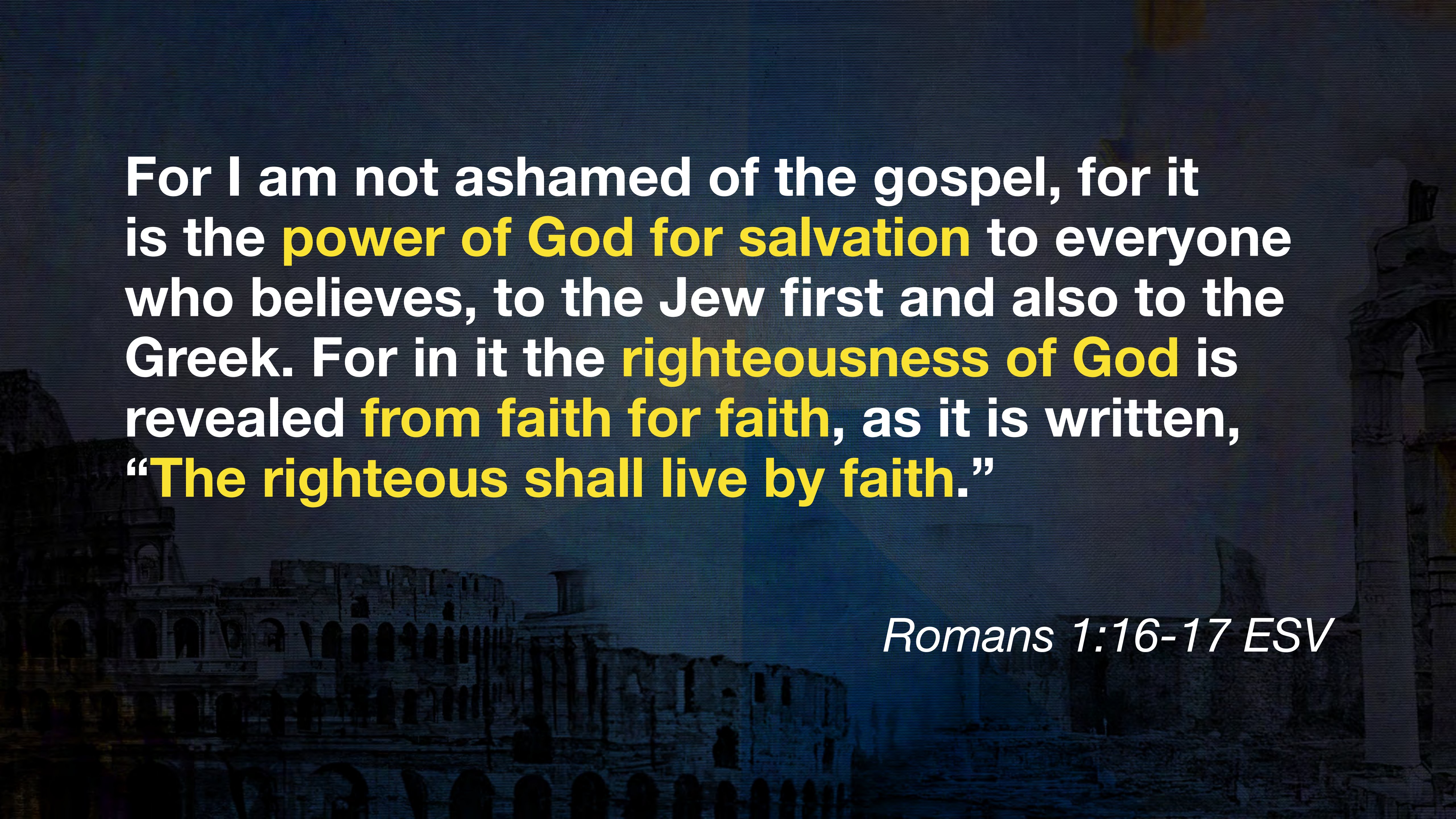




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God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans
Week 16 - The Unfolding Plan Of God And Ethnic Israel

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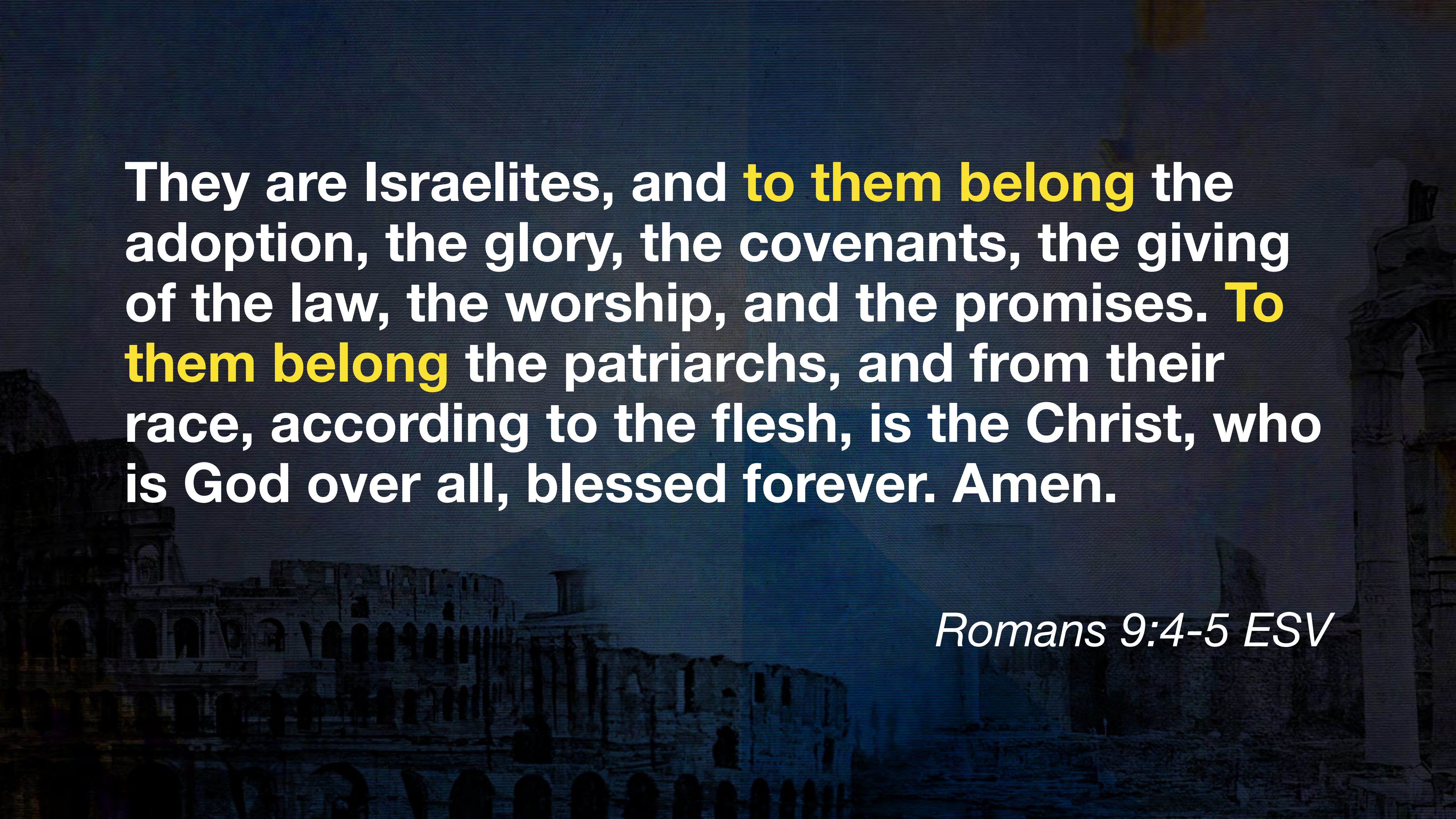


For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

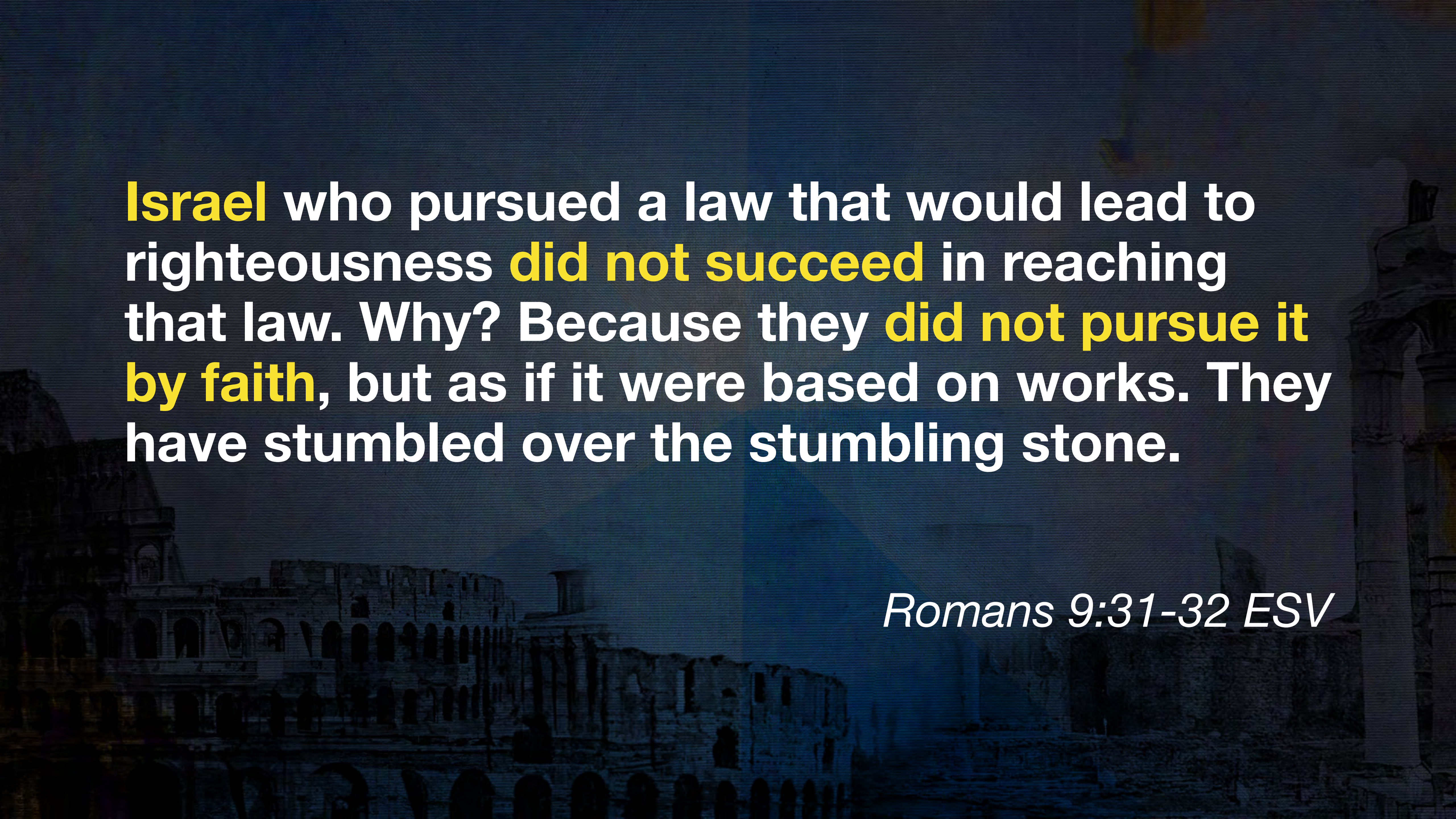


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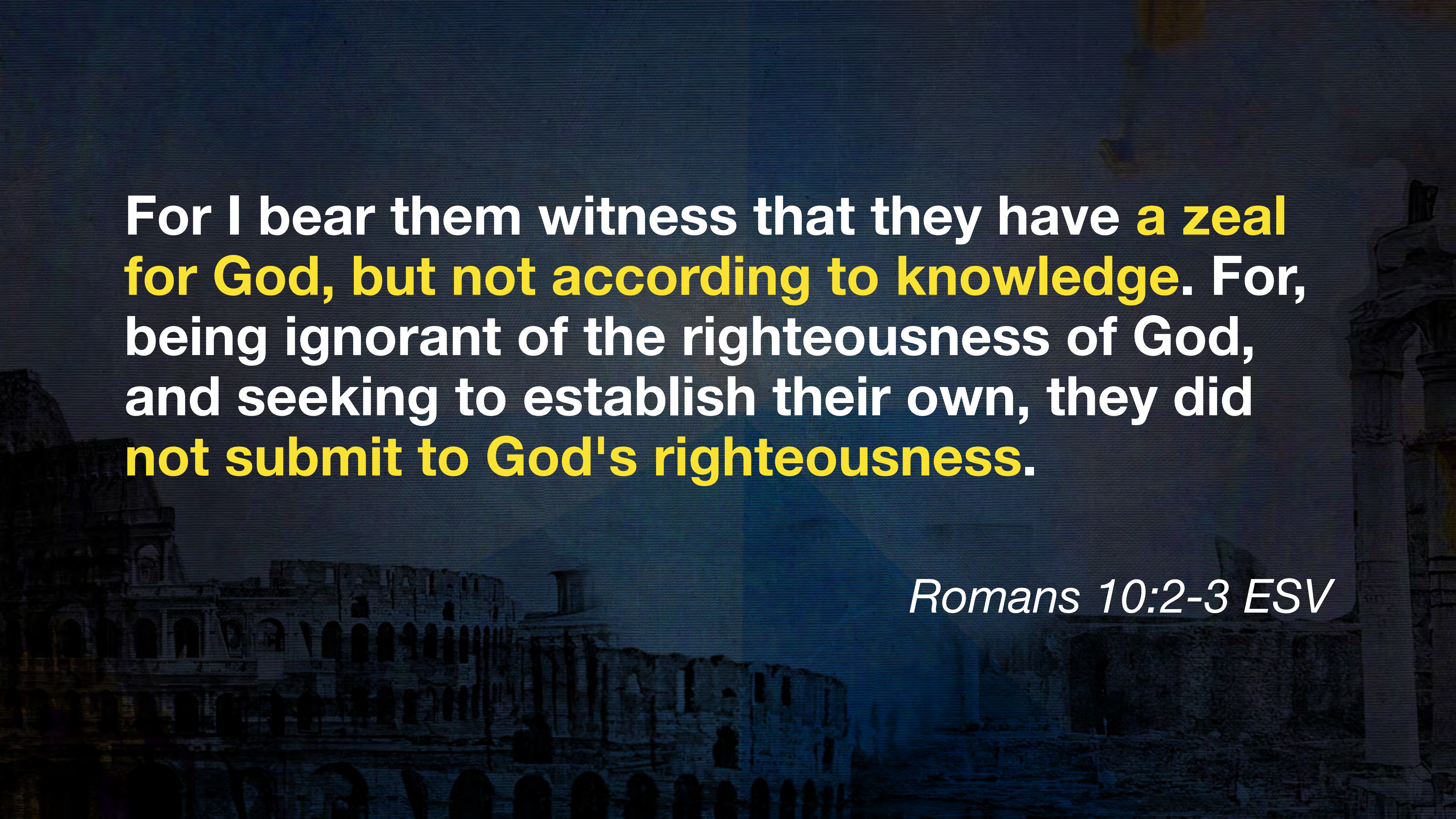
They are Israelites, and **to them belong** the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. **To them belong** the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 9:4-5 ESV



Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness **did not succeed** in reaching that law. Why? Because they **did not pursue it by faith**, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone.

Romans 9:31-32 ESV



For I bear them witness that they have **a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did **not submit to God's righteousness.**

Romans 10:2-3 ESV

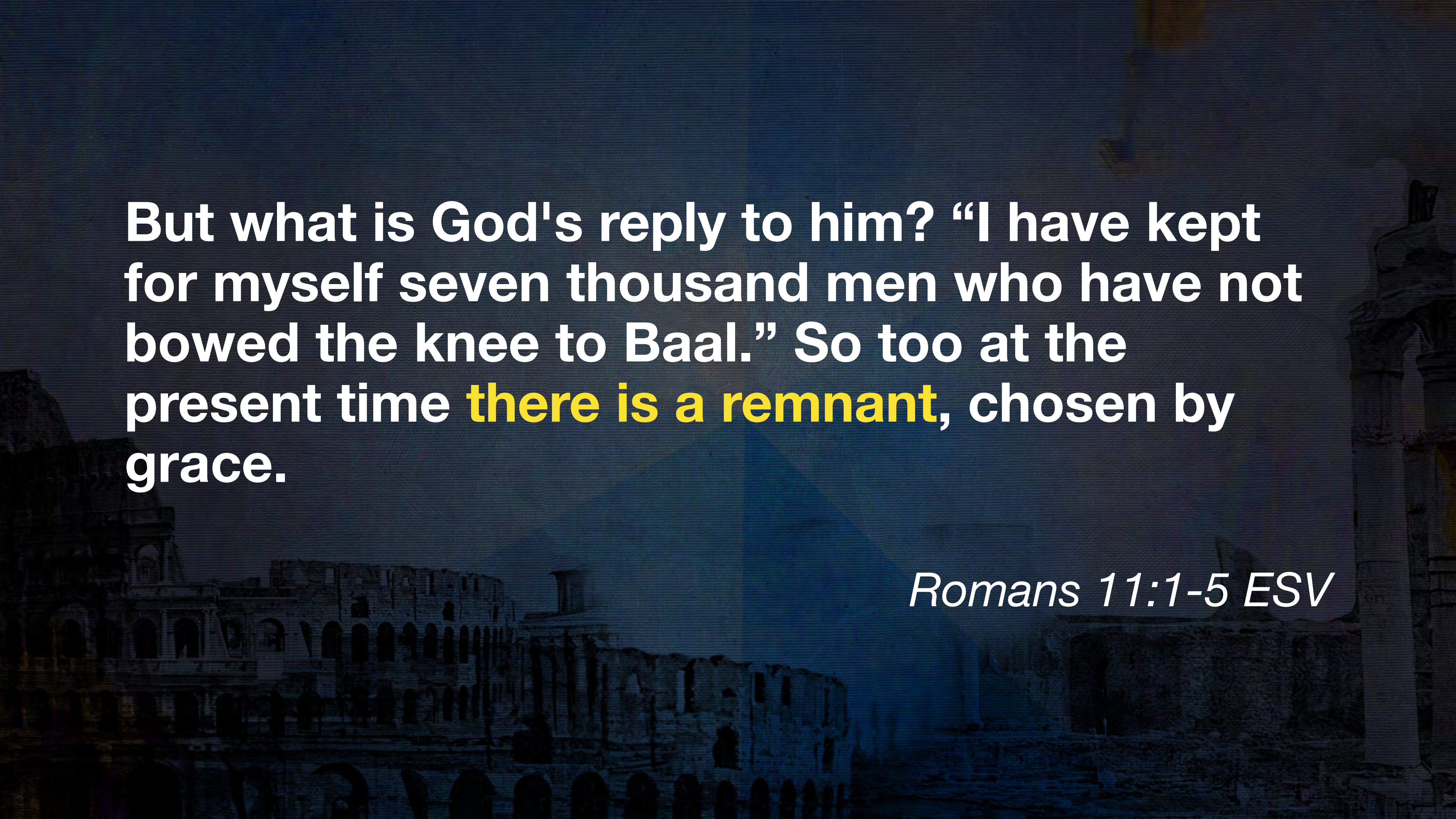


But they have **not all obeyed** the Gospel.

Romans 10:16 ESV

1. Has God Rejected Ethnic Israel

I ask, then, **has God rejected His people?** By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. **Do you not know what the Scripture says** of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.”

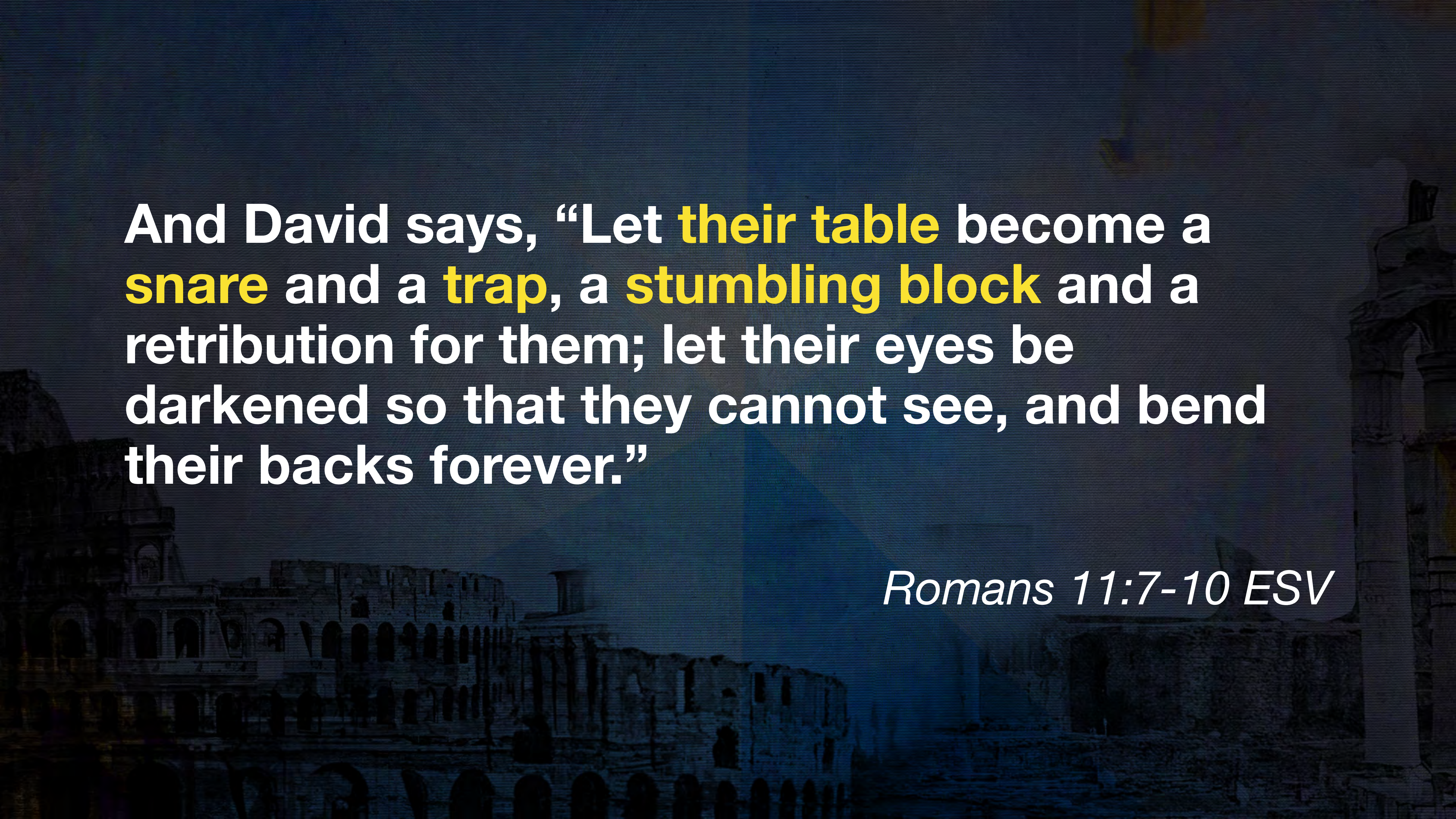


But what is God's reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too at the present time **there is a remnant**, chosen by grace.

Romans 11:1-5 ESV

2. Clarity On The Remnant

What then? **Israel failed to obtain** what it was seeking. The **elect obtained it**, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see, and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”



And David says, “Let **their table** become a **snare** and a **trap**, a **stumbling block** and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.”

Romans 11:7-10 ESV

3. Israel's Stumbling Has A Purpose

So I ask, did they **stumble** in order **that they might fall**? **By no means!** Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the **Gentiles**, so as to make **Israel jealous**. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will **their full inclusion** mean!

Romans 11:11-12 ESV

4. Process Illustrated

If the dough offered as **first fruits is holy**, so is the **whole lump**...

Romans 11:16a ESV

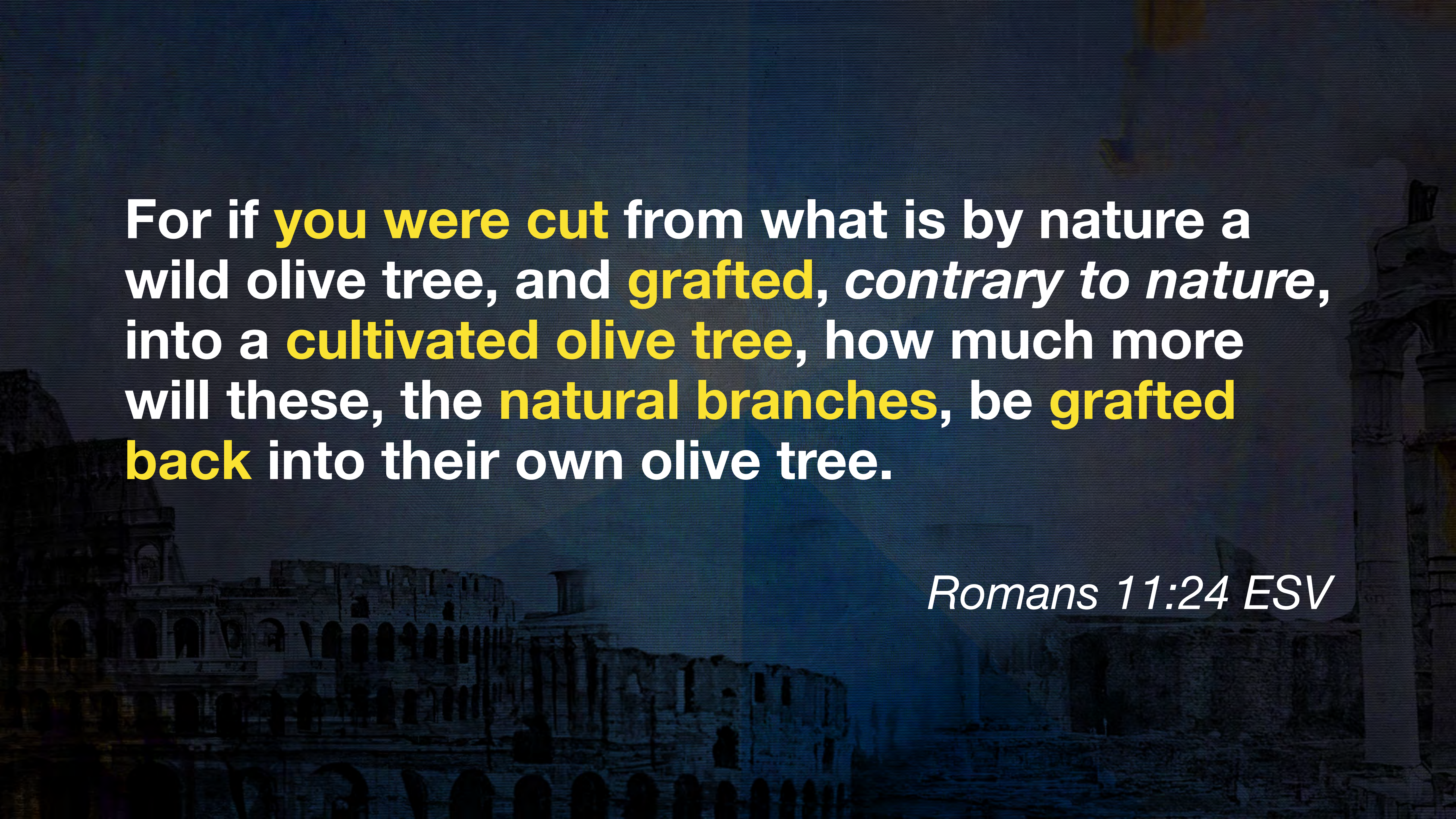
If the **root** is holy, so are the **branches**. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were **grafted in** among the others and now share in the nourishing **root** of the **olive tree**, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the **root** that **supports you**.

Romans 11:16b-18 ESV



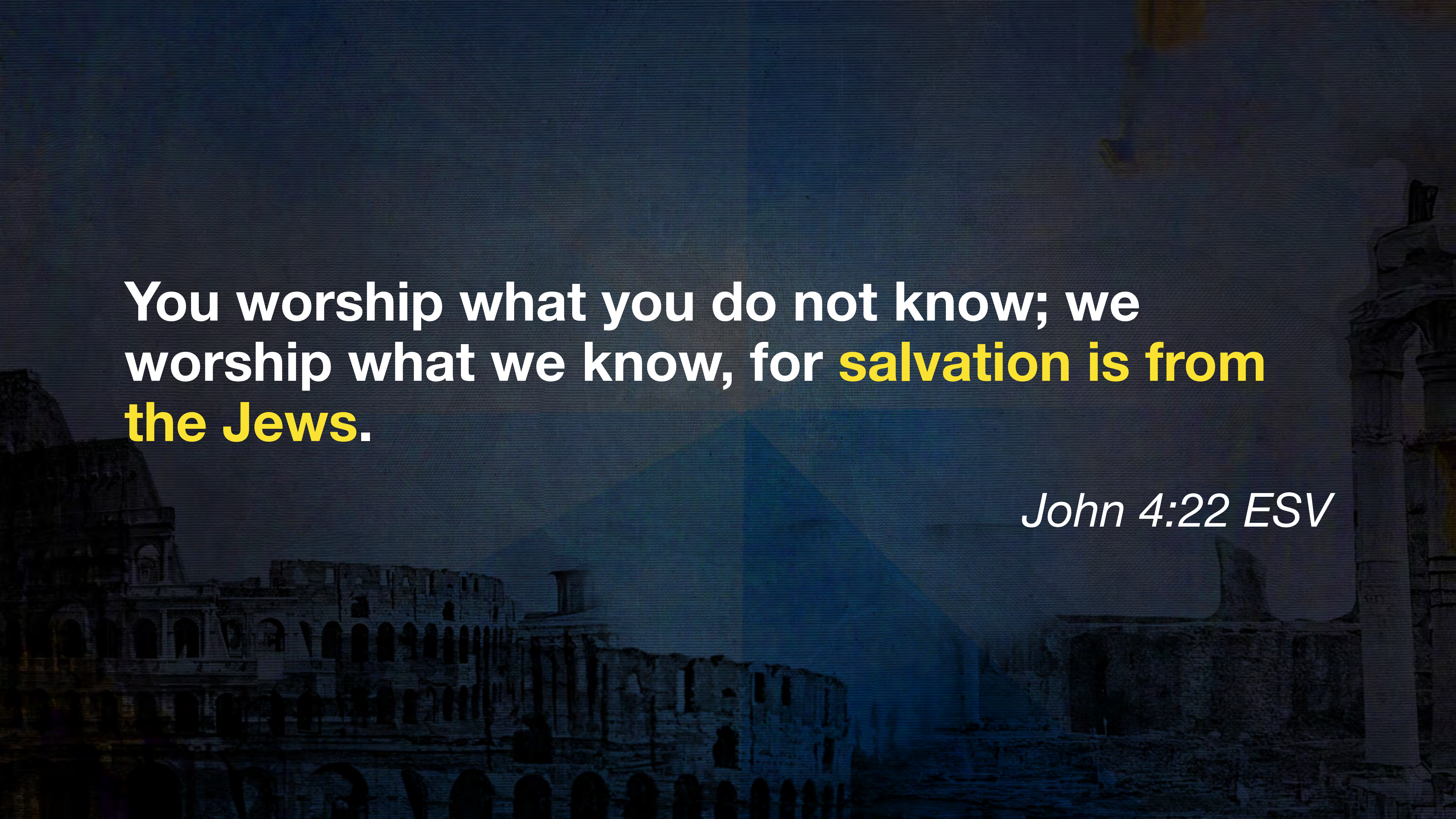
For if God did **not spare the natural branches,**
neither will he spare you.

Romans 11:21 ESV



For if **you were cut** from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and **grafted**, *contrary to nature*, into a **cultivated olive tree**, how much more will these, the **natural branches**, be **grafted back** into their own olive tree.

Romans 11:24 ESV



You worship what you do not know; we
worship what we know, for **salvation is from
the Jews.**

John 4:22 ESV

5. Declaration Of Ethnic Israel's Future Salvation

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this **mystery**, brothers: a **partial hardening** has come upon Israel, until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in. And **in this way all Israel will be saved...**

Romans 11:25-26a ESV

Mystery - In Scripture a mystery is not a truth difficult to understand, but a truth previously unrevealed (and therefore unknown) which is now revealed and publicly proclaimed.

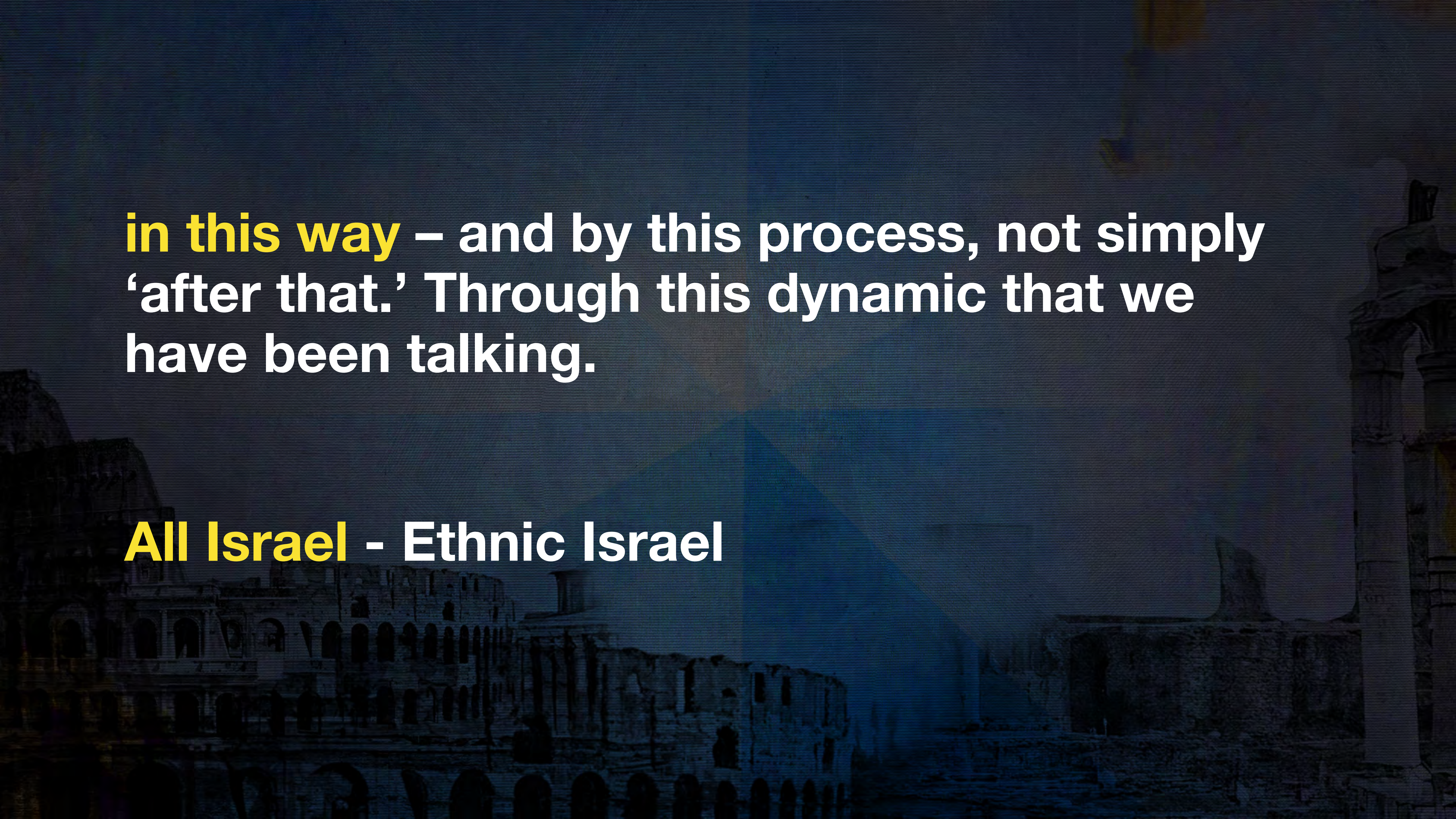
Partial hardening – not complete, always a remnant

Until the fullness of the Gentiles – the proper number of...



And in this way all Israel will be saved...

Romans 11:26a ESV



in this way – and by this process, not simply
‘after that.’ Through this dynamic that we
have been talking.

All Israel - Ethnic Israel

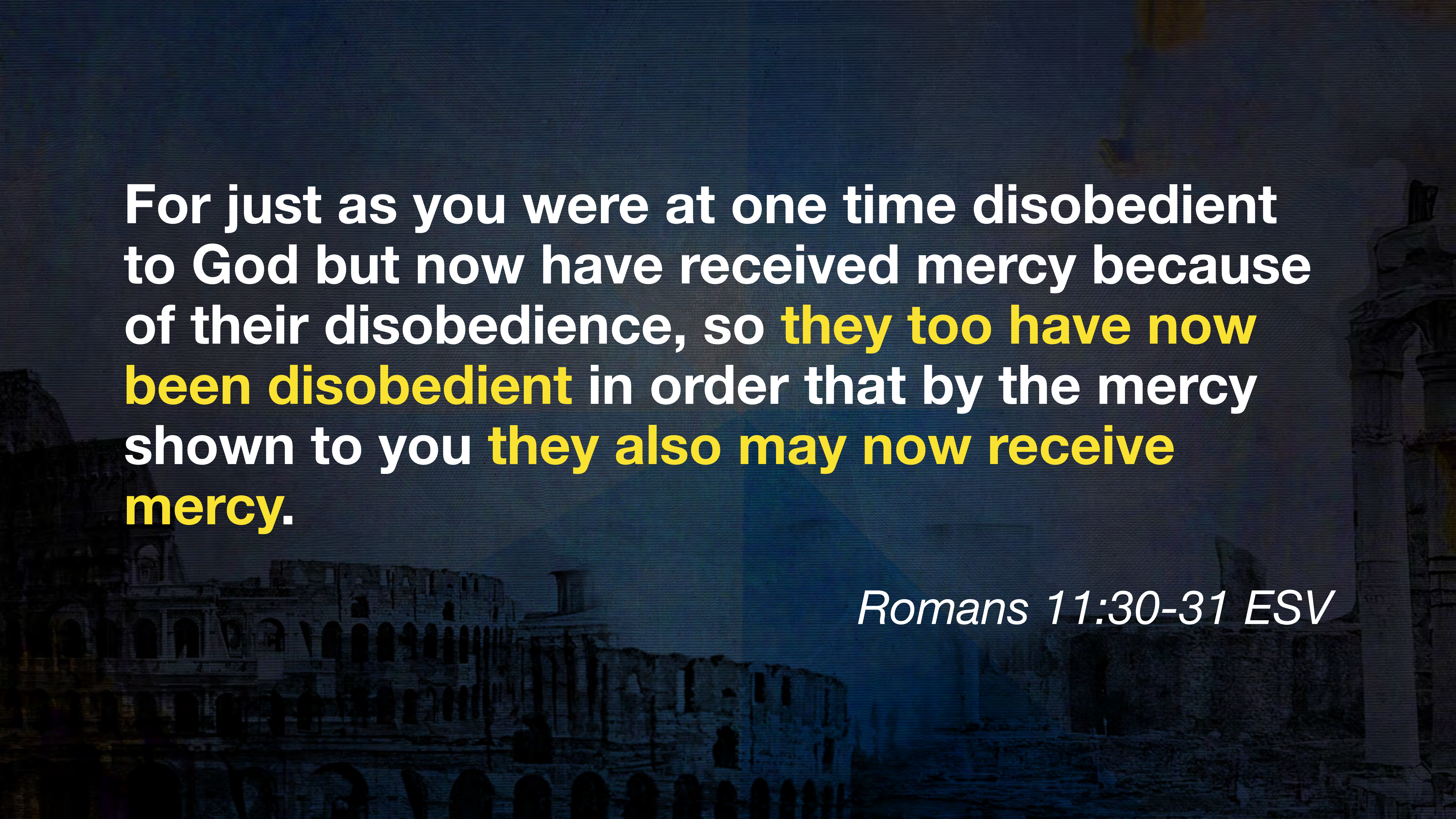
...as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he **will banish ungodliness from Jacob**”; “and this will be my covenant with them when **I take away their sins.**” As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

Romans 11:27-28 ESV



For the **gifts** and the **calling** of God are **irrevocable.**

Romans 11:29 ESV



For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so **they too have now been disobedient** in order that by the mercy shown to you **they also may now receive mercy.**

Romans 11:30-31 ESV



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How **unsearchable** are his judgments and how **inscrutable** his ways!

Romans 11:33 ESV



1. Know That God Is Faithful To His Promises

2. Resist The Proclivity Toward Pride

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6 ESV

“It is a matter for profound regret that just as Israel refused to accept this salvation when it was offered to them, so the Gentiles have all too often refused to make Israel envious. Instead of showing to God’s ancient people the attractiveness of the Christian way, Christians have characteristically treated the Jews with hatred, prejudice, persecution, malice, and all uncharitableness. Christians should not take this passage calmly.”

Leon Morris

3. Persevere As Part Of God's Remnant

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:4 NIV



4. Maintain Hope And Prayer For The Spiritually Hardened