

ROMANS

Righteousness Revealed



I. THE CAUSE OF GOD'S WRATH.

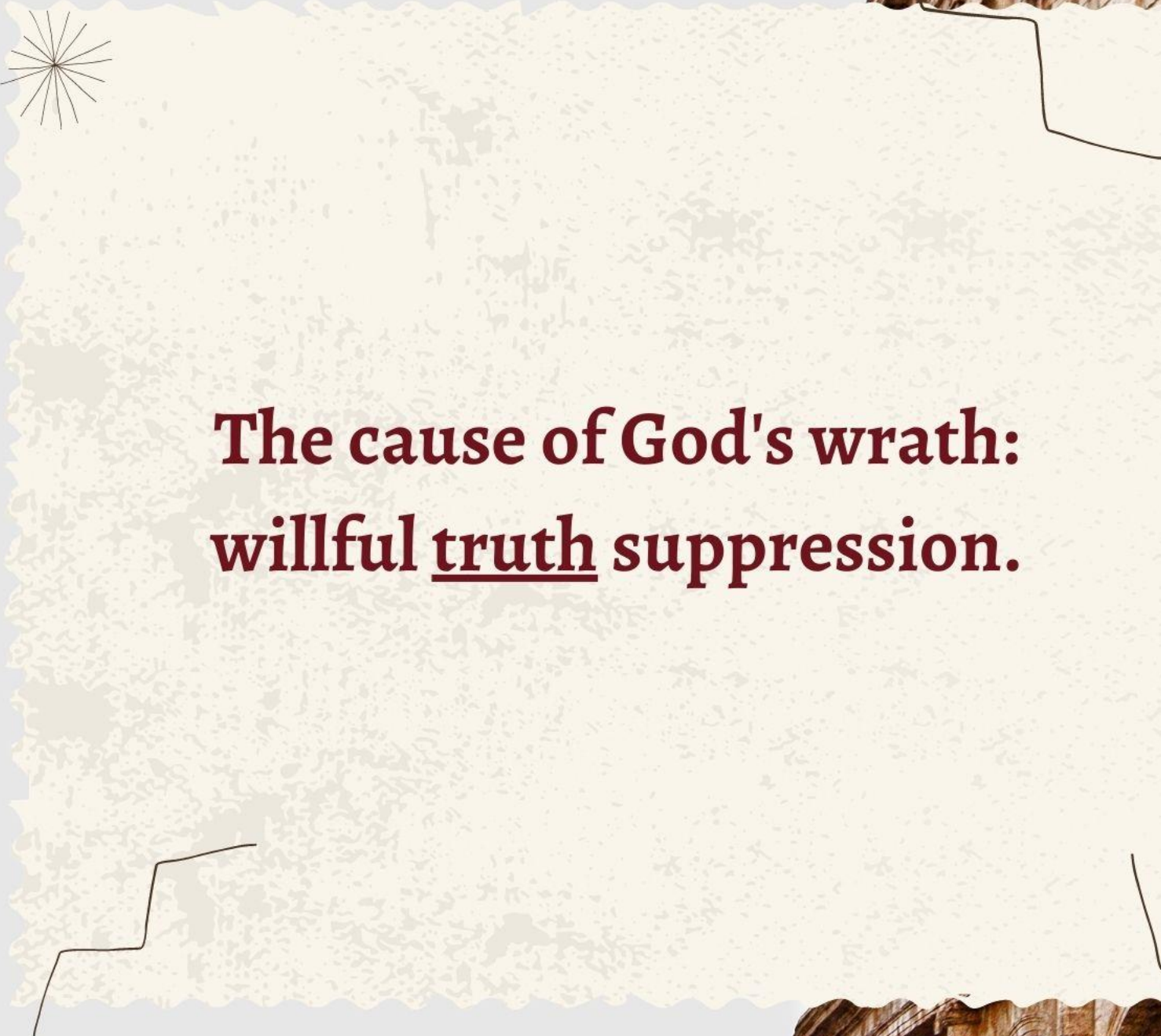
(1:18-23)



“The wrath of God **is being revealed** from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness.” (NIV)

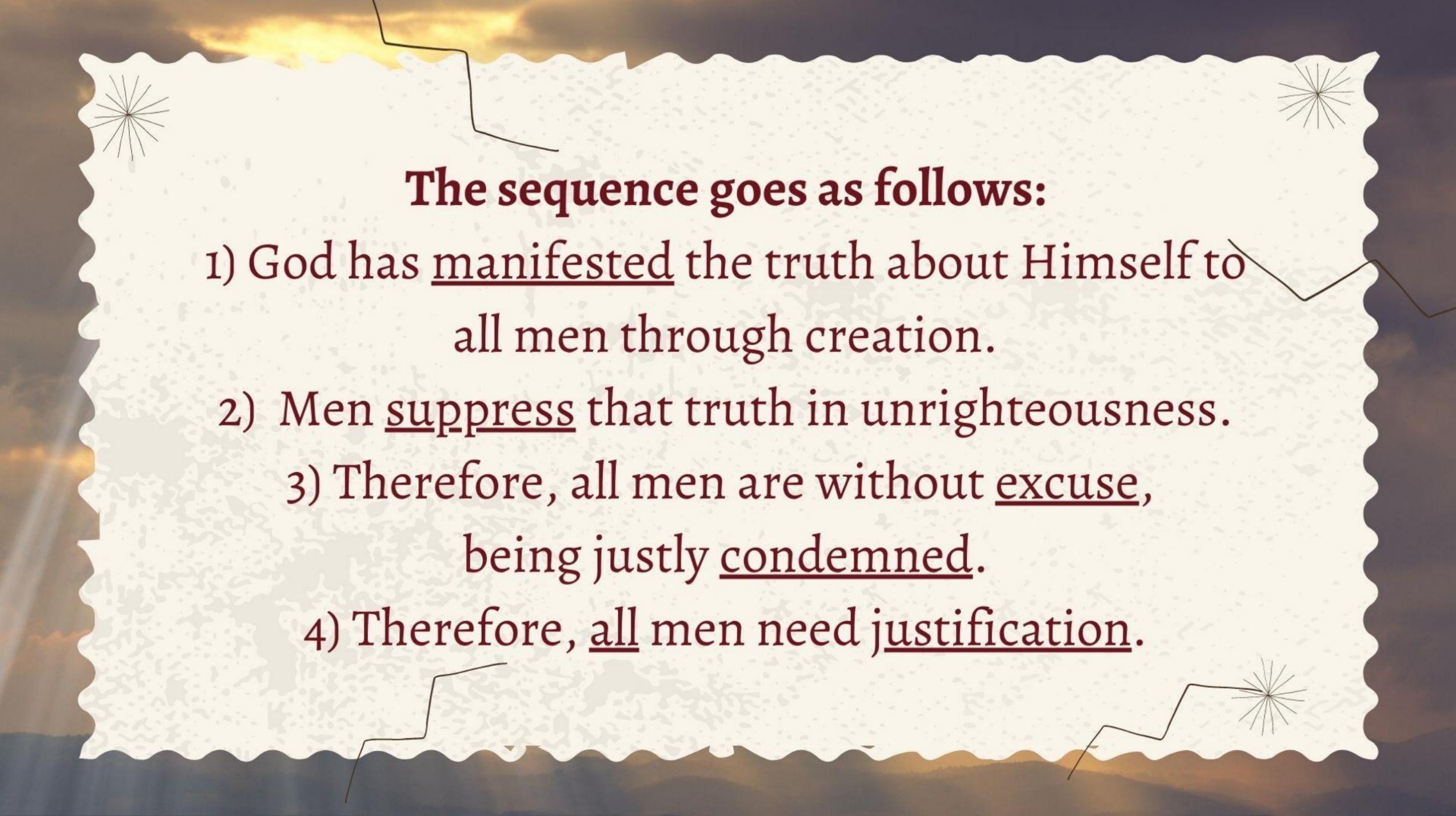
**The wrath of God
is presently
being revealed.**





**The cause of God's wrath:
willful truth suppression.**





The sequence goes as follows:

- 1) God has manifested the truth about Himself to all men through creation.
- 2) Men suppress that truth in unrighteousness.
- 3) Therefore, all men are without excuse, being justly condemned.
- 4) Therefore, all men need justification.

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOD'S WRATH. (1:24-32)



“Therefore God gave them up to vile impurity in the lusts of their hearts, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”



The wrath of abandonment:

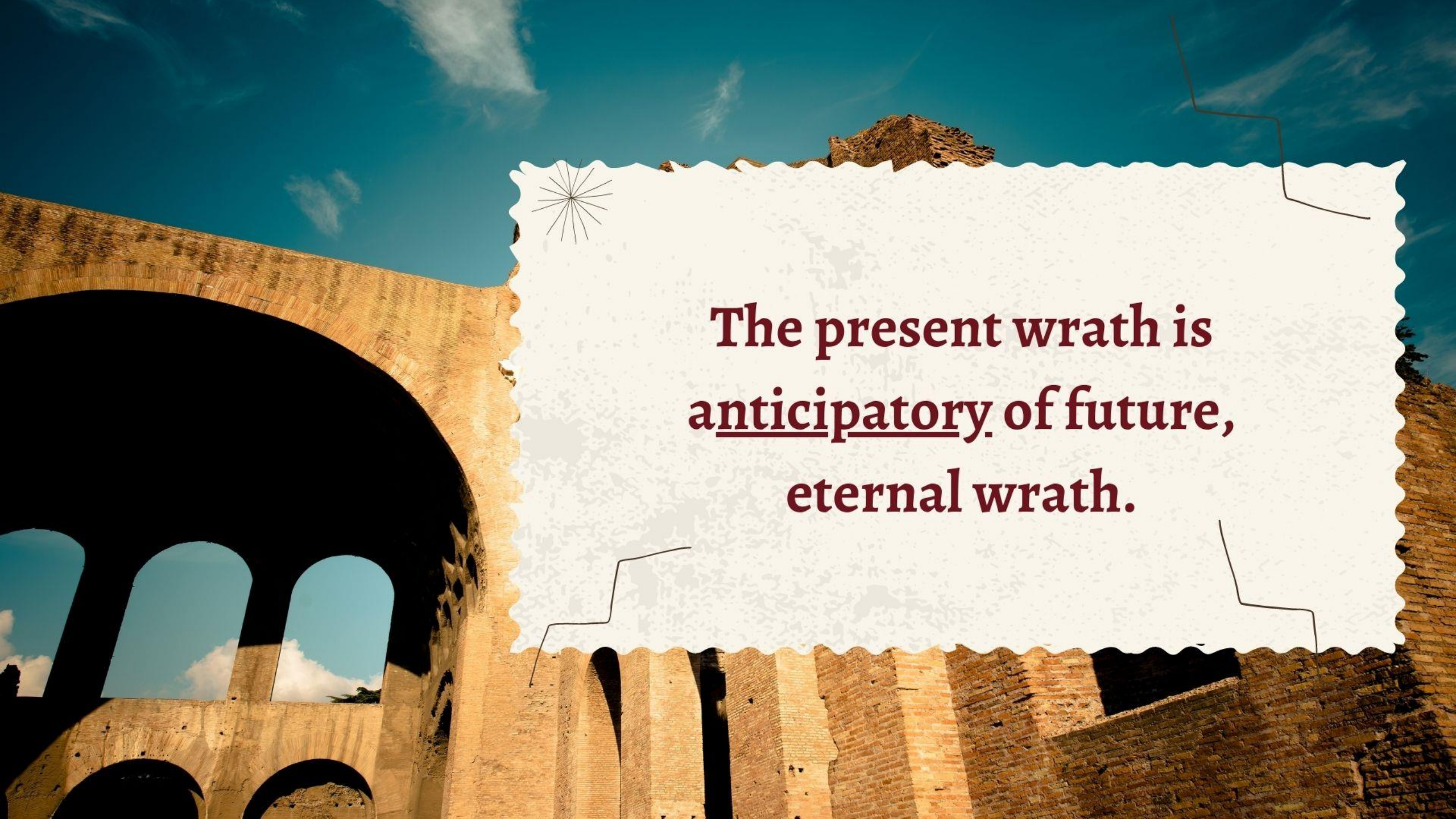
God actively, judicially,
gives people over to the increasing
consequences of their own sin.



The 3 Progressive Stages:

- Impurity
- Degrading Passions
- Depraved Mind



The background of the image shows the lower portion of the Colosseum in Rome, with its iconic tiered arches and weathered brickwork. The sky above is a deep blue with some wispy white clouds. A large, white, rectangular paper-like overlay with a scalloped, torn-edge border is positioned in the upper right quadrant. In the top-left corner of this white overlay is a small, hand-drawn black starburst or sunburst symbol. The text is centered within the white area in a dark red, serif font. The word 'anticipatory' is underlined. Thin black lines, resembling staple marks or corner guides, are visible at the corners of the white overlay.

**The present wrath is
anticipatory of future,
eternal wrath.**

A wide-angle photograph of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, taken during the 'golden hour' of sunset. The sun is low on the left horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the ancient stone structure. The Colosseum's iconic tiered arches are clearly visible, with some sections showing significant damage and missing stone. In the foreground, a cobblestone path leads towards the monument, and a metal railing runs along the right side. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue.

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