

**“A Royal Visit”**  
**Exodus 3:1-15**



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## **Exodus 1:5-8**

**All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already). And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.**



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## Exodus 3:1-2

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to **Horeb, the mountain of God**. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush.

## Exodus 3:2-3

So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, “**I will now turn aside and see** this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

## Exodus 3:4-5

So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, **“Moses, Moses!”**

And he said, “Here I am.”

Then He said, **“Do not draw near this place.**

**Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”**

## Genesis 50:24-25

And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but **God will surely visit you**, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, **“God will surely visit you**, and you shall carry up my bones from here.”

## Genesis 15:13-16

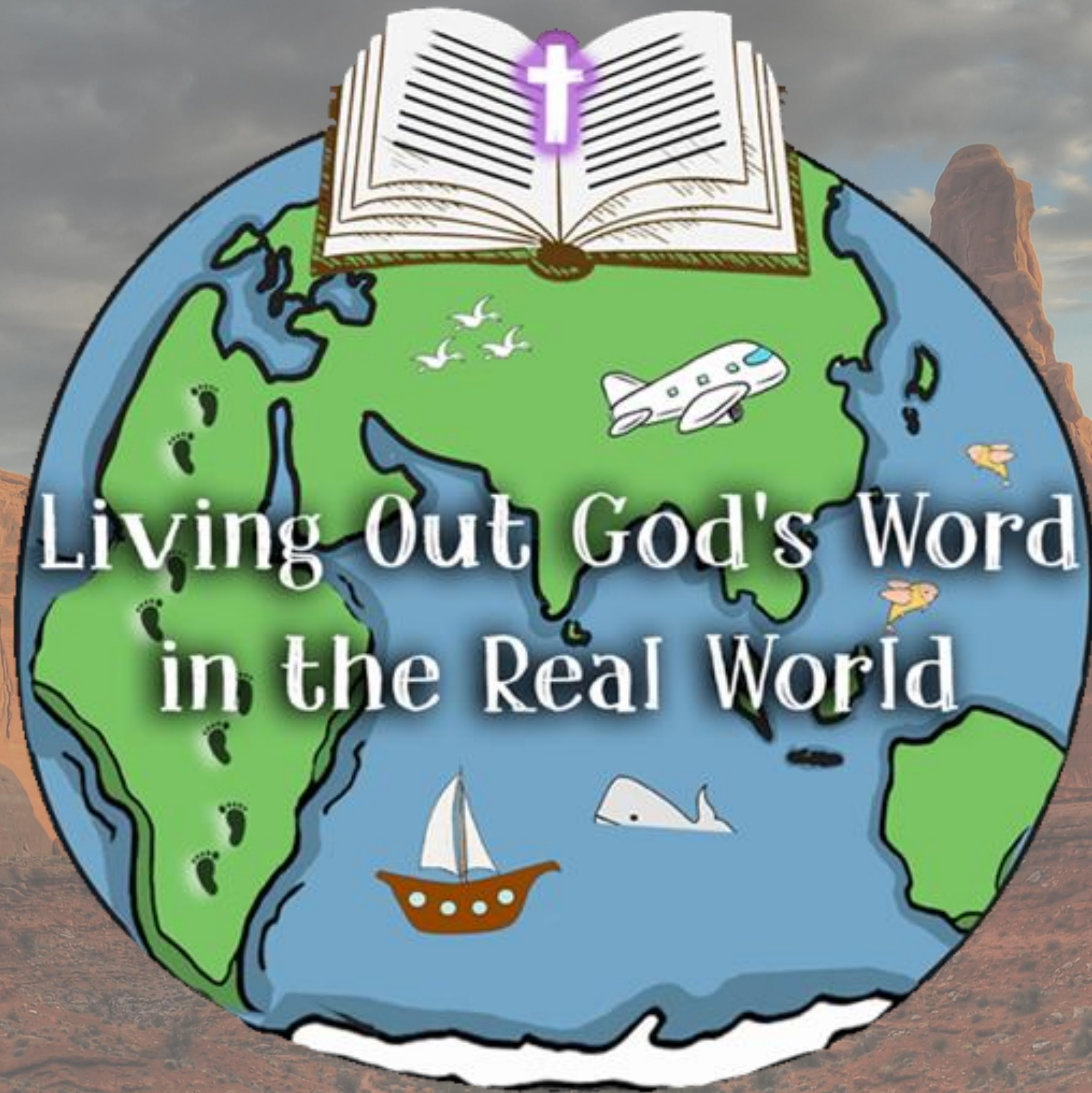
He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and **they will afflict them four hundred years**. And also **the nation whom they serve I will judge**; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. **But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.**”





## Exodus 3:7

And the Lord said: “**I have surely seen** the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.



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## **Exodus 3:8-10**

**... I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.**

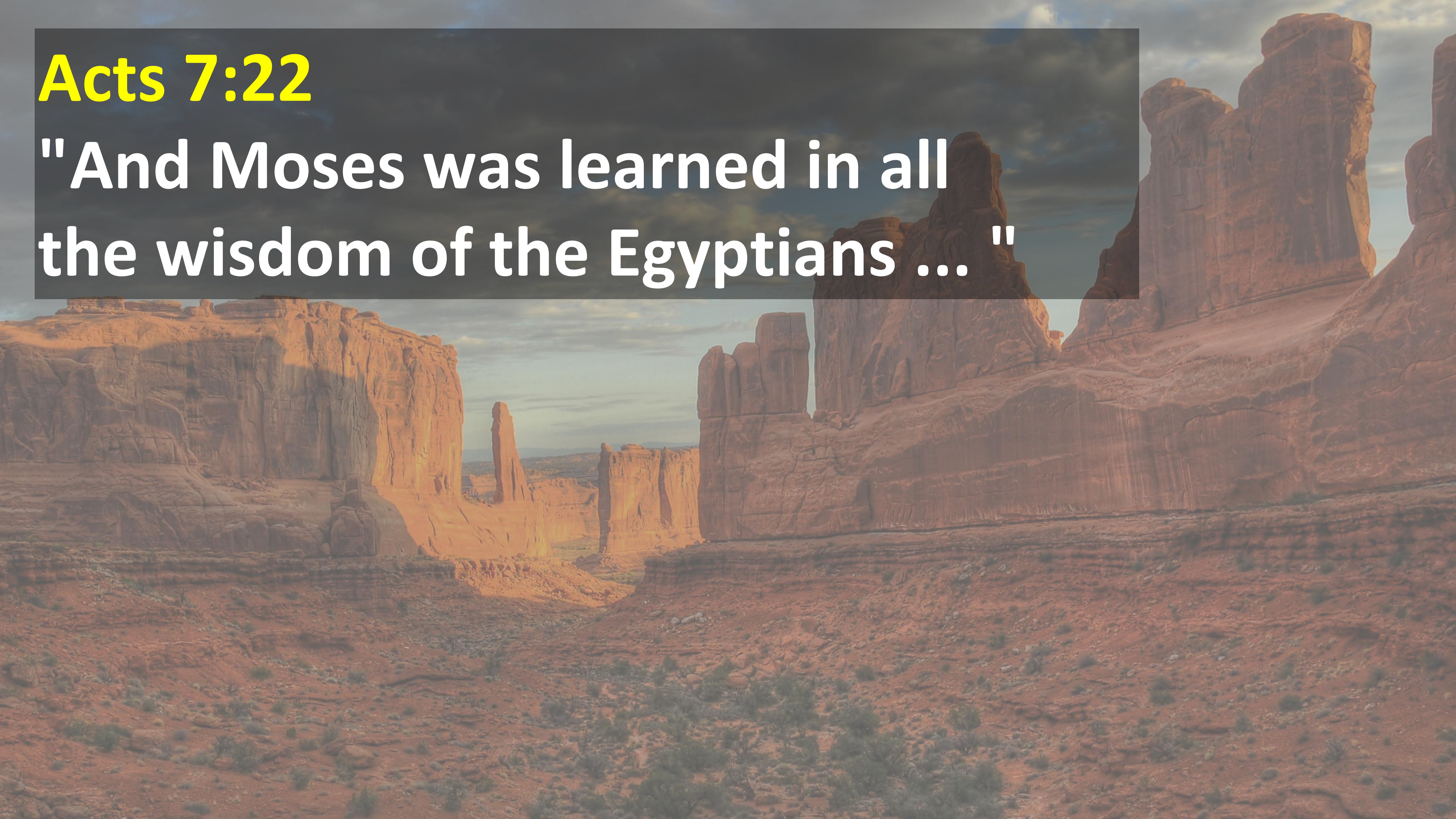
## **Exodus 3:8-10**

**Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.**

**Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”**

**Acts 7:22**

**"And Moses was learned in all  
the wisdom of the Egyptians ..."**





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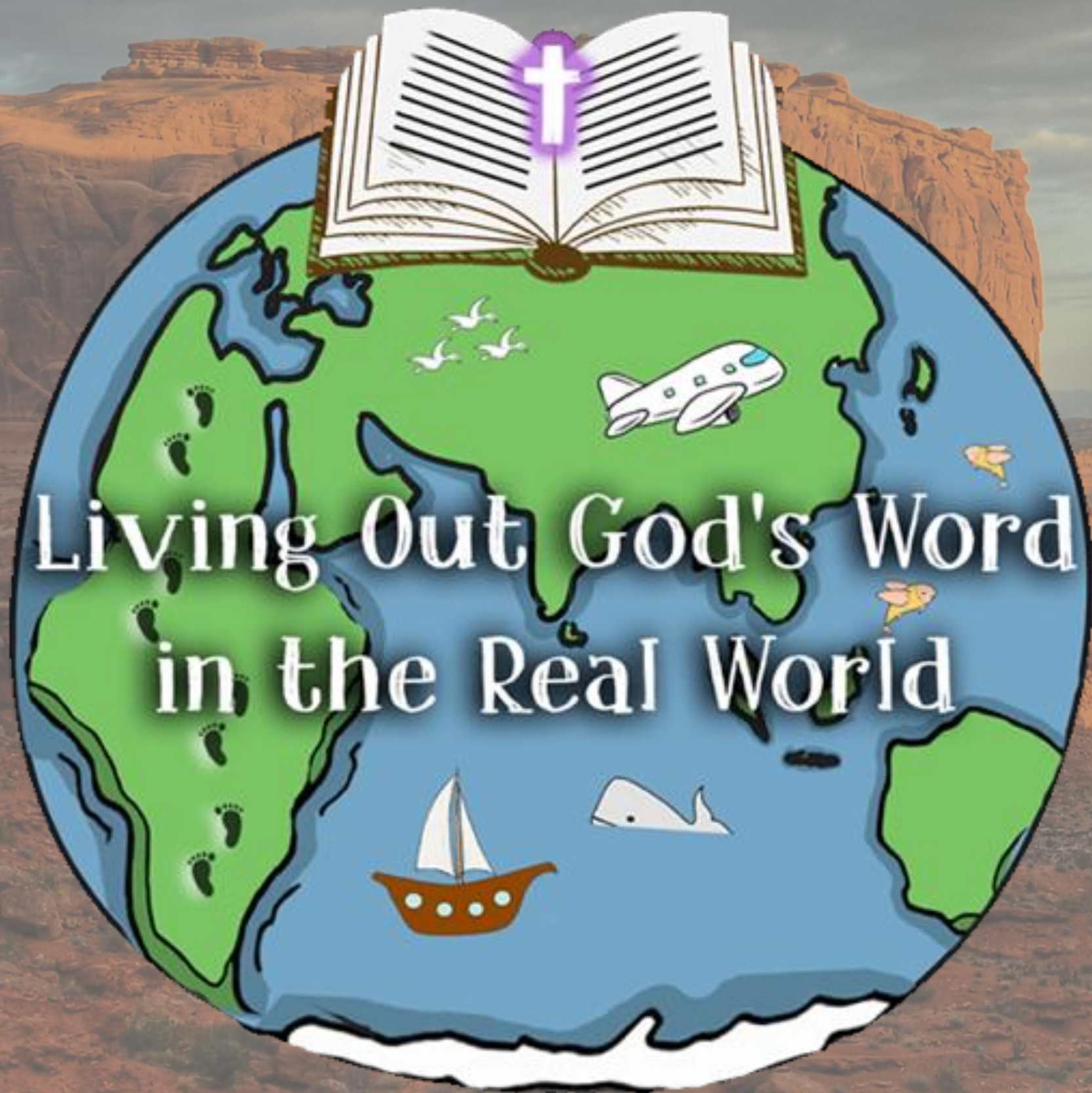


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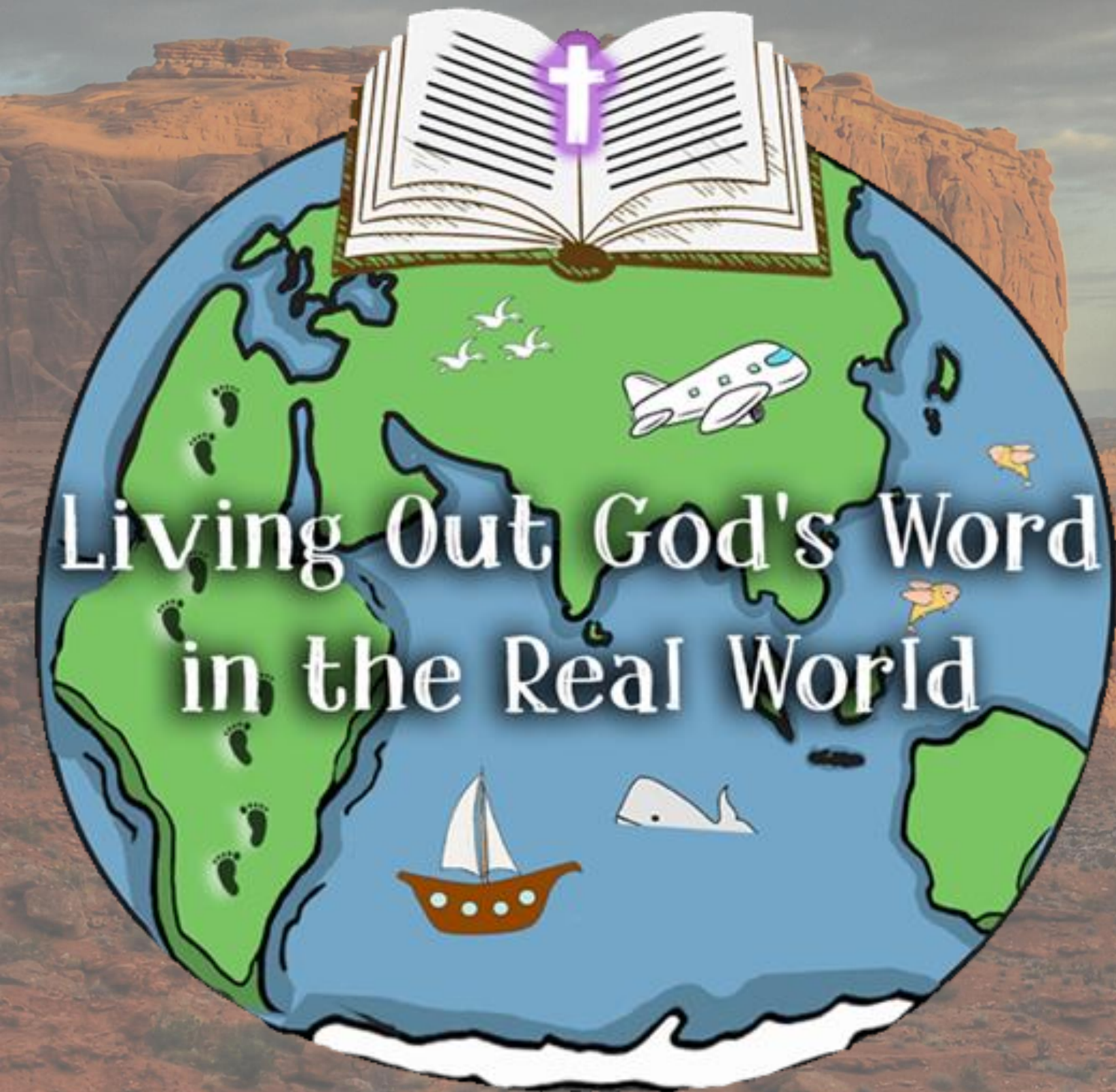


## John 4:48

Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.”

## John 20:29

Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”



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## Exodus 3

**12** So He said, "I will certainly be (**I AM**) with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When

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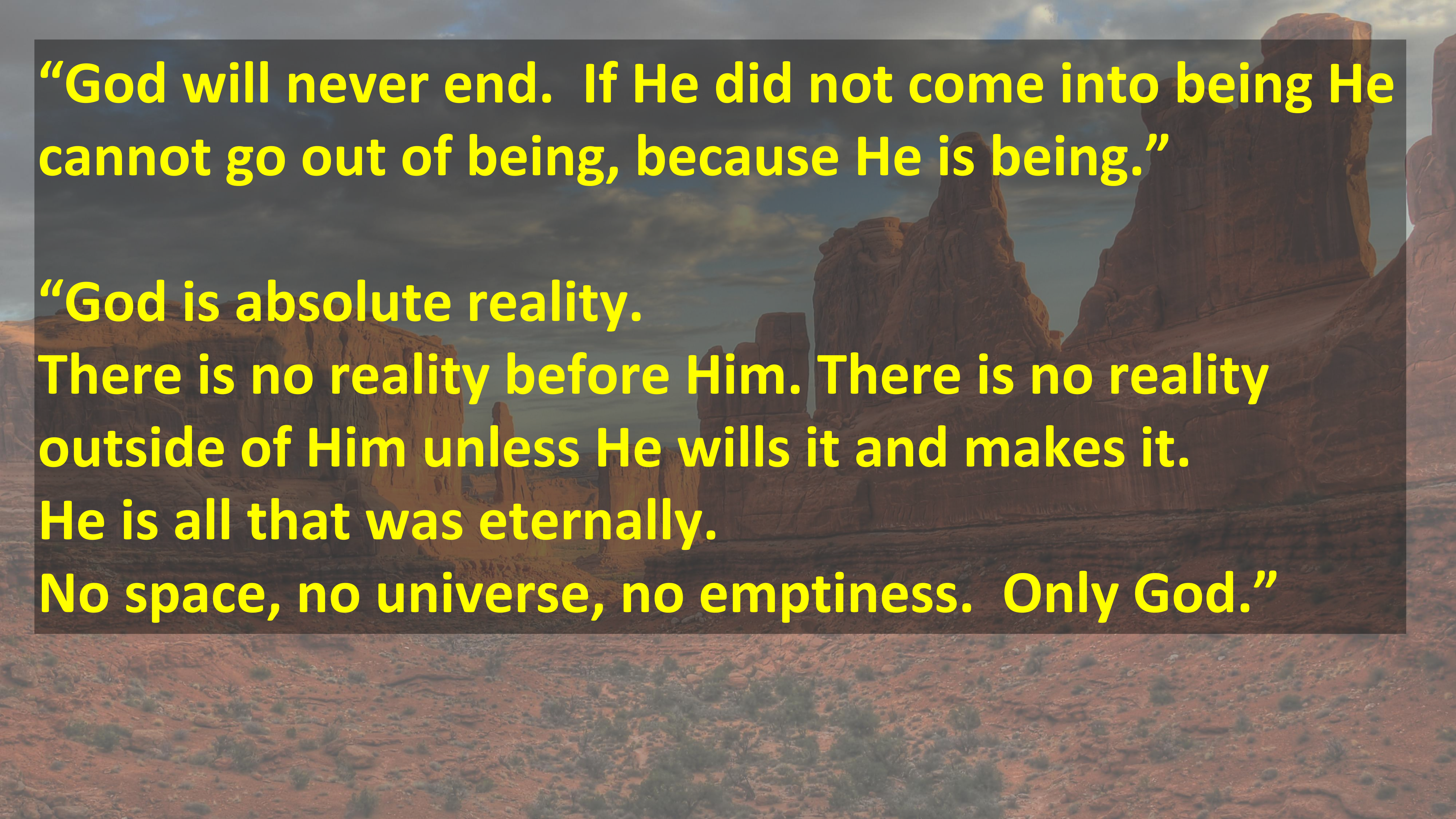
**JOHN PIPER:**

“God’s name is almost always translated **LORD** (all caps) in the English Bible. But the Hebrew would be pronounced something like “**YAHWEH**,” and is built on the word for ‘**I AM**.’ So every time we hear the word **YAHWEH**, or every time you see **LORD** in the English Bible, you should be reminded of Moses' question to God, and who God says He is.”

# The Meaning of YHWH:

**“He never had a beginning.  
Every child asks, ‘Who made God?’  
And every wise parent says, ‘Nobody made God.  
God simply is. And always was. No beginning.’ ”**



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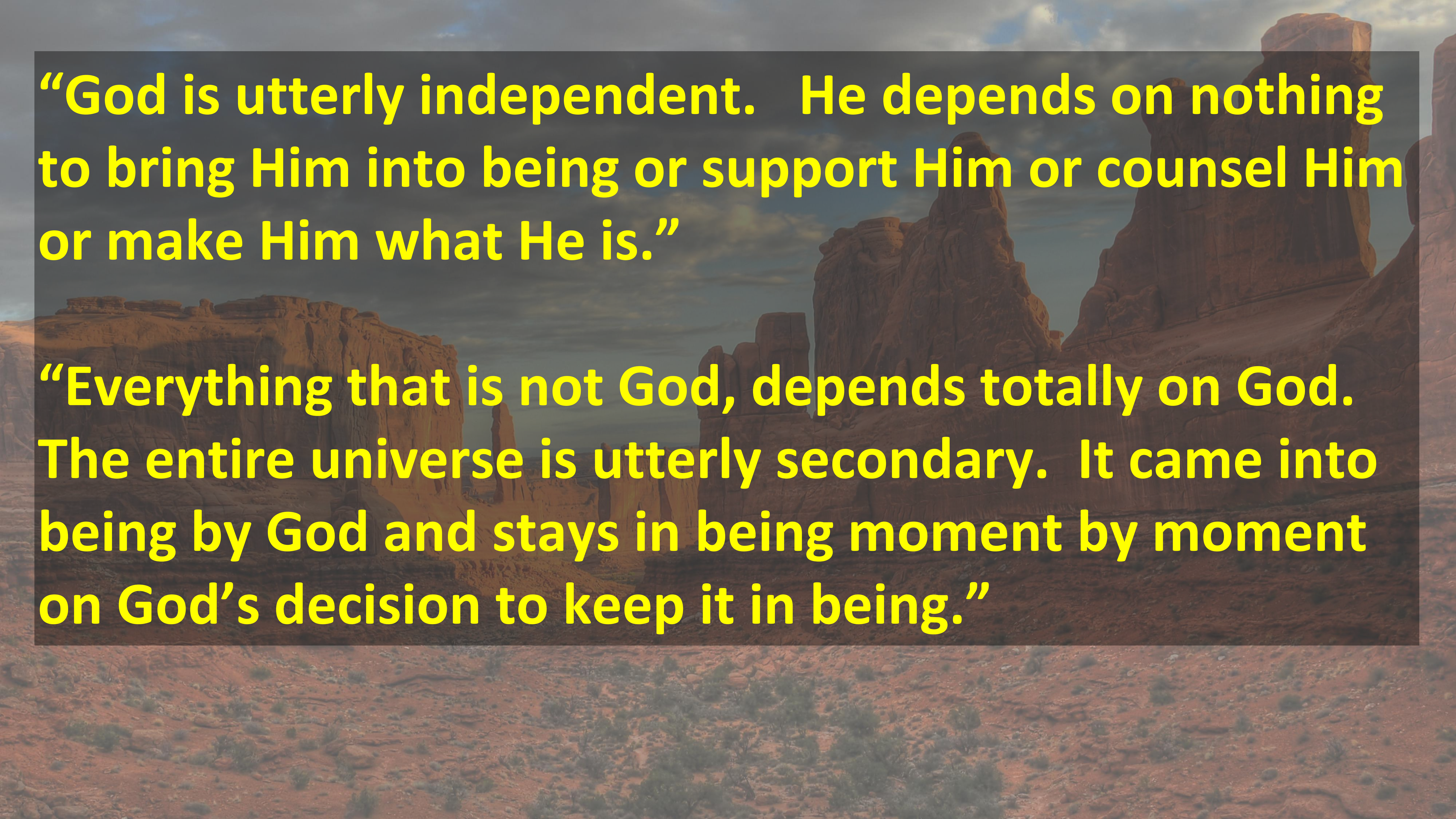
**“God will never end. If He did not come into being He cannot go out of being, because He is being.”**

**“God is absolute reality.**

**There is no reality before Him. There is no reality outside of Him unless He wills it and makes it.**

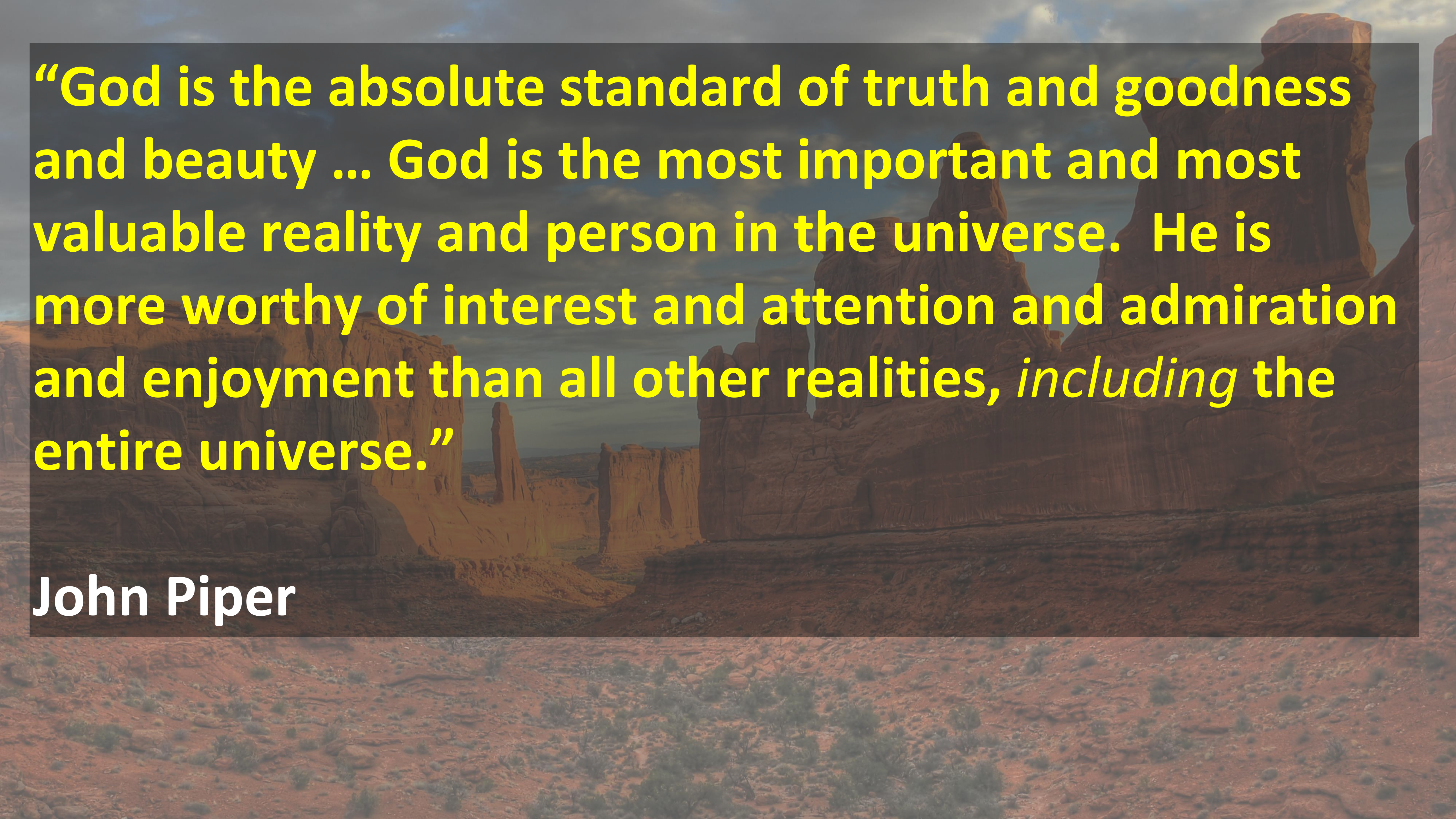
**He is all that was eternally.**

**No space, no universe, no emptiness. Only God.”**

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**“God is utterly independent. He depends on nothing to bring Him into being or support Him or counsel Him or make Him what He is.”**

**“Everything that is not God, depends totally on God. The entire universe is utterly secondary. It came into being by God and stays in being moment by moment on God’s decision to keep it in being.”**

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**“God is the absolute standard of truth and goodness and beauty ... God is the most important and most valuable reality and person in the universe. He is more worthy of interest and attention and admiration and enjoyment than all other realities, *including the entire universe.*”**

**John Piper**

*The Word Became Flesh*

**1** **"I AM the Bread of life"** (6:35, 41, 48, 51)

**"I AM the Light of the world"** (8:12)

**"I AM the Door of the sheep"** (10:7, 9)

**"I AM the Good Shepherd"** (10:11, 14)

**"I AM the Resurrection and the Life"** (11:25)

**"I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life"** (14:6)

**"I AM the true Vine"** (15:1, 5)

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1 “Truly, truly,  
I say to you,  
before Abraham was,  
I AM.” (8:58)



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<sup>a</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and <sup>c</sup>the Word was with God, and <sup>d</sup>the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup><sup>f</sup>In him was life, <sup>1</sup>and <sup>5</sup>the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup><sup>h</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man <sup>i</sup>sent from God, whose name was <sup>j</sup>John. He came as a <sup>k</sup>witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>7</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

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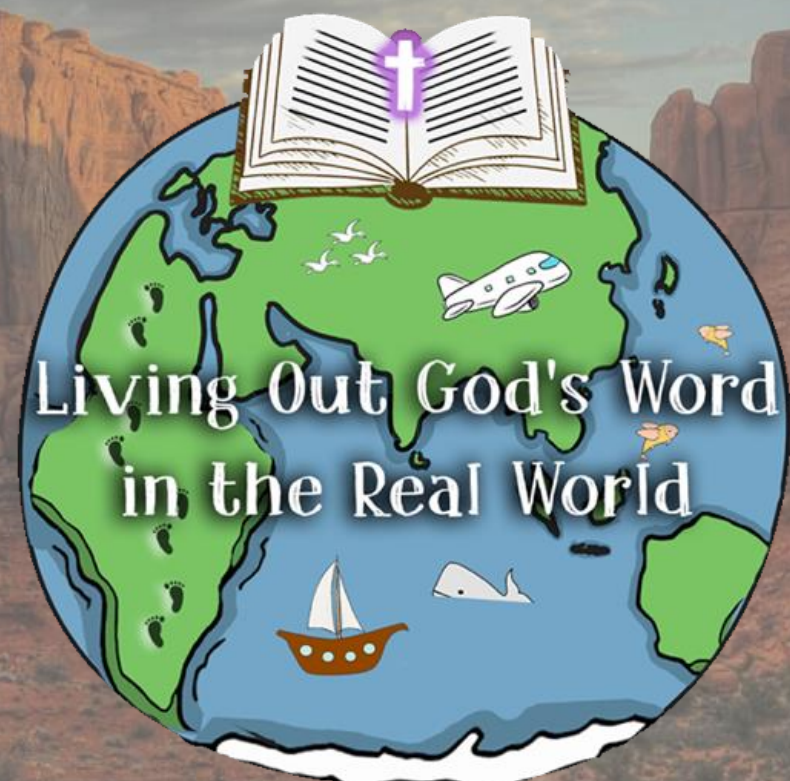
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“I have declared to them Your **NAME**, and will declare it, that the **LOVE** with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” John 17:26



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