

Order of Service

- Worship in Fellowship
- Worship in Music
- Worship in Message
- Worship in Giving

July 30, 2023

Wayne Braudrick

The Bowls

Revelation 15-16

“As We See the Day Approaching” Series

Life Change: We turn to the Lord instead of our twisted selves.

The Twisted Self

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Those untwisted sing to God

Their place

15:1-4

Their focus

God’s wrath pours forth

The messengers are sent

15:5-8

The first outpouring of wrath

16:1-2

The second outpouring of wrath

16:3

The third outpouring of wrath

16:4-7

The fourth outpouring of wrath

16:8-9

The fifth outpouring of wrath

16:10-11

The sixth outpouring of wrath

16:12-16

The twisted selves response:

- Hard hearts
- Self-harm
- Demonic engagement
- Spiteful war

The seventh outpouring of wrath

16:17-21

(Continued from other side)

How did you find us?

- Online Ad
- All the Difference
- Website
- Family/Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another church?

Name/Location \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

I am new in the community

Do you already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/ I'd like to know more

I/we made a decision today:

- To place my/our trust in Jesus Christ
- For a deeper commitment to Christ
- To be baptized
- To learn more about joining this church

Names of those making this decision:

Prayer Request/Praise

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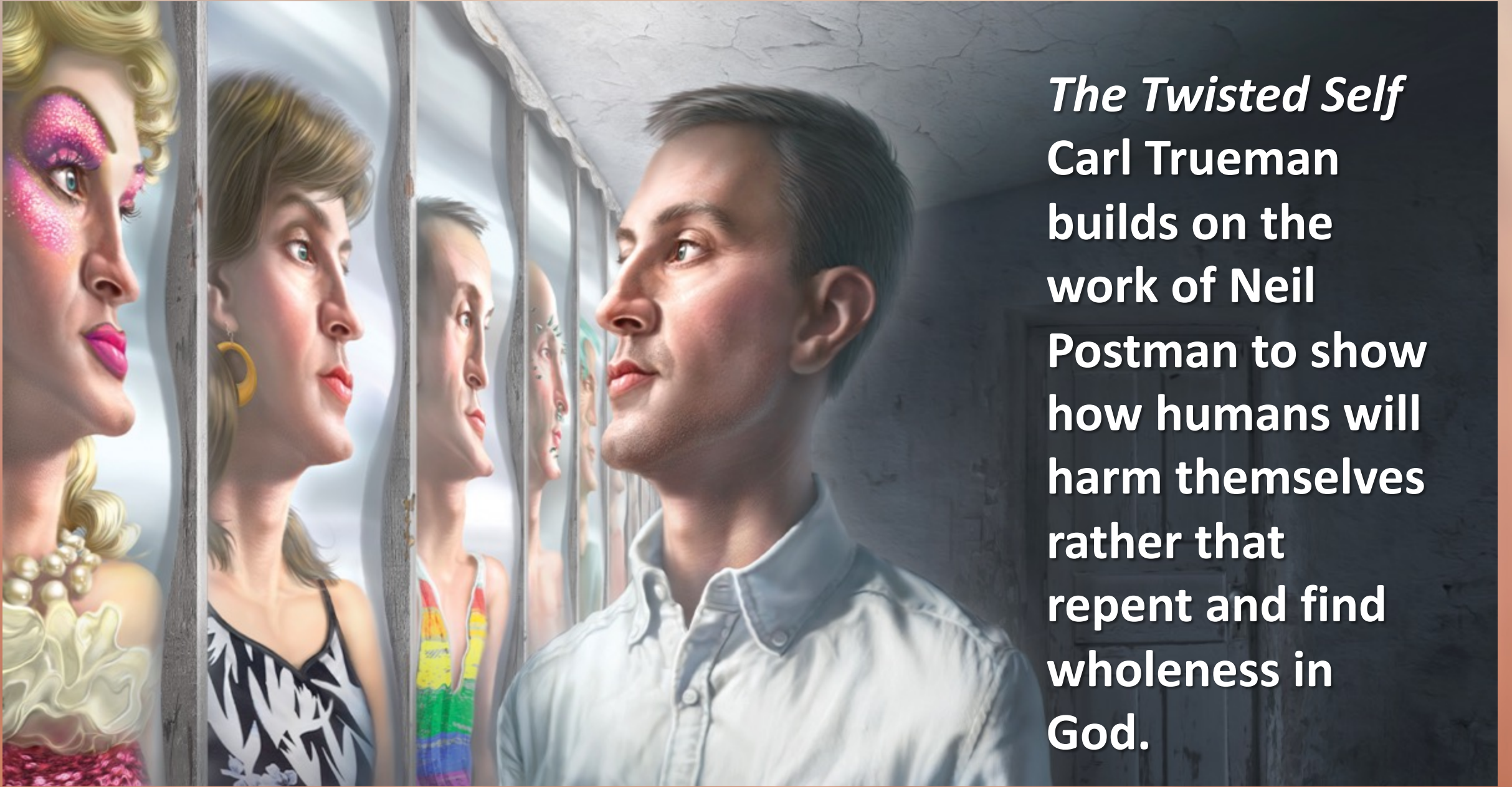
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AS WE SEE  
**THE DAY**  
APPROACHING

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*The Twisted Self*  
Carl Trueman  
builds on the  
work of Neil  
Postman to show  
how humans will  
harm themselves  
rather than  
repent and find  
wholeness in  
God.

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*The Confessions of Saint Augustine*

Books I-XIII

**The Bible says that humans are made in God's image, but that image has been defaced by sin. Humans matter uniquely, but cannot trust their own ideas of morality because, as Jeremiah wrote, "the heart is deceitful above all else." Wonderfully, God offers salvation in Jesus and the moral compass of the bible.**



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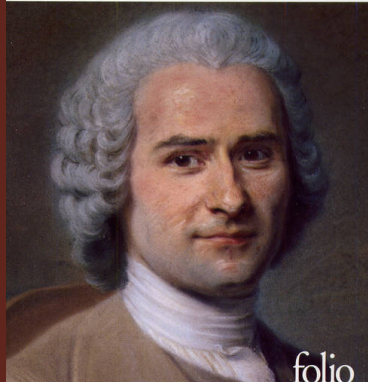
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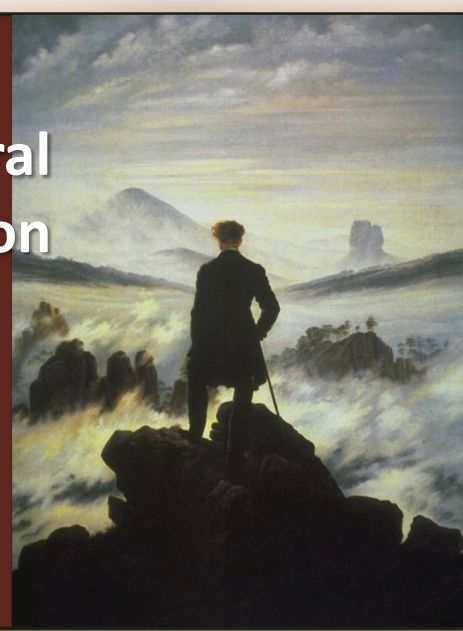
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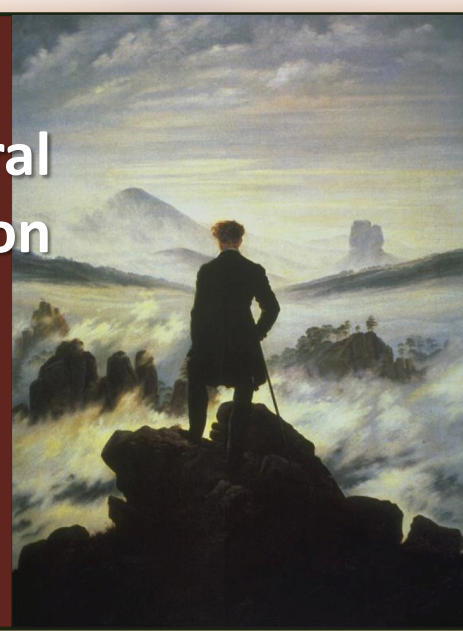
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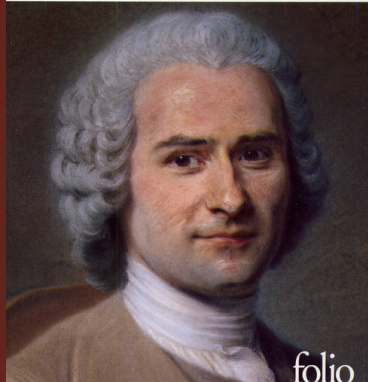
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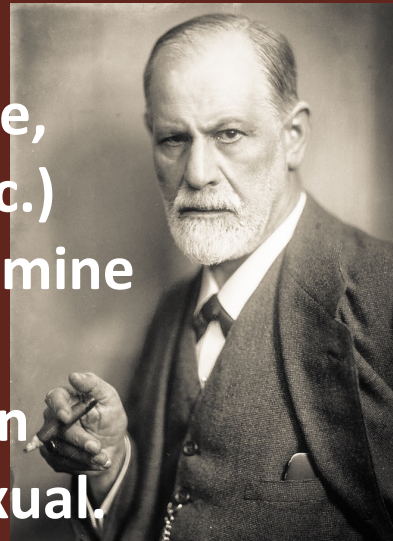
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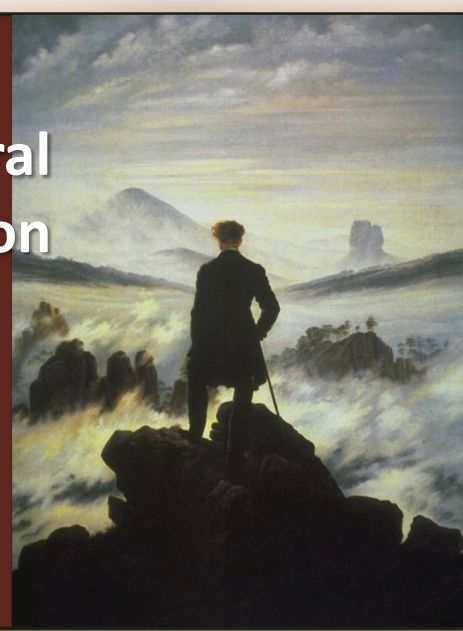
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edited by Robert N. Bellah and Steven M. Tipton

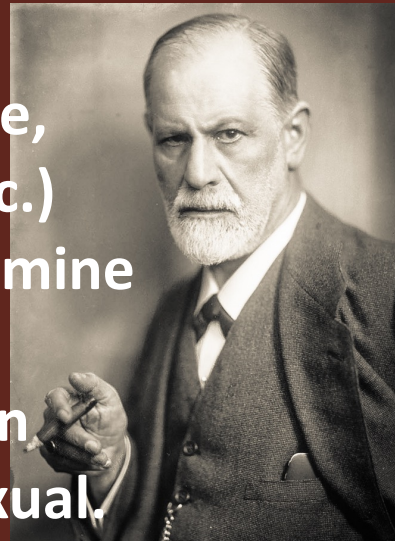
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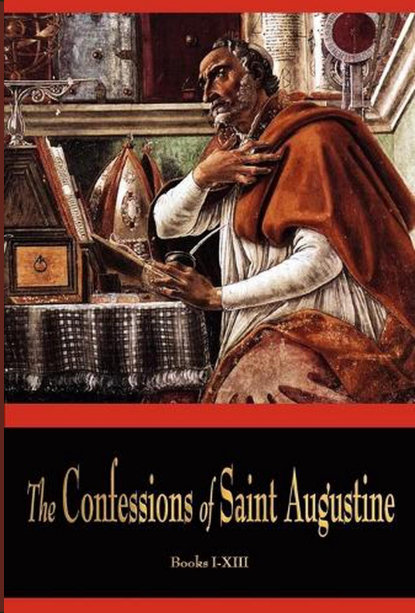
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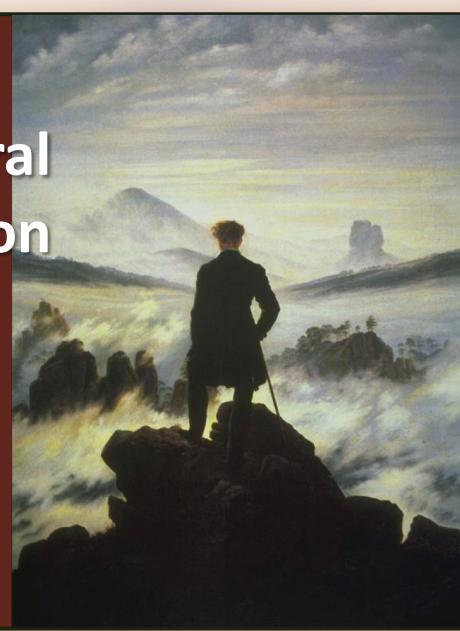




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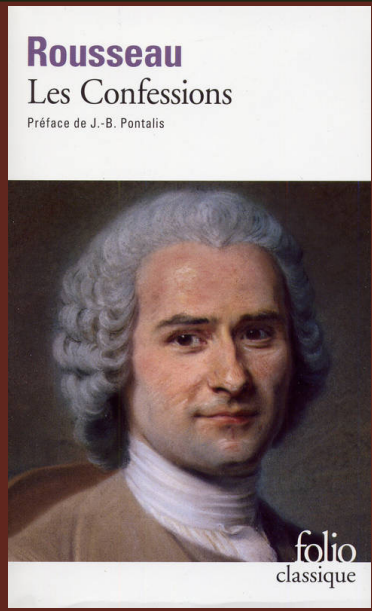


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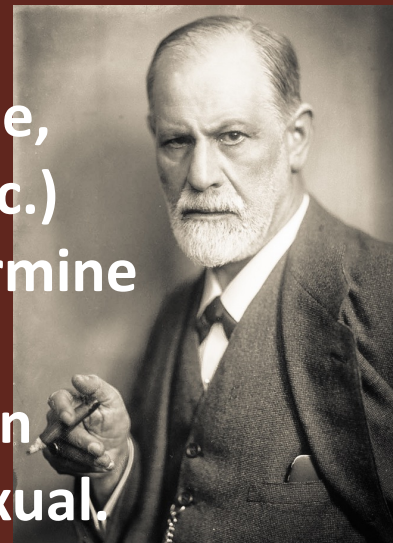


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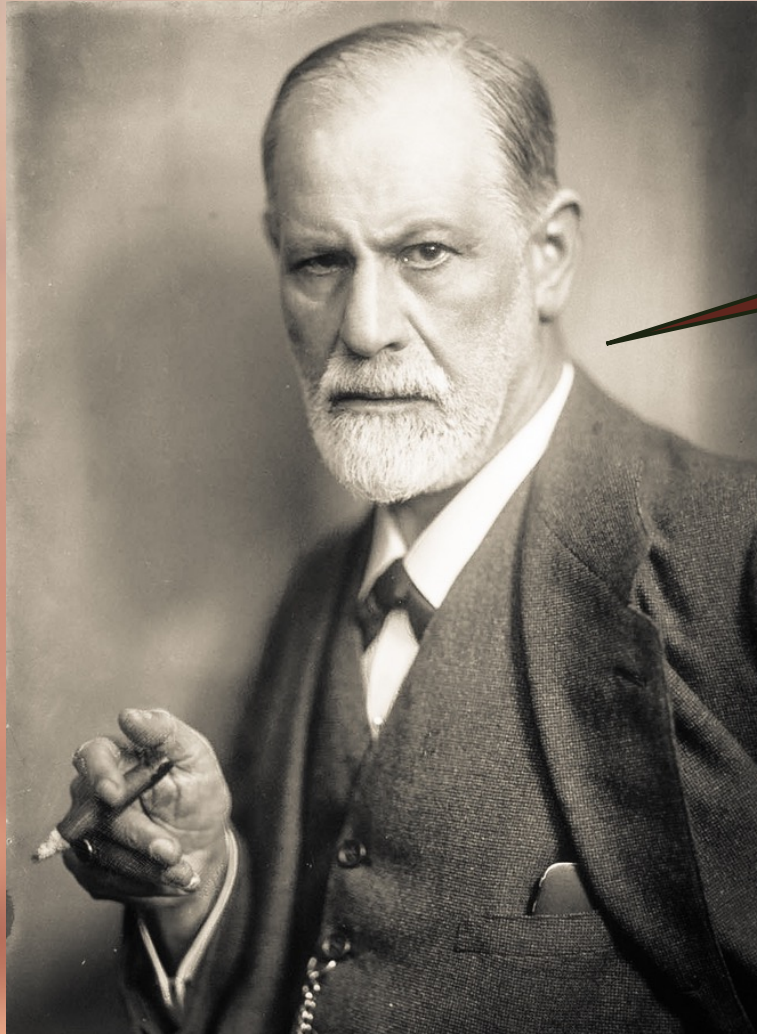
**Technology panders to the myths that fallen humans want to believe about themselves. First, that we are free, answerable to no one, and masters of our own destinies. Second, that human nature involves no accountability to some set of objective moral standards...Platforms have taken expressive individualism shaped by intellectuals and mainlined it into the larger culture. As a result:**

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**Why bring this up  
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**Revelation 15 CSB**

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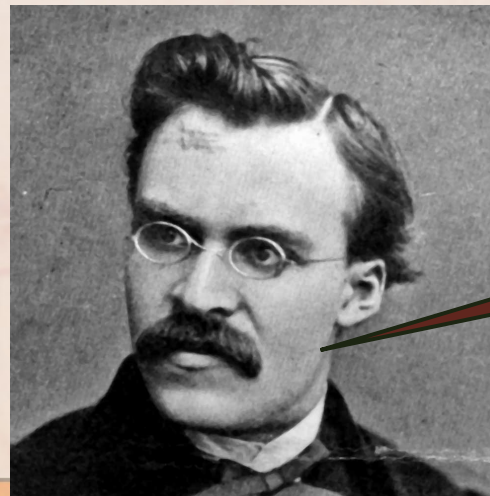
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— F. Nietzsche



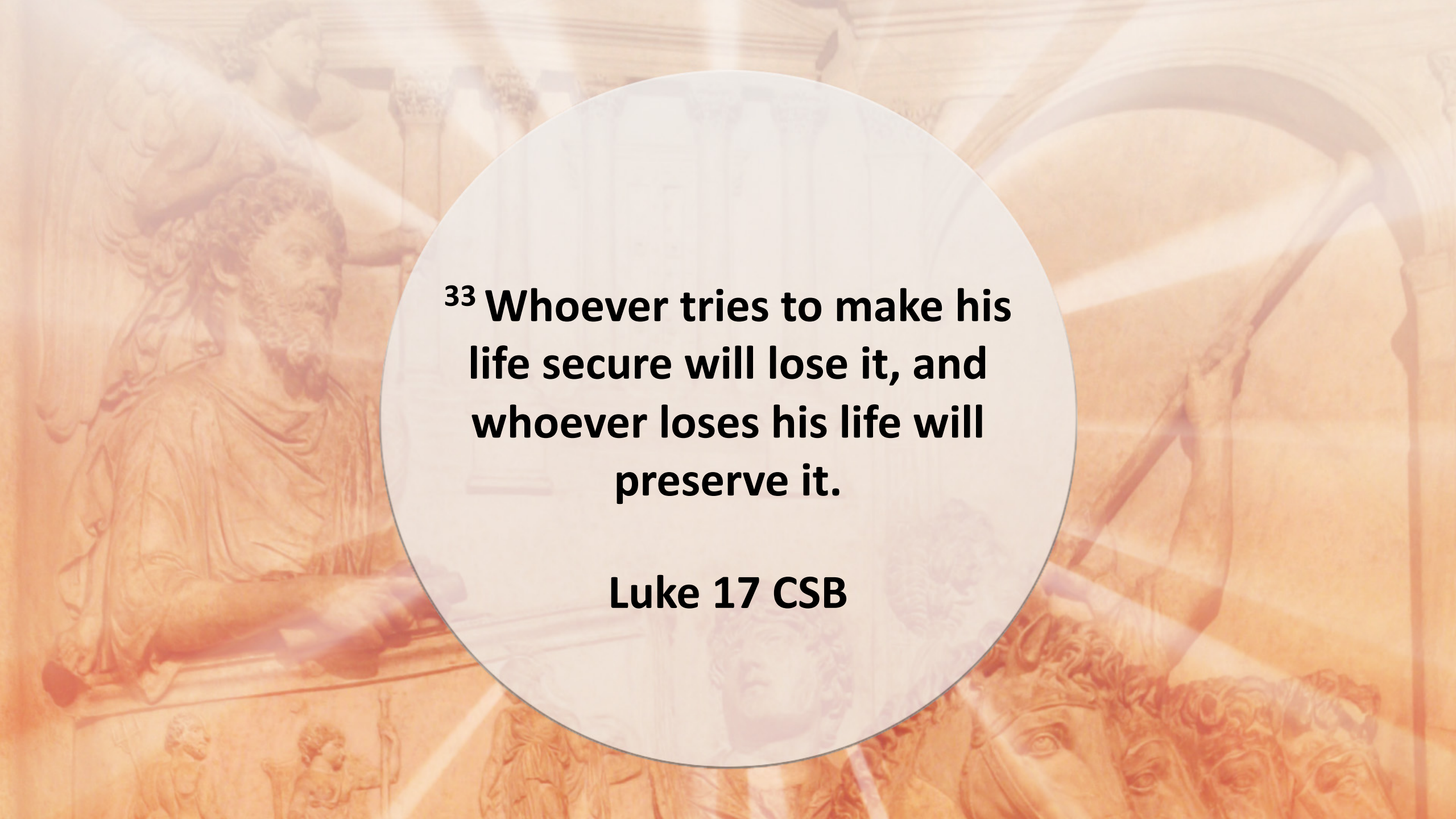


**No! They were not supermen at all. They died. That's why they are now in the heavenly dimension in the very presence of God. They first died to self by trusting Jesus. That prepared them for eternity, so that when the earthly evil killed them, they were immediately in the presence of God.**

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**<sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to make his life secure will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.**

**Luke 17 CSB**

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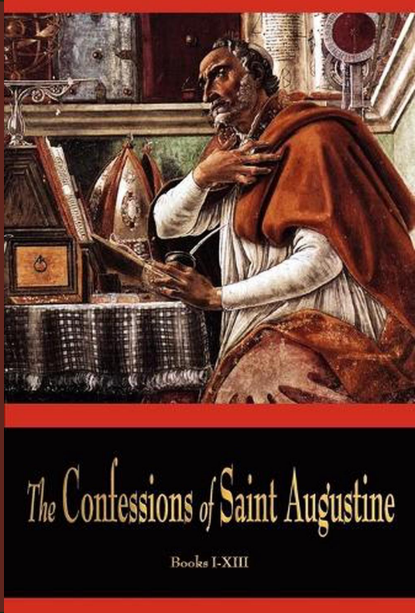
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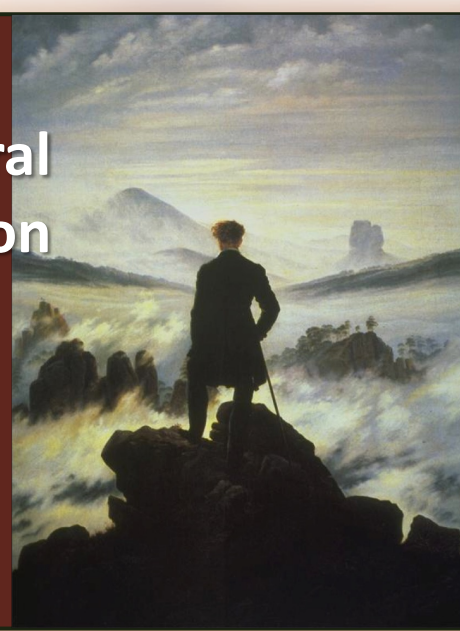


**This is something Jesus shared many times. Those who trust Him, who give up their self-determination because they believe they need redemption provided by the God-Man, are saved.**

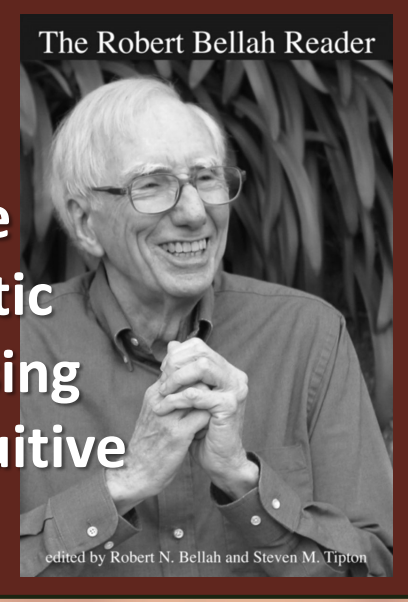
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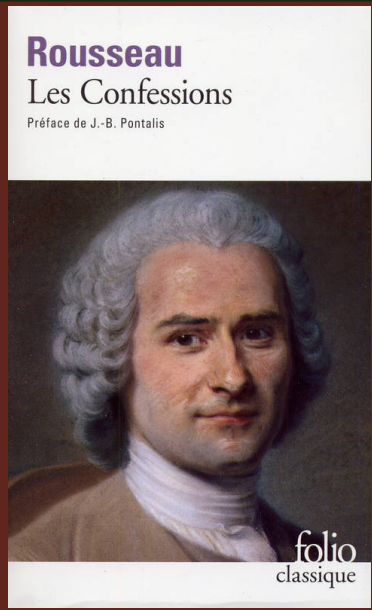


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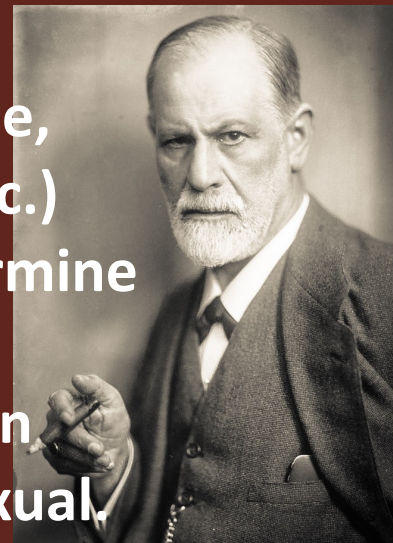


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**Like some of the biblical prophets, I get surly with God. I hold him against my standard of supposed righteousness and declare that I find Him wanting. I care more about my feelings than I do the real facts of life.**







**Focus on my hurts and feelings**



**Focus on Triune God**  
***Ascension of the saints***  
**Giovanni Lanfranco, 1622-28**





***Death in Venice***  
**Antonio Franchi**  
**1666 (showing**  
**plague of 1468)**



**The Venetian Republic made it through, greatly because of the unifying work of the priests in Venice. They kept the people focused on the Triune God.**



***Venice Miracle*  
Antonio Franchi, 1668  
(detailing 1468 plague)**





***Apostle John Arch***  
**Pietro Lombardo**  
**1478**

courtesy WB





**DIVIO IOANNE APOSTOLO ET EVANGELISTAE  
PROTECTORI ET SANCTISSIMAE CRUCI**

**Divine John, Apostle & Evangelist  
To the Protector and to the Most Holy Cross**

**John's writing directed the city's focus  
to God the Protector and the thing  
that matters most – the cross wherein  
comes our salvation.**



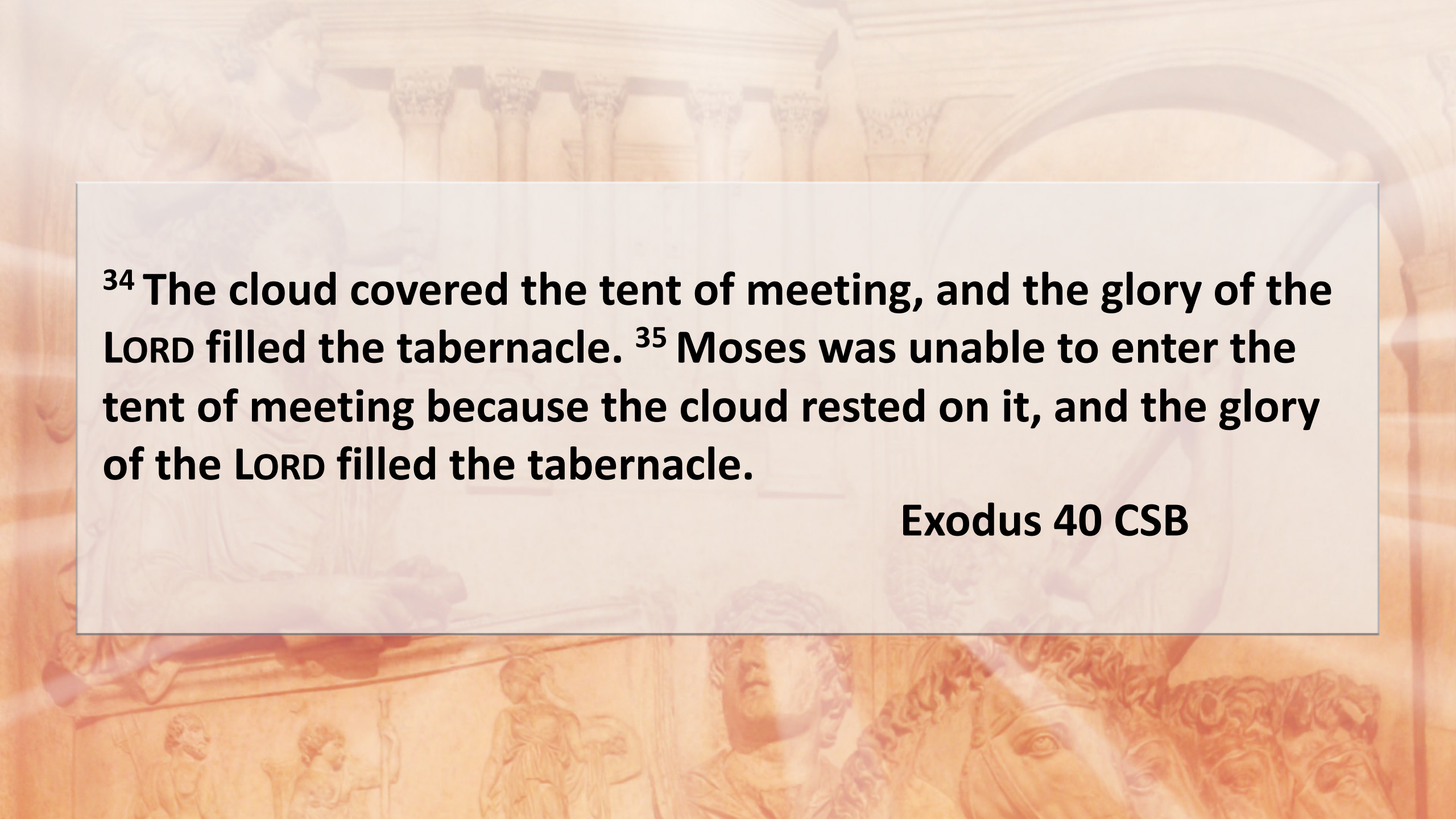
**<sup>5</sup> After this I looked, and the heavenly temple—the tabernacle of testimony—was opened. <sup>6</sup> Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, dressed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes wrapped around their chests. <sup>7</sup> One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup> Then the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.**

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**<sup>34</sup> The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses was unable to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud rested on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**

**Exodus 40 CSB**



**So, what will  
the heavenly  
Temple cloud  
signify?**

**The Tabernacle cloud  
showed God's holiness as  
He dwelt with people.**

courtesy NWC; James McNeil





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**Greek: κακός kakos = something loathsome; includes a moral element of weakness**



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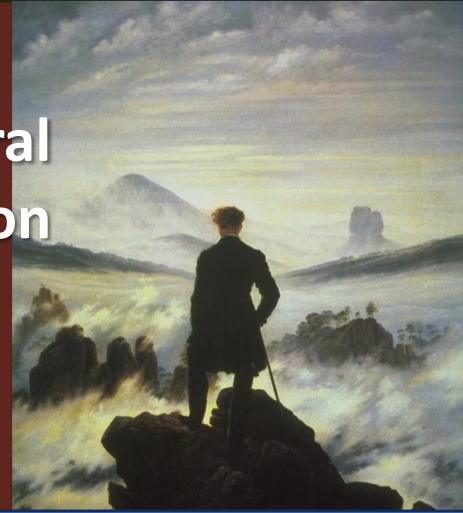
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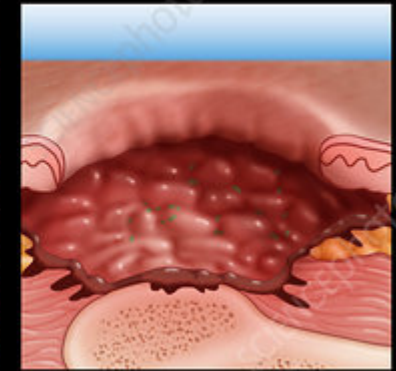
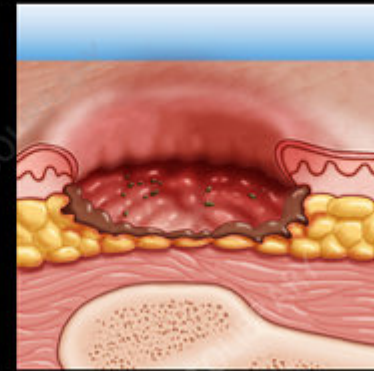
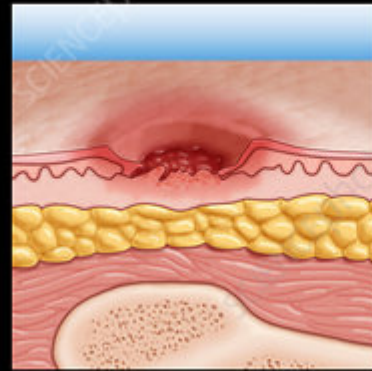
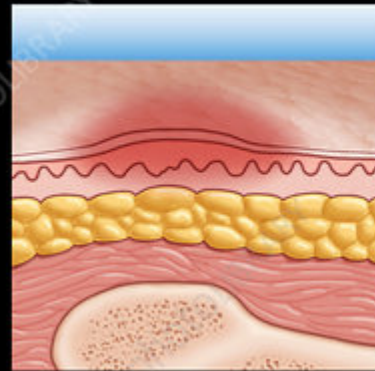


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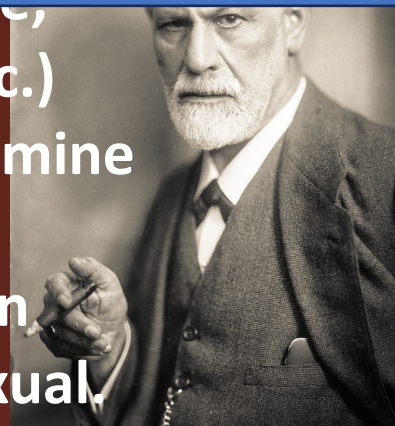
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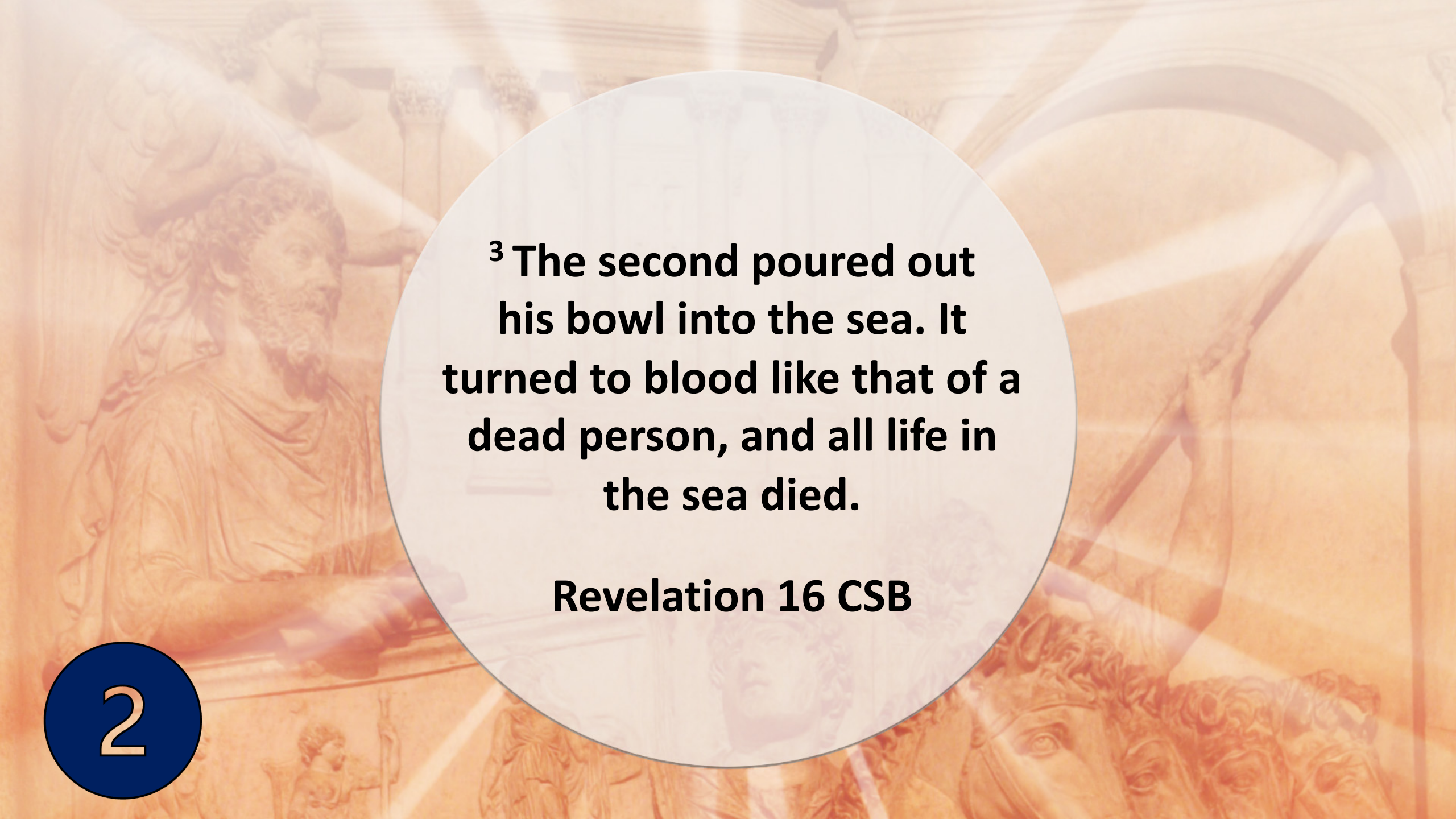
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**<sup>3</sup> The second poured out his bowl into the sea. It turned to blood like that of a dead person, and all life in the sea died.**

**Revelation 16 CSB**





courtesy blackswanfp







**<sup>4</sup> The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup> I heard the angel of the waters say,**

**You are just,**

**the Holy One, who is and who was,**

**because you have passed judgment on these things.**

**<sup>6</sup> Because they poured out**

**the blood of the saints and the prophets,**

**you have given them blood to drink;**

**they deserve it!**

**<sup>7</sup> I heard the altar say,**

**Yes, Lord God, the Almighty,**

**true and just are your judgments.**



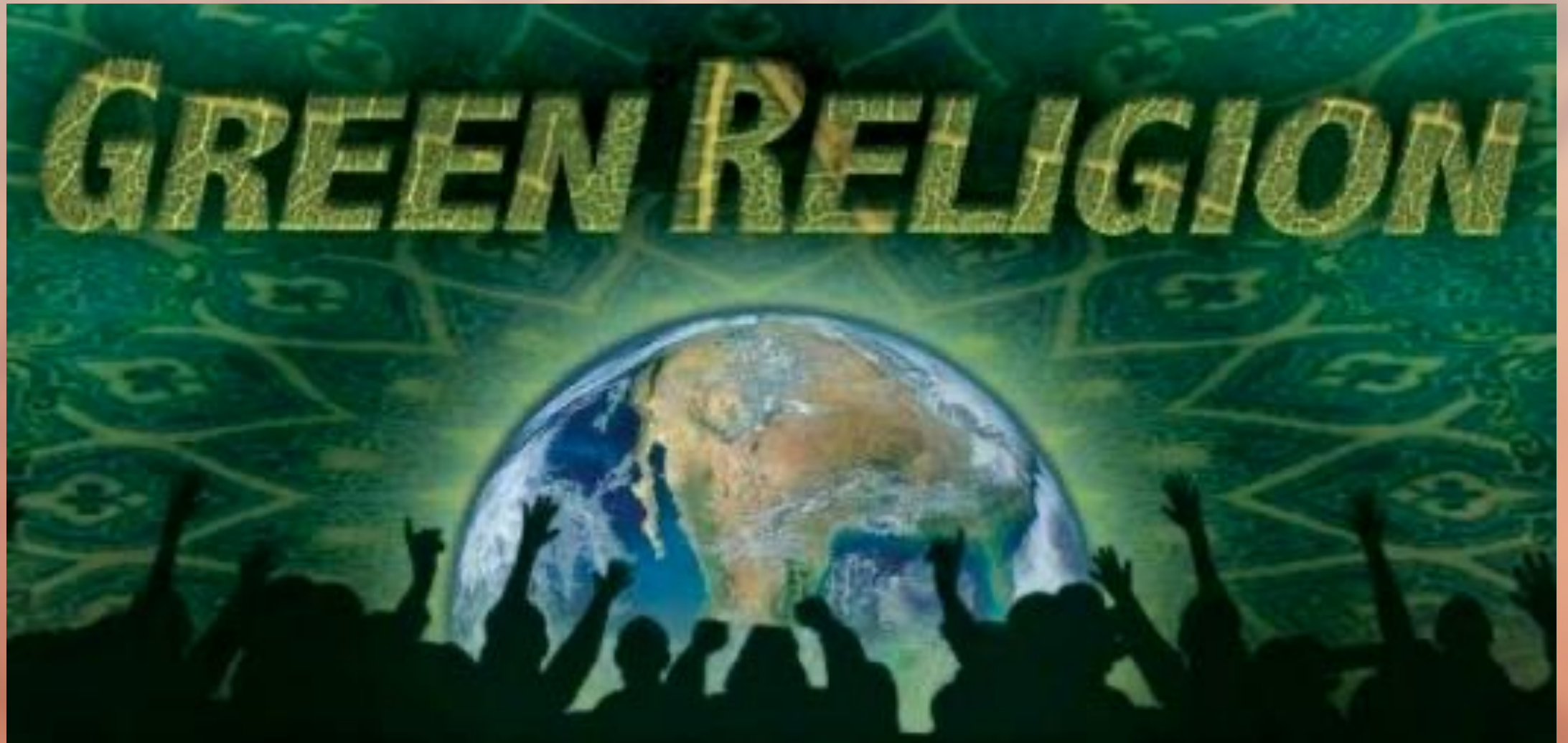
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## Exodus 20



## Revelation 16



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courtesy huffpost; juventud

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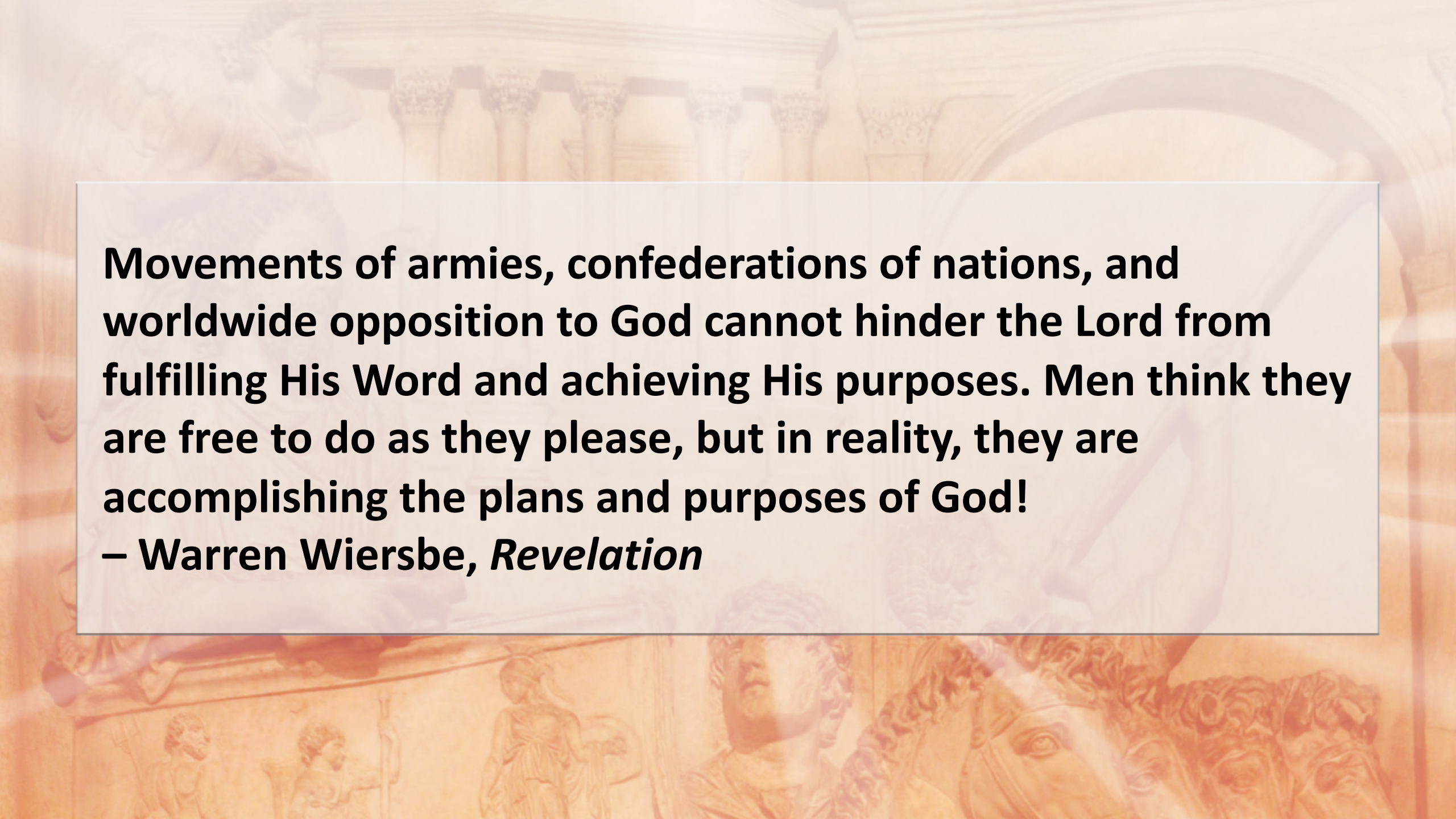


***The False Prophet, Antichrist, and Satan issue demons***  
**Getty Apocalypse, ms. Ludwig III 1, fol. 34v**  
**ca. 1255-60**

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**Movements of armies, confederations of nations, and worldwide opposition to God cannot hinder the Lord from fulfilling His Word and achieving His purposes. Men think they are free to do as they please, but in reality, they are accomplishing the plans and purposes of God!**

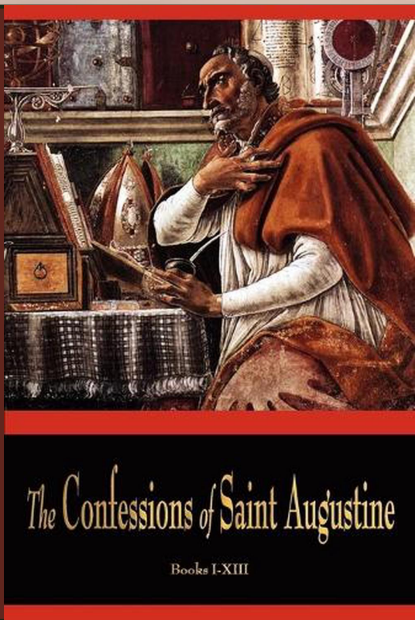
**– Warren Wiersbe, *Revelation***

## **The twisted selves respond with:**

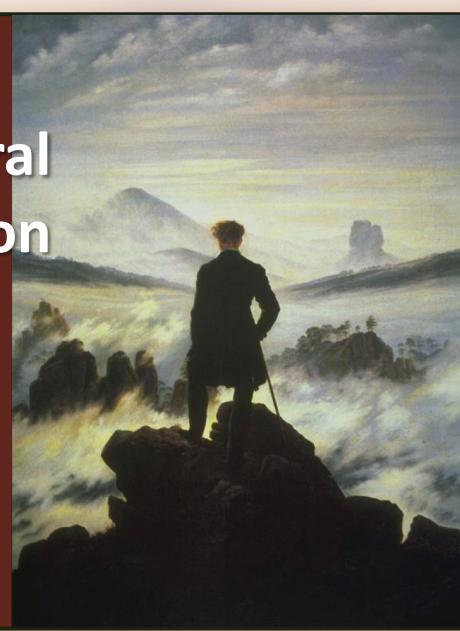
- **Hard hearts. They blaspheme and refuse to repent.**
- **Self-harm. This is a tragedy in every age, but in the Tribulation's close it will be amazingly widespread.**
- **Participation in demonic engagement. The leaders on earth are wowed and deluded by the "miracle-working" demons.**
- **A spiteful war. Let's move our armies against Israel.**



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We can find moral perfection in our hearts.

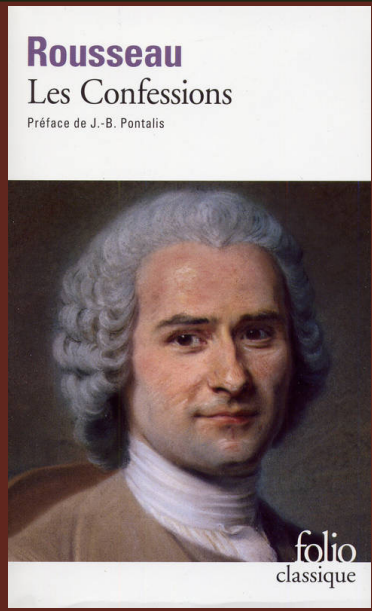


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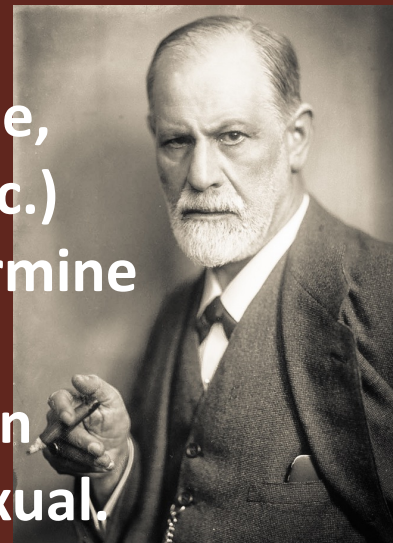


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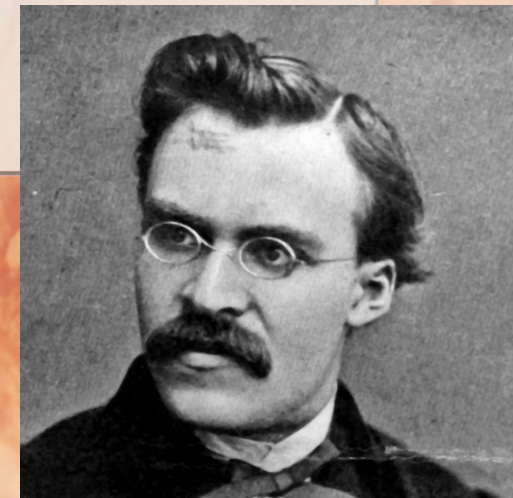
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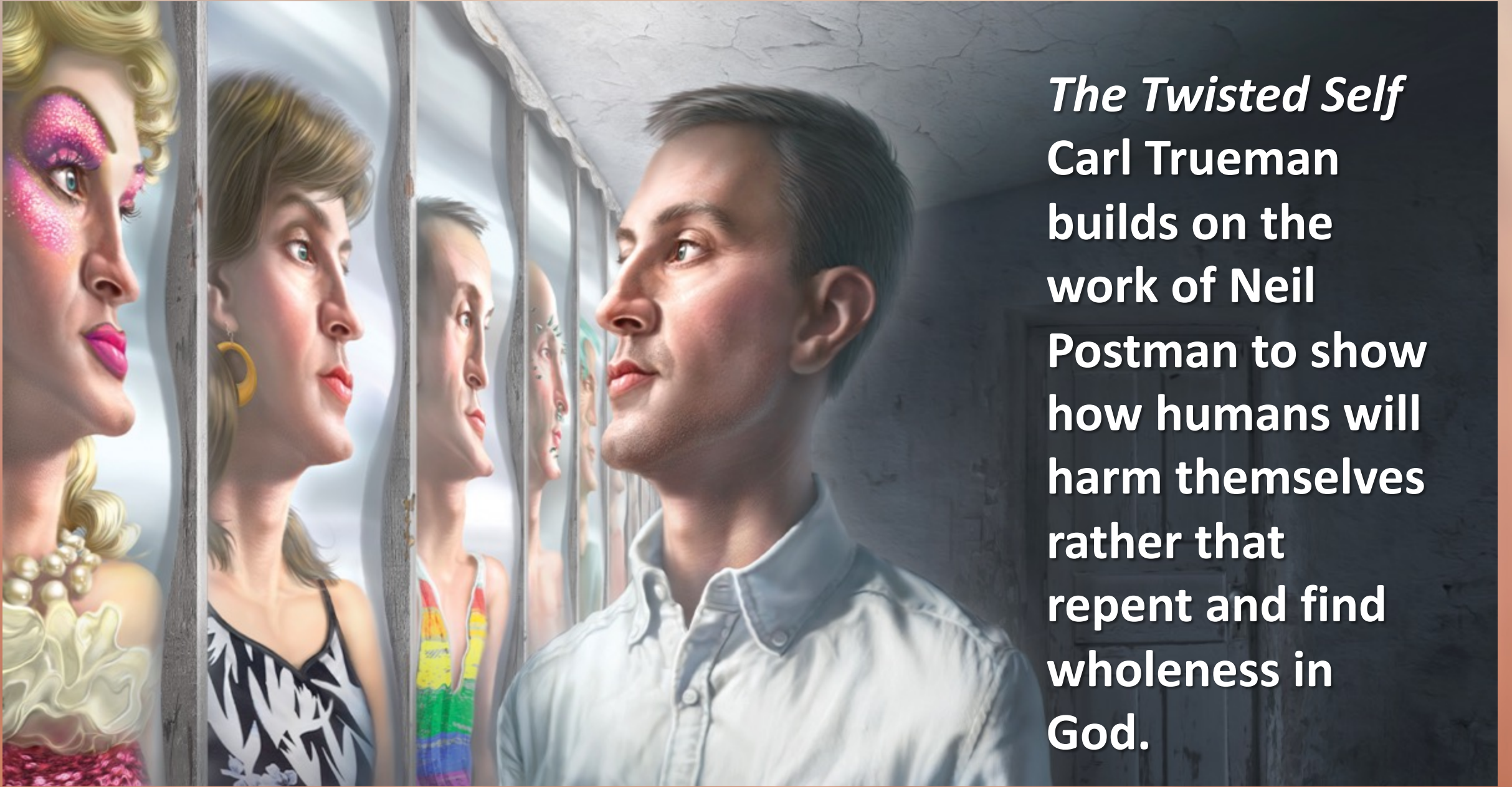
**God is dead, God remains dead, and we have killed him...  
What do you consider the most humane? - To spare someone  
shame.**

**What is the seal of liberation? - To no longer be ashamed in  
front of oneself.**

**– Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Gay Science: With a Prelude  
in Rhymes and an Appendix of Songs***







*The Twisted Self*  
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Postman to show  
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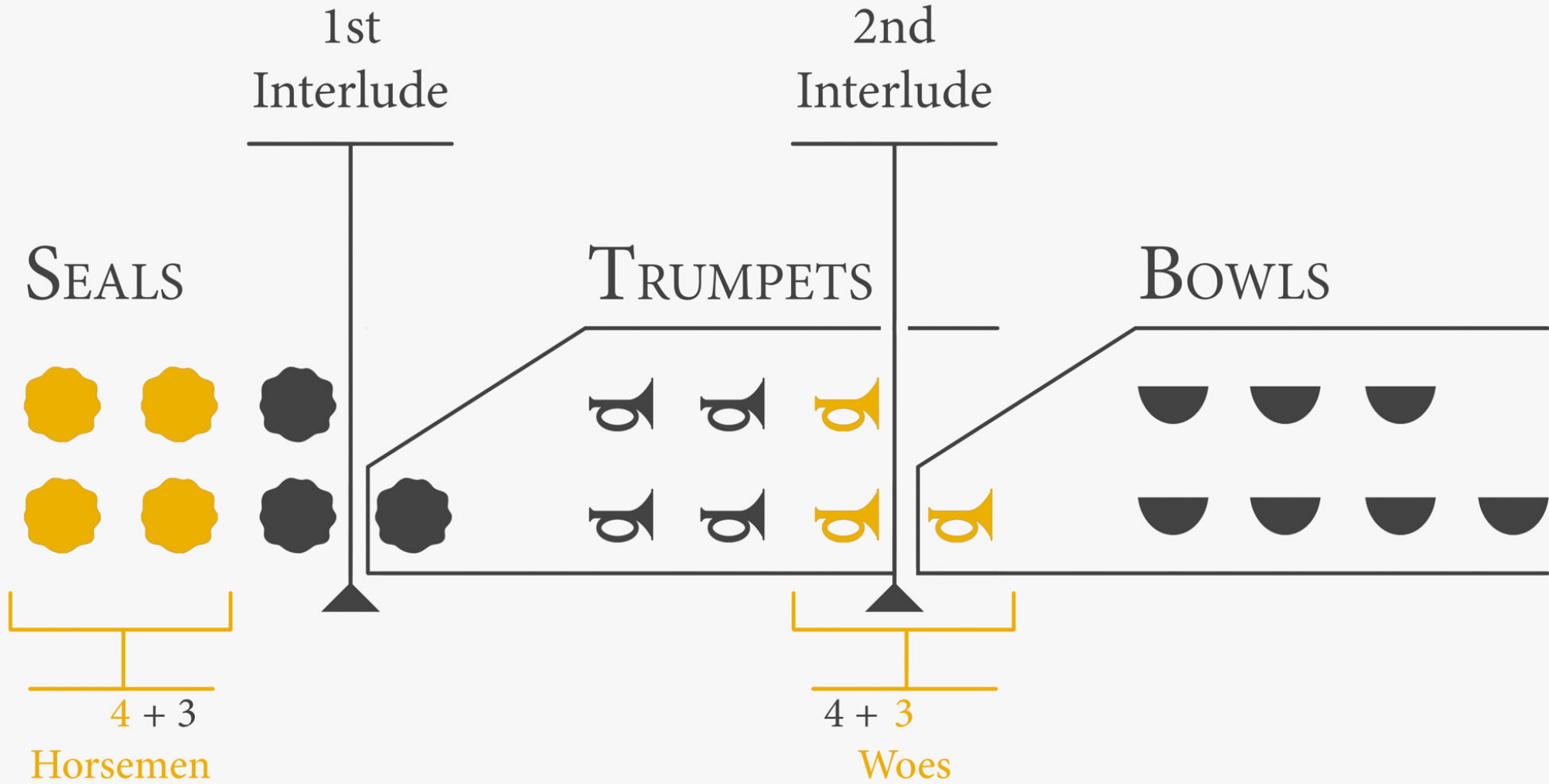


**Radical individual  
freedom fosters  
remarkable intolerance.  
– Carl R. Trueman,  
“The Twisted Self”**





# The Great Tribulation



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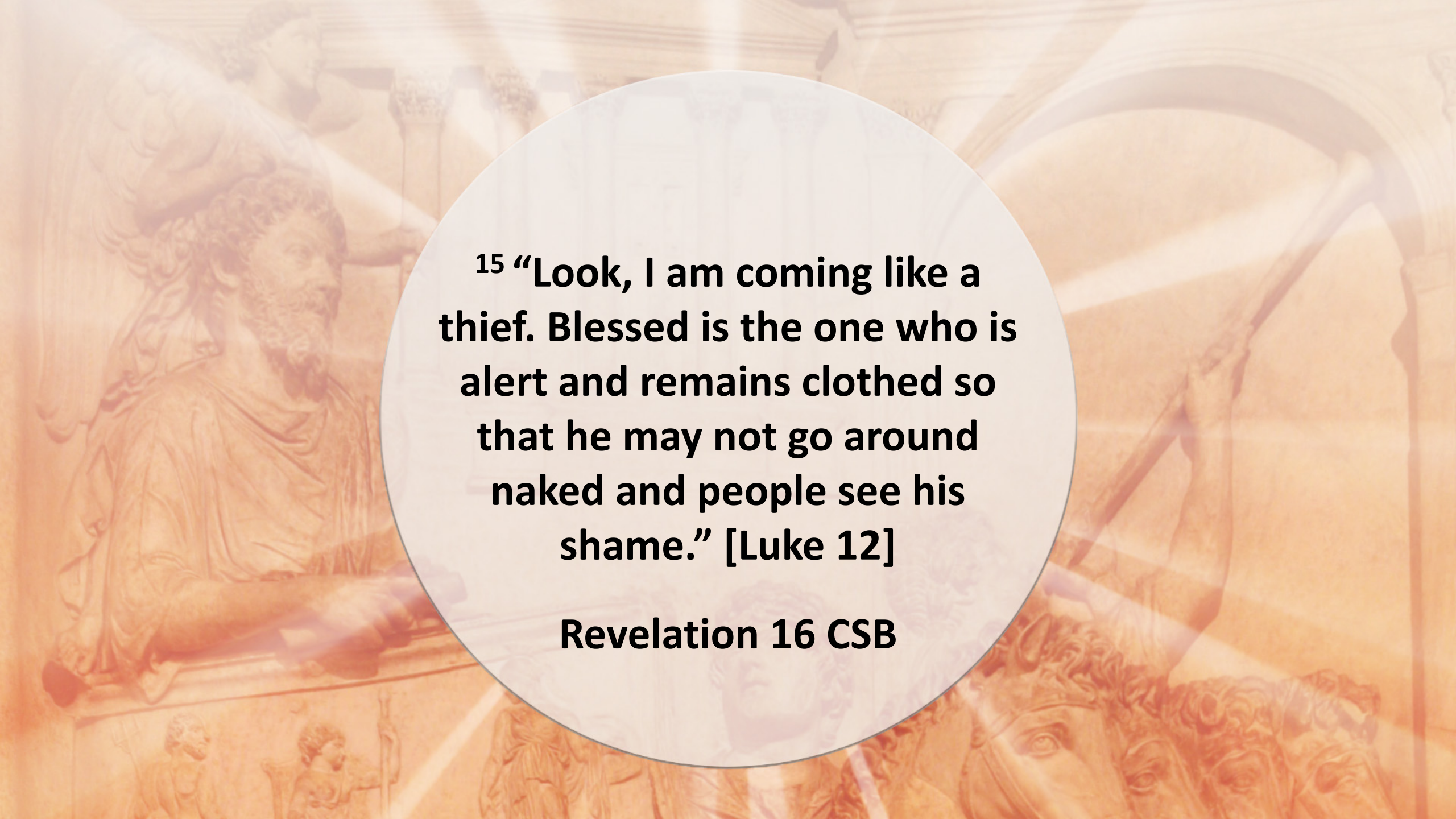
# THE END

MARK  
HITCHCOCK

# 7

**<sup>17</sup> Then the seventh poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup> There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder. And a severe earthquake occurred like no other since people have been on the earth, so great was the quake. <sup>19</sup> The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the Great was remembered in God’s presence; he gave her the cup filled with the wine of his fierce anger. <sup>20</sup> Every island fled, and the mountains disappeared. <sup>21</sup> Enormous hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell from the sky on people, and they blasphemed God for the plague of hail because that plague was extremely severe.**

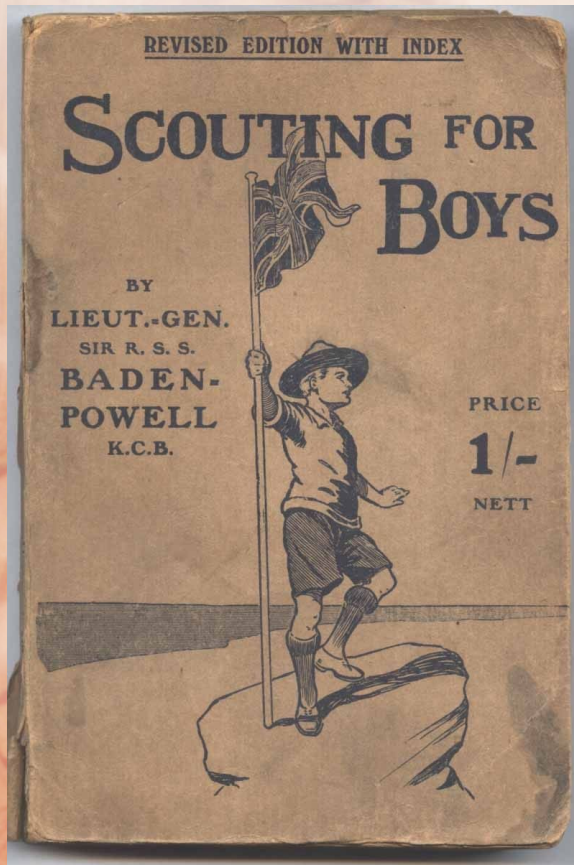


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**<sup>15</sup> “Look, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who is alert and remains clothed so that he may not go around naked and people see his shame.” [Luke 12]**

**Revelation 16 CSB**





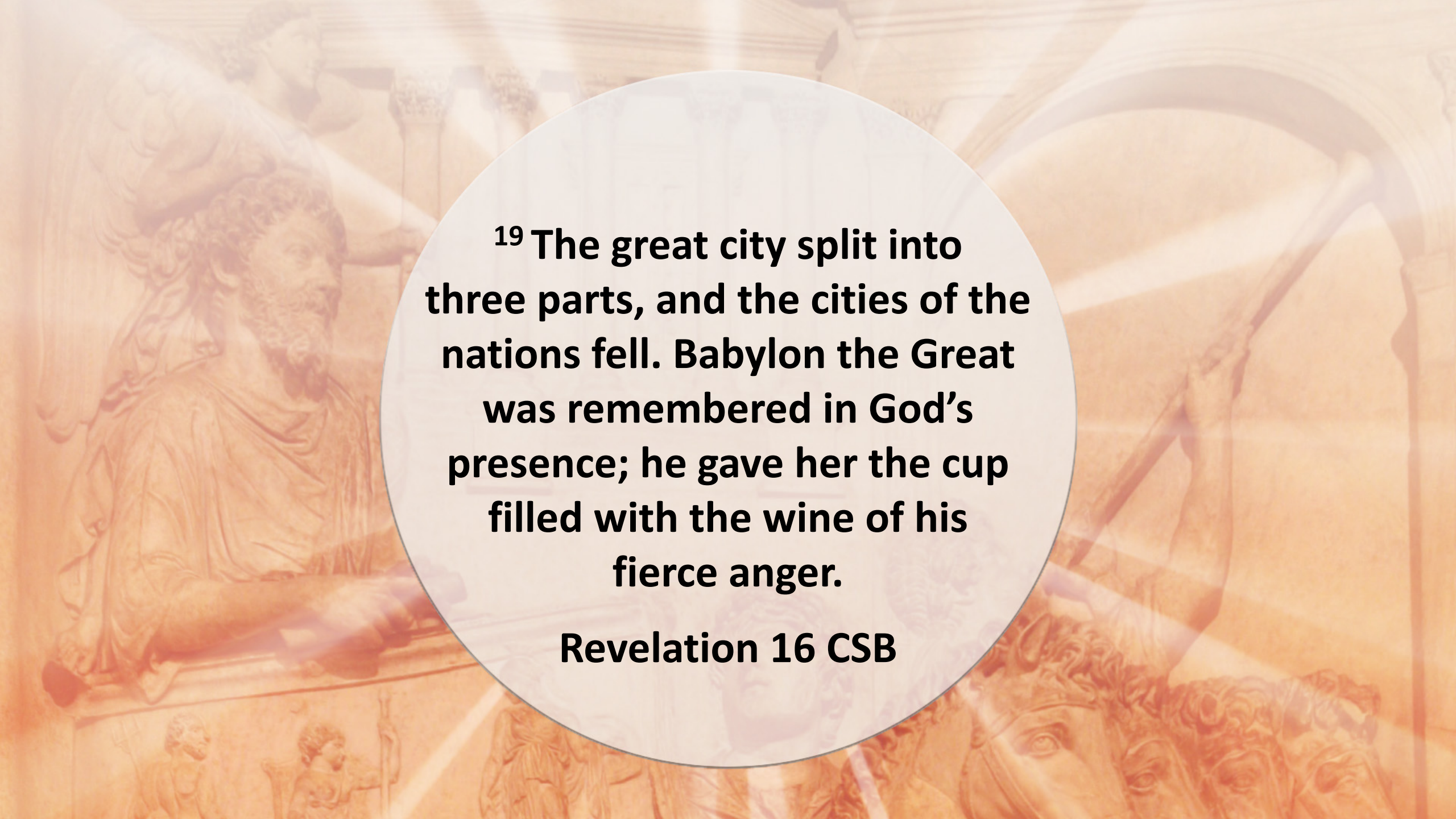
**On my honour I promise that—**

- I will do my duty to God and the King.**
  - I will do my best to help others, whatever it costs me.**
  - I know the scout law and will obey it.**
- Robert Baden-Powell, *Scouting for Boys***



**I promise to do my  
duty...(pause)  
to God and my  
country...(long pause)  
so long as they both  
shall live.**



The background features a classical architectural scene. On the left, a bearded man in a draped robe sits on a ledge, looking towards the right. On the right, a figure stands holding a large hammer, positioned as if about to strike. The scene is set within a grand building with arches and columns, rendered in a warm, golden-brown color palette.

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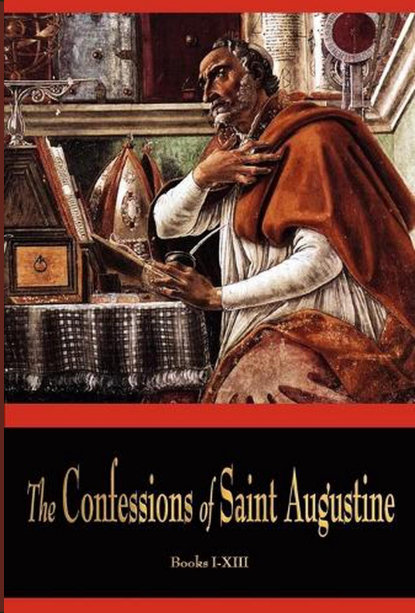
**The triumph of rights [over] obligations has resulted in irresponsible “freedom” which has opened an abyss of human decadence...The Western view of the world [has become] the basis for political and social doctrine and could be called...humanistic autonomy: the proclaimed and practiced autonomy of man from any higher force above him...man [is**

**wrongly] seen at the centre of all. – Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 1978 Harvard Commencement**

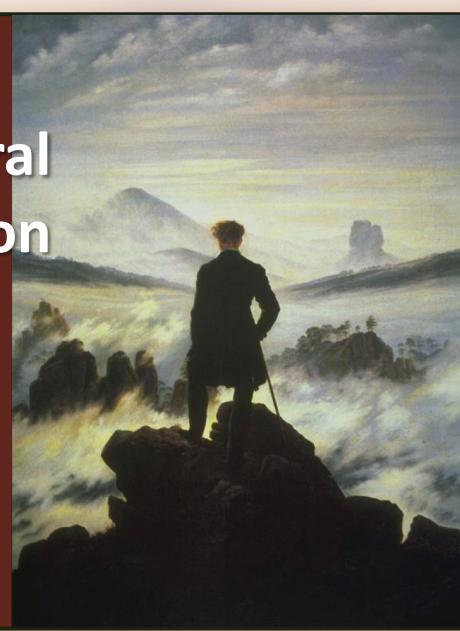




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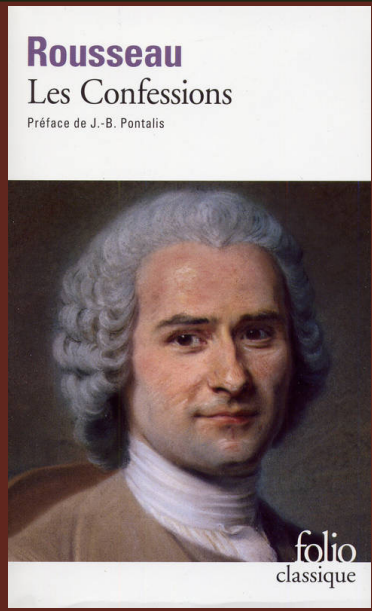


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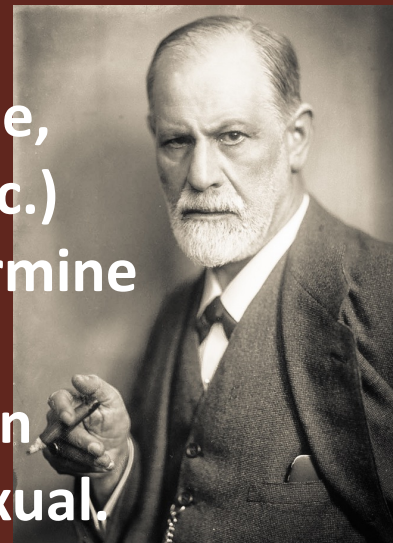


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## Revelation 15 CSB

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw another great and awe-inspiring sign in heaven: seven angels with the seven last plagues; for with them God's wrath will be completed. <sup>2</sup> I also saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had won the victory over the beast, its image, and the number of its name, were standing on the sea of glass with harps from God. <sup>3</sup> They sang the song of God's servant Moses and the song of the Lamb:

*Ascension of the saints to heaven*  
Giovanni Lanfranco  
1622-28





**The Venetian Republic made it through, greatly because of the unifying work of the priests in Venice. They kept the people focused on the Triune God.**



***Venice Miracle***  
**Antonio Franchi, 1668**  
**(detailing 1468 plague)**





AS WE SEE  
**THE DAY**  
APPROACHING