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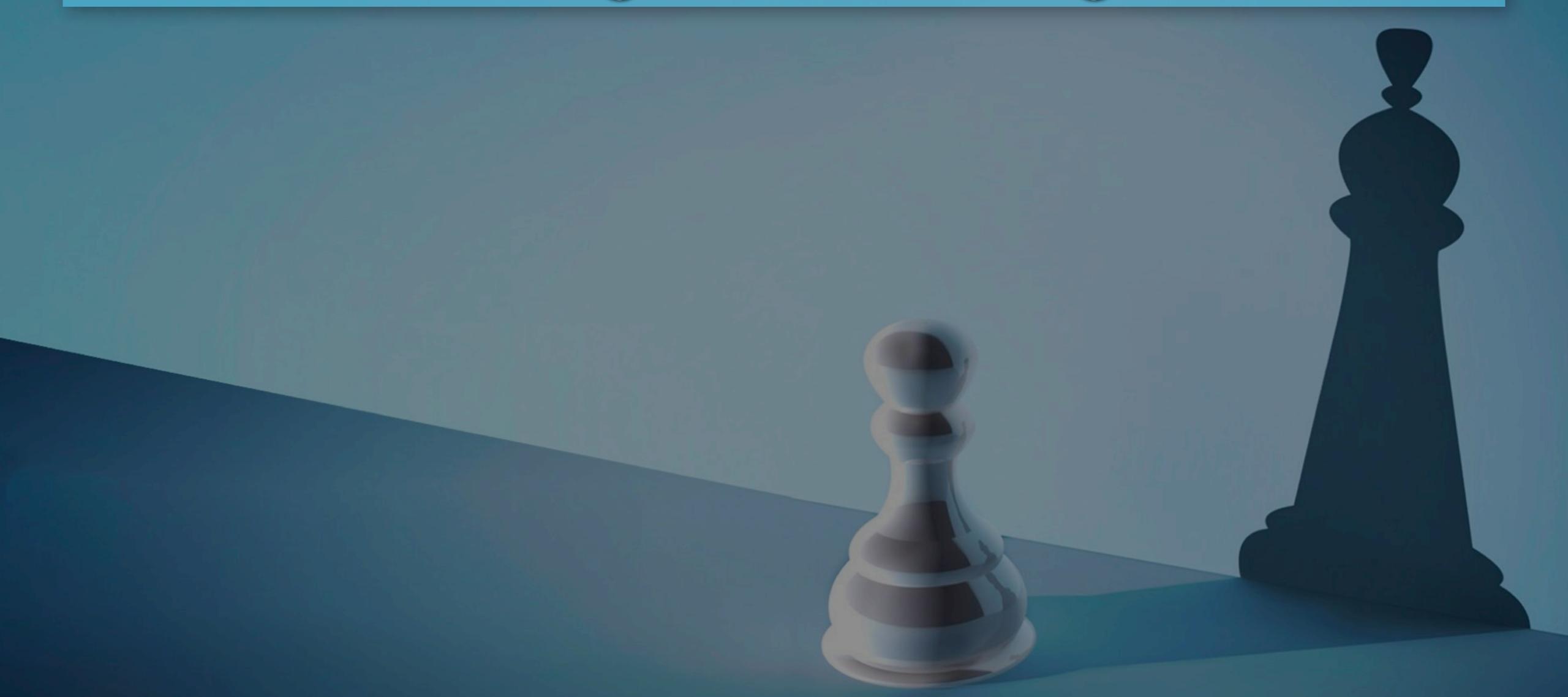
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#### Matthew 2

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet

Israel (Northern Kingdom)

Judah (Southern Kingdom)

Assyrian Empire 884 BC-612 BC

Babylonian Empire 612 BC-539 BC

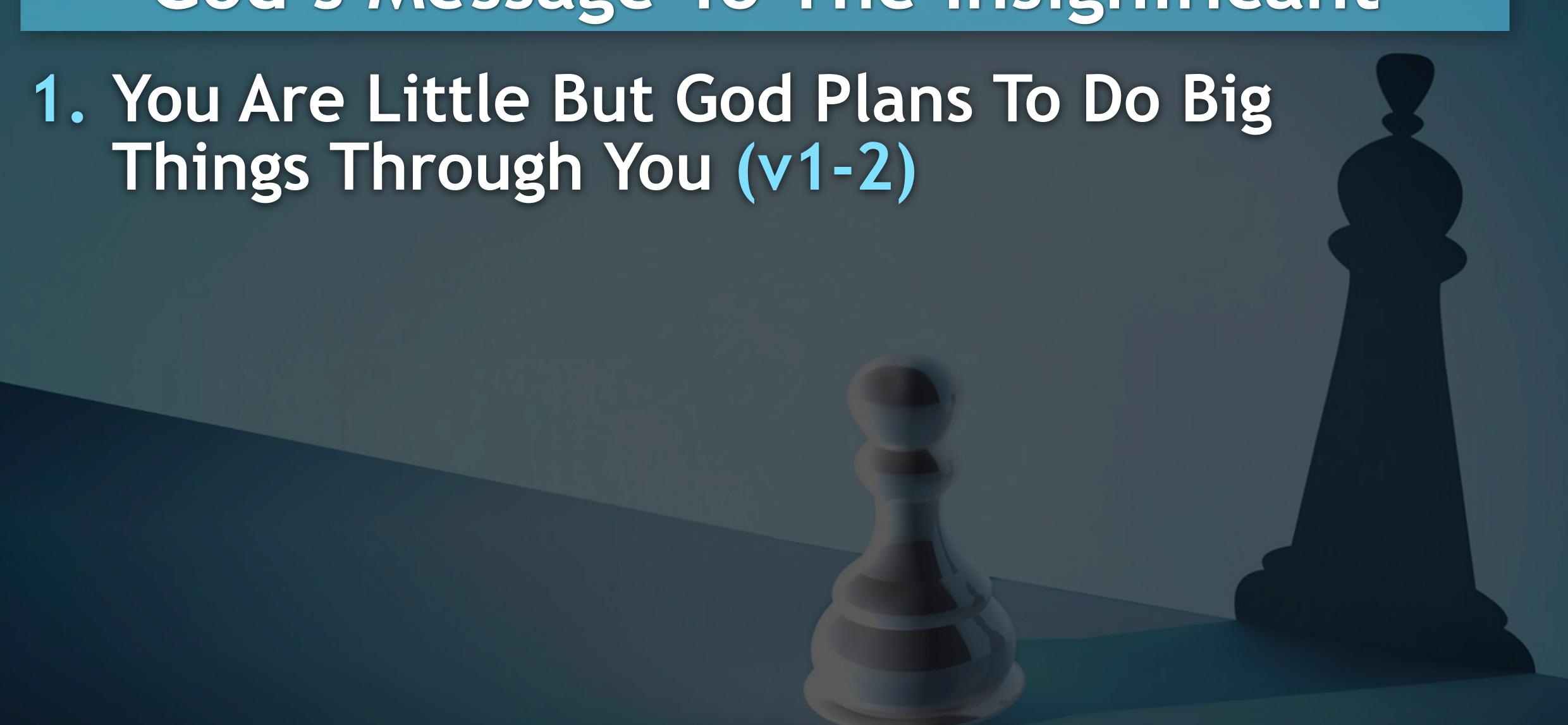
Medo-Persian Empire 539 BC — 330 BC

750-730 BC
Micah
Prophesies
To Judah

722 BC
Assyria
Conquers
Israel

586 BC
Babylon
Conquers
Judah

515 BC Temple Rebuilt



1. You Are Little But God Plans To Do Big Things Through You (v1-2)



Each tribe was divided into its thousands, probably of fighting men, each thousand having its own separate head. Places too small to form a thousand by themselves were united with others, to make up the number. So lowly was Bethlehem that it was not counted among the possessions of Judah. Albert Barnes, Barnes' Notes On The Bible

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So he [Gideon] said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

Judges 6:15

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And Saul answered and said, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?"

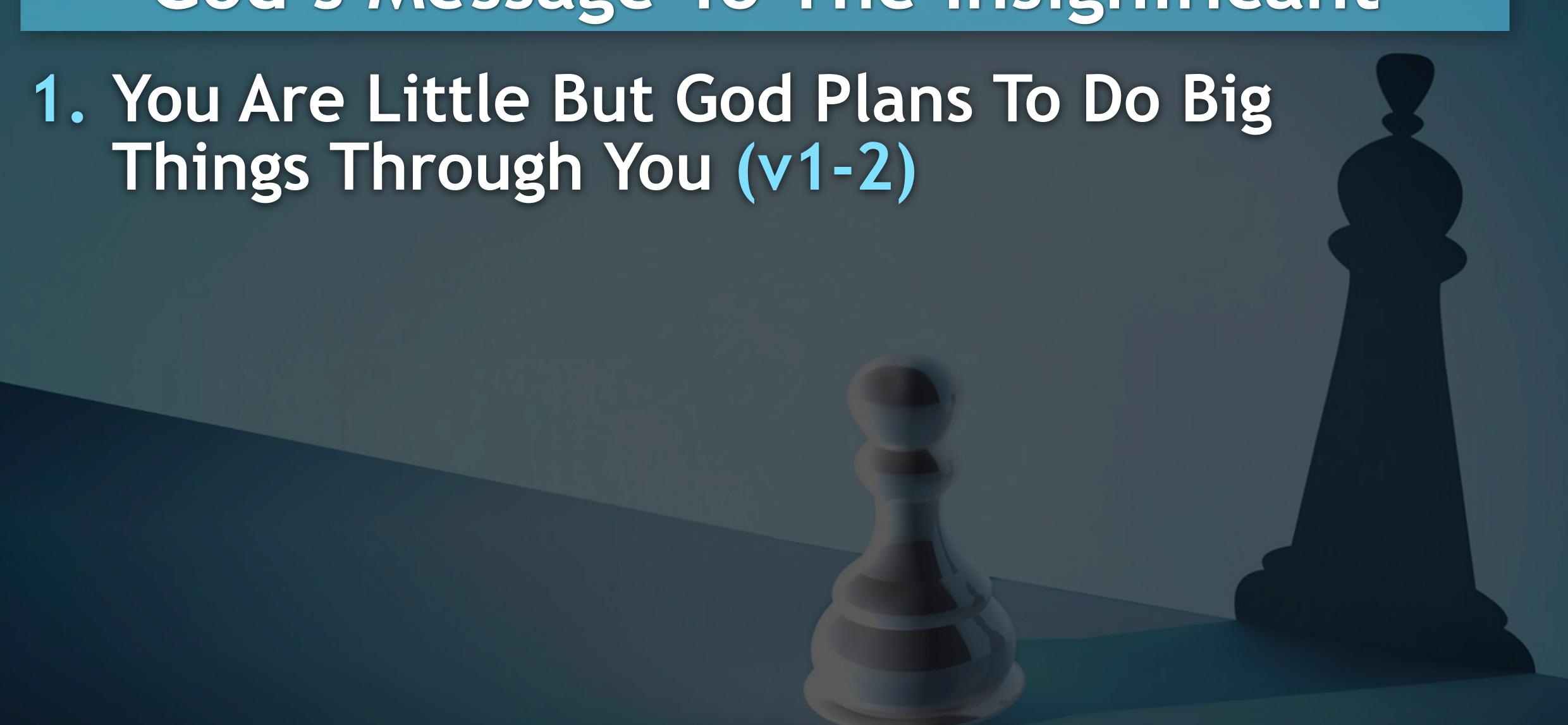
1 Samuel 9:21

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And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

1 Samuel 16:11



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#### 1 Corinthians 1

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty

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#### 1 Corinthians 12

23 And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it

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Micah anticipates a future time - partially fulfilled in the Babylonian exile and return, ultimately fulfilled in the Great Tribulation and restoration of Israel - when the LORD will seem distant from Israel until the time for restoration is ready.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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#### Hebrews 12

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?
8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

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Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

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He will give up his people Israel to distress and trouble, and will defer their salvation, which has been so long promised and expected, until the time, the set time, that she who travails has brought forth. Divine salvations must be waited for until the time fixed for the bringing of them forth.

Matthew Henry, Matthew Henry's Complete Commentary

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Christ would give honor to the place of his birth, and not derive honor from it. A relation to Christ will magnify those that are little in the world.

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#### Colossians 3

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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