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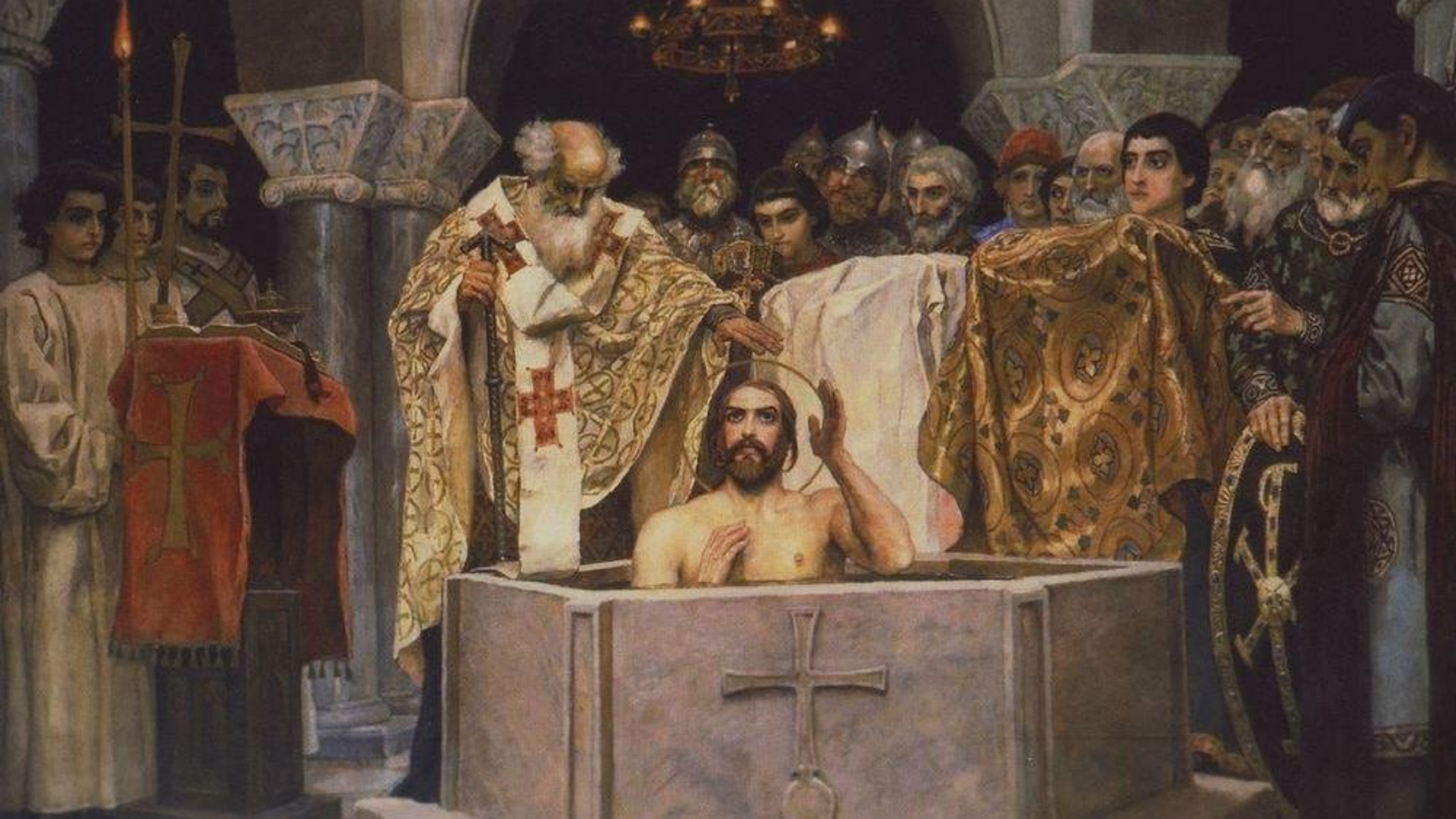














“From the day that the King of Heaven called upon me to become the emperor, the great overlord of the world, no one saw my spear lie idle. I stayed alert throughout my life and protected the children of the New Rome, valiantly campaigning both in the West, and at the outposts of the East, erecting myriads of trophies in all parts of the world.”

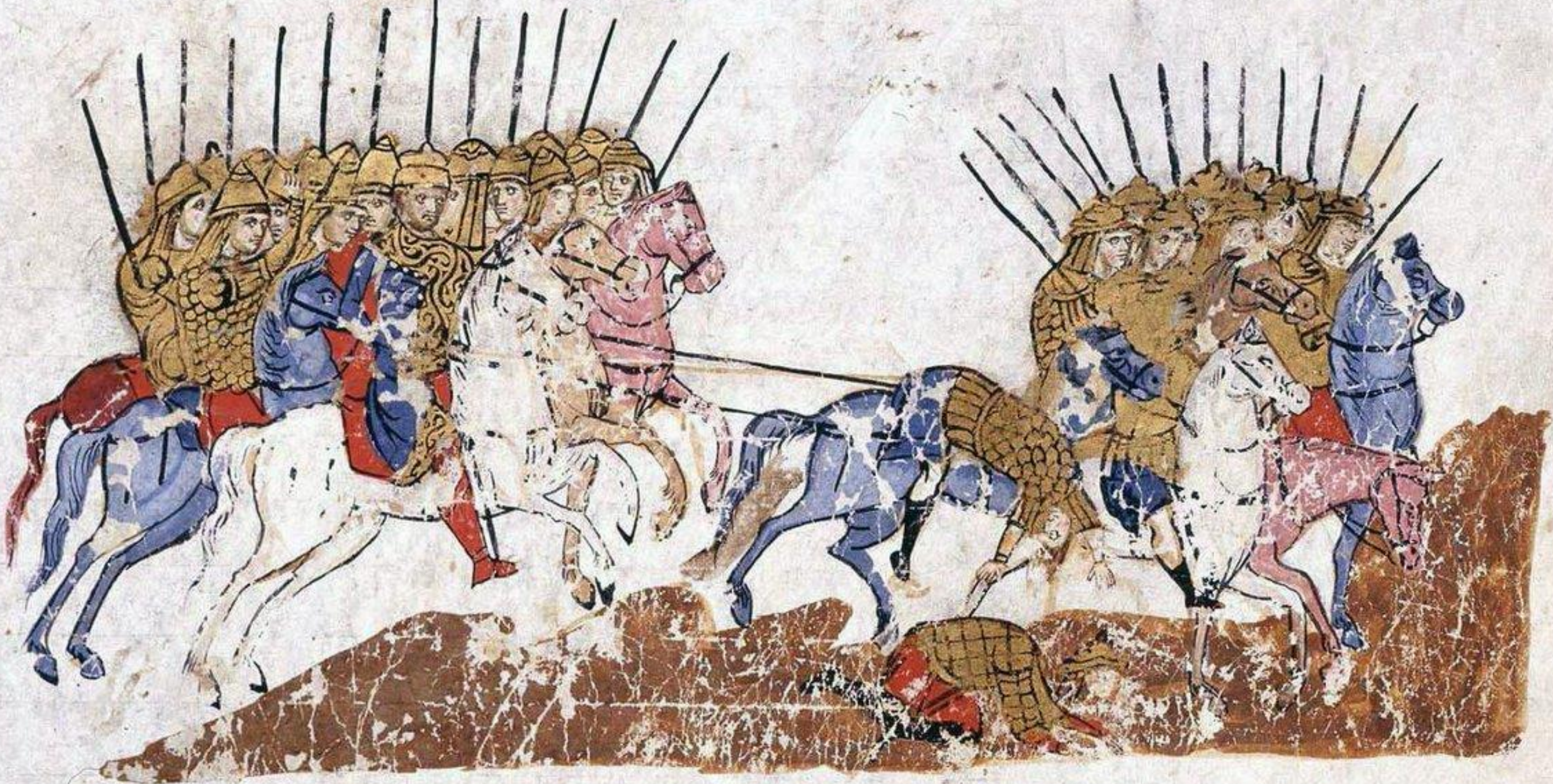
(From Basil II's Verse Epitaph)





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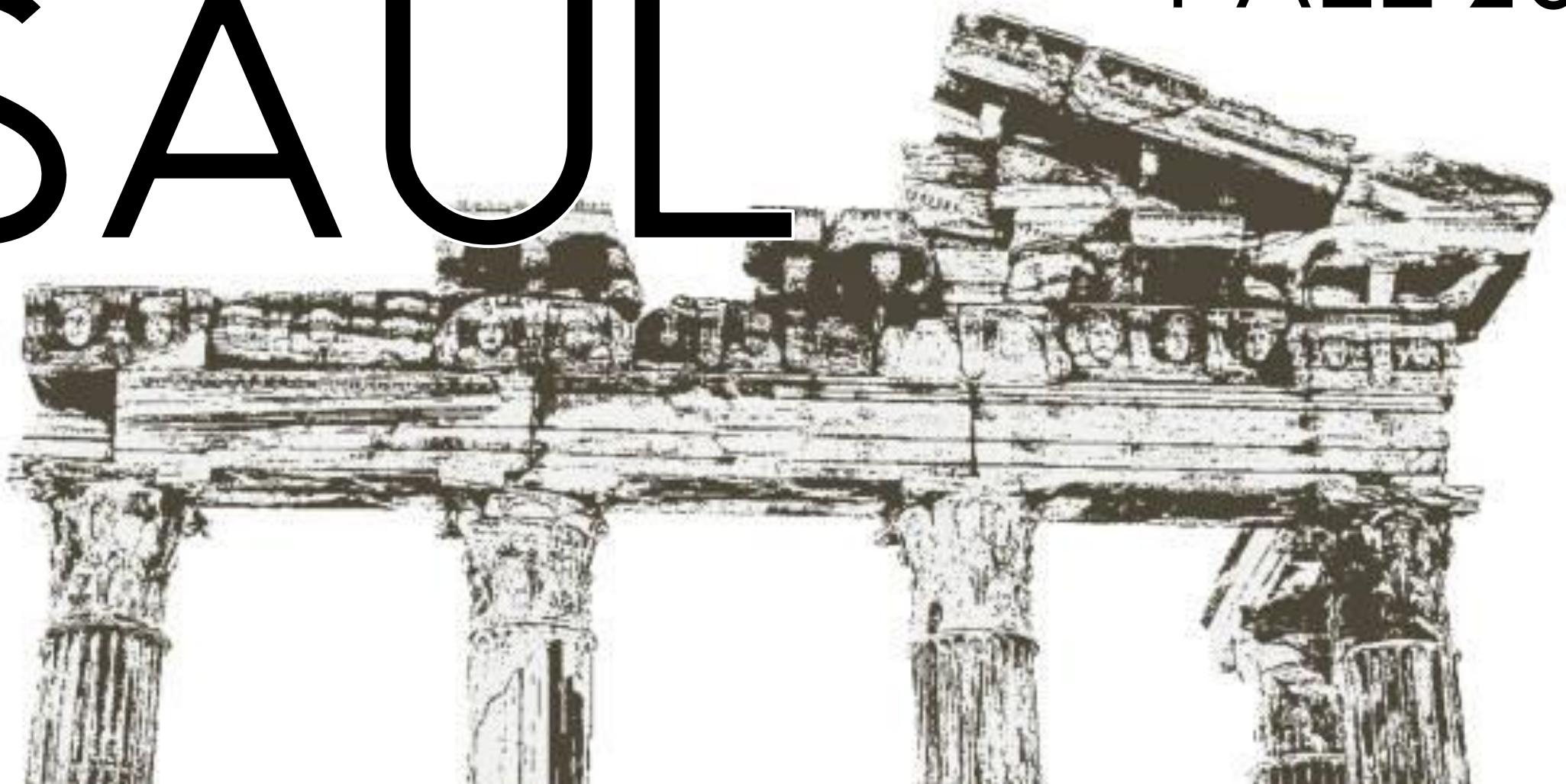
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UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN



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1 Samuel 11:1-6 (ESV): “Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead, and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, ‘Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.’ **2** But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, ‘On this condition I will make a treaty with you, that I gouge out all your right eyes, and thus bring disgrace on all Israel.’ **3** The elders of Jabesh said to him, ‘Give us seven days’ respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel....”





“...Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves

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up to you.’ 4 When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, they reported the matter



in the ears of the people, and all the people wept aloud.

5 Now, behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen. And Saul said, ‘What is wrong with the people, that they are weeping?’ So they told him the news of the men of Jabesh.”

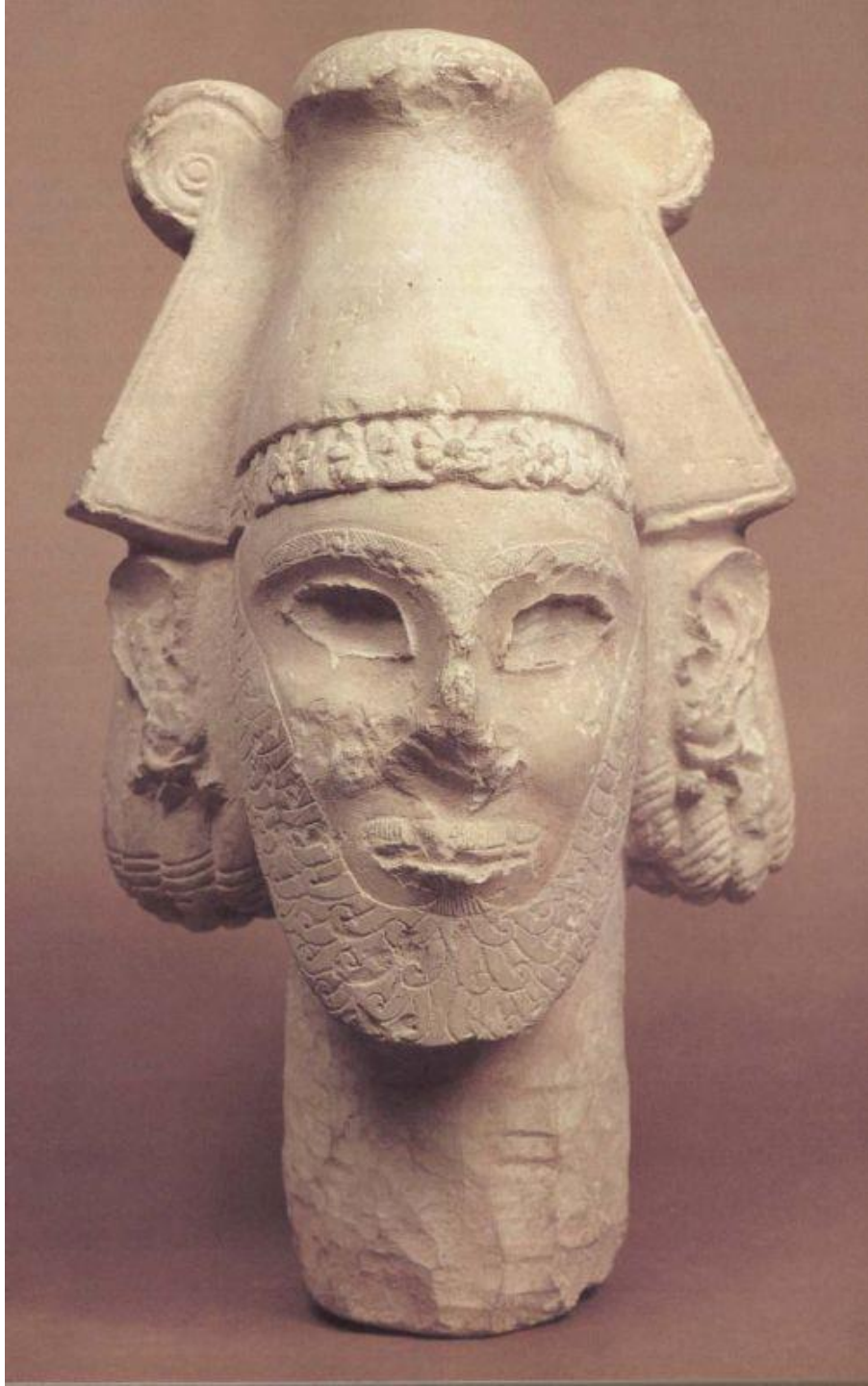




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“1 Samuel 11:6-11 (ESV): “And the Spirit of God rushed upon

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Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. **7** He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, ‘Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!’...”





“...Then the dread of the LORD  
fell upon the people, and they  
came out as one man. **8** When he  
mustered them at Bezek, the people of I  
srael were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah  
thirty thousand. **9** And they said to the messengers who  
had come, ‘Thus shall you say to the men of Jabesh-  
gilead: “Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall  
have salvation.”’ When the messengers came and told the  
men of Jabesh, they were glad....”



“...**10** Therefore the men of Jabesh said, ‘Tomorrow we will give ourselves up to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good to you.’ **11** And the next day Saul put the people in three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.”

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1 Samuel 11:12-15 (ESV): “Then the people said to Samuel, ‘Who is it that said, “Shall Saul reign over us?” Bring the men, that we may put them to death.’ **13** But Saul said, ‘Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel.’ **14** Then Samuel said to the people, ‘Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.’ **15** So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.”





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THE WEAK MUST USE  
VIOLENCE;  
THE STRONG JUST NEED  
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Mark 12:12 (ESV):

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“And they were seeking  
to arrest him but feared the  
people, for they perceived that he had told  
the parable against them. So they left him  
and went away.”



1 Peter 3:4 (ESV): “Let  
your adorning be the  
hidden person of the heart with  
the imperishable beauty of a gentle and  
quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very  
precious.”



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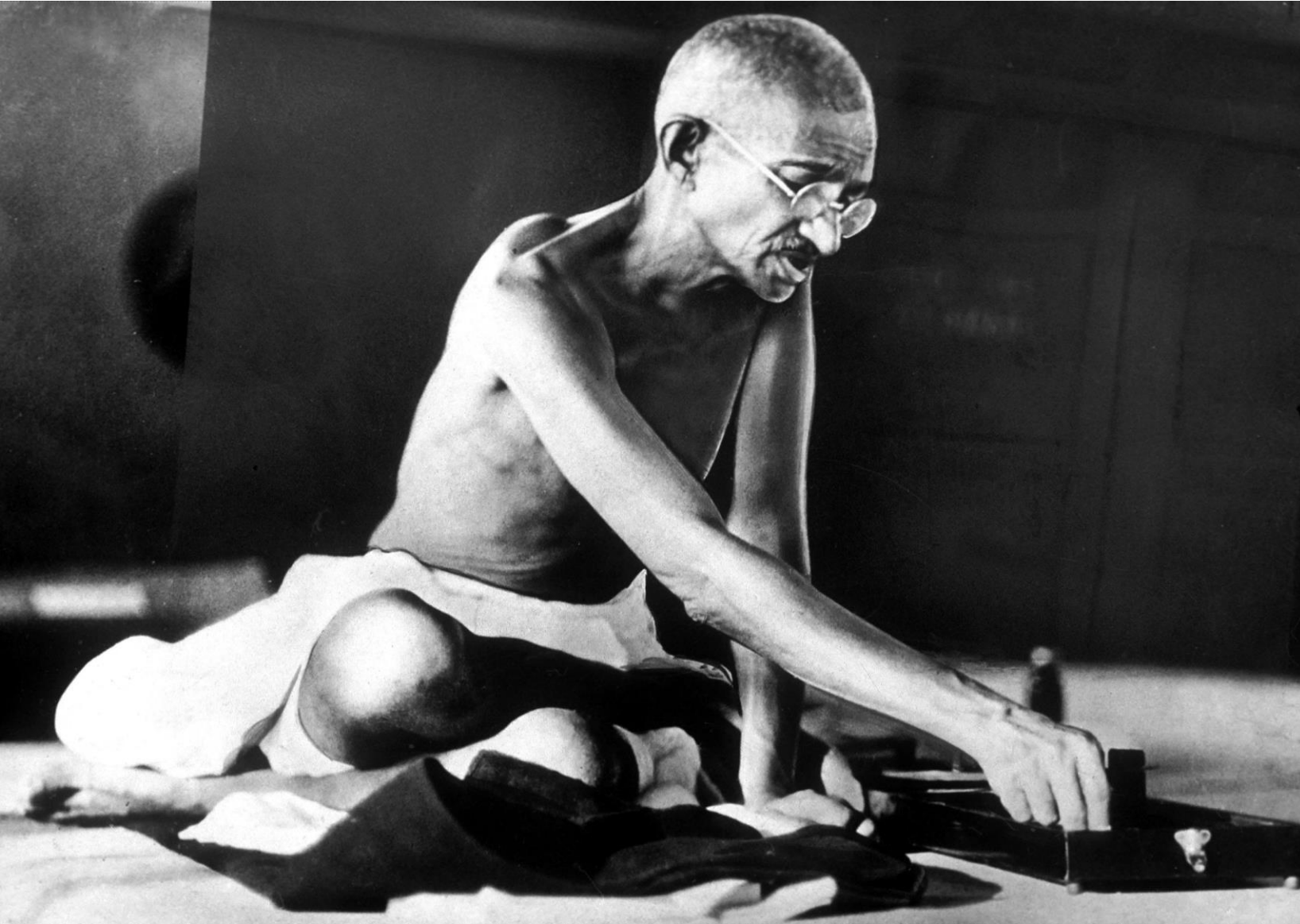


John 14:26 (ESV): “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”





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Matthew 5:38-39 (ESV): **BULLY PULPIT**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ **39** But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.”



Romans 12:17-21 (ESV):

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“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ **20** To the contrary, ‘if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.’ **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

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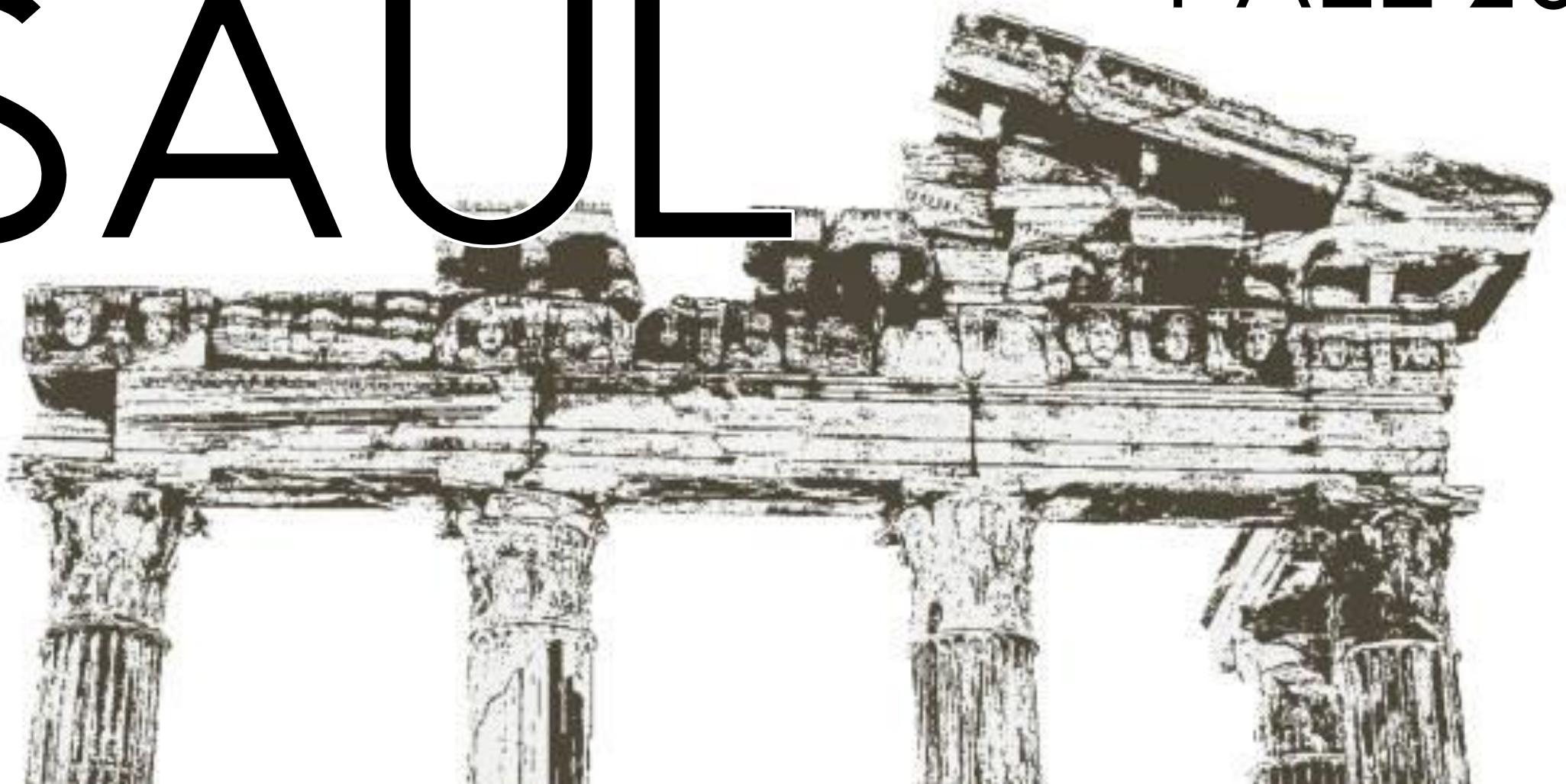
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