

# The Judgment to Come

Jeremiah 16:1-13



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The word of the LORD also came to me saying,  
“You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place.” For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bear them, and their fathers who beget them in this land: “They will die of deadly diseases, they will not be lamented or buried; they will be as dung on the surface of the ground and come to an end by sword and famine, and their carcasses will become food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth.”

# Jeremiah 16:5-7

For thus says the LORD, “Do not enter a house of mourning, or go to lament or to console them; for I have withdrawn My peace from this people,” declares the LORD, “My lovingkindness and compassion. Both great men and small will die in this land; they will not be buried, they will not be lamented, nor will anyone gash himself or shave his head for them. Men will not break bread in mourning for them, to comfort anyone for the dead, nor give them a cup of consolation to drink for anyone’s father or mother.”

## Jeremiah 16:8-9

“Moreover you shall not go into a house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink.”

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Behold, I am going to eliminate from this place, before your eyes and in your time, the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride.”

## Jeremiah 16:10-11

“Now when you tell this people all these words, they will say to you, ‘For what reason has the LORD declared all this great calamity against us? And what is our iniquity, or what is our sin which we have committed against the LORD our God?’ Then you are to say to them, ‘It is because your forefathers have forsaken Me,’ declares the LORD, ‘and have followed other gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me they have forsaken and have not kept My law.’”

## Jeremiah 16:12-13

“You too have done evil, even more than your forefathers; for behold, you are each one walking according to the stubbornness of his own evil heart, without listening to Me. So I will hurl you out of this land into the land which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you will serve other gods day and night, for I will grant you no favor.”

## **Main Point**

**God's judgment will rightly fall upon those who disregard His warnings and continue in disbelief, but He has made a way for all who will trust in Him.**

# The Judgment to Come

The announcement of God's judgment.





# **Announcements of Judgment**

By peculiar practices.

## **Jeremiah 16:1**

The word of the LORD also came to me saying,  
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nor have sons or daughters in this place.”

“Jeremiah, do not get married  
and have children.”

## **Jeremiah 16:5**

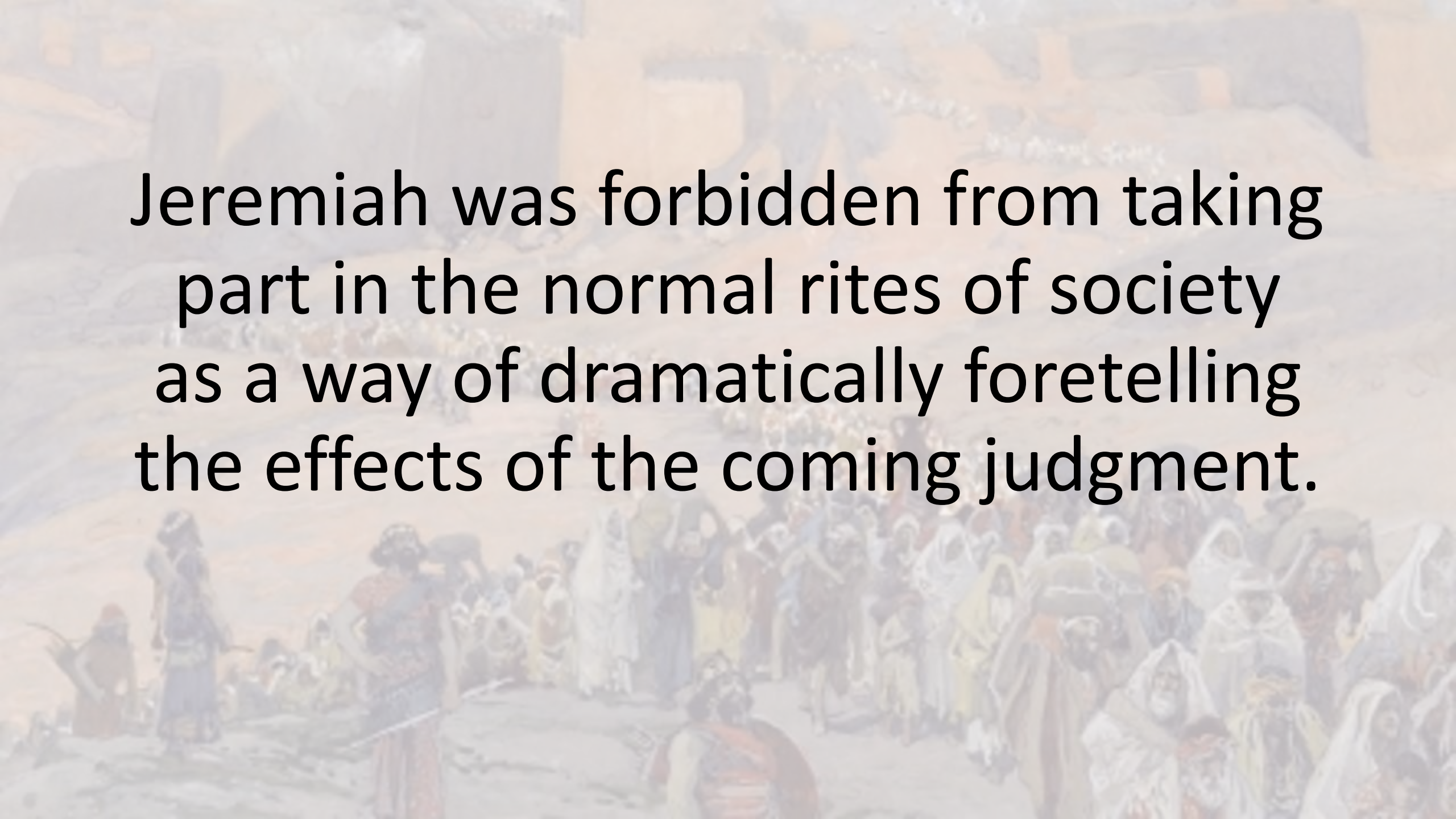
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“Jeremiah, do not attend to the dead or to the grieving.”

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“Jeremiah, do not enter into  
celebration with the people.”



Jeremiah was forbidden from taking part in the normal rites of society as a way of dramatically foretelling the effects of the coming judgment.

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Jeremiah was God’s spokesman,  
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especially sent to pronounce  
the coming judgment.



# What were these pronouncements?

Concerning the children and their parents:

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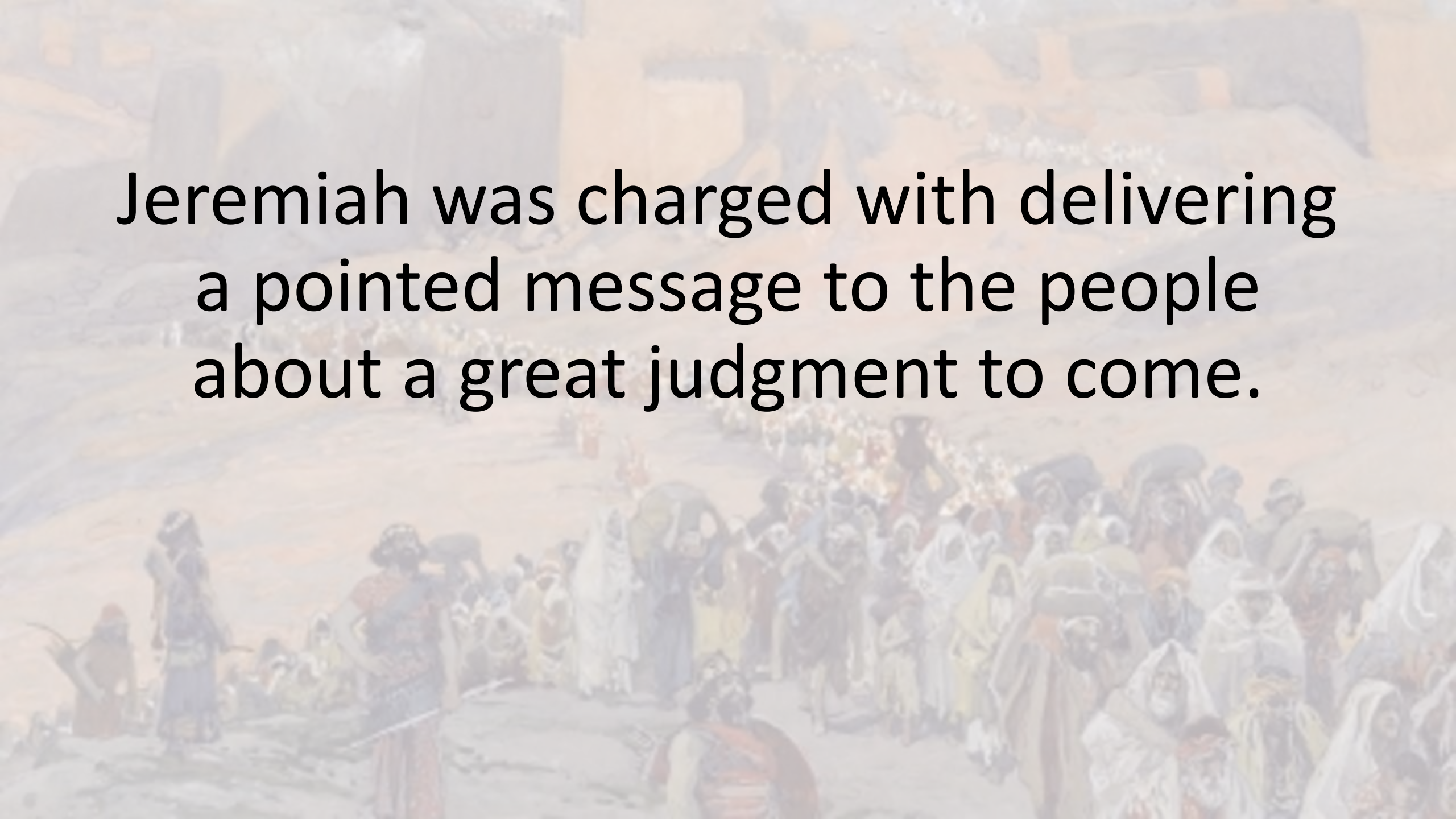
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Jeremiah was charged with delivering a pointed message to the people about a great judgment to come.

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## The reasons for God's judgment.



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They had held the word of God in contempt  
and had thereby forsaken Him!

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Their continuing contempt.



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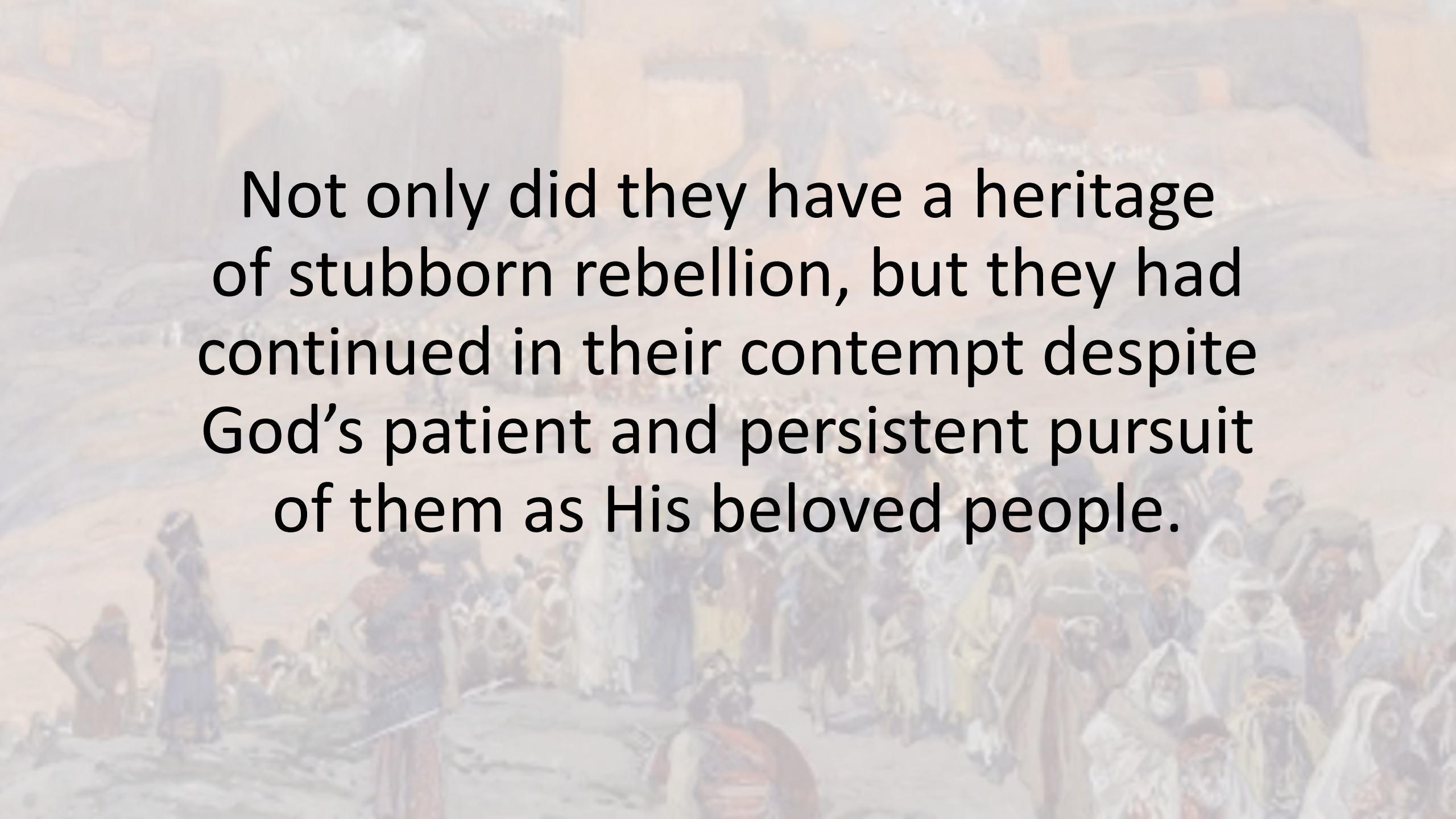
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Not only did they have a heritage of stubborn rebellion, but they had continued in their contempt despite God's patient and persistent pursuit of them as His beloved people.

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# The Nature of His Judgment

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**This is the language of covenant curse!**

## **Deuteronomy 28:58-61**

If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God, then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses. He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.

## Deuteronomy 28:58-

Then you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, because you did not obey the LORD your God. It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and **you will be torn from the land** where you are entering to possess it.

# **This goes back to the garden!**

## **Genesis 3:24**

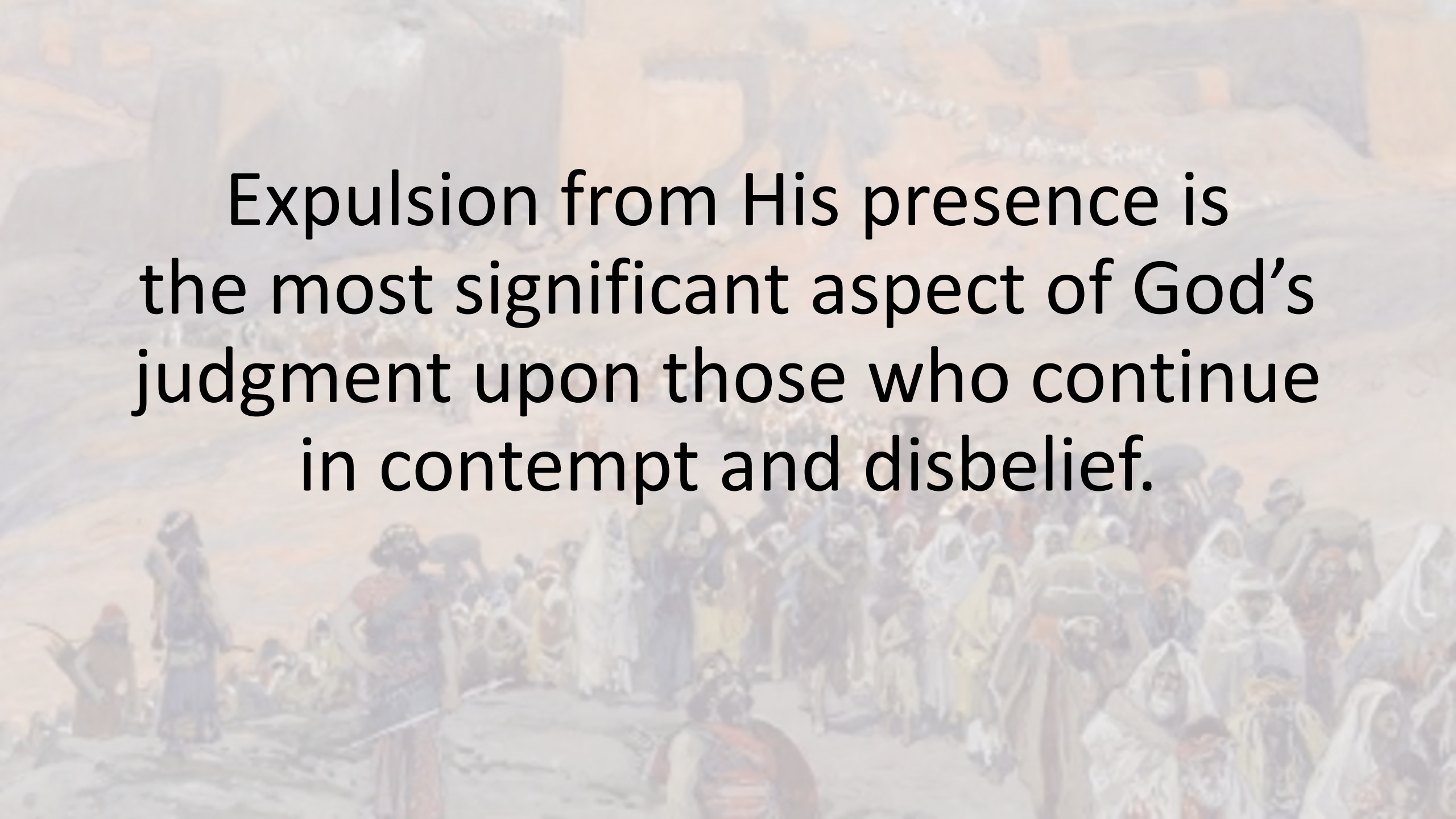
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Expulsion from His presence is the most significant aspect of God's judgment upon those who continue in contempt and disbelief.

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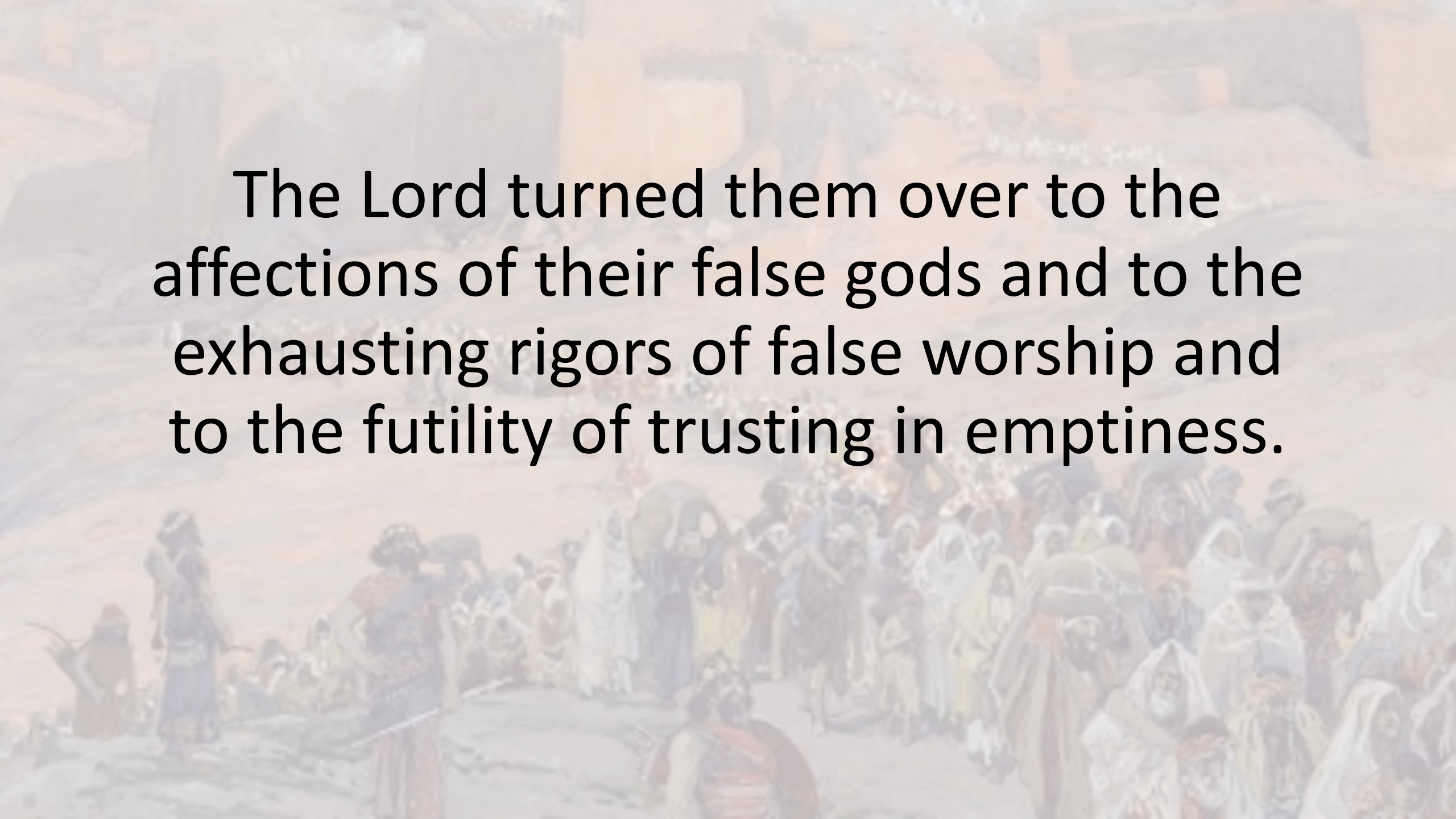
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The Lord turned them over to the affections of their false gods and to the exhausting rigors of false worship and to the futility of trusting in emptiness.

# Disaffection

Deuteronomy 28:58-

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# The Futility of False Faith

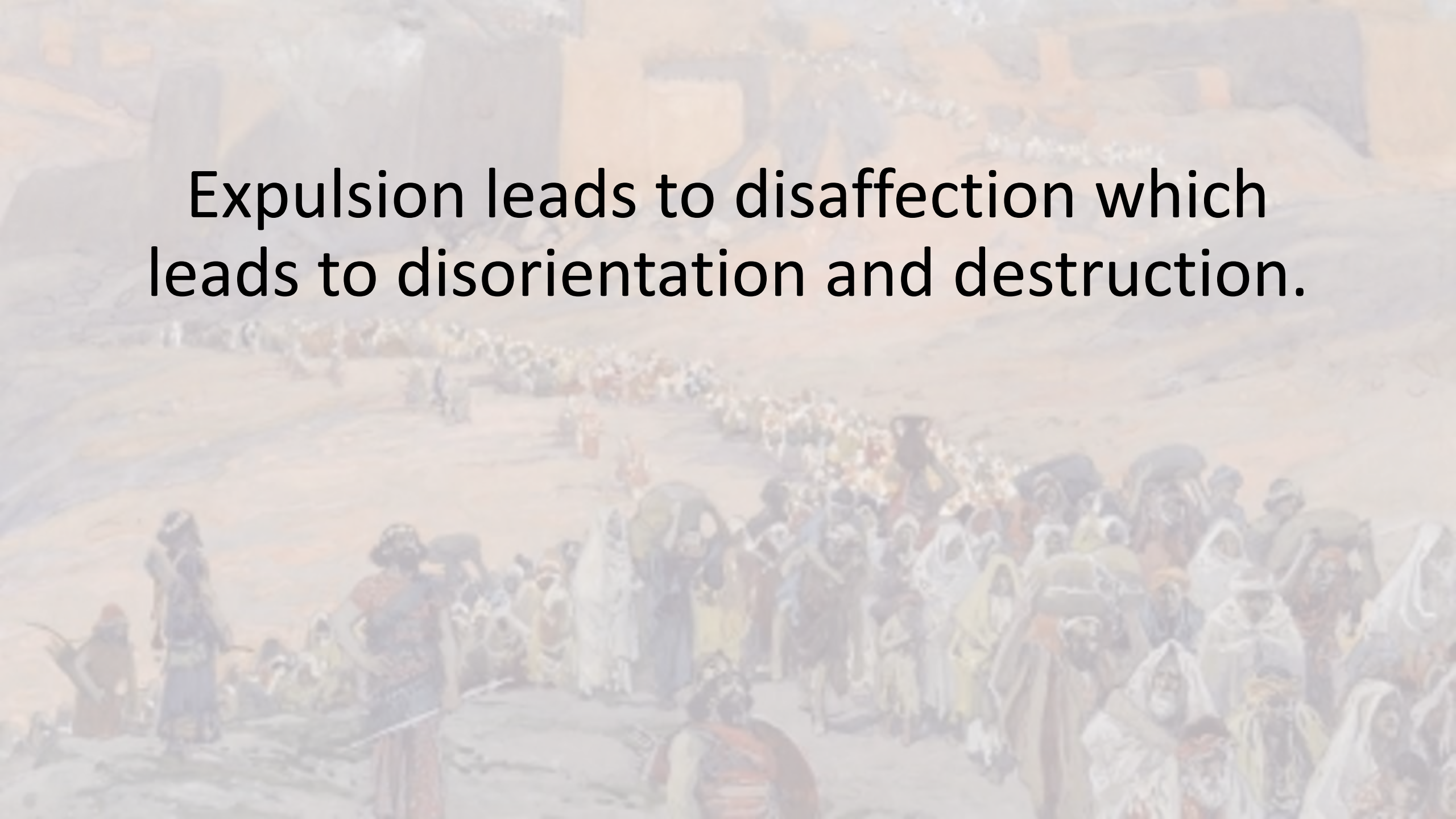
**Judges 10:13-14**

“You have forsaken Me and served other gods;  
therefore I will no longer deliver you.

Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen;  
let them deliver you in the time of your distress.”



Expulsion leads to disaffection which leads to disorientation and destruction.



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What would life be but dreadful ruin  
without the favor of God!

**Deuteronomy 28:66**

“So your life shall hang in doubt before you;  
and you will be in dread night and day,  
and shall have no assurance of your life.”

For those who disregard His warnings and continue in disbelief, nothing remains but dread of coming judgment.

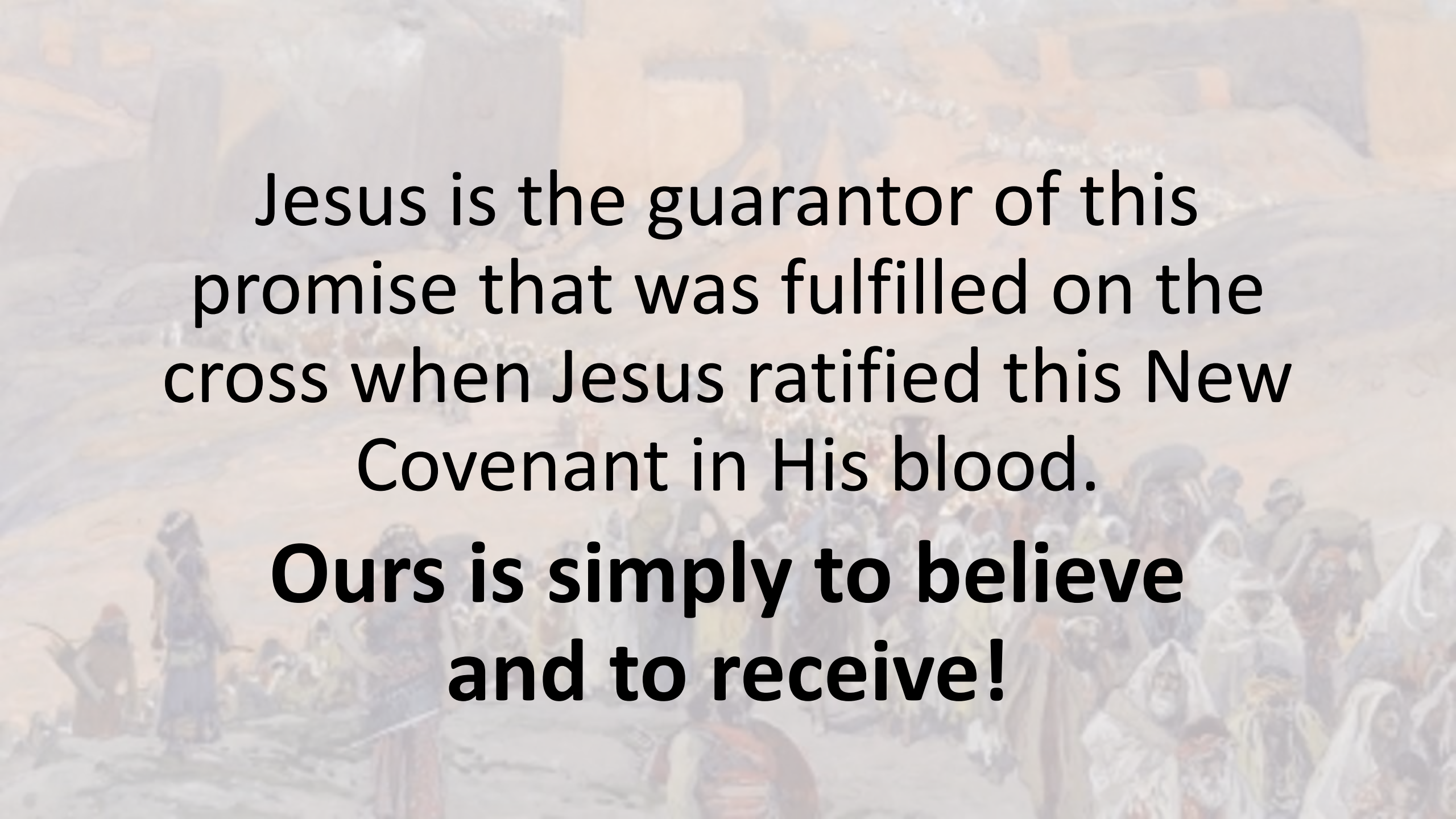
**Hebrews 10:26-27**

For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and *the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.*

# **But the Lord has made a way for us!**

## **Jeremiah 32:37-40**

“Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety. They shall be My people, and I will be their God; and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.”



Jesus is the guarantor of this promise that was fulfilled on the cross when Jesus ratified this New Covenant in His blood.

**Ours is simply to believe  
and to receive!**



## **Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

# Concluding Questions

Do you believe that judgment is coming?

Are you in agreement with His reasons  
and the rightness of His actions?

Have you received His forgiveness,  
and are you resting in His promise?