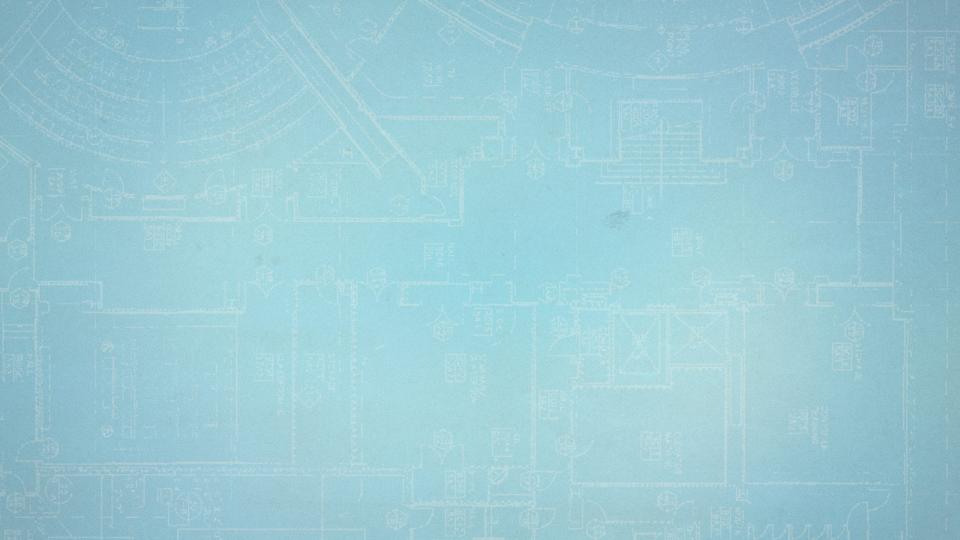


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"Good News, Bad News, Now What?"



¹ Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads.

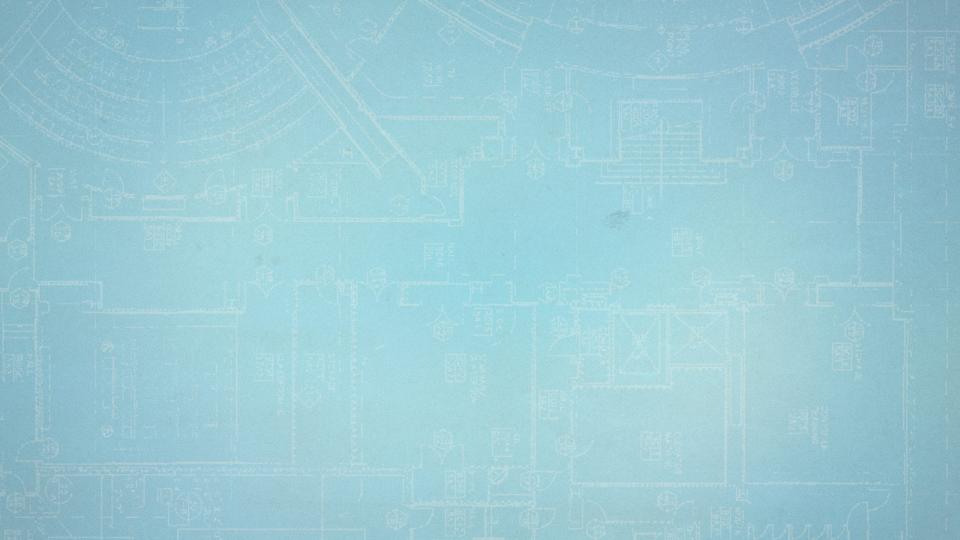


³ And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day;



for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God.





⁶ "You are the Lord, you alone.



You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it,



the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.



⁷ You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham.



⁹ "And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea,



¹⁰ and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land,



for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers.



And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day.

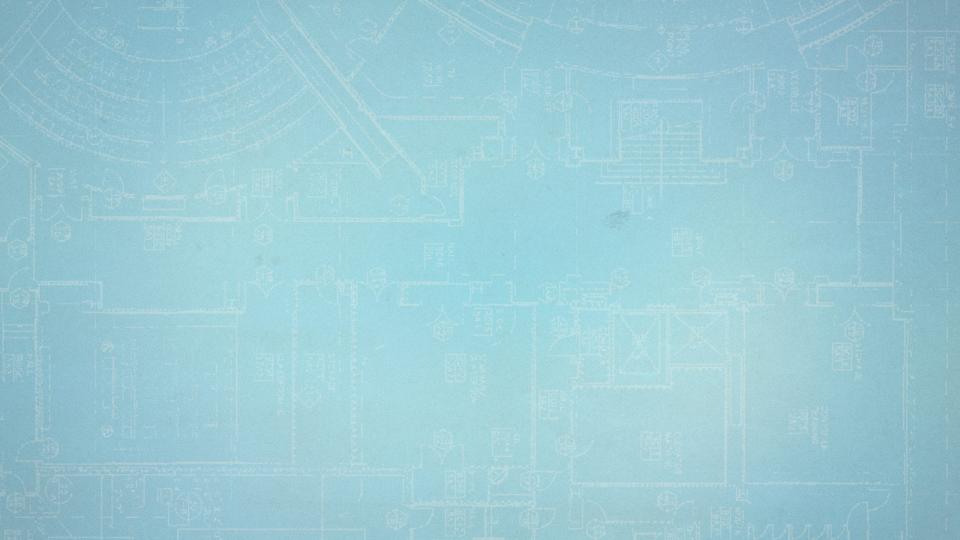


¹¹ And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land,



and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters.





¹⁶ "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments.



¹⁷ They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them,



but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt.



But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.



¹⁸ Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said,



'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies,



¹⁹ you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness.



²⁶ "Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their back and killed your prophets,



who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.



²⁷ Therefore you gave them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer.



And in the time of their suffering they cried out to you and you heard them from heaven,



and according to your great mercies you gave them saviors who saved them from the hand of their enemies.



²⁸ But after they had rest they did evil again before you, and you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them.



Yet when they turned and cried to you, you heard from heaven, and many times you delivered them according to your mercies.



³² "Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love,



let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us,

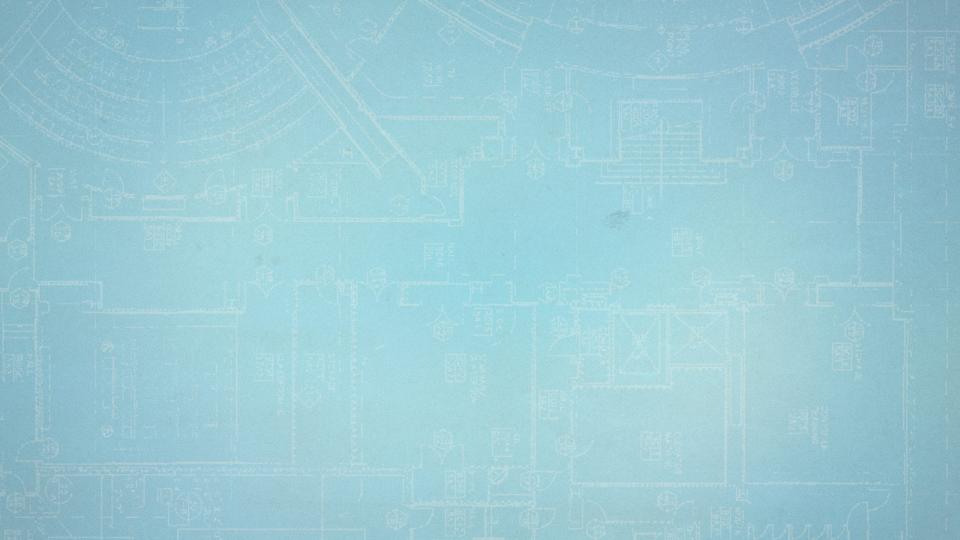


upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day.



³³ Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly.





³⁶ Behold, we are slaves this day;



in the land that you gave to our fathers to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, behold, we are slaves.

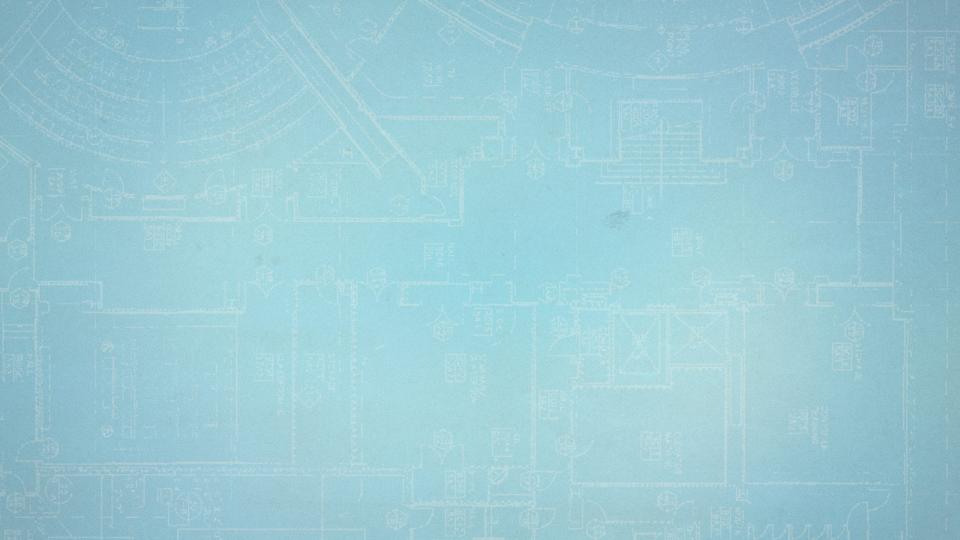


³⁷ And its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins.



They rule over our bodies and over our livestock as they please, and we are in great distress.

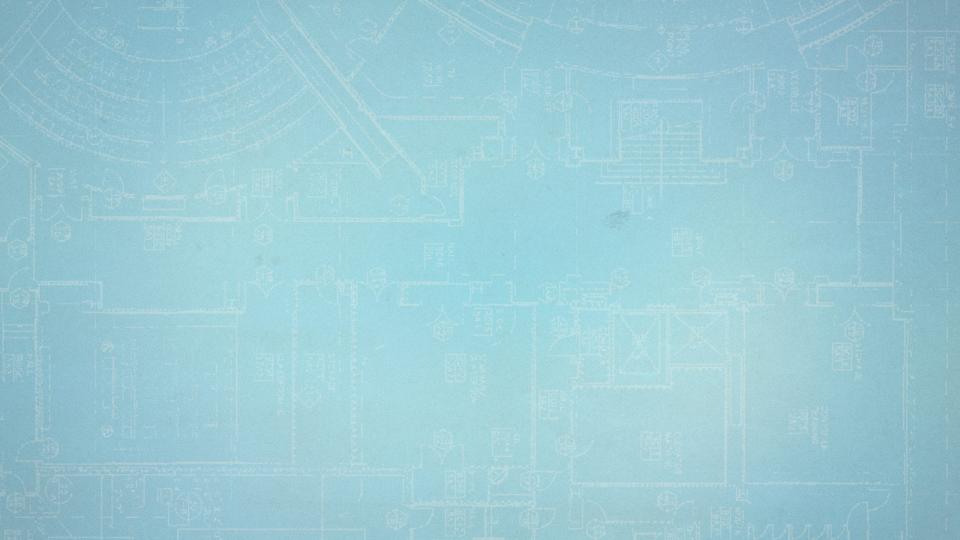




Good news:

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, ready to forgive.

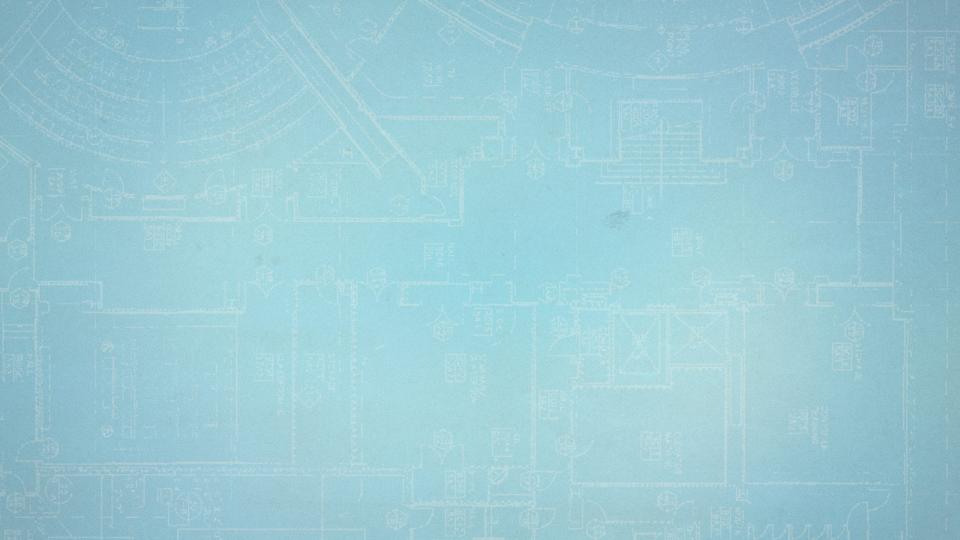




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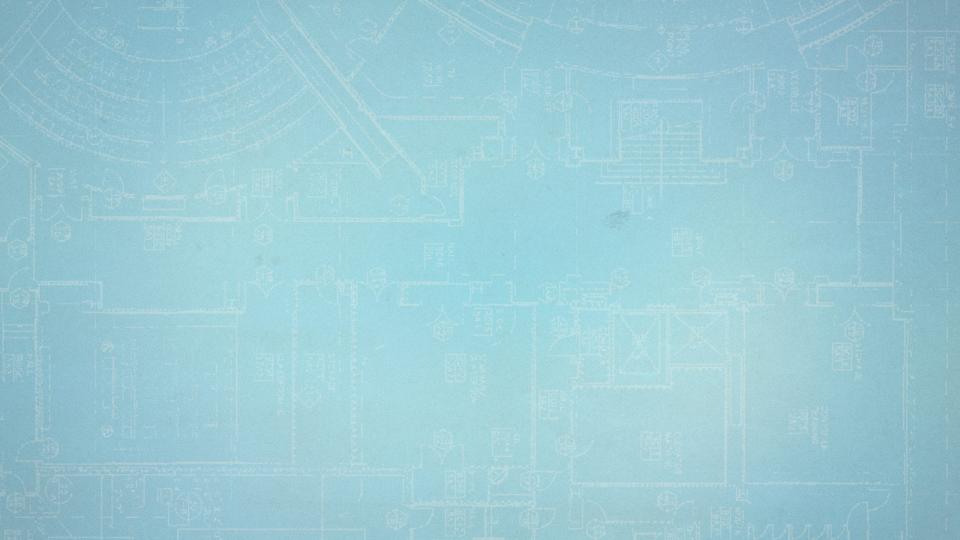
We don't deserve mercy.





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