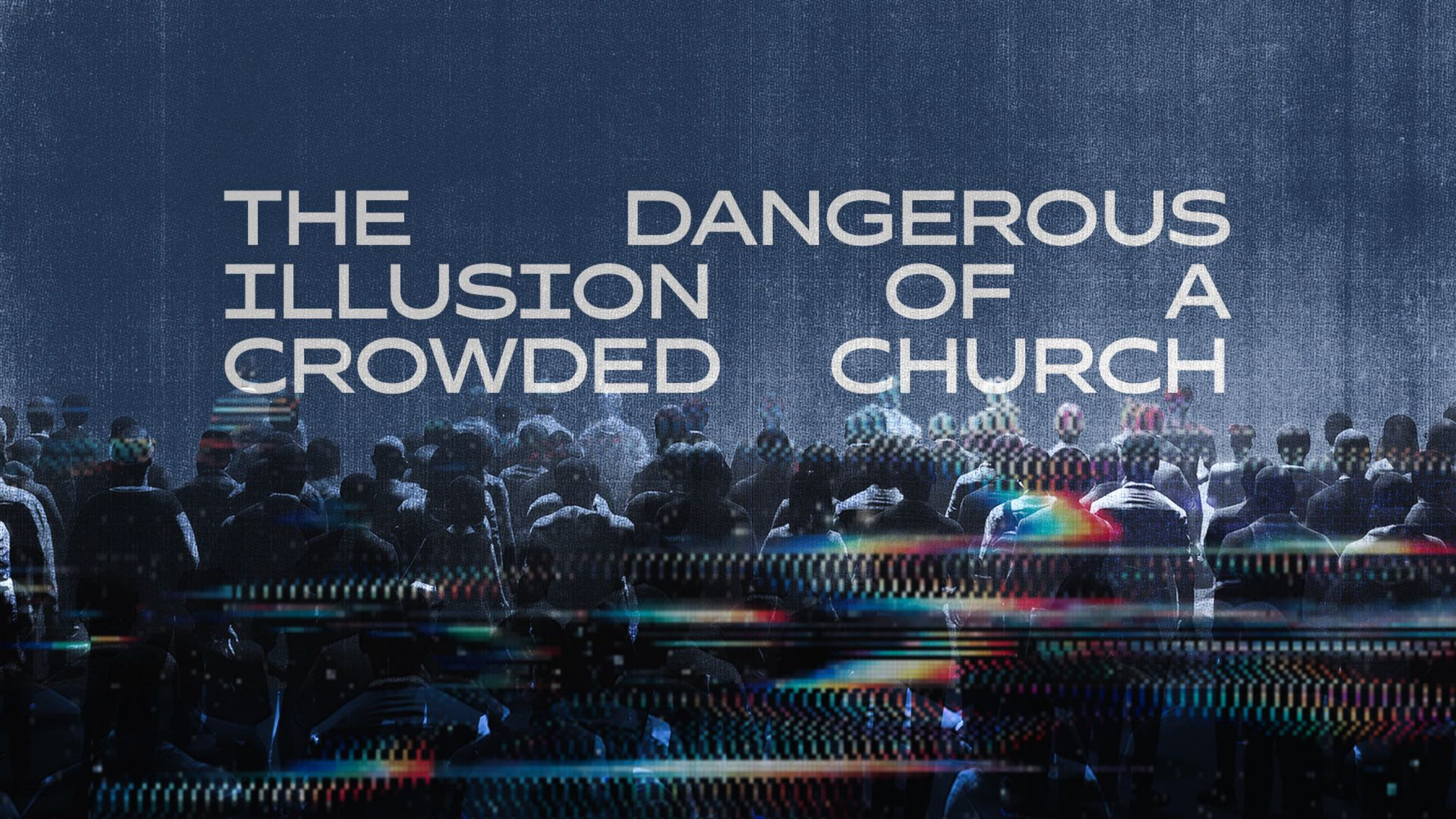

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Numbers 1:2-3

Take a census of all the congregation of the
children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers'
houses, according to the number of names, every
male individually, 3 from twenty years old and
above – all who are able to go to war in Israel.
You and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

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Isaiah 43:4

Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honoured, And I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.

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1

DAN

Love for Wealth

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Judges 5:17

And why did Dan remain at ease on the ships?

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Luke 12:15

And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

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Proverbs 30:7-9

O God, I beg two favours from you; let me have
them before I die. 8 First, help me never to tell a
lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches!
Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. 9 For if
I grow rich, I may deny you and say, “Who is
the Lord?” And if I am too poor, I may steal and
thus insult God’s holy name.

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2

REUBEN

Love for the World

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Judges 5:16

Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, to hear the pipings for the flocks? The divisions of Reuben have great searchings of heart.

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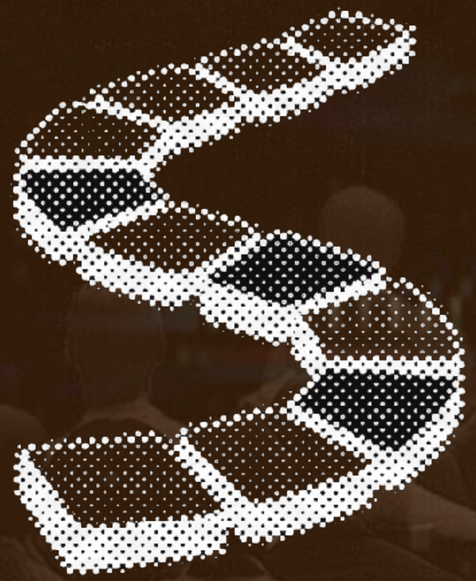
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Judges 5:16 (MSG)

> But in Reuben's divisions there was much second-guessing. Why all those campfire discussions? Diverted and distracted, Reuben's divisions couldn't make up their minds.

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3

ASHER

Love for their own Ways

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Judges 5:17

Asher continued at the seashore,
And stayed by his inlets.

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2 Timothy 3:1-5 (TLB)

You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad. 3 They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will

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2 Timothy 3:1-5 (TLB)

think nothing of immorality. They will be rough
and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good.
4 They will betray their friends; they will be
hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good
times to worshiping God. 5 They will go to church,
yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear.
Don't be taken in by people like that.

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Judges 5:18

> Zebulun is a people who jeopardised their lives to the point of death, Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield.

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Judges 5:14

> And from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter’s staff.

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Judges 5:15

And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah…

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