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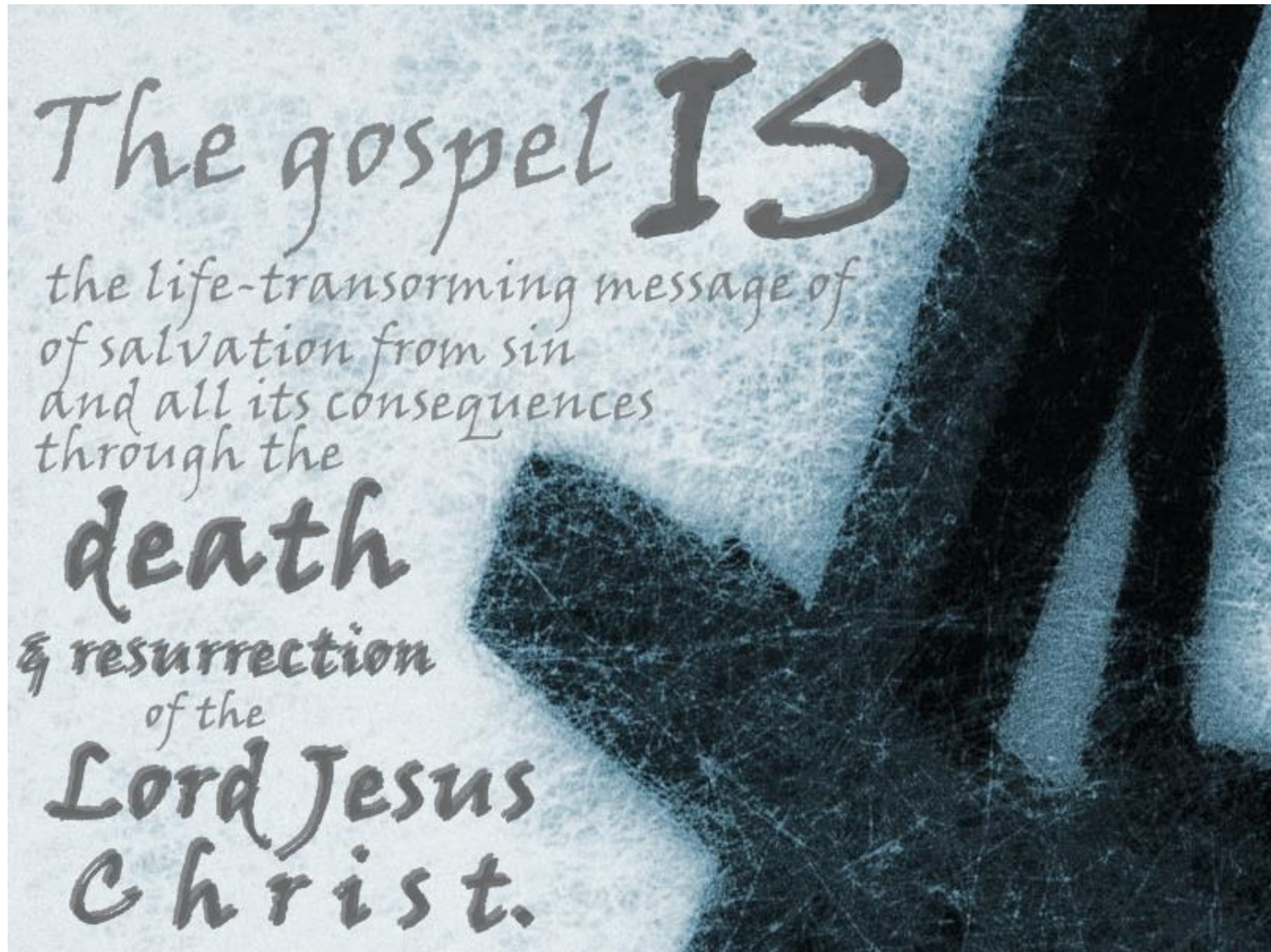
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**WHAT
IS THE
GOSPEL?**

What is the Gospel?

How can a man be right before God?



What is the gospel?

The gospel is the good news that God has provided the way for us to be restored in our relationship with Him and experience life with Him, now and forever in His eternal kingdom, through His Son, if we turn from sin to God and place our faith in Jesus.

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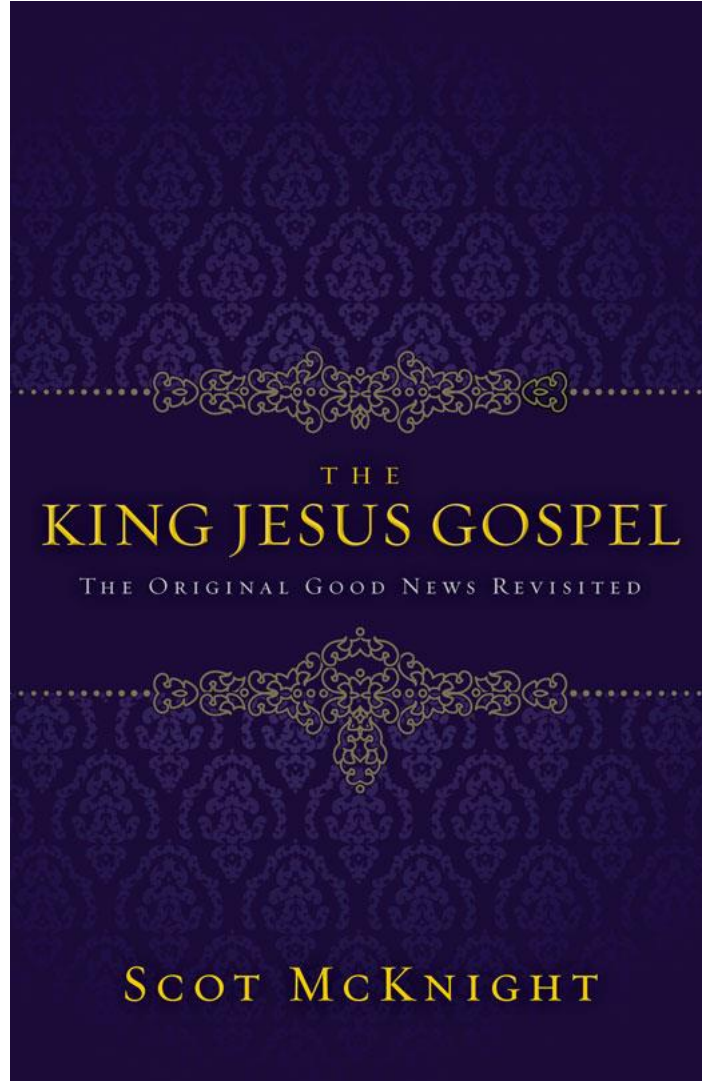
THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD BECAME MAN IN JESUS CHRIST. HE LIVED THE LIFE WE SHOULD HAVE LIVED AND DIED THE DEATH WE SHOULD HAVE DIED — IN OUR PLACE. THREE DAYS LATER HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, PROVING HE IS THE SON OF GOD AND OFFERING THE GIFT OF SALVATION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS TO ANYONE WHO REPENTS AND BELIEVES IN HIM.



**Gospel =
Good News!**

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The
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that
JESUS SAVES!



“Soterian” Gospel:

“We evangelicals (as a whole) are not really ‘evangelical’ in the sense of the apostolic gospel, but instead we are *soterians*. ... We evangelicals (mistakenly) equate the word *gospel* with the word *salvation*. Hence we are really ‘salvationists.’ When we evangelicals see the word *gospel*, our instinct is to think (personal) ‘salvation.’” McKnight KJG 29

“Jesus came from Galilee proclaiming the **good news** [=gospel] of God...

“...and he said, ‘The *time is fulfilled*; God’s *kingdom is arriving*! Repent and believe the **good news**!’”

Mk 1.14-15; see also Ac 13.13-48

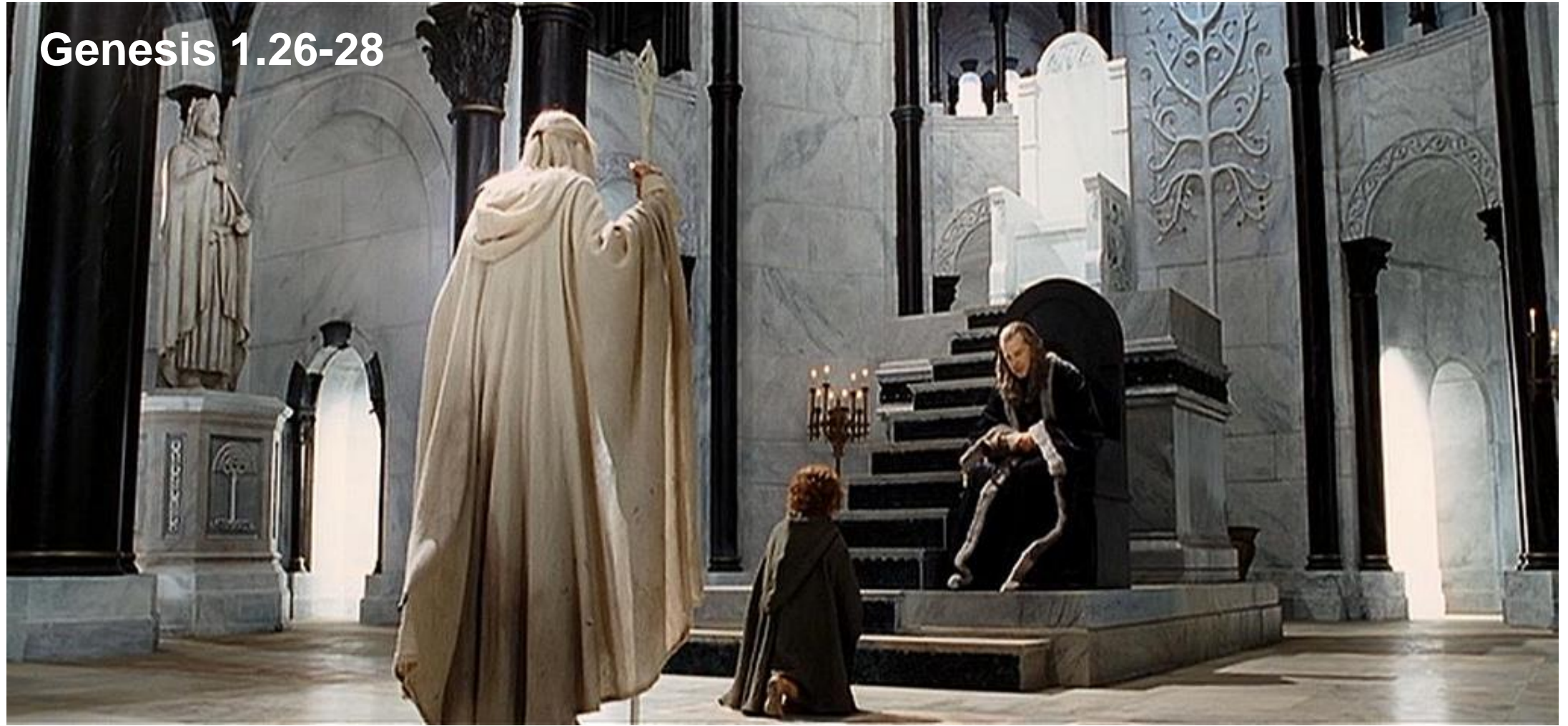




Genesis 1.31

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Genesis 1.26-28

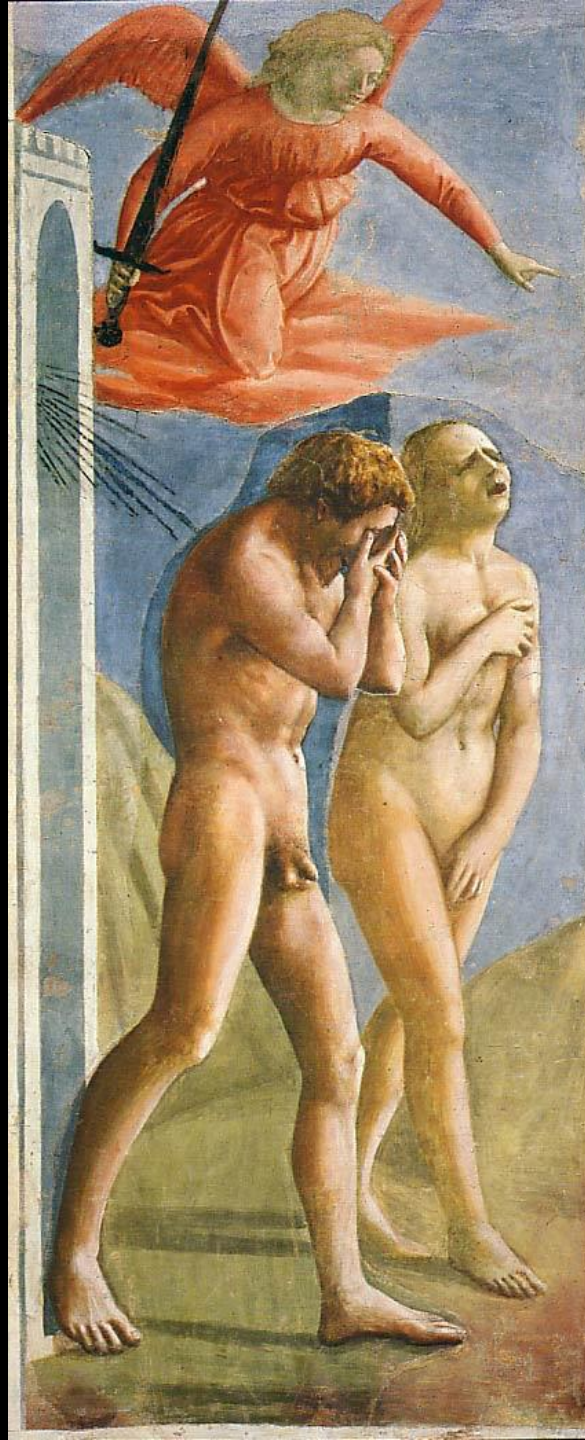


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Genesis ch. 3, Ro 1.22

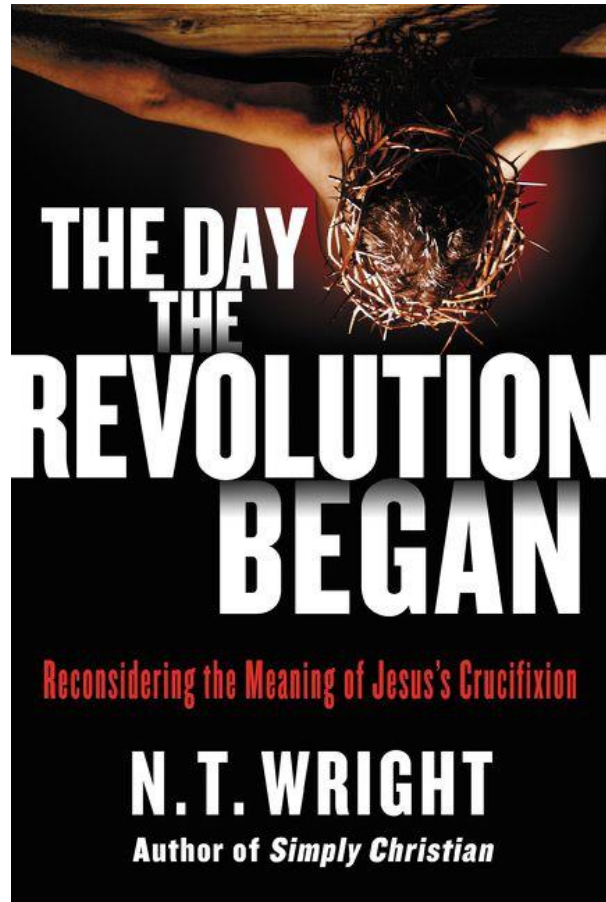
Ge 3.22-24



“The Lord God said, ‘Since man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever.’”



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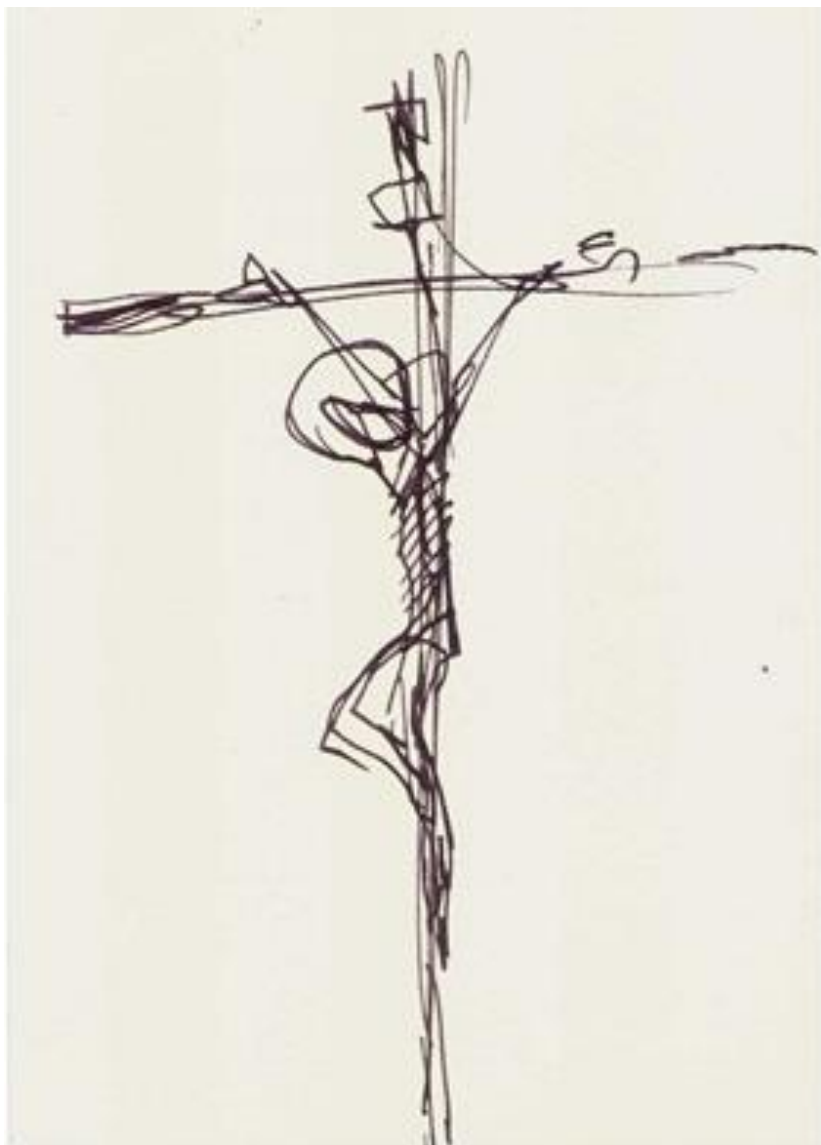
“The reason ‘sin’ leads to ‘death’ is not at all (as is often supposed) that ‘death’ is an arbitrary and somewhat draconian punishment for miscellaneous shortcomings. The link is deeper than that. ... Death is the *intrinsic result* of sin, not simply an arbitrary punishment. When humans fail in their image-bearing vocation, the problem is not just that they face punishment. The problem is that the ‘powers’ seize control, and the Creator’s plan for his creation cannot go ahead as intended.” Wright, DRB 86

Ge 3. 17-19, Ro 8.18-24a





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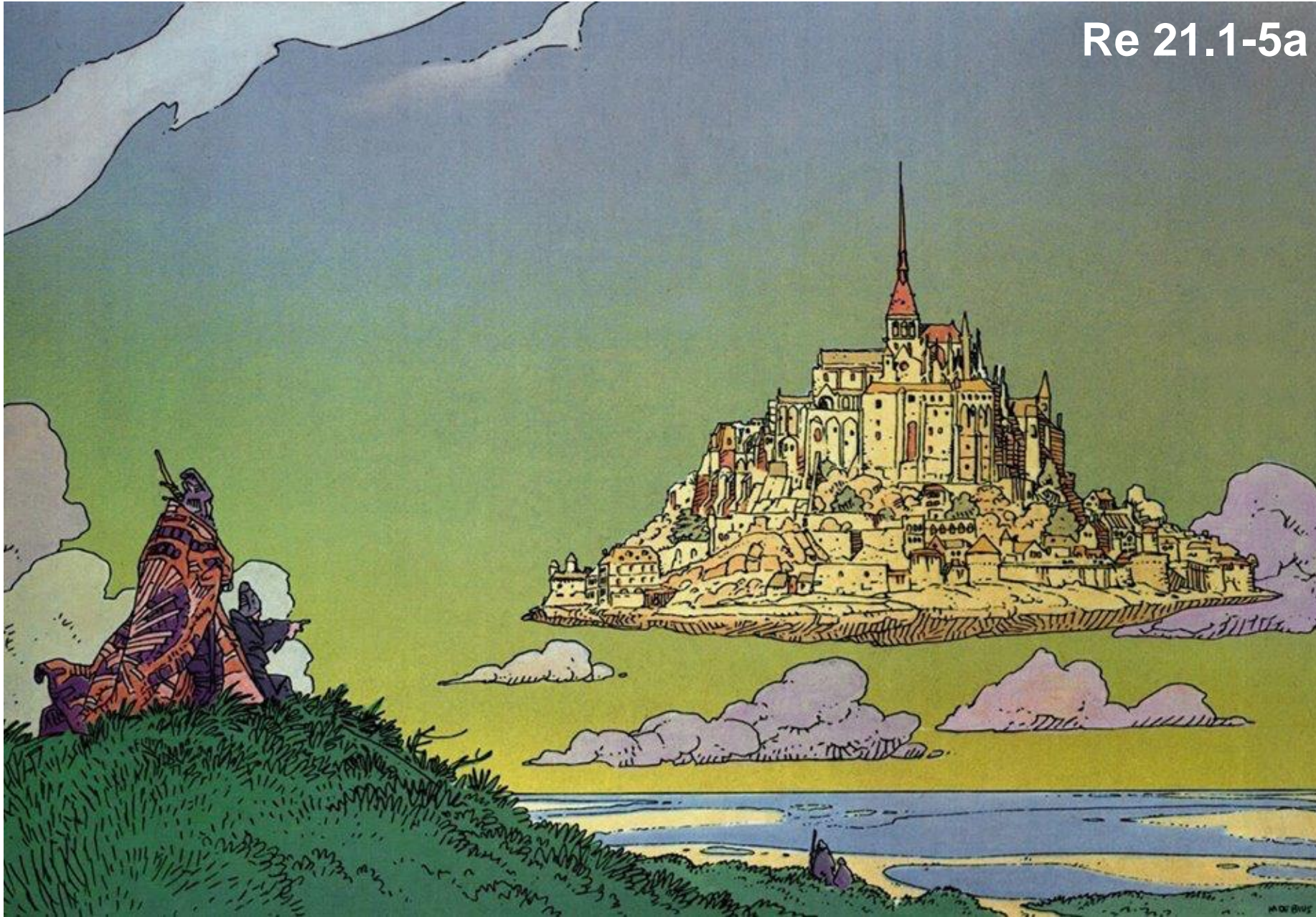
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2 Co 5.17



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Re 21.1-5a



Hb 2.14: “For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the LORD.”





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God's cosmic purpose

Degradation of creation

All of sin in total

My own sin

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Discuss

“Soterian gospel” – the “good news” about we “get saved”

“Apostolic gospel” – all God’s promises are coming true in and through Jesus

- Did you begin your Christian journey with the Soterian gospel?
- What (if anything) is missing from the Soterian gospel?
- How did you fill in gaps and missing pieces?
- How has your perspective on your faith changed in this process?

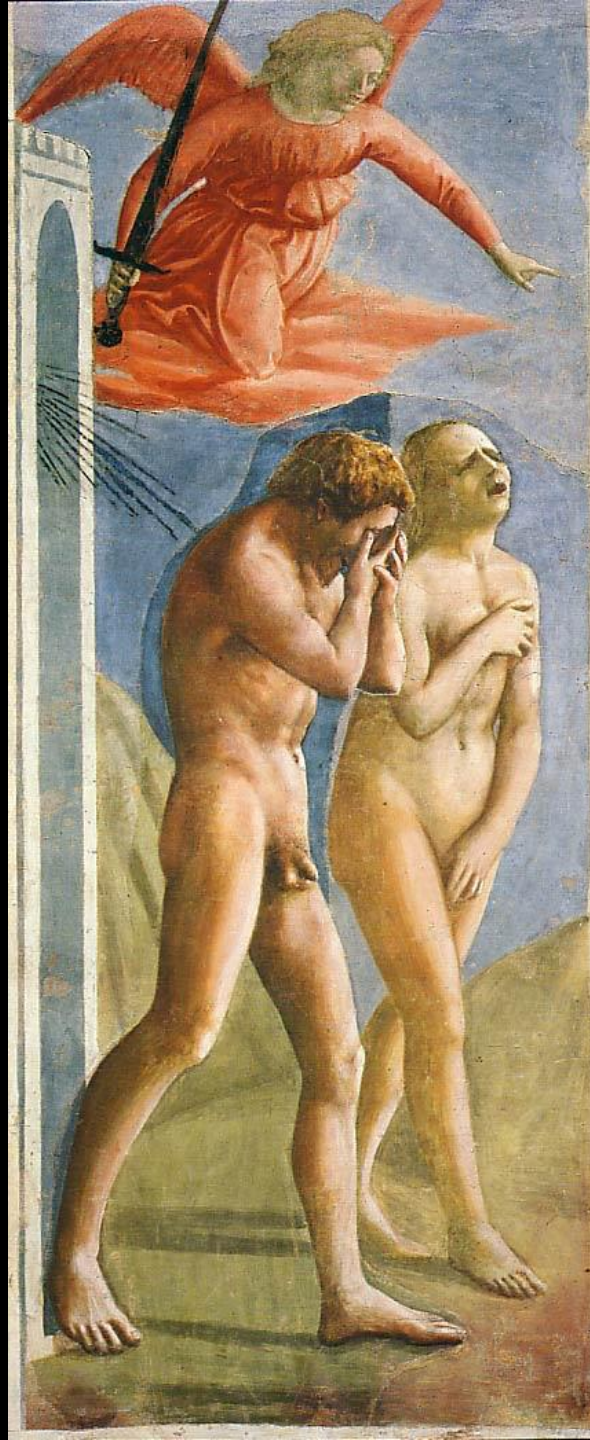


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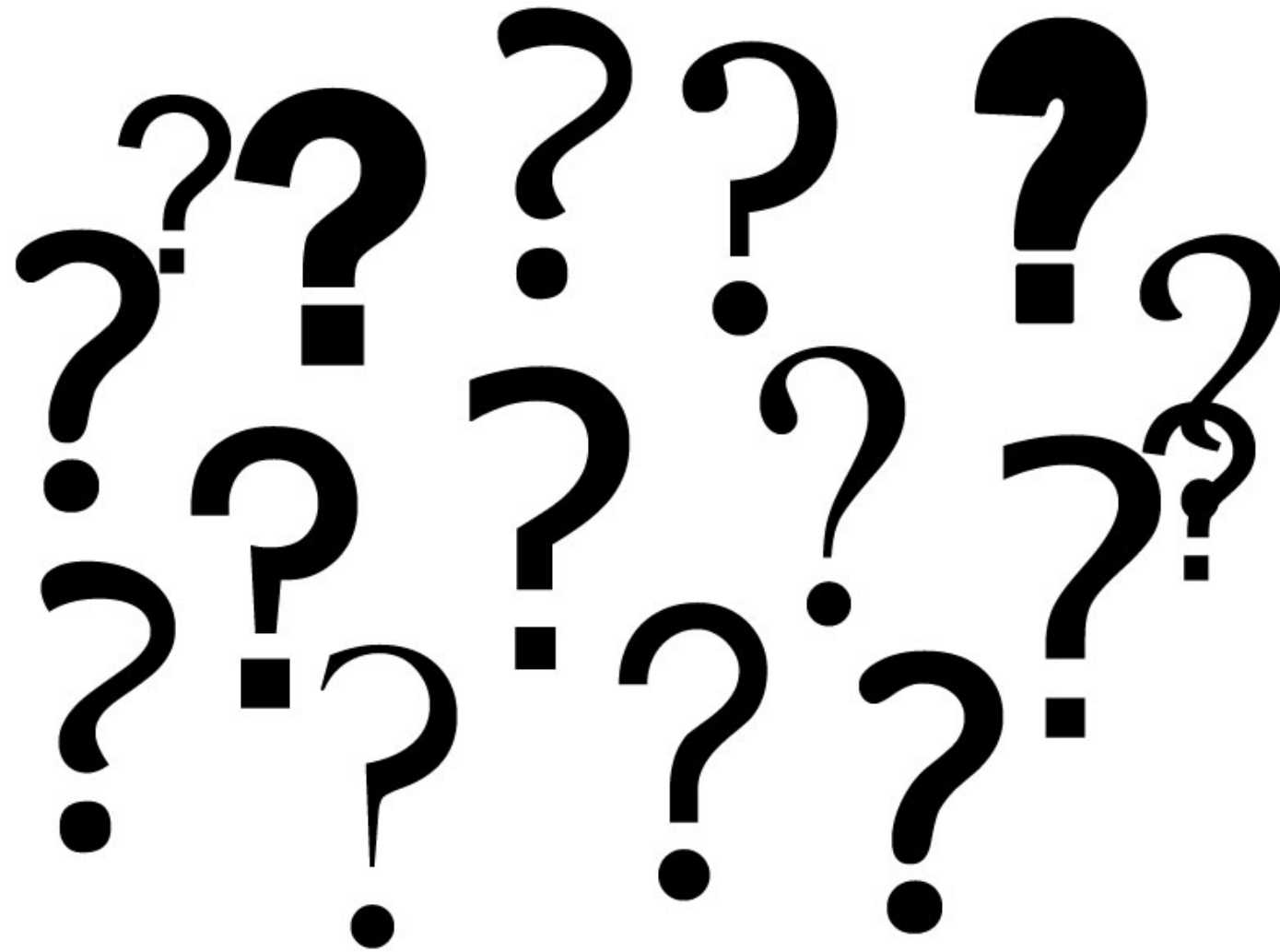
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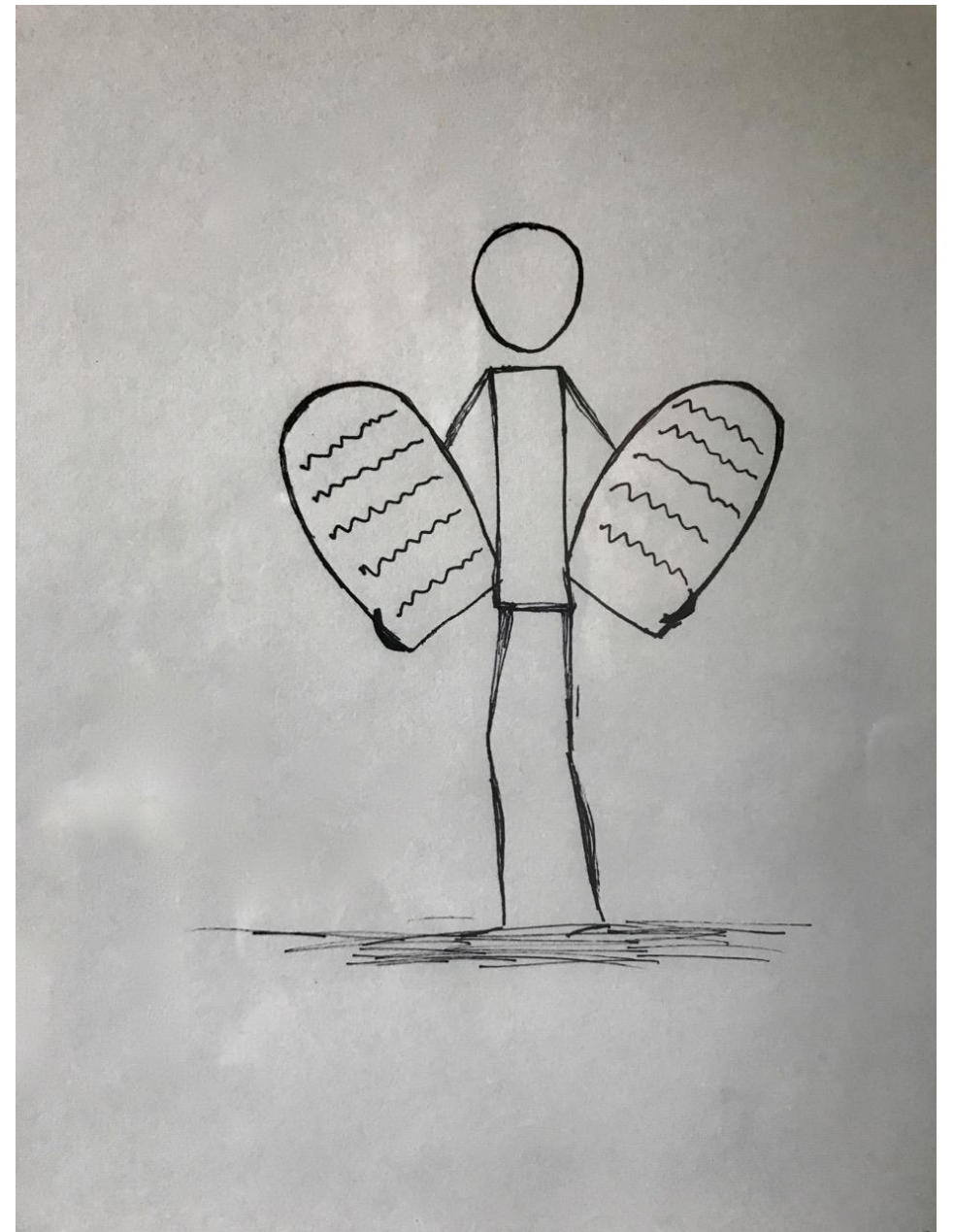
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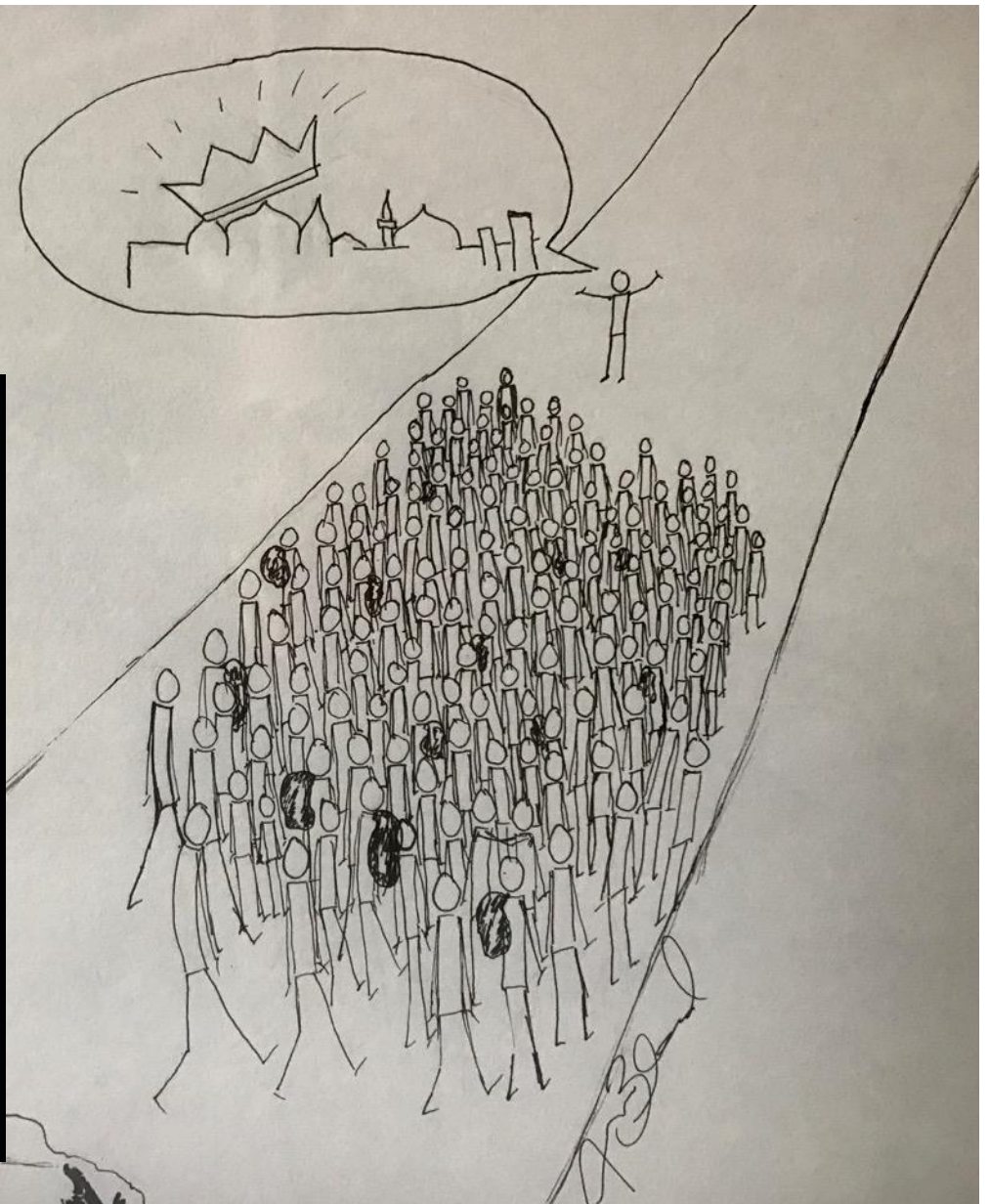
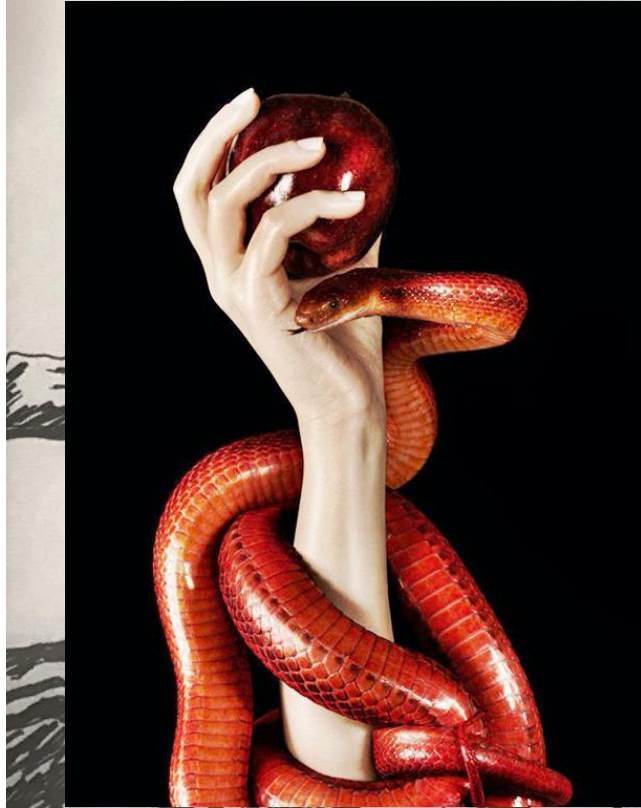




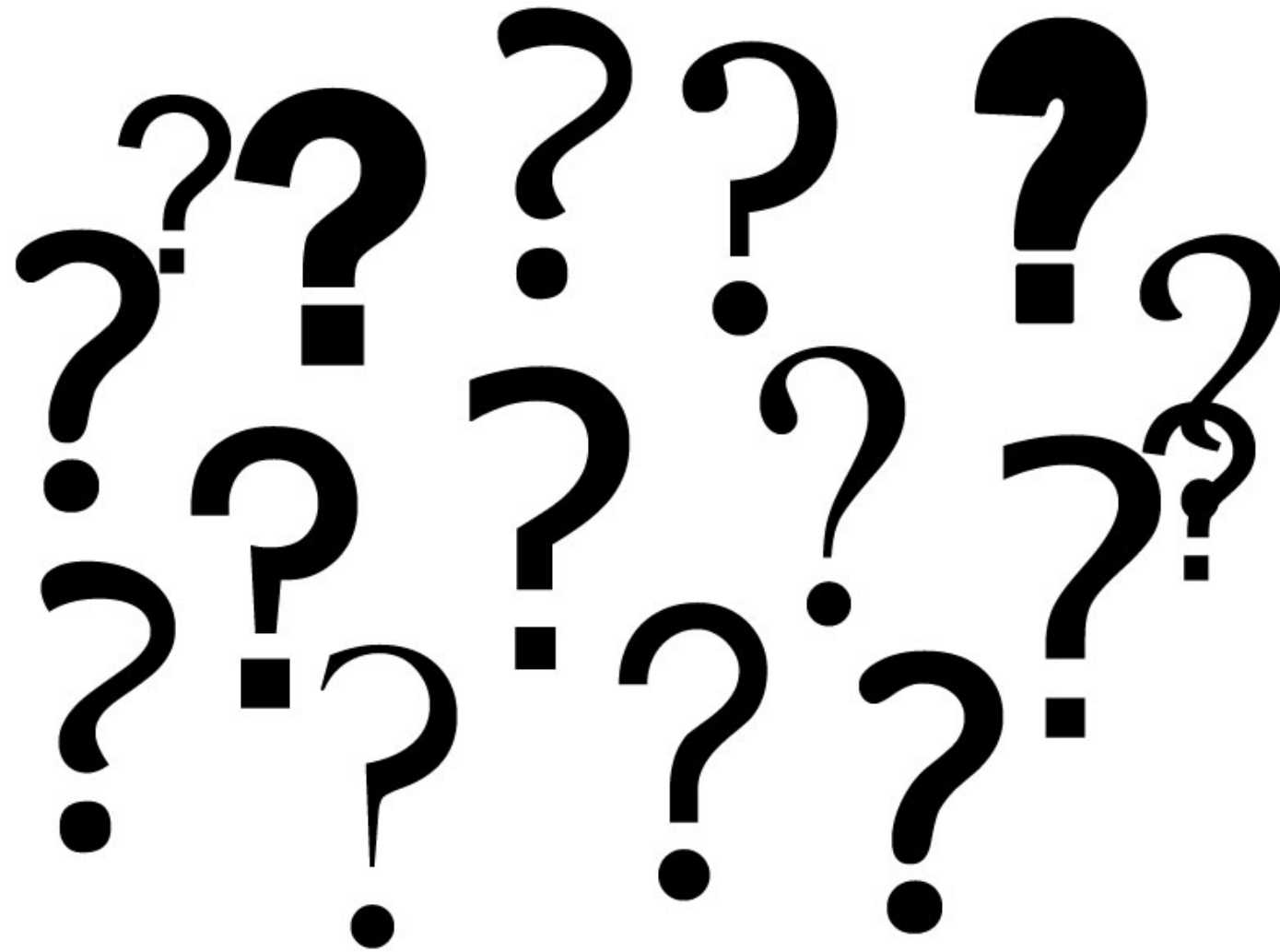
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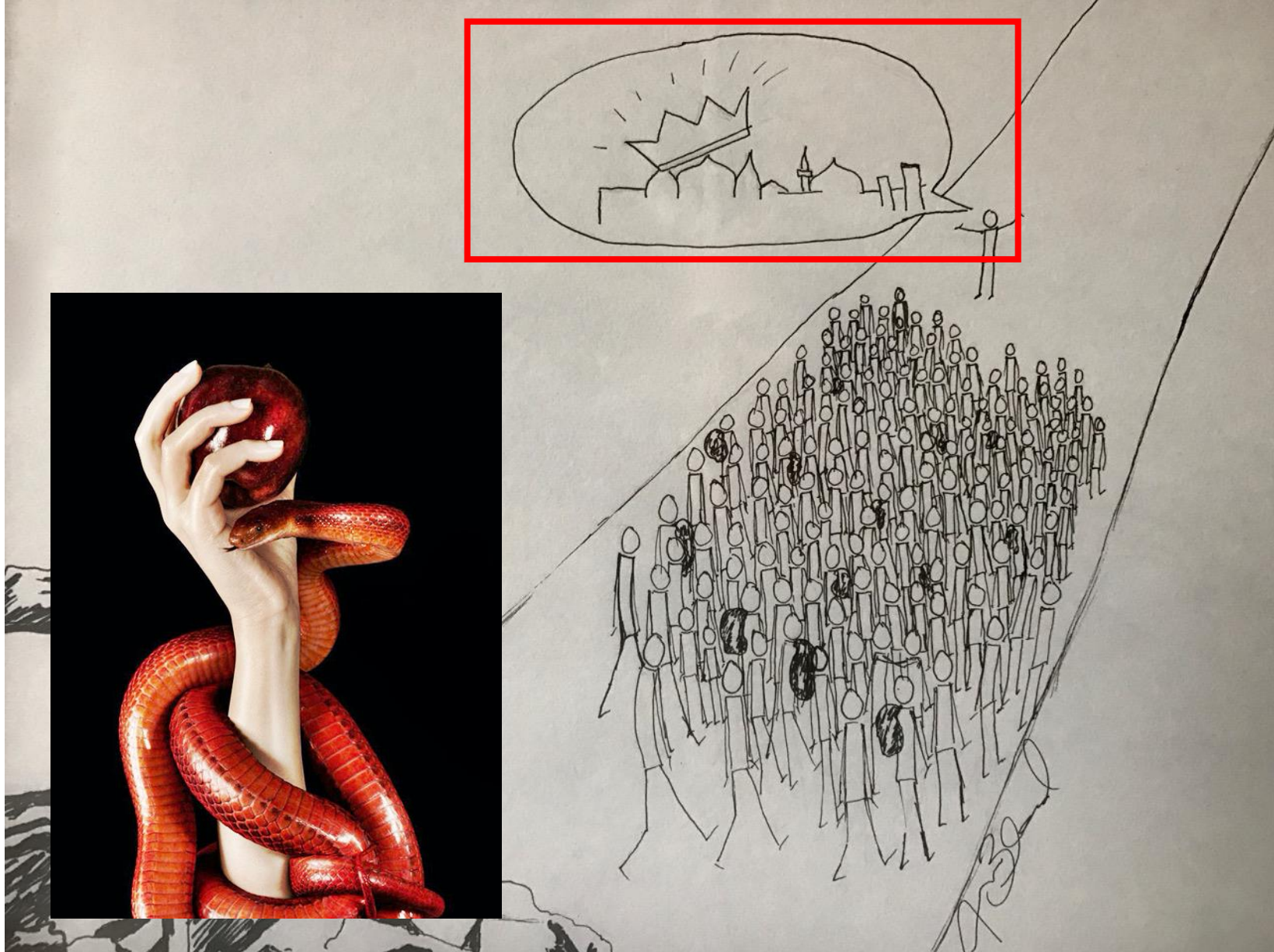


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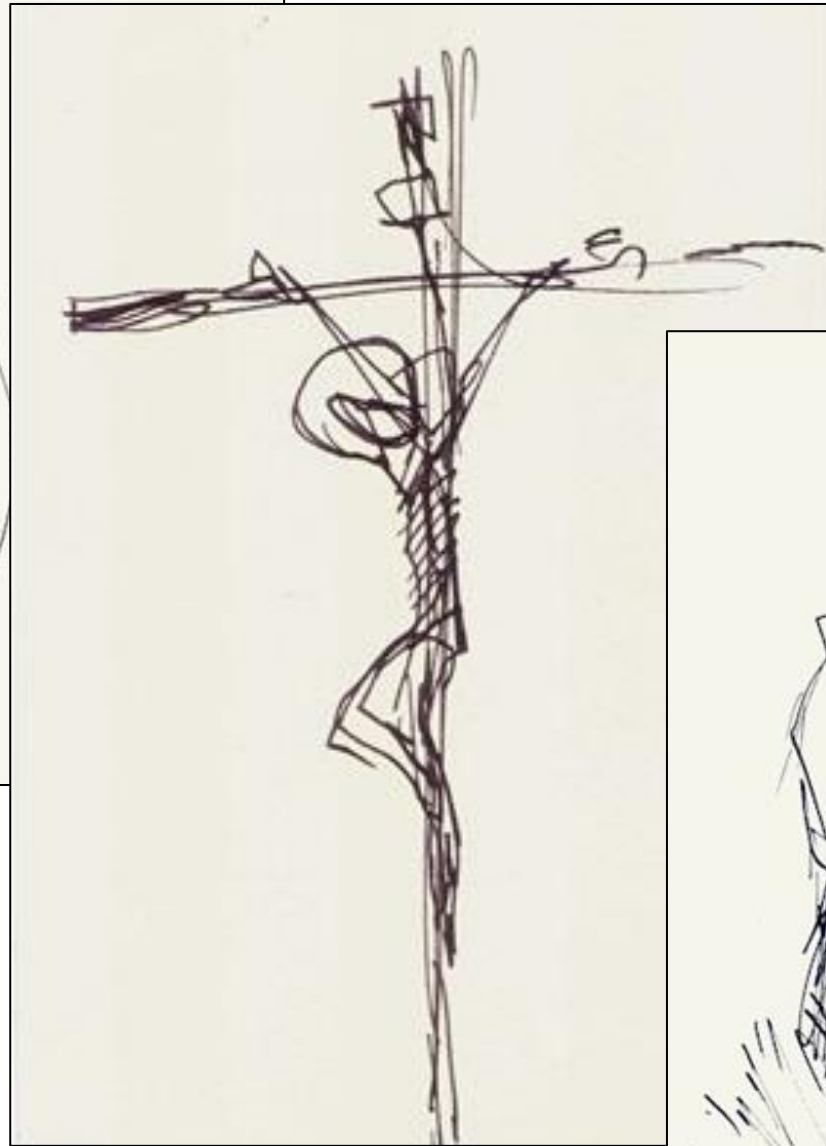
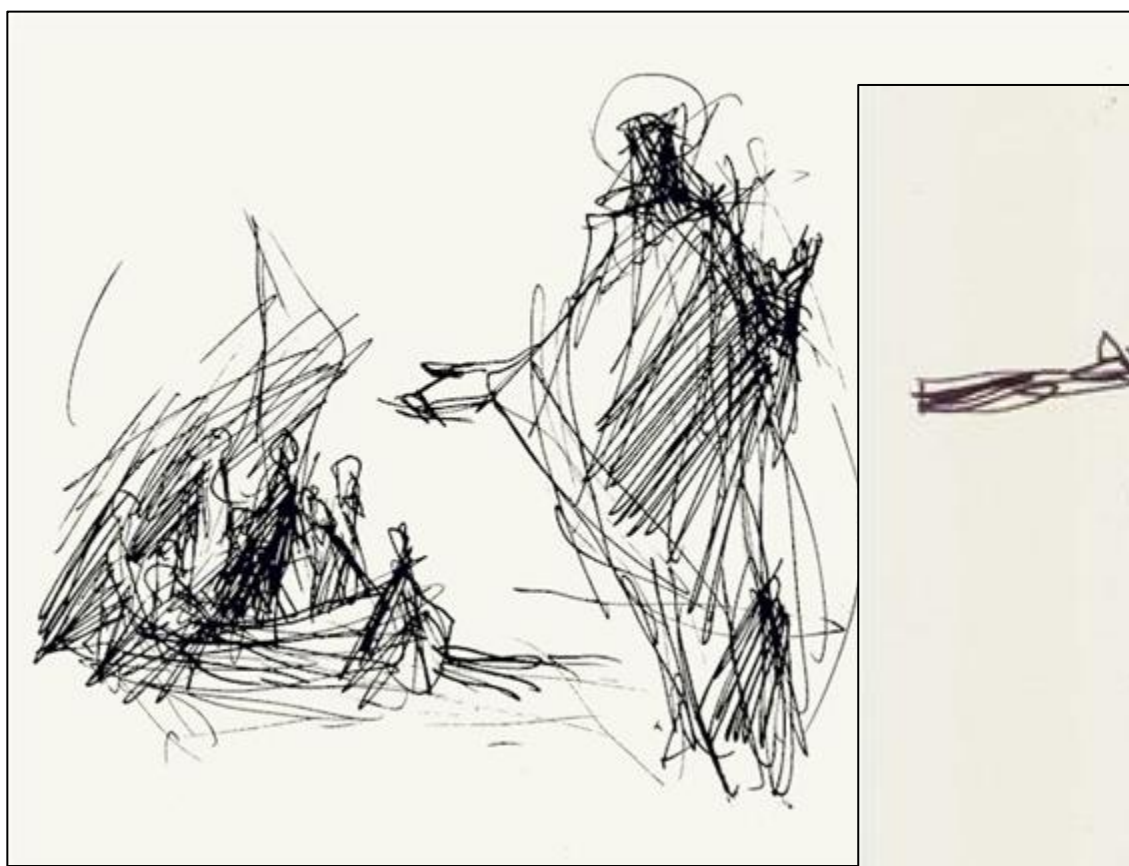


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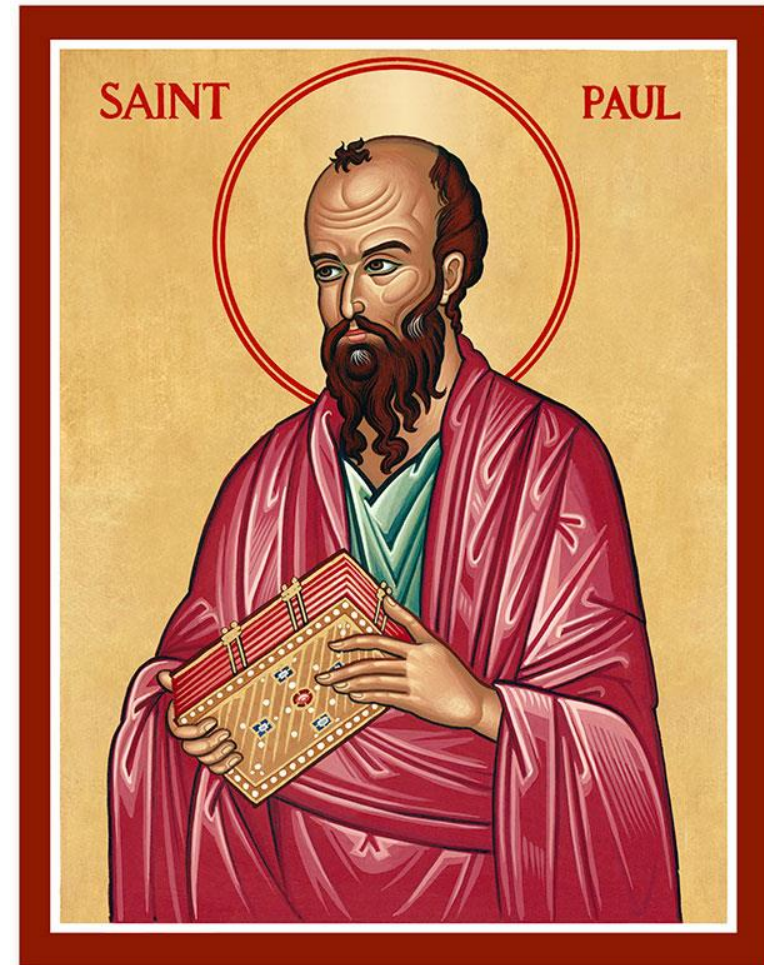




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“...first to the Jew...”

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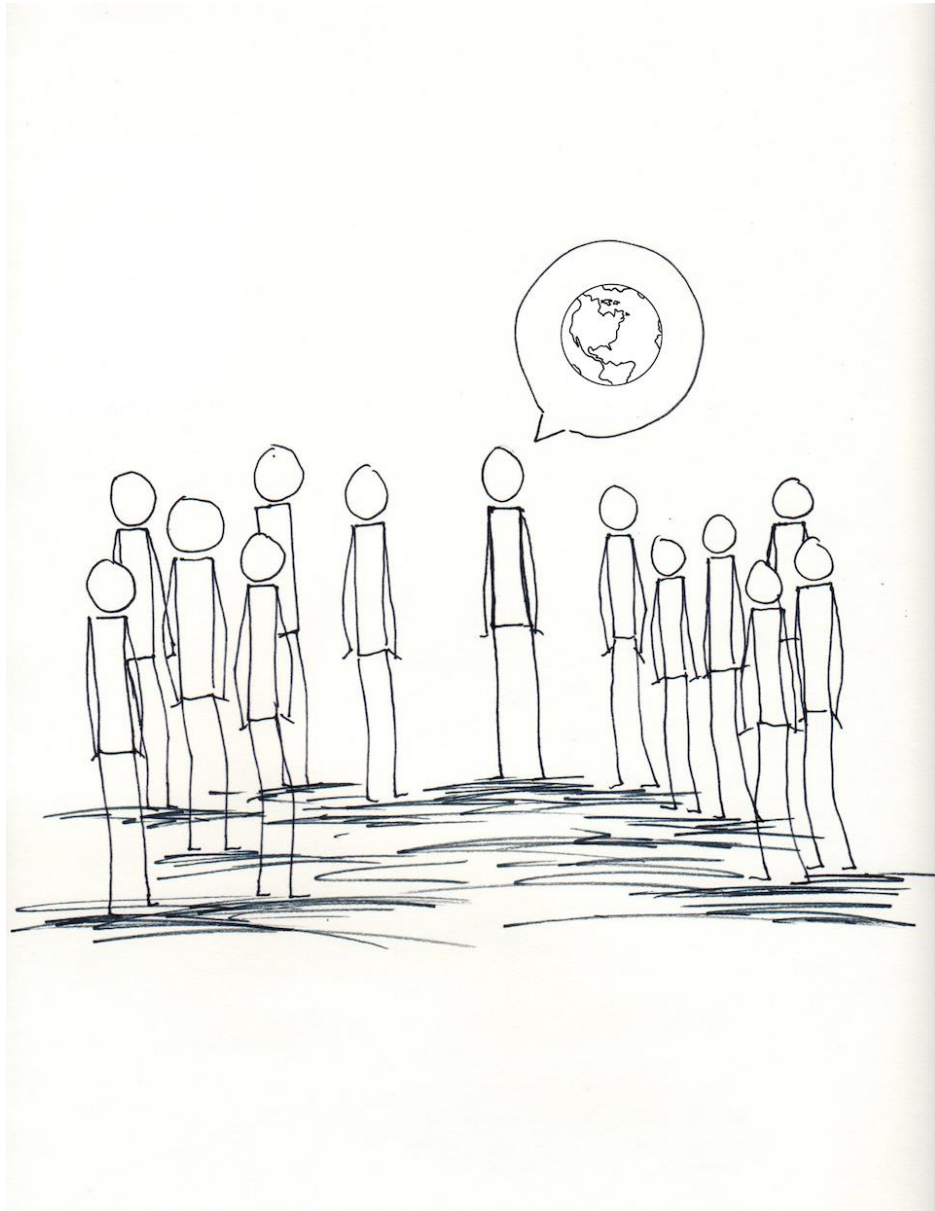


“He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new humanity.” Ep 2.15

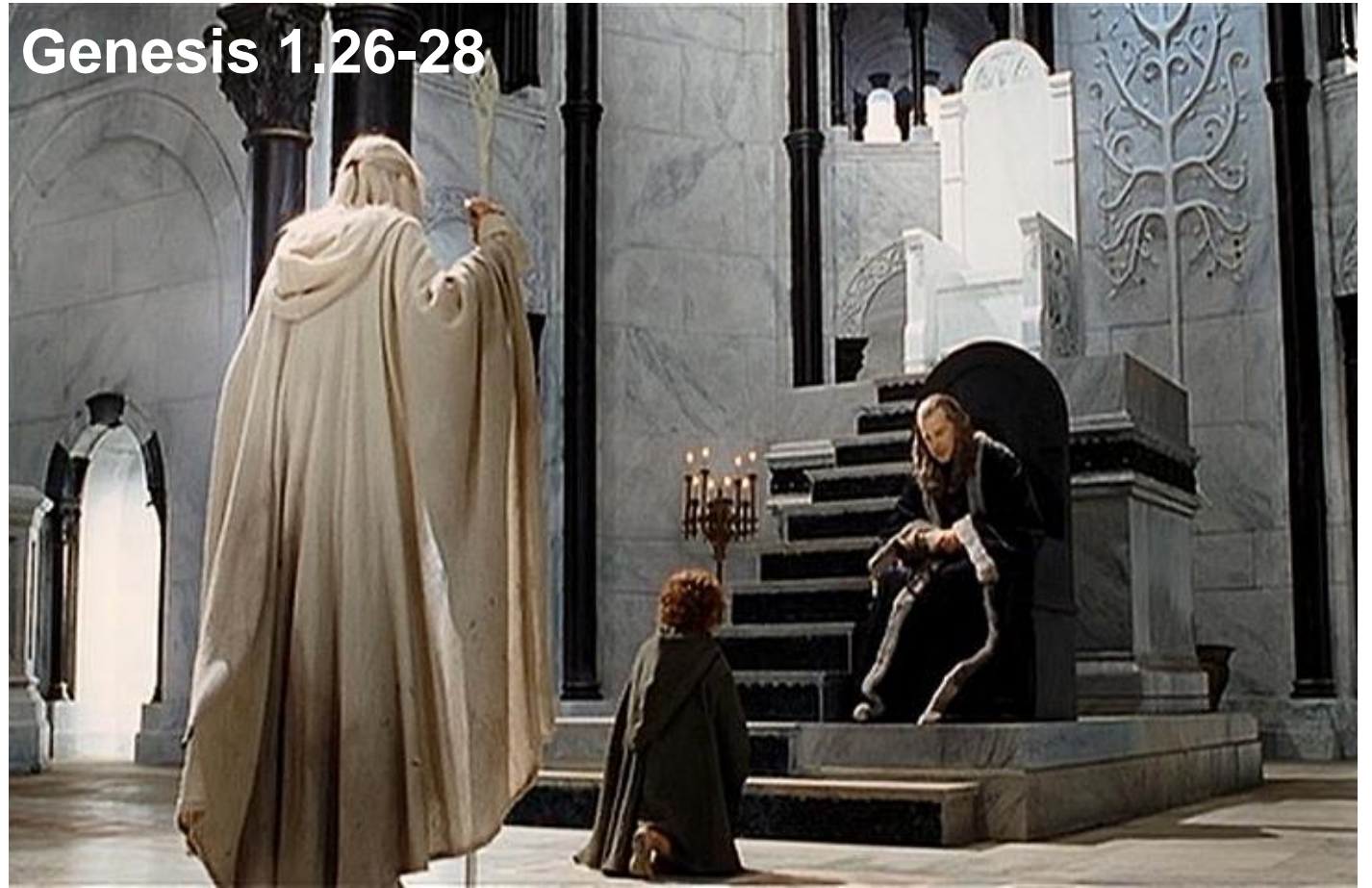
“...and also to the gentile.”

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God that
brings salvation to everyone who
believes: first to the Jew, then to the
Gentile.” Ro 1.16, NIV





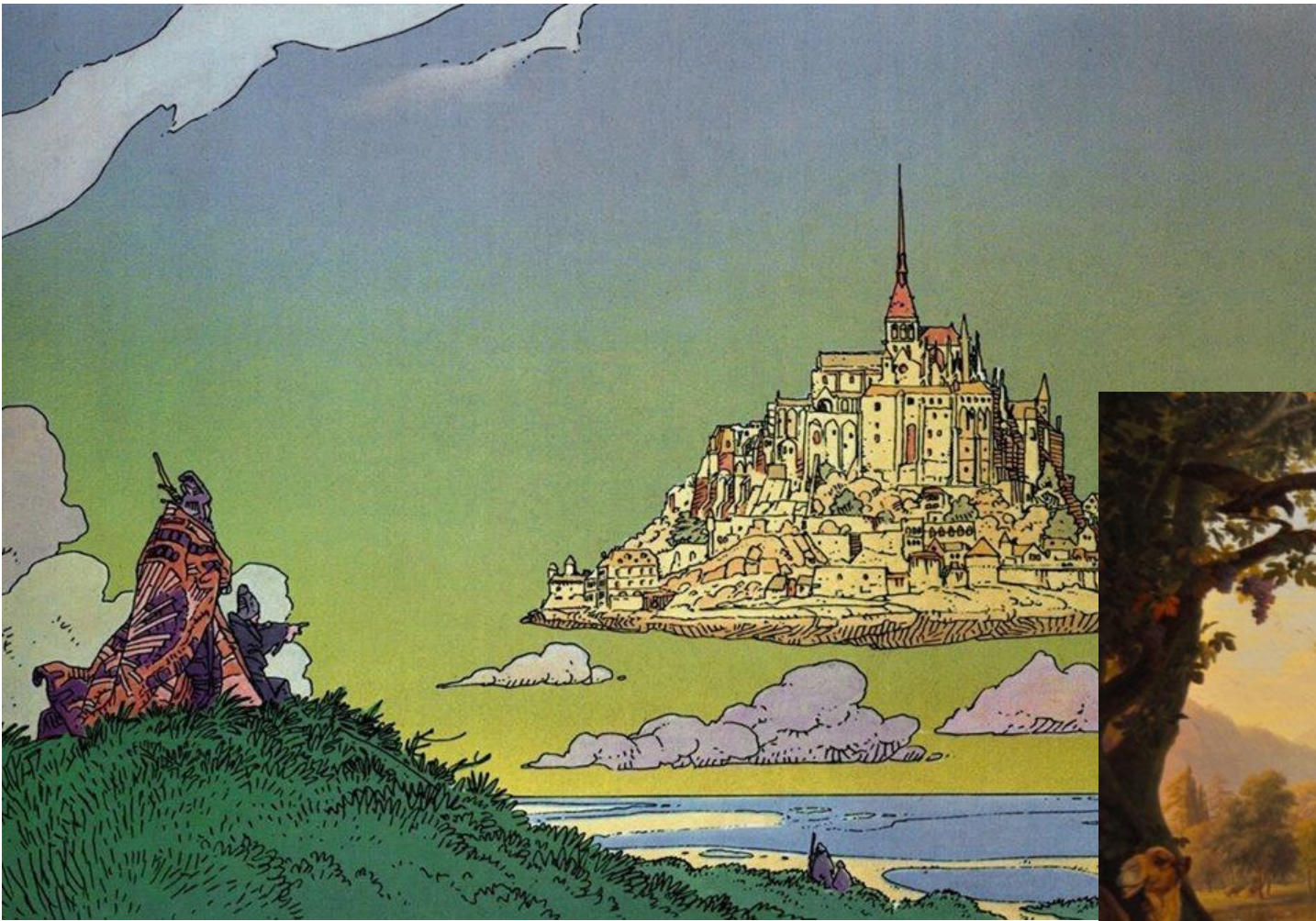
Genesis 1.26-28



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“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was gone. I also saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared like a bride



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“Then he showed me the river of living water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the broad street of the city. The tree of life was on both sides of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, and there will no longer be any curse.” Re 22.1-3a



"I will give the victor the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in God's paradise." Re 2.7



Hb 2.14: “For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the LORD.”



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