

# a *Lesson* from Daniel's Witness

*A personal testimony of the  
incredible power of the God we  
serve...*



But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

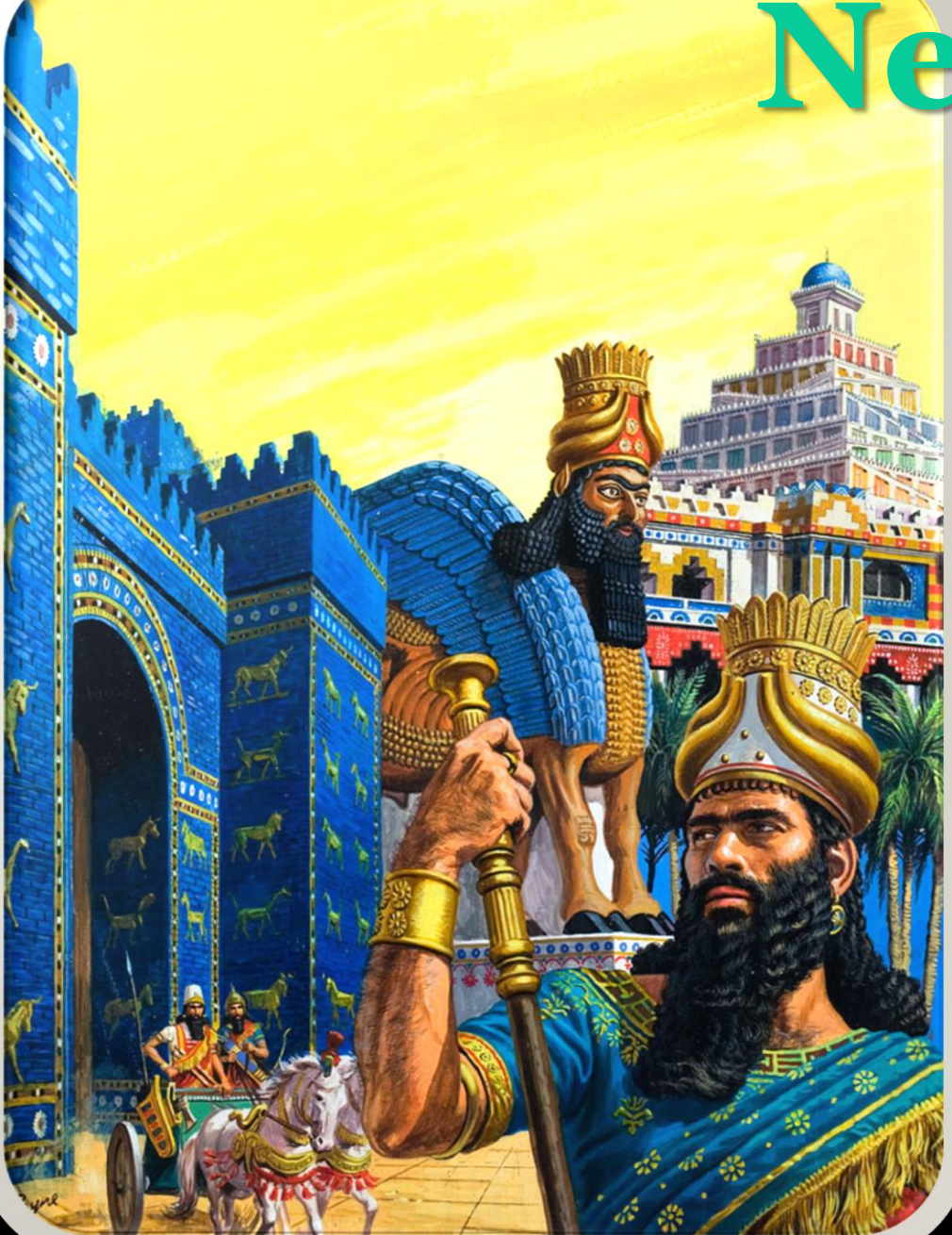
1 Timothy 6:11-12



# Nebuchadnezzar II

August 642 BC – October 7, 562 BC  
(Reign from 605 – 562 BC)

Leader of a vast World Power,  
Fearless Emperor,  
Architect, Military King,  
“Destroyer of Nations”



“*Babylonian  
superstition and  
divinations* were a  
*common thread of their  
culture and how kings  
were advised...*”



# A distraught and *troubled* King...

## Daniel 2

**1**/ In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. **2** So the king summoned the **magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers**<sup>[a]</sup> to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king,



# Daniel's *absence* explained...



# A distraught and *troubled* King...



## Daniel 2

**3** he said to them, “**I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it**

**means.**<sup>[b]</sup> **4** Then the astrologers answered the king,<sup>[c]</sup> “May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it.”

# The King's Court & his *challenge* to them...

<sup>5</sup> The king replied to the astrologers, “This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.

<sup>6</sup> But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me.”



- Magicians
- Sorcerers
- Astrologers
- Enchanters



# The King issues *an ultimatum* to the court...

**8** Then the king answered, “**I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided: 9 If you do not tell me the dream, there is only one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change.** So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me.”





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Prediction is very difficult especially  
if it's about the future

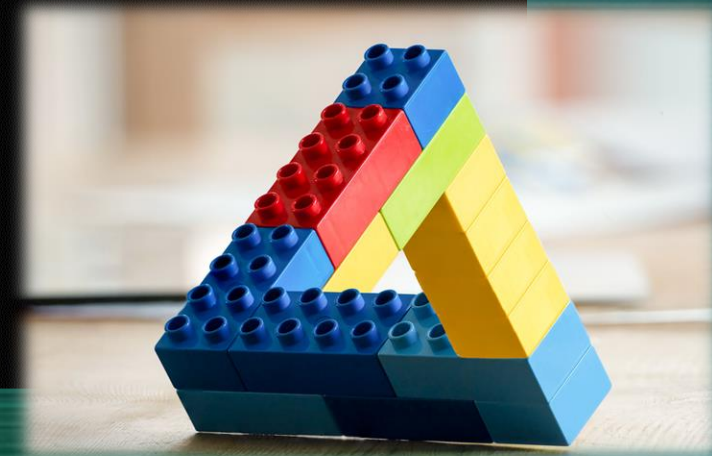
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Plans are worthless, but planning is  
everything

(Dwight D. Eisenhower)



# An *unreasonable* request...

- **10** The astrologers answered the king, “**There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks!** No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. **11** What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.”

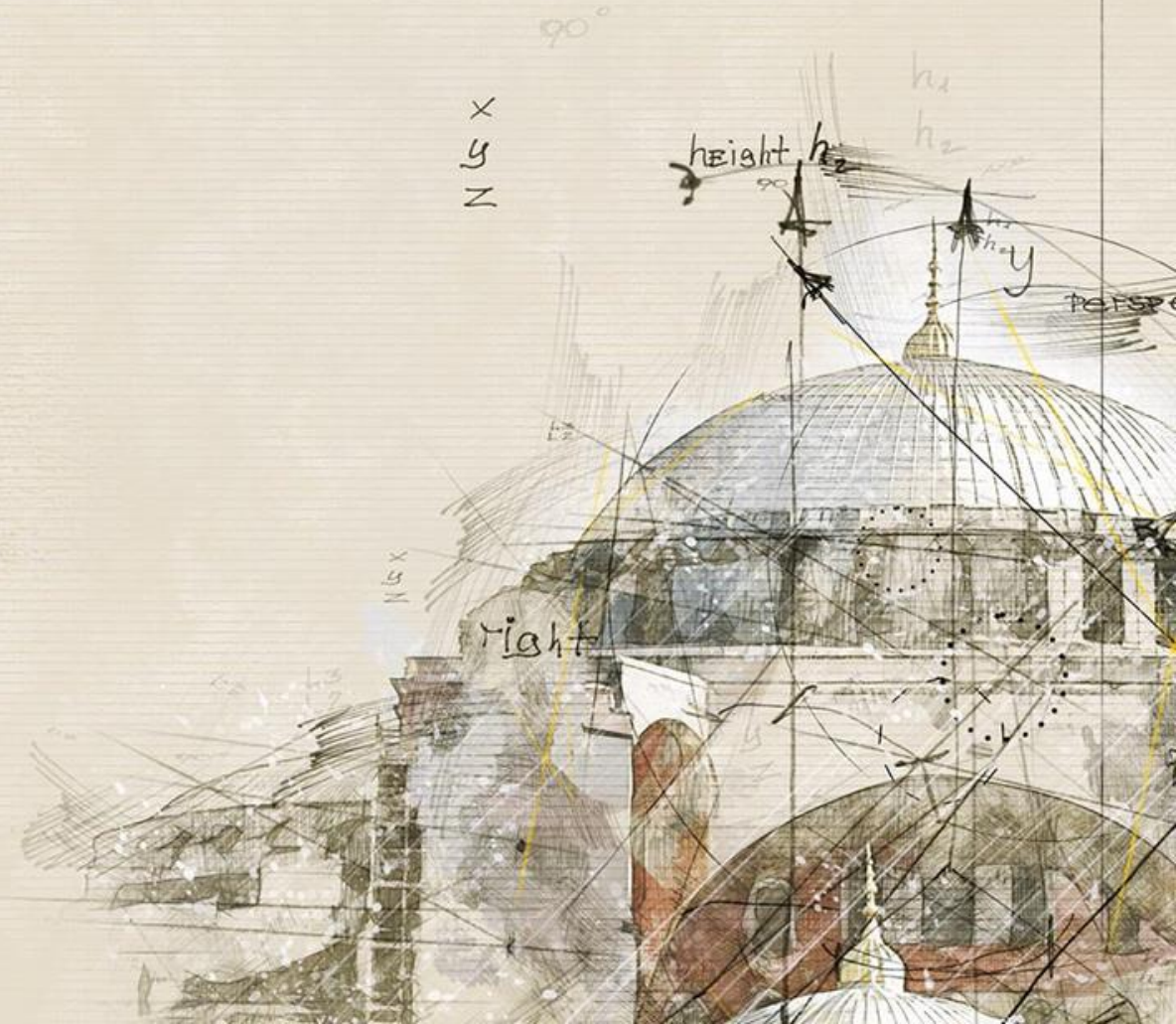


# A hostile and determined King...



<sup>12</sup> This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. <sup>13</sup> **So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.**

# Daniel enters with *divine wisdom*...



**Lesson**

**#1**



Don't Panic!

# Daniel 1:9

9 Now God had caused the official *to show favor and compassion* to Daniel,



<sup>14</sup> When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, **Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact.** <sup>15</sup> He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. <sup>16</sup> At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him





# When in a doubtful crisis...

**17** Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. **18** *He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery,* so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.



# INTERCESSORY PRAYER



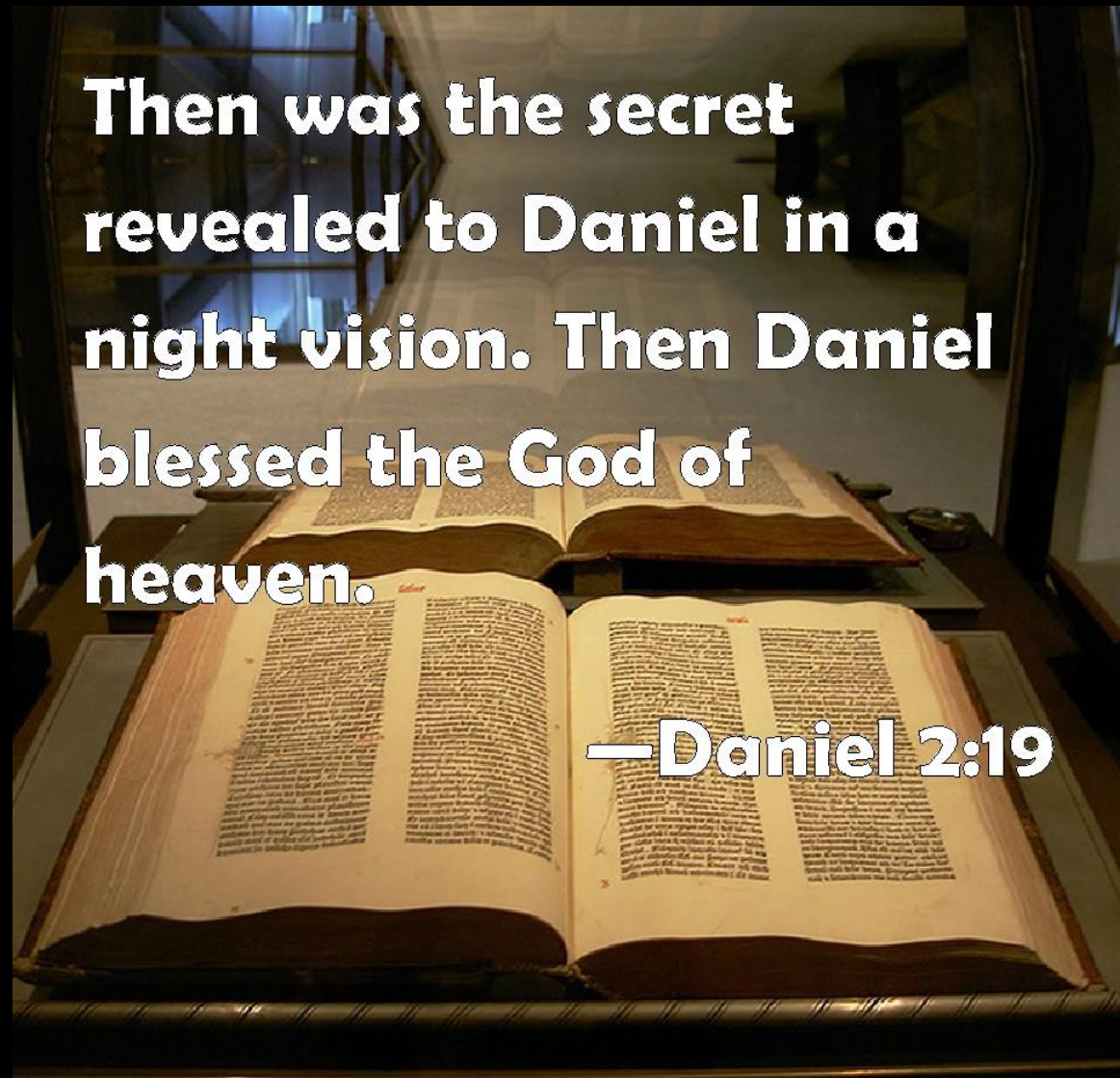
# Lesson #2

# God answers prayer



Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

—Daniel 2:19

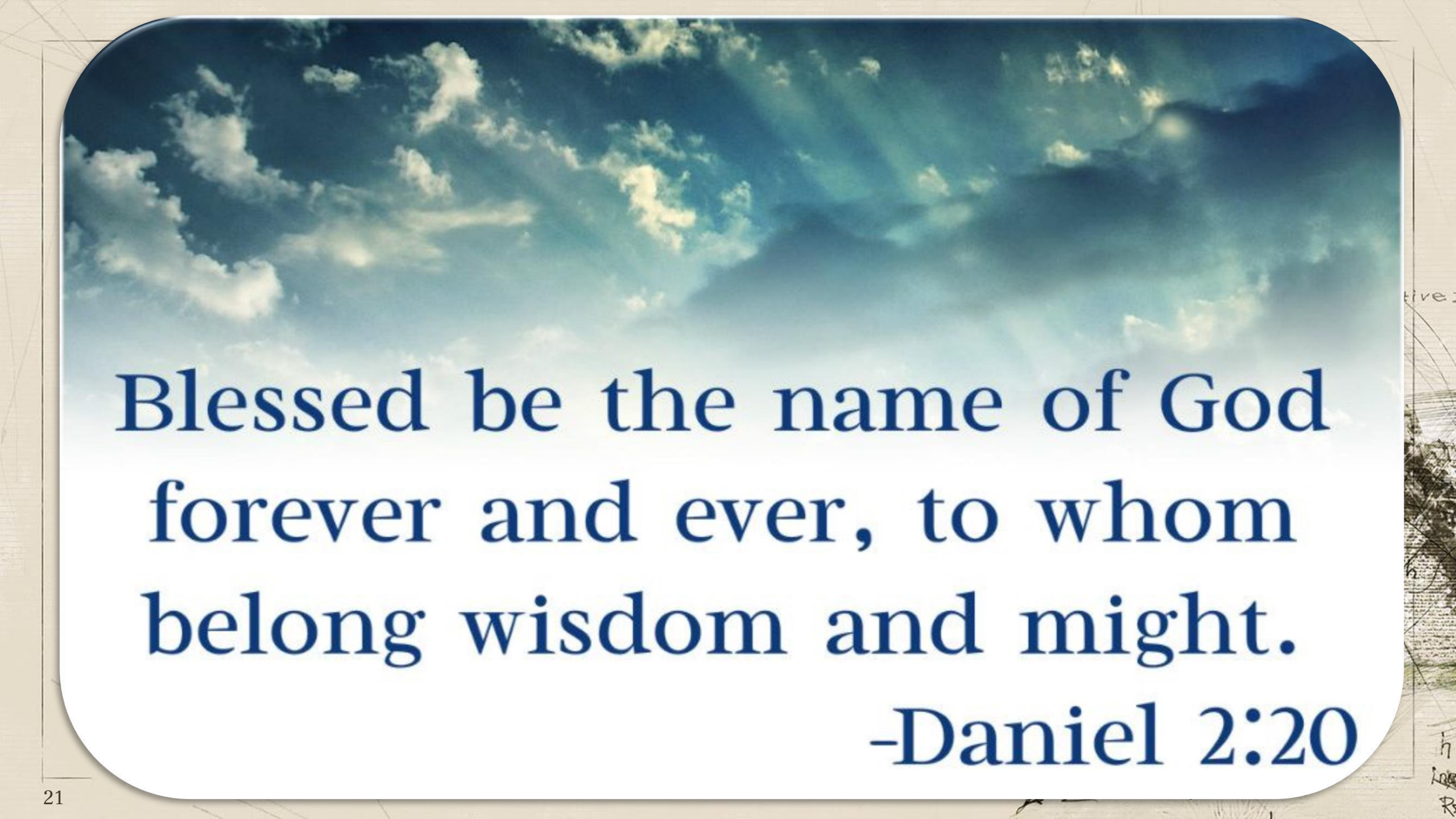


# Lesson

## #3

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PEACE



**Blessed be the name of God  
forever and ever, to whom  
belong wisdom and might.**

**-Daniel 2:20**

**Lesson**

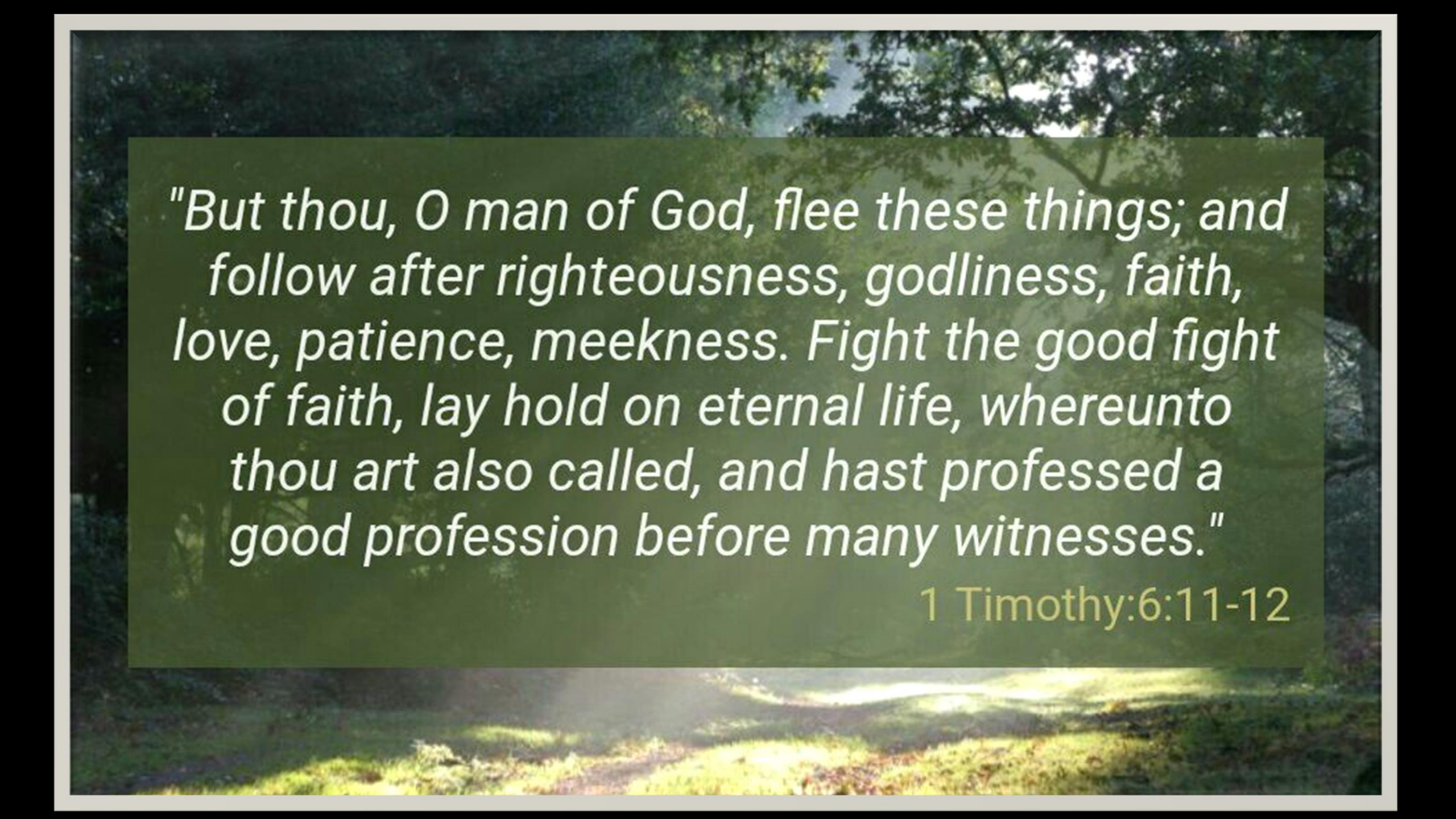
**#4**



*Praise*

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**PURPOSE**

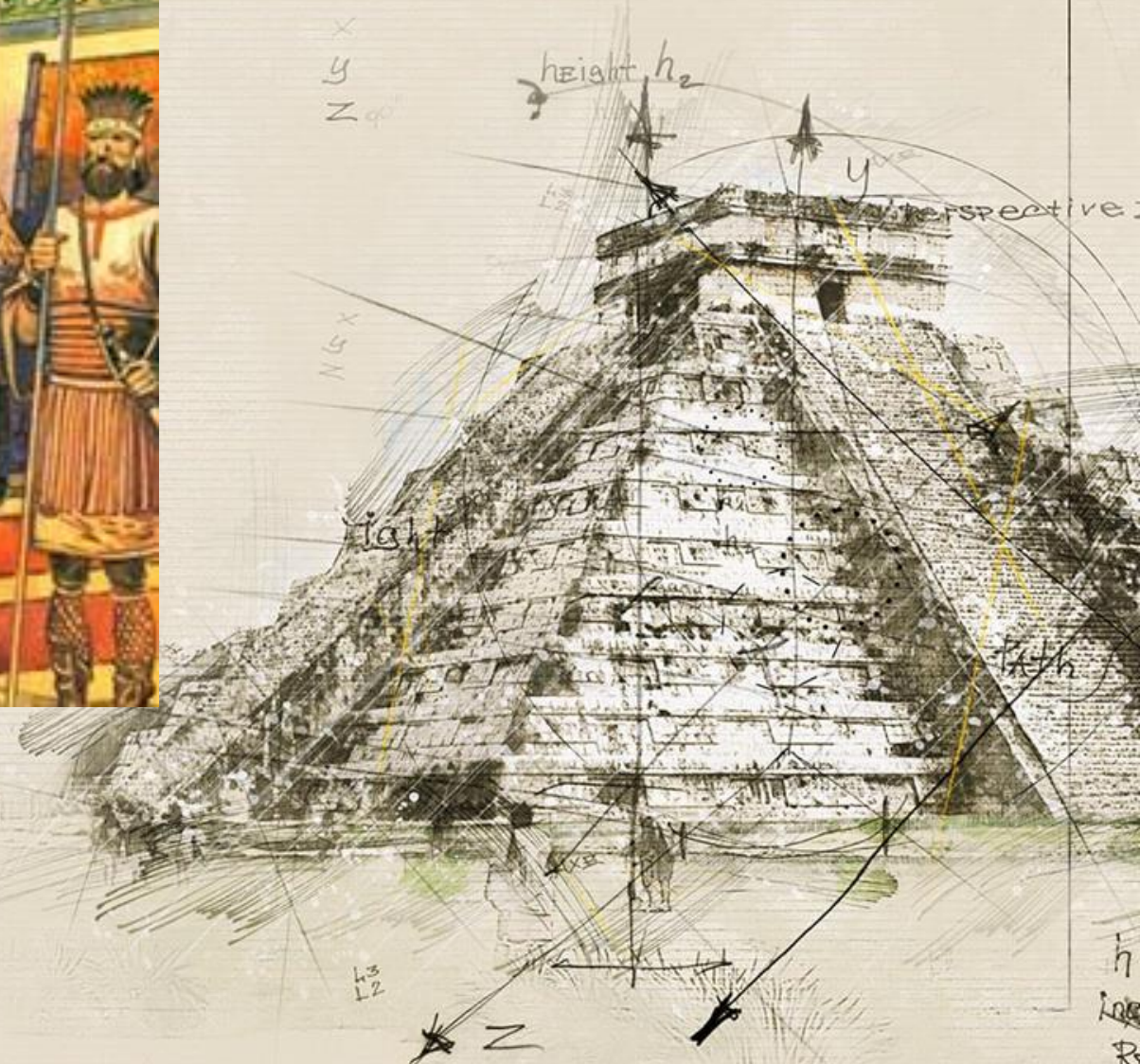


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*1 Timothy:6:11-12*







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