

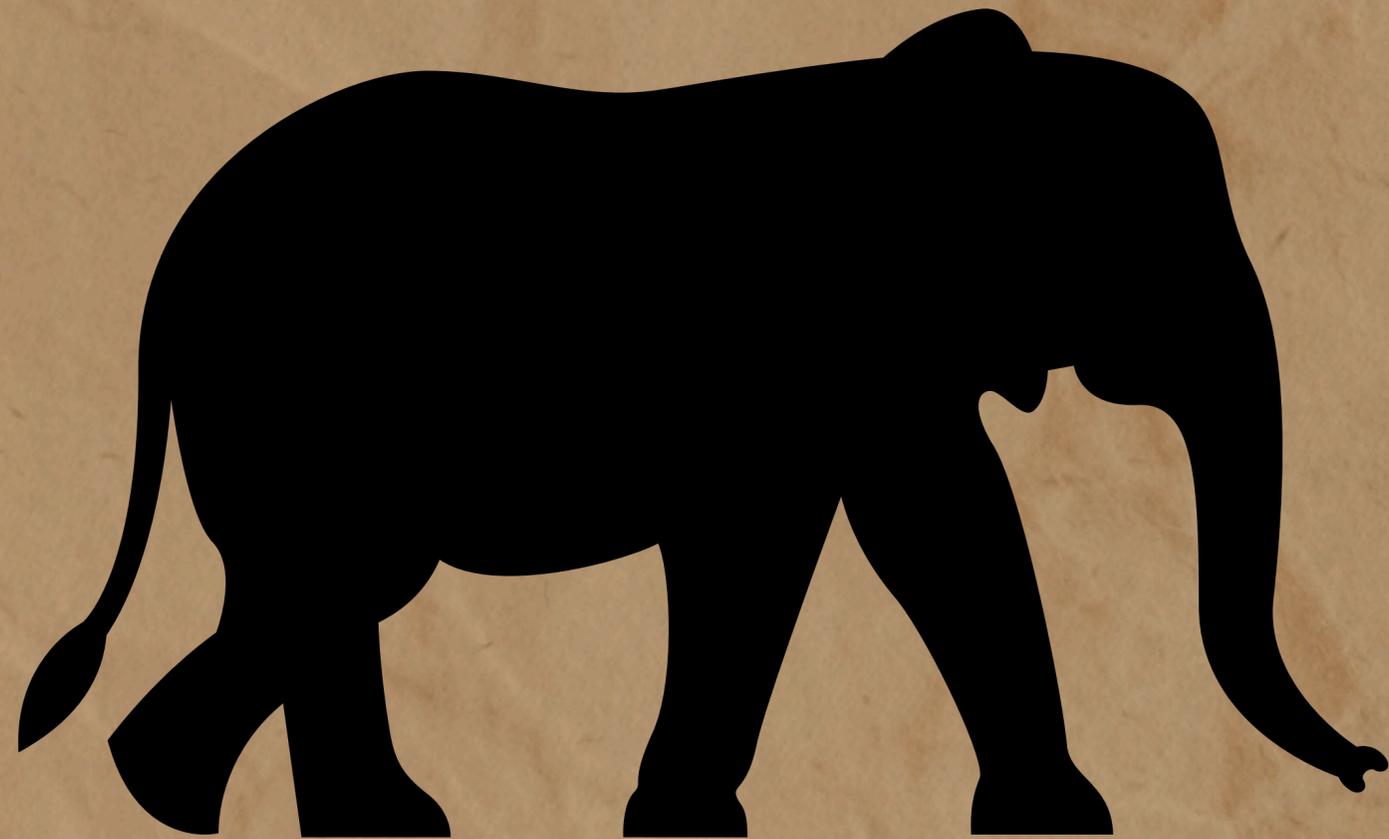
# NUMBERS

LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS



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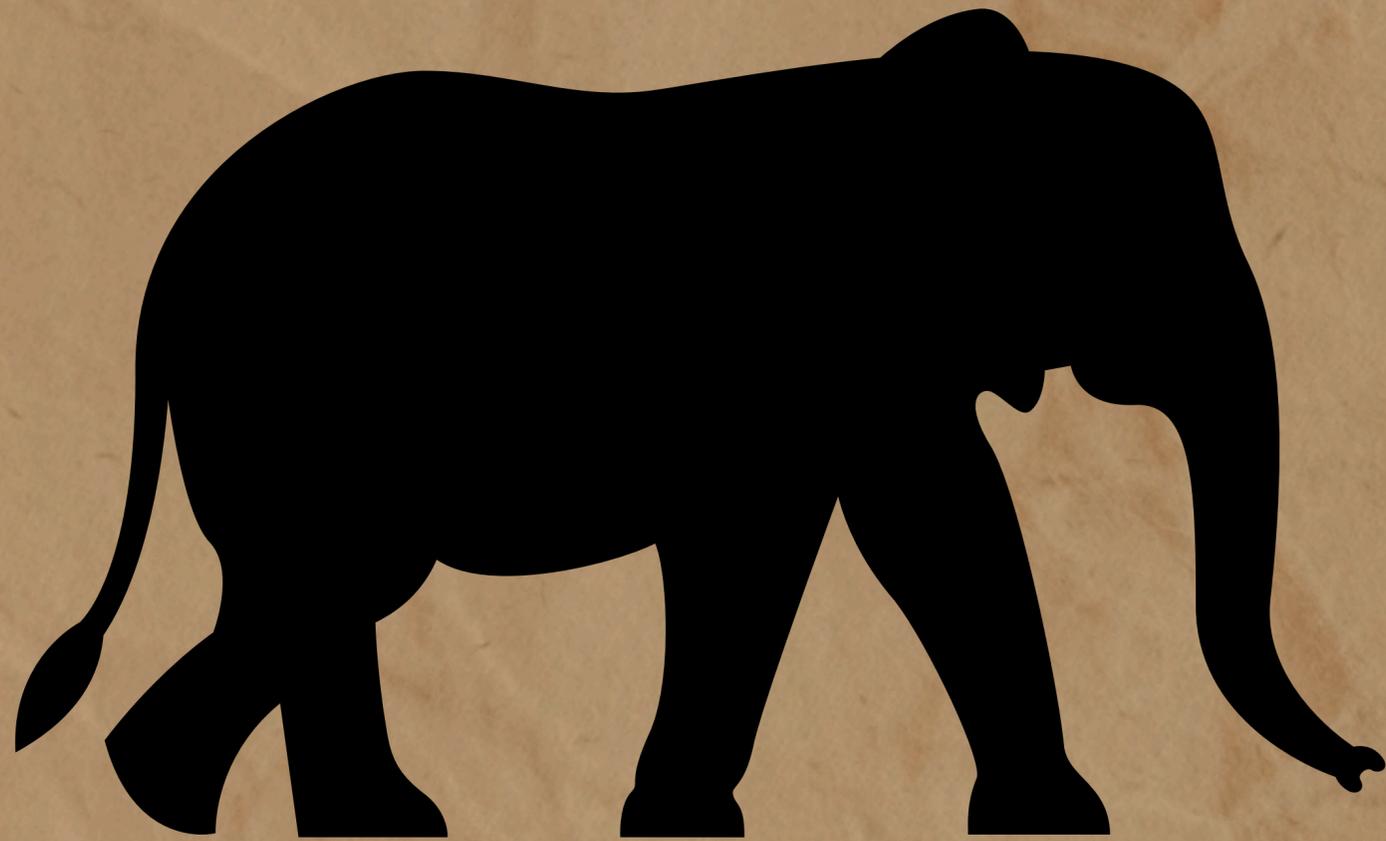
Numbers 31:1-2



# **A Contradiction?**

**“You shall not murder.”**

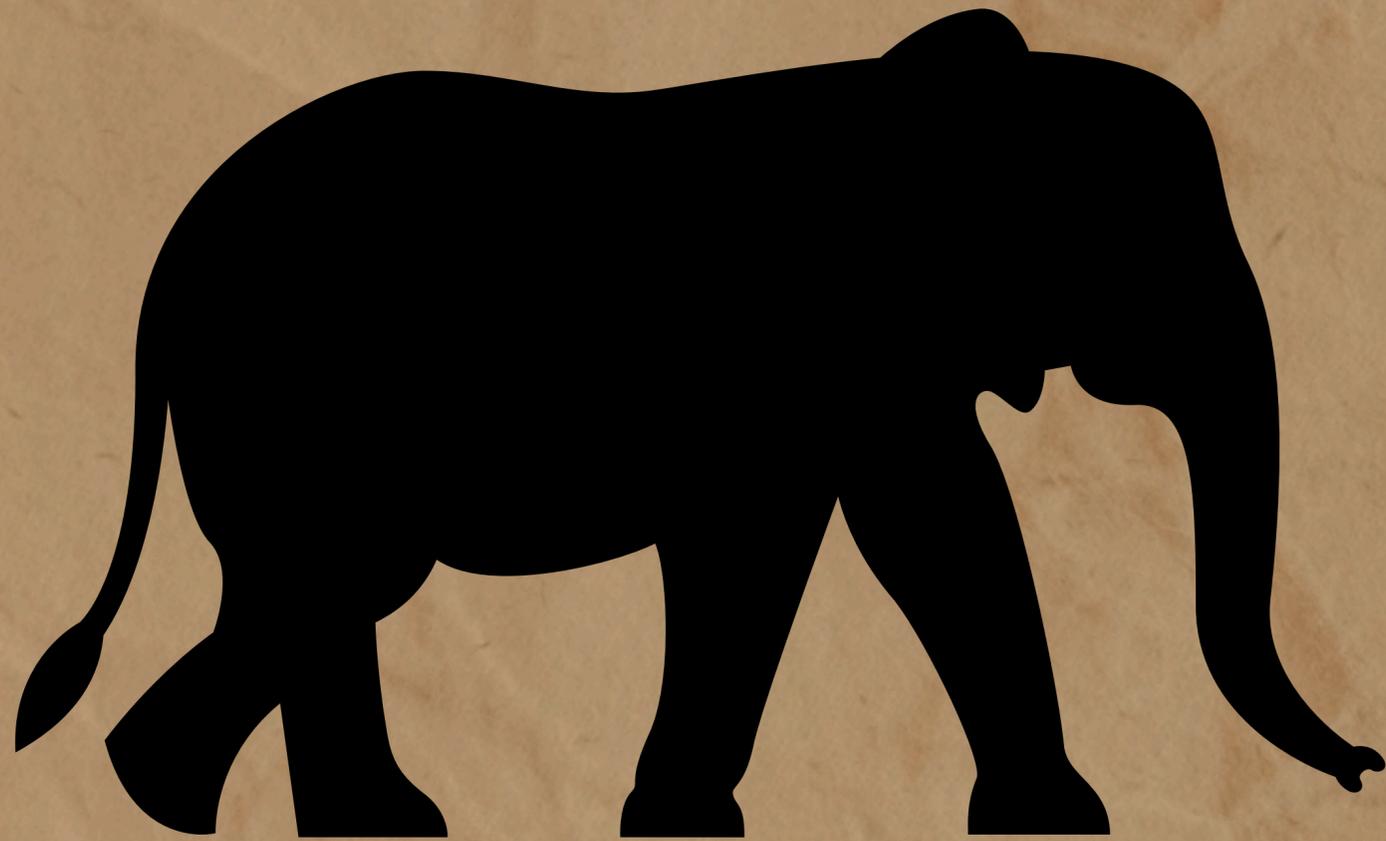
Exodus 20:13



# Land

**To live under God, as in Eden,  
for nations to see and Jesus  
to come.**

See Leviticus 25:23



# **War**

**Judgment brought forward.**

See Deuteronomy 9



**The dividing line of Good and evil  
cuts through the heart of every  
human being. And who is willing to  
destroy a piece of his own heart?**

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

# **Intrusion Ethic**

Meredith G Kline

See Handout

# **New Battle Lines**



**Spiritual not physical**

Ephesians 6:12 & Colossians 2:15

**Fight our remaining sin**

Romans 8:13

**Pray and love those who persecute us**

Matthew 5:44

# **Big Idea**

Let us celebrate Jesus' victory (he wins for us) and enjoy the outcome of his battle on the cross.



SEA OF GALILEE

JORDAN RIVER



Numbers 31

**Jericho** ●

DEAD SEA

MOAB

Numbers 13

**Kadesh-Barnea** ●

# **The Why and the War**

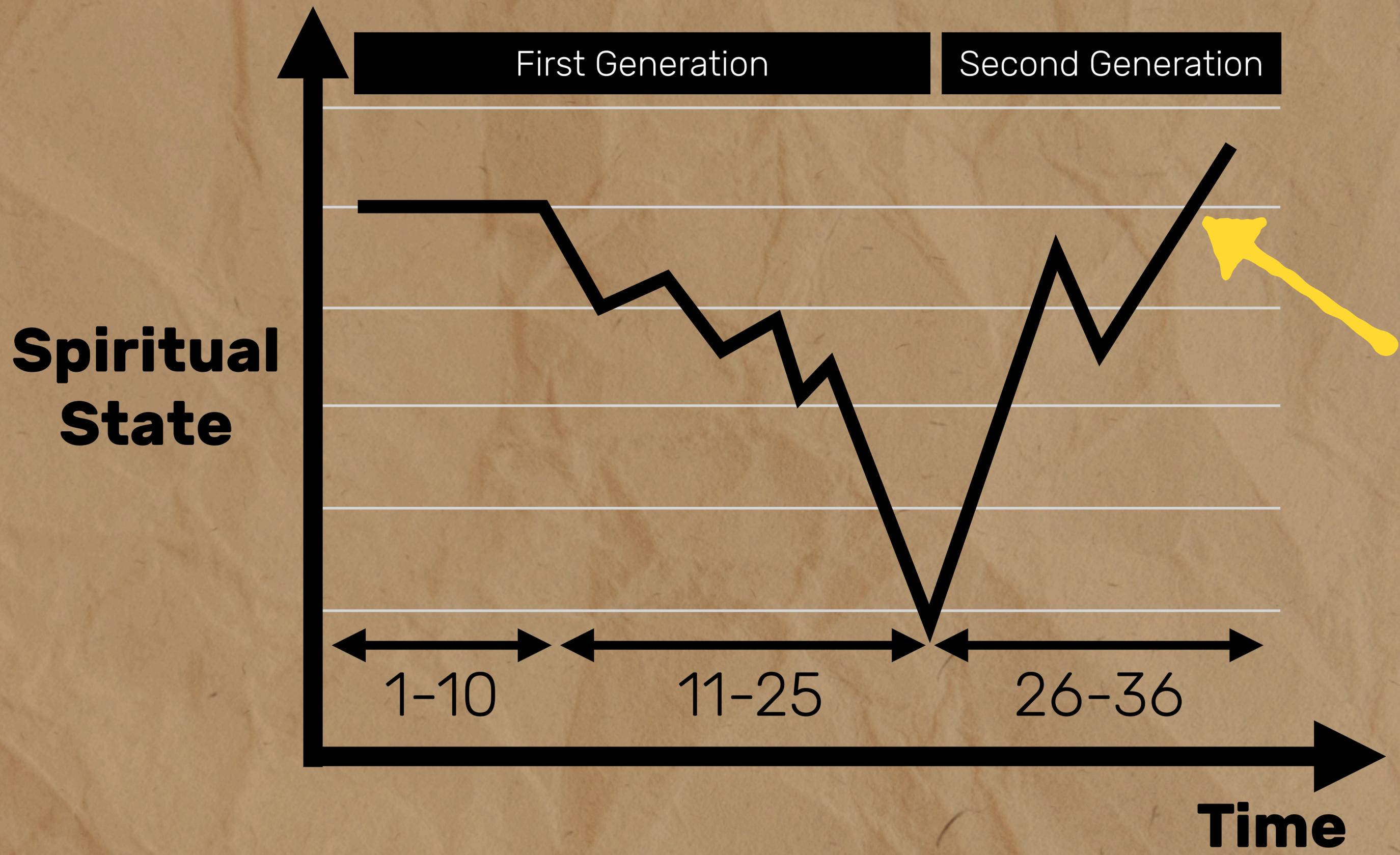
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**Moses sent them into battle, a thousand from each tribe, along with Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, who took with him articles from the sanctuary and the trumpets for signalling.**

Numbers 31:6



# **The Why and the War**

**“Have you allowed all the women to live?” he asked them. “They were the ones who followed Balaam’s advice and enticed the Israelites to be unfaithful to the Lord in the Peor incident, so that a plague struck the Lord’s people. Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man, but save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man.**

Numbers 31:15-18

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**Then the officers who were over the units of the army went to Moses and said to him,  
“Your servants have counted the soldiers under our command, and not one is missing.**

Numbers 31:48-49

# **The Soldiers, Spoil & Offering**

**So we have brought as an offering to the Lord  
the gold articles each of us acquired—  
armlets, bracelets, signet rings, earrings and  
necklaces—to make atonement for ourselves  
before the Lord.”**

Numbers 31:50



**Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ,  
willed that the whole life of  
believers should be repentance.**

Luther

You know that it was **not with perishable things** such as silver or gold that you **were redeemed** from the empty way of life **handed down** to you from your ancestors, but with the **precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 1:18-19



## **Over Coffee**

Share a thought from today's talk