

WITNESSES

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Acts 1:1-26 (pg. 966)

¹I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

¹Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. ³So it also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

LUKE 1:1-4

The background is a textured, yellowish-gold surface. It is decorated with various black symbols: solid arrows pointing in different directions (up, down, left, right, and diagonally), dotted lines, and small black dots. Some of these symbols are grouped together, creating a sense of movement or flow. The overall aesthetic is that of a vintage or industrial design.

1) WITNESSES REQUIRE ← POWER (1-11)

⁴While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

“You are my witnesses” —
this is the Lord’s
declaration—

“and my servant whom I
have chosen, so that you
may know and believe me
and understand that I am
he.

No god was formed before
me, and there will be none
after me.

I — I am the Lord.
Besides me, there is no
Savior.

I alone declared, saved, and
proclaimed — and not some
foreign god among you.

So you are my witnesses” —
this is the Lord’s declaration
—“and I am God.”

ISAIAH 43:10-12

⁹After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven."

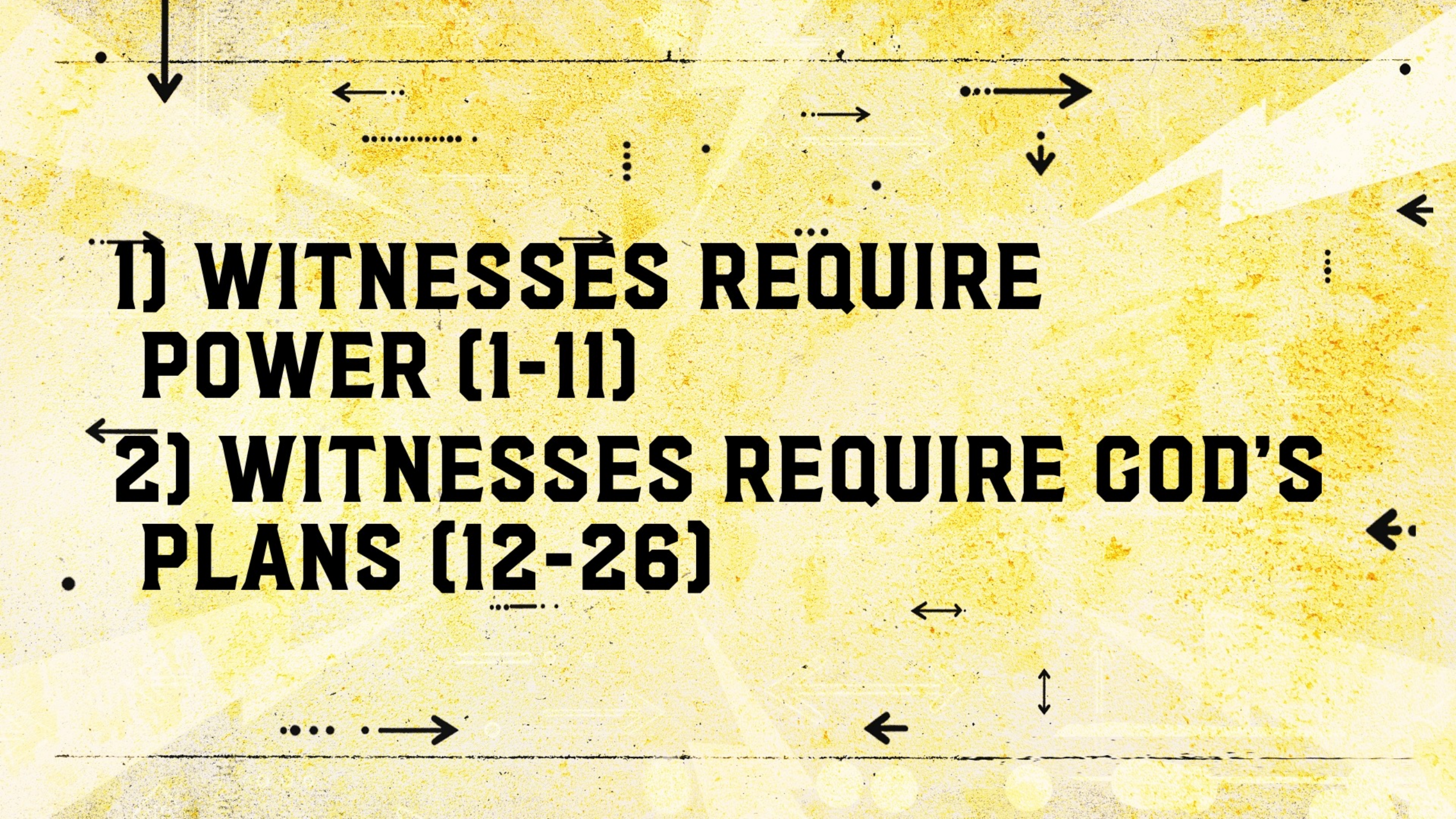
I continued watching in the night visions,
and suddenly one like a son of man
was coming with the clouds of heaven.

He approached the Ancient of Days
and was escorted before him.

He was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
so that those of every people,
nation, and language
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that will not pass away,
and his kingdom is one
that will not be destroyed.

DANIEL 7:13-14

The background is a textured, yellowish-brown surface. It is decorated with various black arrows and dots. At the top, there are several horizontal arrows pointing left and right, some with dotted lines. A vertical arrow points down on the left. On the right, a large white lightning bolt shape points towards the center. Below the lightning bolt, there are more arrows pointing left and right, some with dotted lines. In the bottom right, there are two vertical double-headed arrows. The text is written in a bold, black, serif font.

**1) WITNESSES REQUIRE
POWER (1-11)**

**2) WITNESSES REQUIRE GOD'S
PLANS (12-26)**

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem — a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters — the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty — and said,
¹⁶“Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David foretold about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”

¹⁸Now this man acquired a field with his unrighteous wages. He fell headfirst, his body burst open and his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that in their own language that field is called 'Hakeldama' (that is, "Field of Blood"). ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms:
**Let his dwelling become desolate;
let no one live in it; and
Let someone else take his position.**

²¹“Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us — ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us — from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

Literally vs. Literarily

²³So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴Then they prayed, "You, Lord, know everyone's hearts; show which of these two you have chosen

²⁵to take the place in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs."

²⁶Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the Lord.

PROVERBS 16:33

“For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.”

ACTS 15:28 (NASB)

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3) WHAT ARE YOU A WITNESS
TO?

“Conversion to new, deviant religious groups occurs when, other things being equal, people have or develop stronger attachments to members of the group than they have to nonmembers.”

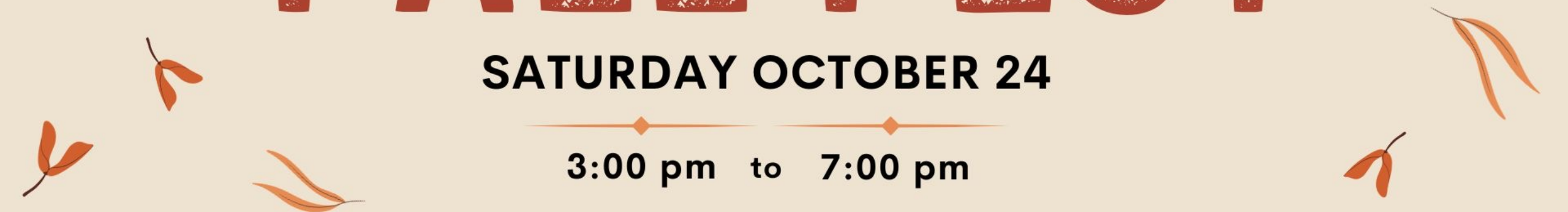
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