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We are deeply grateful for the generous outpouring of response we received during the closing days of the year as we sought to reach full financial support. Of course, we're anxious to know the final statistics, and we'll share them as soon as we are able.

The New Year began with a glorious Sunday with our friends at Bad Axe Church in Viroqua, Wis.! We'll be with this historic congregation all month. I know that all the folks there would really appreciate your prayers as they sort through numerous decisions which must be made following the retirement of their longtime pastor.

And please pray for us as we enter our fifth year of ministry with The Friends of Israel—and let us know how we can pray for you, as well!

**Every Blessing!**



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# *KRISTALLNACHT* – Nov. 9-10, 1938



Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

*The Lord is your keeper;*

The Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

*He shall preserve your soul.*

*Psalms 121:4-5, 7*

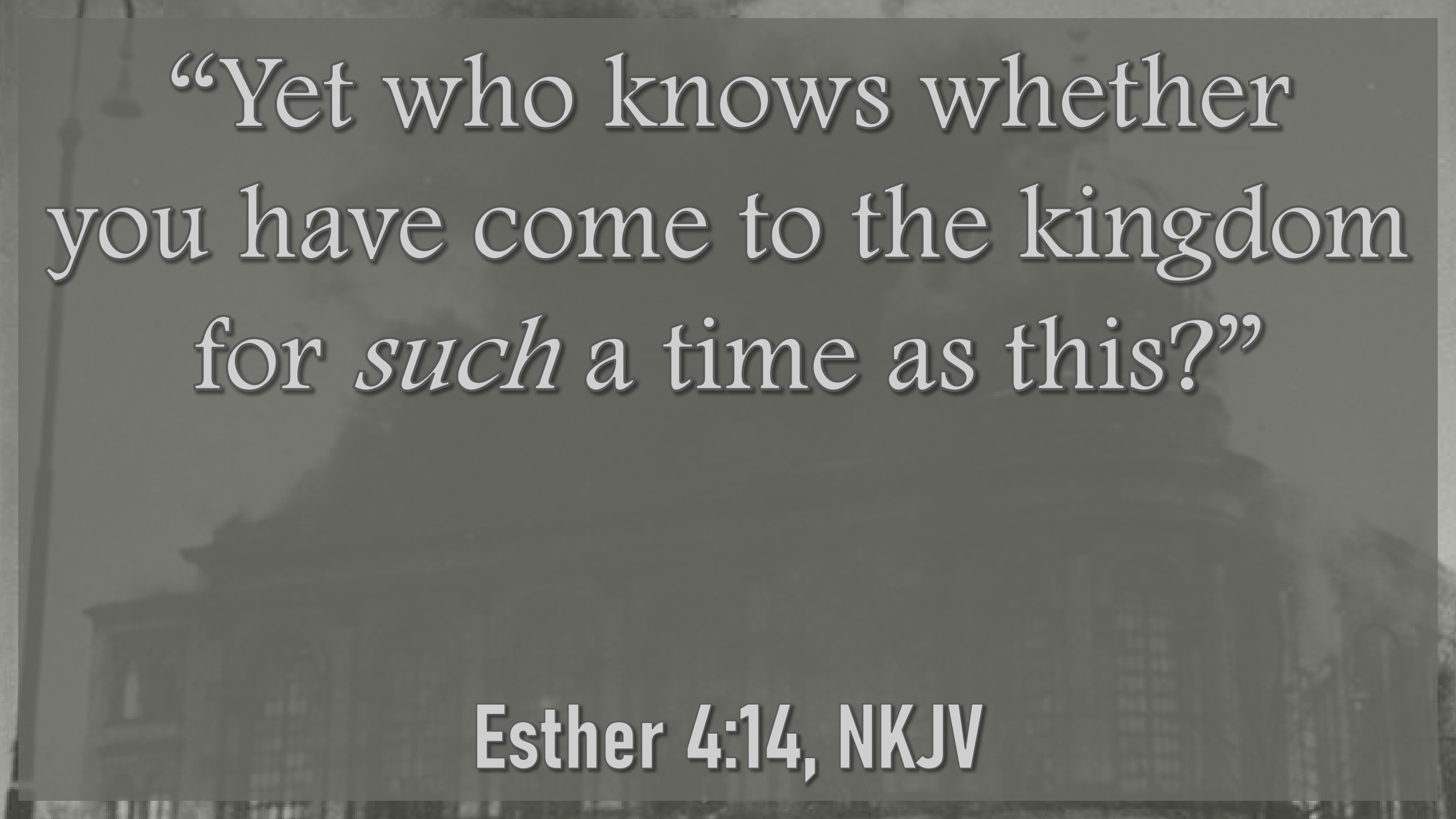


Satan's goal has always been to exterminate the Jewish people—as he attempted to do through Haman in the book of Esther.



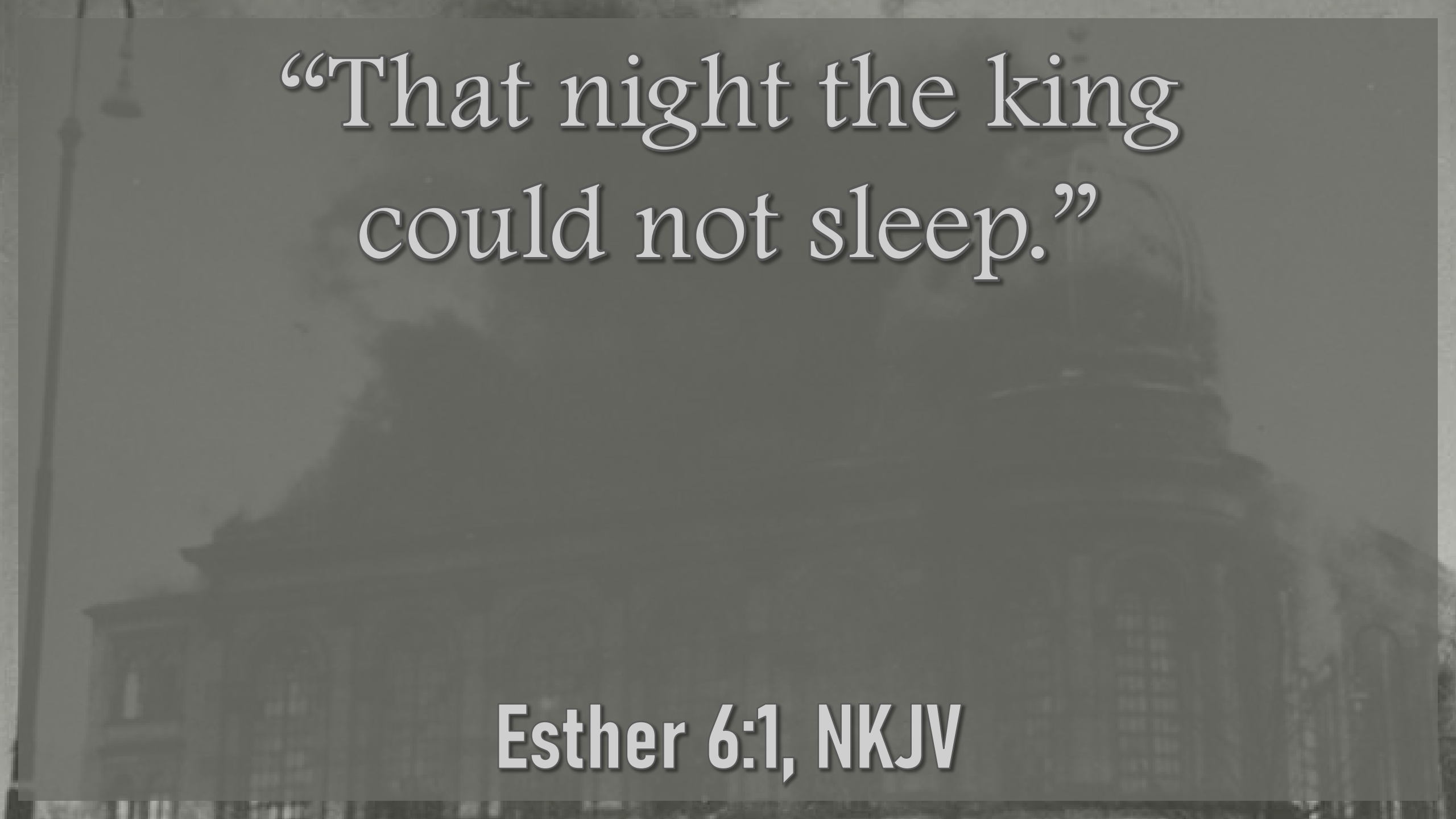
“It *is* not fitting for the king  
to let them remain.”

**Esther 3:8, NKJV**



“Yet who knows whether  
you have come to the kingdom  
for *such* a time as this?”

**Esther 4:14, NKJV**



“That night the king  
could not sleep.”

**Esther 6:1, NKJV**

“The king’s heart *is* in  
the hand of the LORD,  
*Like* the rivers of water;  
He turns it  
wherever He wishes.”

**Proverbs 21:1, NKJV**



“If Mordecai ... is  
of Jewish descent, you  
will not prevail against him  
but will surely fall  
before him.”

**Esther 6:13, NKJV**

*“So they hanged Haman  
on the gallows  
that he had prepared  
for Mordecai.”*

**Esther 7:10, NKJV**

Esther and Mordecai were dedicated, courageous and patriotic—but disobedient to God. They are a picture of Israel today.

Yet, God remains faithful to Israel  
(as He did to Esther and Mordecai)  
on the basis of the covenant  
He made with Abraham.



**I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NATION;  
I WILL BLESS YOU  
AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT;  
AND YOU SHALL BE A BLESSING.**

**I WILL BLESS THOSE  
WHO BLESS YOU,  
AND I WILL CURSE  
HIM WHO CURSES YOU;  
AND IN YOU**

**ALL THE FAMILIES  
OF THE EARTH  
SHALL BE  
BLESSED.**

GENESIS 12: 2-3



“Then many of the people  
of the land became Jews,  
because fear of the Jews  
fell upon them.”

**Esther 9:17, NKJV**

“I will also give You  
as a light to the Gentiles,  
That You should be  
My salvation to the ends  
of the earth.”

**Isaiah 42:6, NKJV**



July 10, 1933

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A synagogue burns on Kristallnacht, 1938 (<https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/today-in-history-kristallnacht-or-the-night-of-broken-glass/>). Photo: public domain.

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- 7,000 Jewish businesses demolished
  - 900 synagogues burned
    - 91 Jews murdered
- 30,000 Jewish men arrested

Source: PBS, *American Experience*

(<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/holocaust-kristallnacht/>)



In Graz, Austria, onlookers watch a smoldering synagogue the morning after Kristallnacht, November 10, 1938. Photo public domain (<https://www.timesofisrael.com/german-institute-lashed-for-tel-aviv-shoah-nakba-event-on-date-of-kristallnacht/>).





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Raul Hilberg's  
SIX STAGES OF THE HOLOCAUST

STAGE 1: Jews are defined as the "other" through legalized discrimination.

STAGE 2: Isolation: Once individuals are labeled as Jews, they are separated from mainstream society.

STAGE 3: Emigration: the Jews are encouraged to leave Germany. (see Display Case 2)

STAGE 4: Ghettoization: Jews are forcibly removed to segregated sections of Eastern European cities called ghettos. (see Display Case 3)

STAGE 5: Deportation: Jews are transported from ghettos to concentration camps and death camps. (see Display Case 4 and Floor Map)

STAGE 6: Mass Murder. (see "Final Solution" Display Case 6)

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REFERENCE: *The Destruction of European Jews, 1985*

“Jerusalem will be  
trampled by Gentiles  
until the times of the  
Gentiles are fulfilled.”

**Luke 21:24, NKJV**

612 B.C.

The Times of the Gentiles — Luke 21:24

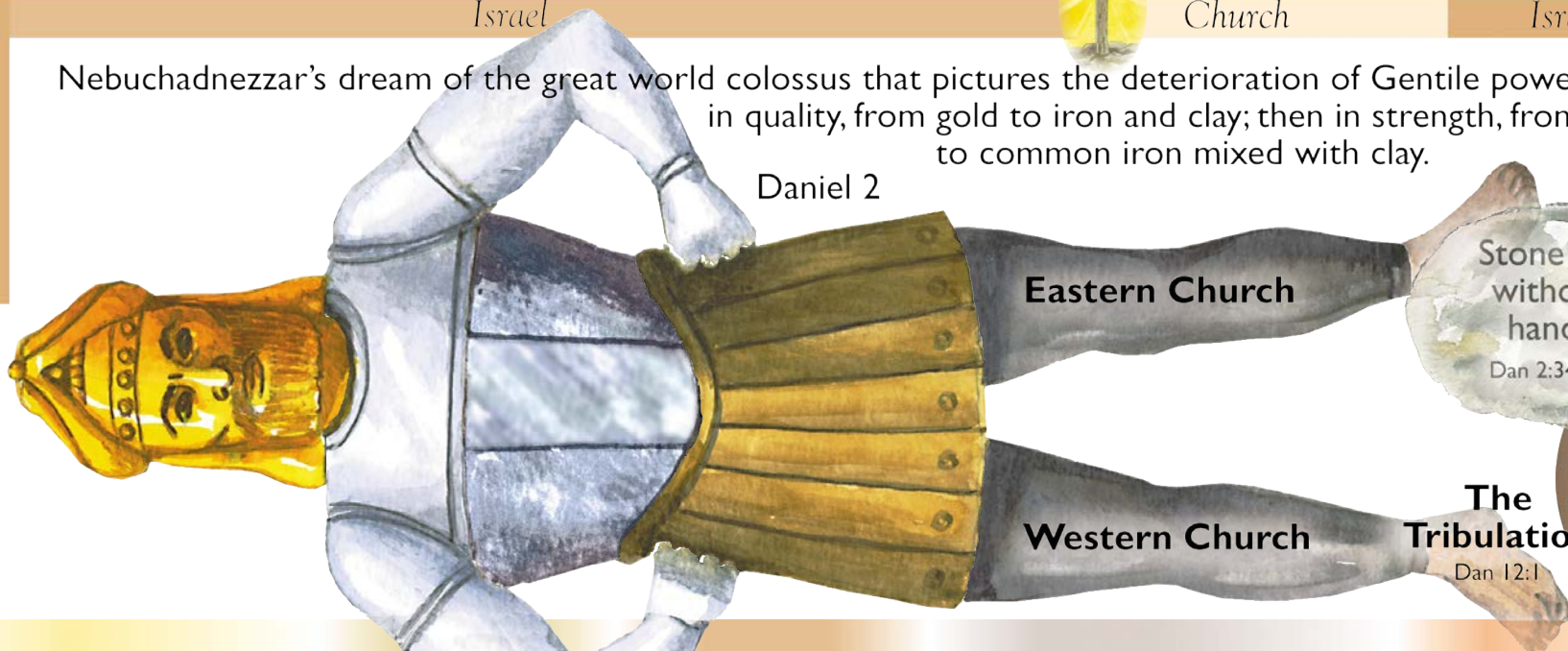


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Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great world colossus that pictures the deterioration of Gentile power: first in quality, from gold to iron and clay; then in strength, from iron to common iron mixed with clay.



Daniel 2

Eastern Church

Western Church

The Tribulation

Dan 12:1

Stone cut without hands  
Dan 2:34-35

The Stone

Millennial Kingdom of Christ

Dan 2:34-35,44

The Revelation of Christ

Mt. of Olives  
Acts 1:11  
Zech 14:4



Babylonian Empire

612 B.C.



Lion  
Dan 7:1-4

Daniel's vision of the Beasts  
Dan 7:1-3



Medo-Persian Empire

538 B.C.



Bear  
Dan 7:5



Ram  
Dan 8:1-7

Greek Empire

330 B.C.



Leopard  
Dan 7:6



He-Goat  
Dan 8:8-12

Four Divisions of Alexander's Kingdom

Roman Empire

63 B.C.



Beast  
Dan 7:7-8

Revived Roman Empire

A.D. future



Antichrist  
Dan 11:31-45  
2 Ths 2:3-8  
Rev 13:1-10

God has created and sustained  
the Jewish people for His own  
purposes and glory,  
and will ultimately save Israel  
physically and spiritually.

**“But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel.”**



**Isaiah 43:1, ESV**

**“... everyone who is called  
by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
who I formed and made.”**



**Isaiah 43:7, ESV**

**“I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel,  
your King.”**



**Isaiah 43:15, ESV**



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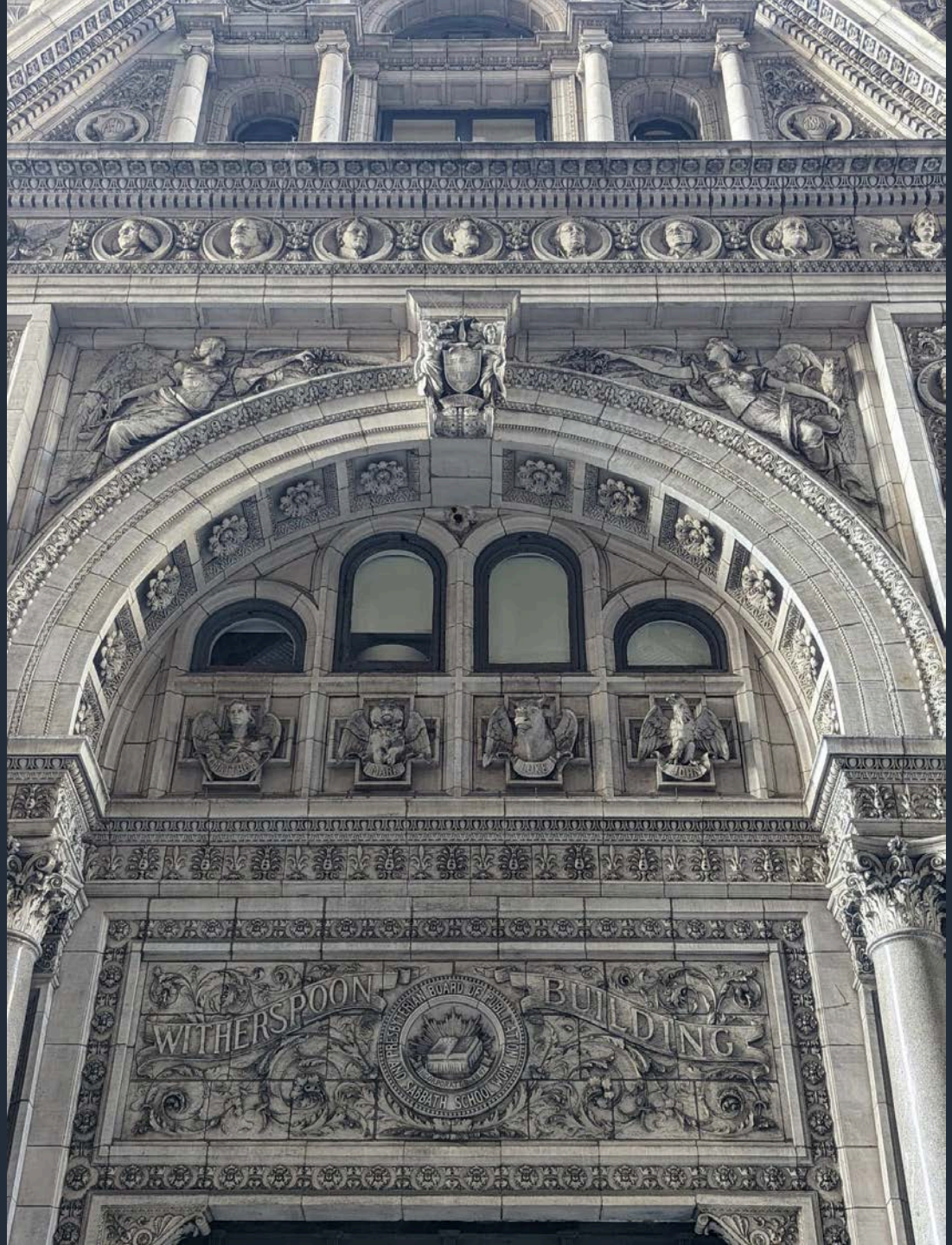




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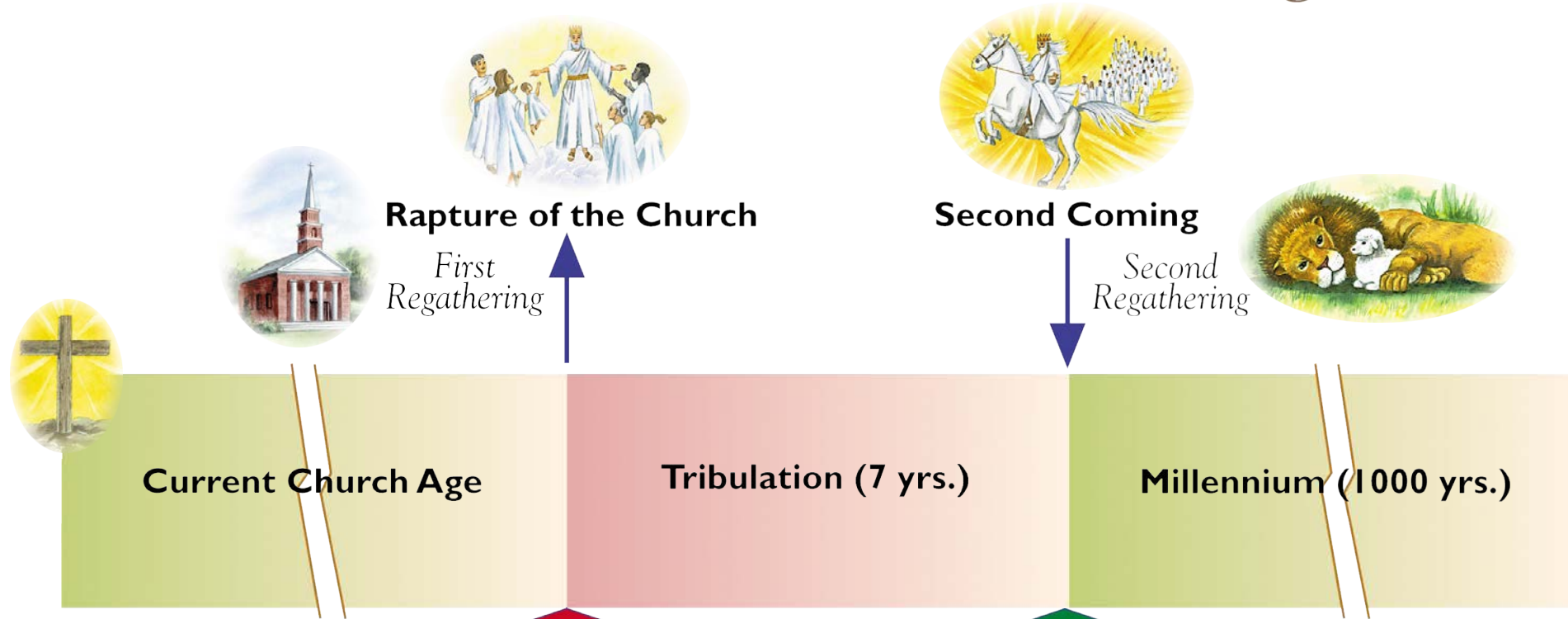
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  - Harry Ironside
- Charles Trumbull

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**Israel—  
Regathered  
Before the  
Tribulation  
in Unbelief**  
Ezk 20:33-38;  
22:17-22; 36:22-24  
Isa 11:11-12  
Zeph 2:1-2  
Ezk 38-39

**Israel—  
Regathered  
Before the Millennium  
in Belief**  
Deut 4:29-31; 30:1-10  
Isa 27:12-13; 43:5-7  
Jer 16:14-15; 31:7-10  
Ezk 11:14-18  
Amos 9:14-15  
Zech 10:8-12  
Mt 24:31

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF

*Jerusalem*

PSALM 122:6



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