


WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

A graphic of the Earth, showing the Americas, is positioned in the center. Below the Earth, a small, dark silhouette of a person is shown in a crouched position, with their arms raised, appearing to support the weight of the globe. The text 'WEIGHT OF THE WORLD' is written in large, bold, brown capital letters, with the Earth and the figure acting as a visual pun on the word 'weight'.

1 and 2 Peter * THE HEIGHTS FREE CHURCH

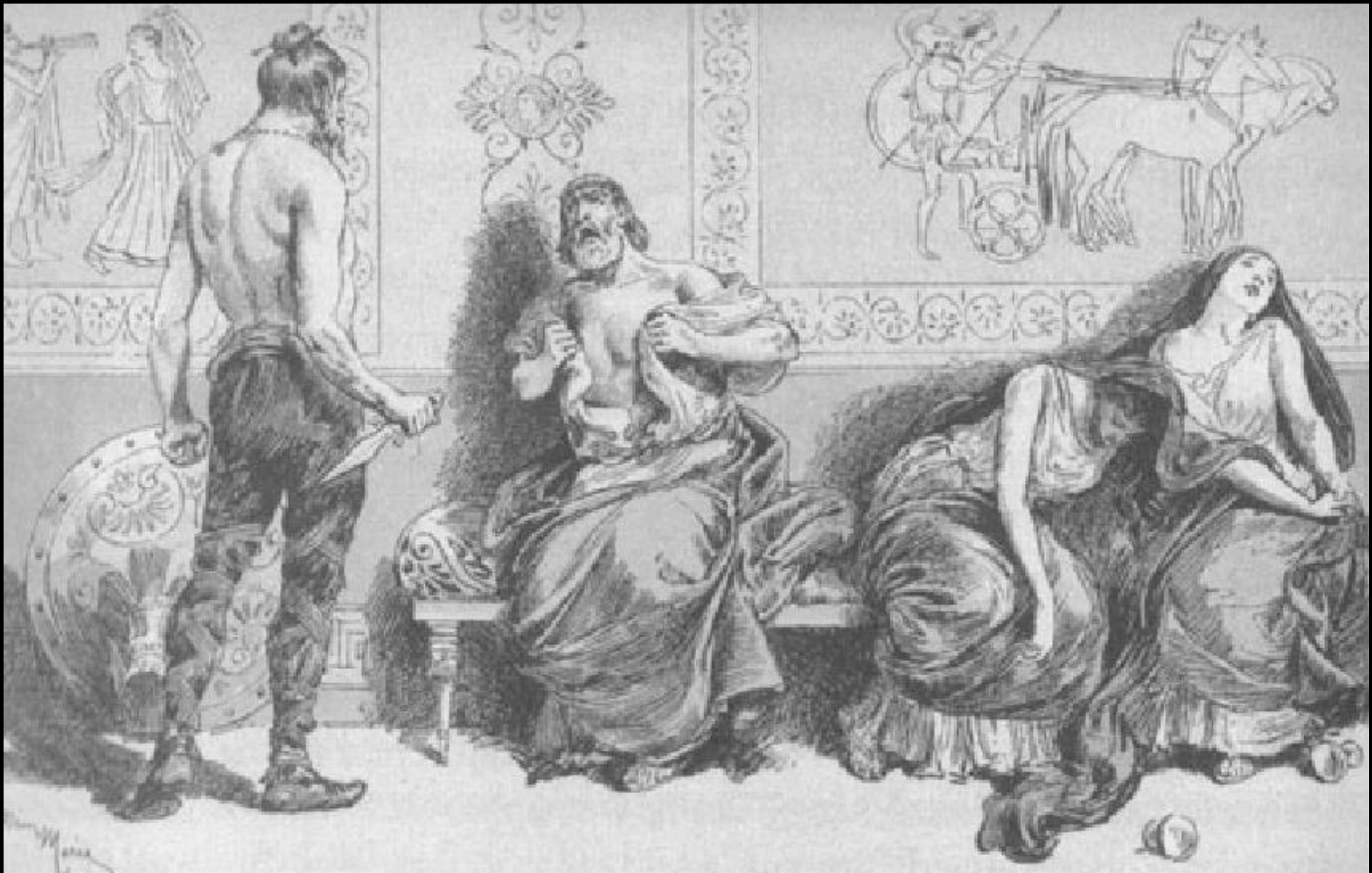












“The force of the sword blow was lessened on account of the weakness of his hand, caused by his age and present misfortunes, and as a result of taking the poison, whatever it was. When, therefore, he failed to take his life through his own efforts and seemed to linger beyond the proper time, those whom he had sent against his son fell upon him and hastened his end with their swords and spears. Thus Mithridates, who had experienced the most varied and remarkable fortune, had not even an ordinary end to his life. For he desired to die, albeit unwillingly, and though eager to kill himself was unable to do so.”

(From Cassius Dio's *Roman History*, Book 37)


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1 Peter 5 (ESV): “So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock....”

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“...4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you....”

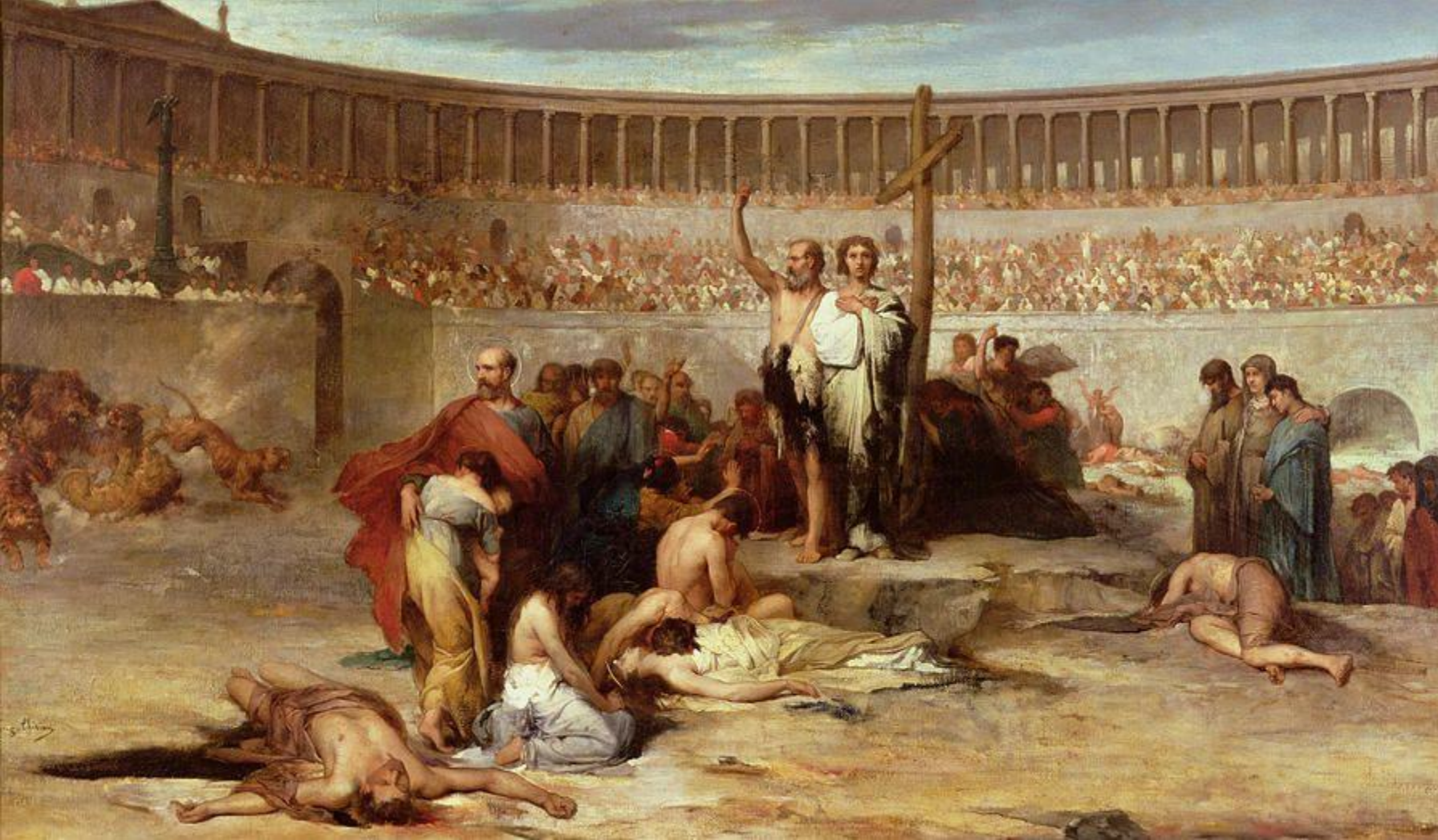
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“...8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you....”

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“...**11** To him be the dominion forever and ever.
Amen. **12** By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard
him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and
declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand
firm in it. **13** She who is at Babylon, who is likewise
chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my
son. **14** Greet one another with the kiss of love.
Peace to all of you who are in
Christ.”

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LEADERSHIP
BASED ON
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MAIN POINT

Mark 10:42-45 (ESV): “Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”

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John 9:22 (ESV): “They feared the Jews,
for the Jews had already agreed that if
anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ,
he was to be put out of the synagogue.”

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John 7:47-49 (ESV): “The Pharisees answered them, ‘Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.’”

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John 7:32 (ESV): “The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.”

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Acts 19:28-29 (ESV): “When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, ‘Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!’ 29 So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s companions in travel.”

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John 8:44 (ESV): “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

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John 13:13-15 (ESV): “You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. **15** For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

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Ephesians 5:21-22 (NIV): “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.”

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MOVE FROM
GOAL-ORIENTED
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TO
SOUL-ORIENTED
LEADERSHIP.

APPLICATION

1 Thessalonians 2:5-8 (ESV): “For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed – God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

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Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV): “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

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Titus 1:7-8 (ESV): “For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.”

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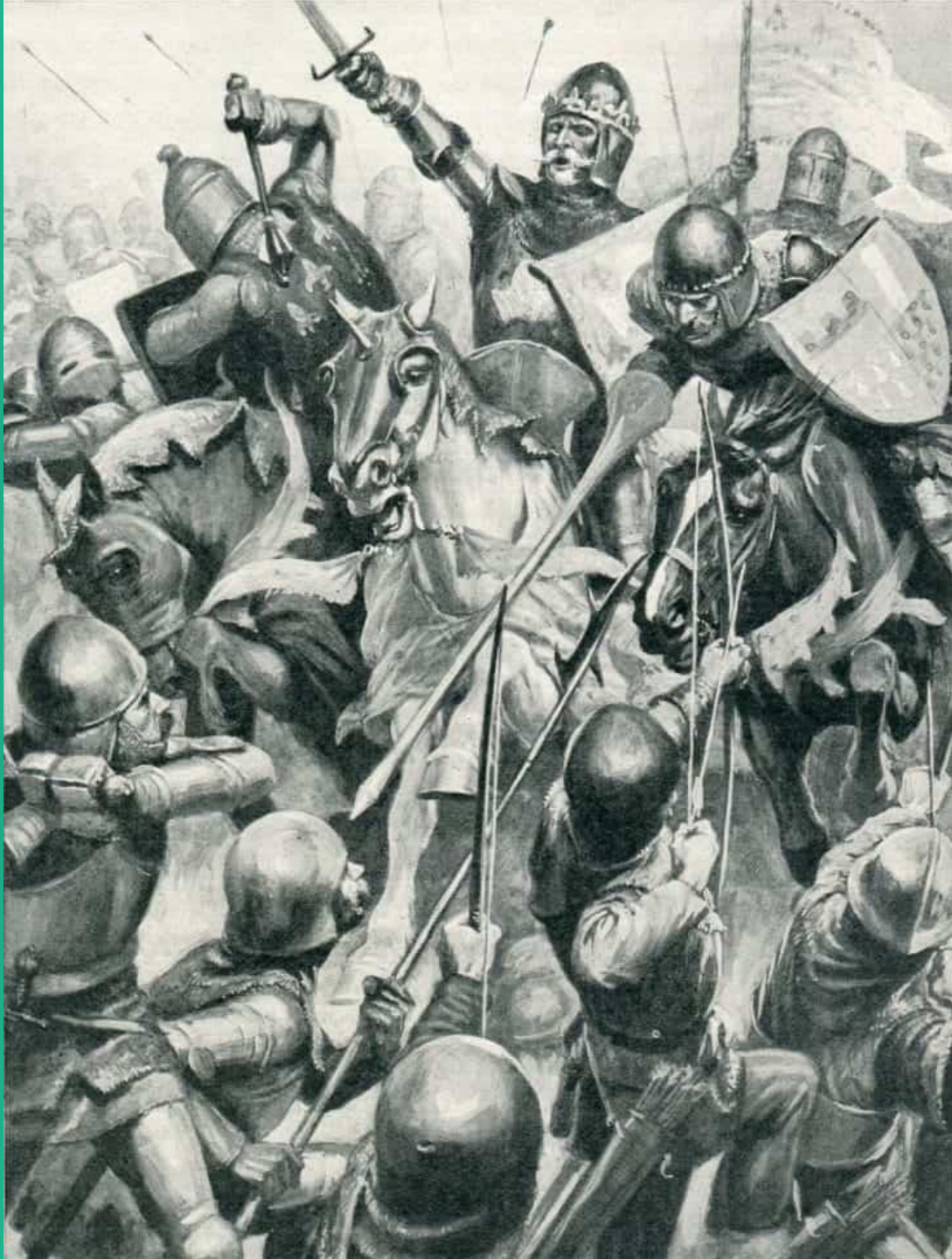


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“Far be it that the King of Bohemia should run away. Instead, take me to the place where the noise of the battle is the loudest.”

(From Benessius de Weitmil's *Cronica Ecclesiae Pragensis*)

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“The king...was so far forward that he strake a stroke with his sword, yea and more than four, and fought valiantly and so did his company; and they adventured themselves so forward, that they were there all slain, and the next day they were found in the place about the king, and all their horses tied each to other.”

(From John Froissart's *Chronicles*)

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