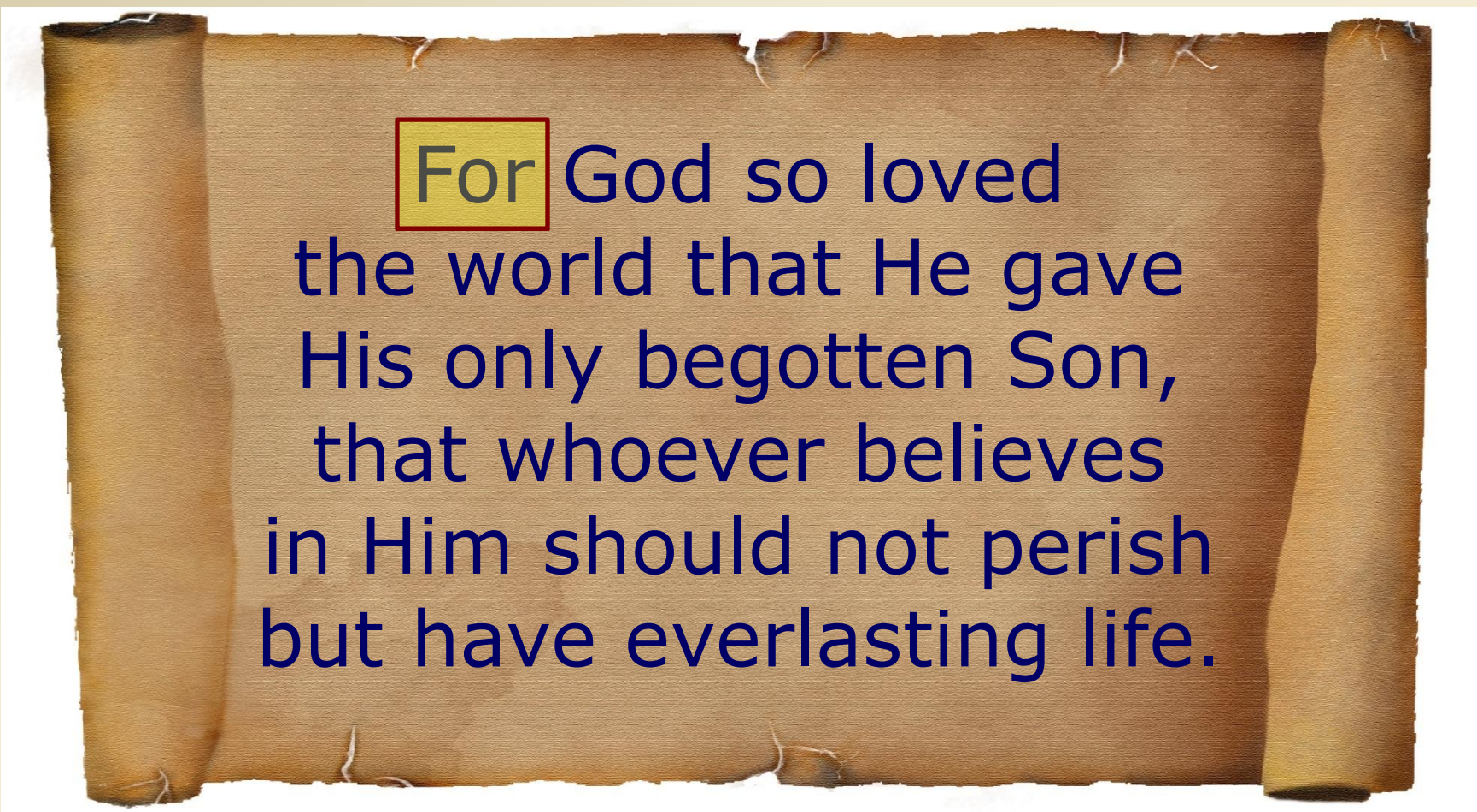


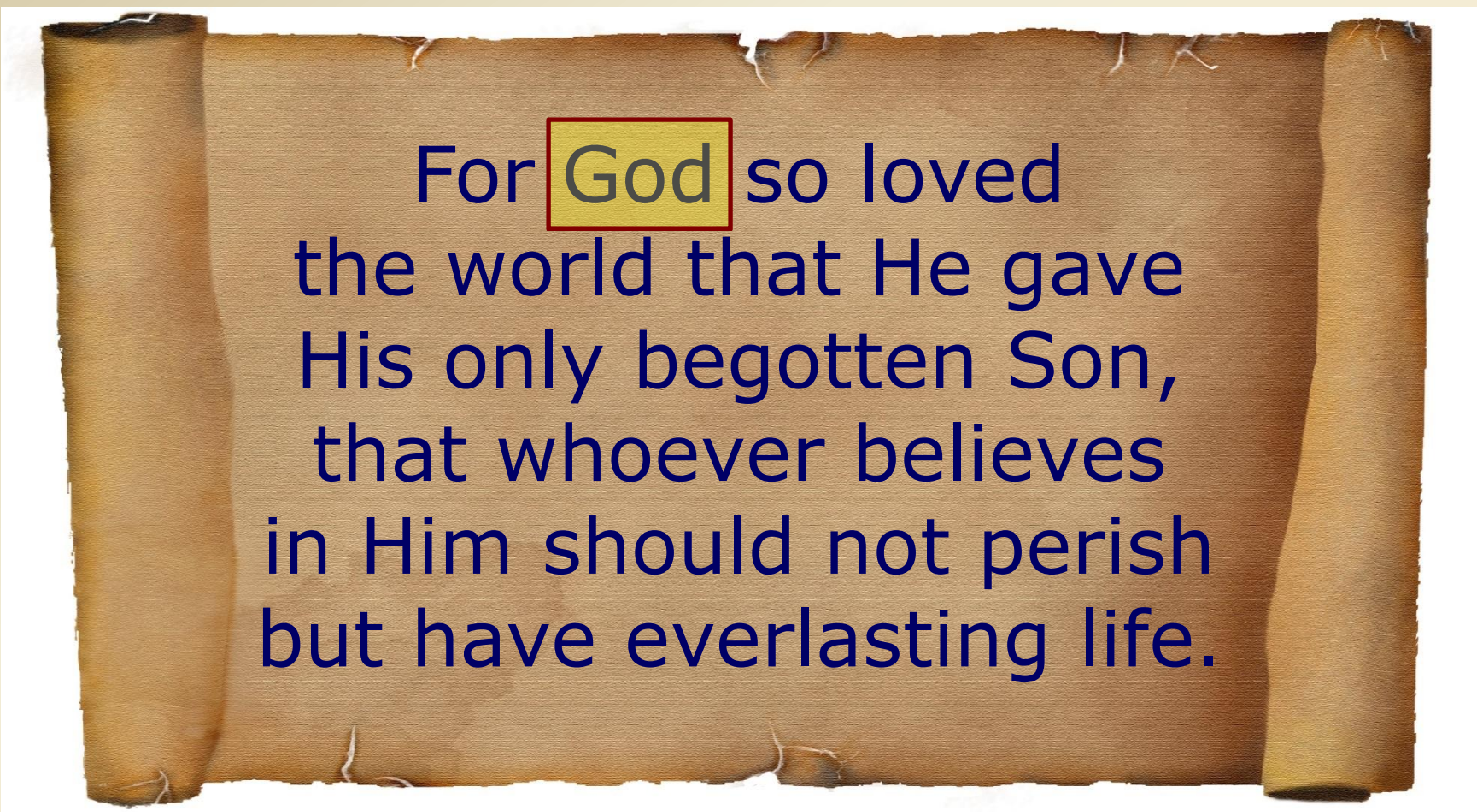
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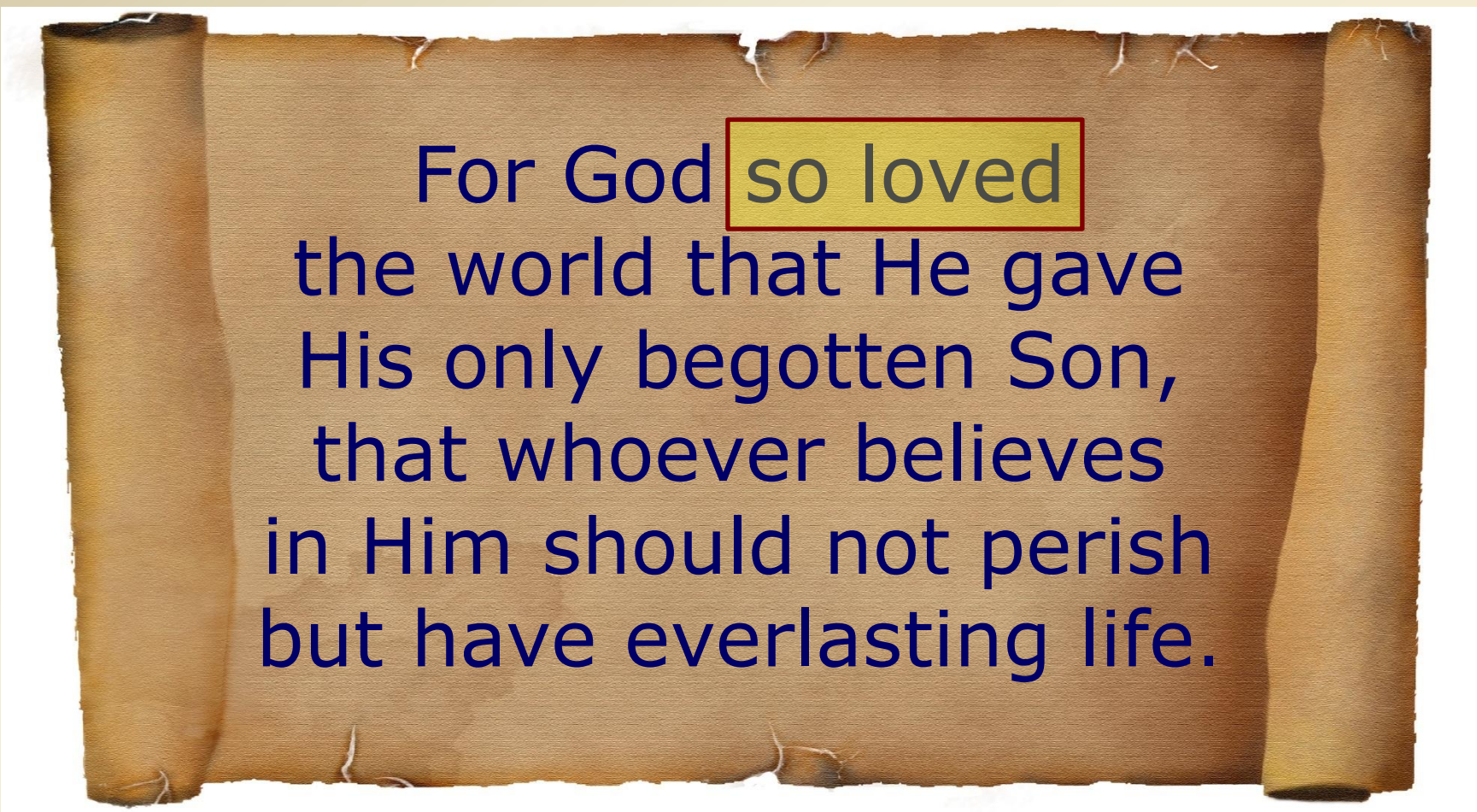
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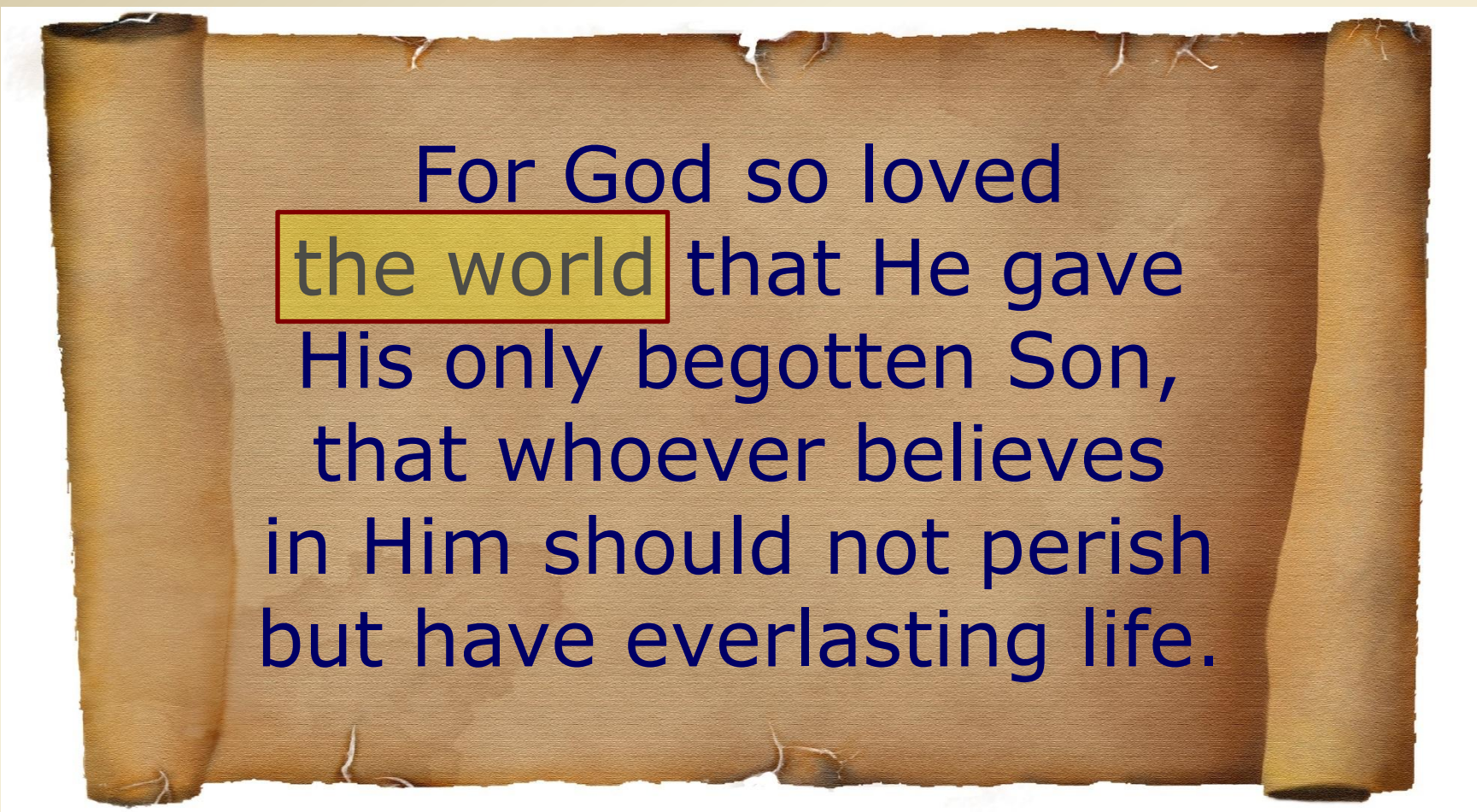
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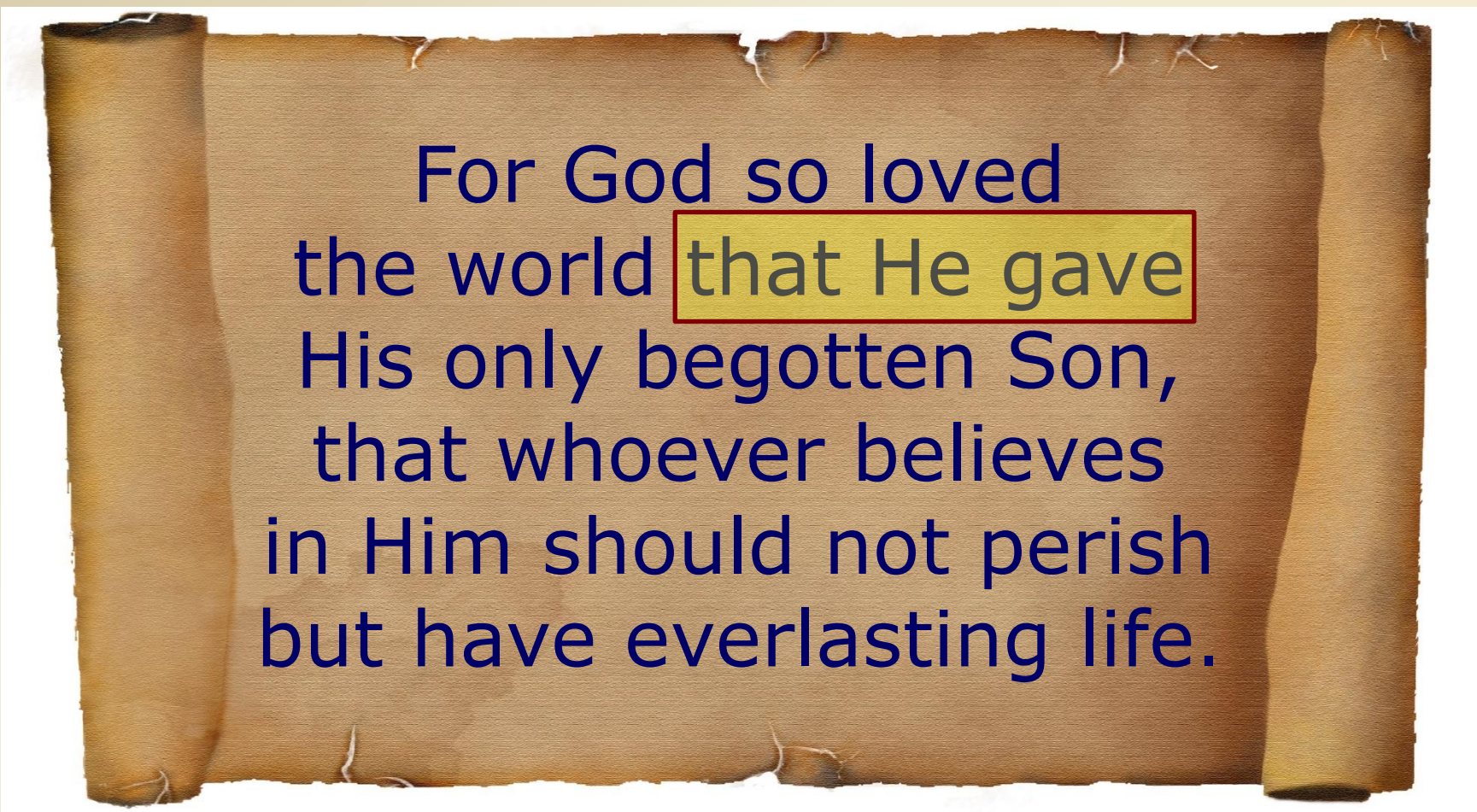
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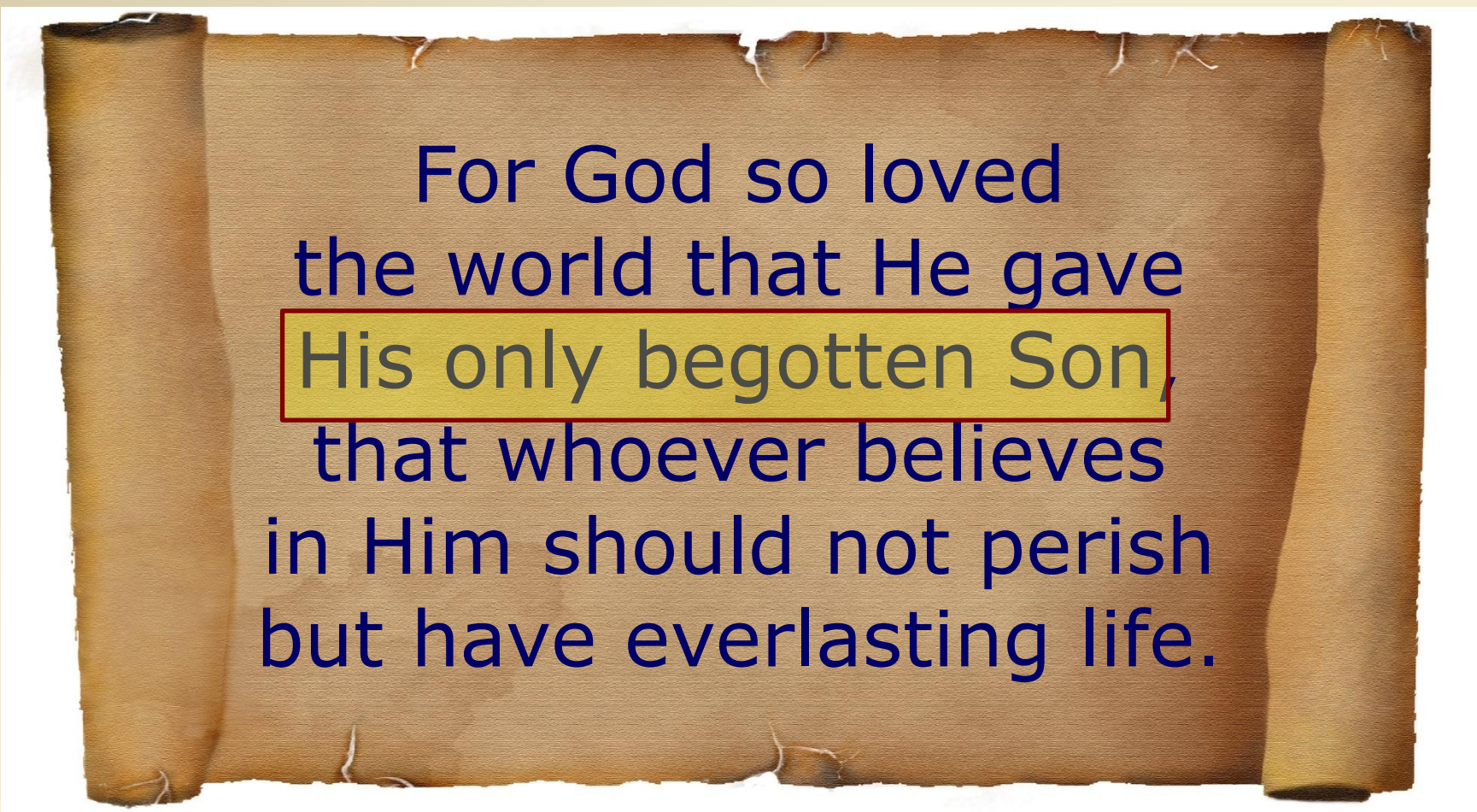
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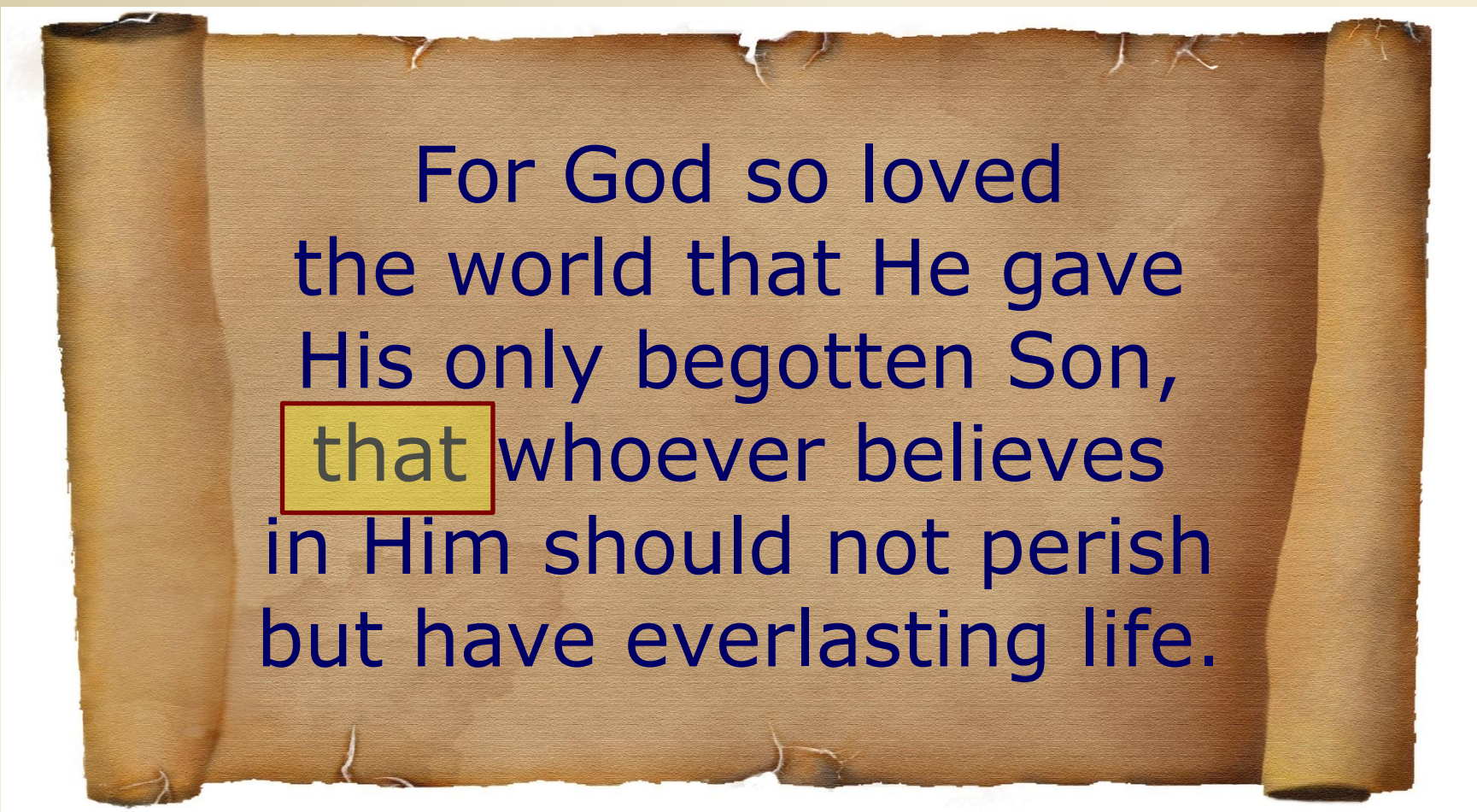
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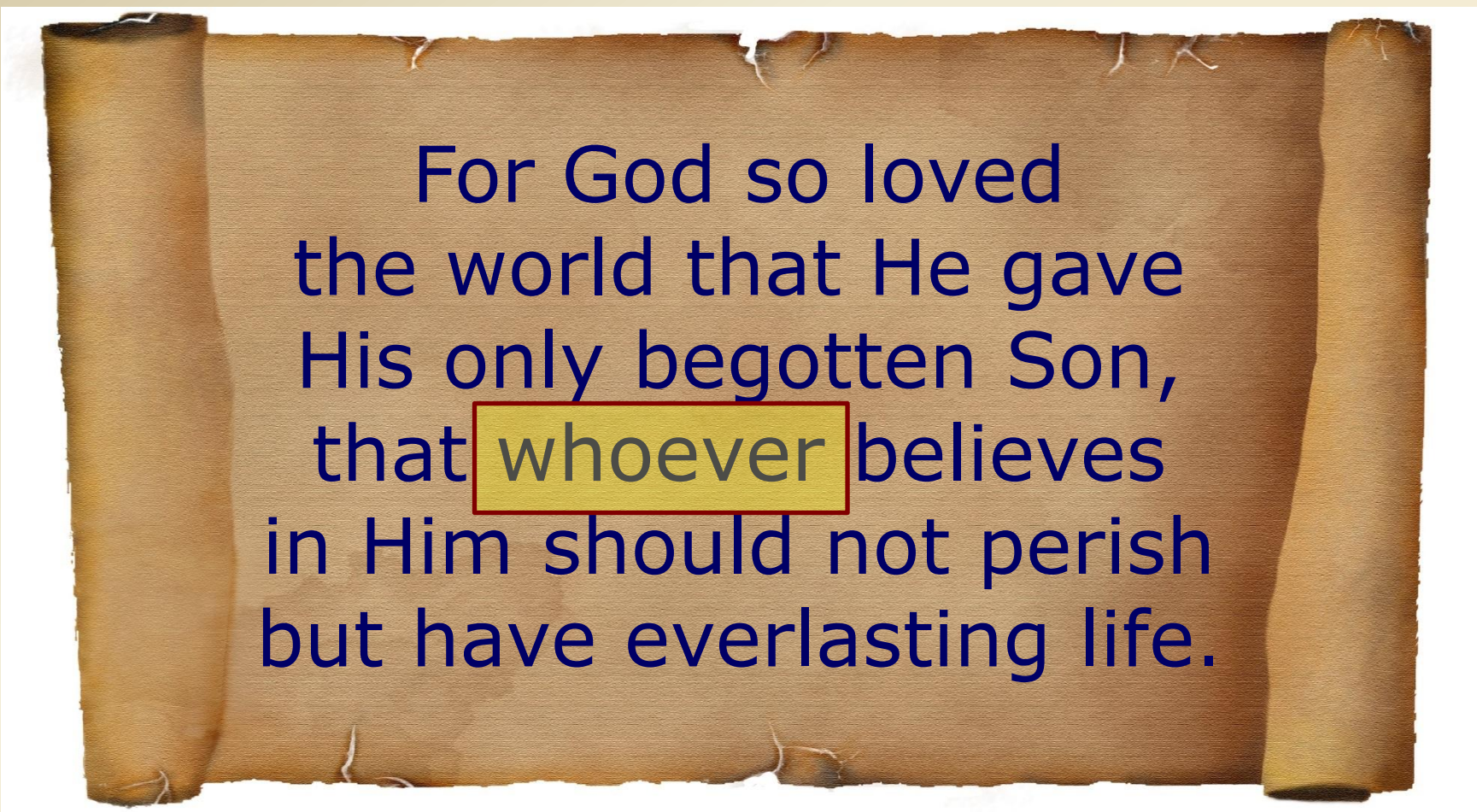
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'That' may introduce a purpose or result clause

- The point: God's gift calls for our response
- Denies vanity of life. Ec.1-2; 12
 - Modern philosophy is bankrupt
 - Sartre
 - Thomas Huxley

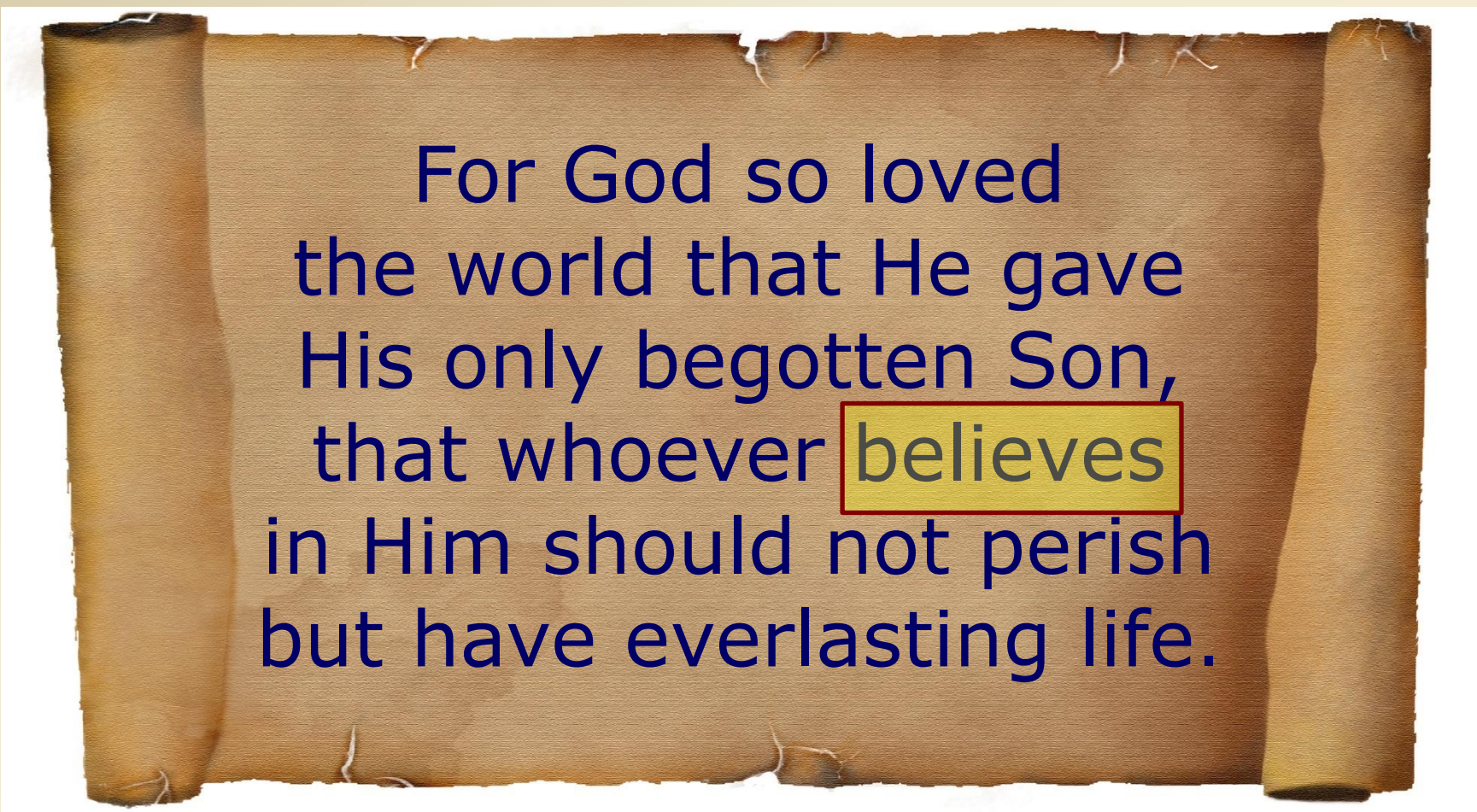
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‘Whoever’ extends offer of salvation to all humanity

‘Whoever’ extends offer of salvation to all humanity as individuals

- Each must decide for himself
- Denies partiality of God.
 - Lost people cannot blame Him
 - Ac.10:34-35

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‘Believes’ –Lit., ‘the keeping on believing one’

- Denies ‘faith alone’ doctrine

- 3:3,5, new birth: faith alone??

- Faith: conviction full of joyful trust that Jesus is Messiah...conjoined w. obedience to Christ (Thayer, p. 511).

- Contrast: ‘belief consists of accepting something, not doing something’ (Merrell C. Tenney).

‘Believes’ –Lit., ‘the keeping on believing one’

- Denies ‘faith alone’ doctrine
 - Accepting Christ is more than merely agreeing with Him.

⁴² Nevertheless even among the rulers many **believed in Him,** but because of the Pharisees they **did not confess *Him,*** lest they should be put out of the synagogue;
⁴³ for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God – Jn.12.

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1. Did they have to ‘do something’?

2. Mt.10:32-33

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John 3:14

Bronze Serpent



Numbers 21: 4-9 tells that bitter complaining against God and **Moses** by the Israelites led to punishment from the Lord. Fiery serpents were sent among them, biting them, causing many to die.

Once the Israelites repented, Moses prayed to the Lord for deliverance. The Lord instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent, set on a pole. If any Israelite was bitten, they would only need to look up at the bronze serpent to live.

Jesus said,
"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

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"AS"
(TYPE)

God's part

Man's part
look | believe



"SO"
(ANTITYPE)

John 3:15

- Whoever believes
 - No mere mental act would save from bite . . . or from sin
 - Jew sits under tree believing . . .
- Lord's parallel destroys 'faith alone'
- 36:

believes

has eternal life

not obey

shall not see life

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Unconditional?
Unchangeable?

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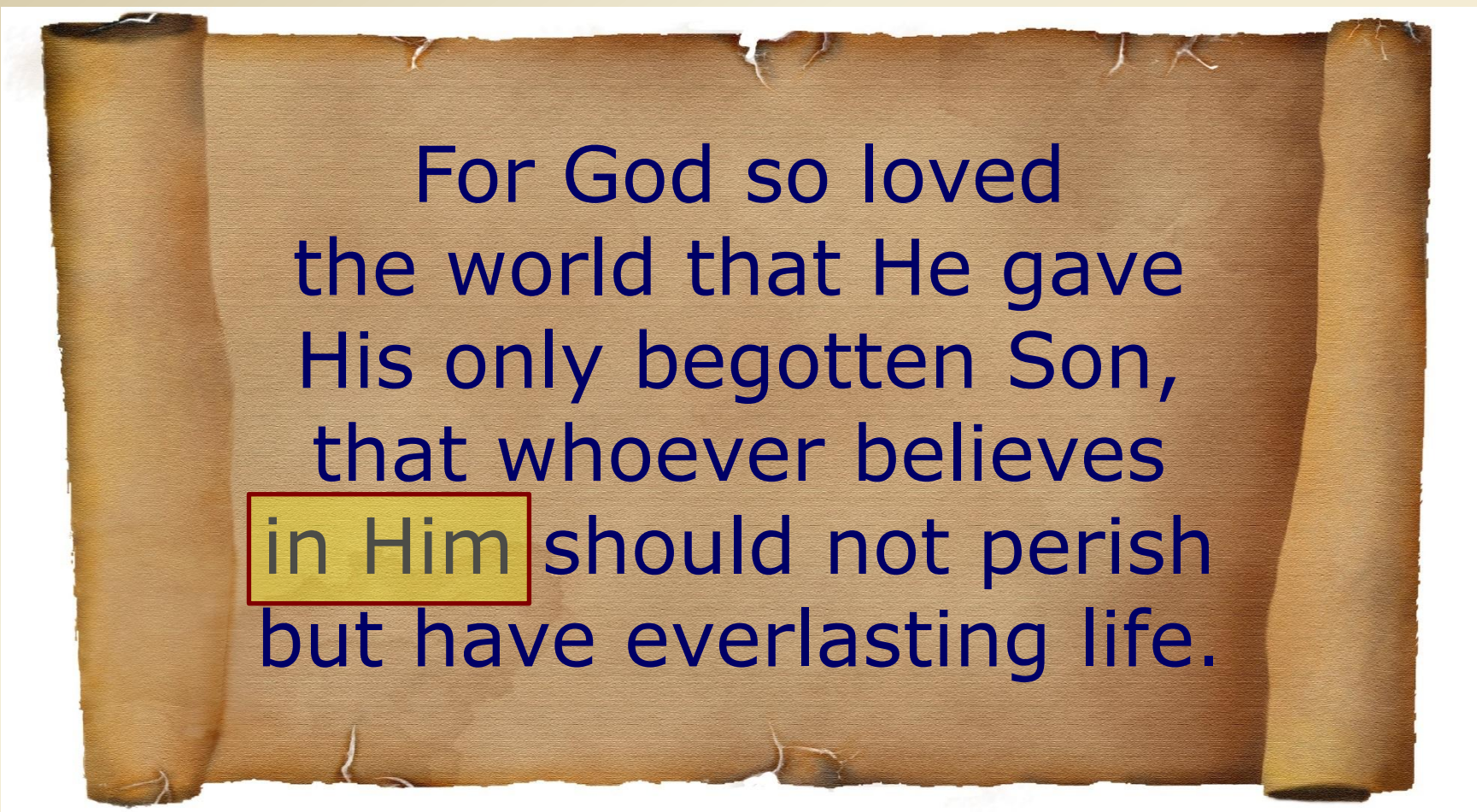
- Denies 'faith alone' doctrine
- Denies perseverance of saints
 - The 'believer' IS secure . . .
 - BUT: what if one stops believing?

“...who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some”

– 2 Tim.2:18. Cf. Hb.3:12

'Believes' –Lit., 'the keeping on believing one'

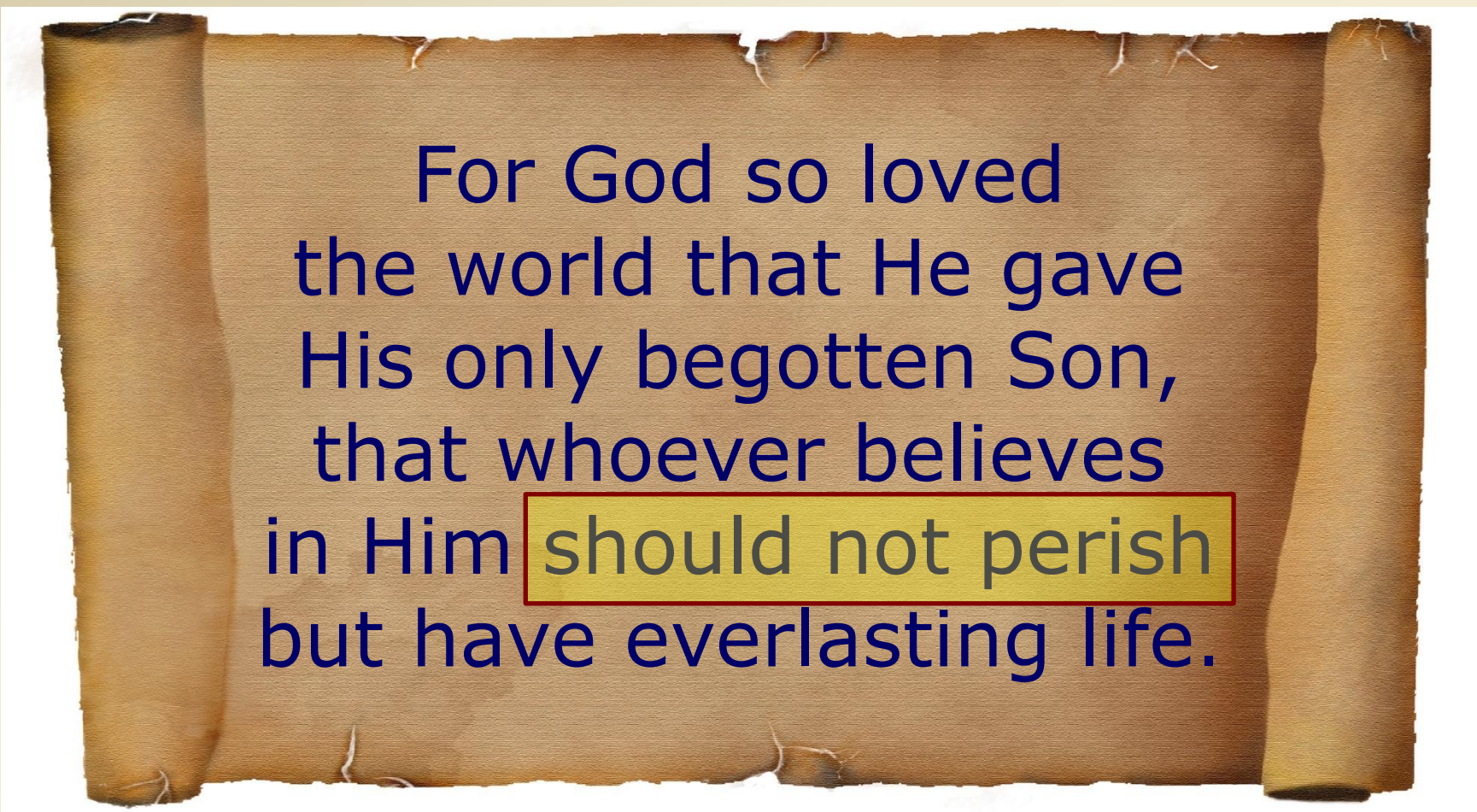
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- Universalism
 - If so, why Jn.3:16 – 'one who believes should not perish'?
 - Unbelievers are lost (Mk.16:16).

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‘In Him”: 15-16

- Limits source of salvation to Jesus
 - Jn.5:39-40 (OT) // Jn.20:31 (NT)
 - Cannot have Jesus without His word (Jn.20:31)
- Denies pluralism: preach as many saviors or ways as people want

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'Perish' ?

- 'To incur the loss of true or eternal life; to be delivered up to eternal misery' - Th.

'Should not' perish

- What is possible or probable
- [N]KJV; ASV; NASB (orig.); NRSV; ISV
 - Parallel constructions:
 - Fragments, Jn.6:12
 - Nation, Jn.11:50
 - Parallel cautions:
 - Faith may fail, Lk.22:32
 - Abandoned faith, 1 T.4:1

'Should not' perish

- Denies

- Perseverance of saints.

John 1:7 – 'that all WILL believe'??

'He gave his only Son, *in order that* everyone who believes in him **should not perish** but **should have** eternal life...does not, of course, argue for uncertainty as to the fate of the believer. This fact is obvious, **not from this text**, but from ...Jn.10:28 and 11:26...' – GGBB, 474

'Should not' perish

- Denies

- Perseverance of saints.

- Annihilation theories.

- “Perish” is not annihilation

- Jn.17:12, son of perdition

- Mt.26:24, better if not born

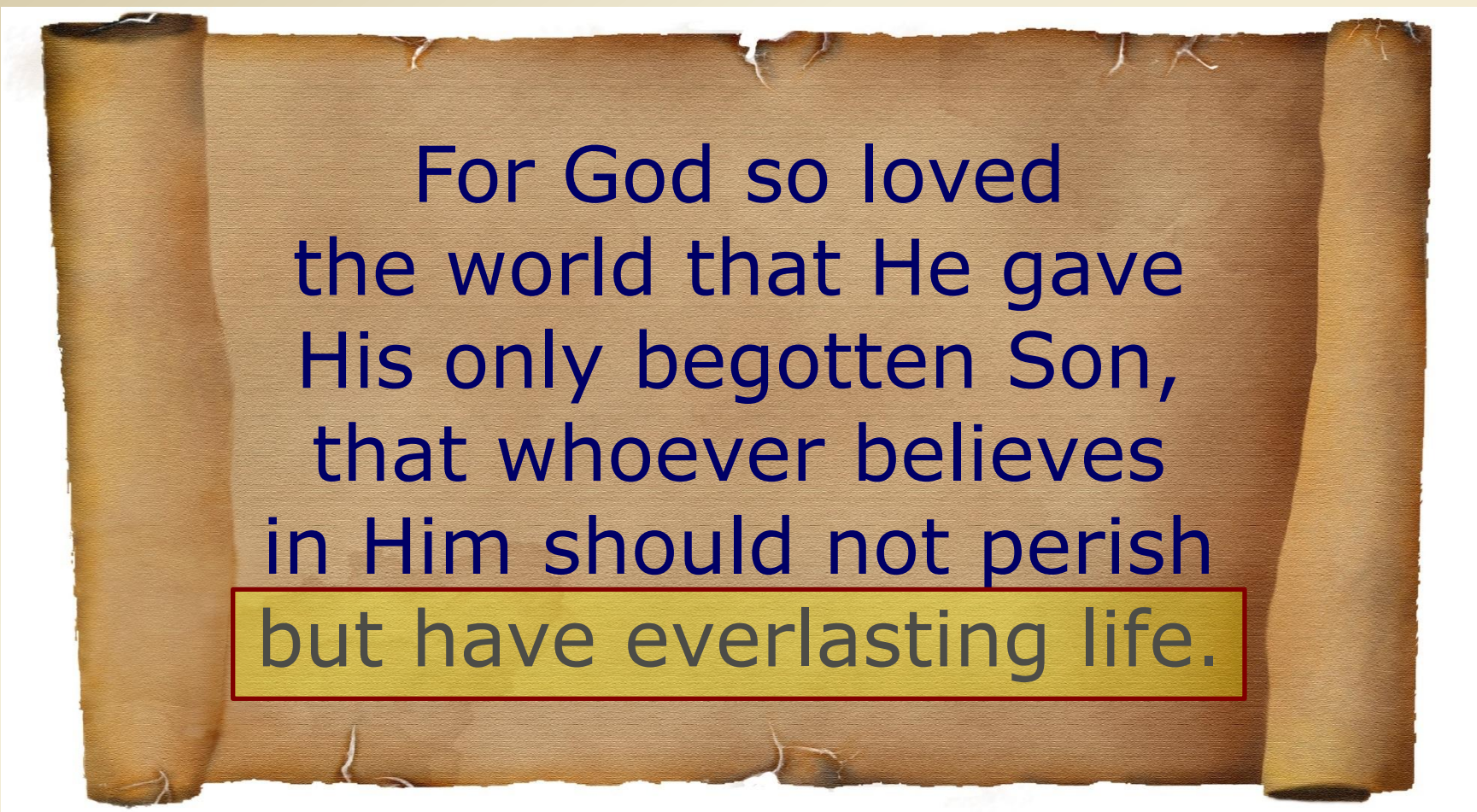
- Ph.1:21, is annihilation gain?

If death is annihilation,
all will perish!

'Should not' perish

- Denies

- Perseverance of saints.
- Annihilation theories.
- **Purgatory** – only two destinies:
perish or salvation

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As snake-bite victims look on
brazen snake. . . for physical
health / life . . .

So eternal life comes to those
who have faith in Jesus

- 1. NOT mere eternal existence**
- 2. Opposite: eternal death,
Rv.20:14**

Denies: worldliness. Col.3:1-3

If we preach truth and 'leave
others alone,' what part of
Jn.3:16 survives? (I)

Neglect / low view of OT

Oneness Pentecostalism

Atheism

Deism

Calvinistic predestination

Limited atonement

Premillennialism

Unconditional salvation

Critical views
of God

Judaism

Modernism

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Vanity of life

Partiality of God

Faith alone

Perseverance of saints

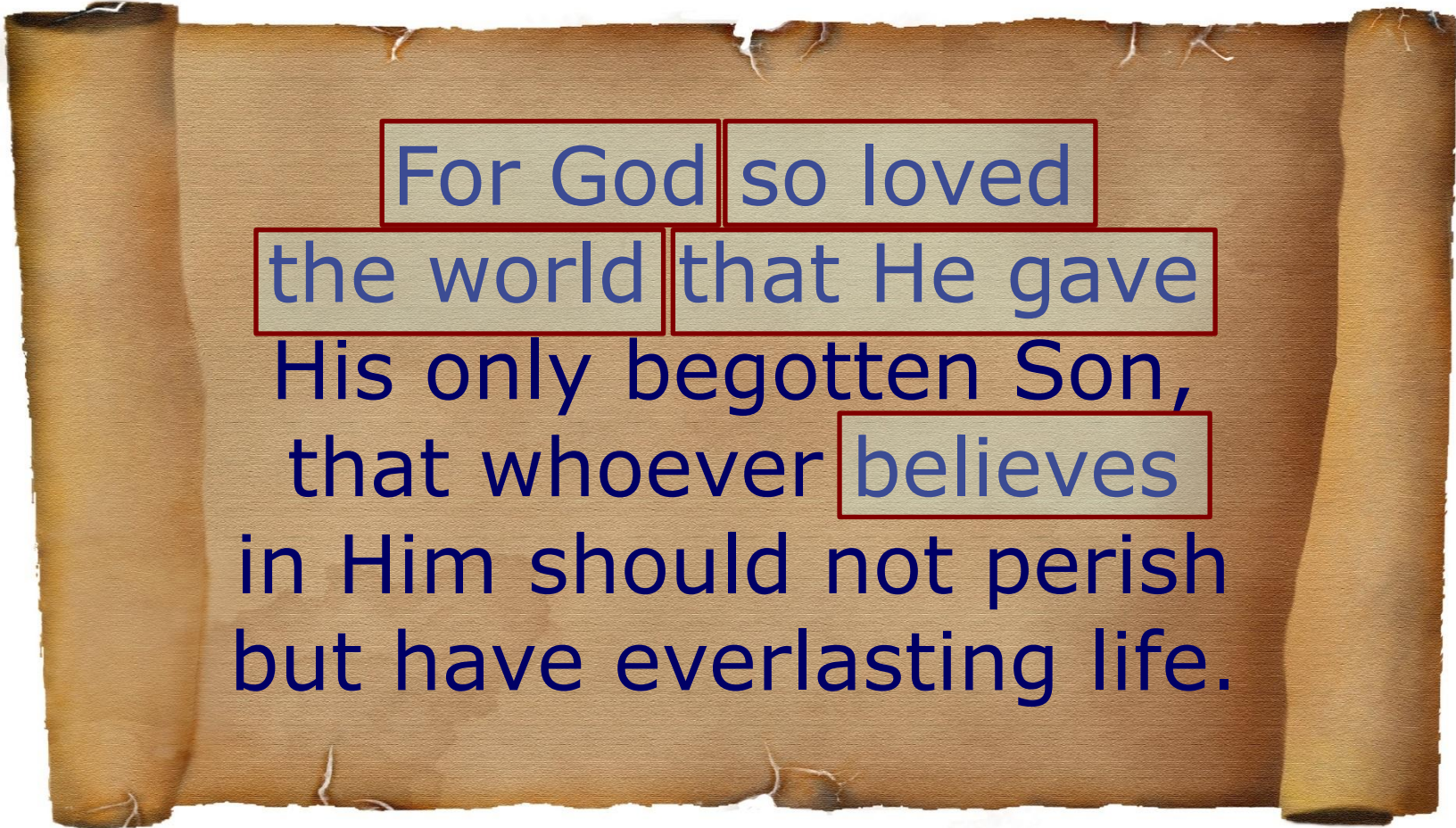
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