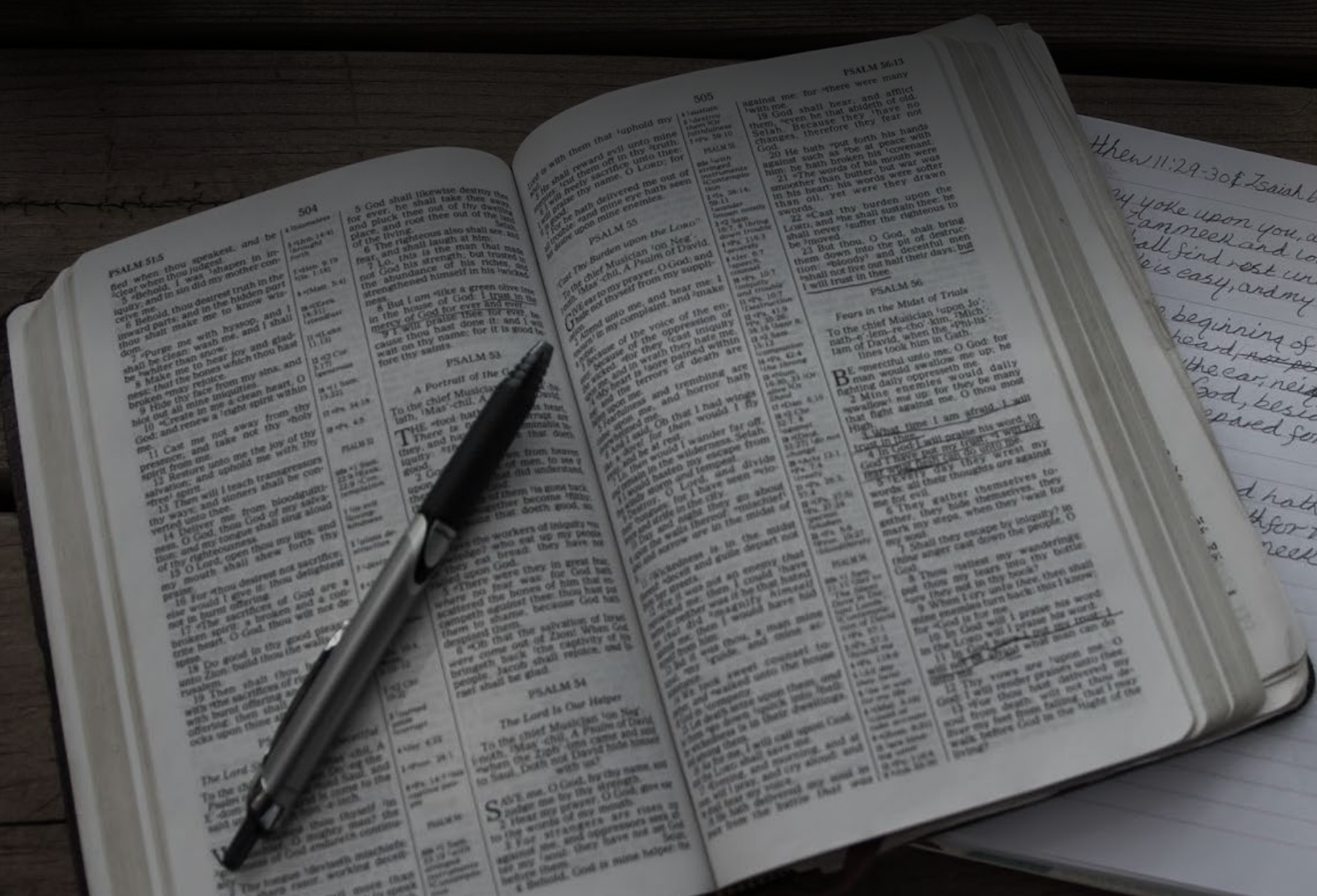


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PSALM 51

God when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was begotten in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Be merciful to me, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Them will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God; thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shall thou be pleased with burnt offerings; and thou shalt say, Let them bring sacrifices of righteousness upon thine altar, O God.

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God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.

The righteous also shall see thee, and fear, and shall laugh at him.

Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it; and I will wait on thy name: for it is good to fore thy saints.

PSALM 53

A Portrait of the Chief Musician. Mas-chil, A Psalm of David.

There is no God that doeth righteousness and true fear.

They are all vain, they are all together without counsel; they are altogether without understanding.

They are all as a breath, they are all as a wind that passeth away.

They are all as a dream, they are all as a vision, they are all as a breath that is blown away.

They are all as a shadow, they are all as a dream that is vain.

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Against me, for there were many that sought my life, they sought to take away my soul; but thou, O Lord, thou art my God, and thou art my strength, O Lord, and thou art my God.

Thou hast delivered me out of mine enemies' hands, O Lord, and thou hast delivered me out of mine enemies' hands.

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PSALM 56

Fears in the Midst of Trials. To the Chief Musician. Upon Jotham. Mas-chil, A Psalm of David.

Be merciful unto me, O God; for mine enemies would daily fight against me.

Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

They gather themselves together, they hate themselves, they mark my steps when they wait for my soul.

Shall they escape by iniquity? or shall they cast down the people? O God, thou hast said that thou shalt not be angry with wanderings.

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my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

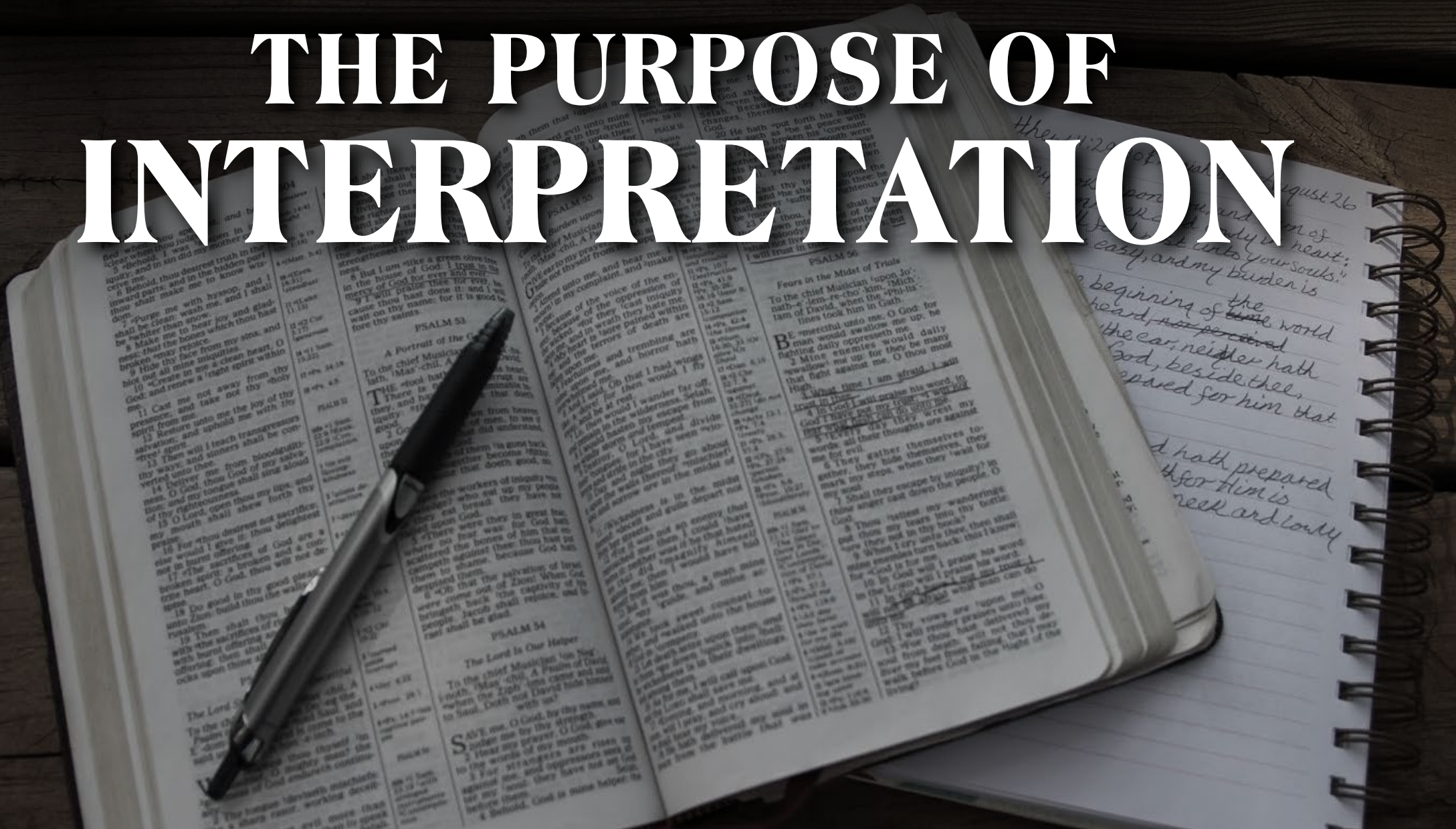
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to correctly understand the biblical text

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to correctly apply the biblical text

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THE THREE MAIN QUESTIONS

An open book with text on the pages, resting on a dark wooden surface. The text "THE THREE MAIN QUESTIONS" is overlaid in large white letters.

THE THREE MAIN QUESTIONS



*What did this mean to the
original author?*

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*How was this understood by
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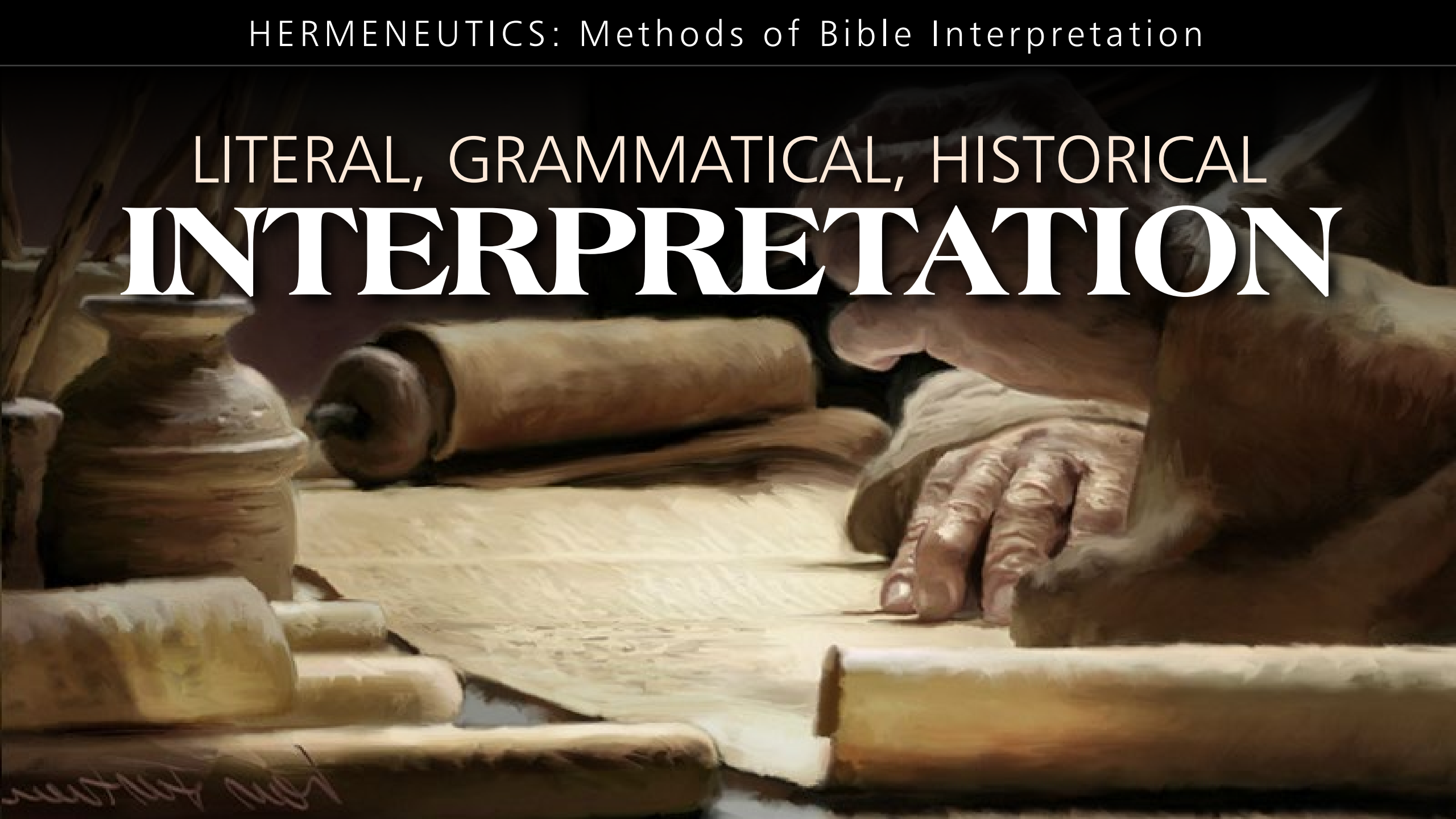
THE THREE MAIN QUESTIONS

An open book with text on the pages, resting on a dark wooden surface. The book is the central focus of the image, with its pages slightly curved as if being read. The background is a dark, textured wood grain.

What does this mean to God?

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LITERAL, GRAMMATICAL, HISTORICAL
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LITERAL

The text has normal, objective meaning

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INTERPRETATION

GRAMMATICAL

Literary context determines the meaning

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INTERPRETATION

HISTORICAL

Historical context illumines the meaning

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THE NEED FOR INTERPRETATION



THE GAP
BETWEEN THE
AUTHOR'S MIND
AND
OUR OWN



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LITERARY CONTEXTUAL BARRIERS

A pair of dark-rimmed glasses with clear lenses is placed on an open Bible. The Bible is open to a page with dense, small text, likely a translation of a biblical passage. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the frames of the glasses. The background is dark, making the Bible and glasses the central focus.

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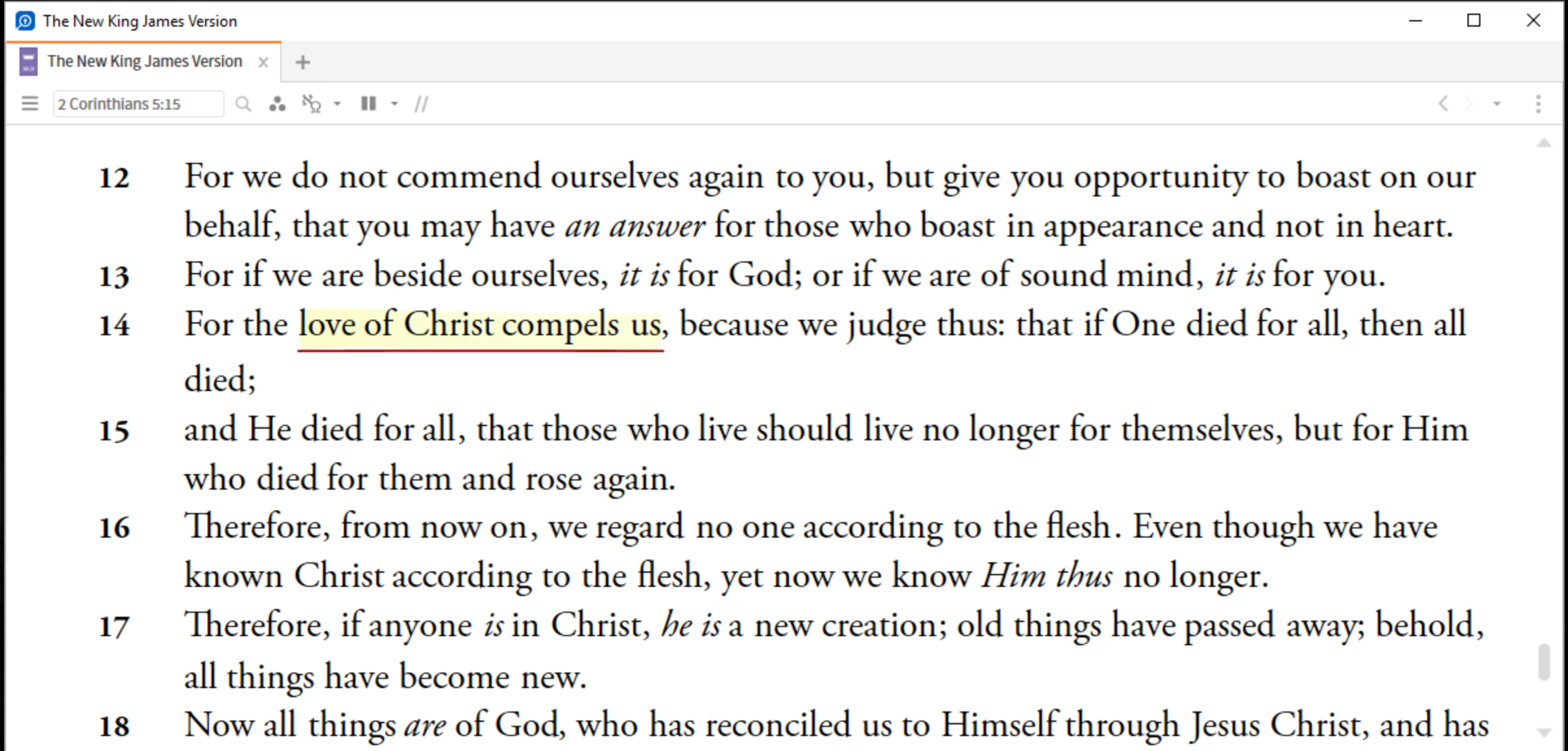
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LITERARY CONTEXTUAL BARRIERS

*Grammar, syntax and
vocabulary*

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The screenshot shows a digital Bible application interface. At the top, the title bar reads "The New King James Version". Below it, a search bar contains "2 Corinthians 5:15". The main text area displays verses 12 through 18. Verse 14 is highlighted in yellow, and the phrase "love of Christ compels us" is underlined in red. The text is in a serif font, and the background is white.

12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

13 For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if we are of sound mind, *it is* for you.

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has

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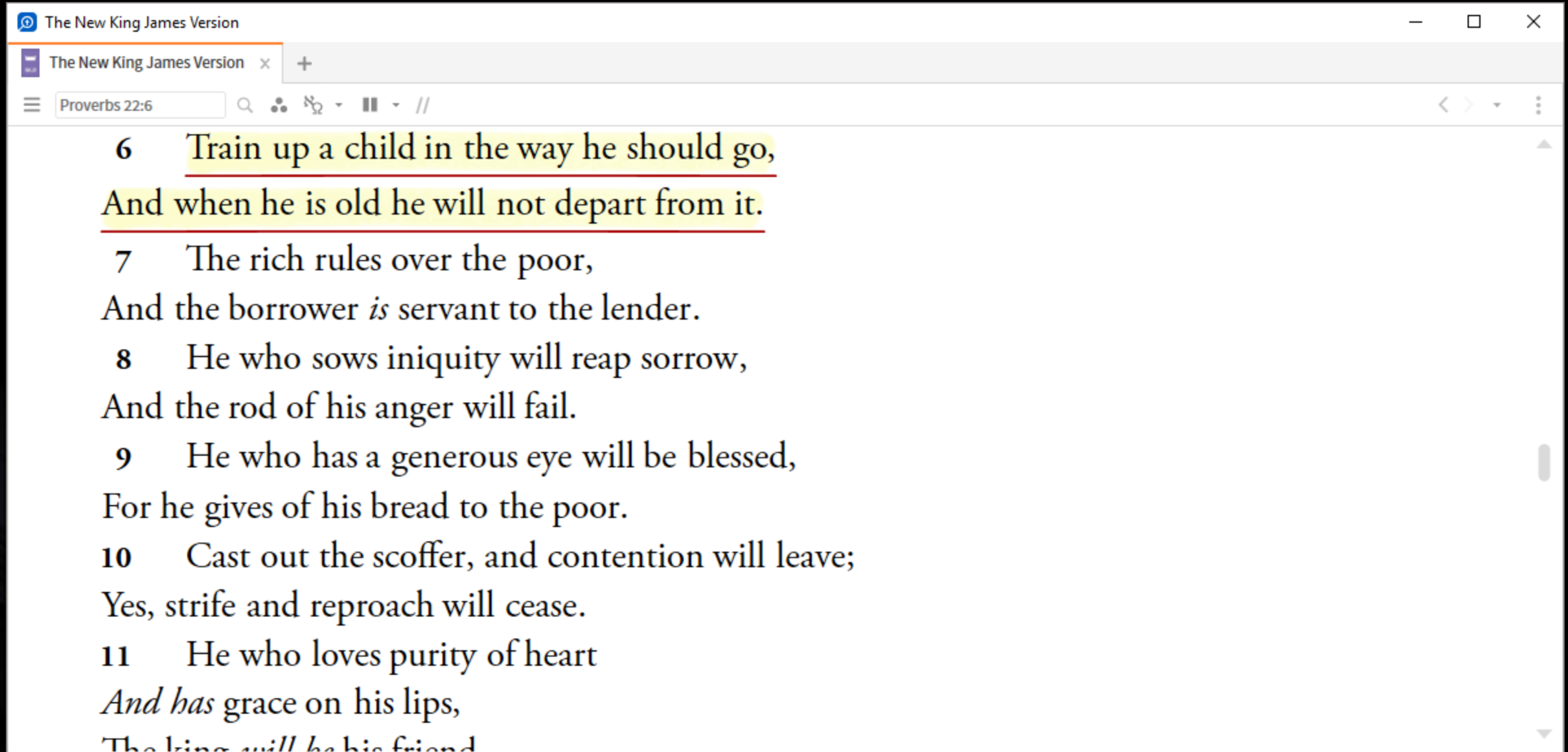
LITERARY CONTEXTUAL BARRIERS

A pair of glasses with a dark frame is resting on an open book. The book's pages are visible, with some text legible, including the words "to the land: and of the host of". The background is dark, and the overall tone is blue and monochromatic.

Genre: The basic literary type

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "The New King James Version". The address bar contains "Proverbs 22:6". The main content area displays the following text:

6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.

7 The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.

9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

11 He who loves purity of heart
And has grace on his lips,
The king will be his friend

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LITERARY CONTEXTUAL BARRIERS

*Idioms, figures of speech,
symbolism, euphemisms*

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1 Thessalonians 4:16

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape

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HISTORICAL CONTEXTUAL BARRIERS

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HISTORICAL CONTEXTUAL BARRIERS

Author and recipients

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The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The New King James Version". The address bar contains "2 Corinthians 2:4". The text of the passage is displayed with several phrases highlighted in yellow and underlined in red:

- 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.
- 5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe.
- 6 This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man,
- 7 so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow.
- 8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love to him.
- 9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.
- 10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I

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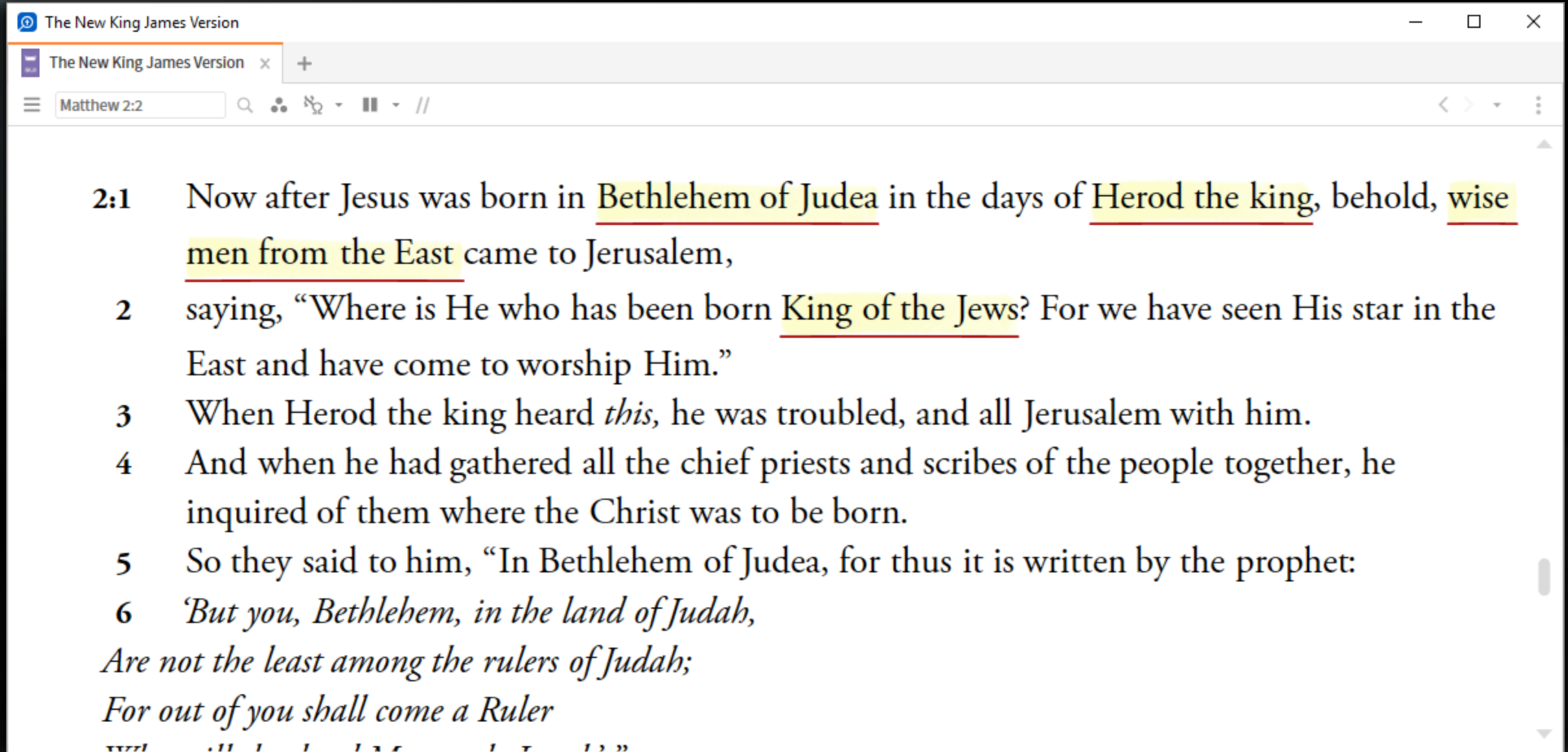
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Geo-political environment

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The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The New King James Version". The address bar contains "Matthew 2:2". The main content area displays the following text:

2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 *'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler*

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Cultural practices, societal norms

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Function of the historical context

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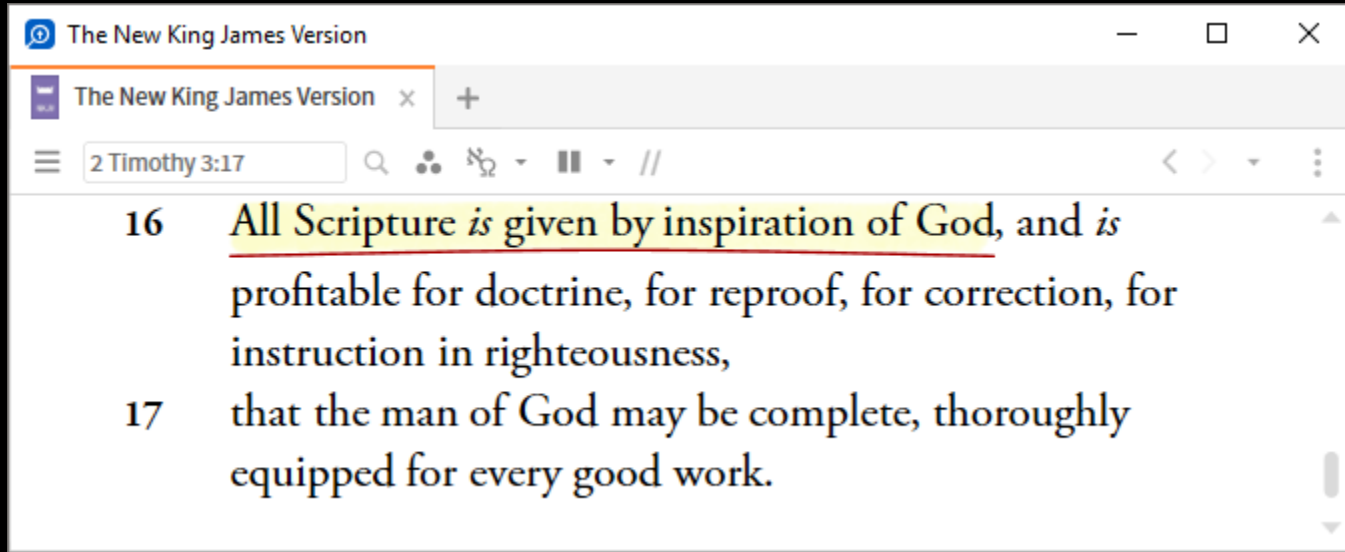


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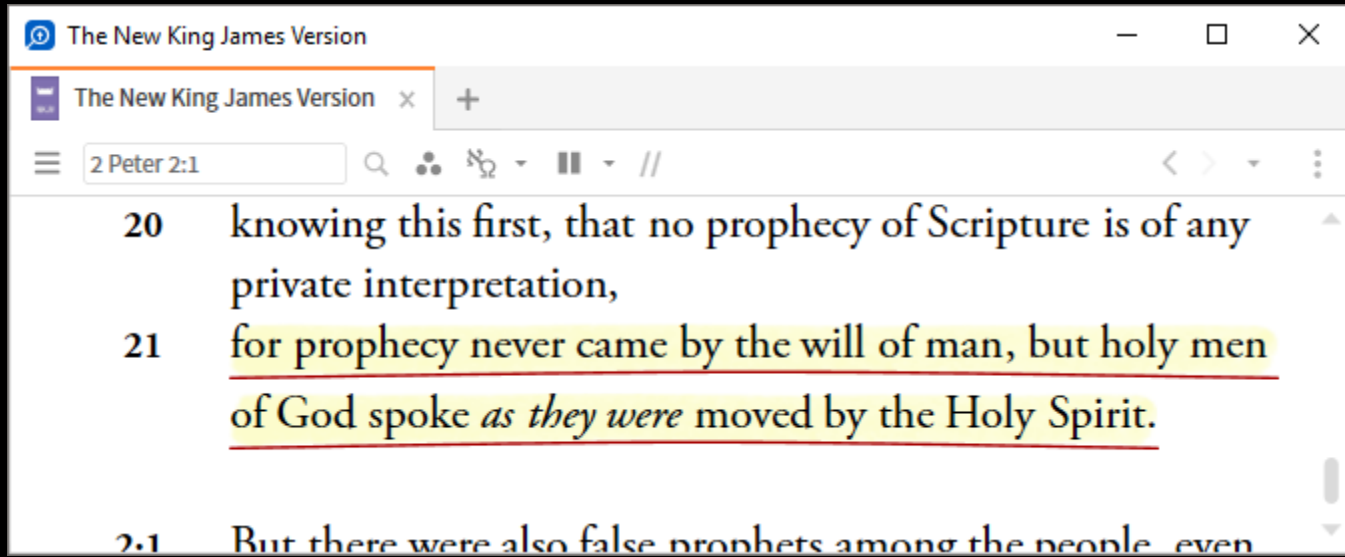


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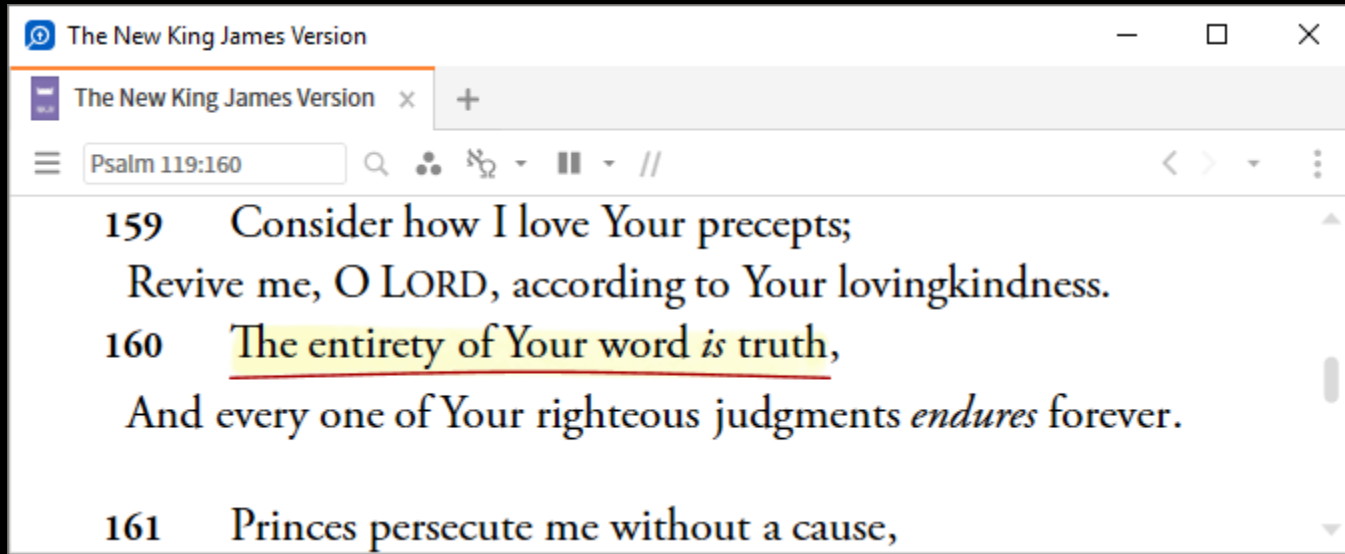
The process of the Holy Spirit moving men to write **the very words of God**



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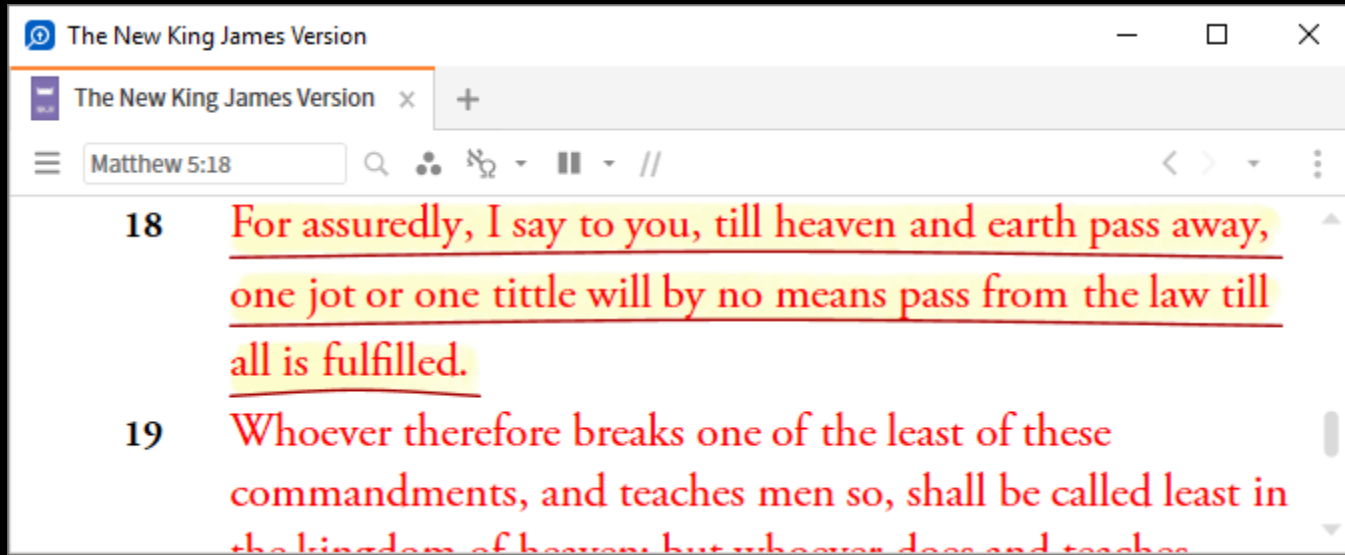


Because the Scriptures are the very word of God, they are **entirely true and absolutely trustworthy**



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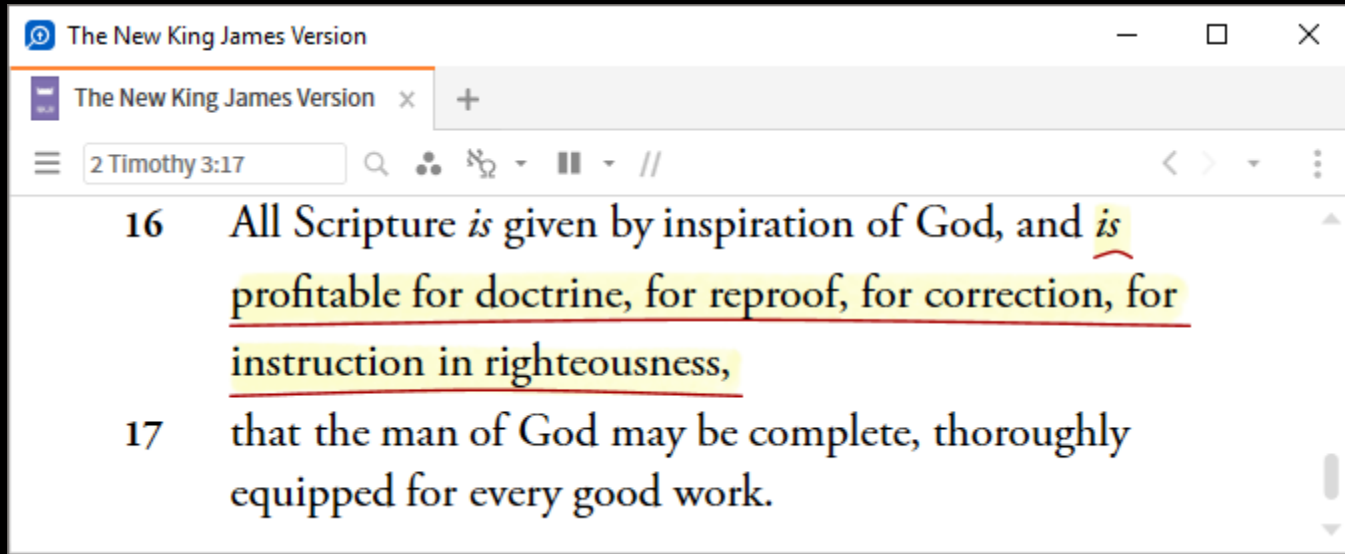


Because the Scriptures are the very words of God, being true and trustworthy, they are completely free from error



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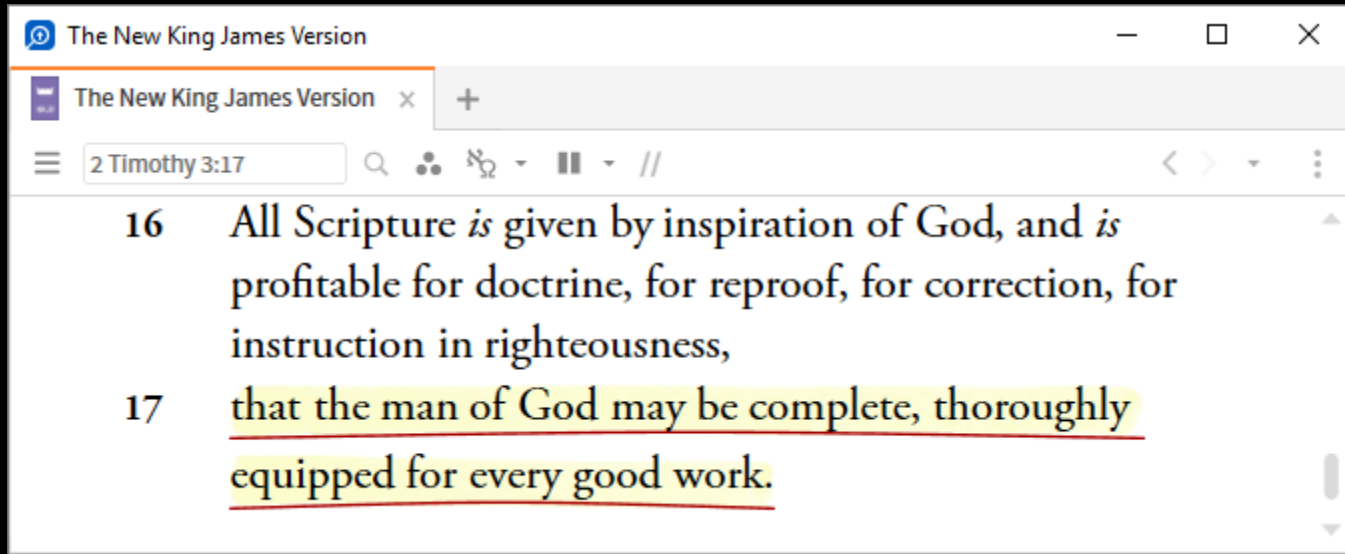


Because the Scriptures are the very words of God, being true, trustworthy and error-free, **they have absolute authority**



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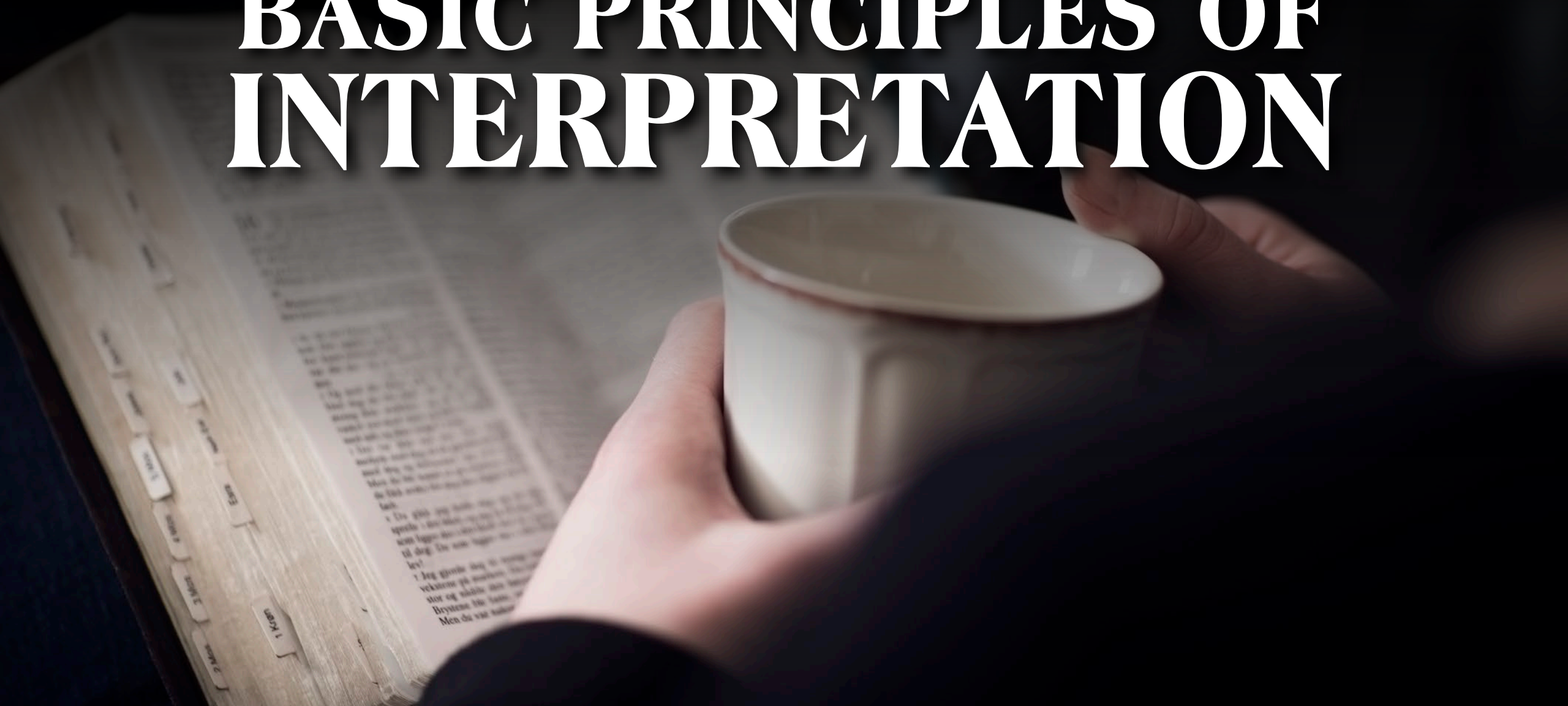
Because the Scriptures are the very words of God, being true, trustworthy, error-free and authoritative, they are **completely sufficient for living the Christian life**



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ESTABLISHES SPECIFIC MEANING

Peter and John Before the Council
4 And as they were speaking
people, the priests and
the temple and ^mthe Sadducees
on them, ²greatly annoyed because
y were teaching the people and pro-
ning in Jesus the resurrection

[1 Chr. 9:11; Neh.
11:11] ^m See Matt.

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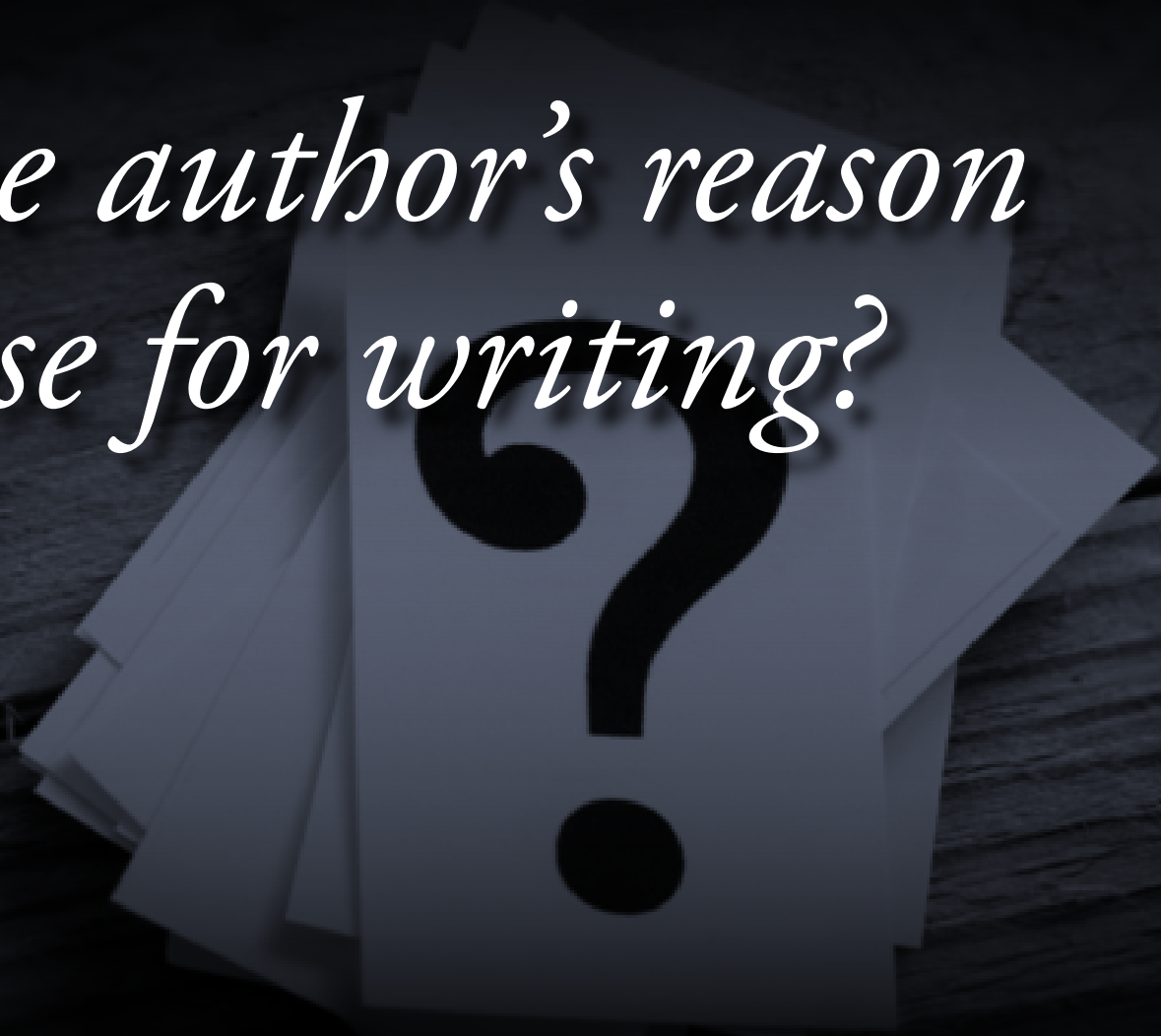
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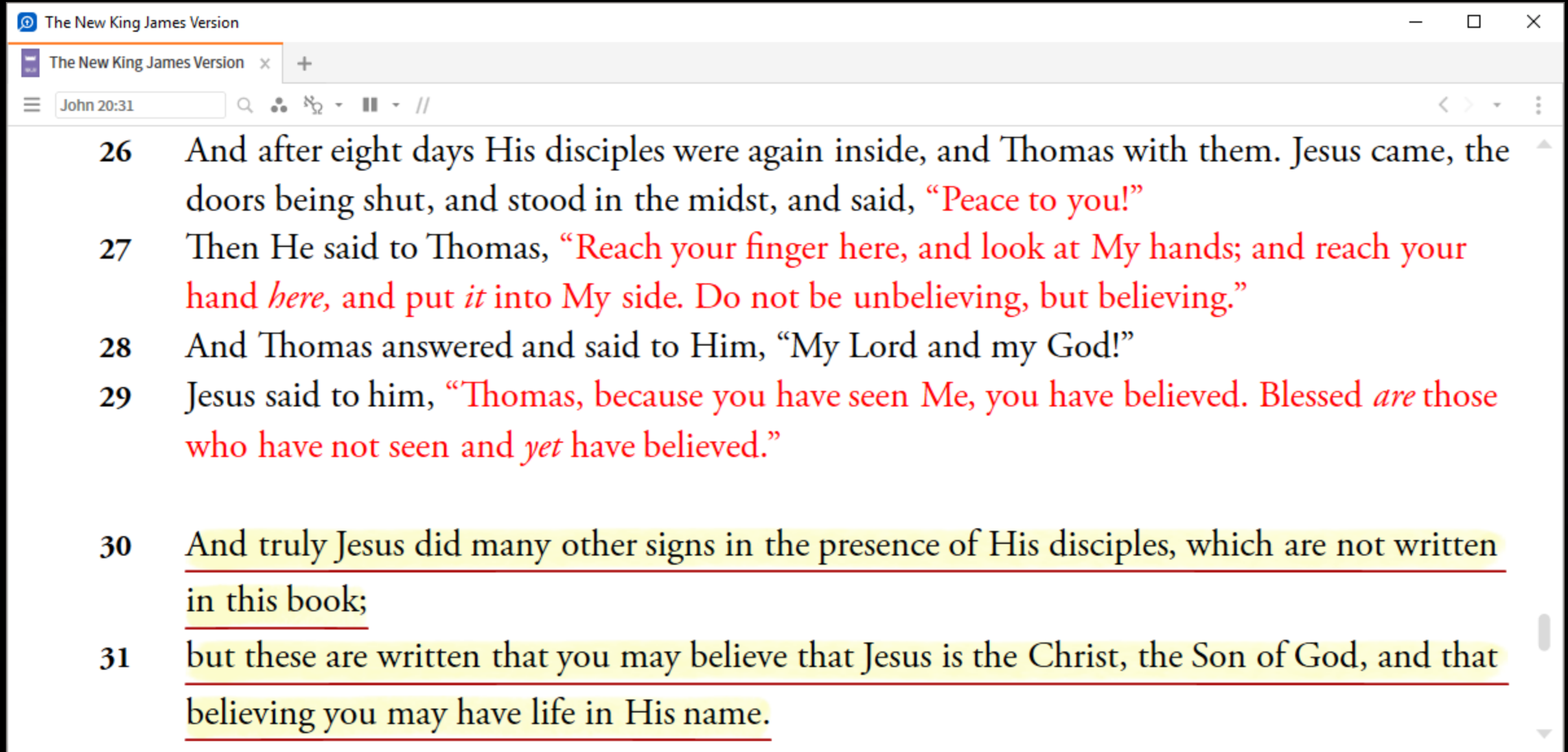


*What was the author's reason
and purpose for writing?*

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John 20:31

26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

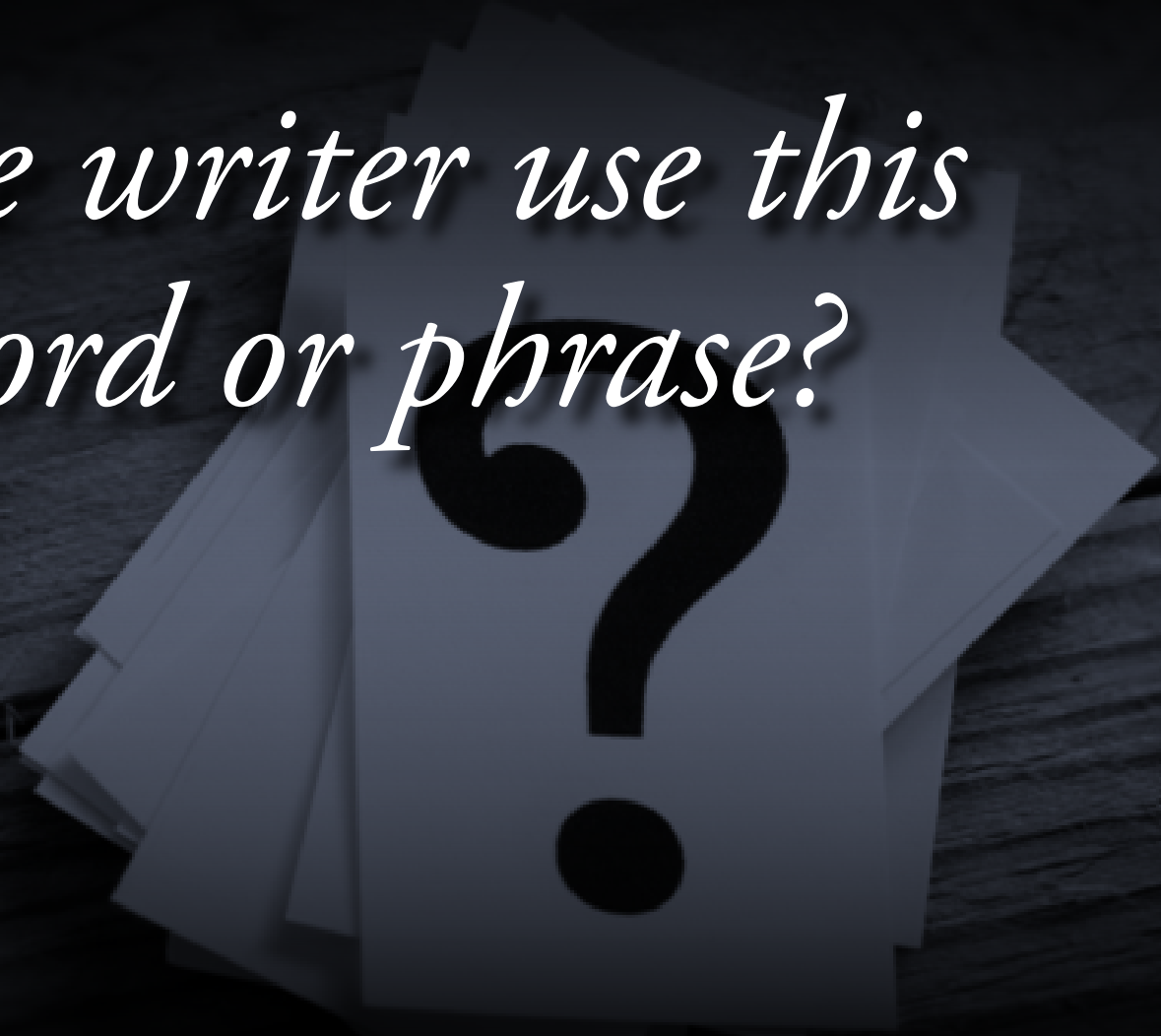
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*What response did the author
expect from his readers?*

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*Why did the writer use this
specific word or phrase?*

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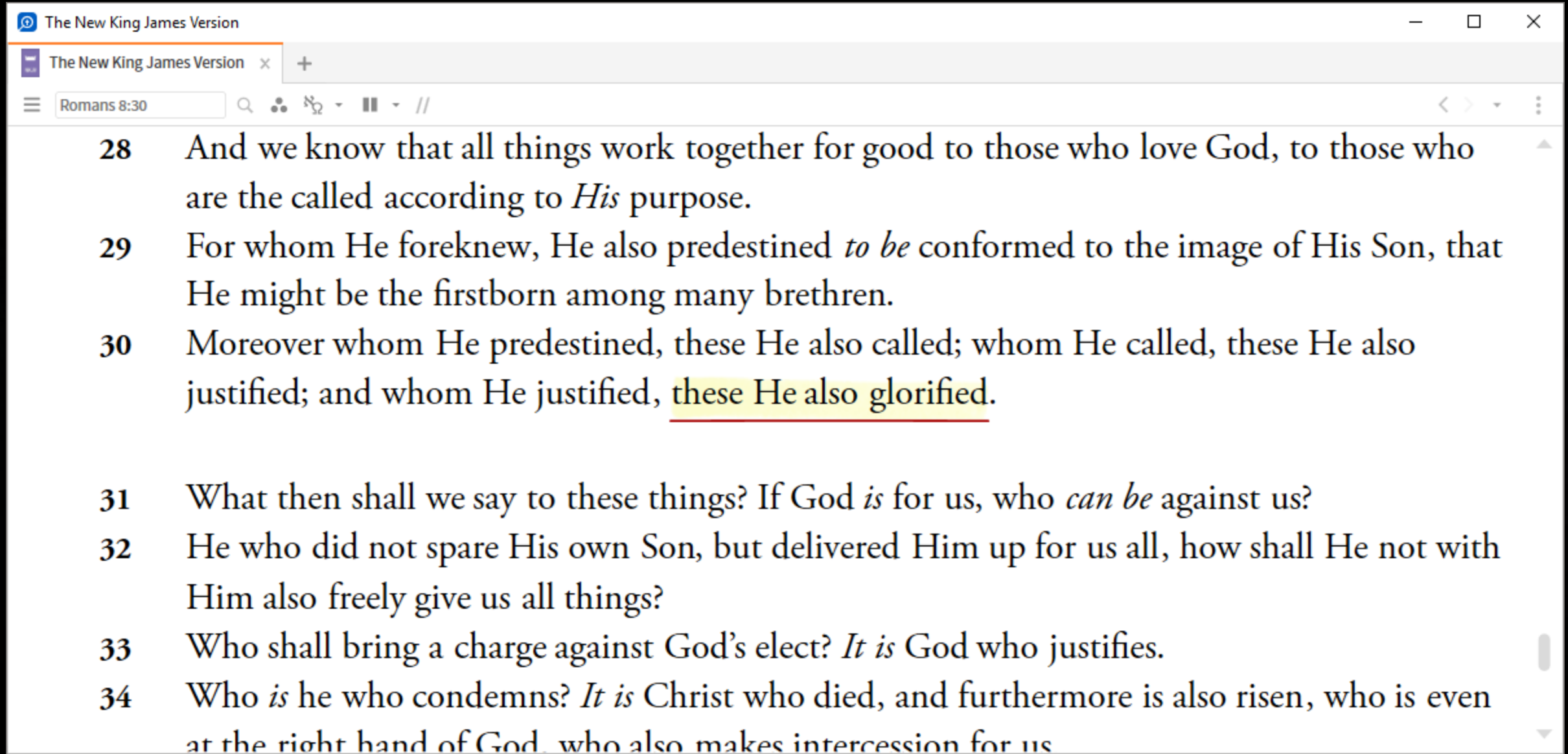
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*Why did the author make this
specific grammatical decision?*

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28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

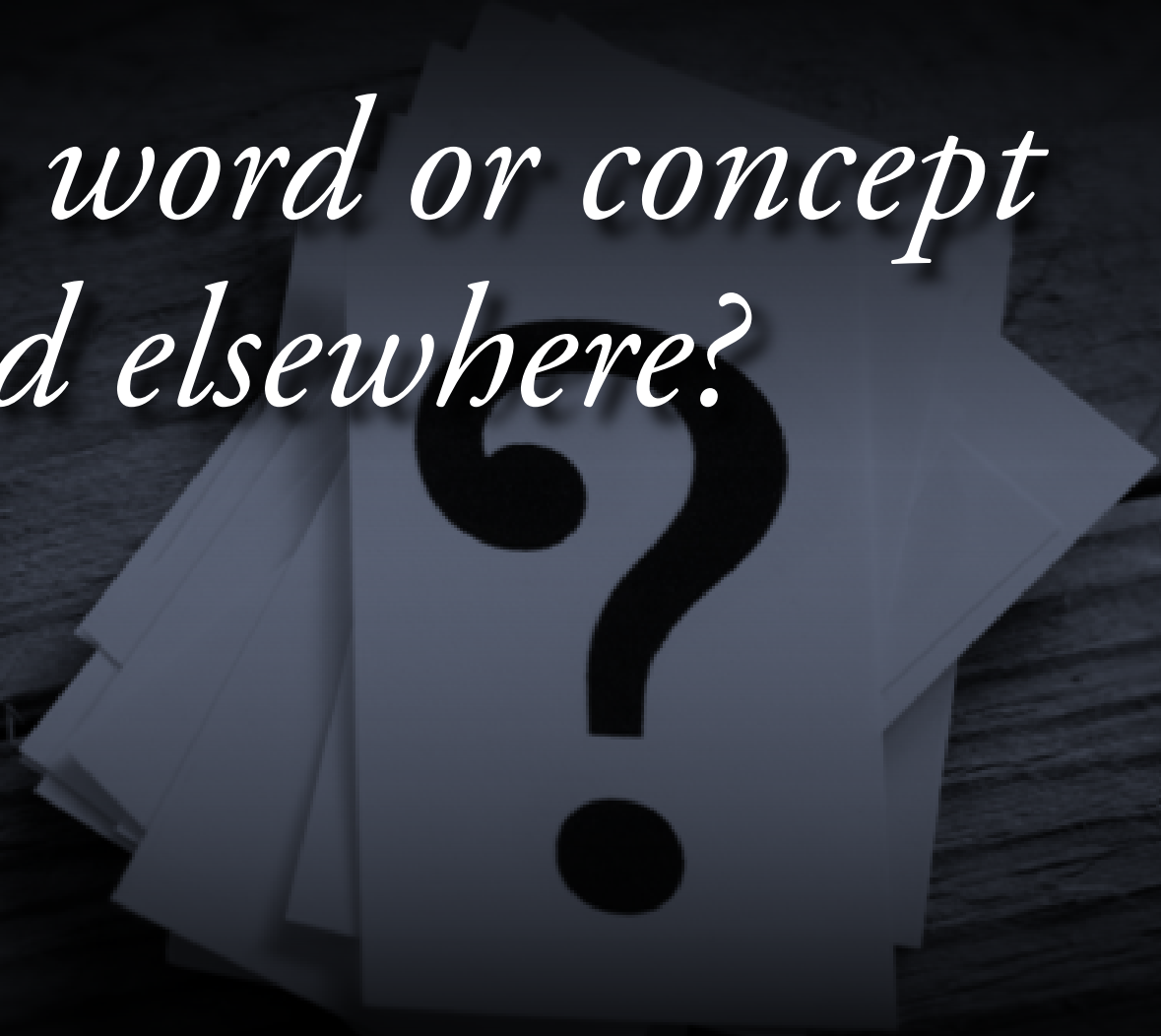
32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

34 Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us

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*How has this word or concept
been used elsewhere?*

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*Can this word or concept be
interpreted in more than one way?*

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James 5:14

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another and **ἀσθενέω** for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

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Romans 4:21

16 Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

17 (as it is written, “*I have made you a father of many nations*”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “*So shall your descendants be.*”

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.

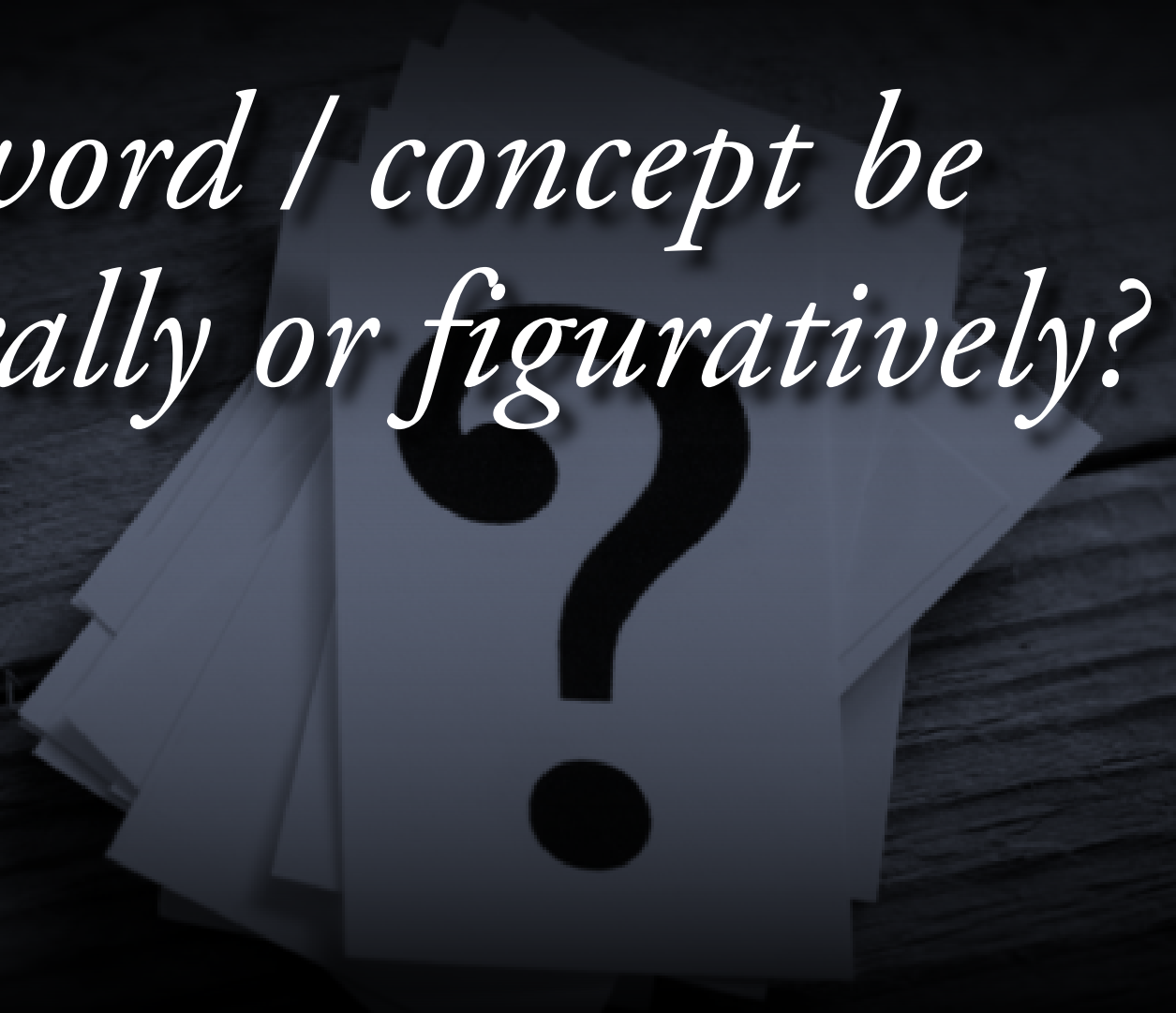
20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform

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INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS

*Should this word / concept be
understood literally or figuratively?*

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THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT





*To help us see truth in
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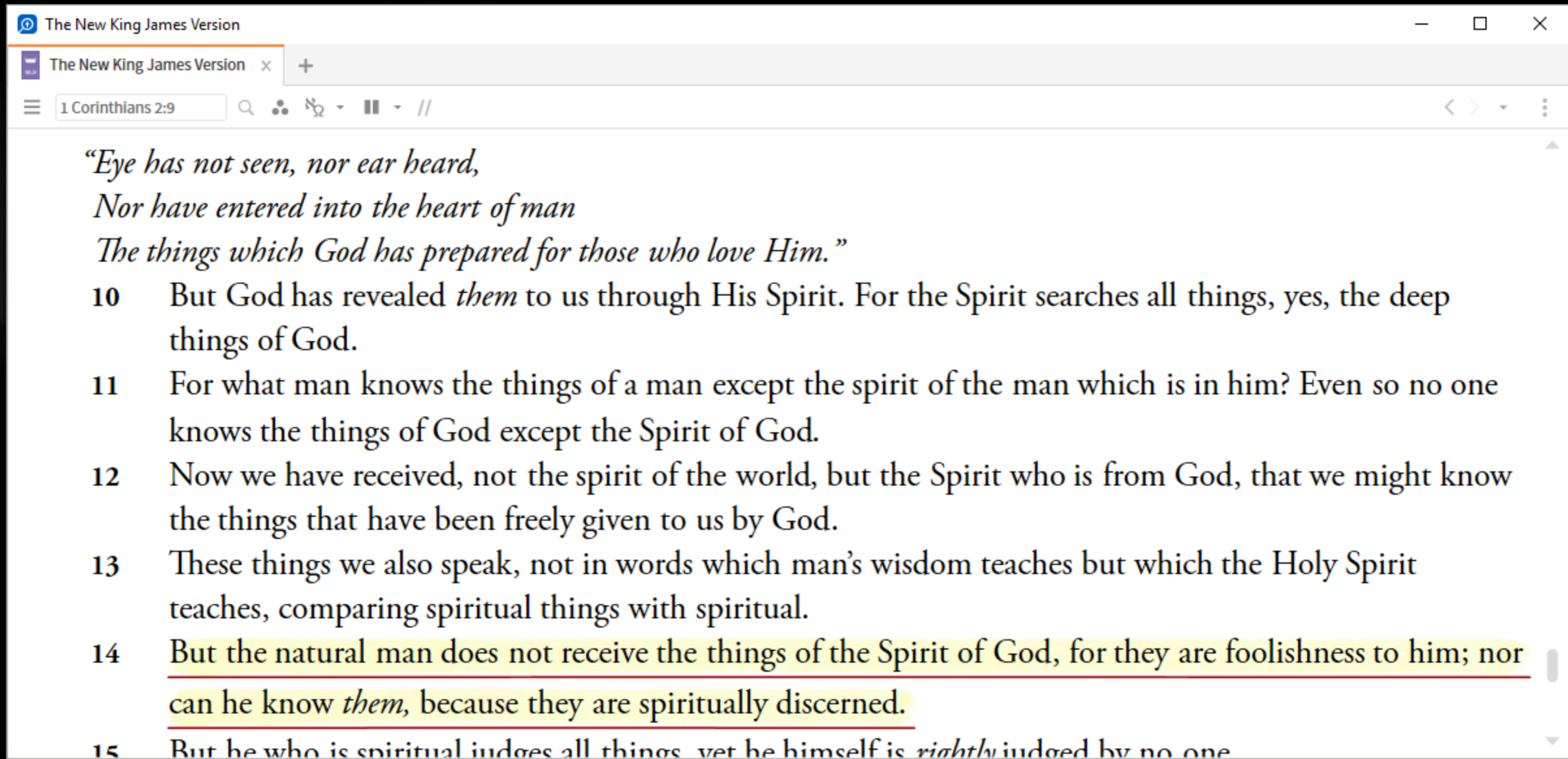
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1 Corinthians 2:9

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one

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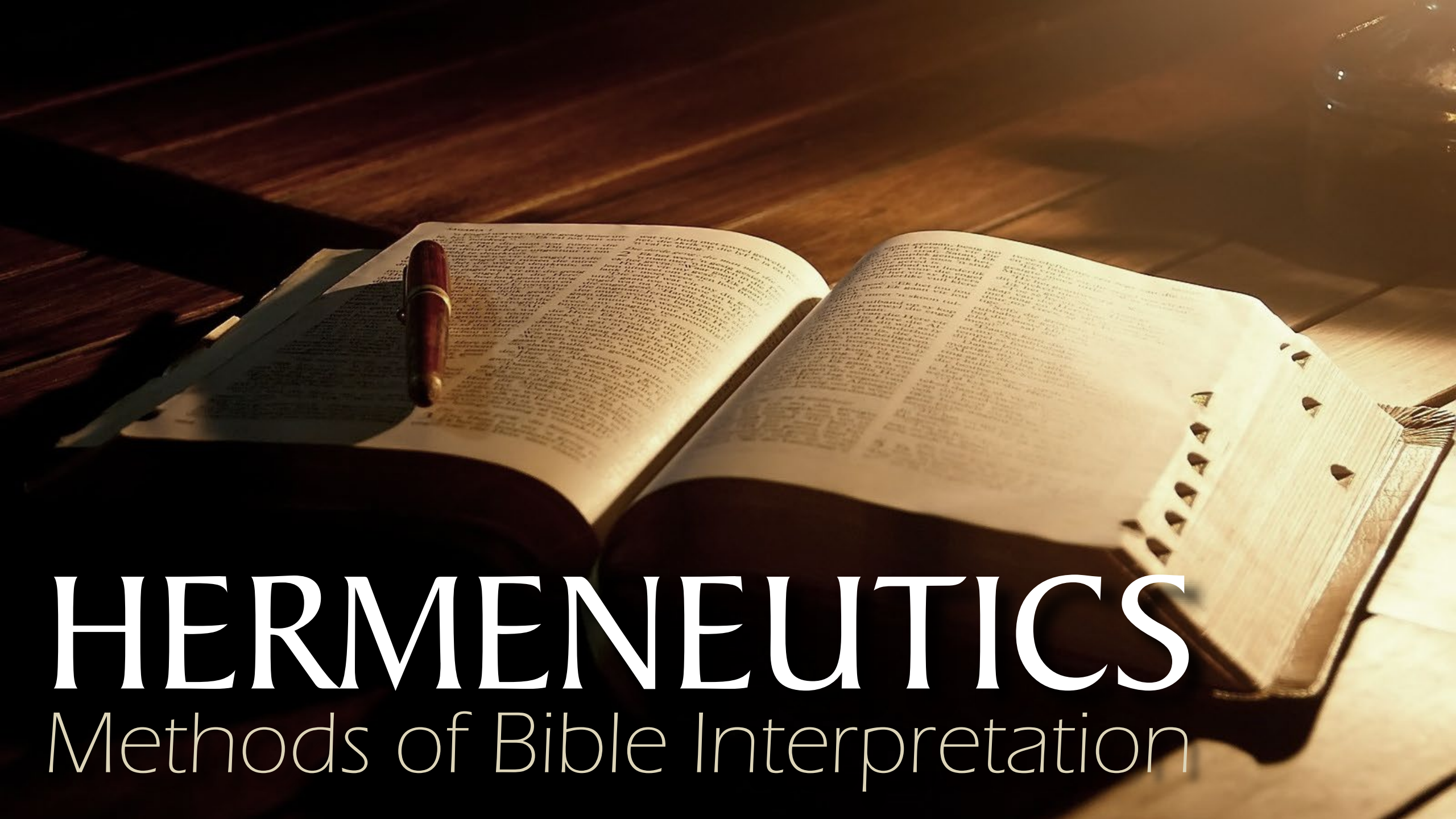
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