



**GOD'S
HALLOF
FAME**

A photograph of a classical building's interior, featuring a series of tall, fluted marble columns supporting a series of arches. The architecture is made of light-colored, possibly white or cream, marble. The perspective is from a low angle, looking down a corridor or a series of arches that recede into the distance. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the texture of the stone. Overlaid on this image is the text 'JOSEPH' in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font, and below it, 'Genesis 37 - 50' in a slightly smaller, white, sans-serif font. The text has a subtle drop shadow, making it stand out against the background.

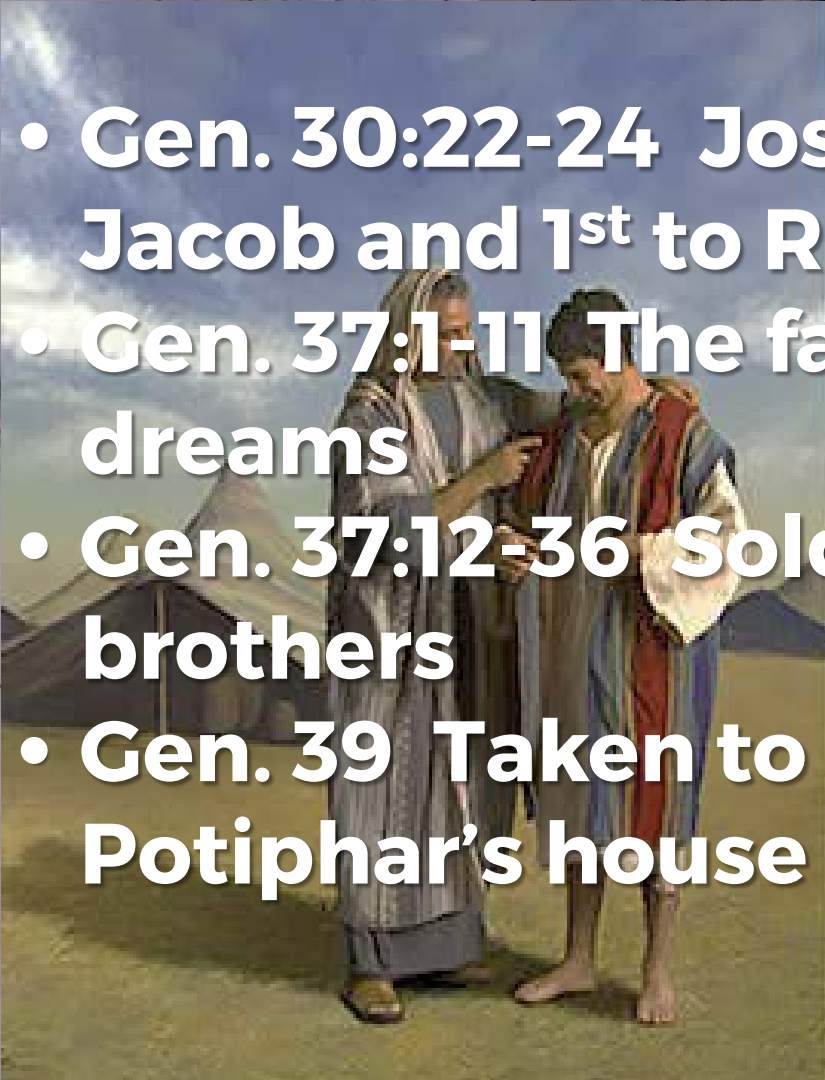
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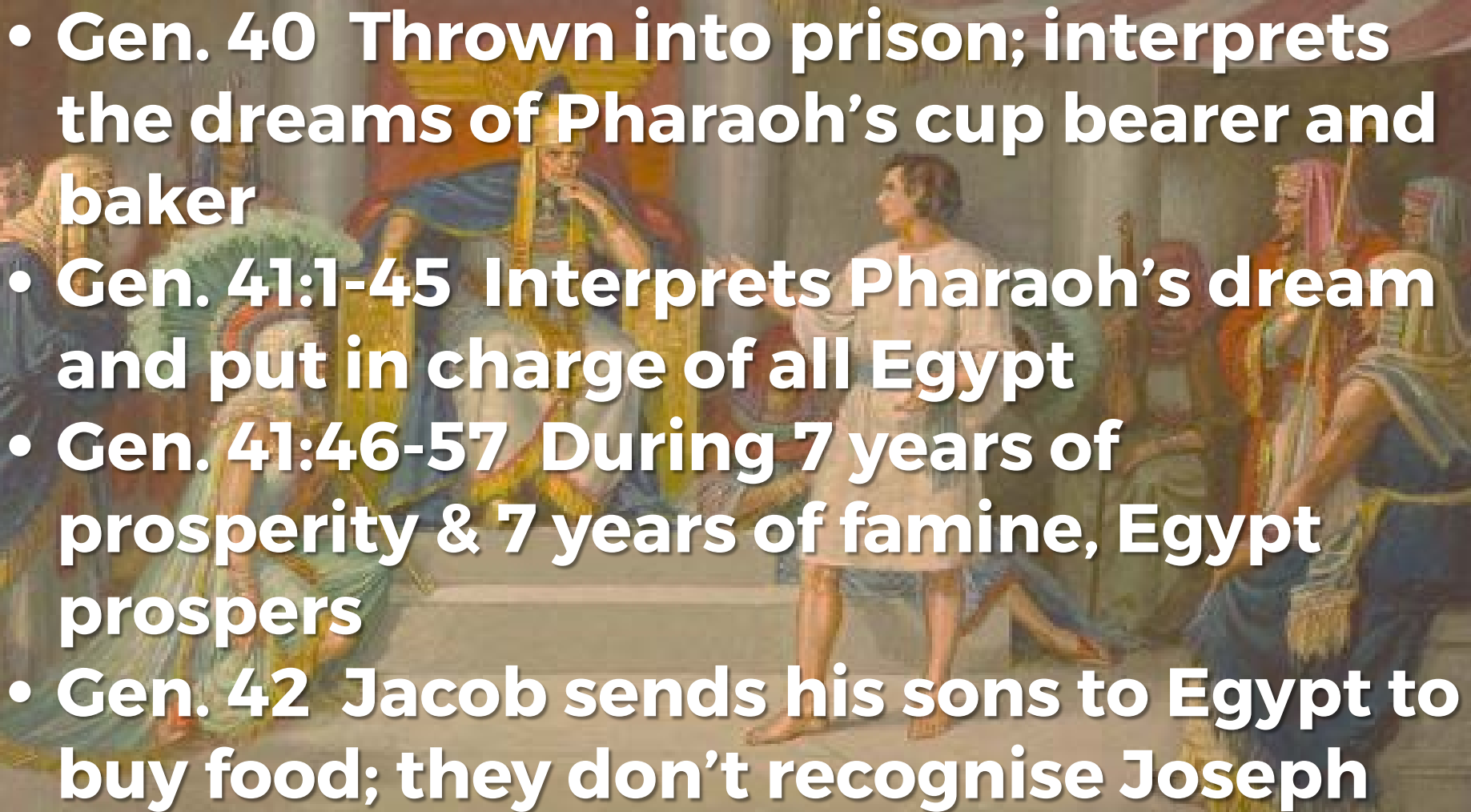
Genesis 37 - 50

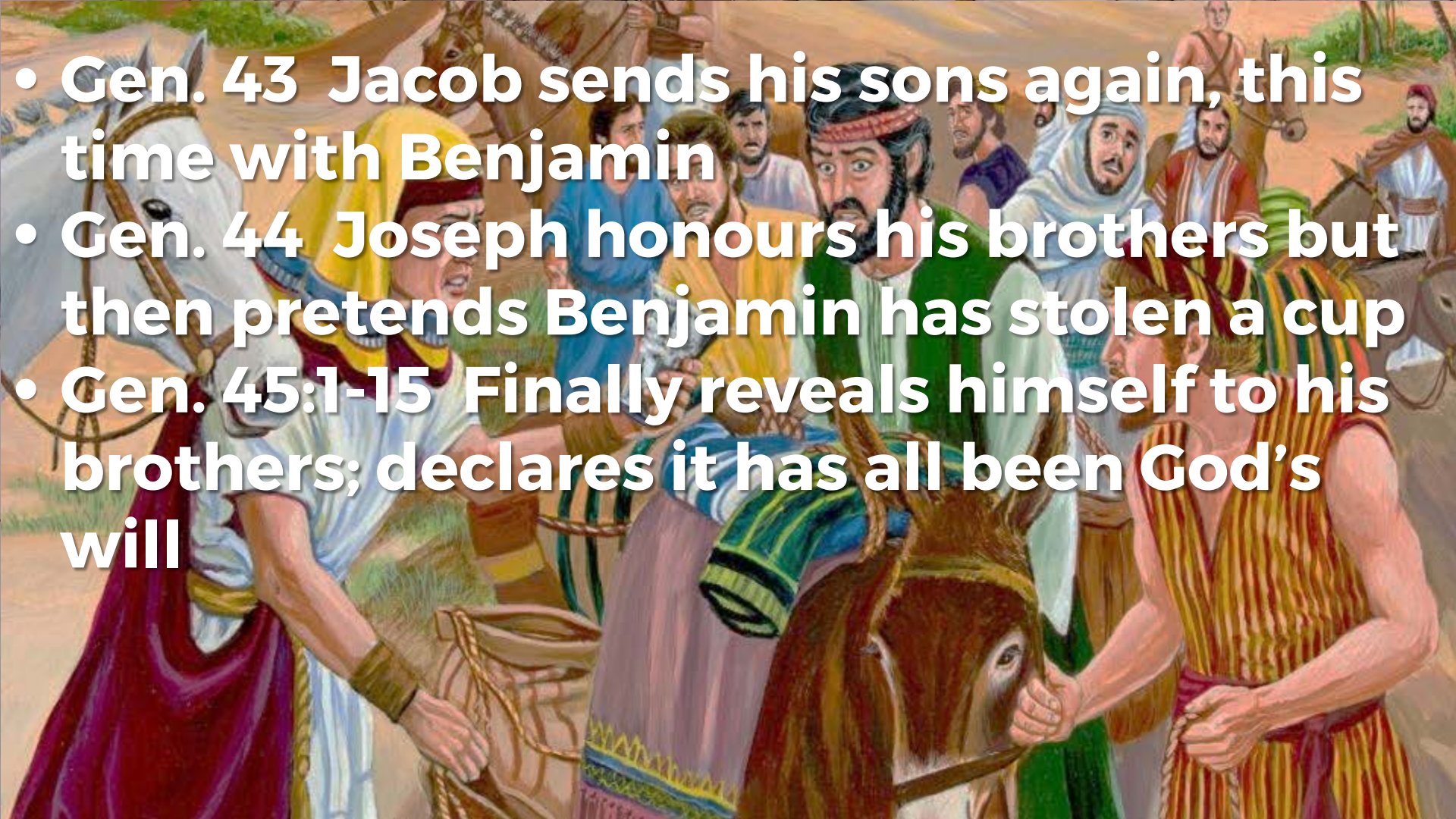


**A WHISTLE-STOP
TOUR OF
JOSEPH'S LIFE**

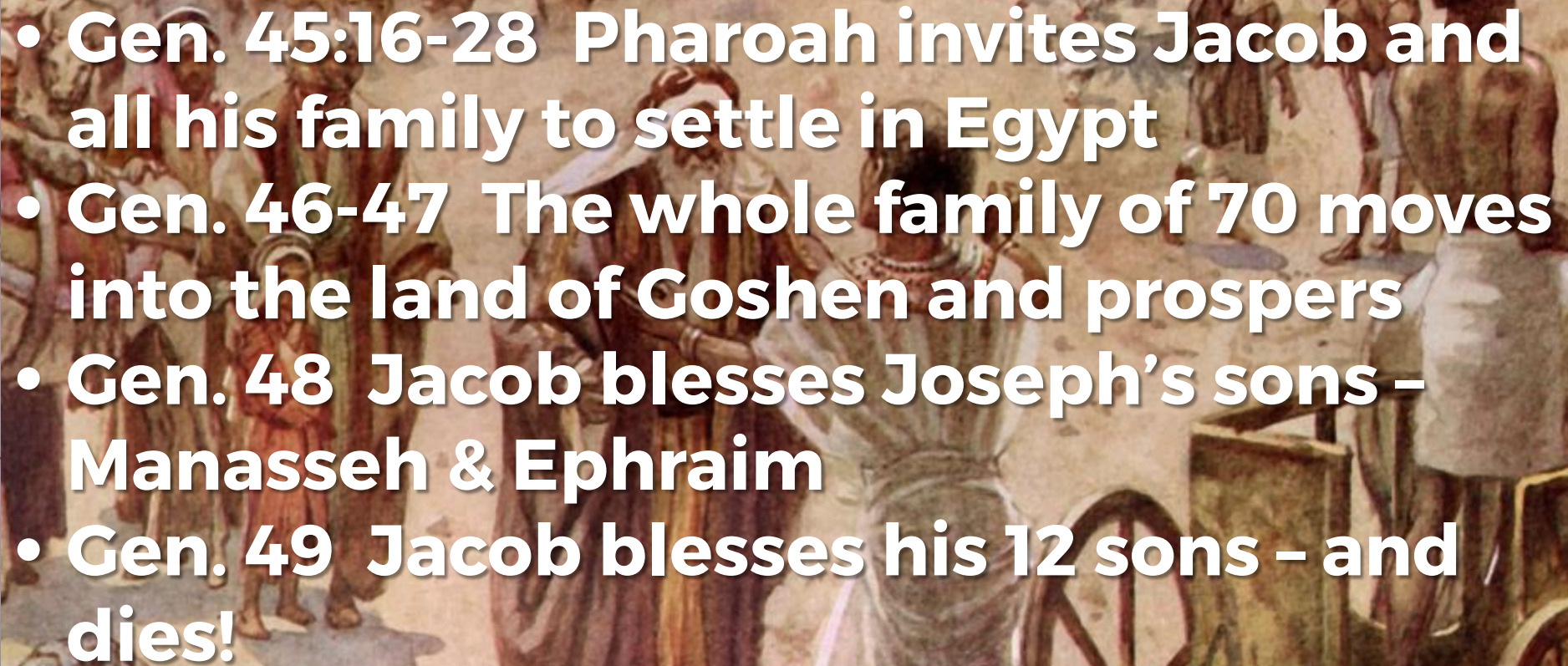
- **Gen. 30:22-24** Joseph born 11th son of Jacob and 1st to Rachel
- **Gen. 37:1-11** The favoured son who has two dreams
- **Gen. 37:12-36** Sold into slavery by his brothers
- **Gen. 39** Taken to Egypt and serves in Potiphar's house



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- **Gen. 40** Thrown into prison; interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's cup bearer and baker
 - **Gen. 41:1-45** Interprets Pharaoh's dream and put in charge of all Egypt
 - **Gen. 41:46-57** During 7 years of prosperity & 7 years of famine, Egypt prospers
 - **Gen. 42** Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy food; they don't recognise Joseph

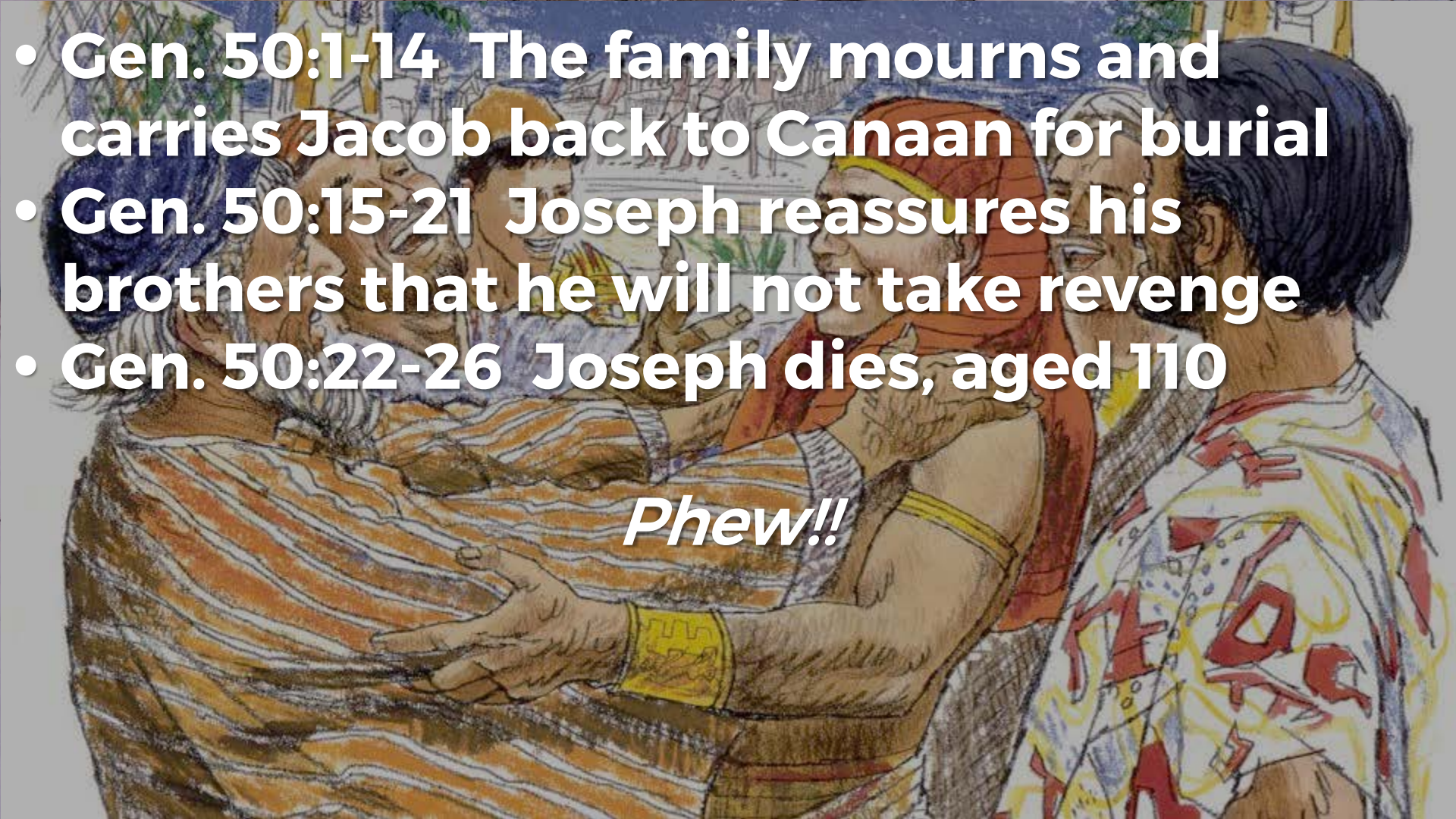


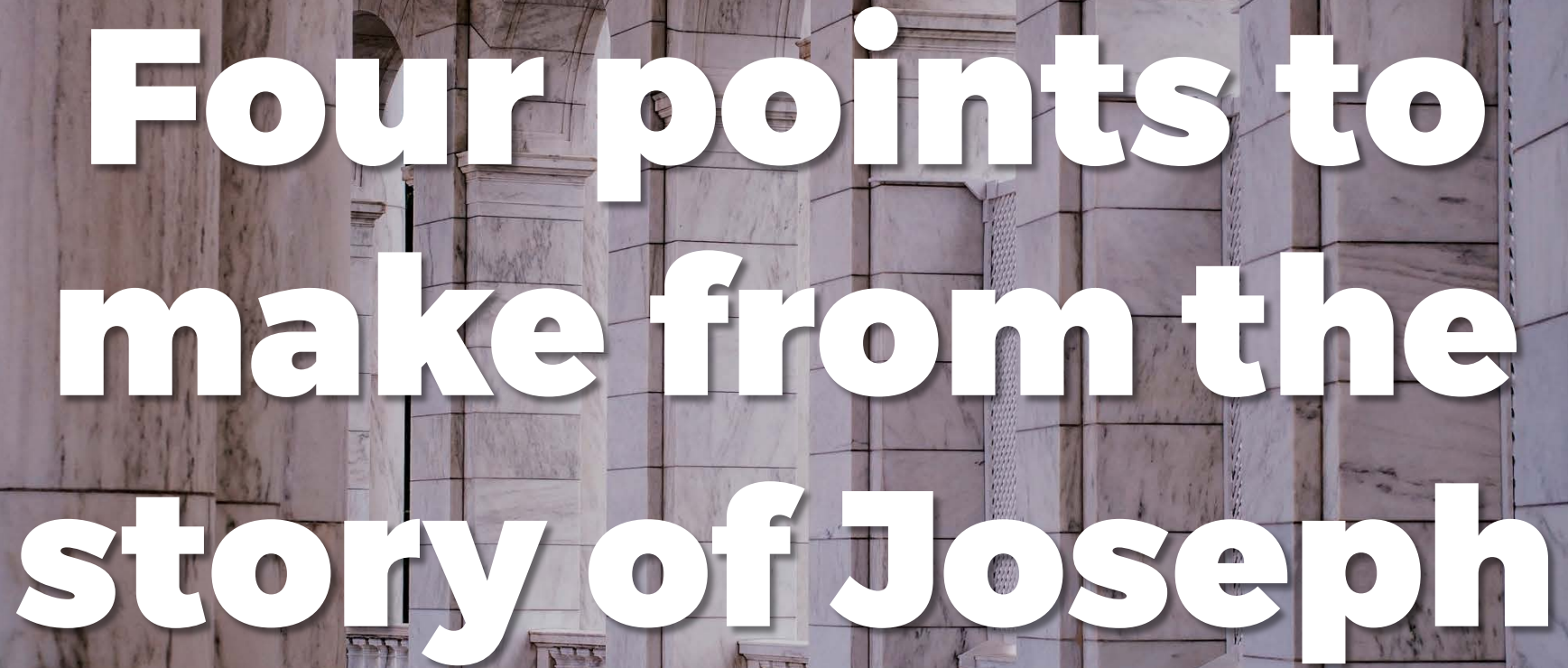
- Gen. 43 Jacob sends his sons again, this time with Benjamin
- Gen. 44 Joseph honours his brothers but then pretends Benjamin has stolen a cup
- Gen. 45:1-15 Finally reveals himself to his brothers; declares it has all been God's will

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- **Gen. 45:16-28** Pharoah invites Jacob and all his family to settle in Egypt
 - **Gen. 46-47** The whole family of 70 moves into the land of Goshen and prospers
 - **Gen. 48** Jacob blesses Joseph's sons – Manasseh & Ephraim
 - **Gen. 49** Jacob blesses his 12 sons – and dies!

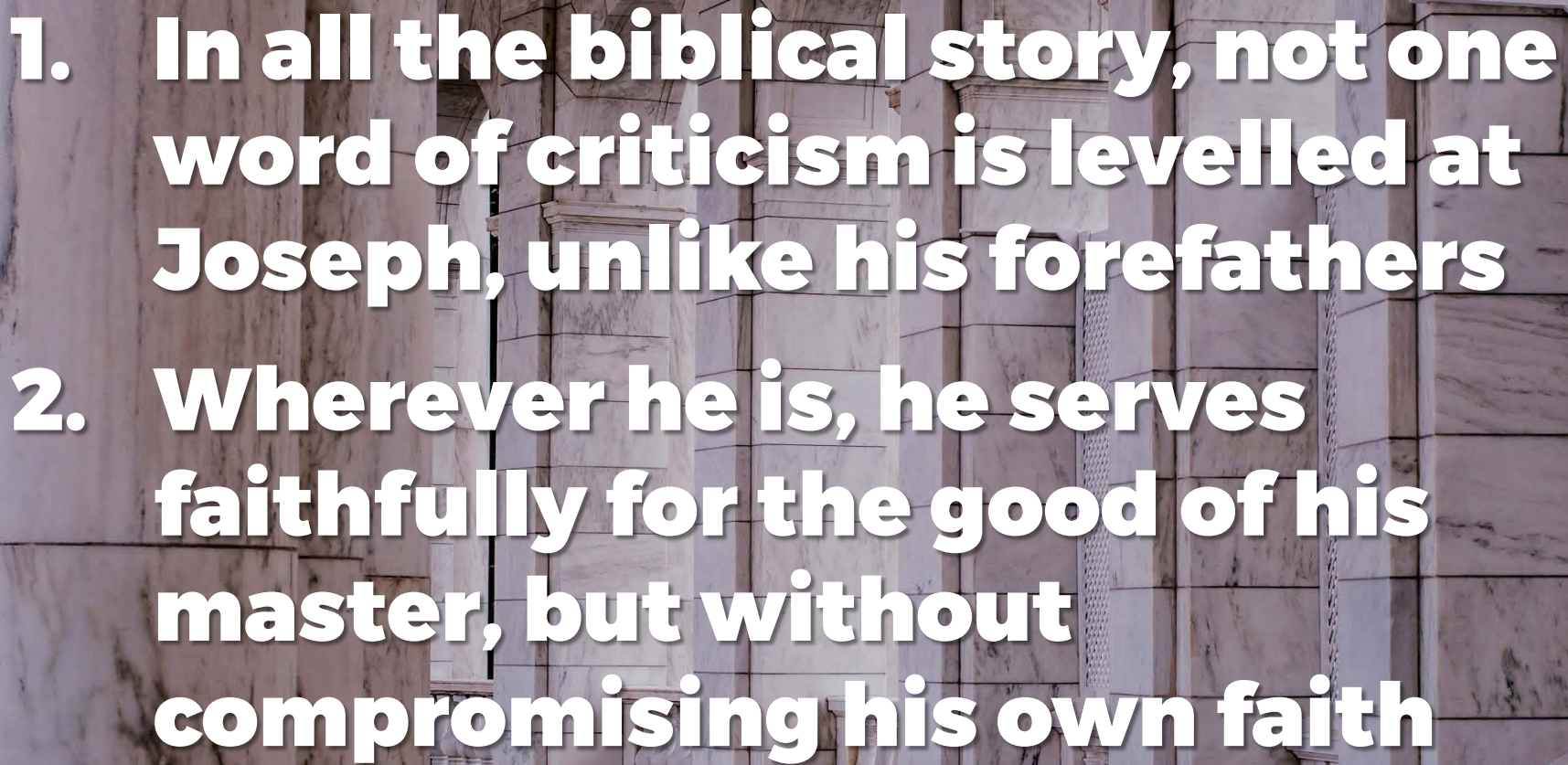
- **Gen. 50:1-14** The family mourns and carries Jacob back to Canaan for burial
- **Gen. 50:15-21** Joseph reassures his brothers that he will not take revenge
- **Gen. 50:22-26** Joseph dies, aged 110

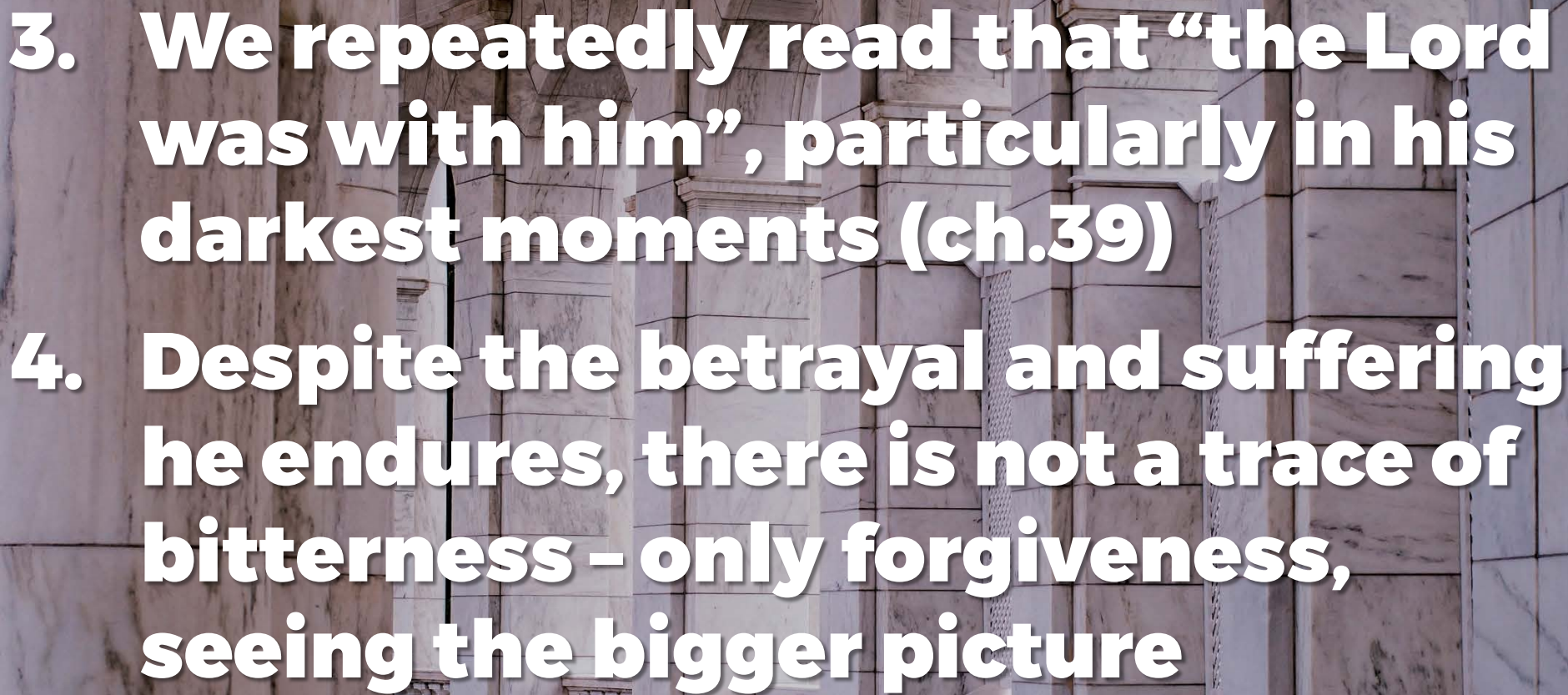
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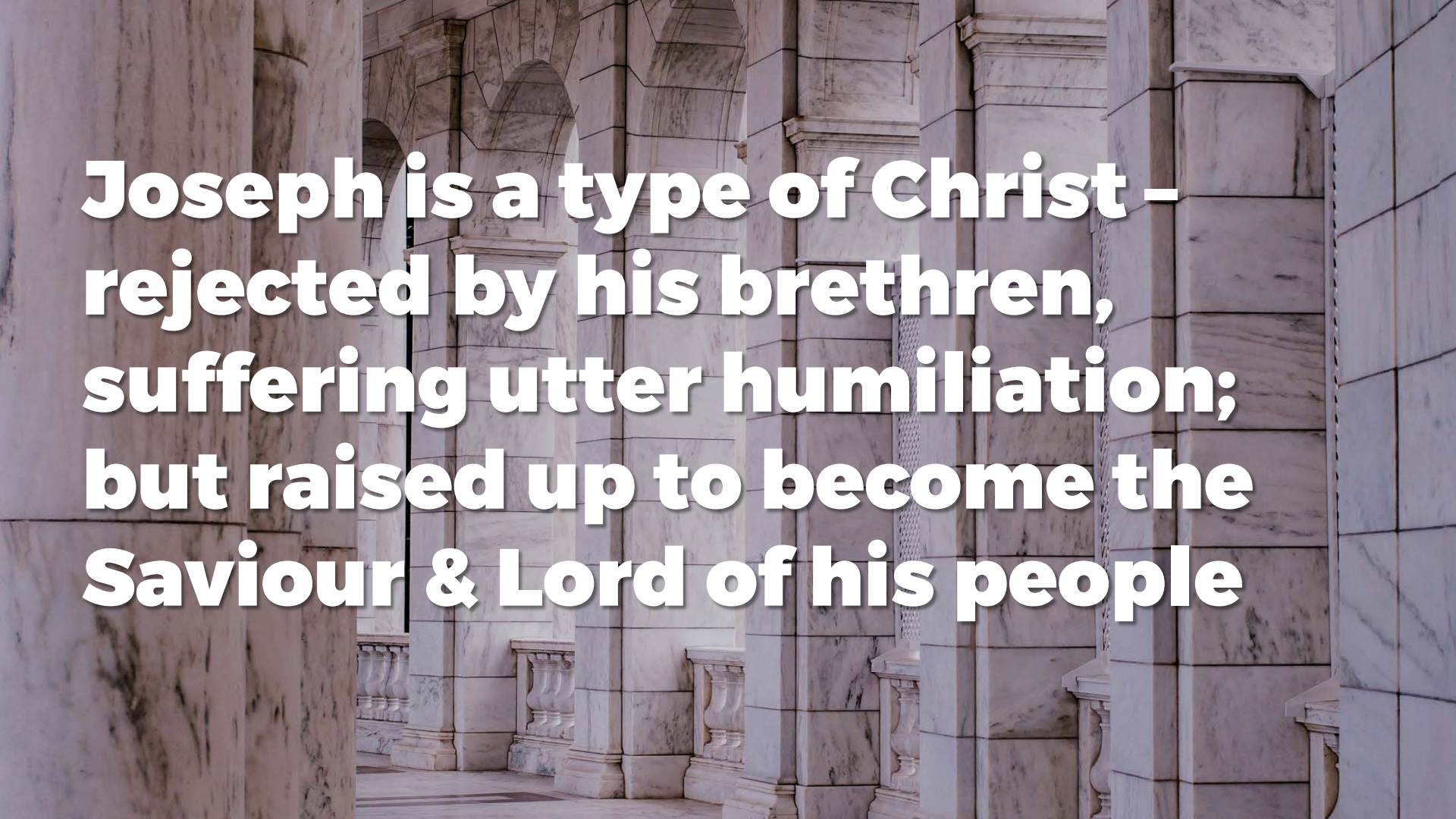




**Four points to
make from the
story of Joseph**

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- 1. In all the biblical story, not one word of criticism is levelled at Joseph, unlike his forefathers**
 - 2. Wherever he is, he serves faithfully for the good of his master, but without compromising his own faith**

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- 3. We repeatedly read that “the Lord was with him”, particularly in his darkest moments (ch.39)**
- 4. Despite the betrayal and suffering he endures, there is not a trace of bitterness – only forgiveness, seeing the bigger picture**



**Joseph is a type of Christ -
rejected by his brethren,
suffering utter humiliation;
but raised up to become the
Saviour & Lord of his people**