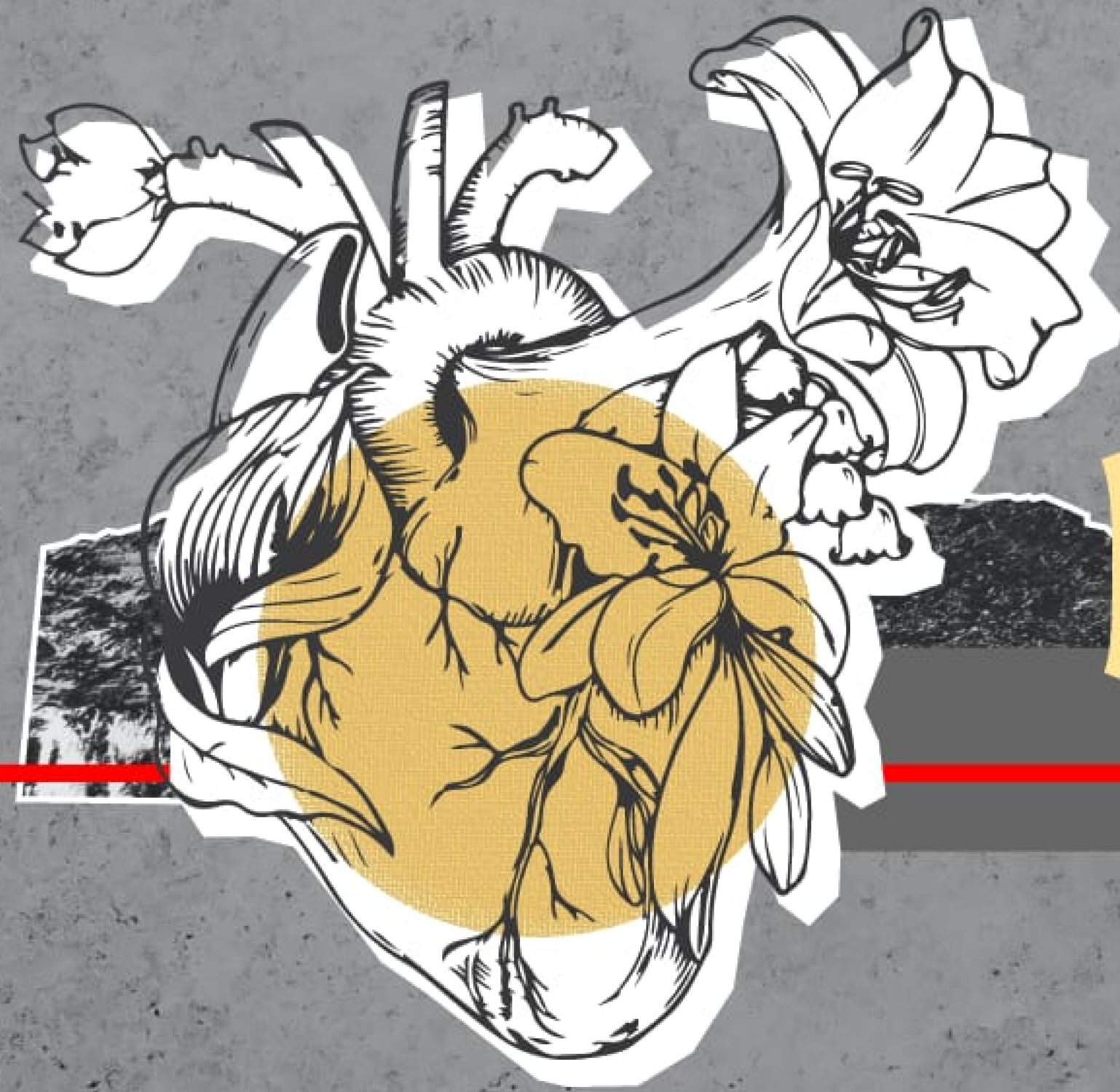




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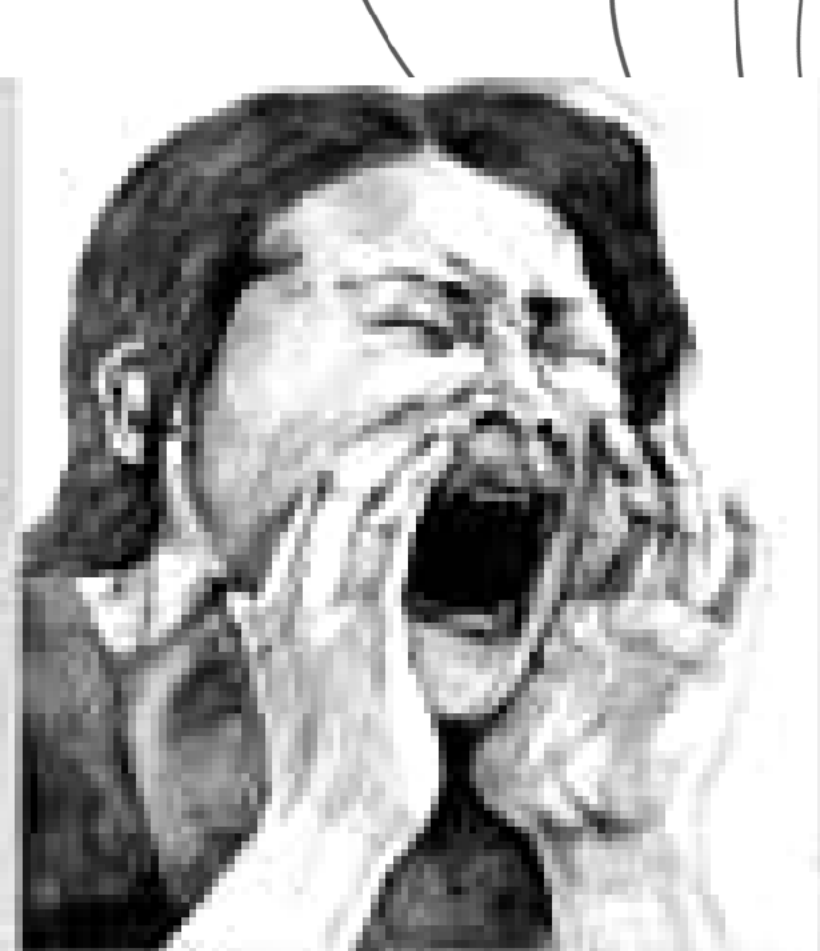
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EZEKIEL 12



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# EAR TRUMPET



SAY WHAT?



NO BATTERIES REQUIRED




**Rebellion** brings  
blindness.  
Only **God** brings sight.

**Prov 20:12** "Ears that hear and  
eyes that see—the LORD has  
made them both."

## Jeremiah 5:20-22

"Announce this to the house of Jacob and proclaim it in Judah: 21 Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear: 22 Should you not fear me?" declares the LORD. "Should you not tremble in my presence?"



# **4 kinds of rebellion-induced blindness**

# 1. Blind and deaf **to** **coming slavery**

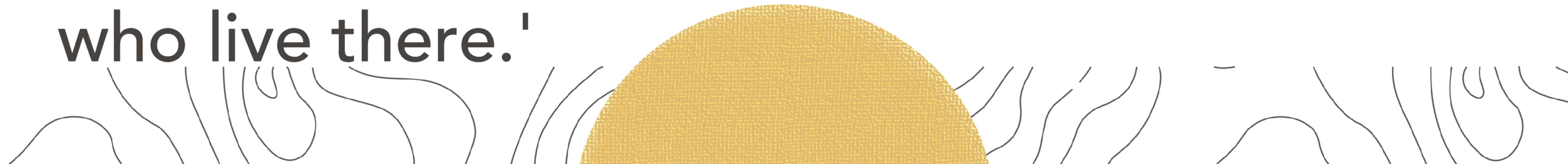
**Ezekiel 12:11-13** Say to them, 'I am a sign to you.' "As I have done, so it will be done to them. They will go into exile as captives.

## **2. Blind and deaf to coming anxiety**



## **Ezekiel 12:19**

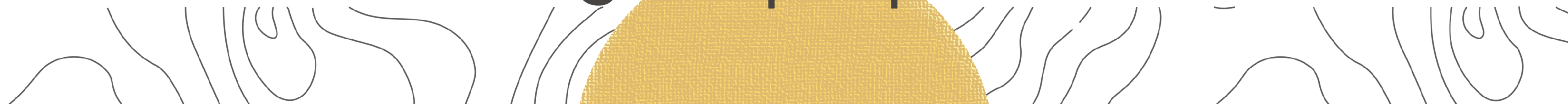
Say to the people of the land: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says about those living in Jerusalem and in the land of Israel: They will eat their food in anxiety and drink their water in despair, for their land will be stripped of everything in it because of the violence of all who live there.'



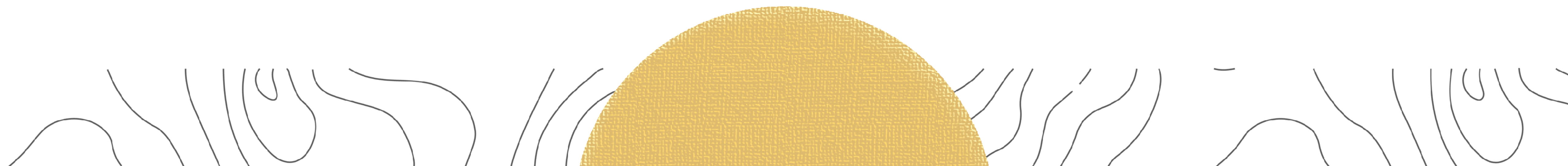
# 3. Blind and deaf **to** **flattering lies**

## **Ezekiel 12:23-25**

Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, 'The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled. 24 For there will be no more false visions or flattering divinations among the people of Israel...



...But I the LORD will speak what I will, and it shall be fulfilled without delay. For in your days, you rebellious house, I will fulfill whatever I say, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"

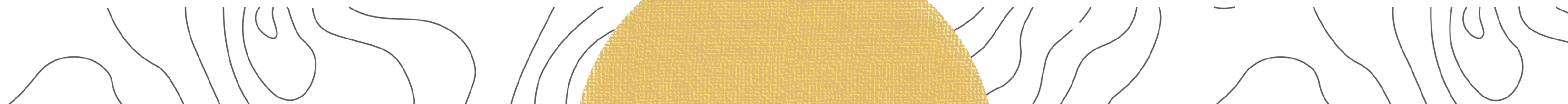


**4. Blind and deaf to  
the need for urgency**

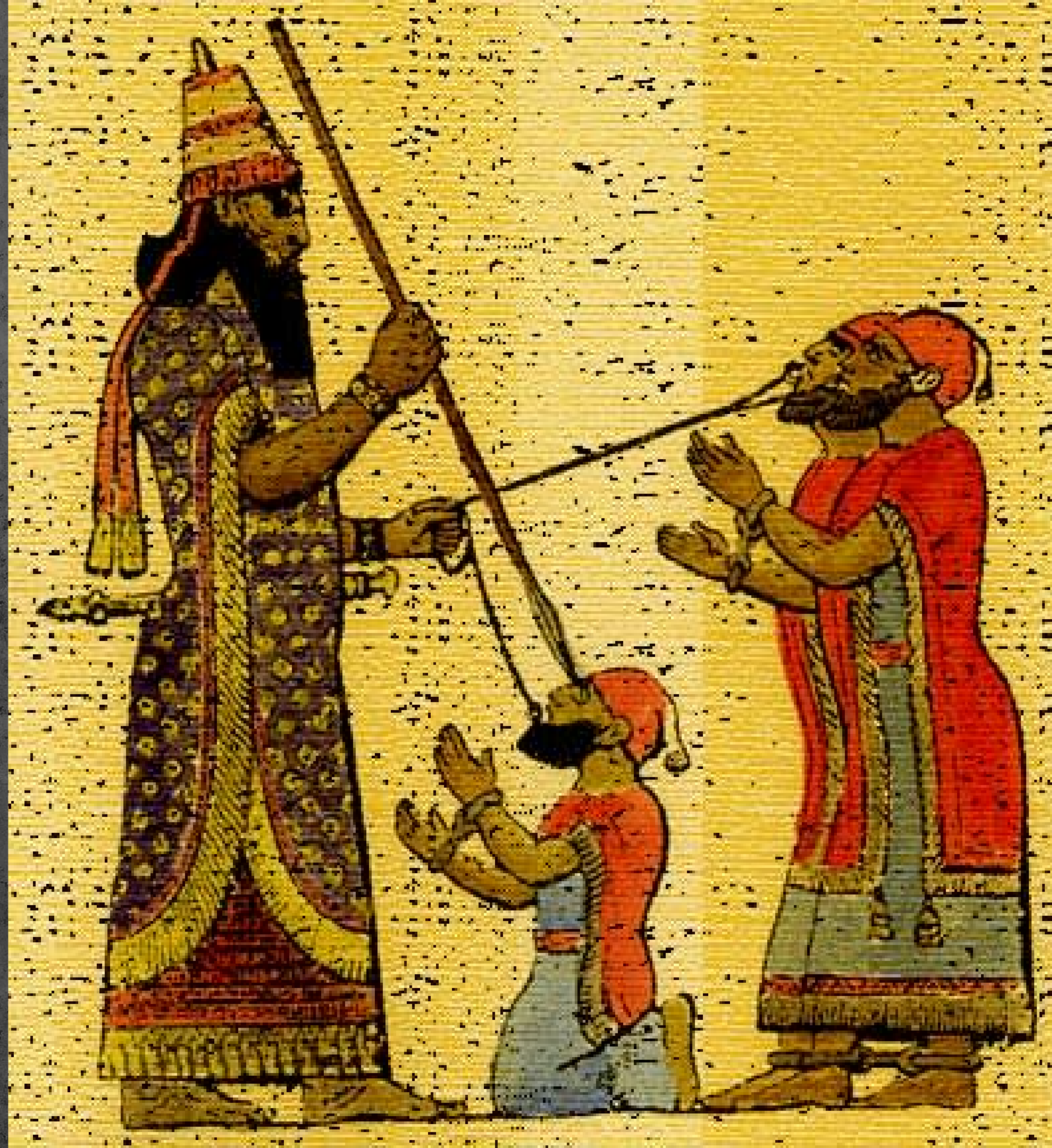
## **Ezekiel 12:27-28**

"Son of man, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about the distant future.' 28

"Therefore say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"

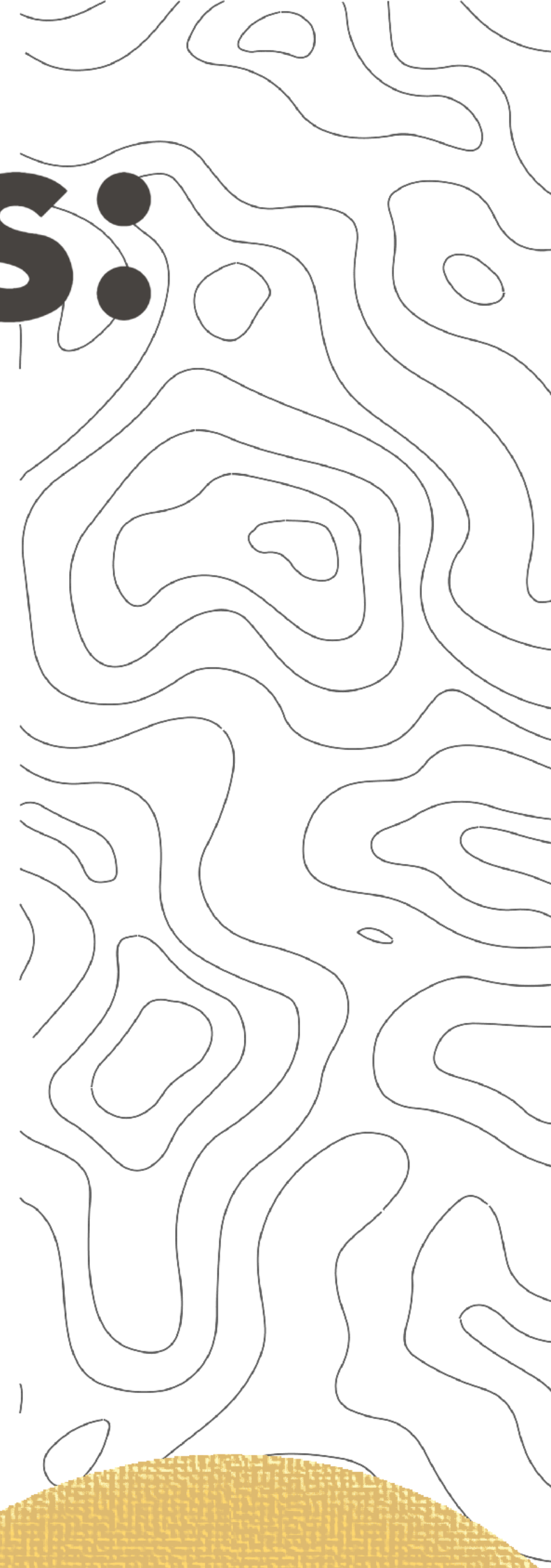


**Result:  
Hardened  
blindness**



# 10 Direct Predictions:

1. They will go into captivity
2. The prince/king will try to escape
3. He will escape through an unexpected hole in the wall
4. His sight will be covered so that he cannot see





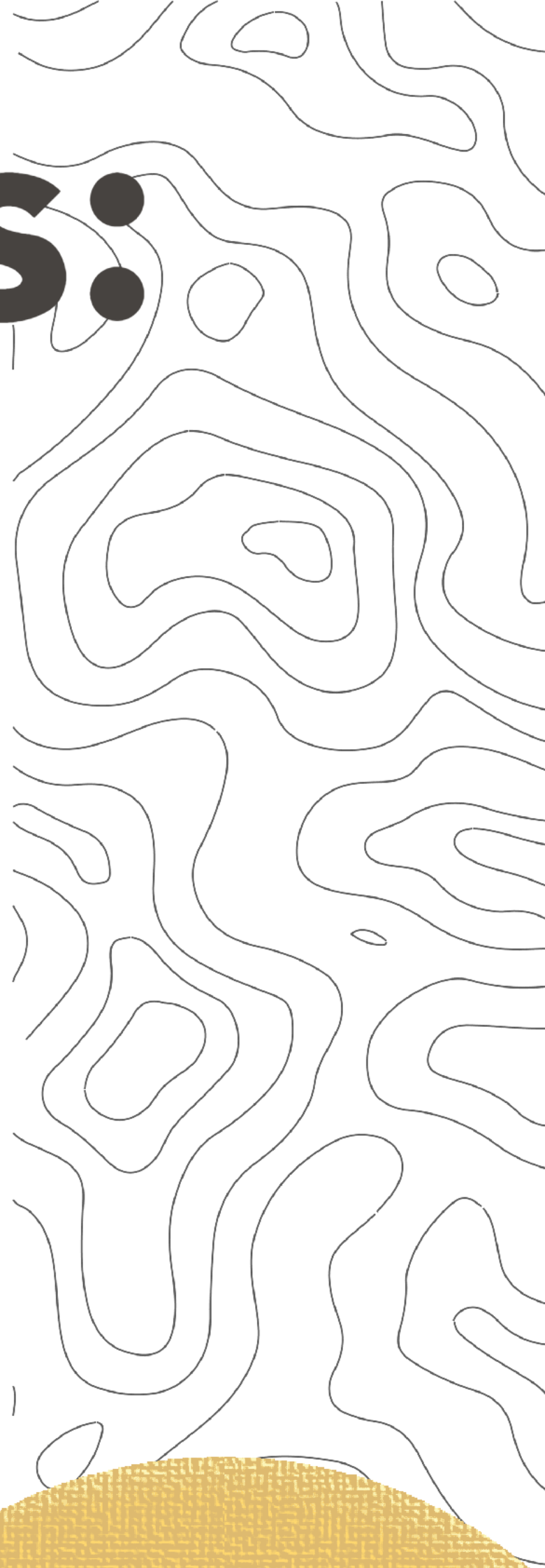
# 10 Direct Predictions:

5. He'll be caught

6. Brought to Babylon

7. He will not see Babylon

8. He will die in Babylon

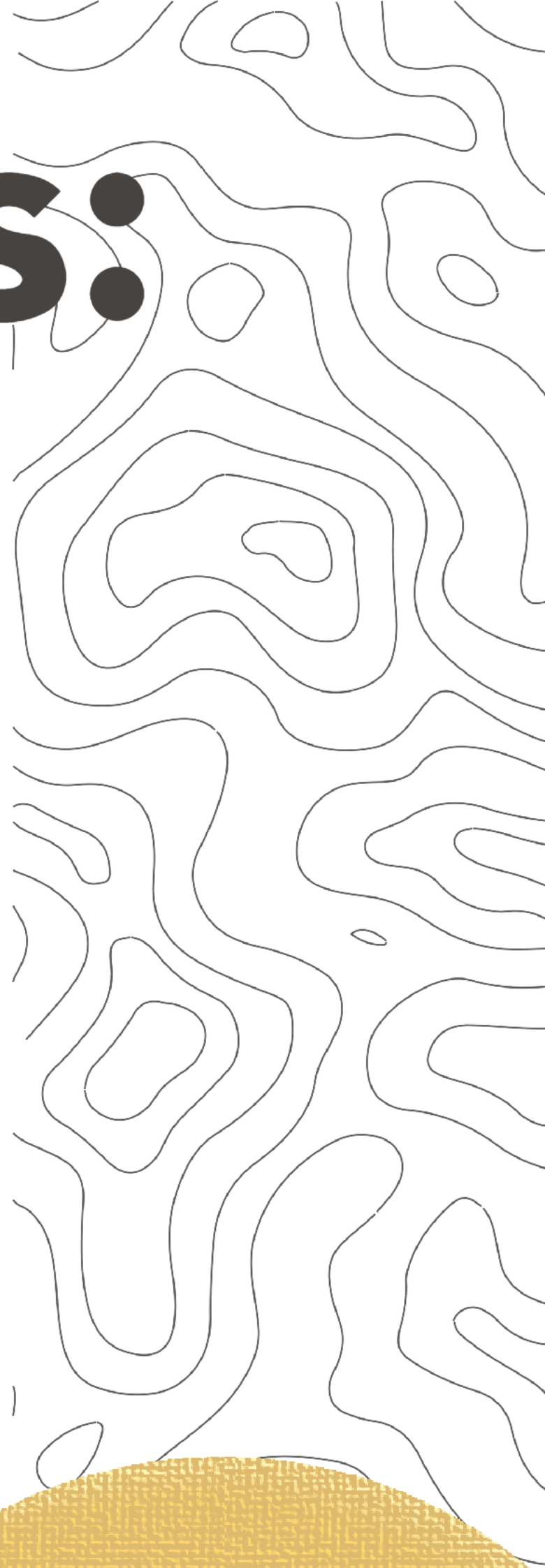


# 10 Direct Predictions:

- 9. His people will be disbursed
- 10. A few will be spared into exile

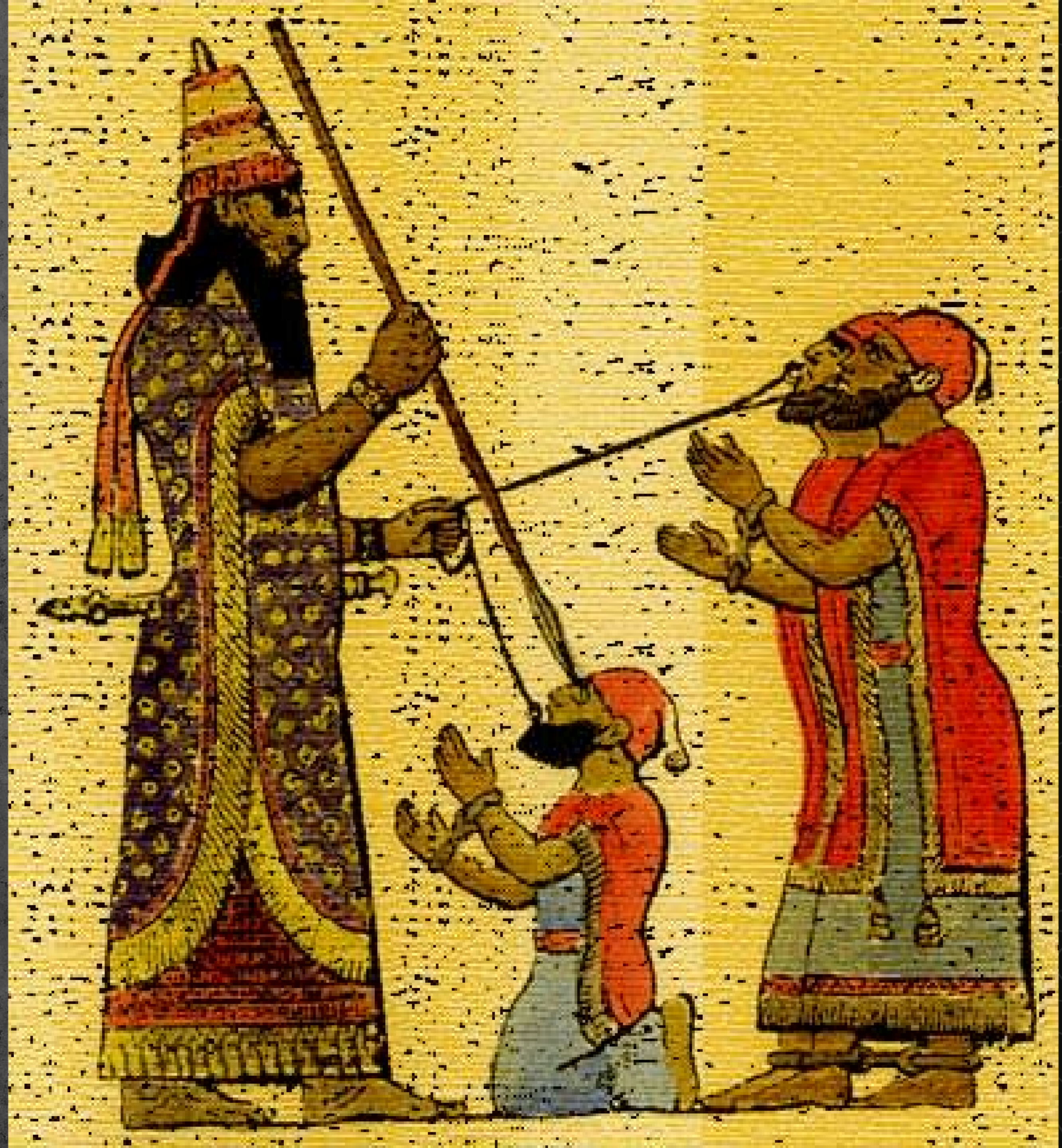
From 11:10:

- 11. "you will die on the borders of Israel"  
(i.e. not in the city)



**Result:  
Hardened  
blindness**

**2 Kings 25**



**Isaiah 6:9-10** 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' 10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."



## Matthew 13:13-17

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of  
Isaiah: "'You will be ever hearing but  
never understanding; you will be  
ever seeing but never perceiving. 15  
For this people's heart has become  
calloused; they hardly hear with their  
ears, and they have closed their eyes.



Otherwise they might see  
with their eyes, hear with  
their ears, understand with  
their hearts and turn, and I  
would heal them." 16 But  
**blessed are your eyes**  
**because they see,** and your  
ears because they hear.



# Ezekiel 12:3

Set out and go from where you are to another place. **Perhaps they will understand,** though they are a rebellious house.



Urgency: what is at stake?

slavery

terror

deception

missing the moment

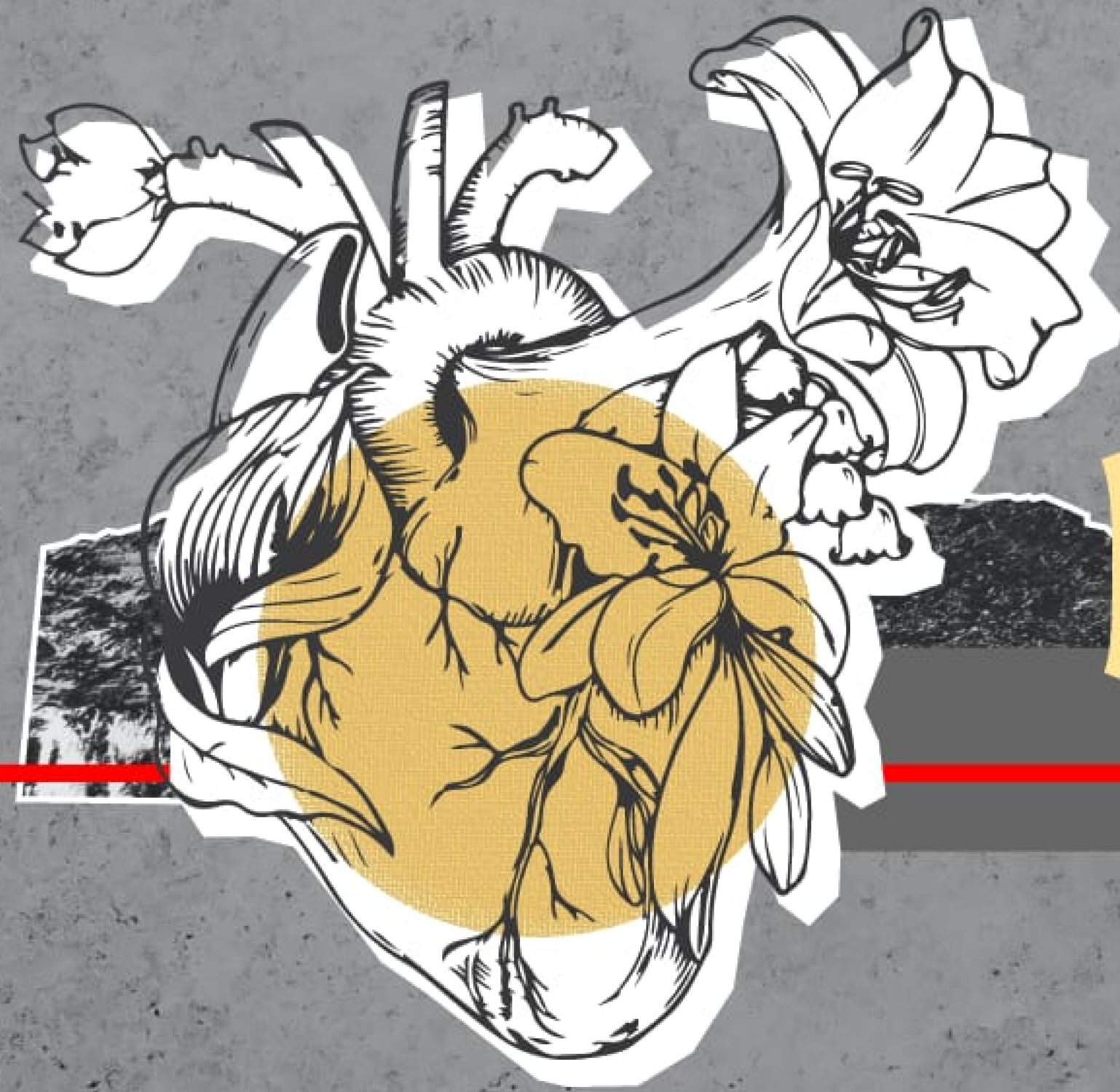




Urgency:  
4 years left of 374.

There's time left.  
But not much.





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