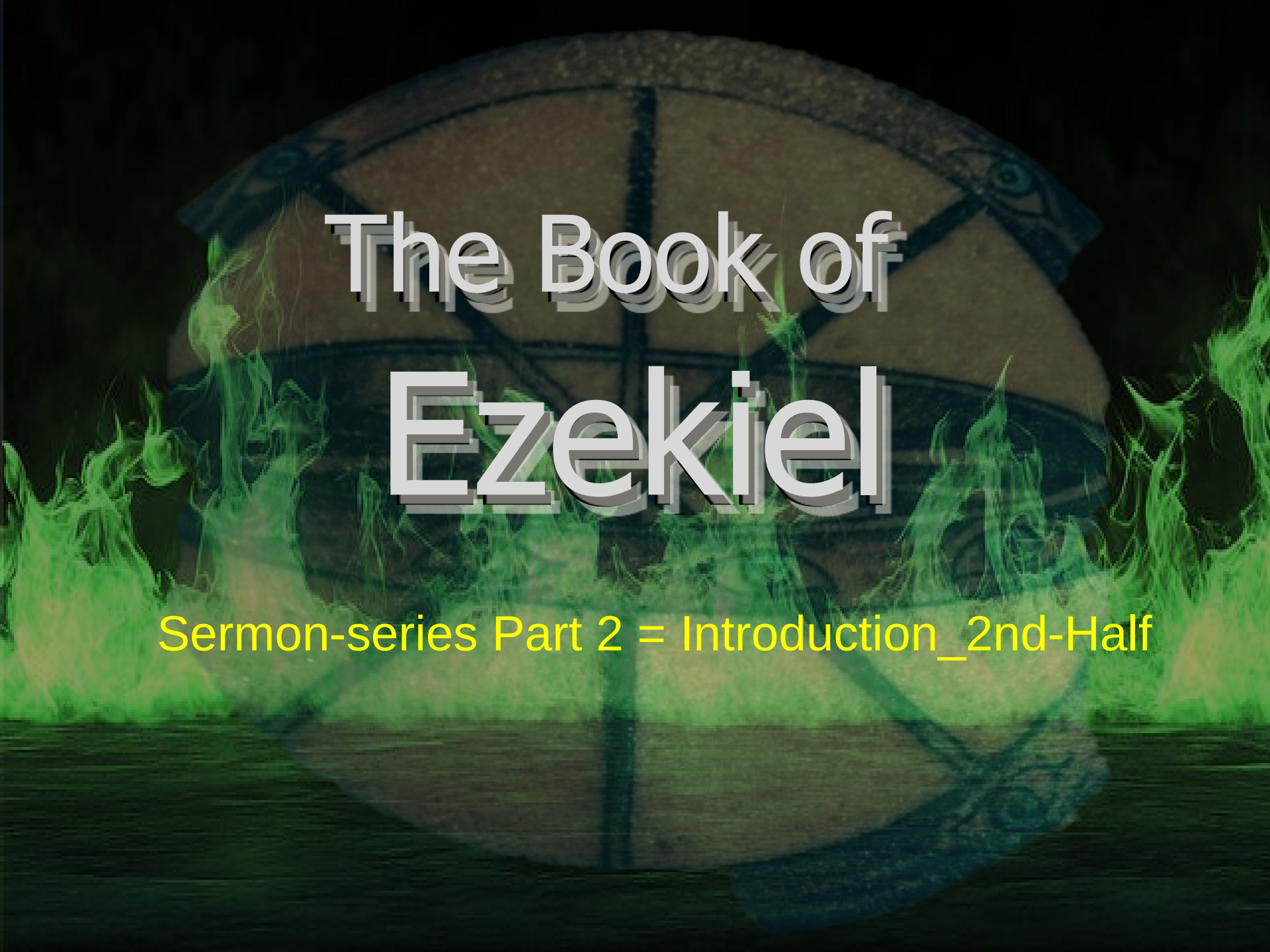


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Ezekiel

"Probably no book of the Old Testament is as little read as his, and it may well be the least popular, as it is the least known of the Old Testament" John Paterson

Ezekiel

"His book is difficult, obscure and tantalizing...but man needs it just as much as the Hebrew exiles needed it.“

P. C. Plumptre

Ezekiel

"Ezekiel adds something almost completely missing from modern thought…

…the element of hope" A. Blackwood

Ezekiel

- He was a prophet and preacher:
- *“As a prophet, preacher, writer and watchman of souls, Ezekiel stands with the greatest of the Hebrews. He is at once one of the most mysterious, yet one of the most entrancing, of the Hebrew seers"* *J. P. Richter*

Ezekiel

- *"Ezekiel stands forth as the most powerful figure during the years of Jewish captivity in Babylonia...He kept alive in an alien land the faith which had made Israel"* E. Chase
- *“He deserves credit for leading the exiled nation safely through their ordeal”* John Waddey

Ezekiel

- Prophet to the exiles in Babylon
- Taken captive from Jerusalem in 597 B.C.
- Contemporary with Jeremiah & Daniel
  - Most likely very influenced by Jeremiah's preaching
- Taught & prophesied to his people for 22 years
- The most dramatic of all the prophets
  - Classed as one of the 'major prophets'

Life in Babylon

- While Jeremiah was declaring the imminent fall of Jerusalem from *within the city*…
- …Ezekiel was predicting the same from *the land of Babylon*.
- Dainel was by now elevated to a place of prominence in Nebuchadnezzar's government
- Daniel was God's prophet to the Babylonian rulers, Ezekiel to the captive Hebrews

Ezekiel

- Key Phrases:
  - "Son of man," used over 100 times. It stresses the humanity of Ezekiel in contrast to God.
  - "The word of the LORD came unto me" used 49 times.
  - "And ye shall know that I am Jehovah" used over 60 times (see 6:7, 10, 13, etc.).
  - "The glory of the Lord" used 12 times in the first 11 chapters.

Ezekiel

- Key Thought:
  - Ezekiel taught Israel that before they could ever return to their homeland, they must return to God.

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Judgment of the Nations

- Ammonites 25:2-7
- Moab 25:8-11
- Edom 25:12-14
- Philistines 25:15-17
- Tyre 26:2-21
- Sidon 28:21-24
- Egypt 29:2-16
- Ethiopia /Libya/Lydia 30:1-9

Prophecy Against Tyre

- Ezekiel prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would destroy Tyre
- Many nations would be against Tyre
- Dust scraped to become like bare rock
- Fishermen would spread their nets on the remains of Tyre
- Stones & timber thrown into the sea
- Tyre would never be rebuilt
- Tyre would never be found again

Prophecy Against Tyre

- Three years after this prophecy, Nebuchadnezzar came up against Tyre
- After a 13 year siege, Nebuchadnezzar finally broke the gates down, only to find the city almost deserted!
- The people had all fled to an island ½ mile off the cost
- This new Tyre was almost impenetrable

Prophecy Against Tyre

- Alexander the Great was the next antagonist
- In order to take the new Tyre, he build a causeway out from the mainland
- He literally scrapped the remains on the old city into the sea, and left just bare rock
- Upon those rocks, fishermen to this day lay their nets
- Over the next 1600 years, many nations did attack and destroy Tyre, until her final destruction in 1291 during the Crusades

Prophecy Against Tyre

- Alexander's Causeway



Prophecy Against Tyre

- Floyd Hamilton in the *Battle for the Christian Faith* states:
- *"It is also written, 'thou shalt be built no more'. Other cities destroyed by enemies had been rebuilt; Jerusalem was destroyed many times, but always has risen again from the ruins; what reason was there for saying that Old Tyre might not be rebuilt? But twenty-five centuries ago a Jew in exile over in Babylonia looked into the future at the command of God and wrote the words, 'thou shalt be build no more!'*

Prophecy Against Tyre

- *The voice of God has spoken and Old Tyre today stands as it has for twenty-five centuries, a bare rock, uninhabited by man! Today anyone who wants to see the site of the old city, can have it pointed out to him along the shore, but there is not a ruin to mark the spot It has been scraped clean and has never been rebuilt!”*

Prophecy Against Tyre

- *"The great freshwater springs of Reselain are at the site of the mainland city of Tyre, and no doubt supplied the city with an abundance of fresh water. These springs are still there and still flow, but their water runs into the sea. The flow of these springs was measured by an engineer, and found to be about 10,000,000 gallons daily. It is still an excellent site for a city and would have fresh water enough for a large modern city, yet it has never been rebuilt. Thus [this prophecy] has stood true for more than 2500 years* Floyd Hamilton

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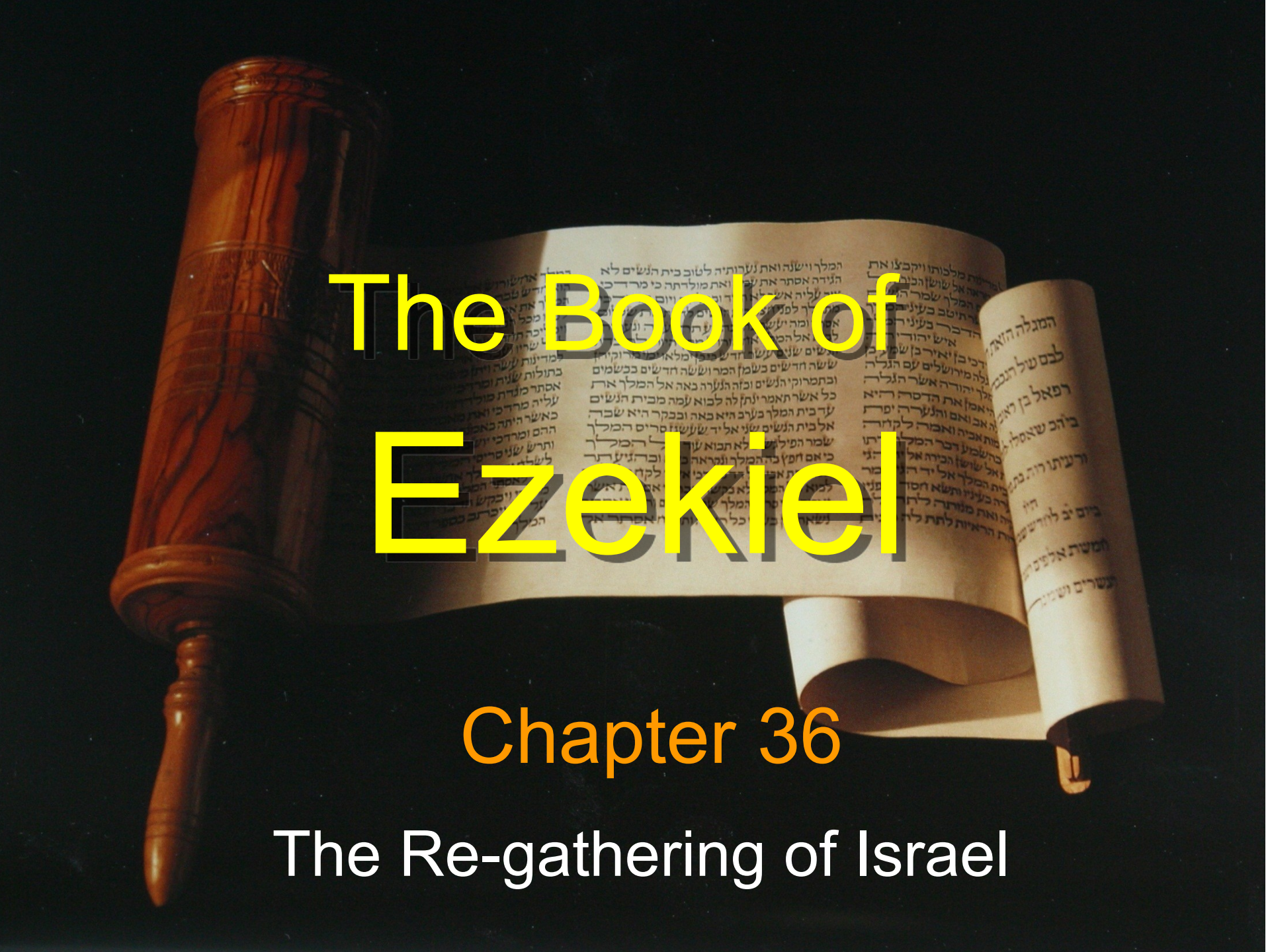
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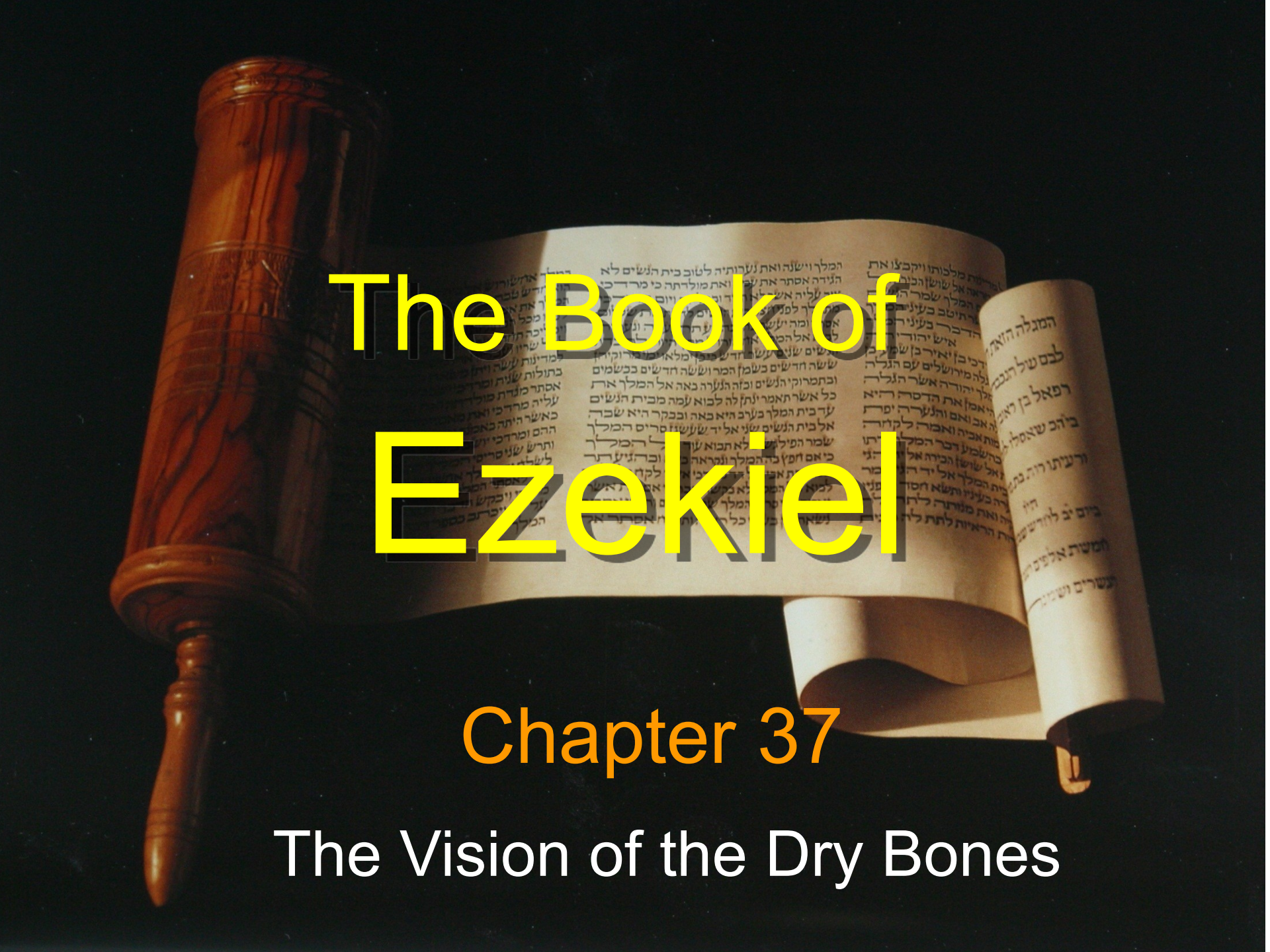
The Re-gathering of Israel

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and
gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into
your own land.
25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye
shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all
your idols, will I cleanse you.
26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit
will I put within you: and I will take away the stony
heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of
flesh.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you
to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my
judgments, and do them.
28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your
fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your
God.

Ezekiel 36:24-28


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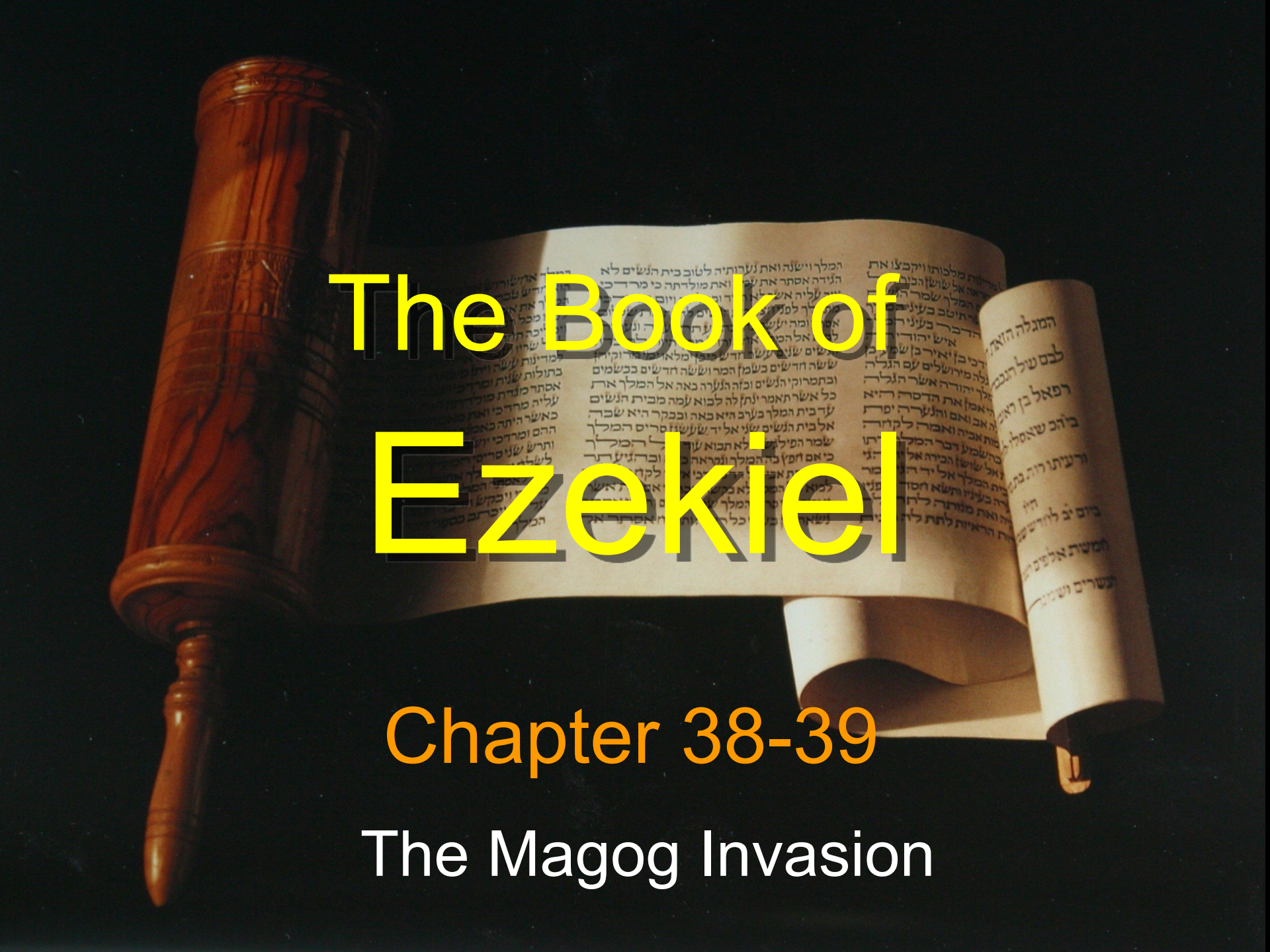
- A Vision of the Restoration of Israel
  - Brought back to life in the flesh
  - Later, breathed with the Spirit



- Part fulfilled in the 1st half of 20th century

The Vision of Dry Bones

- The Lord, through Ezekiel, proclaims to Israel the coming resurrection of her national life vv.1-14
  - That restoration has to do both with the *national* entity of Israel as well as the *spiritual* revival or restoration which the Lord announced in the preceding chapter.
- He foretells by the symbolic act of joining two sticks the future union of the two kingdoms under one head, David vv.15-28


The Book of
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The Magog Invasion

The Magog Invasion

Ezekiel 38 & 39

- The occasion in which God Himself intervenes to quell the ill-fated invasion of Israel by Magog and its allies
  - Persia, Cush, Phut, Libya, Gomer, Togarmah, Meshech, Tubal
- The passage appears to anticipate the use of nuclear weapons.

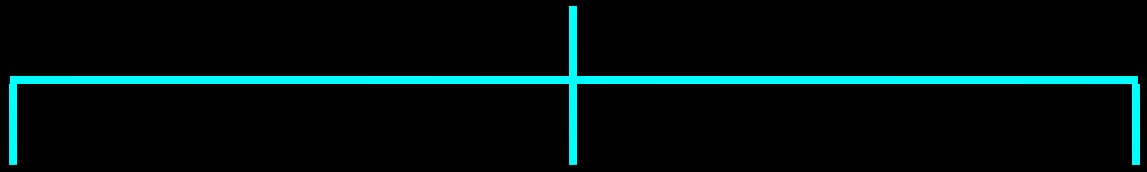
Noah

Gen. 10:2;
1 Chr 1:5

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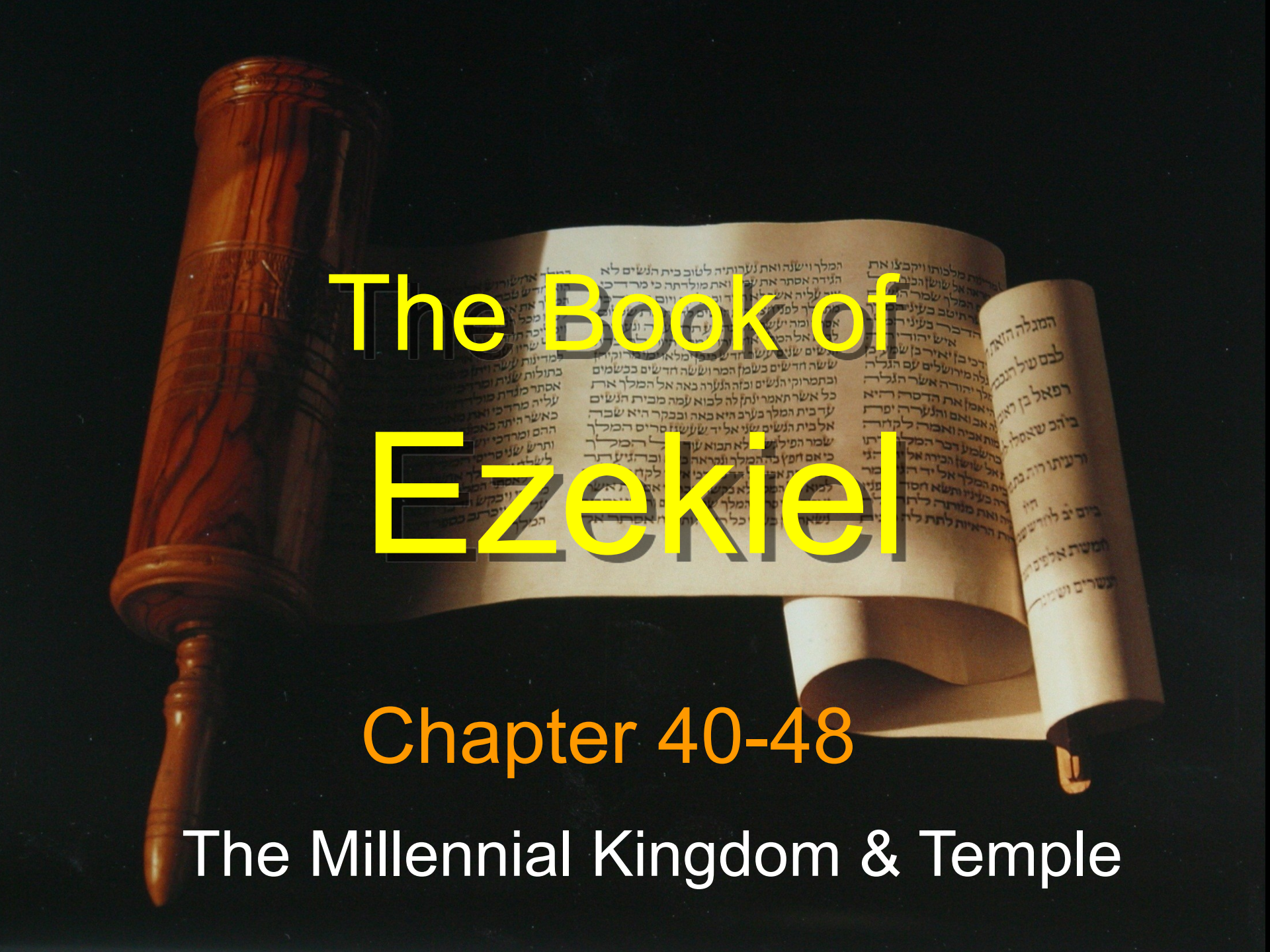


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Phut
Israel
Libya
Dedan?
Cush
Sheba?

Nuclear Weapons?

- Left-over weapons provide all the energy for the nation of Israel for 7 years
- Professionals hired to clear the battlefield
  - They wait 7 months; then clear for 7 months
  - Bury the dead east of the Dead Sea (downwind)
- If a traveler finds something the professionals have missed, he doesn't touch it: he marks the location and lets the professionals deal with it.



Chapter 40-48

The Millennial Kingdom & Temple

The Millennial Temple

Ezekiel 40 - 48

- Description of Millennial Temple
  - Highly detailed (not simply symbolic)
  - All nations to worship there
  - Offerings and sacrifices resumed
  - (Open only on the Sabbath Day and New Moons)

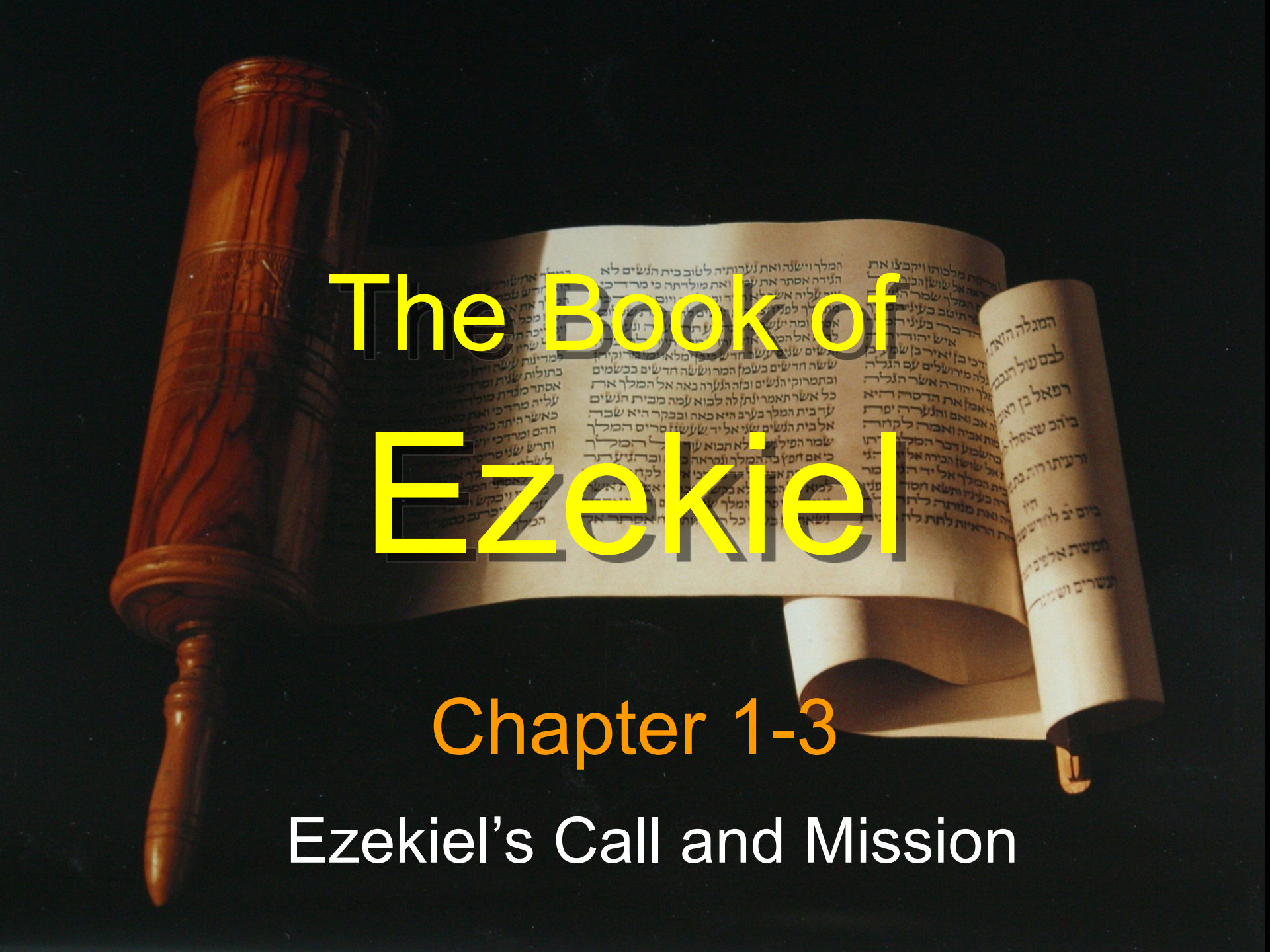
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- What began in oppression ended in liberty

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5



Chapter 1-3

Ezekiel's Call and Mission



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