

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BIBLICAL PROPHECY

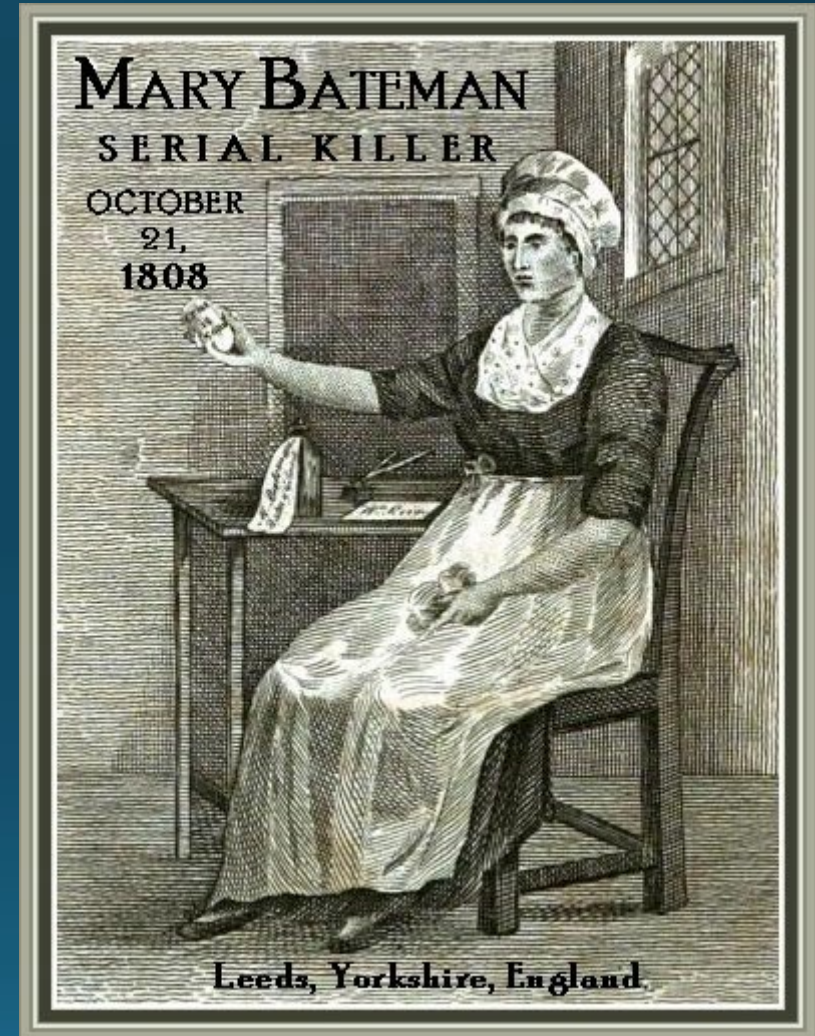
Week 4 – Signs of the Times
Pastor Marty



A man with dark hair, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, a light blue shirt, and a dark tie, is shown from the chest up. He has a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of surprise or shock, looking upwards and slightly to the right. His hands are raised, palms facing up, in a gesture of surprise or questioning. The background is a solid, dark grey.

THINGS YOU'VE NEVER LEARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Failed Doomsday Predictions



Are we in the
End Times?!



A large, dark, semi-transparent hourglass is positioned diagonally across the background of the slide. The top bulb is at the top right, and the bottom bulb is at the bottom left. The hourglass is filled with a dark, granular substance, and the narrow neck in the center is clearly visible. The overall background is a dark, textured grey.

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

² He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ ³ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, ***but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.***

-Matt 16:1-3

“Signs of the Times”



1. Increase of Hardened Sinners



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A close-up, high-contrast photograph of an hourglass. The glass is dark and reflective, with light catching the edges of the bulbous sections. Fine grains of sand are visible falling from the top bulb into the bottom bulb. The background is a solid, deep black, making the hourglass stand out.

“Lovers of themselves”

Humanism

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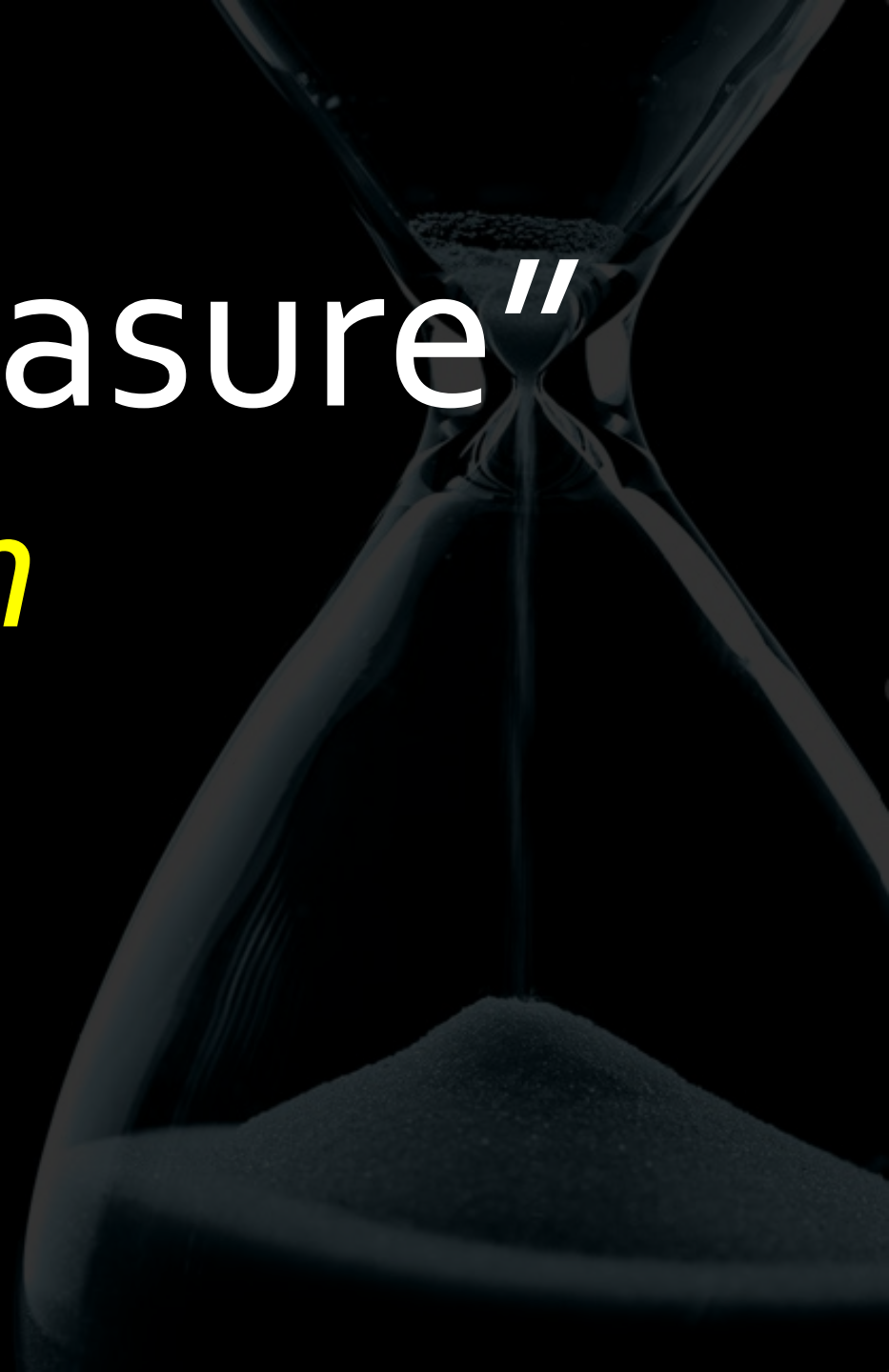
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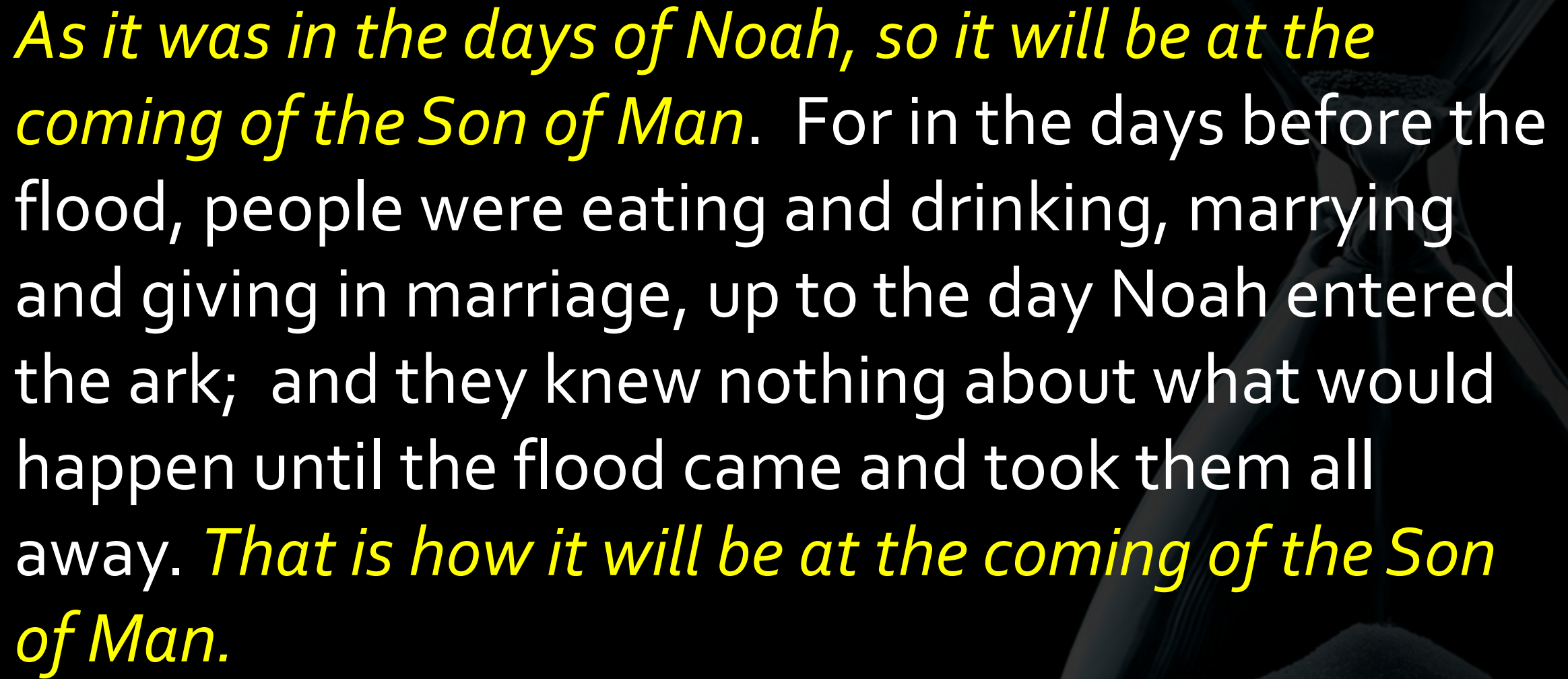
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“Lovers of Pleasure”

Hedonism



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As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. *That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.*

-Matt 24: 37-39

The Landscape for the End Times



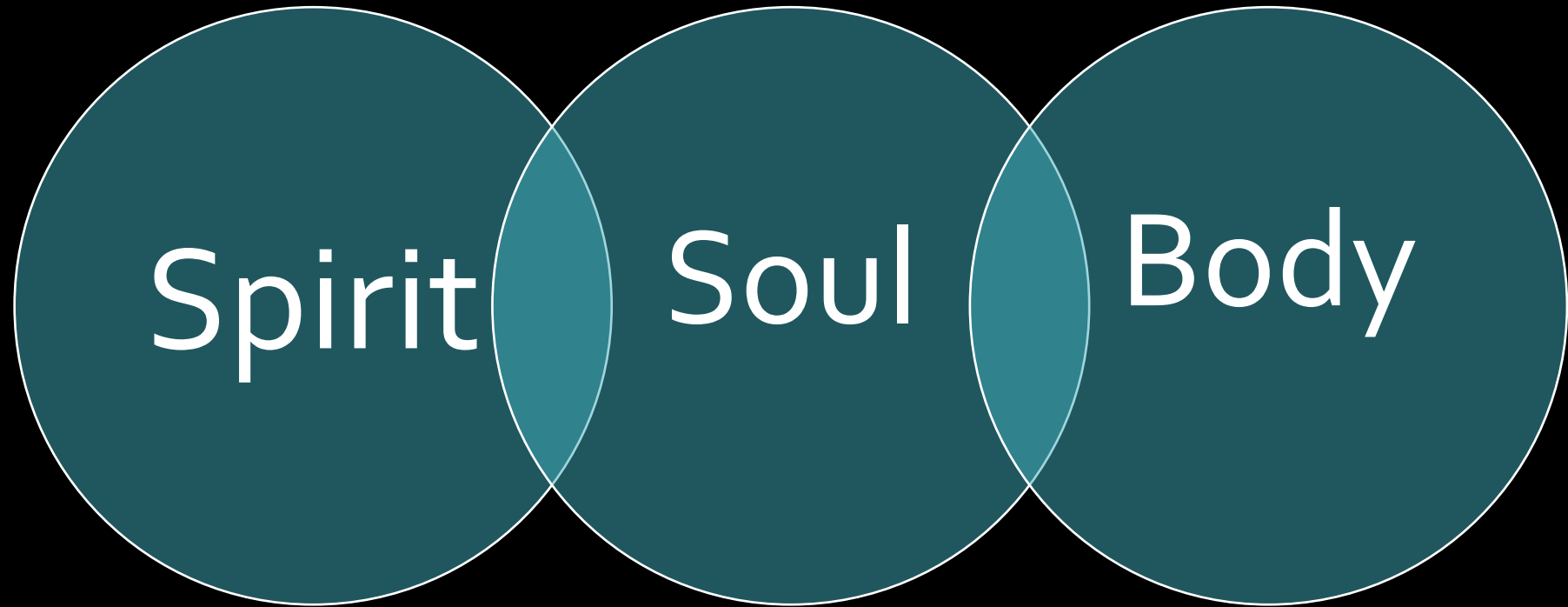
Starts at Creation

Then God said, "Let **Us**
make man in **Our** image

-Gen 1:26

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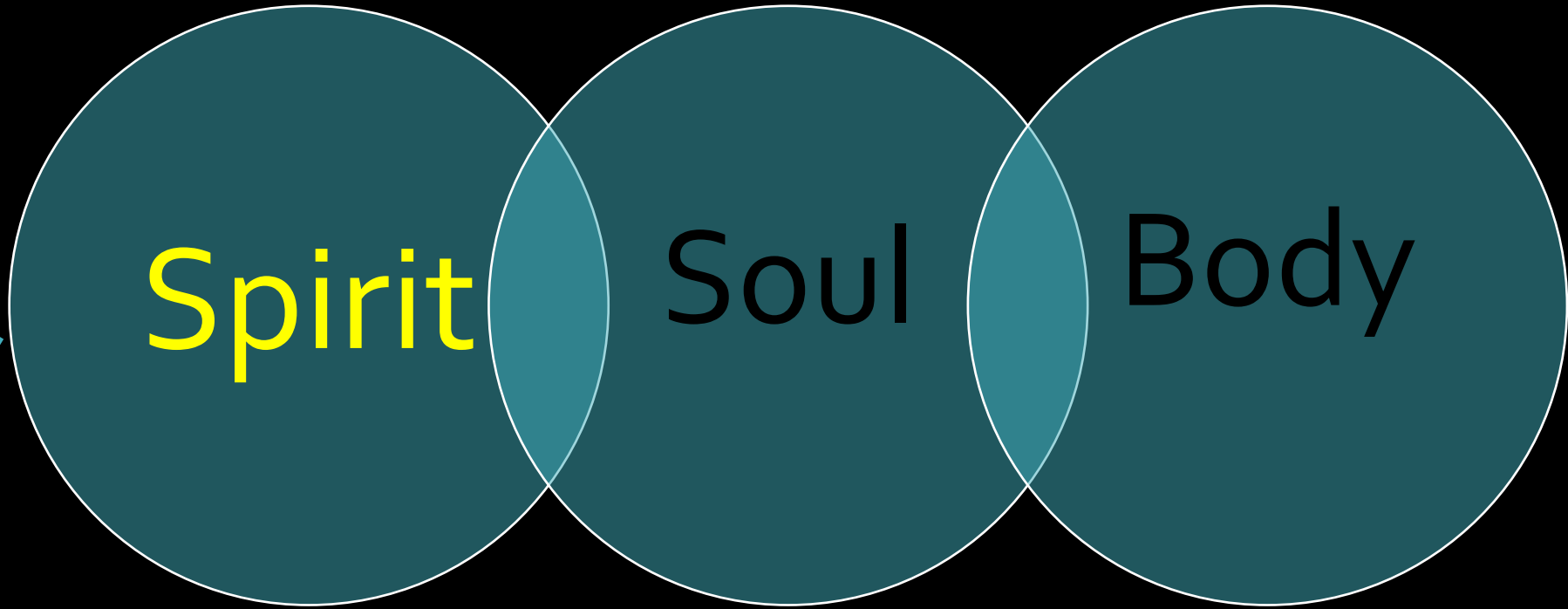
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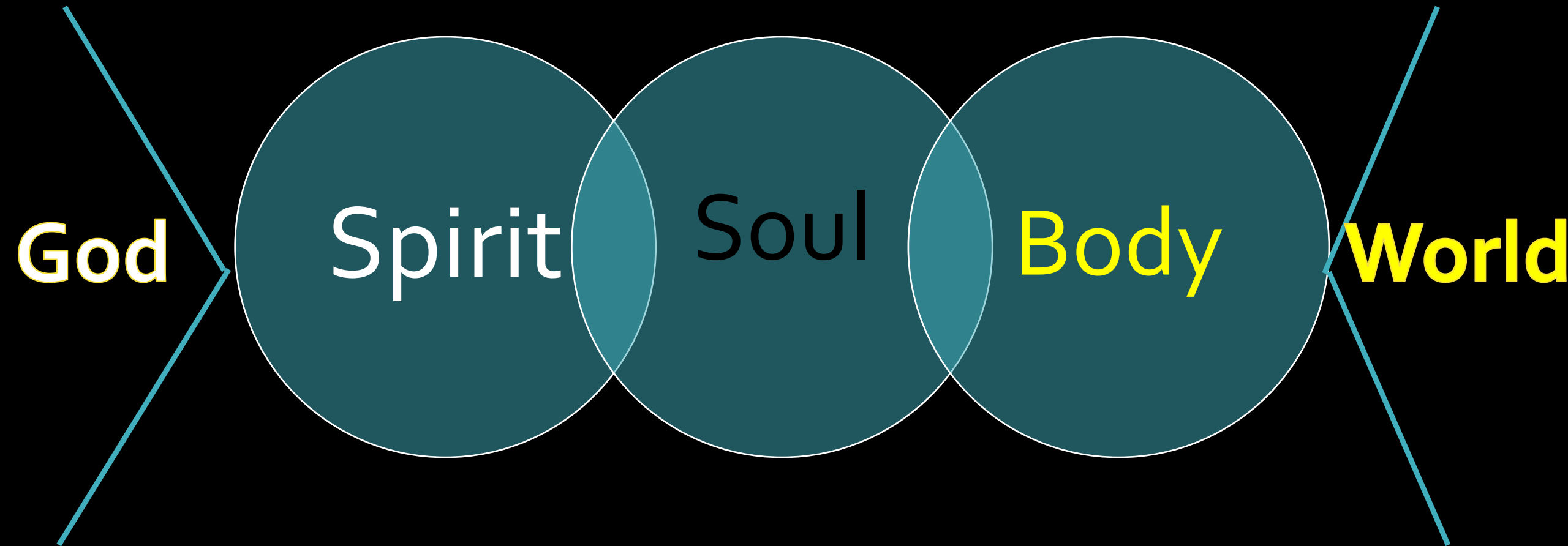
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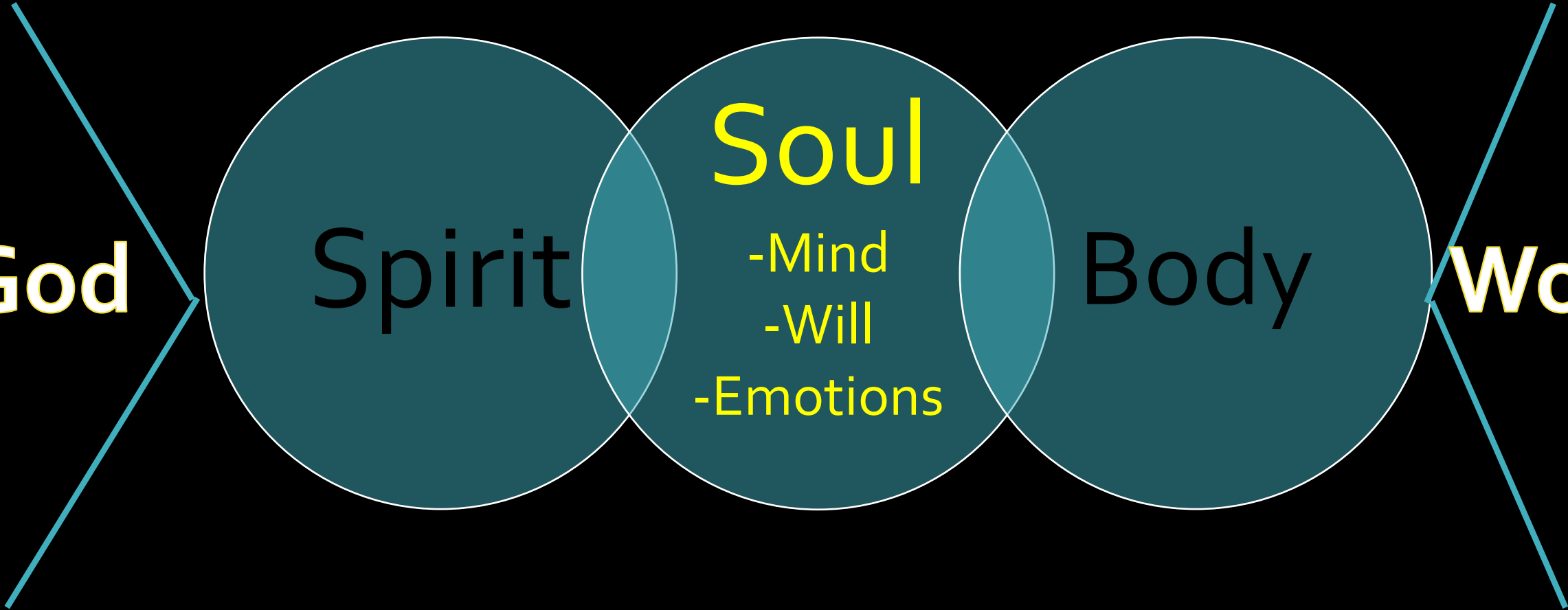
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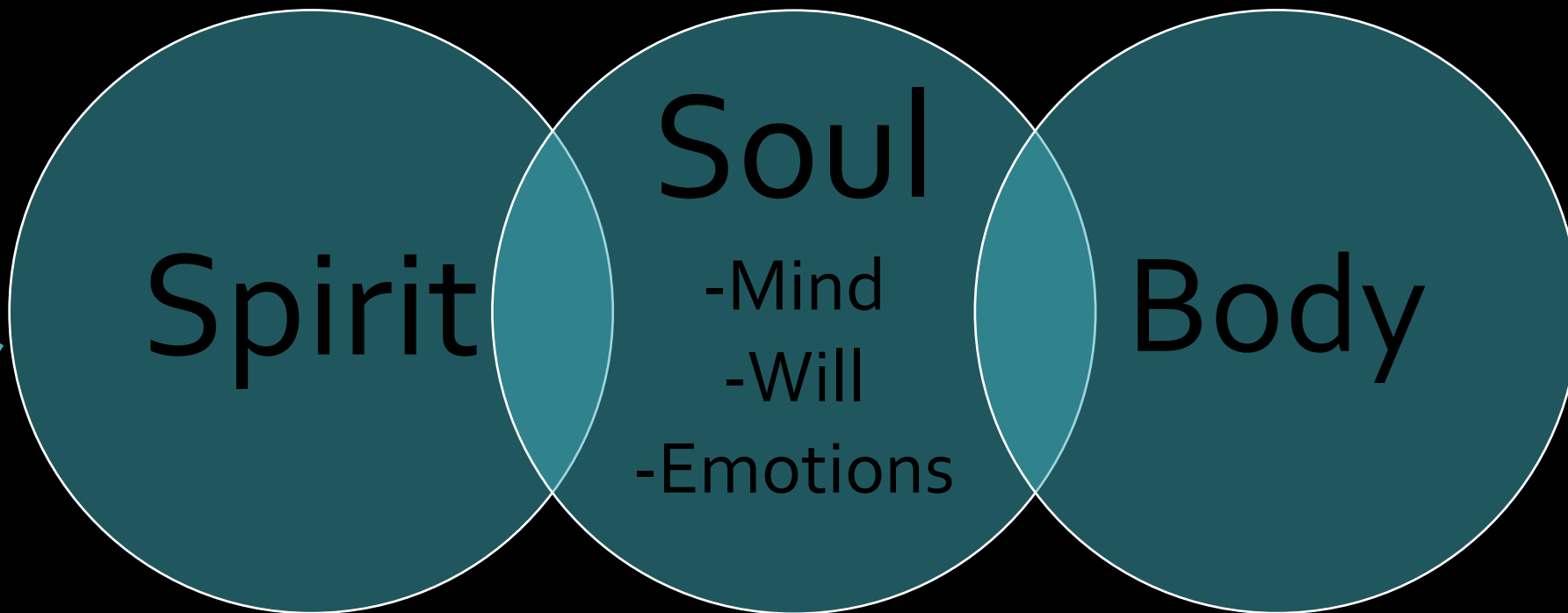
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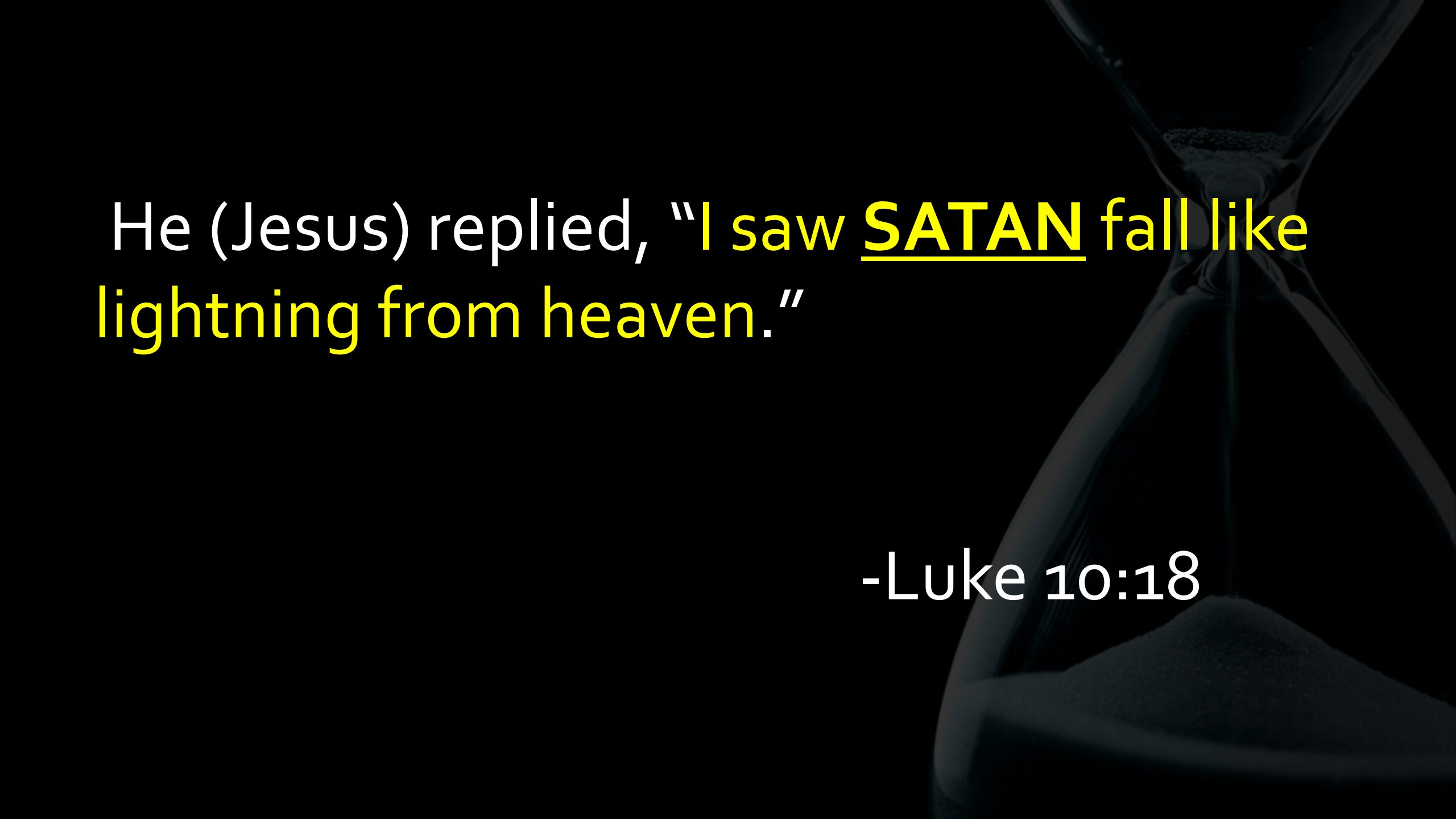
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The Enemy...



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He (Jesus) replied, “I saw SATAN fall like lightning from heaven.”

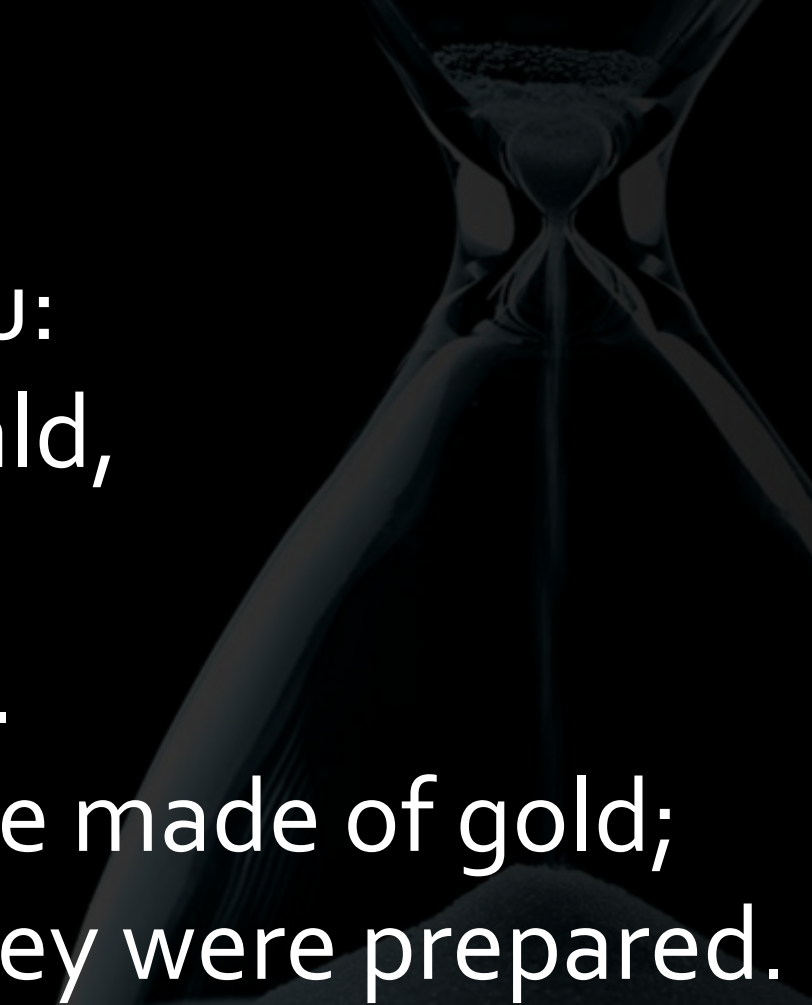
-Luke 10:18

Ezekiel 28:11-19

The word of the Lord came to me:

“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”

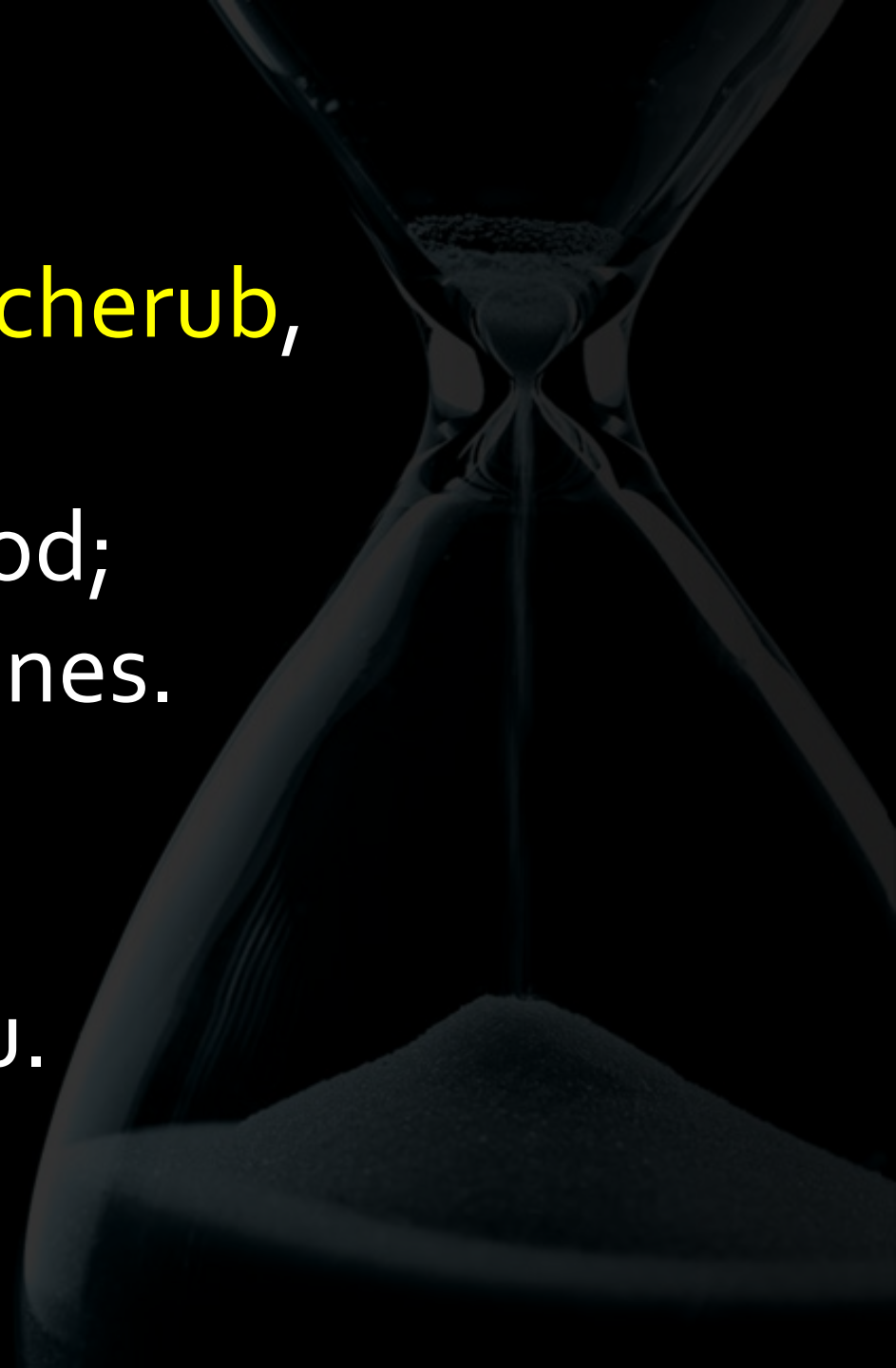


You were in Eden,
the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned you:
carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,
topaz, onyx and jasper,
lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.
Your settings and mountings were made of gold;
on the day you were created they were prepared.

You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.

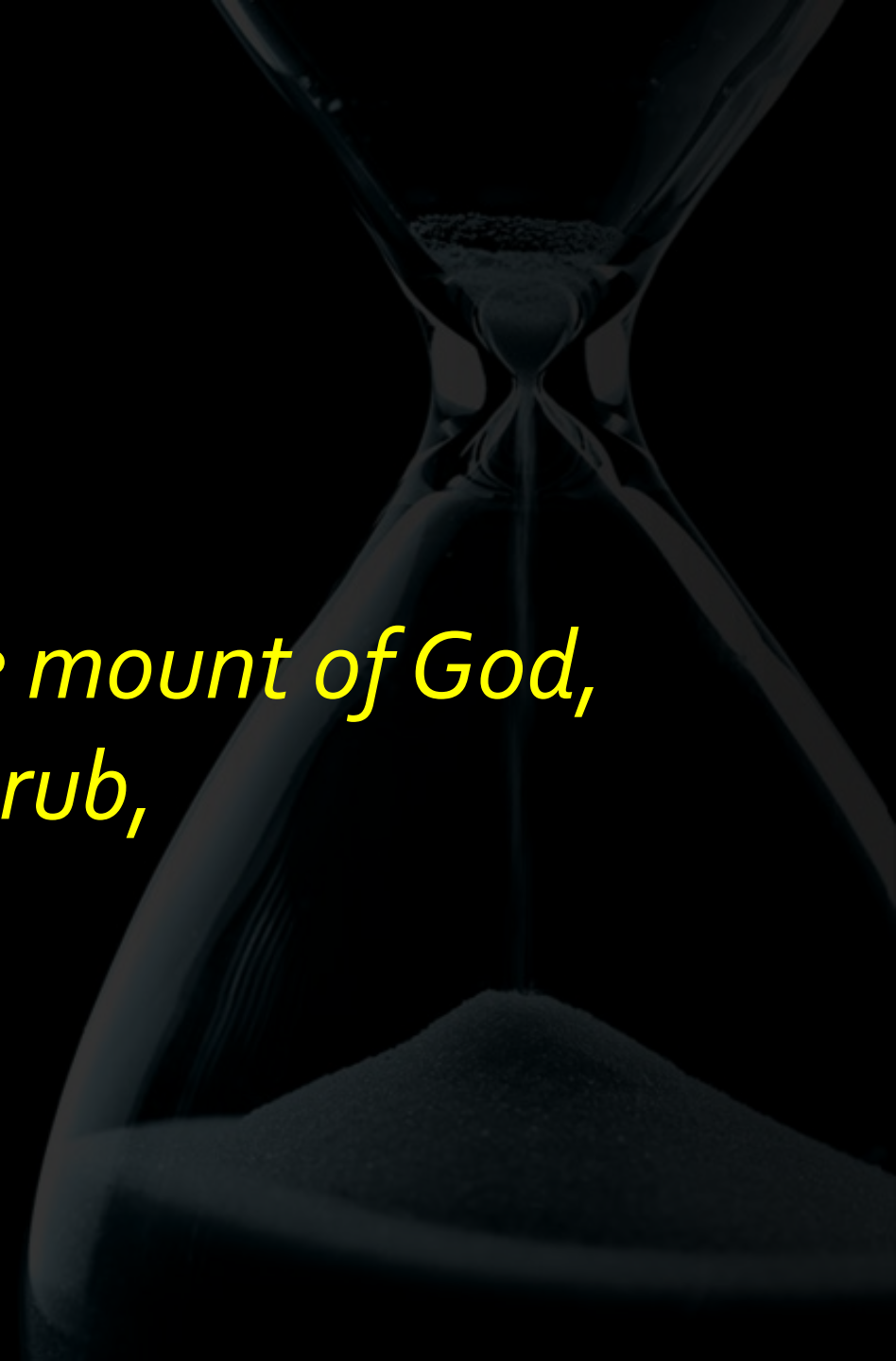
You were on the holy mount of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.

You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.



Through your widespread trade
you were filled with violence,
and **you sinned**.

*So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,
and I expelled you, guardian cherub,
from among the fiery stones.*



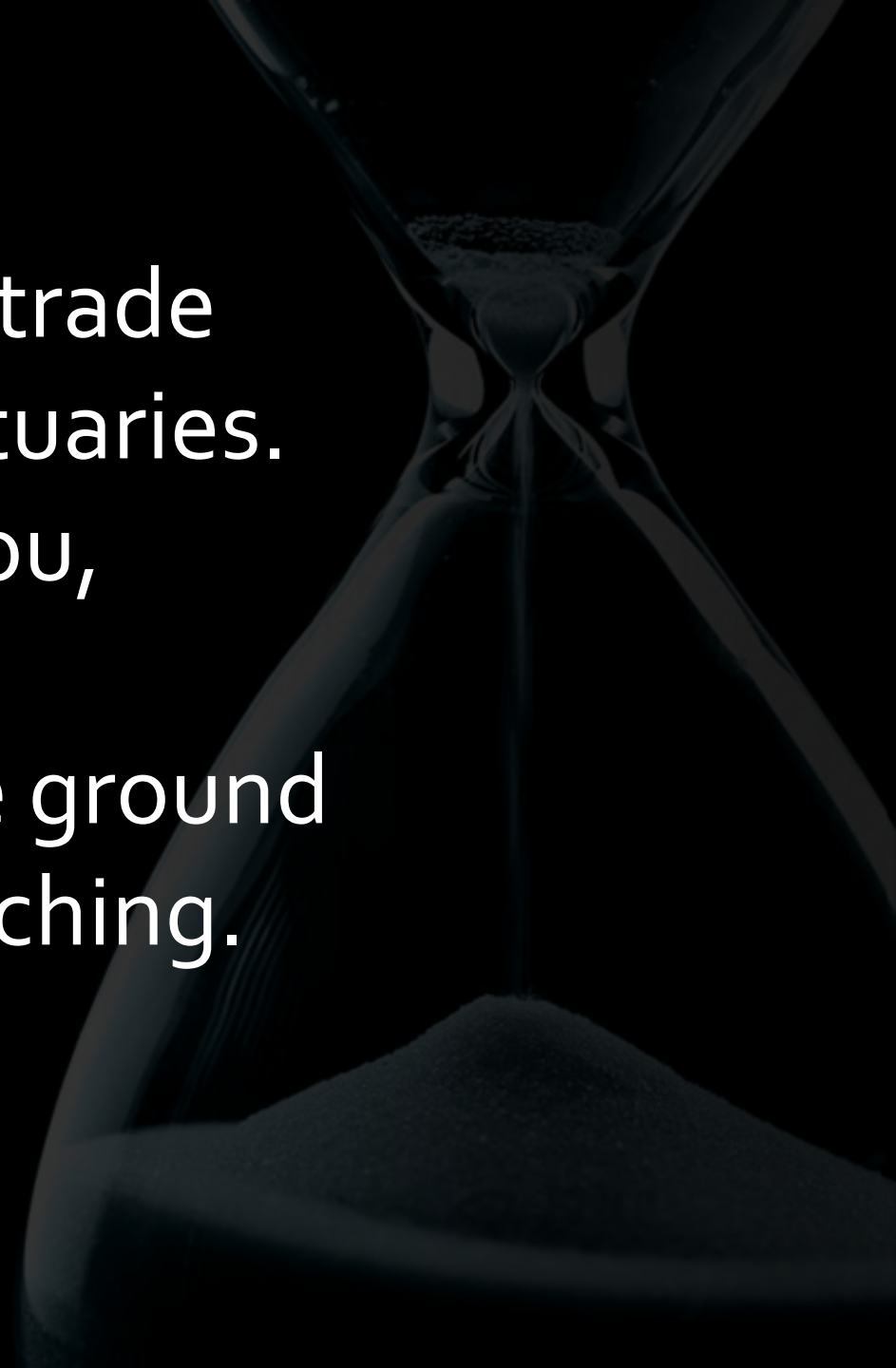
Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.

So I threw you to the earth;

I made a spectacle of you before kings.

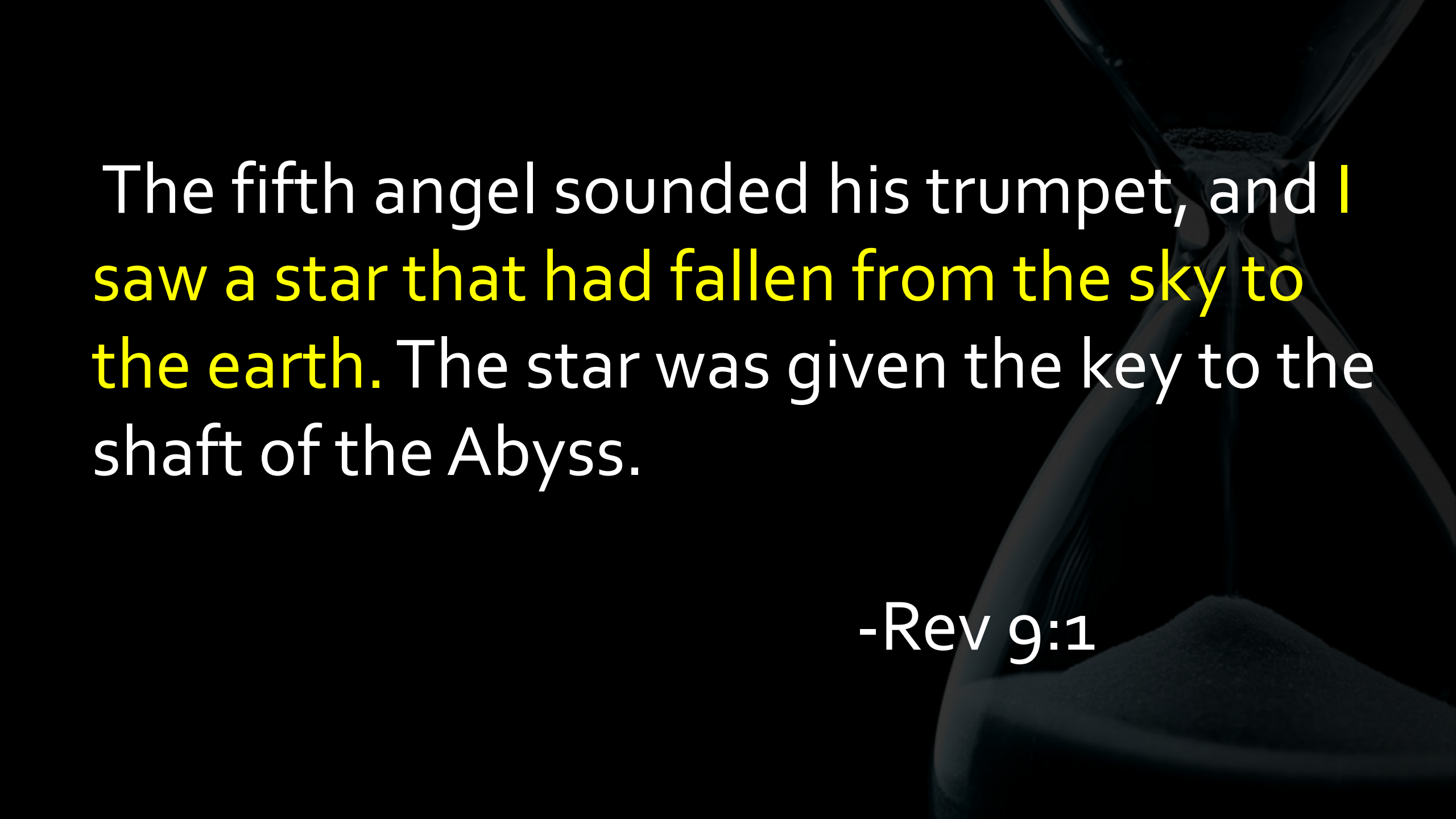


By your many sins and dishonest trade
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.
So I made a fire come out from you,
and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.



All the nations who knew you
are appalled at you;
you have come to a horrible end
and will be no more.'"



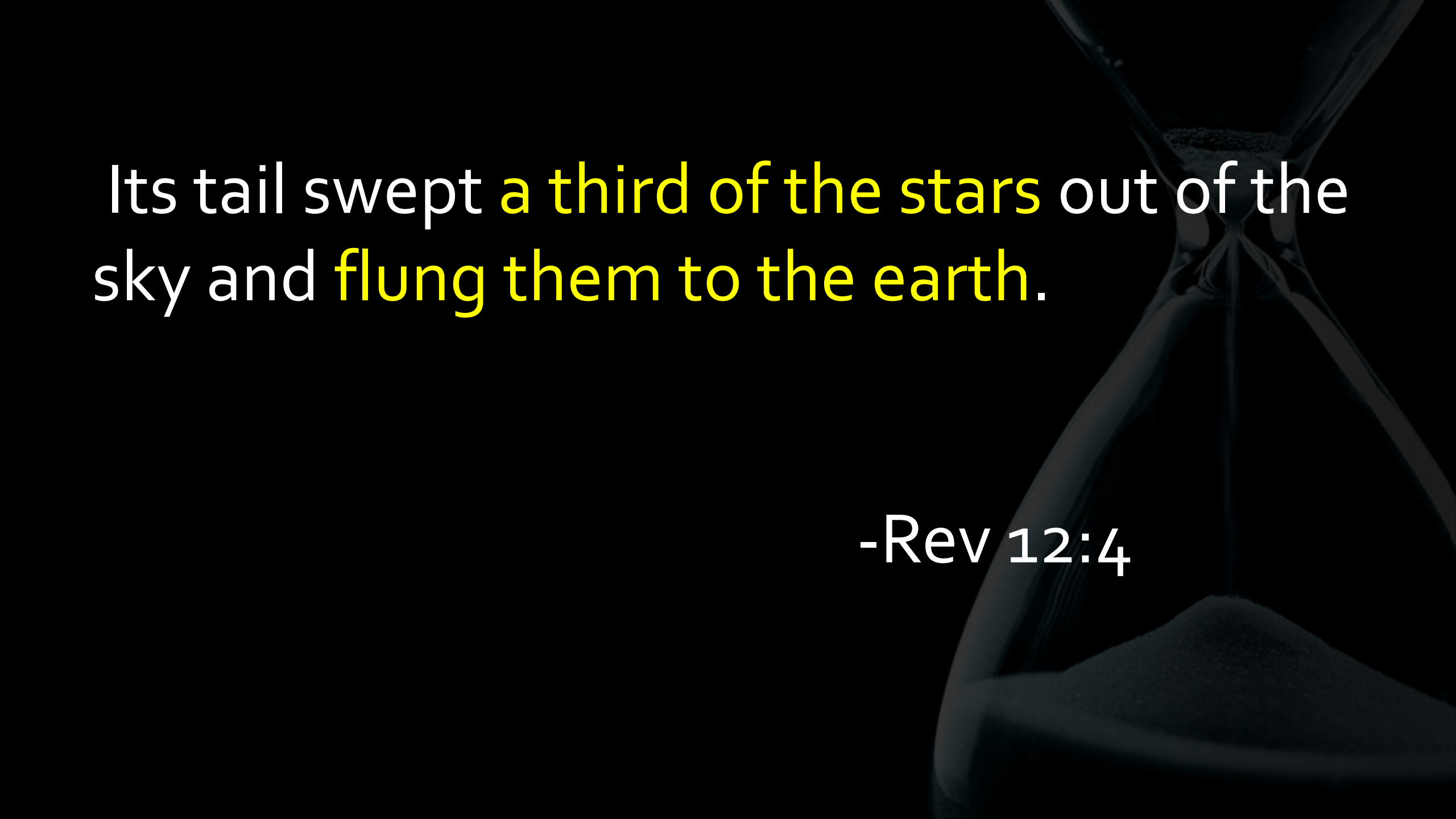
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The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

-Rev 9:1

Other FALLEN Angels...

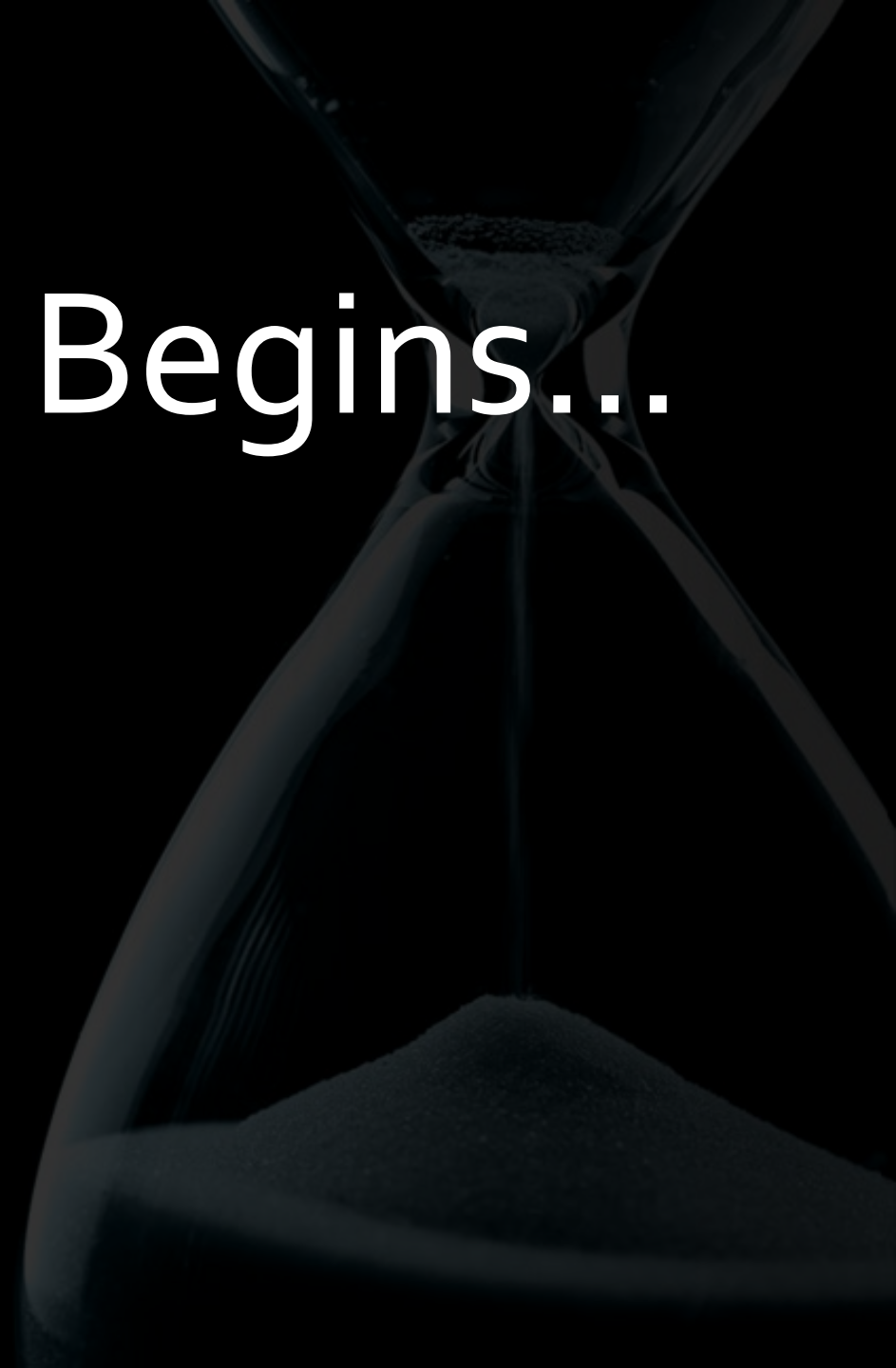


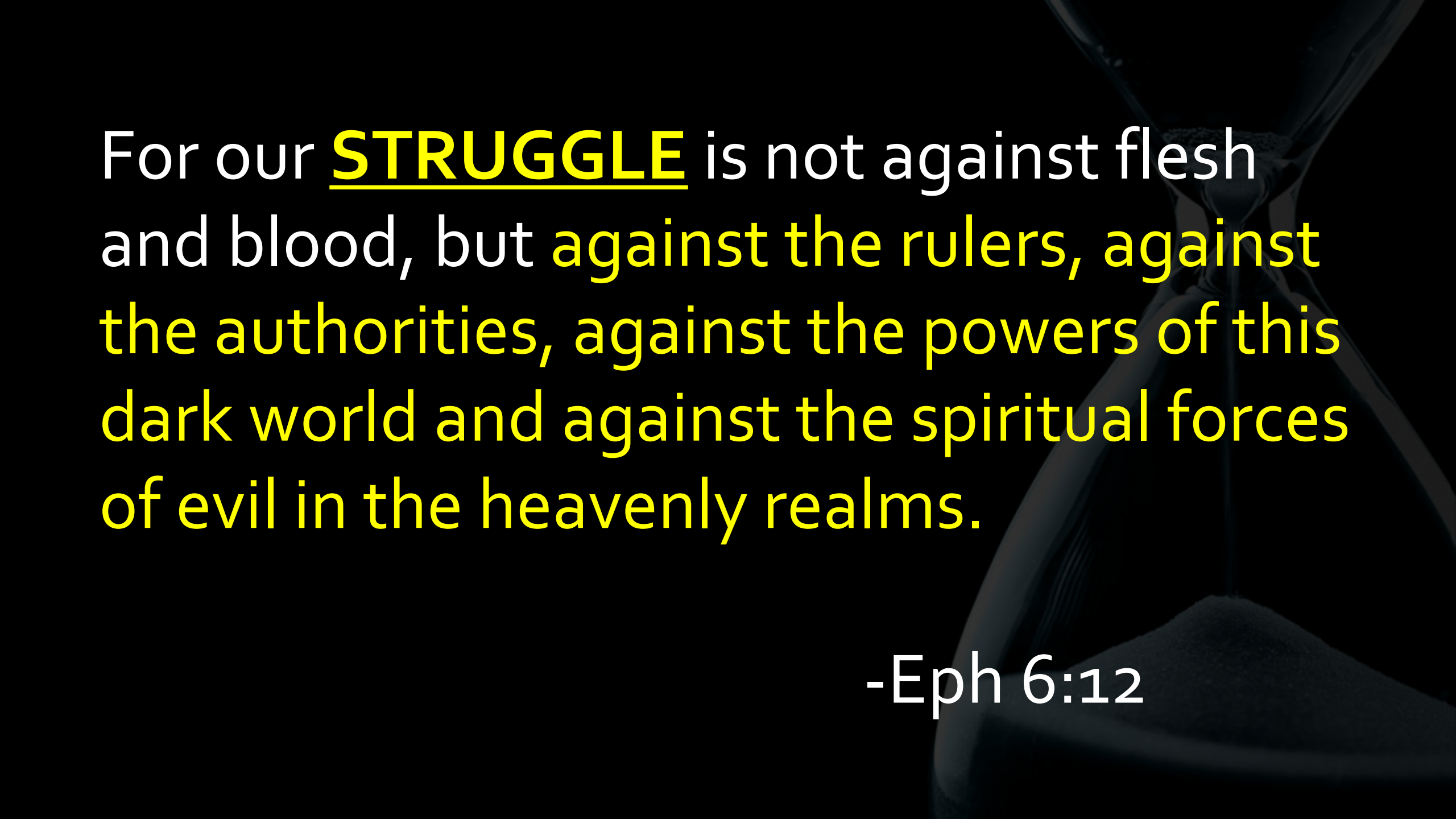
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Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.

-Rev 12:4

And so, the Battle Begins...



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For our **STRUGGLE** is not against flesh and blood, but **against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

-Eph 6:12

“The prince of **this WORLD**”

- John 14:30

“Prince of the Power of **the AIR**”

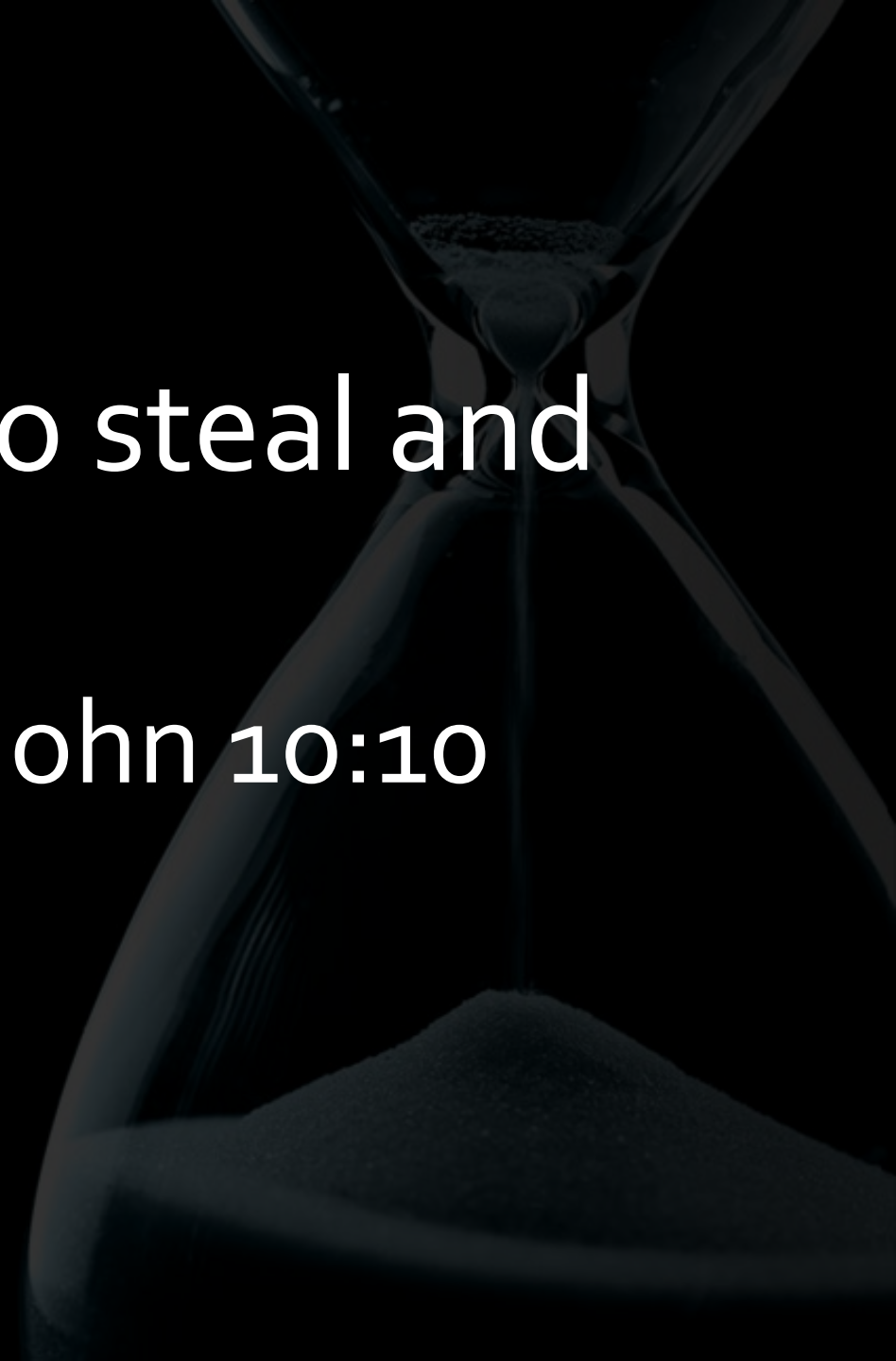
- Ephesians 2:2

“The god of **this WORLD**”

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

The THIEF comes only to steal and
kill and destroy

-John 10:10



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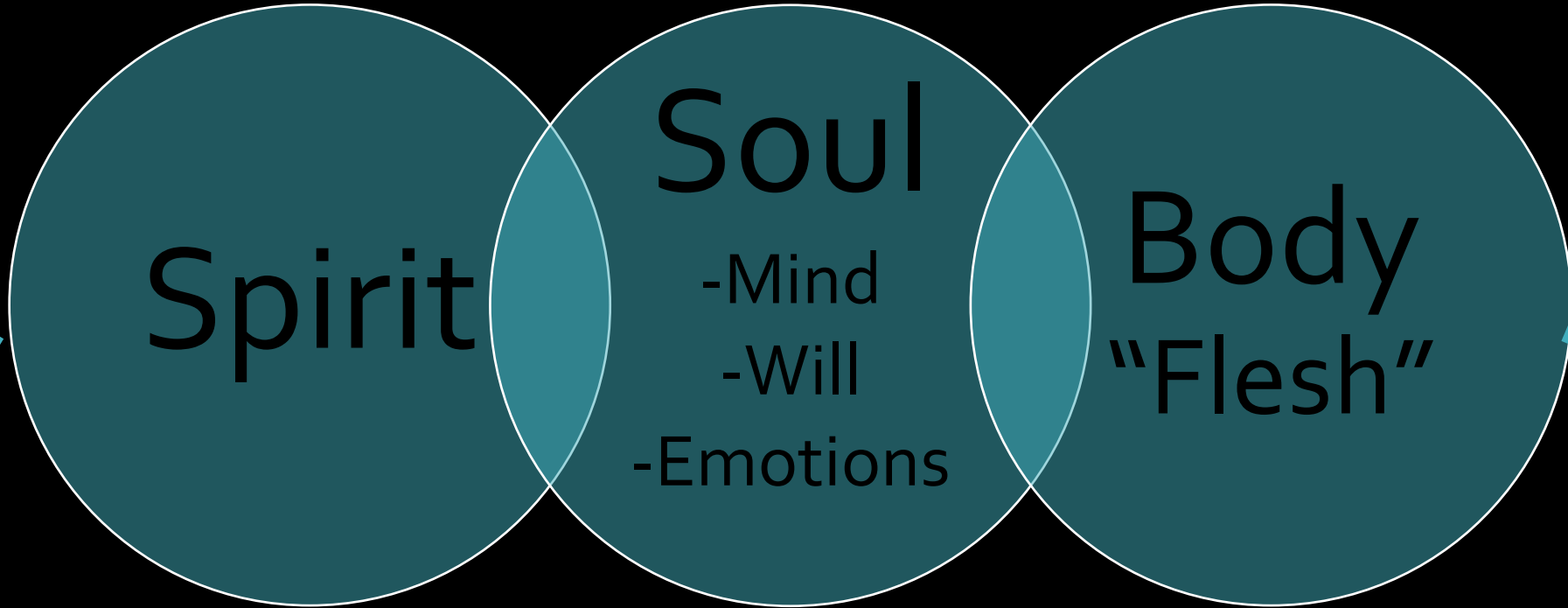
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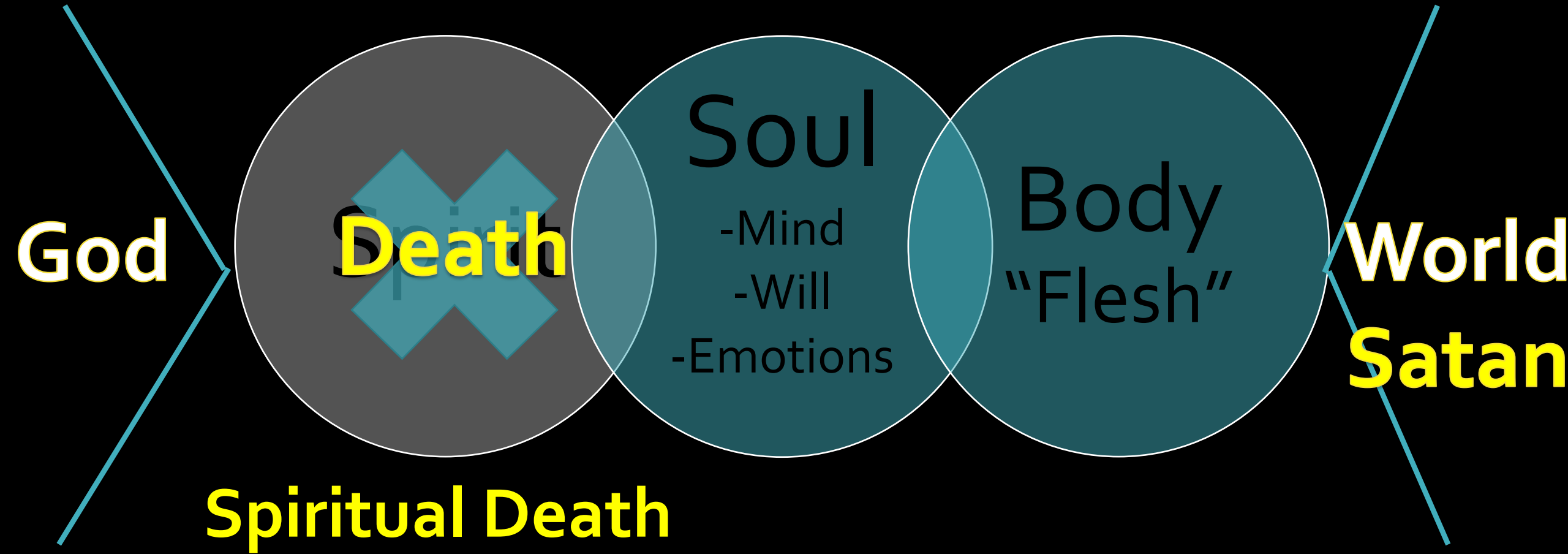
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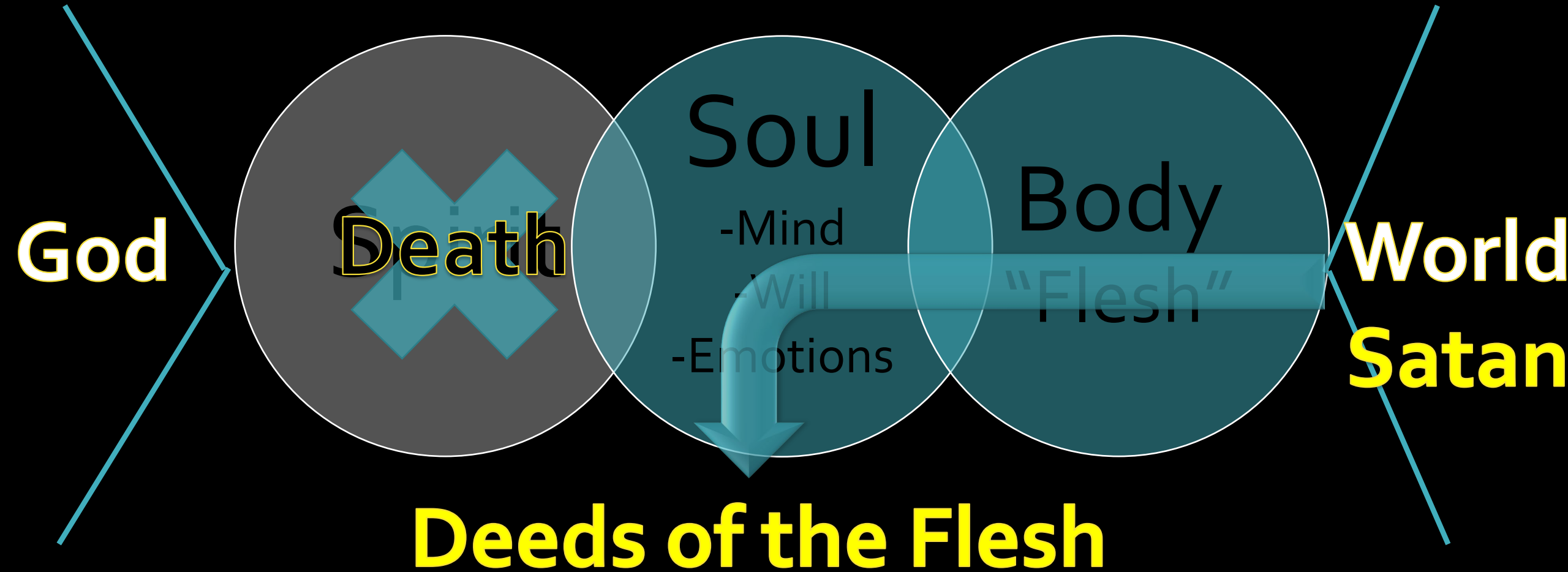




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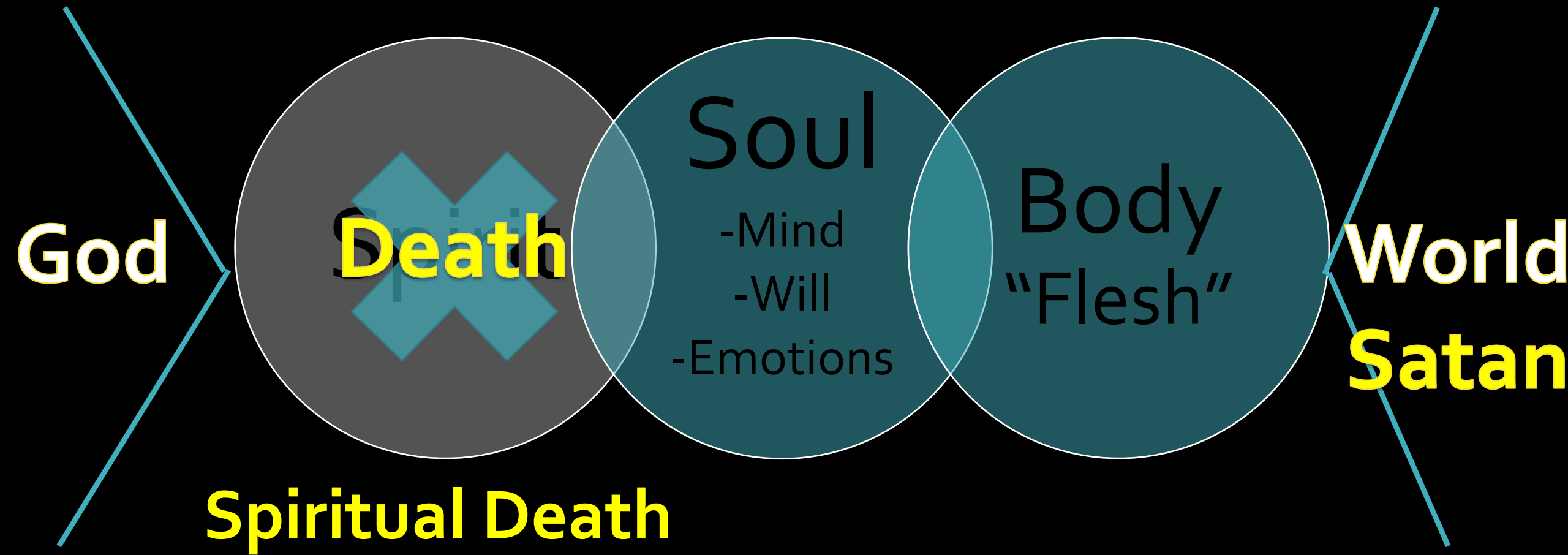


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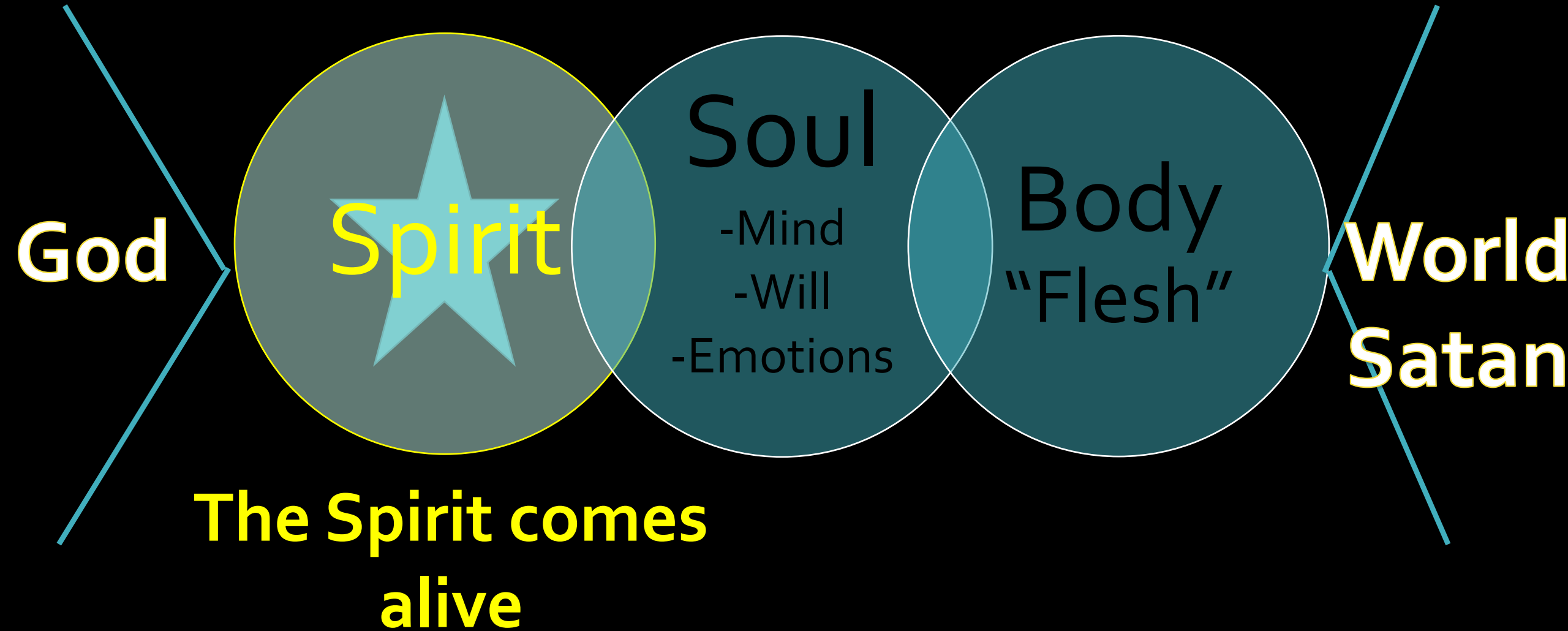


Now the DEEDS OF THE FLESH are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

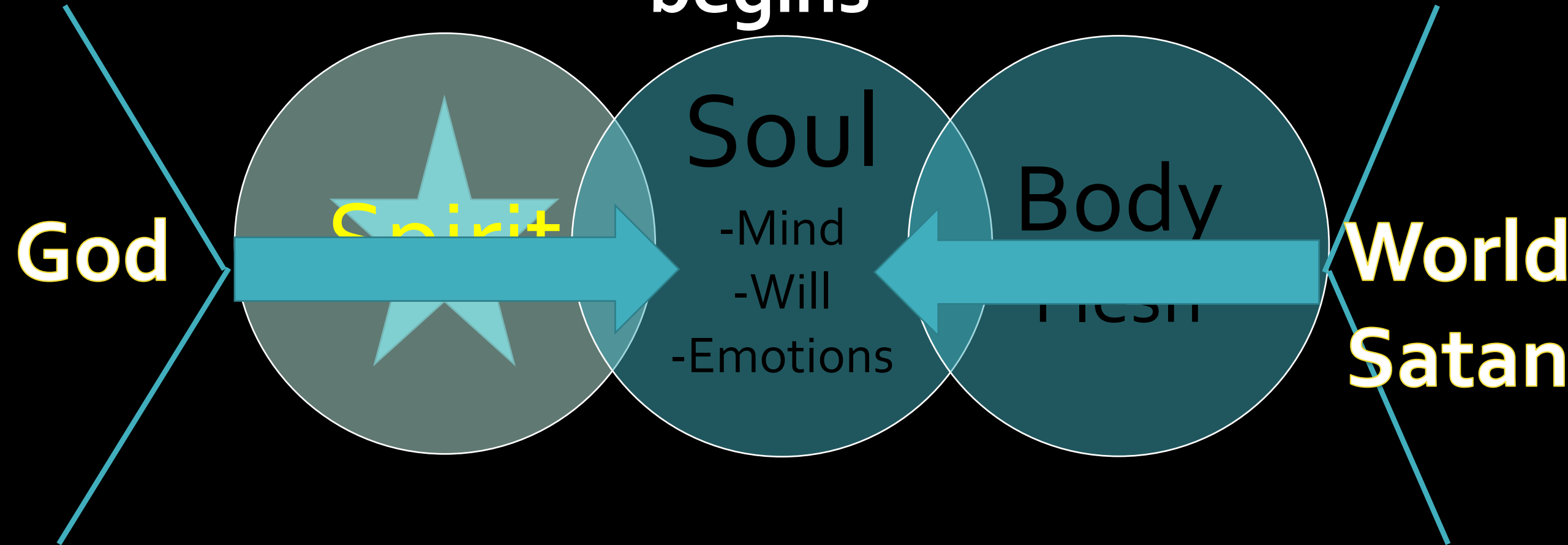
Galatians 5:19-21

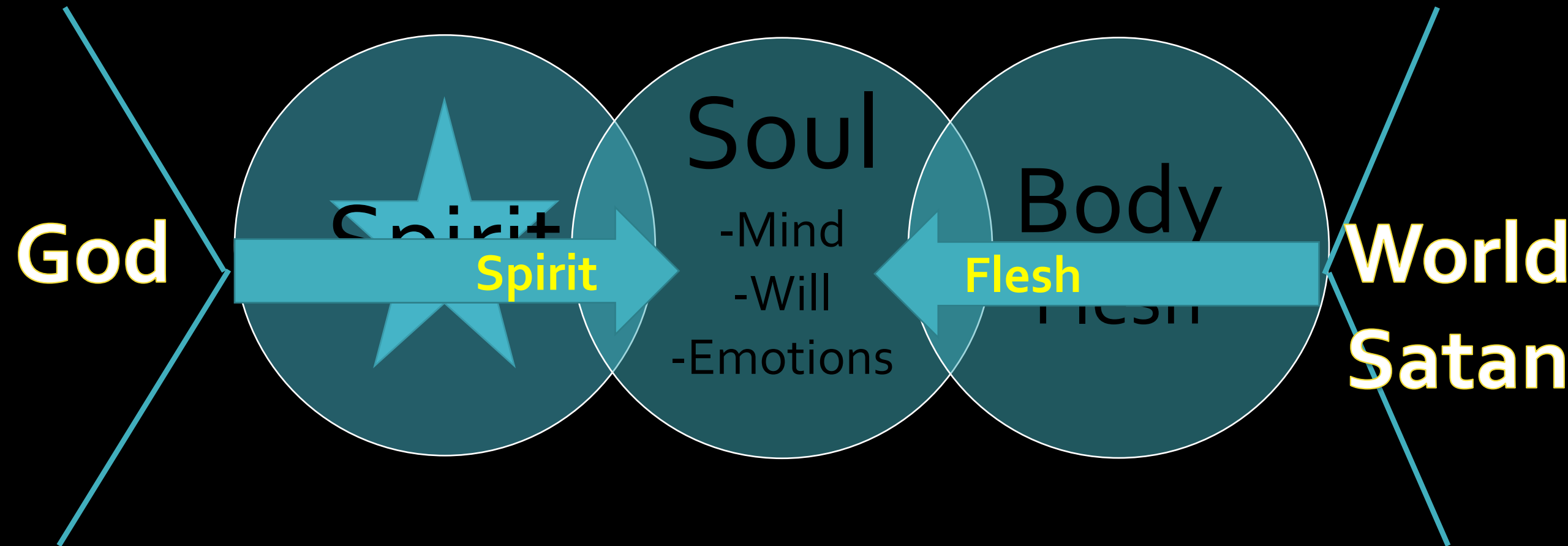


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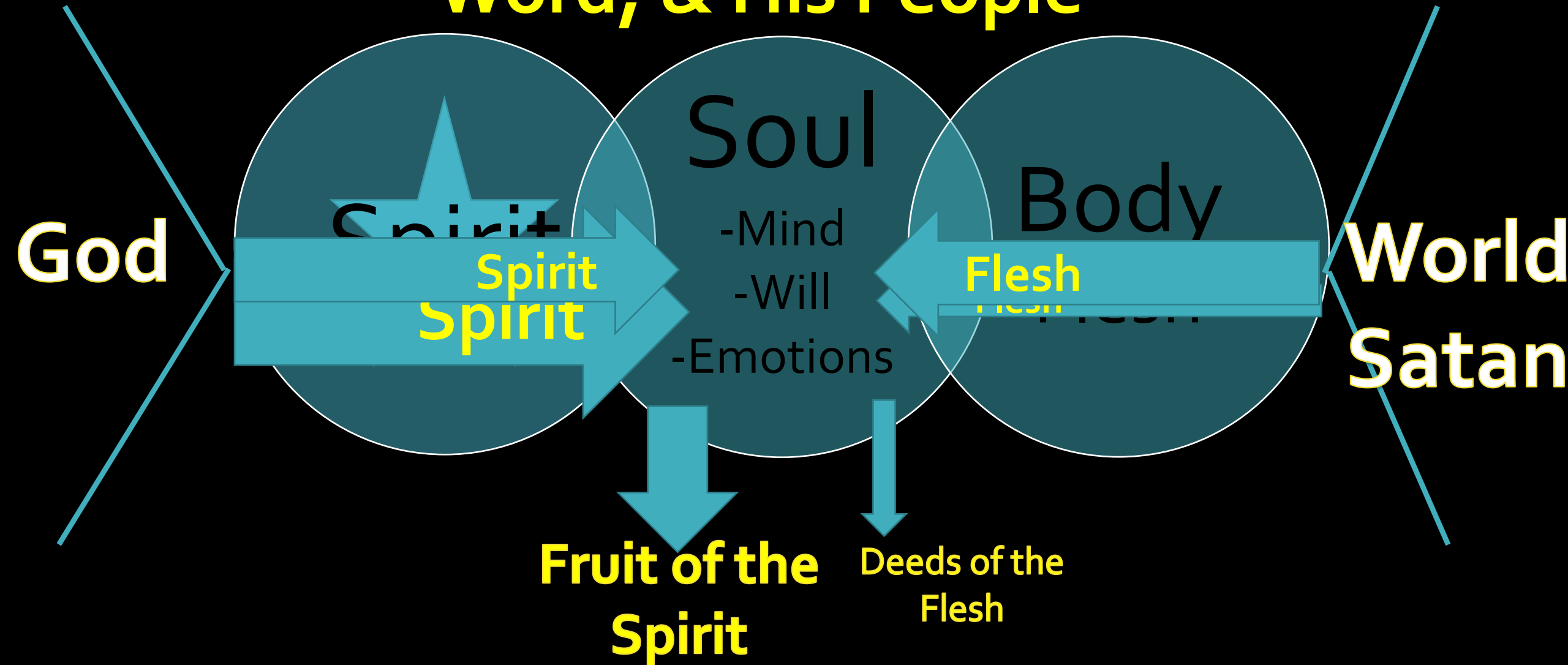


The conflict inside Christians begins





Time with the Lord, His Word, & His People

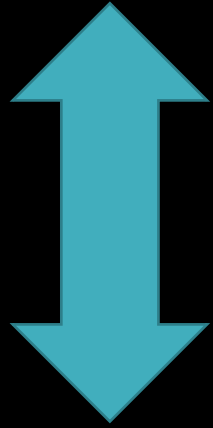
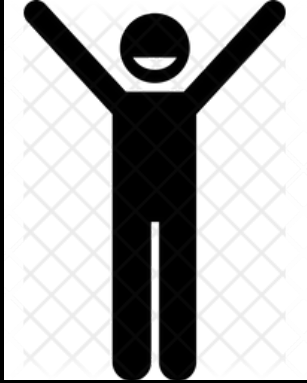


Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but *those who live in accordance with the SPIRIT* have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6

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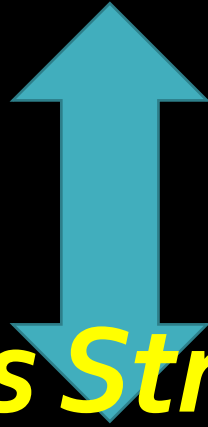
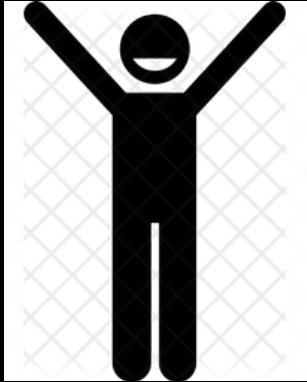
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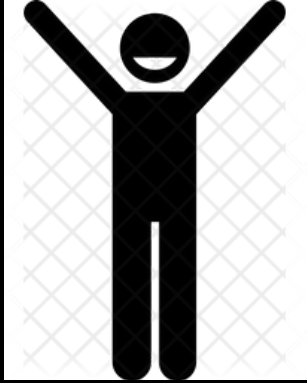
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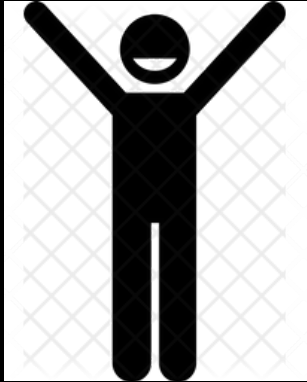
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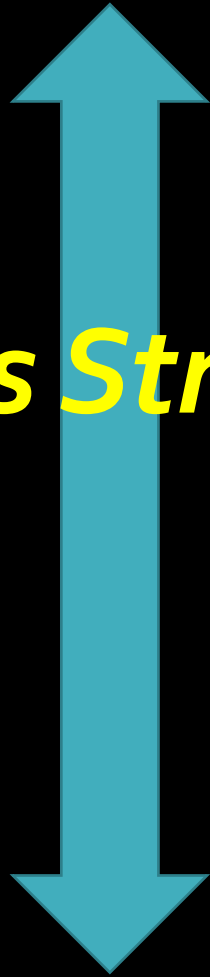
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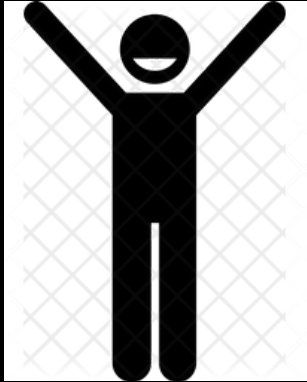
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*Satan's Strategy...
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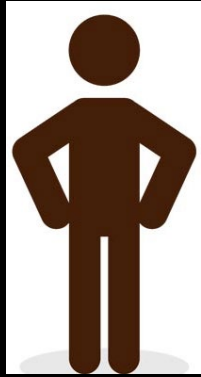
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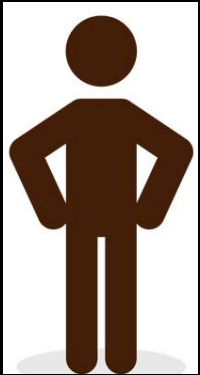
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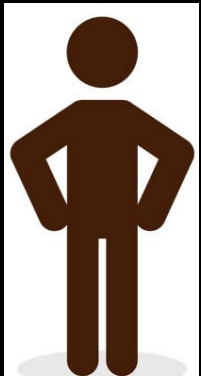


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*The Result of Satan's
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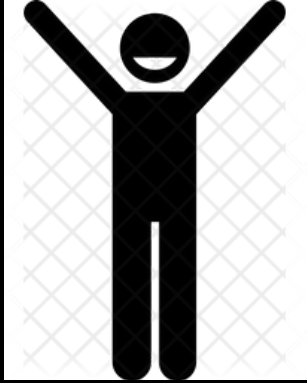
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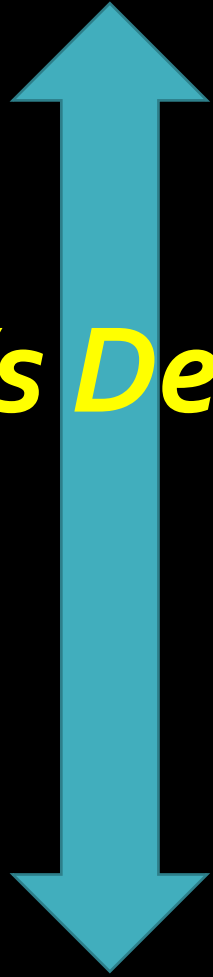
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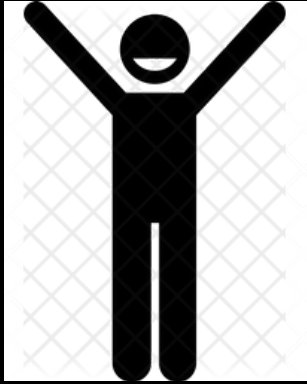
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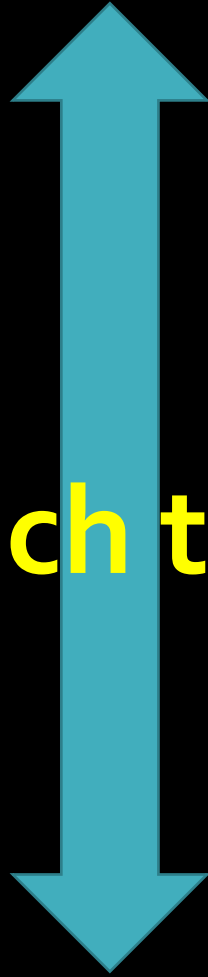


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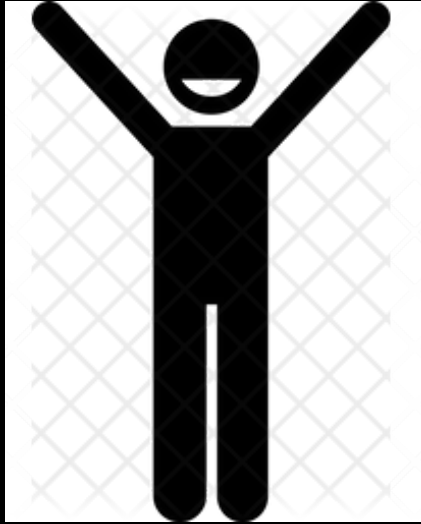
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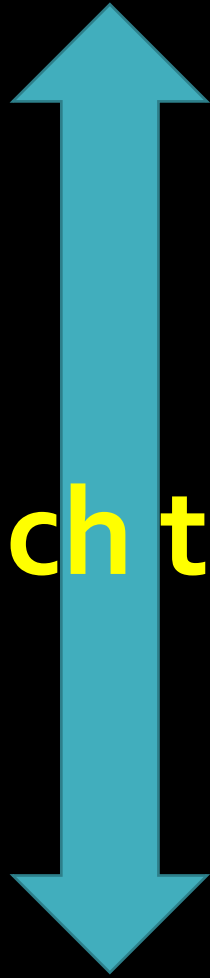
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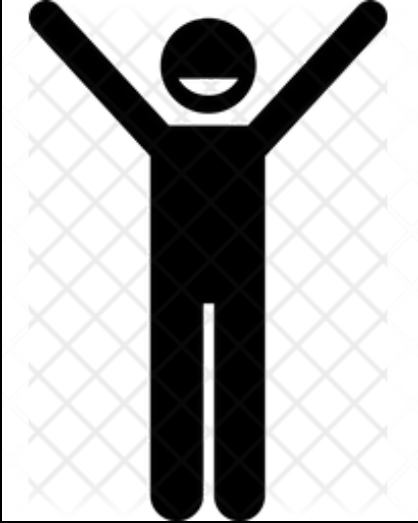
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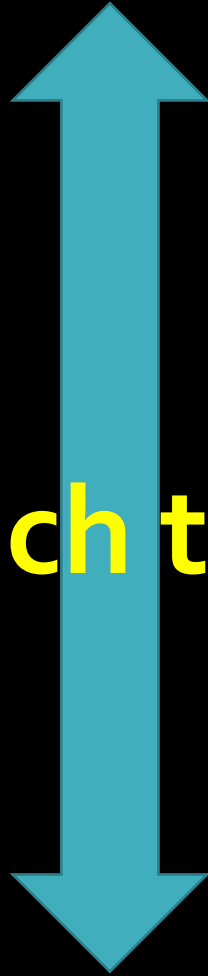


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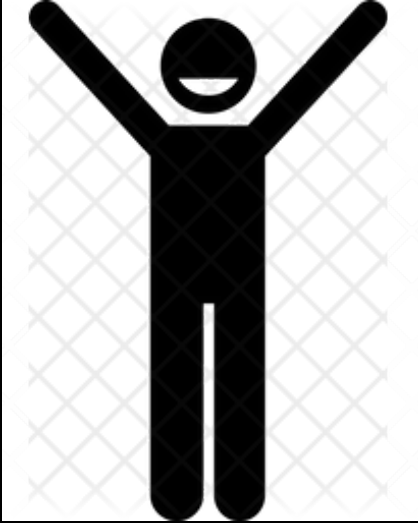
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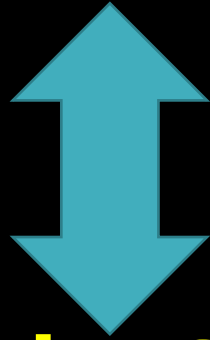
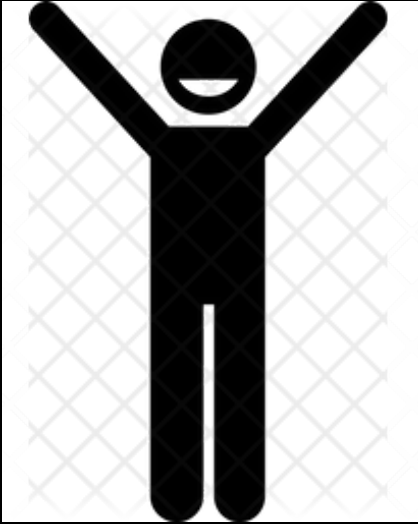
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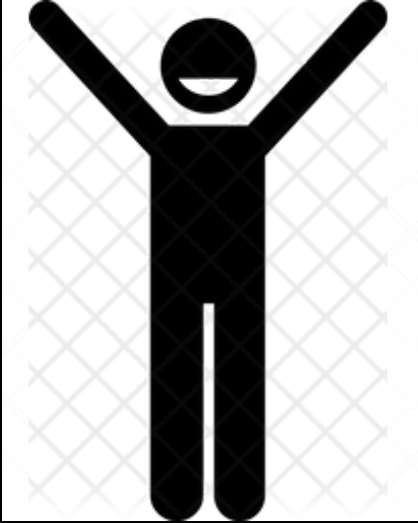
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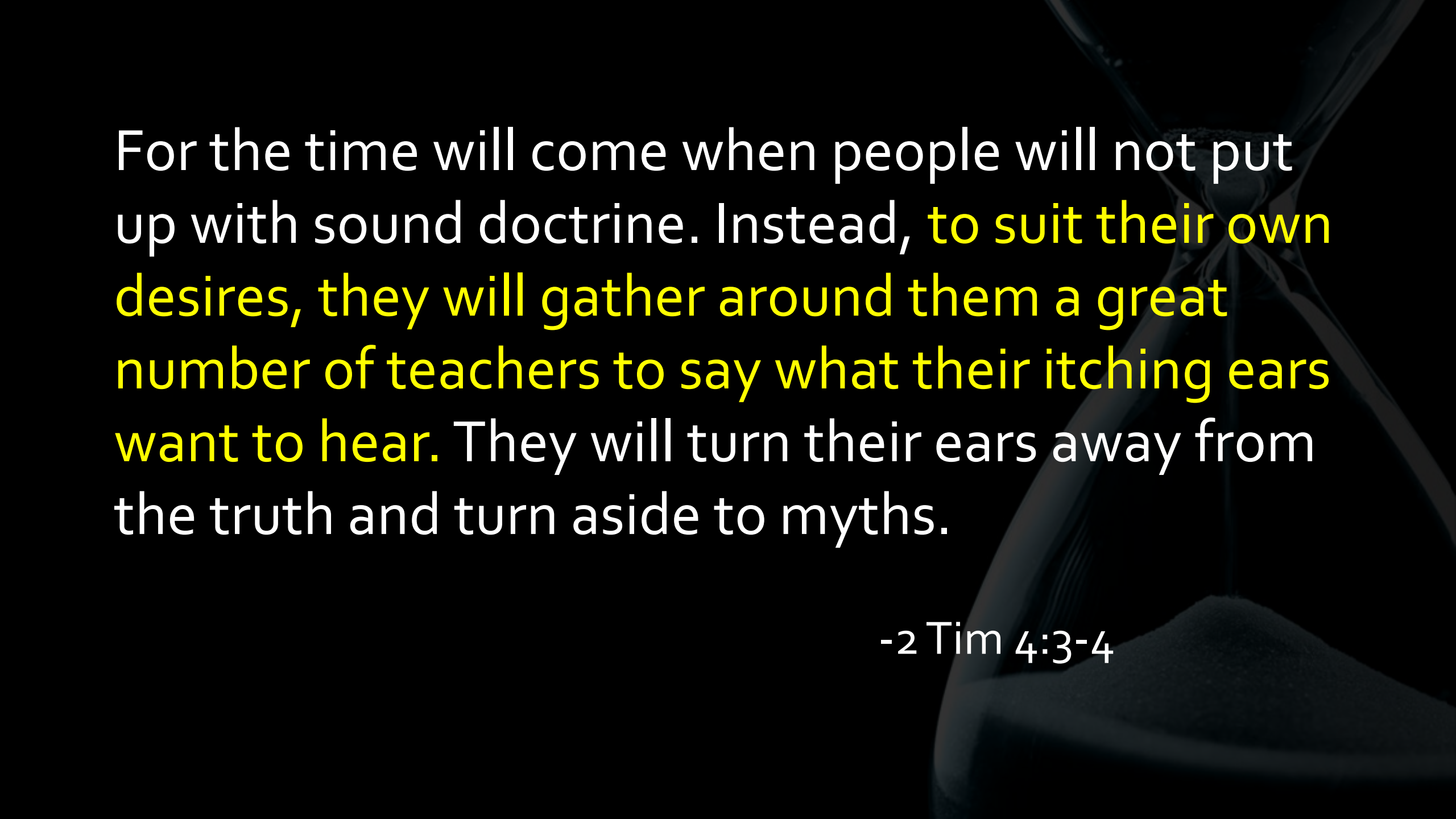


1. Increase of Hardened Sinners



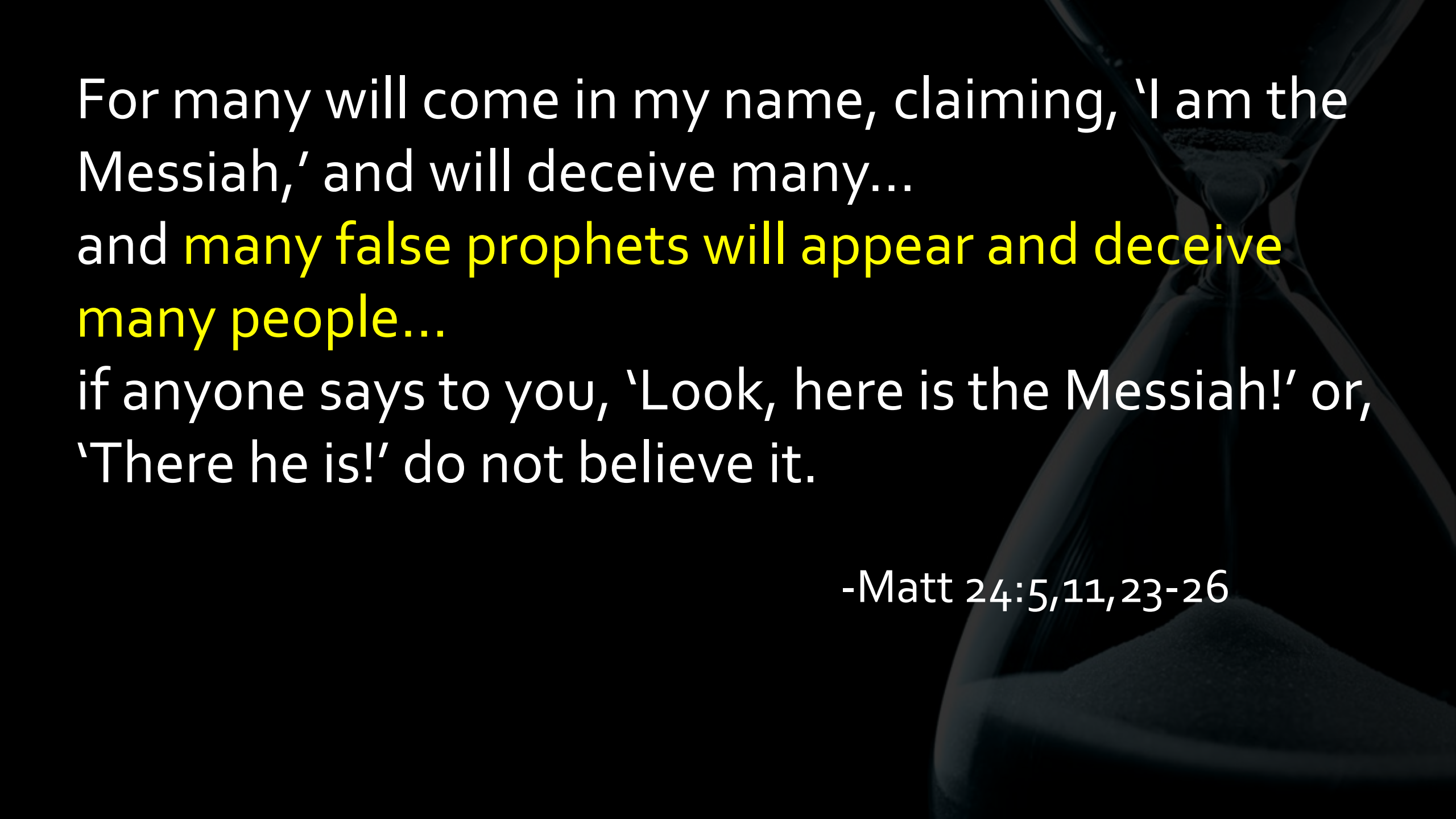
2. False Messiahs, False Prophets, False Teachers



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For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, **to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

-2 Tim 4:3-4

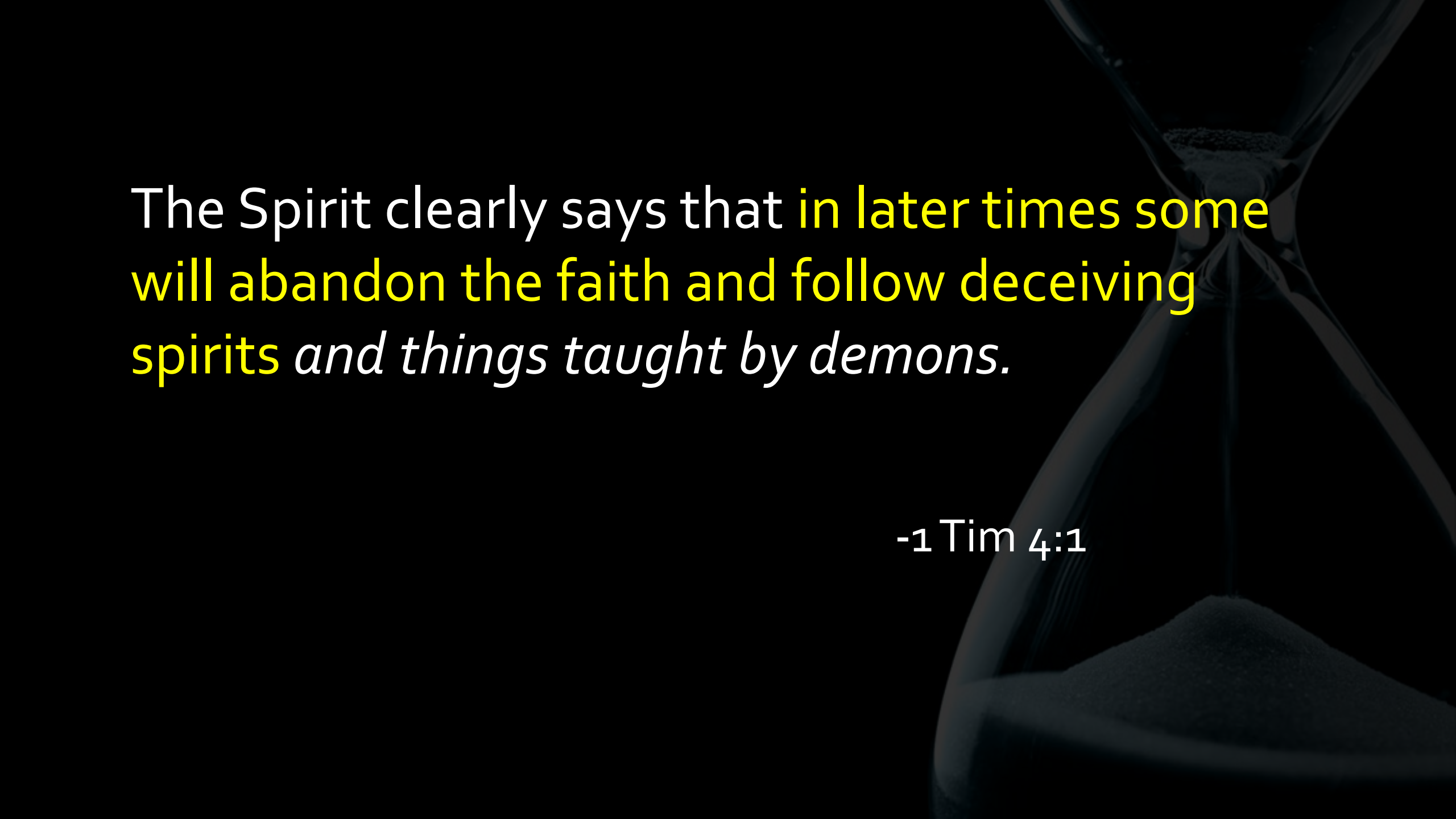
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For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many...

and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people...

if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

-Matt 24:5,11,23-26

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The Spirit clearly says that **in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits** *and things taught by demons.*

-1 Tim 4:1





The Mormon Tabernacle Choir

A wide-angle photograph of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, during a performance by The Tabernacle Choir. The choir is seated in the large, tiered wooden sanctuary, filling the lower two-thirds of the frame. They are dressed in formal attire, with many wearing purple robes. The background is dominated by the massive, ornate organ, featuring hundreds of tall, slender, golden pipes that rise vertically, creating a forest-like appearance. The organ is set against a dark, curved wall. The sky visible through the top of the sanctuary is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and solemnity.

The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square



Mans



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

The missionary effort is based on the New Testament pattern of missionaries serving in pairs, teaching the gospel and baptizing believers in the name of Jesus Christ (see, for example, the work of Peter and John in the book of Acts)

67,000 Full-time

Missionaries

31,000 Service

Missionaries

Southern Baptist: 3,600 In US
3,300 International







The Angel Moroni

Dome of the Rock





**Muhammed was taken
up into Heaven for an
encounter with God**





Muhammed was said to have been visited by Gabriel to begin the revelation that led to the Quran



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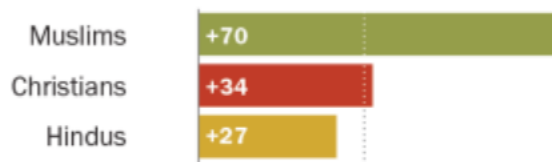
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BY MICHAEL LIPKA AND CONRAD HACKETT

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Estimated percent change in population size, 2015-2060



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The main reasons for Islam's growth ultimately involve simple demographics. To begin with, Muslims have more children than members of the seven other major religious groups analyzed in the study. Muslim women have an average of 2.9 children, significantly above the next-highest group (Christians at 2.6) and the average of all non-Muslims (2.2). In all major regions where there is a sizable Muslim population, Muslim fertility exceeds non-Muslim fertility.

The growth of the Muslim population also is helped by the fact that Muslims have the youngest median age (24 in 2015) of all major religious groups, more than seven years younger than the median age of non-Muslims (32).



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Abraham and Isaac

Ishmael



The angel of the Lord also said to her:

“You are now pregnant
and you will give birth to a son.
You shall name him Ishmael,
for the Lord has heard of your misery.
He will be a wild donkey of a man;
*his hand will be against everyone
and everyone’s hand against him,
and he will live in hostility
toward all his brothers.”*

-Gen 16:11-12

