

Journey

TO THE CROSS

in the Gospel of Mark

Mk. 11:1-11





SUNDAY



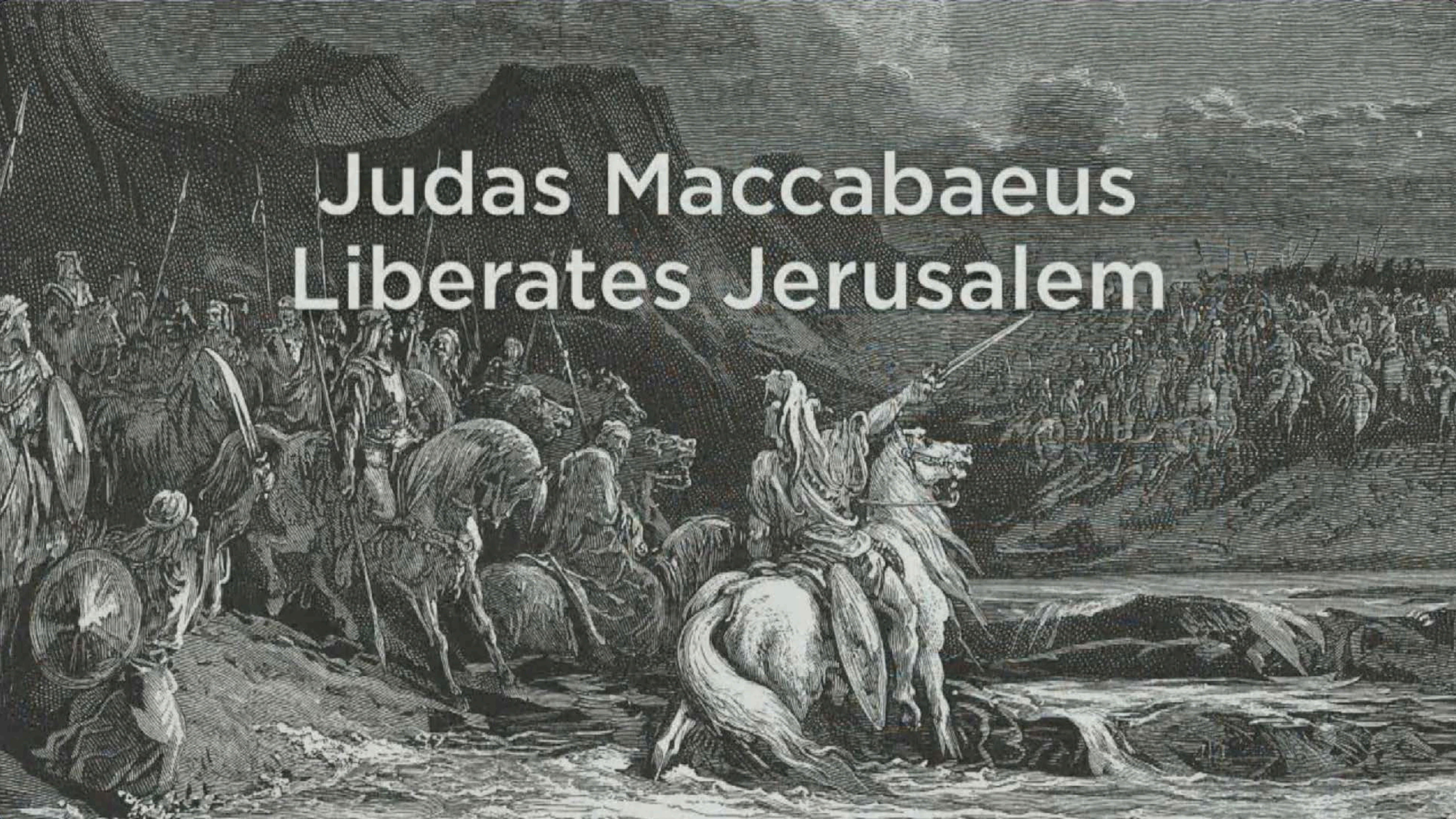
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Turn Temple into altar to Zeus



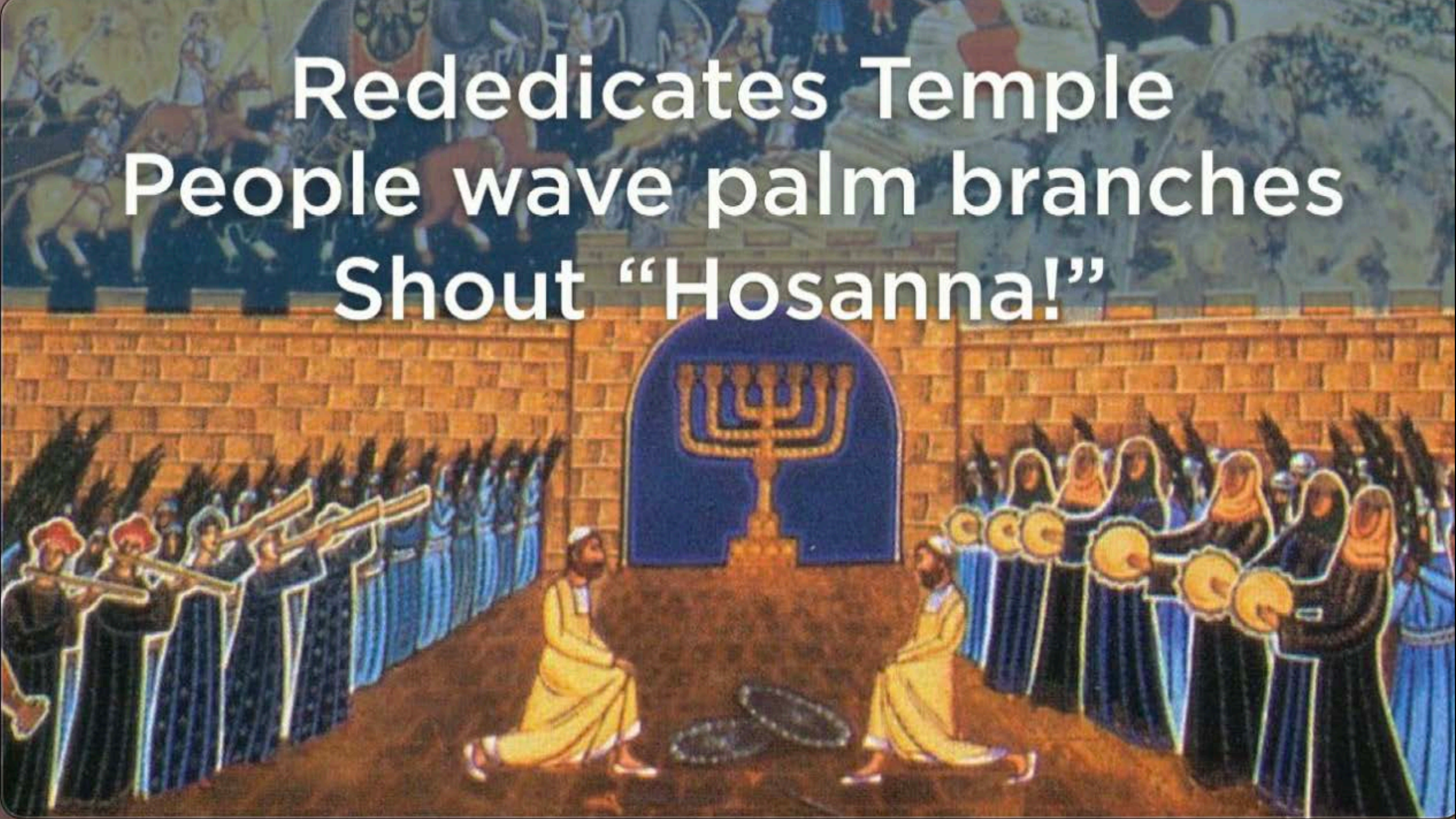
Judas Maccabaeus Liberates Jerusalem

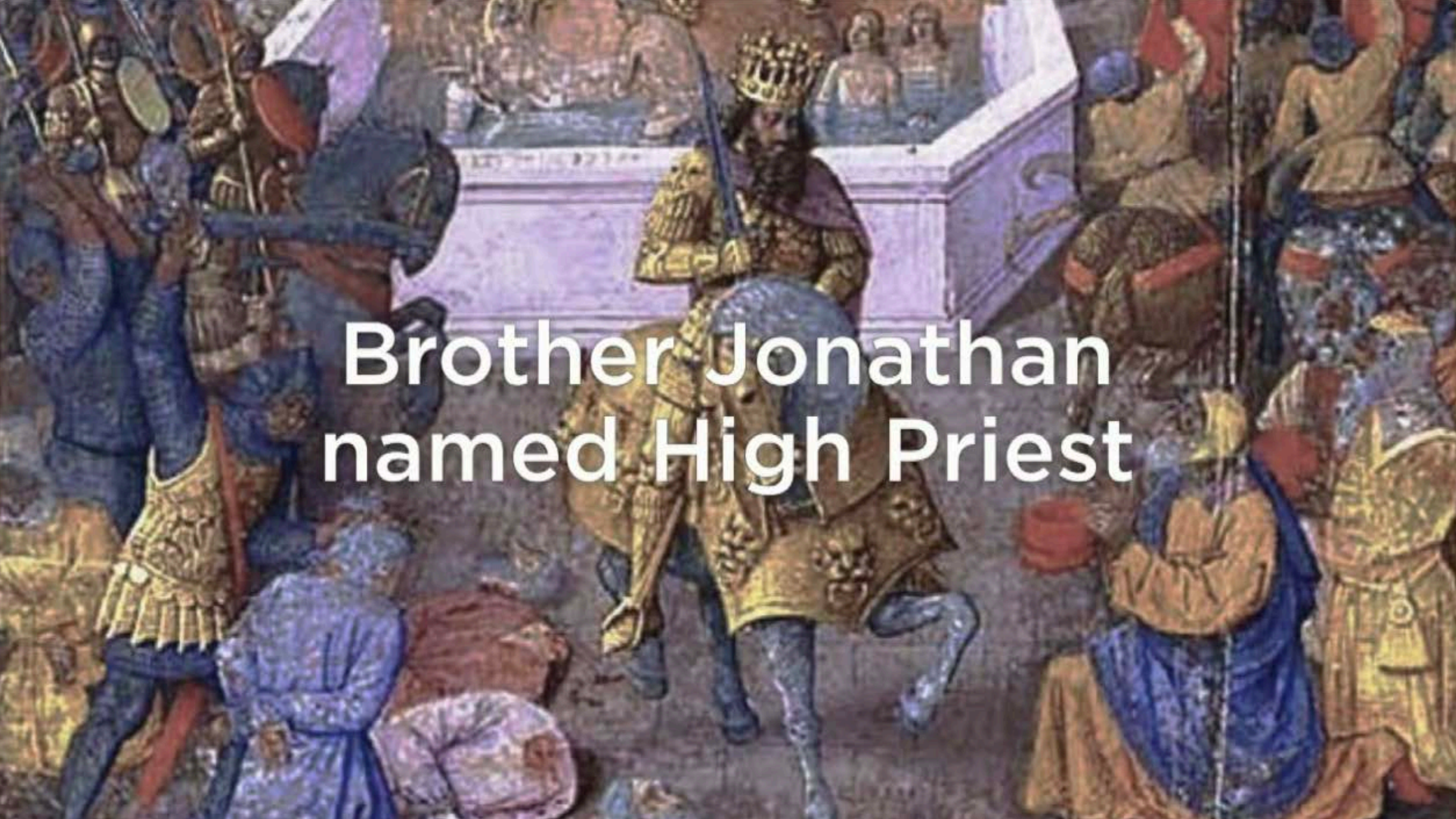


Rededicates Temple



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People wave palm branches
Shout "Hosanna!"



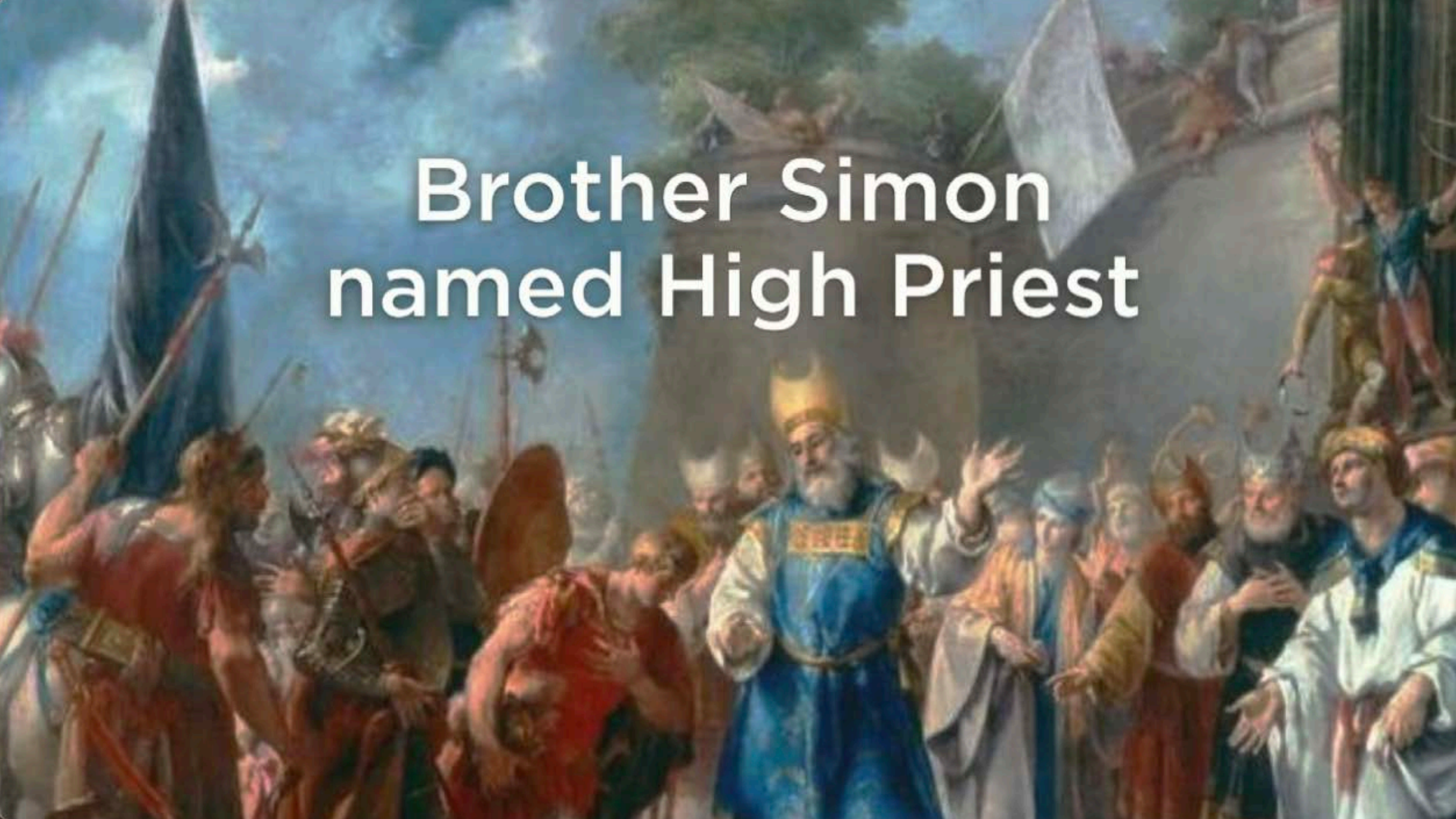
A medieval manuscript illustration depicting a king on a horse, surrounded by soldiers and a crowd. The king is wearing a crown and ornate armor, holding a sword. He is surrounded by soldiers in various armor, some on horseback and some on foot. A crowd of people is visible in the background, and a large, ornate structure, possibly a church or palace, is visible in the distance. The scene is set in a landscape with trees and a body of water.

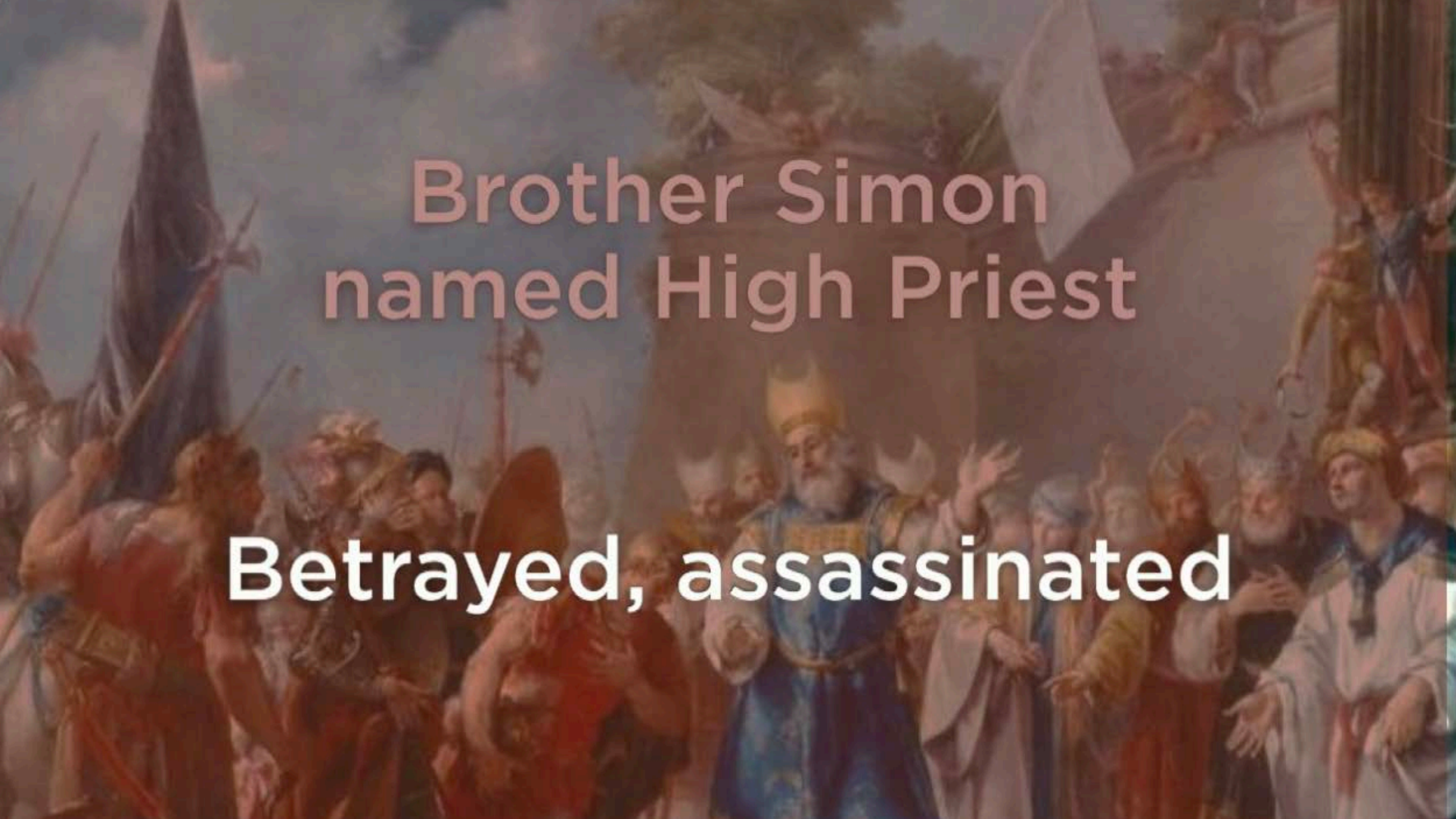
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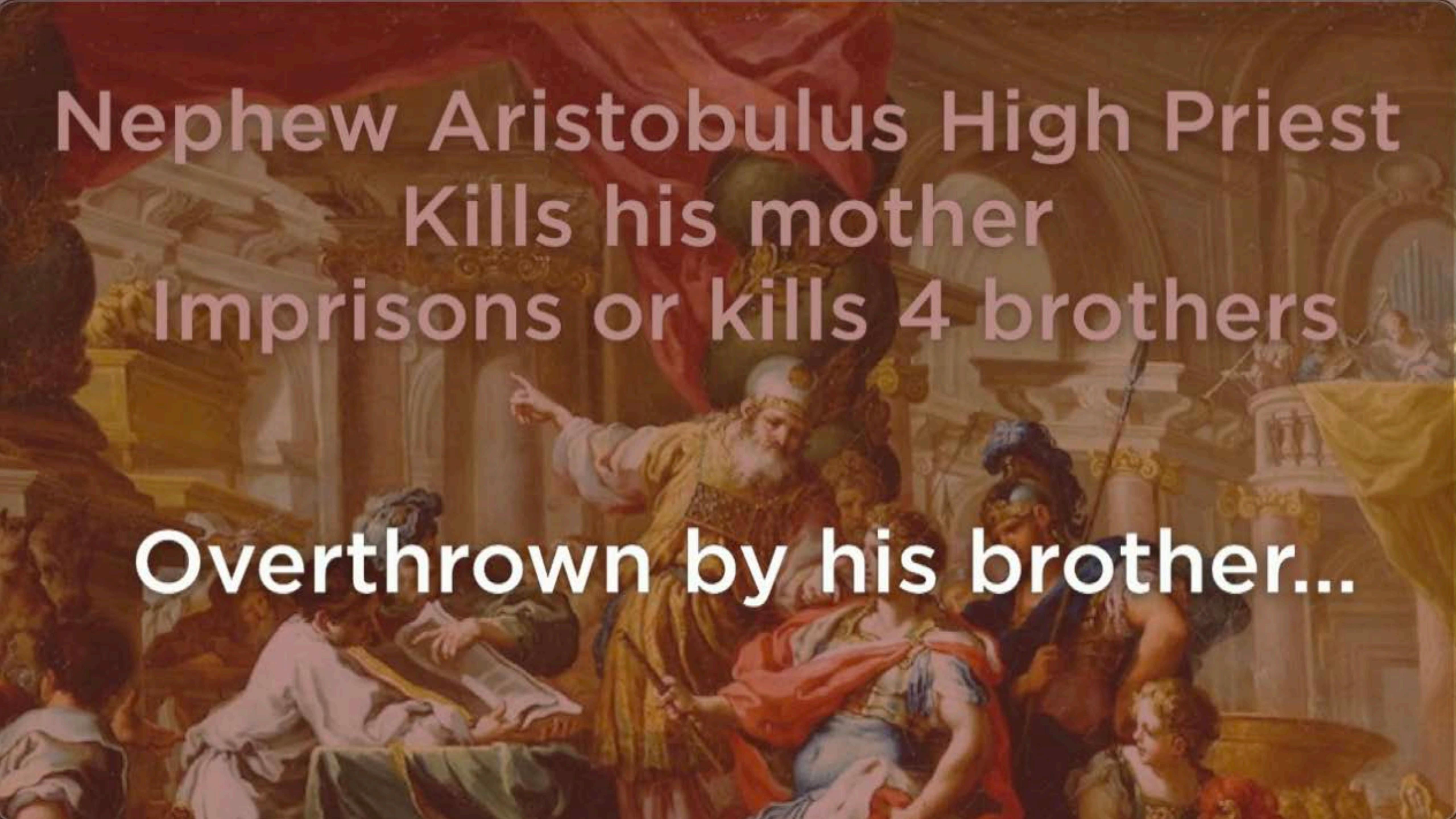


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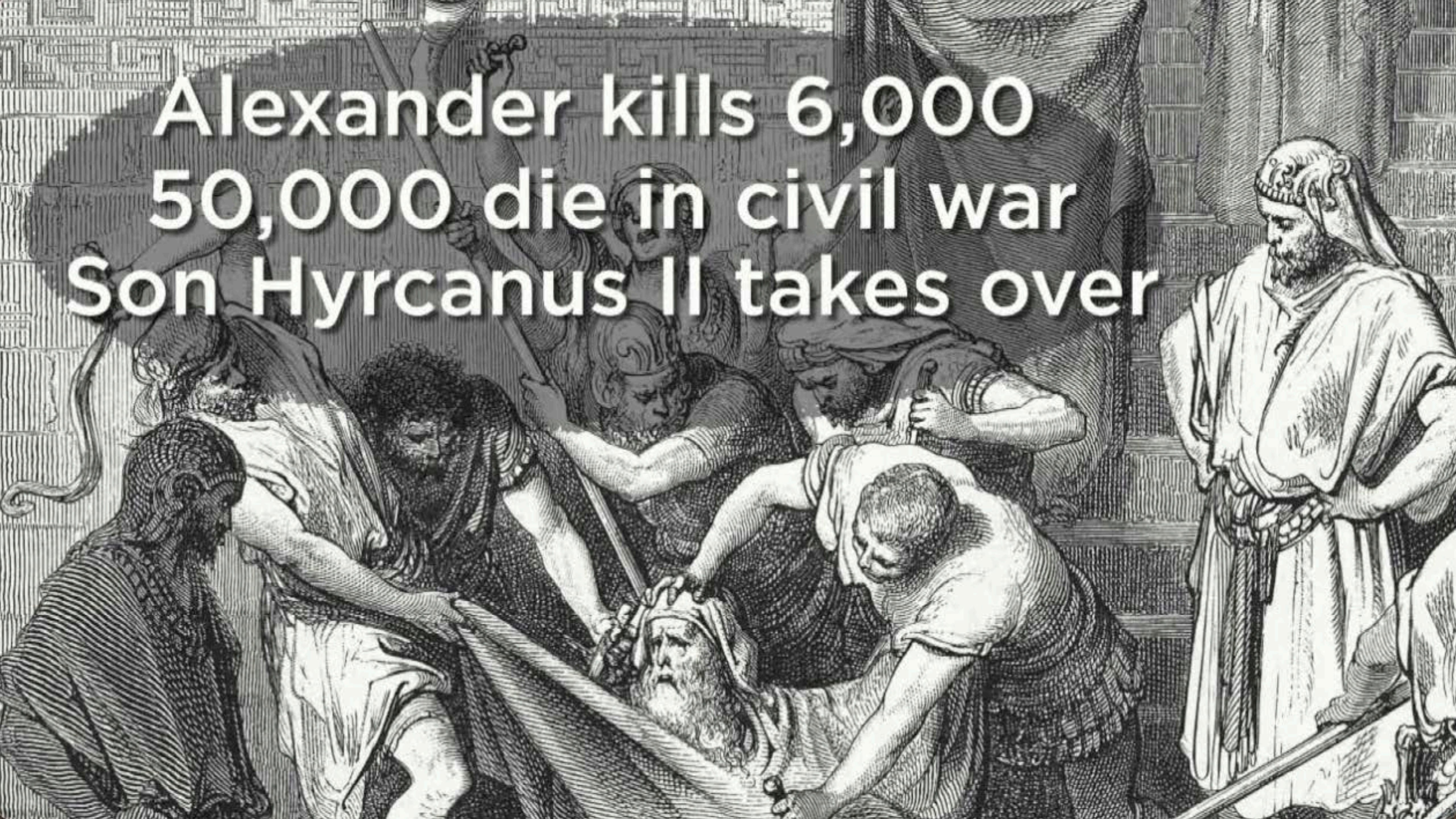
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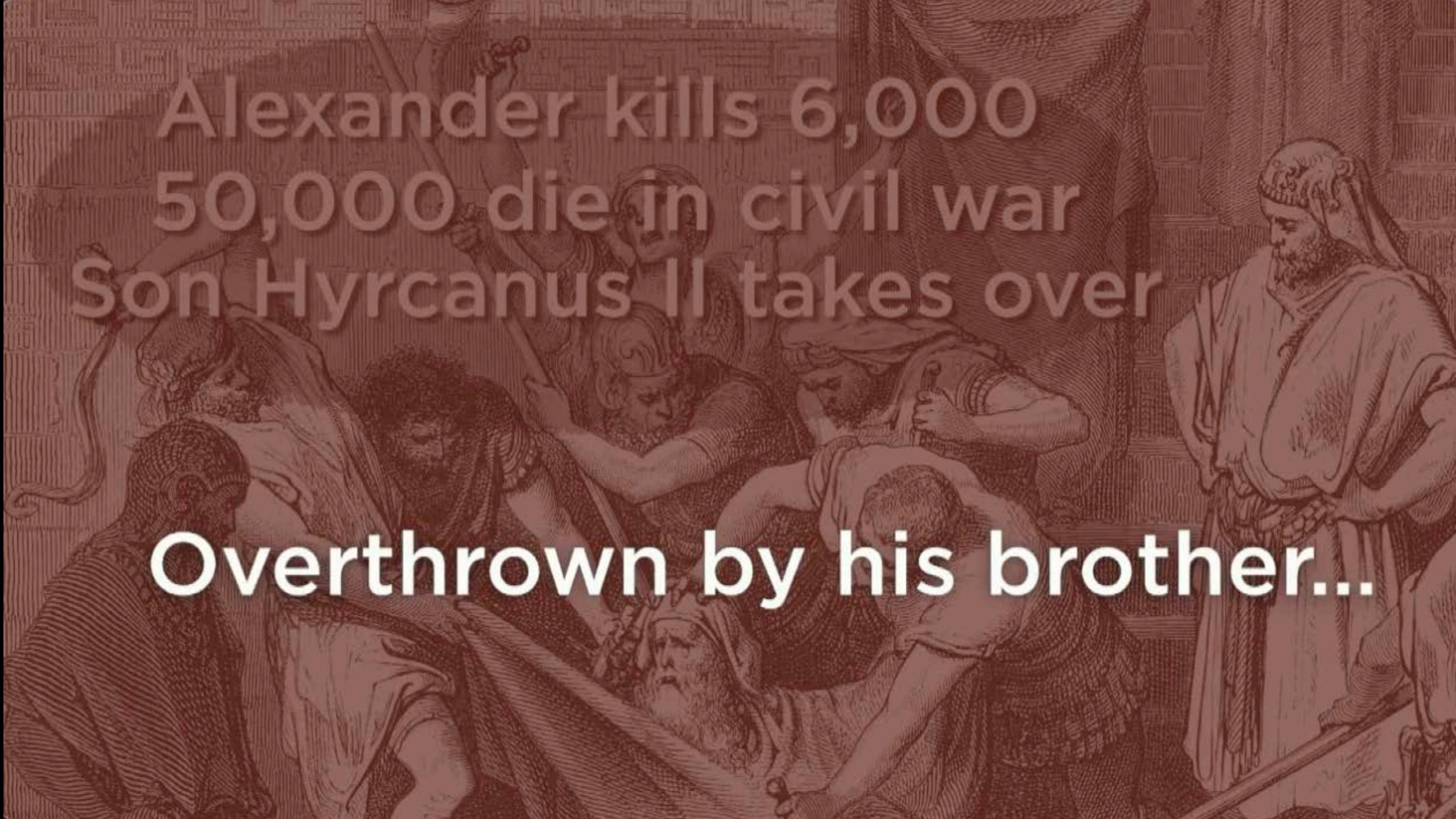


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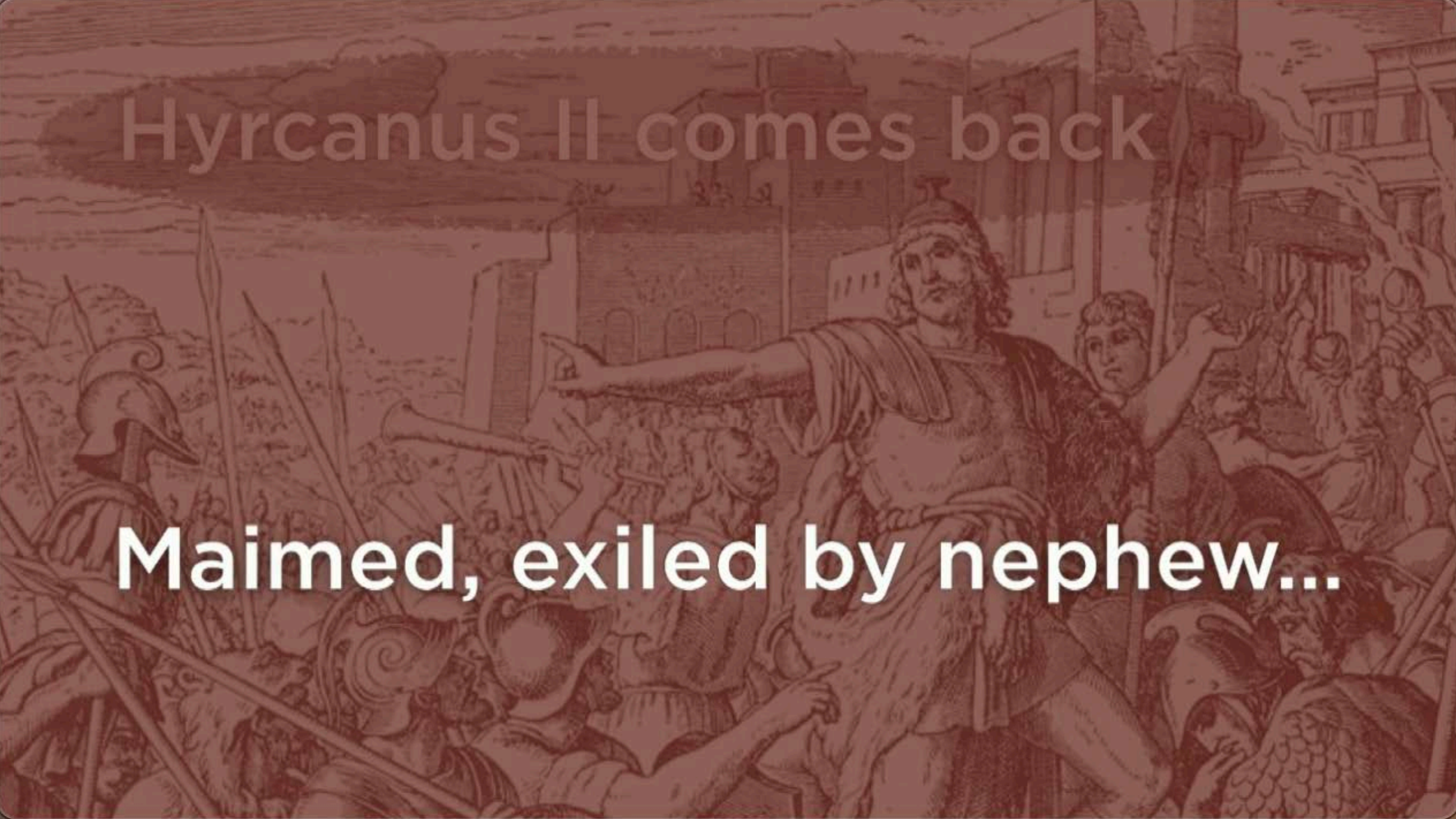


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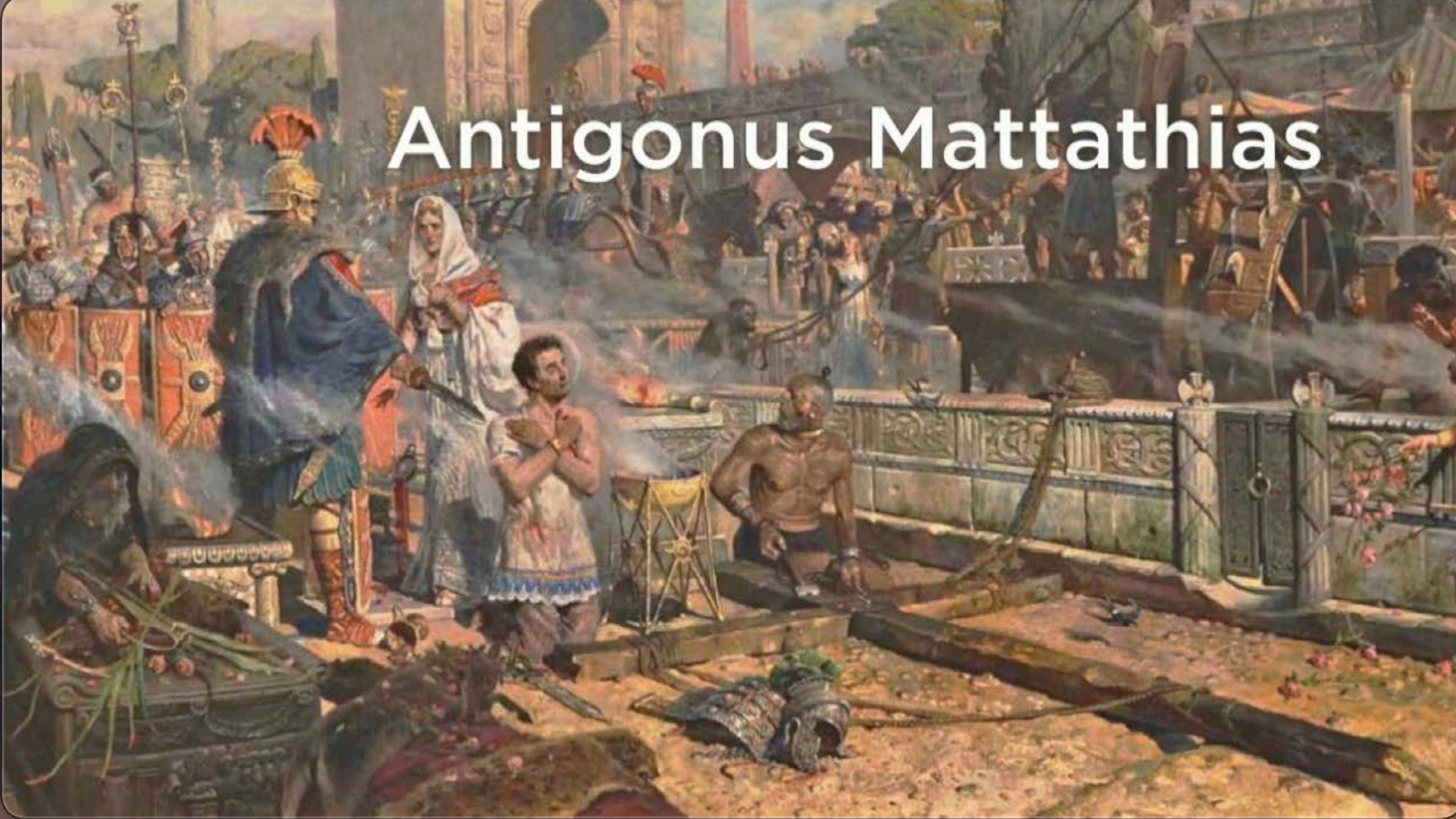




Hyrcanus II comes back

Maimed, exiled by nephew...

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Executed by Romans

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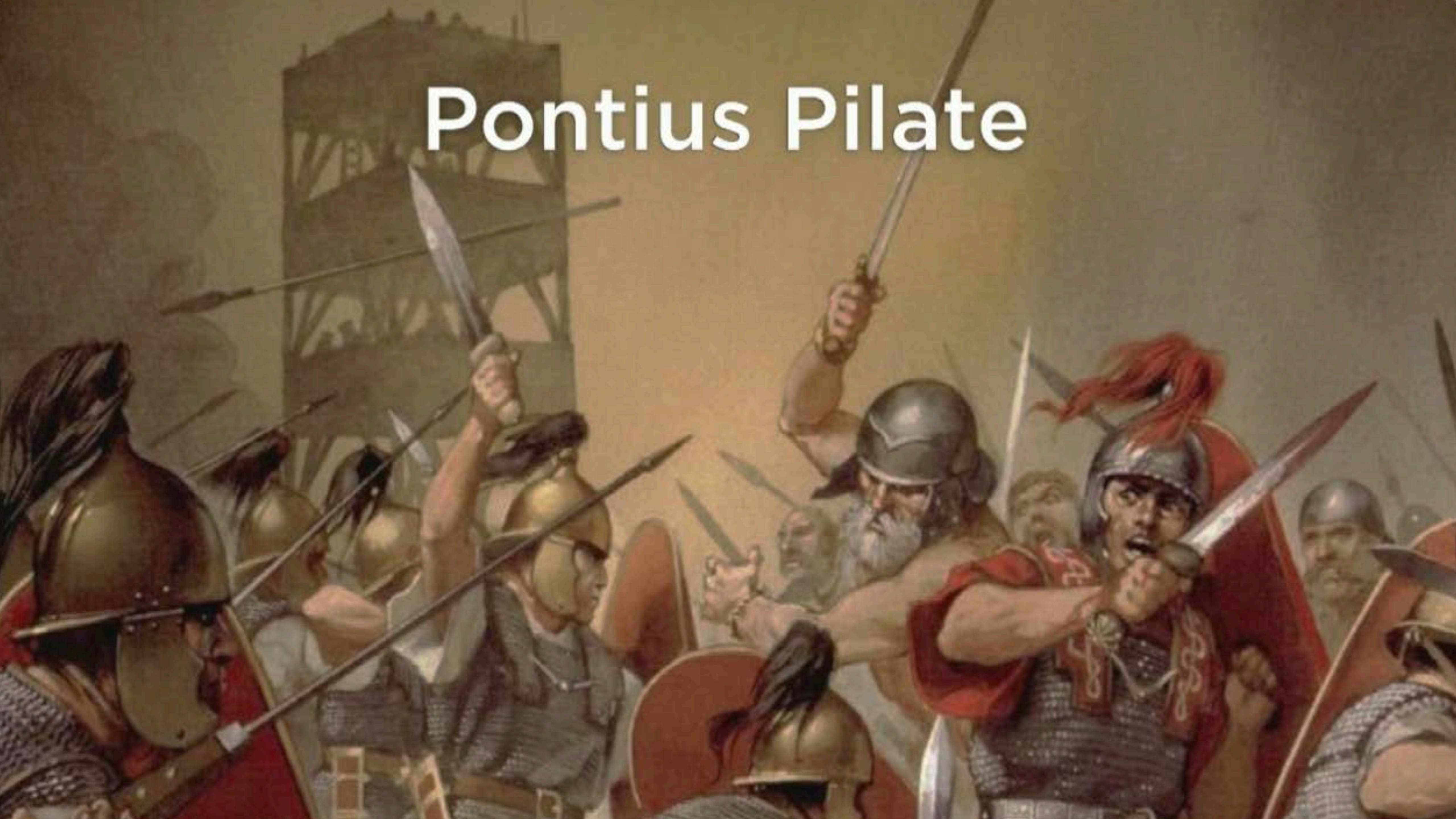




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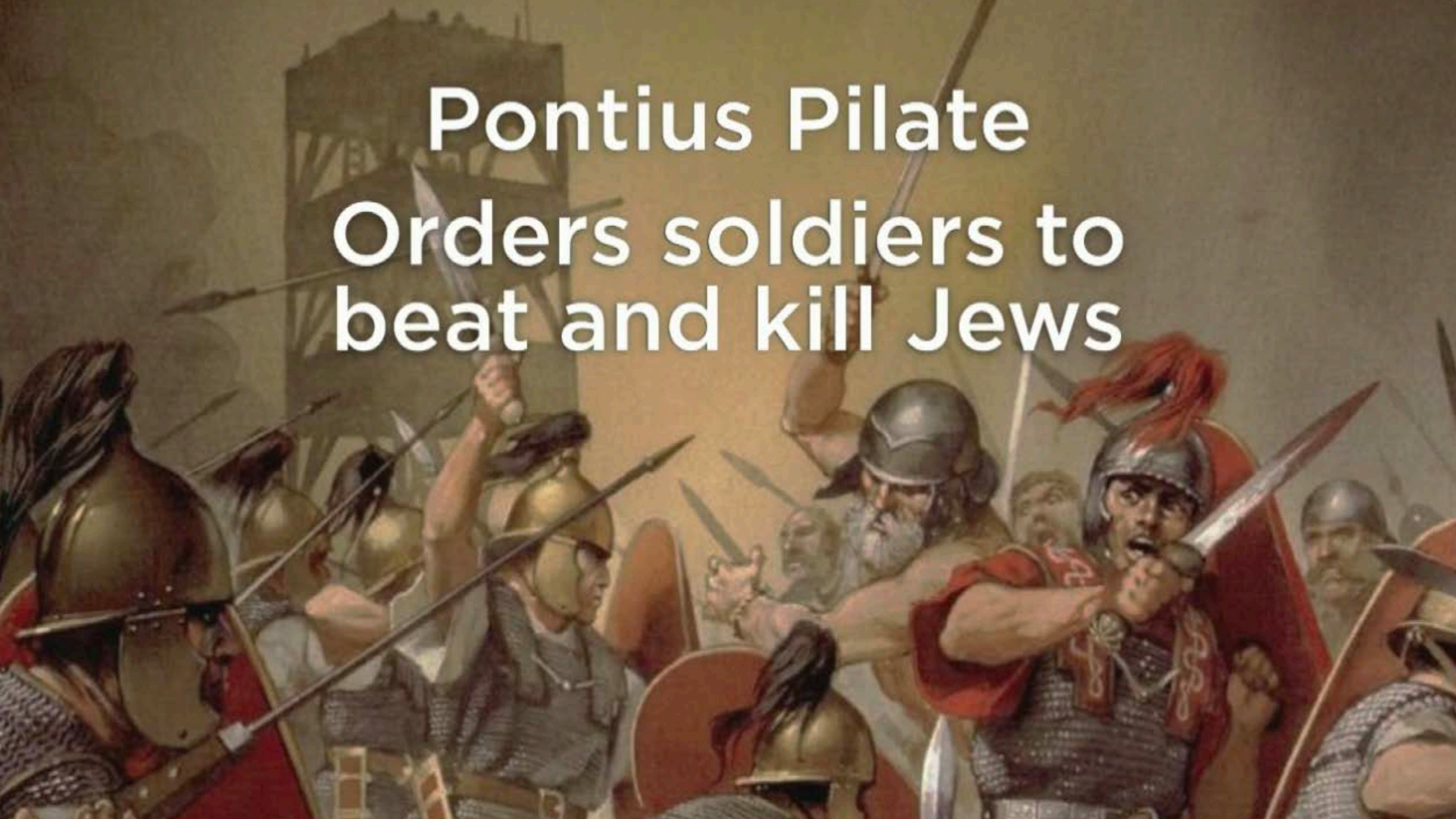
**She is killed by Herod
along with their sons**

Pontius Pilate



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Orders soldiers to beat and kill Jews









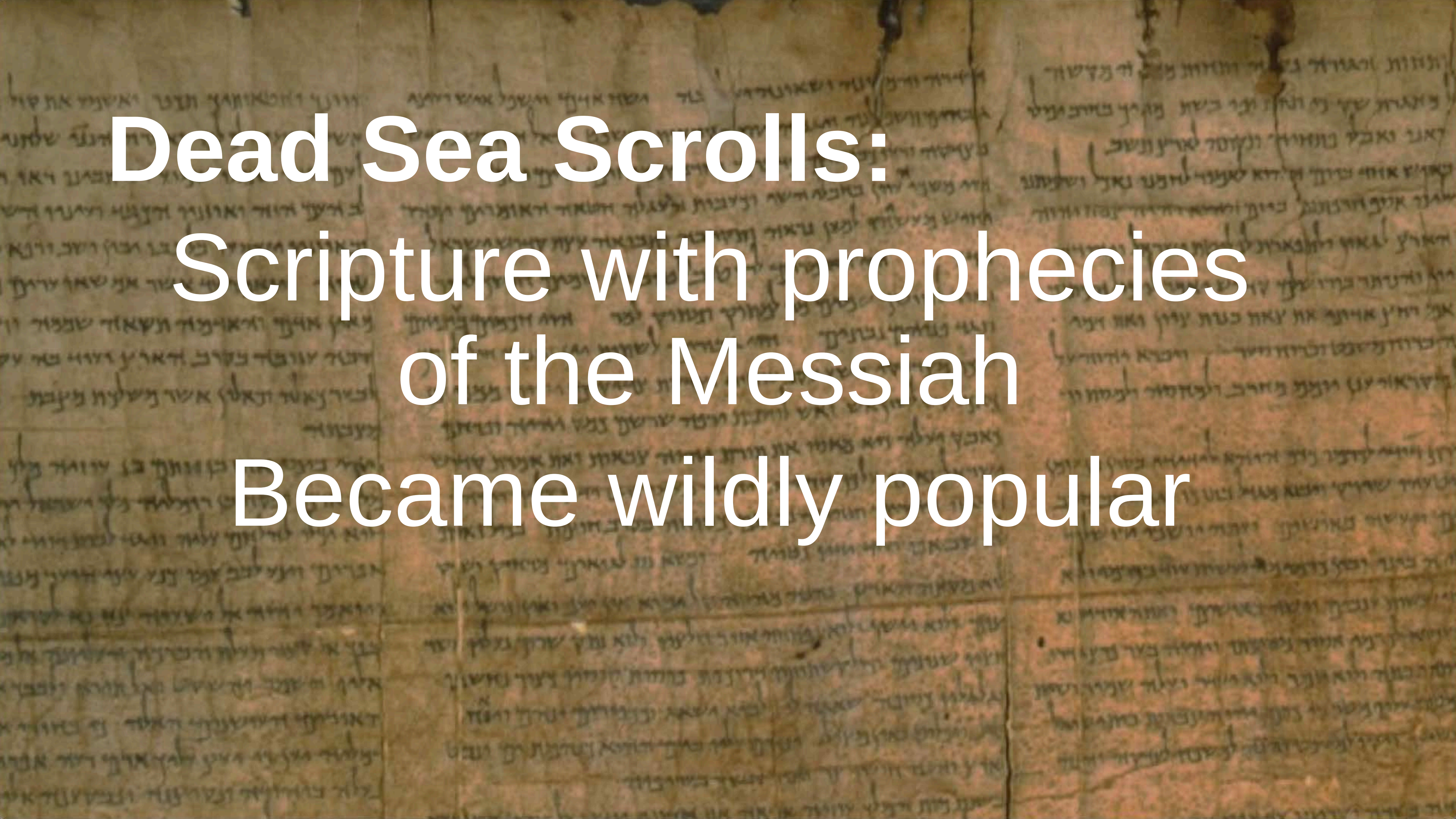


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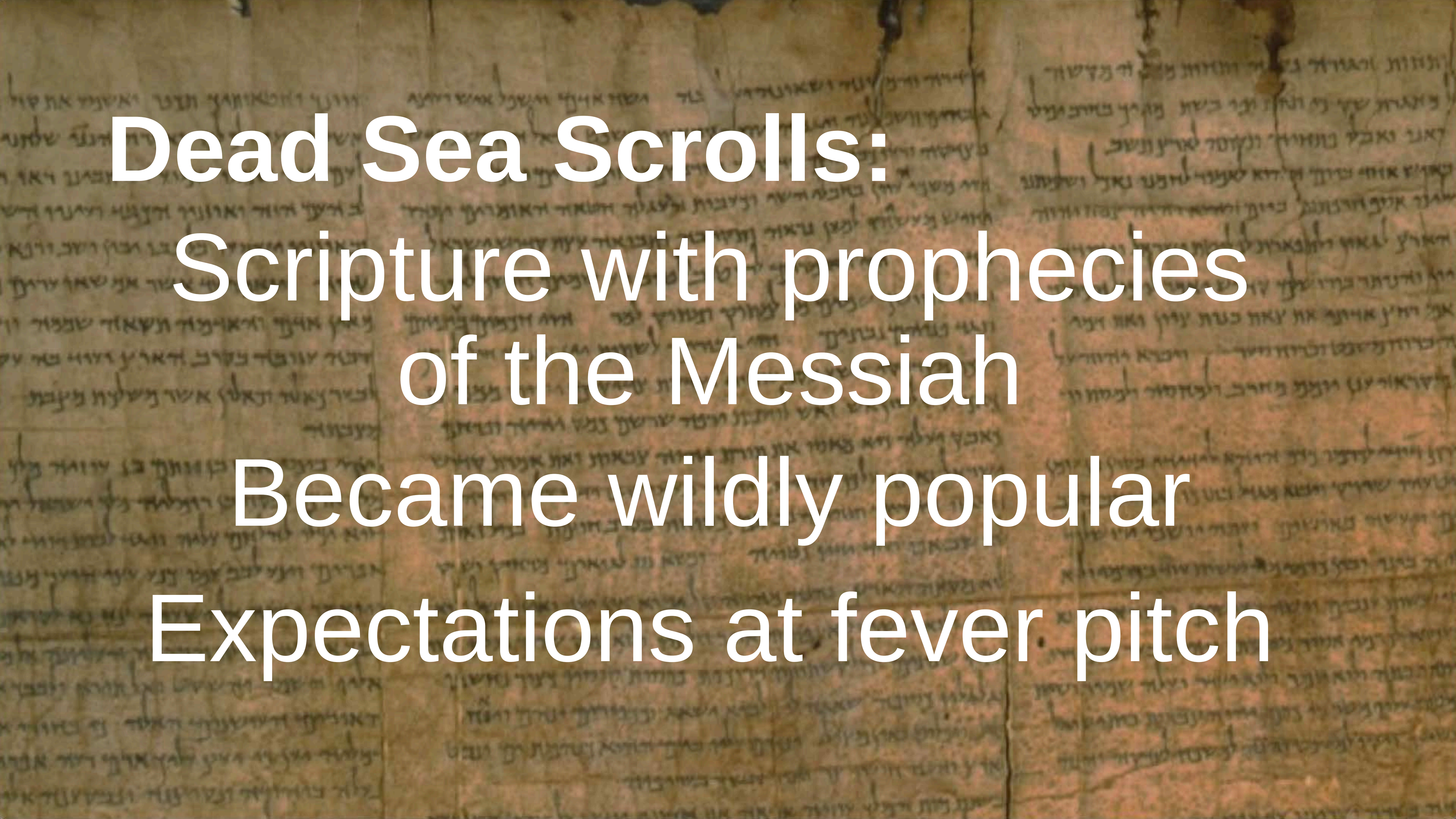




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“Entry Into Jerusalem” -Pietro Lorenzetti

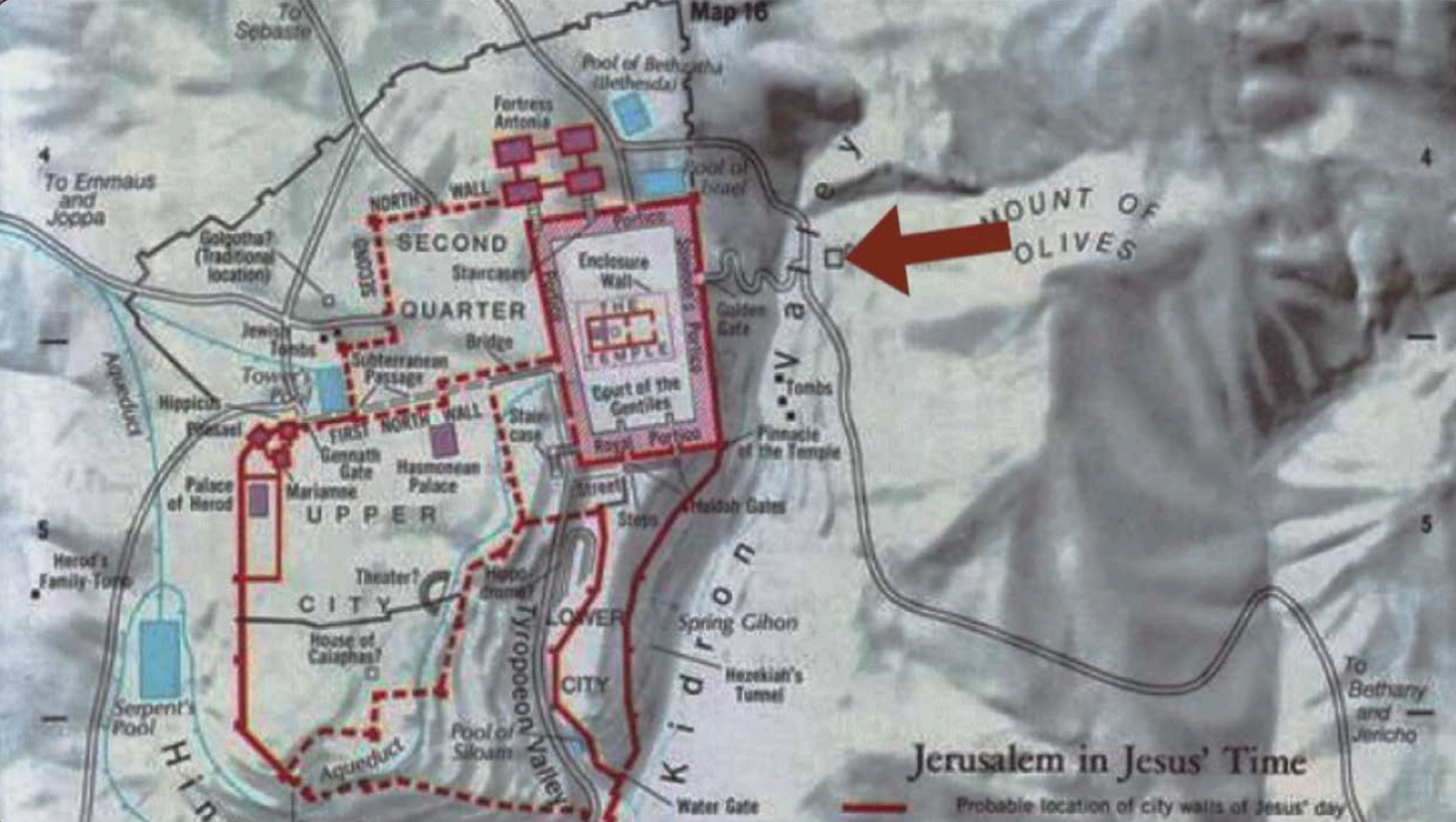


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Why enter from the east?



“I saw the glory of the God of Israel
coming from the east... The glory of
the Lord entered the temple through
the gate facing east.”

(Ezekiel 43:2,4, NIV)

Why enter from the east?

Prophecy about Messiah
(Ezekiel 43:2,4)

Saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.”

(Mark 11:2, NIV)

“If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

(Mark 11:3, NIV)

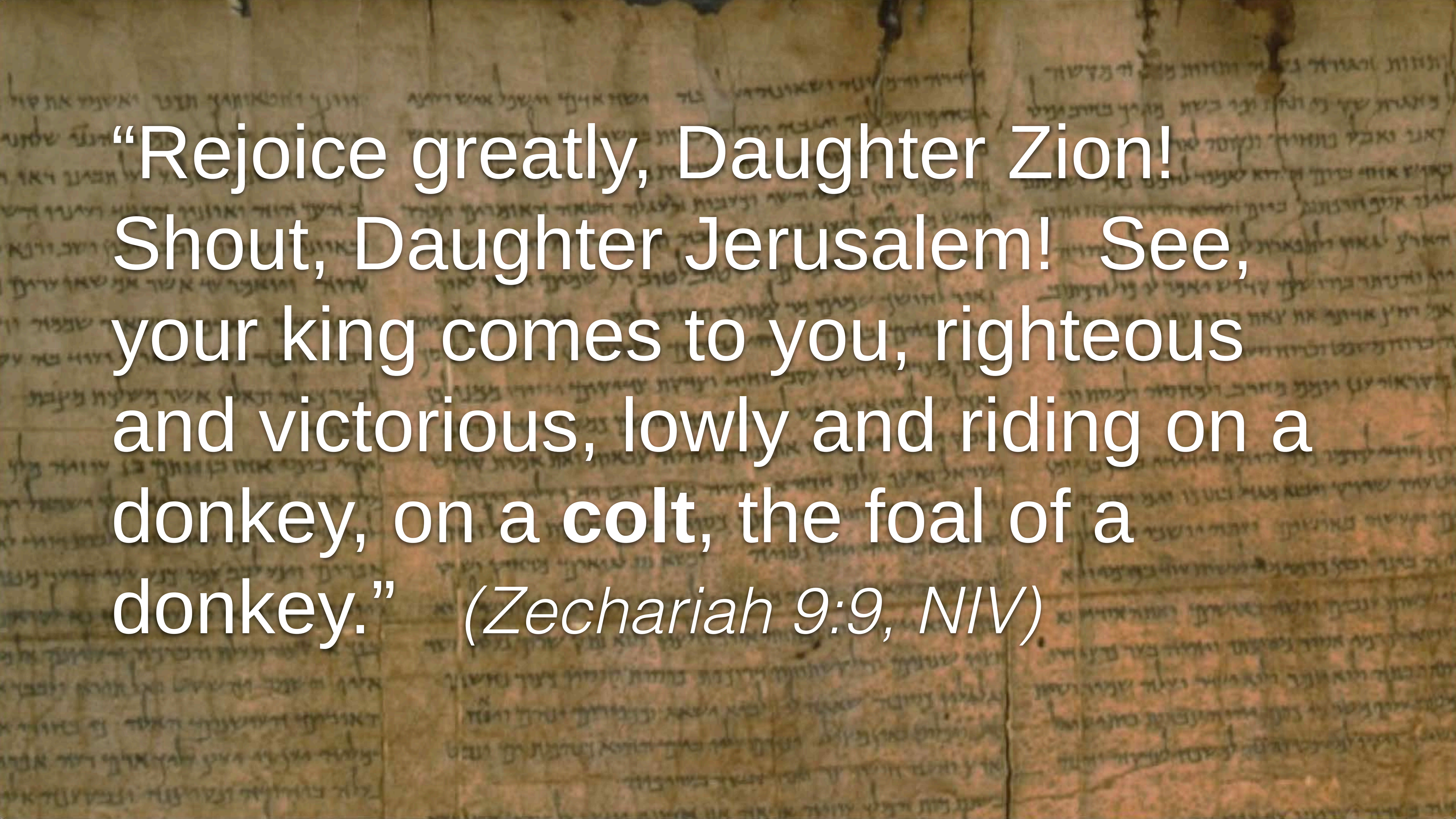
“They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, ‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’”

(Mark 11:4-5, NIV)

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Why a colt?



“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See,
your king comes to you, righteous
and victorious, lowly and riding on a
donkey, on a **colt**, the foal of a
donkey.” *(Zechariah 9:9, NIV)*

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Why a colt?

Prophecy about Messiah
(Zech. 9)

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How many people
is “many”?

Over one million



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“...palm banches...” John 12:13

Why palm branches?



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National symbol of Israel



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What does “Hosanna” mean?

“Save us now!”

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Psalm 118;
national anthem of Israel

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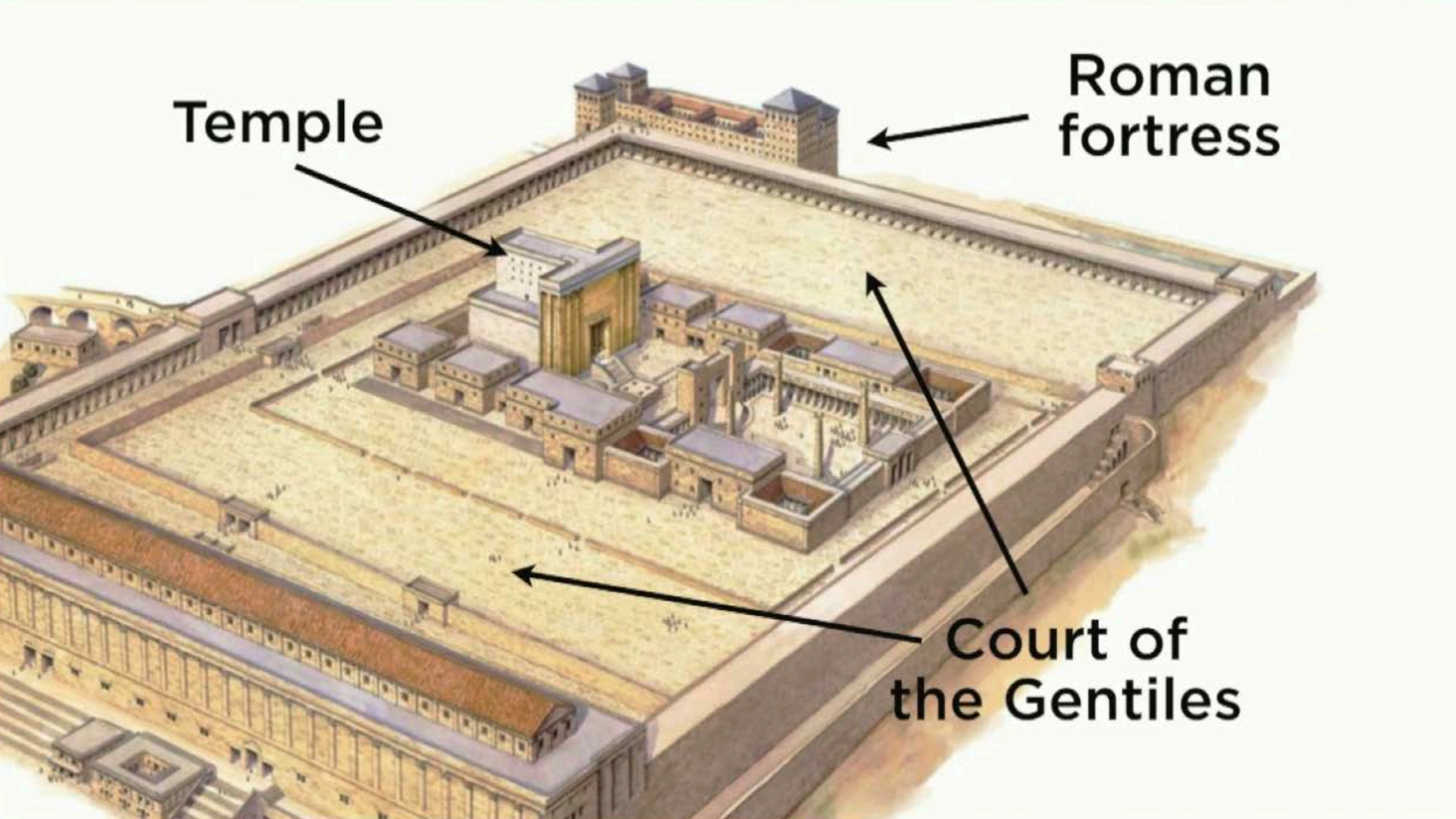
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Temple

**Roman
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**Court of
the Gentiles**



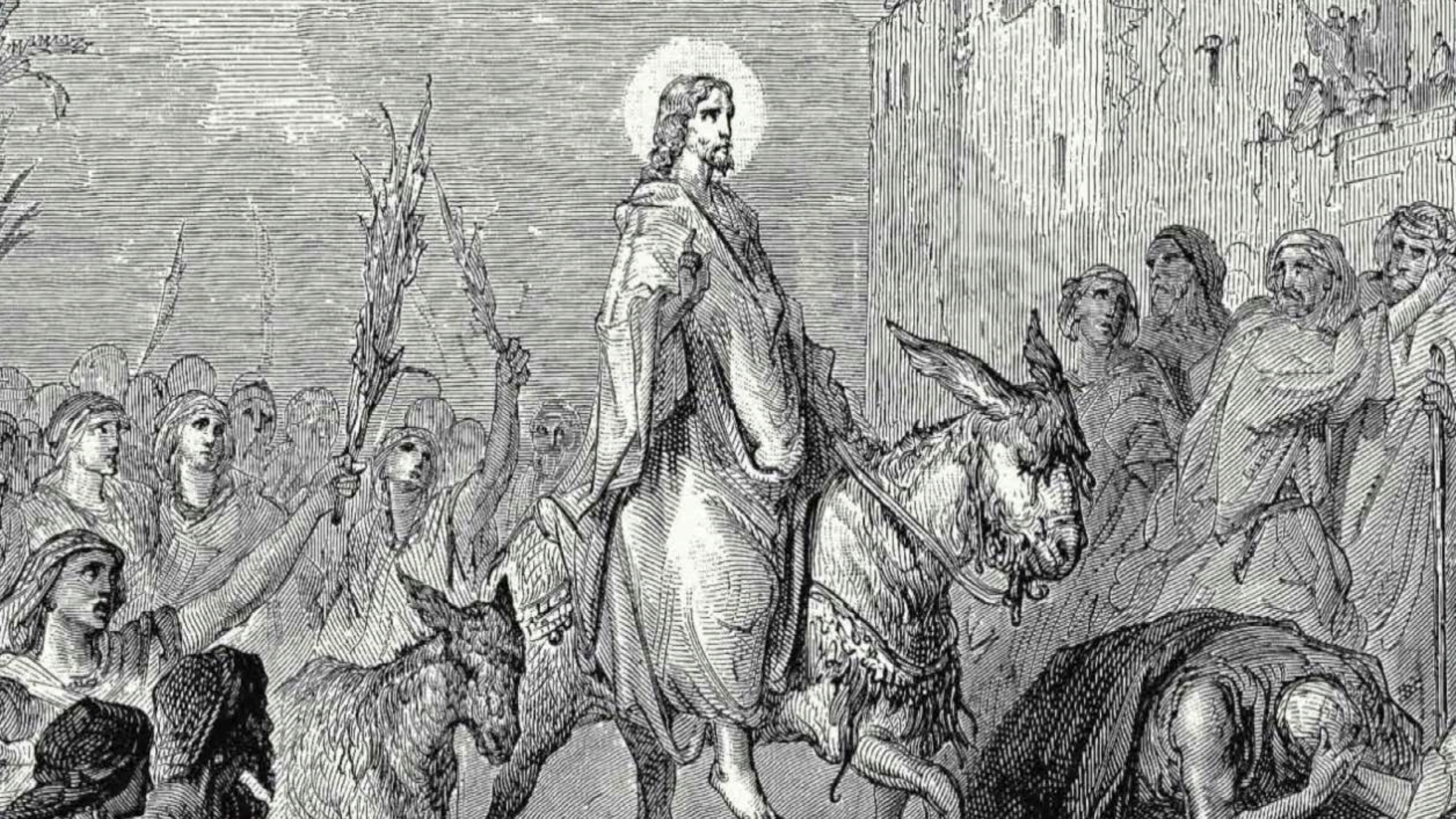
Why overturn the tables?

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They were a barrier to God

“The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him...” *(Mark 11:18a, NIV)*

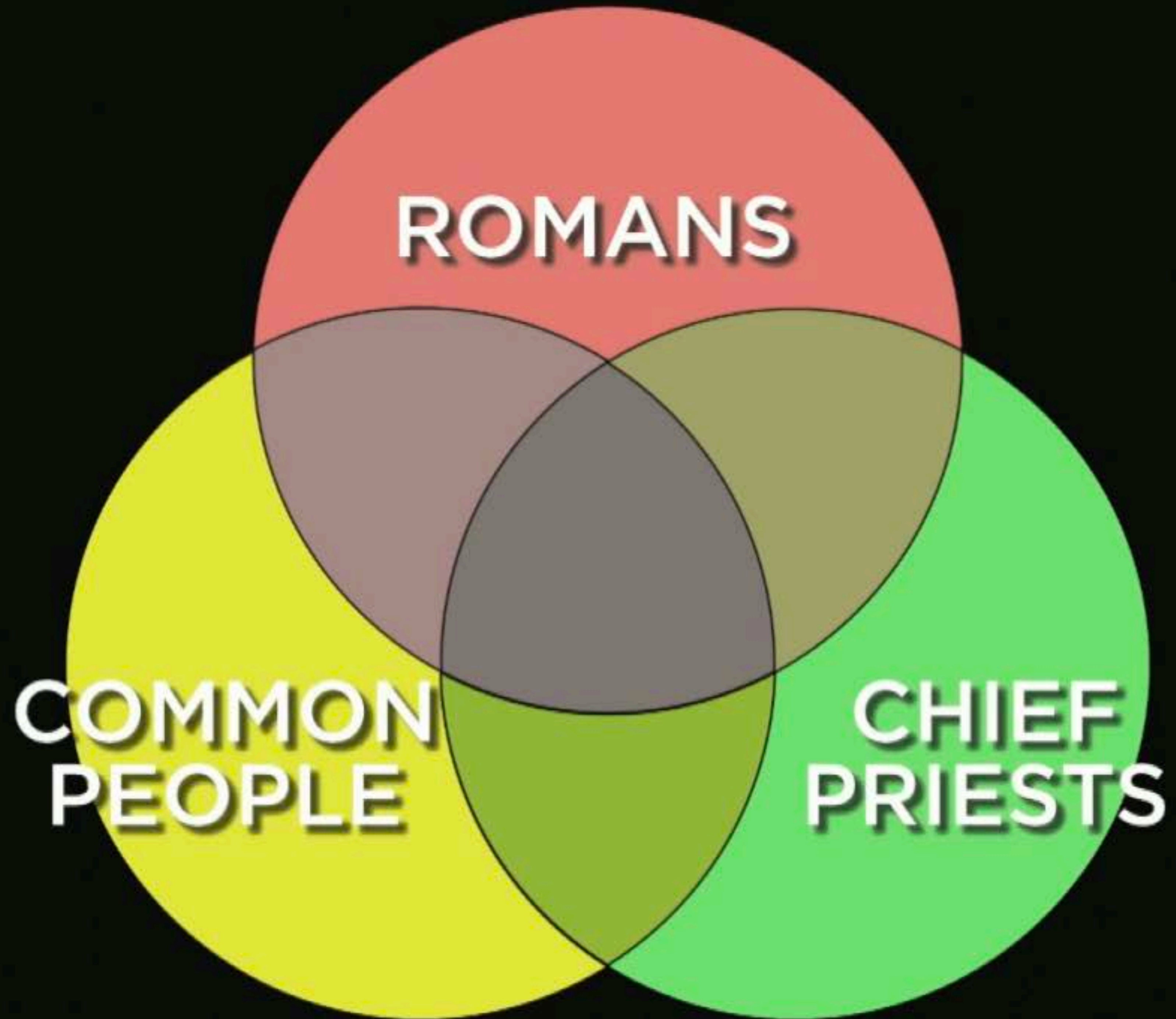
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He had to die at Passover

THREE FAITH LESSONS FROM THIS STORY

1. God's agenda
is not always
my agenda

2. God's methods
are not always
my methods

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3. God's timing
is not always
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Never judge God's love for
you by your own clock.

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(Revelation 7:9, NIV)

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The Big Idea

God does have a plan

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God's plan is always **better**

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