

A 3D-rendered warning sign stands on a construction site. The sign is rectangular with a yellow face and a black border, mounted on a grey metal post. The top and bottom edges of the sign are decorated with black and yellow diagonal hazard stripes. The text on the sign is in a bold, distressed, sans-serif font. The background is a dark, textured blue-grey wall. In the bottom left corner, two orange traffic cones with white reflective bands are visible.

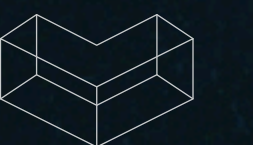
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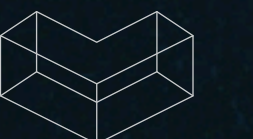
LUKE 20:9-17

Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. ¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’



LUKE 20:9-17

¹⁴ But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!" ¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone'?"



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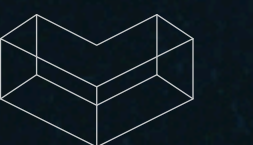
The Triumphant Entry

(**Prophetic fulfilment** of Psalm 118)



PSALM 118:22-28

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ God is the Lord, and He has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.



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The Triumphant Entry
(**Prophetic fulfilment** of Psalm 118)

The Cleansing of the Temple
(**End of temple worship** declared)

Jesus' Authority Questioned
(**Religious hypocrisy** entrenched)

Parable told
(**God's method** revealed)



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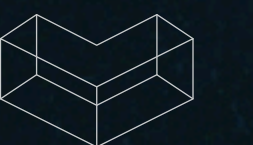
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LUKE 20:13

“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him.’



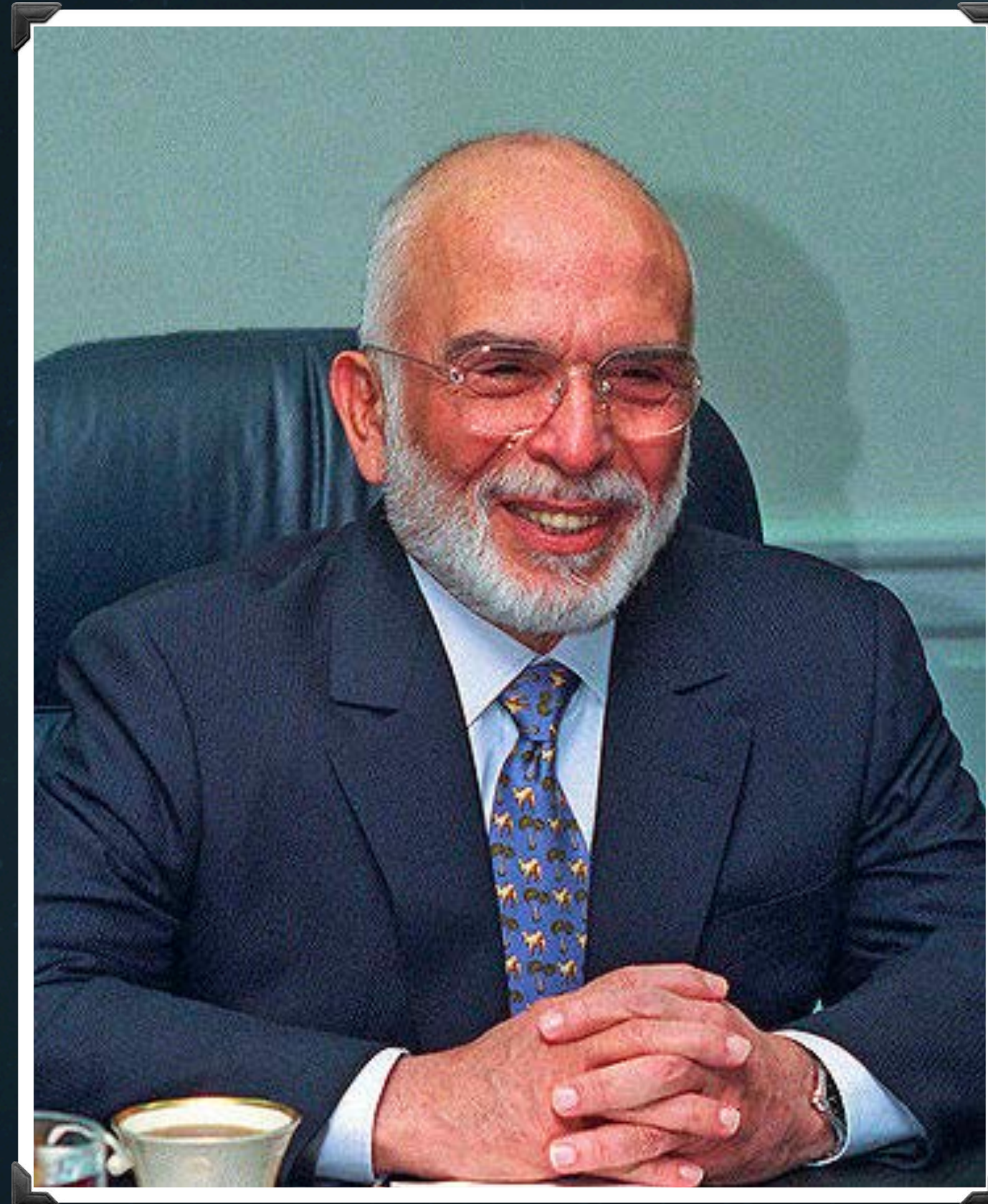
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King Hussein bin Talal of Jordan

REIGNED from 11 AUGUST 1952 to 7 FEBRUARY 1999



CORNERSTONE

MAKRO-THYMIA

“He puts his anger far away”

Patience, long-suffering, risk-taking,
compassion and self-emptying.

