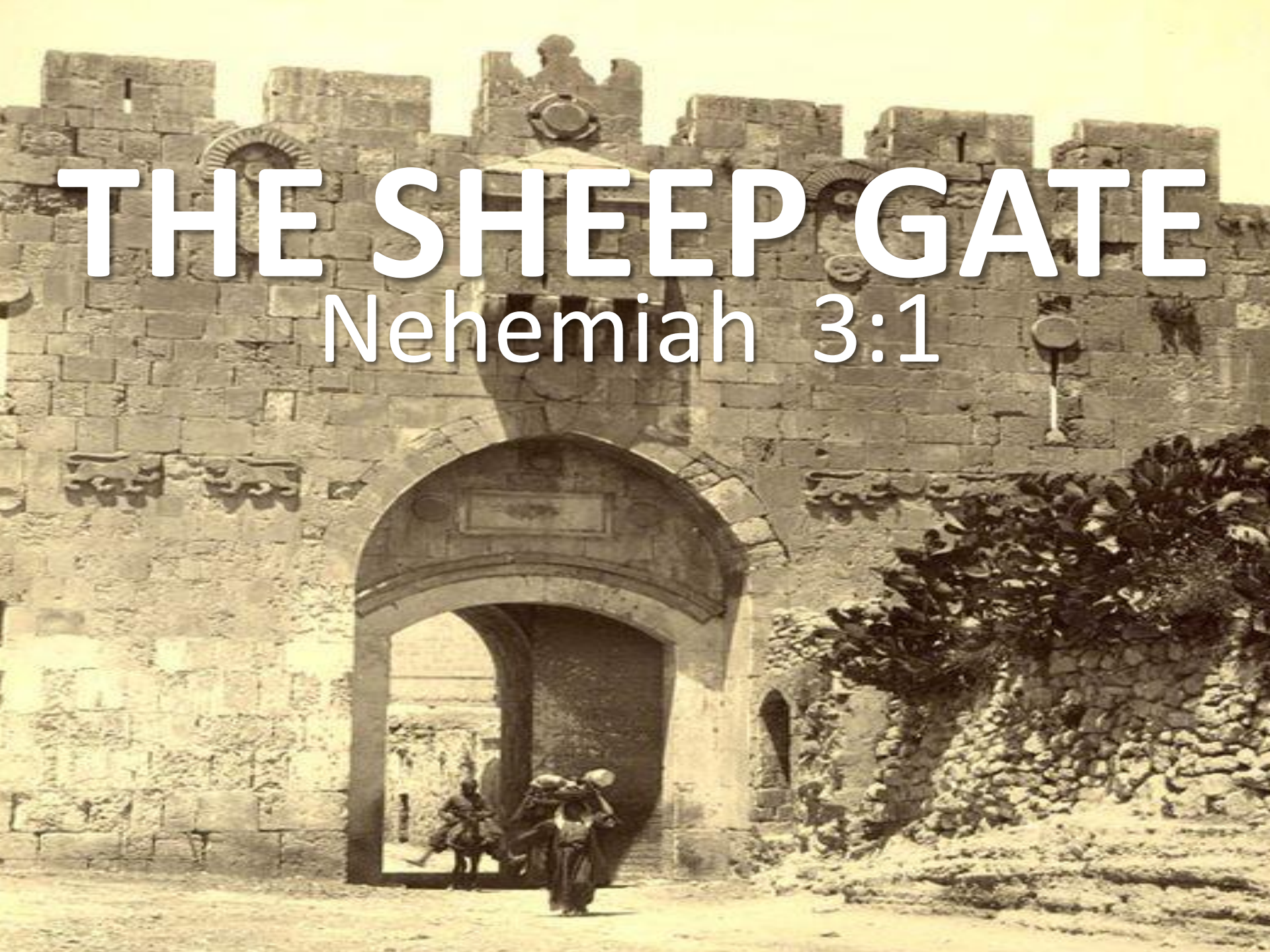


# THE SHEEP GATE

Nehemiah 3:1





## Nehemiah 3: 1&2

***“Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup> The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.”***

## JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF NEHEMIAH (C. 444–420? B.C.)

Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. Upon their return from exile in 536 B.C., the Jews, under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Jeshua, first restored the altar and then laid the foundation of the temple. Twenty years later, in 516 B.C., the temple was rebuilt. This time period is referred to as the Second Temple period. Later on, and under very difficult circumstances, Nehemiah restored the city wall. This is described in great detail in ch. 3. There is ample archaeological evidence, both positive and negative, to show that only the Eastern Hill of Jerusalem was fortified at that time and that the eastern wall of the city was built higher up the slope than the previous wall, so that the city was smaller than that of Solomon.

The Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, the Sheep Gate, the Gate of the Guard, and the Corner Tower added strength to the northern wall of the Temple Mount, which also served as the northern city wall in this area.

**The Temple** and the altar were rebuilt soon after the return from exile. The dimensions of the temple, given as 60 cubits (90 feet/27 m) high and wide (Ezra 6:3), probably refer to those of the porch. (For a cutaway illustration of the temple, see p. 813.)

**The Temple Mount** was restored by Nehemiah as part of the fortification of Jerusalem.

**The Western Hill** was not occupied at this time. However, the ruins of the Broad Wall (3:8; 12:38), the Middle Gate (cf. Jer. 39:3), and the destroyed houses remained part of the landscape of Jerusalem. This area was not rebuilt until the middle of the second century B.C.

**The Valley Gate** (2:13, 15; 3:13), the remains of which were excavated in 1924, was part of the western city wall. The other gates and the Tower of the Ovens, mentioned in chs. 3 and 12, are unattested to in the archaeological record, but are placed in the drawing in the order in which Nehemiah records them.

**The Broad Wall (ruined)**  
**Remains of the Middle Gate**

**Sheep Gate**  
(hidden from view)

**Tower of the Hundred**

**Fish Gate**

**Gate of Yeshanah (Old Gate)**

**Gate of Ephraim**

**Tower of the Ovens**

**Gate of the Guard**

**Corner Tower**

**Muster Gate**  
(hidden from view)

**Horse Gate**

**Wall of the Ophel**

**The Great Projecting Tower** (3:25–27) was tentatively identified by Charles Warren in 1867.

**Water Gate**

Remains of ancient walls used to support agricultural terraces.

The central section of the eastern city wall was built higher up the hill than the wall that preceded it. The two points where the new wall diverted from its original course were each called "the buttress" (3:19, 24, 25).

**The Buttress**

**Western Hill**

**Central Valley**

**Eastern Hill**

**Hinnom Valley**

**Dam**

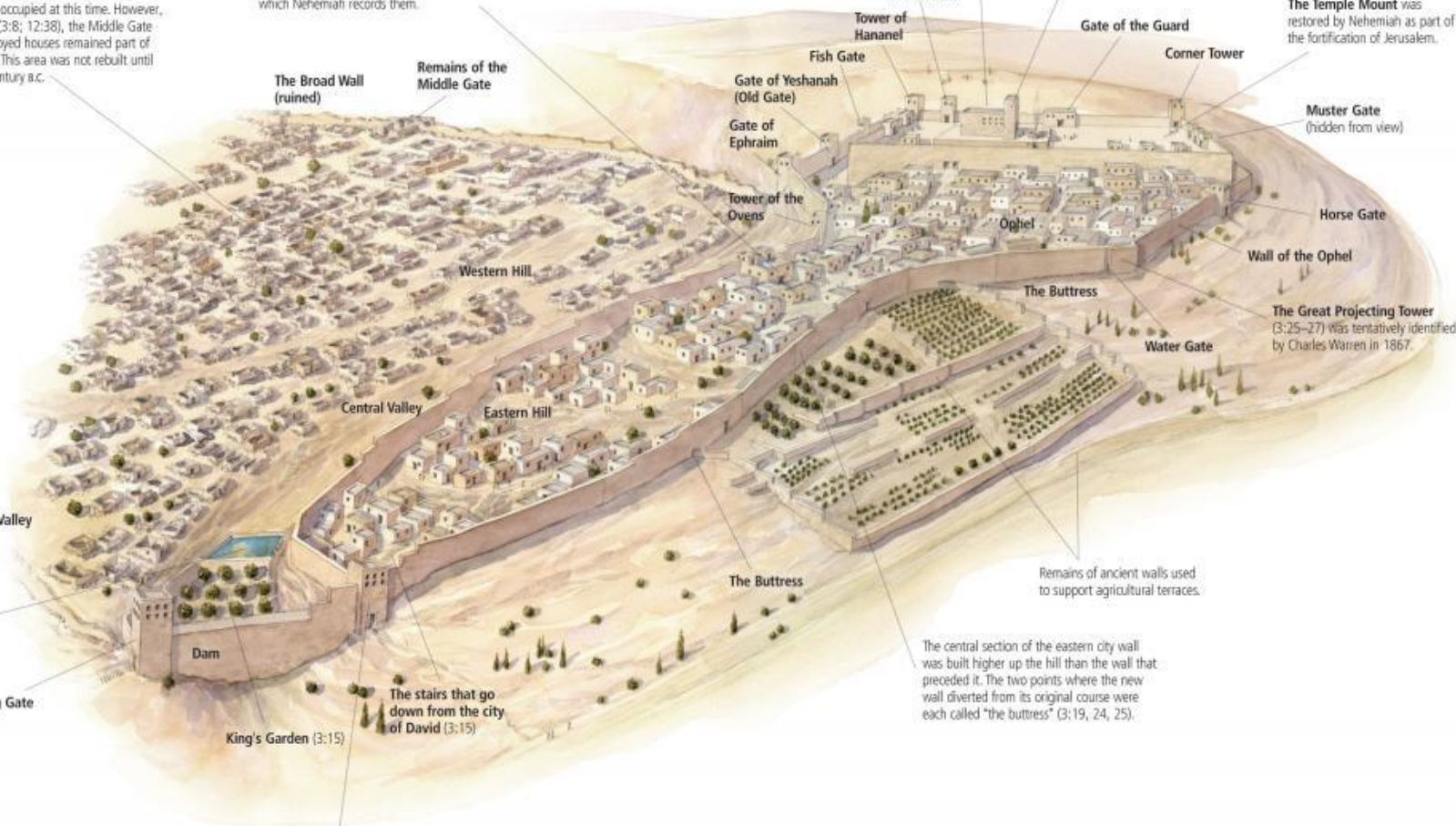
**Dung Gate**

**King's Garden** (3:15)

**The stairs that go down from the city of David** (3:15)

**The Fountain Gate** (2:14; 3:15; 12:37) was located in the southern part of the eastern wall, presumably close to the Siloam Pool.

**The Siloam Pool** was again used as the city's water source. There is no mention in ch. 3 of the Gihon Spring, probably because it was no longer accessible after the Babylonians had destroyed its protective towers.



***In FIRST place at the HEART of all is GOD, their relationship with God and keeping a short account to God, it's about FORGIVENESS from God and closeness to our heavenly Father.***





**The SALVATION / RESCUE plan for  
humanity has been in place since Gen. 3:  
The PERFECT sacrifice, ONCE to die, ONCE  
for ALL people for ALL TIME**

*And I will put enmity between you and the  
woman, and between your offspring and hers; **he  
will crush your head**, and you will strike his heel.'*

Gen 3:15



# WILLIAM TYNDALE

1494 - 1536 AD

TRANS. BIBLE INTO  
ENGLISH

COINED "ATONEMENT"  
TO TRANSLATE THE  
GREEK WORD:

"RECONCILIATION"

BURNED AT THE STAKE



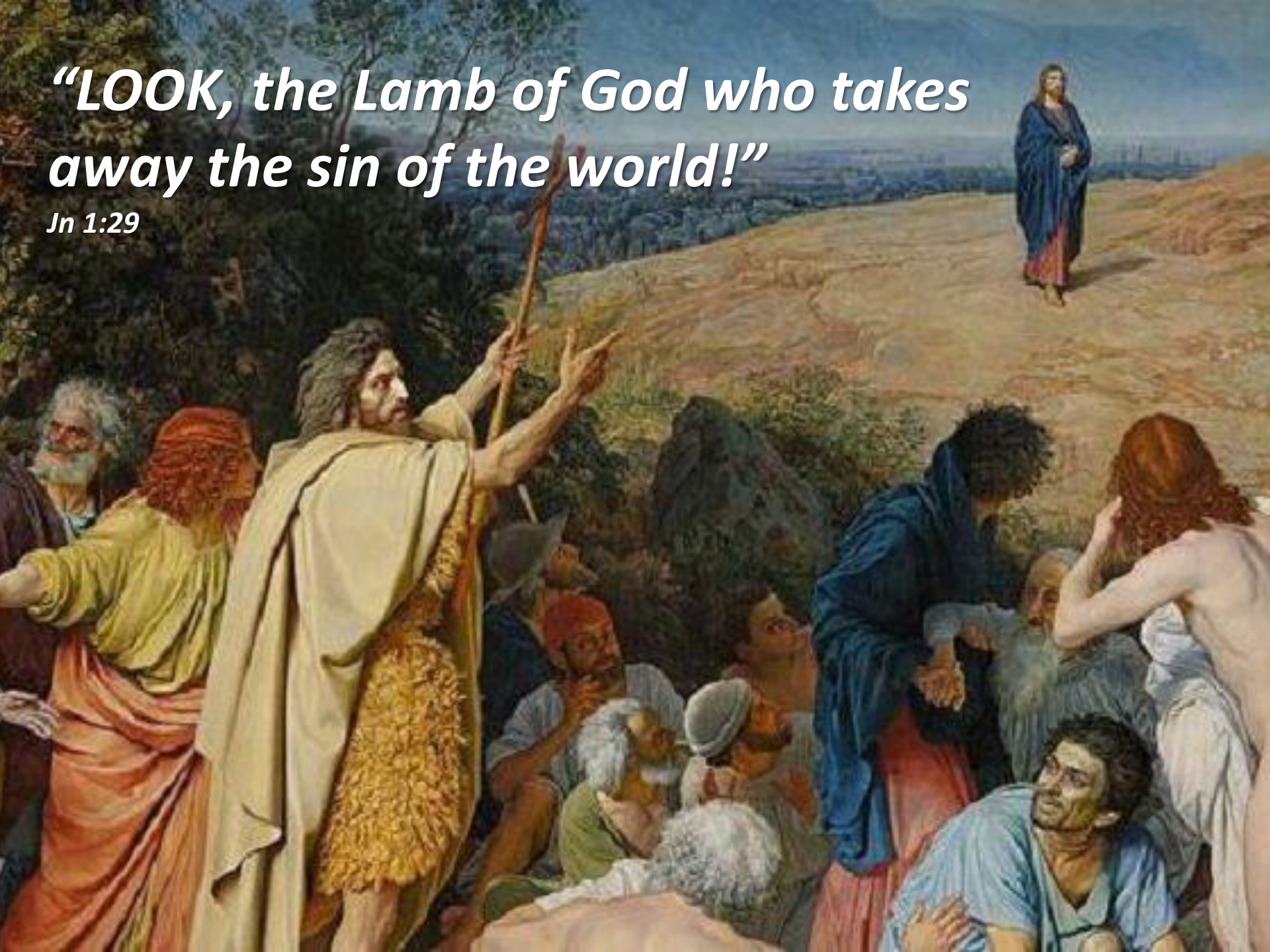






***“LOOK, the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world!”***

***Jn 1:29***





And between the throne and the  
four living creatures and among the elders

**I SAW A LAMB STANDING,  
AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN SLAIN,**

with seven horns and with seven eyes,  
which are the seven spirits of God  
sent out into all the earth.

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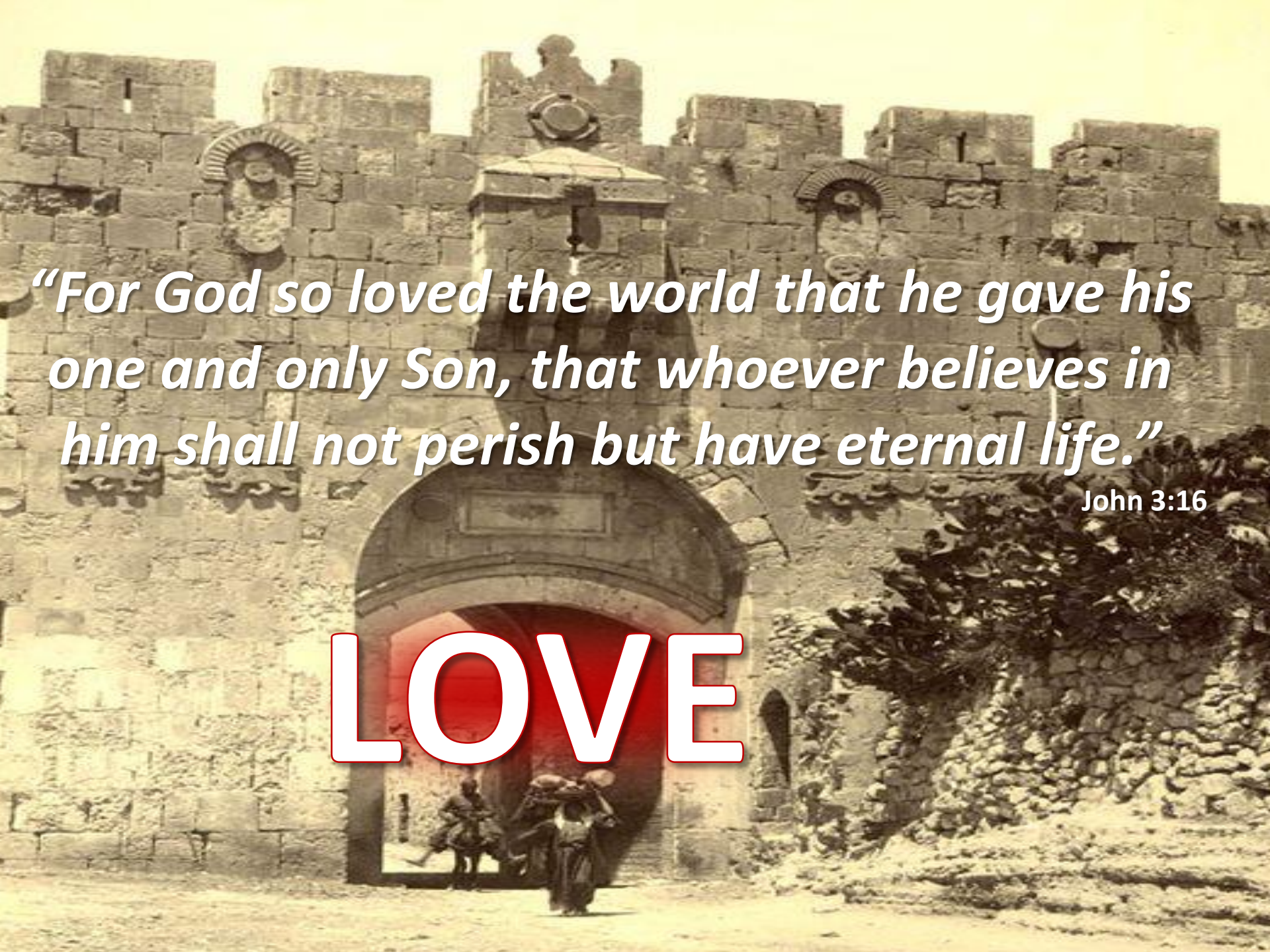
REVELATION 5:6





***Our Redeemer was hurried along the road which crosses the brook Kedron. The brook Kedron, you know, was that into which all the filth of the sacrifices of the temple was cast, and Christ, as though he were a foul and filthy thing, must be led to the black stream. He was led into Jerusalem by the sheep-gate, the gate through which the lambs of the Passover and the sheep for sacrifice were always driven. Little did they understand, that in so doing they were again following out to the very letter the significant types which God had ordained in the law of Moses. They led, I say, this Lamb of God through the sheep-gate, and they hastened him on to the house of Annas, the ex-high priest...”***

C. H. Spurgeon



***“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”***

**John 3:16**

**LOVE**