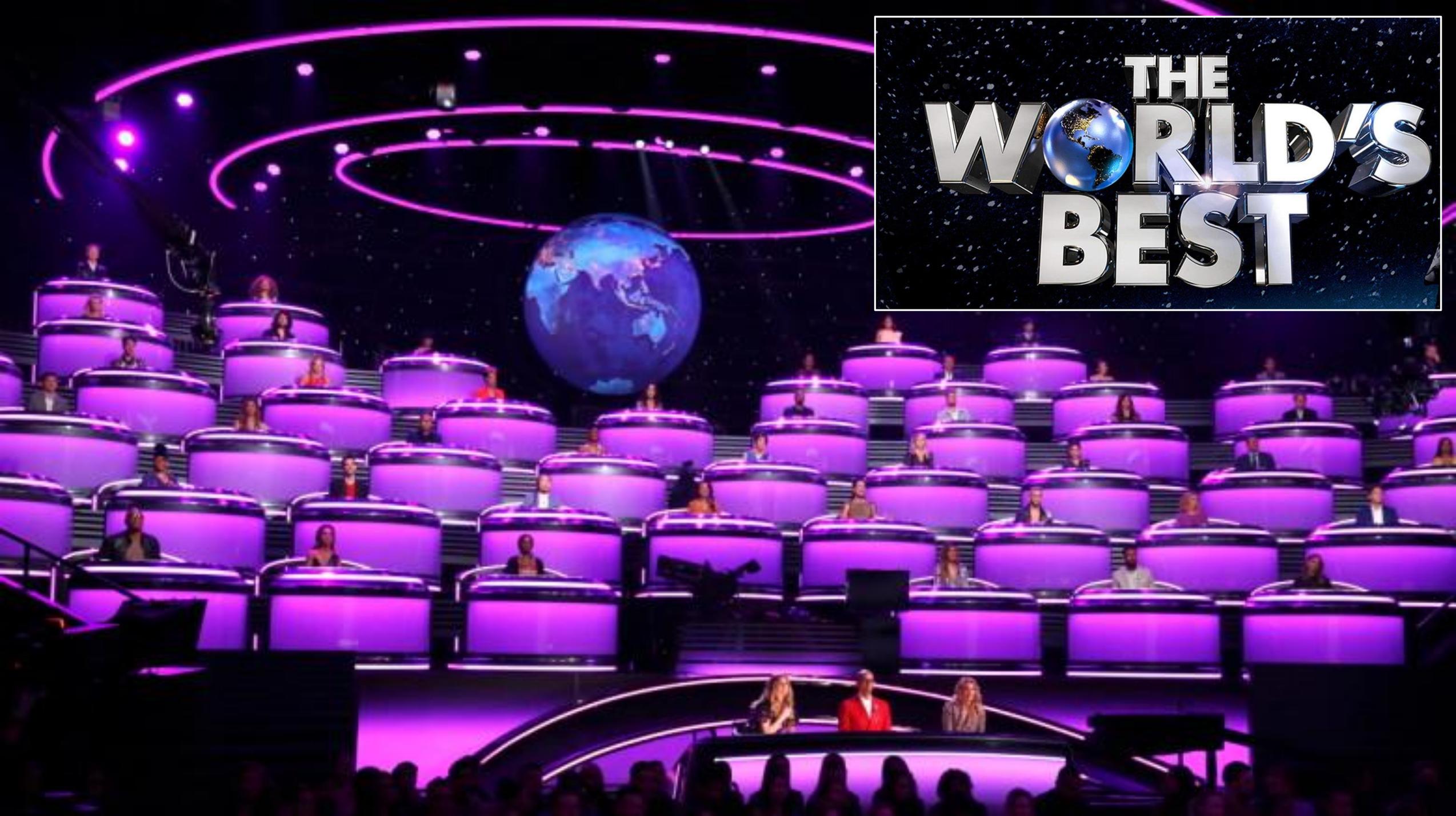




**EXAMINE
OURSELVES**

EZE 3:17

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READING THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

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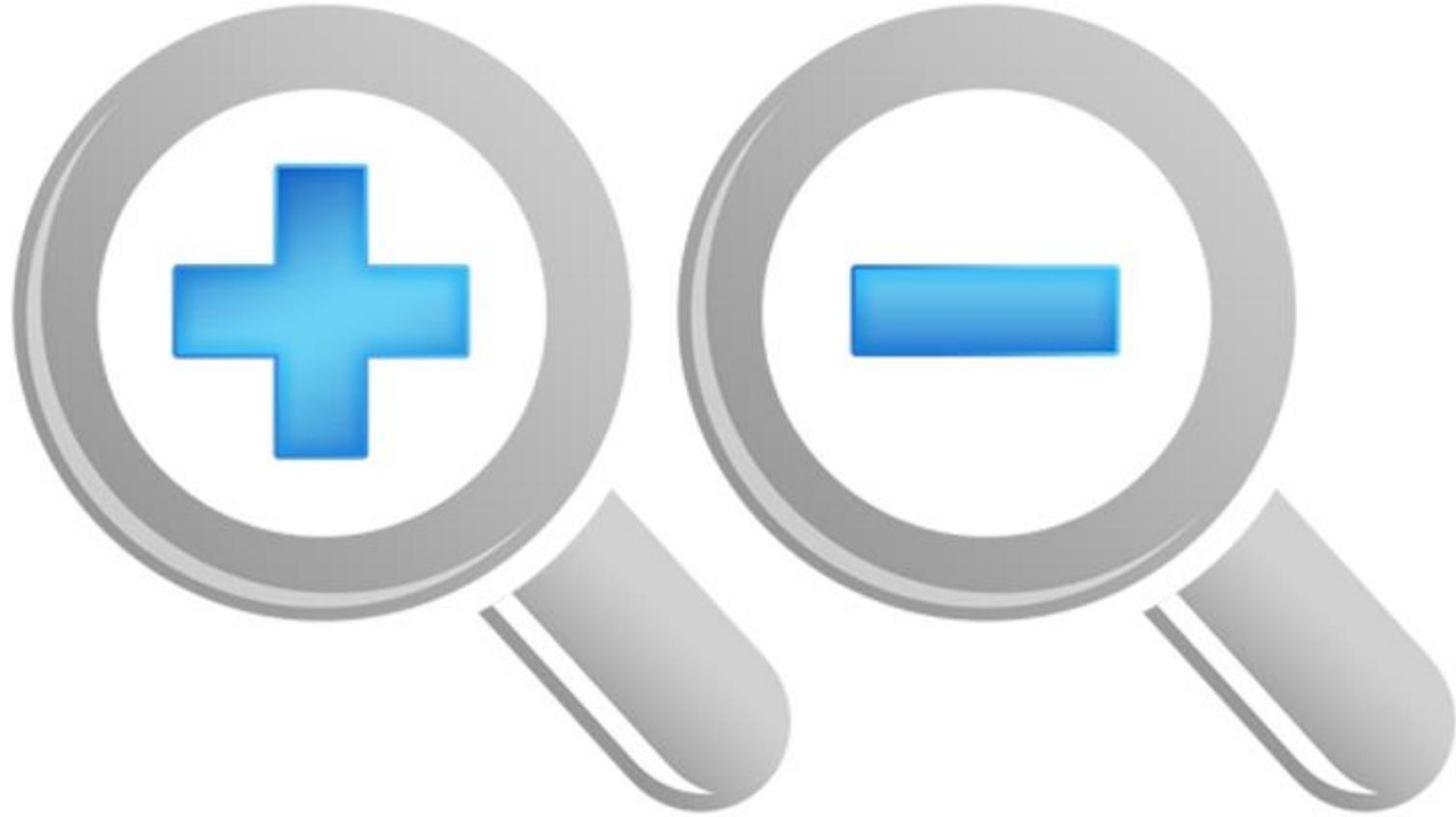
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Don't miss the forest for the trees



OVERVIEW



WHO wrote the book?

WHEN was the book written?

WHO was the book written for?

WHERE was the book written from?

HOW is the book divided?

WHAT can we learn from the book?

WHO wrote the book?

The Prophet Ezekiel

- He was a contemporary of Jeremiah & Daniel.
- He came from a priestly family.

WHEN was the book written?



Between 593 and 565 B.C.

- During the Babylonian captivity of the Jews.
- Same period as Jeremiah, but while Jeremiah was in Jerusalem and Egypt, Ezekiel was in Babylon.
- Ezekiel's prophetic ministry began 5 years after his exile and continued for 22 years.

WHO was the book written for?



Fellow exiles in Babylon

- His secondary audience are the Israelites in Jerusalem.
- His wider audience are all readers, including us.

WHERE was the book written from?

A settlement called Tel-abib

- 100 miles south of Babylon.
- About 10,000 Jews were taken captive to Tel-abib, including Ezekiel and the last king of Judah, Jehoiachin.

HOW is the book divided?



Ch 1-24

prophecies on the ruin of Jerusalem

Ch 25-32

prophecies of God's judgment on nearby nations

Ch 33

last call for repentance to Israel

Ch 34-48

prophecies concerning the future restoration of Israel

WHAT can we learn from the book?



Ezekiel 3:17

*Son of man, I have made you a **watchman** for the people of Israel; so **hear** the word I speak and give them **warning** from me.*

WHAT can we learn from the book?



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Ezekiel repeatedly urged Israel to examine their lives, to see:

- their **idolatry** (ch. 8,14,16)
- their **pride** (ch. 16,28)
- their **misplaced hopes** (ch. 17)
- their **self-righteousness** (ch. 18)
- their **unfaithfulness** (ch. 23)

PROPHECY

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

IN YOUR LIFE



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sumaXbjP2Kg>

PROPHECY **IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**



God told the prophets the same things:

- sin separates people from God
- sin has consequences
- stop sinning and obey God
- the people couldn't stop sinning
- God promised to send a rescuer



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Deuteronomy 4:9

Psalms 26:2

Psalms 119:59-60

Psalms 139:23-24

Lamentations 3:40

Romans 12:2-3

2 Corinthians 13:5

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Galatians 6:4

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Christian self-examination originates and terminates at the gospel

Tim Challies



EXAMINE OURSELVES

Self-examination is not to see if we are good enough to merit the favour of God.

Galatians 2:16 (NLT)

Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.



EXAMINE OURSELVES

Self-examination is to see if we are honouring God with our lives.

Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.



EXAMINE OURSELVES

When we uncover **failure & disobedience**, we ask God for forgiveness through His finished work whilst remembering God has not abandoned us.

1 John 1:9 (NLT) *But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

EXAMINE OURSELVES

Ezekiel reminded Israel that **God has not abandoned them** when they were sinning and disobedient:

- God is their sanctuary even in their exile (Ezek 11:16)
- God will give them a righteous king (Ezek 34:24)
- His Holy Spirit will dwell within them (Ezek 37:14)
- His glory will be among them (Ezek 43:1-9)
- God will triumph & judge over Israel's enemies (Ezek 38 & 39)



EXAMINE OURSELVES

When we uncover **success & obedience**, we thank God for His grace in enabling us to be conformed to Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:4-5 (NIV) *I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way - with all kinds of speech & with all knowledge.*

When & why do you go for medical check-ups? If you don't, share why you don't. How do you respond to the medical examination results?

**ICE
BREAKER**

“Christian introspection is not merely an opportunity to see sin and shortcomings but also to see blessing. Self-examination is incomplete if it does not rejoice in commands that have been obeyed and sin that has been put to death. It is incomplete if it detects only failure and fails to see grace.”

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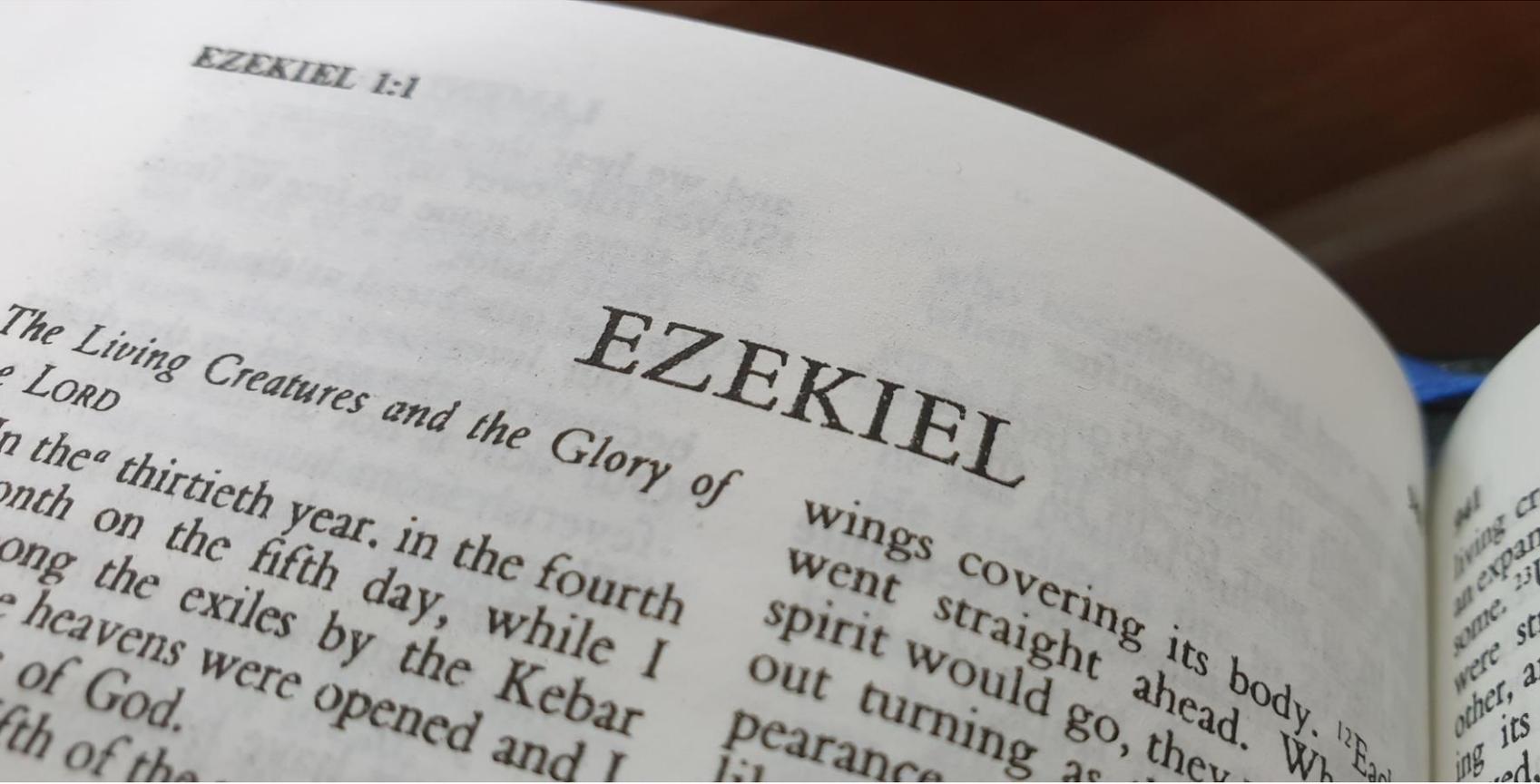
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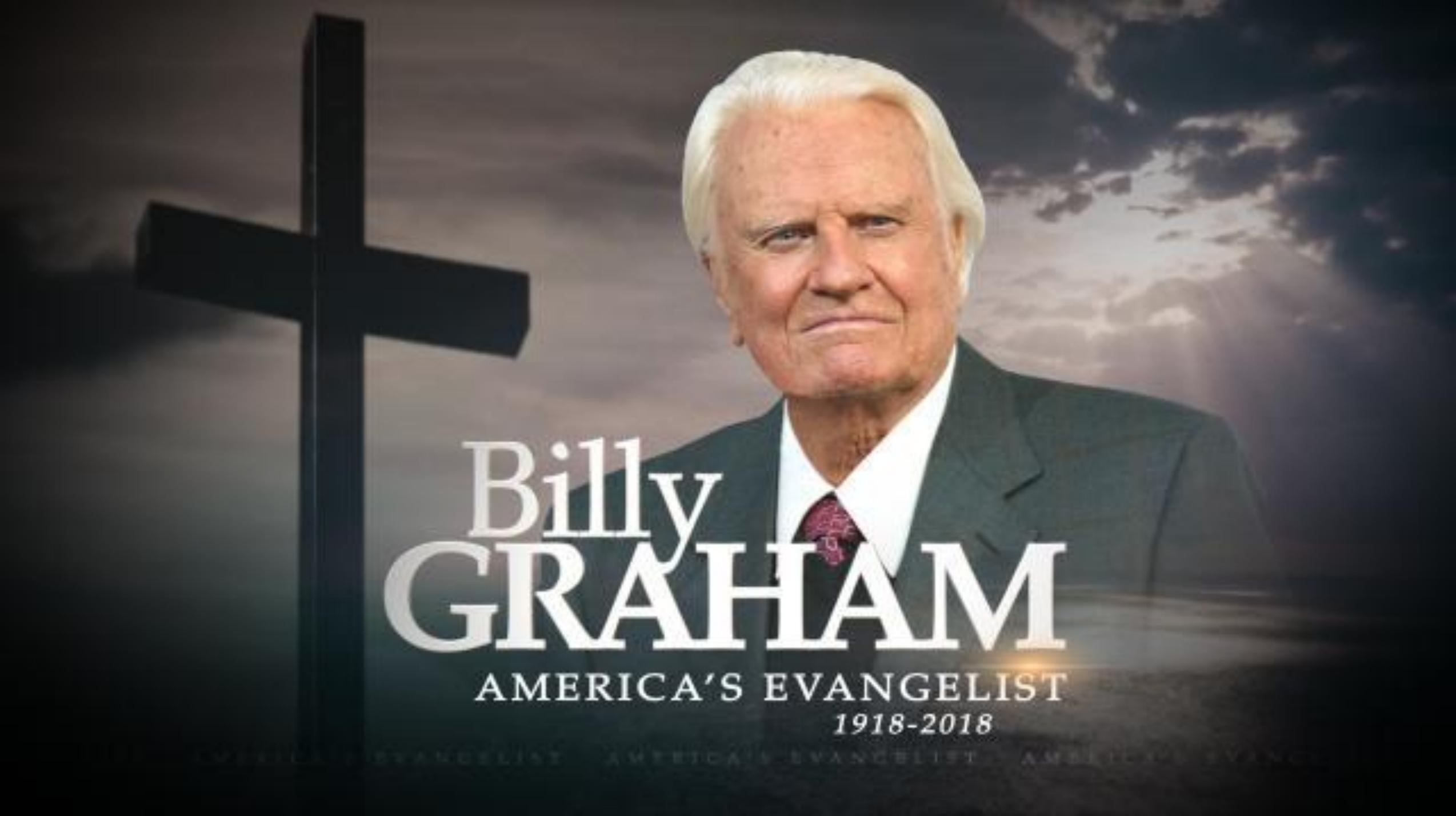






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A portrait of Billy Graham, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. To his left is a large, dark wooden cross. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, heavy clouds and a bright light source breaking through on the right side, creating a lens flare effect.

Billy
GRAHAM

AMERICA'S EVANGELIST

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“When we come to God with our sin, our brokenness, our failure, our pain and our hurt, God says, ‘Welcome home’ and that invitation is open for you.”

Ruth Graham



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