



The Urim and Thummim: when God speaks



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CASTING LOTS



And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

Acts 1:23

And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

Acts 1:24

to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.”

Acts 1:25

And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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Acts 1:26

Should we play
“Eeny, meeny, miny, moe”
When making spiritual
decisions?



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a glowing, textured crystal ball. The crystal ball is the central focus, emitting a bright light. The background is dark with several out-of-focus, warm-toned bokeh lights, suggesting a festive or magical atmosphere. The overall color palette is dominated by dark tones, with highlights from the crystal ball and the bokeh lights.

EENY MEENY MINY MOE

Dutch philologist dr. Jan Naarding calls its origin 'a heathen priest song, that begs the highest goddess for an oracle while divining, an oracle that may decide about life and death of a human'.

The first lines can be translated as
'foremother of mankind, give me a sign, I
take the cut off pieces of a branch...'



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Exodus 28:30



The Priestly Breastplate



Priestly Breastplate:

Sardius

turquoise

jacinth

beryl

topaz

sapphire

agate

onyx

emerald

diamond

amethyst

jasper

Priestly Breastplate

New Jerusalem Foundations:

Jasper

emerald

chrysolite

chrysoprase

sapphire

sardonyx

beryl

jacinth

chalcedony

Sardius

topaz

amethyst

Revelation 21:12, 19-20

Lucifer:

sardius

Beryl

sapphire

topaz

onyx

turquoise

diamond

jasper

emerald

Lucifer's adornment

“So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the **breastplate of judgment** over his heart, when he goes into the holy *place*, as a memorial before the LORD continually.

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Exodus 28:29



Priest of the Church

The image features a dramatic sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones near the horizon, transitioning to cooler blue and purple hues above. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a man and a child are shown from the side, holding hands. The man is on the left, taller, and the child is on the right, shorter. They are both looking down at their joined hands. A white horizontal banner is positioned across the lower middle of the image, containing the text "Priest of the Household" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Priest of the Household

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Exodus 28:30

What are the *Urim* and *Thummim*?



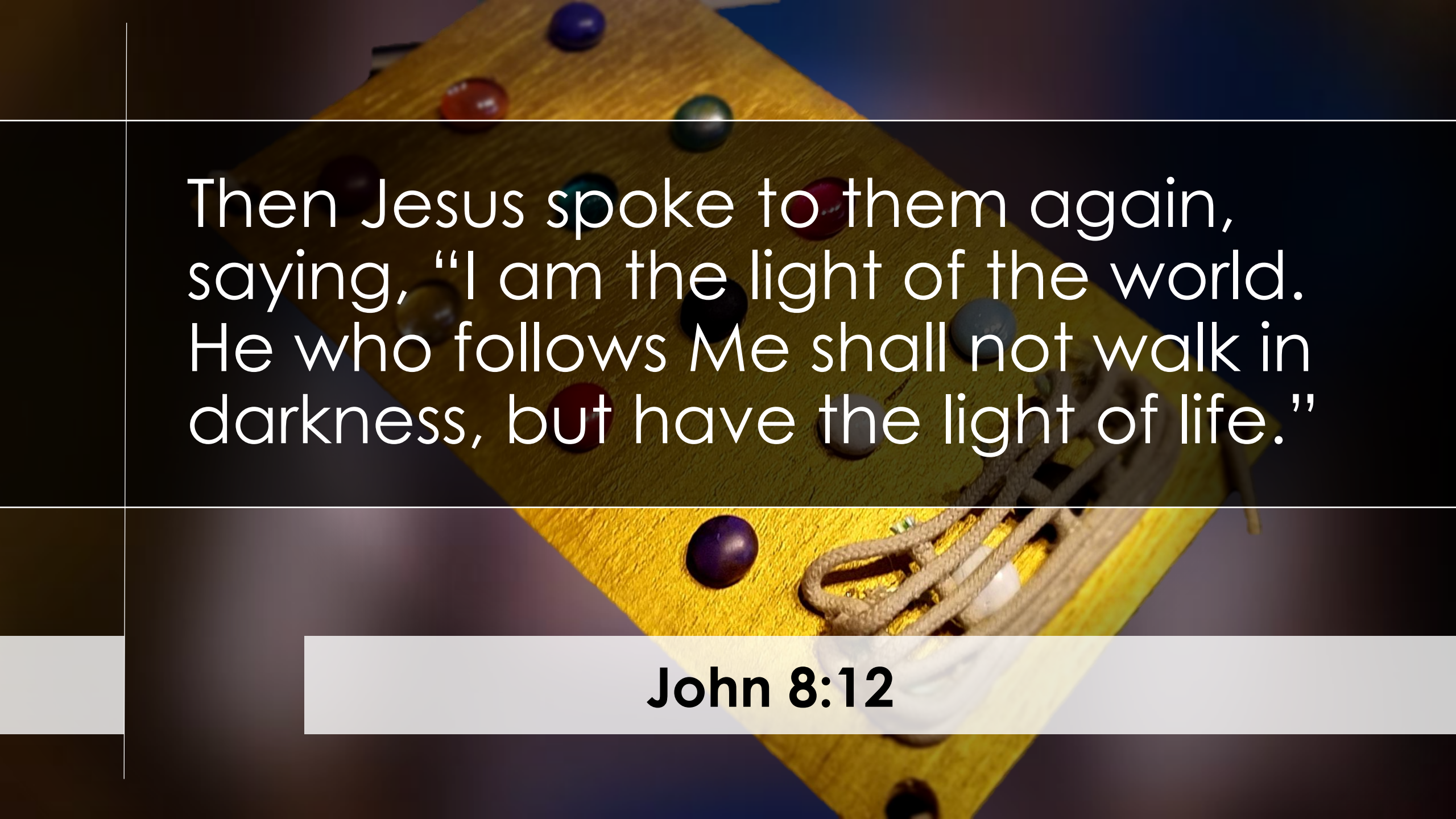
Urim = Lights

Thummim = Perfections



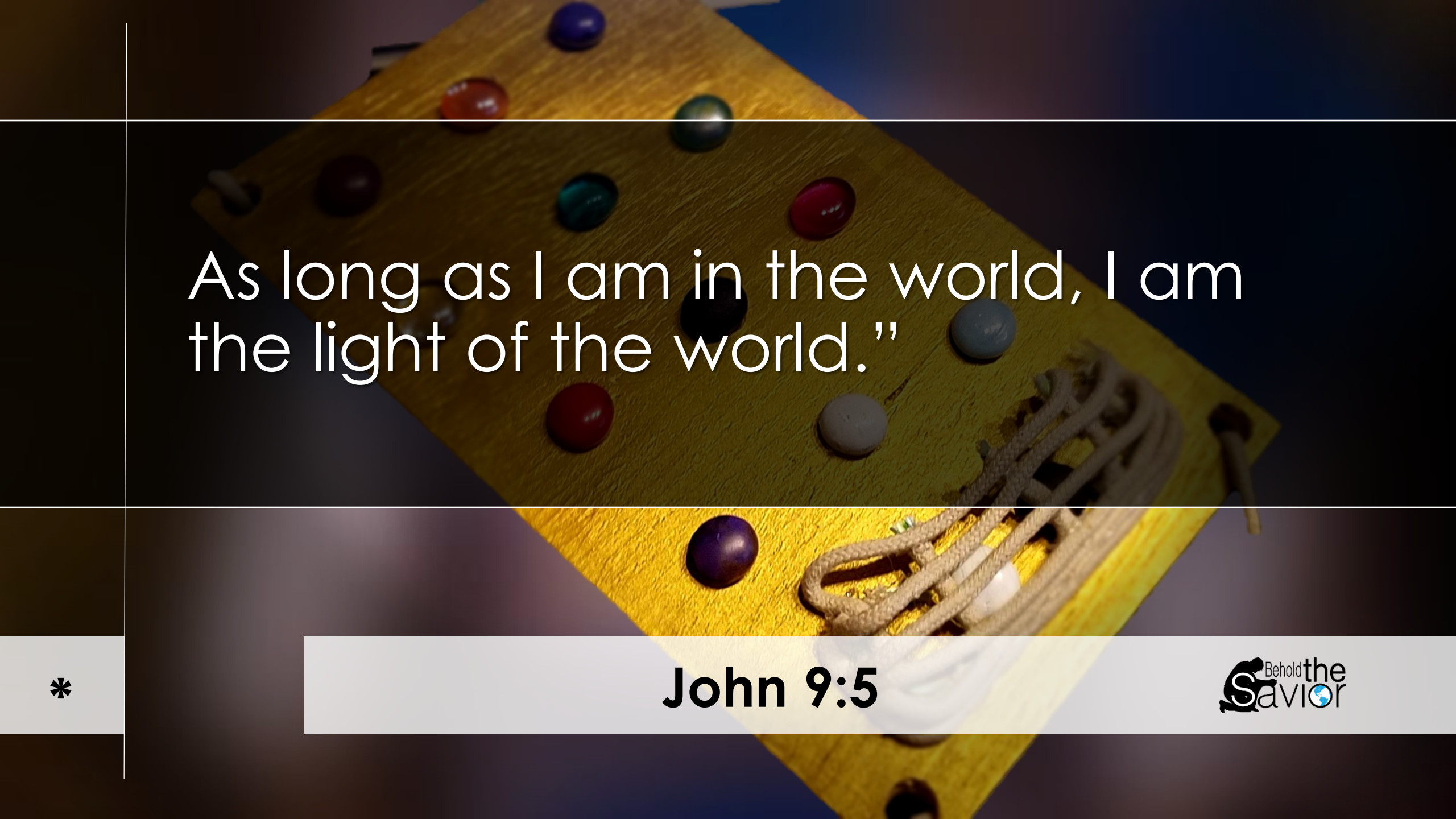
Urim and Thummim **PERFECT LIGHT**



A yellow textured board, possibly a corkboard or a piece of fabric, is shown at an angle. It is decorated with several colorful pushpins in shades of blue, red, green, and purple. A piece of light-colored twine is tied in a loop on the board. The background is dark and out of focus.

Then Jesus spoke to them again,
saying, "I am the light of the world.
He who follows Me shall not walk in
darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12

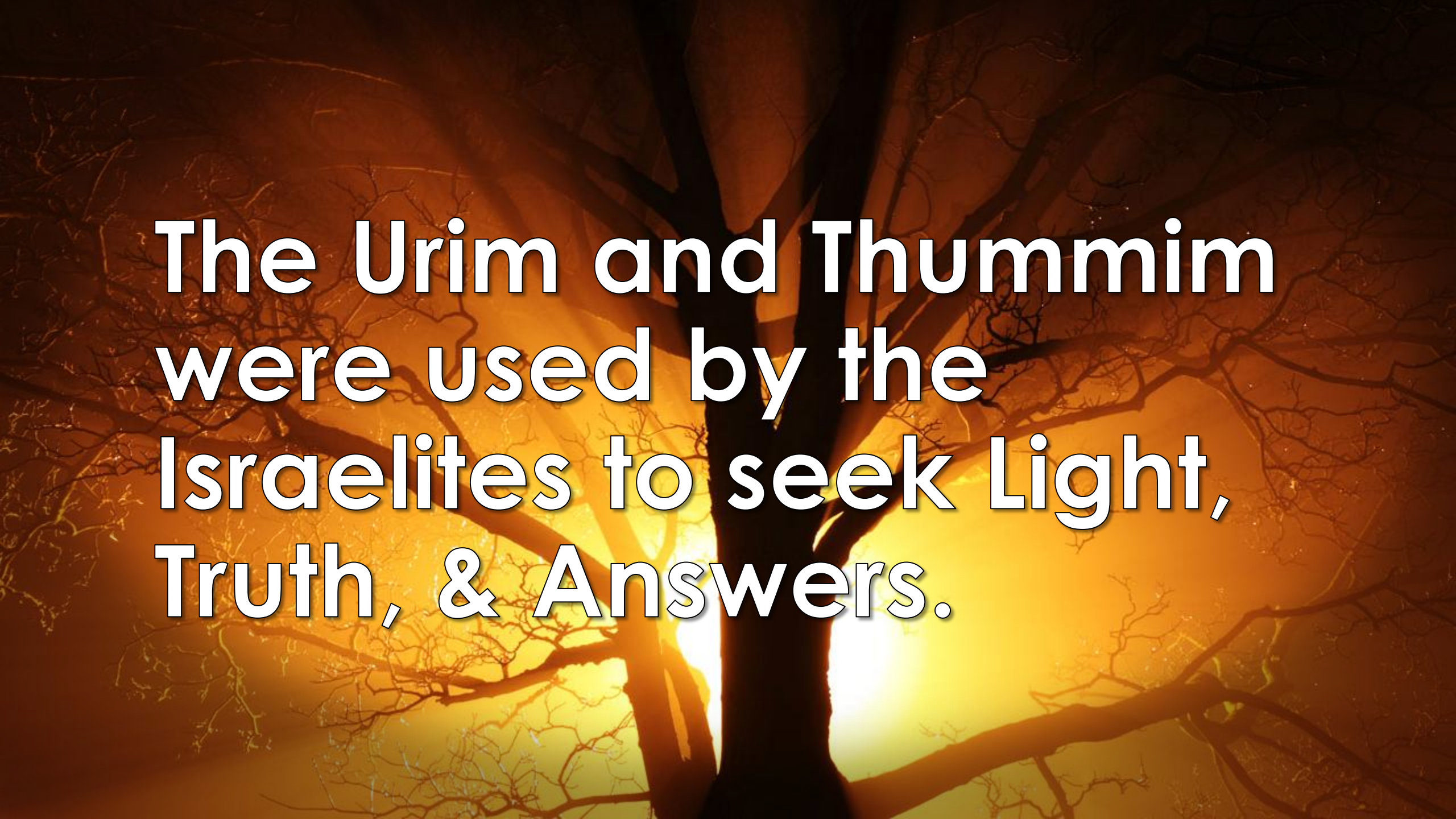
A wooden board with several colorful buttons (red, blue, green, purple, grey) and a piece of twine tied in a knot. The board is set against a dark blue background.

As long as I am in the world, I am
the light of the world.”

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John 9:5

Behold the
Savior



**The Urim and Thummim
were used by the
Israelites to seek Light,
Truth, & Answers.**

And of Levi he said:
“Let Your **Thummim** and Your **Urim**
be with Your holy one, Whom You
tested at Massah, And with whom
You **contended** at the waters of
Meribah,

Deuteronomy 33:8

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The Urim and
Thummim were
entrusted with
the priests



He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the LORD for him by **the judgment of the Urim**. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him—all the congregation.”

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Numbers 27:21

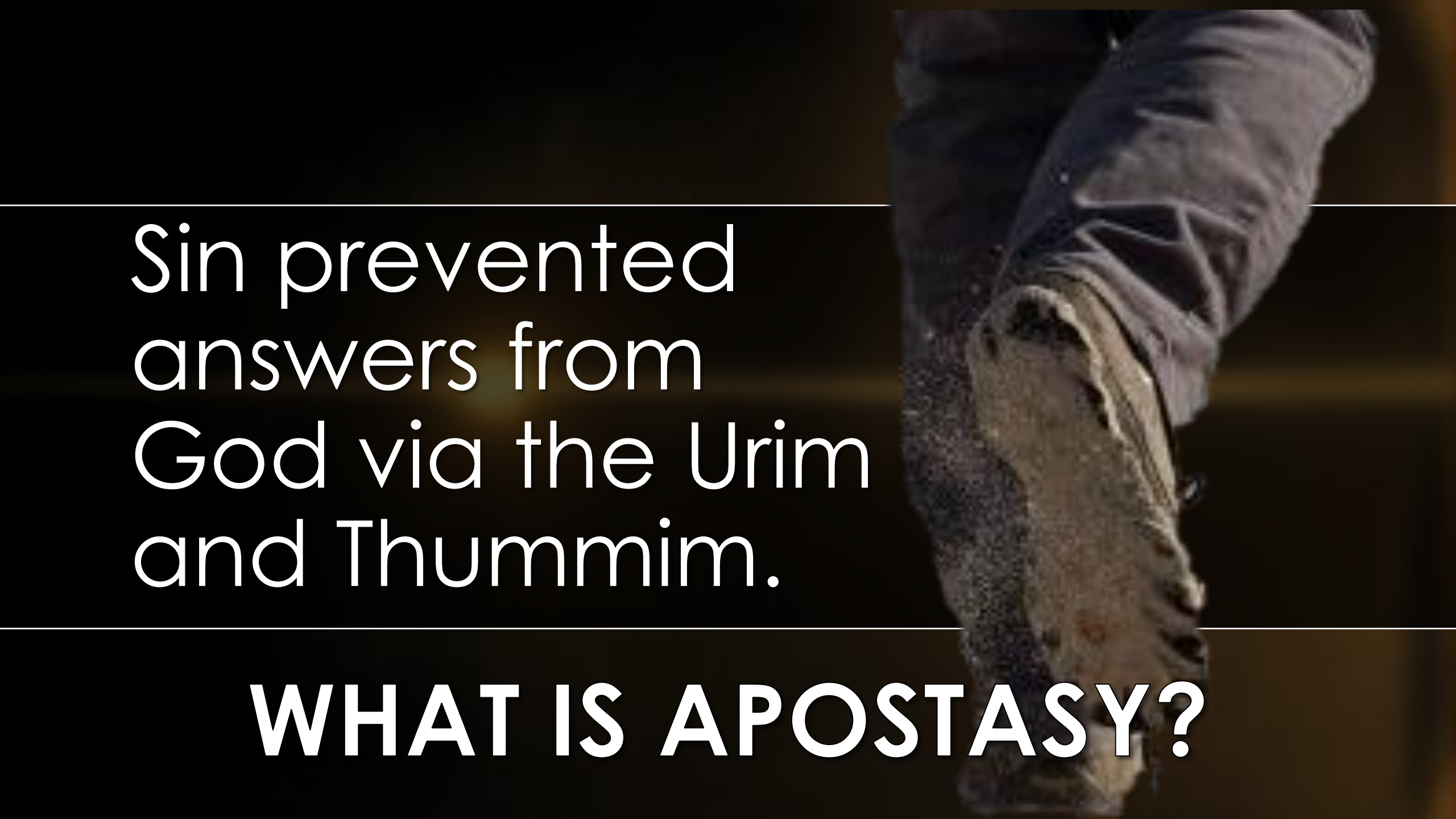
Moses' successor, Joshua, was to be led by the High Priest, who was led by God via the Urim and Thummim.



And when Saul inquired of the LORD,
the LORD did not answer him, either
by dreams or by Urim or by the
prophets.

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1 Samuel 28:6

A close-up photograph of a person's leg in blue denim jeans and a brown leather boot, stepping on a dark, textured surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

Sin prevented
answers from
God via the Urim
and Thummim.

WHAT IS APOSTASY?

Let no one deceive you by any means;
for *that Day will not come* unless the
falling away comes first, and the man
of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

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2 Thessalonians 2:3

But they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **forsake** Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

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Acts 21:21



David ready for Battle

Now **David** was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But **David** strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

1 Samuel 30:6

Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the **ephod** here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

1 Samuel 30:7

So David inquired of the LORD,
saying, “Shall I pursue this troop?
Shall I overtake them?”

And He answered him, “Pursue, for
you shall surely overtake *them* and
without fail recover *all*.”

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1 Samuel 30:8

The Urim and Thummim after the Babylonian captivity?



And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

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Ezra 2:63



So, where does
this leave us
today? How can
we find direction
from God?

57 "You are my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep Your word.
 58 I did not forget Your favor when my heart is troubled,
 59 because of Your righteousness and Your mercies.
 60 I made haste and did not delay to keep Your commandments.
 61 The words of the wicked have hurt me,
 62 but I have not forgotten Your law.
 63 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, O LORD, because of Your righteous judgments.
 64 I am a companion of all who fear You,
 65 and of those who keep Your precepts.
 66 "The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy.
 67 Teach me Your statutes.
 68 TETH
 69 You have dealt well with Your servant.

70 Let those who know Your testimonies be blameless regarding Your statutes.
 71 That I may not be ashamed.
 72 KAPH
 73 "My soul faints for Your salvation,
 74 but I hope in Your word.
 75 My eyes fall from searching for Your word,
 76 saying, "When will You comfort me?"
 77 For "I have become like a wineskin in smoke.

78 How I love Your law!
 79 Through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies,
 80 because they are ever with me.
 81 My teachers are more understanding than I,
 82 for my testimonies are my meditation.
 83 For "I have become like a wineskin in smoke.

84 I have not forgotten Your law, O LORD, because of Your righteousness and Your mercies.
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understanding;
Therefore I hate every false
way.

Psalm 119:105

105 ^aYour word is a lamp to my
feet

And a light to my path.

106 ^oI have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your
righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much;

The Lord would have His people,
under all circumstances,
manifest implicit trust in Him.
Although we cannot always
understand the workings of His
providence, we should wait with
patience and humility until He
sees fit to enlighten us.

E.G.W. – Signs of the Times, Aug. 10, 1882





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