



*'Kosbaar is in die oë van die Here die dood van
Sy gunsgenote.'*

(Ps 116:15)



'Spring was everywhere around us when Paul's second hearing took place. On that fateful day, about fifty brave souls stood at the front of the council door waiting for Paul's arrival.'



When Paul did arrive at the judicial building, he was surrounded by gloomy Roman guards. As he passed us we shouted our lungs out, knowing full well we risked being run through by Roman blades. Paul's only outward acknowledgement of our presence was to raise one shackled hand. It was enough, though, to bring forth a full-throated crescendo of praise.



As might be expected, one soldier broke rank and started at us with his sword. We instantly scattered. He cursed us and then rejoined his band. Just as quickly we reassembled, and even as Paul disappeared beyond the bronze doors, we burst into singing.



Silence ensued. We knew what the verdict would be. What we did not know was where and when Paul would be executed. That afternoon we learned.



Paul would be marched outside the city gate onto the Ostain Way. The place to which he was to be led is called Aquae Salviae. We were warned not to attempt to interfere with the execution or to even go near Paul or we would surely be killed.



There were seven men who slept not a moment that night – Timothy, Titus, Trophimus, Sopater, Secundus, Mark and I. One thought only was on all our minds: Do we risk all of us dying, just to be near Paul as he is executed?



About midnight Eubulus came into the room where we all were staying. He announced, 'Someone has arrived. He says he is one of you. He comes from Philippi. One of us, I wondered, Who?



At that moment Epaphras filled the doorway. We grabbed him, hugged him, and then together we cried like children. In that plain, straightforward manner of Epaphras, he resolved our dilemma. 'I have come to be with Paul, and if it is to be, to die with him.'



Immediately we all left the room and made our way straight to the Ostain Gate, there to await a band of Roman soldiers – and a Jew of small stature named Paul.



Just before dawn, above the din of the cattle being taken out of the city, we heard the soldiers coming. As they slowly pushed open the gate, one of the soldiers saw us. 'By the gods, if any one of you utters so much as one word we will slaughter you all.'



Then came Paul, hardly visible in the dim light. Not one word was spoken; nonetheless, Paul knew we were there. For our sake he was deliberately ignoring us. But there was a pride, a dignity in his step we had never seen before. He was proud of us, and he was showing us how to die!



*We wanted so much to scream but dared not.
For a moment Secundus ran forward but was
stopped short when a guard drew his sword and
brandished it angrily. Secundus retreated.*



On we walked. And on we wept, aching to say something. The guards approved the chosen site. Our tears began to flow like silent rivers. The soldiers unshackled Paul. He raised his eyes to the heavens. He was going to say something to the Lord he was about to see face-to-face when Secundus broke ranks.



He began, of all things, to cheer! He quoted some of Paul's last words, written in that second letter to Timothy. 'Brother Paul, you have fought the good fight. You...' Secundus stammered; he could not find his words.



Epaphras did. 'You have finished the race. And you, Paul, have won that race!' Timothy took up the words. 'You have remained faithful.' 'The prize, Brother Paul, the prize. You have won the prize!' shouted a tearful Trophimus.



'The crown is yours,' I shouted, not giving a fig if they killed me on the spot. Titus broke in. 'You won, Paul. All across Asia Minor, you have won! And now, go to meet your Lord, and ours, in triumph!'



Then we all began to shout as one, our words mingling together in a flood of exhortations. Now, in glory, meet your Lord. He awaits you. The crown awaits you.'



*‘Paul, we will meet you soon. We will be there.’
‘Paul, we will be faithful.’ ‘We will carry on. We
will continue the fight. We will fight the good
fight...as did you.’ ‘We will take your place. We
will move on to the ends of the earth, Paul! To
the ends of the earth!’*



'We will follow the example you have left us. We will pass that example on to a new generation.'
'We will work with our hands.'



Paul raised his face and his hands to the sky. 'We will owe no man anything but love.' 'We will be Paul to all the saints – loving them, comforting them.' 'We will pour out our lives as a drink offering to our brothers and sisters.' Then, as one, we cried out: 'We will carry on!'



The morning sun caught the blade of the sword as it glistened in the sky. One mighty shout of praise by Paul...and then all things grew silent. Nothing moved. Not even the soldiers.



*And within my heart, or from heaven's gates, I
heard these words: 'The torch! Take the torch! Be
keepers of the flame!'*



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'Dink na oor wat ek sê; en mag die Here jou **insig**
gee in alles!'



*‘**Think over** these three illustrations, and may the Lord help you to **understand** how they **apply** to you.’*





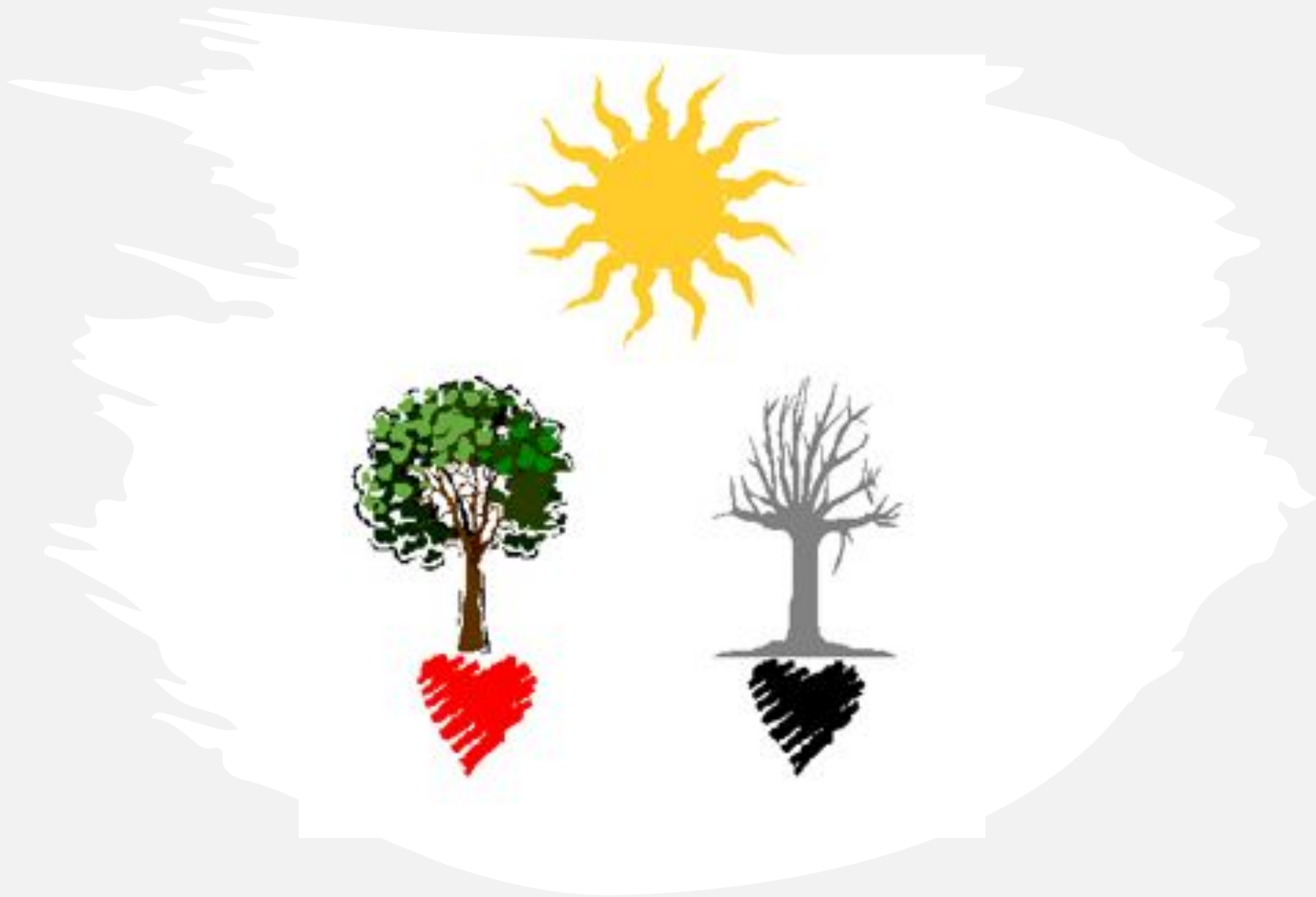
**#1, LEIERS & HERDERS IS VERANTWOORDELIK VIR
DIE TOESTAND VAN DIE KUDDE.**



*'Toe sê Jesus vir hulle: Julle sal almal in hierdie nag aanstoot neem aan My, want daar is geskrywe: Ek sal die **herder** slaan, en die **skape** van die kudde sal verstrooi word.'* **(Mt 26:31)**

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**#2, GESONDE LERING IS DIE GOUE SLEUTEL TOT
GEMEENTE & GEESTES SUKSES.**





#3, KARAKTER IS BELANGRIKER AS KRAG.



*'...en wat jy van my gehoor het onder baie getuies, vertrou dit toe aan **getroue** manne wat **bekwaam** sal wees om ook ander te leer.'*
(2 Tim 2:2)



Gifts of the Spirit &
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**#4, 'N GEMEENTE SE KARAKTER IS 'N REFLEKSIE
VAN DIE LEIERSKAP.**



*‘Laat niemand jou jonkheid verag nie, maar wees ‘n **voorbeeld** vir die gelowiges in woord, in wandel...’ (1 Tim 4:12)*



1 Tim 6:1-21.

*‘Betoon jou in alles ‘n **voorbeeld** van goeie werke, met onvervalstheid in die leer...’ (Tit 2:7)*



#5, DIE GROOTSTE AANSLAGTE TEEN 'N GEMEENTE KOM VAN 'BINNE' AF.





*‘Jy weet dit dat almal wat in Asië is, hulle van my afgekeer het, onder wie **Figéllus** en **Hermógenes** is.’ (2 Tim 1:15)*



*‘...en hulle woord sal voortwoeker soos ‘n kanker,
onder wie daar **Himénéüs** en **Filéthus** is, wat van
die waarheid afgedwaal het...’
(2 Tim 2:17)*



*‘Want **Demas** het my verlaat, omdat hy die teenwoordige wêreld liefgekry het...’ (2 Tim 4:10)*



***'Alexander, die kopersmid, het my baie kwaad aangedoen.'* (2 Tim 4:14)**



‘Soos ek jou versoek het toe ek na Macedónië op reis was, moet jy in Éfese wag om **sekere persone** te beveel dat hulle geen ander leer moet leer nie...’ **(1 Tim 1:3)**



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*‘Maar weet dit, dat daar in die **laaste dae swaar tye** sal kom.*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

Want die mense sal liefhebbers van hulleself wees, geldgieriges, grootpraters, trotsaards, lasteraars, ongehoorsaam aan hulle ouers, ondankbaar, onheilig, sonder natuurlike liefde, onversoenlik, kwaadsprekers, bandeloos, wreed, sonder liefde vir die goeie, verraaiers, roekeloos, verwaand, meer liefhebbers van **genot** as liefhebbers van **God**; mense wat 'n **gedaante** van **godsaligheid** het, maar die krag daarvan verloën het. Keer jou ook van hierdie mense af.



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*‘Want uit hulle is die wat in die huise insluip en arme vroue gevange neem wat met **sondes** belaaï is en deur allerhande begeerlikhede gedryf word, wat altyd **leer** en nooit tot die **kennis** van die **waarheid** kan kom nie.*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*'En net soos Jannes en Jambres Moses teëgestaan het, so staan ook hierdie mense die **waarheid** teë, mense verdorwe in die verstand, onbetroubaar ten opsigte van die **geloof**.*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*Maar hulle sal nie verder voortgaan nie, want hulle **dwaasheid** sal vir almal duidelik wees, soos ook dié van daardie manne geword het.*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*‘Maar jy het my navolger geword in **leer, lewenswandel**, geloof, lankmoedigheid, liefde, lydsaamheid, vervolginge, lyding, soos my te beurt geval het in Antiochië, in Ikónium, in Listre.*



*‘Maar daar het Jode van Antiochië en Ikónium aangekom, en hulle het, nadat hulle die skare omgepraat het, Paulus **gestenig** en hom buitekant die stad gesleep, met die gedagte dat hy dood was.’ (Hd 14:19)*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*‘Watter **vervolginge** het ek nie al verdra nie! En die Here het my uit almal verlos.*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*'En almal wat ook **godvrugtig** wil lewe in Christus Jesus, sal **vervolg** word.*



*'In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life
in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.'*
(2 Tim 3:12 NIV)



*'Salig is julle wanneer die mense julle beledig en **vervolg** en valslik allerhande kwaad teen julle spreek om My ontwil.'* **(Mt 5:11)**



*‘Maar Ek sê vir julle: Julle moet jul **vyande** liefhê;
seën die wat vir julle **vervloek**, doen goed aan
die wat vir julle haat, en bid vir die wat julle
beledig en julle **vervolg**;...’ (Mt 5:44)*



*'Cause those who decide to please Christ Jesus
by living godly lives will suffer at the hands of
those who hate Him...'*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

*‘Maar goddelose mense en bedrieërs sal voortgaan van kwaad tot **erger**, hulle wat verlei en verlei word.*



2 Tim 3:1-17.

‘Maar bly jy in wat jy **geleer** het en waarvan jy verseker is, omdat jy weet van wie jy dit geleer het, en dat jy van **kleins** af die **heilige Skrifte** ken wat jou **wys** kan maak tot saligheid deur die geloof in Christus Jesus.



2 Tim 3:1-17.

‘Die **hele Skrif** is deur God **ingegee** en is nuttig tot lering, tot weerlegging, tot teregwysing, tot onderwysing in die geregtigheid, sodat die mens van God volkome kan wees, vir elke goeie werk volkome toegerus.’



*‘**All** Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...’*



*‘Die ganse Bybel is deur die Heilige Gees
geinspireer en is daarom bruikbaar en
waardevol om instruksie uit te ontvang...*



'The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right.'



It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.'

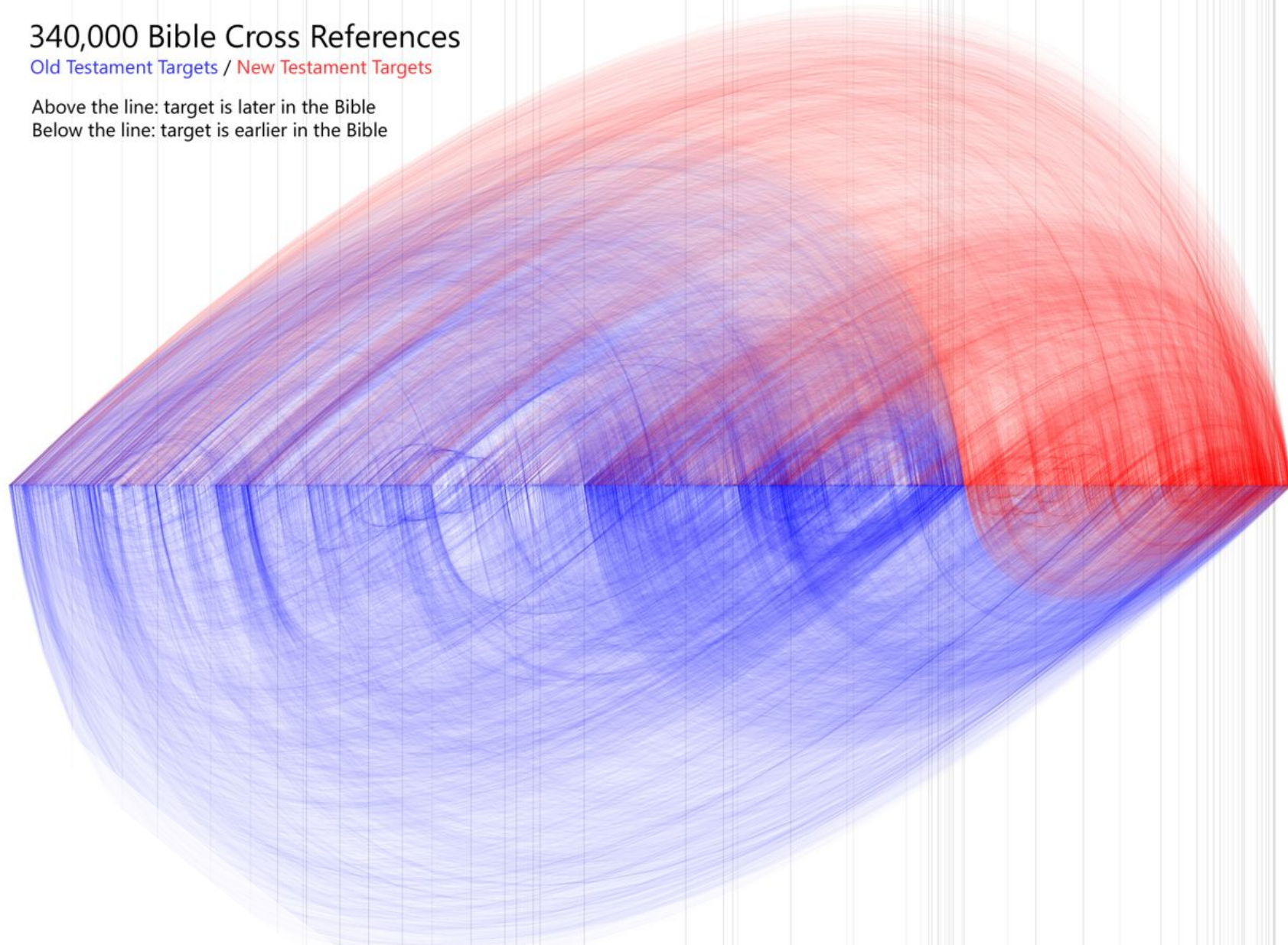
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