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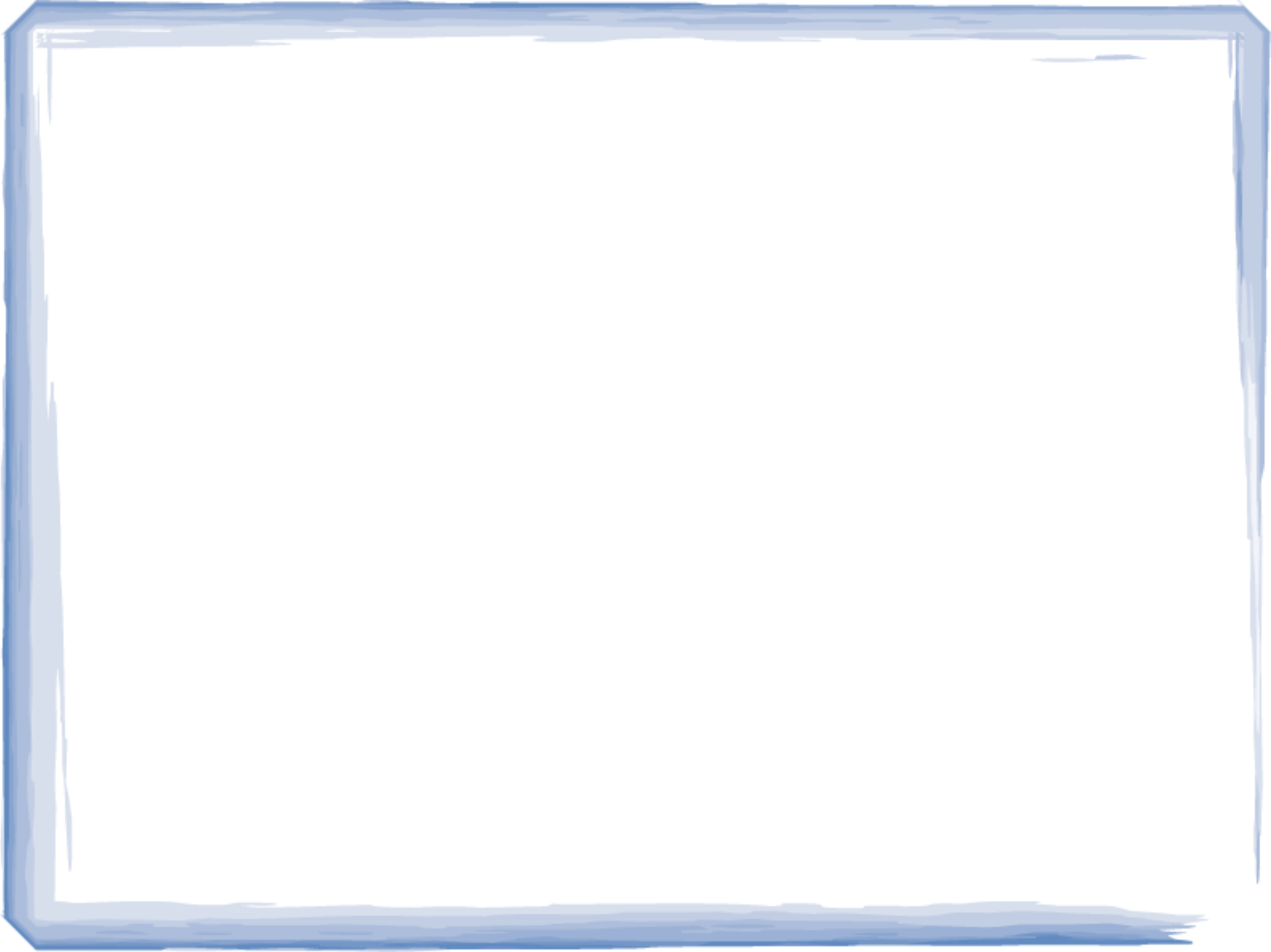
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 - 1:21-23 _____ They Did Not Honor Their Creator, But Worshiped Images of Created Things
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 - 1:24-25 _____ *Lustful impurity caused their bodies to be dishonored*
 - 1:26-27 _____ *Homosexual passions degraded and harmed them*
 - 1:28-31 _____ *Depraved thinking led to all kinds of improper deeds*
 - 1:32 _____ They Know God Says They Deserve Death, Yet Approve Others Like Themselves
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 - 2:5-16 _____ God's Coming Day of Wrath—All Will Be Judged According to Their Deeds
 - 2:5-11 _____ *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will both be judged by their deeds*
 - 2:12-16 _____ *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will each be judged by the Law they know*
- 2:17—3:20 _____ God's Wrath Against the Jews**
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 - 2:17-24 _____ *Having the Law doesn't save Law-breakers*
 - 2:25-29 _____ *Being circumcised doesn't save Law-breakers (25-27),
but "heart circumcision" by the Spirit makes one a true Jew (28-29).*
 - 3:1-8 _____ Questions about God's Justice
 - 3:9-20 _____ Summary: The Whole World—Jews Included—Is Sinful and Accountable to God
 - 3:9 _____ *Jews are no better than Gentiles; both are sinful*
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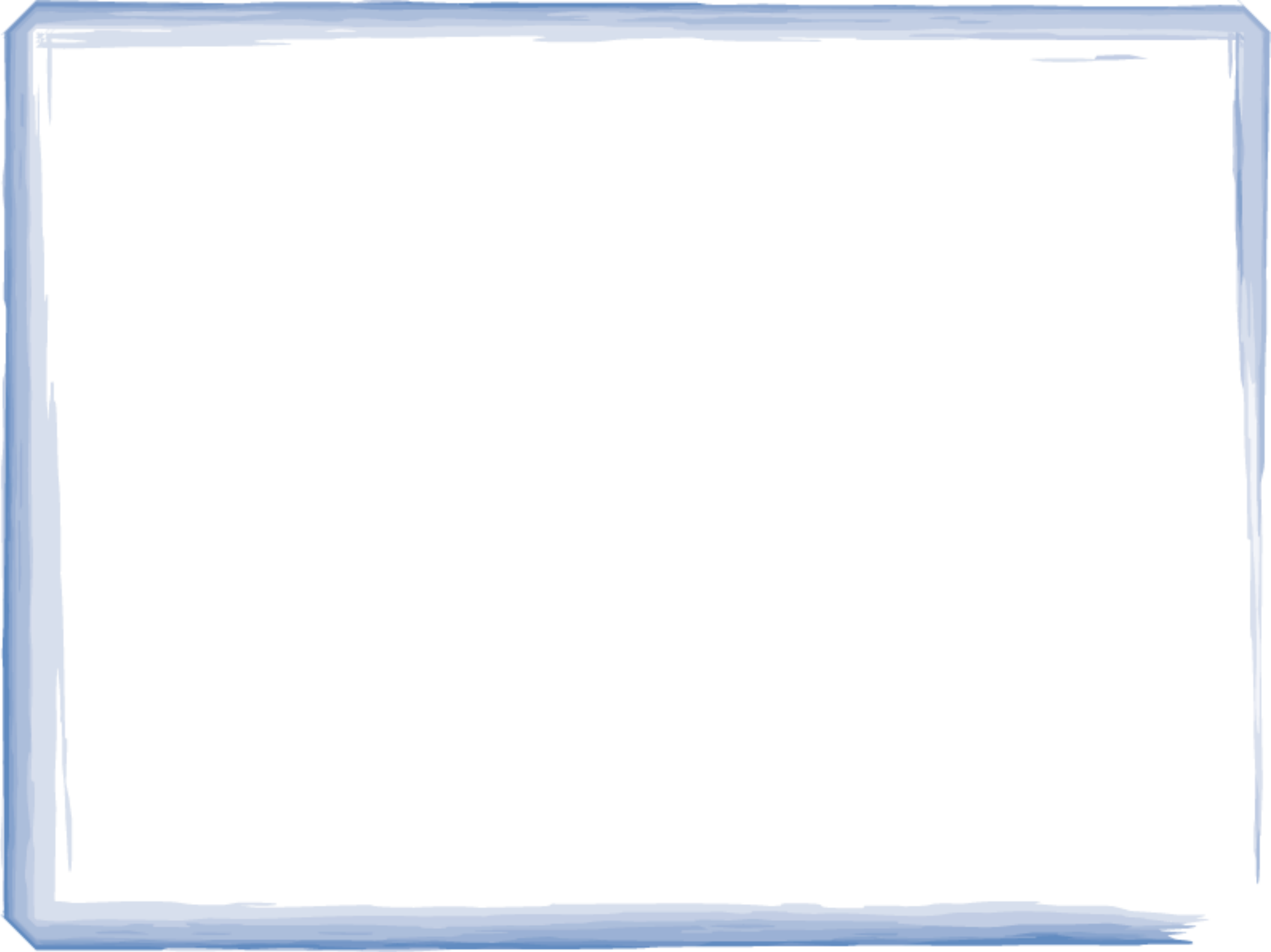
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