



A Study in Revelation



**“No Drywall until the
fire sprinklers are
installed and checked!”**

Class Construction

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Bible as a library

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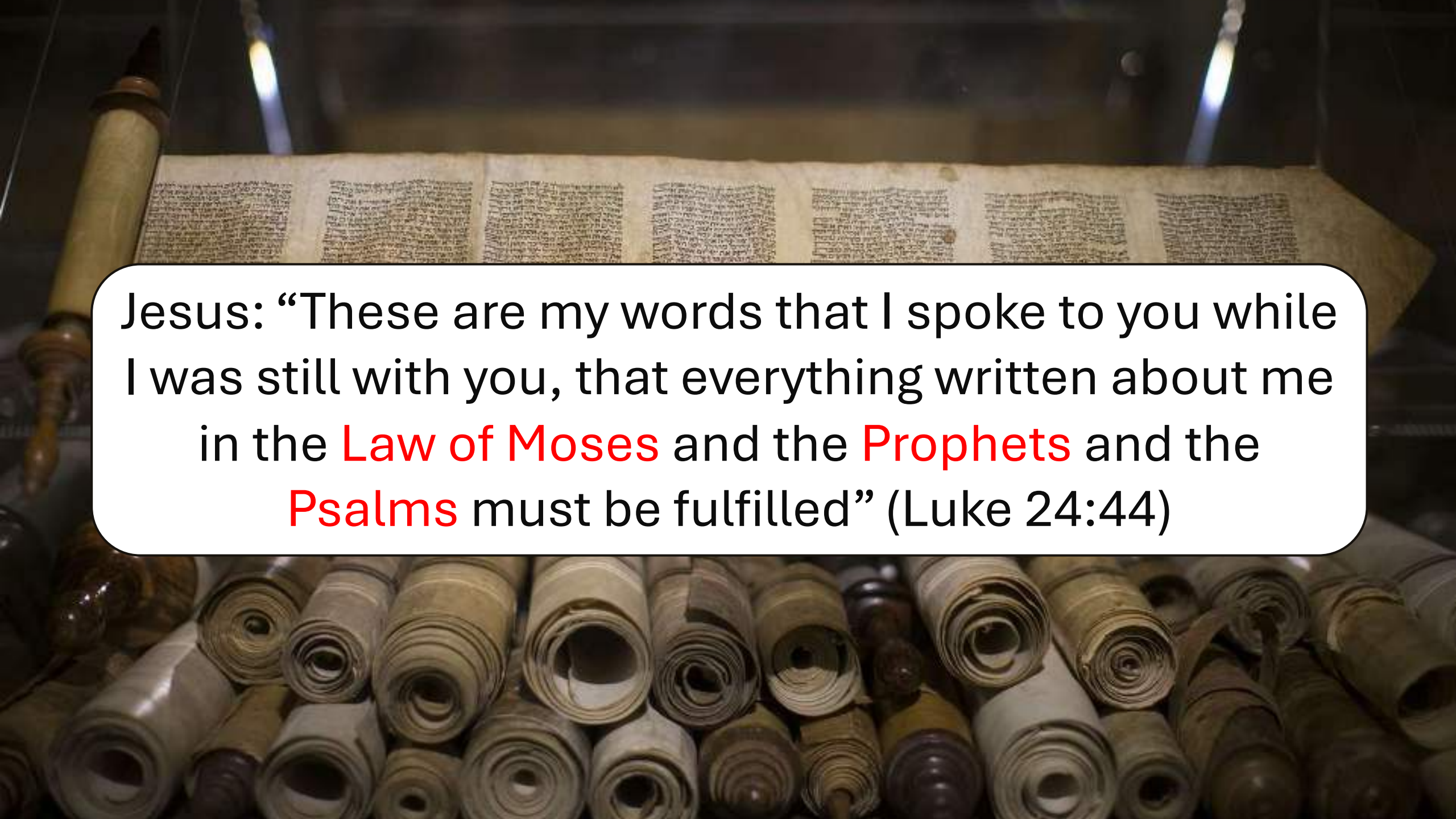
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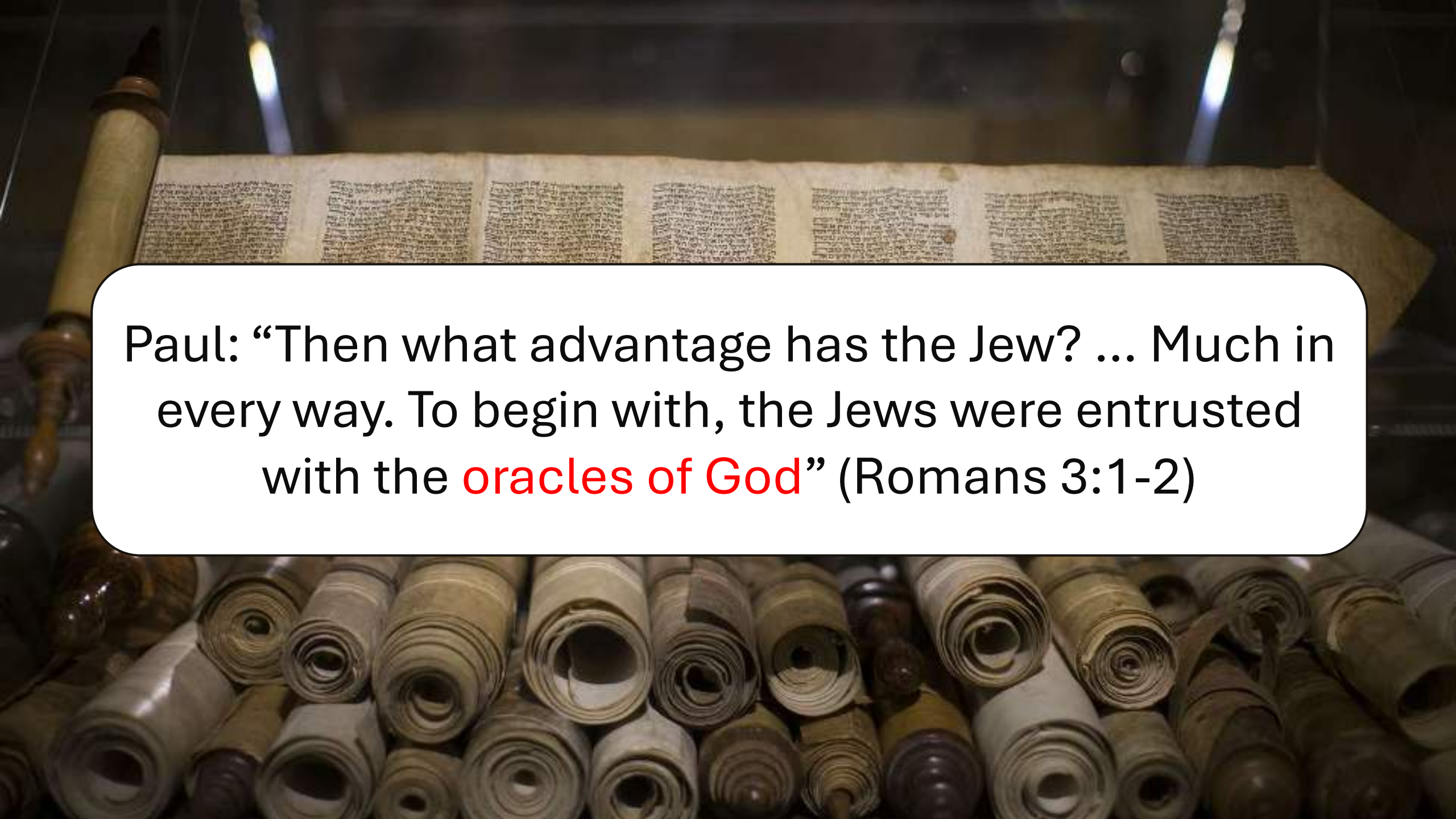
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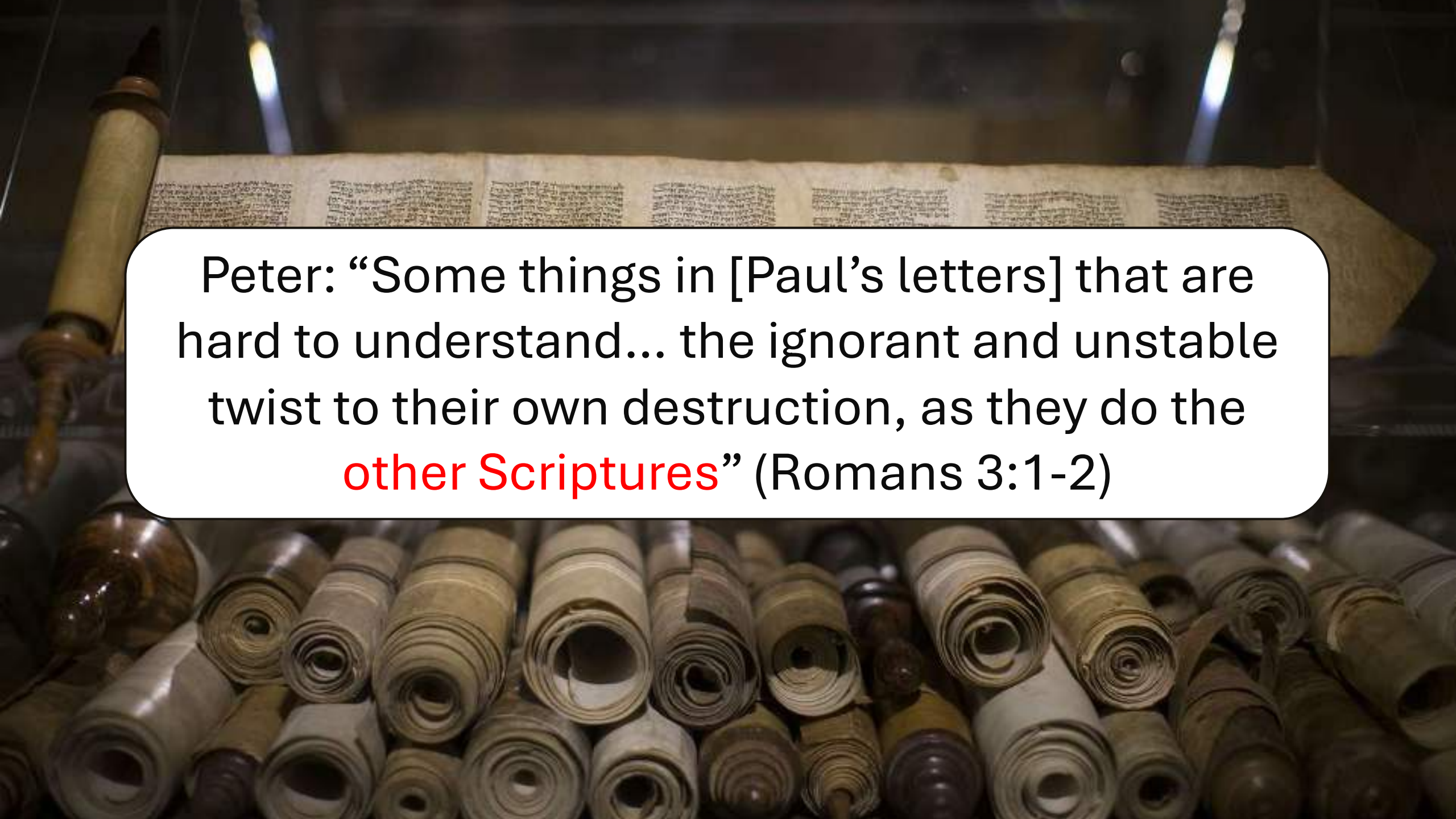
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Jesus: “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the **Law of Moses** and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** must be fulfilled” (Luke 24:44)

The background of the image is a composite. The top half shows a close-up of an unrolled scroll with dense, handwritten text in a dark ink on aged, yellowish parchment. A quill pen with a wooden handle and a dark, pointed nib lies diagonally across the left side of the scroll. The bottom half of the image shows a large number of rolled-up scrolls, similar in appearance to the one at the top, stacked together. The scrolls are of various shades of brown and tan, suggesting different ages or materials. The lighting is soft and focused, highlighting the texture of the parchment and the details of the quill.

Paul: “Then what advantage has the Jew? ... Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the **oracles of God**” (Romans 3:1-2)



Peter: “Some things in [Paul’s letters] that are hard to understand... the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the **other Scriptures**” (Romans 3:1-2)

The background is a detailed illustration of an ancient library or school. It features large, ornate columns with hieroglyphs. In the foreground, several people are seated at long tables, writing on scrolls or reading books. In the background, more people are standing and talking. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting an interior space with large windows or an open hall.

HISTORY

POETRY

EPICS

HOW TO

TEACHING

LAW

WISDOM

SONGS

APOCALYPTIC



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Biblical-era





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Apocalypse of Peter

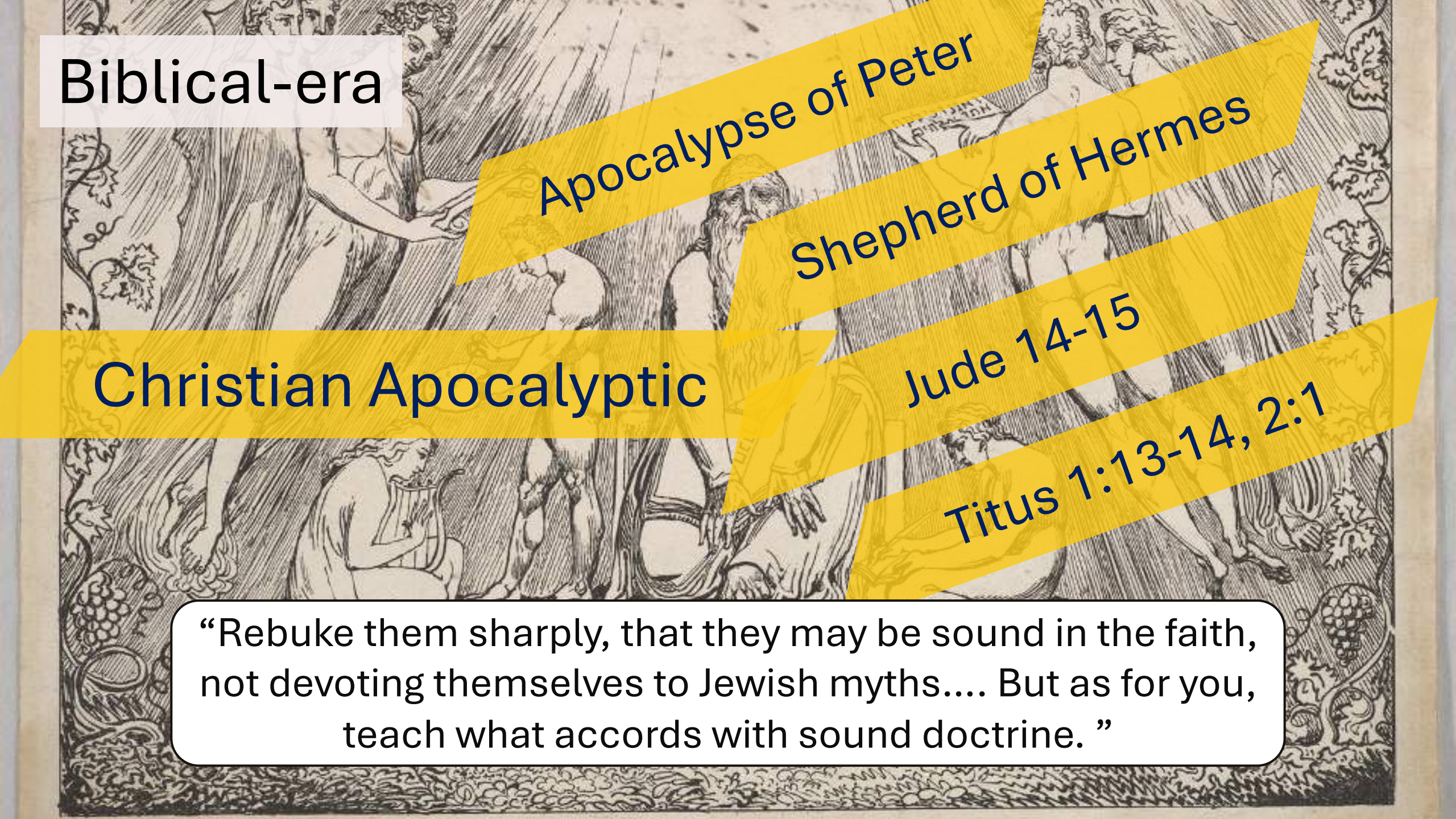
Shepherd of Hermes

Christian Apocalyptic

Jude 14-15

Titus 1:13-144

“It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him”



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Titus 1:13-14, 2:1

“Rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths.... But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.”



Biblical Apocalyptic

Daniel


Revelation

Isaiah 24-27

Zechariah

Ezekiel

Isaiah 55-66





REVIEW

1. Bible as a library
2. Apocalyptic genre
3. Apocalyptic traits
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Symbolism

Especially animals!

“For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my
mother’s womb” (Ps. 139:13)

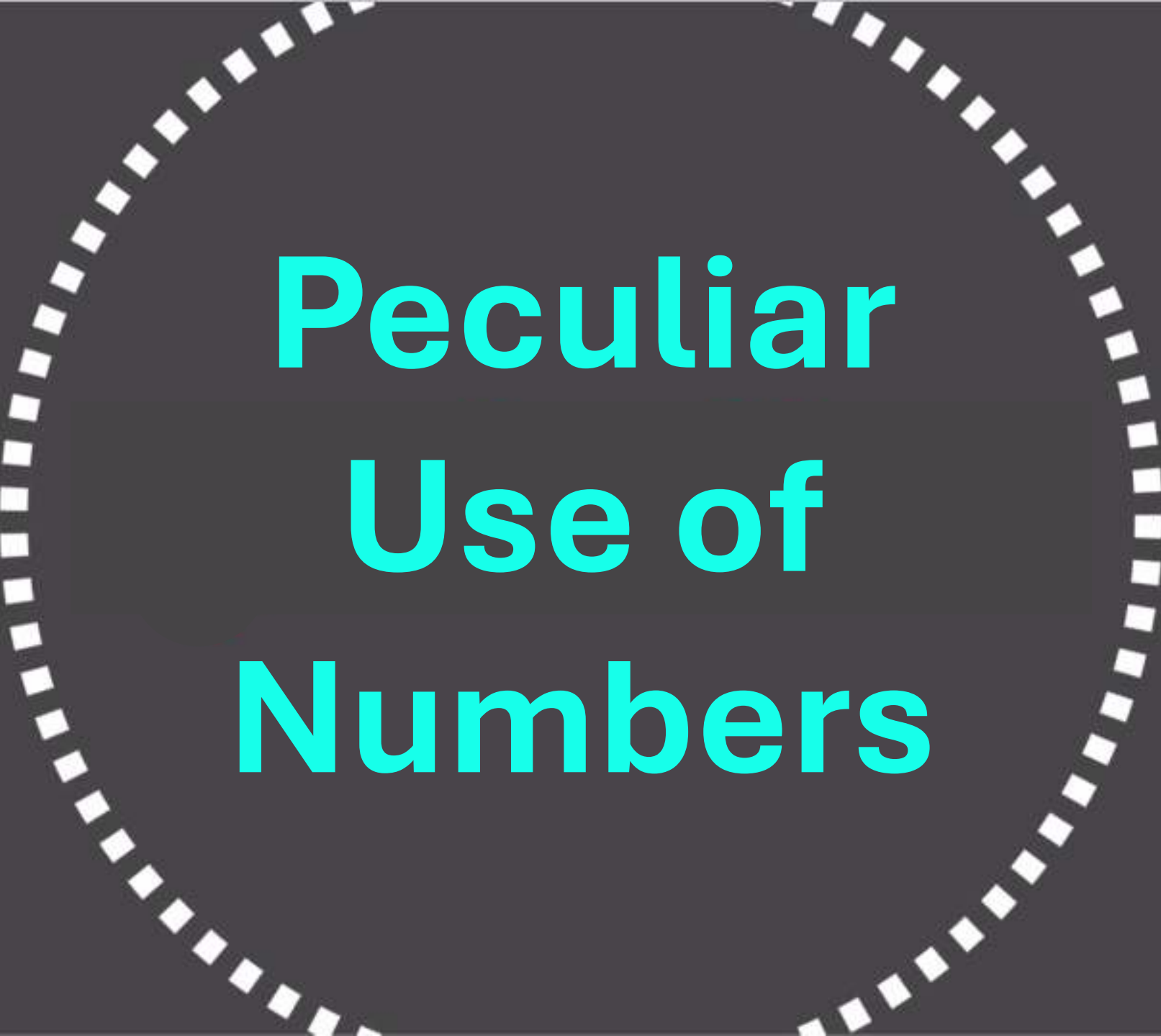


Daniel



Daniel 8 The Goat





Peculiar Use of Numbers

A DIVINE number

- ▶ Daniel prays 3x a day
- ▶ 3X Levitical blessing
- ▶ 3X Isaiah throne scene

1) The LORD bless you and keep you;

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts” on

1) Holy, holy, holy

2) is the Lord God Almighty

3) who was and is and is to come. (Rev. 4:)

A DIVINE number

- ▶ Babylonian triad heads pantheon
- ▶ Incantations of threes
- ▶ Sun pathway three sections/deities
- ▶ War sacrifices to 3 gods



An EARTHLY number

- ▶ Four winds of earth
- ▶ Four corners of earth
- ▶ Marduk has fourfold vision
- ▶ “After this I saw **four** angels
- ▶ Greek’s **four** elements
- ▶ standing at the **four** corners of the earth, holding back the **four** winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree”
(Rev. 7:1)



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- ▶ 7 Days of creation
- ▶ 7-fold vengeance
- ▶ Tabernacle, temple and garb
- ▶ Jericho

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- ▶ Babylonian flood story
 - ▶ Ashipu ritual (altars, incense, wine)
 - ▶ 7 doors to the underworld
 - ▶ Greeks: stars of 7

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The Writings of Philo of Alexandria

Philo of Alexandria



* Hippocrates's 7 ages of man,
built around 7-year cycles

* 7 stars in constellations

“the principle of the number
seven, after having begun from
above, descended also to us and
visited the race of mortals.”

heart, lung, spleen, liver, and two
kidneys)

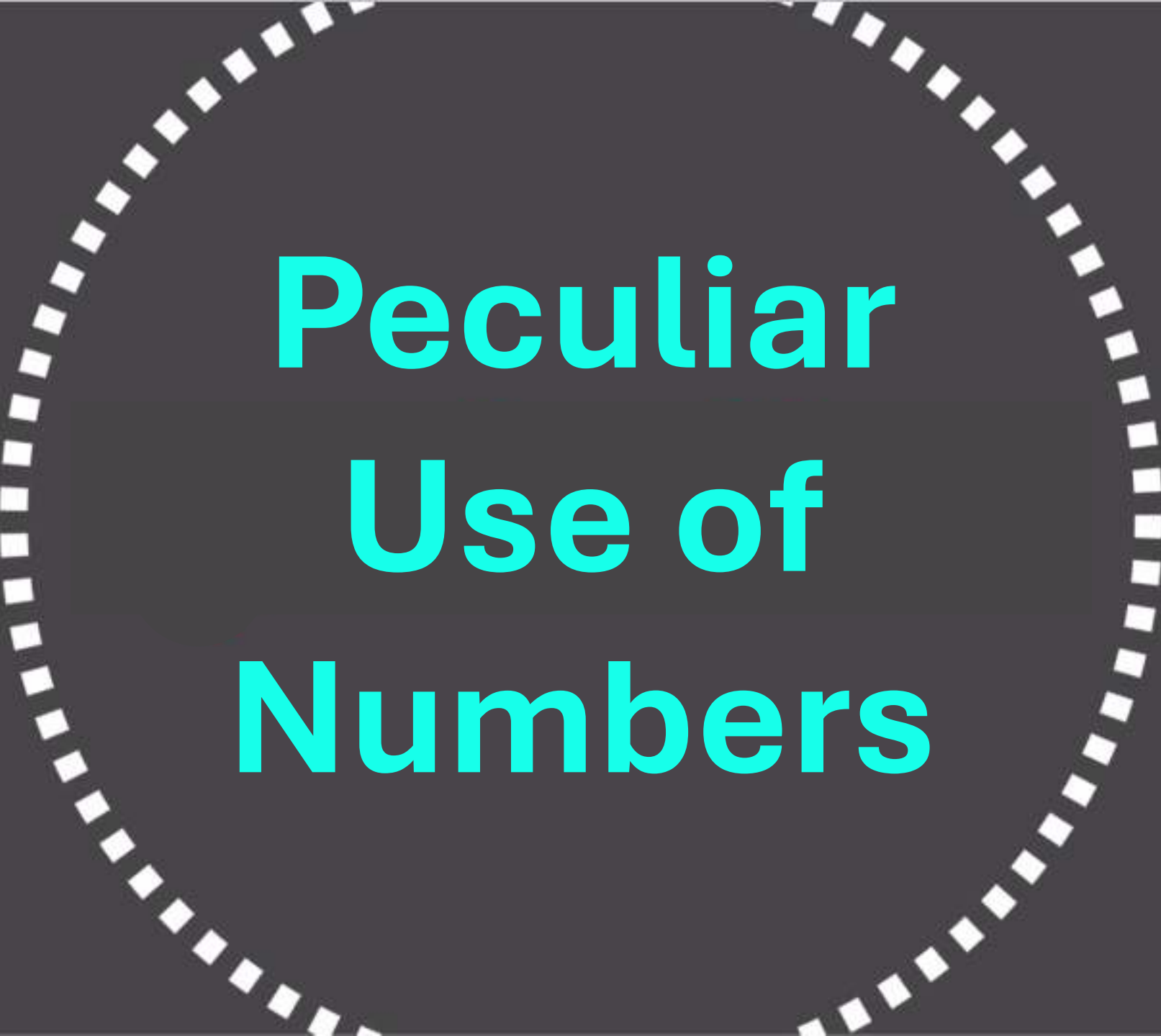


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- * parts to the body (2 Legs, 2 arms, belly, chest, and head)
- * 7 features to the head (2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 nostrils, and a mouth)

“I doubt whether anyone could adequately celebrate the properties of the number seven, for they are beyond all words”



Peculiar Use of Numbers



Visions and Dreams

Daniel 2:3-4

And the king said to them,
“I had a **dream**, and my
spirit is troubled to know
the **dream**.” Then the
Chaldeans said to the king
in **Aramaic**, “O king, live
forever! Tell your servants
the **dream**, and we will
show the interpretation.”

Daniel 2:3-4

וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם הַמֶּלֶךְ חֲלוֹם
חָלַמְתִּי וּתְפַעֲם רוּחִי לְדַעַת
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חָלַמְתָּ לְעַבְדֶּיךָ [ל?][עֲבָדְךָ]
וּפִשְׁרָא נִתְּנָא:

Daniel 7:2

Daniel declared, “I saw in my **vision** by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

Daniel 7:2

עָנָה דָּנִיֵּאל וְאָמַר חֲזֹנָה
הָיִית בְּחֶזְוִי עִם־לַיְלָא
וְאָרוּ אַרְבַּע רוּחֵי שָׁמַיָא
מְגִיתוּ לִיָּמָא רַבָּא:



Coming Cataclysm



**An Age
= to Come**

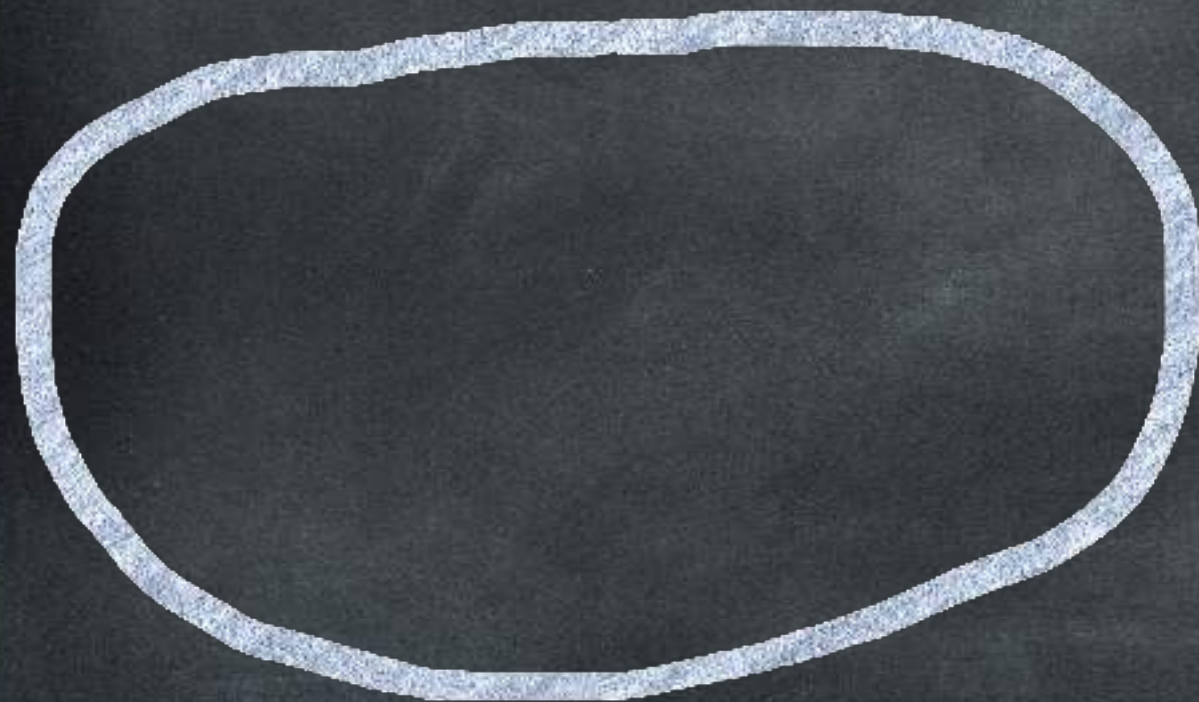


Angels and Demons

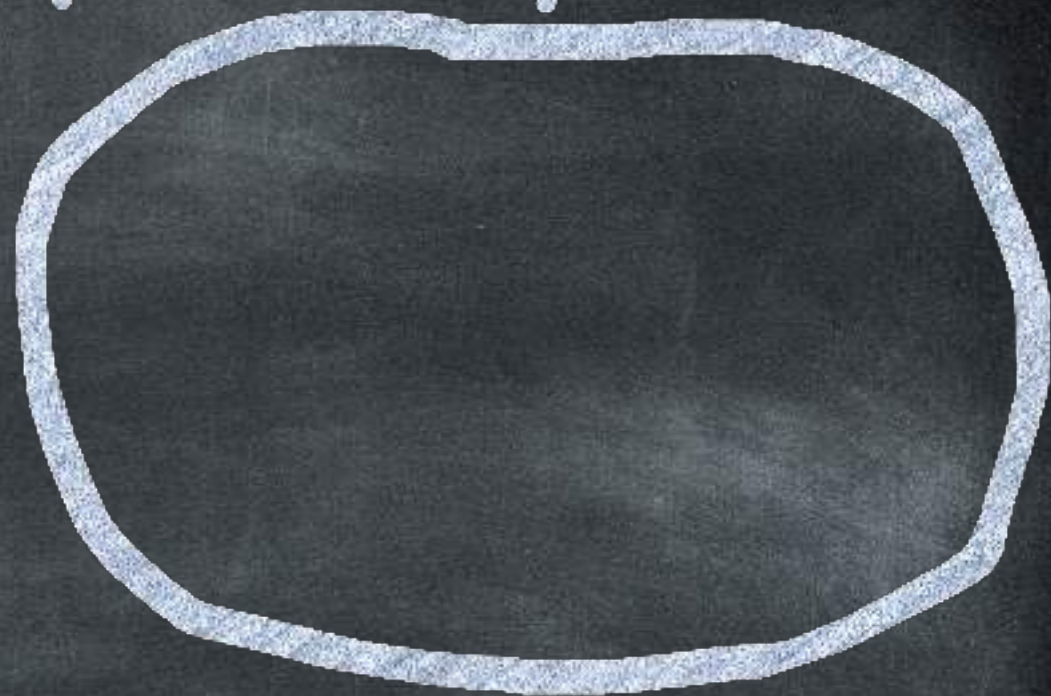


Pseudonymity

Prophecy

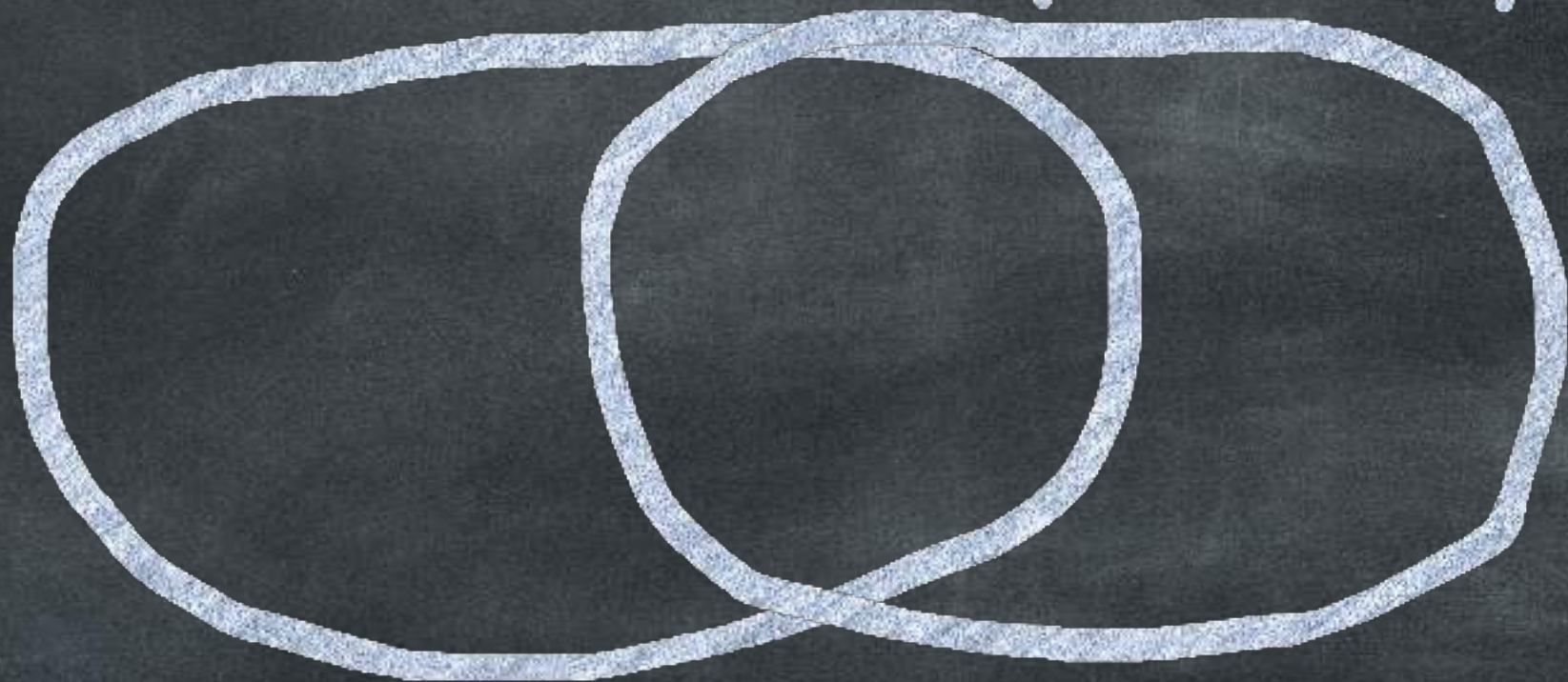


Apocalyptic



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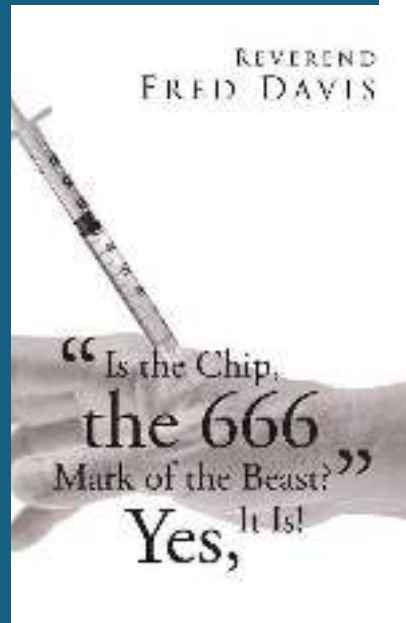
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Do we see the images as greater than a single event?





666=

Nero

Martin Luther

Pope Leo X

H. Kissinger

Ku Klux Klan

Hitler



HISTORY



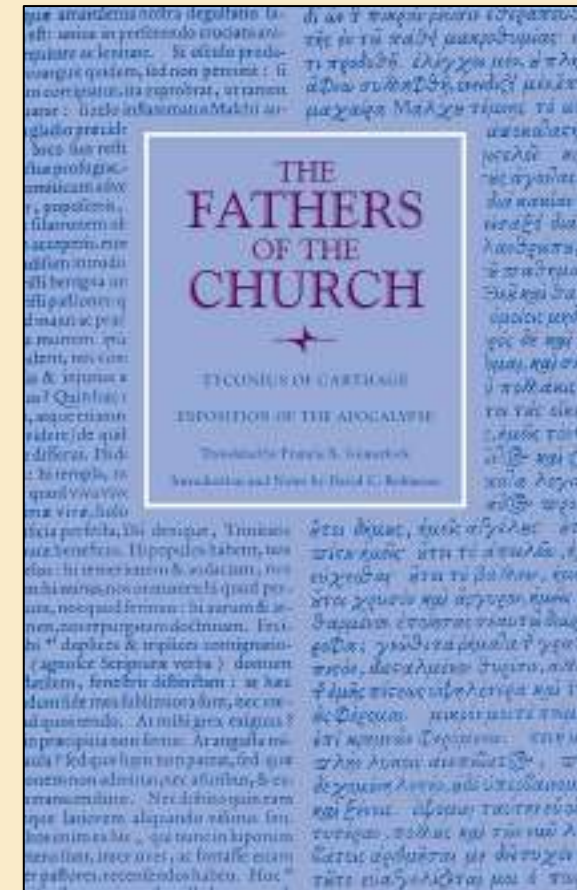
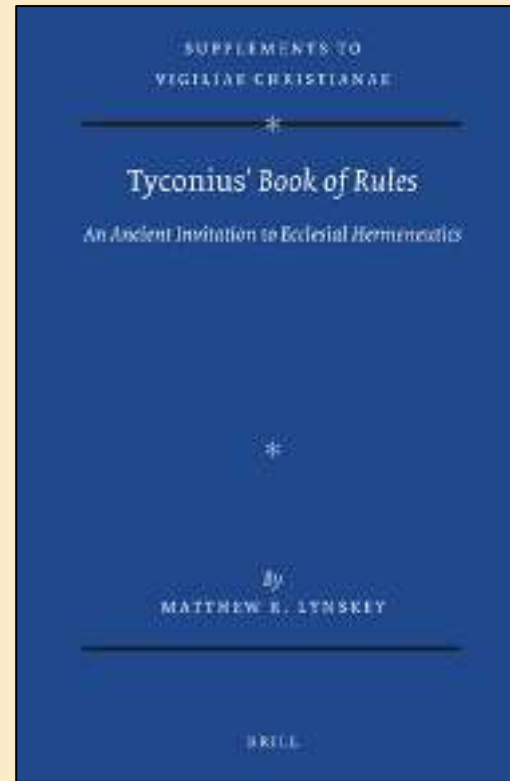
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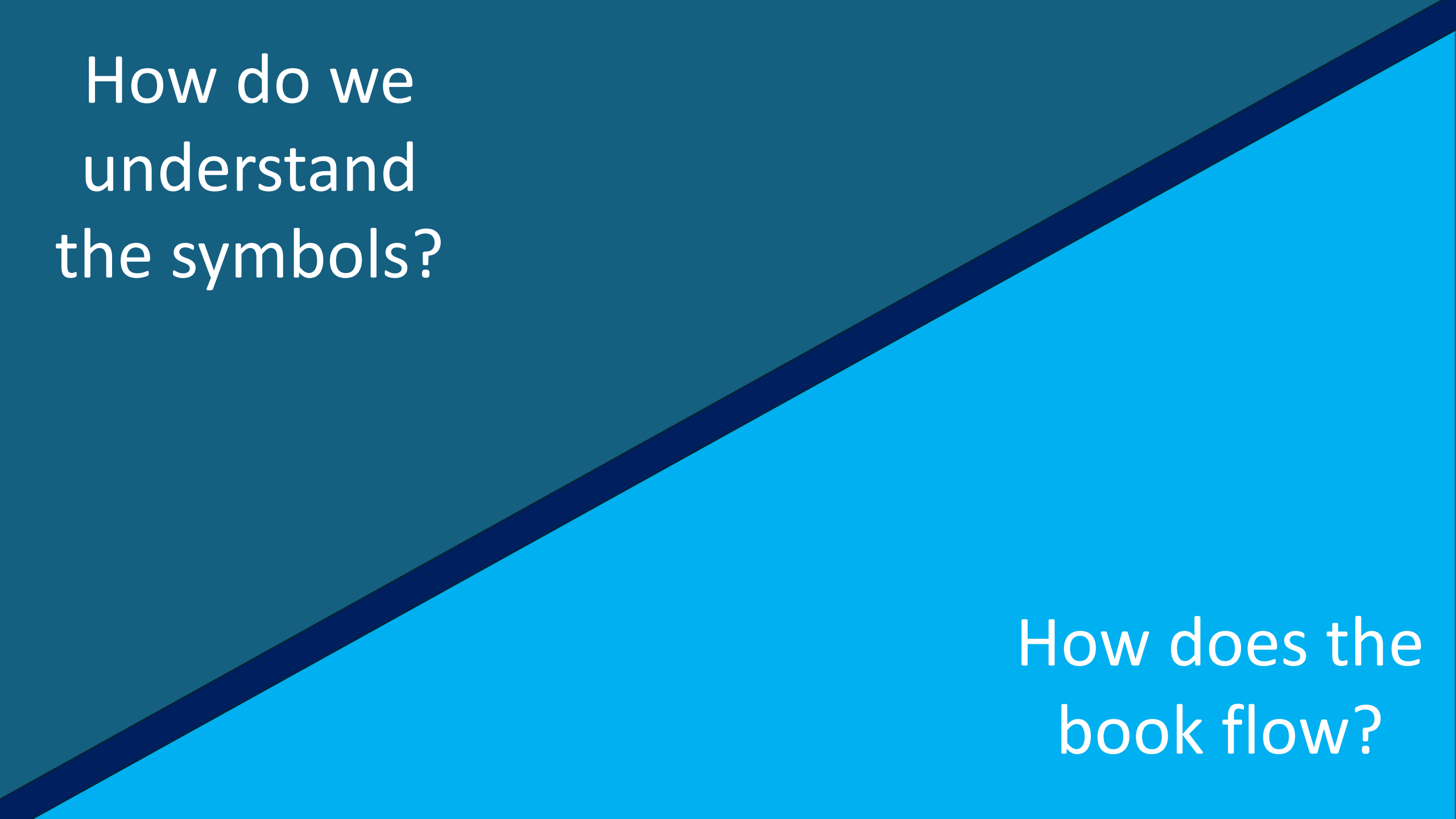
“Particular if readily understood; otherwise, a general idea”

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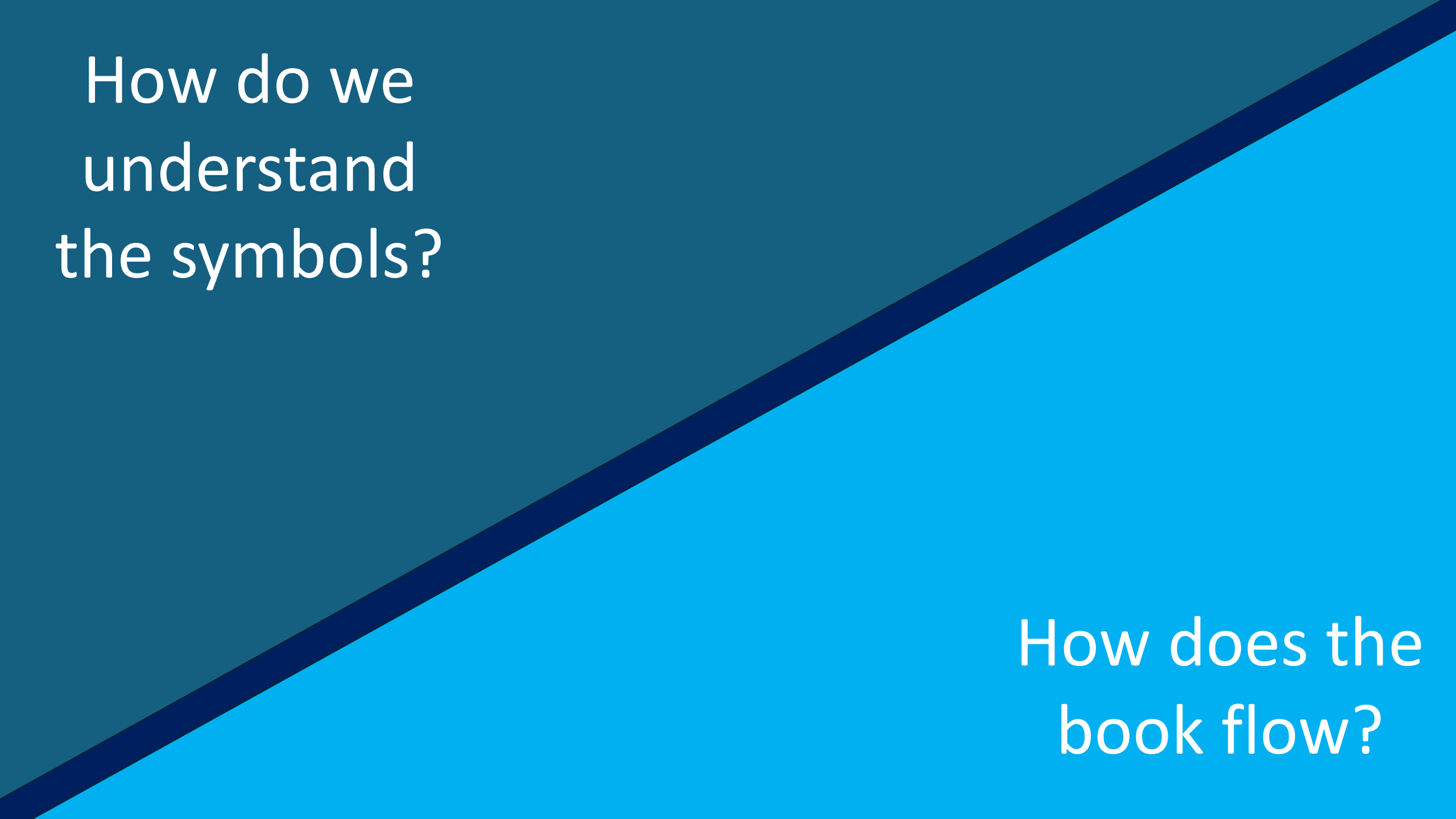
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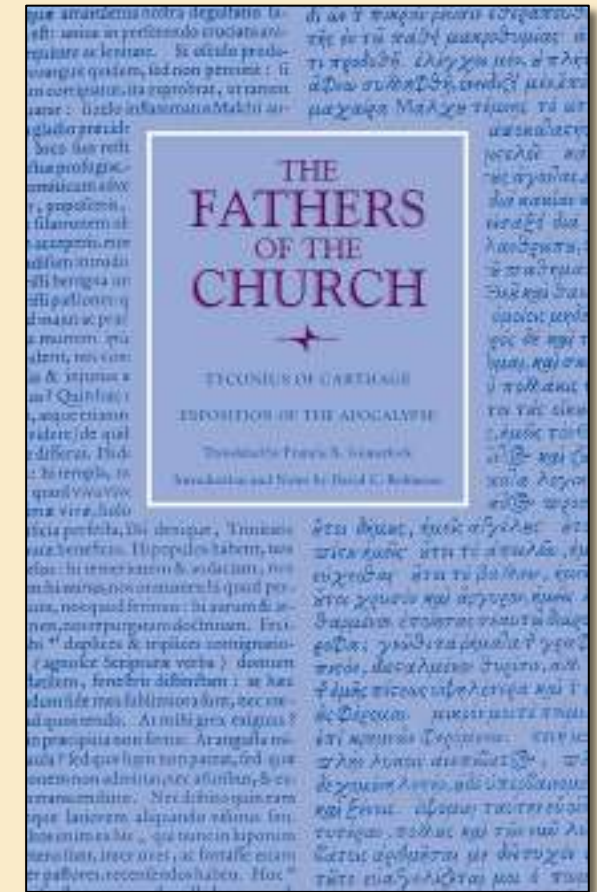
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The visions cover much
the same territory and
recapitulate each other



Daniel

Ch. 7 vision covering Babylon to Seleucids

Ch. 8 vision covering Medes/Persians to Romans

Ch. 11 vision covering Persians to Seleucids

1 Enoch

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Rev. 1:1-2

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John: “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known” (Jn. 1:18)

will be in the latter days” (Dan. 2:28)

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Rom. 16:20; Lk 18:8

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σημαίνω – Make the symbols
or signs known

Rev. 1:1-2

...who bore witness to the
word of God and to the
testimony of Jesus Christ,
even to all that he saw.

Rev. 1:1-2

...ὃς ἐμαρτύρησεν τὸν
λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ
τὴν μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ
Χριστοῦ ὅσα εἶδεν.

Rev. 1:3

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God is bigger
than I realize

“The revelation of Jesus
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God cares

“which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place ...” (Rev. 1:1)



Let's enjoy the
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