

CURSING THE FALSE LEADERS!

Matthew 23:13-15



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Communism, secularism, humanism, immorality, and all that put together does not pose as great a threat to Christianity as to false spiritual leaders.

ISAIAH

24:2

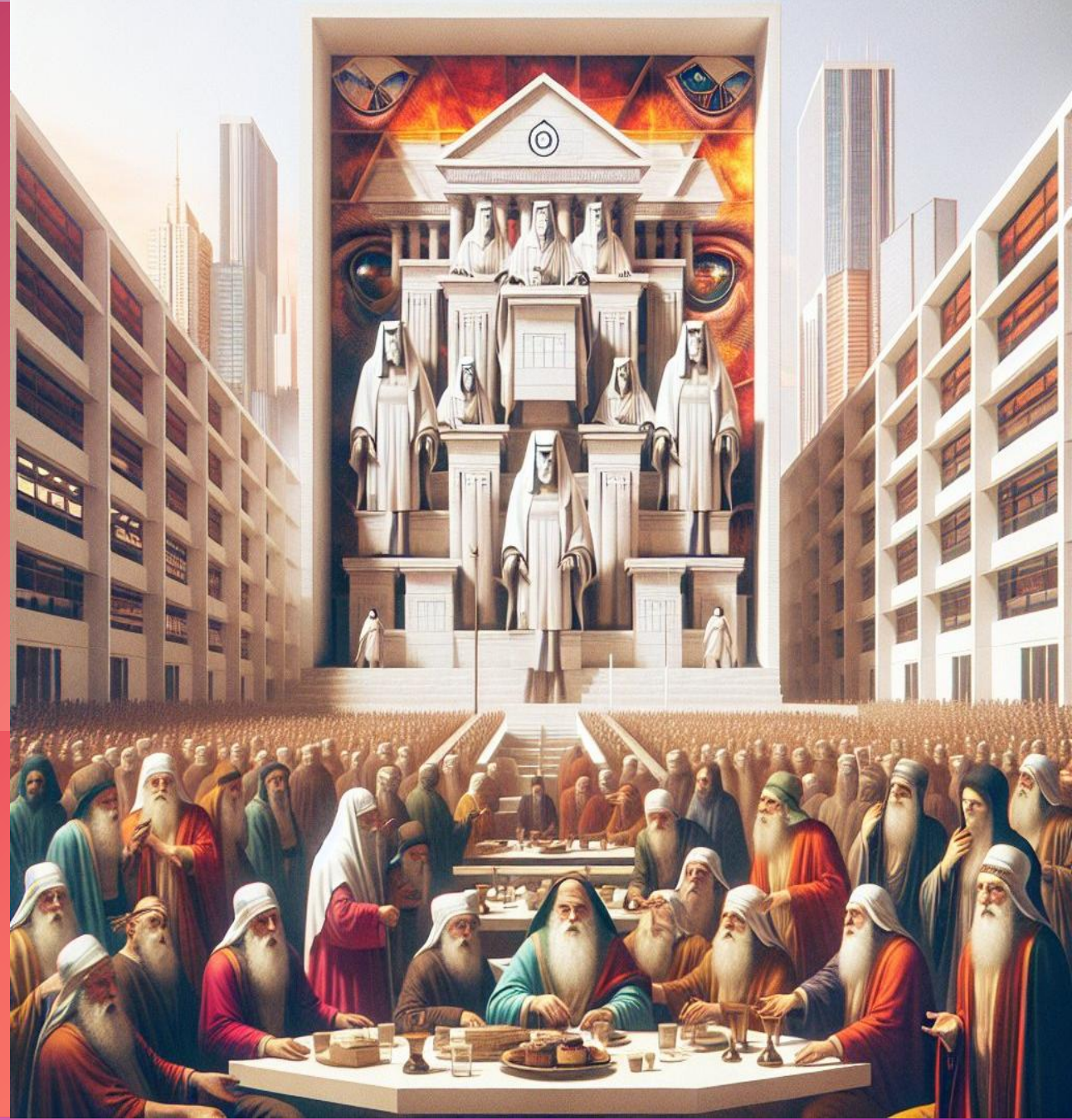
And it shall be: As with the people,
so with the priest; As with the
servant, so with his master; As with
the maid, so with her mistress; As
with the buyer, so with the seller; As
with the lender, so with the
borrower; As with the creditor, so
with the debtor.



JEREMIAH

5:31

The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?



JEREMIAH

12:10

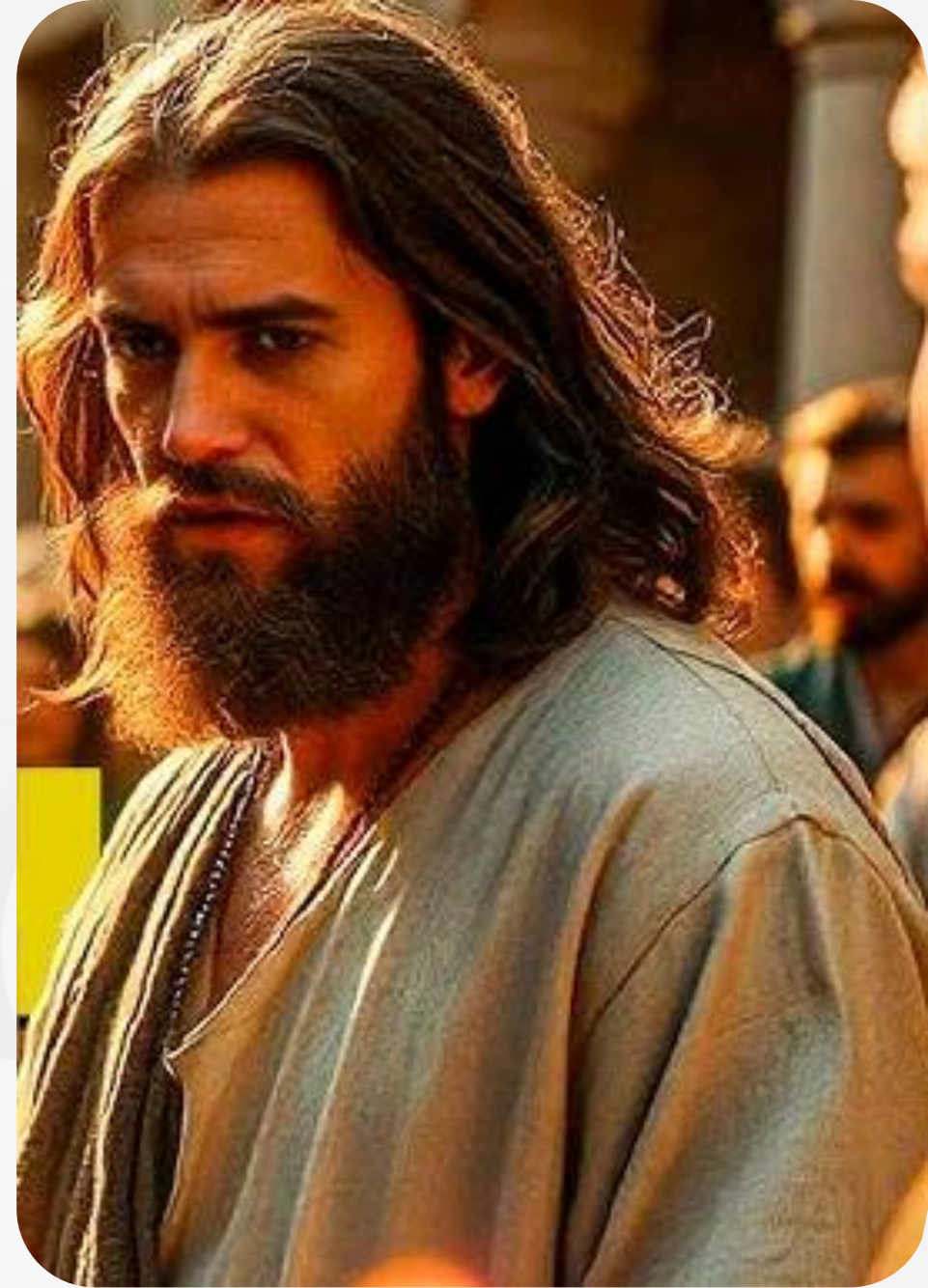
“Many rulers have destroyed
My vineyard, They have
trodden My portion
underfoot; They have made
My pleasant portion a
desolate wilderness.



MATTHEW

23:1-7

Jesus said, you are
to be warned
about them



MATTHEW 23:8

Jesus to the disciples, you are
not to be like them.



MATTHEW 23:13

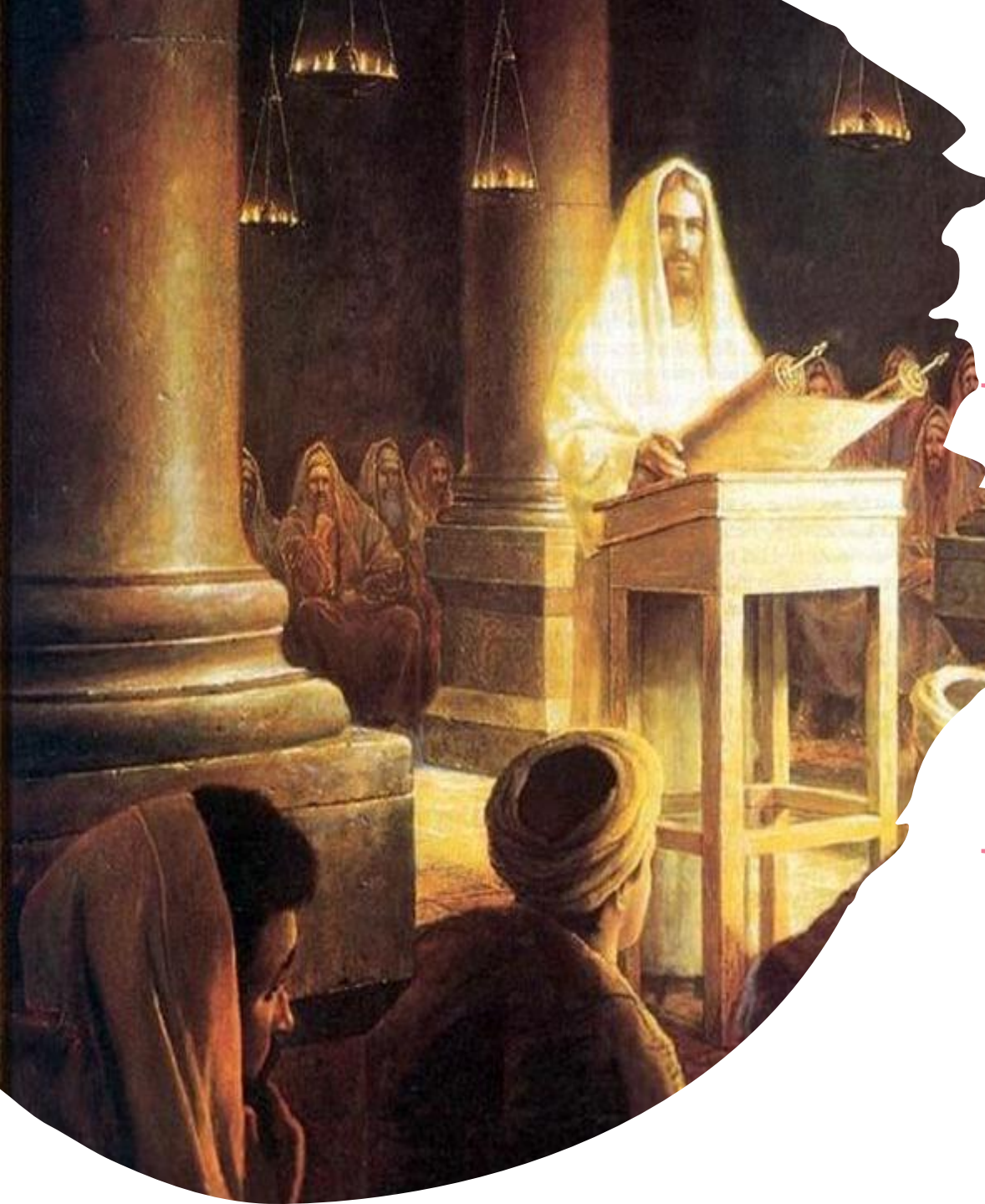
JESUS from here He turns from the crowd which He was warning and the disciples which He was exhorting, to those false religious leaders.





This is the last public speech

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



**JESUS FIRST
SERMON WAS A
WARNING ABOUT
THEM.**

**JESUS LAST
SERMON IS A
WARNING ABOUT
THEM.**



APOSTLE PAUL

APOSTLE PAUL TOLD THE EPHESIAN
ELDERS THAT HE HAD SPENT NIGHT AND
DAY FOR YEARS WARNING THEM

WHO WOULD TRY TO DESTROY THEIR FAITH

***WHO WOULD COME AS FALSE SPIRITUAL
LEADERS***



True Spiritual Leaders

- Who seek not to be served, but to **serve**.
- Who seeks not to fleece the flock but feed the **flock**.
- Who seeks not the highest honours, but no **honour**.
- Who does not scatter the flock but gather the **flock**.



MATTHEW

7:13-33

**HE GIVES THEM
EIGHT WOES.**

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

PATHOS

Emotion

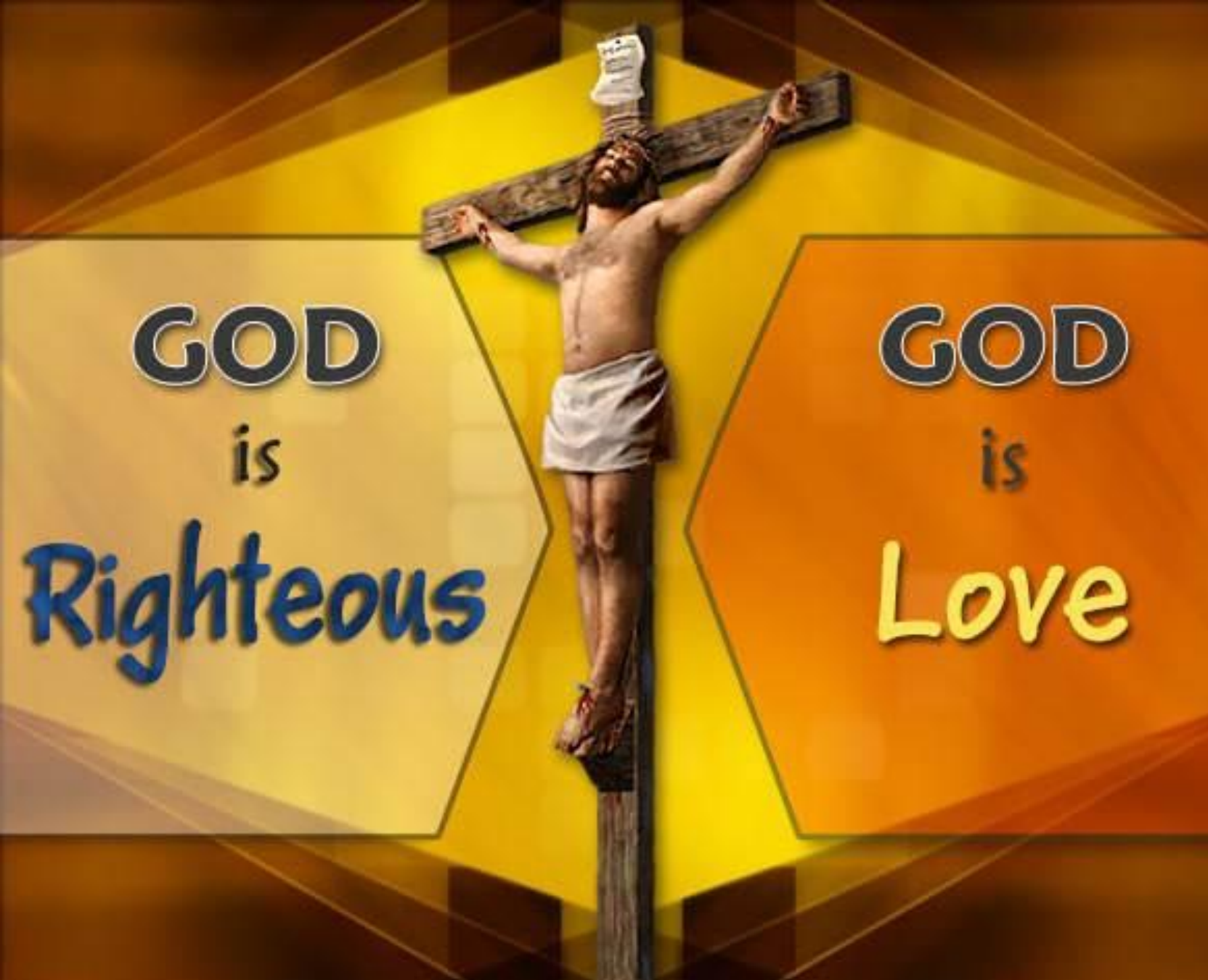


MATTHEW 23:37

as Jesus says, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!

How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"





RIGHTEOUSNESS

LOVE



οὐαί

ouai / woe



ὑποκριτής

hypokritēs / actor; pretender



HYPOCRITE

The background image depicts a city, likely Babylon, in a state of total destruction. The city is engulfed in intense orange and red flames, with thick, dark grey smoke billowing into a dark, stormy sky. Lightning bolts are visible, striking down on the burning structures. The overall atmosphere is one of catastrophic devastation. Overlaid on this scene is the text 'Revelation 18' in a large, bold, white font with a black outline, and below it, 'Babylon the Great is Fallen' in a similar but slightly smaller font. The text is centered horizontally and occupies the middle portion of the image.

Revelation 18
Babylon the Great is Fallen

CURSED FOR KEEPING PEOPLE OUT



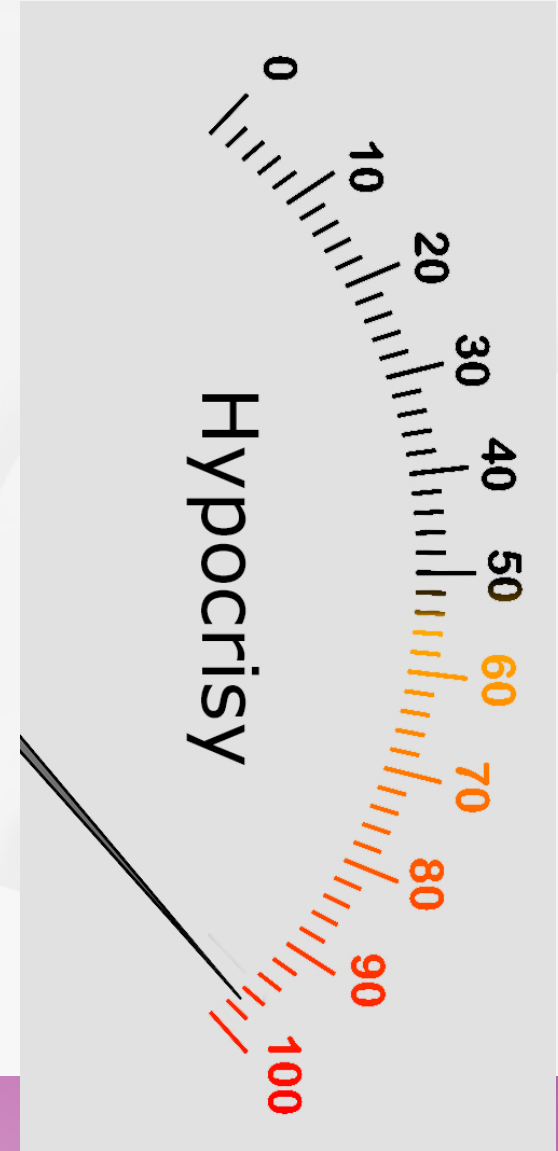


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ROMANS 2:17-24

Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, 18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.





Matthew 23:13

"AGAINST MEN."

**JESUS CAME
INTO THE
WORLD TO
BRING THE
KINGDOM &
TO BRING
SALVATION.**



**JOHN CAME TO
PREPARE THE
WAY OF THE
LORD. THE KING
IS COMING. GET
READY FOR THE
KINGDOM.**



MATTHEW 3:5-8

Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,



LUKE 11:52

“Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”



Woe unto you, For yve the key of knowlege:
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MATTHEW 16

A collection of antique keys, including a large key with a circular ring and several smaller keys, are scattered on a rustic wooden surface. The keys are dark and show signs of age and use.

**I WILL GIVE YOU
THE KEYS OF
THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN**

Matthew 16

JOHN

9:20-23

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."



JOHN 9:24

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."



JOHN 9:34

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.



ACTS 4:16-18

saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name." 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus



1 THESSALONIANS

2:14-16

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.



MATTHEW 23:14

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CURSED FOR CHEATING WIDOWS

MARK

12:40

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LUKE 20:47

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JAMES 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.



EXODUS

22:22

“You shall not afflict
any widow or
fatherless child.



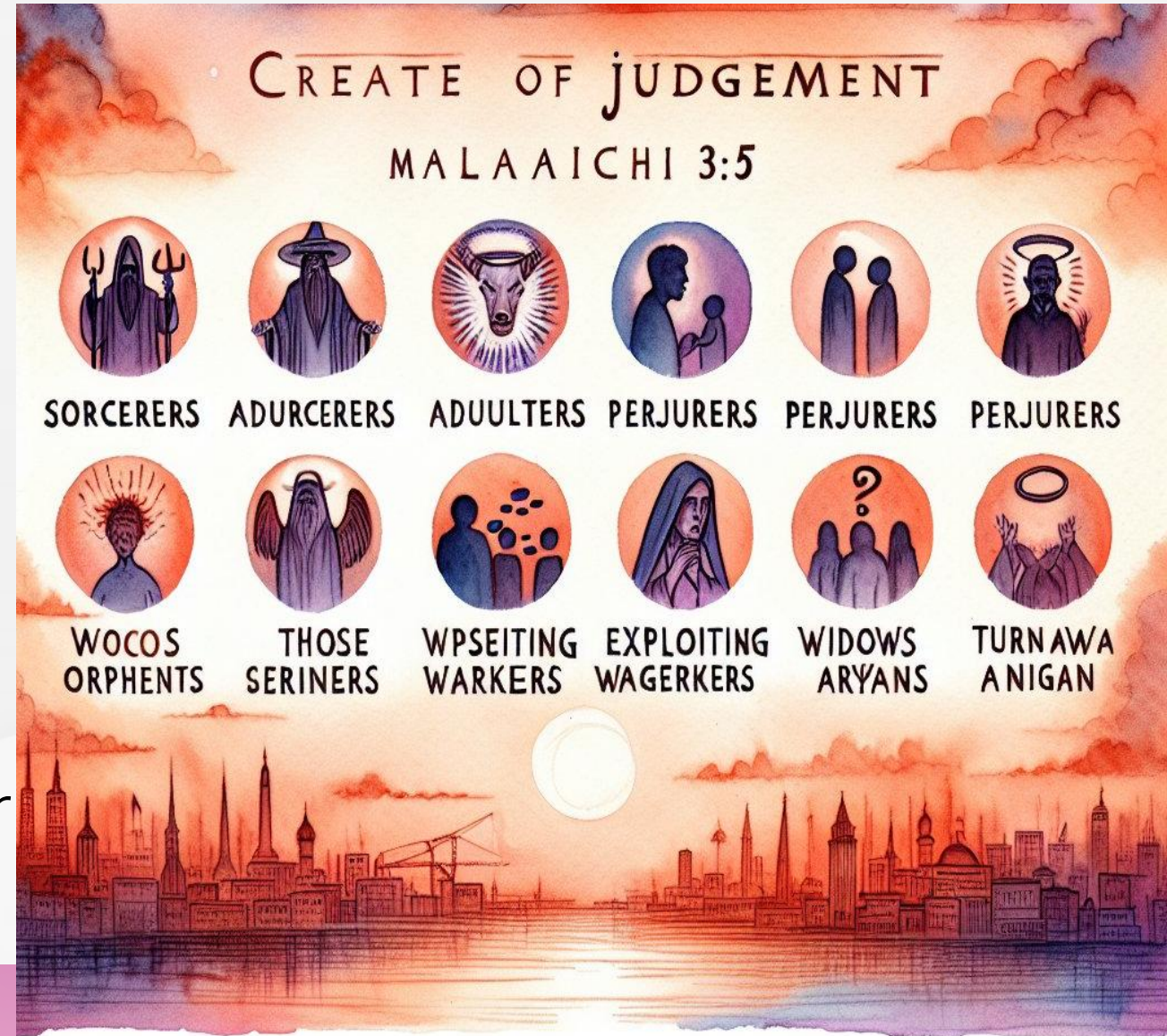
DEUTERONOMY 10:18

He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.



MALACHI 3:5

And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien— Because they do not fear Me,” Says the Lord of hosts.



**THEY WOULD TAKE SUPPORT,
MONEY FOR THEMSELVES,
FROM WIDOWS ALTHOUGH IT
WAS
FORBIDDEN**

1



**THEY WOULD CHEAT WIDOWS
OF THEIR ESTATE BY GETTING
INTO THE
LEGAL
MACHINATIONS**

2



**THEY WOULD
LEACH ON
AND ABUSE
HOSPITALITY**

3



LUKE 11:39

Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness.



LUKE 16:14

Now the Pharisees,
who were lovers of
money, also heard
all these things, and
they derided Him



MATTHEW 23:14

“These will receive greater condemnation.”



HEBREWS 10:29

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?



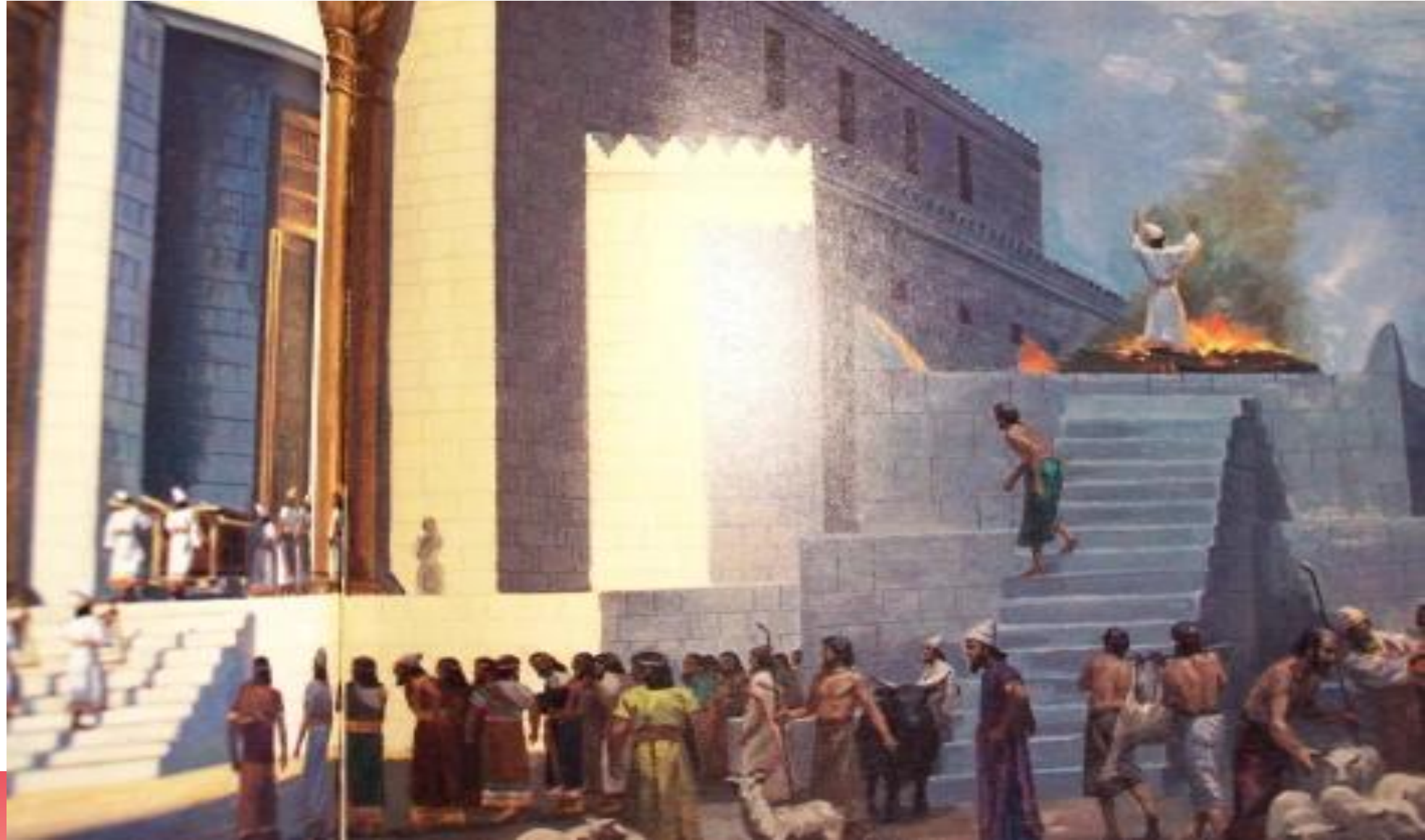
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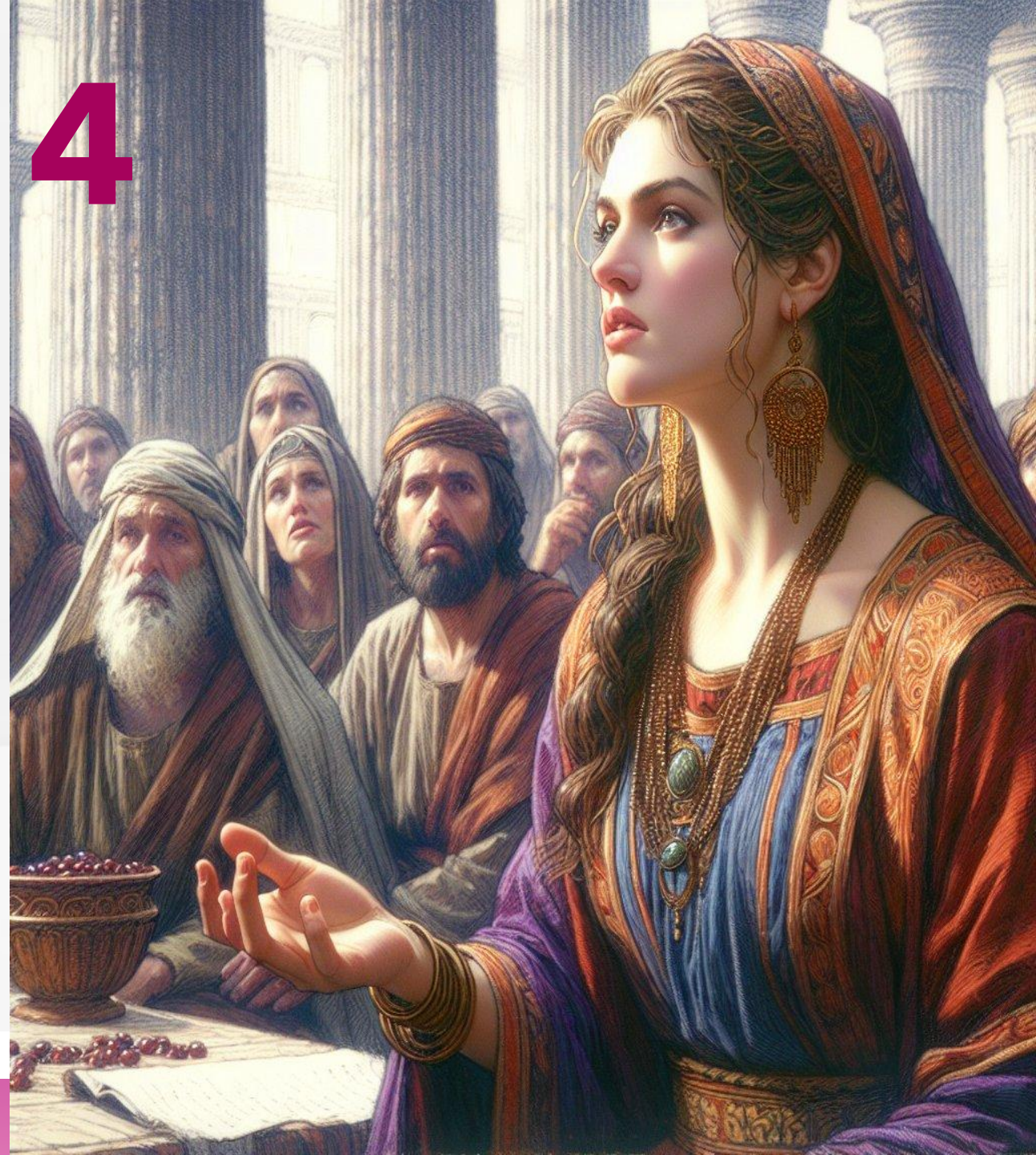


THE PROSELYTE OF THE GATE



ACTS 16:14

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.



ACTS 18:7

And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain man named Justus, one who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.



ACTS 13:50

But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.



ACTS 17:4

And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

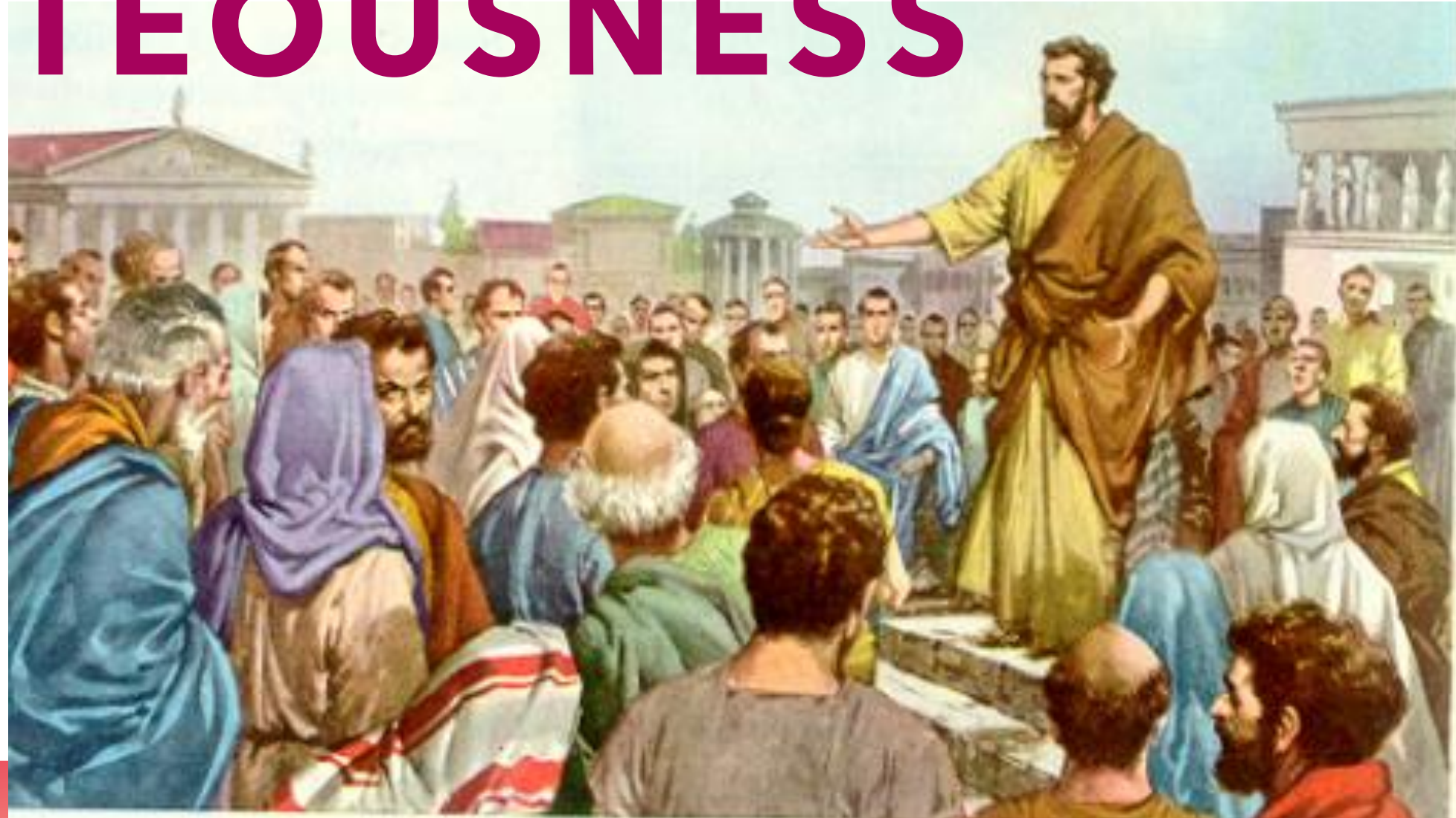


ACTS 17:17

Therefore he reasoned in the synagogues with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.



THE PROSELYTE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



GEHENNA

*The History, Development and Usage
of a Common Image for Hell*

2 CHRONICLES 28:3

He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.



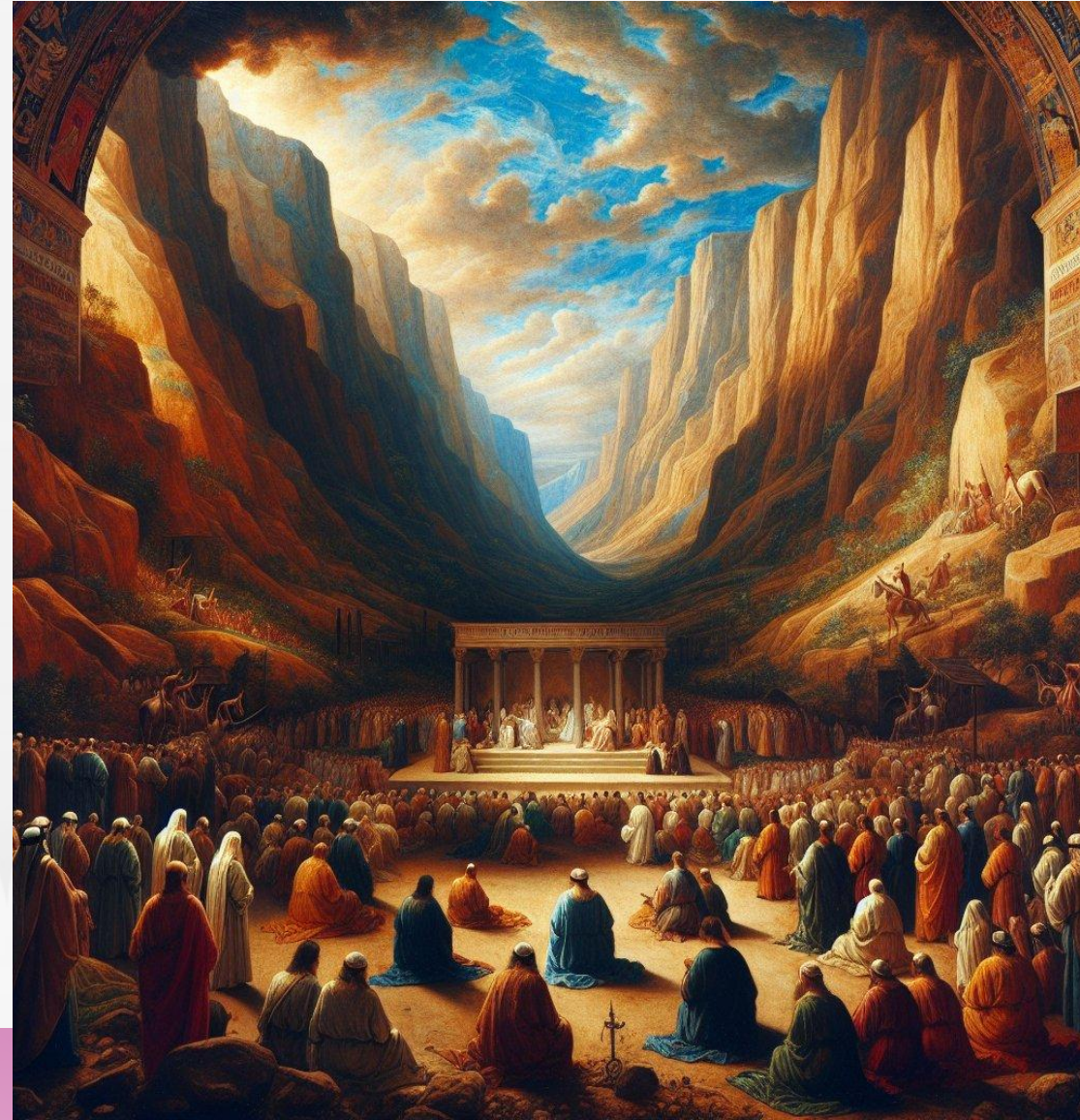
JEREMIAH 7:31

And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.



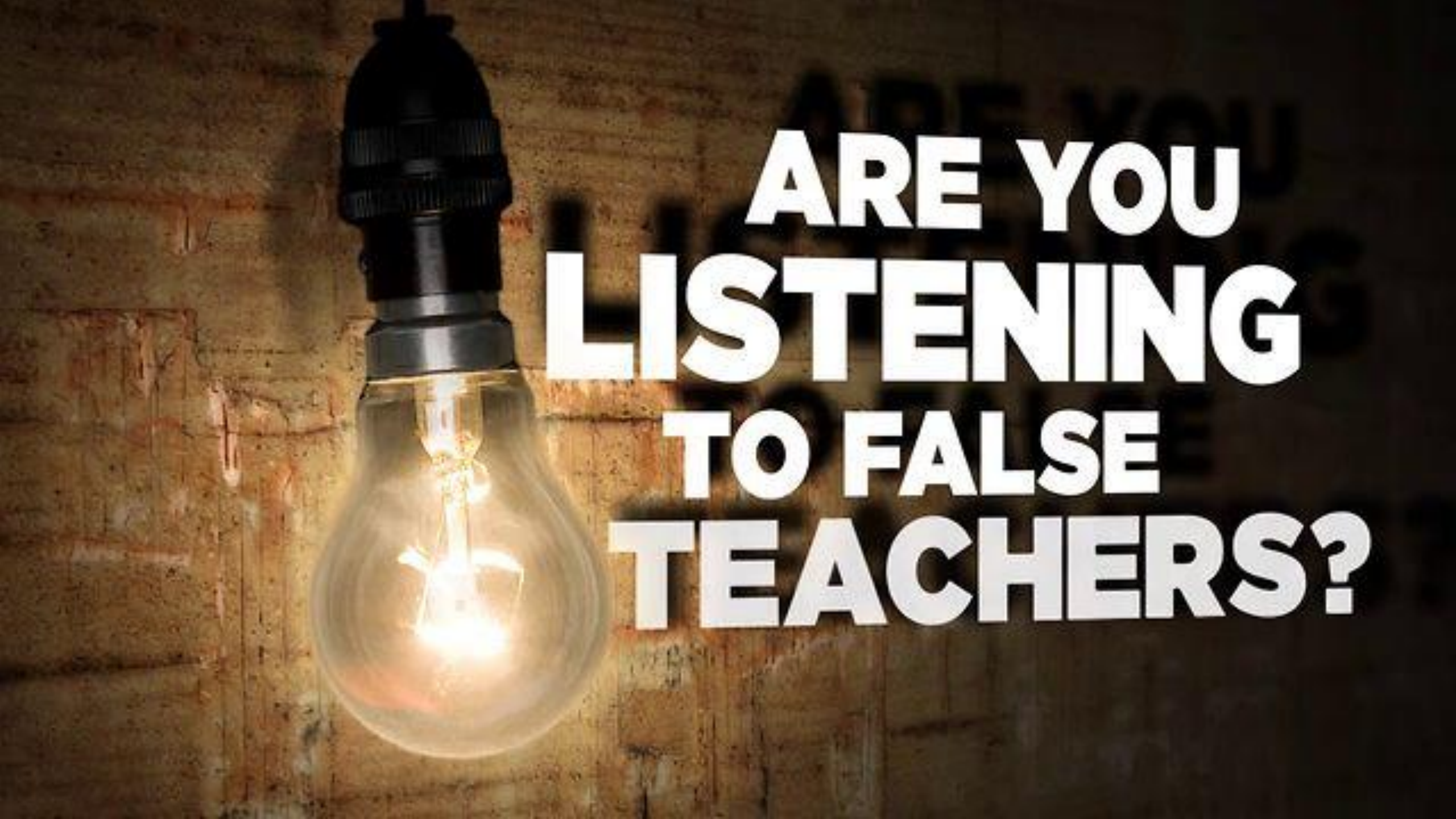
2 KINGS 23:10

And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.



A person wearing a patterned shirt is speaking into a microphone at a podium. On the podium, there is an open Bible and a smartphone. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other people seated in the audience.

**DON'T BE
COMPLACENT
AROUND THE
FALSE
SYSTEM.**

A glowing lightbulb is positioned on the left side of the image, attached to a black cord. The background is a wooden wall with a dark, shadowed area on the right. Overlaid on the right side is the text "ARE YOU LISTENING TO FALSE TEACHERS?" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**ARE YOU
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TO FALSE
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