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A TALE OF TWO STORIES

THE STORY OF FAITH

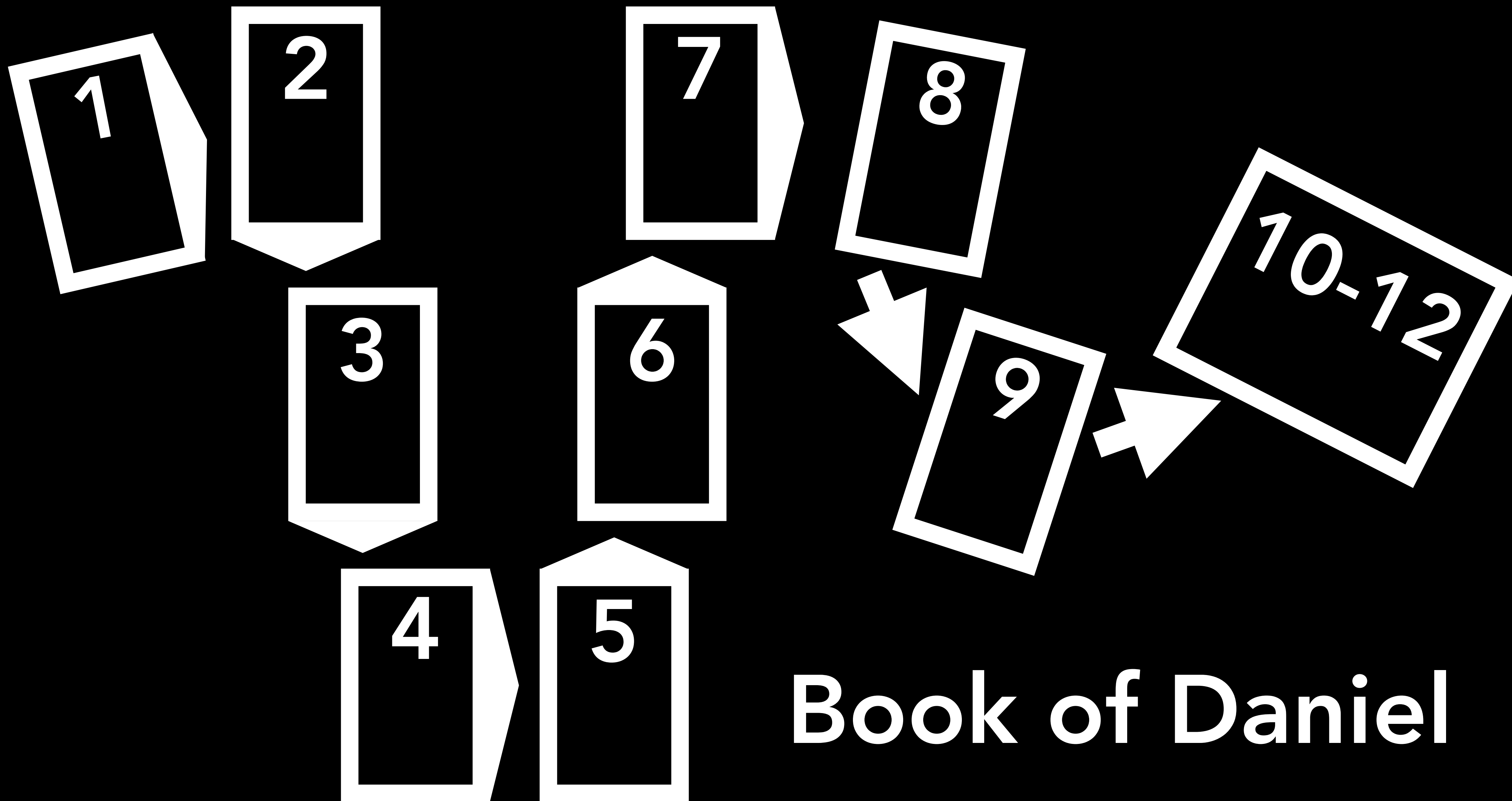
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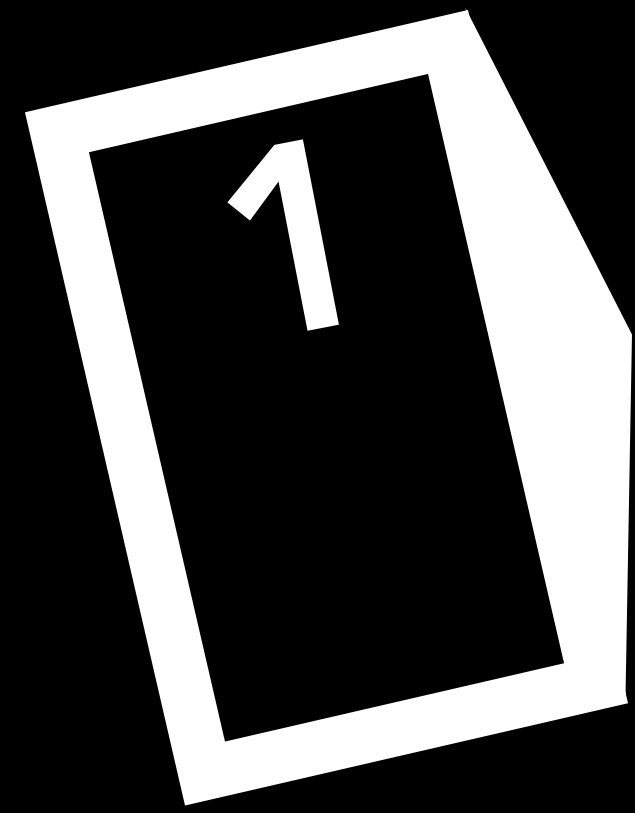
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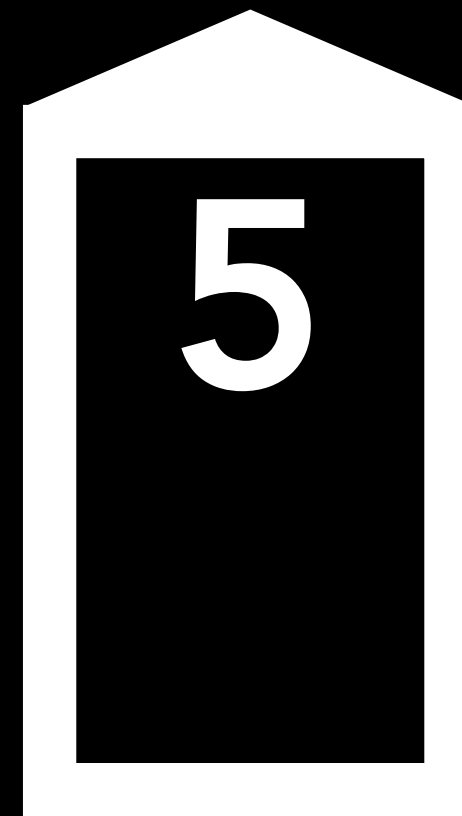
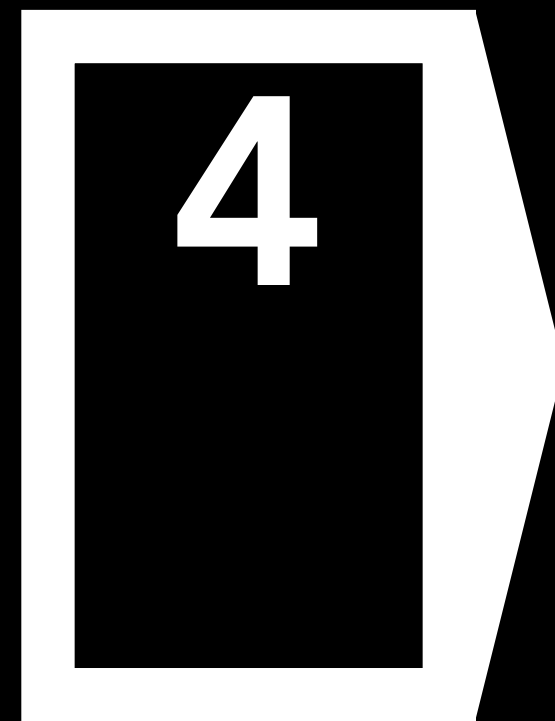
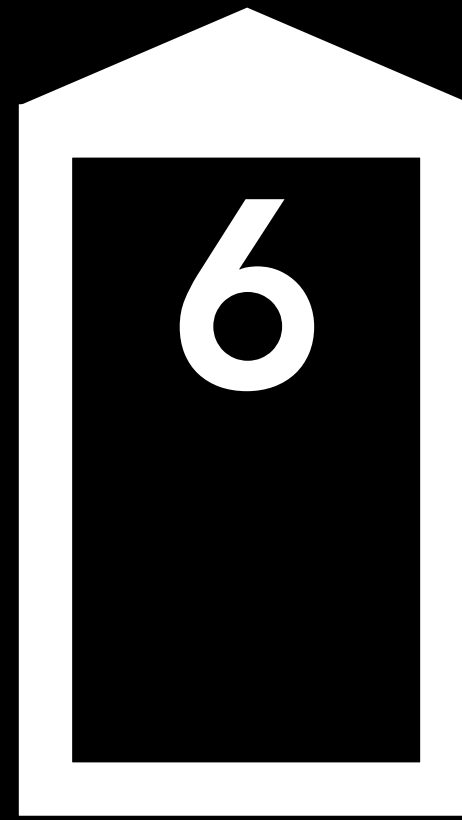
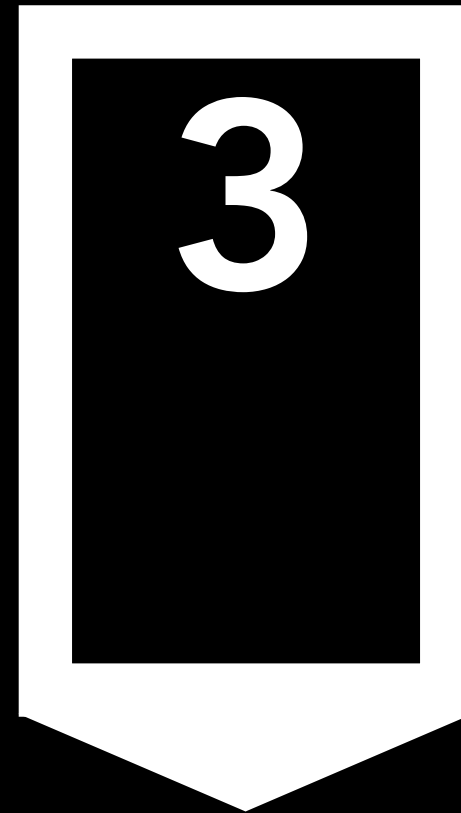
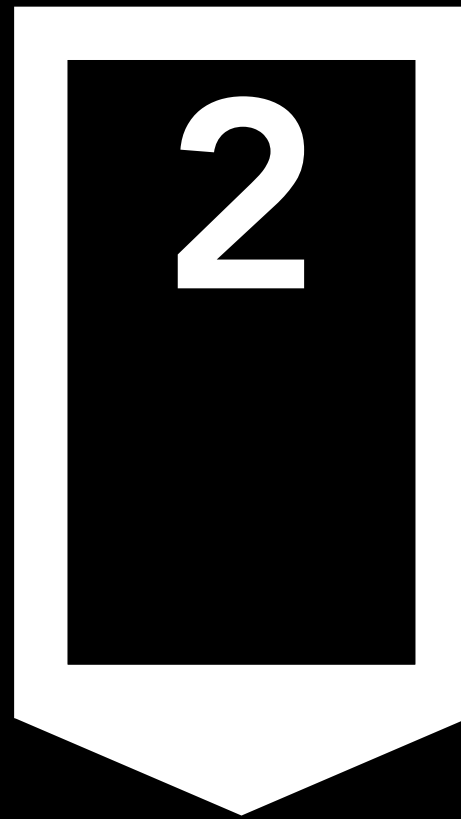
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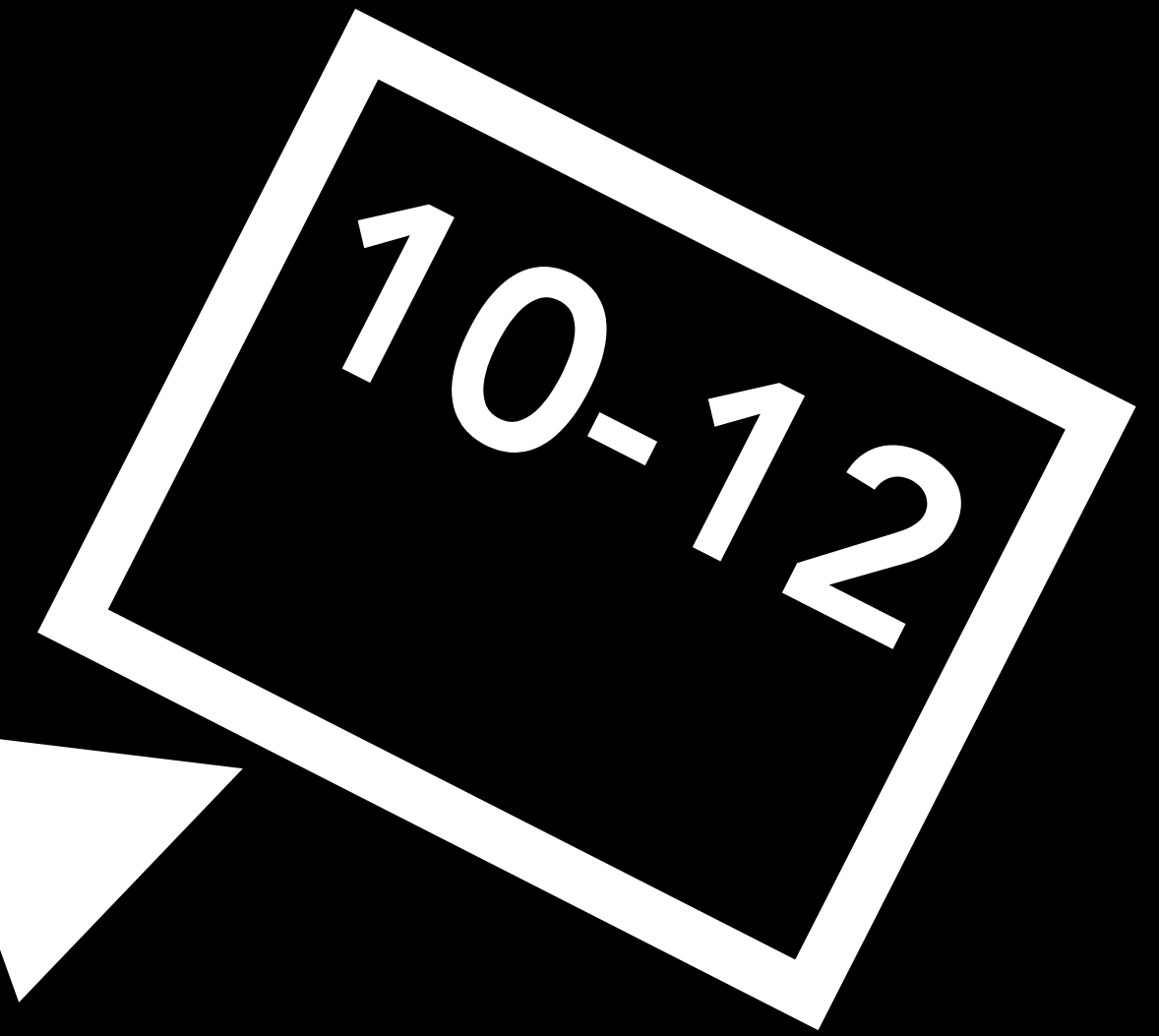
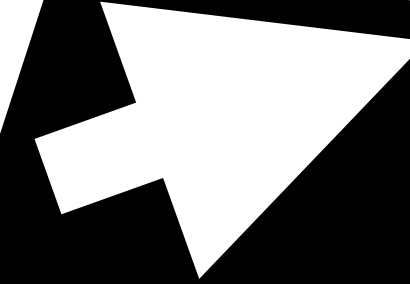
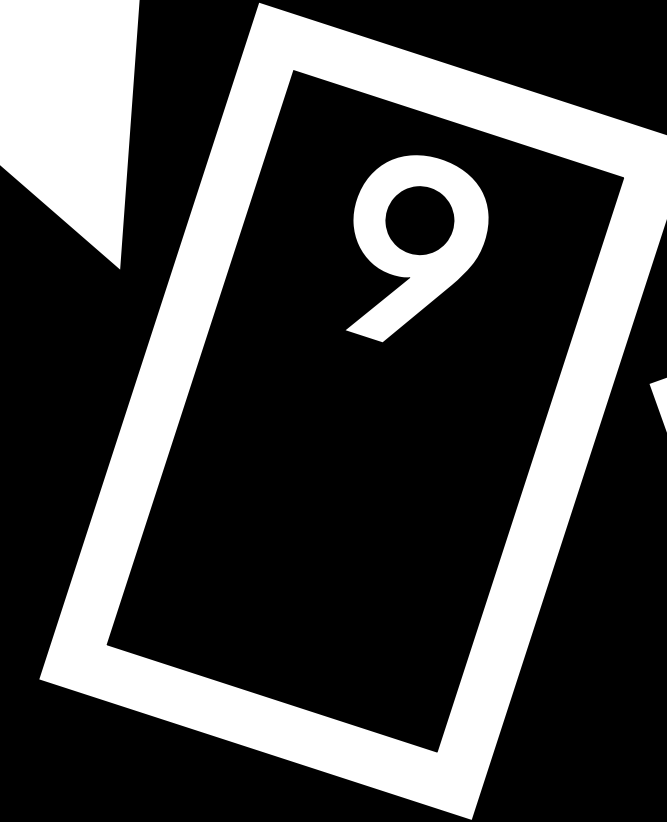
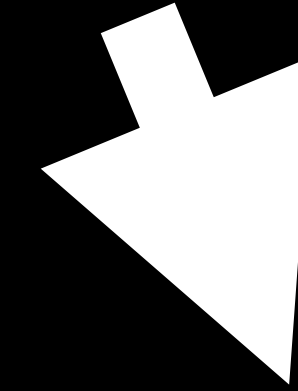
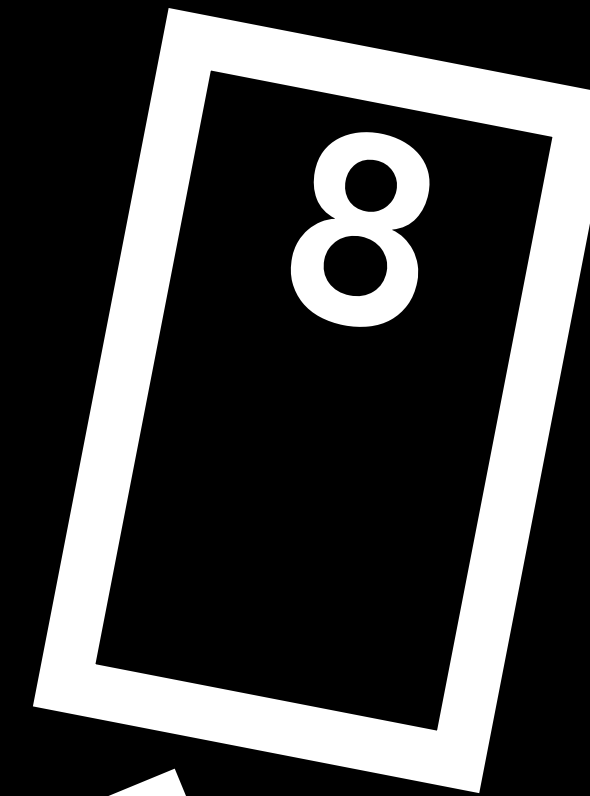
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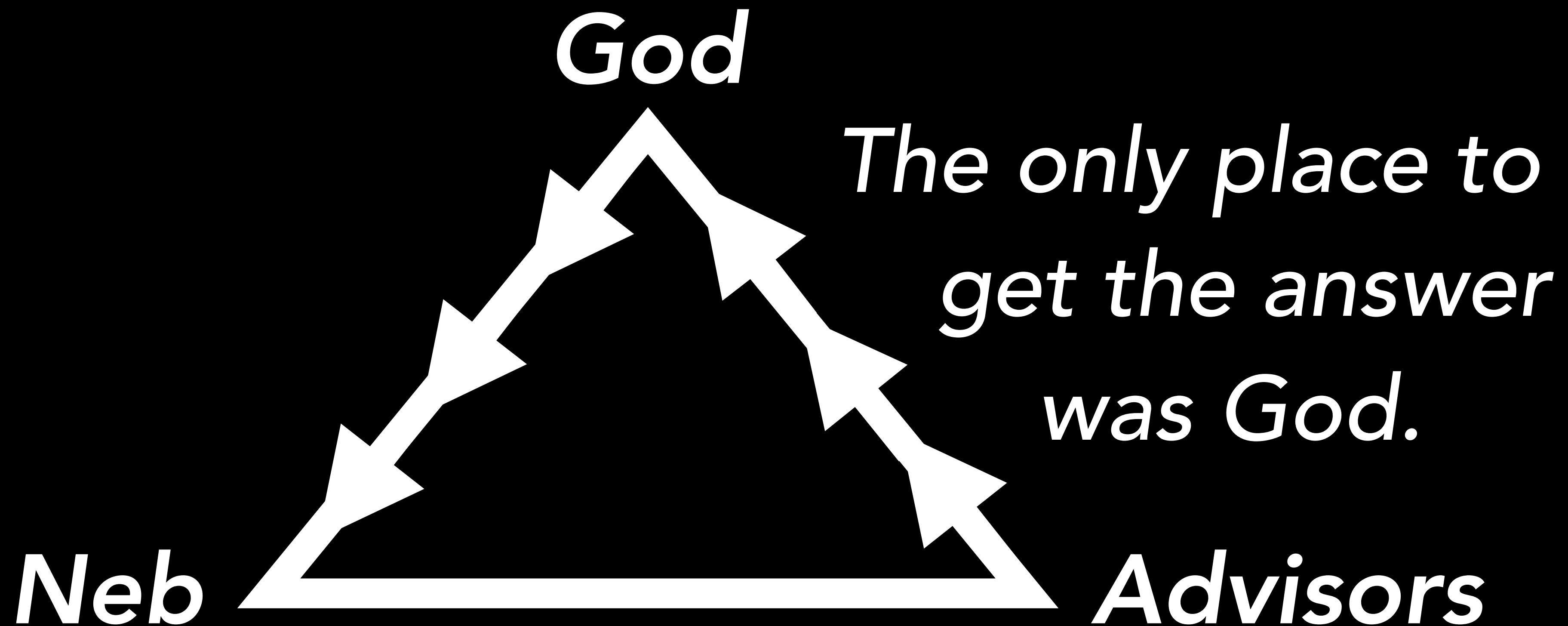
Five Future Kingdoms



1. God creates impossible situations
to reveal His greatness. *(verses 1-16)*

*"There is no one on earth who can do what
the king asks! ...What the king asks is too
difficult. No one can reveal it to the king
except the gods, and they do not live
among humans."* vv. 10-11

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James 1

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.... 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

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to reveal His greatness. *(verses 1-16)***

**The only place to get the answer is God.
He is right there waiting for you to ask.**

2. God delights in the prayers and praise of His children. *(verses 17-23)*

*"¹⁷ Then Daniel returned to his house and
explained the matter to his friends
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.*

*¹⁸ He urged them to plead for mercy from the
God of heaven concerning this mystery ..."*

**2. God delights in the prayers
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Pray!

2. God delights in the prayers and praise of His children. *(verses 17-23)*

*²⁰ "Praise be to the name of God for ever
and ever; wisdom and power are His.*

*²¹ He changes times and seasons; He deposes
kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom
to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.*

²² He reveals deep and hidden things...

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"...He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him. ²³ I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king."

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Everyone believes that prayer is important. But there is a difference between believing that prayer is important and believing it is essential. Essential means that there are things that will not happen without prayer.

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What won't happen
if you don't pray?

3. God reveals the mystery of
His kingdom to demonstrate
His power. *(verses 24-45)*

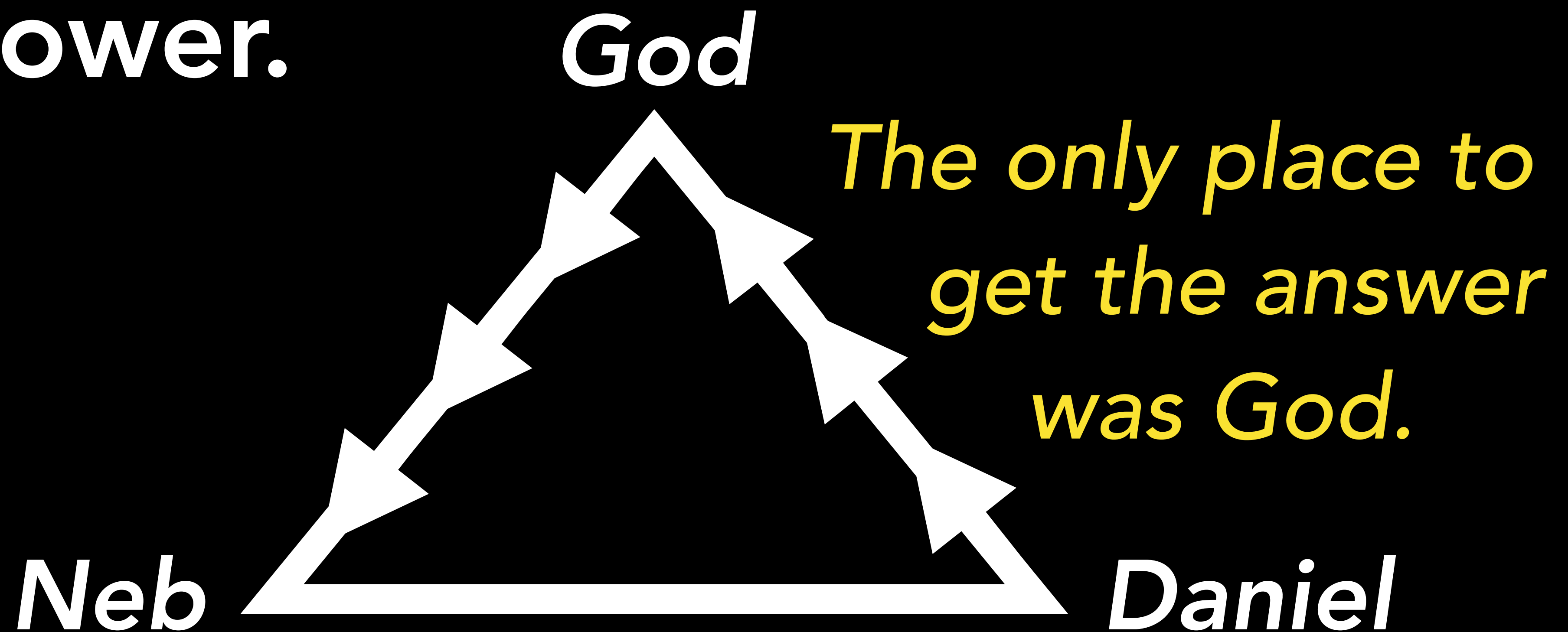
*Let's not forget:
This was a gift that God had
already given Daniel. (1:17)*

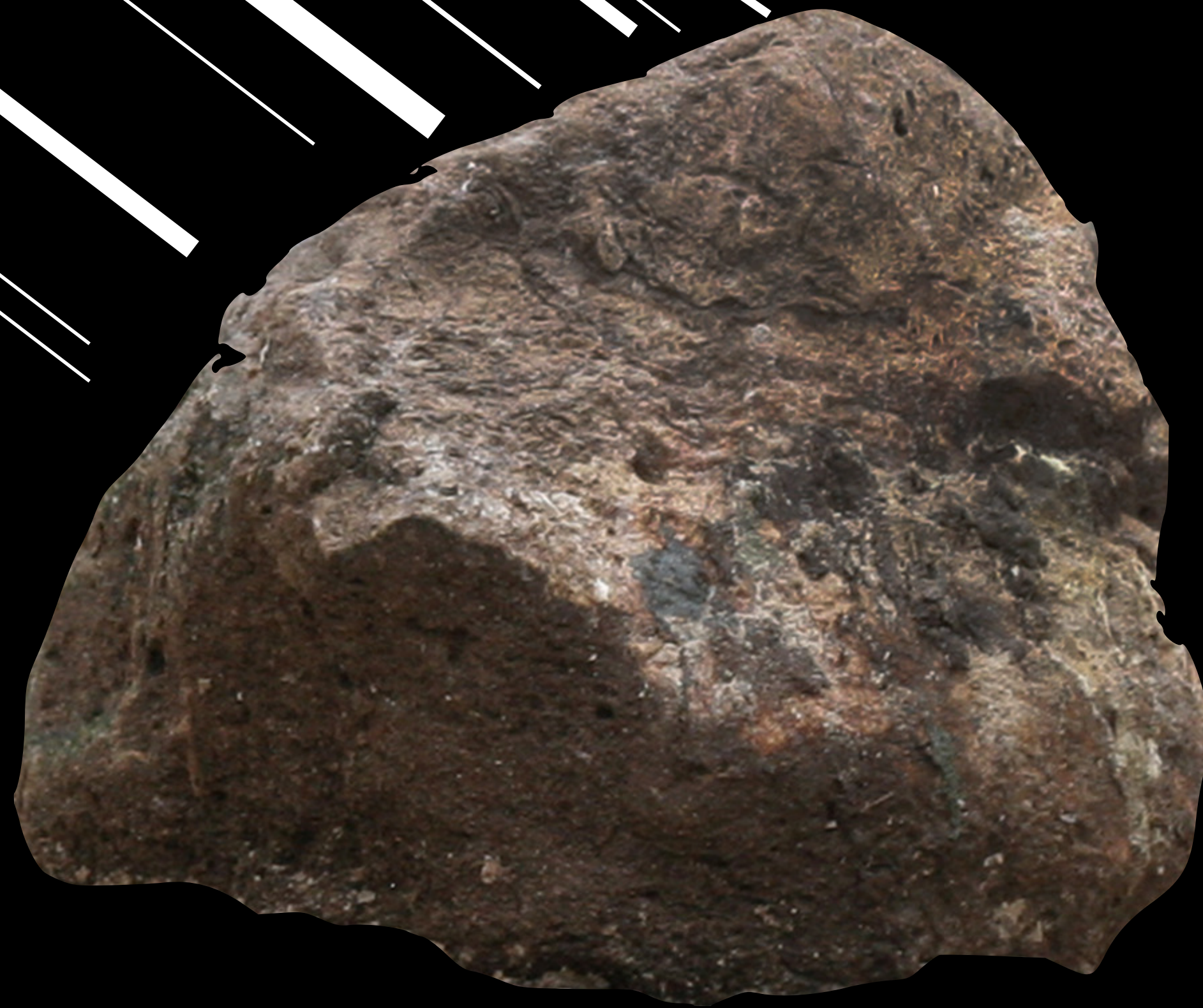
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Daniel gave ALL the credit to God!

"²⁷ Daniel replied, 'No wise man...can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.'"

3. God reveals the mystery of
His kingdom to demonstrate
His power.





*A Kingdom that
will Never be
Destroyed*

Babylonian

Persian

Greek

Roman



The Bottom Line:

God's sovereignty means that He has supremacy over all things and does what ever He desires with whomever or whatever He pleases.

To miss God's sovereignty in the Book of Daniel is to miss the point.

4. God honors His servants who faithfully serve Him. (verses 46-49)

"⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. ⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."

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Matthew 5

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

In spite of present appearances,
God is in control and WILL
overcome the seemingly
invulnerable evil forces
of our day.

This is true in the world.

And it is true in YOUR world.

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God Knows.

