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Study 16

Patience in Suffering

James 5: 7-12

A portrait of Margaret Thatcher, an elderly woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair. She is wearing a light blue, patterned jacket over a matching top, a pearl necklace, and a pearl earring. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression. The background is a blurred interior setting with a statue and a chandelier.

"I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end."

MARGARET THATCHER



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Today

Messages are end-to-end encrypted. Not even we can read or listen to them. Tap to learn more.

Hey 09:31 ✓✓

Let me know if you are still on for dinner on Saturday 09:32 ✓✓

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A dark blue night sky filled with numerous white stars of varying sizes. A bright, glowing comet streaks across the lower right portion of the frame, leaving a long, luminous trail that fades into the background. The comet's head is a bright, circular glow, and its tail is a long, curved band of light that tapers off.

“We live like comets, though we love to be stars,”

Jaharam V'

PATIENCE IN SUFFERING

A. What is patience?

B. How should we be patient?

C. Why should we be patient?

A command repeated 3 times

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Waiting

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PATIENCE

The ability to wait, or to continue doing something despite difficulties, or to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed:

CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY

MAKRO-THYMEŌ



Macro



Large/ Long



thymos,



Intense anger
Burning Rage

Act of holding back one's anger.



PATIENCE IN SUFFERING

A. What is patience?

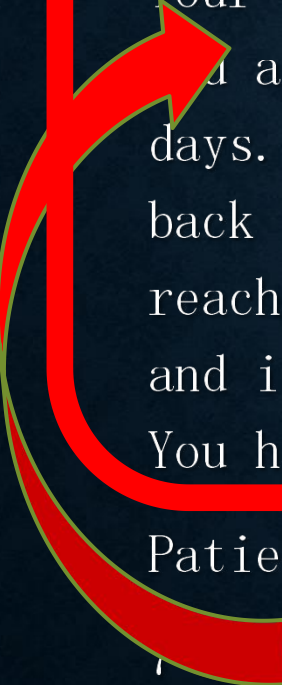
B. How should we be patient?

C. Why should we be patient?

Look at the passage before

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James 5:1-8 (ESV) 1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

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God Judge

CONTEXT

Rich land owners who are believers

Come now, you rich, weep and howl

Oppressed believers

Punish

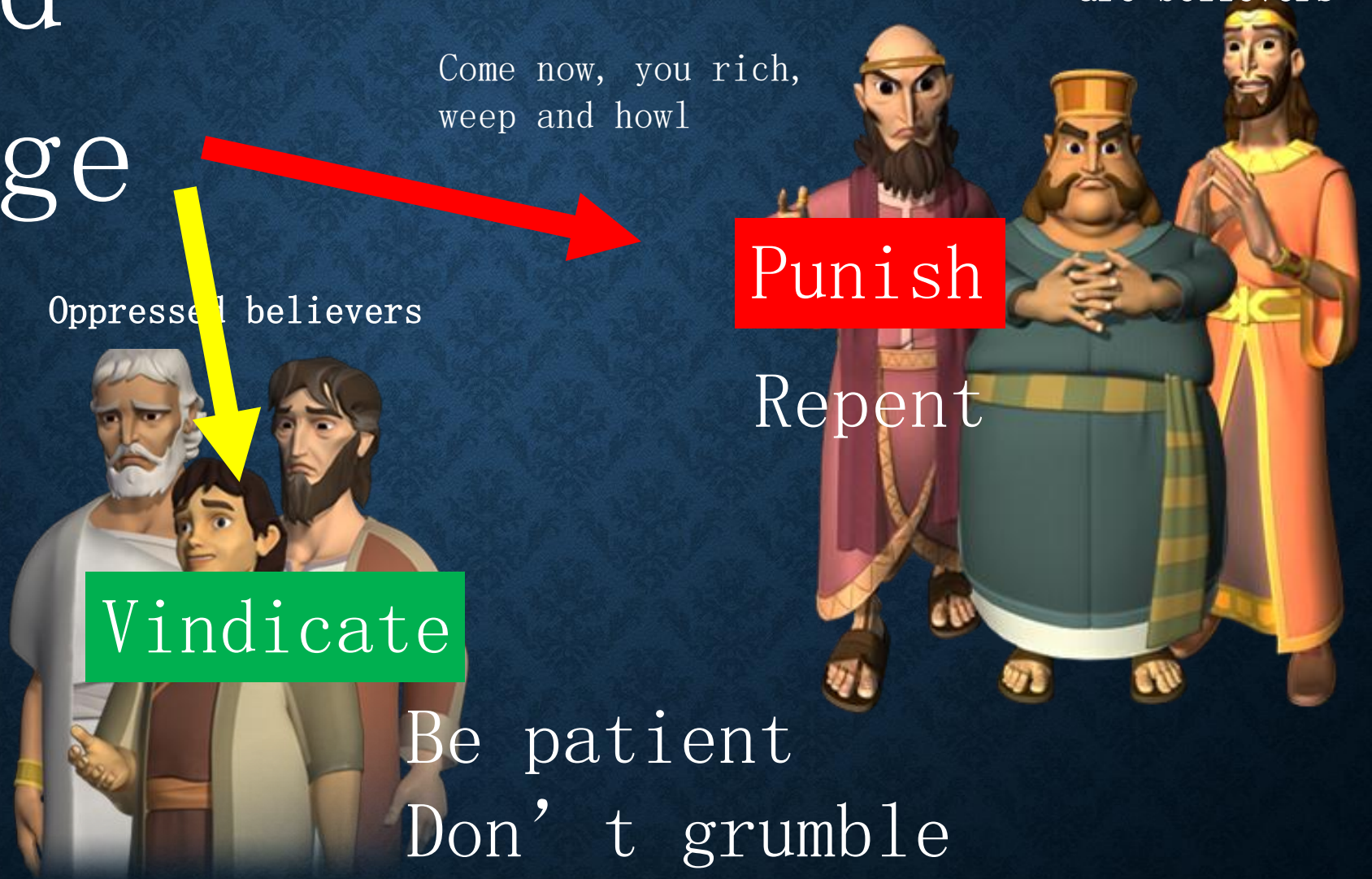
Repent

Vindicate

Be patient

Don't grumble

Maintain harmony



THE POOR ARE TO COMPLAINING TO GOD ABOUT THEIR SUFFERING HENCE NOT RE TaliATING OR GIVING UP HOPE

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Wait with anticipation

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Nothing is happening for along time
We are to place all our trust in God to act to
provide

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of
the earth, being patient about it, until it receives
the early and the late rains

Adverse conditions .. droughts.. still see a harvest



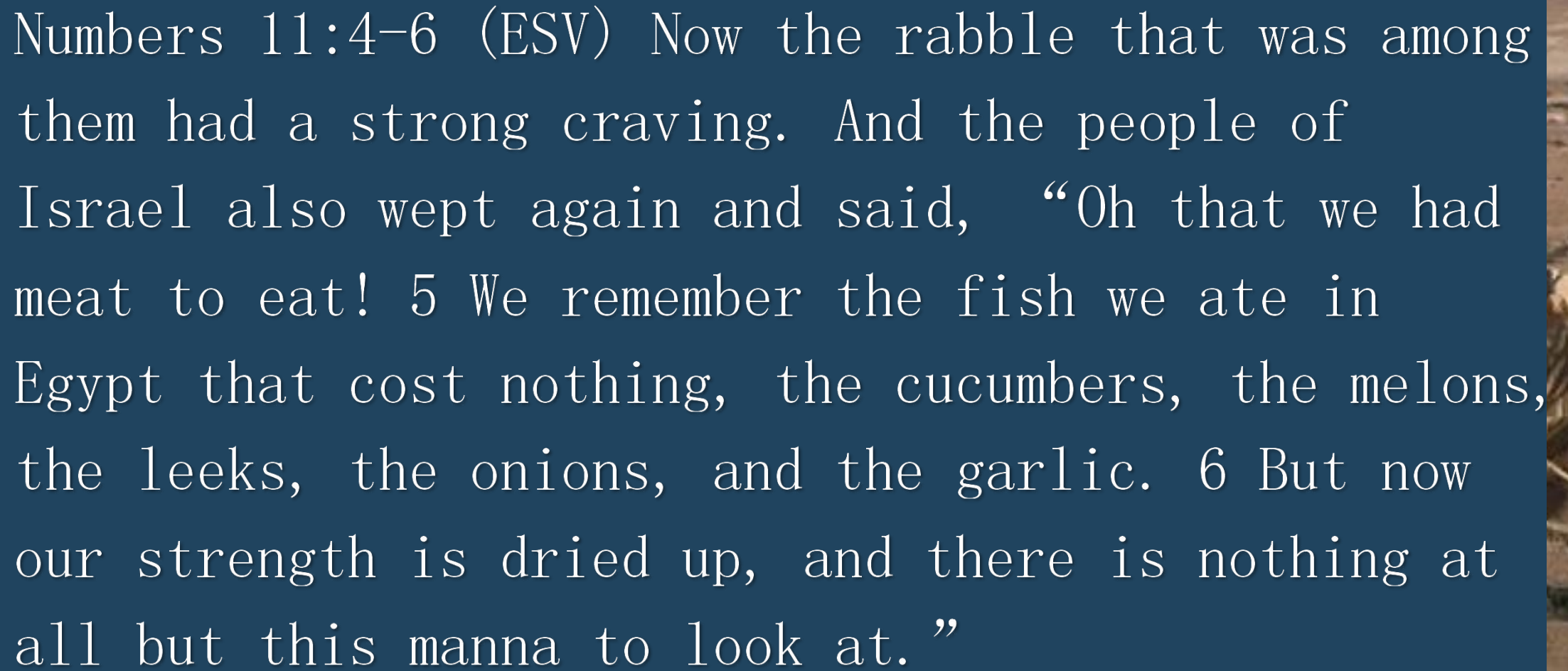
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establish; fix, make a firm resolve
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A wide-angle photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. The terrain is a mix of sandy dunes and rocky outcrops, with some sparse, dry vegetation. In the distance, there are low, rolling hills under a clear sky. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

Numbers 11:4-6 (ESV) Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”



**THEY WANTED
THEM SOONER THAN
HAD GOD CHOSEN
TO GIVE THEM;
THEY WANTED
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EVERYONE AT THE
DOOR OF HIS
TENT. AND THE ANGER
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BLAZED HOTLY,
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IMPATIENCE LEADS TO IDOLATRY

Exodus 32:1 (ESV) When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

IRONY

Exodus 32:4 (ESV) And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”

Settled for a cheap counterfeit which they knew was false because they could not wait. Immediate gratification



Voice of unbelief

Unwilling to believe
that God is allowing
this disappointment to
grow our faith

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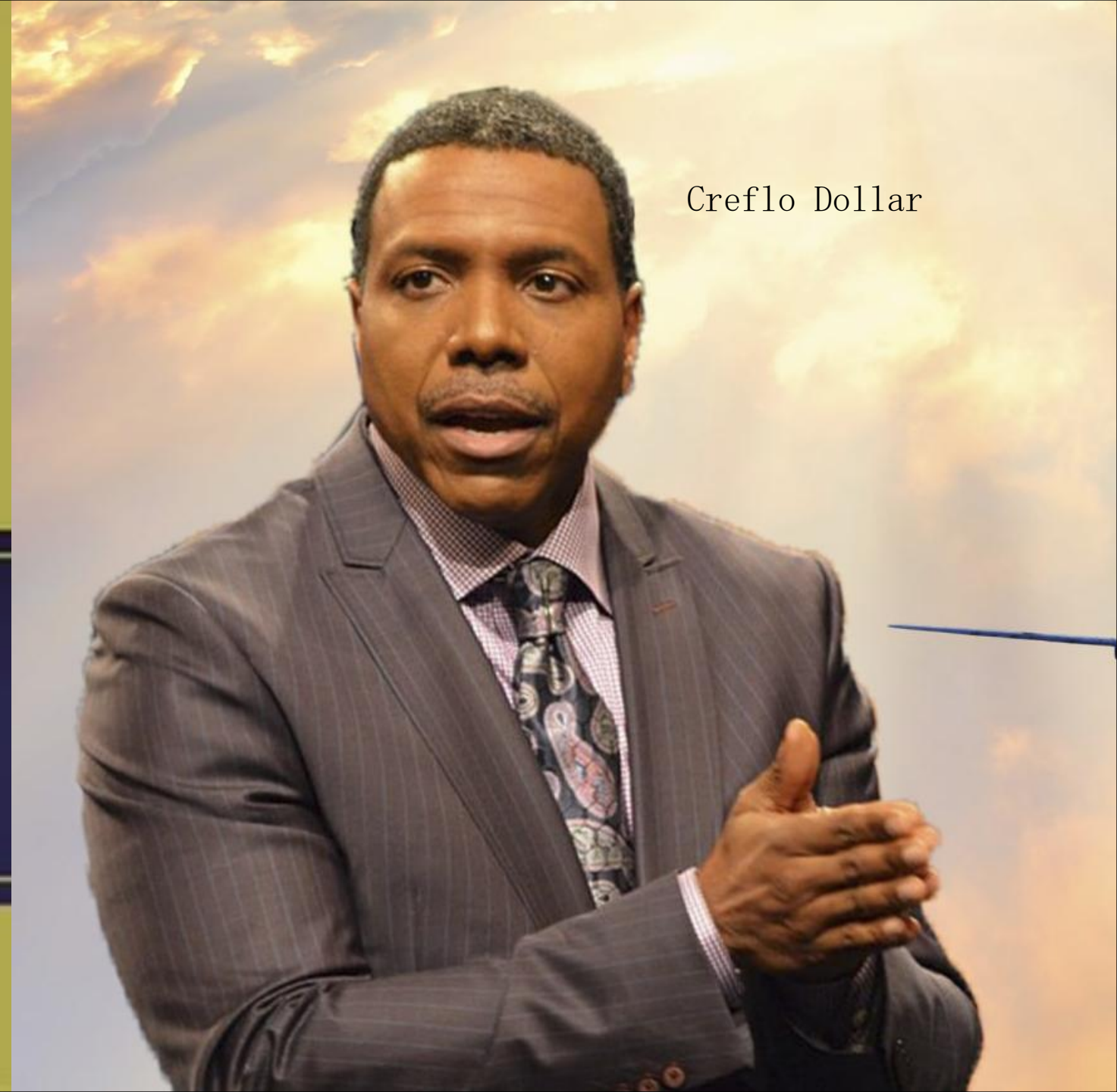


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7 STEPS TO
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JOEL OSTEEN

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *EVERY DAY A FRIDAY* AND *I DECLARE*



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AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV) 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

THE AGONY OF WAITING

Psalms 10:1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Psalms 44:24 (ESV) Why do you hide your face?

Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

Psalms 142:2 (ESV) I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.



JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD
GENESIS 32

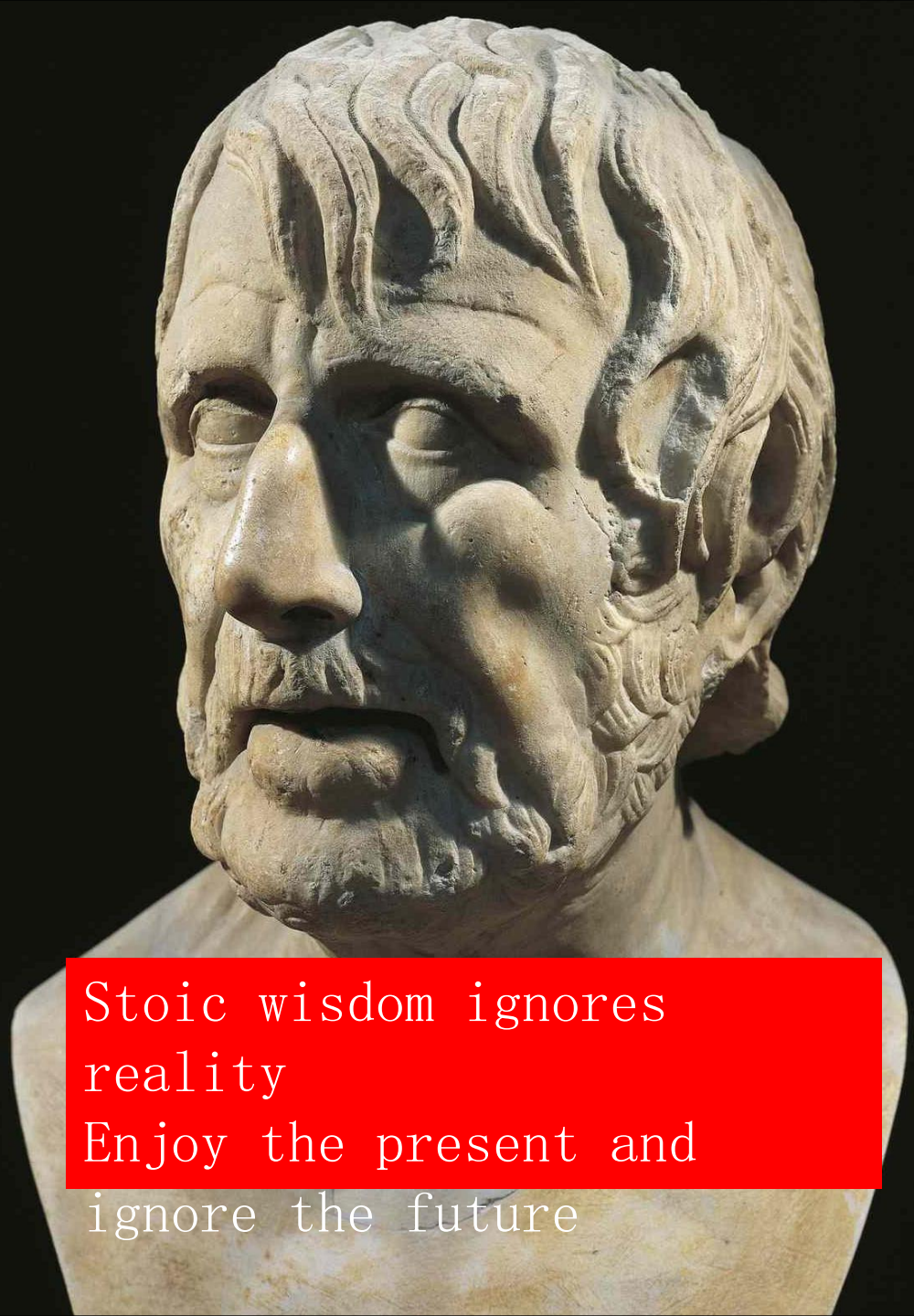
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Patience is anchored in reality

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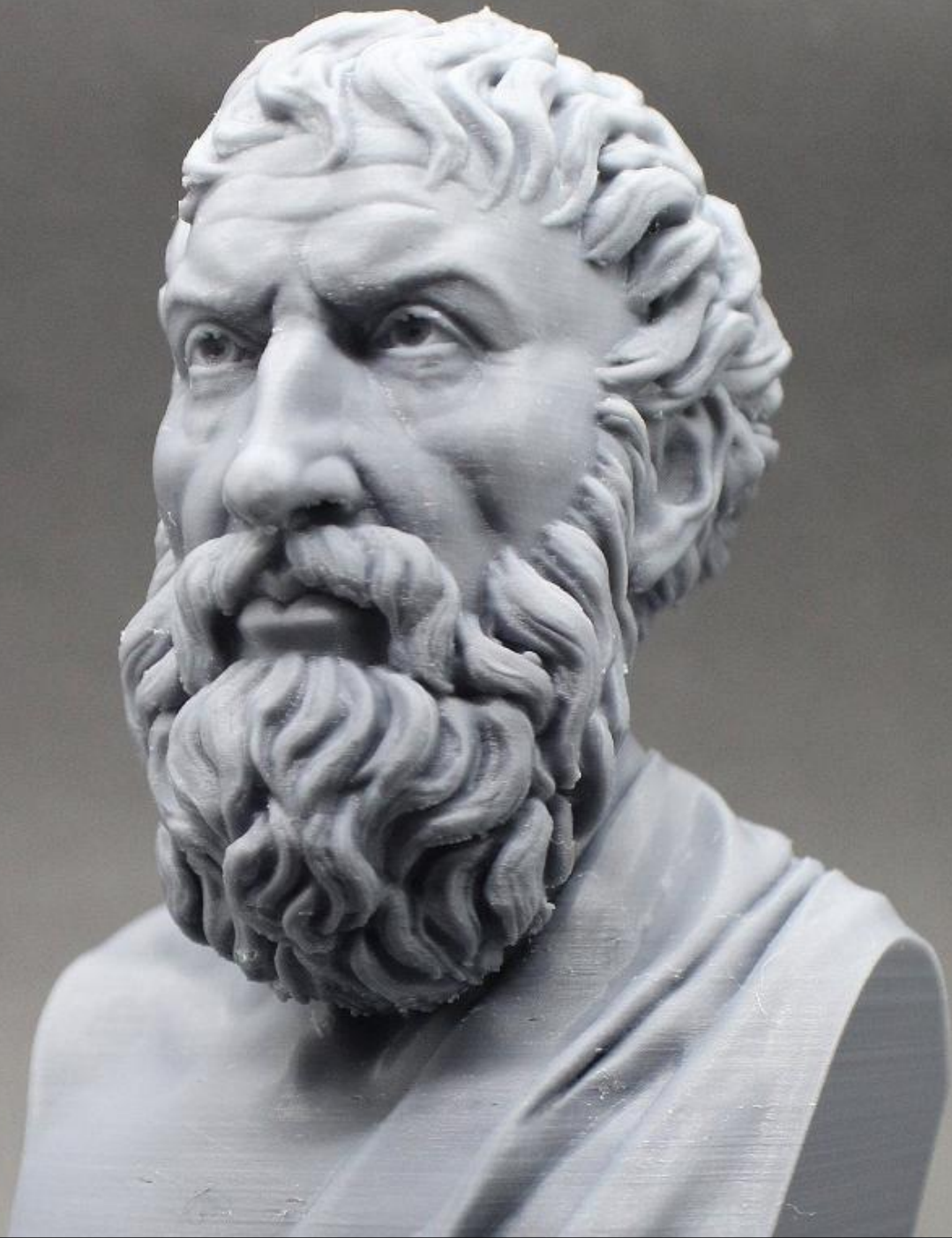


Stoic wisdom ignores
reality

Enjoy the present and
ignore the future

SENECA

*"True happiness is to
enjoy the present,
without anxious
dependence upon the
future, not to amuse
ourselves with either
hopes or fears but to
rest satisfied with
what we have, which*



EPICETUS

"No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen."

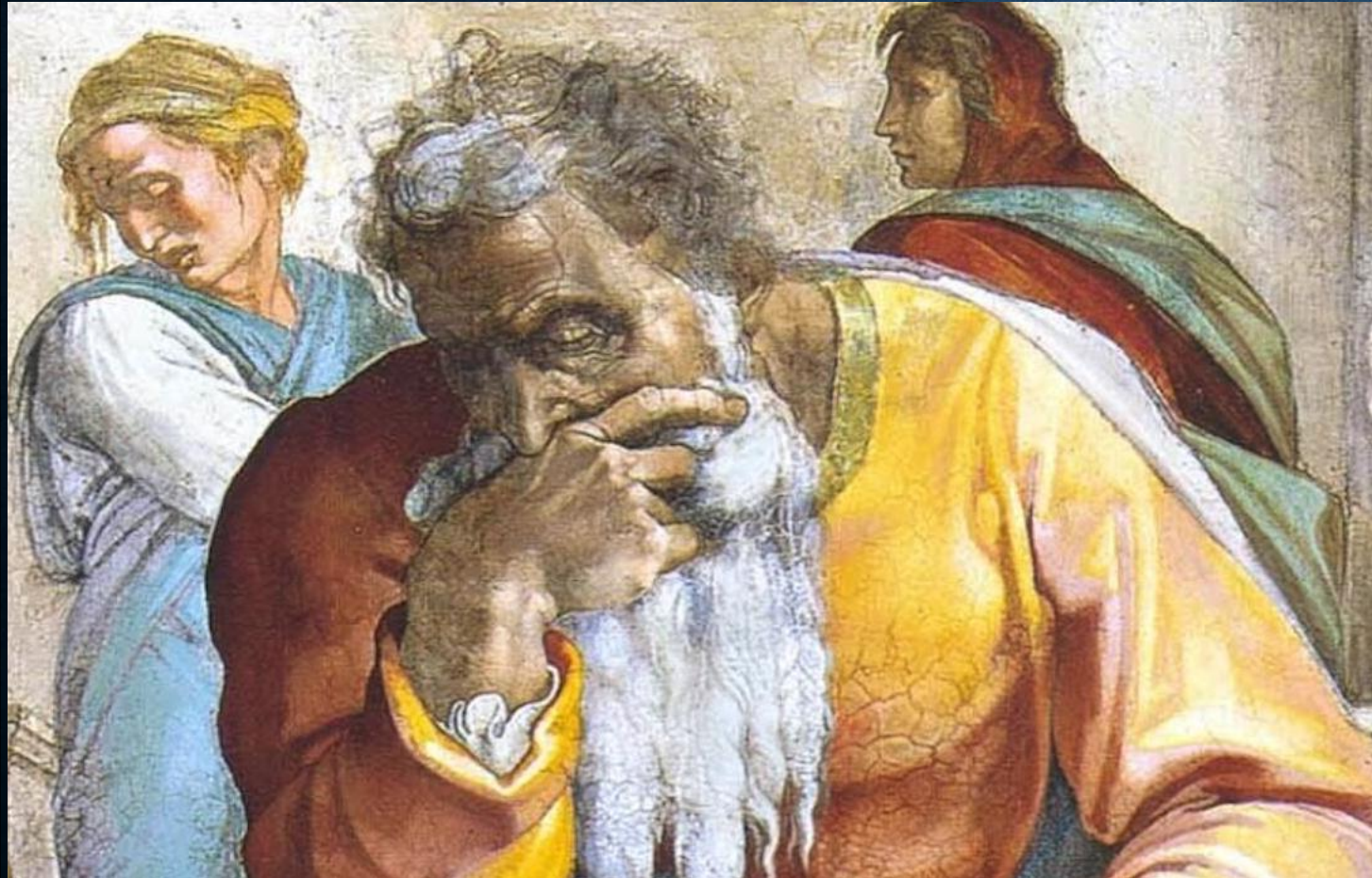


PATIENCE HAS PROVEN HISTORICAL VALUE

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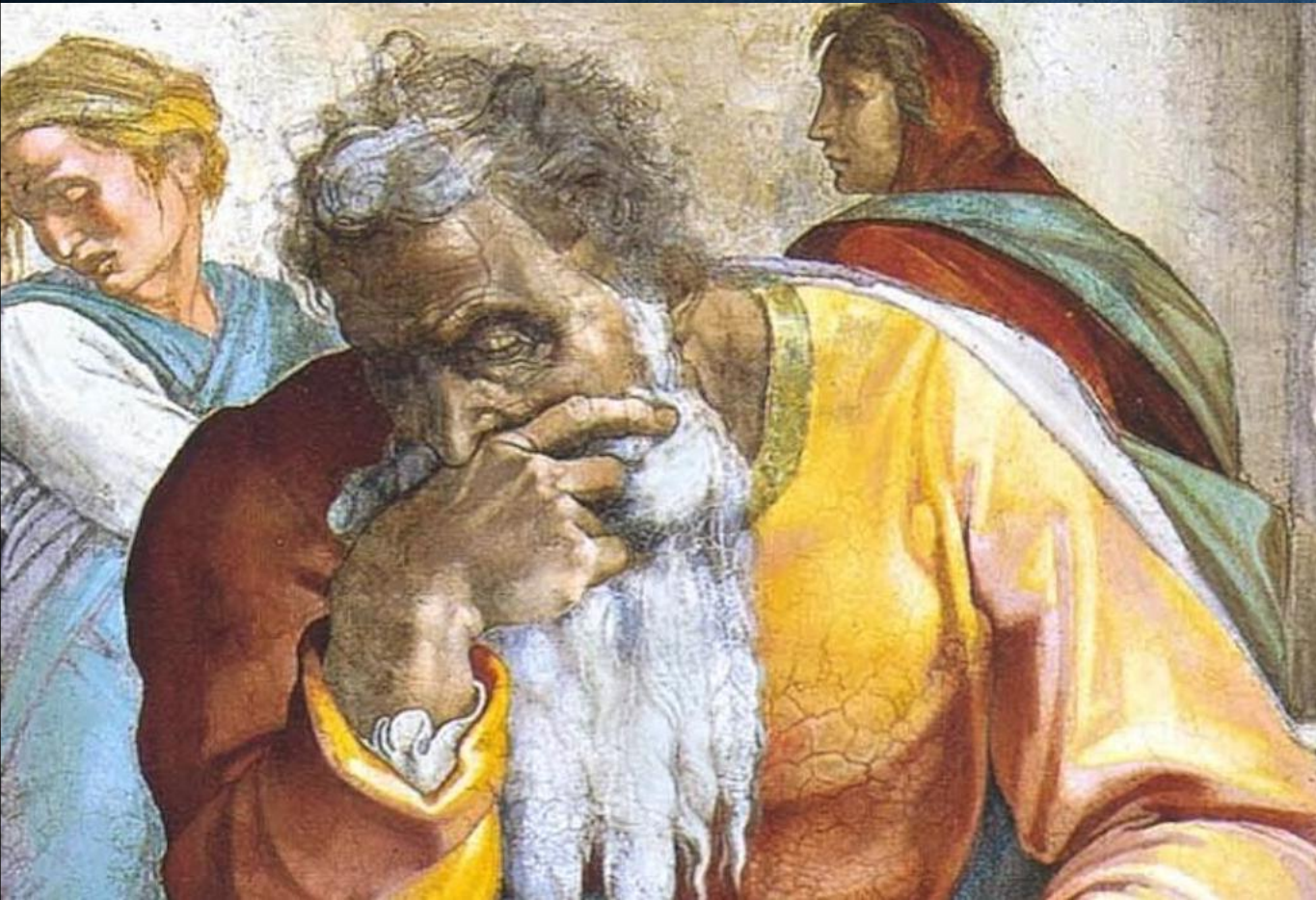
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THE WEEPING PROPHET - JEREMIAH



Jeremiah 1:10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

THE WEEPING PROPHET - JEREMIAH



- Kings Josiah, Jehoiakim and Zedekiah
- Grieved over sin of Judah who ignored his warnings
- Ministry—loneliness and suffering.. 40 years
- Forbidden to marry
- Accused of treason
- Martyred in Egypt by Jews

JEREMIAH LAMENTS ..TO GOD

Jeremiah 12:1 Righteous are you, O LORD,
when I complain to you; yet I would plead my
case before you. Why does the way of the
wicked prosper? Why do all who are
treacherous thrive?

Jeremiah 20:7–9 (ESV) 7 O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

9 If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot

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JOB COMPLAINED TO GOD



Job 24:2-4 (ESV) Some move landmarks; they seize flocks and pasture them. 3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They thrust the poor off the road; the poor of the earth all hide themselves.

BRINGS HIS PAIN OF INJUSTICE TO GOD



Job 24:12 (ESV) From
out of the city the
dying groan, and the
soul of the wounded
cries for help;
yet God charges no one
with wrong.

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JOBS WIFE

Job 2:9–10 (ESV) Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” 10 But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

BLESSING FOR THE PATIENT

10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

PHYSICAL REWARD

- Job 42:10 (ESV) And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before
- Job 42:12–13 (ESV) And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.
- Job 42:16–17 (ESV) And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations. 17 And Job died, an old man, and full of days

SPIRITUAL REWARD

Job 42:5-6 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”



Patience enables us to experience His glory

GOD'S GLORY IS ..



Exodus 33:18–19 (ESV) Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” 19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”

ALL OF GOD'S COVENANT DEALINGS

Psalms 103:8
The LORD is
merciful and
gracious,

slow to anger
and abounding in
steadfast love.

Psalms 111:3-4 Full
of splendor and
majesty is his work,
and his righteousness
endures forever.

4 He has caused his
wondrous works to be
remembered; the LORD
is gracious and
merciful.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE 40 YRS IN DESERT

Deuteronomy 8:16 .. who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

Patience enables us
to experience His
glory



EXPERIENCING THE GLO
OF GOD

ABRAHAM & SARAH

20 YEARS

Patience enables us
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glory



EXPERIENCING THE GLORY OF GOD

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JOSEPH RECONCILES HIS PAIN WHEN HE SEES GOD'S GLORY



Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

FAITH

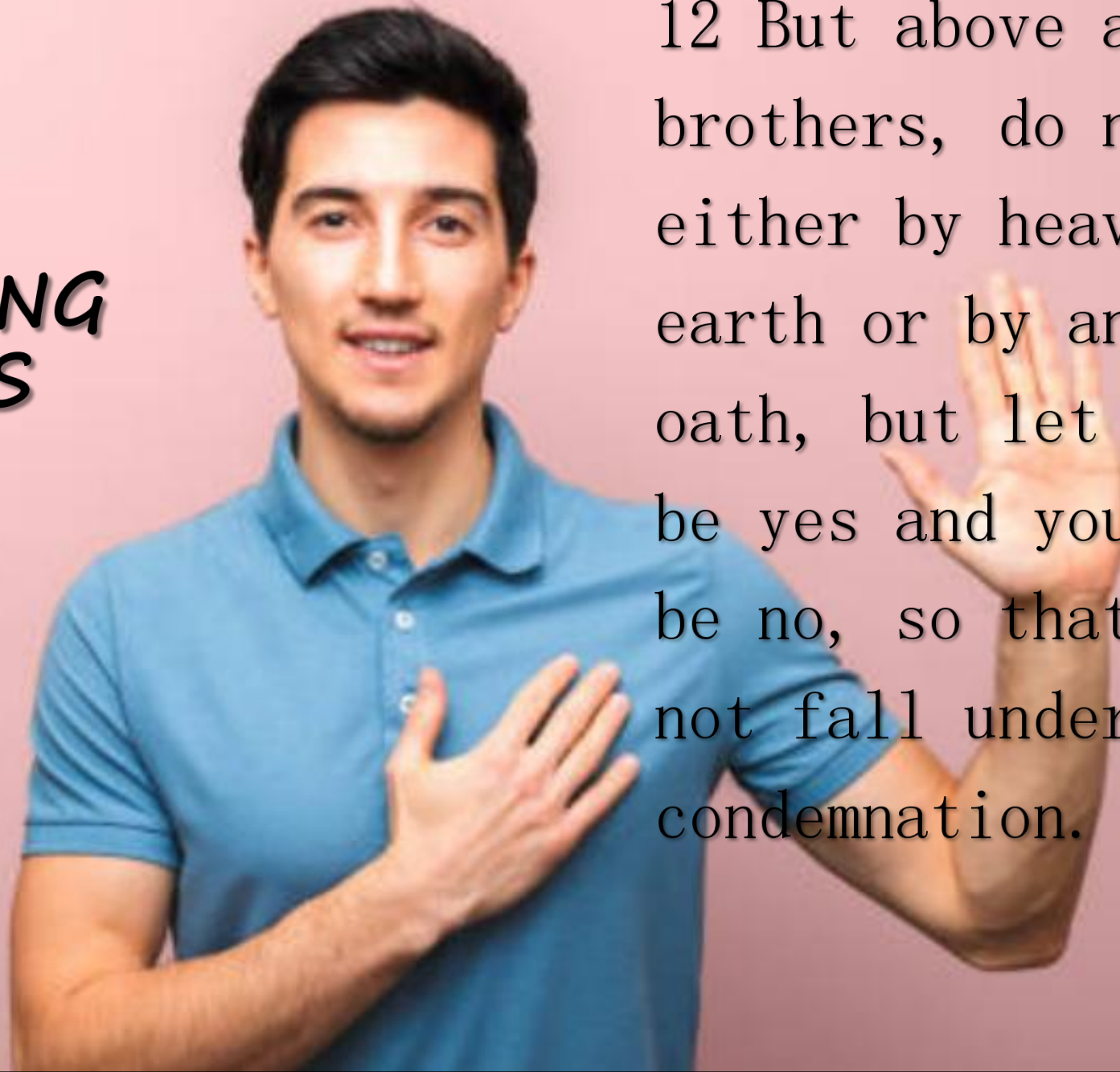
God's Word
Promise



Fulfilment

The bigger the space the greater the faith

SWEARING OATHS



12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

JESUS

Matthew 5:34–37 (ESV) But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ ; anything more than this comes from evil.

CHALLENGE

Psalms 37:4-11 (ESV) 4 Delight yourself in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and

he will act. 6 He will bring forth your

righteousness as the light, and your justice as

the noonday. 7 Be still before the LORD and wait

patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his

8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

9 For the evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;

though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. 11 But the meek shall inherit the land