



REVELATION

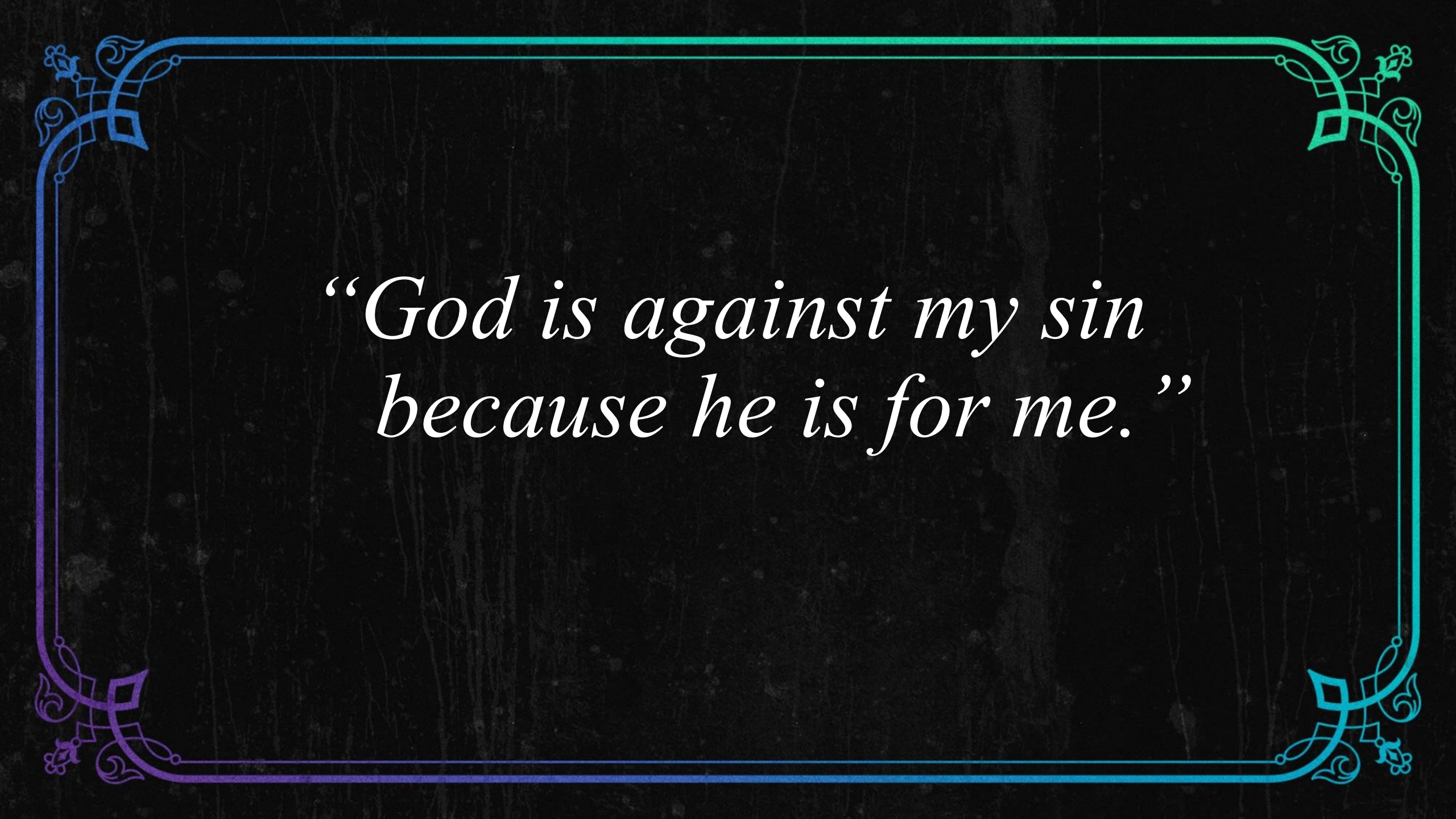
WHAT WAS. WHAT IS. AND WHAT IS TO COME.



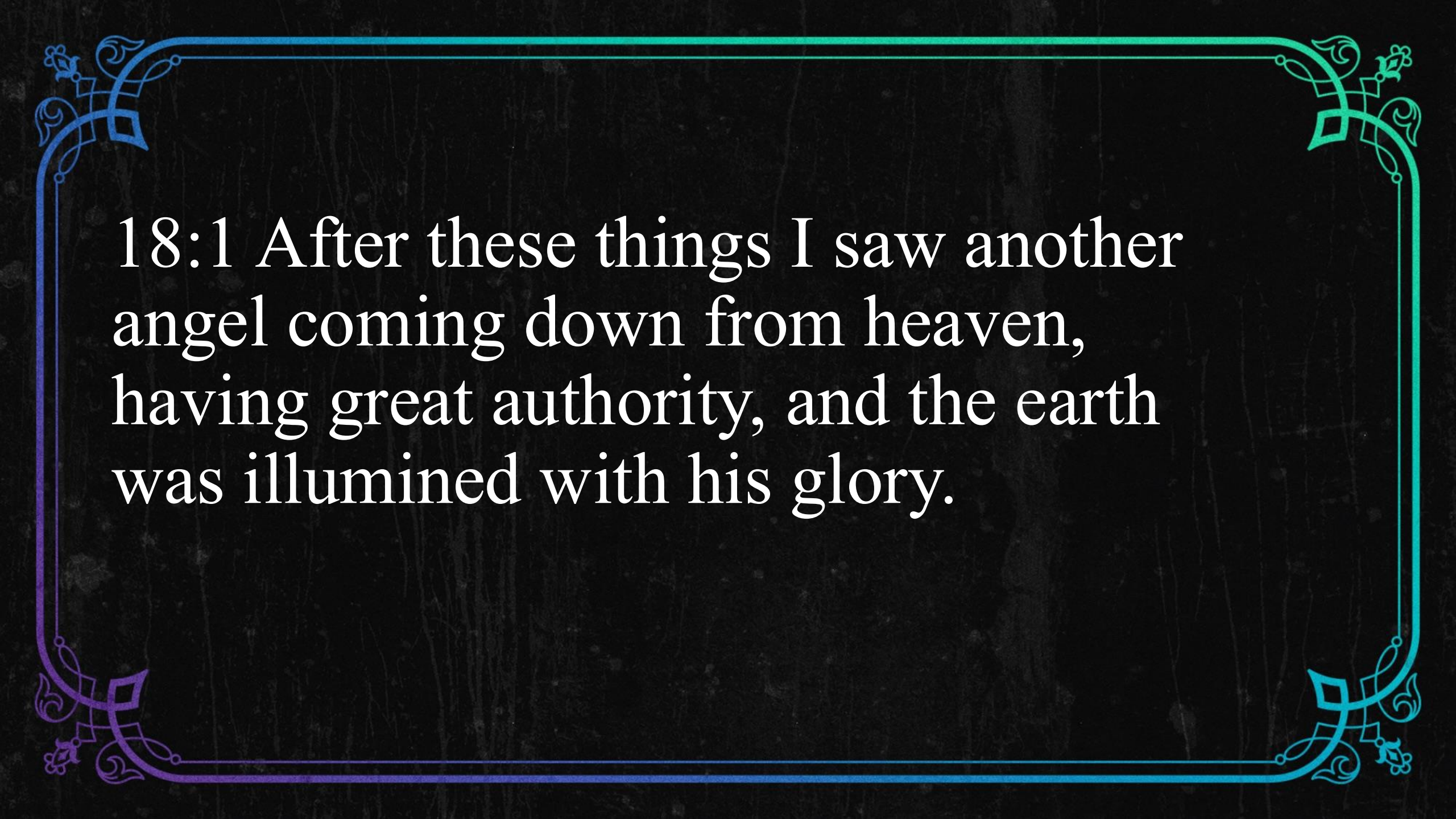
Babylon Has Fallen

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Revelation 18



*“God is against my sin
because he is for me.”*



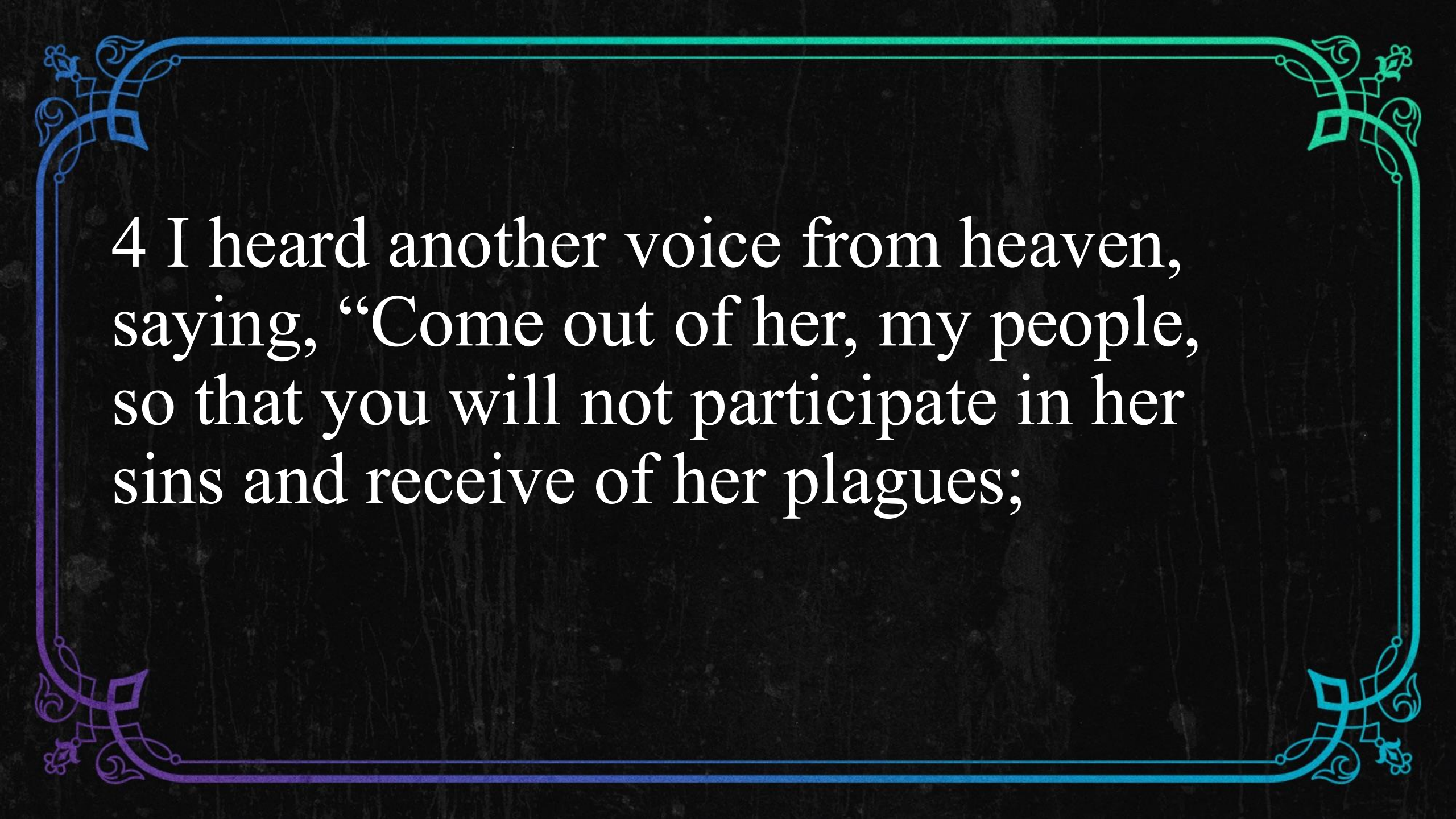
18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory.

Revelation 1

- ‘another Angel’
- ‘authority’
- Reads like a trial –
- God is Just & Judge



*“Salvation promises to set us free –
it does not make us independent!”*



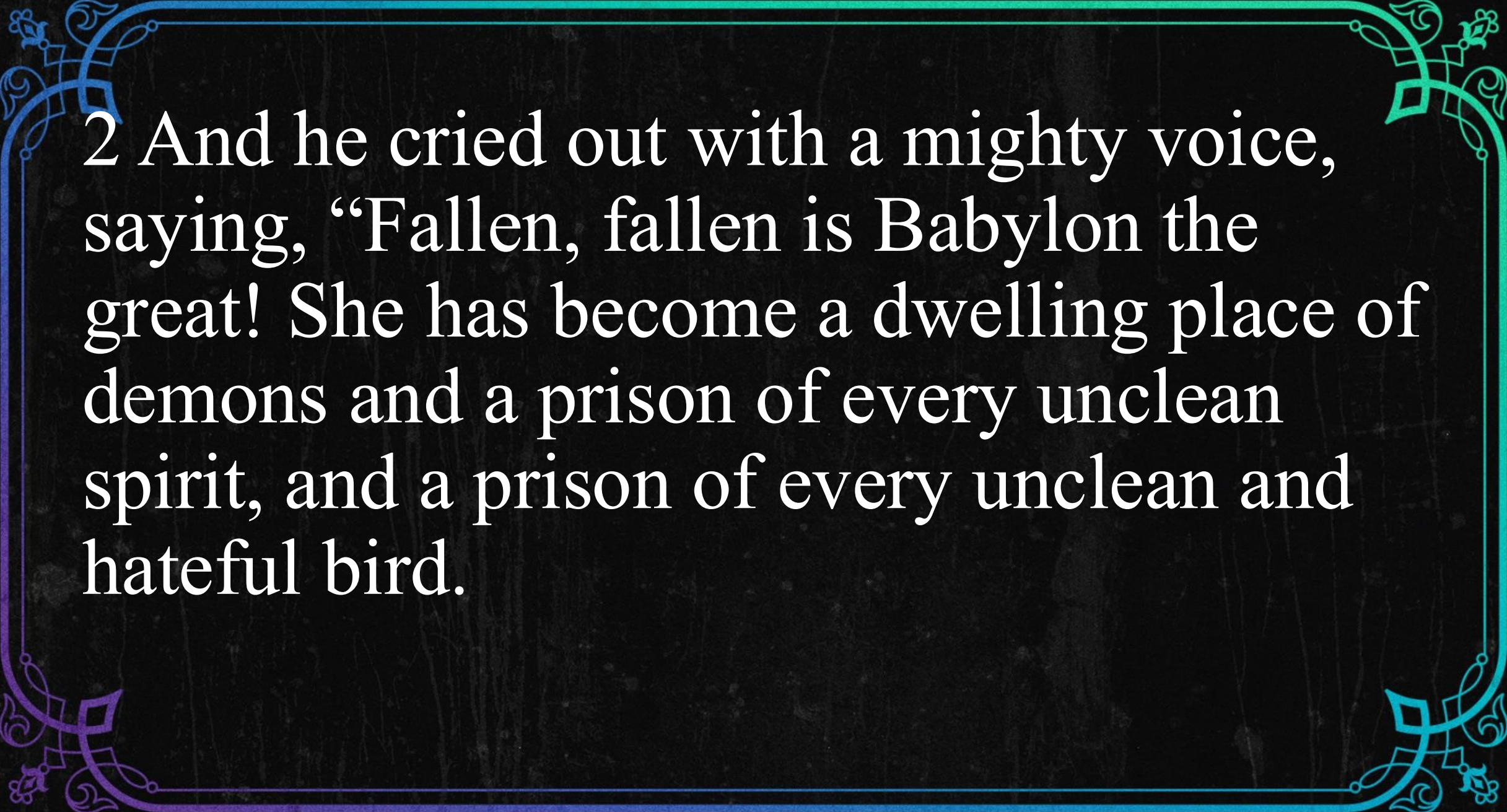
4 I heard another voice from heaven,
saying, “Come out of her, my people,
so that you will not participate in her
sins and receive of her plagues;

Rescue! 4

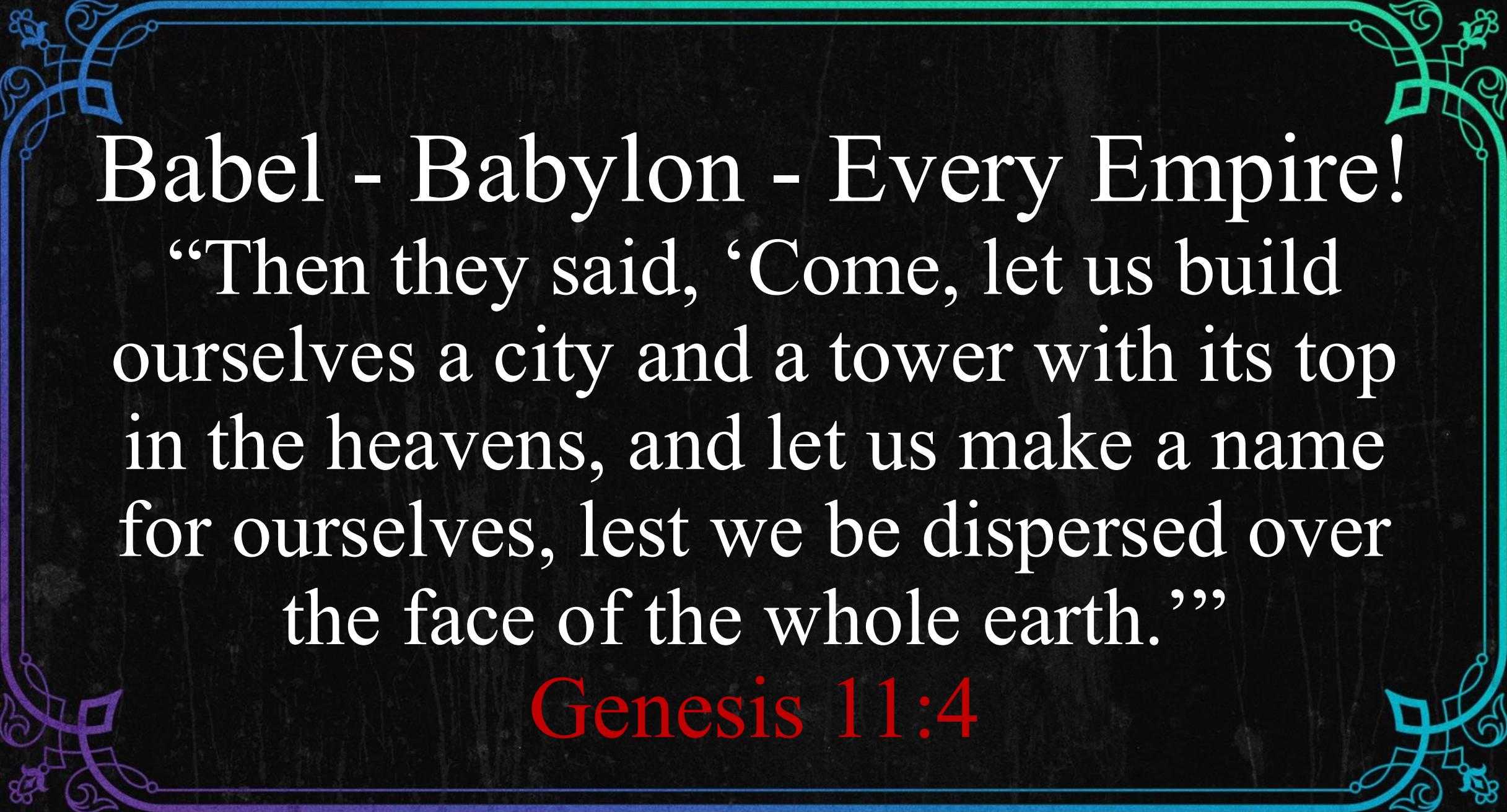
- The voice of the Lamb?
- ‘come out!’
- ‘not participate’
- ‘not receive’



*“True freedom in Christ
allows us to control the desires
that once controlled us!”*



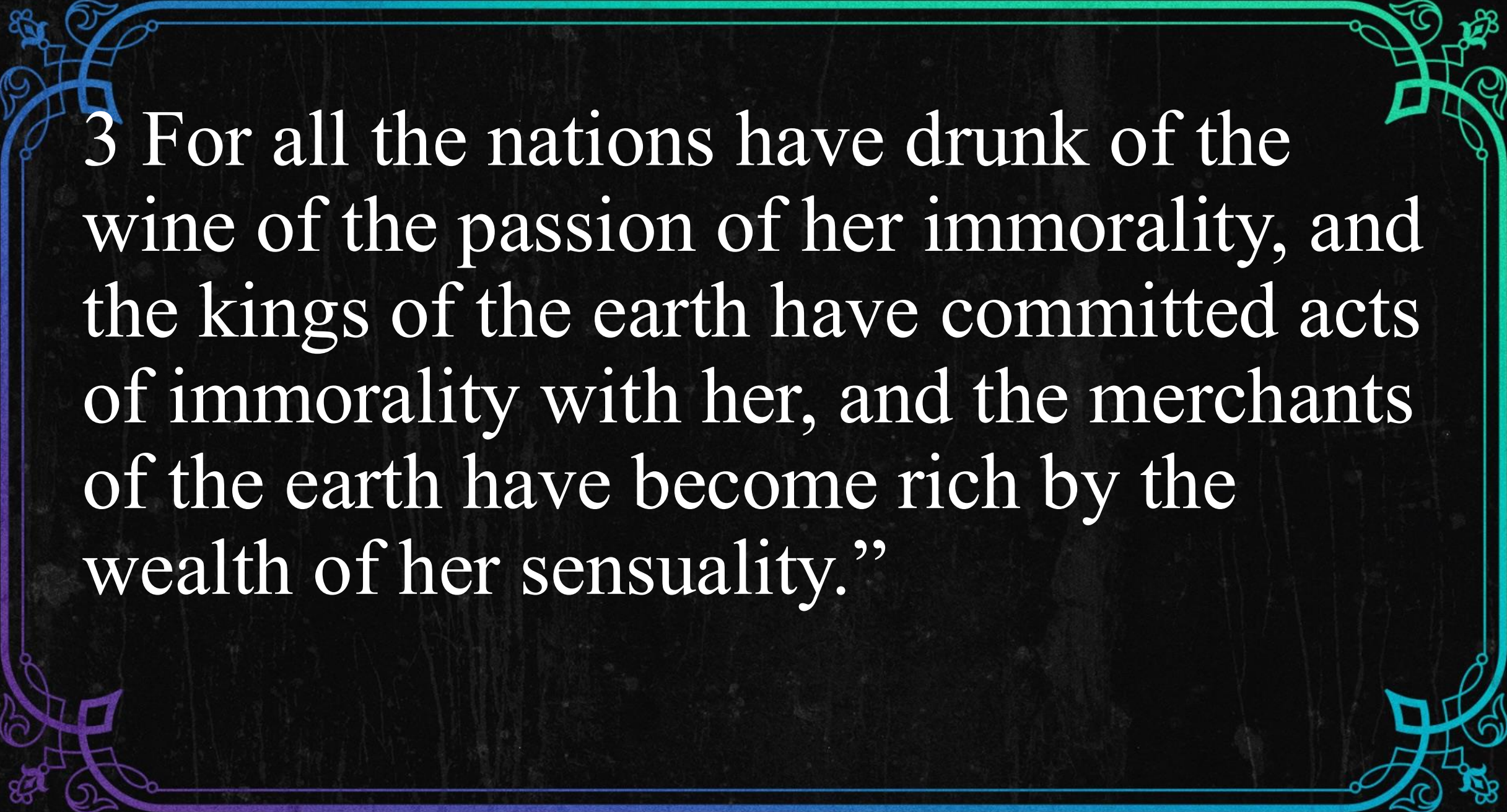
2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.



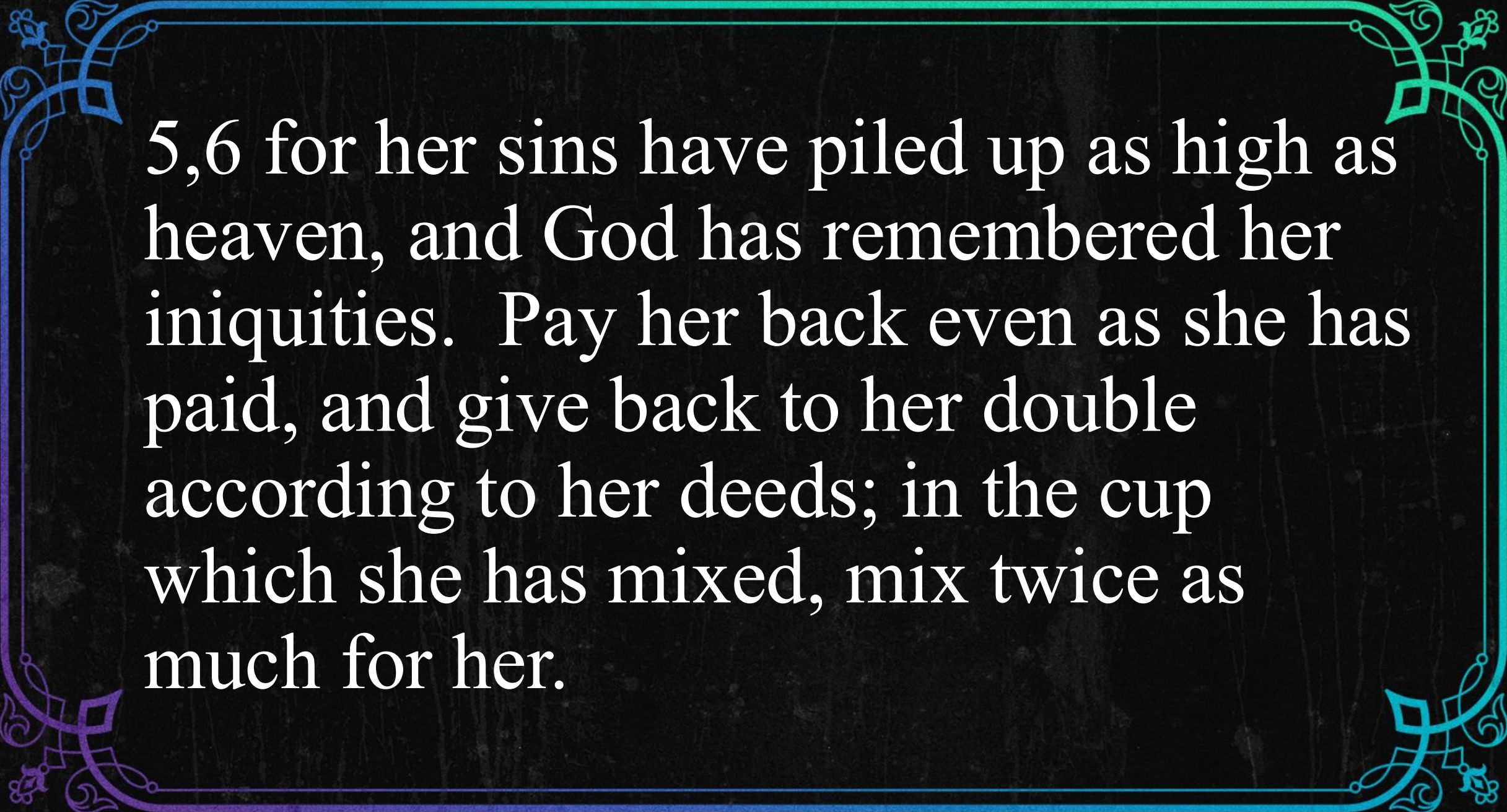
Babel - Babylon - Every Empire!

“Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.’”

Genesis 11:4

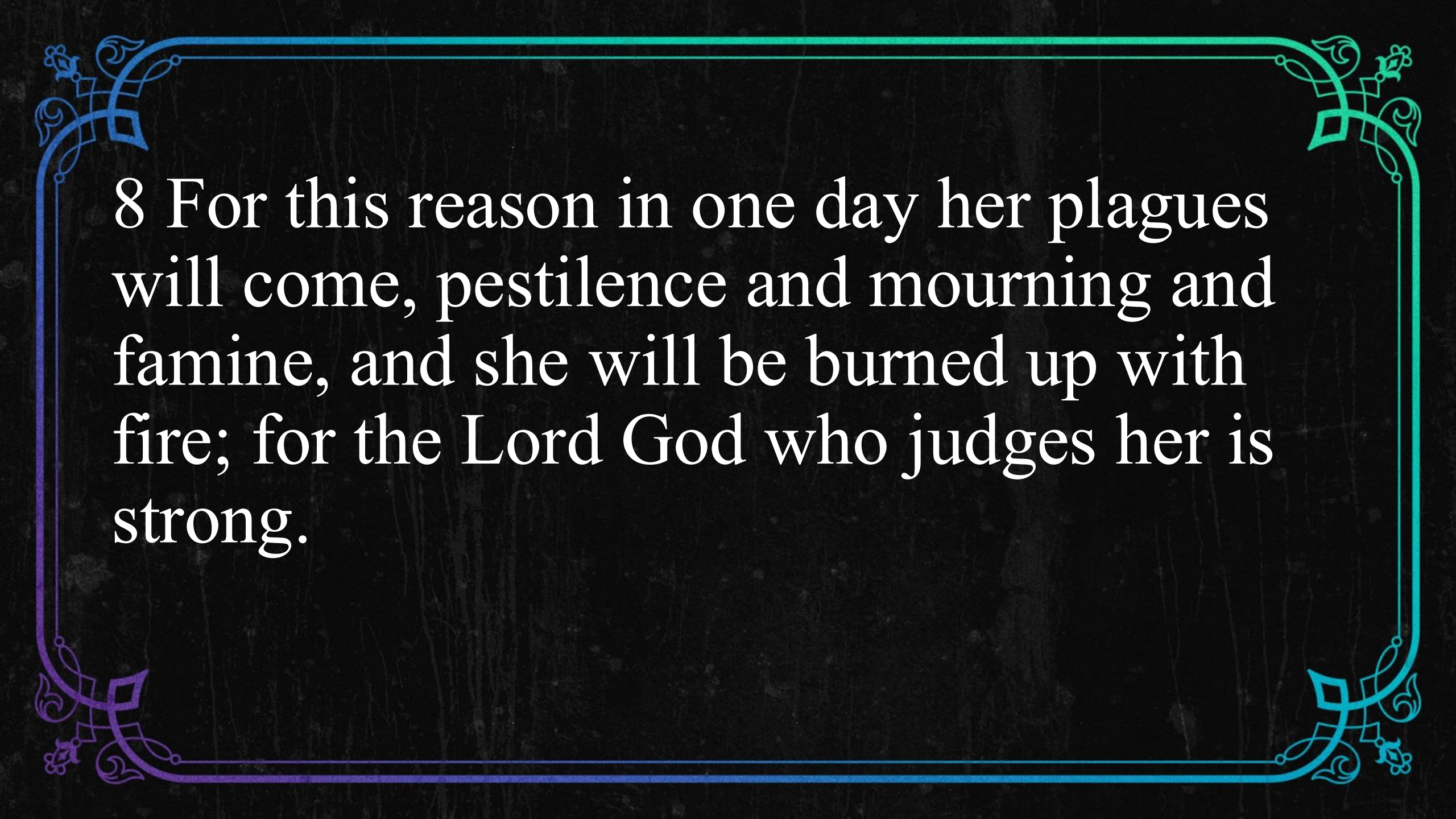


3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.”



5,6 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.

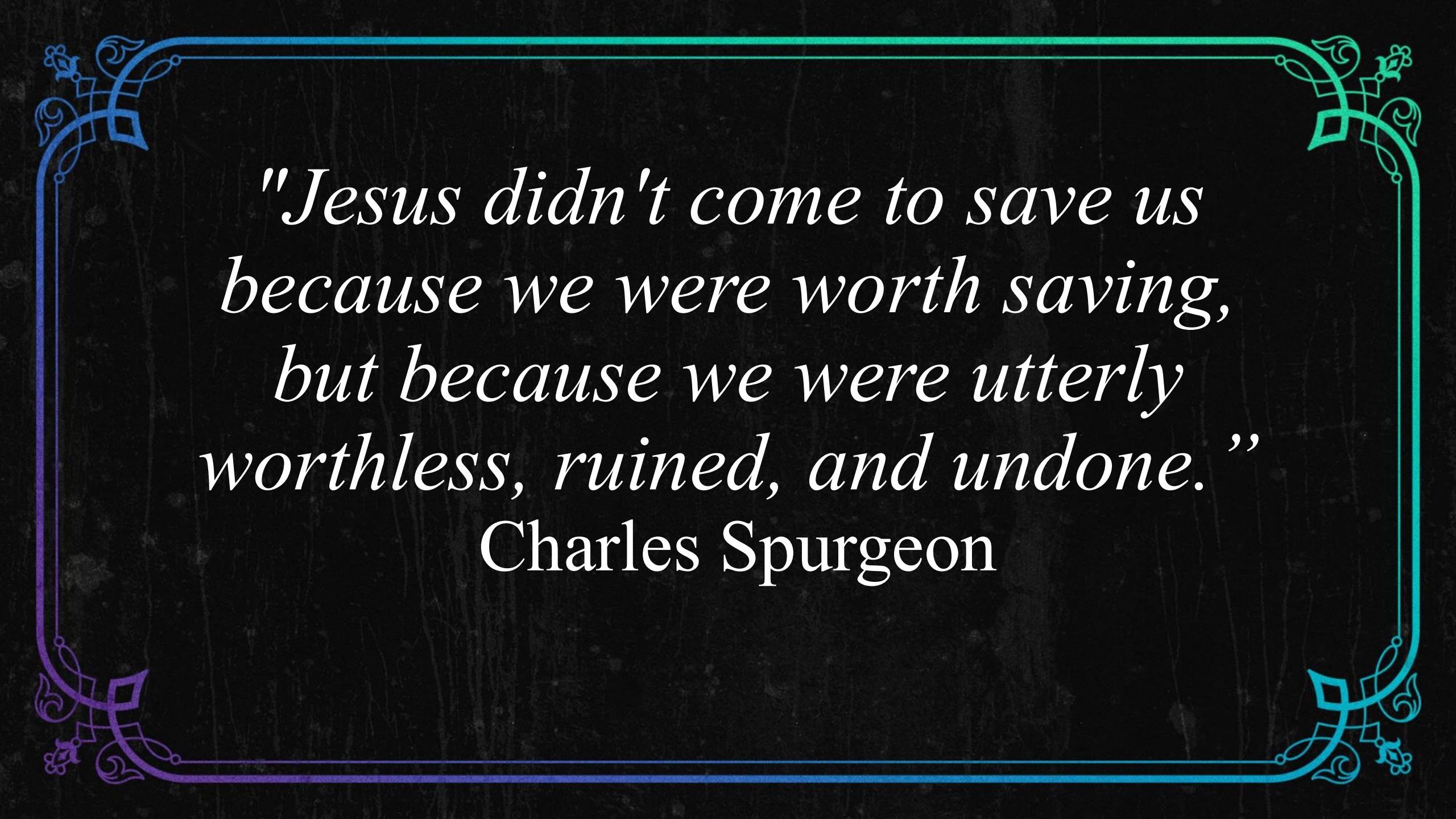
7 To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.'



8 For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

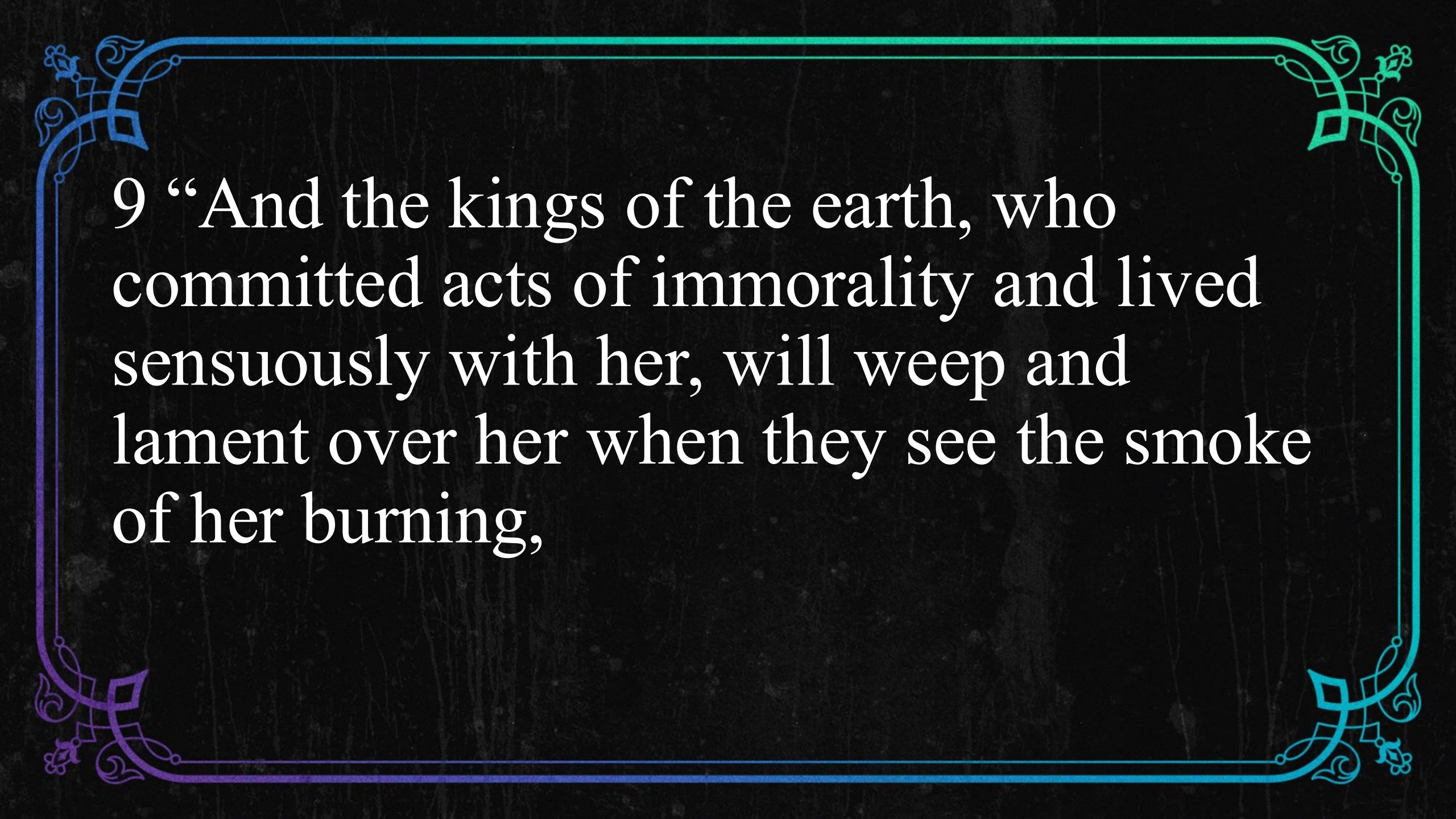
Reasons 2-3; 5-19

- Indictment 2,3
 - ‘dwelling place’
- Charges 5-8
 - ‘piled up as high a heaven’ IRONY!
 - ‘never see mourning’
 - בָּבֶל - Βαβυλῶνος - Babylon

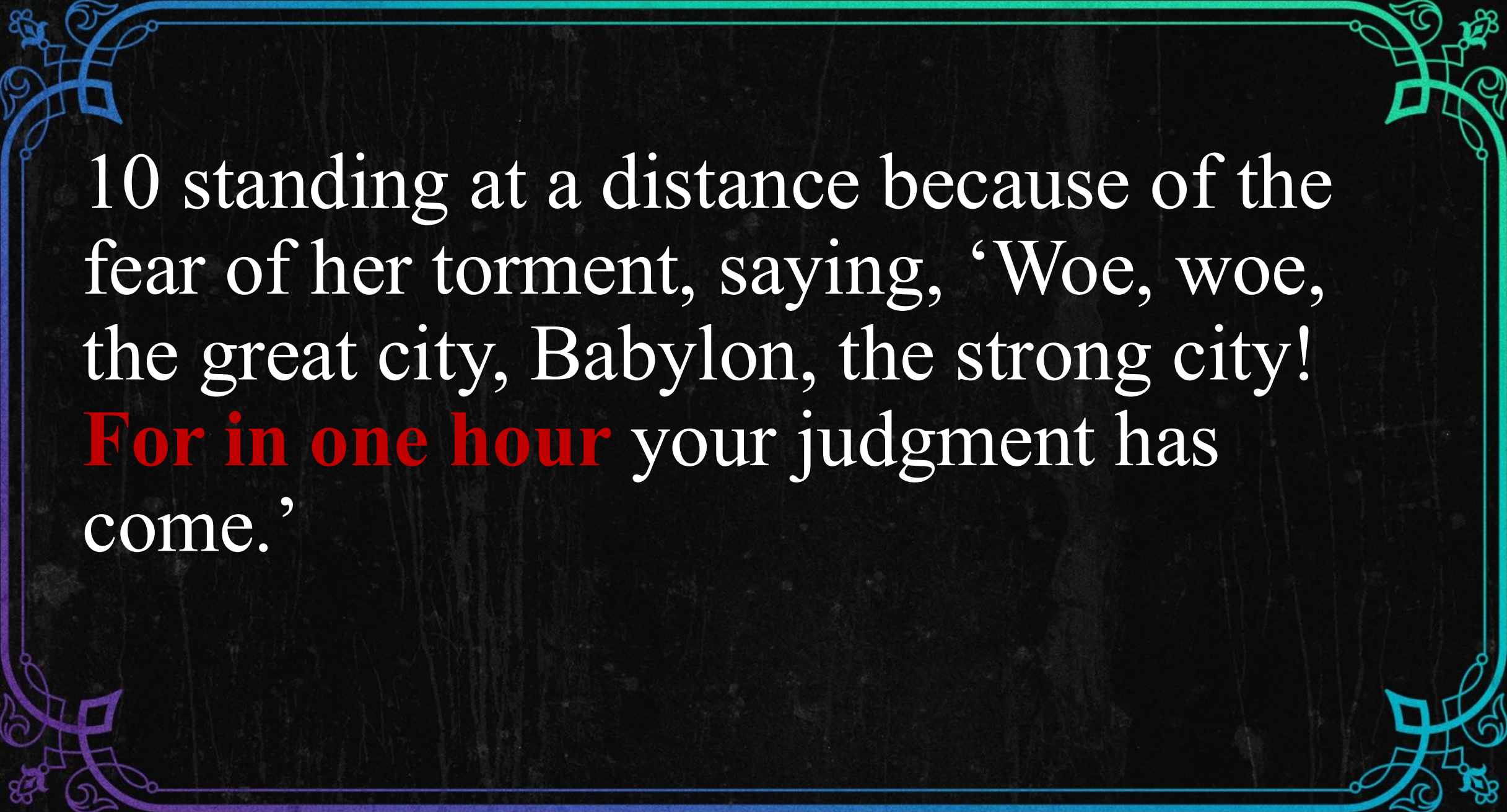


*"Jesus didn't come to save us
because we were worth saving,
but because we were utterly
worthless, ruined, and undone."*

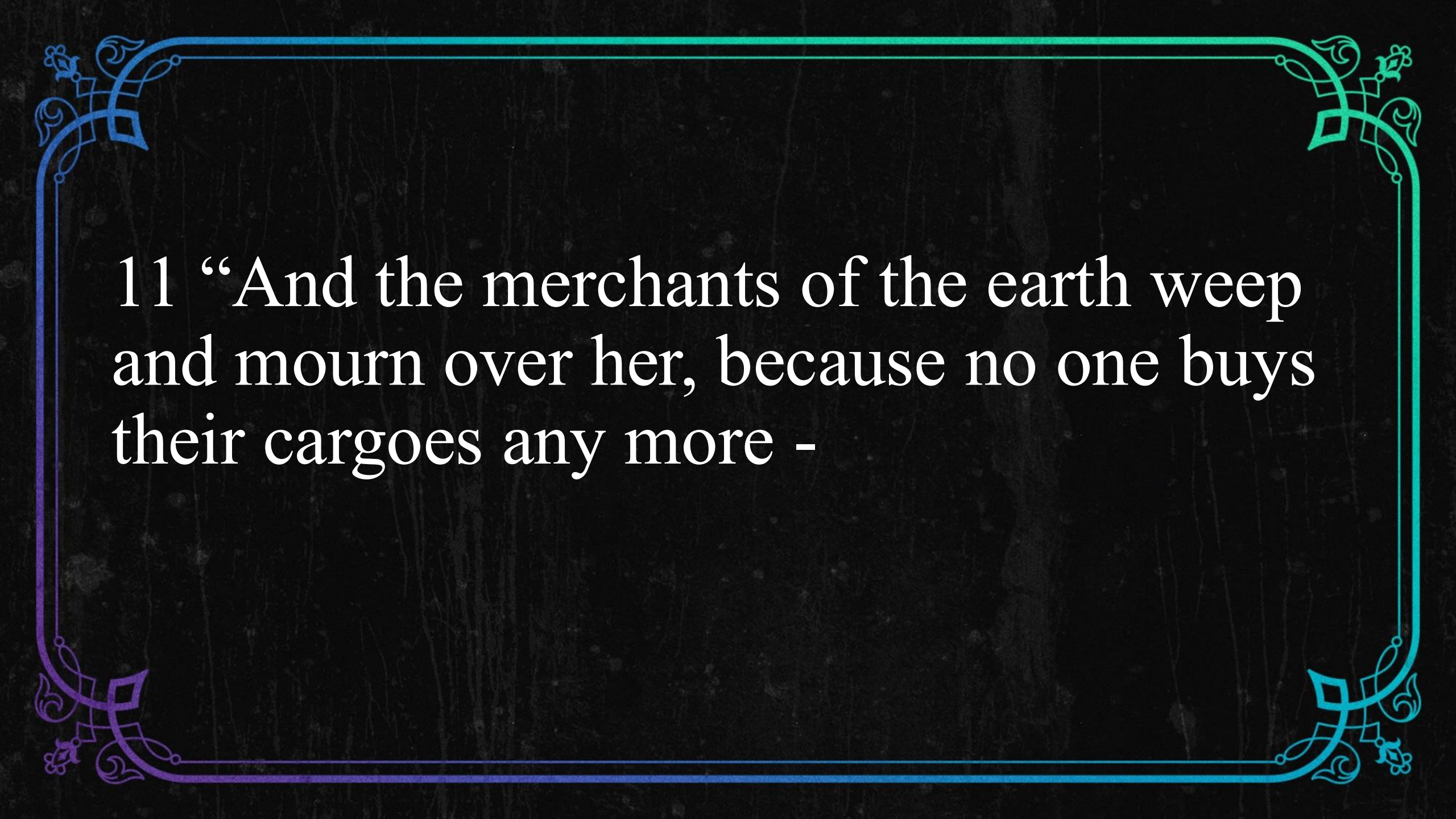
Charles Spurgeon



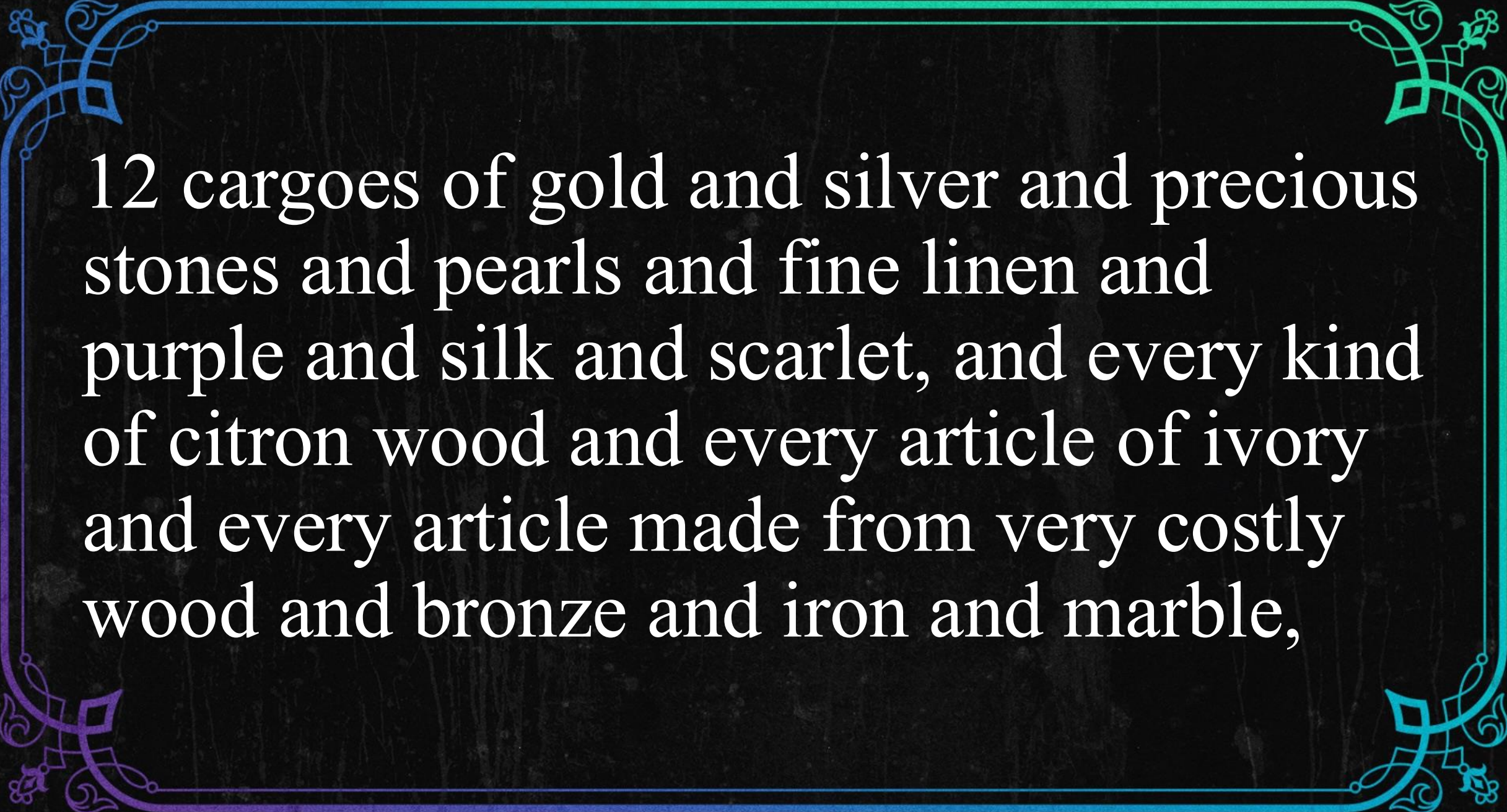
9 “And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning,



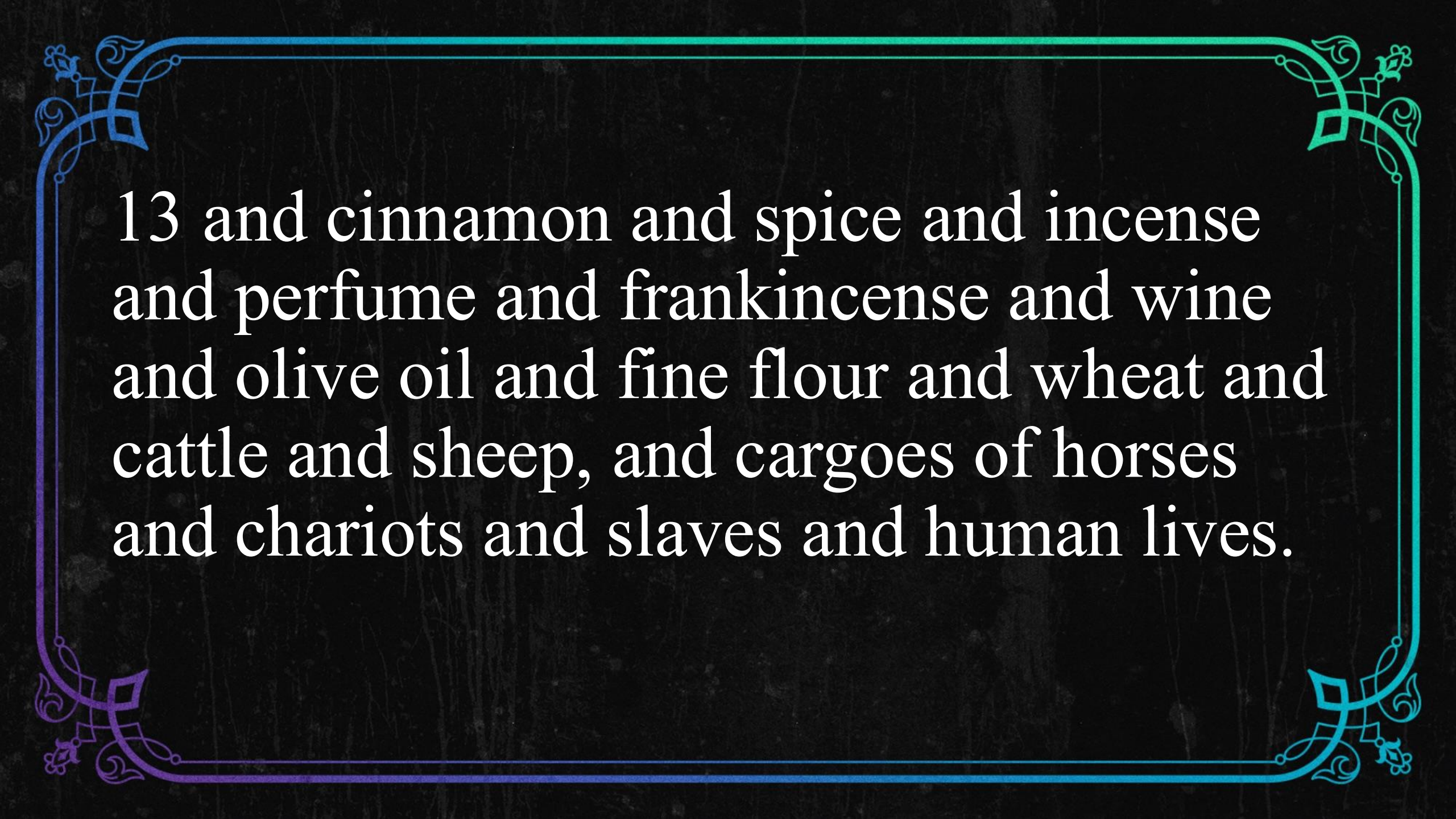
10 standing at a distance because of the
fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe,
the great city, Babylon, the strong city!
For in one hour your judgment has
come.’



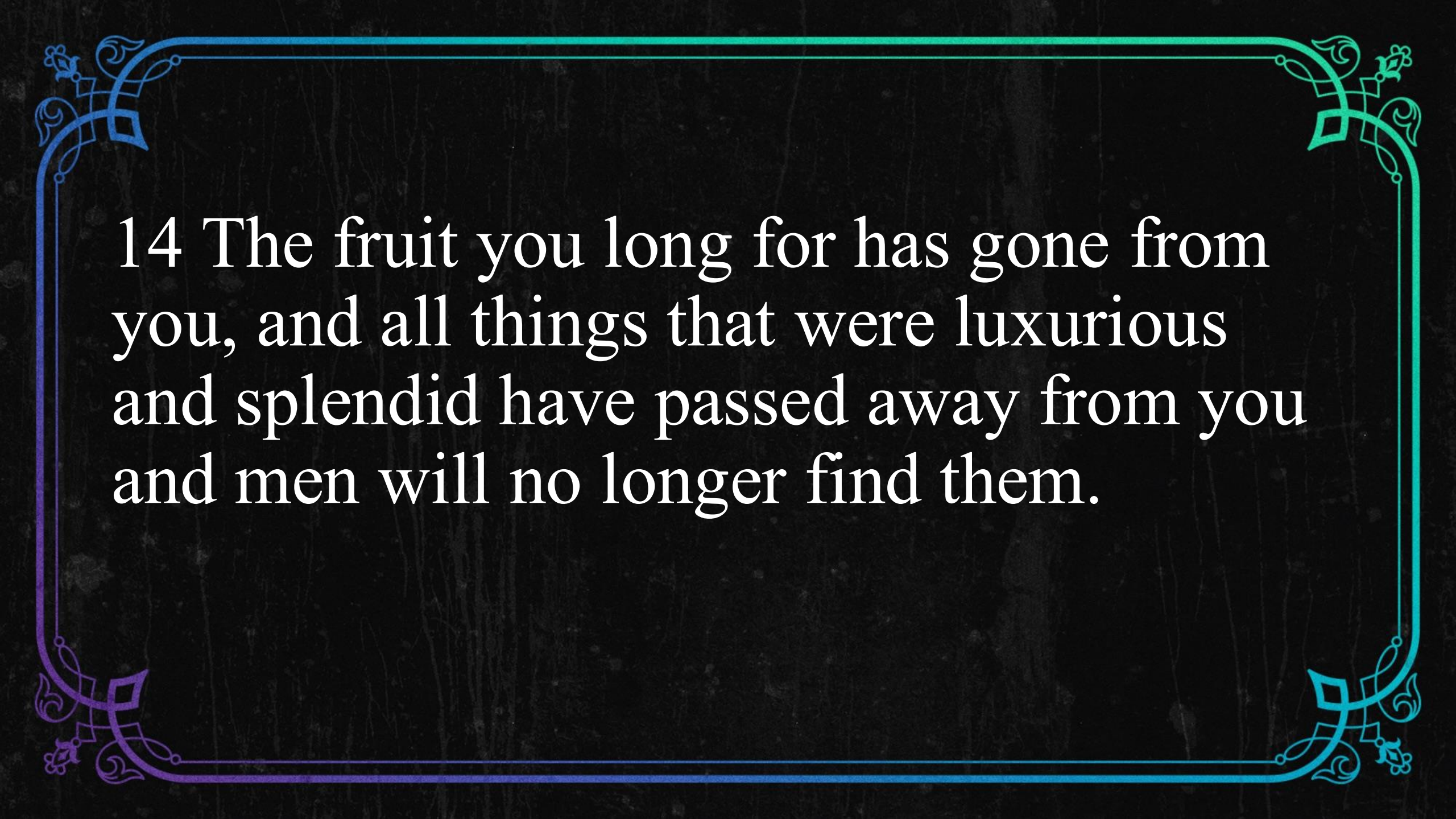
11 “And the merchants of the earth weep
and mourn over her, because no one buys
their cargoes any more -



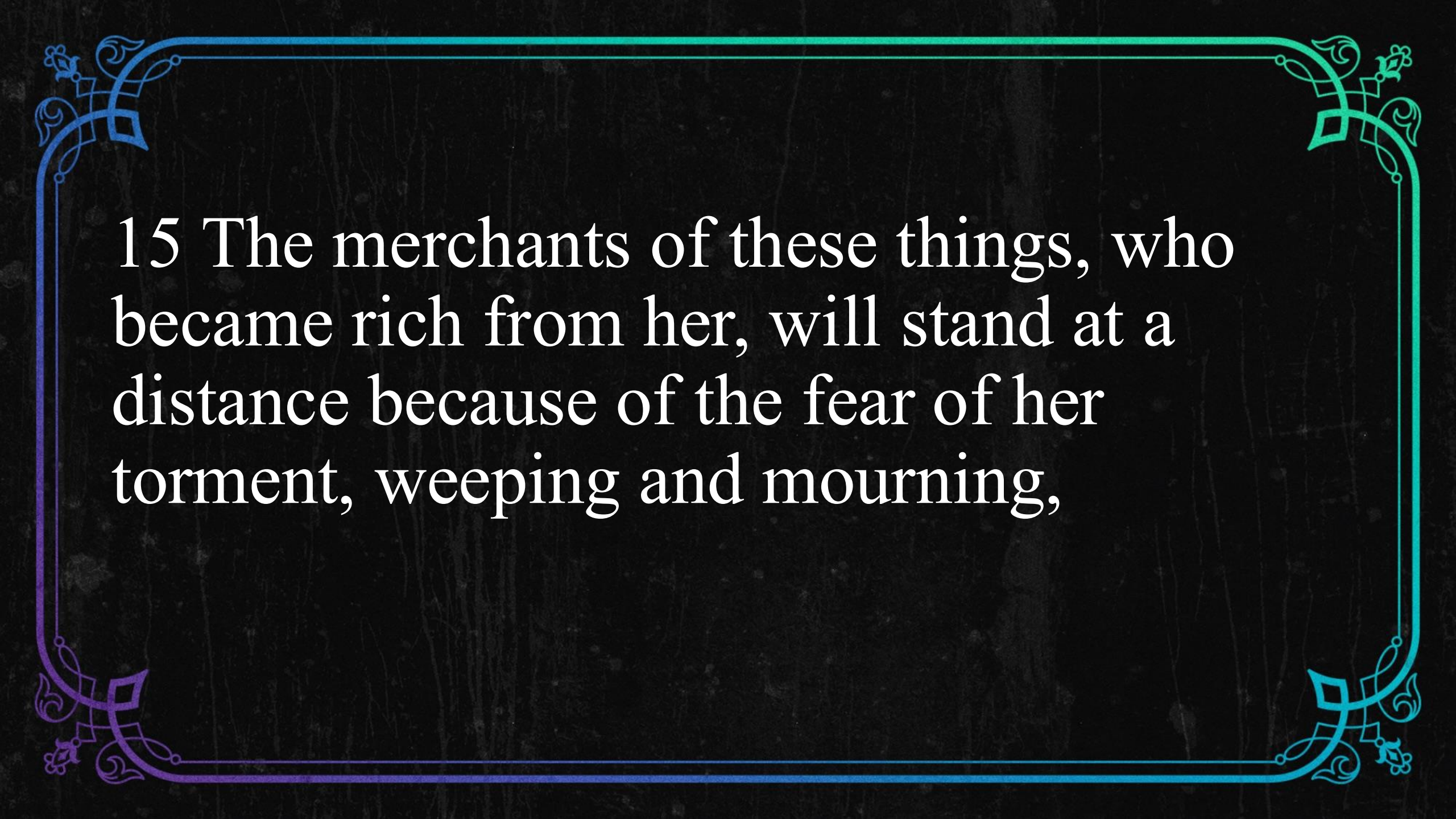
12 cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble,



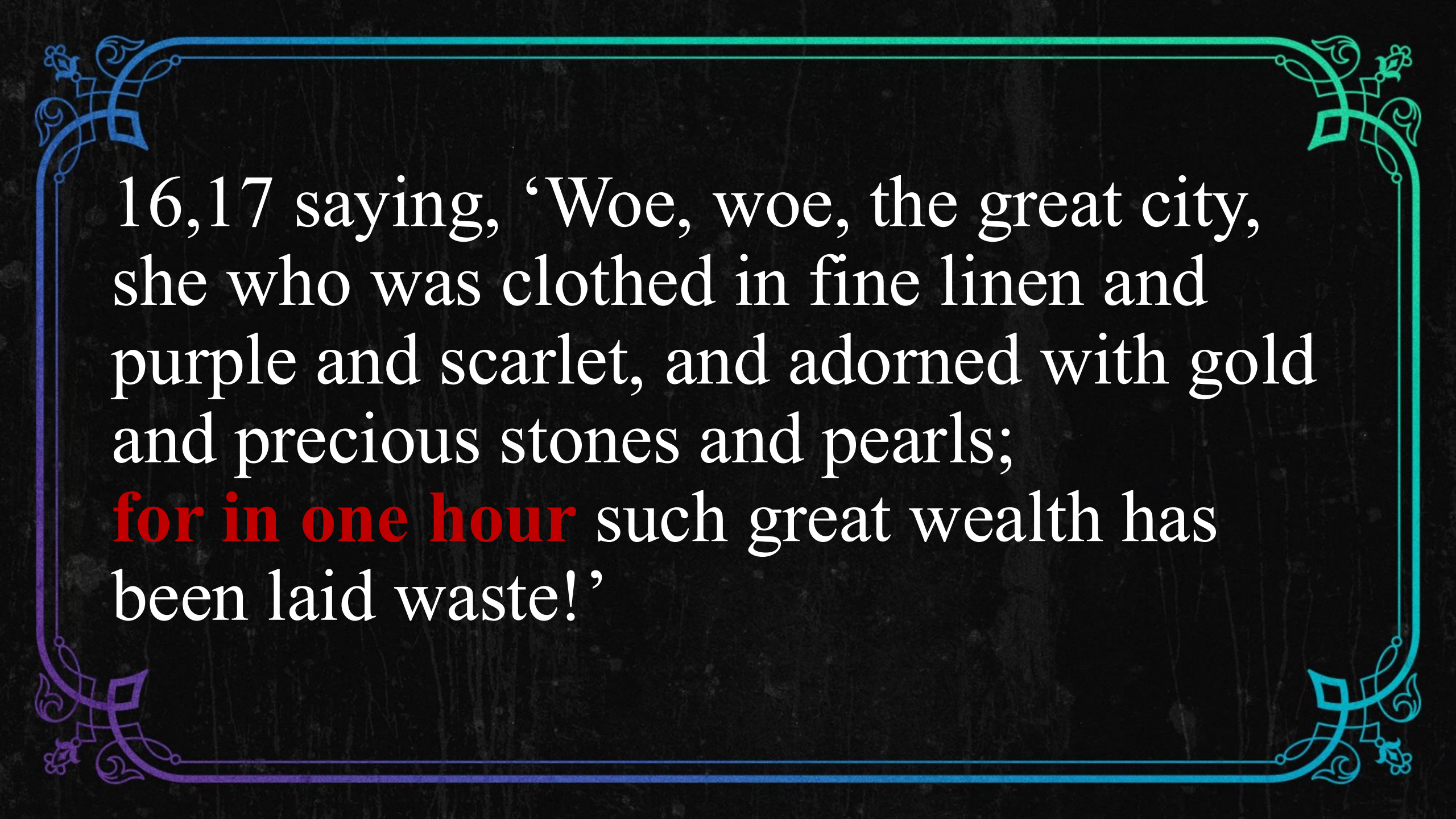
13 and cinnamon and spice and incense
and perfume and frankincense and wine
and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and
cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses
and chariots and slaves and human lives.



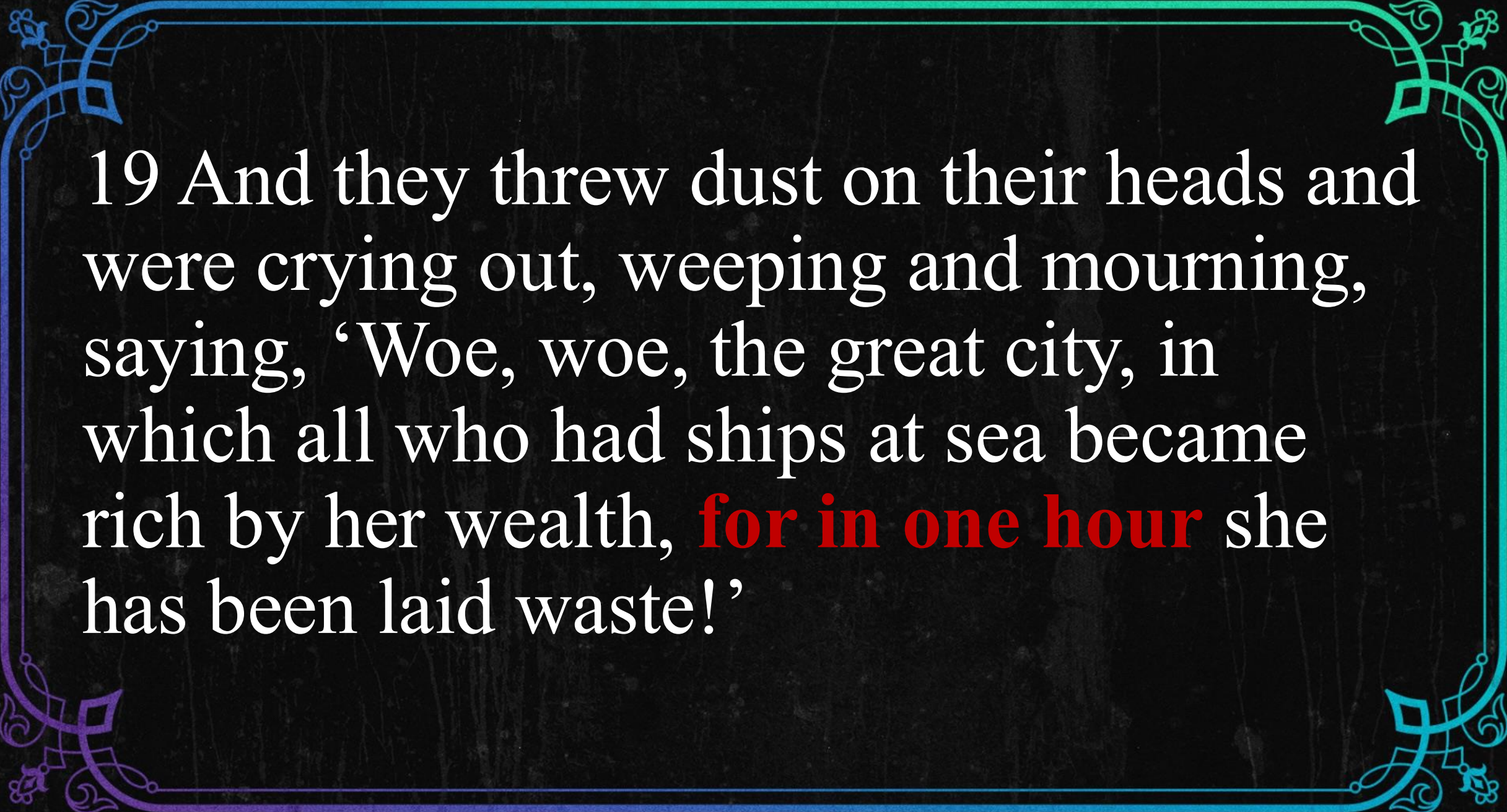
14 The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them.



15 The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,



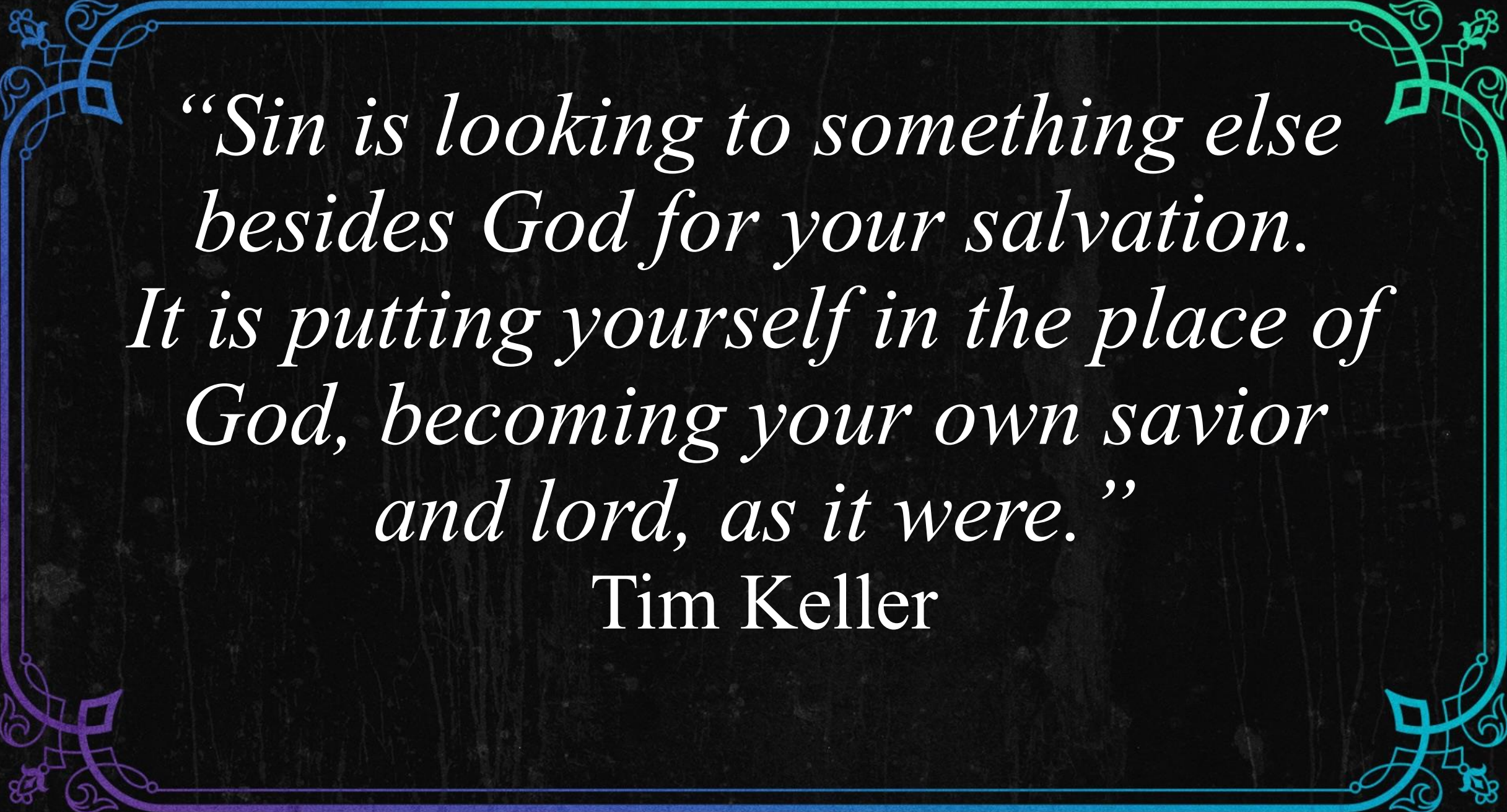
16,17 saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city,
she who was clothed in fine linen and
purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold
and precious stones and pearls;
for in one hour such great wealth has
been laid waste!’



19 And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, **for in one hour** she has been laid waste!’

Reasons 2-3; 5-19

- Witnesses 9-19
 - Monarchs 9-10
 - Merchants 11-17
 - Mariners 17-19
- “but they receive authority as kings with the beast **for one hour.**” **Rev 17:12**

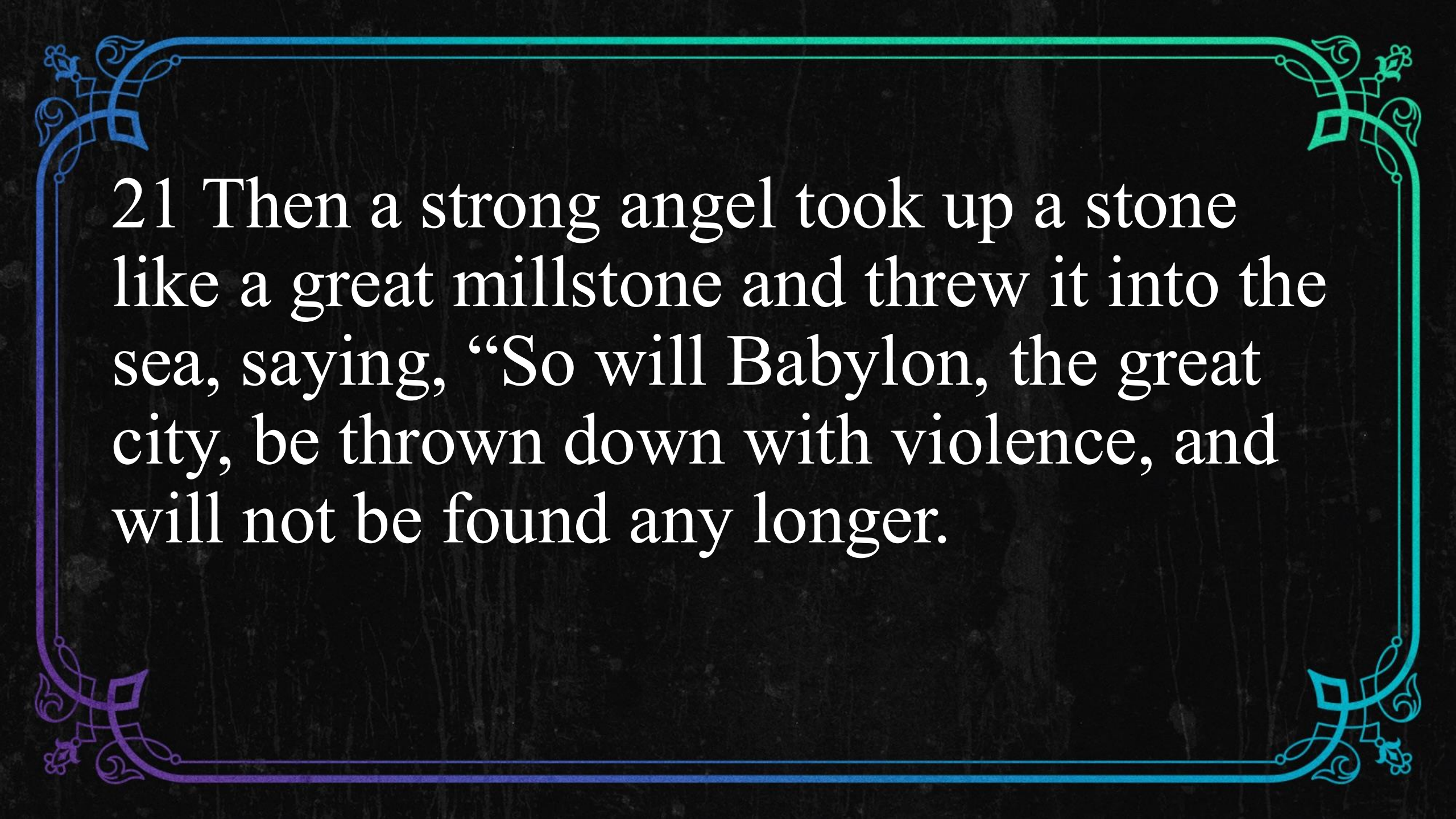


*“Sin is looking to something else
besides God for your salvation.
It is putting yourself in the place of
God, becoming your own savior
and lord, as it were.”*

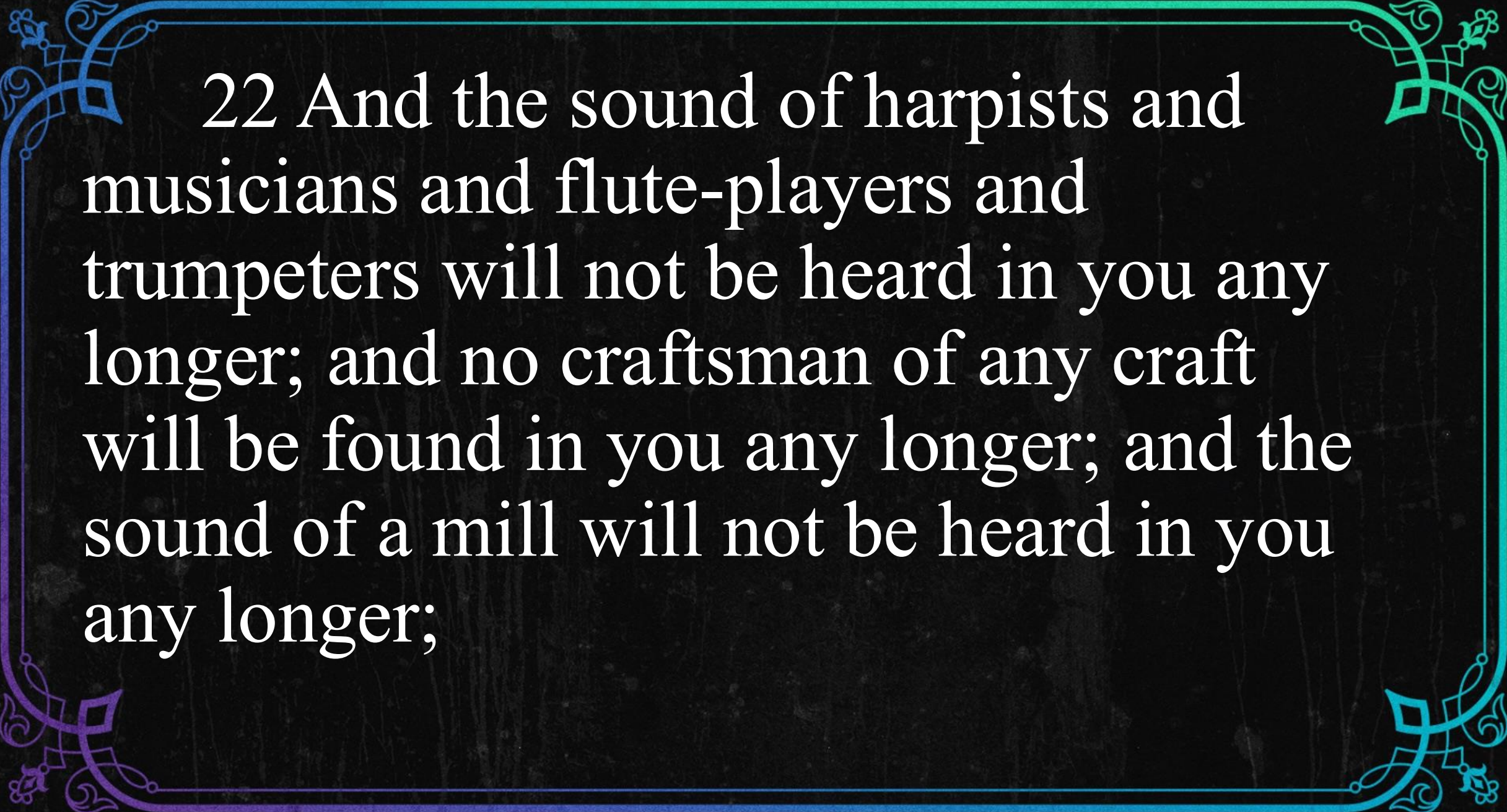
Tim Keller

VERDICT!

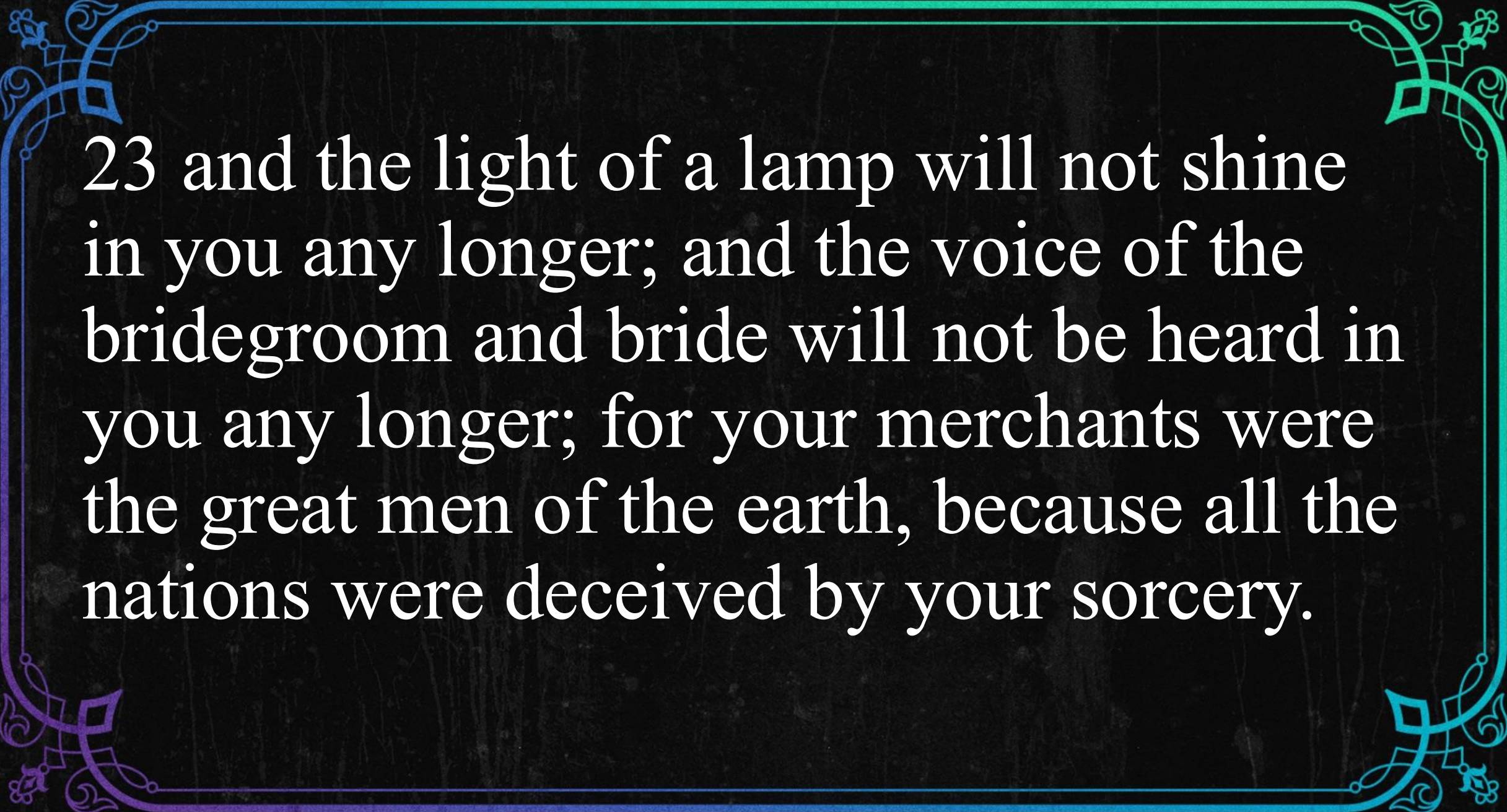
20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.”



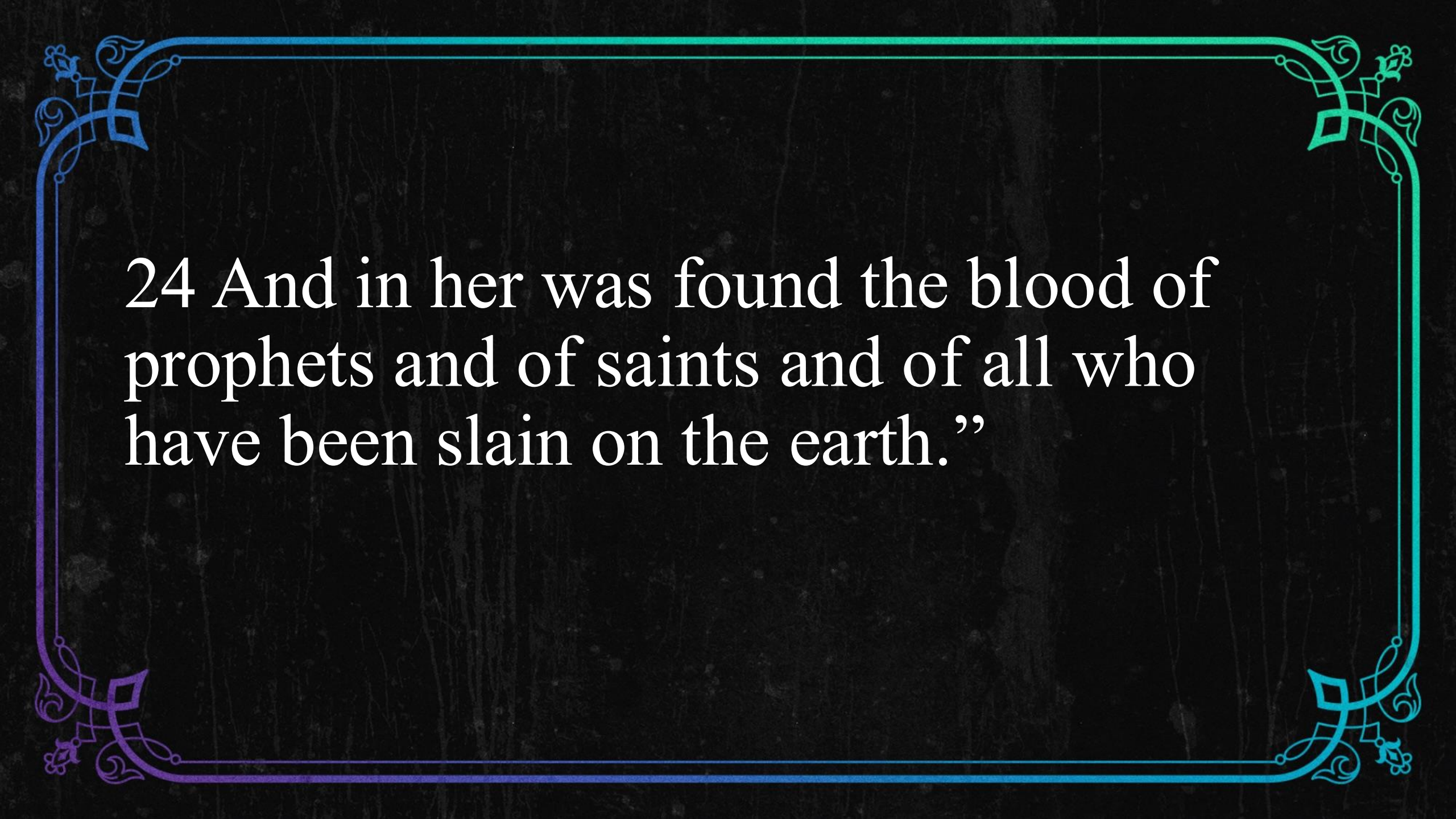
21 Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.



22 And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer;



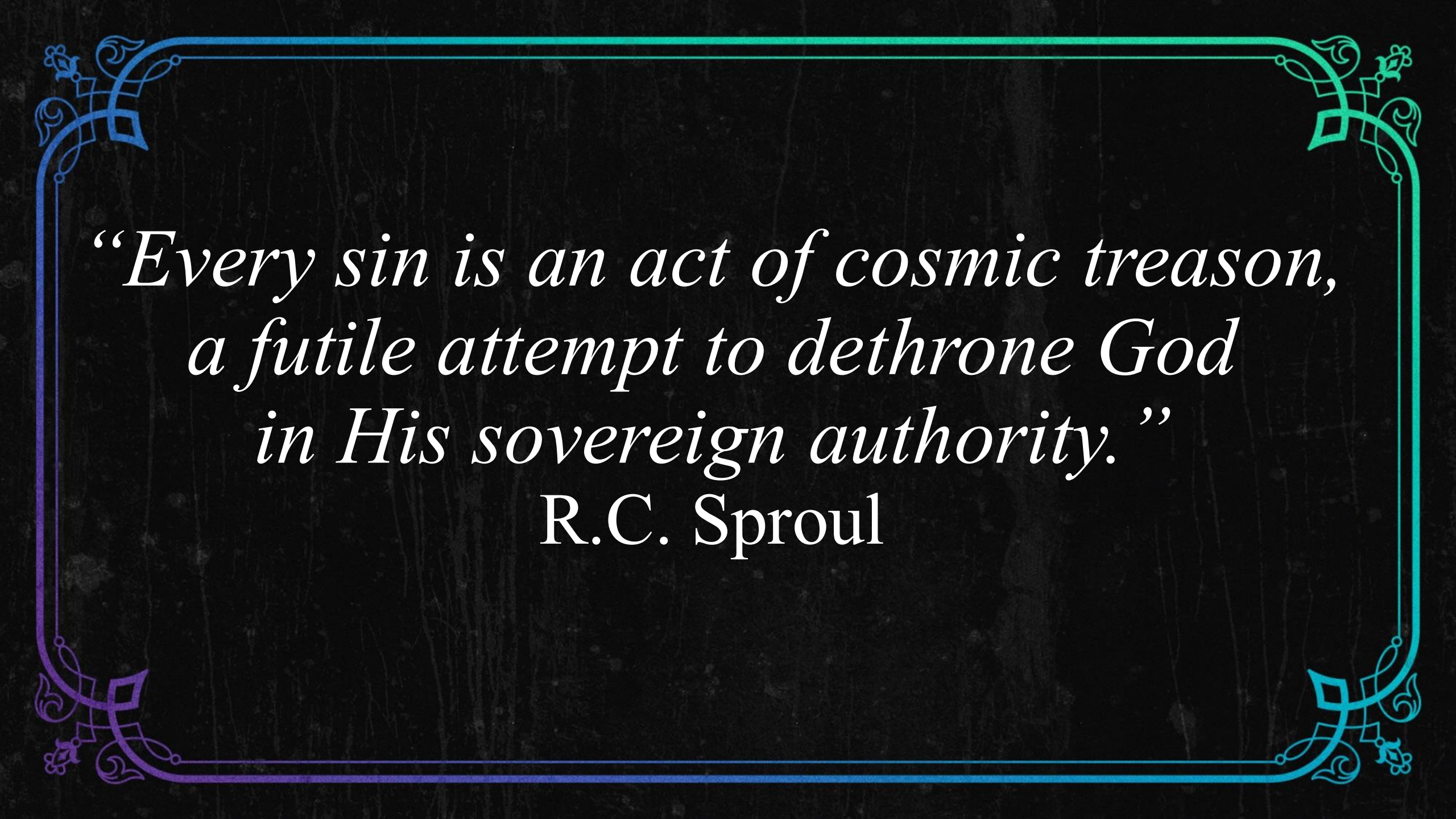
23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.



24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.”

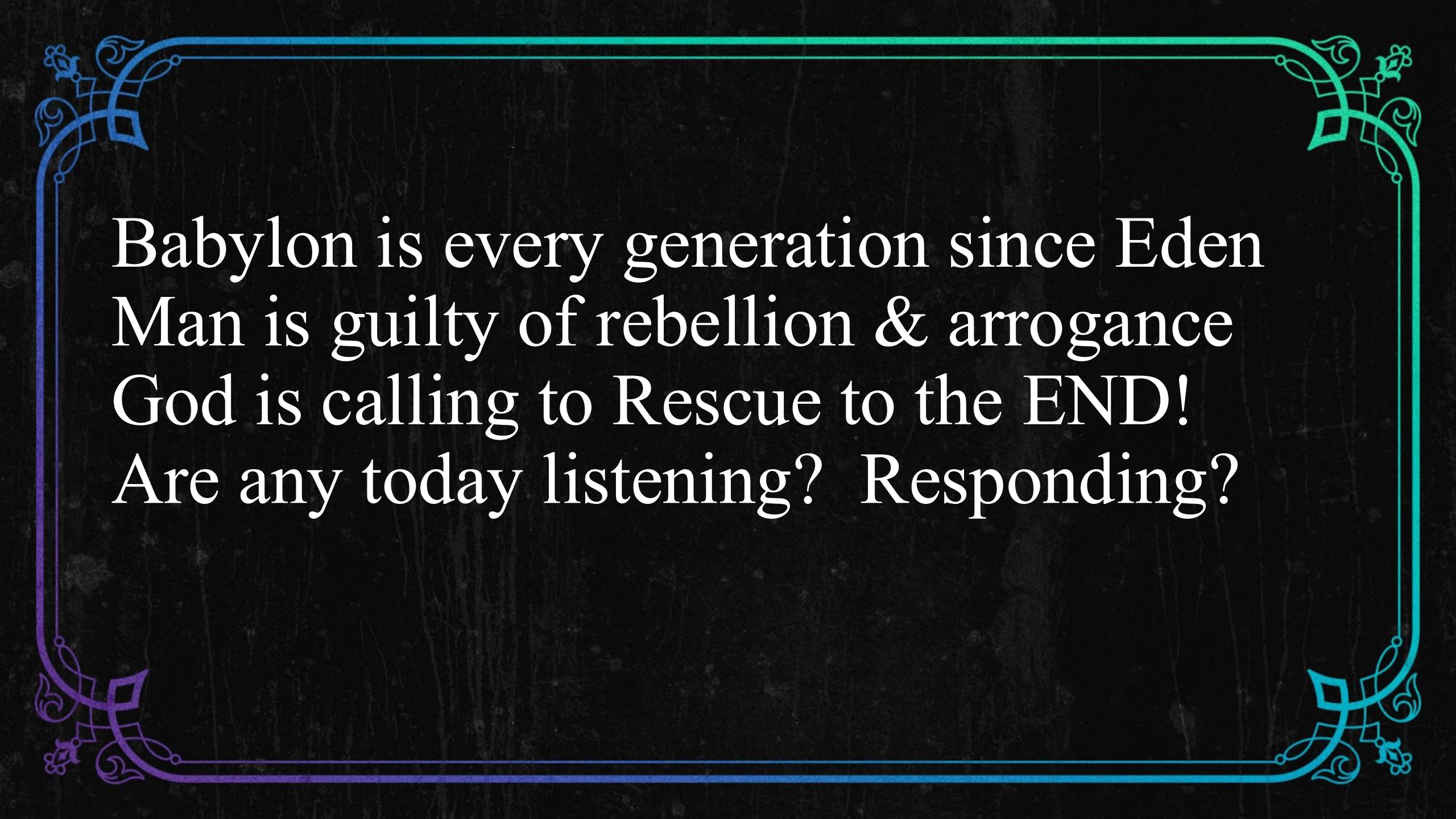
Removal 21-24

- Guilty of sin
- Judged by God
- Music quiet - Light is out!
- Blood of martyrs – OT & NT
- Once and for all – GONE!



*“Every sin is an act of cosmic treason,
a futile attempt to dethrone God
in His sovereign authority.”*

R.C. Sproul



Babylon is every generation since Eden
Man is guilty of rebellion & arrogance
God is calling to Rescue to the END!
Are any today listening? Responding?



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