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*2Peter 1:2 – divine revelation from  
men moved by the spirit of God.*

*“The grass withereth,  
the flower fadeth: but  
the word of our God  
shall stand for ever.”*

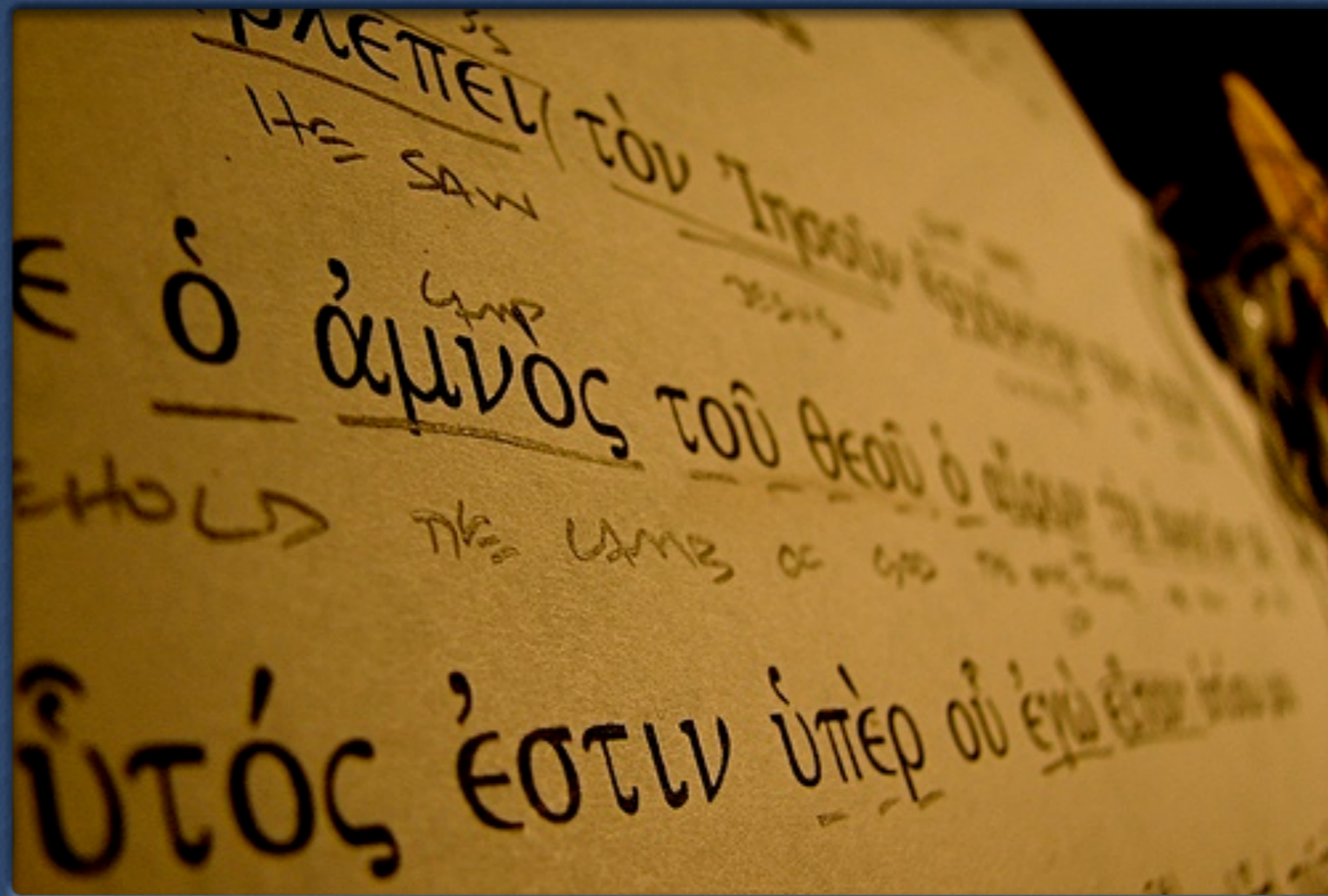
*Isaiah 40:8*

# The Bible

In the  
English  
language



ΠΛΕΤΤΕΙ ΤΟΥ Τηροῦν  
ITZ = SAW  
Ε Ο <sup>Λαμ</sup> ἀμνος τοῦ θεοῦ ὁ ἀγαθὸς ὁ ἀγαθὸς  
HOLD → ITZ = ΛΑΜΙΣ αε εἰς τὴν αἰωνίαν  
ἕτος ἐστὶν ὑπὲρ οὐ ἐγὼ εἶπα ἵνα



**Fourth Century - regarded as canon  
(God's finished word)**

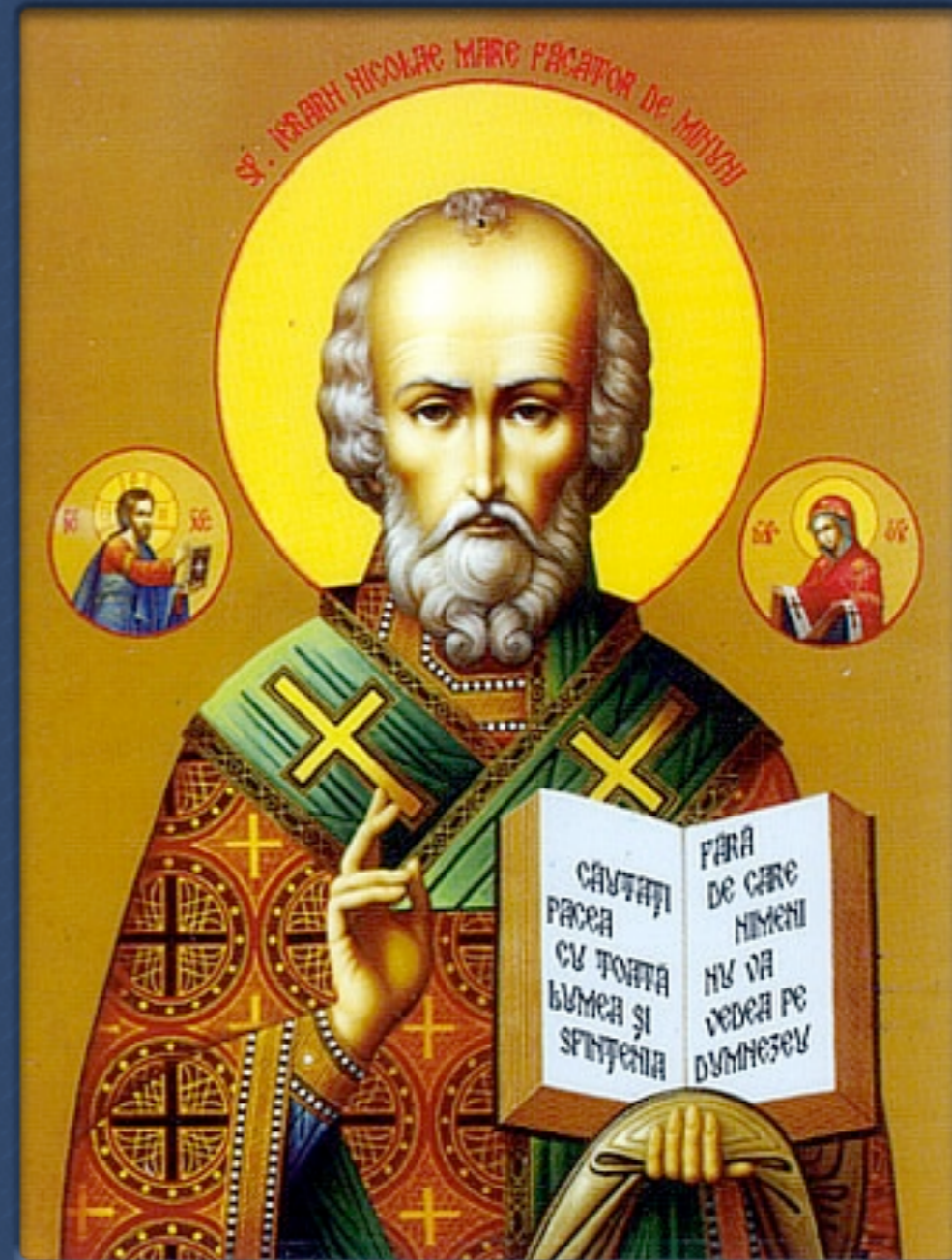
# Fourth Century

Constantine



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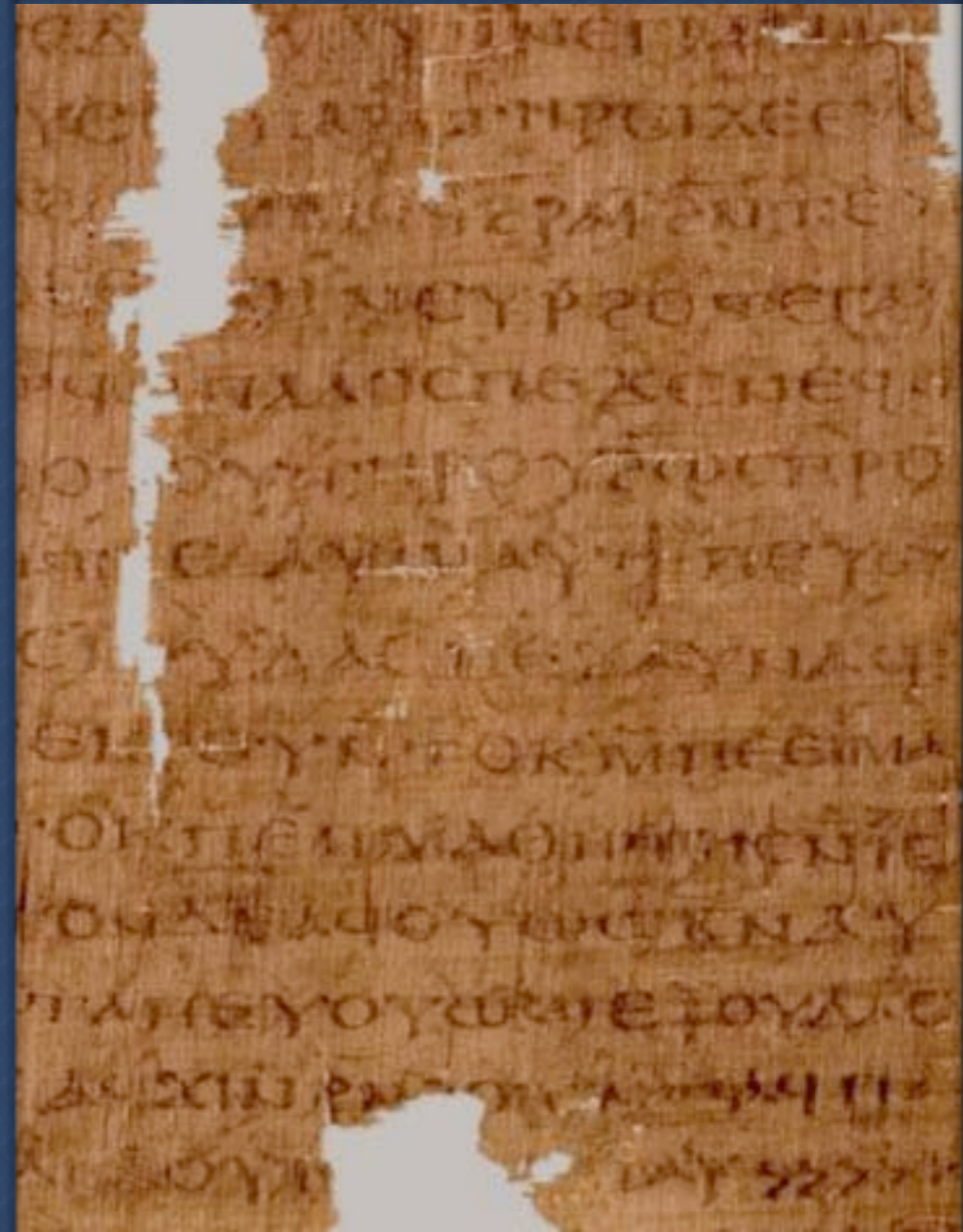
Rome  
dominates





Jerome  
translates

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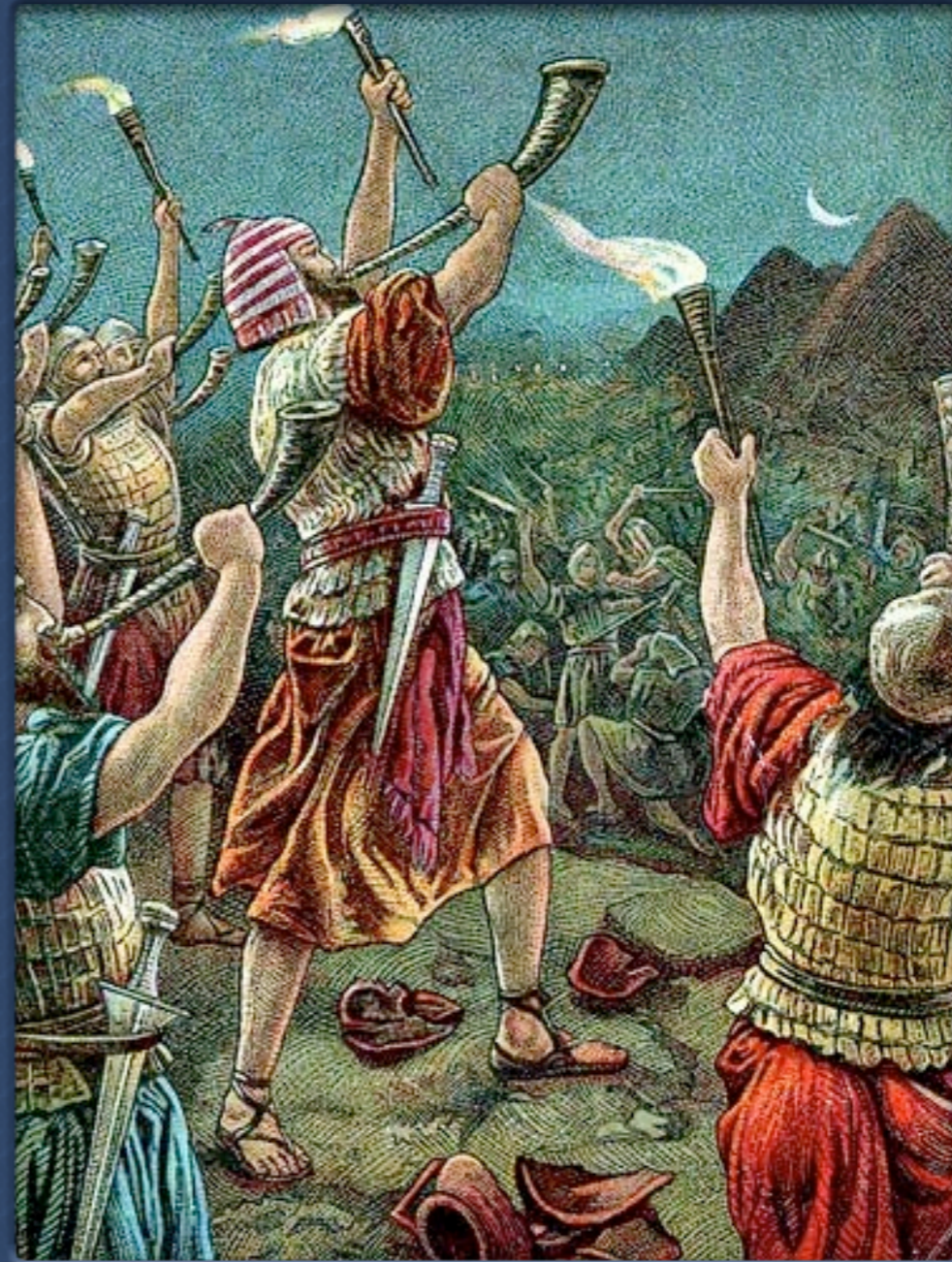
**“And I will give power unto my two witnesses,  
and they shall prophesy a thousand two  
hundred and threescore days, clothed in  
sackcloth.” - Revelation 11:3**

# Roman Church



**conditions inviting idolatry**

# Judges 8:22-35



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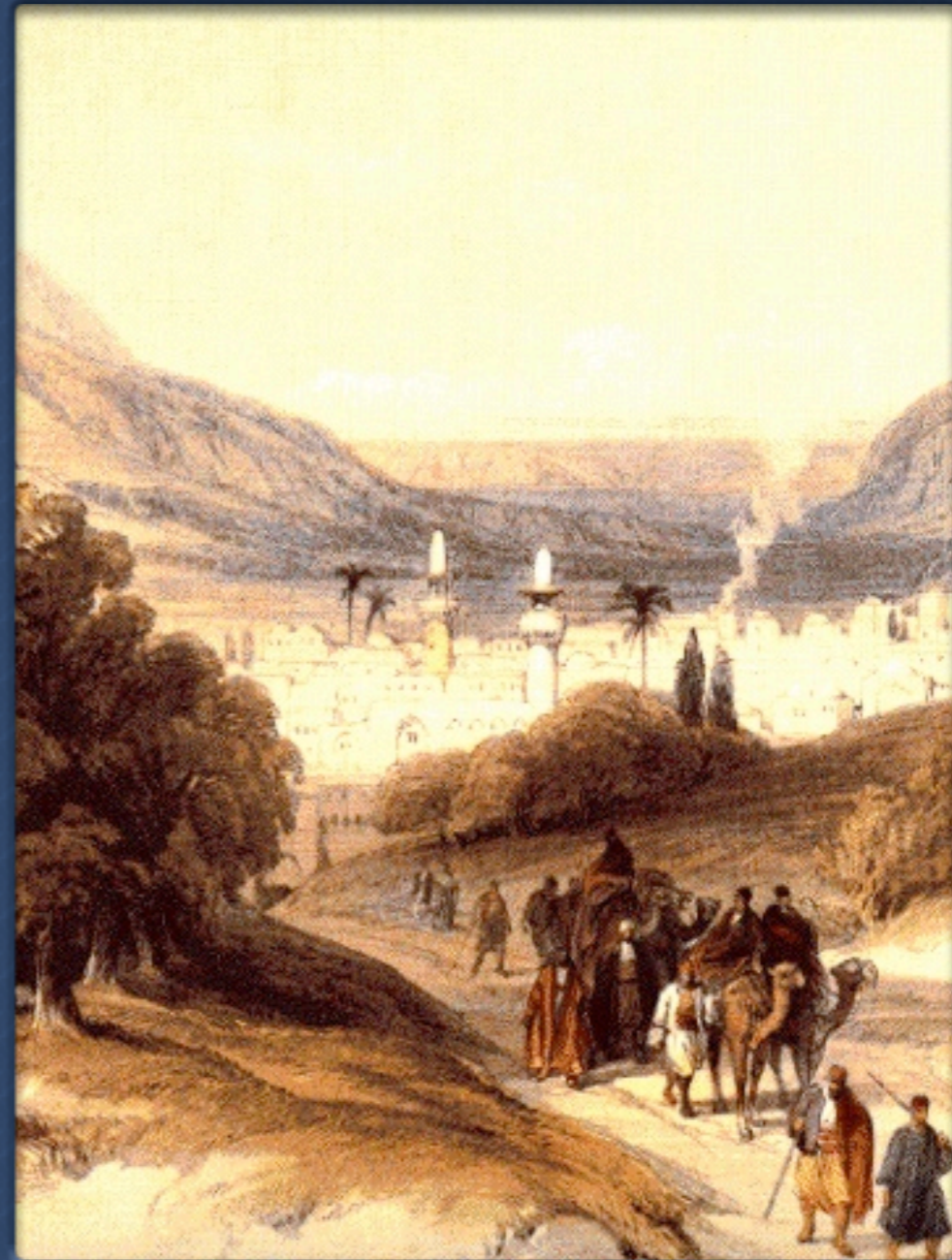
“Rule over us,  
both you and  
your son, also  
your son's son,  
for you have  
delivered us  
from the hand  
of Midian.”



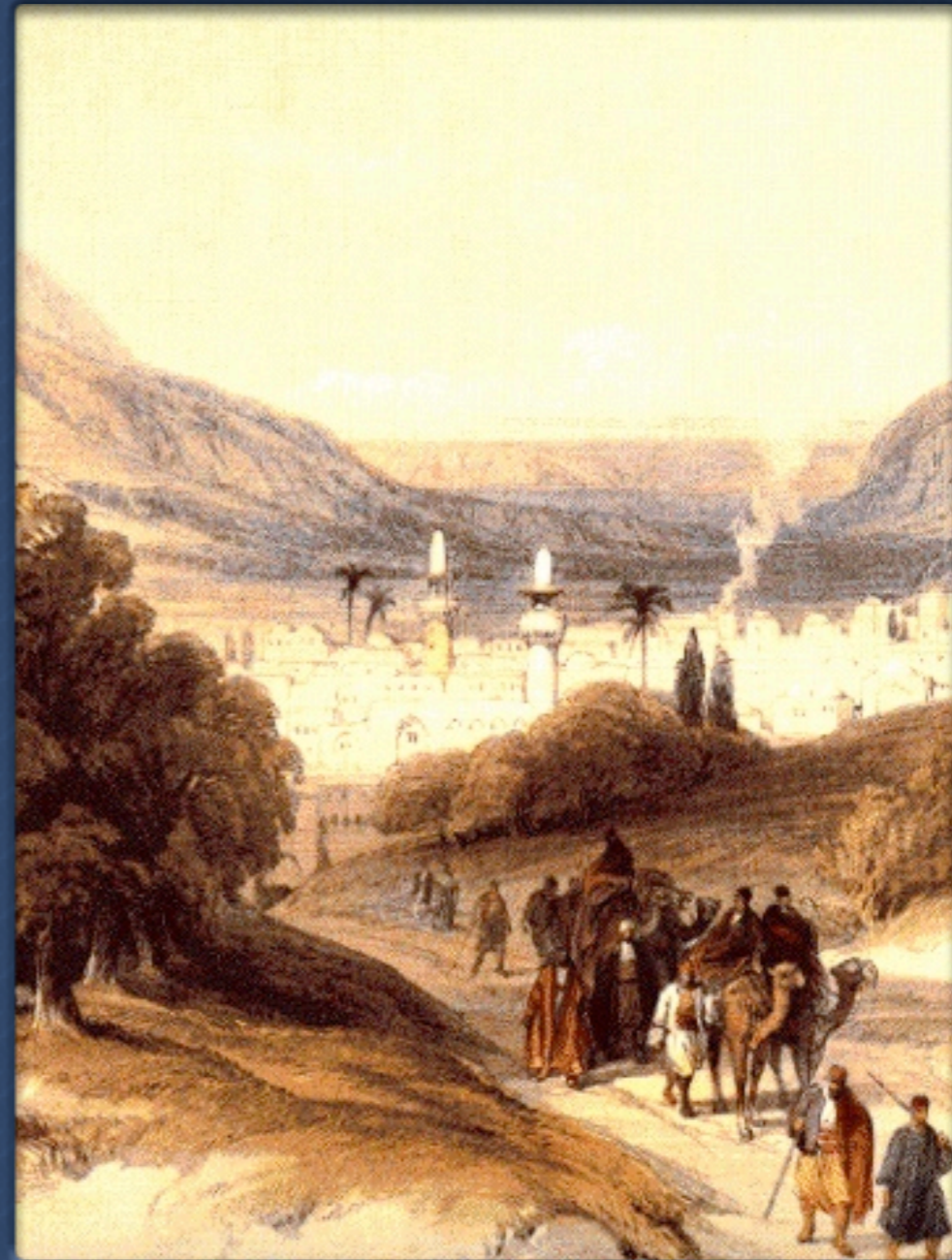
**Gideon made it into an ephod, and placed it in his city, Ophrah, and all Israel played the harlot with it there, so that it became a snare to Gideon and his household.**



**Then it came  
about, as soon as  
Gideon was dead,  
that the sons of  
Israel again  
played the harlot  
with the Baals,  
and made Baal-  
berith their god.**



**Thus the sons of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; nor did they show kindness to the household of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in accord with all the good that he had done to Israel.**





# Ephod “a snare”



## Ephod:

- not used as a monument to the victory
- put to “ordinary use”



# John Wesley's Notes

A snare:

1) Superstition -  
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2) Presumption -  
having anyone  
other than the high  
priest to wear the  
ephod



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A snare:

3) Transgression -  
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3) Transgression -  
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command.

4) Laying a  
stumbling block -  
an occasion for  
idolatry.



**Abimelech, son  
of Gideon by his  
Shechemite  
concubine, would  
prove to be  
Gideon's thorn  
in the side.**



## Judges 9:1-5

**“Speak, now, in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem, ‘Which is better for you, that seventy men, all the sons of Jerubbaal, rule over you, or that one man rule over you?’ Also, remember that I am your bone and your flesh.”**





# Gideon's "snare"



# Roman church idols // Gideon's "snare"



**Roman  
church  
attitude:**

**“Ignorance  
is holiness.”**



**A.D. 1384 -  
John Wycliffe  
produces  
handwritten  
English copies  
from Latin Vulgate**



**“believers should ascertain for themselves what are the true matters of their faith, by having the Scriptures in a language which all may understand.”**



**Jan Hus**  
- promoted  
**Wycliffe's**  
**mission**



# Jan Hus

- promoted Wycliffe's mission

- spoke out against the tyranny of the corrupt Roman church



**William Tyndale**  
**A.D. 1534 -**  
**English**  
**translation**  
**from Greek**  
**& Hebrew**





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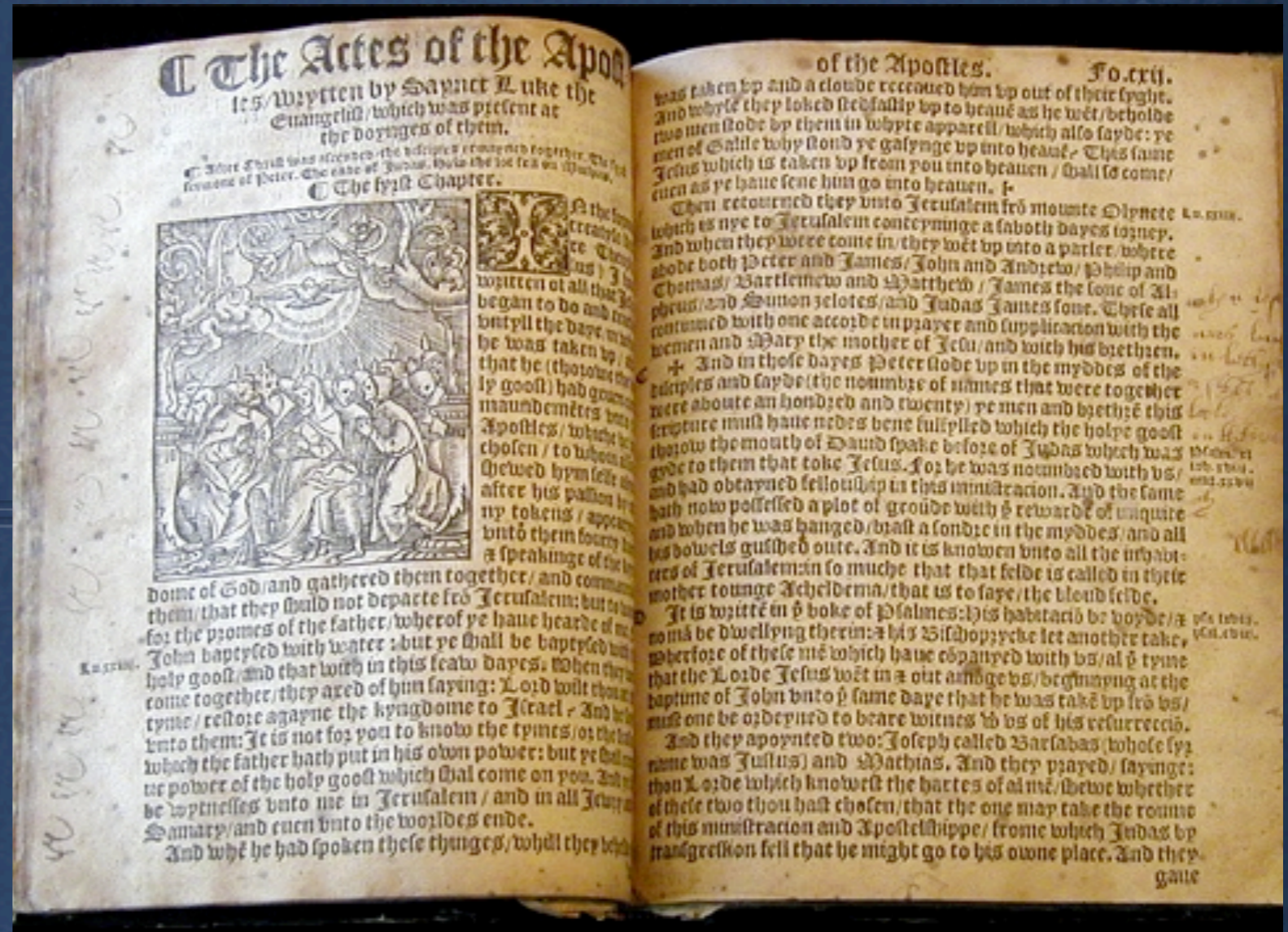
**King Henry VIII  
saw Tyndale's  
work as a threat.**



**“solo scriptura”  
- the Scriptures alone.**



# Tyndale's Bible smuggled into England



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**Tyndale hunted  
by both.**



**William  
Tyndale  
A.D. 1536**



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A.D. 1536**

**“LORD, open  
the King of  
England’s eyes.”**





**First legal  
English  
Bible printed  
- The Great  
Bible**



**A.D. 1553**  
**Mary I**  
**(Catholic,**  
**Bloody Mary)**



**Bible a threat  
to Roman  
Catholic  
revival**



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**Puritans  
and other  
Protestants  
persecuted**





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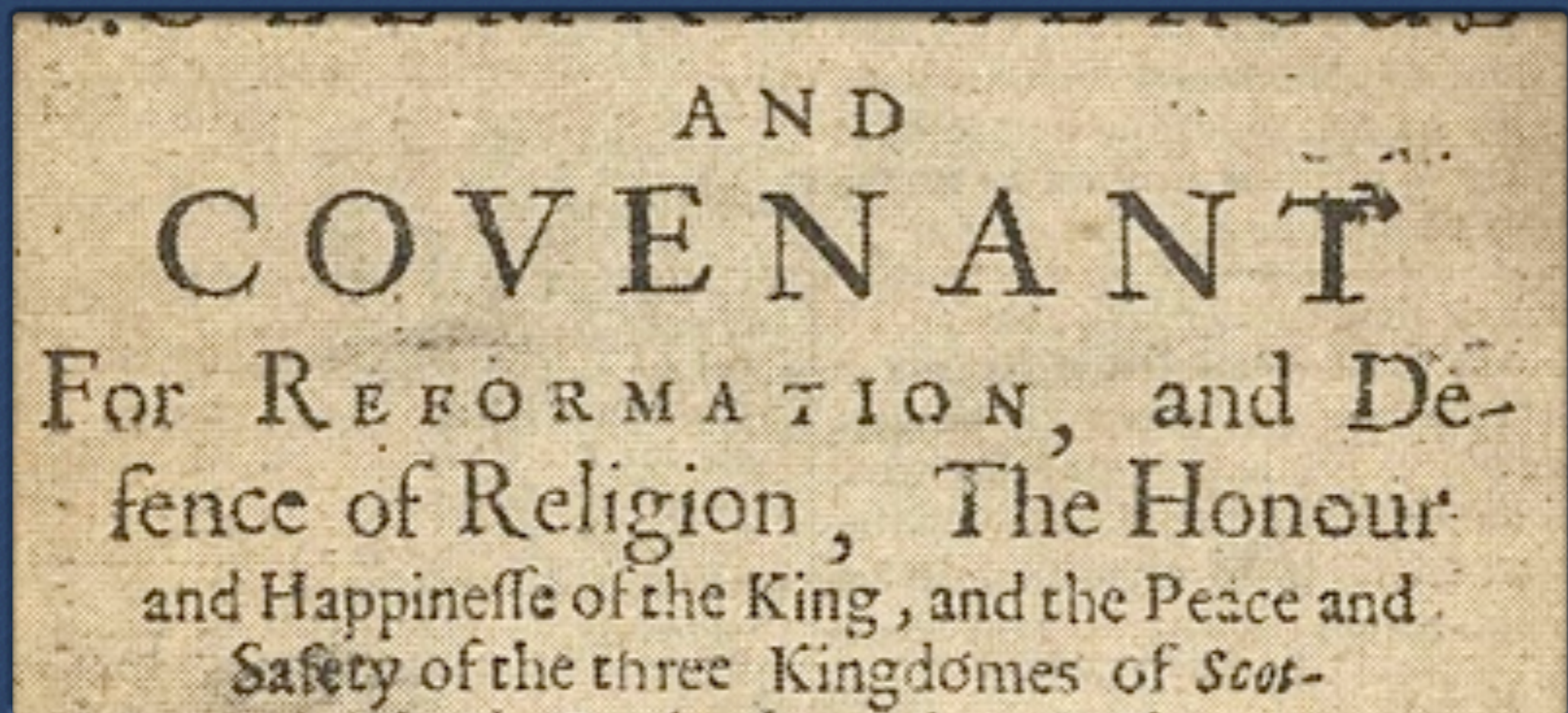
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**embraced**  
**Protestant**  
**Reformation**



**A.D. 1560**  
**Scottish**  
**Covenants**

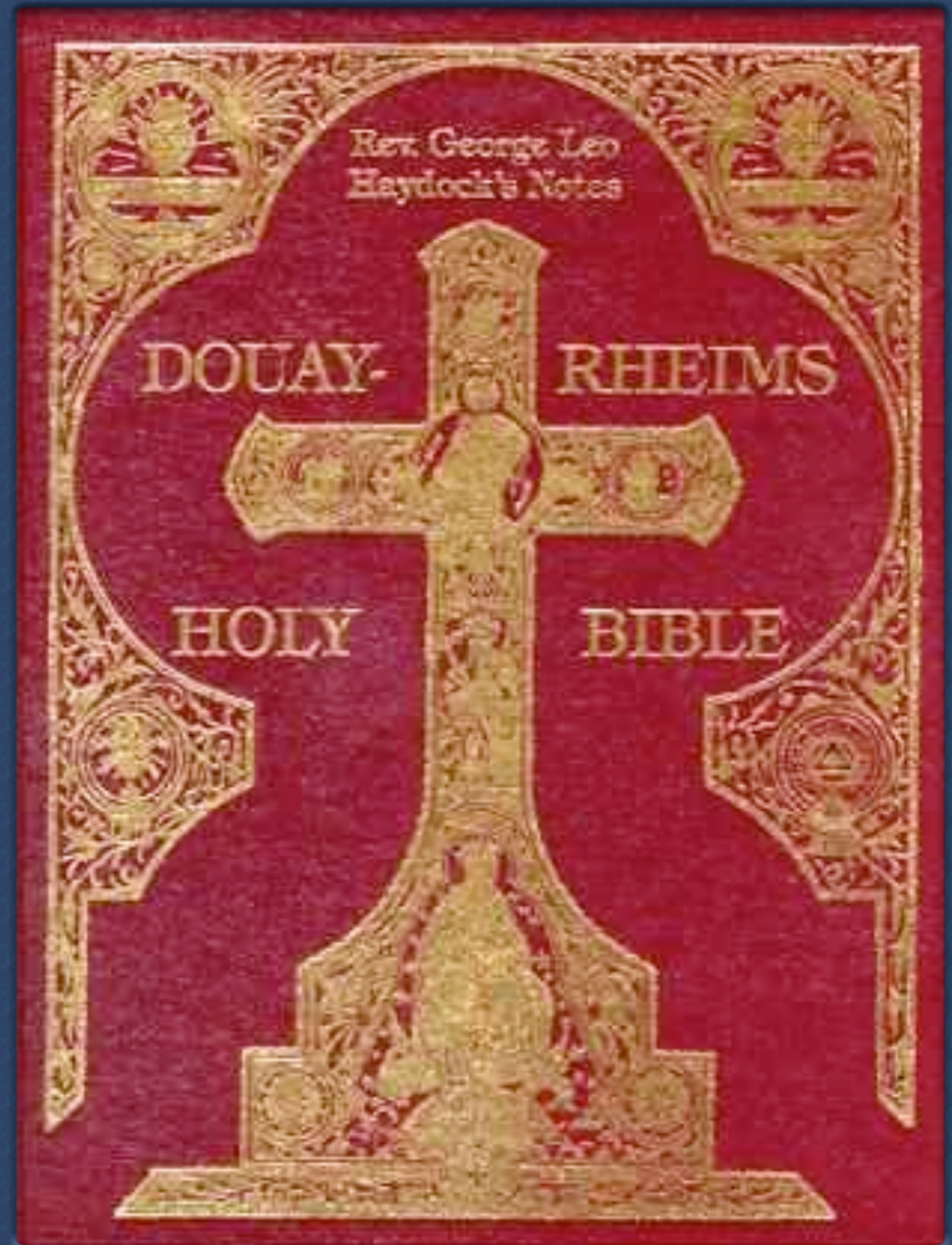
Initiated to  
promote freedom  
of religion in  
Scotland





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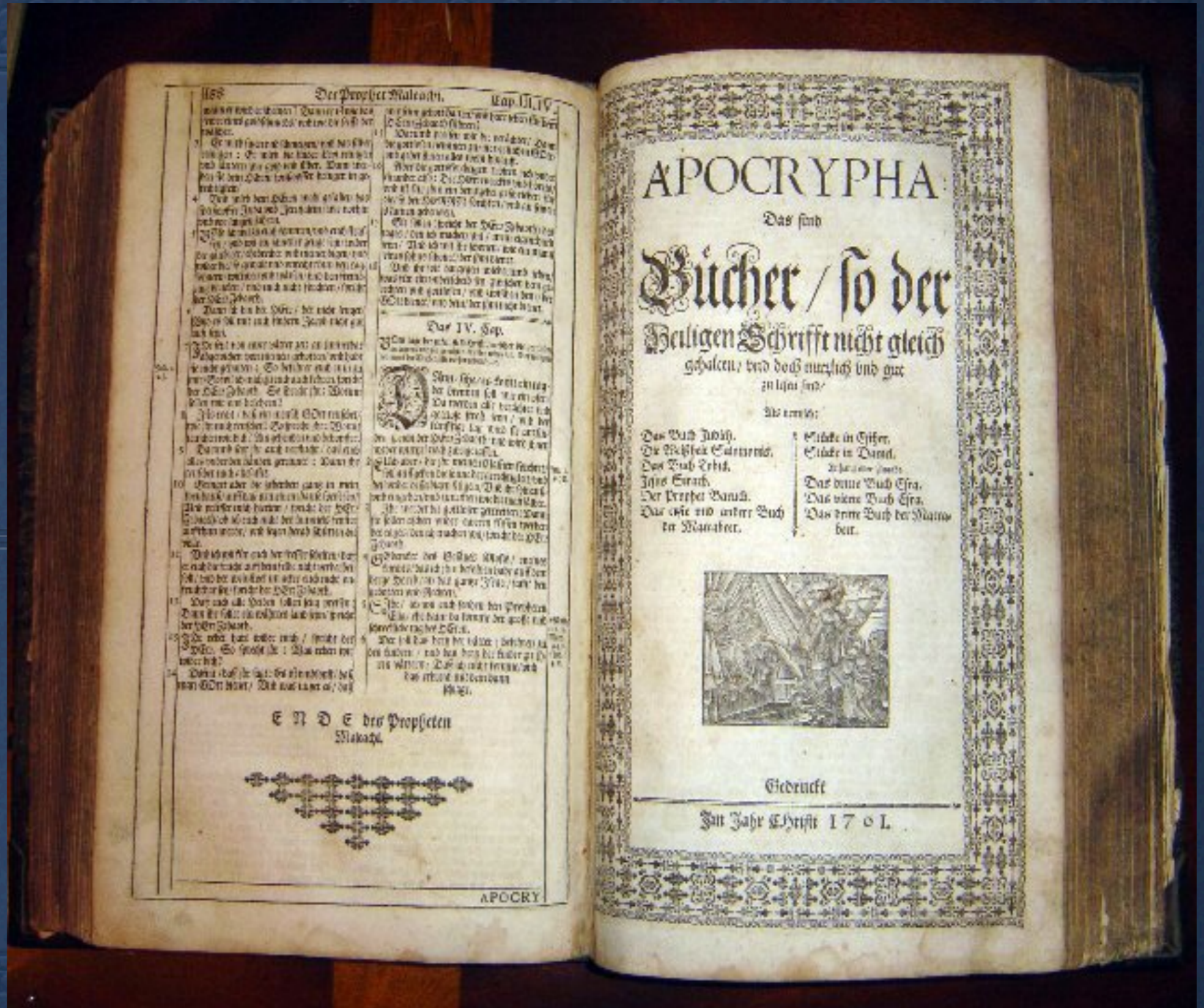
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*The Catholic Bible*  
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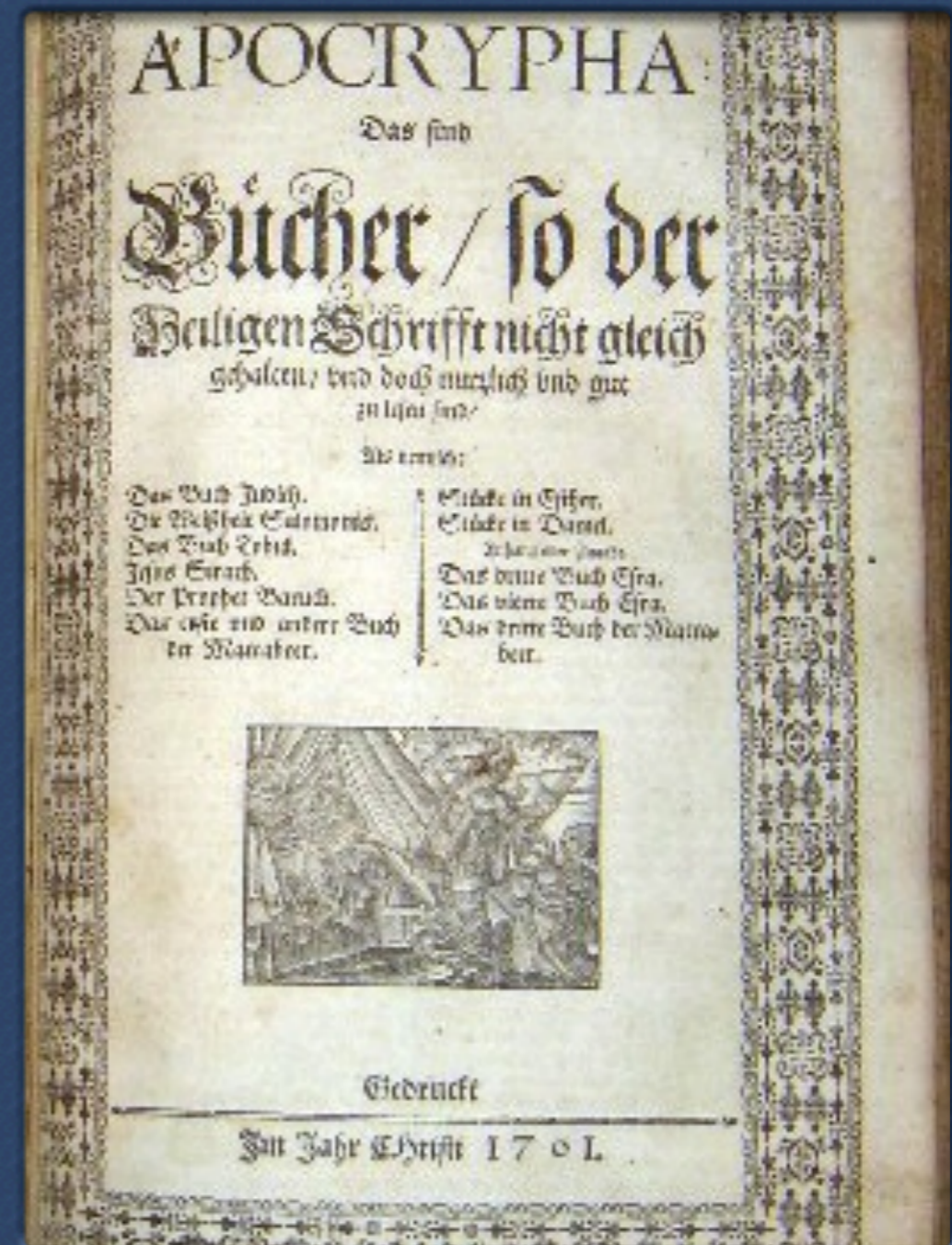


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**Tobit 6:5-8: “If the Devil, or an evil spirit troubles anyone, they can be driven away by making a smoke of the heart, liver, and gall of a fish...and the Devil will smell it, and flee away, and never come again anymore.”**



**A.D. 1603**  
**James I**  
**succeeds**  
**Elizabeth I**



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**Elizabeth I**

**Declared himself**  
**head of the Church**  
**of England by**  
**divine right of kings.**



**A.D. 1603**

**James I**

**Accepts the pattern  
of the Episcopal  
Church, and is urged  
by the Bishop of  
Canterbury to make  
Scotland bow to the  
Episcopal yoke.**



# Divine Right of Kings





**“Monarchy is the greatest thing on earth. Kings are rightly called gods since just like God they have power of life and death over all their subjects in all things.”**



**“They are  
accountable to  
God only ... so it  
is a crime for  
anyone to argue  
about what a  
king can do.”**

**King James I  
A.D.1622**



**- saw the Puritans & Scottish Covenanters as a threat to his sovereignty**

**- saw the marginal notes of the Geneva Bible as “seditious,” and “savouring too much of dangerous and traitorous conceits”**



**“I shall make them conform themselves, or I will harry them out of the land.”**



**Many Puritans  
and Presbyterians  
(Scottish  
Covenanters) were  
banished or  
escaped from  
religious tyranny  
to America, taking  
with them the  
Geneva Bible.**



**A.D. 1611 -  
Authorized  
Version of the  
Bible dedicated to  
King James I**



**A.D. 1625 -  
King James' son,  
Charles I pursues  
father's policy**



**A.D. 1642**  
**- Civil war**  
**- Charles I**  
**executed as a**  
**tyrant and traitor**





**A.D. 1651**  
**Charles II rules**  
**England/Scotland**  
**- supports reform**  
**for nine years,**  
**then condemns**  
**Scottish Covenants**  
**as high treason.**



**A.D. 1651-1688**  
**Worst Oppression**

- **Condemned all that would oppose his “divine right” over matters of church & state**
- **Bishops given legal authority to hunt down all non-conformists**



# Scottish Covenanters

SOLEMNE LEAGUE  
AND  
COVENANT  
OF REFORMATION, and Defence  
of Religion, The Honour  
and Happinesse of the King, and the Peace and  
Safety of the three Kingdomes of Scot-  
*land, England, and Ireland.*



# **Daniel Defoe**

**(author of Robinson Crusoe)**

**“it was worse than that of the Roman emperors and Popish Inquisitors.”**

**“Long is the roll of those lashed to the hooks, burned, branded, starved, bones mangled and crushed.**

**But as the horrors and bestial and brutal, so are the testimonies tender and spirit-quickenning.”**

# Scottish Covenanters

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**Donald  
Cargill**





**“Ever since I bowed a knee in good earnest to pray, I never durst pray and preach with my gifts; and where my heart is not affected and comes not up in my mouth, I always thought it time for me to quit. What comes not from the heart, I have little hope that it will go to the heart of others.”**



**“This is the most joyful day that ever I saw in my pilgrimage on earth... This day is to seal with my blood all the truths that ever I preached... Neither king nor pope is head of the Church, but Christ and Christ alone.”**

# Scottish Covenanters



**John  
Brown**





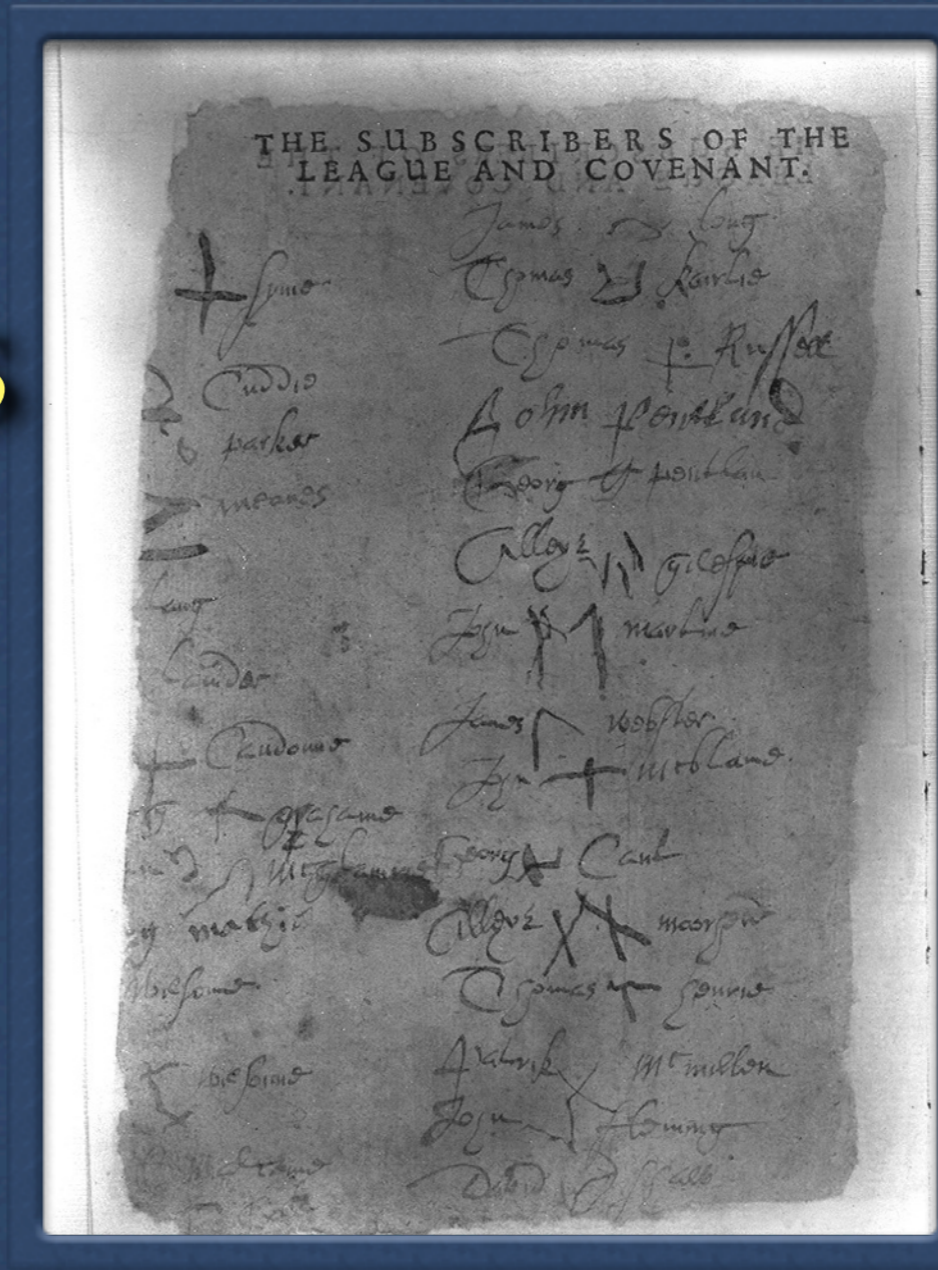




**“Sir, you know neither the nature  
of preaching nor praying  
that calls this preaching.”**

# Scottish Covenanters

Beatrice  
Umpherston





**“This is a covenant between the Lord and us, to give up ourselves full to Him, without reserve, soul and body, hearts and affections, to be His children and Him to be our God and Father...”**

# Scottish Covenanters

Hugh  
Mackail





**“The Scripture doth abundantly evidence that the people of God have been persecuted sometimes by a Pharaoh on the throne, sometimes by a Haman in the state, and sometimes by a Judas in the Church.”**



**“Trust in God”**

# Scottish Covenanters

Margaret  
MacLachlan  
Margaret  
Wilson



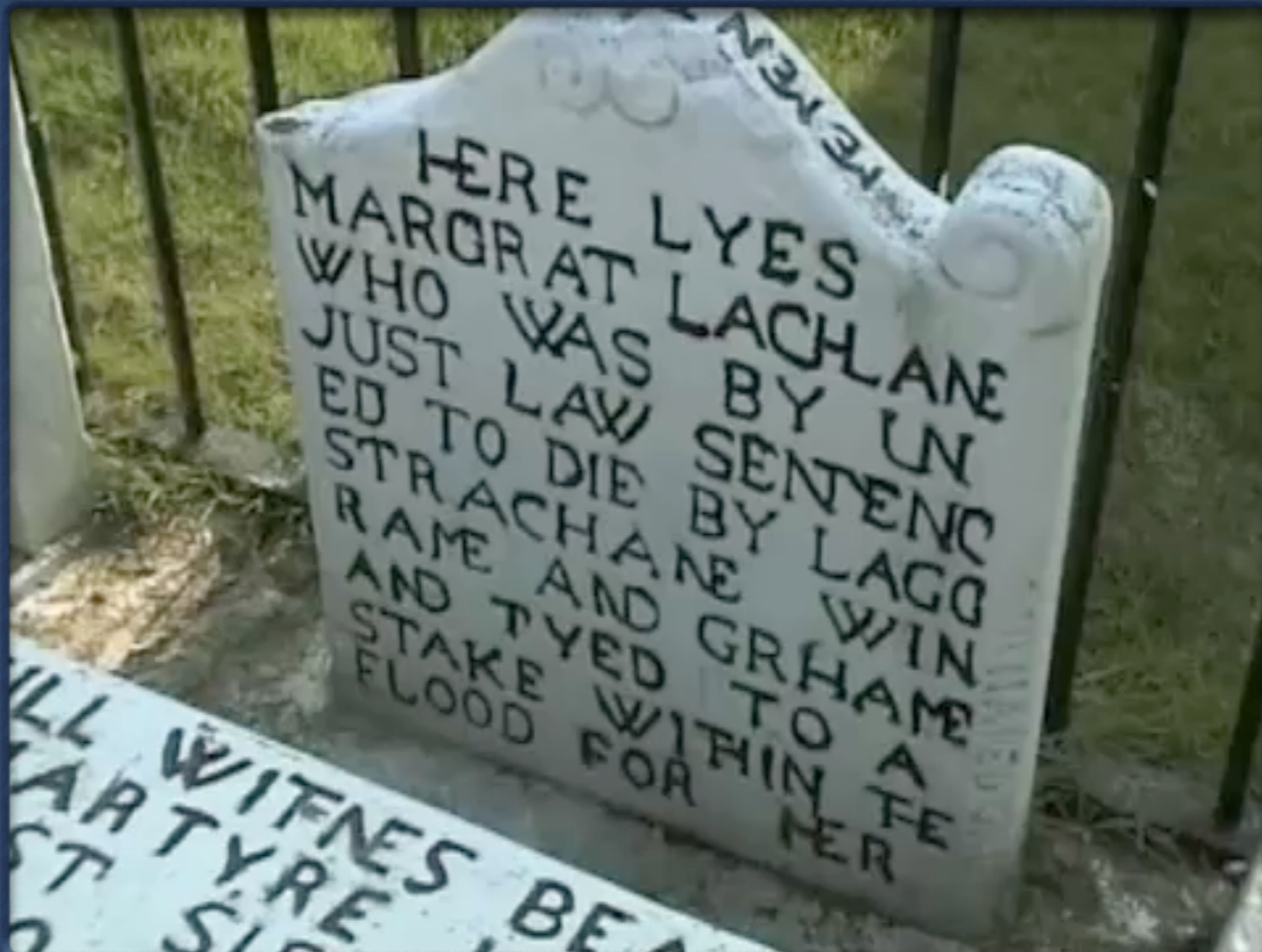
Drowning of Margaret M'Lachlan and Margaret Wilson.







**My sins and faults of youth Do thou, O Lord, forget:  
After thy mercy think on me, and for thy goodness  
great. God good and upright is: the way he'll  
sinners show; The meek in judgment he will guide  
and make his path to know. - 25th Psalm**



**“no sinful oaths for me... neither death, nor life, no principalities, nor powers shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus!”**





**“Suffering would speak better than fighting.”**



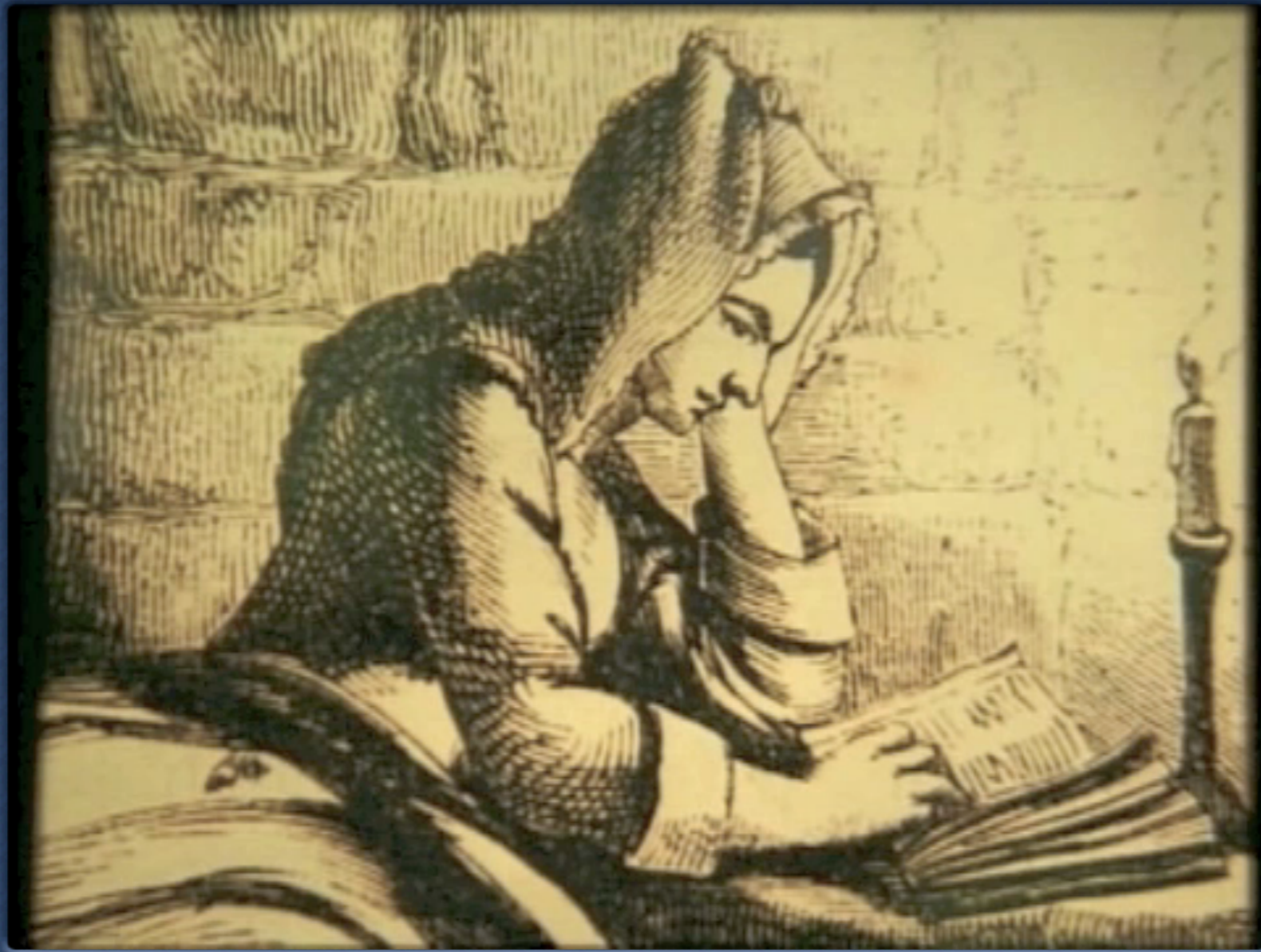
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**“as jewels surrounded by the cutting irons...  
...to seal from their experience the sweetness  
of suffering for Christ.”**



**Covenanters and Puritans banished as slaves**

**Author:  
Lady  
Culross,  
prisoner in  
Blackness  
Castle**



**My brother dear, with courage bear the cross,  
Joy shall be joined with all thy sorrow here,  
High is thy hope, disdain this earthly dross  
Soon shall you see the wished-for day appear.**



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Lady  
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**Now it is dark, the sky cannot be clear,  
After the clouds it shall be calm anon;  
Wait on His will whose blood hath bought thee dear,  
Extol His Name, though outward joy be gone.**

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**Look to thy Lord, thou art not left alone,  
Since He is thine, what pleasure thou canst take!  
He is at hand and hears thy every groan;  
End out thy fight, and suffer for His sake.  
A sight most bright thy soul shall shortly see,  
When store of glory rich reward shall be.**

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# **Statement of Covenanter Faith**

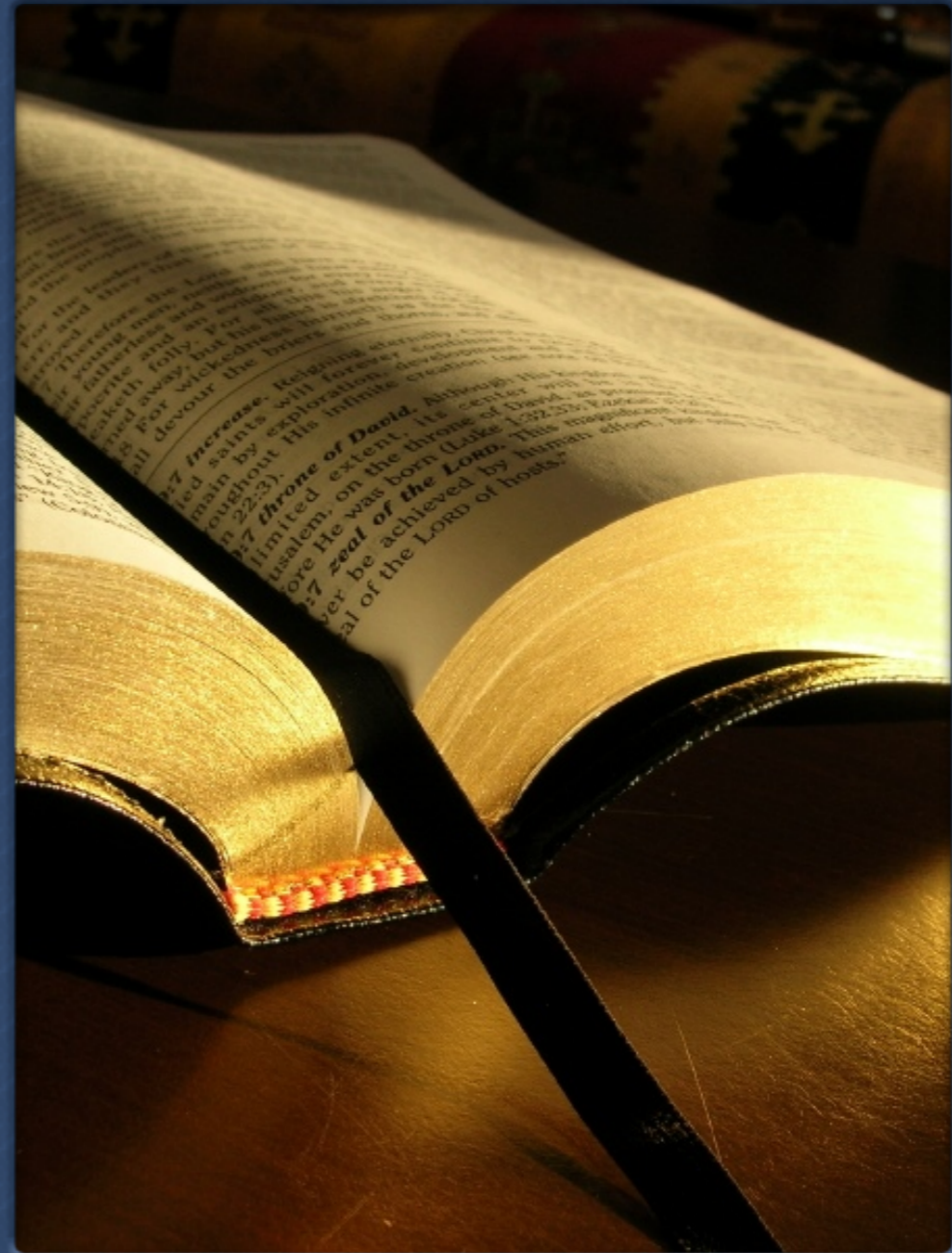
**1.) That the Lord's written and preached word may be sent with power to enlighten the poor pagan world.**

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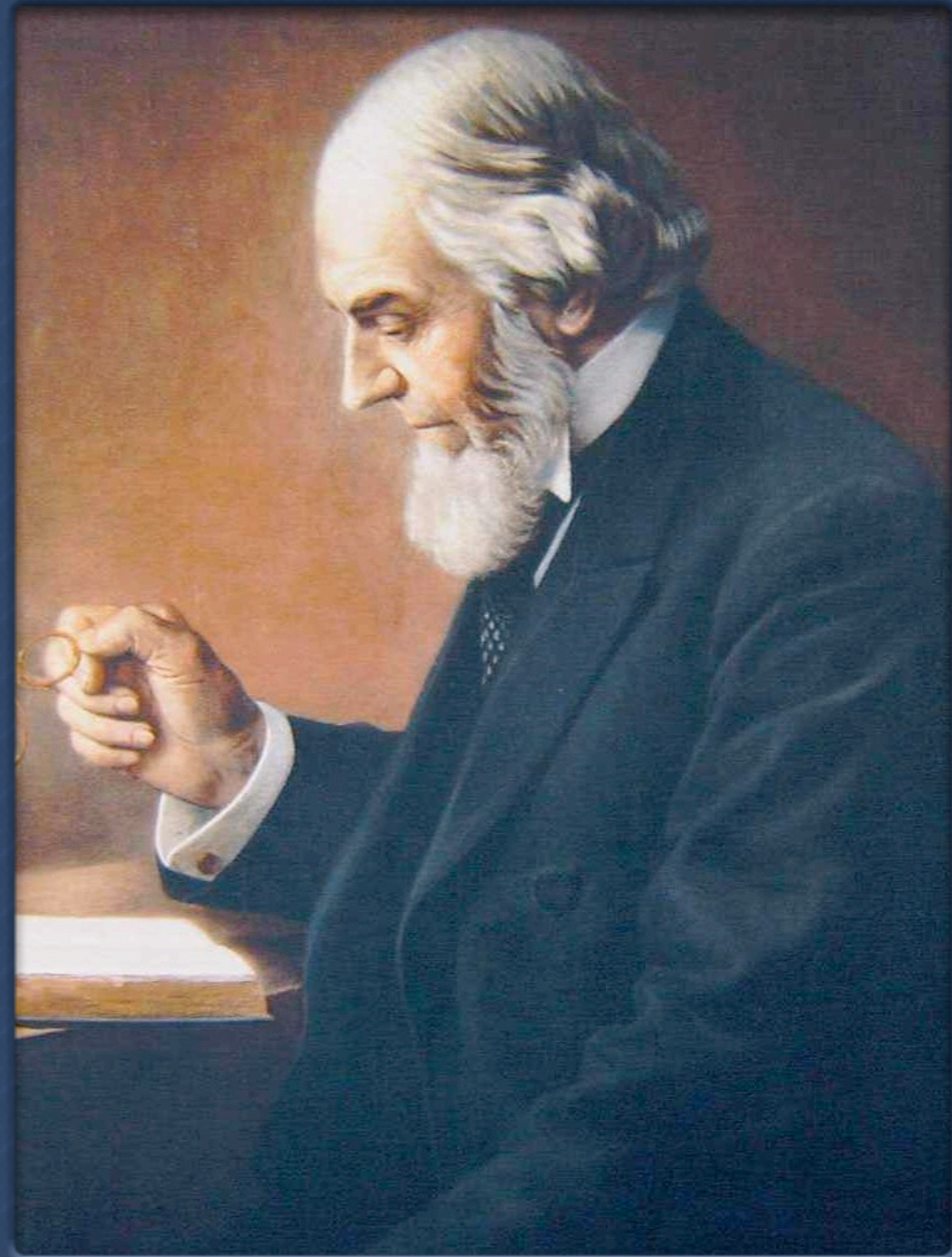
# **Statement of Covenanter Faith**

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- 2.) That the old off-cast Israel would never be forgotten in prayer meetings. That the promised day of their in-grafting again, by faith might be hastened; and that the dead weight of the blood of their fathers be removed off them.**

**Light  
Shining  
More  
and More  
Upon the  
Bible Path**

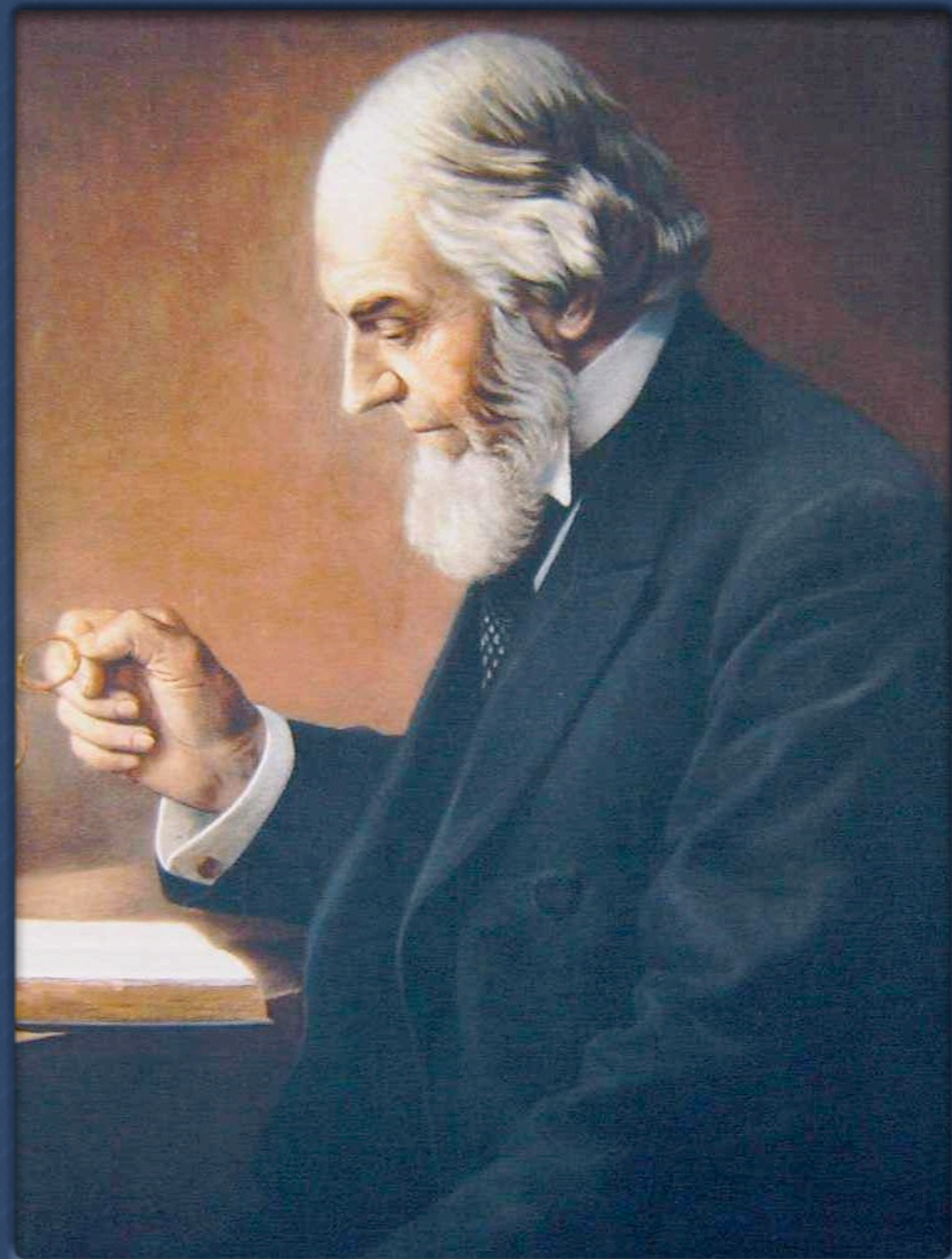


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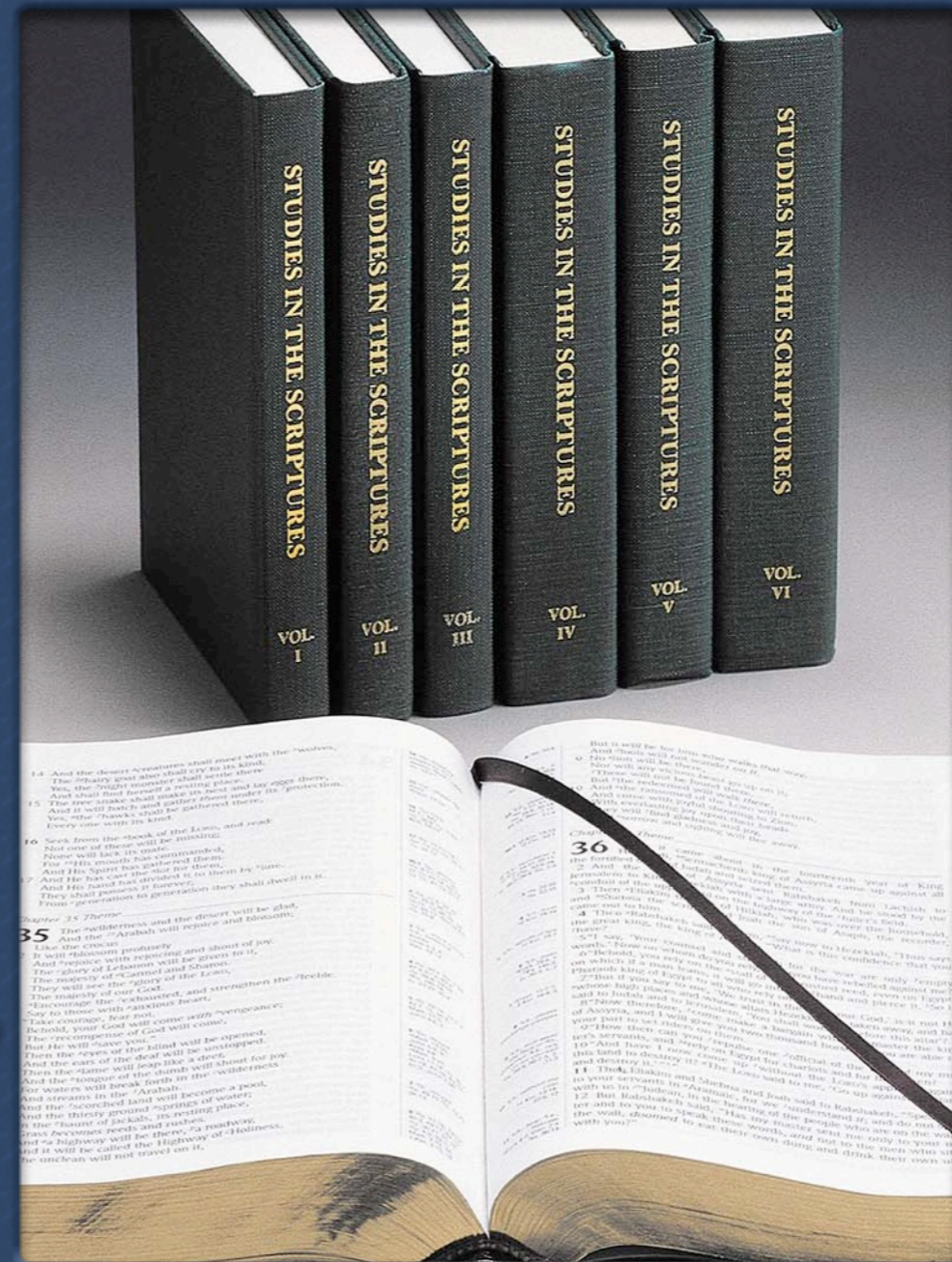
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“Sanctify them by  
Thy truth: Thy  
Word is truth.”  
John 17:17

