

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY
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JUDE: Part-1

BELIEVERS ON THE ATTACK
(from Inside)

JUDE

<u>Author:</u>	Jude (full name maybe Judas or Judah)
<u>Family:</u>	half-brother of Jesus (Mathew 13:55 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?)
<u>Time:</u>	65-80 AD
<u>Written to:</u>	Jewish Believers. General epistle (not written to any specific church)

Jewish epistles:

James, Hebrews, I and 2 Peter, Jude
(Jude overlaps with II Peter in content)

JUDE: ONLY 25 VERSES

Israelites Journey	Sodom & Gomorrah	Moses	Balaam
Michael	Cain	Jesus family	Fallen Angels
False Teachers	Apostasy	Believer's identity	Believer's Fight
FAITH	Salvation	Enoch	Adam
Balak	Korah	DOXOLOGY	AND MORE!

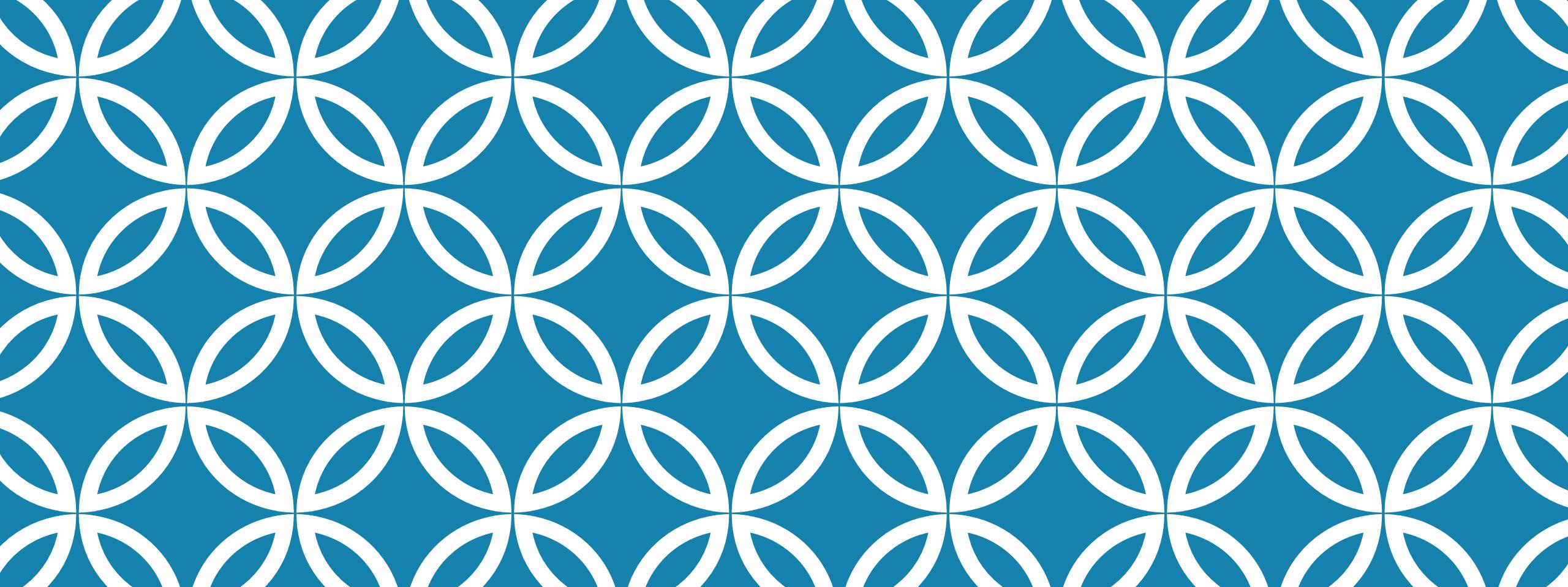
MAIN THEMES



**WARNING ON
FALSE TEACHERS**



**CHALLENGE TO
CONTEND FOR OUR FAITH**



INTRODUCTION

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Identity of
Jude

Identity of
Believers

IDENTITY OF JUDE

¹ JUDE, A SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST
AND BROTHER OF JAMES,

Bond Servant of Jesus Christ

- Born to Joseph & Mary
- Raised in the same family as Jesus
- Saved after the resurrection of Christ
(John 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him)

Brother of James

Introduction reveals his humility
and credibility

IDENTITY OF BELIEVERS

¹ TO THEM THAT ARE SANCTIFIED BY GOD THE FATHER, AD PRESERVED IN JESUS CHRIST, AND CALLED:

SANCTIFIED BY GOD (set apart for God, separated from the world)

PRESERVED IN CHRIST (kept, provided for, protected, secure)

- [Philippians 1:6](#) Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
- [I Corinthians 1:8](#) Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ)

CALLED (believers who have responded to the call, similar to Abraham)

- Many be called, but few chosen, Mathew 20:16,
- Few respond to the call, Revelation 3:20

GREETING OF BLESSING

² Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

MERCY – God's compassion and kindness

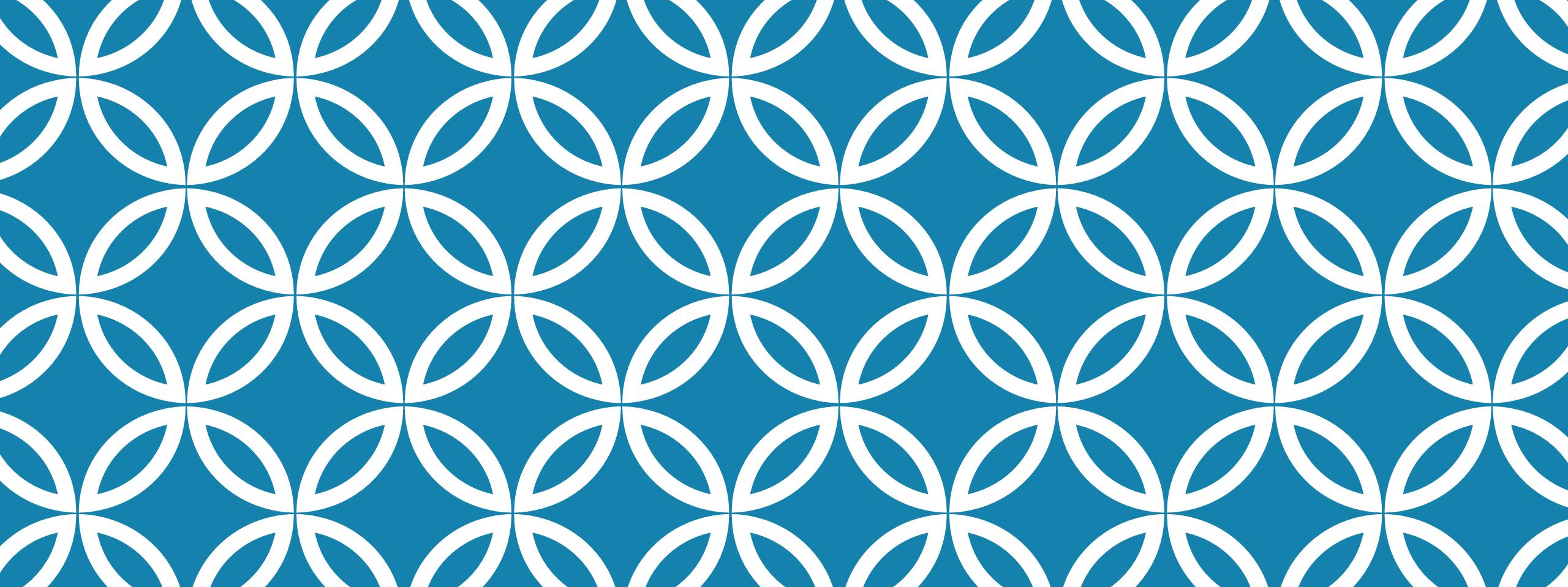
[Lamentations 3:22](#) It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

PEACE – Peace with God, others, within, & situations

- Peace due to no fear/anxiety and assurance of everlasting life
- [Isaiah 26:3](#) Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. [Philippians 4:4-7](#)

LOVE – selfless, sacrificial, affection & care of God

Recipients of God's mercy, peace, and love should be able to show mercy, peace, and love to others



JUDE'S REASON FOR WRITING

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3 BELOVED, WHEN I GAVE ALL DILIGENCE TO WRITE UNTO YOU OF THE COMMON SALVATION, IT WAS NEEDFUL FOR ME TO WRITE UNTO YOU, AND EXHORT YOU THAT YE SHOULD EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS.

Originally desired to write about 'common salvation'

but then burdened to write about warning against false teachers and challenging believers to 'contending for faith'

Common salvation

- Does not mean cheap salvation
- Common means extended to all
- Our Salvation is precious (uncommon, unique)

WHAT MUST WE EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR/FIGHT FOR?

FAITH (Gospel Truth) delivered to saints

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

The complete gospel truth has been revealed in the scriptures
... nothing can be added or deleted.

WHY CONTEND?

The essence of Christianity is faith (gospel truth)

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Faith is precious

Faith is worth fighting for and defending

Enemy is focused on diluting and destroying our faith

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith,

HOW TO CONTEND?

By witnessing & active evangelism

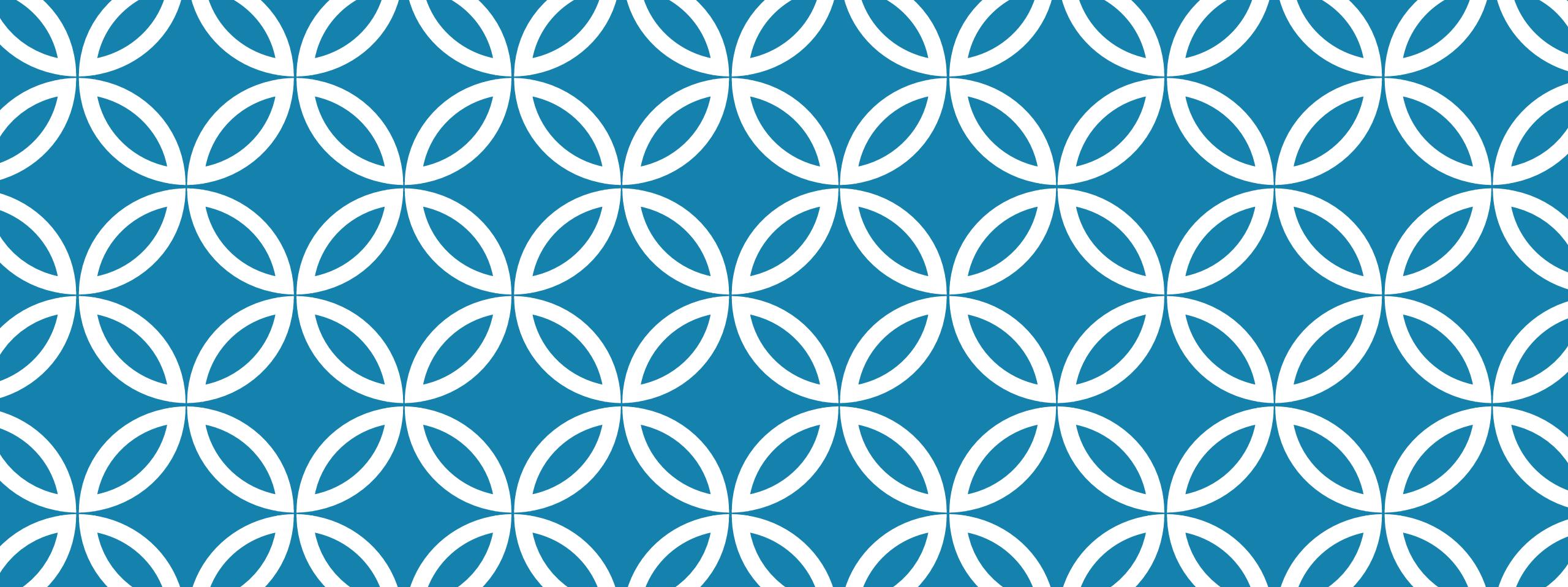
By supporting evangelism efforts

By living an uncompromised separated life

By speaking the truth boldly

By growing in knowledge of the Word to identify
false teachings

By teaching sound doctrine to equip other
believers



BELIEVERS ON THE ATTACK

(FROM INSIDE)

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”CERTAIN MEN” have crept in
with false teachings and encouraging false practices

“CERTAIN MEN”



HOW TO IDENTIFY
THEM?



WHAT IS THEIR
DESTINY?



HOW CAN WE
PROTECT OURSELVES?

“CERTAIN MEN”

Ungodly (4) perverters of God's grace (4) deny Christ (4) immoral (7-8) despise authority (8) speak evil of authority (8) irrational (10), spots (12) clouds without rain (12) trees without fruits (12) wandering stars (13) raging waves (13) murmurers (16) complainers (16) mockers (18) ungodly lusts (18)

FALSE TEACHERS: WARNINGS GIVEN BEFORE

JESUS – Mathew 7: ¹⁵Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Warning: There will be false prophets

How to identify them? by their fruits (takes time to judge)

What is their End? destruction

FALSE TEACHERS: WARNING GIVEN BEFORE

II Peter 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

DEMAND FOR FALSE TEACHERS WILL GROW

II Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

FALSE TEACHERS

**4 FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN MEN
CREPT IN UNAWARES, WHO WERE
BEFORE OF OLD ORDAINED TO THIS
CONDEMNATION, UNGODLY MEN,
TURNING THE GRACE OF OUR GOD
INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS, AND
DENYING THE ONLY LORD GOD,
AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Ungodly men or unbelievers

Shamed/Abused the Grace of God (permission to sin?)

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we
continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.
How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer
therein?

Denying one God and Christ

Their end: Condemnation

3 EXAMPLES FROM HISTORY

Unbelieving Israelites

Fallen Angels

Immoral Sodom &
Gomorrah

#1 UNBELIEF LEADS TO DESTRUCTION

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I WILL THEREFORE PUT YOU
IN REMEMBRANCE, THOUGH YE
ONCE KNEW THIS, HOW THAT THE
LORD, HAVING SAVED THE PEOPLE
OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT,
AFTERWARD DESTROYED THEM
THAT BELIEVED NOT.

Miraculous deliverance from Egypt. Promise Reinforced at the border of promised land.

God said “Go” but Israel hesitated

Deuteronomy 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you: **go in and possess the land** which the Lord sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

Sent 12 spies to review the land (10 negative report) with approval of Moses (wrong decision)

Fear replaced faith

GOD'S RESPONSE TO UNBELIEF: DESTRUCTION

Deuteronomy 1:³⁵

Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers.

Israelites wandered for 38 years in wilderness and all perished (except children under 20, Joshua & Caleb) (a total of 600,000+ men, and women).

Joshua & Caleb also suffered & wandered in wilderness even though they were not guilty. Similarly, in a body (church), failures of one/few can impact the whole church.

END OF UNBELIEVING ISRAELITES

HEBREWS 3:16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. ¹⁷ But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? ¹⁹ So we see that they **could not enter in because of unbelief.**

Even today, gates of heaven opened only for those who believe in the gospel!

#2 ANGELS THAT LEFT THEIR HABITATION (6)

6 AND THE ANGELS WHICH KEPT
NOT THEIR FIRST ESTATE, BUT LEFT
THEIR OWN HABITATION, HE HATH
RESERVED IN EVERLASTING CHAINS
UNDER DARKNESS UNTO THE
JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT DAY.

Habitation . . . God's desired place for Angels

But, Angels rebelled and crossed the boundaries set by God

Fallen angels = demons

Who were these fallen angels? What was their punishment
for crossing the boundaries set by God?

*Fallen angels: Isaiah 14:12-15) Lucifer

IMMORALITY AMONG ANGELS

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Angels chose to rebel

Sons of God in relationship with daughters of men

Ungodly union invited the wrath of God

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **7** And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; (Noah's family spared, Enoch raptured)

PUNISHMENT

“everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day” (6)

GOD IS JUST

No one is exempt from God’s judgement … not even angels!

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Saints shall judge angels (I Corinthians 6:3) (See Hebrews, part-2 for discussion on angels)

#3 SODOM AND GOMORRAH IMMORALITY

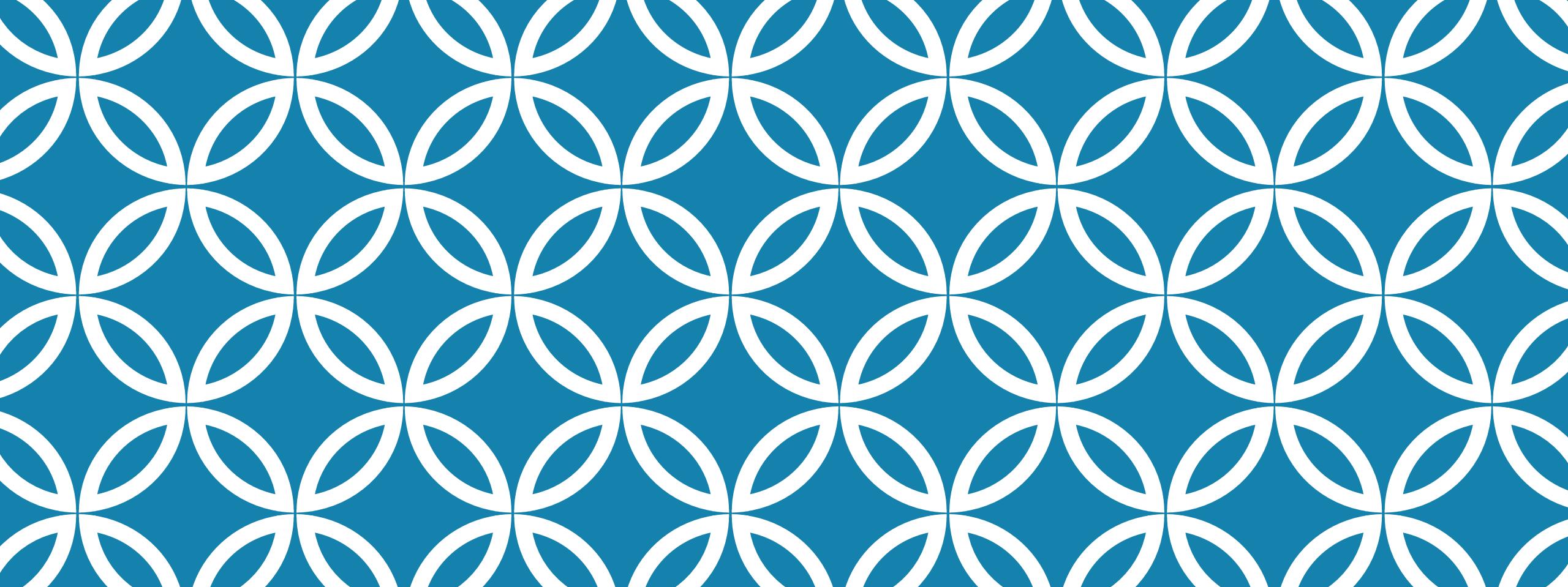
⁷ EVEN AS SODOM AND GOMORRAH,
AND THE CITIES ABOUT THEM IN LIKE
MANNER, GIVING THEMSELVES OVER
TO FORNICATION, AND GOING AFTER
STRANGE FLESH, ARE SET FORTH FOR
AN EXAMPLE, SUFFERING THE
VENGEANCE OF ETERNAL FIRE.

Immorality and wickedness, like the fallen angels

Consequence: God's vengeance of eternal fire

Genesis 19:25 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;
25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Lot spared



IDENTIFYING APOSTATE TEACHERS

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⁸ Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

¹⁰ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

CERTAIN MEN

8 LIKEWISE ALSO THESE FILTHY DREAMERS DEFILE THE FLESH, DESPISE DOMINION, AND SPEAK EVIL OF DIGNITIES.

Filthy dreamers— sinful thoughts, false visions

Despise dominion – reject authority and glory of God

Speak evil of dignities (apostles, church elders)

MICHAEL

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Michael - The archangel or leading angel

Faithful angel – faithful to God and men

Devil – rebelled against God and man

Moses buried by God

[Deuteronomy 34:5-6](#) So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. 6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

MICHAEL, MOSES AND DEVIL

Why dispute? Some suggest (1) Devil wanted to use Moses as an object of worship and lead people into idolatry or (2) wanted to desecrate his body before the planned transfiguration (Mathew 17)

Michael does not accuse Satan. He uses the authority of the Lord “The Lord rebuke you”.

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Jude quotes from [apocryphal writings](#) (about Moses and Enoch). These writings are not in the Bible and are of questionable reliability (not spirit inspired, historical truth + fiction)

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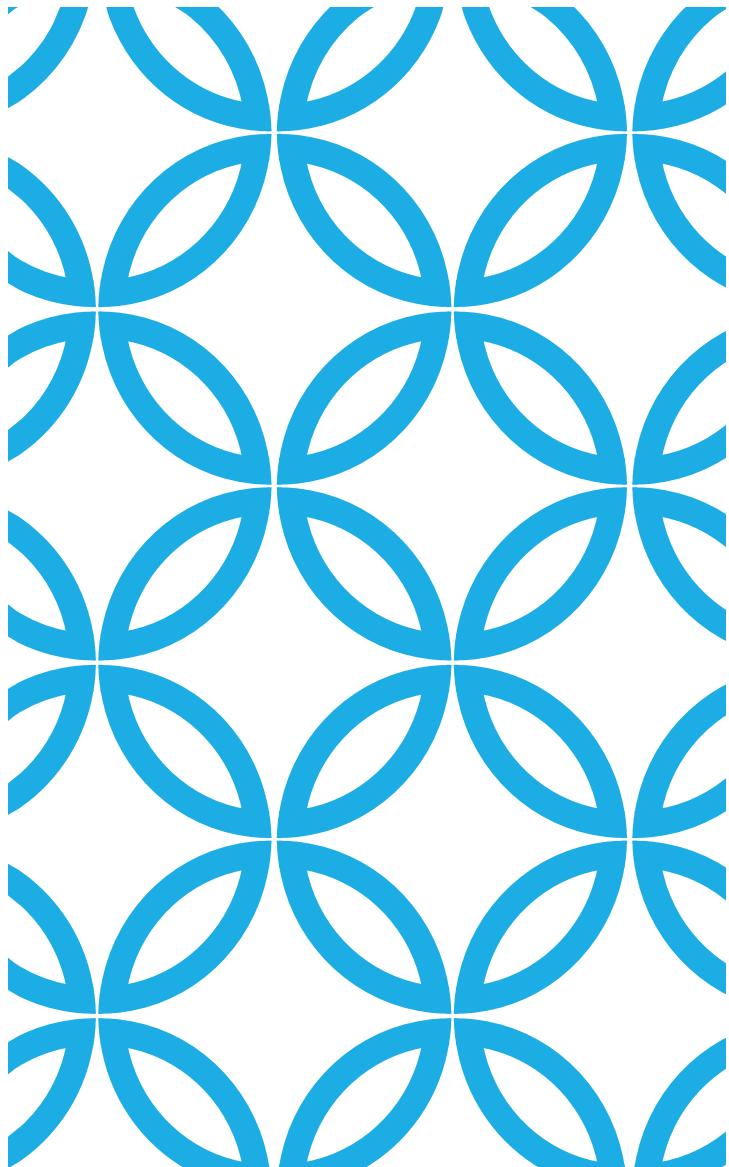
Michael – did not speak evil even of the devil

But false teachers speak evil of dignitaries.

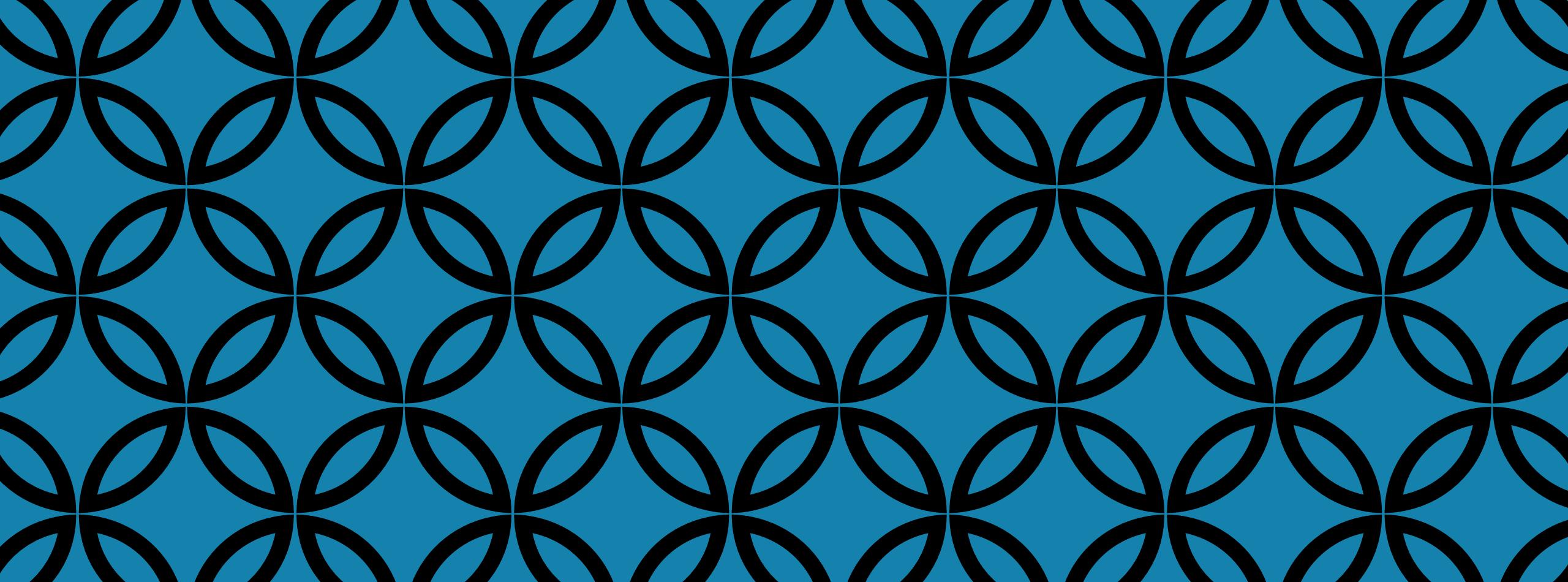
Spoke in ignorance against spiritual leaders

Their knowledge was natural, not spiritual. So their behavior reflected brute beasts that have no understanding

Psalms 32:9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:

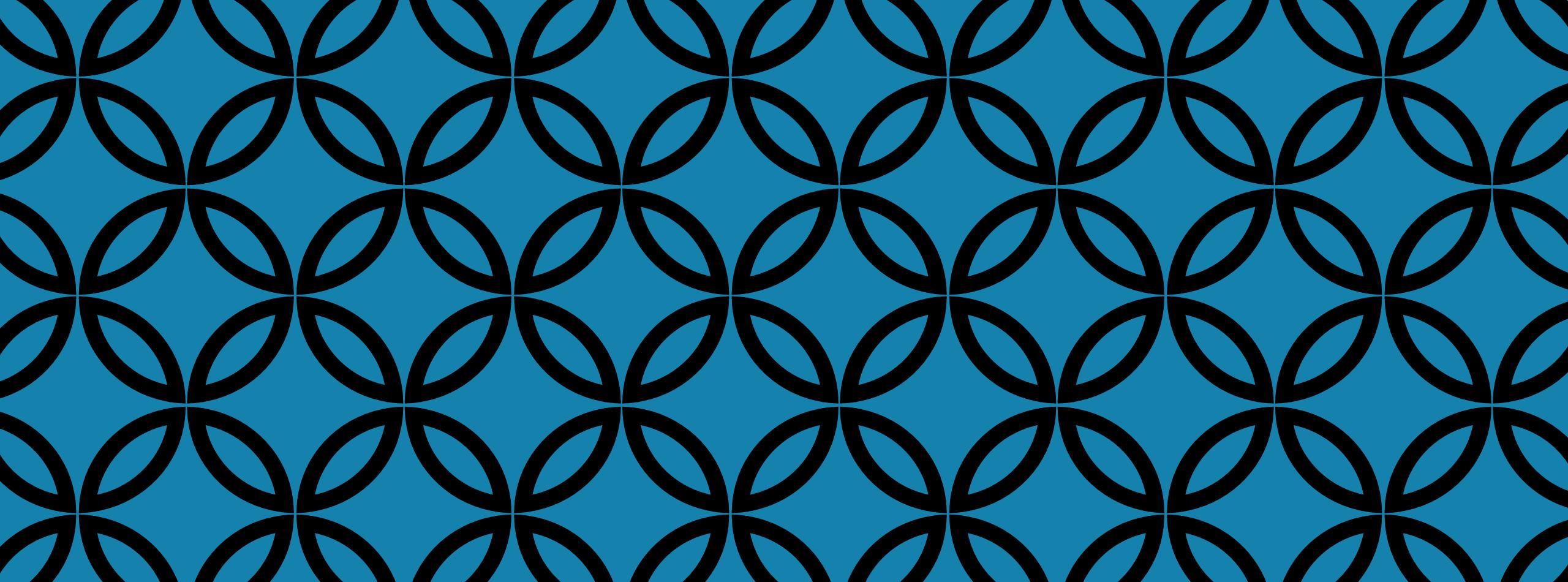


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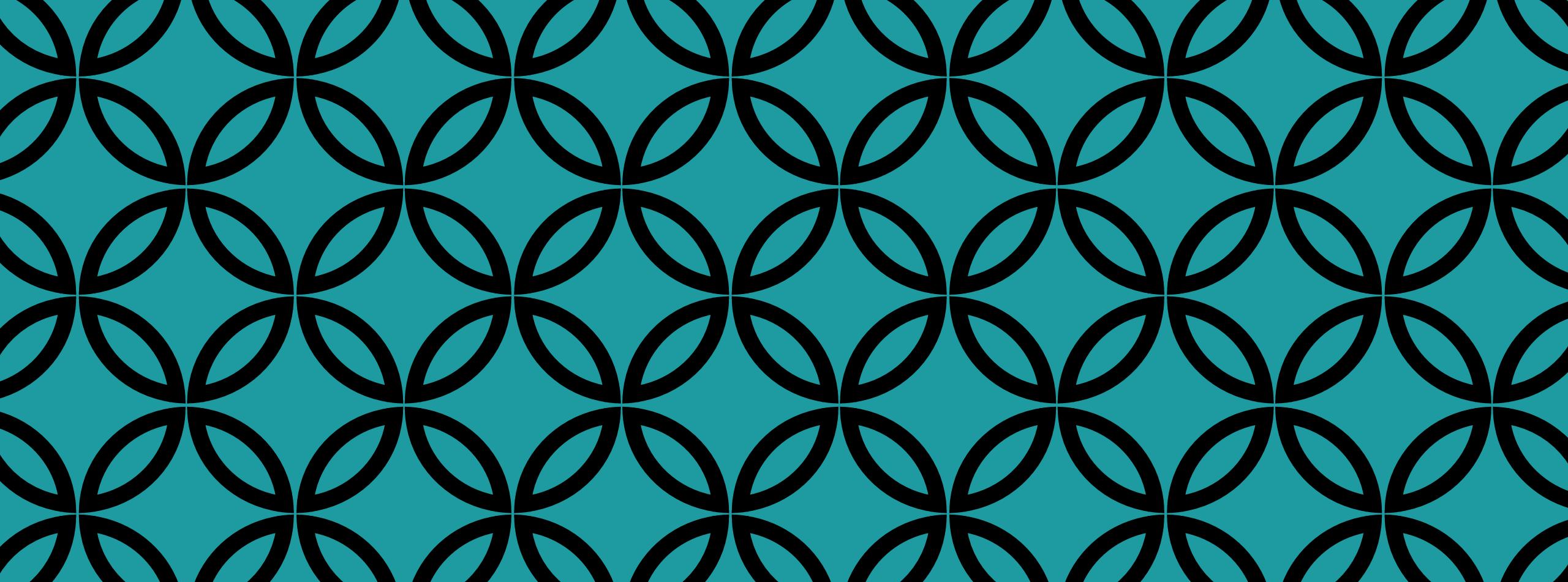
#1 DO YOU KNOW YOUR IDENTITY AS BELIEVERS?

We are
Sanctified.
Preserved.
Called.



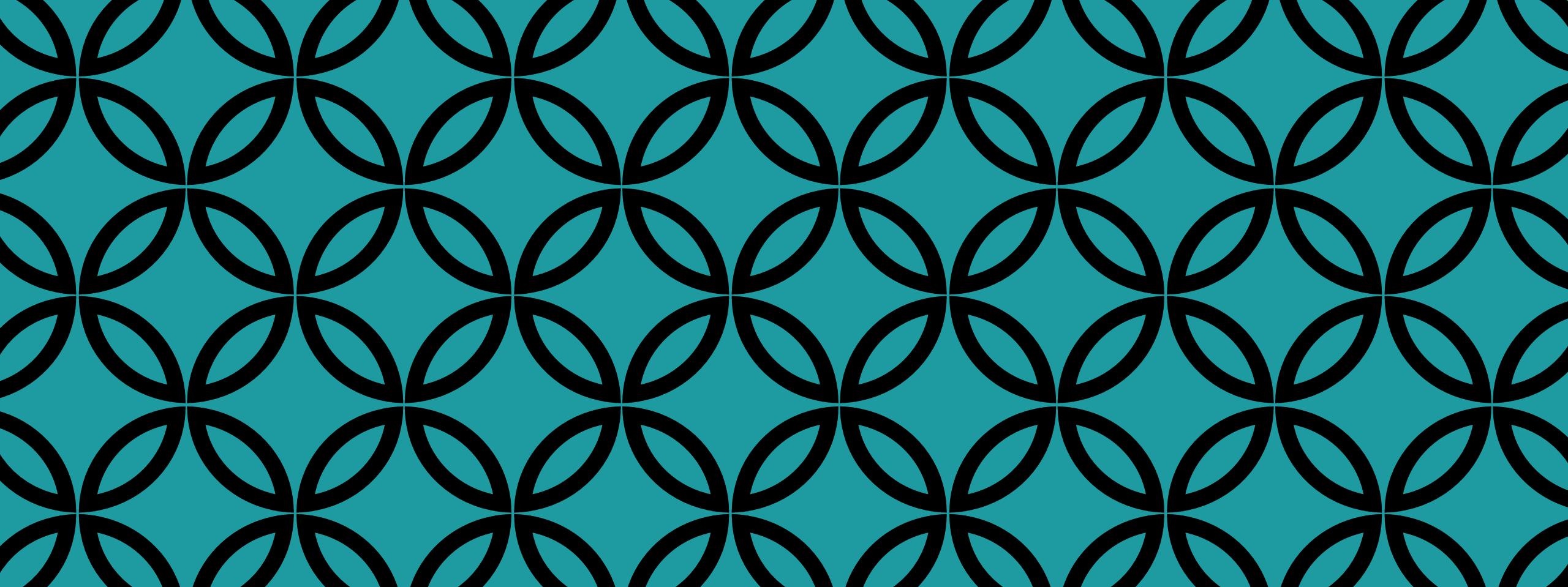
#2 ARE YOU CONTENDING FOR YOUR FAITH OR COMPROMISING?

Do not be
ashamed of
Christ and the Gospel



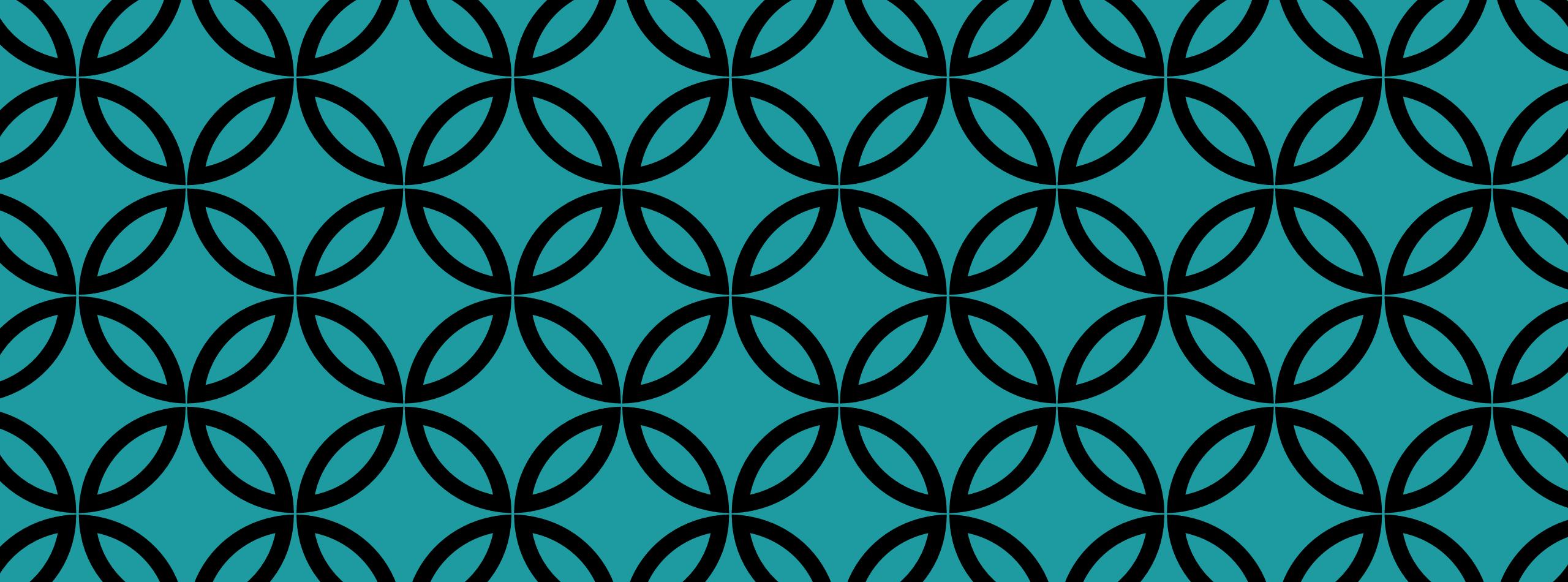
#3 WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO DISCERN
FALSE TEACHERS OR FALSE DOCTRINE?

KNOW THE WORD!



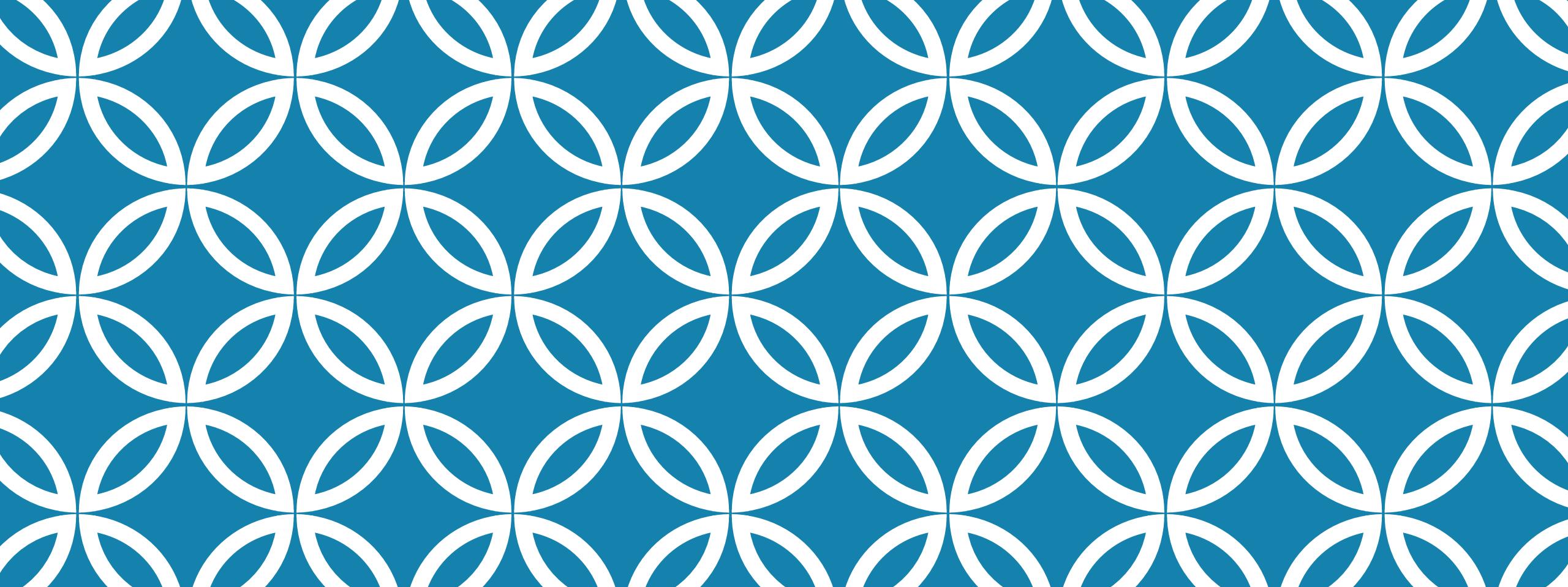
#4 GOD IS JUST AND
WILL DESTROY UNREPENTANT SINNERS

REPENT
before It is
LATE!



#5 MICHAEL DID NOT SPEAK EVIL (EVEN OF DEVIL)

Do not hastily judge
and seek vengeance



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