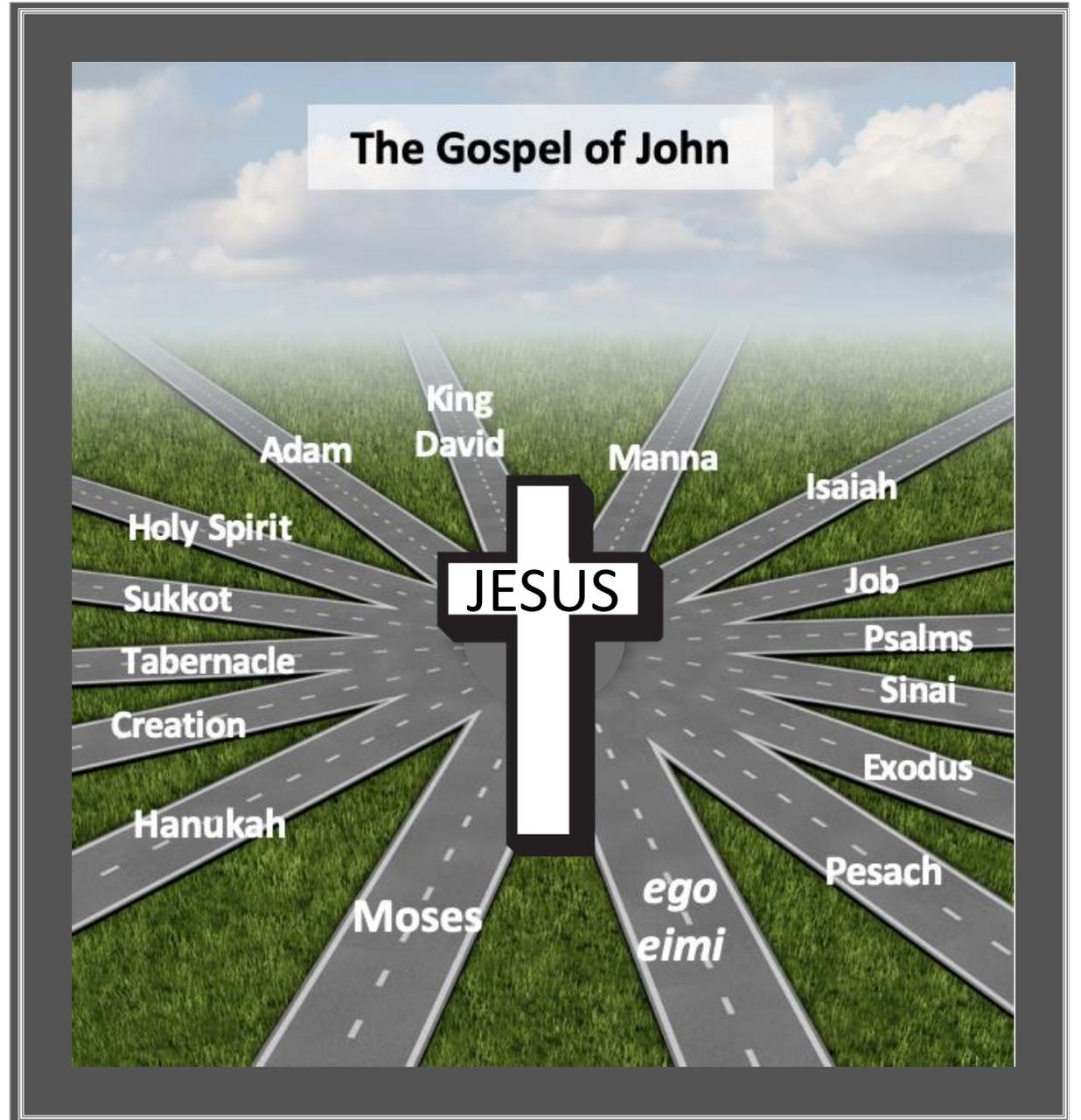


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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
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^aIN the ^bbeginning was the ^cWord was with ^dGod.
and the ^eWord was ^fGod.
and the same was in the ^gbeginning.

² The same was in the ^hbeginning
with ⁱGod.
All things were
made through him
and without him
nothing was made.

Warning: This is something to be done with great care!



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Consider John 5:1-9

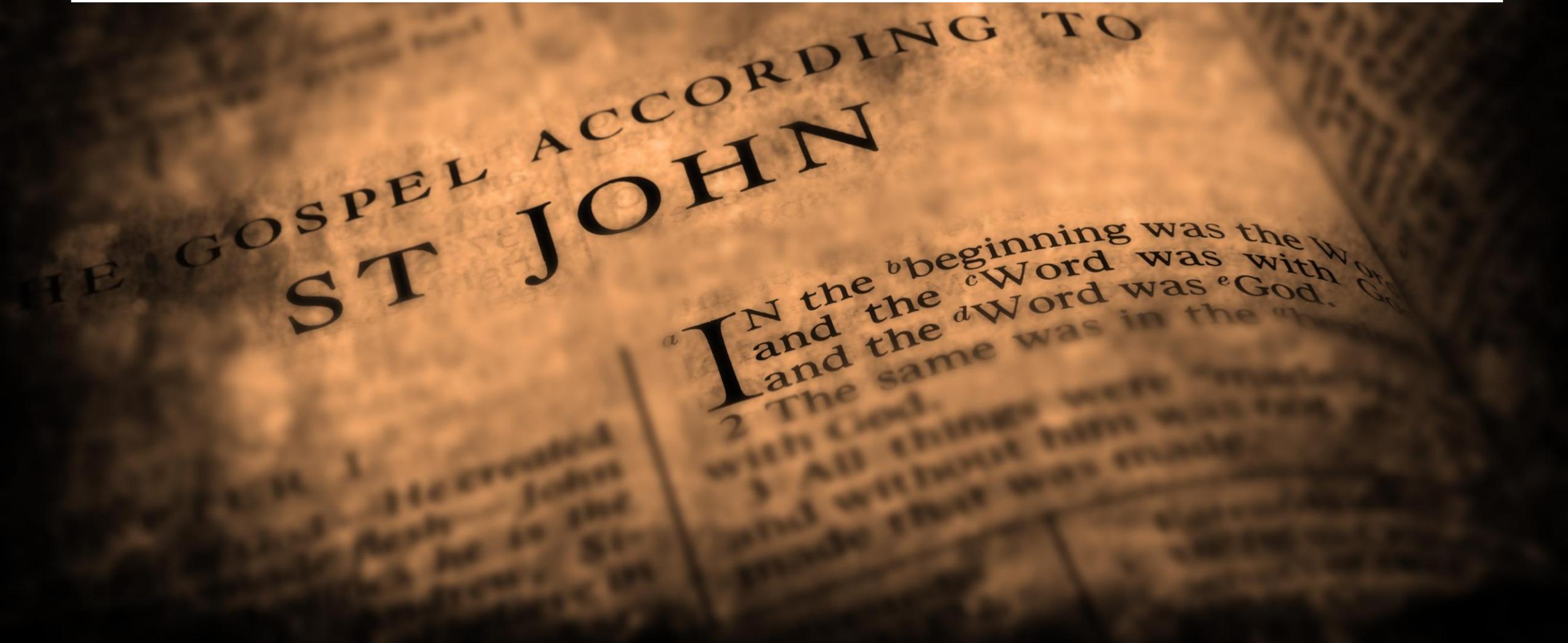
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A large number of eggs, mostly white and light brown, with one shiny gold egg standing out in the foreground. The eggs are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern, filling the entire frame. The gold egg is positioned in the lower right quadrant, reflecting light and standing out significantly from the other eggs.

Look how many times
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John consistently uses feasts to highlight the significance of what happened and what was said



John 2:13 Jesus spoke
of his body as the
temple at Passover



John 6:4 Jesus fed the masses at Passover



John 7:1 Jesus spoke of himself on the last day of Sukkot



A young girl with dark hair is shown in profile, lighting a candle. She is wearing a light-colored, patterned top and a watch. Her hands are positioned to light a candle in a silver holder. Several other lit candles of various colors (red, blue, yellow, white) are in holders in the background. To the left, there is a vase of flowers, including orange daisies and pink flowers. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the candles. In the background, a person wearing a white garment with the word 'CANCE' is partially visible.

John 10:22 Jesus explained
the God who secured the
temple, secures his people

John 11:55 Jesus' death at Passover

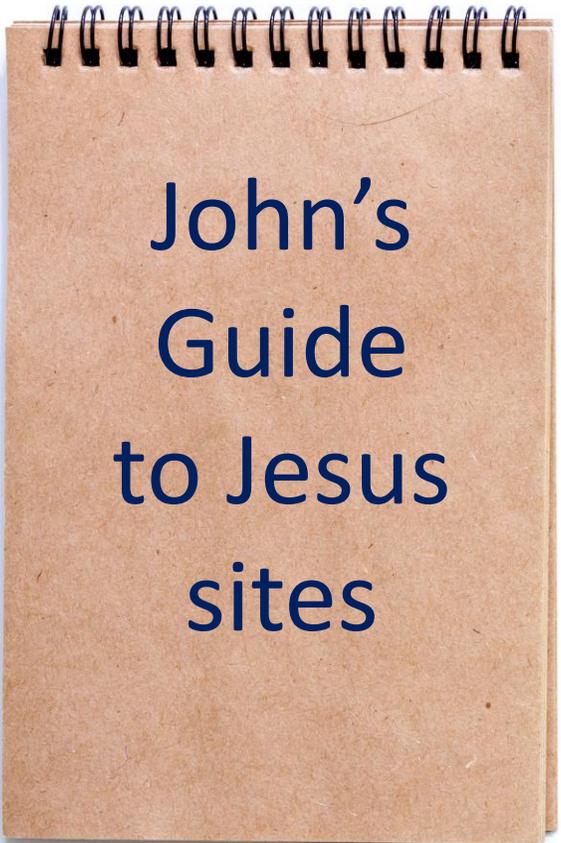


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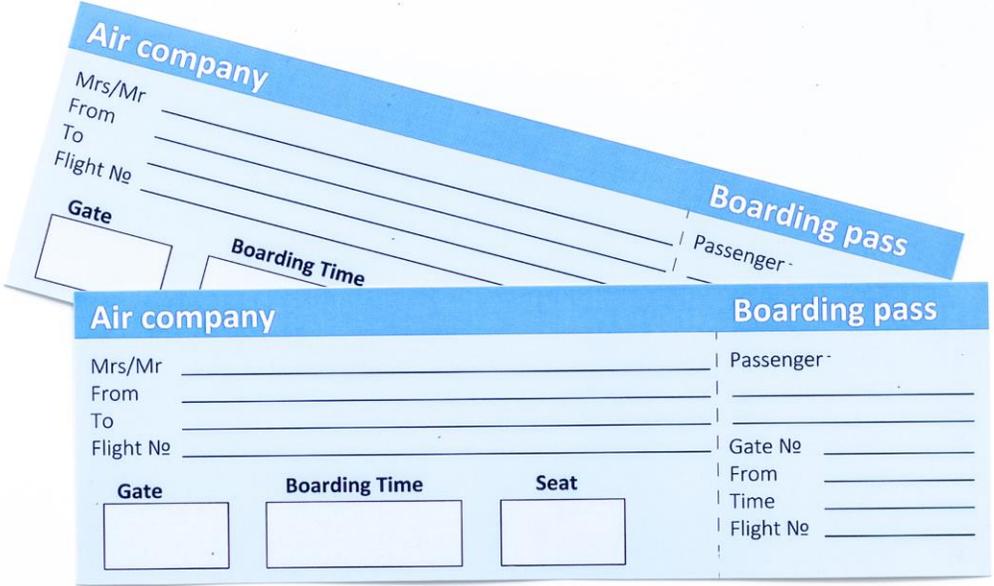


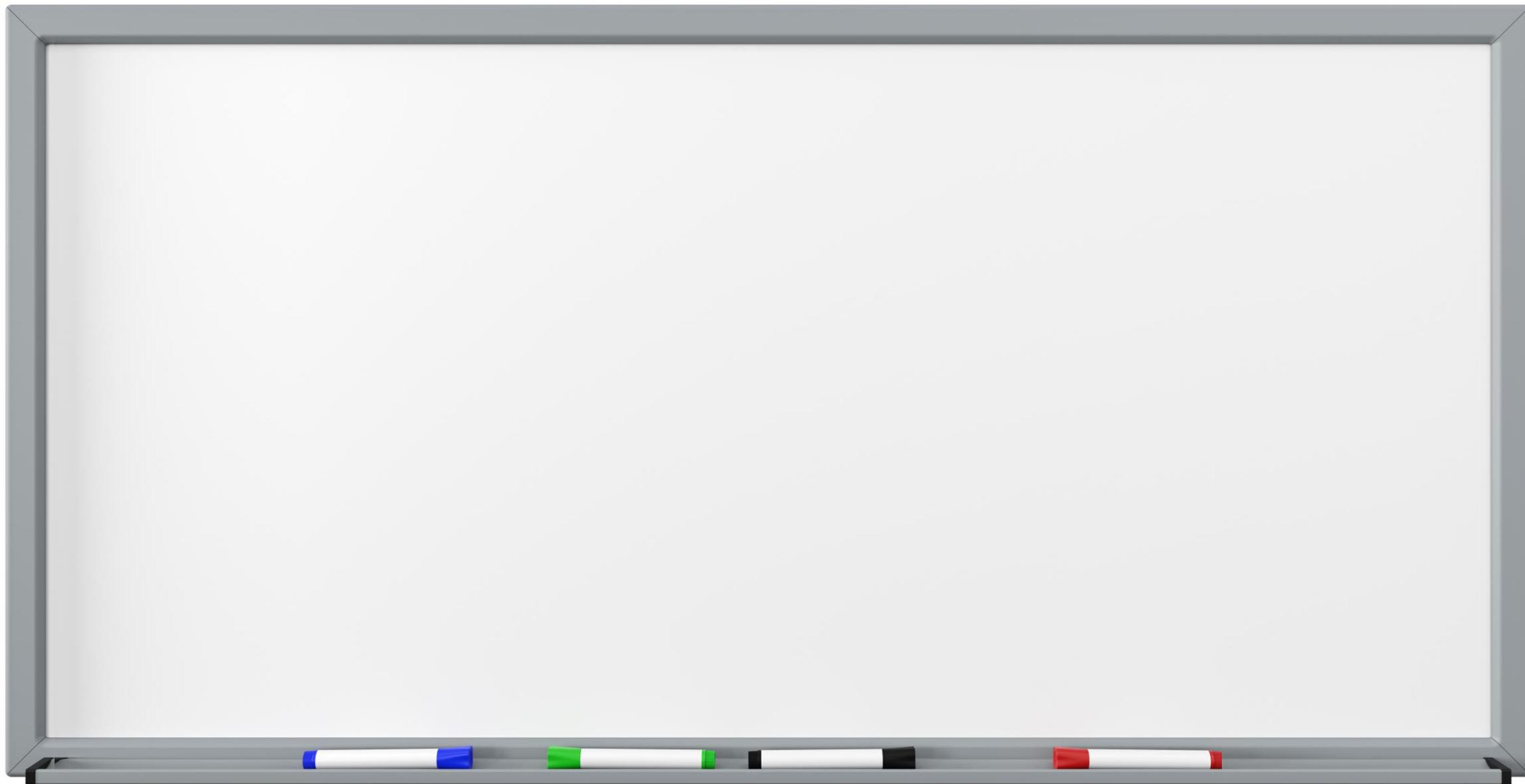
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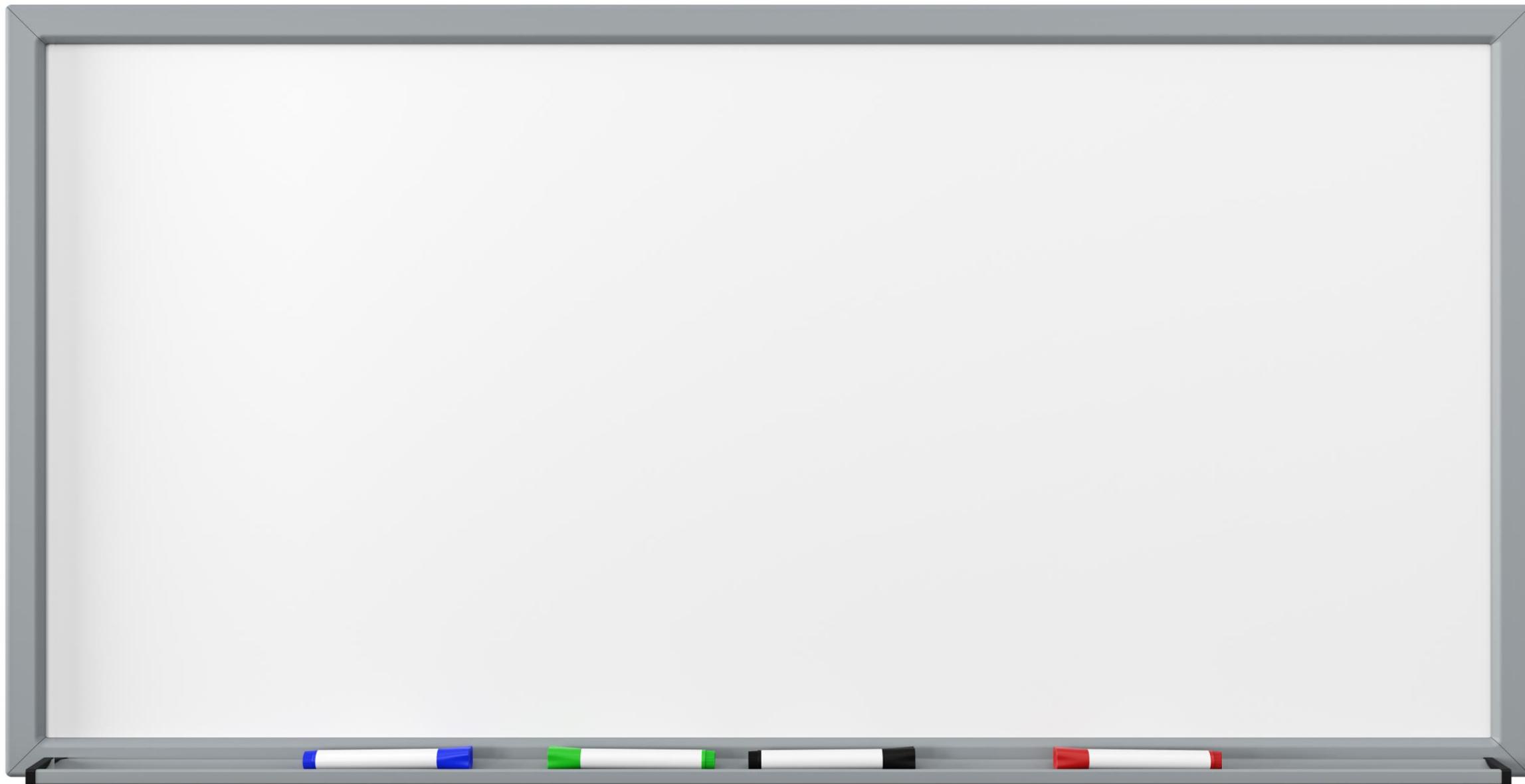
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John is **not** writing a tour guide or holiday brochure!







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Ruins of Pool of Bethesda



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The Torah is supported by five books



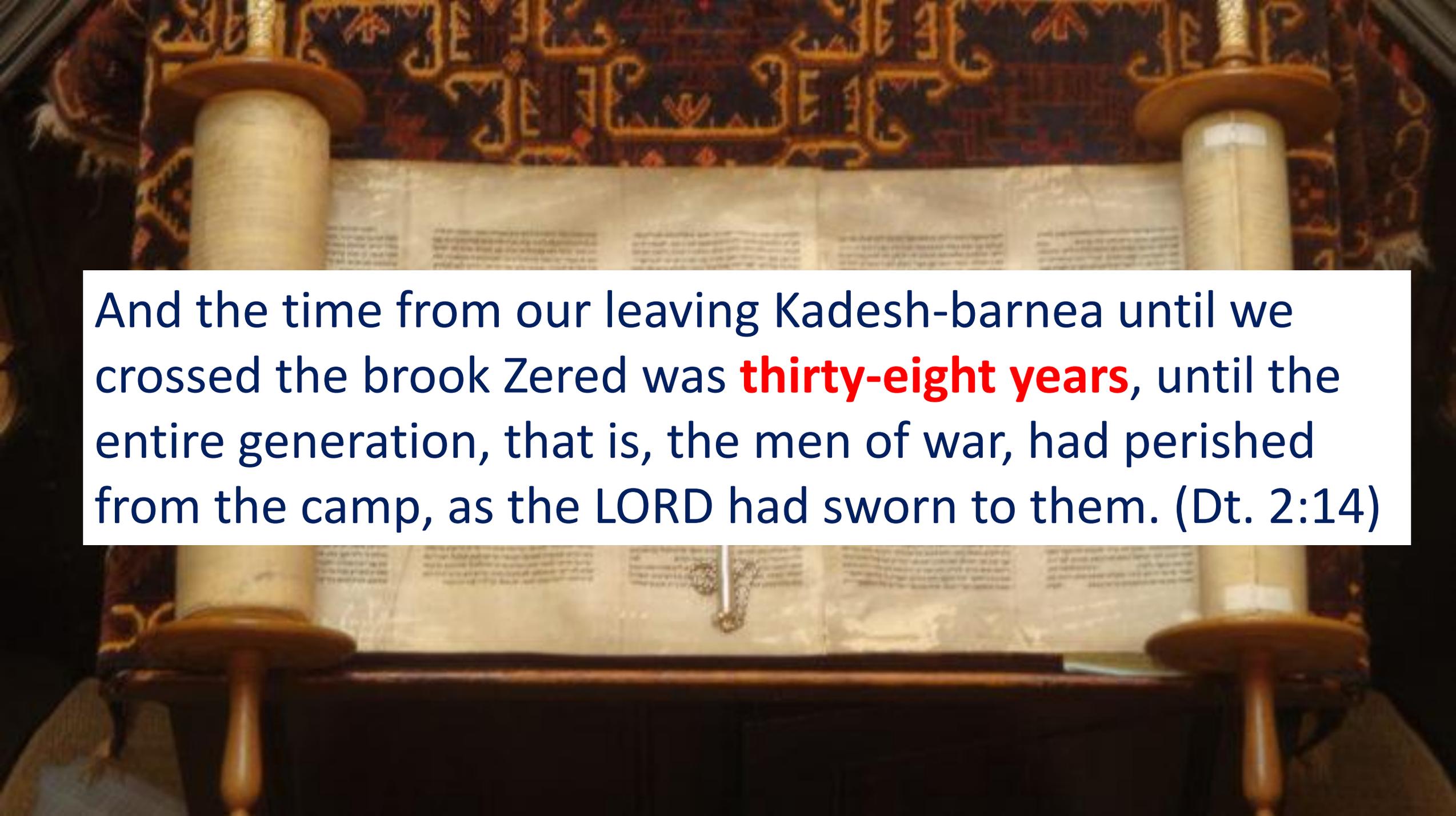
A Bordeaux pilgrim visited Jerusalem in AD 333, and described a pair of pools with five arcades (though he called the pools 'Betsaida'). Sporadic excavations have probed the site for more than a century. It is located near the Church of St Anne, in the north-east quarter of the Old City (near Nehemiah's 'Sheep Gate'). There were two pools, lying north and south, surrounded by four covered colonnades in a rough trapezoid, with a fifth colonnade separating the two pools. This hard evidence excludes the suggestion that the five colonnades are merely symbolic representations of the five books of Moses, now ineffective for healing and salvation



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John's Book of Gospel Trivia



An open book with two large candles on either side, set against a patterned background. The book is open to a page with text, and the candles are lit. The background is a dark fabric with a gold and red pattern. The text on the page is in a serif font, and the words "thirty-eight years" are highlighted in red.

And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was **thirty-eight years**, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them. (Dt. 2:14)

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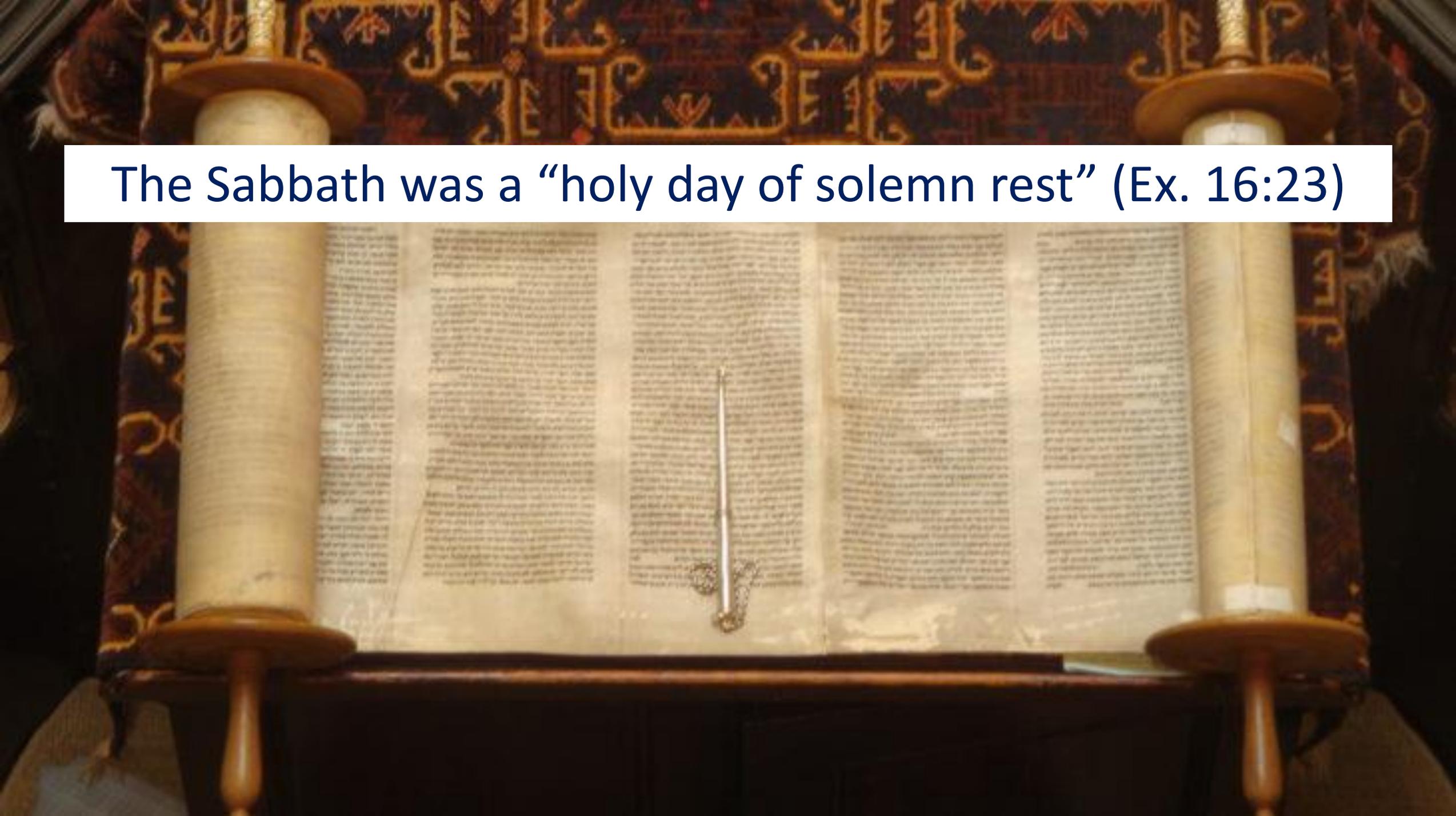
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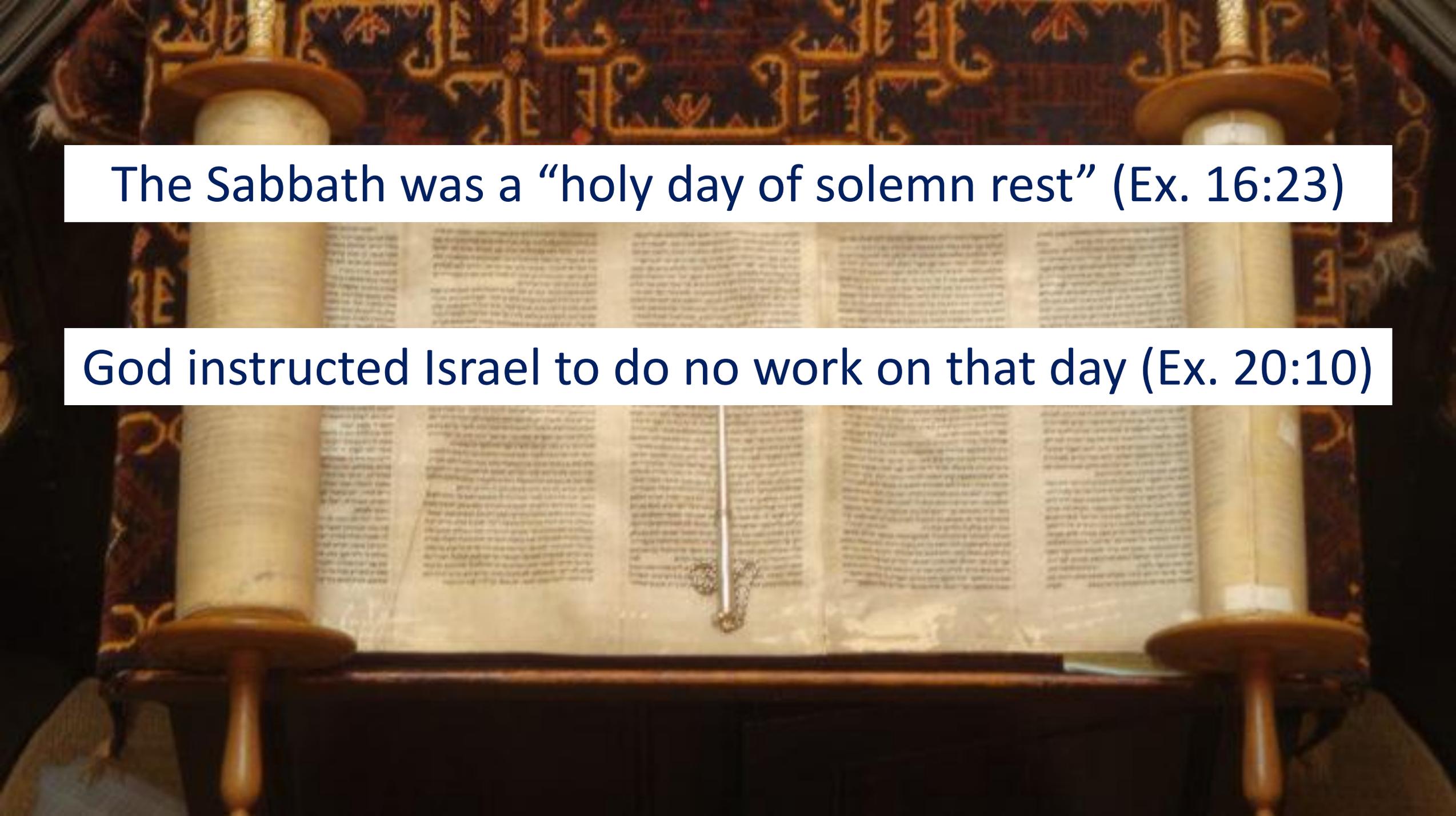
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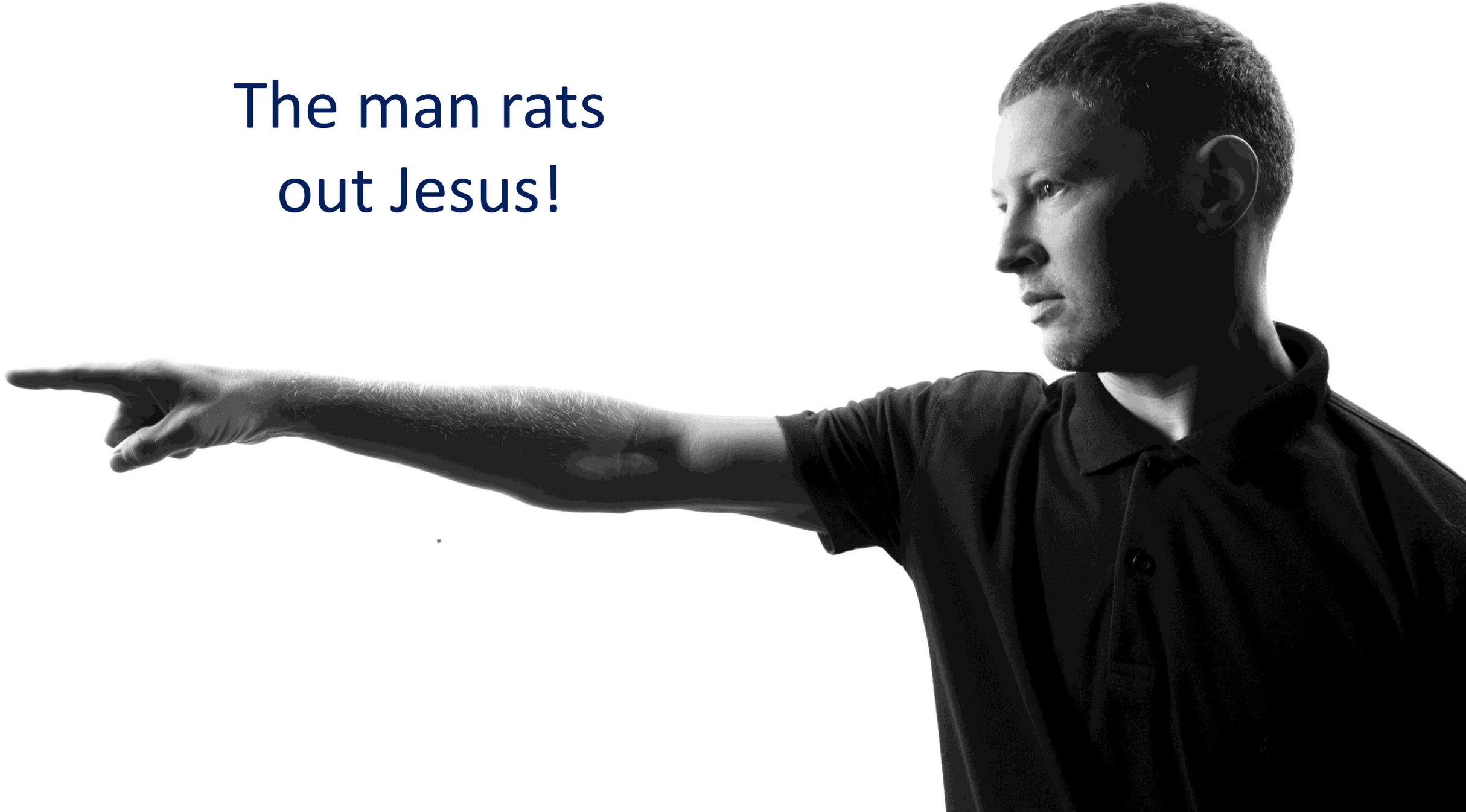
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PROBLEM 2:

Jesus told the man to carry his mat

The man rats
out Jesus!



See clearly who Jesus is ...



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Jesus worked God's works: “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise” (5:19)

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Jesus was privy to God's plans: "For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel" (5:20)

See clearly who Jesus is ...

Jesus had God's power to give life: "For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will...For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself."
(5:21, 26)

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This power is based on Jesus as the Son of God :

“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live” (5:25)

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Jesus had God's authority: "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son" (5:22)



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Jesus was worthy of the honor due God: “that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him” (5:23)

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Jesus was attested to by Scripture: “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life” (5:39-40)

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Jesus was there on the Father's behalf: "I have come in my Father's name" (5:43)



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Jesus was the source of life: “whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life”
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If you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" (Jn. 5:46-47)







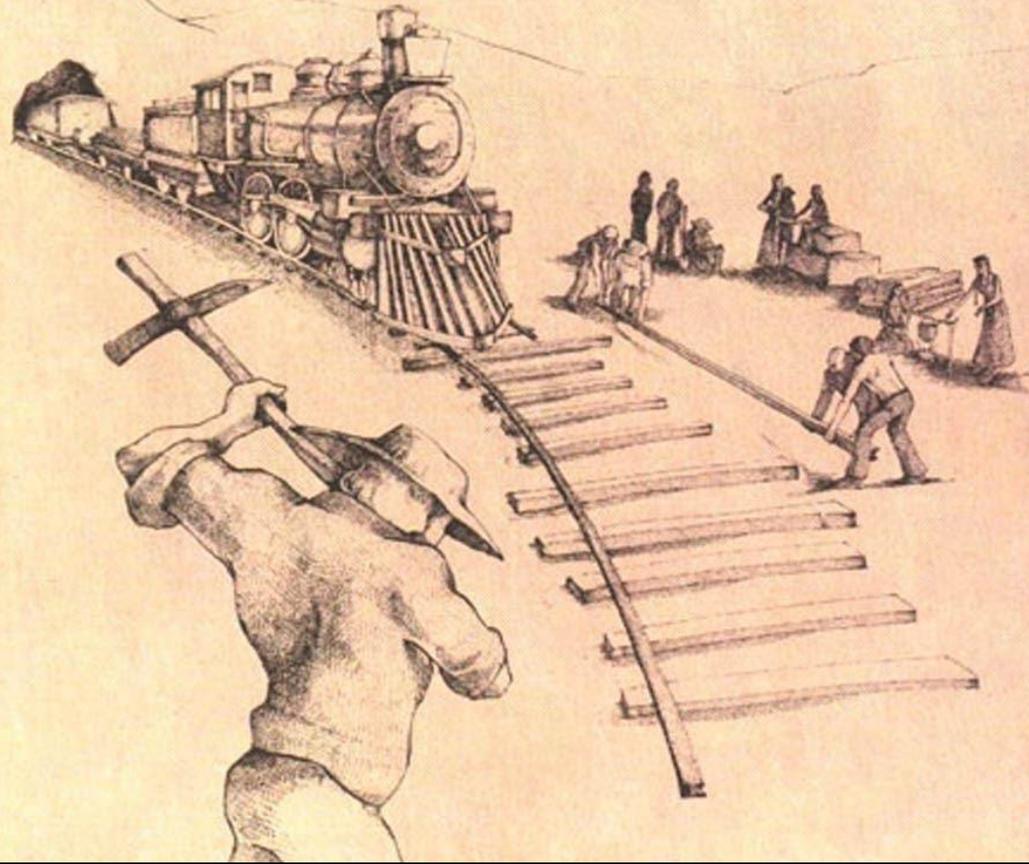
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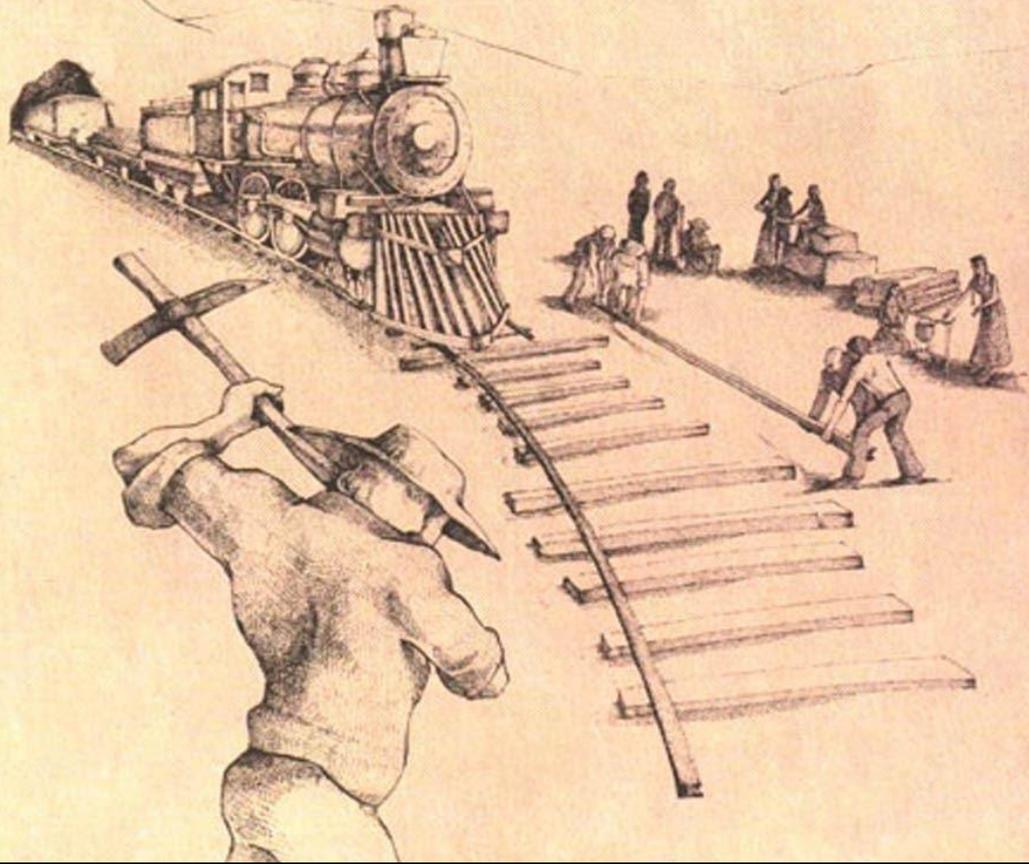
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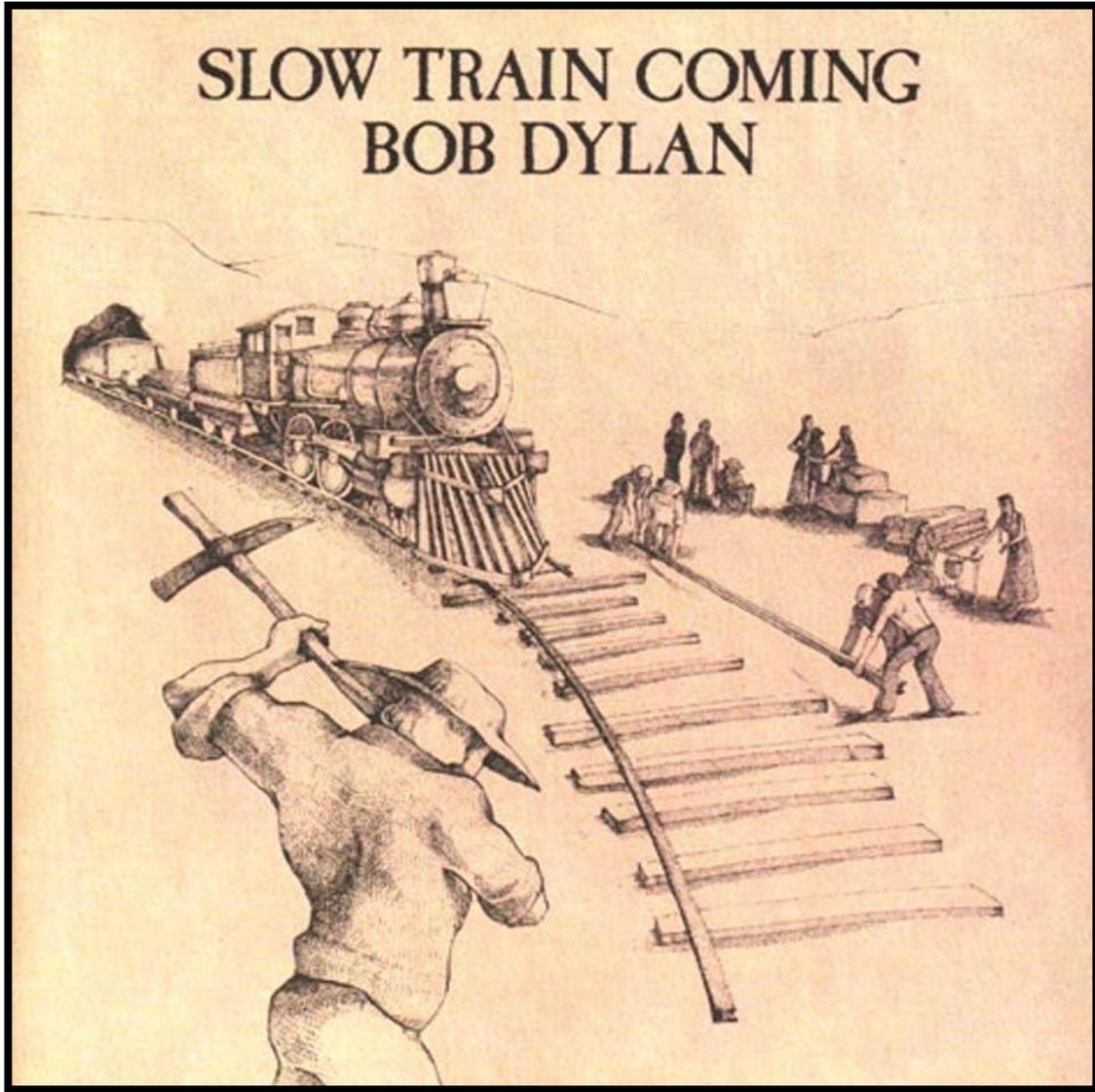
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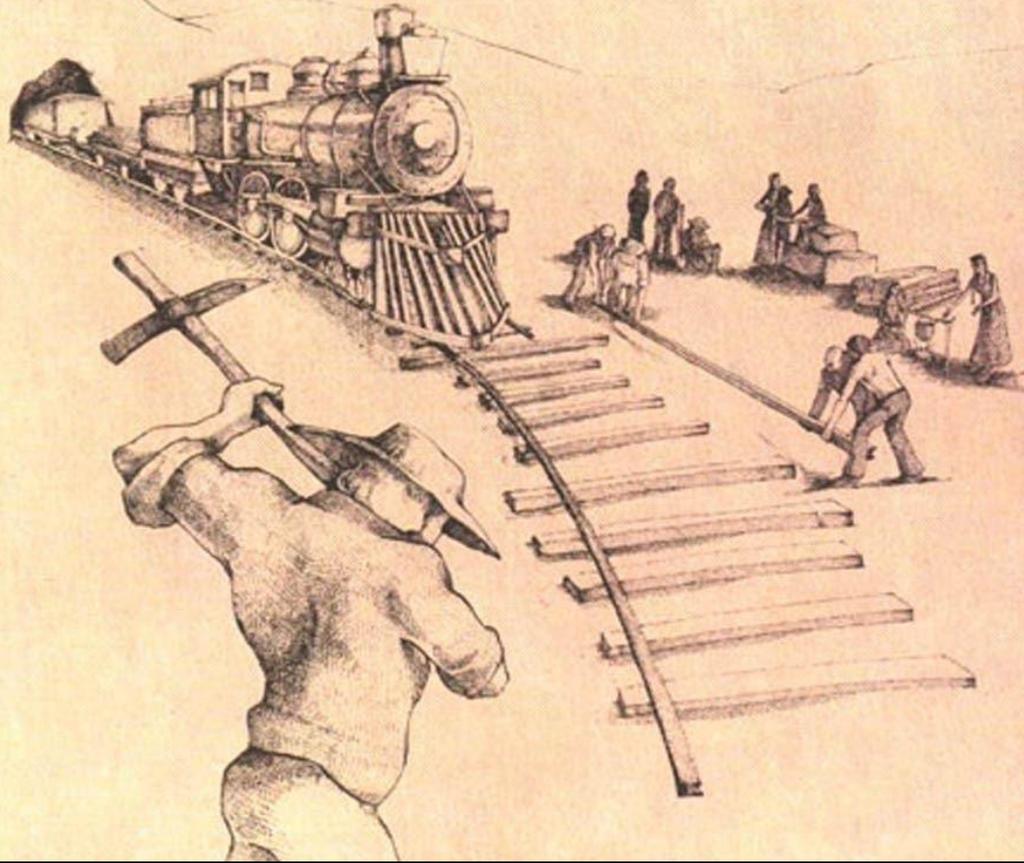
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Precious angel ---
Under the sun (Son)



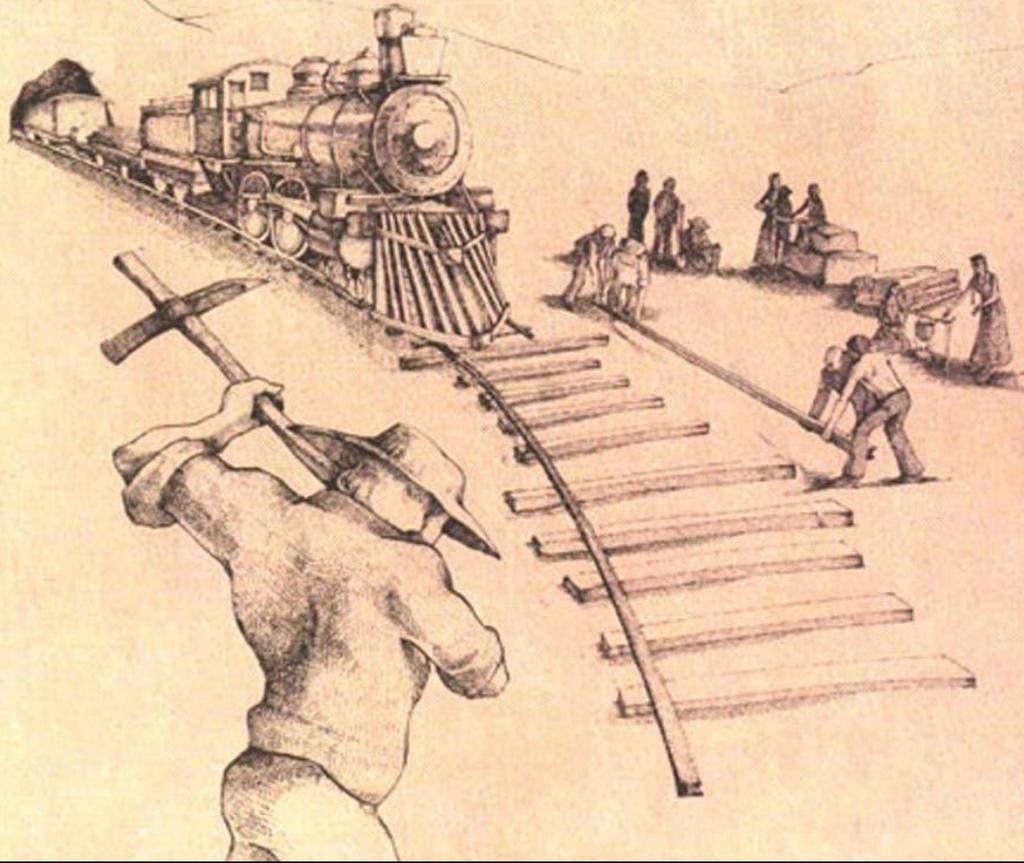
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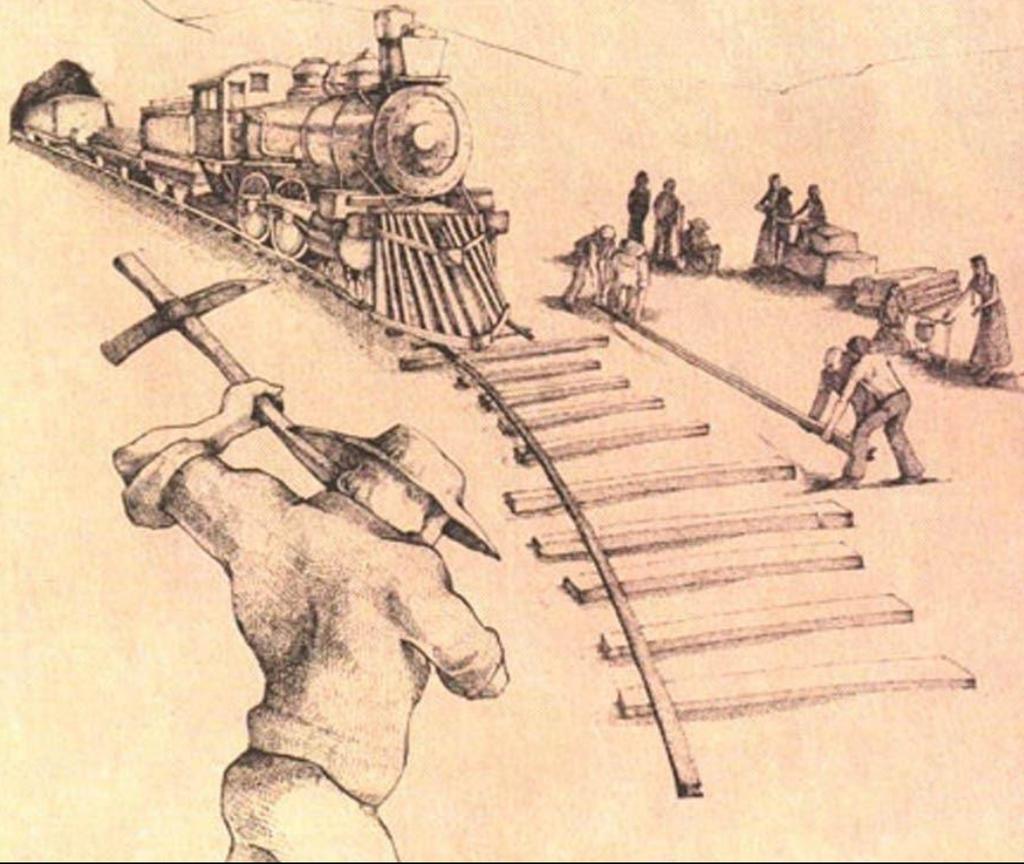


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To show me I was
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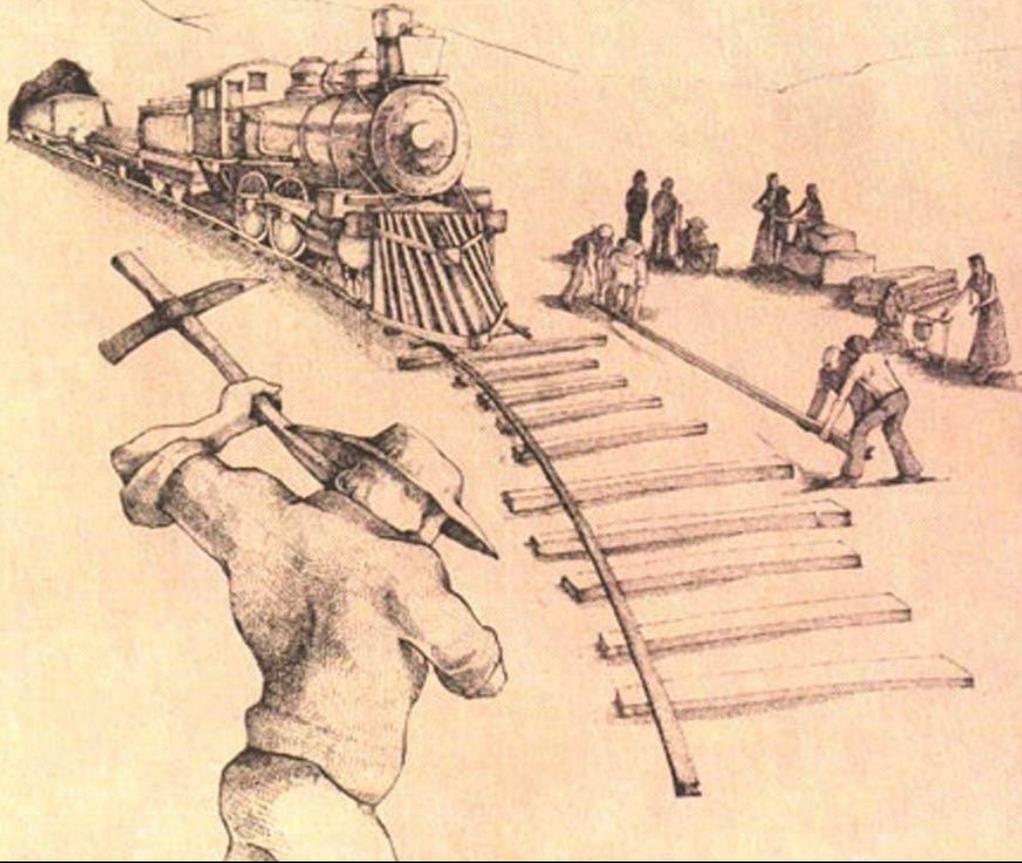
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To show me I was gone



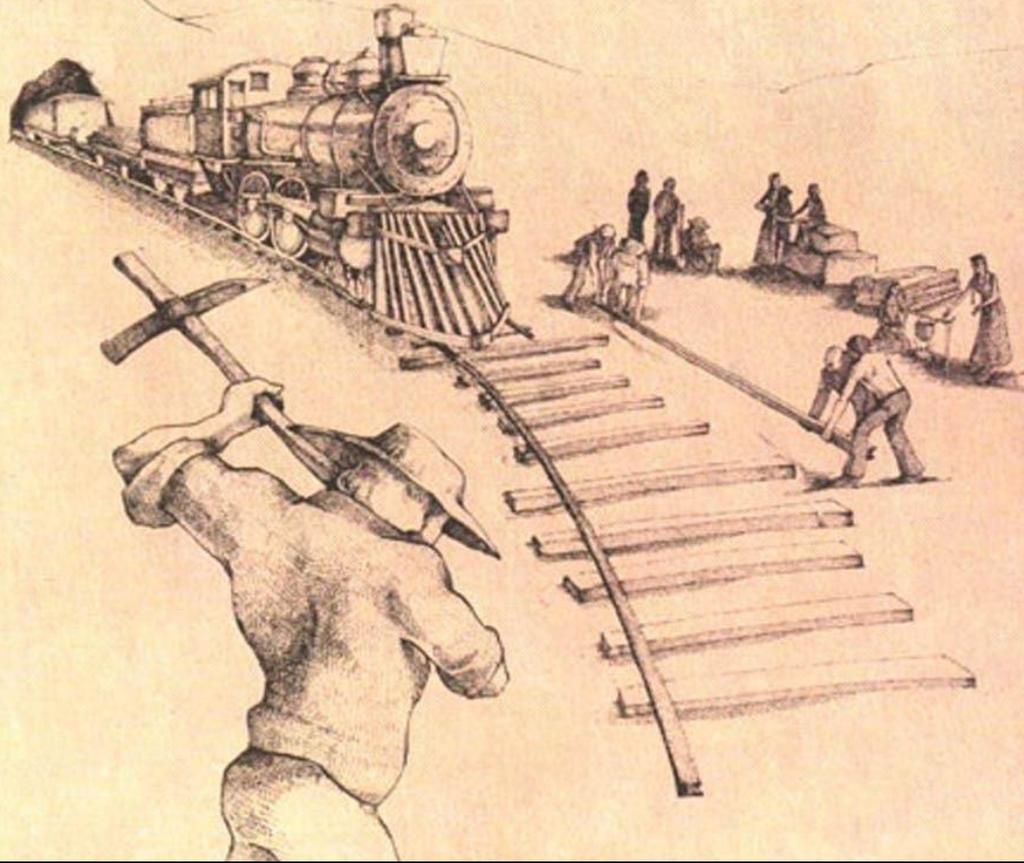
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How weak was the
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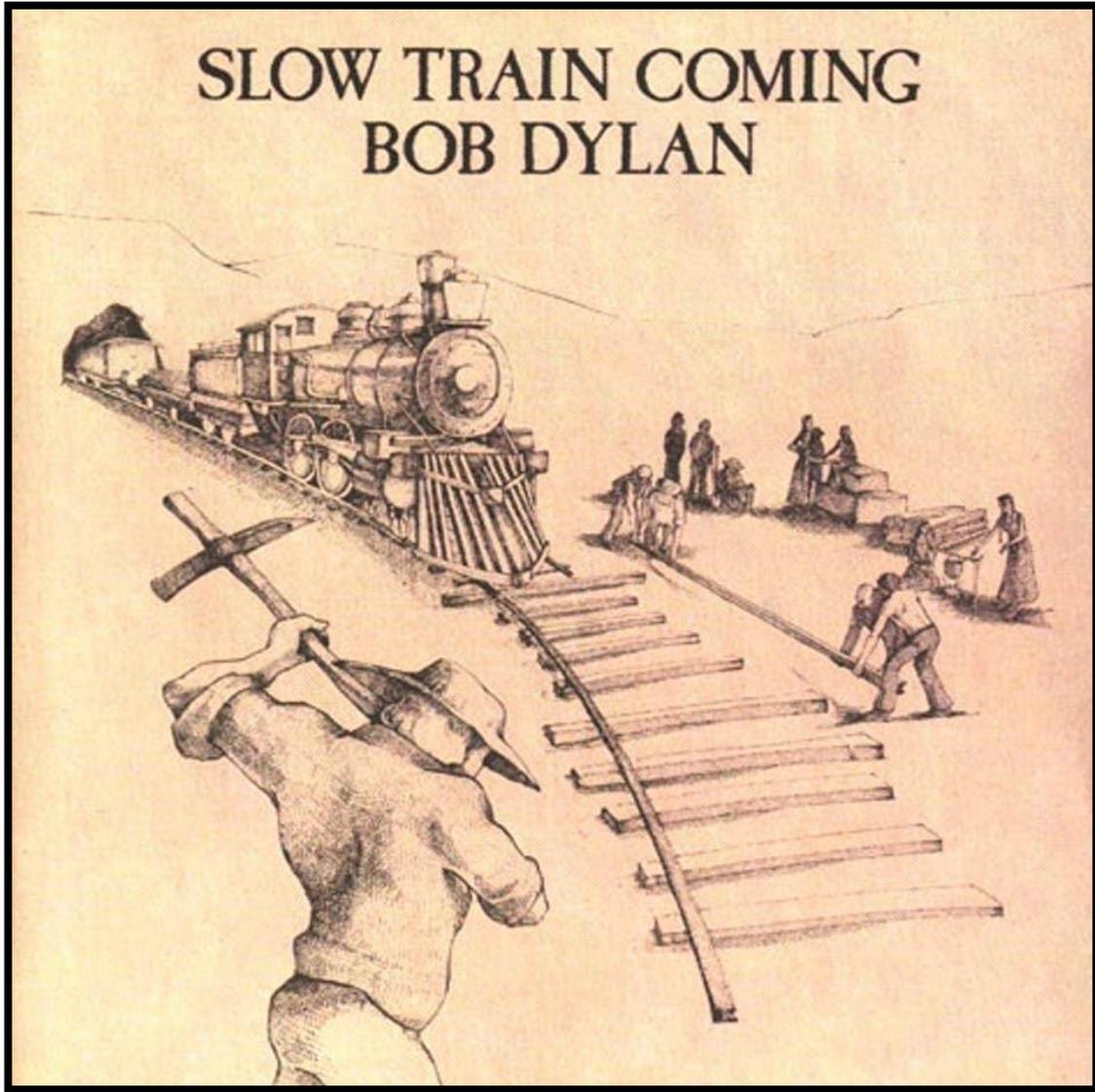
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Now there's spiritual
warfare and flesh and
blood breaking down



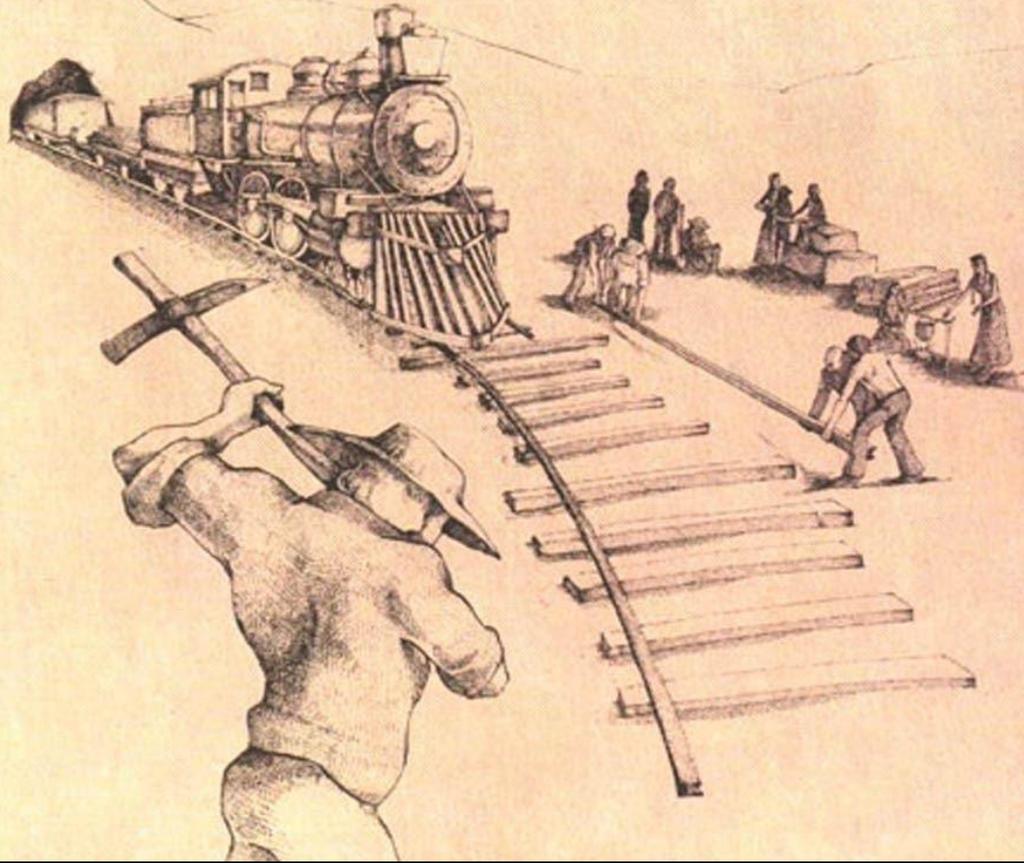
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Ya either got faith or ya
got unbelief and there
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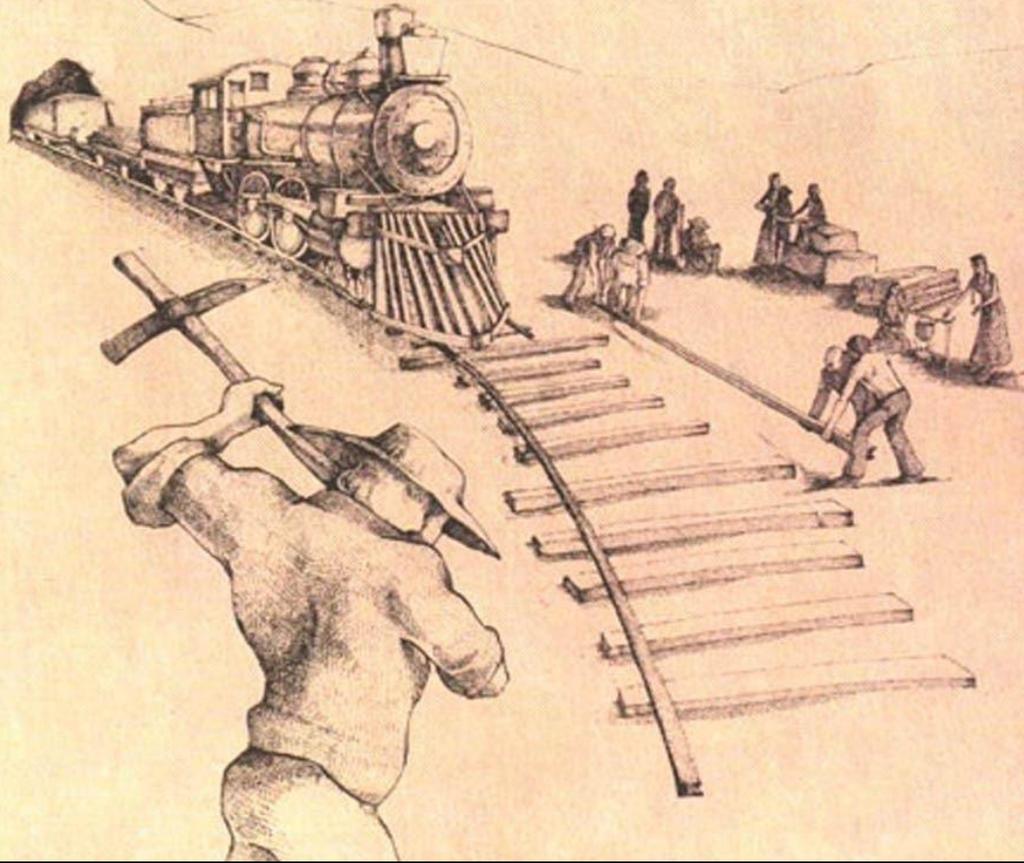
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The enemy is subtle, how
be it we are so deceived



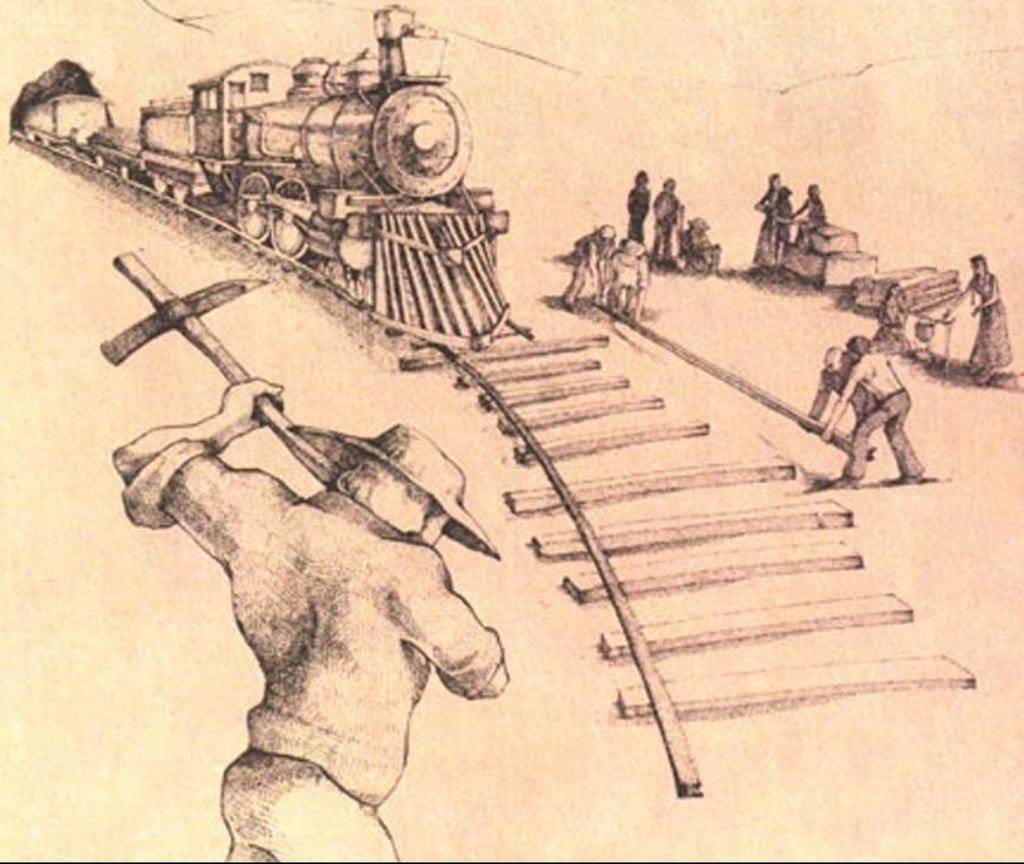
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When the truth's in our hearts and we still don't believe ?



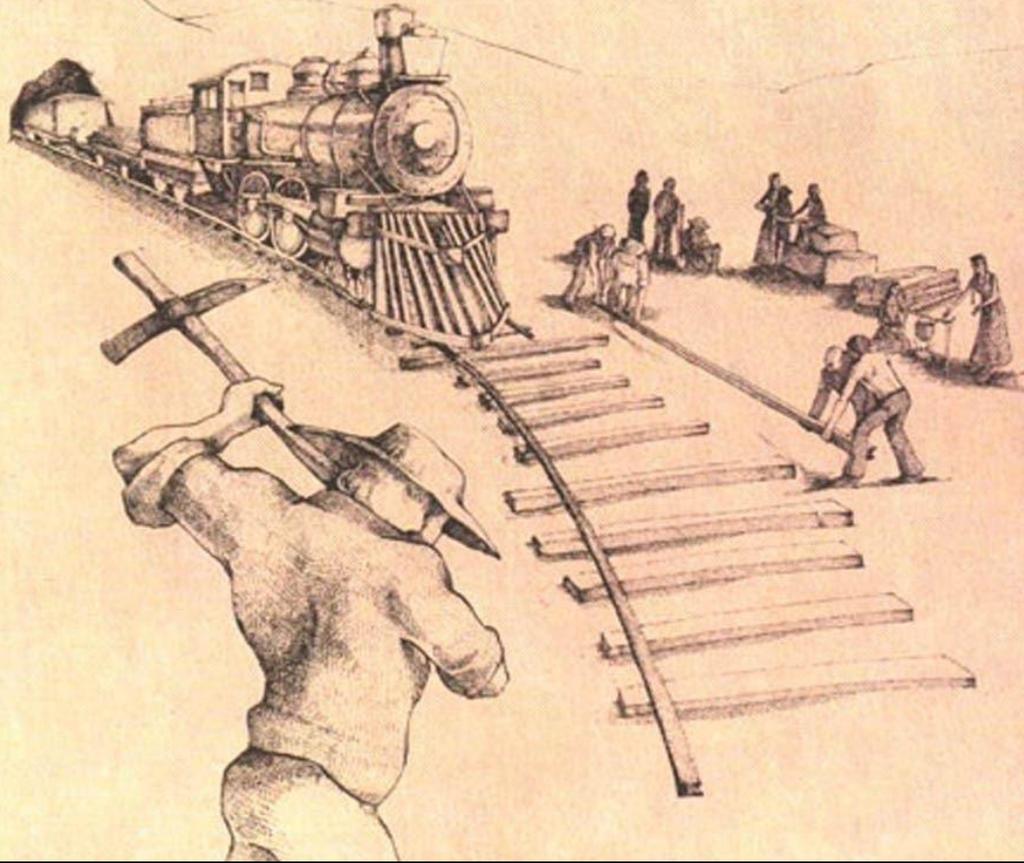
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Shine you light, shine
your light on me



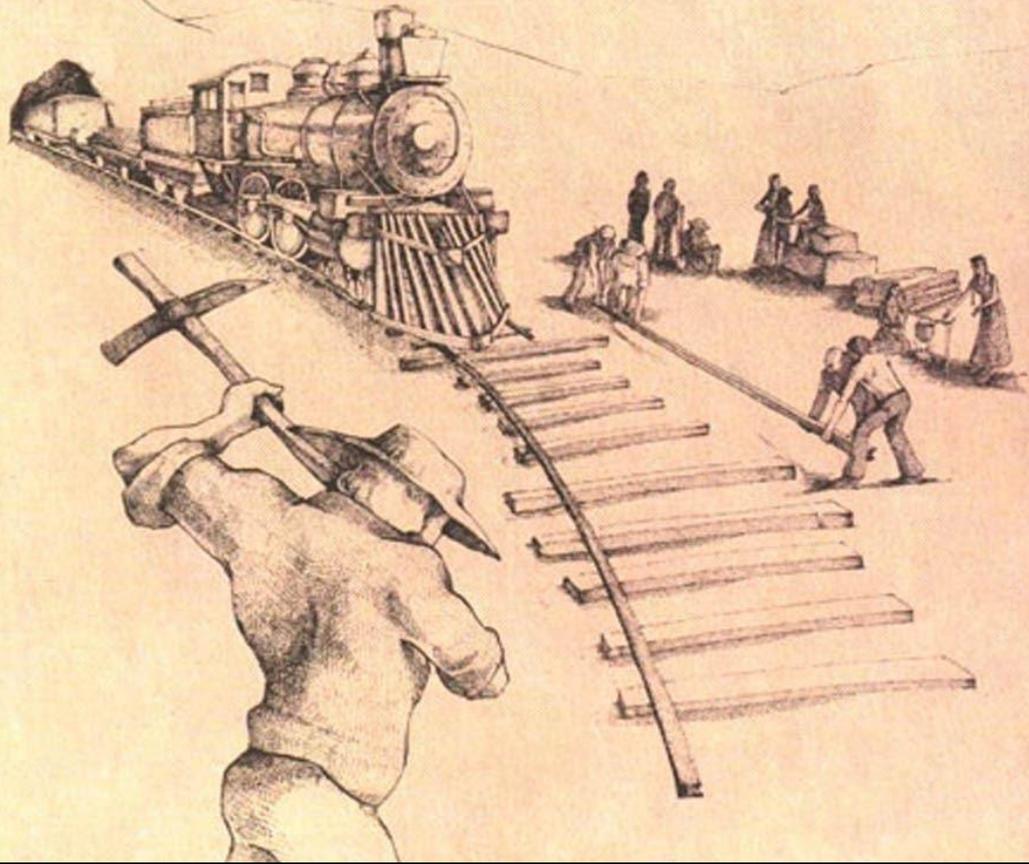
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Ya know I just couldn't
make it by myself
I'm a little too blind to see



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This isn't work – it is a trophy of praise to God!

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**God gave me life –
I will live it for HIM!**

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