



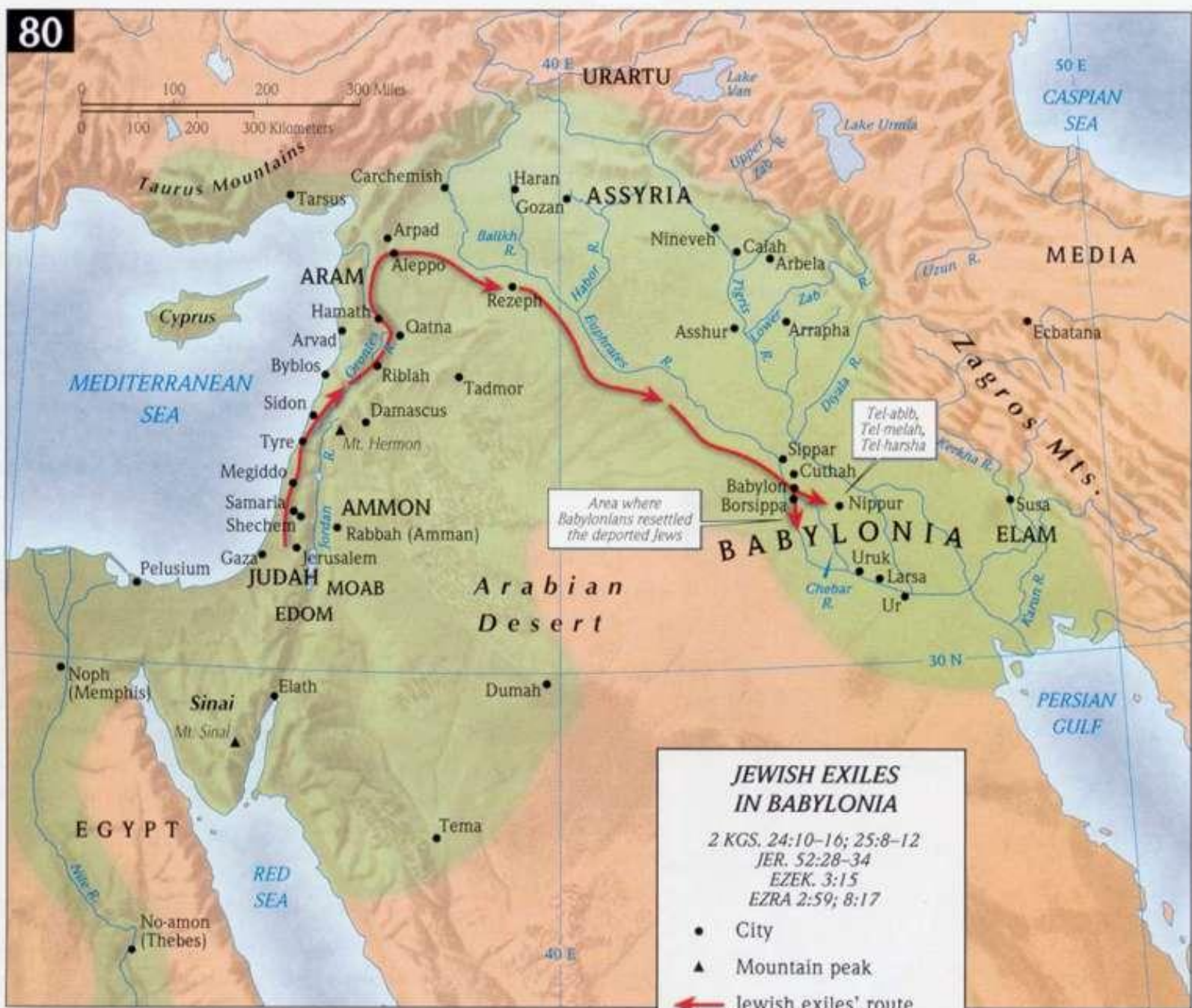
Living Distinctively at
Babylon University

DANIEL 1

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Daniel 1:1-2



Area where Babylonians resettled the deported Jews

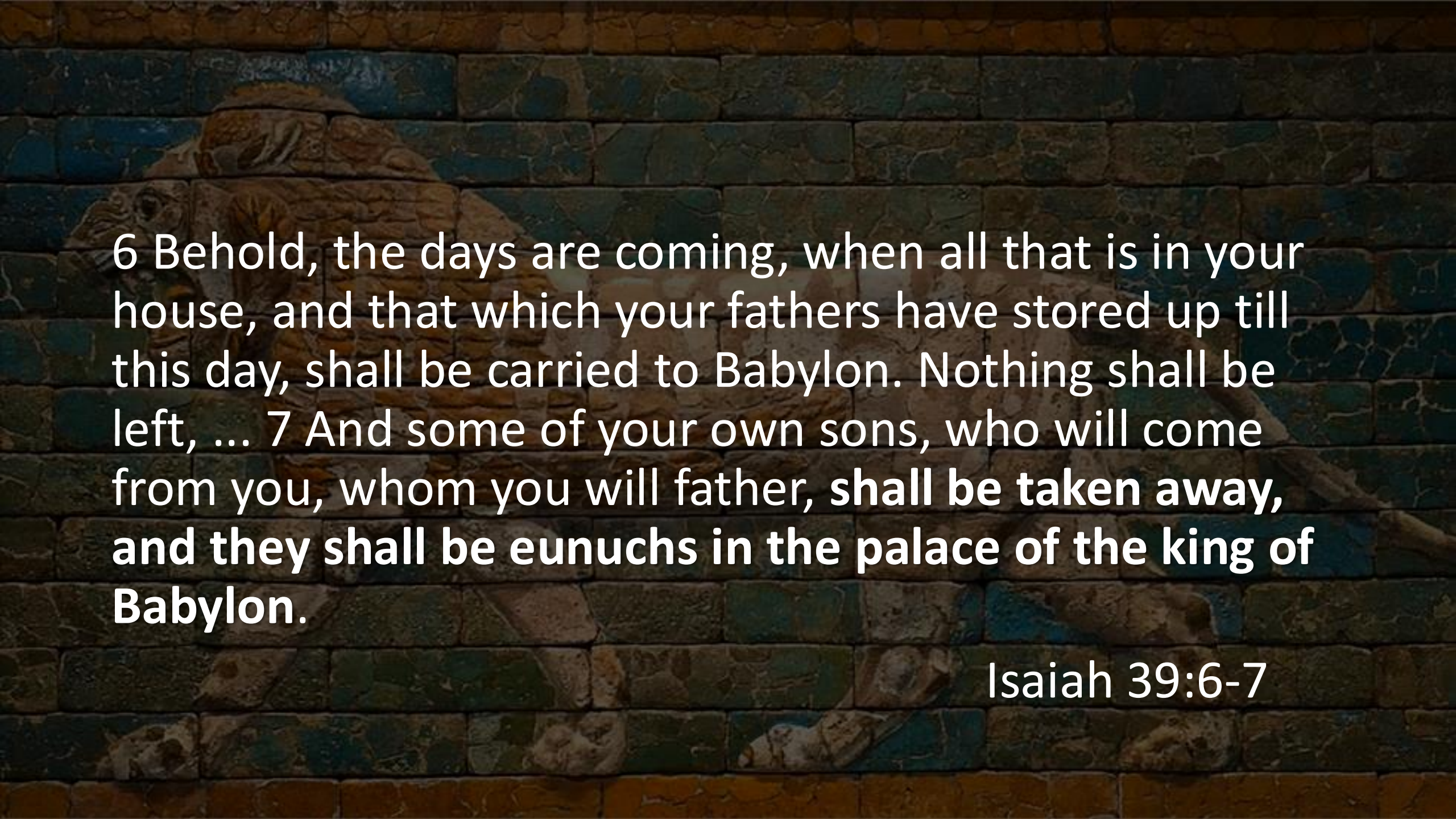
JEWISH EXILES IN BABYLONIA
 2 KGS. 24:10-16; 25:8-12
 JER. 52:28-34
 EZEK. 3:15
 EZRA 2:59; 8:17

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ← Jewish exiles' route
- Neo-Babylonian Empire

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6 Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, ... 7 And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

Isaiah 39:6-7

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The pressure of Babylon University

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Daniel 1:3-4

⁵ The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. ⁶ Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. ⁷ And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

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Daniel 1:7

Live distinctively by...

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Daniel 1:8

Developing your Biblical convictions & courage ahead of time.

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- **Vs. 2** And the **Lord gave** Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand,
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Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. 9 And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, 10 and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king.”

Daniel 1:8b-10

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11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 “Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

Daniel 1:11-13

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24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

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15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with **gentleness and respect,**

1 Peter 3:15

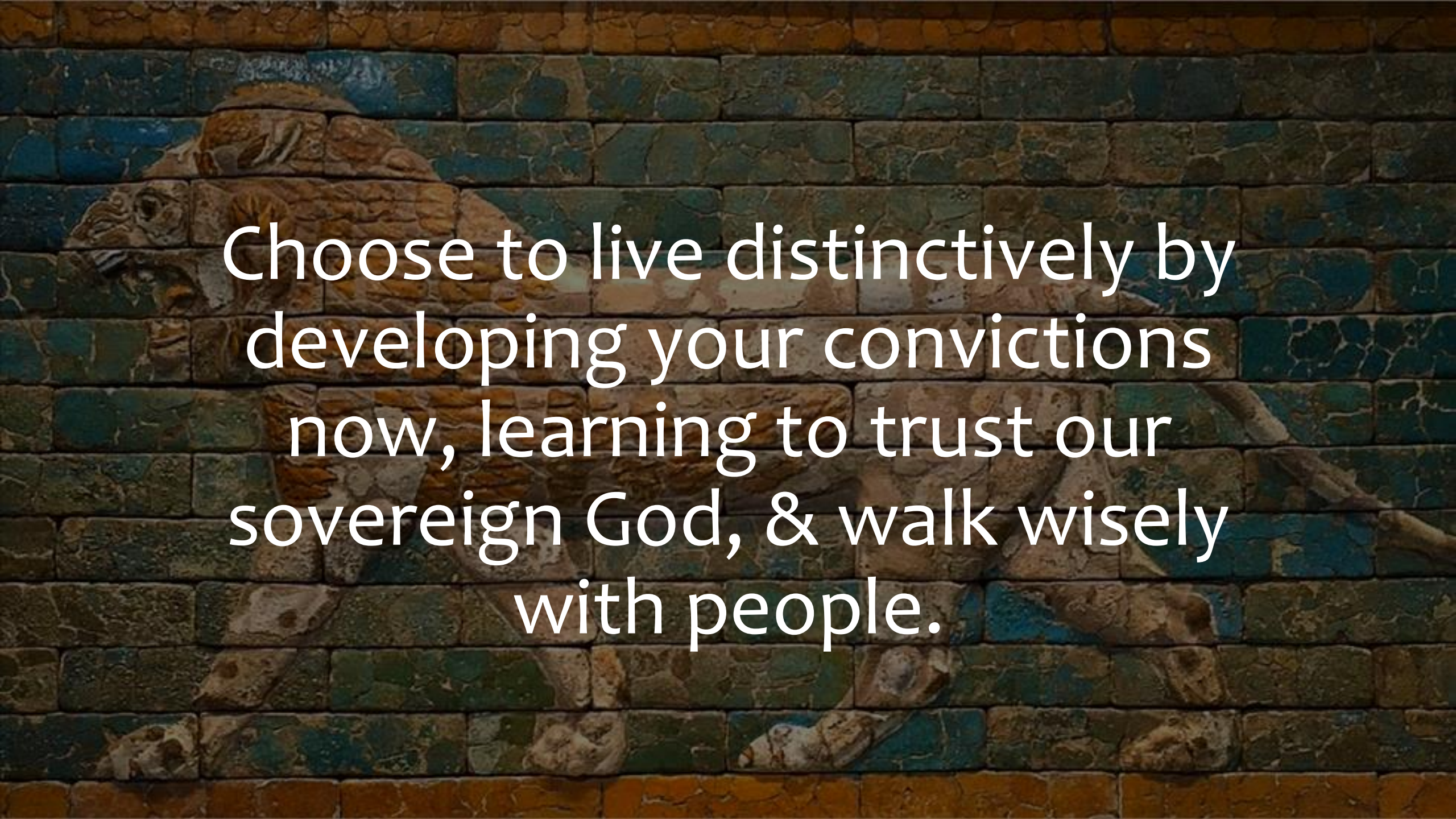
The LORD provides and blesses.

15 At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. 16 So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. 17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:15-17

¹⁸ At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. ²⁰ And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers that were in all his kingdom. ²¹ And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 1:18-21

A stone wall with a relief of a man's head. The wall is made of irregular, dark brown and grey stones. On the left side, there is a relief of a man's head, possibly a prophet or a historical figure, looking towards the right. The text is overlaid on the wall in a white, sans-serif font.

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