



JOYFUL



THE SONG OF ANGELS

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

LUKE 2:1-14

³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

LUKE 2:1-14

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

LUKE 2:1-14

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

LUKE 2:1-14

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

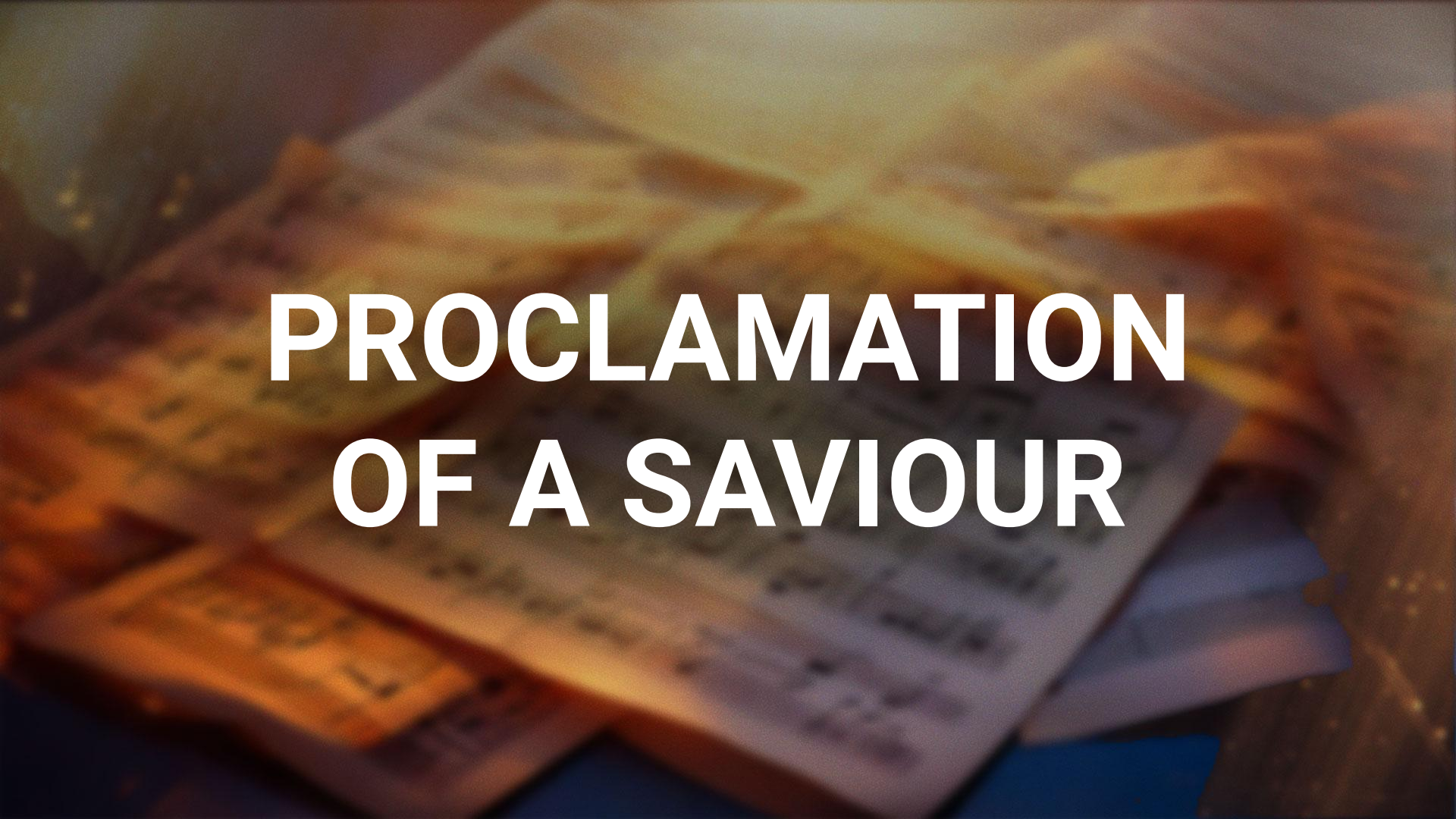
LUKE 2:1-14

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

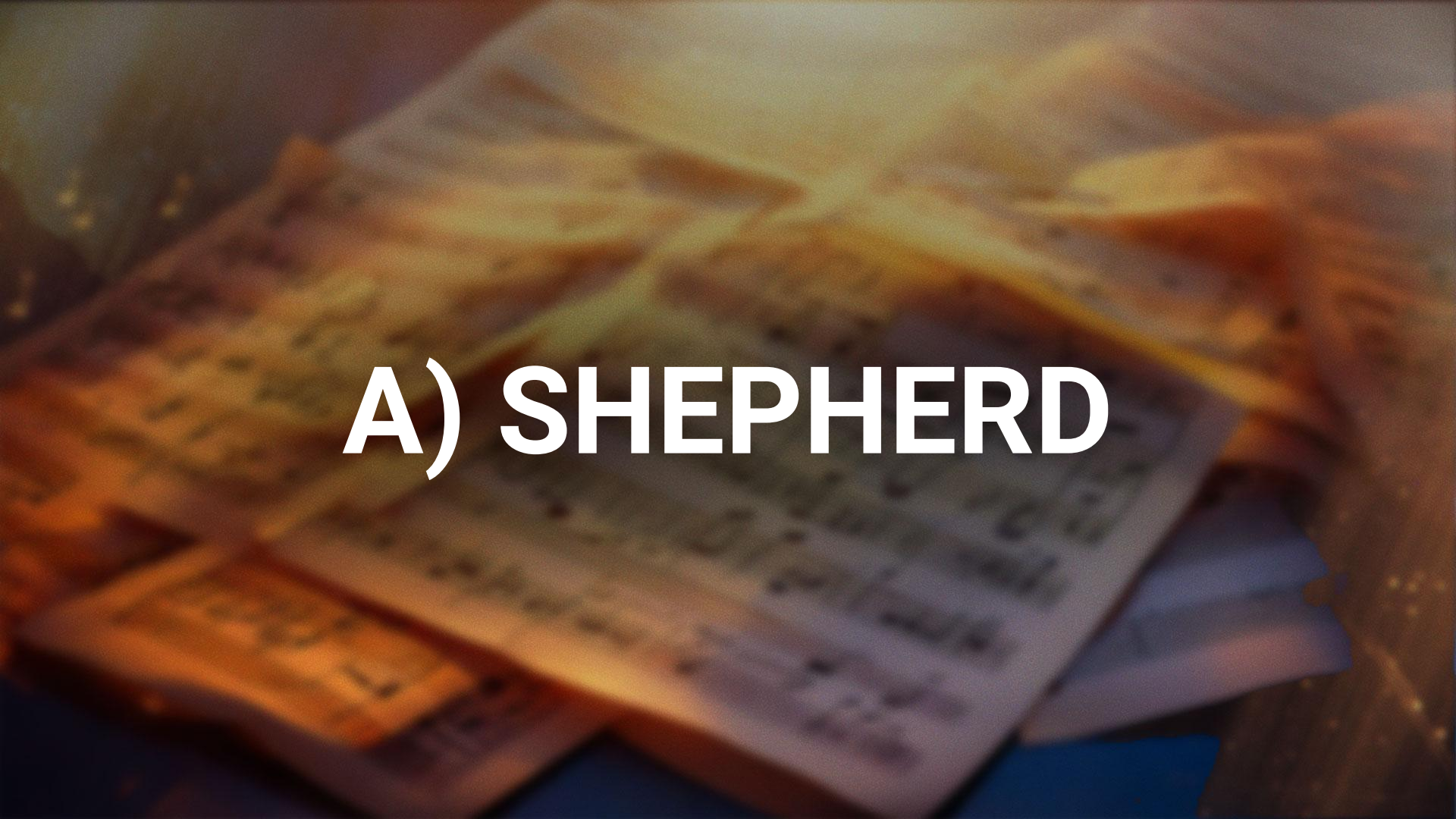
LUKE 2:1-14

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

LUKE 2:1-14



PROCLAMATION OF A SAVIOUR



A) SHEPHERD

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might,

ISAIAH 11:1-3



the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of
the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the
fear of the LORD.

ISAIAH 11:1-3

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

MICAH 5:2

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous
Branch, a King who will reign wisely and
do what is just and right in the land.

JEREMIAH 23:5-6

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

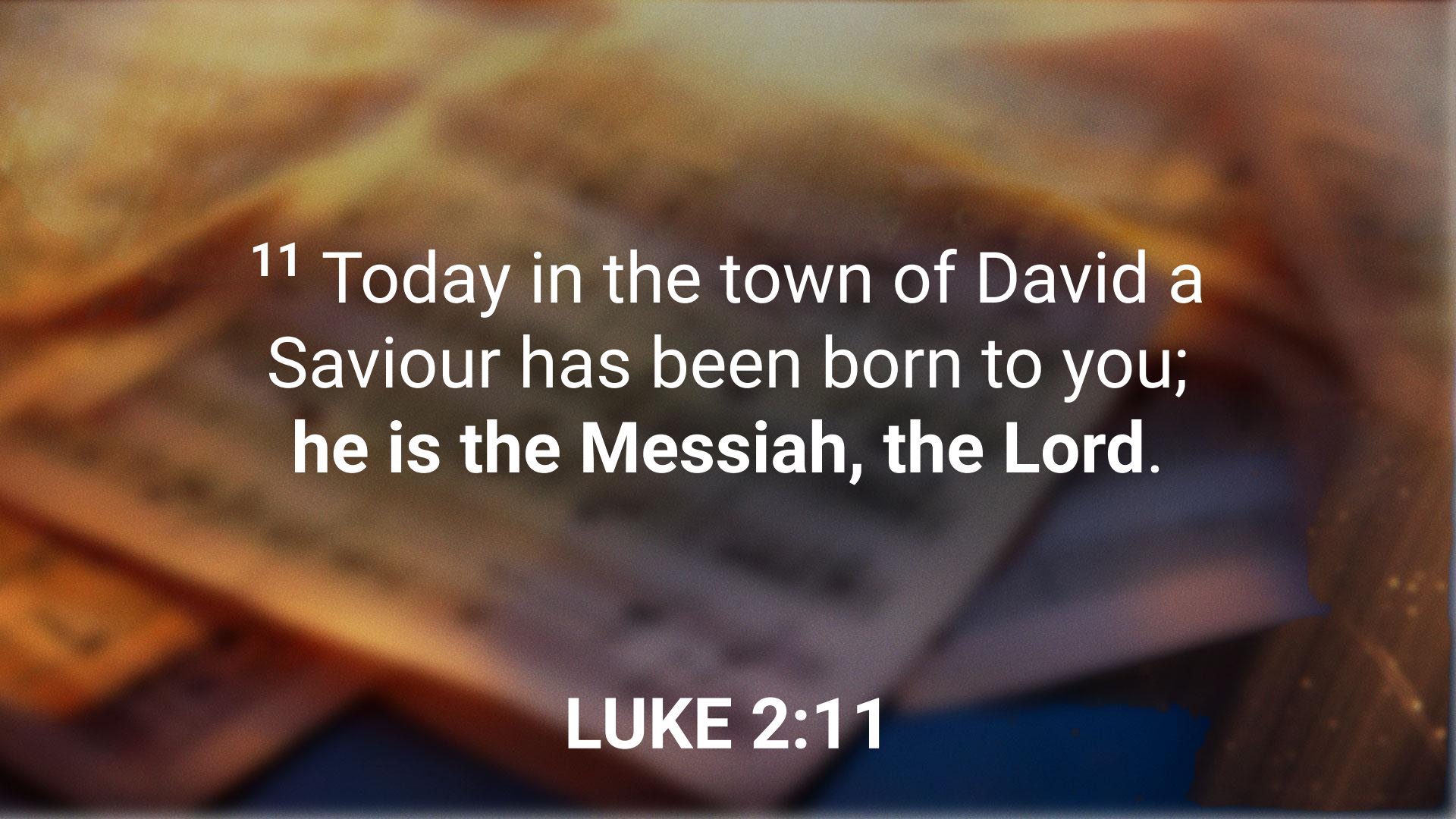
JEREMIAH 23:5-6

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know
my sheep and my sheep know me—
¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I
know the Father—and I lay down my
life for the sheep.

JOHN 10:14-15

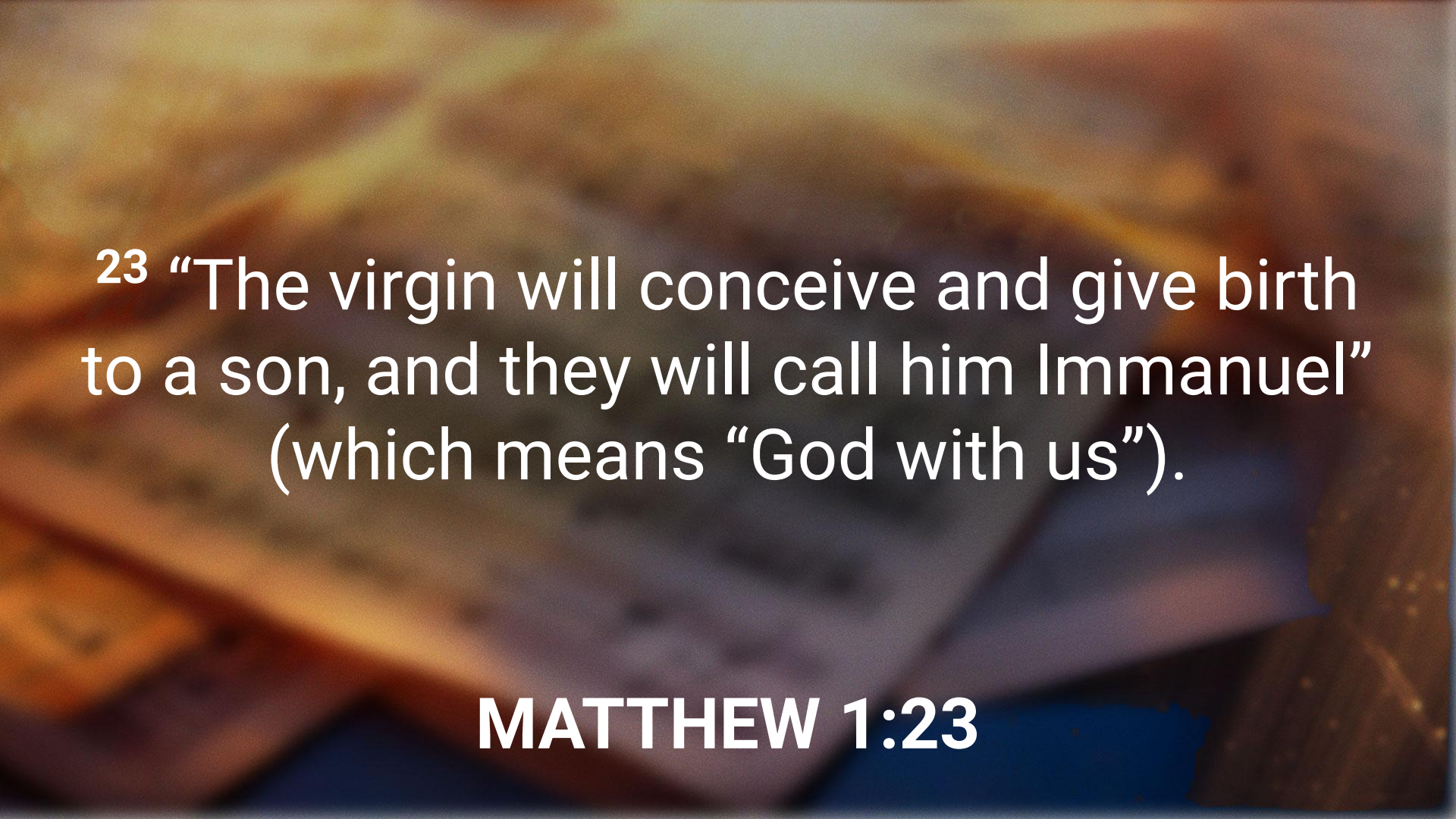


B) MESSIAH & LORD



¹¹ Today in the town of David a
Saviour has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:11

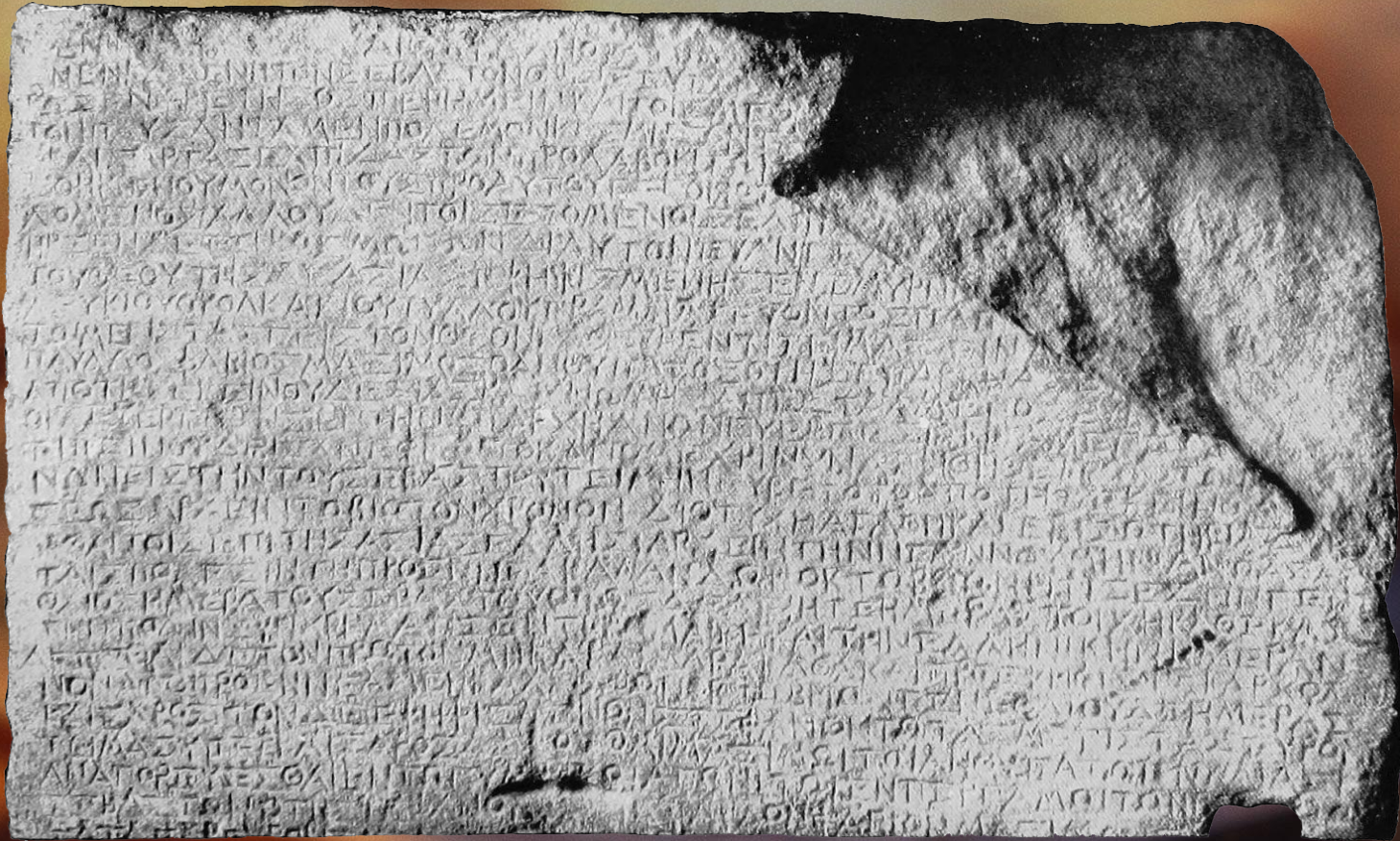


²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

MATTHEW 1:23



PROCLAMATION OF RIGHTFUL RULER



PRIENE INSCRIPTION

“The disarming intrusion of God into the world in the birth of Jesus stands in sharp contrast to the imperial ambitions of Caesar Augustus. God does not break into the world as a world leader, Fuhrer, or cosmic hero,

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all of which Caesar Augustus epitomized.
God penetrates the defensive armor of the
world by sending his Son as a child, not to
the well connected and established, but to
shepherds who live on the precarious
margins of society.”

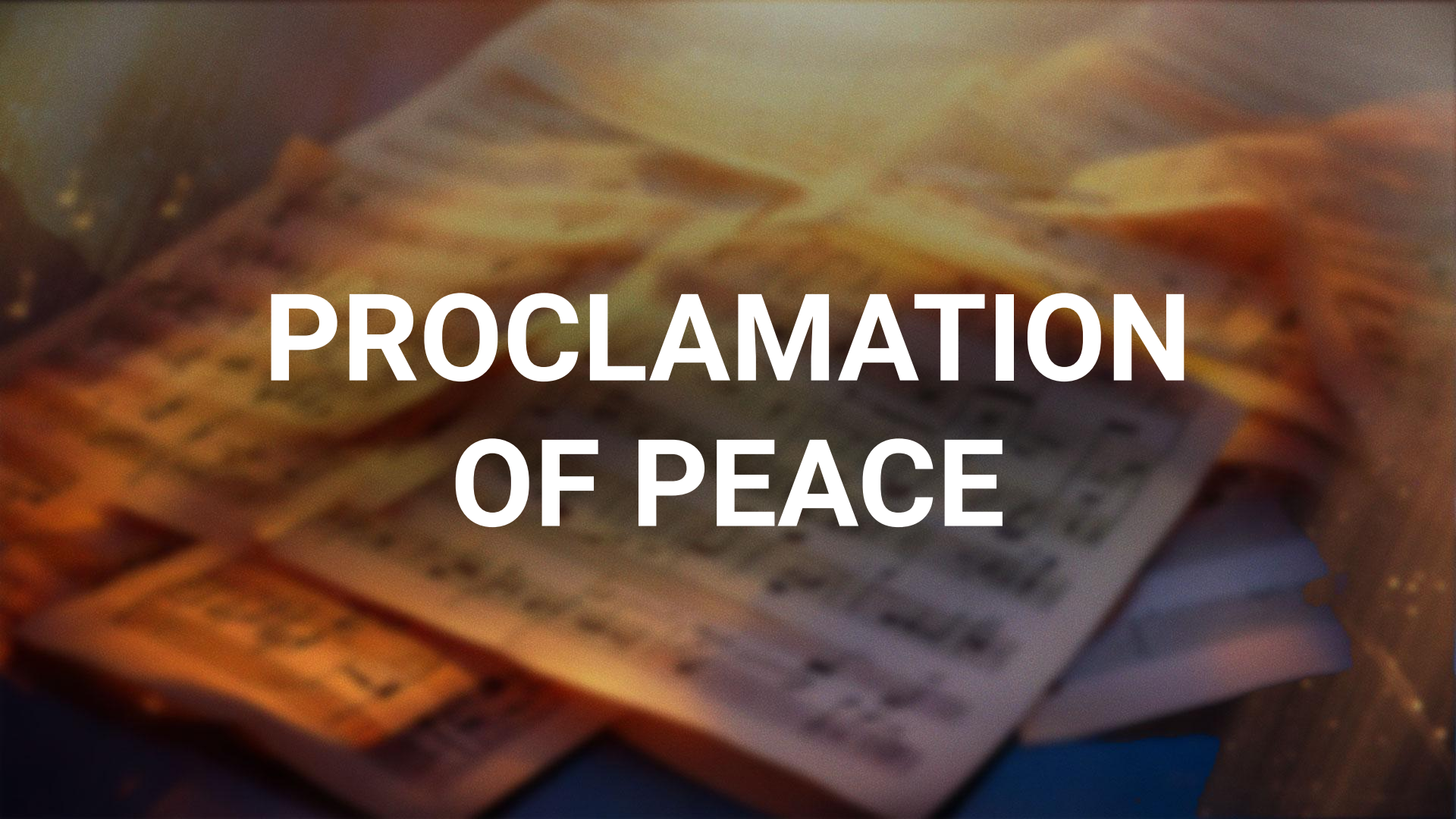
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⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

ISAIAH 9:6-7



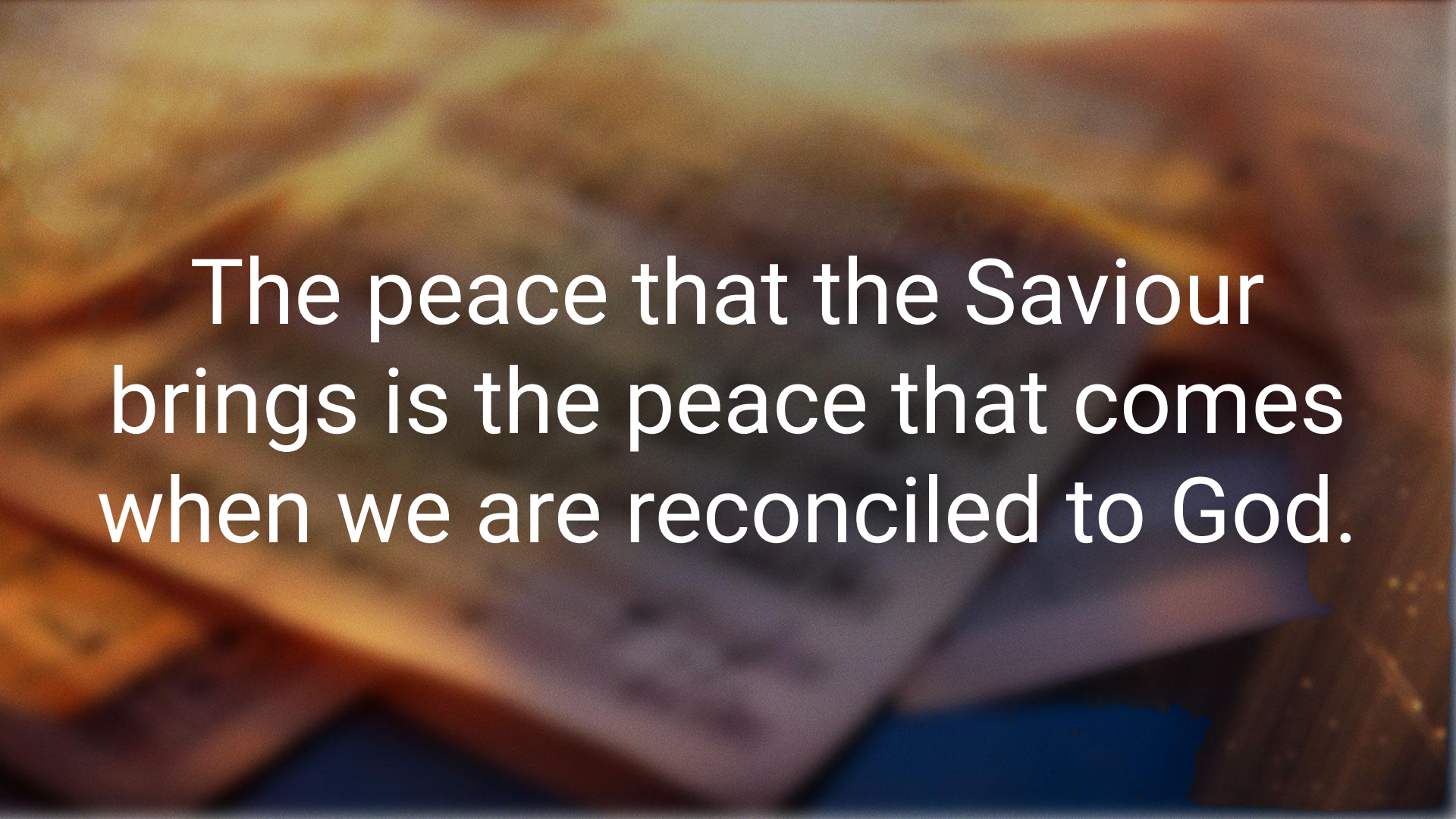
PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

ISAIAH 52:7

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27



The peace that the Saviour
brings is the peace that comes
when we are reconciled to God.

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) PROCLAMATION OF A SAVIOUR
- 2) PROCLAMATION OF A RIGHTFUL RULER
- 3) PROCLAMATION OF PEACE



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