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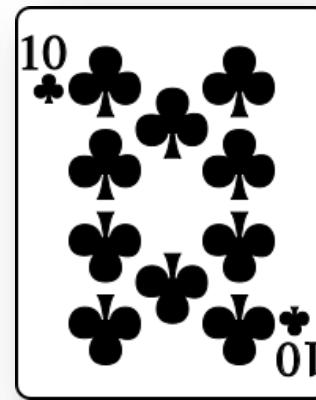
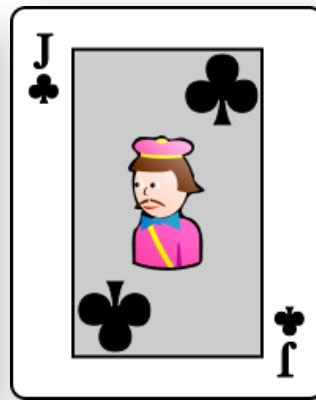
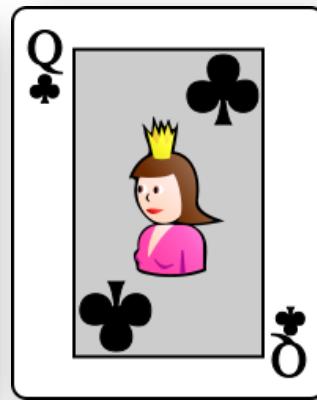
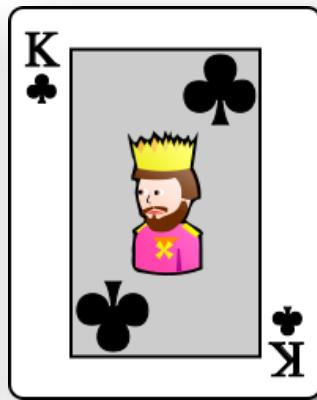
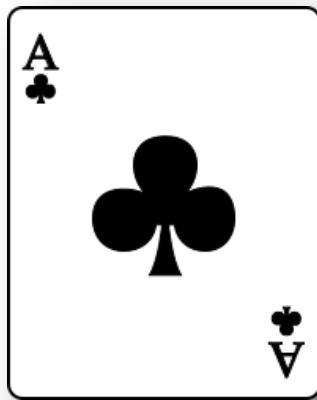
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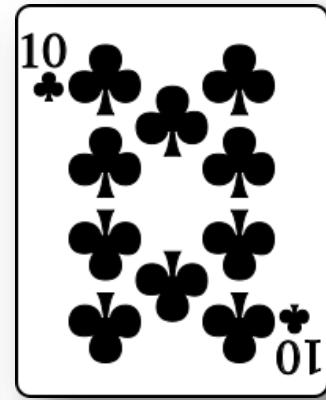
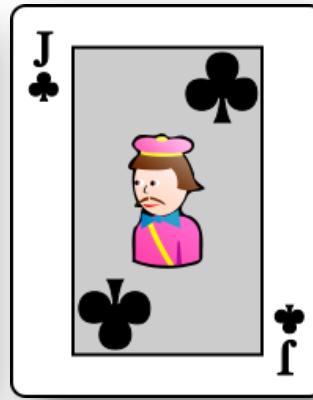
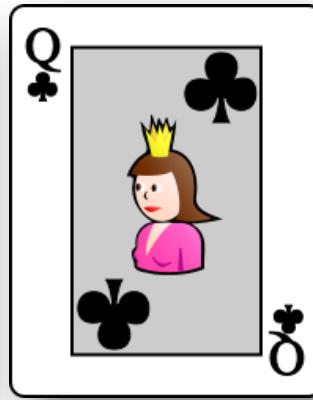
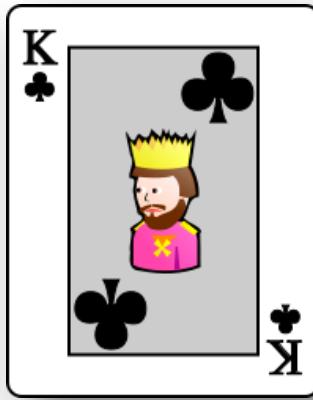
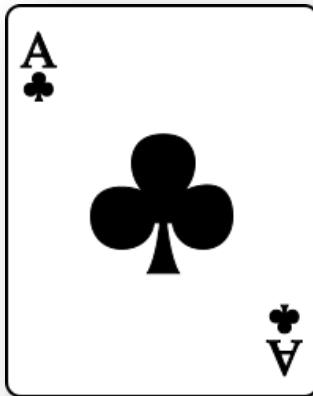
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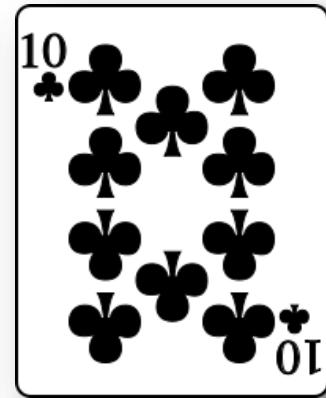
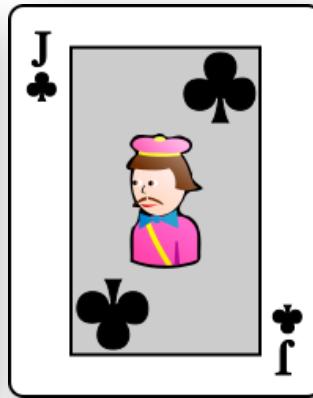
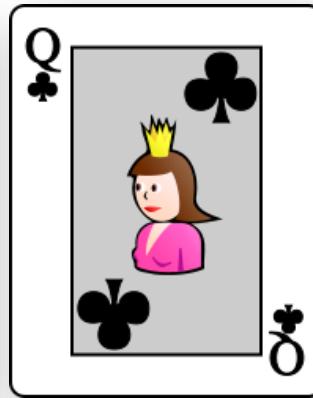
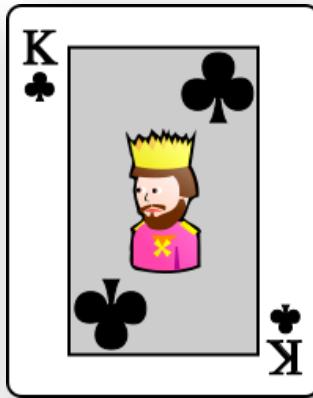
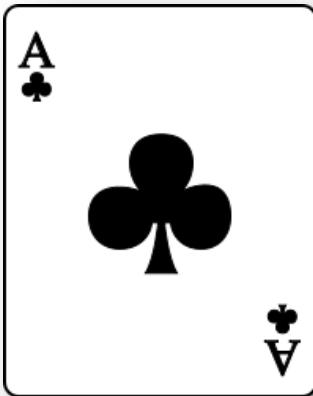




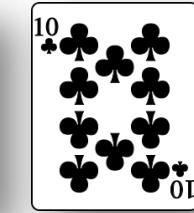
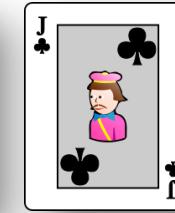
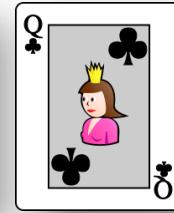
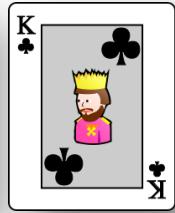
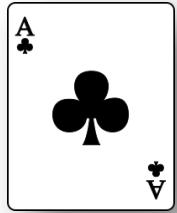
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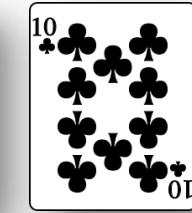
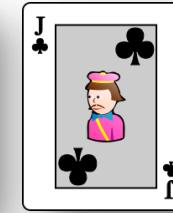
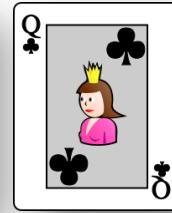
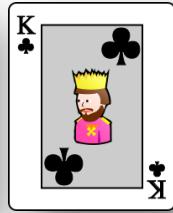
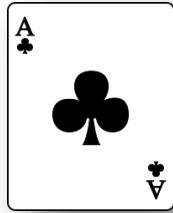


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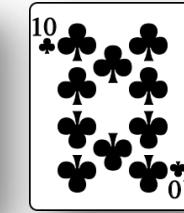
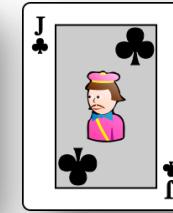
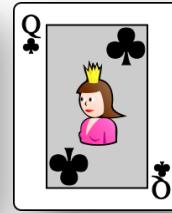
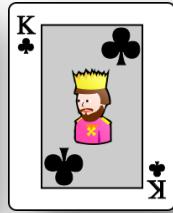
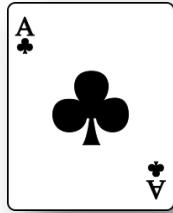


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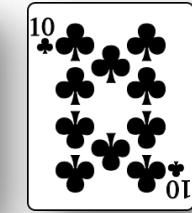
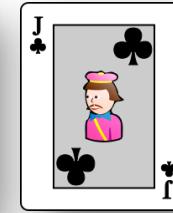
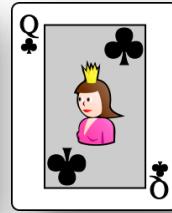
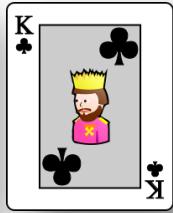
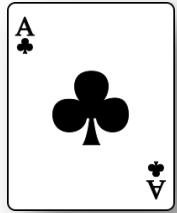




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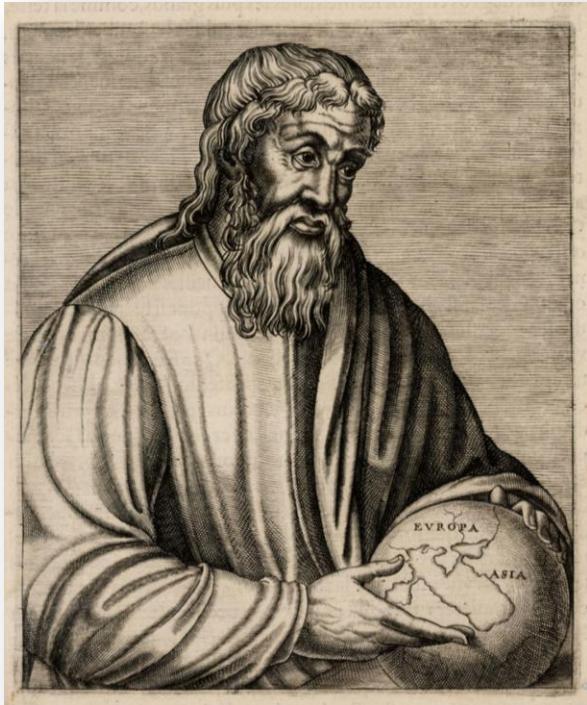
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Would you  
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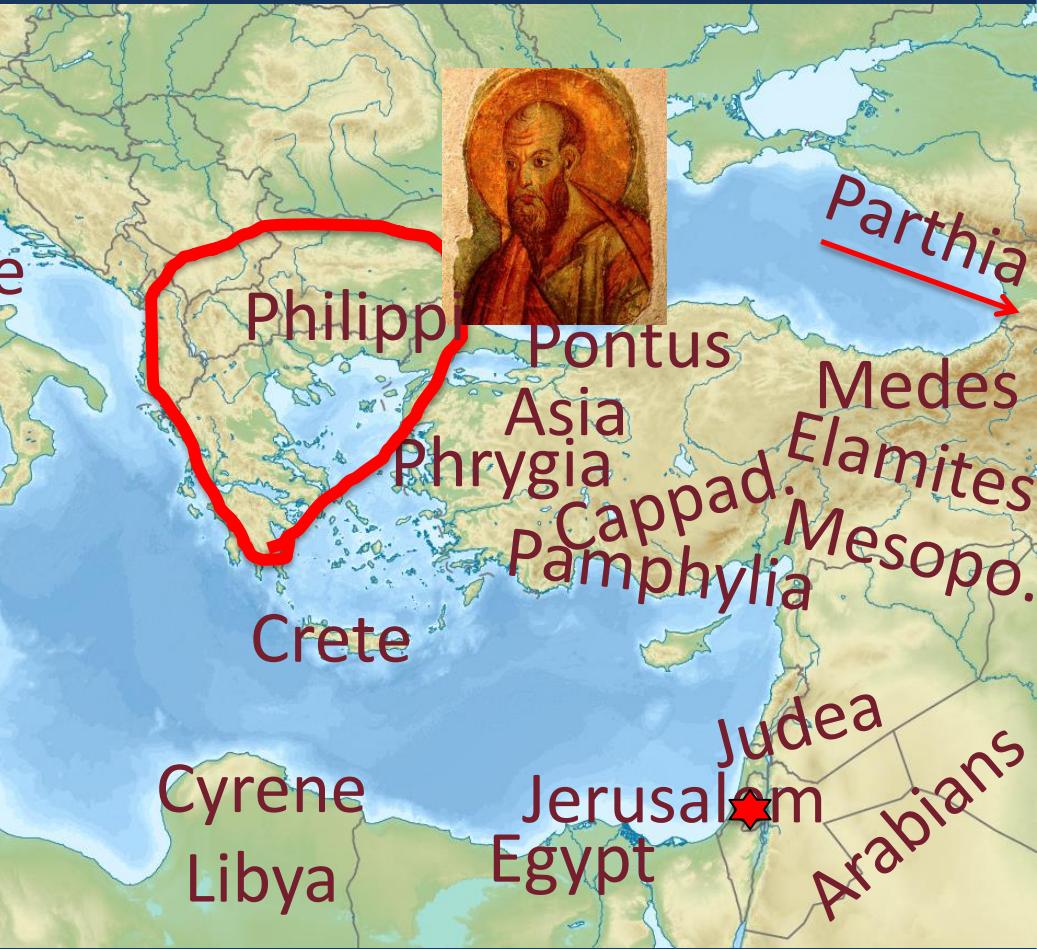


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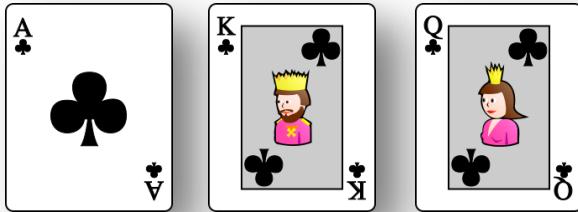
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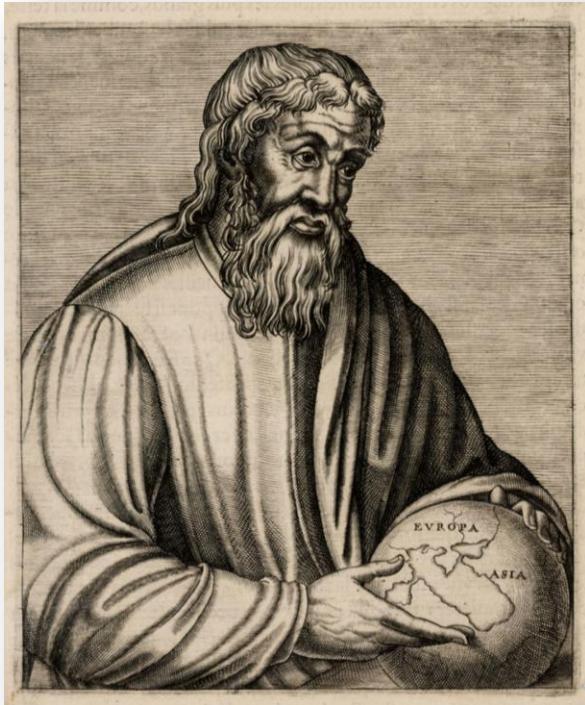
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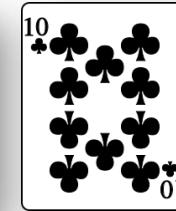
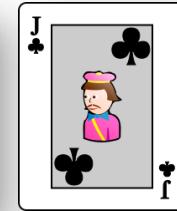
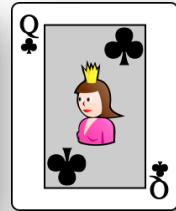
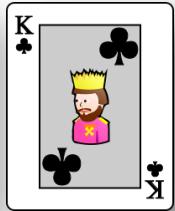
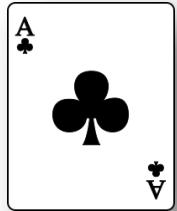


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**Believers  
Seeds  
Understandable  
Scriptures**

Rome

Thess.  
Philipp.  
Berea  
Corinth

Crete

Cyrene  
Libya



Pontus

Asia

Phrygia

Cappad.

Pamphylia

Parthia

Medes

Elamites

Mesopo.

Judea

Jerusalem

Egypt

Arabians

**From:** Edward Fudge  
**To:** Mark Lanier |

Mark,

I find the connection between Isaiah --> Paul --> Luke --> Luke/Acts very interesting.

- 1- Isaiah says more about the Messiah's salvation reaching the Gentiles than any other OT prophet
- 2- Isaiah says more about the Holy Spirit than any other OT prophet
- 3- Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles
- 4- Paul's apostolic commission is grounded in Isaiah
- 5- Luke is Paul's protégé
- 6- Luke the Gentile learns about salvation for Gentiles (as prophesied in Isaiah the foreteller of Gentile salvation) from Paul the apostle to Gentiles
- 7- Luke is the only Gentile NT author
- 8- Luke/Acts both emphasize salvation going to Gentiles
- 9- Luke/Acts both are structured after patterns and themes found in Isaiah

Gospel of Luke has Isaiah's themes of salvation, Gentiles, Holy Spirit, rejoicing/joy

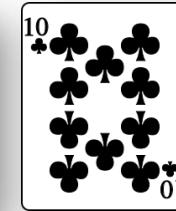
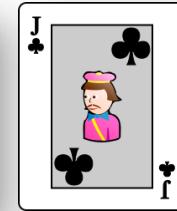
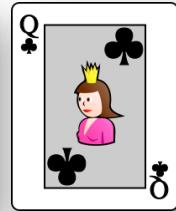
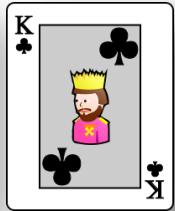
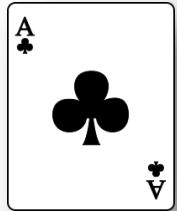
Acts is structured after Isaiah.

- EX: Isaiah. 2 foresees all nations come to Jerusalem, learn word from God; Acts 2 has people from many nations come to Jerusalem, learn gospel.
- EX: Isaiah near end has gentiles bringing gifts to Jerusalem; Acts near end has Paul bring Gentiles' offering to Jerusalem.
- EX: Isaiah gives as examples of extent to which salvation reaches Gentiles, two extreme cases: Even an Ethiopian; even a eunuch. Acts includes special conversion of an Ethiopian eunuch.

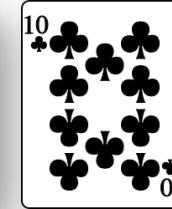
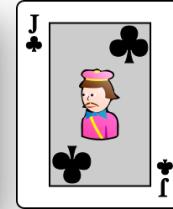
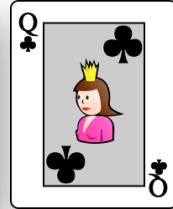
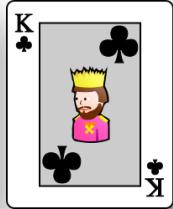
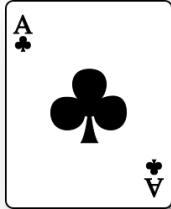
God bless you and the class on Sunday.

Cordially,

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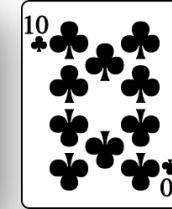
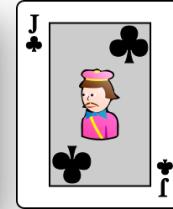
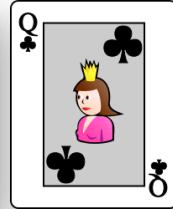
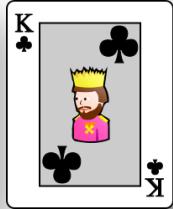
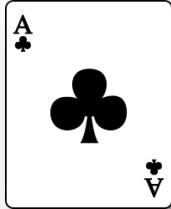


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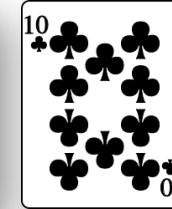
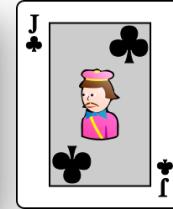
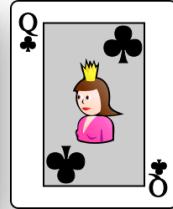
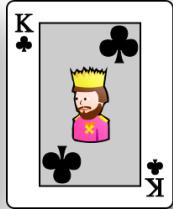
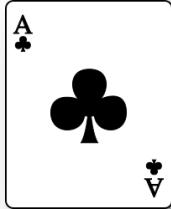


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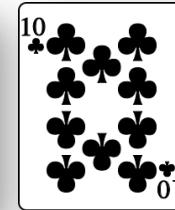
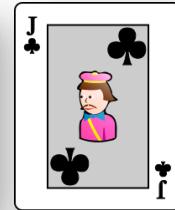
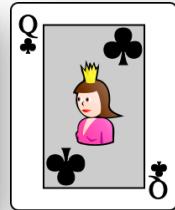
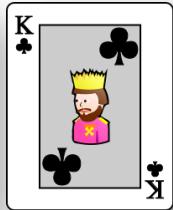
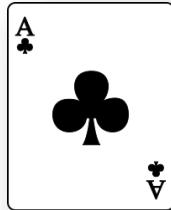


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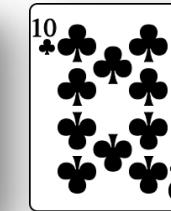
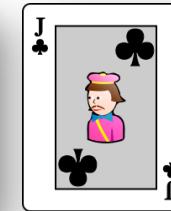
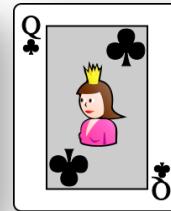
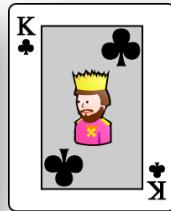
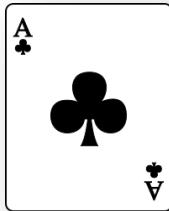
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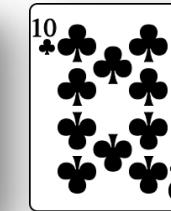
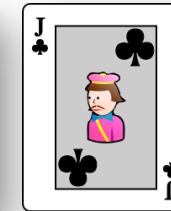
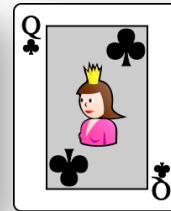
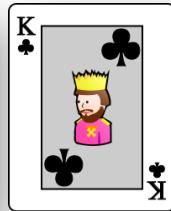
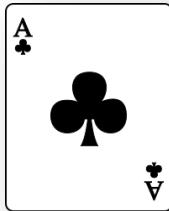
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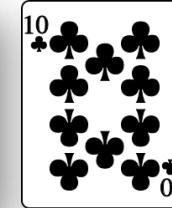
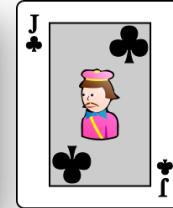
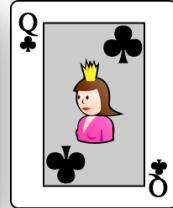
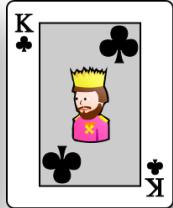
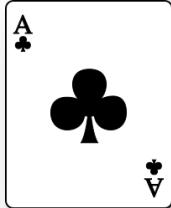
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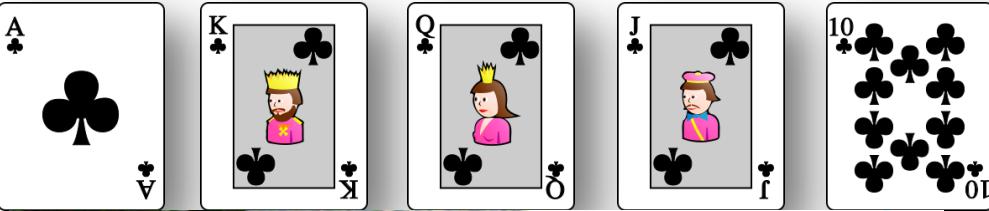
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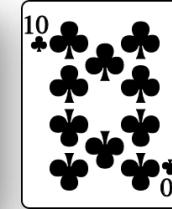
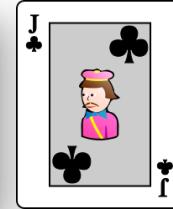
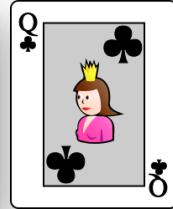
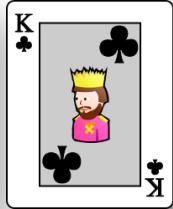
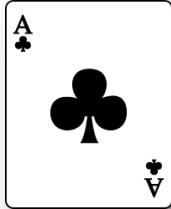
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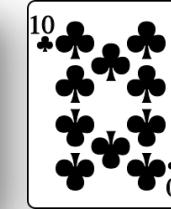
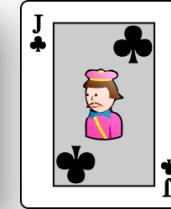
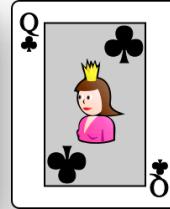
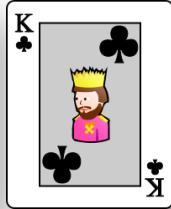
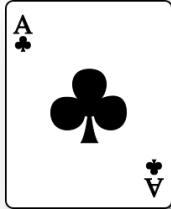
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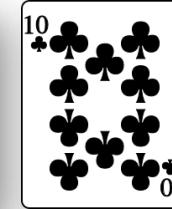
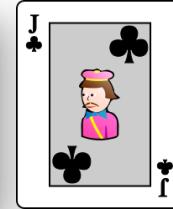
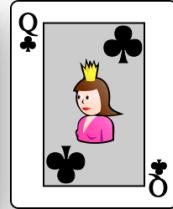
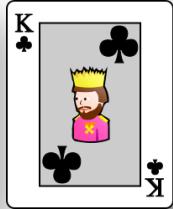
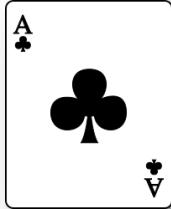


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I allow the Jews to gather and to organize their community following the customs of their fathers and according to their own laws



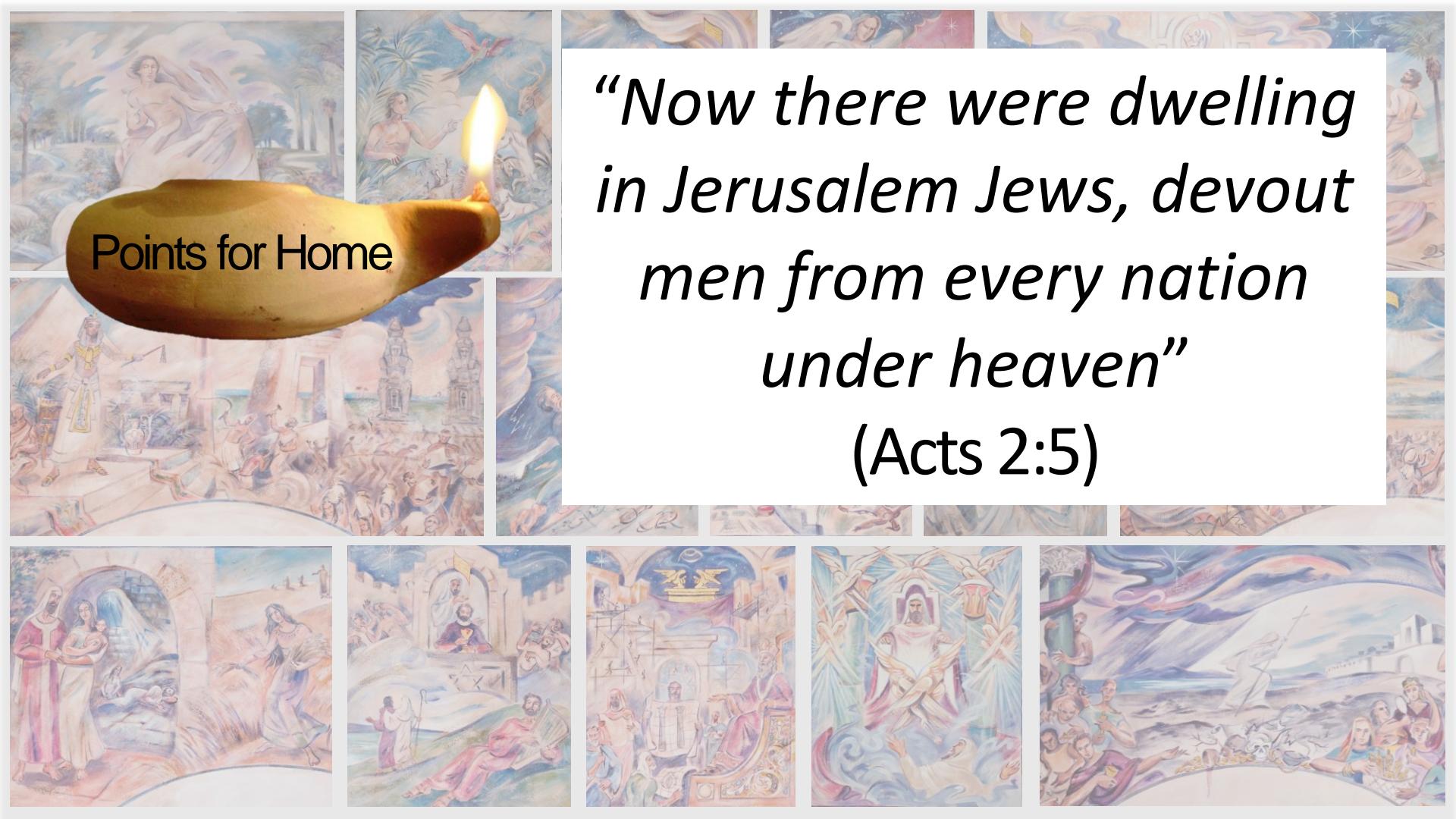
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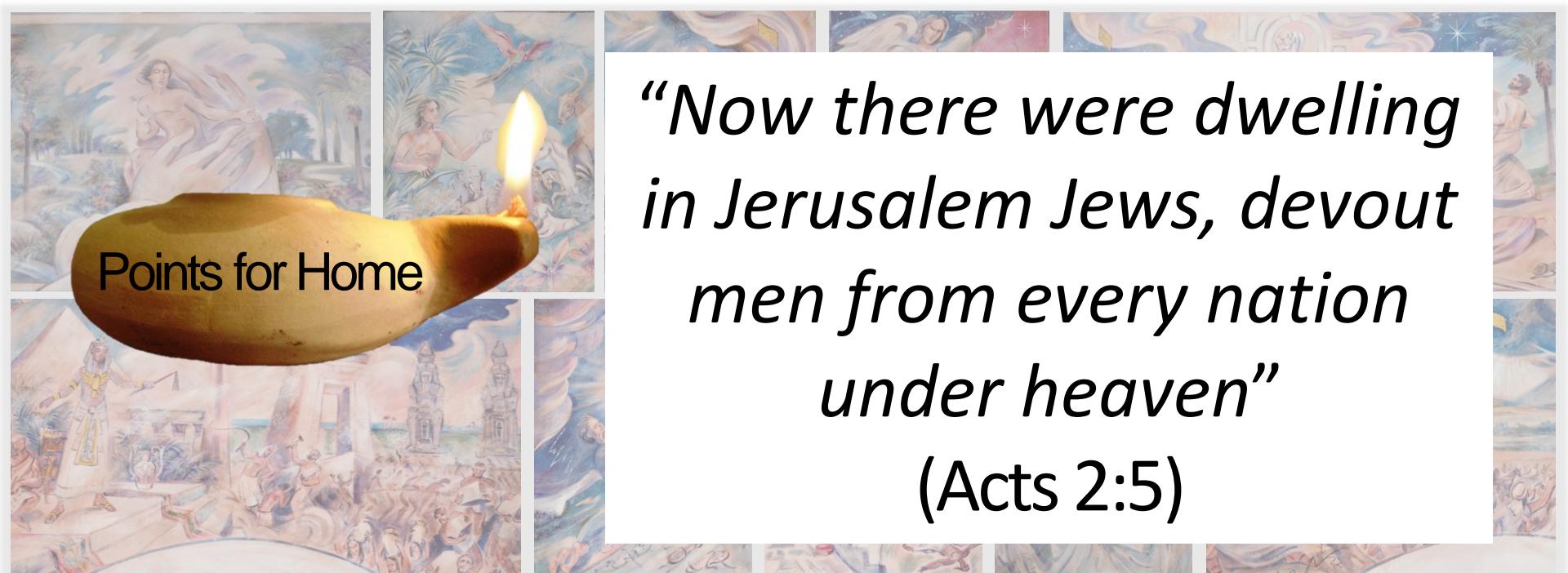
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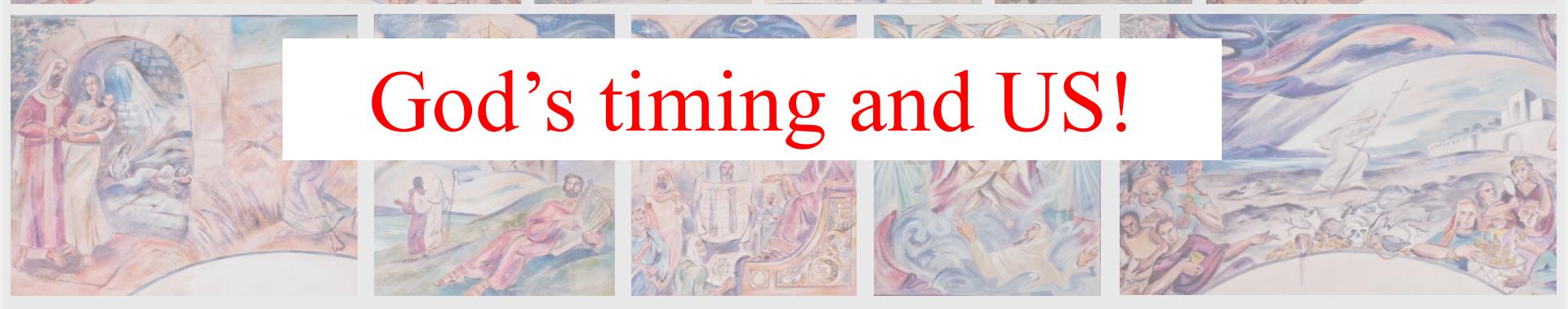
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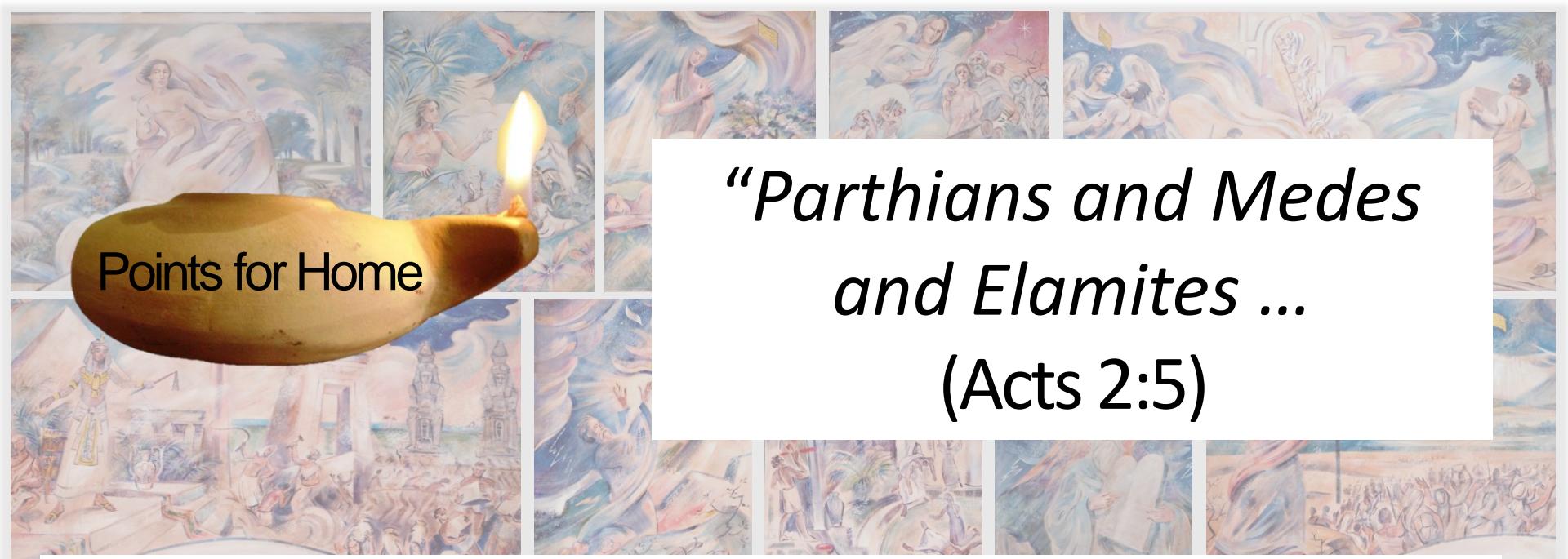


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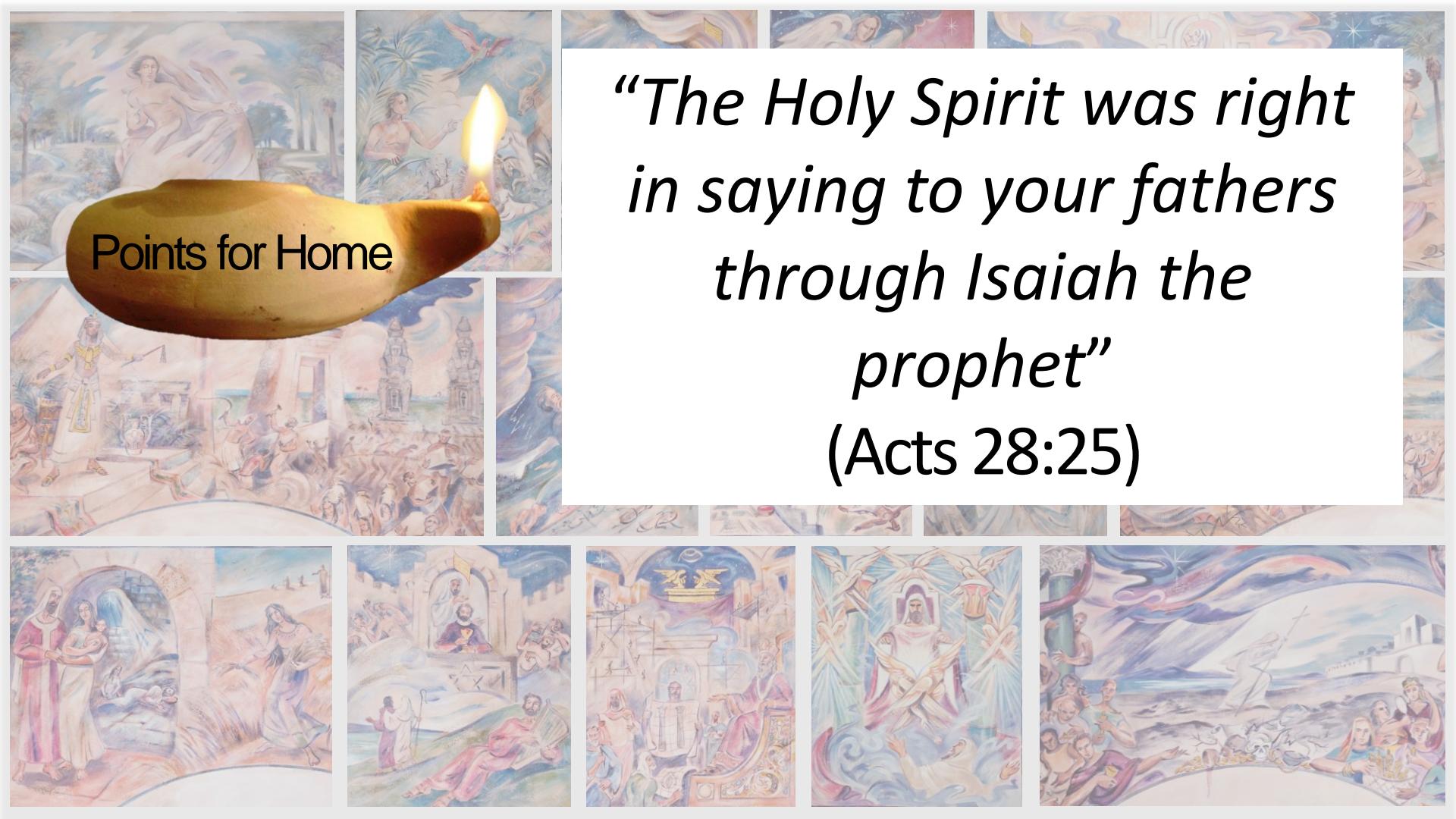
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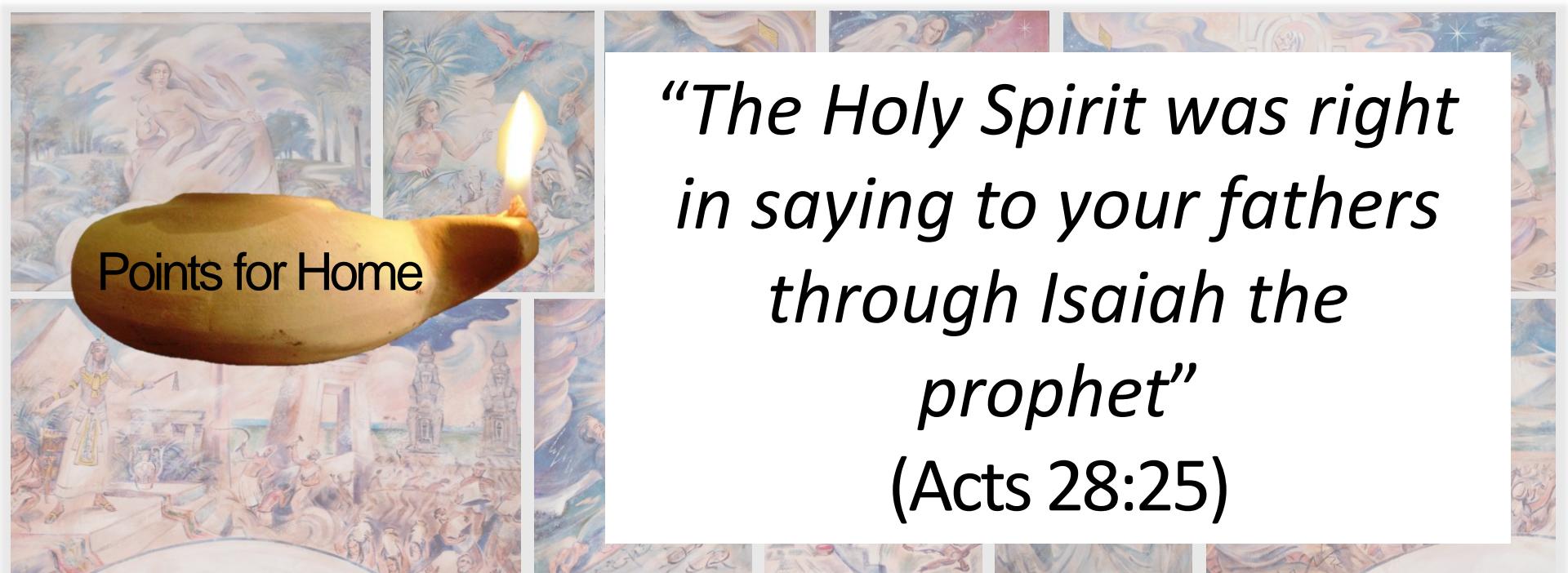


We worship a God who fills holes!



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