



# STAR BORN

**Part 1 - The Star-Born Child**





*I see him, but not now;  
I behold him, but not near:  
a star shall come out of Jacob,  
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;  
it shall crush the forehead of Moab  
and break down all the sons of Sheth.*

**- Numbers 24:17 ESV**

**ASTROLOGY**  
**VERSUS**  
**ASTRONOMY**



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# 1. The Pagan Stream of Astrological Expectations



*Astrology is a form of divination based on the theory that the movement of the celestial bodies – the stars, the planets, the sun and the moon – influence human affairs and determine the course of events.*

  
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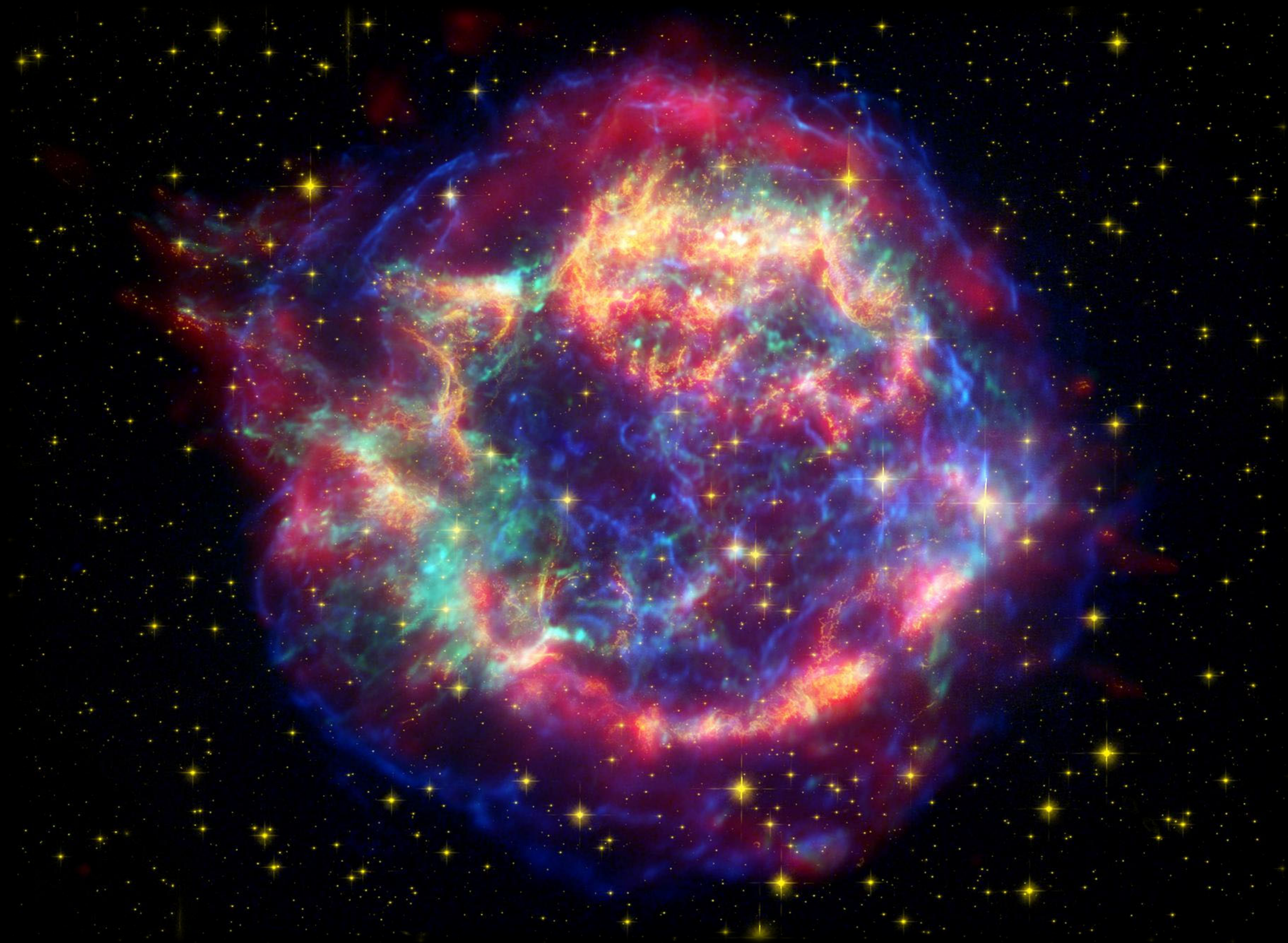


Suetonius

# Lives of the Twelve Caesars



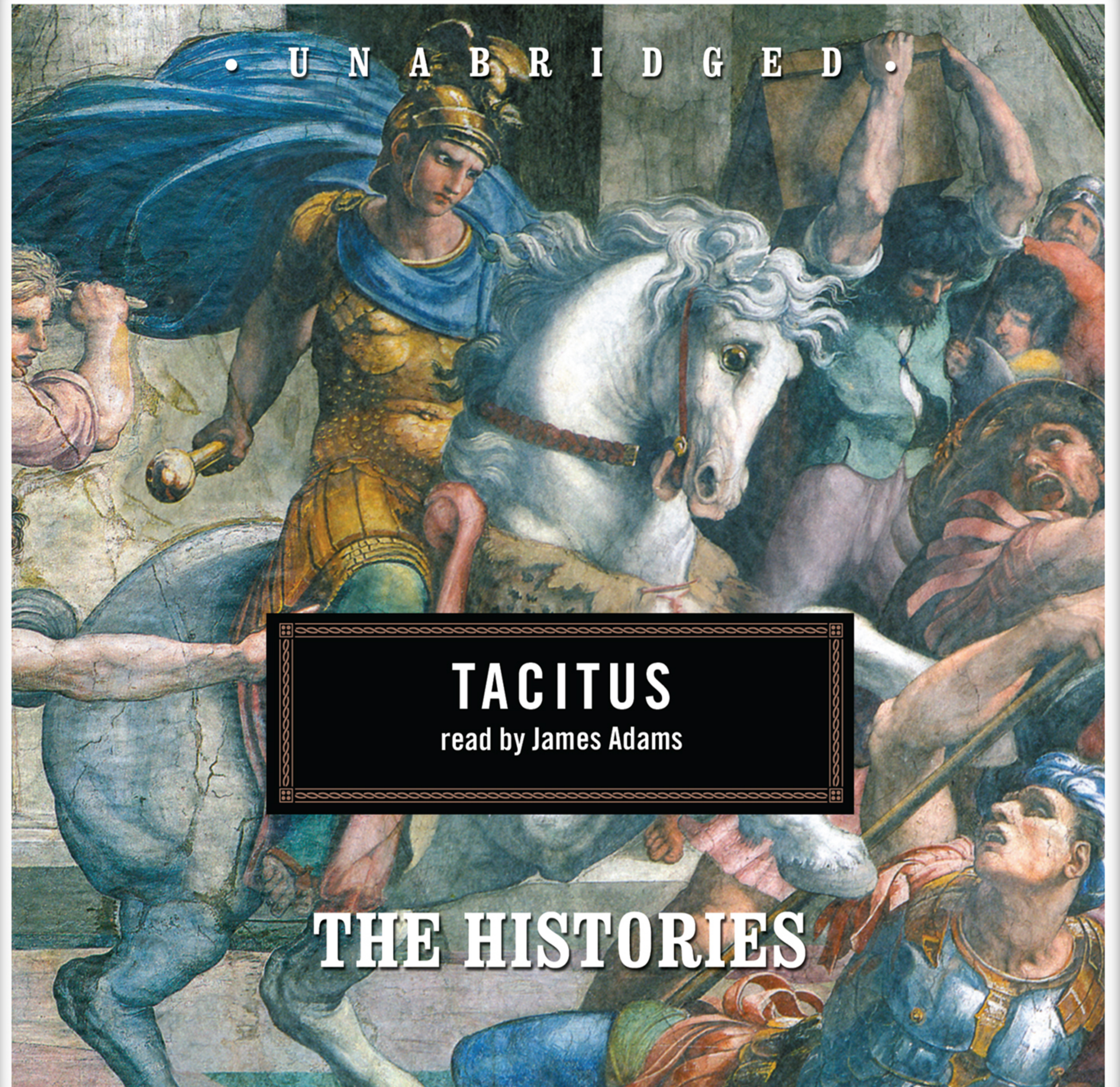












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**TACITUS**

read by James Adams

**THE HISTORIES**



**26** *If I have looked at the sun when  
it shone, or the moon moving in  
splendor, **27** and my heart has been  
secretly enticed, and my mouth has  
kissed my hand...*

*- Job 31:26-28 ESV*



*...**28** this also would be an iniquity  
to be punished by the judges,  
for I would have been false to  
God above.*

*- Job 31:26-28 ESV*



*And when you look up to the sky and  
see the sun, the moon and the stars—  
all the heavenly array...*

*- Deuteronomy 4:19 NIV*



*...do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the Lord your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven.*

*- Deuteronomy 4:19 NIV*



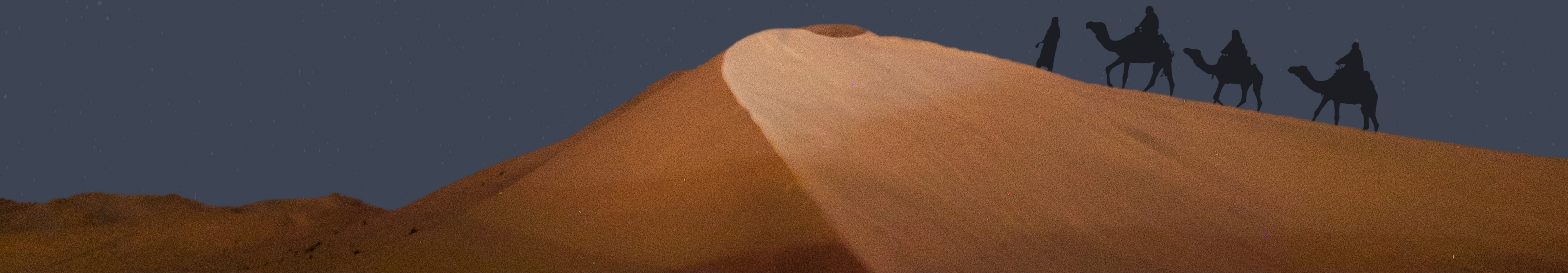
*This is what the LORD says:  
“Do not act like the other nations,  
who try to read their future in the  
stars. Do not be afraid of their  
predictions, even though other  
nations are terrified by them.”*

*- Jeremiah 10:2 NL*





# 2. The Jewish Stream of Prophetic Anticipation





*“...most [of the Jews] firmly believed that their ancient priestly writings contained the prophecy that this was the very time when the East should grow strong and that men starting from Judea should possess the world.”*

**- Tacitus**

  
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*“[t]here had spread over all the Orient an old and established belief that it was fated, at that time, for men coming from Judaea to rule the world.”*

**- Suetonius**

  
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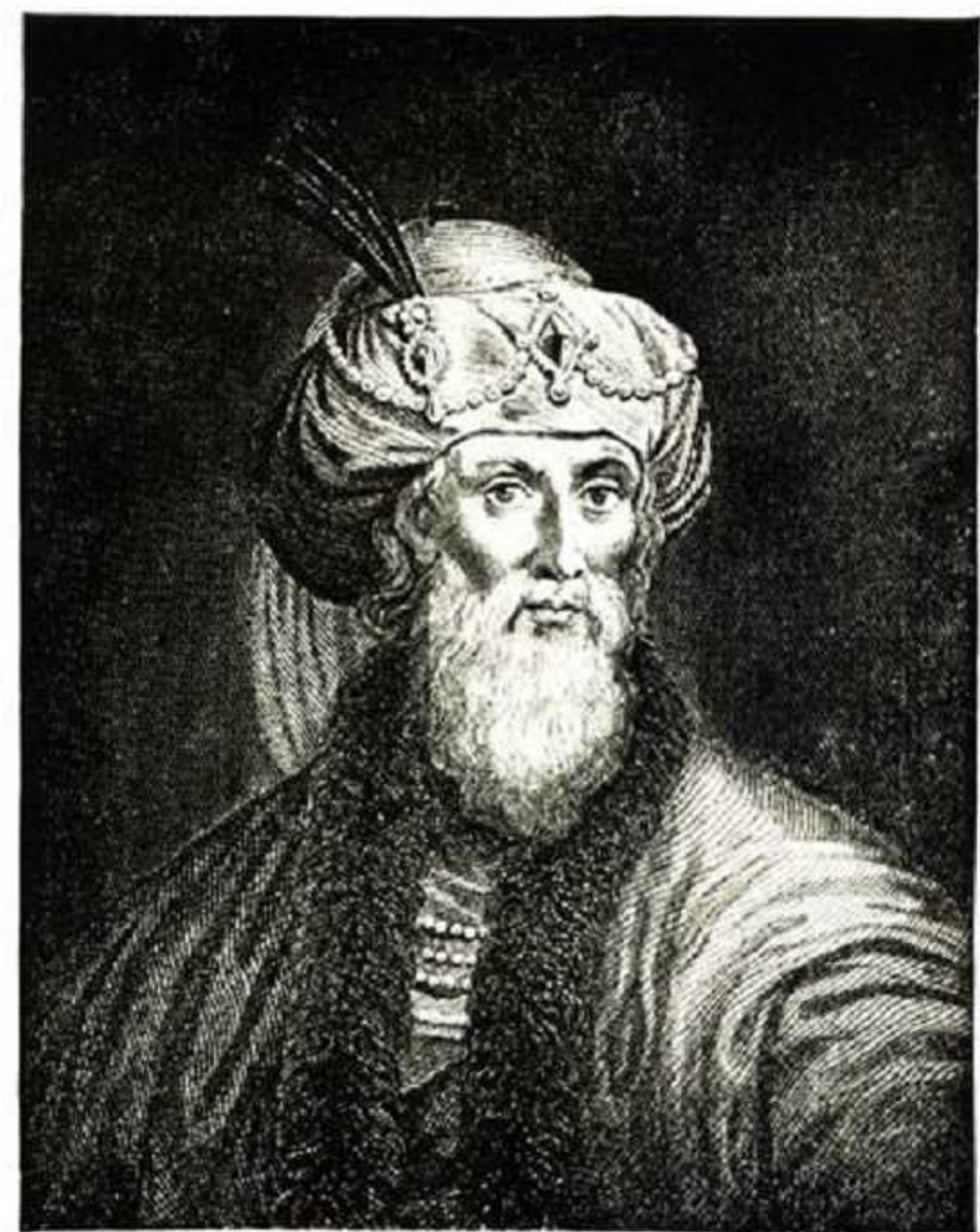








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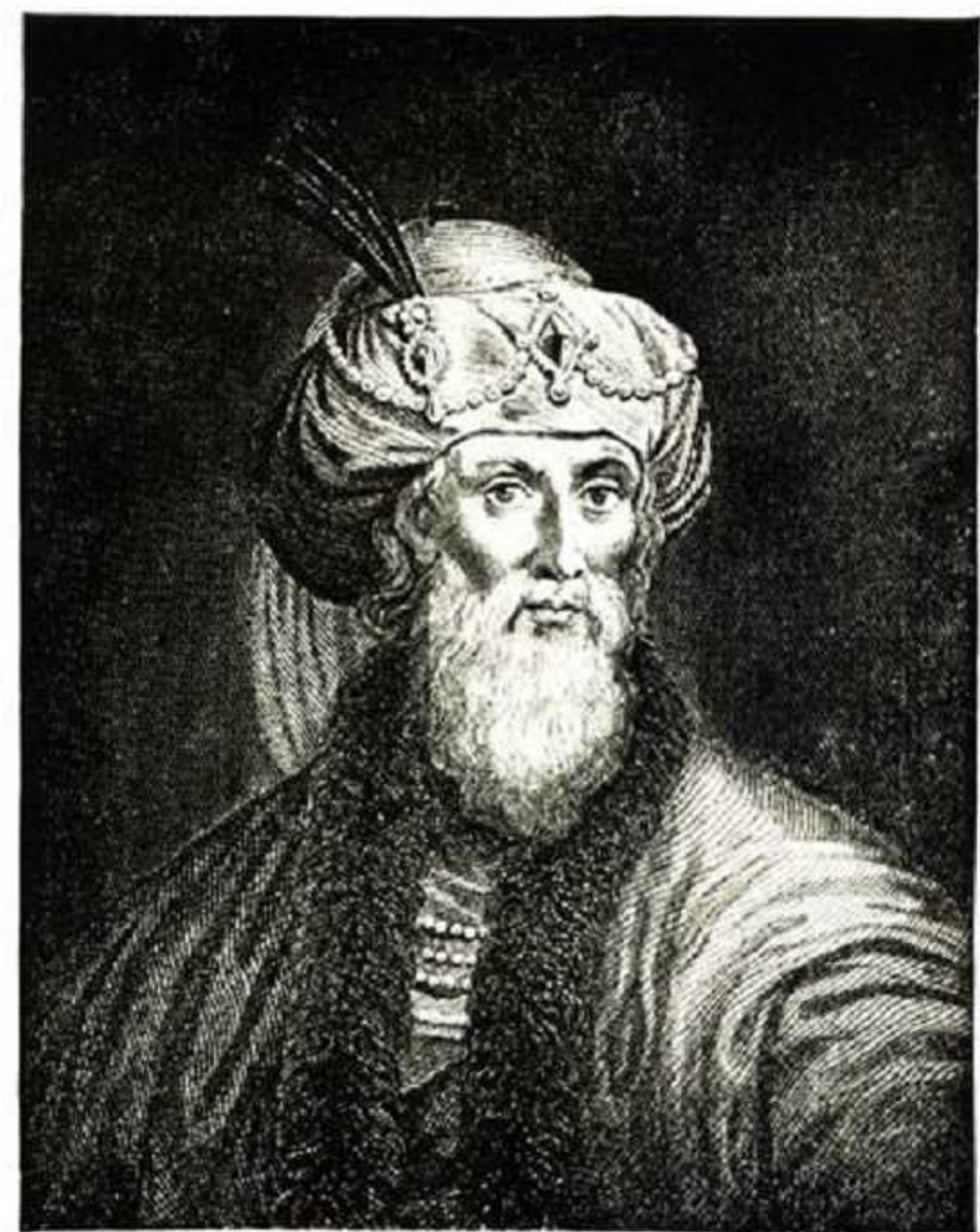
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*“But now, what did most  
elevate [the Jews] in  
undertaking this war  
was an ambiguous  
oracle that was also  
found in their sacred  
writings...”*

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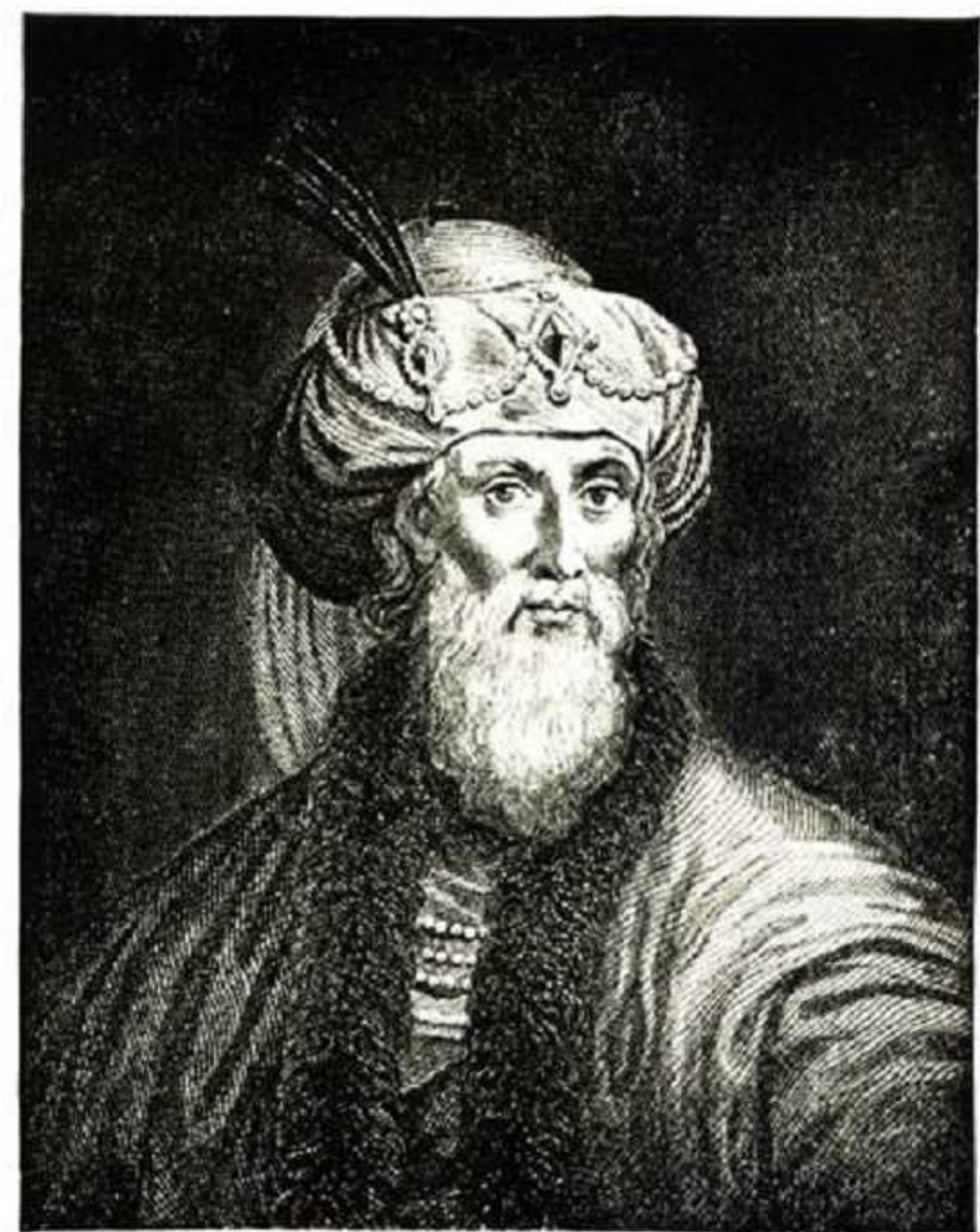
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...“how ‘about that time,  
one from their own  
country should become  
governor of the  
habitable earth.’...”

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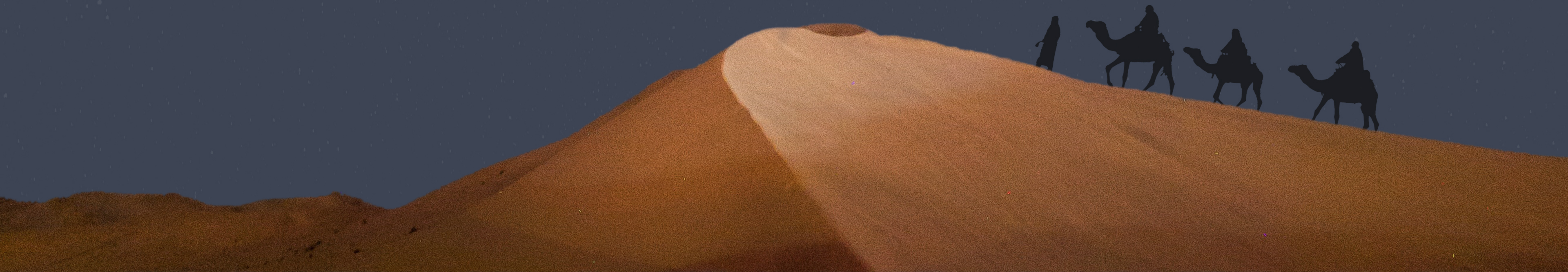
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*...The Jews took this prediction to belong to themselves in particular, and many of the wise men were thereby deceived in their determination."*

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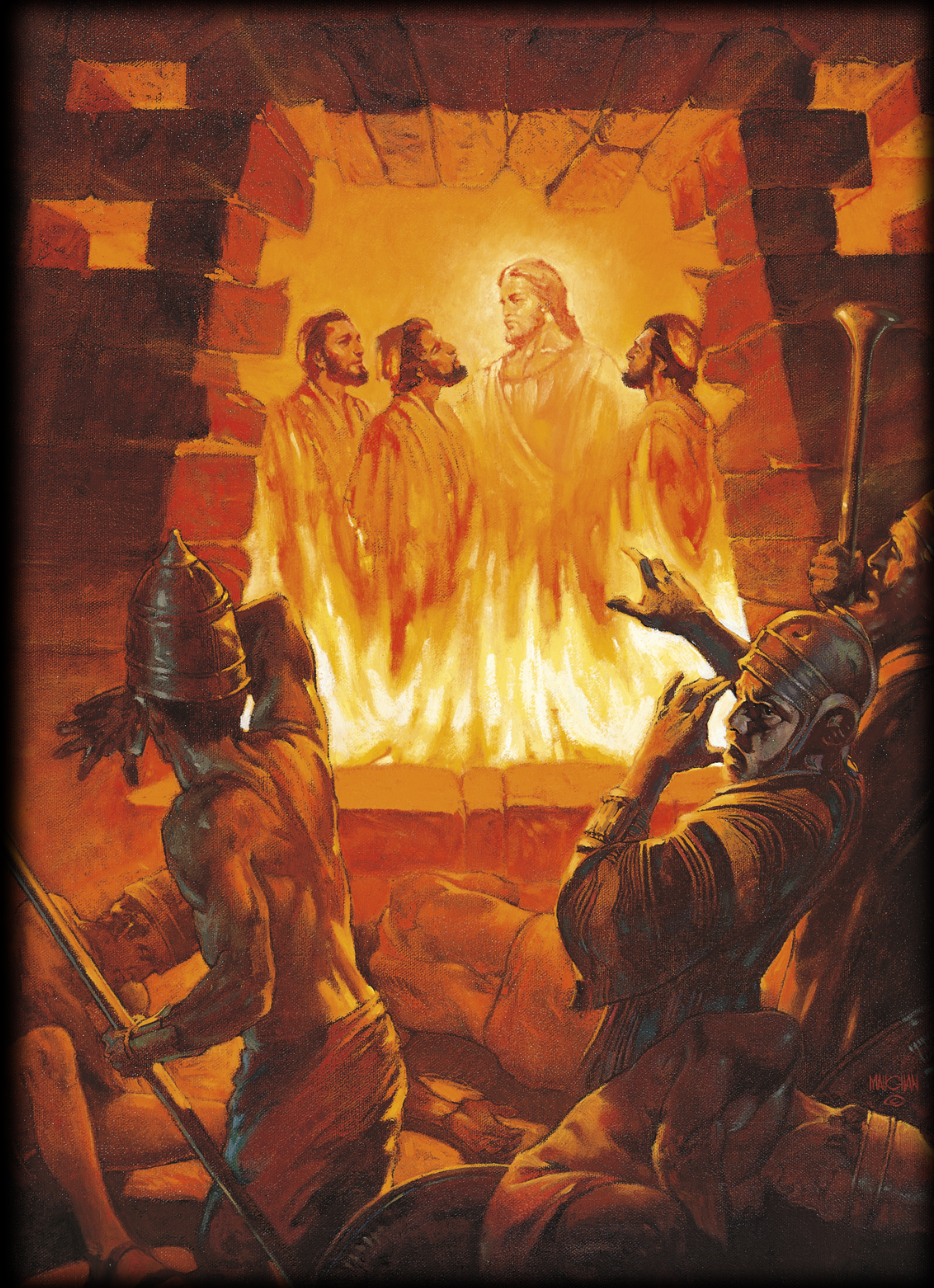
# 3. The Confluence of Both in the Magi

















*God gave them learning and skill  
in all literature and wisdom,  
and Daniel had understanding  
in all visions and dreams...Therefore  
they stood before the king.*

*- Daniel 1:17.20 ESV*



*...And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them **ten times better** than all the magicians and enchanterers that were in all his kingdom.*

*- Daniel 1:17.20 ESV*



*...the chief prefect over all  
the wise men of Babylon!*

*- Daniel 2:48 ESV*



# Daniel 4:9 & 5:11

He is called “Chief of the Magicians”

*(also known as “Magi”)*

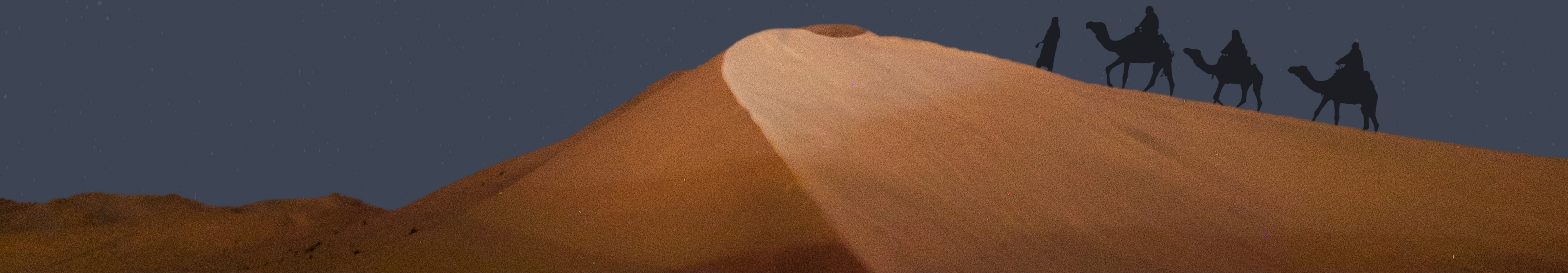


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**THE MESSIAH HAD TO COME  
IN THE FIRST CENTURY  
OR NOT COME AT ALL!**





*Who of you is left who saw this house  
in its former glory? How does it look  
to you now? Does it not seem to you  
like nothing?*

*- Haggai 2:3*



*“For thus says the Lord of hosts:  
‘Once more (it is a little while) I will  
shake heaven and earth, the sea  
and dry land...*

*- Haggai 2:6-9 NKJV*



*...and I will shake all nations,  
and they shall come to the Desire of  
All Nations, and I will fill this temple  
with glory,' says the Lord of hosts.  
'The silver is Mine, and the gold is  
Mine,' says the Lord of hosts...*

*- Haggai 2:6-9 NKJV*



*...The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."*

*- Haggai 2:6-9 NKJV*



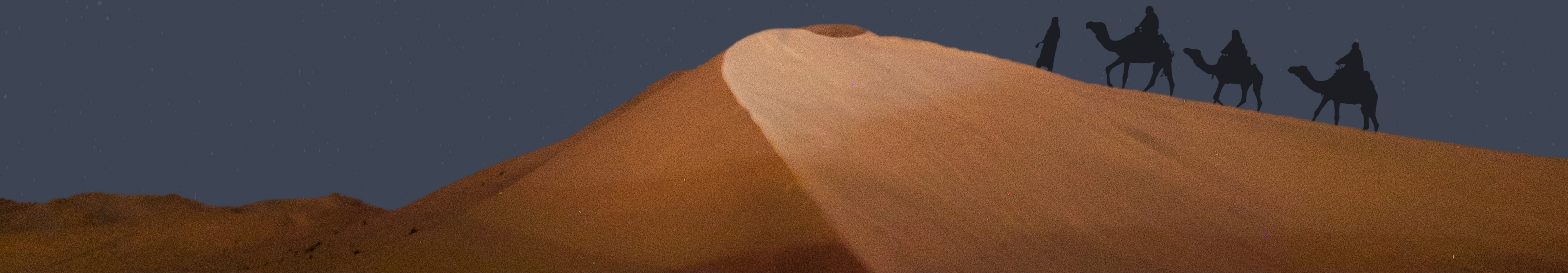
**INSIGHTS FROM  
HAGGAI'S SECOND  
TEMPLE PROPHECY**



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# 1. Desired of All Nations



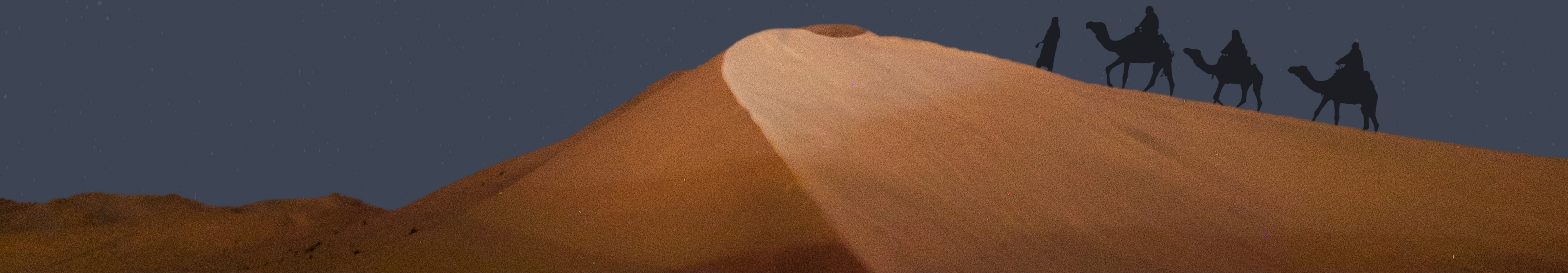


*And who does **all Israel** desire but you  
and all your father's family?*

*- 1 Samuel 9:20 CSB*



# 2. Greater Glory





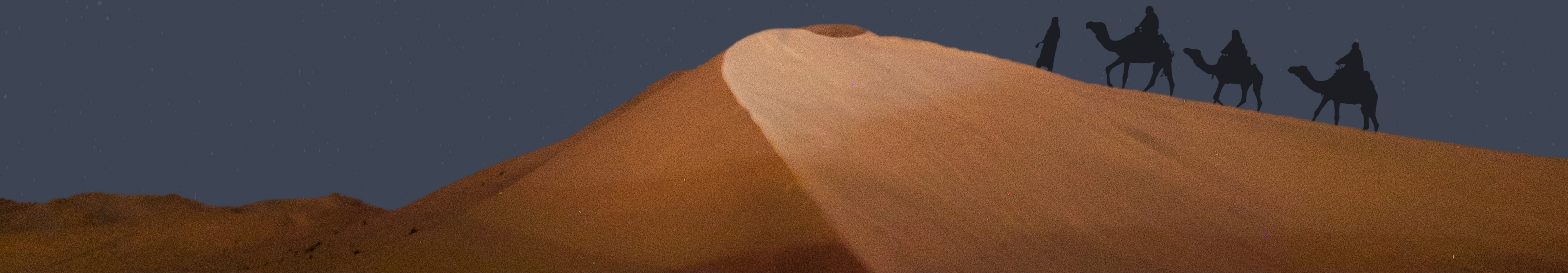
*Fire descended from heaven....  
and the glory of the Lord filled  
the Temple*

*- 2 Chronicles 7:1-4*





**GLORY POINTS TO GOD'S  
PERSONAL PHYSICAL PRESENCE  
ENTERING THE TEMPLE**





**25** *Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him...*

*- Luke 2:25-32 ESV*



*...**26** And it had been revealed to him  
by the Holy Spirit that he would not  
see death before he had seen the  
Lord's Christ...*

*- Luke 2:25-32 ESV*



*...**27** And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, **28** he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said...*

*- Luke 2:25-32 ESV*



*...**29** “Lord, now you are letting  
your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word; **30** for my  
eyes have seen your salvation  
**31** that you have prepared in the  
presence of all peoples...*

*- Luke 2:25-32 ESV*



*...**32** a light for revelation to the  
Gentiles, and for glory to your  
people Israel.”*

*- Luke 2:25-32 ESV*

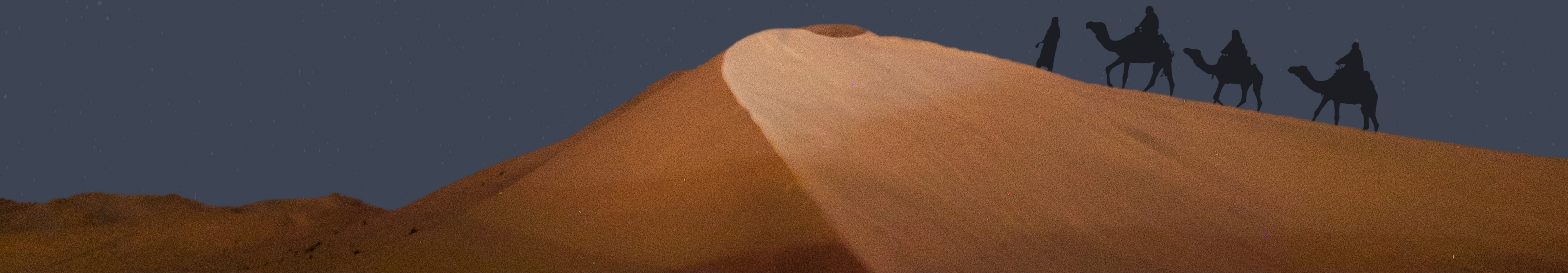


*The Word became flesh and dwelt  
among us. We **observed His glory,**  
the glory as the one and only  
Son from the Father, full of grace  
and truth!*

*- John 1:14 CSB*



# 3. Profound Peace





*...and in this place I will give peace,  
says the Lord of hosts.*

*- Haggai 2:9*



*...if you knew this day what would  
bring peace-but now it is hidden from  
your eyes!*

*- Luke 19:42 CSB*





***And the curtain in the sanctuary  
of the Temple was torn in two,  
from top to bottom. - Mark 15:38***



*For [Jesus] himself is our peace,  
who has made us both one and has  
broken down in his flesh the dividing  
wall of hostility.*

*- Ephesians 2:14 ESV*



*And so, dear brothers, now we may walk right into the very Holy of Holies, where God is, because of the blood of Jesus.*

*- Hebrews 10:19 TLB*



*This is the fresh, new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us by tearing the curtain—his human body—to let us into the holy presence of God.*

*- Hebrews 10:20 TLB*



**1** Behold, I send My messenger,  
and he will prepare the way before  
Me. And the Lord, **whom you seek**,  
will suddenly come to His temple,  
even the Messenger of the covenant,  
In whom you delight...

- Malachi 3:1-3 NKJV



*...Behold, He is coming,” Says the Lord of hosts. 2 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap...*

*- Malachi 3:1-3 NKJV*



**...3** *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.*

*- Malachi 3:1-3 NKJV*



**44** *“During the reigns of those kings,  
the God of heaven will **set up a  
kingdom that will never be  
destroyed or conquered.** It will crush  
all these kingdoms into nothingness,  
and **it will stand forever...**”*

*- Daniel 2:44-45 NLT*











*...45 That is the meaning of **the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands**, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold...*

*- Daniel 2:44-45 NLT*



*...The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain.”*

*- Daniel 2:44-45 NLT*



*I will build my church and the gates  
of Hell will not prevail against it!*

*- Matthew 16:18*



*The stone the builders rejected  
became the cornerstone.  
Everyone who falls on this stone  
will be broken, and the person  
on whom it falls, that person  
will be crushed.*

*- Luke 20:17-18 NCV*



*I was watching in the night visions,  
and behold, one like the Son of Man,  
coming with the clouds of heaven!...*

*- Daniel 7:13-14 NKJV*



*...then to Him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations,  
and languages should serve Him....*

*- Daniel 7:13-14 NKJV*



*...His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed!*

*- Daniel 7:13-14 NKJV*



