

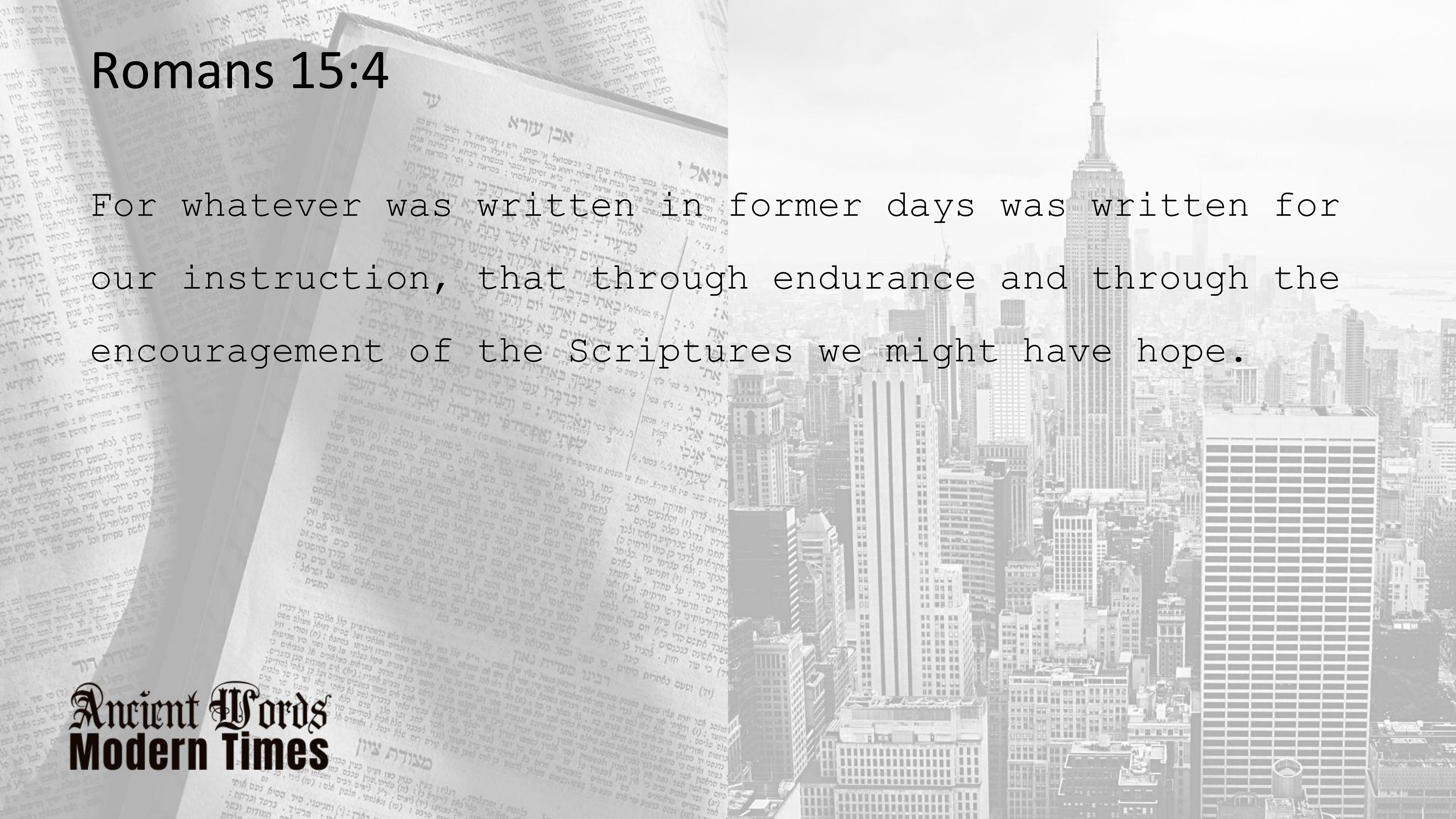
History Matters

1 Cor. 10:1-11; Rom. 15:4

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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History

“History is a set of lies we have agreed upon.”

Napoleon Bonaparte

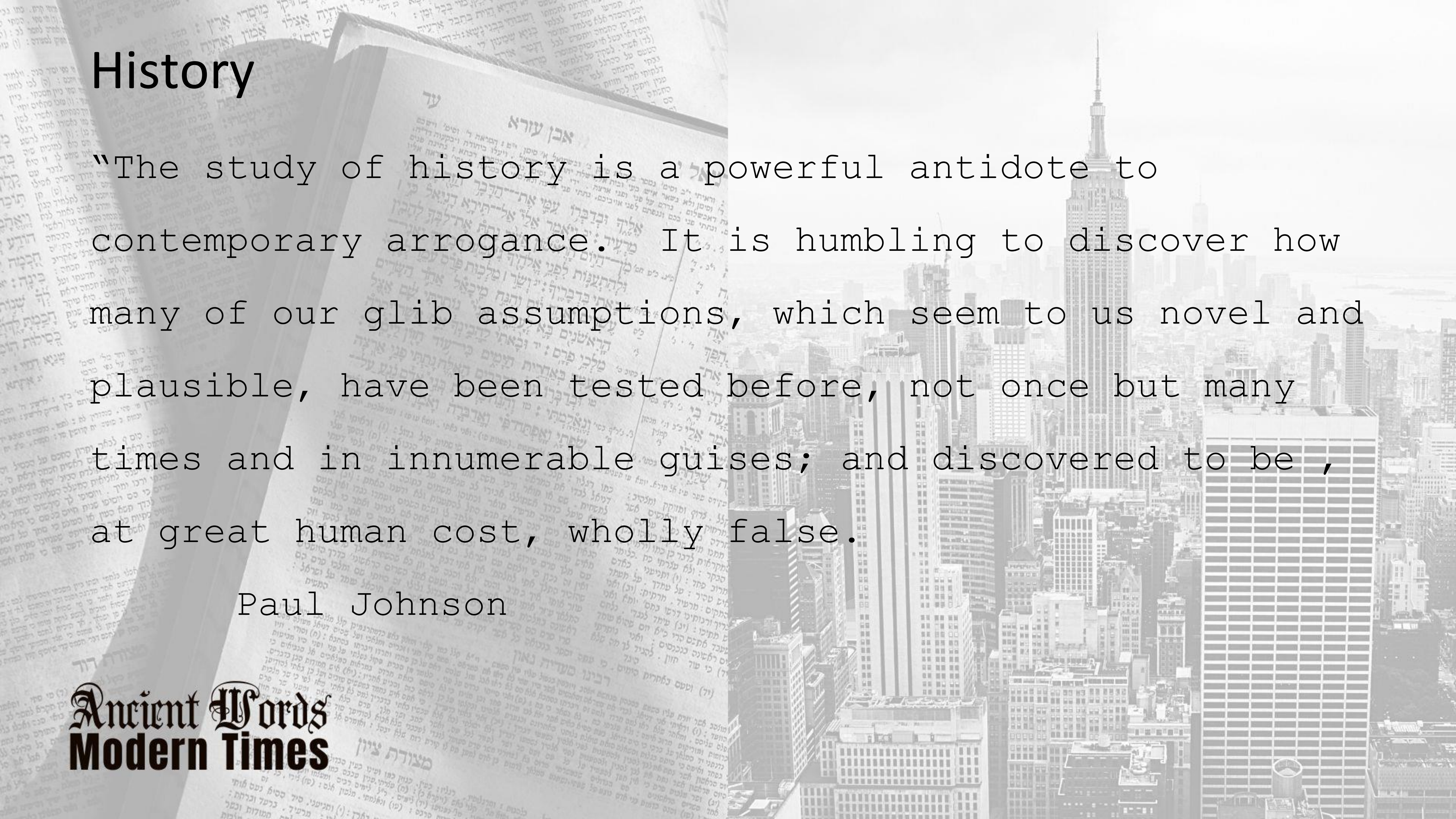
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History

"The study of history is a powerful antidote to contemporary arrogance. It is humbling to discover how many of our glib assumptions, which seem to us novel and plausible, have been tested before, not once but many times and in innumerable guises; and discovered to be, at great human cost, wholly false.

Paul Johnson

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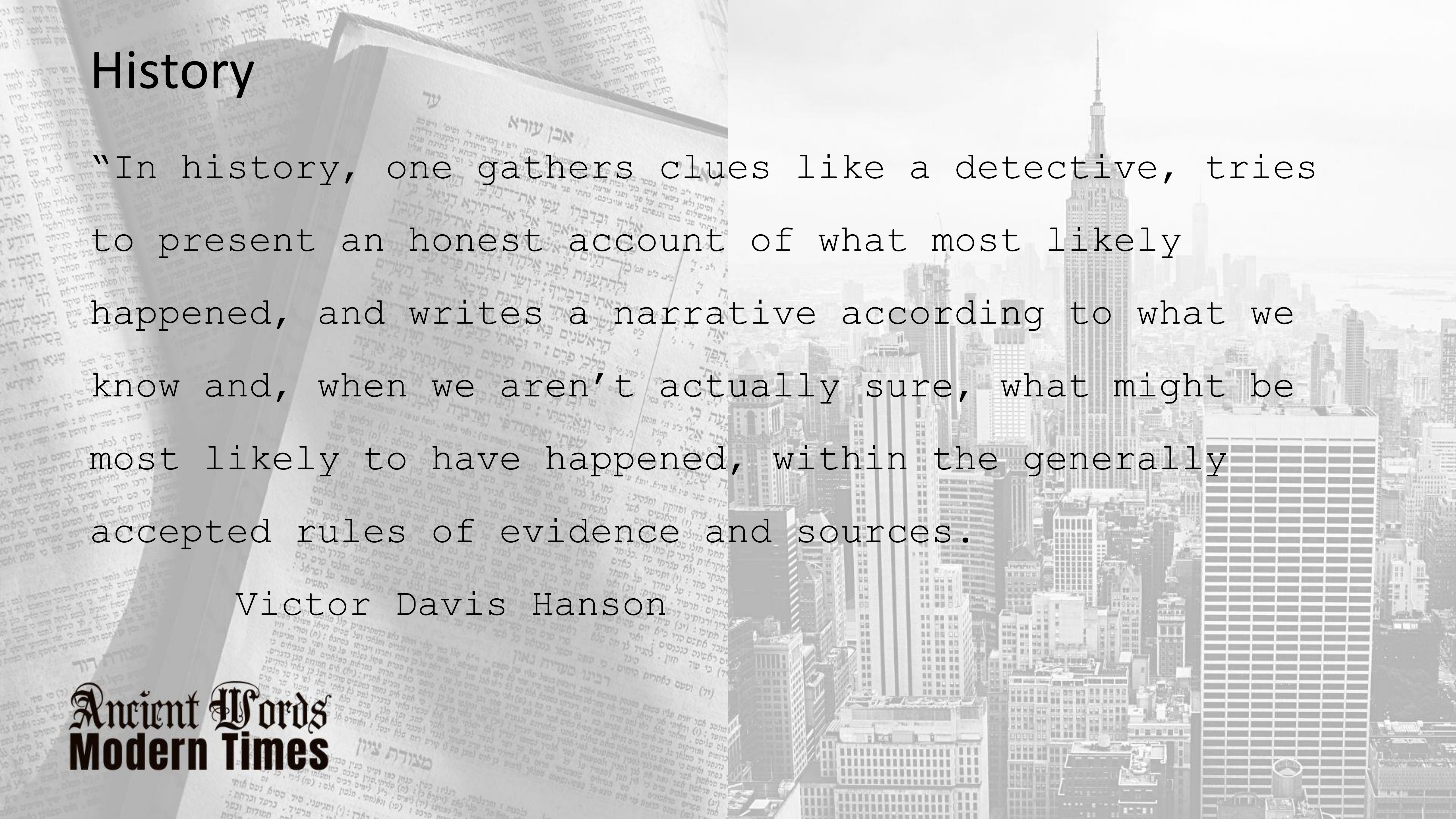


History

"In history, one gathers clues like a detective, tries to present an honest account of what most likely happened, and writes a narrative according to what we know and, when we aren't actually sure, what might be most likely to have happened, within the generally accepted rules of evidence and sources.

Victor Davis Hanson

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History

"A systematic interpretation of universal history in accordance with a principle by which historical events and successions are unified and directed toward ultimate meaning."

Karl Lowith

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Contemporary View of History

1. Contemporary theory repudiates epistemology – the theory of knowledge – no objective truth and if there is truth it cannot be known
2. The sources, texts, cannot be objective/true. Language is unable to be objective because language is a social construct and so sources must be “deconstructed” and critical theory applied.

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Contemporary View of History

3. The historical texts are a blending of fact and fiction, and we can't know which is which.

Therefore. History is judged and interpreted through the lens of the contemporary reader as opposed to the writer.

4. History is the record of narratives without a "metanarrative", the principle that unifies and gives meaning

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Christian View of History

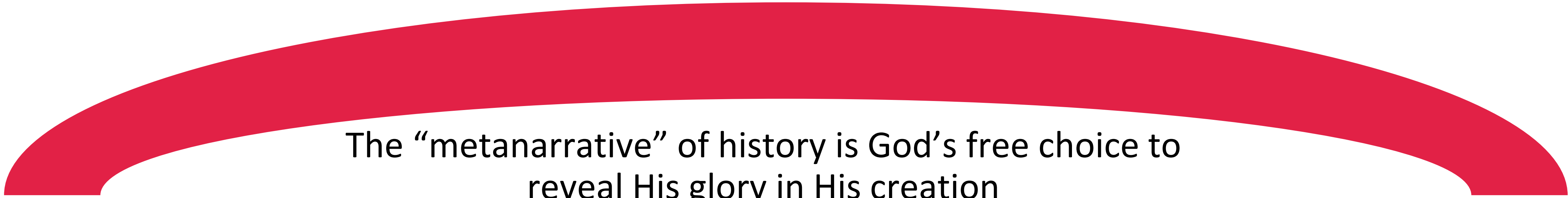
1. God is! A theistic worldview that is fundamental to understanding creation, history and our relationship to them. God is the source of knowledge and truth because they are intrinsic to His nature.
2. As God, He is sovereign and is providentially moving history to a meaningful end

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Christian View of History

3. The Scriptures are the “God breathed” revelation of God. Therefore they are reliable sources that record the activity of God in human history. The Scriptures provide both the narratives and the metanarrative of history.

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The “metanarrative” of history is God’s free choice to reveal His glory in His creation



Creation

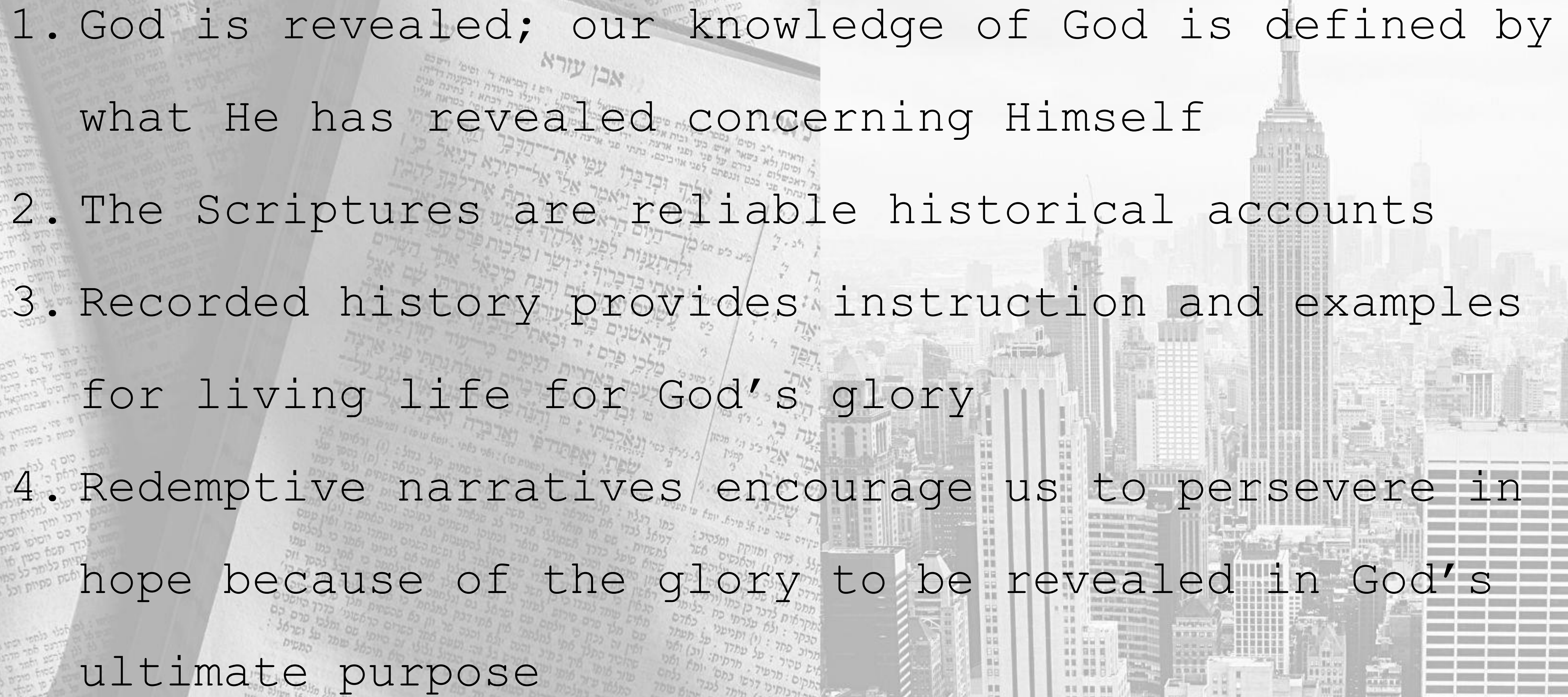
Re-creation



Kingdom



The narratives of history are the revelation of God’s glory in redemption

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1. God is revealed; our knowledge of God is defined by what He has revealed concerning Himself
 2. The Scriptures are reliable historical accounts
 3. Recorded history provides instruction and examples for living life for God's glory
 4. Redemptive narratives encourage us to persevere in hope because of the glory to be revealed in God's ultimate purpose

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