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The background features a sepia-toned illustration of an ancient city, likely Babylon. On the left, a large, standing statue of a bearded man wearing a crown and a patterned tunic stands with his arms crossed. In the center and right, a grand, multi-tiered temple or palace with many columns and a flat roof is visible. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall style is that of a historical or biblical illustration.

Part 7

Know Your Enemy – Resistance

Daniel Chapter 8



The enemy's influence in the world tries to:

- replace God in people's lives (10-11, 25)
- erode the foundation of objective truth (12)
- boldly defies God's righteous standard (23)
- spiritual in its warfare (24)
- always against Israel & Jewish people (24)
- uses deception as a means manipulation (25)



Antiochus

Daniel 8:9-14

⁹ Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and ***toward the glorious land.***

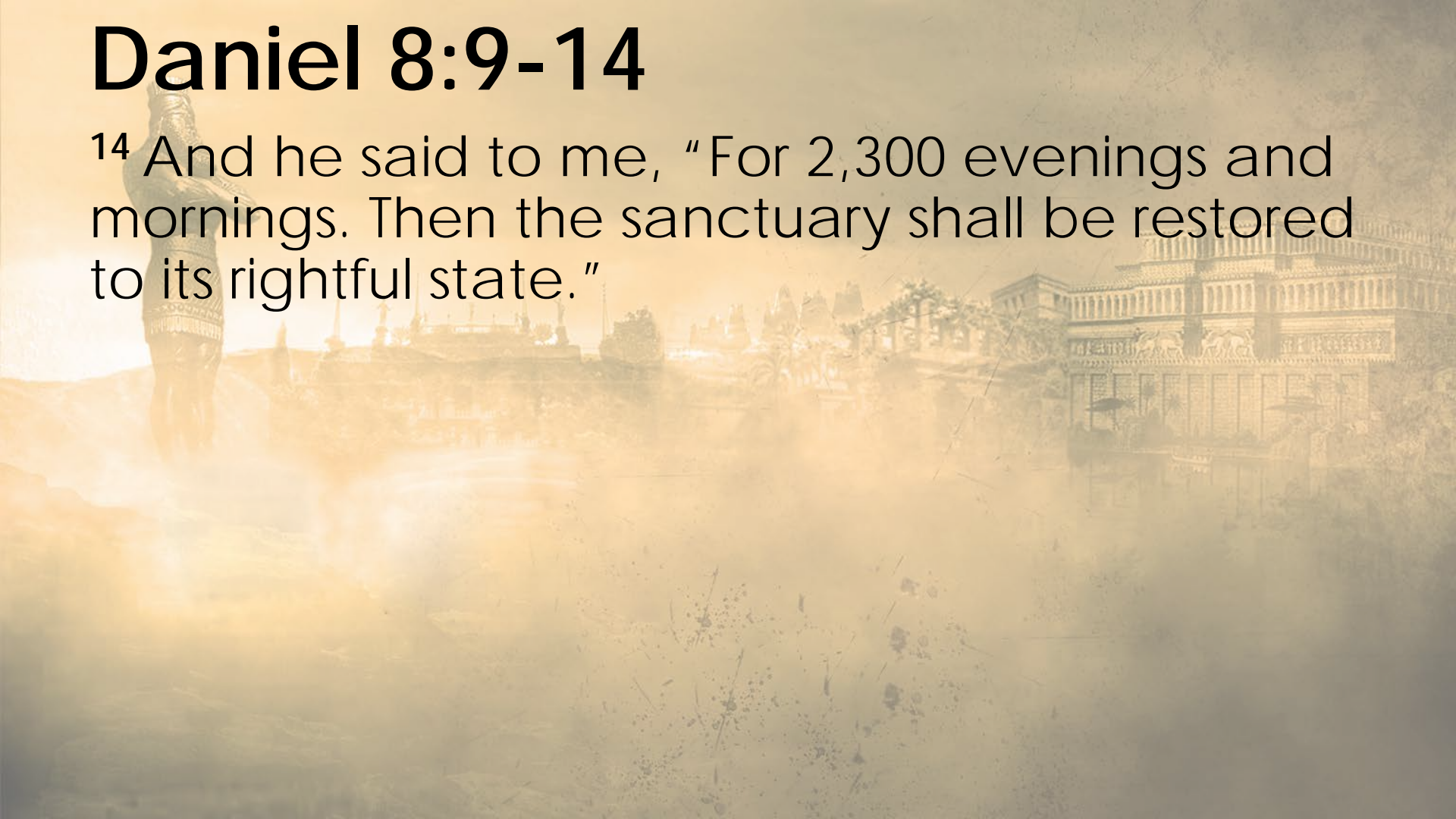
¹⁰ It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And ***some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them.*** ¹¹ It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown.

Daniel 8:9-14

¹² And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering ***because of transgression***, and ***it will throw truth to the ground***, and it ***will act and prosper***. ¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, "For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?"

Daniel 8:9-14

¹⁴ And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."





Antichrist

Daniel 8:23-27

²³ And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a **king of bold face**, one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴ His power shall be great—but **not by his own power**; and he shall **cause fearful destruction** and **shall succeed** in what he does, and **destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints**. ²⁵ By his cunning **he shall make deceit prosper** under his hand, and **in his own mind he shall become great**.

Daniel 8:23-27

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2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

³ Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the *lawless one is revealed*, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He ***opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.*** ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ⁶ And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

⁷ For *the mystery of lawlessness is already at work*, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. ⁹ *The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders,*

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

¹⁰ and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, ***because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*** ¹¹ For this reason ***God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false,*** ¹² so that ***all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness*** will be condemned.



Replace God in People's Lives (10-11, 25)

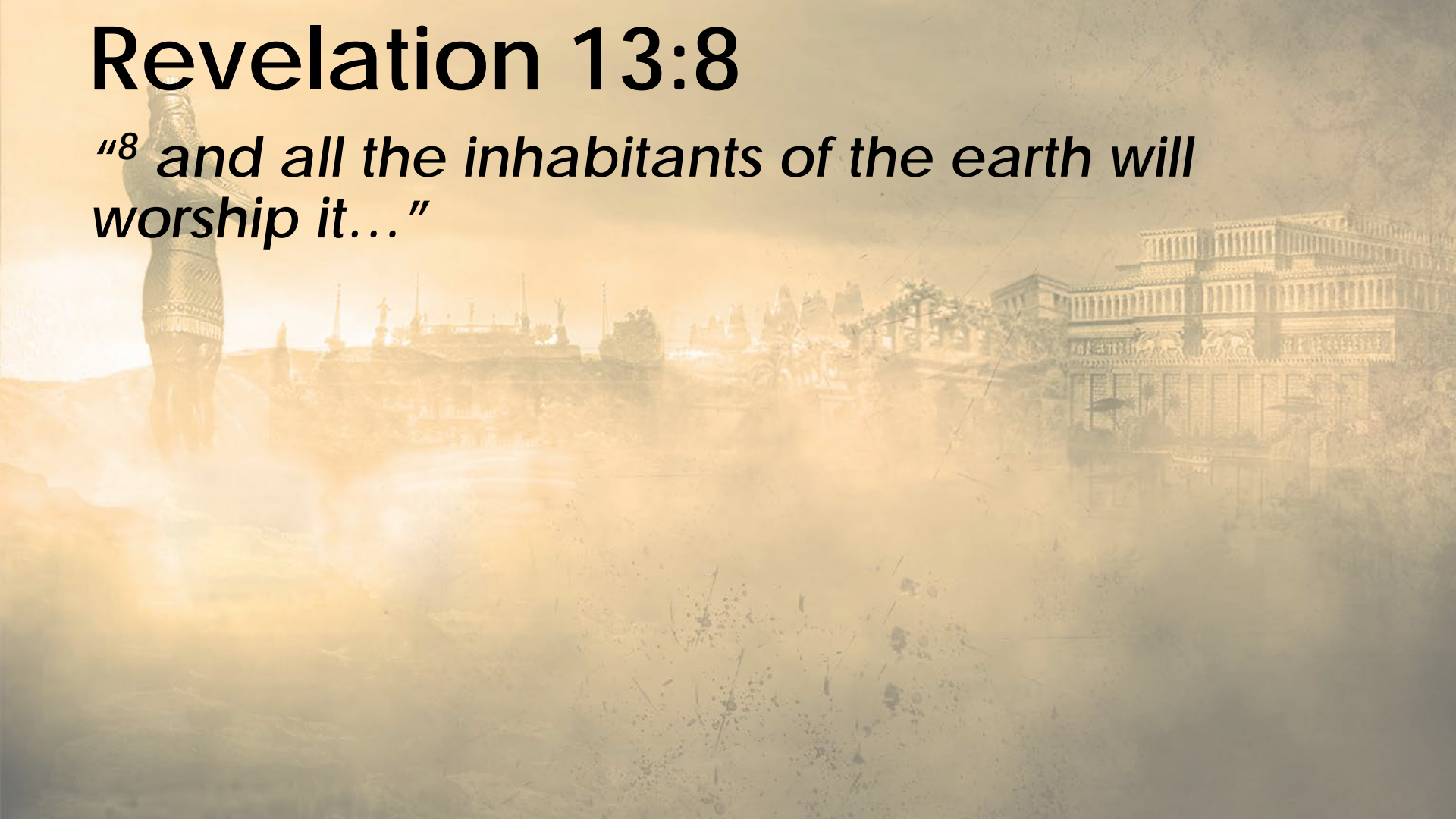
2 Thessalonians 2:4

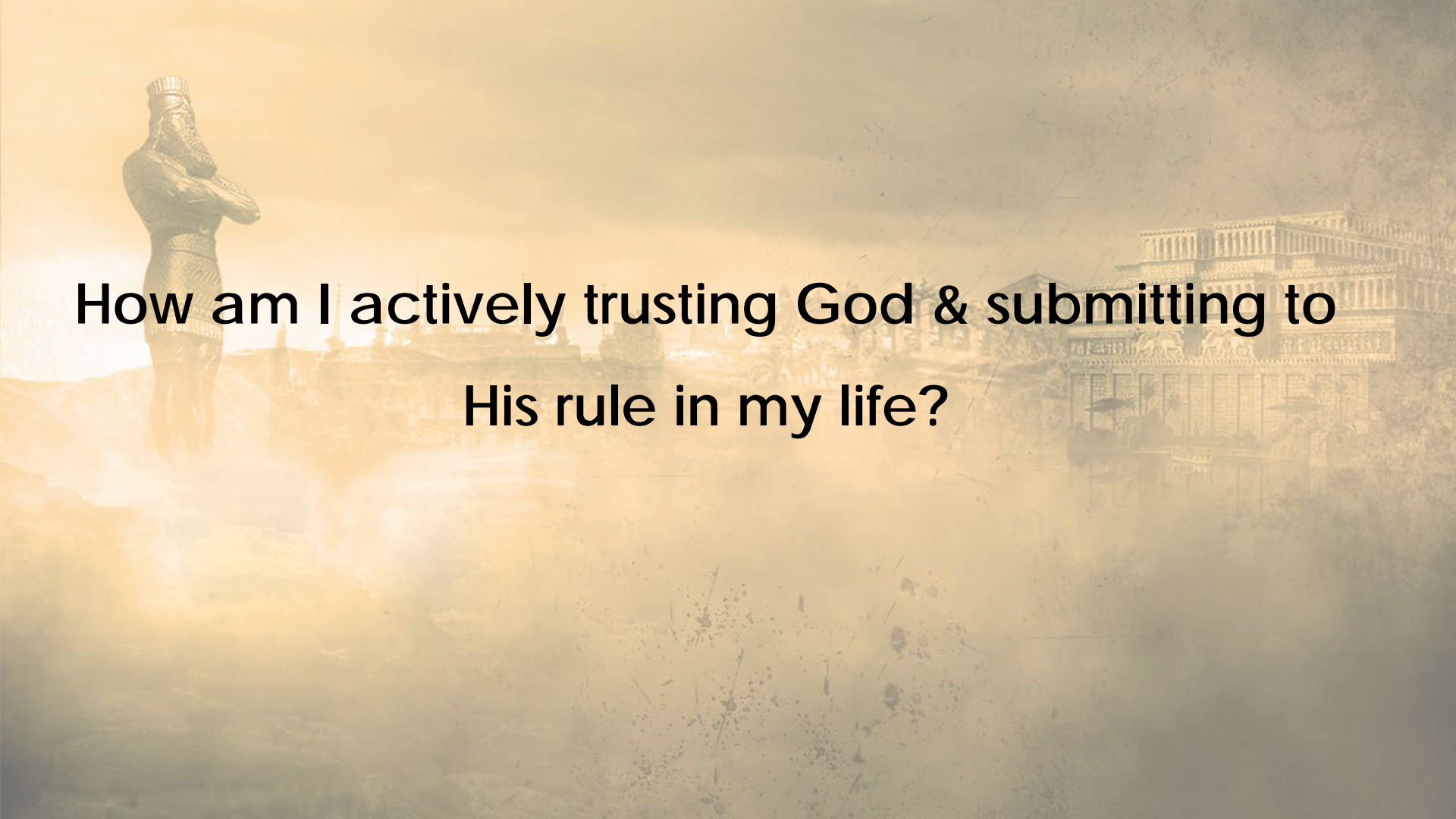
4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.



Revelation 13:8

"8 and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it..."





**How am I actively trusting God & submitting to
His rule in my life?**



Erode the Foundation of Objective Truth (12)

2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12

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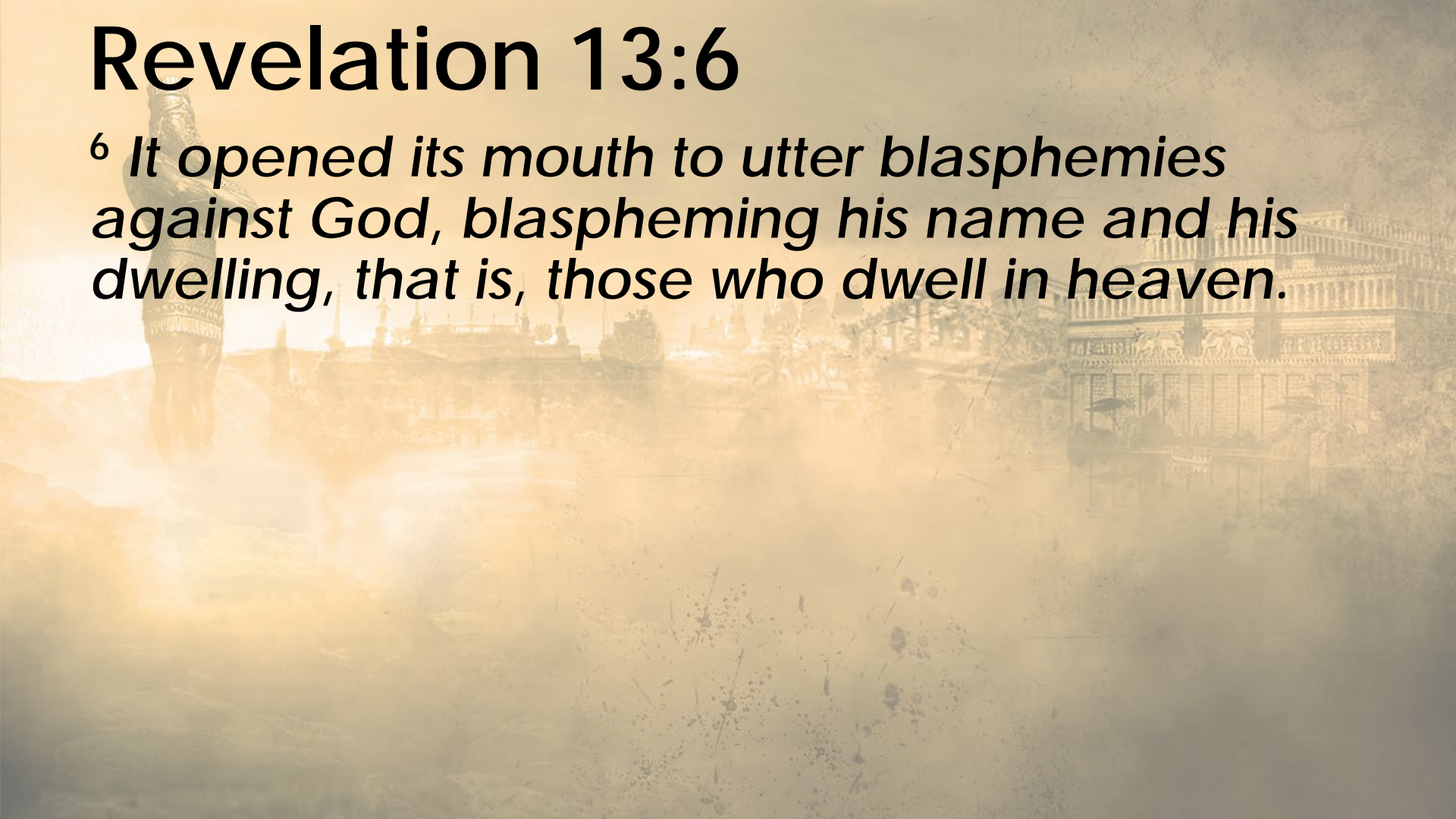
**How are you actively affirming & aligning to
God's truth regularly?**

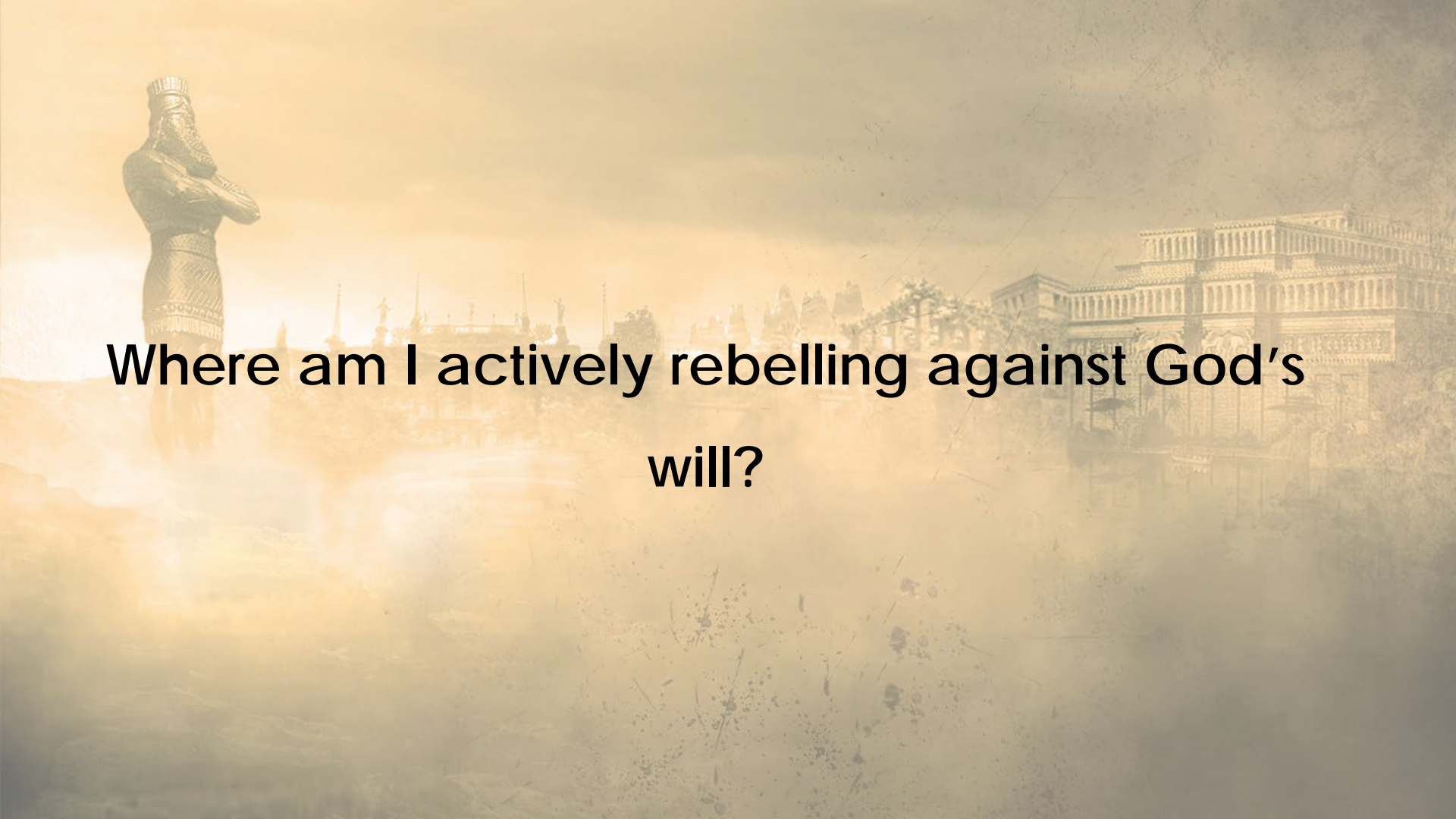


Boldly Defies God's Righteous Standard (23)

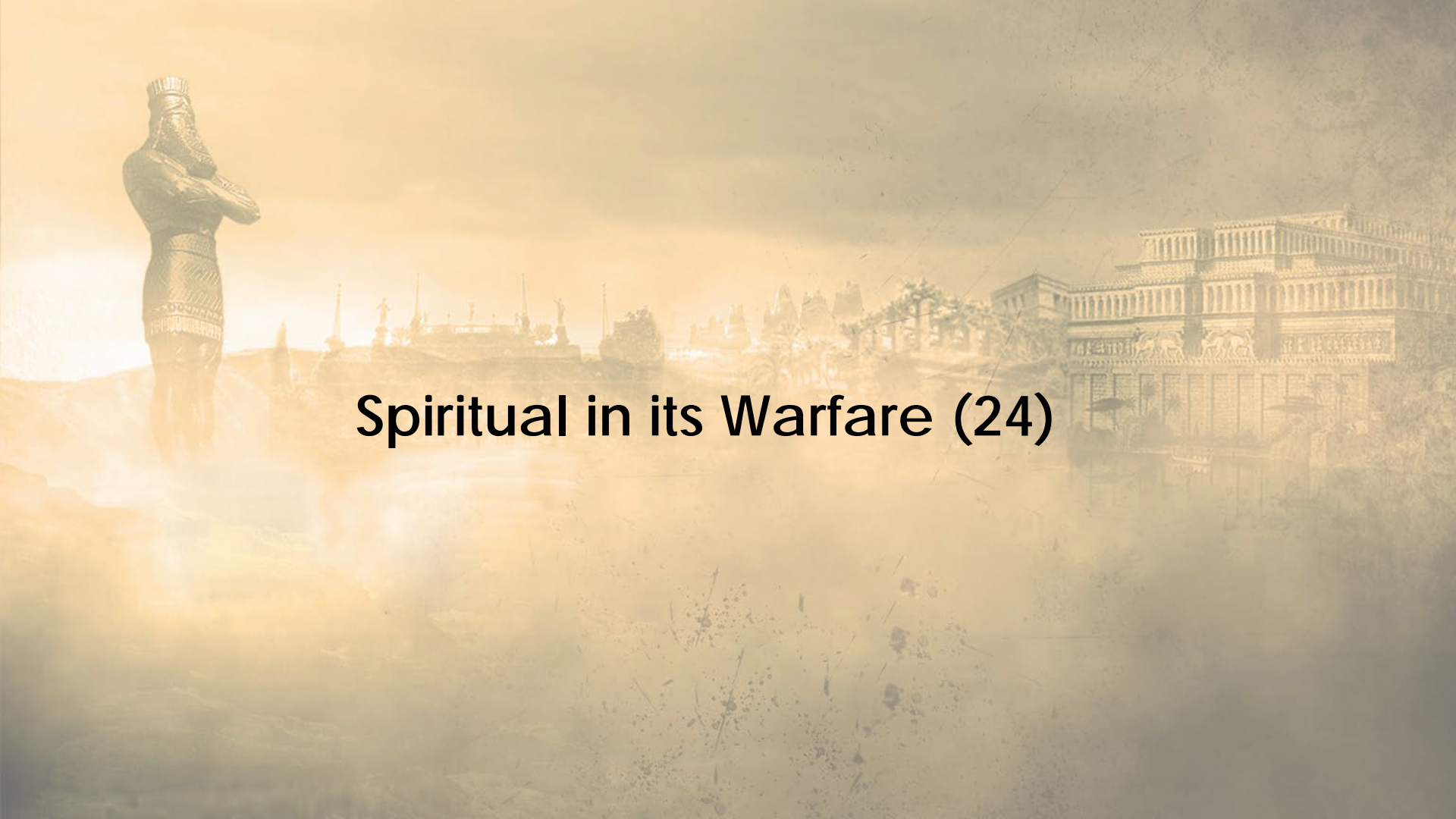
Revelation 13:6

6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.





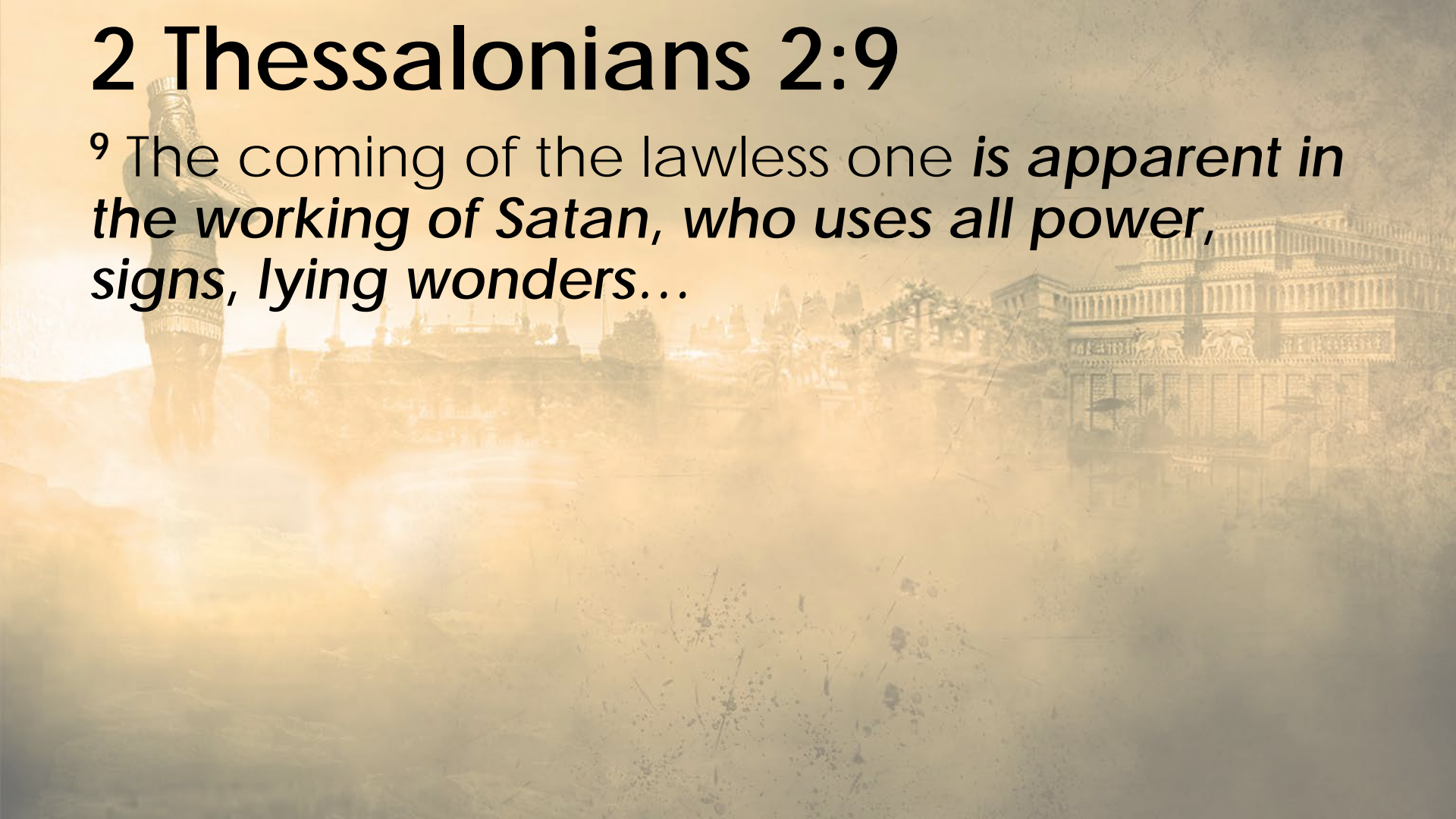
**Where am I actively rebelling against God's
will?**



Spiritual in its Warfare (24)

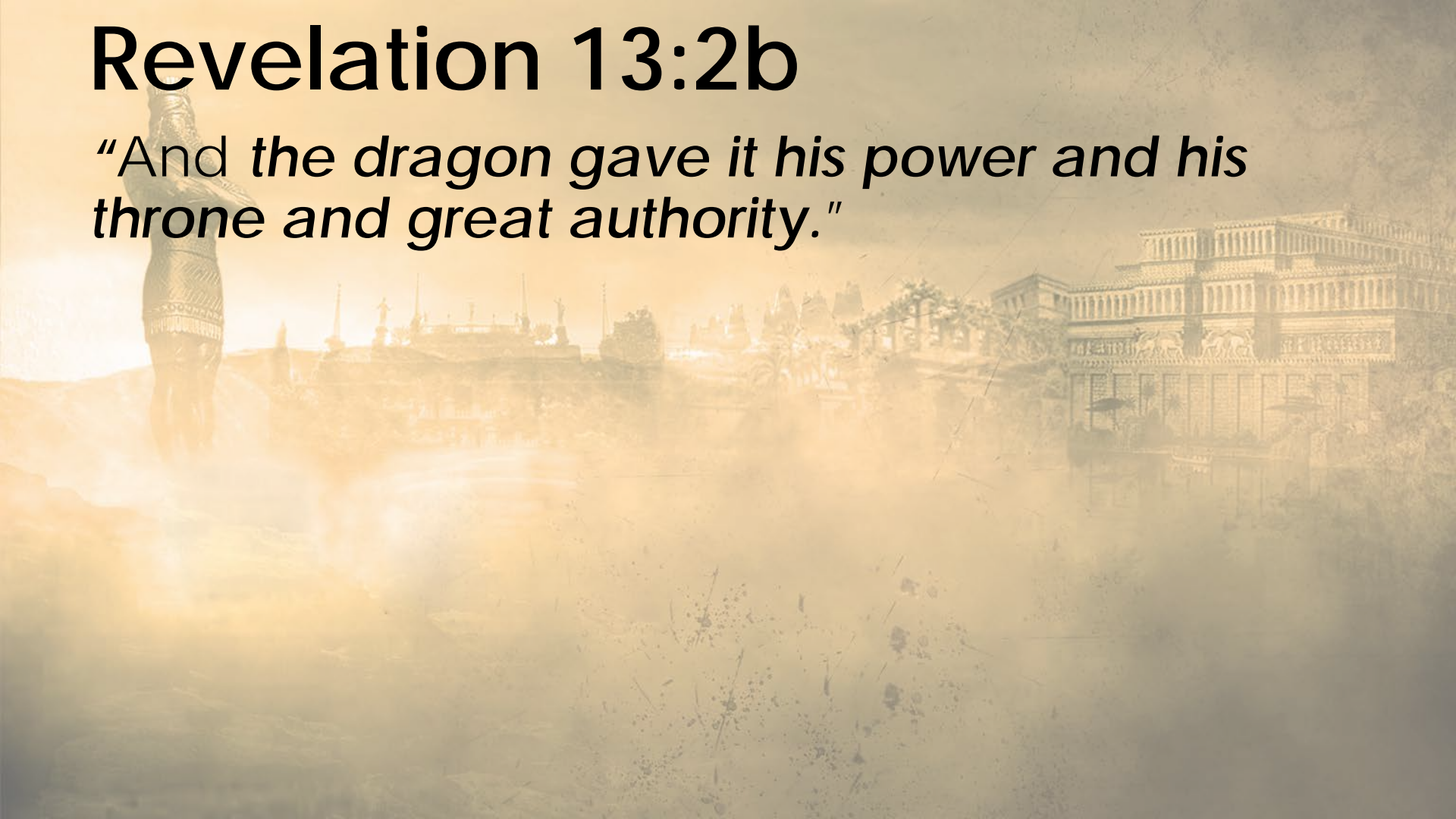
2 Thessalonians 2:9

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Revelation 13:2b

“And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority.”





**Am I empowered and equipped to engage
this battle spiritually?**

Ephesians 6:11-12


¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, ***that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*** ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



Always Against Israel & Jewish People (24)

Revelation 13:7,9-10

"⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them... ⁹ Let anyone who has an ear listen: ¹⁰ If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints. "



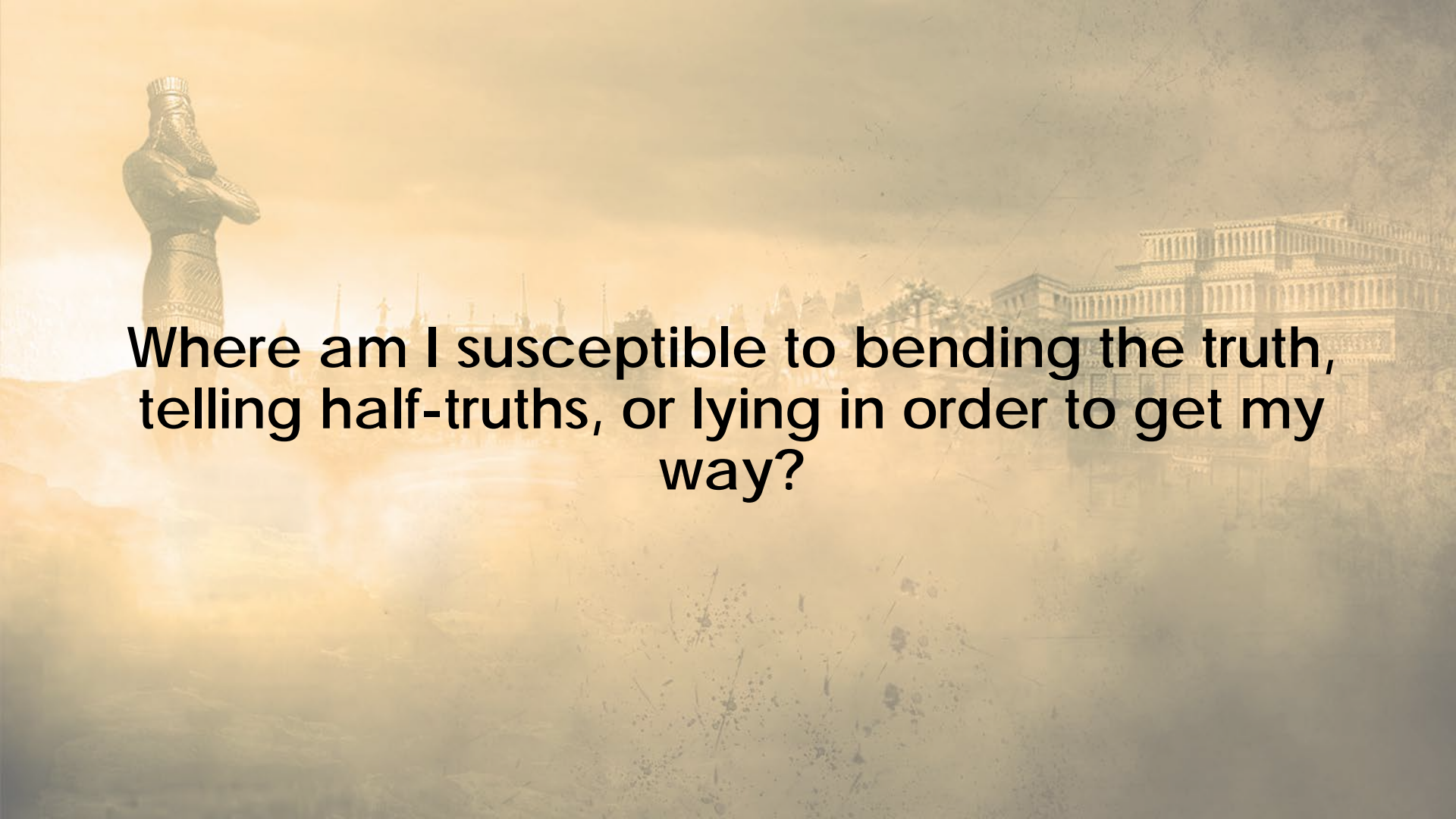
All anti-Semitism is always Satanically Inspired



How do I actively seek to bless Israel & pray for the peace of Jerusalem?



Uses Deception as a Means of Manipulation (25)



**Where am I susceptible to bending the truth,
telling half-truths, or lying in order to get my
way?**



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