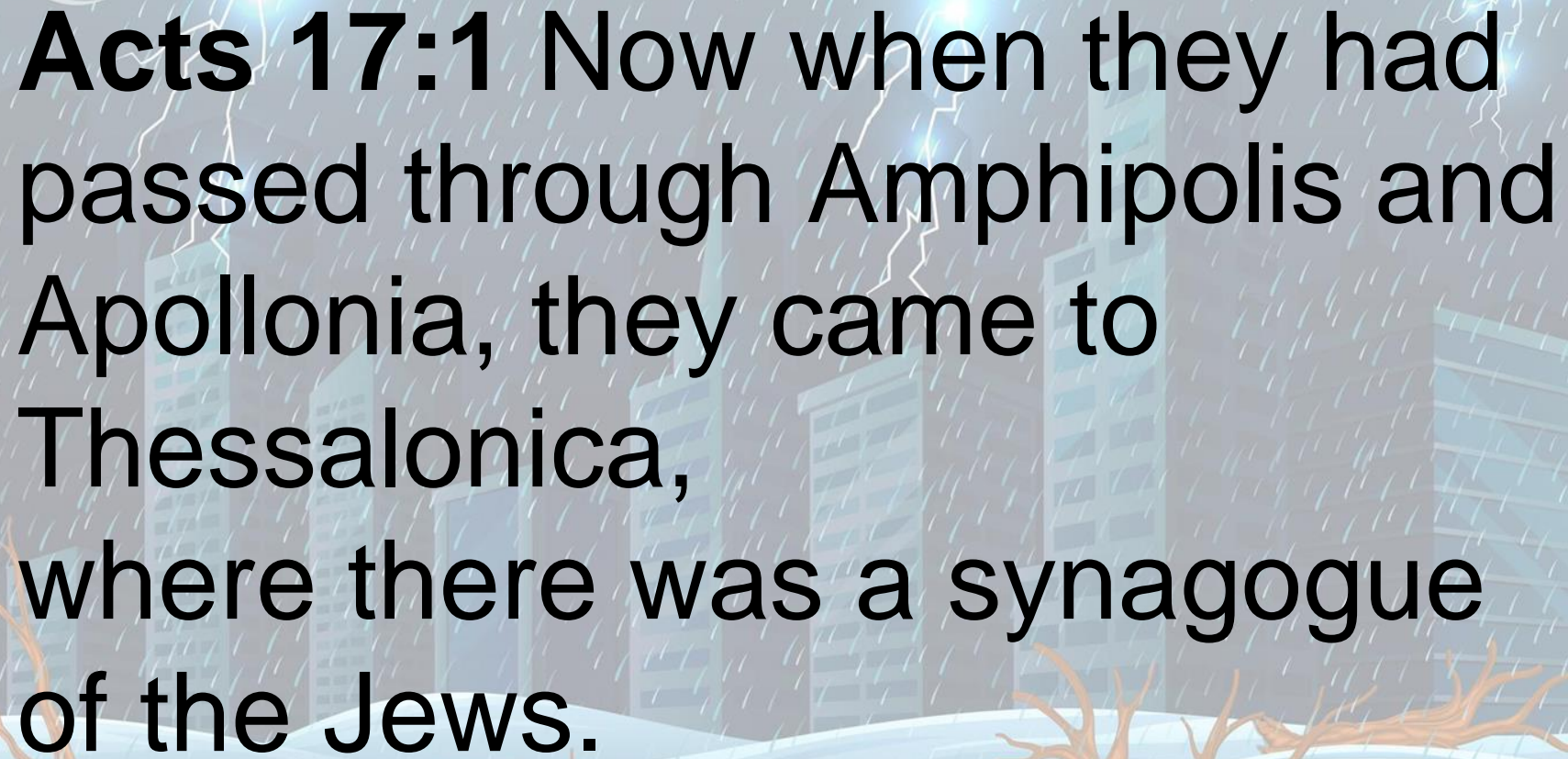




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1 & 2 Thessalonians

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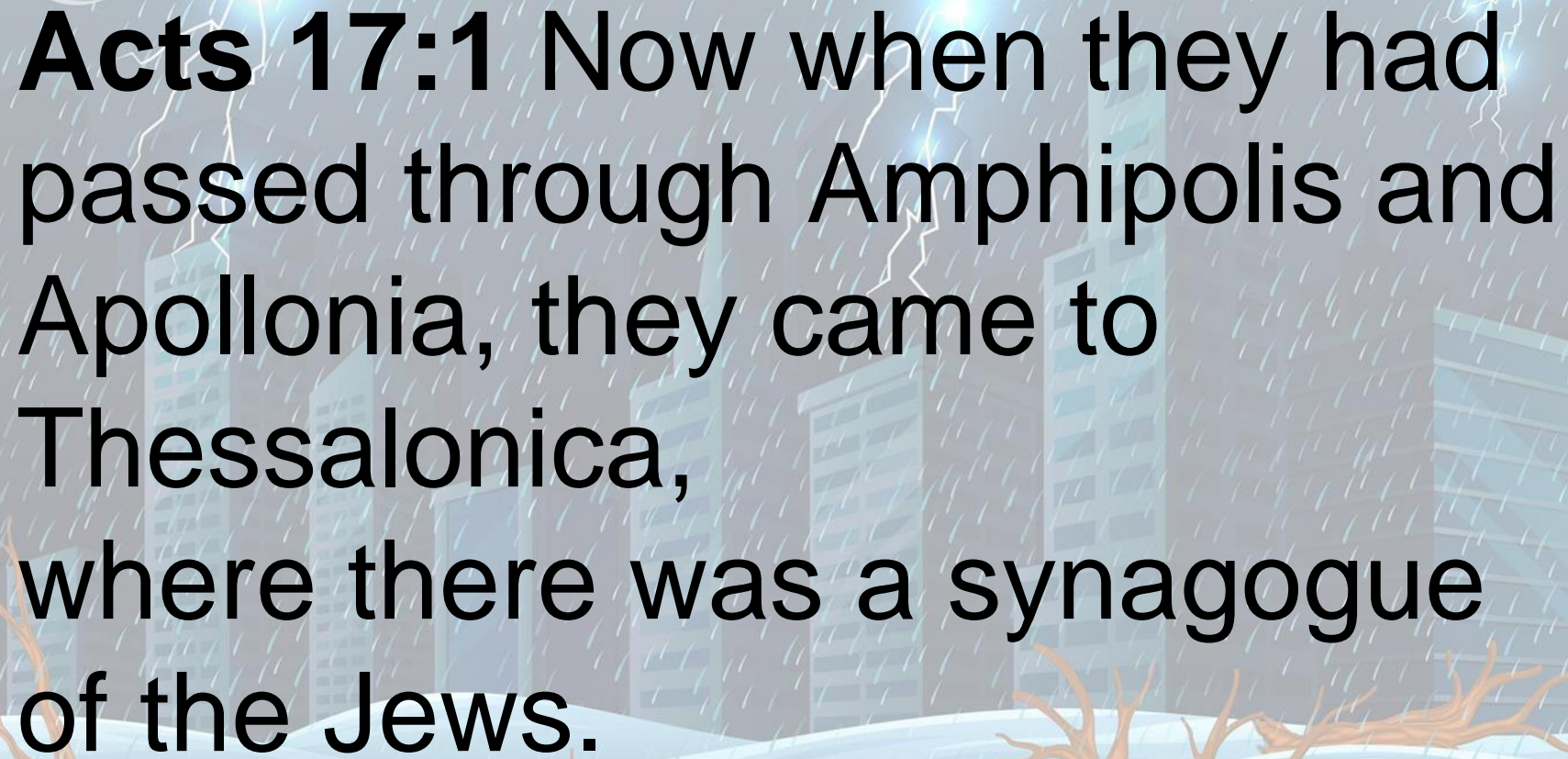
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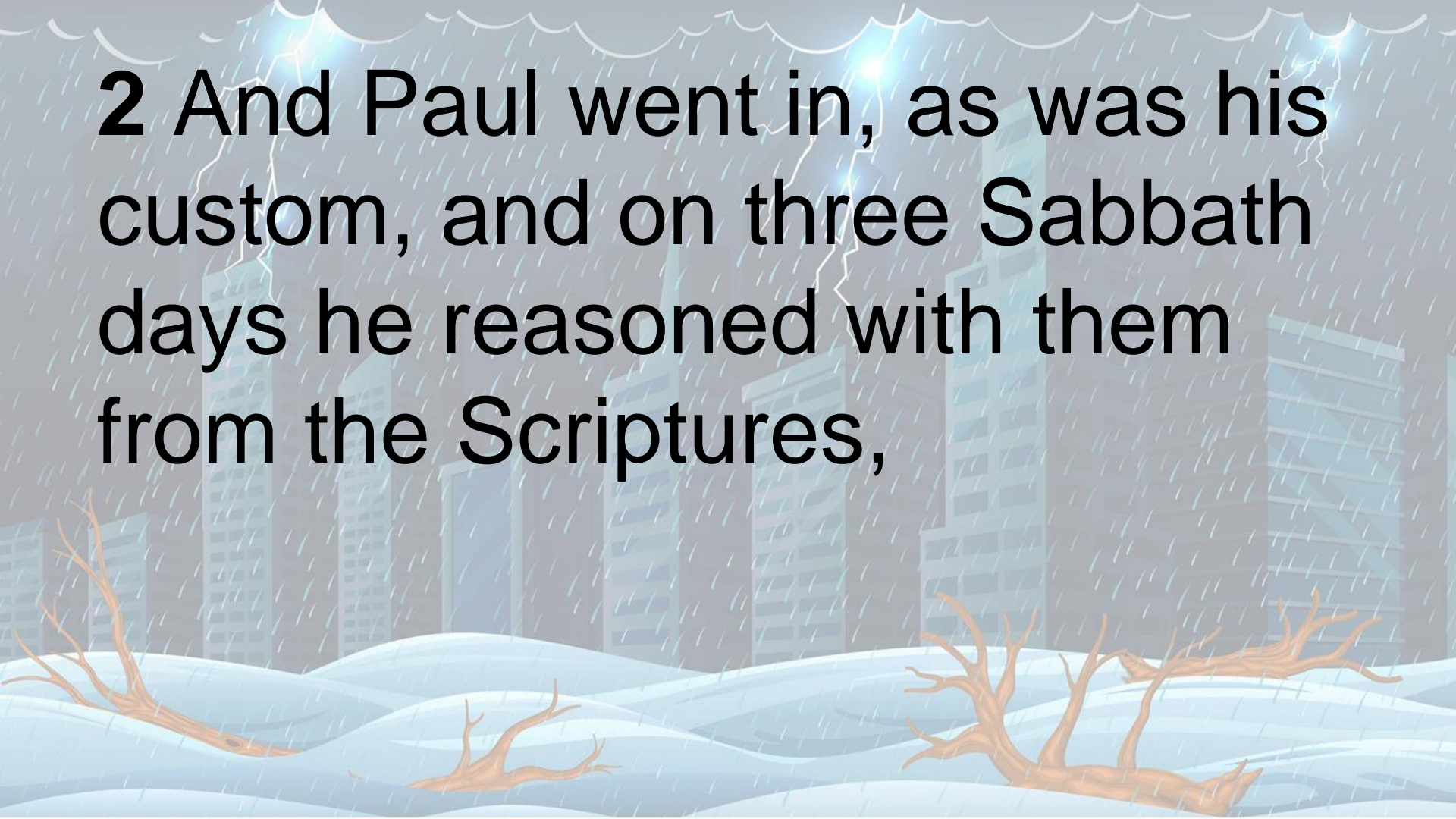
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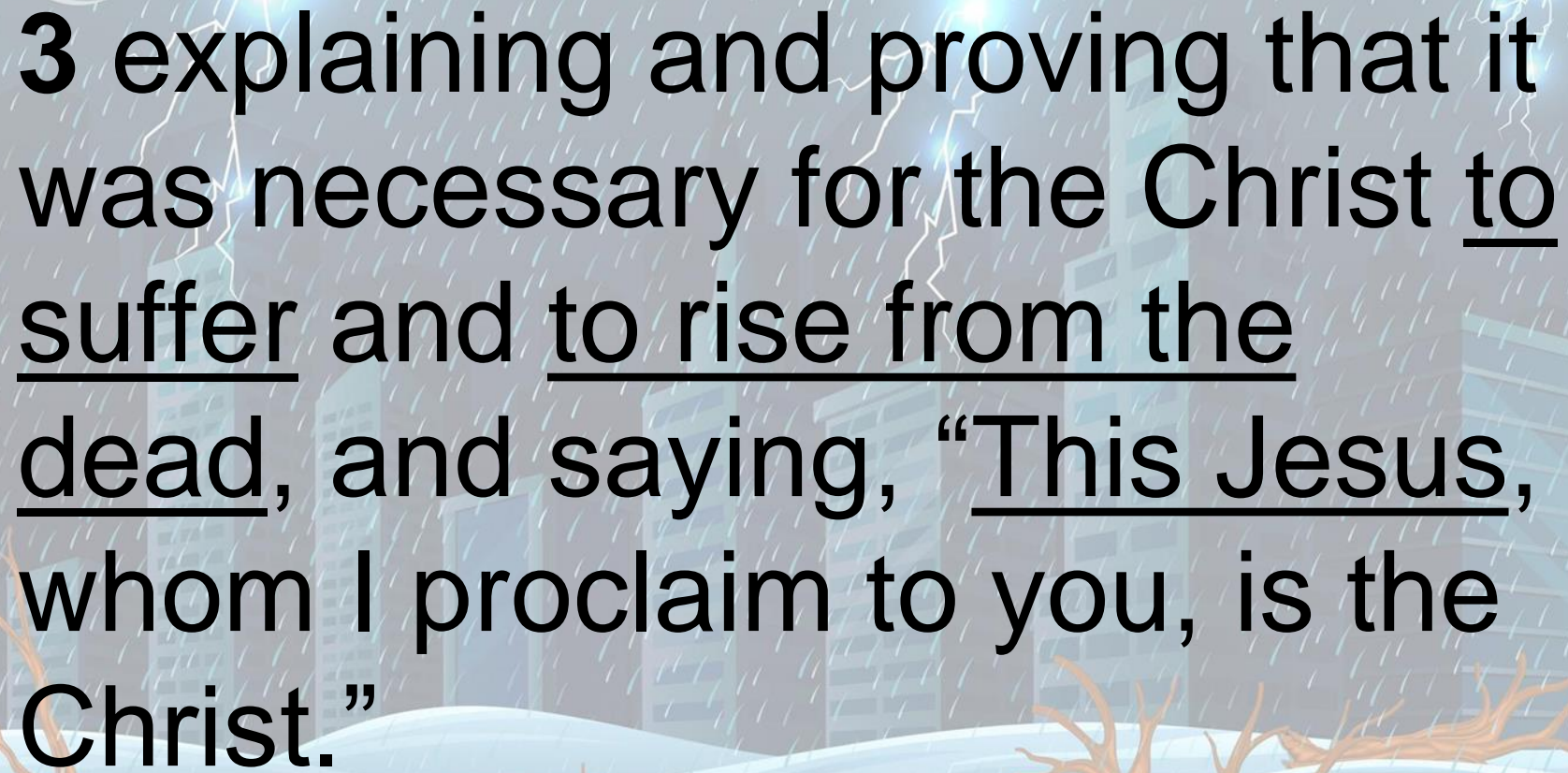


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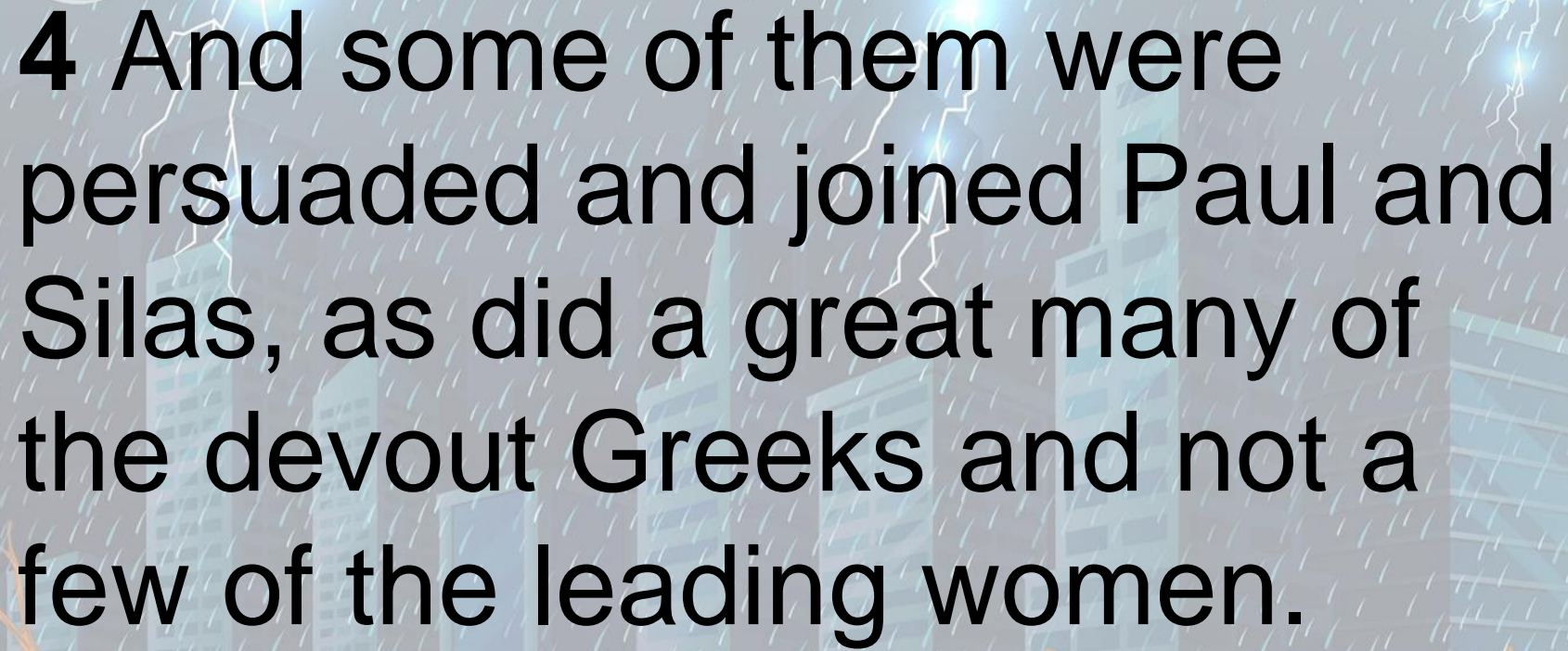
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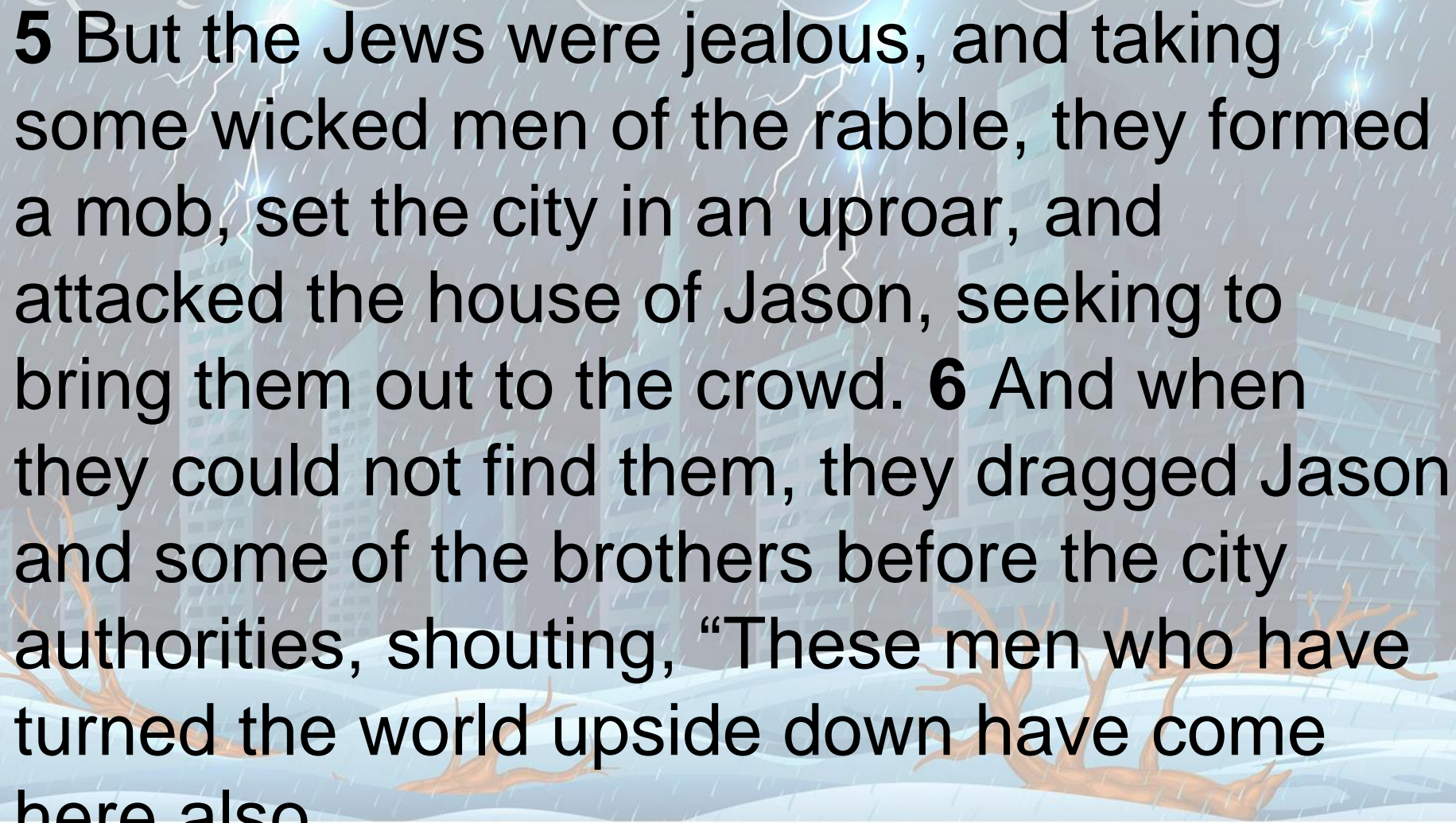
2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,



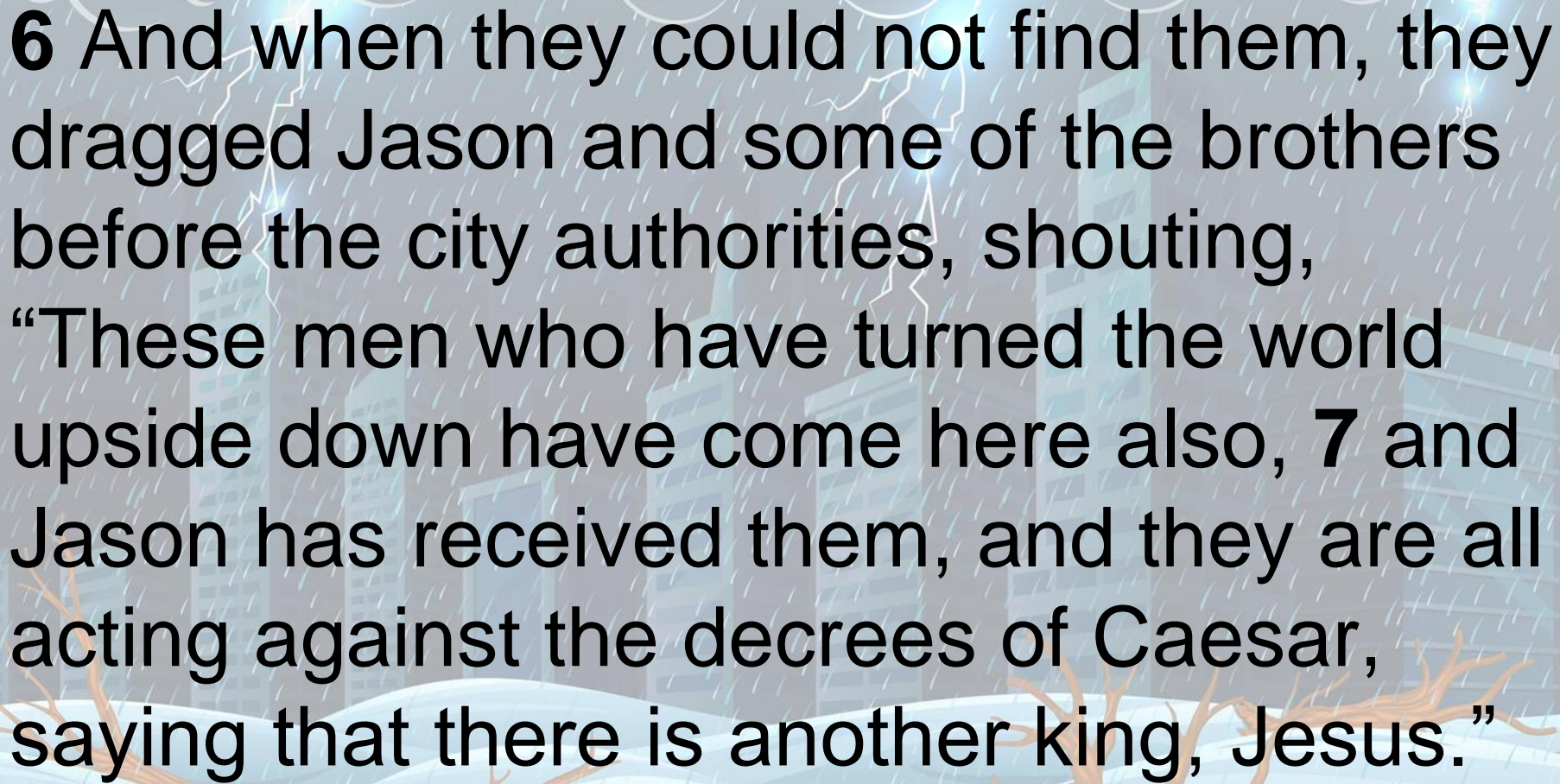
3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.”

The background of the slide is a dark, stormy scene. It features a city skyline with several tall buildings under a heavy, grey sky. Bright blue lightning bolts are striking down from the clouds. In the foreground, there are stylized, light blue waves of water. Several dead, brown, gnarled tree branches are scattered across the water, some partially submerged. The overall atmosphere is one of intense, dramatic weather.

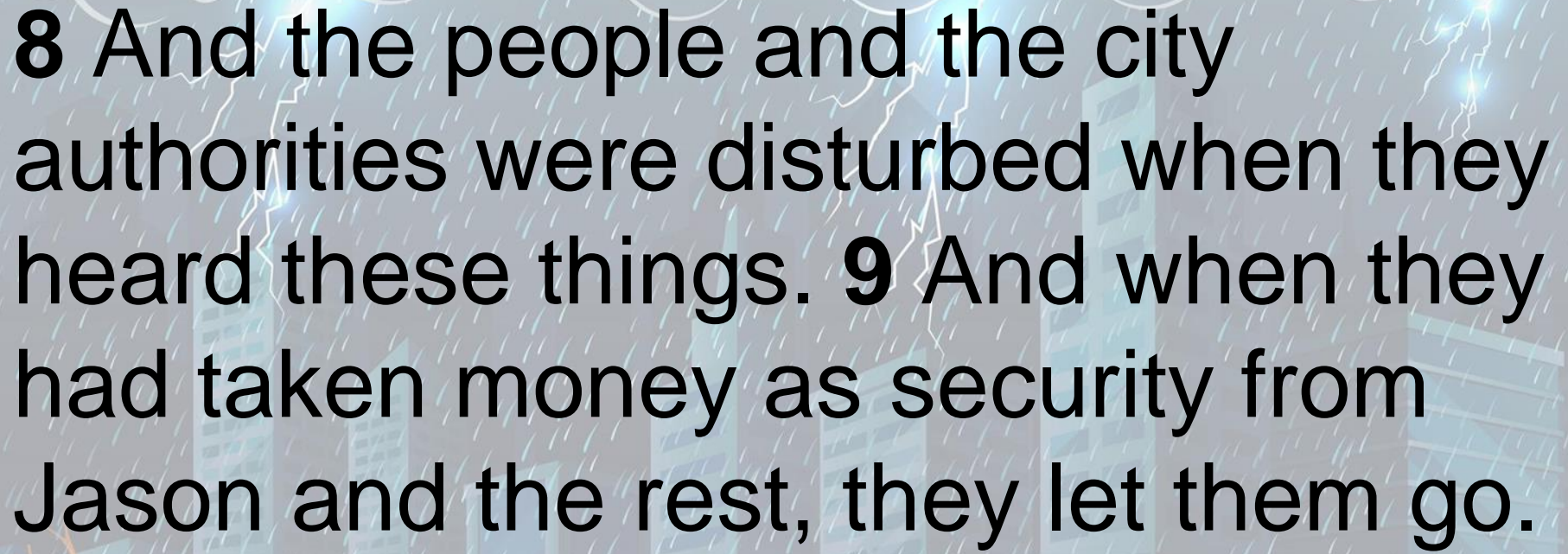
4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.



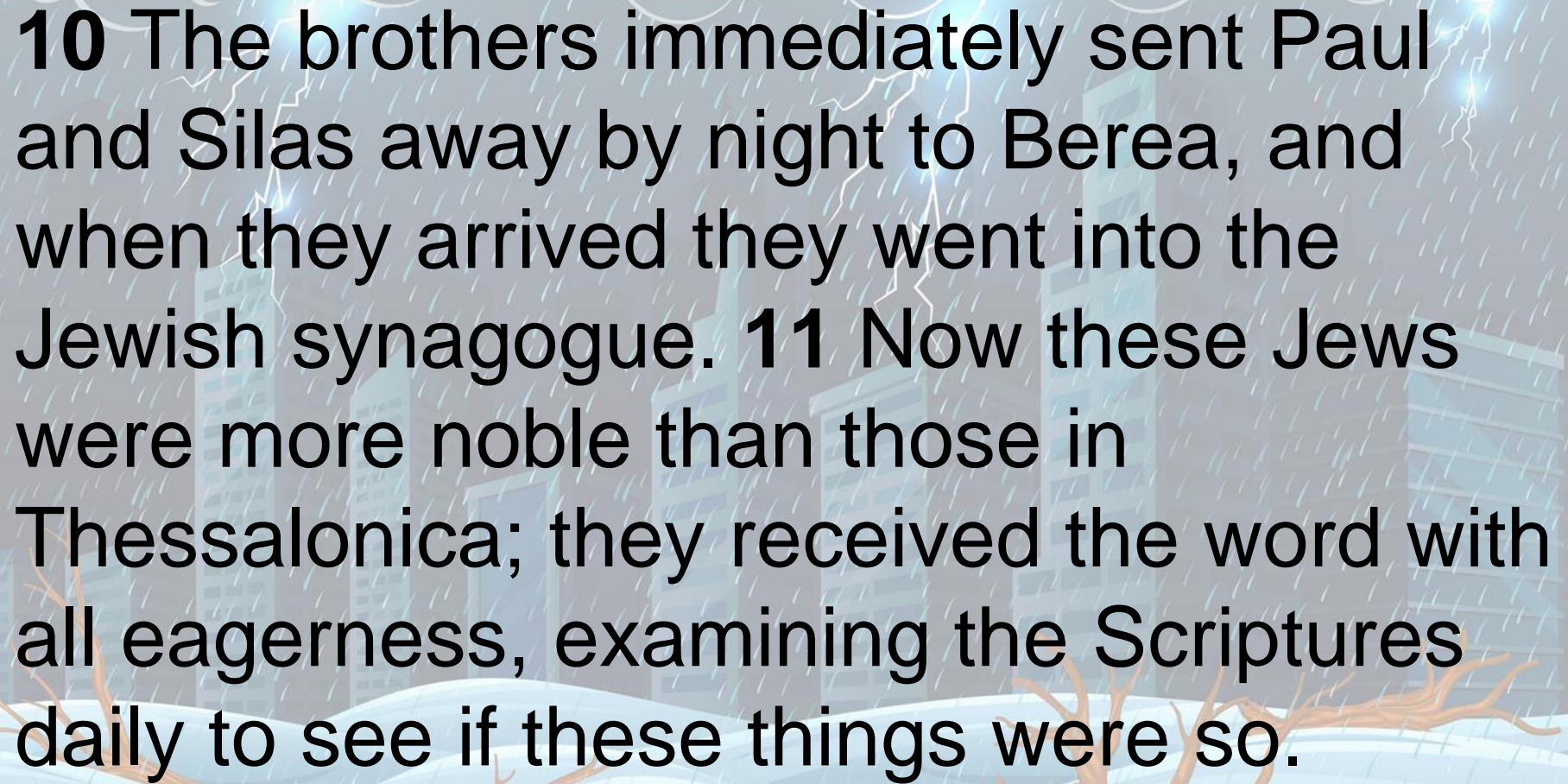
5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. **6** And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.”



6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, **7** and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”



8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. **9** And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

The background of the image is a stylized illustration of a stormy night. It features a dark blue sky with white rain falling diagonally. Several bright yellow lightning bolts are visible, striking down from the top. In the background, a city skyline with various buildings is visible in a lighter blue tone. In the foreground, there are several gnarled, brown tree branches that appear to be floating or lying on a surface, possibly water or a snowy ground. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and intense.

10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. **11** Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.



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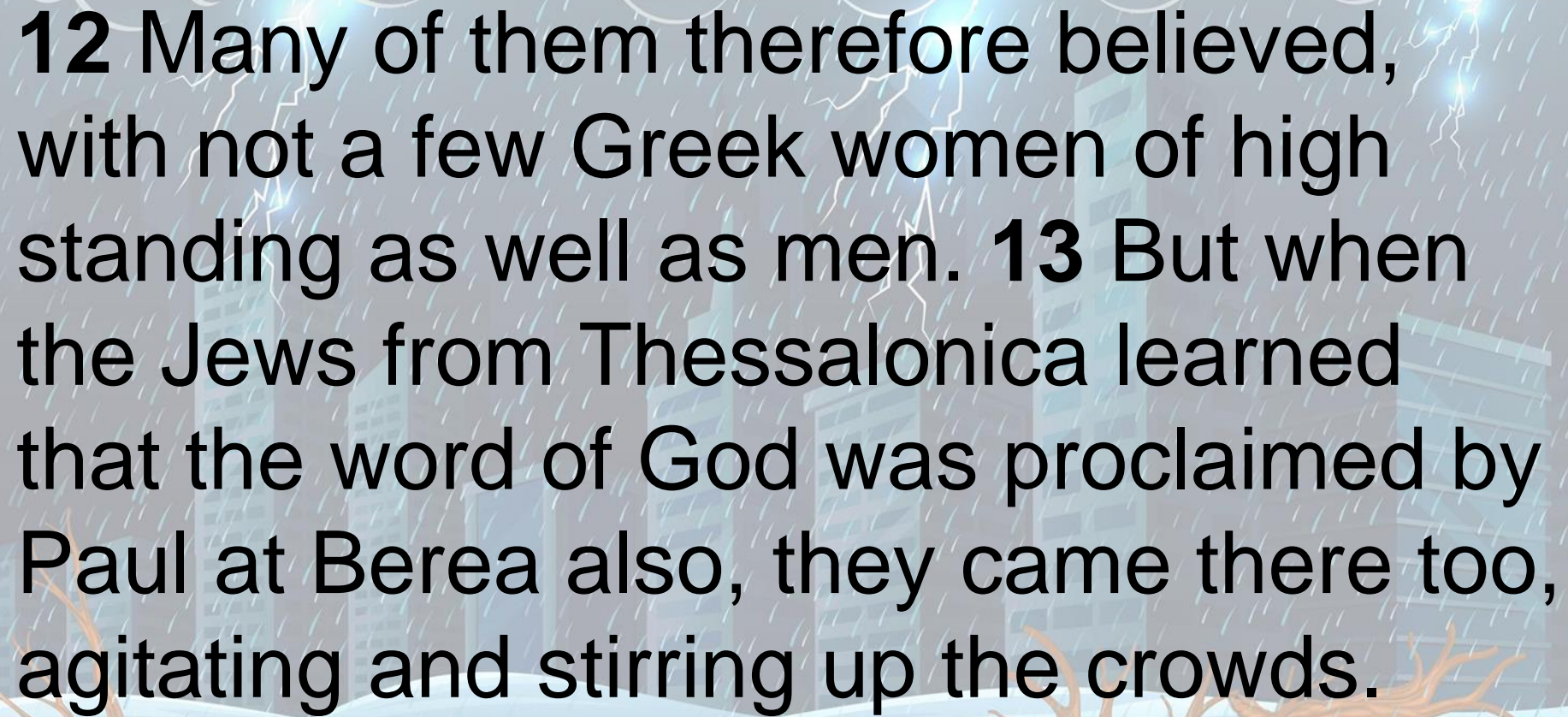
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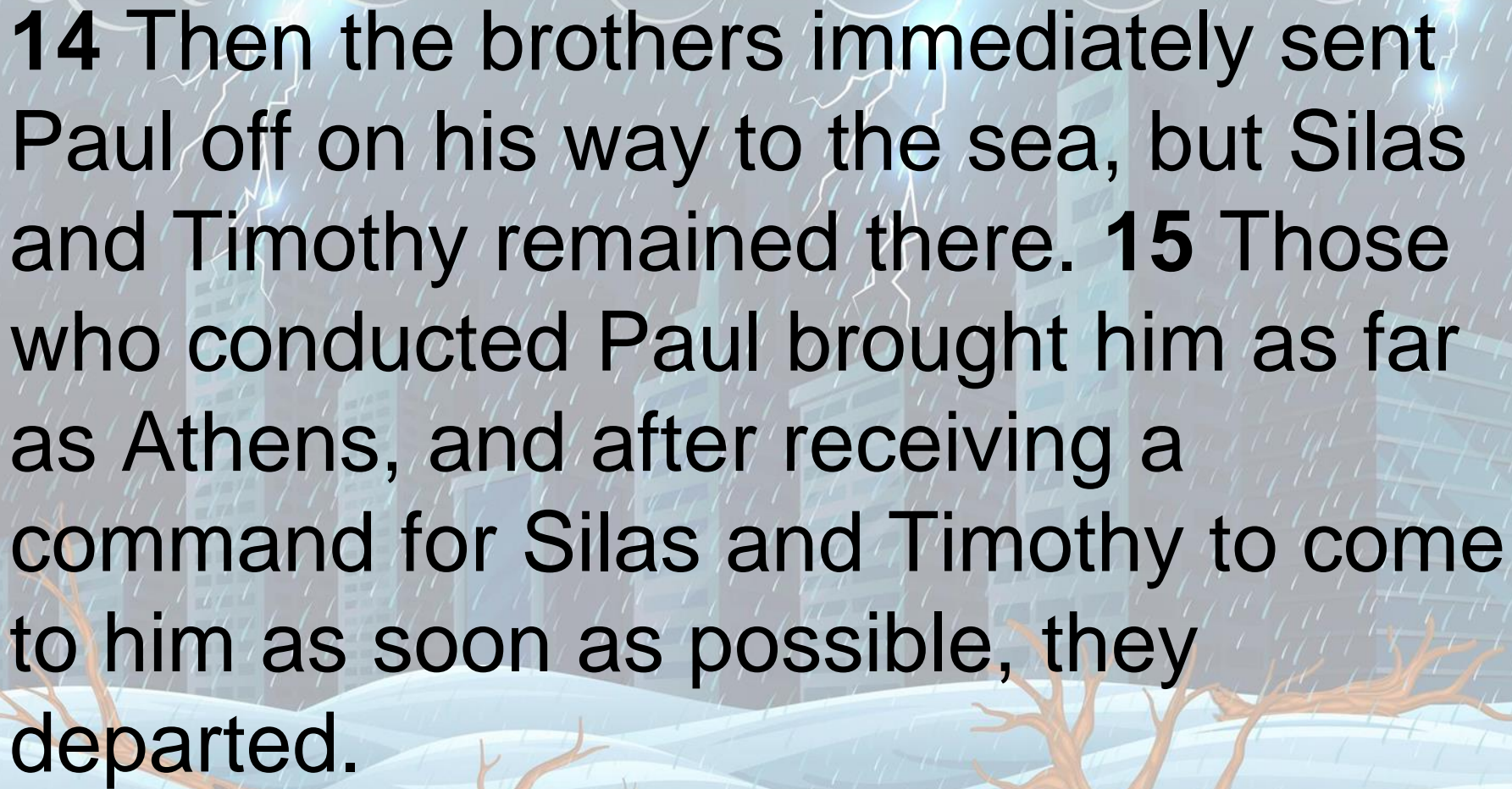
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12 Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. **13** But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

The background features a dramatic, stormy seascape. In the foreground, several waves are depicted in shades of light blue and white, with some waves breaking. Scattered across the water are several pieces of driftwood, rendered in a light brown or tan color. The middle ground shows a dark, greyish-blue sea under a heavy, overcast sky. In the background, a city skyline is visible, with several tall buildings. The sky is filled with numerous white rain streaks falling vertically. Several bright blue lightning bolts are shown striking down from the sky, adding to the intense atmosphere of the scene.

14 Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. **15** Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.



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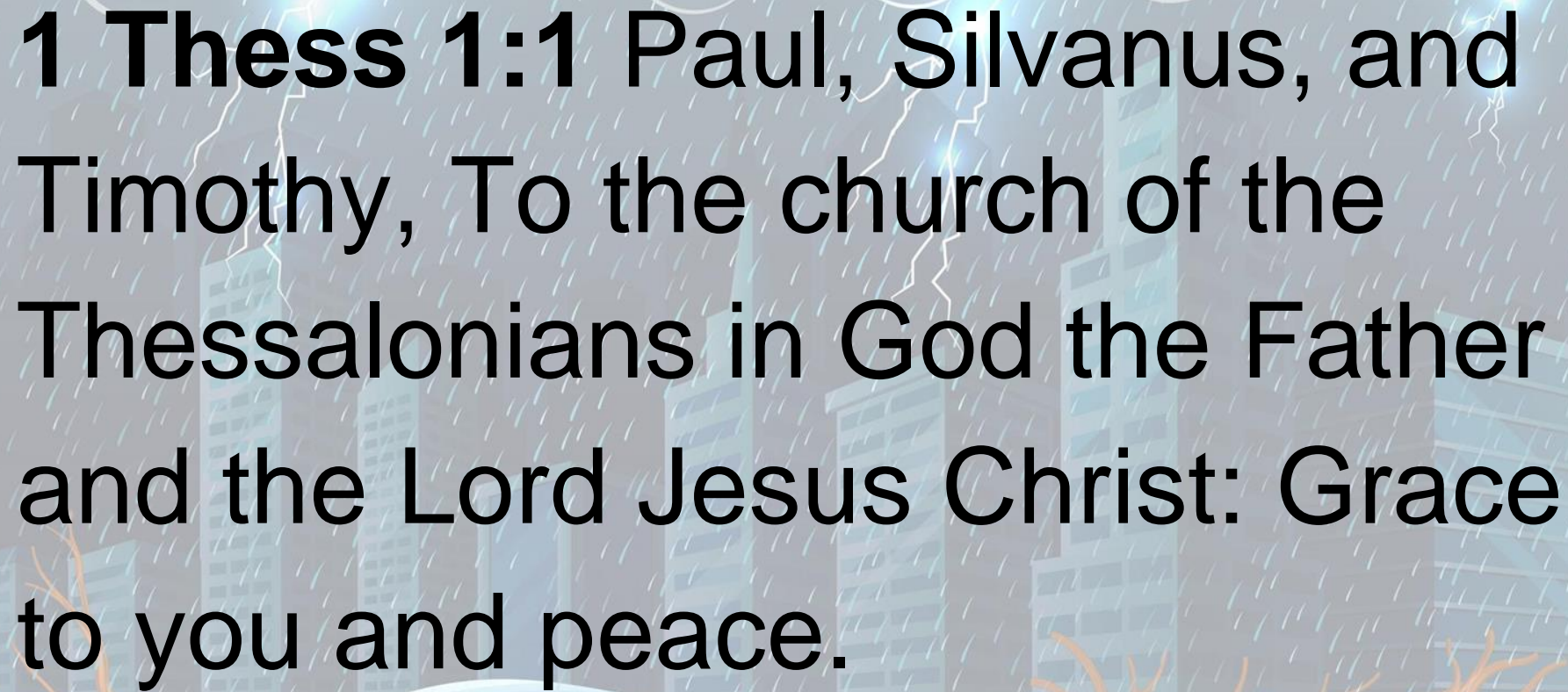
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1 Thess 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.