

EVERY NAME, EVERY KNEE

The Sovereign Call and the Inevitable Surrender

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The Cosmic Promise of Isaiah 45

A remarkable chapter that opens by naming a king a century before his birth, and closes by naming a day when every person on earth will bow.



PAST

(Historical Promise)

God names Cyrus long before he exists.



PRESENT

(Universal Declaration)

God exposes powerless idols and invites all nations to turn to Him.



FUTURE

(Unavoidable Certainty)

The day every knee will bow to Jesus Christ.

THE CALL OF THE CHRIST WHO KNOWS YOUR NAME

I name you, though you
do not know me.
— Isaiah 45:4 (ESV)

A CALL TO THE CHRIST WHO KNOWS YOUR NAME

A King Called Before He Was Born

The Subject: Cyrus, a pagan Persian king.

The Action: Chosen and named to free Israel a century before he existed.
(Isaiah 44:28)

A People Called by Their Own Name

The Subject: God's own people.

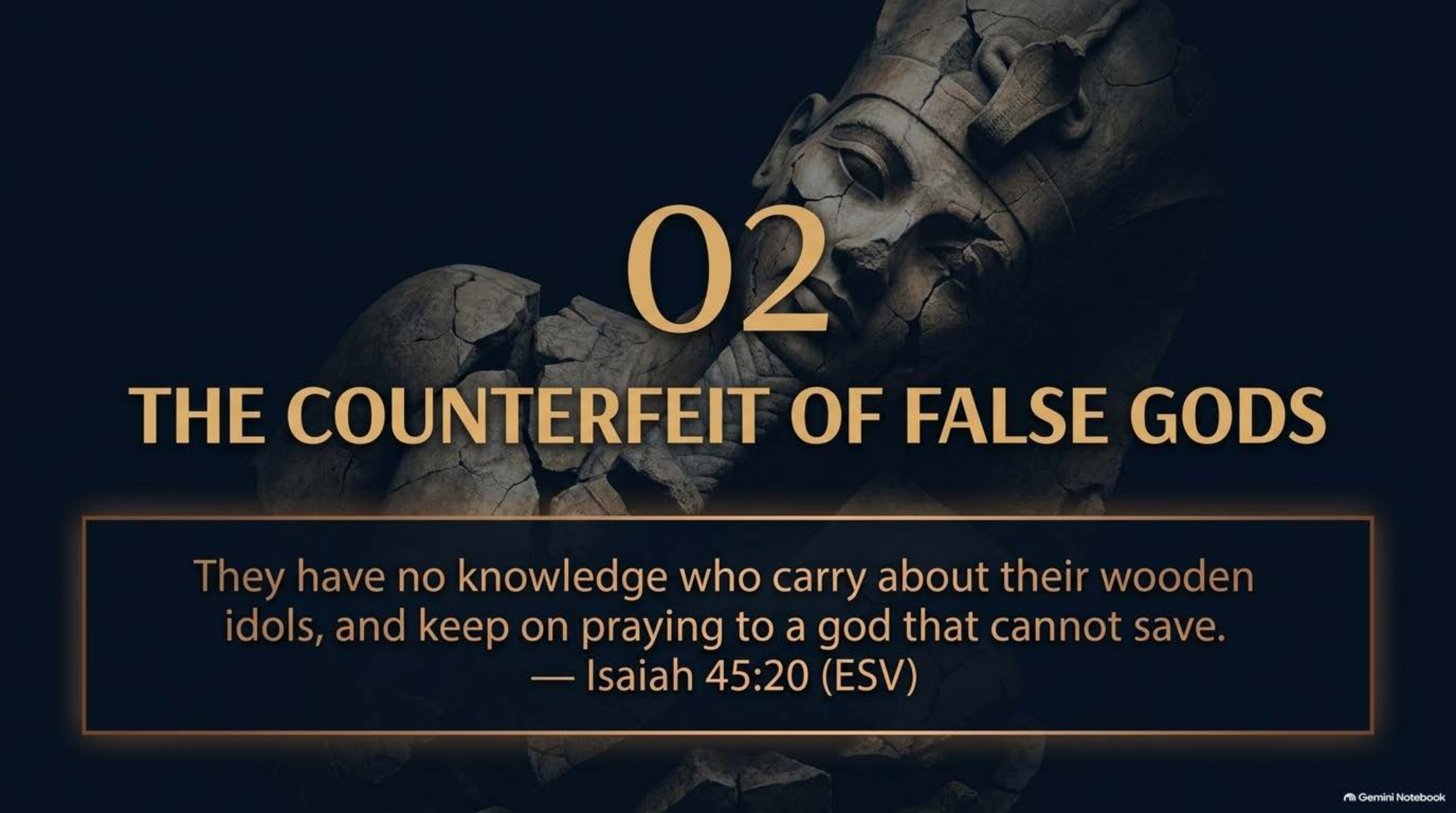
The Action: Addressed individually, not as a faceless crowd. I have called you by name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)

The Power of a Name

A person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language. — Dale Carnegie
On the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, DNA was used to finally identify 350 sailors from the USS Oklahoma who lay in Unknown graves, returning their names to their headstones.

God never needed a laboratory to do this. He has known your name from eternity.

Where have you assumed God was dealing with you merely as a face in a crowd?



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THE COUNTERFEIT OF FALSE GODS

They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden
idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.
— Isaiah 45:20 (ESV)

The Form Changes. The Trap Remains. (Colossians 3:5)

The Idol	The Promise	The Reality	The Result
Ancient (Wood & Silver)	Protection & Harvest	Cannot speak, see, or save (Ps. 115)	Worshipers become like them
Modern (Wealth, Status, Image)	Security & Identity	Empty packaging without substance	Worshipers are shaped by what they crave

The Celebrity Token Trap

In 2021, Kim Kardashian promoted EthereumMax. Investors trusted the famous name, but the token itself was powerless and became worthless.

Idolatry is trusting the packaging of something that lacks the power to deliver salvation.

When we worship inferior versions of God... we become like our idols. — David Jeremiah

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THE CHOICE OF THE ONLY SAVIOR

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

— Isaiah 45:22 (ESV)

The Reach: Open to Everyone

God calls all the ends of the earth.

The Reality: Sealed by an Oath

God swears by Himself (Hebrews 6:13) that righteousness and strength are found in Him alone. Atheist Ayaan Hirsi Ali confessed in 2023 that secularism failed to answer the purpose of life, finding that Only in the LORD... are righteousness and strength (Isa. 45:24).

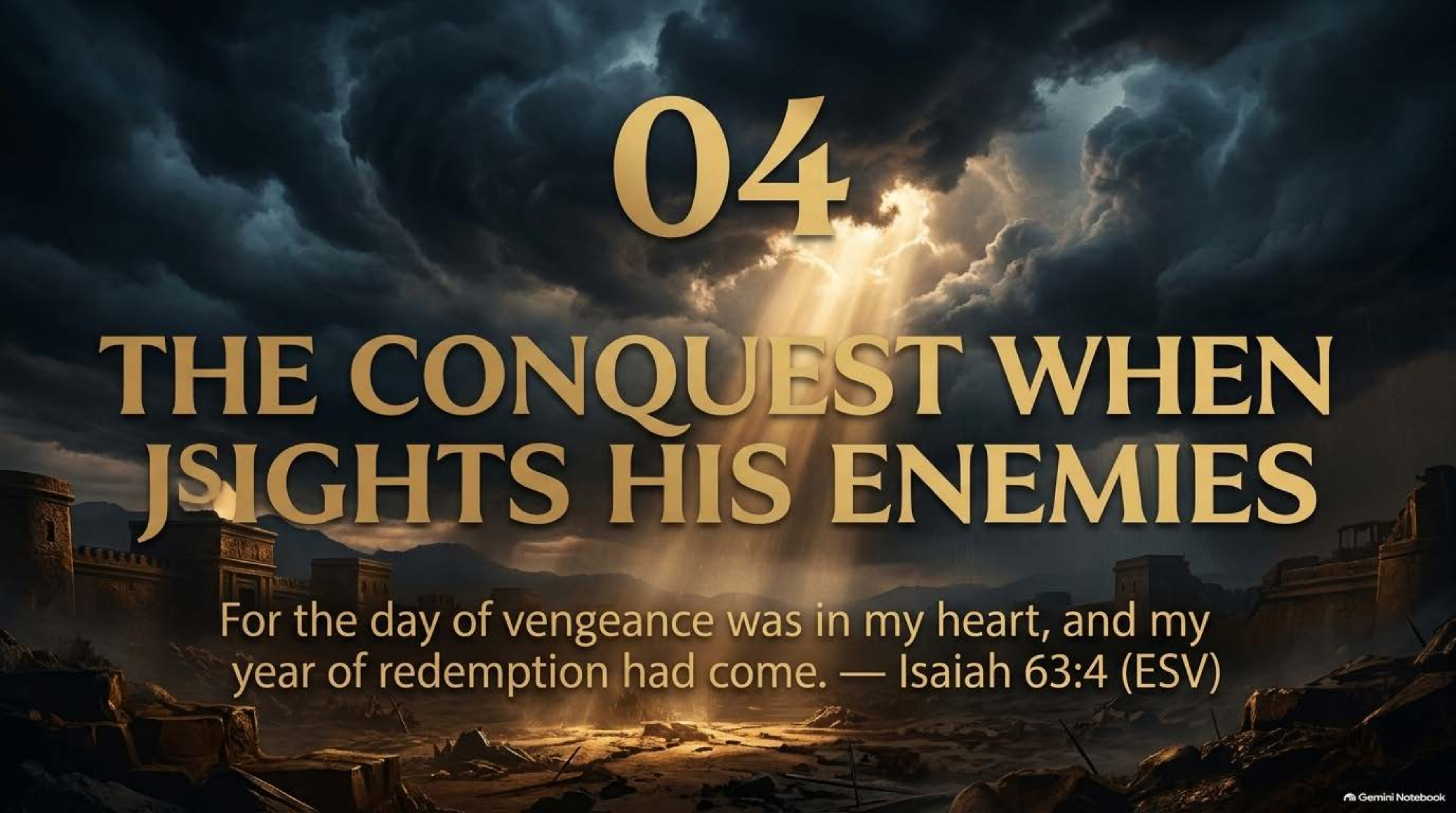
The Requirement: Just a Look

You have nothin' to do but to look and live. (The realization that converted a 15-year-old Charles Spurgeon).



Christ

Are you actually looking to Him, or are you still relying on your own righteousness and strength?



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THE CONQUEST WHEN HE SIGHTS HIS ENEMIES

For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my
year of redemption had come. — Isaiah 63:4 (ESV)

The Lone Warrior

Treads the Winepress Alone (Isa 63:3).

A reckoning for cosmic injustice that will not wait forever (Rev 19:15).

The Golden State Killer evaded justice for four decades, but the reckoning eventually came.

Isaiah 63 pictures a delayed, but guaranteed, cosmic reckoning.

The Tender Savior

Afflicted with His People (Isa 63:9).

He carries His own like a father carries a child.

He sympathizes with our weaknesses (Heb 4:15).

God isn't wrathful in spite of being loving. God is wrathful because God is loving. — David Jeremiah

What injustice are you attempting to avenge yourself, rather than trusting the Warrior who fights for you? (Romans 12:19)

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THE CONFESSION WHEN EVERY KNEE BOWS

To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall
swear allegiance. — Isaiah 45:23 (ESV)



The Illuminated Epoch

The Ledger

Like Ippei Mizuhara's confession to \$17M in gambling debt—the truth was already in the records.

Confession changes nothing about the facts, only whether you face them.



The Great Leveler

Vance Havner noted that when the Titanic survivor list arrived, millionaire and peasant were reduced to only two categories: Lost and Saved.

Grim tragedy leveled all distinctions.

The Journey of Isaiah 45



1. The Call:

We are named by a God who knew us before we existed.

2. The Counterfeit:

We must abandon the powerless idols that cannot save.

3. The Choice:

We are offered the open invitation of the single Savior.

4. The Conquest:

We are defended by His ultimate, righteous justice.

5. The Confession:

We will join the universal surrender to His Lordship.

Every Knee Will Bow.
Will Yours Bow Today?

Today is the Day of Salvation

If you hear His voice today—the same voice that called Cyrus by name, the same voice that cries out to the ends of the earth—do not harden your heart and wait for another day.

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. — 2 Corinthians 6:2

The price is paid. The outcome is certain.
Look unto Him, and be saved.