



Daniel in the Lion's Den



Daniel 6:1-3

Only by faithfulness in the little things can the soul be trained to act with fidelity under larger responsibilities. God brought Daniel and his fellows into connection with the great men of Babylon, that these heathen men might become acquainted with the principles of true religion. In the midst of a nation of idolaters, Daniel was to represent the character of God. How did he become fitted for a position of so great trust and honor? It was his faithfulness in the little things that gave complexion to his whole life. He honored God in the smallest duties, and the Lord co-operated with him.

— *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 356



Daniel 6:4, 5

The keen eyes of jealousy were fixed upon Daniel day after day; their watchings were sharpened by hatred; yet not a word or act of his life could they make appear wrong. And still he made no claim to sanctification; but he did that which was infinitely better,—he lived a holy, sanctified life. The true test of sanctification is the daily deportment.

The more blameless the life of Daniel, the greater was the hatred excited against him by his enemies. They were filled with madness, because they could find nothing in his moral character or in the discharge of his duties, upon which to base a complaint against him.

— *Review and Herald*, February 8, 1881



Daniel 6:6-9



Daniel 6:10-13

Some may ask, Why did not Daniel lift his soul to God in secret prayer? Would not the Lord, knowing the situation, have excused his servant from kneeling openly before him? Or why did he not kneel before God in some secret place, where his enemies could not see him?

Daniel knew that the God of Israel must be honored before the Babylonian nation. He knew that neither kings nor nobles had any right to come between him and his duty to his God. He must bravely maintain his religious principles before all men; for he was God's witness. Therefore he prayed as was his wont (custom), as if no decree had been made.

— *Youth's Instructor*, November 1, 1900



Daniel 6:14-17

Full of satanic exultation, Daniel's enemies returned to their homes. They drank freely of wine, and congratulated themselves on their success in putting out of the way one whom they could not bribe to forsake the path of integrity.

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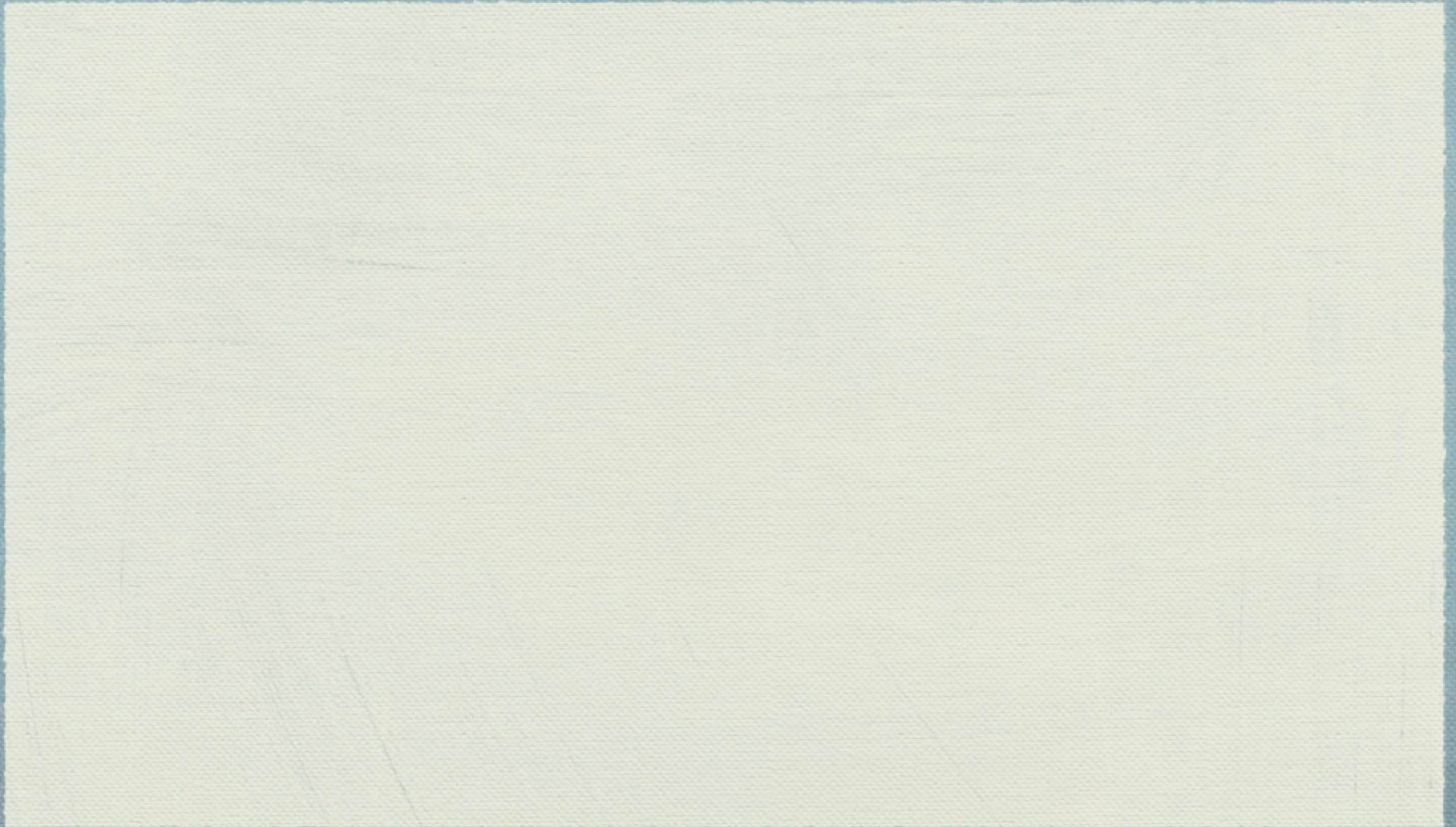


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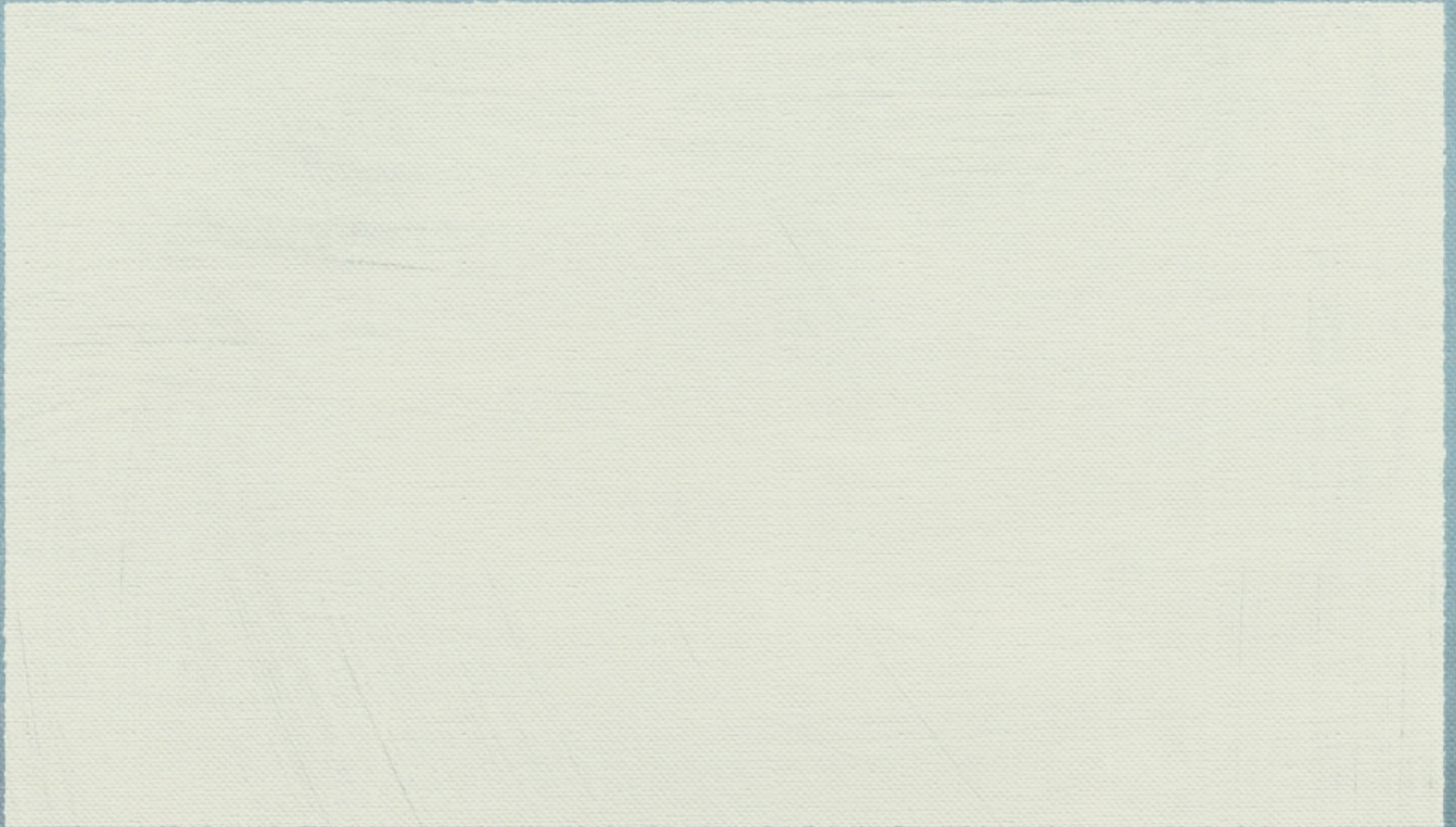
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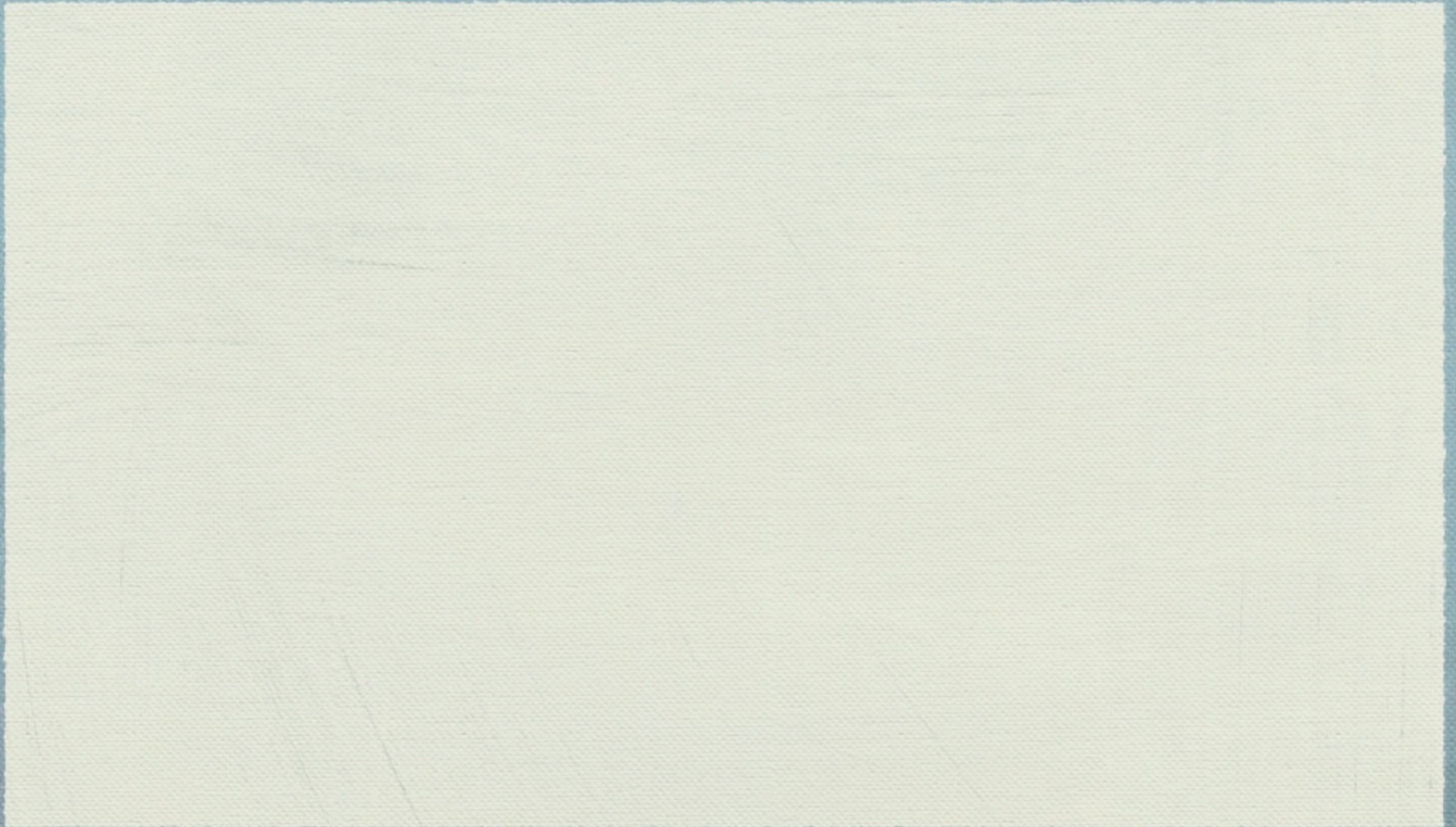
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- ◆ God's last-day people will also be found without fault, and the only way they can be condemned will be through civil legislation (Sunday laws) contrary to God's law punishable by death. Like Daniel, they will be faithful unto death and worship and honor the true God. See also Acts 5:29.

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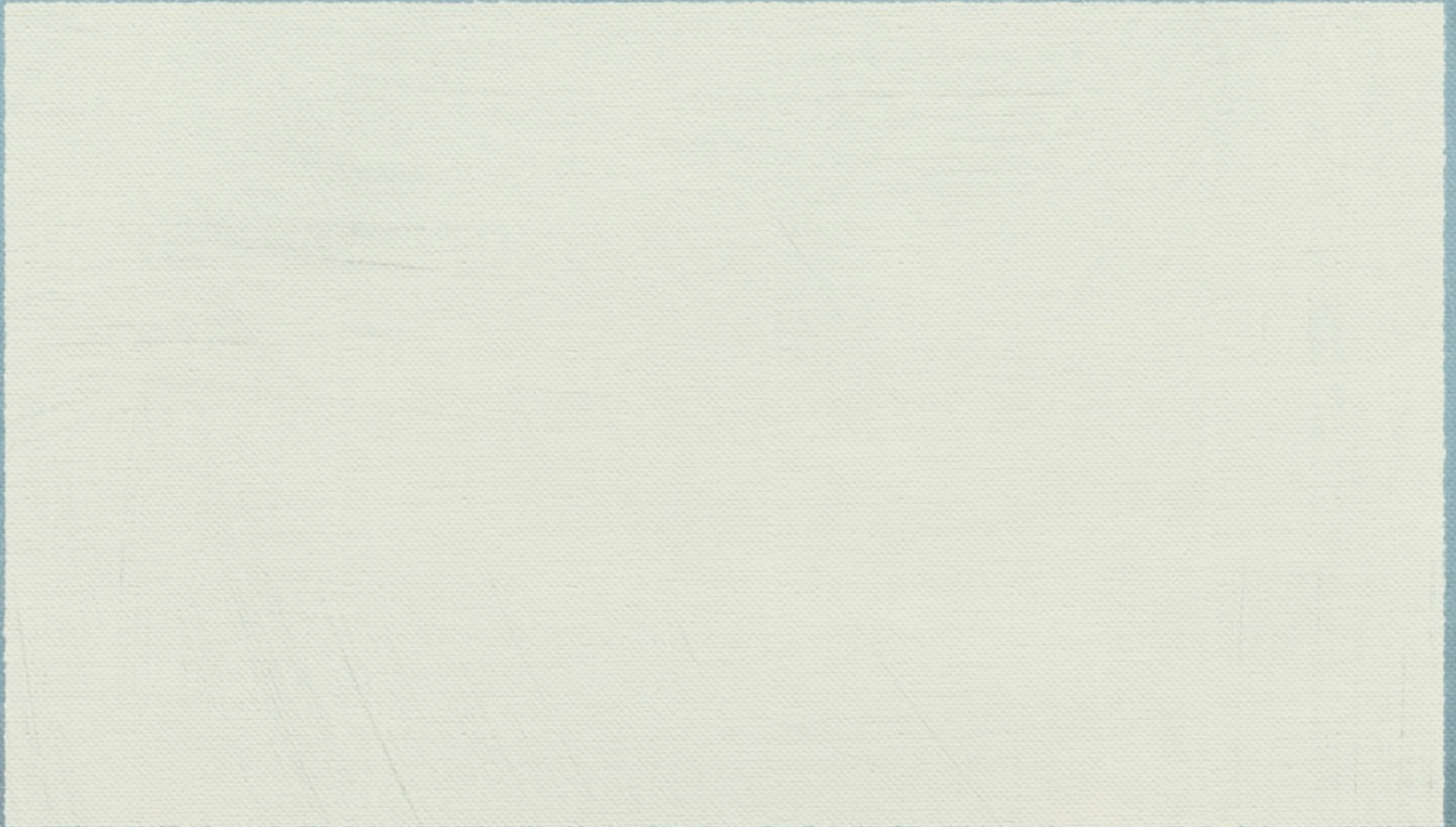
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- ◆ 4. Death penalty to those who worship Sabbath and disregard Sunday — Rev. 13:15-17, GC 604, 621, 635 **(Last two stages seen in Daniel 6).**

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- ◆ God's people will be miraculously spared by God when a death decree is made to enforce the Sunday Law.

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

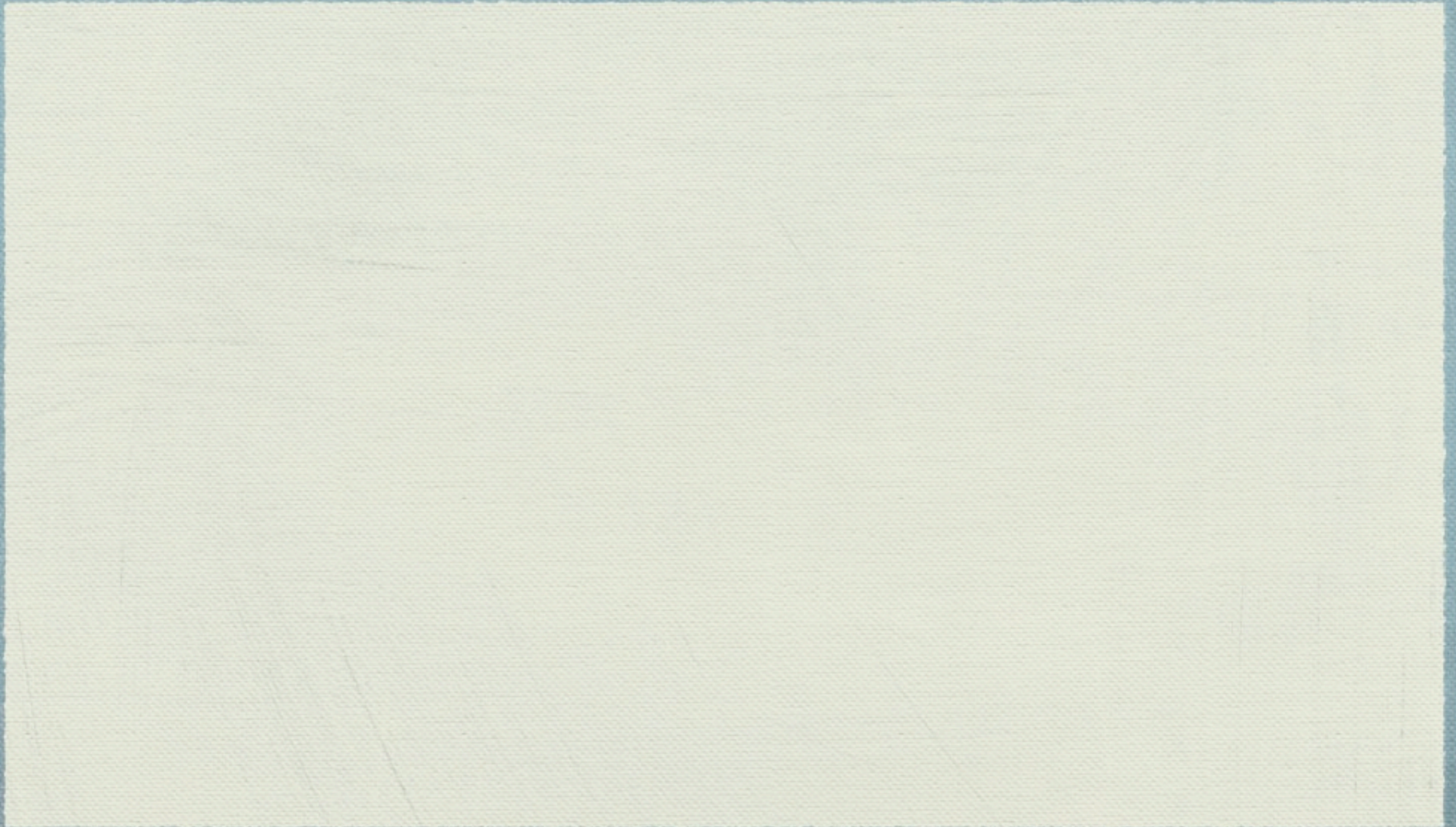
The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen.

— *The Great Controversy*, p. 635

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness.

— *The Great Controversy*, pp. 635, 636

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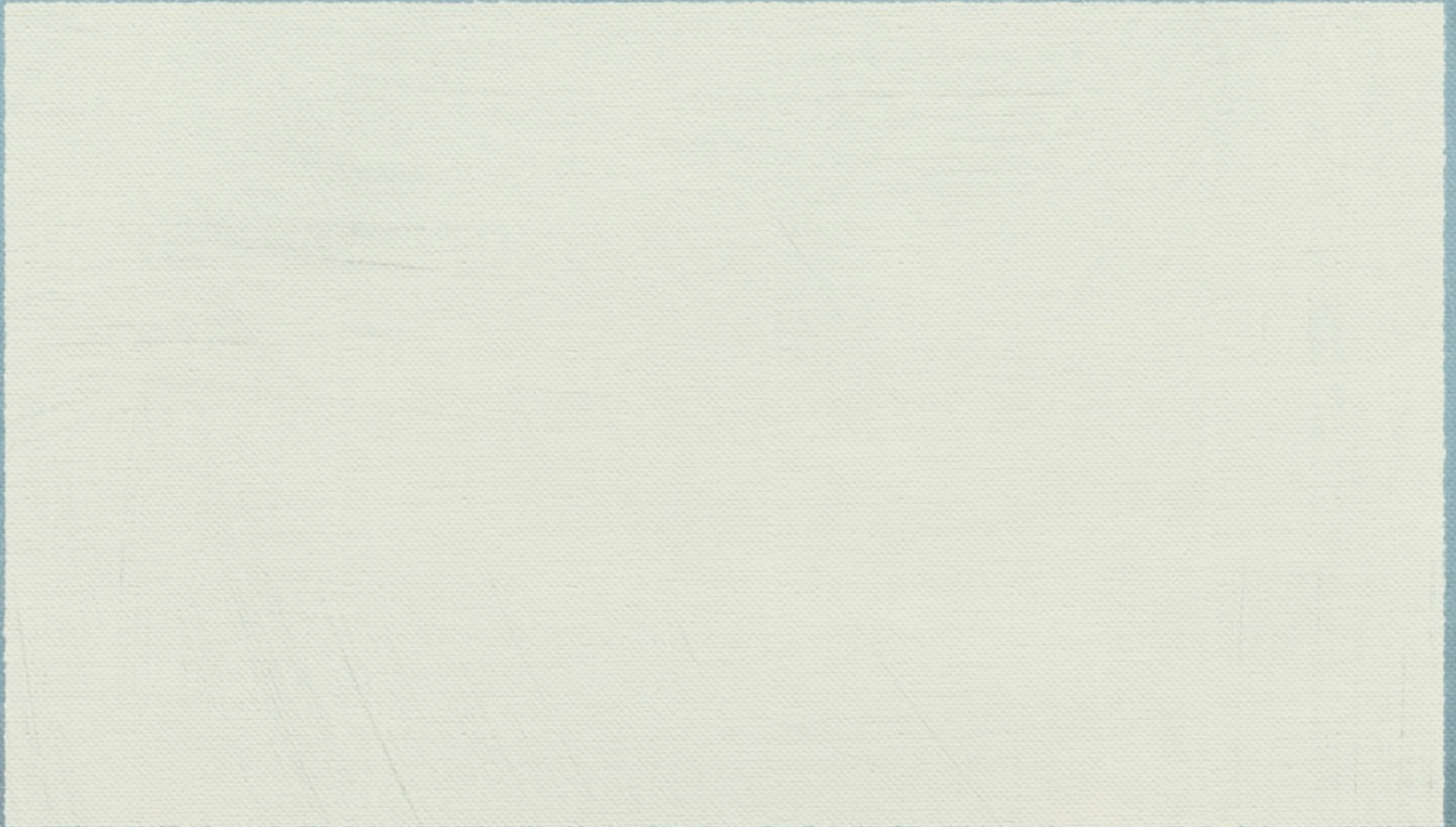
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- ◆ Revelation 7:1-4 describes God's last day servants of God known as the 144,000. In Revelation 14, we find that the 144,000 are without fault as well. Daniel (servant of the living God and found to be without fault) gives us an example of how to be part of the 144,000.

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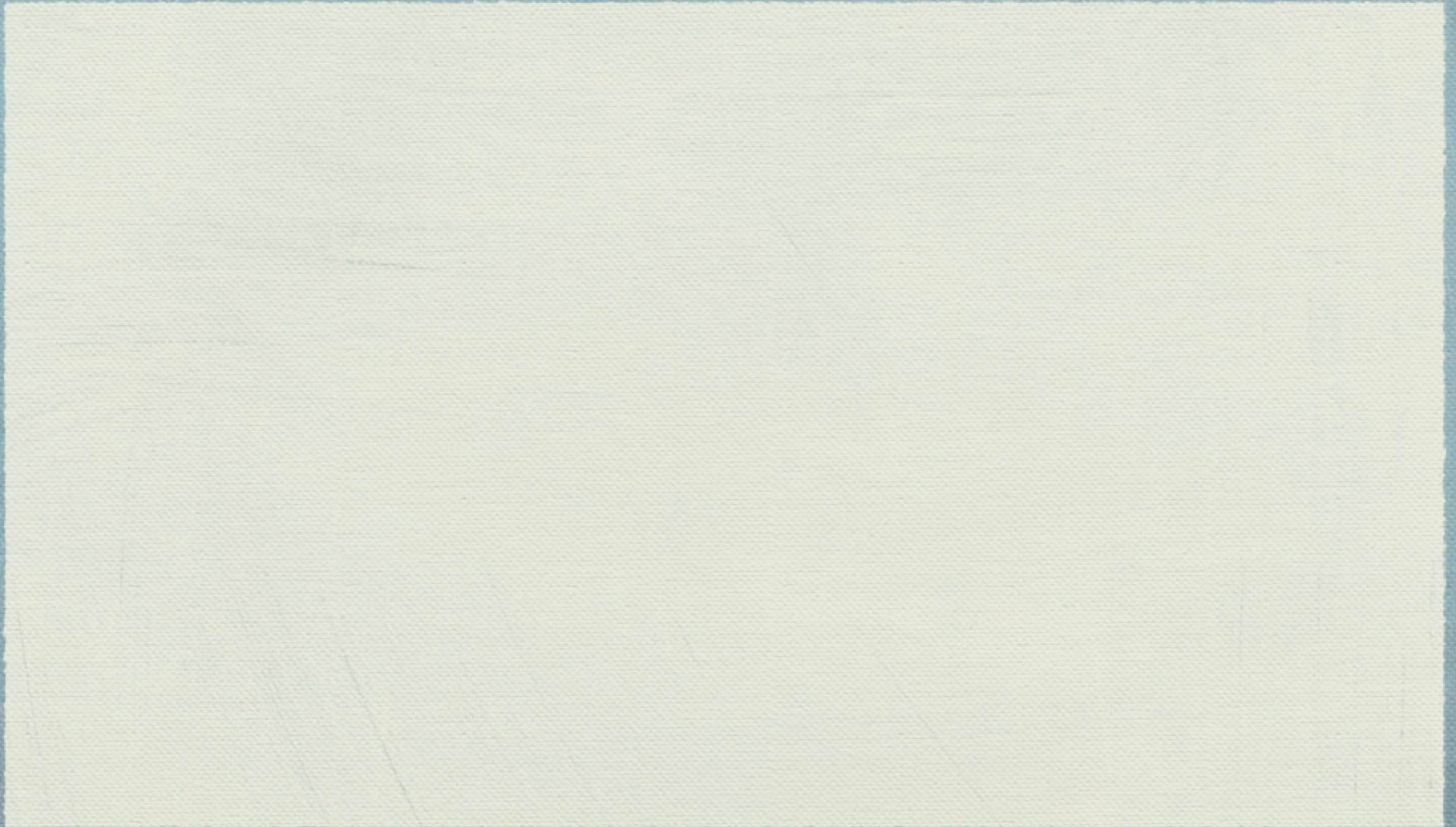
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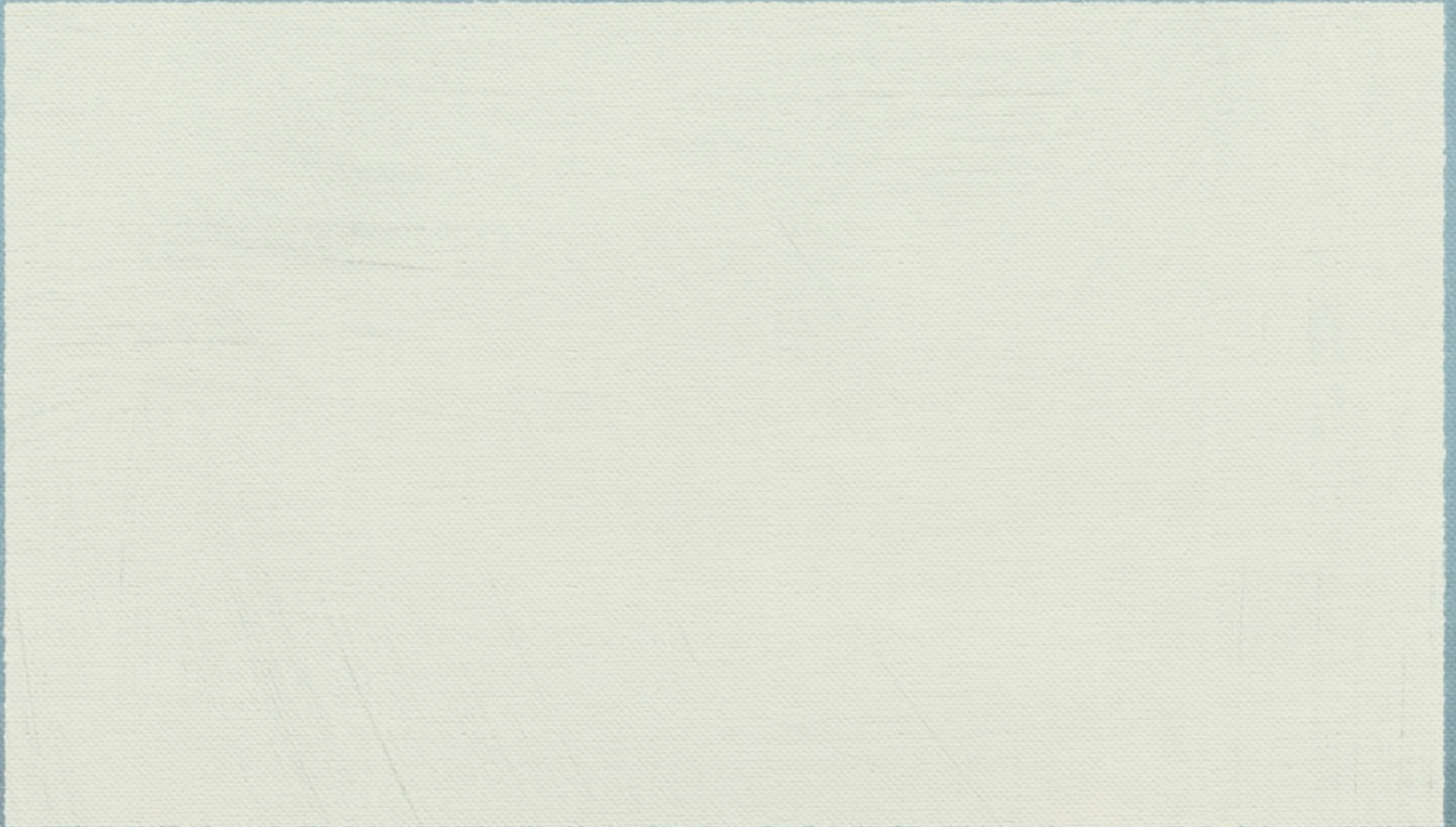
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- ◆ Daniel 6 — Daniel refuses to change His worship of God based on a man-made law. Thus God was glorified.

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- ◆ Revelation 14:7 says to “Fear God and give glory to him for the hour of his judgment is come.” We are to **glorify** God in the hour of His judgment.