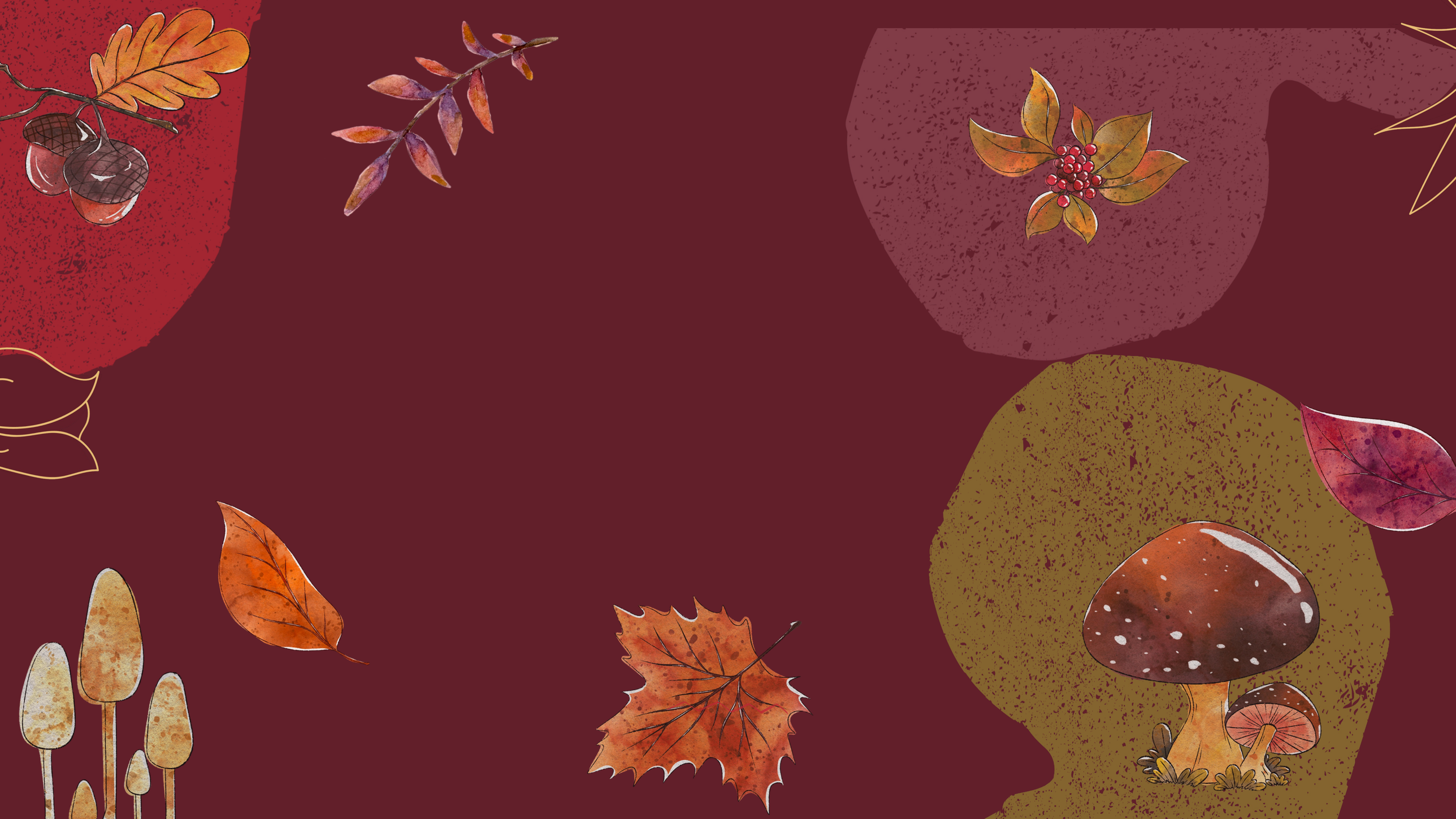


Reconstructing Thanksgiving

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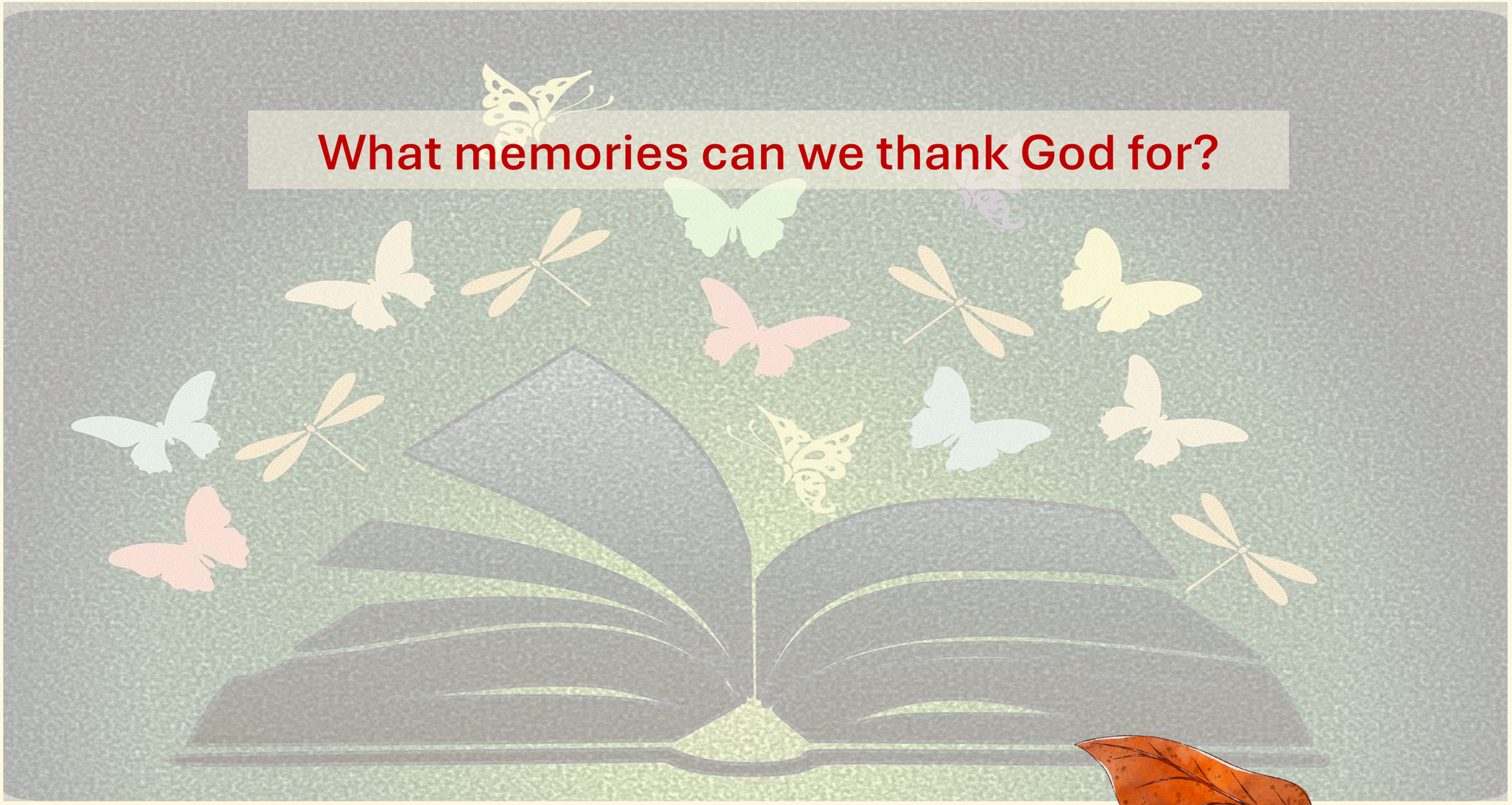
A Good Thing

The Bible affirms giving thanks:

*"I will **give** you **thanks** in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you."* Psalm 35:18



Recollection



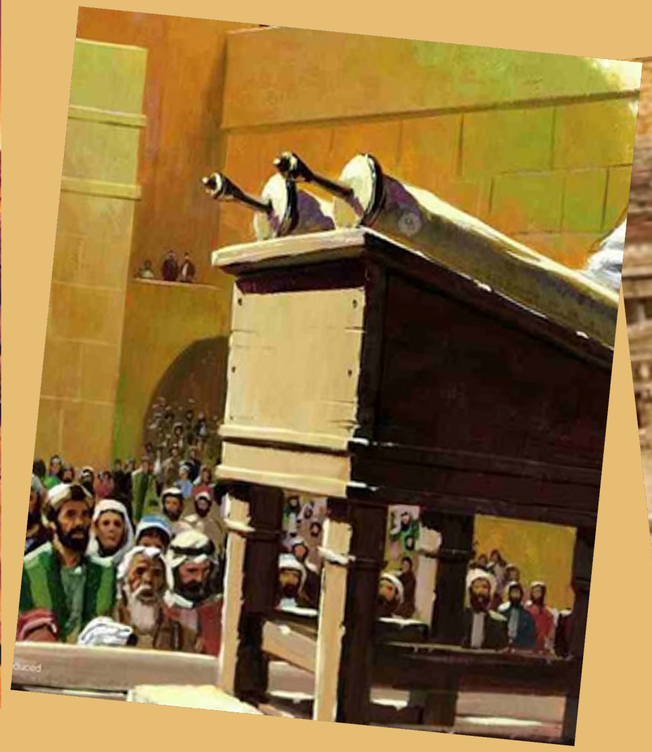
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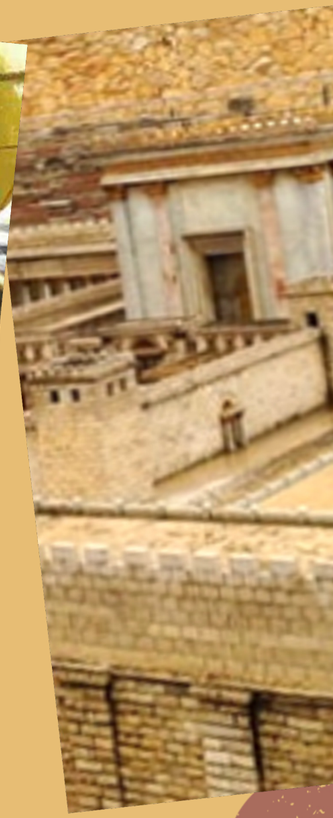
Life	Reconstruction	Hope
What would we write in?		











Today's Case Studies...

Ezra & Nehemiah

Reconstruction

- Return after 70 Years of Captivity
- Return to their Ancestral Land
- Return of National Identity
- Return to Worship
- Return to Culture & Customs
- Return to Local Authorities

Ezra 3

6 On the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt
offerings to the LORD, though the foundation of the LORD’s temple
had not yet been laid.

Rebuilding the Temple

7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave
food and drink and olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so
that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa,
as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia.

…they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, though the foundation of the LORD's temple had not yet been laid.

Relationship & Remembrance

- **Worship (Altar) preceeds the Temple**
- **Personal sacrifices to rebuild**
- ***They knew God had moved the King***

Refocusing

❖ Amazing Cooperation!



[8] In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak and the rest of the people (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work. They appointed Levites twenty years old and older to supervise the building of the house of the LORD.

❖ Surprising Delegation!



89 Joshua and his sons and brothers and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of Hodaviah) and the sons of Henadad and their sons and brothers—all Levites—joined together in supervising those working on the house of God.

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the
LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the
Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to
praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. 11 With
praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD:
"He is good;
his love toward Israel endures forever."
And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD,
because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

- Worship crowns construction
- Giving thanks is not forgotten!



Remembrance



Geo. Tenthorey:
Leading the singing
first Sunday.
July 18, 1993

Jody Hoover
Soloist
July 18, 1993



Recollection

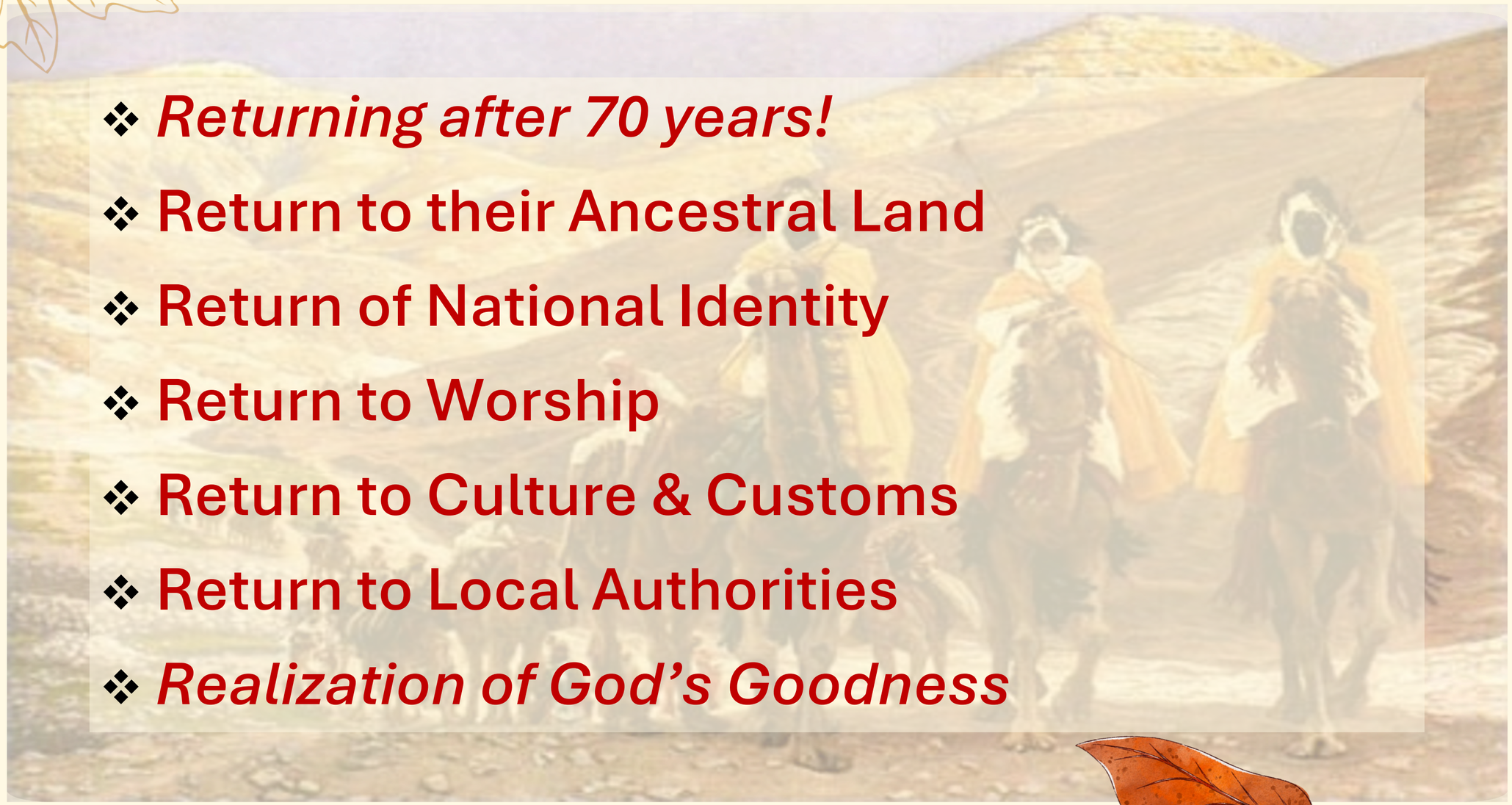
12 But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads,
who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the
foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted
for joy. 13 No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy
from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much
noise. And the sound was heard far away.

- **We grieve what we've lost and how we lost it…**
- **We thank God for what he has restored to us**

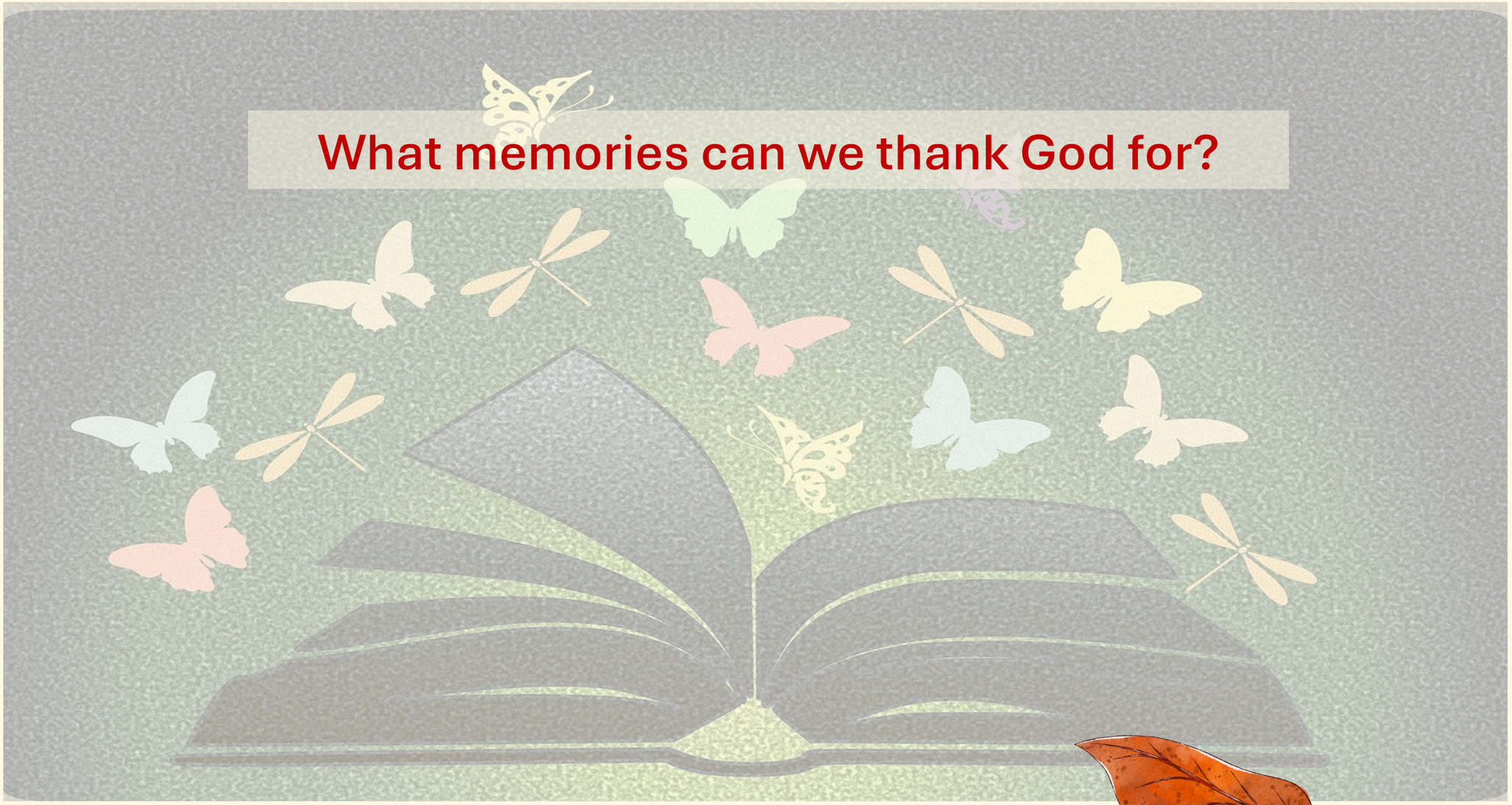




Summary…Reconstruction



- *Returning after 70 years!*
- Return to their Ancestral Land
- Return of National Identity
- Return to Worship
- Return to Culture & Customs
- Return to Local Authorities
- *Realization of God's Goodness*


What memories can we thank God for?

Continuing in Nehemiah 12



Dedication of the Wall of Jerusalem

27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. 28 The musicians also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem… for the musicians had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem.

30 When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall.
31 I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks.





One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate. [32] Hoshaiah and half the leaders of Judah followed them,
[33] along with Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, [34] Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, [35] as well as some priests with trumpets…—with musical instruments prescribed by David the man of God. Ezra the teacher of the Law led the procession. [37] At the Fountain Gate they continued directly up the steps of the City of David on the ascent to the wall and passed above the site of David’s palace to the Water Gate on the east.



38 The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed
them on top of the wall, together with half the people—past the
Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, 39 over the Gate of Ephraim,
the Jeshanah Gate, the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel and the
Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate. At the Gate of the
Guard they stopped.




❖ Thanking God for reconstruction!
❖ National purification & celebration
❖ Organized worship—two sides of the city



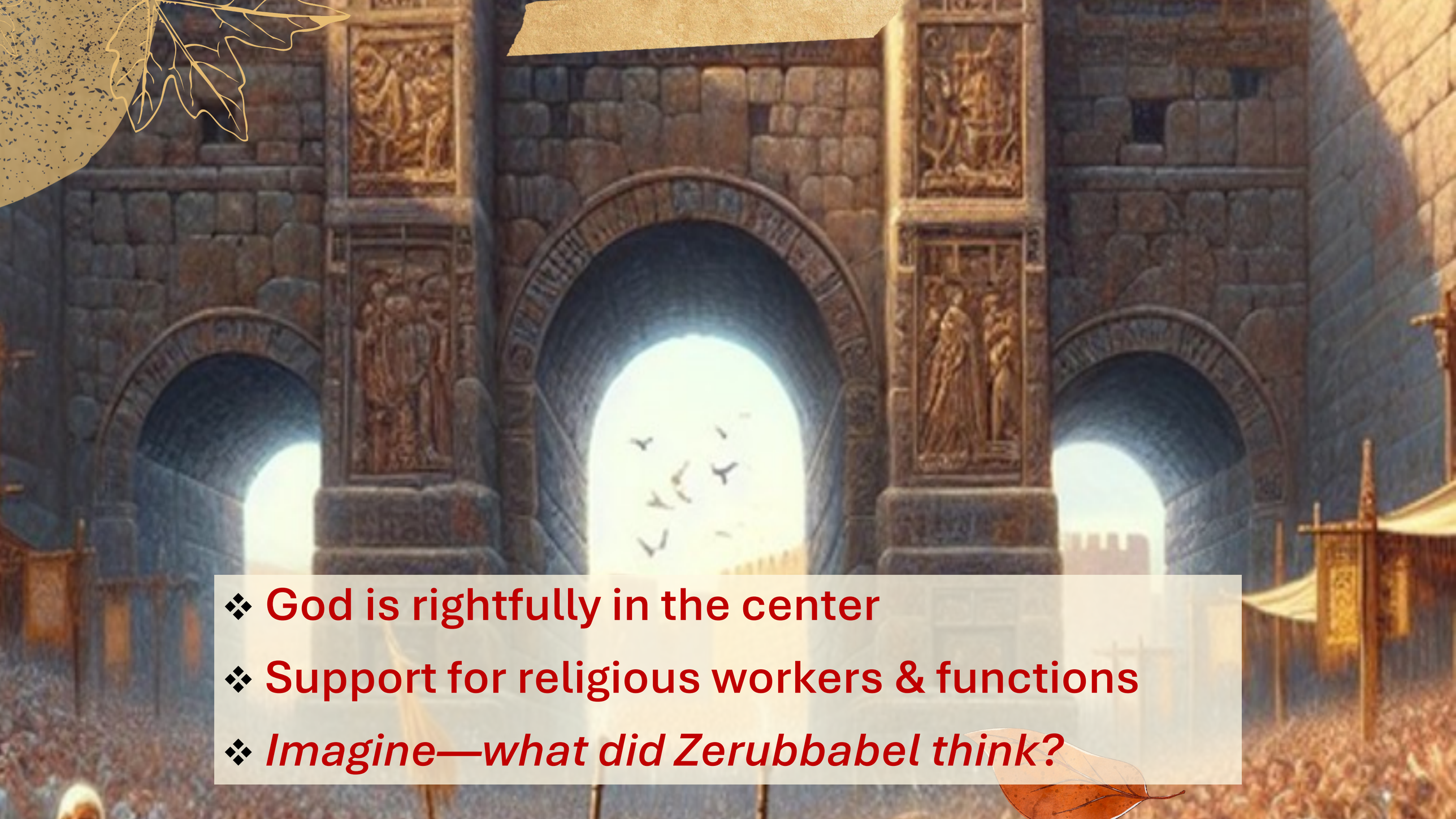
40 The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials, 41 as well as the priests... The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah. 43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.



44 At that time men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions, firstfruits and tithes. From the fields around the towns they were to bring into the storerooms the portions required by the Law for the priests and the Levites, for Judah was pleased with the ministering priests and Levites.

45 They performed the service of their God and the
service of purification, as did also the musicians
and gatekeepers, according to the commands of
David and his son Solomon. 46 For long ago, in the
days of David and Asaph, there had been directors
for the musicians and for the songs of praise and
thanksgiving to God. 47 So in the days of Zerubbabel
and of Nehemiah, all Israel contributed the daily
portions for the musicians and the gatekeepers.
They also set aside the portion for the other Levites,
and the Levites set aside the portion for the
descendants of Aaron.



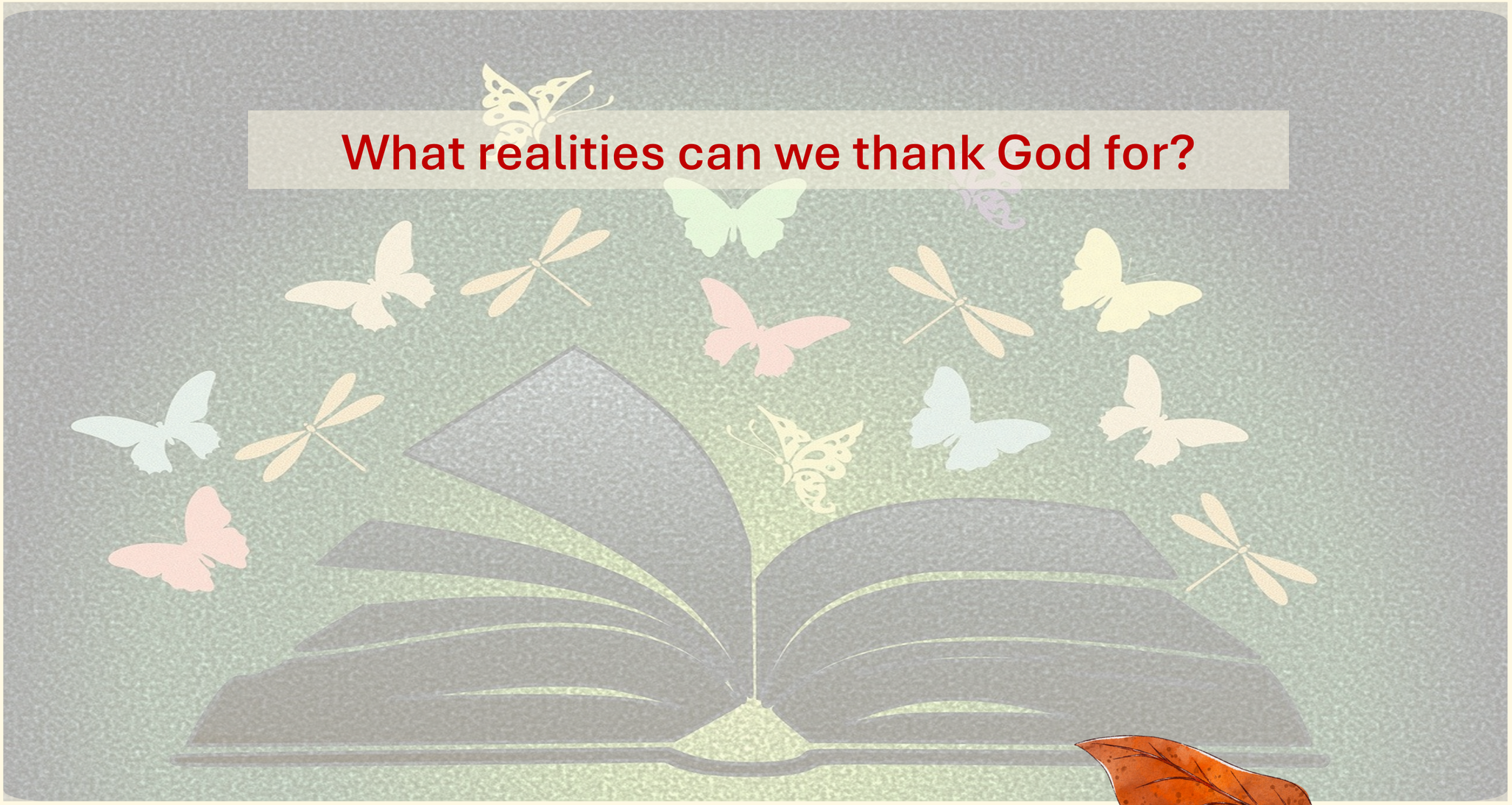


- God is rightfully in the center
- Support for religious workers & functions
- *Imagine—what did Zerubbabel think?*

Thanksgiving Reflections?

- All of life is in God’s hands
- Success depends on Him
- *Failures are not the end (if God is present)*
- He restores and reconstructs
- It is good to publicly point to God!
- A good outlook helps us personally
- We lead our families in example by worship

Realities...



We thank God for...

Life

- *Life, bounty, provisions*
- *We are preserved through challenges*
- *We have friends, family, social support*

Reconstruction

- *In my sins I was not destroyed*
- *God has reconstructed me*
- *The Bible is a book of second chances*

Hope

- *This earth is not the final story*
- *Our Saviour is planning our future*
- *He includes us*
- *He waits for us*

Above all...

The greatest gift is our salvation from Jesus...




Thank
You, Lord!

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