

A full moon in a dark blue sky with clouds.

Hezekiah - Faith to Overcome

Building Faith in Desperate Times

Class 5 - Sick unto Death

Reading: Isaiah 53

A photograph of a field of golden grasses, likely a prairie or meadow, with a cloudy sky in the background. The grasses are in the foreground, some in sharp focus and others blurred. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall color palette is warm and golden.

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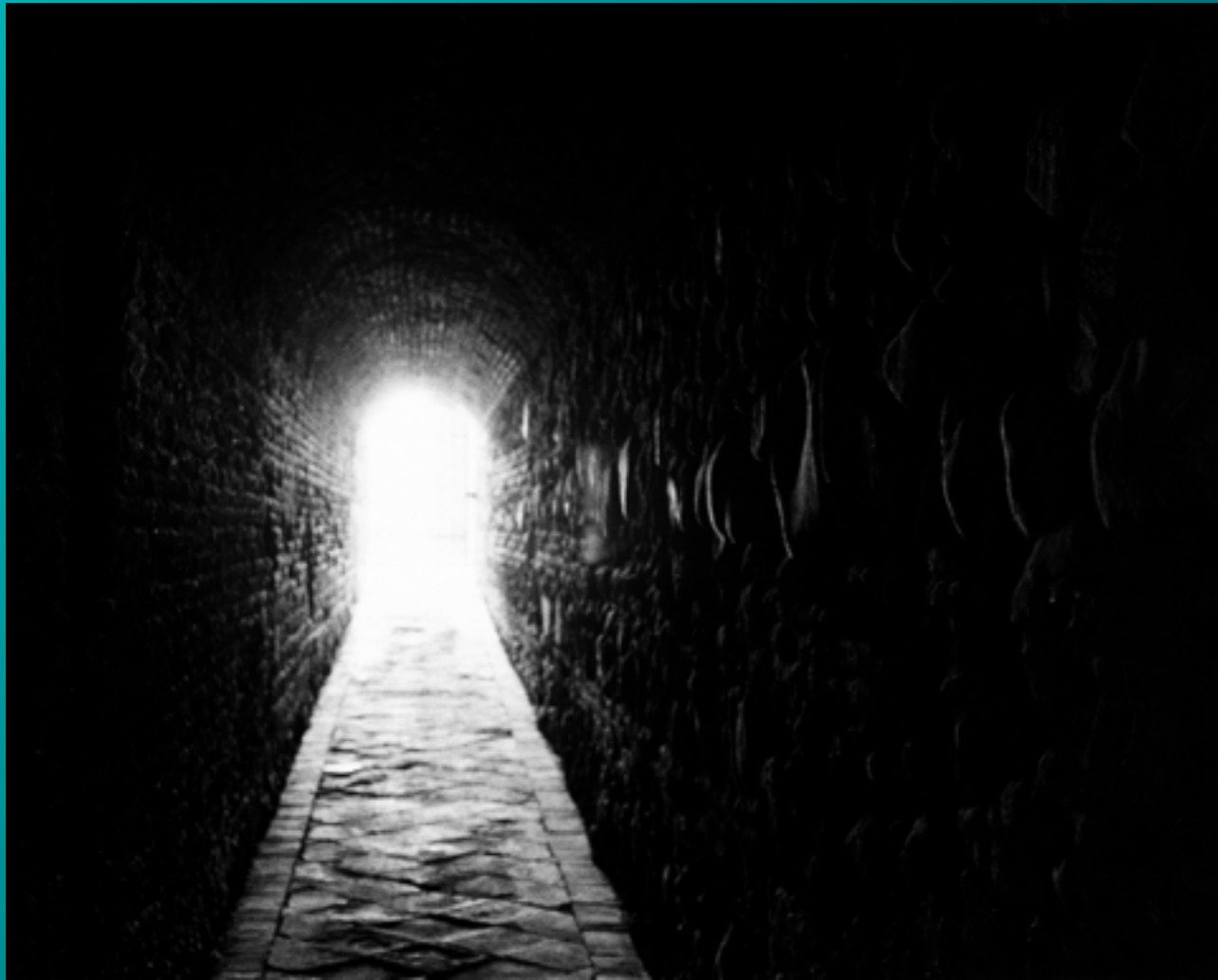
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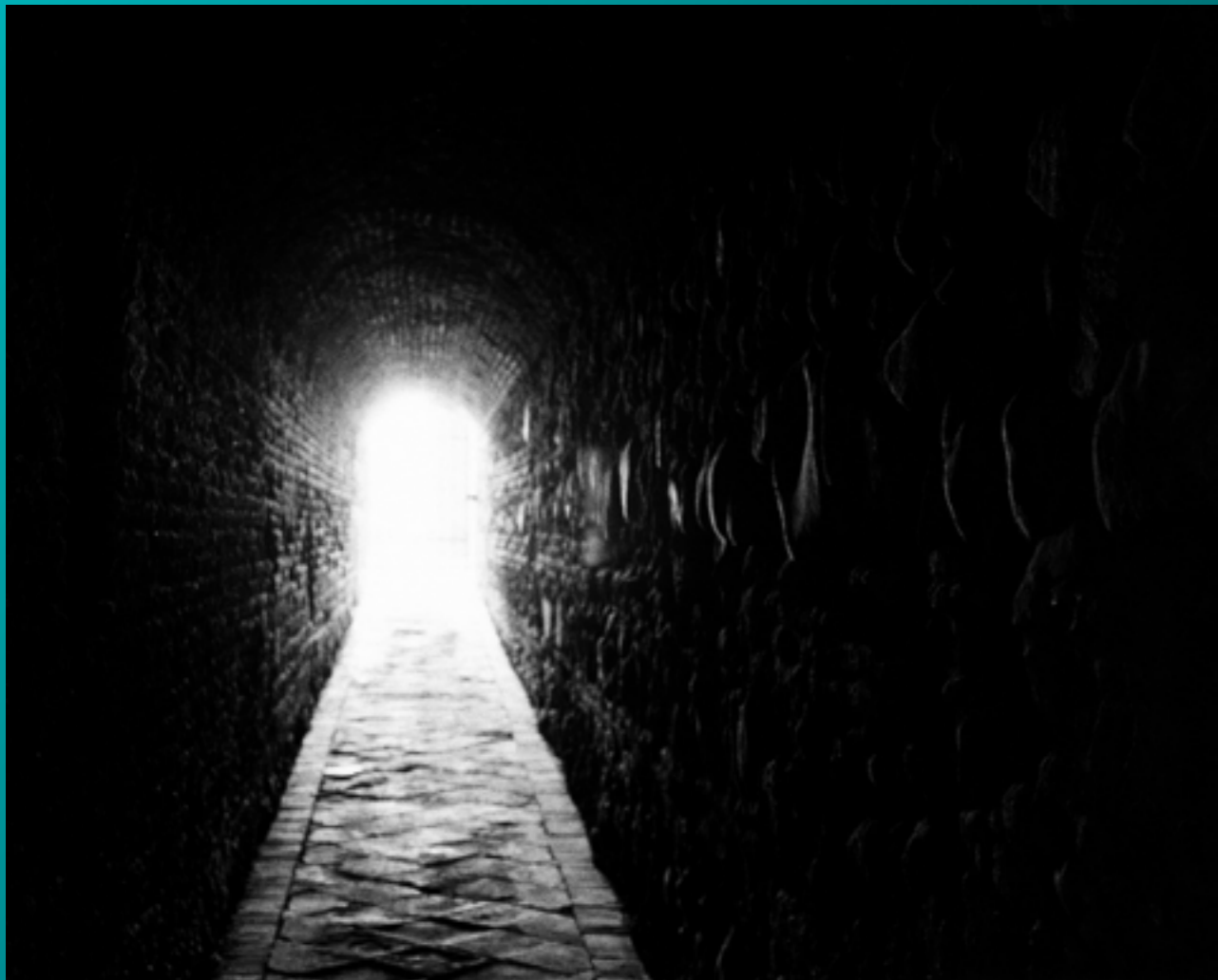


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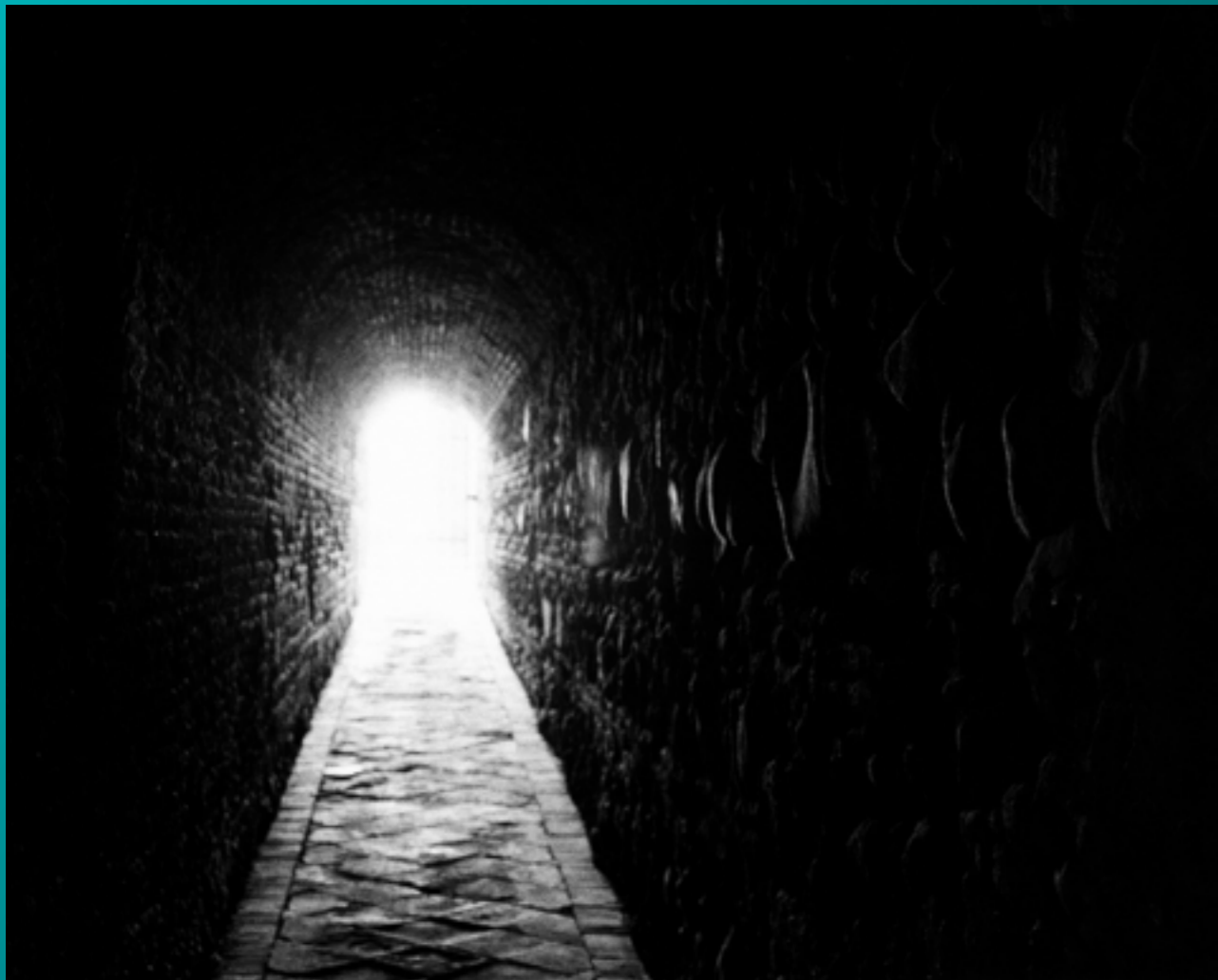
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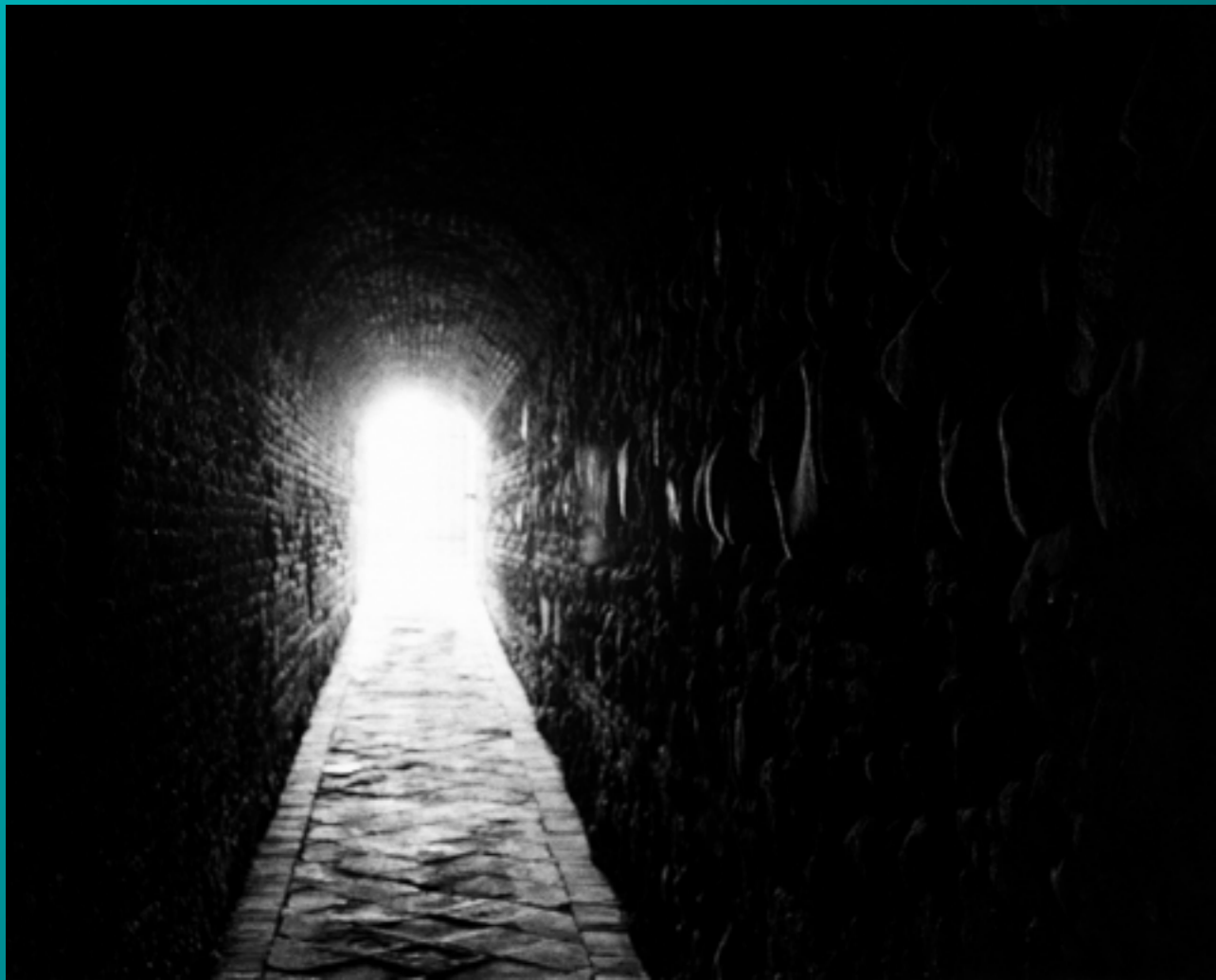
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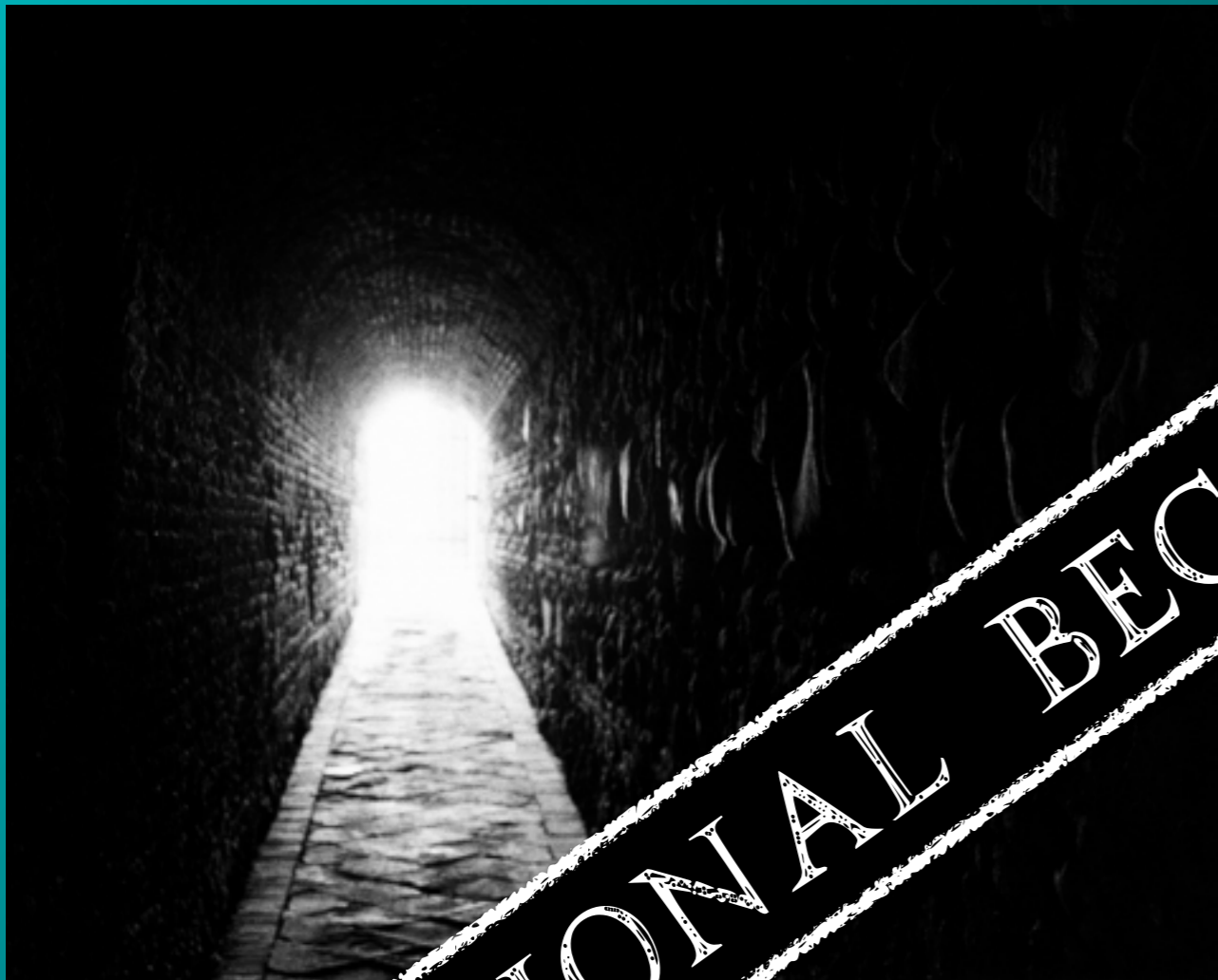
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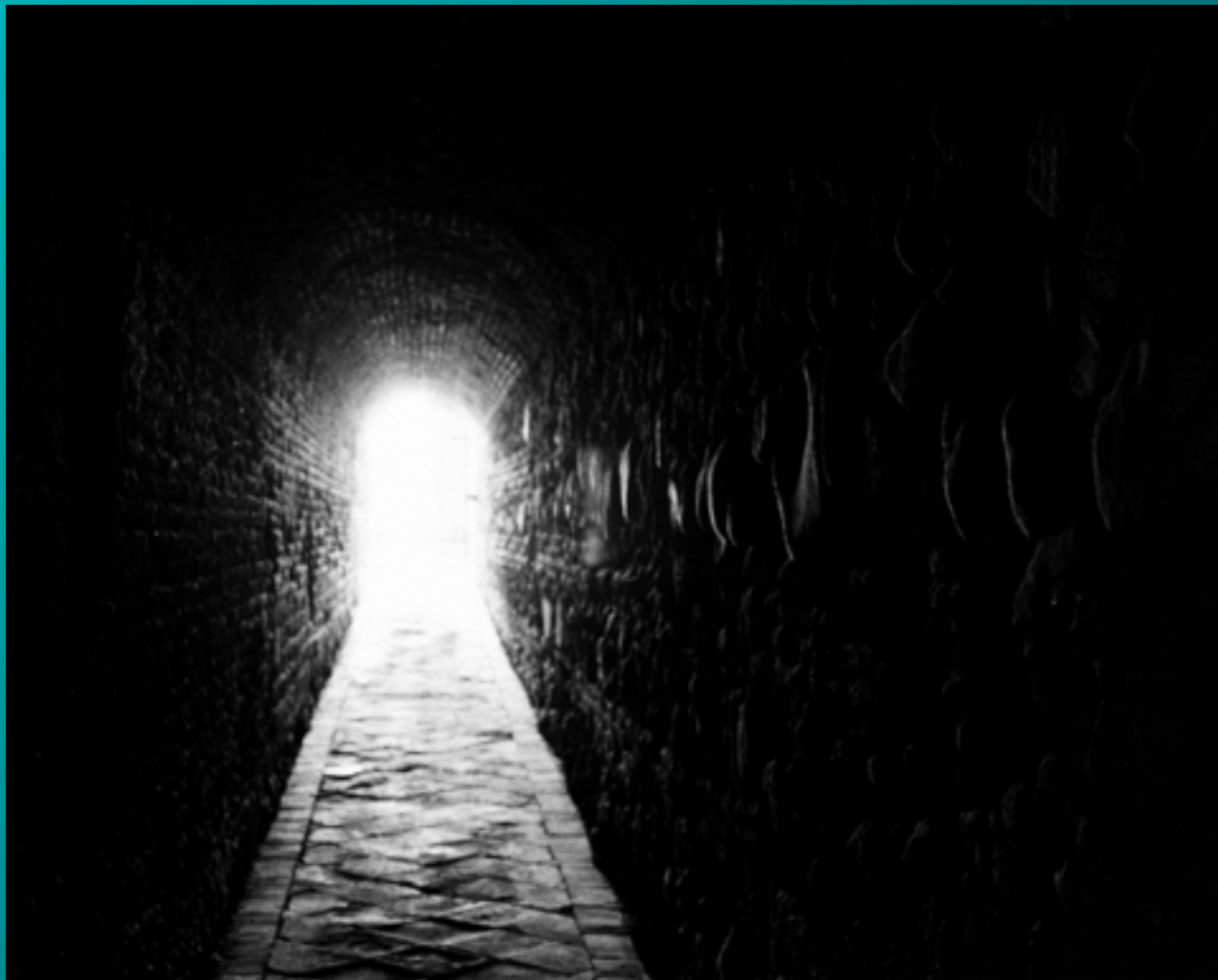
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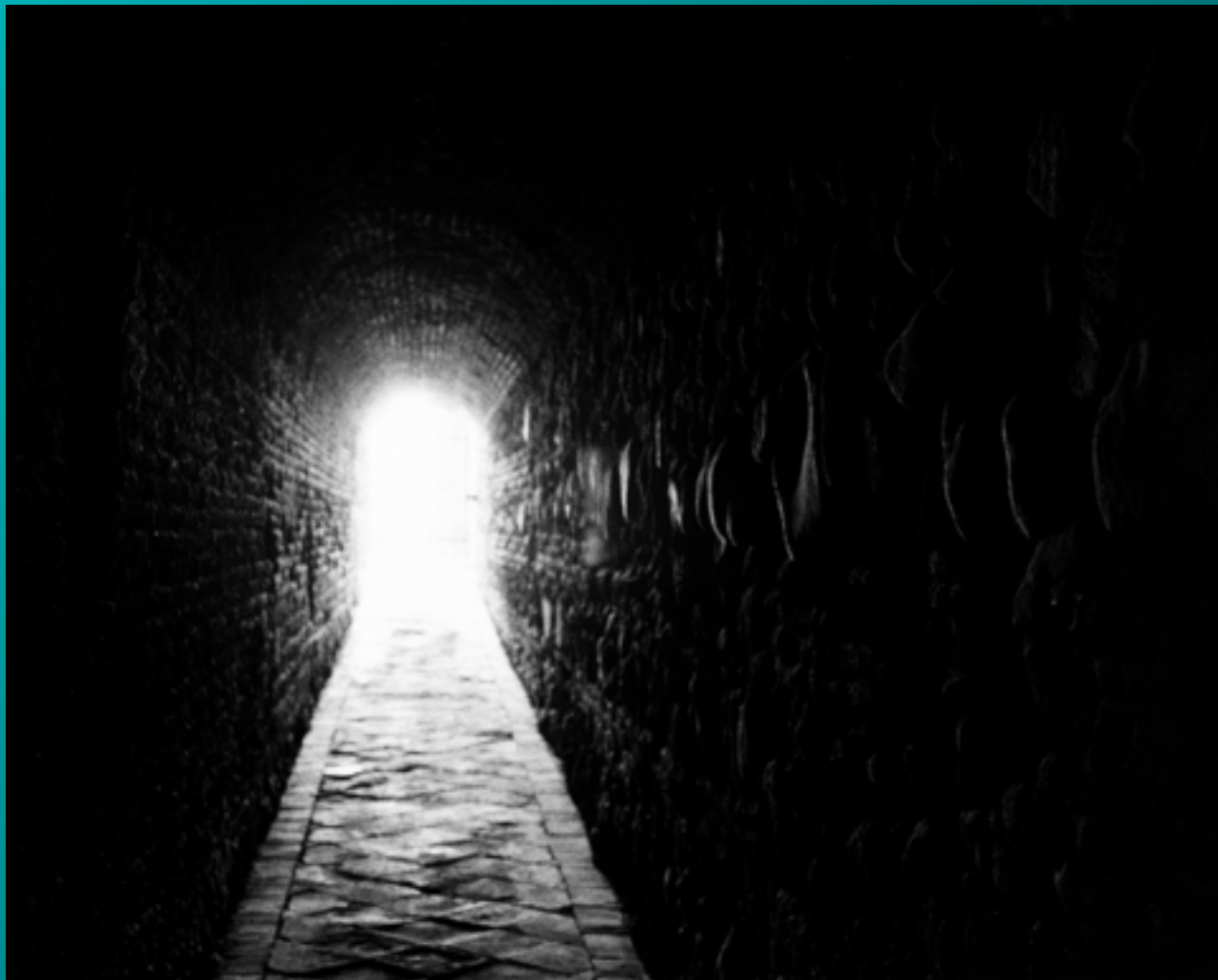
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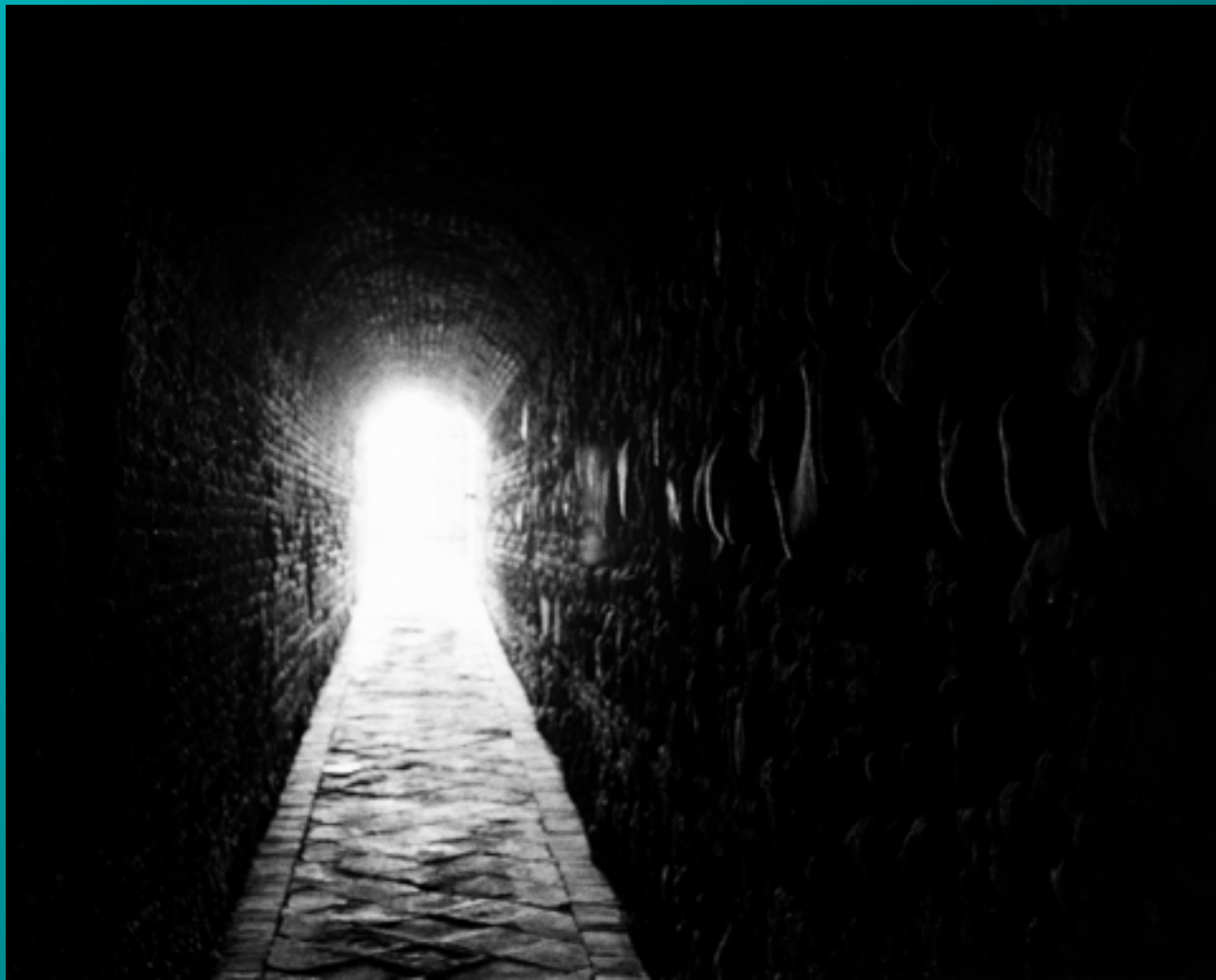
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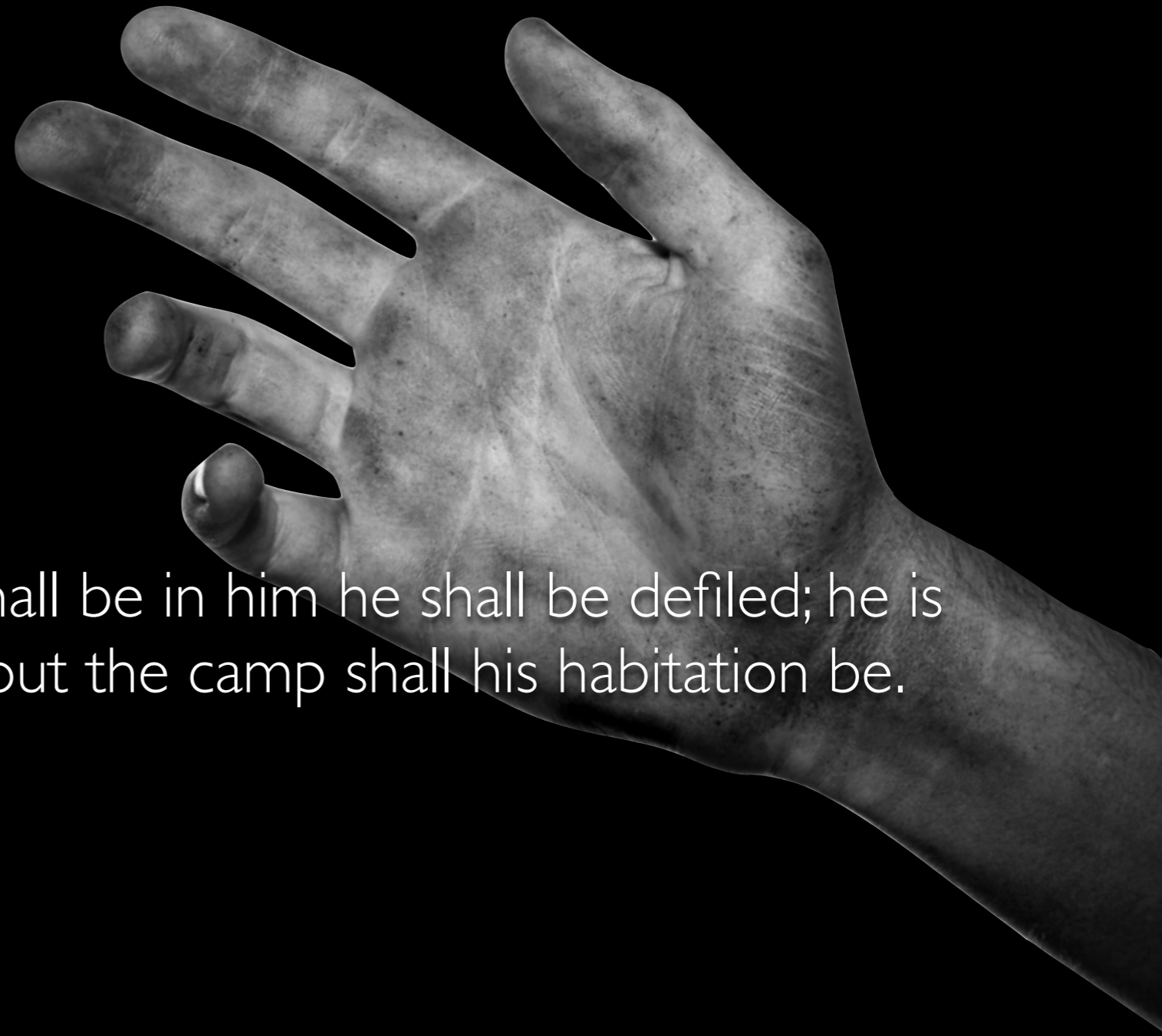
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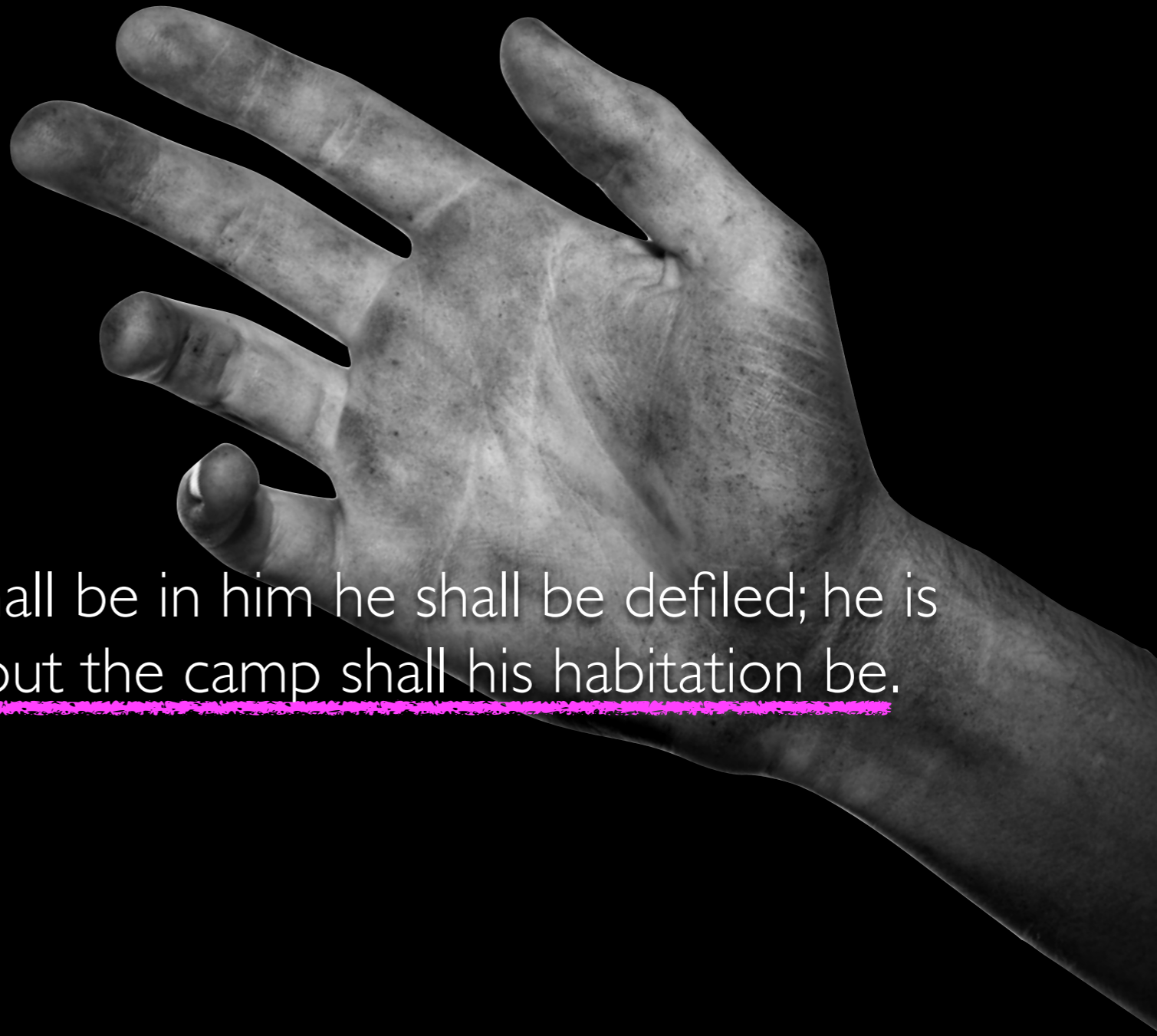
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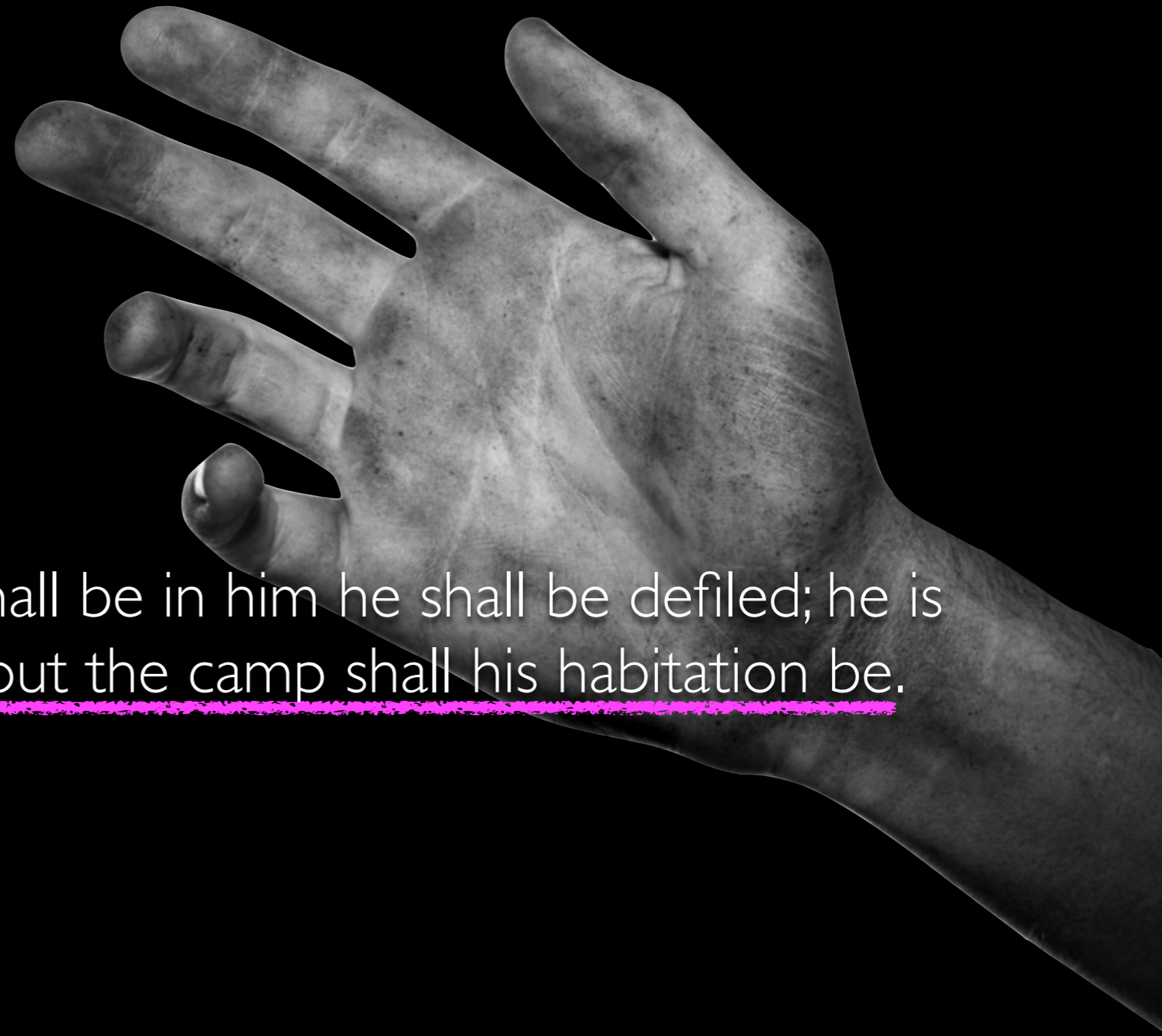
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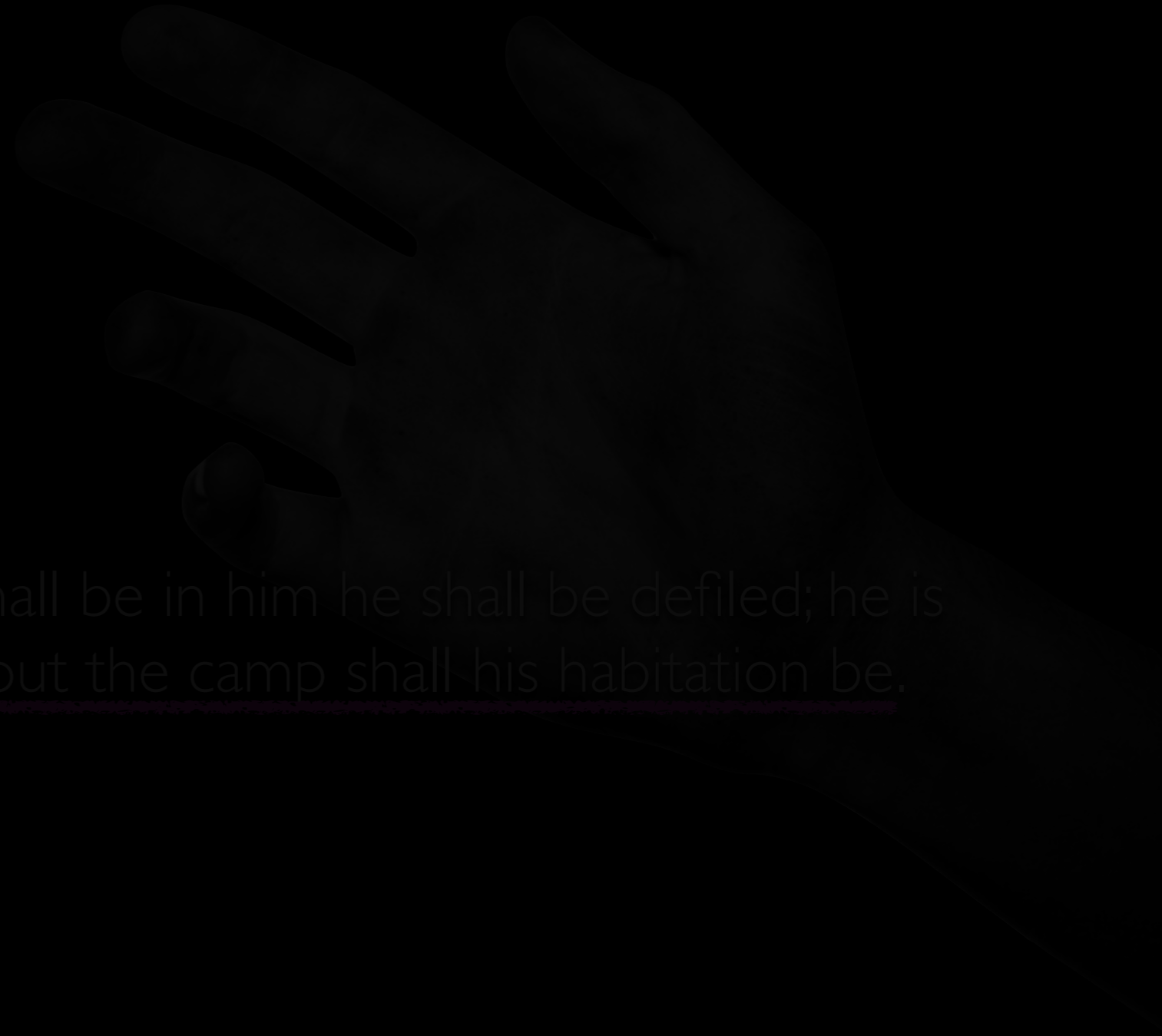
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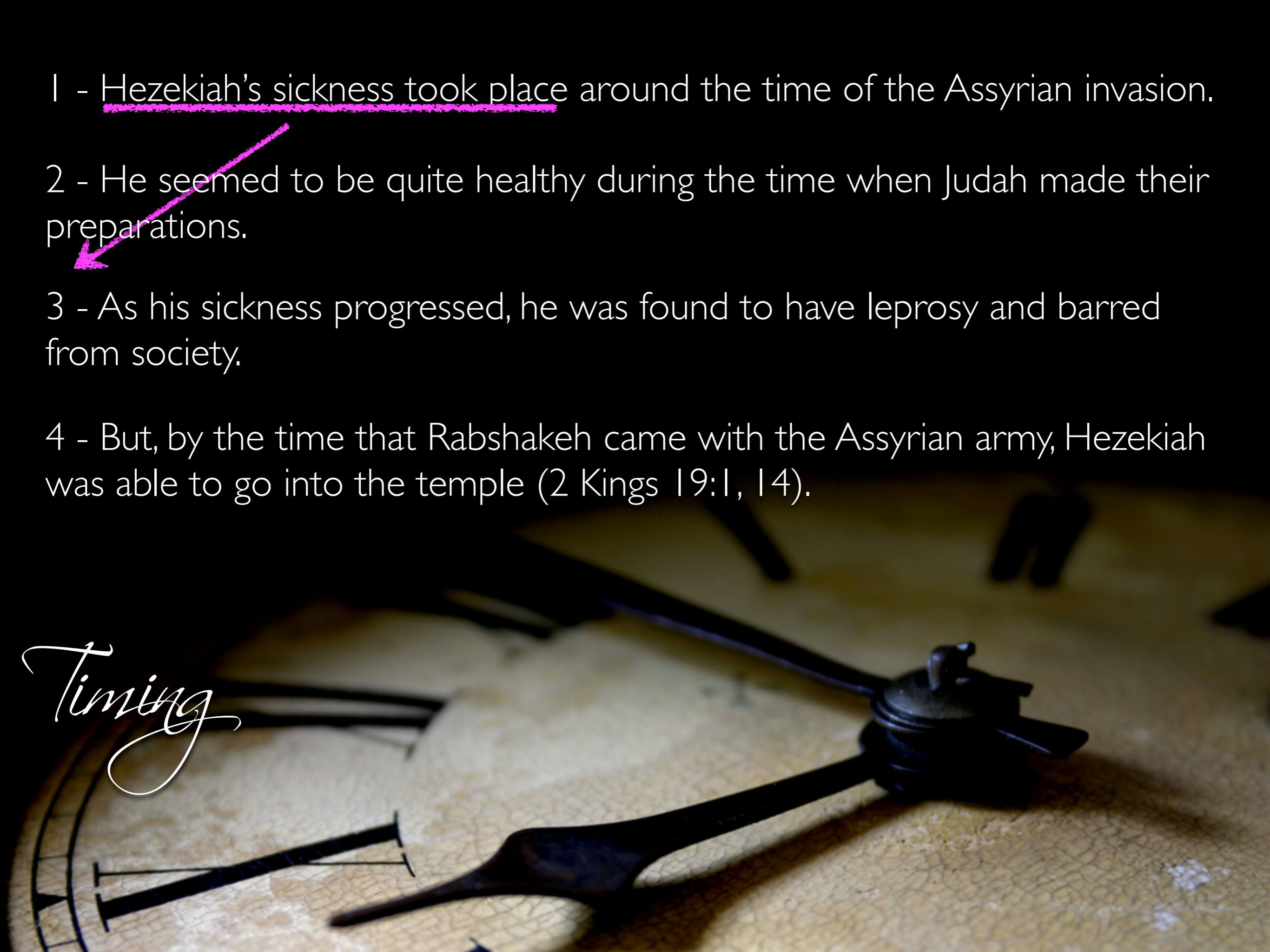
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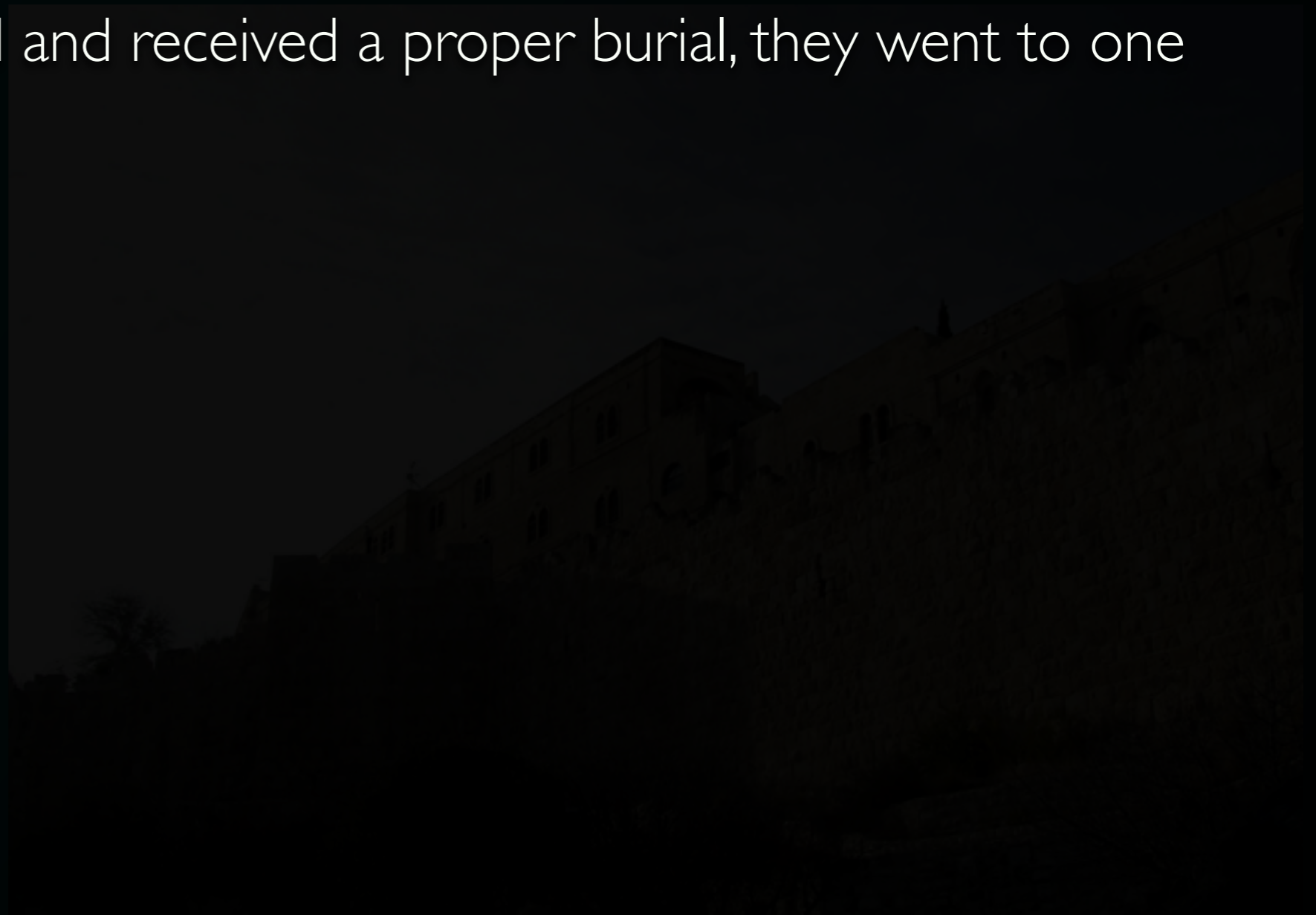
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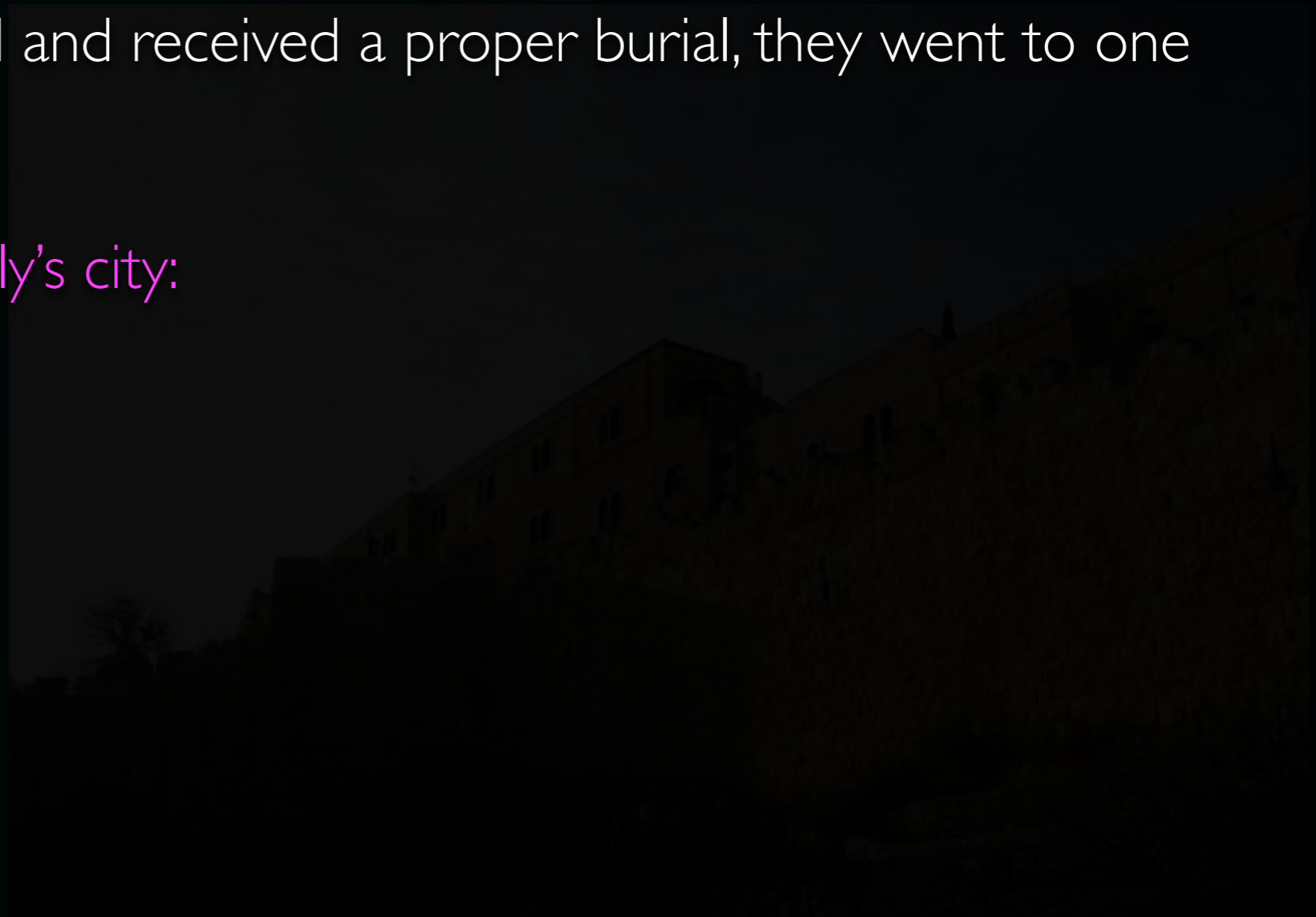
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He will *break* us.

A full moon in a dark blue night sky above dark, billowing clouds.

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WILL WE BELIEVE?