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— ***JOEL 2:12***

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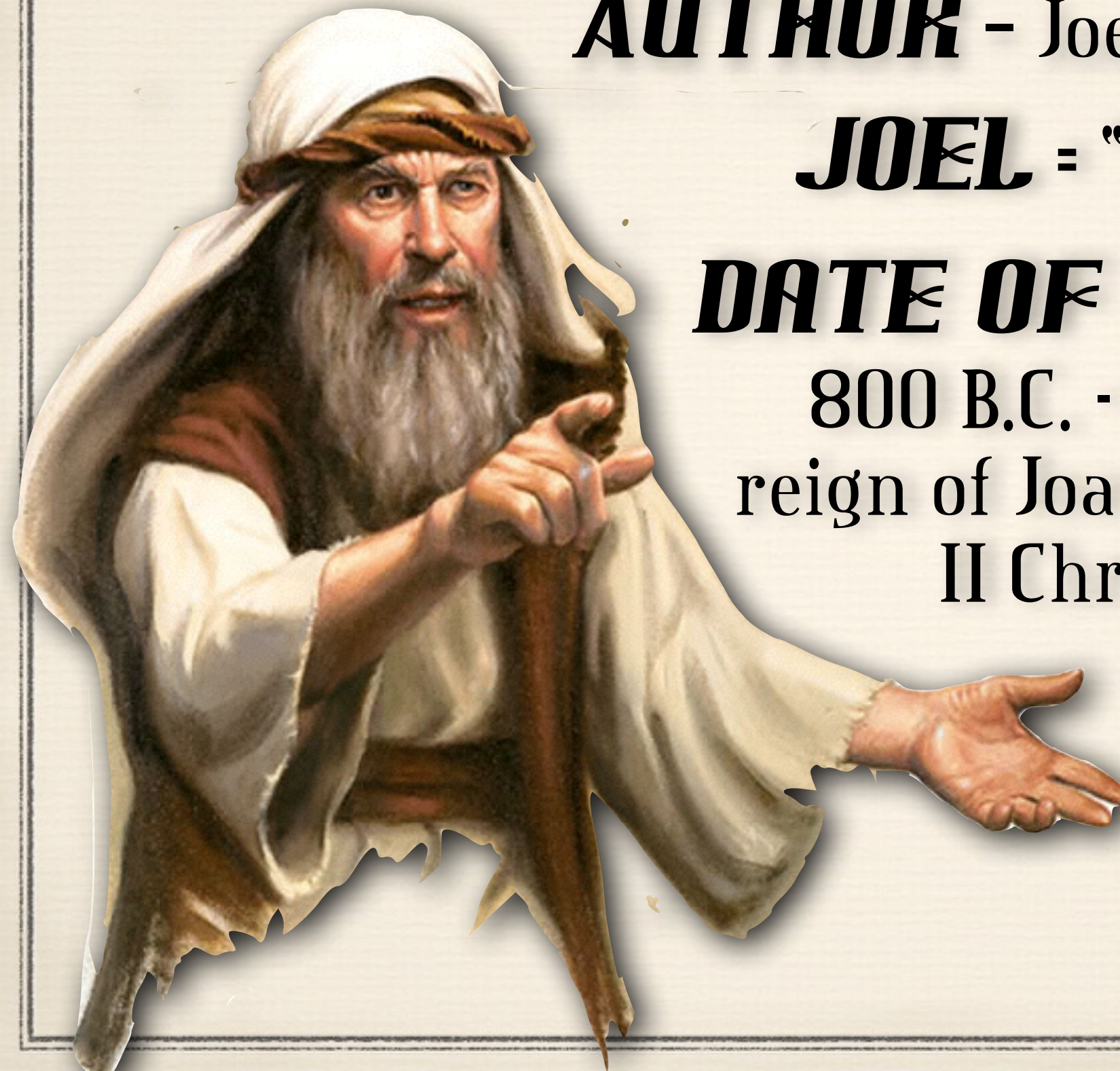
AUTHOR - Joel, the son of Pethuel

JOEL = "Jehovah is God"

DATE OF THE BOOK - ≈

800 B.C. - Latter part of the
reign of Joash - II Kings 12:18 &
II Chronicles 24:19

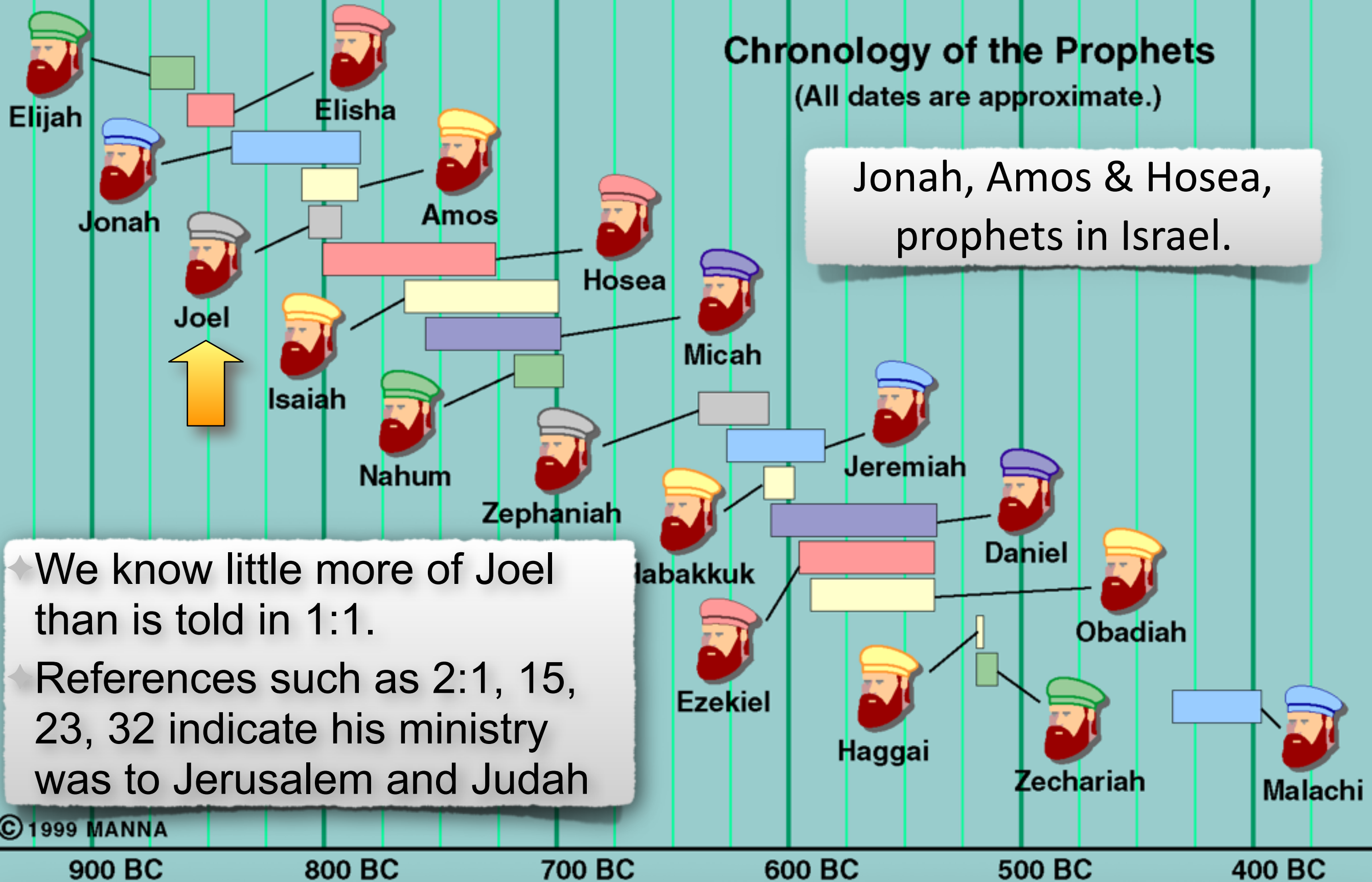
Parallels with Amos
Joel 3:16/Amos 1:2;
Joel 3:18/Amos 9:13,



Chronology of the Prophets

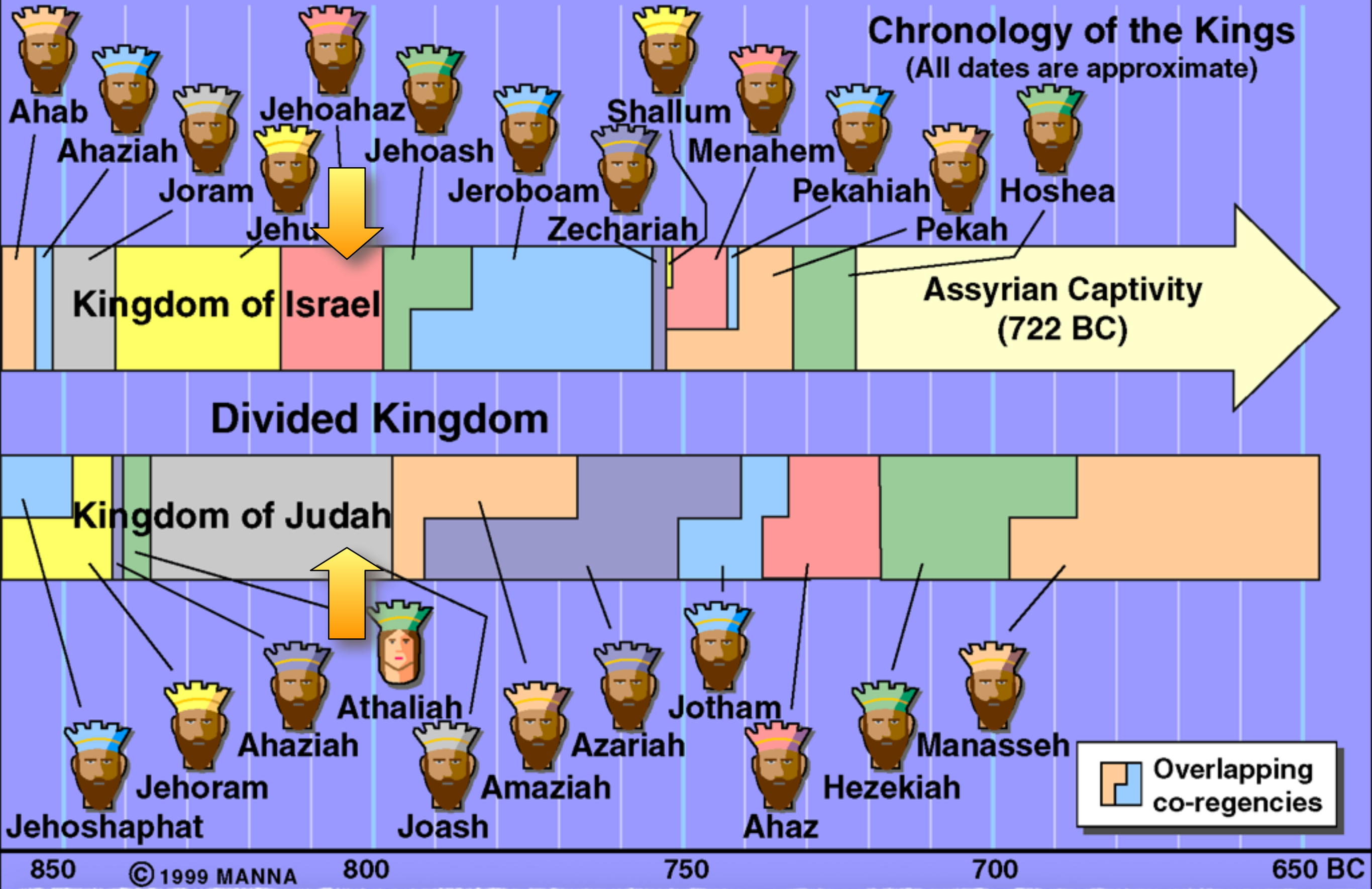
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Jonah, Amos & Hosea,
prophets in Israel.



- ✦ We know little more of Joel than is told in 1:1.
- ✦ References such as 2:1, 15, 23, 32 indicate his ministry was to Jerusalem and Judah

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HISTORICAL CIRCUMSTANCES & BACKGROUND-




- ❖ A locust plague of terrible magnitude, with drought and famine (1:1-12; cf. Dt. 28:38–42)
- ❖ Israel was in a state of decline, progressing in the wickedness of idolatry (II Chrn. 24:17–22; II Kings 12:18; 14:1–4)
 - ❖ The Priests are called to lead a spiritual revival

JOEL 1:1-2:11

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HISTORICAL CIRCUMSTANCES & BACKGROUND-

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- ❖ Joash & Jehoiada the priest repaired the temple - 24:4-14
 - ❖ After Jehoida's death, Joash turned away from the Lord - 24:15-22
 - ❖ Joash & Judah judged by God - Judah's army defeated by a small band of Syrians - 24:23-24
 - ❖ Joash is assassinated by his own servants - 24:25

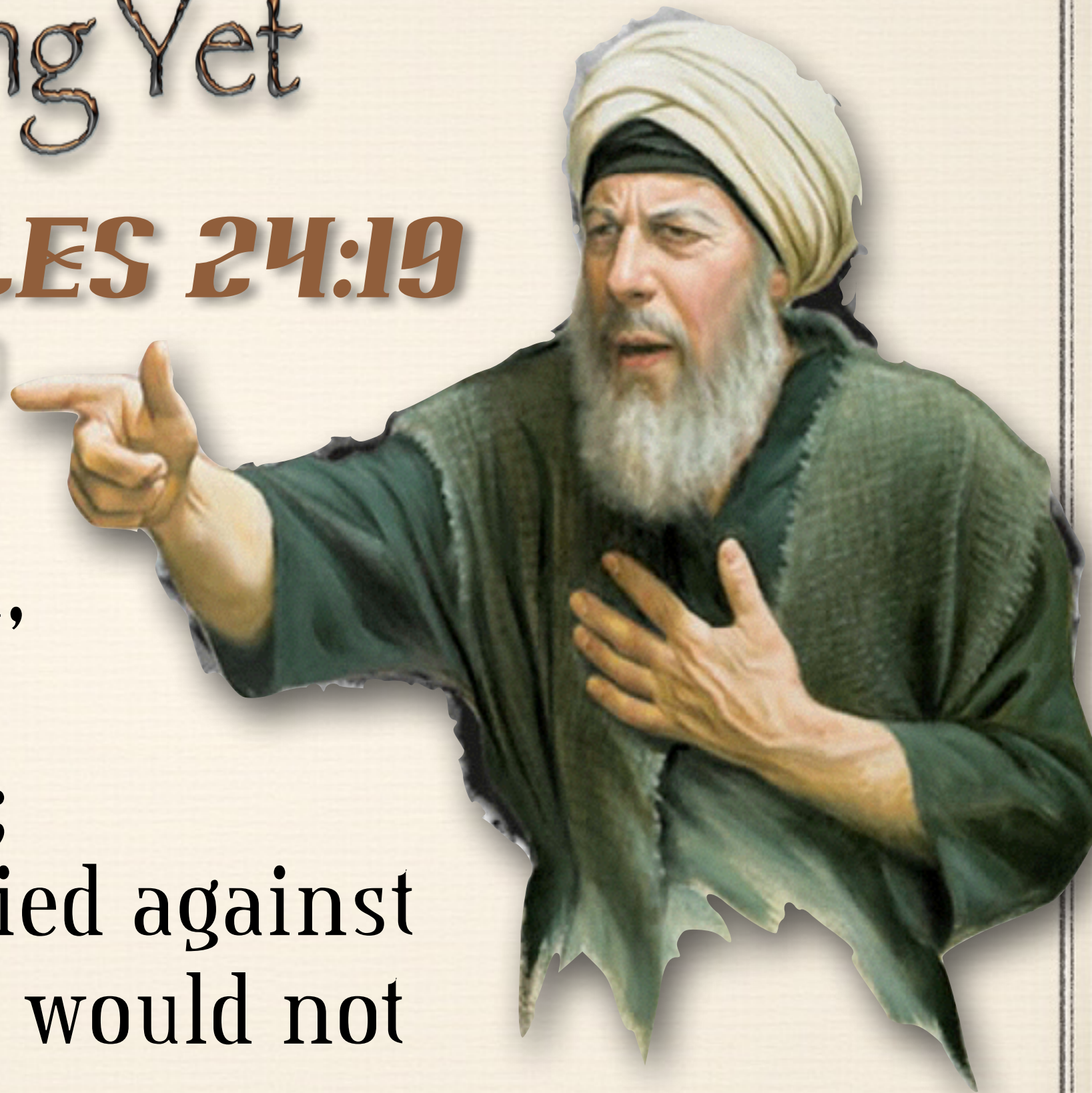
2 CHRONICLES 24:1-25

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2 CHRONICLES 24:19

(NKJV)

19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the Lord; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.



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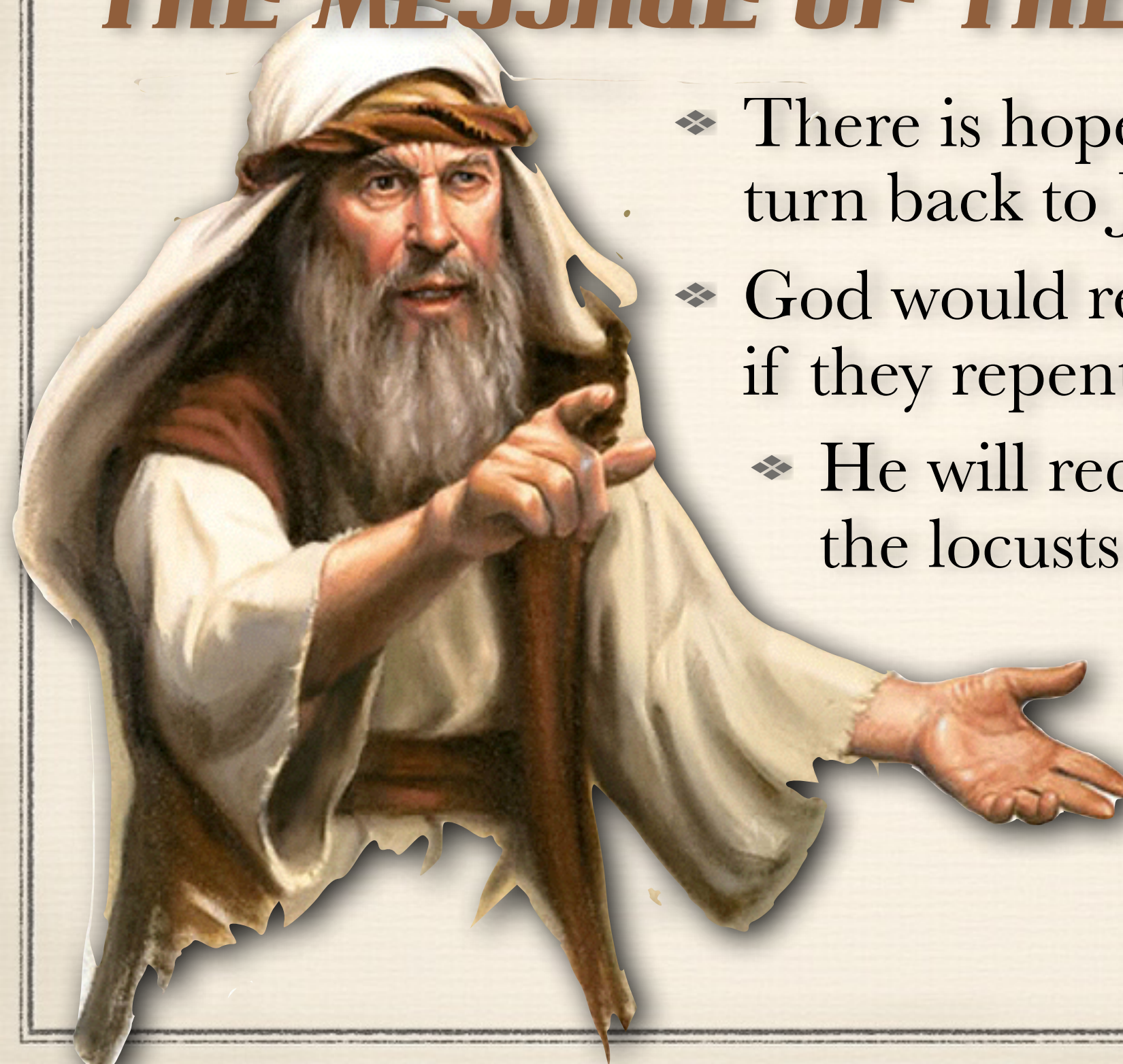
THE MESSAGE OF THE BOOK-



- ❖ Repent, “for the day of the Lord is at hand” (Joel 1:15; 2:1,11, 2:31; 3:14)
- ❖ Two distinct “days” are in the prophet’s view ...
 - ❖ The day of the locust plague (1:1–2:27)
 - ❖ The day of the Messiah’s Kingdom; Judgment - (2:28–3:21; Acts 2:16-21)

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THE MESSAGE OF THE BOOK-



- ❖ There is hope for them if they will turn back to Jehovah (2:18–19).
- ❖ God would remove the locust plague if they repented - (2:20).
- ❖ He will recover to them all that the locusts destroyed (2:21–25).
- ❖ God would dwell with a penitent people who were humble, thankful & obedient (2:26–27).

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JOEL 2:12-14 (NKJV)

¹² “Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” ¹³

So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.



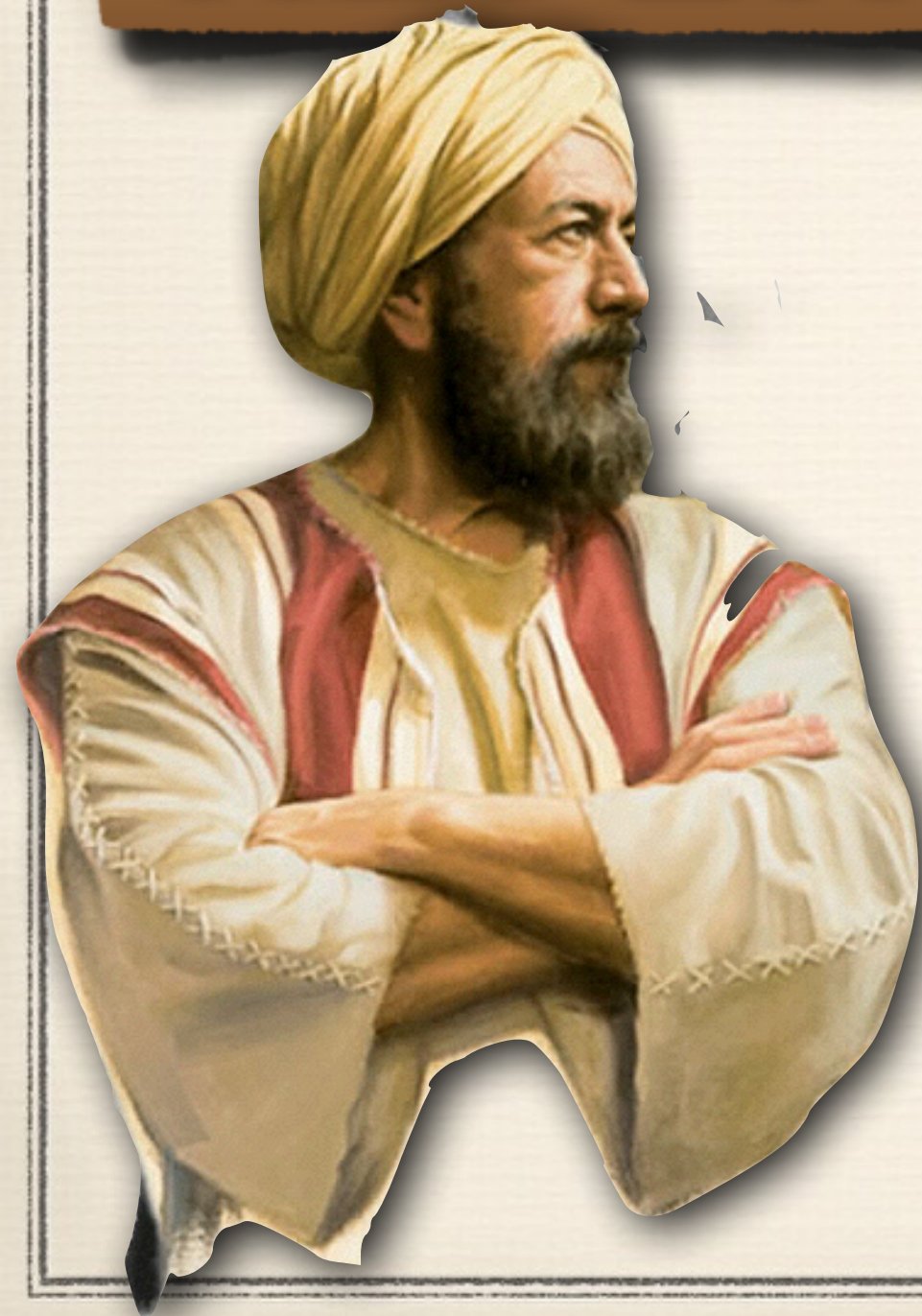
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JOEL 2:12-14 (NKJV)

14 Who knows *if* He will
turn and relent, And leave
a blessing behind Him— A
grain offering and a
drink offering For the
Lord your God?



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ACTS 17:30 (NKJV)

**30 Truly, these times of
ignorance God
overlooked, but now
commands all men
everywhere to repent,**

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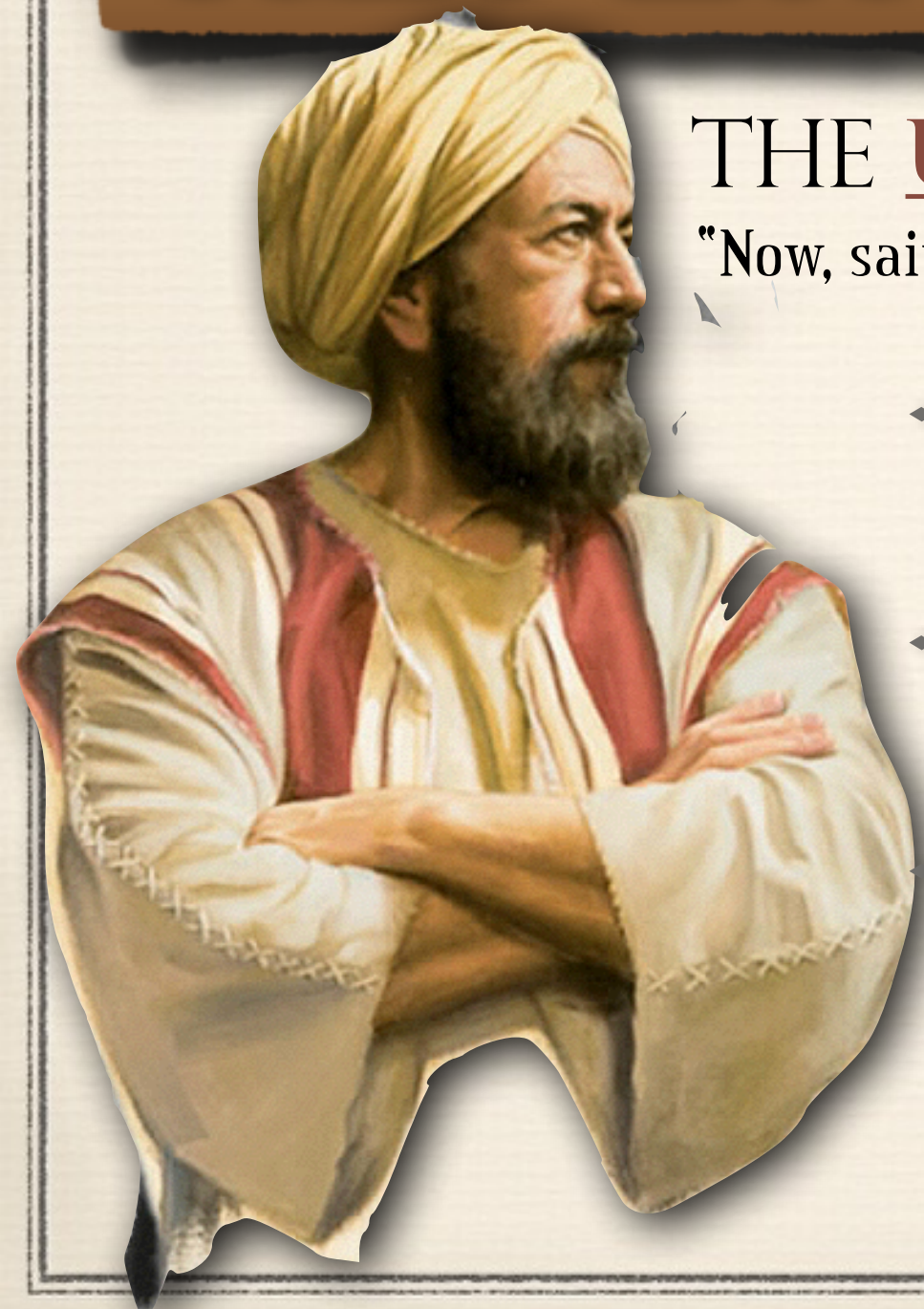
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THE URGENCY OF OUR REPENTANCE -

“Now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart...” (Joel 2:12).

- ❖ “To day, if you will hear His voice” - (*Psalms 95:7; cf. Hey 3:7,15; 4:7*).
- ❖ “Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 *Cor 6:2*).
- ❖ “But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (*Heb 3:13*).



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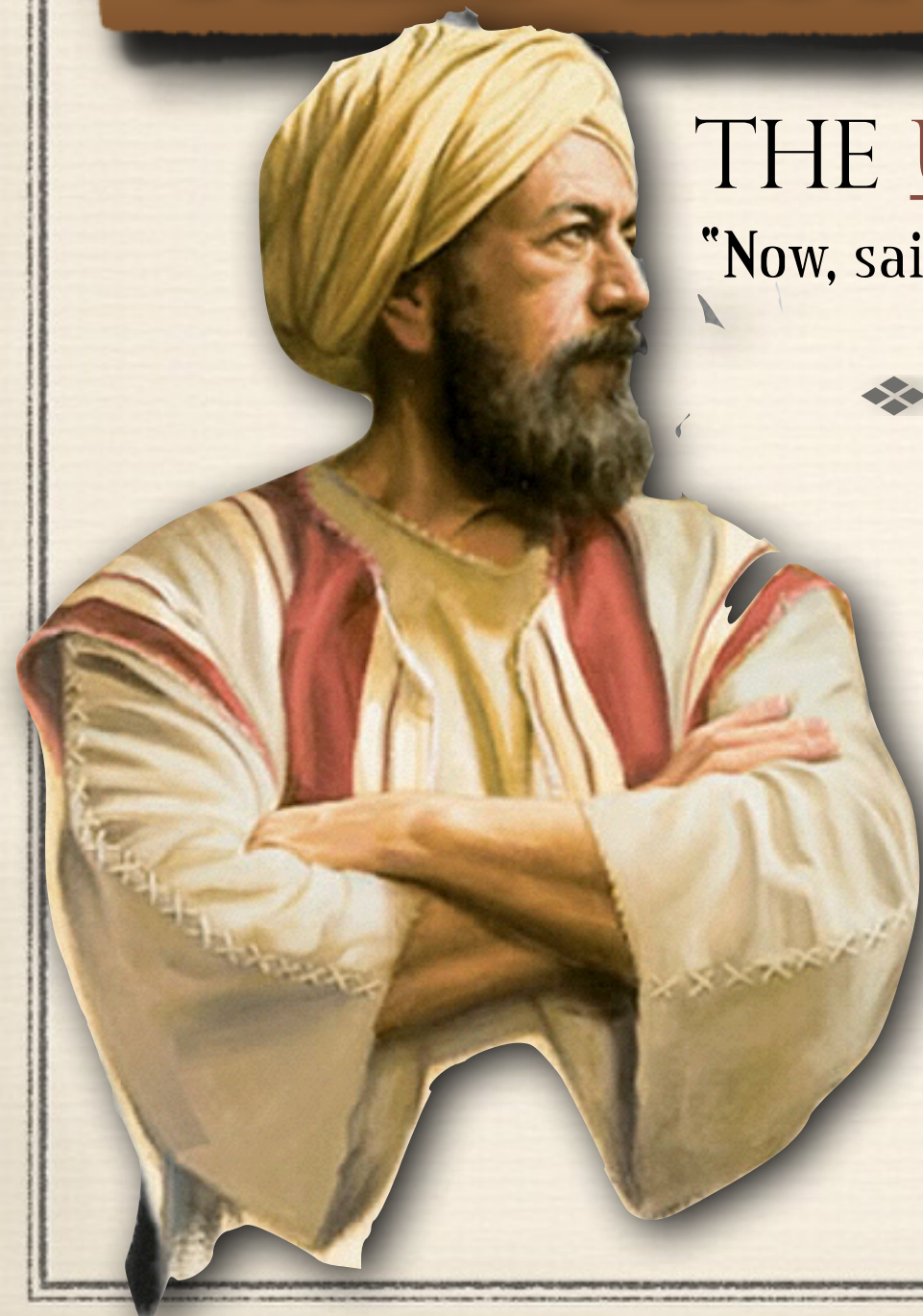
❖ The certainty of uncertainty.

❖ “Whatever your hand finds ...” (*Ecc 9:10*)

❖ “For what is your life? ...” (*Jam 4:14*).

❖ “The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night” (*1 Thes 5:2; 2 Pet 3:10*).

❖ “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (*Mat. 24:43–44; cf. 25:13*).



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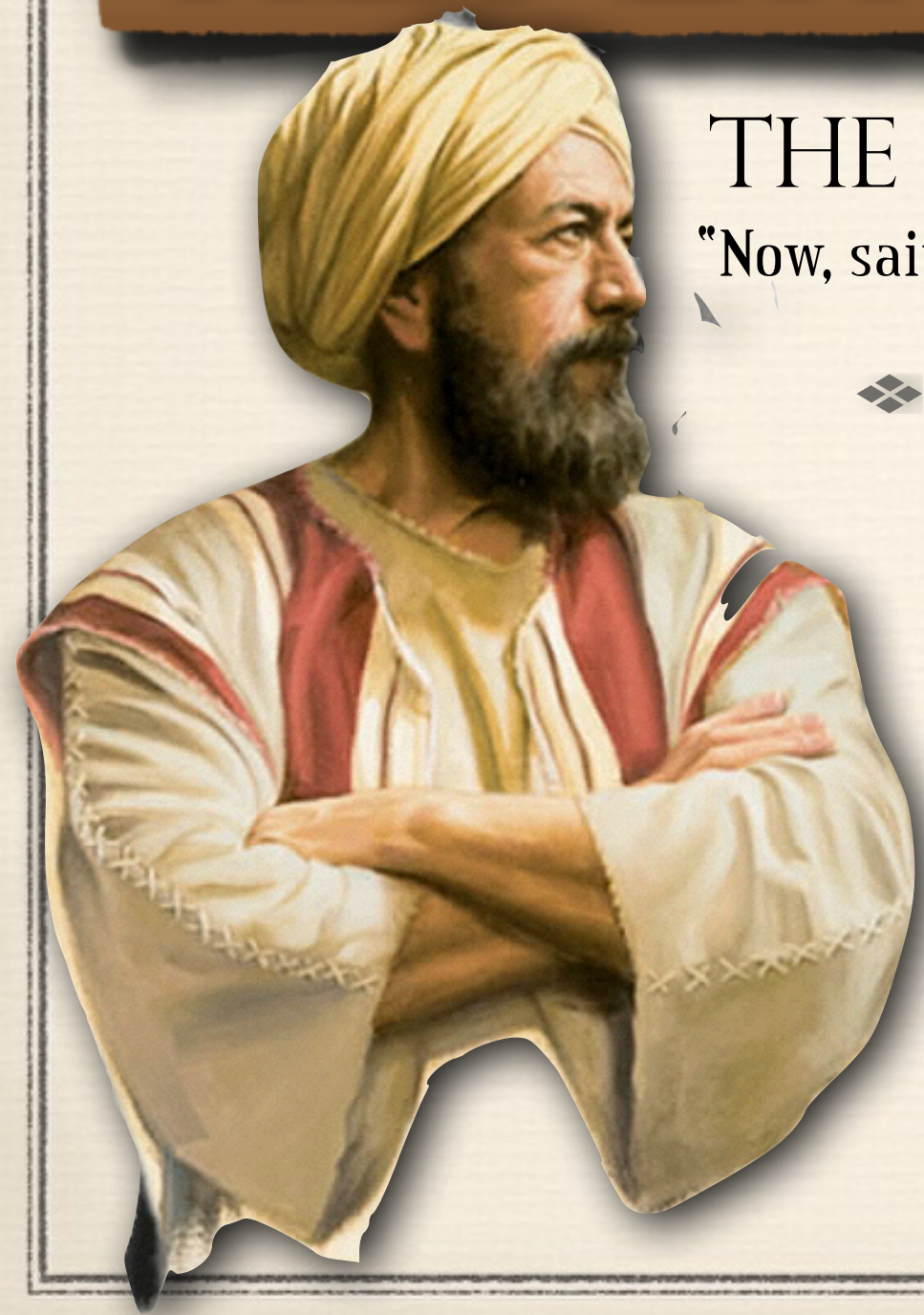
THE NATURE OF OUR REPENTANCE -

“Now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart...”(Joel 2:12).

❖ Turn FROM & Turn TO ...

EZEKIEL 14:6 (NKJV)

6 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.



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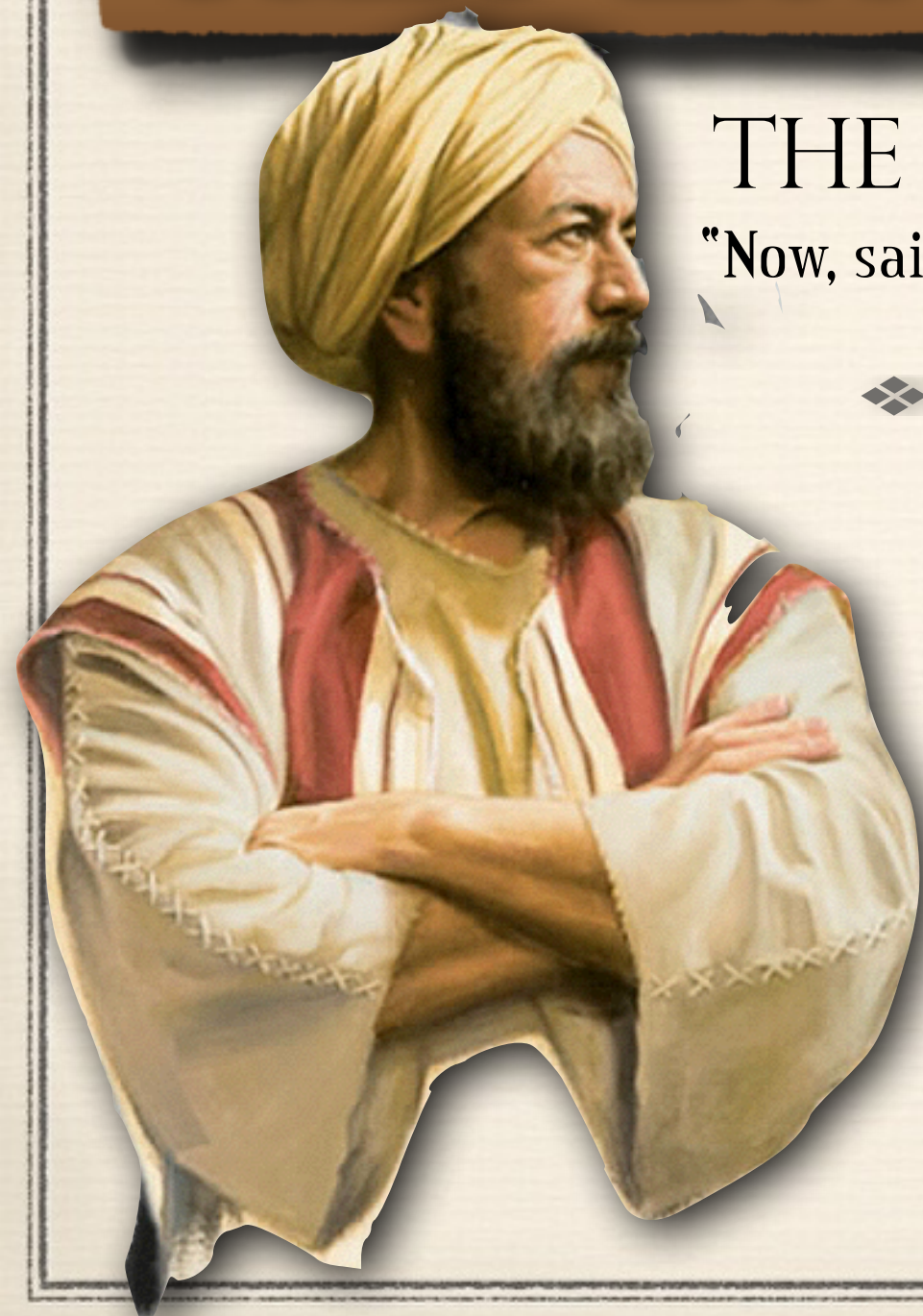
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EZEKIEL 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ “But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.



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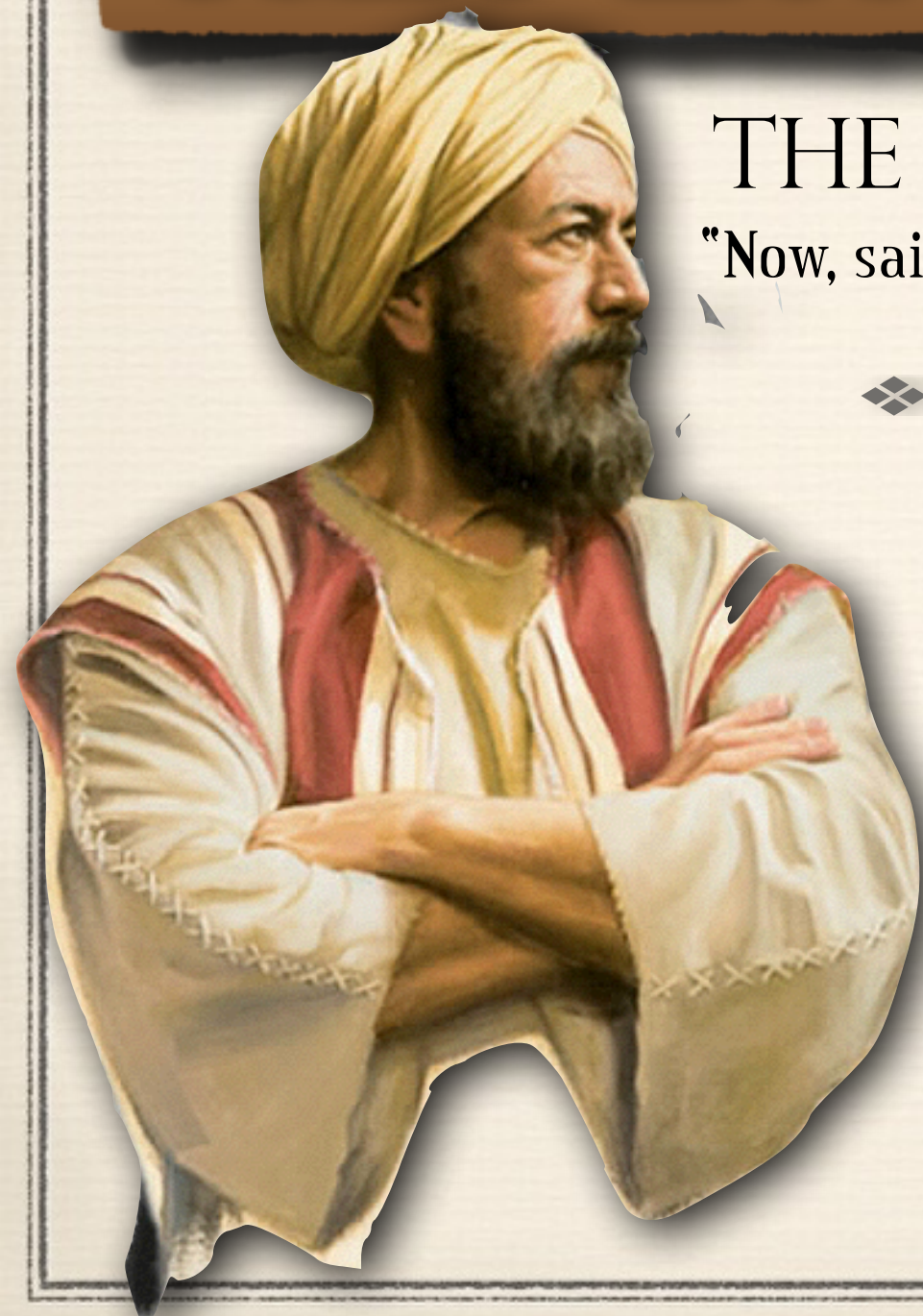
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³⁰ “... “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?



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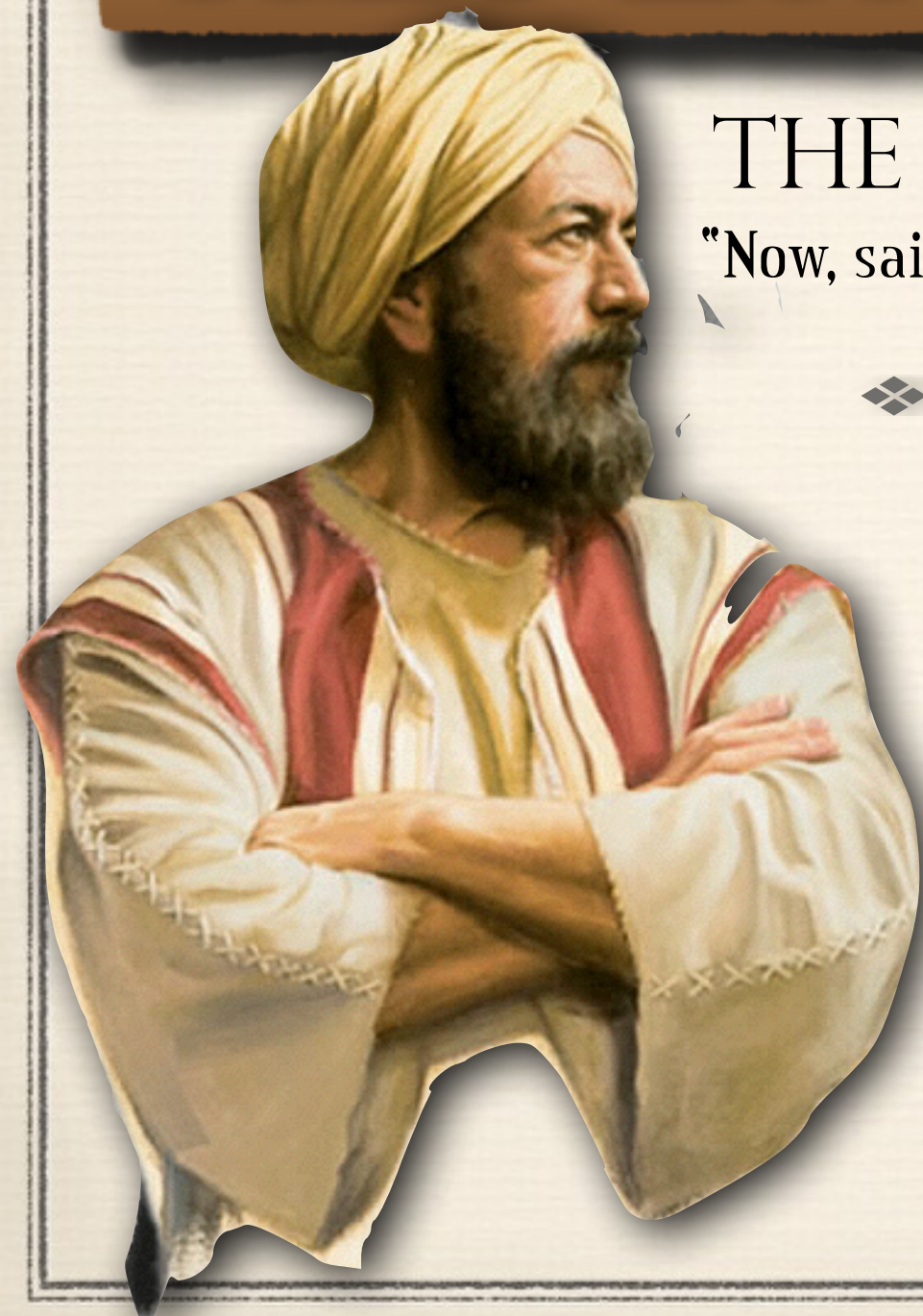
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1 THESSALONIANS 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,



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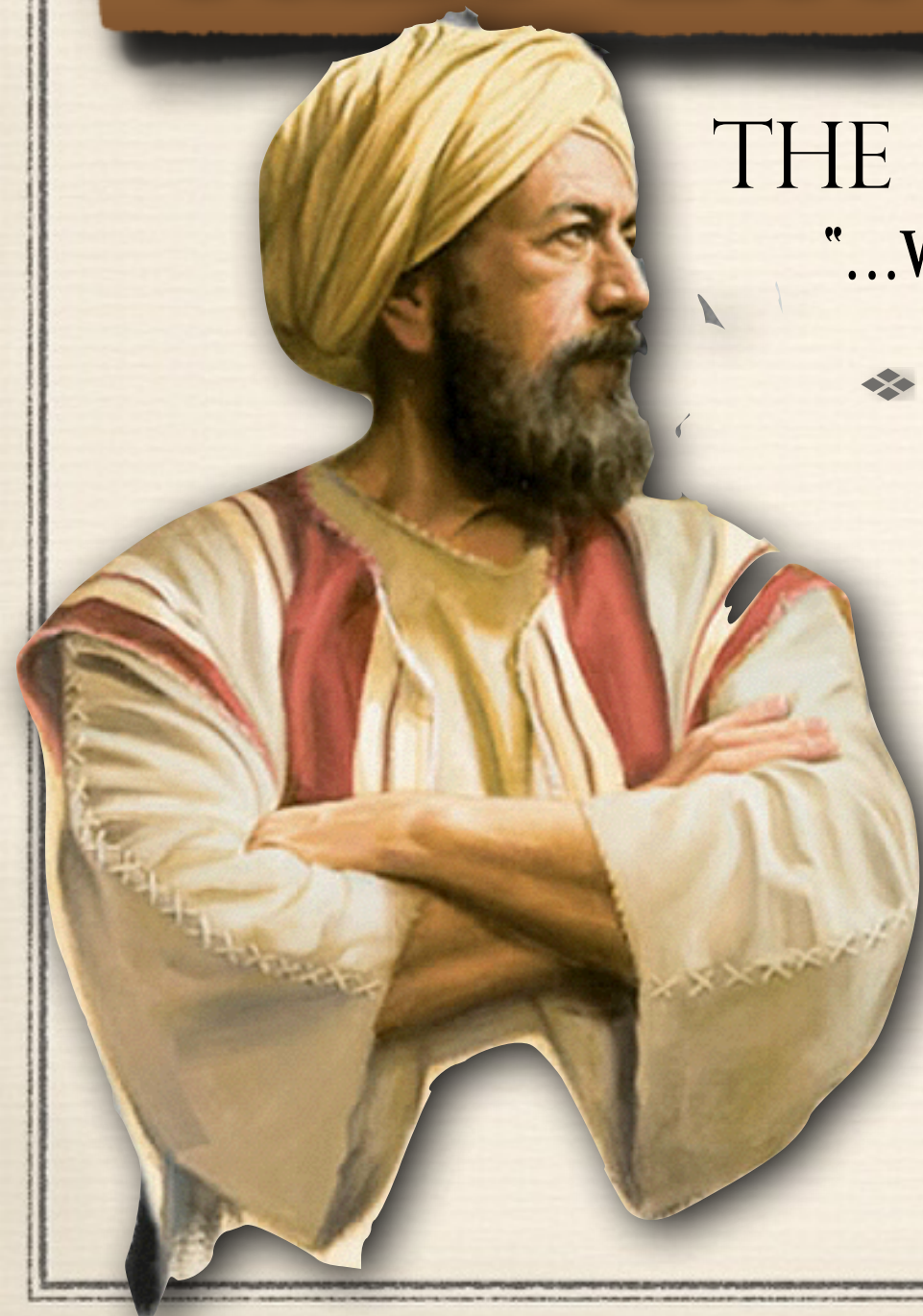
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THE EXPRESSION OF OUR REPENTANCE

“...With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” (Joel 2:12).

- ❖ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted, (*Mat 5:5*)
- ❖ Sorrow, in and of itself, is NOT repentance - (*2 Cor. 7:9,10; Mat 27:3-5*)
- ❖ But there can be NO genuine repentance without genuine godly sorrow - (*2 Cor 7:8-11; Psalm 51:1-13; Luke 15:21; Mat. 26:75*)



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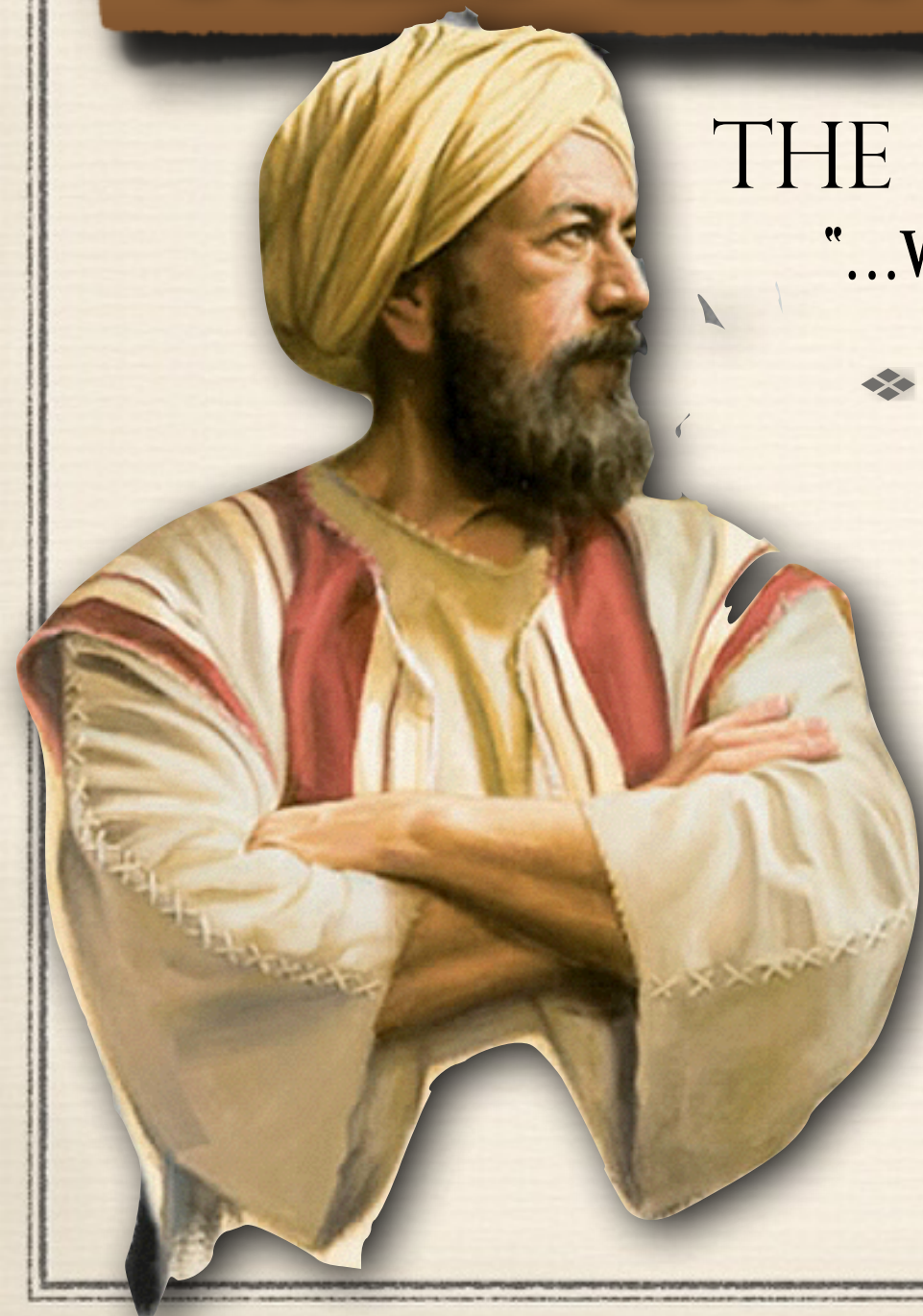
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- ❖ The result of godly sorrow is “works befitting repentance” (Obedience) - (*Luke 3:8; Acts 26:20; Acts 9:9*)
- ❖ Restitution, where & if possible, is another expression of genuine repentance - (*Luke 19:8; 1 Cor 15:10*)



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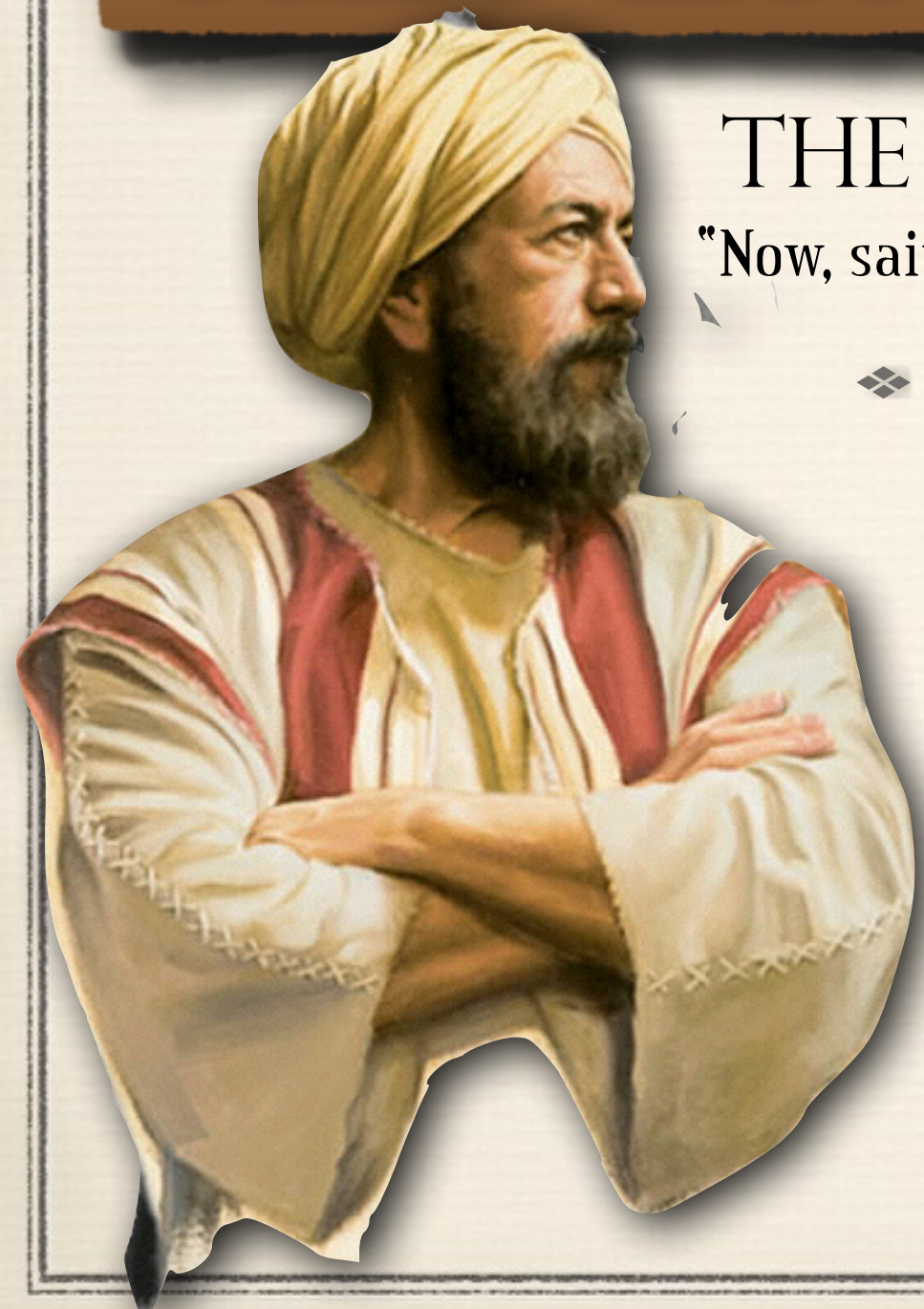
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THE EXTENT OF OUR REPENTANCE -

“Now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart...”(Joel 2:12).

- ❖ “... with all our heart ... rend your heart, and not your garments;; (*Joel 2:12,13*)
- ❖ Outward expression without genuine remorse toward God for our sinning against Him CANNOT produce the true fruits of righteousness - (*Psalm 51:16,17; Mat 5:3-5; Isaiah 1:11-15; Zec 7:5-7; Amos 5:21-23; Luke 18:11-14; Mat. 6:1-18; [charity, prayer, fasting], etc.*)



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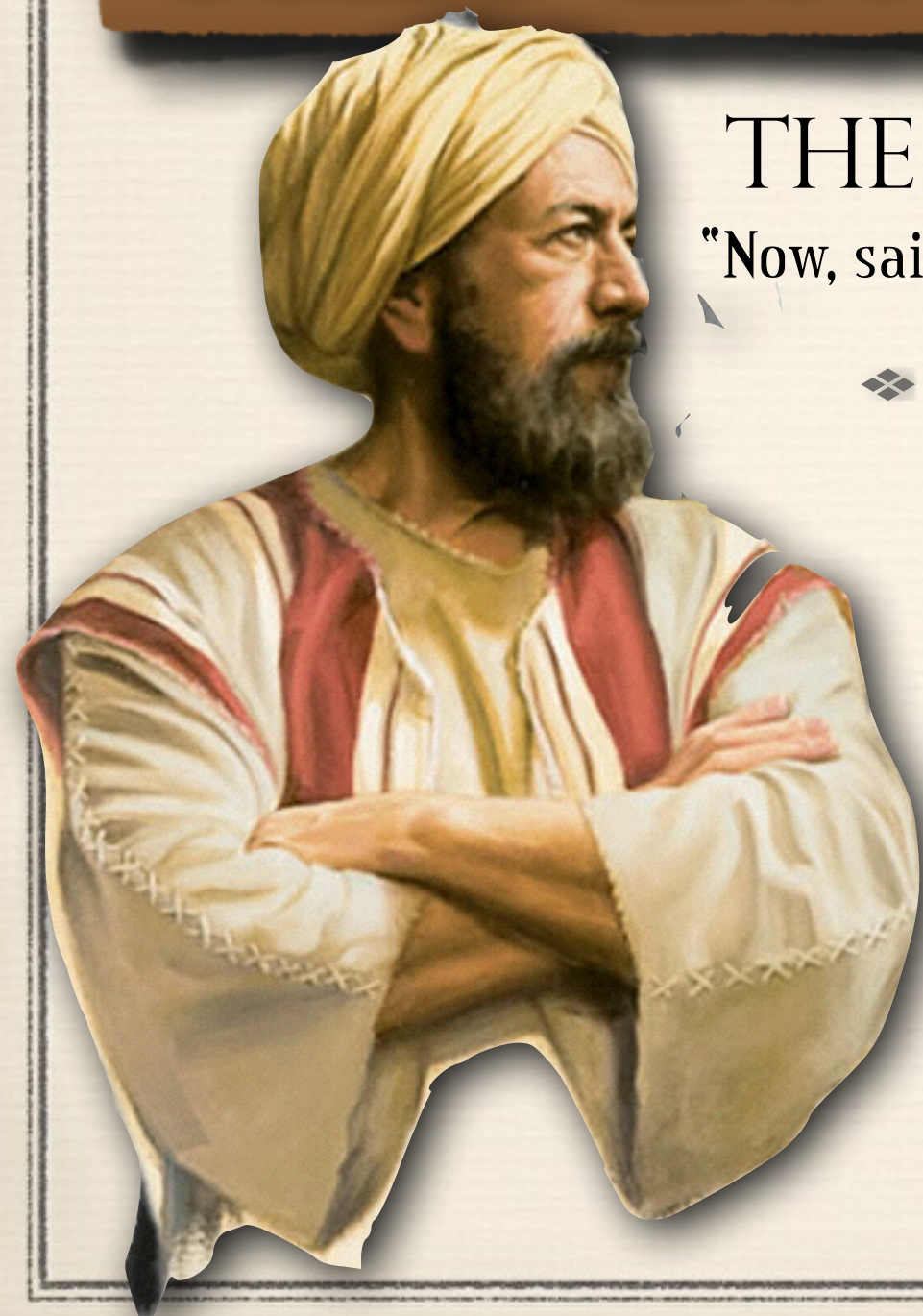
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- ❖ “... with all our heart ... rend your heart, and not your garments;; (*Joel 2:12,13*)
- ❖ A GENUINE change of mind as a result of HEARING God’s word - (*Acts 2:37; Heb 4:12; Rom 12:1,2; Eph 5:20-23*)
- ❖ The resolve to change ones mind & will is at the very heart of repentance – (*1 Pet 4:2; Gal 5:24; Col 3:1-5; Rom 6:1,2, 7,11; 13:12-14*)



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THE CONFIDENCE WE CAN HAVE
WHEN WE TRULY REPENT

JOEL 2:13 (NKJV)

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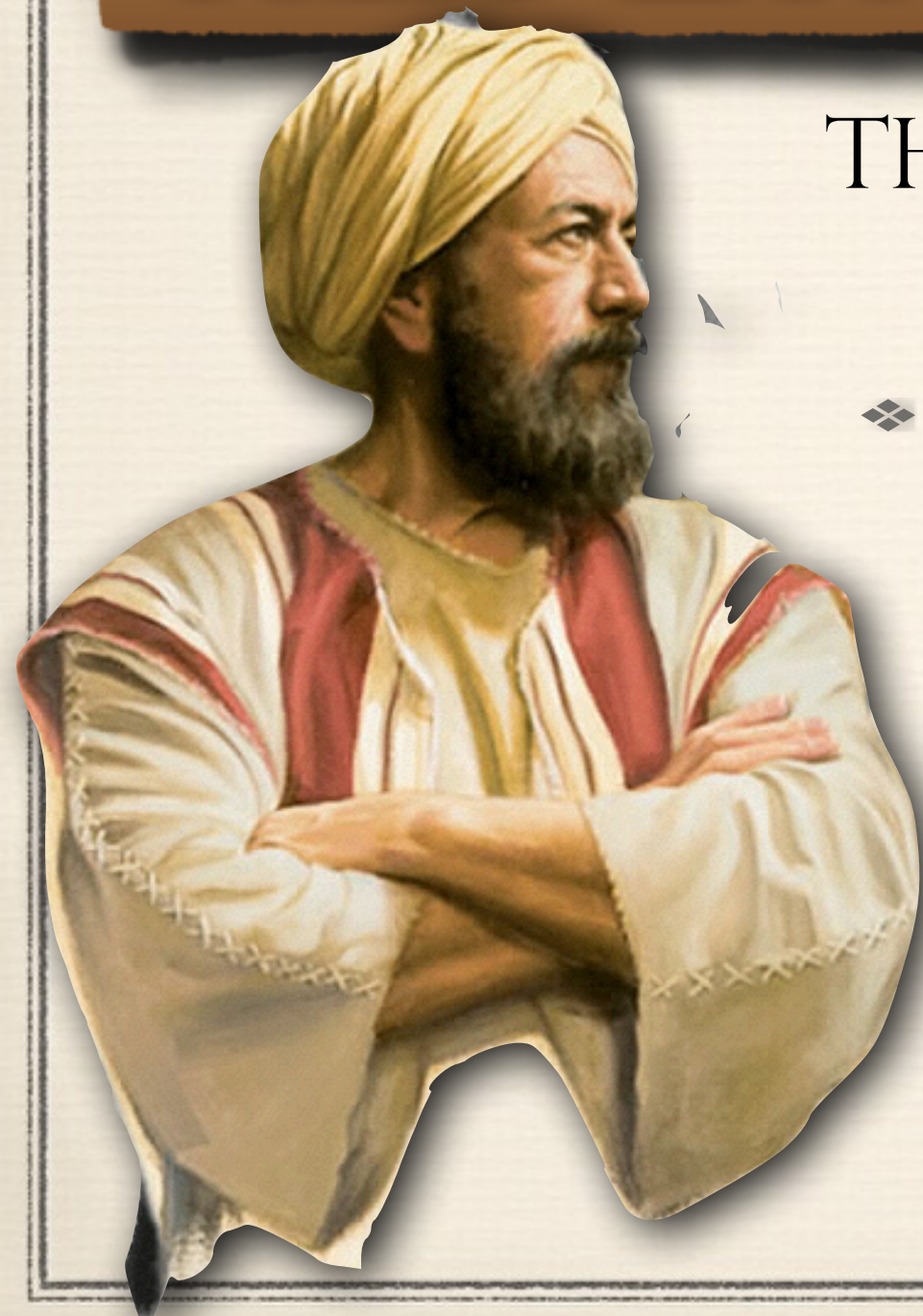
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THE CONFIDENCE WE CAN HAVE WHEN WE TRULY REPENT

- ❖ Joel offers the people hope if they “turned to God with a whole heart” - 2:18-27
- ❖ God would replenish the land and provide all their needs - (2:18-20)
- ❖ God would be their protection, giving them cause for rejoicing - (2:21-24)
- ❖ The Lord’s reassurance they should never be put to shame - (2:25-27)



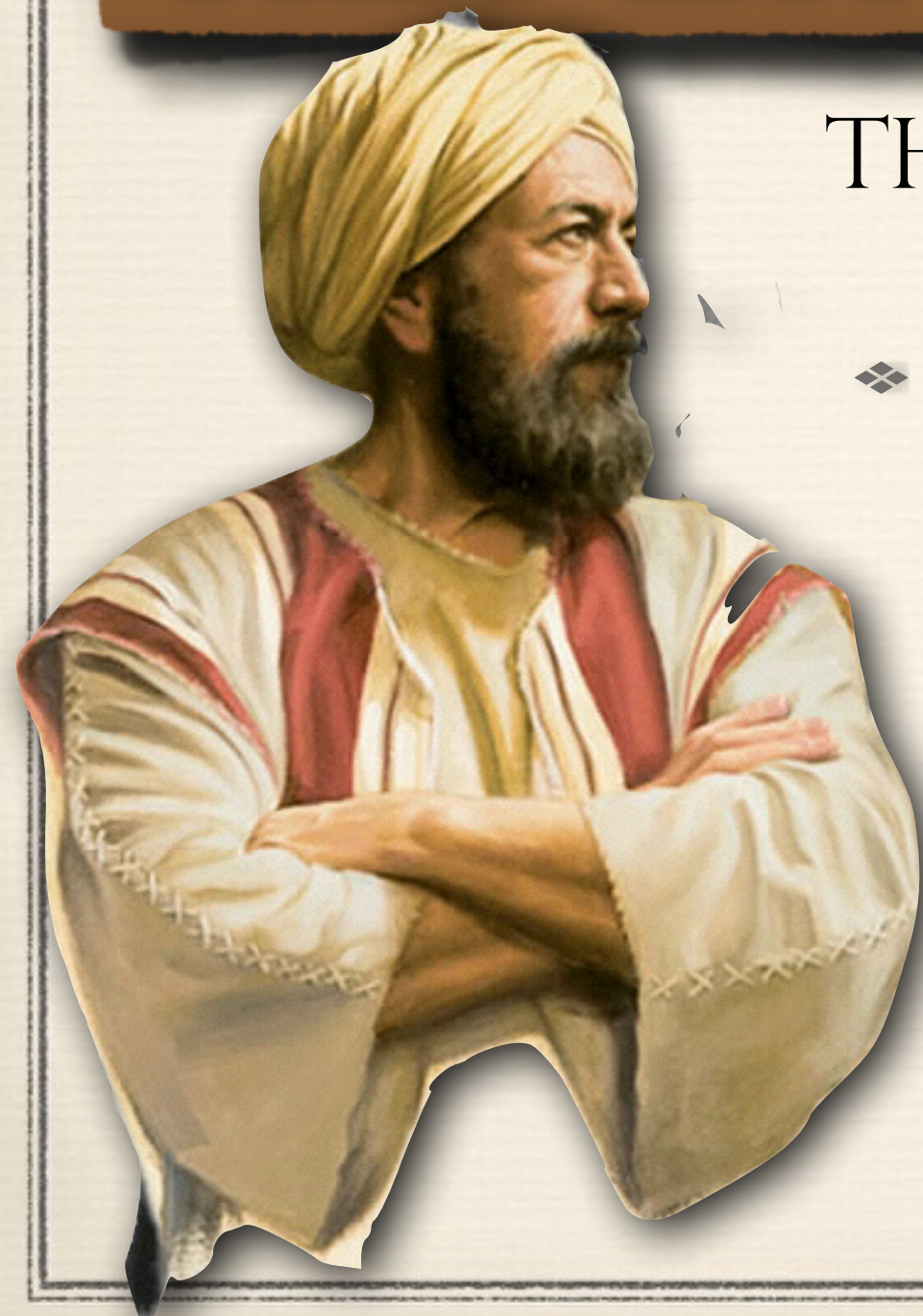
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- ❖ God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 18:23; 33:11, 18–20)
- ❖ God is NOT willing that anyone perish, but that all repent - (*2 Peter 3:9, 17*)
- ❖ God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son – (*John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Tit 3:3-5; 1 Pe.t 3:18; 1 Jno. 3:16; 4:9, 10*)
- ❖ God HAS made provision so that no one need be lost! - (*Tit 2:11, 12; 1 Tim 2:4-6*)



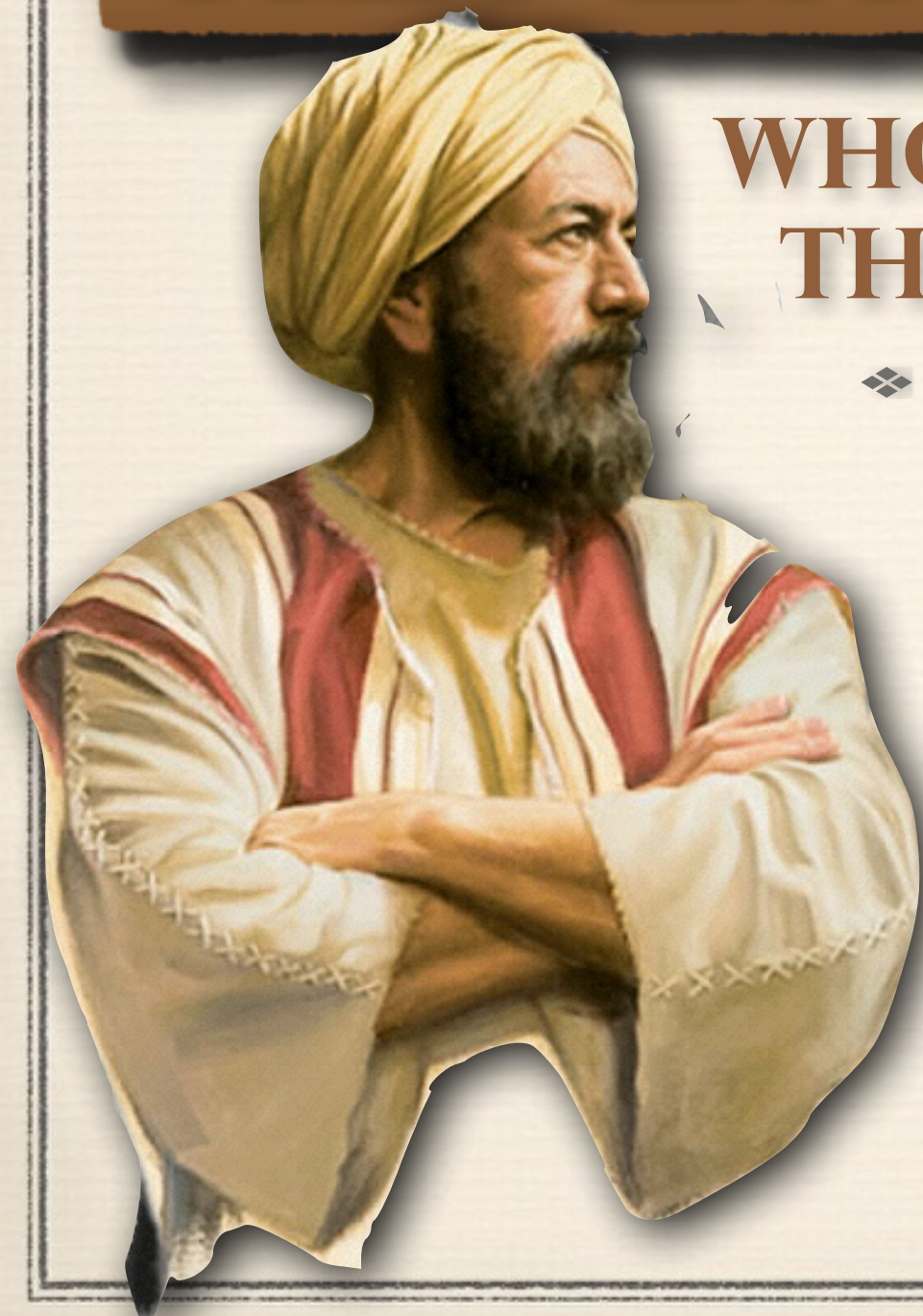
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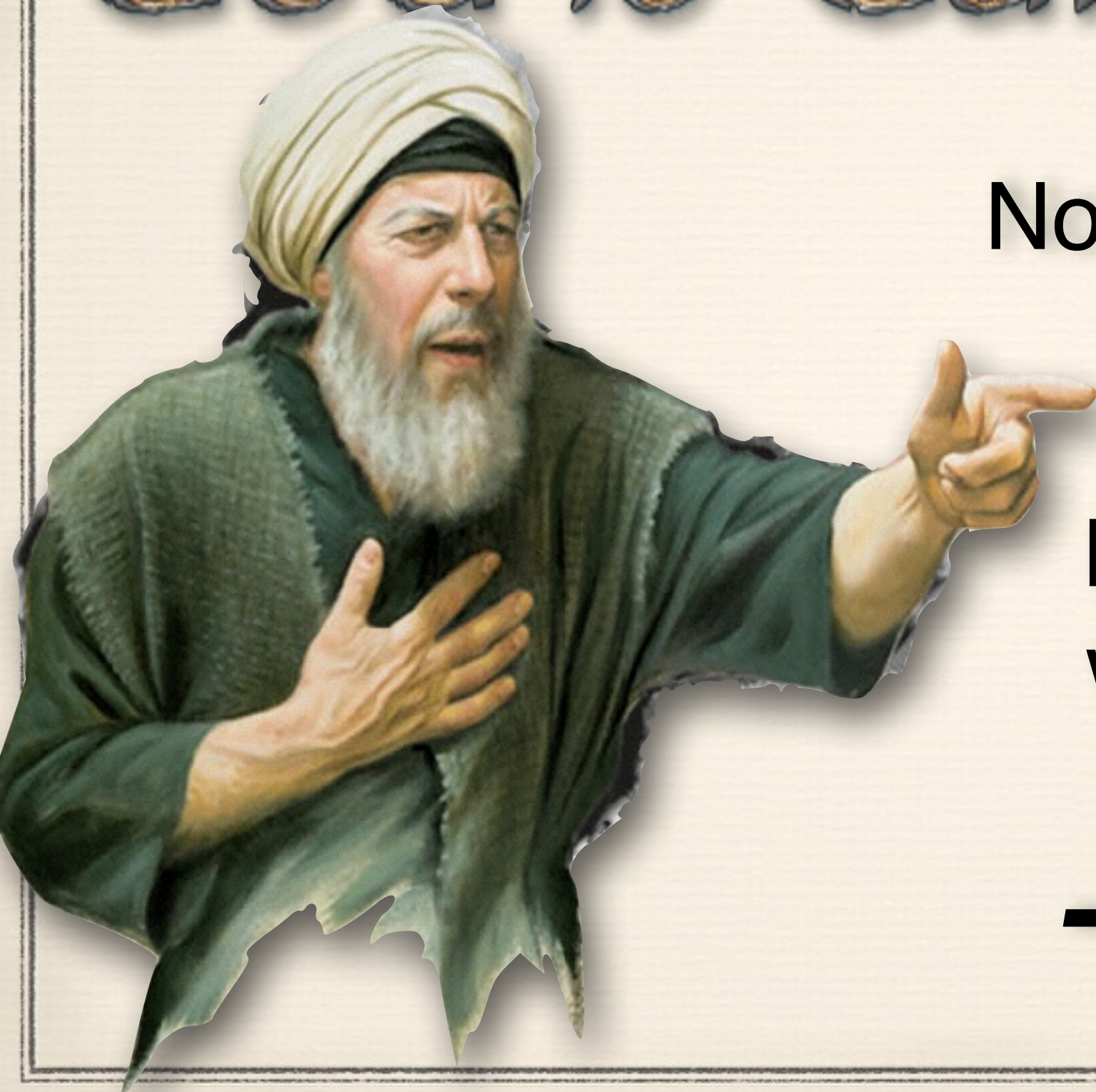
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WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF
THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED - 2:32

- ❖ Judgment would / will come upon all who reject God's provision of salvation - 2:30,31
- ❖ Jesus is God's provision - (*His death, burial & resurrection*) - Acts 2:14-36
- ❖ All who do not obey the gospel will face the Lord's vengeance - 2 Thes 1:7-9
- ❖ Those who call upon the “**name of the Lord**” will be saved - Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 10:13-17; 1 Pet 3:21; Col. 3:17



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Jesus says come to Him & He will
give you rest - Mat 11:28-30

- We Are Told How To Come - Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16
- We are told what God will do if we turn to Him with our whole heart in Jesus - Eph 1:3-14; Rom 2:6; John 14:1-6; 1 Pet 1:6-9
- We are told what will happen if we do not come - Acts 17:30,31; 2 Thes 1:7-9
- The **ONLY** question is - what will you do? -

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ACTS 2:16-24 (NKJV)

¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ *'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*

ACTS 2:16-24 (NKJV)

*¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath: Blood
and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The
sun shall be turned into darkness, And
the moon into blood, Before the
coming of the great and awesome day
of the Lord. ²¹ And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of
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ACTS 2:16-24 (NKJV)

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

ACTS 2:16-24 (NKJV)

²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.