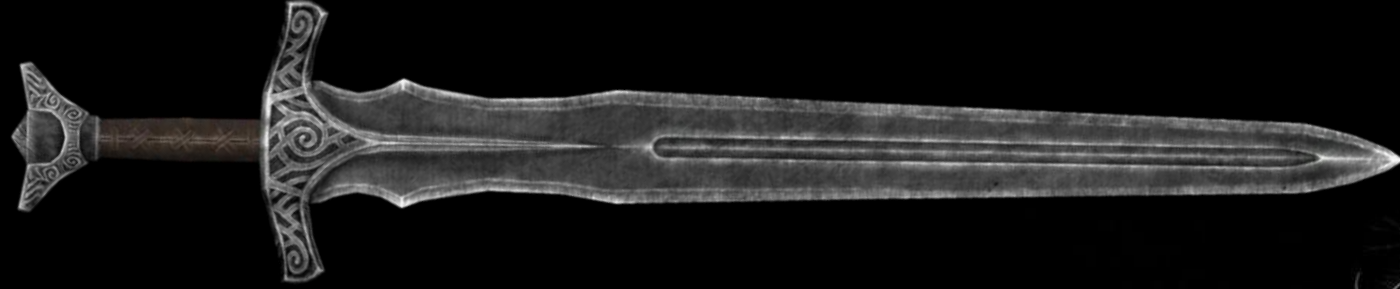


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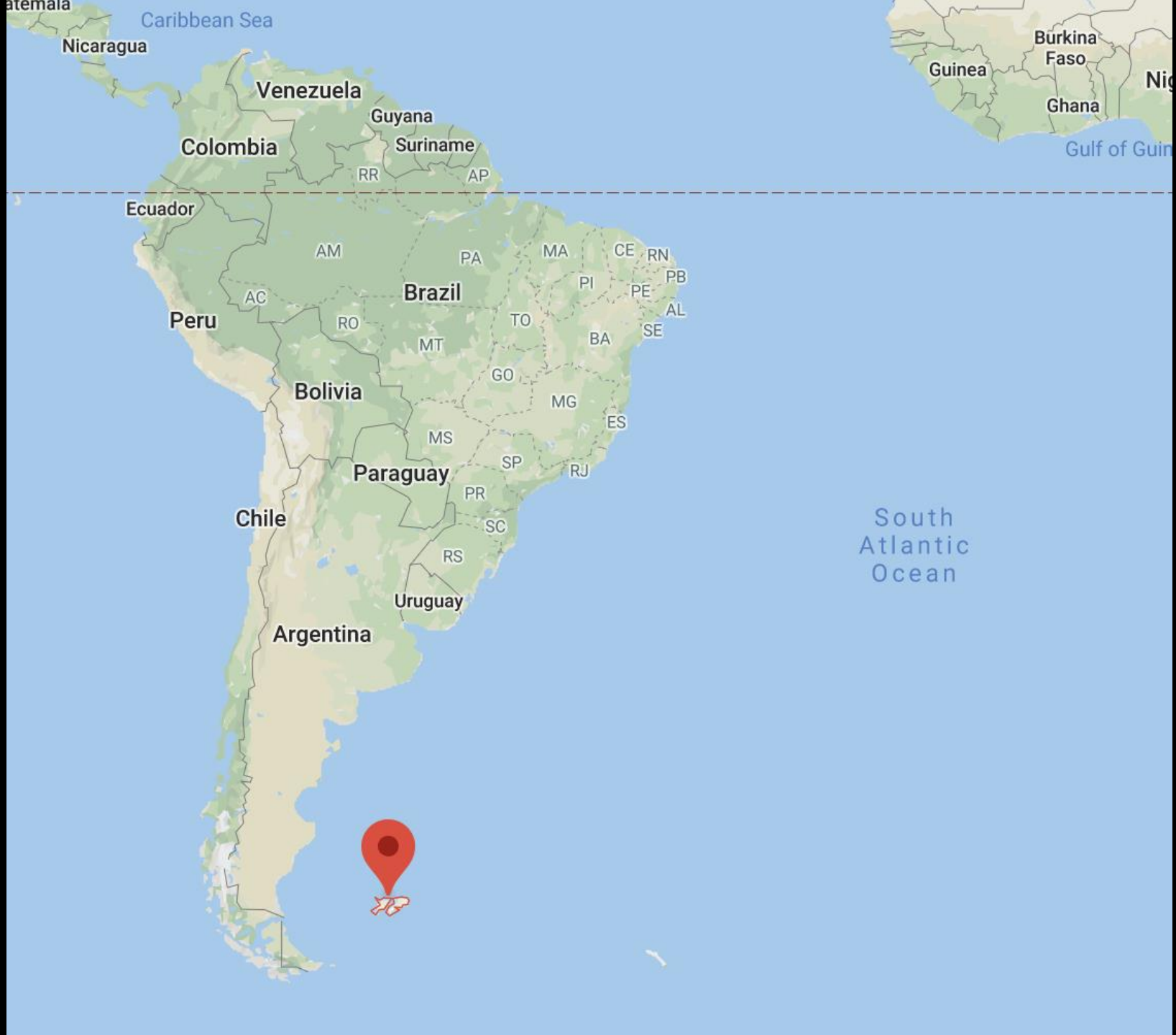
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“Winning that game against England was enough. Winning the World Cup was secondary for us. Beating England was our real aim.”

(Roberto Perfumo, as quoted in Matt Barrett’s article *Falklands and Football: War Without the Killing* at worldsoccer.org, April 7, 2012)



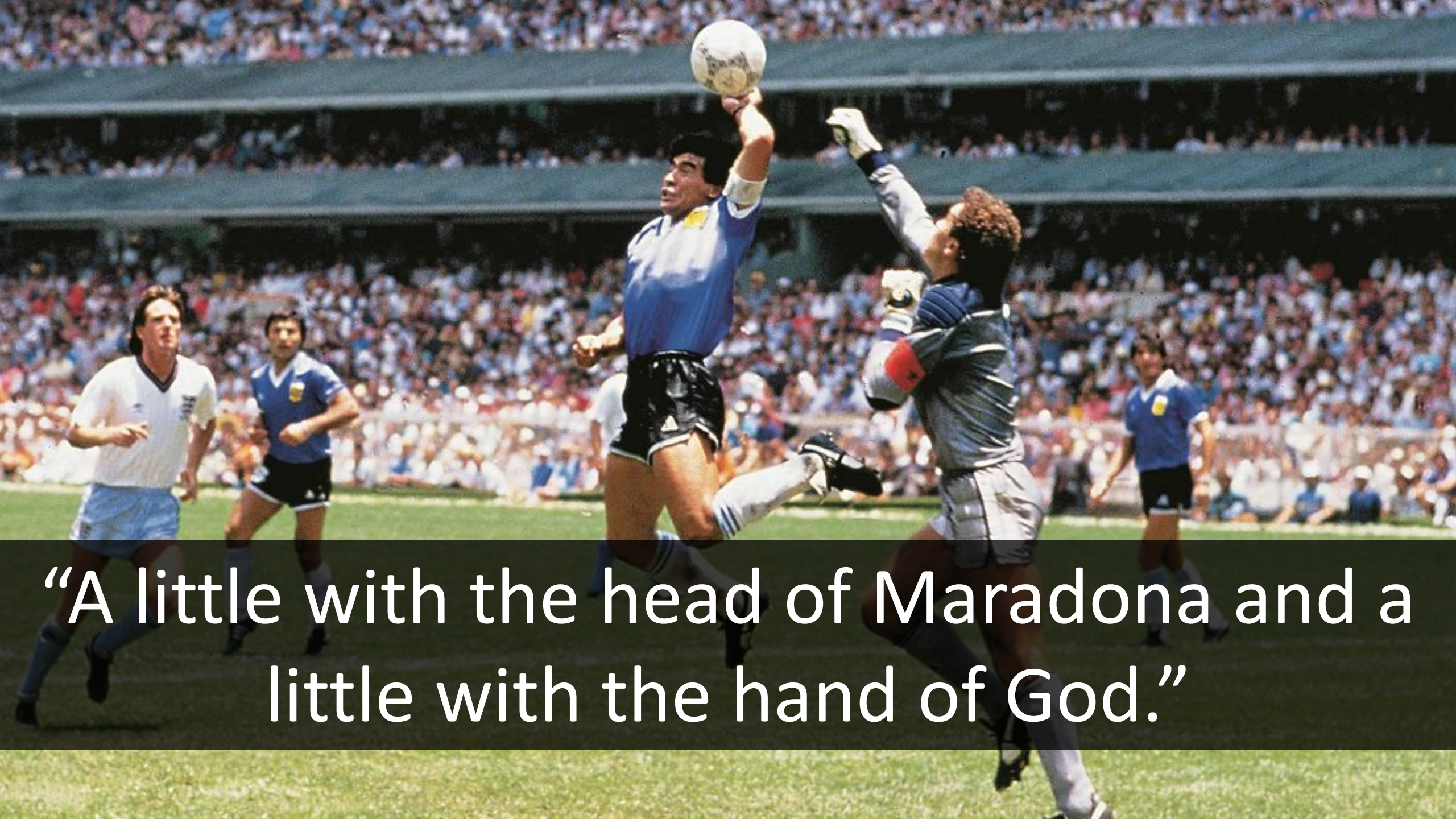




“After Maradona scored I hesitated for a moment, but then I saw Dotchev running towards the centre of the pitch. And because he was better placed than me I decided to trust his judgment.”

(Ali Bin Nasser, as quoted in a 2001 article in the Argentine newspaper *Olé*)





“A little with the head of Maradona and a little with the hand of God.”

“It was as if we had beaten a country, not just a football team....Although we had said before the game that football had nothing to do with the [Falklands] war, we knew they had killed a lot of Argentine boys there, killed them like little birds. And this was revenge.”

(From Diego Maradona's autobiography *Maradona: The Autobiography of Soccer's Greatest and Most Controversial Star*, page 128)





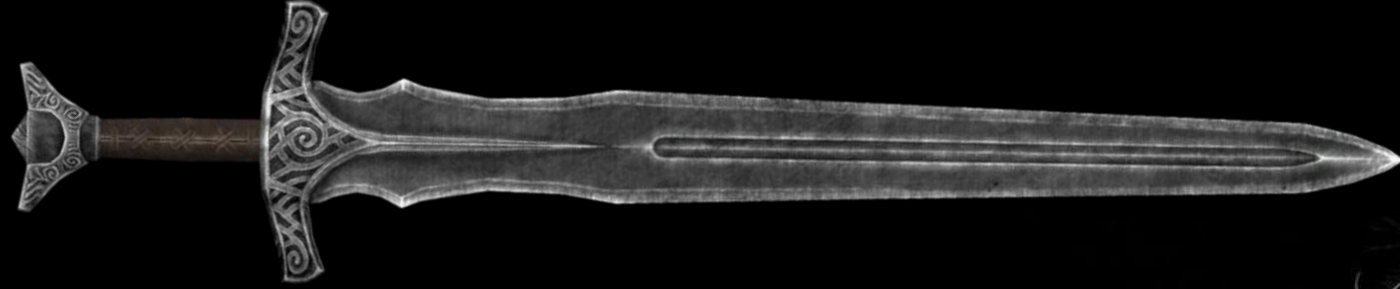
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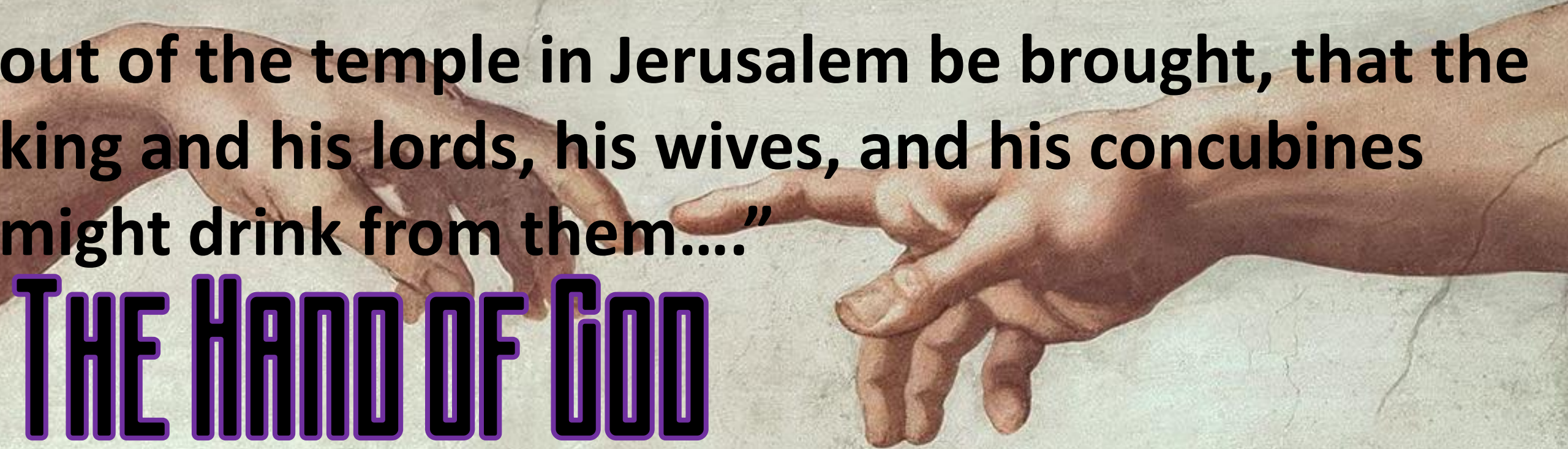
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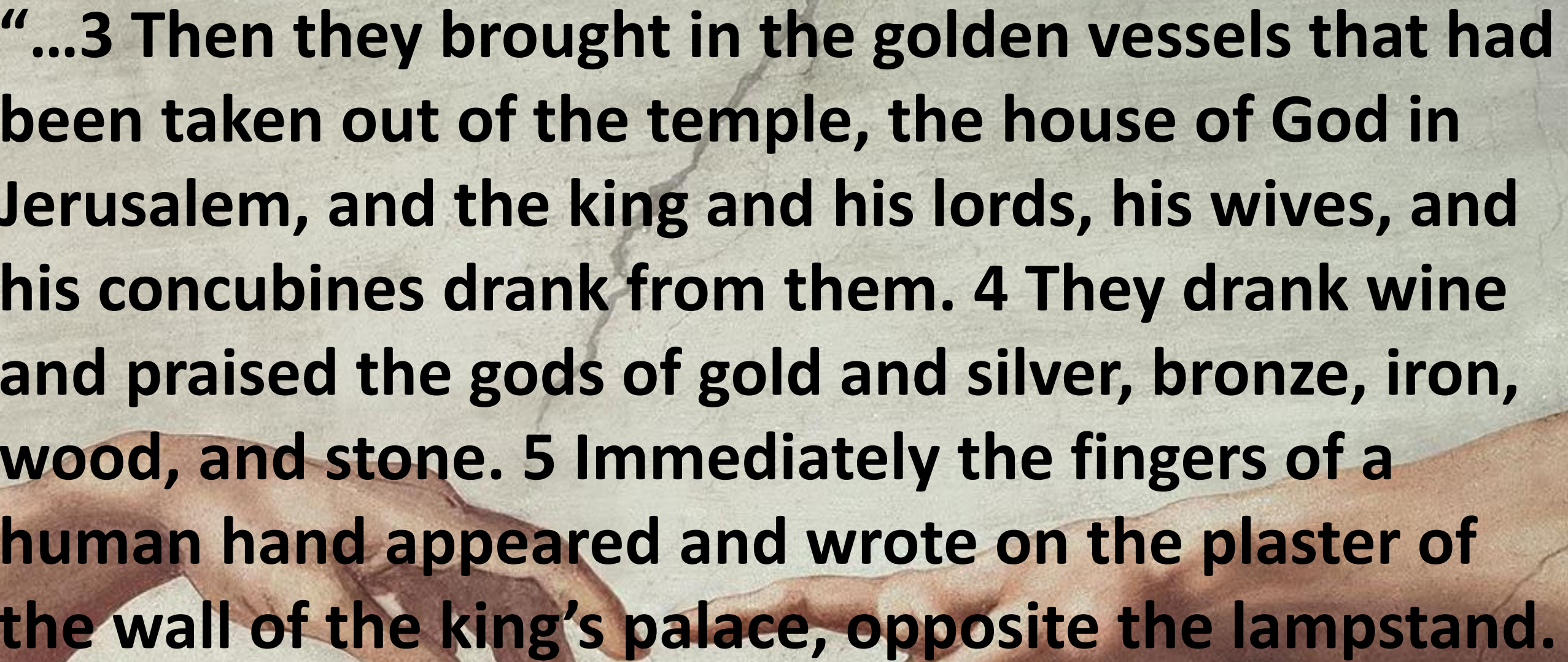
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Daniel 5:1-12 (ESV): “King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. 2 Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them....”

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“...3 Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. 4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. 5 Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace, opposite the lampstand.

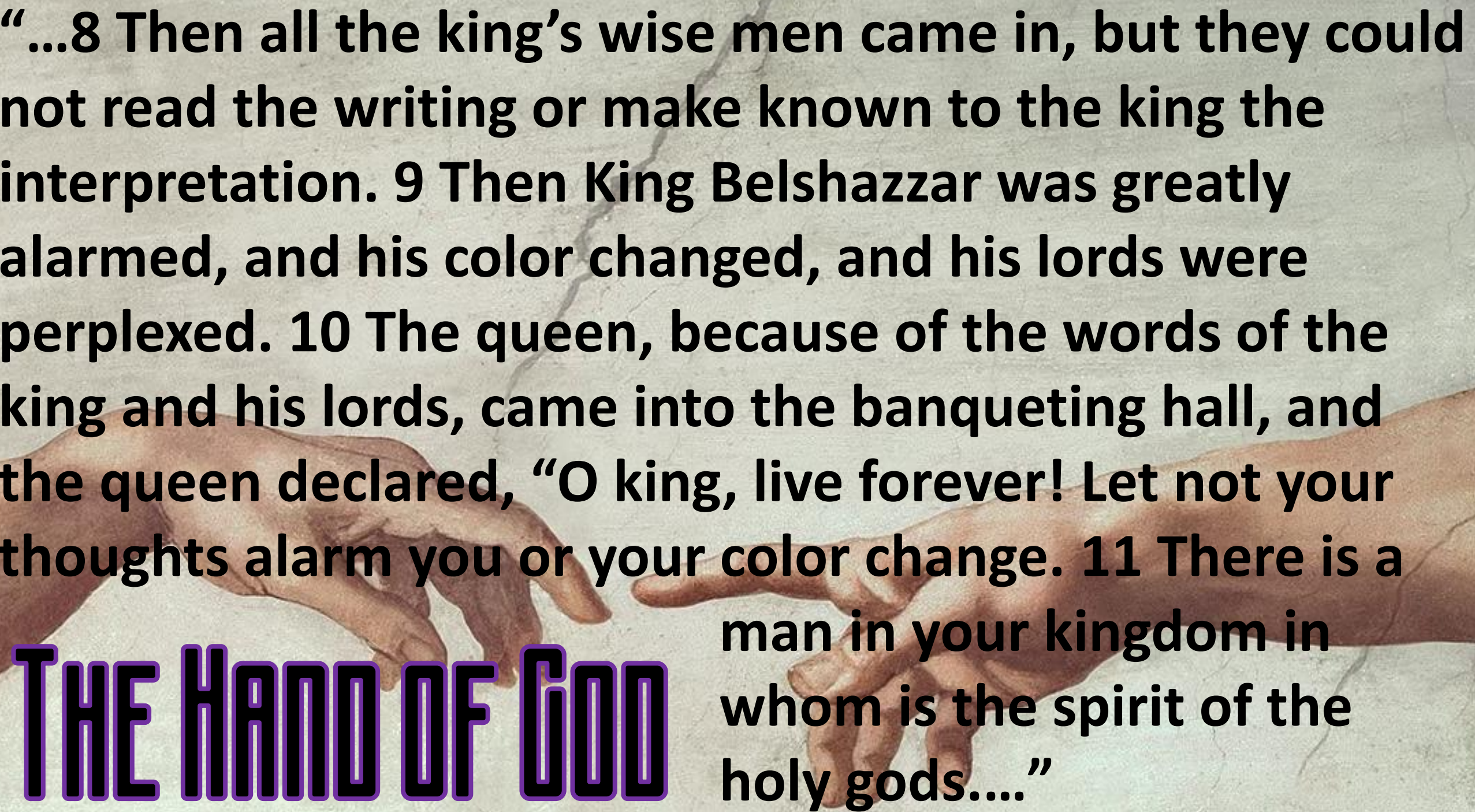
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And the king saw the hand as it wrote....”

“...6 Then the king’s color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. 7 The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, ‘Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall

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be the third ruler in the kingdom.’...”



“...8 Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed. 10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, “O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. 11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods....”

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“...In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father – your father the king – made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, 12 because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.”

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**“May it be that I, Nabonidus, king of
Babylon, never fail you. And may my
firstborn, Belshazzar, worship you with all
his heart.”**

(Nabonidus Cylinder III:3-31)

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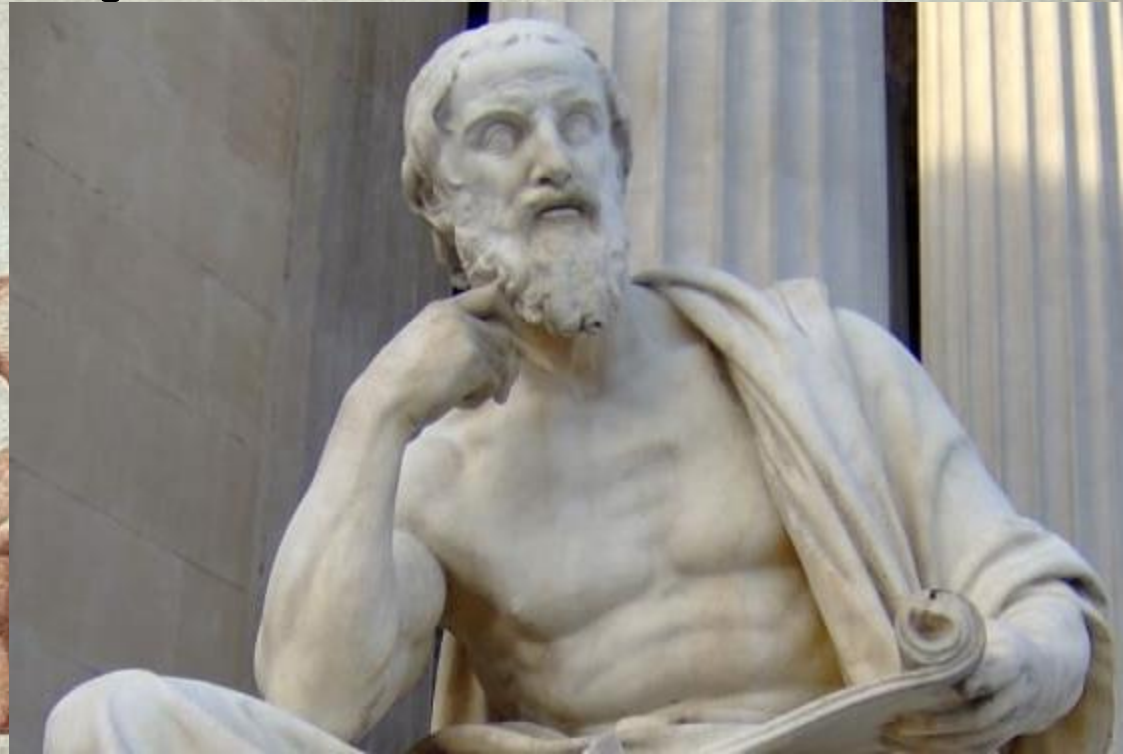


“[Nabonidus] entrusted the army to his oldest son, his first born, the troops in the country he ordered under his command. He...entrusted the kingship to him.”

(Nabonidus Cylinder II:18-29)



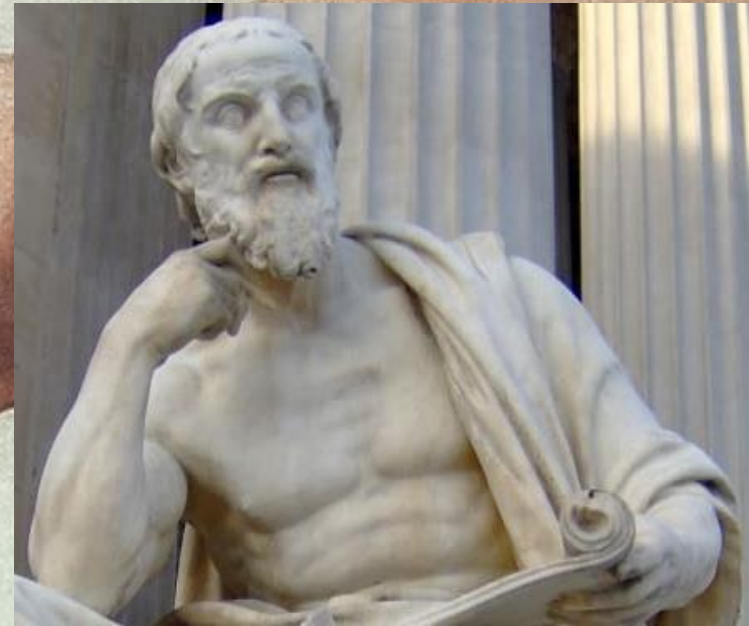
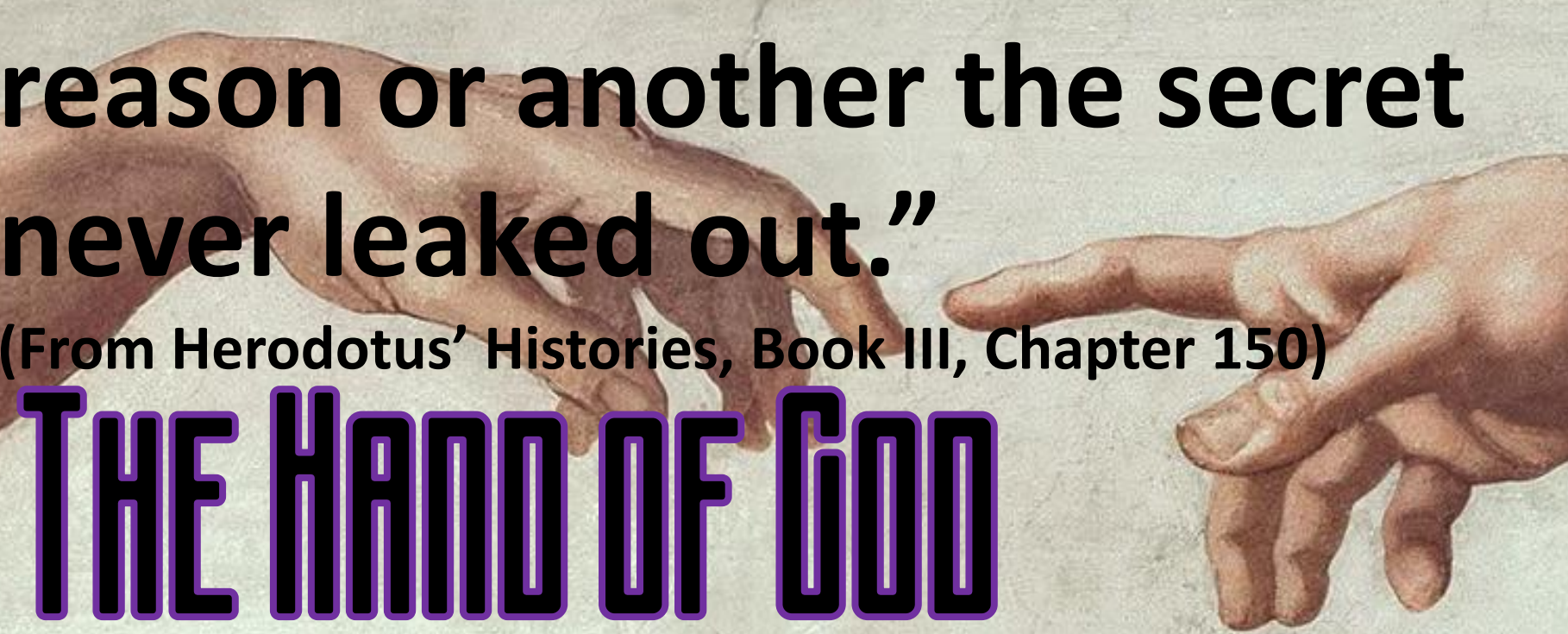
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“Babylon revolted. The revolt had been long and carefully planned; indeed, preparations for withstanding a siege had been going quietly on...and for some reason or another the secret never leaked out.”

(From Herodotus' Histories, Book III, Chapter 150)

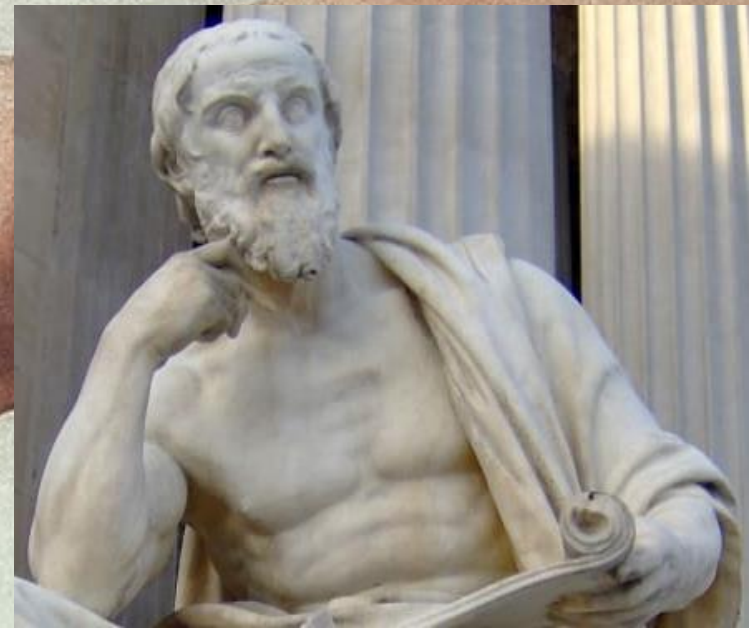
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“When the news reached Darius, he marched against them with all the forces at his disposal, and laid siege to the city. The Babylonians, however, were unimpressed; they climbed gaily on to their battlements and hurled insulting jibes at Darius and his army, calling out: ‘What are you sitting there for, men of Persia? Why don’t you go away? Oh yes, you will capture our city – when mules have foals.’”

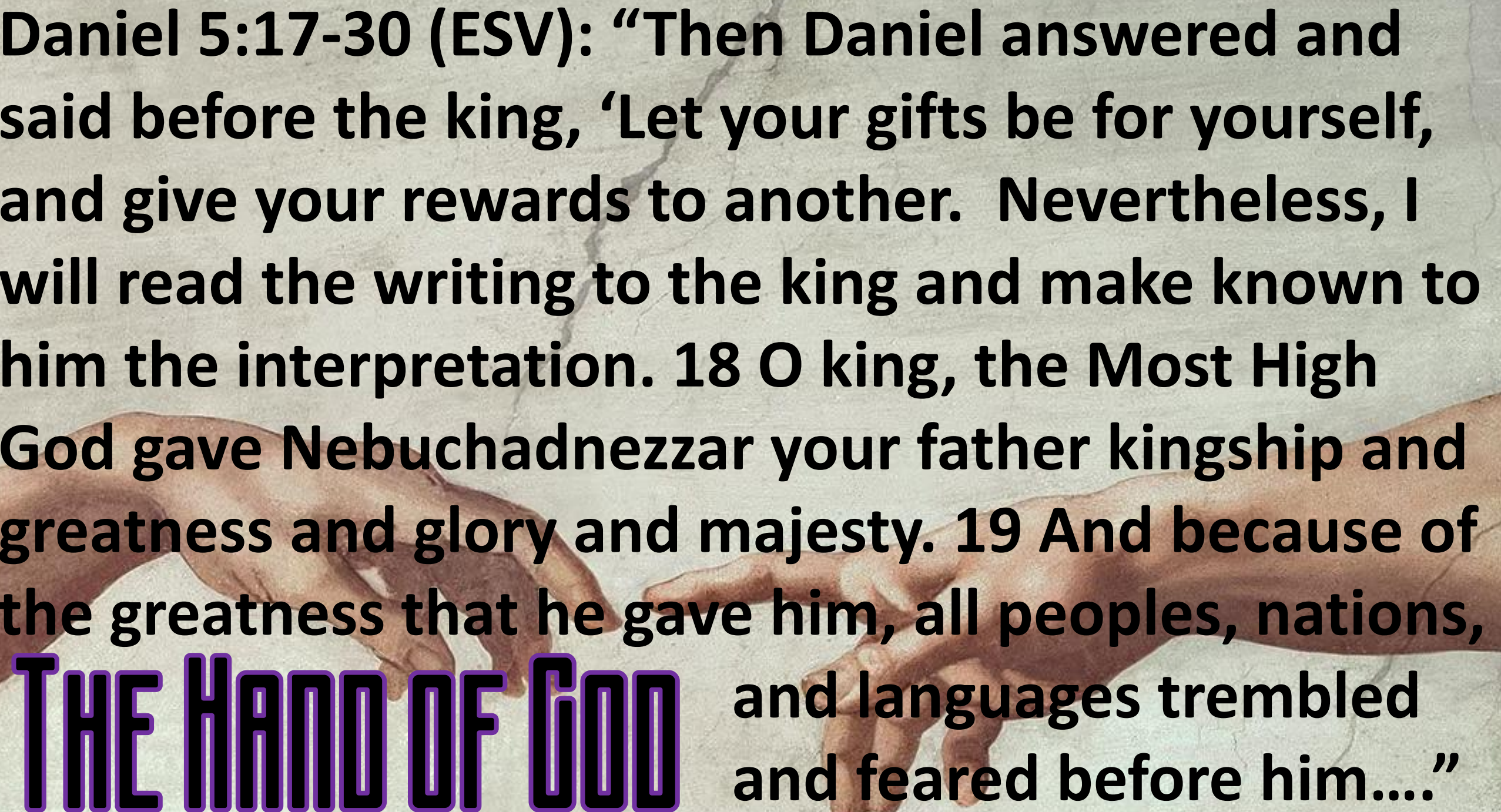
(From Herodotus’ *Histories*, Book III, Chapter 151)

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Daniel 5:17-30 (ESV): “Then Daniel answered and said before the king, ‘Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. 19 And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him....”

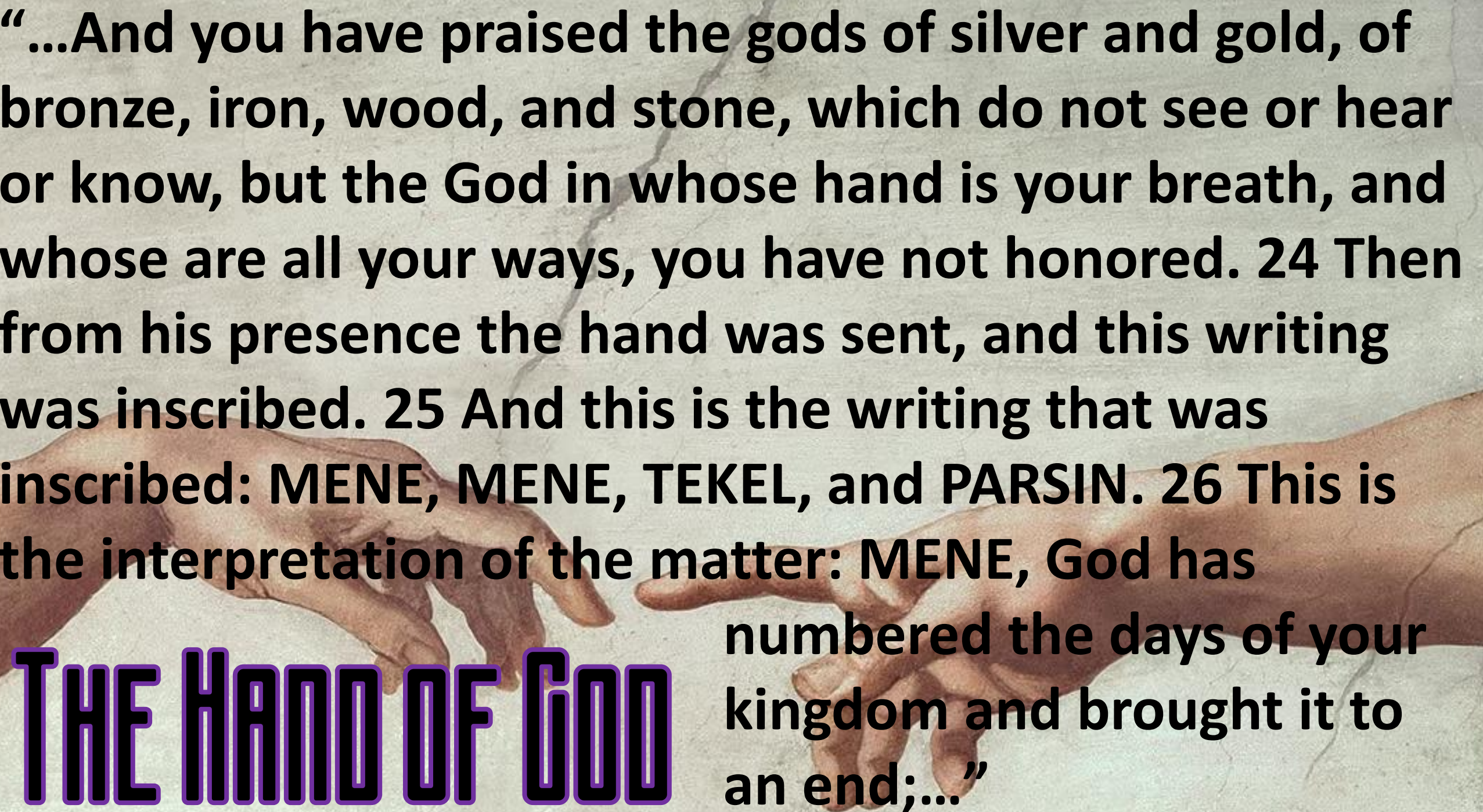
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“...Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. 20 But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. 21 He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys....”

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“...He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. 22 And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, 23 but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them....”

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“...And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored. 24 Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. 25 And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. 26 This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end;...”

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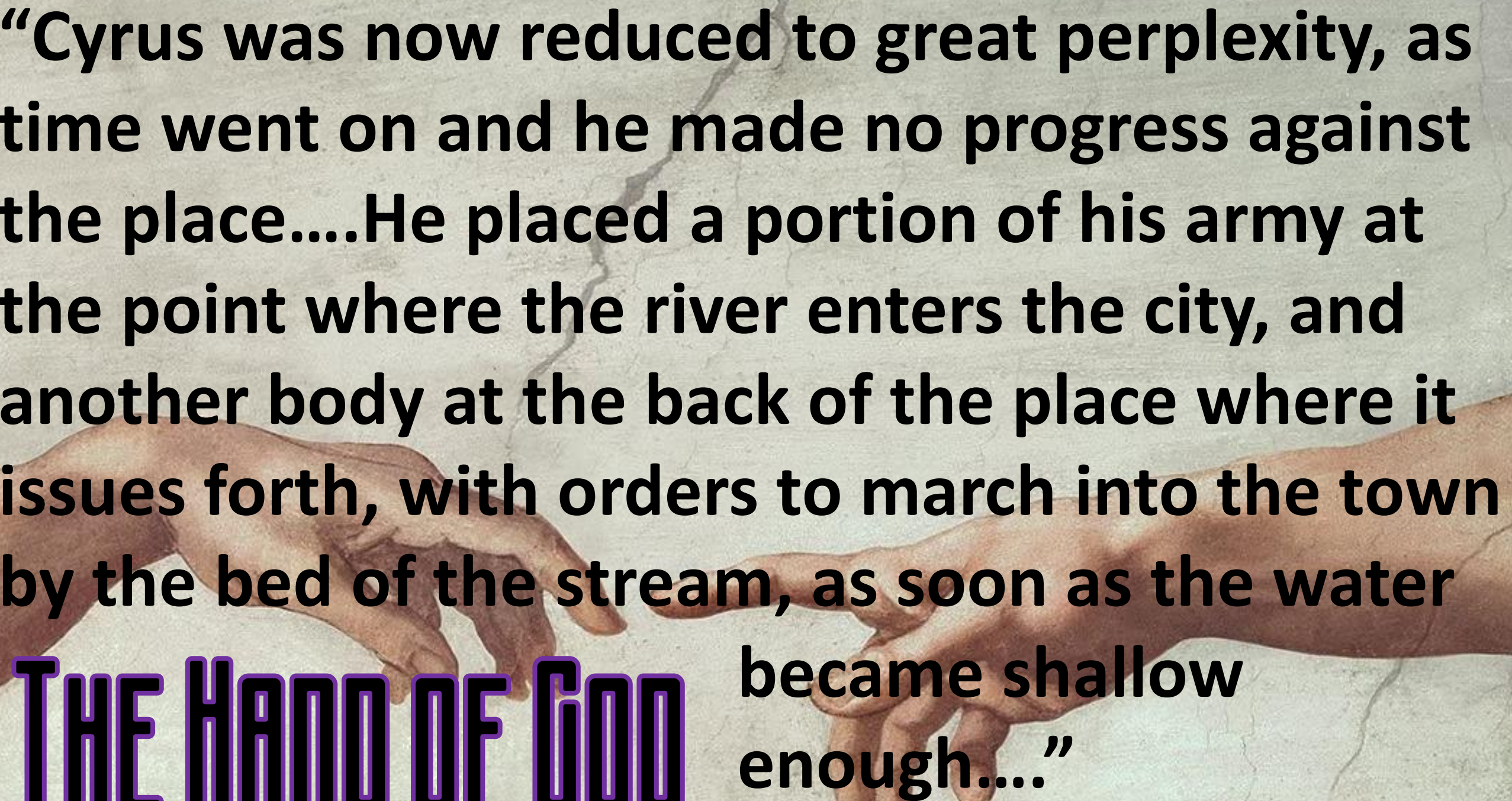
"...27 TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; 28 PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.' 29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30 That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old."

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Artist's rendition of the
ancient city of Babylon



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“Cyrus was now reduced to great perplexity, as time went on and he made no progress against the place....He placed a portion of his army at the point where the river enters the city, and another body at the back of the place where it issues forth, with orders to march into the town by the bed of the stream, as soon as the water became shallow enough....”

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“He turned the Euphrates by a canal into the basin, which was then a marsh, on which the river sank to such an extent that the natural bed of the stream became fordable. Hereupon the Persians who had been left for the purpose at Babylon by the, river-side, entered the stream, which had now sunk so as to reach about midway up a man’s thigh, and thus got into the town...The Persians came upon them

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by surprise and so took the city...”

“Owing to the vast size of the place, the inhabitants of the central parts (as the residents at Babylon declare) long after the outer portions of the town were taken, knew nothing of what had chanced, but as they were engaged in a festival, continued dancing and reveling until they learnt about the capture. Such, then, were the circumstances of the first taking of Babylon.”

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(From Herodotus' Histories, Book I,
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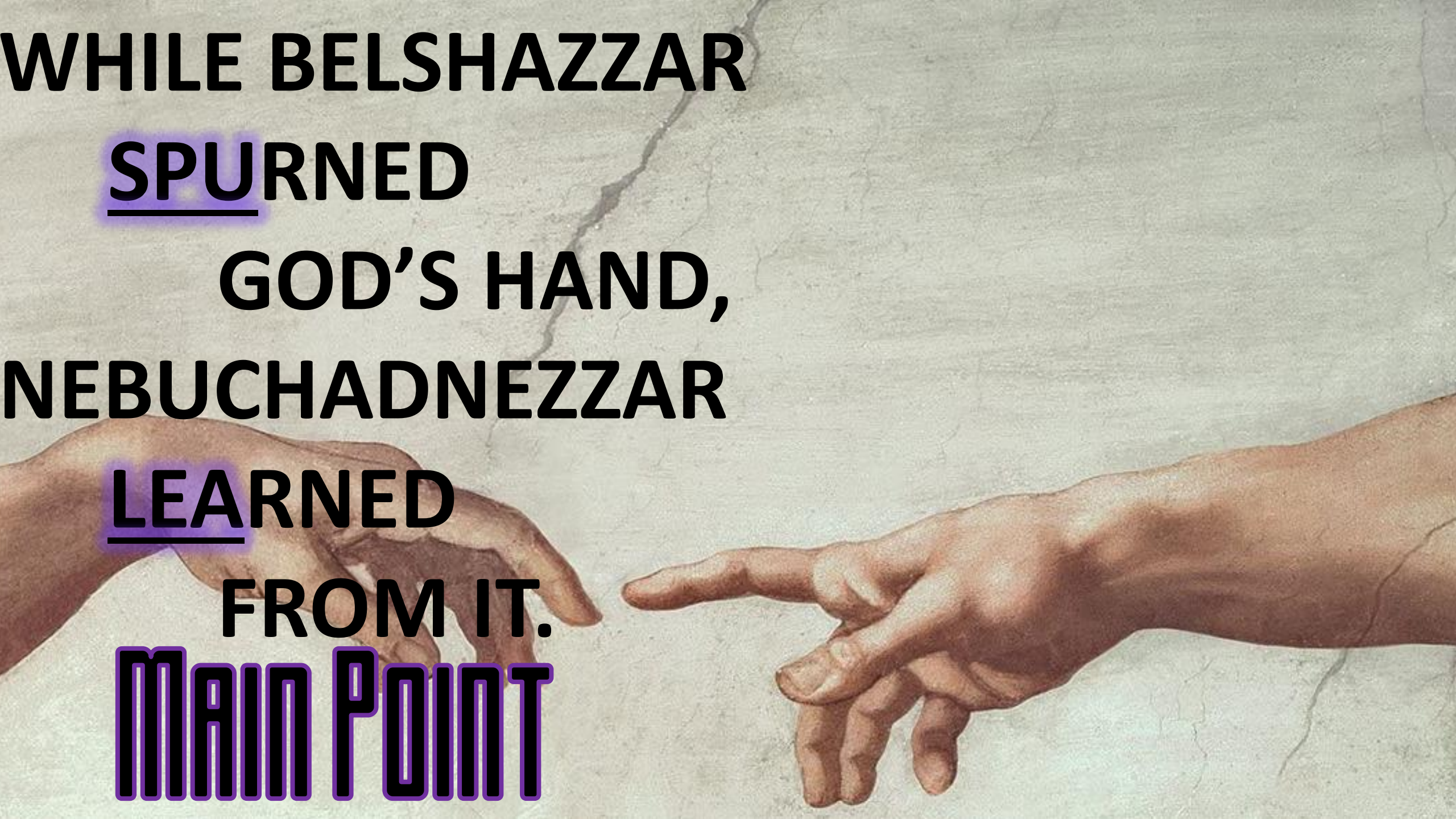
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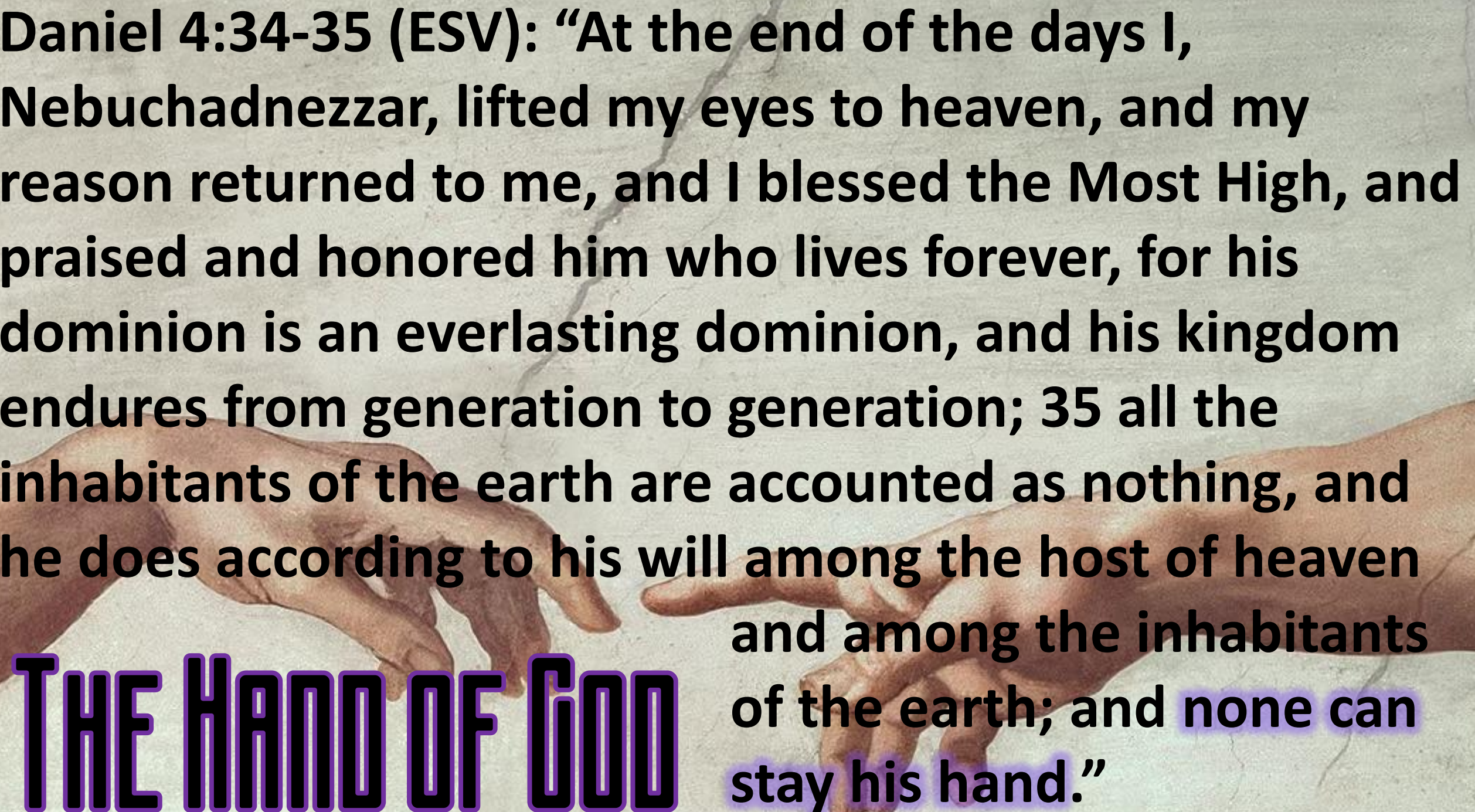
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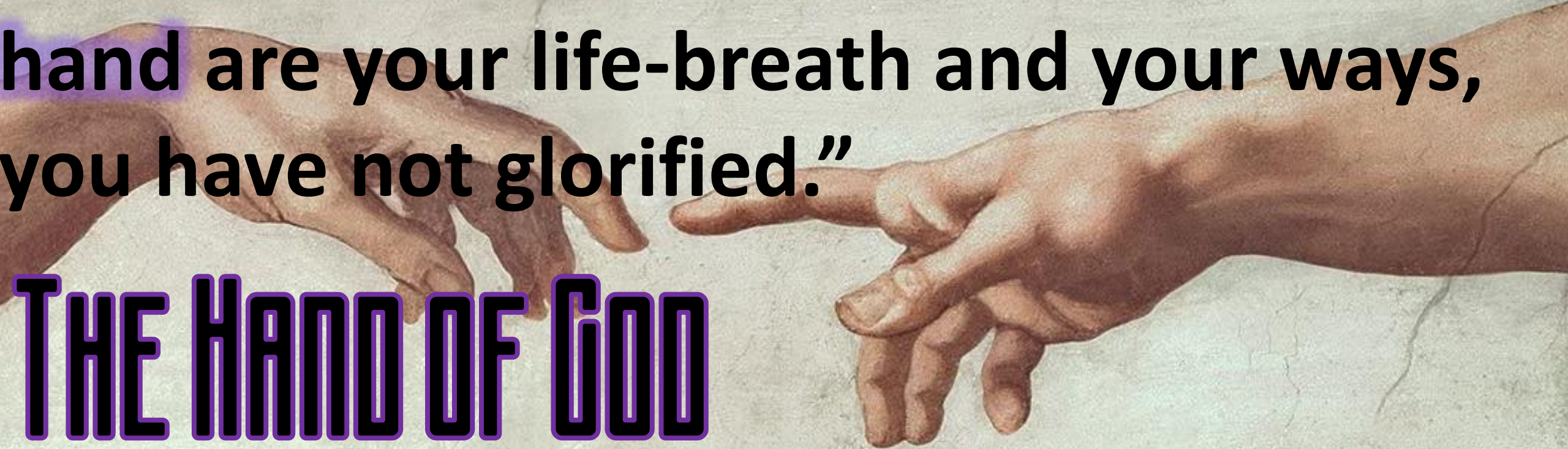


Daniel 4:34-35 (ESV): “At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand.”

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Daniel 5:23 (NASB): “You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and your ways, you have not glorified.”

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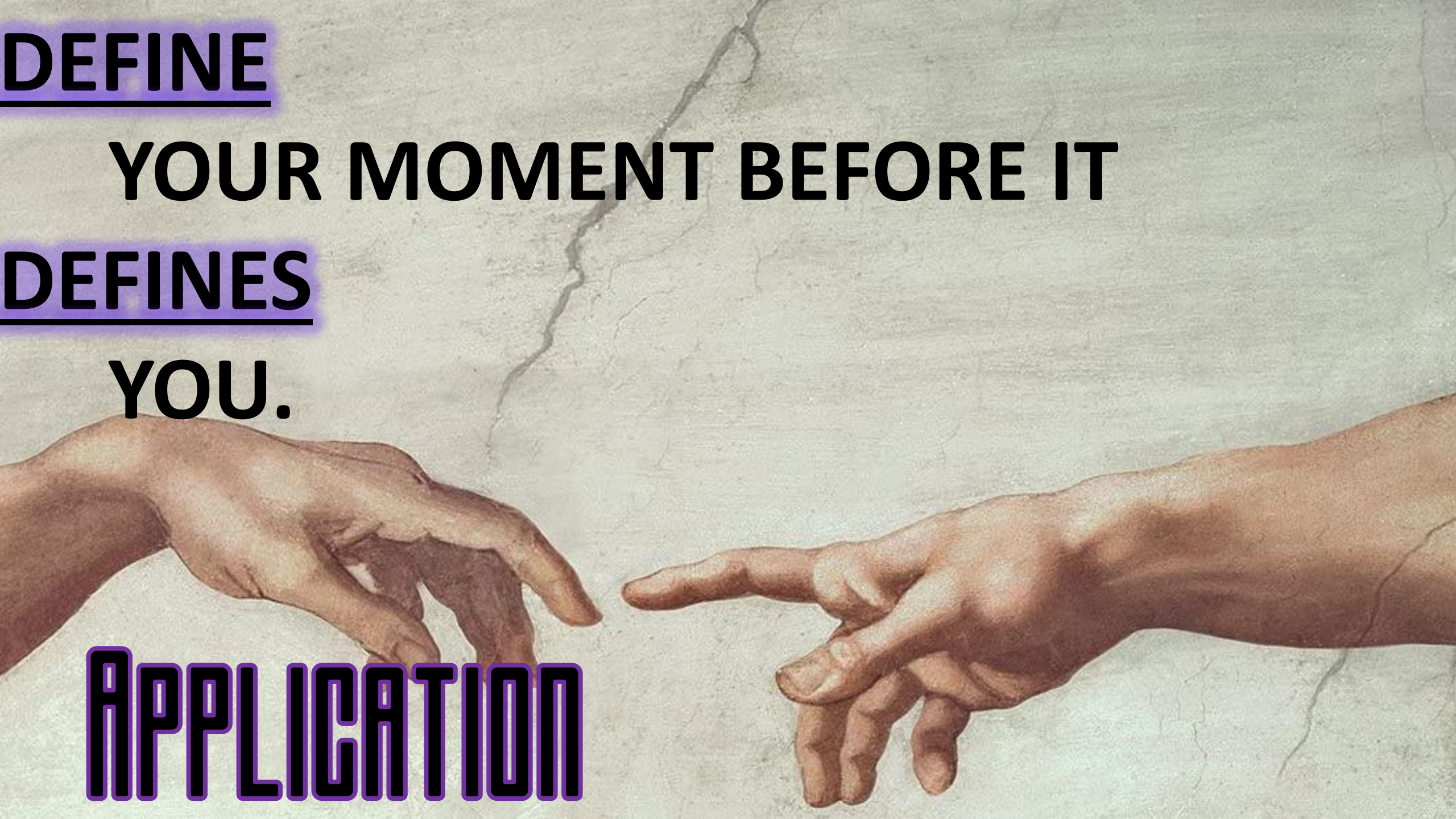
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“Bin Nasser was just not prepared well enough to referee such an important game. And how could he be? After all he used to be in charge of some games between camels in the desert.”

(Bogdan Dotchev, as quoted in Metodi Shumanov article How Diego Maradona's Hand of God Goal Ignited a Feud Between the Men Who Gave It on [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com),

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Philippians 1:12-14 (ESV): “ I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without

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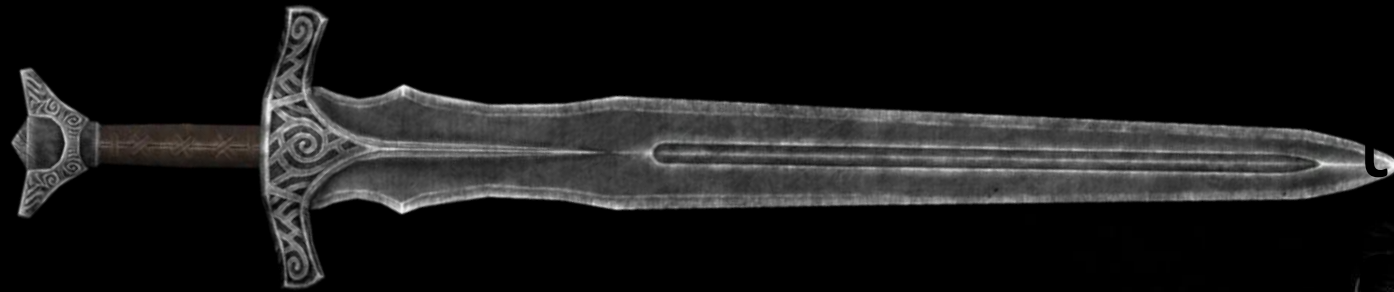
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