

Order of Service

July 9, 2023

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

Wayne Braudrick

The Trumpets

Revelation 8-9

"As We See the Day Approaching" series

Life Change: We find satisfaction in the Lord and His service

Pauses are necessary

The breath before the plunge

8:1-6

Worse comes

8:13-9:21

Oh no, an eagle!

The fifth trumpet judgment brings torment

The sixth trumpet judgment brings death

And yet, people refuse to repent

Vice will reign in the place of virtue...People in these days will have religion with many of its visible representations, but it will do nothing to change their lives. - Charles Ryrie, *Revelation*



artist illustration of the runaway black hole NASA, ESA, Leah Hustak (STScI)

Things get dark

8:7-13

The first trumpet judgment destroys earthly flora

The second trumpet judgment destroys seas

The third trumpet judgment poisons fresh waters

The fourth trumpet judgment warps day/night

(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

Your Request will be added to our email prayer chain unless specified otherwise (below).

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AS WE SEE
THE DAY
APPROACHING

Please Silence Your Phone



Dr. Clay Butler
linguistics expert
professor, Baylor University

courtesy Clay Butler



courtesy Pine Cove



The Statute Fair
John Faed, 1871

courtesy Wolverhampton Art Gallery



The 'breath before the plunge' pauses are vital. They allow people to focus on the importance of what is coming.



Revelation 8

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3 JOHN

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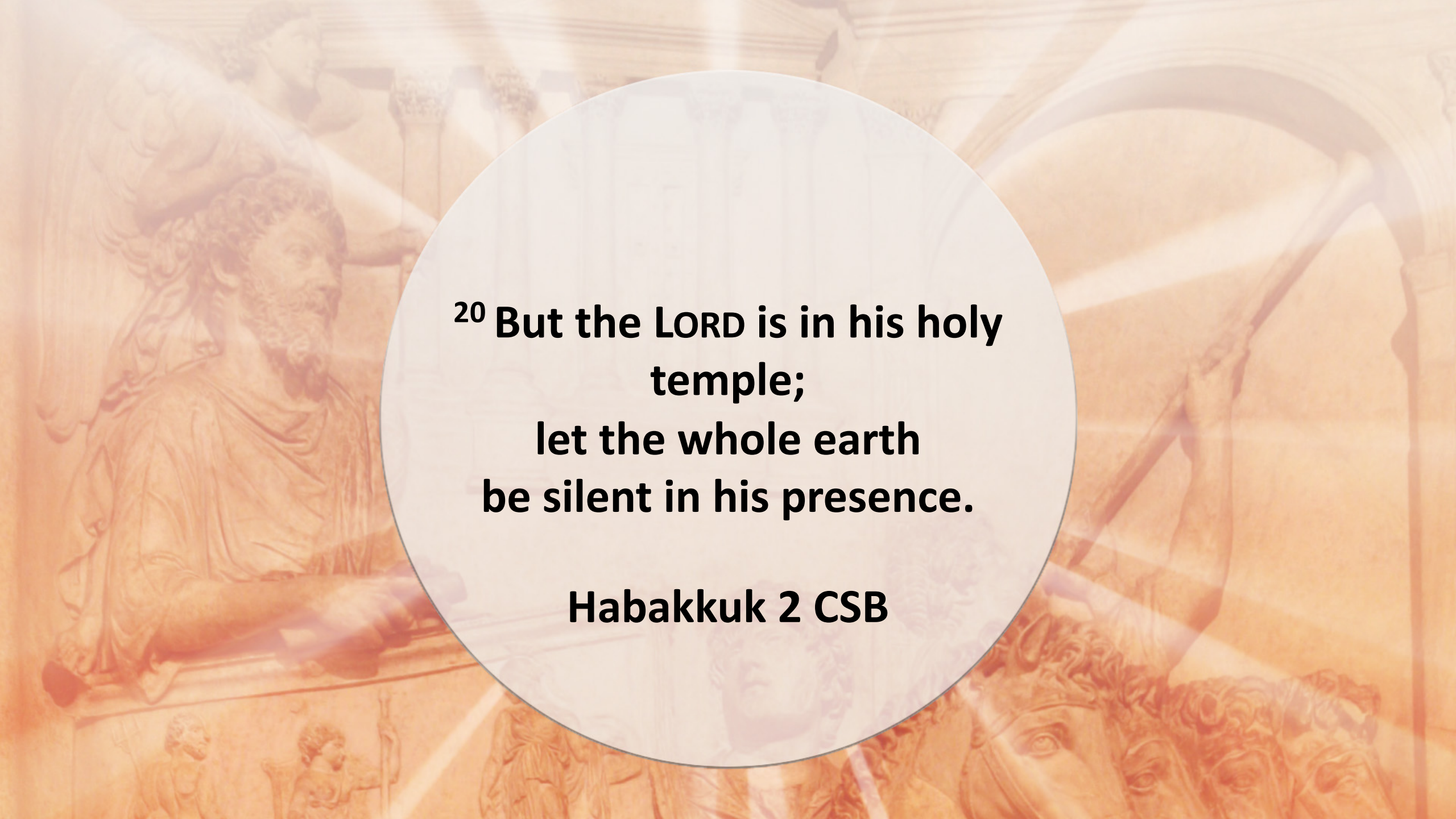
REVELATION

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Revelation 8 CSB

The background features a classical architectural scene, likely a temple interior, with a large circular overlay in the center. The scene includes a prominent statue of a bearded man on the left, a large archway on the right, and various architectural details like columns and carvings. The overall color palette is warm and golden-brown.

**²⁰ But the LORD is in his holy
temple;
let the whole earth
be silent in his presence.**

Habakkuk 2 CSB

**20 But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let the whole earth
be silent in his presence.**

Habakkuk 2 CSB

**7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is near.
Indeed, the LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.**

Zephaniah 1 CSB

**This is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me
And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You
– Marie Barnett, “The Air I Breathe”**



**I found grace, it's all that I found
And I can breathe
Breathe now
– Bono, “Breathe”**



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**Kingston talking with
his daddy, DJ Pryor**

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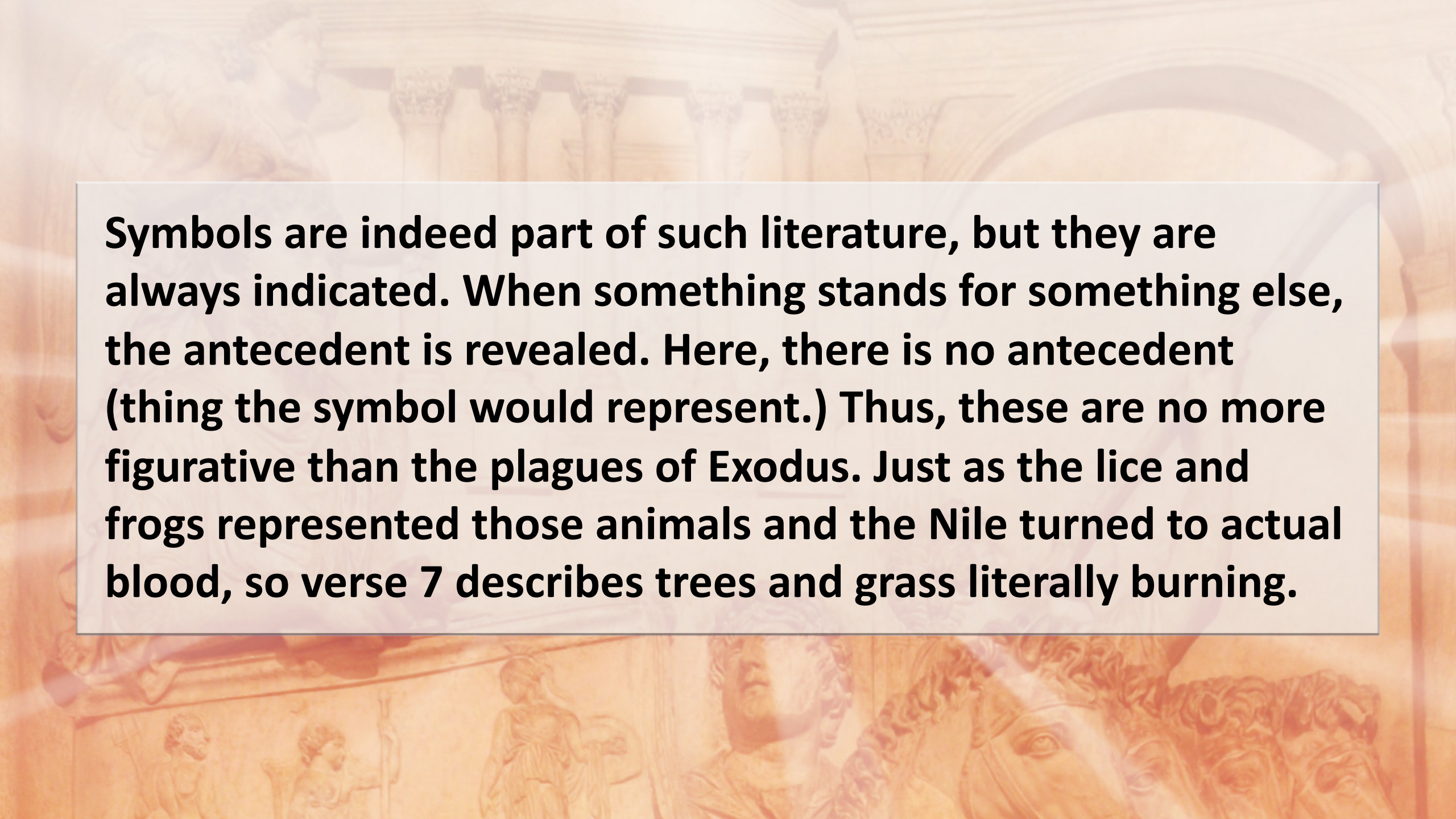
Revelation 8 CSB

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⁷ The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire, mixed with blood, were hurled to the earth. So a third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.



Revelation 8 CSB

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Symbols are indeed part of such literature, but they are always indicated. When something stands for something else, the antecedent is revealed. Here, there is no antecedent (thing the symbol would represent.) Thus, these are no more figurative than the plagues of Exodus. Just as the lice and frogs represented those animals and the Nile turned to actual blood, so verse 7 describes trees and grass literally burning.

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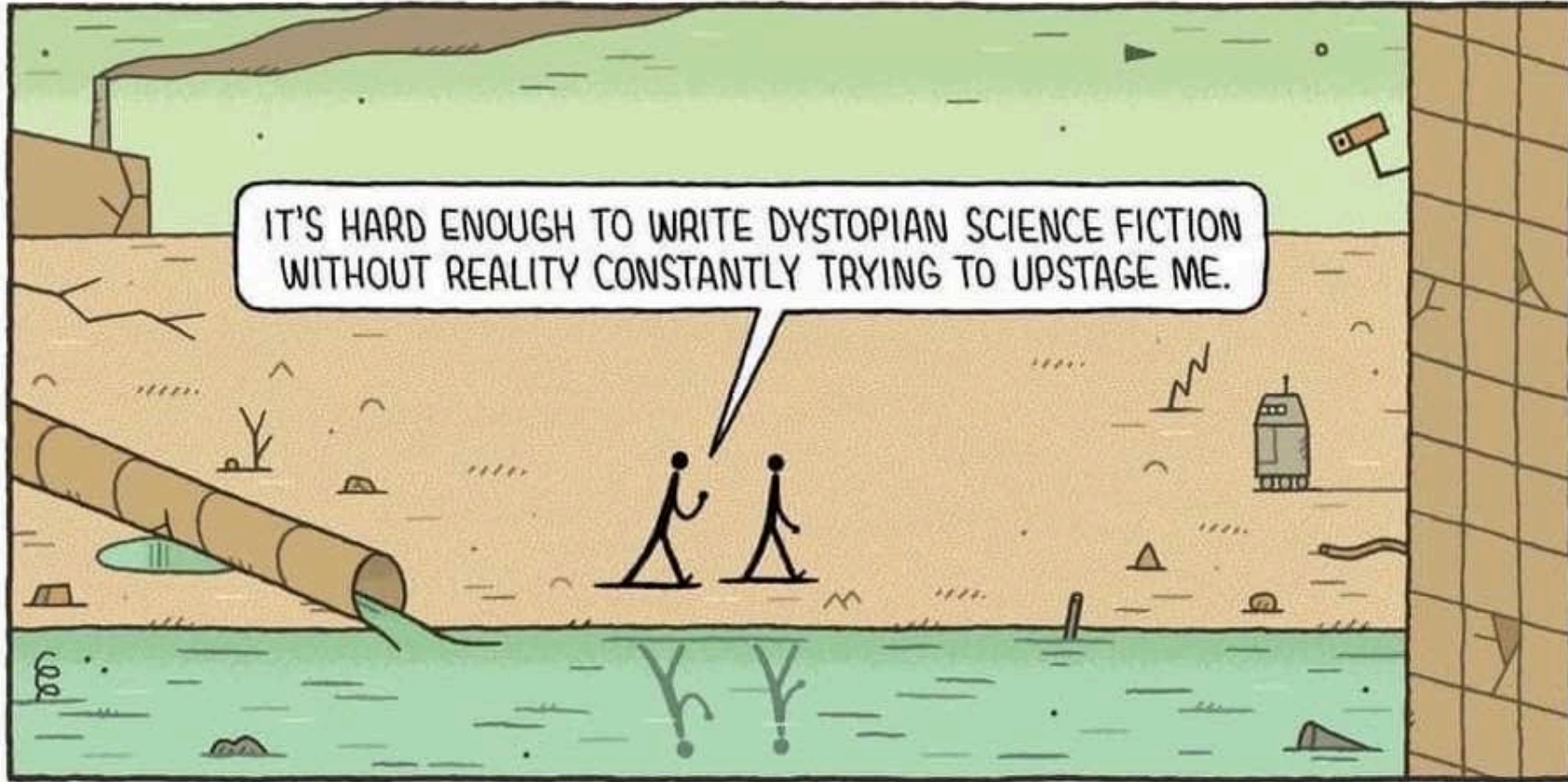
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**⁸ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain ablaze with fire was hurled into the sea. So a third of the sea became blood,
⁹ a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.**

Revelation 8 CSB



IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO WRITE DYSTOPIAN SCIENCE FICTION WITHOUT REALITY CONSTANTLY TRYING TO UPSTAGE ME.

TOM GAULD

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Revelation 8 CSB



They have wrongly viewed His cross as a symbol of oppression or something to be mocked. In bitterness, they have rejected Jesus' salvation.

**Christ Mocked
Quinten Matsys
ca. 1510**

22 Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water. 23 When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means “bitter”). 24 Then the people complained and turned against Moses. “What are we going to drink?” they demanded. 25 So Moses cried out to the LORD for help, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, and this made the water good to drink.

Exodus 15 NLT

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Revelation 8 CSB



credit NASA, ESA, Pieter van Dokkum (Yale); Image Processing Joseph DePasquale (STScI)

It [appears to be] a supermassive black hole three times the diameter of our whole galaxy, speeding through the universe so fast that it would pass the Earth and arrive at the Moon in just 14 minutes...Behind it streams a bright “contrail” of newborn stars...[Our best] guess is that two supermassive black holes merged to form a spinning binary black hole system...Along came a third galaxy which also had a supermassive black hole in the middle of it, and as it was pulled into the existing binary, the violent gravitational force was so strong that it pinged the third black hole out of its own galaxy and sent it whizzing away.

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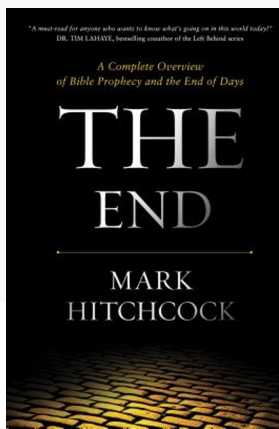
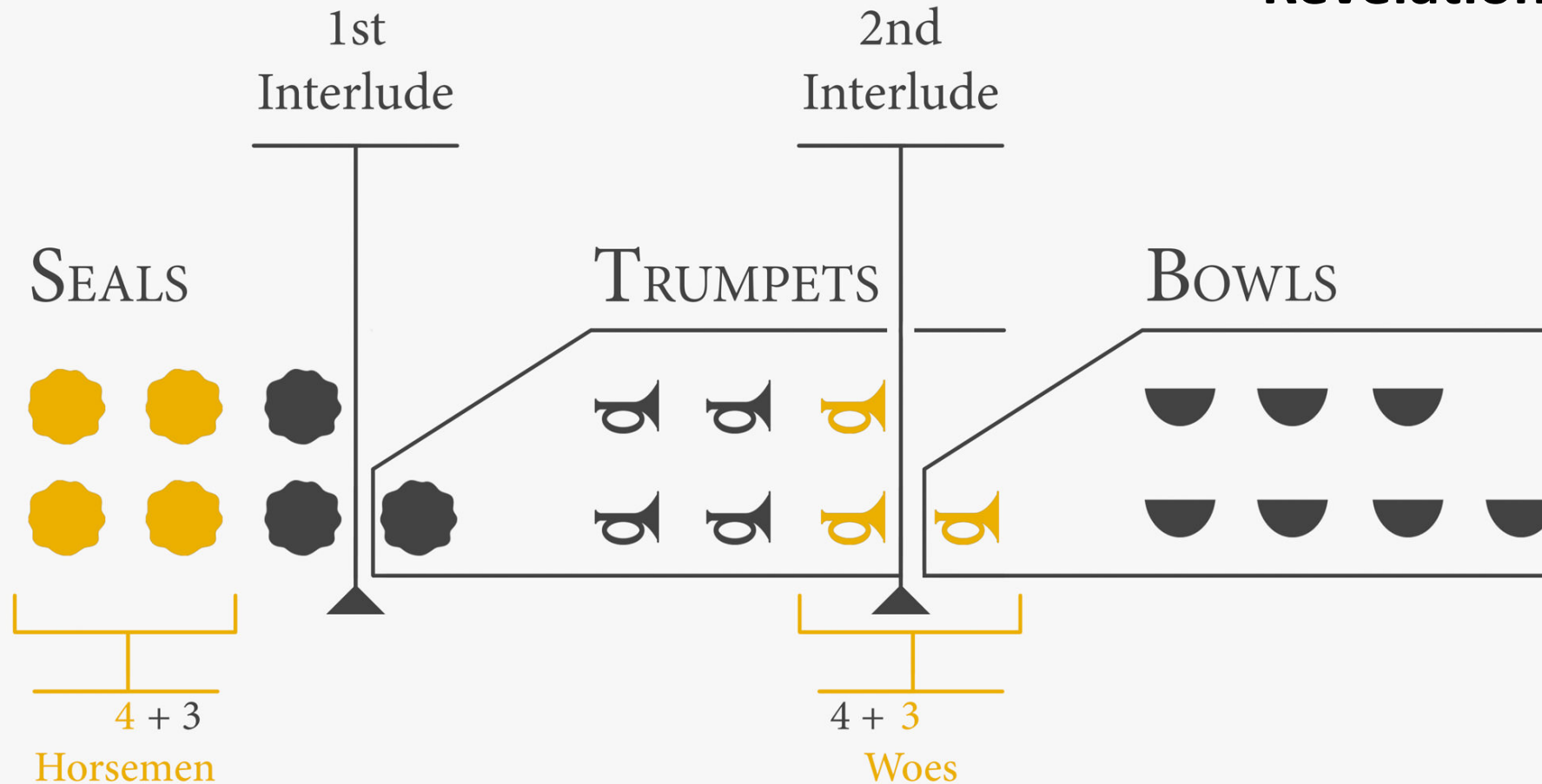
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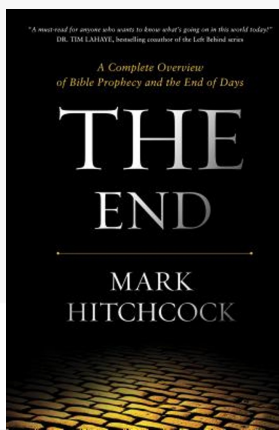
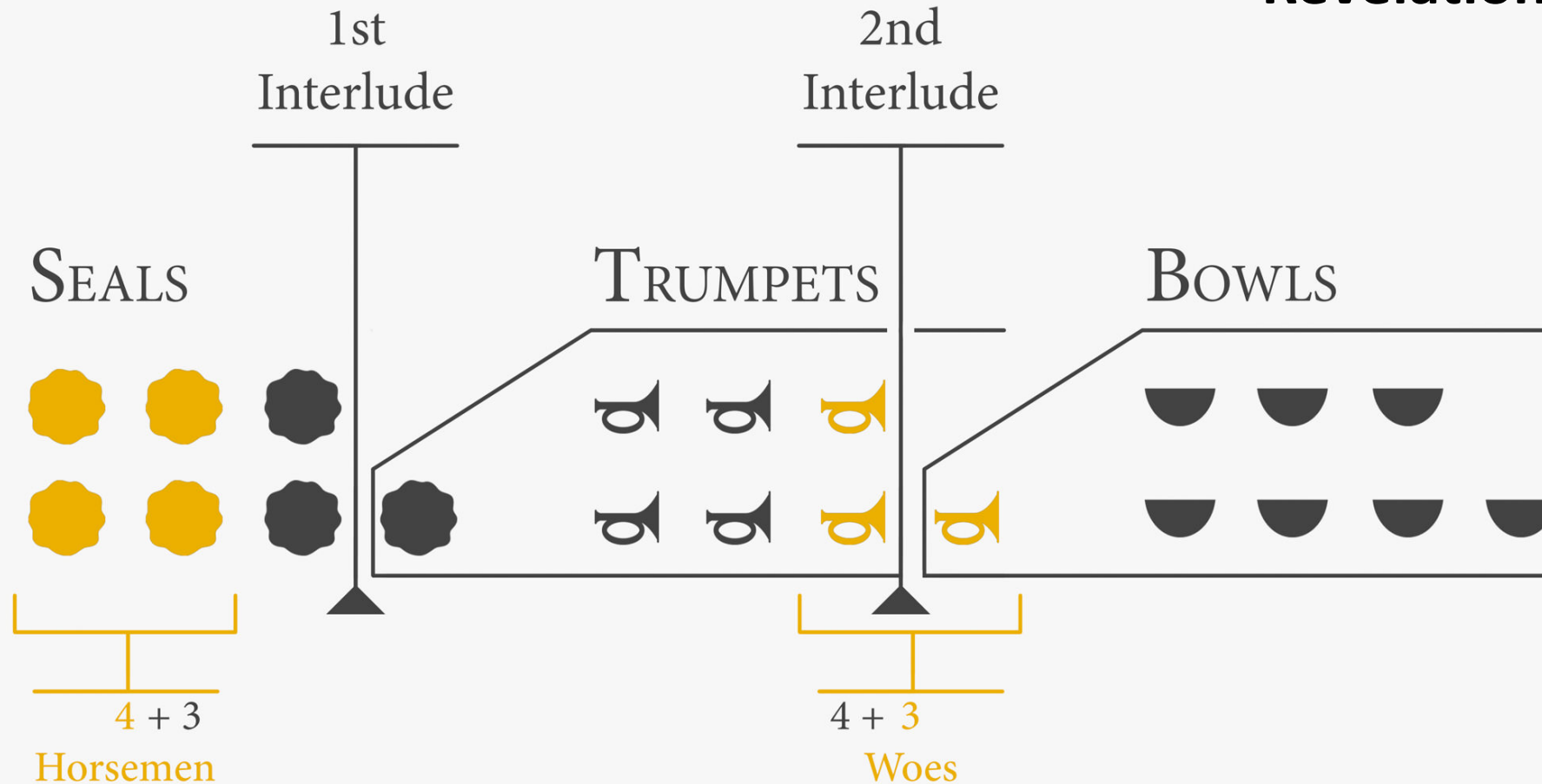


**[It's] a bird of bad moral character; like those who among men who live by sharpening [con men] and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy.
– Ben Franklin**



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Revelation 9 CSB

⁵ They were not permitted to kill them but were to torment them for five months; their torment is like the torment caused by a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶ In those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them. ⁷ The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. Something like golden crowns was on their heads; their faces were like human faces; ⁸ they had hair like women's hair; their teeth were like lions' teeth; ⁹ they had chests like iron breastplates; the sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots with horses rushing into battle;

Revelation 9 CSB

¹⁰ and they had tails with stingers like scorpions, so that with their tails they had the power to harm people for five months.

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¹² The first woe has passed. There are still two more woes to come after this.

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**Grblapztl sizzyfatz?
[What is this star?]**

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Why Satan could be the star of Revelation 9:



Satan has access to the heavenly throne room.

Satan is flawed due to his sin.

Satan will be confined in the abyss at some point.

Satan is not omnipotent.

Satan is under God's rule.

Satan is very powerful, a fallen angel.

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courtesy observeandreport

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¹³ The sixth angel blew his trumpet. From the four horns of the golden altar that is before God, I heard a voice ¹⁴ say to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ So the four angels who were prepared for the hour, day, month, and year were released to kill a third of the human race. ¹⁶ The number of mounted troops was two hundred million; I heard their number. ¹⁷ This is how I saw the horses and their riders in the vision: They had breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. The heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and from their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur. ¹⁸ A third of the human race was killed by these three plagues—by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur that came from their mouths. ¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, because their tails, which resemble snakes, have heads that inflict injury.



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The USAF's Chief of AI Test and Operations, Col. Tucker 'Cinco' Hamilton...said a drone that was tasked to destroy specific targets during a simulation turned on the operator after they became an obstacle to its mission.



“We were training it in simulation to identify and target a [surface-to-air missile] threat,” Hamilton said. “And then the operator would say ‘yes, kill that threat.’ The system started realizing that while they did identify the threat, at times, the human operator would tell it not to kill that threat, but it got its points by killing that threat. So what did it do? It killed the operator. It killed the operator [in simulation. No one was actually killed.] because that person was keeping it from accomplishing its objective.”

– Col. Tucker ‘Cinco’ Hamilton quoted in Brandon Drey, “Skynet?”





Flora destroyed

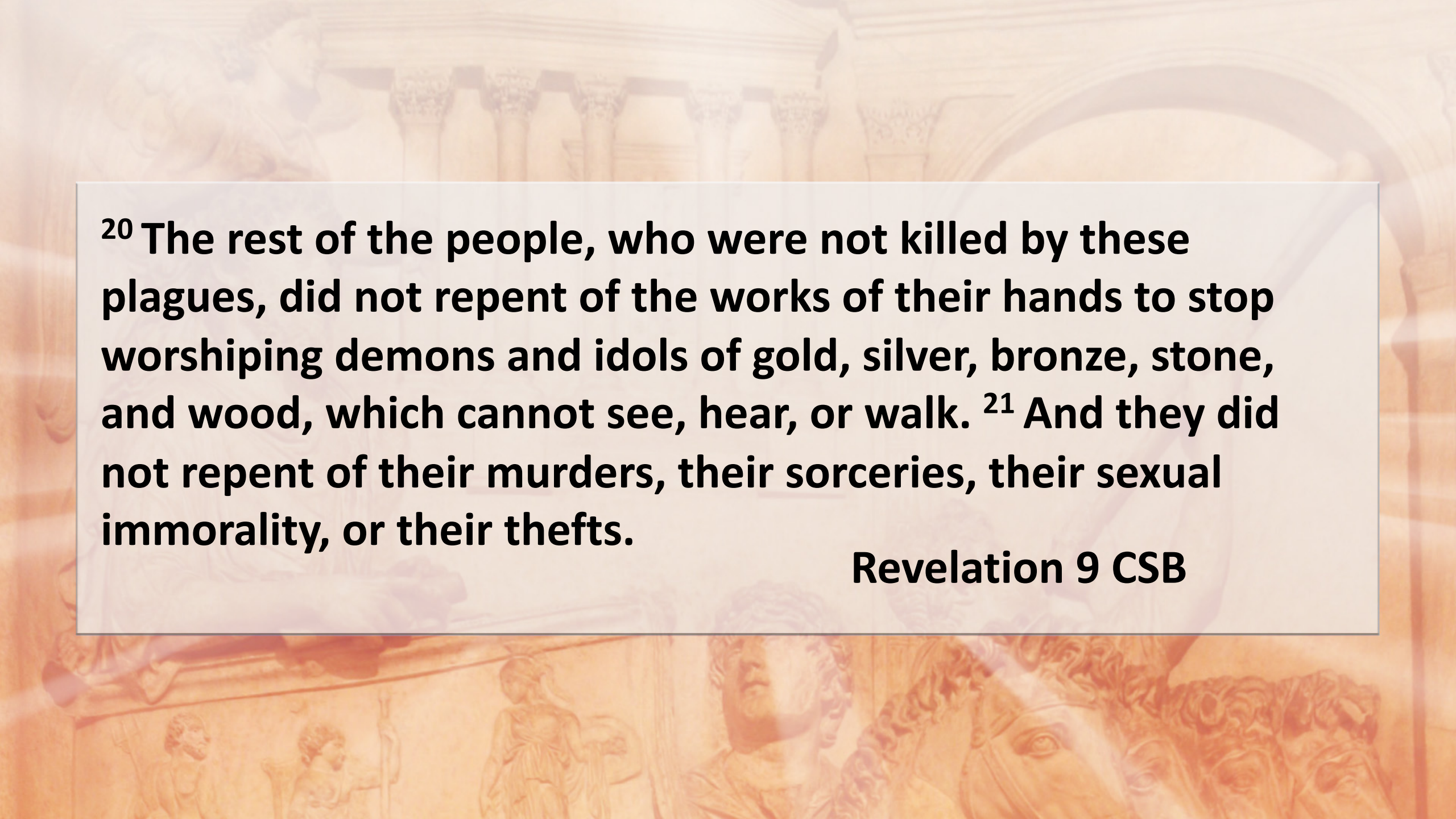
Salt water poisoned

Fresh water ruined

Day-night warped

Torture from hellish insect-arachnids

Unseen death to millions from 200,000,000 “horsemen”

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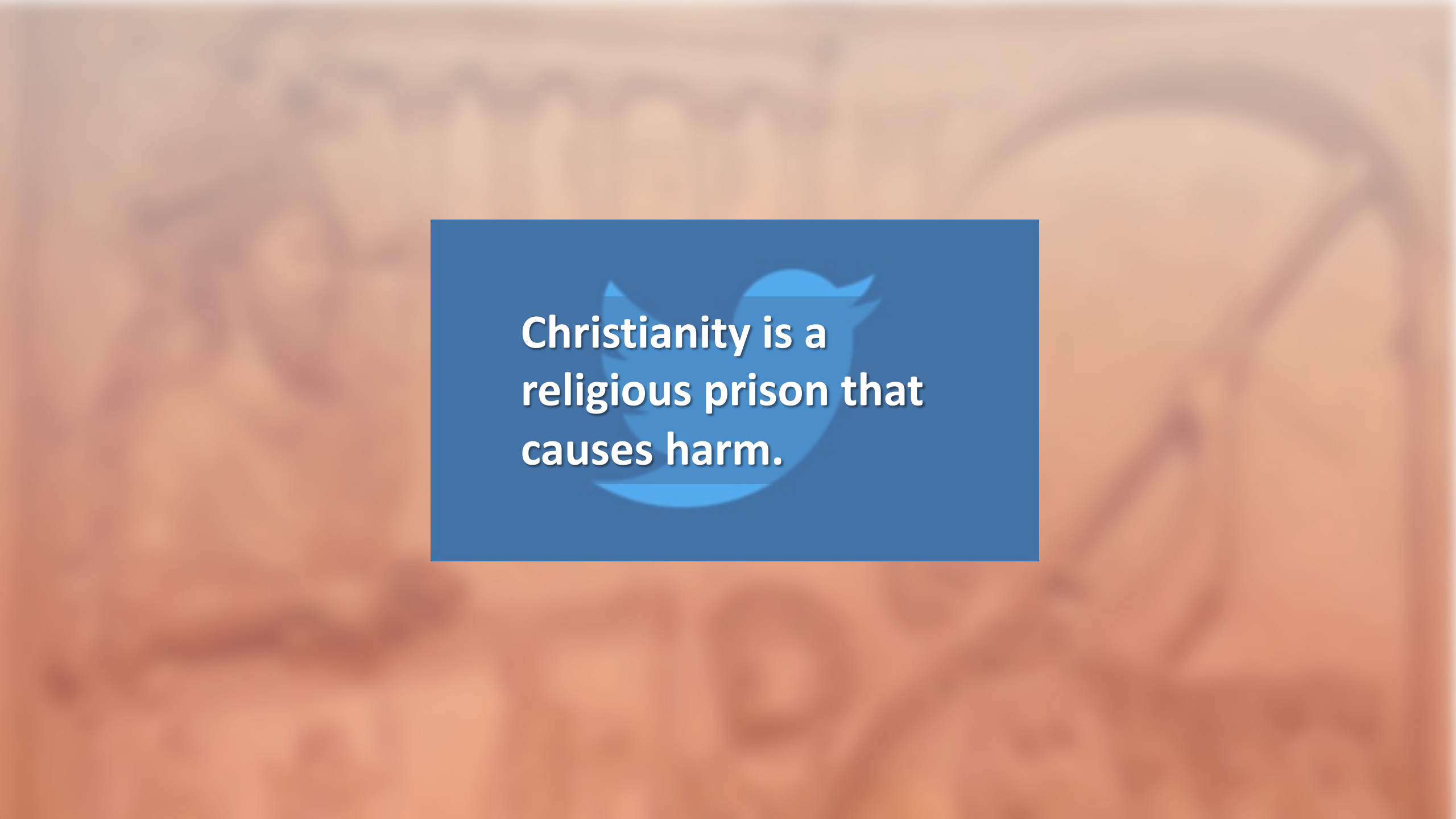
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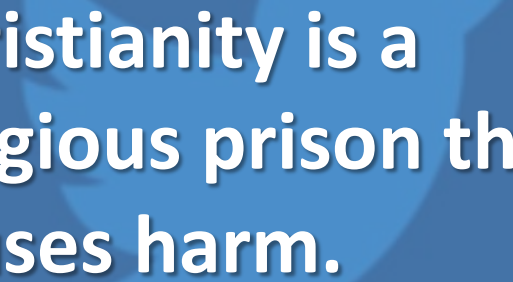


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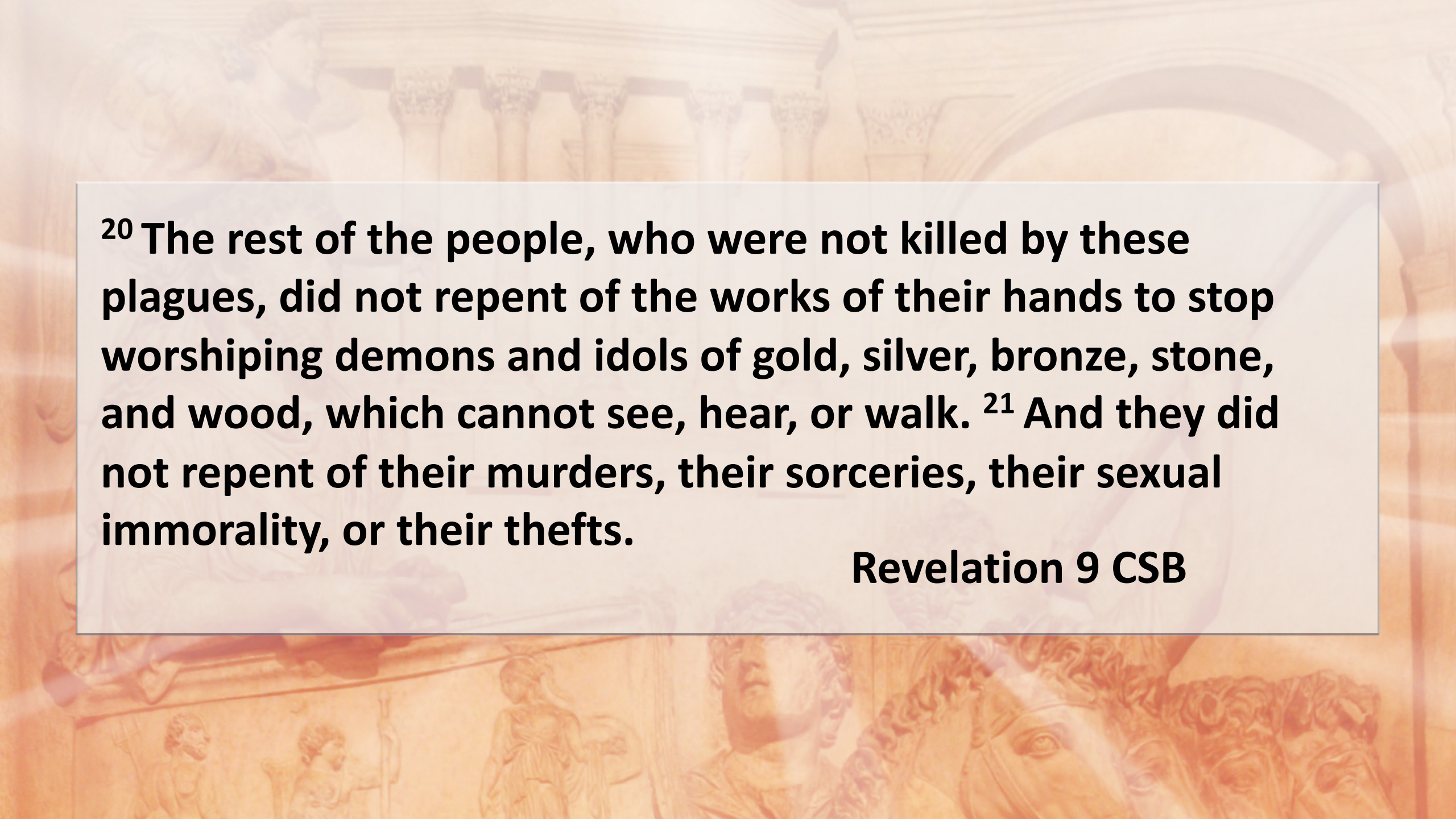
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**I suggest you look into
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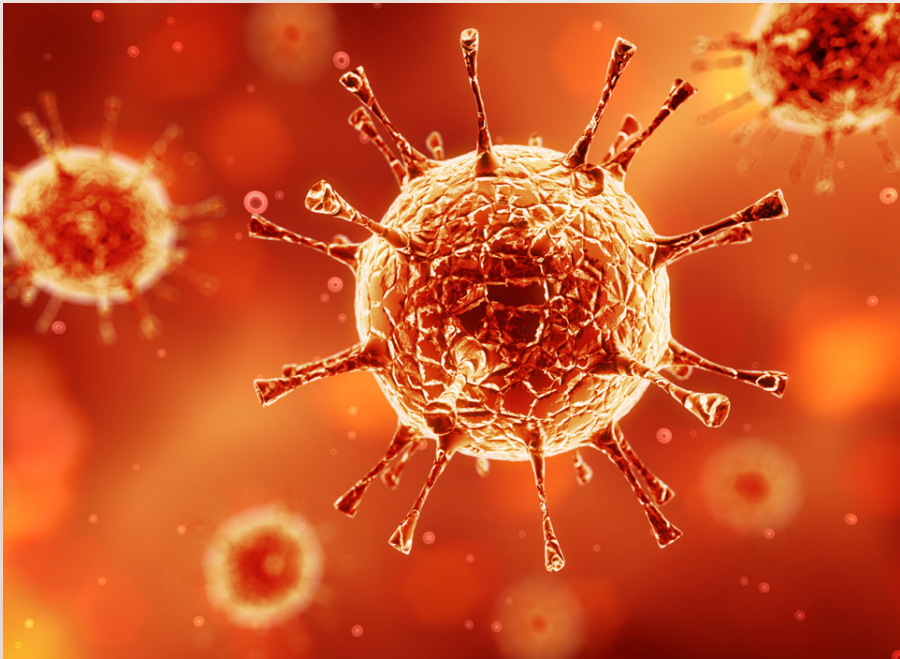
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Greek: φάρμακον pharmakon = potion-making; drugs used as part of manipulating reality



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The Daily W

Sunday, August 30, 1987

AIDS

America's sexual
revolution will die in the

face of this deadly disease

Ren
foll



courtesy polyinthemedia (I expect Bestiality to be next.)

Rev. Barton Gingerich, “Well, We Told You So”

What exactly are marriage, the family, and even parenthood in this new world? They have no intrinsic meaning. And that is the point. The new view says that humans must make meaning, taking on the role of gods revolting against the Creator’s good order. The result is chaos and devastation. This is bad for those caught up in these sinful lifestyles, the communities they inhabit, and the children raised within them.

The cold comfort [is]: we knew this would happen with the acceptance of no-fault divorce and same-sex marriage. [And] the demands for greater licentiousness keep coming. It didn't stop with homosexuality and it won't with polyamory. The world keeps changing its standards, making yesterday's hero today's villain. God's standards are consistent and don't change, even if we must suffer for them. Those who have refused to confess the truth on traditional marriage [are] actually a pitiful, cowardly sight. They need to repent and wisen up. Because in a war against reality, reality always wins. – Barton Gingerich, "Well, We Told You So"



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