



# How to Guard a City, Part 2

*Nehemiah 7:4-73, 11:1-12:26*

---



Answers **VBS**

# MYSTERY ISLAND

Tracking Down the One True God



# How to Guard a City, Part 2

*Nehemiah 7:4-73, 11:1-12:26*

---

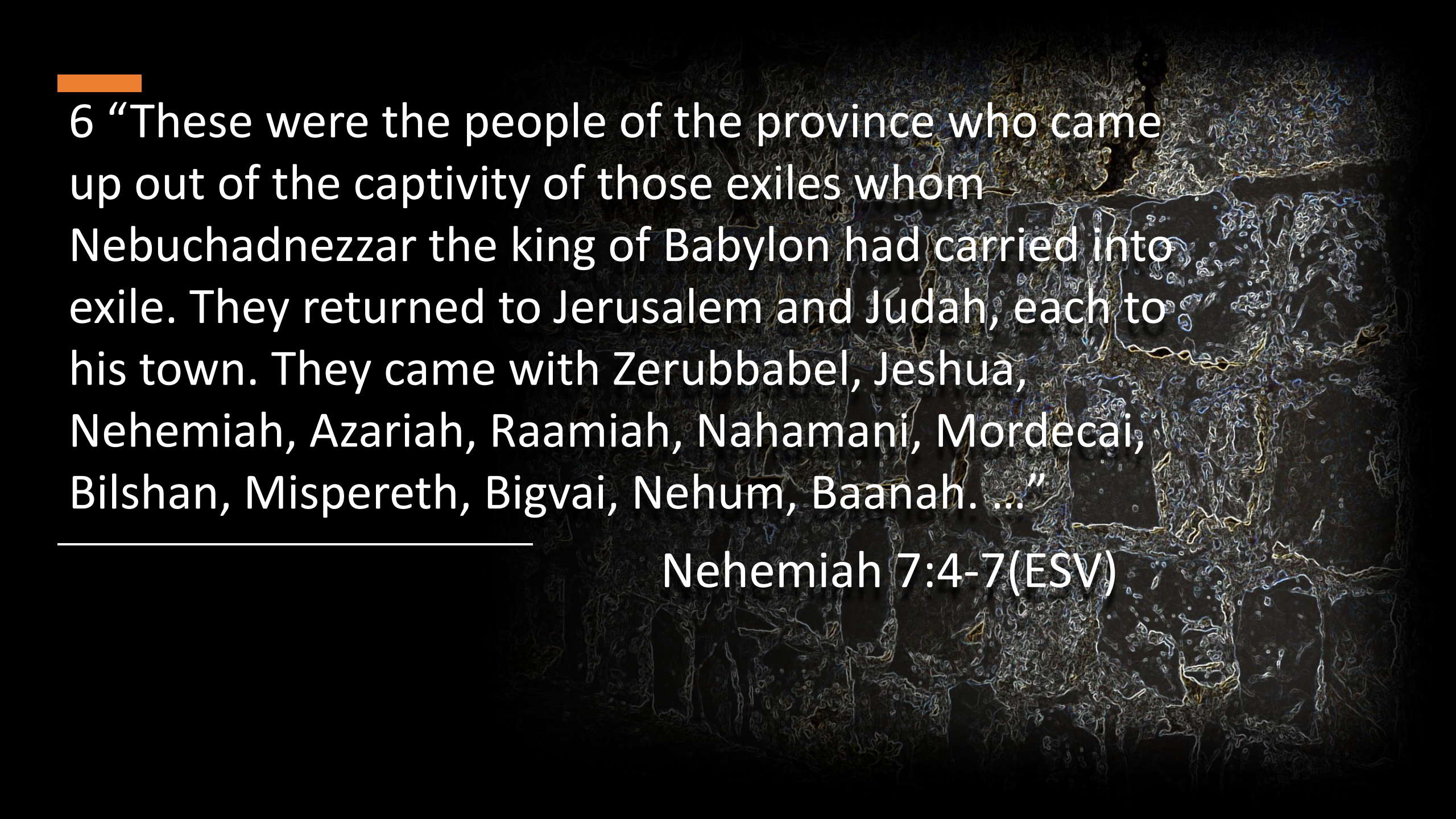


4 The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few, and no houses had been rebuilt.

Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles and the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at the first, and I found written in it:

---

Nehemiah 7:4-7(ESV)



6 “These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town. They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. ...”

---

Nehemiah 7:4-7(ESV)

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones, some of which are larger and more prominent than others. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong shadow cast on the left side of the wall, creating a sense of depth and texture. The overall tone is somewhat somber due to the dark shadow.

Step 1: Install faithful and God-fearing leaders.

---

A photograph of a stone wall with an orange horizontal bar above the text.

Step 1: Install faithful and God-fearing leaders.

Step 2: See WHO is WHERE.

---

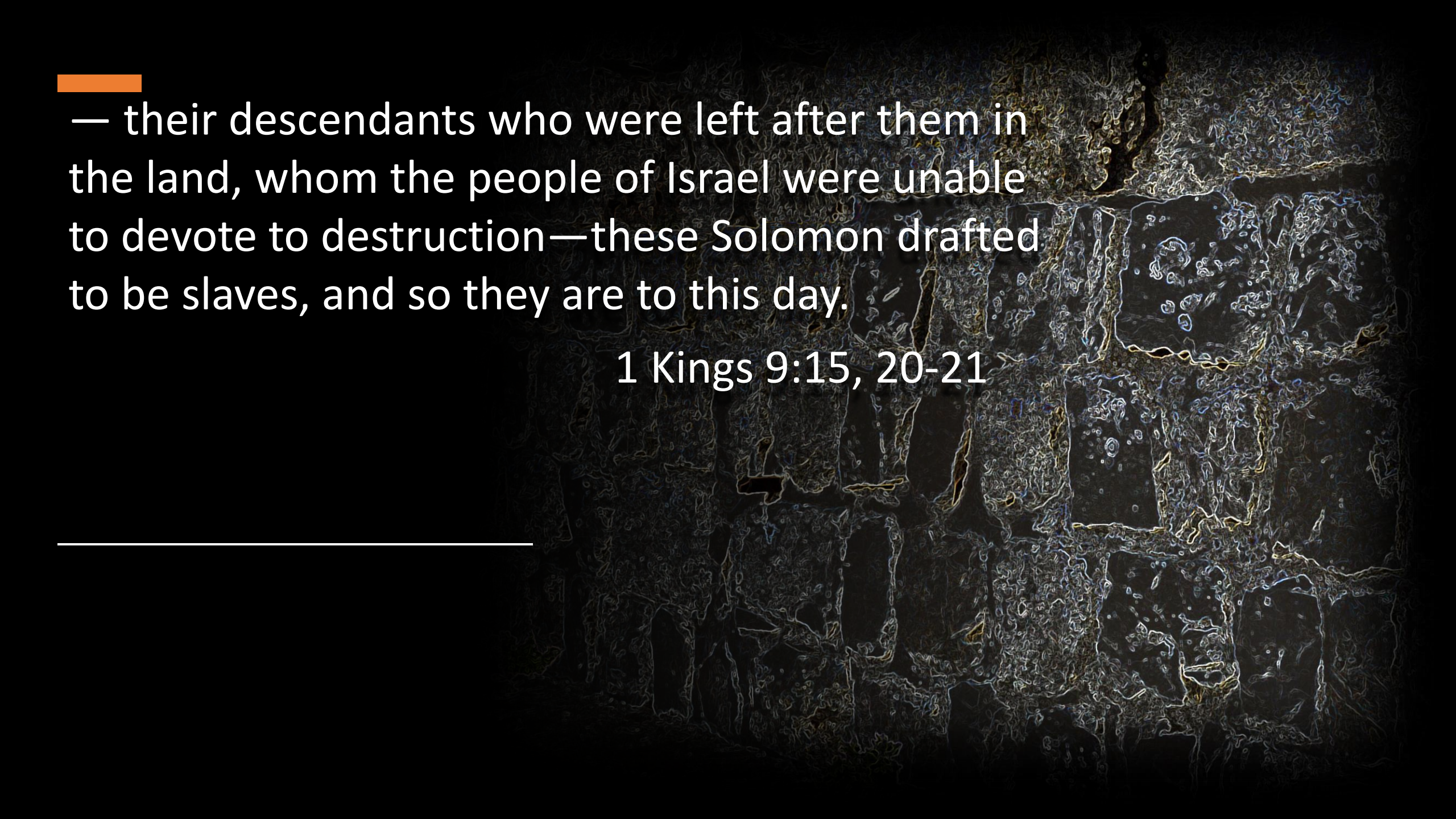




15 And this is the account of the forced labor that King Solomon drafted...

...20 All the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the people of Israel—

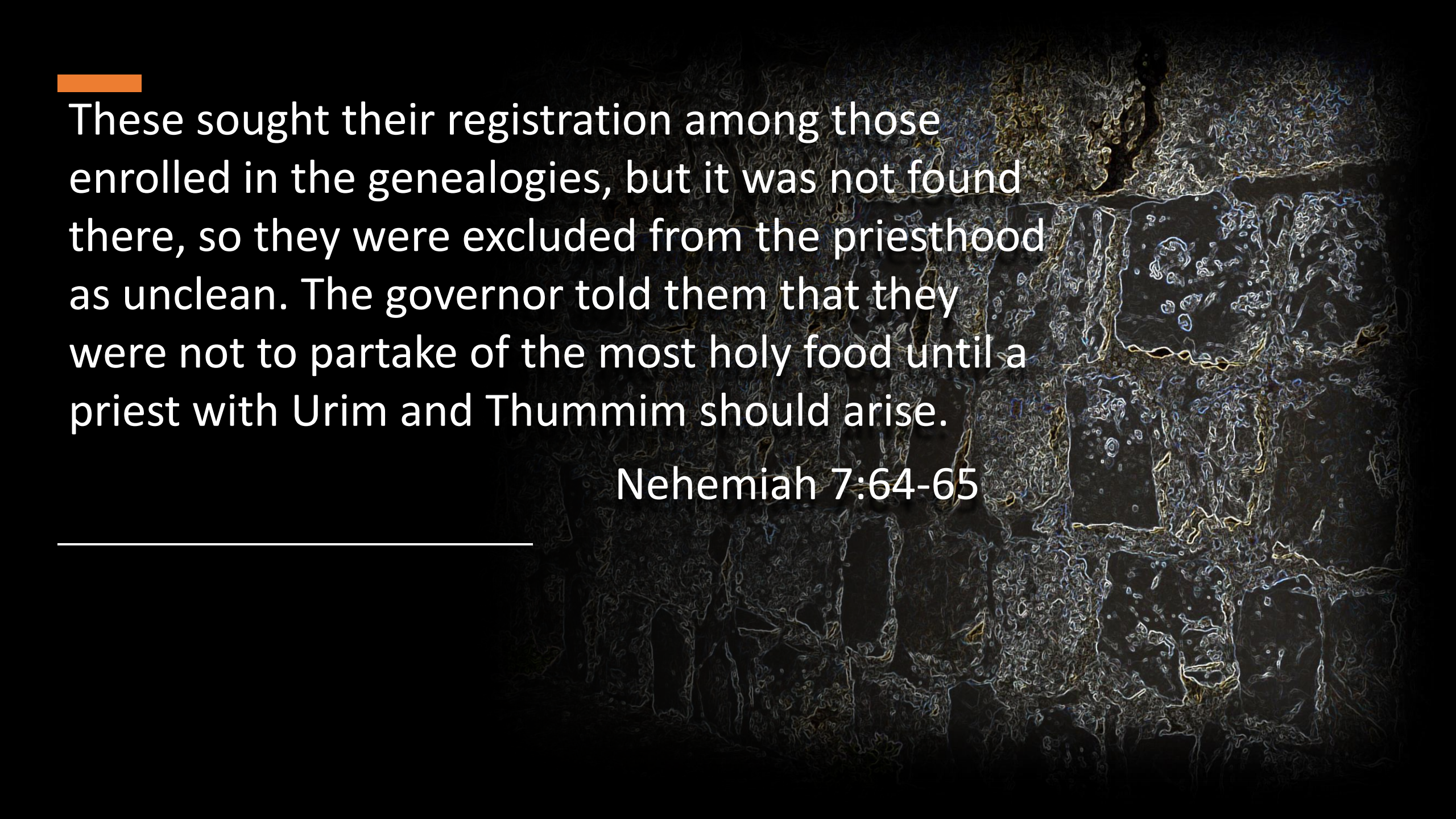
---



— their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the people of Israel were unable to devote to destruction—these Solomon drafted to be slaves, and so they are to this day.

1 Kings 9:15, 20-21

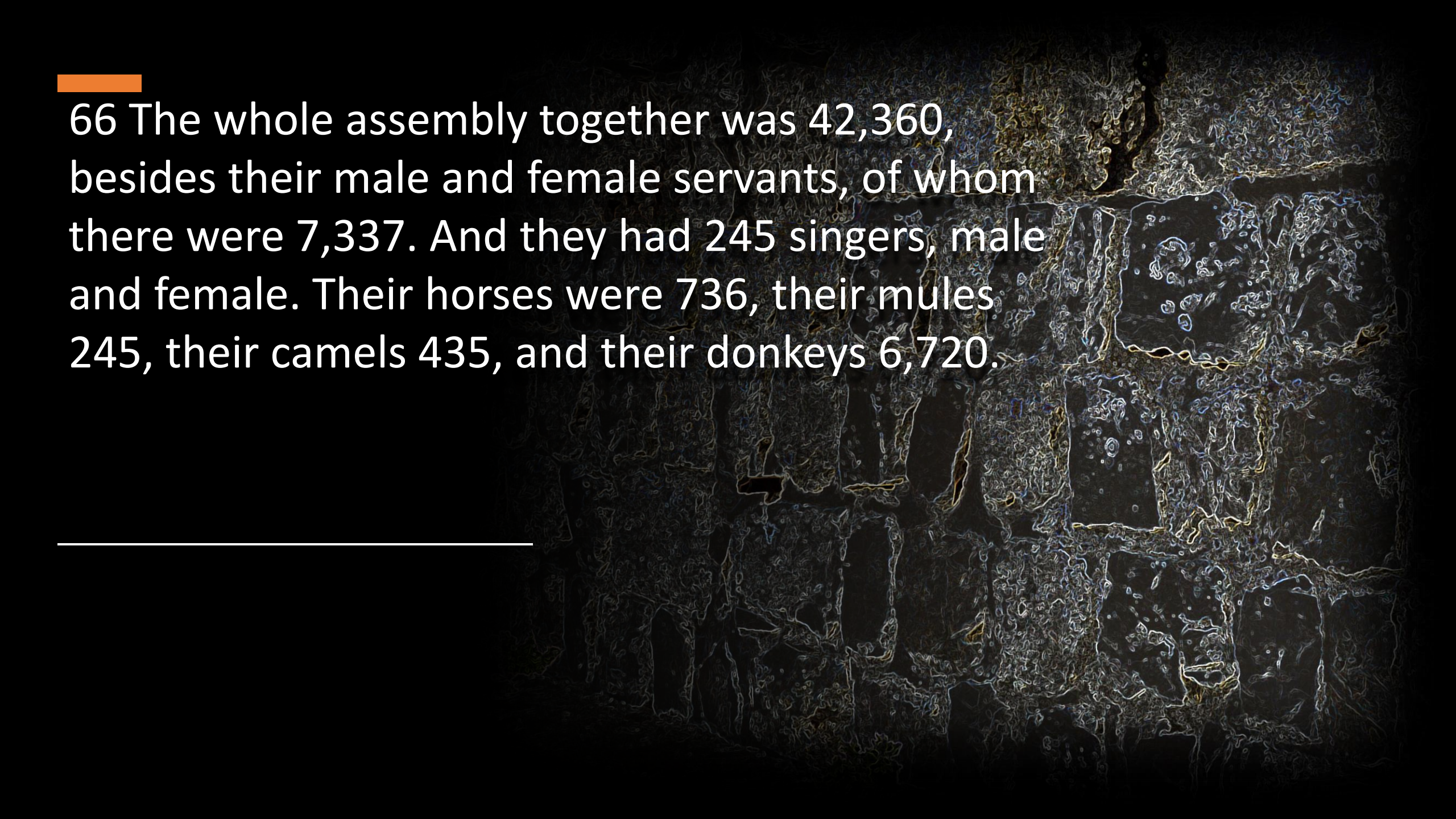
---



These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean. The governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food until a priest with Urim and Thummim should arise.

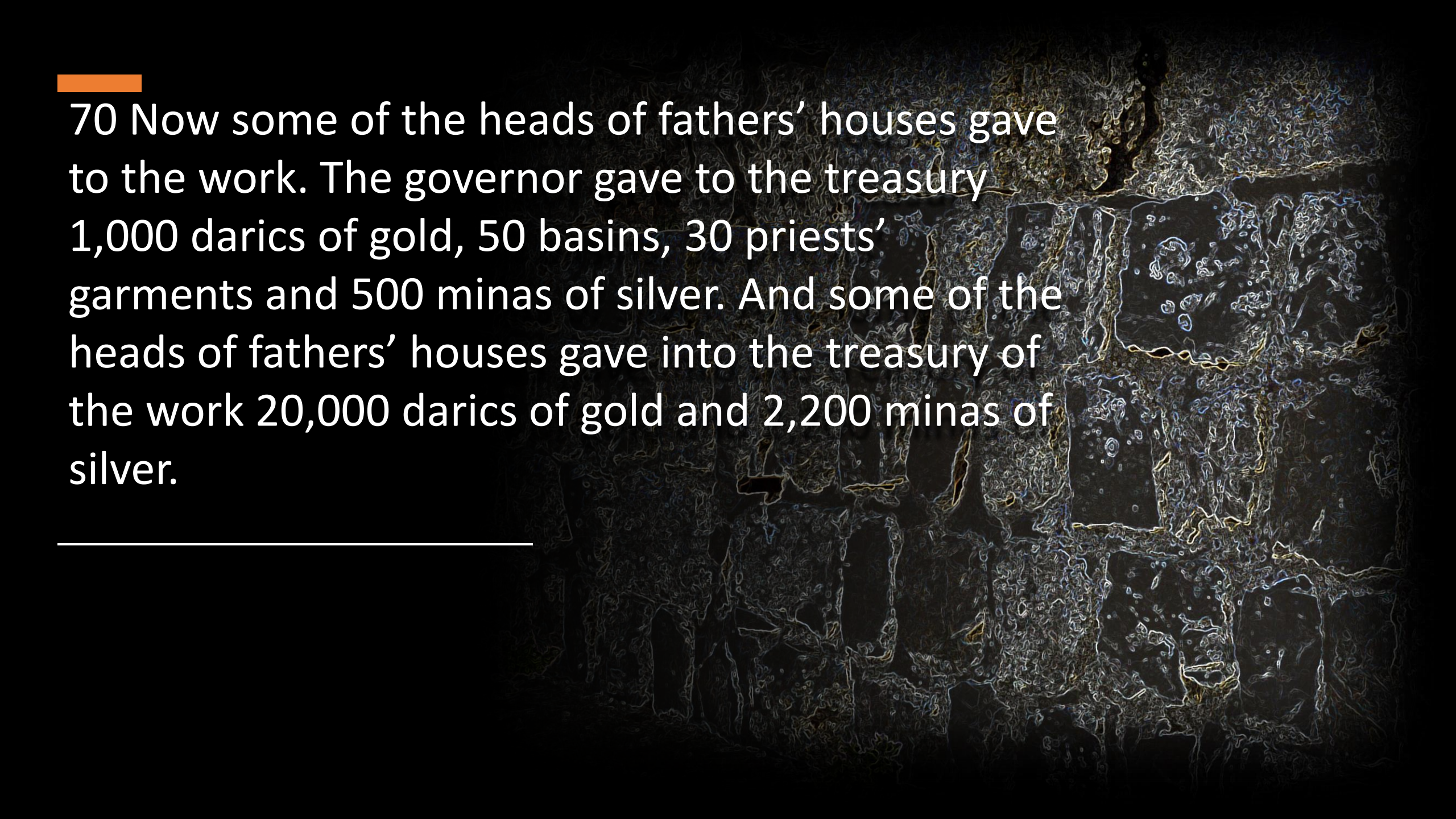
Nehemiah 7:64-65

---



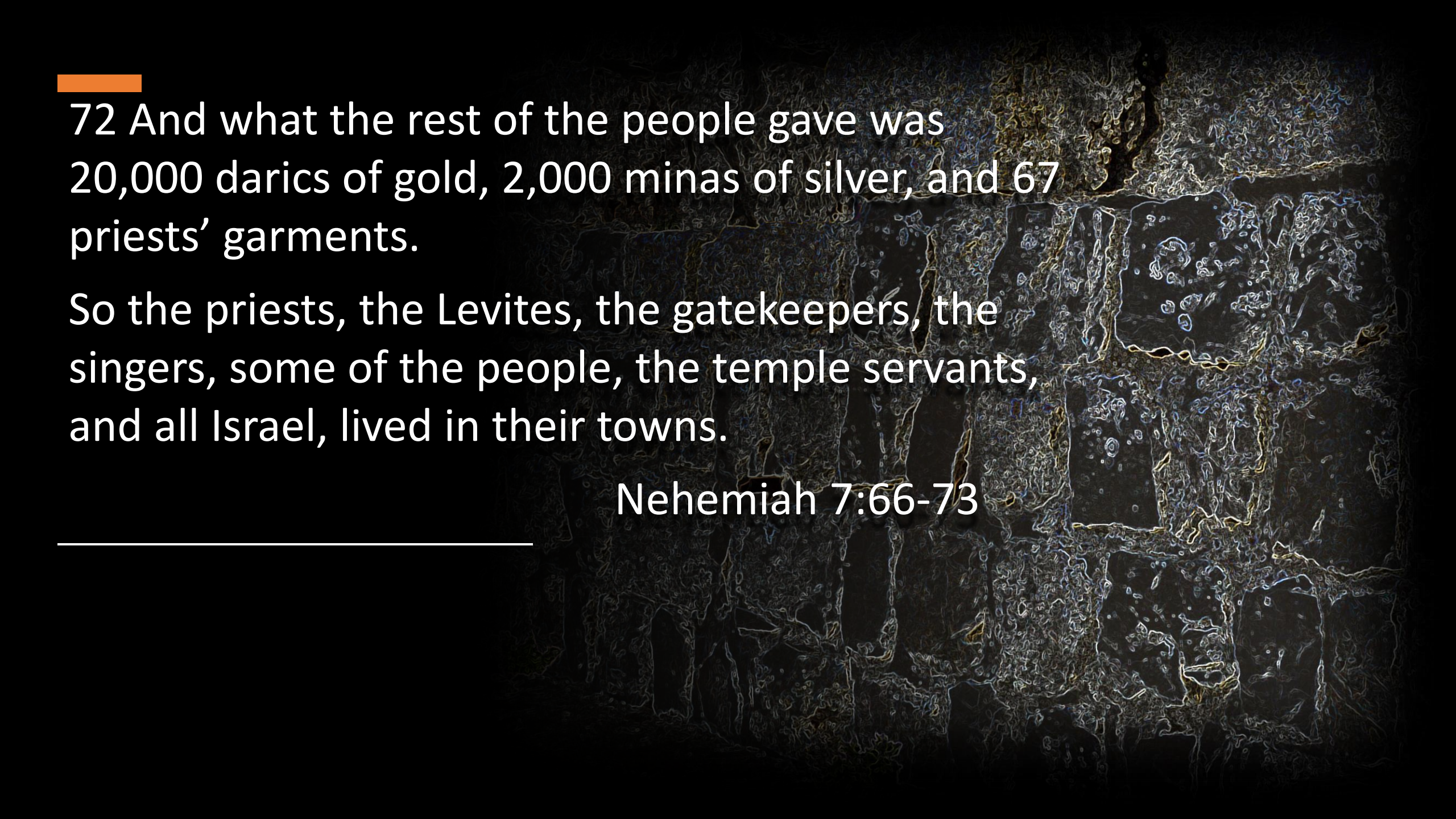
66 The whole assembly together was 42,360, besides their male and female servants, of whom there were 7,337. And they had 245 singers, male and female. Their horses were 736, their mules 245, their camels 435, and their donkeys 6,720.

---



70 Now some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 darics of gold, 50 basins, 30 priests' garments and 500 minas of silver. And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 darics of gold and 2,200 minas of silver.

---



72 And what the rest of the people gave was 20,000 darics of gold, 2,000 minas of silver, and 67 priests' garments.

So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns.

Nehemiah 7:66-73

---

A photograph of a stone wall with an orange horizontal bar above the text.

Step 1: Install faithful and God-fearing leaders.

Step 2: See WHO is WHERE.

---

A stone wall with an orange bar above the text.

Step 1: Install faithful and God-fearing leaders.

Step 2: See WHO is WHERE.

Step 3: SPIRITUAL REFORM.

---



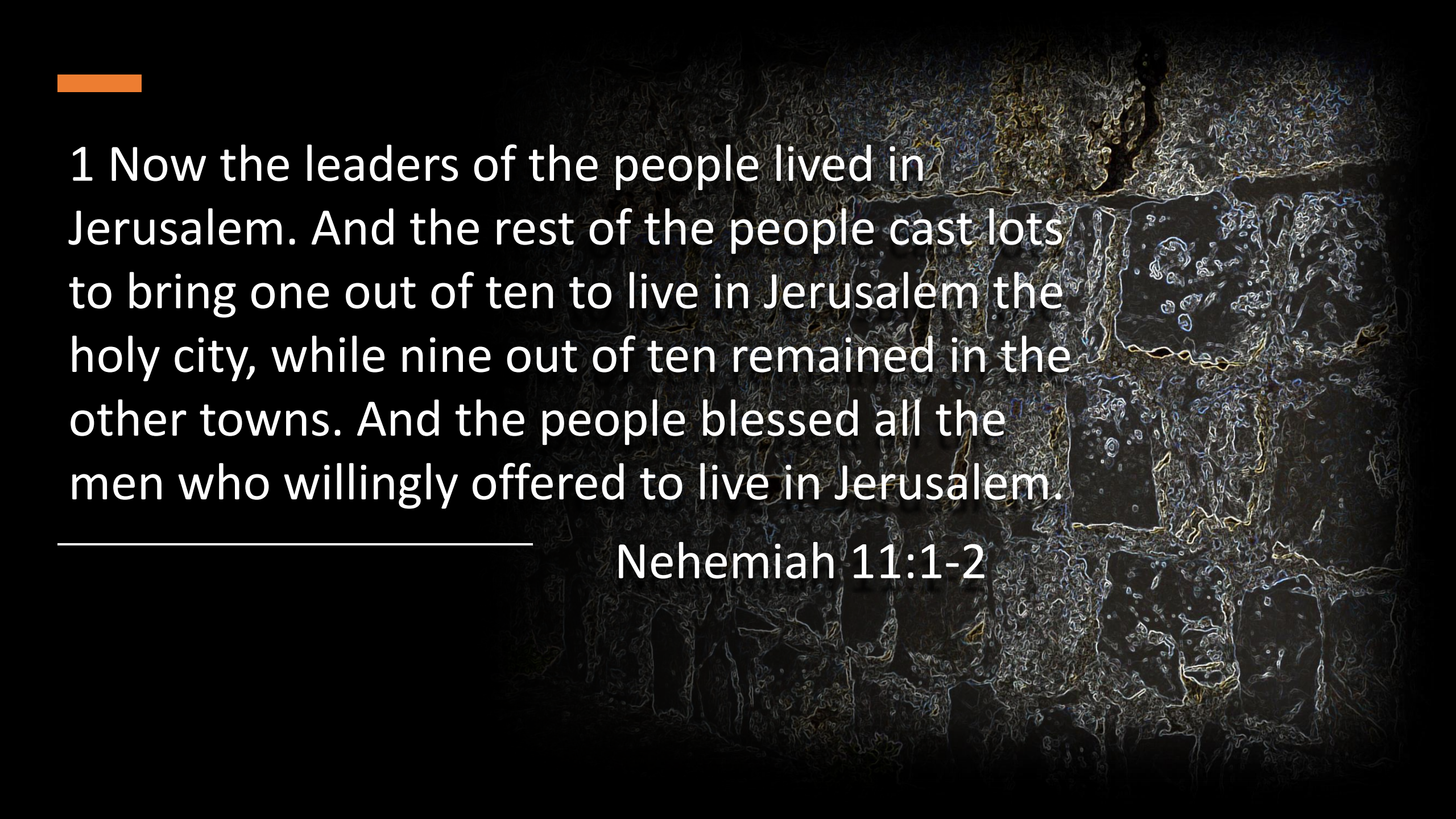
A stone wall with a small orange bar at the top left.

Step 1: Install faithful and God-fearing leaders.

Step 2: See WHO is WHERE.

Step 3: SPIRITUAL REFORM.

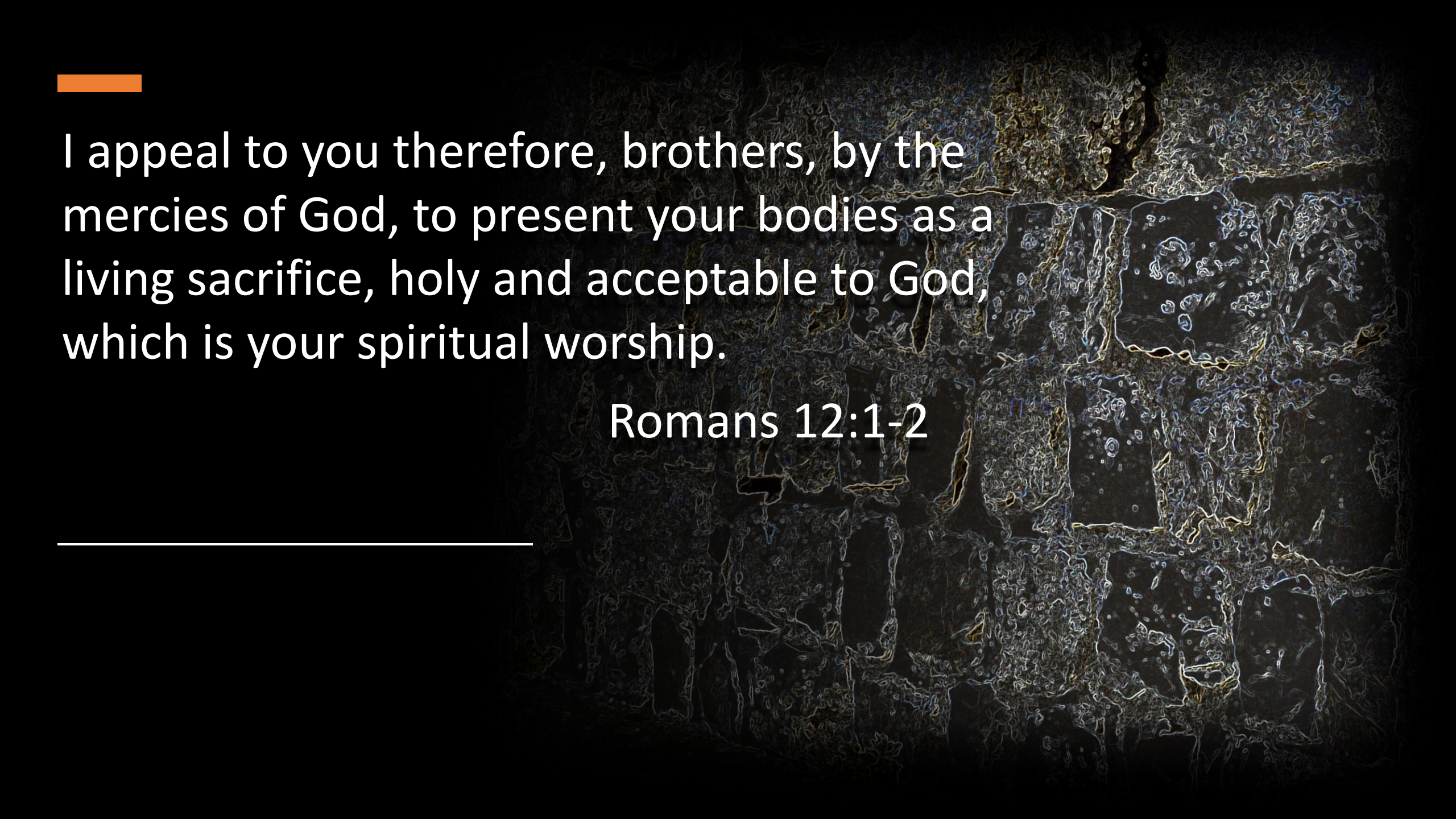
Step 4: People MOVE to Jerusalem.



1 Now the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem the holy city, while nine out of ten remained in the other towns. And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.

---

Nehemiah 11:1-2



I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.


Romans 12:1-2

---

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones, some of which are quite large and have a rough, weathered texture. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of the wall being brightly lit, highlighting the texture and color of the stones, while the left side is in deep shadow, creating a strong contrast. The overall tone is somber and textured.

# 1. The BURDEN of leadership.

---



As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Titus 3:10-11


---



# 1. The BURDEN of leadership.

James 3:1-12

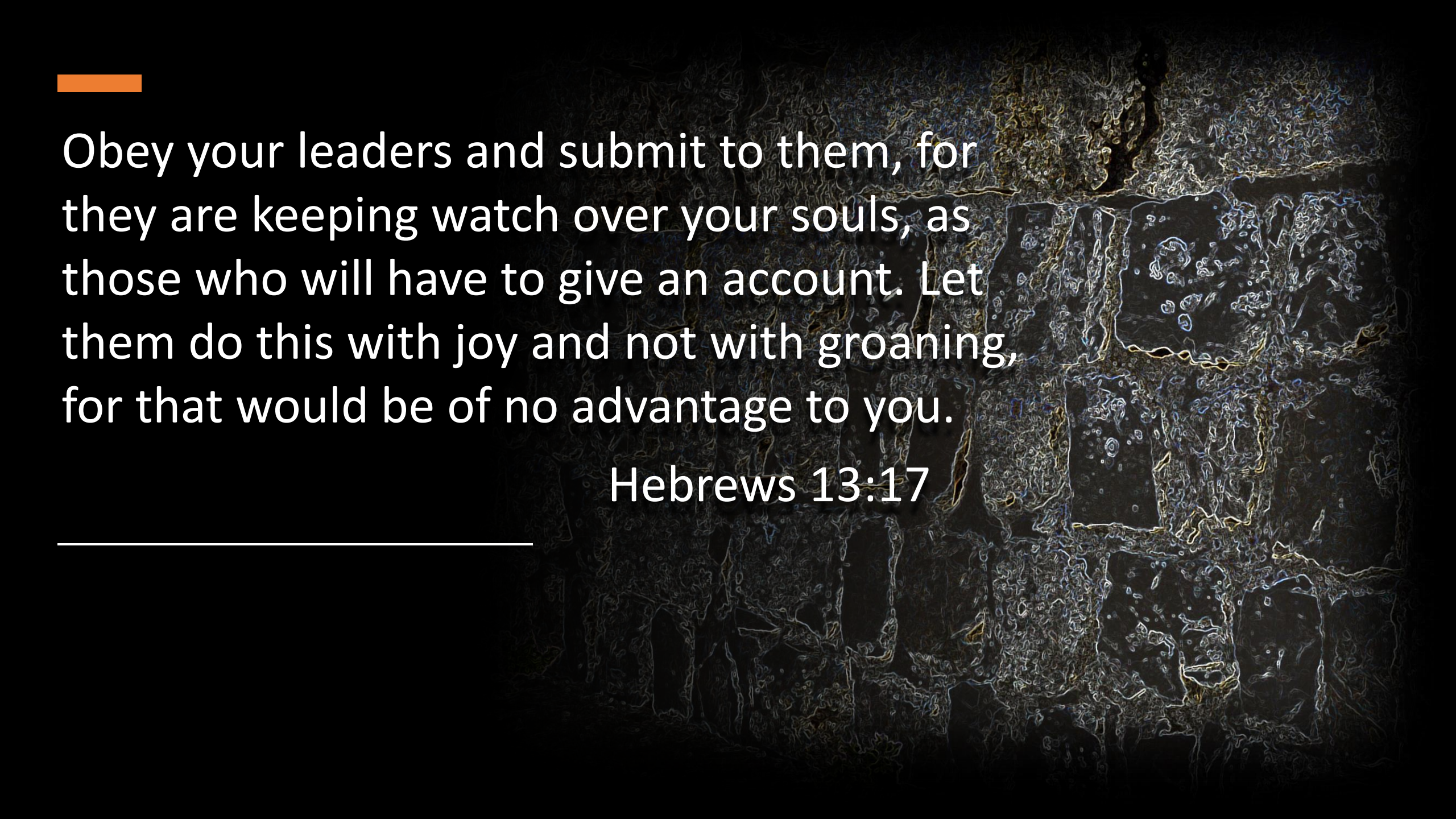
---



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

---



Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17

---



A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones, some of which are quite large and have a rough, weathered texture. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of the wall being brightly lit, highlighting the texture and color of the stones, while the left side is in deep shadow, creating a strong contrast. The overall tone is somewhat somber and textured.

# 1. The BURDEN of leadership.

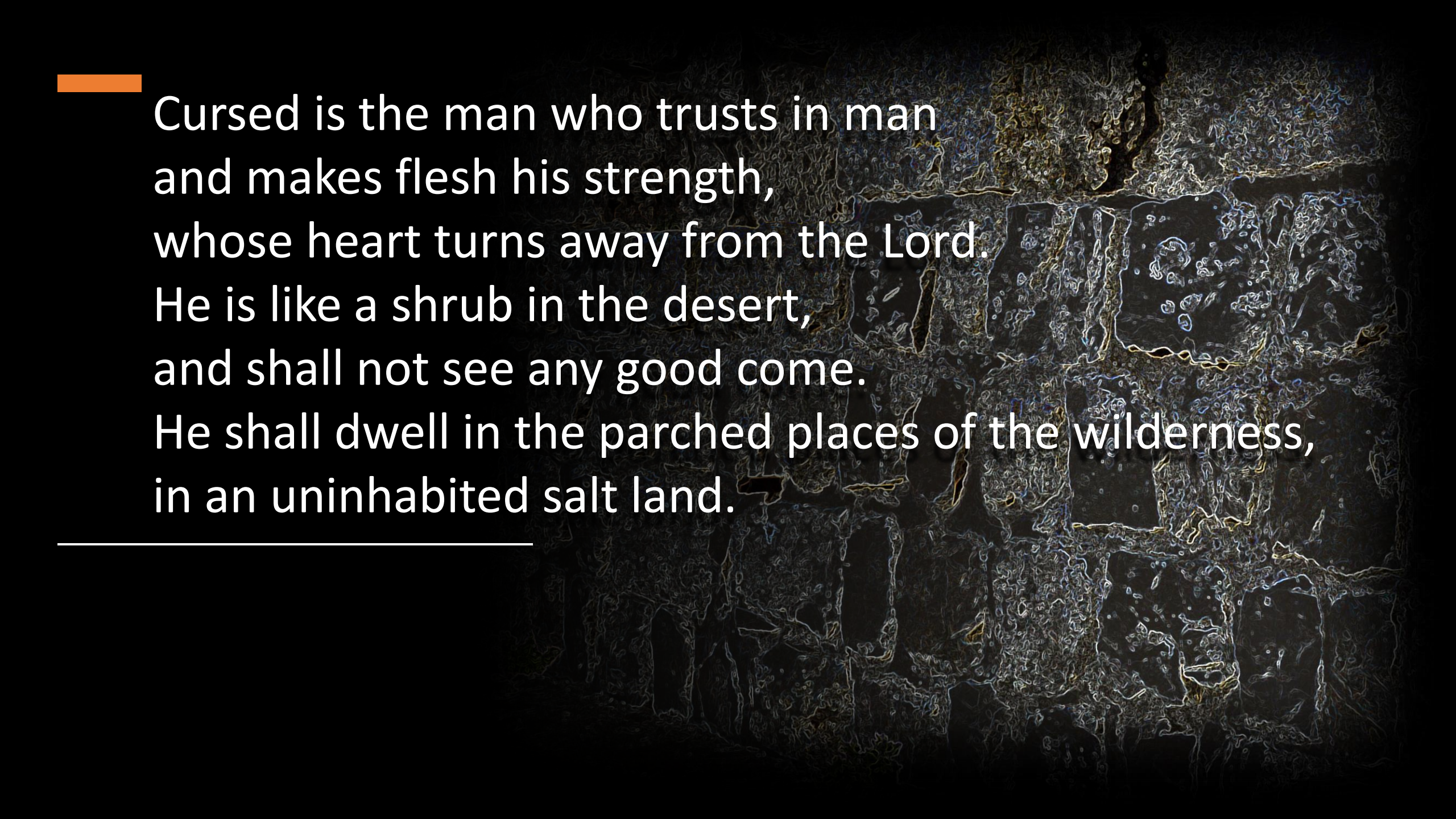
---

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or similar material, with a dark shadow cast on the left side. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones of various sizes and colors, ranging from light beige to dark grey. The texture is rough and weathered. A small green plant is visible at the bottom center of the wall.

1. The BURDEN of leadership.

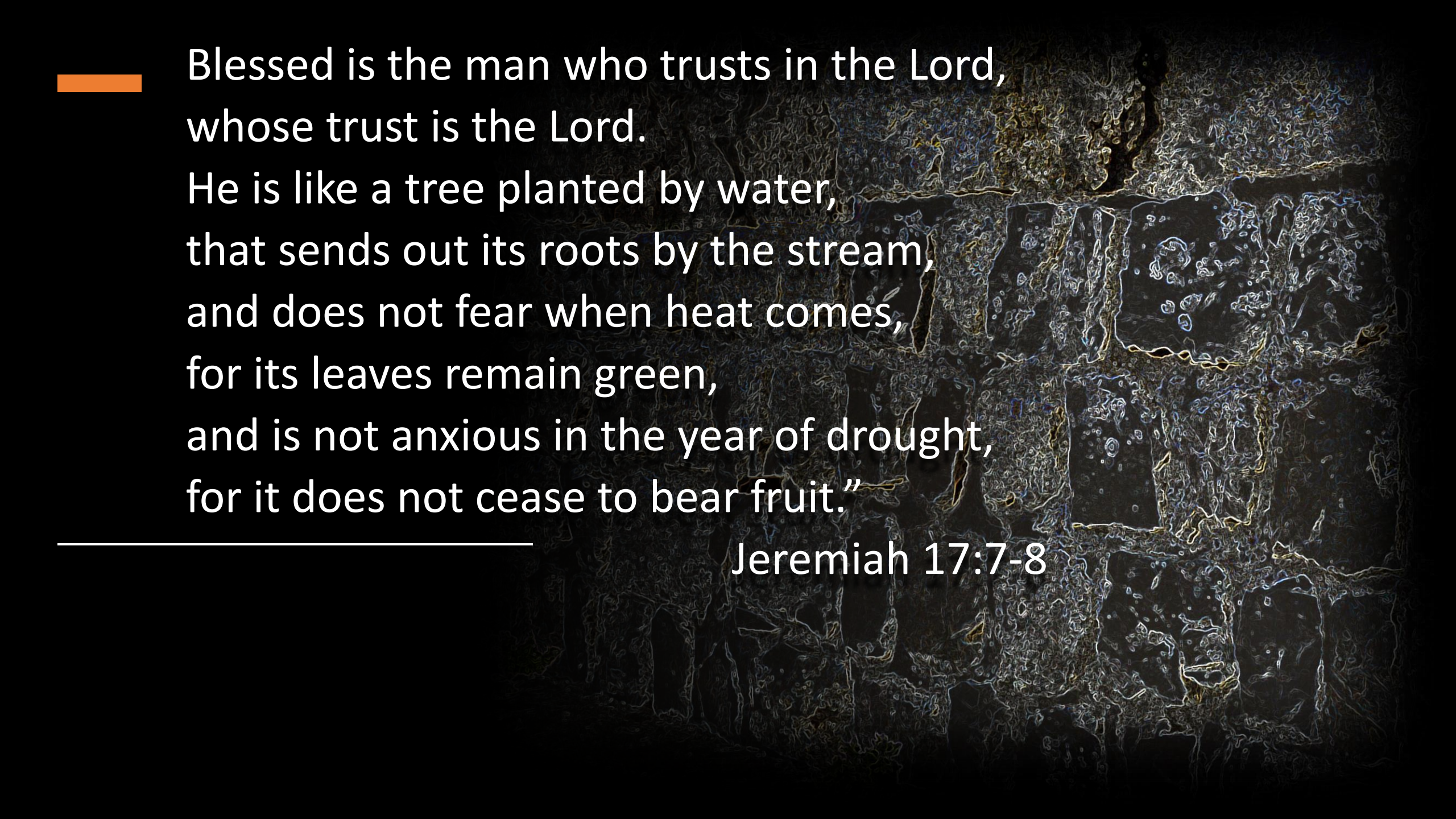
2. The response of those CHOSEN to MOVE.

---



Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.  
He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

---




Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

---

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Do all things without grumbling or questioning,  
that you may be blameless and innocent, children  
of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked  
and twisted generation, among whom you shine  
as lights in the world, ..

Philippians 2:14-15

---



1. The BURDEN of leadership.

2. The response of those CHOSEN to MOVE.

3. Those who VOLUNTEERED to MOVE.

---



Those who volunteered to move:

- They were BOLD

---



Those who volunteered to move:

- They were BOLD

- They were DRIVEN!

---






- Communion


---




- 
- A photograph of a stone wall, likely part of a building or fortification. The wall is constructed from large, irregular, light-colored stones with some darker patches and moss. A small, dark window is visible in the middle of the wall. At the bottom center, there is a small green plant growing from the ground. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an indoor or shaded outdoor setting.
- Communion
  - God's Word
-

- 
- A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones, some of which are larger and more prominent than others. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of the wall being brightly lit, highlighting the texture and color of the stones, while the left side is in deep shadow. In the bottom left corner, there is a small, dark green plant growing from the ground. Overlaid on the left side of the image is a list of three items in white text, preceded by a short orange horizontal bar.
- Communion
  - God's Word
  - Prayer
-

- 
- A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones of various sizes, some showing signs of weathering and discoloration. The lighting is somewhat dramatic, with the right side of the wall being brighter and the left side being in shadow. On the left side of the image, there is a list of four items in white text. Above the first item, there is a small orange horizontal bar. Below the list, there is a white horizontal line.
- Communion
  - God's Word
  - Prayer
  - Eternal perspective
-

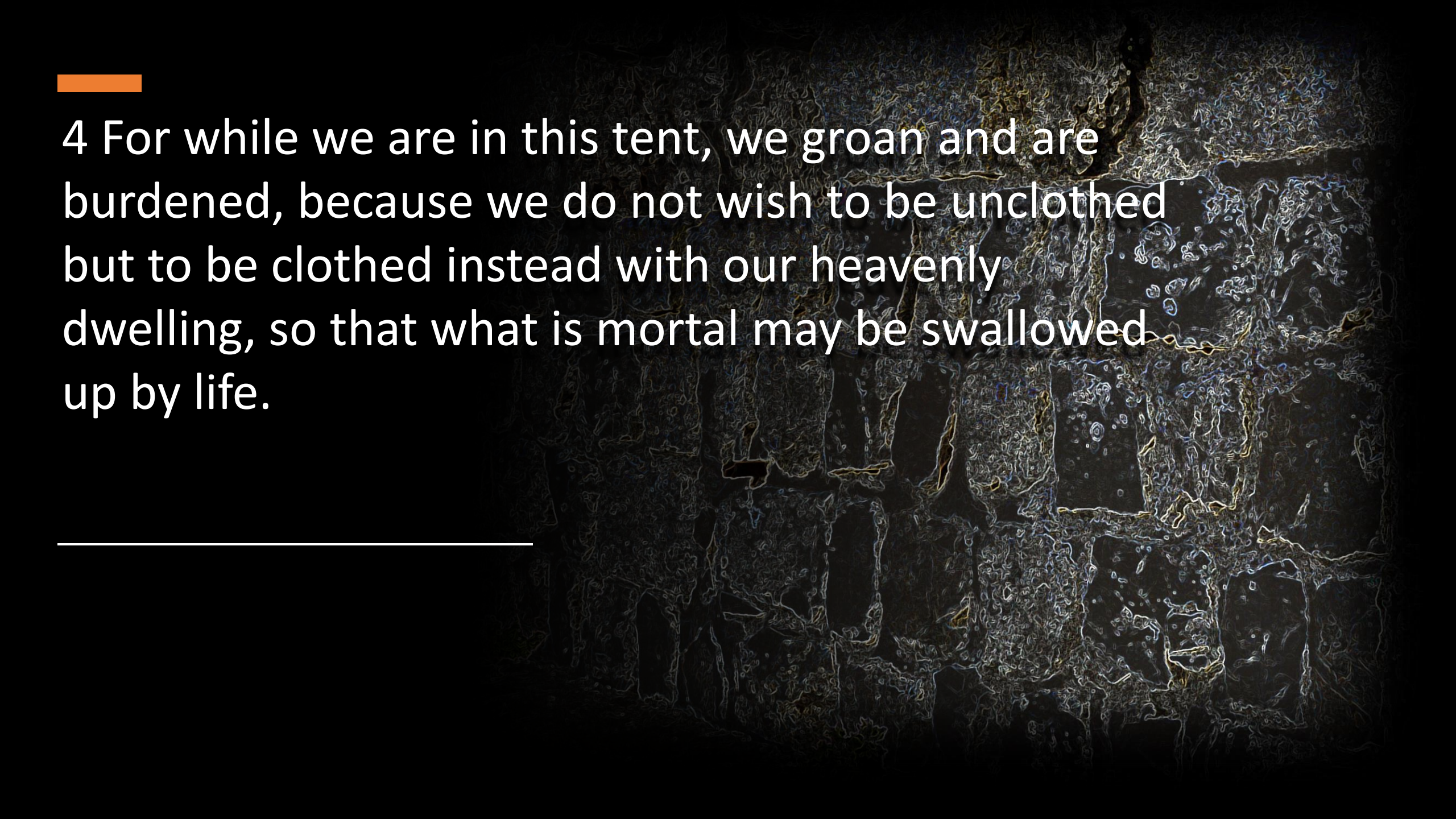
- 
- A photograph of a stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones with some darker patches and moss. The wall is the background for the text. On the left side, there is a list of five items in white text. The first item is preceded by a small orange horizontal bar. The last item is underlined.
- Communion
  - God's Word
  - Prayer
  - Eternal perspective
  - God is with us now



For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

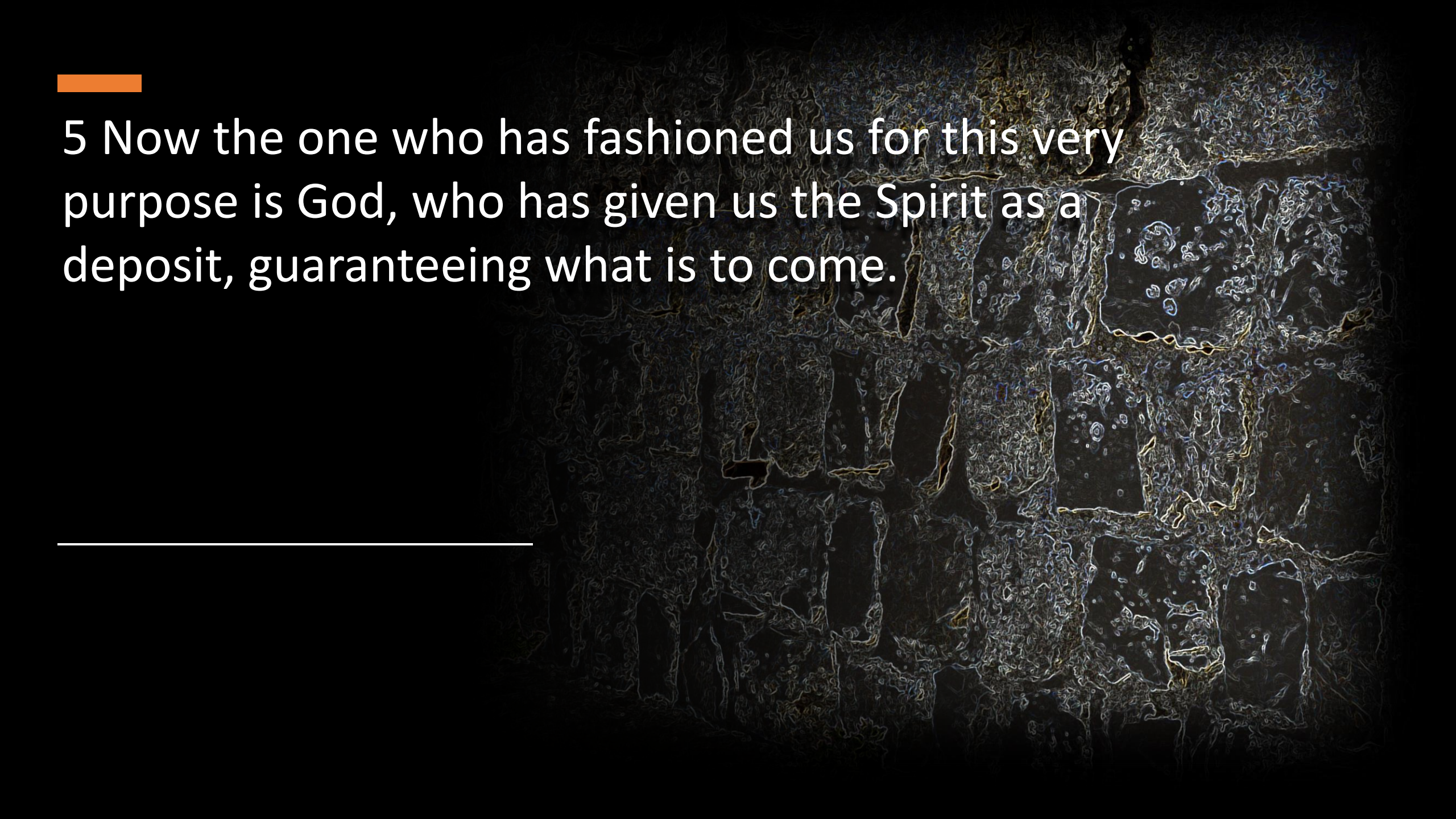
---

2 Corinthians 5:1-11



4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

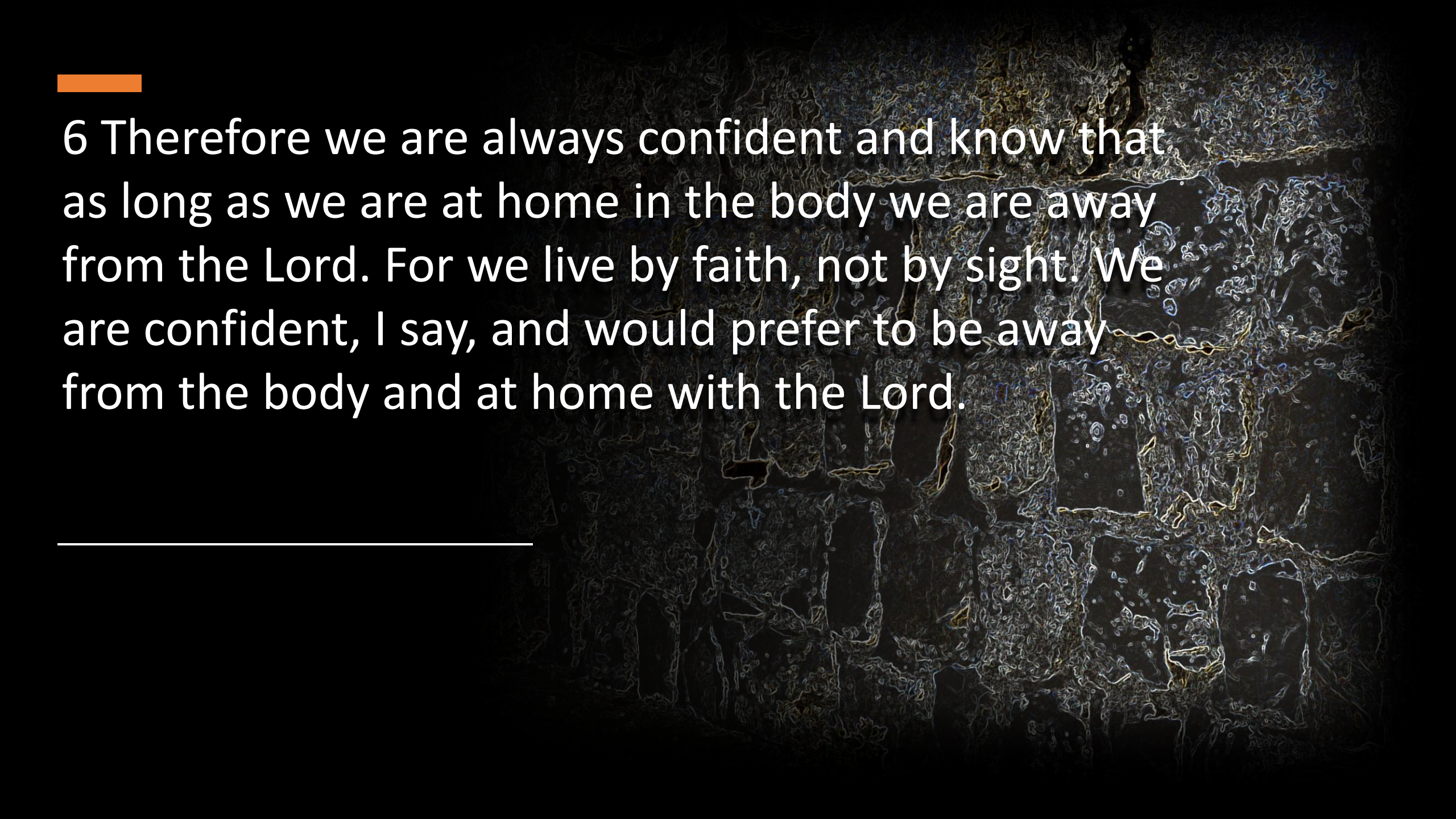
---



5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

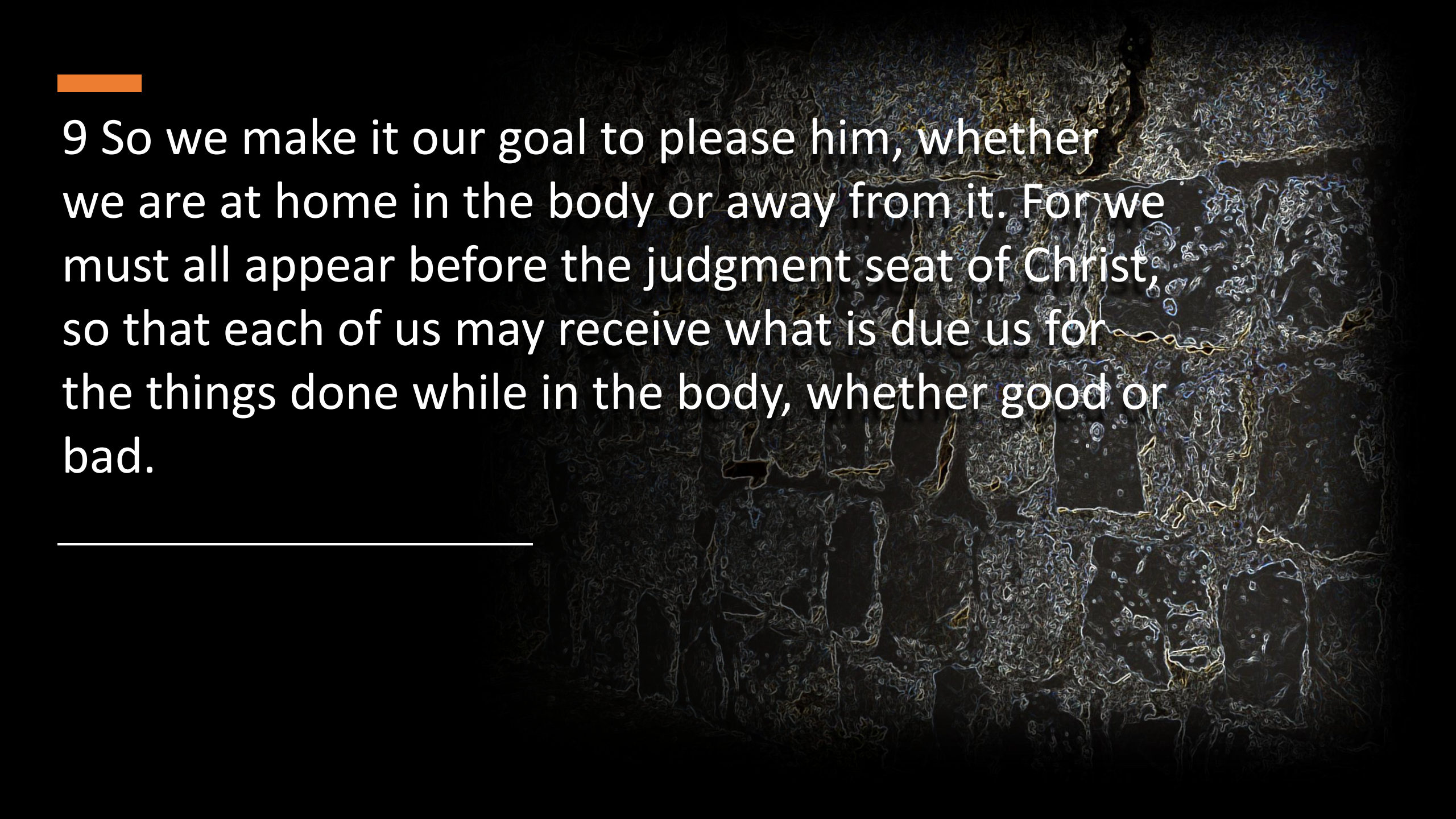
---






6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

---



9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

---



11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord,  
we try to persuade others.

2 Corinthians 5:1-11

---



# How to Guard a City, Part 2

*Nehemiah 7:4-73, 11:1-12:26*

---

