

CAN A MOTHER FORGET?
ISAIAH 49

WHO IS MORE GOD-LIKE?







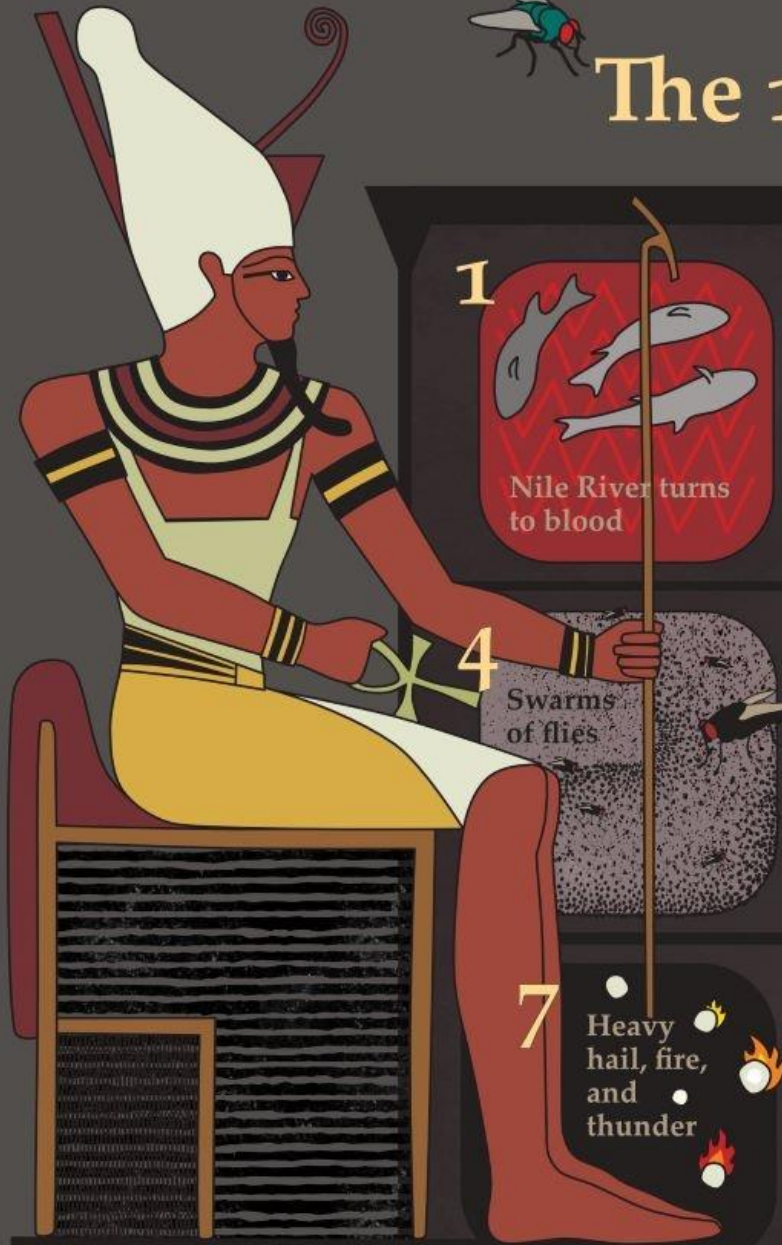


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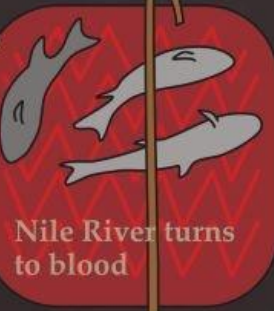


HOW GOD DESCRIBES HIMSELF

The 10 Plagues of Egypt



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Nile River turns to blood

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Frogs

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Gnats

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Swarms of flies

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Plague on livestock

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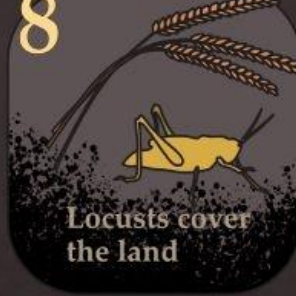
Boils on man and beast

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Heavy hail, fire, and thunder

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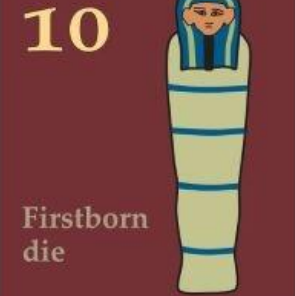
Locusts cover the land

9



Thick darkness

10



Firstborn die

The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.

Exodus 7:5 ESV

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Exodus 34:6 The LORD,
the LORD, the
compassionate and
gracious God, slow to
anger, abounding in
love and faithfulness

80% GOD, 20% HUMAN FEEL SOMETHING IN YOUR CORE



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJEtyAiAQik>

I AM WOMB-ISH?



GOD DEPICTED AS A MOTHER

- Deut 32:18 You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot **the God who gave you birth**
- Matthew 23:37 (also in Luke 13:34) – Jesus says, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, **as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings**, and you were not willing."
- Isaiah 66:13 – "**As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.**"

COMPASSION IS GOD'S NATURE

- **Genesis 4:10** – "The Lord said, 'What have you done? **Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.**'"
- **Genesis 21:17** – "**God heard the boy crying**, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, 'What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there.'"
- **Exodus 3:7** – "The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. **I have heard them crying out** because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.'"
- **Judges 3:9** – "**But when they cried out to the Lord**, He raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them."

GOD'S COMPASSION IS NOT DEPENDENT ON A PERSON'S MERITS.

Nehemiah 9:26 “But they were disobedient and rebelled against you; they turned their backs on your law. They killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you; they committed awful blasphemies. 27 So you delivered them into the hands of their enemies, who oppressed them. But when they were oppressed **they cried out to you**. From heaven you heard them, **and in your great compassion you gave them deliverers**, who rescued them from the hand of their enemies.

28 “But as soon as they were at rest, they again did what was evil in your sight. Then you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies so that they ruled over them. And when **they cried out to you again**, you heard from heaven, and **in your compassion you delivered them time after time**.



HE RESPONDS TO ALL WHO CRY

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1. God's compassion
2. Compassion incarnate

Isa 49:14 But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.”
15 “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!



WE DESIRE COMPASSION



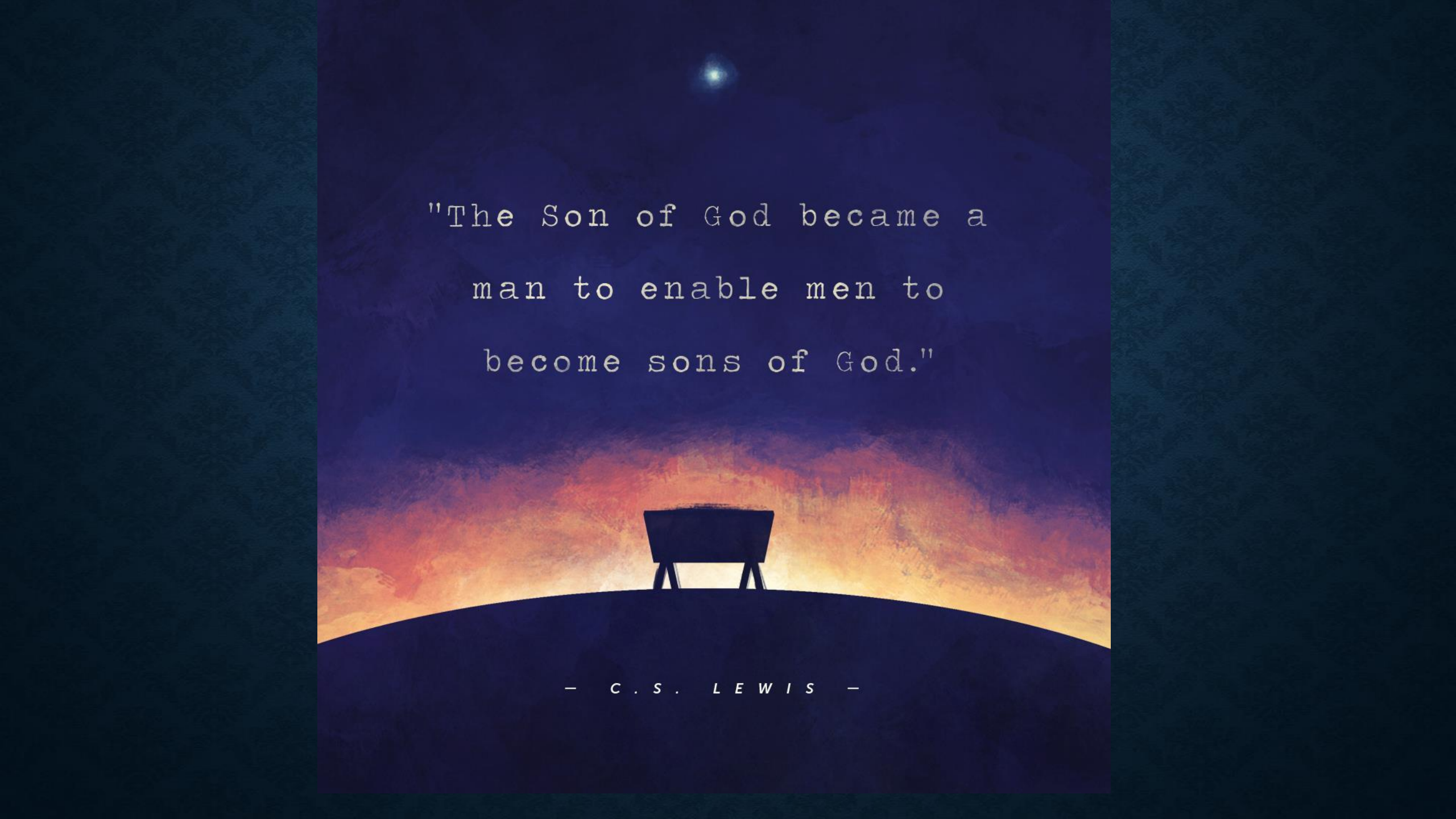
GOD'S SERVANT - COMPASSION INCARNATE

- V1-2 Distant lands and people
- God's Servant has been planned from long ago
- Awaiting for the right time

- V5-6 Gathering Israel and a light for the gentiles

- V7 Promise of honor despite rejection

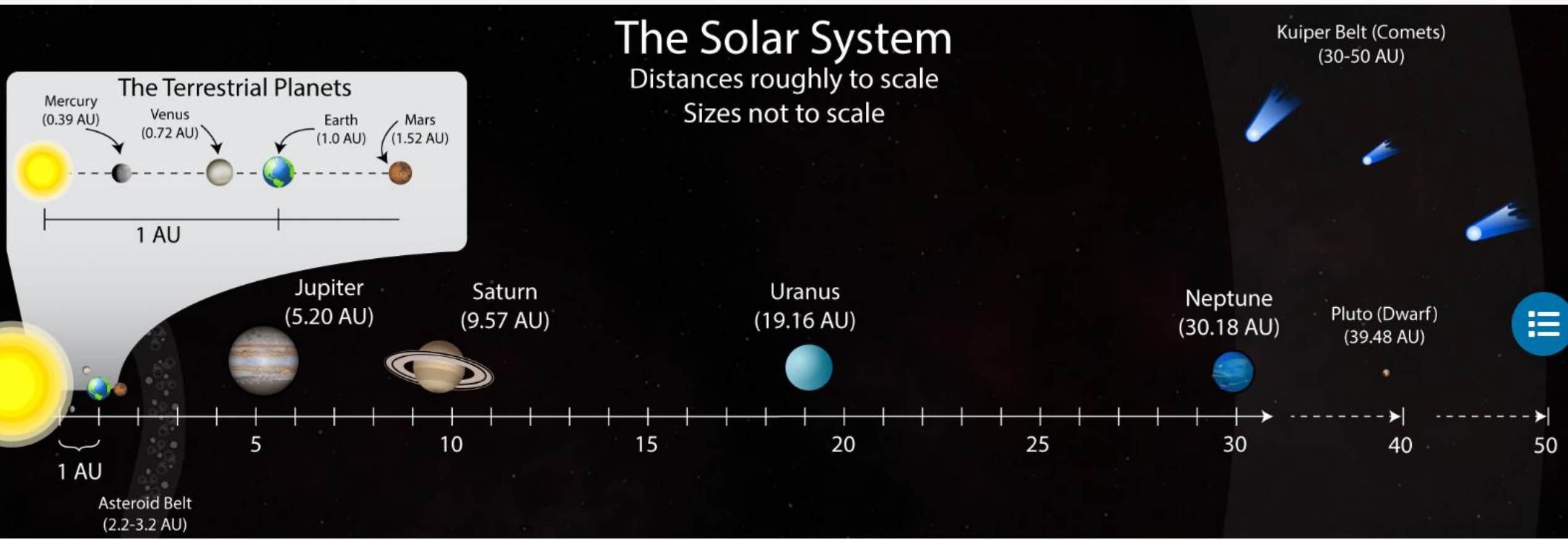
- V9 Captives set free
- V10 God will guide His people with compassion and provide for them
- V11-12 Obstacles will be removed and salvation will be widespread



"The Son of God became a
man to enable men to
become sons of God."

— C . S . L E W I S —

THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF COMPASSION



Earth to Sun = 1 AU = 150mil km

If earth size = 1cm, observable universe = 690trillion km

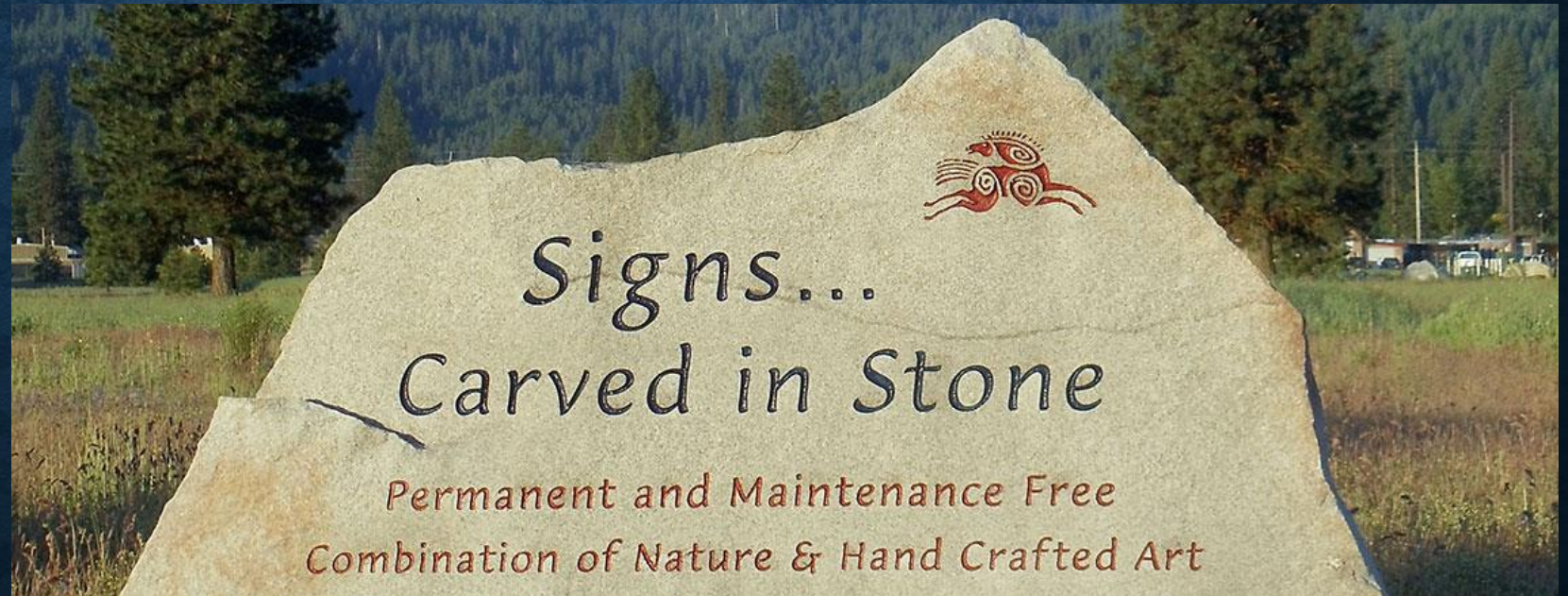
Solar system = 100,000 AU

Milky way = 1.9bil AU

Observable universe = 1.7quintillion AU

RESTORATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Isa 49:16 See, I have engraved you **on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.**



IT CANNOT BE PUNISHMENT



JESUS UNDERSTANDS

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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1. God's compassion
2. Compassion incarnate
3. God's deliverance

GOD IS NOT FINISHED YET

Isaiah 49:17 Your children hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you. 18 Lift up your eyes and look around; all your children gather and come to you.

As surely as I live,” declares the Lord, “you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride.



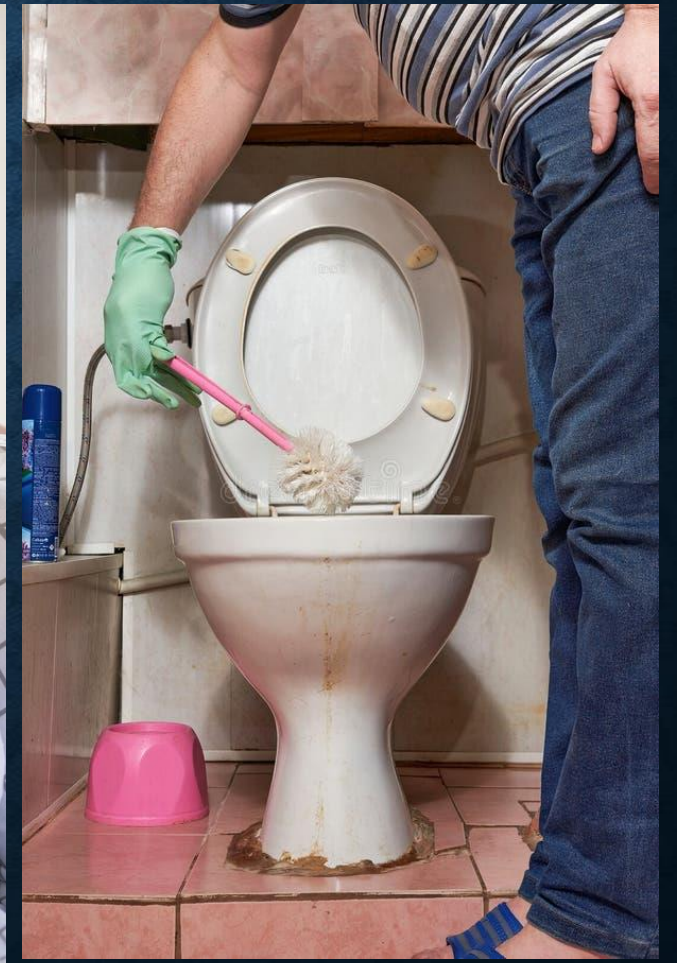
GOD IS PERFECTING US

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.





HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE?



JEFF BEZOS

- Decisiveness
- Visionary
- Customer focus
- Innovation
- Strategic thinking
- Adaptability
- Strong communication
- Result oriented
- Risk taking
- Analytical thinking
- Planning

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Entrepreneurs see what others can't, do what others won't, and accomplish what others dream.

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— Ryan Lilly

SUCCESS = INFLUENCE, WEALTH, POWER?



QUALITIES THAT DO NOT CO-EXIST



COMPASSION



STRENGTH

COMPASSION HAS AN AGENDA



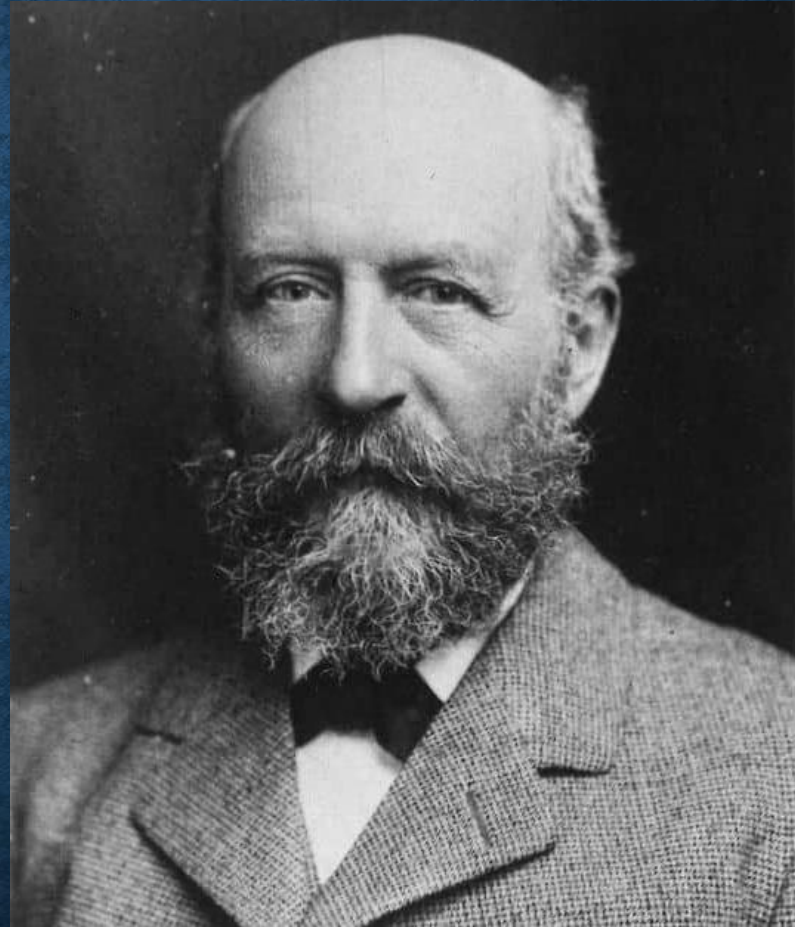


DRUNK FOR A PENNY, DEAD DRUNK FOR TWO PENCES



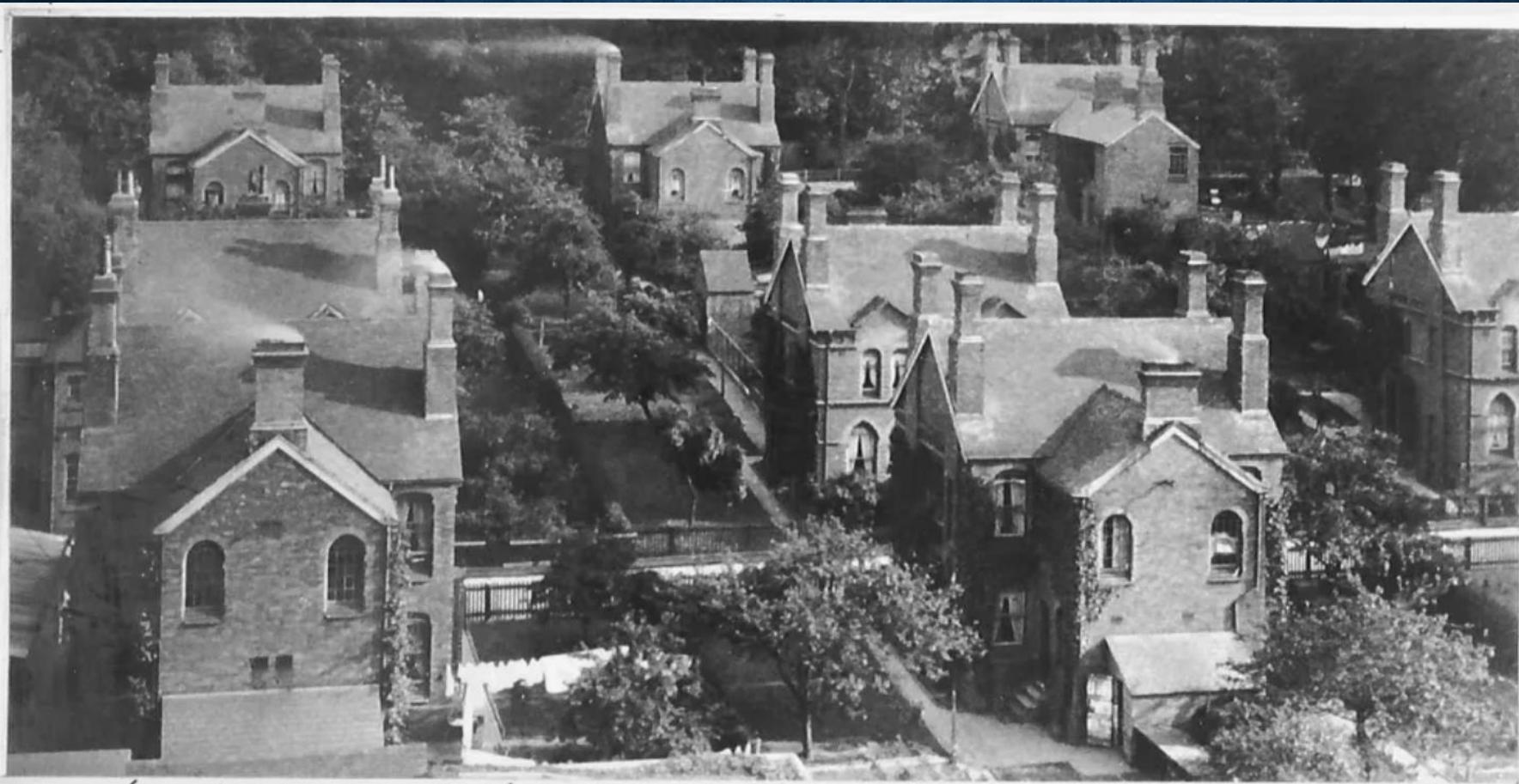
JOHN CADBURY

- 1824 – Quaker businessman opened his first shop in Birmingham's Bull street.
- Devoted to temperance movement
- To provide beverages as a substitute for alcohol.
- Created machines to clean chimneys replacing young boys
- Created the forerunner of RSPCA



<https://www.cadbury.com.au/our-history#:~:text=John%20Cadbury%20opens%20a%20grocer&text=His%20vision%20was%20to%20provide,using%20a%20pestle%20and%20mortar.>

1880 - Factory in a garden in Bournville



It is the desire of the Founder that dwellings may occupy about one-fourth part of the sites on which they are built....

Bournville Village Trust



MOTHERS, WHAT DO YOU DO?



YOUR NAME IS ON THE PALM OF MY HANDS

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THE SERVANT KING

From Heaven, You came helpless babe

Entered our world, your glory veiled

Not to be served but to serve

And give Your life that we might live

There in the garden of tears

My heavy load he chose to bear

His heart with sorrow was torn

"Yet not My will but Yours", He said

Come see His hands and His feet

The scars that speak of sacrifice

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve

And in our lives enthrone Him

Each other's needs to prefer

For it is Christ we're serving

Benediction (Exodus 34:6)

“May the Lord, compassionate and gracious, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, go before you and guide you. May His boundless mercy surround you, His enduring love uphold you, and His faithfulness strengthen you in every step. Go in peace, knowing that you are held by a God who understands us and have engraved us on the palm of His hands. Amen.”