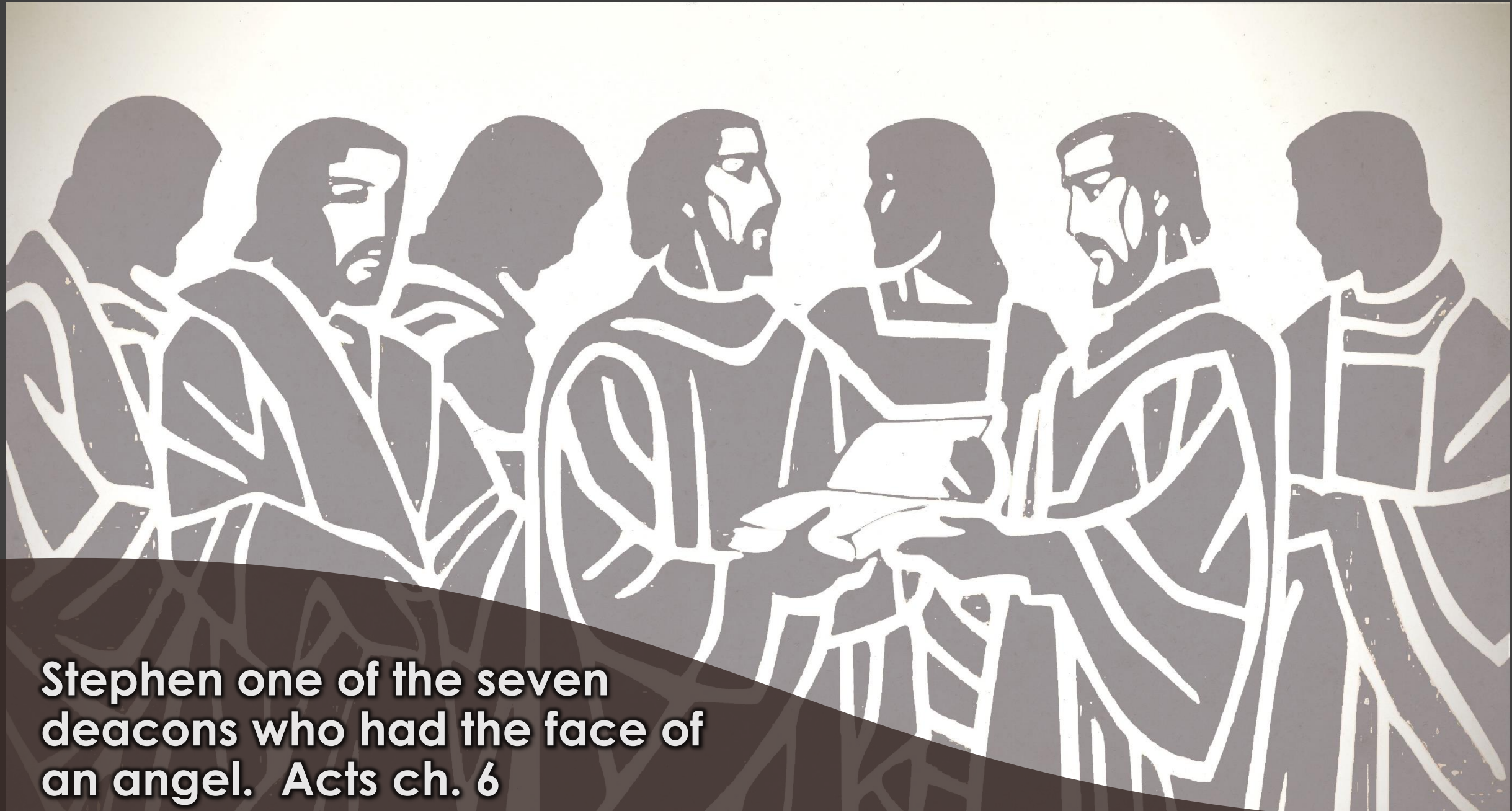


LET'S GET STONED





**Stephen one of the seven
deacons who had the face of
an angel. Acts ch. 6**

And they stoned Stephen
as he was calling
on God and saying, "Lord
Jesus, receive my spirit."

Acts 7:59

Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “**Lord, do not charge them with this sin.**” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:60



PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMIES.

How did Stephen get to the point where he could say “do not charge them with this SIN.”?

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons
of God.**

Matthew 5:9

A person wearing a tan robe is shown from the waist down, reaching their right hand towards a stack of four smooth, light-colored stones on a sandy beach. The background is a clear blue sky. The scene is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent banner at the bottom.

History of STONING

Stoning seems to have been associated with sins that caused irreparable damage to the spiritual or ceremonial purity of a person or an animal.

SINS PUNISHABLE BY STONING

Murder: Leviticus 24:17

Idolatry: Deut. 17:2-5

Necromancy: Lev. 20:27

Blasphemy: Lev. 24:16

Sexual sin: Deut. 22:24. Lev. 20

Approaching Mt. Sinai: Ex. 19:12-13

You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves *that* you do *not* go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

Ex. 19:12

Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

Ex. 19:13

First, there
must be a
trial



The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.

Deut. 17:7

EXAMPLES OF O.T. STONINGS

Achan: Joshua 7:1, 13, 25
Naboth: 1 Kings 21



STEPHEN & SAUL



Acts 7:54-60

FROM STONER TO STONED



Acts 14:5, 19

At Iconium

And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them,

Acts 14:5
Fled avoiding stoning

At Lystra

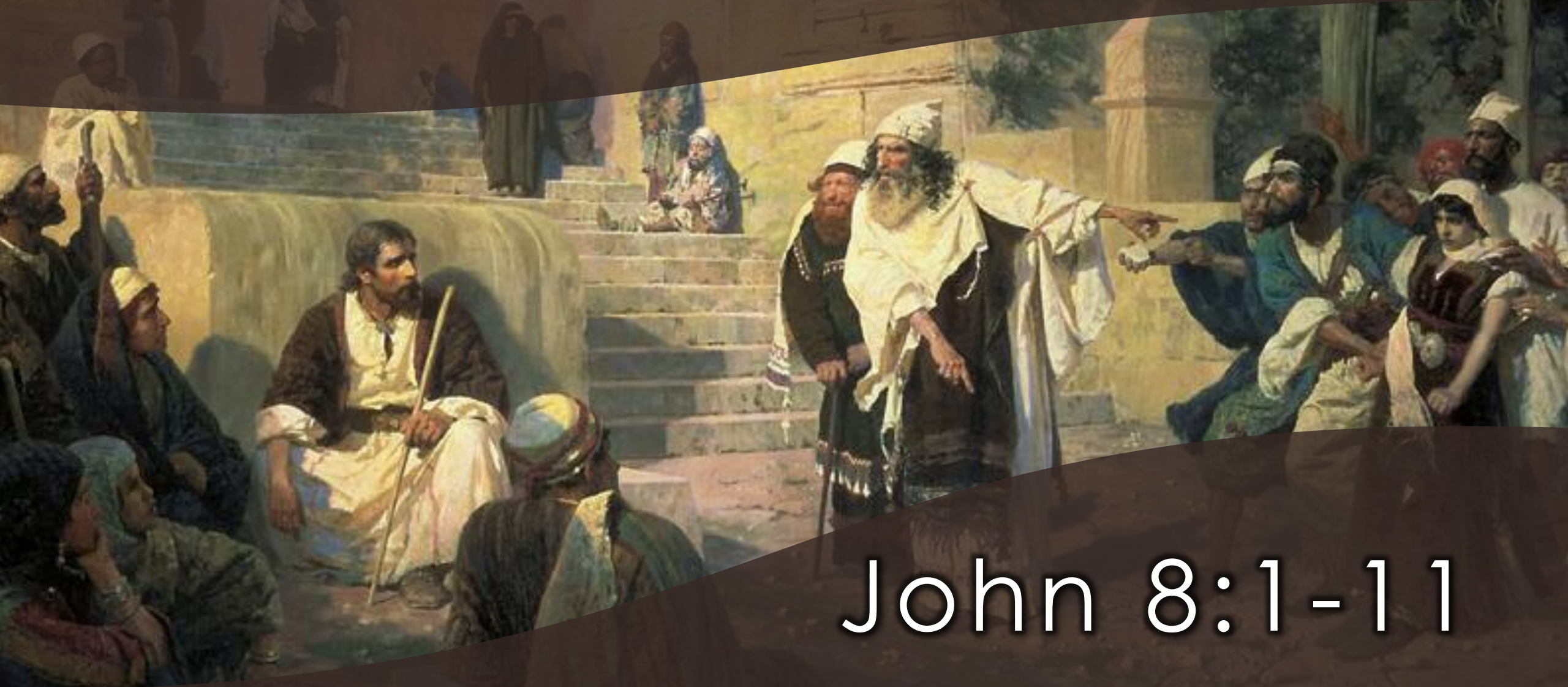
Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

Acts 14:19
Stoned

Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep

2 Cor. 11:25

CAST THE FIRST STONE



John 8:1-11

ATTEMPTED STONING OF JESUS



Luke 4:16-30

So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

Luke 4:28

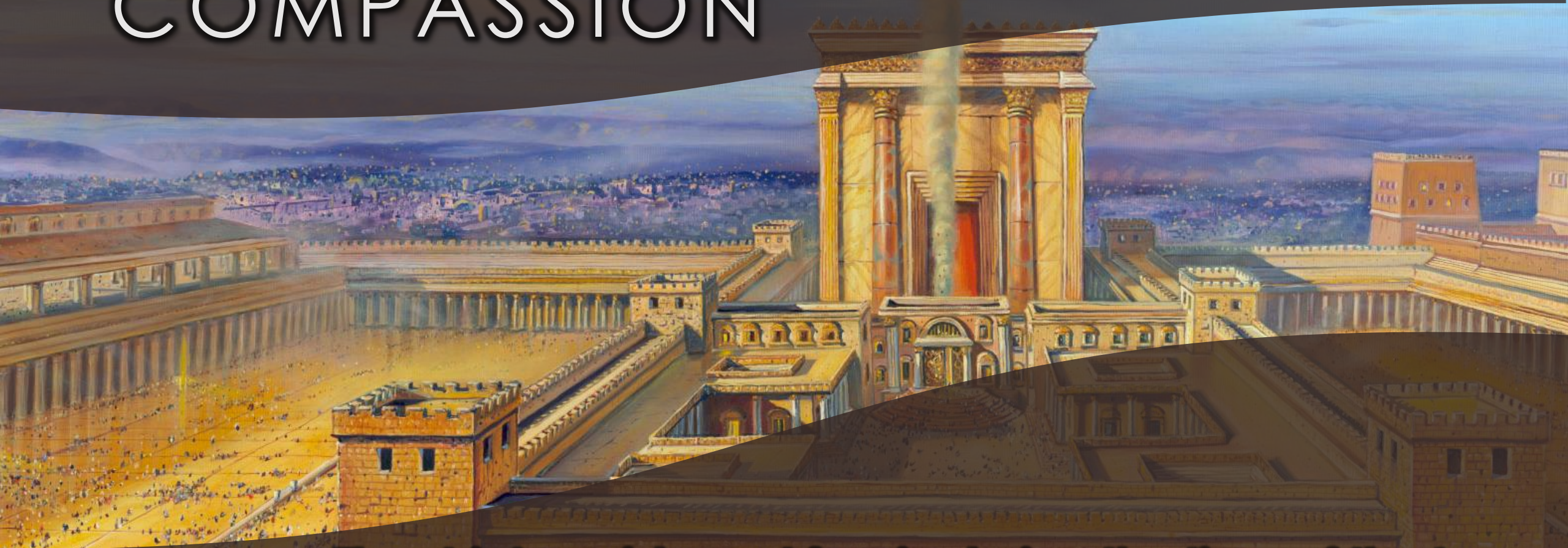
and rose up and thrust Him out of the city;
and they led Him to the brow of the hill on
which their city was built, that they might
throw Him down over the cliff.

Luke 4:29

Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Luke 4:30

STONING, DETERRENT, & COMPASSION



The strict punishment for sin during the time of the Law helped deter people from adopting the impure practices of their pagan neighbors and rebelling against God.

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Jesus is
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