



Hebrews: God has spoken...

# 1. In His Son



**What's it all about? What does it all mean? Who are we?**



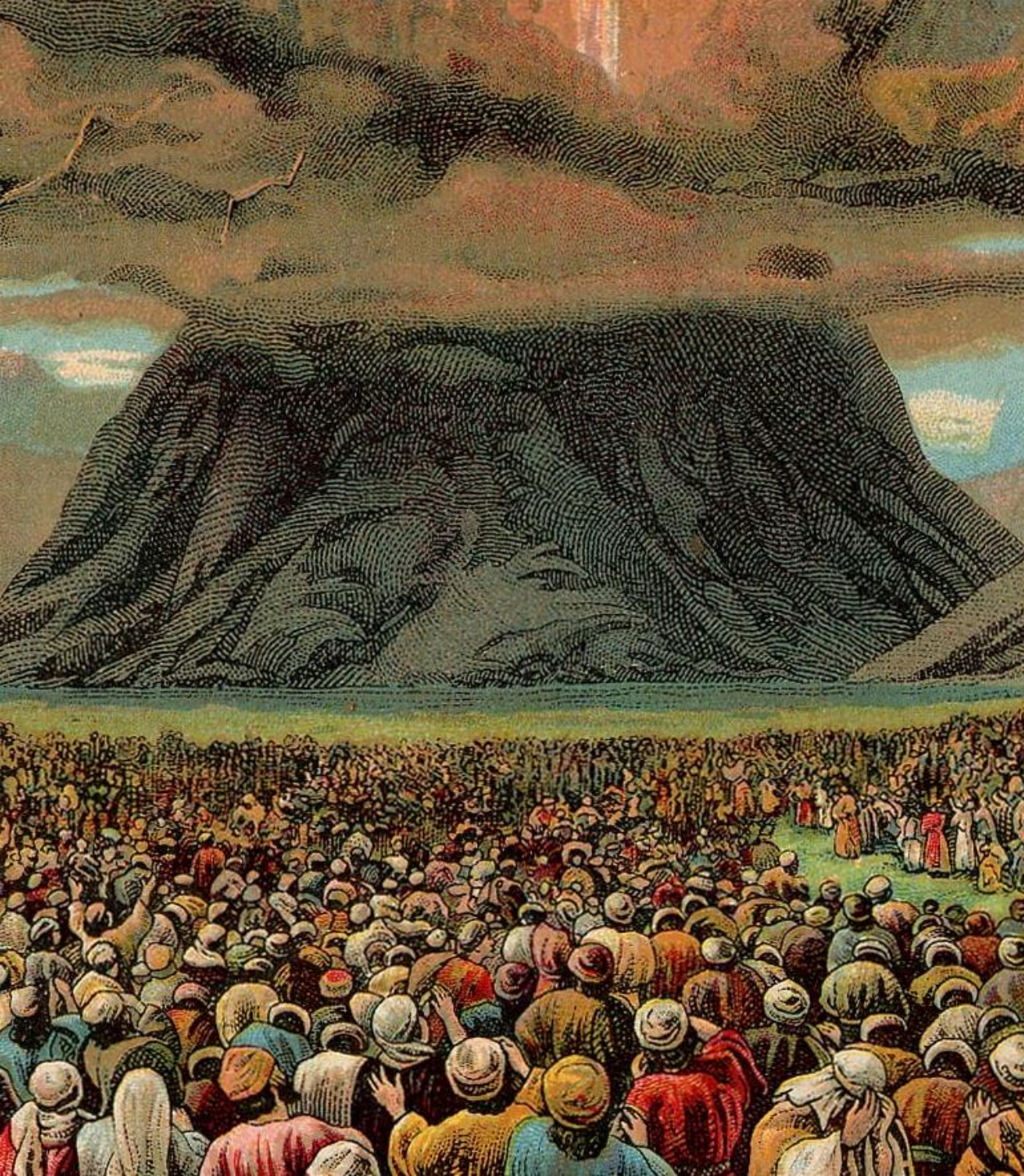
And God said...

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge... (Psalm 19:1–2).

...The **law** of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the **testimony** of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the **statutes** of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the **commandment** of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes... (Psalm 19:7–8).



**And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”** And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you’ ” (Exodus 3:14).



**And God spoke all these words,** saying: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. “You shall have no other gods before Me”

(Exodus 20:1–3).

## GOD

- 1: Do not worship any other gods
- 2: Do not make any idols
- 3: Do not misuse the name of God
- 4: Keep the Sabbath holy

## MAN

- 5: Honour your father & mother
- 6: Do not murder
- 7: Do not commit adultery
- 8: Do not steal
- 9: Do not lie
- 10: Do not covet



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ואשתו זלזלה דוד בת שר  
ילדיהם: עלים, עלמות, שמוע, סו, ויר  
יהודה סילבית ויפת בני  
דוד אשה זו יליד למעפוז דוד ורחמי בני עלה וזלזעא  
ילדיהם וכל נחמי וילדיהם לכל מקום וזלזעא וזלזעא

ישראל אתם ברע לאמר לא תרעו  
בנימו רשעני את משה ואת אהרן  
אלהם ואתם נזאת פרעה ויאמרו אלהם  
ועלפם אקטר הבאשתם את ריאלו  
עבדיי לתת תרוב בידם להרענו  
ה ויאמרו אלני למה הרענתה לעם  
תני וכוואל באתי אל פרעה לדבר  
הזה והלצתי לא הצלת את עמך  
משה ואתה תראה אשר אעשה  
לזקת ישראל וביד חזקה יערישם  
וילבך אלהים אל משה  
יהוה ואריא אל אברהם אל יצחק  
שדי ועמו יהוה לא נודעת להם  
כריתי אתם לתת להם את ארץ  
מצרים אשר צרו בו וגם אל שמעתי  
ר אל אשר מצרים מעבדים אתם  
לכן אמר לבני ישראל אני יהוה  
מתחת סבלת מצרים והצלתי אתכם  
לתי אתכם בזרוע נטויה ובטפלים  
ותי אתכם לילעם והייתי לכם לאלהים  
אני יהוה אלהיכם המוציא אתכם מתחת  
מצרים והבאתי אתכם אל הארץ אשר  
את ידו לתת אתה לא אברהם ליצחק וליעקב  
אתה לבם מורשה אני יהוה ודבר משה בן  
בני ישראל ולא שמעו אל משה מקצת רוח  
מועבדה קשה  
יהוה אל משה לאמר בא דבר אל פרעה  
ומצרים ויטלתי את בני ישראל מארץ  
מצרים ואתה ידוע לאמר הן בני ישראל  
שמעו אלי ואך ישמעני פרעה ויטלתי  
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משה ואל אהרן וכל בני ישראל  
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Unchanging and unchangeable!

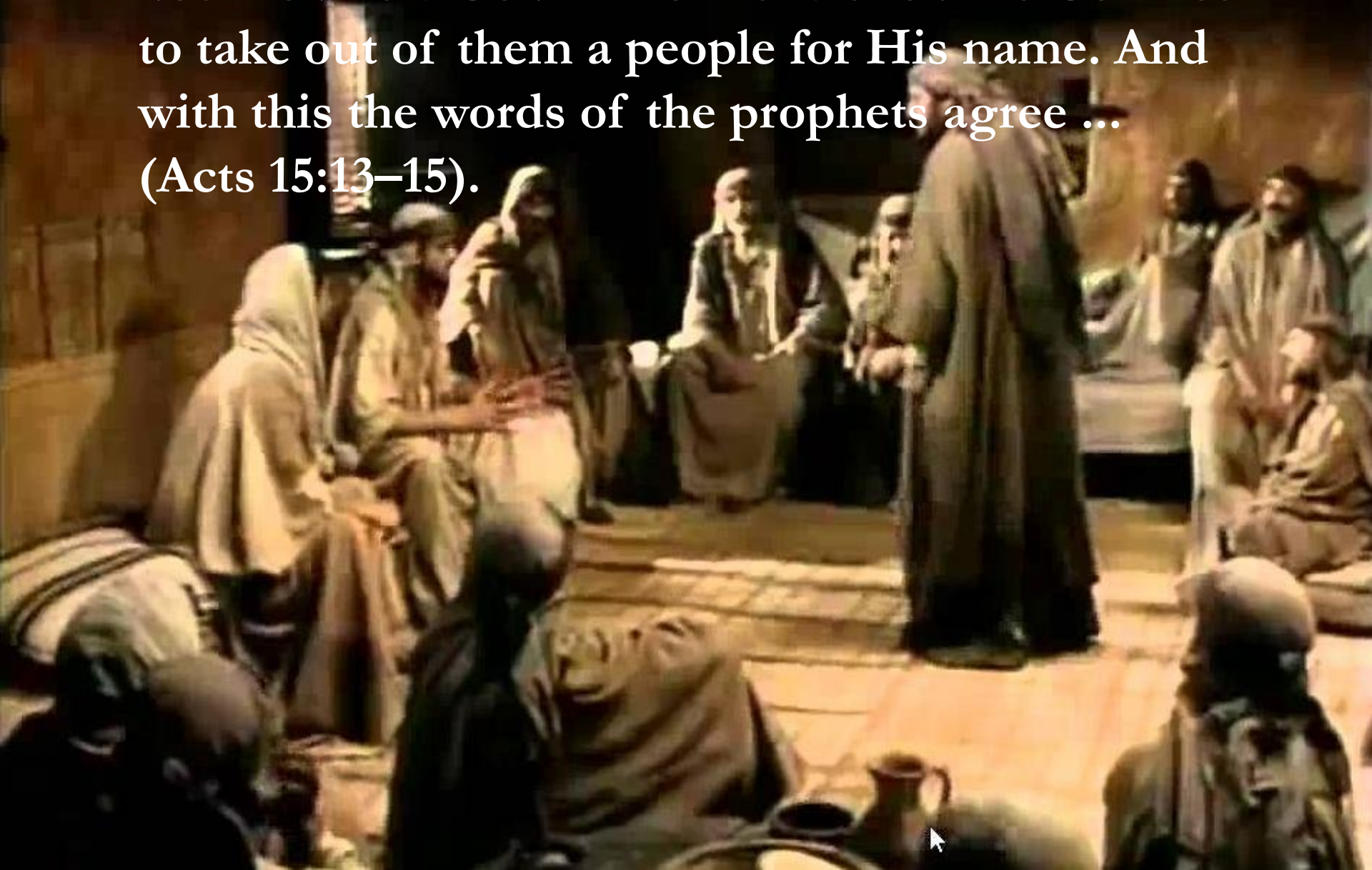
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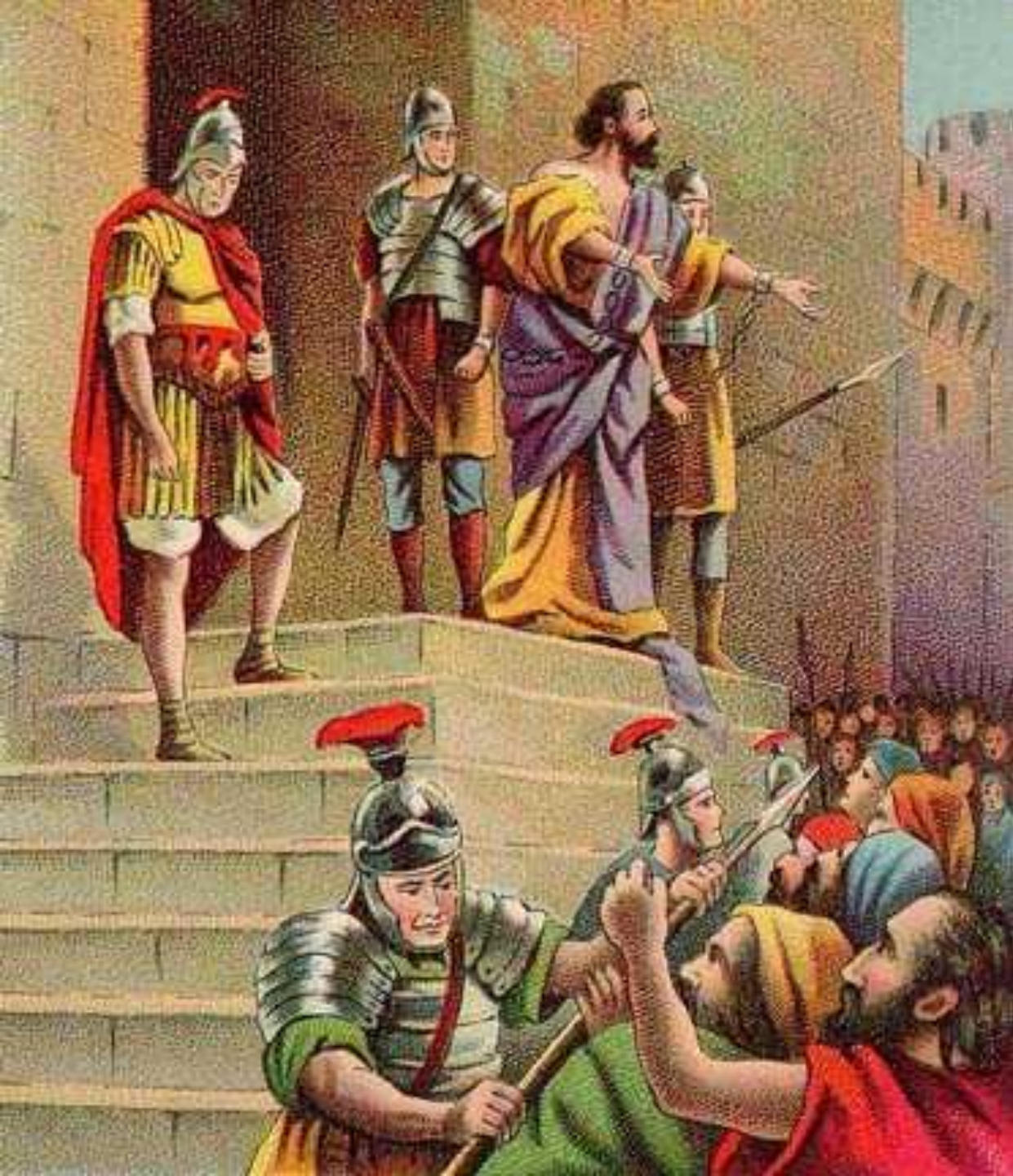




... in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him (Acts 10:35).

**“Men and brethren, listen to me: Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree ... (Acts 15:13–15).**





## Acts 21:20-25

... that all may  
know that ...  
you yourself  
also walk  
orderly **and**  
**keep the law**

(Acts 21:24).

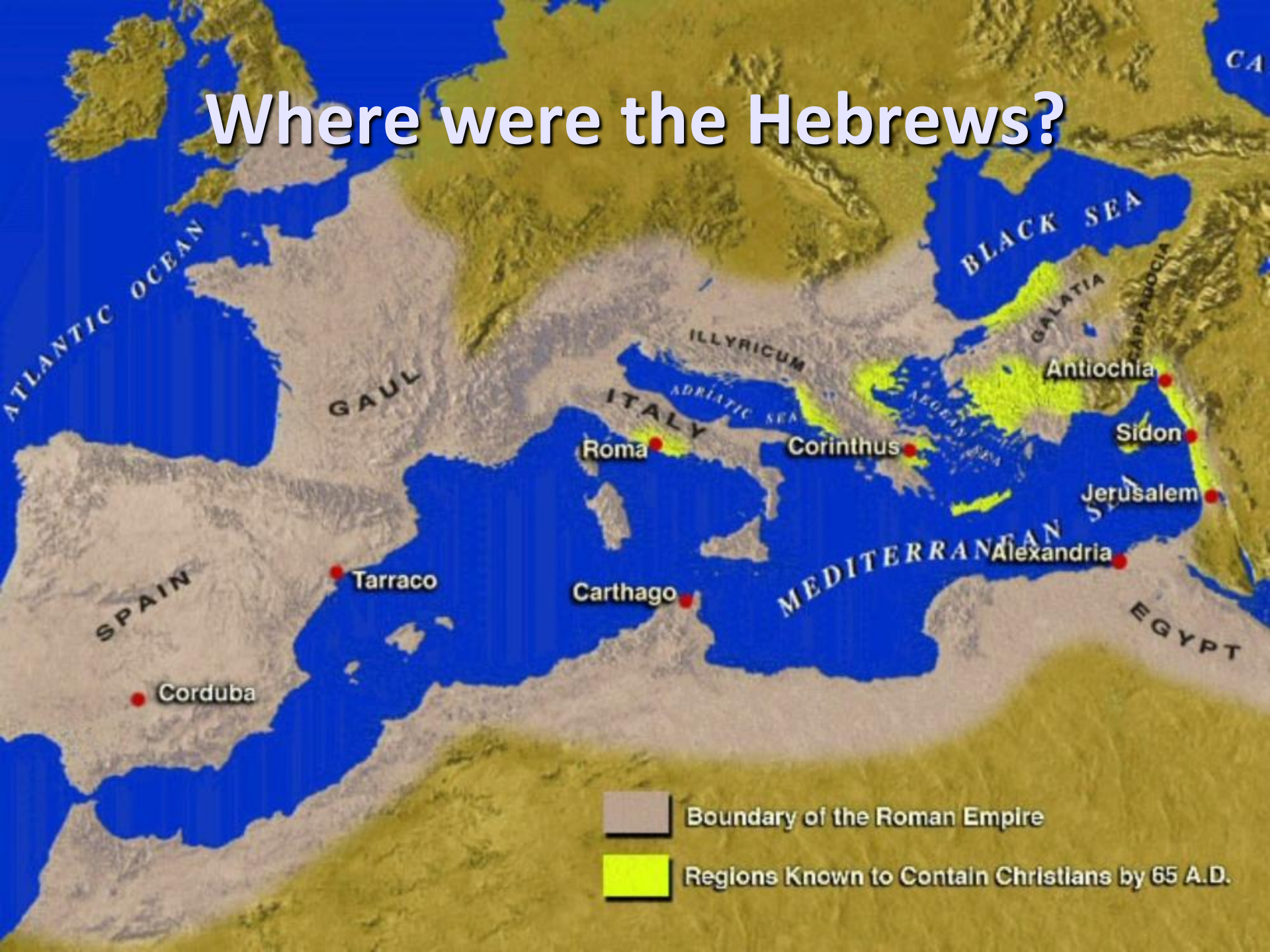


# Who wrote Hebrews?

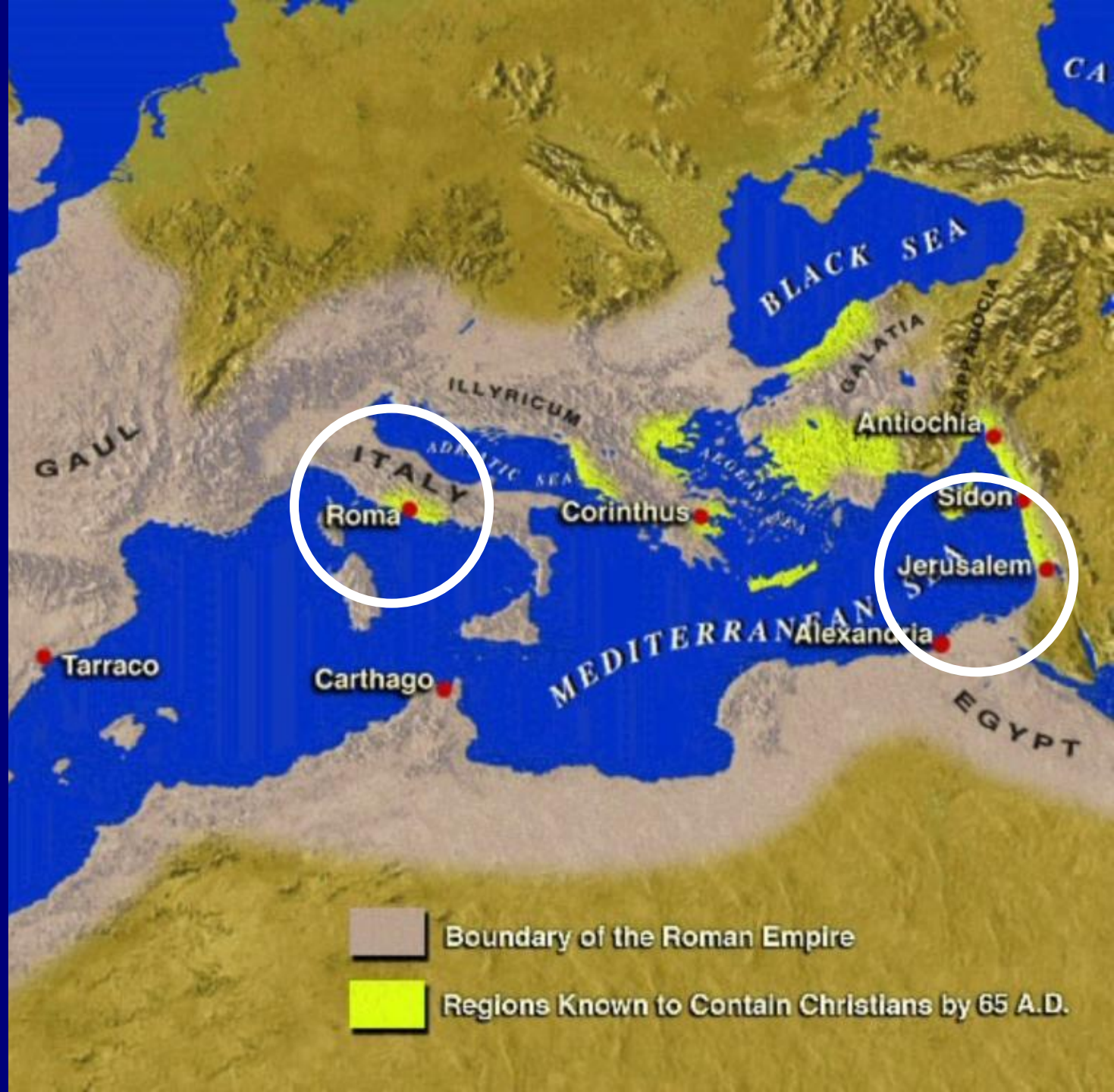
- 18 Paul (2 Peter 3:15)
- 19 Silas
- 18 Aquila and Priscilla
- 18 Priscilla
- 19 Luke
- 18 Barnabas
- 19 Apollos (Acts 18:24)



# Where were the Hebrews?



Jerusalem  
Alexandria  
Rome  
Antioch  
Caesarea  
Colossae  
Berea  
Corinth  
Thessalonica  
Cyprus  
Ephesus  
Galatia  
Lycaonia



# Warnings in Hebrews

1	Hebrews 2:1-3	Don't drift away from what you have heard
2	3:6	Hold fast to your confidence and rejoice!
3	4:1-2, 4-6	Don't come short, but believe God!
4	5:11-12	Don't be dull: grow in your understanding
5	10:25-31	Don't neglect the meetings or sin wilfully
6	10:38-39	Don't draw back
7	12:15-16	Don't fall short of the grace of God
8	12:25	Don't refuse to listen





**God**, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **has** in these last days **spoken to us** by His Son (Hebrews 1:1–2).



John 1:14,18; 14:9-10



# Hebrews— *Here's something Better!* x13

## Christ – a Better Person

Better than:	the Prophets	1:1-3
	the Angels	1:4-2:8
	Moses	3:1-4:7
	Joshua	4:8-16
	Aaron	5:1-10

**The betterness argument** is shown by the following expressions:  
“Having become by so much better than the angels as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they” (chap. 1:4). “But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you” (chap. 6:9).  
“Without any dispute the less is blessed of the better” (chap. 7:7).  
“A bringing in thereupon of a better hope” (verse 19)...



# He is Superior – in that:

1. Jesus is appointed heir of all things (1:2)
2. Through him God made the worlds (*the ages*)
3. He is the brightness of God's glory
4. The express image of His person
5. He upholds all things by the word of his power
6. By himself he purged our sins, and then...
7. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:1–3).

Seven statements...



# 1. whom He has appointed **heir of all things**

‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten you. Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. (Psalm 2:7–8)

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘**This is the heir**. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ (Matthew 21:38)

... and if children, then **heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:17).



## 2. Through him God made the worlds (*the ages*)

... the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through him ...** and **the world was made through him**, and the world did not know him. (John 1:1–10)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For **by him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through him and for him** (Colossians 1:15–18).



### 3. He is the brightness [*apaugasma*] of God's glory (NKJV)

He is **the radiance** of the glory of God ESV

He is **the reflection** of God's glory NRSV

who is **the refulgence** of his glory NABRE, NJB

who is **the effulgence** of God's splendour NEB



It is impossible to determine whether the active or passive is intended here. If active, they suggest the translation “He shines with God’s glory,” or “God’s glory shines through him.” If taken in the passive sense of “reflection,” the translation “God’s glory shines back from him” captures the thought. ... The distinction between “radiance” and “reflection” in the final analysis does not really matter “when we remember that with light, reflection becomes radiance, and radiance is what is reflected.”

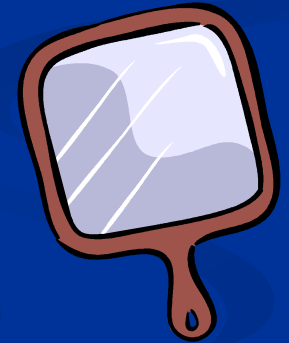


# Wisdom...

24 For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things.

25 For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her.

26 For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.



New Revised Standard Version. (1989). (Wisdom 7:24-26).





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## 4. The express image [*charaktēr*] of his person

He is the radiance of the glory of God and **the exact imprint** of his nature (ESV)

He reflects the glory of God and **bears the very stamp** of his nature (RSV)



## 4. The express image [*charaktēr*] of his person

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared Him. (John 1:18)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (Colossians 1:15)



## 5. **Upholding** all things by the word of his power

I am not able **to bear all these people** alone, because the burden is too heavy for me (Numbers 11:14).

He is before all things, and **in him all things consist** (Colossians 1:17).

... that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might **gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in him (Ephesians 1:10).



## 6. when he had by himself purged our sins

“Therefore my Father loves me, because I lay down **my life** that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down **of myself**. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from my Father.” (John 10:17–18)

who himself bore our sins **in his own body** on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)



## 6. when he had **by himself** purged our sins

... who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this he did once for all **when he offered up himself**. (Hebrews 7:27)

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but **with his own blood** he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (Hebrews 9:12)

He has appeared to put away sin **by the sacrifice of himself**. (Hebrews 9:26)



## 7. ...sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3)

Hereafter **the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God.**” Then they all said, “Are you then the Son of God?” So ye said to them, “You rightly say that I am.” (Luke 22:69–70)

The LORD said to my Lord (adon) ,**“Sit at My right hand,** till I make your enemies your footstool.”  
(Psalm 110:1).

Acts 2:33–35; 5:31; 7:55–56; Rom. 8:34; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 3:21.



# Psalm 110 in Hebrews

But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My **right hand**, till I make your enemies your footstool”? (Hebrews 1:13).

We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the **right hand** of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens (Hebrews 8:1).

This Man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the **right hand** of God... (Hebrews 10:12).

... endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the **right hand** of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).





# Seven Quotations

... having become so much better than the angels, as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they (Hebrews 1:4).

No	Hebrews	Source	Remarks
1	1:5a	Psalms 2:7	Applicable to birth/baptism/resurrection
2	1:5b	2 Samuel 7:14	The Davidic covenant: Christ a son, not a servant
3	1:6	Psalms 97:7 (LXX Deut 32:43)	In the world to come angels will demonstrate their allegiance to the Lord Jesus
4	1:7	Psalms 104:4	The angels are servants, doing God's will in way that wind and fire obey Him
5	1:8-9	Psalms 45:6-7	The marriage of the King to his bride. N.B. "fellows" as in Hebrews 3:1,14 (partakers)
6	1:10-12	Psalms 102:25-27	Jesus has always been at the centre of God's purpose, including the Jewish heaven/earth
7	1:13	Psalms 110:1	Jesus is seated at the right hand of God until...

# Still work to do...

Quotation	
Psalm 2	God will set His king upon the holy hill of Zion...
2 Sam 7	The Davidic covenant promises a King who will sit on David's throne and build the Temple of the Lord. He will reign over David's house forever.
Psalm 97:7	He will judge the world and establish true religion.
Psalm 45	Christ will marry his bride: they will partake of kingdom joy with him.
Psalm 102	Jesus will establish a new heavens and earth in which righteousness dwells.
Psalm 110	Meanwhile Jesus sits in glory at the Father's right hand acting as a priest and intercessor for the saints.