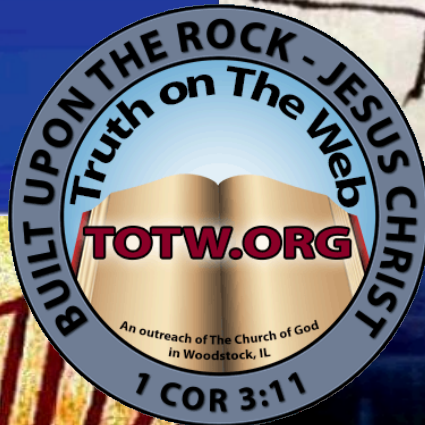
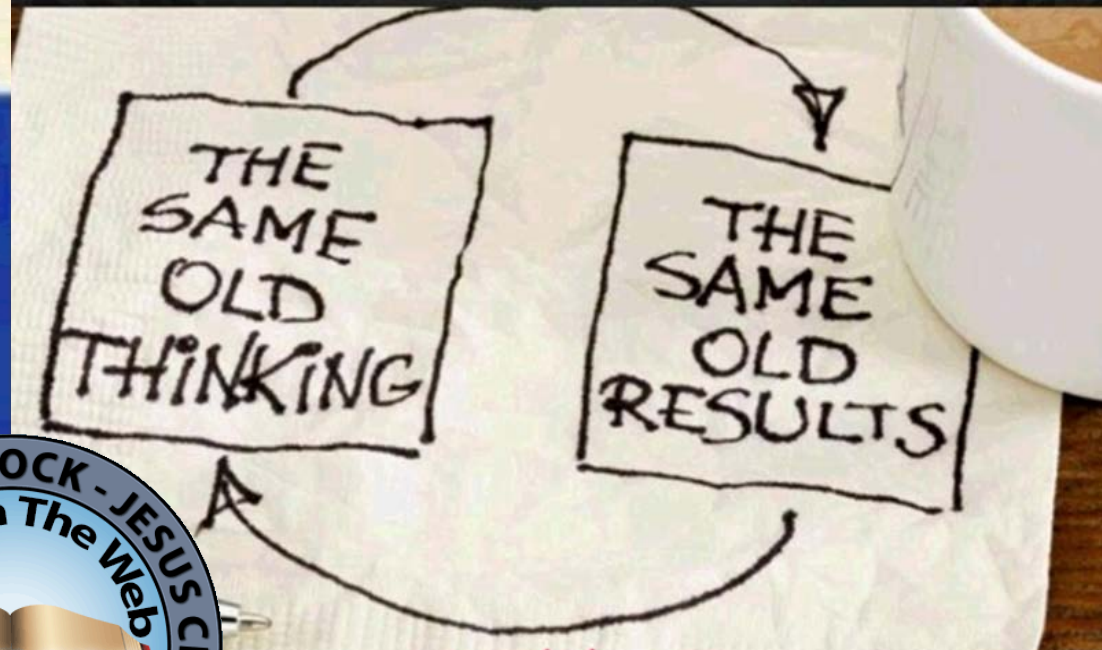


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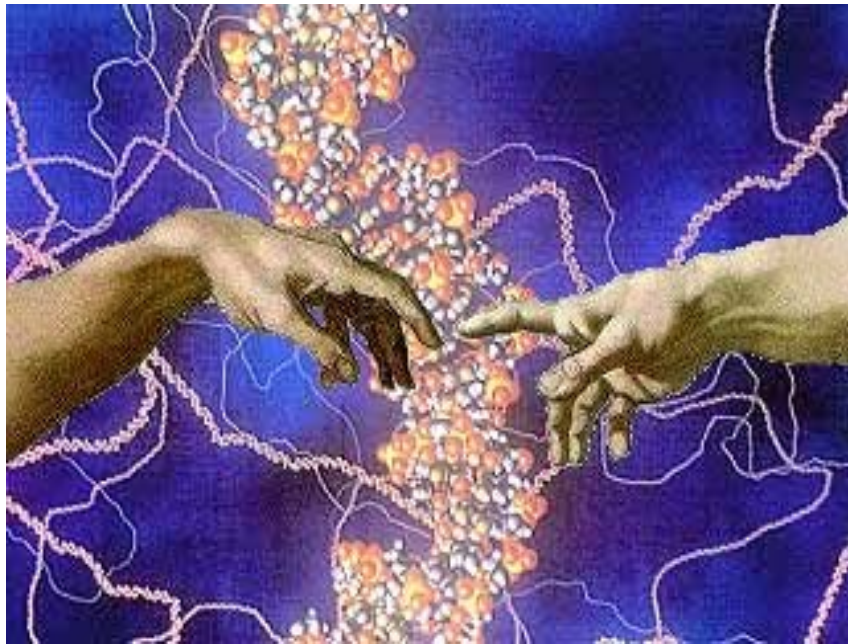
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Reoccurring feelings each sign has everyday...

Aries: Restless

Taurus: Dignified

Gemini: Wonder

Cancer: Worry

Leo: Superior

Virgo: Headaches

Libra: Self-conscious

Scorpio: Irritated

Sagittarius: Competitive

Capricorn: Inefficient

Aquarius: Lonely

Pisces: Tired

issues with

Public toilets: Virgo, Libra

Spam: Aries, Aquarius

Mosquitoes: Capricorn, Scorpio, Pisces

Doing the dishes: Taurus, Gemini

Screaming babies: Leo, Cancer

Emojis: Sagittarius

Worst feeling for the signs

Aries: anger

Taurus: neglect

Gemini: judgment

Cancer: embarrassment

Leo: failure

Virgo: exhaustion

Libra: betrayal

Scorpio: depression

Sagittarius: heartbreak

Capricorn: loss

Aquarius: misunderstanding

Pisces: loneliness

how you express love

Aries: fearlessly

Taurus: physically

Gemini: erratically

Cancer: impulsively

Leo: easily

Virgo: privately

Libra: passively

Scorpio: unintentionally

Sagittarius: openly

Capricorn: cautiously

Aquarius: reluctantly

Pisces: softly

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven
and earth to record this day against
you, *that* I have set before you life
and death, blessing and cursing:
therefore choose life, that both thou
and thy seed may live:

**Are We Genetically Predisposed
to Certain Behaviors?**

In the field of mental health, not a single physical explanation has been confirmed for any of the hundreds of psychiatric 'disorders' listed in *DSM-IV*

Peter Breggin & David Cohen
Your Drug May Be Your Problem, p.112

Demolishing Strongholds

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6



The BLAME GAME

Genesis 3:12-13 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.



Psychological counseling theories and therapies encourage individuals to look outside themselves to explain why they do what they do and why they feel the way they do. This blame game all started in the Garden of Eden and has continued throughout the centuries. The blame game gained status during the last century through Sigmund Freud and his followers, who placed the main source of adult problems back into one's early childhood. The parents, especially the mothers, were the culprits, and of course the parents were simply passing along their own problems, which likewise had their source in their parents, going back generation after generation all the way back to Adam and Eve. Through Freud the blame game was dressed in medical garb and has now risen to great prominence in the present therapeutic culture of our psychological society.

Born That Way?



Inborn Sexual Identity

"There is considerable recent evidence to suggest that biology, including genetic or inborn hormonal factors, play a significant role in a person's sexuality."

APA 1998

Gay rights activist and neuroscientist Simon LeVay, while at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California, made international headlines in 1991, when he reported that a certain area of the brain tended to be smaller in homosexual men than in heterosexual men. Although LeVay has been cautious about interpreting his results, he has suggested that since this particular area of the brain may be closely connected to sexual behavior, it could well affect sexual orientation.²

LeVay autopsied the brains of 19 gay men, 16 heterosexual men and 6 women. The portion of the brain Simon LeVay reported to be smaller in gay men, known as the third interstitial nucleus of the anterior hypothalamus (INAH 3), is closer in size to the corresponding area in female brains.³

However, this brain research has been challenged on several grounds. Three of the homosexual men in LeVay's study, for instance, had INAH 3 areas as large as those of heterosexual men, as did two of the presumably heterosexual women.

Another problem was that all the homosexual men and some of the heterosexual men in the study had died of AIDS, and no one really knows the effects of AIDS and its complications on the size and shape of the dying brain. Nor has anyone demonstrated a relationship between INAH 3 and sexual behavior in humans. What's more, only the male AIDS patients in LeVay's study—and not the presumed heterosexuals who had died of other causes—had been asked their sexual orientation before they died.⁴ Therefore the results are inconclusive.

Martin and Deidre Bobgan

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LeVay himself has said:

I did not prove that homosexuality is genetic, or find a genetic cause for being gay. I didn't show that gay men are "born that way," the most common mistake people make in interpreting my work. Nor did I locate a gay center in the brain.

David Nimmons, "Sex and the Brain." *Discover*, March 1994, p. 66

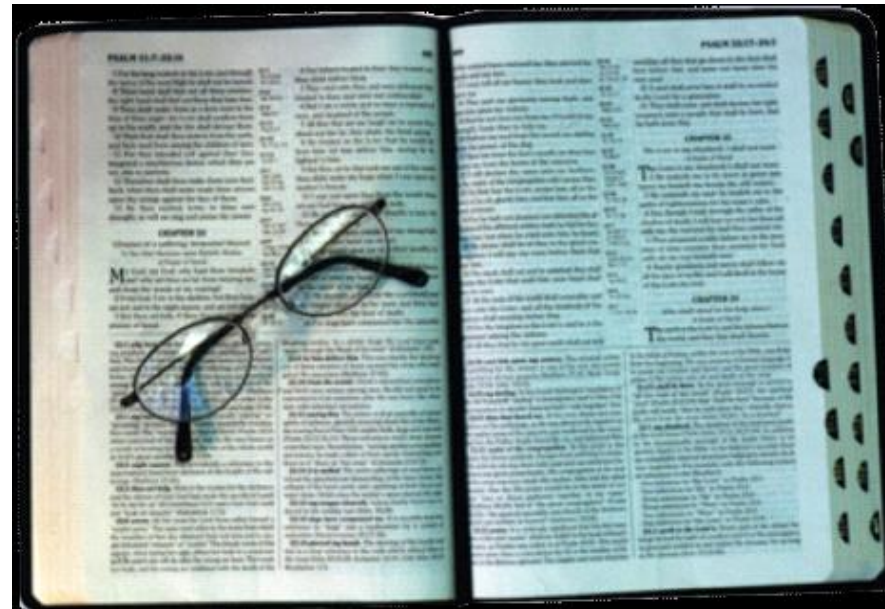
"There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social, and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles...."

APA brochure: Answers to Your Questions for a Better Understanding of Sexual Orientation & Homosexuality

What About Twin Studies?



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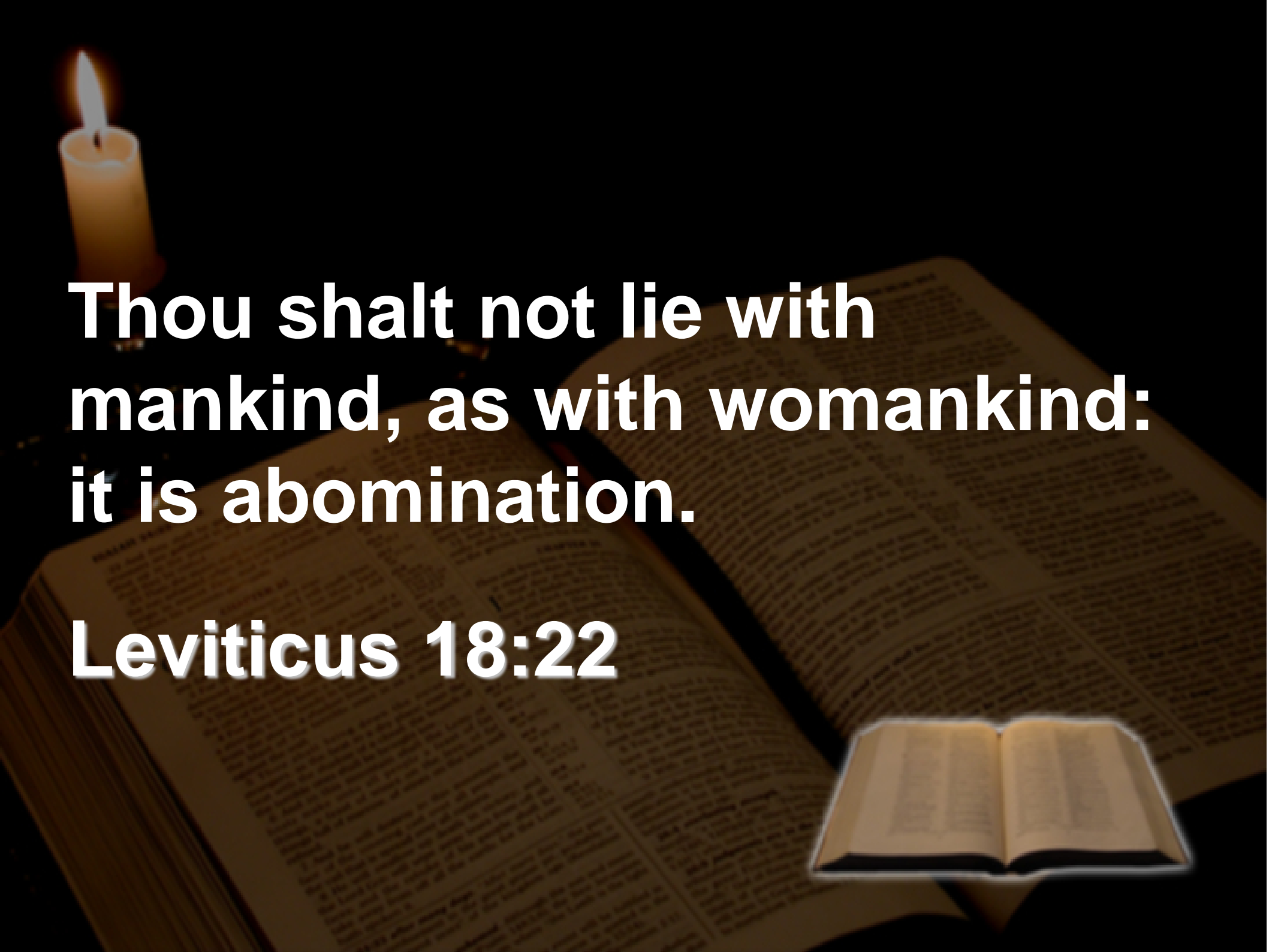
What Saith The Scriptures?

Inborn Sexual Identity

(According to Scripture)

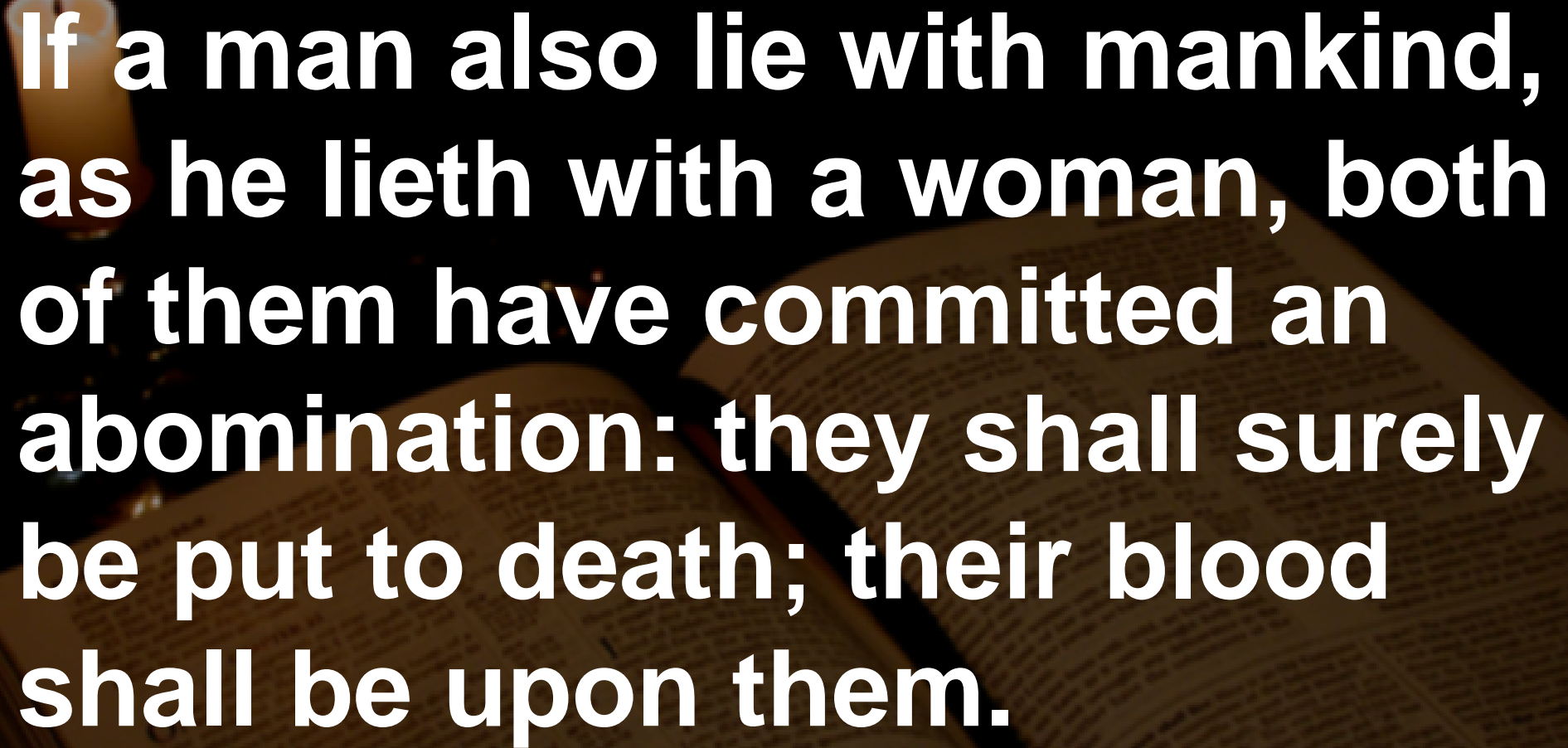
And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him...And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:18, 21-24

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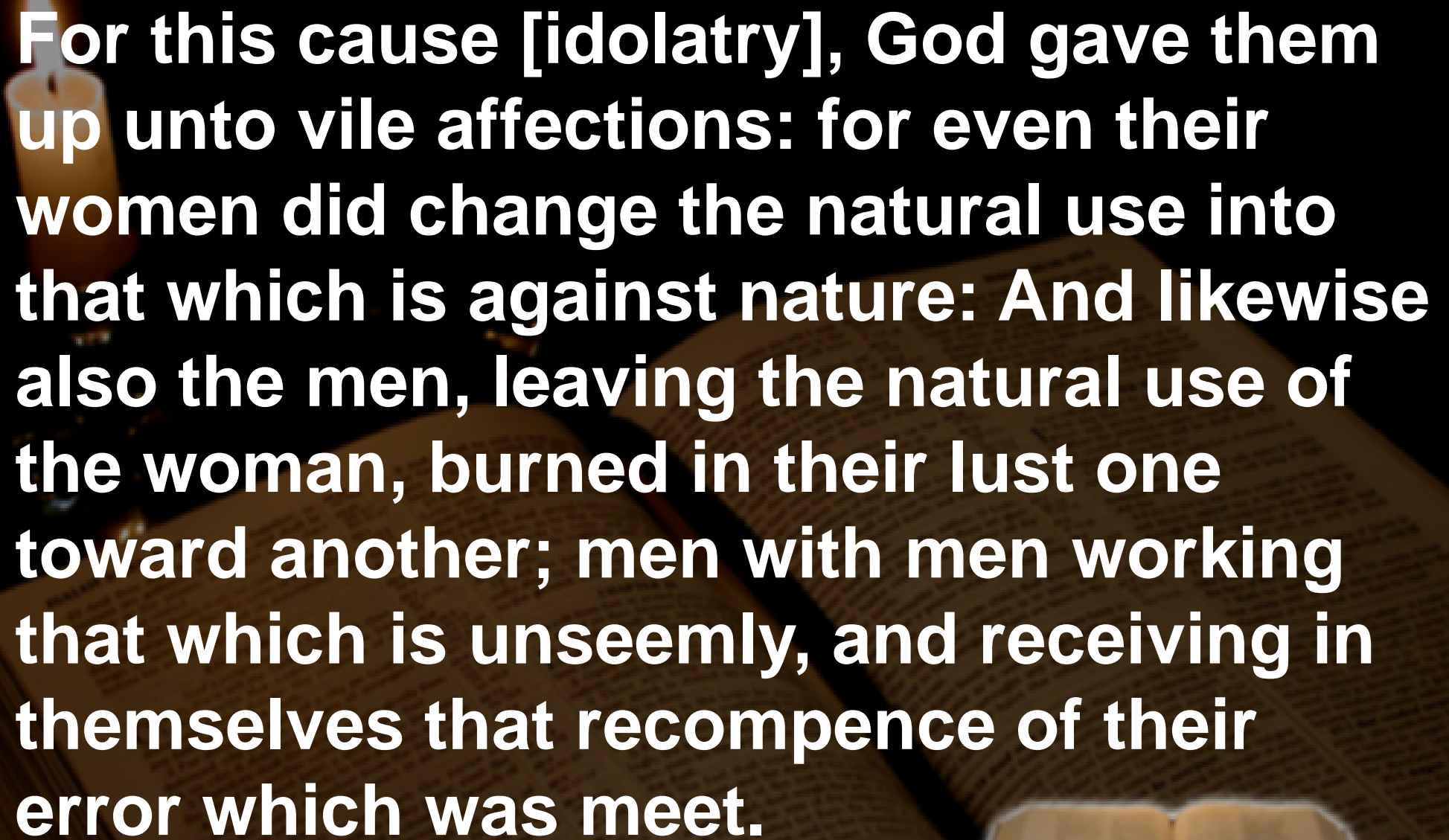
**Thou shalt not lie with
mankind, as with womankind:
it is abomination.**

Leviticus 18:22

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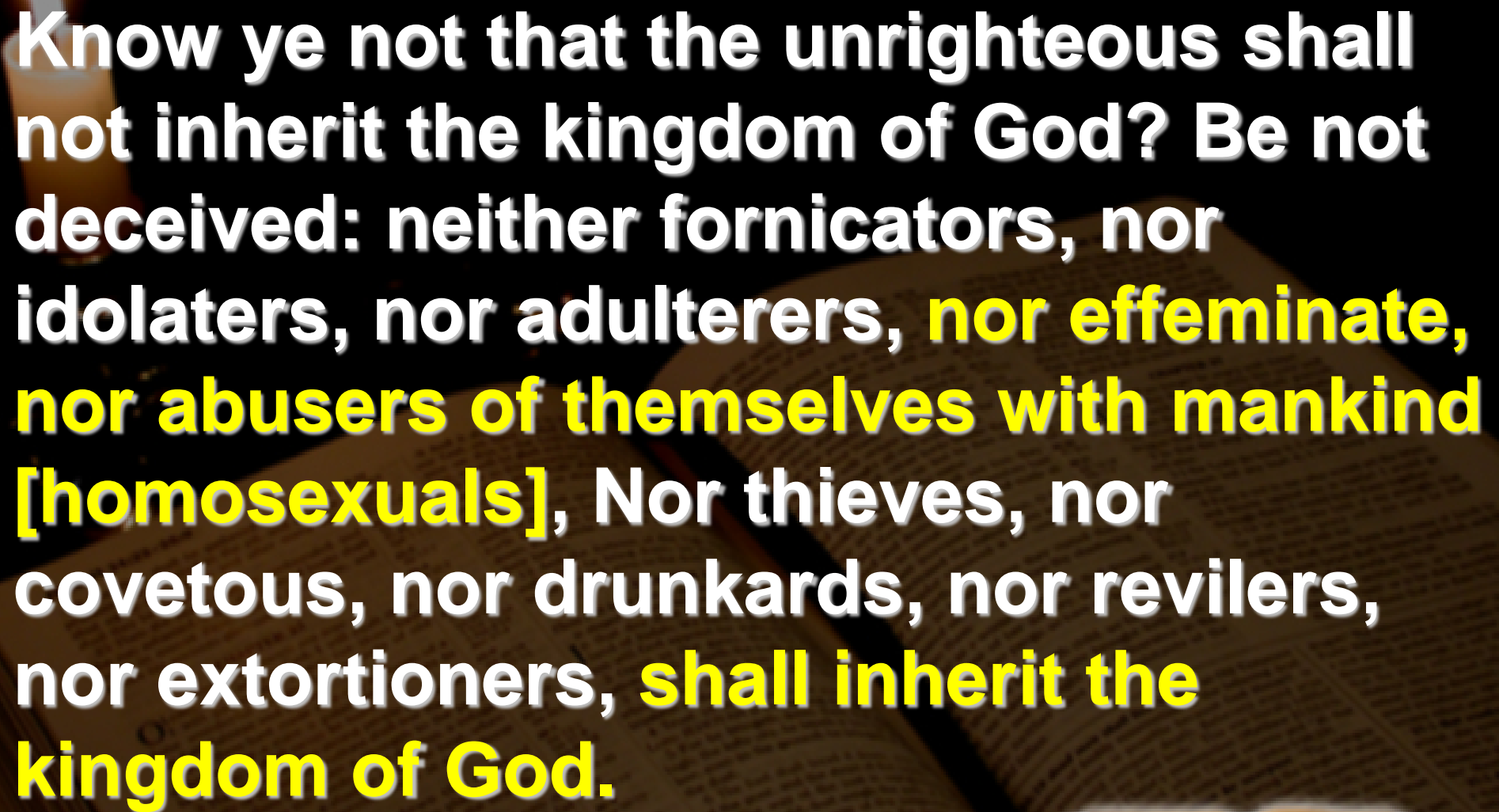
**If a man also lie with mankind,
as he lieth with a woman, both
of them have committed an
abomination: they shall surely
be put to death; their blood
shall be upon them.**

Leviticus 20:13

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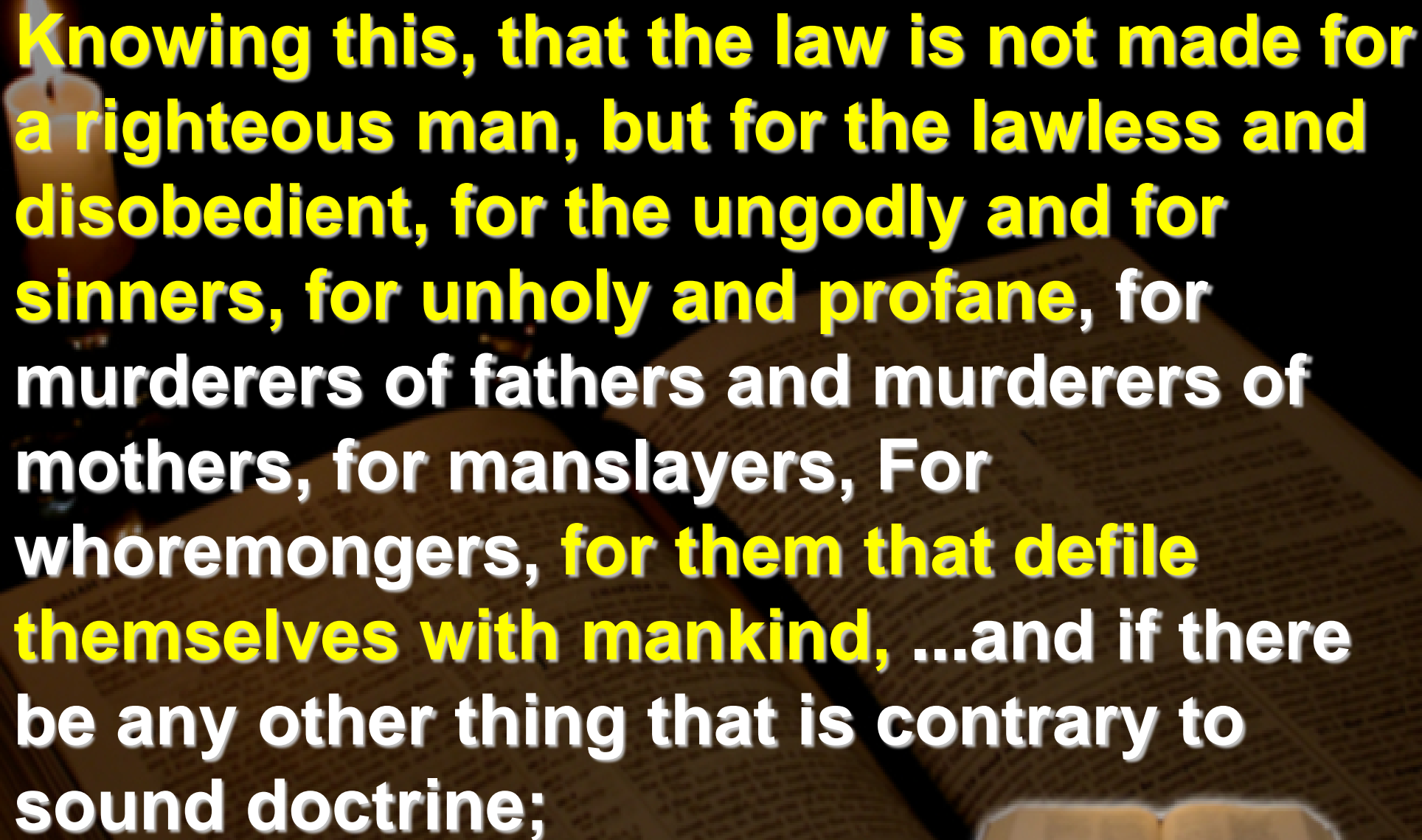
For this cause [idolatry], God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Romans 1:26-27



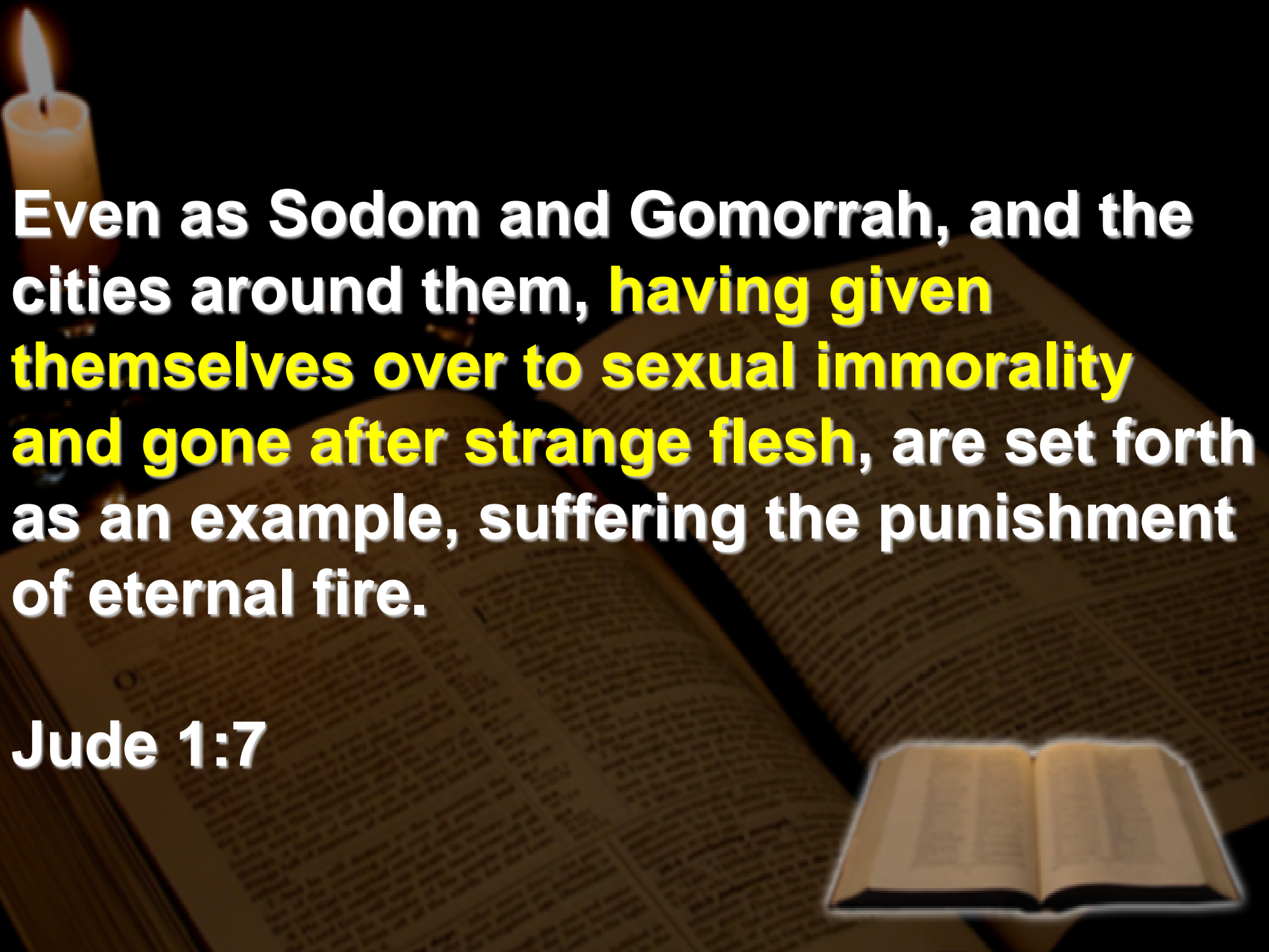
Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind [homosexuals], Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.****

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

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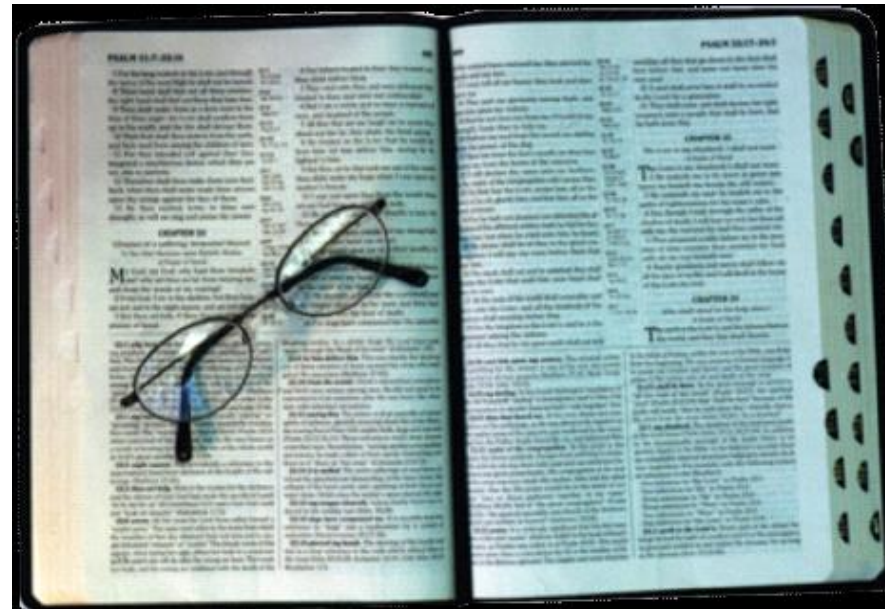
Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, ...and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

1 Timothy 1:9-10

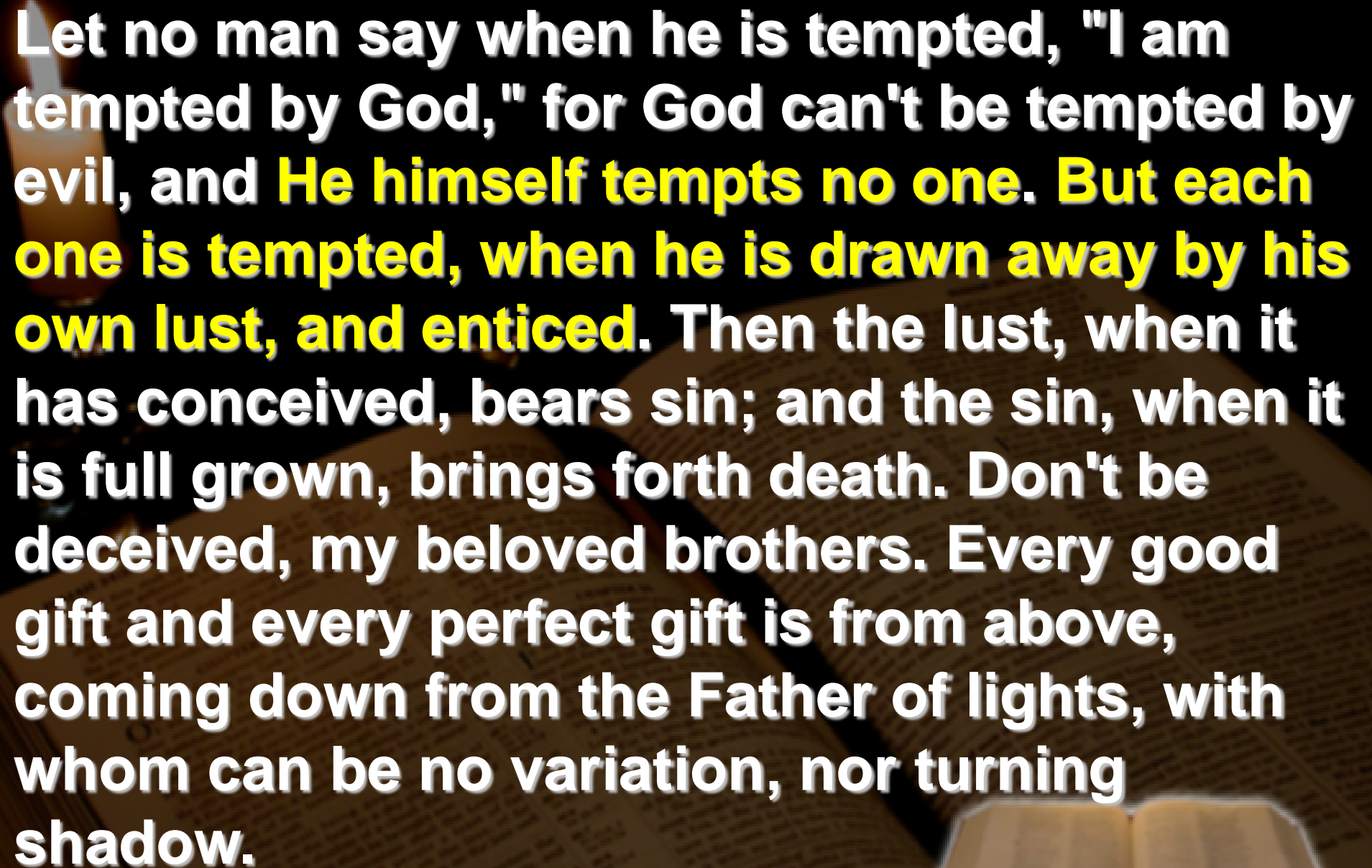
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Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, **having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh**, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

Jude 1:7



Why does mankind sin?

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Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and **He himself tempts no one. But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.** Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death. Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.

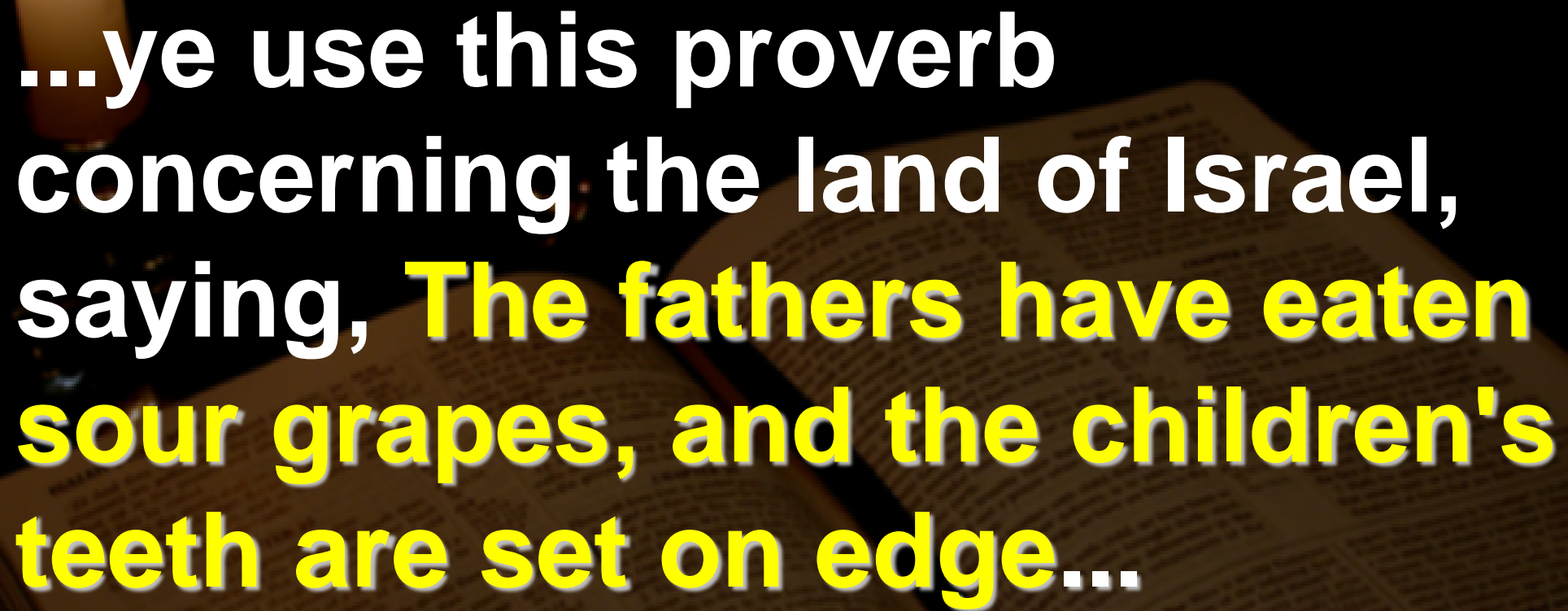
James 1:13-17



Generational Sins

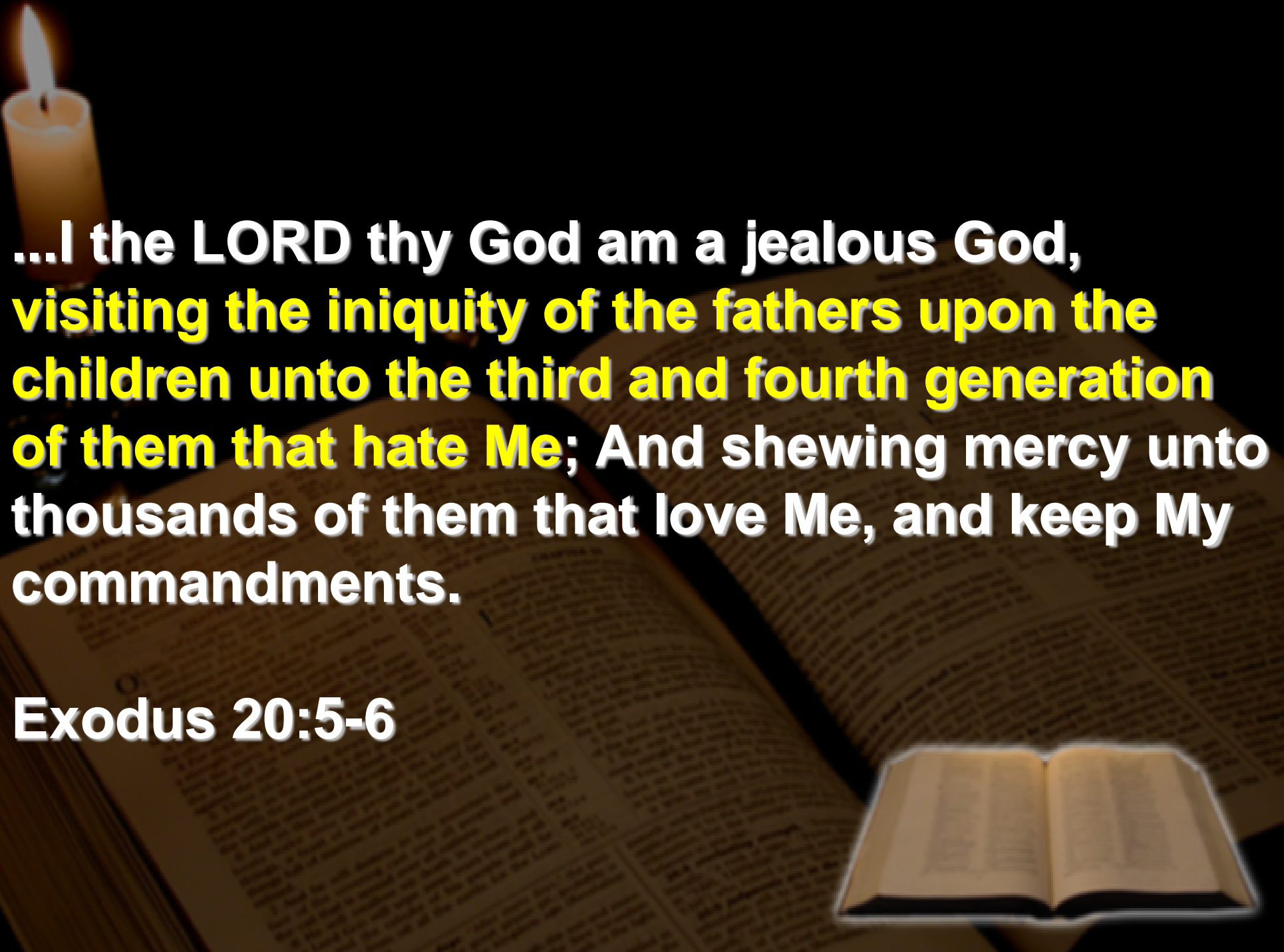
Generational Curses

Are They Biblical?

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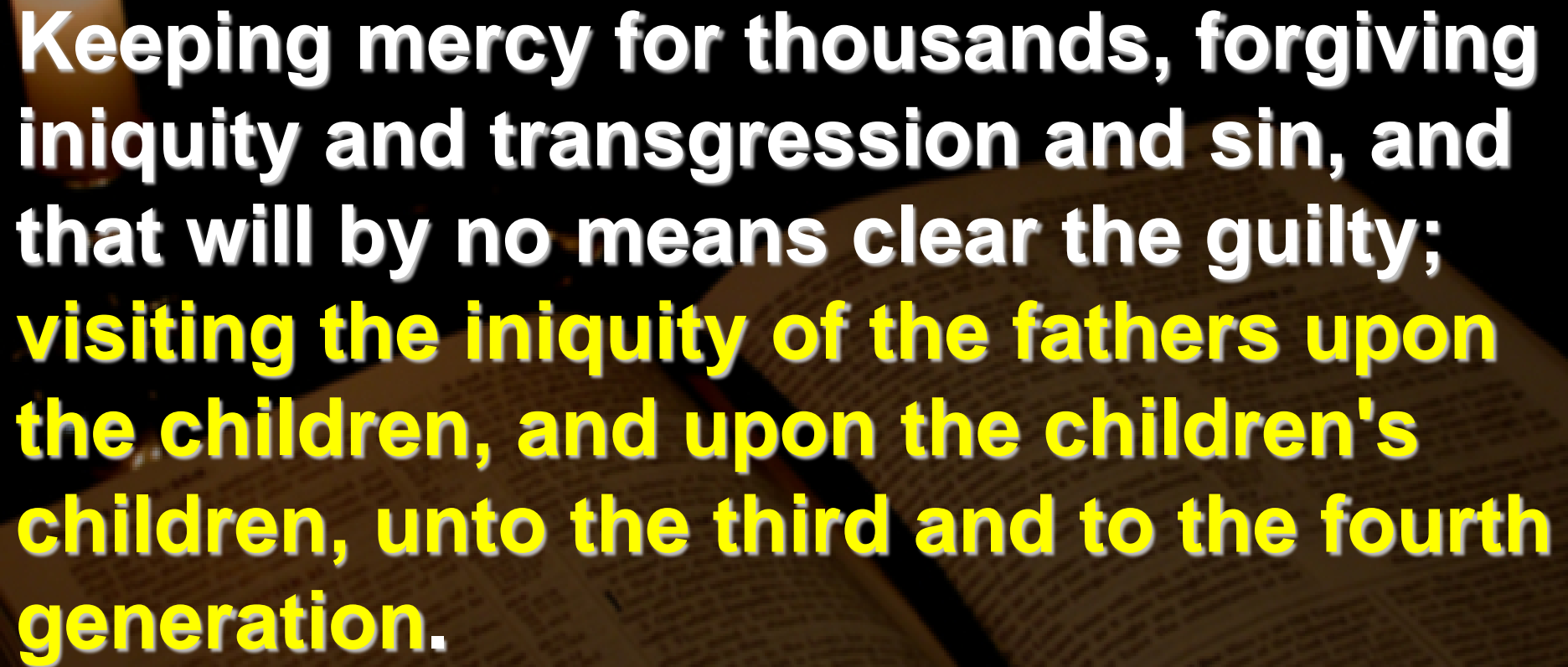
...ye use this proverb
concerning the land of Israel,
saying, **The fathers have eaten
sour grapes, and the children's
teeth are set on edge...**

Ezekiel 18:1-4

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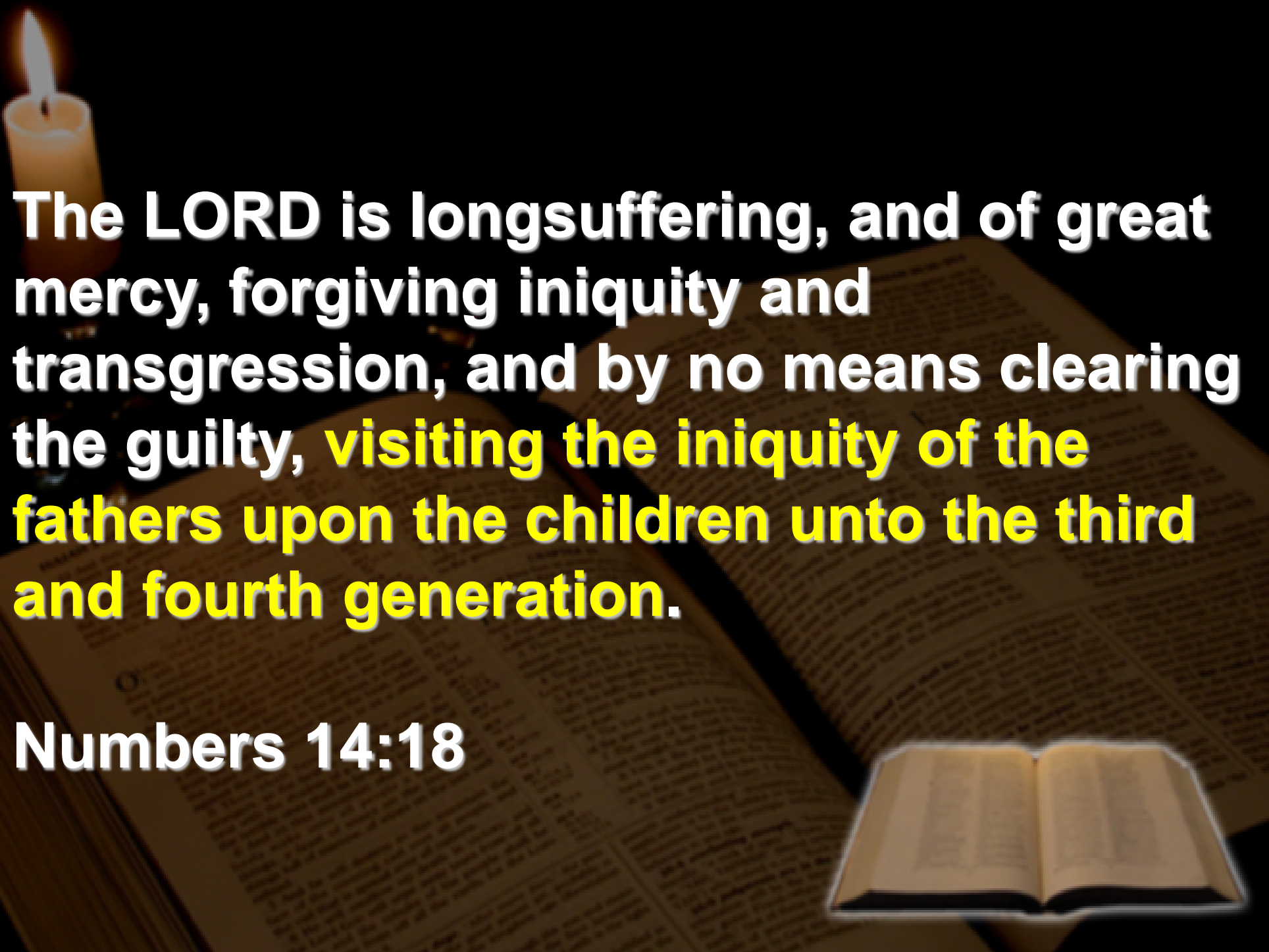
...I the LORD thy God am a jealous God,
**visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the
children unto the third and fourth generation
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thousands of them that love Me, and keep My
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Exodus 20:5-6

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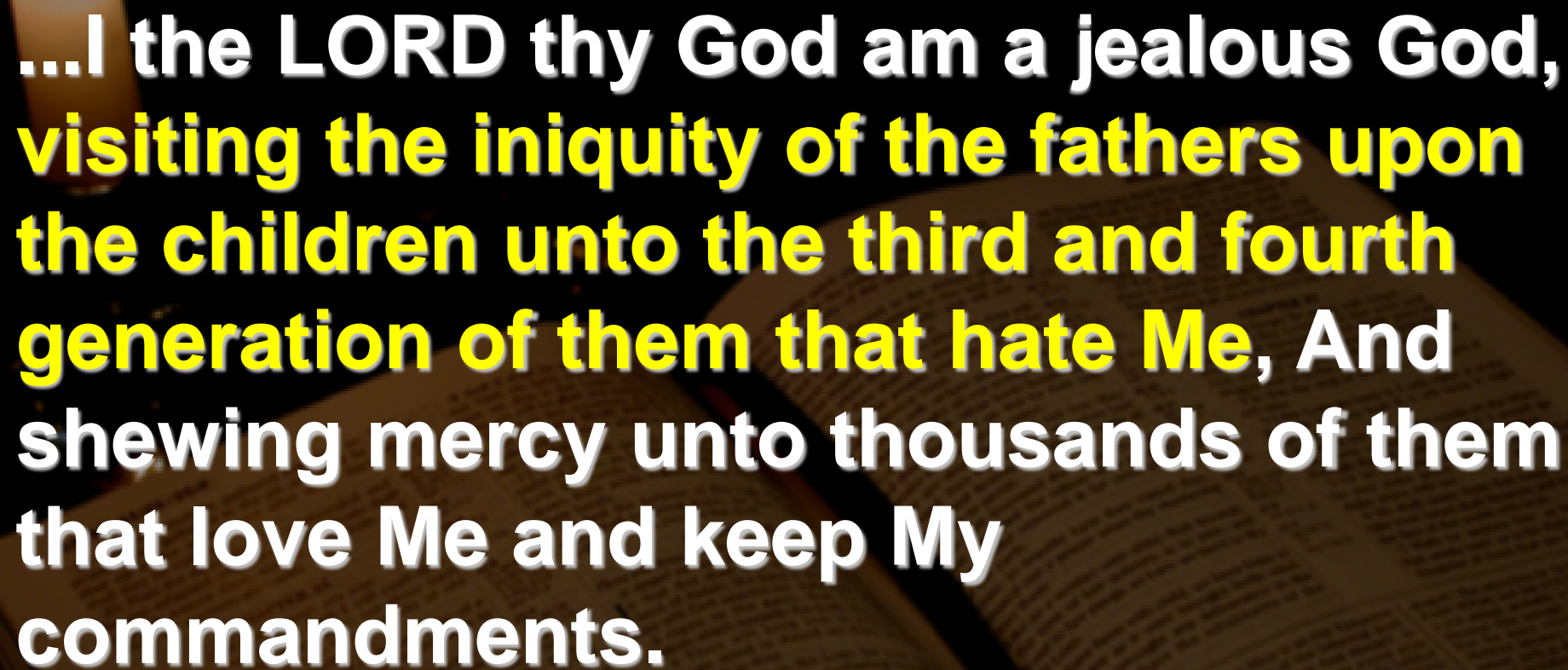
Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**

Exodus 34:7

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The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.**

Numbers 14:18

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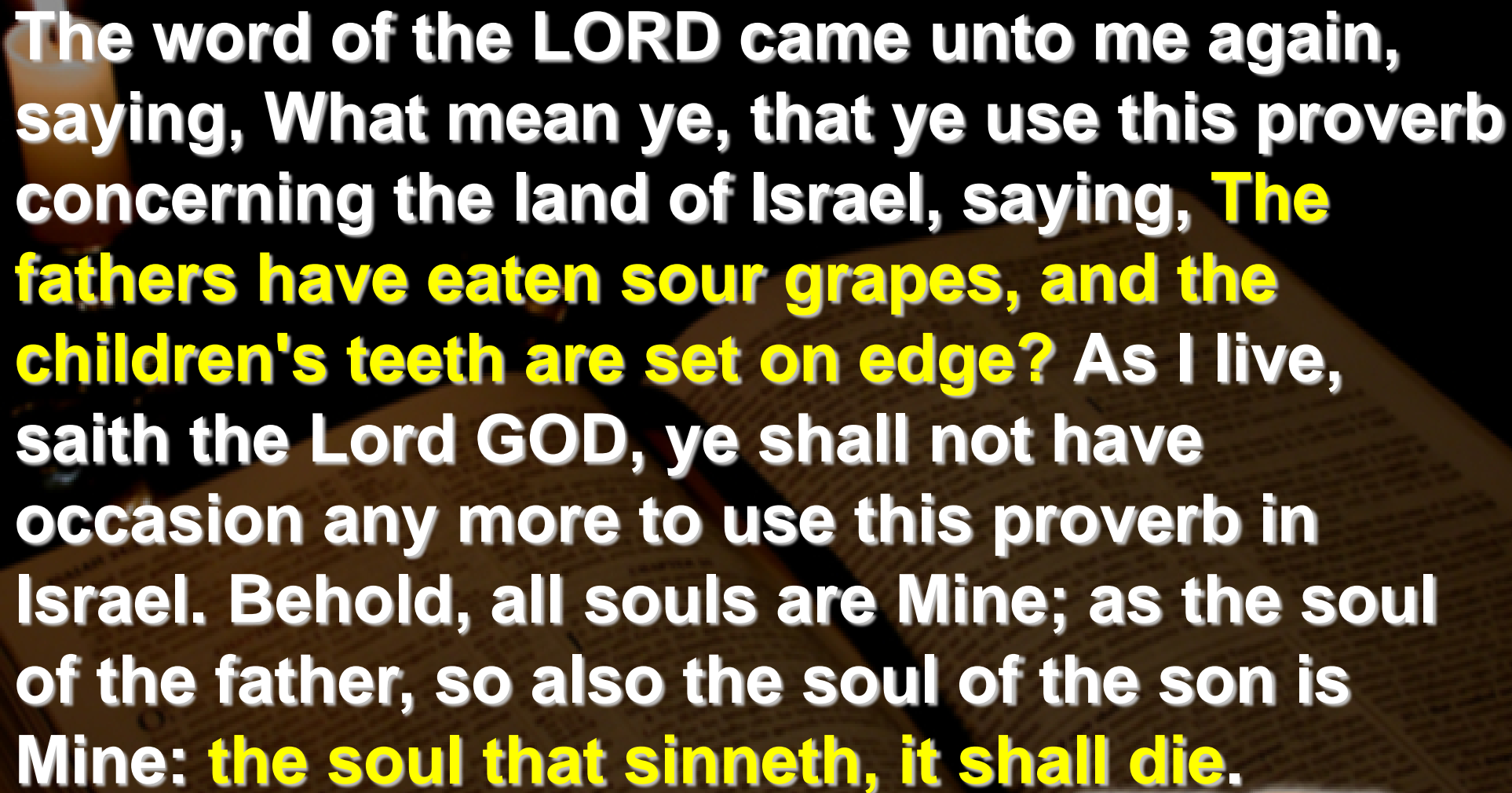
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Deuteronomy 5:9-10



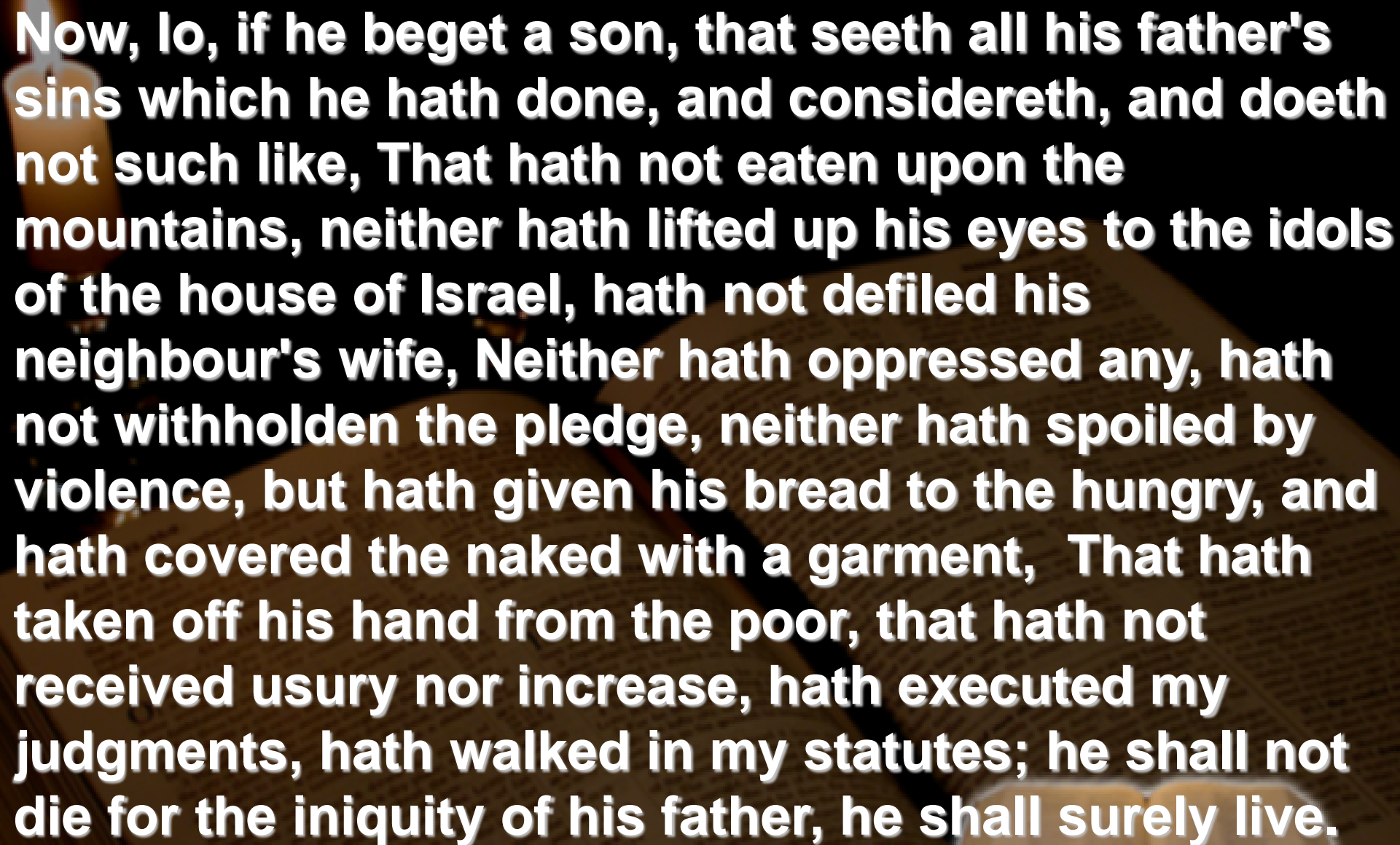
“visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me”

What does this mean?

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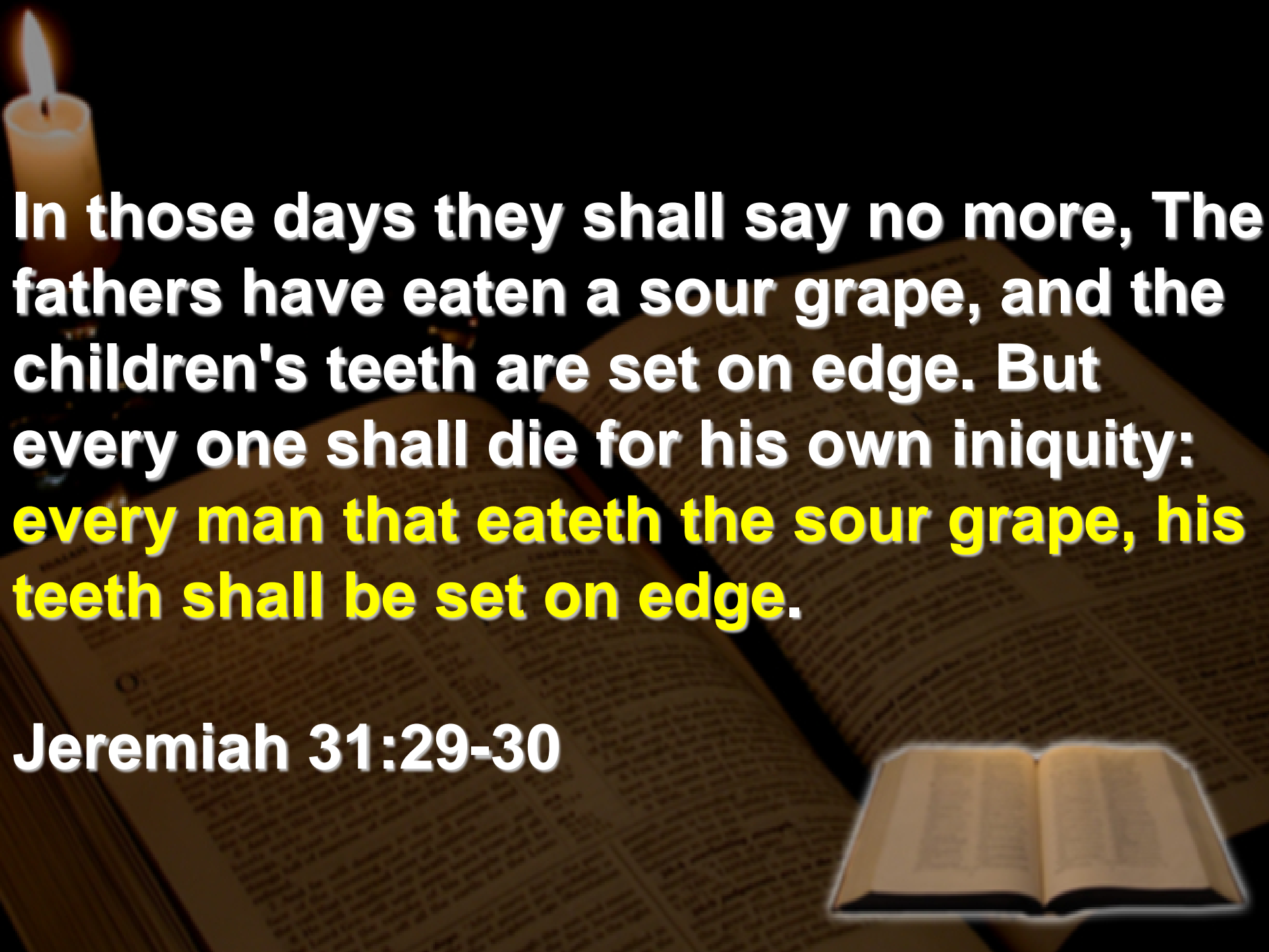
The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, **The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?** As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**

Ezekiel 18:1-4



Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

Ezekiel 18:14-17

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In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: **every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.**

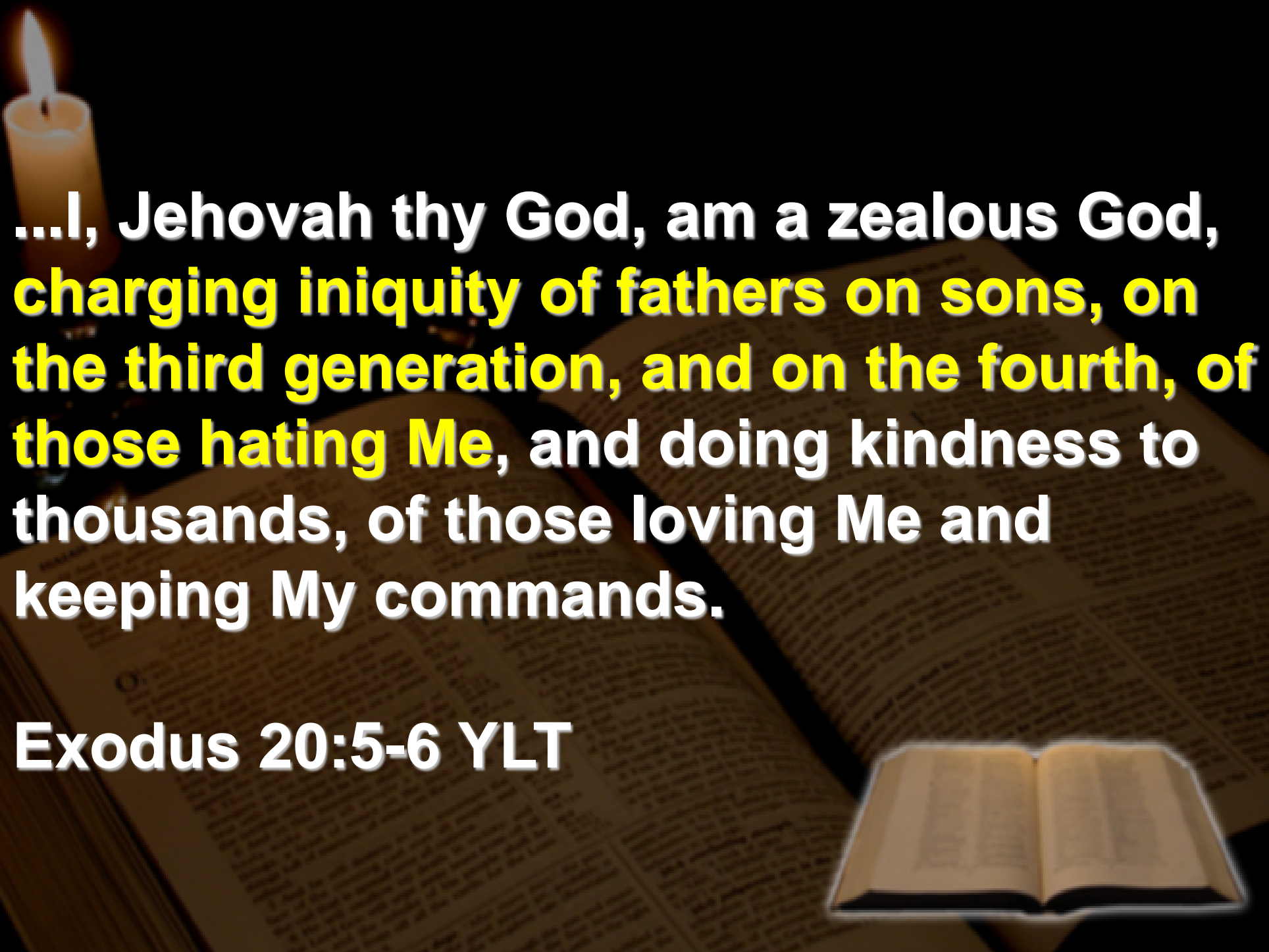
Jeremiah 31:29-30

The results/effects of sin are not handed down to descendents genetically or legally. The negative effects of sin are handed down as learned behavior. The phrase “to the fourth generation” refers back to the great-grandfather and indicates that the influence a man has on his son, grandson, and great-grandson only extends as long as he is living. His ability to transmit his ungodly ways to his descendents ceases when he dies. During his life, however, his descendents can choose whether they follow in his wicked ways or turn to the Lord. Therefore, we are neither responsible for our forefathers’ sins nor are we doomed to repeat them. Also, we do not have the legal guilt or the genetic tendency that proponents of generational curse teach.

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Thou shewest lovingkindness unto
thousands, and recompensest the
iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of
their children after them: the Great, the
Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is His
name

Jeremiah 32:18

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...I, Jehovah thy God, am a zealous God,
**charging iniquity of fathers on sons, on
the third generation, and on the fourth, of
those hating Me,** and doing kindness to
thousands, of those loving Me and
keeping My commands.

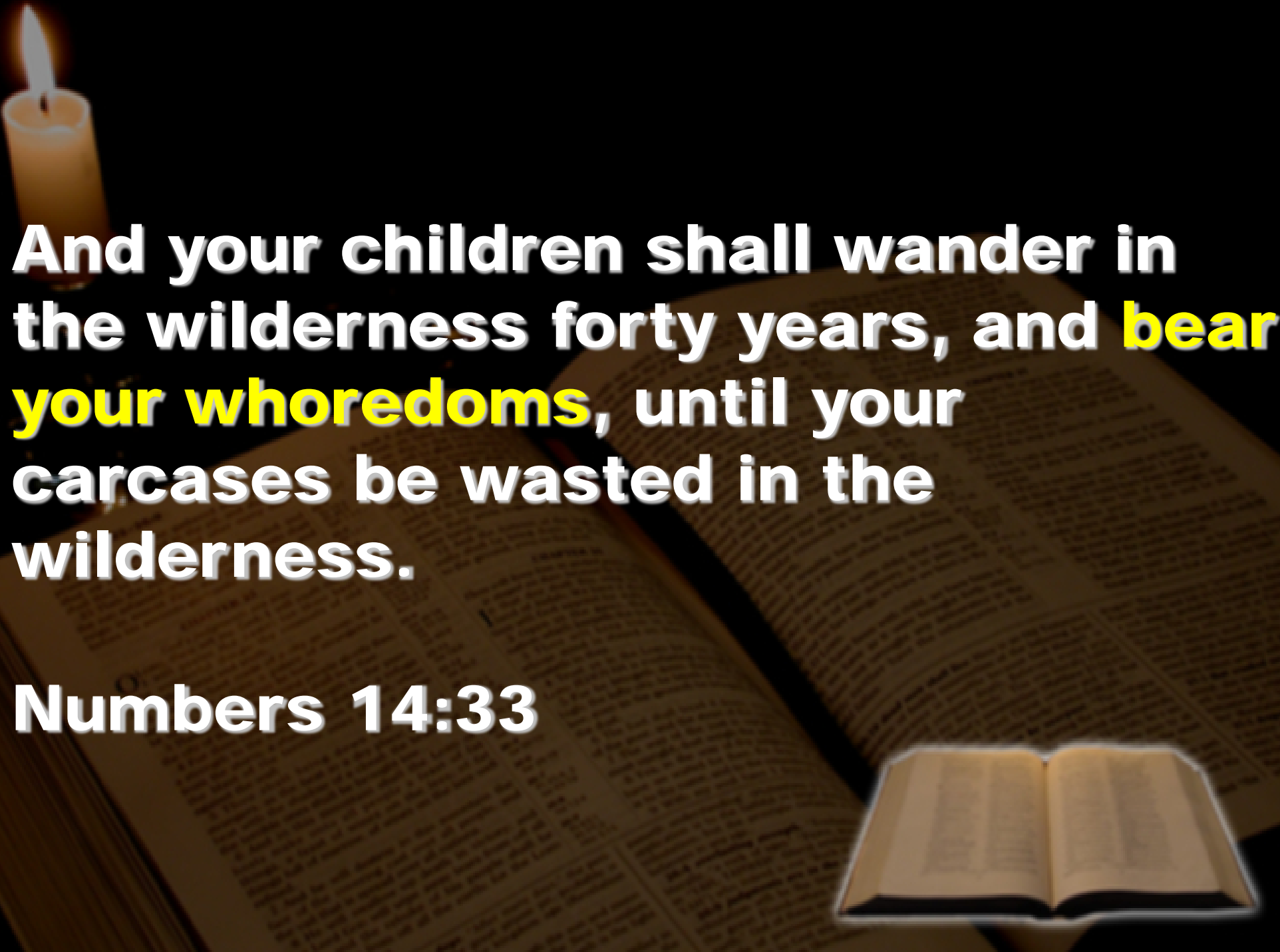
Exodus 20:5-6 YLT

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Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children - This necessarily implies - *if the children walk in the steps of their fathers*; for no man can be condemned by Divine justice for a crime of which he was never guilty; see Ezekiel 18. Idolatry is however particularly intended, and visiting sins of this kind refers principally to national judgments. By withdrawing the Divine protection the idolatrous Israelites were delivered up into the hands of their enemies, from whom the gods in whom they had trusted could not deliver them.

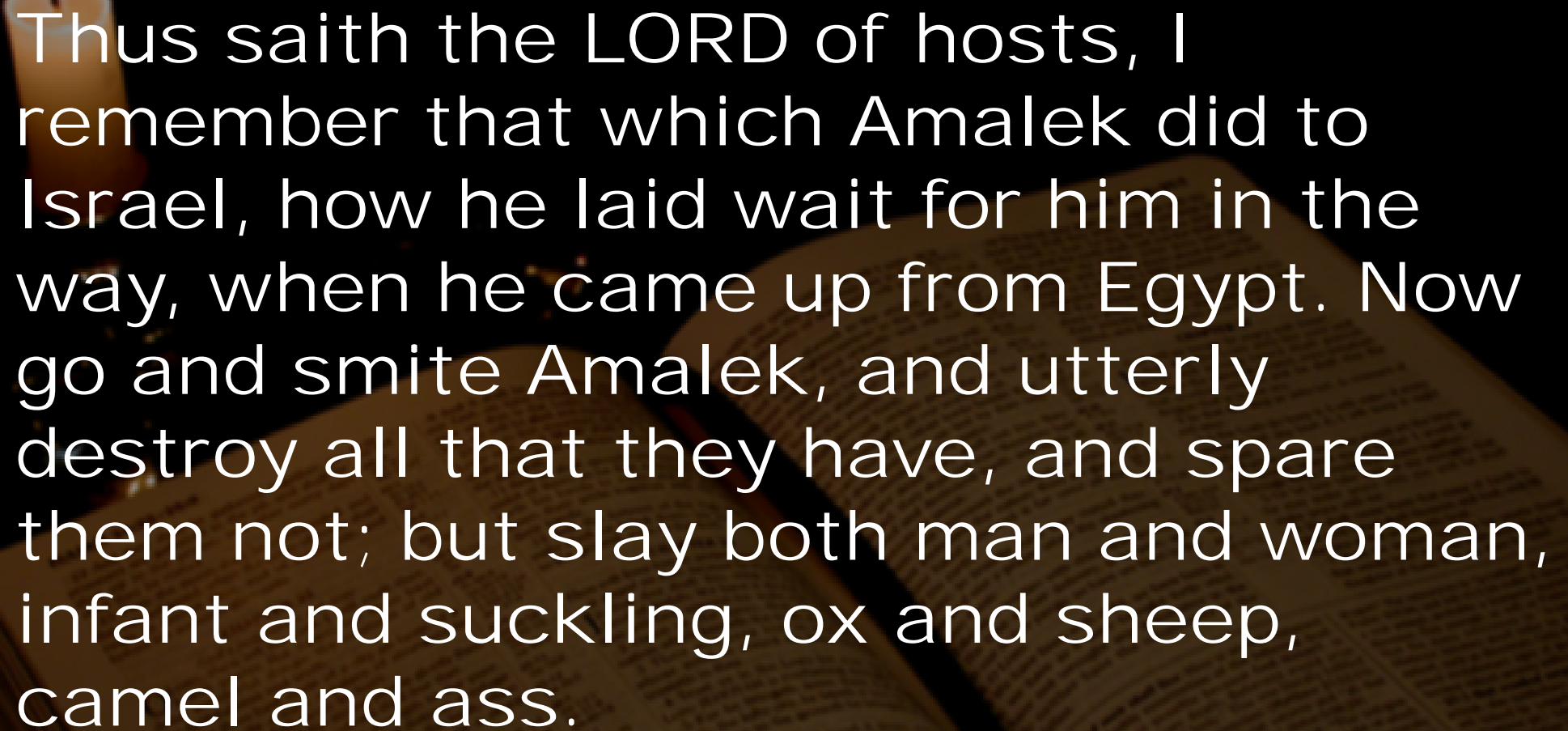
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This God did to the third and fourth generations, i.e., successively; as may be seen in every part of the Jewish history, and particularly in the book of Judges. And this, at last, became the grand and the only effectual and lasting means in his hand of their final deliverance from idolatry; for it is well known that after the Babylonish captivity the Israelites were so completely saved from idolatry, as never more to have disgraced themselves by it as they had formerly done. These national judgments, thus continued from generation to generation, appear to be what are designed by the words in the text, Visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children, etc.

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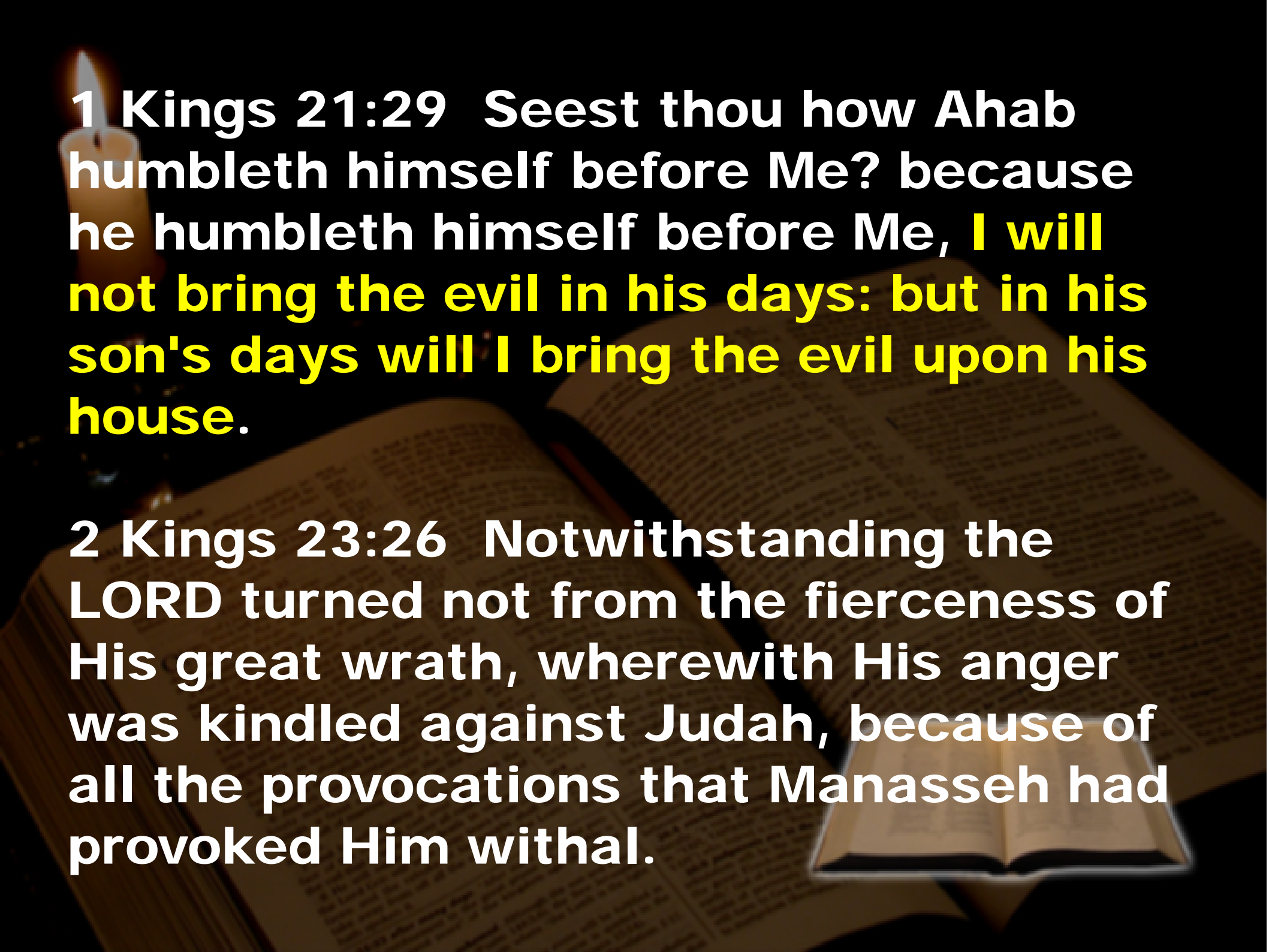
And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and **bear your whoredoms**, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:33

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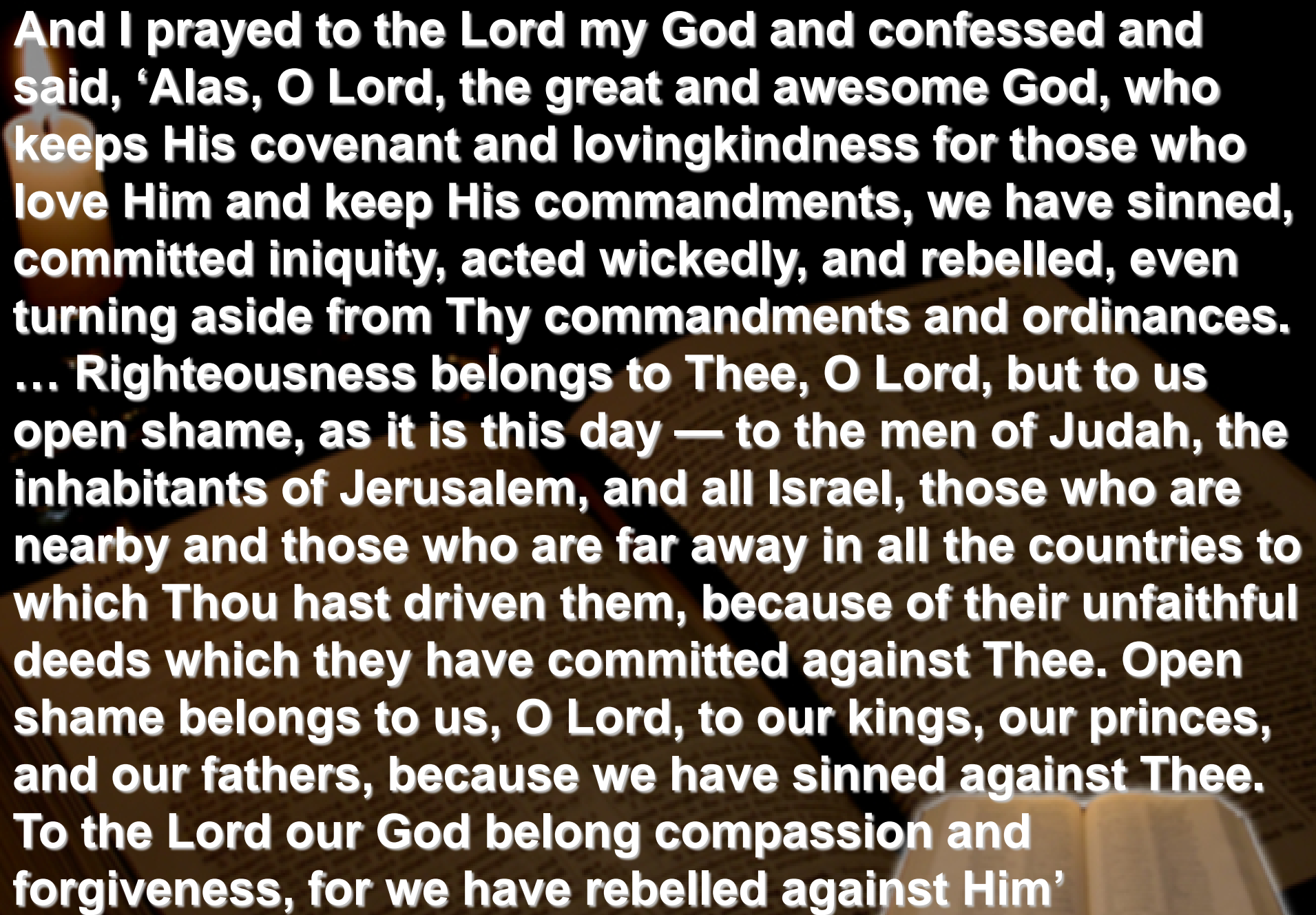
Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

1 Samuel 15:2-3

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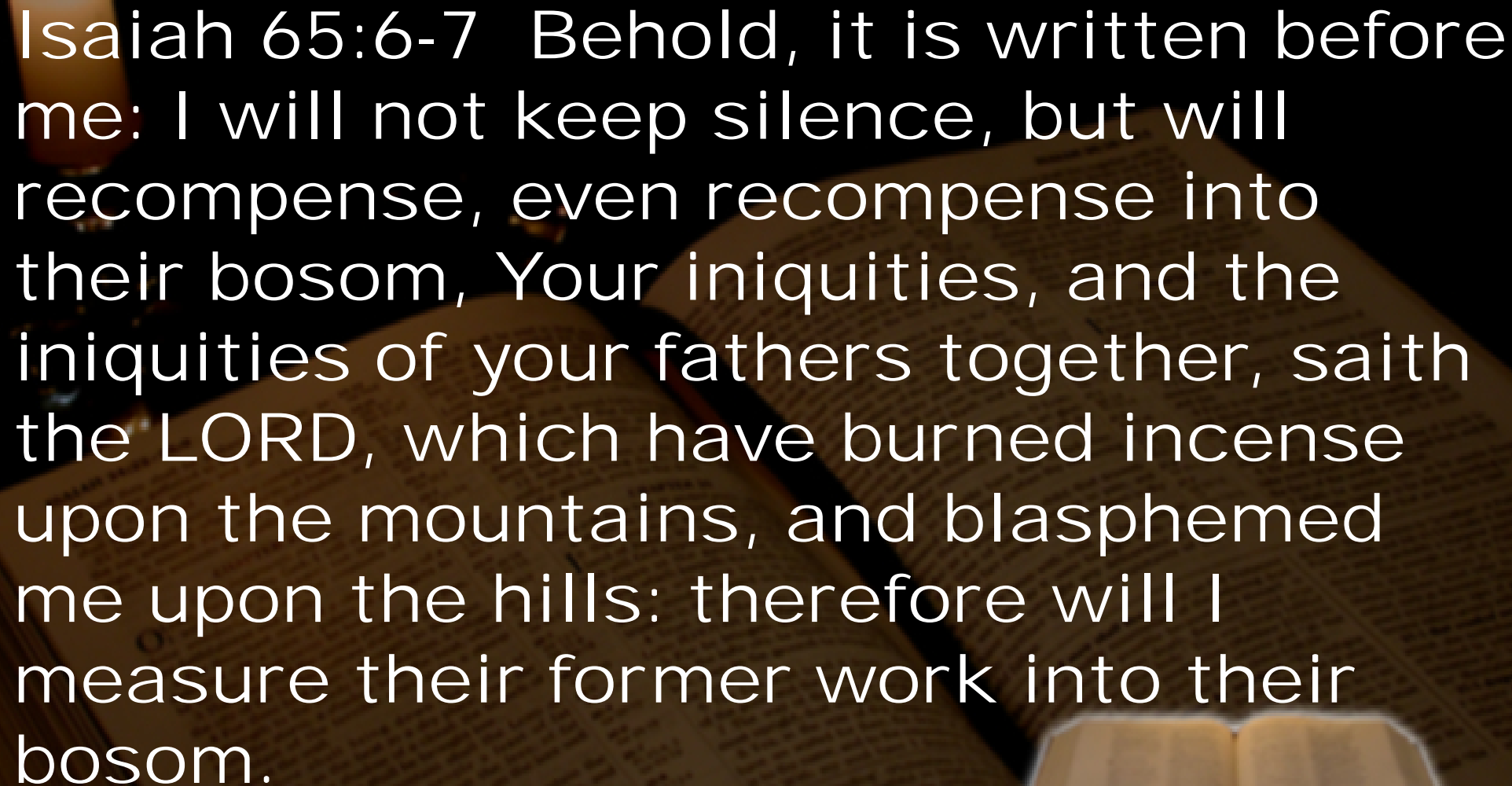
1 Kings 21:29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before Me? because he humbleth himself before Me, **I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.**

2 Kings 23:26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of His great wrath, wherewith His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked Him withal.

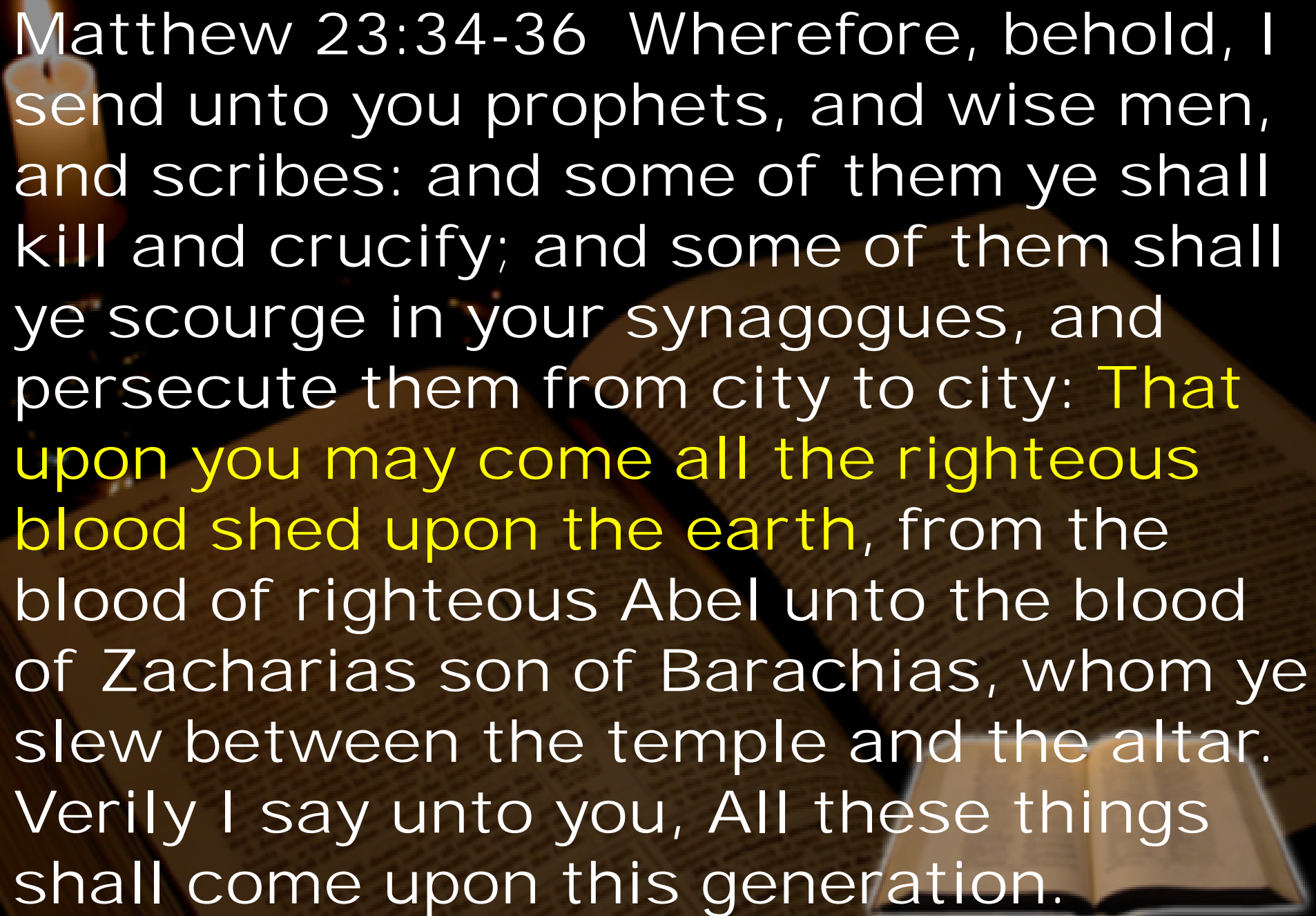


And I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, 'Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and rebelled, even turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances. ... Righteousness belongs to Thee, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day — to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee. Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee. To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him'

Daniel 9:4,5,7–9, NASB

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Isaiah 65:6-7 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

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Matthew 23:34-36 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: **That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth**, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in My sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Jeremiah 18:7-10

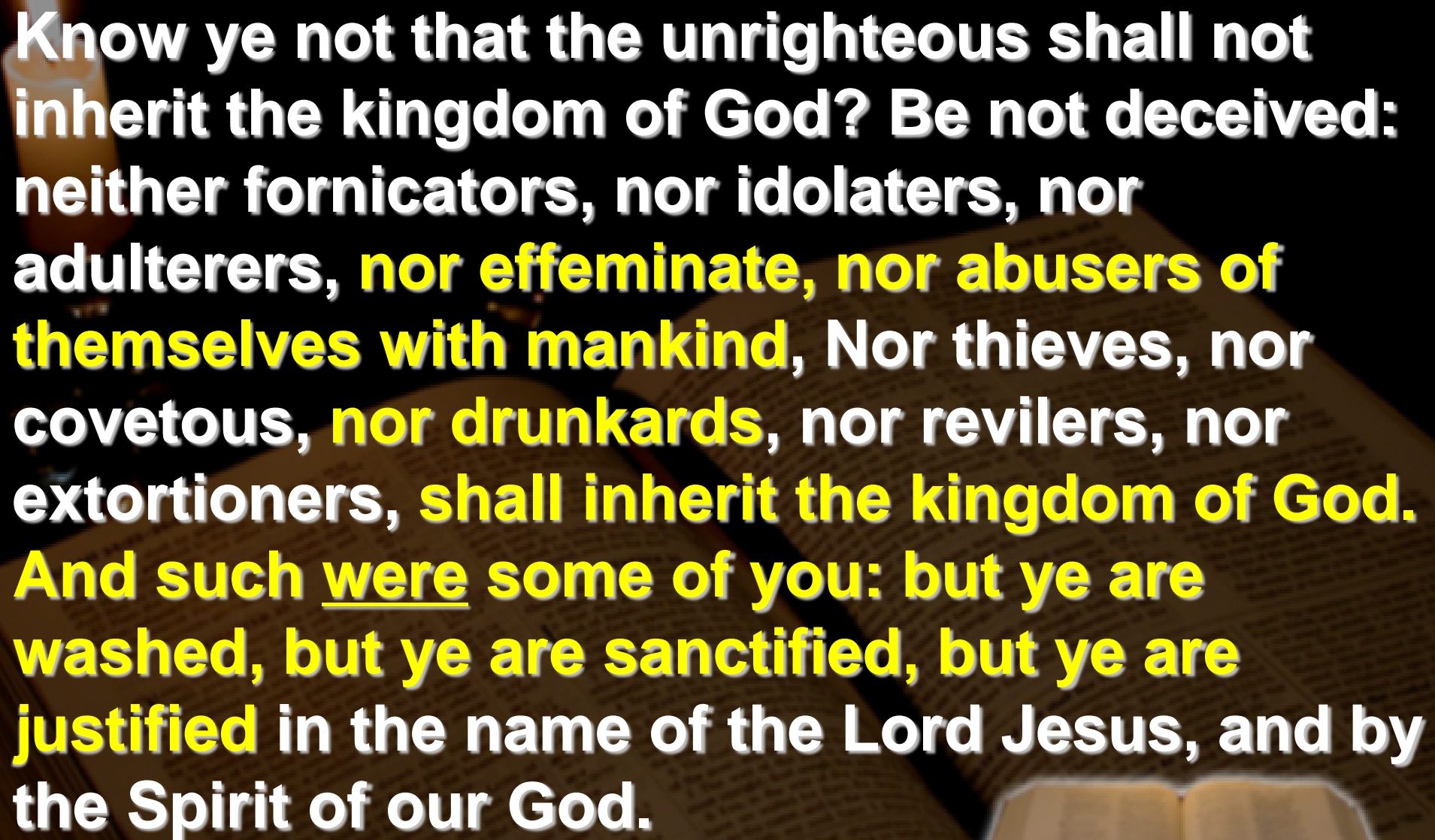


- Homosexuality is a sin.
- God is not a respecter of persons. He does not make one man sin, and another man not sin.
- God is love. He does not require us to do something that He's made impossible, through genetic predisposition.
- God is just. If God genetically predisposed certain men to sexual immorality, He can't require abstinence from such conduct, because He is a just God.
- Sin results from lust, not genetic predisposition to sin. We are not born with a sinful sexual orientation, or any other type of sinful orientation. Rather, we adopt sinful orientations after we lust after sinful things, and give into our sinful desires.
- God wants everyone to be saved; therefore, He doesn't make us sin through genetic disposition.

Men Walk in Sin Because of Their Hard Hearts, Not Genetic Predisposition

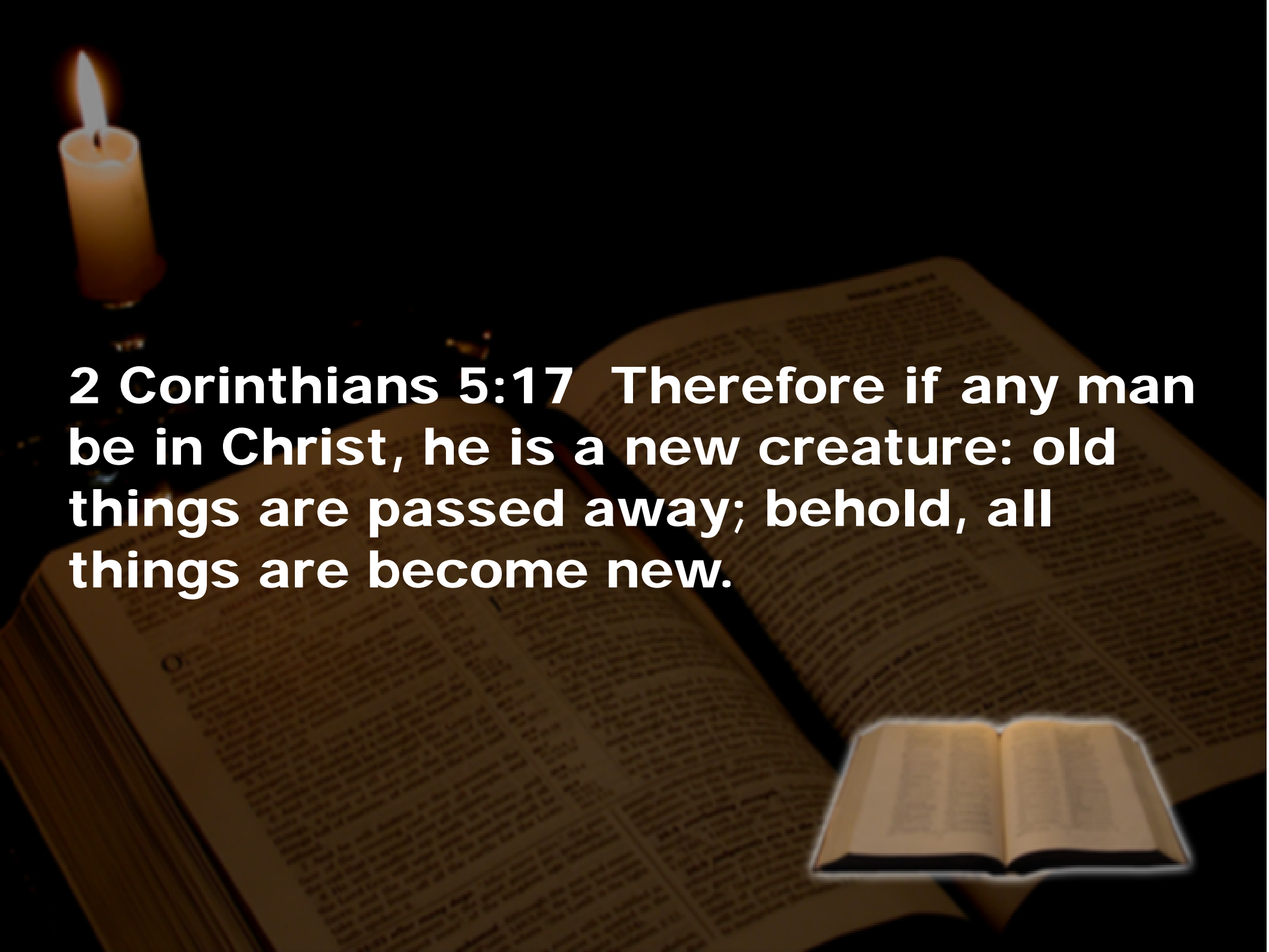
In Ephesians, Paul traces the qualities that result in a sinful life (Ephesian 4:17-19):

- **A person's thinking is futile, because his understanding is darkened.**
- **His understanding is darkened, because he is excluded from the life of God (eternal life).**
- **He is excluded from the life of God, because of his ignorance.**
- **He is ignorant, because of the hardness of his heart.**
- **He is hard hearted, because he has given himself over to licentiousness to work all uncleanness with greed.**

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Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, **nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, **nor drunkards**, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man
be in Christ, he is a new creature: old
things are passed away; behold, all
things are become new.

Seek Yeshua!

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Eph 6:17

And take..the sword of the
spirit, which is the word of God.



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