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640-609 BC He tried for 31 years, but only had moderate successes, even though aided by prophets Nahum, Jeremiah, and Zephaniah

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(2 Kings 23:25-27)

609 BC King Jehoahaz (Josiah's son) was a wicked ruler; he was imprisoned by Pharaoh Neco
(2 Kings 23:31-33)

609-597 BC King Jehoiakim (Josiah's son) was a weak, evil vassal king who served Egypt
(2 Kings 23:34 - 24:7)

("Vassal" - a person or country in a subordinate position to another)

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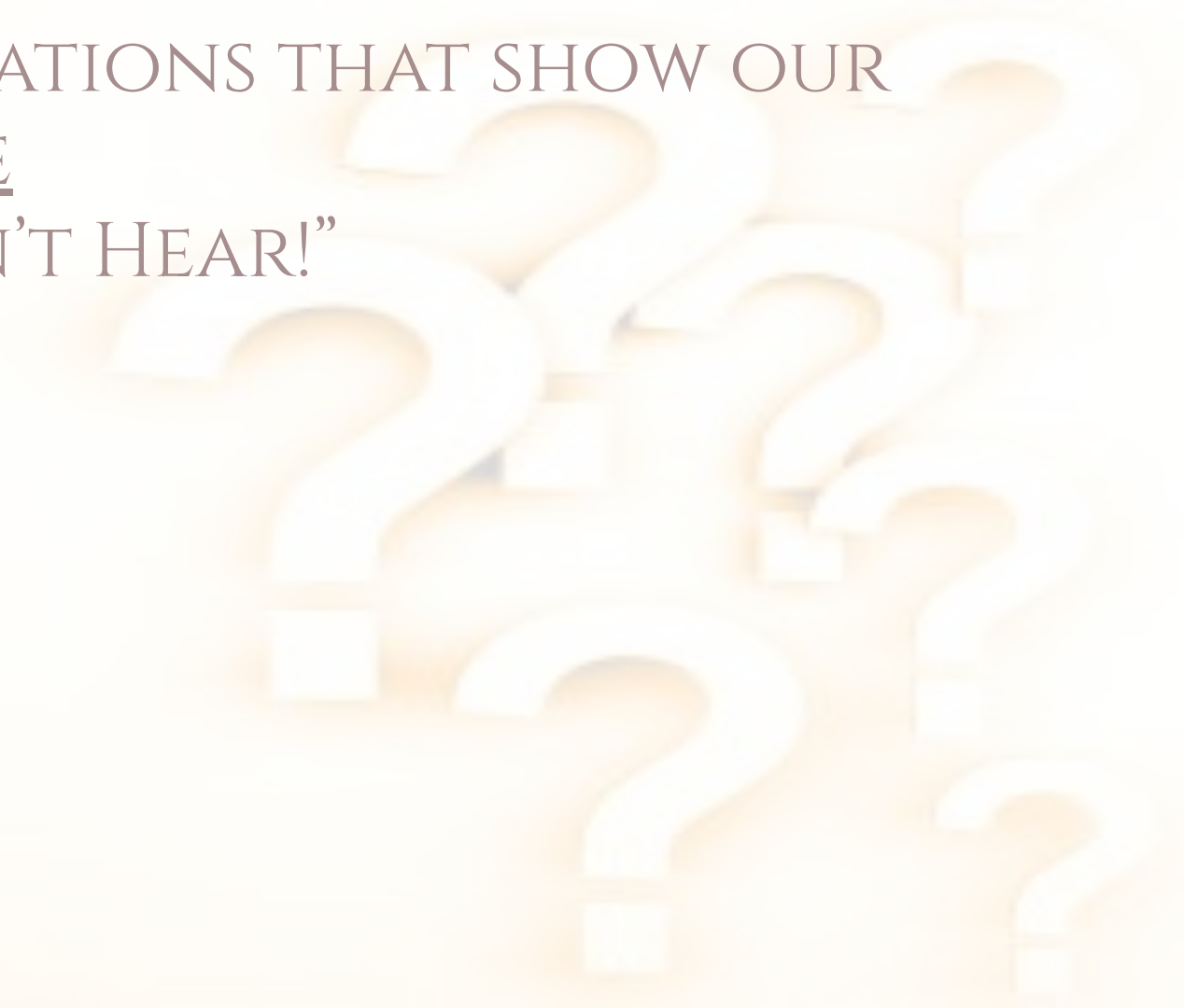
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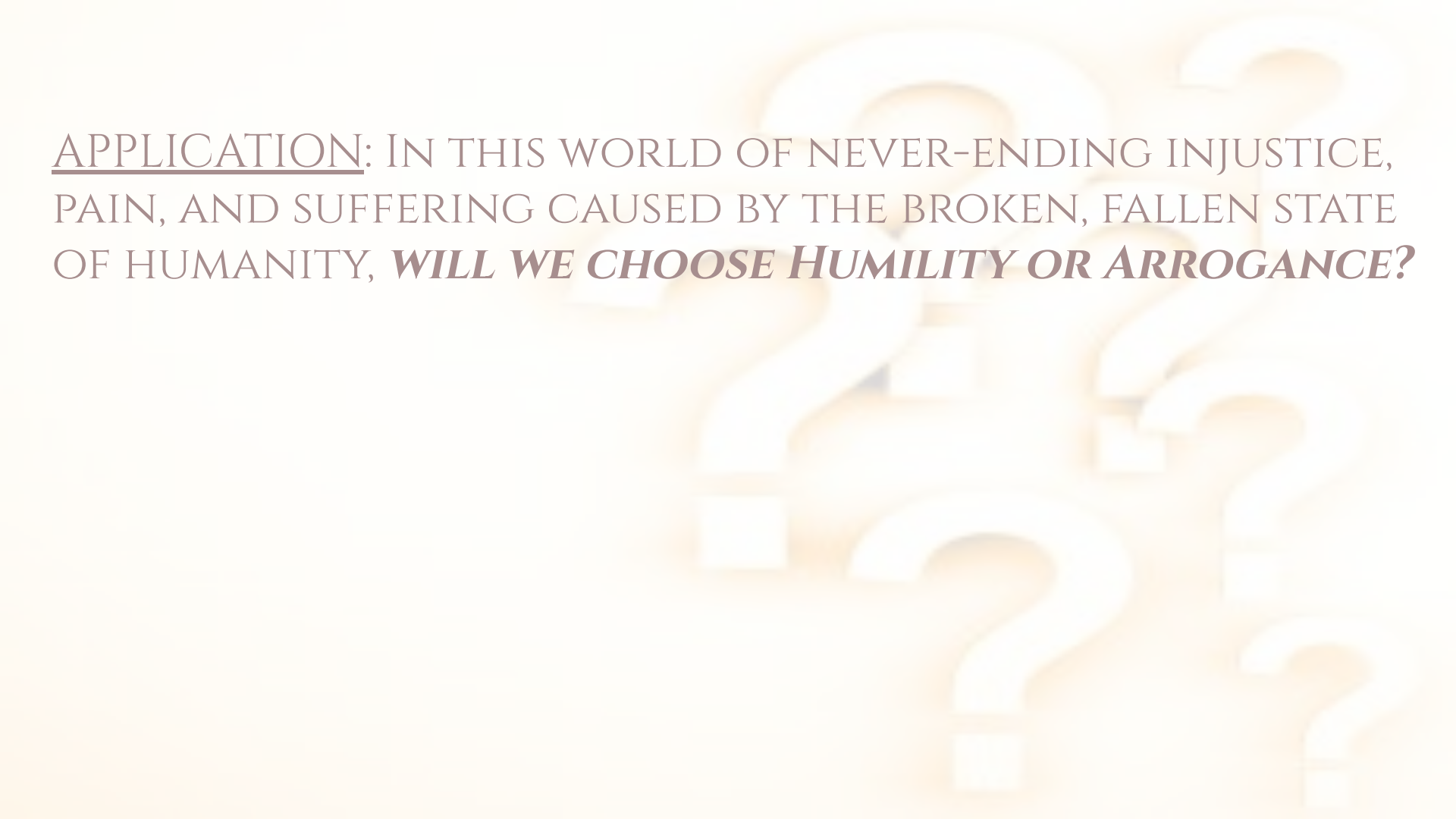
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