

What Revival Looks Like  
How Revival Acts  
Acts 12:1-12



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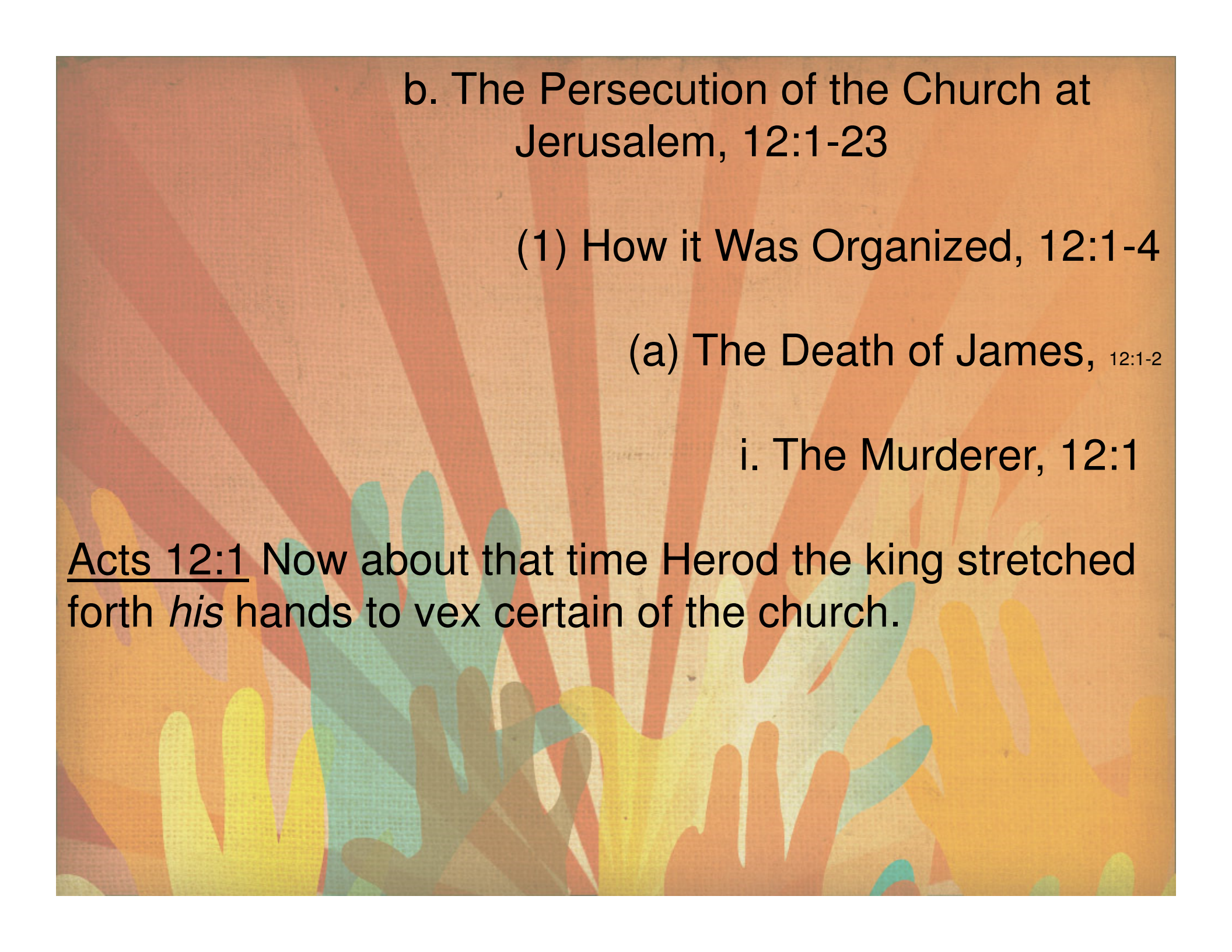
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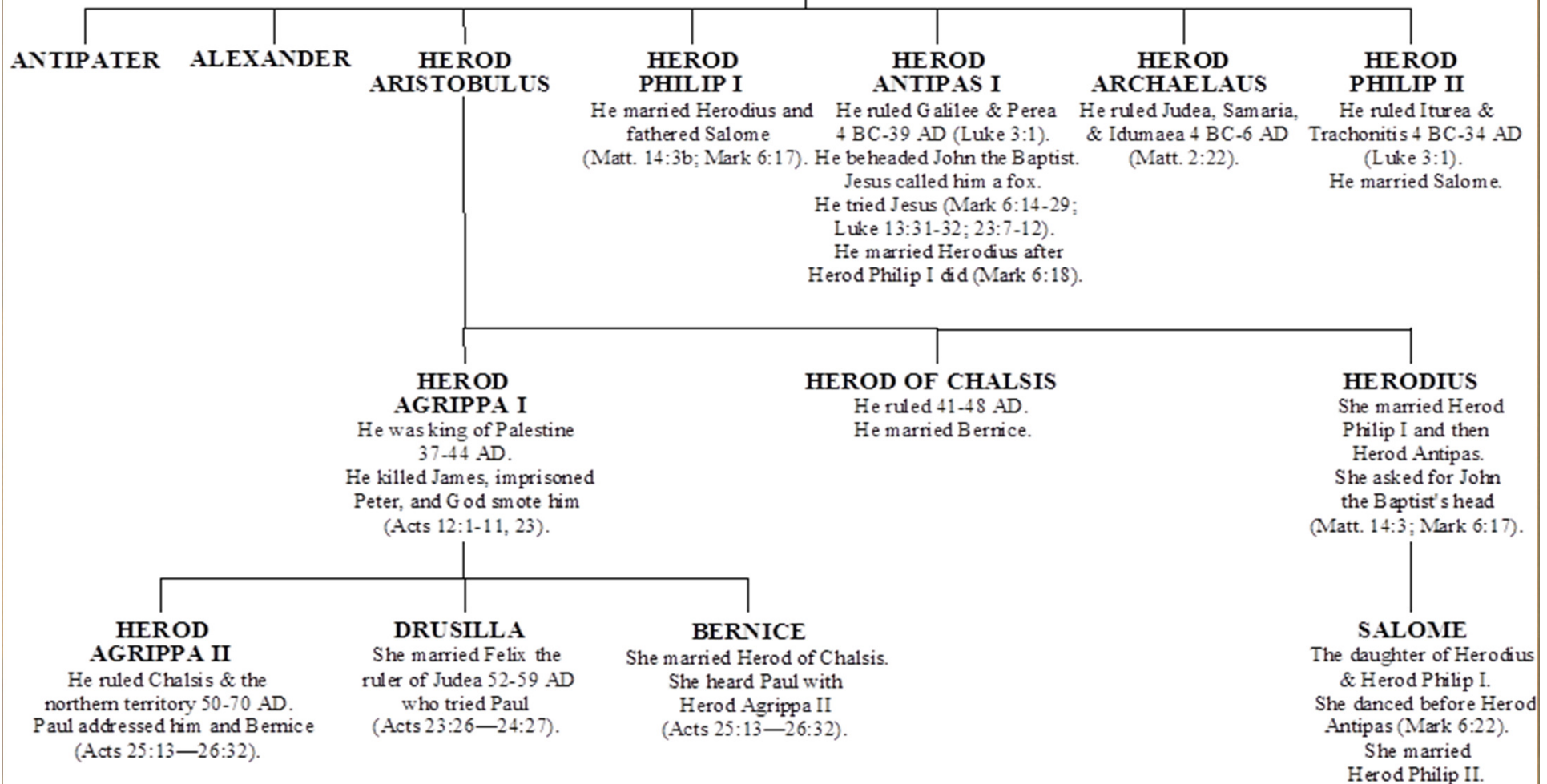
i. The Murderer, 12:1

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## HEROD'S FAMILY TREE

### HEROD THE GREAT

King of Palestine 37-4 BC (Luke 1:5)  
 He built many cities and structures  
 including the temple in Jerusalem.  
 He killed the boy babies of Bethlehem  
 (Matt. 2:1-17).



**ROMAN EMPERORS IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES**

<b>Emperor</b>	<b>Important Events</b>	<b>Bible Books Written</b>
Augustus (31 B.C.-A.D. 15)	Ordered the census that took Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem ( <a href="#">Luke 2:1</a> ).	
Tiberius (A.D. 15-35)	Jesus' earthly ministry conducted during his reign ( <a href="#">Luke 3:1</a> ; <a href="#">20:22, 25</a> ; <a href="#">23:2</a> ; <a href="#">John 19:12, 15</a> ).	
Gaius (A.D. 35-41)	Appointed Herod Agrippa I king over Palestine ( <a href="#">Acts 12:1</a> ).	Matthew (A.D. 40-70)
Claudius (A.D. 41-54)	Extensive famines ( <a href="#">Acts 11:28</a> ). Expelled the Jews, including Priscilla and Aquilla, from Rome ( <a href="#">Acts 18:2</a> ).	James (A.D. 45-48) Galatians (A.D. 49) 1 & 2 Thess. (A.D. 51)
Nero (A.D. 54-68)	Paul appealed for trial before him ( <a href="#">Acts 25:11</a> ). Favored Christianity early in his reign, but when Rome burned in 64 A.D. he blamed the Christians and from then on persecuted them. Had Paul and Peter executed (according to early Christian tradition).	1 & 2 Cor. (A.D. 56) Romans (A.D. 57) Luke (A.D. 57-59) Prison Epistles (A.D. 60-62) Acts (A.D. 60-62) 1 Tim. (A.D. 62-66) Titus (A.D. 62-66) Mark (A.D. 63-70) 1 Pet. (A.D. 64) 2 Tim. (A.D. 67) 2 Pet. (A.D. 67-68) Jude (A.D. 67-80)
Galba (A.D. 68-69)		Hebrews (A.D. 68-69)
<del>Otho</del> (A.D. 69)		
<del>Vitellius</del> (A.D. 69)		
Vespasian (A.D. 69-79)	Crushed the Jewish revolt against Rome (A.D. 66-70).	
Titus (A.D. 75-81)	Vespasian's son, who assisted his father in the wars against the Jews, and destroyed Jerusalem (A.D. 70).	
Domitian (A.D. 81-96)		John (A.D. 85-95) 1, 2 & 3 John (A.D. 90-95) Revelation (A.D. 95-96)
Nerva (A.D. 96-98)		

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## ii. The Martyr, 12:2

Acts 12:2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

### (b) The Detention of Peter, 12:3-4

i. Why He Was Imprisoned, 12:3a “And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also...”

ii. When He Was Imprisoned, 12:3b “...(Then were the days of unleavened bread.)”

Ex. 12:17 And ye shall observe *the feast of unleavened bread*; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the **land of Egypt**: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

- As the Lord delivered Israel from Egypt, so did He deliver Peter from Herod and the Romans.

Lev. 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* **the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.**

Luke 22:1 Now **the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.**

iii. Where He Was  
Imprisoned, 12:4

Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending **after Easter** to bring him forth to the people.

Num. 28:16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the passover of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day *shall be* an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein*:

(2) How it Was Obstructed, 12:5-19

(a) Human Intercession, 12:5

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Jas. 5:16b "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

## (b) Heaven's Intervention, 12:6-17

### i. Peter's Restfulness, 12:6

Acts 12:6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

### ii. Peter's Rescuer, 12:7-10

- The Angel's Descent, 12:7a "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison..."

- The Angel's Demand, 12:7b-9 "...and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

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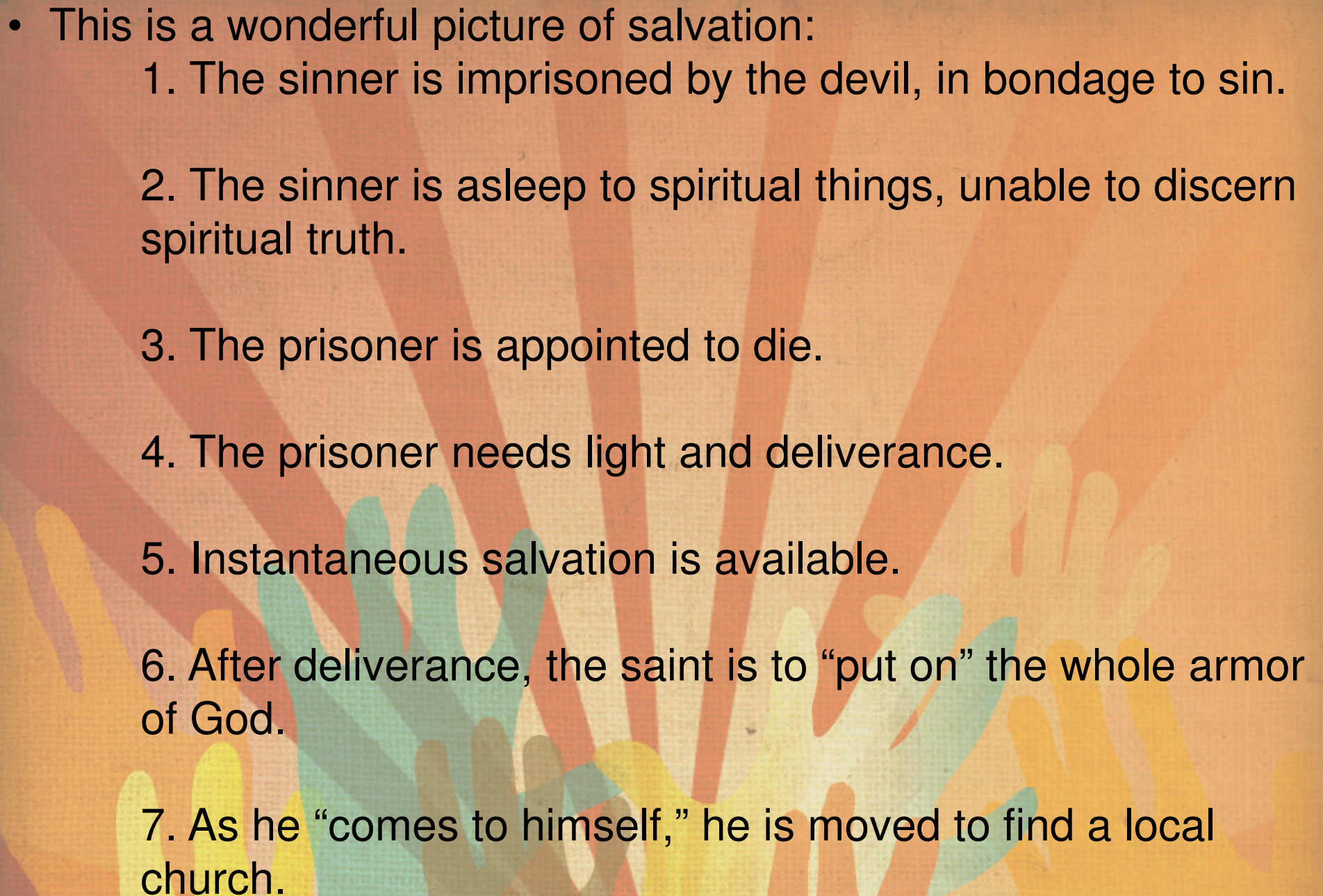
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- The Angel's Departure, 12:10b "...and forthwith the angel departed from him."

### iii. Peter's Reasoning, 12:11-17

- What He Decided, 12:11-12

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- This is a wonderful picture of salvation:
    1. The sinner is imprisoned by the devil, in bondage to sin.
    2. The sinner is asleep to spiritual things, unable to discern spiritual truth.
    3. The prisoner is appointed to die.
    4. The prisoner needs light and deliverance.
    5. Instantaneous salvation is available.
    6. After deliverance, the saint is to “put on” the whole armor of God.
    7. As he “comes to himself,” he is moved to find a local church.

Col. 4:10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and **Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas**, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

Phm. 1:24 **Marcus**, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

1 Pet. 5:13 The *church that is* at Babylon, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* **Marcus** my son.





## Conclusion

Eph. 3:20 Now unto **him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us,