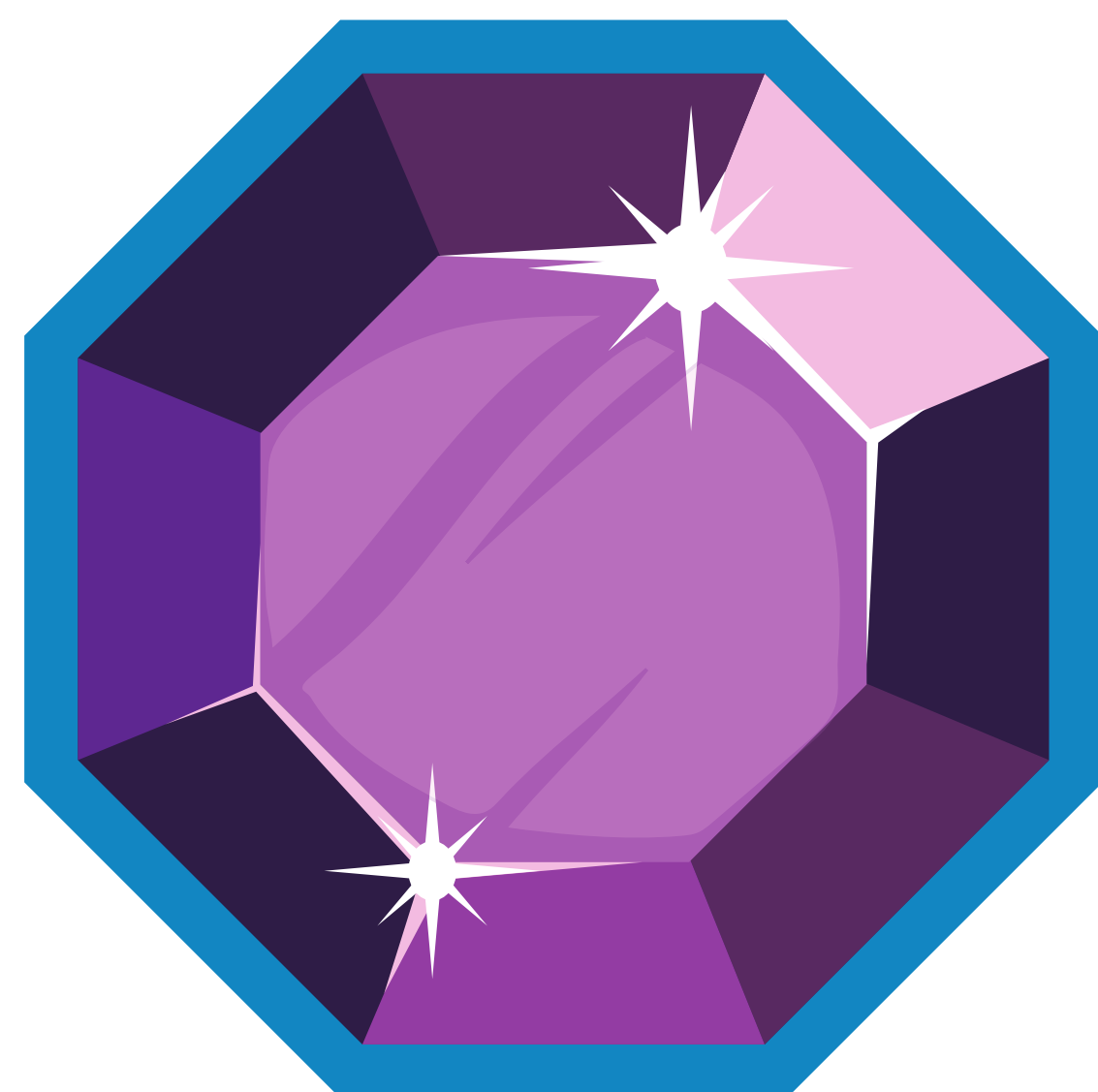
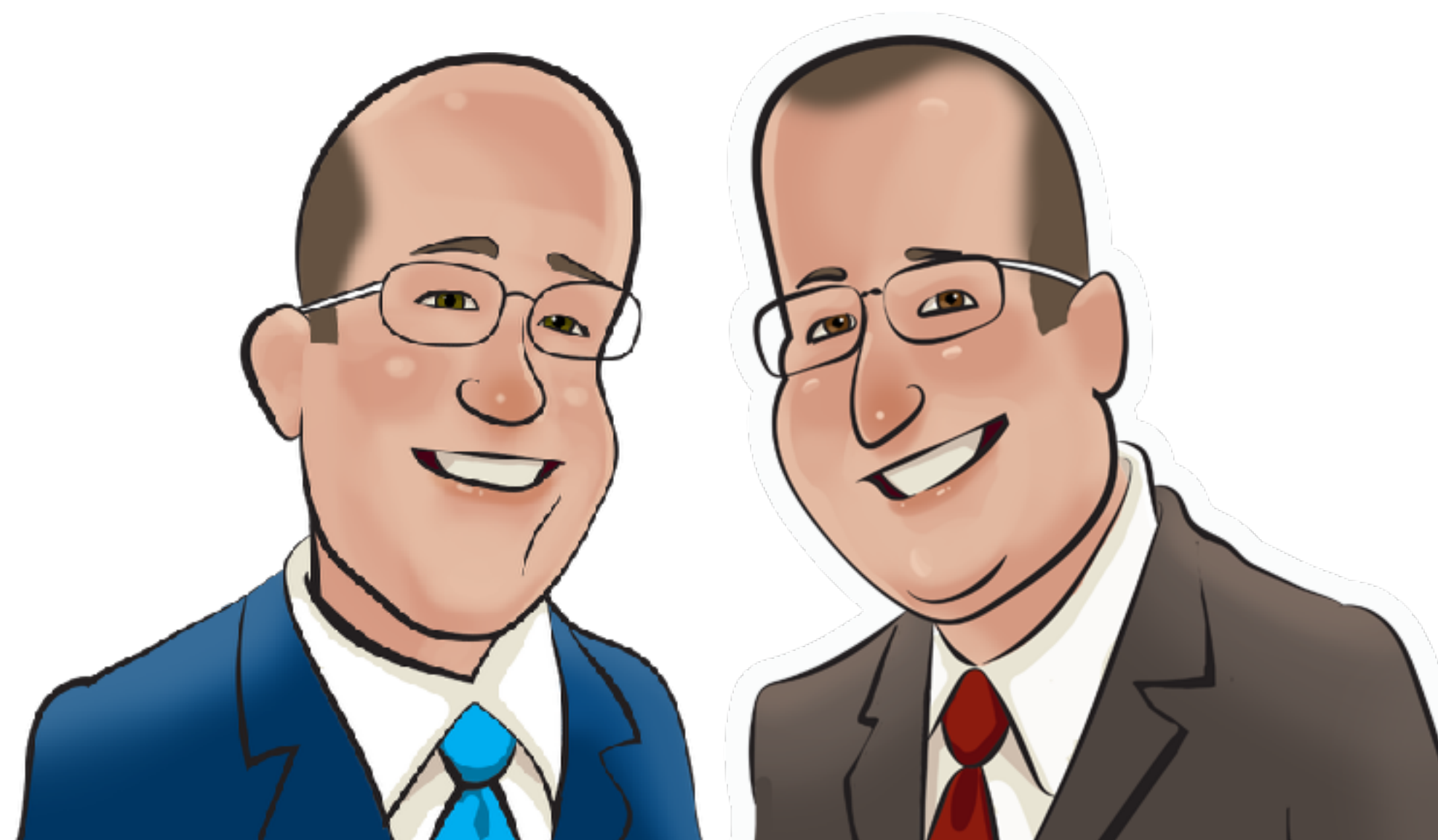




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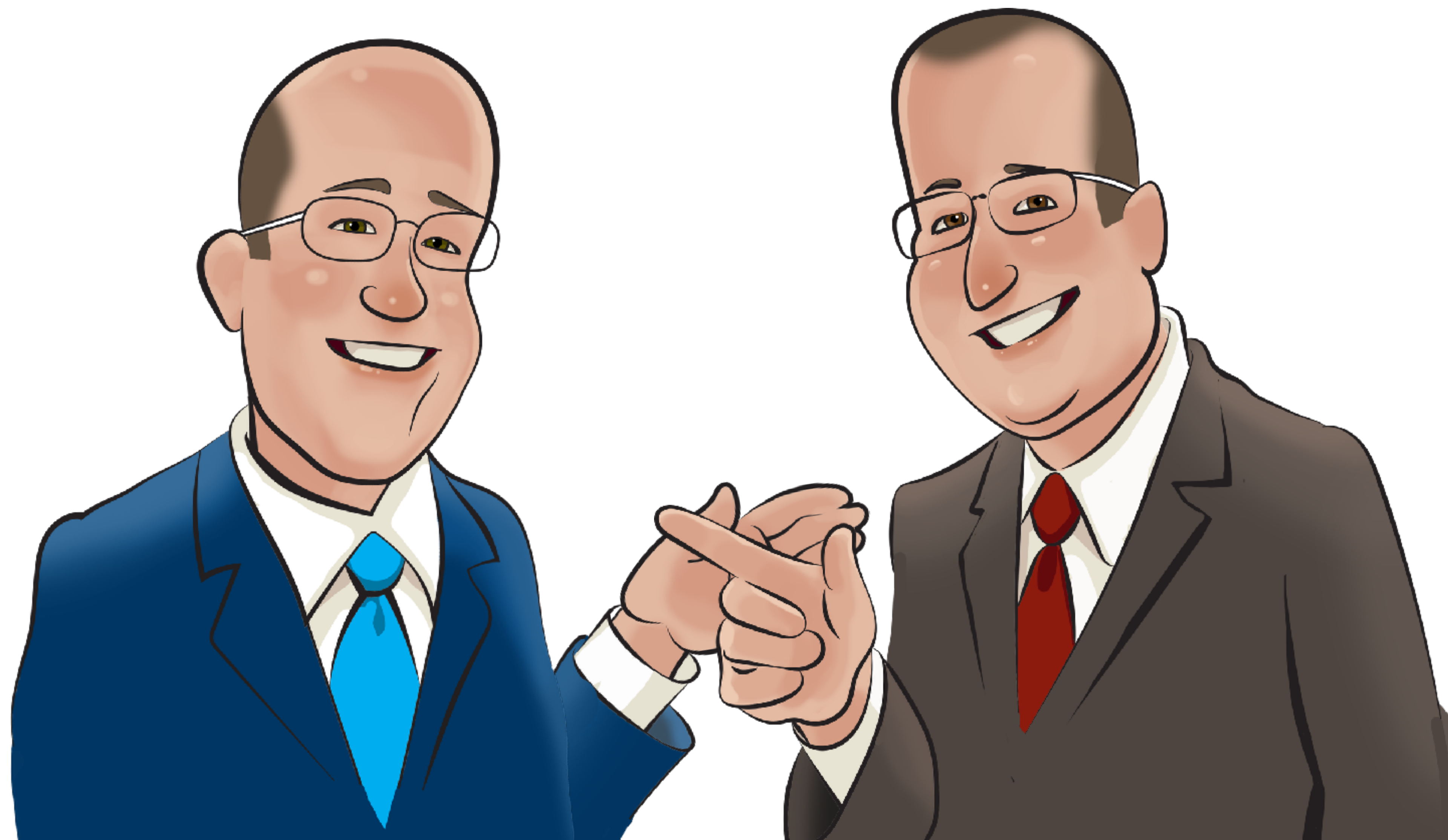


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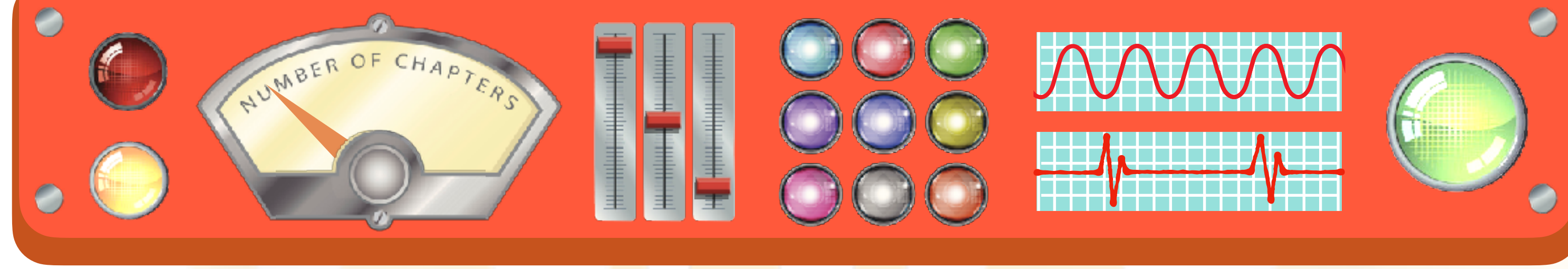


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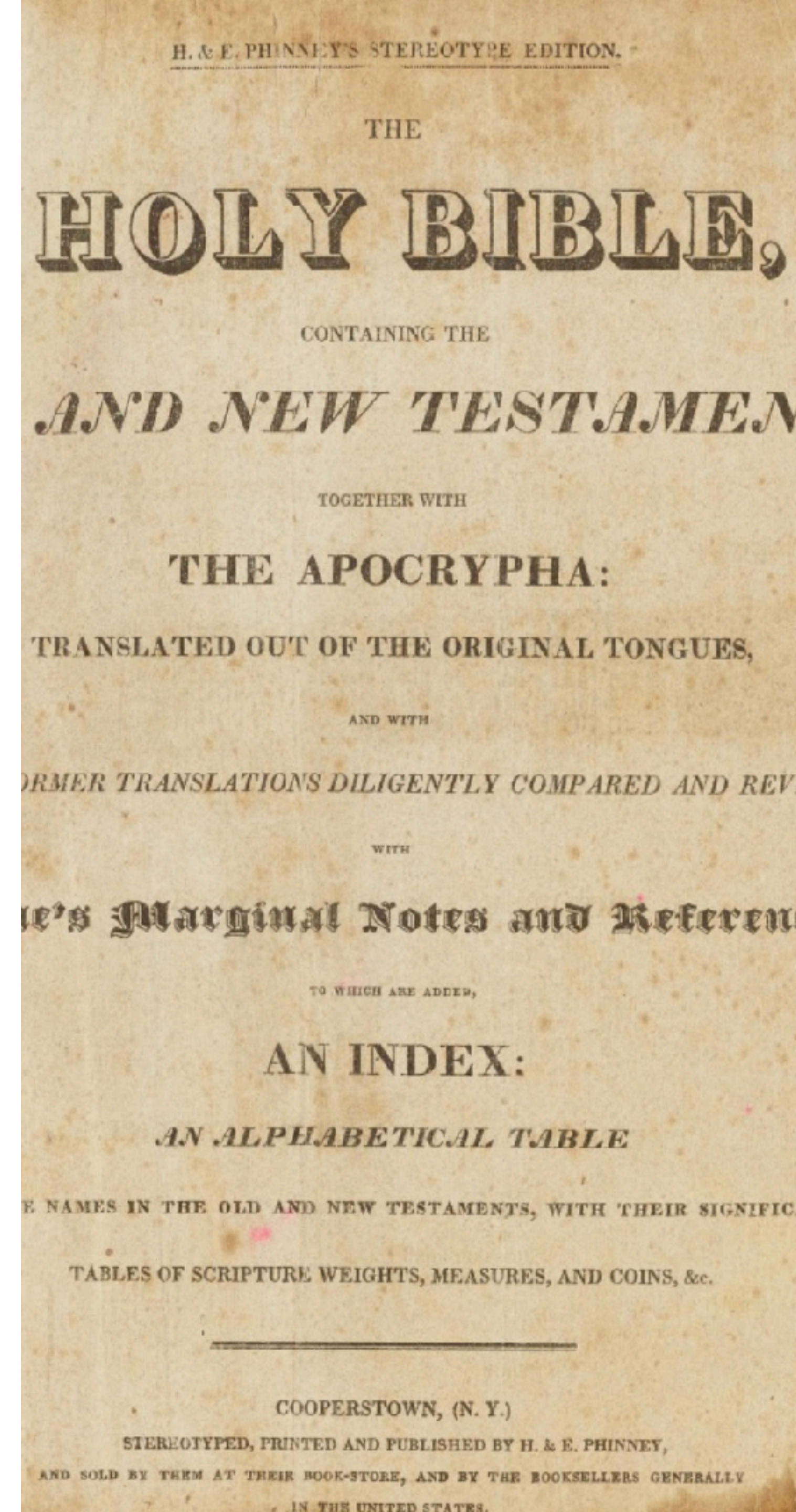
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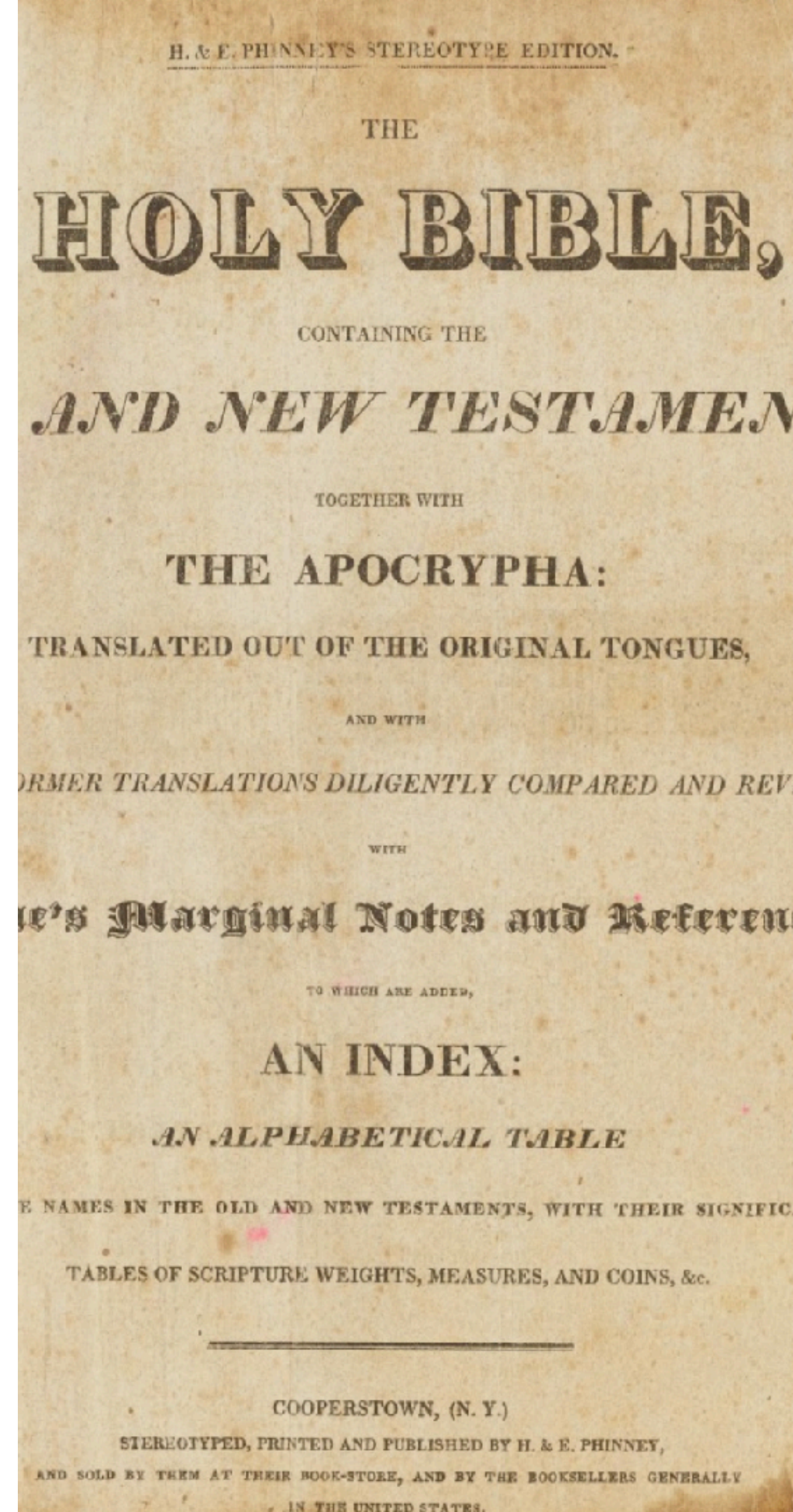
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Section 45 is an unusual revelation. It is a commentary on one of the most complicated and even contested passages of the Bible. That's not remarkable. There is no shortage of interpreters of Jesus's Olivet discourse. The remarkable thing is that the interpreter in section 45 is the Savior himself. This is the finest text in the world for understanding Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. One could go to any number of commentaries on Matthew 24 and find all kinds of analysis. These would be helpful, perhaps, but section 45 is the only source on earth in which the Savior of the world interprets and applies his own Olivet discourse.

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3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars, and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

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12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

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14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand,)

16 Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the house-top not come down to take any thing out of his house:

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Section 45 cements a connection between the Old Testament, New Testament, and the restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith. The Savior who reveals it is the “God of Enoch,” about whom Joseph has recently learned so much in his revision of Genesis and reception of the Book of Moses. The Savior gave the discourse to his disciples on the Mount of Olives, and here he is in Section 45 interpreting and applying it to the Latter-day Saints.

Section 45 laces together the dispensations of Enoch, the Savior and his apostles, and the fullness of times. Overwhelming wickedness and pending calamities are common themes in each. Always the outnumbered righteous seek safety, peace, and refuge. They seek Zion. Section 45 gives coherence to the past, present, and future. One sees in it the Lord’s plans and purposes being accomplished.

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18 And now ye ^bbehold this temple which is in Jerusalem, which ye call the house of God, and your enemies say that this house shall never fall.

19 But, verily I say unto you, that ^adesolation shall come upon this generation as a thief in the night, and this people shall be destroyed and ^bscattered among all nations.

20 And this ^atemple which ye now see shall be thrown down that there shall not be left one stone upon another.

21 And it shall come to pass, that this ^ageneration of Jews shall not pass away until every desolation which I have told you concerning them shall come ^bto pass.

22 Ye say that ye know that the ^aend of the world cometh; ye say also that ye know that the heavens and the earth shall pass away;

23 And in this ye say truly, for so it is; but these things which I have

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24 And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem; and when that day shall come, shall a remnant be ^ascattered among all ^bnations;

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26 And in ^athat day shall be heard of ^bwars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall ^cfail them, and they shall say that Christ ^adelayeth his coming until the end of the earth.

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30 And in that generation shall the ^atimes of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

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16b Matt. 24:3 (3–46);
Luke 21:7 (7–36);
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TG Last Days.

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22a Matt. 24:3.
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23a Matt. 24:35.
24a Zech. 2:6;
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32b Job 2:9;
Rev. 16:11, 21.
33a D&C 43:18; 84:118;

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c Matt. 24:50 (43–51);

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43 And the ^aremnant shall be gathered unto this place;

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47 Then shall the ^aarm of the Lord fall upon the nations.

48 And then shall the Lord set his foot upon this ^amount, and it shall cleave in twain, and the earth shall

v. 25–46 Prophecies To Be Fulfilled in this Dispensation

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“President Ezra Taft Benson counseled, ‘Holy places include our temples, our chapels, our homes, and the stakes of Zion, which are ... “for a defense, and for a refuge” [D&C 115:6]’ [‘Prepare Yourself for the Great Day of the Lord,’ New Era, May 1982, 50]. In addition to these, I believe we can each find many more places. We might first consider the word **place as a physical environment or a geographic location. However, a **place** can be ‘a distinct condition, position, or state of mind’ [Merriam-Webster Online, ‘place,’ merriam-webster.com/dictionary/place]. This means holy places can also include **moments in time**—moments when the Holy Ghost testifies to us, moments when we feel Heavenly Father’s love, or moments when we receive an answer to our prayers. Even more, I believe any time you have the courage to stand for what is right, especially in situations where no one else is willing to do so, you are creating a holy place”**

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At the point of highest tension in the Savior's discourse, just as he is explaining to the apostles about the extreme wickedness, violence, and calamities that are coming, he interjects to say that at that point the apostles "were troubled." Then he restores part of the sermon missing from the Bible, a part that makes sense of all the rest: "I said unto them: Be not troubled, for, when all these things shall come to pass, ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled" (D&C 45:34–35). Without revelations like this one, the world might seem like a violent, purposeless mess. With it, one need not be troubled, for one can see that Zion rises in contrast to the world and that calamities portend the fulfillment of Christ's promises that Zion is about to be established.

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prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee,
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gether, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under
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38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me
henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER XXIV.

1 Christ foretelleth the destruction of the temple; 3 what shall
happen at his coming....36 As no man knoweth the day, we
ought to watch, &c.

AND Jesus went out, and departed from the
temple: and his disciples came to *him*, for to
show him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these
things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be
left here one stone upon another, that shall not be
thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the
disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us,
when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the
sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take
heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am
Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars, and rumours of
wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things*
must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and king-
dom against kingdom: and there shall be famines,
and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted,
and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations
for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall
betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall
deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love
of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the
same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be
preached in all the world for a witness unto all
nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye, therefore, shall see the abomina-
tion of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet,
stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him
understand,)

16 Then let them which be in Judea flee into the
mountains:

17 Let him which is on the house-top not come
down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return

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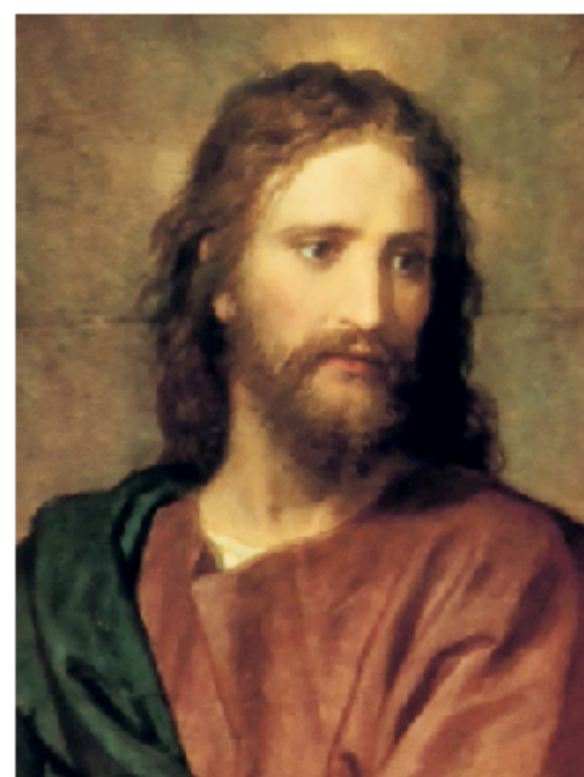
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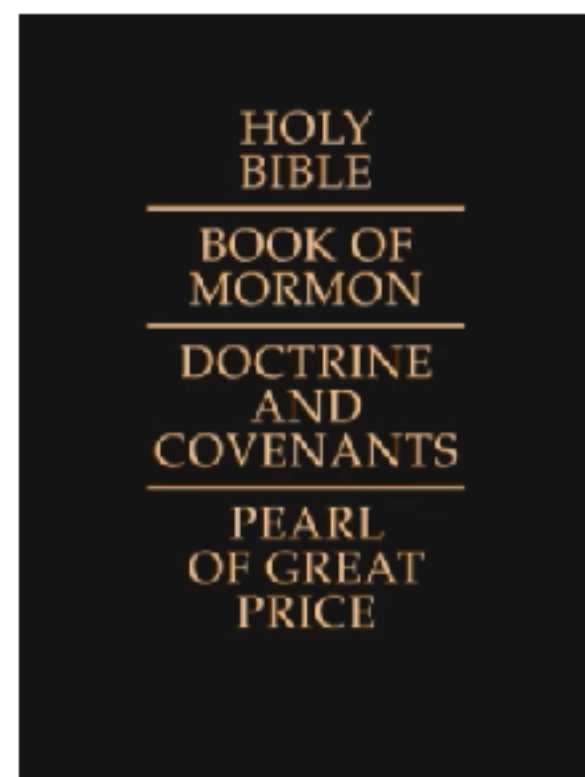
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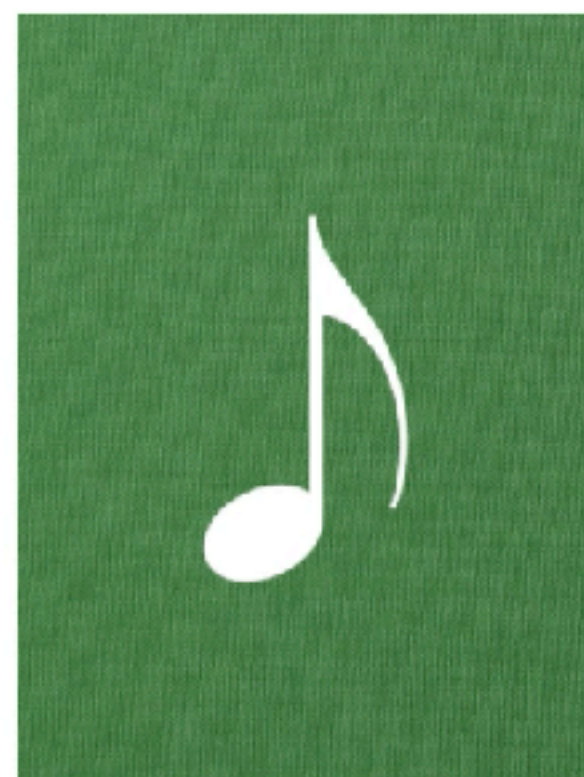
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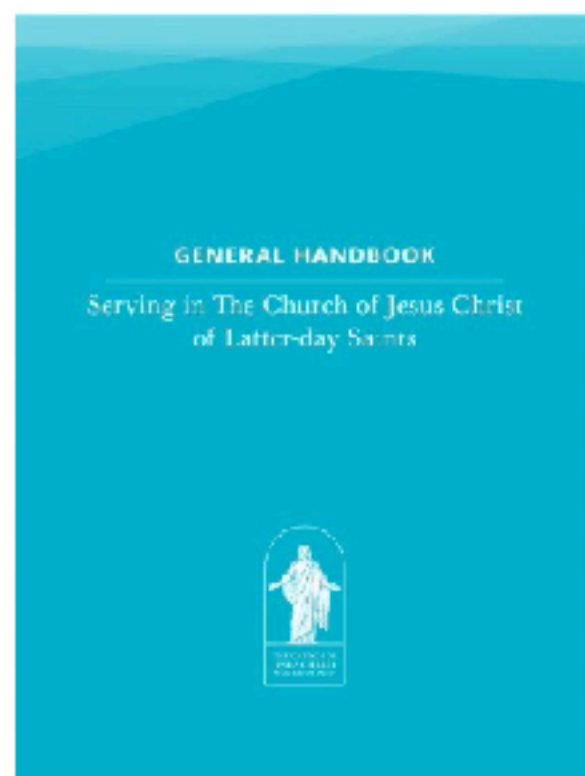
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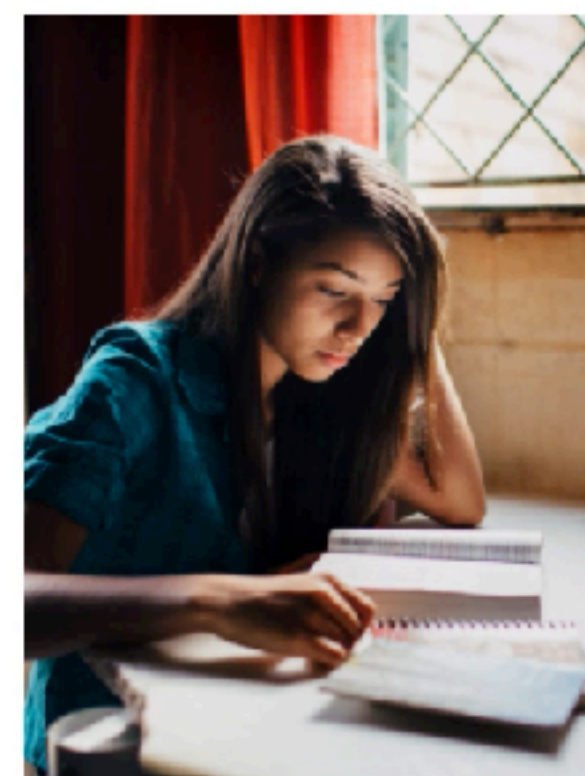
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61 Wherefore I give unto you that ye may now translate it, that ye may be prepared for the things to come.

62 For verily I say unto you, that great things await you;

63 Ye hear of ^awars in foreign lands; but, behold, I say unto you, they are nigh, even at your ^bdoors, and not many years hence ye shall hear of wars in your own lands.

64 Wherefore I, the Lord, have said, gather ye out from the ^aeastern lands, assemble ye yourselves together ye elders of my church; go ye forth into the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me.

65 And with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may ^apurchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you.

66 And it shall be called the ^aNew Jerusalem, a ^bland of ^cpeace, a city of ^drefuge, a place of ^esafety for the saints of the Most High God;

67 And the ^aglory of the Lord shall be there, and the ^bterror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it, and it shall be called Zion.

68 And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that

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69 And there shall be ^agathered unto it out of every ^bnation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at ^cwar one with another.

70 And it shall be said among the wicked: Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are ^aterrible; wherefore we cannot stand.

71 And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion, singing with ^asongs of everlasting ^bjoy.

72 And now I say unto you, keep these things from going abroad unto the world until it is expedient in me, that ye may accomplish this work in the eyes of the people, and in the eyes of your enemies, that they may not know your works until ye have accomplished the thing which I have commanded you;

73 That when they shall know it, that they may consider these things.

74 For when the Lord shall appear he shall be ^aterrible unto them, that fear may seize upon them, and they shall stand afar off and tremble.

75 And all nations shall be afraid because of the terror of the Lord, and the power of his might. Even so. Amen.

60a See an excerpt in the Pearl of Great Price, in Joseph Smith

Moses 7:62;
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Sis. Linda K. Burton, (then) Relief Society General President, October 2014 GC; “Prepared in a Manner That Never Had Been Known”):

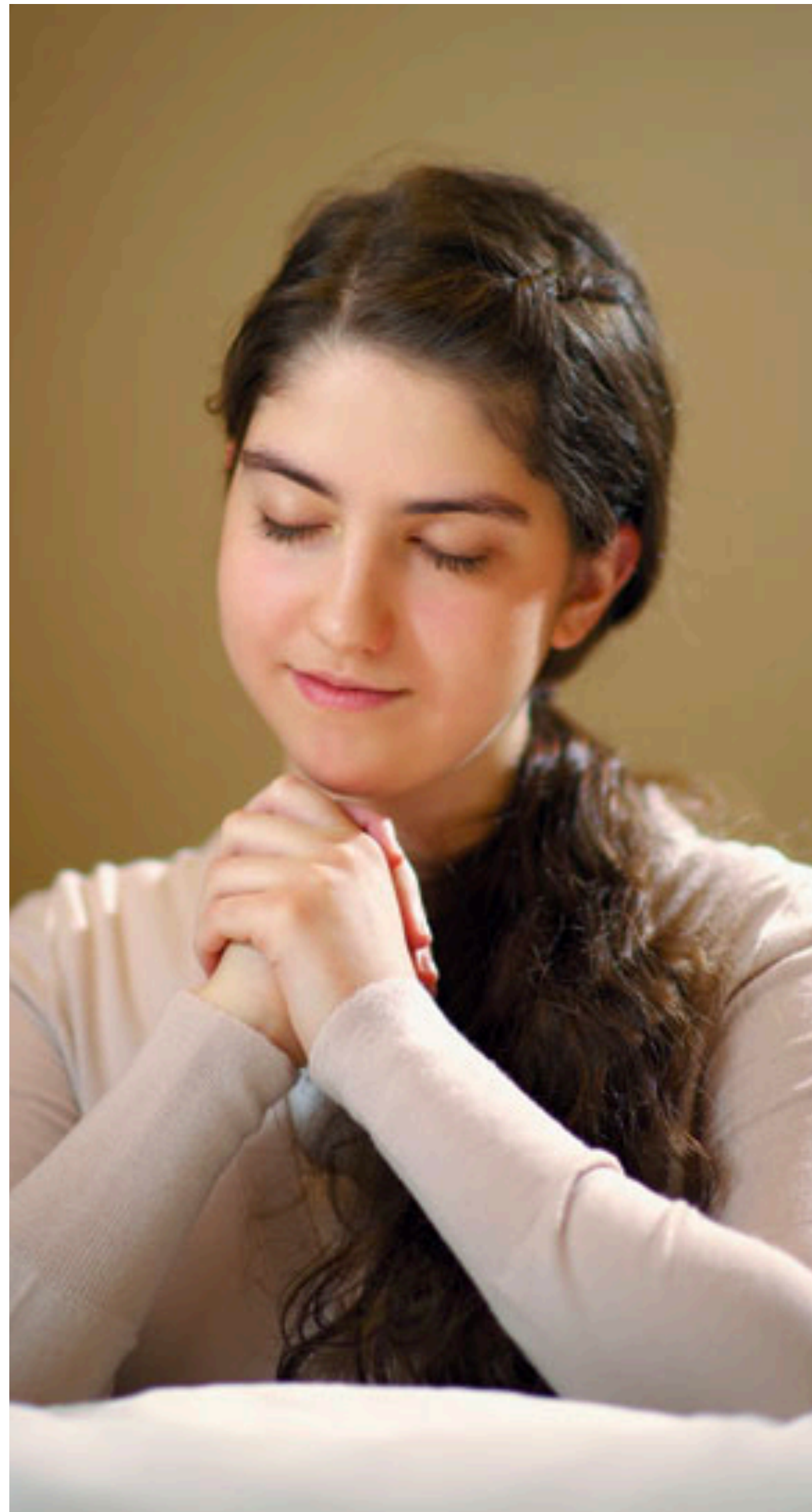
I don't think there is anyone, especially among those with tender hearts, who doesn't feel sad for the foolish young women. And some of us just want to say to the others, “Can't you just share so everyone can be happy?” But think about it. This is a story the Savior told, and He is the one who calls five of them “wise” and five of them “foolish.”

As we consider this parable as a pattern for temple preparation, consider the words of a latter-day prophet who taught that “the oil of spiritual preparedness cannot be shared.” President Spencer W. Kimball helped clarify why the five “wise” young women could not share the oil in their lamps with those who were “foolish” when he said: “Attendance at sacrament meetings adds oil to our lamps, drop by



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Can you see the pattern of preparedness—drop by drop—that can help us as we think how we might be more diligent in our preparation to receive sacred ordinances for ourselves and others? What other small and simple things might we do to add precious spiritual drops of oil to our lamps of preparation?



“Taking ‘the Holy Spirit for [our] guide’ (D&C 45:57) is possible and is essential for our spiritual growth and survival in an increasingly wicked world. Sometimes as Latter-day Saints we talk and act as though recognizing the influence of the Holy Ghost in our lives is the rare or exceptional event. We should remember, however, that the covenant promise is that we may always have His Spirit to be with us. This supernal blessing applies to every single member of the Church who has been baptized, confirmed, and instructed to ‘receive the Holy Ghost’”

(Elder David A. Bednar, “That We May Always Have His Spirit to Be with Us,” Apr 2006 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2006, 30).



“The arithmetic of this parable is chilling. The ten virgins obviously represent members of Christ’s Church, for all were invited to the wedding feast and all knew what was required to be admitted when the bridegroom came. But only half were ready when he came”

(Elder Dallin H. Oaks, “Preparation for the Second Coming,” Apr 2004 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2004, 8).

^btremble, and reel to and fro, and the ^cheavens also ^dshall shake.

49 And the Lord shall utter his voice, and all the ends of the earth shall hear it; and the nations of the earth shall ^amourn, and they that have ^blaughed shall see their ^cfolly.

50 And calamity shall cover the ^amocker, and the scorner shall be consumed; and they that have watched for iniquity shall be hewn down and ^bcast into the ^cfire.

51 And then shall the ^aJews ^blook upon me and say: What are these ^cwounds in thine hands and in thy feet?

52 Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them: These wounds are the wounds with which I was ^awounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was ^bcrucified. I am the ^cSon of God.

53 And then shall they ^aweep because of their iniquities; then shall they ^blament because they ^cpersecuted their ^dking.

54 And then shall the ^aheathen nations be ^bredeemed, and they that

^cknew no ^dlaw shall have part in the ^efirst ^fresurrection; and it shall be ^gtolerable for them.

55 And ^aSatan shall be ^bbound, that he shall have no place in the hearts of the children of men.

56 And at that day, when I shall come in my ^aglory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten ^bvirgins.

57 For they that are wise and have received the ^atruth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their ^bguide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the ^cfire, but shall abide the day.

58 And the ^aearth shall be given unto them for an ^binheritance; and they shall ^cmultiply and wax strong, and their ^dchildren shall ^egrow up without ^fsin unto ^gsalvation.

59 For the Lord shall be in their ^amidst, and his ^bglory shall be upon them, and he will be their ^cking and their ^dlawgiver.

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48b D&C 43:18; 84:118; 88:87 (87, 90).

c TG Last Days.

d Joel 3:16; D&C 21:6; 49:23.

49a D&C 29:15 (14–21); 87:6.

b TG Laughter.

c 2 Tim. 3:9.

TG Foolishness.

50a TG Mocking.

b Isa. 29:20.

c TG Earth, Cleansing of

d Luke 23:38;

John 19:3 (3, 14–15).

54a Ezek. 36:23 (23, 36);

37:28; 38:16 (16, 23);

39:21 (7, 21, 23).

TG Heathen.

b TG Conversion.

c TG Ignorance.

d TG Accountability.

e Rev. 20:2;

1 Ne. 22:26;

D&C 76:71 (71–80)

88:94; 101:24 (23–25).

58a TG Earth, Destiny of.

b Isa. 29:19;

Matt. 5:5;

Col. 1:12;

2 Ne. 9:18;

D&C 38:20 (16–20);

56:20.

c Gen. 1:22 (20–25);

Jer. 30:19.

d TG Children.

e D&C 63:51.

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75 And all nations shall be afraid because of the terror of the Lord, and the power of his might. Even so. Amen.

60a See an excerpt in the Pearl of Great Price, in Joseph Smith

Moses 7:62; A of F 1:10.

72a Jerusalem, New

Glory of.

b D&C 64:43.

68a Zech. 14:12



The Prophet and Sidney Rigdon began work on the Gospel of Matthew the very next day. “Page 1 of the manuscript is dated March 8th 1831, followed by the notation ‘A Translation of the New Testament translated by the power of God.’ This comment shows how the brethren felt about the work they were doing”

(Robert J. Matthews, A Plainer Translation: Joseph Smith’s Translation of the Bible, A History and Commentary [1985], 73).

Sometimes the word refers to the people of Zion and describes them as “the pure in heart” (D&C 97:21). Elsewhere Zion refers to the entire Church and its stakes all over the world (see D&C 82:14). The word Zion can also refer to specific geographic locations. In this revelation, Zion referred to a physical city that the Saints would establish and gather to.

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“The purpose of our life should be to build up the Zion of our God, to gather the House of Israel, ... store up treasures of knowledge and wisdom in our own understandings, purify our own hearts and prepare a people to meet the Lord when he comes. ...

“We have no business here other than to build up and establish the Zion of God. It must be done according to the will and law of God [see D&C 105:5], after that pattern and order by which Enoch built up and perfected the former-day Zion, which was taken away to heaven. ... We, through our faithfulness, must prepare ourselves to meet Zion from above when it shall return to earth, and to abide the brightness and glory of its coming”

(Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Brigham Young [1997], 111–12).

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(Doctrine and Covenants Contexts: Section 45 by Steven C. Harper, Book of Mormon Central)

Section 45 justifies optimism in the face of evil and tumult. Sister Patricia Holland told about her fears when anxiety became widespread and acute after a genocide in Kosovo, a school massacre in Colorado, murders in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, damage resulting from a terrible storm that hit her home, and the pending dawn of the year 2000. Over the howling wind she asked her apostle husband, Jeffrey R. Holland, if these events were the ones prophesied to immediately precede the Savior's second coming. "No," he replied, "but wouldn't it be wonderful if they were." [2]

ST. MATTHEW. *The destruction of the temple foretold*

Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER XXIV.

1 Christ foretelleth the destruction of the temple; 3 what shall happen at his coming....36 As no man knoweth the day, we ought to watch, &c.

AND Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him, for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars, and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

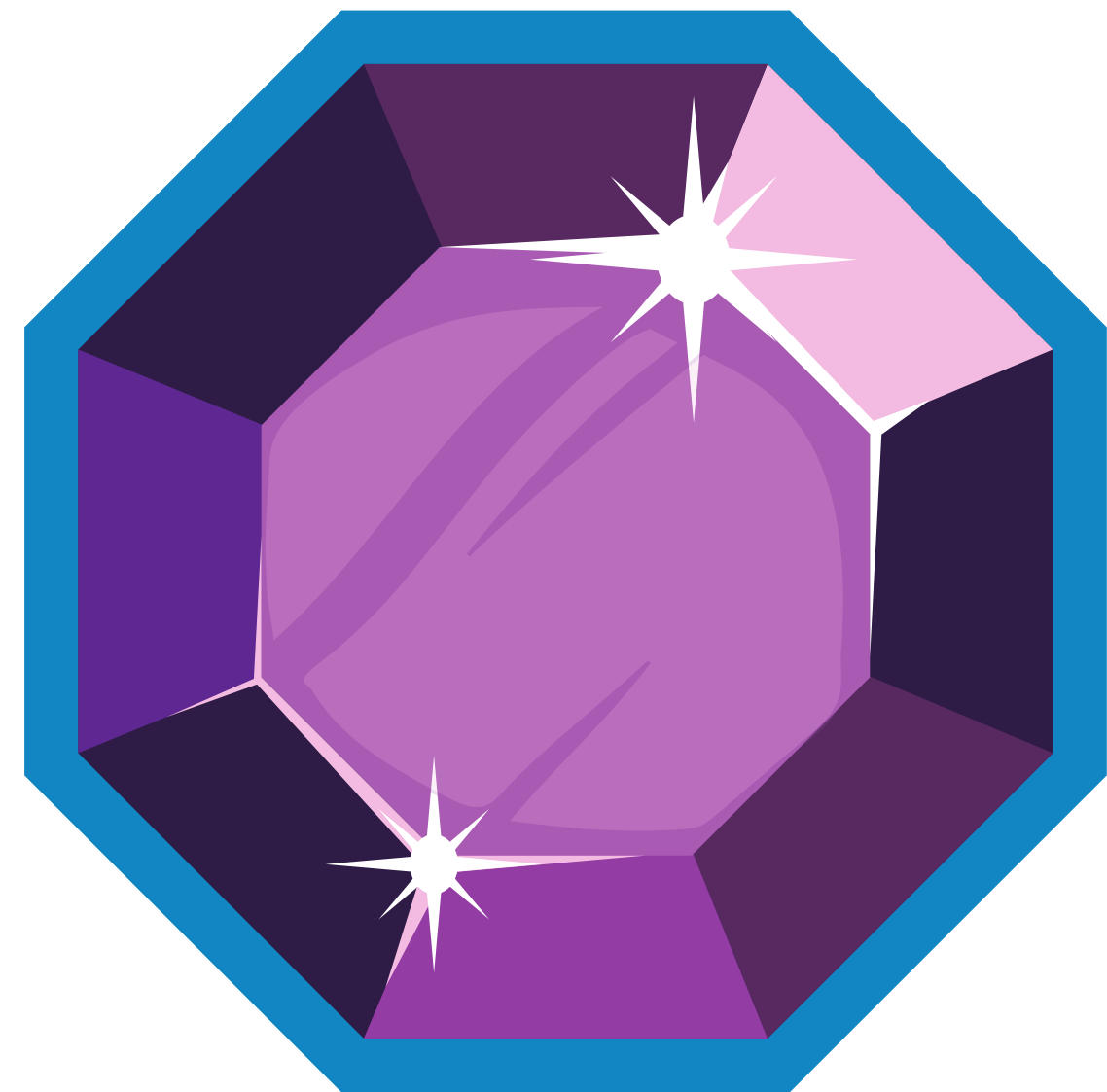
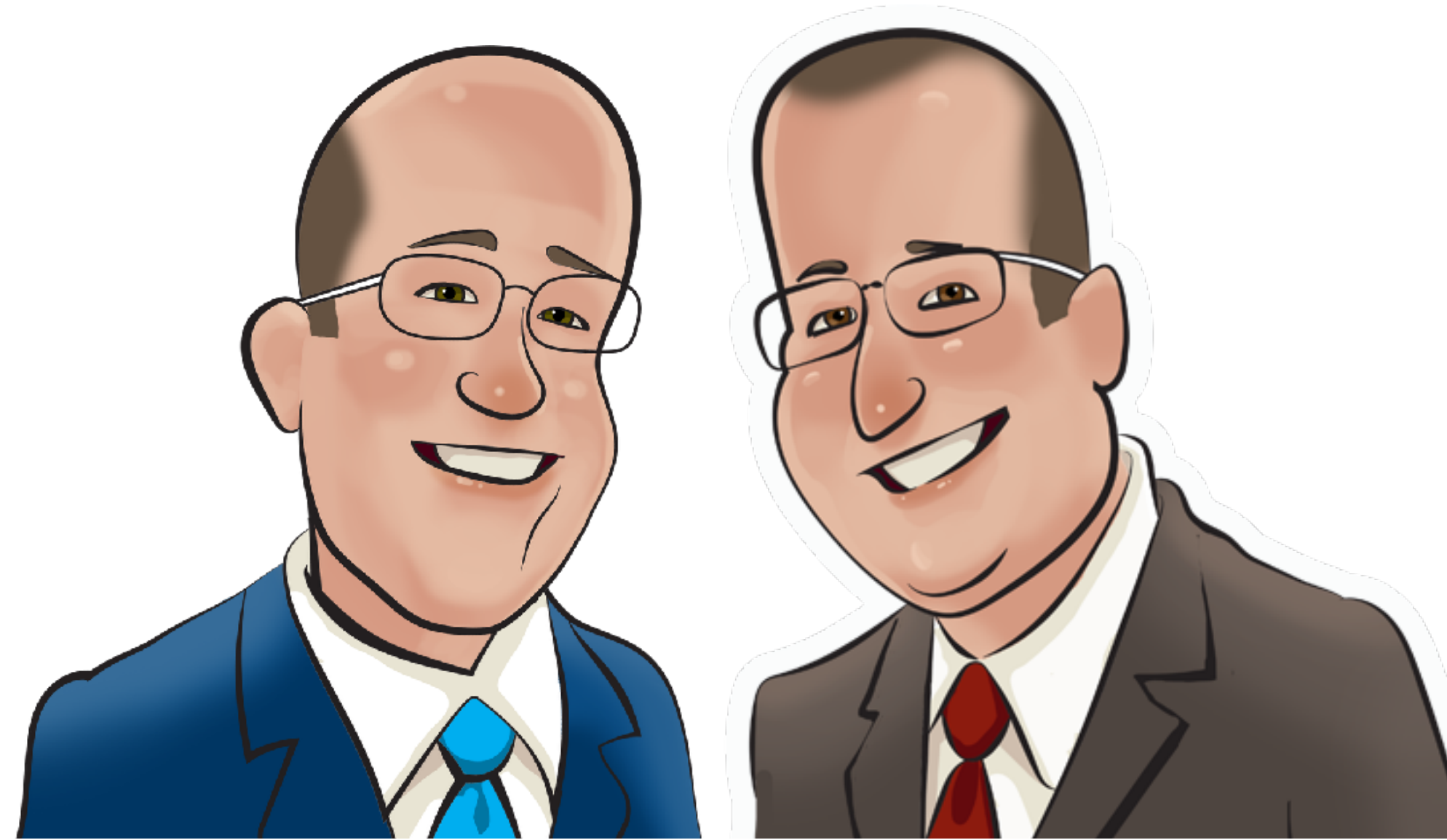
15 When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand,)

16 Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains:

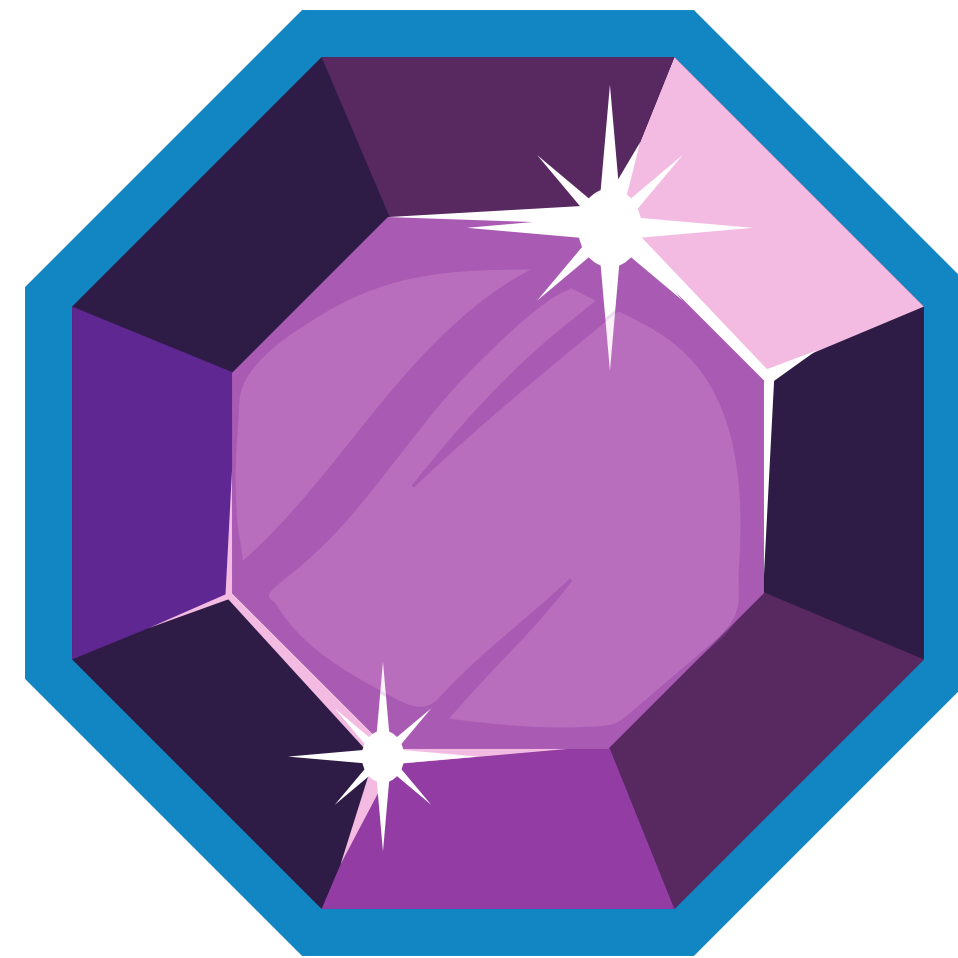
17 Let him which is on the house-top not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return





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Cello: David Affleck

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