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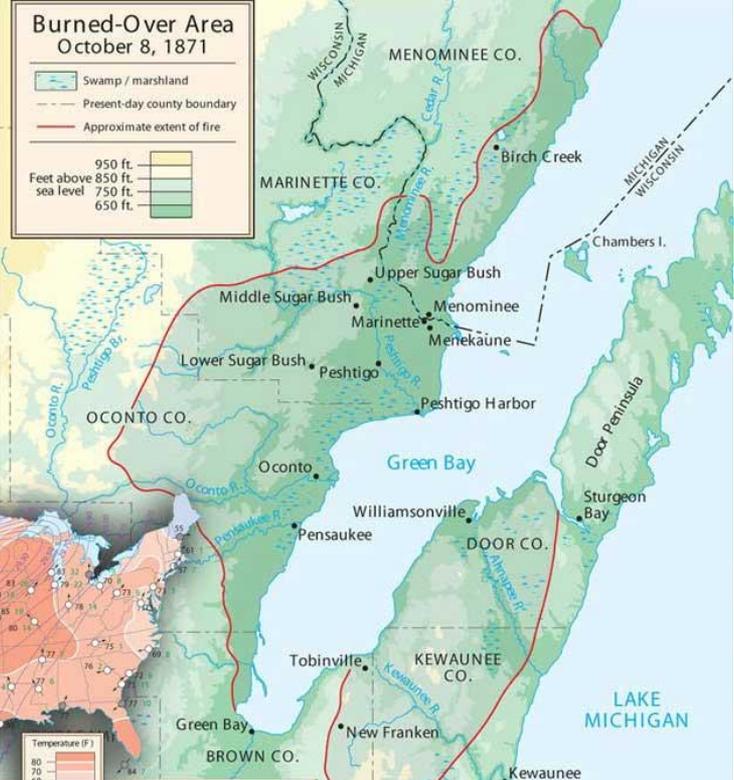
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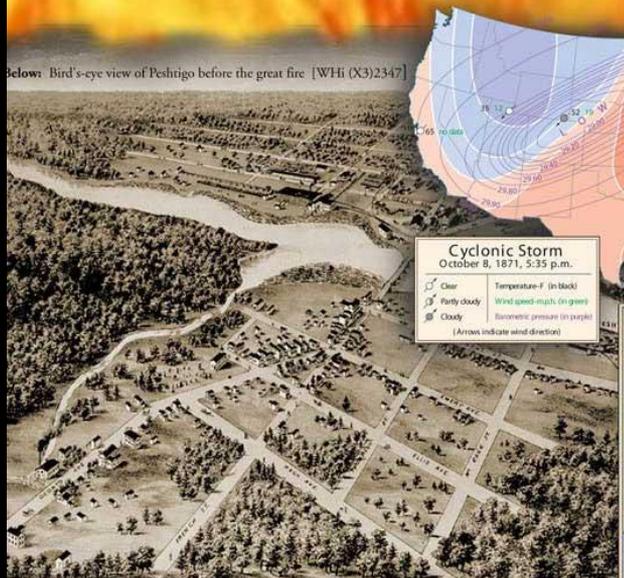
# The OTHER Great Fire

The legend of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 occupies a large presence in public memory, but the scale of the Peshtigo disaster was far greater.

Environmental and atmospheric conditions produced an ideal climate for a massive firestorm, and the town of Peshtigo stood in the path.



Below: Bird's-eye view of Peshtigo before the great fire [WHI (X3)2347]





# WISCONSIN

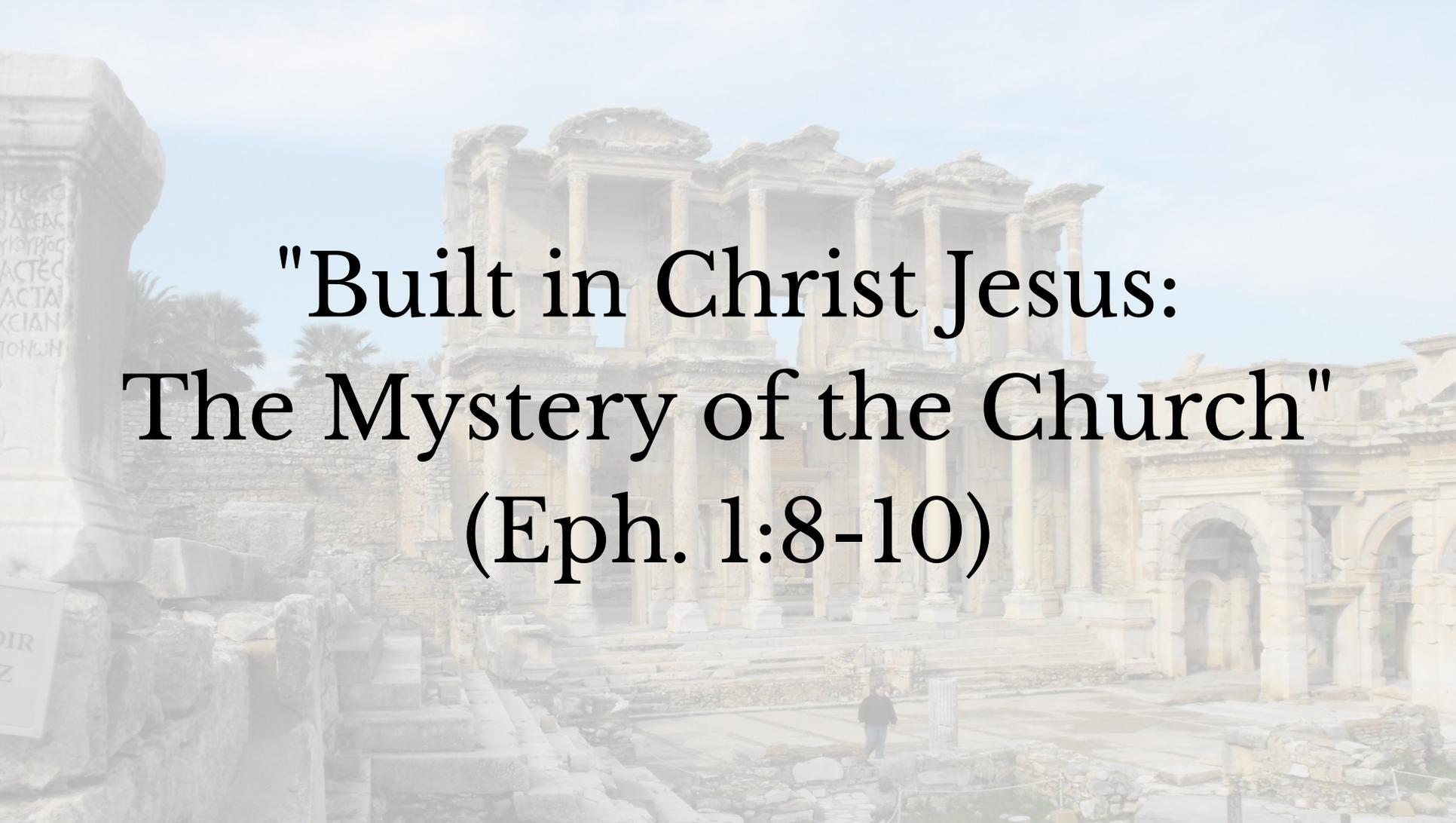
A CAPTIVATING GUIDE TO THE HISTORY OF  
WISCONSIN AND PESHTIGO FIRE OF 1871



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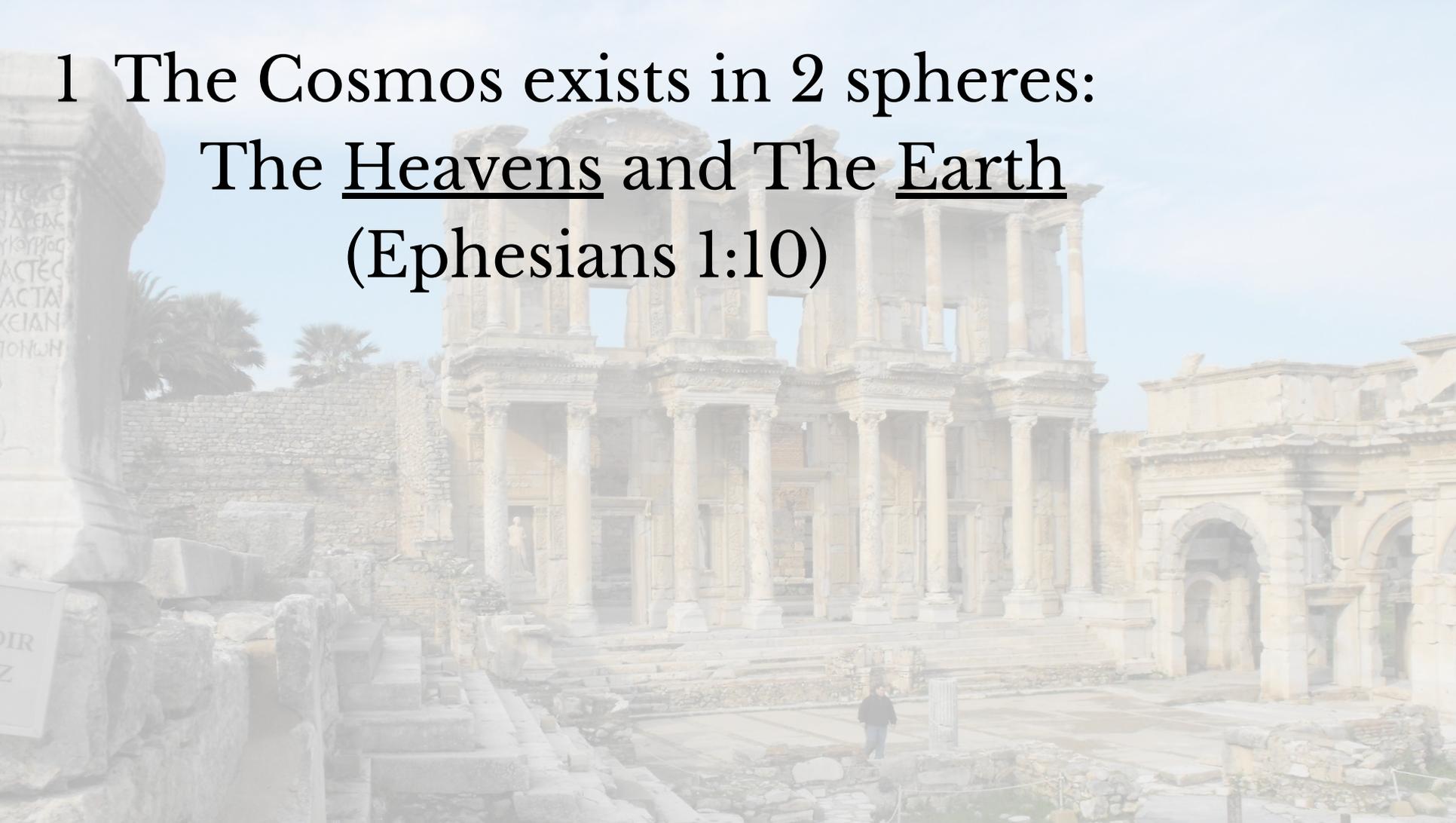


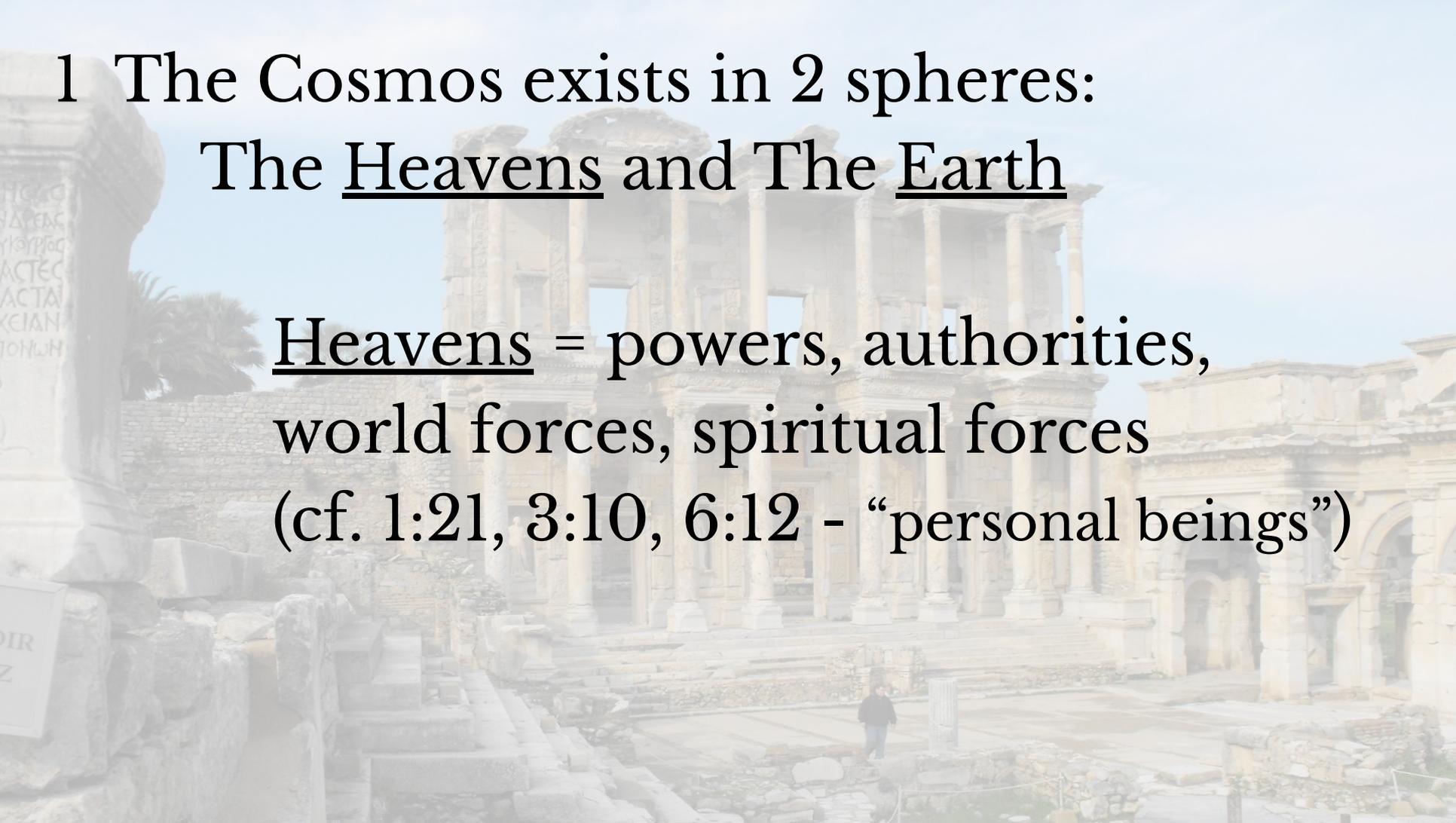
Hallmark  
CHANNEL



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The Mystery of the Church"  
(Eph. 1:8-10)

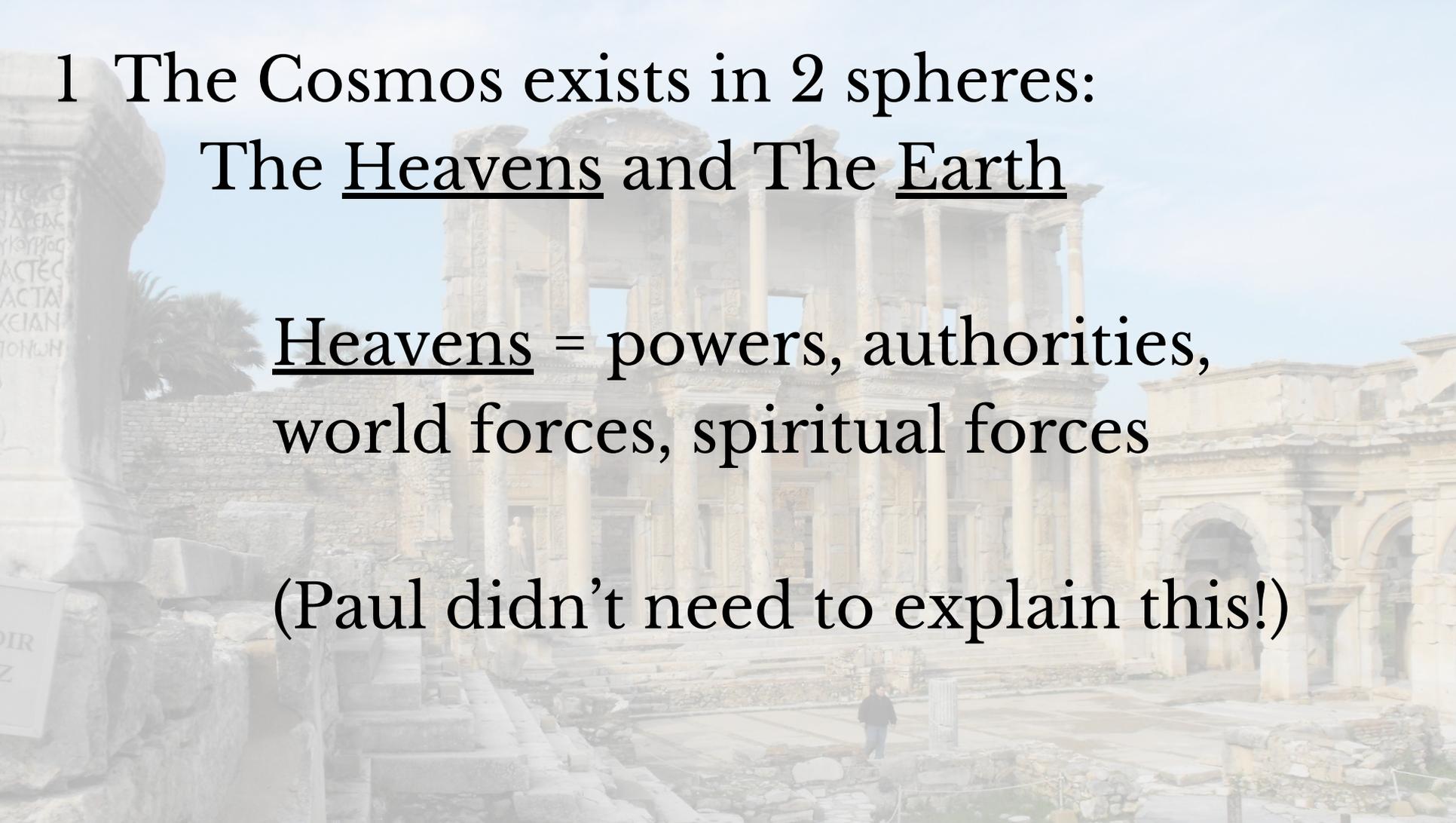
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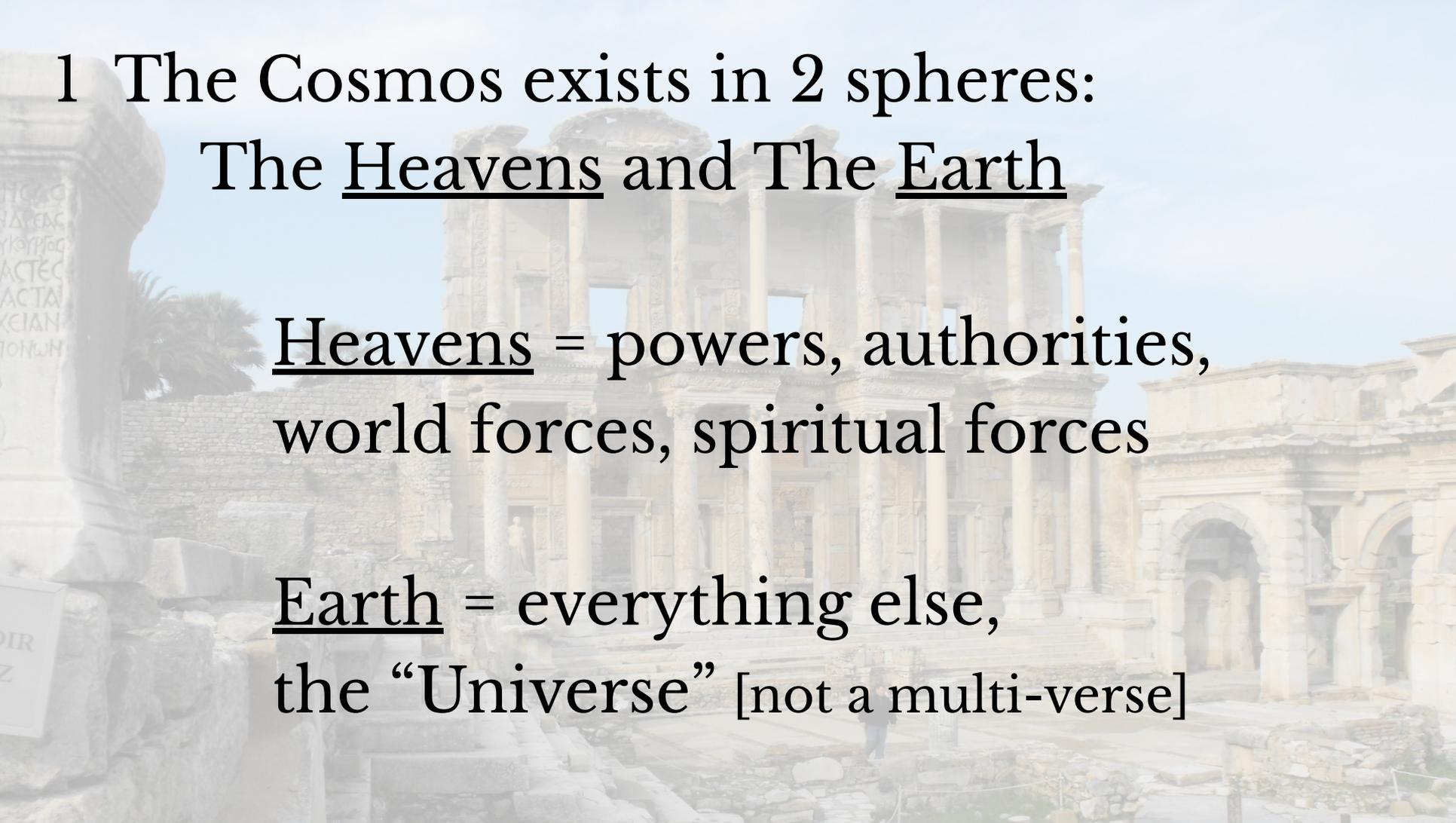
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(cf. 1:21, 3:10, 6:12 - “personal beings”)



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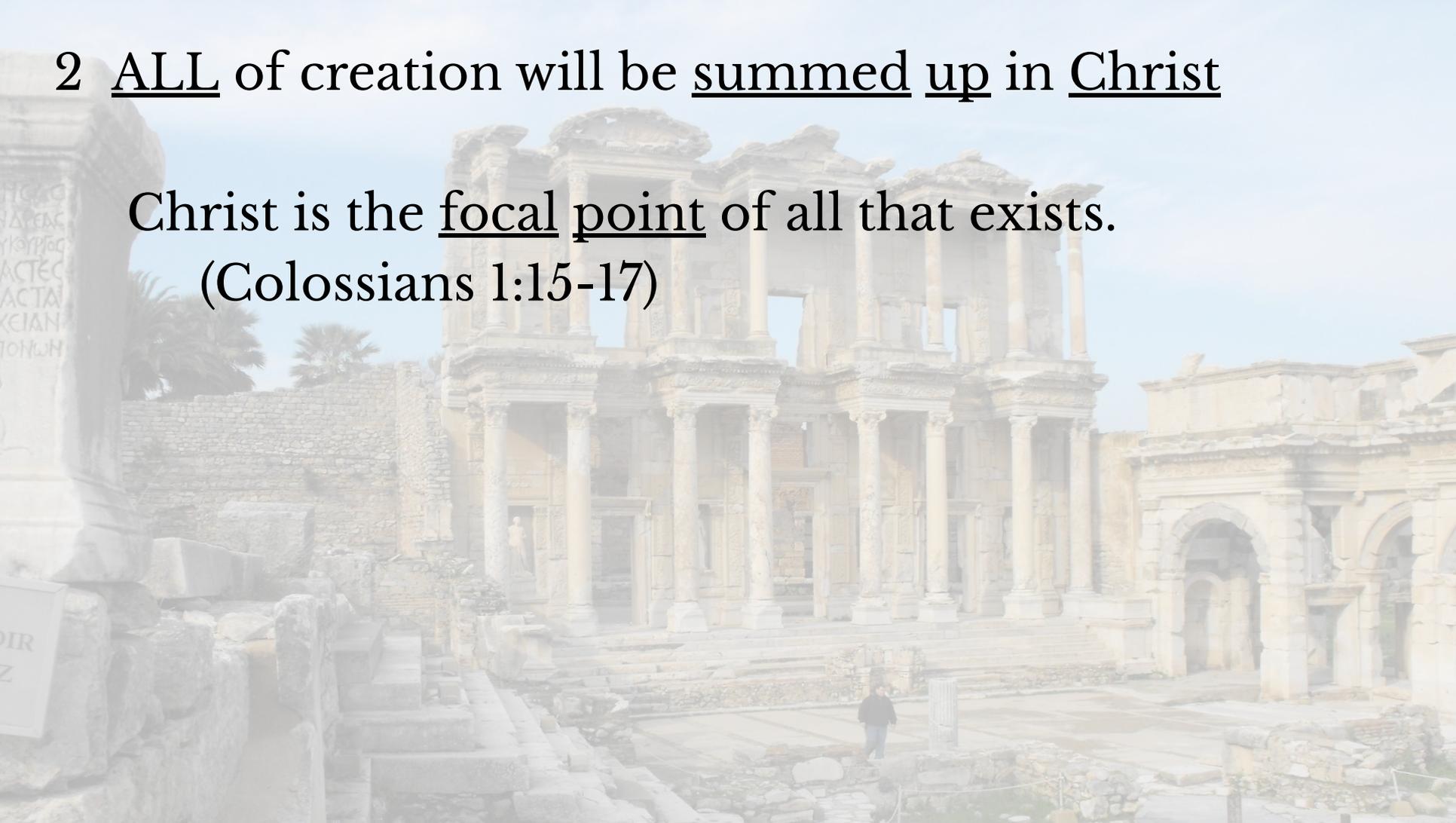
Earth = everything else,  
the “Universe” [not a multi-verse]

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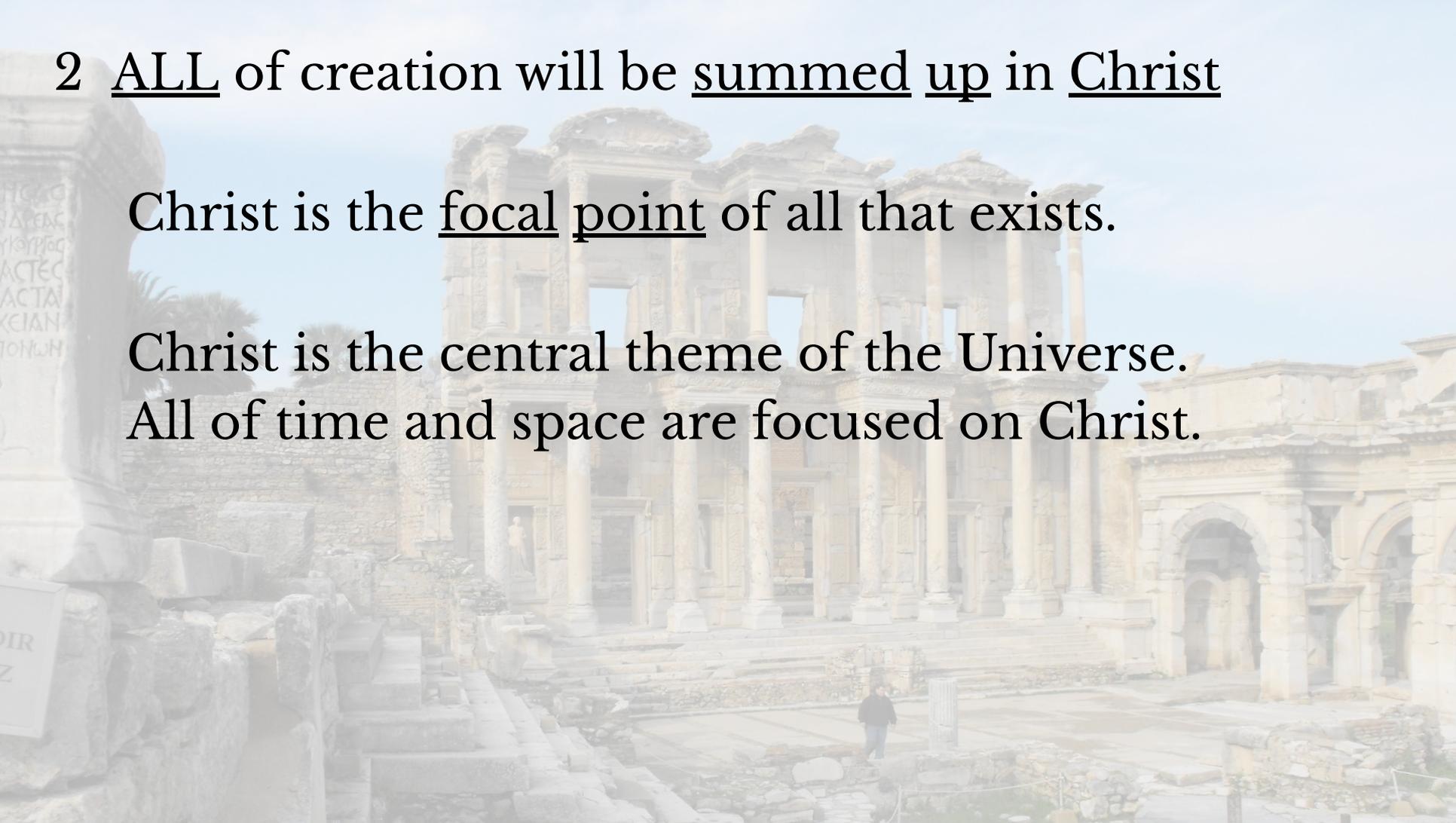
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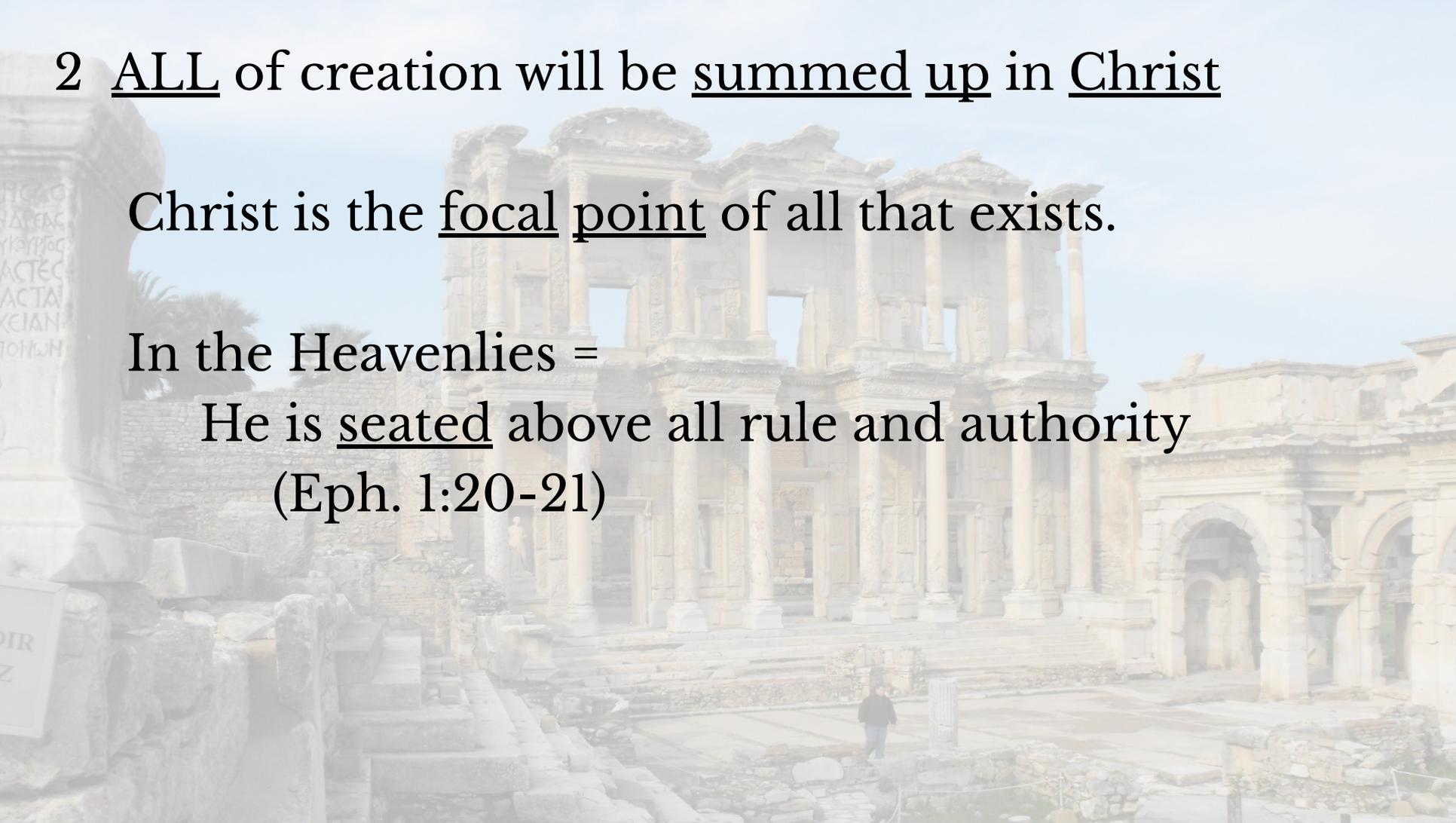
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The fragmented and alienated elements of the universe will be reunited in Christ.(cf. Rom. 8)

The heavenly powers and authorities will be subjected to Christ.

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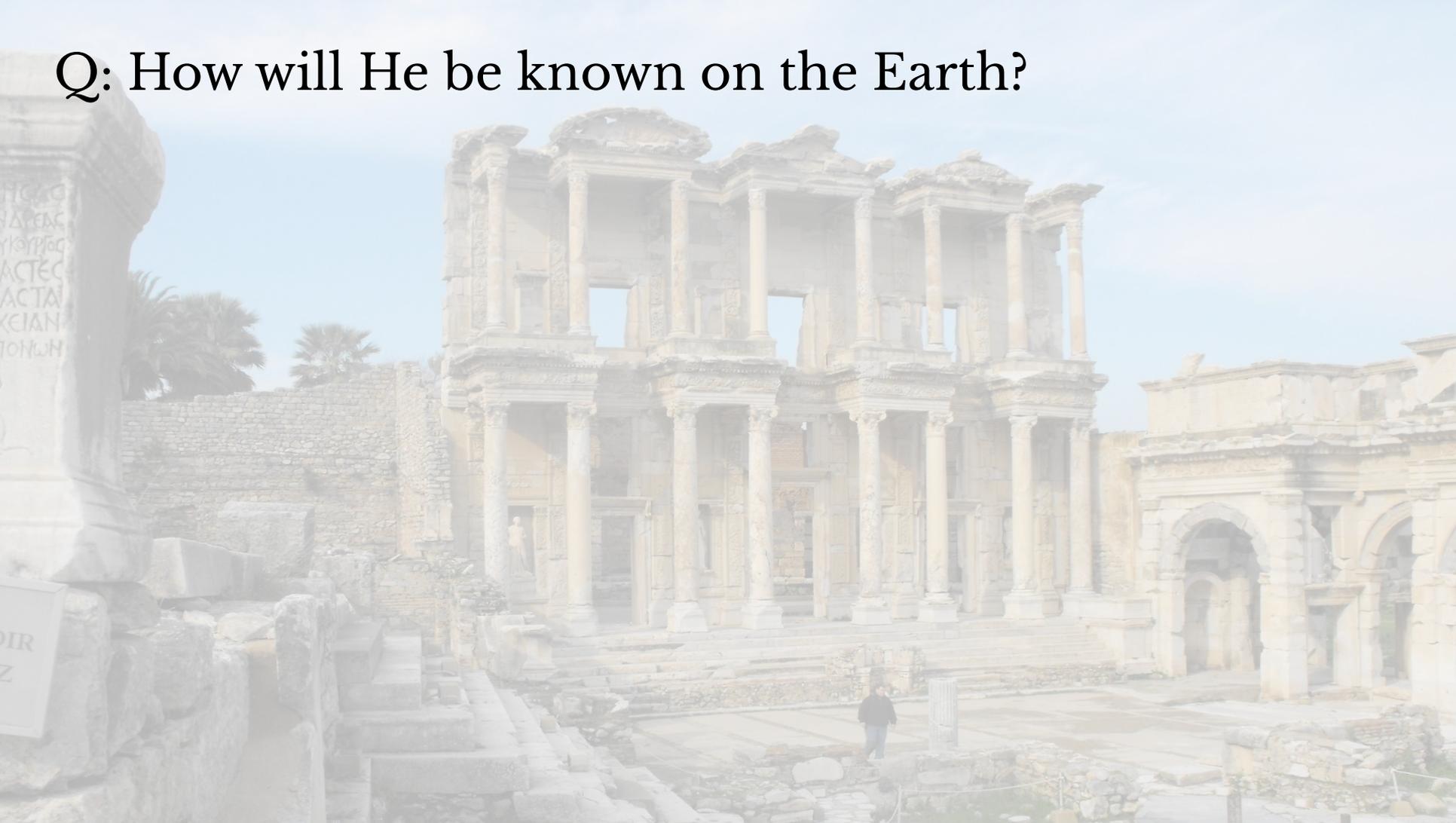
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This is the great MYSTERY of Ephesians!

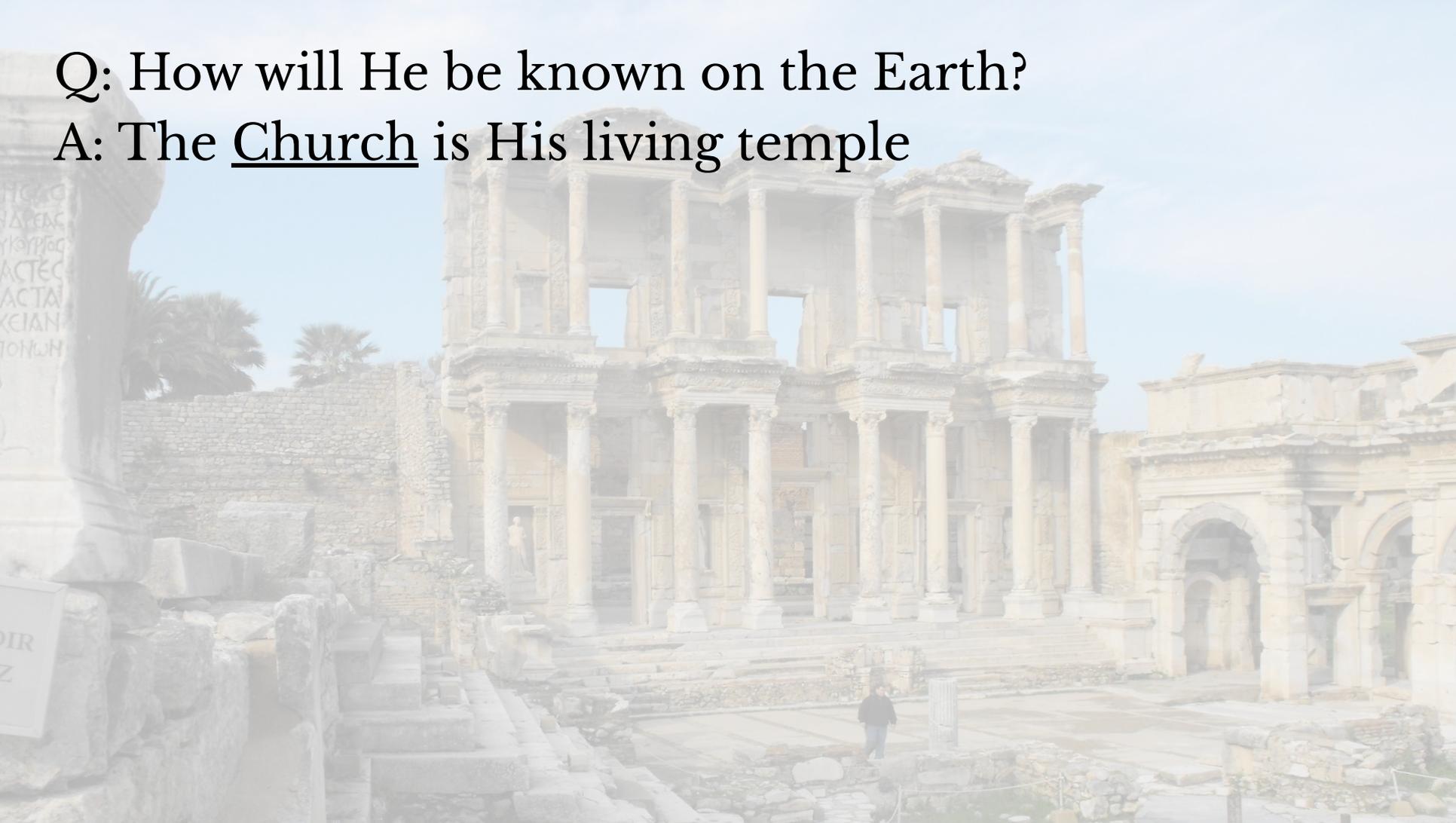
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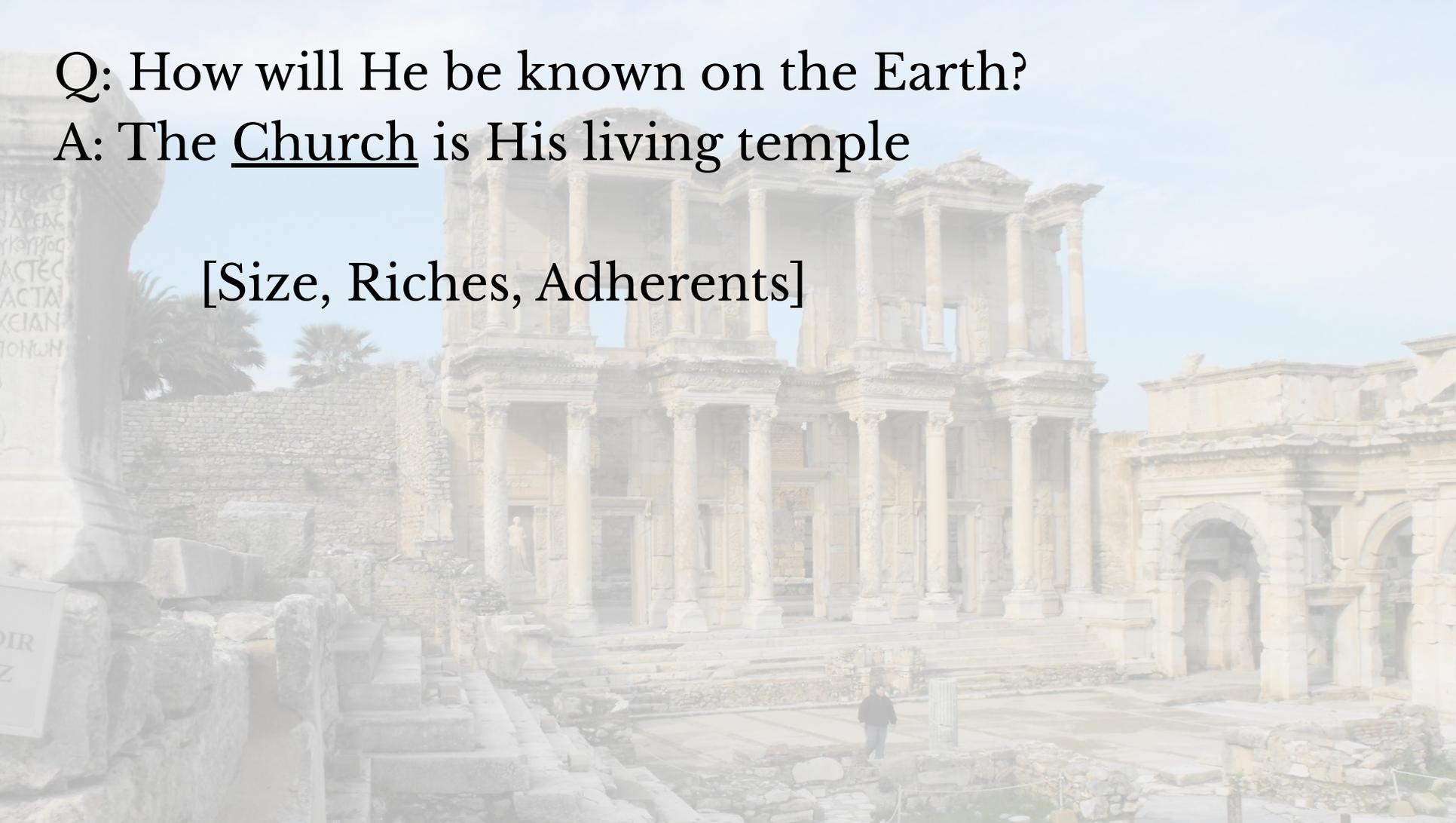
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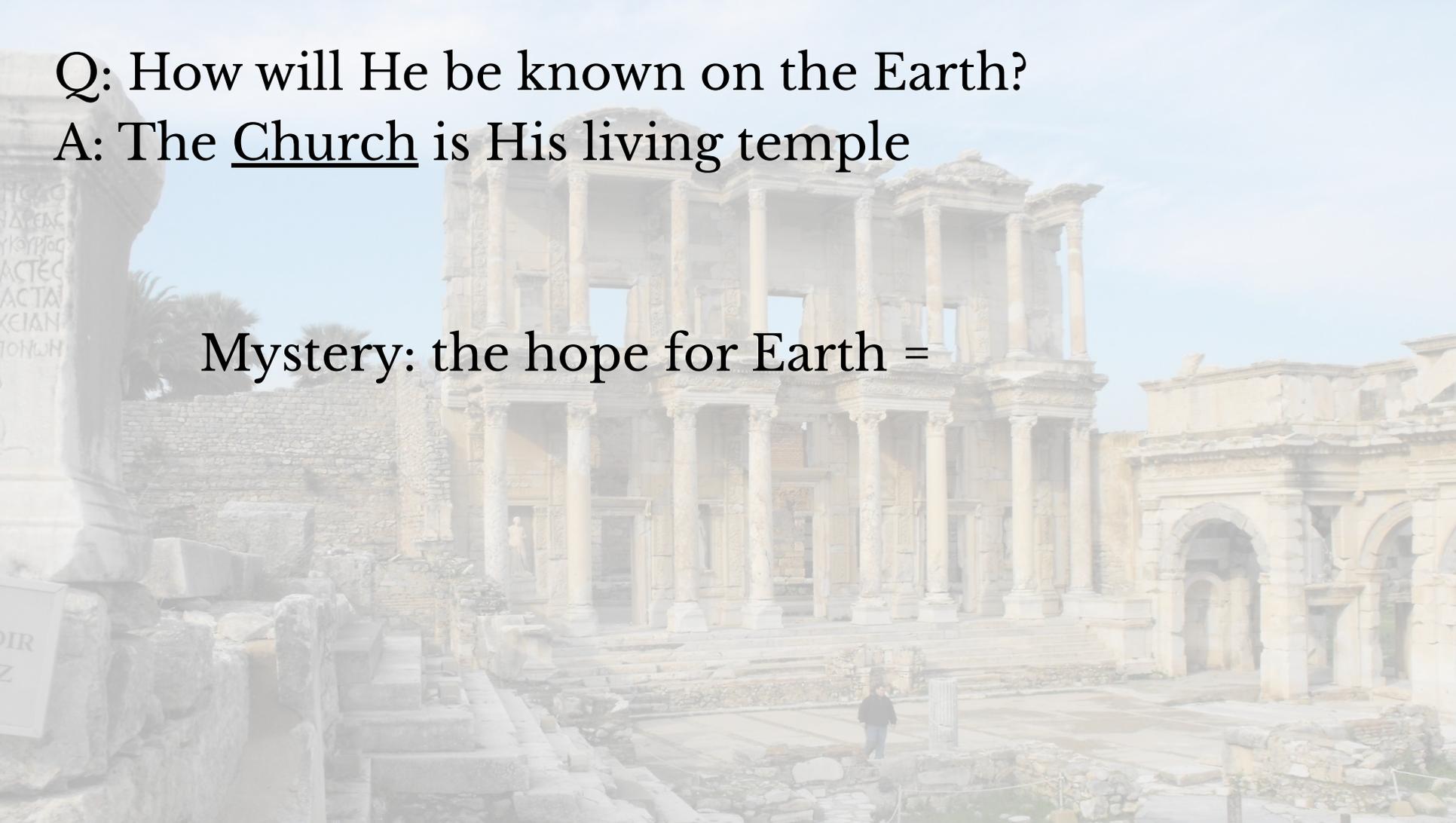
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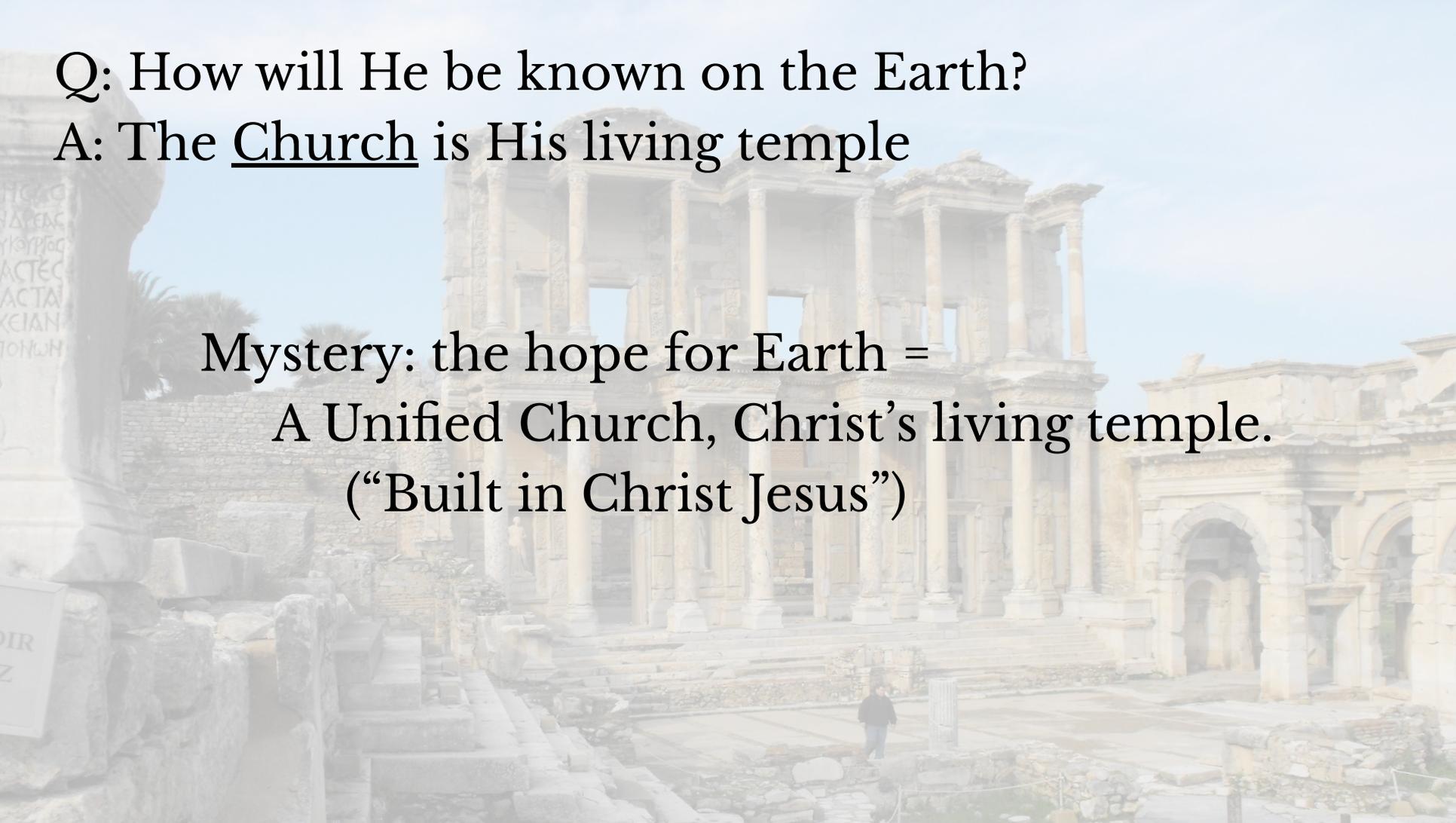
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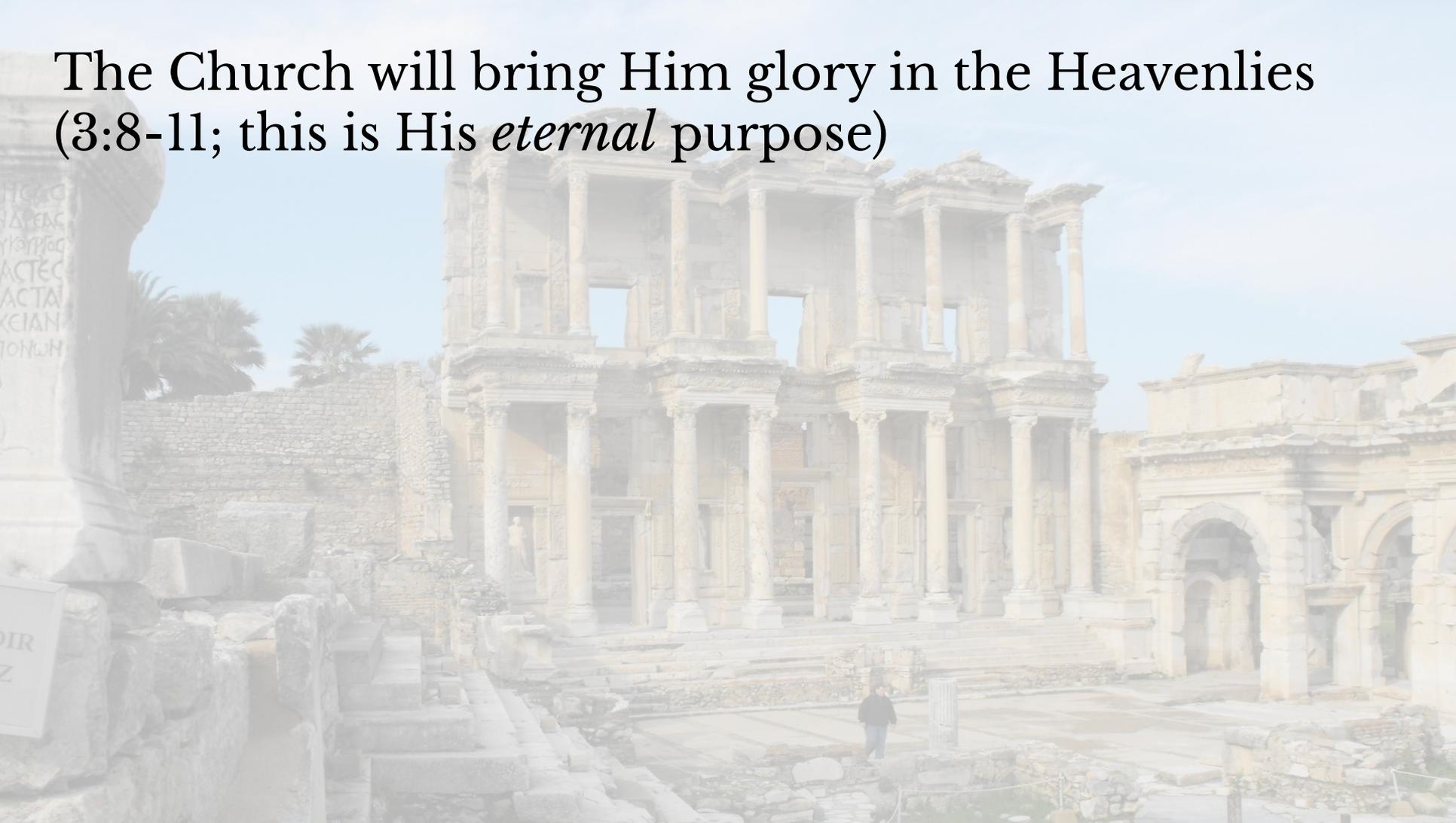
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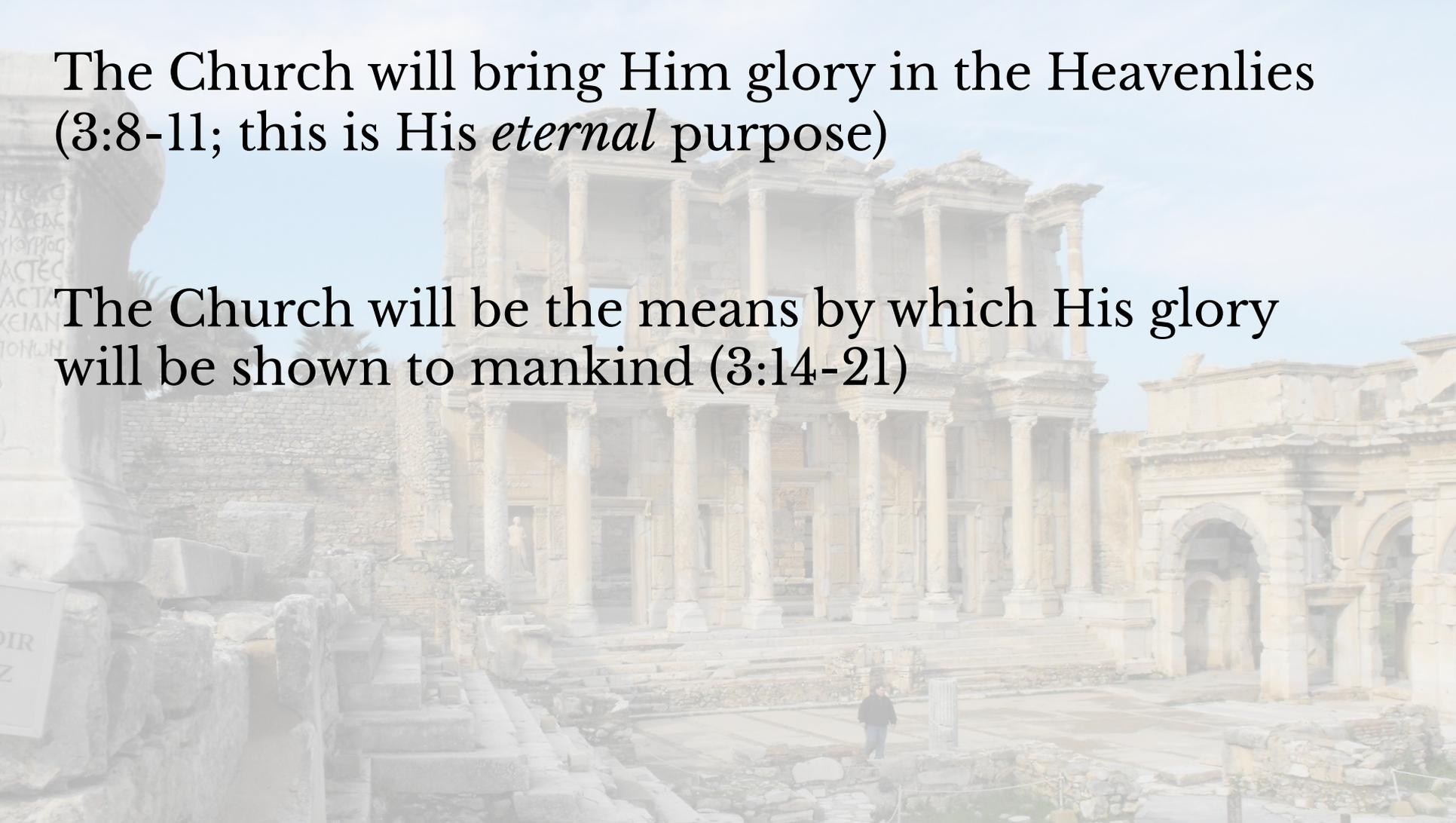


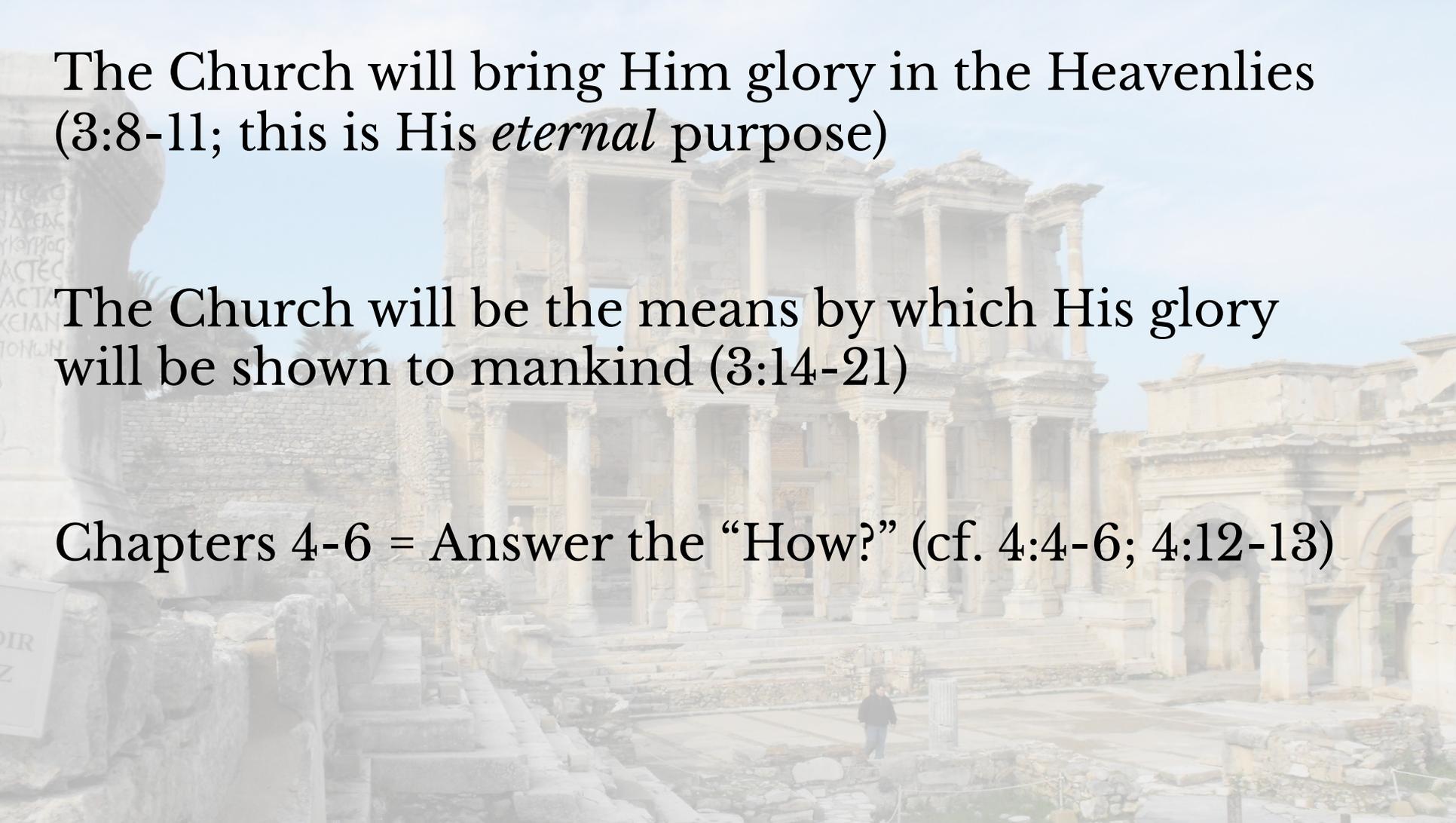
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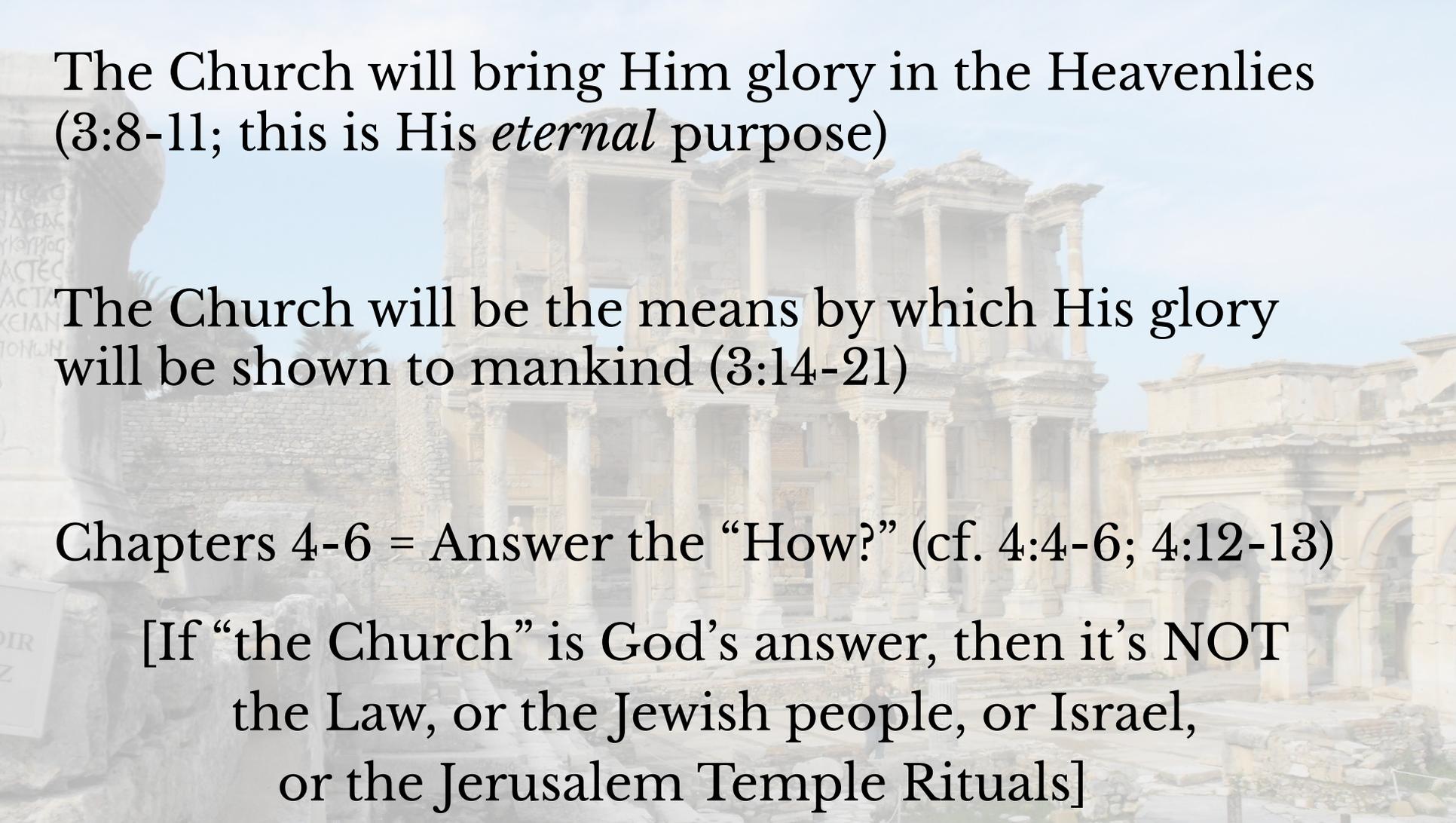




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[If “the Church” is God’s answer, then it’s NOT  
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or the Jerusalem Temple Rituals]

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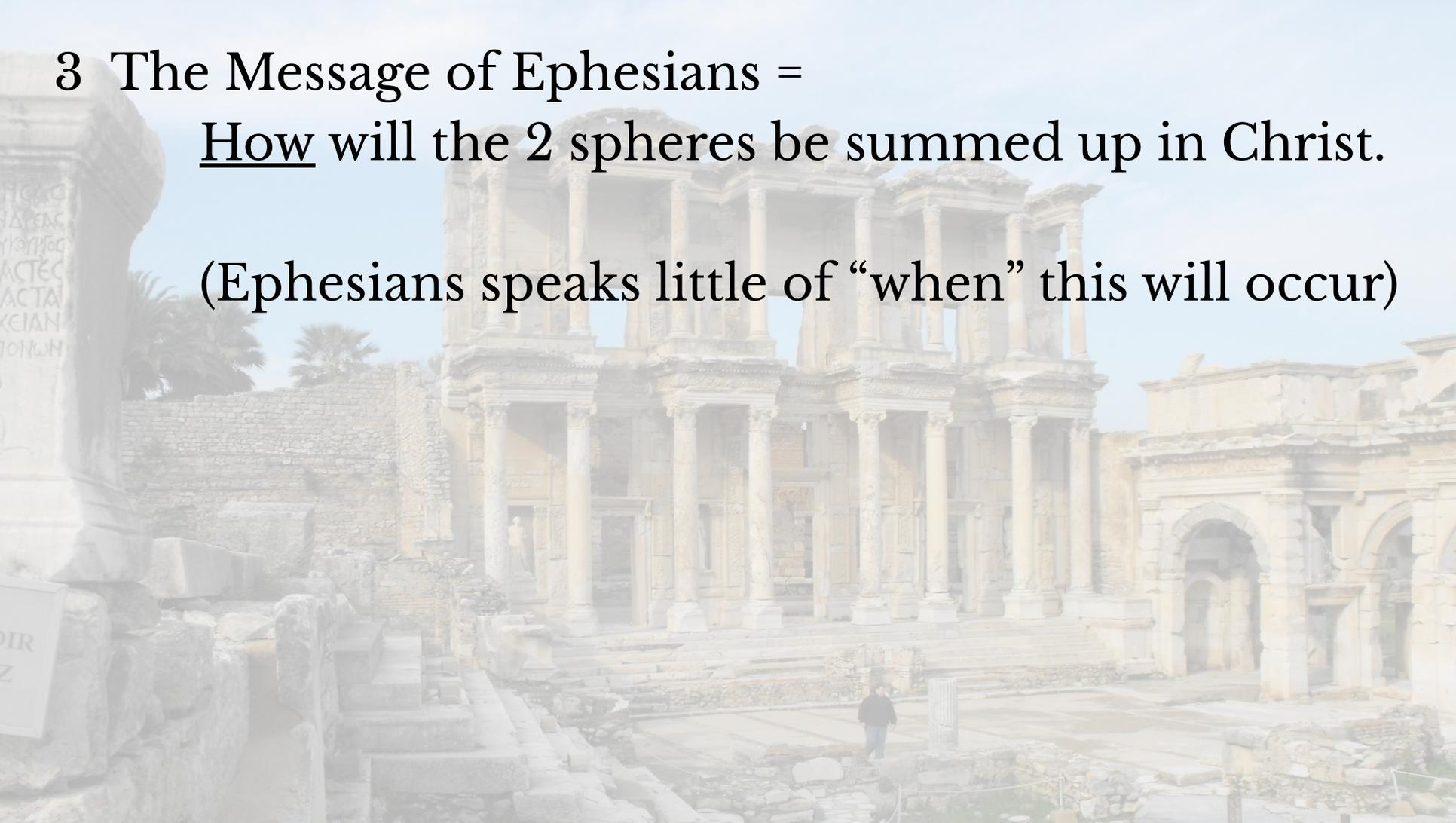


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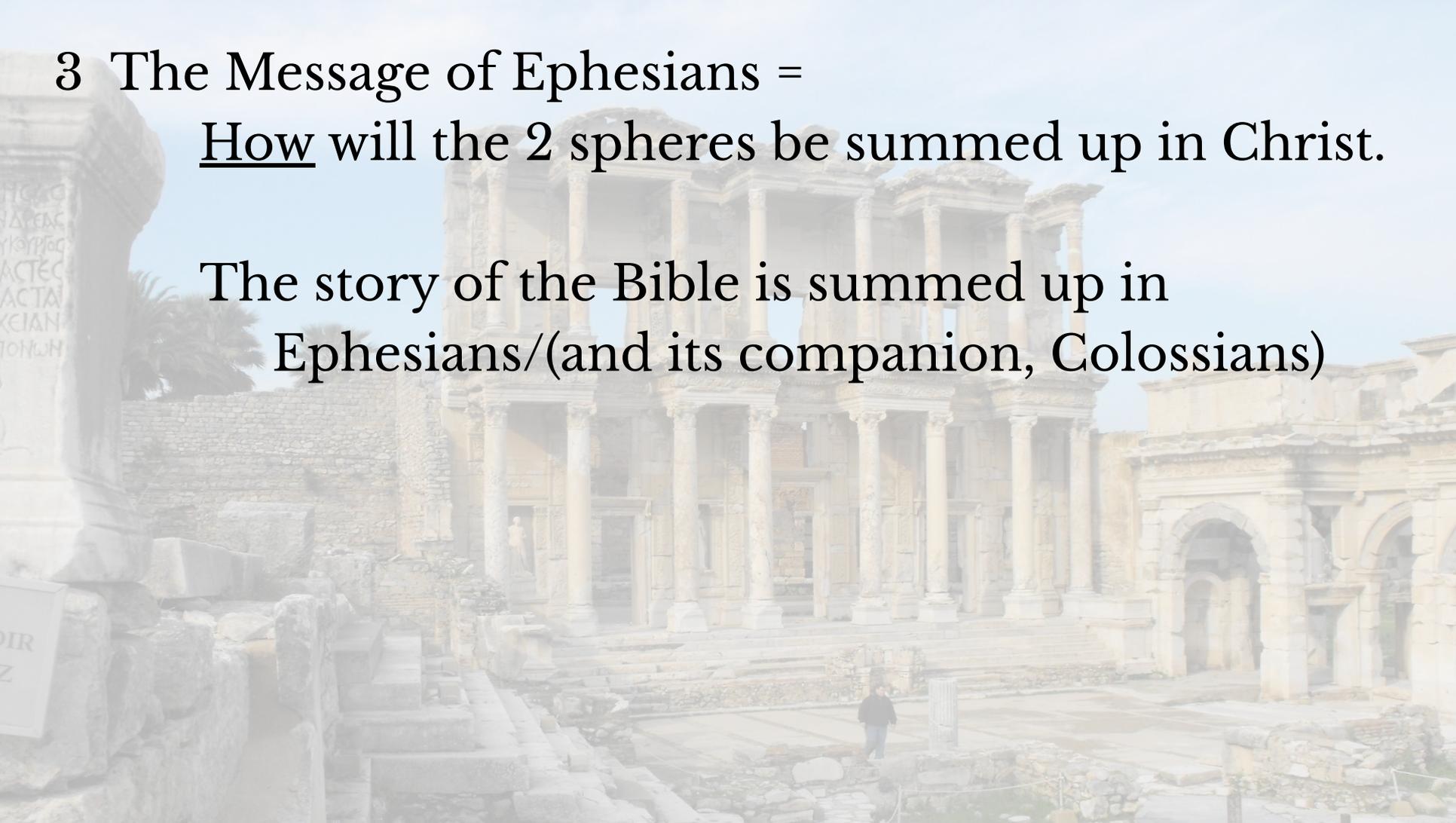
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This restoration HAS BEEN and WILL BE effected in Christ (Col. 1:19-22; Eph. 1:10) [“already” *and* “not yet”]

## APPLICATION:

This helps us understand WHY the world is so opposed specifically to Christ, not to 'religion' in general. The powers and principalities and rulers of darkness in this world are adamantly opposed to Christ, for He will one day subject them to Himself.

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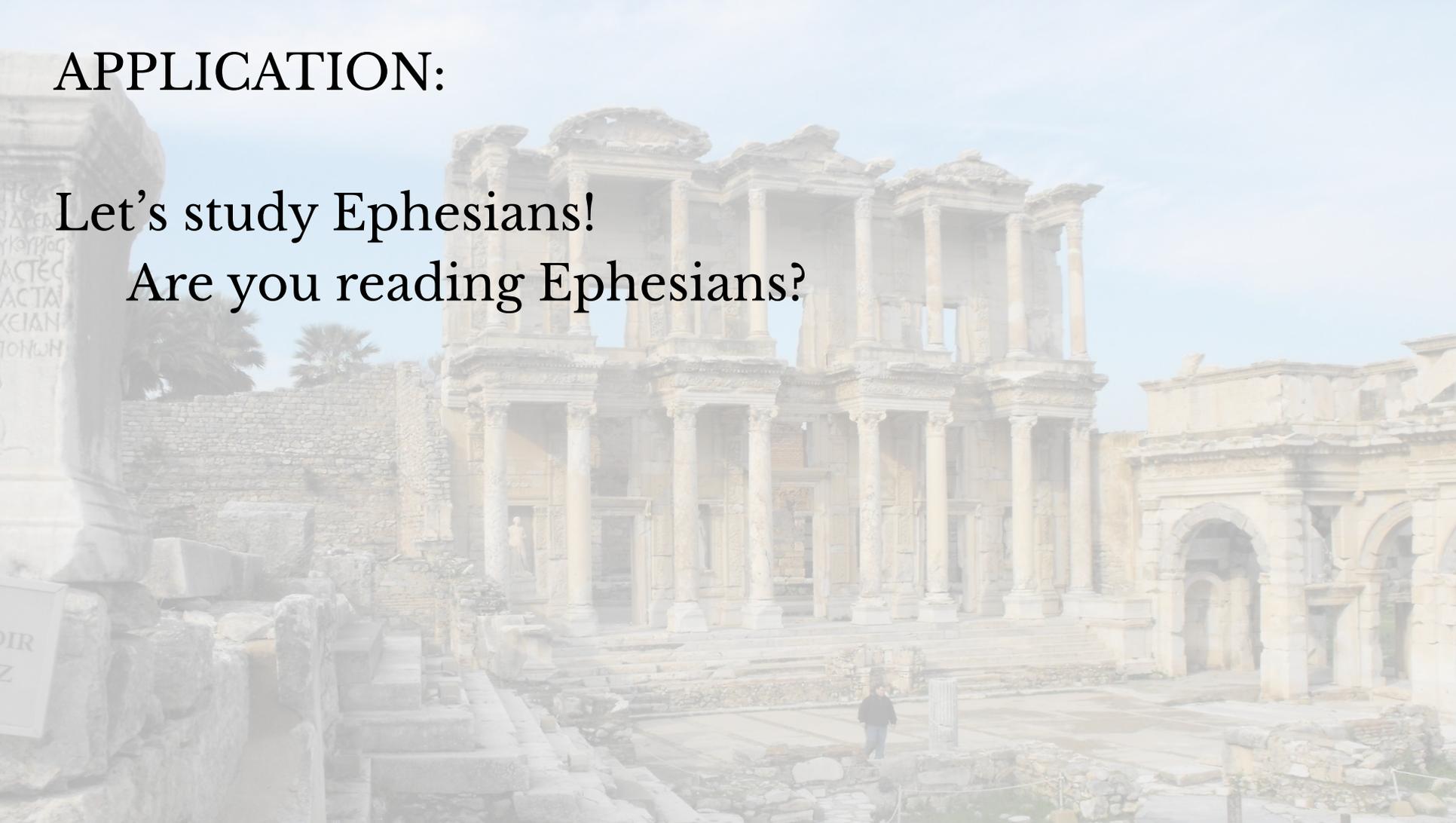
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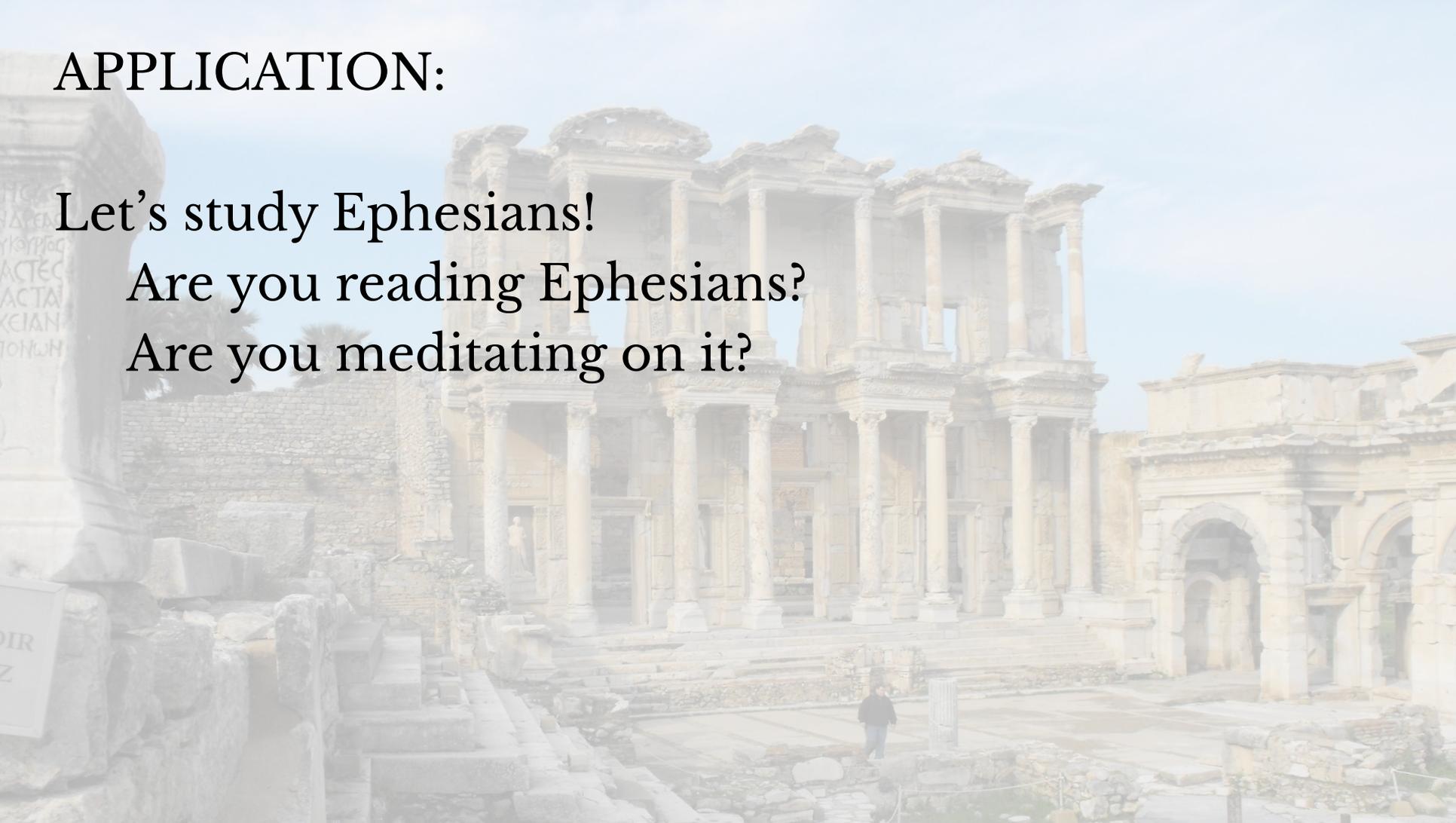


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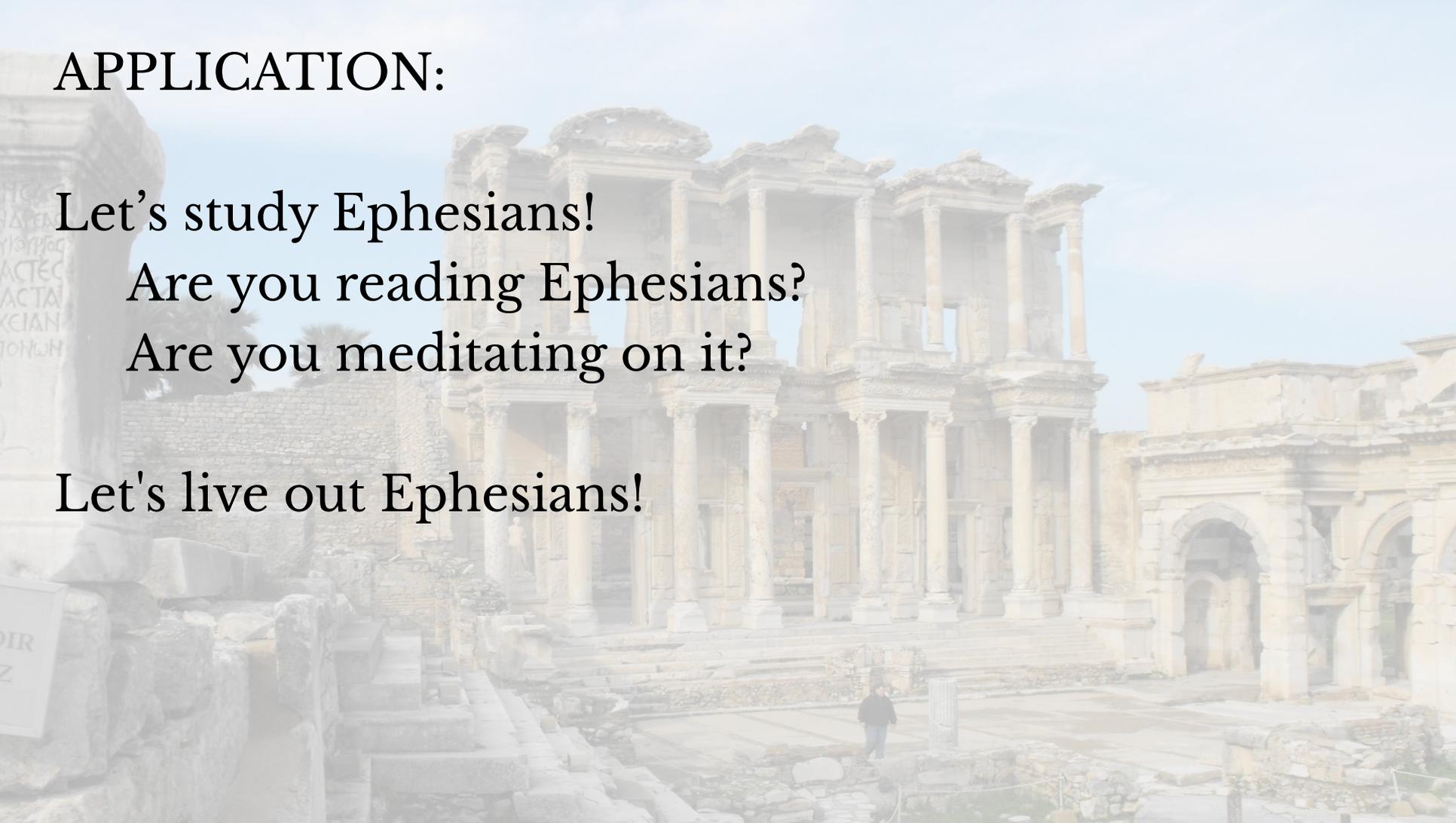
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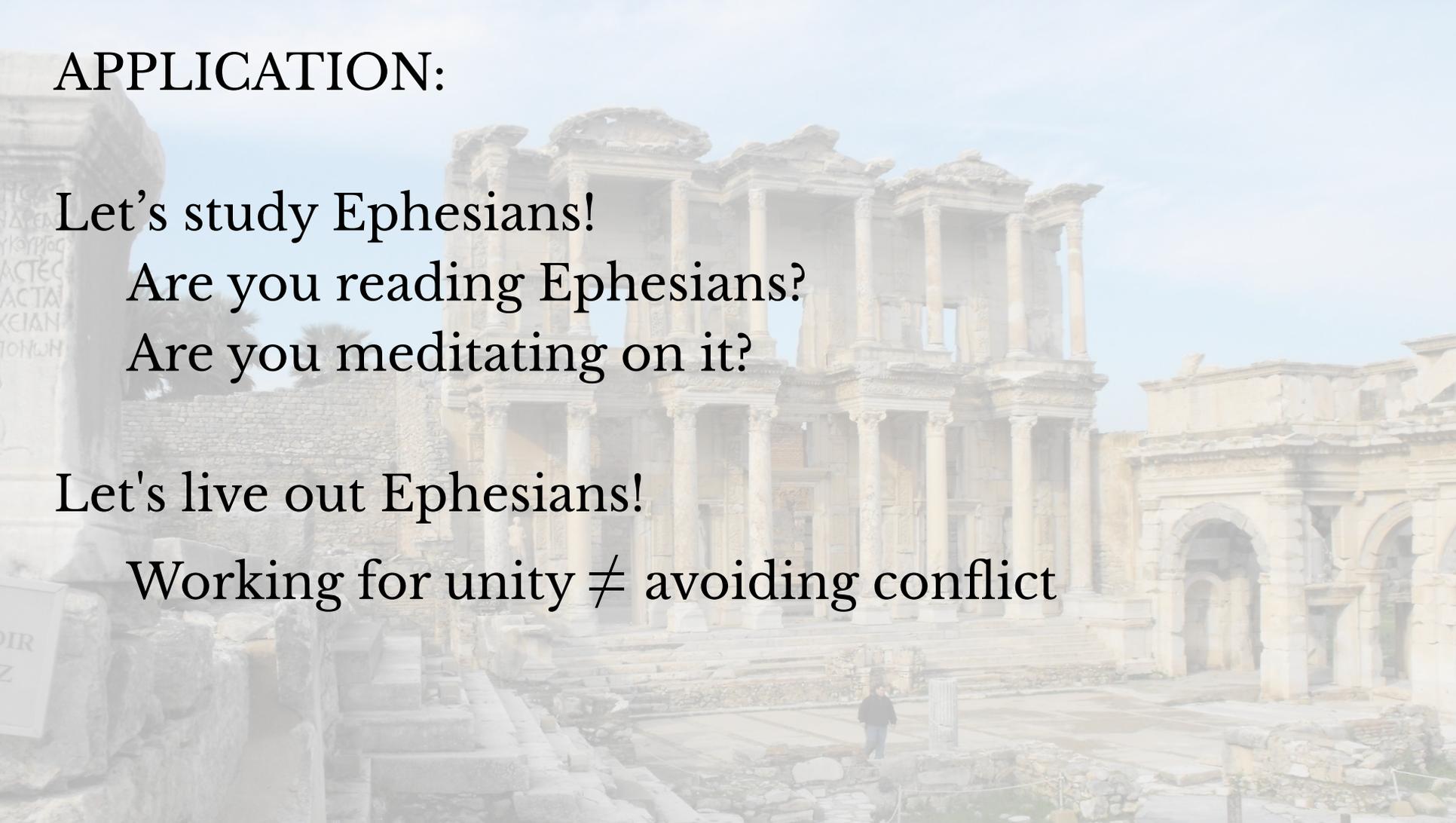
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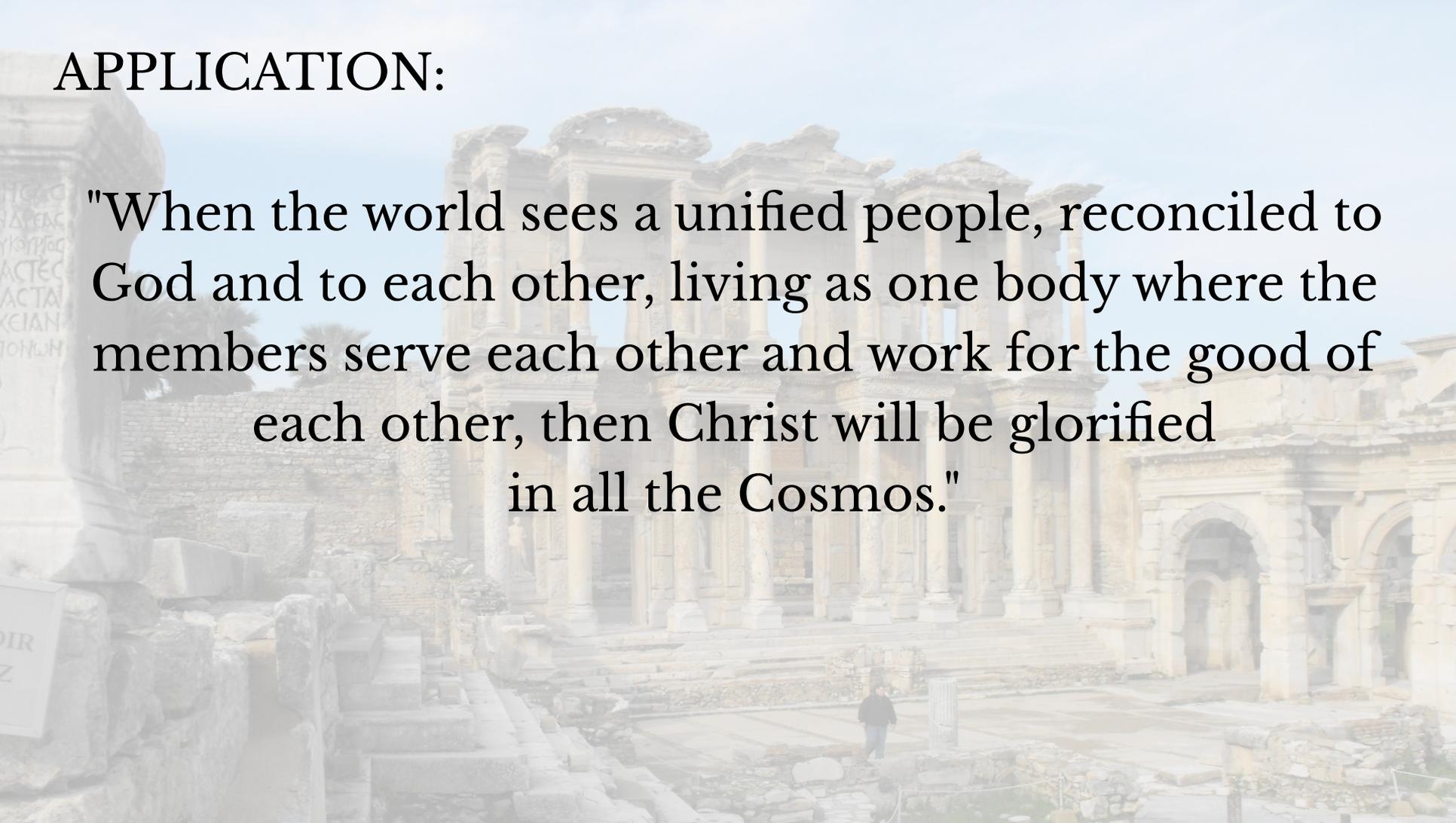
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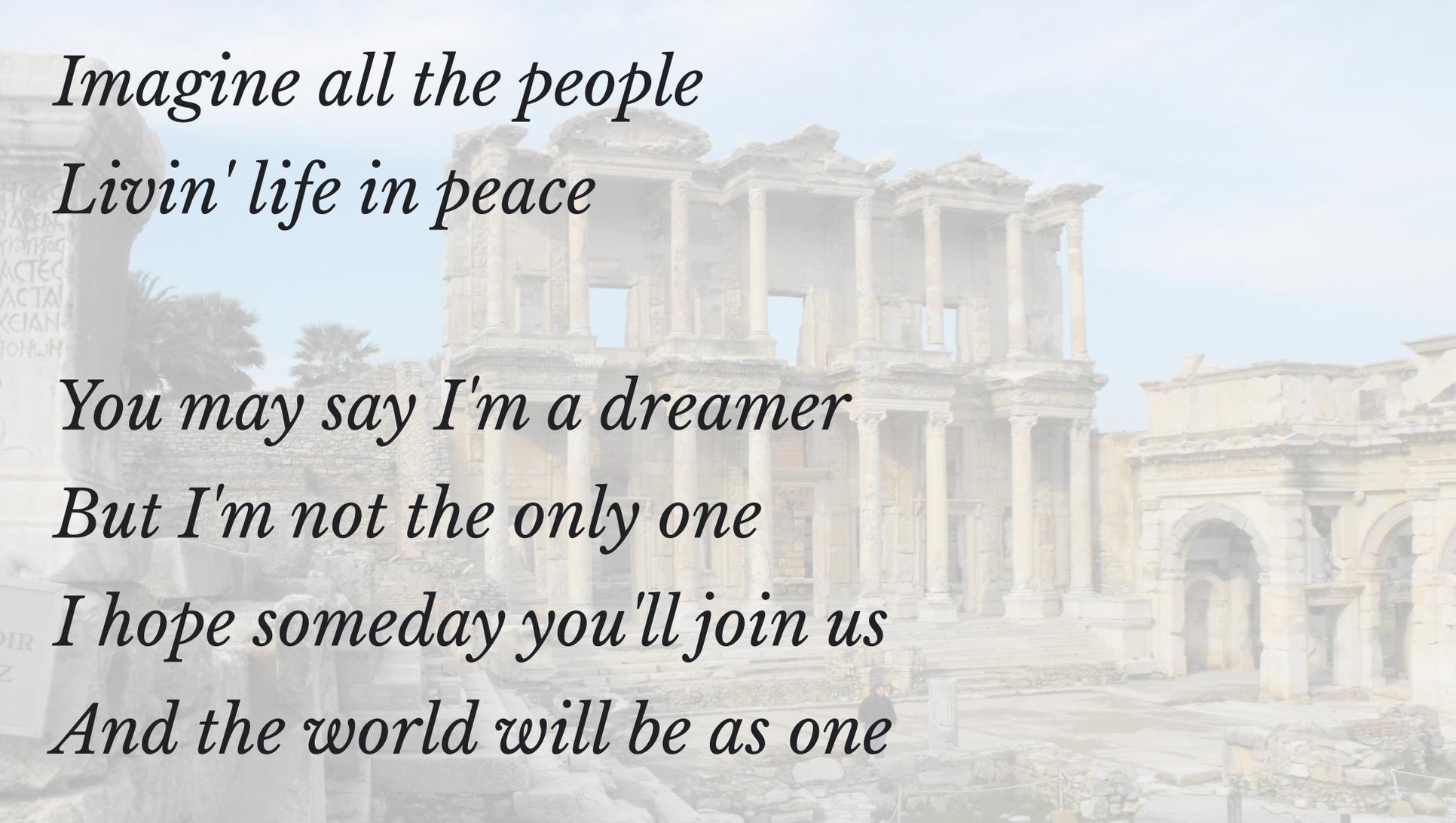
Working for unity  $\neq$  avoiding conflict



## APPLICATION:

"When the world sees a unified people, reconciled to God and to each other, living as one body where the members serve each other and work for the good of each other, then Christ will be glorified in all the Cosmos."

The background image shows the ruins of the Temple of Apollo in Side, Turkey. The temple's facade is partially reconstructed, featuring a row of tall, fluted columns supporting a pediment. In the foreground, a person is walking on a paved path, and there are various stone blocks and architectural remains scattered around. The sky is clear and blue.



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