

CURSING THE FALSE LEADERS!

Matthew 23:16-33



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APOSTLE PAUL

***PEOPLE TREATED
HIM AS THOUGH HE
WAS AN ANGEL OR
EVEN AS CHRIST
HIMSELF.***

GALATIANS 4:14

And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.





***PAUL'S BELOVED COMPANION
IN SERVICE, EPAPHRODITUS***

1 TIMOTHY 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine.



HEBREWS 13:17

*Obey those who rule over you,
and be submissive, for they
watch out for your souls, as
those who must give account.*

*Let them do so with joy and
not with grief, for that would
be unprofitable for you.*



Matthew 23

Matthew 23:1-12 spoke to the disciples to stay away from the false leaders.



Matthew 23

Matthew 23:13-36 spoken to
the Pharisees themselves.



Matthew 23

can be divided as three sections.

Matthew 23:37-39 tender
compassion over the plight of the lost of
Israel.





**Condemn
& Avoid**



**Respect
&
Honour**

A cinematic scene of Jesus in a temple. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a red sash, stands in the center with his right hand raised. He is surrounded by several people in traditional robes. The background features large, ornate columns and a bright light source, creating a dramatic atmosphere. The word "Monday" is overlaid in large, yellow, bold letters with a black outline.

Monday

JESUS IS BACK IN THE TEMPLE, WHICH HE HAS
CLEANSED, AND HE IS MOVING AROUND IN THE
TEMPLE TEACHING



WEDNESDAY HE WILL BE CRUCIFIED



This is the last public speech

They are false shepherds. They are wolves in sheep's clothing.

A large, stylized red number 5, which is the first element of a list. The number is bold and has a slight shadow effect.

elements that false spiritual leaders lack

1. Authority,
2. Integrity,
3. Sympathy,
4. Spirituality, and
5. Humility.





MATTHEW

7:13-33

HE GIVES

THEM 8 WOES.

οὐαί

ouai / woe



MATTHEW 7

Verse 13, hypocrites.

Verse 14, hypocrites.

Verse 15, hypocrites.

Verse 15, He calls them
children of hell.

Verse 17, fools and blind.

Verse 23, hypocrites.

Verse 25, hypocrites.

Verse 27, hypocrites.

Verse 29, hypocrites.

Verse 33, snakes and vipers set for the damnation of hell.



HYPOCRITE

MATTHEW 23:13



CURSED FOR KEEPING PEOPLE OUT

MATTHEW 23:14

**CURSED
FOR
CHEATING
WIDOWS**

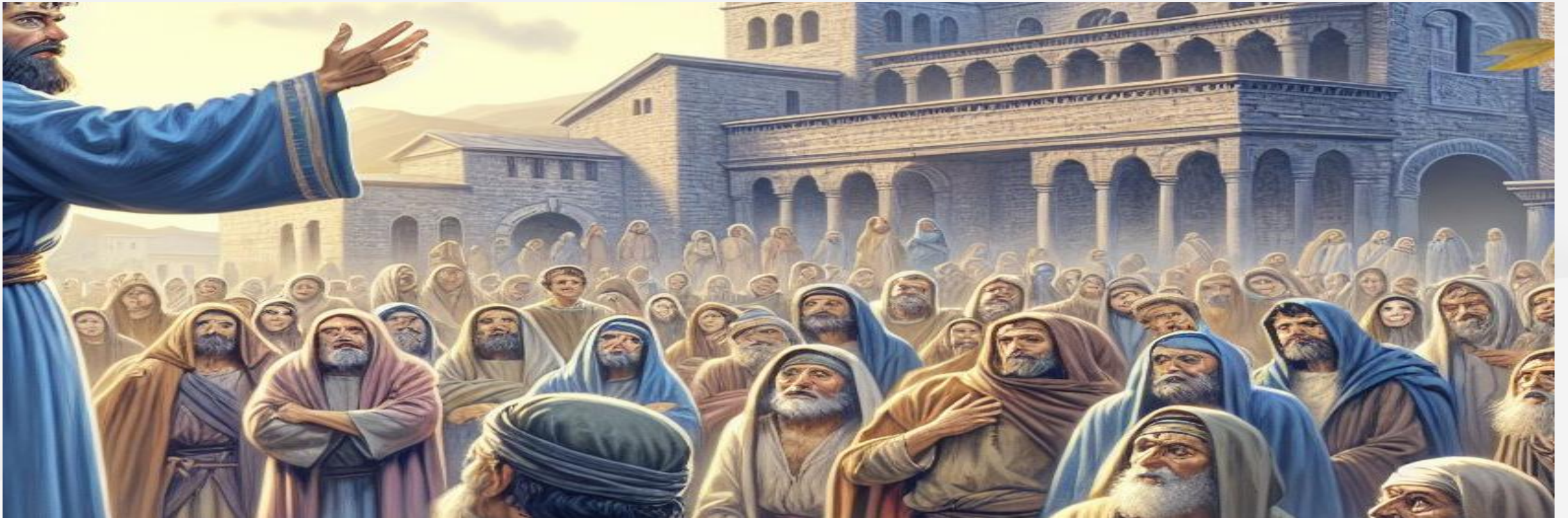


MATTHEW 23:15

**CURSED FOR
CORRUPTING
PEOPLE.**



MATTHEW 23:16



**CURSED FOR UNDERMINING
THE TRUTH.**

MATTHEW 23:16



“Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.’

The Devil

He was a murderer from the beginning

He does not stand in the truth

There is no truth in him

He he is a liar and the father of lies

JOHN 8

ROMANS 2

"You Jews think you are,

- o Guides of the blind.
- o Light to those in darkness.
- o Instructors of babes.
- o Giving wisdom to the foolish.
- o You are nothing but blind guides.



MATTHEW 15:14

Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”



MATTHEW 23:16

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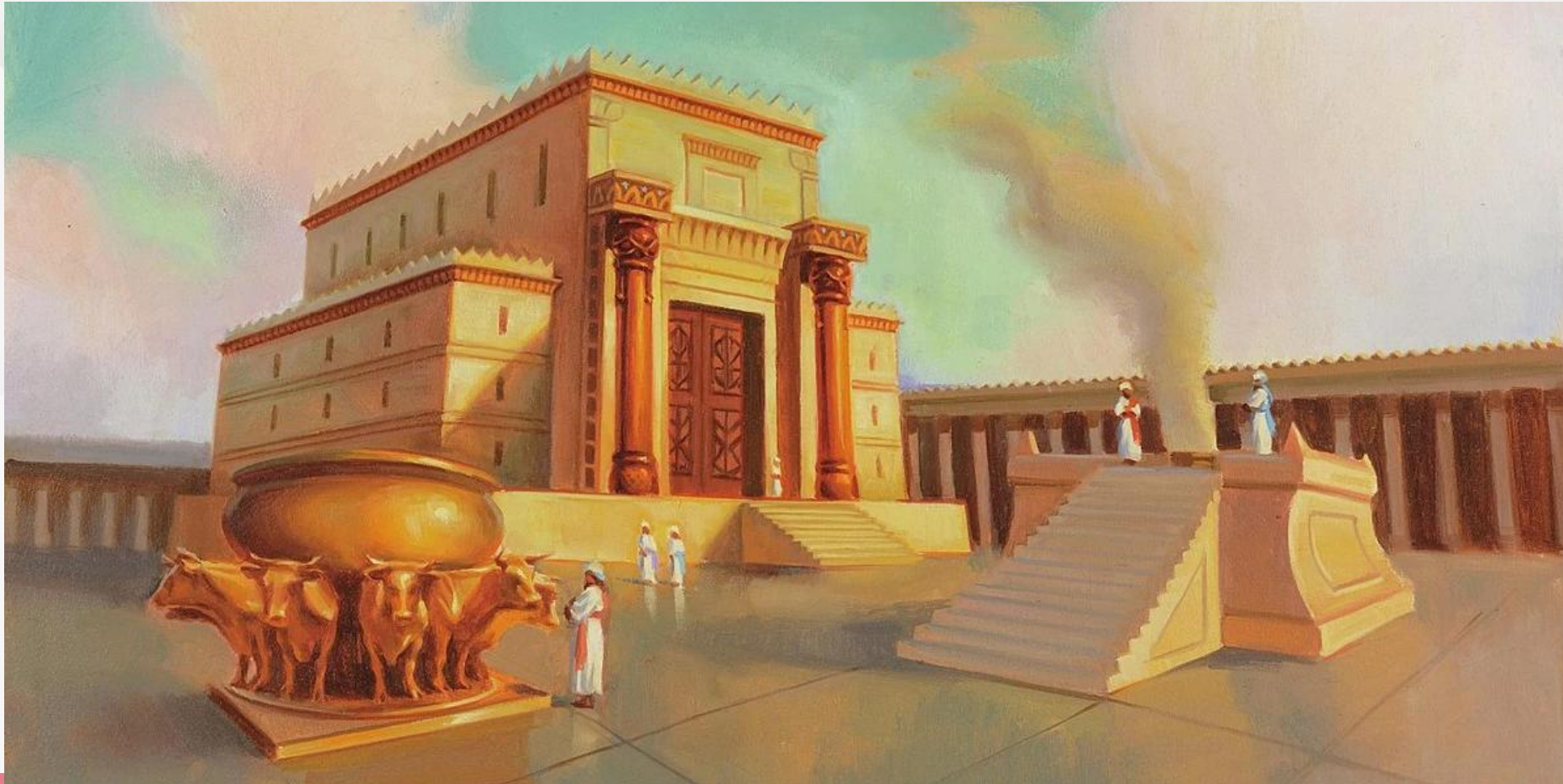
MATTHEW 5:33-37

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne;³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.



MATTHEW 23:16

if you swear by the temple, it's nothing.



PSALM 50:14

Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.



PSALM 56:1 2

*Vows made to
You are
binding upon
me, O God; I
will render
praises to You,*



PSALM 61:8

*So I will sing
praise to Your
name forever,
That I may
daily perform
my vows.*



PSALM 66:13

*I will go into
Your house
with burnt
offerings; I
will pay You
my vows*



PSALM 76:11

*Make vows to the Lord
your God, and pay them;
Let all who are around
Him bring presents to
Him who ought to be
feared.*



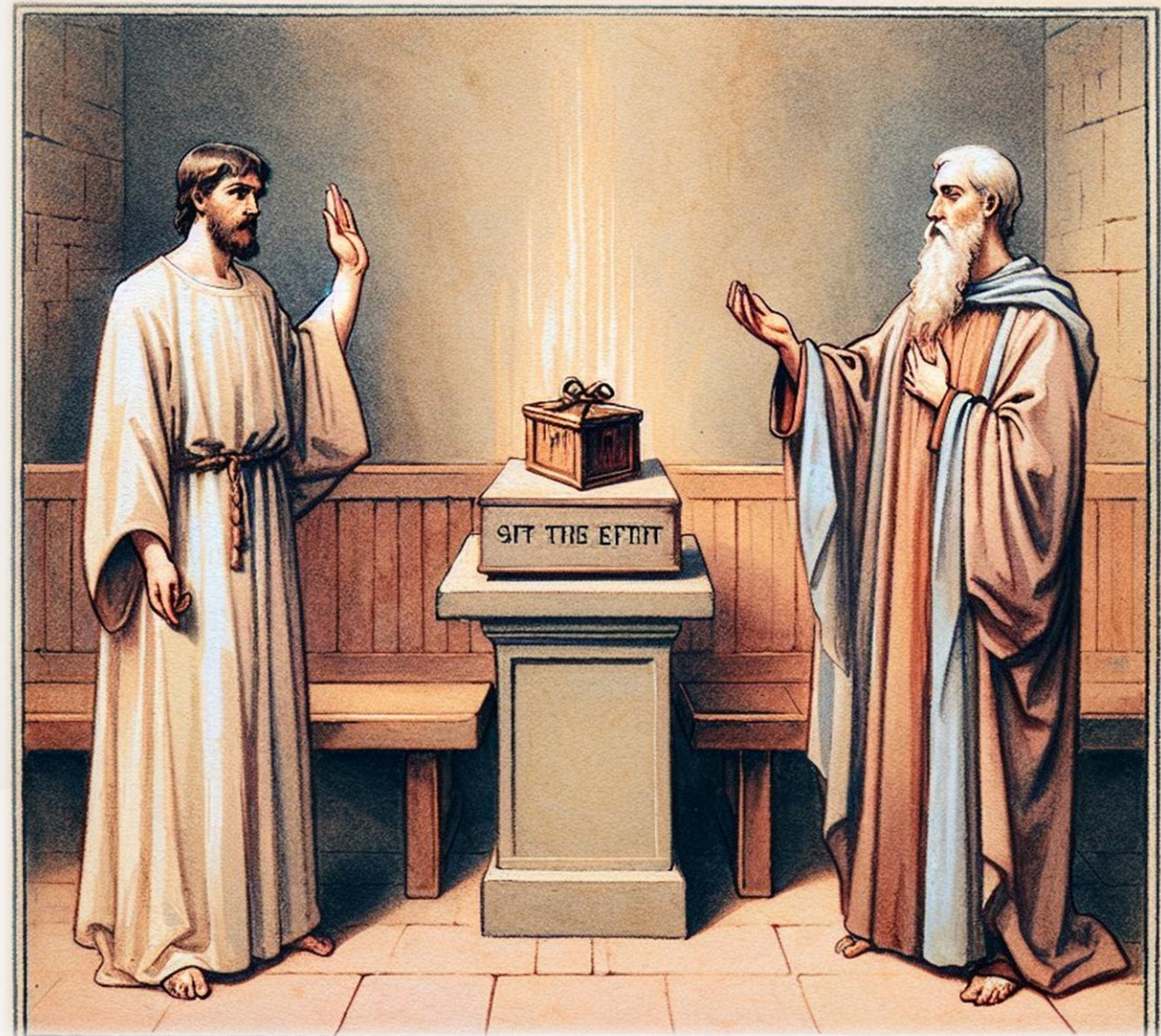
MATTHEW 23:17

Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?.



MATTHEW 23:18

And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.'



MATTHEW 23:20-22

Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. 21 He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. 22 And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

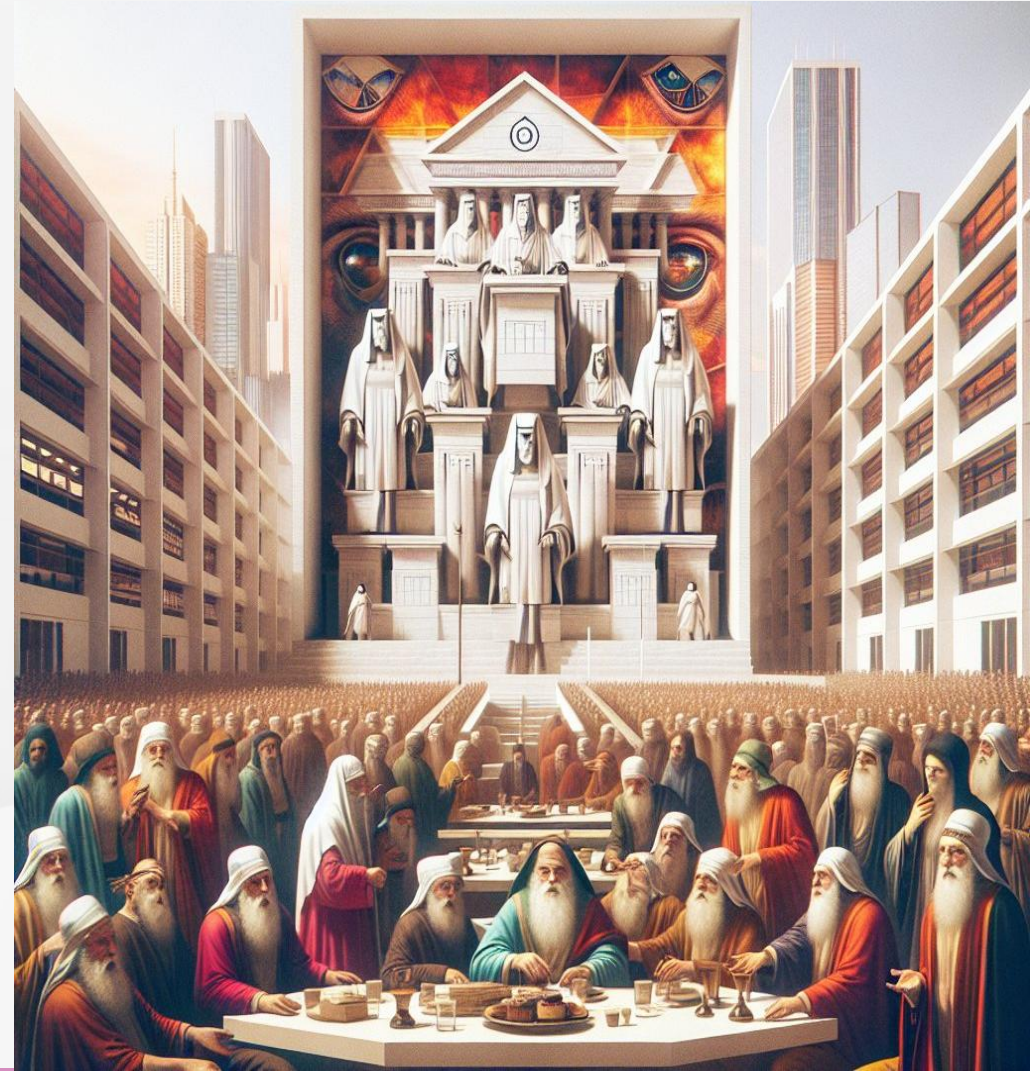


CURSED FOR UNDERMINING TRUTH



MATTHEW 23:23

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Tithe

Tithe	Amount	Passage
Levitical	10.0 %	Lev. 27:30-33 Num. 18:21-24
Festival	10.0 %	Deut. 12:17-19; 14:22-27
Community/Welfare	3.3 %	Deut. 14:28-29
Government	10.0 %	1 Sam. 8:15-18

LEVITICUS 27:30

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.



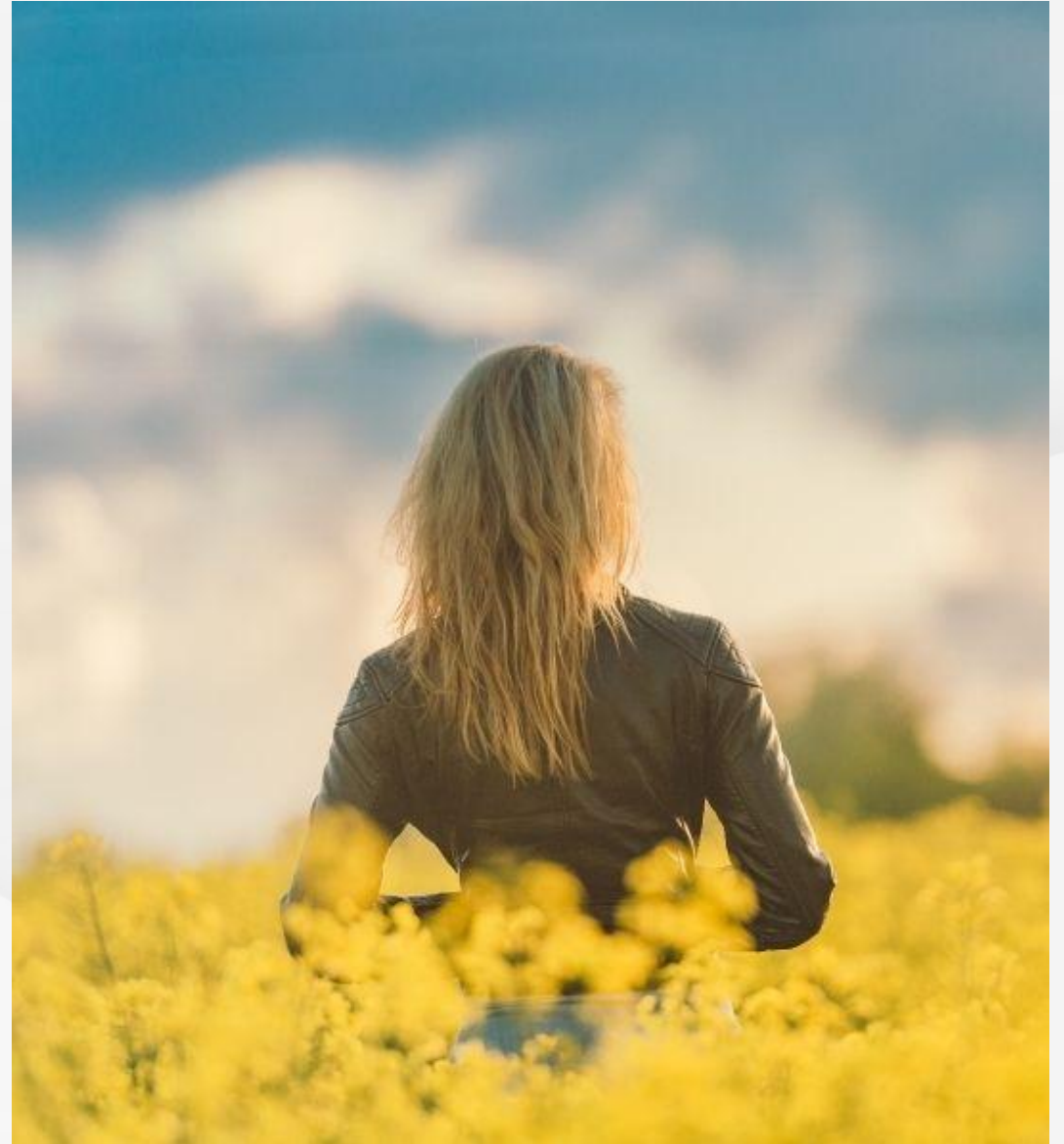
DEUTERONOMY 14:22

“You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.



MICAH 6:8

*He has shown you, O
man, what is good; And
what does
the Lord require of you
But to do justly, To
love mercy, And to walk
humbly with your God?*



MATTHEW 23:4

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.



MATTHEW 23:23

These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.



six times in the New Testament

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three times in the gospels

MATTHEW 23:24

*Blind guides,
who strain
out a gnat
and swallow
a camel!*



διυλίζω

diulizō / filter out; strain out



LEVITICUS 11:42

*Whatever crawls on its belly,
whatever goes on all fours,
or whatever has many feet
among all creeping things
that creep on the earth—
these you shall not eat, for
they are an abomination.*



LEVITICUS 11:4

Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you;



CURSED FOR EXTORTION/ BLACKMAIL



MATTHEW 23:25

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.



ἄρπαγή

harpagē / robbery; plunder
or rape.

EXTORTION

MATTHEW 23:26

*Blind Pharisee,
first cleanse the
inside of the cup
and dish, that
the outside of
them may be
clean also.*



CURSED FOR DECEPTION



MATTHEW 23:27

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.



NUMBERS 19:16

Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.



τάφος

taphos / funeral-rites
means graves



MATTHEW 23:28

Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.



CURSED FOR PRETENSION



MATTHEW 23:29

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

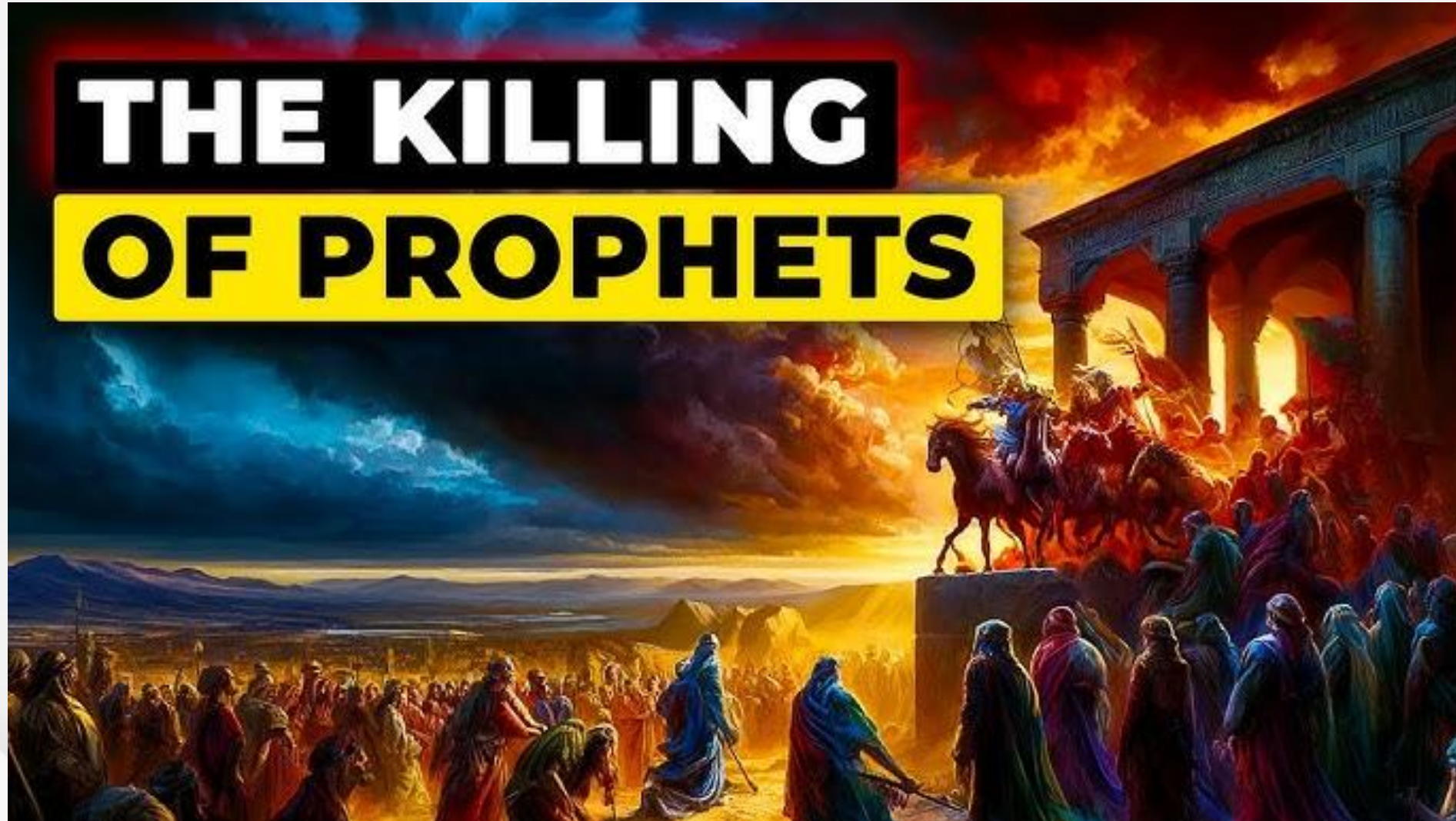


MATTHEW 23:30

and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

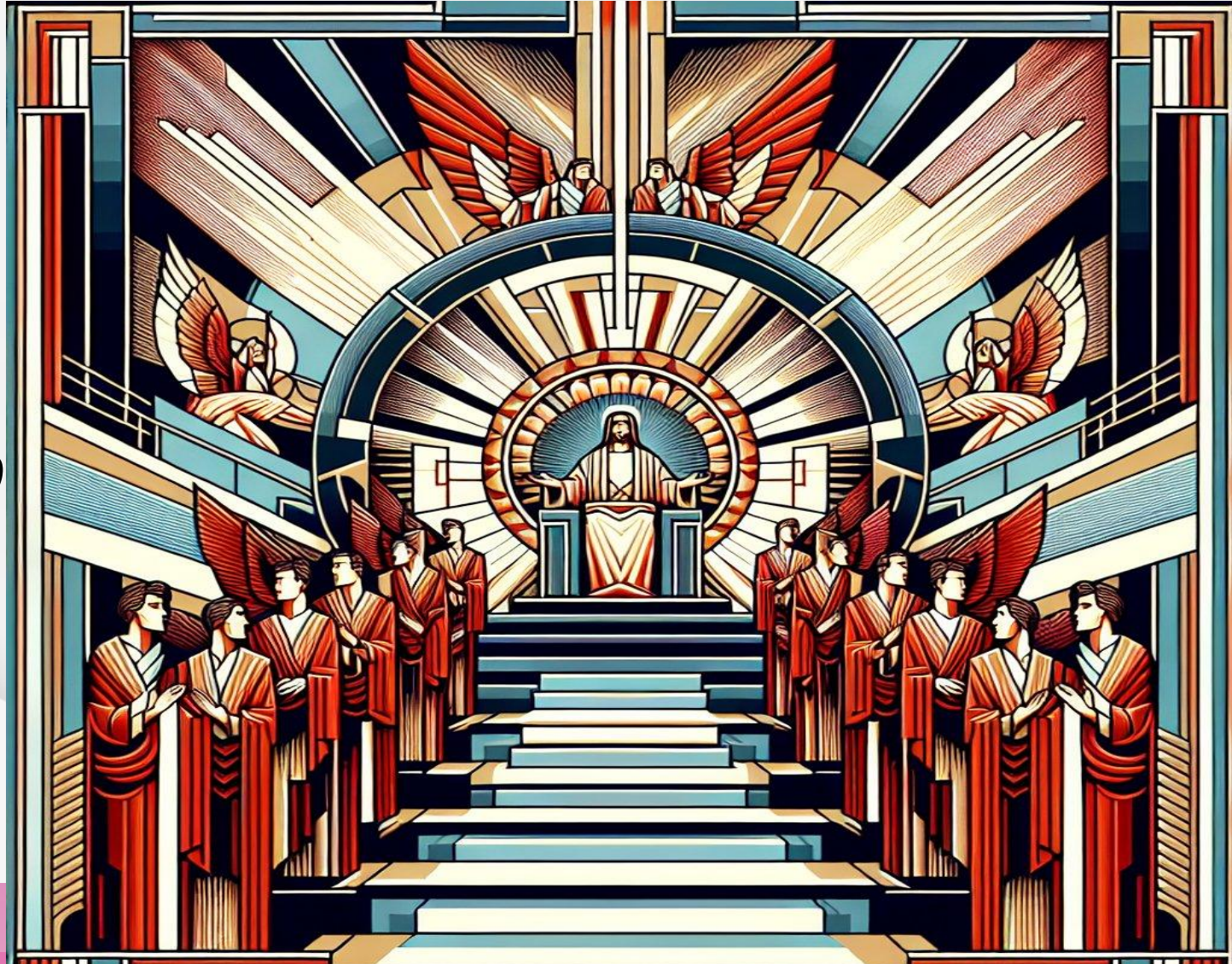


MATTHEW 21



MATTHEW 23:31

“Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.



MATTHEW 23:32

Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt.



MATTHEW 23:33

*Serpents, brood
of vipers! How
can you escape
the
condemnation
of hell?*



A person is holding a large, white rectangular sign with a dark blue border. The sign is held in front of a blurred background of green grass and trees, suggesting an outdoor setting like a park. The text on the sign is centered and written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The person's hands are visible at the edges of the sign, and they are wearing a ring on their left hand.

**GIVE.
THANKS.
GOD GIVEN
TRUE LEADERS**