



**「TOGETHER  
CHURCH  
A PLACE  
TO BELONG」**

# EYES THAT SEE

a series on love, culture & worship













SEX



MONEY



POWER



A low-angle photograph of a dense forest of tall evergreen trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow and visible rays of light. The trees are dark green and their trunks are thin and vertical. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

I am YHWH Kanah



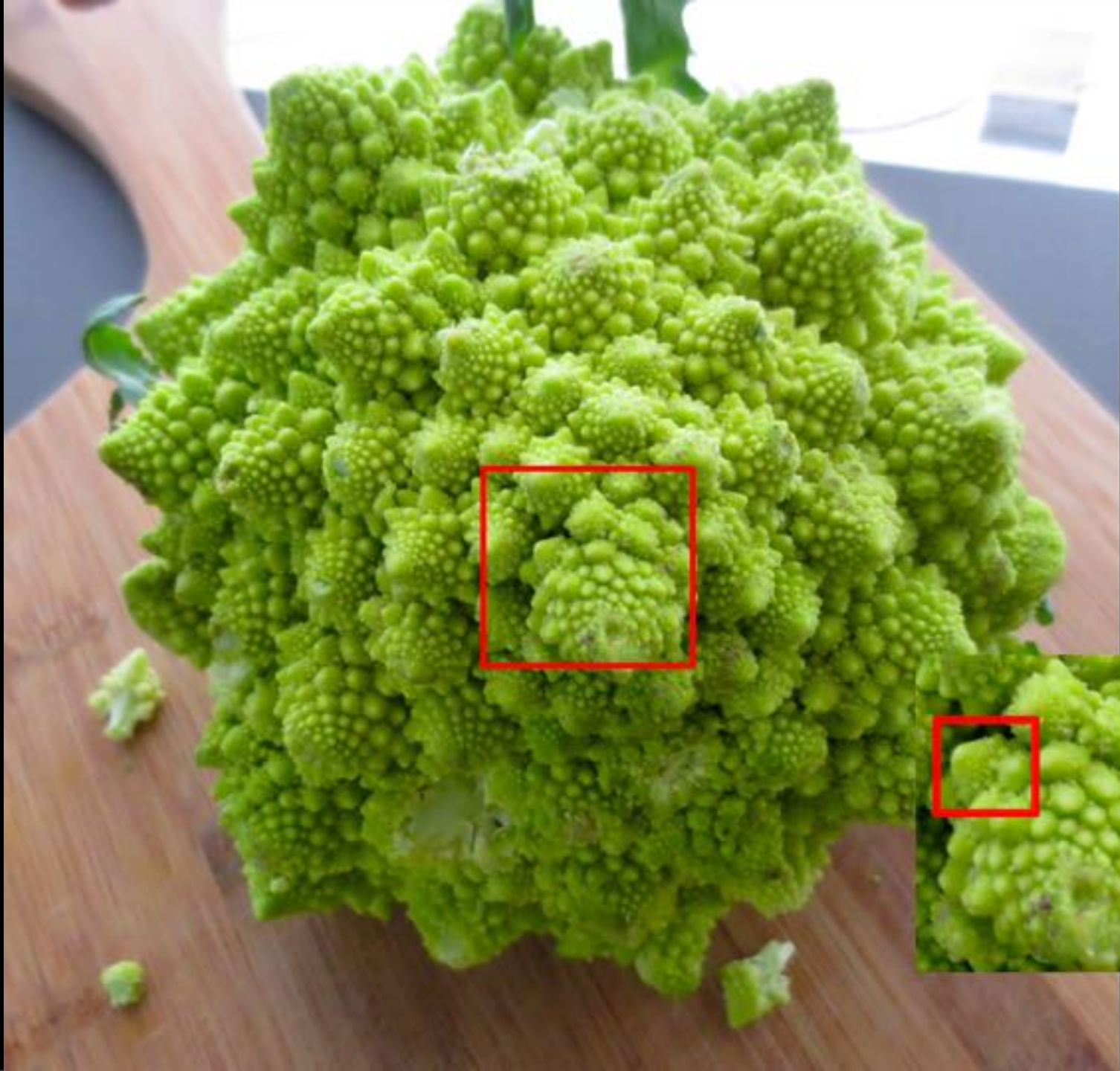
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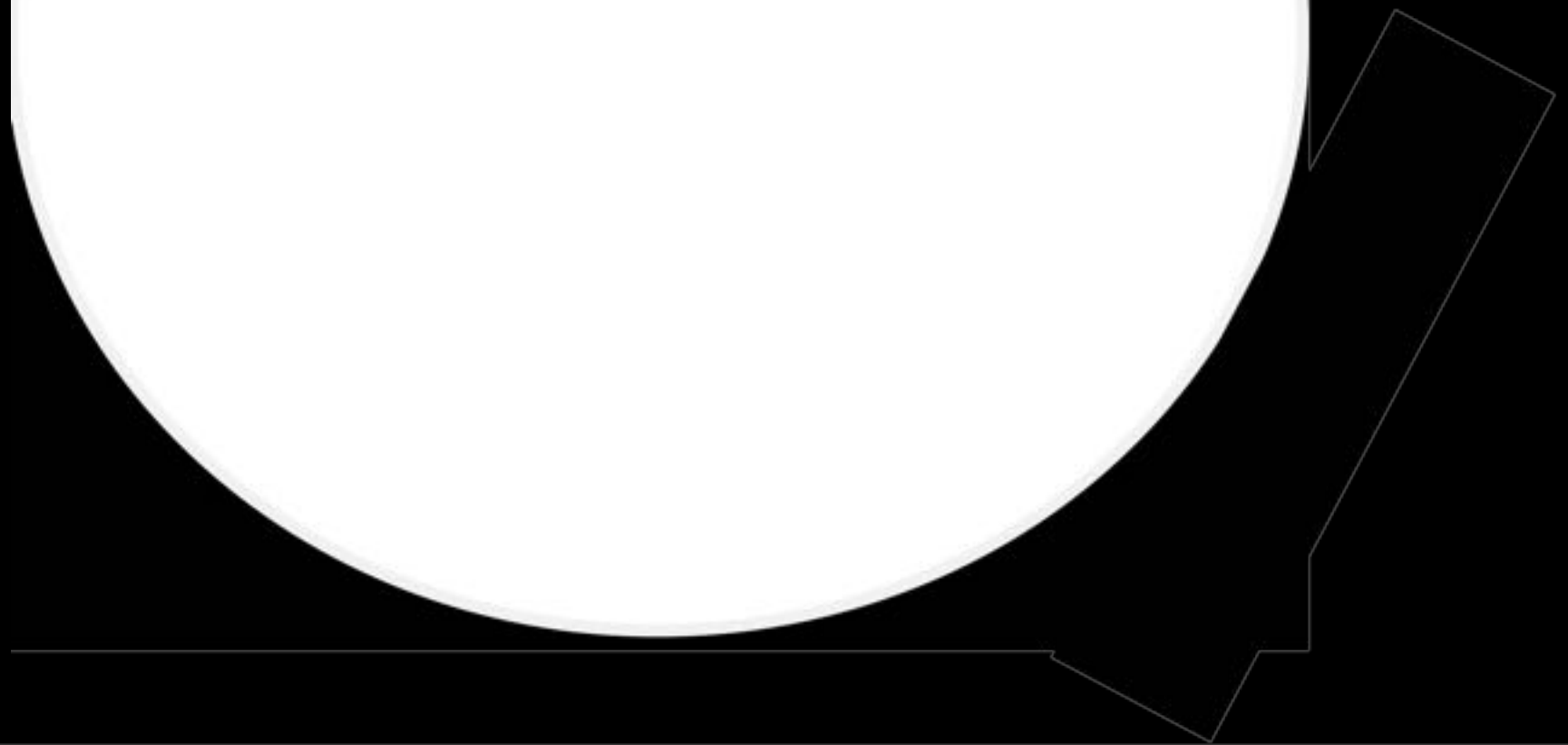
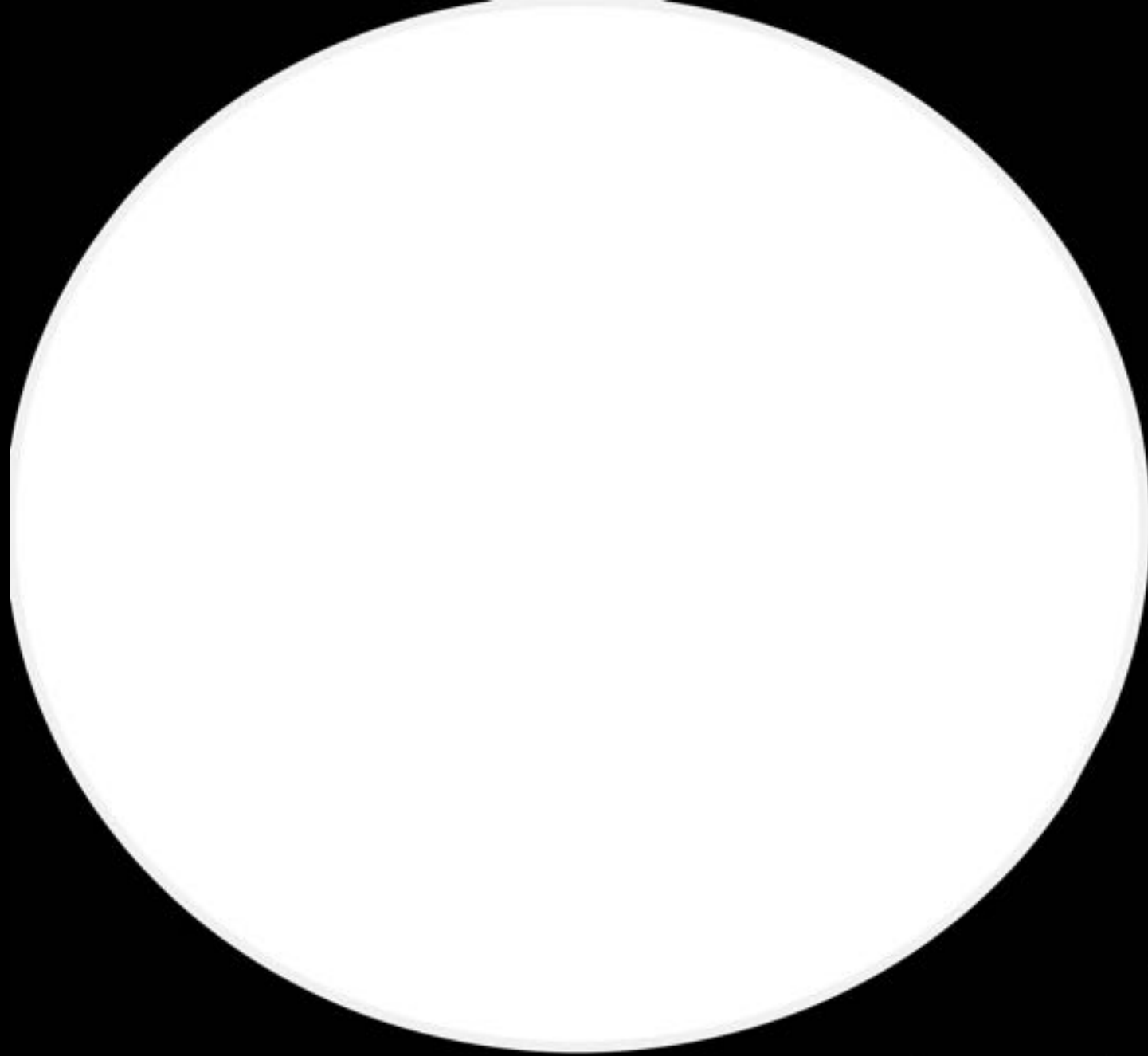
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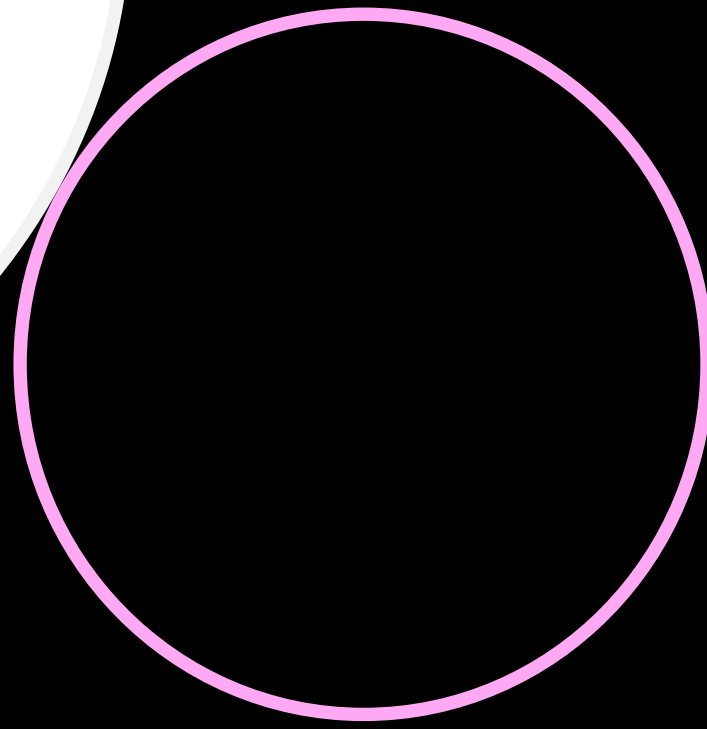
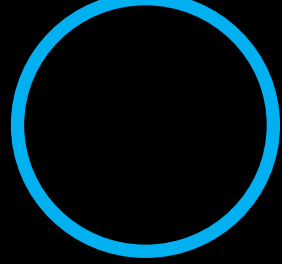
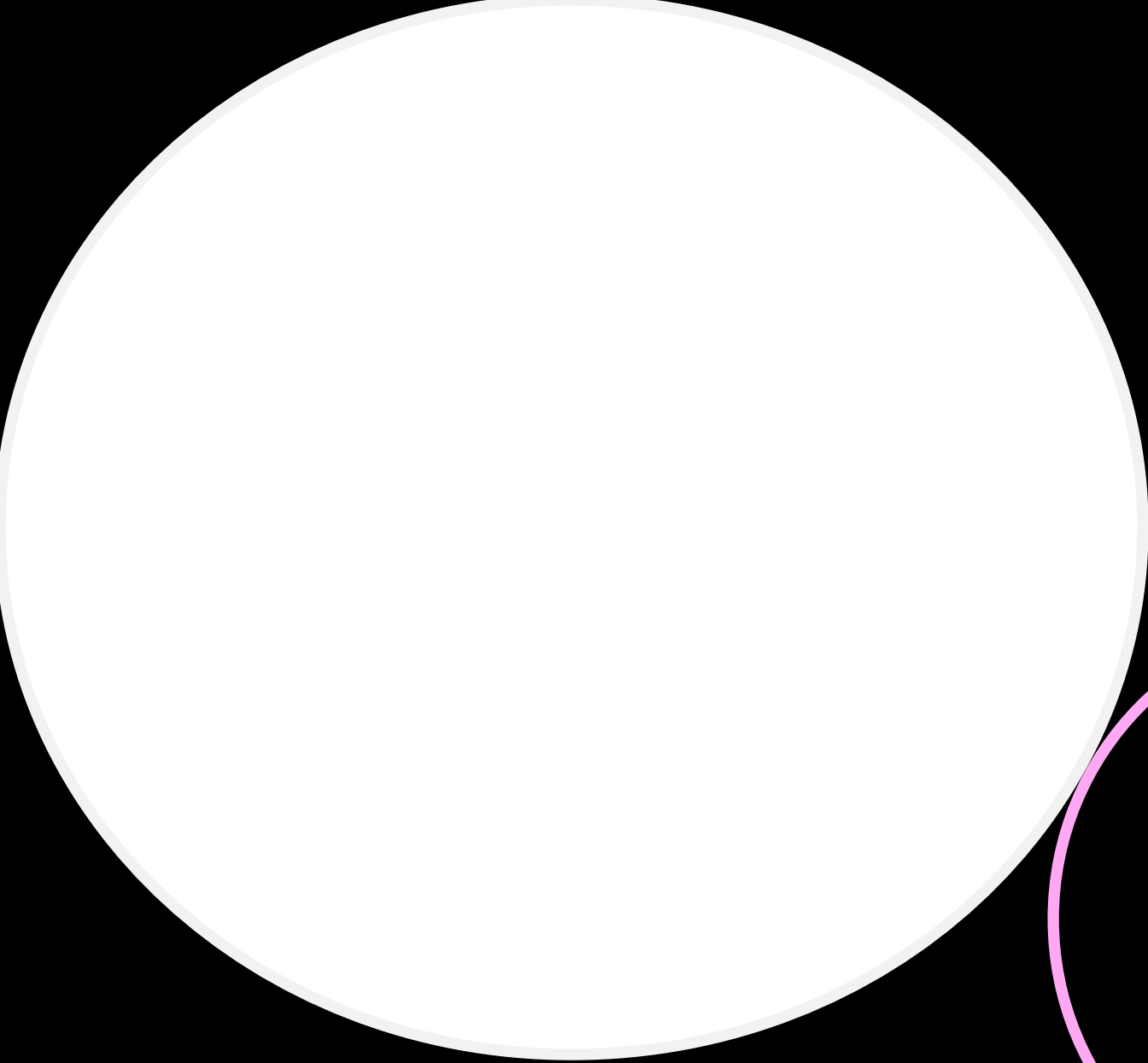
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Amaziah  
Uzziah / Azariah  
Jotham / Joham  
Ahaz  
Hezekiah  
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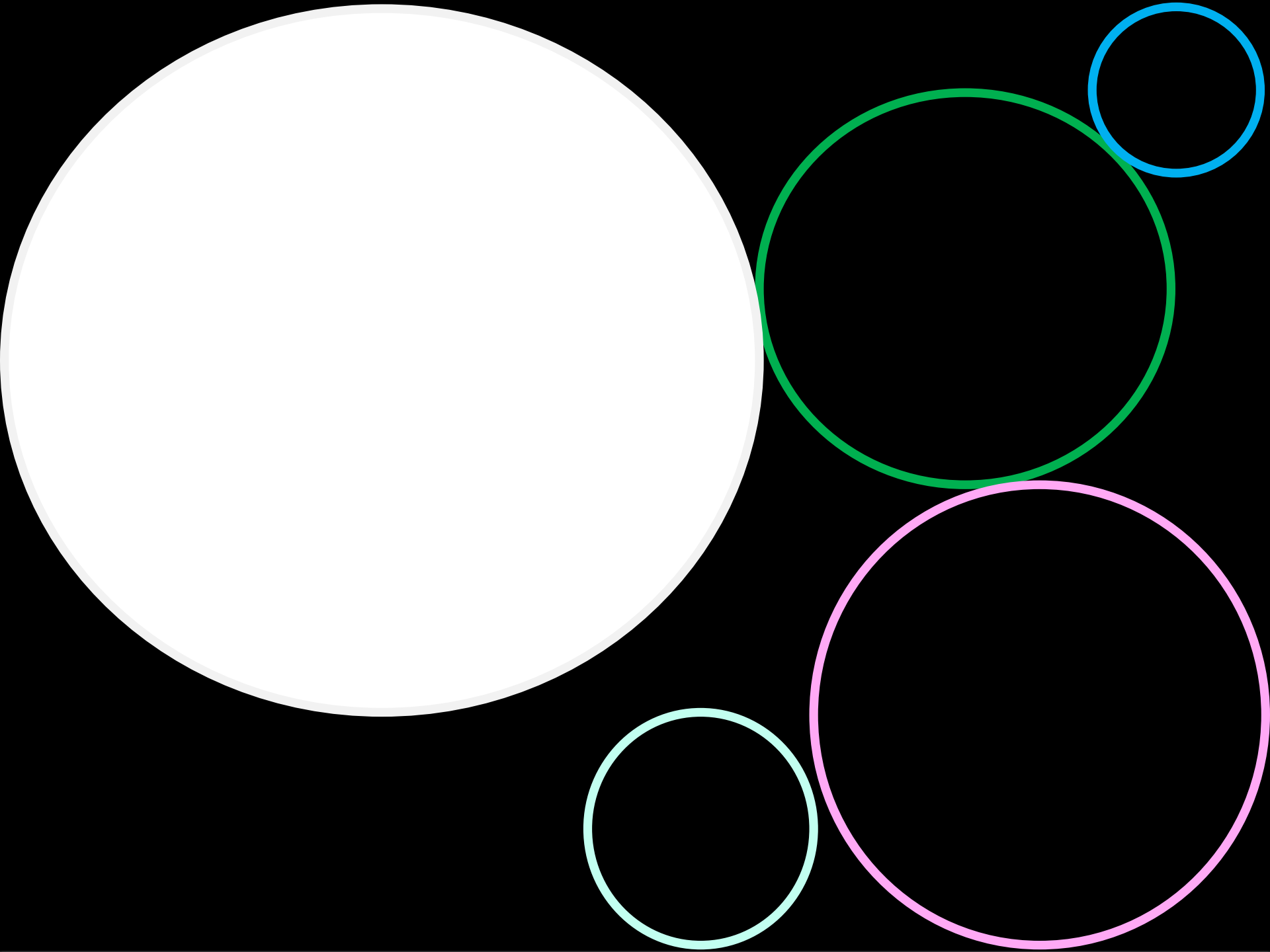
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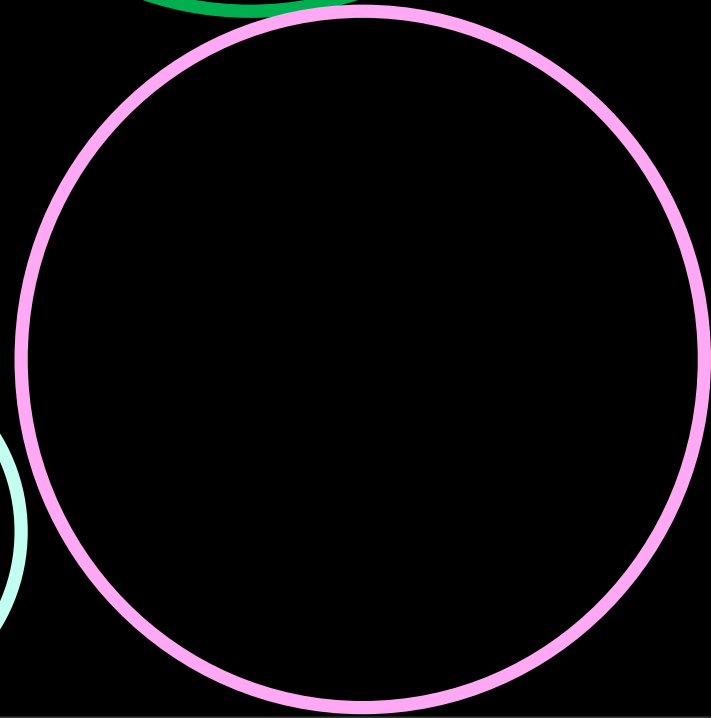
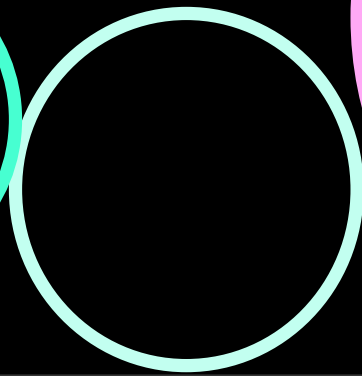
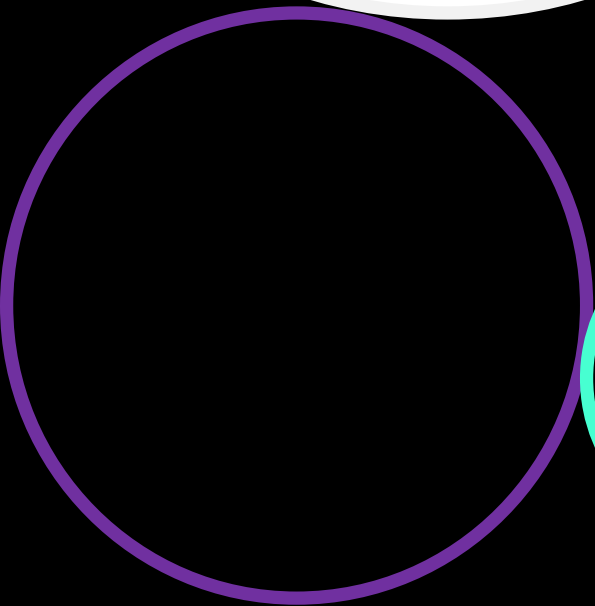
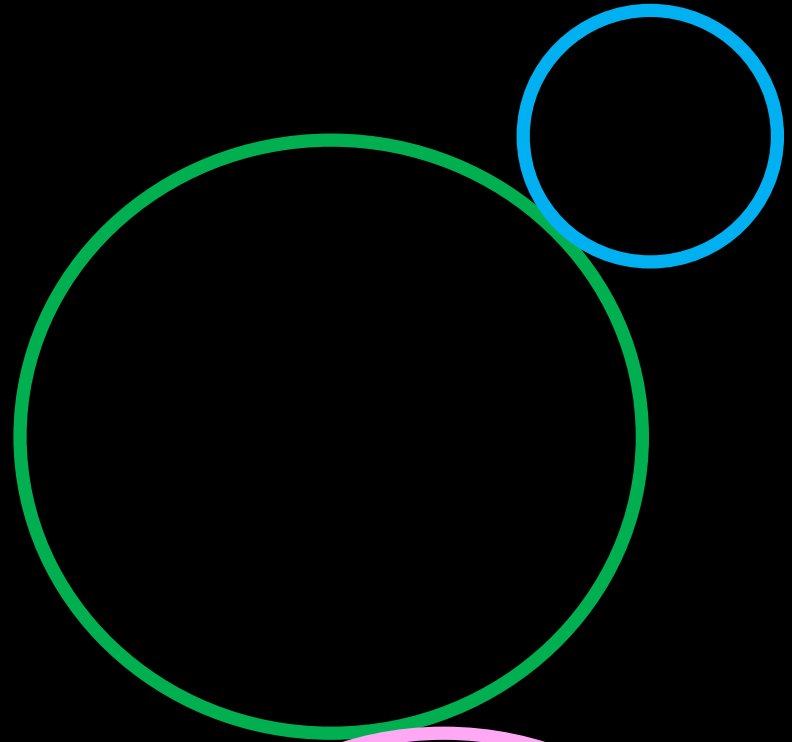
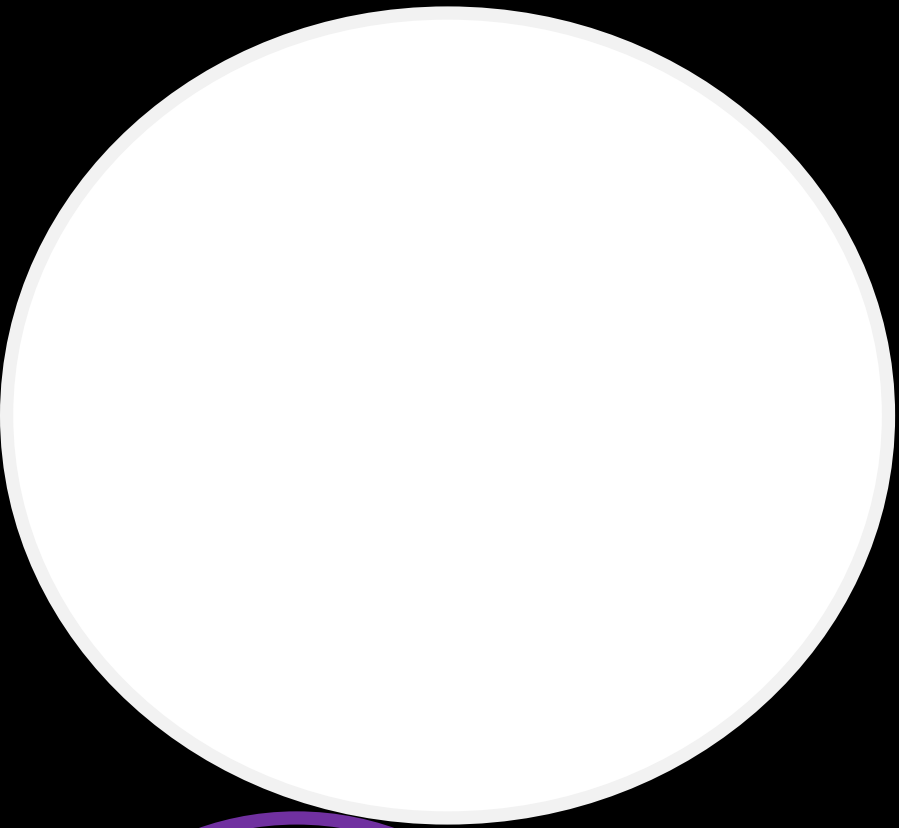
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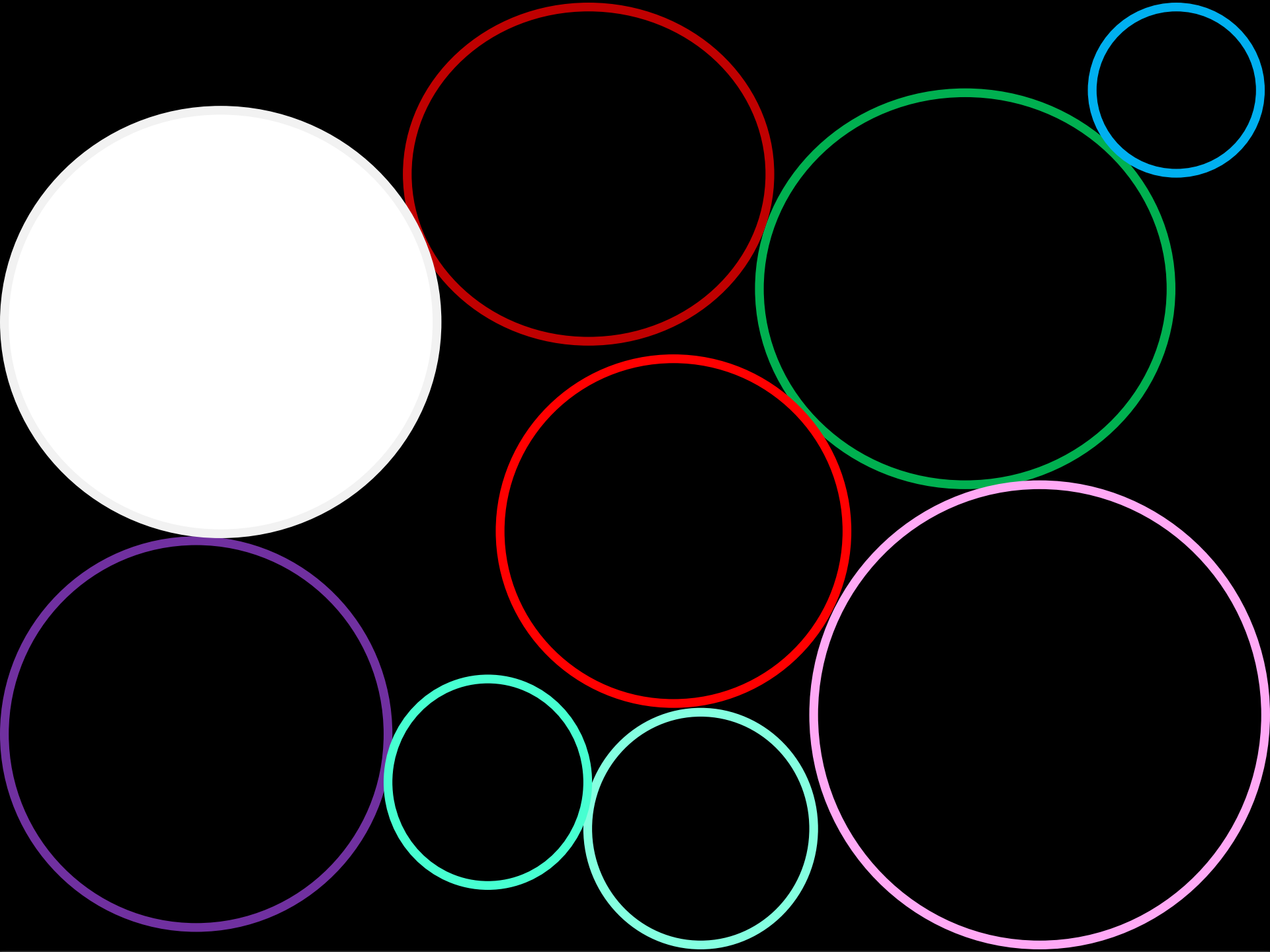


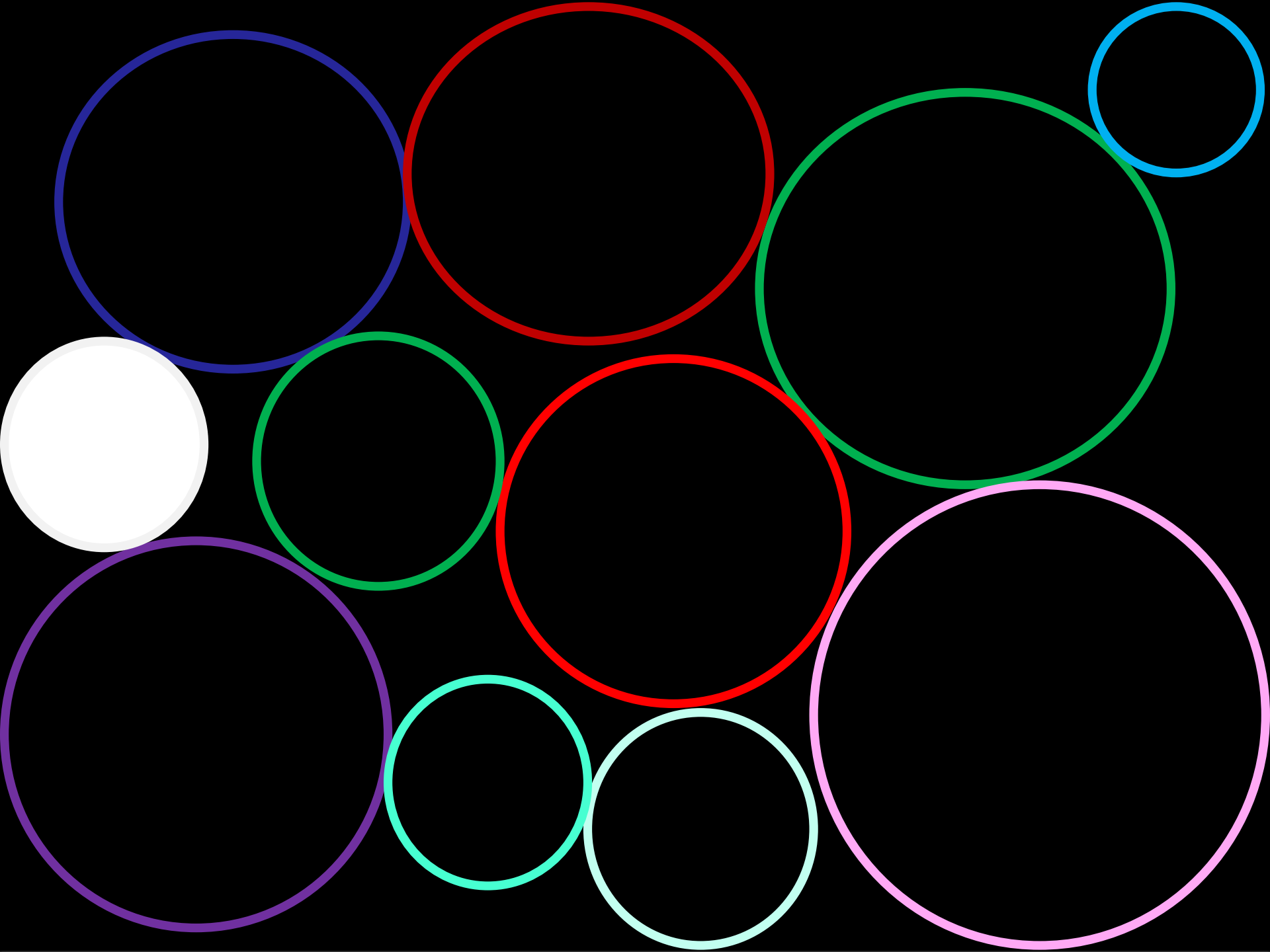




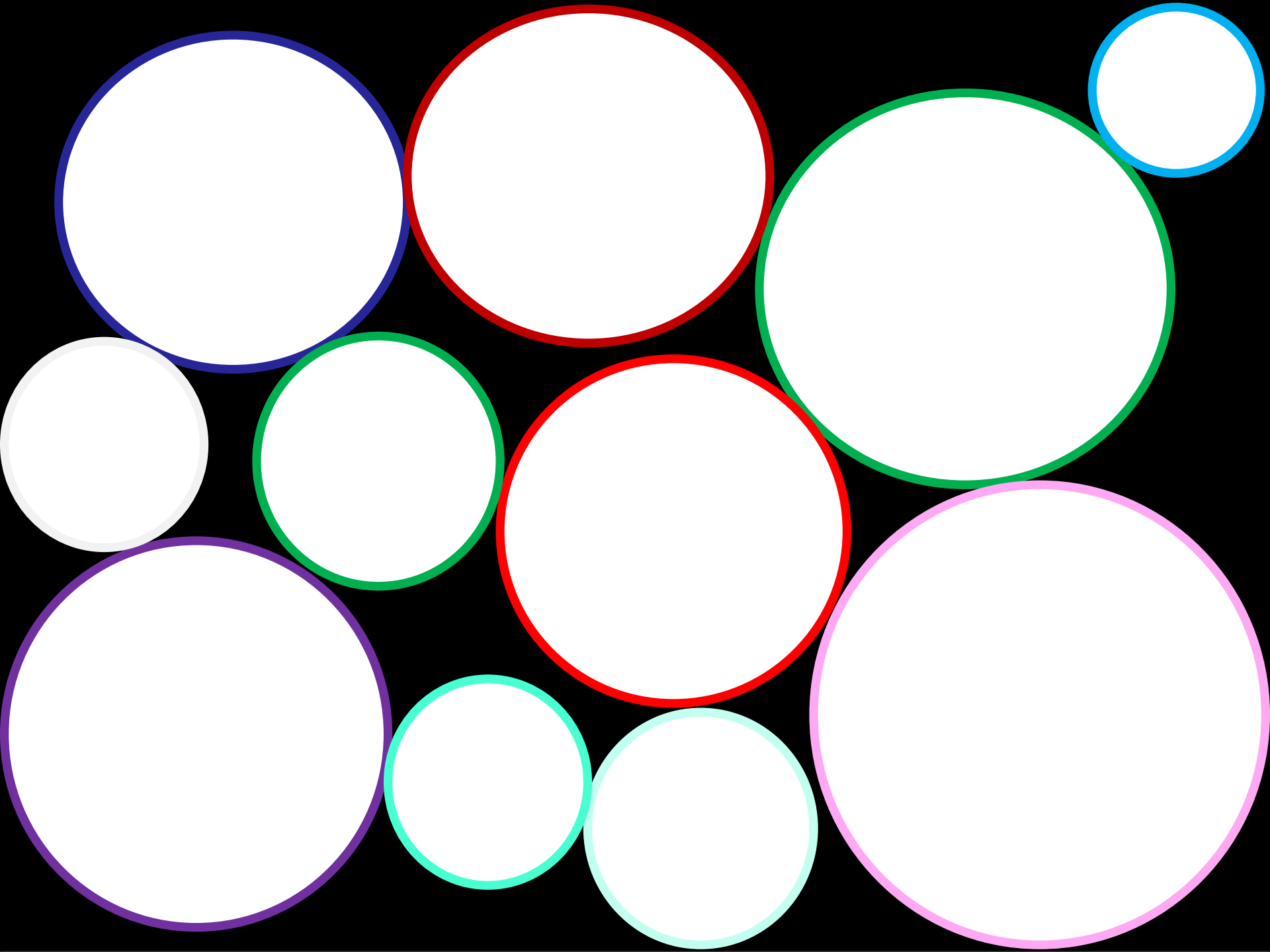












THE LORD IS ONE



# A HOPEFUL REMNANT



... both sides of the  
... 25,000 cubits  
... the eastern border  
... the center of the  
... the border of Ben-

... the gate of Judah and the gate of  
... the city of Jerusalem and these  
... the gate of the city: the  
... the north side of the city  
... the north side will be the gate of  
... the gate of Judah and the gate of

*Trainings in Babylon*  
The third year of the reign of Jehoi-  
king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar  
king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and he  
took of the articles from his temple of his god  
and put in the treasury house

# Daniel

men your use? The king would then have  
my head because of you.  
Daniel then said to the guard whom the  
chief official then had appointed over Daniel,  
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah: "Please  
test your servants for ten days: if please  
nothing but vegetables to eat and water to  
drink, then compare our appearance with  
that of the young men who eat the royal  
food, and treat your servants in accordance  
with what you see."  
At the end of the ten days they looked  
healthier and fatter than the young men  
who were eating the royal food, and  
the guard took away their cases of food  
and drink.  
These four young men became very  
wise, and they had knowledge and under-  
standing of all the literature and books  
of the Chaldeans.

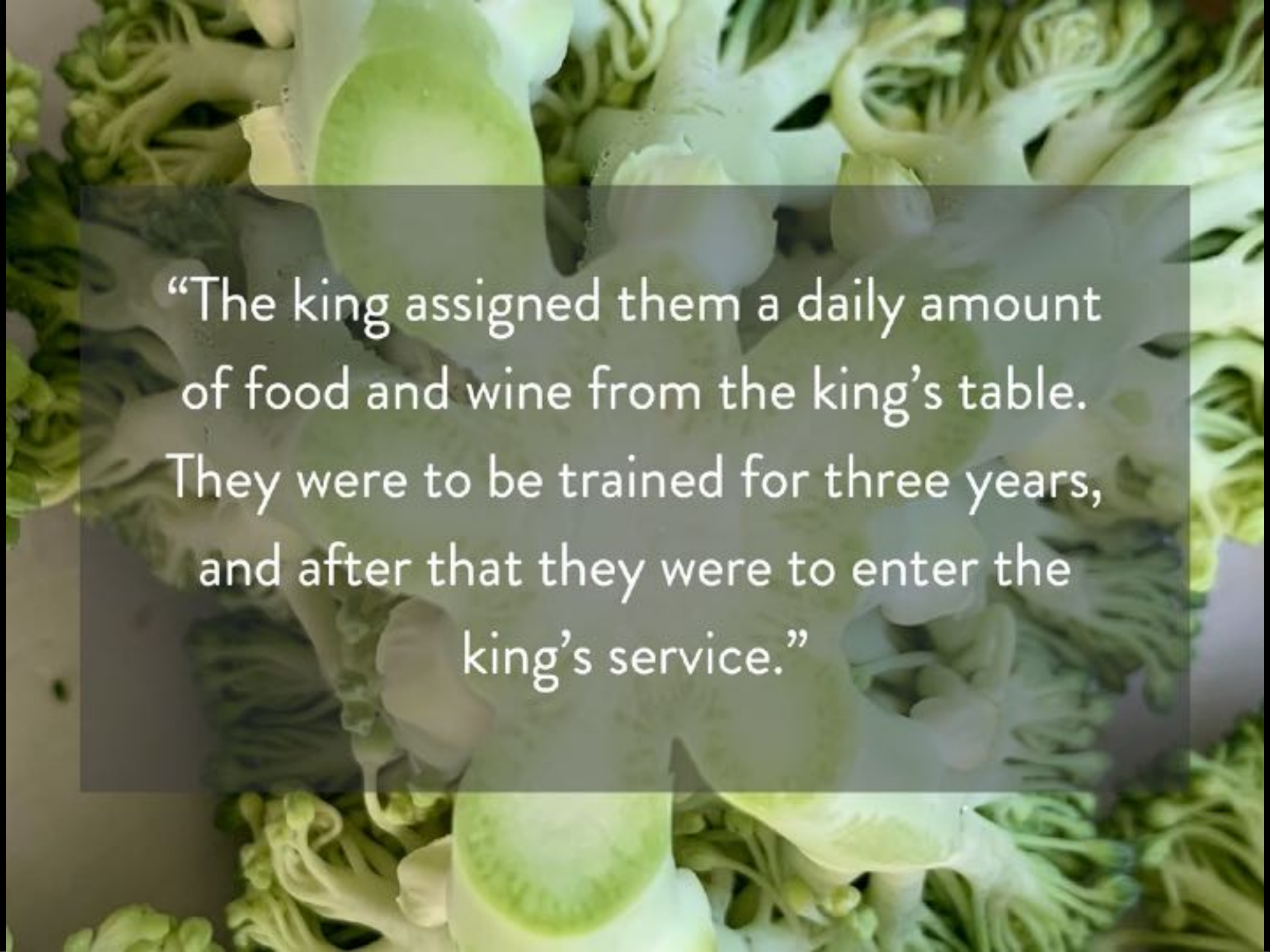
... the distance of 4,500 cubits  
... the gate of Asher and the gate of  
... the name of the city from that time  
... the distance all around will be 18,000  
cubits







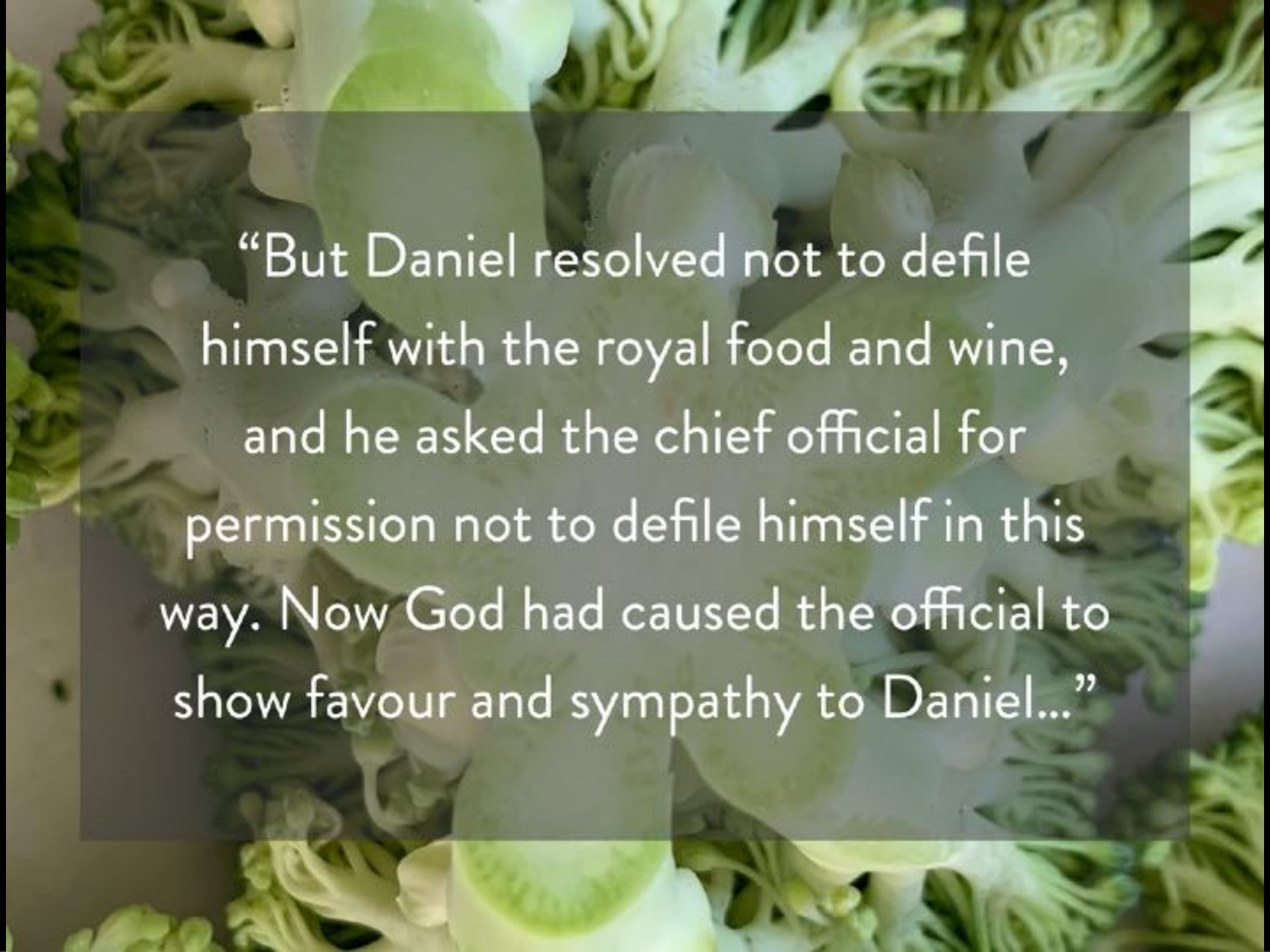
“The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar.”



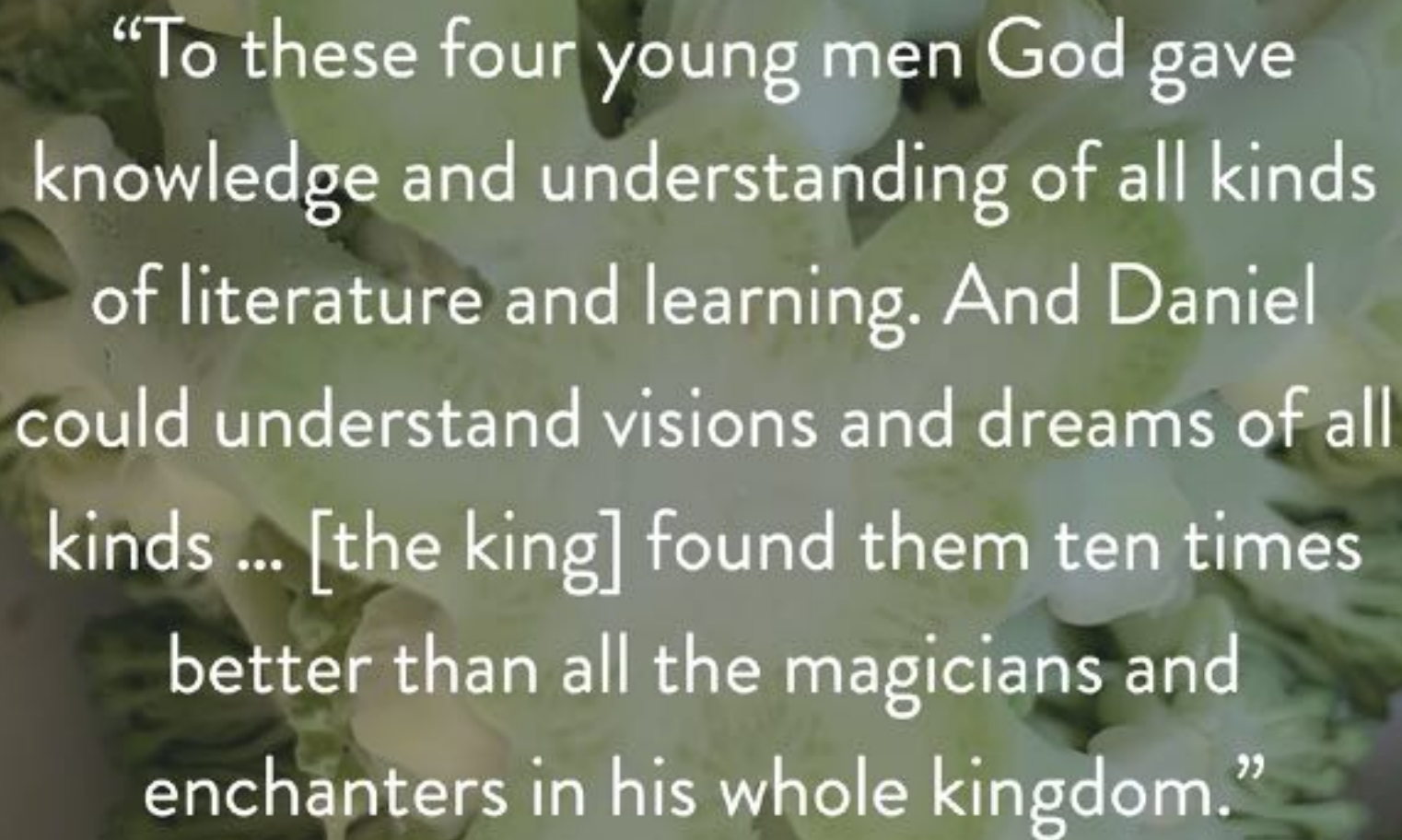
“The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service.”







“But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way. Now God had caused the official to show favour and sympathy to Daniel...”



“To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds ... [the king] found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.”



What might be the  
broccoli test  
in our culture?









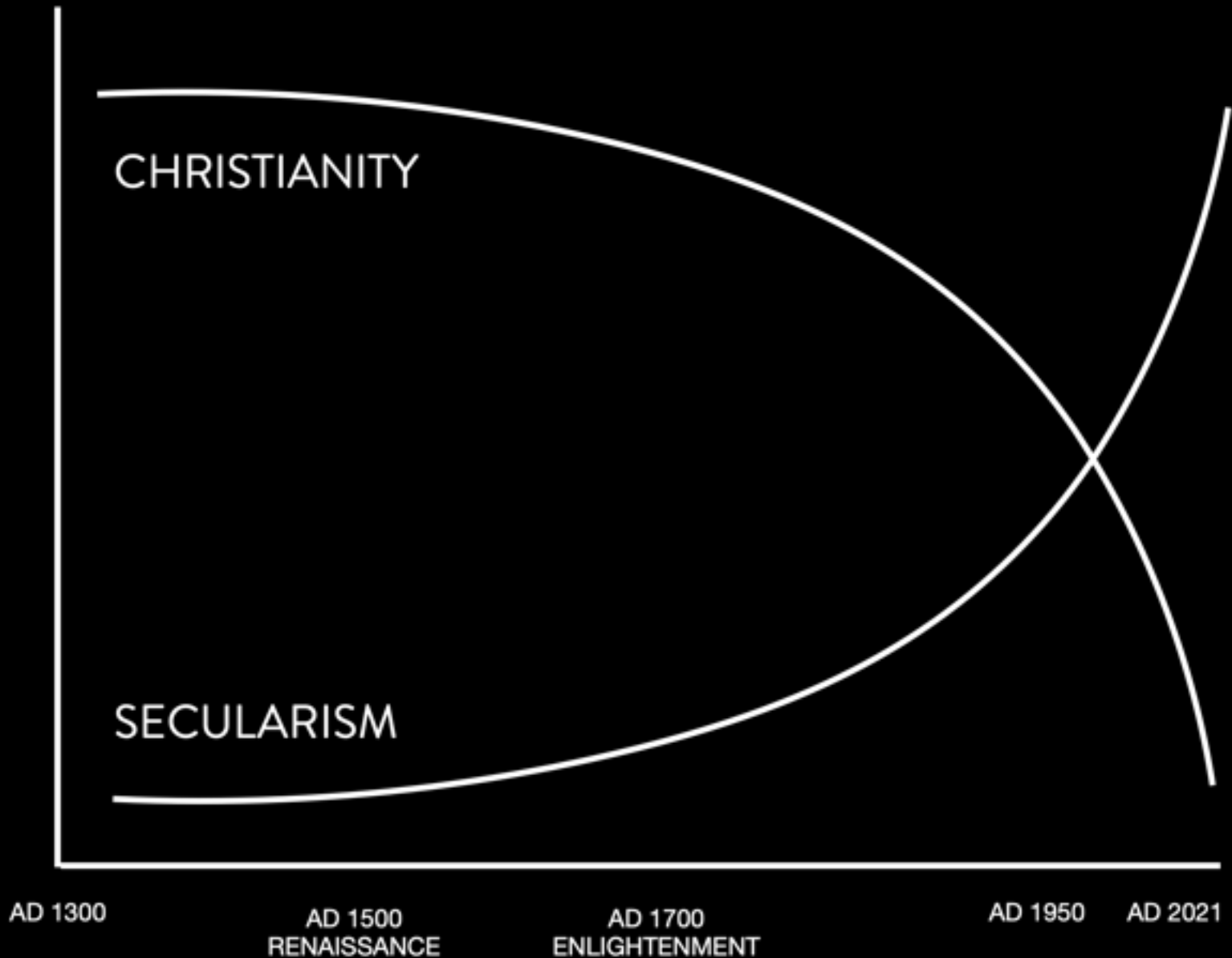






THIS IS OUR EXILE

# THE SECULAR STORY



# THE REAL STORY

CHRISTIANITY

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+ REMNANT

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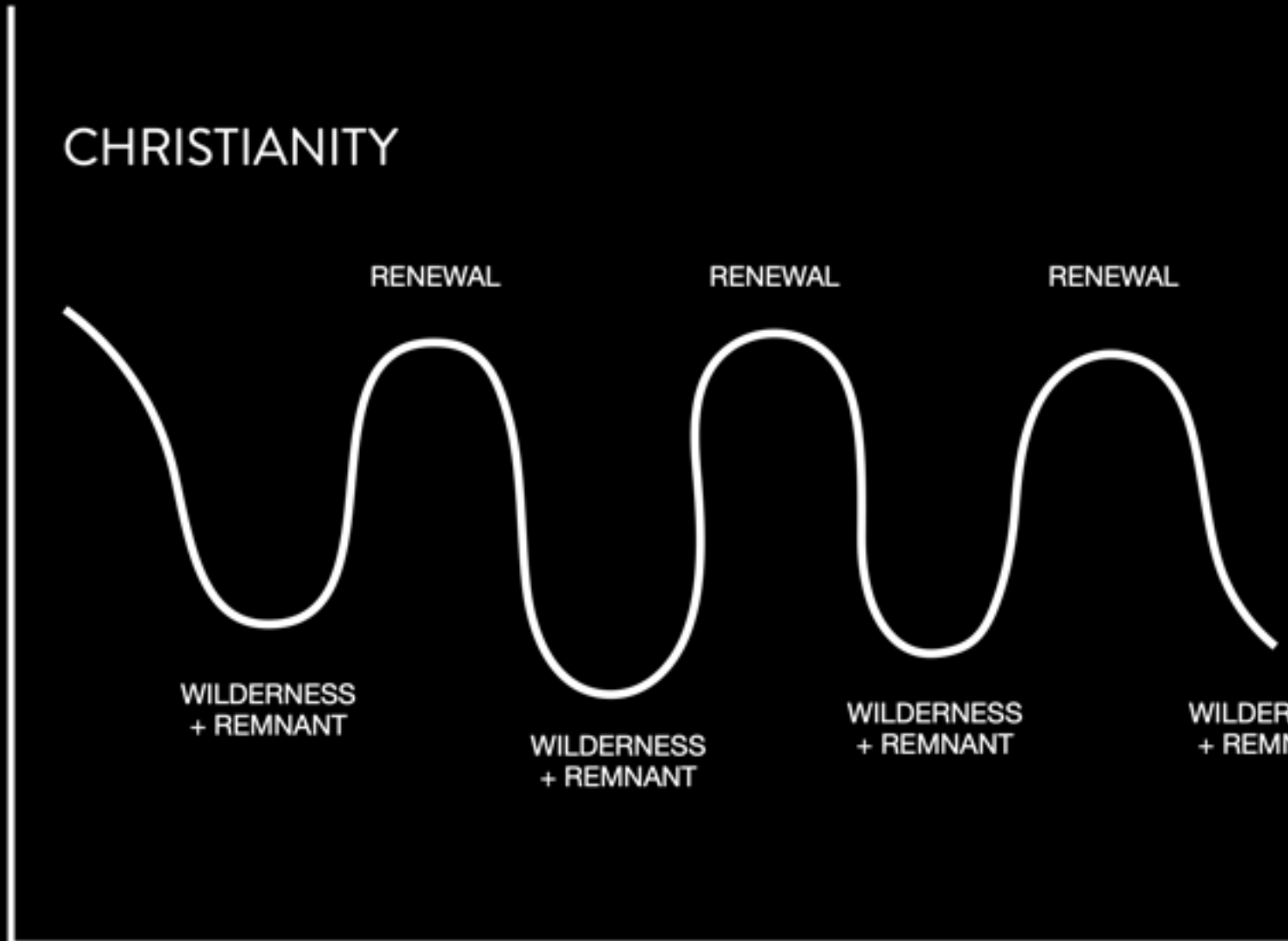
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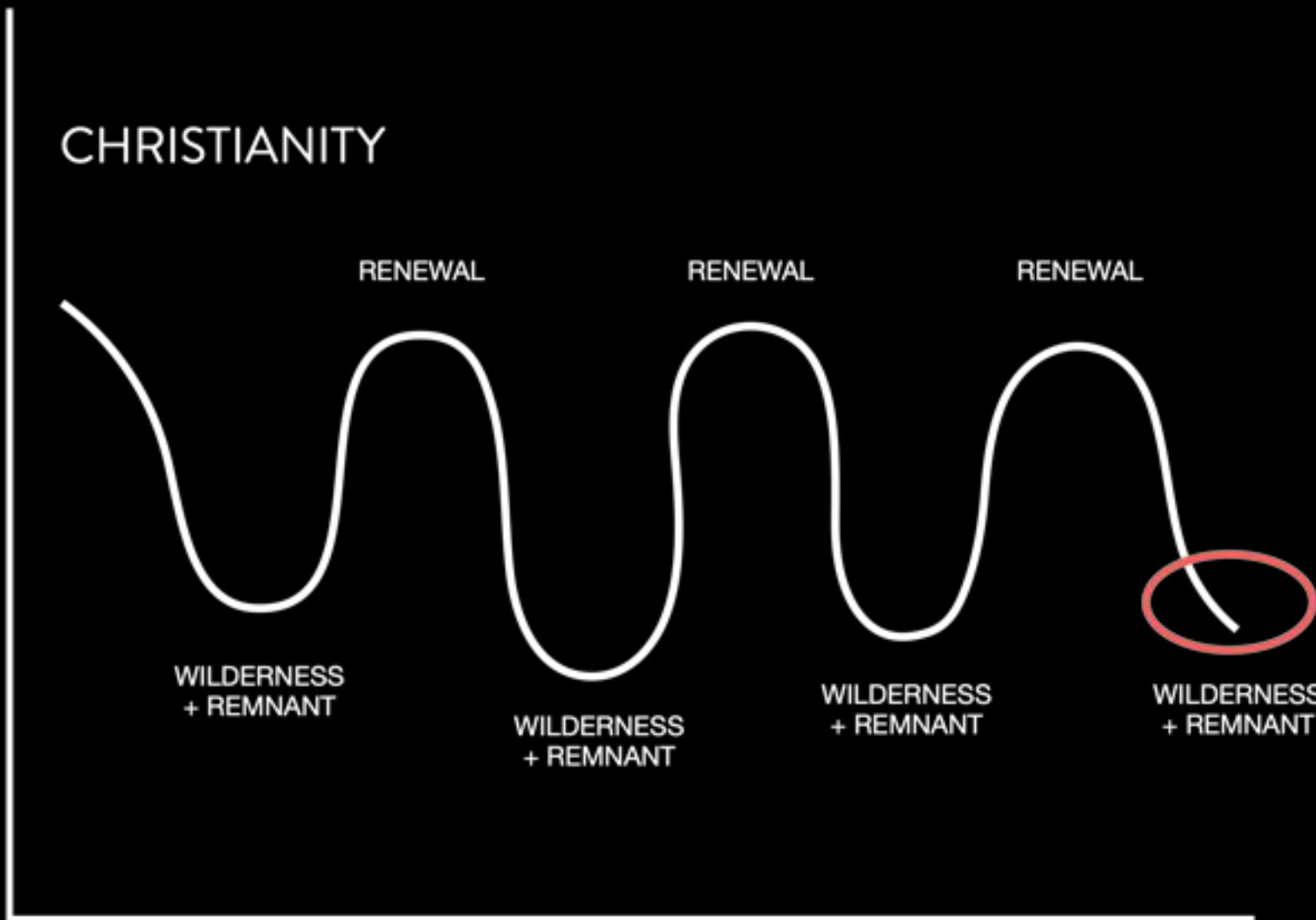
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Do you feel like a remnant in our culture?  
How can we live hopefully and lovingly in a  
society that 'calls us out' for what we believe?



...the sacred portion and the...  
...the 25,000 cubits...  
...the sacred portion...  
...the center...  
...the border of Benjamin...  
...the distance from that time...  
...the gate of Ibsachar...  
...the gate of Naphtali...  
...the gate of Asher...  
...the distance all around will be 18,000...  
...the name of the city from that time...  
...The Lord is there.

**DANIEL**  
...The king would then have...  
...my head because of you...  
...Daniel then said to the guard...  
...chief official then had appointed...  
...Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah...  
...test your servants for ten days...  
...nothing but vegetables to eat and water...  
...to drink...  
...Then compare our appearance with...  
...the young men who eat the royal...  
...food and treat your servants in accordance...  
...with what you see...  
...At the end of the ten days...  
...the young men who ate the royal...  
...food and treated your servants in accordance...  
...with what you see...  
...were much better than we...  
...looked like the young men who...  
...ate the royal food and drank...  
...wine and meat. So please...  
...let us eat and drink...  
...the same food and drink...  
...as the young men who eat and...  
...drink the royal food and drink...  
...wine and meat.

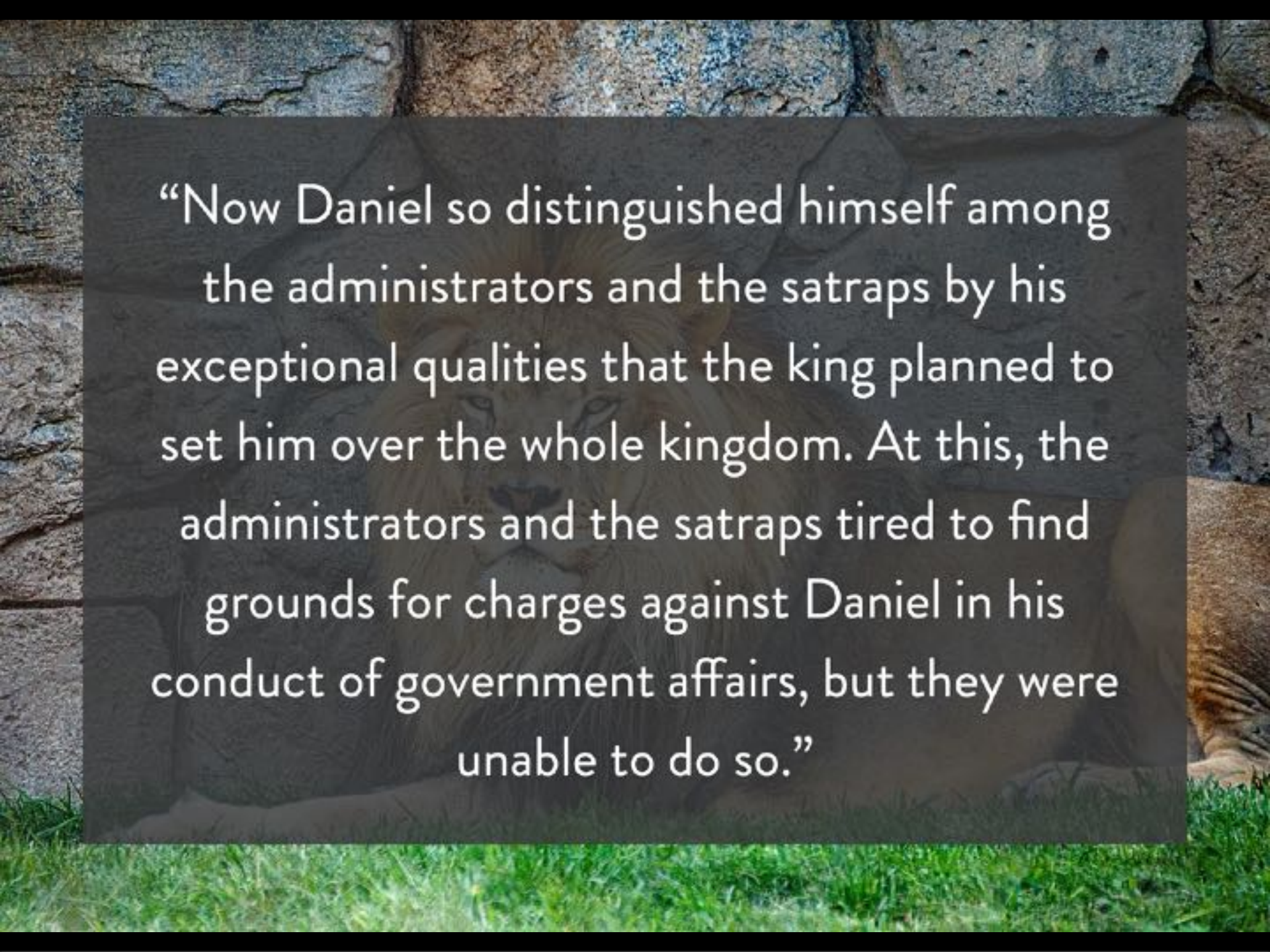
# Daniel

**Prisoners in Babylon**  
...in the third year of the reign of Jehoiachin...  
...king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar...  
...came to Jerusalem and took...  
...the articles from the temple of his god...  
...and put in the treasure house...  
...The king ordered Ashpenaz, chief...  
...of the royal household, to bring in some of the...  
...most beautiful and intelligent young men...  
...of the kingdom, showing aptitude for...  
...learning, well informed, quick...  
...understanding, and qualified to serve in the...  
...king's palace. He was to teach them in the...  
...Chaldean literature of the Babylonians...  
...The king assigned them a daily...  
...ration of food and wine that they were to be...  
...trained for three years. Some of the...  
...young men who were brought in...  
...from Judah were Hananiah, Mishael and...  
...Azariah. The chief official gave them new...  
...names to replace the names of their fathers...  
...and he called them Shadrach, Meshack, and...  
...and Abednego.

**The Test of the Vegetables**  
...The king would then have...  
...my head because of you...  
...Daniel then said to the guard...  
...chief official then had appointed...  
...Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah...  
...test your servants for ten days...  
...nothing but vegetables to eat and water...  
...to drink...  
...Then compare our appearance with...  
...the young men who eat the royal...  
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A lion is lying on a stone ledge, looking towards the camera. The background is a stone wall. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area.

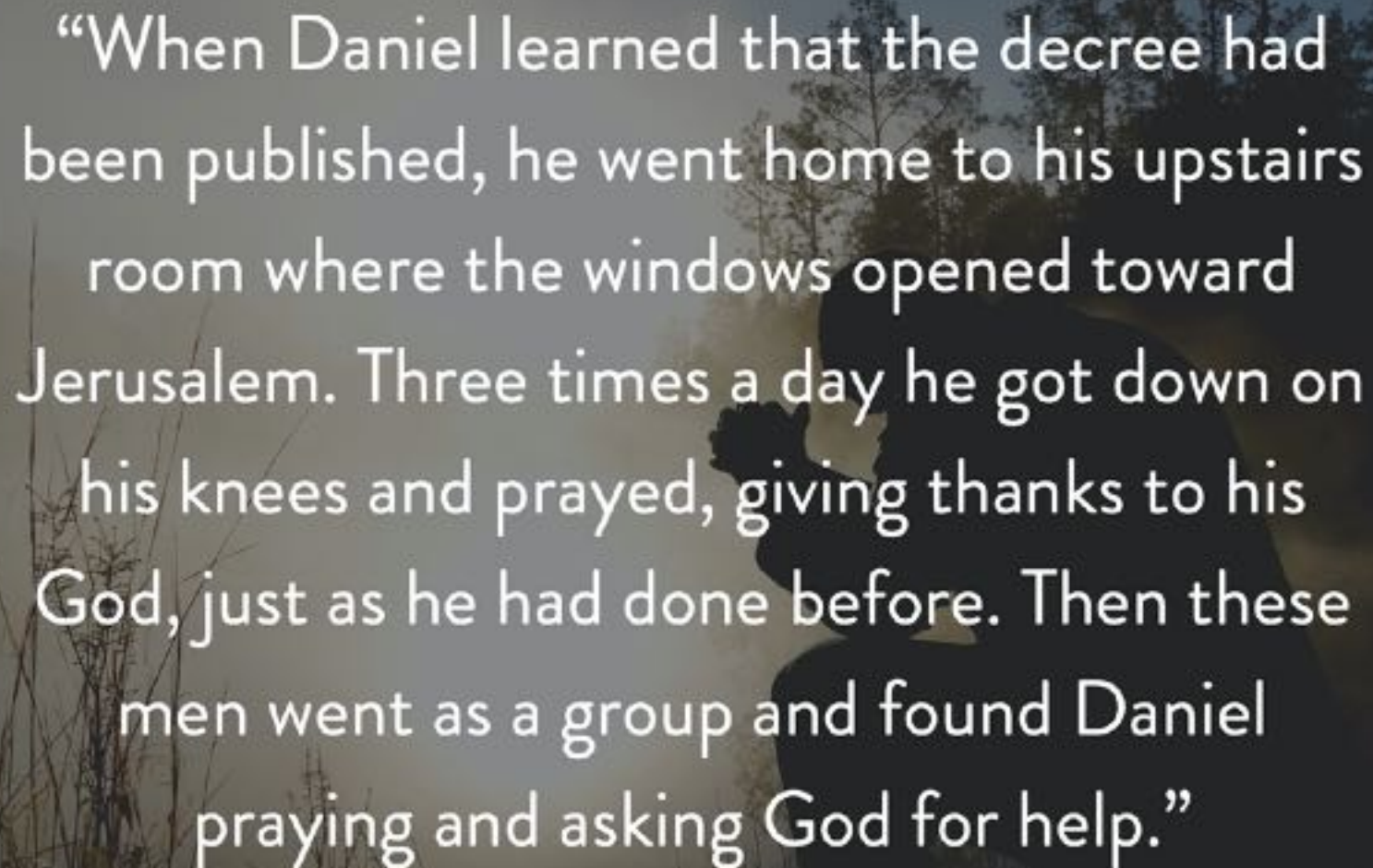
“Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so.”

“Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

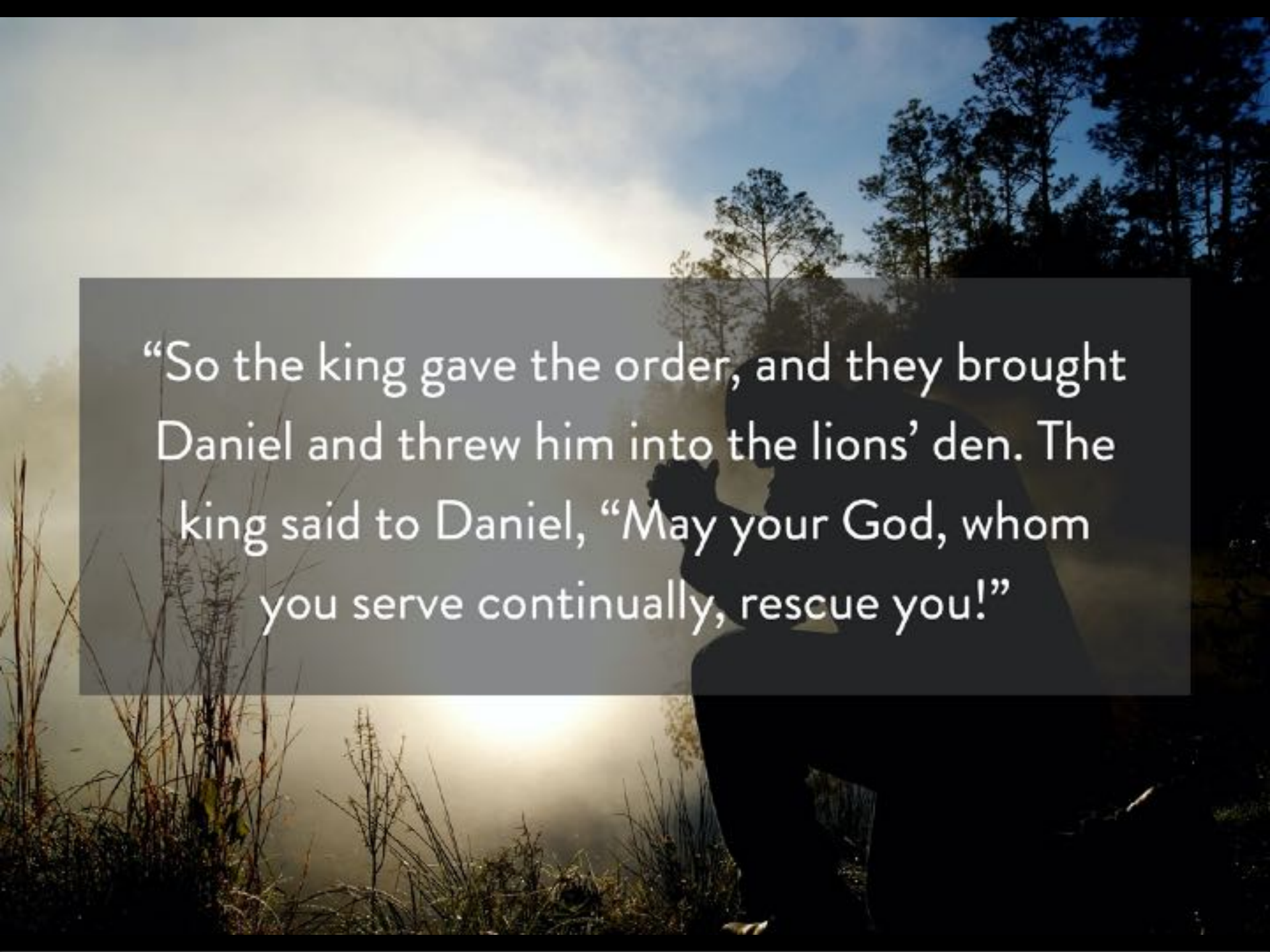




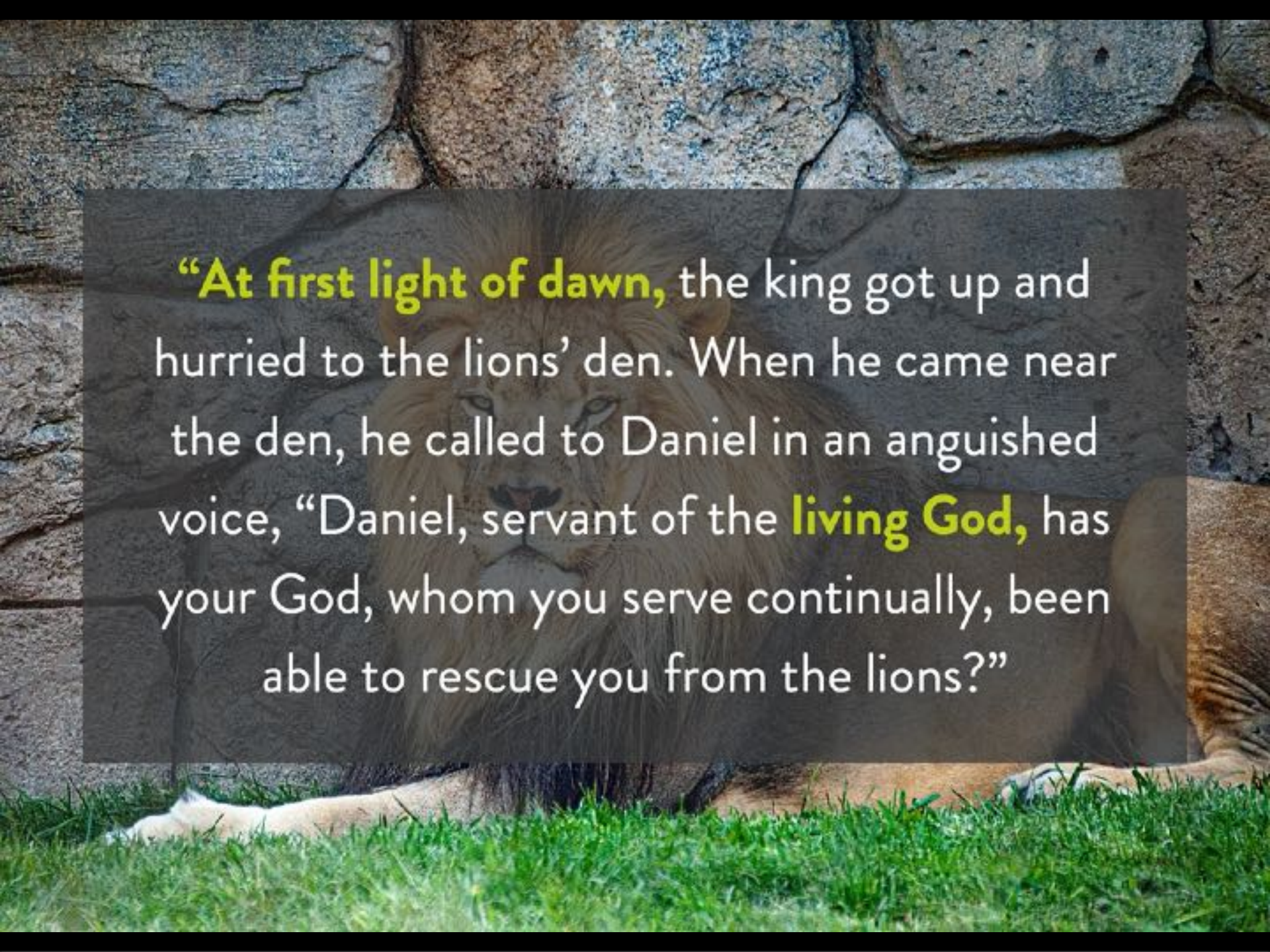


A person is shown in silhouette, kneeling in prayer with their hands clasped together. The background is a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise over a field of tall grasses and trees. The scene is peaceful and contemplative.

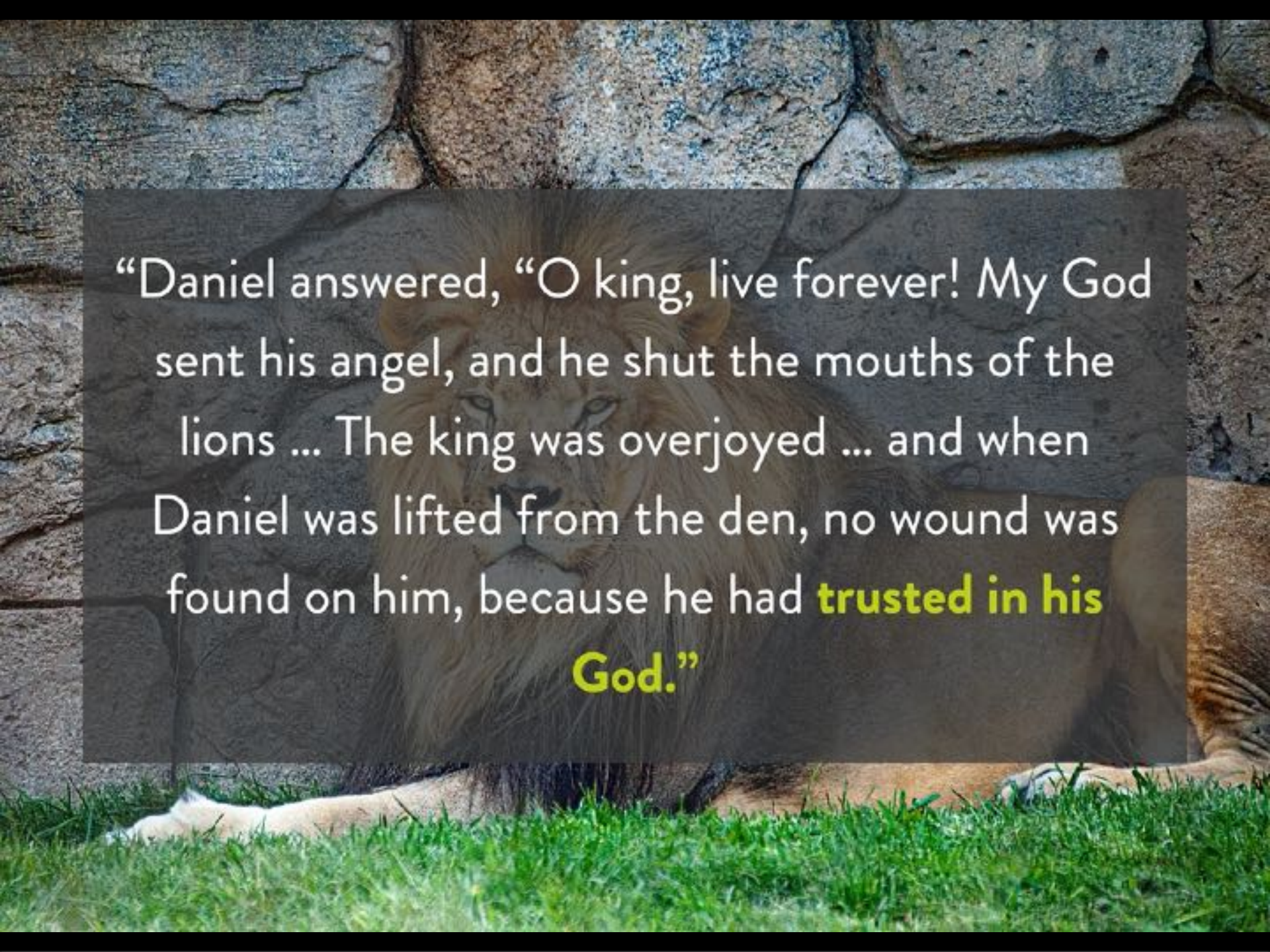
“When Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.”

A person is kneeling in a field, their back to the camera, with their hands clasped in prayer. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a hazy, golden glow. Tall grasses are visible in the foreground, and a line of trees is silhouetted against the sky in the background. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

“So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”


A lion is lying down on a patch of green grass in front of a stone wall. The lion's head is the central focus, looking directly at the camera. The stone wall behind it is made of large, irregular grey and brown stones. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the image, containing white text with some words in yellow. The text is a quote from the Bible.

**“At first light of dawn,** the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the **living God,** has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

A lion is lying down on a patch of green grass in front of a stone wall. The lion's head is resting on the ground, and its eyes are closed. The stone wall is made of large, irregular stones with visible mortar lines. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the image, containing white text. The words "trusted in his" and "God." are highlighted in yellow.

“Daniel answered, “O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions ... The king was overjoyed ... and when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had **trusted in his God.**”



A person stands on a rocky peak, silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky. Their arms are raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and wispy clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual reflection.

We are in exile surrounded by foreign 'gods'

We are not to worship the idols of our culture, but be courageous, patient and hopeful in hard times

God is above all, and will bless us to be a blessing to our culture, so long as we remain faithful to Him.







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