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Wayne Braudrick

Christianity Condonos Slavery

Selected Scriptures

Apology Accepted Series

Life Change: We embrace and examine all God's revelation.

Did you read every word of the book?

Old Testament slavery

Israel knew slavery like no other ancient people.

Ex 1:8-13

God had Moses codify law to protect slaves.

Ex 21:26, etc.

Egypt against Israel: racial, permanent, harsh, illegal, result of violating governing contract

World norm: not racial, allowed buy-outs, harsh, no slave rights, often result of warfare

Israel: Slaves are protected by a 6-year legal contract.

Lifetime slavery only comes as the slave's choice.

Abused slaves were declared free.

Slaves' religious freedom was protected.

Escaped slaves could live freely without retribution.

Victorious army rape & enslavement was forbidden.

Greco-Roman slavery

Slavery in the New Testament

Jesus chose slavery.

Phil 2:5-8

Jesus' followers are all slaves.

Rom 6:17-18

Rom 16:17-18

Believing slaves are beloved brethren.

1 Cor 7:21-22

Slave trading is named as a sin.

1 Tim 1:9-11

How did New Testament Christians change the world?

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Will you be a part of that continuing effort?

Have the attitude of Jesus.

Serve in missions.

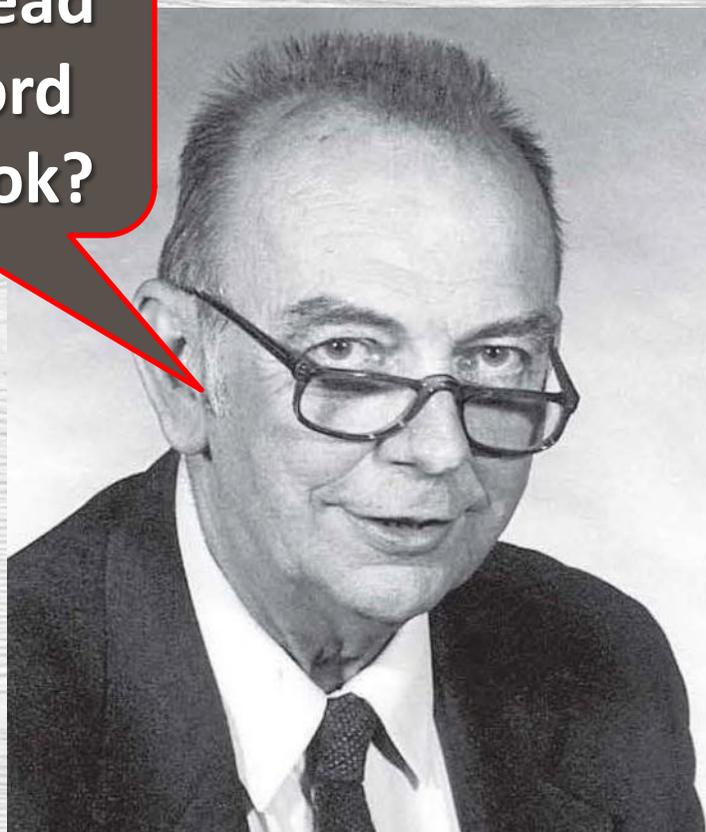
Fight slavery.



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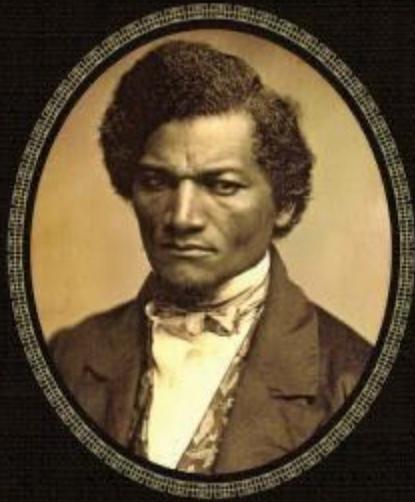
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THE ILLUSTRATED EDITION
LIFE AND TIMES OF
**FREDERICK
DOUGLASS**

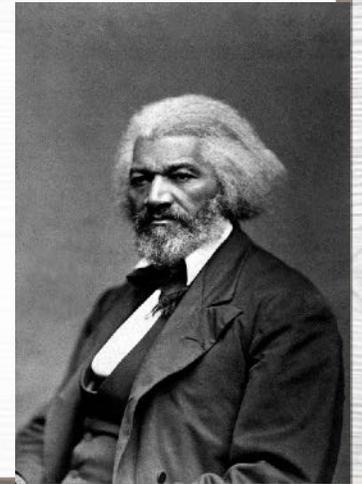


Frederick Douglass

INTRODUCTION BY HENRY LOUIS GATES JR.

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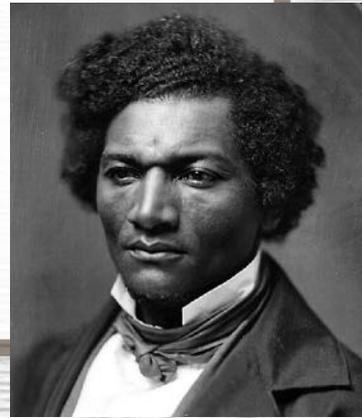
- One of the great thinkers, he was self-educated.
- A slave, he was beaten and abused until escaping north.
- He was brought to faith in Jesus through a white preacher.
- He became a bestselling author, a man of integrity, tenacity, grace, brilliance, wisdom, compassion, and humility.
- Douglass was vilified by other abolitionists because while he hated slavery, he loved slavers.
- He was one of the important influencers of Abraham Lincoln.



The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass

- **I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong.**
- **To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.**
- **No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without finding the other end fastened about his own neck.**
- **The man who is right is a majority. He who has God and conscience on his side has a majority against the universe.**
- **Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them.**

The dealers in the bodies of men erect their stand in the presence of the pulpit, and they mutually help each other. The dealer gives his blood-stained gold to support the pulpit, and the pulpit, in return, covers his infernal business with the garb of Christianity. Here we have religion and robbery the allies of each other—devils dressed in angels' robes, and hell presenting the semblance of paradise. – Frederick Douglass, *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*



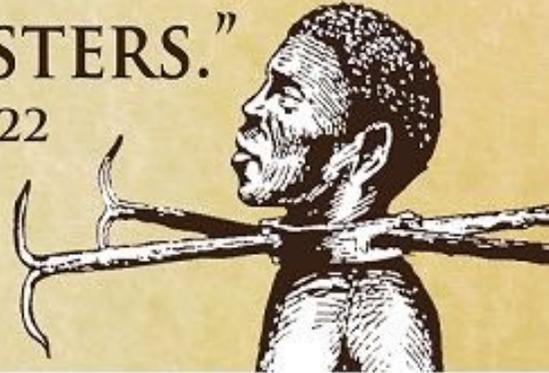
People who are set against Jesus trot out those old practices of 19th c. Christians as a foil. They say that scripture condones slavery and thus Christianity must be eradicated as evil.

“SLAVES, OBEY YOUR MASTERS.”

- COLOSSIANS 3:22

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Exodus 1

⁸ A new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and powerful than we are. ¹⁰ Come, let’s deal shrewdly with them; otherwise they will multiply further, and when war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us, and leave the country.”

Exodus 1

¹¹ So the Egyptians assigned taskmasters over the Israelites to oppress them with forced labor. They built Pithom and Rameses as supply cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied and spread so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ They worked the Israelites ruthlessly. ^{CSB}

The biblical, historical, and archeological data are best served by theorizing that it was a Hyksos monarch...who ceded a choice parcel of land (Goshen) to Joseph's family (Gen. 47:6). [Hyksos are Semitic relatives of the Israelites who ruled Egypt between the Middle & New Kingdoms.]





**In this affluent era Joseph emerged as prime minister of Egypt, and Jacob [Israel] and his sons sojourned in Egypt (1876 B.C., Gen. 46:6).
– John Hannah, *Exodus***

12th dynasty gold relief

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**According to such a theory, the “new king” of Exodus 1:8 would have been one of the native Egyptian monarchs of the New Kingdom who, as part of his Hyksos purge, resolutely refused to recognize the validity of the Goshen land grant. Discerning in the Israelites a multitude who might very well join with his Asiatic enemies in war, this new king moreover acted quickly to enslave God’s people. – Barry Beitzel,
*The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands***





**Hyksos
strength**

**Native
Egyptian
uprising**

**Seqenenra was
proclaimed 17th
dynasty pharaoh from
Upper Egypt & attacked
Hyksos strongholds in
Lower Egypt.**





**Seqenenra's invasion
didn't end well for him.**

Kamose' brother Ahmose finally ousted the Hyksos & reunited Egypt.



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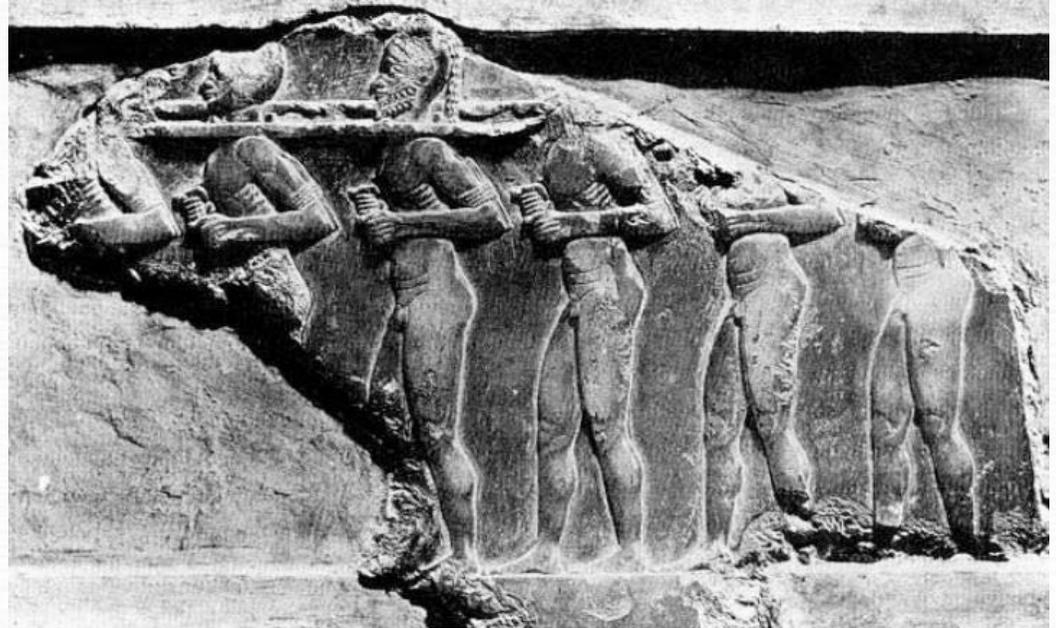
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Like all racists, Ahmose carries the wounds of the past and spreads his venom toward anyone remotely associated with his enemy.



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harsh



Akkadian slaves ca. 2500 B.C.

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Leviticus 25

39 “If your brother among you becomes destitute and sells himself to you, you must not force him to do slave labor.

42 They are not to be sold as slaves, because they are my servants that I brought out of the land of Egypt.

43 You are not to rule over them harshly but fear your God.” ^{CSB}

Exodus 21

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Leviticus 25

46 “You can make them [non-Hebrews] slaves for life.” CSB

other Israeli slave laws:

- **Abused slaves are given immediate freedom. Exodus 21:26-27**
- **Slaves' religious freedom was protected. Exodus 20:10**
- **Escaped slaves could live freely without retribution. Deuteronomy 23:15-16**
- **Victorious army rape & enslavement was forbidden. Instead, a Jew could only marry a captive woman and that only after 1 month of her grieving. Deuteronomy 21:10-14**

OT era slavery

Egypt held Israel
in uniquely
horrible slavery:
racial,
permanent,
harsh,
illegal – the result
of violating a
governing
contract

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Permanence only as
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Abuse voids contract
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When Rome conquered your part of the world, you became a Roman subject without rights. Thus if you were a bookkeeper, a physician or a teacher in a conquered territory, you knew that becoming a Roman *slave* was the only pathway for you to eventually buy your freedom and become a freedman with Roman citizen rights. Thus it is not surprising that many professionals in conquered lands willingly sold themselves into Roman slavery as the only pathway to Roman citizenship and freedom. – Doug Greenwold “Slavery in Rome”



Doug Greenwold
Preserving Bible Times



remains of a
Roman mine

**modern imagination of
the slave work**





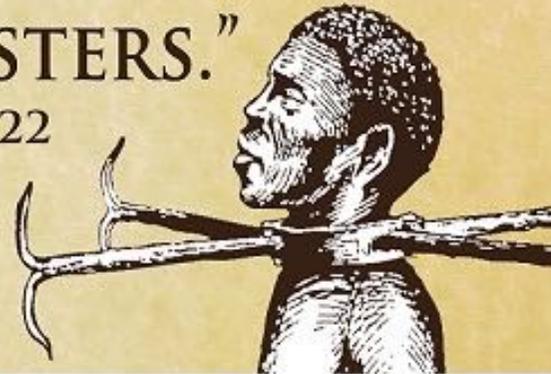
Spartacus
Denis Foyatier
1830

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Philippians 2

⁵ Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,
⁷ Instead [of claiming His rights] he emptied himself
by assuming the form of a servant,
taking on the likeness of humanity.
And when he had come as a man,
⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death—
even to death on a cross. ^{CSB}

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- **Jesus became a slave – and ultimately was crucified – not because He was poor, but because we are.**
- **He chose slavery not because He was conquered, but because we are.**
- **He became doulos of humanity so we could be children of God.**
- **Through resurrection, He earned the way out of slavery to death. He did this because we could not do so.**



John 13

¹² When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer clothing, he reclined again and said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him.” ^{CSB}



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Romans 6

¹⁷ But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching to which you were handed over, ¹⁸ and having been set free from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness. ^{CSB}

Romans 16

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Greek: verb form of doulos δοῦλος

Until all is made new, we face a daily choice. We can serve sin – our own fleshly appetites – or we can serve Messiah Jesus.

I can do what I want, which may be evil. Or I can do what God tells me is right.

I can take every thought captive in submission to Jesus, or I can be another robot thinking whatever Google or my favorite conspiracy group tells me to think.

**It may be the devil
or it may be the Lord
but you're gonna
serve somebody.
– Bob Dylan
“Gotta Serve
Somebody”**



courtesy Bob Dylan

1 Corinthians 7

21 Were you called while a slave? Don't let it concern you. But if you can become free, by all means take the opportunity.

22 For he who is called by the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called as a free man is Christ's slave. ^{CSB}

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Greek: μέλει melei = from a verb that means spinning around; came to be used for anxiety

Colossians 3

¹⁰ You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator. ¹¹ In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all. ^{CSB}

1 Timothy 1

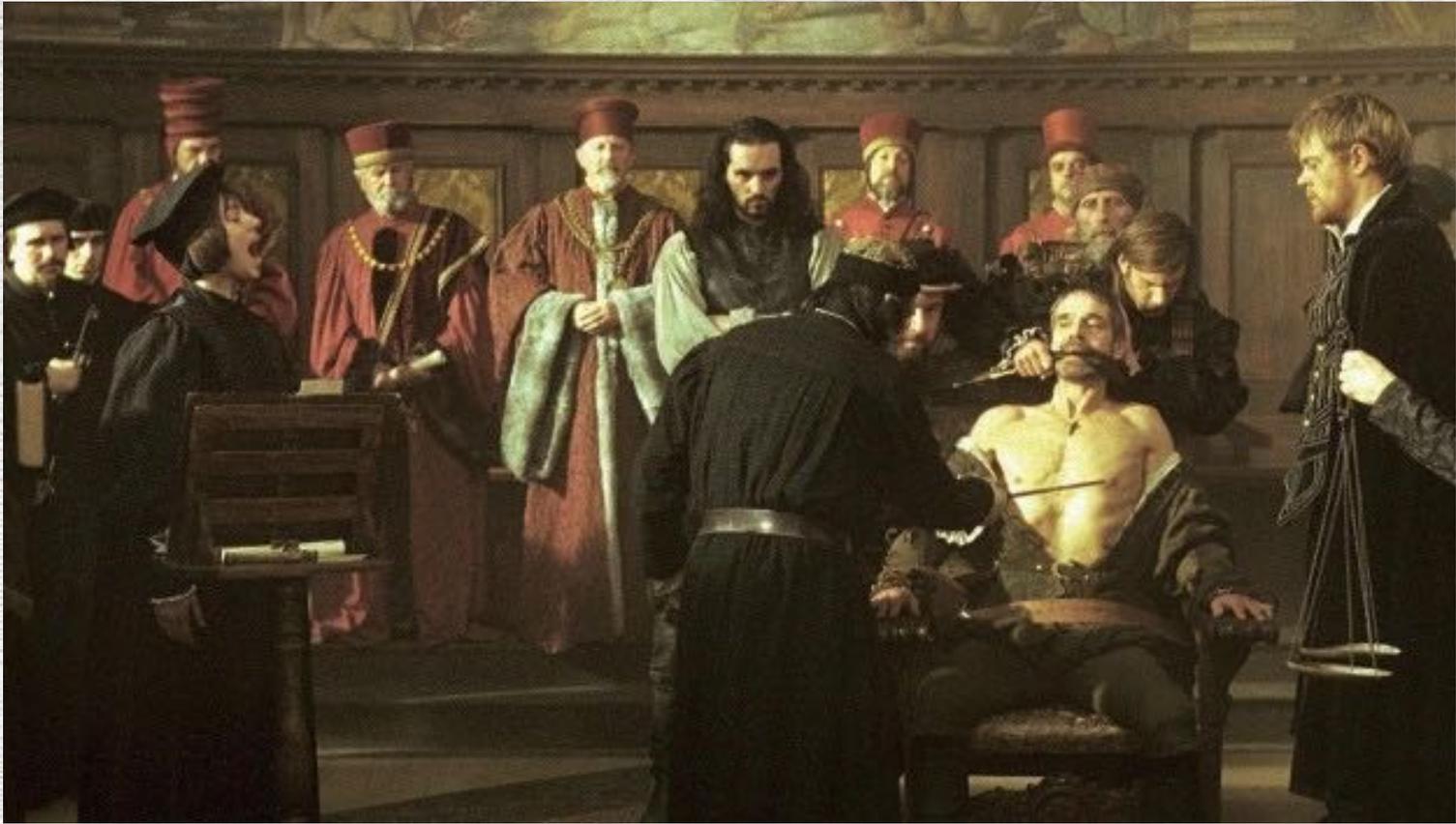
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I am not well.
– Shylock (Act
IV Scene 1)



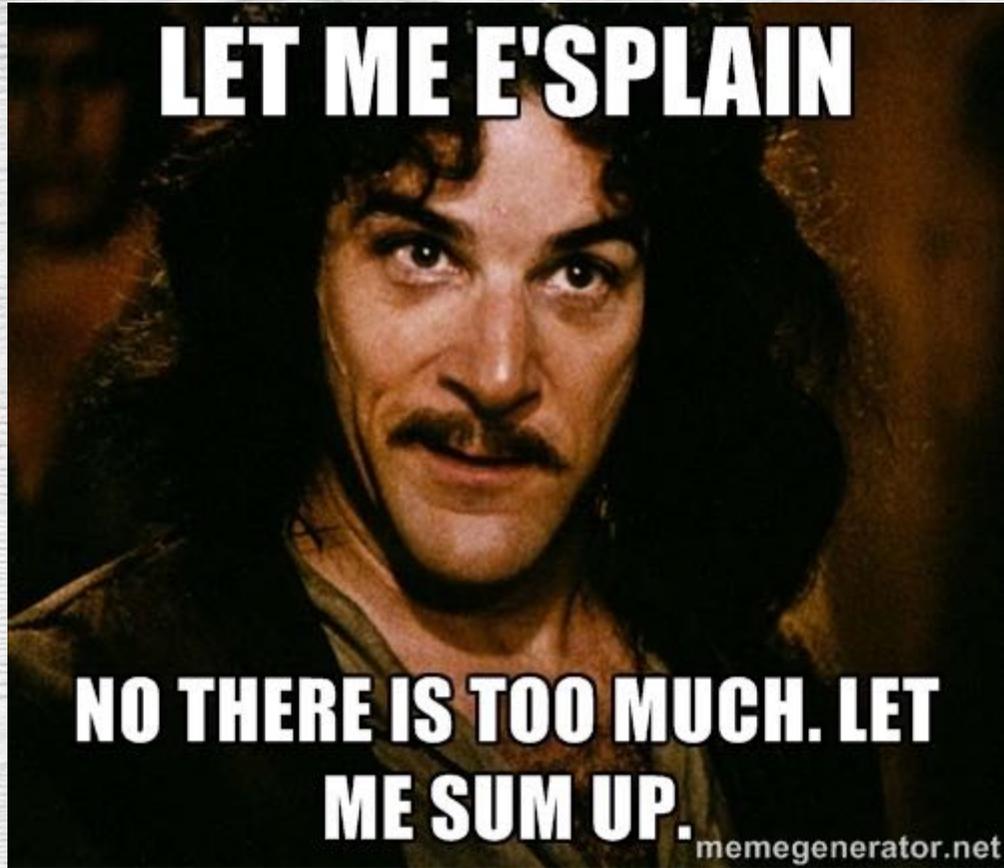
The New Testament argues against slavery the way Portia argues against Antonio's death: by cutting the legs out from under it. Jesus inhabited the slave role. Paul calls himself a slave of Christ, loves a runaway slave [Onesimus] as his very heart, and insists that slave and free are equal in Christ. With no room for superiority, exploitation, or coercion, but rather brotherhood and shared identity, the New Testament created a tectonic tension that would...erupt in the abolition of slavery.

– Rebecca McLaughlin, *Confronting Christianity*

**So how did all
this flesh out?
(Pun intended.)**



courtesy UK Film Council



courtesy MGM



*Grave relief of
freed slaves
Publius Aiedius
and Aiedia*



Largest slave market in the world



No enslaving citizens
Allowed to sell self into slavery
Allowed for sex slavery
Foreign peoples could be enslaved at will





**VIKING SLAVES PRIMARILY CAME FROM RAIDS
ON SLAVIC, GERMANIC, AND ANGLO-SAXON TRIBES
AND WERE CALLED THRALLS.**



Dancing farmers

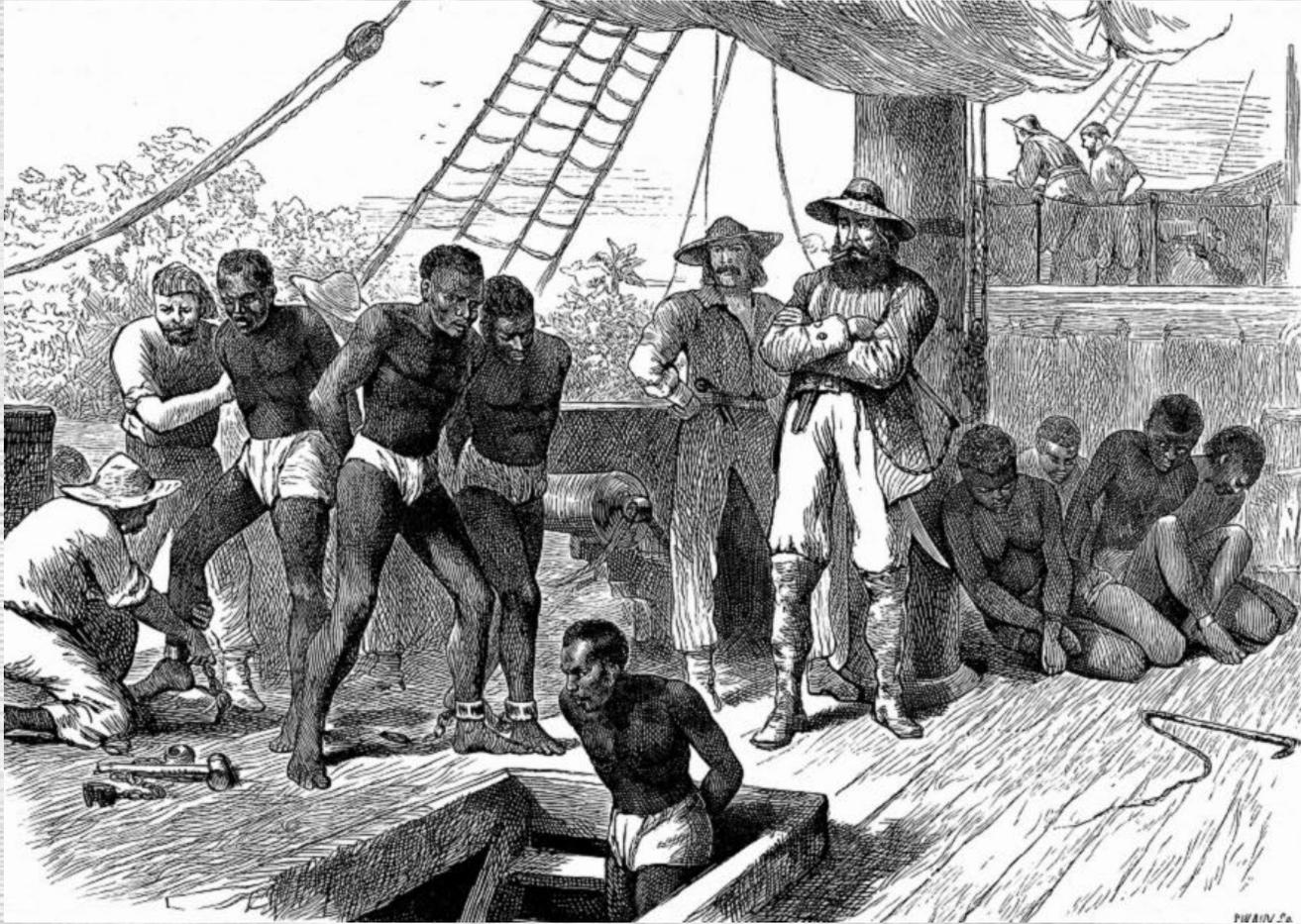
(It is significant that they are called farmers, not peasants)

Adrian von Ostende

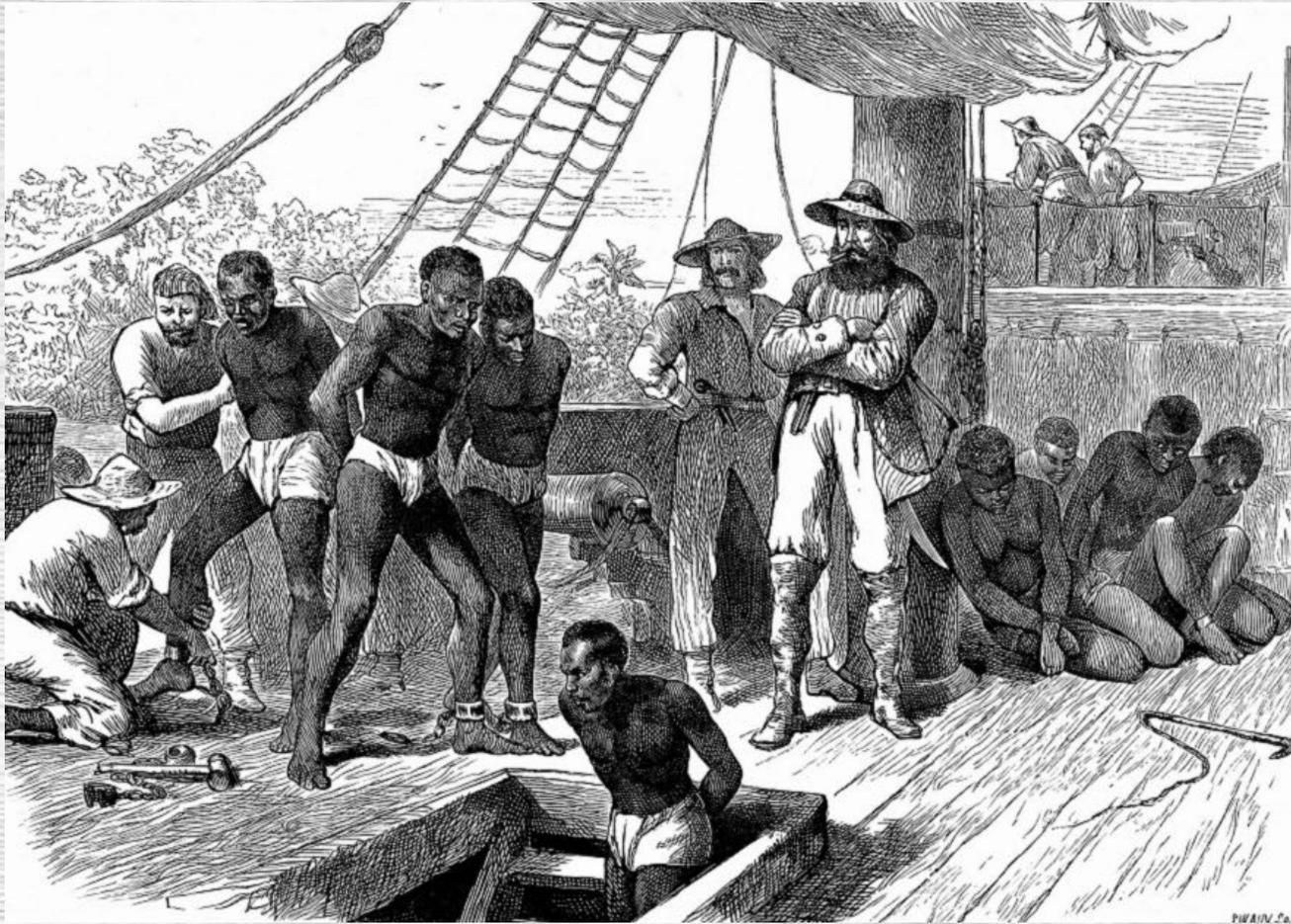
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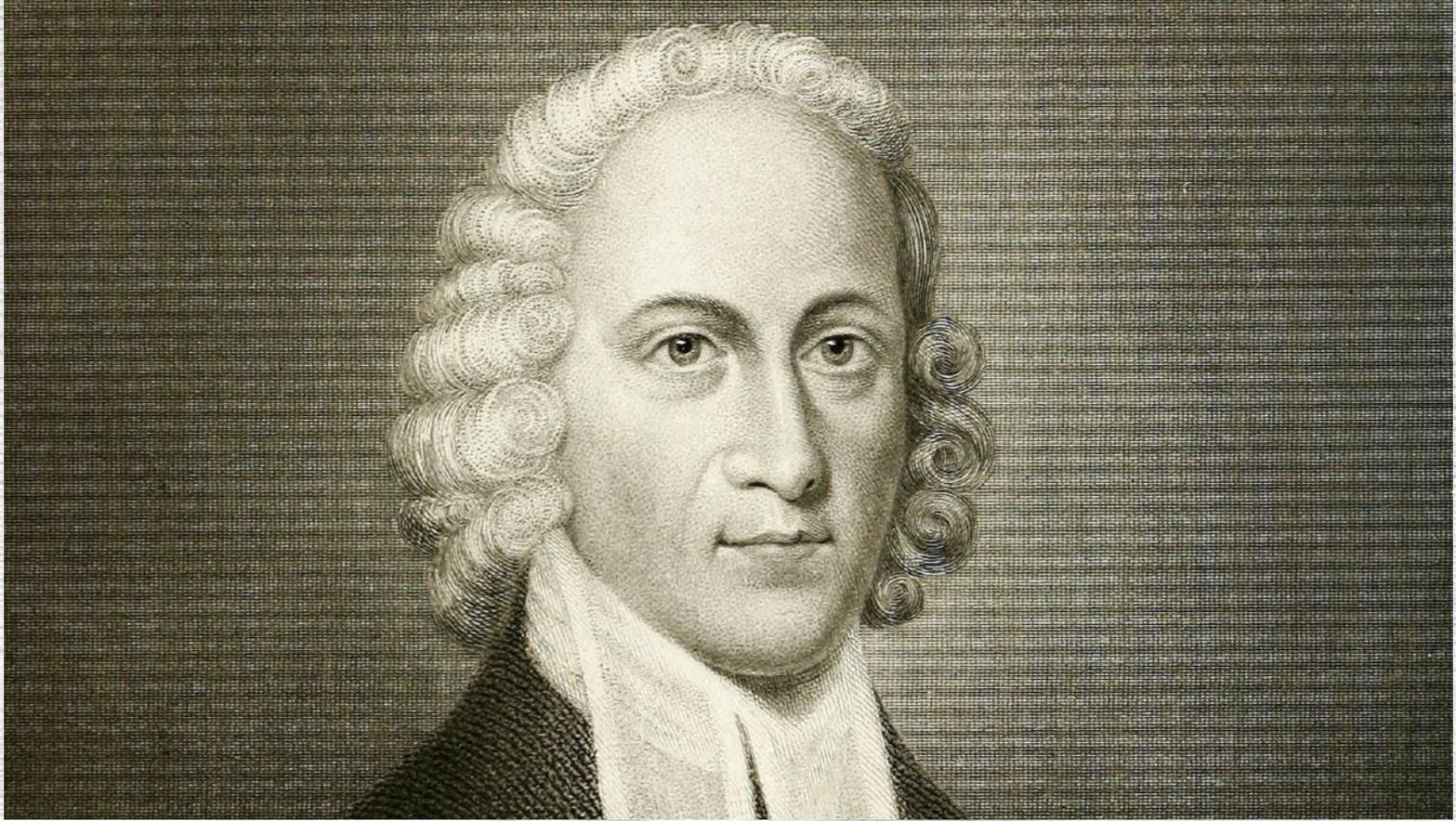
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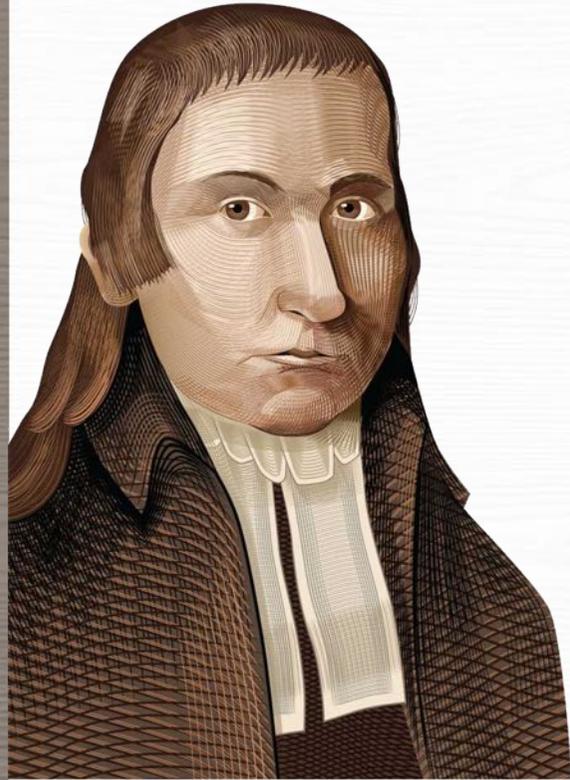
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**The world
became exactly
what Egypt had
been to Israel.**



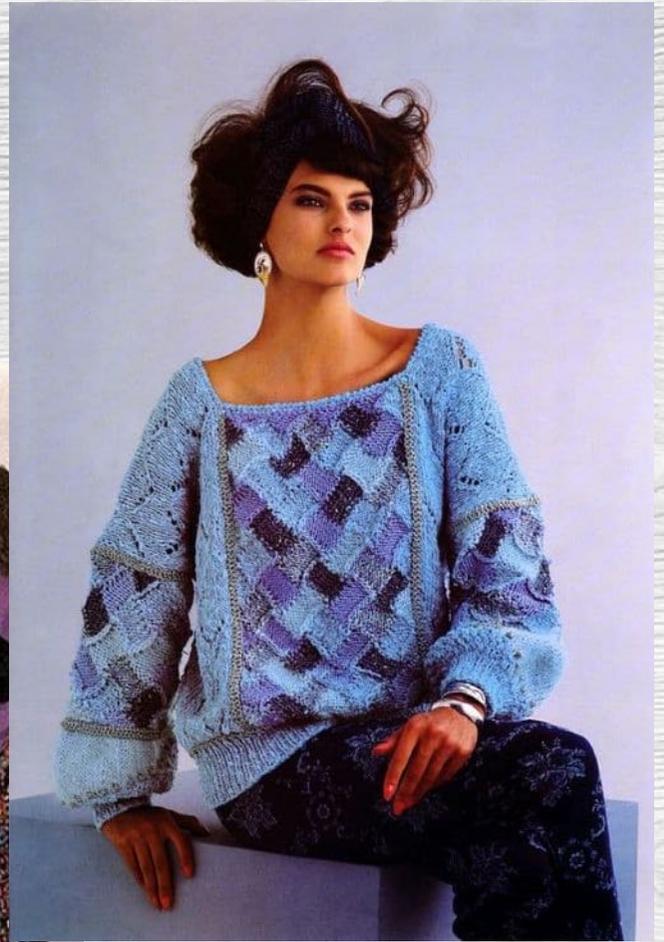
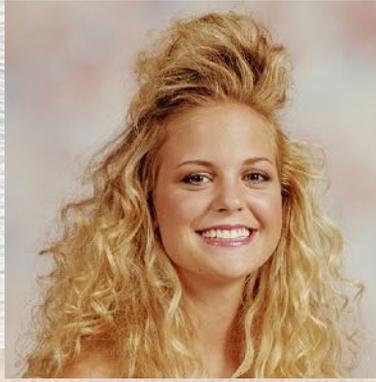
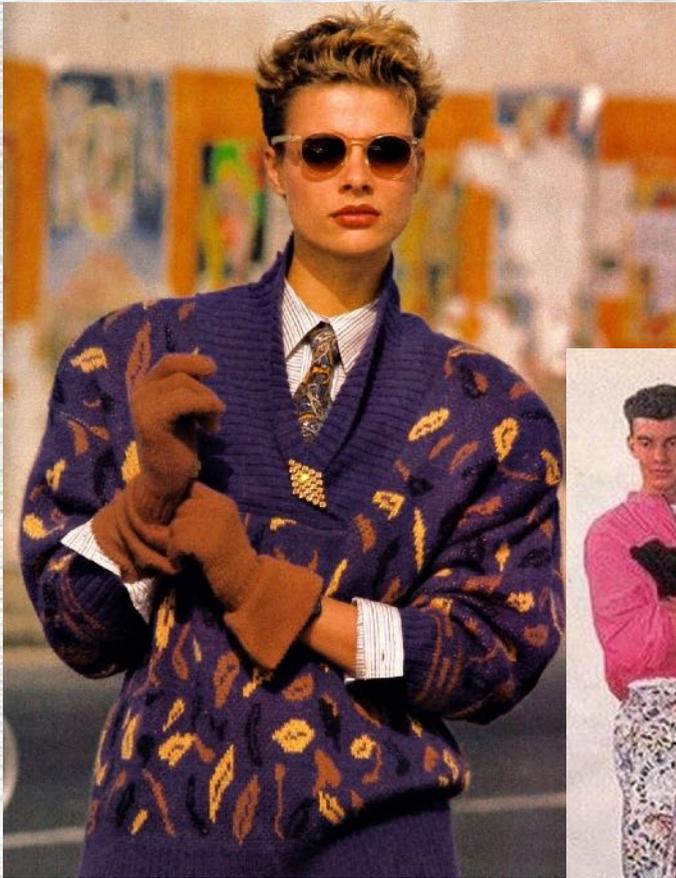
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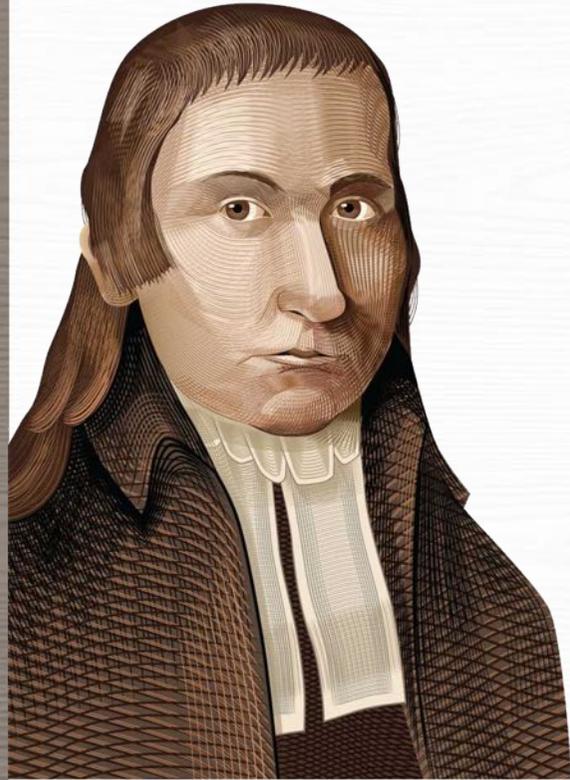
**Though wonderful
in many ways, my
father was utterly
wrong on slavery.
– Jonathan
Edwards, Jr.**

THE
INJUSTICE AND IMPOLICY
OF THE
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AND OF THE
Slavery of the Africans :
ILLUSTRATED IN
A SERMON
PREACHED BEFORE THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY
FOR THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM, AND FOR
THE RELIEF OF PERSONS UNLAWFULLY HOL-
DEN IN BONDAGE,
AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW-HAVEN,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1791.
BY JONATHAN EDWARDS, D. D.
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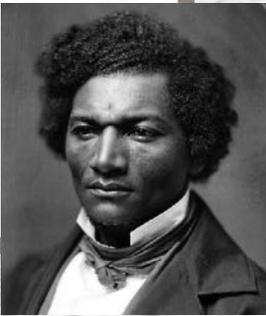
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**They were men of their times
and couldn't imagine applying
scripture cleanly to a practice
so completely accepted by all.**

What I have said respecting and against religion [has] no possible reference to Christianity proper; for, between the Christianity of this land, and the Christianity of Christ, I recognize the widest possible difference—so wide, that to receive the one as good, pure, and holy, is of necessity to reject the other as bad, corrupt, and wicked. I love the pure, peaceable, and impartial Christianity of Christ; I therefore hate the corrupt, slaveholding, women-whipping, cradle-plundering, partial, and hypocritical Christianity of this land. – Frederick Douglass,

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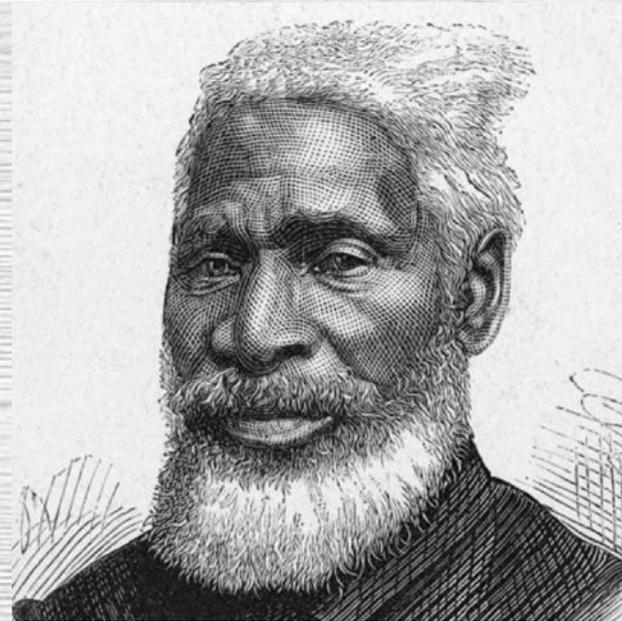
***– John Graves Simcoe,
Address to the Legislative Assembly 1810***



Josiah Henson escaped slavery and settled in Canada. He became a pastor and a popular Christian leader, calling all people to unity in Christ.



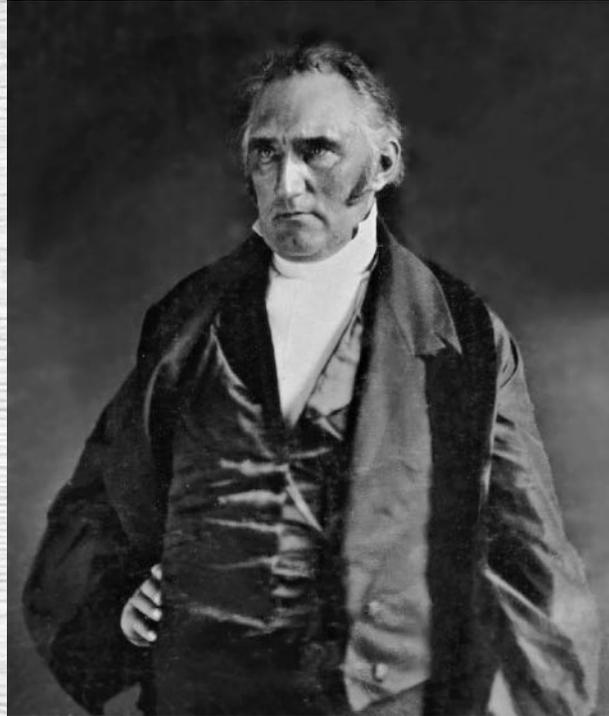
**John Graves Simcoe
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Francis Wayland was a Baptist pastor, scientist, prison reformer, president of Brown University, and ardent abolitionist.



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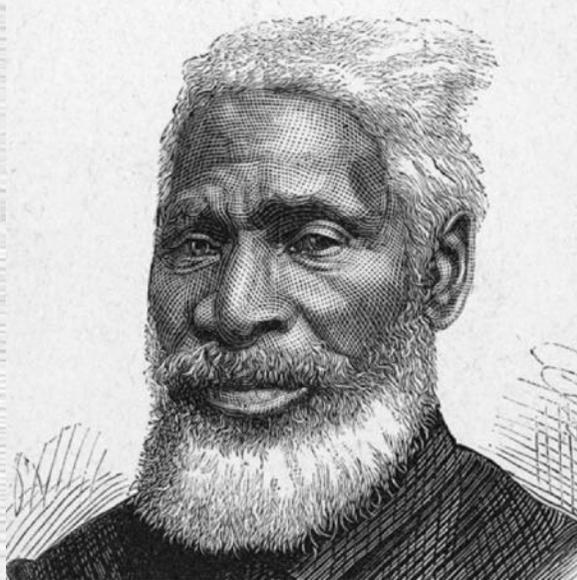


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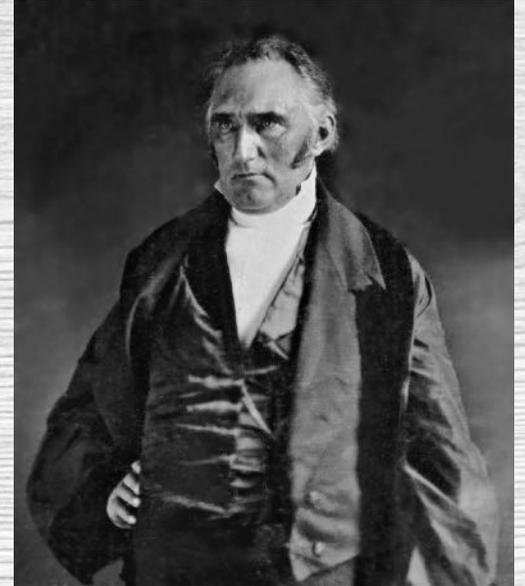
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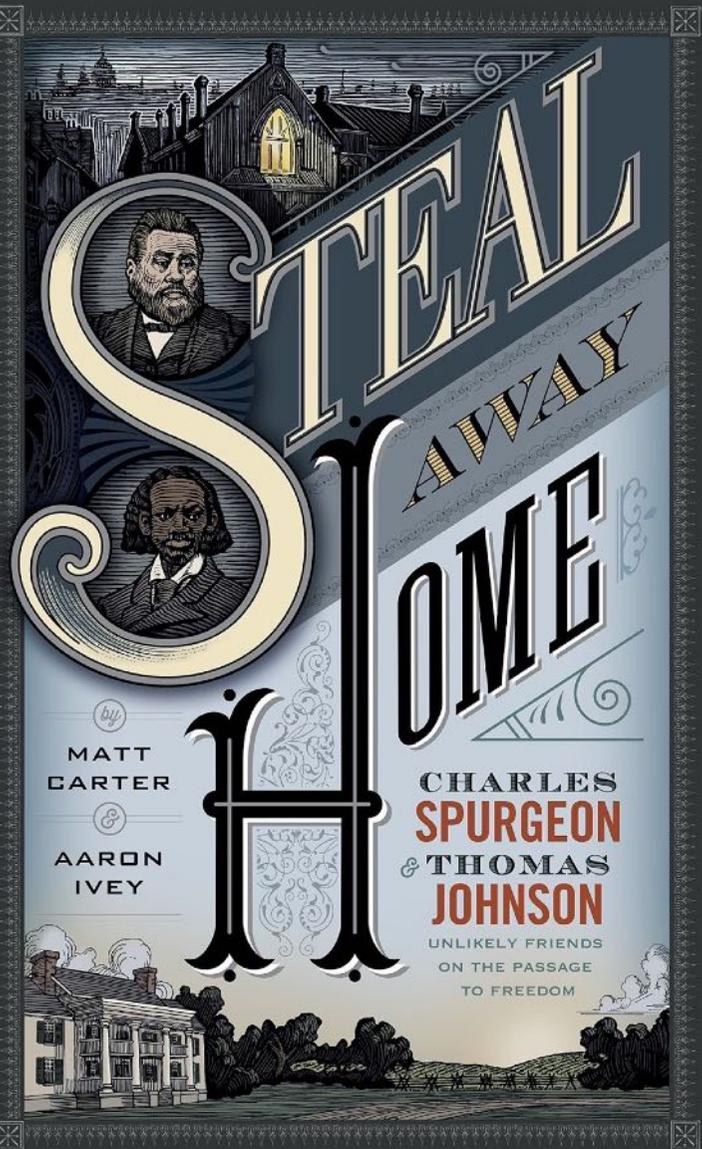
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**Brown's Francis
Wayland**

**Thomas L. Johnson
Escaped slavery and
made his way to
England**



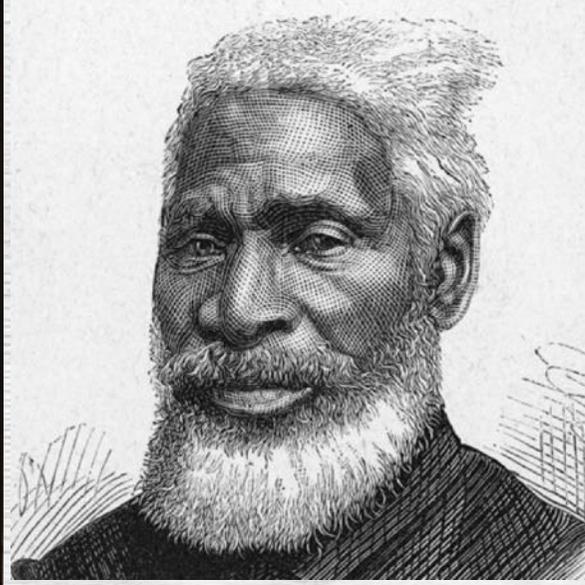


The Spurgeons & Johnsons became friends. Charles made way for Thomas to enter Spurgeon's seminary & to follow the calling Johnson had felt for years – to go as a missionary to Africa.

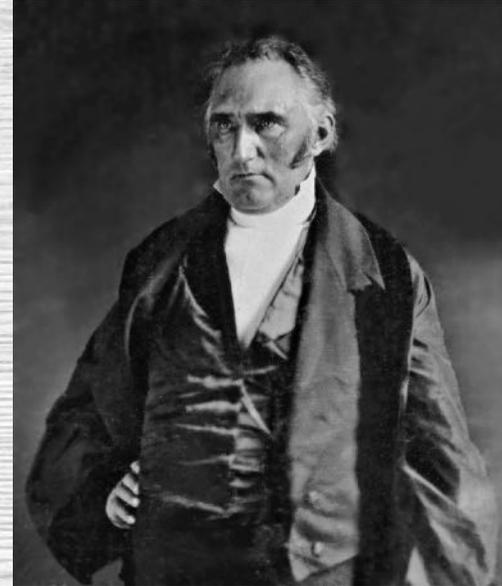
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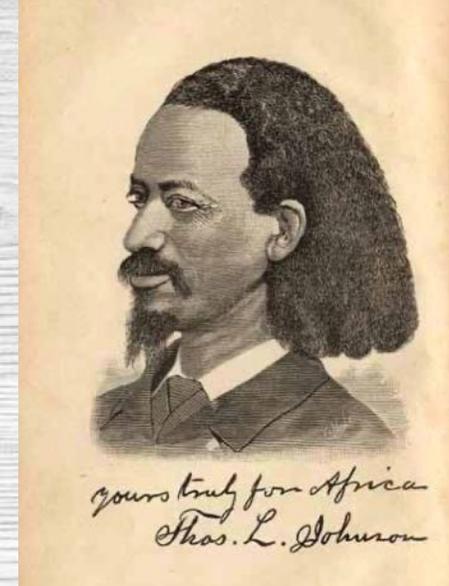
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MISSIONS

The word "MISSIONS" is rendered in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a realistic, shaded globe of the Earth, showing the continents of North and South America. A black arrow points downwards from the bottom of the letter 'M'. The text is set against a background of colorful splatters in shades of brown, orange, and olive green, with a black and white striped pattern behind the letters. The entire graphic is centered on a light gray, textured background that resembles crumpled paper.

REACHING THE NATIONS FOR CHRIST

- 1. Have attitude of Jesus, be a doulos.**
- 2. Serve in missions.**
- 3. Fight slavery.**



courtesy International Justice Mission

- 1. Have attitude of Jesus, be a doulos.**
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