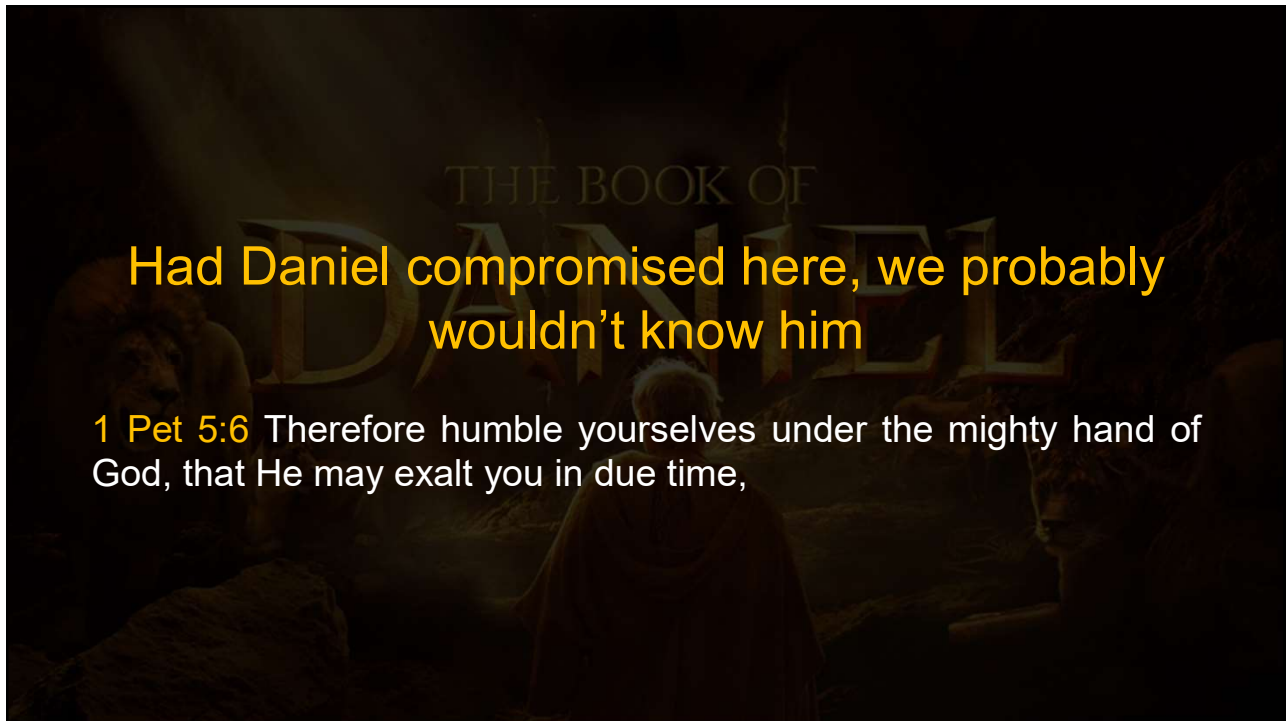
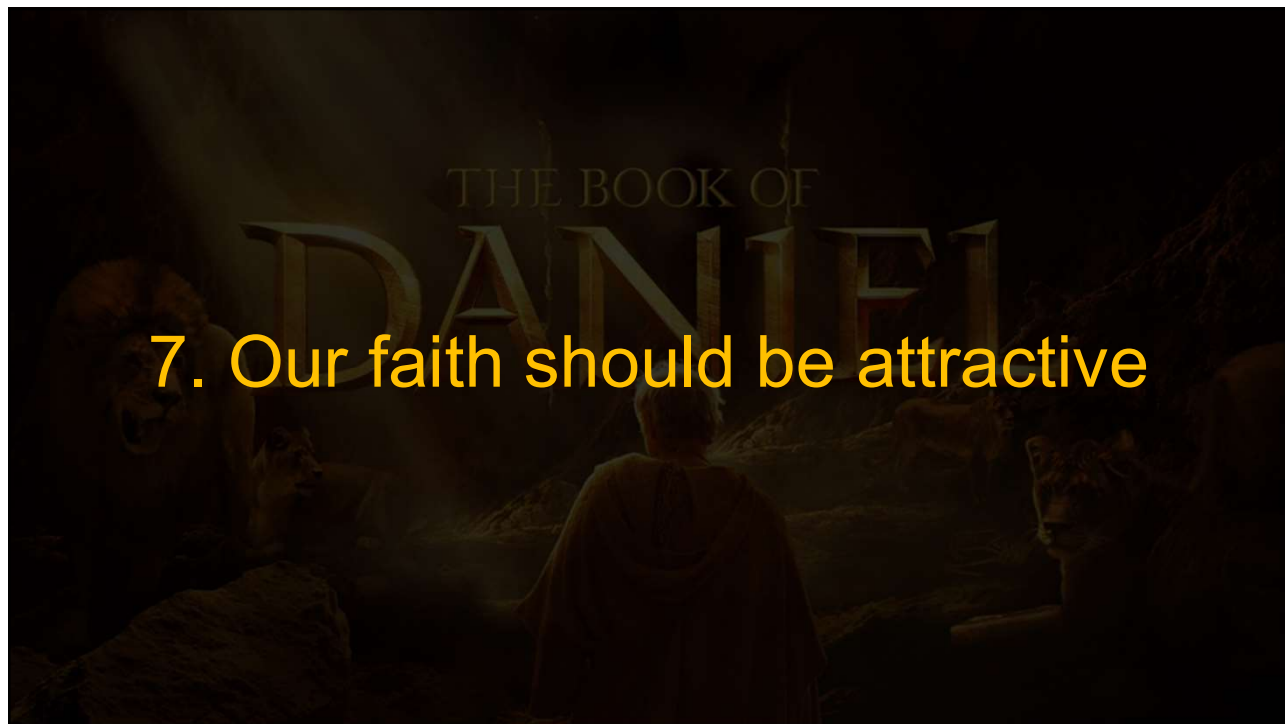


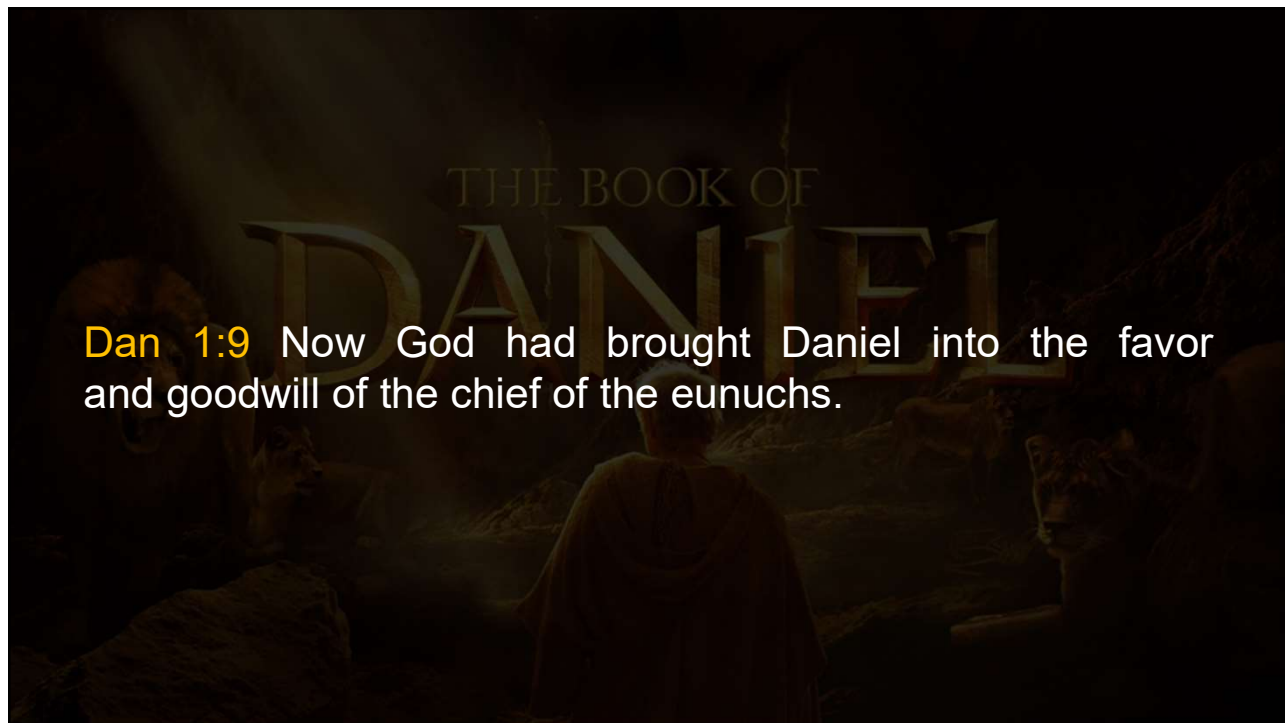
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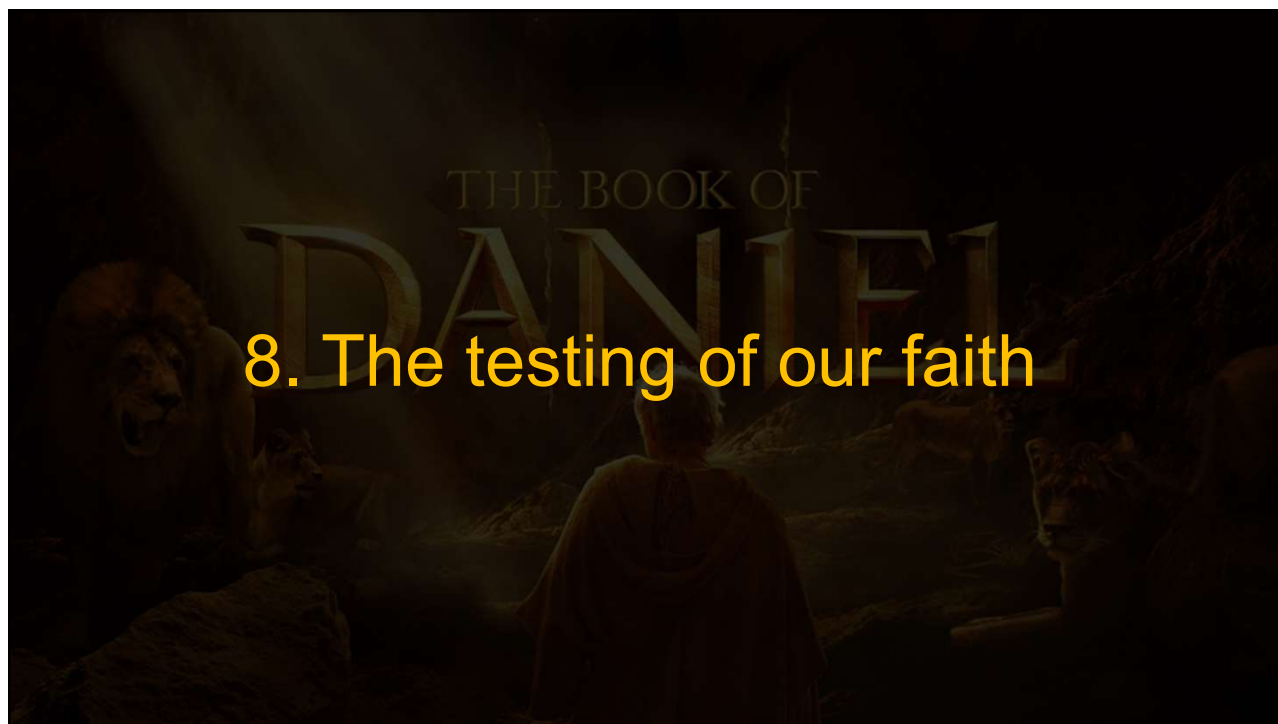
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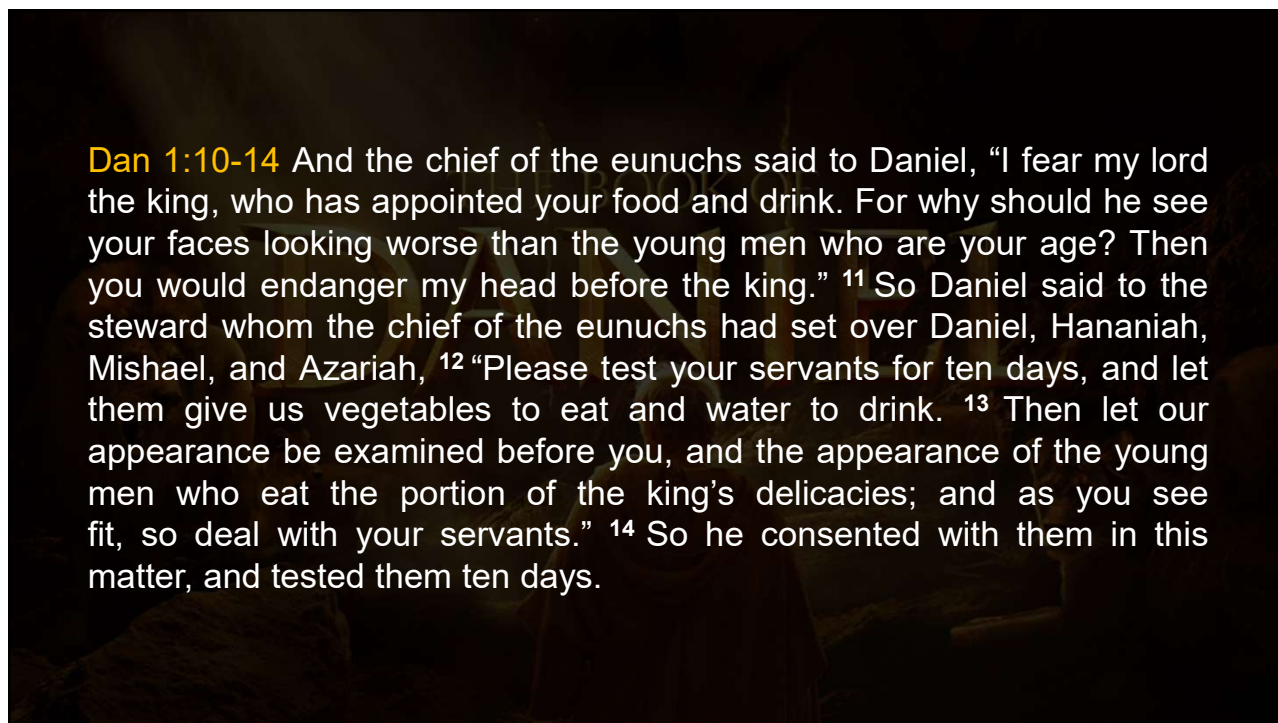


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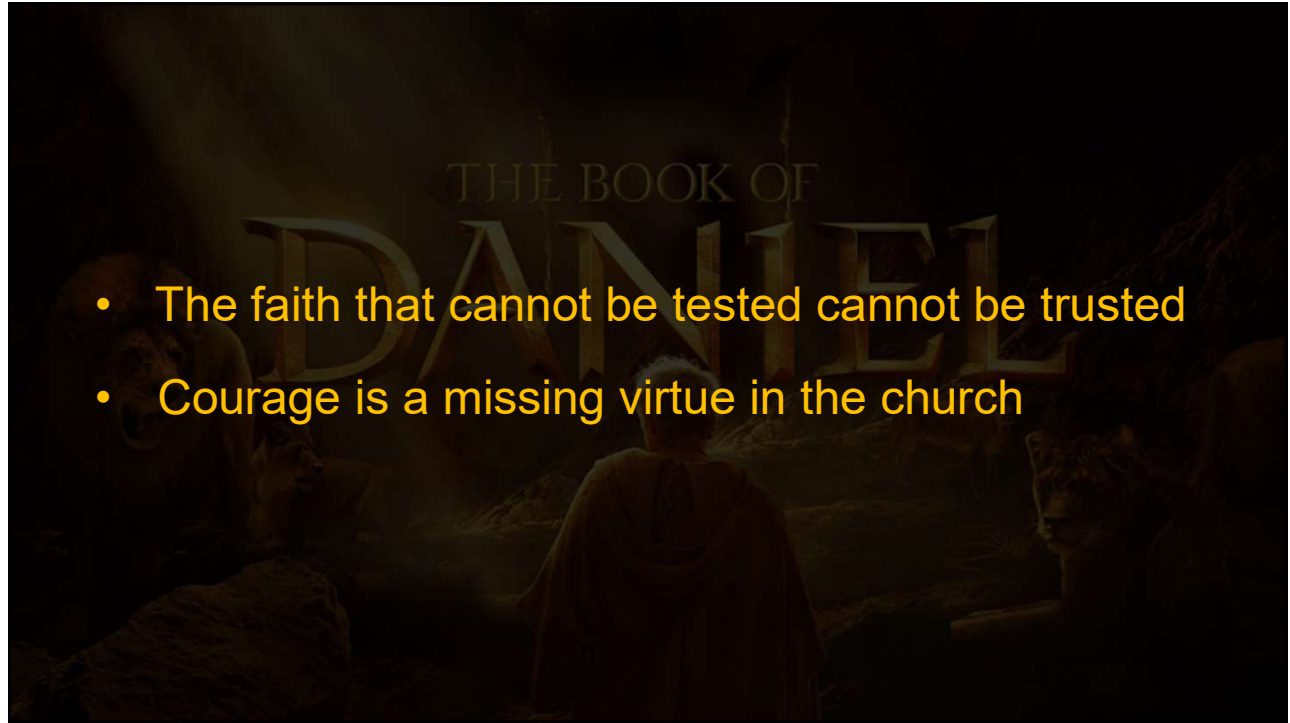
## 8. The testing of our faith

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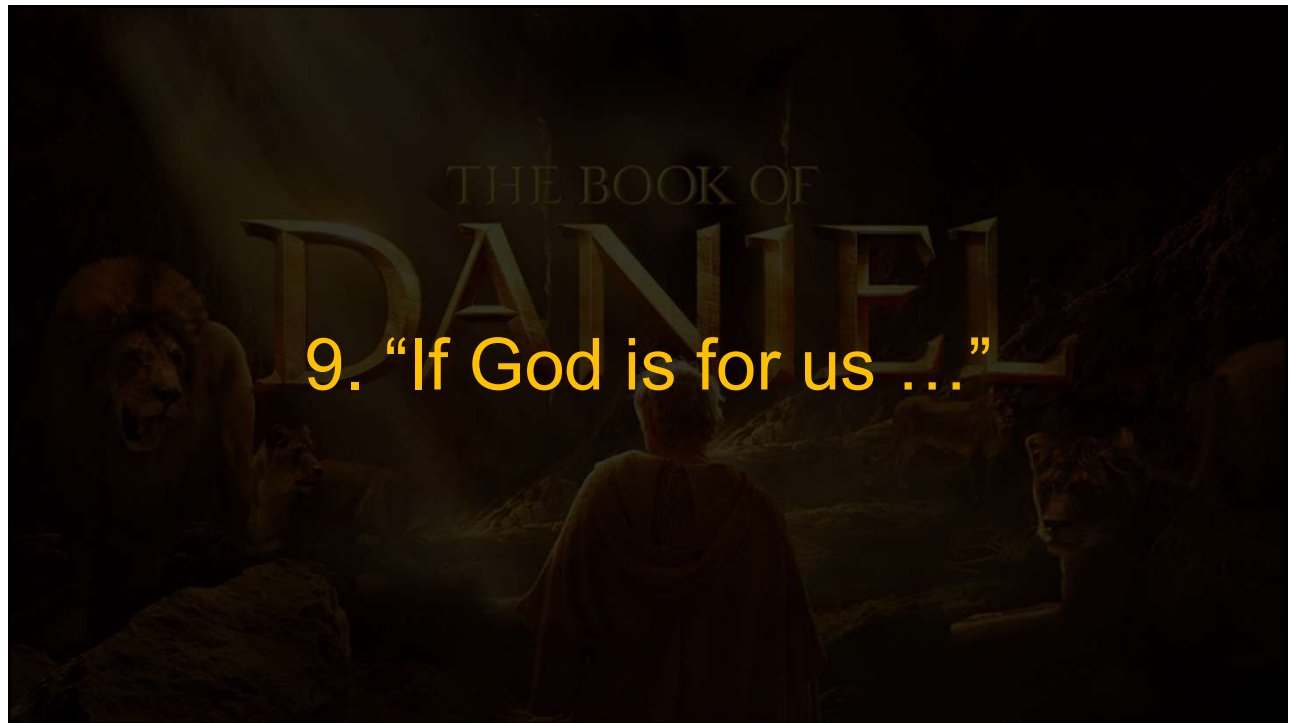


**Dan 1:10-14** And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king.” <sup>11</sup> So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> “Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king’s delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants.” <sup>14</sup> So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

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**Dan 1:15-16** And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. <sup>16</sup> Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

- Believers shouldn't be average; we should be above average
- The world will notice

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**Acts 4:13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

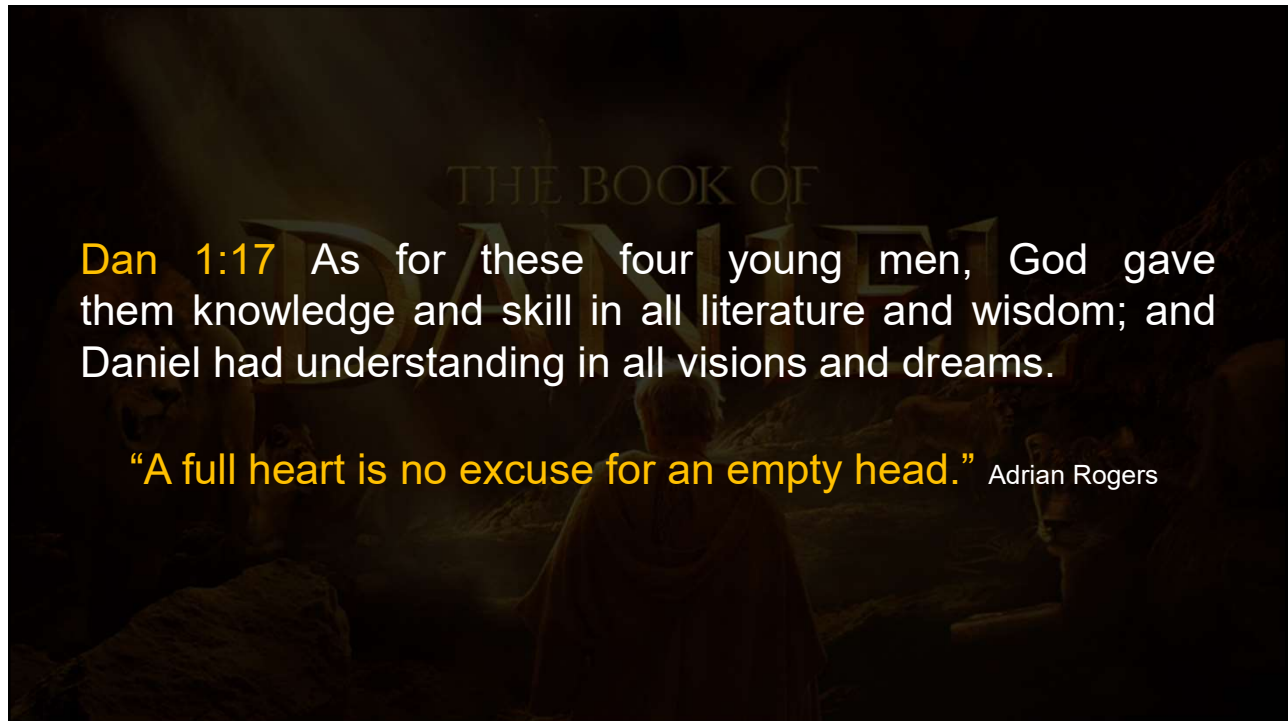
**1 Pet 3:16** having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

**Phil 2:15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

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**Mt 6:4** that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

**1 Cor 3:8** Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

**1 Pet 5:6** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

**Rev 22:12** And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

**Gal 5:9** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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**Dan 1:18-21** Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. <sup>20</sup> And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm. <sup>21</sup> Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

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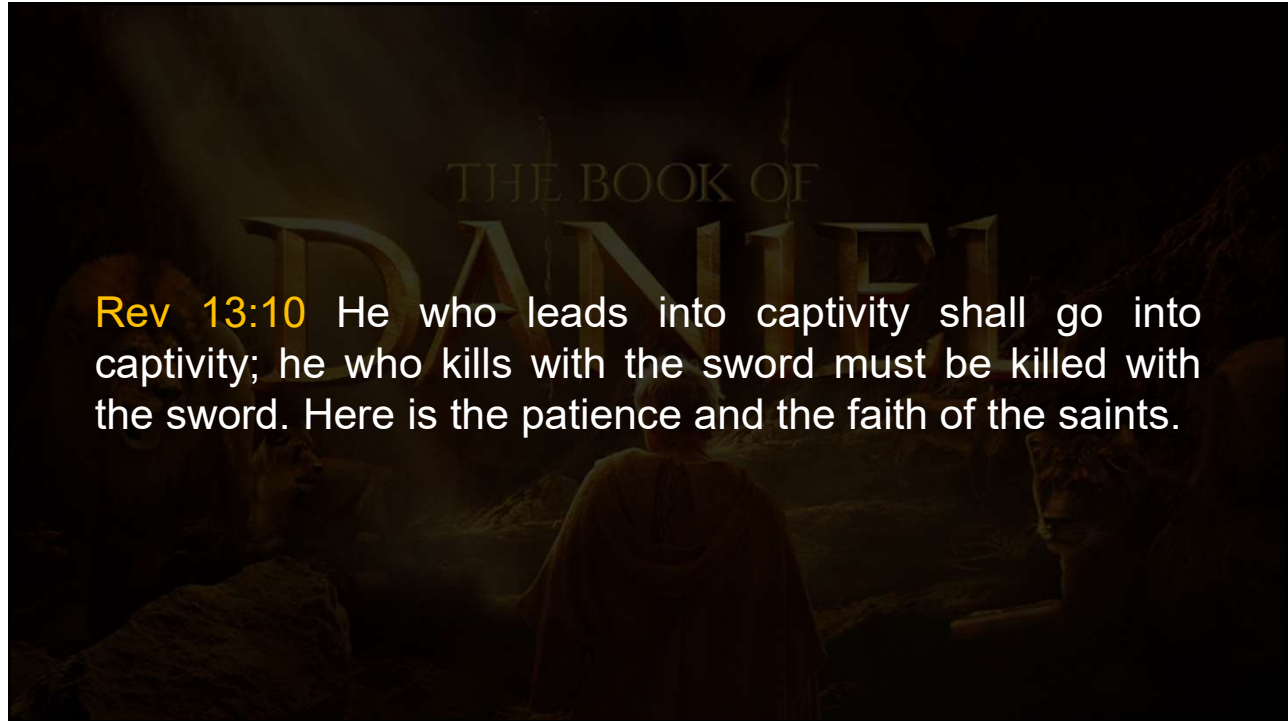
**Mt 6:10** Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Is 9:7** Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end

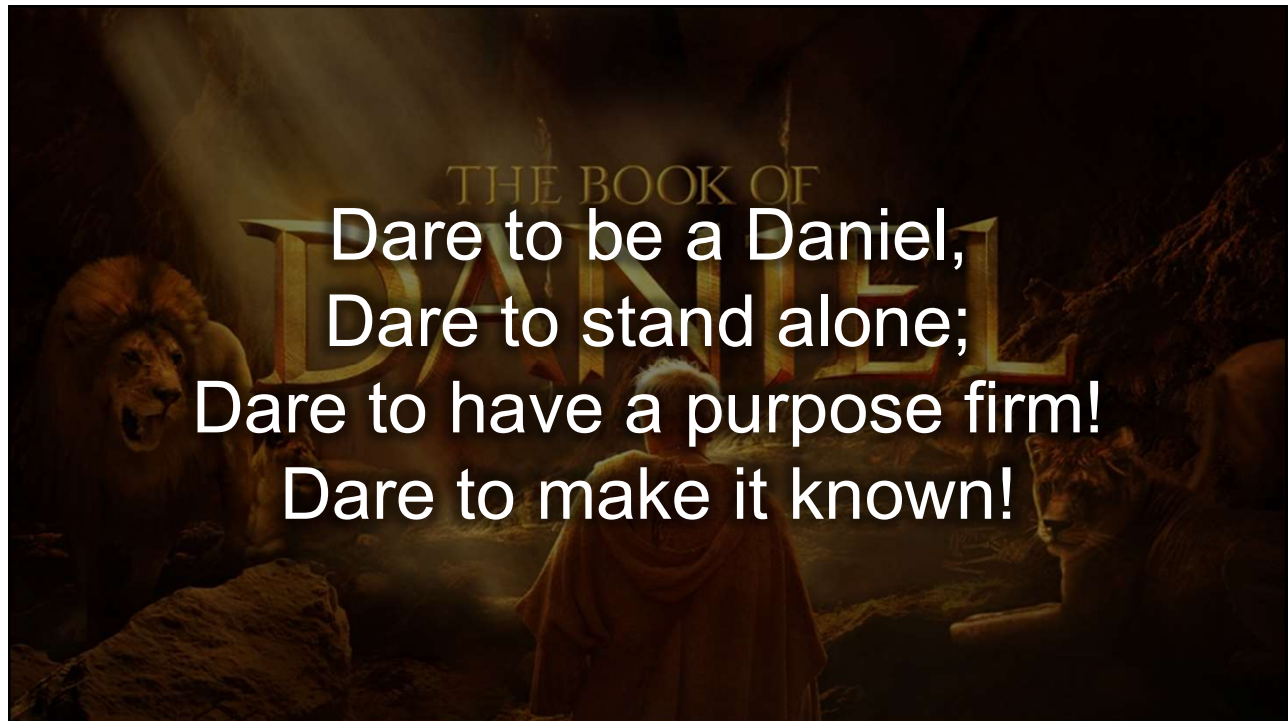
**Rev 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ

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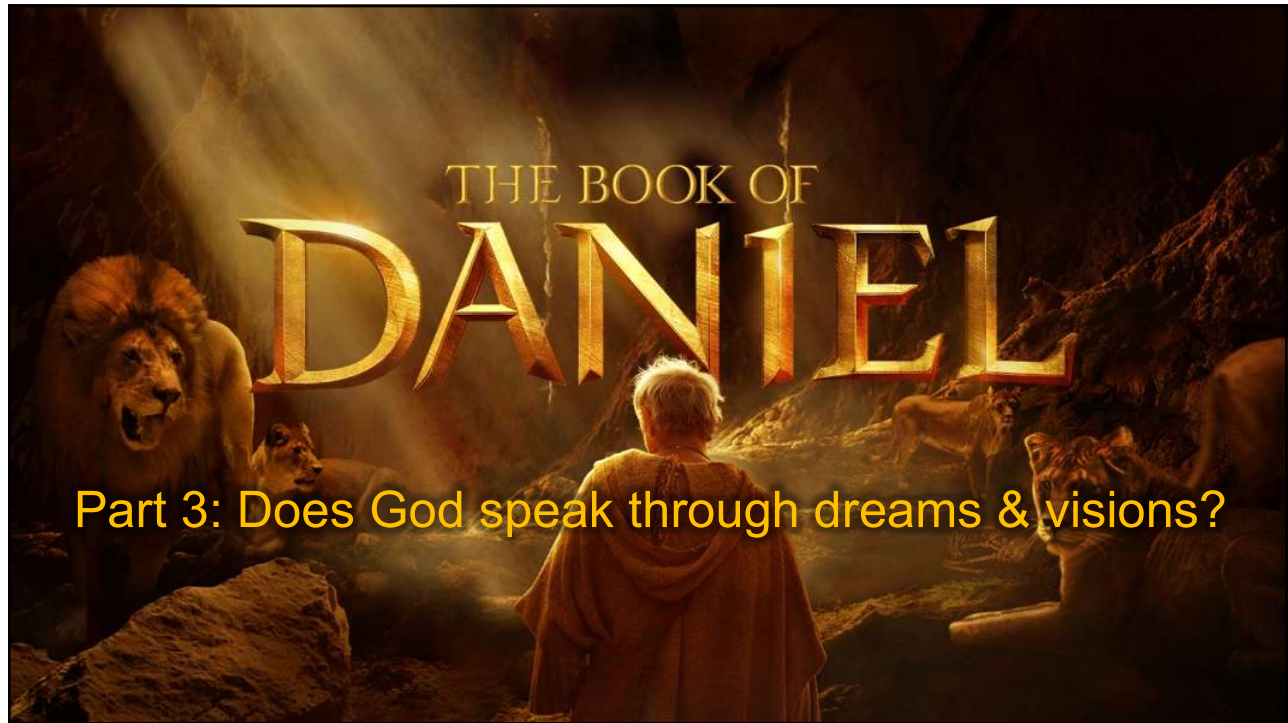




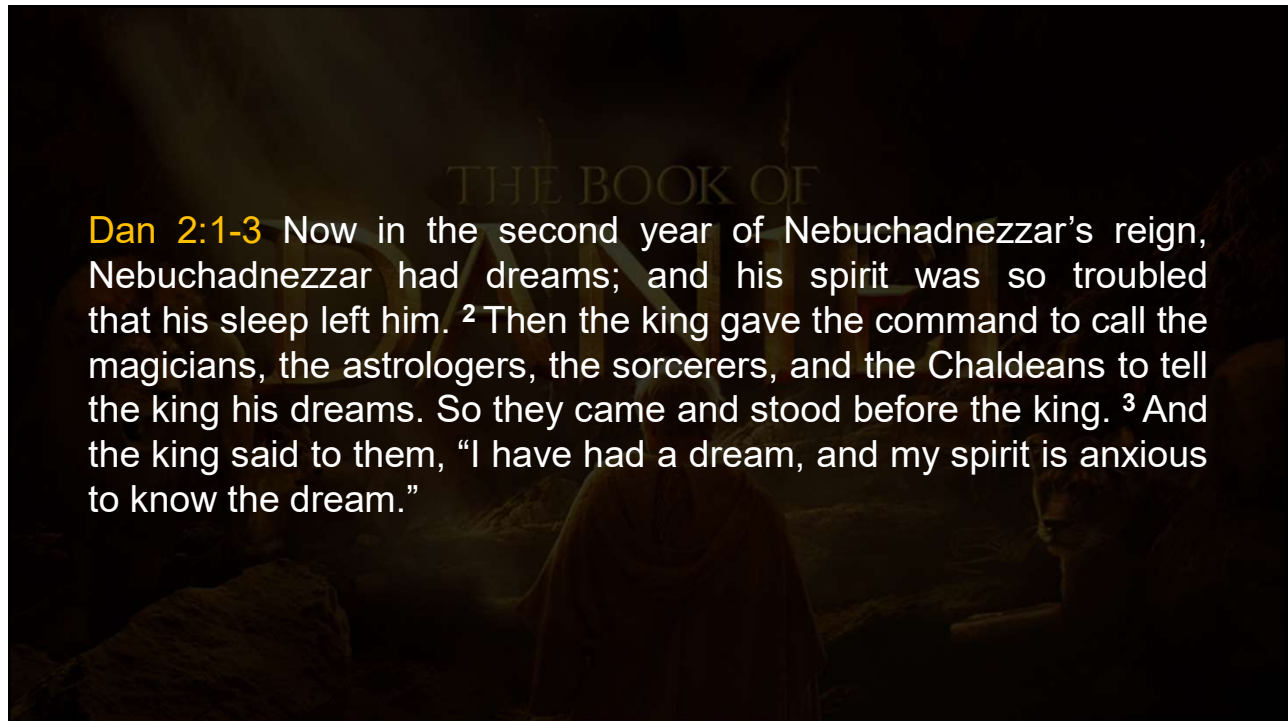
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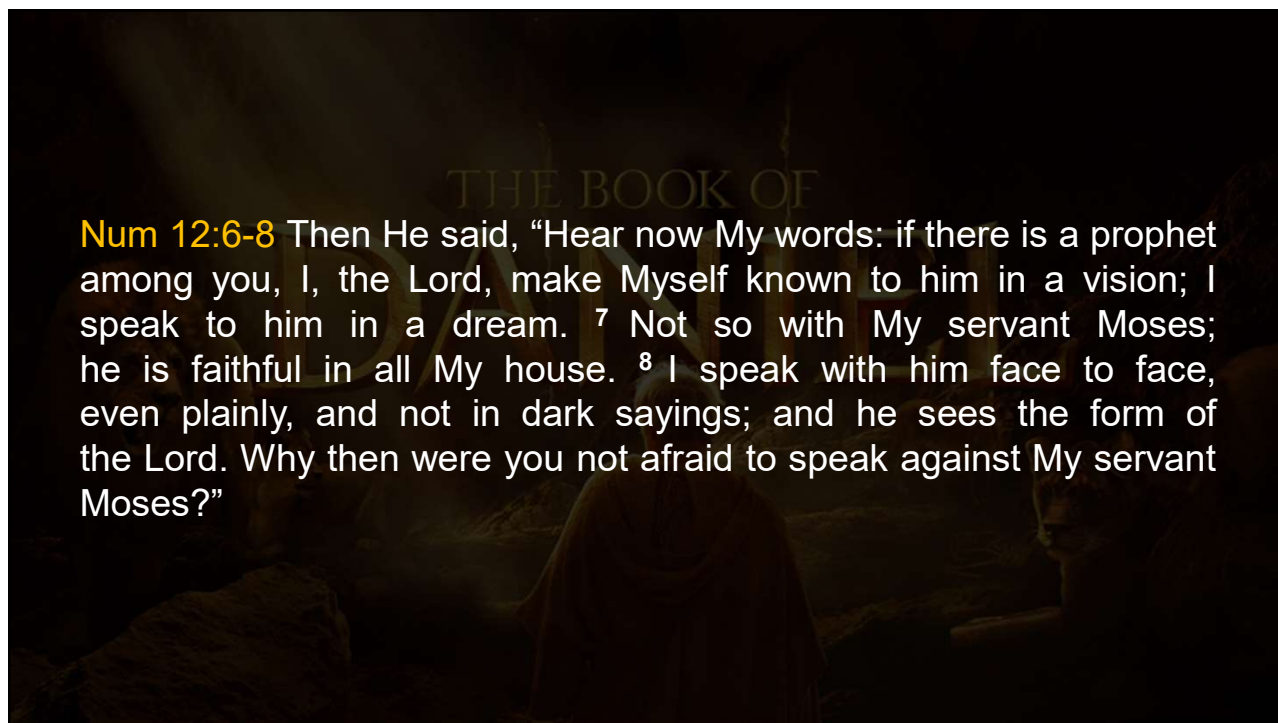
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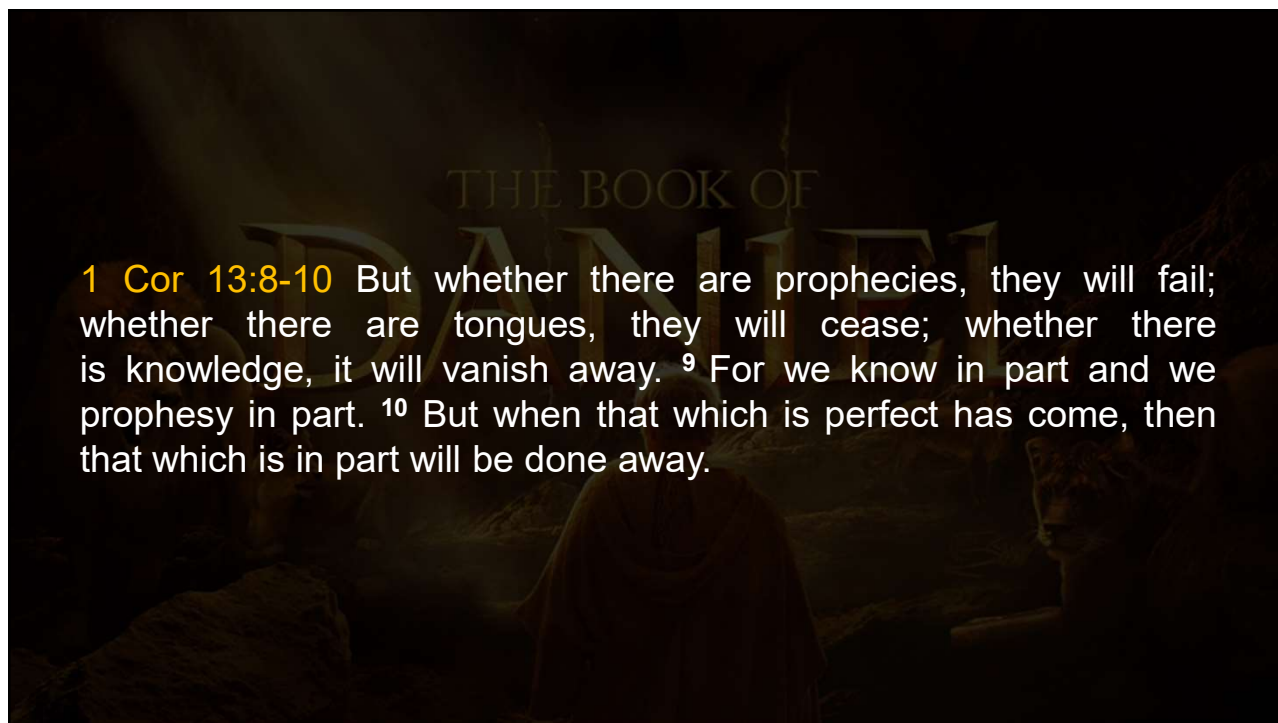
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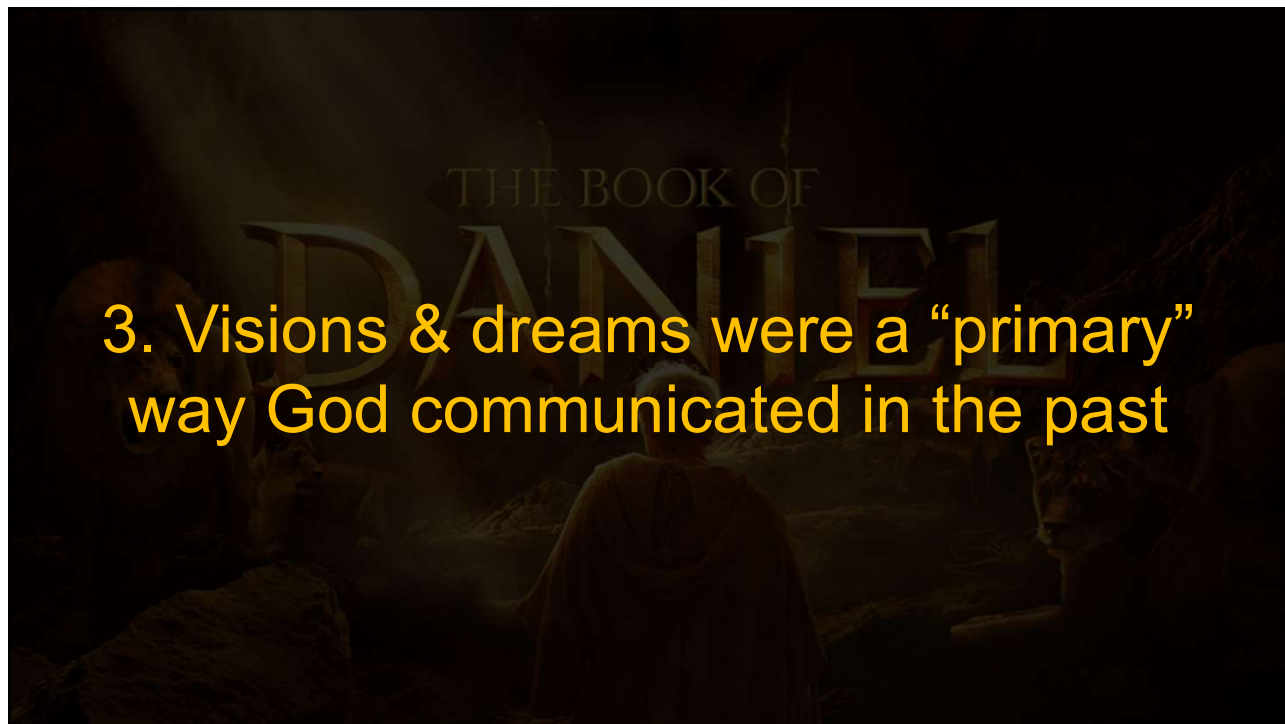
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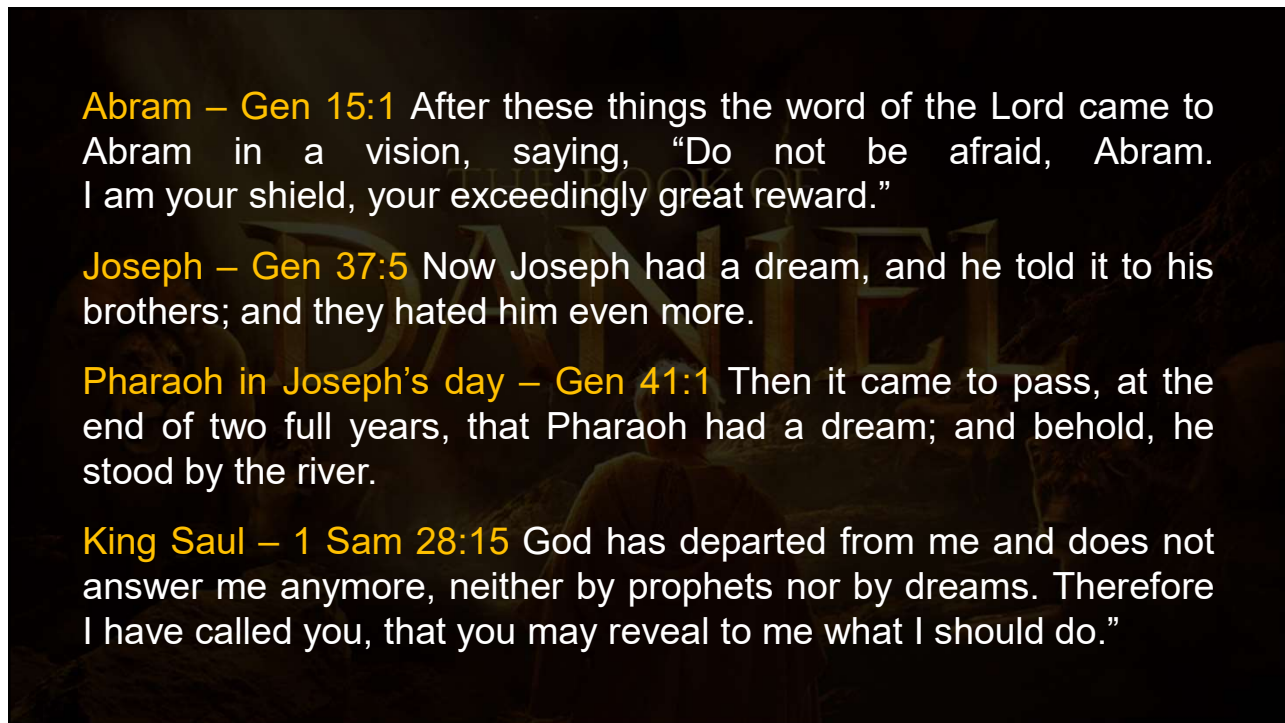
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**Job – Job 7:14** Then You scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions,

**Isaiah – Is 1:1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

**Ezekiel – Ez 1:1** Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

**Jesus' disciples – Mt 17:9** Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

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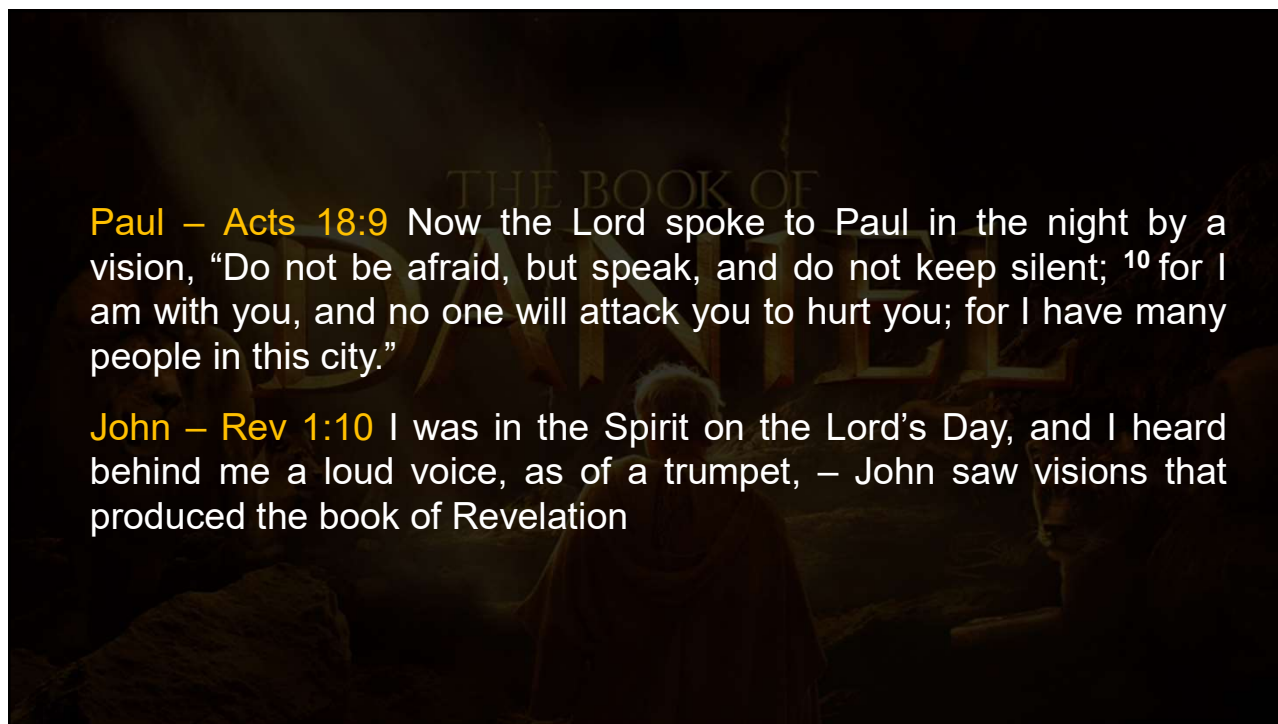
**Ananias – Acts 9:10** Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." and he said, "Here I am, Lord."

**Cornelius – Acts 10:3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

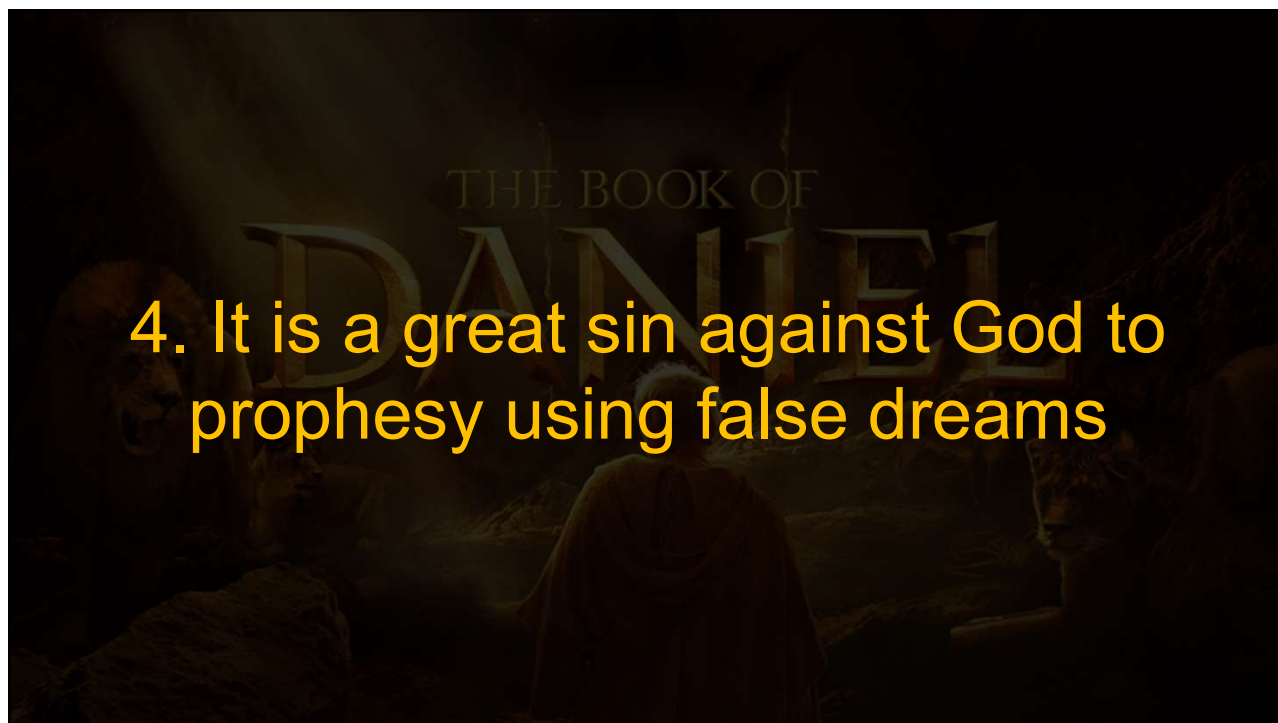
**Peter – Acts 11:4** But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

**Paul – Acts 16:9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

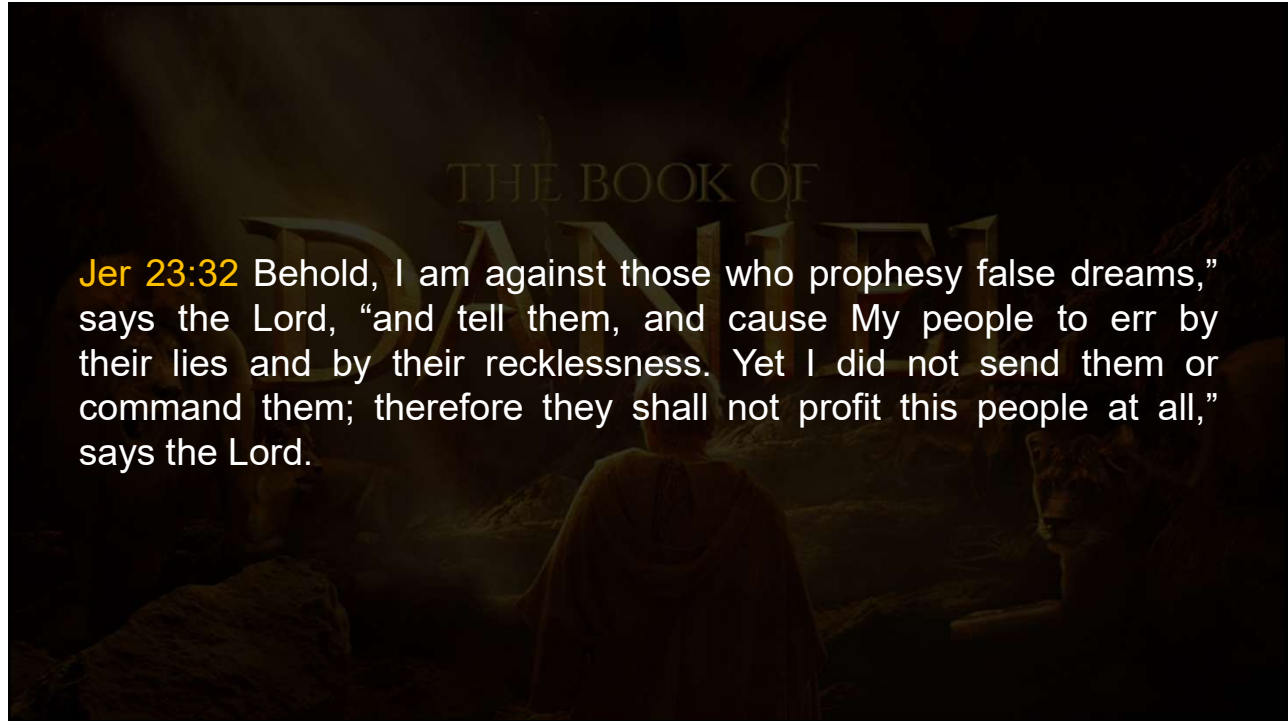
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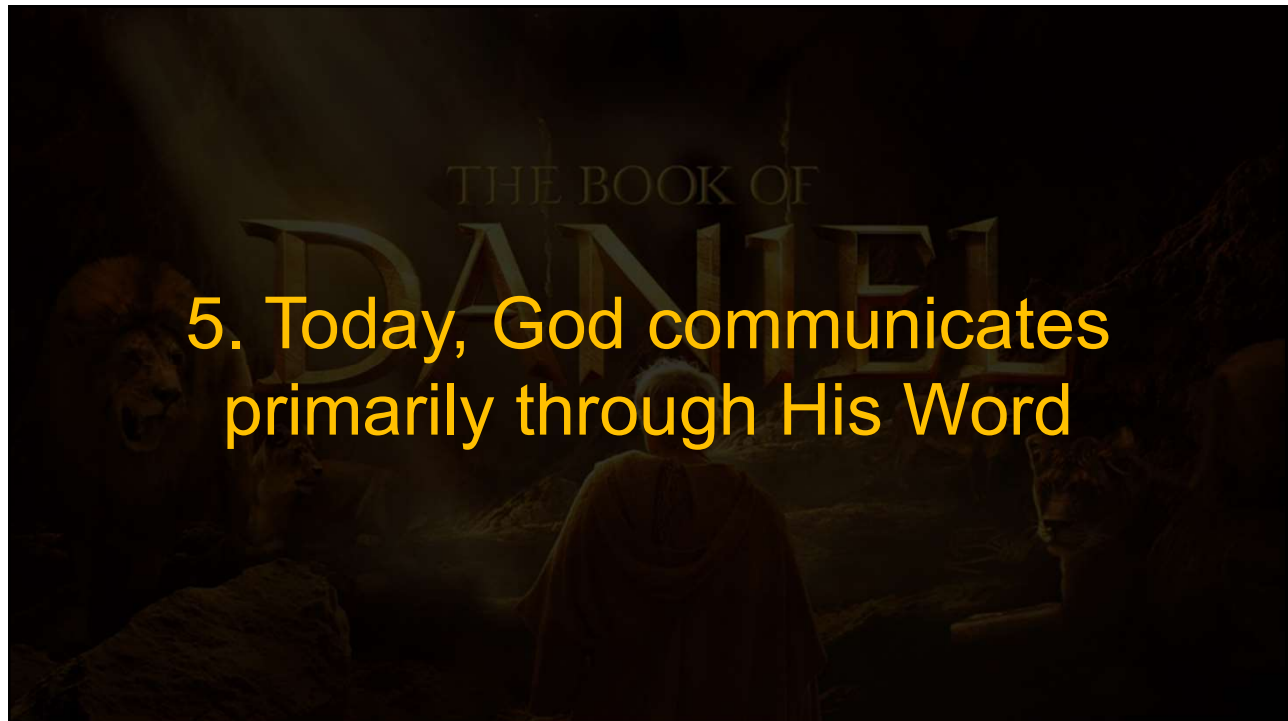
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- **Jesus emphasized the preeminence of Scripture**

**Jn 17:17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

**Mt 22:29** Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

**Lk 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

**Jn 5:39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

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- **The early Christians depended on the Scriptures to know truth**

**Acts 17:11** These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

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- Paul taught the early church to find God's will in the Scriptures

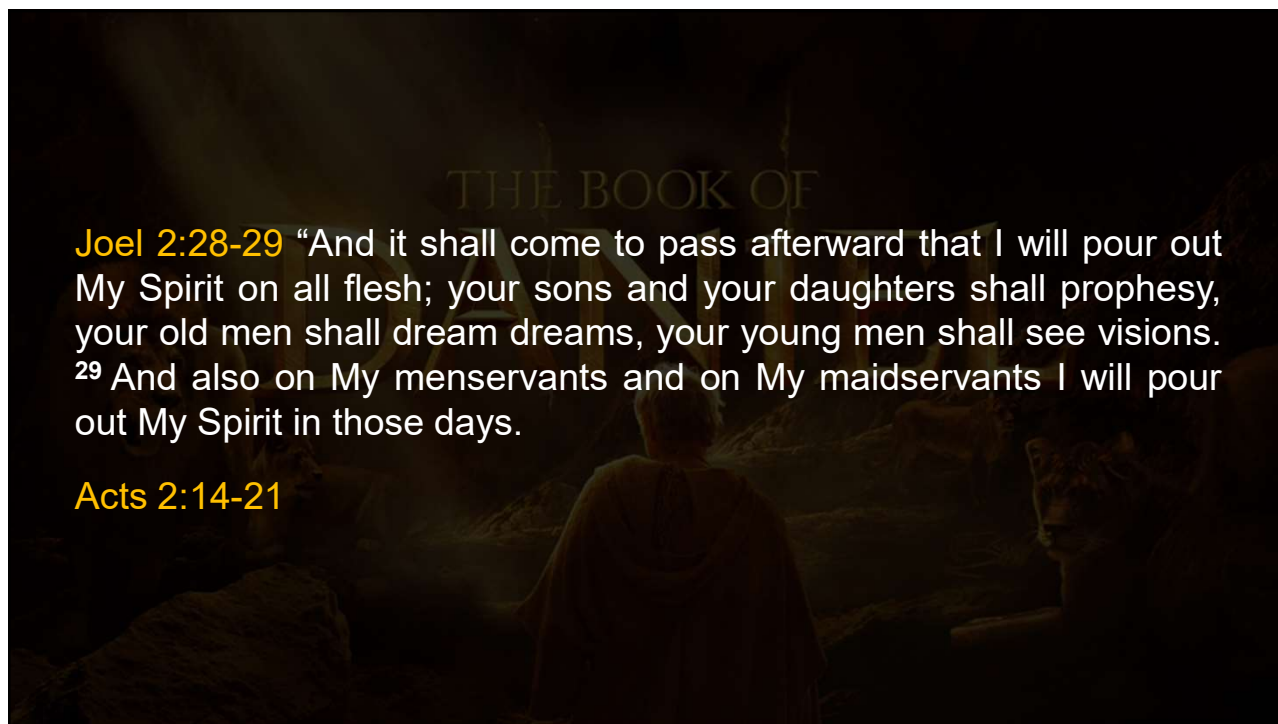
**2 Tim 3:15** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Tim 3:16-17** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

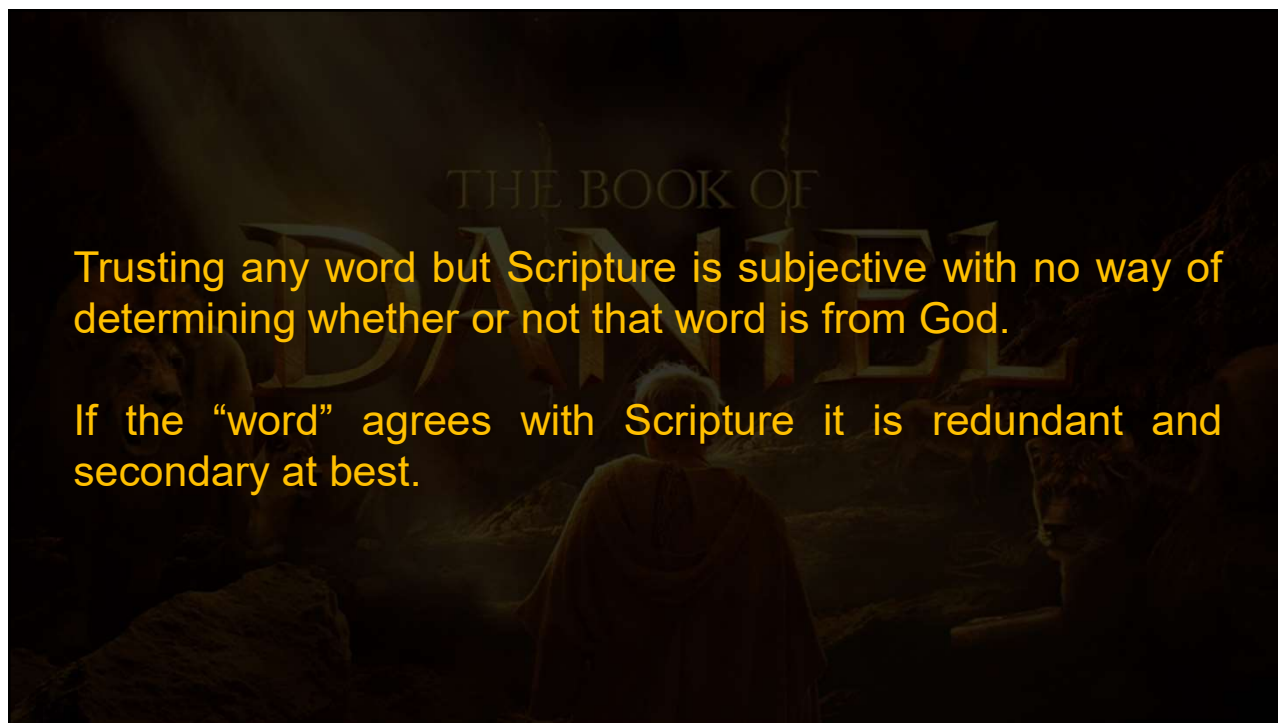
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**6. It appears that in the last days, God's use of visions & dreams will increase**

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