

**Imagine a  
business where  
everyone was  
out for  
themselves.....**



**Imagine a country  
which thought of its  
own small-town  
welfare before that  
of its role in the  
world .....**

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**\$700BN US  
BANKING  
BAILOUT  
GETS  
CONGRESS  
GO-AHEAD**

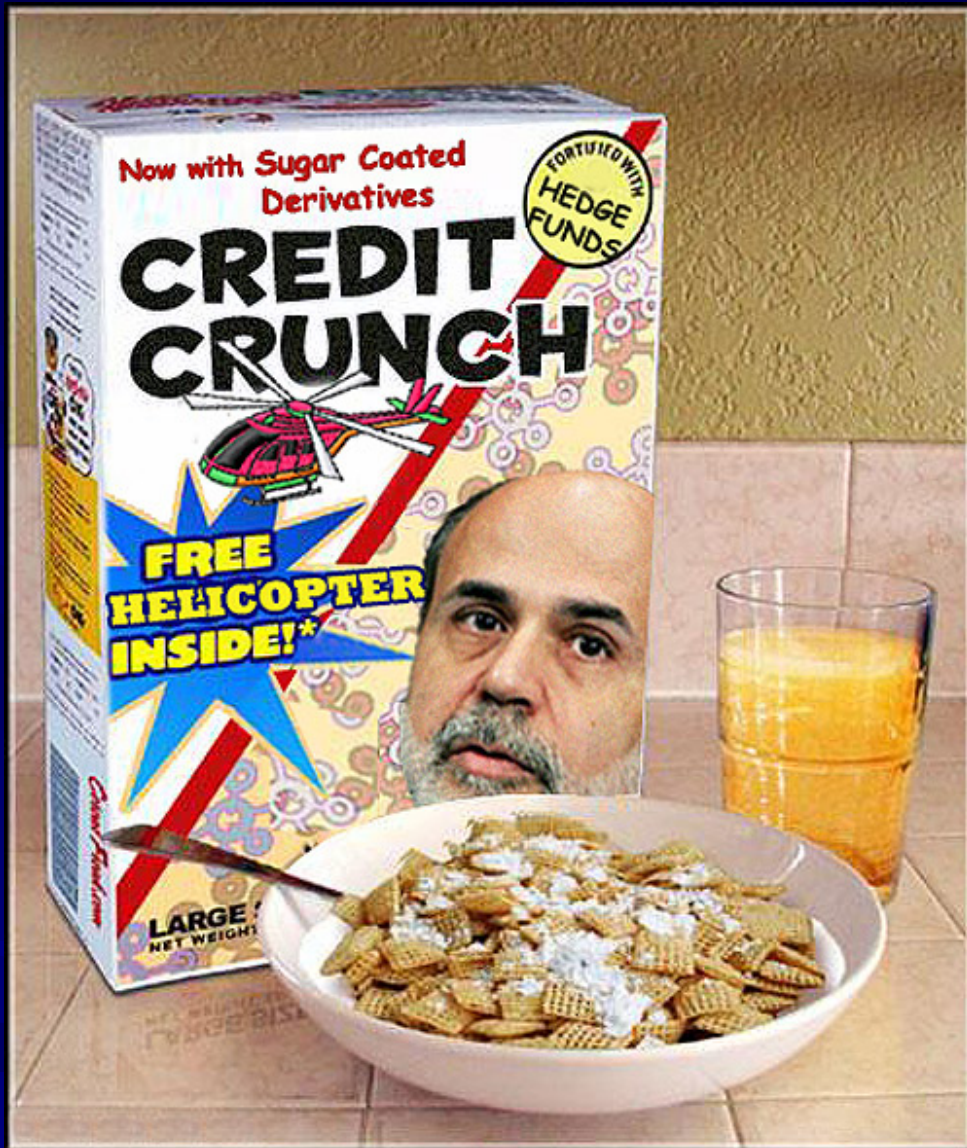
## **Tim Reid in Washington**

**A week of tumult in Washington that spread panic throughout the world's economies ended last night with the US House of Representatives passing the \$700 billion rescue package amid emotional scenes on Capitol Hill.**

**Having defeated the Bush Administration's plan in a stunning rebellion on Monday - a move that wiped \$1.2 trillion off shares in less than two hours - chastened congressmen lined up yesterday to declare that they now understood that the entire US economy faced catastrophe without the rescue package.**

**Yet even as the Bill was being signed by President Bush after the 263-171 vote - 58 of Monday's rebels reversed course – further worrying signs of the grave state of the US economy emerged.**

**Speaking minutes after the vote, Mr Paulson emphasised the significance of the package. “It was a vote to protect the American people, to protect their jobs, their economic wellbeing,” he said.**



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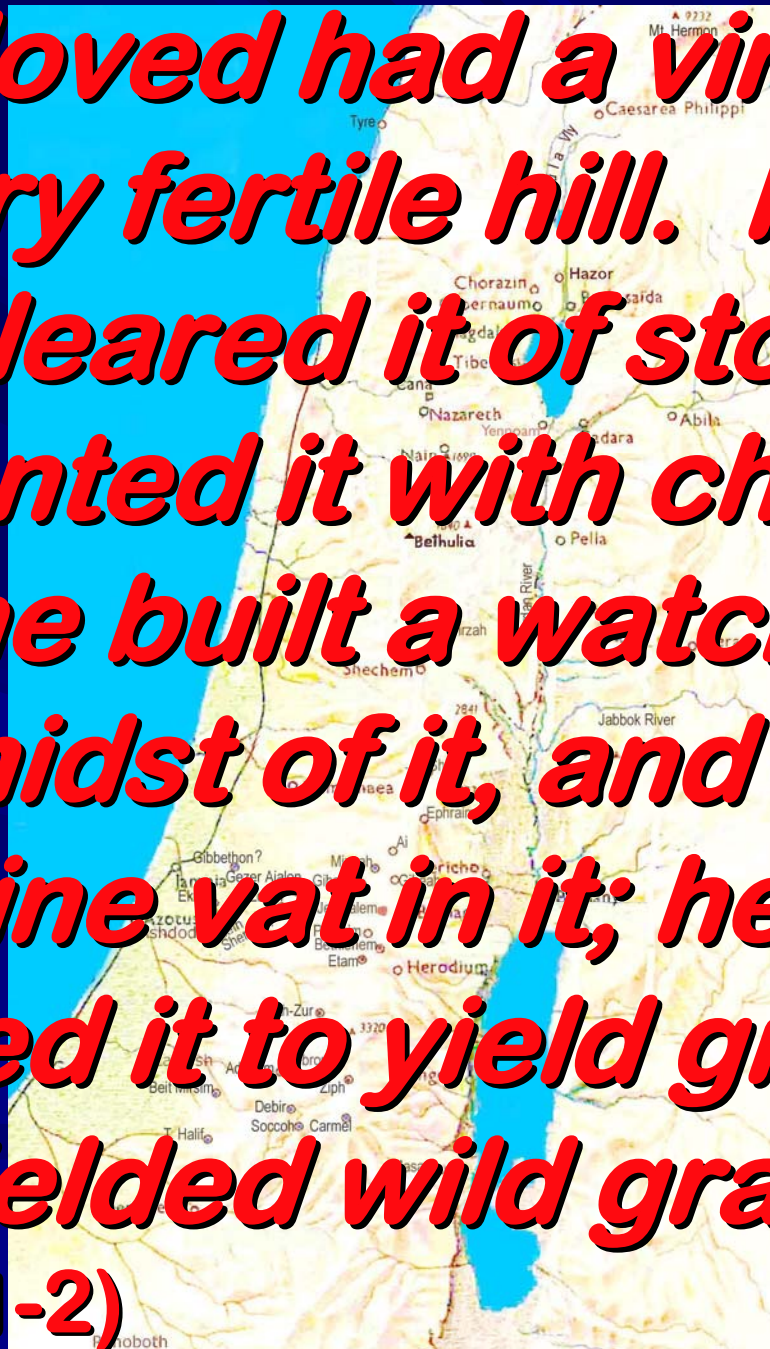
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**A company  
limited by  
the public!**

# Israel pic

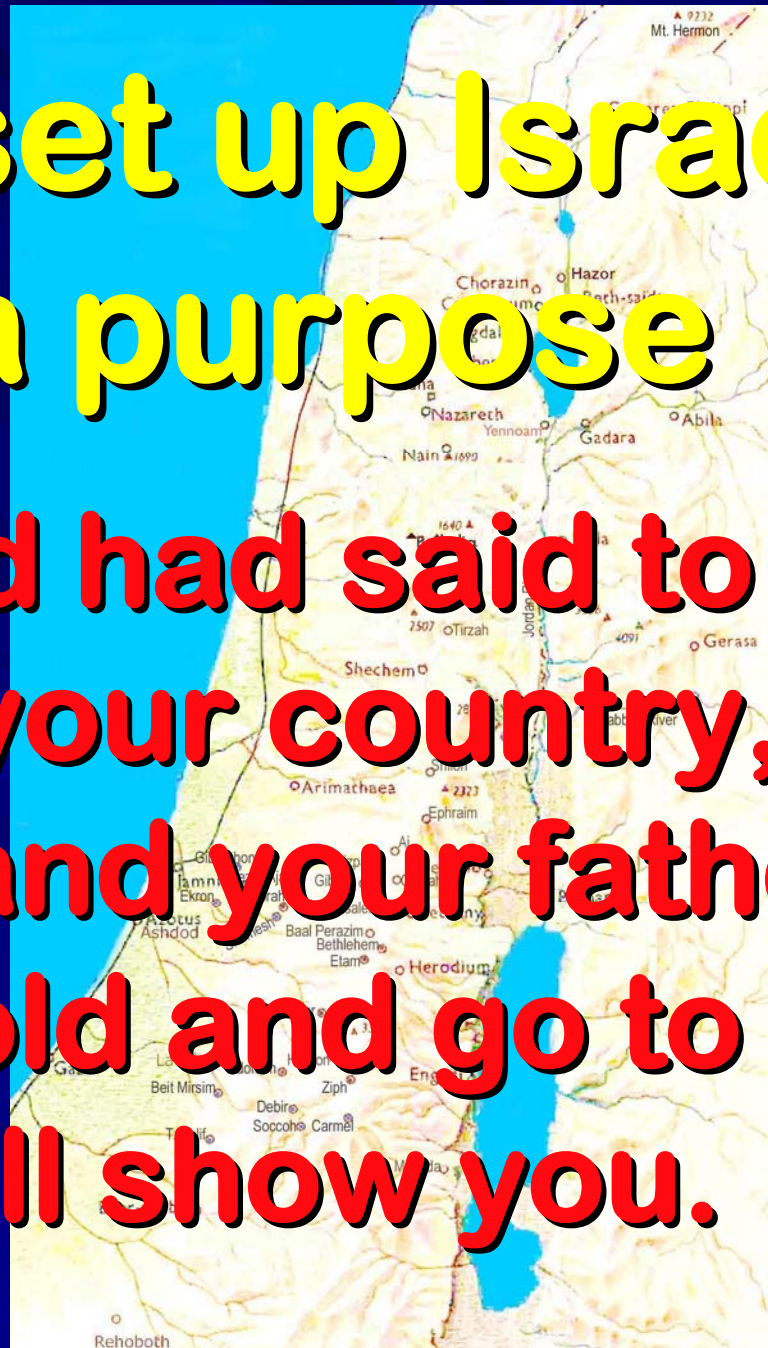


***“My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.”***  
***(Isaiah 5, 1-2)***



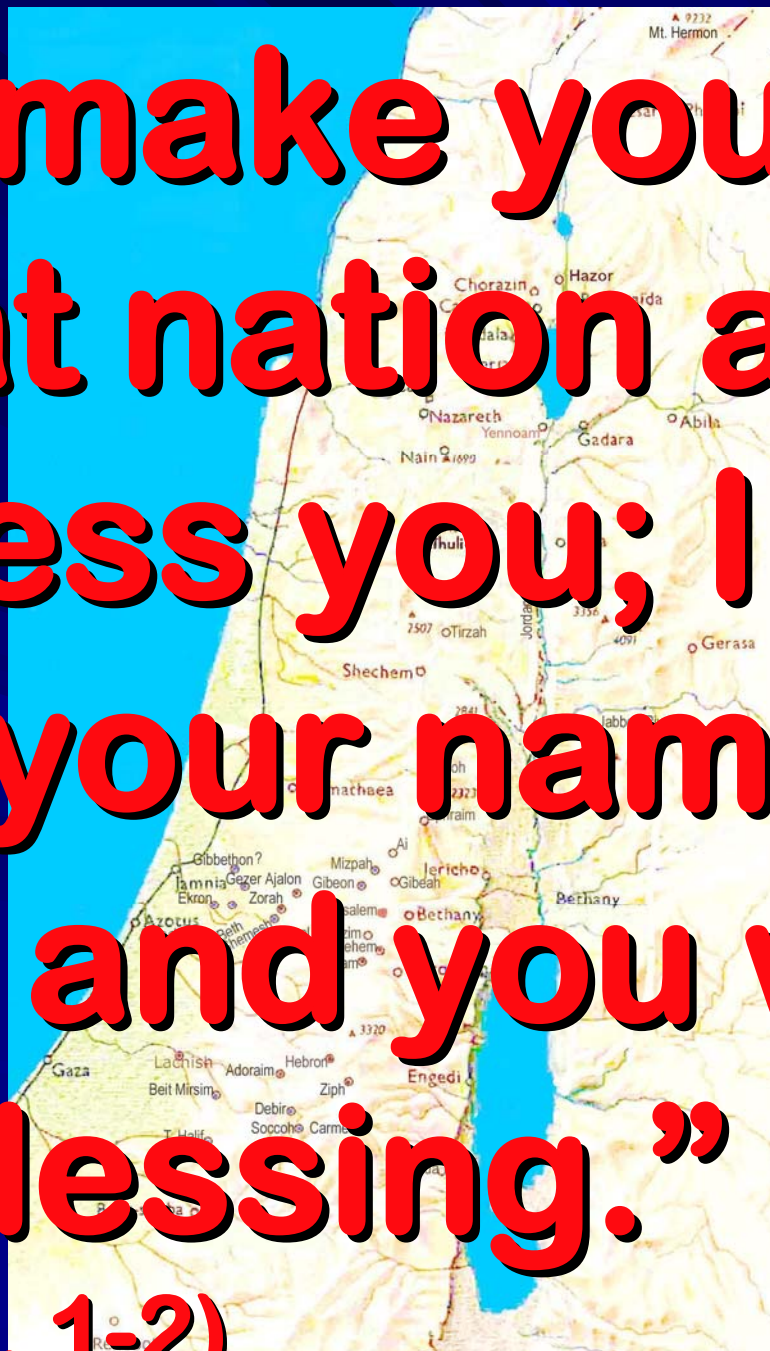
**God set up Israel plc  
with a purpose**

**The Lord had said to Abram,  
"Leave your country, your  
people and your father's  
household and go to the  
land I will show you.**



**"I will make you into  
a great nation and I  
will bless you; I will  
make your name  
great, and you will  
be a blessing."**

**(Genesis 12, 1-2)**



**God set up Israel plc  
with a purpose**

**“God said to him, “As for  
me, this is my covenant  
with you: You will be the  
father of many nations.**



**I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant, to be your God and the God of your descendants."**  
**(Genesis 17, 3-7)**



**God set up Israel plc  
with a purpose**

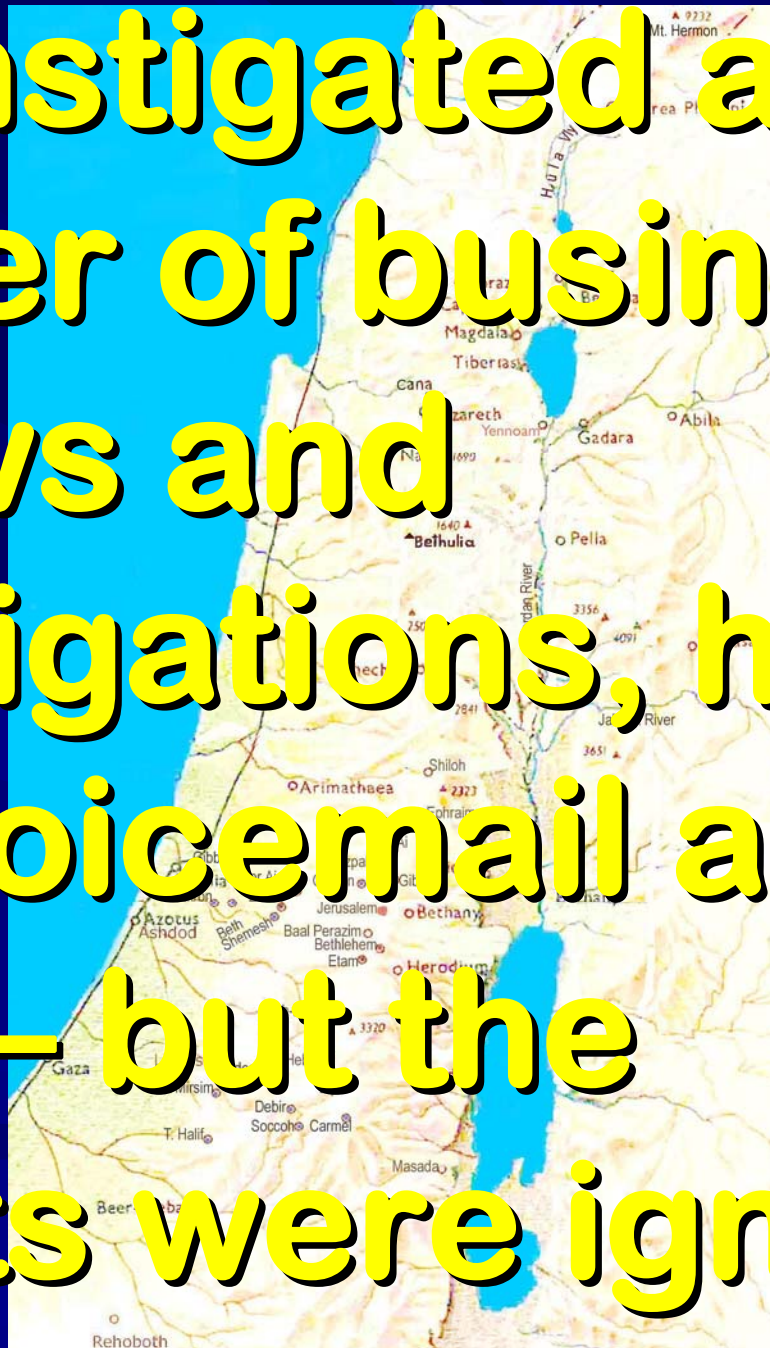
**The 'chosen people' -  
chosen with a purpose  
– to show God's glory  
throughout the world**



**But the rogue traders were in it for their own benefit - the business plan was ignored**



**God instigated a number of business reviews and investigations, he sent voicemail and email – but the reports were ignored**



# The investigators were abused

- **Isaiah**

- **Jeremiah**

- **Amos**



**God allowed a  
number of crises  
– but still they  
took no heed**



**• The Ten Tribes of Israel were lost completely**

**• Judah and Benjamin were exiled in Babylon**



**God's plan was that Israel should show his love and his glory to the world – but their individual selfishness and feelings of invincible superiority led to their downfall.**

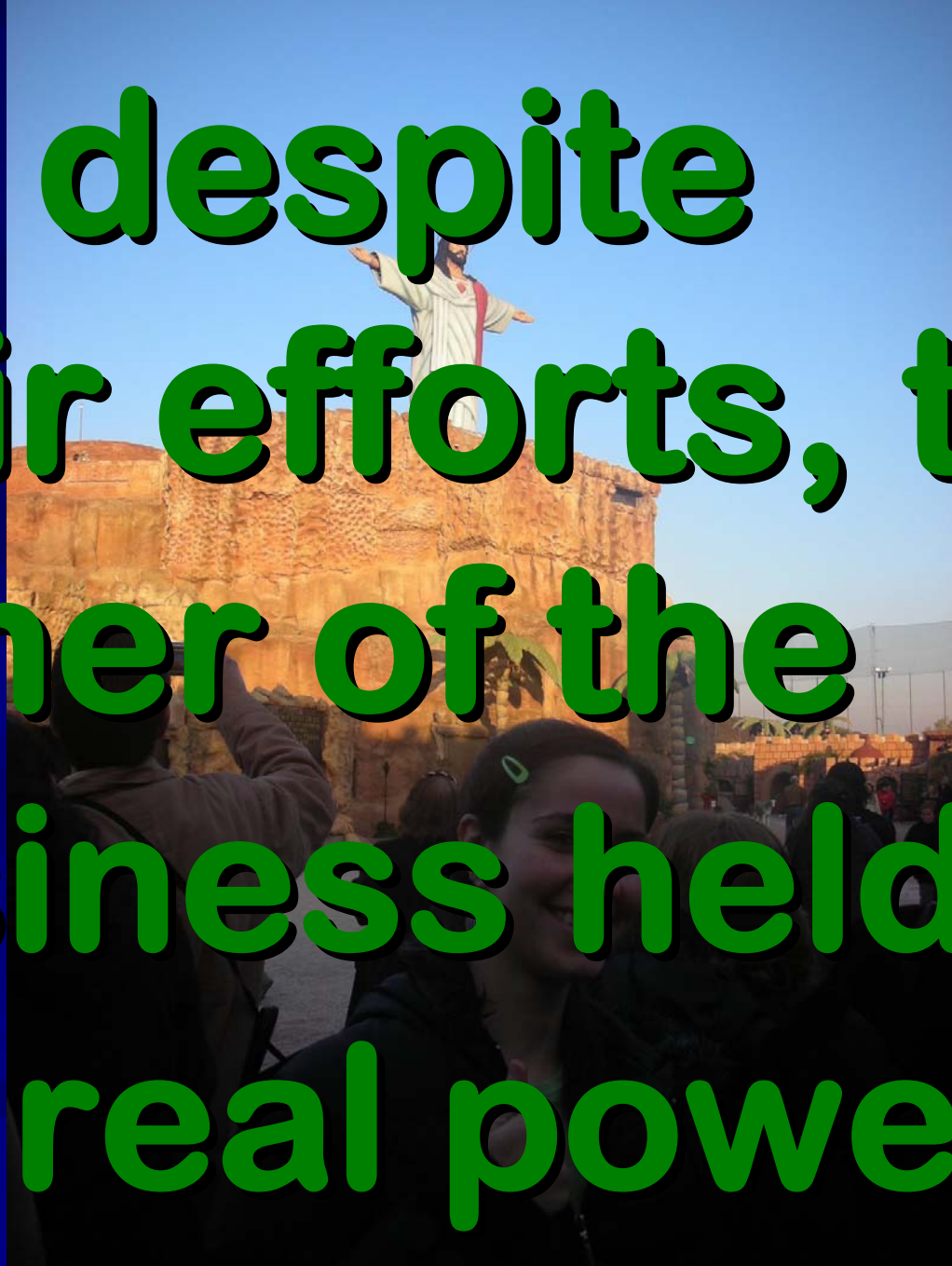


**Eventually the owner  
of The Kingdom of  
God plc came to  
town. He knew what  
had happened, what  
was going on – and  
said so.**

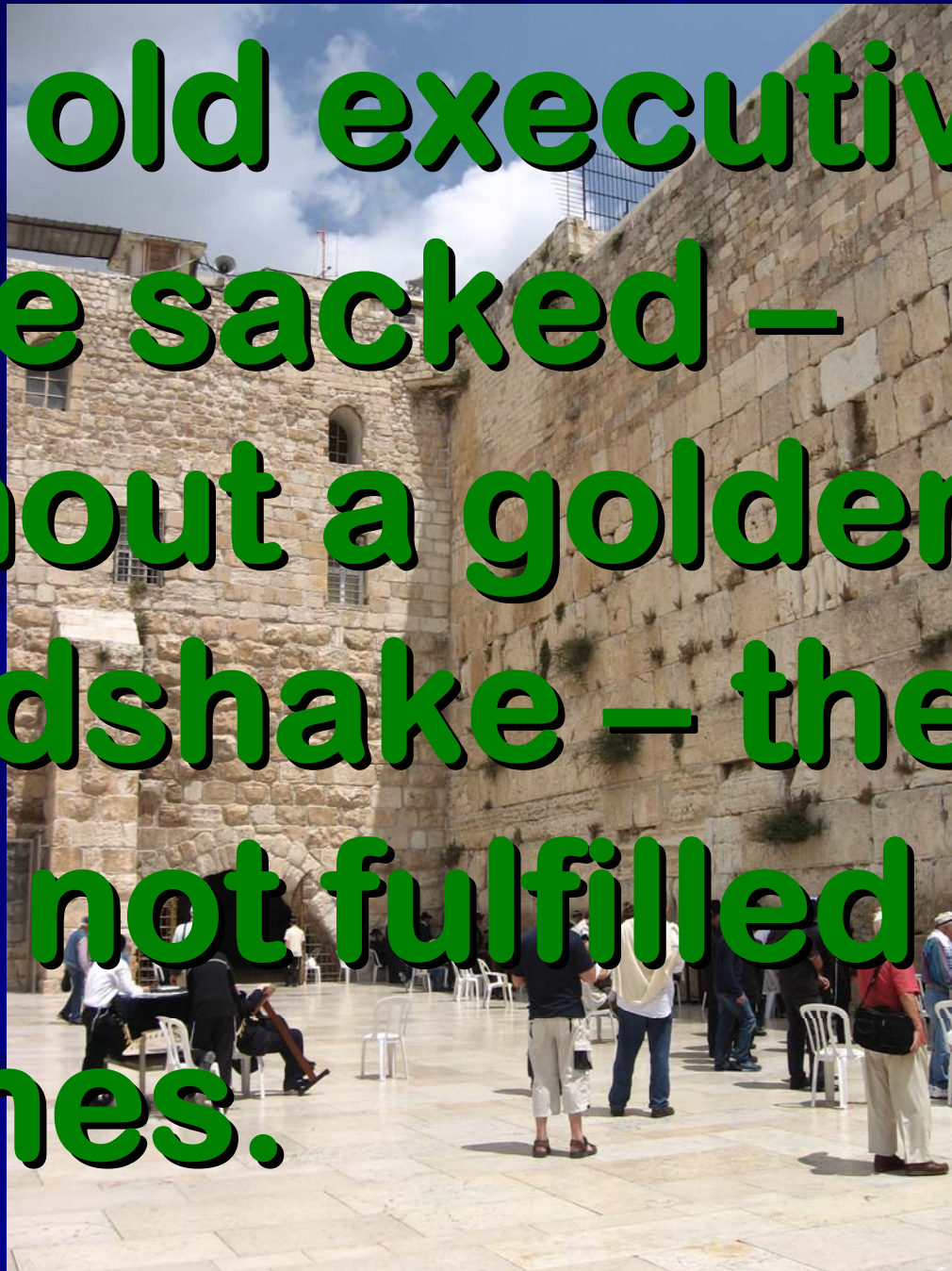
**And the  
executives  
attempted a  
take-over.**



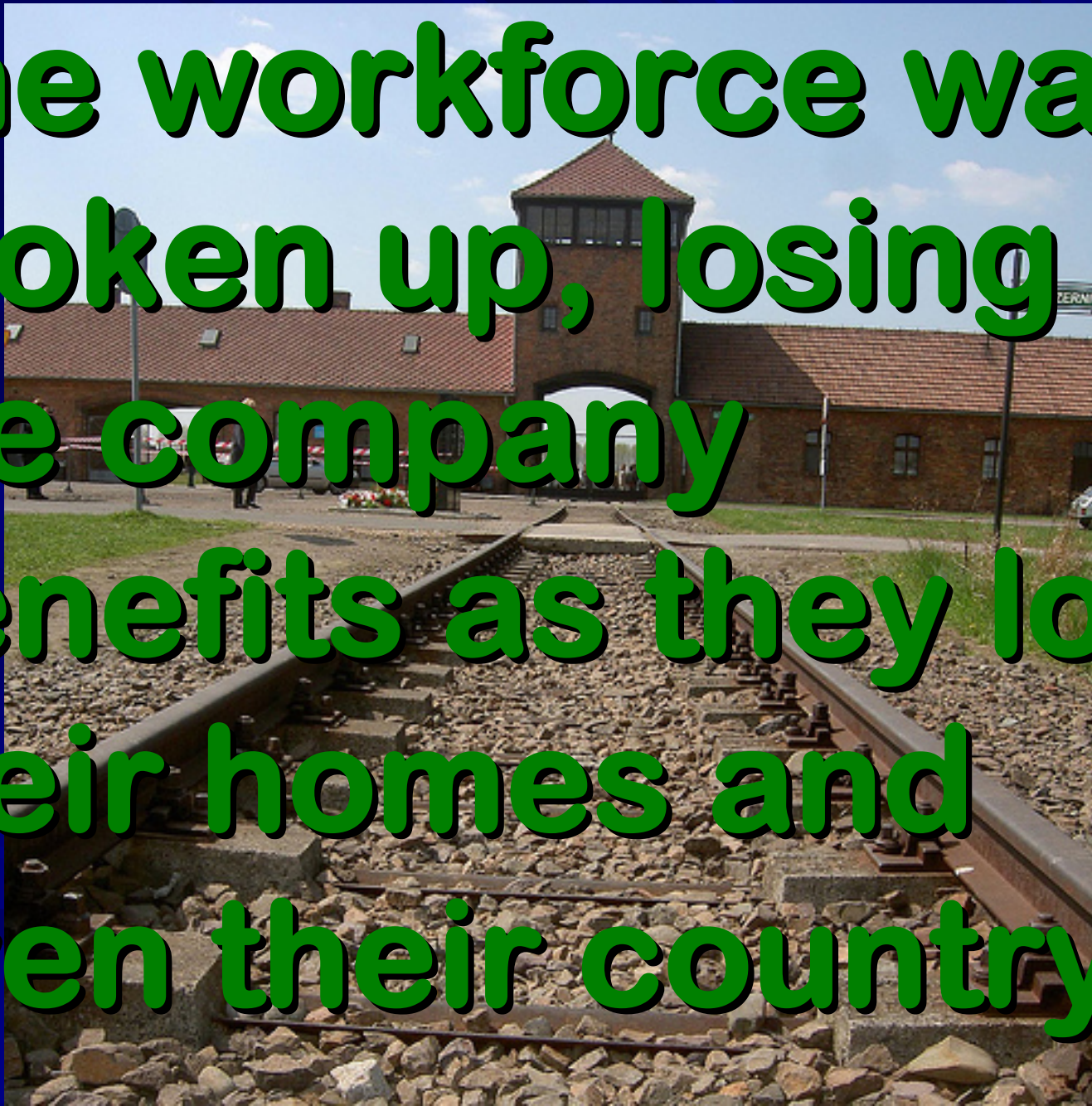
**But despite  
their efforts, the  
owner of the  
business held  
the real power.**

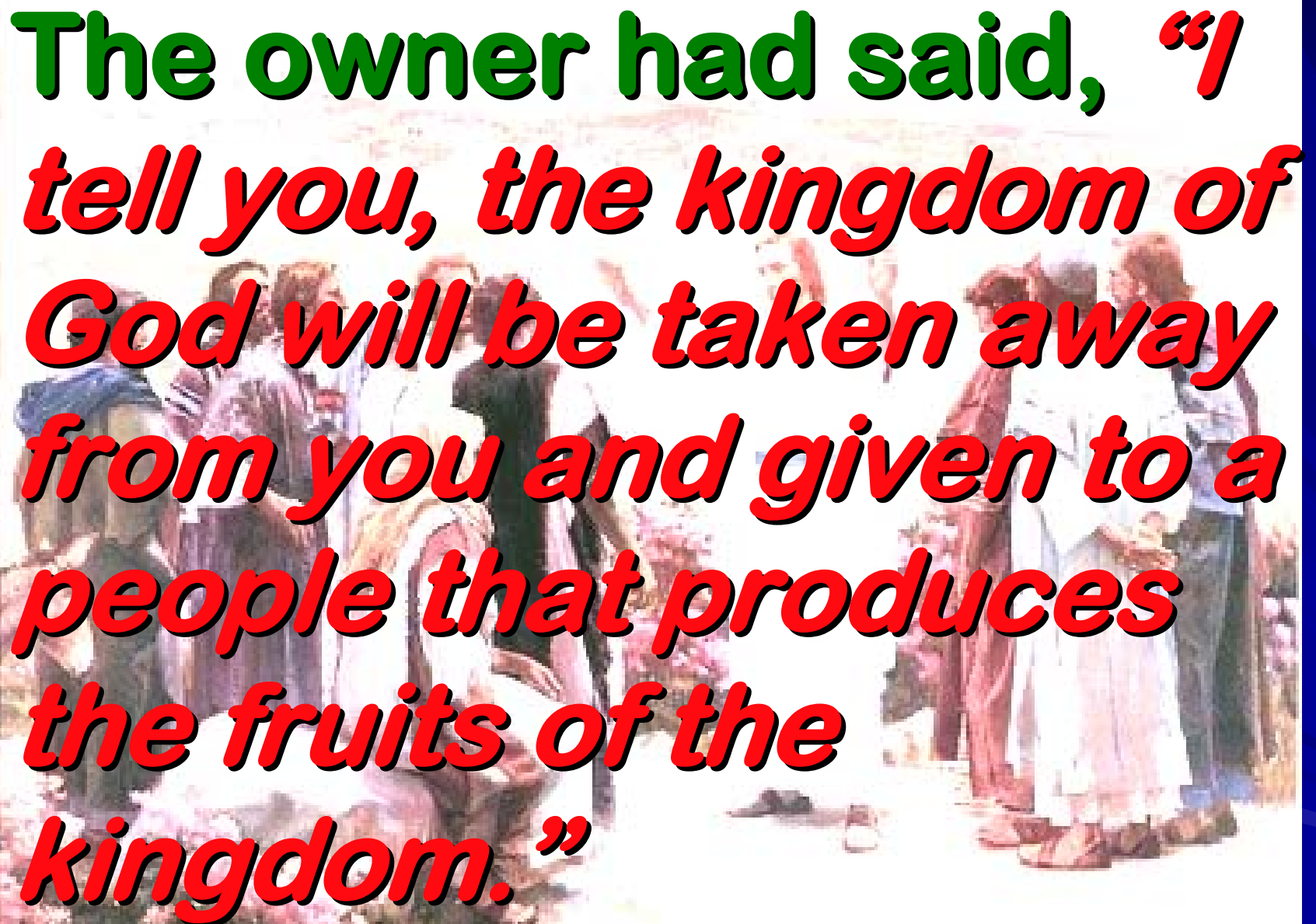


**The old executives  
were sacked –  
without a golden  
handshake – they  
had not fulfilled his  
wishes.**



**The workforce was broken up, losing the company benefits as they lost their homes and even their country.**





**The owner had said, “I  
*tell you, the kingdom of  
God will be taken away  
from you and given to a  
people that produces  
the fruits of the  
kingdom.”***

**(Matthew 21, 43)**

Reaching

**And the  
business  
went global!**

*Beyond  
Borders*



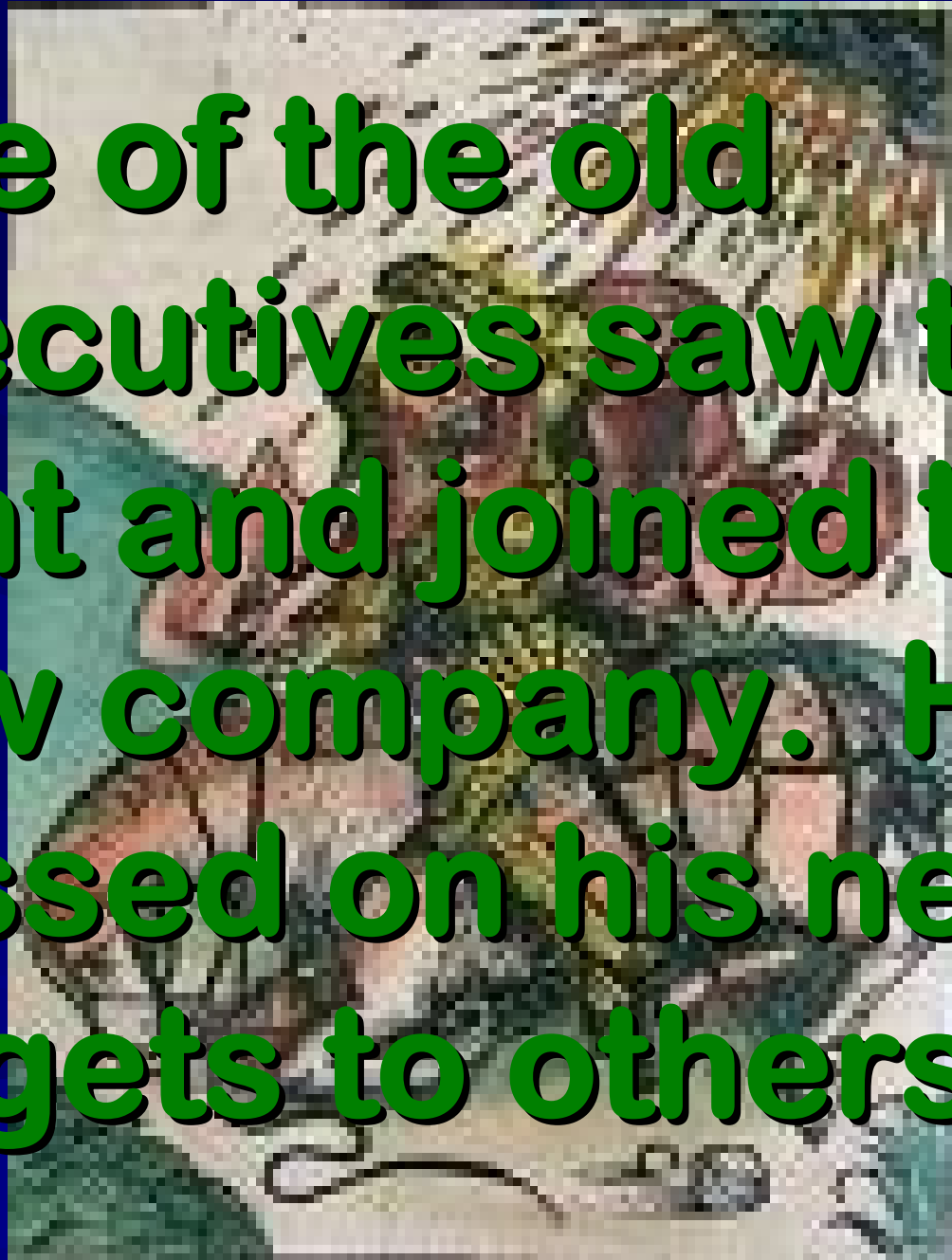
The background of the slide is a painting depicting a scene from the parable of the vineyard. It shows a group of men in traditional, earth-toned robes gathered in a vineyard. Some men are standing and talking, while others are working. The scene is set in a rural, outdoor environment with trees and a bright sky.

**The owner decided to**  
***“lease the vineyard to***  
***other tenants who will***  
***give him the produce.”***

**(Matthew 21, 41)**

**New executives were**  
**appointed – a new**  
**workforce created.**

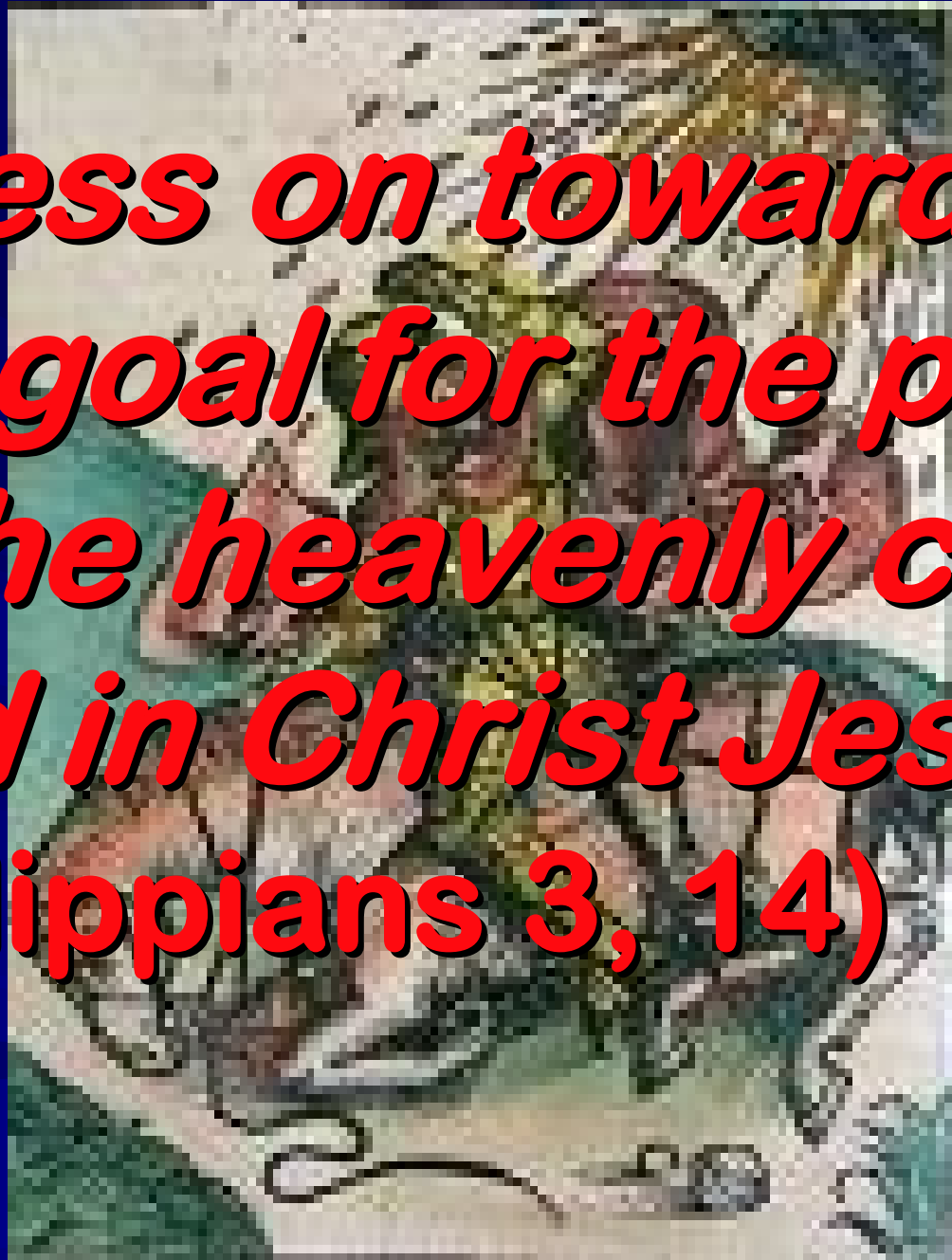
**One of the old executives saw the light and joined the new company. He passed on his new targets to others:**





***“Regard everything  
as loss because of  
the surpassing value  
of knowing Christ  
Jesus my Lord”  
(Philippians 3, 8)***

***“Press on towards  
the goal for the prize  
of the heavenly call of  
God in Christ Jesus.”  
(Philippians 3, 14)***

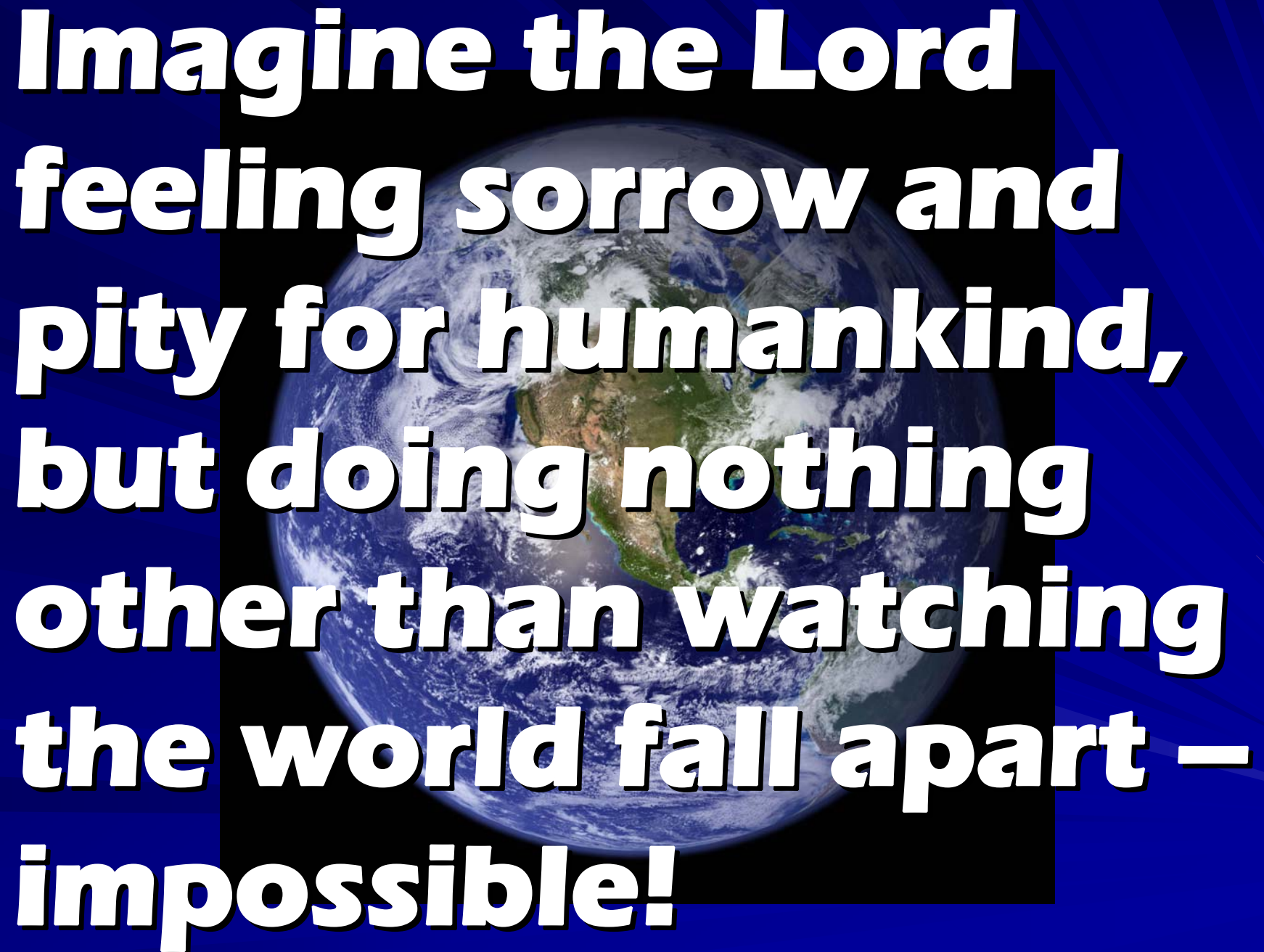


**Imagine any  
owner of any  
business just  
leaving it to  
collapse –  
difficult!**



**Imagine God  
emotionally  
attached to the  
world, yet leaving it  
to fend for itself.**

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the Americas and surrounding oceans, with a black rectangular overlay containing white text.



**Imagine the Lord  
feeling sorrow and  
pity for humankind,  
but doing nothing  
other than watching  
the world fall apart –  
impossible!**

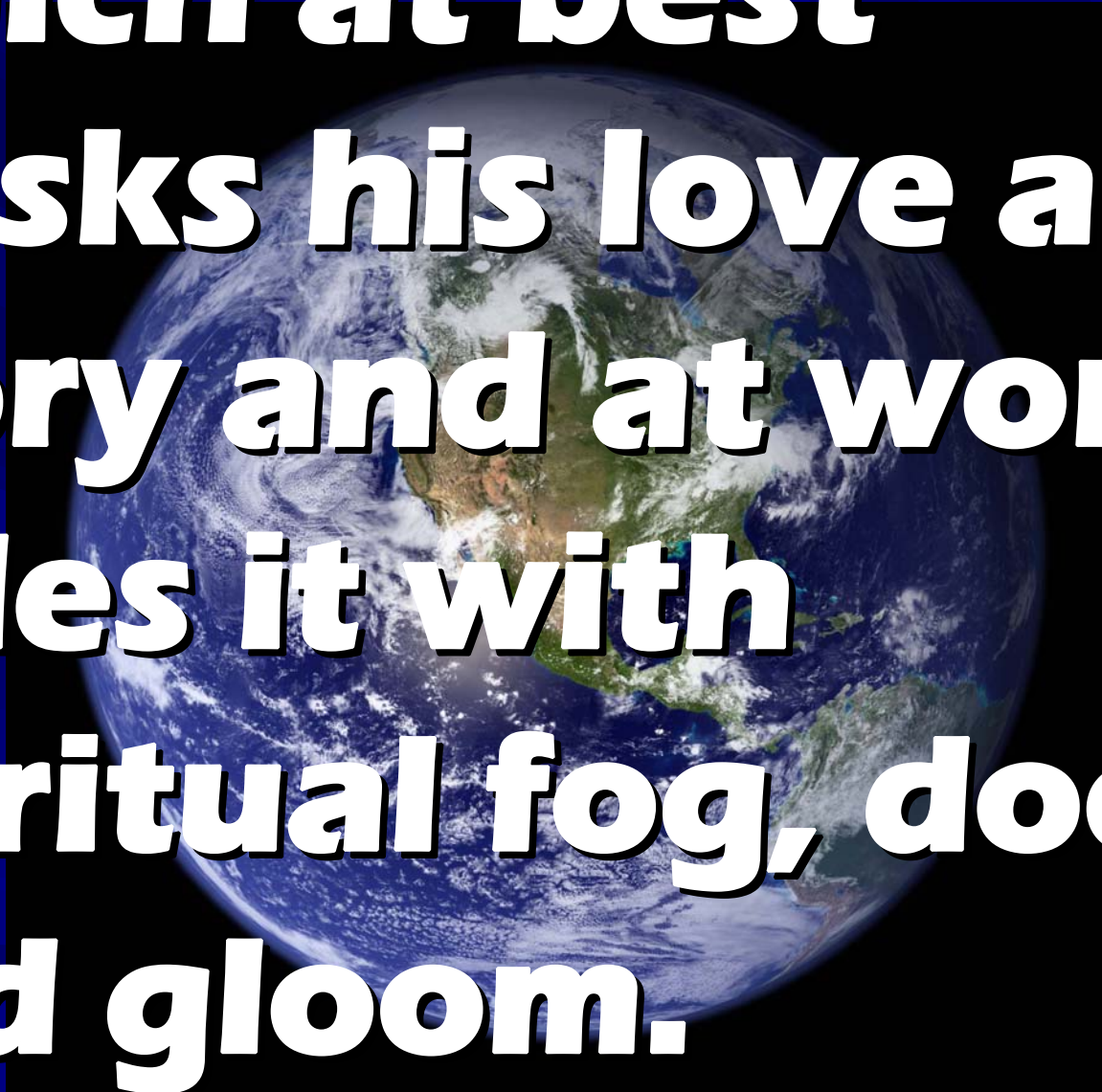
**This is the theme  
of today's readings  
– God never gives  
up on us.**



**Even if we go our  
own way and build  
a bankrupt society**

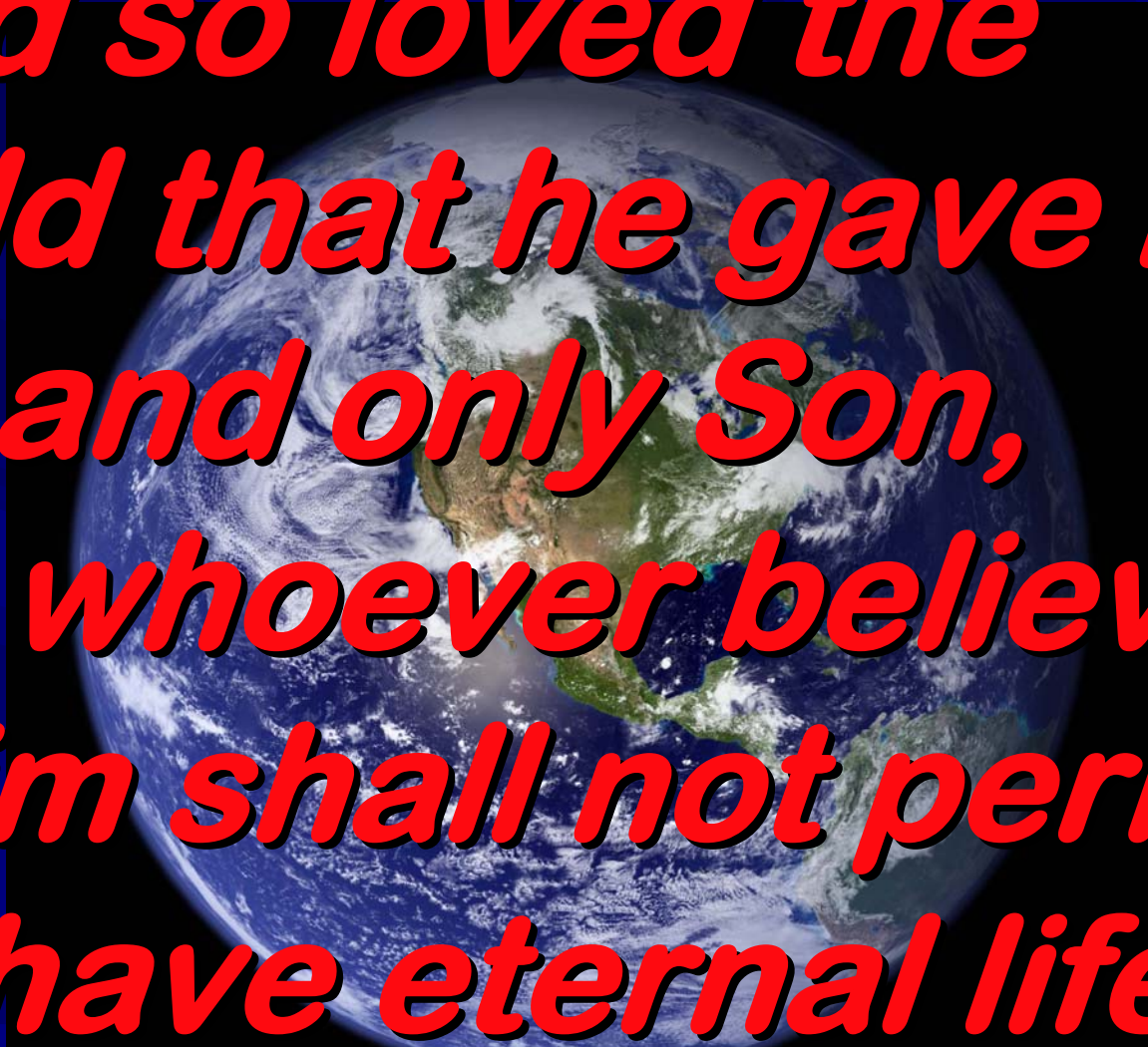


**which at best  
masks his love and  
glory and at worst  
hides it with  
spiritual fog, doom  
and gloom.**



**Prophet after  
prophet .....  
until finally**






***“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)***

**And if God  
cares that  
much, so  
should we!**

A satellite view of Earth showing the Americas, with the text overlaid on a black rectangular background. The background of the entire image is a dark blue with faint, light blue diagonal lines.



**So our question is, 'Are we doing our job as operatives of KOG plc properly?'**

**Or are we making the same mistakes made all those years ago?**



**Do we think  
we've got it right  
so we don't need  
to change  
anything?**

**Have we  
protected  
ourselves with  
rules and  
restrictive  
practices?**

A faded background image of a globe with the text "INTERNATIONAL" visible at the top. The globe is centered and shows the Americas. The text "INTERNATIONAL" is written in a large, outlined font across the top of the globe. The entire image is set against a dark blue background with diagonal lines.



**Are we guilty of  
inward-looking  
isolationism?**

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**Are we actively  
engaged in  
drumming up new  
business?**

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**Are we flexible  
enough to meet the  
ever changing  
demands of the  
customers?**

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**Are we really prepared**  
**to “*Regard everything***  
***as loss because of the***  
***surpassing value of***  
***others knowing Christ***  
***Jesus my Lord”?***

**Credit crunch causes  
business to review  
itself and look for  
new possibilities of  
growth.**

**Spiritual stagnation  
should do the same.**

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