

The Minor Prophets

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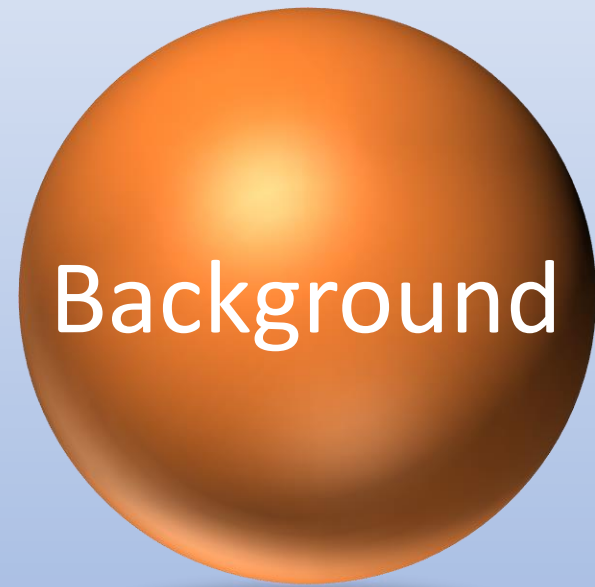
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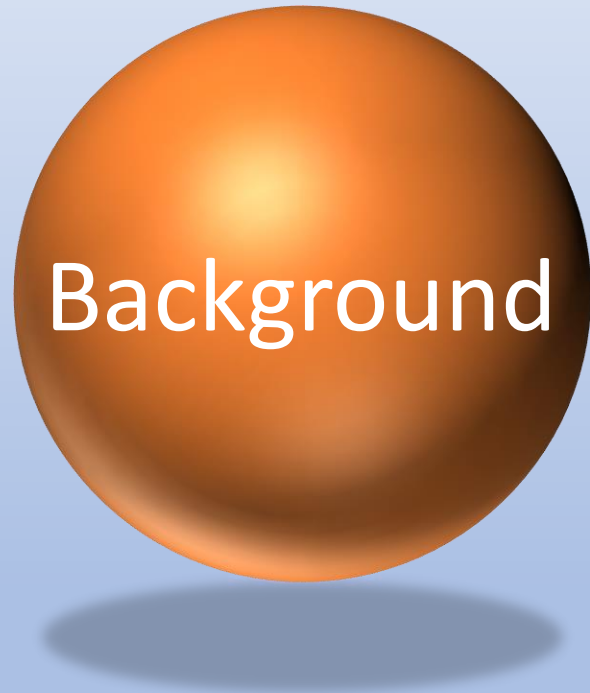
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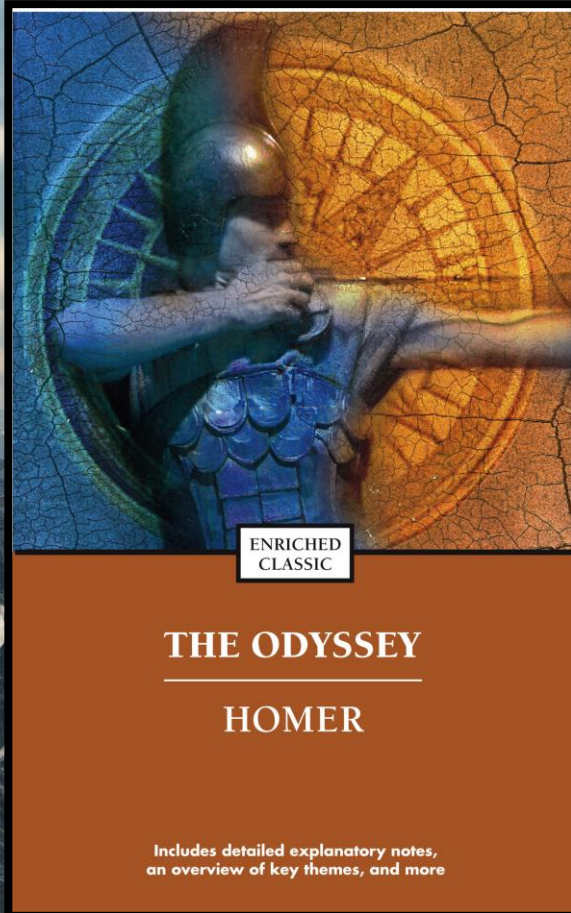
Founding of Rome

Homer

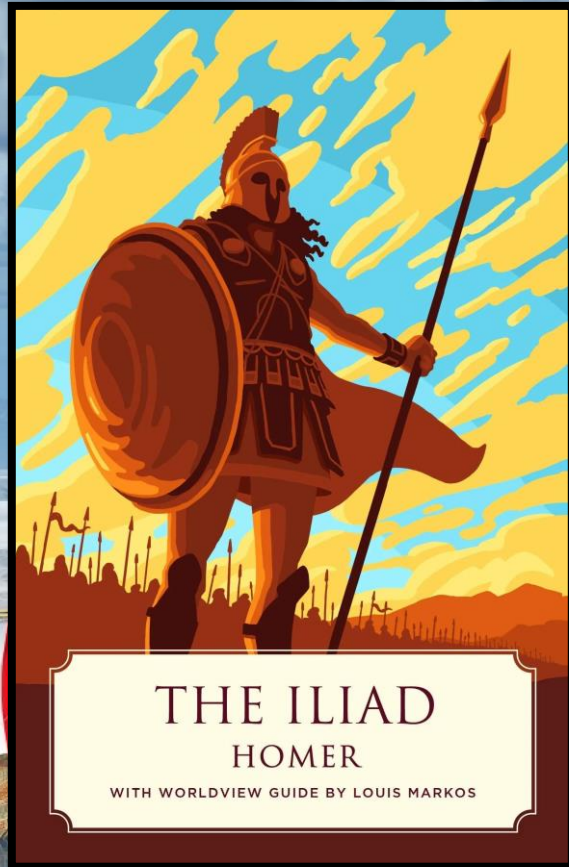
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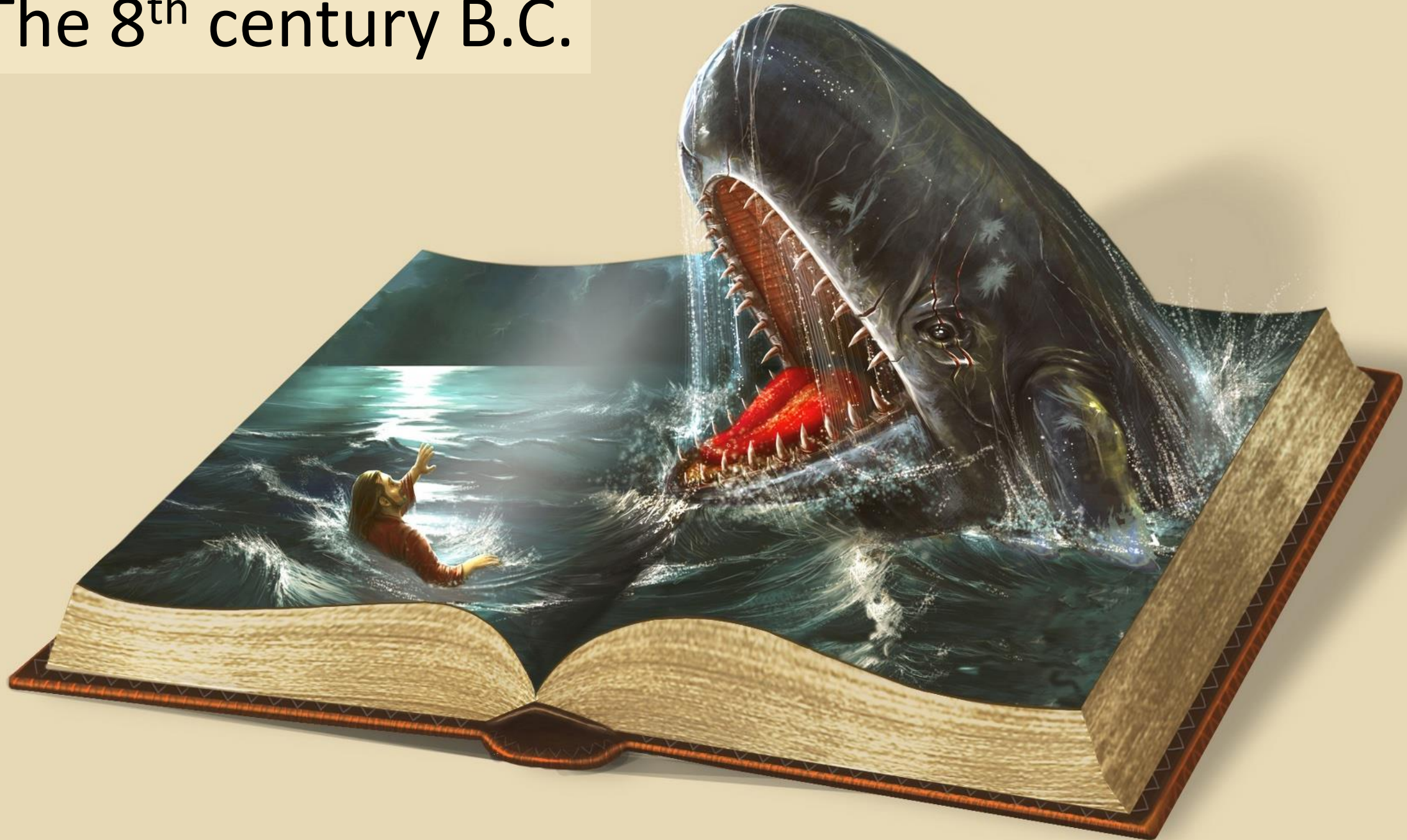
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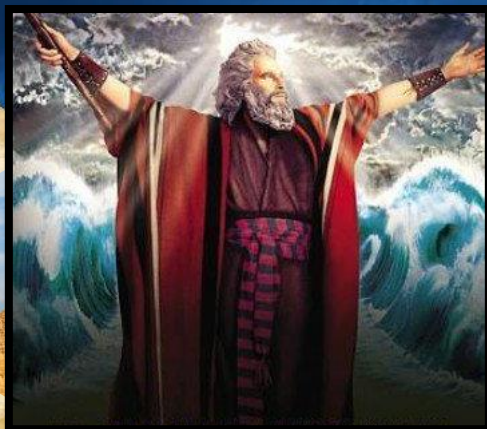
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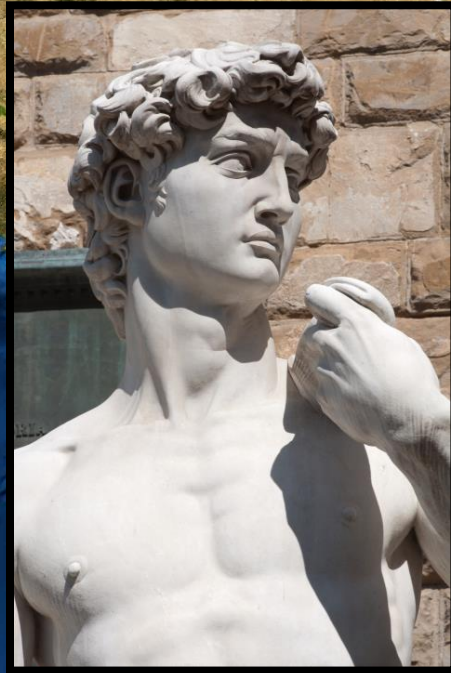
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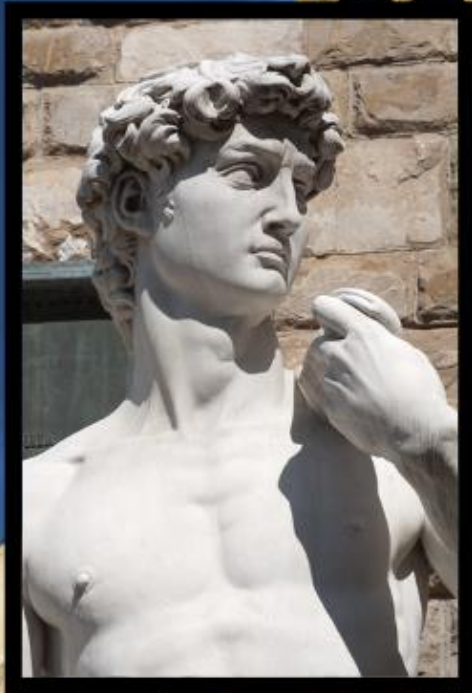
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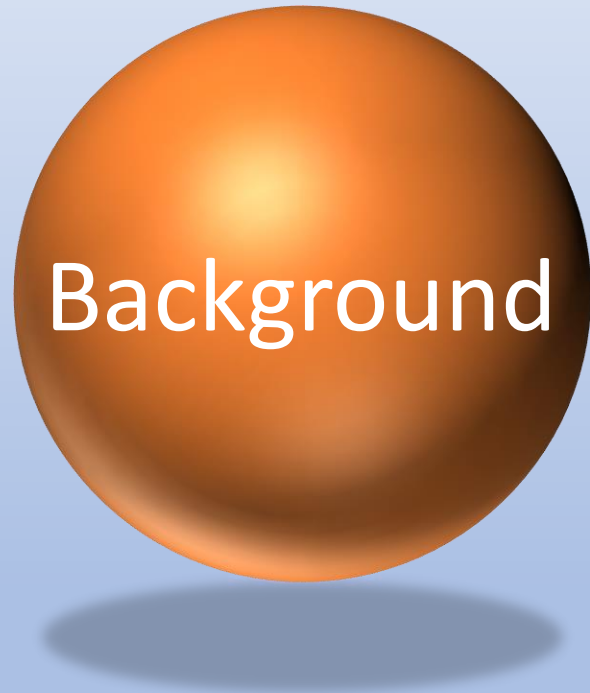


Amos - Resume

Occupation:

I am technically a breeder of cattle (sheep/oxen) as a *boqer* (בֹּקֵר) headquartered out of Tekoa, Judah, where I am generally found among the shepherds.

I have a side business traveling as a consultant and a dresser of figs



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“Northern Kingdom”
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“Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he restored Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?” (2 Kings 14:28)

A

The fruit of a 40-year reign



Mud brick houses became...



Houses of hewn stone



“I will strike the winter house along with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall come to an end,” declares the LORD.”

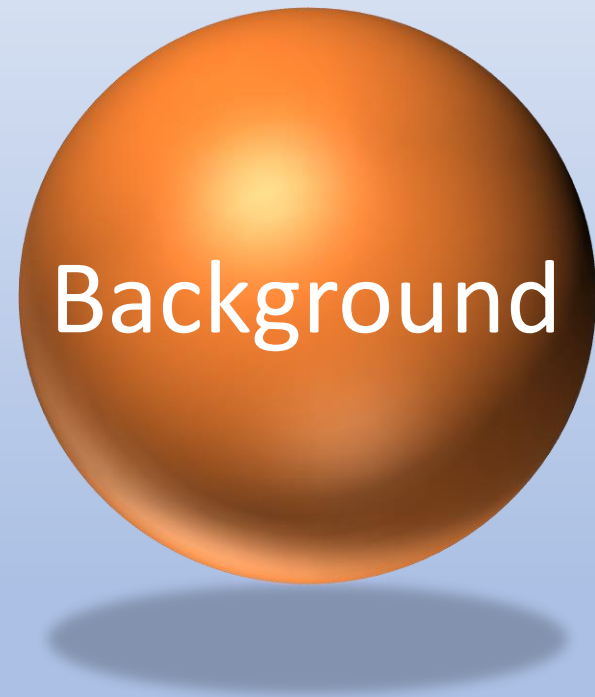
(Amos 3:15)

The divide between rich and poor was massive

Amos 6:4-6

Amos 2:6; 8:6



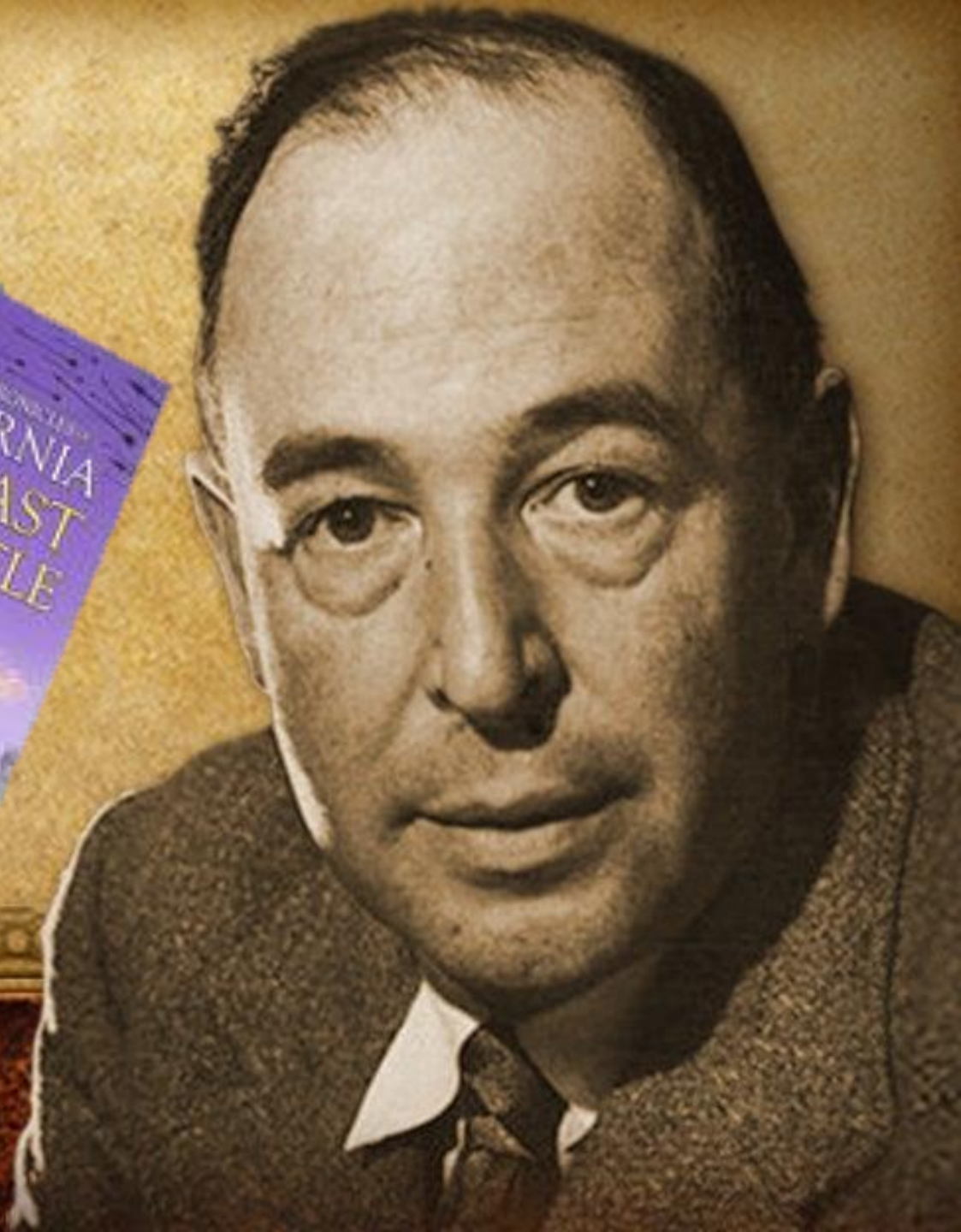


Amos 1:2

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וַיִּתֵּן קוֹלוֹ וַאֲבָלוֹ
בְּעֹתֵי הָרְעִים וַיִּבֶשׁ
רֹאשׁ הַכַּרְמֶל:



“Do you think I keep him in
my wallet, fools?’ said Tirian.
‘Who am I that I could make
Aslan appear at my bidding?
He’s not a tame lion’”

The Last Battle



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שֶׁאֵג *sha-ag*

“roars” like a lion

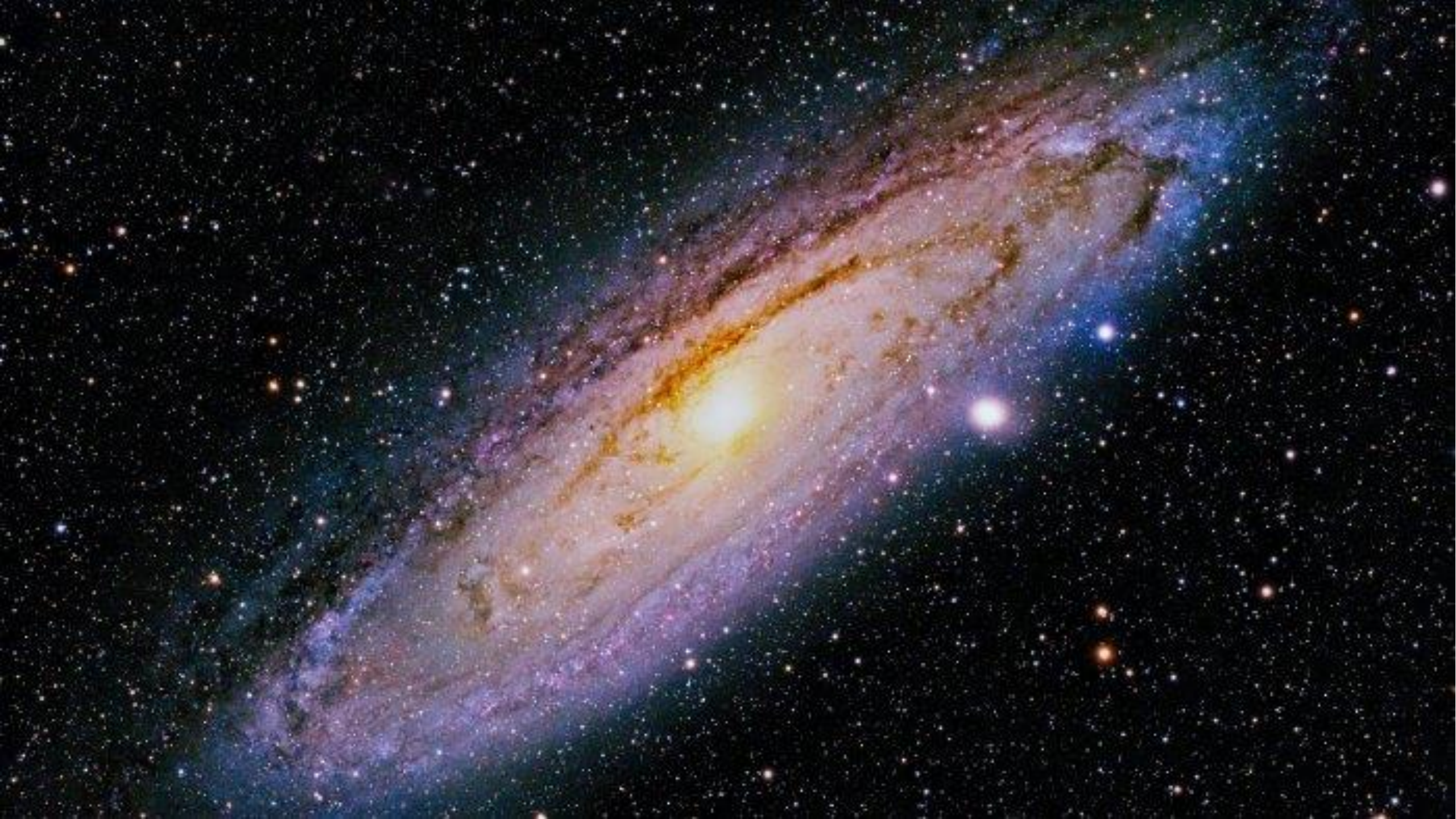
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God's message is
not a leaky faucet

God's message is not a meandering stream





Are we
listening?



Amos 1:3ff

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Is it 3 or 4?



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Or 1?



3 is divine

Sin offends heaven

Heavenly consequences

4 is earthly

and earth

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דָּמָשְׁקִי פְּשָׁע *pesha*

Rooted in “rebellion”
against law or God

אֶת־הַגִּלְעָד בְּזִבְזָאוֹתֵי

אֵשׁ

NEXT ...



Amos 2:14-16

“Flight shall perish
from the swift, and the
strong shall not retain
his strength, nor shall
the mighty save his life;
he who handles the bow
shall not stand, and he
who is swift of foot ...

Amos 2:14-16

וְאֶבֶד מִנוֹס מִקָּל
וְחִזָּק לֹא-יִצְמַח כֹּחַו
וְגִבּוֹר לֹא-יִמָּלֵט
בַּפֶּשֶׁשׁ:
וְתַפֵּשׁ הַקֶּנֶפֶשׁ לֹא
יַעֲמֹד וְקַל בְּרַגְלָיו...

Amos 2:14-16

“...shall not save himself, nor shall he who rides the horse save his life; and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day,’ declares the LORD

Amos 2:14-16

...לֹא יִמָּלֵט וְרֹכֵב
הַסּוּס לֹא יִמָּלֵט נִפְשׁוֹ:
וְאִמְיֵץ לְבוֹ בַּגְּבוּרִים
עָרוֹם יָנוּס
בַּיּוֹם-הַהוּא
נְאֻם-יְהוָה:

Which street do you live on?



NEXT ...

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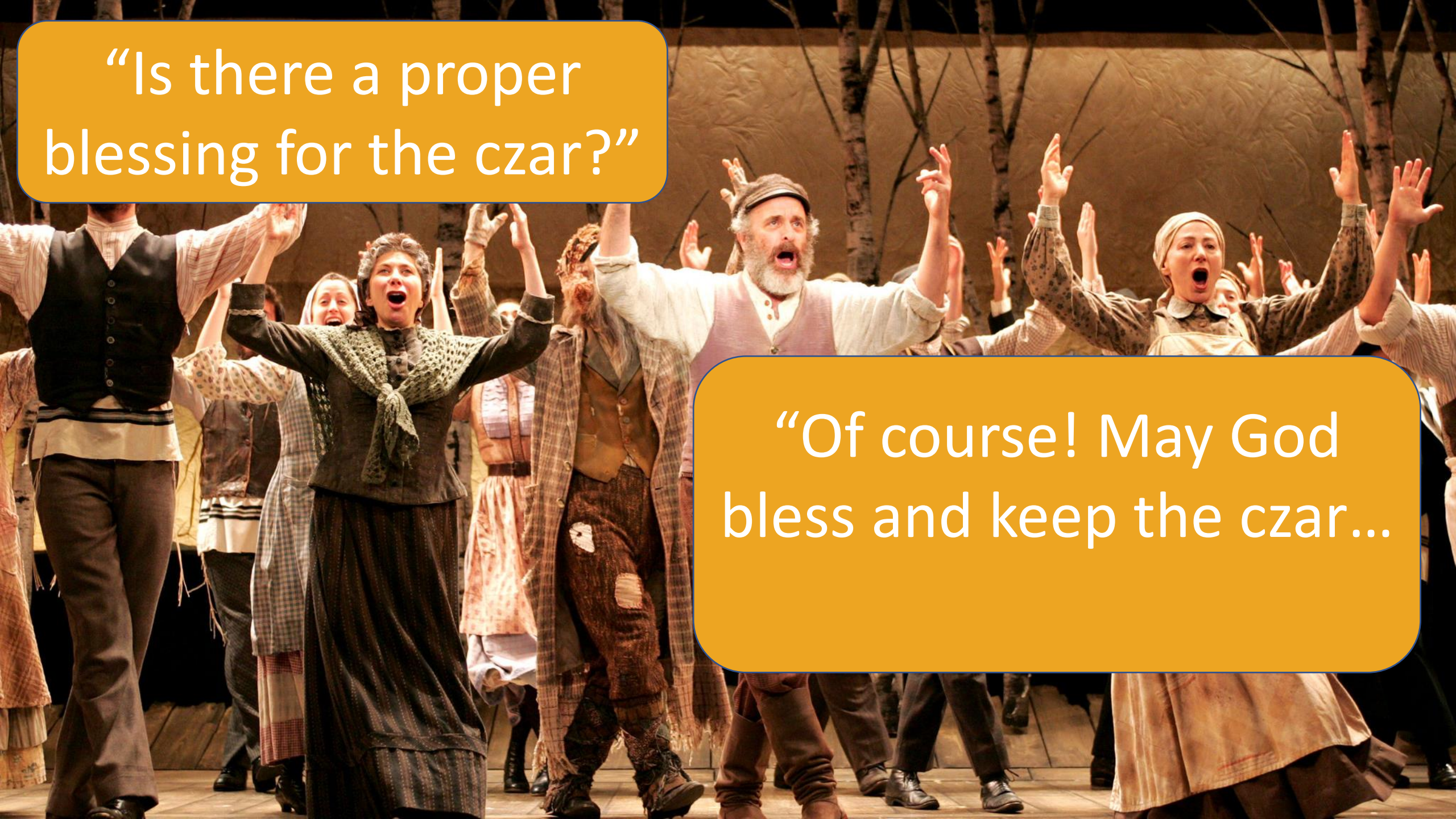
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הֵעֵלֵיתִי מִמִּצְרָיִם מִצְרָיִם
לֵאמֹר:

“Is there a proper
blessing for the czar?”

“Of course! May God
bless and keep the czar...”



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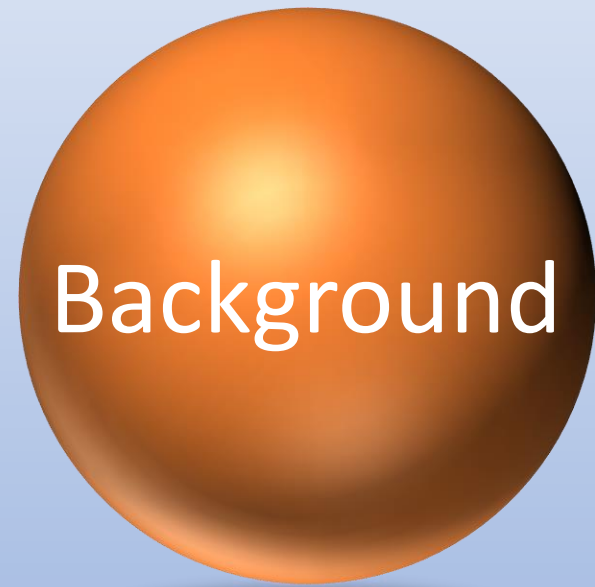
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עַל - al
הַזֹּאת

“over” “on” “above”
“with regard to”

How shall God speak over us?







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You and I live on
a time line...

Do we hear
the word of
the LORD?



How do we know?

