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Week 05



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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver tray. The tray contains several ripe figs, some whole and one cut open to show the inside. A small branch with green leaves is also on the tray. The background is dark and out of focus.

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver tray. The tray contains a lit candle in a decorative holder and a branch with green leaves. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Palace in Susa

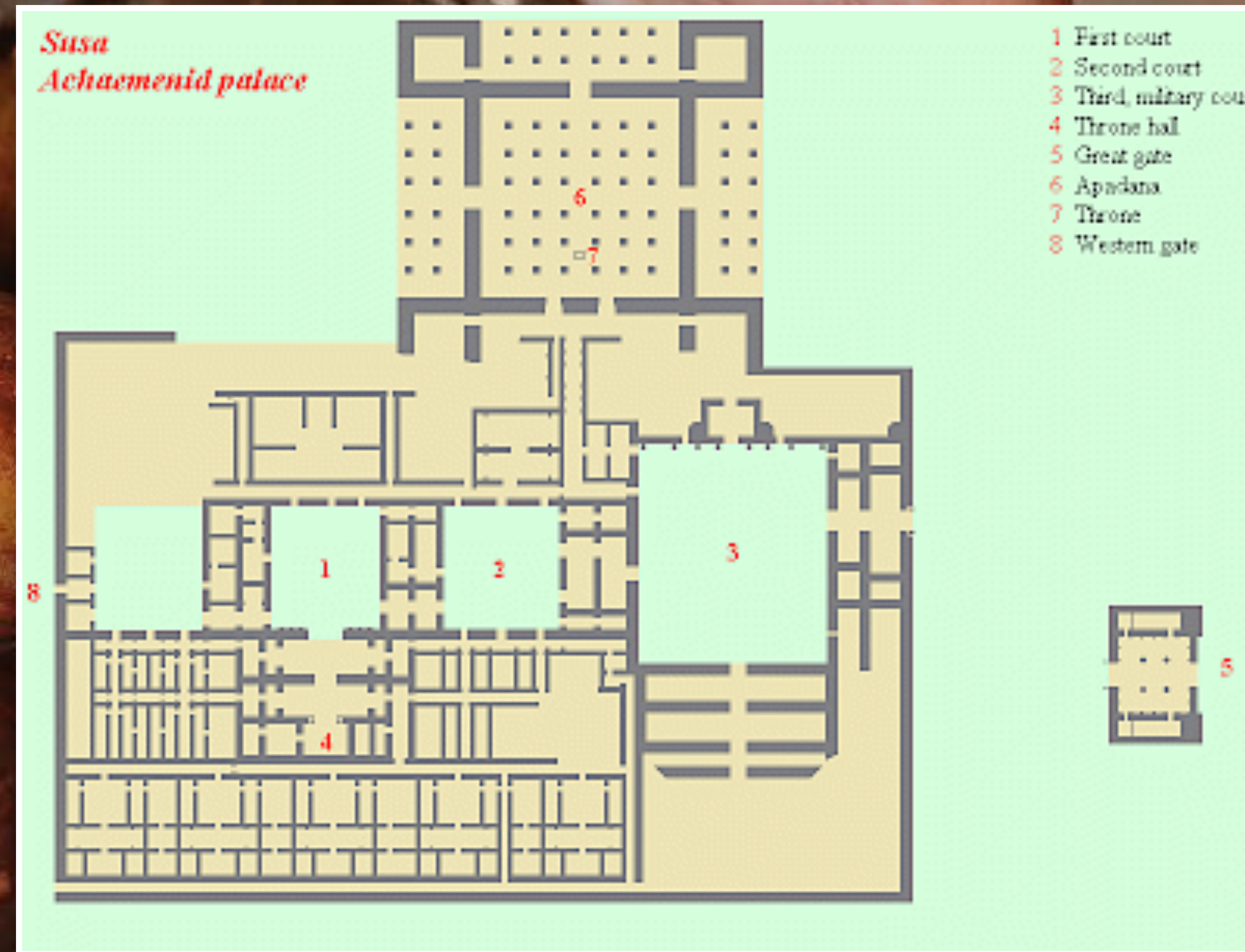
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“¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16



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“²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.”

Isaiah 65:24

“⁸ For your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

Matthew 6:8

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver tray. The tray contains a crown with a large, ornate jewel. A green branch with leaves is also visible on the tray.

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“²³ To make an apt answer is a
joy to a man, and a word in
season, how good it is!”

Proverbs 15:23



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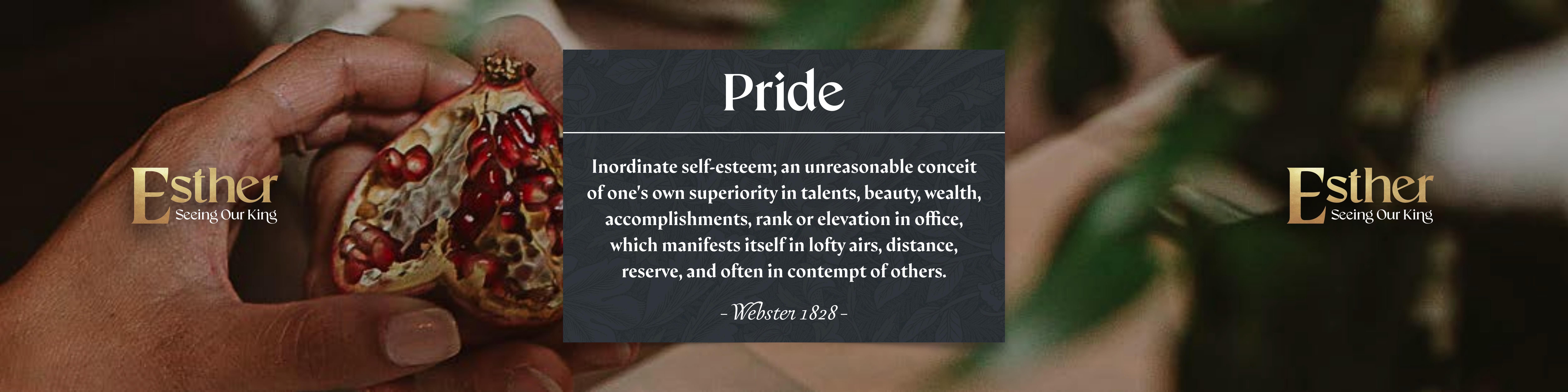
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James 3:2-10

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Pride

Inordinate self-esteem; an unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority in talents, beauty, wealth, accomplishments, rank or elevation in office, which manifests itself in lofty airs, distance, reserve, and often in contempt of others.

- Webster 1828 -

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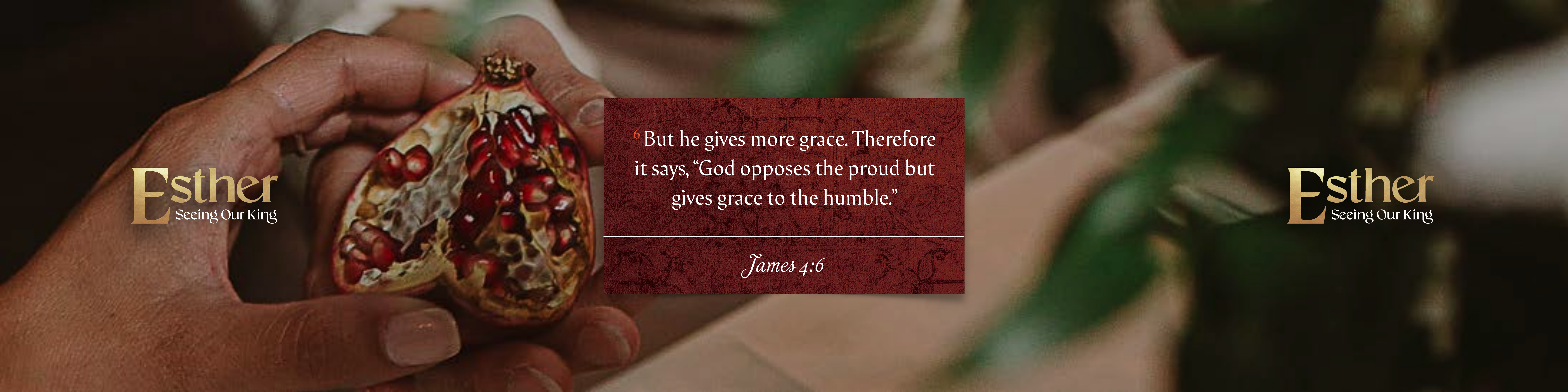


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“⁵ Everyone who is arrogant in heart
is an abomination to the Lord; be
assured, he will not go unpunished.”

Proverbs 16:5

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⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore
it says, "God opposes the proud but
gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6

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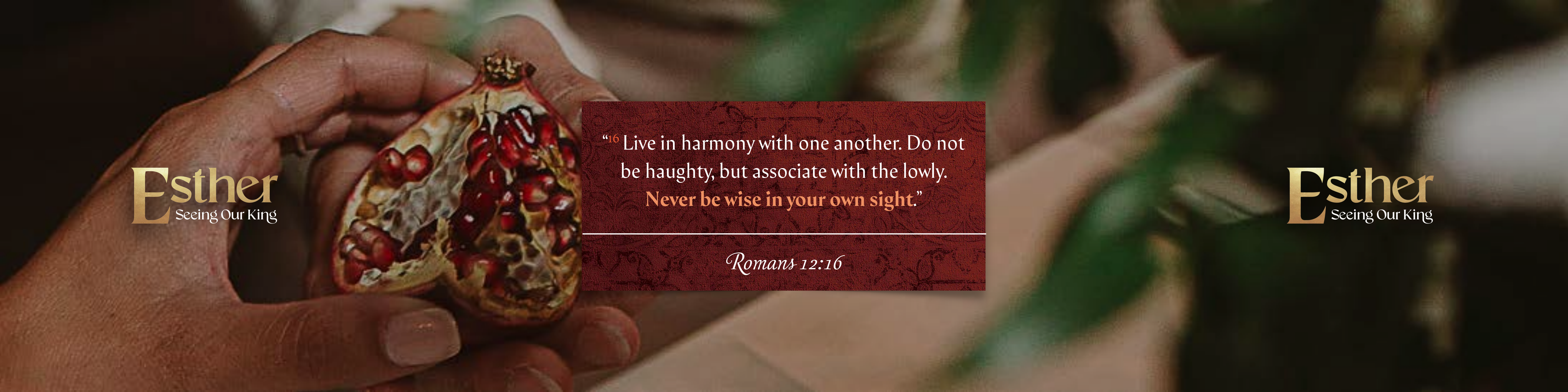


It was through Pride
that the devil became
the devil: Pride leads to
every other vice: it is
the completely anti-
God state of mind.

C.S. Lewis

- Mere Christianity

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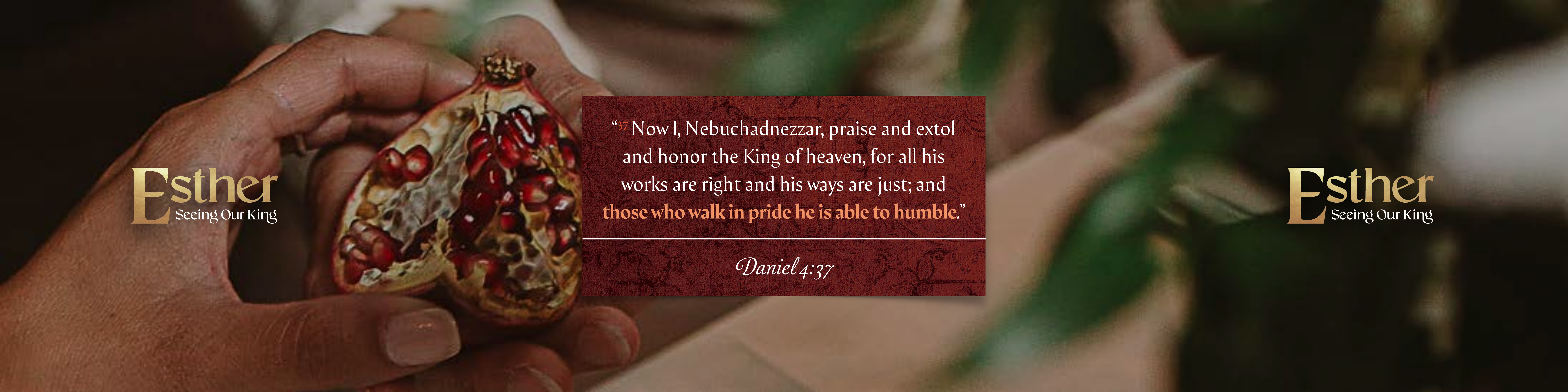


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¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not
be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 12:16

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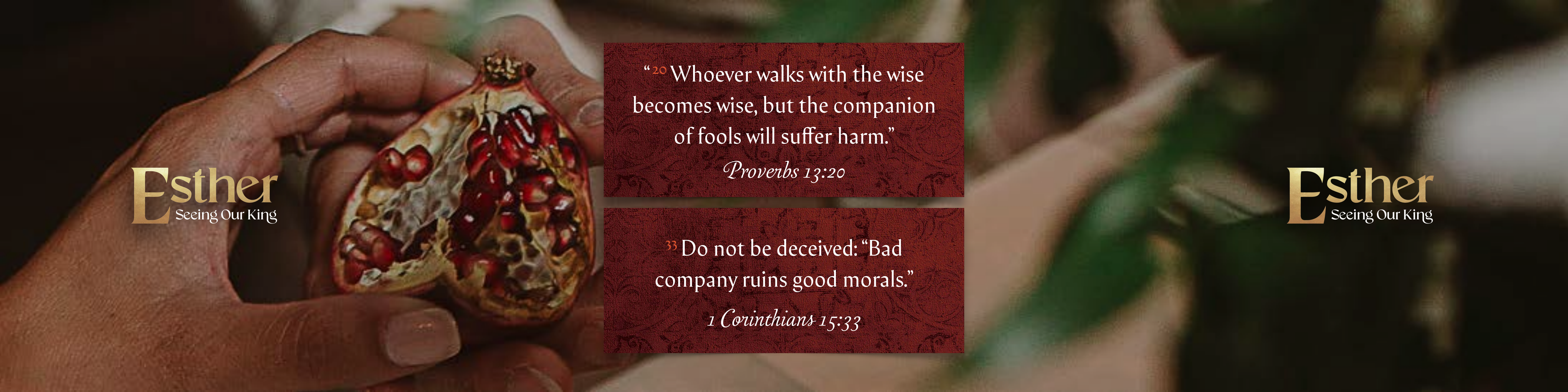


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³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol
and honor the King of heaven, for all his
works are right and his ways are just; and
those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Daniel 4:37

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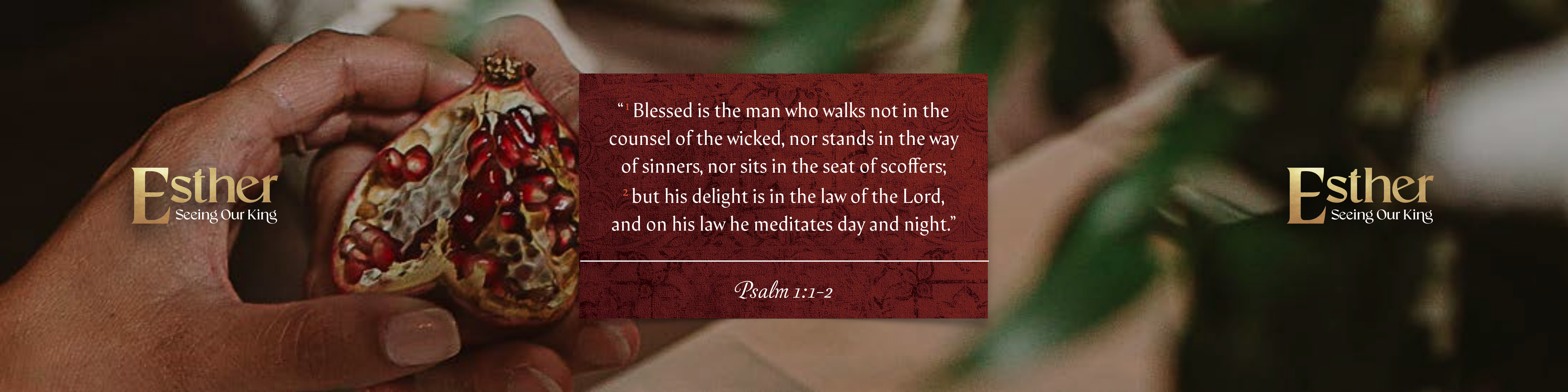
²⁰ Whoever walks with the wise
becomes wise, but the companion
of fools will suffer harm.”

Proverbs 13:20

³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad
company ruins good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:33

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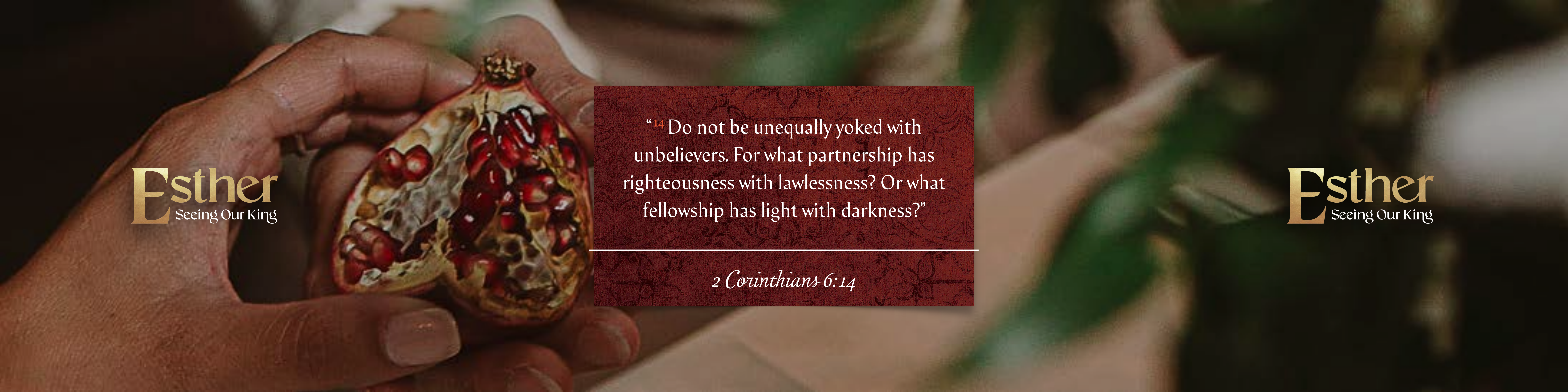
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¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.”

Psalms 1:1-2

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“¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

2 Corinthians 6:14

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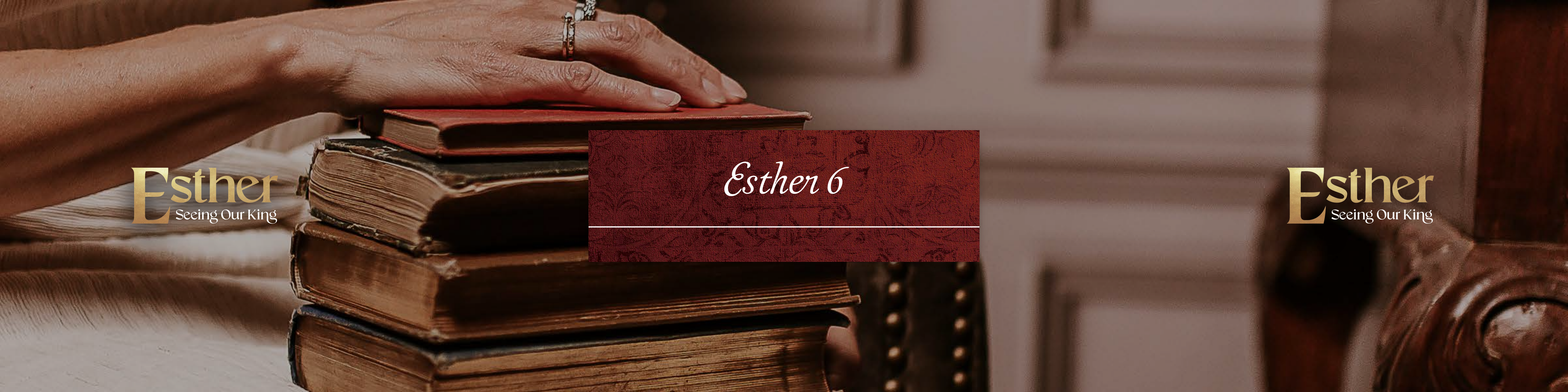


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“¹Praise the Lord! I will give
thanks to the Lord with my whole
heart, in the company of the
upright, in the congregation.”

Psalm 111:1

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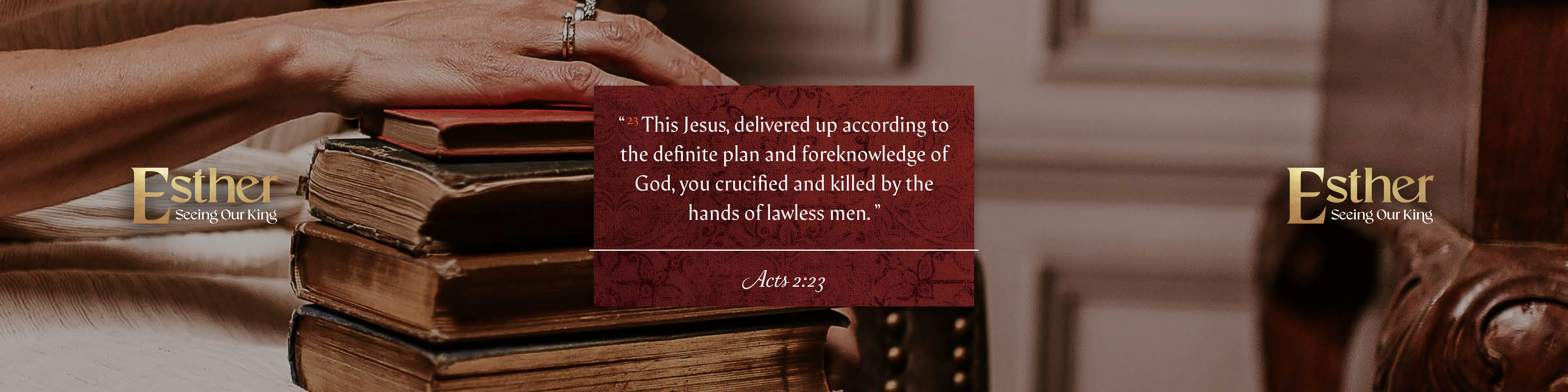
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The Lord uses the wicked and ungodly to accomplish His Sovereign purpose

- Pharaoh was used to care for God's people while they were in famine (Genesis 41)
- Assyrians and Babylonians were raised up in judgement against Israel (Habakkuk 1:5-11, Isaiah 10:5-6)
- Cyrus used to facilitate the rebuilding of the temple (Ezra 1:1-4)
- The Romans who crucified Jesus

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“²³ This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.”

Acts 2:23

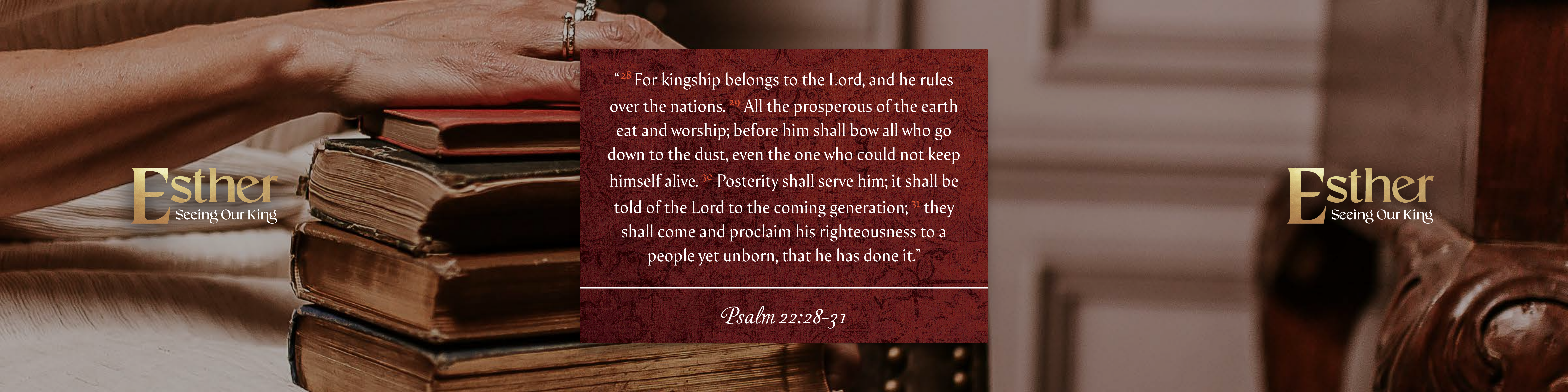
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A close-up photograph of a hand with a ring resting on a stack of several old, thick books. The books have worn spines and are stacked on a light-colored surface. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden chair or desk.

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Psalm 22

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“²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.”

Psalm 22:28-31

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