

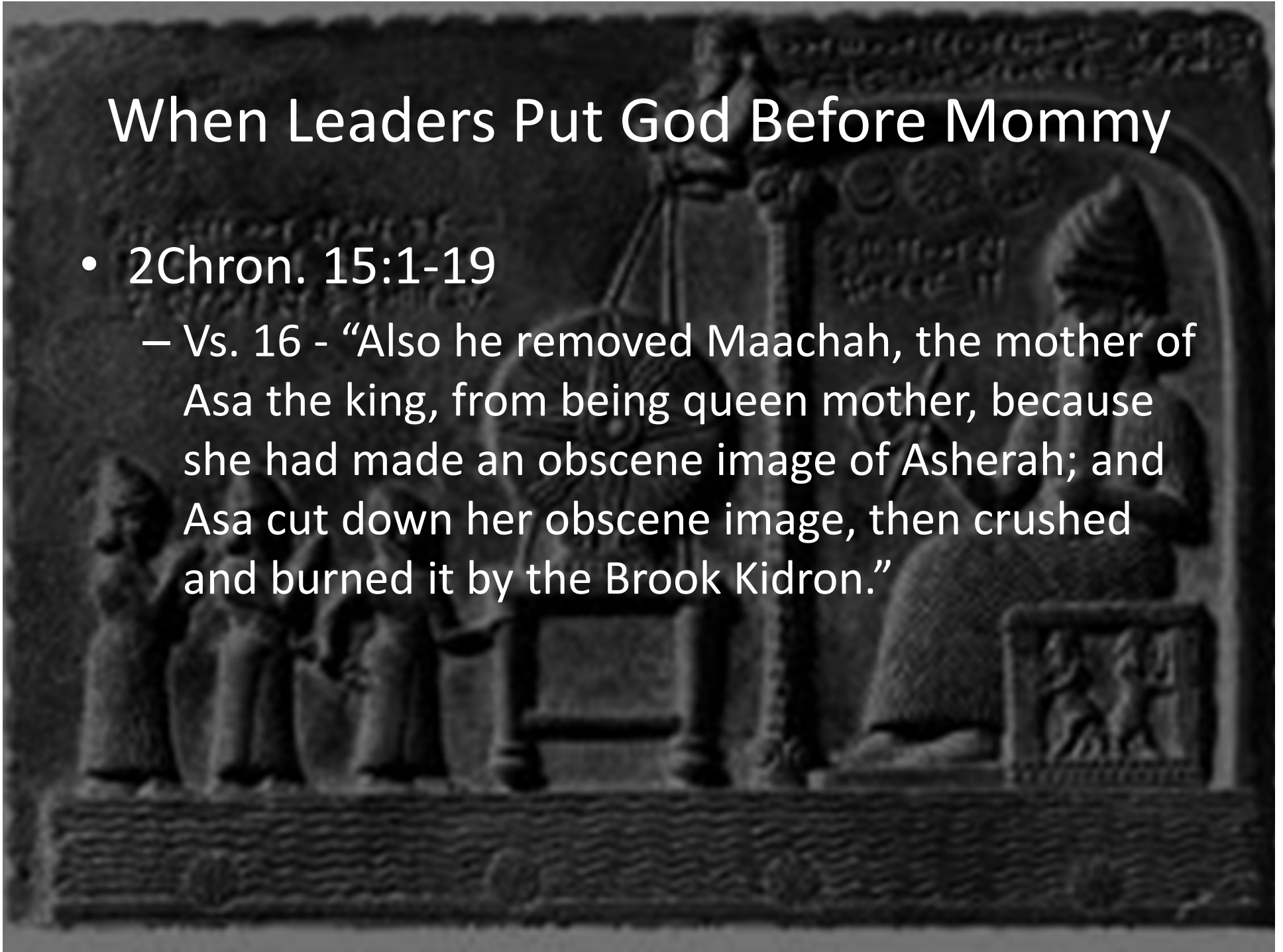


# Burning Mommy's Idols

2Chronicles 15:1-19

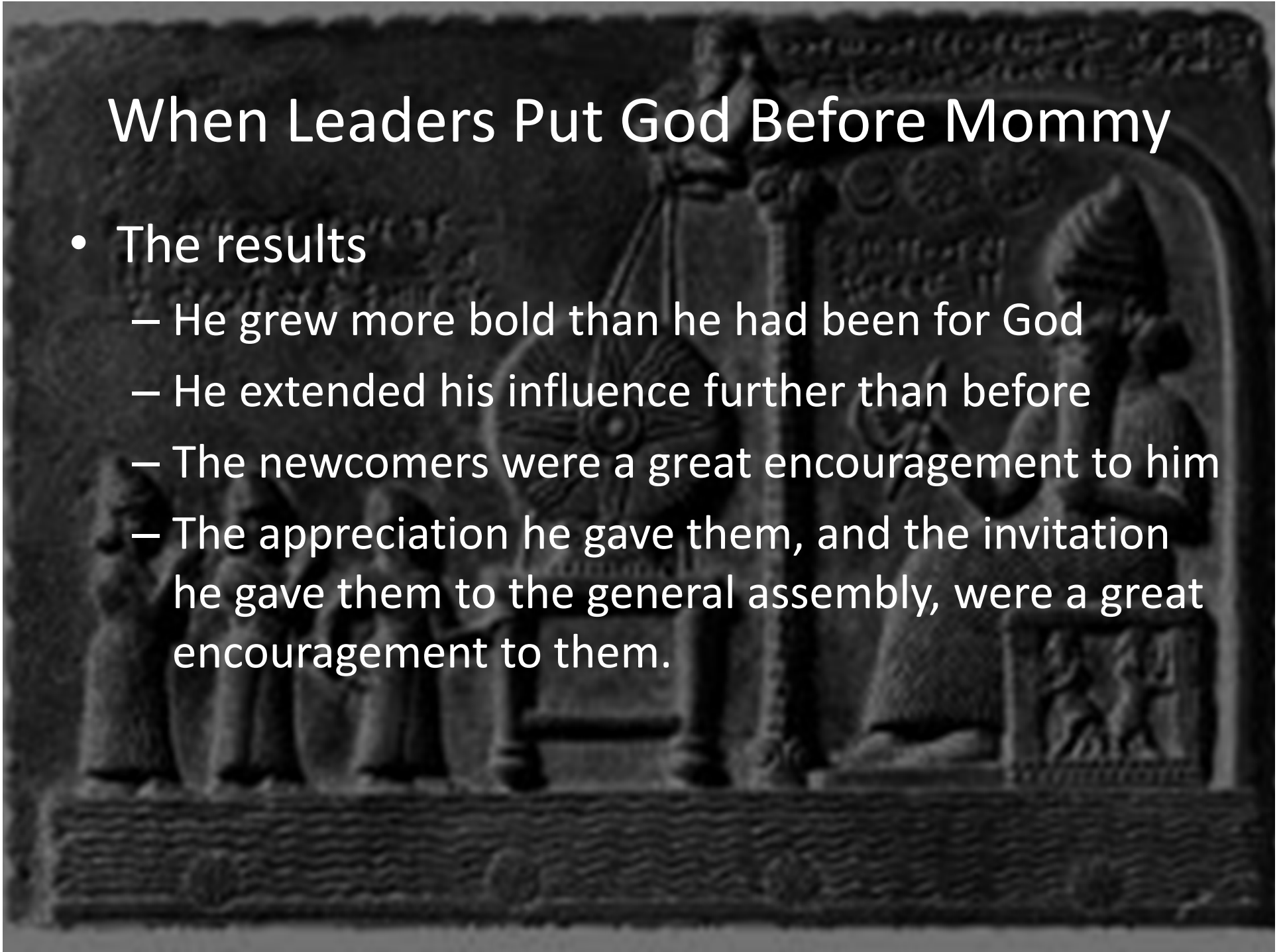
# When Leaders Put God Before Mommy

- 2Chron. 15:1-19
  - Vs. 16 - “Also he removed Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah; and Asa cut down her obscene image, then crushed and burned it by the Brook Kidron.”



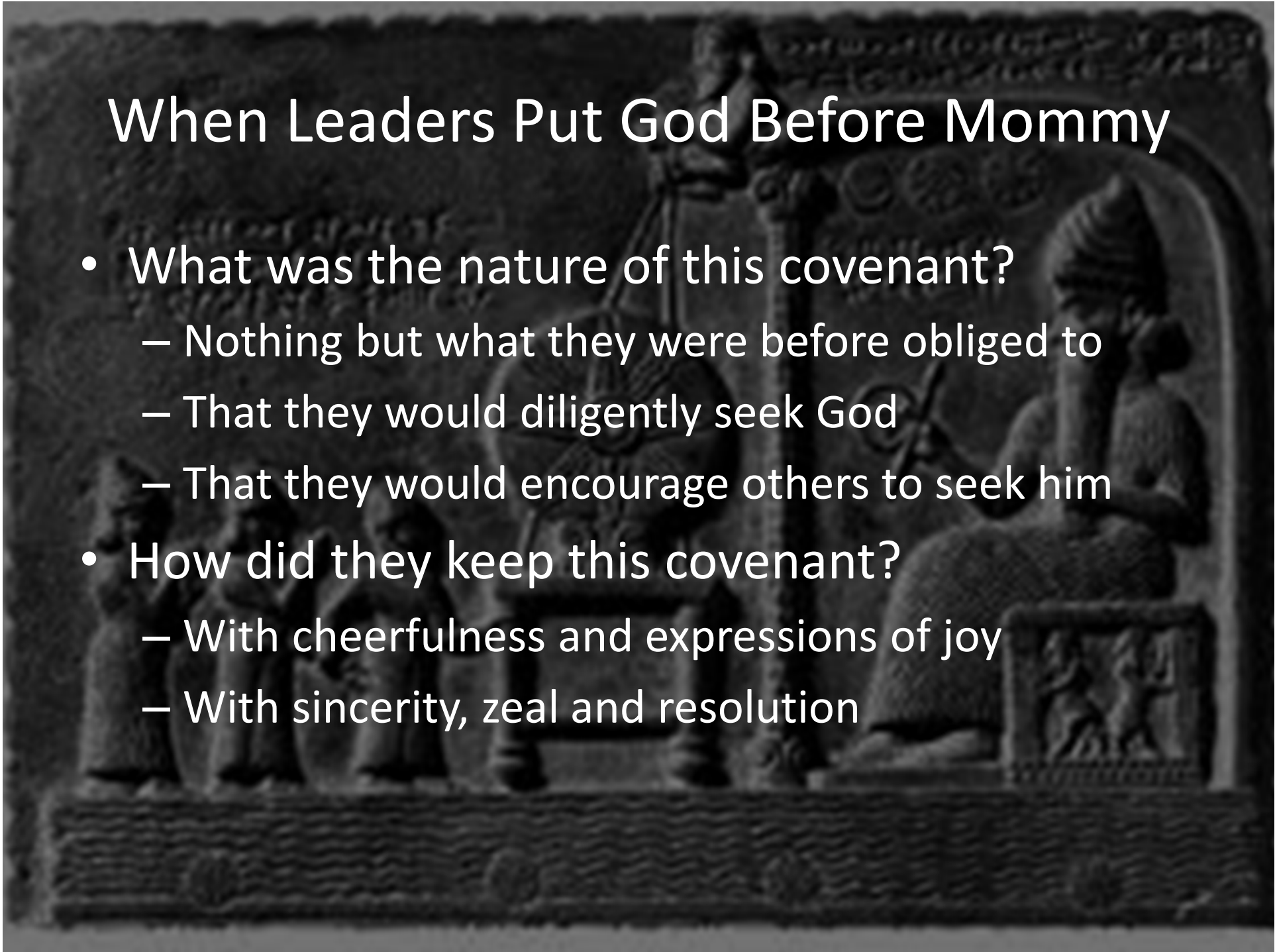
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- The results
  - He grew more bold than he had been for God
  - He extended his influence further than before
  - The newcomers were a great encouragement to him
  - The appreciation he gave them, and the invitation he gave them to the general assembly, were a great encouragement to them.



# When Leaders Put God Before Mommy

- What was the nature of this covenant?
  - Nothing but what they were before obliged to
  - That they would diligently seek God
  - That they would encourage others to seek him
- How did they keep this covenant?
  - With cheerfulness and expressions of joy
  - With sincerity, zeal and resolution

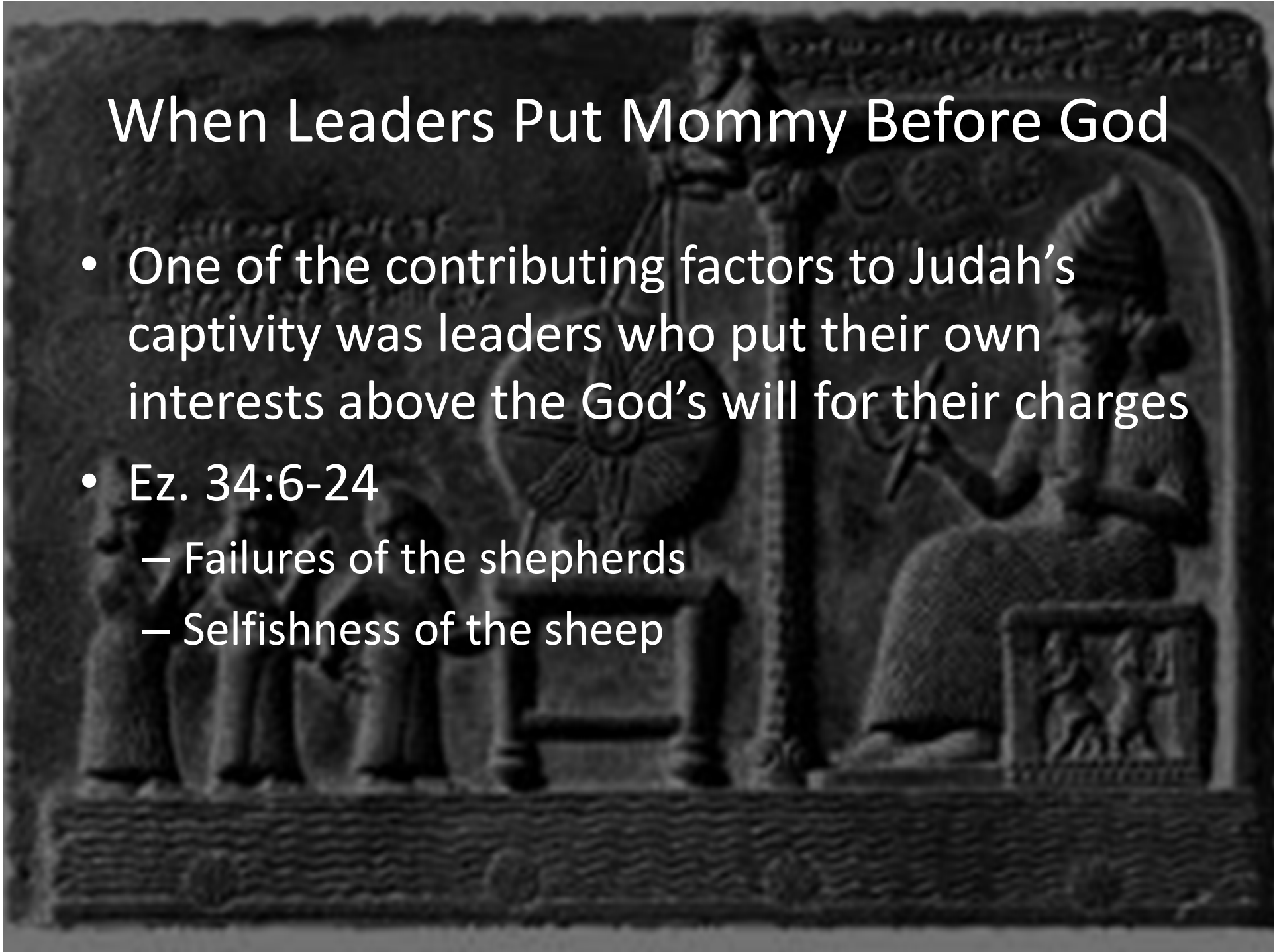


# Christians Must Put God Before Mommy

- Matt. 10:34-37 - “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

# When Leaders Put Mommy Before God

- One of the contributing factors to Judah's captivity was leaders who put their own interests above the God's will for their charges
- Ez. 34:6-24
  - Failures of the shepherds
  - Selfishness of the sheep

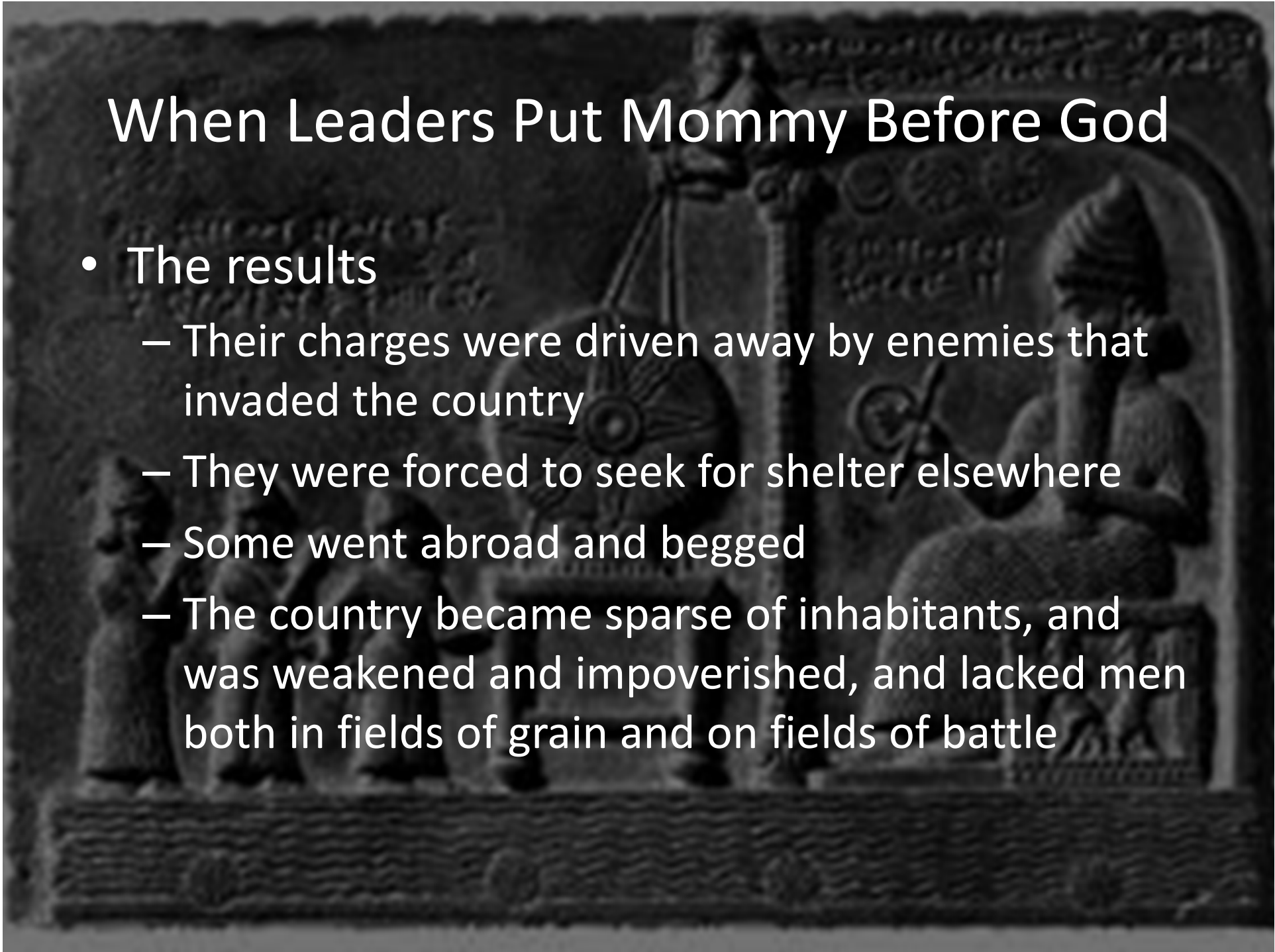


# When Leaders Put Mommy Before God

- Their only interest was to advance and enrich themselves and their own and to make themselves great.
- They had little interest in the benefit and welfare of those that were committed to their charge
- They focused on their own needs, and on the needs of their own
- Judges did not bother to right wrongs or protect the innocent.
- They took no care of the poor to see them provided for
- The priests took no care to instruct the ignorant, to correct the mistakes of those that were in error, to warn the unruly, or to comfort the discouraged.
- The ministers of state gave no attention to unrest and unhappiness in the kingdom

# When Leaders Put Mommy Before God

- The results
  - Their charges were driven away by enemies that invaded the country
  - They were forced to seek for shelter elsewhere
  - Some went abroad and begged
  - The country became sparse of inhabitants, and was weakened and impoverished, and lacked men both in fields of grain and on fields of battle



# When Leaders Put Mommy Before God

- God made promises to them and charged leaders with the task of keeping His promises.
- God doesn't think it's about you; He thinks it's about the promises He made to the little ones, the weak ones, the defenseless ones
- If you are an evangelist, elder, deacon, Bible class teacher or in any other leadership role, you will not be a good leader until you burn Mommy's idols

# Burning Mommy's Idols



- It is not about:
  - Keeping your position; excusing doing harm to charges by rationalizing that it is more important in the long run for me to be a leader
  - Exercising the rights of your power or influence; you only have those in trust; you are only permitted to use them to the benefit of your charges
  - Advancing or promoting yourself or your family; leadership is a stewardship held in trust, not a right to be inherited

# Burning Mommy's Idols

- It is about:
  - God and His will
  - The charges He put in your care
- If you advance yourself or favor your family at the expense of the stewardship of charges God has given you, you have betrayed God, your charges, your family, and yourself!

