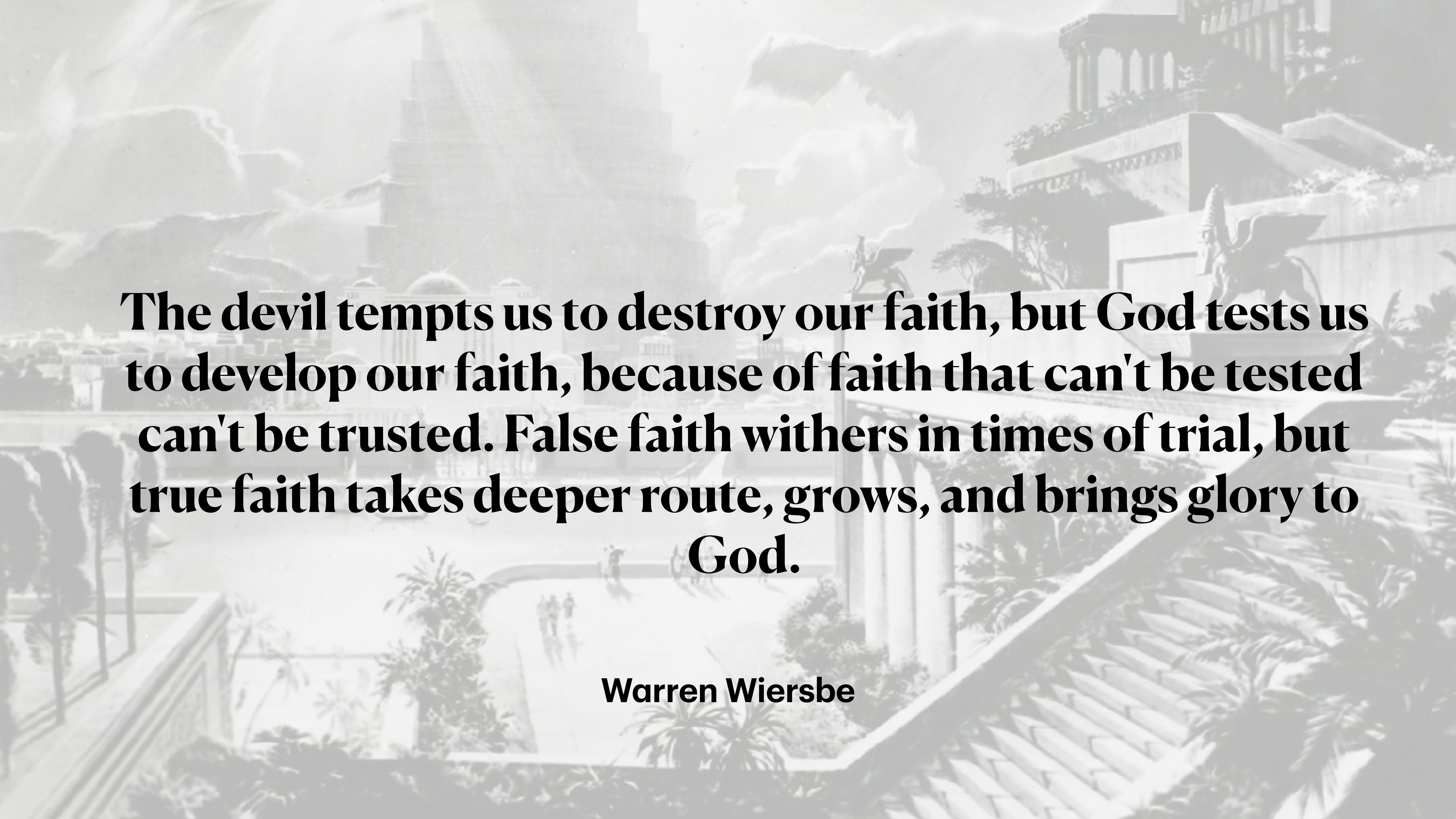




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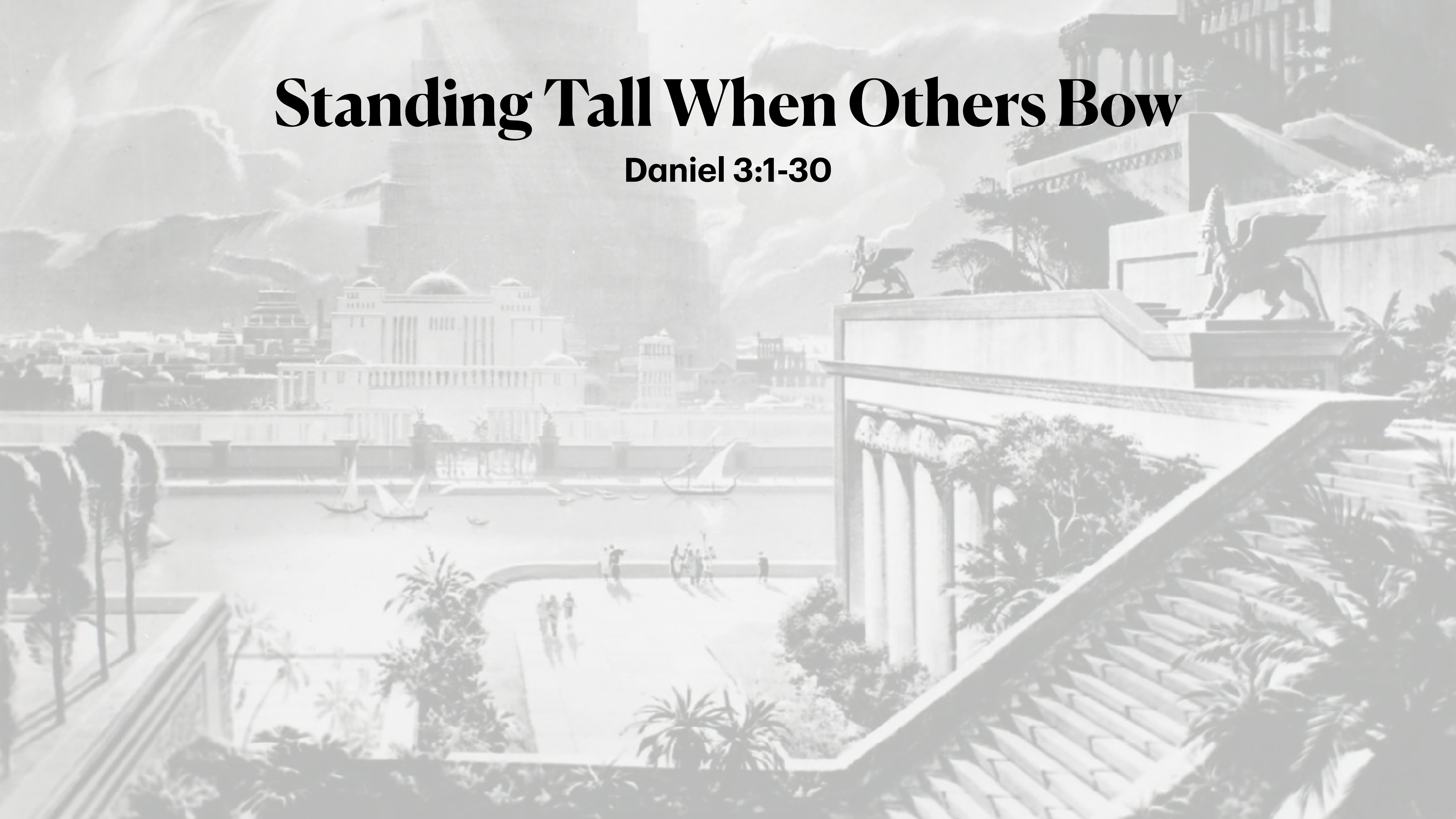


The devil tempts us to destroy our faith, but God tests us to develop our faith, because of faith that can't be tested can't be trusted. False faith withers in times of trial, but true faith takes deeper route, grows, and brings glory to God.

Warren Wiersbe

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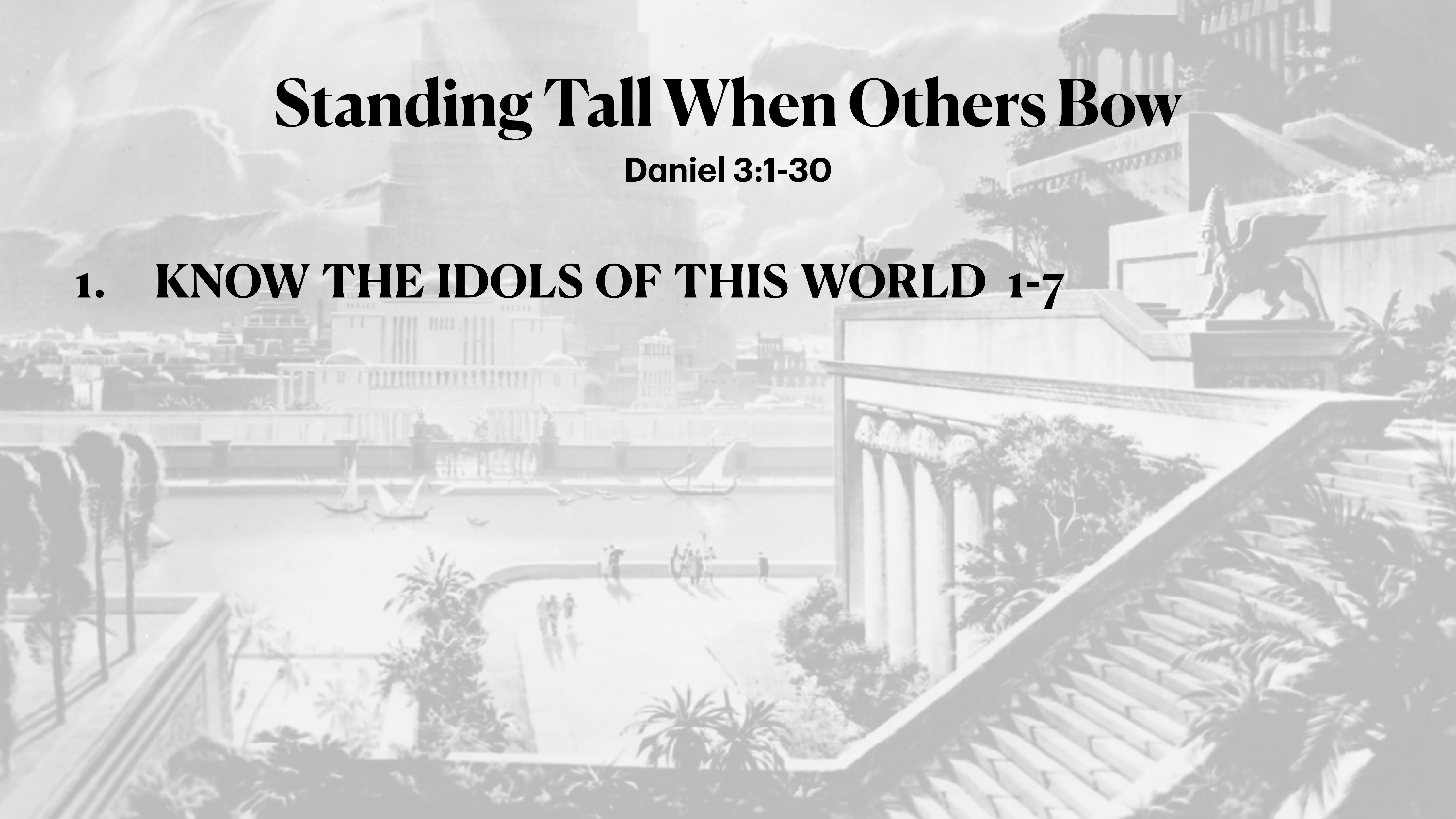
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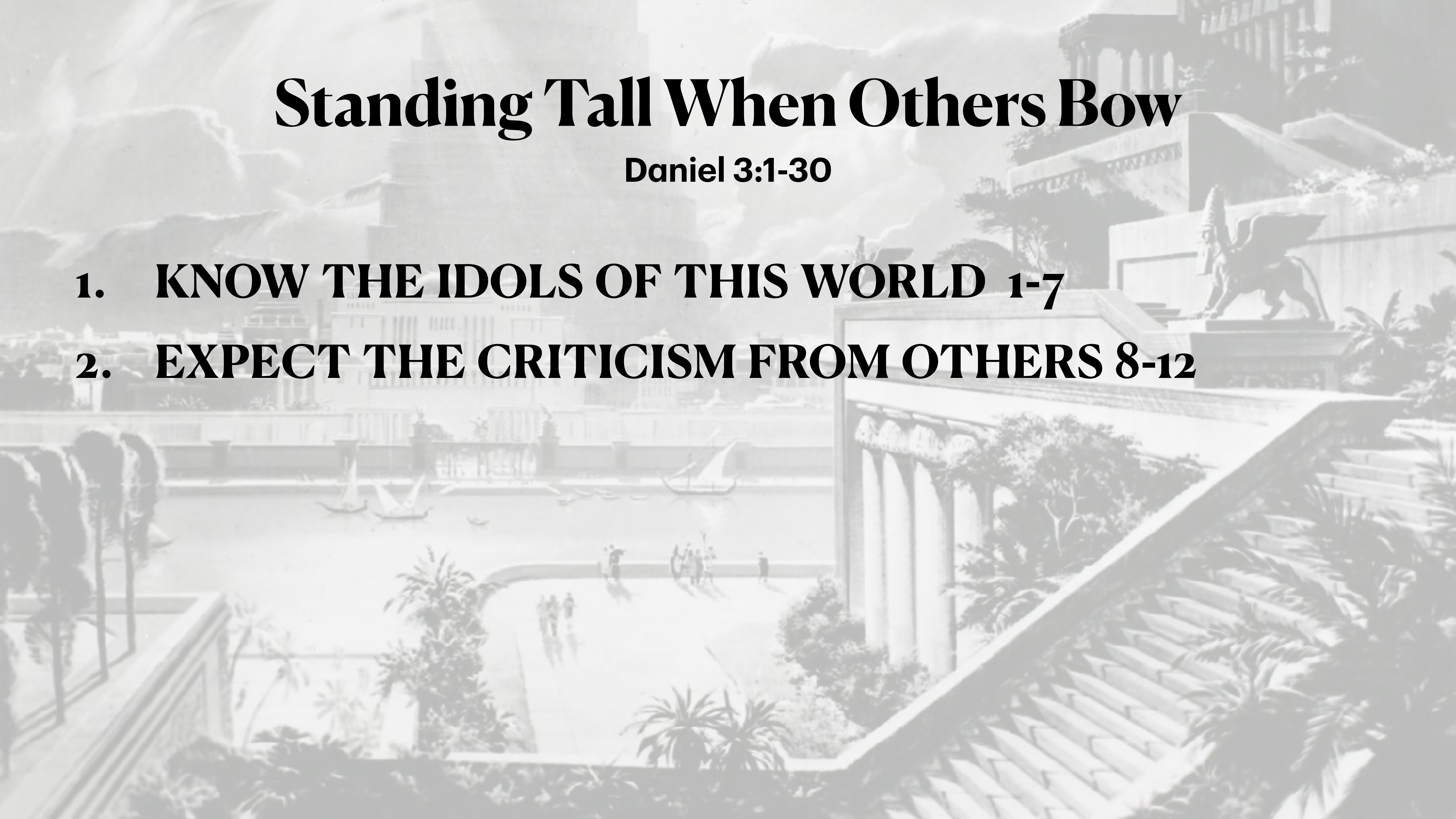
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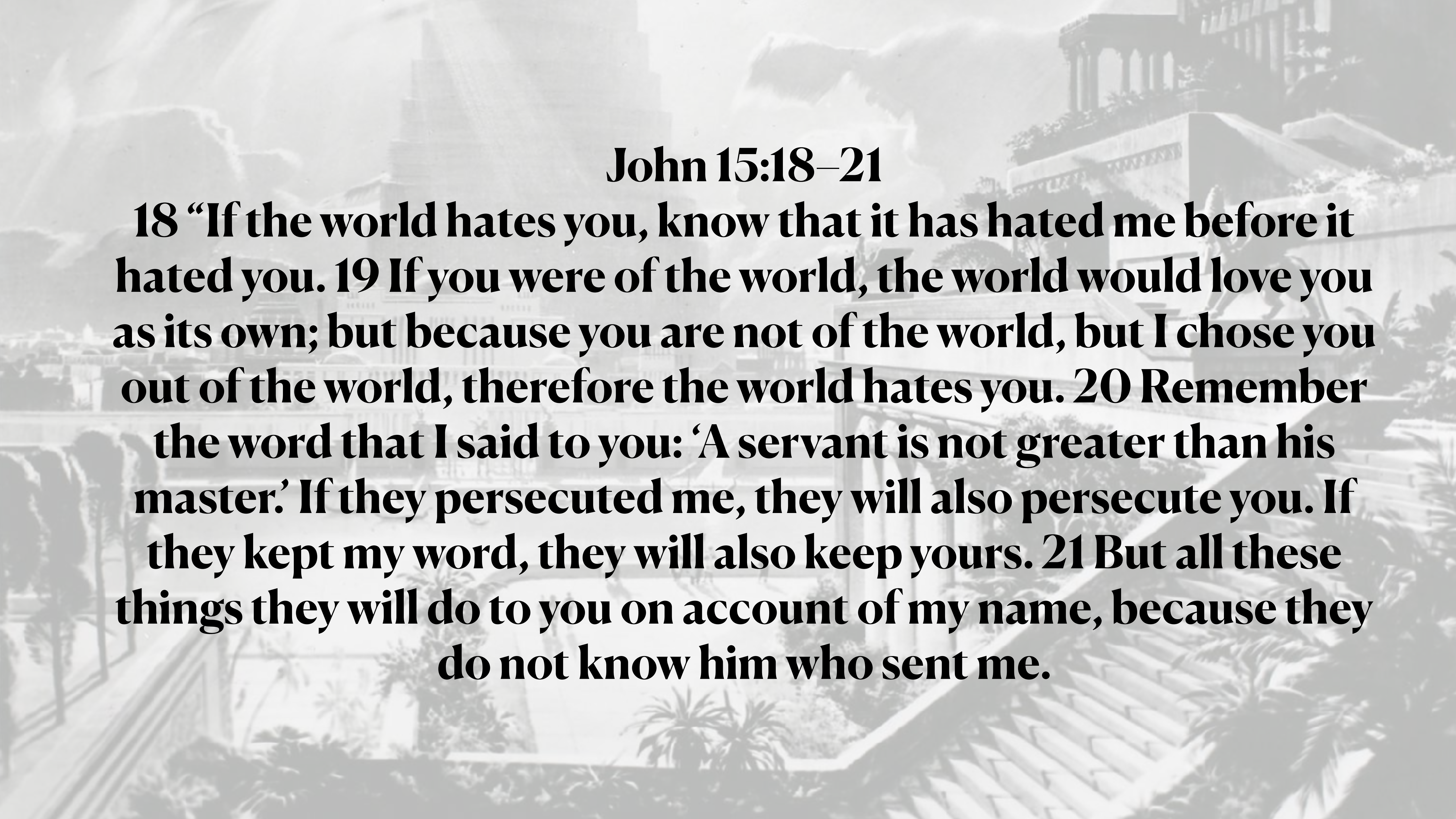
15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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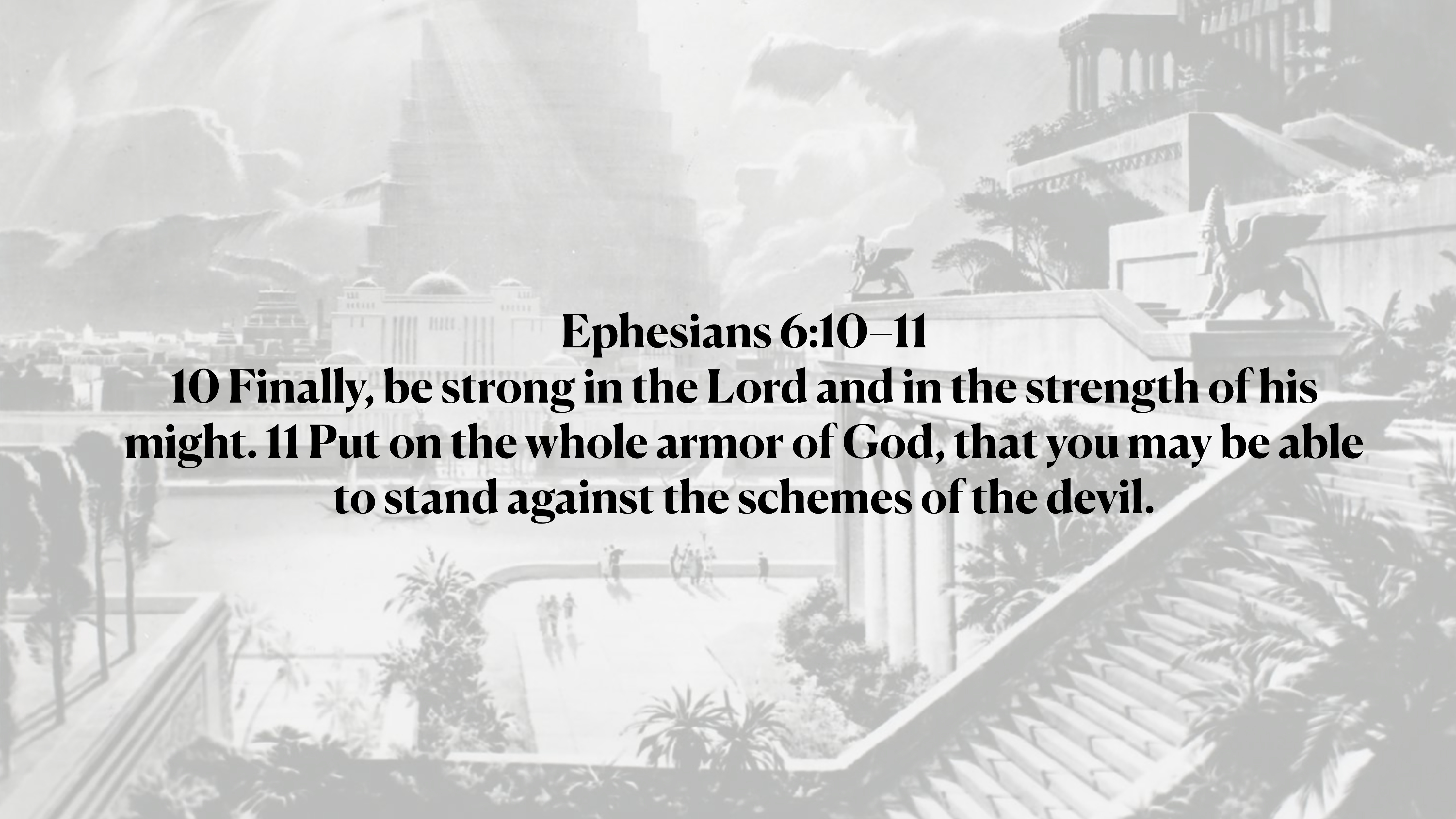
John 15:18–21

18 “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

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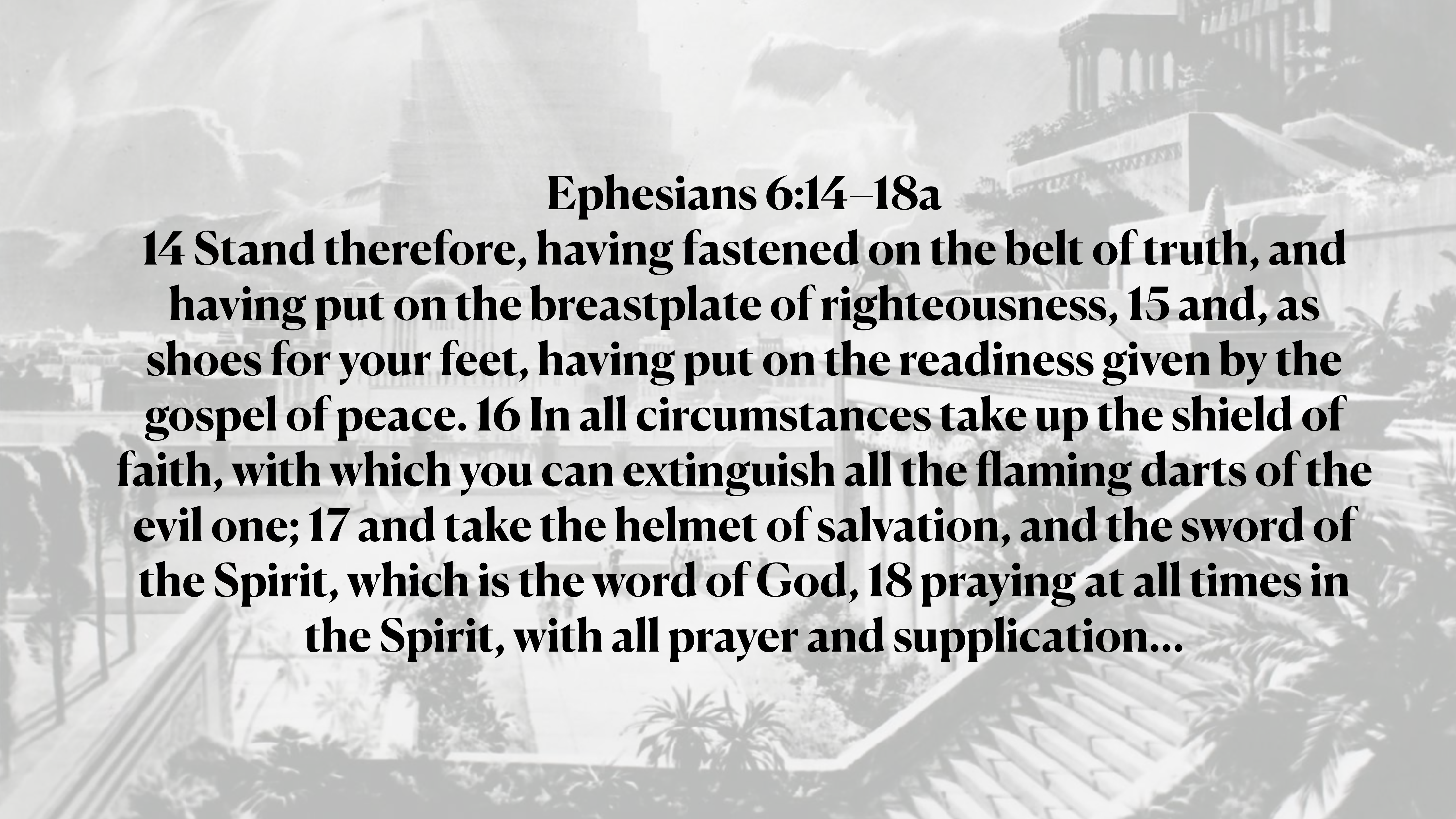
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Ephesians 6:10–11

**10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his
might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able
to stand against the schemes of the devil.**



Ephesians 6:14–18a

14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication...

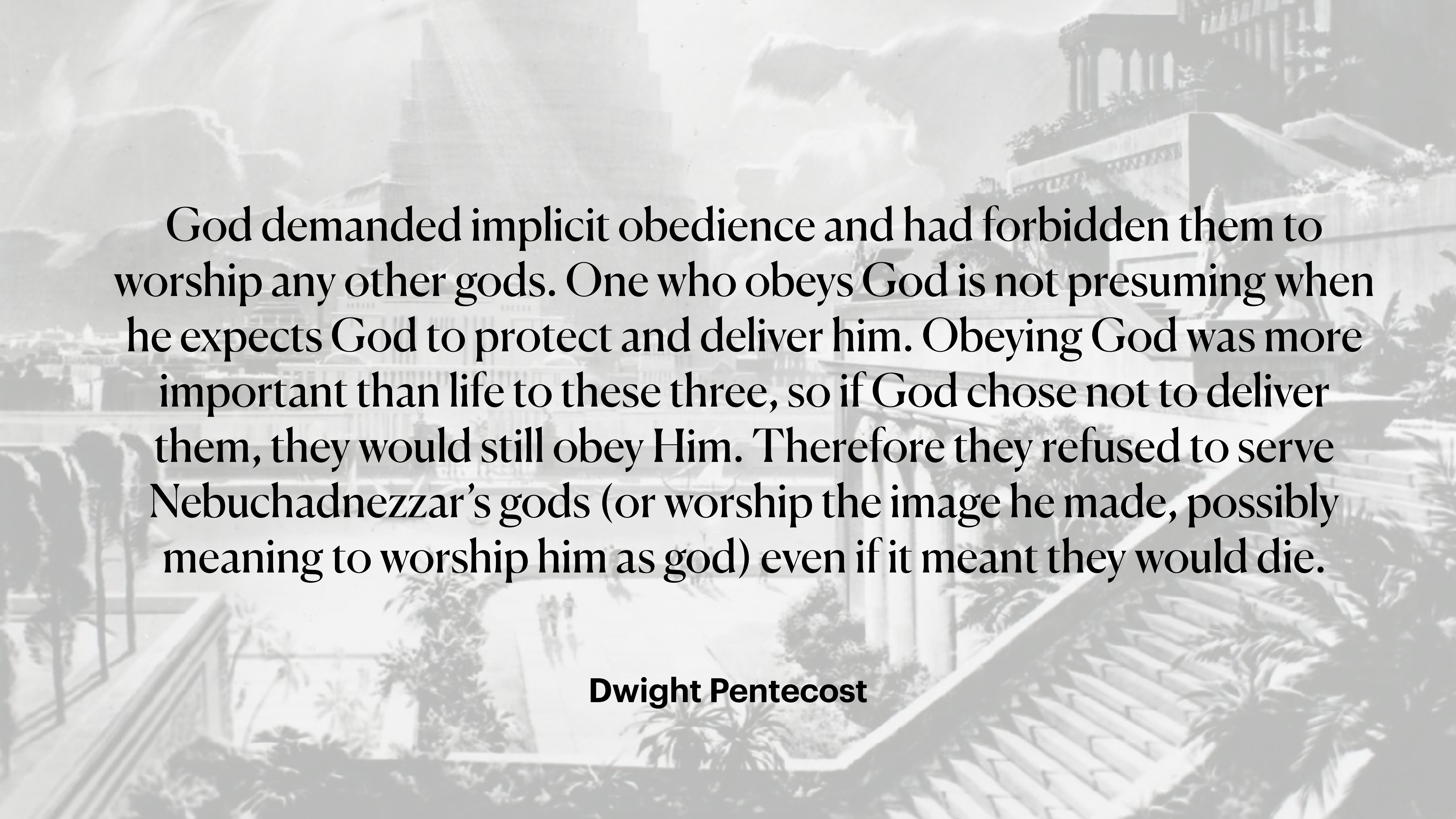
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Exodus 20:3–5a

3 “You shall have no other gods before me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...



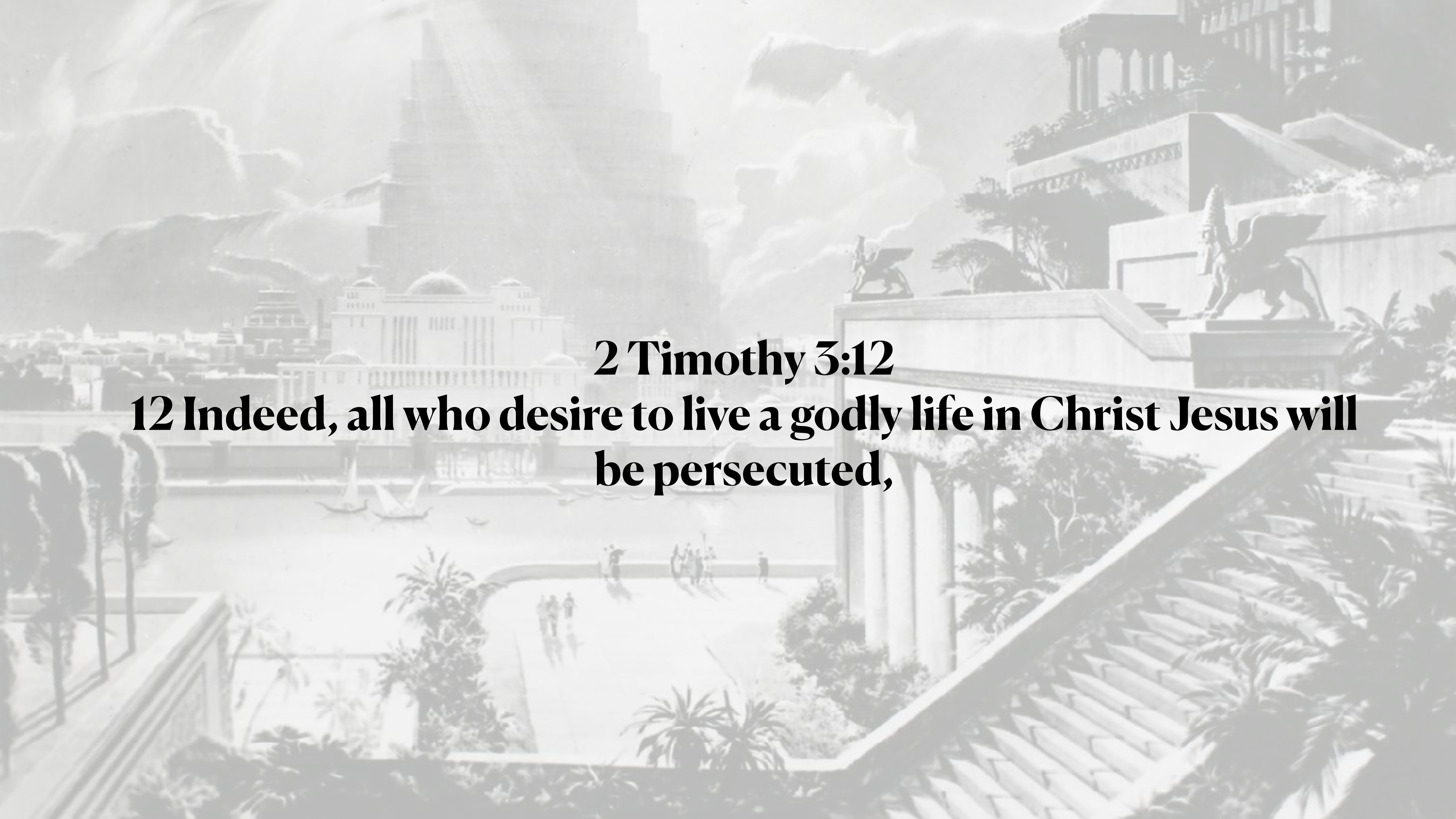
God demanded implicit obedience and had forbidden them to worship any other gods. One who obeys God is not presuming when he expects God to protect and deliver him. Obeying God was more important than life to these three, so if God chose not to deliver them, they would still obey Him. Therefore they refused to serve Nebuchadnezzar's gods (or worship the image he made, possibly meaning to worship him as god) even if it meant they would die.

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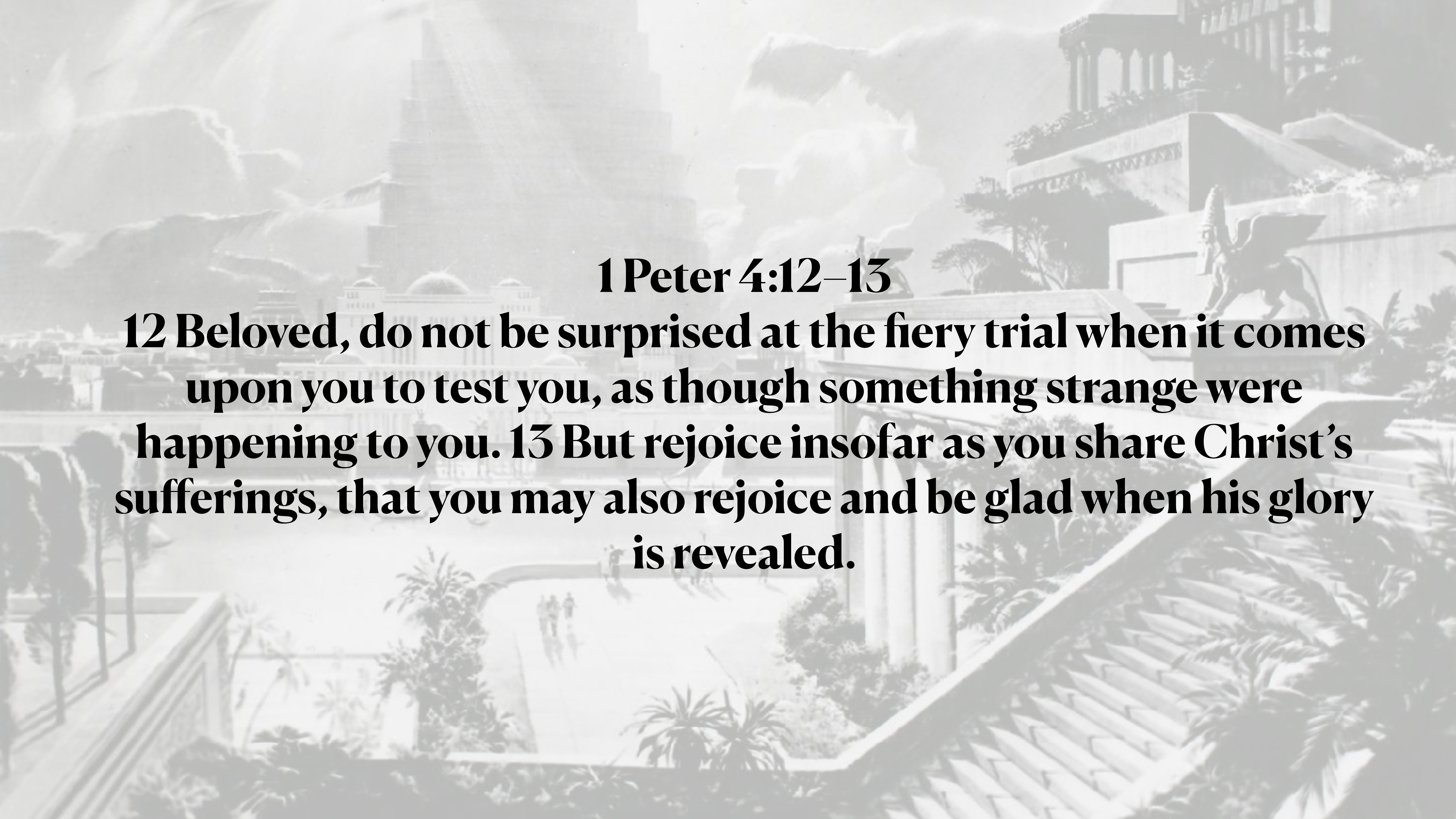


2 Timothy 3:12

**12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will
be persecuted,**

Luke 9:23–25

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?



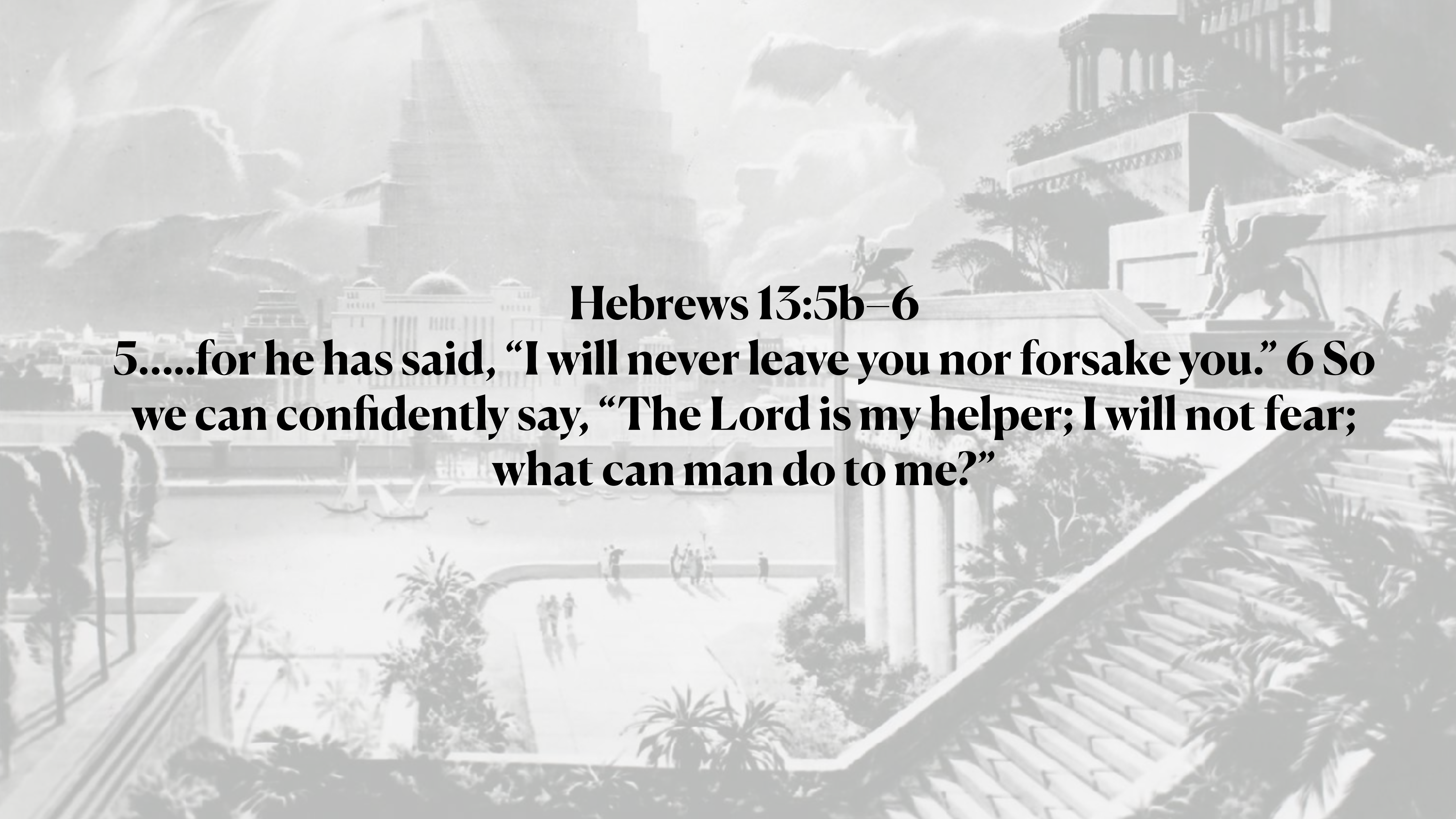
1 Peter 4:12–13

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

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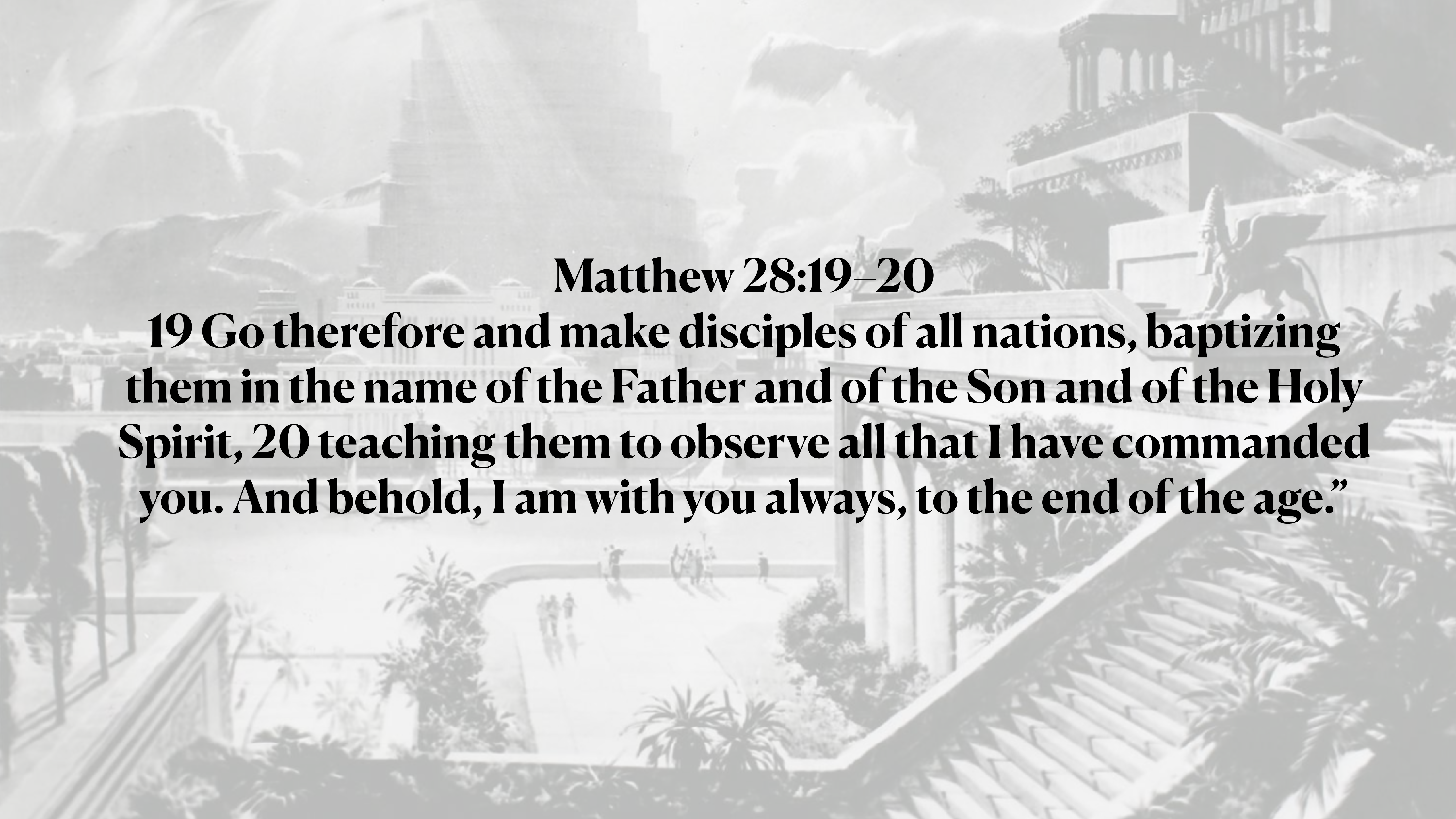
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Hebrews 13:5b–6

5....for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

A grayscale illustration of a fantastical city. In the background, a large, tiered ziggurat rises against a backdrop of mountains. In the foreground, a wide river flows through the city, with a sphinx standing on the right bank. The city is filled with various buildings, including domed structures and a large temple with columns. The overall scene is depicted in a classic, artistic style.

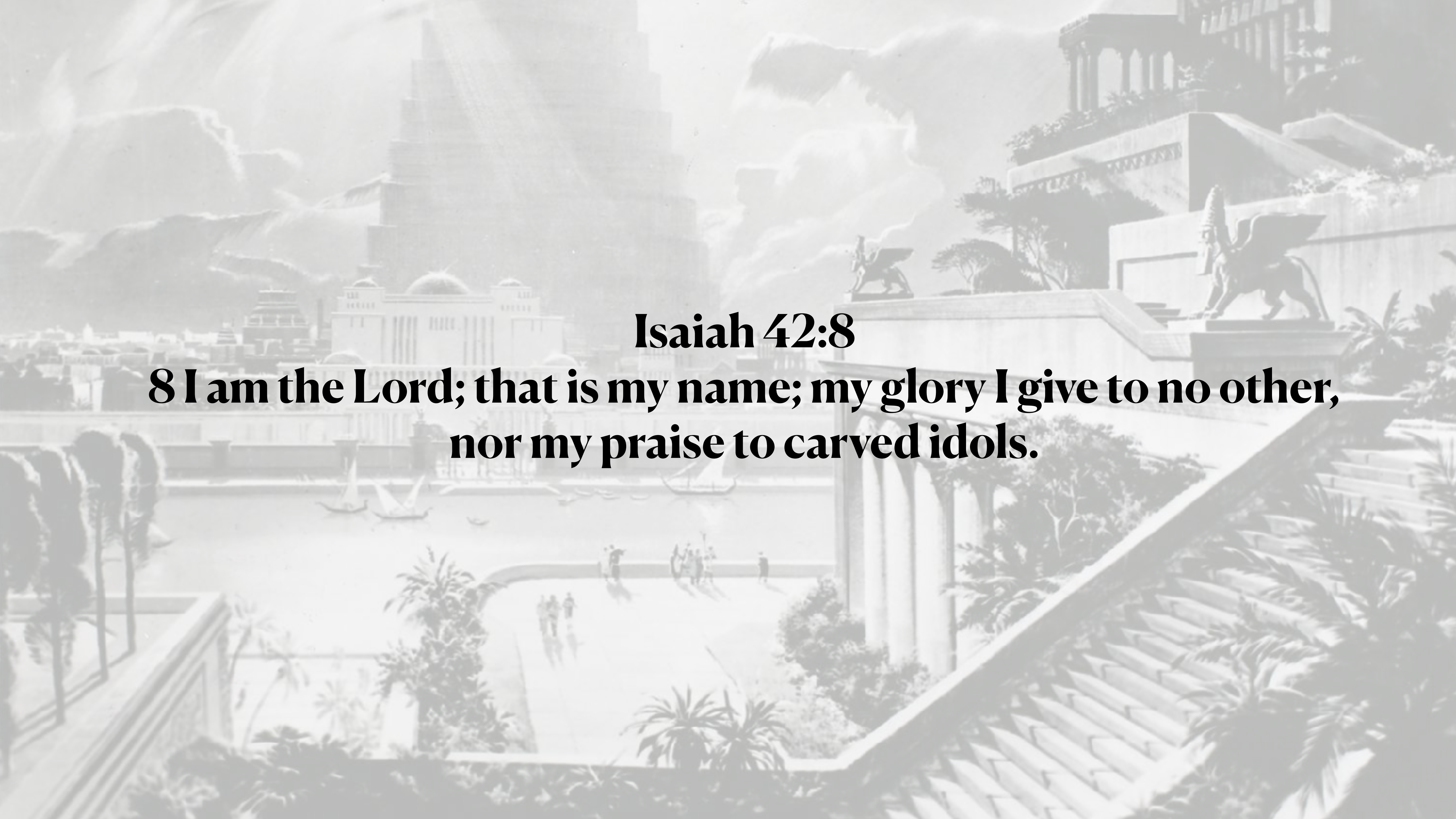
Matthew 28:19–20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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Isaiah 42:8

**8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.**

Matthew 5:16

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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