

Order of Service

- Worship in Fellowship
- Worship in Music
- Worship in Missionary Update
- Worship in Commissioning
- Worship in Message
- Worship in Giving

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The Redeemed

Revelation 7

As We See the Day Approaching Series

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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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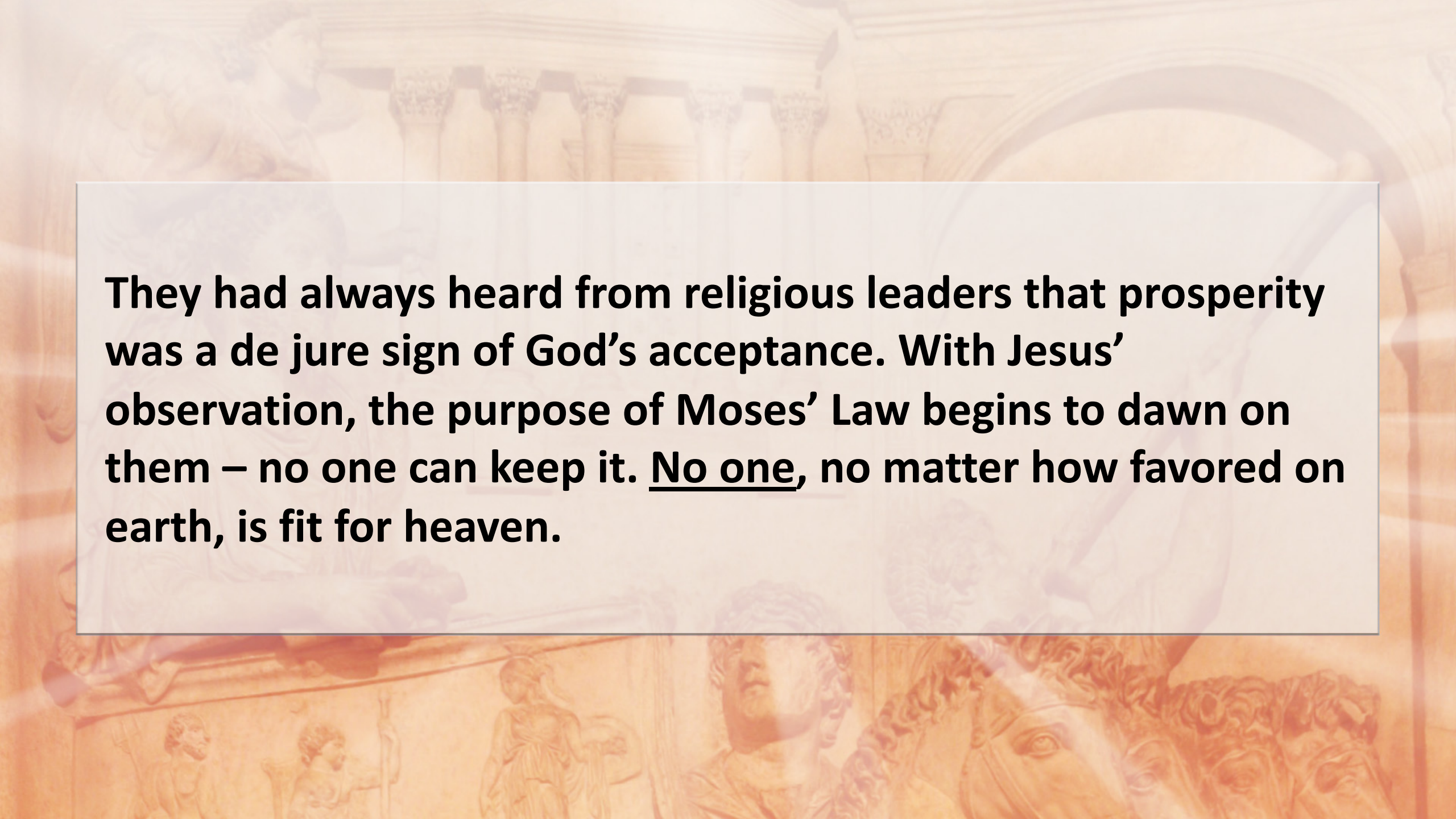
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Mark 10 CSB

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They had always heard from religious leaders that prosperity was a de jure sign of God's acceptance. With Jesus' observation, the purpose of Moses' Law begins to dawn on them – no one can keep it. No one, no matter how favored on earth, is fit for heaven.



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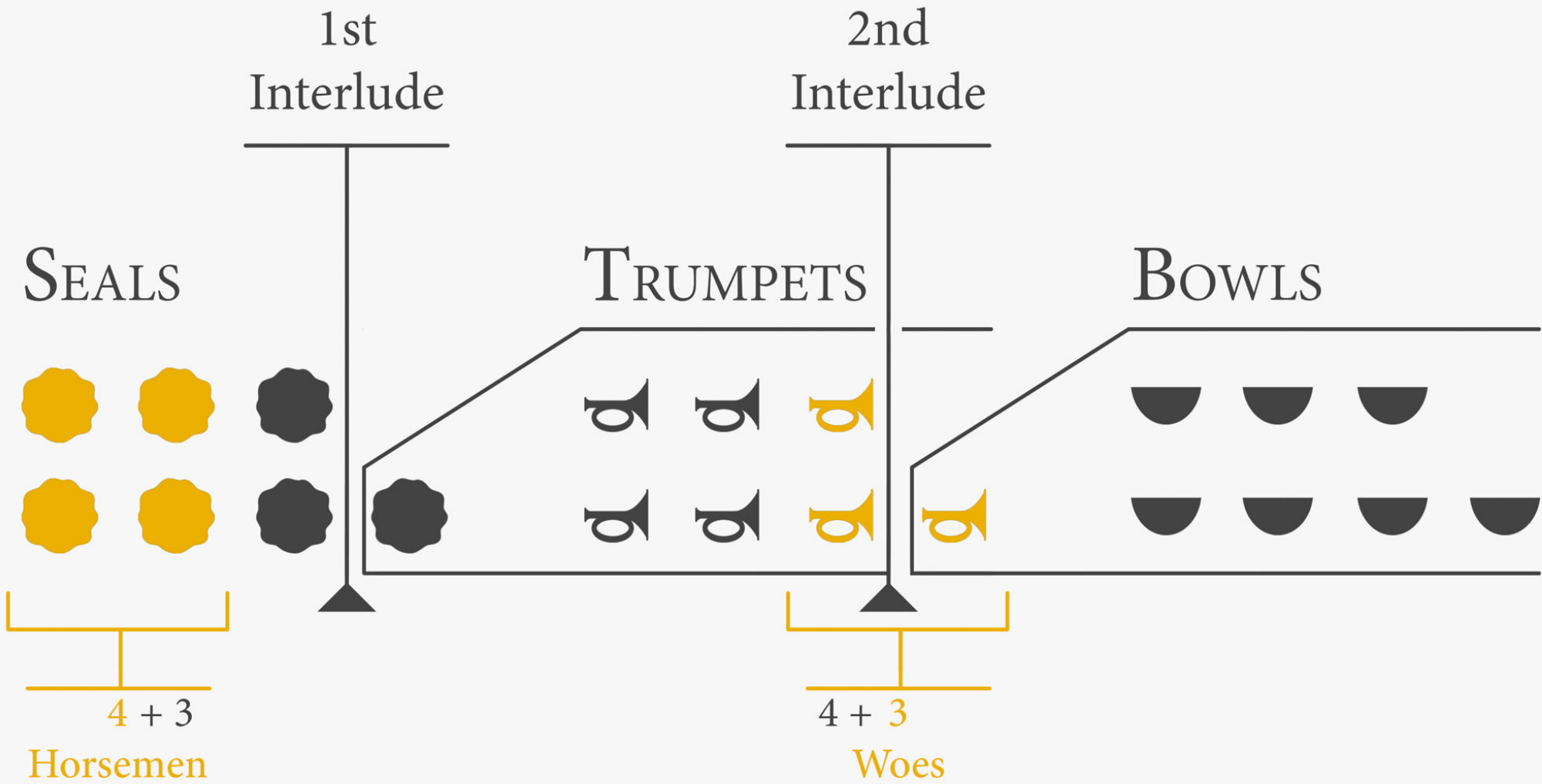
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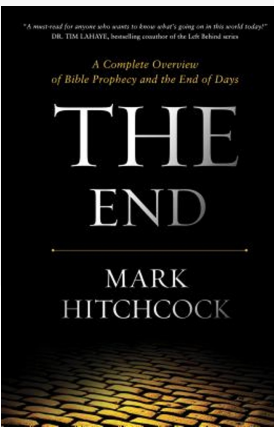
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¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the generals, the rich, the powerful, and every slave and free person hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷ because the great day of their wrath has come! And who is able to stand?”

Revelation 6 CSB

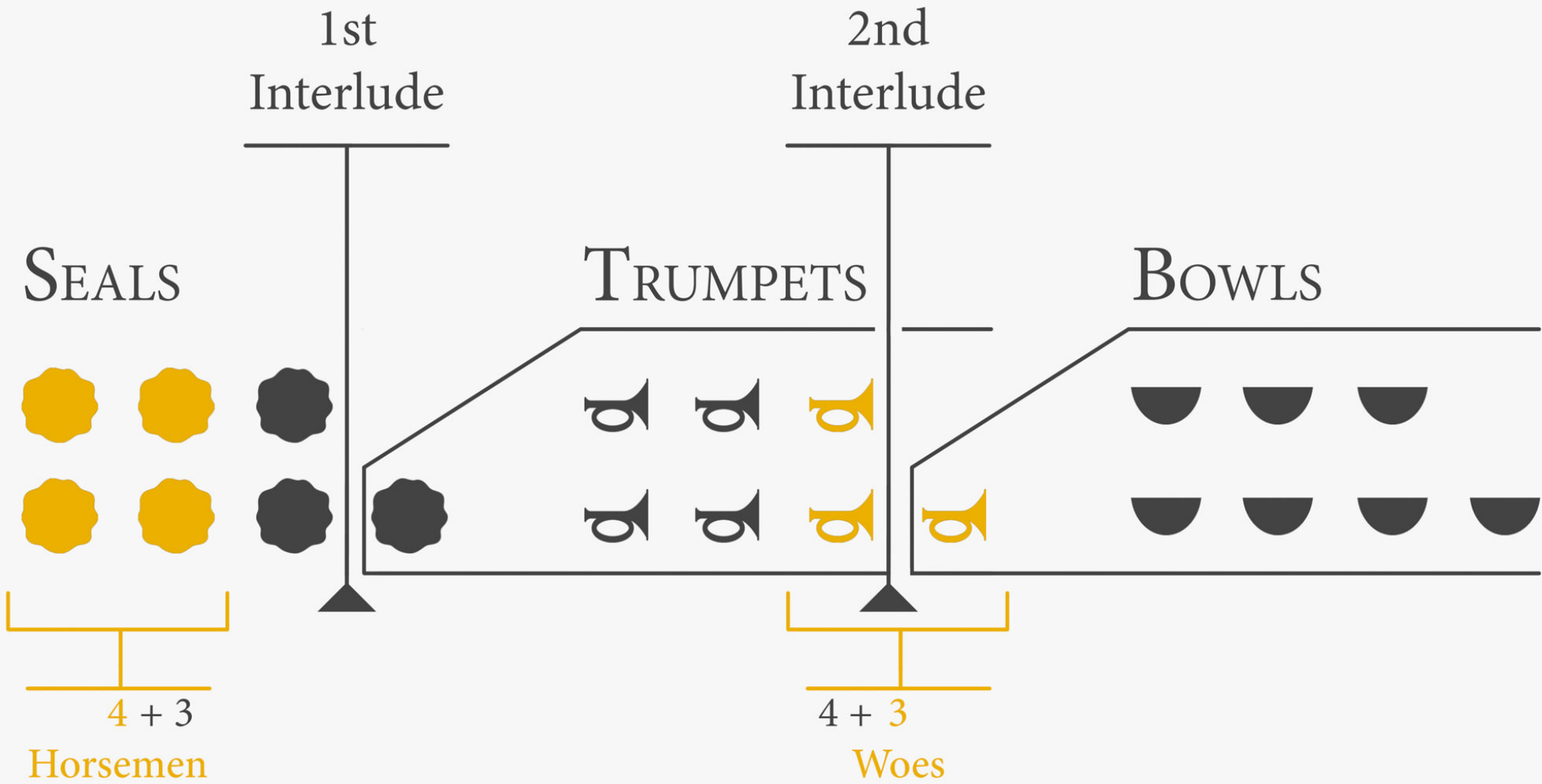
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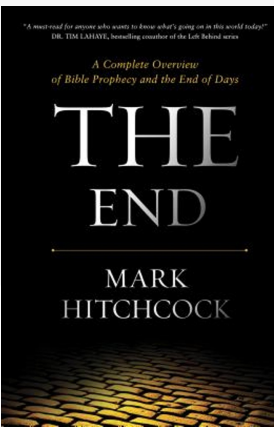
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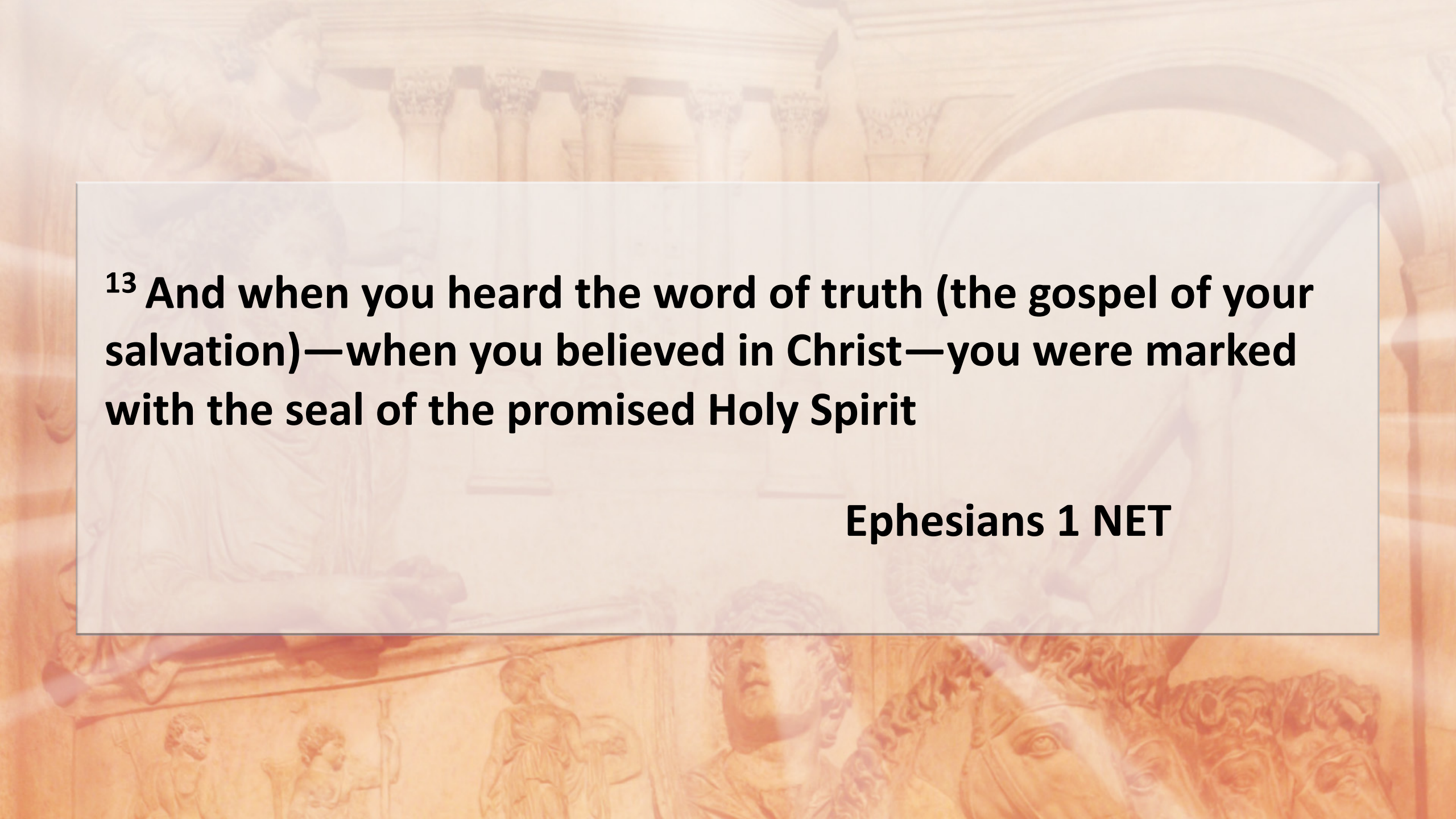
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144,000 sealed from every tribe of the Israelites:**

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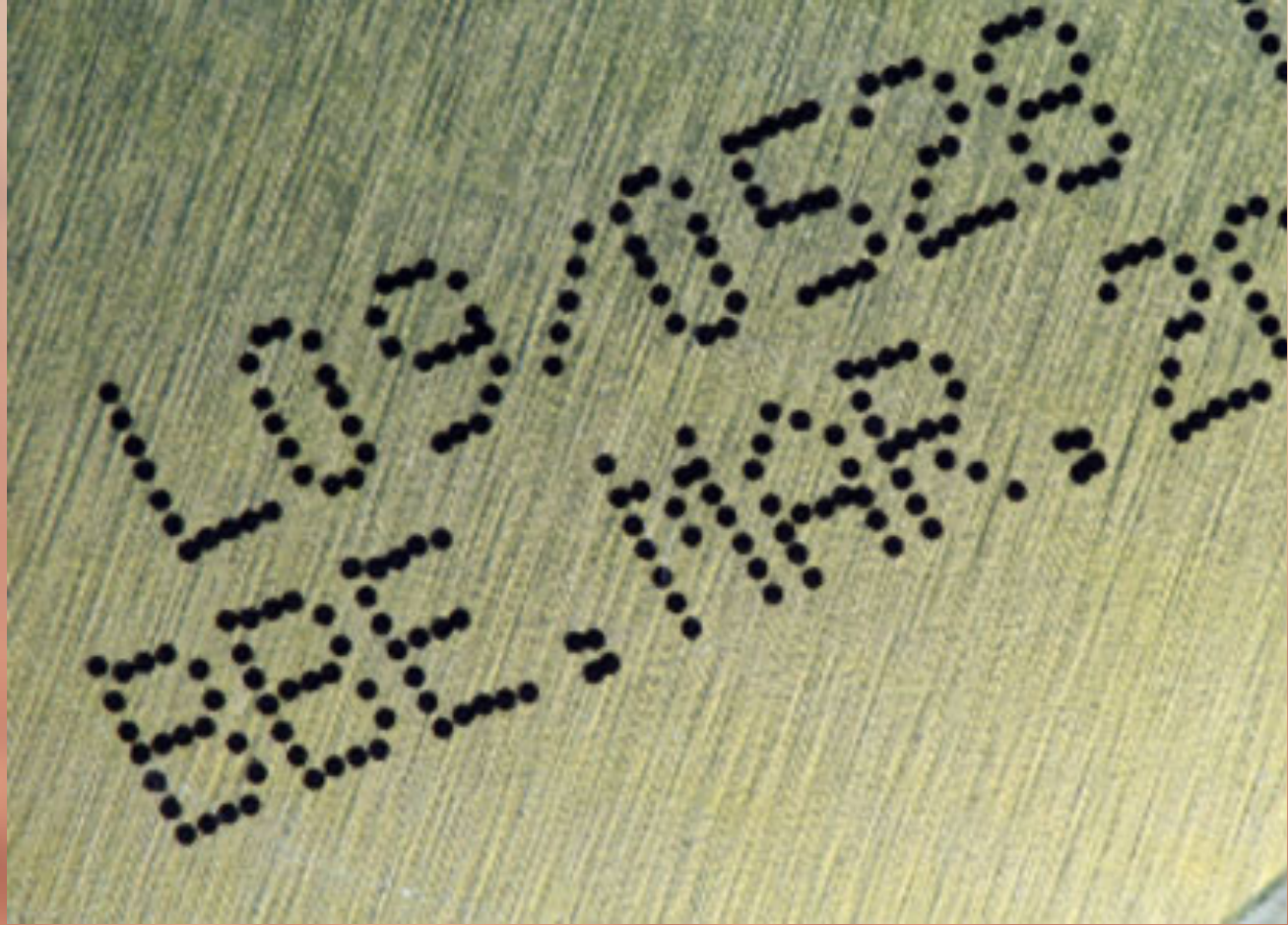
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¹³ And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—when you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1 NET

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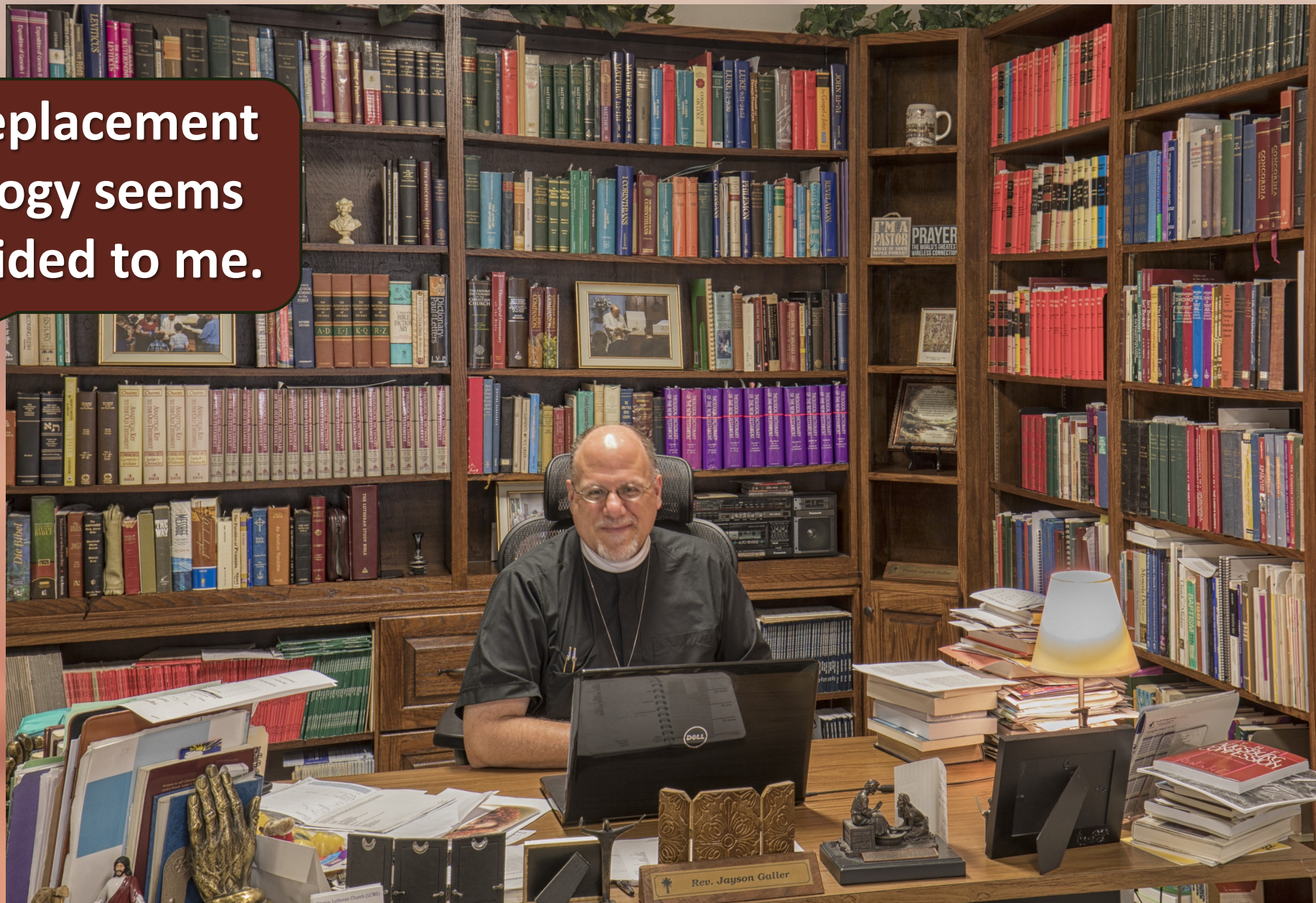


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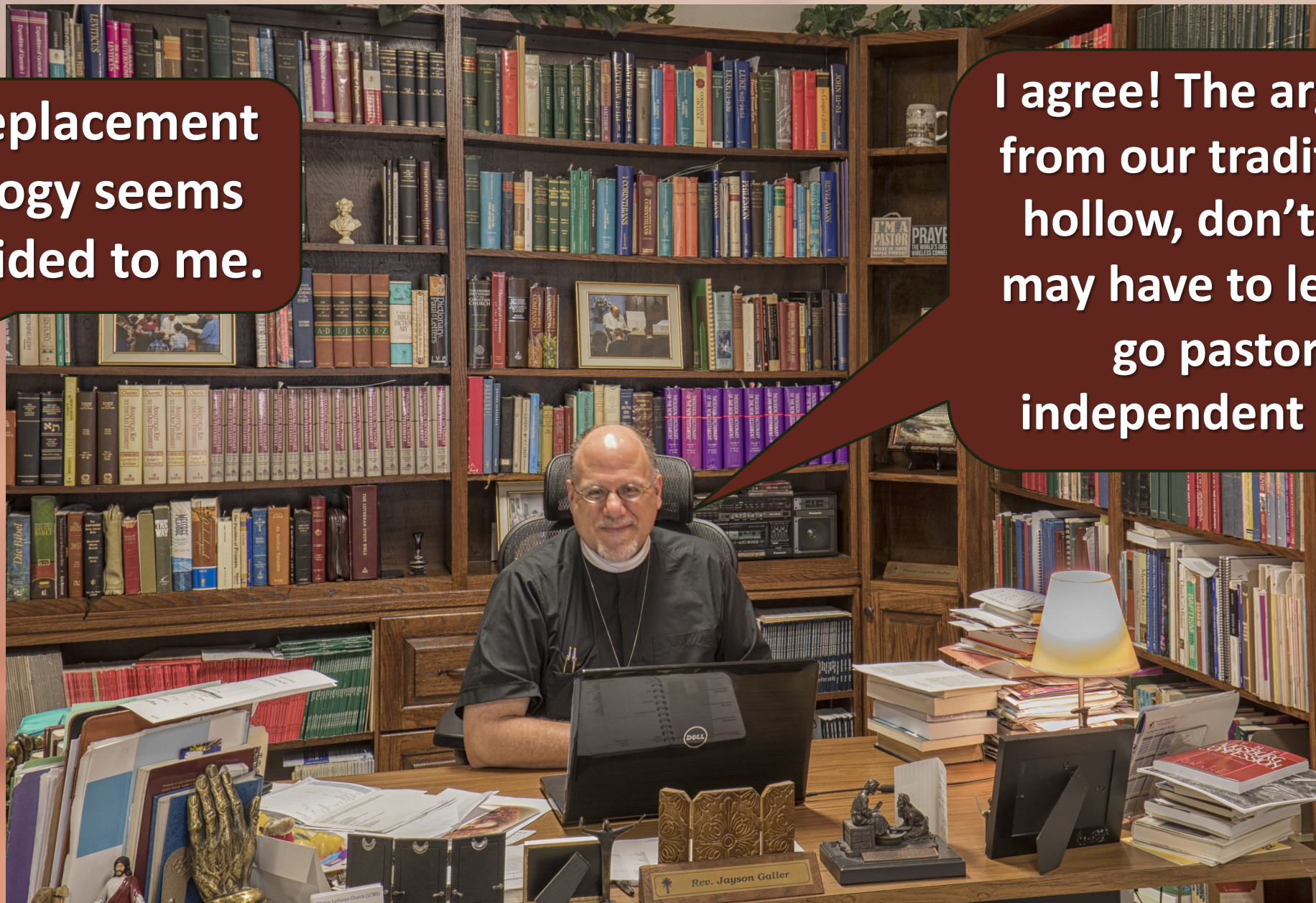
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I agree! The arguments from our tradition ring hollow, don't they? I may have to leave and go pastor an independent church.



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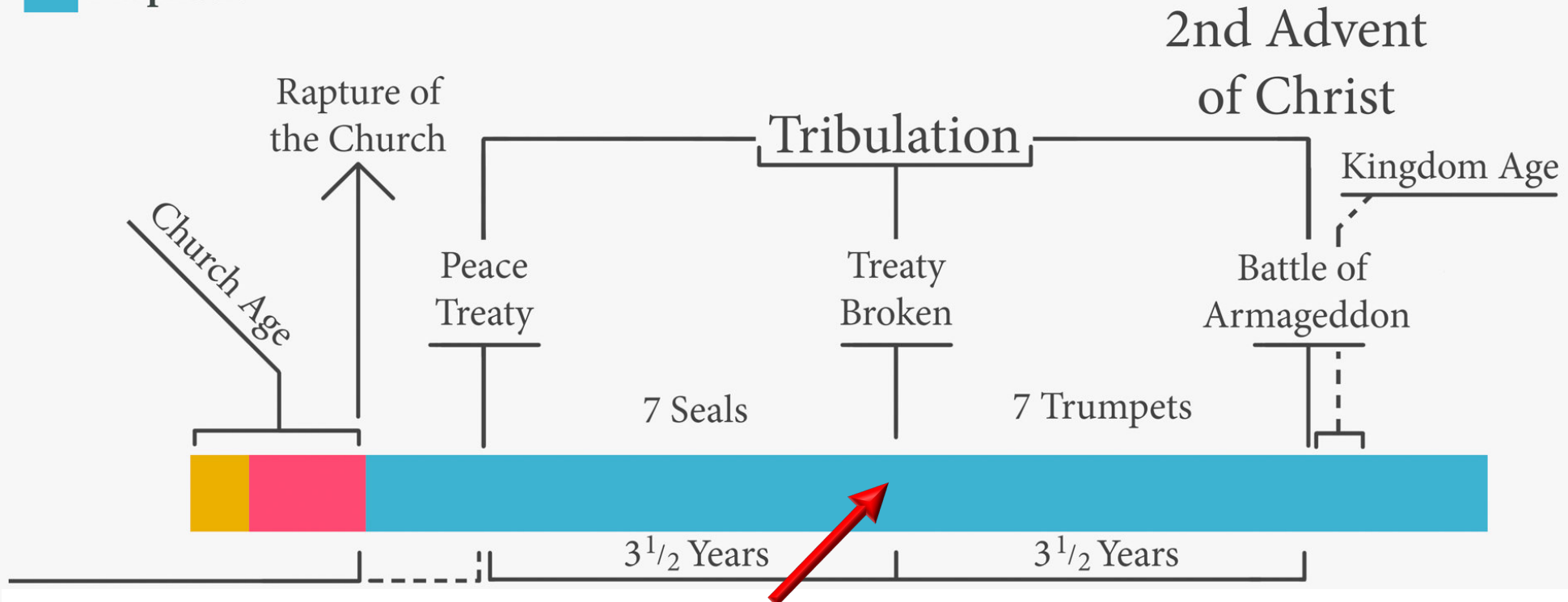
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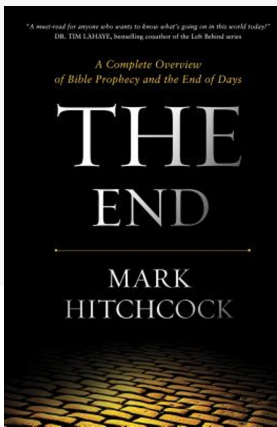
Matthew 24 CSB

Order of Events

- Past
- Present
- Prophetic



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The 12 Sons of Jacob



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2. Simeon



3. Levi



4. Judah



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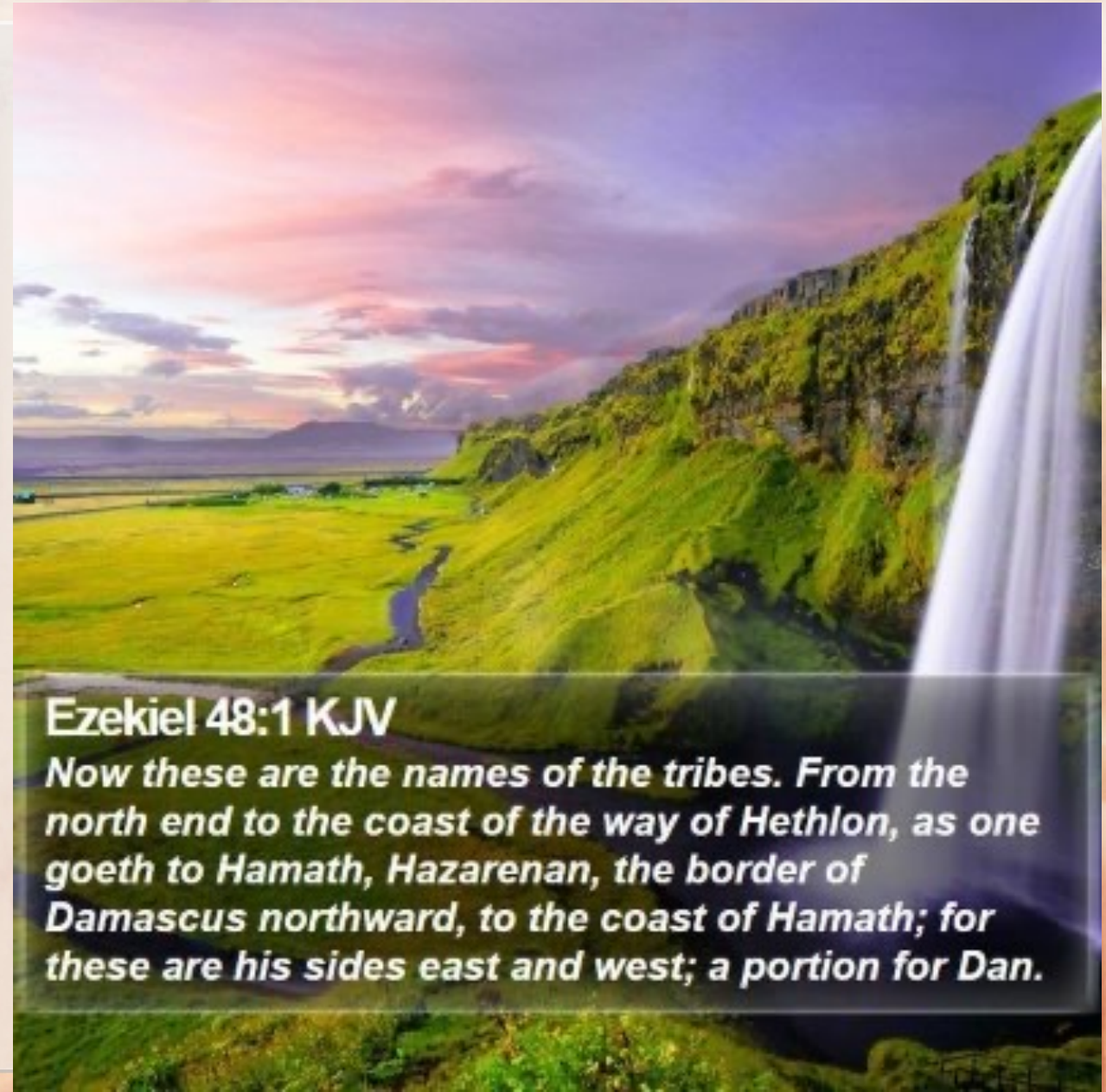
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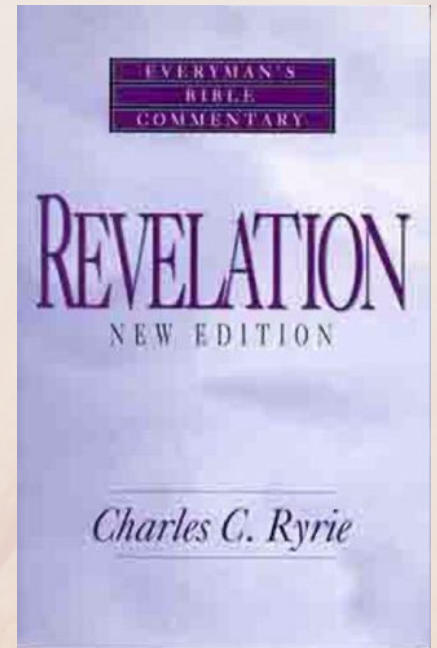
Dan gets dropped because his offspring were guilty of idolatry many times. There won't be any future for the tribe of Dan.



Ezekiel 48:1 KJV

Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazarenan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES & the **144,000**

HURRY...SEATS LIMITED!



ONLY 144,000 SAVED? REALLY?

UM...NO

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**Salvation belongs to our God,
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!**

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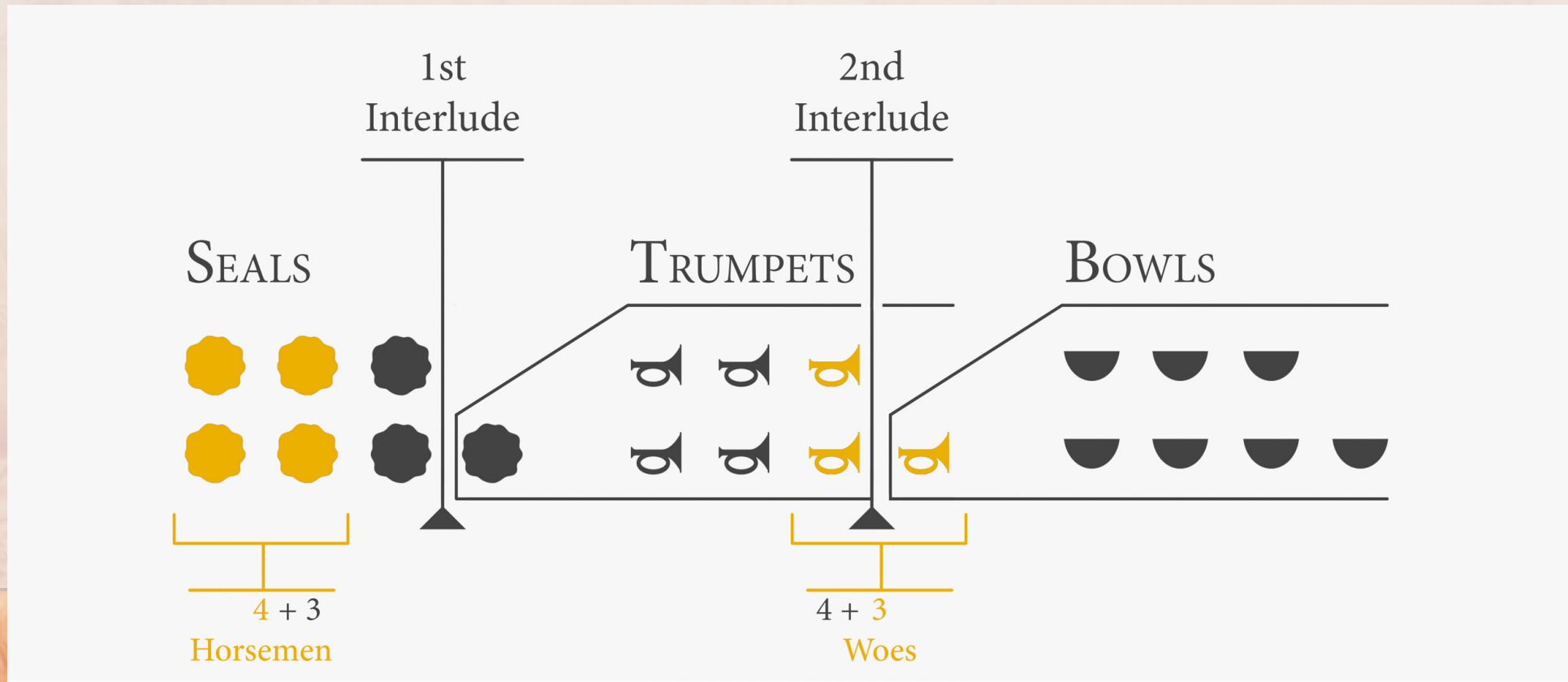
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18 For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb...
21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1 CSB




courtesy Smithsonian



courtesy St. Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent

The rich, the poor – people of all classes and backgrounds – [are] coming to Christ...Van Eyck comprehended the biblical understanding of Christ as the Lamb of God who died on the cross to take away the moral guilt of those who accept him as Savior. But this Christ is not now dead. He stands upright and alive on the altar, symbolizing that that he Died as the substitute, sacrificed, but he now lives!
– Francis Schaeffer,
How Should We Then Live



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**³ all the peoples on earth
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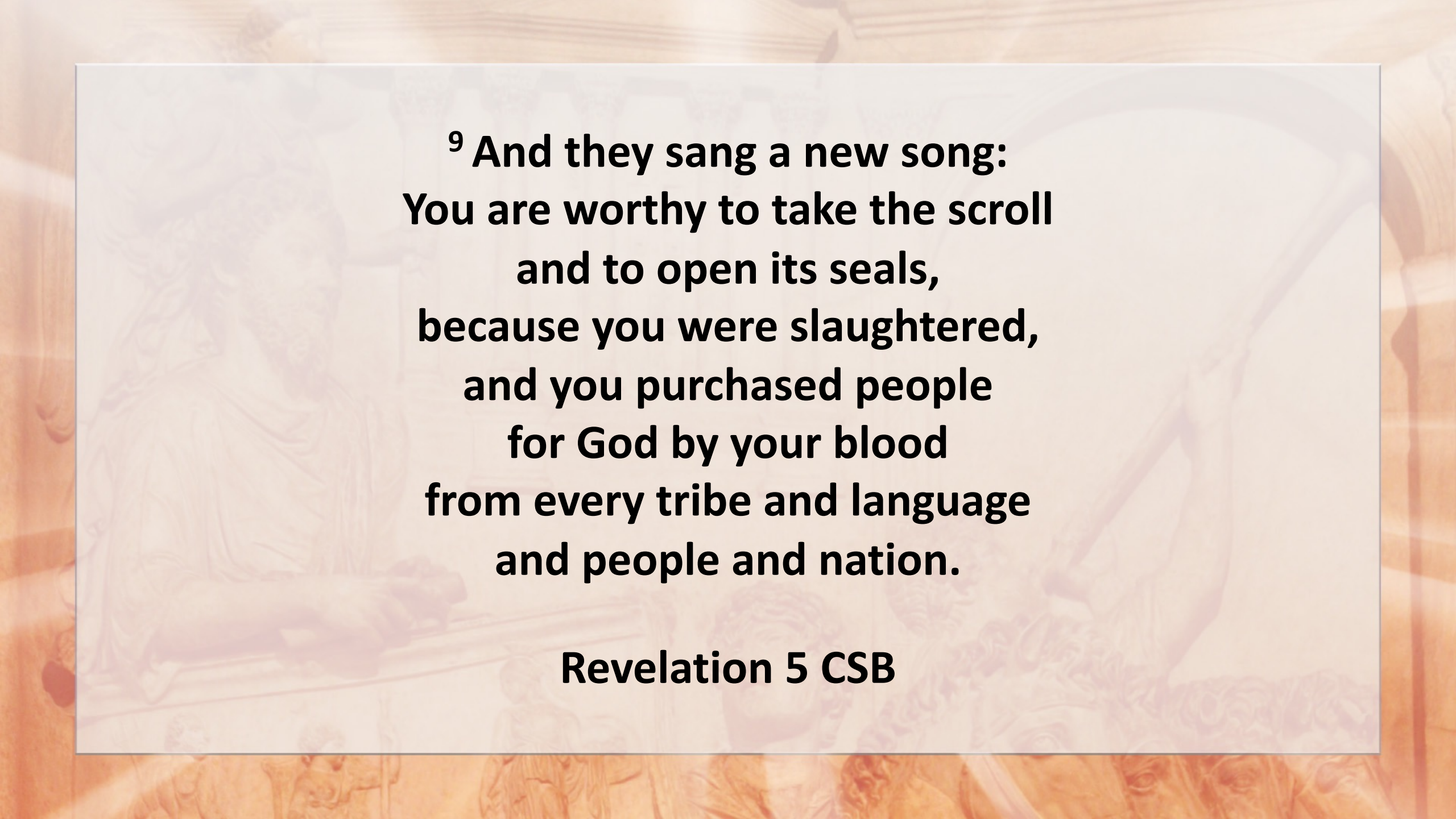
Genesis 12 CSB

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**⁹ And they sang a new song:
You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slaughtered,
and you purchased people
for God by your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.**

Revelation 5 CSB

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Verbal phrases may be a more effective way to translate these nouns; for example, “So be it! We proclaim that our God is great, powerful, majestic (mighty), and wise (with complete knowledge). Let us praise him and thank him for ever and ever. So be it!” – R.G. Bratcher & H. Hatton, *A Handbook on the Revelation to John*

Revelation 7 CSB

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.

The one seated on the throne will shelter them:

16 They will no longer hunger;

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Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

John 10:10 A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Romans 8:32 He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything?

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



**When you find yourself in the thick of it
Help yourself to a bit of what is all
around you
Silly girl
Take a good look around you
Take a good look, you're bound to see
That you and me
Were meant to be for each other**

God is the best Father ever and He knows what our needs are and what our wants are. Sometimes, we get these two mixed up, but we truly can trust God. [Christian], maybe you are in a bad stage of life where you just don't know where to turn. Maybe you are in over your head financially or emotionally or spiritually. Maybe you feel that you are in it all alone. Be encouraged: God knows what is going on in your life and He will provide for you. – Daryl Evans, “God’s Provision”



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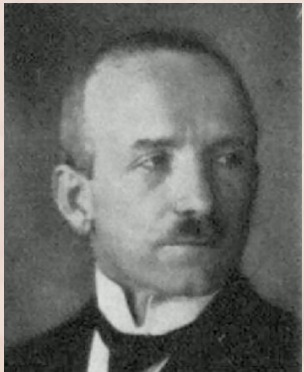


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However wonderful [that an uncountable number will turn to Jesus during the Tribulation]; multitudes during that time will also reject the Saviour and trust “the beast.” And are there not people *today* who prefer Satan to Christ and this world to the world to come? They are just as condemned as the Tribulation sinners who receive the “mark of the beast.” If you have never trusted the Saviour, do so now. If you have trusted Him, then share the Good News of salvation with others that they might be delivered from the wrath to come. – Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*





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