A large black cross silhouette stands on a rocky hill. The background is a sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The cross is supported by ropes or chains. The text "Peace for Jerusalem" and "Psalm 122" is overlaid on the image.

# Peace for Jerusalem

## Psalm 122

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# Psalms of Ascents

120: Deliver Me, Oh LORD

121: My Help Comes  
From the LORD

**122: Peace of Jerusalem**

123: Have Mercy Upon Us

**124: The LORD On Our Side**

125: The LORD Surrounds  
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126: Restore Our Fortunes

**127: Unless the LORD Builds**

128: He Who Fears the LORD

129: Afflicted, but not  
Prevailed Against

130: My Soul Waits for the LORD

**131: Quieted My Soul**

132: The Face of  
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**133: When Brothers  
Dwell in Unity**

134: Come Bless the LORD





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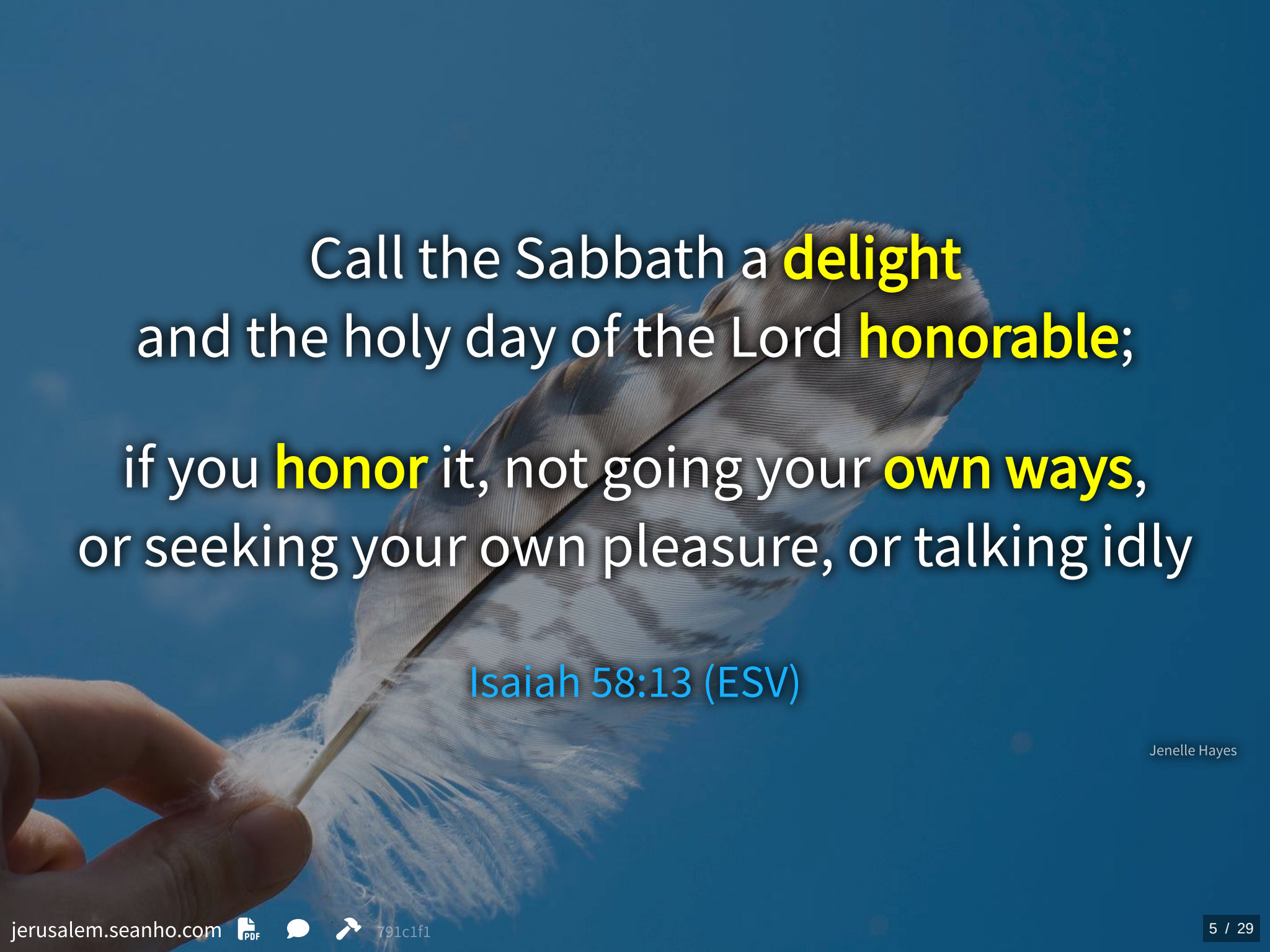
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A hand is holding a large, light-colored feather with dark brown and grey patterns. The feather is positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is a solid, deep blue color. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

Call the Sabbath a **delight**  
and the holy day of the Lord **honorable**;  
if you **honor** it, not going your **own ways**,  
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly

Isaiah 58:13 (ESV)

Jenelle Hayes

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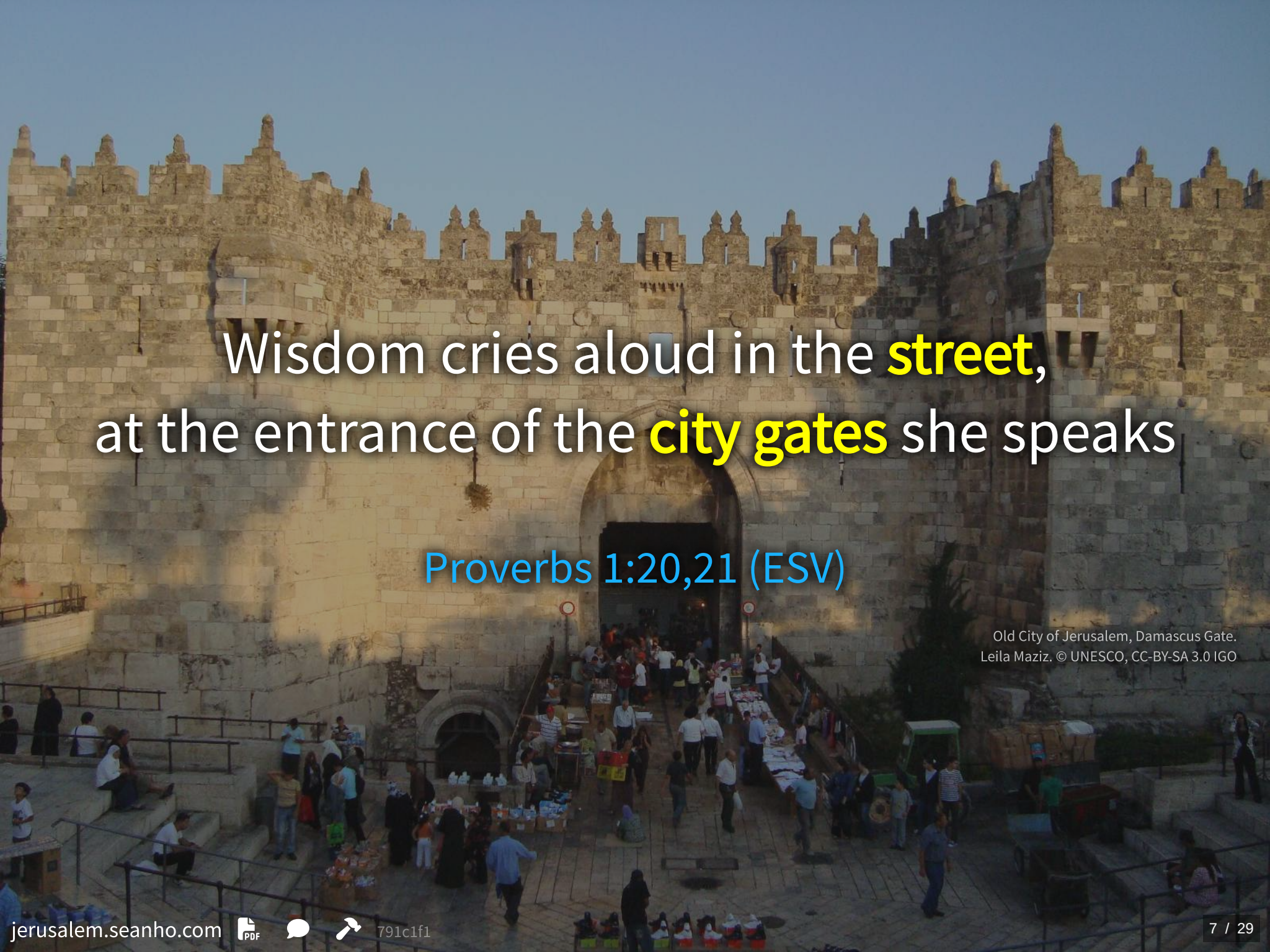
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Wisdom cries aloud in the **street**,  
at the entrance of the **city gates** she speaks

Proverbs 1:20,21 (ESV)

Old City of Jerusalem, Damascus Gate.  
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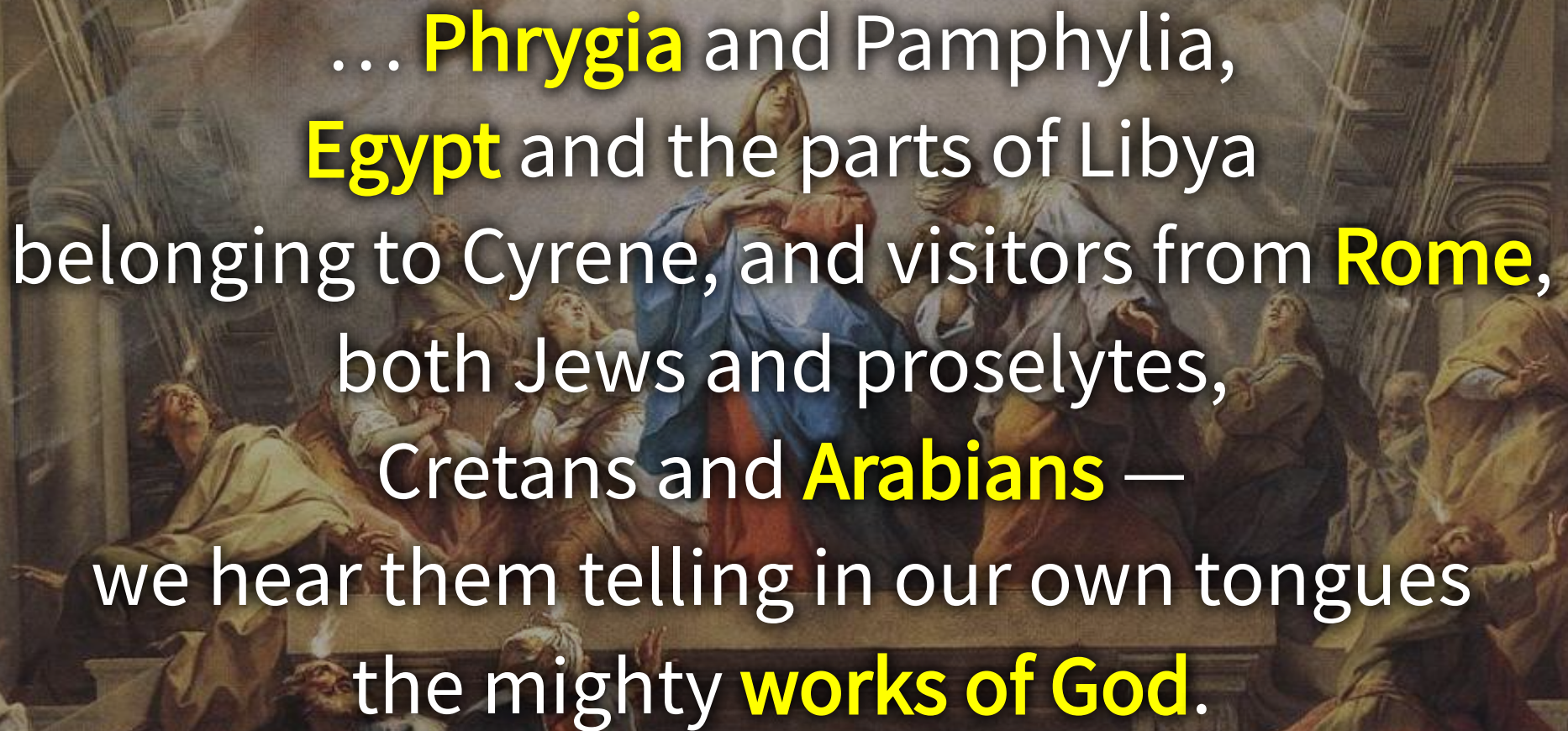
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... **Phrygia** and Pamphylia,  
**Egypt** and the parts of Libya  
belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from **Rome**,  
both Jews and proselytes,  
Cretans and **Arabians** —  
we hear them telling in our own tongues  
the mighty **works of God**.

Acts 2:10-11 (ESV)

Jean Restout, "Pentecôte", 1732



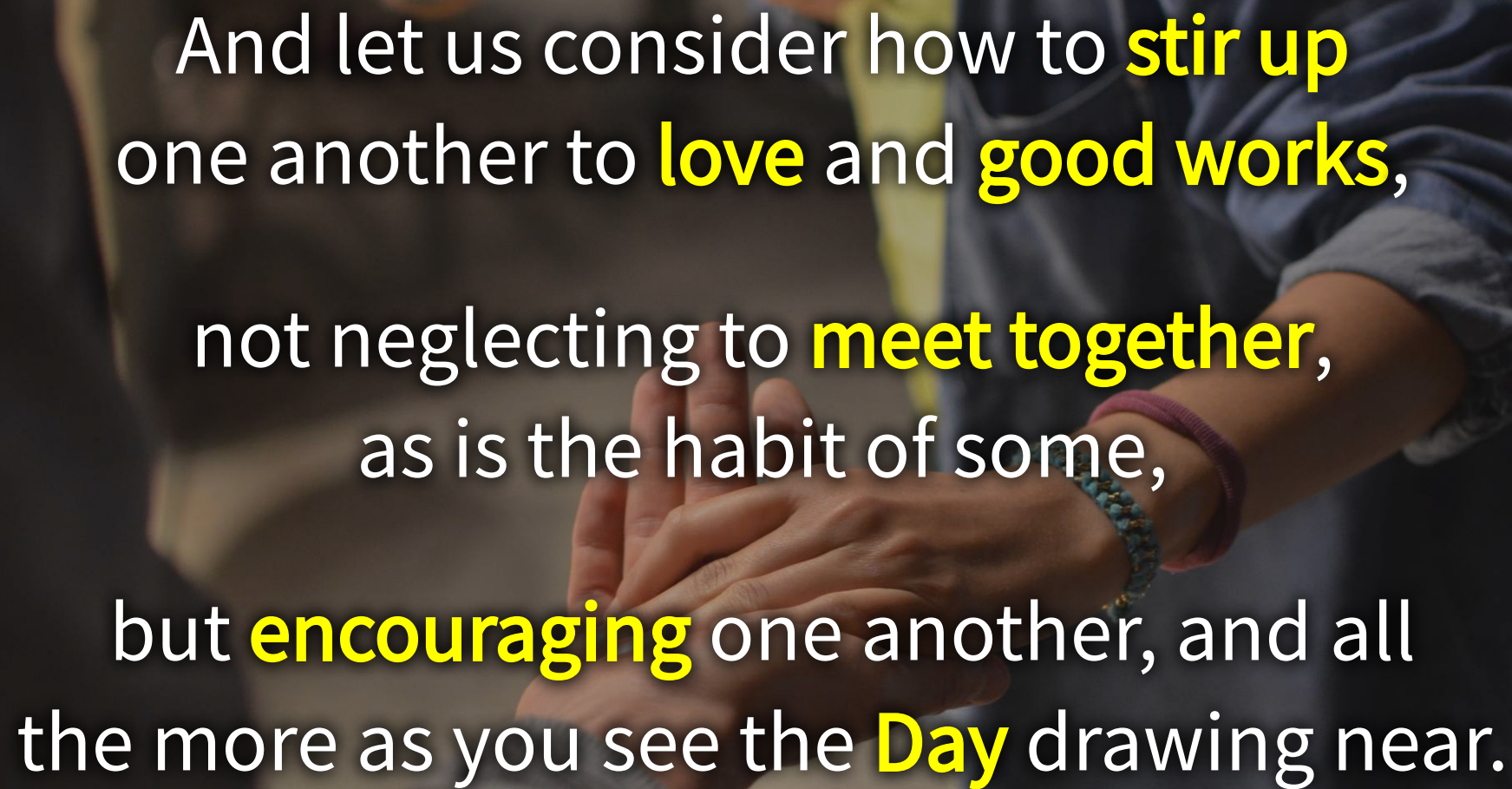


My house shall be called a house of **prayer**  
for **all peoples**.

Isaiah 56:7 (ESV)

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A background image showing a group of people, likely at a community gathering or protest, with their hands clasped together in a supportive gesture. The focus is on the hands in the foreground, which are wearing various bracelets. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a yellow ribbon.

And let us consider how to **stir up**  
one another to **love** and **good works**,  
not neglecting to **meet together**,  
as is the habit of some,  
but **encouraging** one another, and all  
the more as you see the **Day** drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

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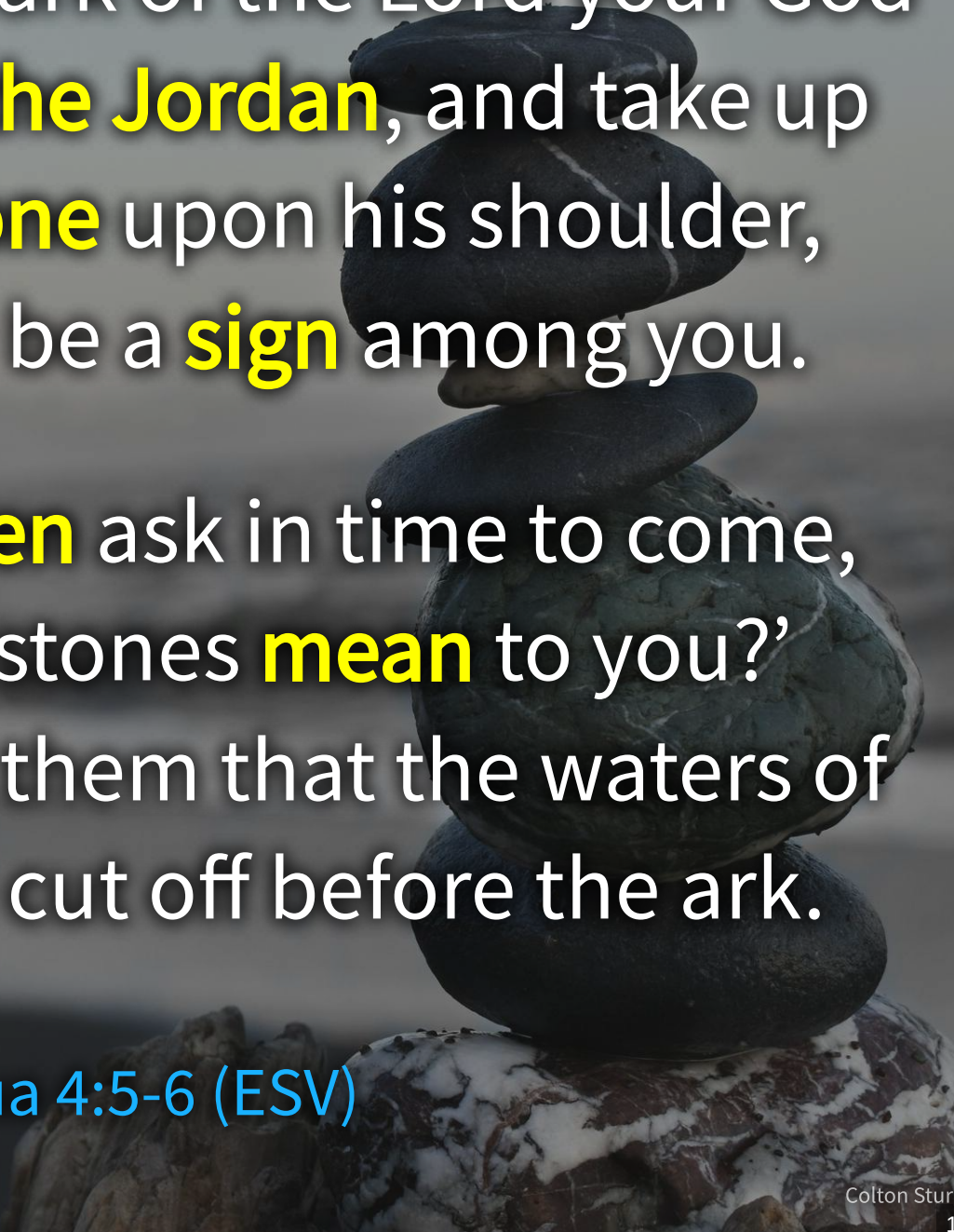
You shall observe this **rite** as a statute  
for you and for your sons forever.

... And when your **children** say to you,  
‘What do you **mean** by this service?’

you shall say,  
‘It is the sacrifice of the Lord’s **Passover**,  
for he passed over the houses  
of the people of Israel in Egypt’

Exodus 12:24,26-27 (ESV)





Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God  
into the **midst of the Jordan**, and take up  
each of you a **stone** upon his shoulder,  
... that this may be a **sign** among you.

When your **children** ask in time to come,  
‘What do those stones **mean** to you?’  
then you shall tell them that the waters of  
the **Jordan** were cut off before the ark.

Joshua 4:5-6 (ESV)



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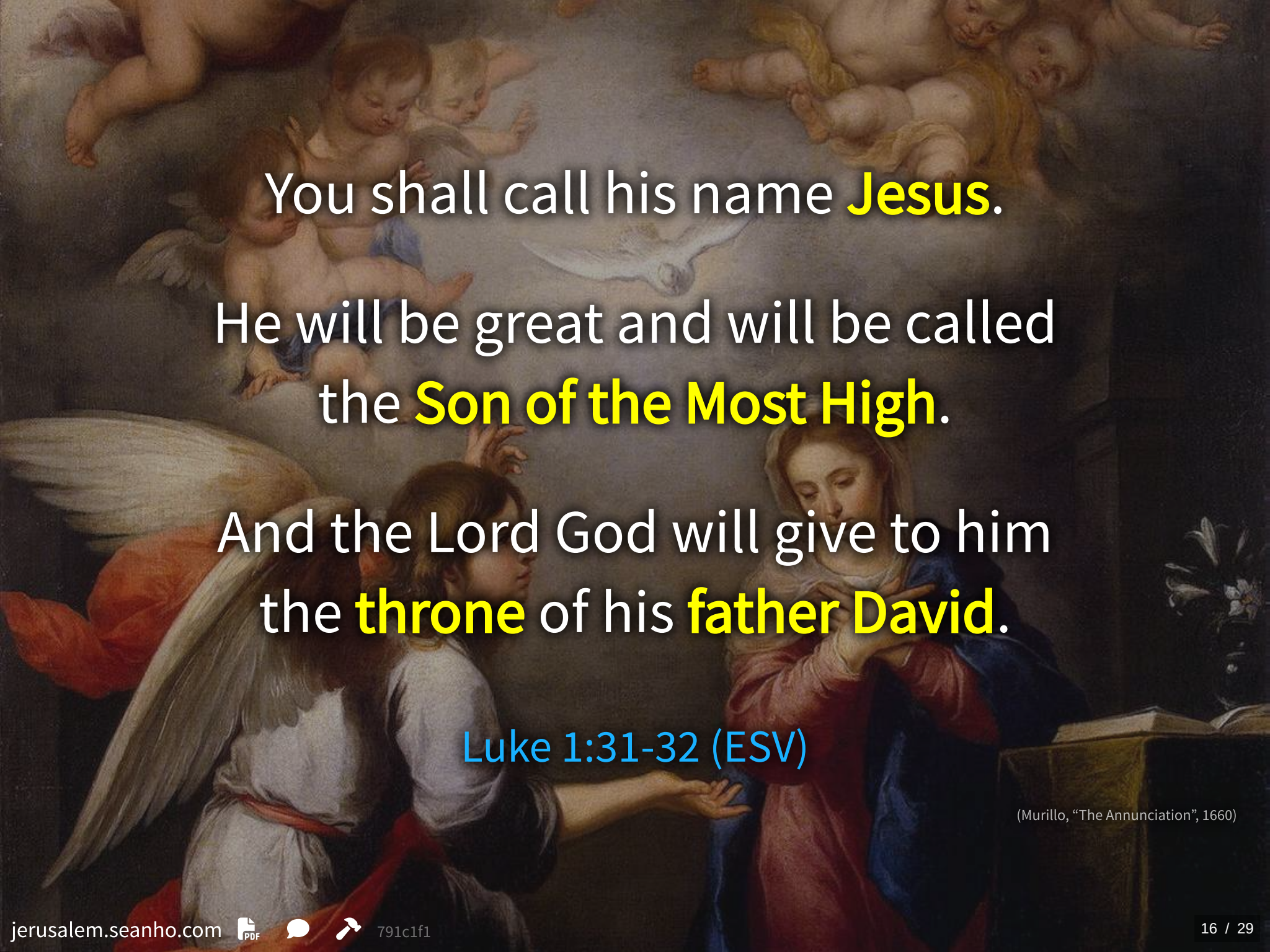
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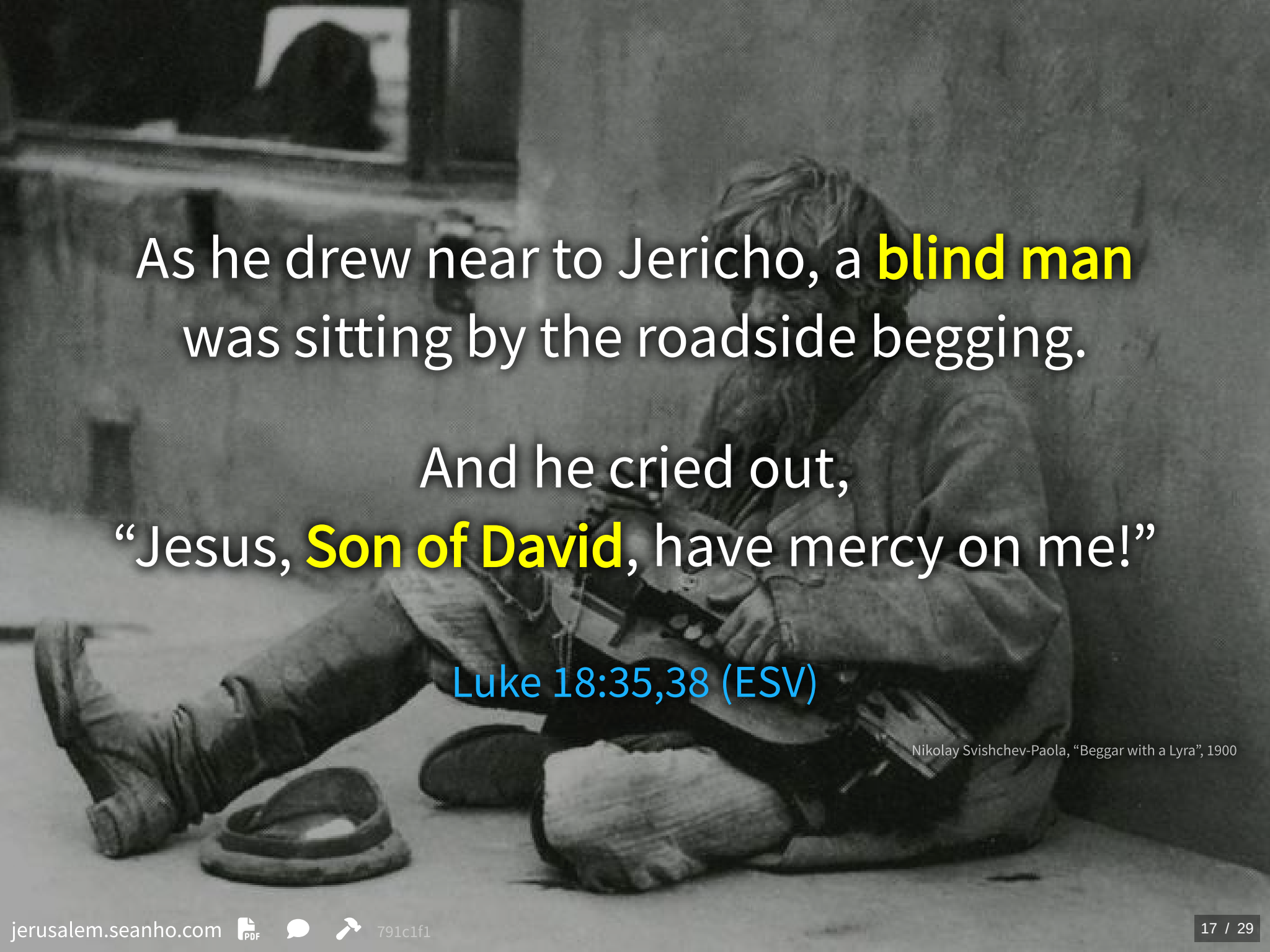
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You shall call his name **Jesus**.  
He will be great and will be called  
the **Son of the Most High**.  
And the Lord God will give to him  
the **throne** of his **father David**.

Luke 1:31-32 (ESV)

(Murillo, "The Annunciation", 1660)





As he drew near to Jericho, a **blind man** was sitting by the roadside begging.

And he cried out,  
“Jesus, **Son of David**, have mercy on me!”

Luke 18:35,38 (ESV)

Nikolay Svishchev-Paola, “Beggar with a Lyra”, 1900

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The Lord, the Lord, a God **merciful**  
and **gracious**, slow to anger, and  
abounding in **steadfast love** and faithfulness,  
keeping steadfast love for thousands,  
**forgiving** iniquity and transgression and sin,  
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Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)

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Let the daughters of Judah **rejoice**  
because of your **judgments!**

Consider well [Zion's] **ramparts**,  
go through her **citadels**,  
that you may tell the **next generation**  
that this is **God**, our God forever and ever.  
He will **guide** us forever.

Psalm 48:11,13-14 (ESV)



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He has told you, O man, what is **good**;  
and what does the Lord **require** of you  
but to do **justice**, and to love **kindness**,  
and to walk **humbly** with your God?

Micah 6:8 (ESV)

Klaus Andersen



I saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a **bride** adorned for her husband.

Behold, the **dwelling place** of God is  
with man. He will dwell with them,  
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Revelation 21:2,3 (ESV)

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