

A silhouette of a person on a cross against a cloudy sky. The person is positioned on the left side of the cross, with their arms outstretched. The cross is made of dark wood. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting is dim, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is written in a white, cursive font on the right side of the image.

Matthew 27:45-54
5 Miracles at the Cross

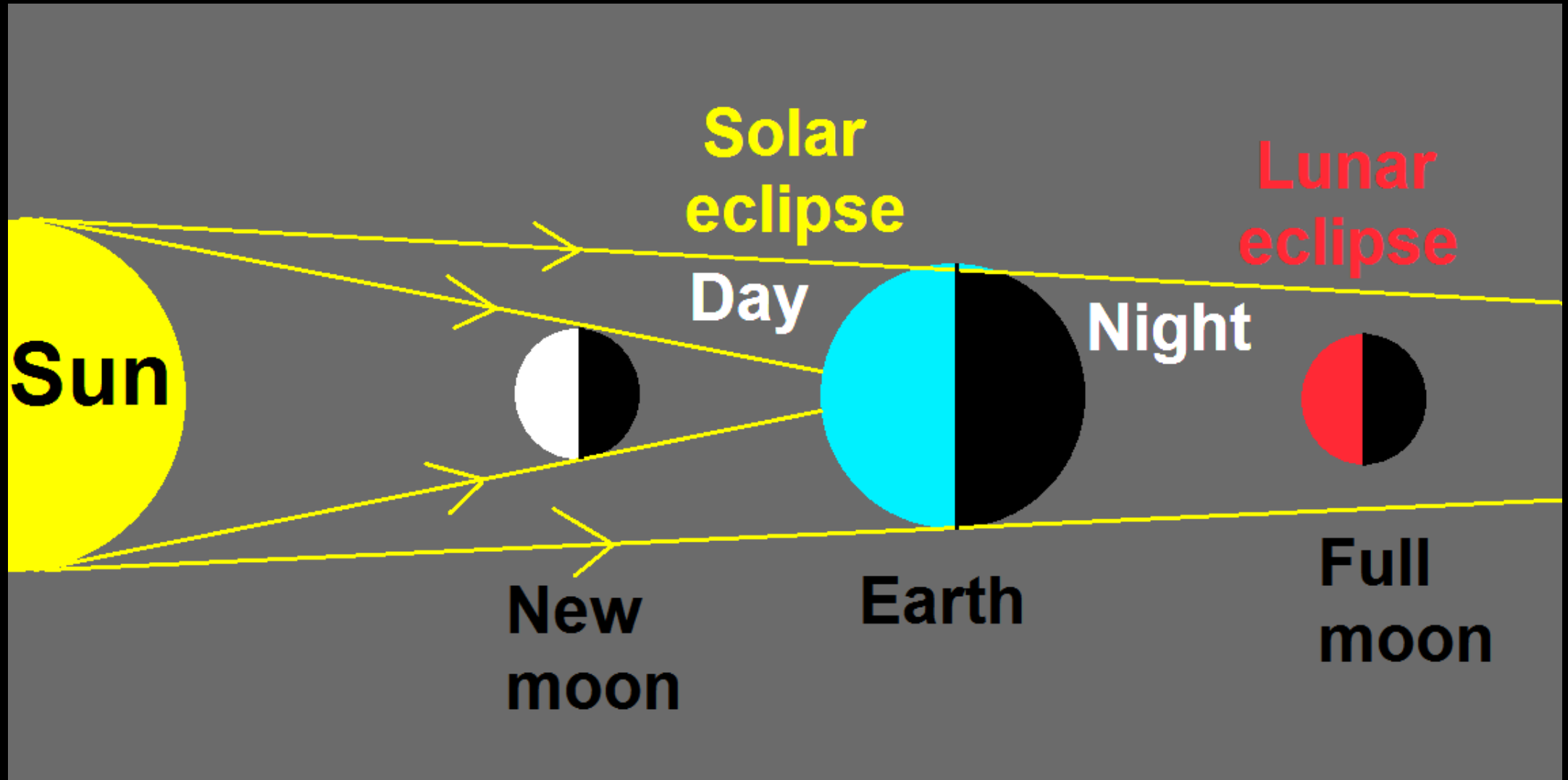
Darkness Fell

Adam Collins



45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

Mathew 27:45-47



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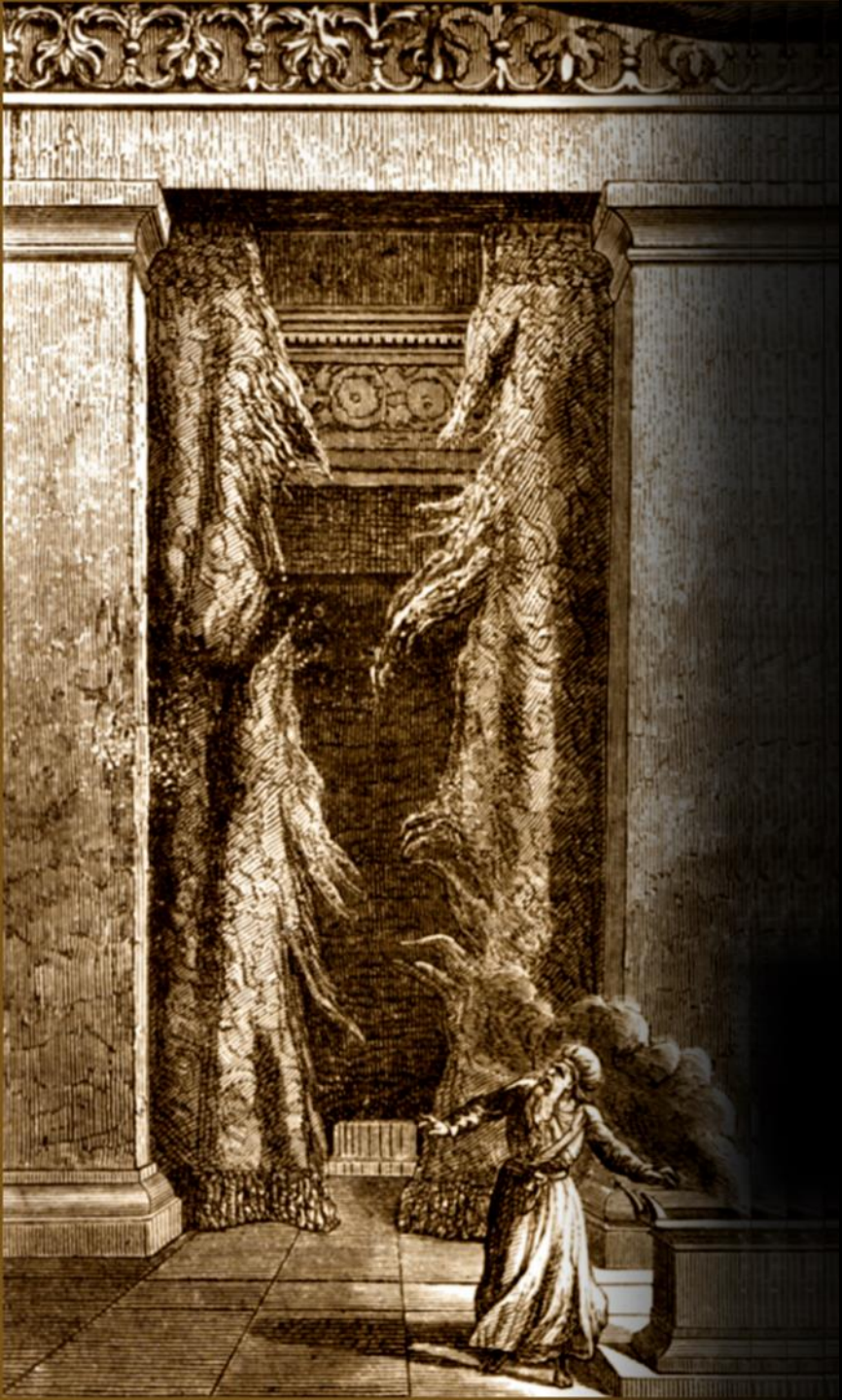
“And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

Amos 8:9 ESV



The Temple Veil Was Torn in Two

John Salvatore



Matthew 27:50-51

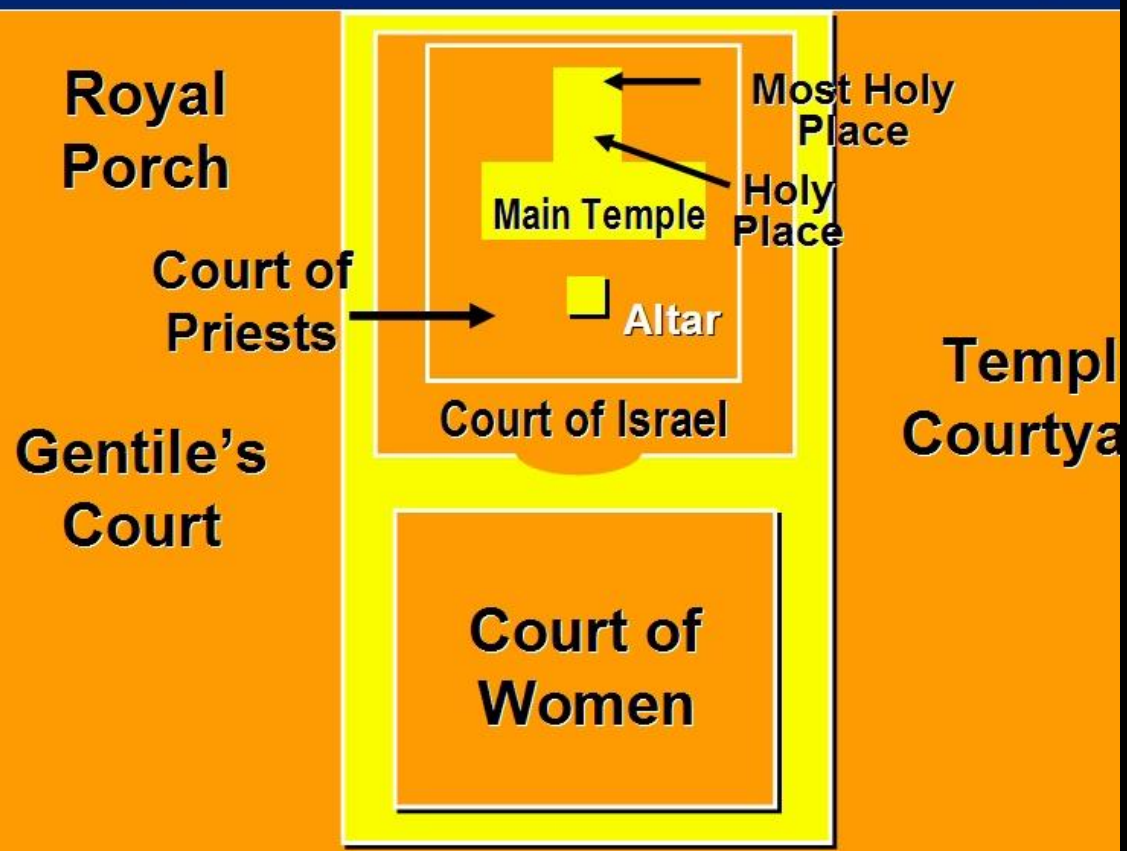
And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.





Herod's Temple



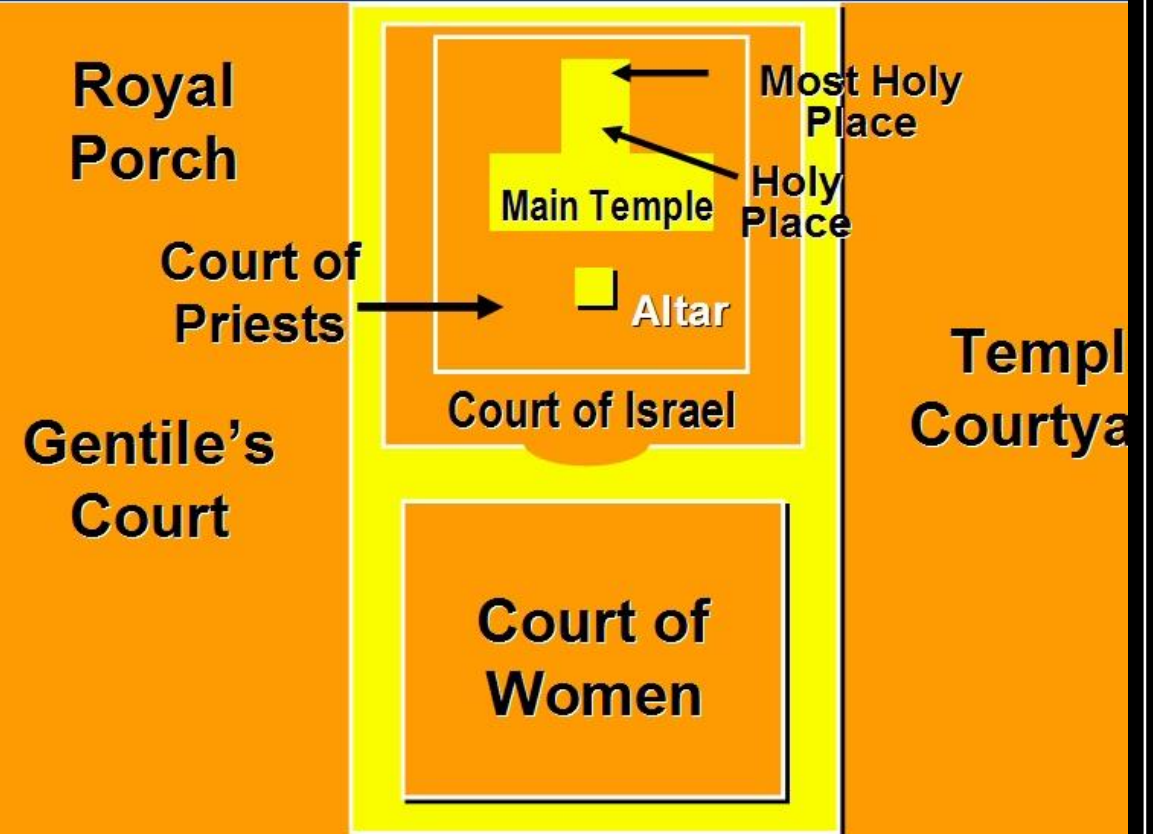
Hebrews 10:19-20

“We are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place without fear because of the blood of Jesus' death. We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened for us. It leads through the curtain—Christ's body.”

Galatians 3:28

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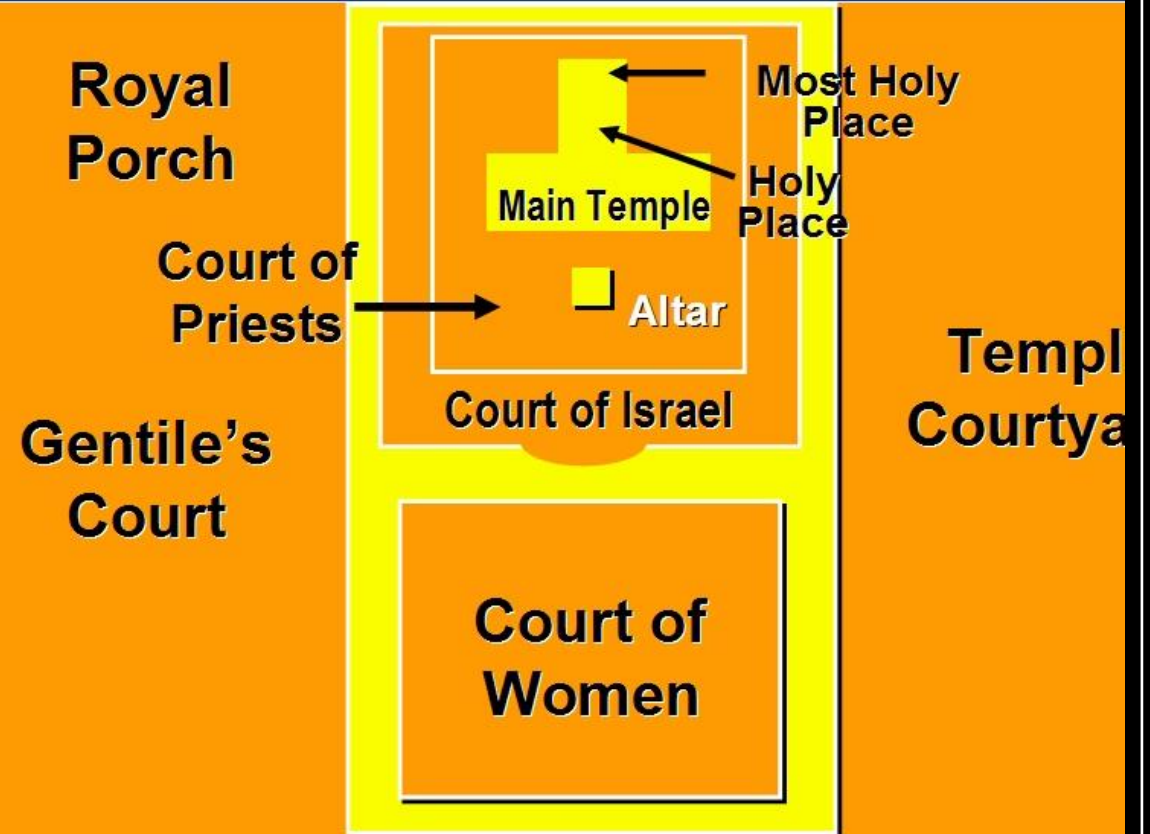
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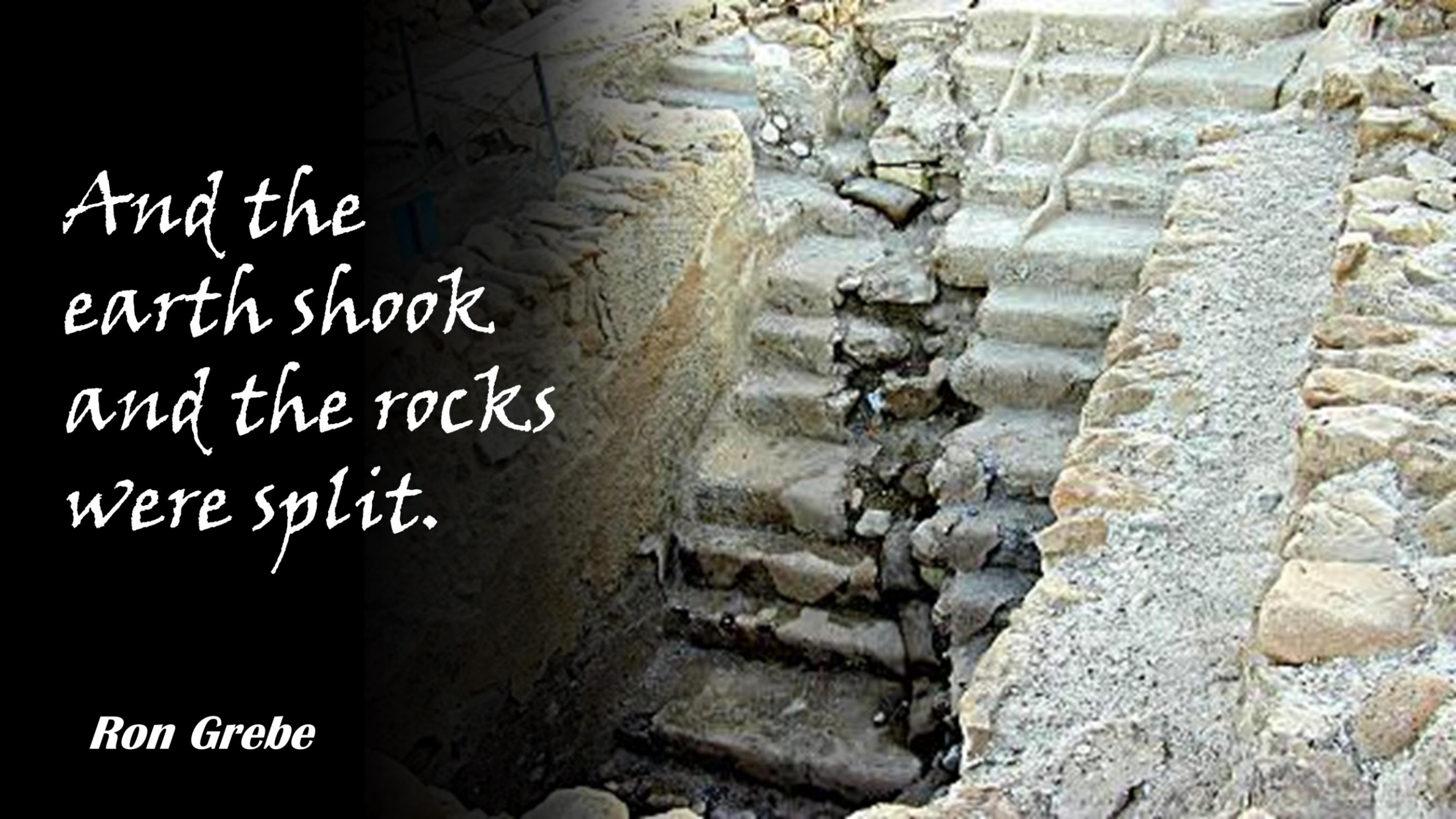
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1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a
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A photograph of a stone wall, possibly made of stacked stones or bricks, showing a significant vertical crack that has split the structure. The wall is composed of light-colored, irregularly shaped stones. The crack runs from the top to the bottom of the frame, slightly to the right of the center. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Ron Grebe

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17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

18 Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke *because the Lord had descended* on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, *and the whole mountain trembled greatly.*

Exodus 19:17-18

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You will be visited by the LORD of hosts with thunder *and with earthquake and great noise*, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire.

Isaiah 29:6

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1. Earth quakes can be a sign of God's judgment

But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. *At his wrath the earth quakes*, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

Jeremiah 10:10

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1. Earth quakes can be a sign of God's judgment

For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, on that day there shall be *a great earthquake in the land of Israel.*

Ezekiel 38:19

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1. Earth quakes can be a sign of God's judgment

The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble.

The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.

Joel 2:10

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2. Earth quakes can be a sign of God's anger

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7 "In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I called.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry came to his ears.

8 *Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations of the heavens trembled
and quaked, because he was angry."*

2 Samuel 22:7-8

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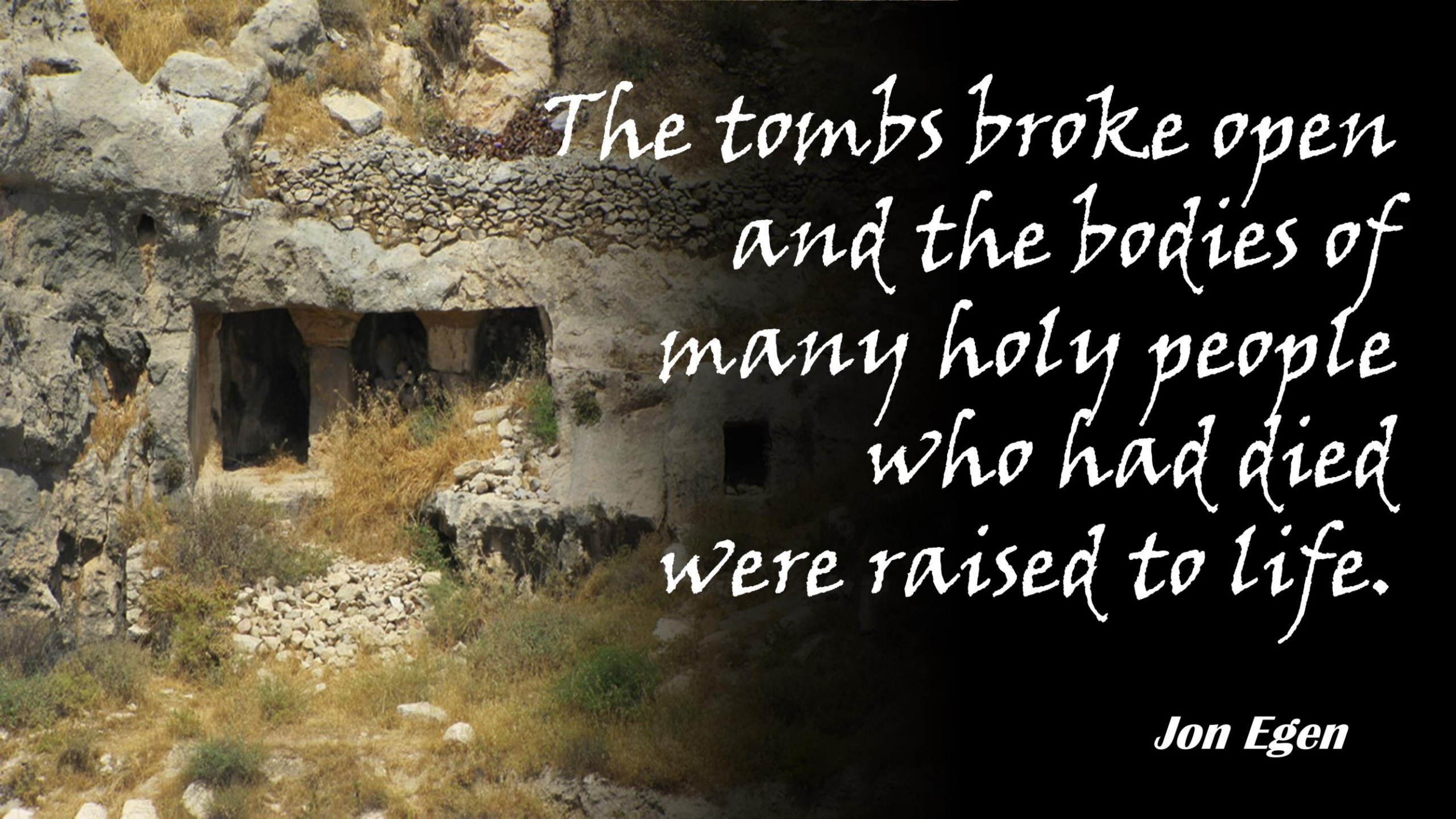
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“Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and *the earth will be shaken* out of its place, at the wrath of the LORD of hosts *in the day of his fierce anger.*”

Isaiah 13:13

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– Matthew 27:51b

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Jon Egen

52 The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Mathew 27:52-53

- What happened
- How and when it happened
- What it meant

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18 He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:18

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die".

John 11:25

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Matthew 28:2

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
6 He is not here; He had risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:5-6

- Jesus dies
- Saints tombs open
- Jesus' tomb opens
- Jesus is raised
- Saints are raised
- Eyewitness appearances of both

23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 15:23

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*The Confession
of the Centurion*

Bruce Lundquist

54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Matthew 27:54

³⁹ And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ⁴² “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. ⁴³ He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”

Matthew 27:39–43 (NKJV)

The Tale of Two Hearts

- Chief Priests, scribes & elders → Hard hearts
 - Mocked Jesus and wanted him dead
 - Result: their own condemnation
- Centurion & those with him → Soft hearts
 - Saw who Jesus truly was: the Son of God
 - Result: fear and confession

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5–6

5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourselves in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed!

Romans 2:5 (NET)

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9–10 (NKJV)

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

