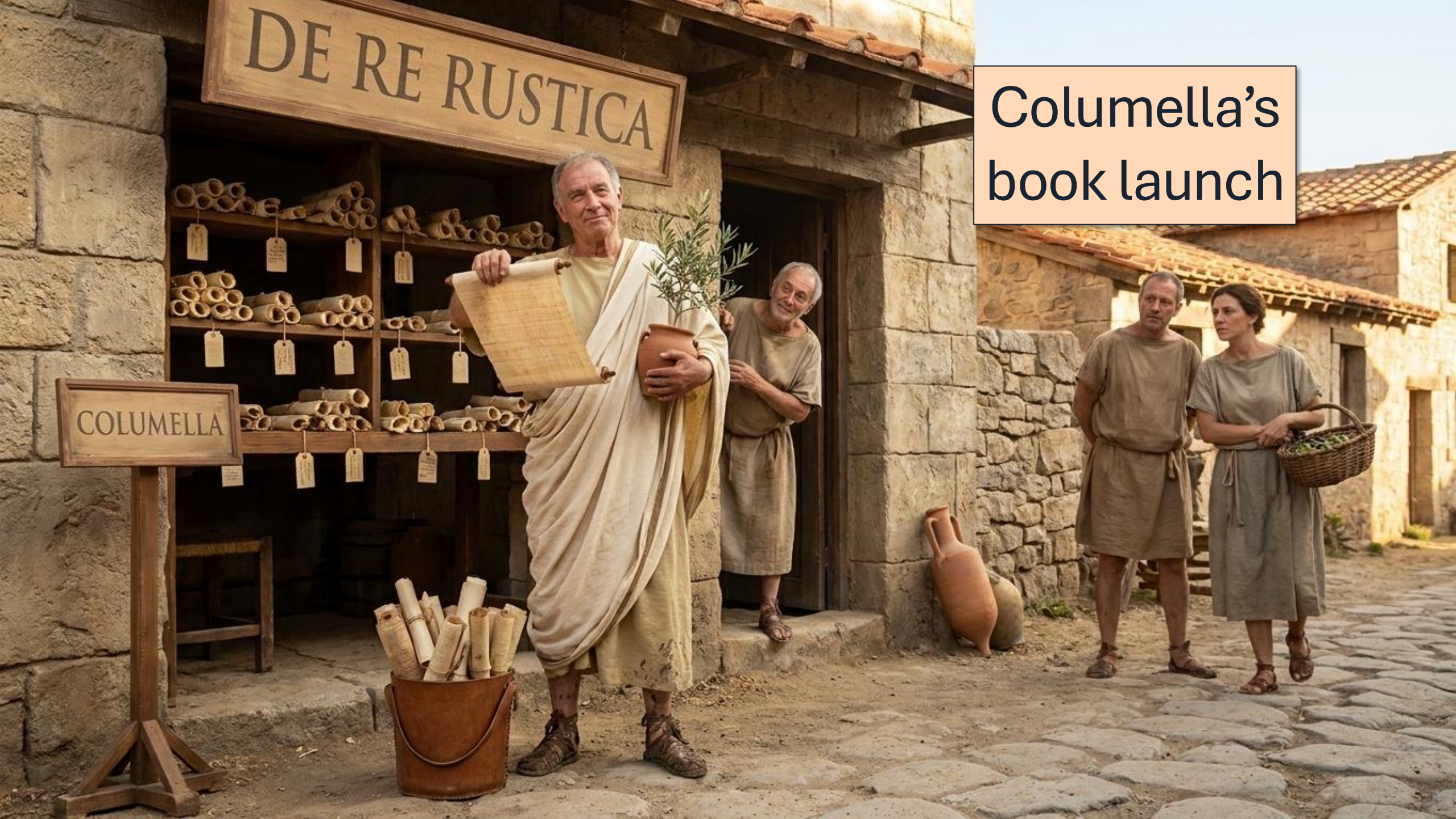
Romans



Rome ran on olive oil




Paul dictating
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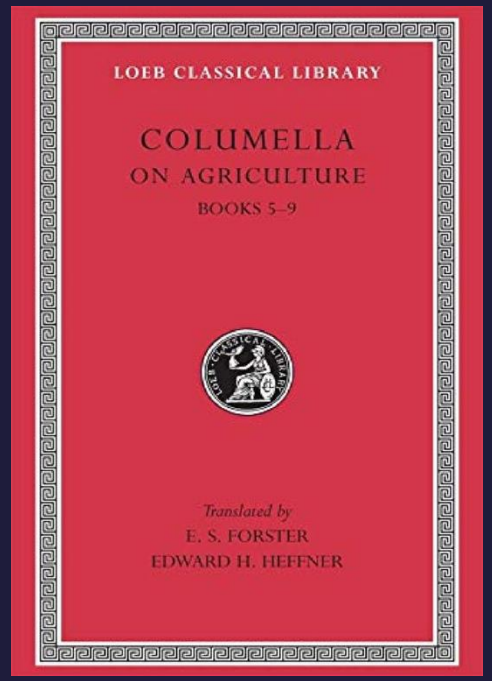


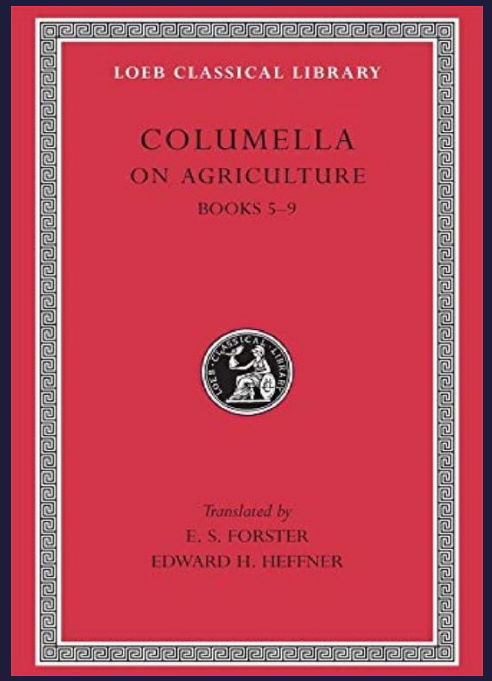
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Paul grafts a wild shoot onto the tree, but with a twist!

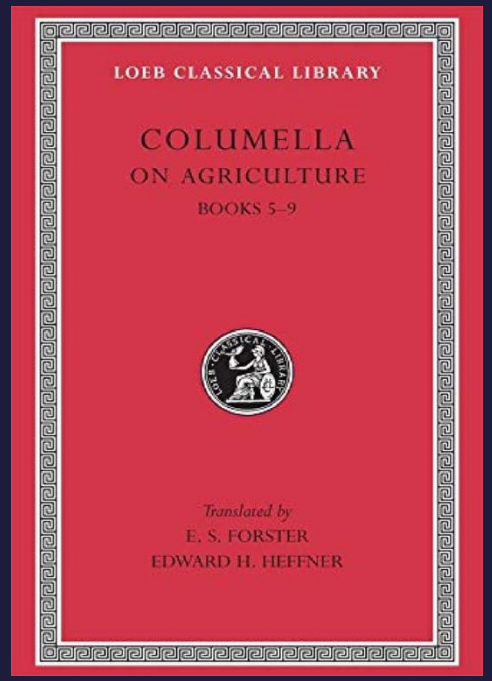

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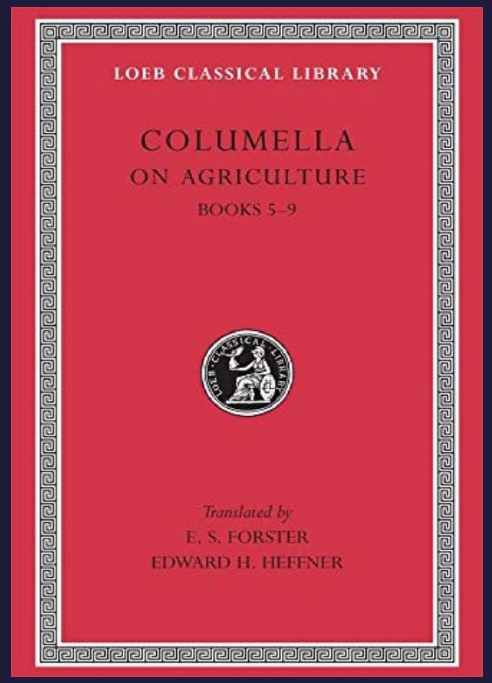




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The tree roots feed the graft








Did God’s word fail?


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Absolutely not (9:6-29)




“Not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel” (Rom. 9:6)

ONE QUESTION

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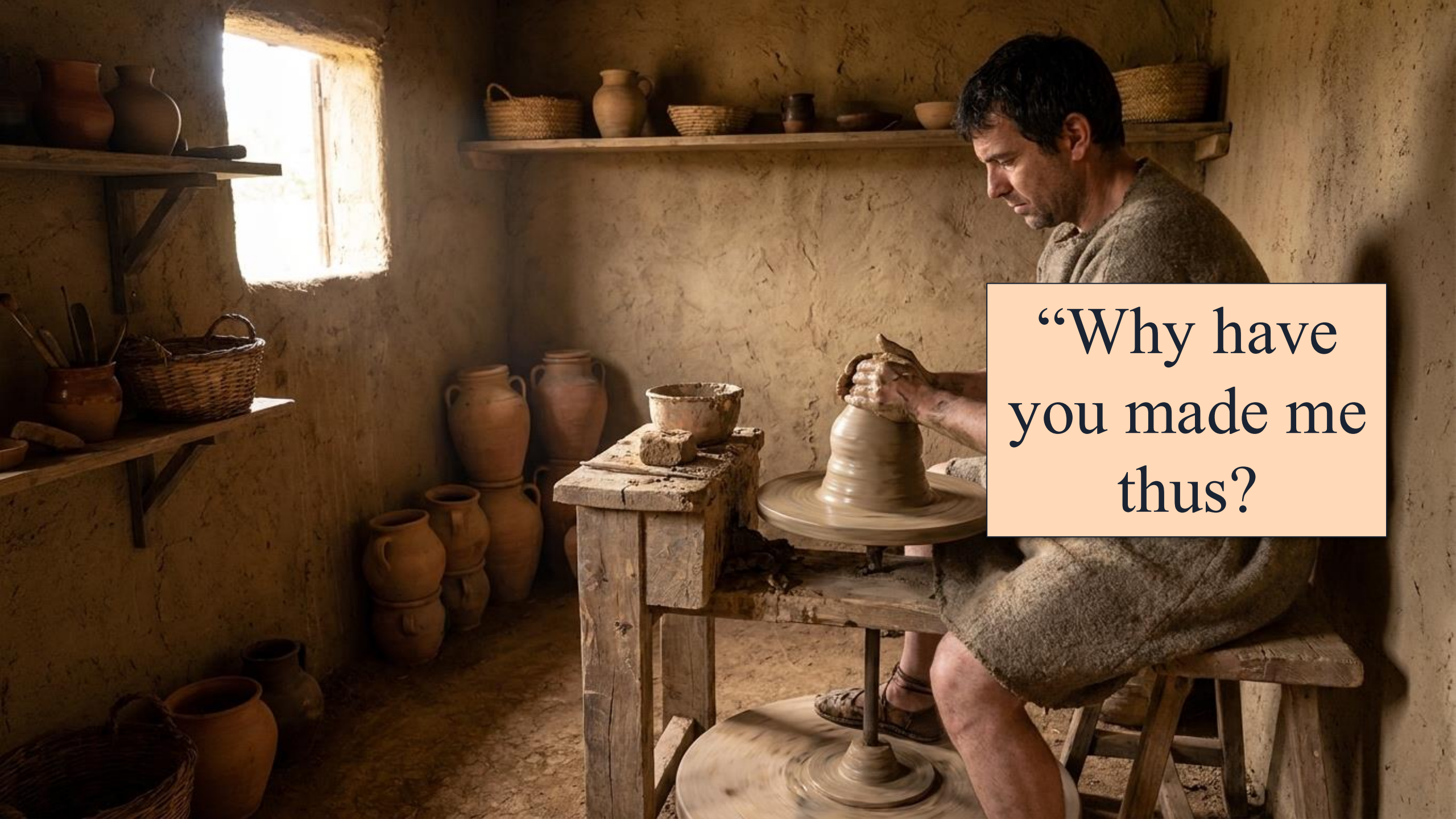
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“Historical Role?”

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“Why have you made me thus?


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Has God rejected his people?

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Romans 10:5-13



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(9:1-5)

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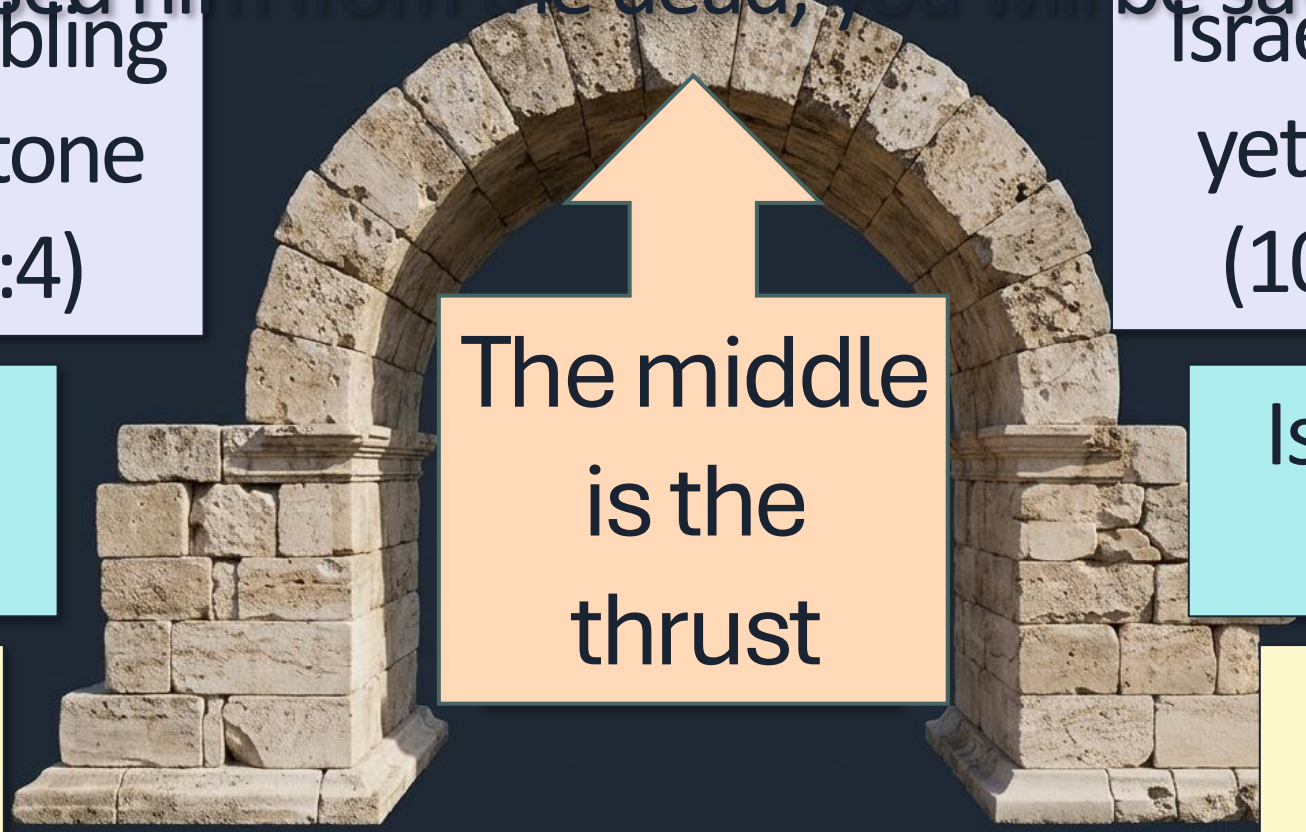
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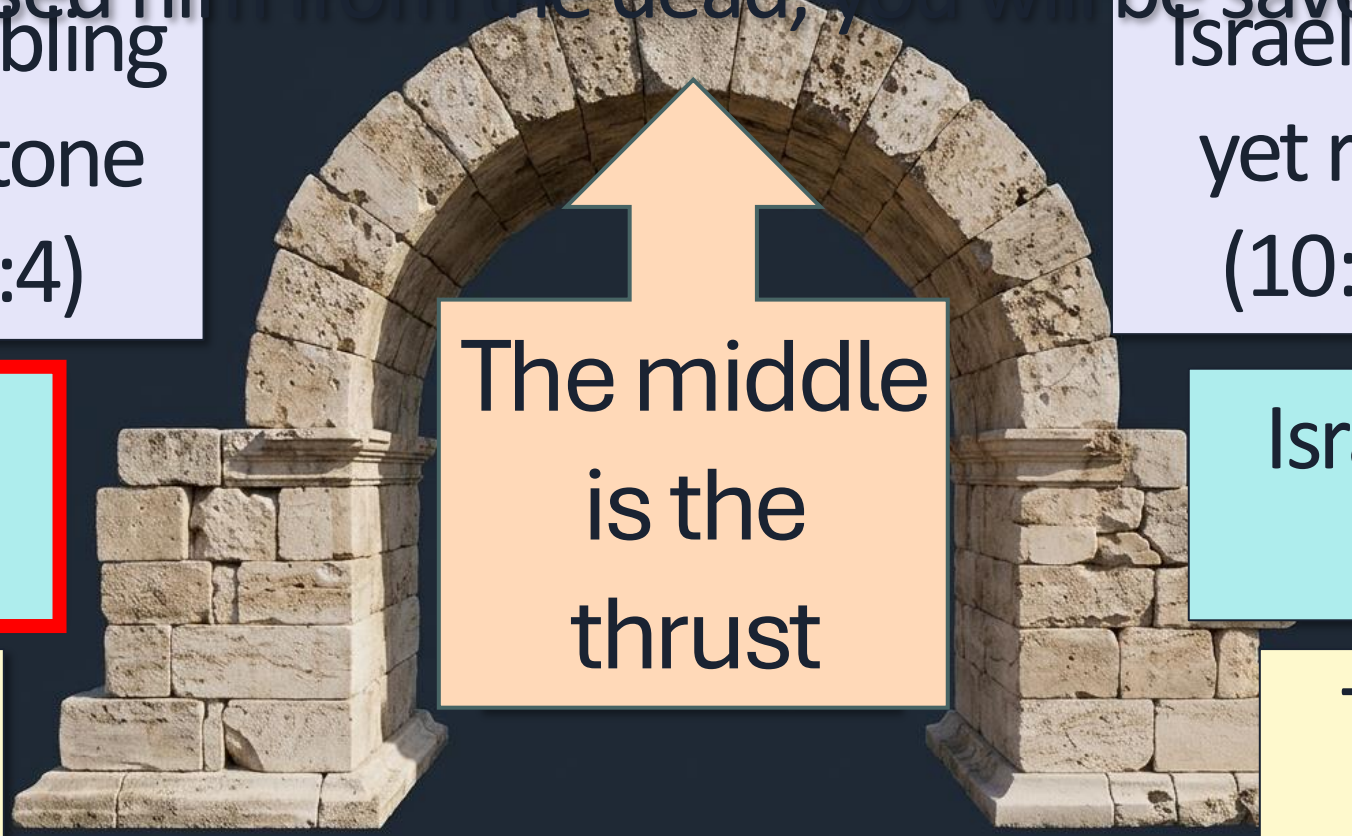
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Ps 94:14

For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;

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ὅτι οὐκ ἀπώσεται κύριος
τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ
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I’m exhibit 1!


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Elijah is exhibit 2

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Rom. 11:3

“Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.”

Rom. 11:3

κύριε, *τοὺς προφήτας σου ἀπέκτειναν, τὰ θυσιαστήριά σου κατέσκαψαν, κἀγὼ ὑπελείφθην μόνος καὶ ζητοῦσιν τὴν ψυχήν μου.*

Rom. 11:4

But what is God’s reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

Rom. 11:4

ἀλλὰ τί λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ χρηματισμός; *κατέλιπον ἐμαυτῷ ἑπτακισχιλίους ἄνδρας, οἵτινες οὐκ ἔκαμψαν γόνυ τῇ Βάαλ.*


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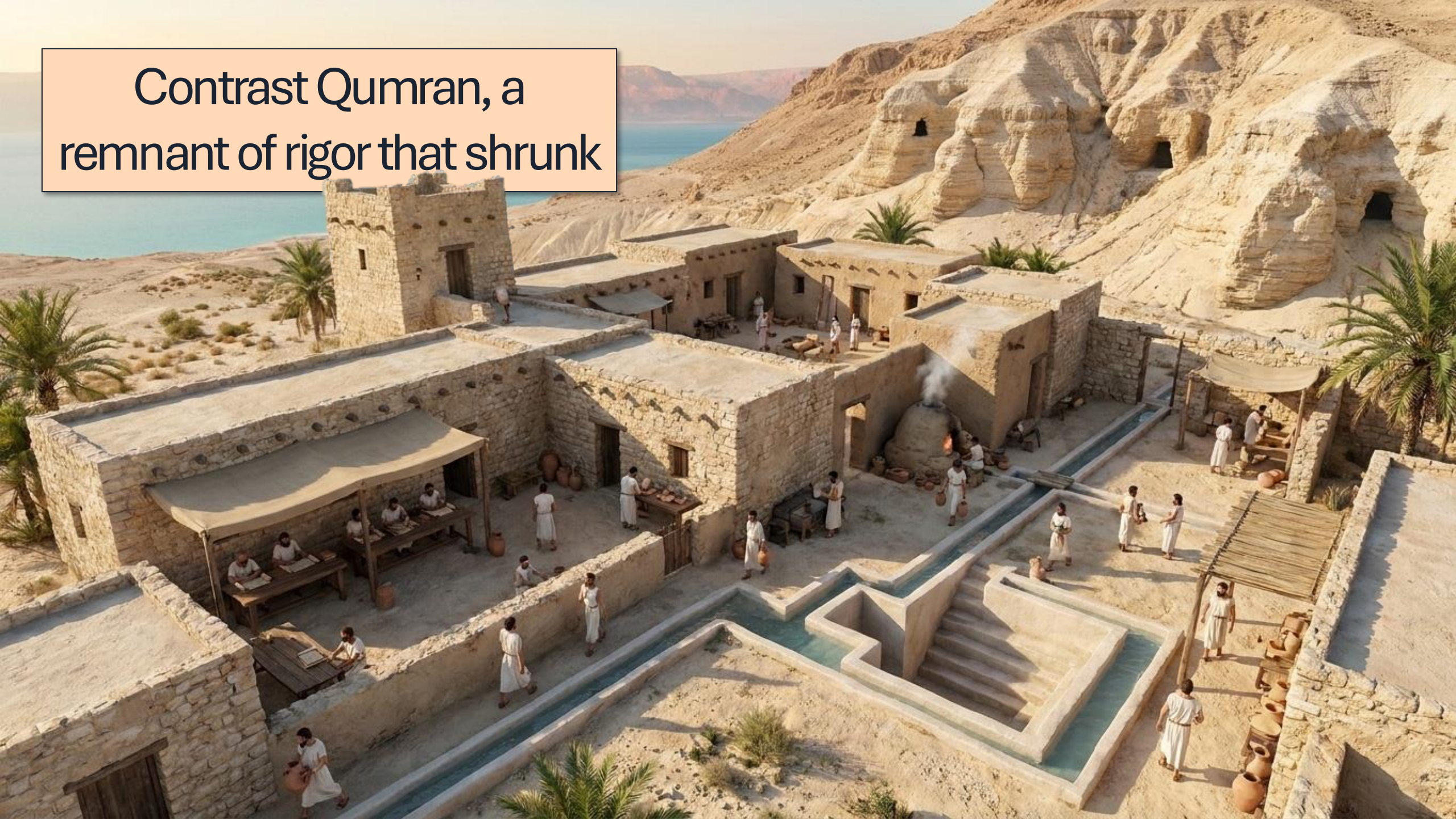


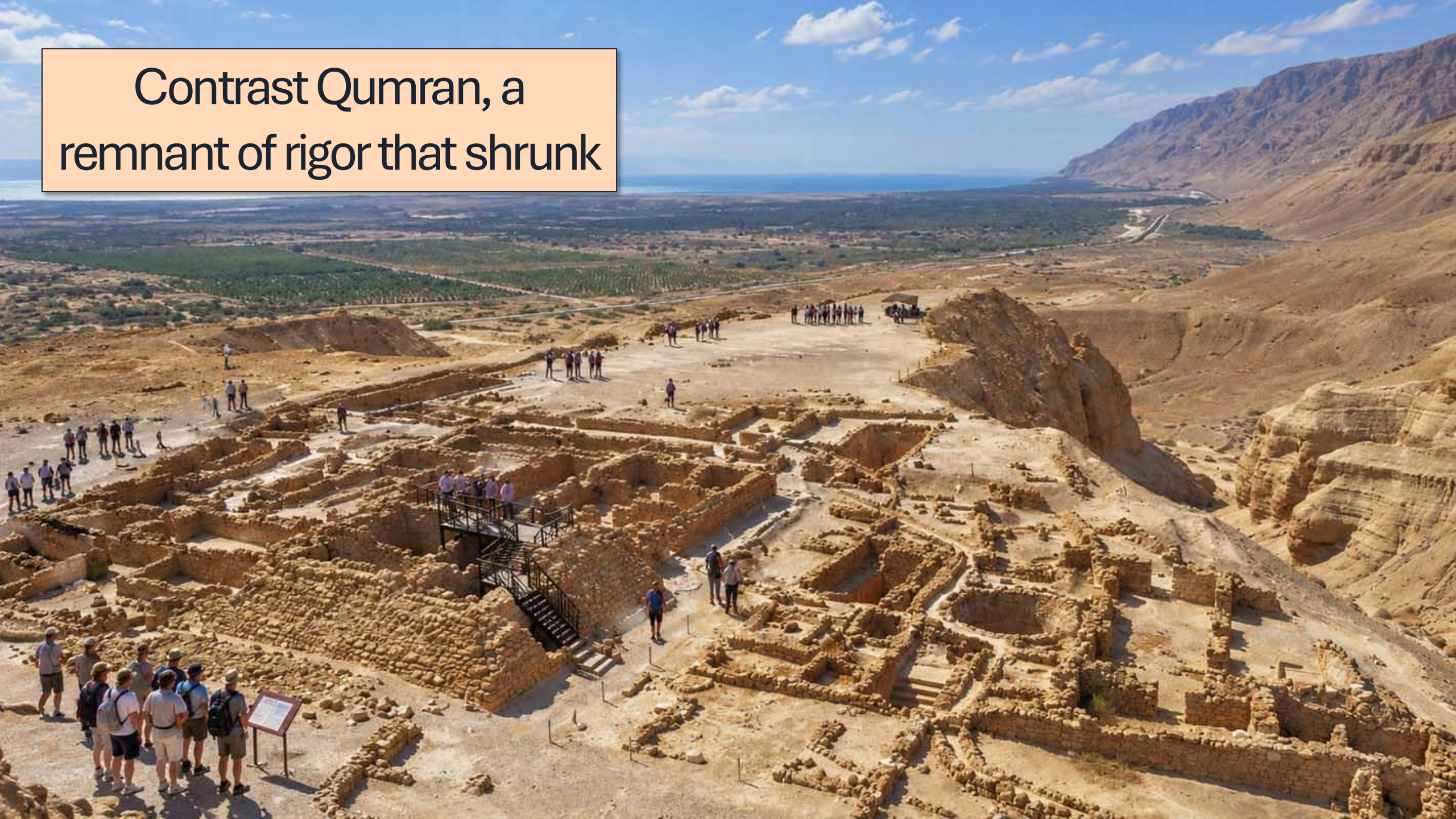
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Elijah and grace grow bigger: 1 – 7,000 – Judea - ???

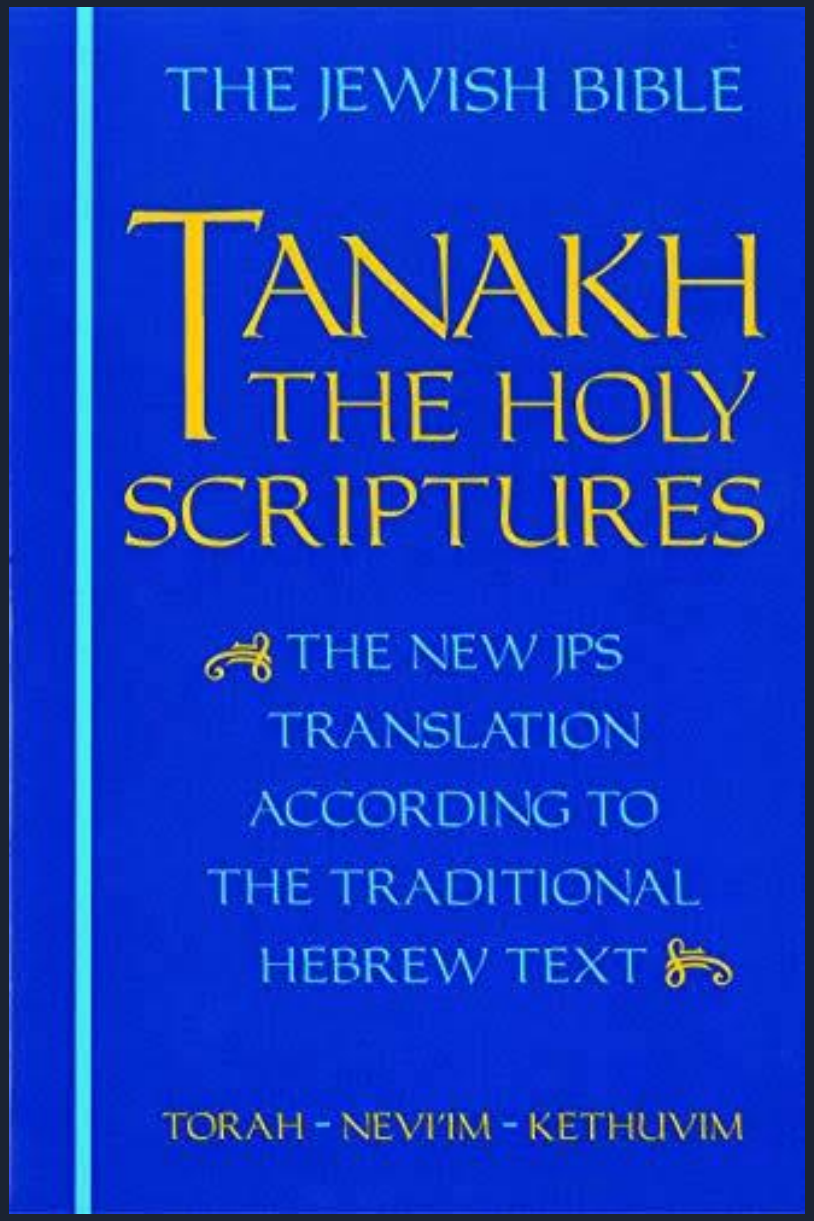


Rom. 11:7

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

Rom. 11:7

Τί οὖν; ὃ ἐπιζητεῖ Ἰσραήλ, τοῦτο οὐκ ἐπέτυχεν, ἡ δὲ ἐκλογὴ ἐπέτυχεν· οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ ἐπωρώθησαν,



The Law

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The Writings

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Rom. 11:9 Writings

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Rom. 11:10

let their eyes be
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cannot see,
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Rom. 11:10

σκοτισθήτωσαν οἱ
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Rom. 11:11

So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

Rom. 11:11

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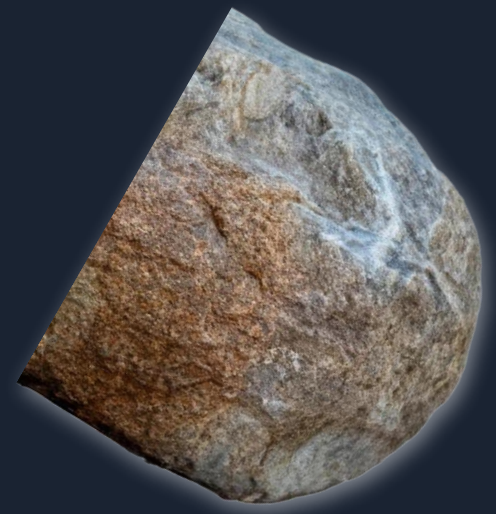
Isthmus Games




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Who put that there?

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”





Rom. 11:11

So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

Rom. 11:11

Λέγω οὖν, μὴ ἔπταισαν ἵνα πέσωσιν; μὴ γένοιτο· ἀλλὰ τῷ αὐτῶν παραπτώματι ἡ σωτηρία τοῖς ἔθνεσιν εἰς τὸ παραζηλῶσαι αὐτούς.

Rom. 11:12

Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Rom. 11:12

εἰ δὲ τὸ παράπτωμα αὐτῶν πλοῦτος κόσμου καὶ τὸ ἥττημα αὐτῶν πλοῦτος ἐθνῶν, πόσῳ μᾶλλον τὸ πλήρωμα αὐτῶν.

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Rom. 11:14

in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

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εἴ πως παραζηλώσω μου τὴν σάρκα καὶ σώσω τινὰς ἐξ αὐτῶν.

Rom. 11:15

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This means "comes to faith"





Paul deliberately echoes Romans 5:10



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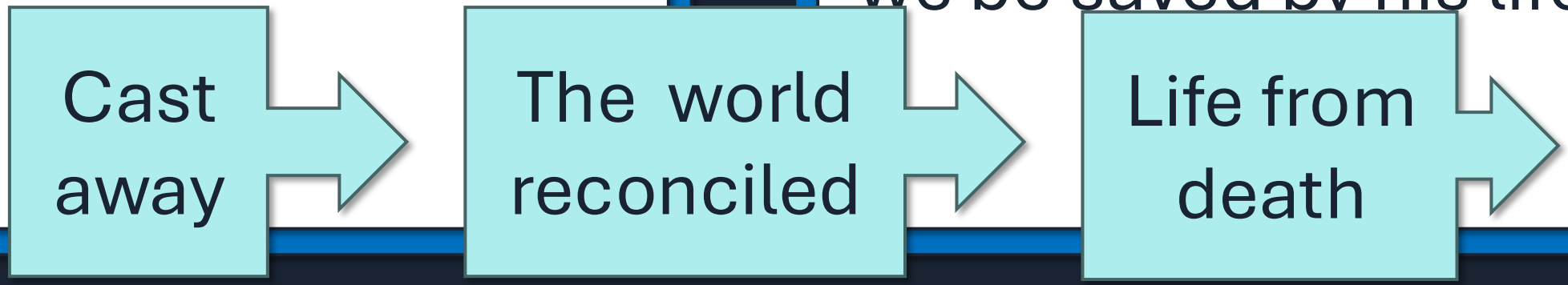
The world reconciled

Rom. 11:15

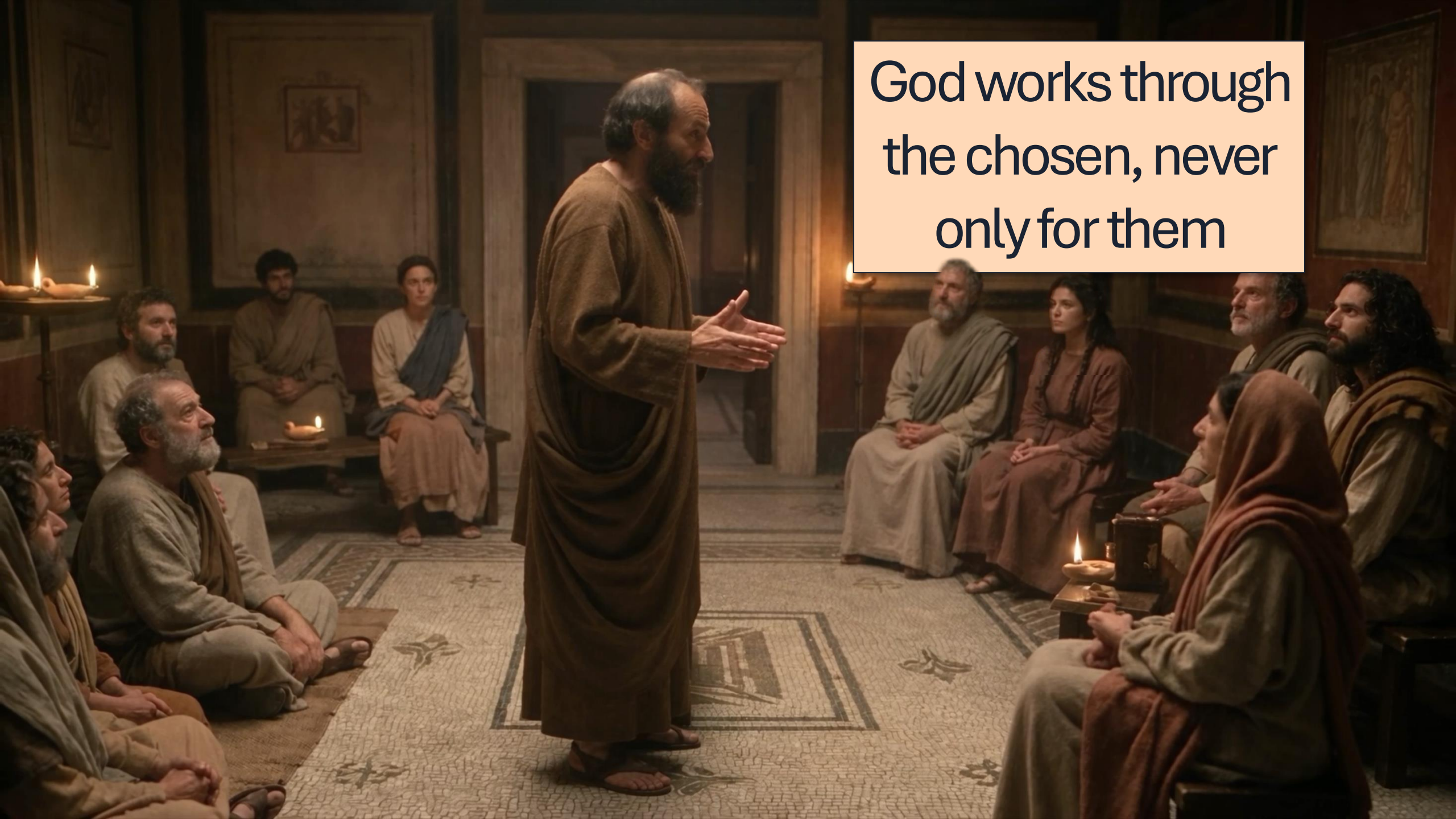
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ROME

Church – Begins Jewish



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Church – Begins Jewish, but adds Gentiles



ROME

Population – 750k - +1mm

Jews – 40,000 to 60,000



ROME

TROUBLE ~49AD!



Emperor Claudius
(41-54AD)

“Iudaeos impulsore Chresto
assidue tumultuantis
Roma expulit”
Seutonius, *De Vita Caesarum*

~49 AD, “He expelled from Rome the Jews who were constantly making disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus”

Acts 18:1-2

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome.

Acts 18:1-2

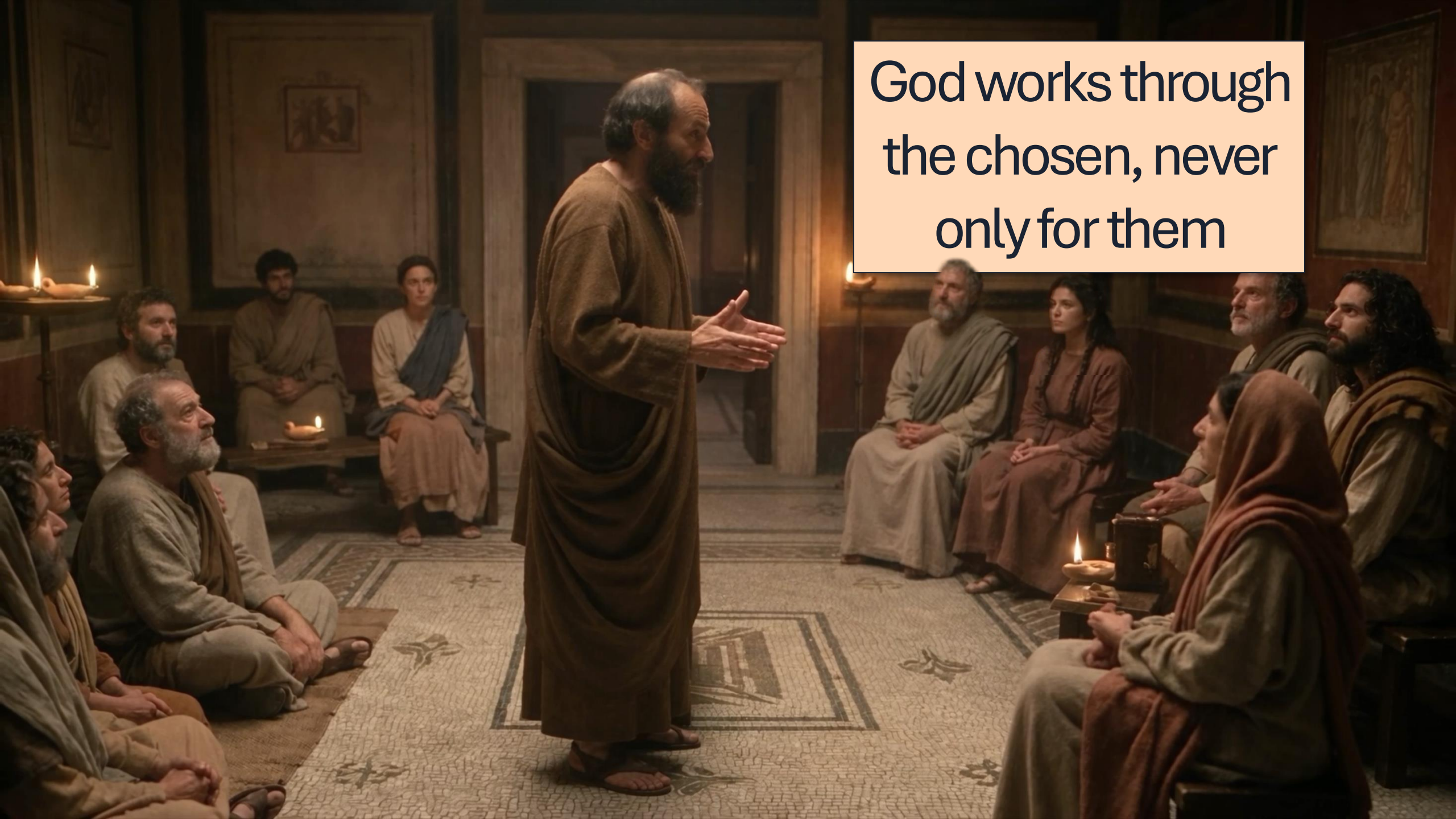
Μετὰ ταῦτα χωρισθεὶς ἐκ τῶν Ἀθηνῶν ἦλθεν εἰς Κόρινθον. καὶ εὑρών τινα Ἰουδαῖον ὀνόματι Ἀκύλαν, Ποντικὸν τῷ γένει προσφάτως ἐληλυθότα ἀπὸ τῆς Ἰταλίας καὶ Πρίσκιλλαν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, διὰ τὸ διατεταχέναι Κλαύδιον χωρίζεσθαι πάντας τοὺς Ἰουδαίους ἀπὸ τῆς Ῥώμης



Emperor Claudius
(41-54AD)

Jews return after Clausius's death on October 13, 54AD




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Rom. 11:16

If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Rom. 11:16

εἰ δὲ ἡ ἀπαρχὴ ἁγία, καὶ τὸ φύραμα· καὶ εἰ ἡ ῥίζα ἁγία, καὶ οἱ κλάδοι.



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Point 3 — The Olive Tree (11:17–24)

Rom. 11:17

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

Rom. 11:17

Εἰ δέ τινες τῶν κλάδων ἐξεκλάσθησαν, σὺ δὲ ἀγριέλαιος ὢν ἐνεκεντρίσθης ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ συγκοινωνὸς τῆς ῥίζης τῆς πιότητος τῆς ἐλαίας ἐγένου,

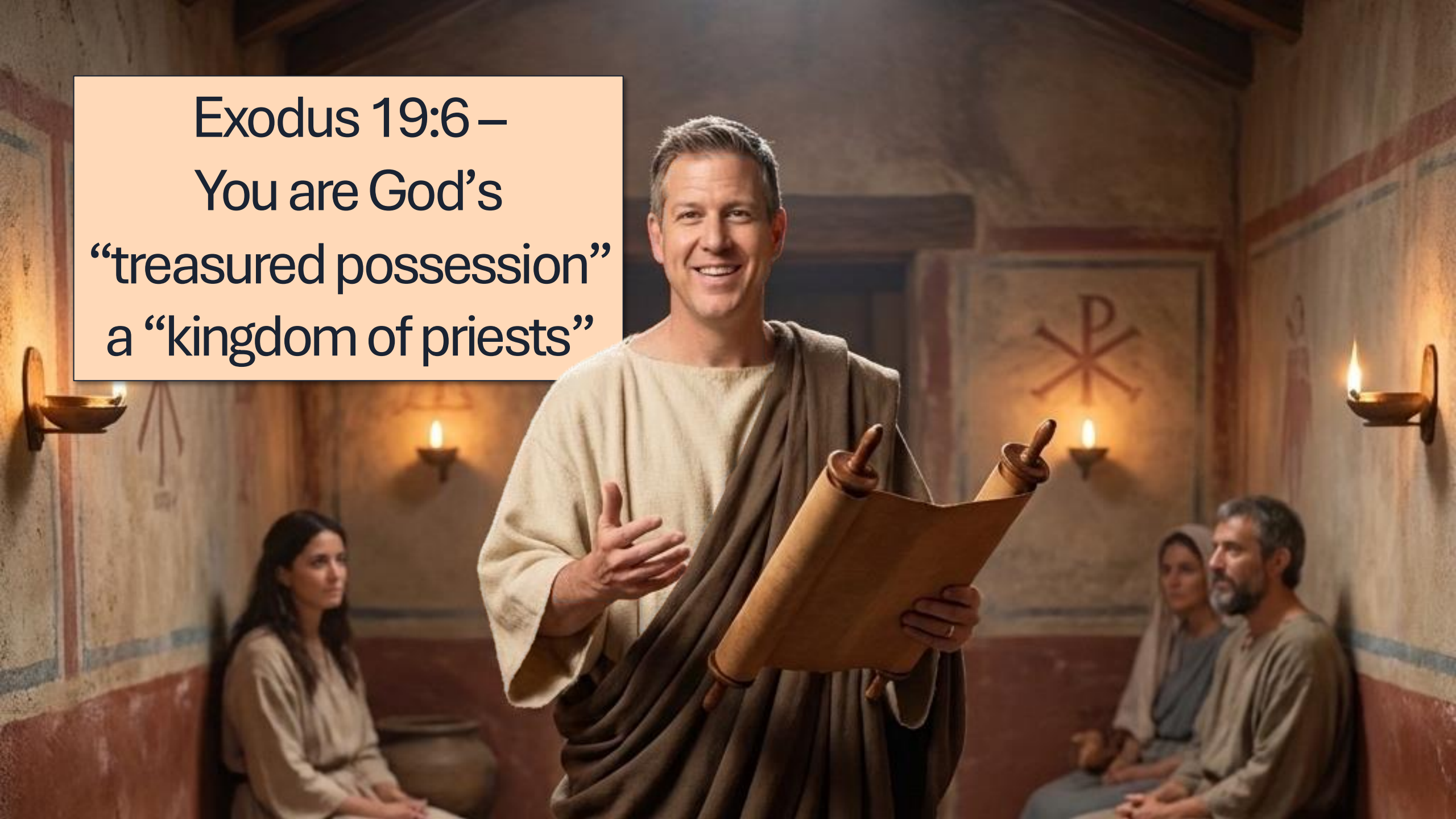
Rom. 11:18

do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

Rom. 11:18

μὴ κατακαυχῶ τῶν κλάδων· εἰ δὲ κατακαυχᾶσαι οὐ σὺ τὴν ῥίζαν βαστάζεις ἀλλ᾽ ἡ ῥίζα σέ.




Exodus 19:6 –
You are God's
"treasured possession"
a "kingdom of priests"

Rom. 11:19

Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.”

Rom. 11:19

ἐρεῖς οὖν· ἐξεκλάσθησαν κλάδοι ἵνα ἐγὼ ἐγκεντρισθῶ.

Rom. 11:20

That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

Rom. 11:20

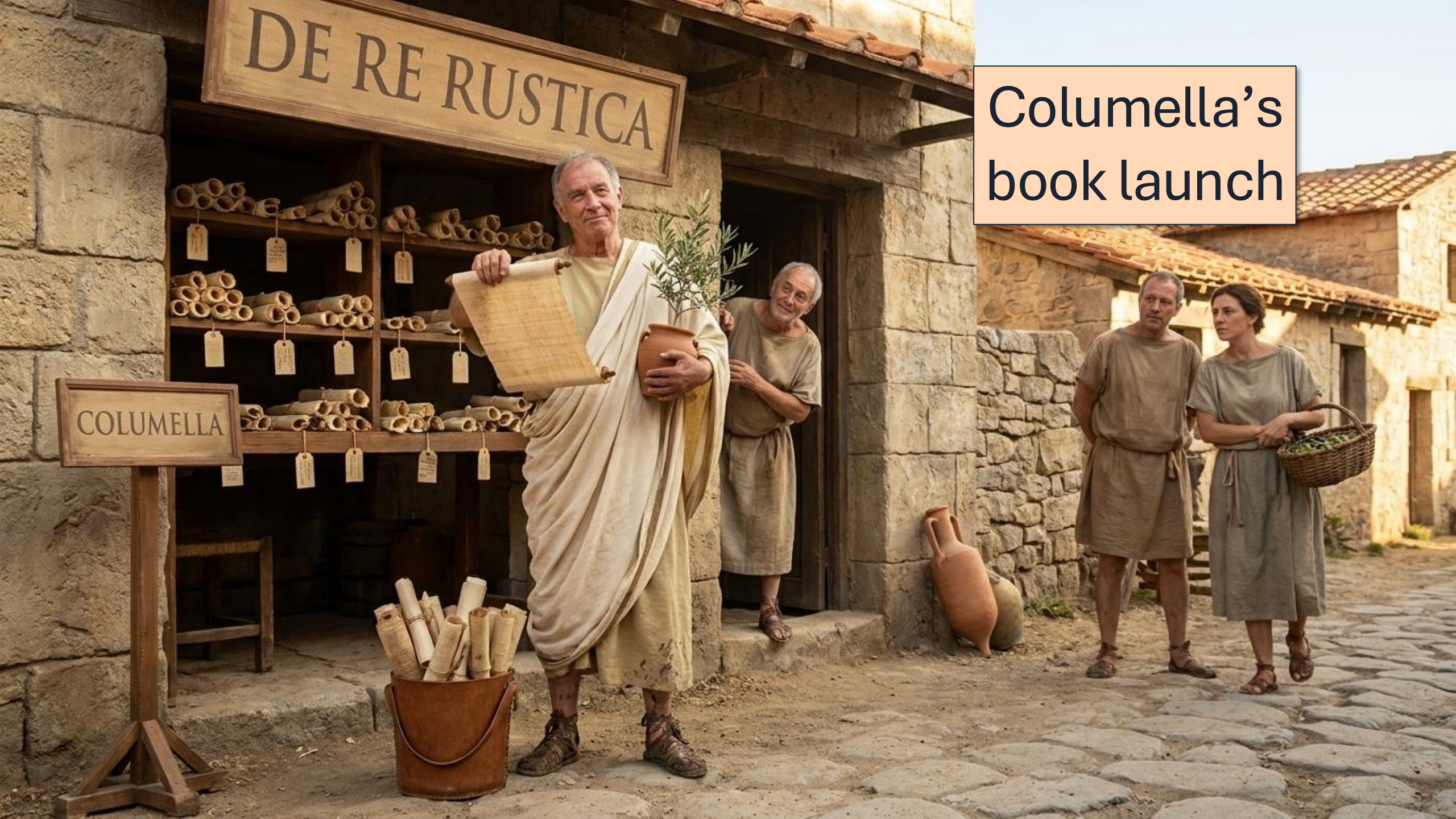
καλῶς· τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ ἐξεκλάσθησαν, σὺ δὲ τῇ πίστει ἕστηκας. μὴ ὑψηλὰ φρόνει ἀλλὰ φοβοῦ·

Rom. 11:21

For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

Rom. 11:21

εἰ γὰρ ὁ θεὸς τῶν κατὰ φύσιν κλάδων οὐκ ἐφείσατο, [μή πως] οὐδὲ σοῦ φείσεται.

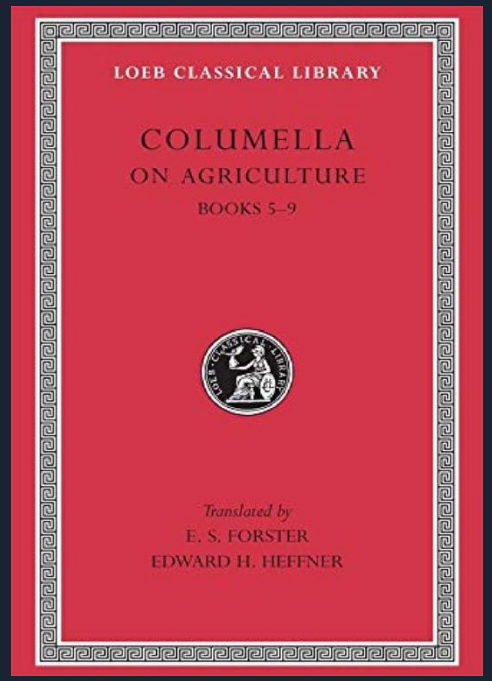


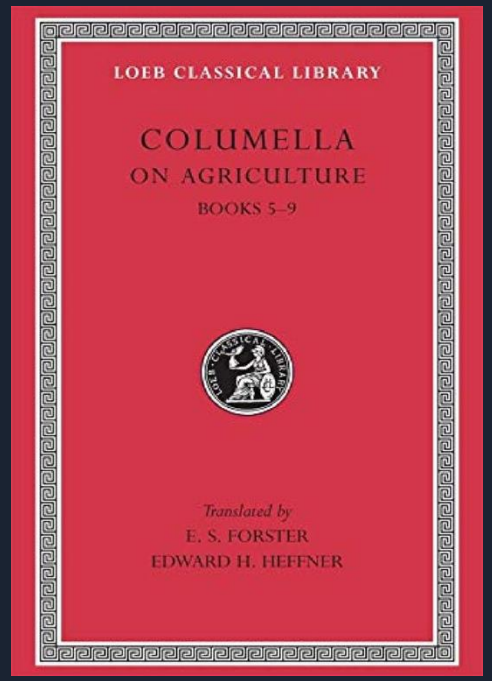
Columella's book launch


Rule 1: Graft good onto wild


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Rule 2: Graft wild onto a good tree bearing in adequate fruit


Paul grafts a wild shoot onto the tree, but with a twist!

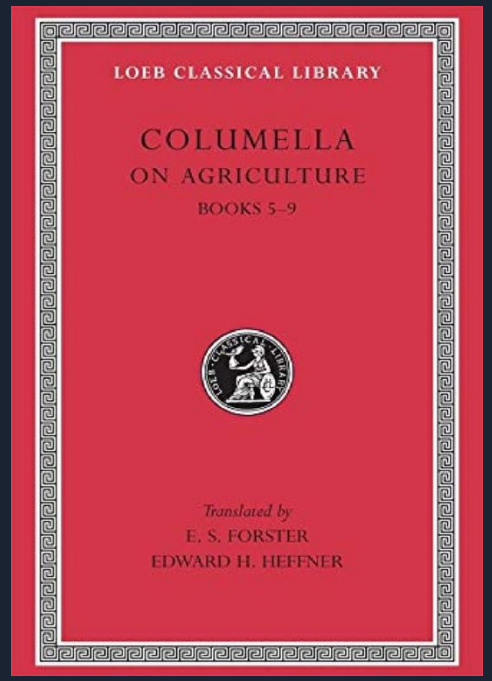

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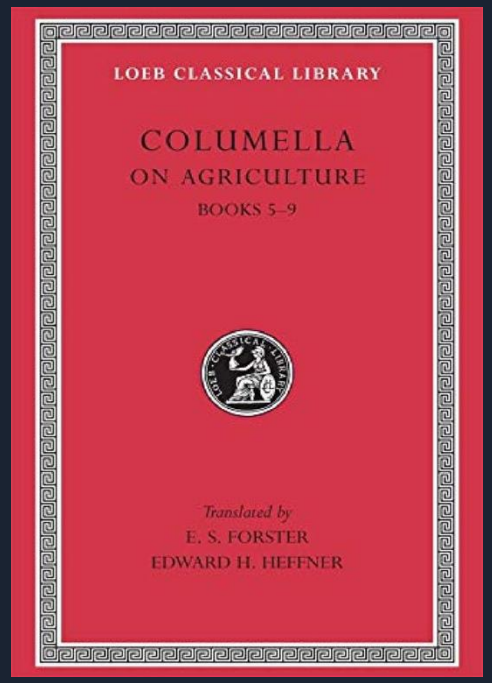




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The tree roots feed the graft







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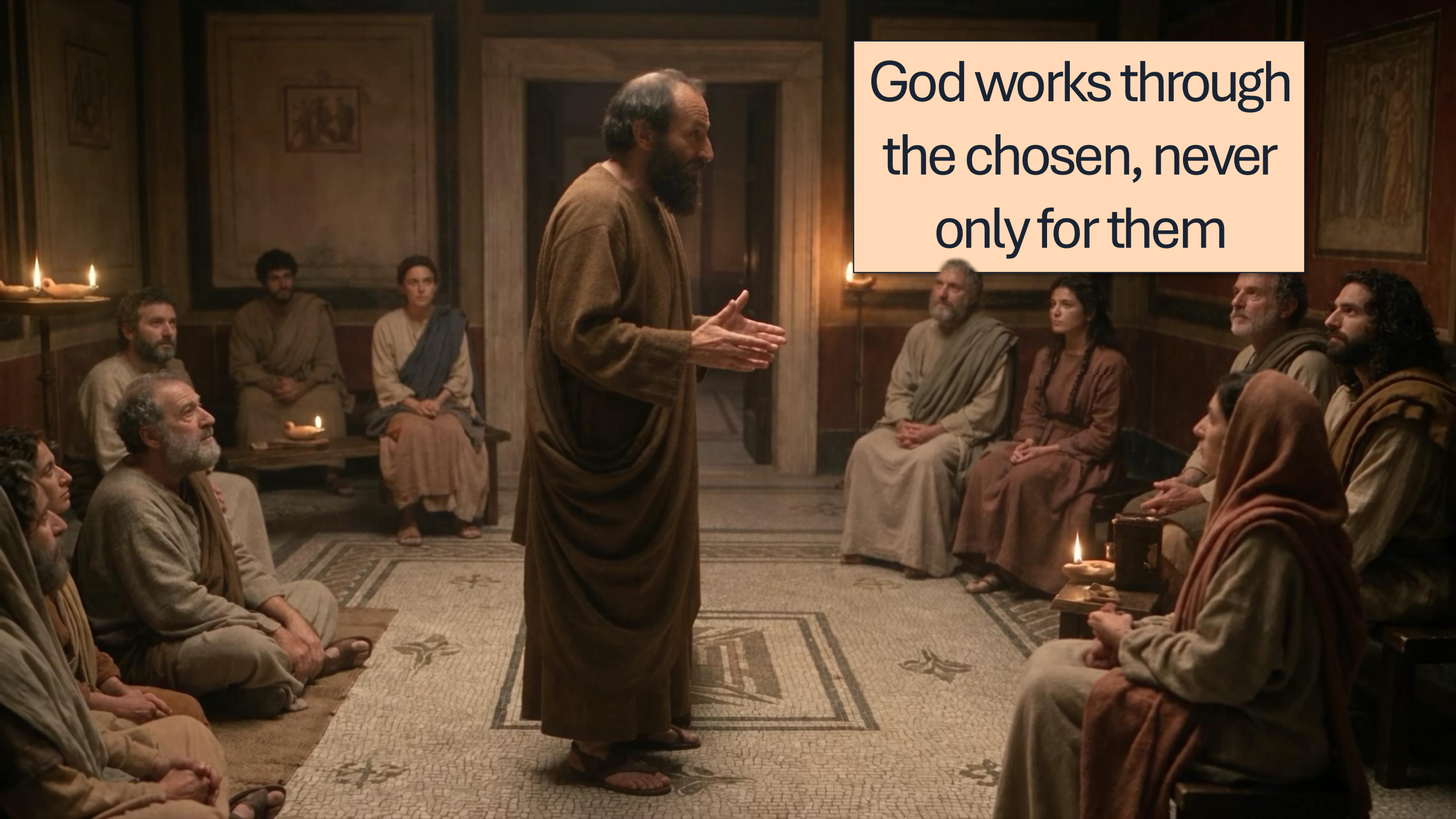
Rom. 11:22

Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.

Rom. 11:22

ἴδε οὖν χρηστότητα καὶ ἀποτομίαν θεοῦ· ἐπὶ μὲν τοὺς πεσόντας ἀποτομία, ἐπὶ δὲ σὲ χρηστότης θεοῦ, ἐὰν ἐπιμένῃς τῇ χρηστότητι, ἐπεὶ καὶ σὺ ἐκκοπήσῃ.




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Rom. 11:23

And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

Rom. 11:23

κἀκεῖνοι δέ, ἐὰν μὴ ἐπιμένωσιν τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ, ἐγκεντρισθήσονται· δυνατὸς γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θεὸς πάλιν ἐγκεντρίσαι αὐτούς.



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Rom. 11:24

For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Rom. 11:24

εἰ γὰρ σὺ ἐκ τῆς κατὰ φύσιν ἐξεκόπης ἀγριελαίου καὶ παρὰ φύσιν ἐνεκεντρίσθης εἰς καλλιέλαιον, πόσῳ μᾶλλον οὗτοι οἱ κατὰ φύσιν ἐγκεντρισθήσονται τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐλαίᾳ.



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Stop doing Elijah’s math!



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there is a remnant, chosen by grace (Rom. 11:5)



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Remember whose sap you’re living on



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"You…now share in the root of the olive tree" (Rom. 11:17)



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Nobody is firewood



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“God has the power to graft them in again” (Rom. 11:23)


Lunch topic:


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Ever felt like the last one?
How did you learn
of the 7,000?

Romans

