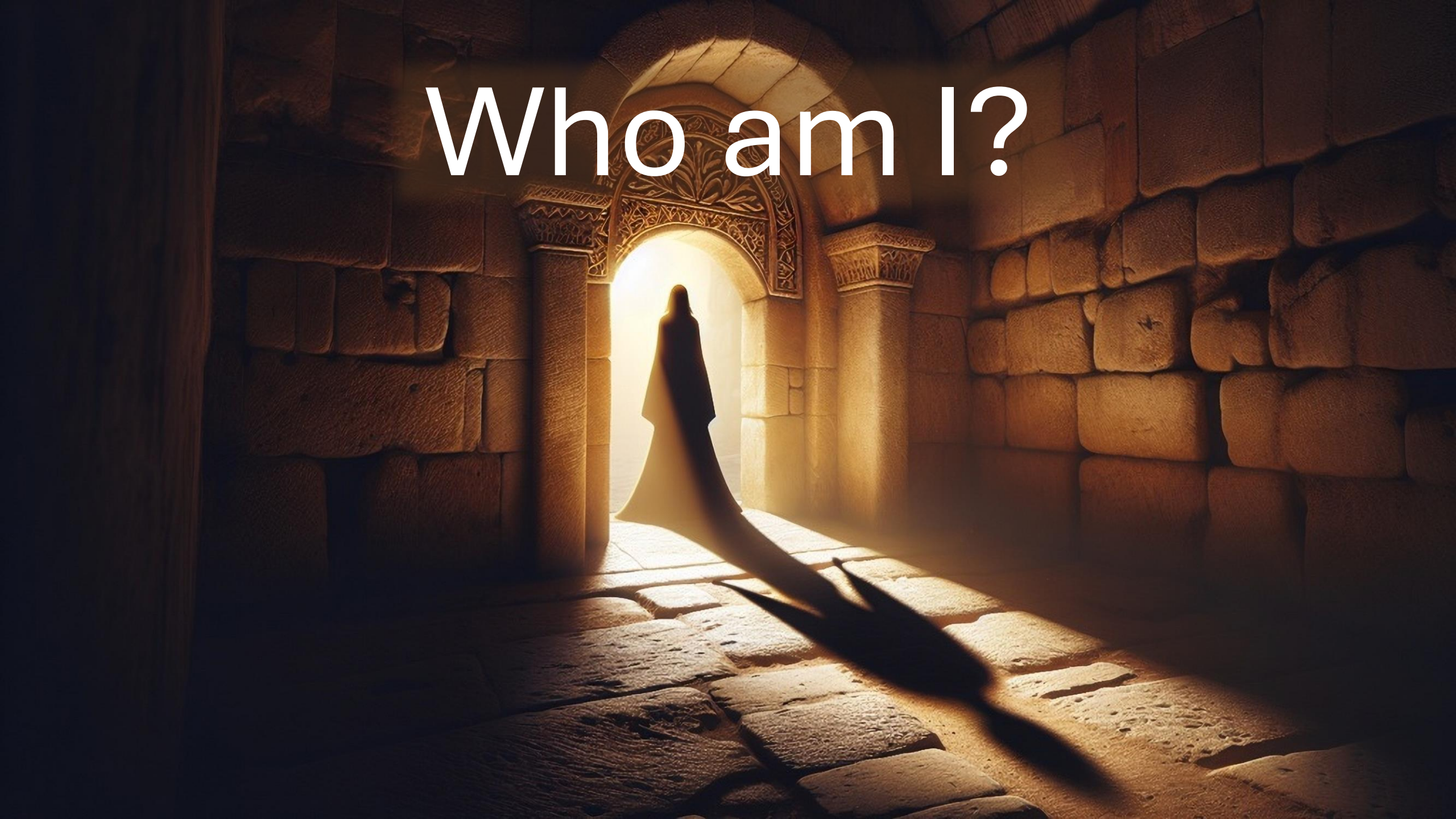


Lesser-Known Bible Women



Who am I?



I helped a king rule justly



I cried out in the streets and raised
my voice in the public squares



I was there when God set
the heavens into place





I am Lady Wisdom

A scroll of aged, yellowed parchment with frayed edges, unrolled against a black background. The Hebrew text 'חַכְמָה' is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the English word 'Wisdom' is written in a smaller, black serif font, enclosed in quotation marks.

חַכְמָה

“Wisdom”

חַכְמָה

“Wisdom”

“The limits of earth are not
“Good speech is hidden more
than emeralds, yet it may be
found among maidservants at the
grindstones.”

~~the learned as well as will~~
(*The Instructions of Ptahhotep*)
the learned.”

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Egyptian
goddess
Ma'at



“Whoever has walked with
truth generates life.”
(Proverbs from Ki-en-gir)



Mesopotamian
goddess
Nisaba



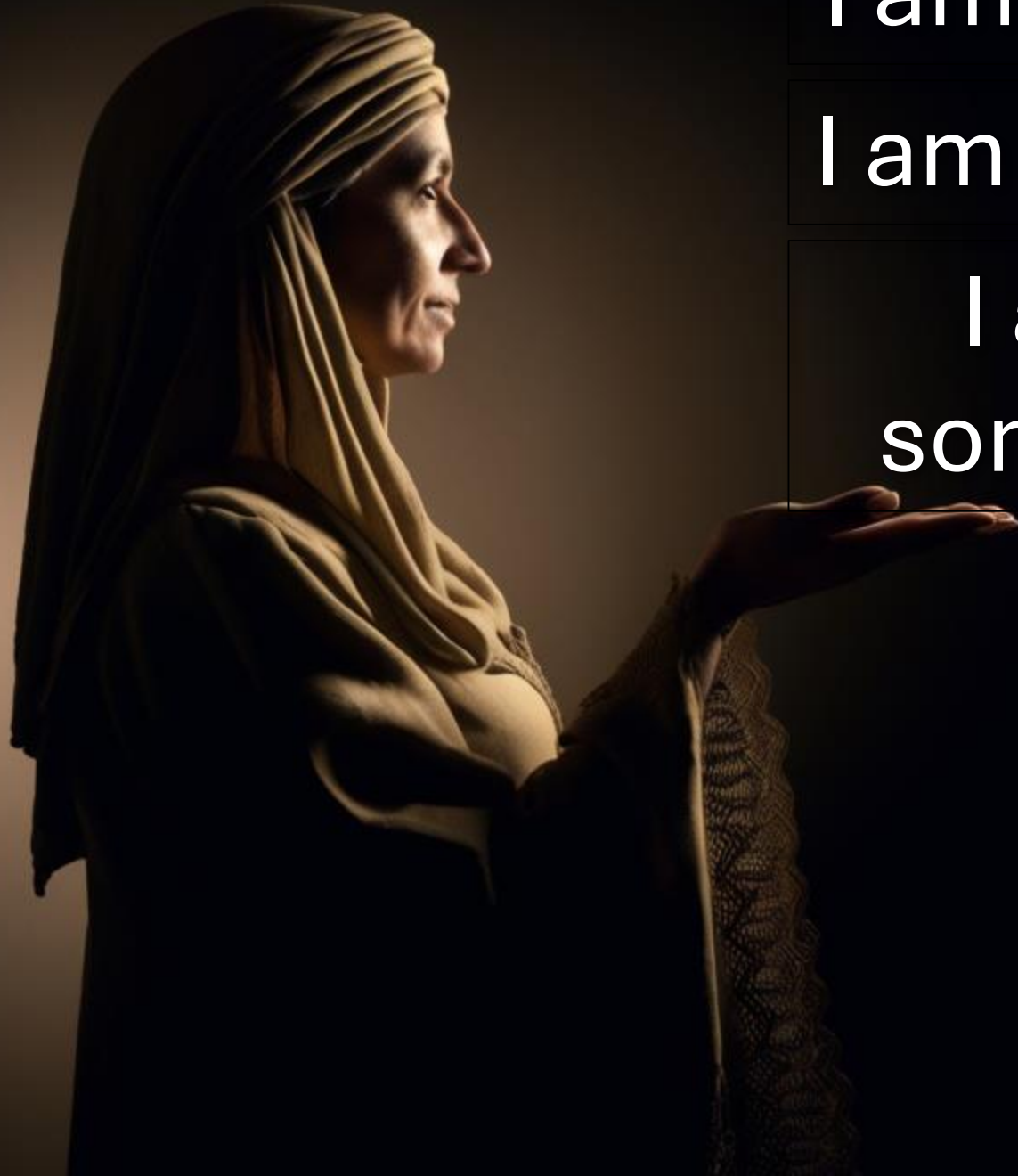
I am Lady Wisdom

Lady Wisdom in the
Bible stands out from all
other ancient cultures





I am Lady Wisdom



I am Lady Wisdom

I am not a goddess

I am entirely
something else!

3



A woman wearing a light-colored headscarf and a dark, patterned garment is shown in profile, holding a book. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm glow on the left side. A large, white, stylized number '1' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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The literary device
of personification

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2

Wisdom's role in
creation



3

Wisdom's public call

1

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The literary device
of personification

Literature has found ways to make
abstract ideas come alive

חכמה

“Personification”




“Danse Macabre (“The dance of death”)”



חֵכְמָה

“Wisdom”



See how
wisdom
speaks

Proverbs 8:4

To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the
children of man.

Proverbs 8:4

אֶלְיִכֶם אֵינְשִׁים אֶקְרָא
אֶקְוֵלִי אֶל-בְּנֵי אָדָם:

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F E M A L E

Nouns

Adjectives

Nouns

Pronouns

Verbs

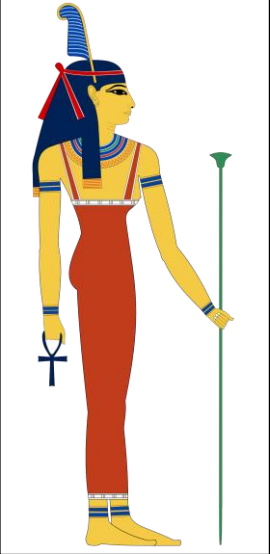
Pronouns

Proverbs 9:1

Wisdom has built her
house; she has hewn her
seven pillars.

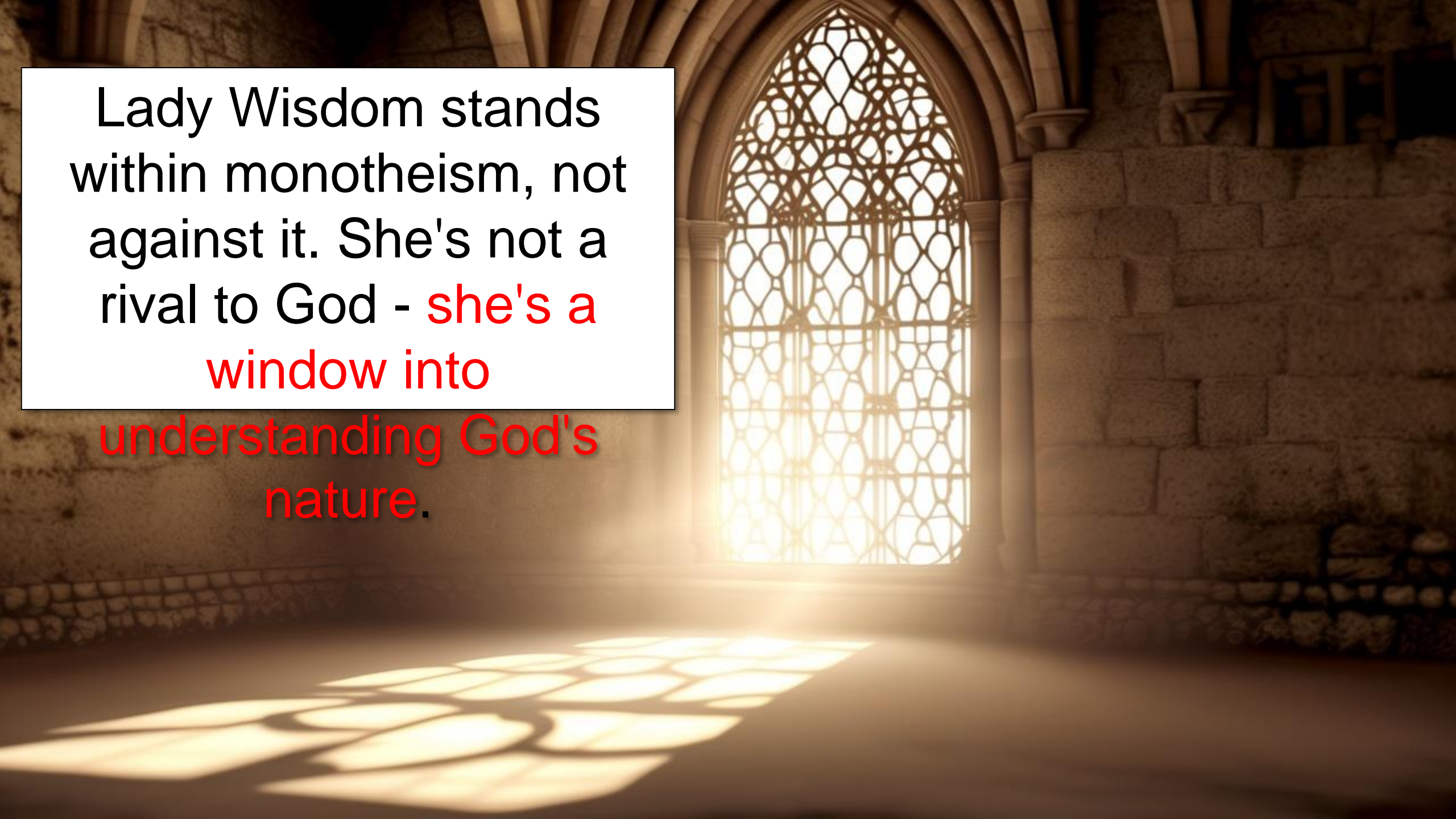
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חִכְמוֹת בָּנְתָה בֵּיתָה
חִצְבָה עֲמוּדֶיהָ שִׁבְעָה:



Lady Wisdom stands within monotheism, not against it. She's not a rival to God - she's a window into understanding God's nature.





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The gendered personification
amplifies the message!



A woman's voice in public spaces!



Proverbs 8:3-4

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of the town, at the
entrance of the portals
she cries aloud: “To you,
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is to the children of man.

Proverbs 8:3-4

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אֲלֵיכֶם אֵינְשִׁים אֶקְרָא
!קוֹלִי אֶל־בְּנֵי אָדָם:

The poetry further
amplifies the message



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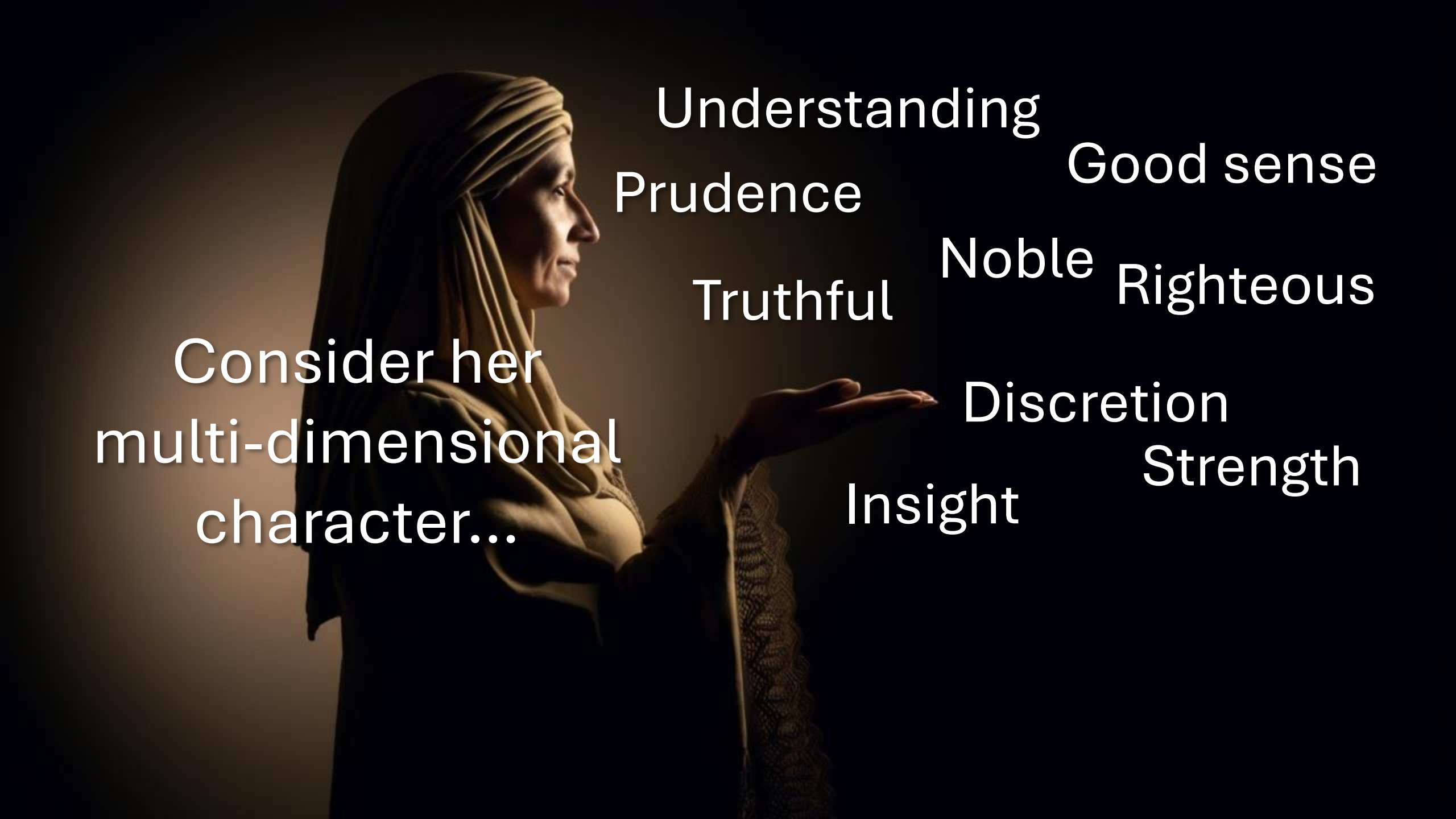
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יְקוּלִי אֶל־בְּנֵי אָדָם:



Understanding

Good sense

Prudence

Noble Righteous

Truthful

Discretion

Strength

Insight

Consider her
multi-dimensional
character...

The scope of Wisdom's authority

Proverbs 8:15

By me kings reign, and
rulers decree what is just

Proverbs 8:15

לְבִי מְלָכִים יִמְלֹכוּ
וְרוֹזְנִים יִחְקְרוּ צְדָקָה:

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FUTURE



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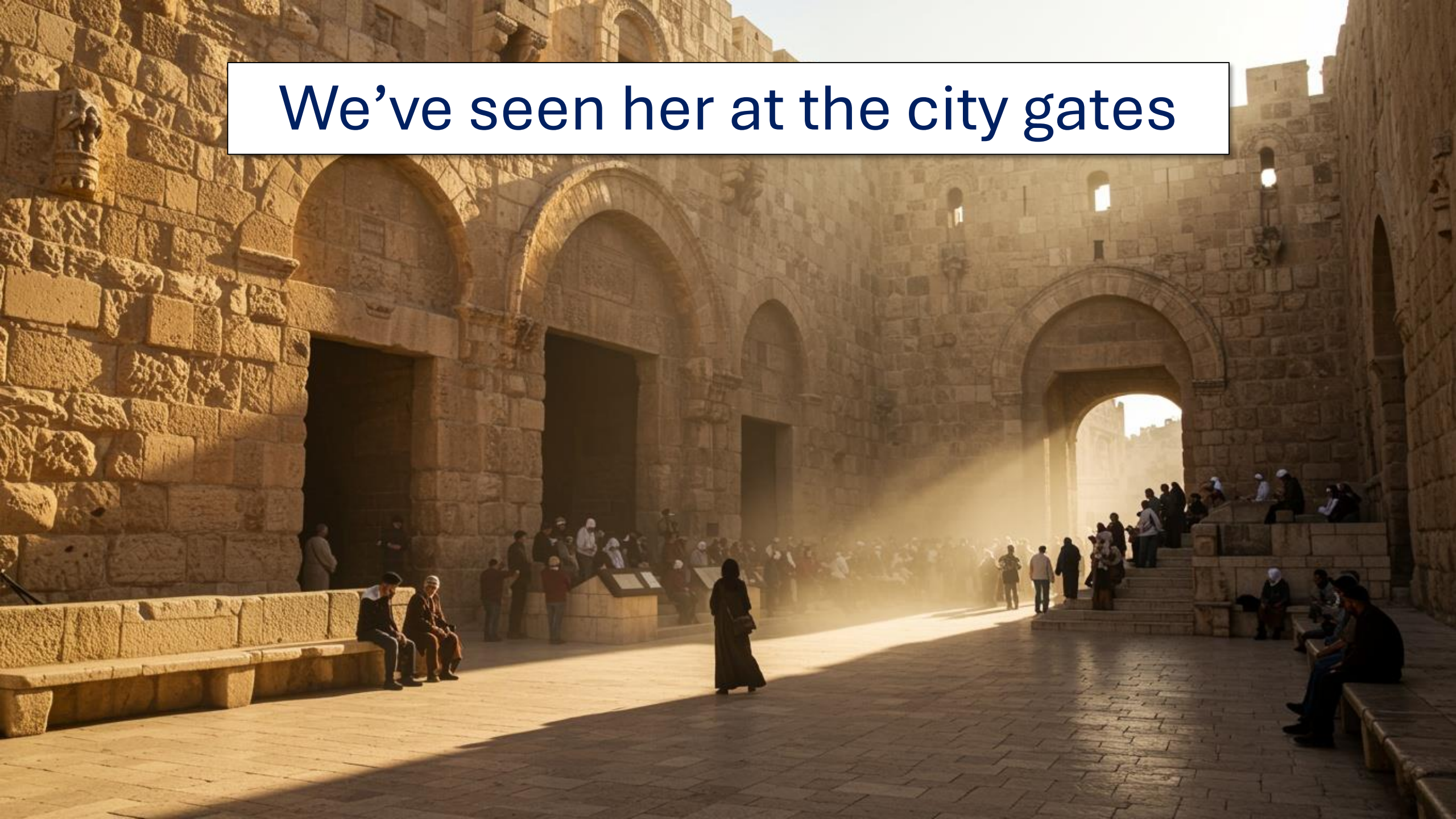
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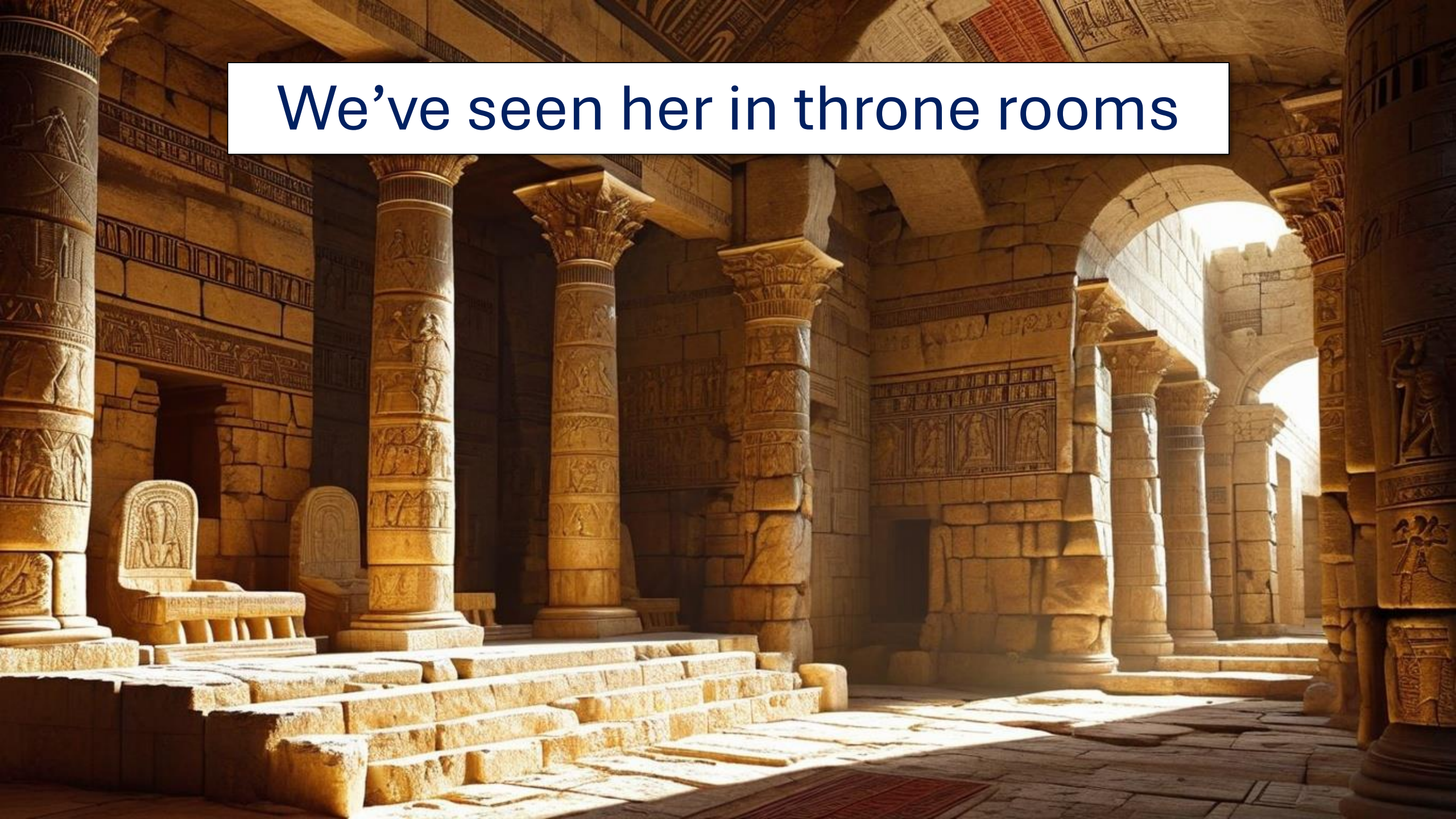
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Wisdom's role in
creation

We've seen her at the city gates



We've seen her in throne rooms



The image features a central, glowing tunnel of light that recedes into the distance. The tunnel is formed by intricate, wavy patterns of light in shades of blue, purple, and pink. At the far end of the tunnel, a bright, golden-yellow light source creates a strong glow. The word "Wisdom" is written in a classic serif font, centered within the tunnel. The background is a dark, starry space with several bright, orange-yellow stars scattered across the field of view.

Wisdom

Go back BEFORE the beginning!



Proverbs 8:22

The LORD possessed me
at the beginning of his
work, the first of his acts
of old.

Proverbs 8:22

יְהוָה קָנָנִי רֵאשִׁית
דַּרְכּוֹ קָדַם מִפְּעֻלָּיו
מֵאֵז:

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קָנָה = *qanah*:

“buy/create/possess”

ἐκτισέν = *ektisen*:

“create/build”

Proverbs 8:22

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מֵאֵז:

possedit:

“possess/acquire”

Proverbs 8:23

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the
beginning of the earth.

Proverbs 8:23

מֵעוֹלָם נִסְכַּתִּי מֵרֵאשִׁית
מִקֵּדְמֵי-אָרֶץ:

Proverbs 8:24

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Proverbs 8:24

בְּאֵין־תְּהוֹמוֹת חוֹלַלְתִּי
בְּאֵין מַעֲיָנוֹת
נִכְבַּדְתִּי־מֵיָם:

Proverbs 8:25

Before the mountains had
been shaped, before the
hills, I was brought forth,

Proverbs 8:25

בְּטֵרֶם הַהַרִים הִטַּבְעוּ
לִפְנֵי גְבַעוֹת חוֹלְלָתִי:

Proverbs 8:26

before he had made the
earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of
the world.

Proverbs 8:26

עַד־לֹא עָשָׂה אֶרֶץ
וְחוּצוֹת וְרֵאשׁ עֲפָרוֹת
תֵּבֵל

Proverbs 8:27

When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on
the face of the deep,

Proverbs 8:27

בְּהִכְיֵנוּ שָׁמַיִם שָׁמָּה אָנִי
בְּחֹקוֹ אָוֶגַע עַל־פְּנֵי
תְהוֹם

Proverbs 8:28

when he made firm the
skies above, when he
established the fountains
of the deep,

Proverbs 8:28

בְּאַמְצוֹ שְׂחָקִים מִמַּעַל
בְּעֲזוֹז עֵינֹת תְּהוֹם

Proverbs 8:29

when he assigned to the
sea its limit, so that the
waters might not
transgress his command,
when he marked out the
foundations of the earth,

Proverbs 8:29

בְּשׂוּמֹוֹ לַיָּם חֵקְוֹ וּמַיִם
לֹא יַעֲבְרוּ־פָיו בְּחֻלְקֹו
מִזֶּדֶי אֶרֶץ

Proverbs 8:30

then I was beside him,
like a **master workman**,
and I was daily
his delight, rejoicing
before him always,

Proverbs 8:30

וְאֶהְיֶה אֶצְלוֹ אָמוֹן
וְאֶהְיֶה שְׂעֵשְׁעִים יוֹם
יוֹם מְשֻׁחָקֶת לְפָנָיו
בְּכָל-עֵת

אָמוֹן = *amon*:

“master craftsman”

Possible also to read as a nursling

Proverbs 8:31

rejoicing in his inhabited
world and delighting in
the children of man.

Proverbs 8:31

מְשִׁחֶקֶת בְּתֵבֵל אֶרְצוֹ
וְנִשְׁעֶנְשְׁעִי אֶת־בְּנֵי אָדָם



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Proverbs 8:32-33

And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.

Proverbs 8:32-33

וְעַתָּה בָּנִים שְׁמָעוּ-לִי
וְאַנְשֵׁי דָרְכֵי יִשְׁמְרוּ:
שְׁמָעוּ מוֹסֵר וְחֻכְמוֹ
וְאַל-תִּפְרְעוּ

Does any of this
ring a bell???



John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν. πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν. ὃ γέγονεν

Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him

and for him. 17 And he is

Colossians 1:15-17

ὅς ἐστιν εἰκὼν τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου, πρωτότοκος πάσης κτίσεως, ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὰ ὄρατα καὶ τὰ ἀόρατα, εἴτε θρόνοι εἴτε κυριότητες εἴτε ἀρχαὶ εἴτε ἐξουσίαι· τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν

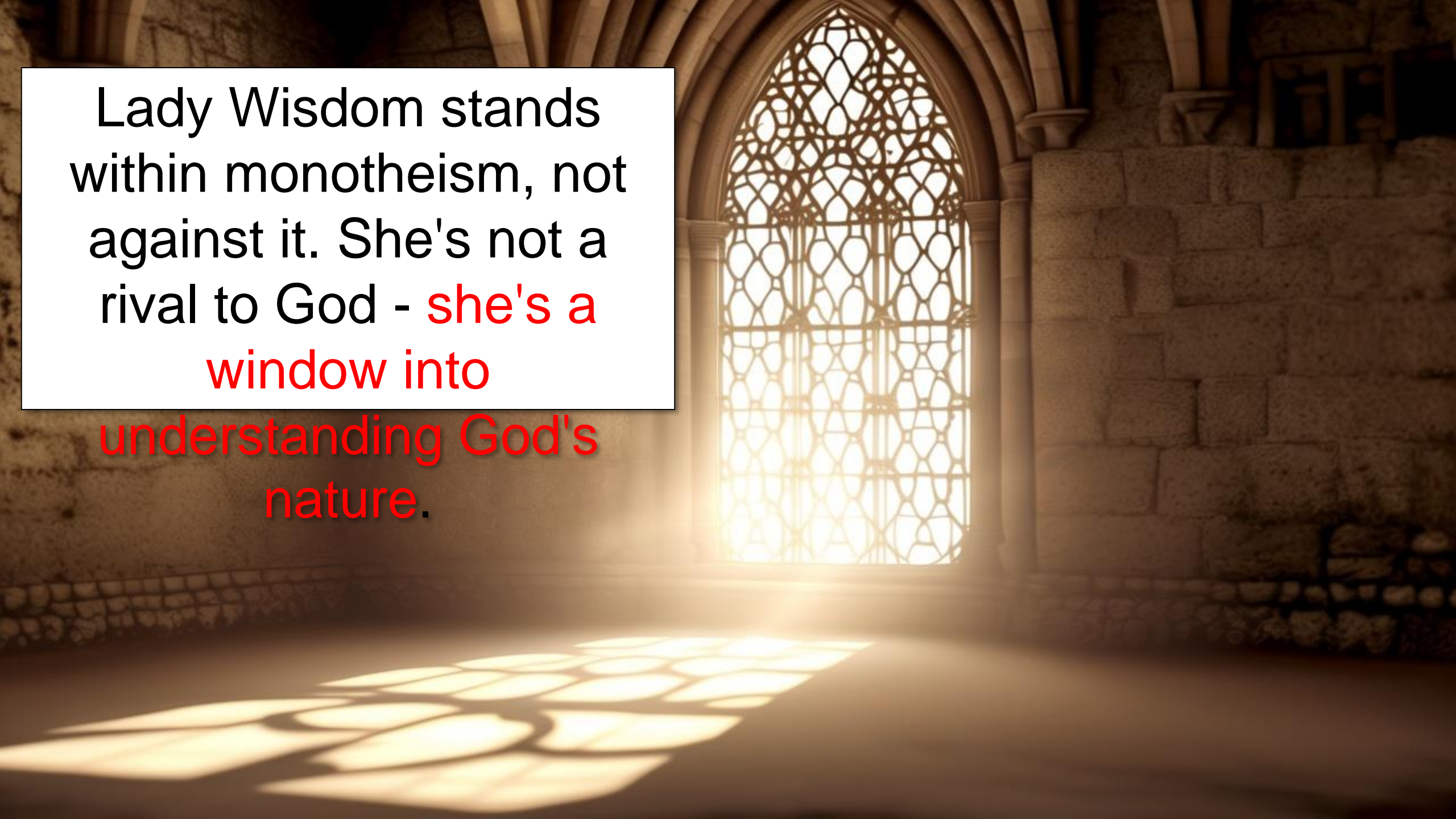
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—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17

τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν ἔκτισται· καὶ αὐτός ἐστιν πρὸ πάντων καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν αὐτῷ συνέστηκεν,



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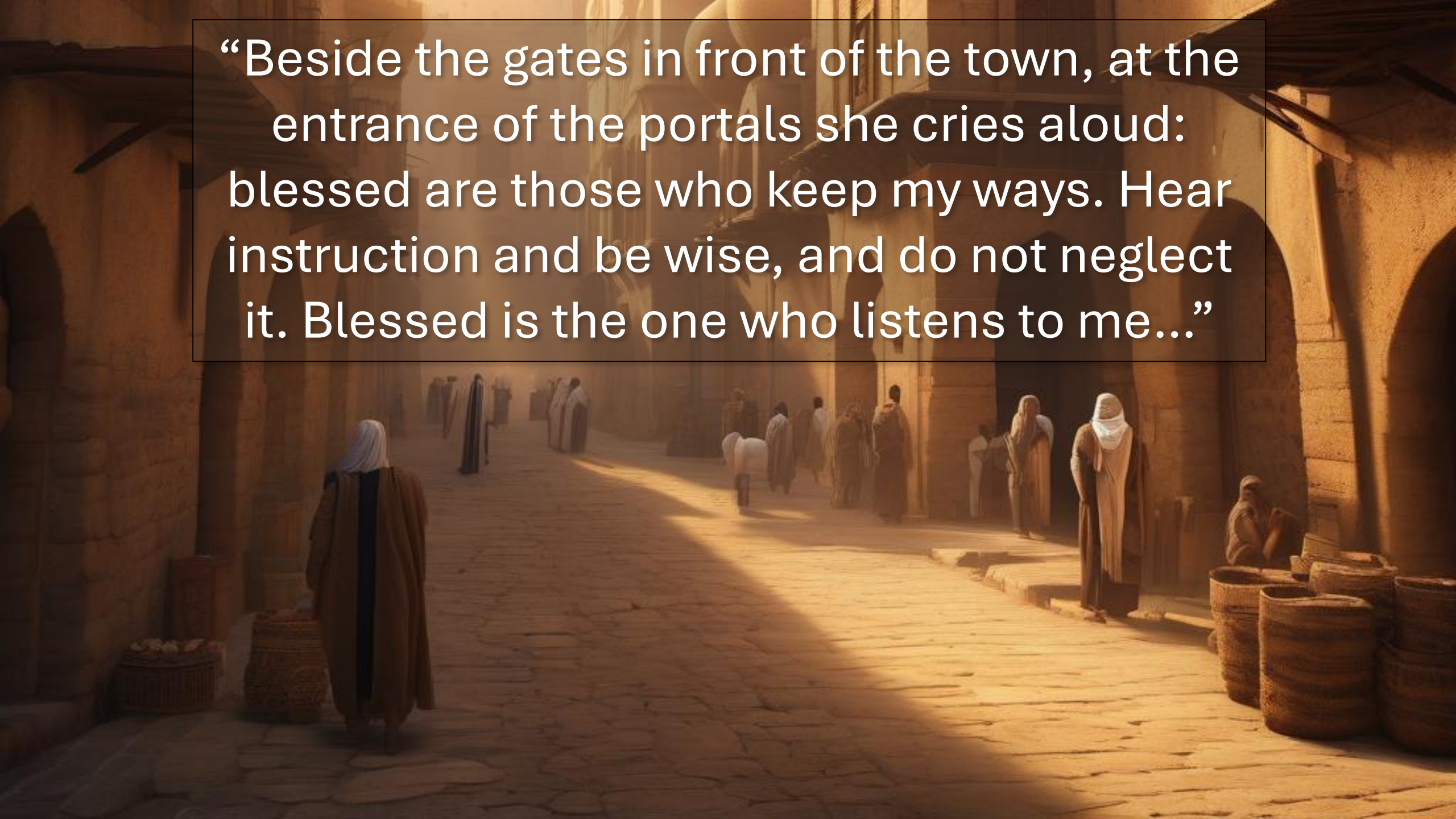
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3

Wisdom's public call

“Beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Blessed is the one who listens to me...”



The ubiquity of wisdom



Market

Streets

Gates

Proverbs 8:34

Blessed is the one who
listens to me, watching
daily at my gates, waiting
beside my doors.

Proverbs 8:34

אֲשֶׁר־יִשְׁמָעַ לִי
לְשִׁקֹּד עַל־דַּלְתוֹתַי יוֹם
יוֹם לְשֹׁמֵר מְזוּנָת
פְּתוּחֵי

Proverbs 8:35-36

For whoever finds me
finds life and obtains
favor from the LORD, but
he who fails to find me
injures himself; all who
hate me love death.”

Proverbs 8:35-36

כִּי מִצְאֵי מִצְאֵי [מִצְאָ]׃
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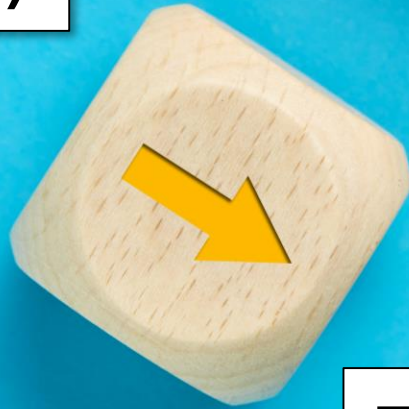
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There are rival voices....



Wisdom

Seductress (7:6ff)



Folly (9:13ff)

A brown paper take-home bag stands upright against a dark teal background. The bag has a folded top and a gusseted bottom. The words "take home" are printed in a dark brown, cursive script on the front panel. The bag is illuminated from the side, creating a soft glow and a shadow on the surface it sits on.

*take
home*

God's wisdom is the
secret to the universe

“Has not God made foolish the wisdom
of the world? ” (1 Cor. 1:20)

God's wisdom
starts with the
“fear of the LORD”
(Prov. 1:7)

“Christ Jesus
became to us
wisdom from God”
(1 Cor. 1:30)

A woman wearing a light-colored headscarf is shown in profile, looking towards the right. The background is dark, and the lighting highlights her face and the texture of her headscarf.

So get God's
wisdom!

“If any of you lacks wisdom,
let him ask God, who gives
generously to all without
reproach, and it will be given him.”

Here's your
plan!!!

One chapter for each day

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