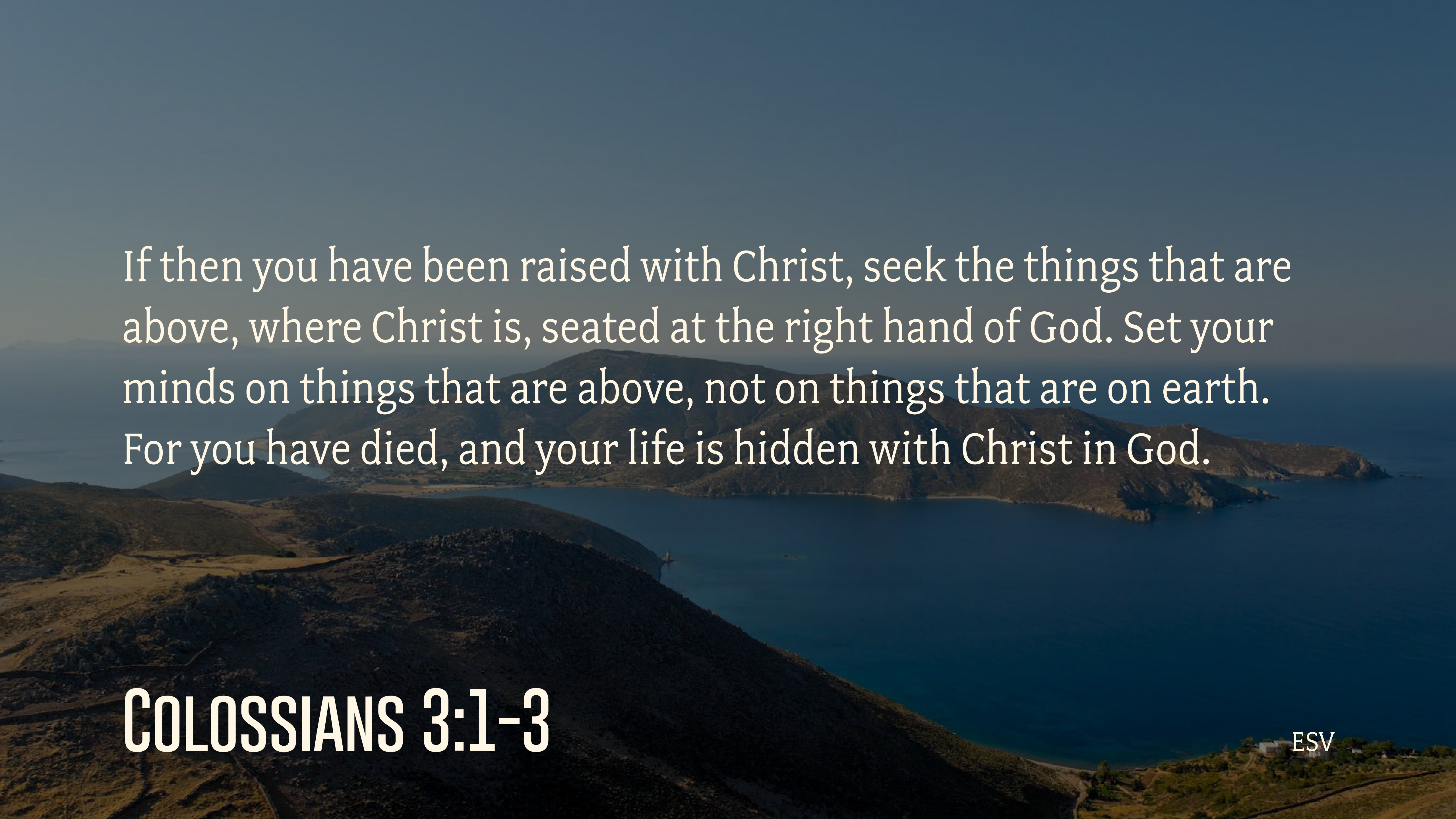


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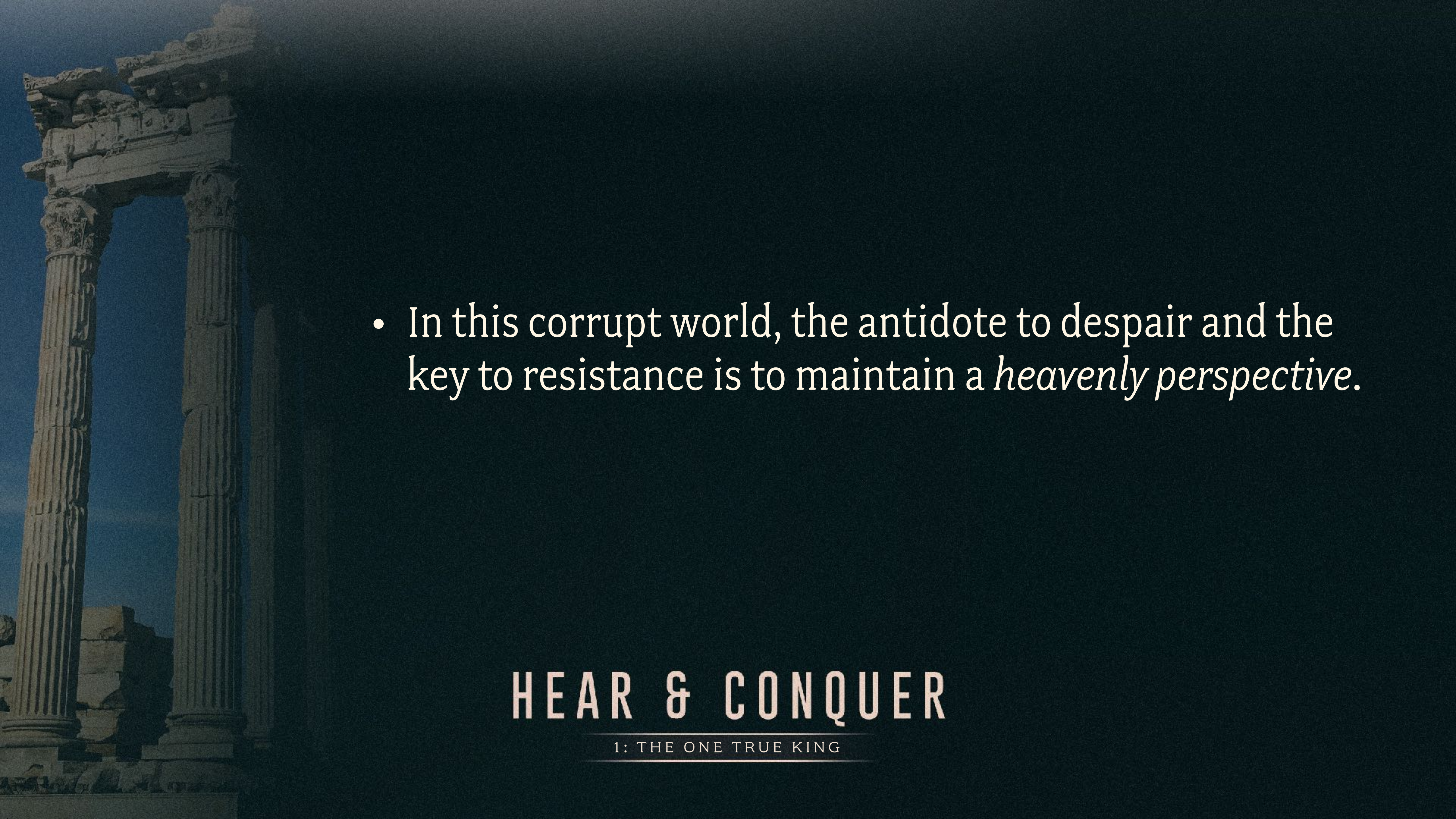
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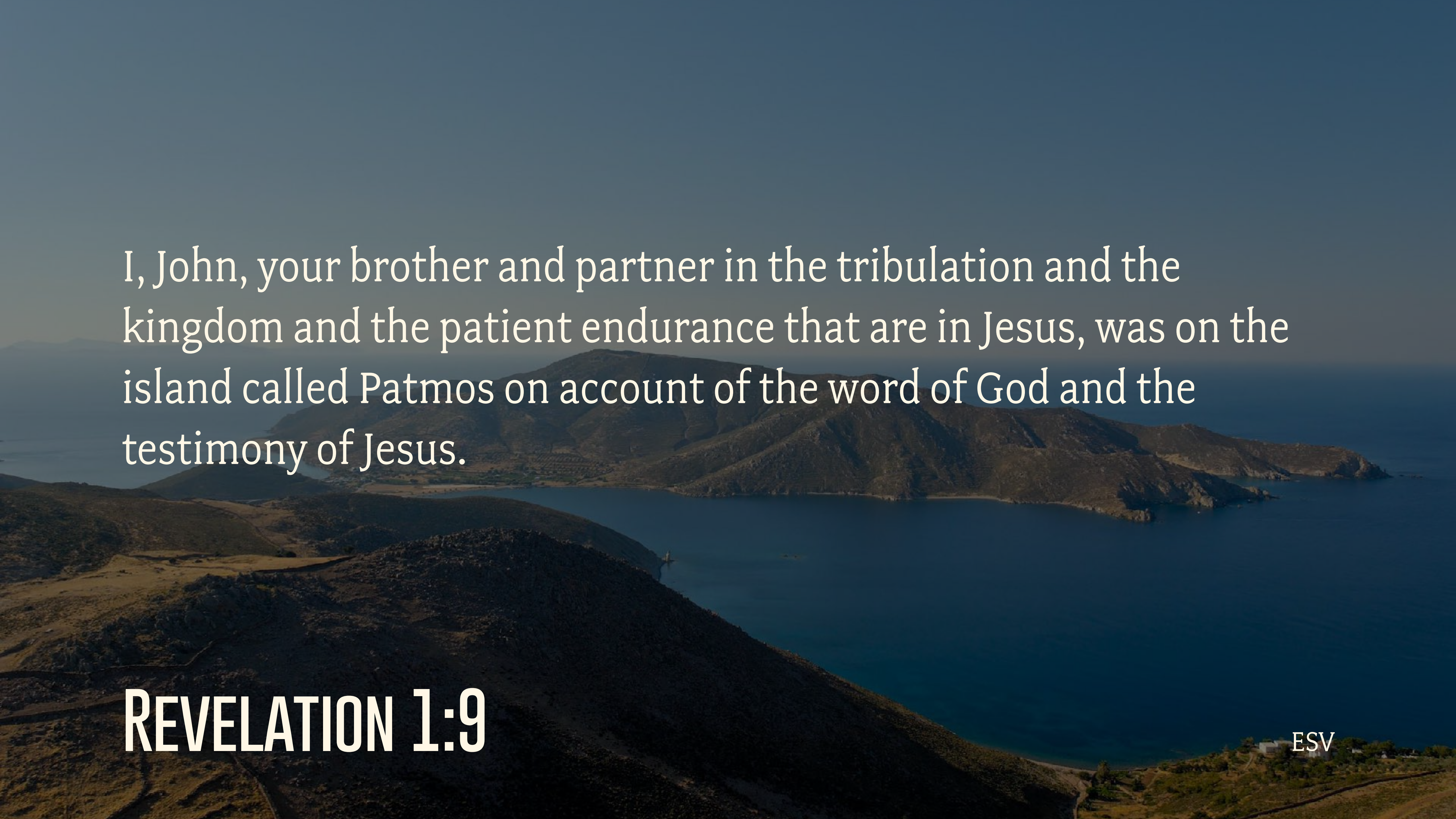
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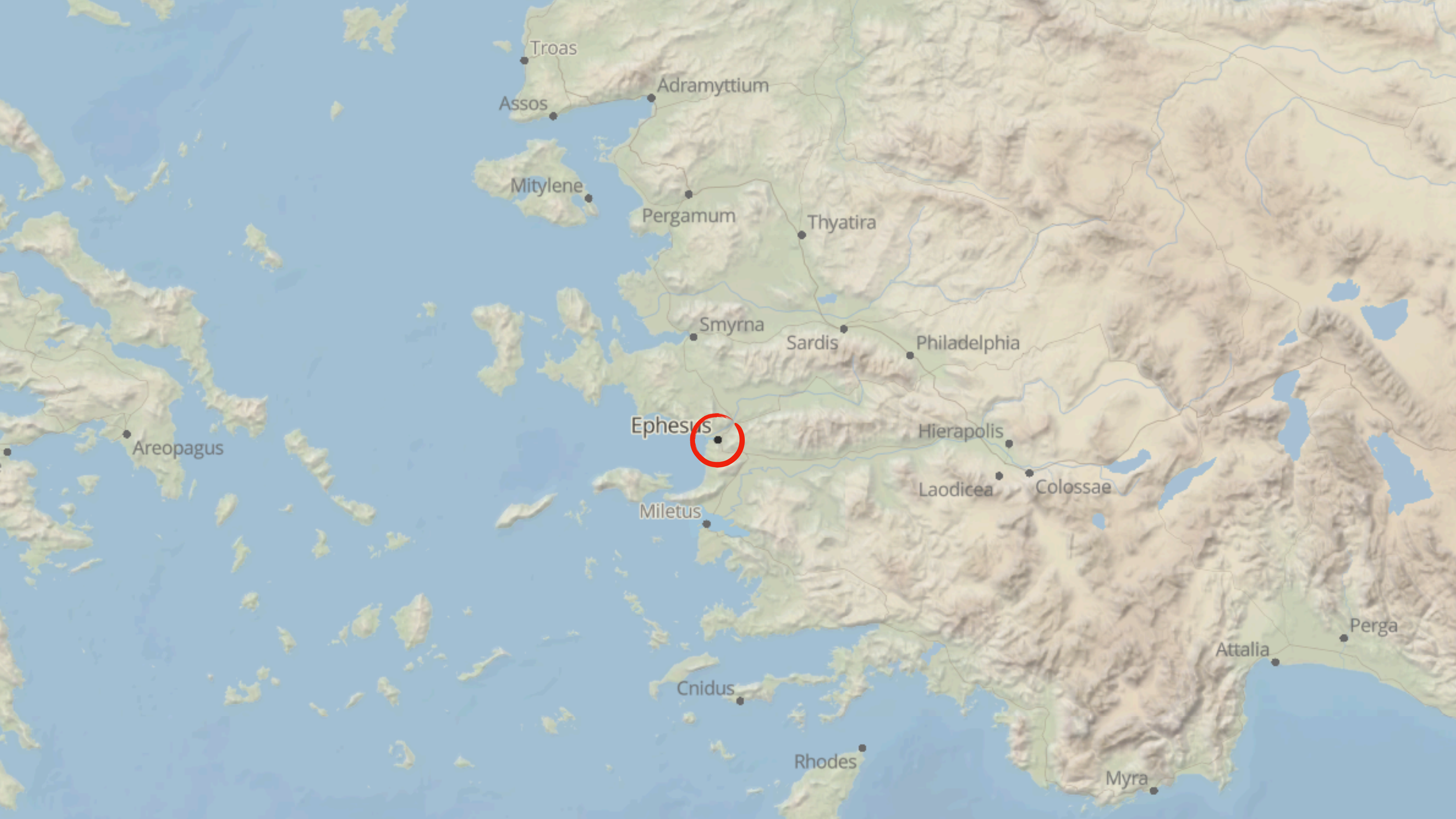
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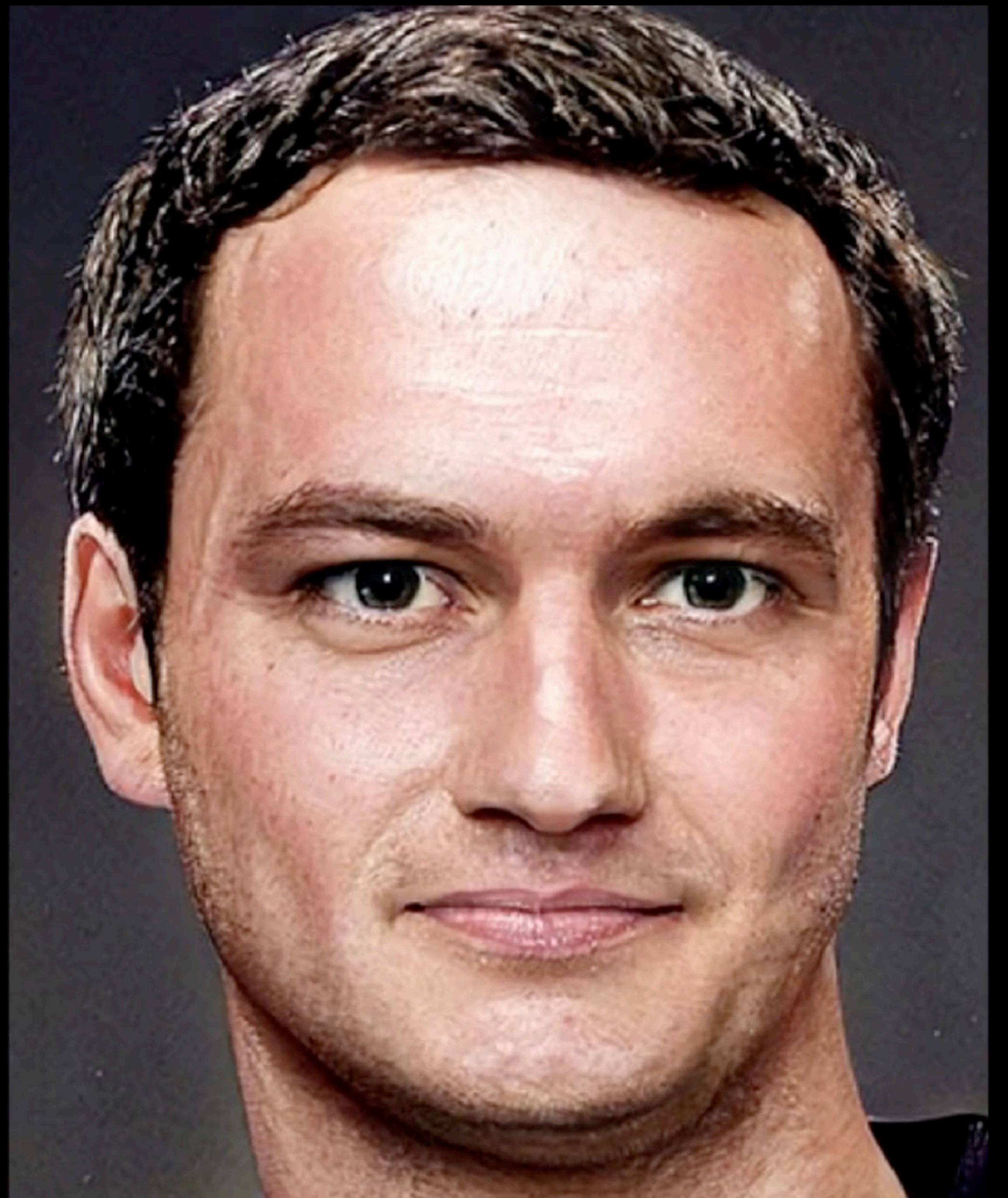
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“With terrible cruelty, Domitian put to death without trial great numbers of men at Rome who were distinguished by family and career, and without cause banished many other notables and confiscated their property.

Finally he showed himself Nero’s successor in hostility to God. He was the second to organize a persecution against us, though his father Vespasian, had no such evil plans.”

— Eusebius, *The Church History* 3.17



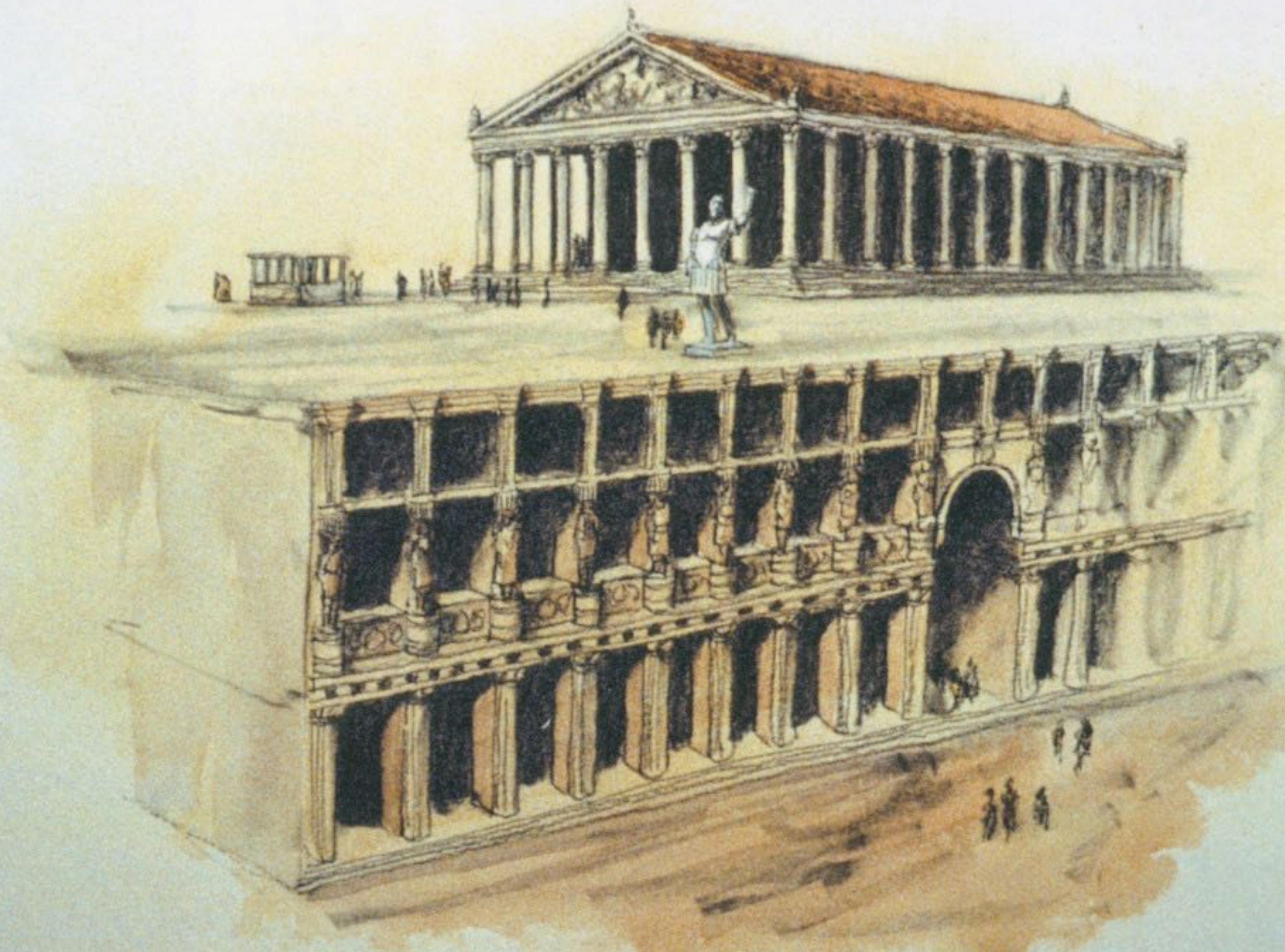


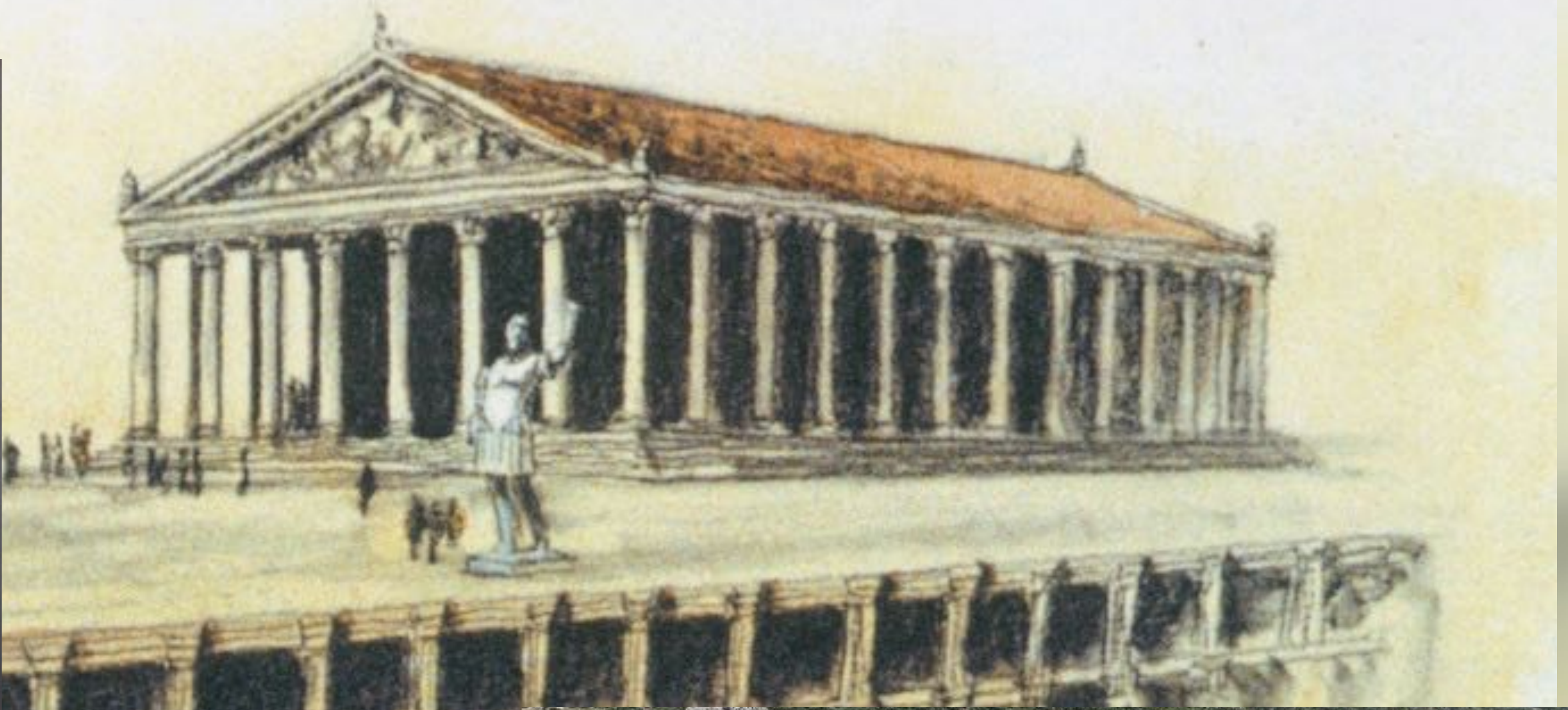
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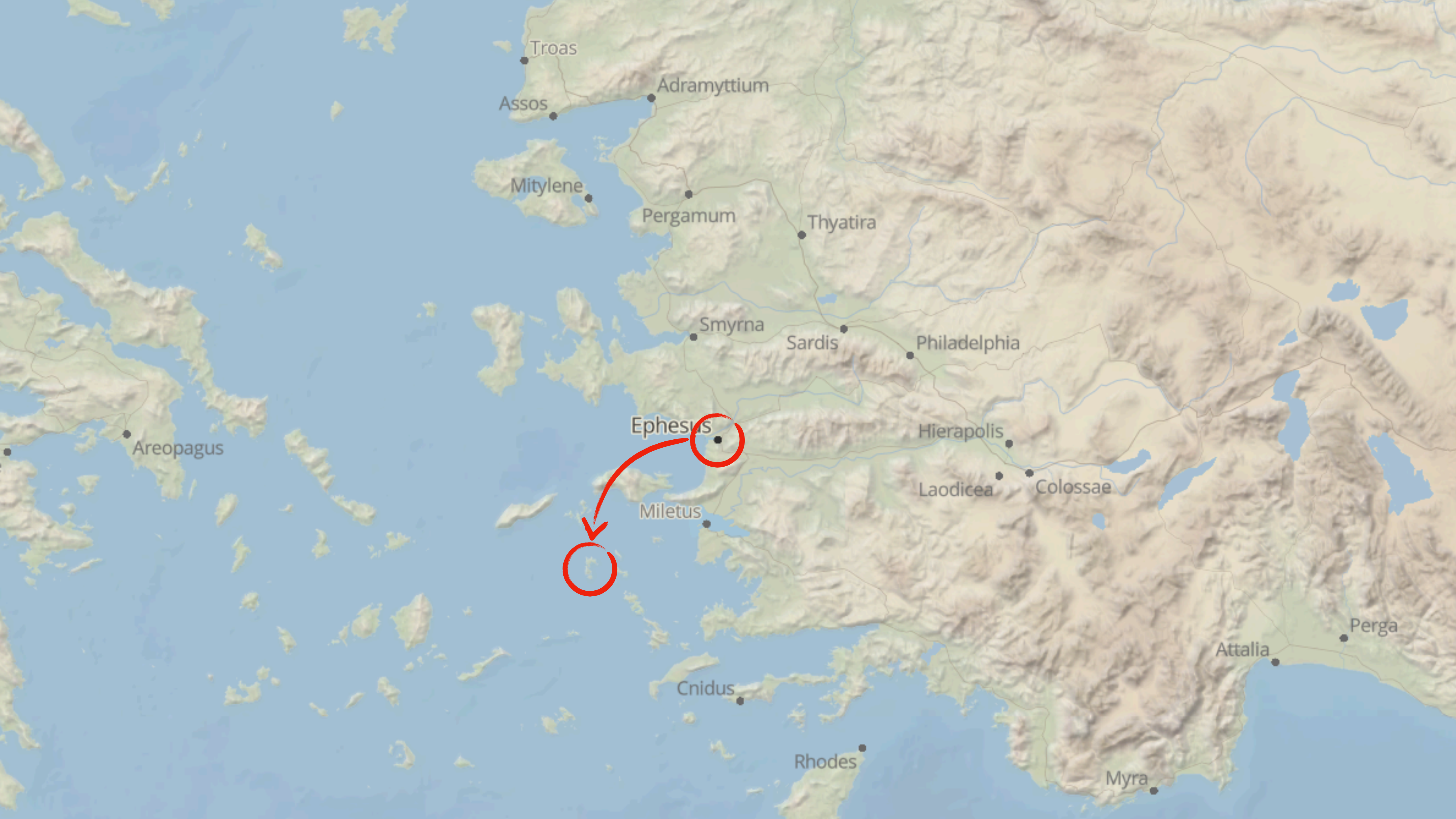
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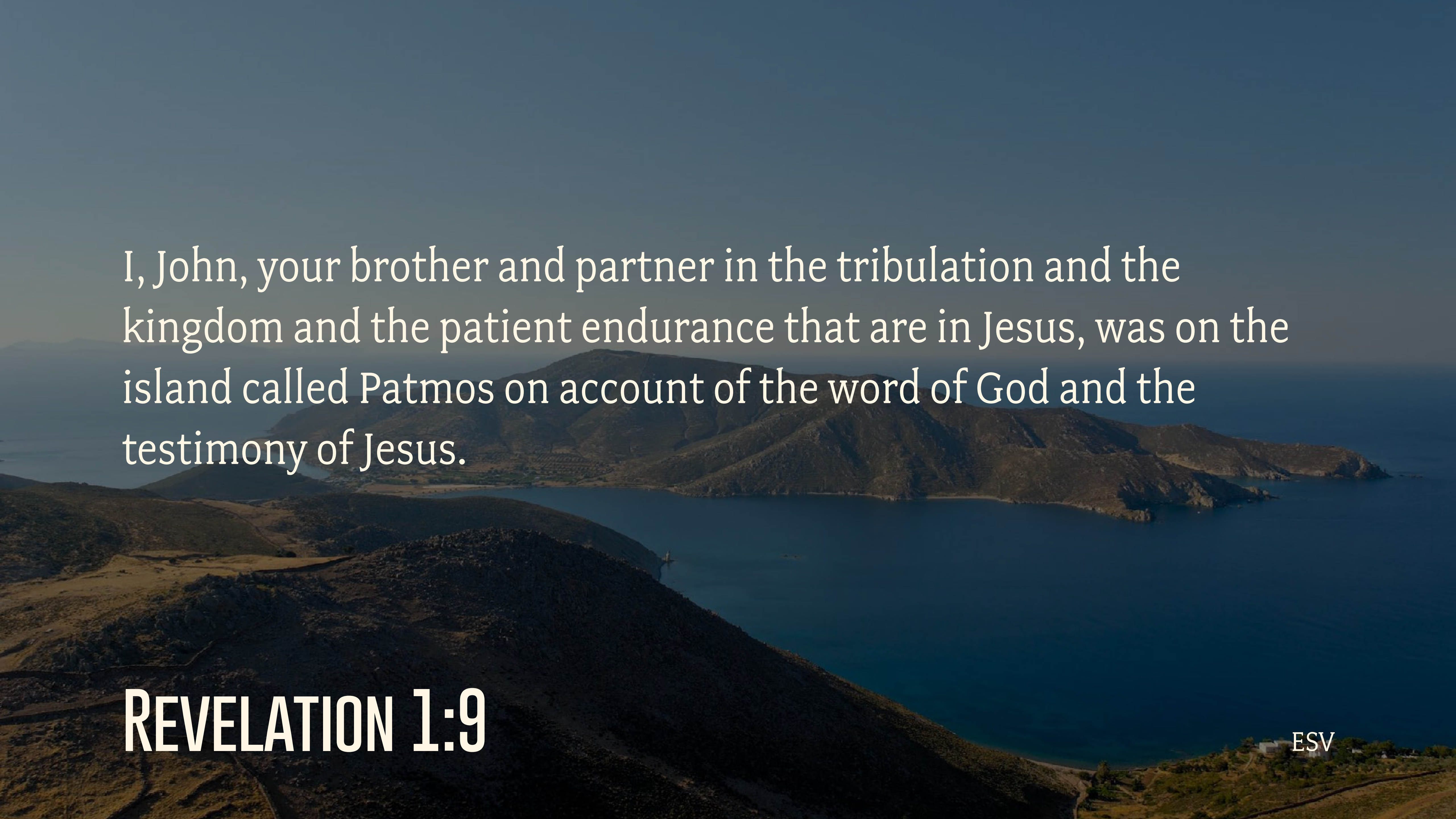
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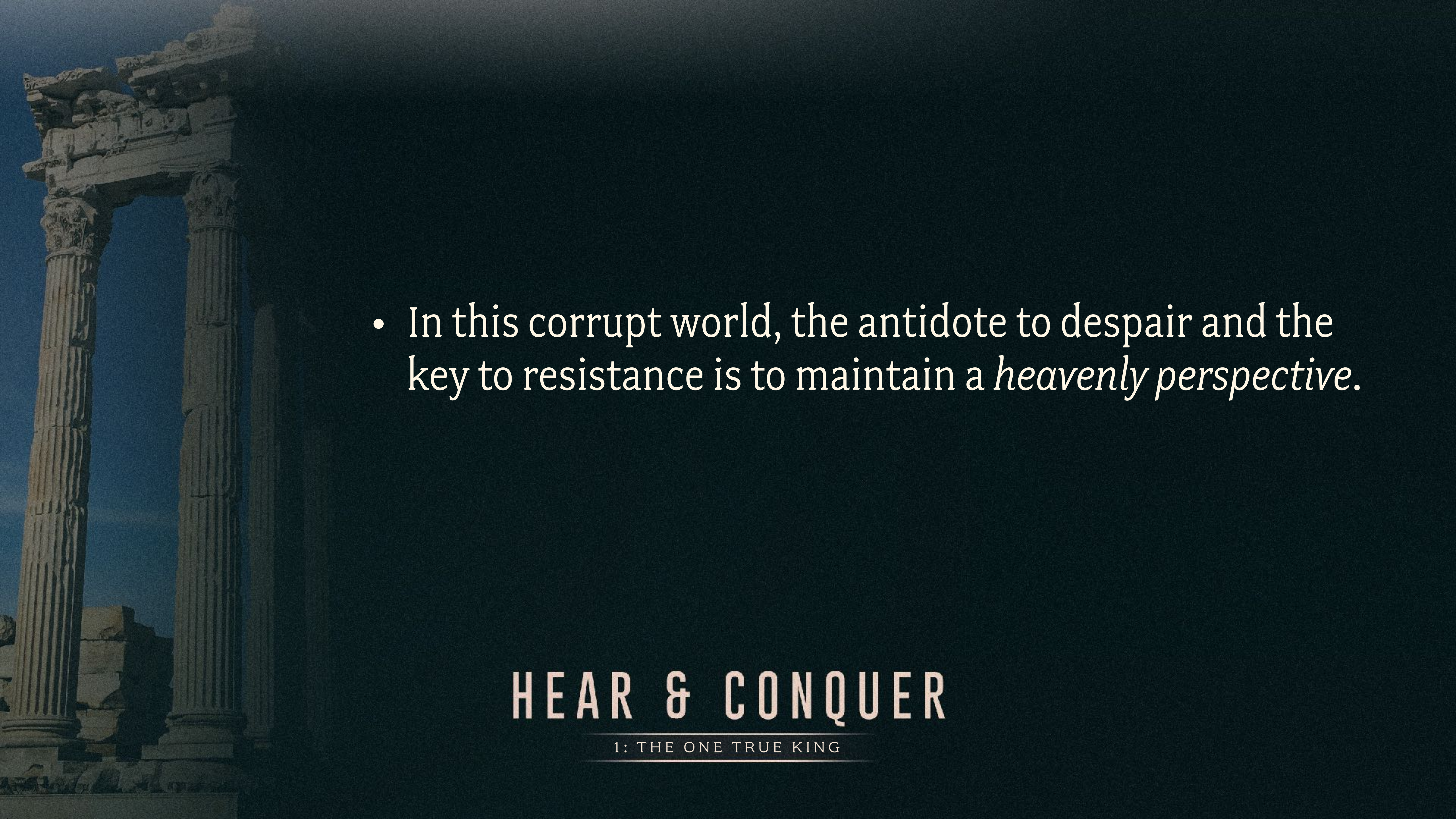
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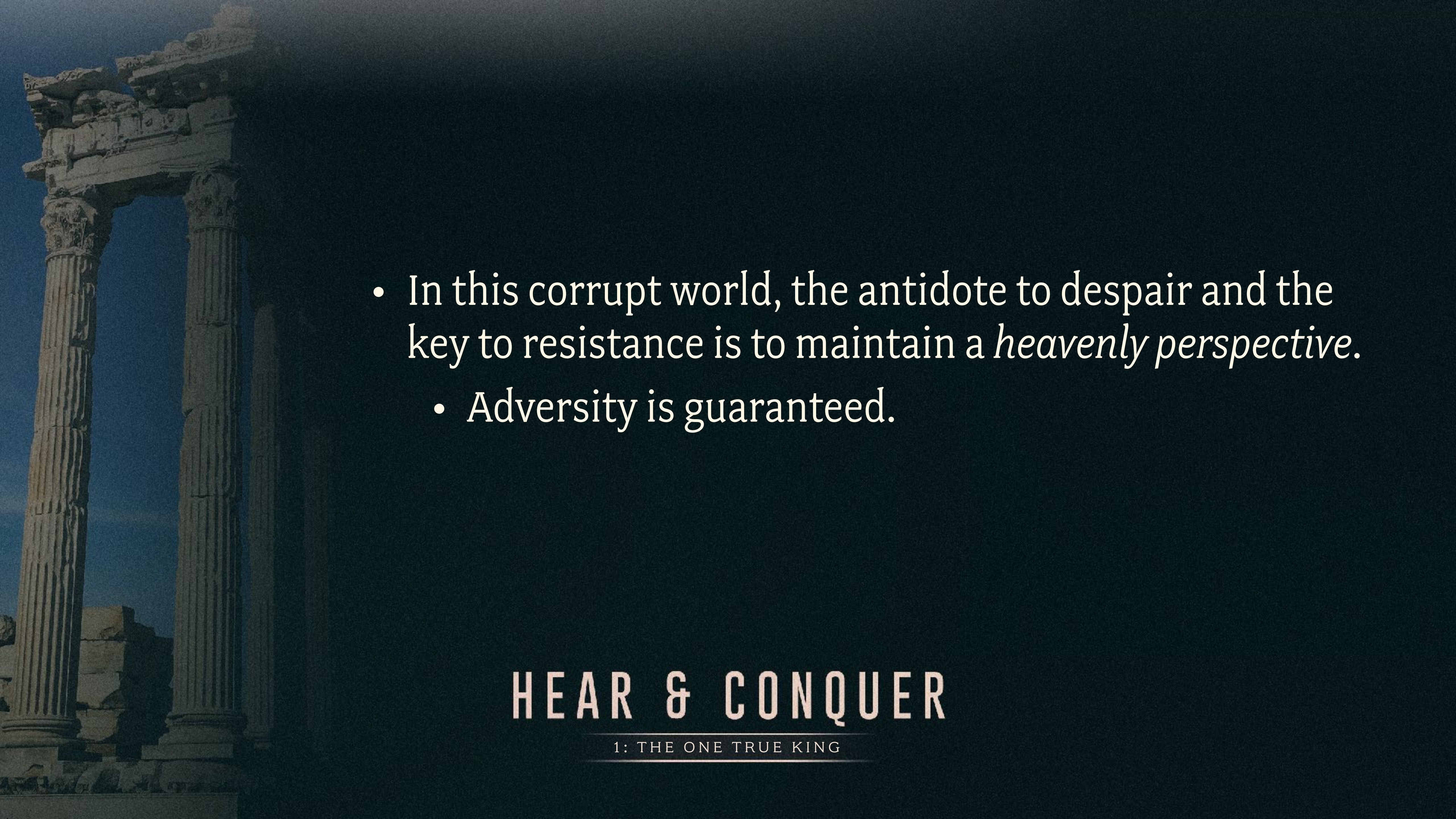
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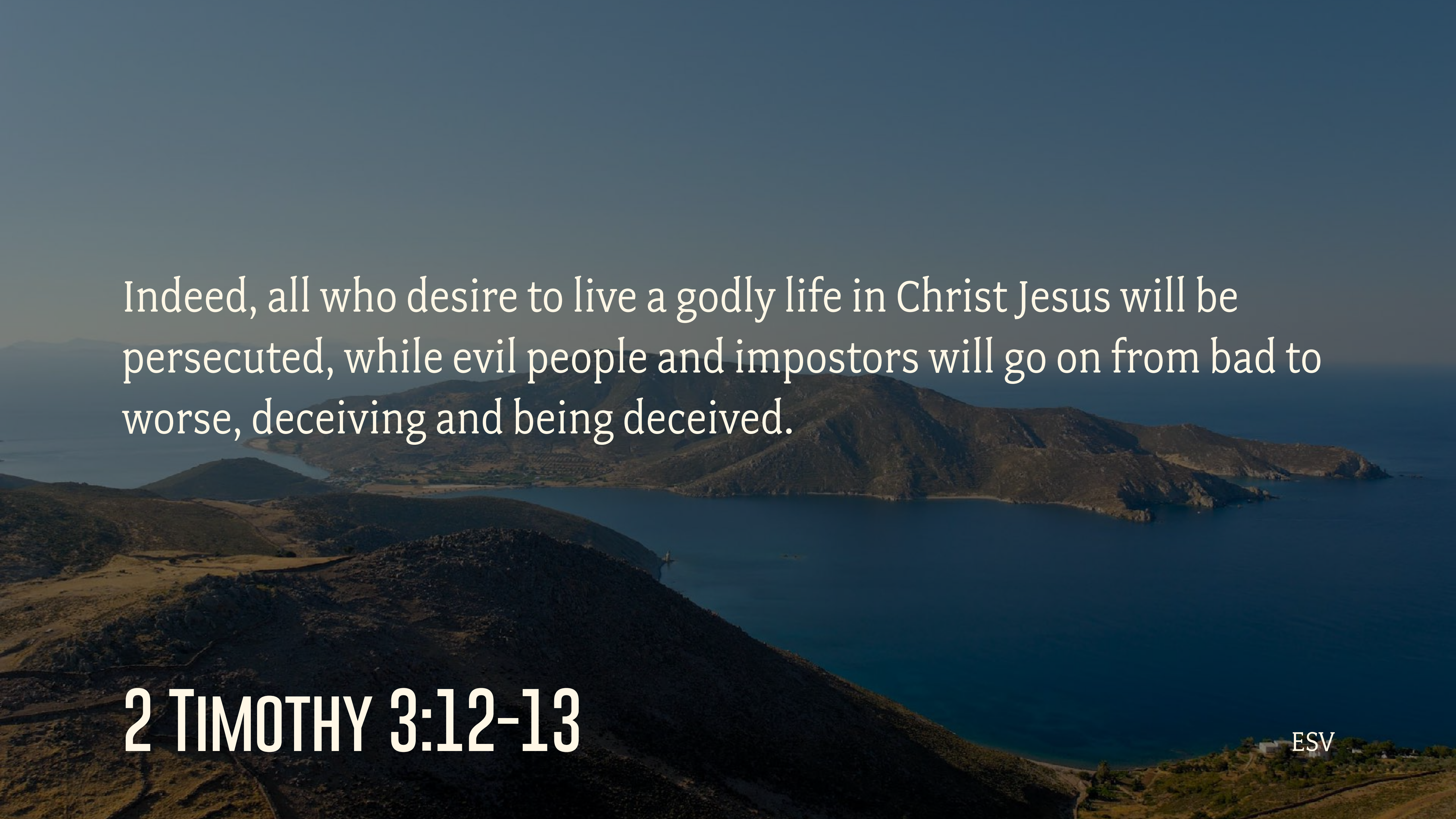
A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water, likely a lake or bay, nestled between dark, rugged mountains. The foreground shows a steep, grassy slope leading down towards the water. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.

– *1 John 3:13*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

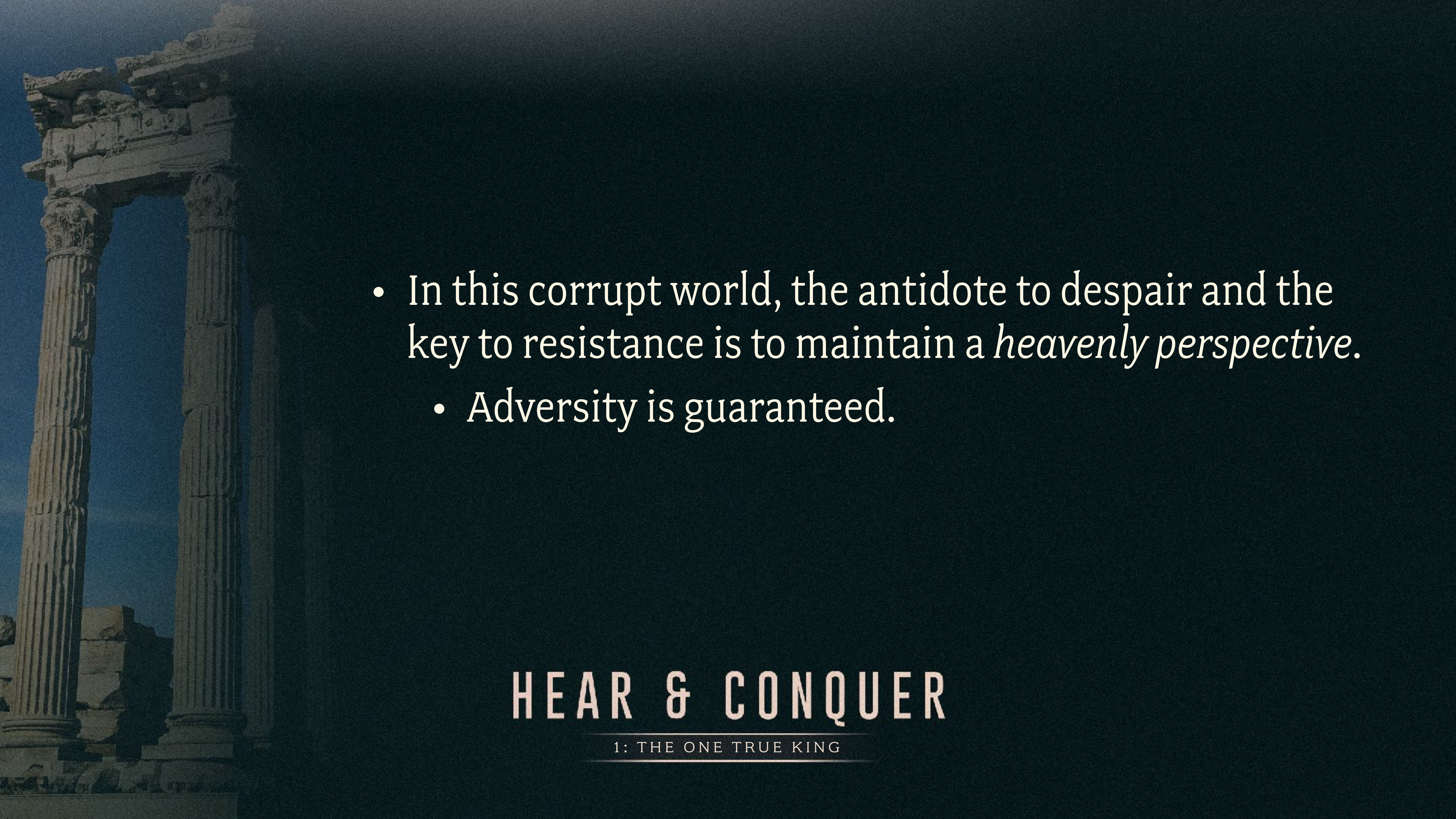
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Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

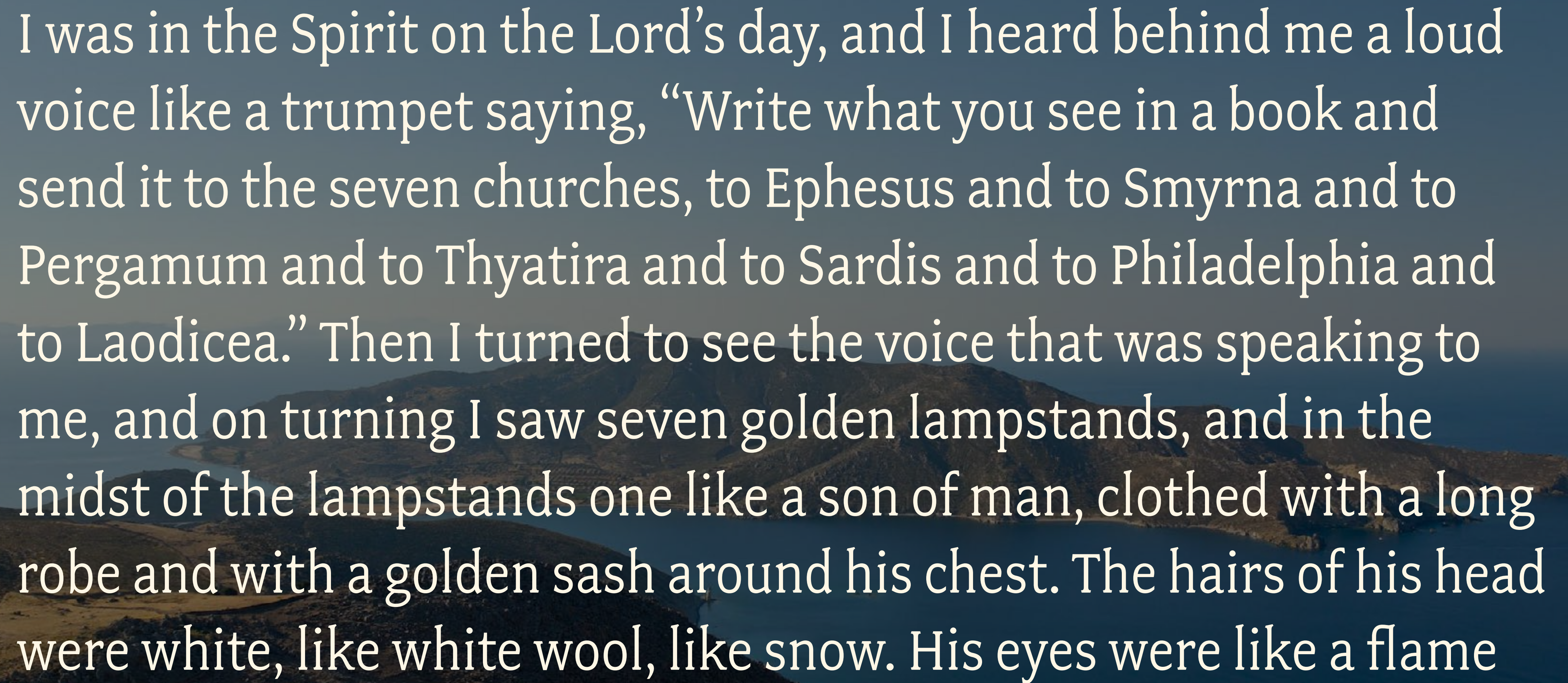
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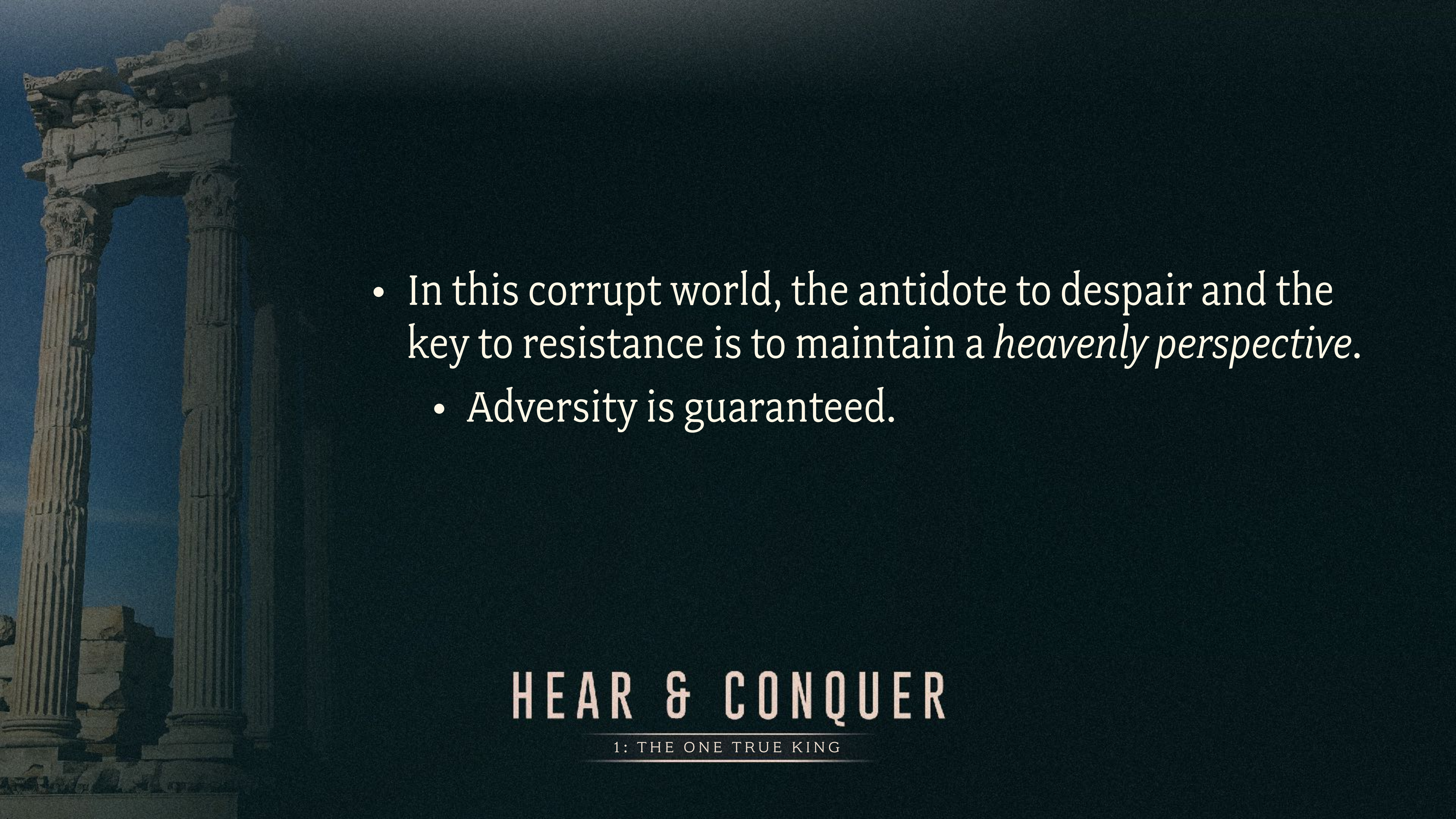
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of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

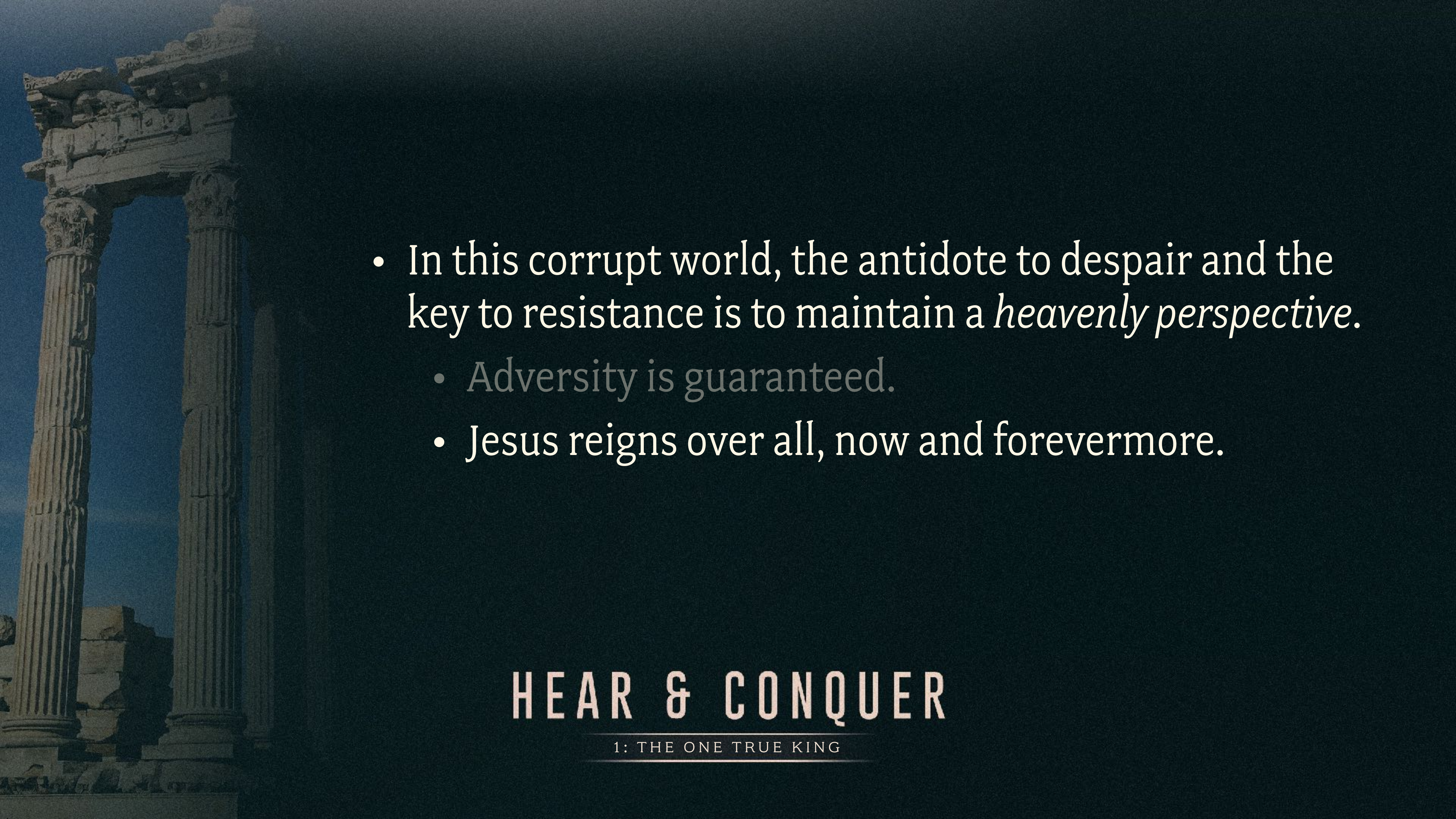
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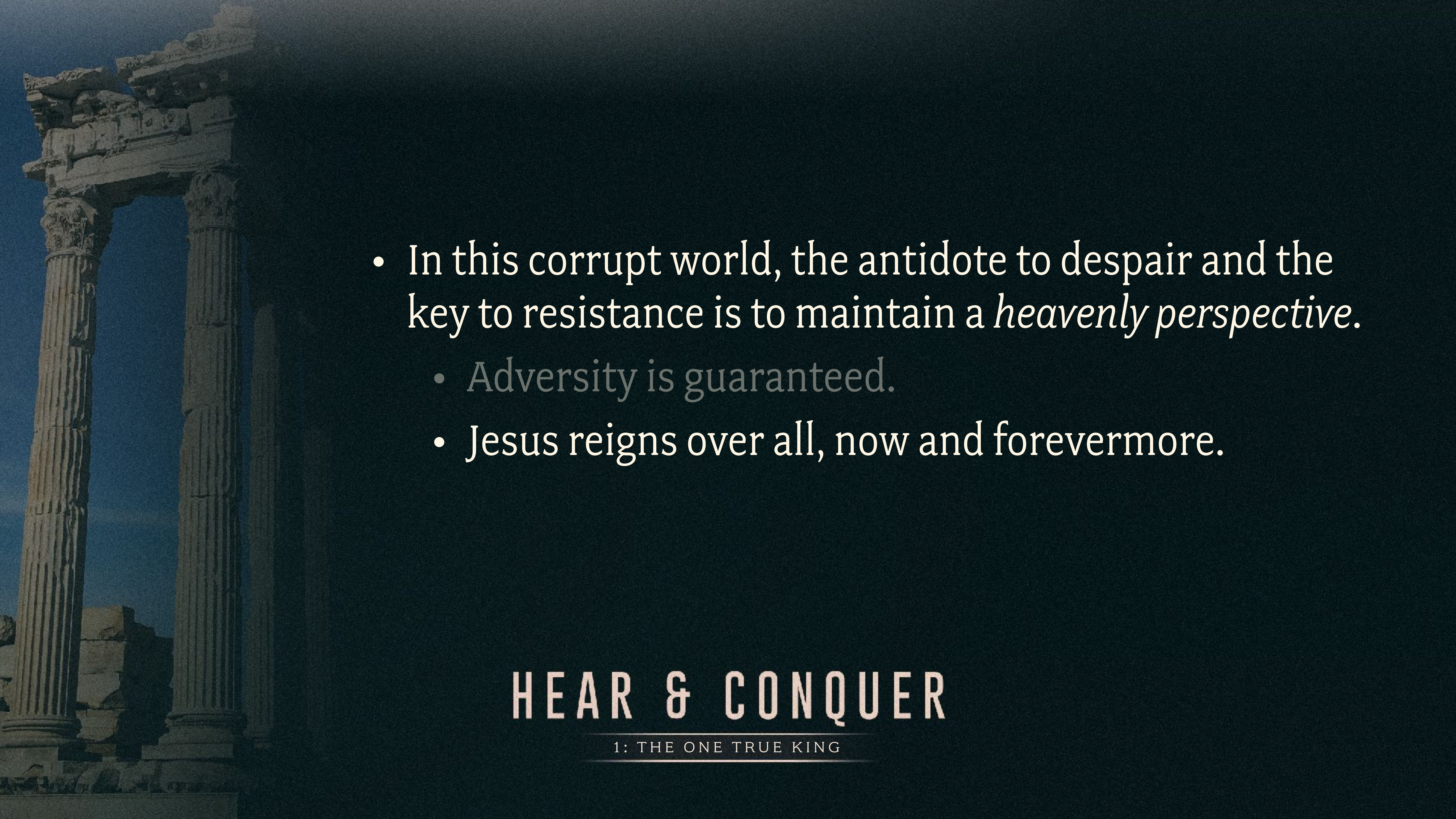


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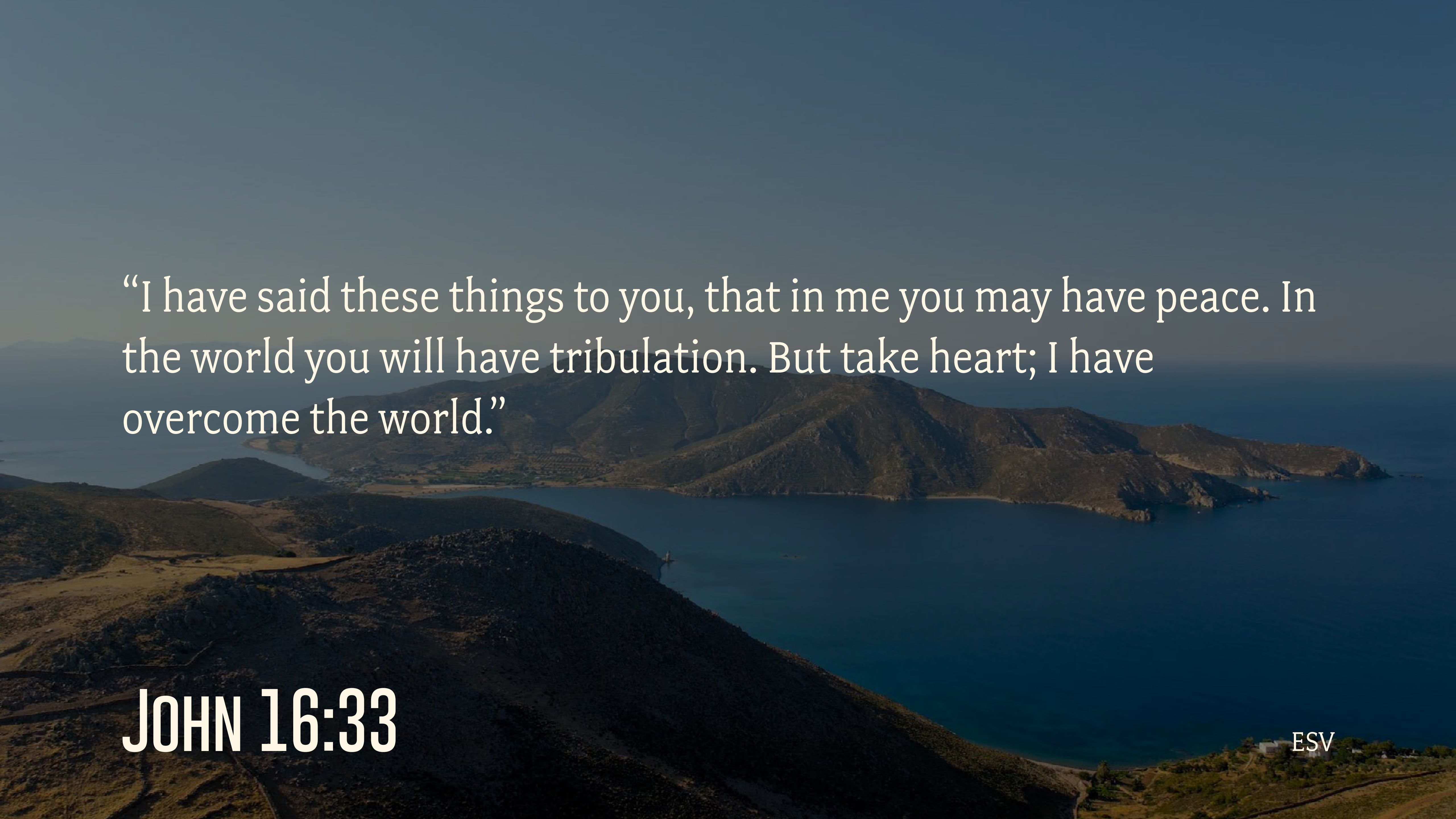
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“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”


JOHN 16:33

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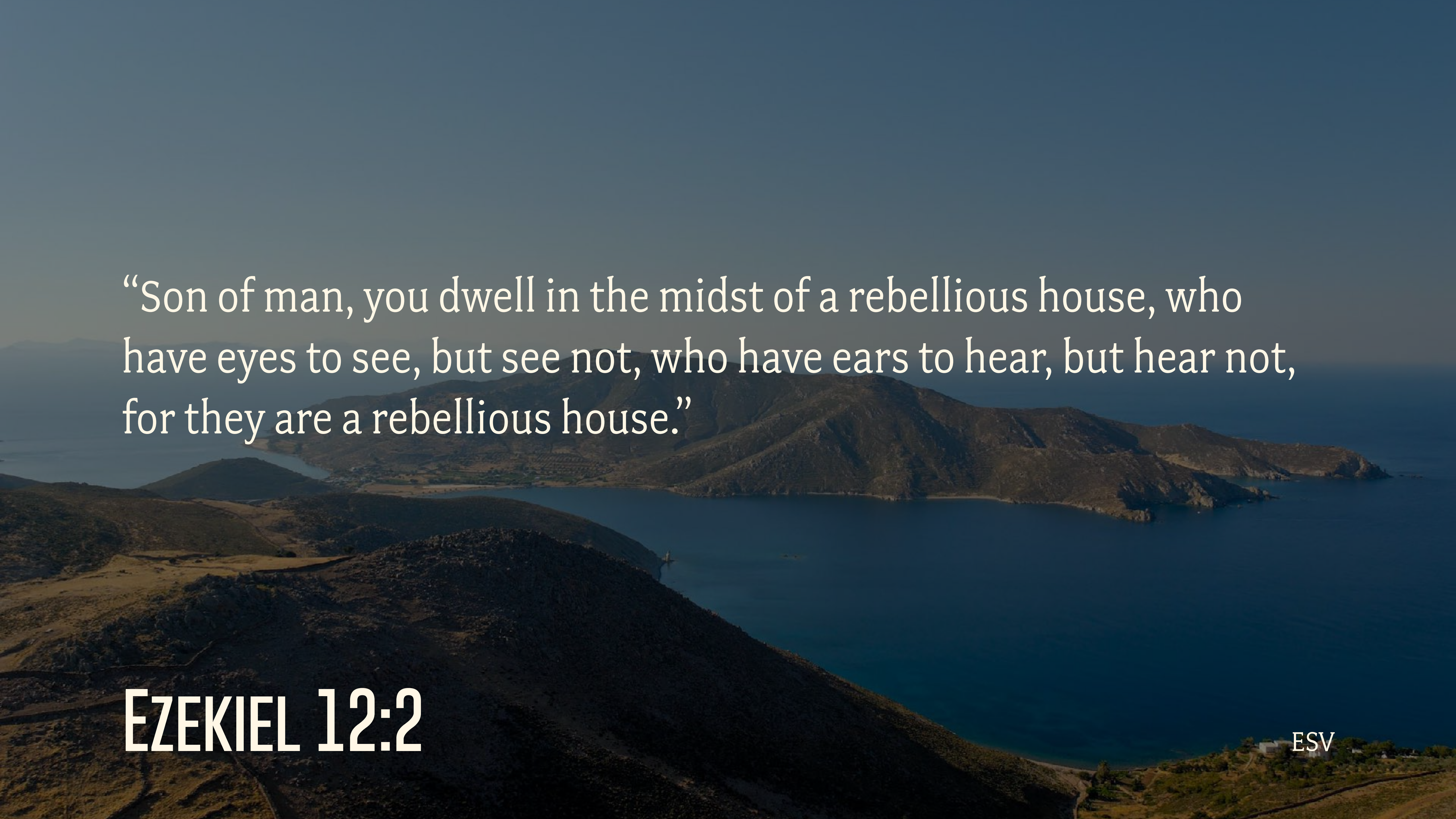
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“Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house.”


EZEKIEL 12:2

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

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

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

ROMANS 8:35-37

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