

The Light of the World

John 8:12-19

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John 8:12





Darkness it makes you vulnerable.
The unknown is amplified.

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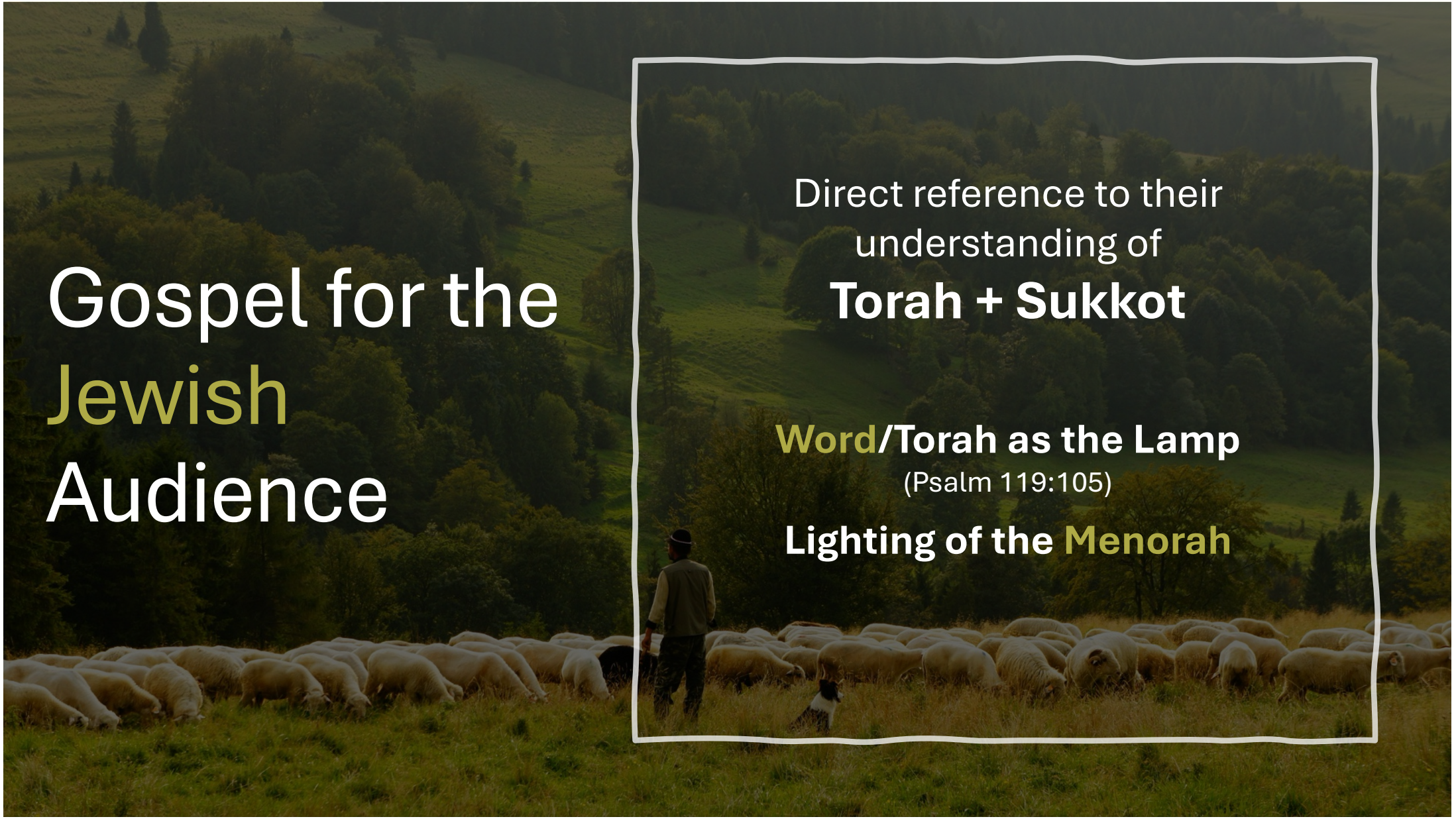
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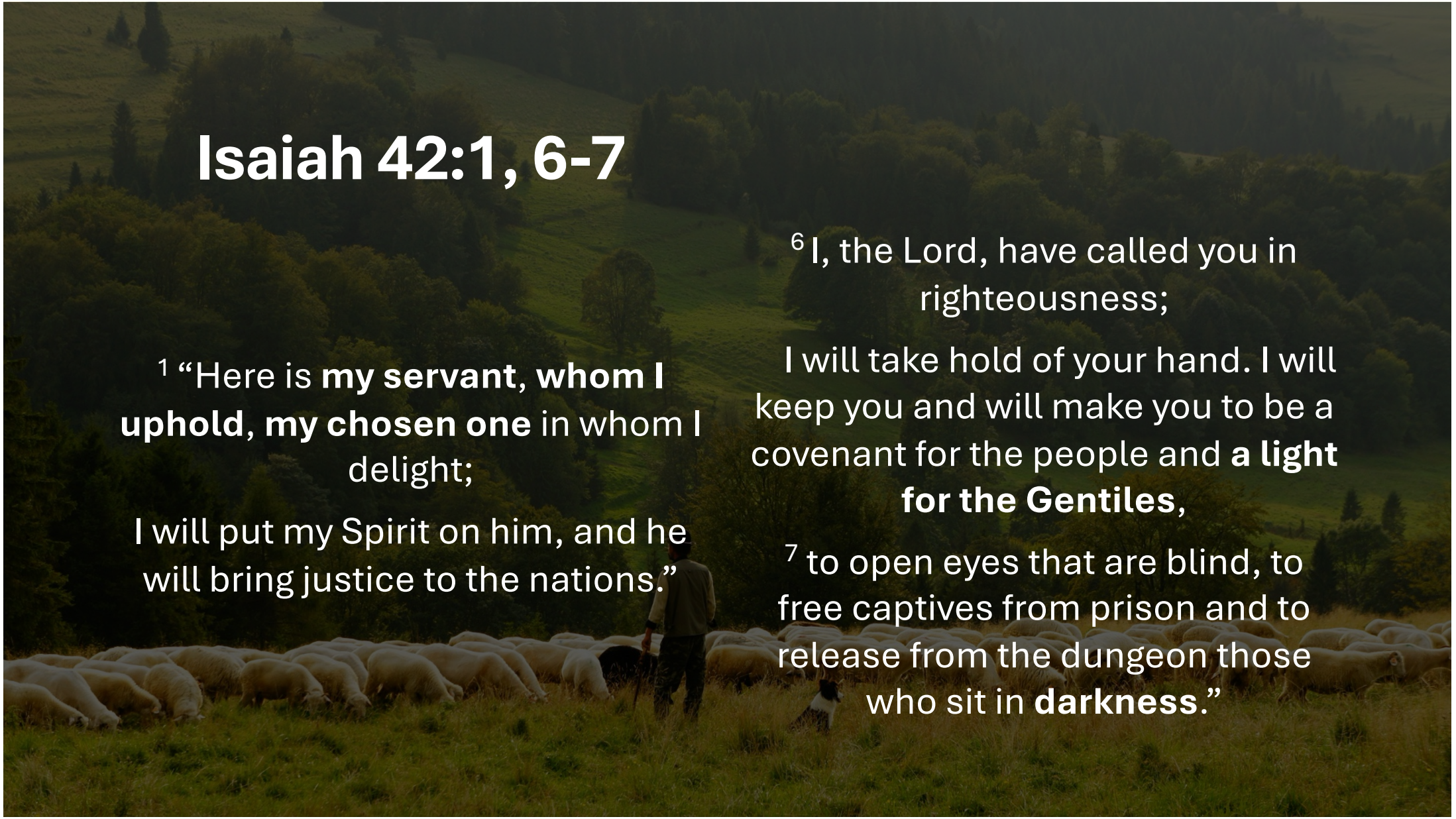

Gospel for the
Greco-Roman
Audience
Direct challenge to the Greek god
Apollos
The god of Light
The god of Oracles and
(judicial) judgement

[13] The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are,
appearing as your own witness; your testimony is
not valid.” [14] Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my
own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I
came from and where I am going. But you have no
idea where I come from or where I am going. [15] You
judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no
one. [16] But if I do judge, my decisions are true,
because I am not alone. I stand with the Father,
who sent me. [17] In your own Law it is written that
the testimony of two witnesses is true. [18] I am one
who testifies for myself; my other witness is the
Father, who sent me.”

John 8:13-18




Gospel for the
Jewish
Audience
Direct reference to their
understanding of
Torah + Sukkot
Word/Torah as the Lamp
(Psalm 119:105)
Lighting of the Menorah



Isaiah 42:1, 6-7

1 “Here is **my servant**, **whom I uphold**, **my chosen one** in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.”

6 I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and **a light for the Gentiles**,

7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in **darkness**.”

[19] Then they asked him, “Where is
your father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. **“If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”**

John 8:19





Does your life truly reflect the belief that **Jesus is** the light of the world?

Who is **walking in darkness** and needs the light of the world?