

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Bridging Intimacy With God

Study 2

Praying for our World

Psalm 2



INTRODUCTION---INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Anonymous



Psalm 1

How do we live in our spiritual journey
Blessed is the one who meditates on the
Word

Anonymous



Psalm 2

How do we understand the world in which
we must live the life of obedience
Poetic reflection of God's promise to David
in 2 Sam 7...Blessed are those who take
refuge in the Messianic king

PSALM 2

1-3 The futile
human
rebellion

4-9 Gods
response to
rebellion: The
Messiah

10-12 Our
response to the
Messiah

PSALM READ AT TWO LEVELS

Messianic King

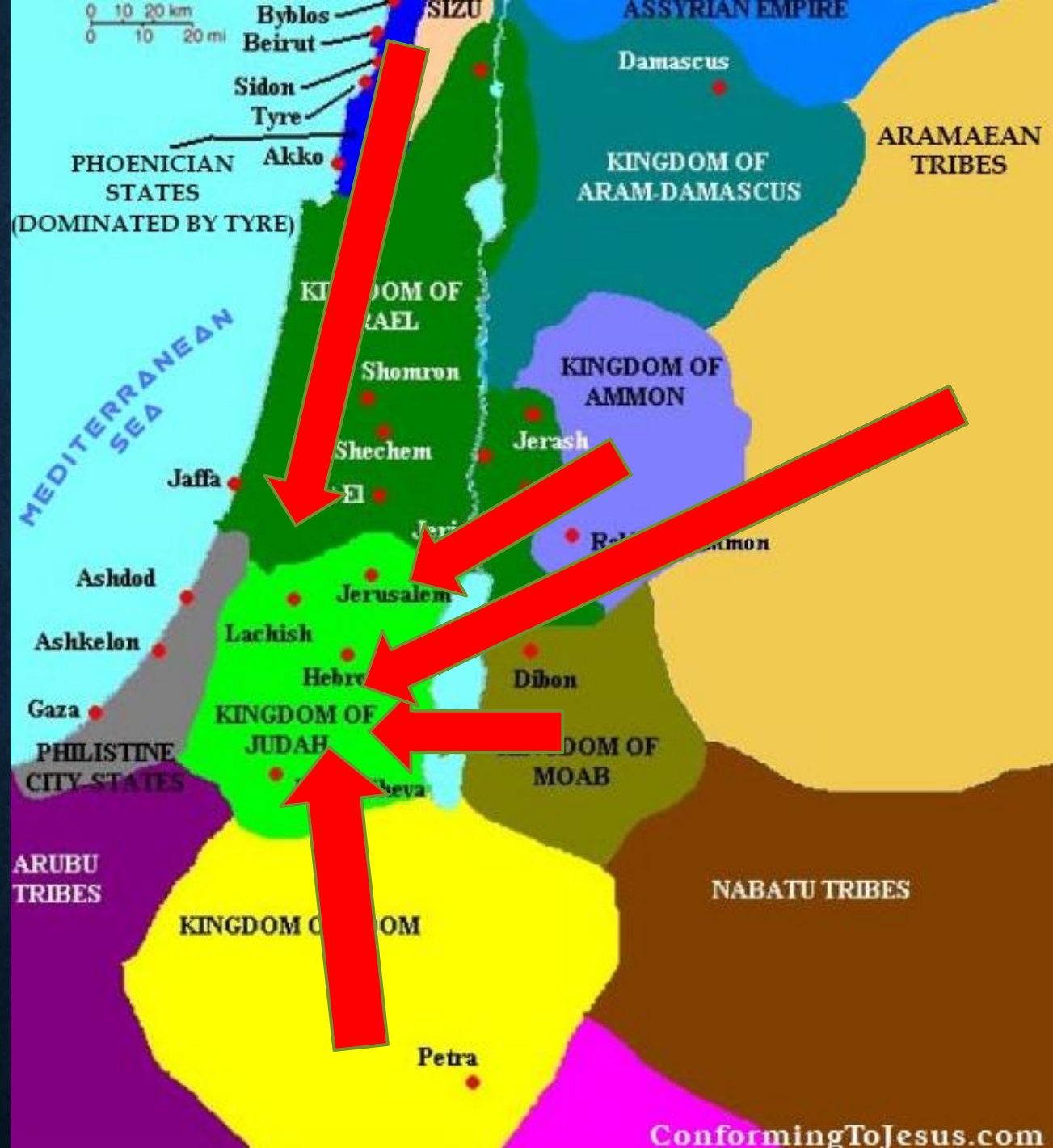


Davidic king



THE FUTILE REBELLION V 1-3

Psalms 2 (ESV) Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”



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Ammonites
Moabites
Edomites
Phoenecians.

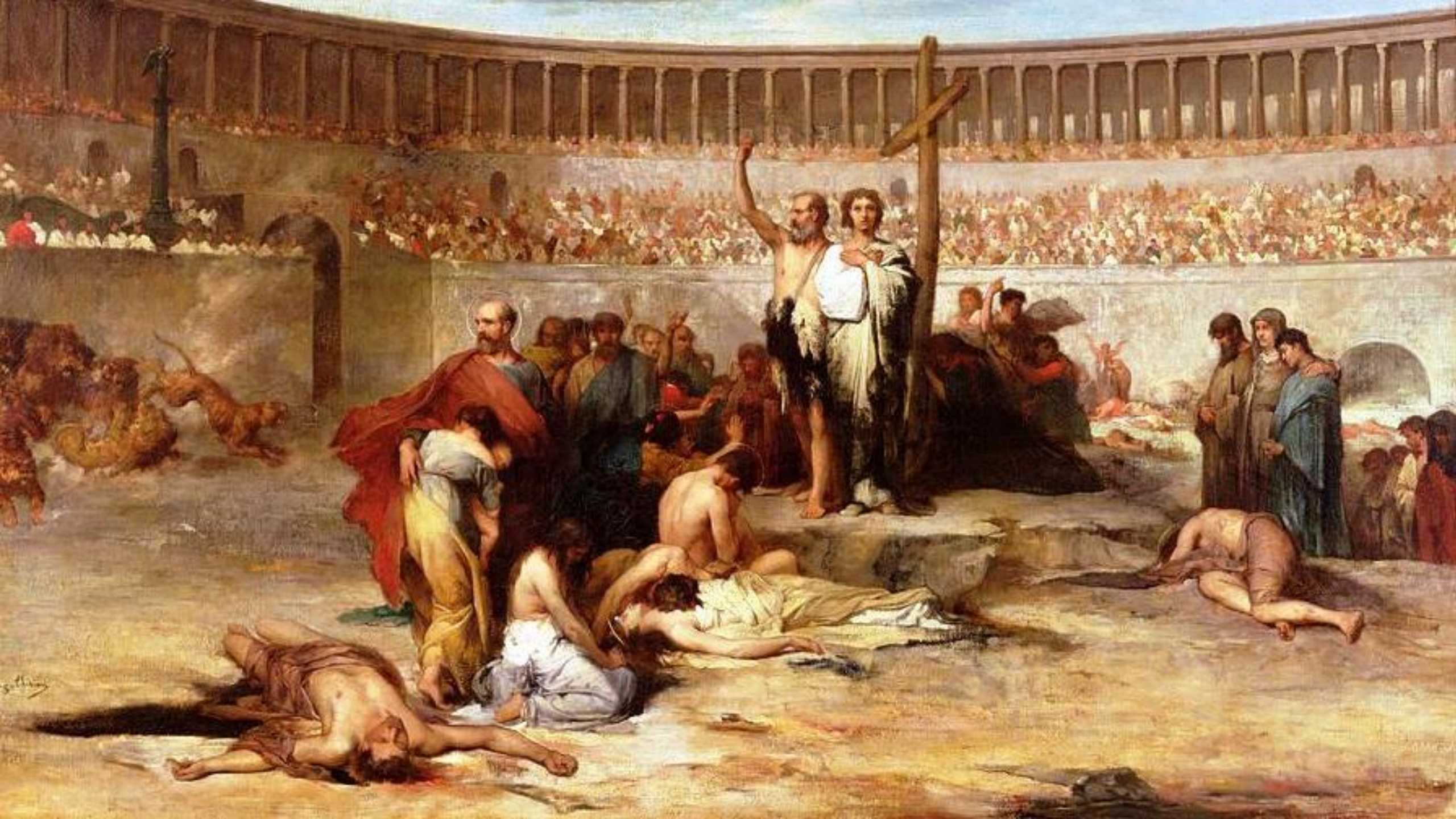


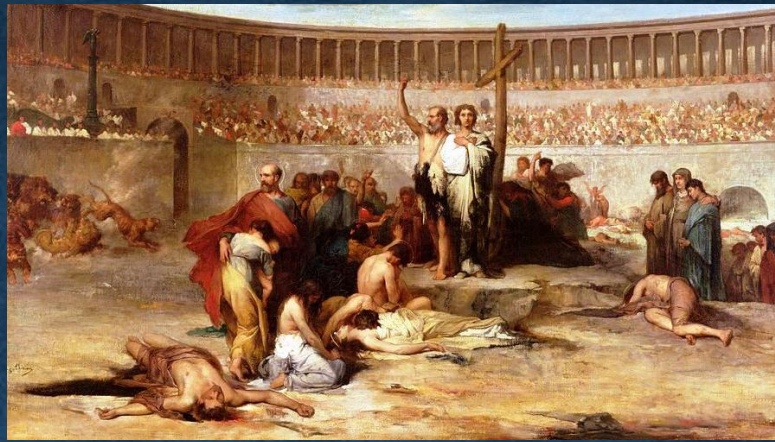
Acts 4:23-29 Apostles arrested and then released

24 And when they heard it, they lifted
their voices together, and said,
and the people plotted in vain?
25 And the king of the Jews made the
heaven and the earth and the sea and
everything in them, gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed—
the mouth of our father David, your
servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVENTS

Acts 4: 27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.





Emperor worship

Religious syncretism


Romans included foreign culture
with theirs to prevent rebellion
Christians rejection regarded as
stubbornness

Rumors and accuse

Lords supper as cannibalism
No visible idols = Atheists
Abstain from temple events



Umno man Lokman Noor Adam to protest DAP's alleged Christianisation plot 11/7/18

A man wearing a black cap and glasses is speaking into a microphone. He is standing in front of a group of people seated at tables. The setting appears to be an outdoor or semi-outdoor event with blue and white striped awnings. The audience consists of men and women of various ages, some wearing traditional Malaysian attire like the songkok and hijab. The man is gesturing with his right hand while speaking.

"Look at our ministers now - Lim Guan Eng is Christian, Anthony Loke is Christian, Tony Pua is Christian, Hannah Yeoh is Christian. "We need to be wary, they will use their politics as a platform to spread Christianity,"

Pasir Salak MP Tajuddin Abdul Rahman
Commenting on pastors celebrating Harapan victory May 9 election

LET'S EXAMINE THE WORDS

peoples of the world interpret the laws and claims of God to be a form of oppression.

Plotting is meditating

the peoples **plot** in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

MEDITATION

*“what your heart of hearts does to any
foundational principle or idea”*

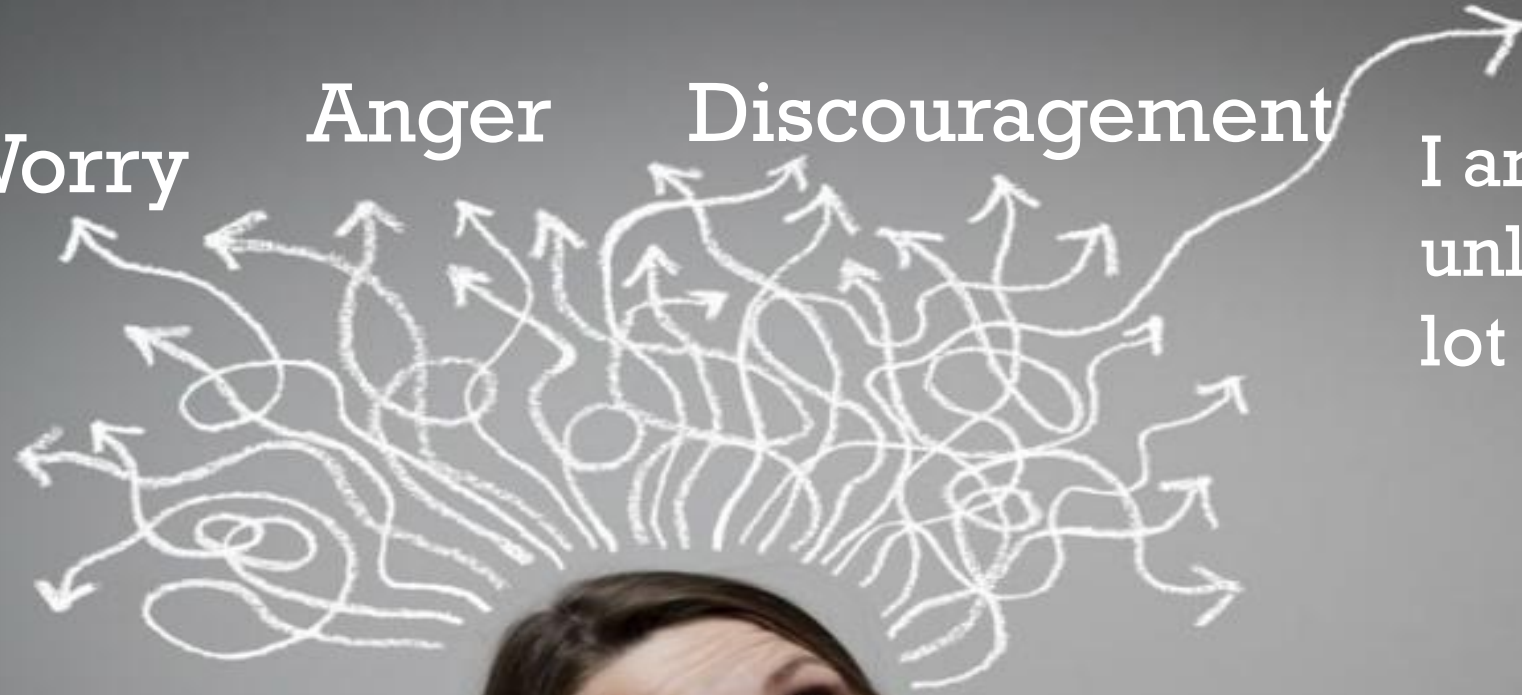


Worry

Anger

Discouragement

I am nobody
unless I make a
lot of money



LETS EXAMINE THE WORDS

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Yoke



WHY



Romans 8:7-8 (ESV) 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to **God's law**; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

SEX AGAINST GOD

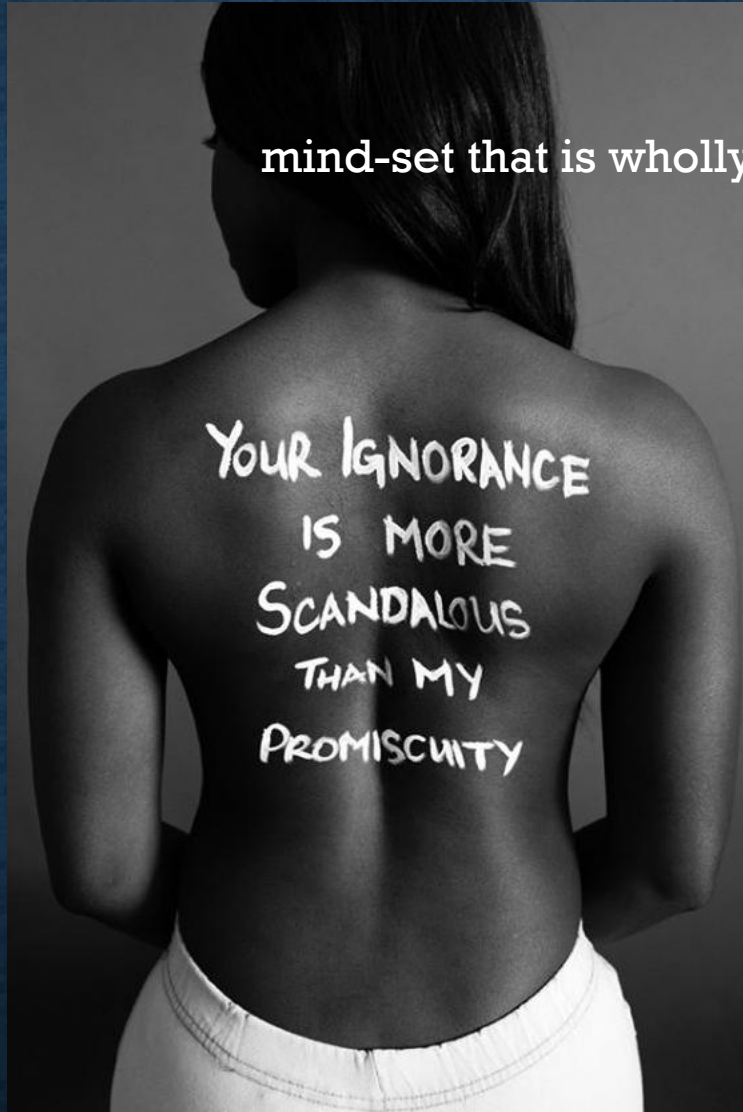
mind-set that is wholly aimed at pleasing oneself.

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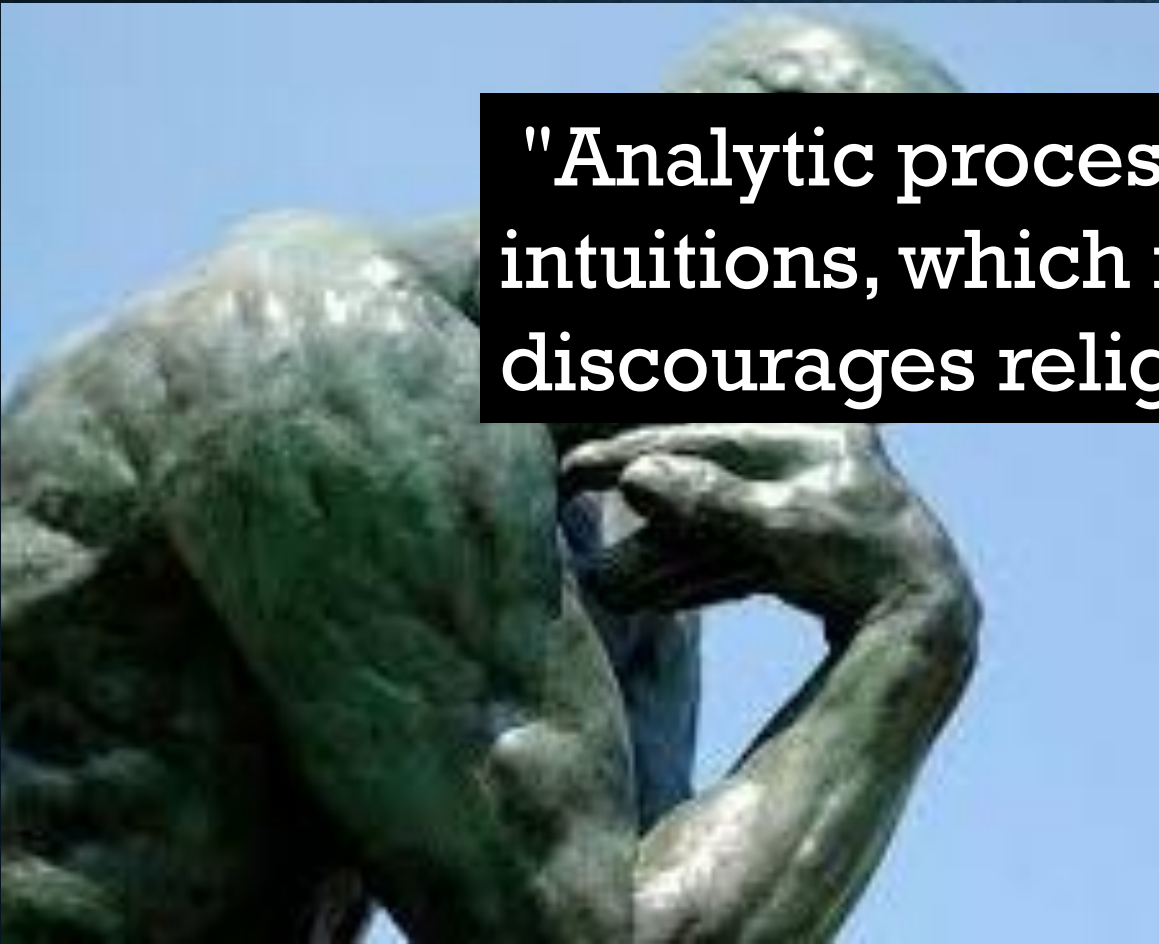
MIND

Losing Your Religion: Analytic Thinking Can Undermine Belief

A series of new experiments shows that analytic thinking can override intuitive assumptions, including those that underlie religious belief

By Marina Krakovsky on April 26, 2012

"Analytic processing inhibits these intuitions, which in turn discourages religious belief,"



Score for belief in
God was 41.42

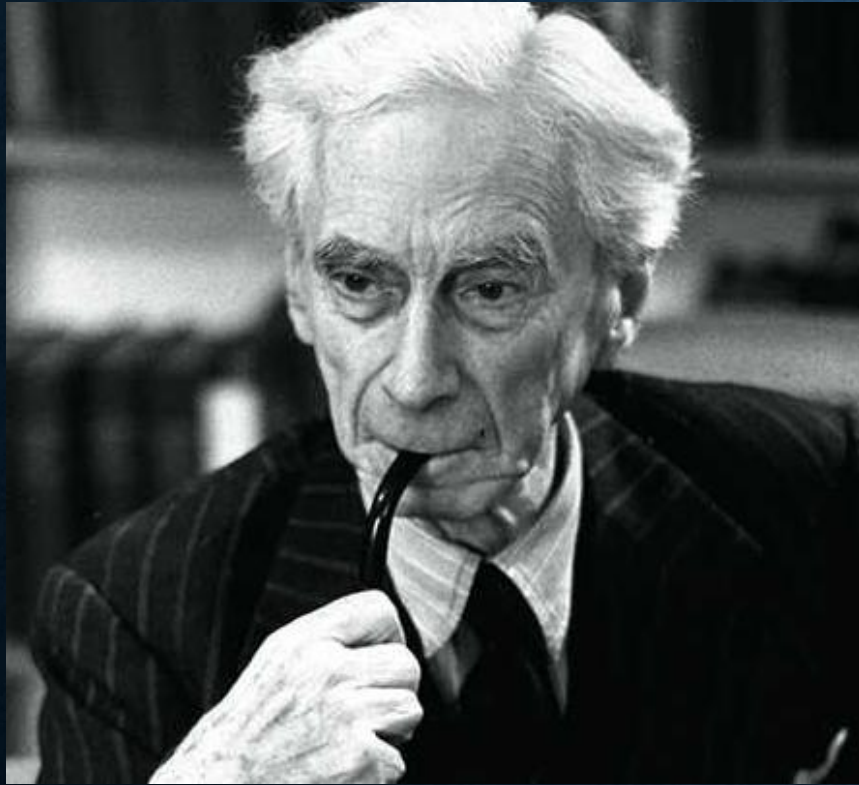


Score for belief in
God was 61.55

University of British Columbia psychologists Will Gervais and Ara Norenzayan

BERTRAND RUSSELL

1927 LECTURE WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN



"Religion is based primarily and mainly upon fear. It is partly the terror of the unknown and partly the wish to feel that you have a kind of elder brother who will stand by you in all your troubles and disputes. Fear is the basis of the whole thing – fear of the mysterious, fear of defeat, fear of death. Fear is the parent of cruelty, and therefore it is no wonder if cruelty and religion have gone hand in hand. It is because fear is at the basis of those two things."

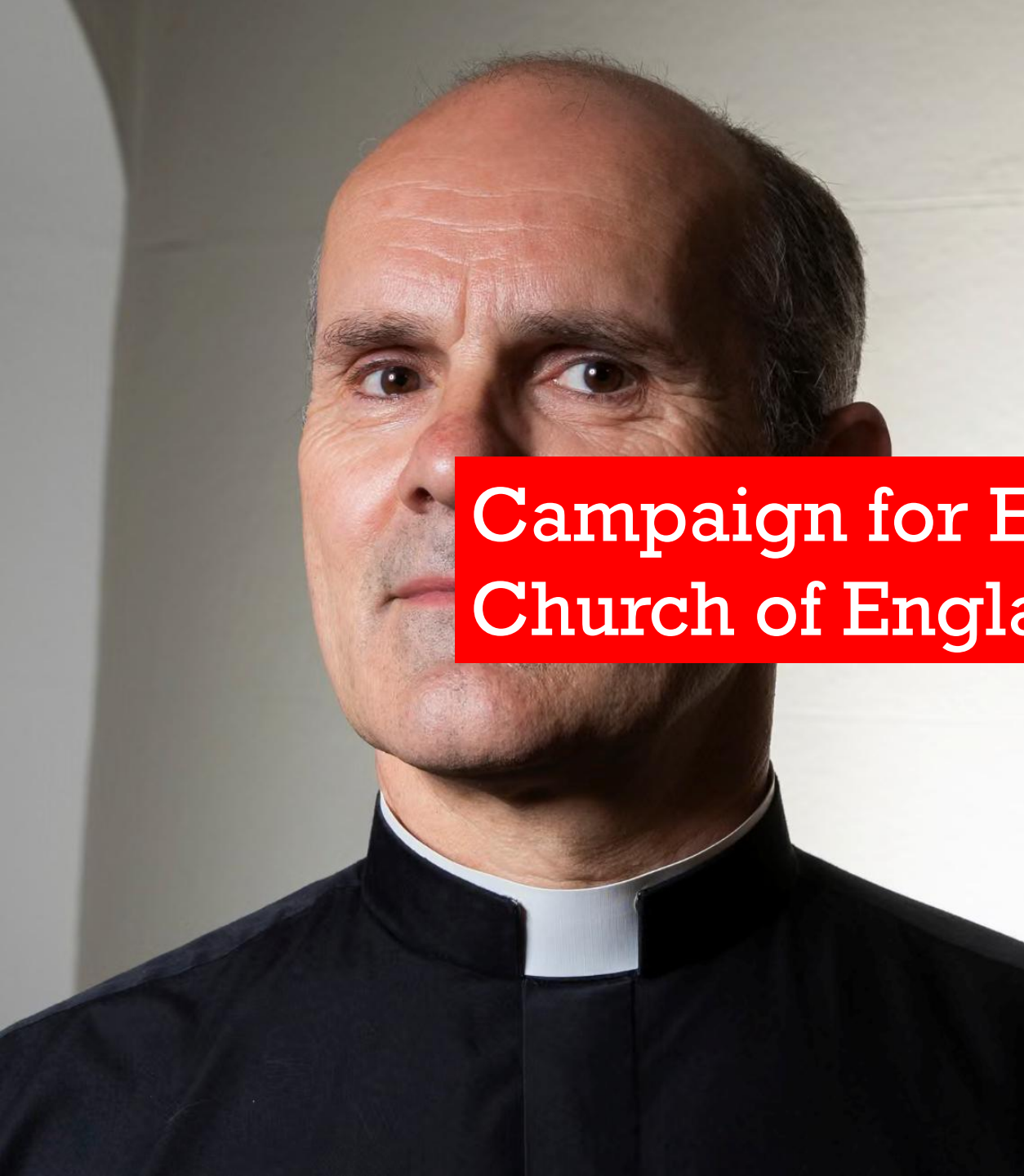
CONFESSIONS OF AN ATHEIST: WHY I LEFT THE FAITH

MALAYSIAN CHRONICLE

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I don't have to try to fit in the divine when science can explain the way the world works. I don't have to bother with the sexist and the sexist religions. If other people believe in their husbands because the bible tells them to do so, that's up to them. But at least now, I can choose not to and I'm free to seek a more egalitarian relationship outside the misogynistic boundaries of religion.

Truth does not depend on what you like or on what meake most sense to you personally



Campaign for Equal Marriage in the Church of England 2019

US SUPREME COURT DEFIES GOD

On June 26, 2015, the US Supreme Court **struck down** states' **same sex marriage** bans as unconstitutional, effectively bringing marriage equality to all 50 states





LINA JOY. MAY 2007 THE GUARDIAN

Rejected a Muslim-born woman's appeal to be recognised as a Christian

HOW WE ARE TRYING TO BURST HIS BONDS

Subconscious idols



Tell tale emotions

Surface sins

Anger

Greed

Fear

Pride

Anxiety

Lust

Unhappiness

Gossip

Aggression



**B. GOD'S RESPONSE TO
REBELLION: THE MESSIAH**

GOD RESPONDS: HIS SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES HIS KING

**4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds
them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his
wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying**

Wrath and anger





Chad Coking

GOD RESPONDS TO REBELLION

6 “As for me, I have set **my King on Zion, my holy hill.**” 7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, **“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”** 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

FULFILMENT

Hebrews 1:3-5 (ESV) **After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

5 For 2 Samuel 7:13-14 (ESV) 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.

“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

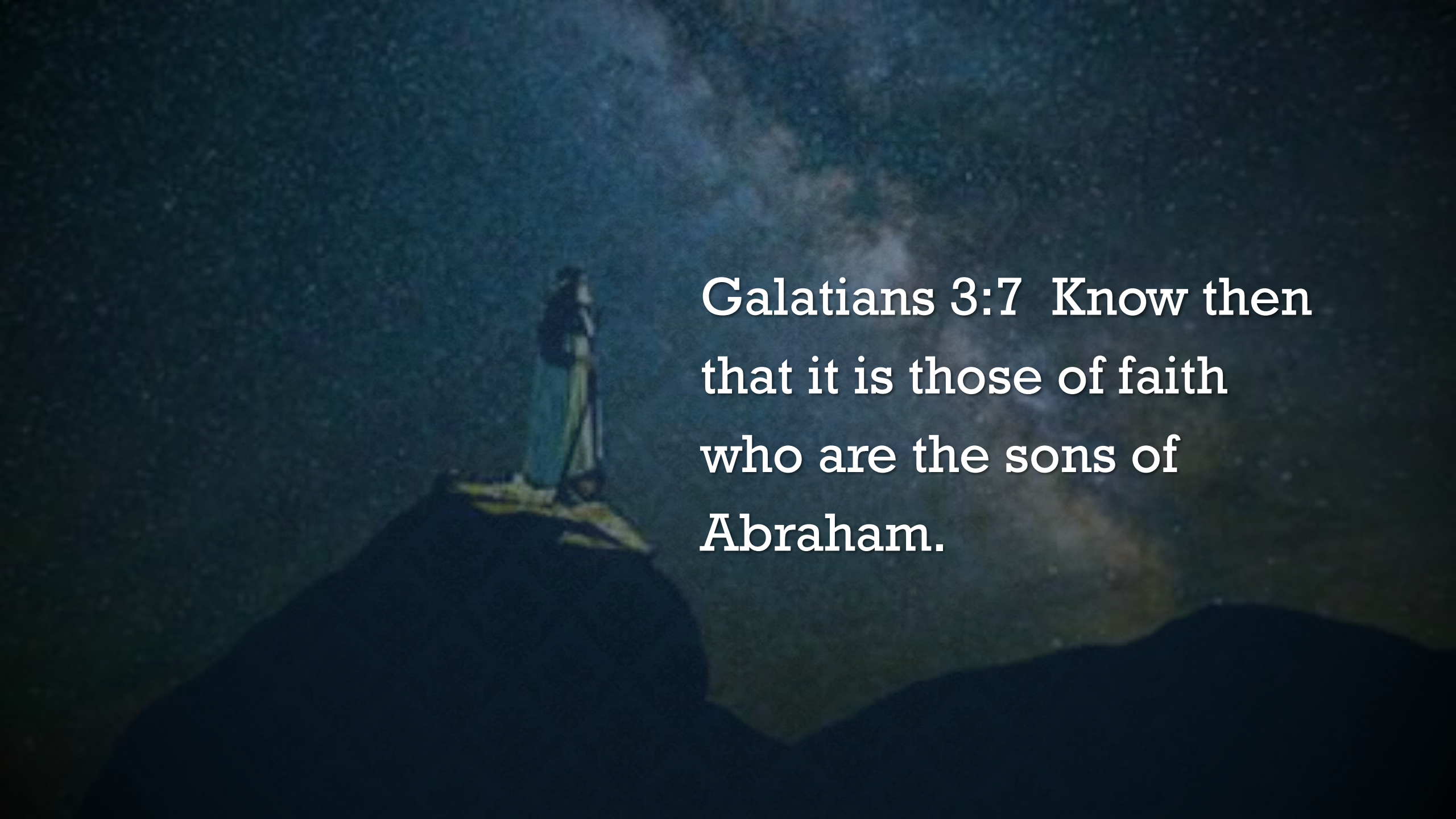
2 Sam 7:14

Sonship has overtone of
function not genetics





Son of Belial ..son of
worthlessness. Not
insult to father but
saying he is acting so
worthlessly

A person in a blue robe stands on a dark, rocky peak, looking up at a vast night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The scene is dark and atmospheric, with the person's figure silhouetted against the bright celestial background.

Galatians 3:7 Know then
that it is those of faith
who are the sons of
Abraham.

FULFILMENT-RESURRECTION

Acts 13:32-34 (ESV) And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, 33 this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

“‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.’

34 And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption

FULFILMENT IN HEAVEN

Hebrews 1:3-5 (ESV) **After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on**

high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

GOD RESPONDS TO REBELLION

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possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

Egyptian custom where the name of the city under Pharaohs control will be placed in a jar and placed in the temple.



ULTIMATE APPLICATION

Revelation 2:26-29 (ESV) The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will **give**

authority over the nations,

27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself

have received authority from my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

APPLICATION

UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIME AND BOLDNESS IN THE GOSPEL : ACTS 4:29-31 (ESV)

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and **grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,** 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

DIOCLETIAN



I. "Diocletian Jovian Maximian Herculeus Caesares Augusti, for having extended the Roman Empire in the east and the west, and for having extinguished the name of Christians, who brought the Republic to ruin."—

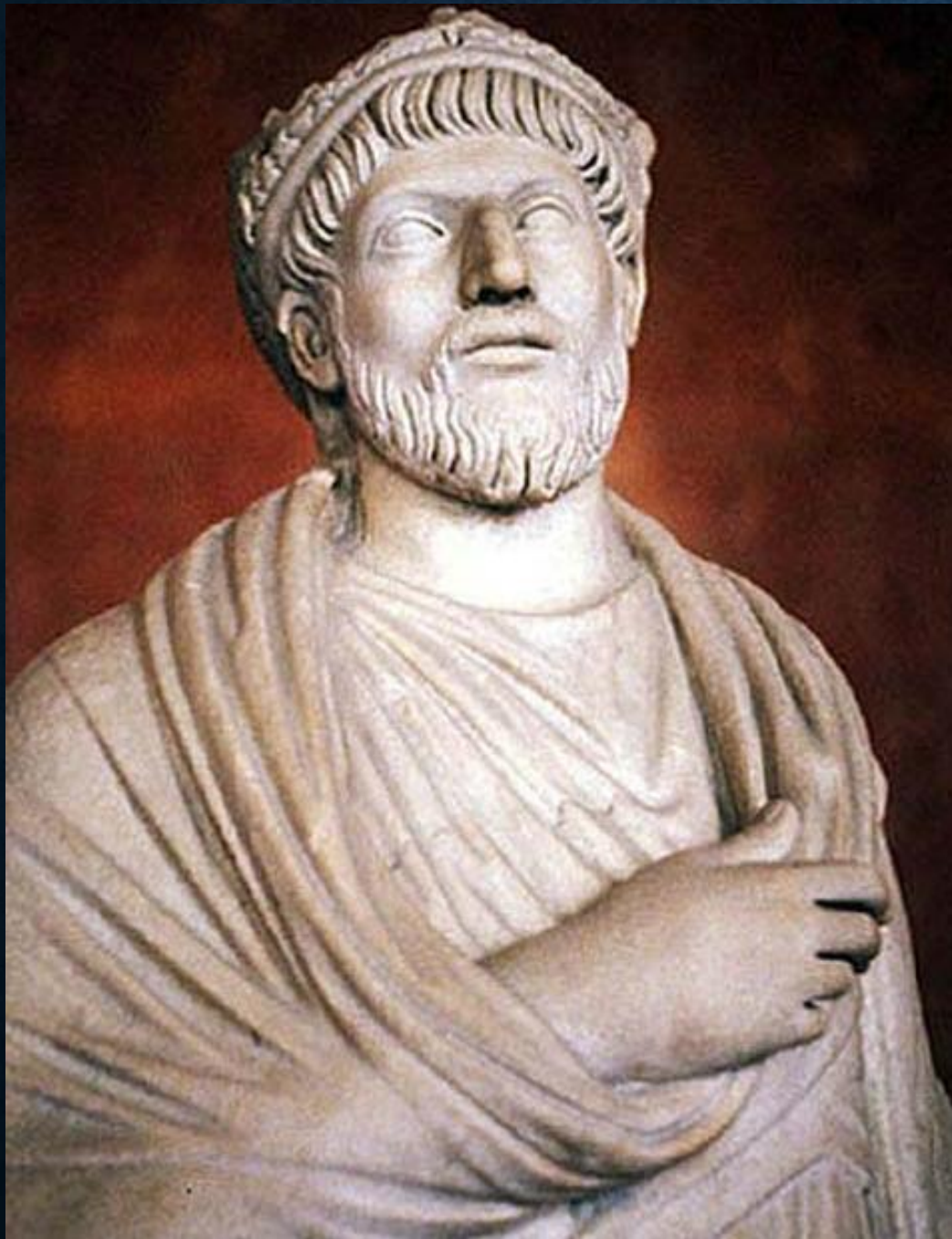


"The name of Christians being extinguished."

THIRTY ROMAN EMPERORS WHO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS BITTERLY



- One became mad
- One Slain by own son
- Blind
- Strangled
- Sudden death
- Six died Horrible disease
- Three committed suicide
- Five assassinated
- Nine killed in battle or died in captivity



EMPEROR JULIAN THE APOSTATE

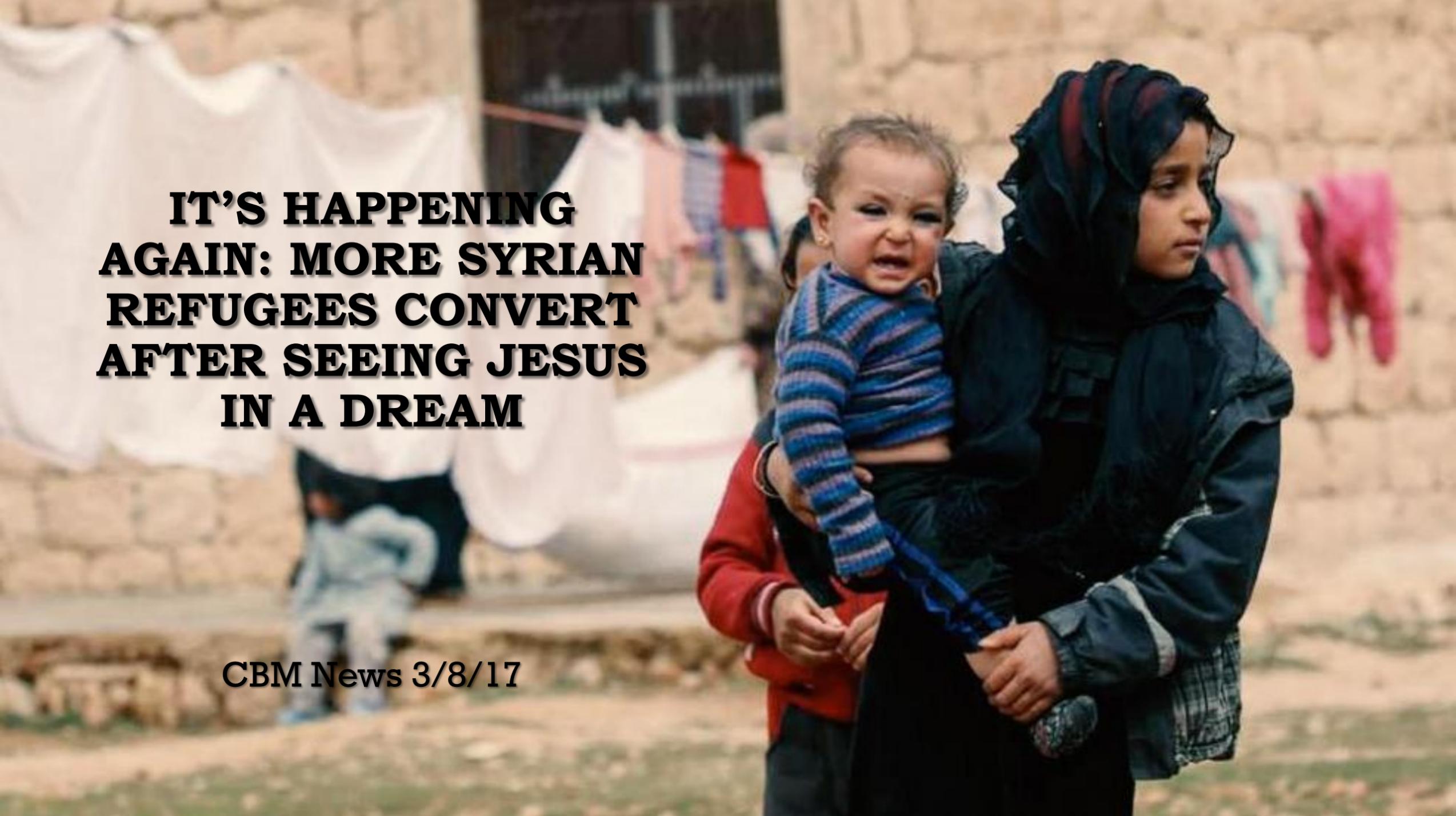
*Thou has conquered,
O thou Galilean*

A young girl in a red dress is walking barefoot on a large pile of rubble and debris. She is looking towards the camera with a determined expression. In the background, another child is visible on the rubble. The scene is set in a war-torn urban environment with damaged buildings and exposed rebar visible in the background.

Through a War, God Brings Revival to Syria

Claire Evans 1/9/18

www.persecution.org



**IT'S HAPPENING
AGAIN: MORE SYRIAN
REFUGEES CONVERT
AFTER SEEING JESUS
IN A DREAM**

CBM News 3/8/17

A red metal gate with a cross on top and Chinese characters on the building behind it. The gate is made of red metal bars and has a cross on top. The building behind the gate is red and has Chinese characters on it. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**CHINA
LAUNCHES
MASSIVE NEW
WAVE OF
PERSECUTION
AGAINST
CHRISTIANS:
'THERE IS NO
FREEDOM AT
ALL'**

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Kyla Root

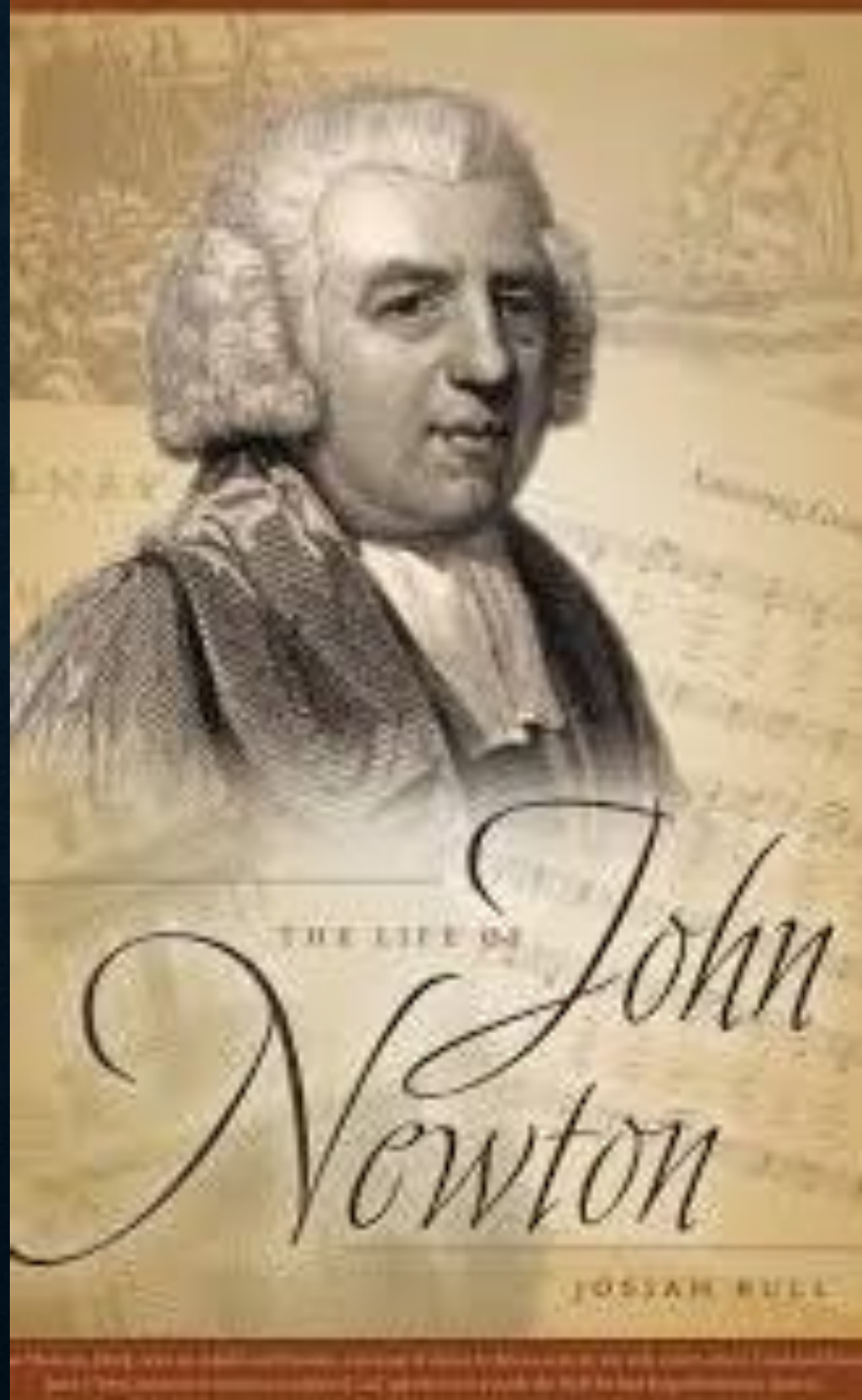
[CBN new.com](http://CBNnew.com)

2. OUR CONFIDENCE IN HIM

Ephesians 2:4-7 (ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been

saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7

so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus



3. OUR EXPECTATION OF HIM

“Thou art coming to a King. Large petitions to thee bring for His grace and power are such none can ever ask too much”

4. TAKE REFUGE IN THE SON

Psalm 2: 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO THE KING

Refuge in the Son

Service

With fear

Enjoy

With trembling

Awe and
wonderment not
trivial familiarity

Submission

With humility
Lest he be angry

Authority
Repentance and Faith

SERVICE

Religion

Self centered

In order to gain
something from God

Fellow man is a
means to an end

Sacrifice out of guilt

Burn out

Service dependant
on feedback

Gospel

God centered

Grateful response
to His love

Love for fellow man

Sacrifice out of gratitude

Joyful from his empowerment

Serve despite
criticism

REJOICE

Religion

Self centered

Dependant -blessings
we receive in return

Joy from
recognition

Bitterness when we do
not get our way

Gospel

God centered

Satisfaction from
glorifying Him

Enjoy making a
difference

Rejoice in suffering

SUBMISSION/REPENTANCE

Religion

Self centered

Sorry for the consequences of sin

Avoid the punishment

Atone for our sins...feel miserable

Bitter struggle as strive for moral good

Repent less and less...see our faults

Gospel

God centered

Sorry for the Sin itself

Sin displeases God

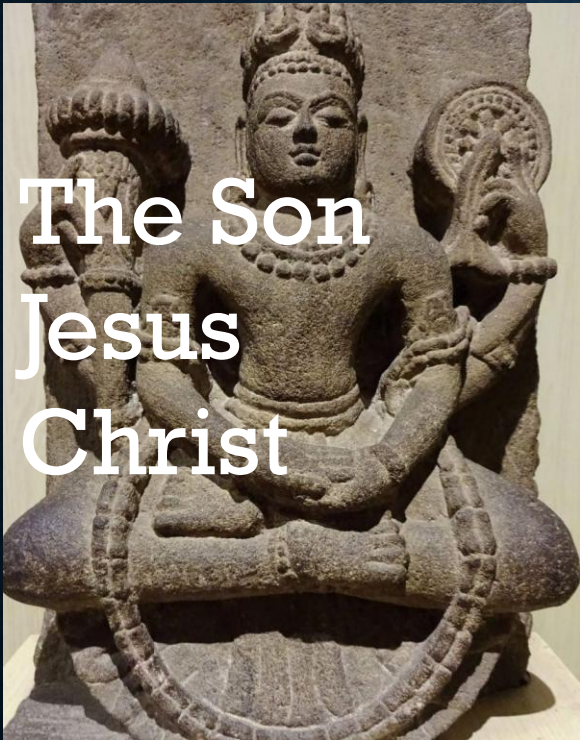
Receive our forgiveness

Joyful because accepted in Christ

Repent more and more-see His grace

HOW DO WE FIND REFUGE IN THE SON

Subconscious idols



The Son
Jesus
Christ



Tell tale emotions Surface sins

Anger
Peace

Joy
Fear

Love

Anxiety
Boldness

Unhappiness

Greed

Pride

Lust

Greed

Aggression

INTRODUCTION---INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE-TWO WAYS TO LIVE



Psalm 1 Blessedness : Living by the Word



Psalm 2 Blessedness : Finding refuge in the
Son