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PAUL'S LETTER
TO THE

Philippians

Philippians 3:14-15

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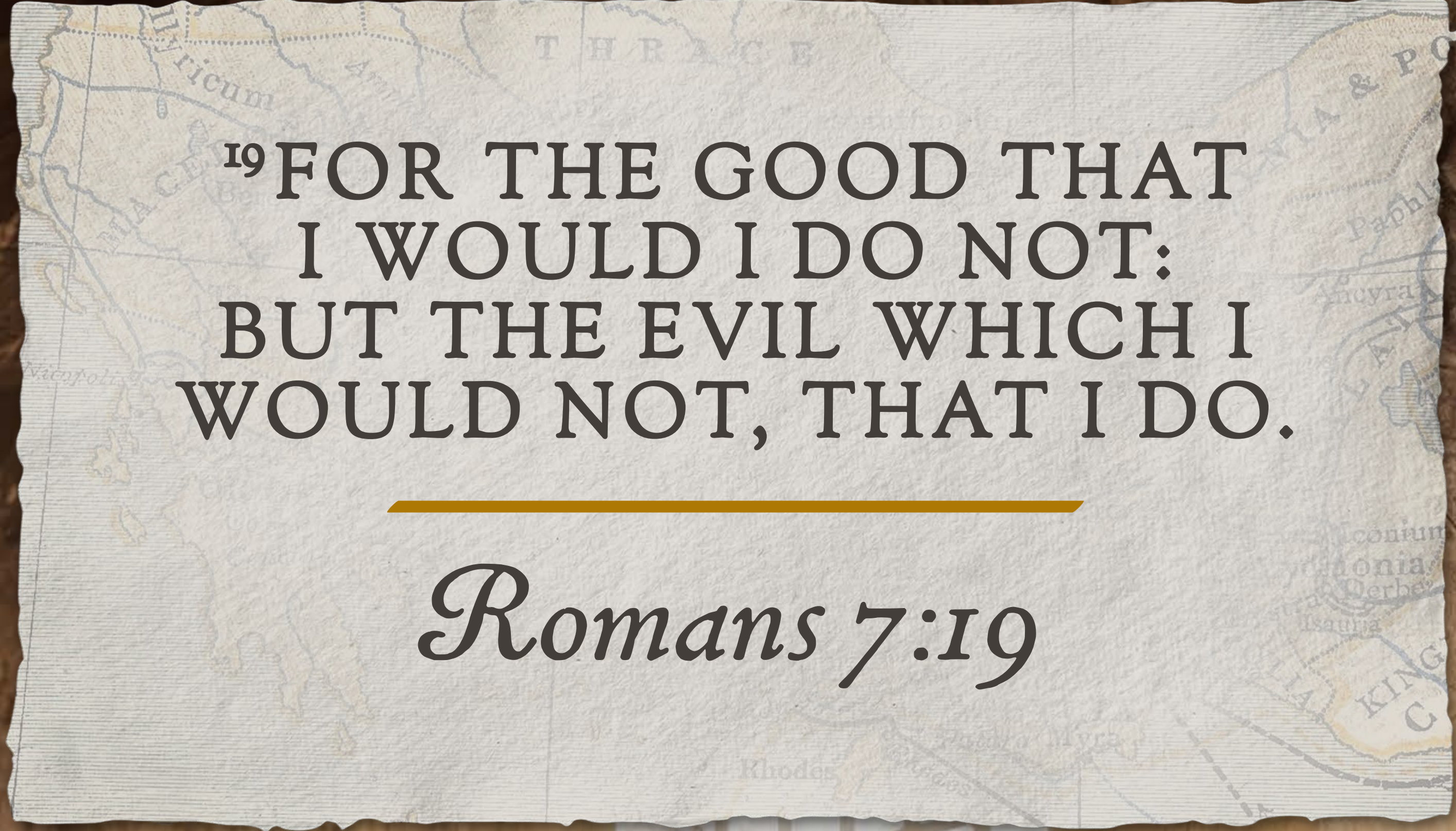
PHILIPPIANS 3:15

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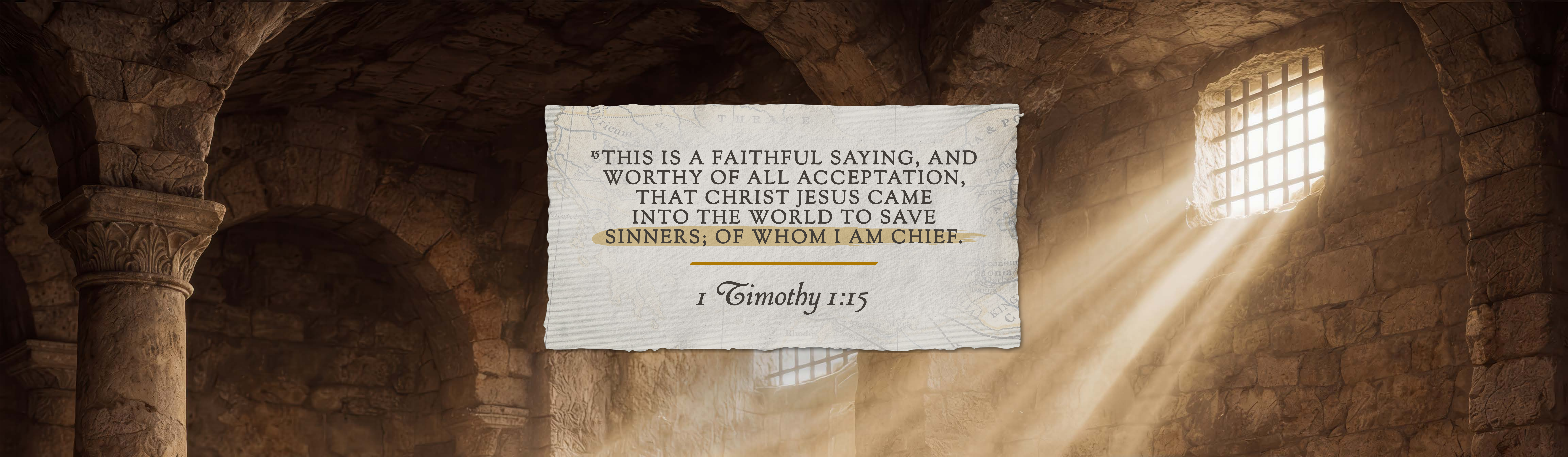
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MORALLY PERFECT; PHYSICALLY PERFECT;
COMPLETE, FINISHED



¹⁹FOR THE GOOD THAT
I WOULD I DO NOT:
BUT THE EVIL WHICH I
WOULD NOT, THAT I DO.

Romans 7:19



¹⁵THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING, AND
WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTATION,
THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME
INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE
SINNERS; OF WHOM I AM CHIEF.

1 Timothy 1:15



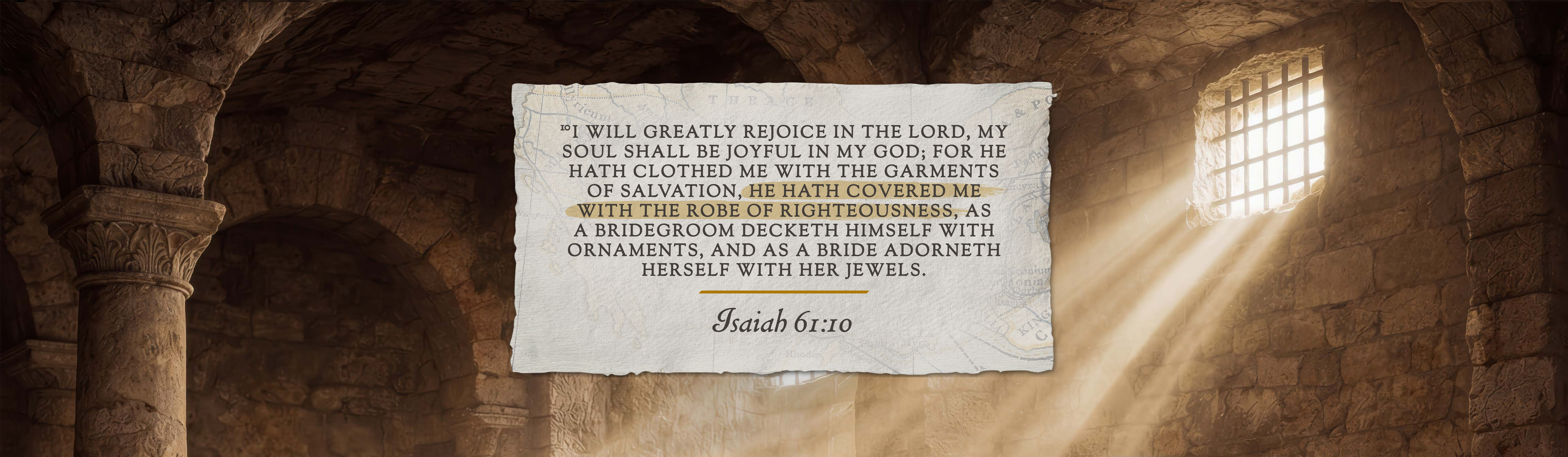
48 BE YE THEREFORE
PERFECT, EVEN AS YOUR
FATHER WHICH IS IN
HEAVEN IS PERFECT.

Matthew 5:48



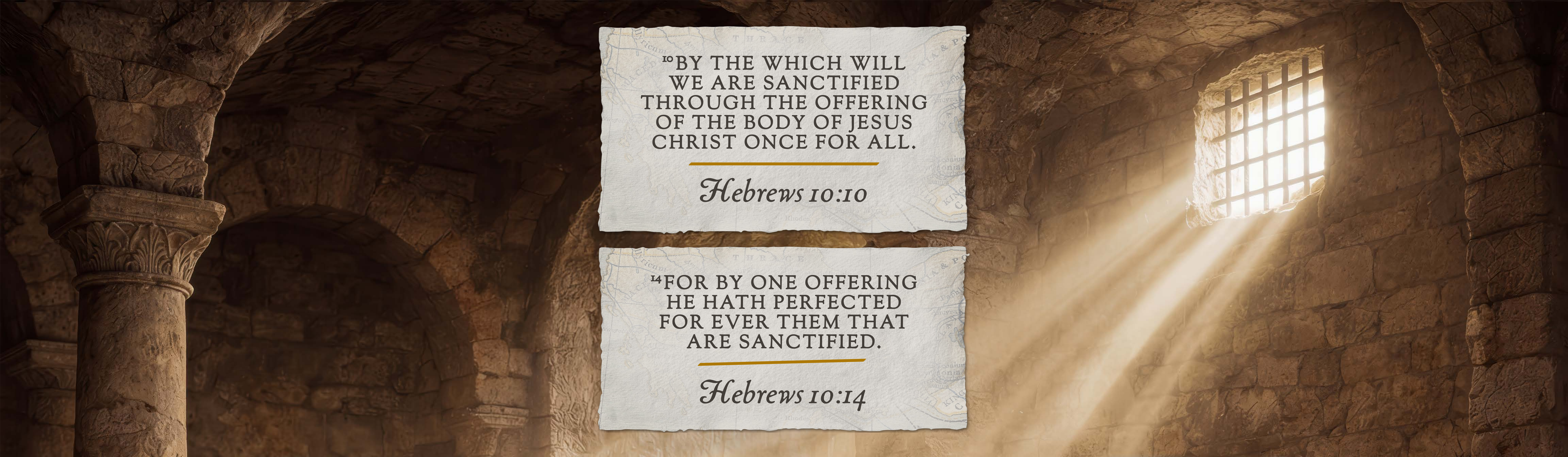
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POSITIONAL PERFECTION



¹⁰I WILL GREATLY REJOICE IN THE LORD, MY SOUL SHALL BE JOYFUL IN MY GOD; FOR HE HATH CLOTHED ME WITH THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION, HE HATH COVERED ME WITH THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AS A BRIDEGROOM DECKETH HIMSELF WITH ORNAMENTS, AND AS A BRIDE ADORNETH HERSELF WITH HER JEWELS.

Isaiah 61:10

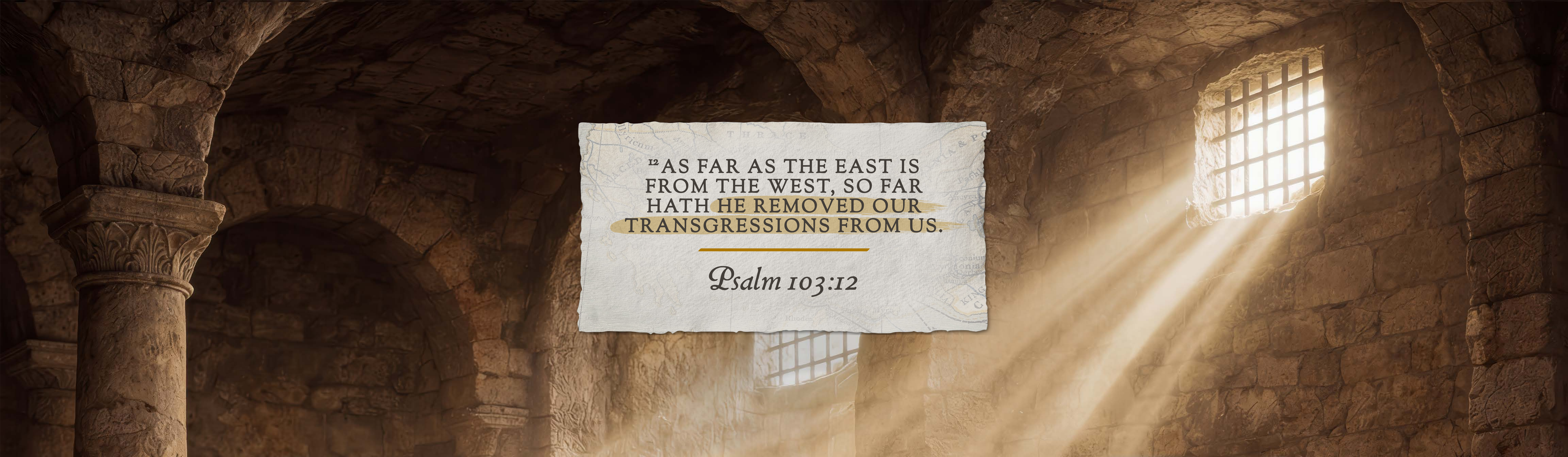
The background of the image is a photograph of an interior stone space. On the left, a large, ornate stone column stands. On the right, a small, high window with a metal grid allows bright sunlight to stream in, creating a strong lens flare effect across the right side of the image. The walls are made of rough-hewn stone blocks.

¹⁰BY THE WHICH WILL
WE ARE SANCTIFIED
THROUGH THE OFFERING
OF THE BODY OF JESUS
CHRIST ONCE FOR ALL.

Hebrews 10:10

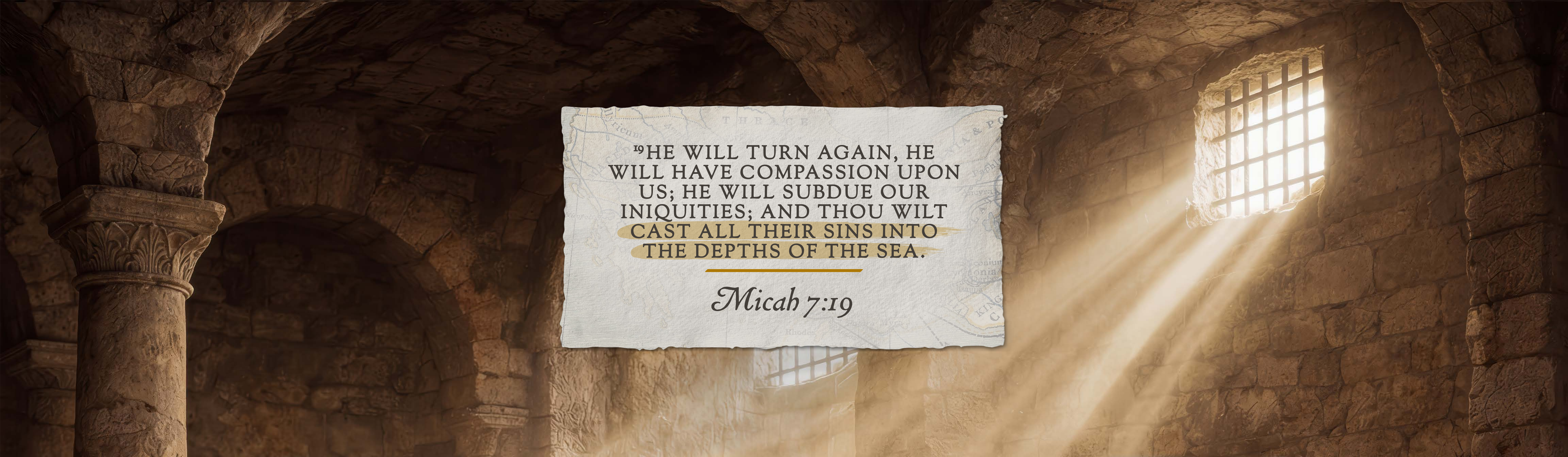
¹⁴FOR BY ONE OFFERING
HE HATH PERFECTED
FOR EVER THEM THAT
ARE SANCTIFIED.

Hebrews 10:14



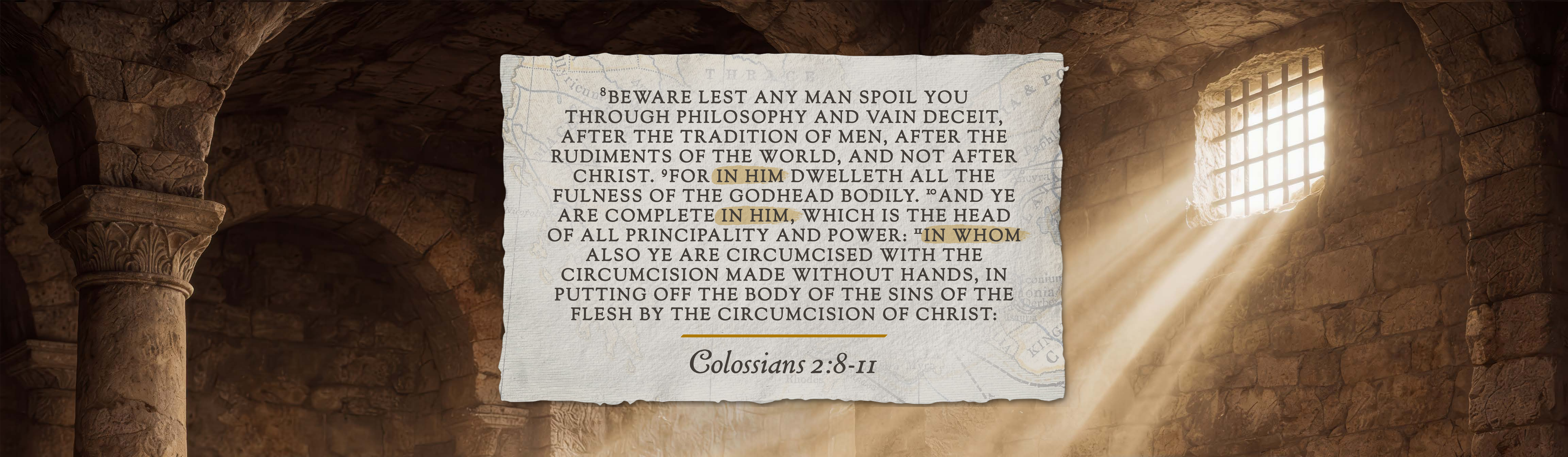
¹² AS FAR AS THE EAST IS
FROM THE WEST, SO FAR
HATH HE REMOVED OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.

Psalm 103:12



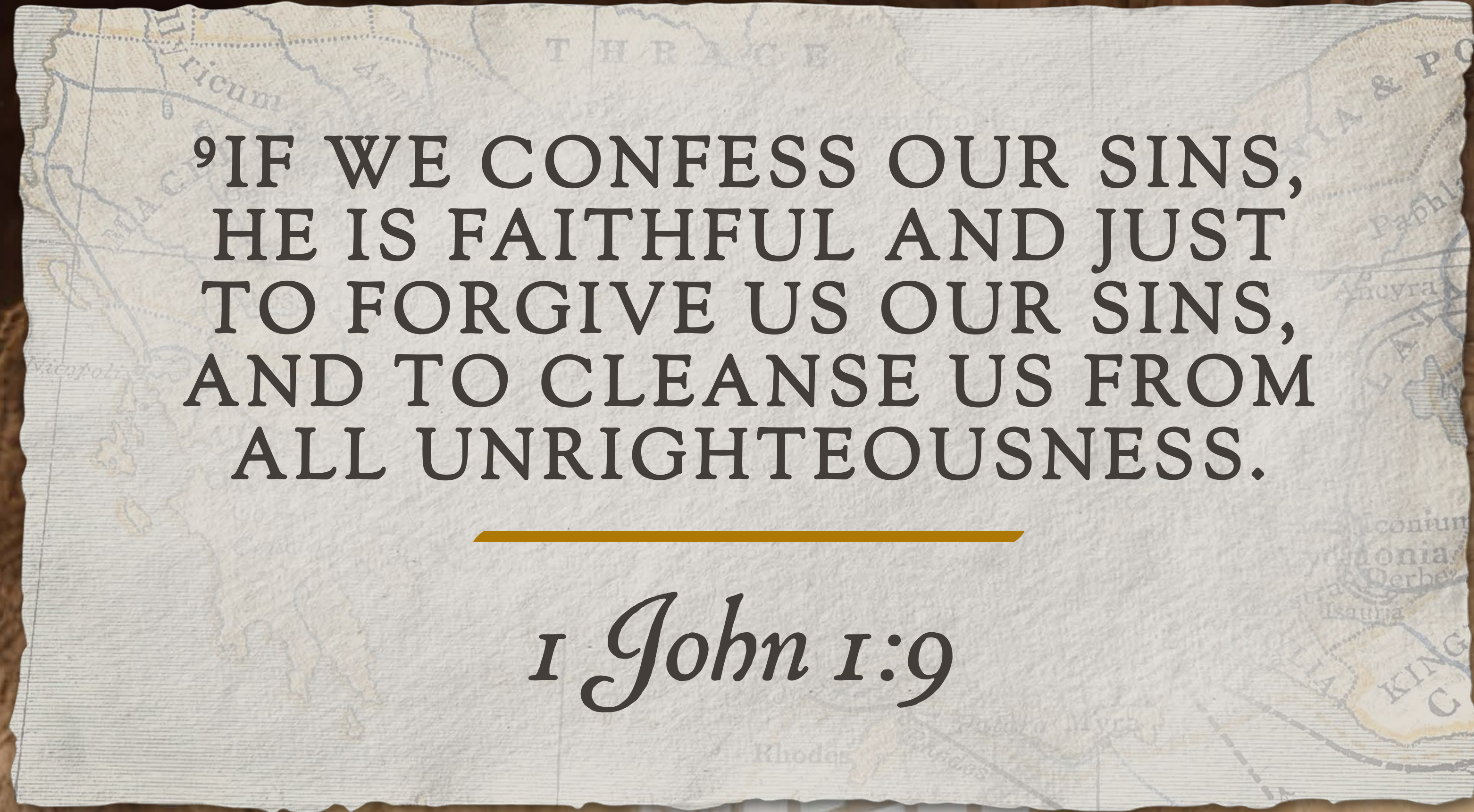
¹⁹HE WILL TURN AGAIN, HE
WILL HAVE COMPASSION UPON
US; HE WILL SUBDUE OUR
INIQUITIES; AND THOU WILT
CAST ALL THEIR SINS INTO
THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

Micah 7:19



⁸BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU
THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECEIT,
AFTER THE TRADITION OF MEN, AFTER THE
RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD, AND NOT AFTER
CHRIST. ⁹FOR IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE
FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. ¹⁰AND YE
ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD
OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER: ¹¹IN WHOM
ALSO YE ARE CIRCUMCISED WITH THE
CIRCUMCISION MADE WITHOUT HANDS, IN
PUTTING OFF THE BODY OF THE SINS OF THE
FLESH BY THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST:

Colossians 2:8-11



9IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS,
HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST
TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS,
AND TO CLEANSE US FROM
ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 John 1:9

Sin

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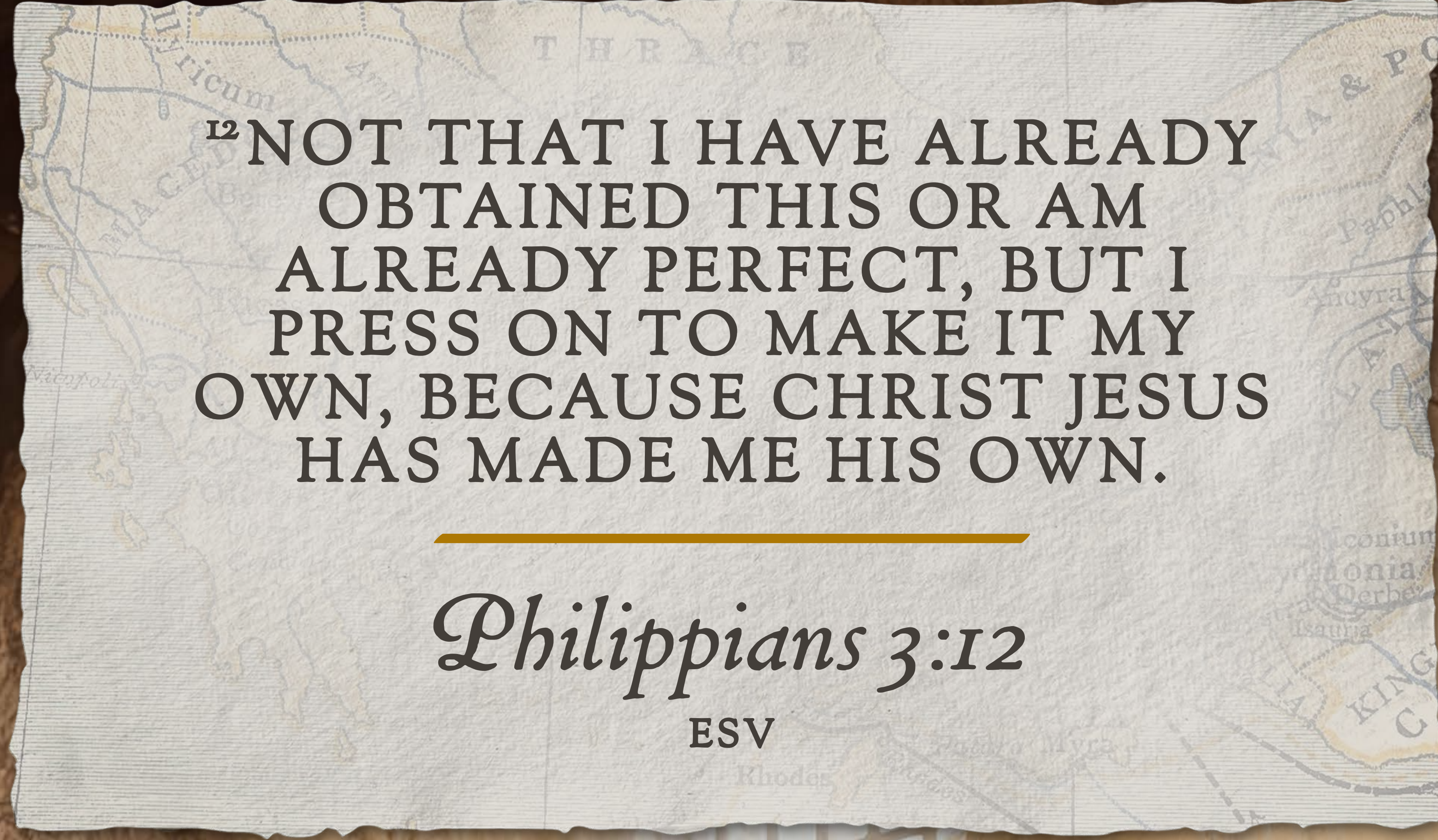
HAMARTÍA

TO MISS THE MARK;
TO ERR, TO SIN;
TO MISS OR WANDER OFF A PATH,
TO WANDER OFF



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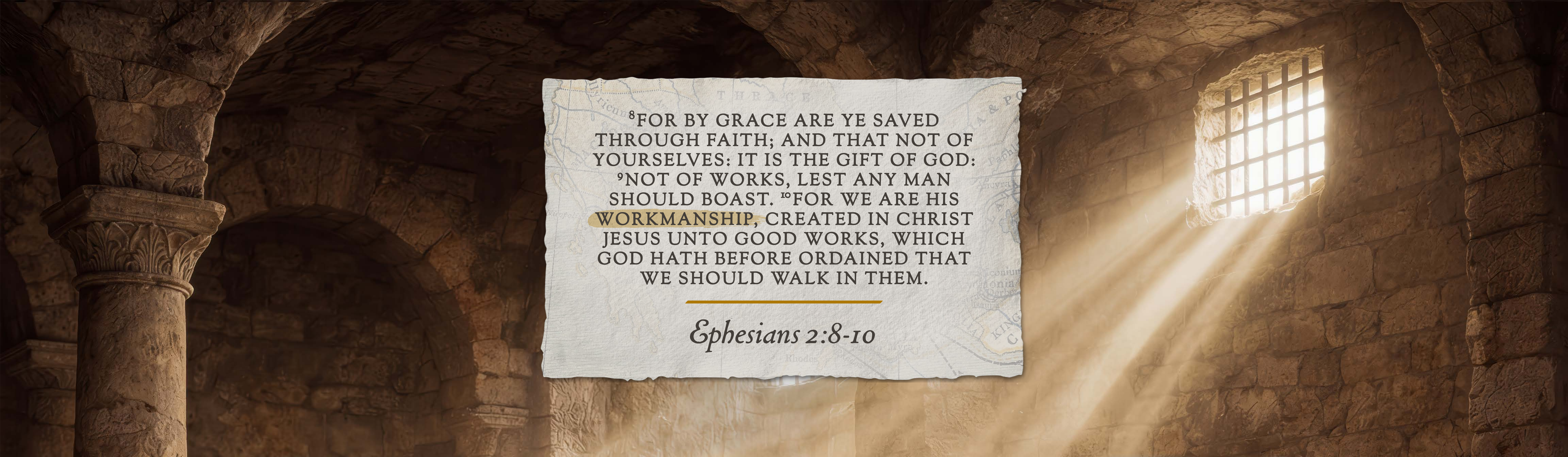
PROGRESSIVE PERFECTION



¹²NOT THAT I HAVE ALREADY
OBTAINED THIS OR AM
ALREADY PERFECT, BUT I
PRESS ON TO MAKE IT MY
OWN, BECAUSE CHRIST JESUS
HAS MADE ME HIS OWN.

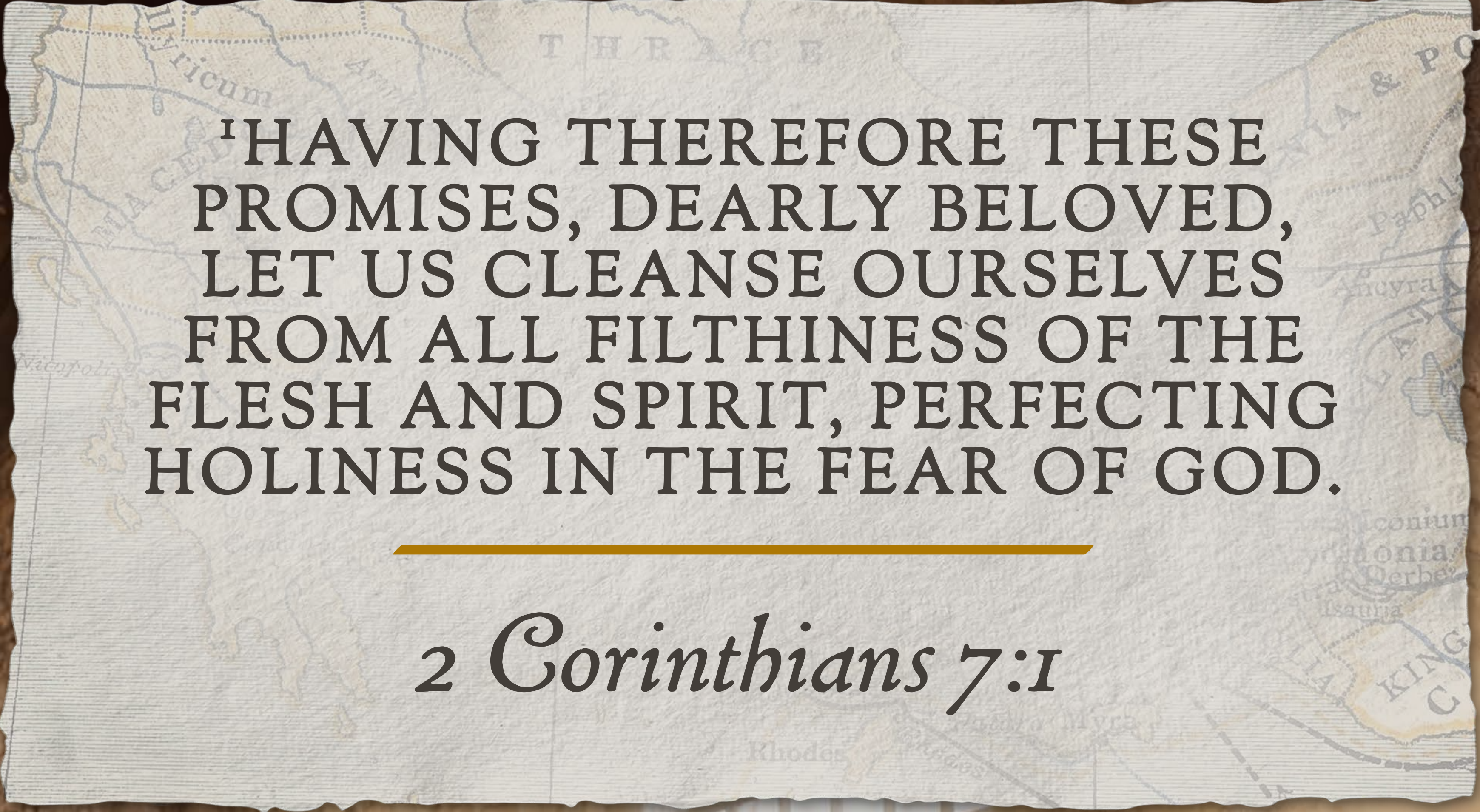
Philippians 3:12

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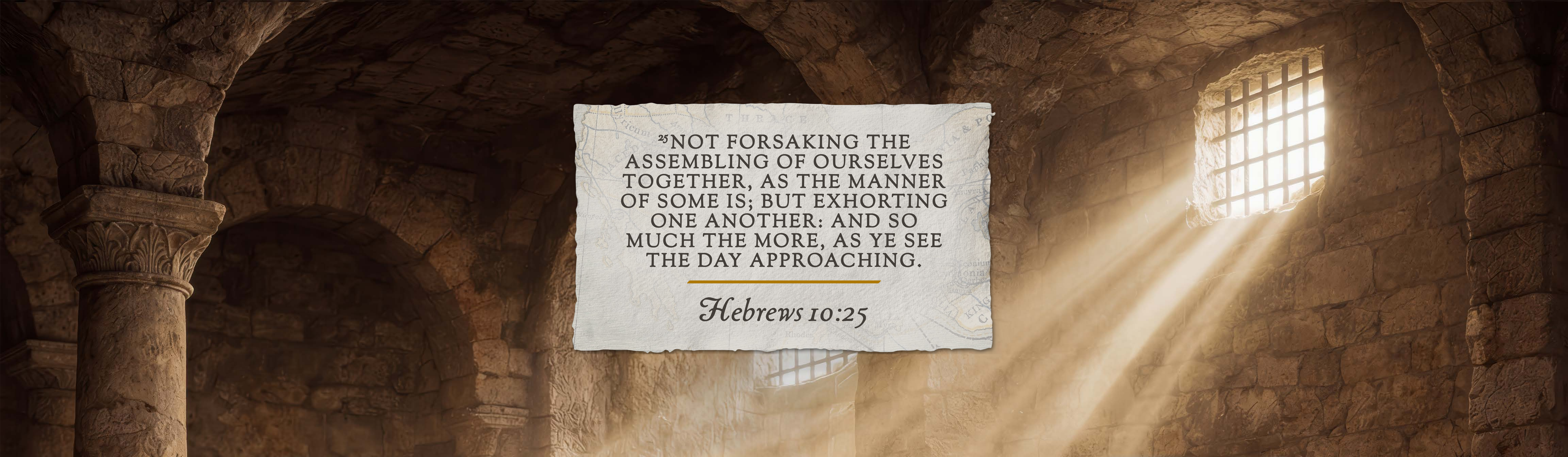
⁸FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED
THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF
YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:
⁹NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN
SHOULD BOAST. ¹⁰FOR WE ARE HIS
WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST
JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH
GOD HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT
WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.

Ephesians 2:8-10



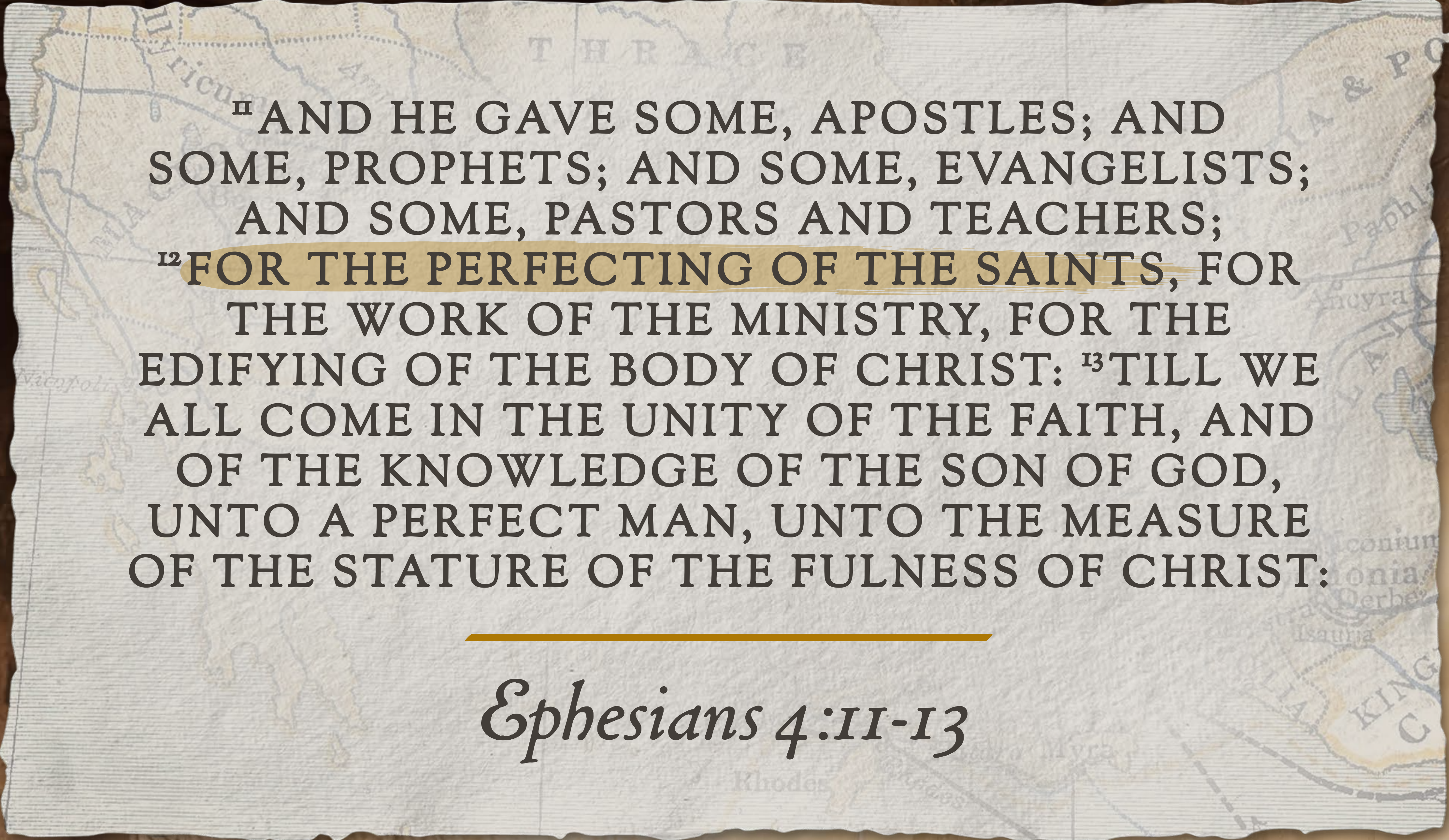
¹HAVING THEREFORE THESE
PROMISES, DEARLY BELOVED,
LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES
FROM ALL FILTHINESS OF THE
FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING
HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.

2 Corinthians 7:1



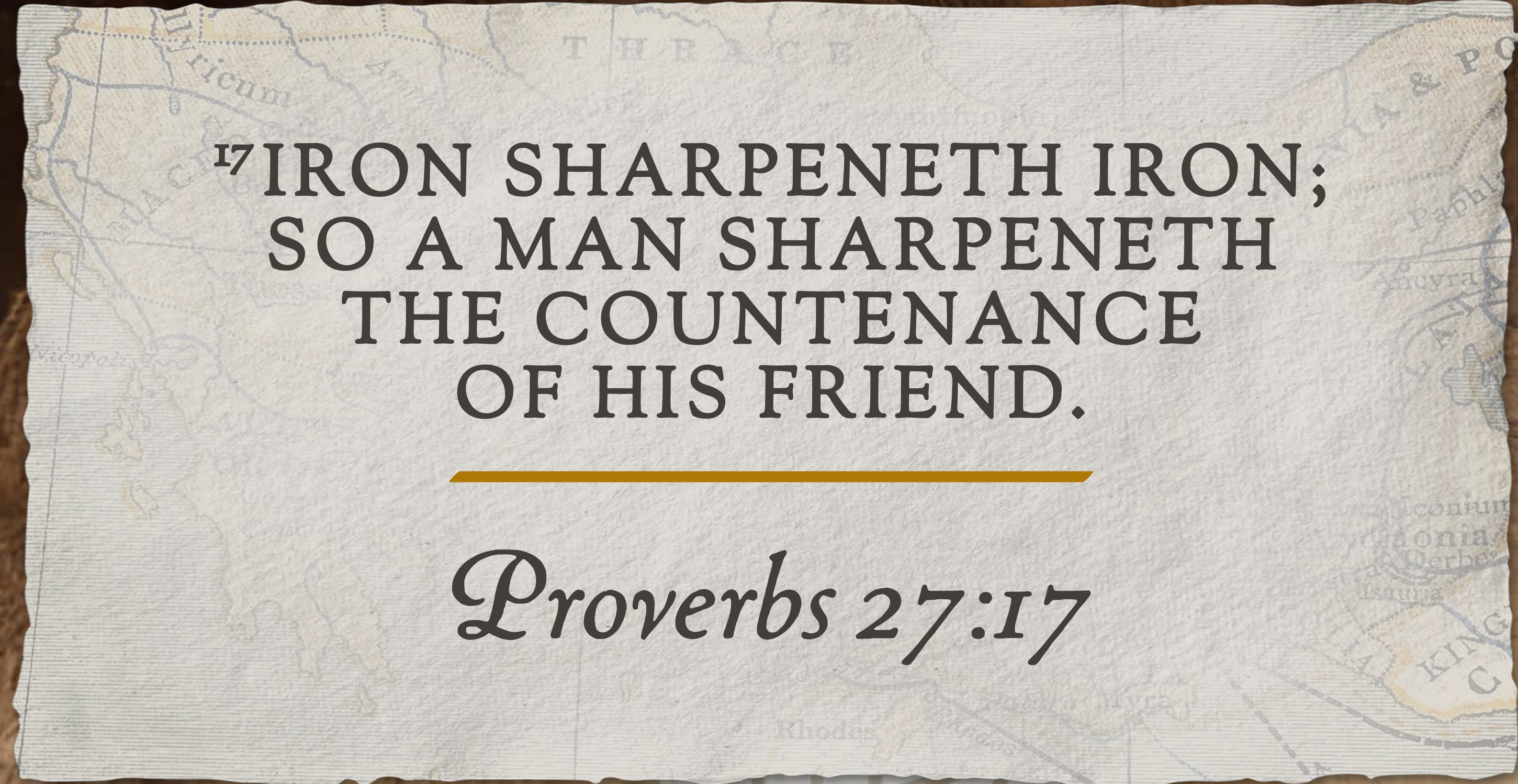
²⁵NOT FORSAKING THE
ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES
TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER
OF SOME IS; BUT EXHORTING
ONE ANOTHER: AND SO
MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE
THE DAY APPROACHING.

Hebrews 10:25



¹¹AND HE GAVE SOME, APOSTLES; AND
SOME, PROPHETS; AND SOME, EVANGELISTS;
AND SOME, PASTORS AND TEACHERS;
¹²FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS, FOR
THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY, FOR THE
EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST: ¹³TILL WE
ALL COME IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH, AND
OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD,
UNTO A PERFECT MAN, UNTO THE MEASURE
OF THE STATURE OF THE FULNESS OF CHRIST:

Ephesians 4:11-13



¹⁷IRON SHARPENETH IRON;
SO A MAN SHARPENETH
THE COUNTENANCE
OF HIS FRIEND.

Proverbs 27:17

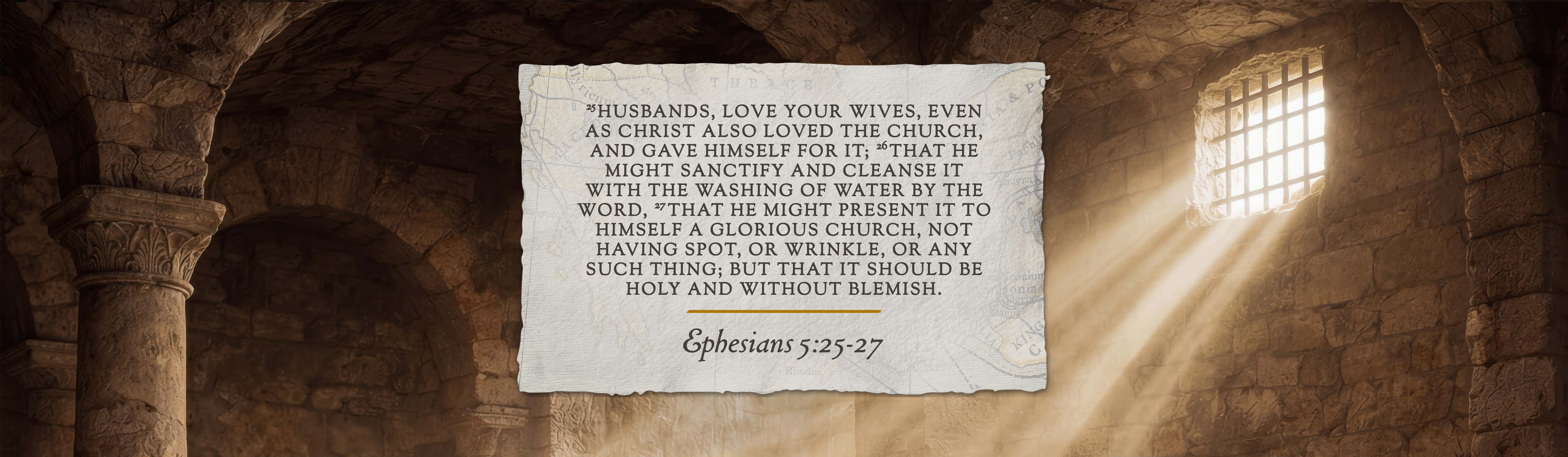
The background image is a cinematic shot of a stone dungeon. On the left, a large, ornate stone pillar stands. The walls and ceiling are made of rough-hewn stone blocks. Two windows with metal grates are visible; one is in the upper right, and another is partially visible in the center background. Bright sunlight streams through the upper right window, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the dust in the air. The overall mood is somber and atmospheric.

Judges 6-7



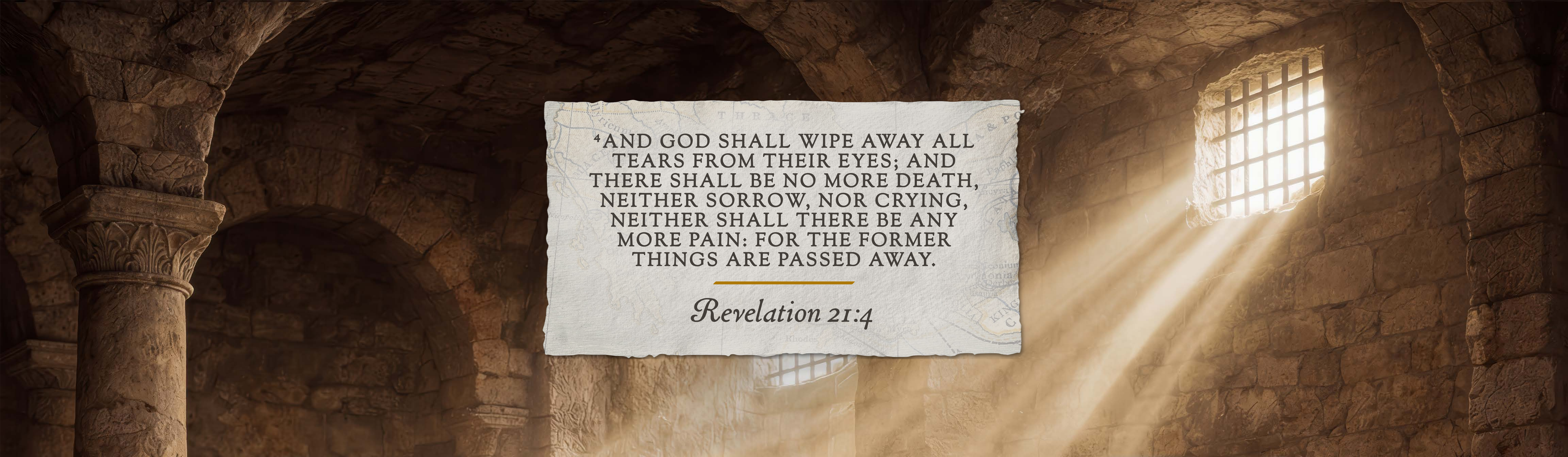
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PROMISED PERFECTION



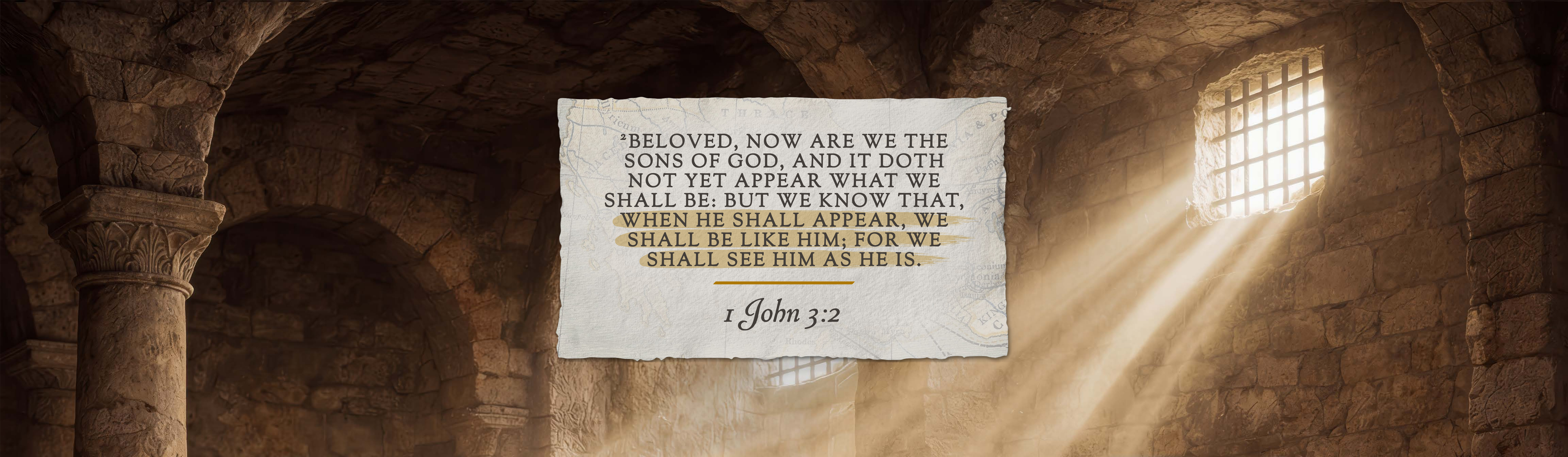
²⁵HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN
AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH,
AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT; ²⁶THAT HE
MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT
WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE
WORD, ²⁷THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO
HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH, NOT
HAVING SPOT, OR WRINKLE, OR ANY
SUCH THING; BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE
HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH.

Ephesians 5:25-27



⁴AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL
TEARS FROM THEIR EYES; AND
THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH,
NEITHER SORROW, NOR CRYING,
NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY
MORE PAIN: FOR THE FORMER
THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.

Revelation 21:4



²BELOVED, NOW ARE WE THE
SONS OF GOD, AND IT DOTHTH
NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE
SHALL BE: BUT WE KNOW THAT,
WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE
SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE
SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.

1 John 3:2



Biblical Perfection:

- I. POSITIONAL PERFECTION
WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US
- II. PROGRESSIVE PERFECTION
WHAT CHRIST IS DOING IN US
- III. PROMISED PERFECTION
WHAT CHRIST WILL ULTIMATELY DO TO US

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