

The background image shows a man with long dark hair and a full beard, wearing a white head covering and a brown tunic. He is looking down with a focused expression at a scroll held by another person whose face is partially visible on the right. The setting appears to be an ancient interior with soft lighting.

*The Kind of*  
**PREACHING**  
That Pleases God ...

Successful Preachers In The Bible ...

# True Measures of Success?



- **FAMOUS?** - Number of followers / Most popular? ? ? ?
- **DYNAMIC?** - Persuasive / Charismatic? ? ? ?
- **ORTHODOX?** - Number of / Type of - people who agree with them? ? ? ?
- **TALENTED?** - Really good communicators ? ? ? ?
- **RELEVANT?** - Motivational / Easy listening? ?? ?



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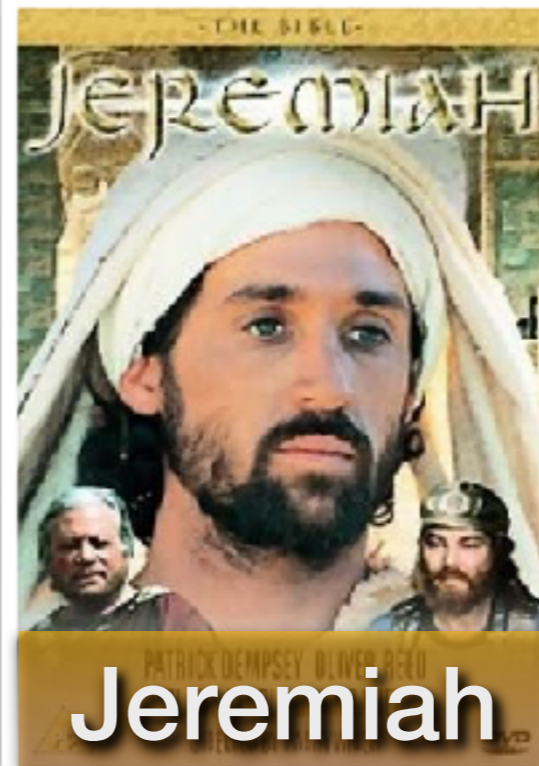
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Jeremiah



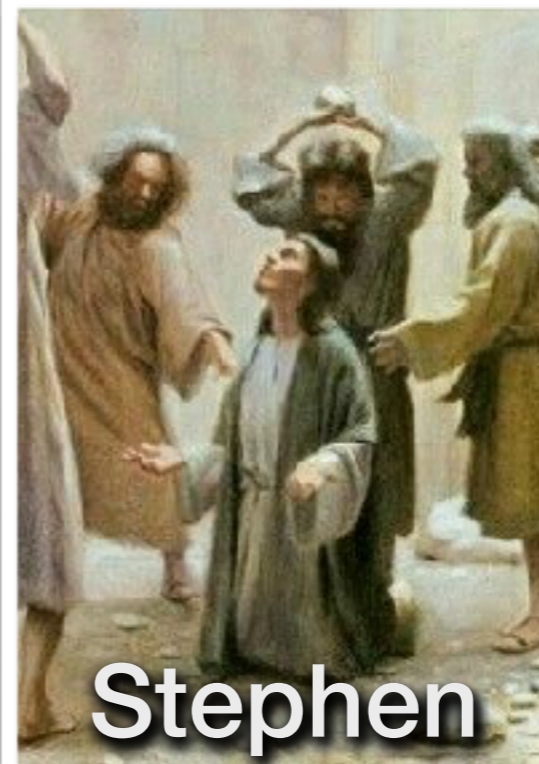
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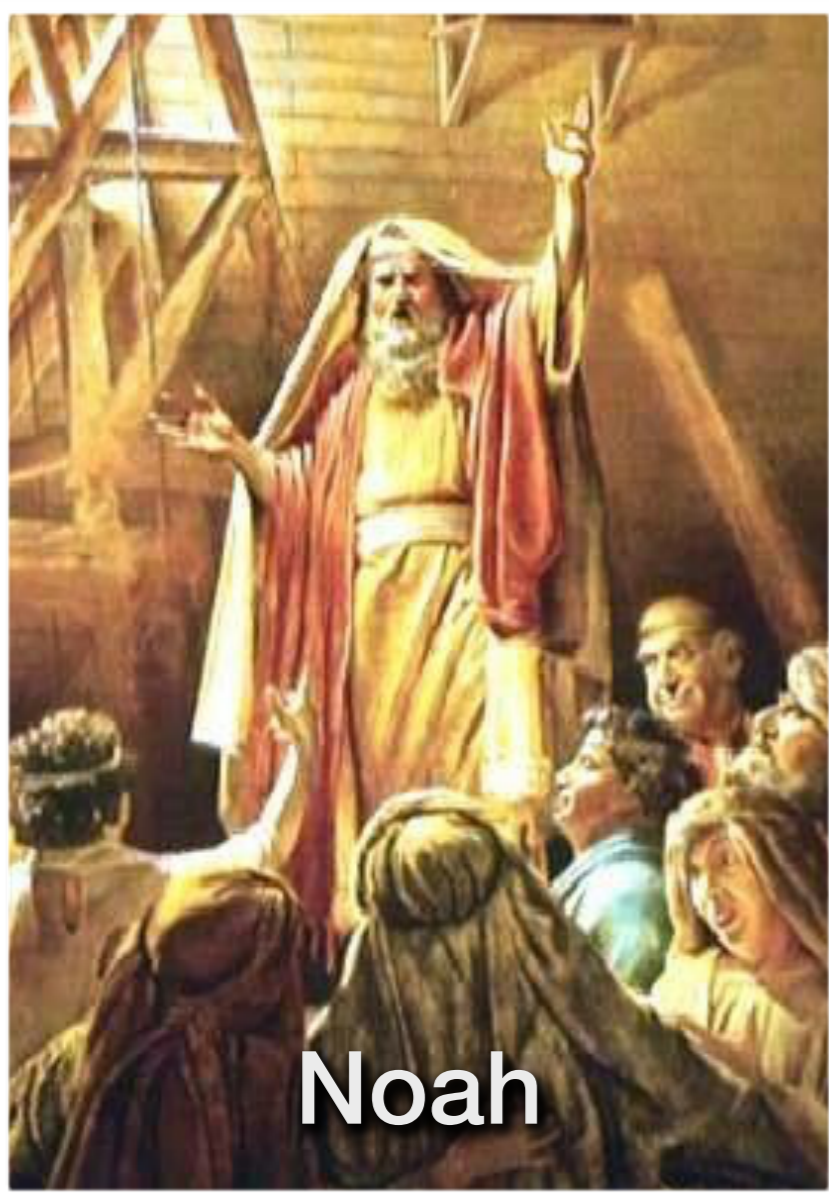


Paul

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2 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

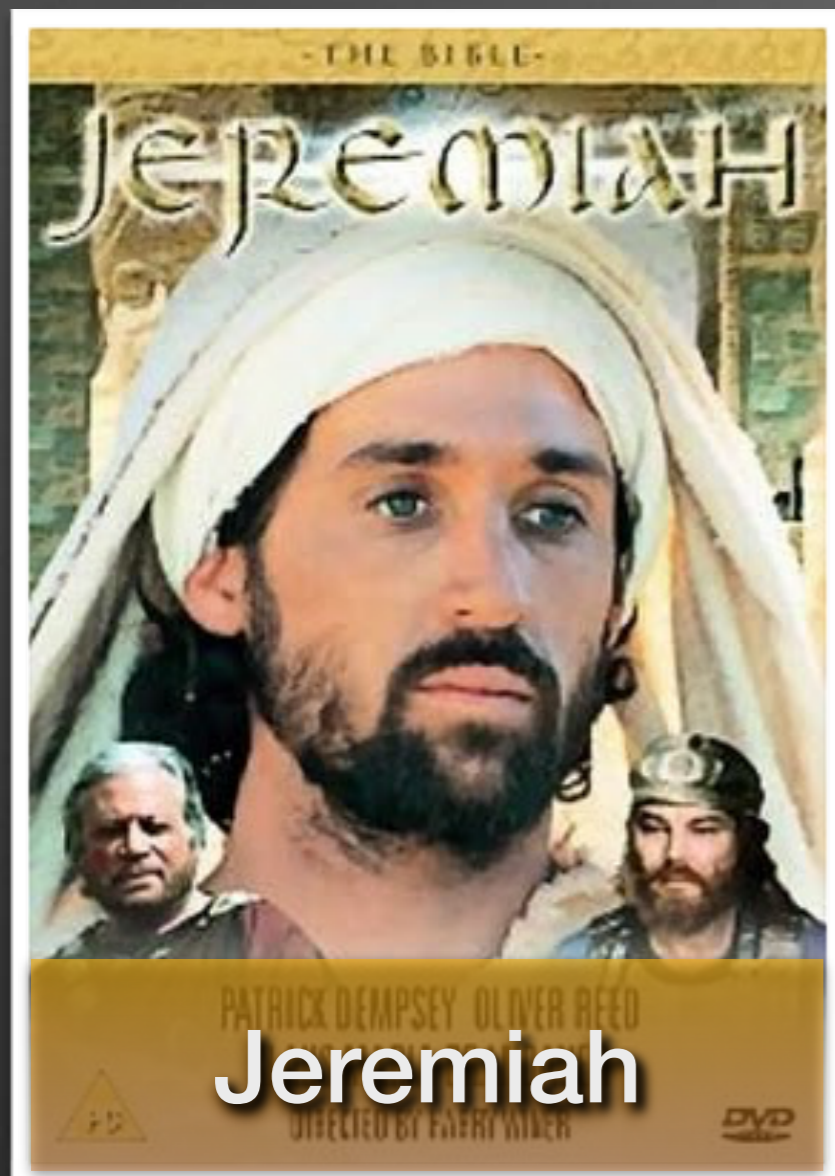


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- Noah found grace / was righteous - Genesis 6:8,9; 7:1
- Preacher of righteousness for MANY years - Genesis 6:8-7:11 (55-75 years / Answers in Genesis)
- Warned of the coming flood — (1 Pet 3:19, 20; 2 Pet 2:5)
- Noah suffered persecution because of his preaching - (1 Pet 3:18-20)
- Saved eight people - (1 Pet 3:20)

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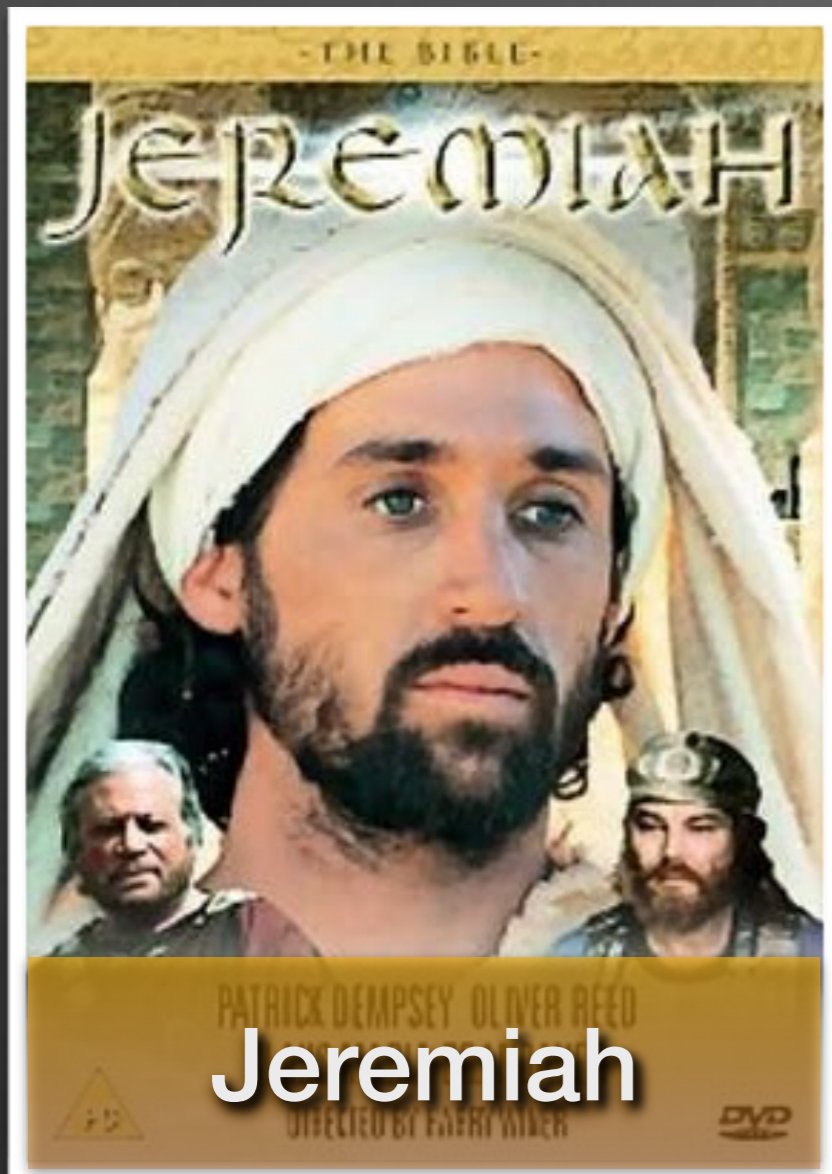
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<sup>10</sup> See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

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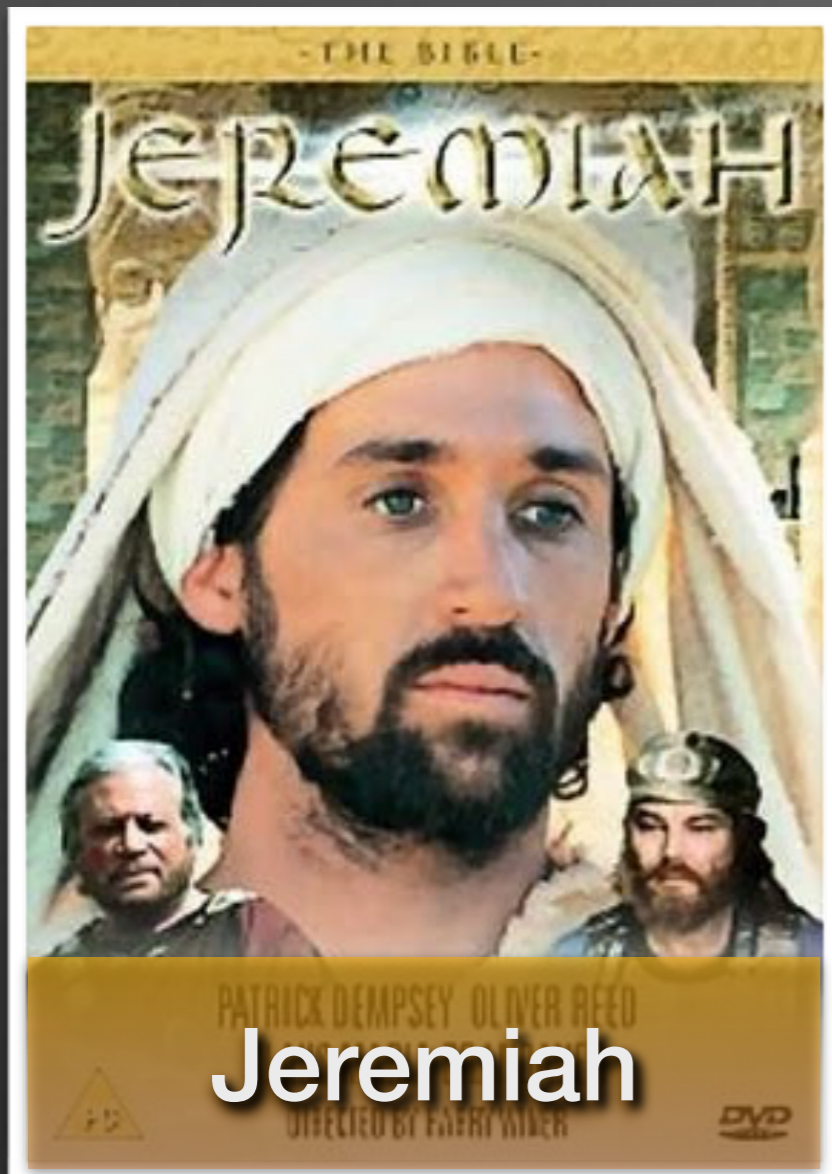
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- Told to prepare - (1:17; 1 Pet 1:13)
- Told to not be afraid of the people - 1:8,17; cf Ezek 2:6
- Set as a watchman to WARN the people - “but they will not listen” — 6:16,17; 7:27; Is. 58:1. Ho. 8:1. Am. 3:6–8; 2 Cor 10:4,5; 2 Tim 4:2
- Despite forty years of Jeremiah's preaching, Judah's heart did not change. — They responded by mocking, hitting & imprisoning him.

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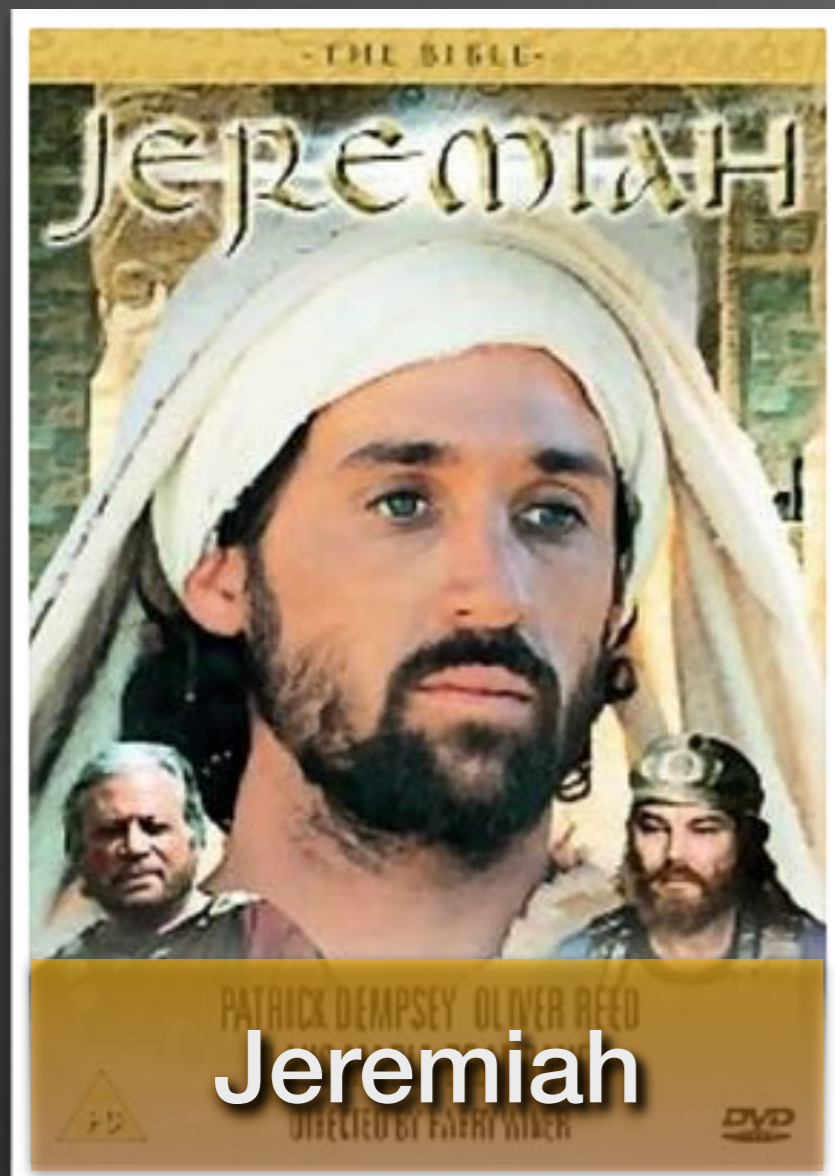
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- He charged the people with "forsaking the fountain of living waters," and replacing him with "broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (2:13)
- Jeremiah's message contained the many indictments God had against his people, and the recurring theme was that of condemnation - (6:13-15; 7)
- Jeremiah's message contained hope, (building & planting), but there could be no hope until their sins were overthrown & plucked out - (31:28,40).

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- Jeremiah exposed the many false teachers who said “peace, peace.” (6:14; 7:4,8; 23:17; Mic. 3:11)
- Judah’s ONLY hope was to repent, turn back to God and follow the original path He had given them - but they refused - (6:16,17; 7:23; 11:6-8; etc.)
- Judah's refusal to return to the Lord caused Jeremiah great heartache - crying "in secret" over their "pride" (Jer. 9:1; 10:19; 13:19; Lam 2:18).

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Matthew 3:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

<sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’*” (Is 40:3)

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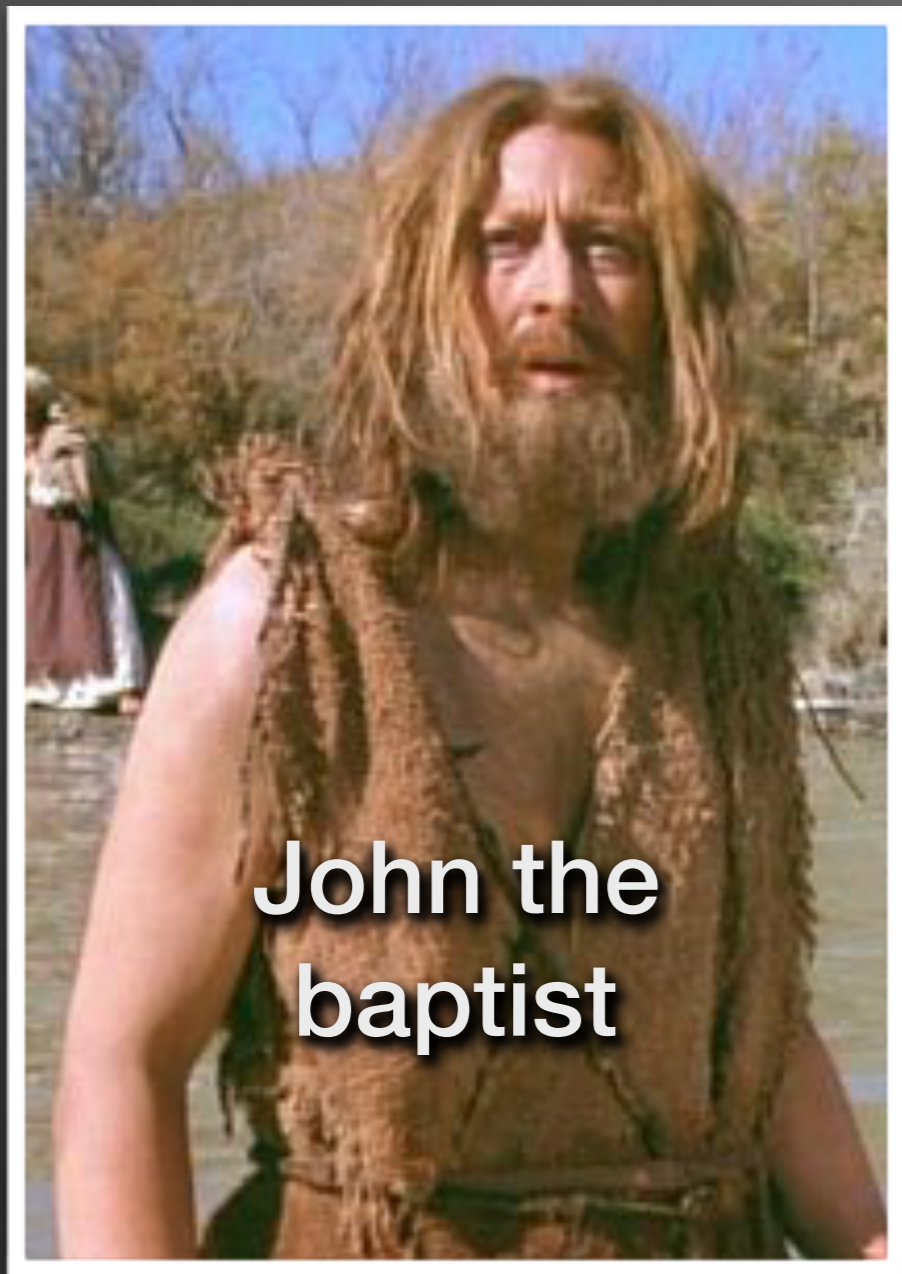
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- John's preaching emphasized repentance — (Mt. 3:2,8; Mk. 1:4; Lk. 3:3; Mk. 6:18)
- John's preaching was direct, plain, & accusatory — (Mt. 3:7-10; Mk. 6:16-18)
- John's preaching pointed to Jesus — (Mt. 3:11-12; Jn 1:26-30; 3:26-26)
- Jesus' testimony about John — (Mt 11:7-15)

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<sup>7</sup> As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses.

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<sup>9</sup> But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.  
<sup>10</sup> For this is *he* of whom it is written: *‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’*

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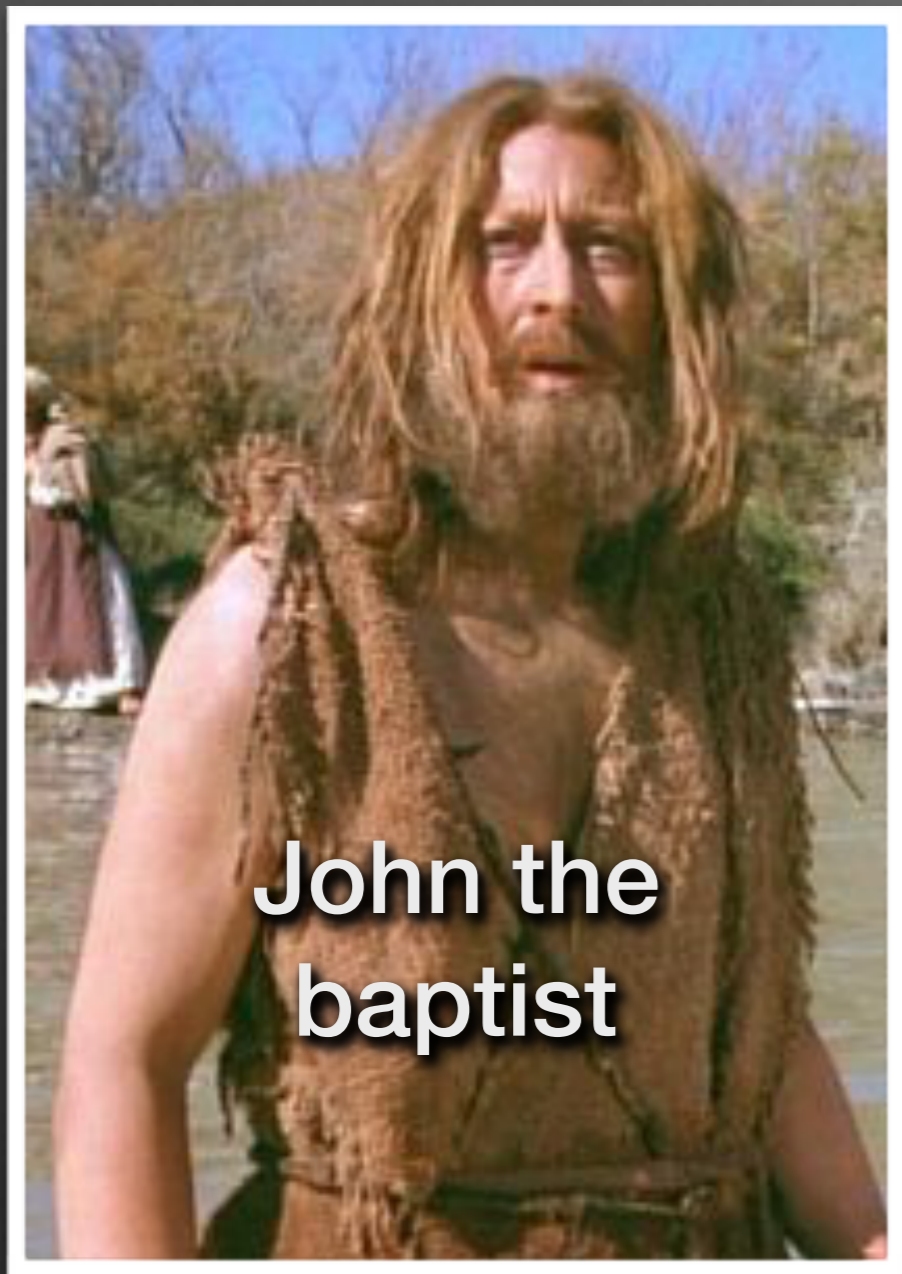
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<sup>11</sup> “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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<sup>12</sup> And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup> And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

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**Jesus**

- Spoke with authority and not as the Scribes — (Mt 5:3-7:28; 15:1-14; 19:1-9 ; 23:1-36)
- Condemned false doctrine, false teachers, & Irreverence — (Mt 15:1-14; 23:1-36; Jn 2:13-17)
- Demanded repentance and obedience — (Luke 17:3,5; Jn 8:11; Lk 6:46; Mt. 7:21-23)
- Warned of Judgment — (Mt 7:23; 15:13; 23:31-36; 25:31-46; Jn 12:48)

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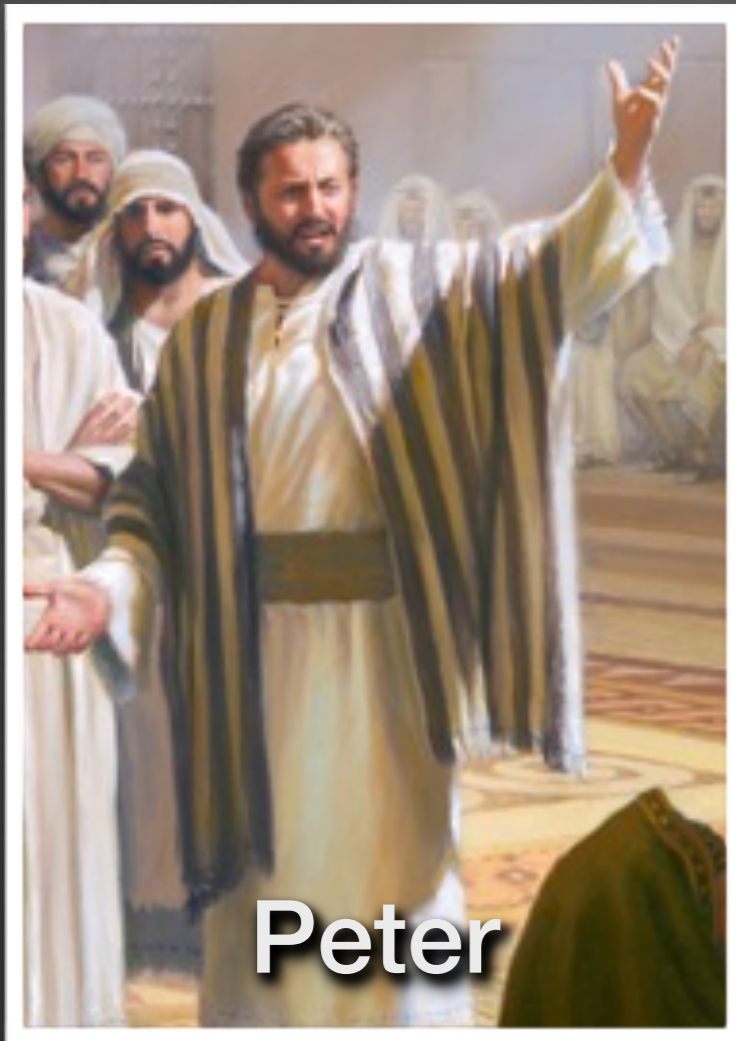
- Jesus, without question is the greatest, the best, the PERFECT preacher - yet he didn't convert the masses — (Jn. 6:60-66)
- Jesus cared deeply for the suffering and the lost, but could NOT save anyone who was unwilling to come to Him — (Mt 11:28-30; 23:37-39; Jn 12:48-50)
- The perfect preacher was rejected, mocked, beaten & crucified — (Mt. 26:47-27:50)

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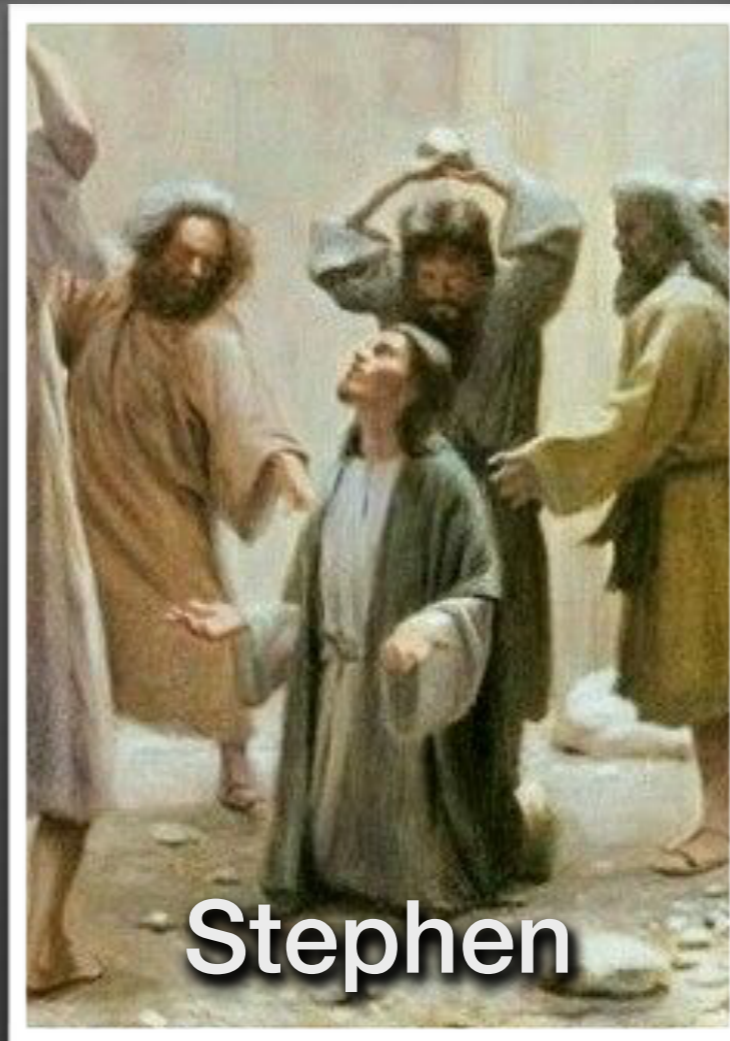
Acts 2:36 -... “Whom you crucified”

Acts 7:51 - “*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised ...

Acts 15:2 - no small dissension and dispute with them, ...



Acts 2:14-41



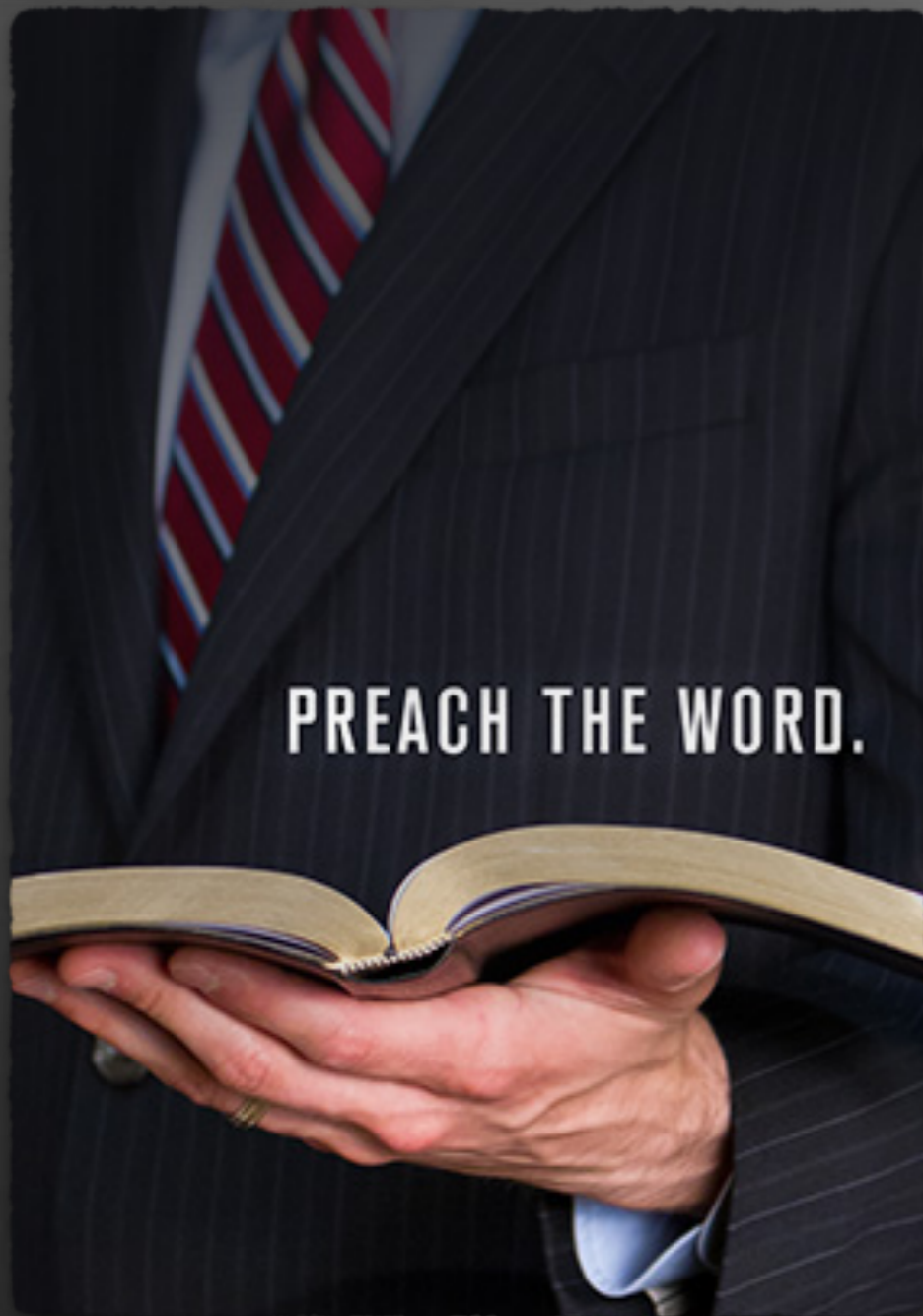
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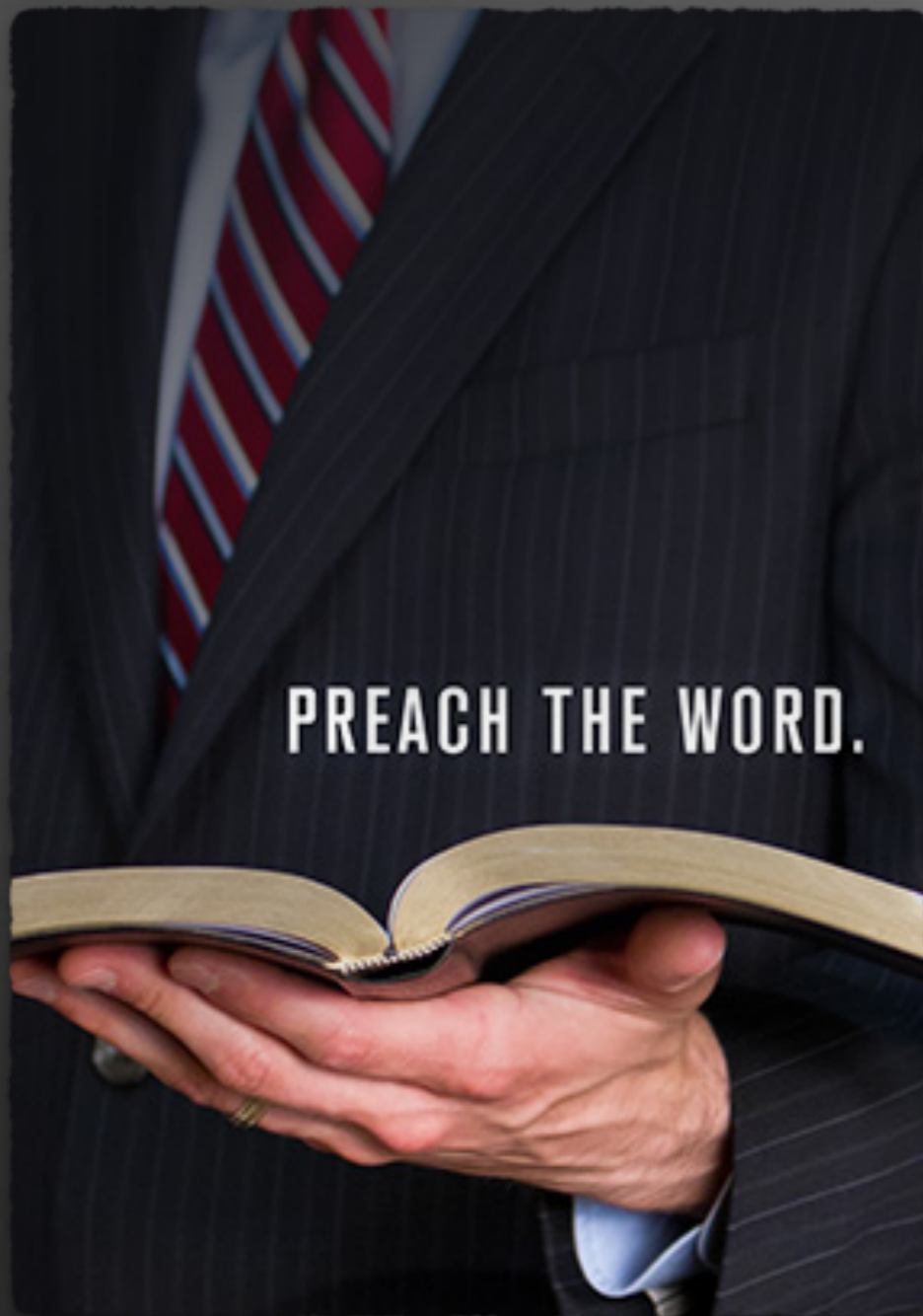
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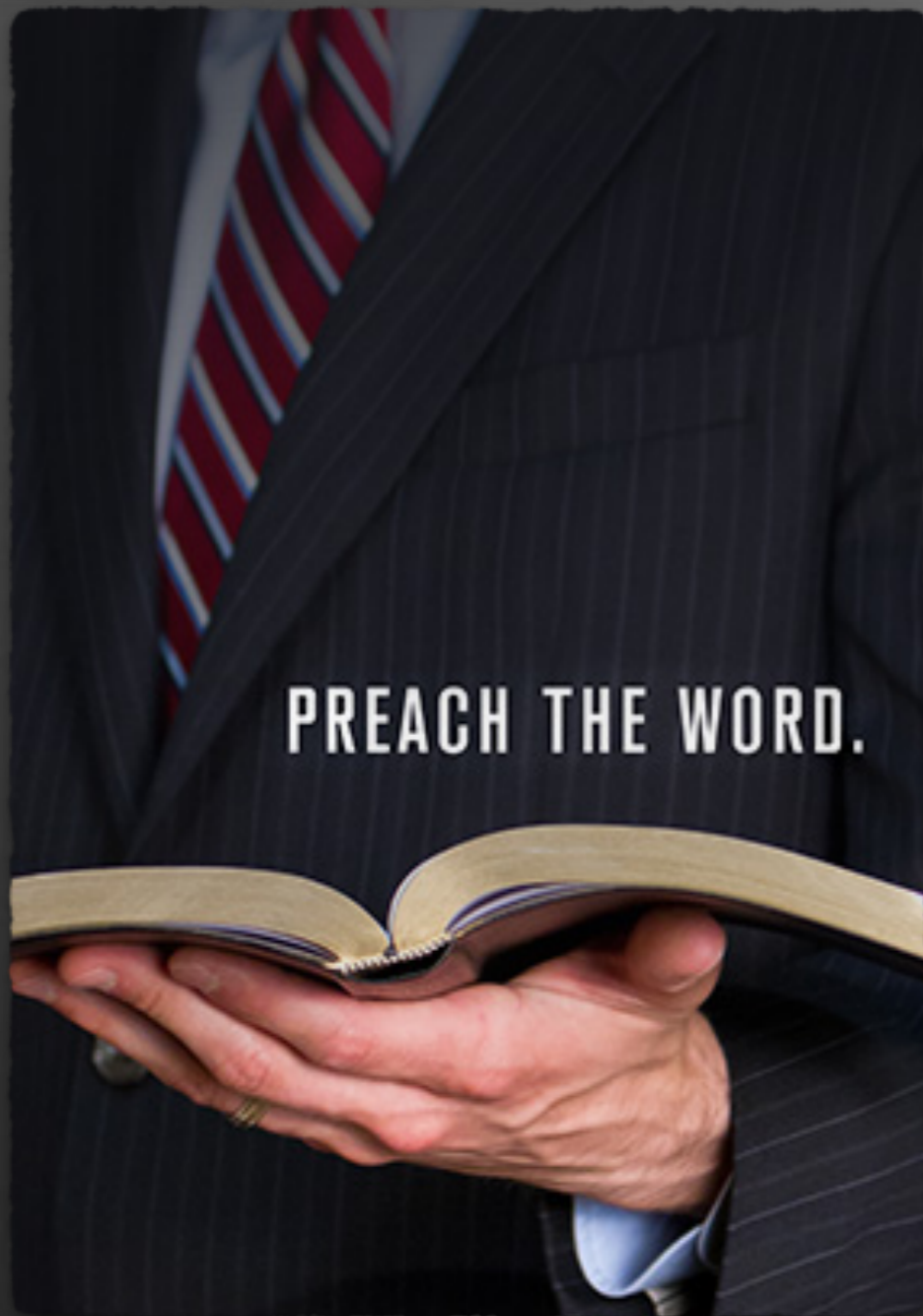
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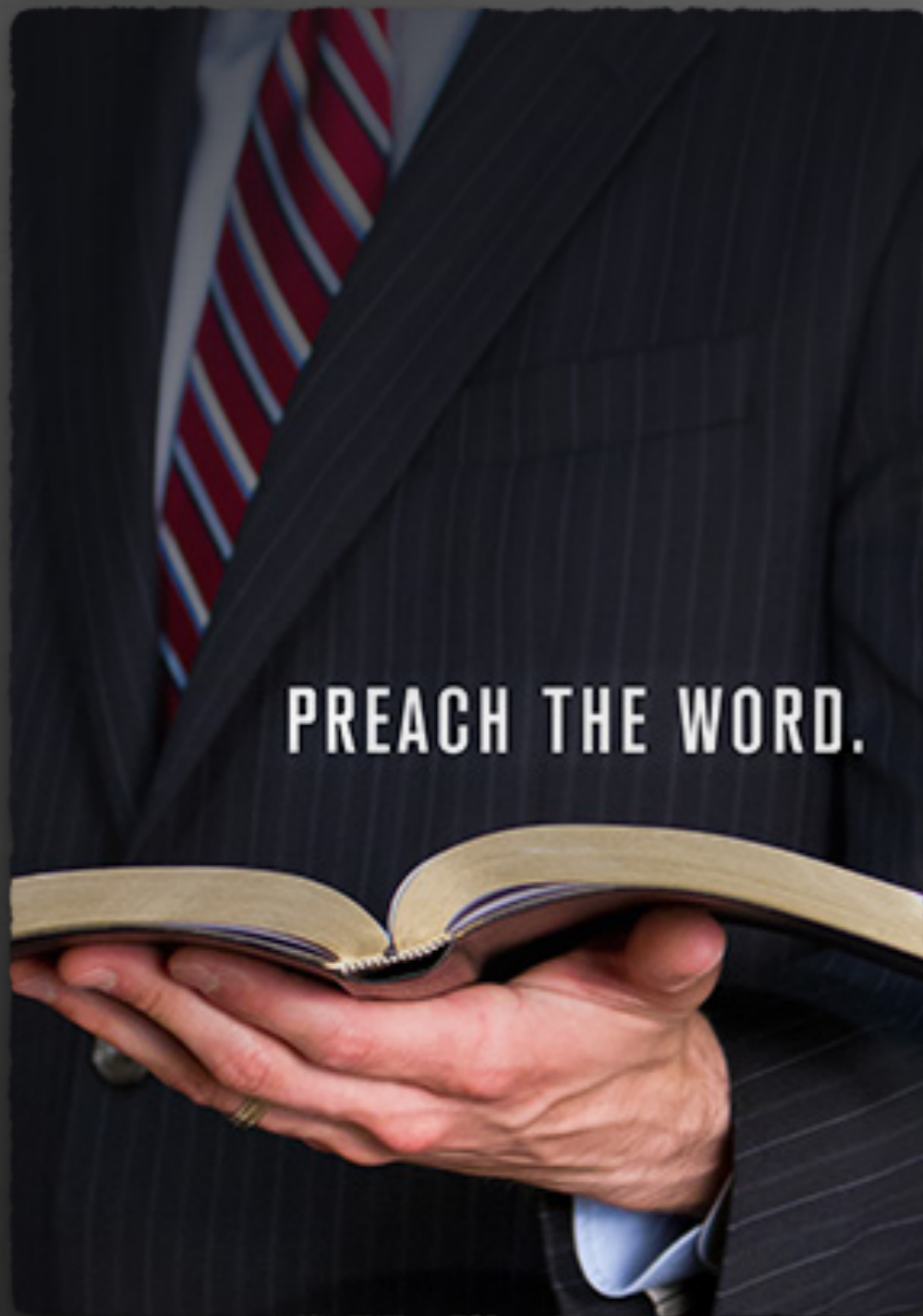
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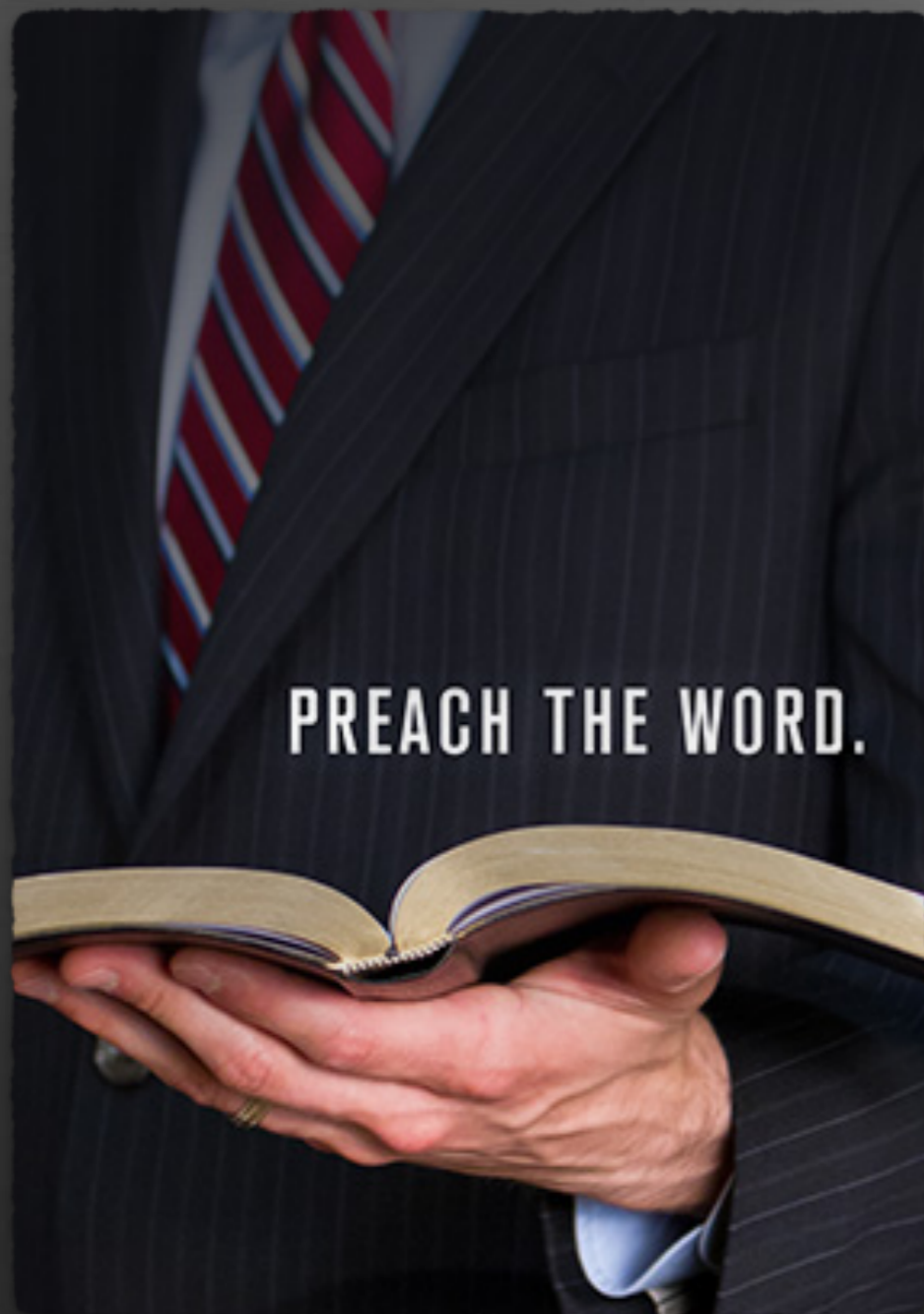
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- Relevance — The scriptures must be applied to today's issues, but such cannot be accomplished without indoctrination of what the scriptures teach!
- Theological accuracy is extremely important to proper practical application!
- False doctrine and those who advocate it **MUST** be opposed - (Jer. 23; 2 Tim 2:17,18; etc.)

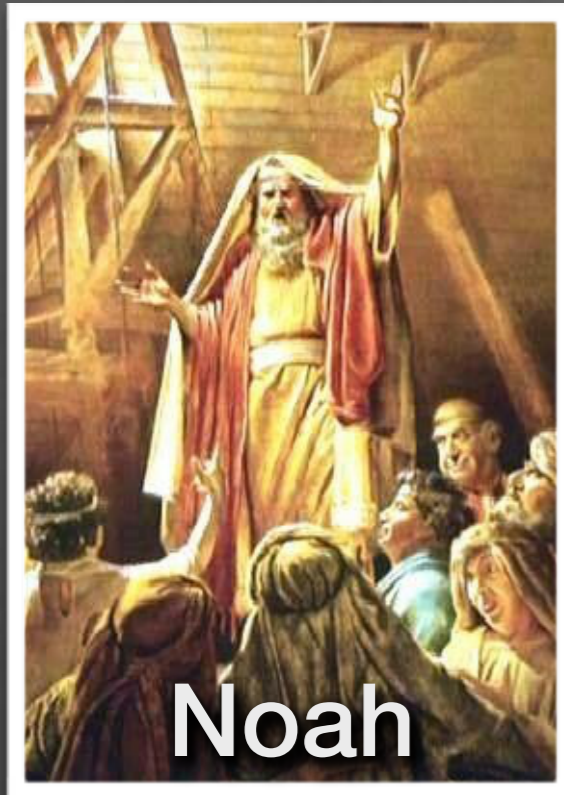
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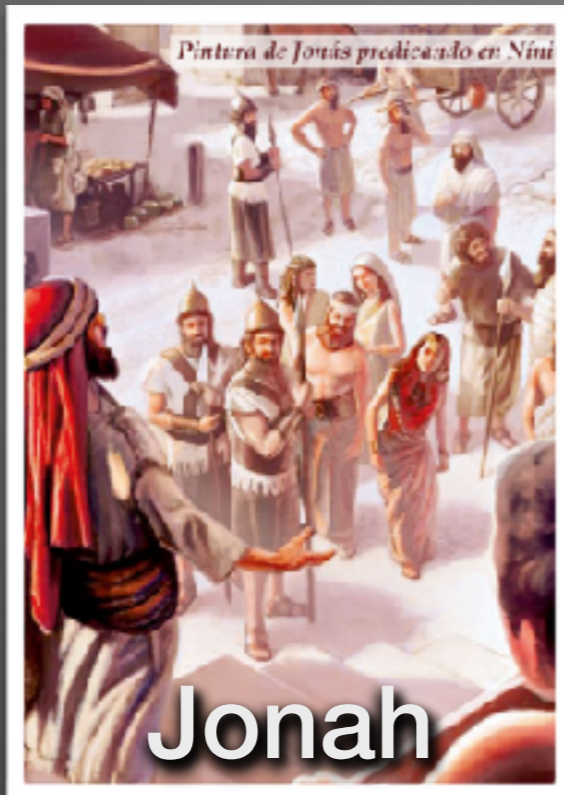


- Tell people what God says they MUST do in order for Him to save them! — (Mat 17:5; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Heb. 3:14-4:7; etc.)
- Tell people what God says about holiness, godliness, righteousness, the church, the need to submit to the authority of Christ — (Rom. 12:1-3; Col. 3:17;), etc. . . .

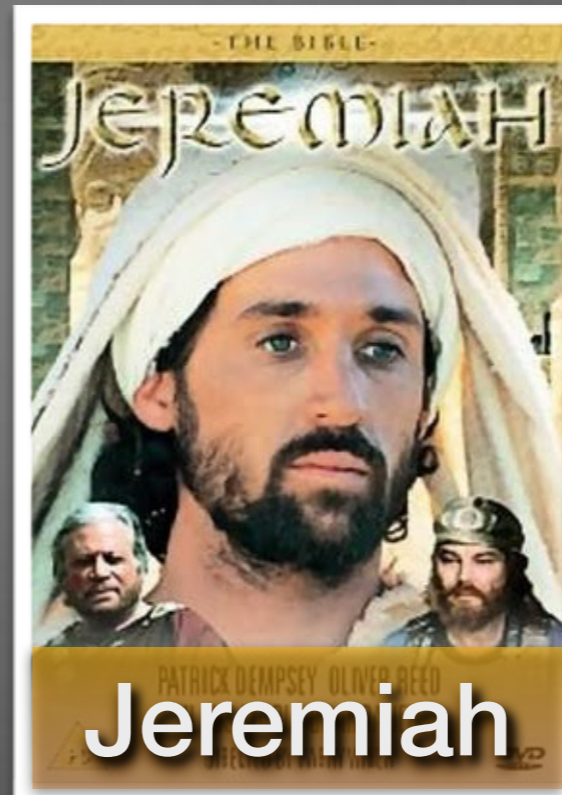
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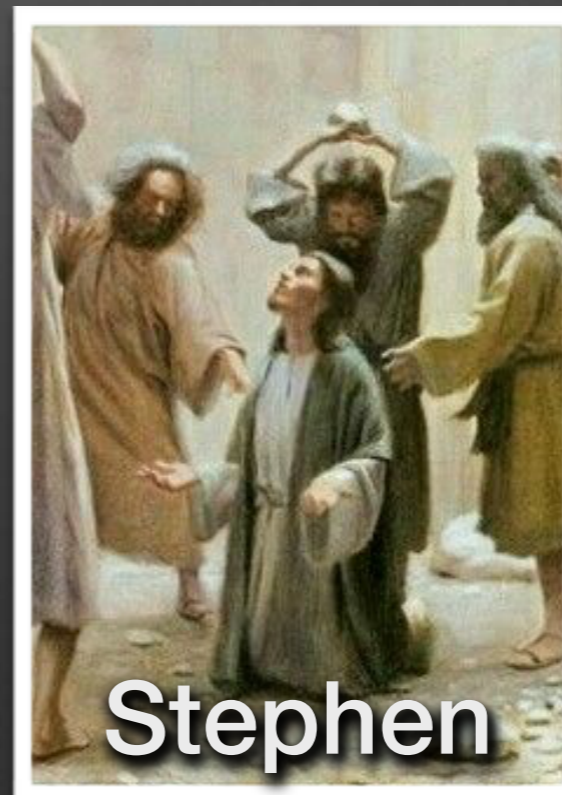
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