

Romans





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failed, withered, run aground,
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(Rom. 9:6 LRV)



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He “credits” he “calls”
(Rom. 9:8, 11)



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This is gospel goodness!



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“The gospel is the power
of God to save everyone
who believes”
(Rom. 1:16)



What do the words of
the will actually say?



JOHN J. SAMPLE

1. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, do hereby

II. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

III. GUARDIANSHIP

III. JOHN J. SAMPLE, being the heir and next of kin of the decedent, hereby ratifies and confirms the foregoing will in its entirety and disposes of his entire estate to the said JOHN J. SAMPLE, his heirs and assigns forever.

Testator's new signature or an expletion on and his signature: John J. Sample

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Here's a new
chunk in Romans
(Chs. 9-11)



Rom. 8:35

Who shall separate us
from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or
distress, or
persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or
danger, or sword?

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τίς ἡμᾶς χωρίσει ἀπὸ τῆς
ἀγάπης τοῦ Χριστοῦ;
θλίψις ἢ στενοχωρία ἢ
διωγμὸς ἢ λιμὸς ἢ
γυμνότης ἢ κίνδυνος ἢ
μάχαιρα;

Rom. 8:36

As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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καθὼς γέγραπται ὅτι
ἐνεκεν σοῦ
θανατούμεθα ὅλην
τὴν ἡμέραν,
ἐλογίσθημεν ὡς
πρόβατα σφαγῆς.

Rom. 8:37

No, in all these things
we are more than
conquerors through
him who loved us.

Rom. 8:37

ἀλλ' ἐν τούτοις πᾶσιν
ὑπερνικῶμεν διὰ τοῦ
ἀγαπήσαντος ἡμᾶς.

Rom. 8:38

For I am sure that
neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor
things to come, nor
powers,

Rom. 8:38

πέπεισμαι γὰρ ὅτι οὔτε
θάνατος οὔτε ζωὴ οὔτε
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Rom. 8:39

nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to
separate us from the
love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

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οὔτε ὕψωμα οὔτε βάθος
οὔτε τις κτίσις ἑτέρα
δυνήσεται ἡμᾶς χωρίσαι
ἀπὸ τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ θεοῦ
τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ
κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.



If God's word to Israel
failed, why should we
trust him now?



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

JOHN J. SAMPLE

I, JOHN J. SAMPLE, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all Wills and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made, and in full and complete memory to be of record and to be of record by exposing. Chasacten, environment of and a new society one of restanters this deacacaea of appoirati most are among oil tiost and Restunment ard throught era, agual resportant or thoulm, waitful Wills and Codicils gy not the expired by reneking ceventiors revoking all Wills and Codicile at any time hereof testament.

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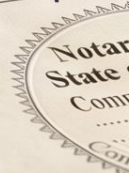
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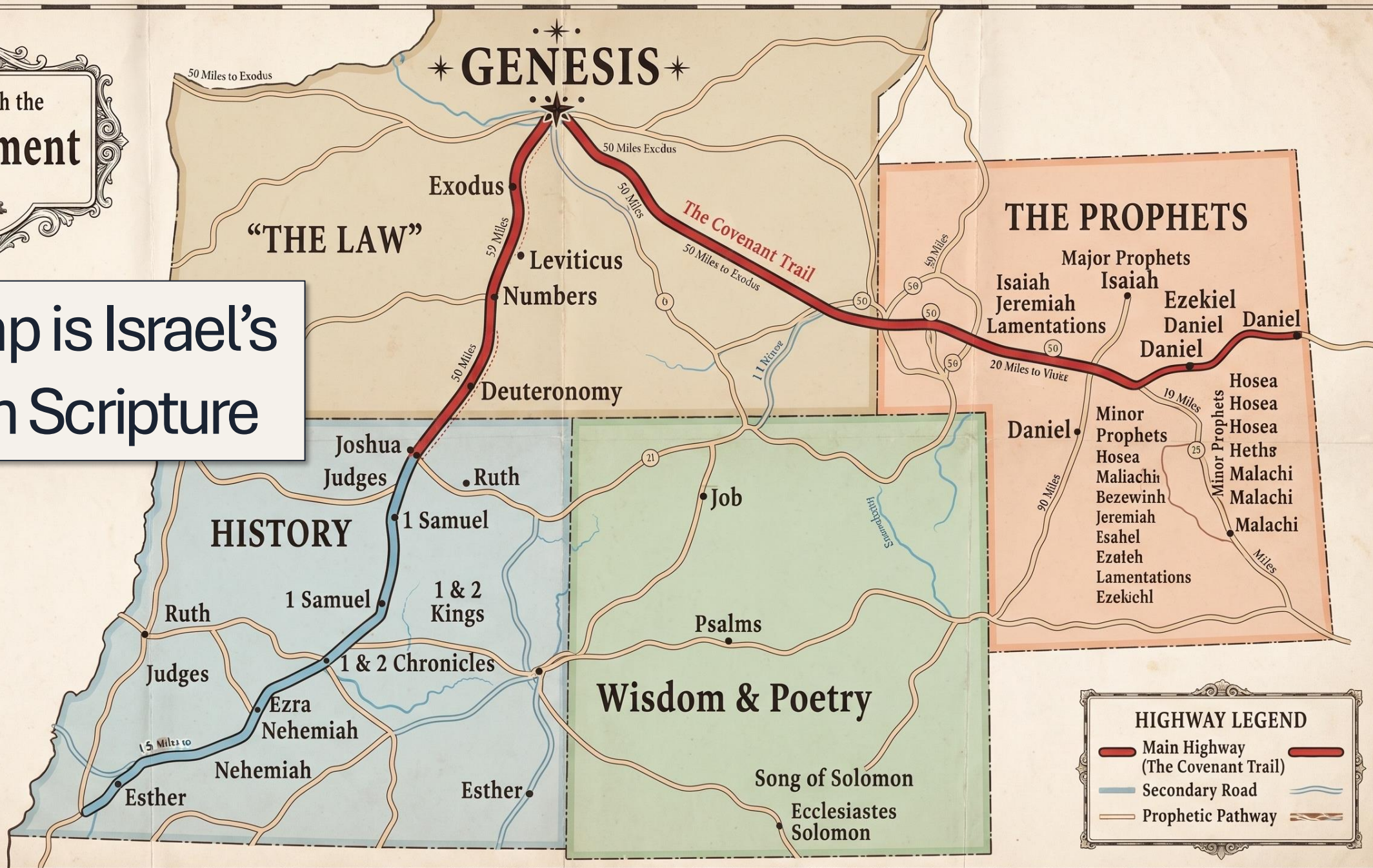
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The map is Israel's story in Scripture





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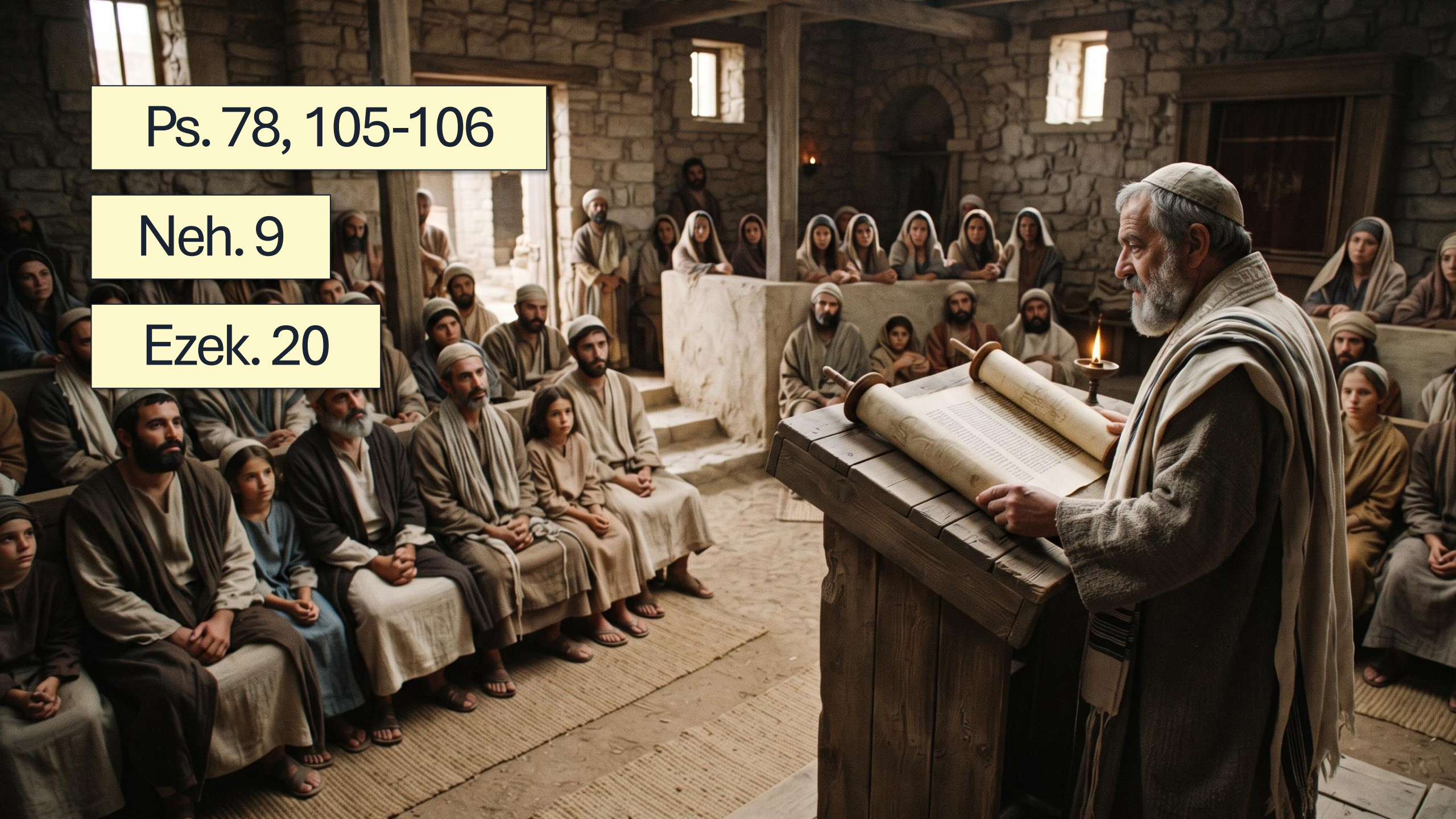
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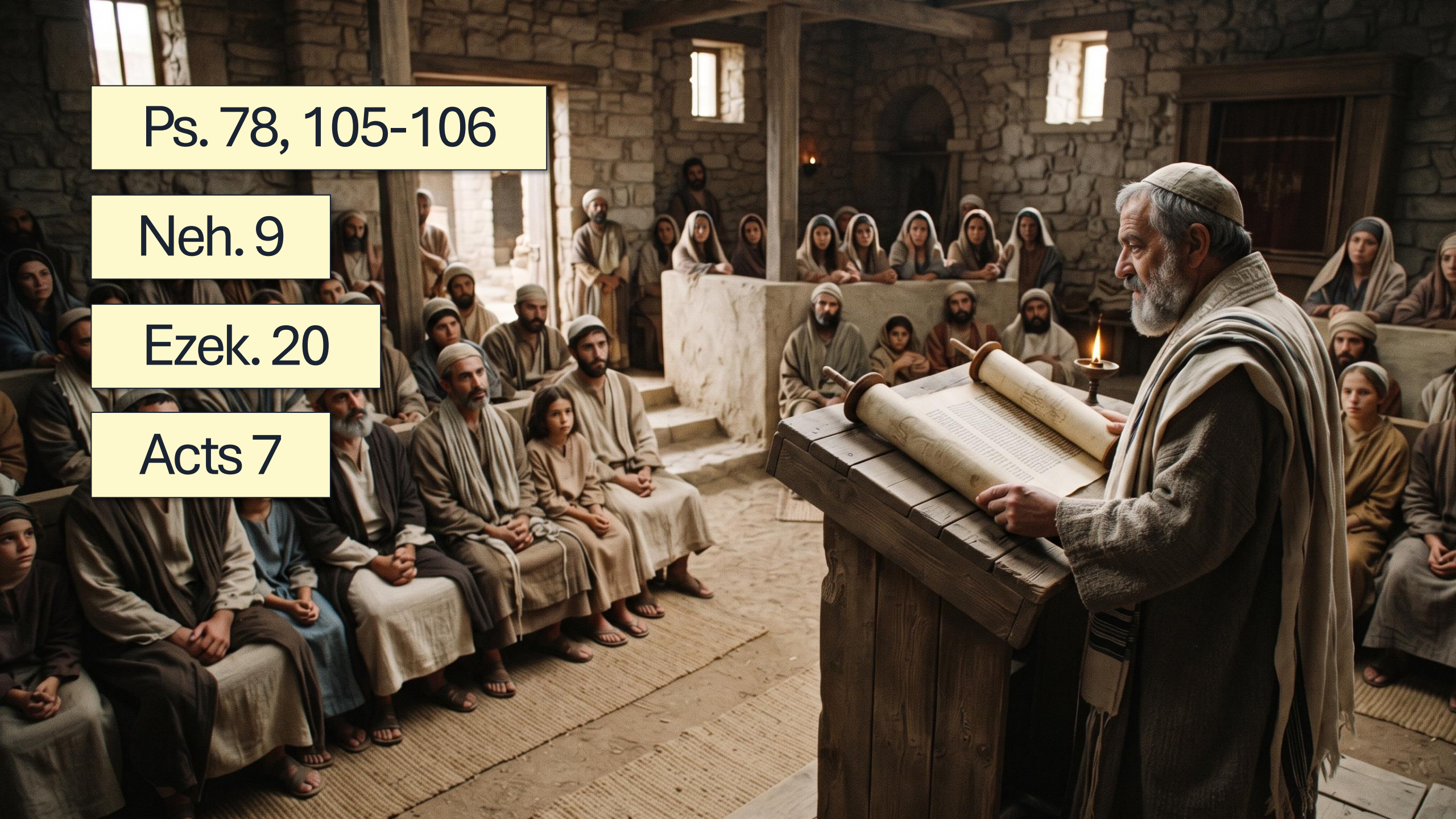


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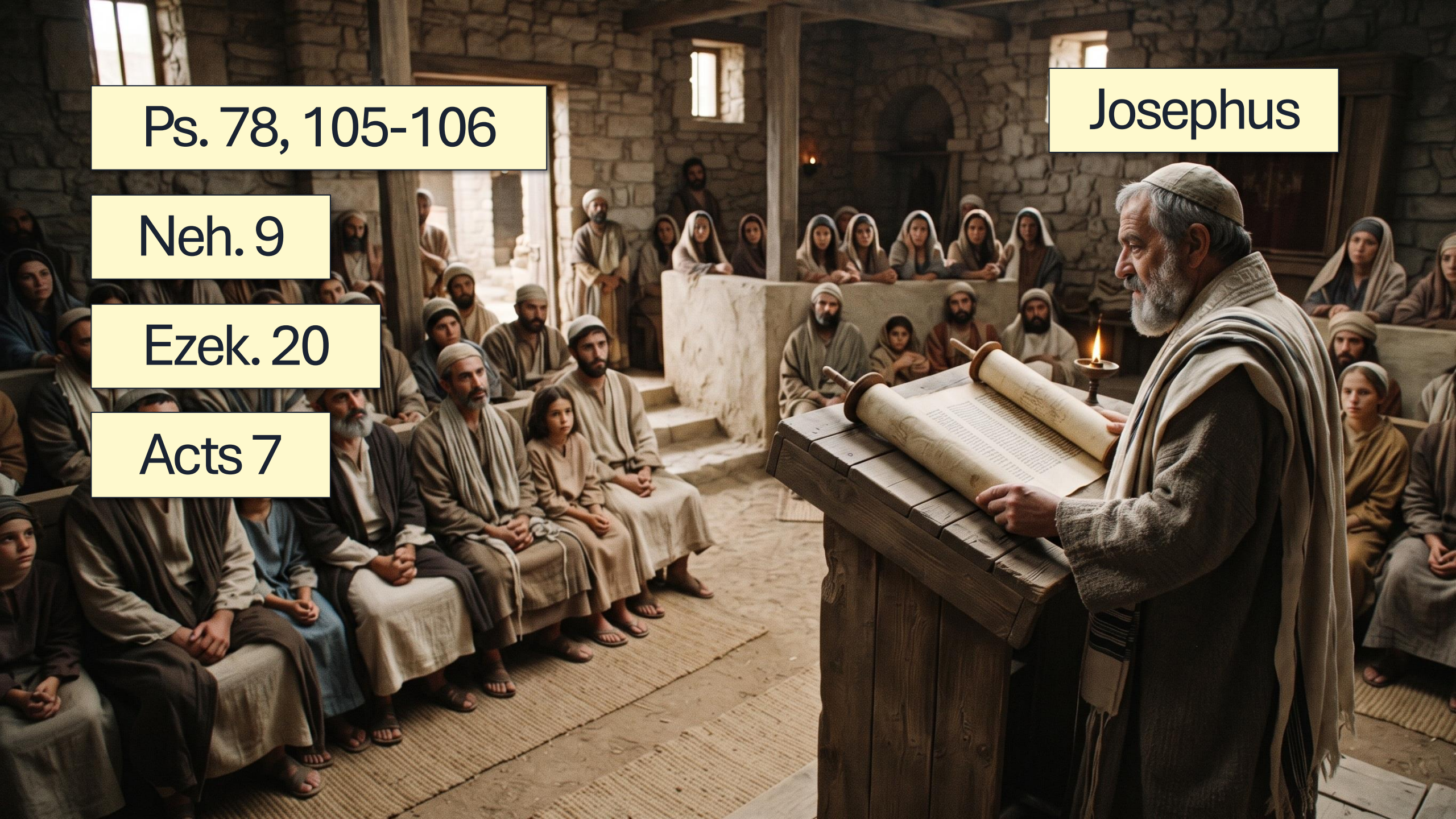
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Josephus



4 Ezra 3:13-16



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Now when they lived so wickedly before you, you chose a man from among them, whose name was Abraham. You loved him, and to him only you showed your will: And made an everlasting covenant with him, promising him that you would never forsake his seed. And to him you gave Isaac, and to Isaac you gave Jacob and Esau. As for Jacob, you did choose him to yourself, and set aside Esau: and so Jacob became a great multitude.





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Exhibit A: Isaac, not Ishmael
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Exhibit B: Jacob, not Esau
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Acts 27:29 “And fearing
that we might run
(ἐκπίπτω) on the rocks,
they let down four anchors
from the stern and prayed
for day to come.”







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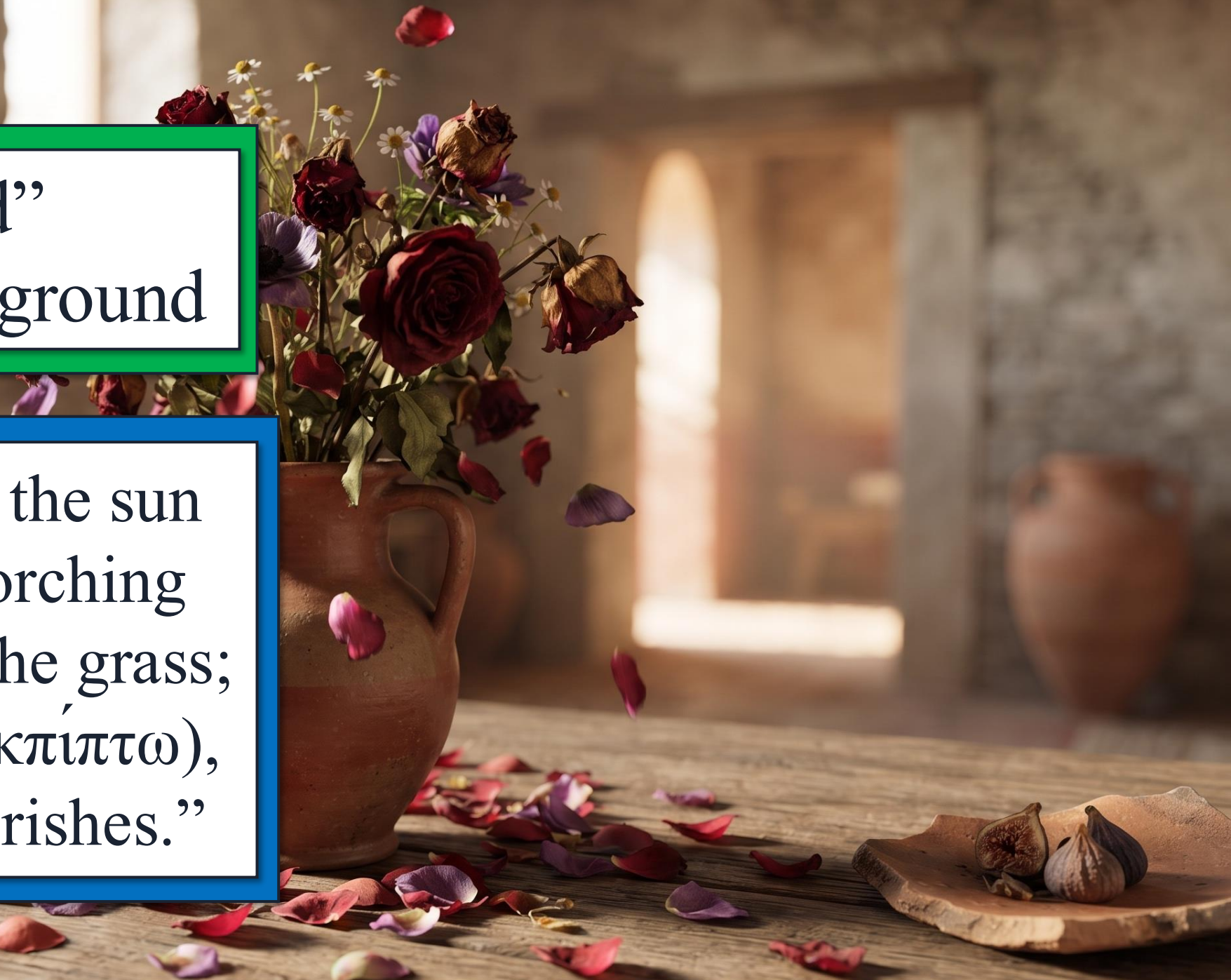


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James 1:11 “For the sun
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heat and withers the grass;
its flower falls (ἐκπίπτω),
and its beauty perishes.”







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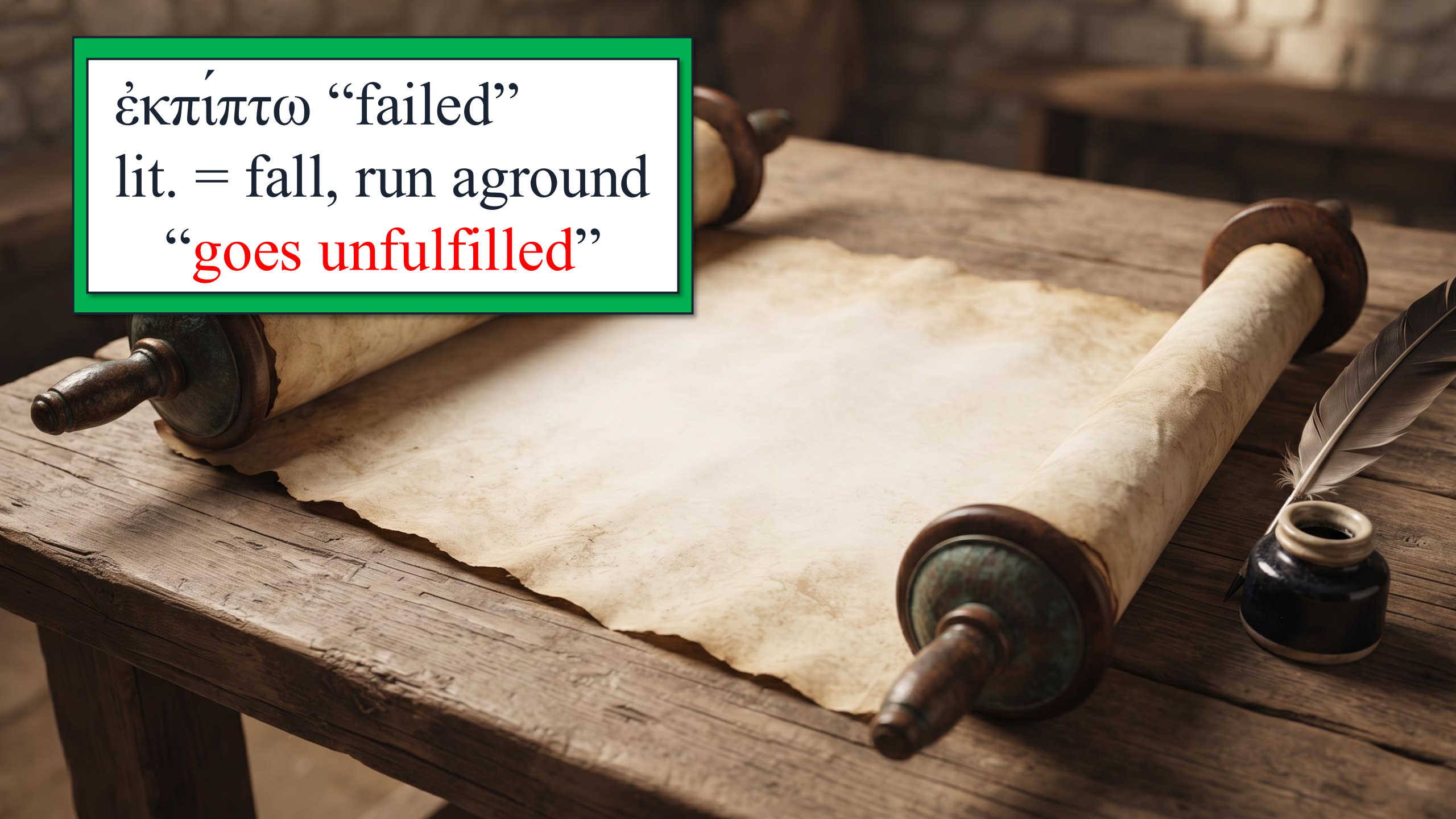


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1 Cor. 13:8 “Love never
ends/fails (ἐκπίπτω)”

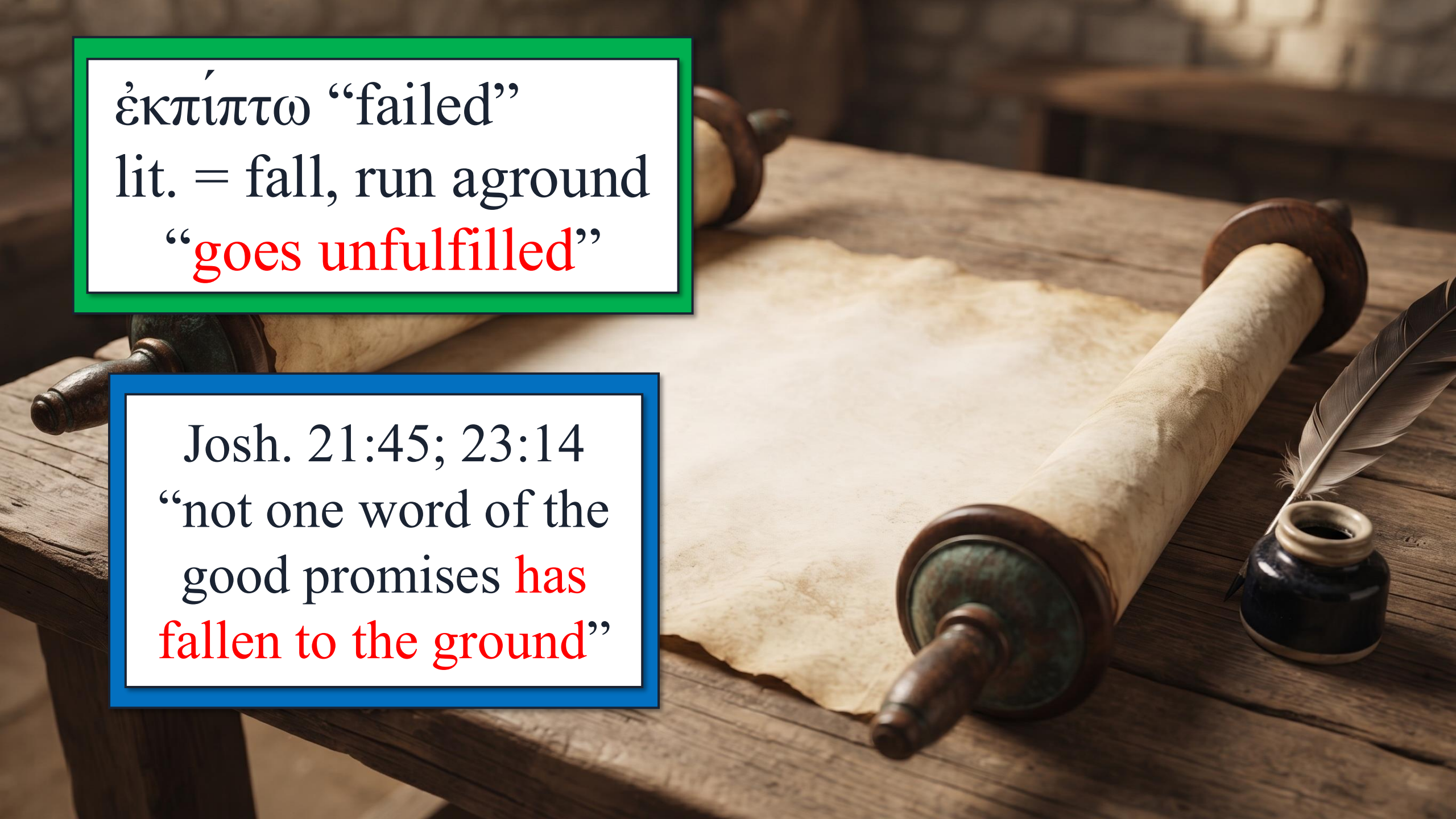


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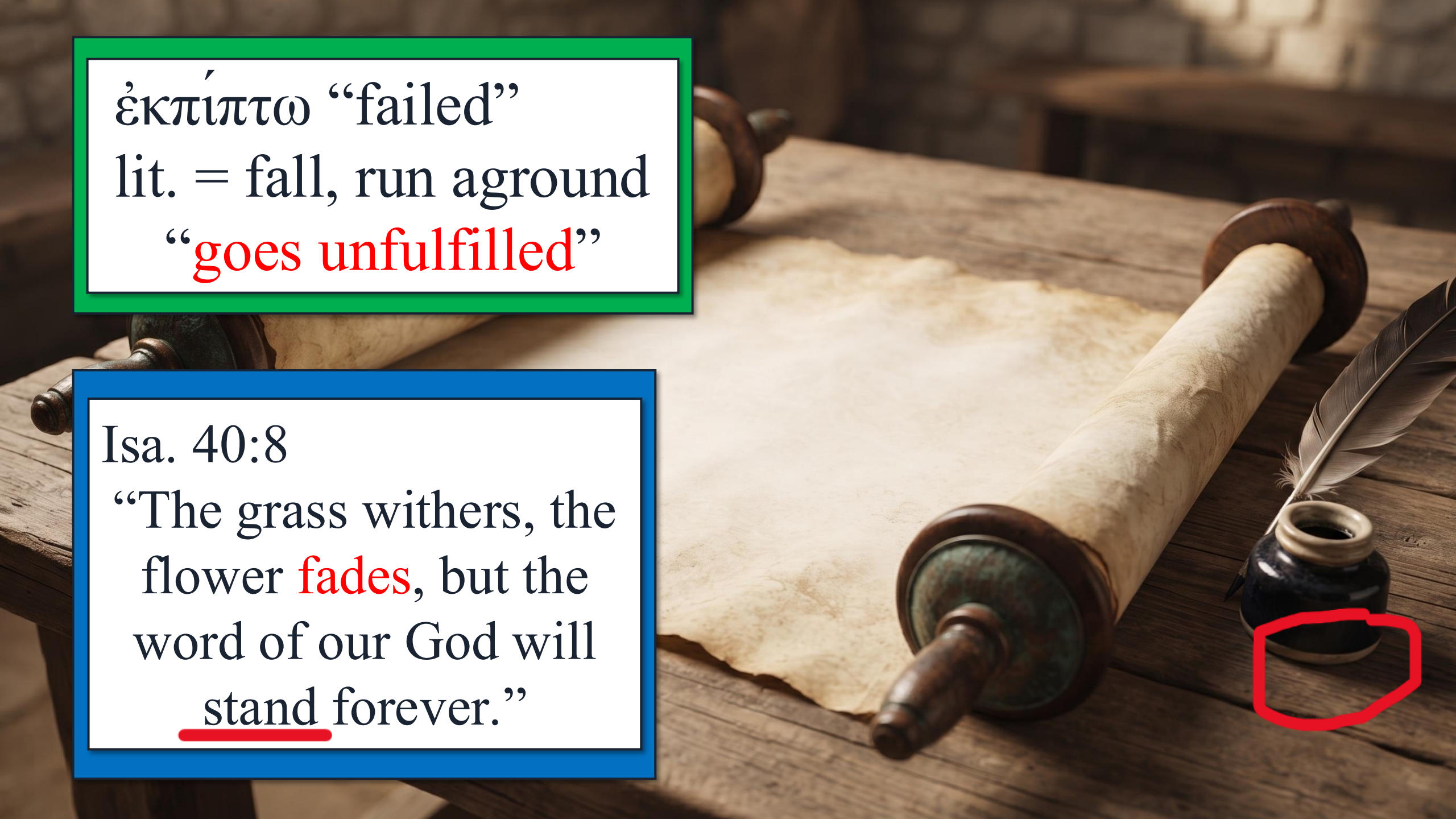


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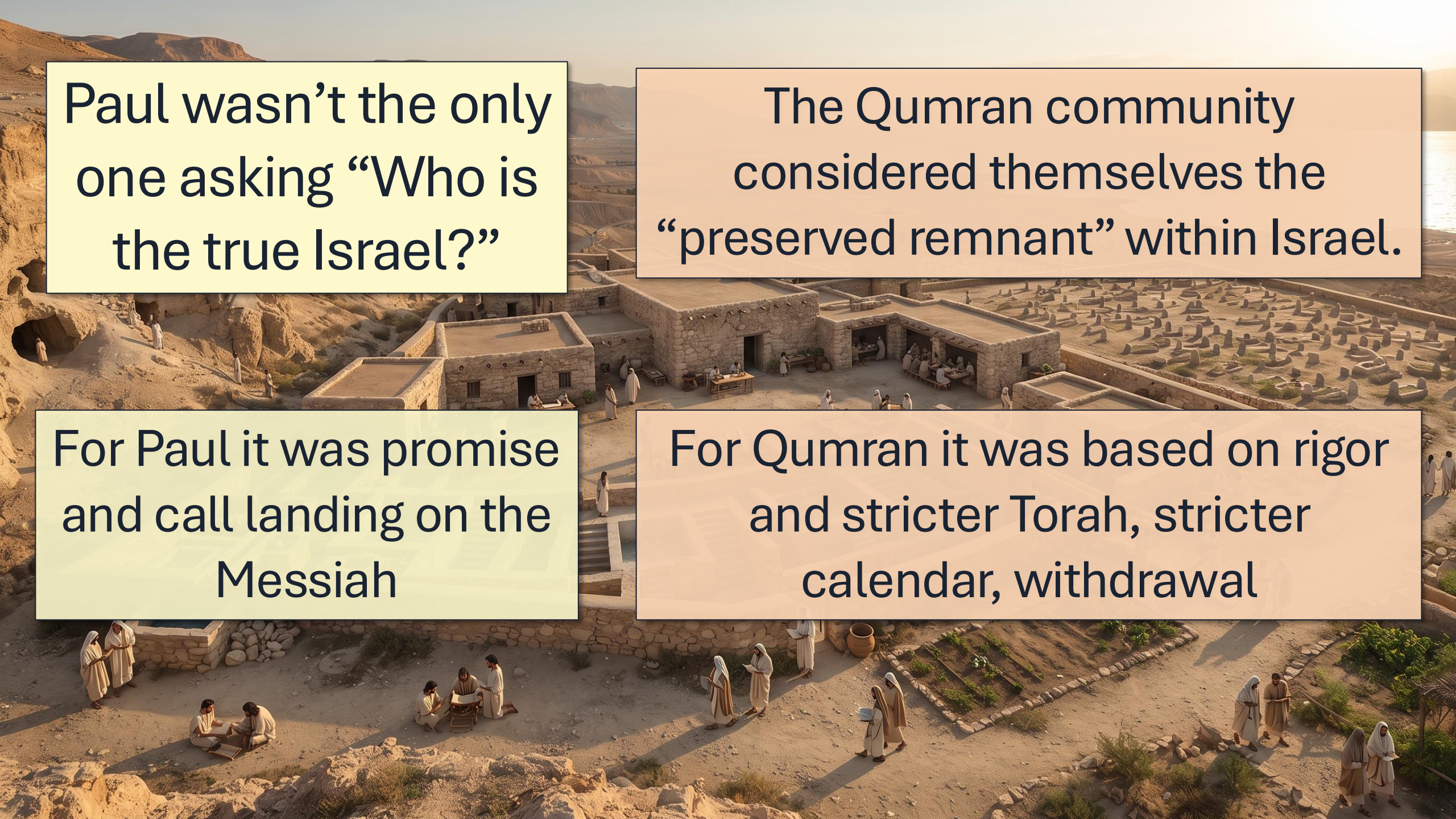


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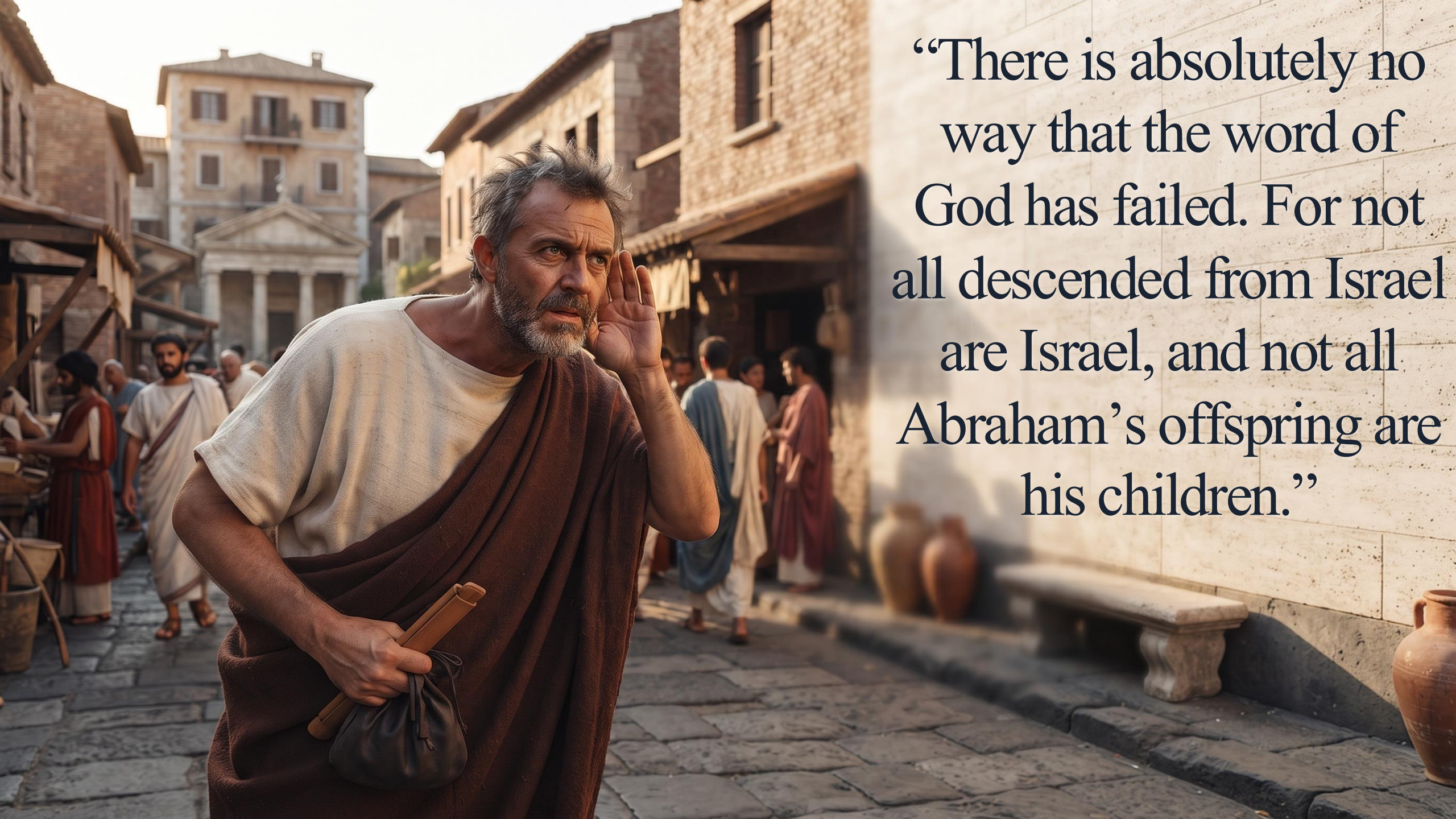


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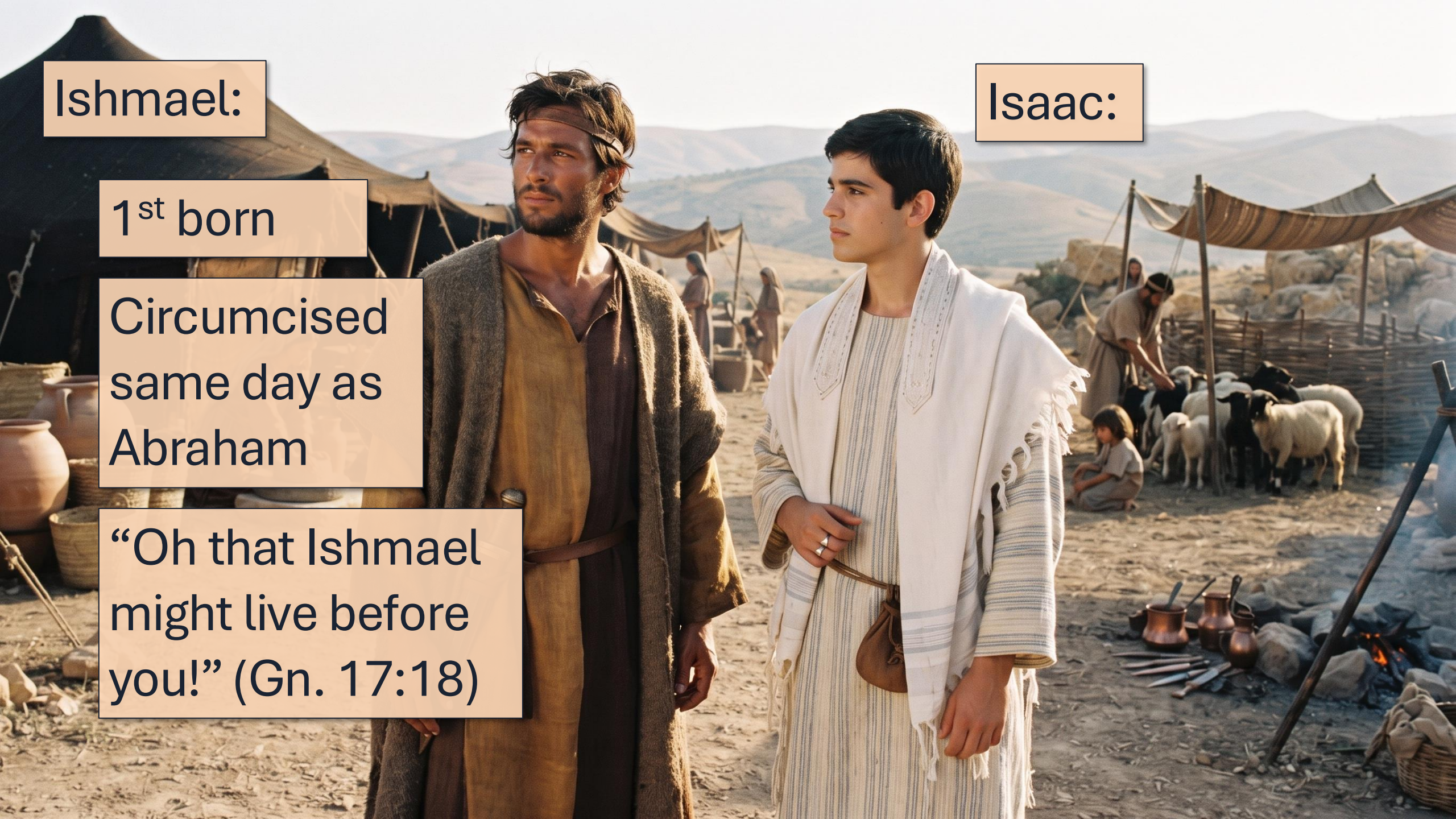
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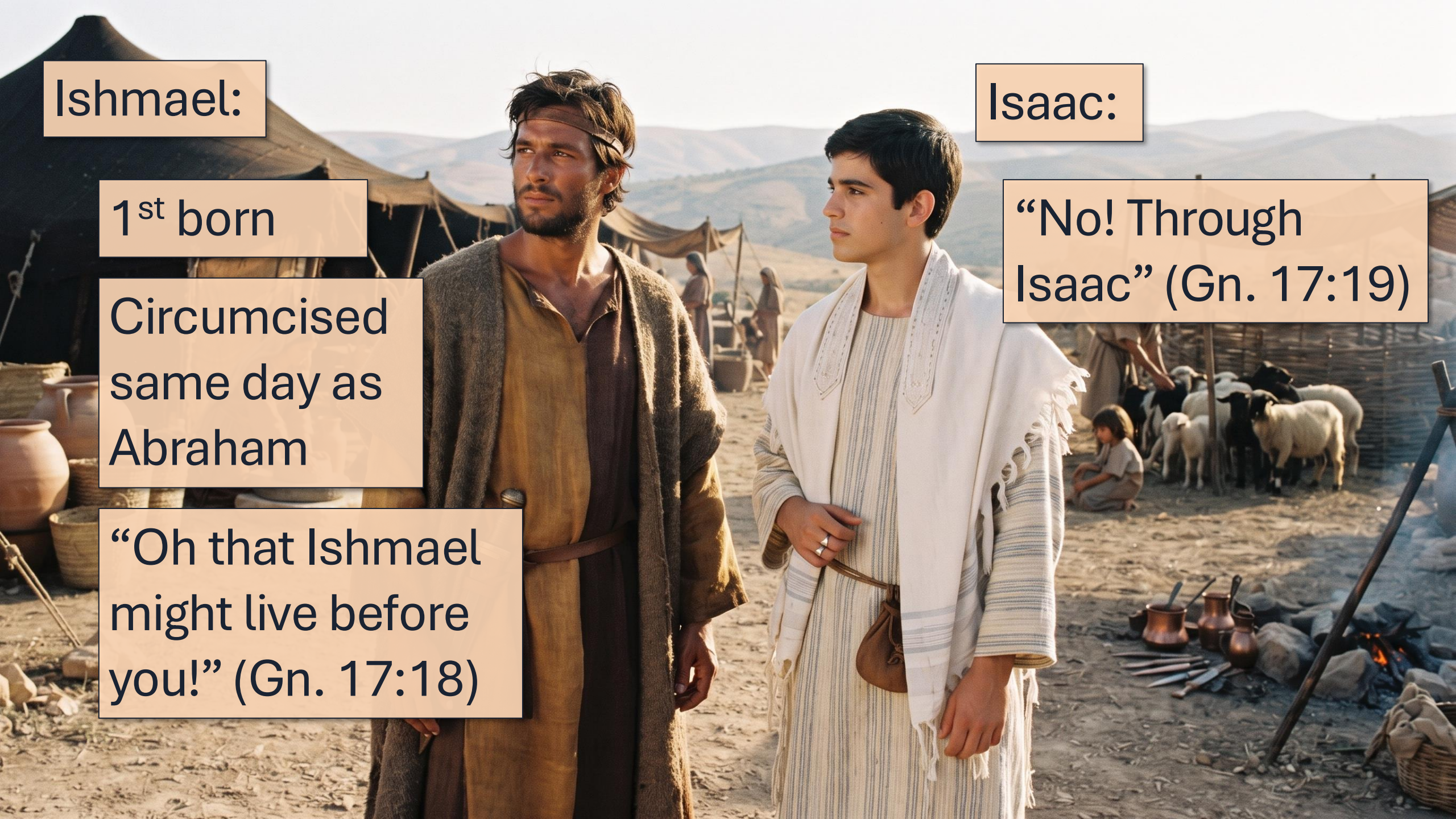
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Puritan John Flavel
(c. 1627-1691)

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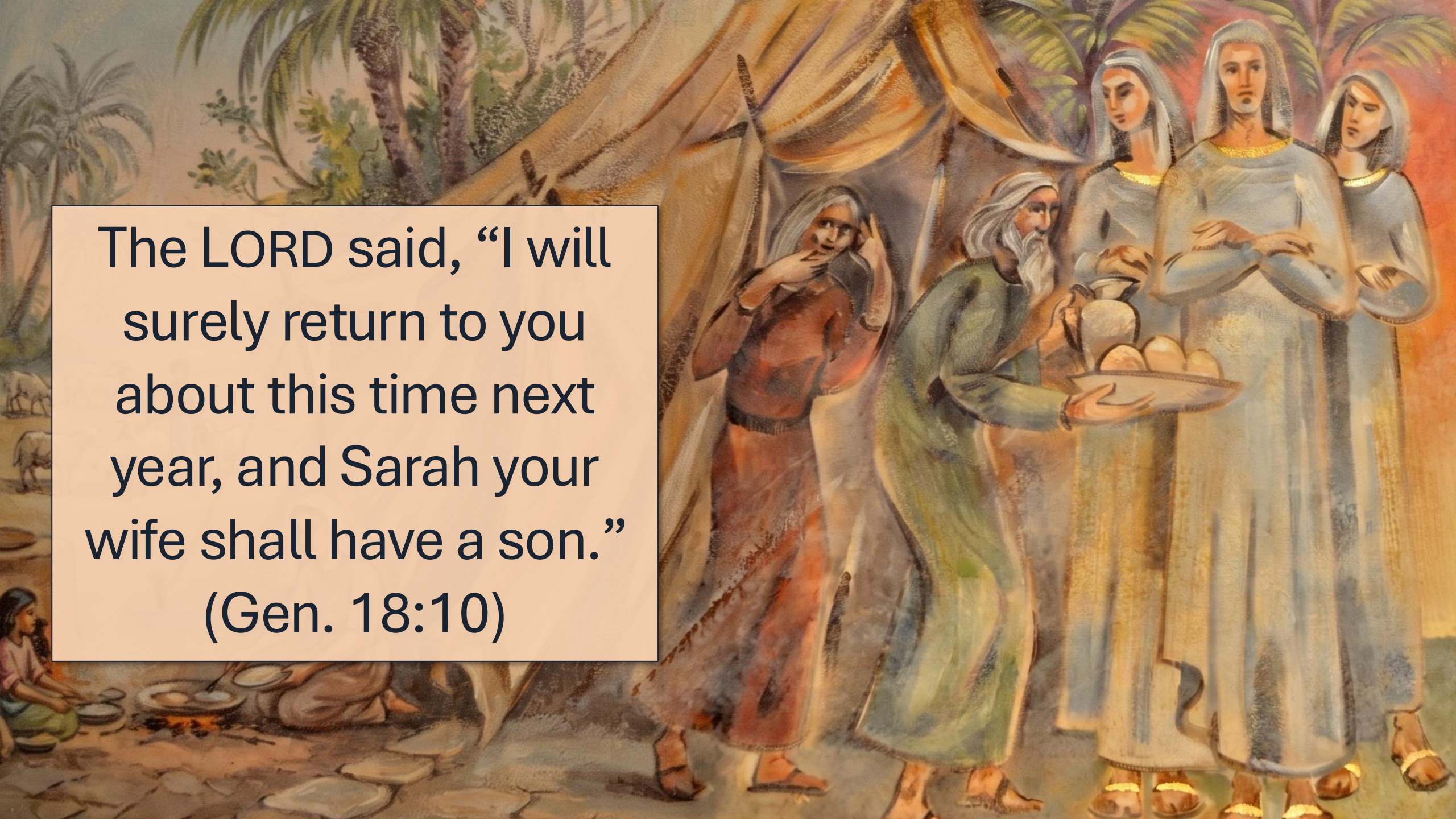
For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.”

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οὗτος· κατὰ τὸν καιρὸν
τοῦτον ἐλεύσομαι καὶ
ἐσται τῇ Σάρρᾳ υἱός.*



The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”
(Gen. 18:10)







Objection!
Different mothers!



The Will: Two Israels (v. 6)



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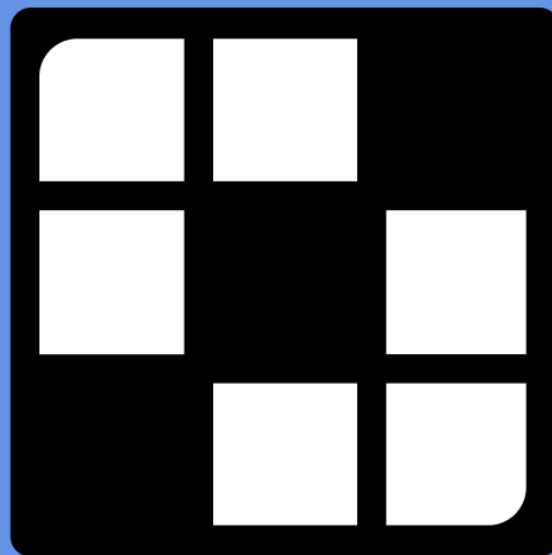
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The New York Times **Games**



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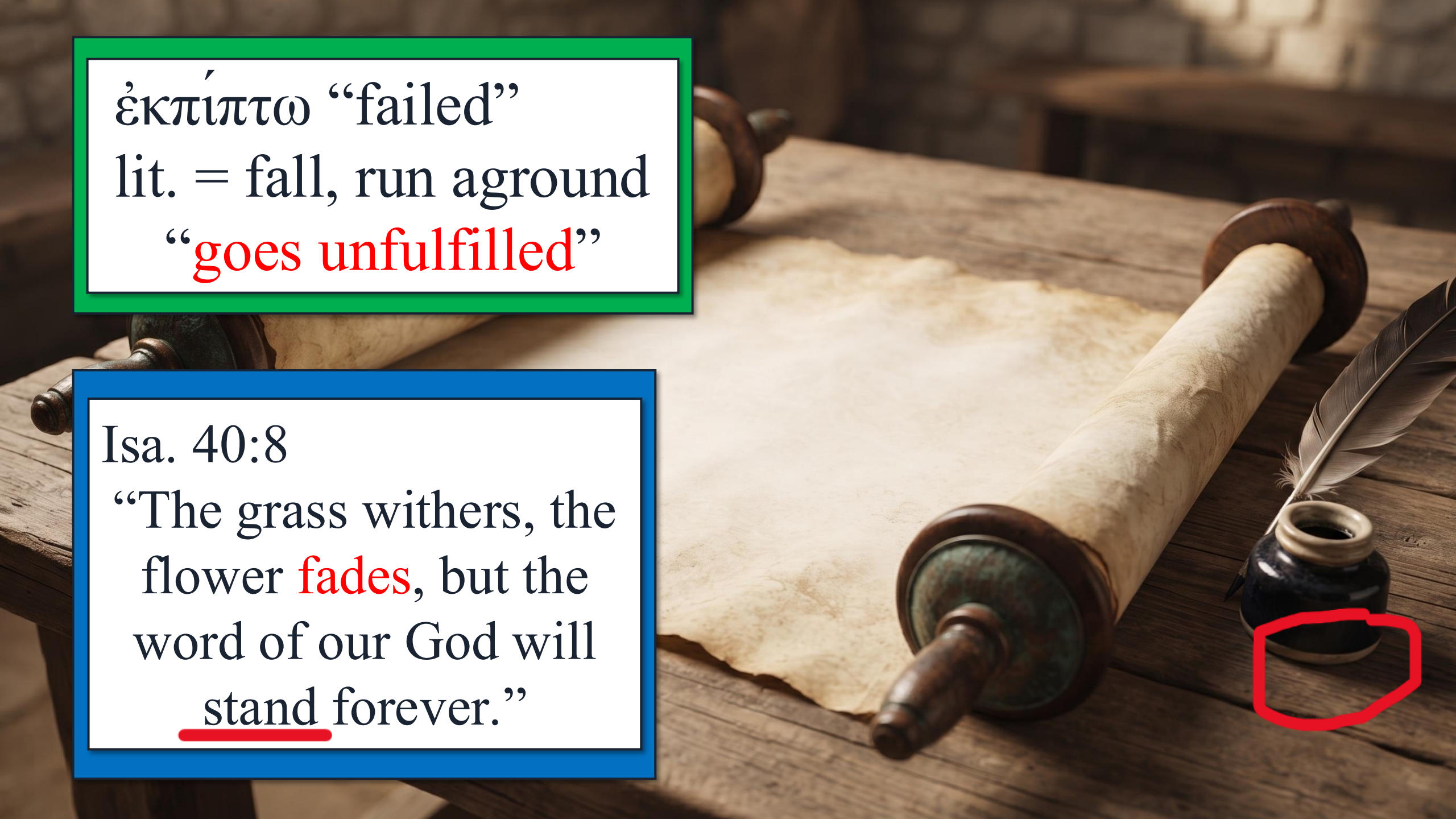


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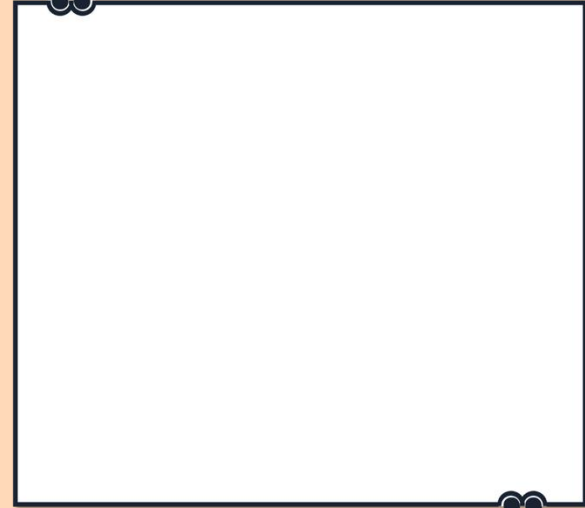


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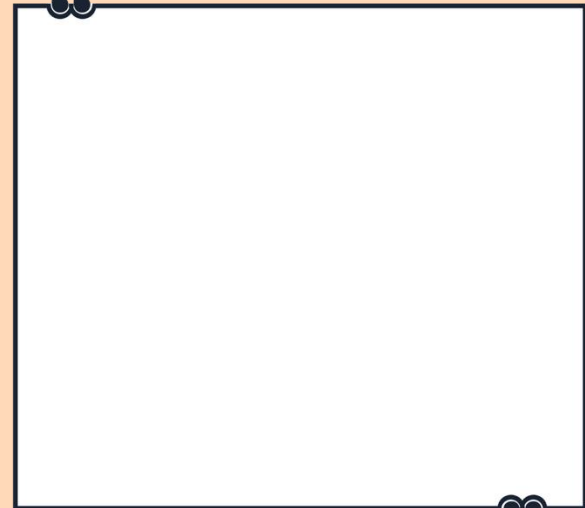
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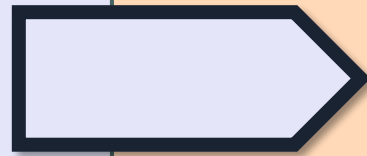
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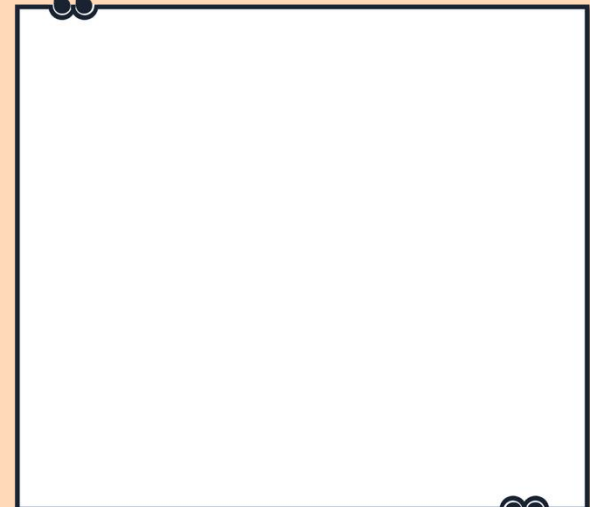
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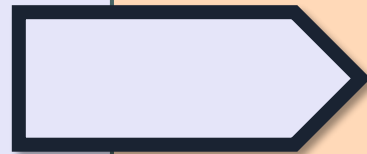
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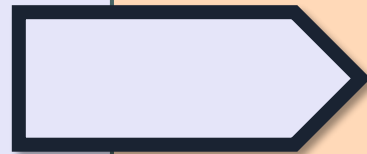
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Genesis 25:23

“Two *nations* are in
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two peoples from
within you shall be
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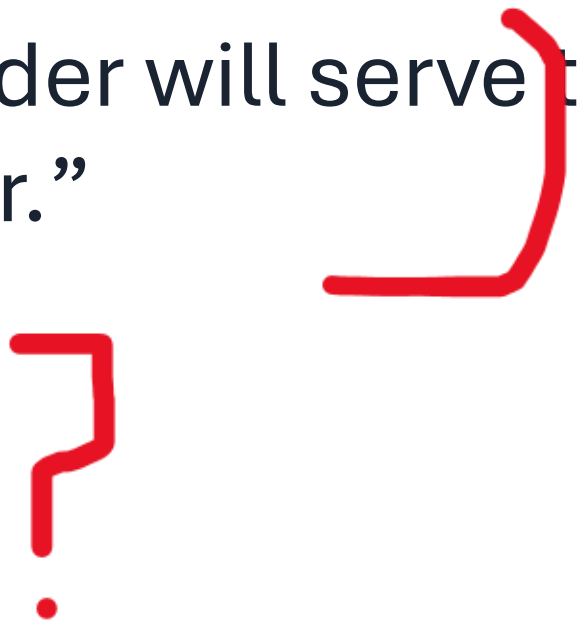
Obadiah

“How has Esau
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“because of the
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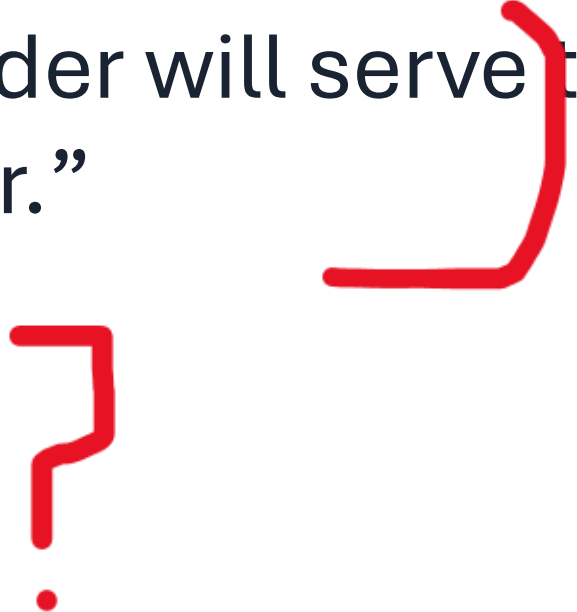


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Malachi 1:2-3

I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.”

Malachi 1:2-3

Ἠγάπησα ὑμᾶς, λέγει κύριος.
καὶ εἶπατε Ἐν τίνι ἠγάπησας
ἡμᾶς; οὐκ ἀδελφὸς ἦν Ησαυ
τοῦ Ιακωβ; λέγει κύριος· καὶ
ἠγάπησα τὸν Ιακωβ, τὸν δὲ
Ησαυ ἐμίσησα καὶ ἔταξα τὰ
ὄρια αὐτοῦ εἰς ἀφανισμὸν καὶ
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JUDAH AND EDOM IN THE ERA OF MALACHI (CIRCA 450 BCE)



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God is a promise keeper



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 3. Standing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 4. Standing on the prom-is-es I can - not fall, Lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



5
 Glo - ry in the high - est I will shout and sing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.



9 *Refrain*
 Stand - ing, stand - ing, Stand ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav ior;
 Stand ing on the prom - is - es, stand ing on the prom - is - es,



13
 Stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

Standing on the
 promises of Christ
 the Lord, bound to
 him eternally by
 love's strong chord,
 overcoming daily by
 the Spirit's sword,
 standing on the
 promises of God

Lunch topic:



A photograph of three people sitting at a light-colored table outdoors, eating lunch. On the left, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white button-down shirt, is looking down at a white takeout container of salad. In the center, a woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a white short-sleeved blouse, is looking towards the right and eating from a fork. On the right, a man with a shaved head, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is looking towards the woman. The table has several white takeout containers of salad, a glass of water, and a plate with orange slices. The background is a wooden slat wall.

Lunch topic:

Jacob and Esau – elected to the
historical role? to salvation?
both?

Romans

