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Part 7

UNITY – A new way of living

Ephesians 4:1-16

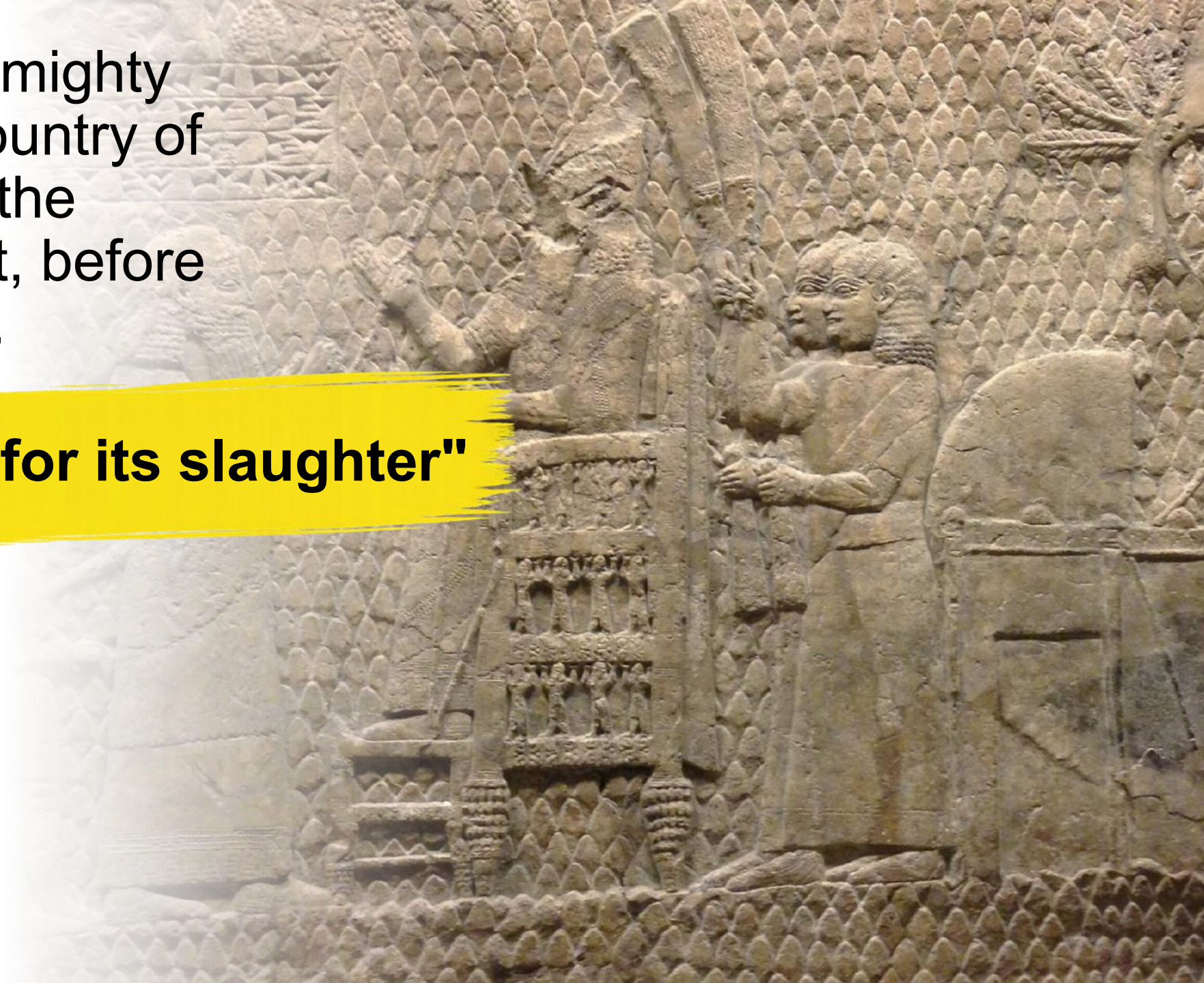
"Sennacherib, the mighty king, king of the country of Assyria, sitting on the throne of judgment, before the city of Lachish.

"I give permission for its slaughter"

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Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high, He took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by

and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1. Unity (Maintained and Attained)

1. Why the ascension matters for unity

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UNITY

We have it.
We must maintain
it.

“maintain the unity of
the spirit in the bond of
peace”

“there is one body”

We don't have it
yet.
We must attain it.

“until we attain to the unity of the
faith

“grow up in every way into Him”

THE ASCENSION

Christ has won the battle,
He sits on the throne.
He divides the spoil

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How to grow in
unity:

All of Gods' diverse
people

speaking the truth in love.

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