

BEYOND

EXPLORING GOD'S UNSEARCHABLE GREATNESS.



THE EXILES RETURN

Ezra 1–3; 7; Nehemiah 1–2



God works through
His people.



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**Does God
need people?**



**How can God work
through us?**



**How is God
inviting me
to respond?**

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION

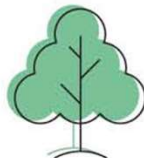
FALL

REDEMPTION

RESTORATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

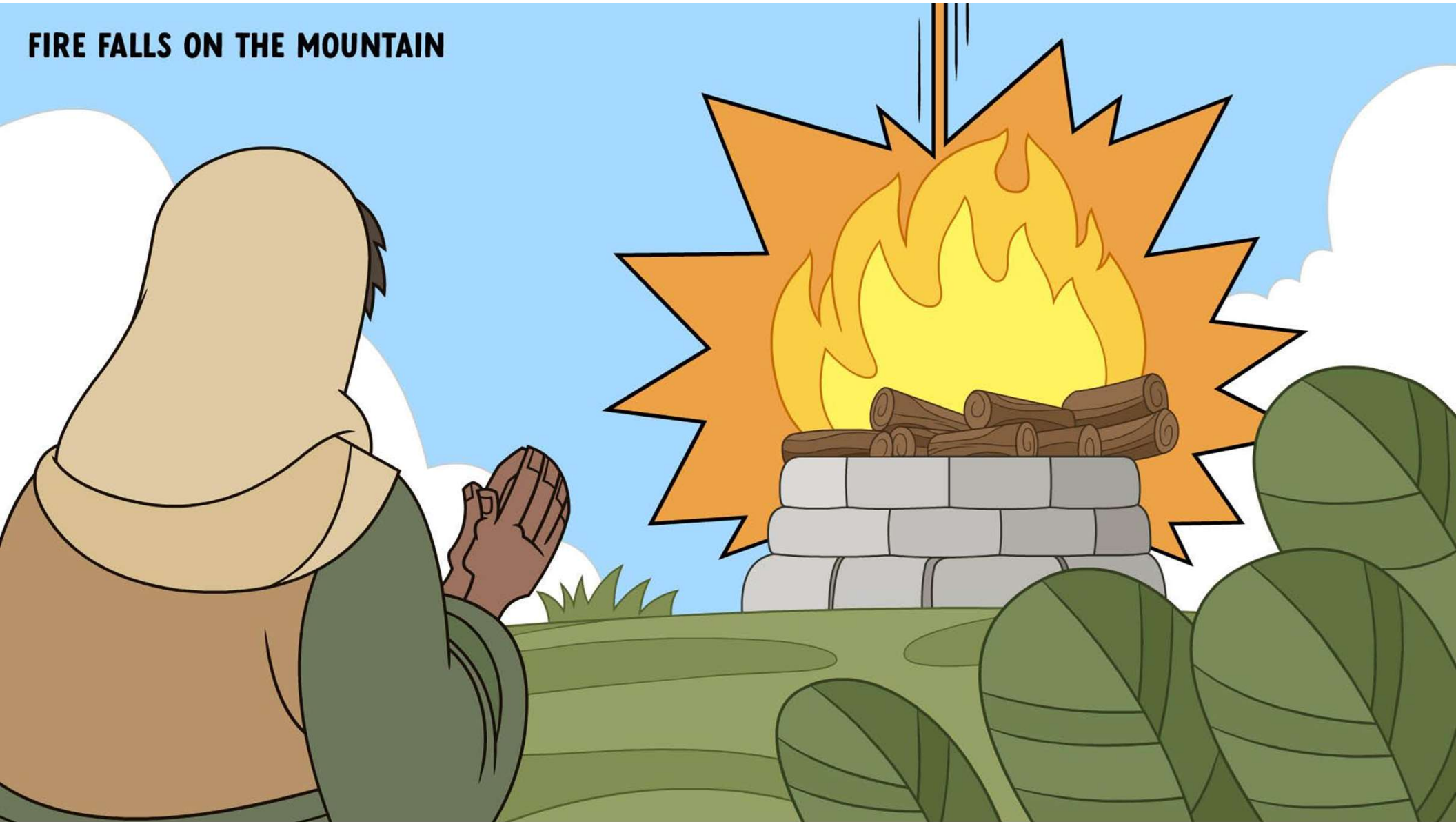


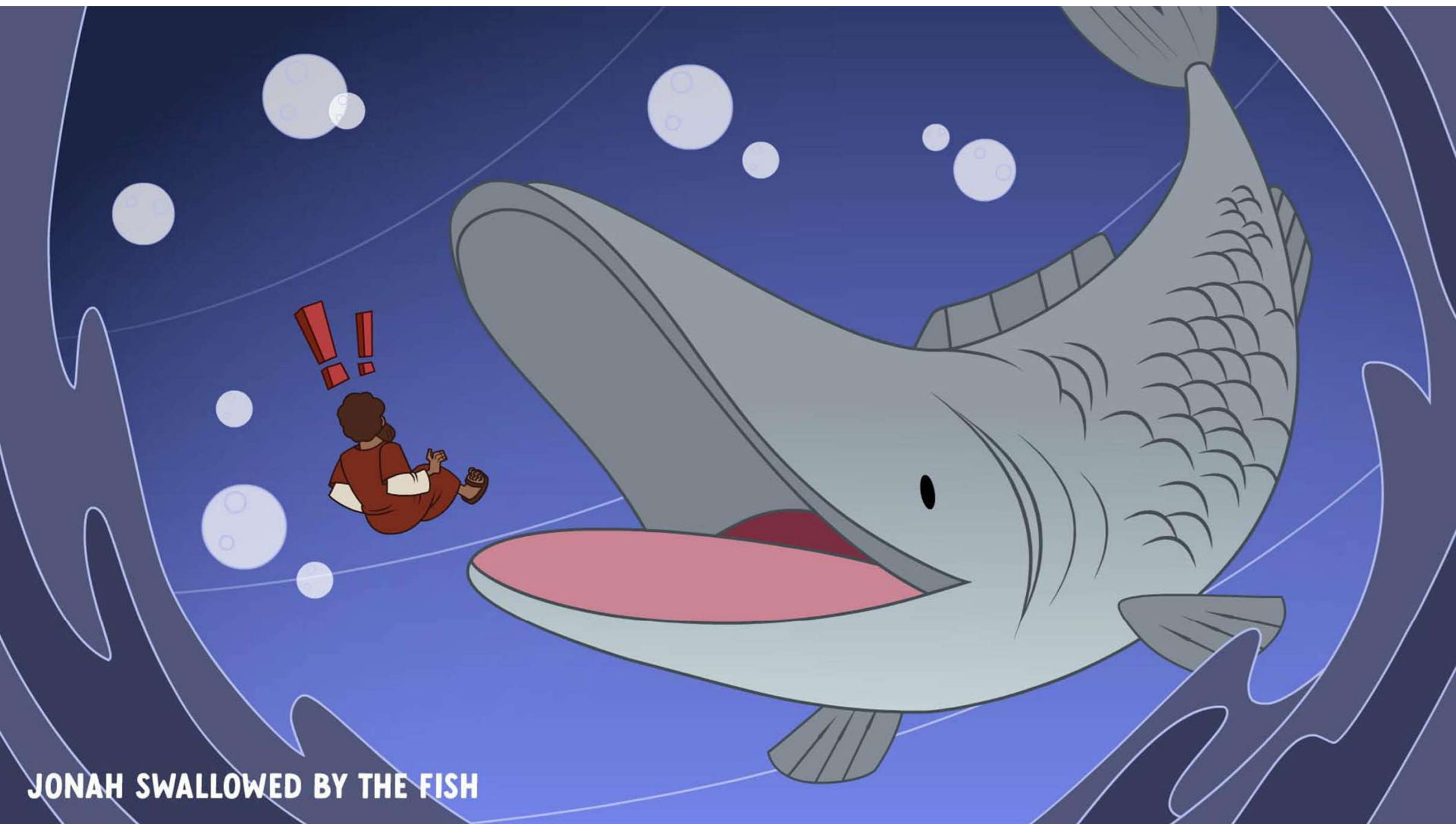
THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.



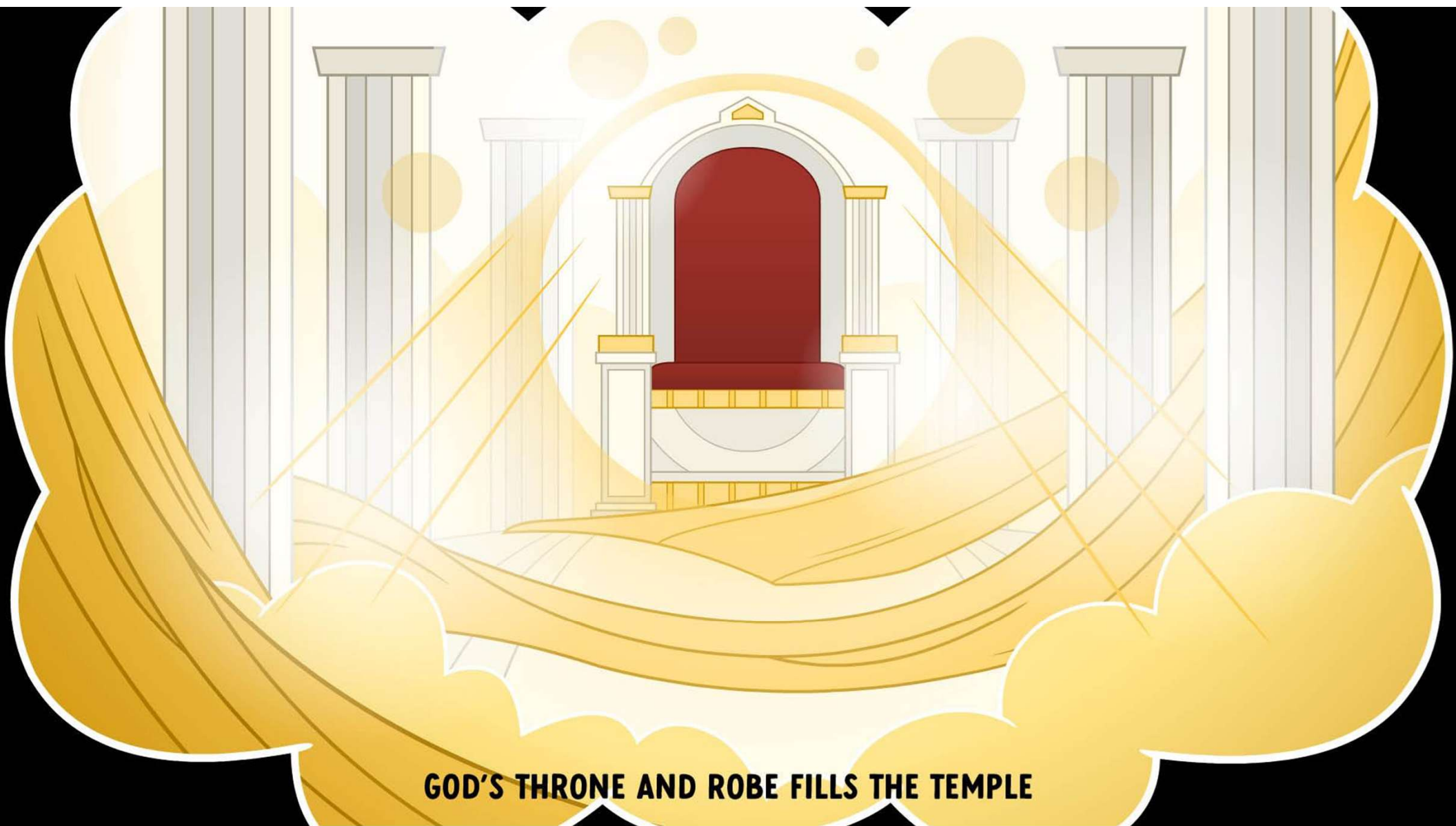
JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIRE FALLS ON THE MOUNTAIN





JONAH SWALLOWED BY THE FISH



GOD'S THRONE AND ROBE FILLS THE TEMPLE

FOURTH MAN IN THE FIRE



BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

LAW

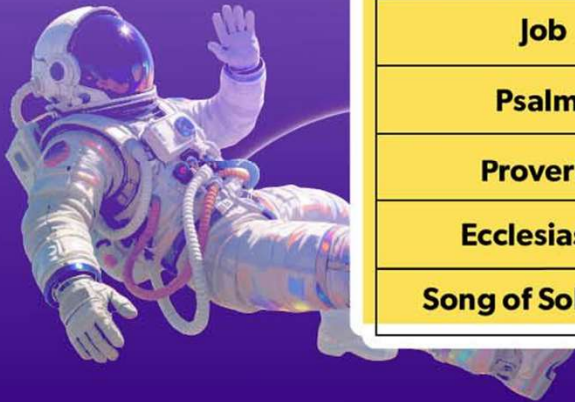
HISTORY

Genesis	Joshua	1 Kings	* Nehemiah
Exodus	Judges	2 Kings	Esther
Leviticus	Ruth	1 Chronicles	
Numbers	1 Samuel	2 Chronicles	
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	* Ezra	

WISDOM

PROPHETS

Job	Isaiah	Joel	Habakkuk
Psalms	Jeremiah	Amos	Zephaniah
Proverbs	Lamentations	Obadiah	Haggai
Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Jonah	Zechariah
Song of Solomon	Daniel	Micah	Malachi
	Hosea	Nahum	



**FIND IT
IN THE**



Bible



BEGINNING



PATRIARCHS



EXODUS



**PROMISED
LAND**



KINGS



**TIMES OF
TROUBLE**



**ARRIVAL
OF JESUS**



**MINISTRY
OF JESUS**



**JESUS'
FINAL DAYS**



**EARLY
CHURCH**



**CHURCH
LETTERS**



This month's
BIBLICAL *Theme*

God is greater
than anything



THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE ON THE TEMPLE FOUNDATION



NEHEMIAH LEADS THE REBUILDING OF THE WALL





**POINT TO
JESUS!**





**EVEN THOUGH ISRAEL'S
DISOBEDIENCE LED TO
CAPTIVITY, DID GOD FORGET
ABOUT HIS PEOPLE?**

Temple: Yes

Wall: No

HOW DID PEOPLE RESPOND ONCE THE FOUNDATION FOR THE TEMPLE WAS LAID?

Temple: They praised God and sang with great joy.

Wall: They quit and returned to Babylon.

**WHEN NEHEMIAH PRAYED AND
ASKED FOR GOD'S HELP TO
REBUILD JERUSALEM'S WALLS,
WHO NOTICED HE WAS SAD?**

Temple: Ezra

Wall: King Artaxerxes

**CAN WE WORK HARD ENOUGH
OR DO ENOUGH GOOD WORKS
TO FIX OUR BROKEN WORLD?**

Temple: Yes
Wall: No



DOES GOD NEED PEOPLE?

Temple: Yes

Wall: No



HOW CAN GOD WORK THROUGH US?

Temple: We can share
His love and serve others.

Wall: We can impress
others with our talents.



**God works through
His people.**





HE

Does God need people?

God doesn't need anyone or anything, but He loves us and chooses to involve us in His work.



WE

How can God work through us?

God calls us to share His love and serve others—in our church, in our community and around the world.



MEMORY VERSE

Great is the LORD, and greatly to
be praised, and His greatness is
unsearchable.

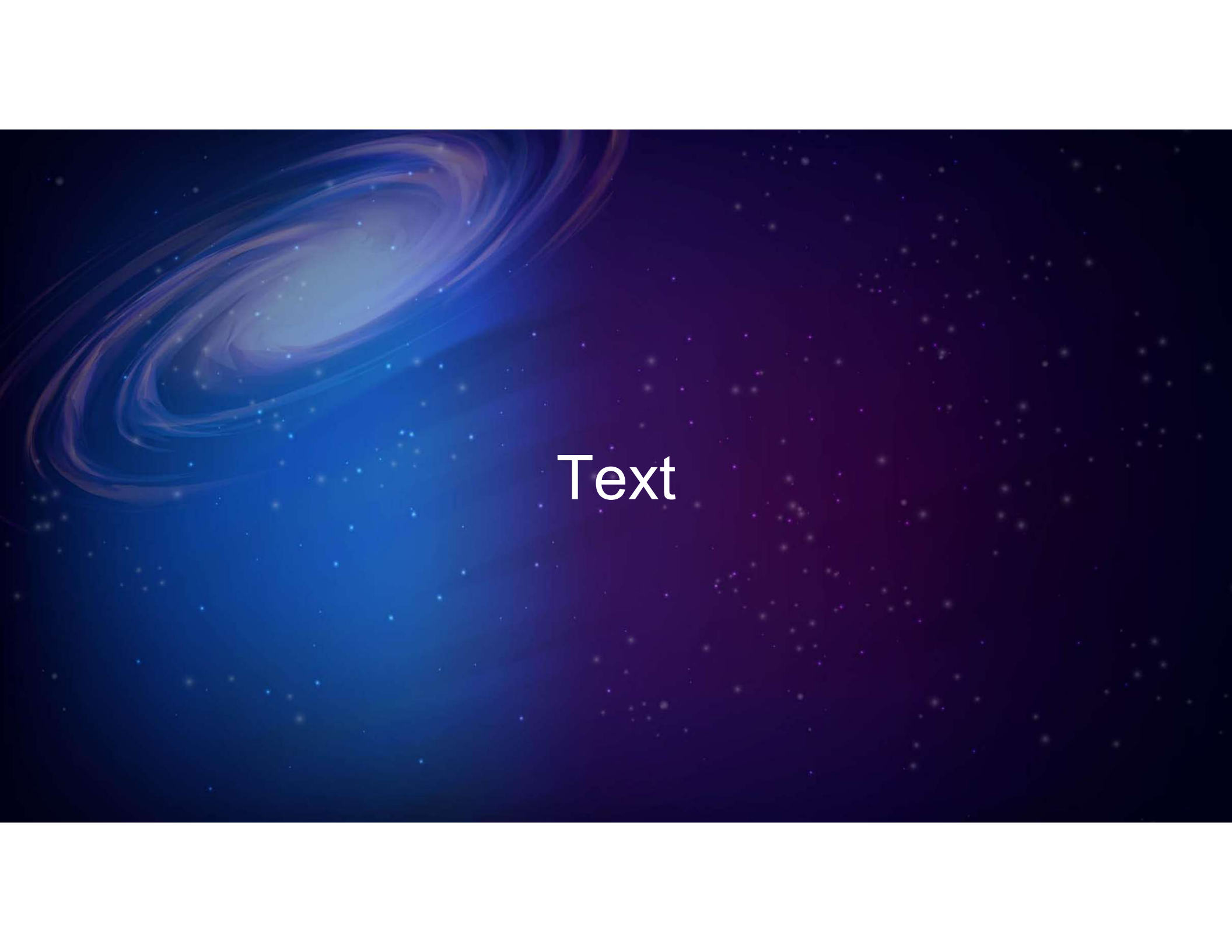
(Psalm 145:3)



MEMORY VERSE

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