



Strangers and Pilgrims

1. Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ



Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia ... (1 Peter 1:1 NKJV).





I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that **this is the true grace of God in which you stand** (1 Peter 5:12).



“The true grace of God in which you stand” (1 Peter 5:12)

- ❖ **New life in Christ because of his Resurrection (1:3-5)**
- ❖ **Ransomed by the precious blood of Christ (1:18-19)**
- ❖ **Members of a chosen race, a royal priesthood (2:9-10)**
- ❖ **Called to suffer with Christ, following him (2:21-25)**
- ❖ **Forgiveness offered through Baptism (3:18-22)**
- ❖ **Given gifts to use in God’s service (4:10-11)**
- ❖ **God will himself restore, confirm and strengthen (5:10)**



PETER THE PILGRIM



He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “**You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephias**” (which is translated, *a stone*)

(John 1:41–42).





Luke 5:1-11



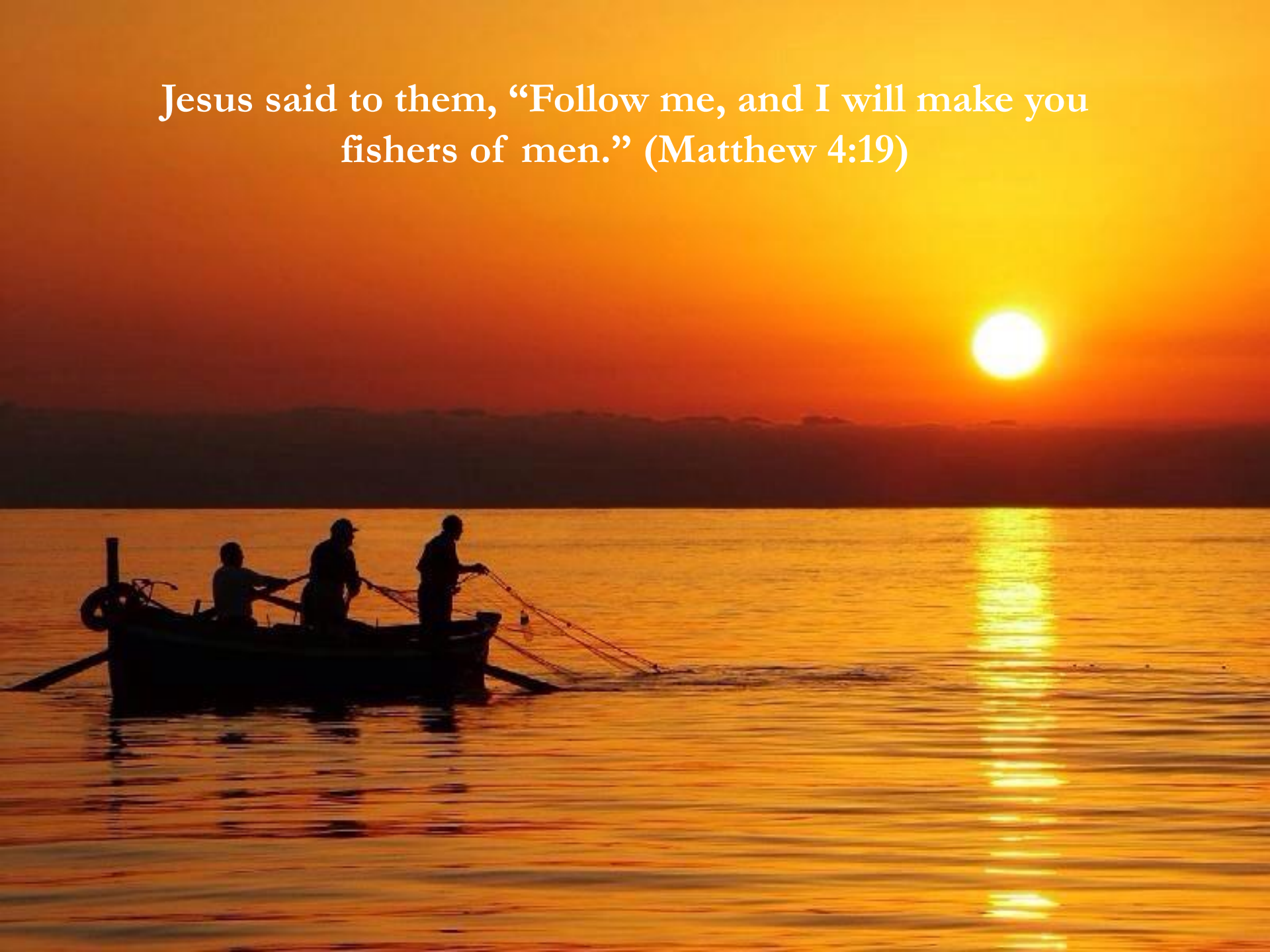


When Simon
Peter saw it,
he fell down
at Jesus'
knees,
saying,
“Depart
from me, for
I am a sinful
man, O
Lord!”

(Luke 5:8)



Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you
fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19)





And they
feared
exceedingly,
and said to
one another,
“Who can
this be, that
even the
wind and the
sea obey
him!”

(Mark 4:41)





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Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed...

(Matthew 26:74)



“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs...” (John 21:15)





Peter in the Acts of the Apostles

Chapter	Event
2	Speaking in Jerusalem
3	Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate
4	Before the Sanhedrin
5	Ananias and Sapphira
9	Peter at Lydda (Aeneas & Dorcas)
10	Caesarea (Cornelius)



“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but **in every nation** anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34–35)

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Tyndale Bulletin 23 (1972)

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60-68		Peter writes 2 letters before his martyrdom



Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in **Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia**, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: may grace and peace be multiplied to you. (1 Peter 1:1–2)

By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. She who is a **Babylon**, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, **and so does Mark, my son**. Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. (1 Peter 5:12–14)



This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles, (2 Peter 3:1–2)

I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since **I know that the putting off of my body will be soon**, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. (2 Peter 1:12–15)



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Peter and Jude speak out!





Key Words in 1 Peter

Idea of Suffering = 15 times

1 Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand **the sufferings of Christ**, and the glory that should follow.

1 Peter 2:20

For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and **suffer for it**, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example**, that ye should follow his steps...



Idea of Glory = 14 times

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto **praise and honour and glory** at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 1:8

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and **full of glory**:

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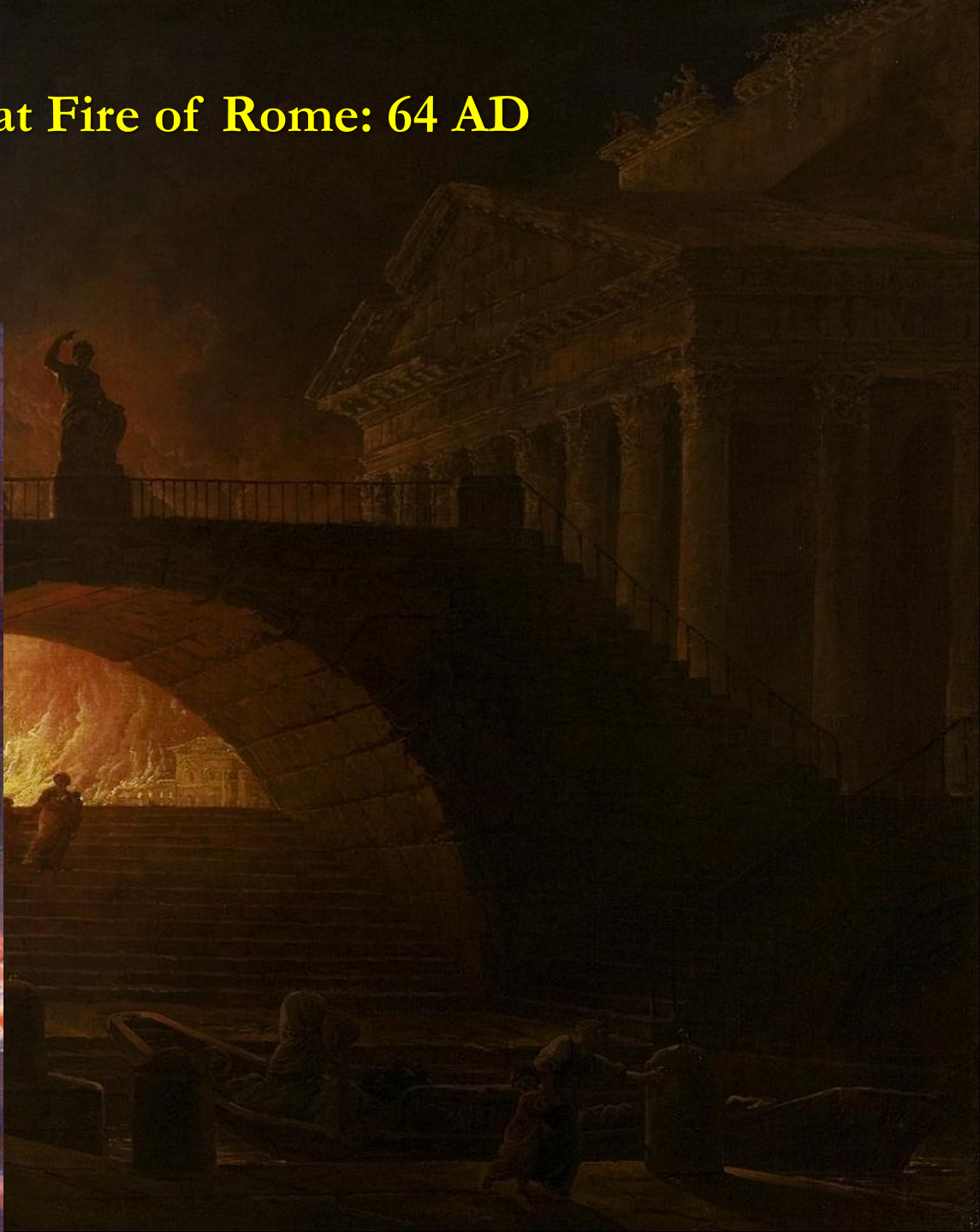
Emperor Nero
37 AD to 68 AD



Nero's Wife Poppaea Sabina
62 AD to 65 AD



Great Fire of Rome: 64 AD



Events leading up to Peter's death

Date (AD)	Event
37	Nero succeeds Claudius as Emperor
62	Retirement of Burrus and Seneca as Nero's advisers
62	Nero marries Poppaea Sabina
64	Great Fire of Rome
66-68	Nero's persecution of Christians in Rome
	Paul and Peter arrested
	Paul writes 2 Timothy and is executed
	Peter writes 1 & 2 Peter and is crucified



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Paul's Third Missionary Journey

What we should expect!

- ❖ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we **suffer** with him, that we may also be glorified together (Romans 8:17);
- ❖ Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same **sufferings** which we also suffer... (2 Corinthians 1:6);
- ❖ For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to **suffer** for his sake (Philippians 1:29);
- ❖ For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would **suffer** tribulation, just as it happened, and you know (1 Thessalonians 3:4);
- ❖ Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will **suffer** persecution (2 Timothy 3:12).





In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ... (1 Peter 1:6–7).

POINTS TO PONDER

1. Why was Peter writing to Gentile territory, when he was the designated apostle to the Jews?
2. How was his Greek so good, given his educational; background?
3. Where did he go when he was on the run from Herod? Was it to Rome as early as AD 42?
4. Was the suffering of Christians in Rome the same as that of the Christians in the provinces?
5. What is the hardest thing we have to put up with today? How does it compare?
6. Why is suffering good for us?
7. How does our present experience compare with what God has in store for us when Jesus returns?



Strangers and Pilgrims

2. Being Born Again



And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

(Matthew 4:18–19)

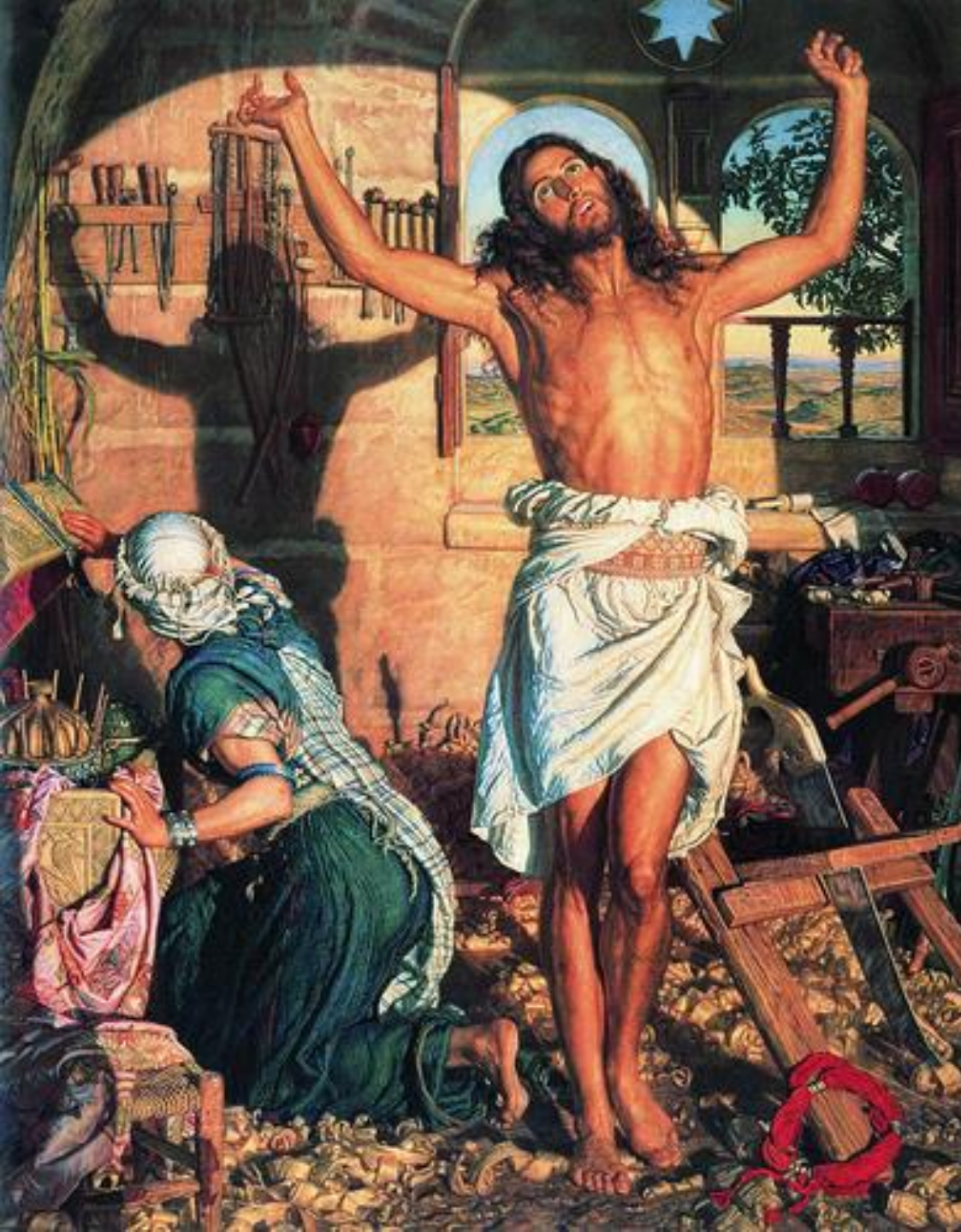






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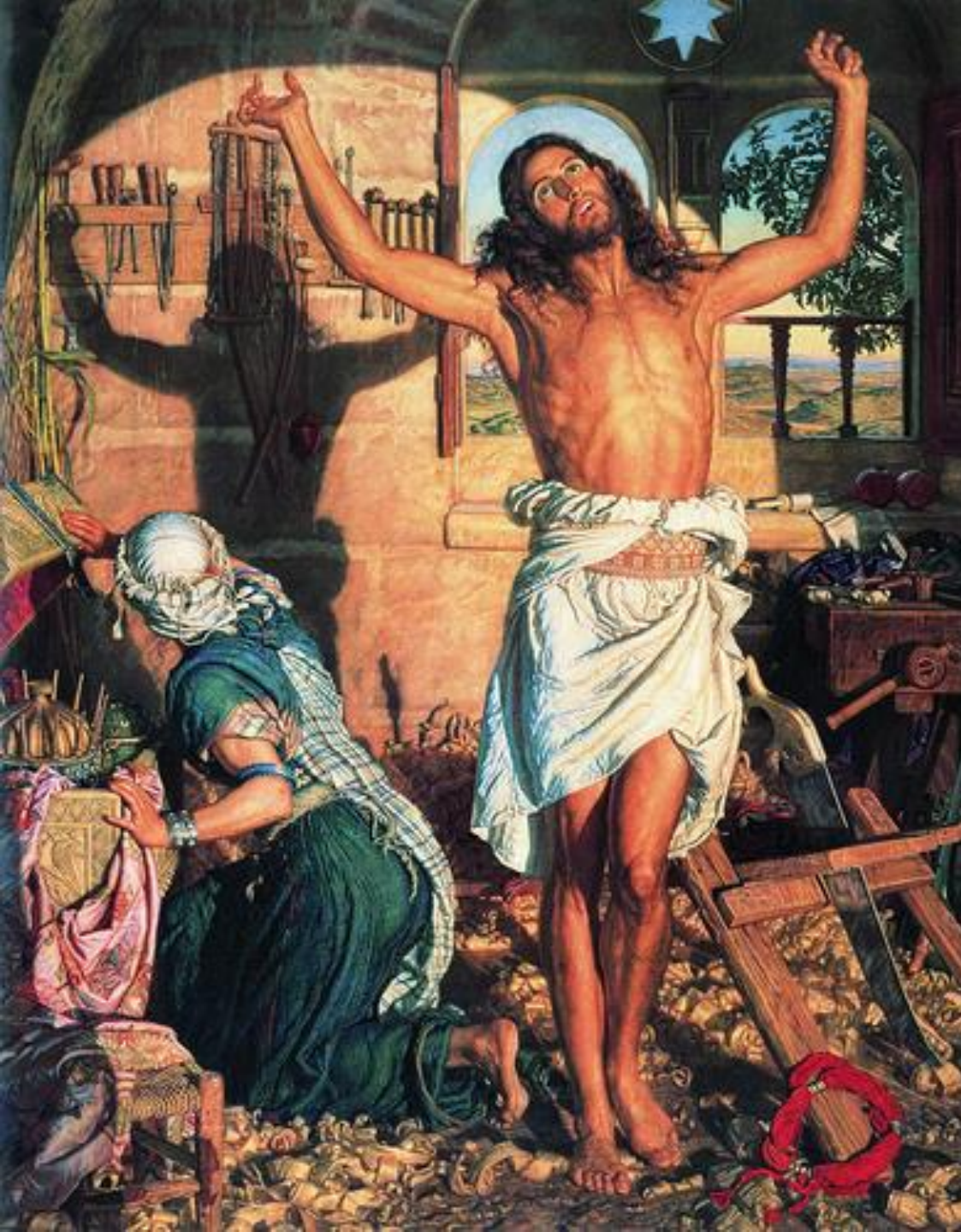




From that time Jesus began to show to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord; this shall not happen to you!”

(Matthew 16:21–22)





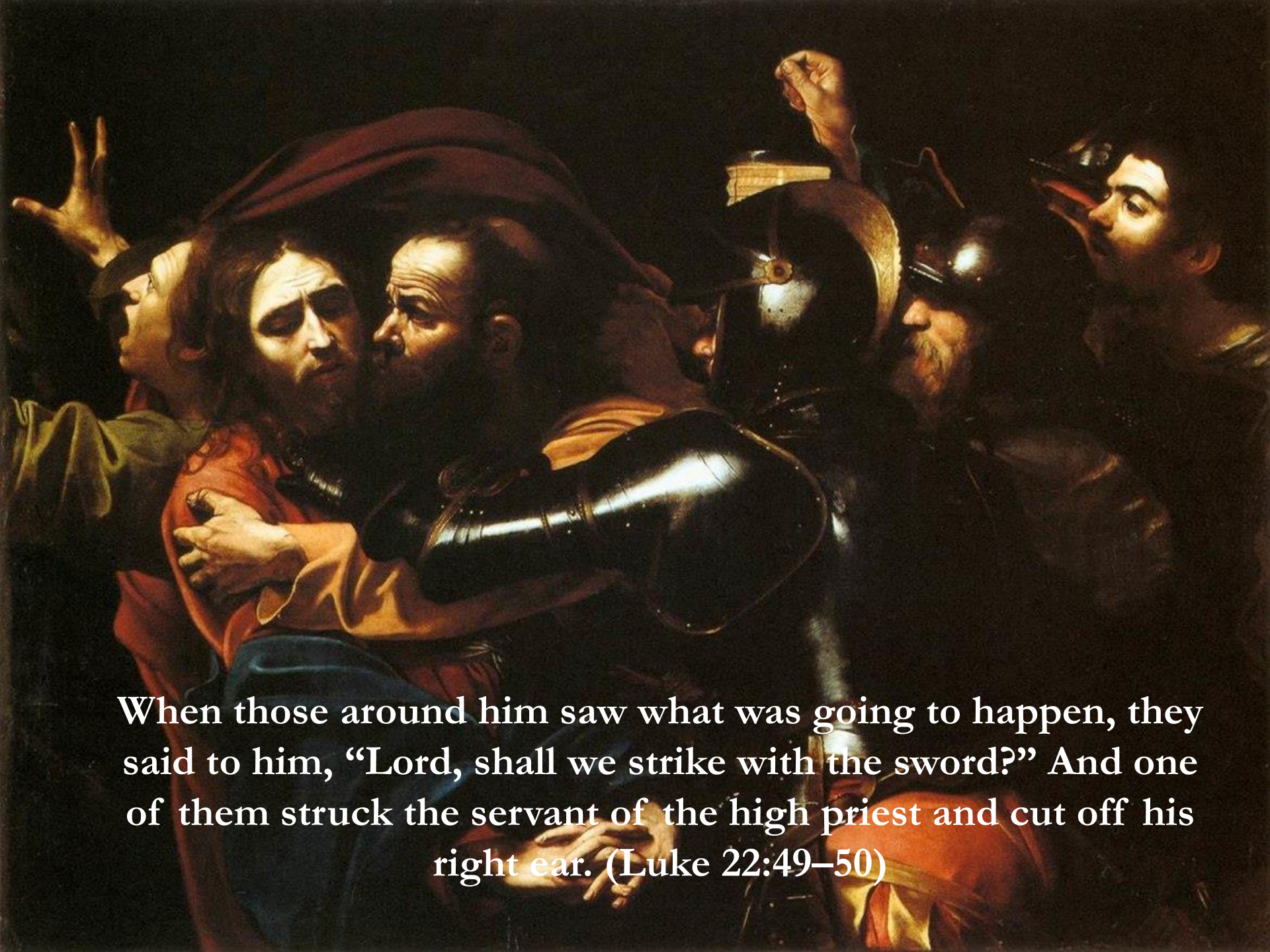
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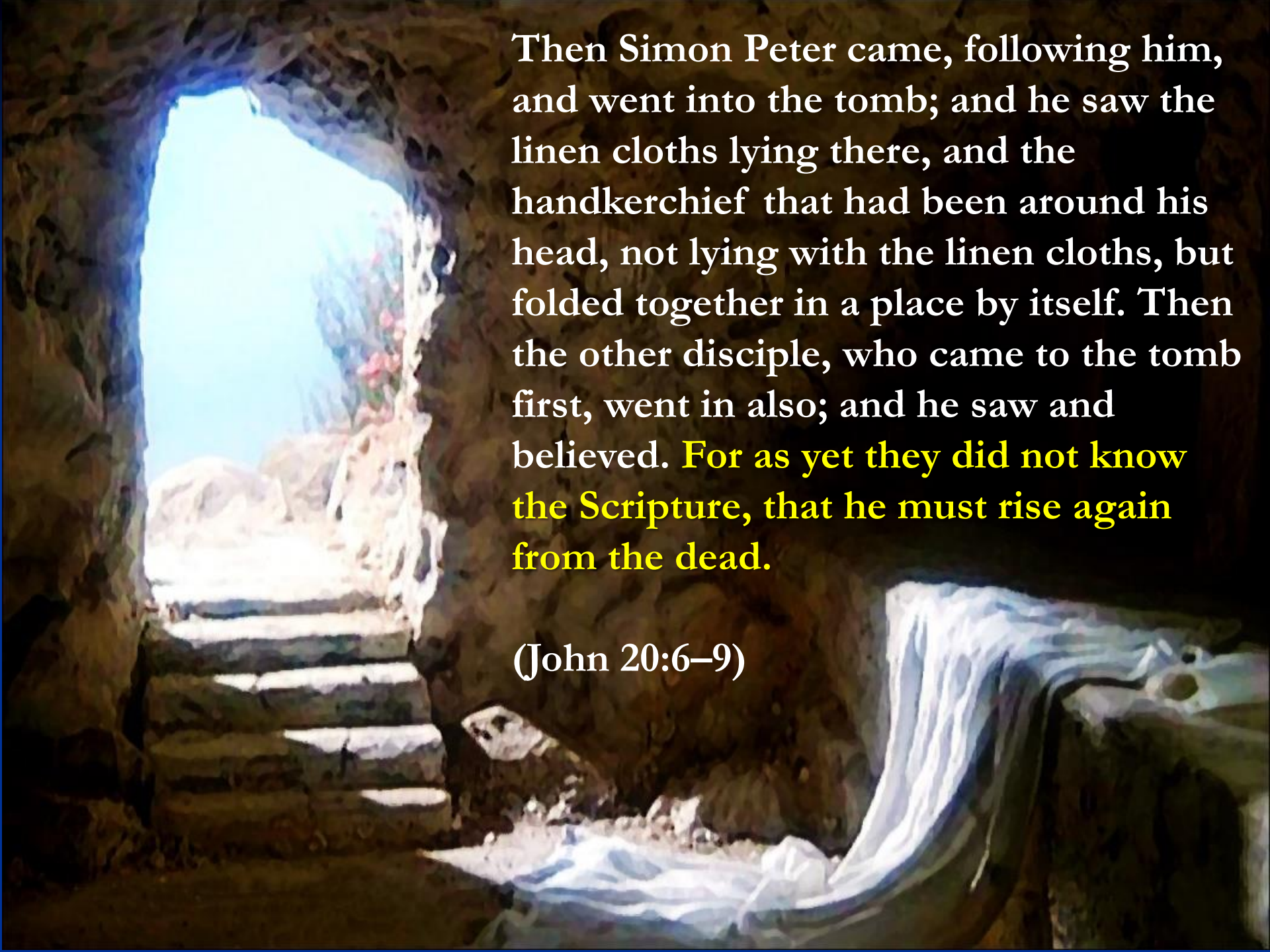
❖ Matthew 20:17-19

“The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And after he is killed, he will rise the third day.” **But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask him.**

(Mark 9:30–32)



When those around him saw what was going to happen, they said to him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. (Luke 22:49–50)



Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. **For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.**

(John 20:6–9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us** again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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Each Greek word begins with the same letter and ends with the same syllable: It is in substance "imperishable" (*aphtharton*), in purity "undefiled" (*amianton*), and in beauty unfading ("not fading away," *amaranton*). No one can ravage or pollute our inheritance, and it will not wear out or waste away. The inheritance is untouched by death, unstained by evil, unimpaired by time.

...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with **the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** He ... was manifest in these last times for you who through him believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:17–21)

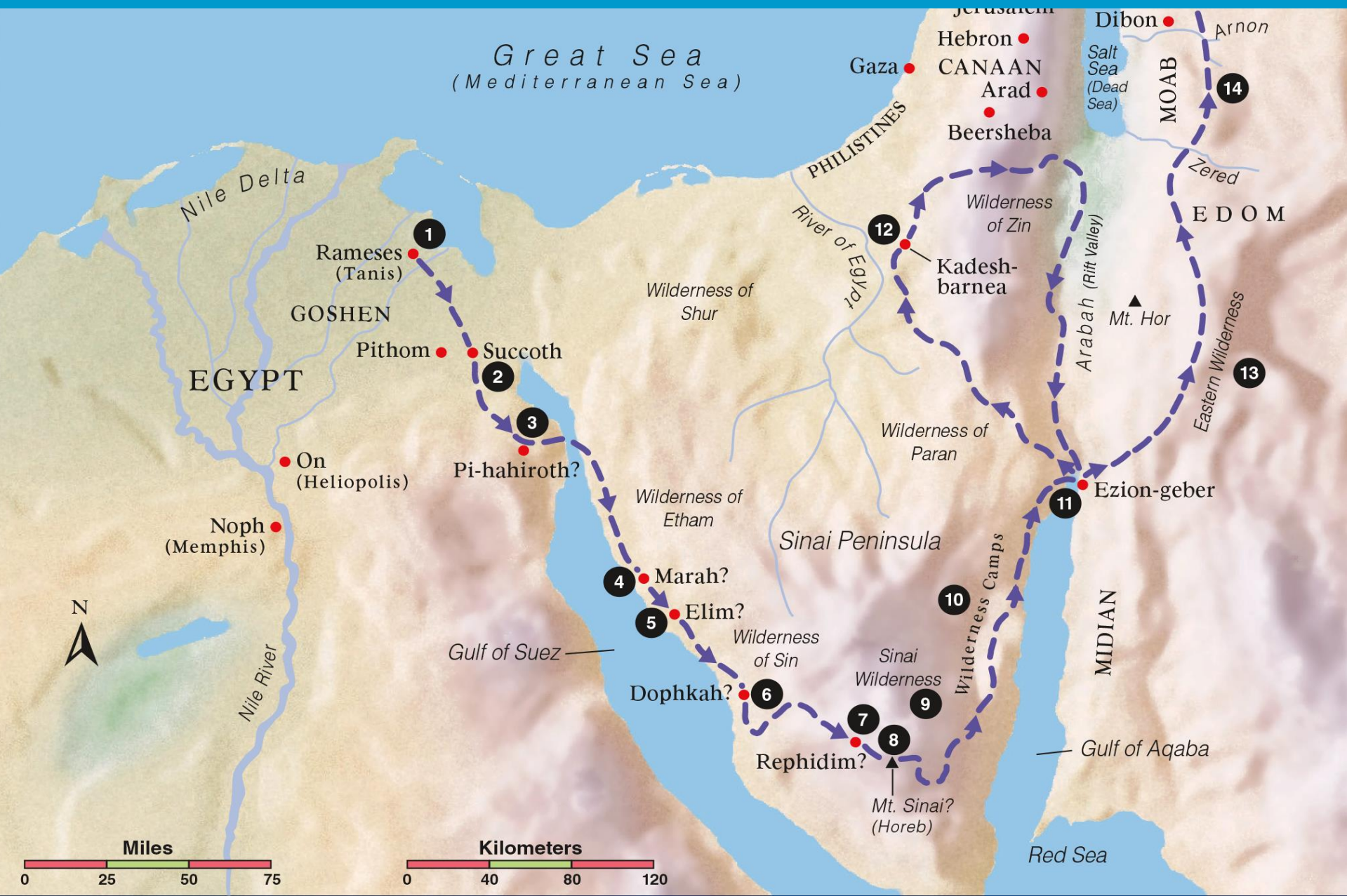


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1 Peter 1:3, 13,21; 3:15
Hope = Expectation!



Beloved, I beg you **as sojourners and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul... (1 Peter 2:11)

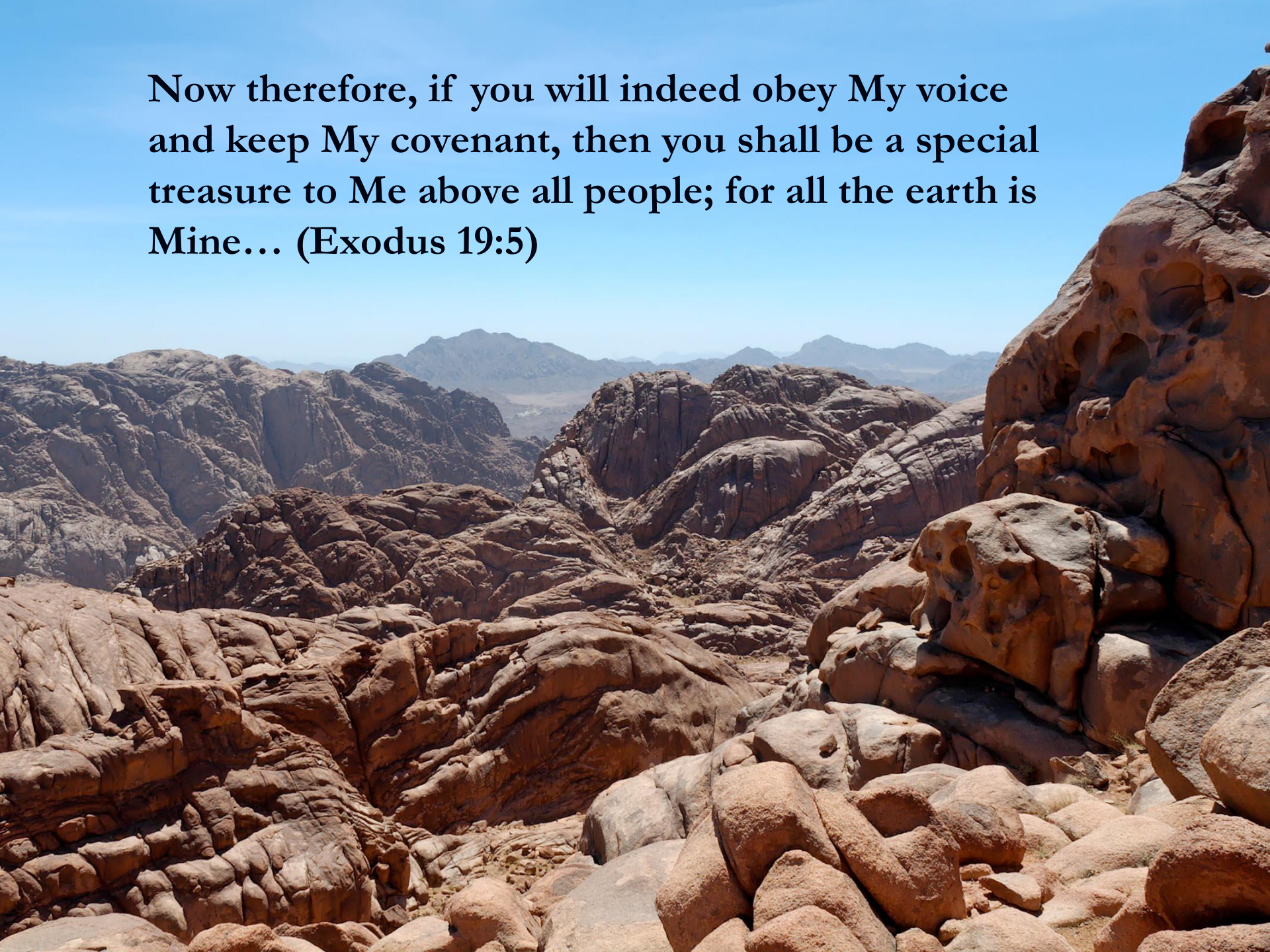




Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, **all were baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea ... (1 Corinthians 10:1–2)

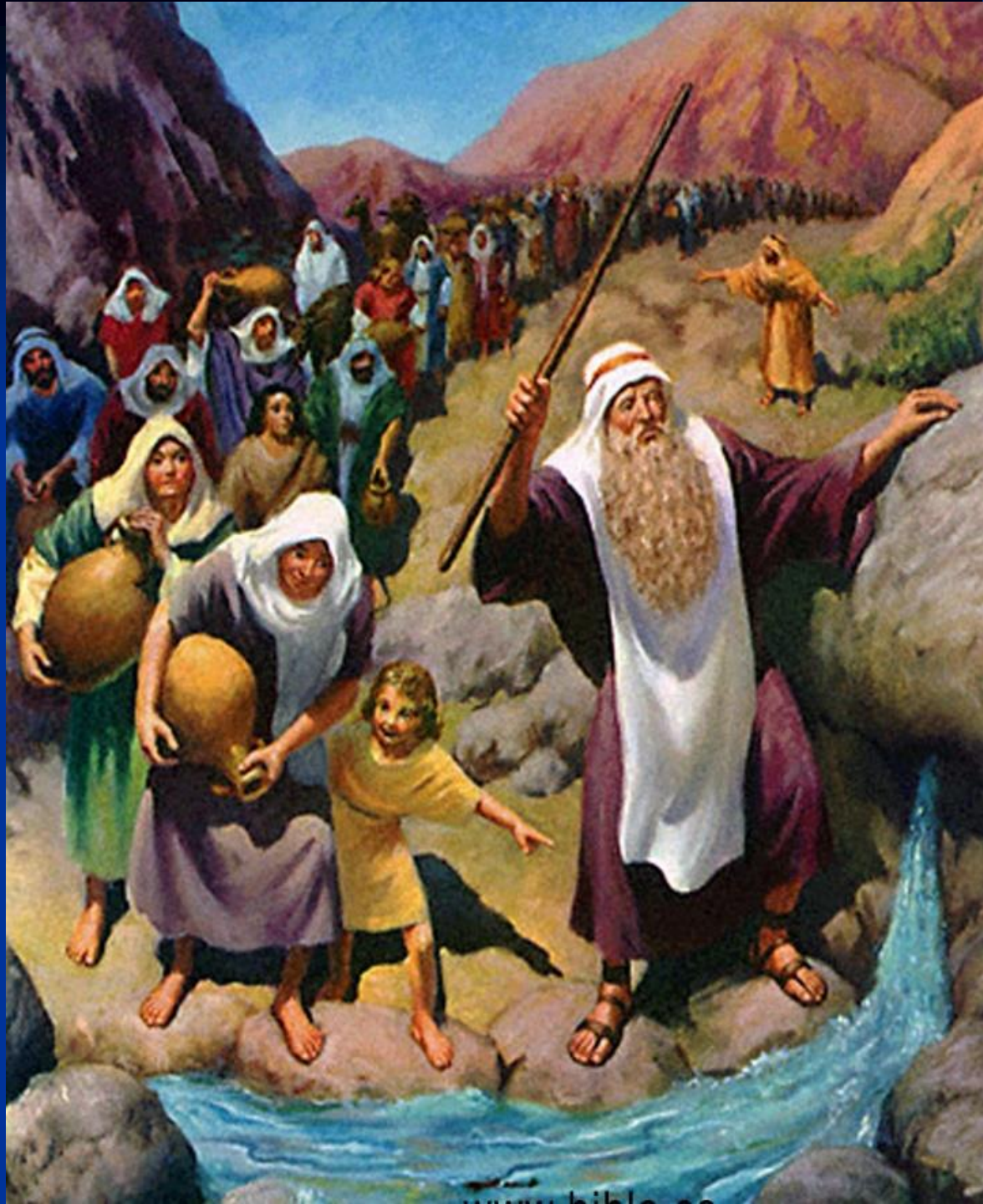


Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine... (Exodus 19:5)



... all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. **But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness...**

(1 Corinthians 10:4–5)



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LOVE

(1 Peter 1:18–23)





When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, **“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”** He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs...”

(John 21:15 ESV)

Not of perishable seed...



... because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away”...

(1 Peter 1:24)

1 Peter quotes the Old Testament eight times (1:24–25a=Isa. 40:6–8; 2:6=Isa. 28:16; 2:7=Ps. 118:22; 2:8=Isa. 8:14; 2:22=Isa. 53:9; 3:10–12=Ps. 34:12–16; 4:18=Prov. 11:31; 5:5=Prov. 3:34), alludes to it much more often, and is suffused with Old Testament concepts and vocabulary. Scholars estimate that no other book in the New Testament, with the exception of Hebrews and Revelation, depends so heavily on the Old Testament.

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... because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away **But the word of the LORD endures forever.**” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:24-25)



He who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles....

Matthew 13:19-23





WELCOME

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you **received** [(*paralambanō*) the word of God which you heard from us

... you **welcomed** [*dechomai*] it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

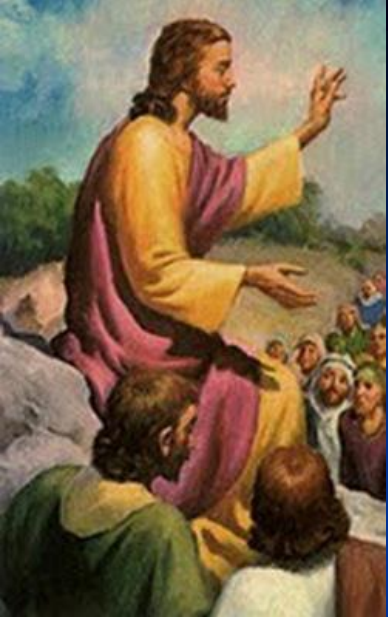
(1 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJV)



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(1 Peter 2:1–3)





Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, **‘You must be born again.’** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:3–8)



Rebirth!



... love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through **the word of God which lives and abides forever**, because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but **the word of the LORD endures forever.**” Now this is **the word** which by the gospel was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:22-25)



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The Promise of God's Word

The Response of the Believer

1:3-5 – You are born again to a living hope, to an inheritance to be revealed...

1:6-9 – Guarded through faith which is tested by trials and endured for love's sake...

1:10-12 – This salvation has been long promised and revealed by the prophets. They were serving you...

1:13-17 – Be prepared, be sober-minded, be obedient, be holy, call upon God and be reverent in all you do...

1:18-20 – God has ransomed you from your futile ways with the precious blood of Christ. He died for your sake...

1:22-2:3 – Be obedient, love one another earnestly, having been reborn through the word of truth. Put away malice, deceit, hypocrisy and envy. Long for the pure spiritual milk, so you can grow up into salvation...

Grow up into Christ!

as newborn babes, **desire** [*epipothēō*] the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby ...

(1 Peter 2:2)

“*Desire*” is a strong expression that we could paraphrase “develop an appetite for.” This is the only imperative in the passage in the Greek text. God's Word is spiritual food that all believers instinctively desire, but we must also cultivate a taste for it (cf. 2 Pet. 3:18).



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... **grow up** in all things **into him** who is the head – Christ – from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes **growth of the body** for the edifying of itself in love...

(Ephesians 4:15,16)





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3. The Chief Corner Stone

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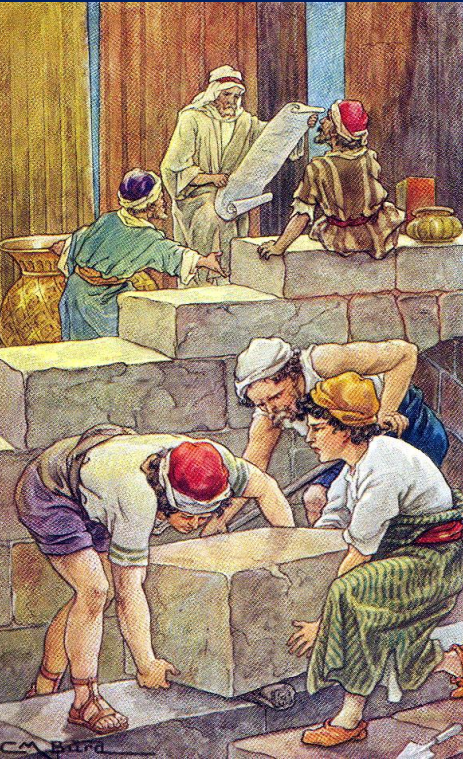


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Be Built Up into Christ!



... you also, as **living stones**, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)

For we are God's fellow workers; you are **God's field**, you are **God's building**. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

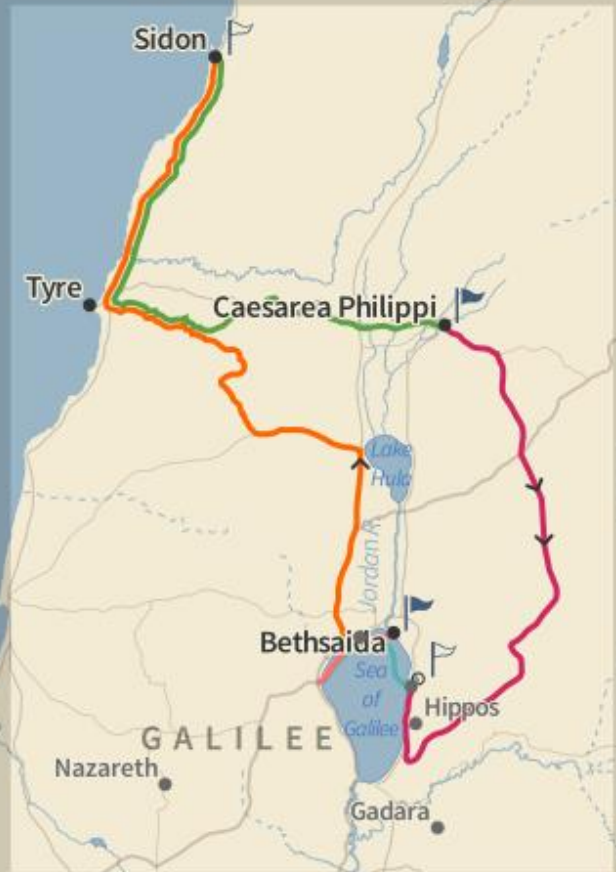
Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **having been built** on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:19–20)

Peter = A Rolling Stone

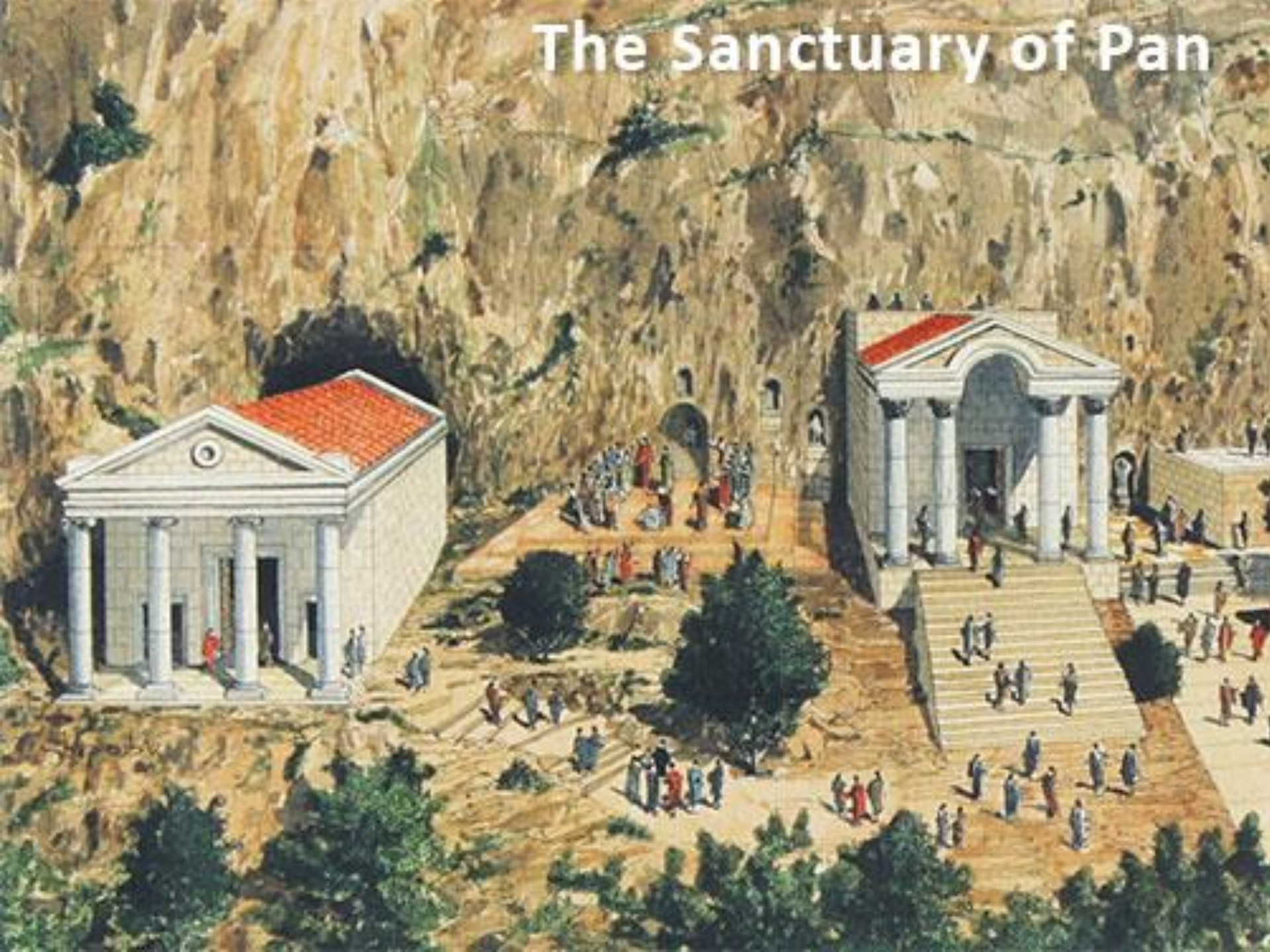
One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, he said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. **You shall be called Cephas**" (which is translated, **A Stone**). (John 1:40–42)

- ❖ **Simon = Harkening; Hearing with acceptance**
- ❖ **Cephas = A Stone (Greek transliteration of the Aramaic *kepha* – Rock)**
- ❖ **Peter = A Stone**





The Sanctuary of Pan



When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” **Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** Jesus answered and said to him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven...** (Matthew 16:13–17)



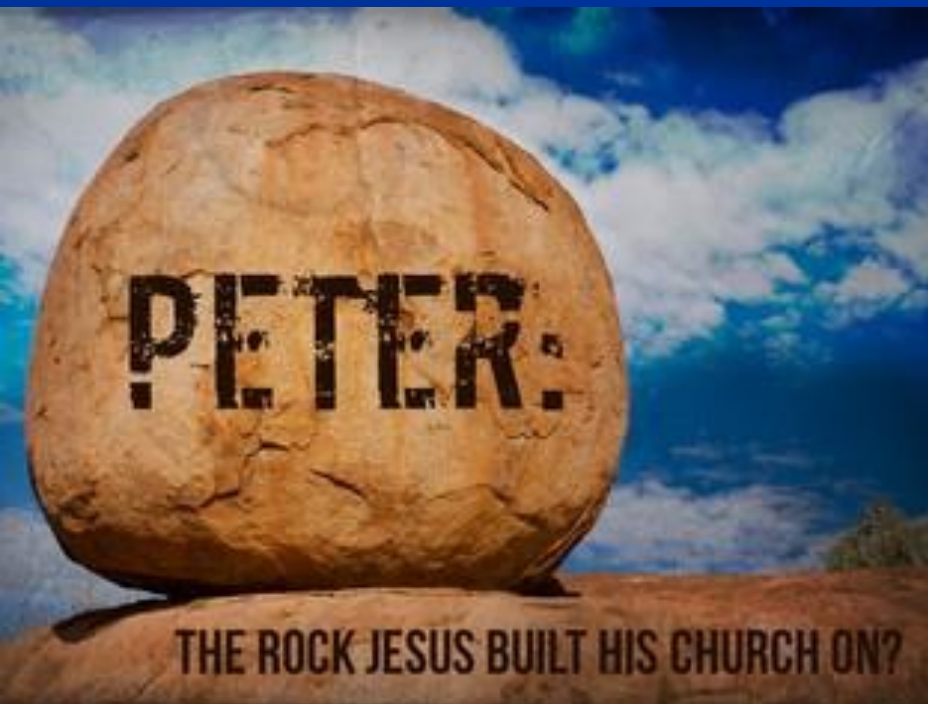
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“And I also say to you that you are Peter [*petros*] , and on this rock [*petra*] I will build my church [*ekklēsia*], and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he commanded his disciples that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ. (Matthew 16:18–20)



‘You are a light and movable stone. Yet you have this day laid a foundation which cannot be moved, in declaring me to be the Christ, the Son of God. Become built on that firm Rock, and your stone will become fixed and steadfast, never to be moved. You are the Stone-that-stuck-to-the-Rock!’

Alfred Norris

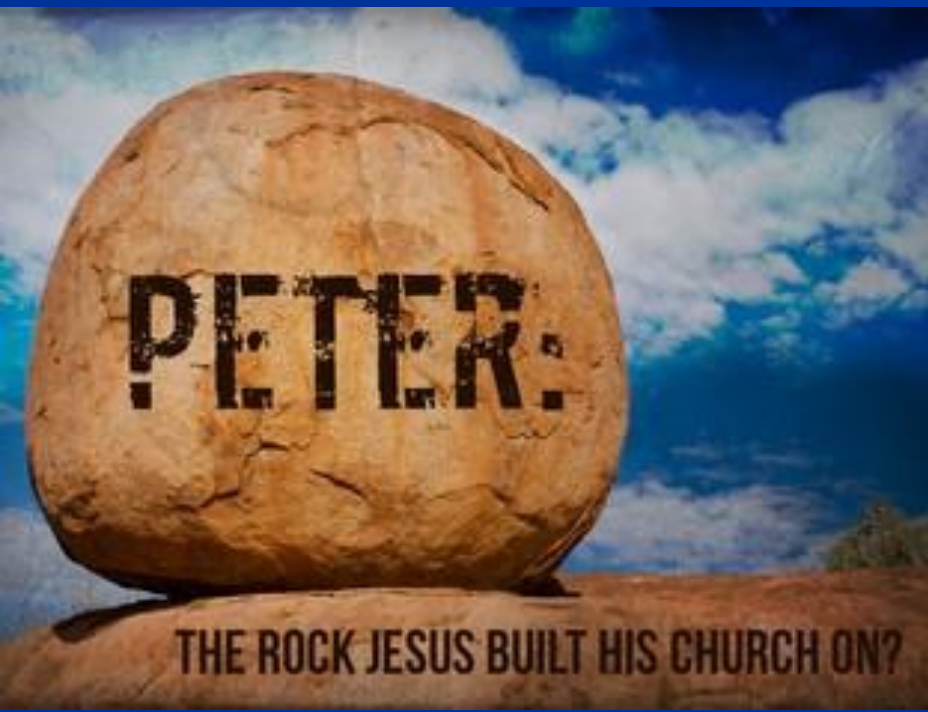


How many times?

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this **rock** [*petra*] I will build my church [*ekklēsia*] ... (Matthew 16:18)

- ❖ Matthew 7:24-25
- ❖ Luke 6:48; 8:6,13
- ❖ Rom 9:33
- ❖ 1 Cor 10:4

Therefore, to you who believe, he is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone [*lithos*] which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,” and “A stone [*lithos*] of stumbling And a **rock** [*petra*] of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. (1 Peter 2:7–8)





... as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. **Coming to him as to a living stone [*lithos*], rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones [*lithos*], are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...** (1 Peter 2:2–5)



Where Else?

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(Matthew 21:42–44; also Mark 12:10, Luke 20:17-18, Acts 4:10)



“For it is also contained in the Scripture...” (2:6)

1 Peter	Old Testament
<p>“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” (2:6)</p>	<p>Isaiah 28:16</p>
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Isaiah 28

Verse	Meaning
1	Israel in decline (a fading flower)
2-4	God has a mighty and strong one who will come upon Israel like a storm of mighty floodwater
5-6	God will save His remnant and give them justice
7-13	God's newly-born children will be fed solid food; the heedless will be taught by people who speak with a foreign tongue
14-15	Those in Jerusalem who trust in lies and who wrongly think they are in a covenant relationship with God are about to be swept away
16	I have laid a foundation stone in Zion which is precious and sure. He will establish justice and righteousness and the refuge of lies will be swept away.

Psalm 118

Verse	Meaning
8-9	It is best to take refuge in the LORD
10-16	I was beset with problems and trials, but the LORD delivered me
17-21	I shall not die, but I shall live and shall enter through the gates of righteousness
22-24	The stone the builders rejected has become the head of the corner (mg.). This is the LORD's doing and it is marvellous. Let us rejoice!
25-29	Hosanna; there is a sacrifice upon the altar, for which we should thank God.

Isaiah 8

Verse	Meaning
5-8	Because God's offer of salvation has been rejected, the Assyrian power will be overwhelming, like a flood of destruction (over Israel and Judah)
9-10	Destruction is coming and there will be no escape
11-15	There is no need to worry and there is nothing to be afraid of. We should put our trust in the LORD who will be our sanctuary. But He will also be a rock of stumbling, a trap and a snare, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Many will stumble, will fall and be broken.

“The same God in His unchanging nature is both sanctuary and snare; it depends on how people respond to his holiness.”

Romans 9

Verse	Meaning
1-5	The great privileges received by Israel: the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship and the promises...
6-18	Salvation does not come because of birth, but because of God's promises and God's choice and what matters is who He chooses to be His
19-23	God is like a potter shaping and moulding His clay to make vessels of mercy
24-29	God has now chosen Jews and Gentiles to be His people, just as the prophets said would happen
30-33	Israel failed because they did not believe; instead they tried to earn it by works of righteousness. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, as Isaiah said they would (Isaiah 28:16).



Therefore, to you who believe, he is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become **the chief cornerstone**,” and “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”

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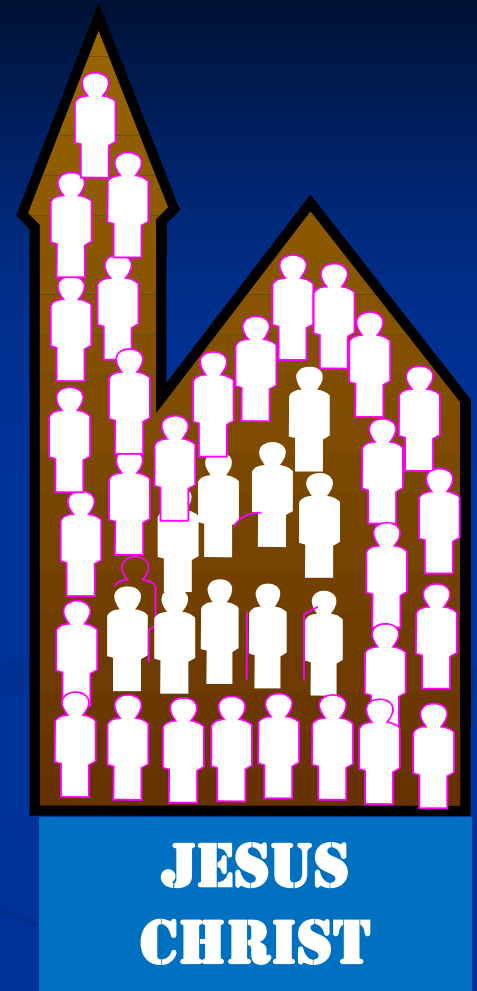


‘Who are you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel you shall
become a plain! And he shall
bring forth **the capstone** With
shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” ’ ’
Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying: “The hands
of Zerubbabel have laid **the
foundation of this temple**;
his hands shall also finish it. Then
you will know that the LORD of
hosts has sent me to you.

(Zechariah 4:7–9)



Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone**, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19–22)



For **no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** (1 Corinthians 3:11)



Coming to him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up:

- ❖ a spiritual house,
- ❖ a holy priesthood,
- ❖ to offer up spiritual sacrifices (Romans 12:1)

acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 2:4–5)

Strangers and Pilgrims





But you are **a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

(1 Peter 2:9–10)





So the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign do you show to us, since you do these things?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” **But he was speaking of the temple of his body.**

(John 2:18–21)



And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?
For you are the temple of the living God. As God has
said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will
be their God, and they shall be My people...” (2
Corinthians 6:16) [Lev.26:12]



A New Israel

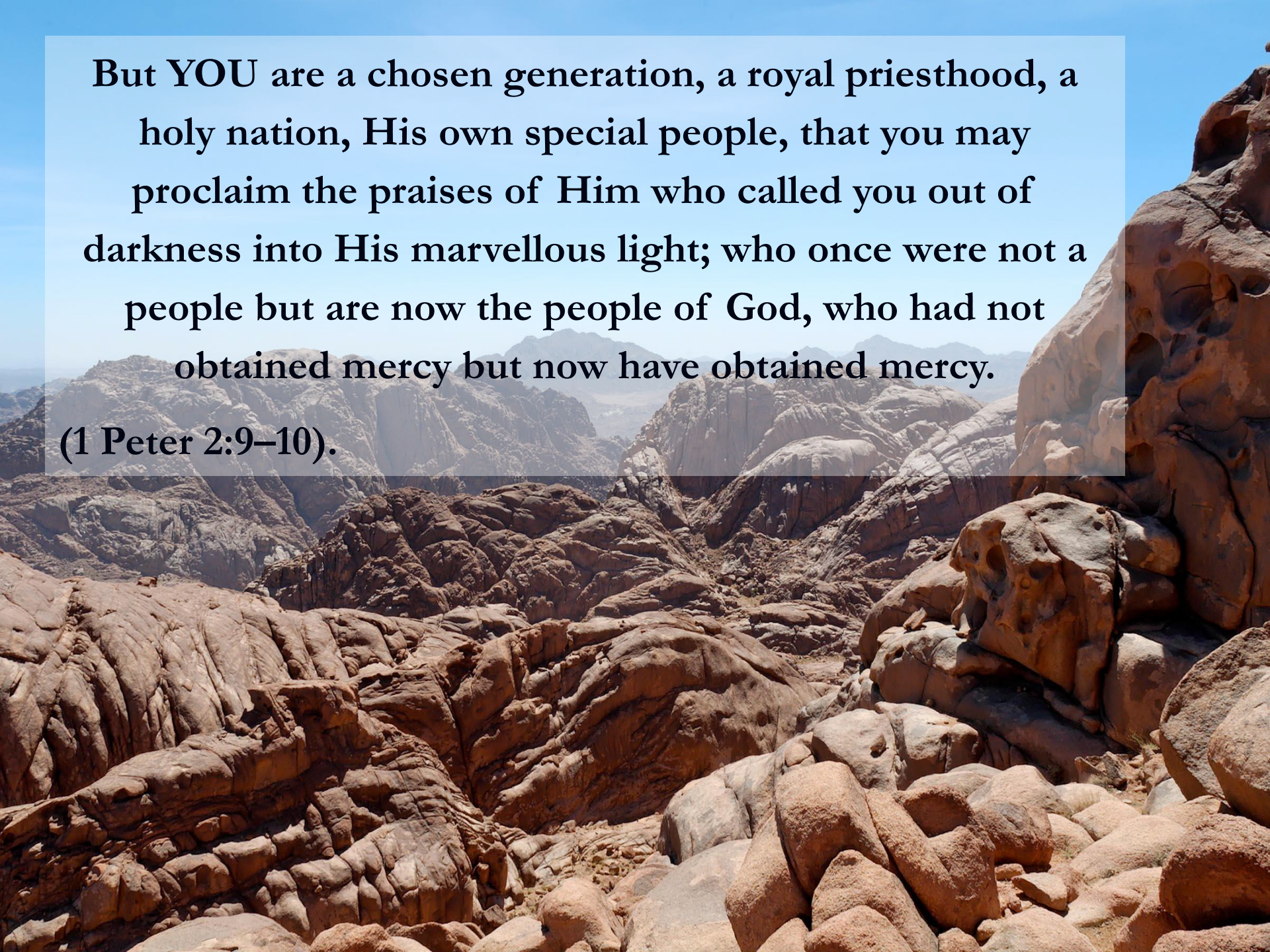


Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” (Exodus 19:5–6).



But YOU are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

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Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honourable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

(1 Peter 2:11–12)





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(Matthew 21:42–44)



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Strangers and Pilgrims

4. Christ Suffered for Us



**Foundation Stone
OR
Stumbling Stone?**



Jesus Christ

Stumbling Block

or Stepping Stone

I Peter 2:7-8

Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. As it is written:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offence, and whoever believes on him will not be put to shame.”
(Romans 9:31-33).





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Peter	Jesus
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Then he commanded his disciples that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ. **From that time Jesus began to show to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.**

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord; this shall not happen to you!” (Matthew 16:20–22).

Peter
You are Christ
The Son of the living God
Flesh and blood
Has not revealed this to you



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Is He Your
CORNERSTONE
Or Your
STUMBLING BLOCK



PETER'S GROWING UNDERSTANDING

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—**him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it.**”

(Acts 2:22–24)





“Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. **But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.**

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, **which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.**

(Acts 3:17–21)





Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, **for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:** Grace to you and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ...** (1 Peter 1:1–3)



What God has done for us	What we must do in response
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sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ	for obedience
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For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, **he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.”** Then likewise he **sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.**

(Hebrews 9:19–21) [Exodus 24]





Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when **He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

(1 Peter 1:10–12)





And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that **you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (1 Peter 1:17–20)



... For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. **For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps ... (1 Peter 2:19–21)**





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(1 Peter 2:21–25)



“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the Gentiles... (Isaiah 42:1)

“The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned. ..(Isaiah 50:4)

“Listen, O coastlands, to me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called me from the womb; from the matrix of my mother He has made mention of my name... (Isaiah 49:1)

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed...



1 Peter 2

Isaiah 53

Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth (v 22)

...because he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth (v 9)

who, when he was reviled, did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to Him who judges righteously (v 23)

He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth (v 7)

who himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed (v 24)

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed (v 4,5)

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls (v 25).

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all (v 6).



For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered **once** [*hapax*] for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit ... (1 Peter 3:17–18)

Hebrews 9:25-28:
“once for all”





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LXX = sin-offering

Lev 5:6-7; Hebrews 5:3; Romans 8:3





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By his knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:11)





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Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:8





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Romans 8:3; Hebrews 2:14

Romans 1:4; Acts 2:24



“... 17. It is better to suffer, if suffer you must, for good deeds than for bad. 18. Because Christ also suffered for no fault of his own when he, the just one, died on behalf of the unjust. (So do not complain if your suffering too is undeserved.) His death was an effective, once-for-all sacrifice to make atonement for (your) sins, so that you might be restored to fellowship with God. (It is for this faith that you are called to suffer; it is no optional extra, but the only way of salvation; it is worth the cost.) He was put to death (as you may well be), but that was only in the earthly sphere: he has been raised to new spiritual life (as you will be too, if you die for him). (So death was, for Jesus, the way of achievement and victory; do not fear those who can only kill the body.)

France, R. T.
(paraphrase)





Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm** [*hoplisasthe*] yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh [*sarx*] has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh [*sarx*] for the lusts of men, but for the will [*thelēma*] of God...

(1 Peter 4:1–2)





The will of God

- ❖ 1 Peter 2:15
- ❖ 3:17
- ❖ 4:2

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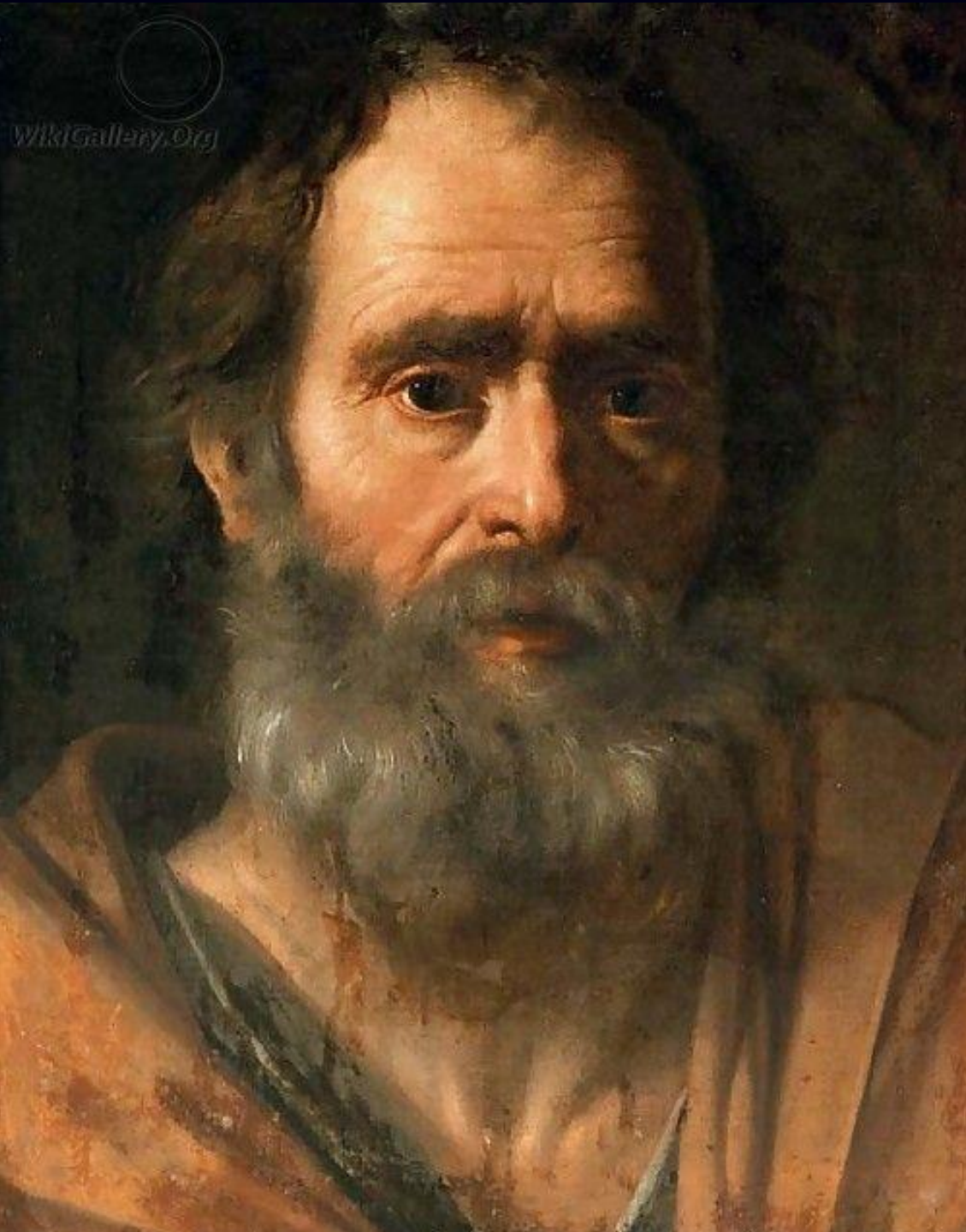
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5. The End is at Hand



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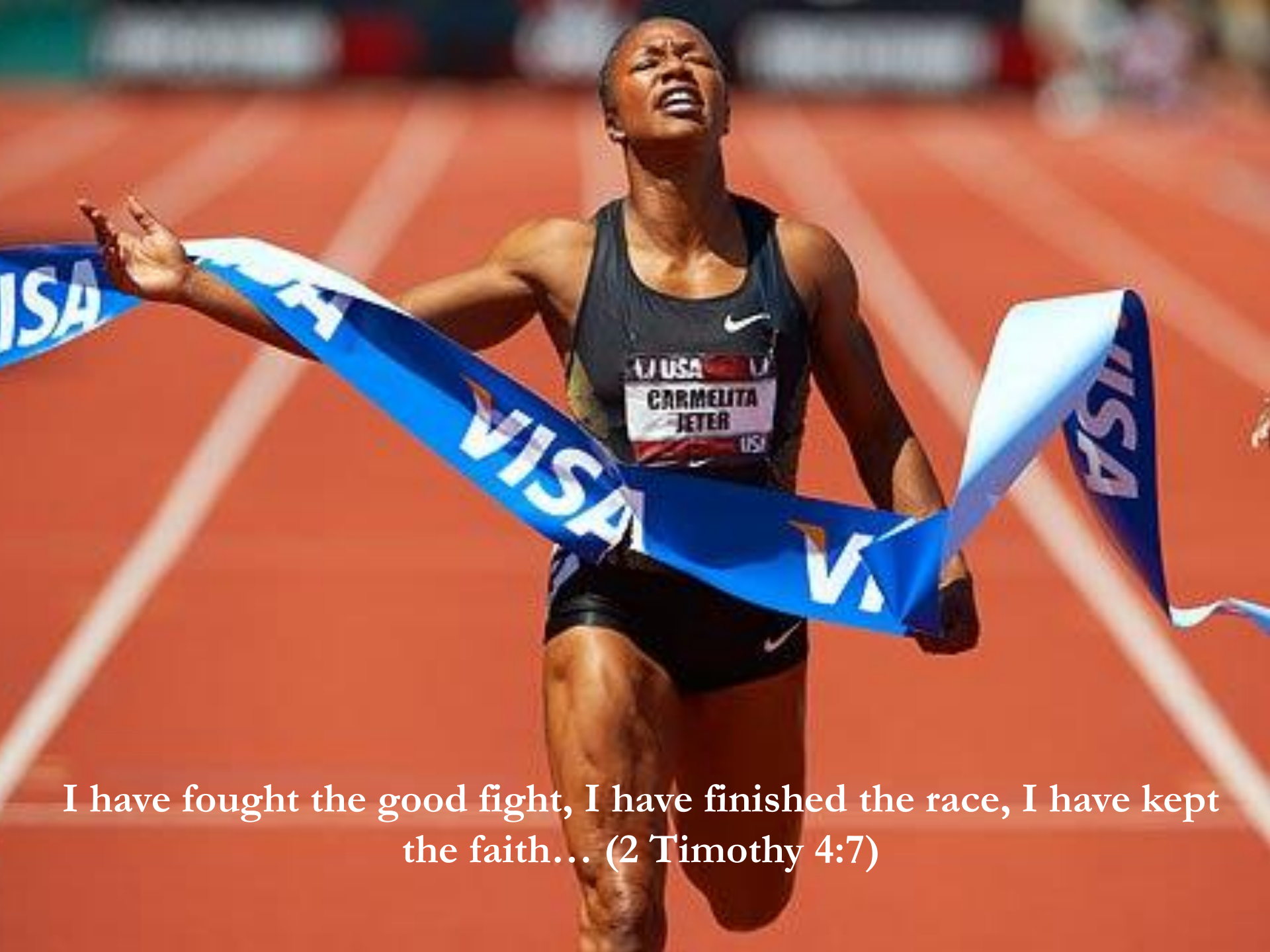




“Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”

**This he spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he said to him, “Follow me.”
(John 21:18–19)**





I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept
the faith... (2 Timothy 4:7)



“But of that day and hour no one knows,
not even the angels of heaven, but my
Father only... (Matthew 24:36)



But **the end of all things is at hand**;
therefore be serious and watchful in your
prayers. (1 Peter 4:7)

- ❖ **AD 70 and the end of the Jewish world?**
- ❖ **Martyrdom?**
- ❖ **The Coming of Christ?**
- ❖ **The End of a person's lifetime?**

The End



Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have **watched** and not allowed his house to be broken into.

(Matthew 24:42–43)



“**Watch** therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming”.

(Matthew 25:13)





But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

(Matthew 24:37–39)



For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, **when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah**, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

(1 Peter 3:18–20)



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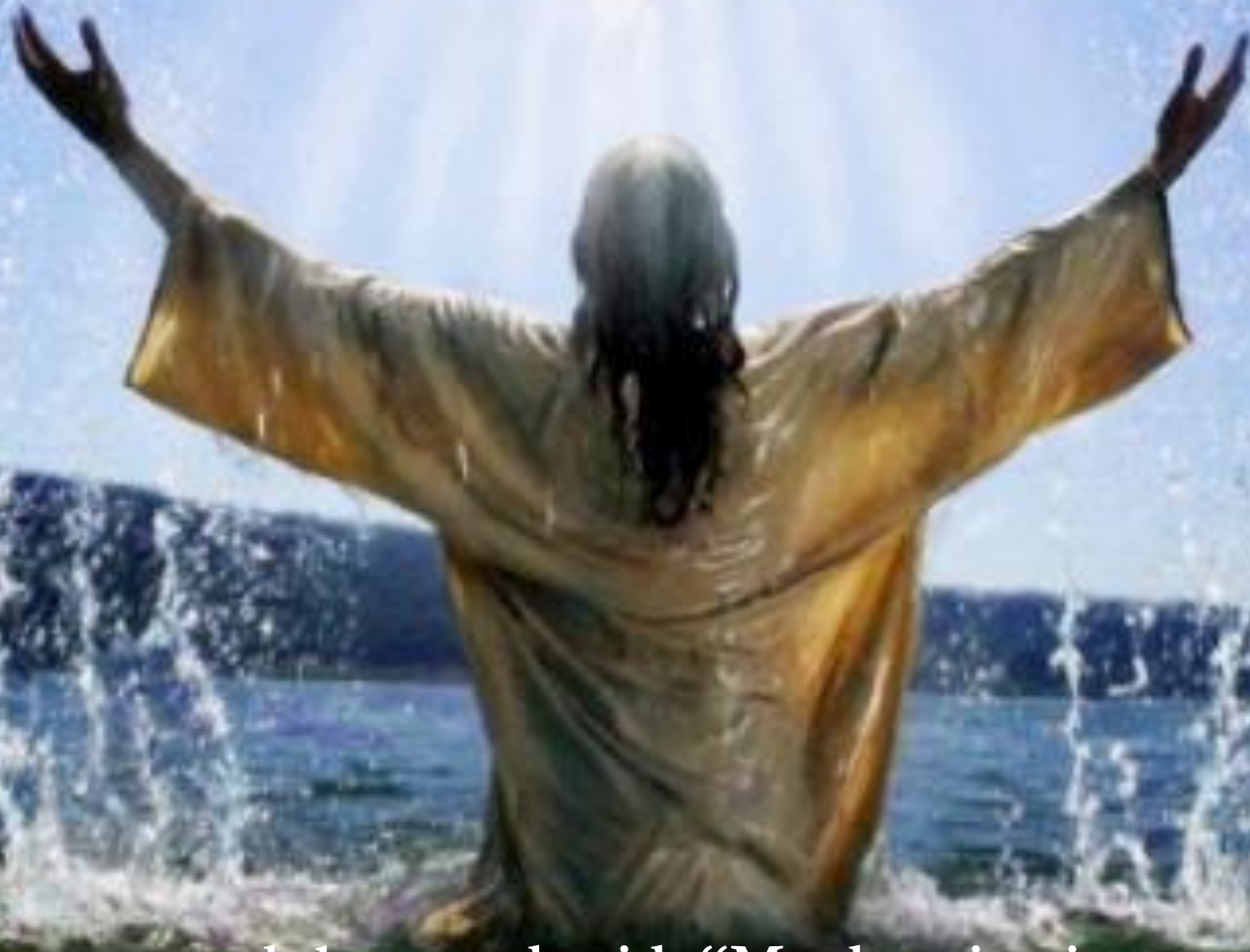
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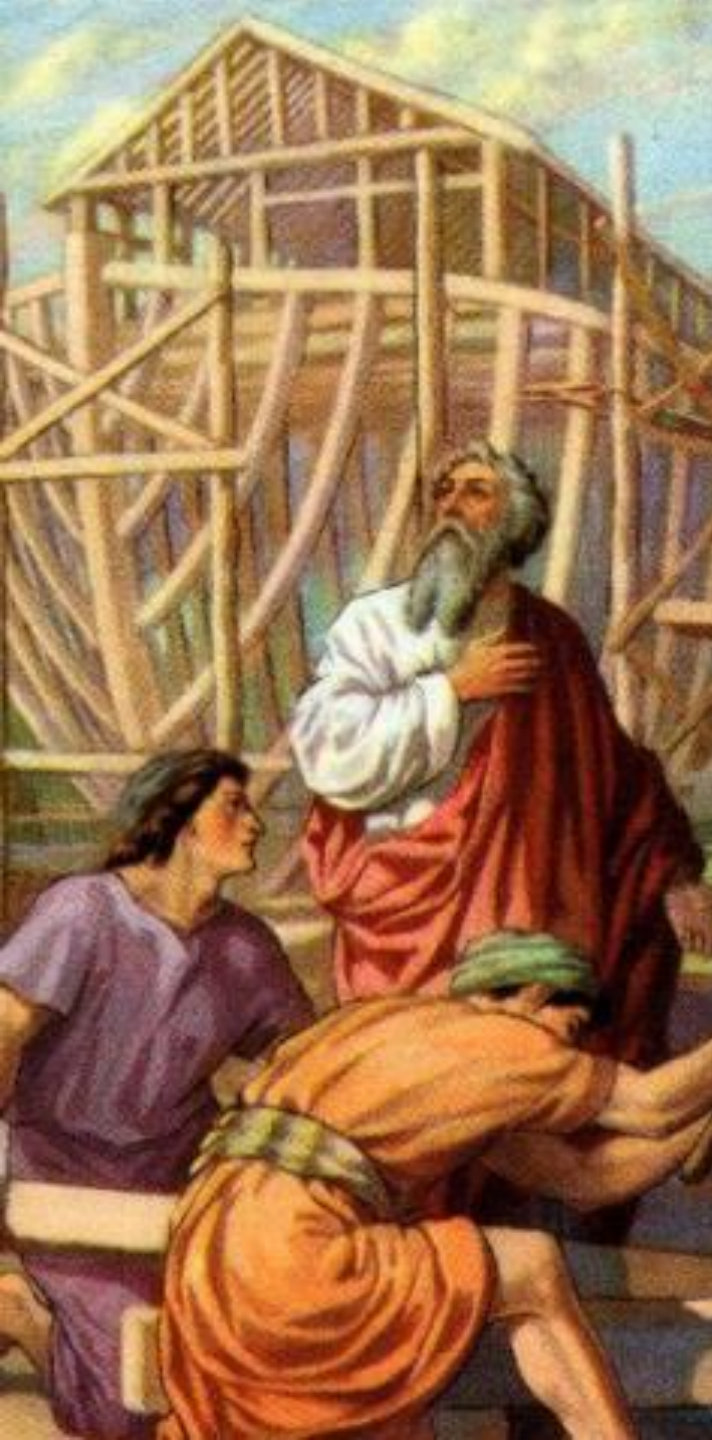
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... and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22)



Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not mine, but His who sent me. (John 7:16)



For if God did not spare ... the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, **a preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly... (2 Peter 2:4–5)

... made alive **by the Spirit**, by whom also **He went and preached to the spirits in prison**, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water... (1 Peter 3:18–20)



Peter is emphasizing the inner sincerity of those seeking baptism. They are seeking God, questing for Him; the confession of their faith out of a good and honest heart is assurance that the baptism betokens a spiritual reformation; **it is the expression of a good conscience and at the same time a seeking for the conscience void of offence that comes with the forgiveness of sins for which a person is baptized.** The baptism is “a pledge to God proceeding from a clear conscience”—**the undertaking that union with a risen Lord means a walking in newness of life.**

John Carter (*The Christadelphian*
1956, pg.303)

“**The answer of a good conscience towards God ...**” (KJV, NKJV, Amp)

“**The pledge of a good conscience to God ...**” (NET, NIV)

“**An appeal to God for a good conscience...**” (ESV, NRSV, ISV, NAB, NEB, REB)





THE END IS JUST THE
BEGINNING



Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for **he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased [*pauo*] from sin**, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God... (1 Peter 4:1–2)

pauo (παύω, 3973), “to stop, to make an end,” is used chiefly in the middle voice in the NT, signifying “to come to an end, to take one’s rest, **a willing cessation**” (in contrast to the passive voice which denotes a forced cessation) [W E Vine]



A call to action! (5 exhortations)

1 Peter 4, verse:	Exhortation
2	Don't live to please yourself: live according to the will of God

... that he no longer should live **the rest of his time in the flesh** for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For **we have spent enough of our past lifetime** in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. (1 Peter 4:2–3)



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1 Peter 4, verse:	Exhortation
2	Don't live to please yourself: live according to the will of God
3-5	Don't live according to worldly ways: sensuality, passions, drunkenness and lawless idolatry

They will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. (1 Peter 4:5)



They will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. (1 Peter 4:5–6)**

The dead are Christians, who had the gospel preached to them and who then died (or were put to death). In the judgment of God, the opinions of men will be reversed and they will live in the new resurrection realm.

Blum, E. A. (1981)



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But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers (NKJV);

The end of all things is near, so **keep your minds calm and sober for prayer** (NJB).



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8-11a	Keep loving one another earnestly, be hospitable, use your God-given talents as good stewards of the grace of God

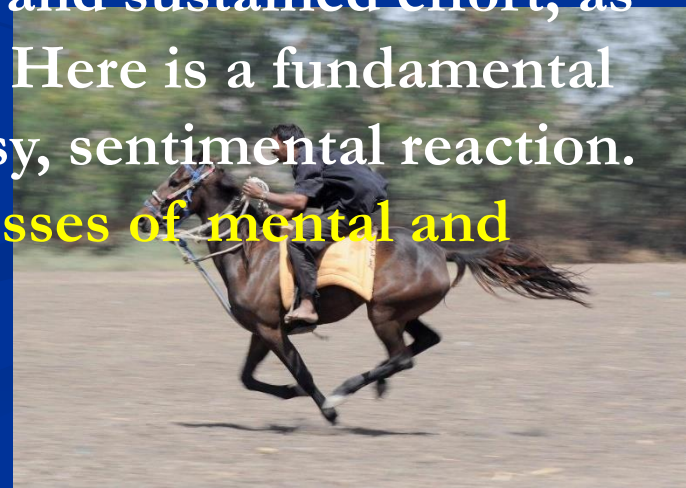
Greek: *ektenēs*





Be, therefore, steady and sober in mind so that you will really be able to pray as you ought. Above all **cherish for each other a love that is constant and intense**, because love hides a multitude of sins (William Barclay).

ektenēs, has two meanings, both of which we have included in the translation. It means outstretching in the sense of consistent; our love must be the love that never fails. It also means stretching out as a runner stretches out ... It describes a horse at full gallop and denotes 'the taut muscle of strenuous and sustained effort, as of an athlete'. **Our love must be energetic.** Here is a fundamental Christian truth. Christian love is not an easy, sentimental reaction. **It demands everything an individual possesses of mental and spiritual energy.**



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8-11a	Keep loving one another earnestly, be hospitable, use your God-given talents as good stewards of the grace of God
11b	Give God the glory in everything you do.



If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.

If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies,

that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:11)



Strangers and Pilgrims

6. The Glory to be Revealed

Idea of Suffering = 15 times

1 Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand **the sufferings of Christ**, and the glory that should follow.

1 Peter 2:20

For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and **suffer *for it***, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example**, that ye should follow his steps...



Idea of Suffering = 15 times

But even if you should **suffer** for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled... For Christ also **suffered** once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God (1 Peter 3:14,18).

Therefore, since Christ **suffered** for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has **suffered** in the flesh has ceased from sin ... but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's **sufferings** (1 Peter 4:1,13).

Yet if anyone **suffers** as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter... Therefore let those who **suffer** according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. (1 Peter 4:16,19)



Idea of Glory = 14 times

...rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified (1 Peter 4:13,14).

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed (1 Peter 5:1).

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you (1 Peter 5:10).





For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory** when such a voice came to him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

(2 Peter 1:16–17)



Now as they came down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, **till the Son of Man had risen from the dead**. So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what **the rising from the dead** meant ... And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that **he must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?**

(Mark 9:9–12)






“Ought not the Christ to have **suffered** these things and to enter into his **glory**?” (Luke 24:26)



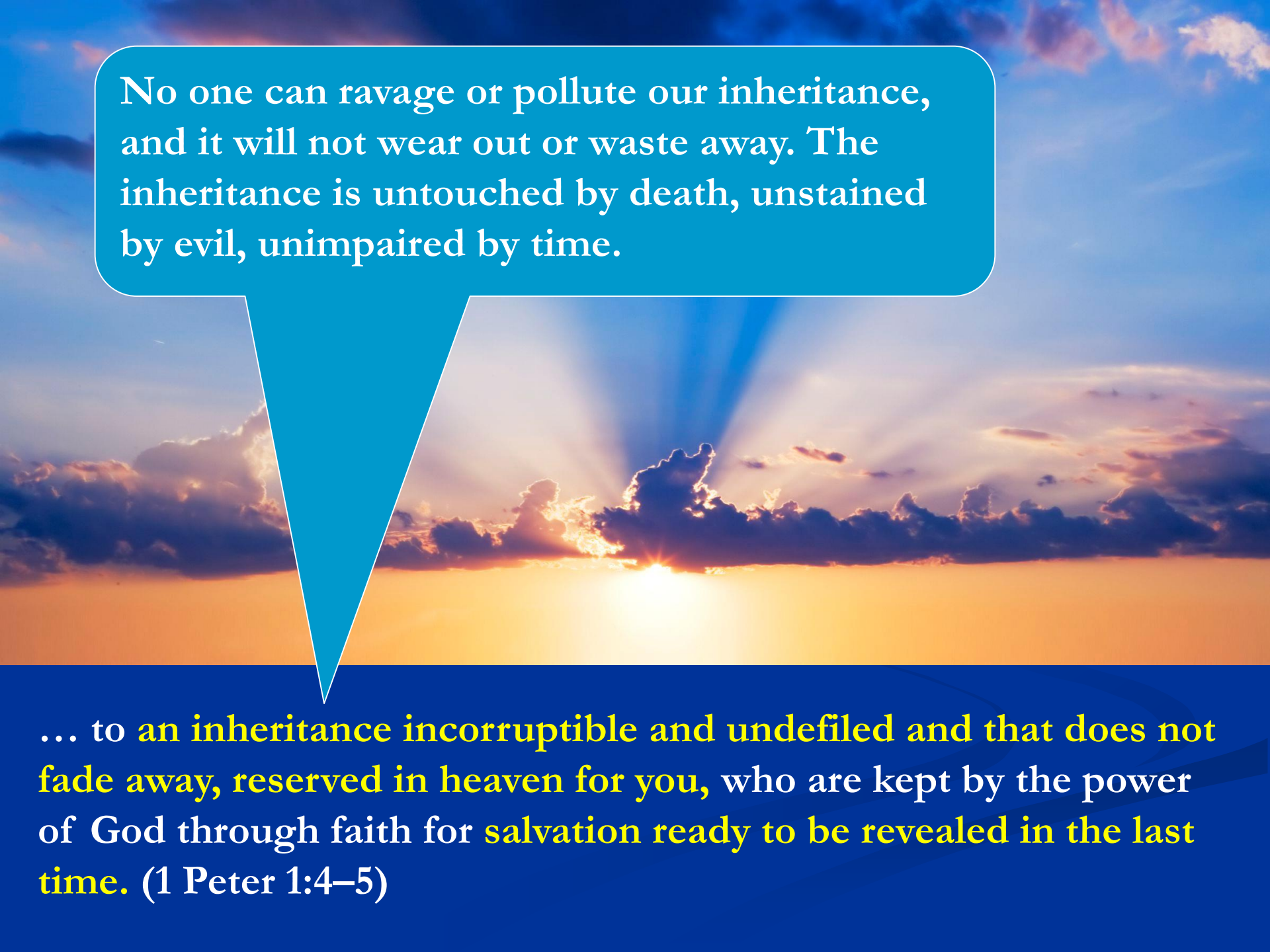


**What does the apostle Peter have to say
about the Glory that is to be Revealed?**



A photograph of the interior of the tomb of Jesus Christ. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light coming from an arched opening on the left. The walls are made of rough, dark stone. In the foreground, a white shroud lies on the floor. In the background, a stone is rolled away from the entrance, and a white cloth is draped over the steps leading outside. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

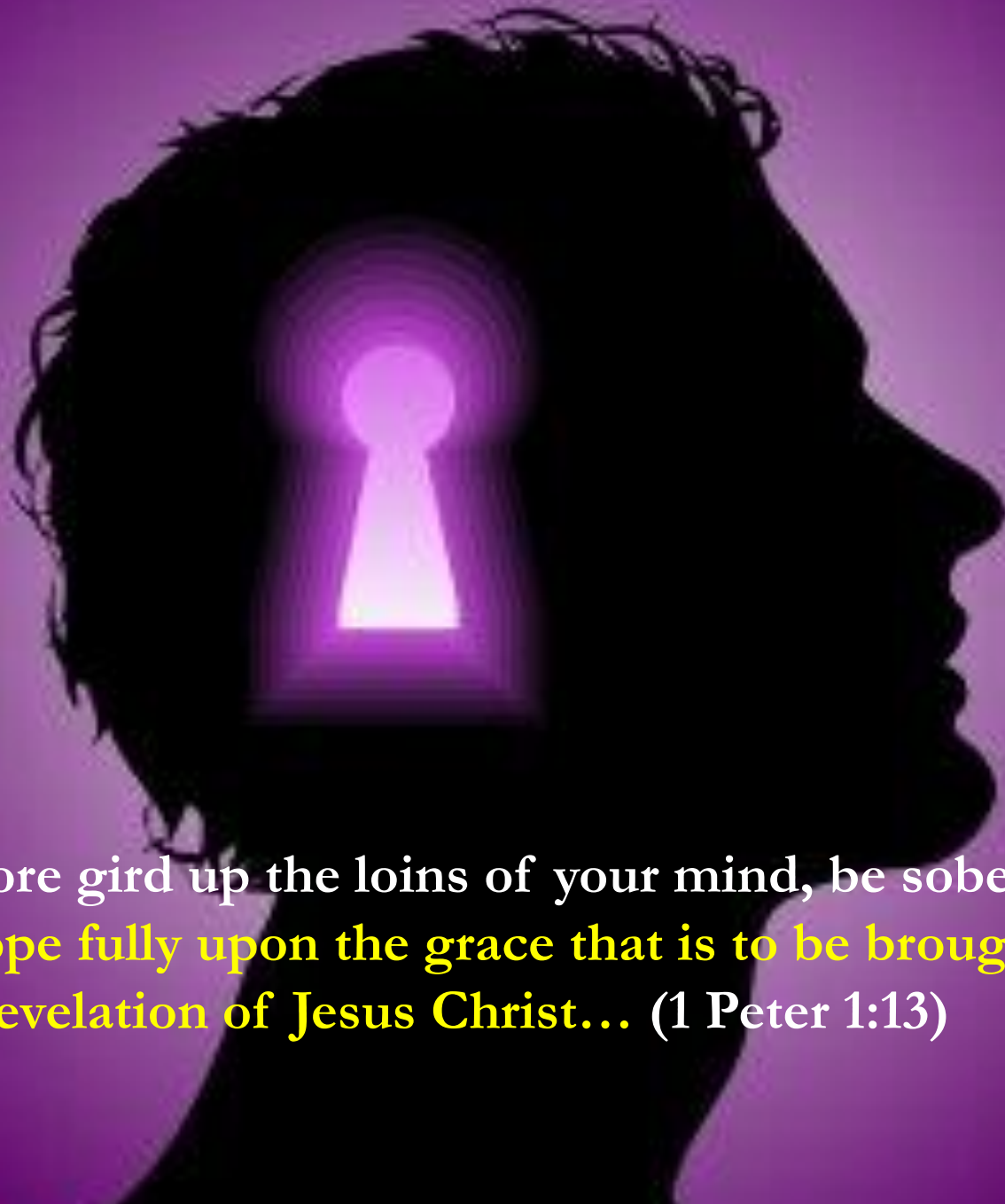
Blessed be the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who
according to His abundant mercy
has begotten us again to **a living
hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead...** (1
Peter 1:3)



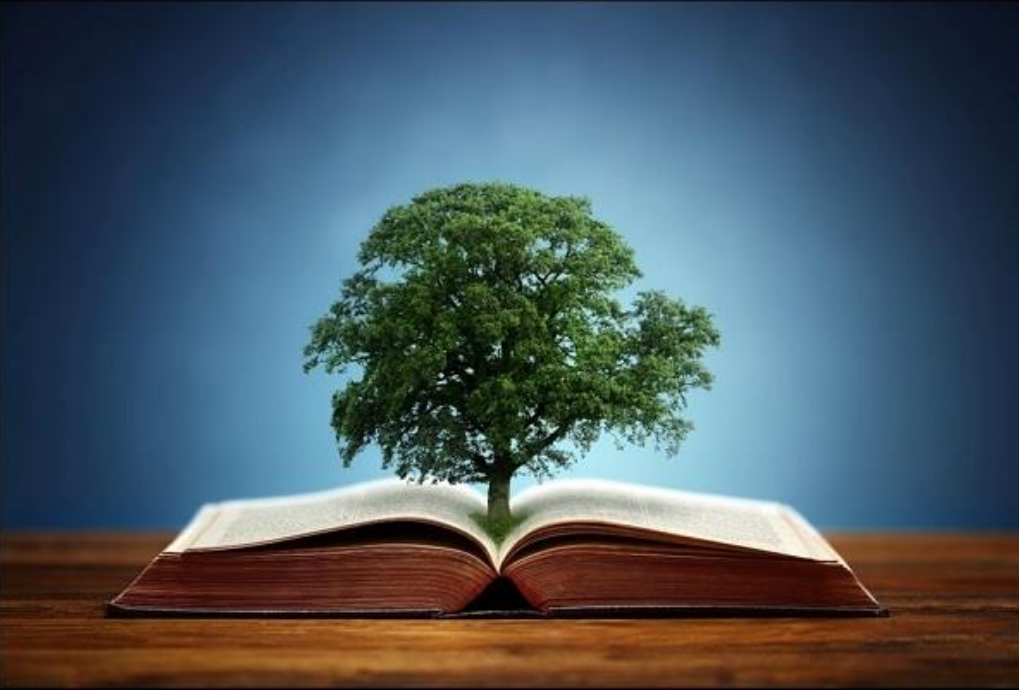
No one can ravage or pollute our inheritance, and it will not wear out or waste away. The inheritance is untouched by death, unstained by evil, unimpaired by time.

... to **an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you**, who are kept by the power of God through faith for **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** (1 Peter 1:4–5)

...whom having not seen you love.
Though now you do not see him, yet
believing, you rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory,
receiving the end of your faith—the
salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8–9)



Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **rest** your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of **Jesus Christ...** (1 Peter 1:13)



having been born again,
not of corruptible seed
but incorruptible,
through the word of God
which lives and abides
forever...

(1 Peter 1:23)

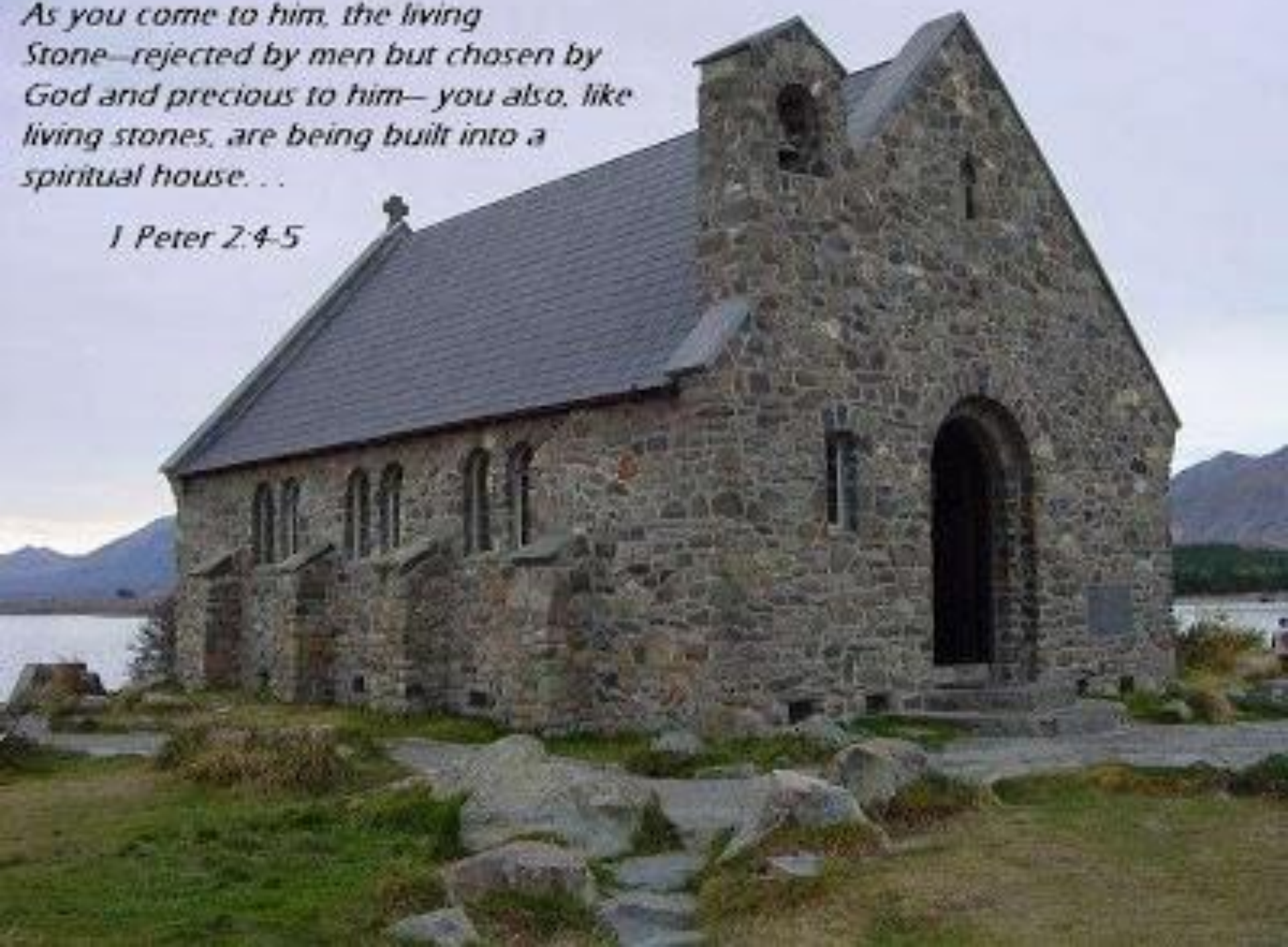


...as newborn babes,
desire the pure milk of
the word, that you may
grow thereby, if indeed
you have tasted that the
Lord is gracious.

(1 Peter 2:2–3)

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house. . .

1 Peter 2:4-5



But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you **out of darkness into His marvellous light...** (1 Peter 2:9)



...who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)



For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)



When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, **“Feed my lambs...”**

(John 21:15 ESV)

“Feed my **lambs**” (v 15)

“Tend my **sheep**” (v 16)

“Feed my **sheep**” (v 17)





The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also **a partaker of the glory that will be revealed**: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and **when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.**

(1 Peter 5:1–4)





Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

(1 Peter 5:6–7)

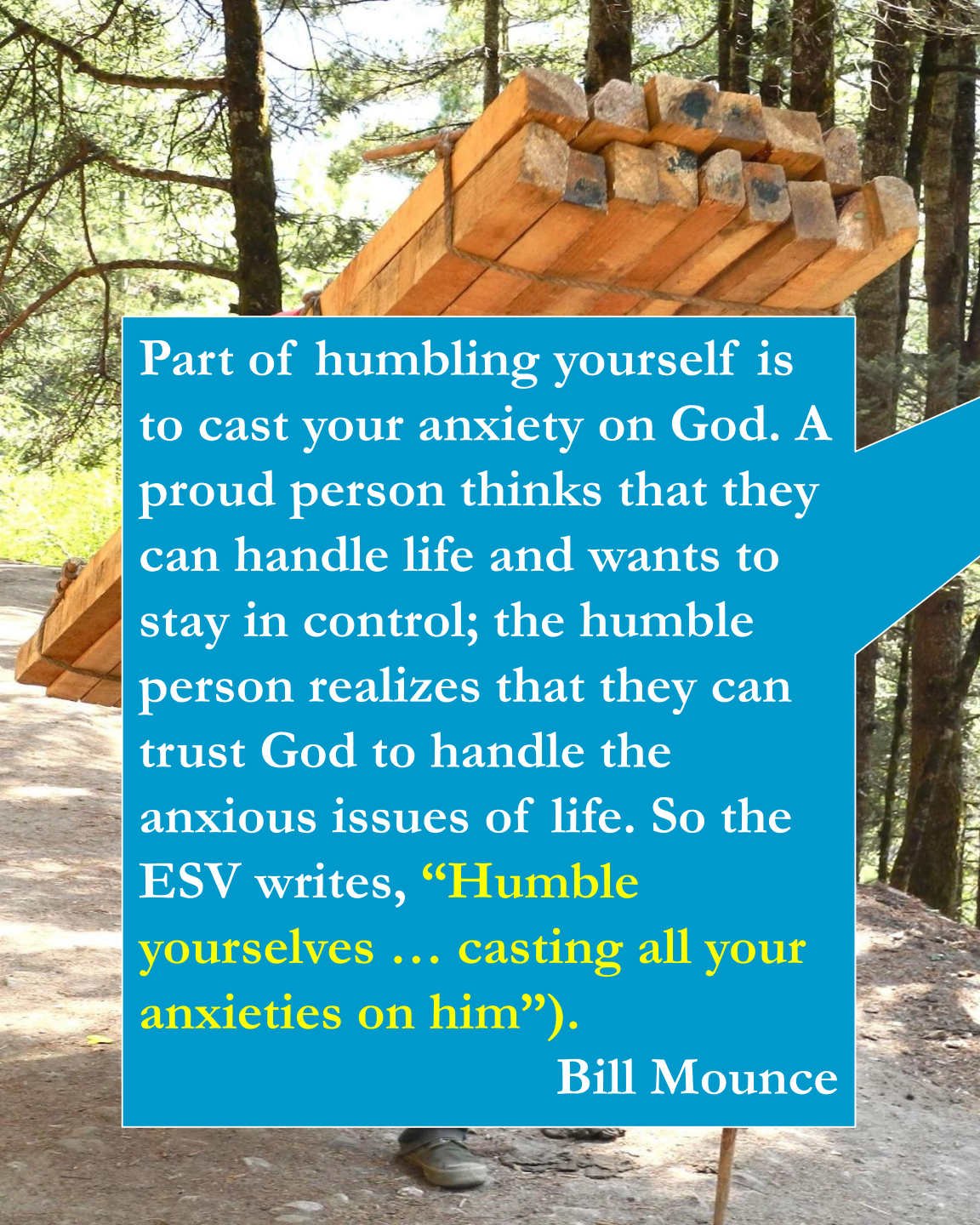




Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

(1 Peter 5:6–7 KJV)



A photograph of a large stack of cut lumber, likely pine, in a forest setting. The logs are stacked high and are the primary focus of the image. The background shows tall trees and a dirt path.

Part of humbling yourself is to cast your anxiety on God. A proud person thinks that they can handle life and wants to stay in control; the humble person realizes that they can trust God to handle the anxious issues of life. So the ESV writes, “**Humble yourselves ... casting all your anxieties on him**”).

Bill Mounce

And God will exalt you in due time, **if you humble yourself** under his powerful hand by casting all your cares on him because he cares for you.

(1 Peter 5:6–7 NET)





But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, **perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.**

To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 5:10–11)



perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you...

Word	Greek	Meaning
PERFECT	<i>kartarizein</i>	The word commonly used for setting a fracture, the word used in Mark 1:19 for mending nets. It means to supply that which is missing, to mend that which is broken. So suffering, if accepted in humility and trust and love, can repair weaknesses of character and add the greatness which has not yet been achieved.
ESTABLISH	<i>stērixein</i>	The word means to make as solid as granite. Suffering of body and sorrow of heart do one of two things to us. They either make us collapse or they leave us with a solidity of character which we could never have gained anywhere else. If we meet them with continuing trust in Christ, we emerge like hardened steel that has been toughened in the fire.

perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you...

Word	Greek	Meaning
STRENGTHEN	<i>sthenoun</i>	The word means to fill with strength. Here is the same sense again. A life with no effort and no discipline almost inevitably becomes a flabby life. We never really know what our faith means to us until it has been tried in the furnace of affliction. There is something doubly precious about a faith which has come victoriously through pain and sorrow and disappointment.
SETTLE	<i>themelioun</i>	The Greek means to lay the foundations. When we have to meet sorrow and suffering, we are driven down to the very bedrock of faith. It is then that we discover the things which cannot be shaken. It is in time of trial that we discover the great truths on which real life is founded.

By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that

THIS IS THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD IN WHICH YOU STAND.

(1 Peter 5:12)



“The true grace of God in which you stand” (1 Peter 5:12)

- ❖ New life in Christ because of his Resurrection (1:3-5)
- ❖ Ransomed by the precious blood of Christ (1:18-19)
- ❖ Members of a chosen race, a royal priesthood (2:9-10)
- ❖ Called to suffer with Christ, following him (2:21-25)
- ❖ Forgiveness offered through Baptism (3:18-22)
- ❖ Given gifts to use in God’s service (4:10-11)
- ❖ God will himself restore, confirm and strengthen (5:10)

