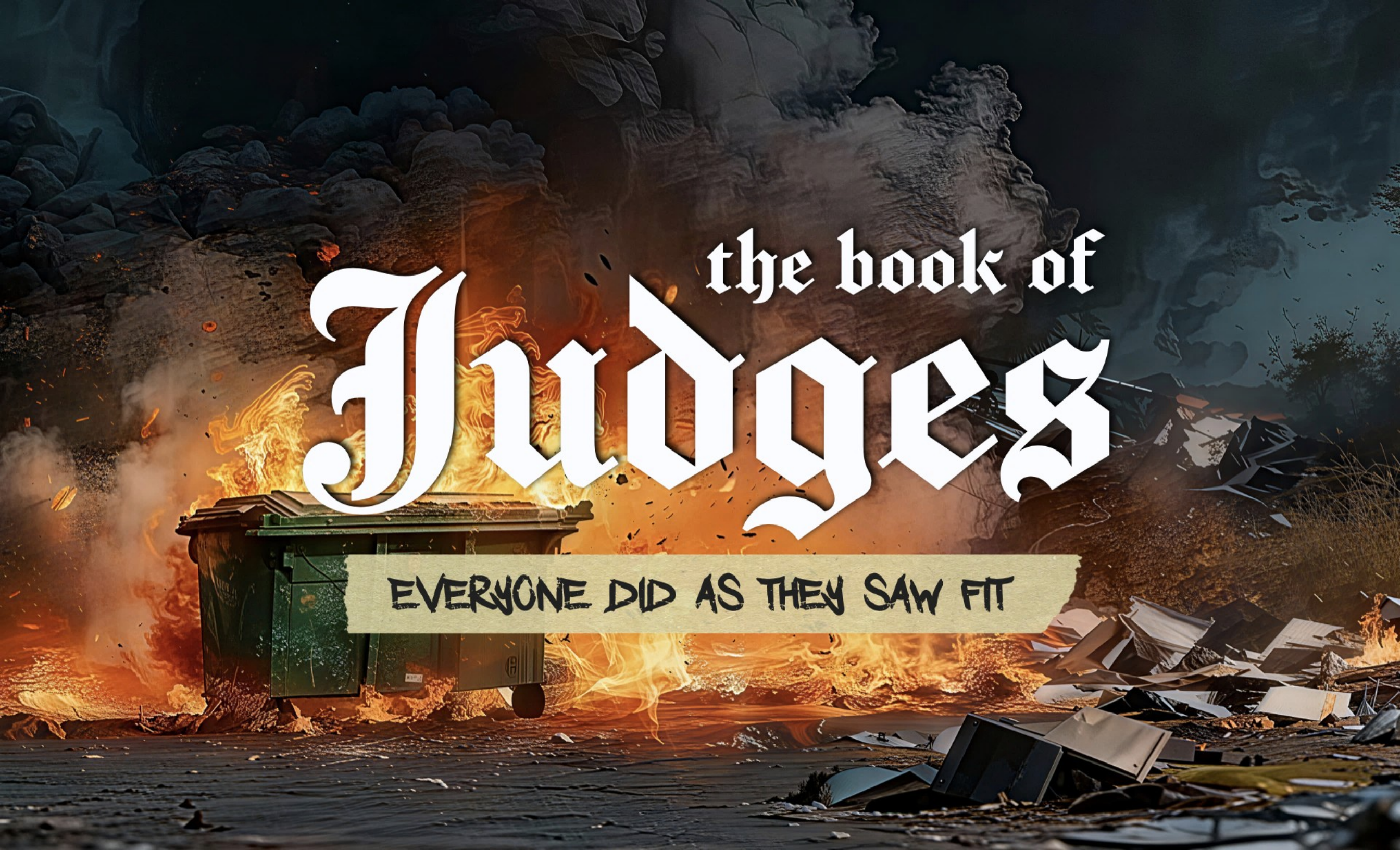
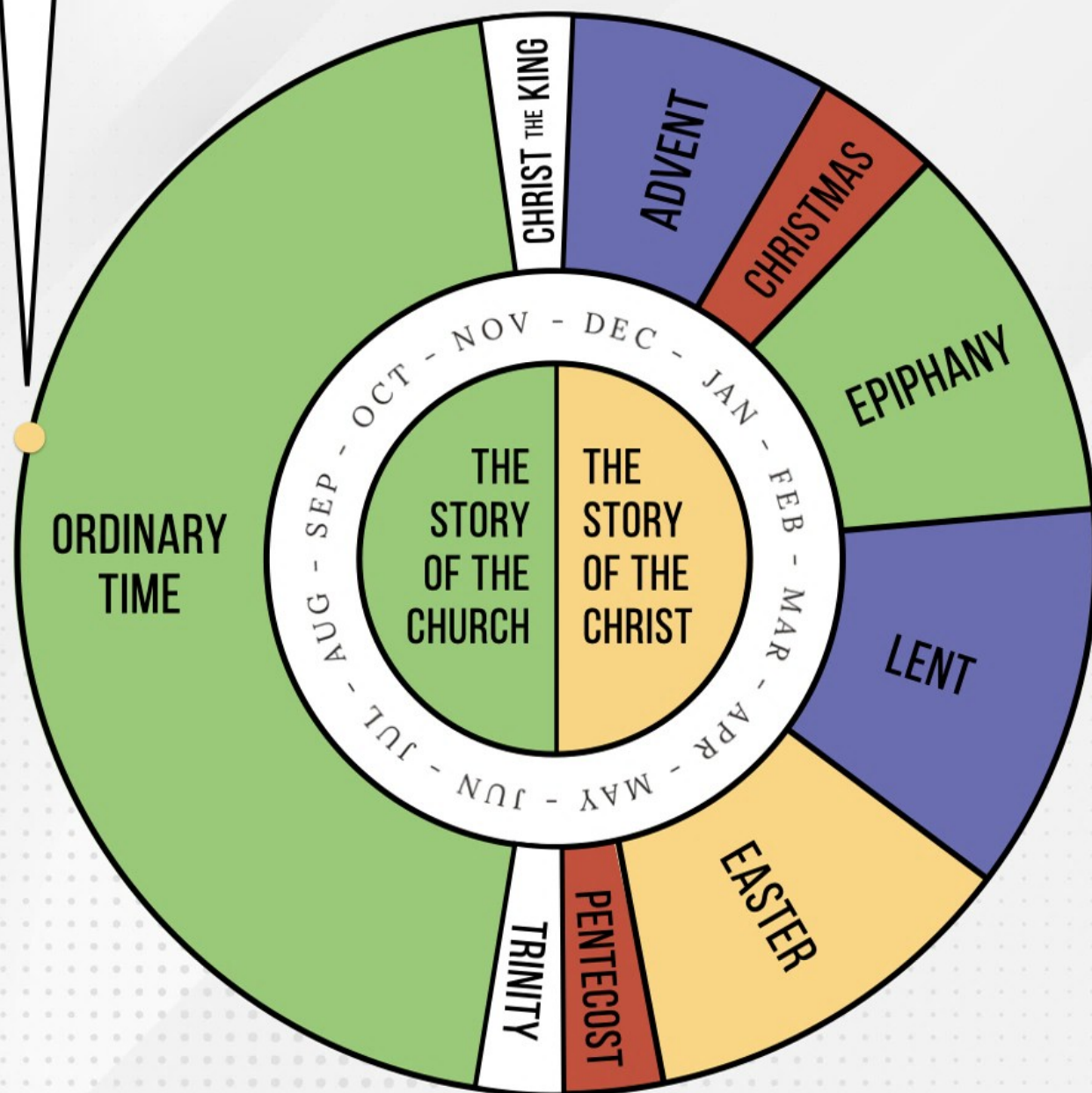


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WE ARE HERE



THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

CYCLE OF
LIGHT

GOD
with us

Advent: Anticipation
Christmas: Incarnation
Epiphany: Revelation

CYCLE OF
LIFE

GOD
for us

Lent: Crucifixion
Easter: Resurrection
Pentecost: Ascension

CYCLE OF
LOVE

GOD
in us

Trinity: Magnification
Ordinary Time: Mission
Christ the King: Conclusion



PARK STREET

KIDS MIN ✦ KIDS GIVE

Kids Give. Kids Choose. God Moves.

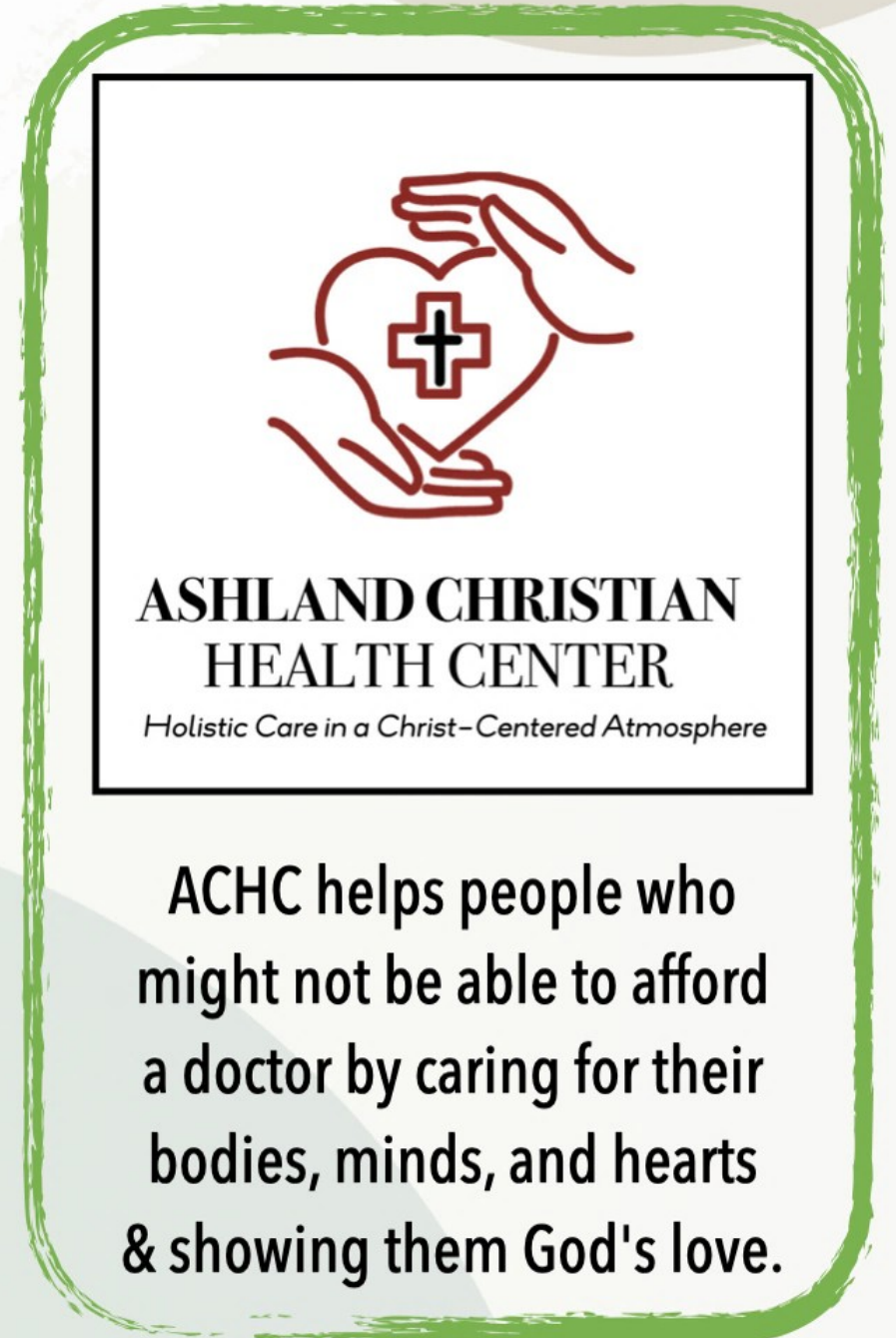
KIDS CHOOSE WHERE \$253.20 WILL GO...



Veterans and their loved ones are invited on joyful outdoor journeys filled with fun to help them feel strong and inspired again.



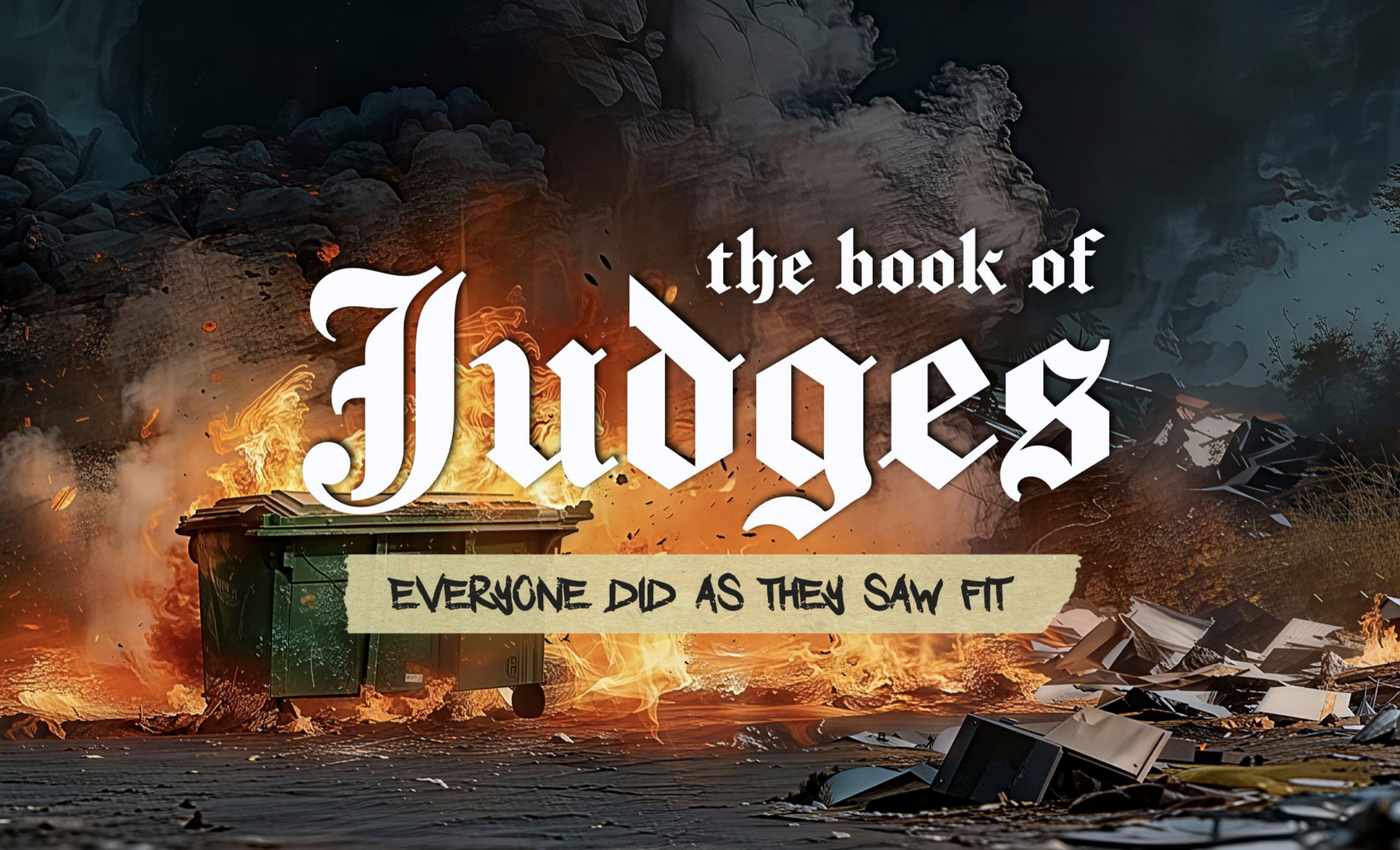
Parents who feel unsure about a new pregnancy can visit this friendly place for free support, pictures of their little one, and encouraging words.



ACHC helps people who might not be able to afford a doctor by caring for their bodies, minds, and hearts & showing them God's love.

“The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of the others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.”

A.W. Tozer

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Twelve Judges

(Military & Civic Leaders)

in the *Book of Judges*

Othniel, *Judges 3:7-11*

Ehud, *Judges 3:12-30*

Shamgar, *Judges 3:31*

Deborah, *Judges 4-5*

Gideon, *Judges 6-8*

Tola, *Judges 10:1-2*

Jair, *Judges 10:3-5*

Jephthah, *Judges 10:6-12:7*

Ibzan, *Judges 12:8-10*

Elon, *Judges 12:11-12*

Abdon, *Judges 12:13-15*

Samson, *Judges 13-16*

Judges 2:11

Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of
the Lord and served the Baals.

Judges 3:7

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord;
they forgot the Lord their God and served
the Baals and the Asherahs.

Judges 3:12

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and because they did this evil the Lord gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel.

Judges 4:1

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead.

Judges 6:1

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord,
and for seven years he gave them into the
hands of the Midianites.

Judges 10:6

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord. They served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites and the gods of the Philistines. And because the Israelites forsook the Lord and no longer served him...

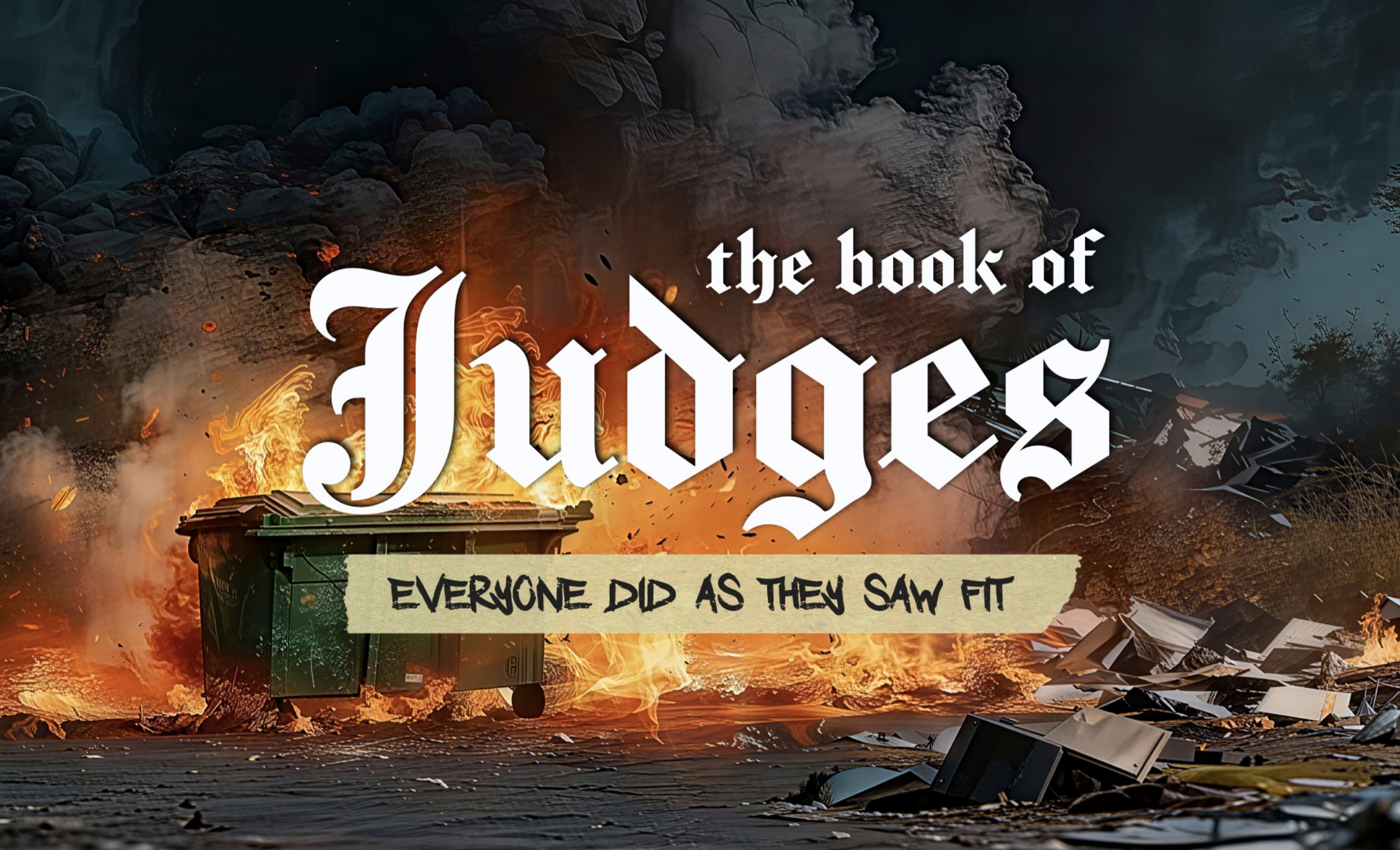
Judges 21:25

In those days there was
no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was
right in his own eyes.



How do we prevent ourselves
from slipping into the well-worn
pattern of simply “doing what
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*By participating in a
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Judges 13:1-25

¹ Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

² A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth.

Judges 13:1-25

³ The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. ⁴ Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean.”

Judges 13:1-25

5 “You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

Judges 13:1-25

⁶ Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. ⁷ But he said to me, ‘You will become pregnant and have a son.’”

Judges 13:1-25

“Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from the womb until the day of his death.”⁸ Then Manoah prayed to the Lord: “Pardon your servant, Lord. I beg you to let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.”

Judges 13:1-25

9 God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. 10 The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!”

Judges 13:1-25

¹¹ Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the man who talked to my wife?” “I am,” he said. ¹² So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule that governs the boy’s life and work?”

Judges 13:1-25

¹³ The angel of the Lord answered, “Your wife must do all that I have told her. ¹⁴ She must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have commanded her.”

Judges 13:1-25

¹⁵ Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.” ¹⁶ The angel of the Lord replied, “Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the Lord.” (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the Lord.)

Judges 13:1-25

¹⁷ Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the Lord, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?” ¹⁸ He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding.”

Judges 13:1-25

¹⁹ Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the Lord. And the Lord did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: ²⁰ As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground.

Judges 13:1-25

²¹ When the angel of the Lord did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord.

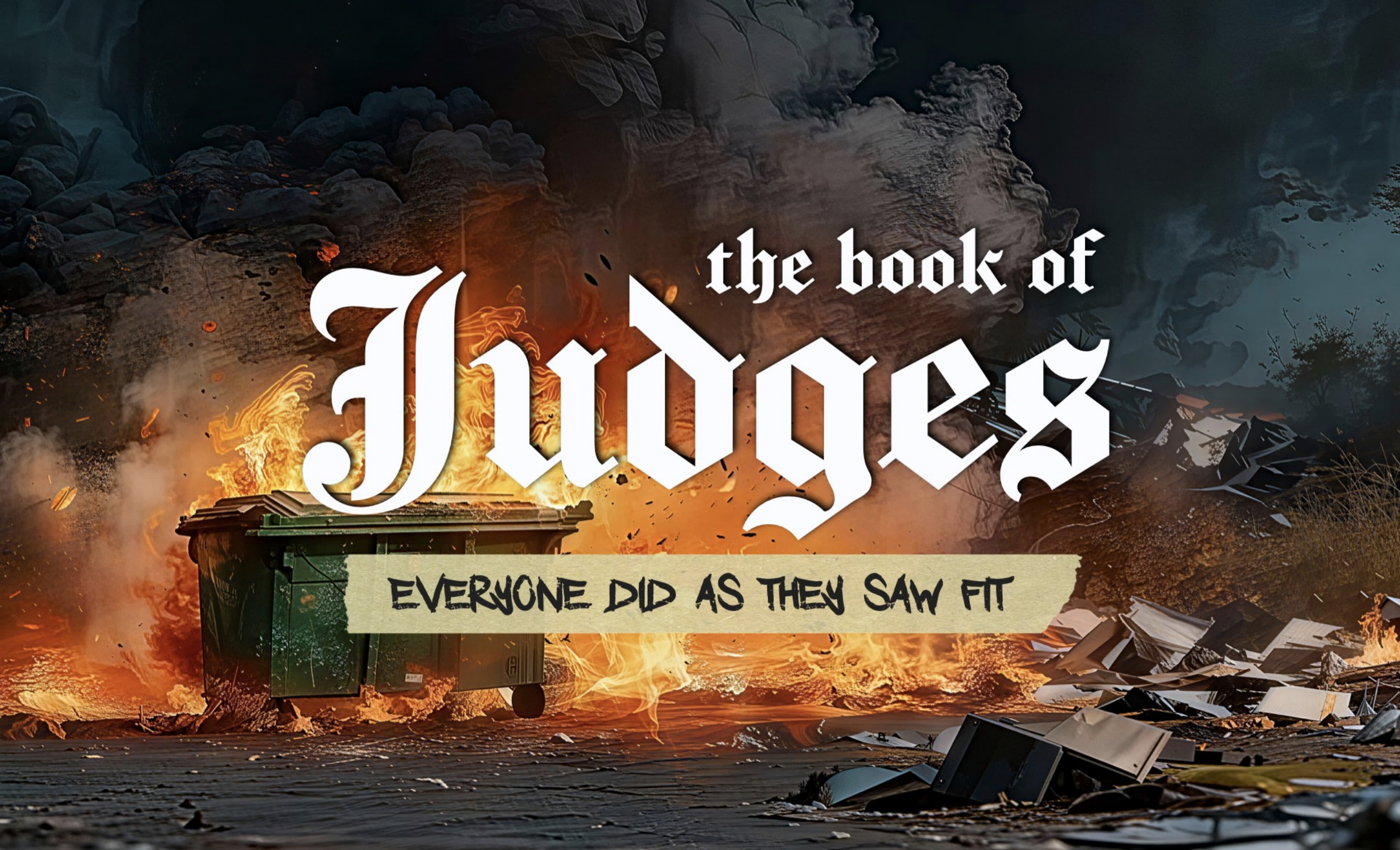
²² “We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife.
“We have seen God!”

Judges 13:1-25

²³ But his wife answered, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.”

Judges 13:1-25

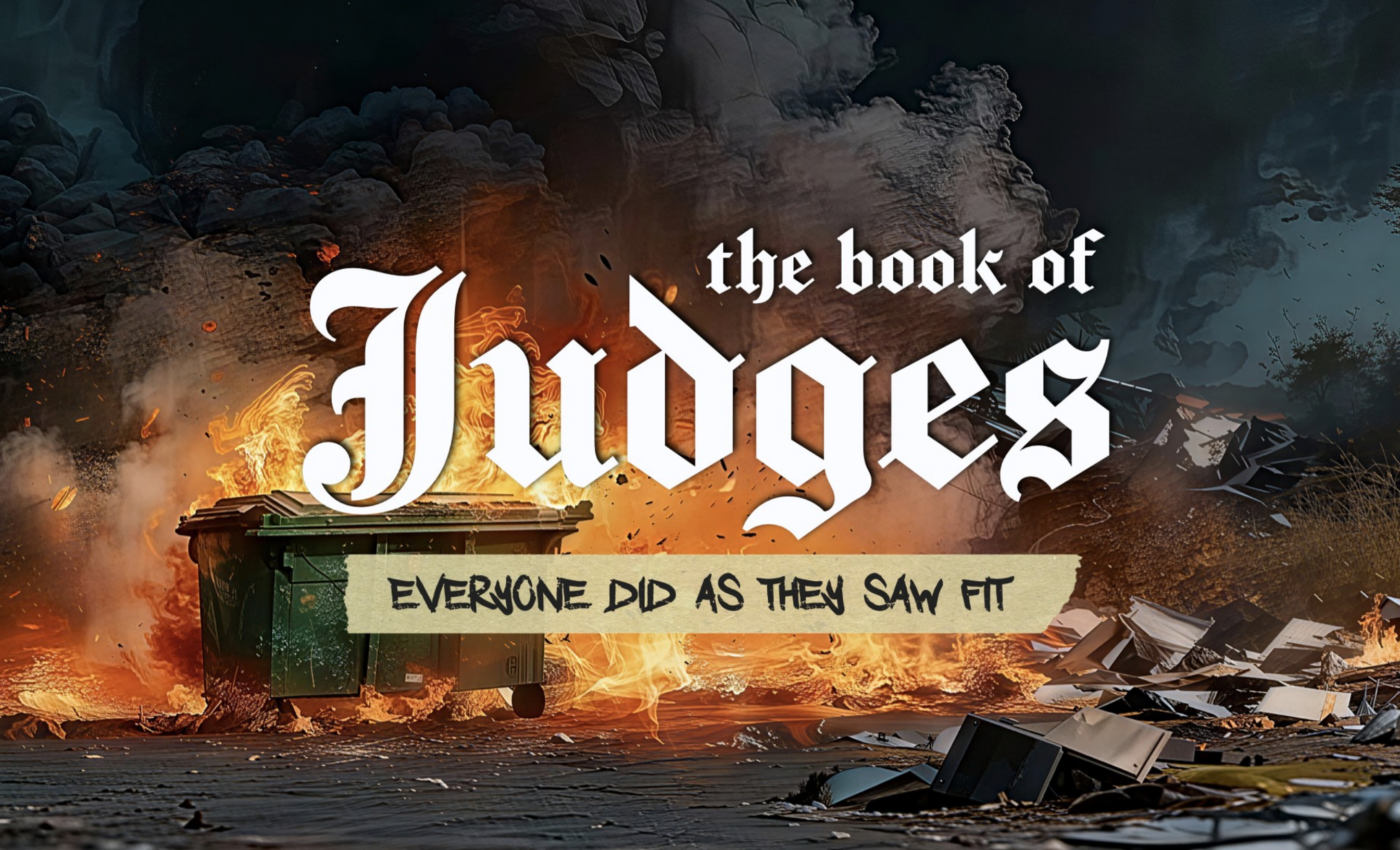
²⁴ The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, ²⁵ and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

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A WARNING FROM SAMSON'S LIFE:
DEMONSTRATING GOD'S POWER
DOES NOT MEAN YOU POSSESS
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Judges 16:23-30

²³ Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, “Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.”

²⁴ When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, “Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste our land and multiplied our slain.”

Judges 16:23-30

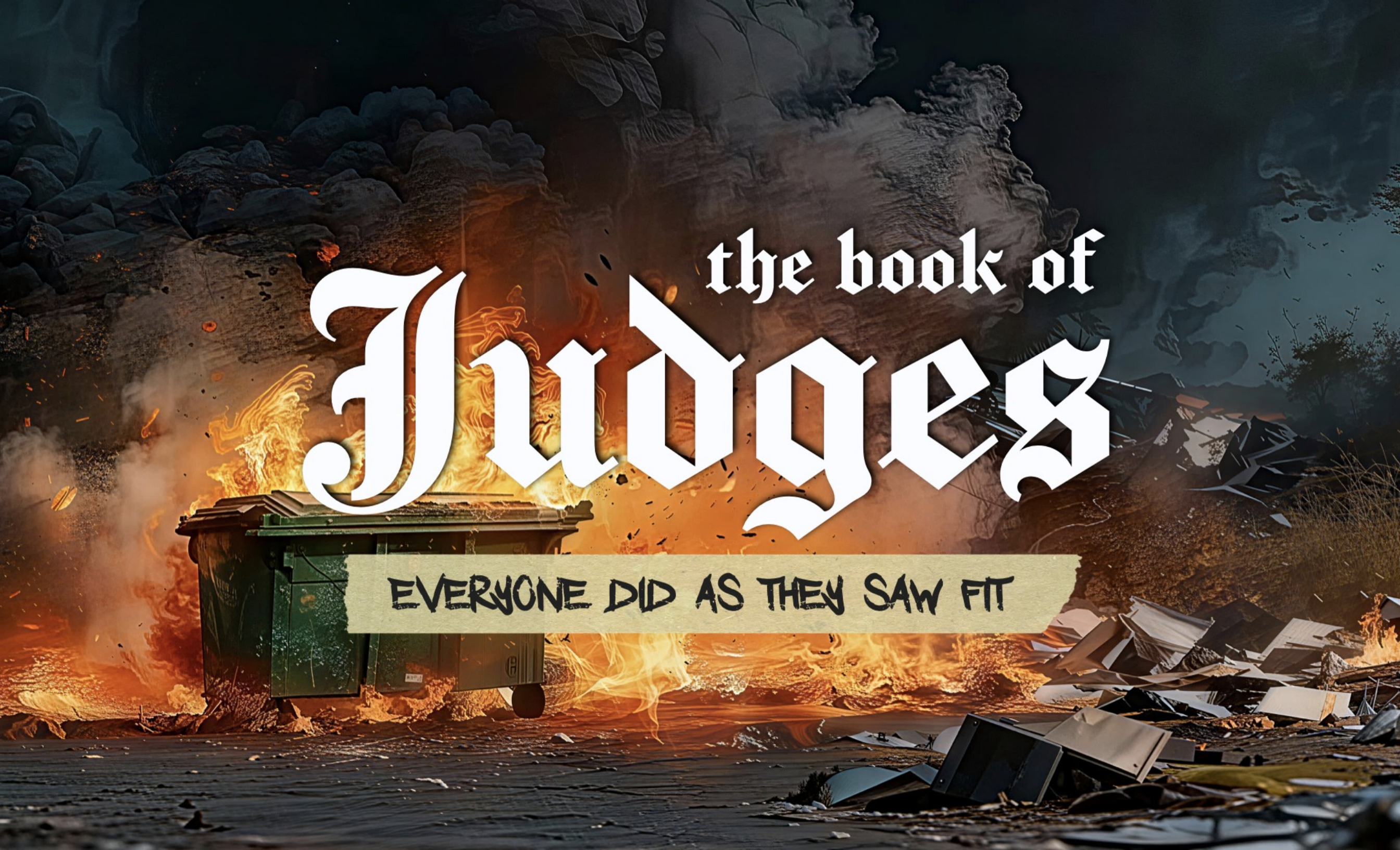
²⁵ While they were in high spirits, they shouted, “Bring out Samson to entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars, ²⁶ Samson said to the servant who held his hand, “Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.”

Judges 16:23-30

²⁷ Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. ²⁸ Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.”

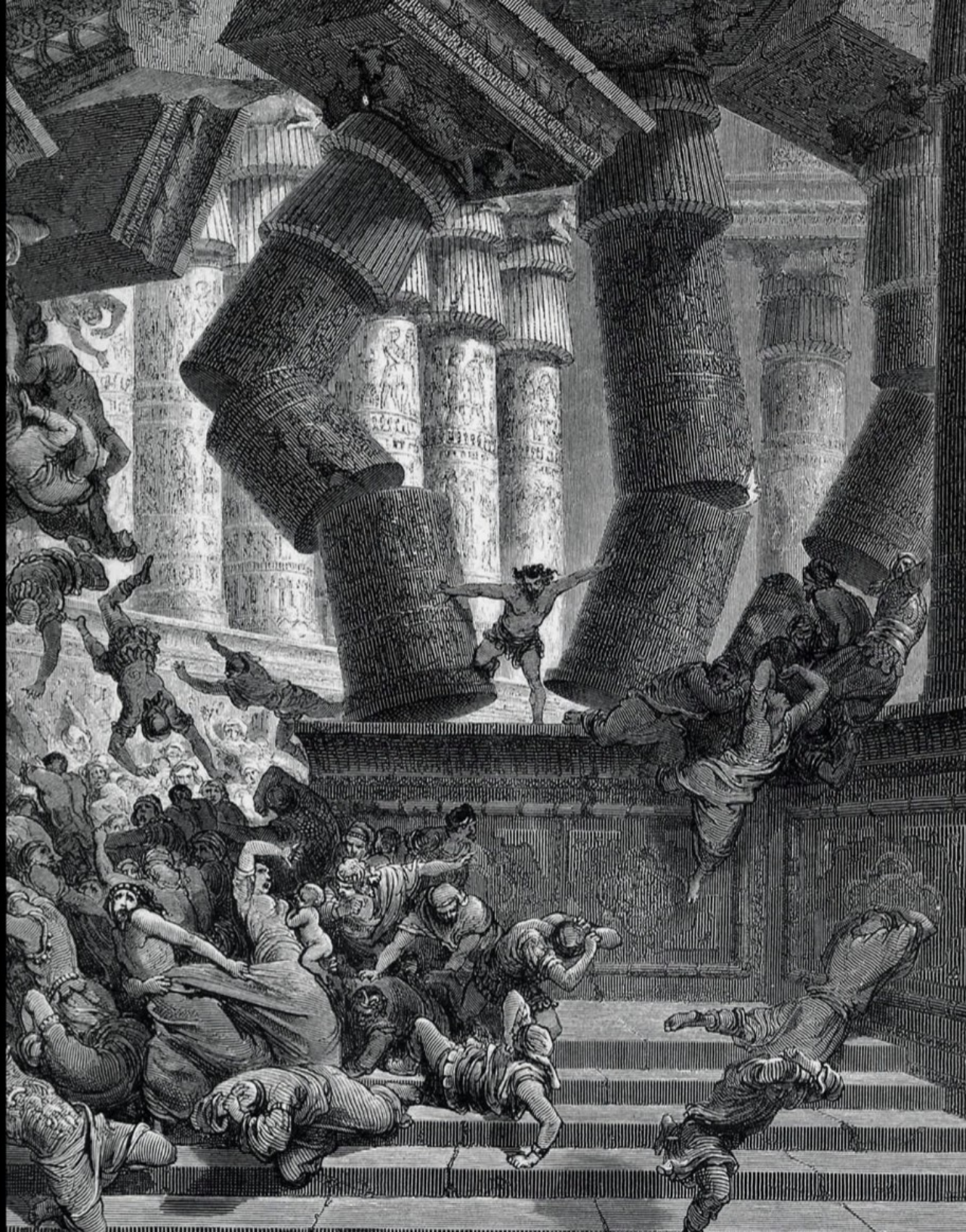
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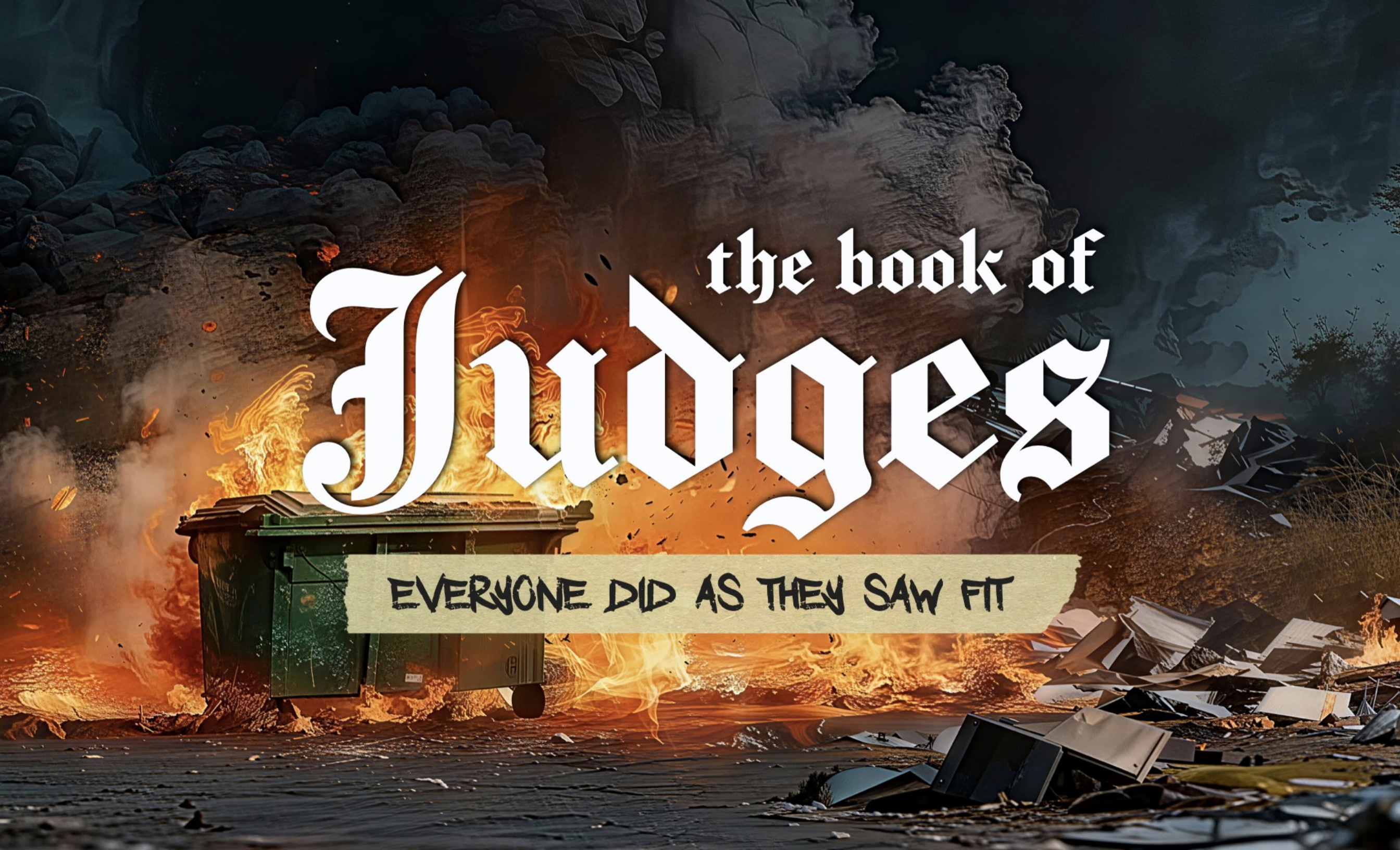
²⁹ Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, ³⁰ Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

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