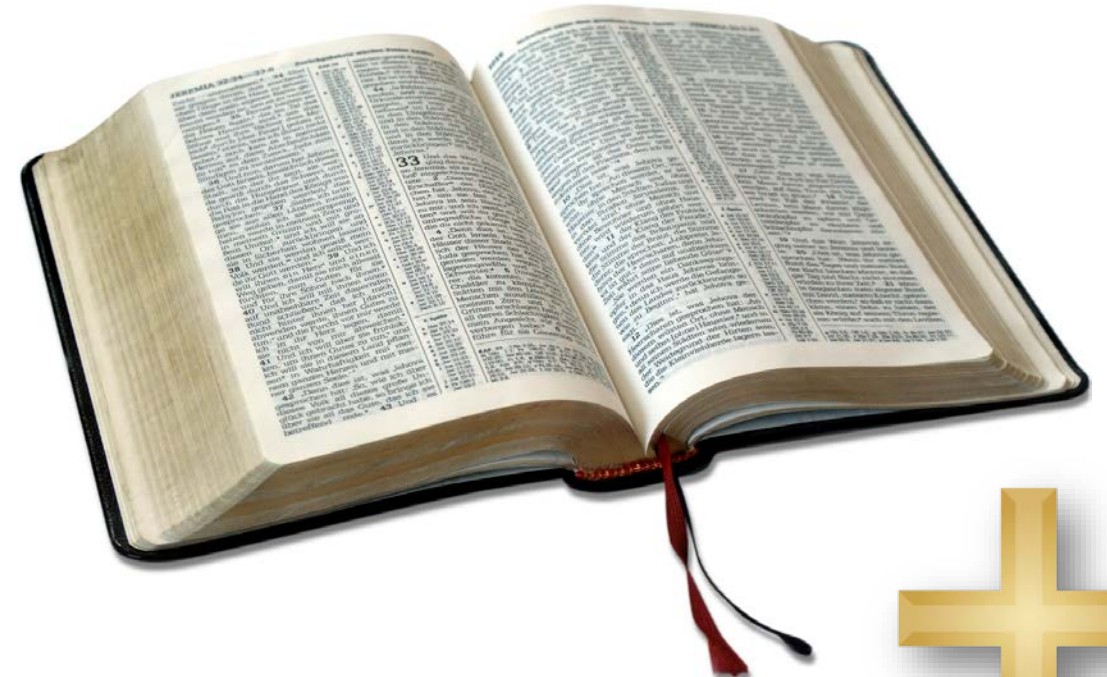




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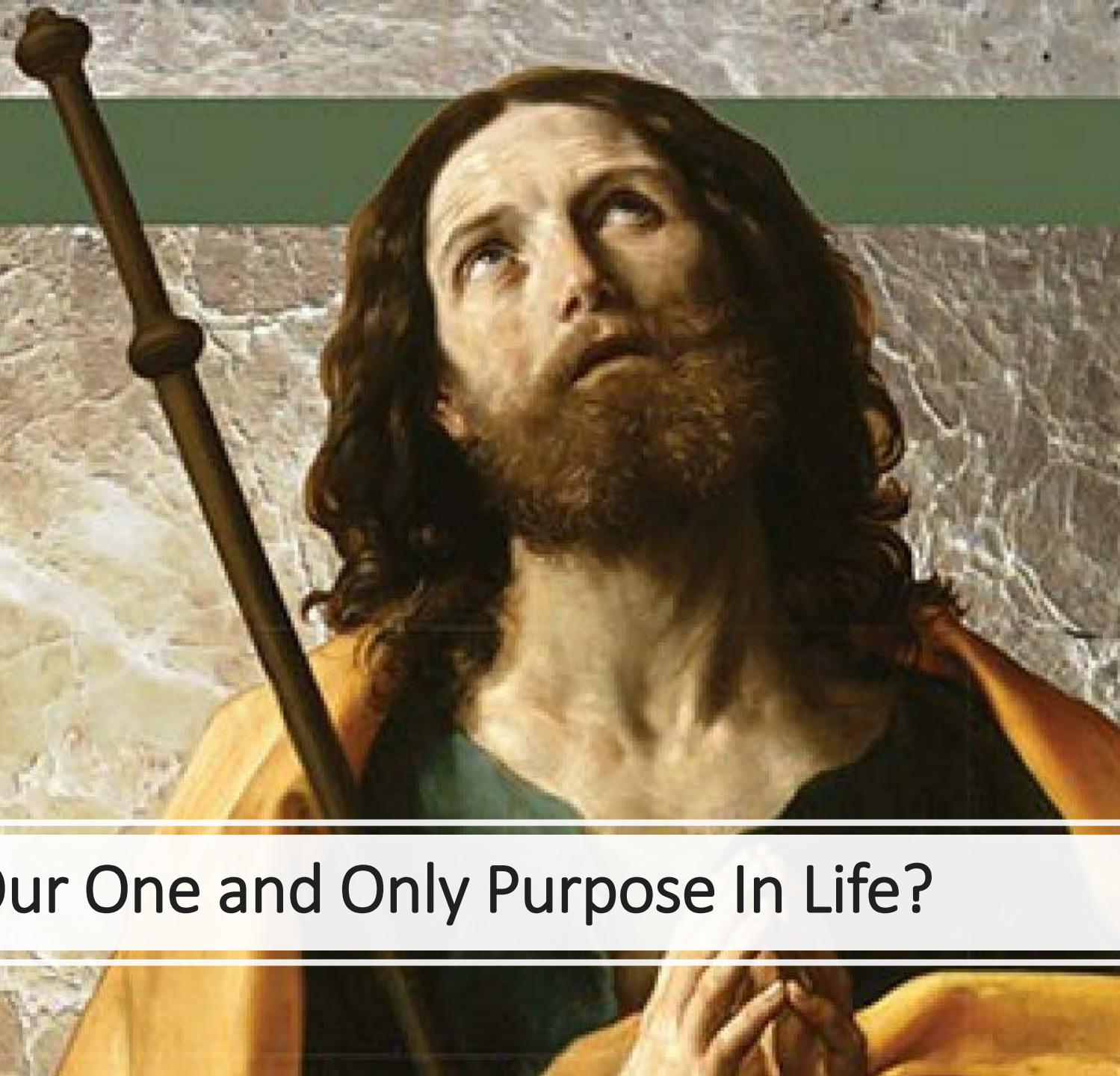
# LESSON 1: What Caused Man's Demise?

Man's Separation From God





**Question:** What Is Our One and Only Purpose In Life?







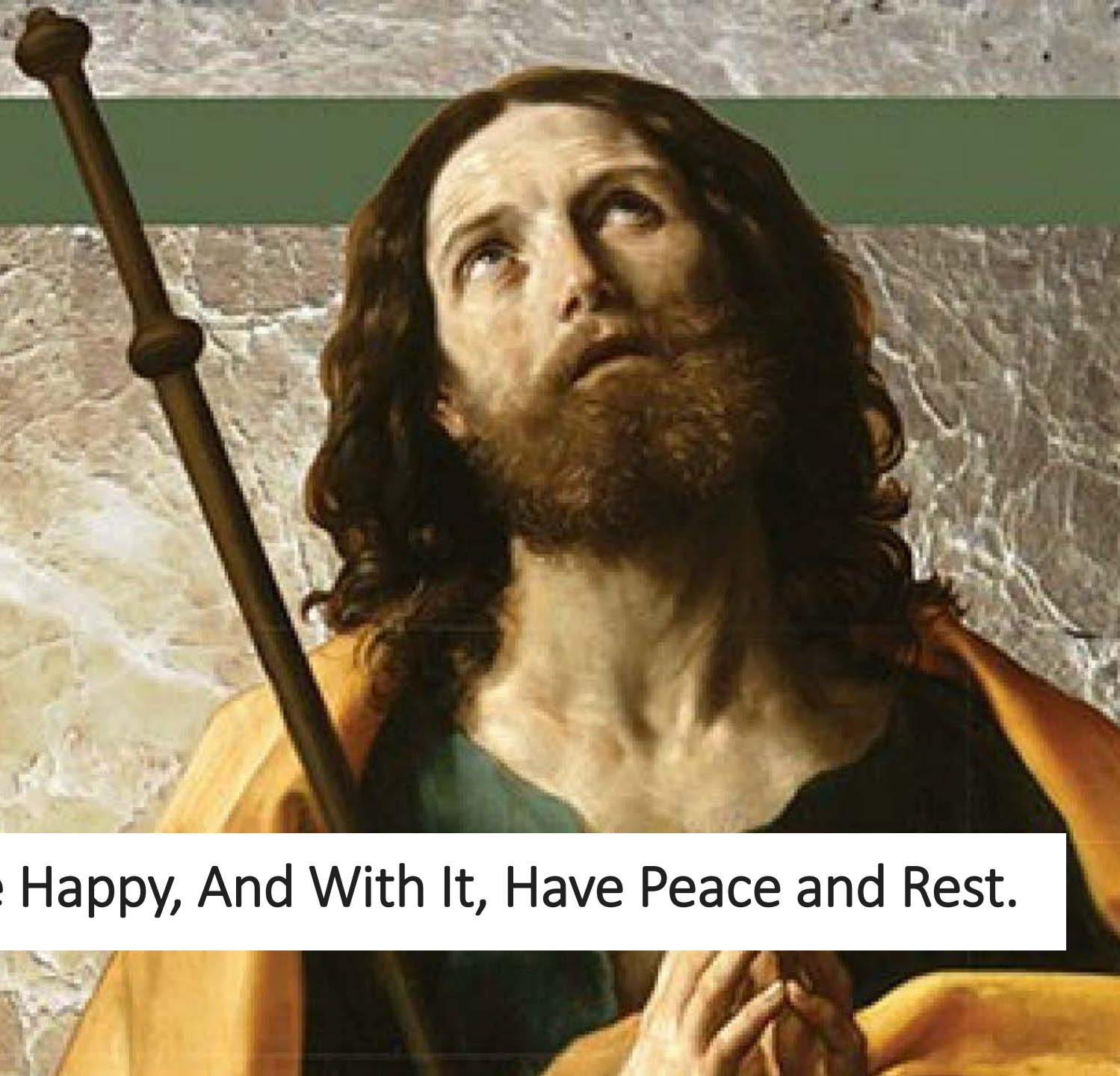
**Answer:** To Be One With God.





**Question:** What Is The One Thing We Have In Common?





**Answer:** We All Want to Be Happy, And With It, Have Peace and Rest.





**Question:** What Is The One Thing That Separates Us?





**Answer:** The Choices We Make In Life To Be Happy.



**So What Happened?**

**Why Can't We All Be  
Happy, and With It, Have  
Peace and Rest?**

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# What Caused Man's Demise?

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- **To Know What Contributed to Our Demise, We Must Understand How it All Started.**
  - It Started With A War In Heaven – A War Between Heavenly Beings.
  - It is a War That Still Rages On Even Today and With It, the Determination of Man's Happiness and Most Importantly, His Eternal Existence
  - However, It's A War That Has Already Been Won.
- **We Must Only Choose Sides**





# What Caused Man's Demise?



**In the Book of Ezekiel, We Get Insight to a Beautiful and Powerful Angel – Called the “Son of the Morning”**

*"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God, every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created."*

Ezekiel 28:13





# What Caused Man's Demise?

- Whether a Seraphim, Cherubim, or an Archangel, The Bible Describes This Angel as Perfect With Full of Wisdom.
- His Beauty was Unsurpassed
- He Was Adorn in Gold and Every Precious Stone
- There Were Instruments (timbrels and pipes) Played Upon His Creation





# What Caused Man's Demise?

- **Isaiah 14 Reveals A Great War Broke Out in Heaven. Satan Confronted God With Contempt.**
  - His Wisdom, Beauty, Ability, and Perfection Led Lucifer To Believe He Could be God, at Least Like God
  - He Wanted to Be Worshipped Like God and Receive Glory
- **But God Does Not Share His Glory, Nor Worship**
- **Lucifer Was Stripped of His Beauty, Position, and Rights to Heaven and Was Cast To the Earth**





“How you are **fallen** from  
heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of  
the morning! *How* you are  
cut down to the ground, You  
who weakened the nations!”

Isaiah 14:12

## What Caused Man's Demise?

- But the Earth That Lucifer Cast Down To Was Without Form, and Void, and Dark (Genesis 1:1).
- Lucifer Waits, For He Knows God's Plan to Create the World and Man
- His Plan Is To Eternally Separate Man From God – God's Beloved Creation





**What's Your Point Here?**







# What Caused Man's Demise?

- First, We Must Remember Why Satan Was Cast From Heaven.
- He Was Cast From Heaven Due To His Pride.
- Pride Means
  - One's Lack of Understanding or Desire to Acknowledge Who He Is In Relation to God; and
  - One's Lack of Understanding or Desire to Accept that He Needs God For All Things.





# What Caused Man's<sup>+</sup> Demise?

- Due to His Pride, Satan Denied The Truth, and With It, Attempted to Undermine God's Dominion and Deny His Glory.
  - Satan Believed to be His Own God, and With This Having Complete Self-Sufficiency by Way of Authority and Power.
  - This Is Why We Refer to Satan as Having No Truth in Him.
  - He is the "Deceiver" and The Father of All Lies...He Perverts the Truth and God's Word...He Perverts Man's Reality.





# What Caused Man's Demise?

- **Before Man Was Created on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation Week, Satan Laid and Waited For Man in the Dark and Formless World.**
  - He Would Do So By Deceiving Adam in Believing He Could be Like God and Would Not Need God.
  - His Plan Was to Inflict the Deadliest of all Sins...of All Diseases on Man... He Was Going to Spew the Deadly Poison of Pride Into Man's Ear.
  - His Aim Was to Eternally Separate Man From God.



# What Caused Man's Demise?



- **When Adam (and later Eve) Were Created, They Were “One With God.”**
- **God Said to Adam** “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (*Genesis 3:16-17*).
- **He Then Created Eve From a Rib Taken From Adam and They Were Joined as Man and Wife in One Flesh.**
- **The Were Naked and Were not Ashamed** (*Genesis 2:24-25*)



# What Caused Man's Demise?

- Now, Appearing As a Serpent (Cold Blooded Reptile), Satan Appeared to Eve.
  - He Deceived Her in Disobeying God By Perverting the Truth. Satan Said to Eve...  
*<sup>4</sup> ... "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*
  - Being Temped By Way of Her Flesh, She Saw The Forbidden Fruit Appealing to Her Desire to Be Like God (*Wise – Knowing Good and Evil*). She Ate of the Fruit.
  - She Then Gave The Fruit to Adam, and He Ate of It.



## What Caused Man's Demise?

- Having Disobeyed (Sinned) Against God, **God Left Their Souls**, For God Cannot Dwell With Sin.
- Adam and Eve **Were Now No Longer “One With God,”** But Rather **Eternally Separated From God.**
- Immediately Upon Sinning From God, They Now Had To **Depend on The “Self”** To Live
- It was Upon Depending on the “Self” That Words Like **“Self-sufficient,” “Selfish,” “Self-absorbed,” “Self-centered,” “Self-righteous,” Self-assured,” “Self-love,” “Self-image,” “Self-gratification,” “Self-pity,” “Self-made,”** and **“Self-confident,”** entered into Man's Vocabulary.





# What Caused Man's Demise?

- Man Was No Longer “One With God.”
- Man Was No Longer a “Spiritual Being.”
- Man Was to Live Alone as a “Human Being.”
- Man Was “One With Himself” – A Being Left to Decide and Fend for Himself.
- Man Was **Now Vulnerable and Easy Prey** for Satan.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8



**So...We Are Not To Have Any  
Pride or Take Pride in Anything?**





# What Caused Man's Demise?

- Being “Prideful” is not a sin, depending on the Source of Your Pride.
- If your pride Stems From Something That God is the Source of, then That's Good.
- If Your Pride Stems From Something That You Use To Bring Glory and Attention on Yourself, That Isn't Good.



**Can You Give Me Examples of  
What You Mean?**







# What Caused Man's Demise?

- **Example:** Being Proud of Your Children, Home, and/or Accomplishments Is Okay, as Long As You Recognize That God Is the Source and He Is Given the Glory and Not Yourself.
- **Example:** Self-Love is Okay Too as Long As You Know the Source of Your Love.
- If the Source of Your Self-Love Is God Based On His Love For You, Then That's Good.
- If the Source of Your Self-Love Is Yourself, Then That's Not Good.

# What Caused Man's Demise?

- **Key Points –**

- Both Adam and Eve Were “One” With Each Other.
- As “One” With Each Other, They Were “One” With God.
- God Resided “In Their Soul.” All They Saw Was God. “They Were Both Naked and Were Not Ashamed.”
- There Was No Sense of “Self.”
- They Only Sensed God, For They Were “One” With Him and He With Them.





# What Caused Man's Demise?

- **Key Points –**

- Our Purpose in Life Is To Be “One With God.”
- Man's Fateful Decision to Be His Own God Caused His Separation From God.
- Without God, Man We Are Left To Choose Our Own Footsteps Without God's Divine Wisdom
- God Remains With All Men; However, Our Call Is to Reconcile Back God, By Way of Christ...He Is the Way, The Means, and The Ends



# What Caused Man's Demise?

- **Key Points –**

- As Long As We Choose To Be the Source of Our Own Happiness and...
- As Long As We Choose to Focus On Satisfying Our Flesh By Way of The World to Be Happy...
- We Will Never Find the Peace and Rest We Have Sought, and Continue To Seek In Our Lives Without “Oneness With God.”





# What Caused Man's Demise?

So...Where Do We Go From Here?





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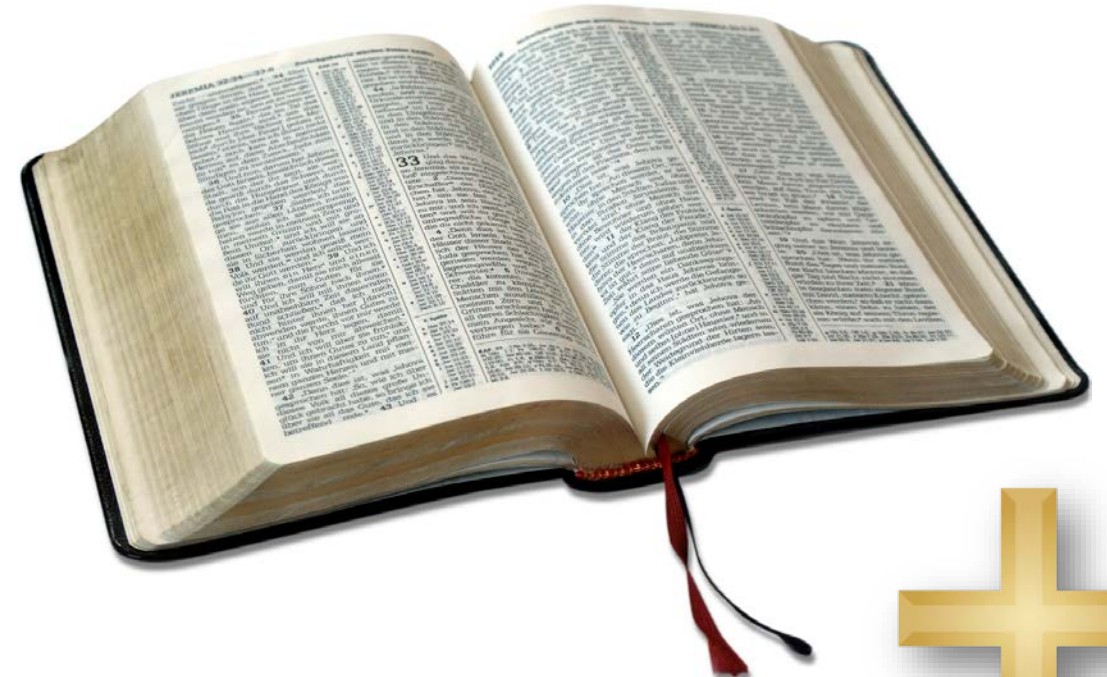




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