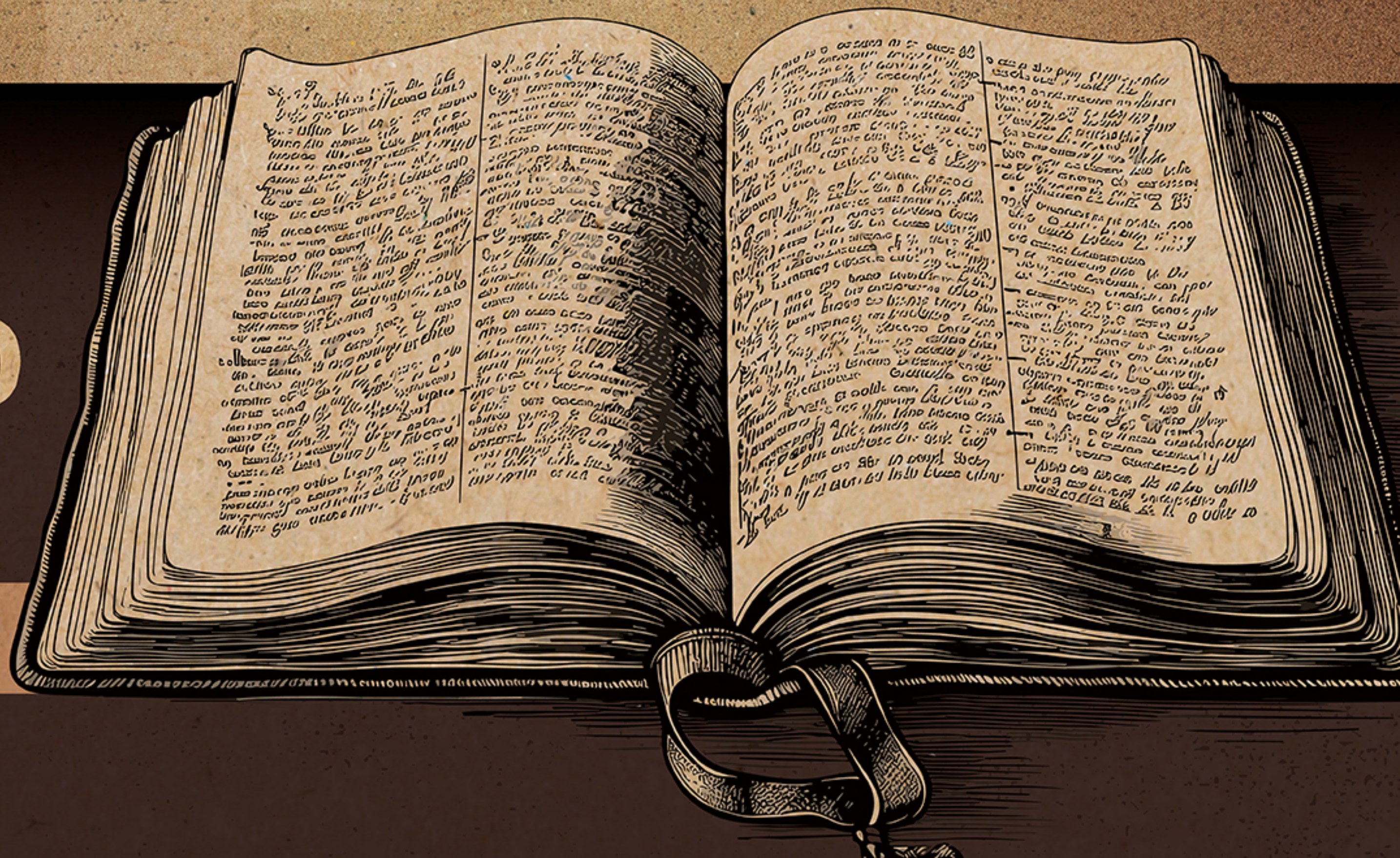


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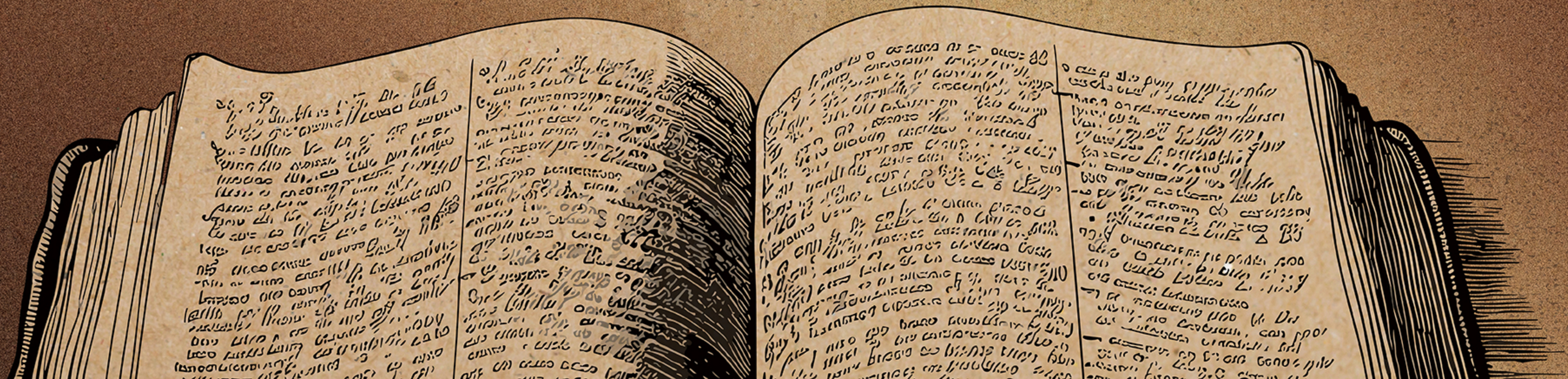
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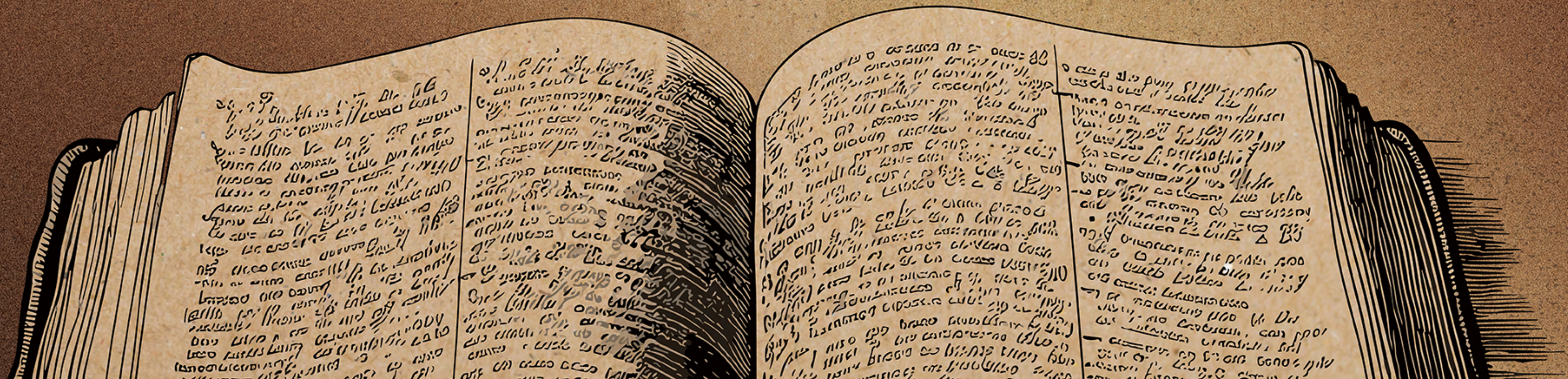
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- **Geographic Location**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Family Dynamics**
- **Political Affiliations**
- **Church Denomination**
- **Interest/Tastes**
- **Gender**

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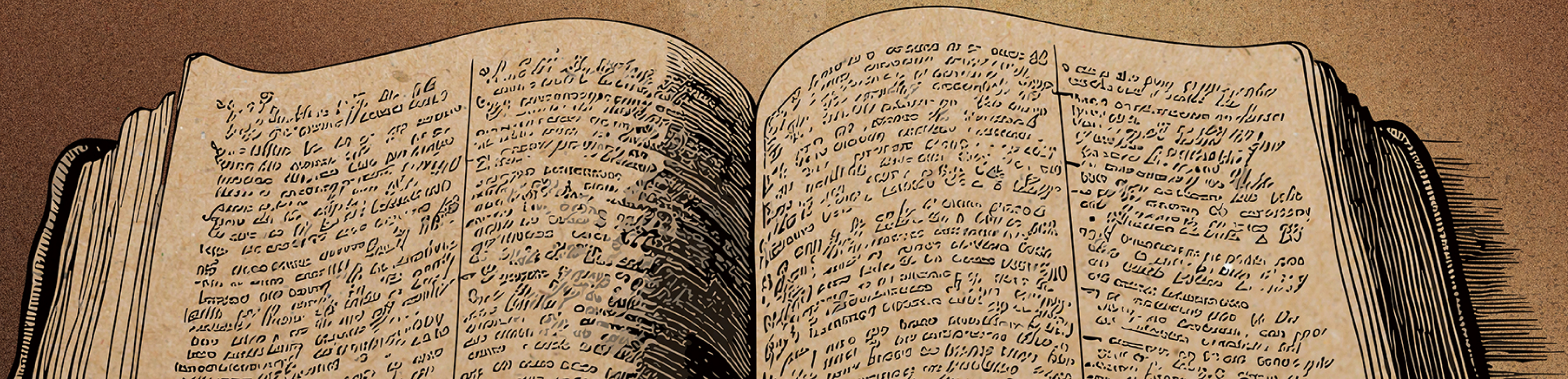
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- **Common Use** - How have you heard this passage used?
- **Text Message** - What is the passage actually saying
- **Application** - How should I respond?

# **Mark 4:35-41**

**On that day, when evening had come, he told them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the sea.” So they left the crowd and took him along since he was in the boat. And other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.**

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**See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.**

# Case Study: Revelation 3:20

- Initial Perspective: Evangelism
- Common Use: Invitation
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# **Revelation 3:15-16**

**I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth.**

# **Revelation 3:17**

**For you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.**

# **Revelation 3:18-19**

**I advise you to buy from me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous and repent.**

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# CASE STUDY:

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- Text Message: Support Believers Abroad
- Application: Global Missions

# Review

- **Our goal in reading our Bible is to sit under its authority and do everything we can to let it speak clearly and powerfully to our lives.**
- **Doing so protects us against false teaching, personal agendas, and misunderstandings of the emphasis of passages in the Bible.**