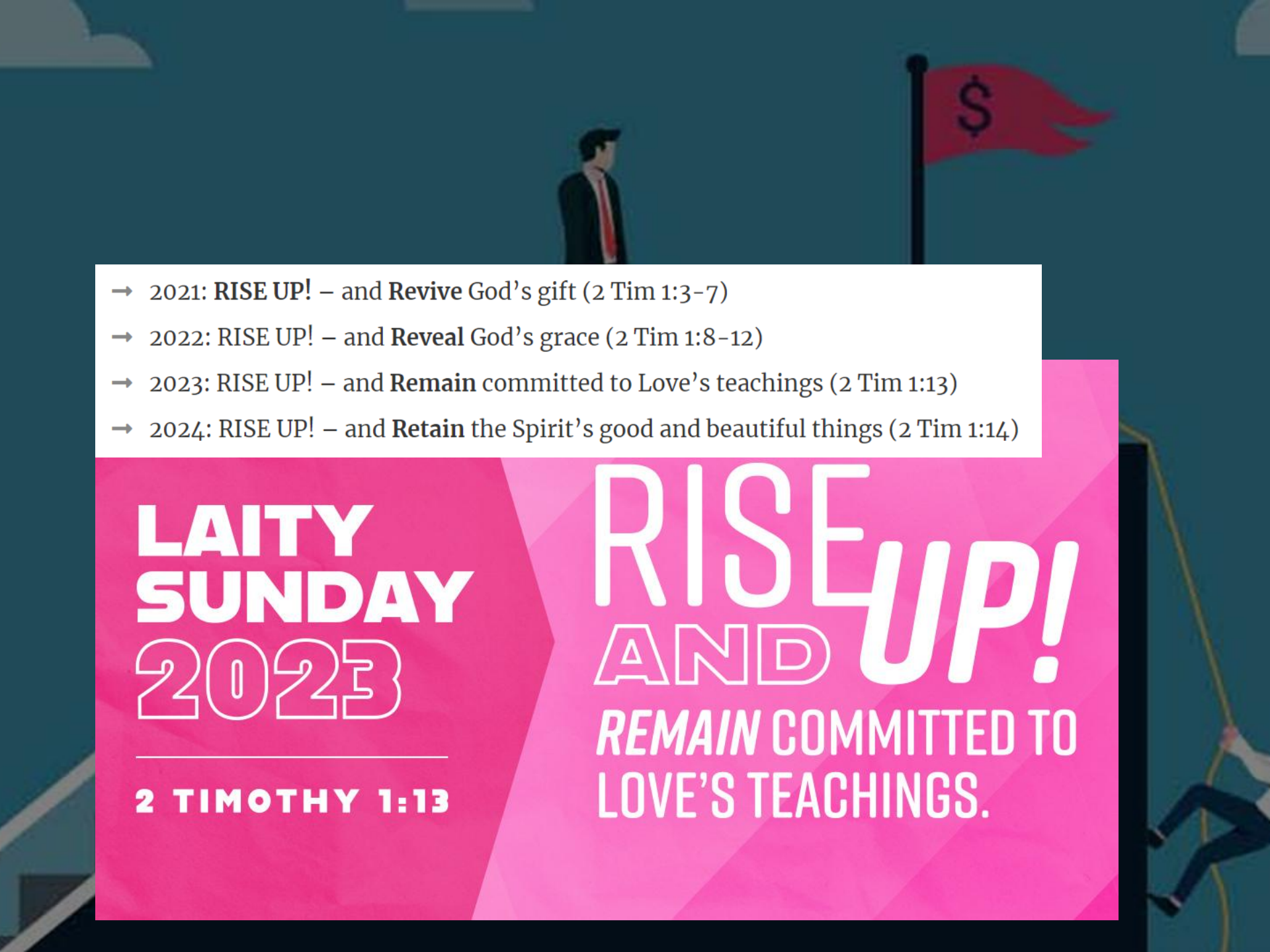
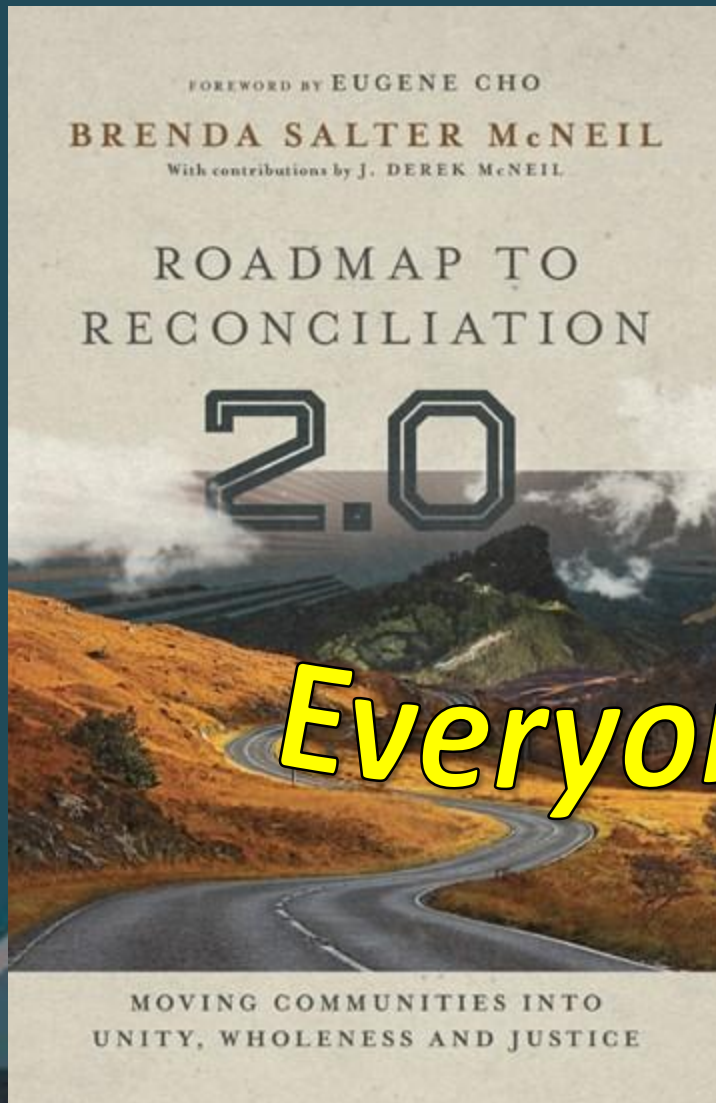


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 - 2022: **RISE UP!** – and **Reveal** God's grace (2 Tim 1:8-12)
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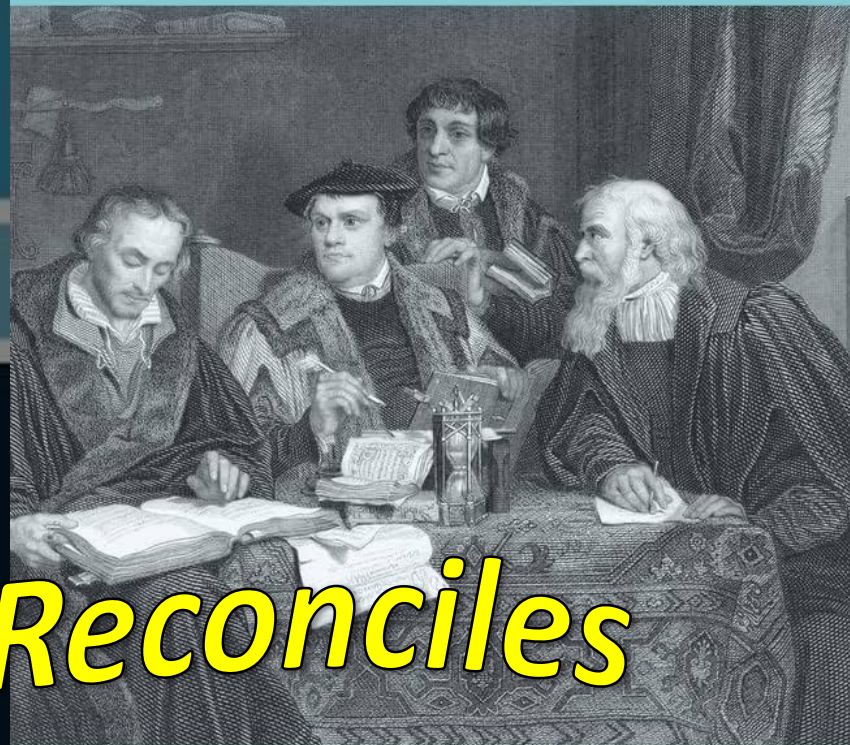
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2 TIMOTHY 1:13

RISE AND *UP!* REMAIN COMMITTED TO LOVE'S TEACHINGS.



THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS



Everyone Reconciles

An Examination of the Doctrine
from the Reformation to the Present Day

CYRIL EASTWOOD

Stewardship

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EARN
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JOHN WESLEY

1. Leaving Ineffective Acts of Stakeholders - Oct. 8
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3. Leading the Fruitless to the Fruitful - Oct. 22
4. Reform the Fruitless Church - Oct. 29
5. Serve Like the Fruitful Forefathers - Nov. 5
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Old Testament
Phoenicia

Arvad

Sidon

Zarephath

Tyre

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1 Kings 17:7-16

Salvation by A Sidonian Widow

In Contrast of the Other Sidonian Woman, Jezebel (16:31)

In the 38 years of Asa, King of Judah (south),
Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he
reigned in Samaria over Israel 22 years.

**Ahab did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than
any of those before him.**

He not only considered it trivial to commit sins of
Jeroboam (1 King 11:26-40) son of Nebat, but he
also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of
the Sidonians, and so began to serve Baal and
worship him.

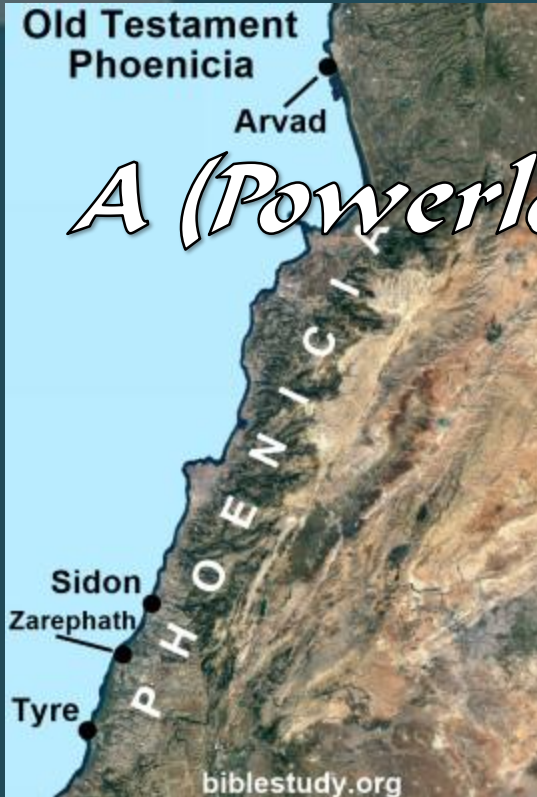
He set up an altar for Baal in the Temple of Baal
in Samaria. He also made an Asherah pole and
did more provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to
anger than did all the kings of Israel before him.

(1 Kings 16:29-33)



1 Kings 17:7-16

A (Powerless) Powerful Lay Widow

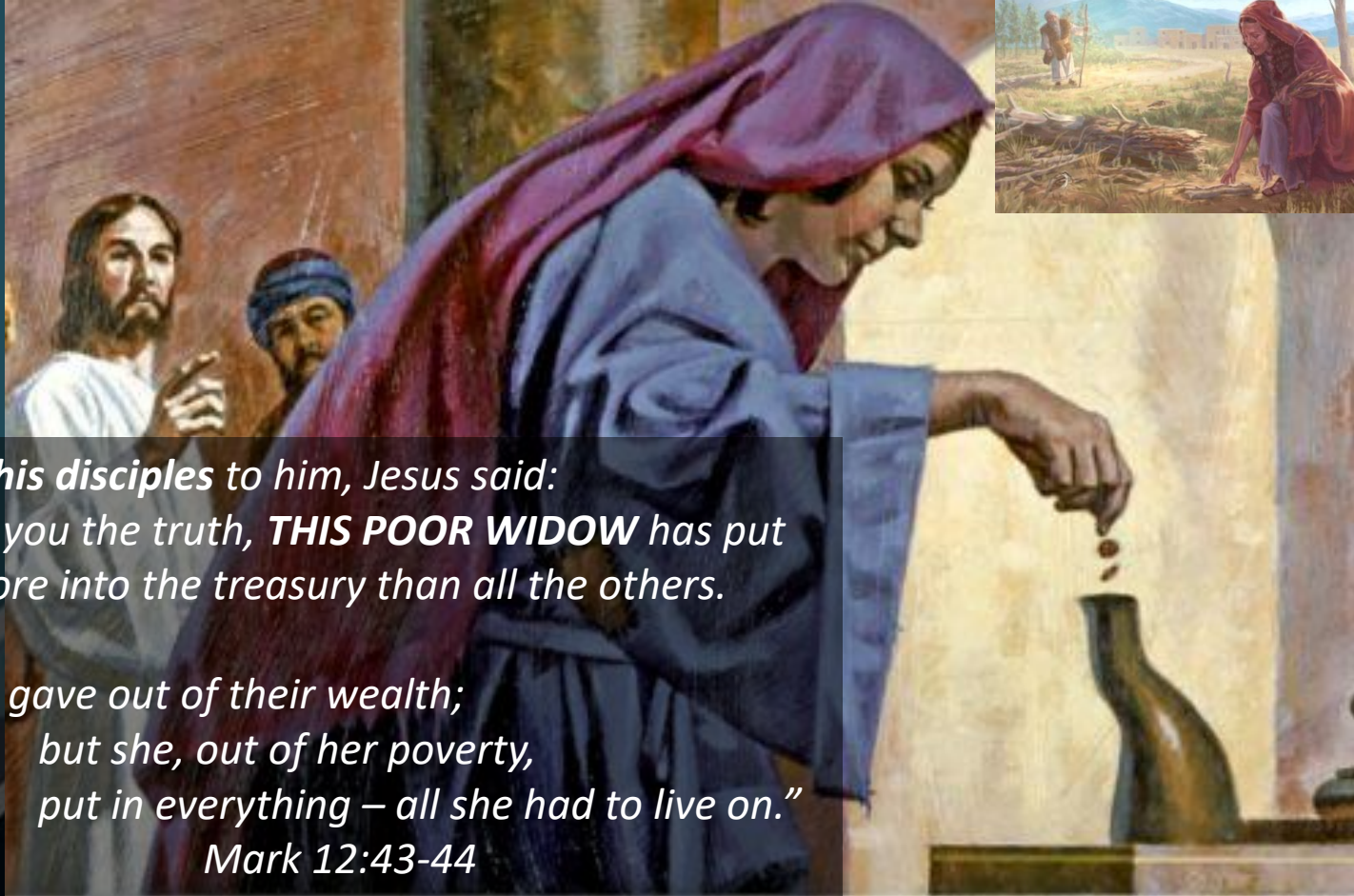


*“The Widows and the Orphans,” the neediest elements of society and the poor
(Job 24:3-4; 31:16-17; Isaiah 10:2; Zechariah 7:10)!*

Yet, it is **the Widow** in a land devastated by drought who is to **FEED Elijah – “God Yahweh”**

Mark 12:41-44

An Widow of Zarephtha in the Temple



Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said:

*“I tell you the truth, **THIS POOR WIDOW** has put more into the treasury than all the others.*

*They all gave out of their wealth;
but she, out of her poverty,
put in everything – all she had to live on.”*

Mark 12:43-44

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*Abundant Blessing on
A Poor Widow fed Elijah – “God My Lord”*

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“The Rise of Baalism”

THE DAYS OF
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1 Kings 18

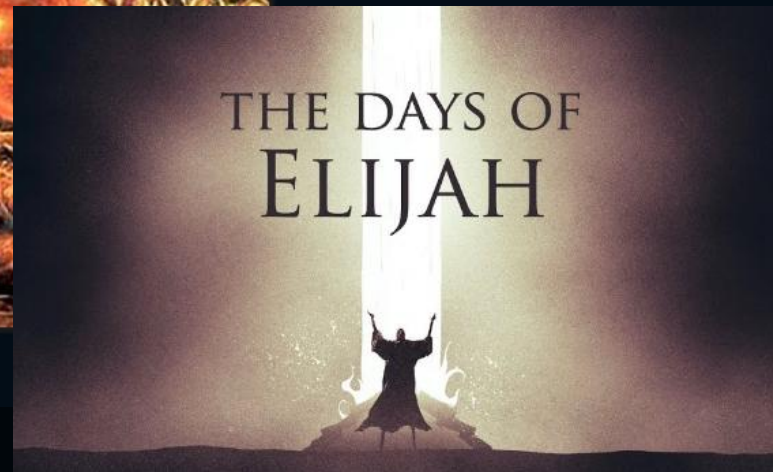
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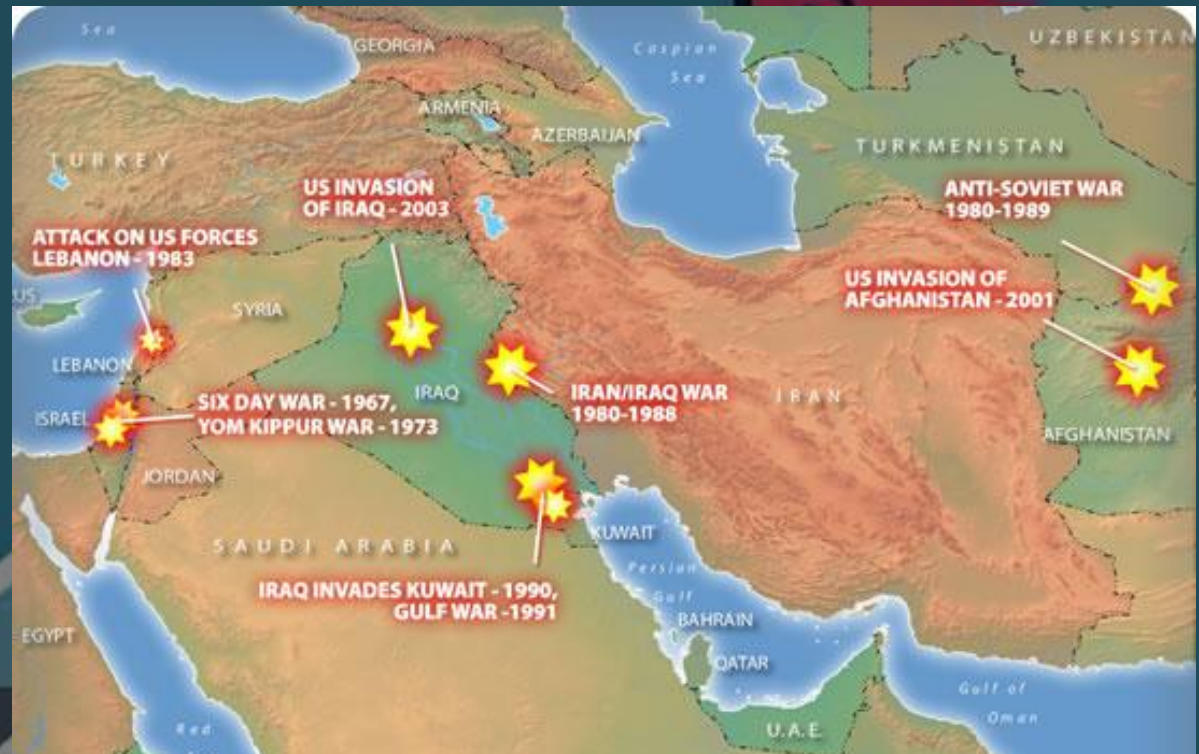
True God from Heaven!



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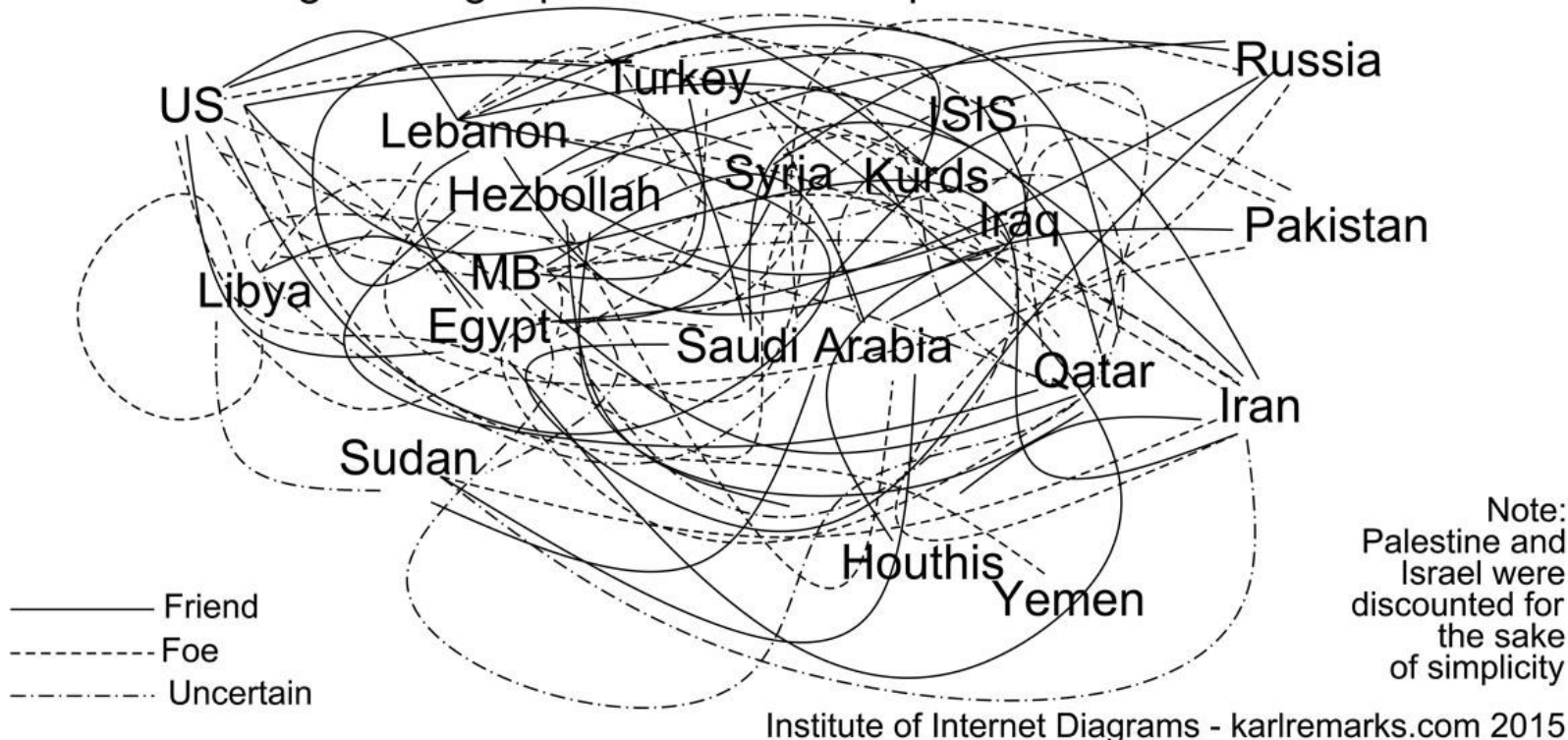
On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said,
“To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – the land of the **Kenites**, **Kenizzites**, **Kadomonites**, **Hittites**, **Perizzites**, **Rephaites**, **Amorites**, **Canaanites**, **Girgashites**, and **Jebusites**.”
(Genesis 15:18-20)

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**Nomads' Settlements and Overpopulation Brings forth Conflicts!
Especially from Jews from the dissolved Soviet Union in Christmas of 1991**

Diagram of geopolitical relationships in the Middle East



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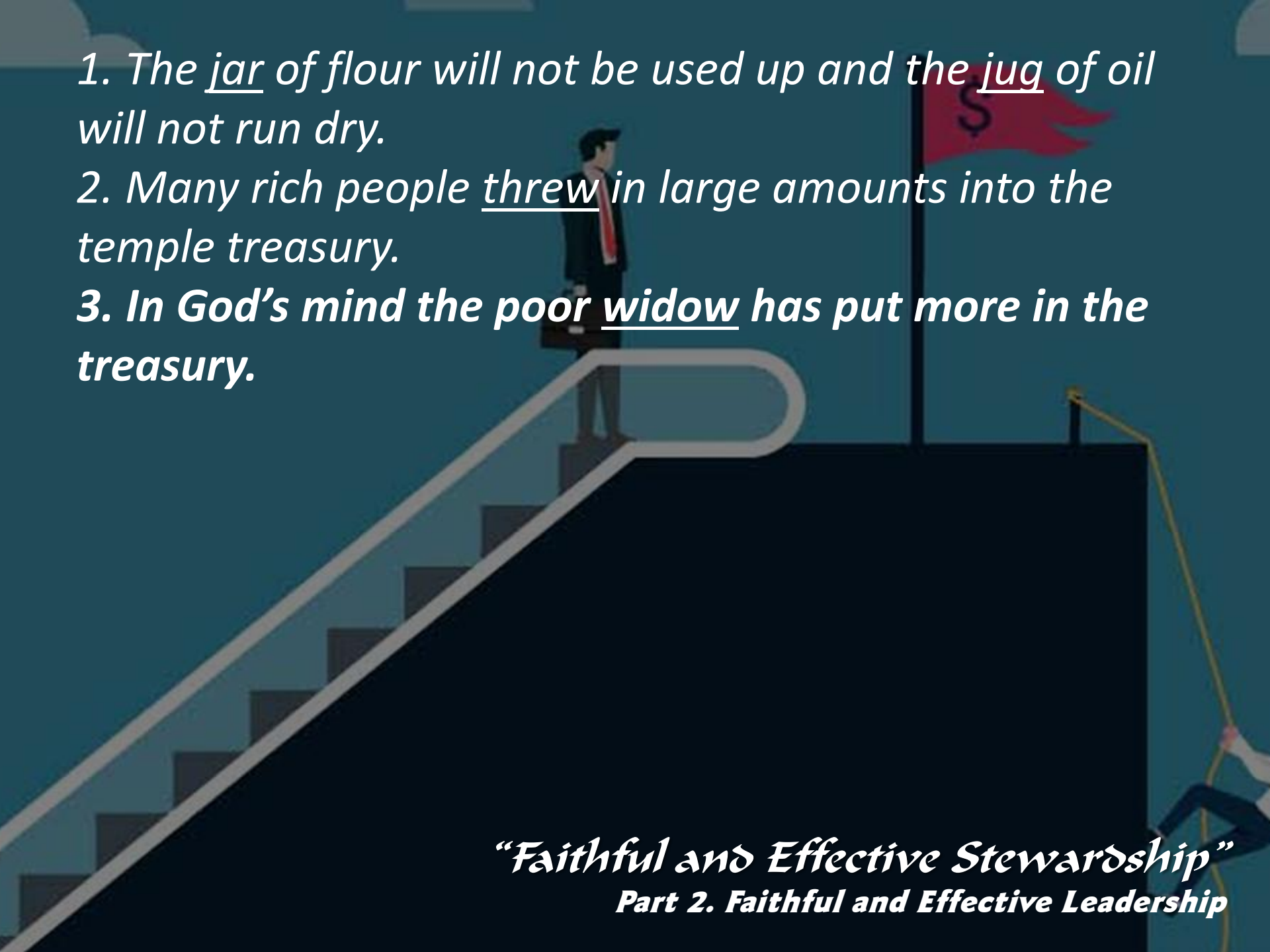
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not simply collecting, but bring the sacrifice for the transformation of all of lives ...

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- A man in a dark suit and red tie is climbing a set of stairs that lead up to a dark building. At the top of the building, there is a red flag with a white dollar sign (\$) on it. The background is a dark blue sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
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Two copper coins from the widow were enough to earn praise from the Lord Jesus

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THRIVING SMALL CHURCHES

ARE CONTENT,
NOT COMPLACENT

Abundant Blessing on

A Small Church fed the Whole Church of "God My Lord"

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Small Church Big Impact

By Blake Bradford On June 20, 2023



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