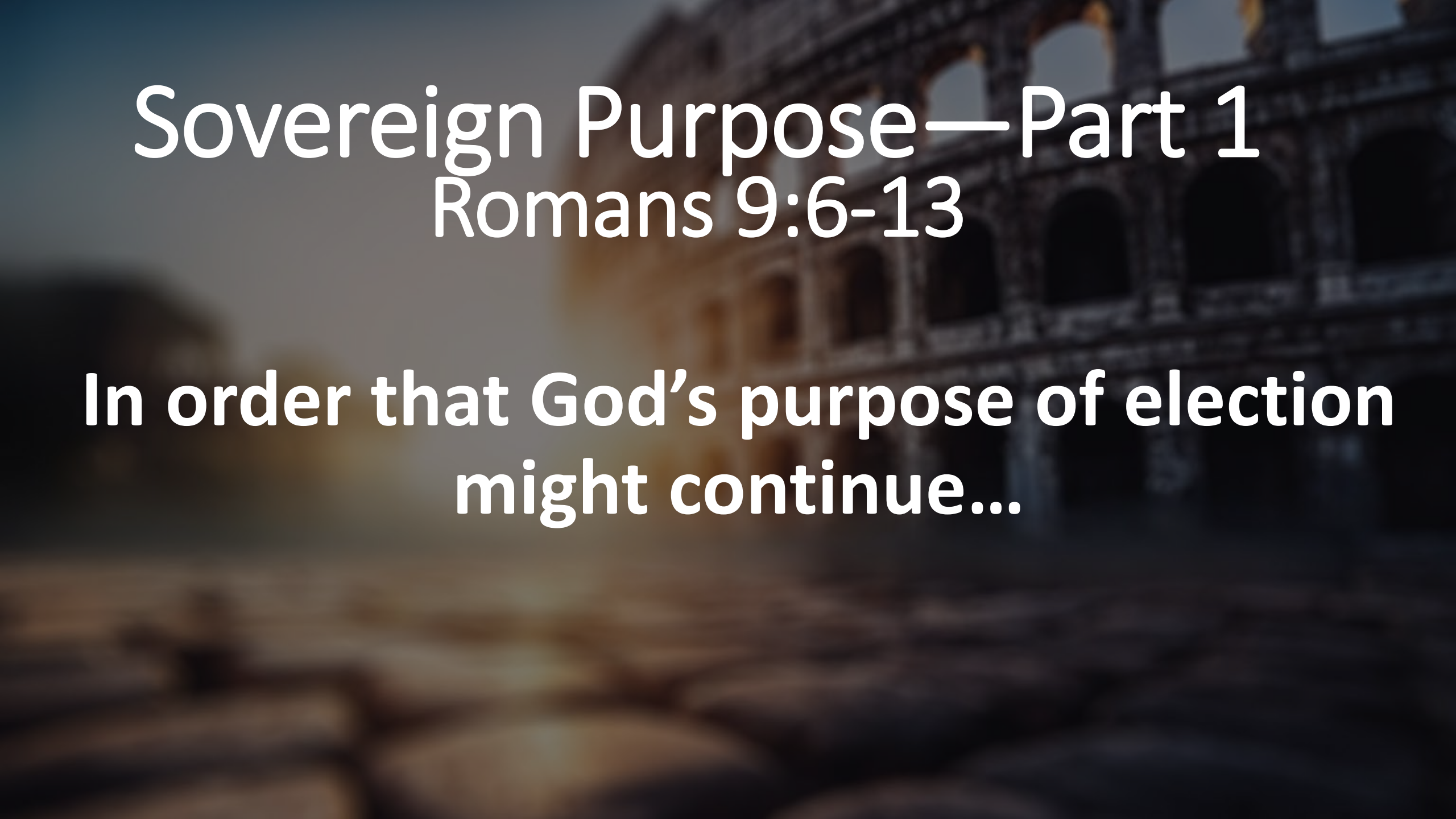




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Sovereign Purpose—Part 1

Romans 9:6-13

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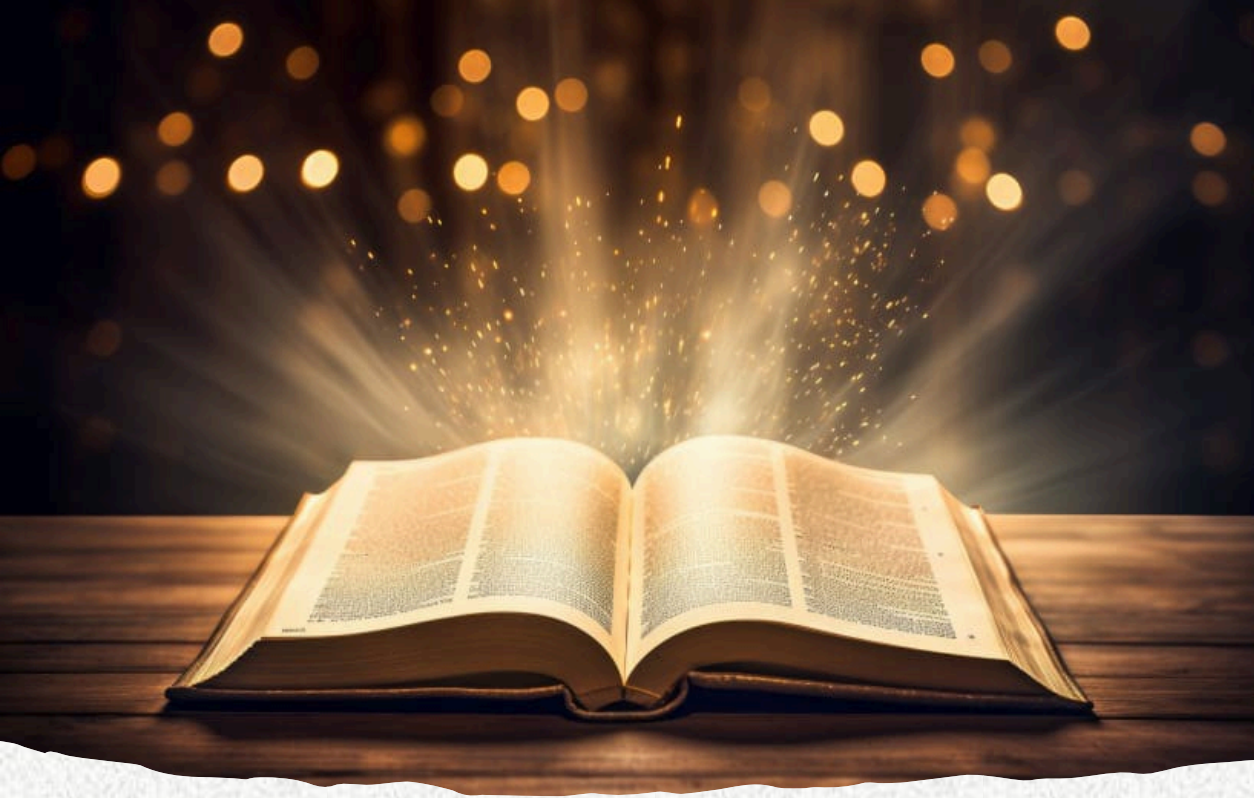
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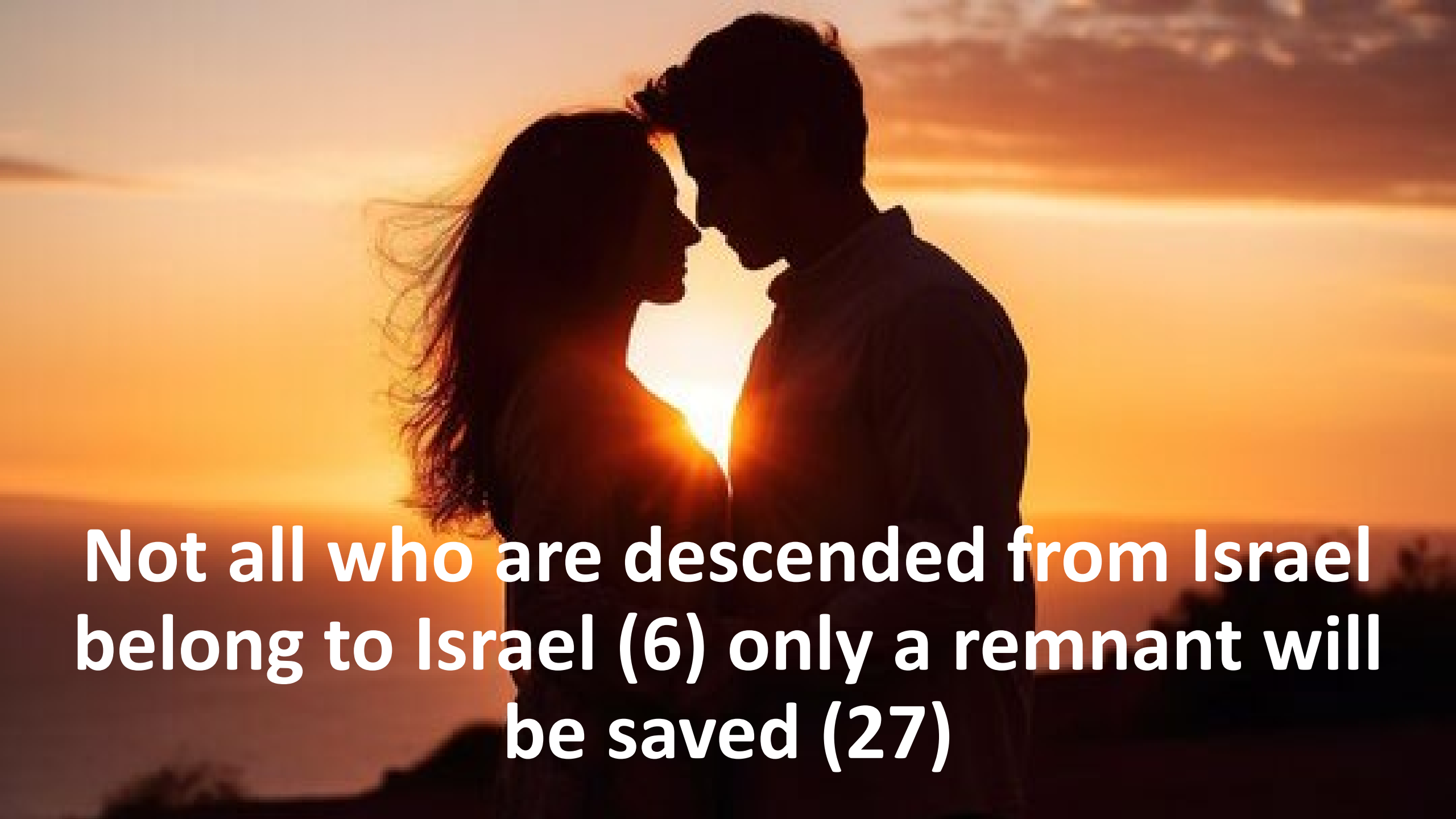


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1 Thess. 1:4

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.



A romantic couple is shown in silhouette, embracing and about to kiss. They are positioned in the center-left of the frame. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon creating a bright glow. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The overall mood is intimate and serene.

**Not all who are descended from Israel
belong to Israel (6) only a remnant will
be saved (27)**

Romans 9:6

**But it is not as though the word of God
has failed.** For not all who are
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I. God's Promises were not for everyone

Question: If we, as the chosen people of God, missed His plan for us, does it not stand to reason that God was unable to carry out His own plan?

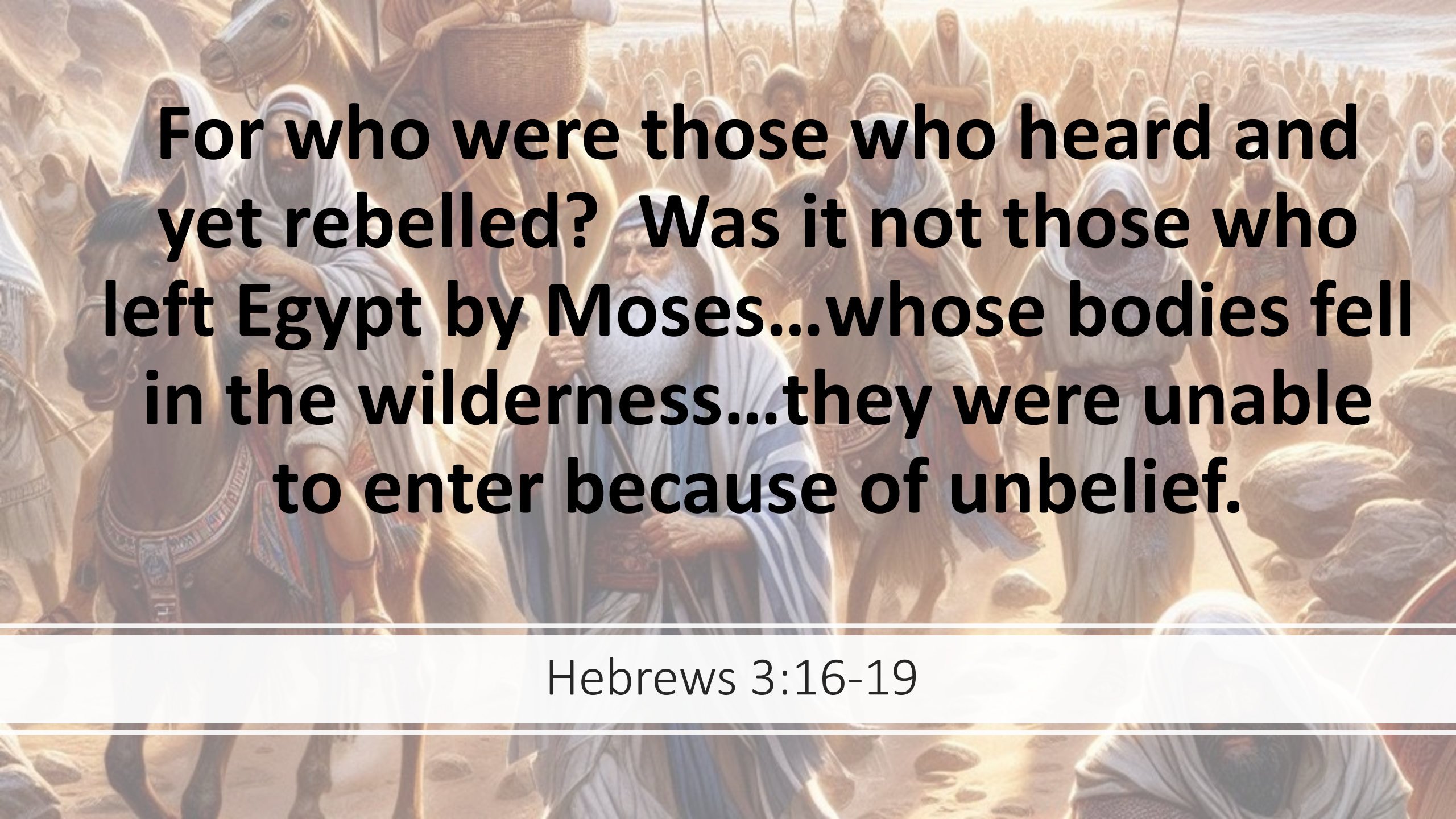
Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation,

Genesis 12:1-3

And I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



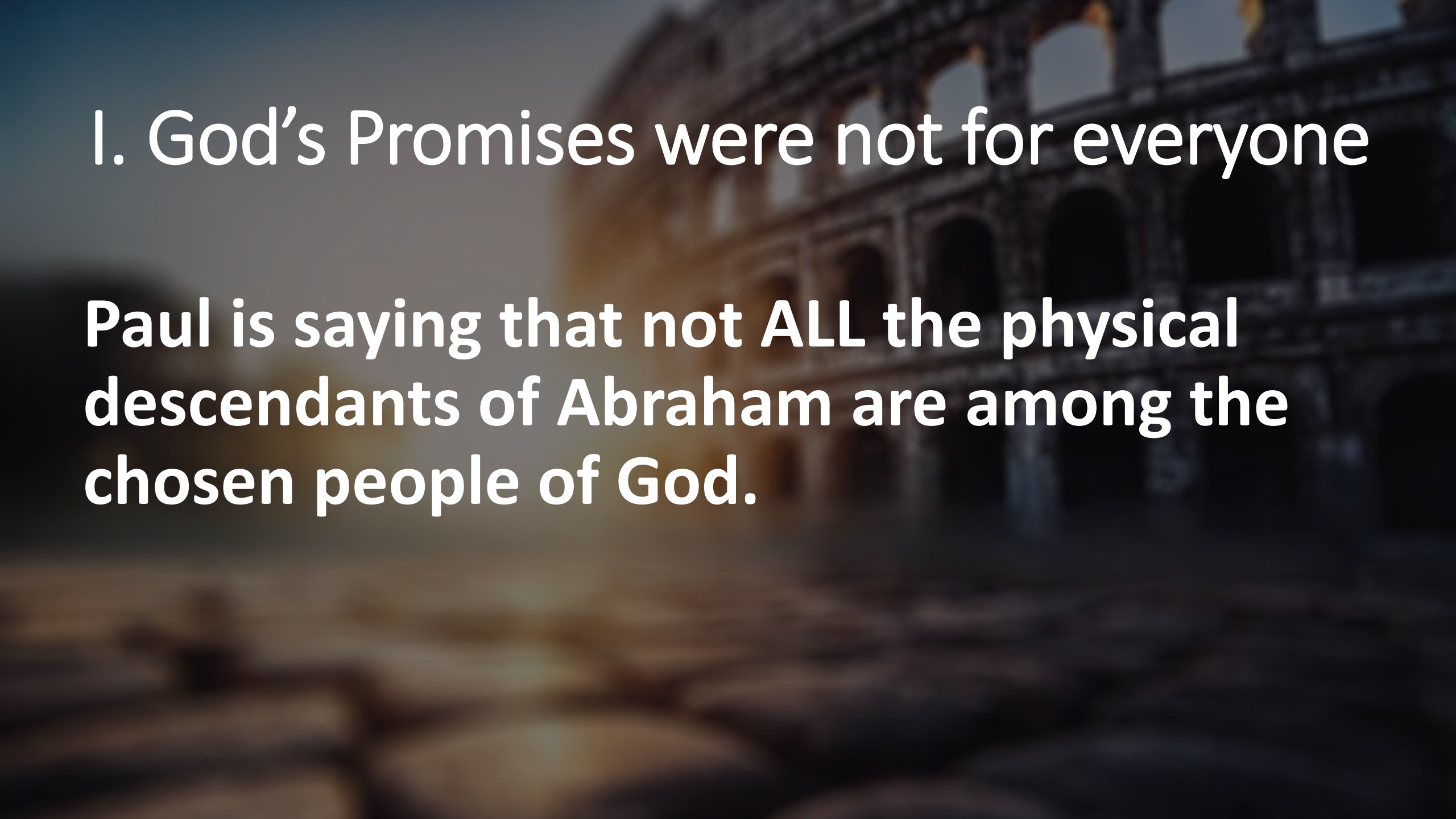


For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not those who left Egypt by Moses...whose bodies fell in the wilderness...they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:16-19

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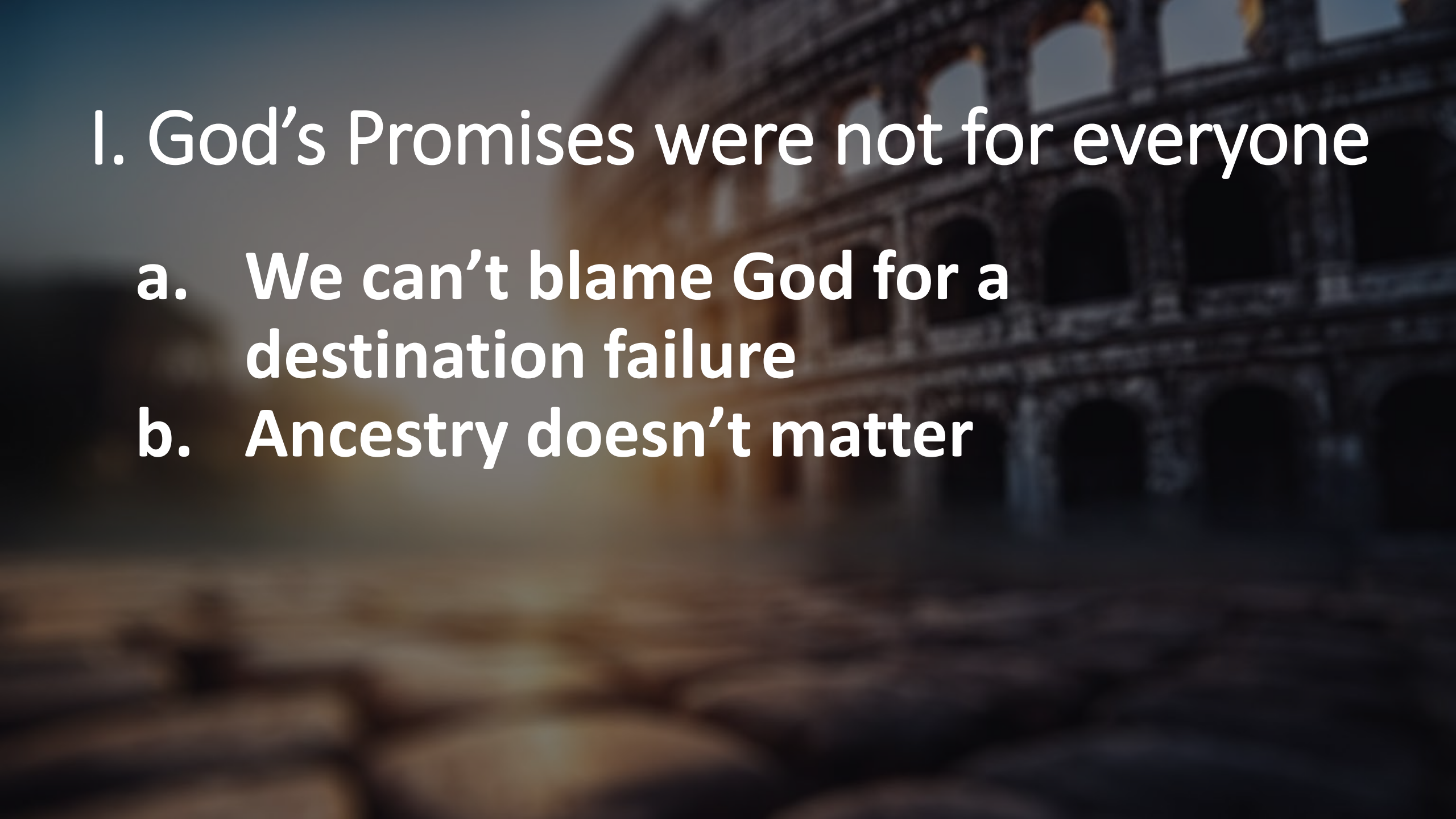


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Paul is saying that not ALL the physical descendants of Abraham are among the chosen people of God.

Romans 9:7

And not all are children of Abraham
because they are his offspring, but
“Through **Isaac** shall your offspring be
named.”



I. God's Promises were not for everyone

a. We can't blame God for a destination failure

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If ancestry mattered what about the Ishmaelites?

Romans 9:8

This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.



One child of the flesh and one child of the promise

Romans 9:9

**For this is what the promise said:
“About this time next year I will return
and Sarah shall have a son.”**

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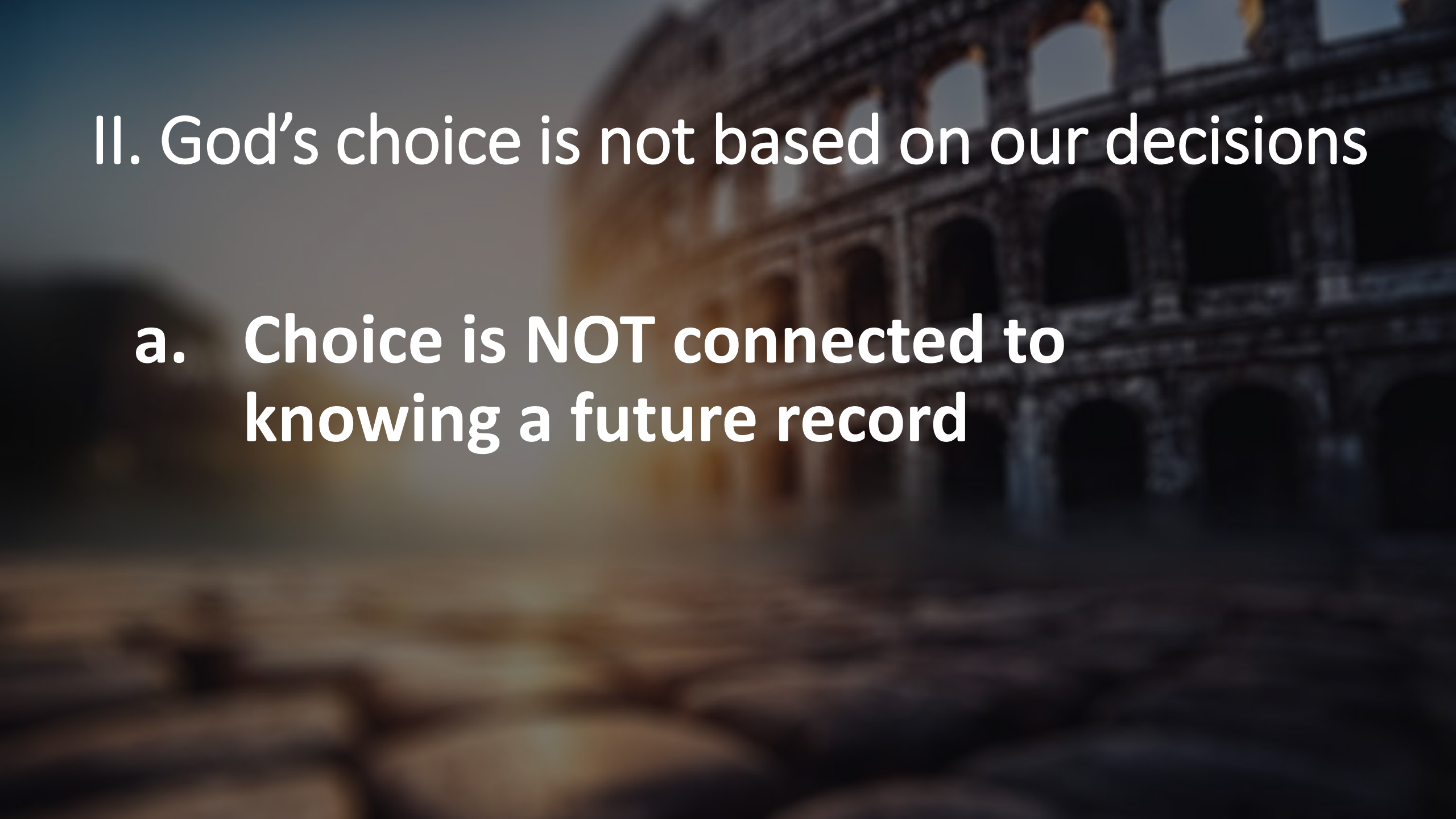
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- c. Our understanding of Fairness doesn't matter

I. God's Promises were not for everyone

On the basis of His perfect knowledge, God chooses as He wills—and it was His choice that His blessing to the nations of the world would come through Isaac and not Ishmael—David Jeremiah

II. God's choice is not based on our decisions

Question: God chose Isaac, maybe the issue of fairness then had to do with the mother?



II. God's choice is not based on our decisions

- a. **Choice is NOT connected to knowing a future record**

Romans 9:10-11

And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and **had done nothing** either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works...

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Romans 9:11-12

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Romans 9:13

As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I
hated.”

This is a Jewish idiom expressing
preference, or to elevate in priority.

Luke 14:26

If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

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Ephesians 1:4-5

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before hi. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the **purpose** of his will

Ephesians 1:11

In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to the
purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will

2 Timothy 1:9

...God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own **purpose** and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.



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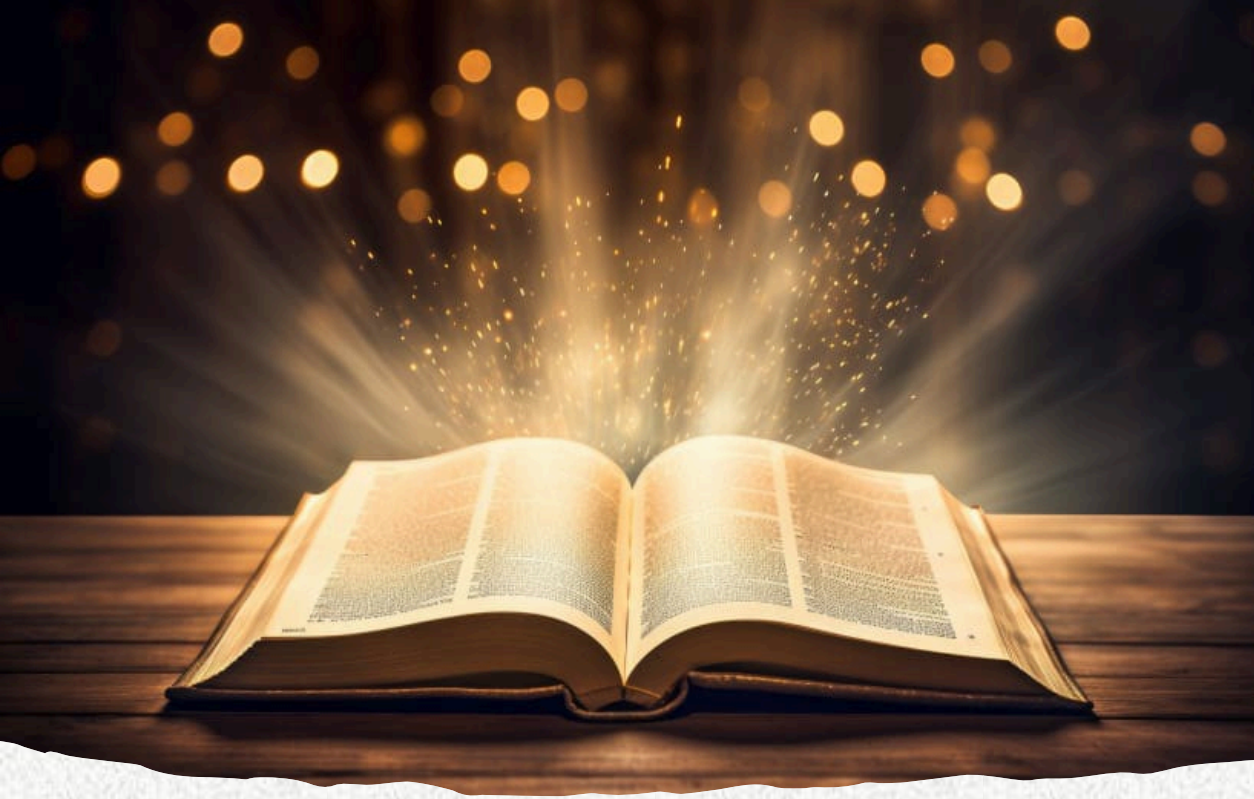
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