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James 2:25-3:2

Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.



Reluctant to Rule

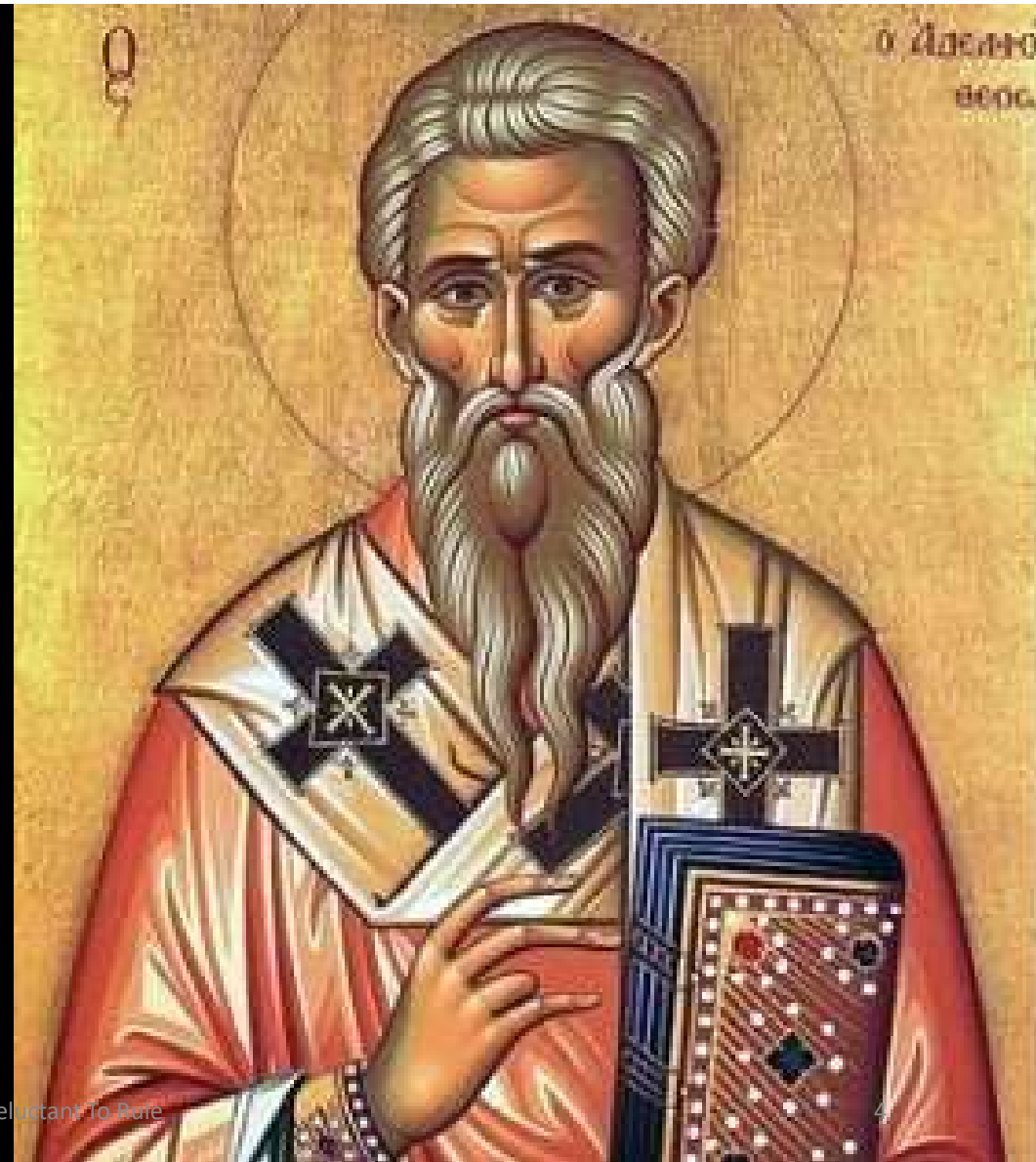


James


- ½ brother of Jesus
(son of Joseph & Mary)
- Did not believe in Jesus until
AFTER the resurrection
- First Pastor of the Church In
Jerusalem

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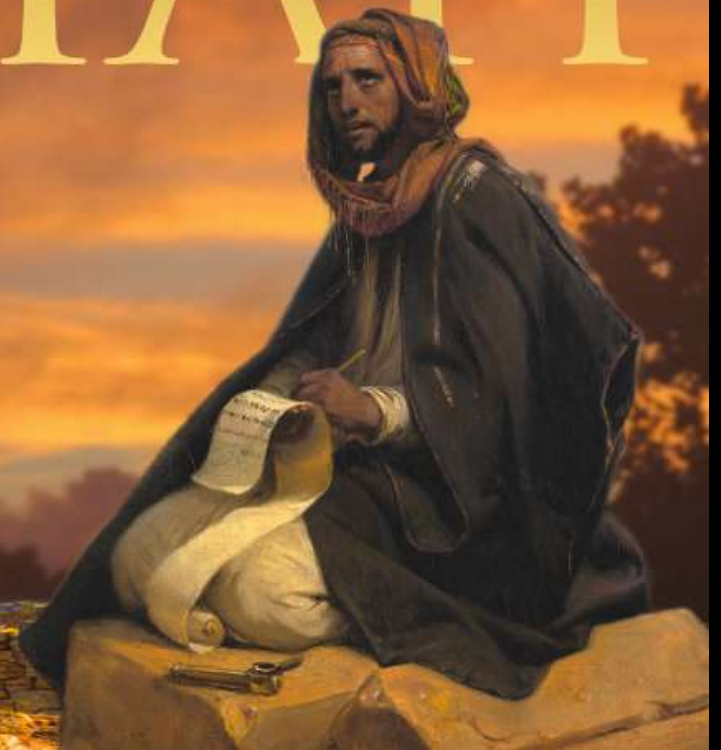


**Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh,
and that I should bring forth the children of
Israel out of Egypt?**

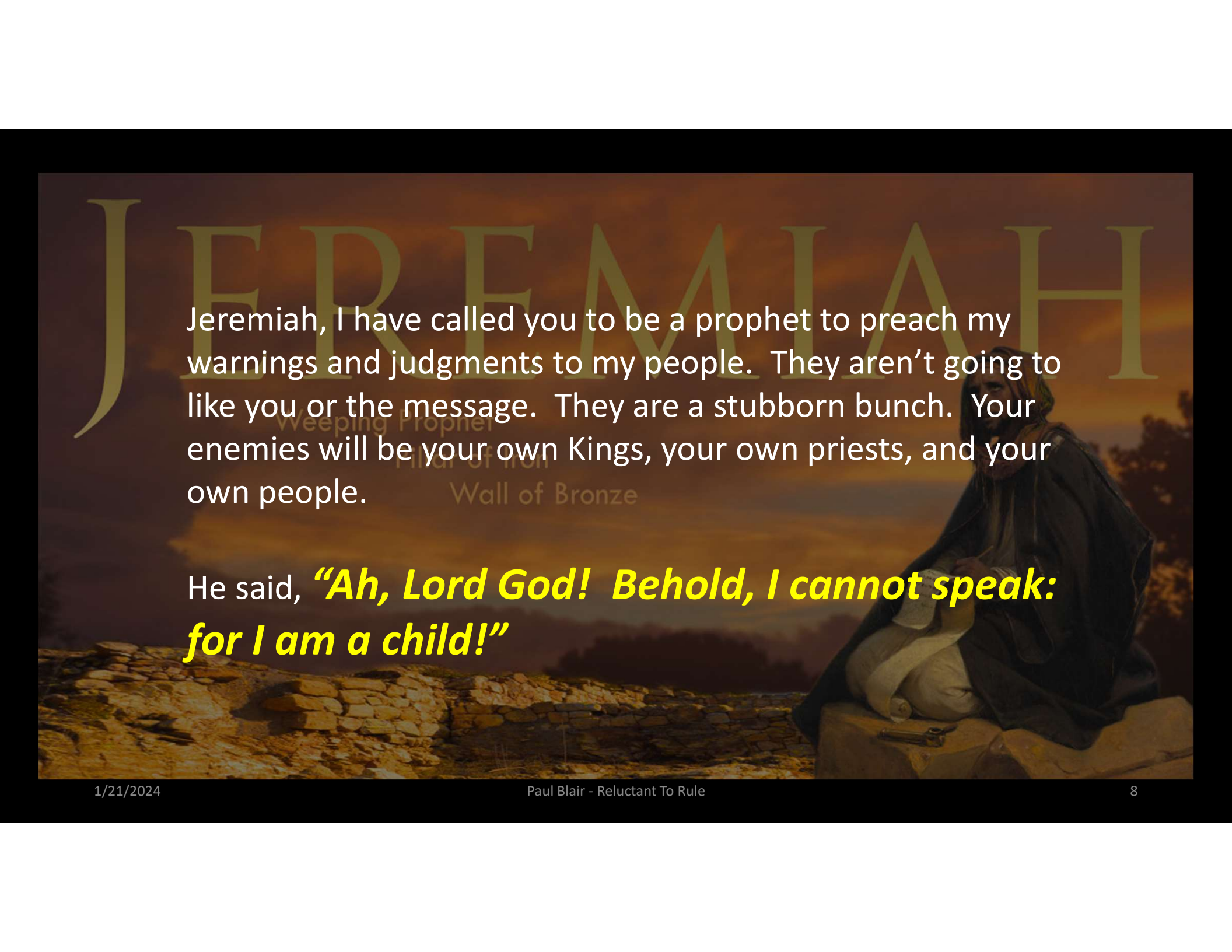
(Exodus 3:11)

JEREMIAH

Weeping Prophet
Pillar of Iron
Wall of Bronze



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Jeremiah, I have called you to be a prophet to preach my warnings and judgments to my people. They aren't going to like you or the message. They are a stubborn bunch. Your enemies will be your own Kings, your own priests, and your own people.

He said, ***“Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child!”***

Jeremiah 1:5

**Before I formed thee in
the belly I knew thee;
and before thou camest
forth out of the womb I
sanctified thee, and I
ordained thee a
prophet unto the
nations.**





EZEKIEL

WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL

Ezekiel 2:3-5

I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.



EZEKIEL

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Ezekiel 3:14

So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away,
and **I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit;**
but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.

God's Chosen Leaders

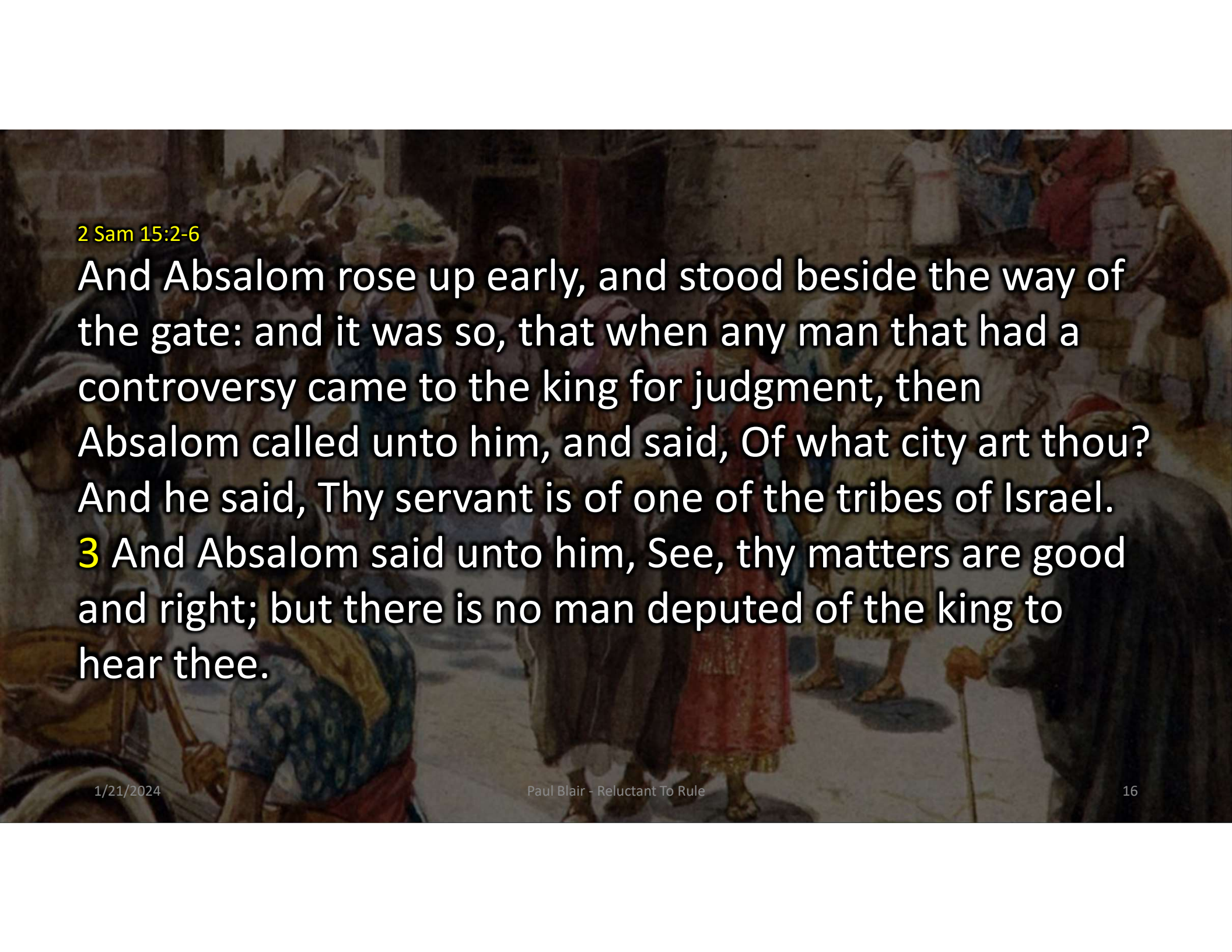
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- **David** – the shepherd boy who became king.

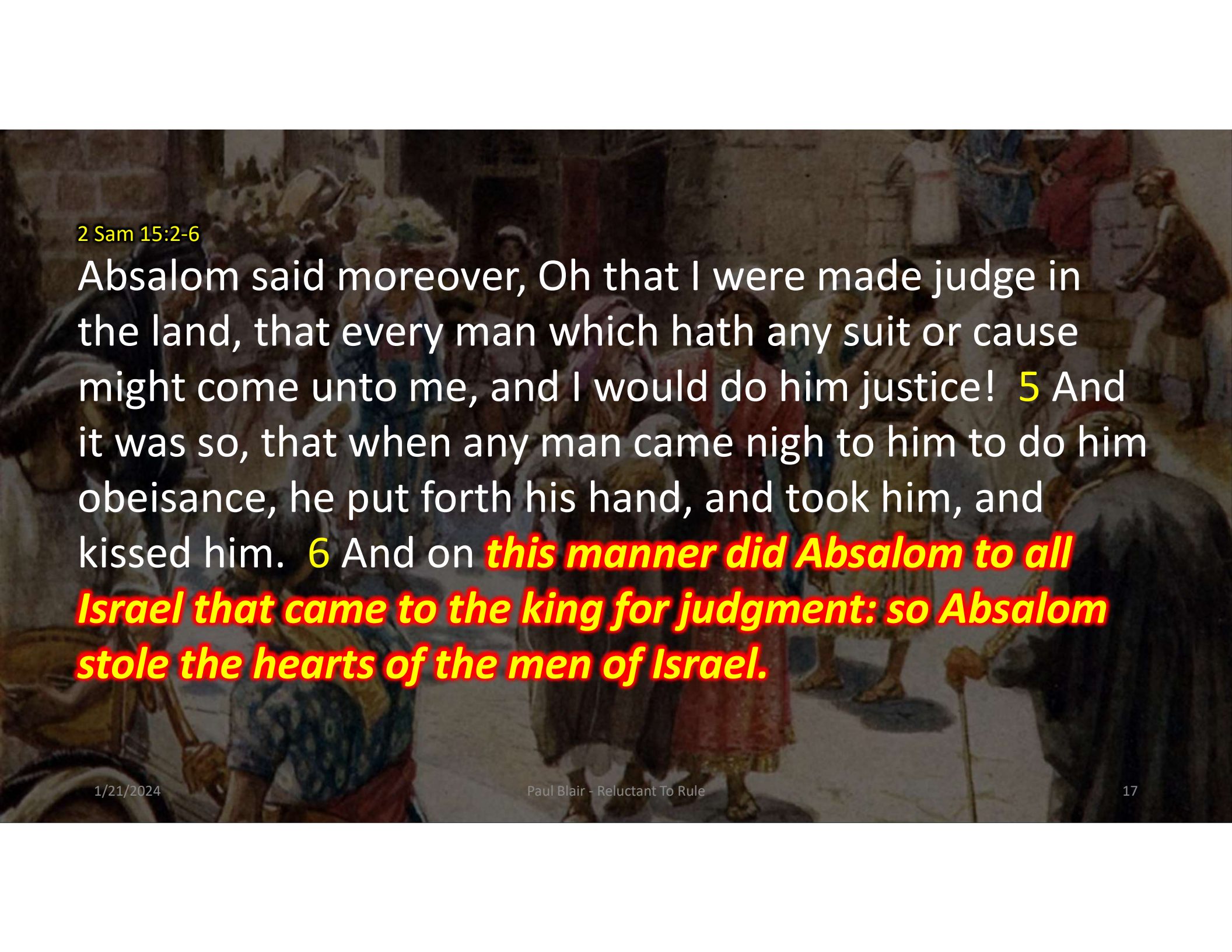




2 Sam 15:2-6

And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.



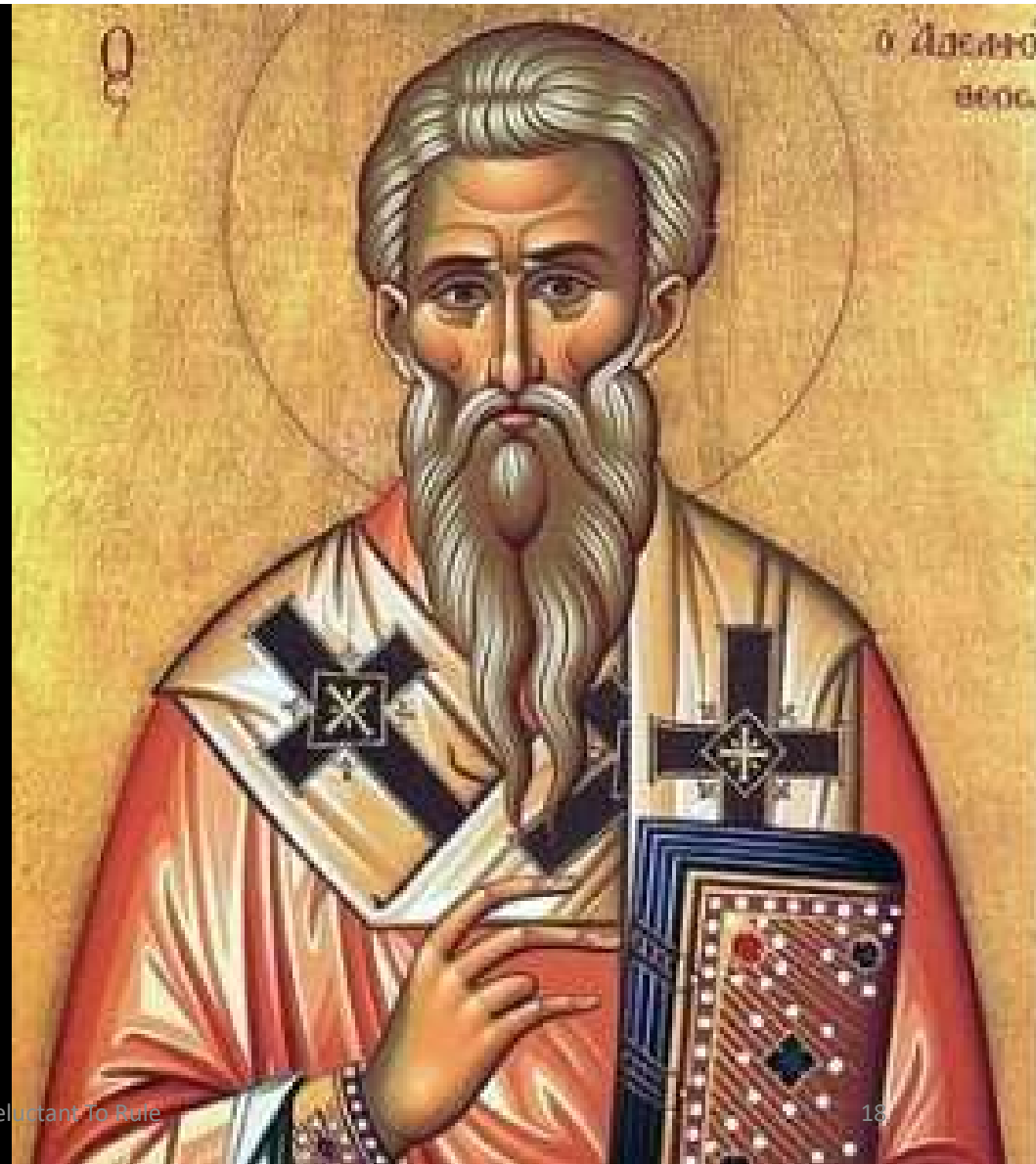
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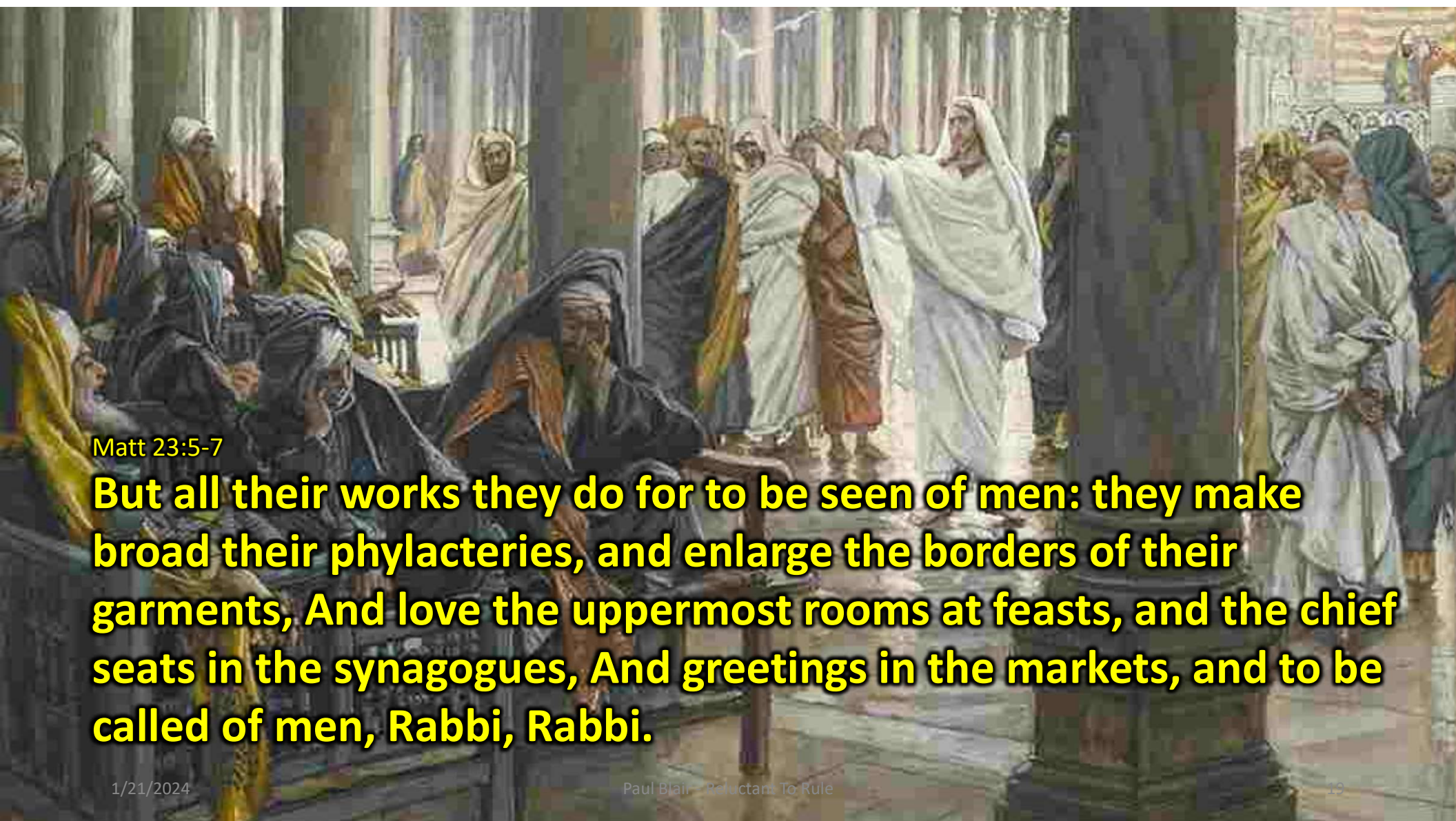
Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. 6 And on ***this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.***

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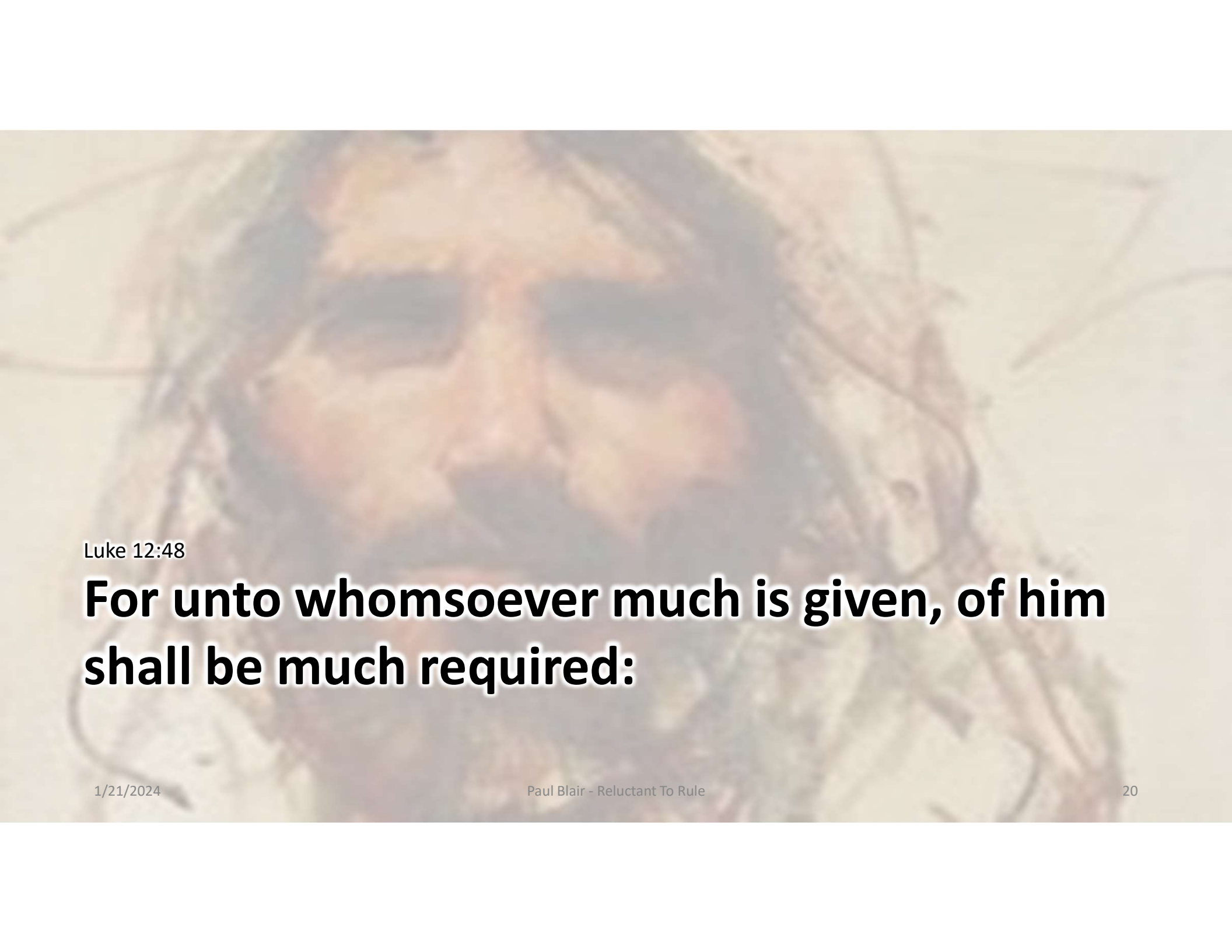
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Matt 23:5-7

But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.



Luke 12:48

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:

Points to remember:

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2. Count the cost before seeking greater responsibility.
 - You will give an account to the Lord Jesus for what you do and why you are doing it.
 - The greater the responsibility, the greater you become as a target.

Job 1:1 *And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? (11) But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.*



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