

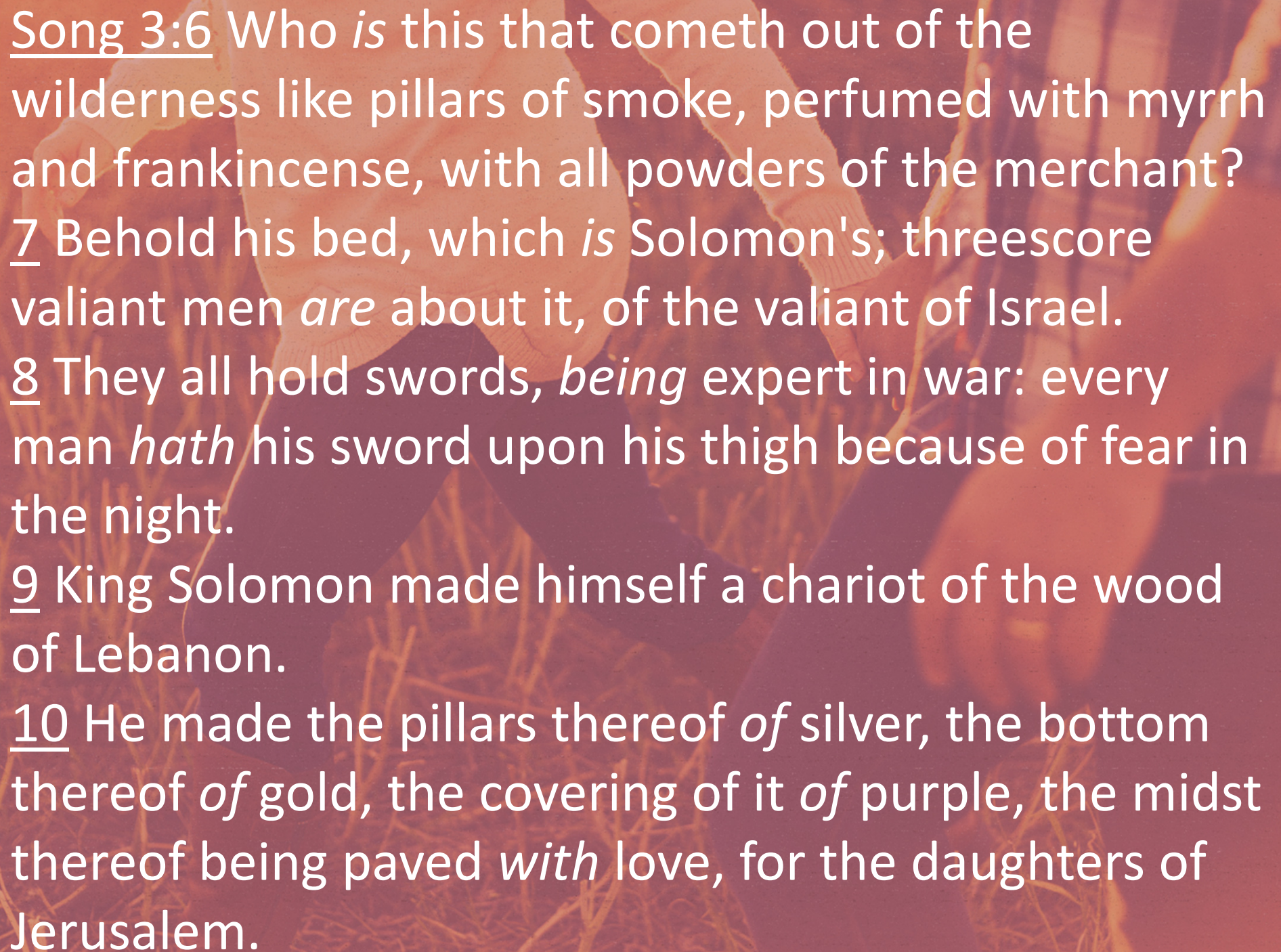


Love Story



A STUDY OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON

3:6-11



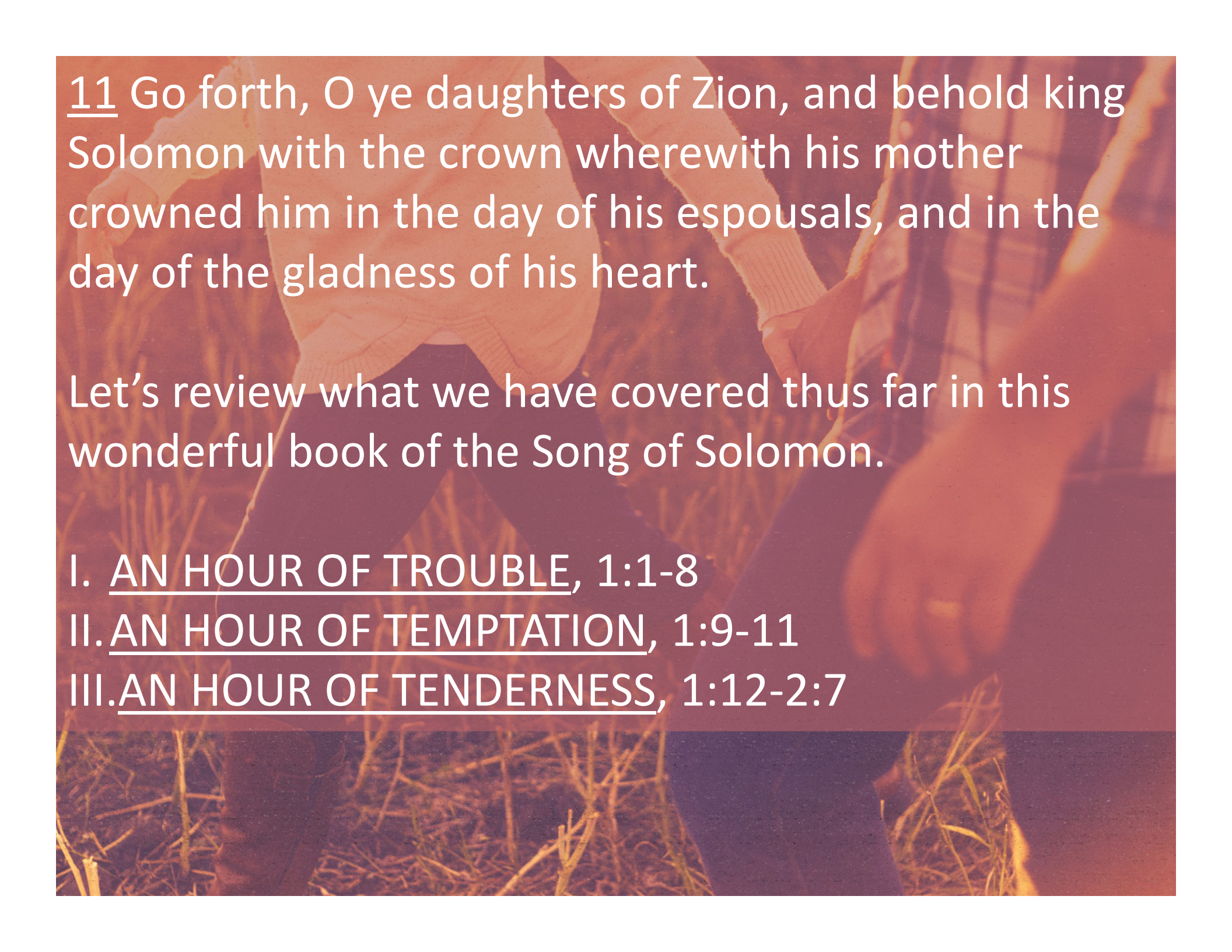
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8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof *of* silver, the bottom thereof *of* gold, the covering of it *of* purple, the midst thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.



11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Let's review what we have covered thus far in this wonderful book of the Song of Solomon.

I. AN HOUR OF TROUBLE, 1:1-8

II. AN HOUR OF TEMPTATION, 1:9-11

III. AN HOUR OF TENDERNESS, 1:12-2:7

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IV. AN HOUR OF TRUTH, 2:8—3:5

A. The Love of the Shepherd, 2:8-14

B. The Love of the Shulamite, 2:15—3:5

1. A Hindered Love, 2:15-17

2. A Hungry Love, 3:1-3

3. A Hallowed Love, 3:4-5

a. Heart Delight, 3:4

(1) She Saw Him

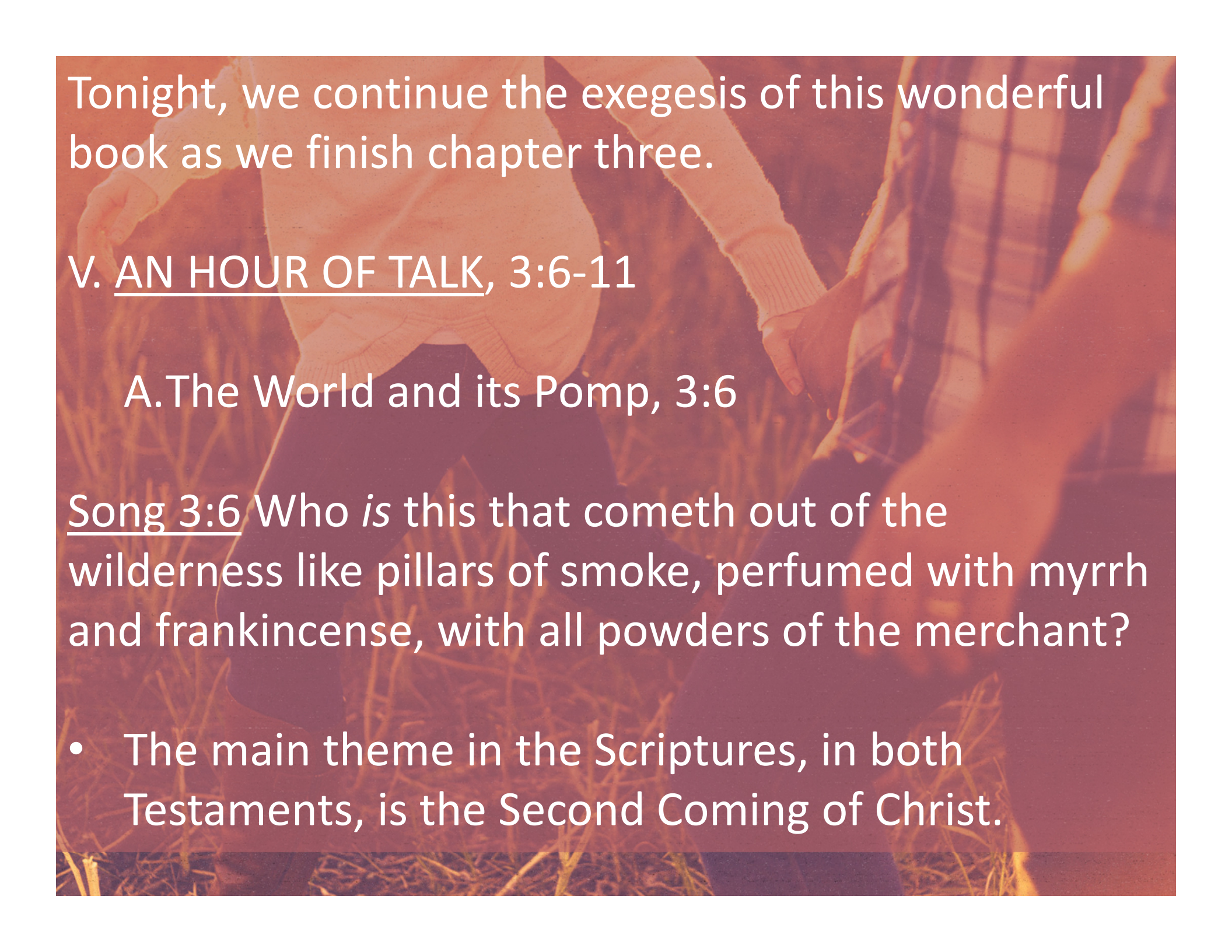
(2) She Seized Him

(3) She Showed Him

b. Heart Danger, 3:5.

(1) Its Source

(2) Its Substance



Tonight, we continue the exegesis of this wonderful book as we finish chapter three.

V. AN HOUR OF TALK, 3:6-11

A. The World and its Pomp, 3:6

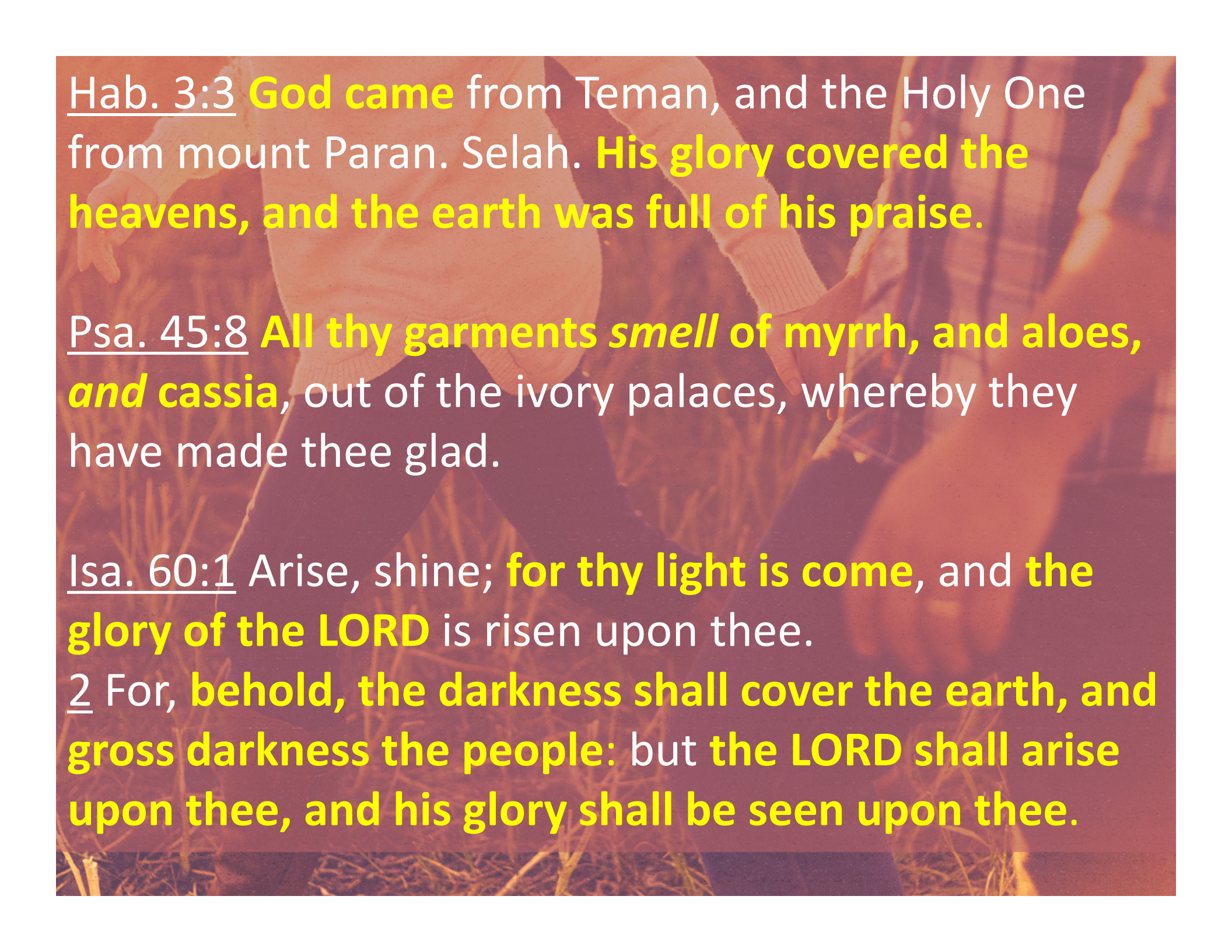
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- The main theme in the Scriptures, in both Testaments, is the Second Coming of Christ.

- The glory of the Second Advent is displayed in verse 6 – “Who *is* this that cometh...”

Deut. 33:2 And he said, **The LORD came** from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; **he shined forth** from mount Paran, and **he came with ten thousands of saints**: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**



Hab. 3:3 **God came** from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. **His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.**

Psa. 45:8 **All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia,** out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Isa. 60:1 Arise, shine; **for thy light is come,** and **the glory of the LORD** is risen upon thee.

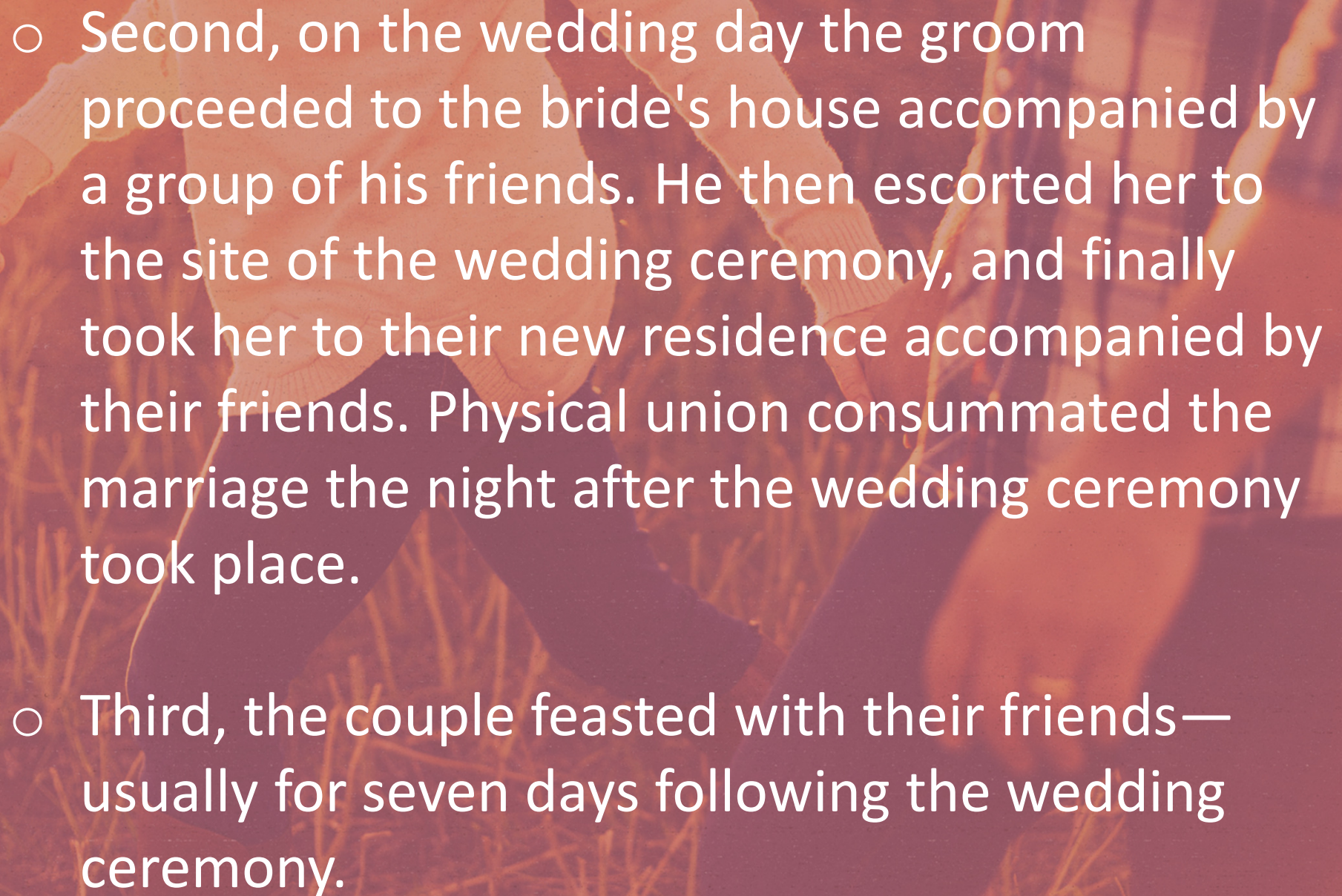
2 For, **behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:** but **the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.**

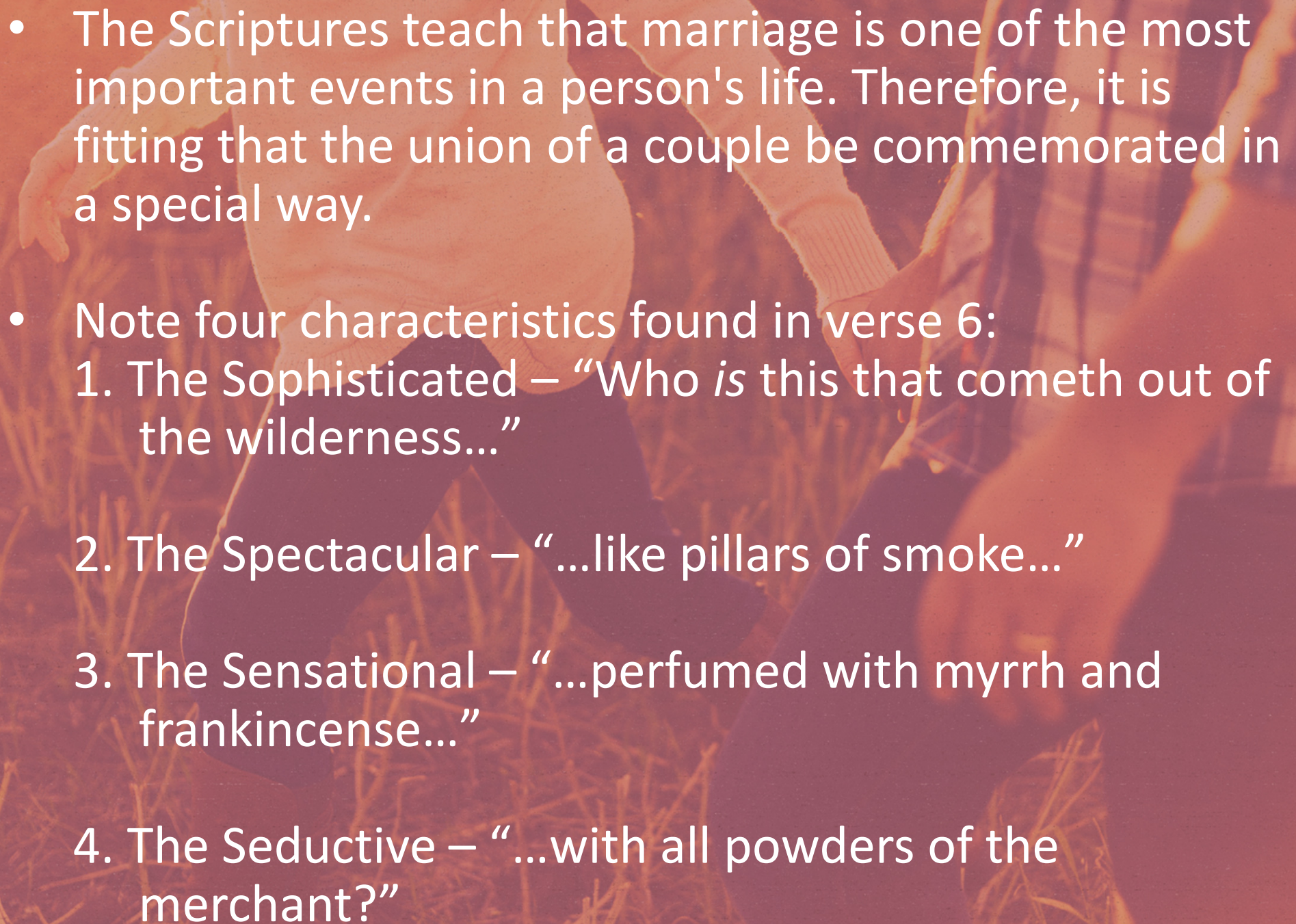


2 Pet. 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you **the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ...

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

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- There were three parts to a wedding in the ancient Near East.
 - First, the groom's parents selected a bride for their son. This involved securing the permission of the bride's parents and the approval of both the bride and the groom themselves. Though the parents of the young people arranged the marriage, they usually obtained the consent of both the bride and the groom.

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- Second, on the wedding day the groom proceeded to the bride's house accompanied by a group of his friends. He then escorted her to the site of the wedding ceremony, and finally took her to their new residence accompanied by their friends. Physical union consummated the marriage the night after the wedding ceremony took place.
 - Third, the couple feasted with their friends—usually for seven days following the wedding ceremony.

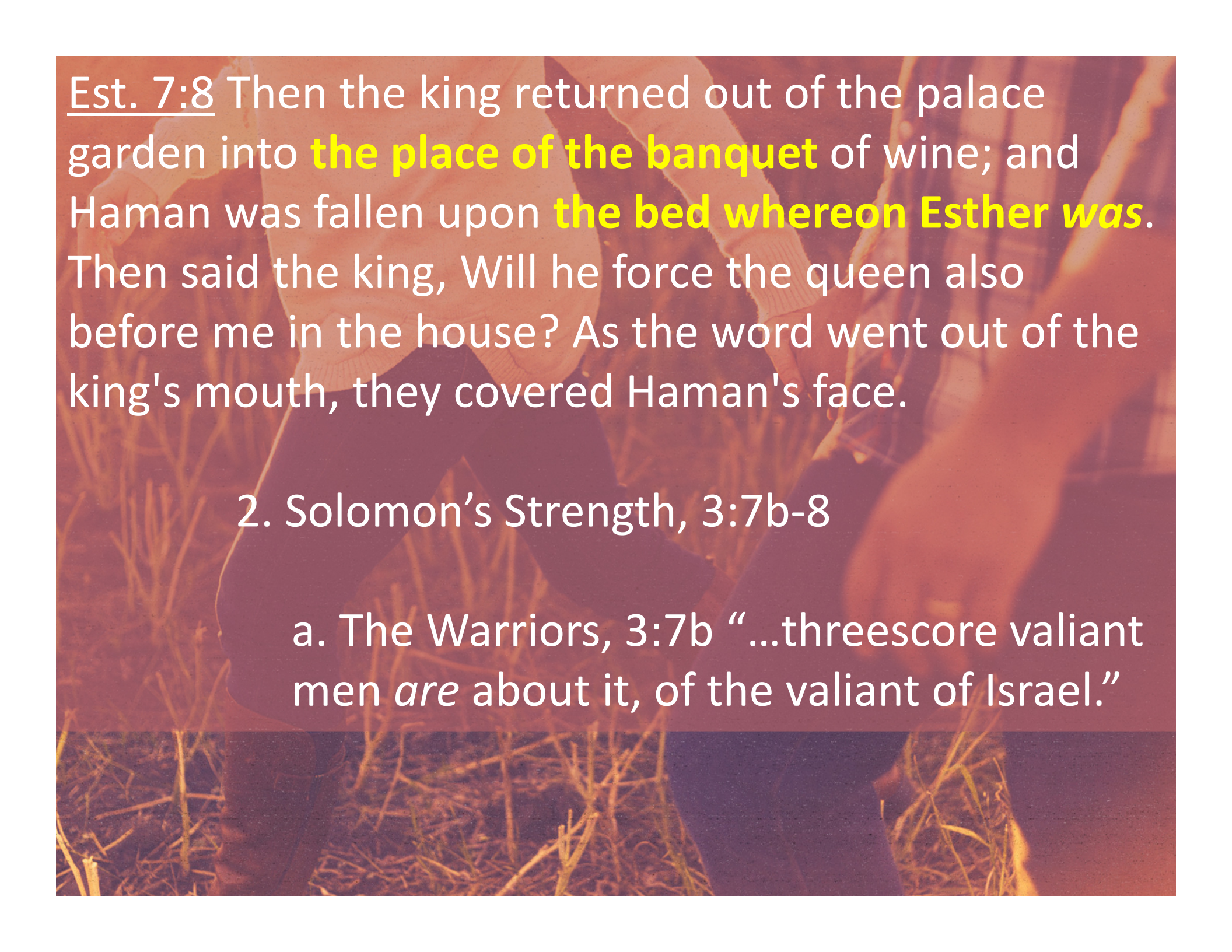
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- The Scriptures teach that marriage is one of the most important events in a person's life. Therefore, it is fitting that the union of a couple be commemorated in a special way.
 - Note four characteristics found in verse 6:
 1. The Sophisticated – “Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness...”
 2. The Spectacular – “...like pillars of smoke...”
 3. The Sensational – “...perfumed with myrrh and frankincense...”
 4. The Seductive – “...with all powders of the merchant?”

B. The World and its Power, 3:7-8

1. Solomon's Style, 3:7a "Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's..."

- The bed in this context is probably for reclining during dinner.

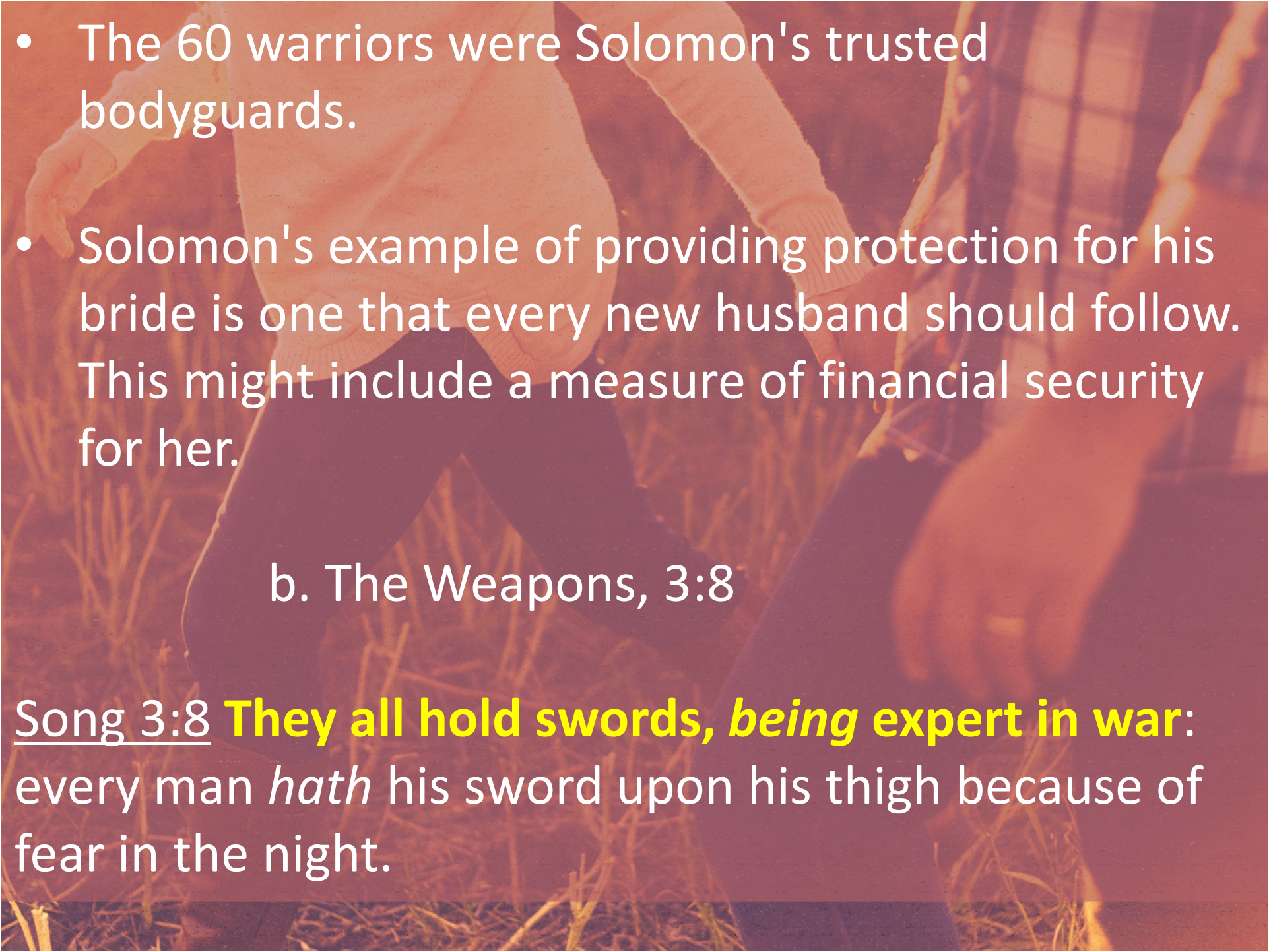
Est. 1:6 *Where were* white, green, and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.



Est. 7:8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into **the place of the banquet** of wine; and Haman was fallen upon **the bed whereon Esther was**. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

2. Solomon's Strength, 3:7b-8

a. The Warriors, 3:7b "...threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel."

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- The 60 warriors were Solomon's trusted bodyguards.
 - Solomon's example of providing protection for his bride is one that every new husband should follow. This might include a measure of financial security for her.

b. The Weapons, 3:8

Song 3:8 **They all hold swords, being expert in war:**
every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of
fear in the night.

- By way of application, believers should be expert swordsmen of the Word of God.

Eph. 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

Heb. 4:12 For **the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- Spiritual swordsmen recognize the darkness of the world and are prepared to face it.

1 Jn. 5:19 *And **we know that we are of God**, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.***

Eph. 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of **the darkness of this world**, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Conclusion

1 Thess. 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief **in the night**.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But **ye, brethren, are not in darkness**, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 **Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day**: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but **let us watch and be sober**.