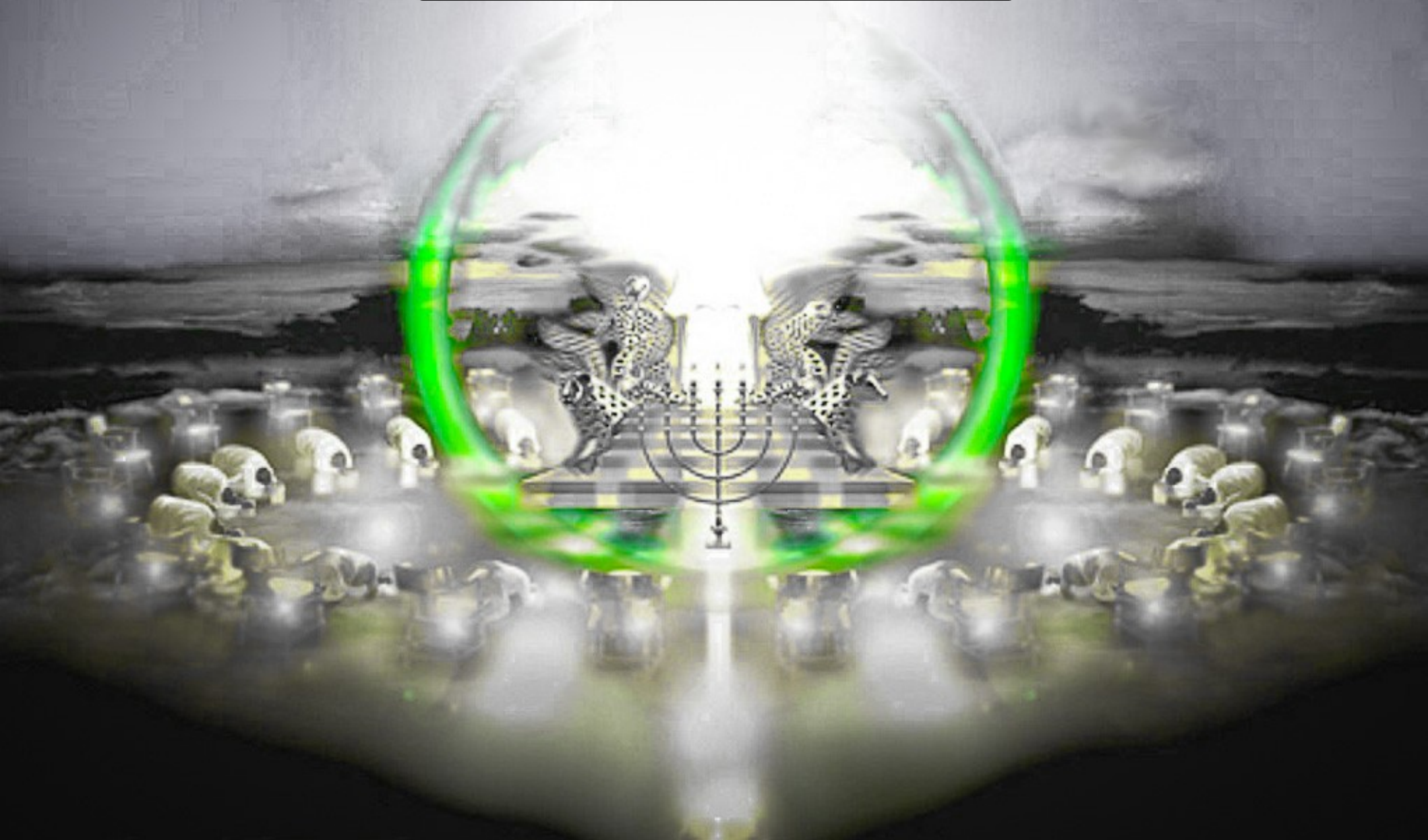


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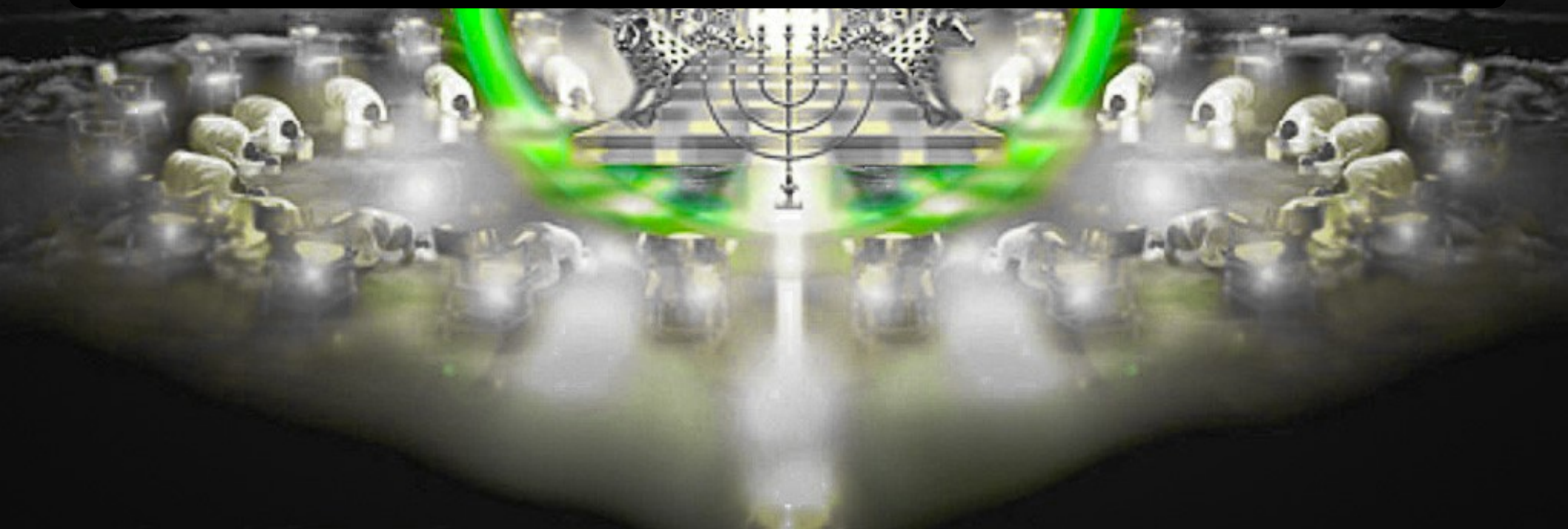
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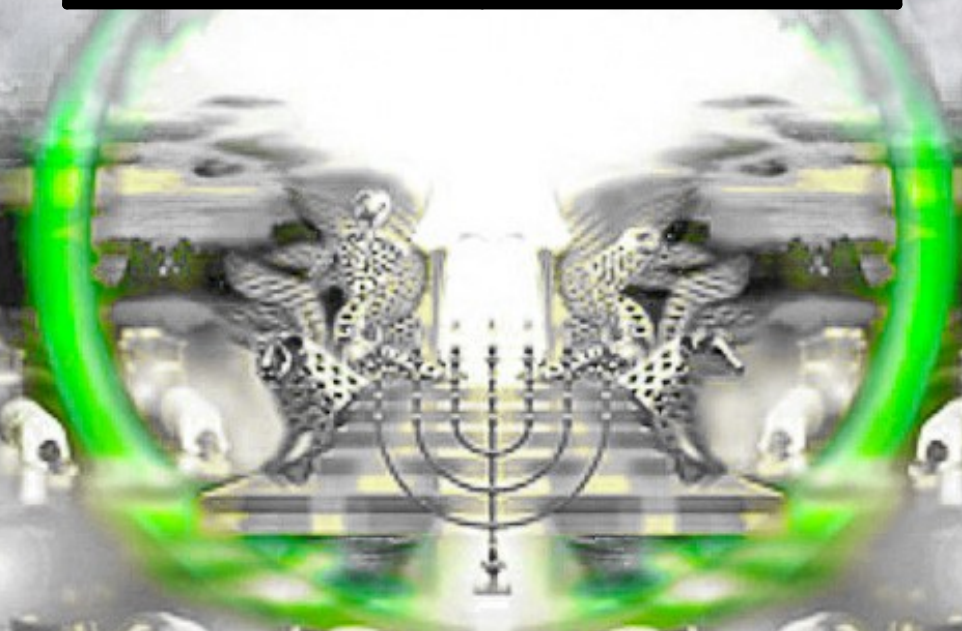
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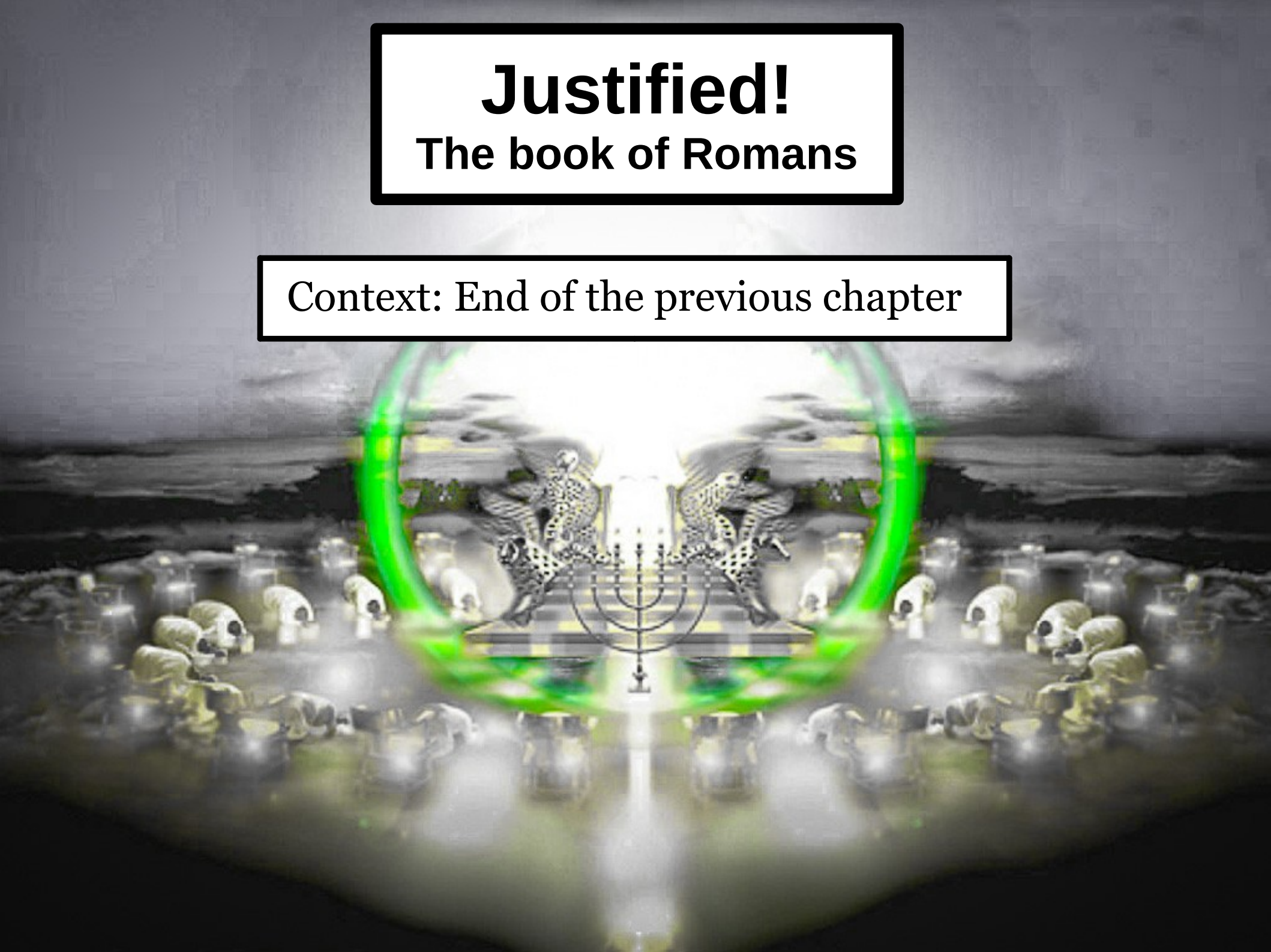
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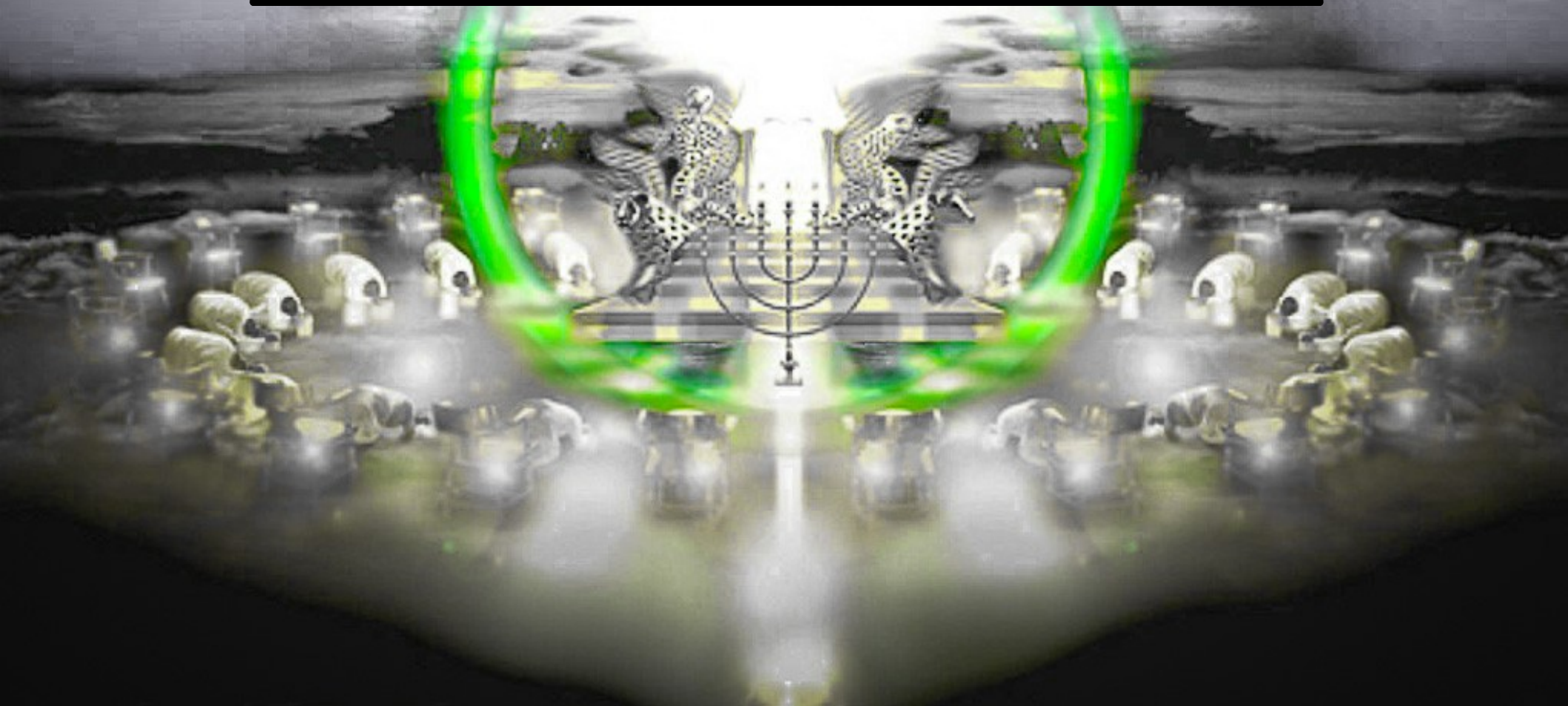
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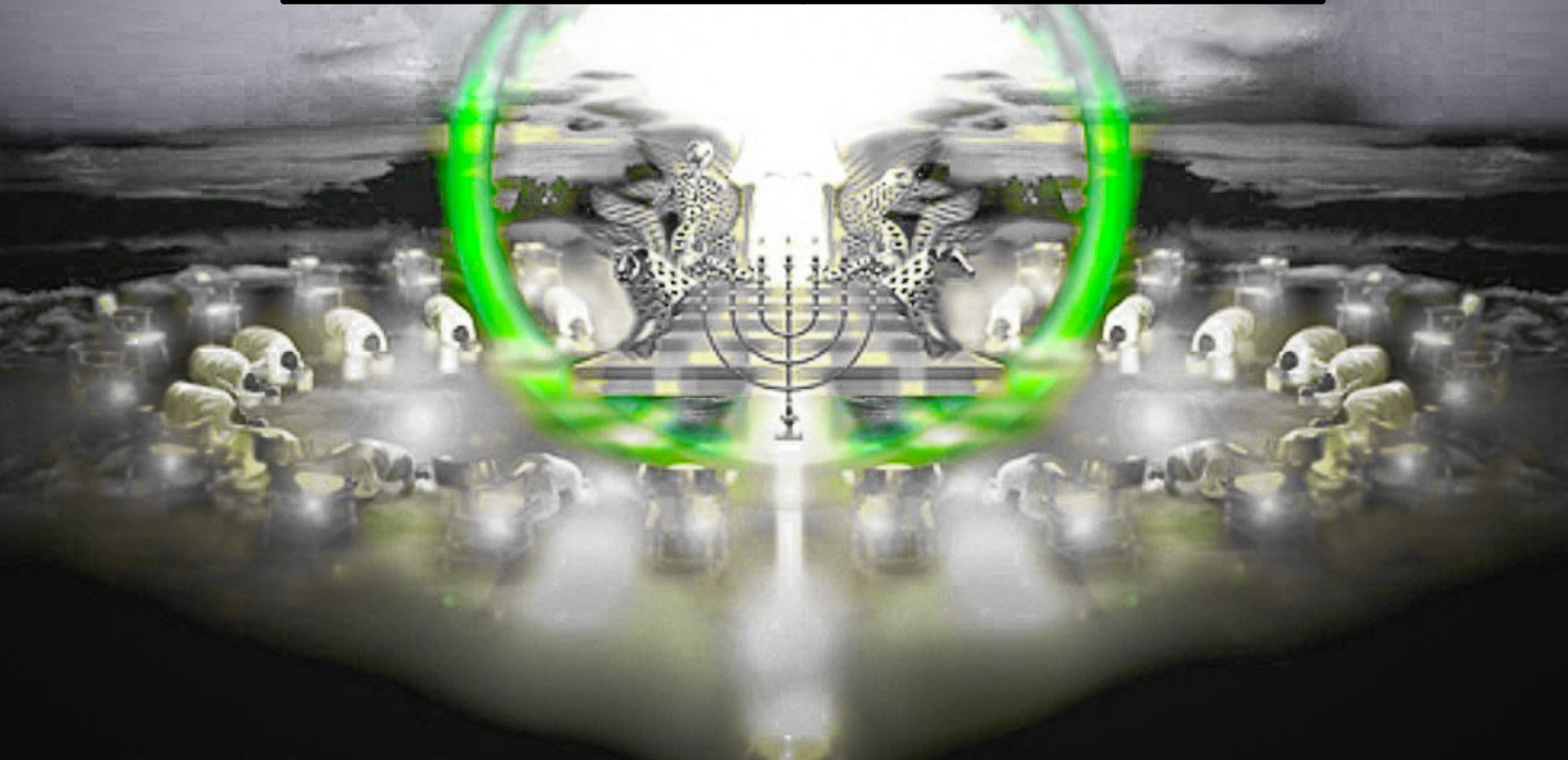
The gospel which he's been explaining for the past eleven chapters!



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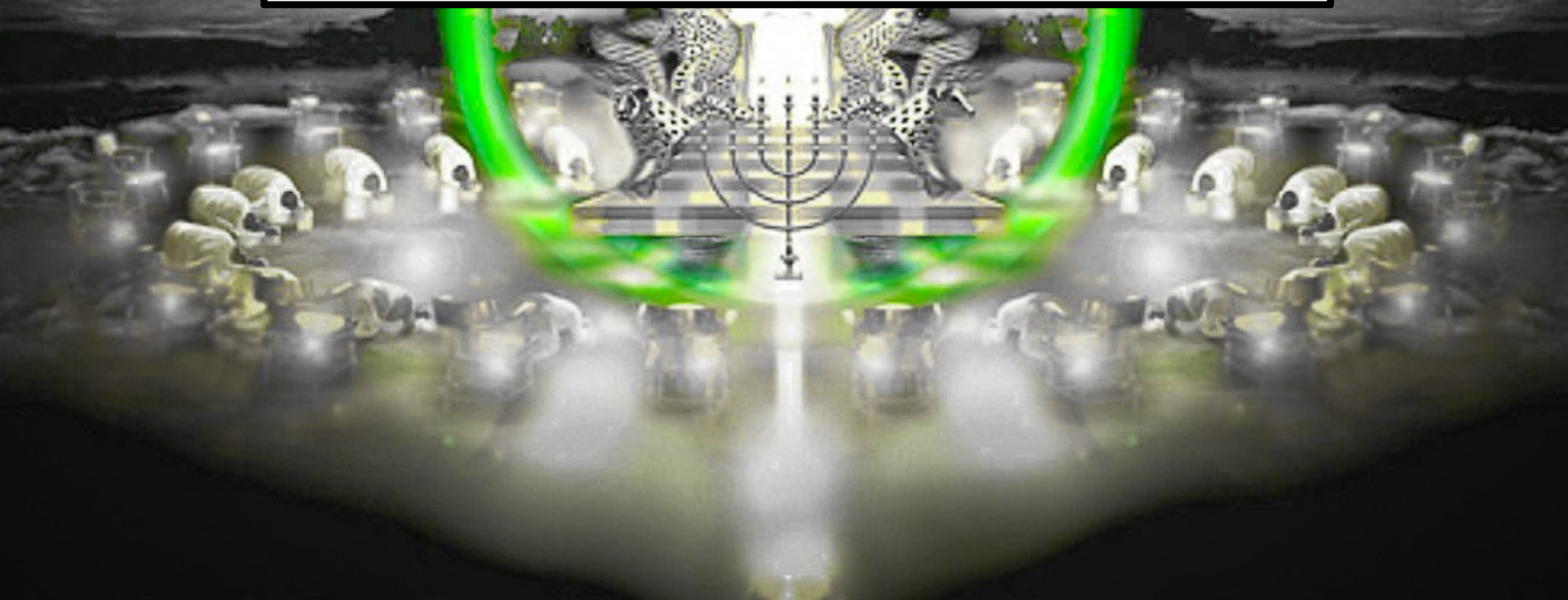


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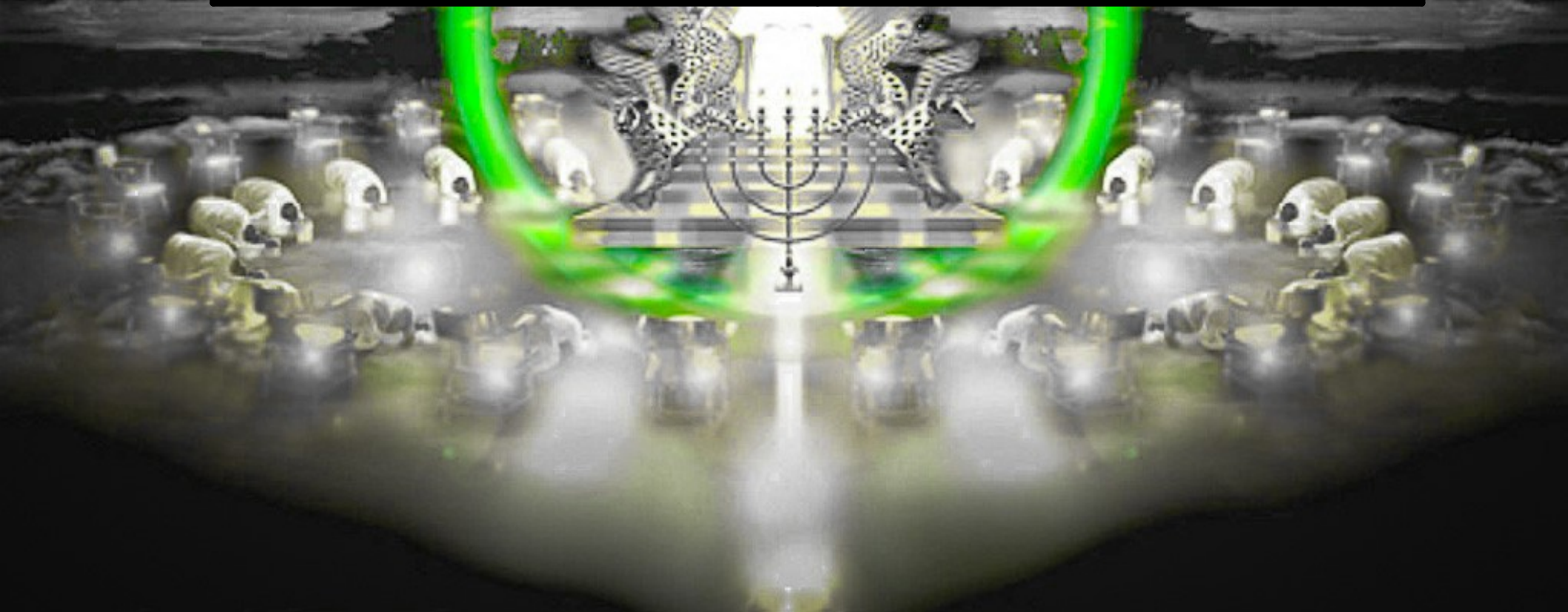
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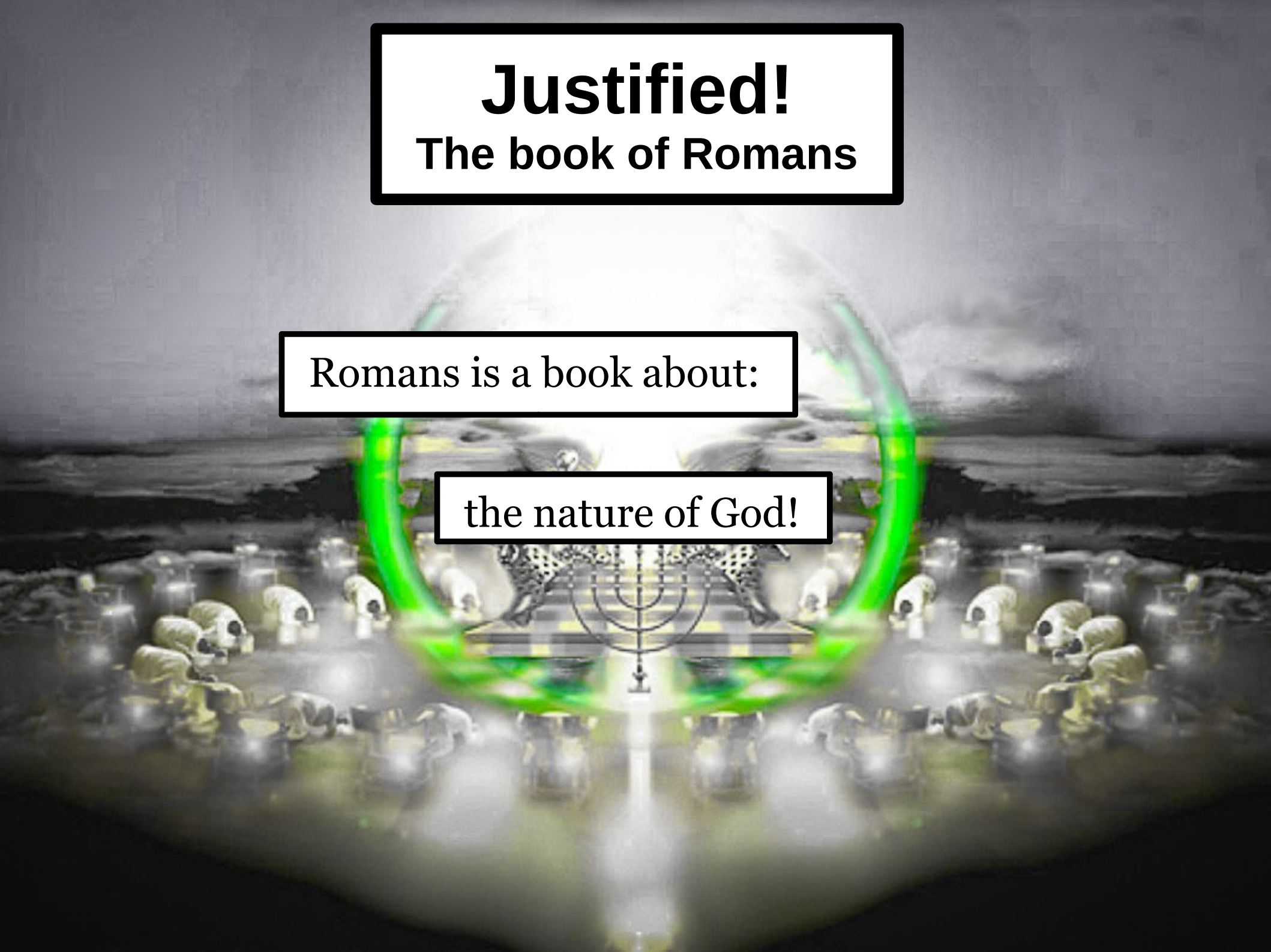


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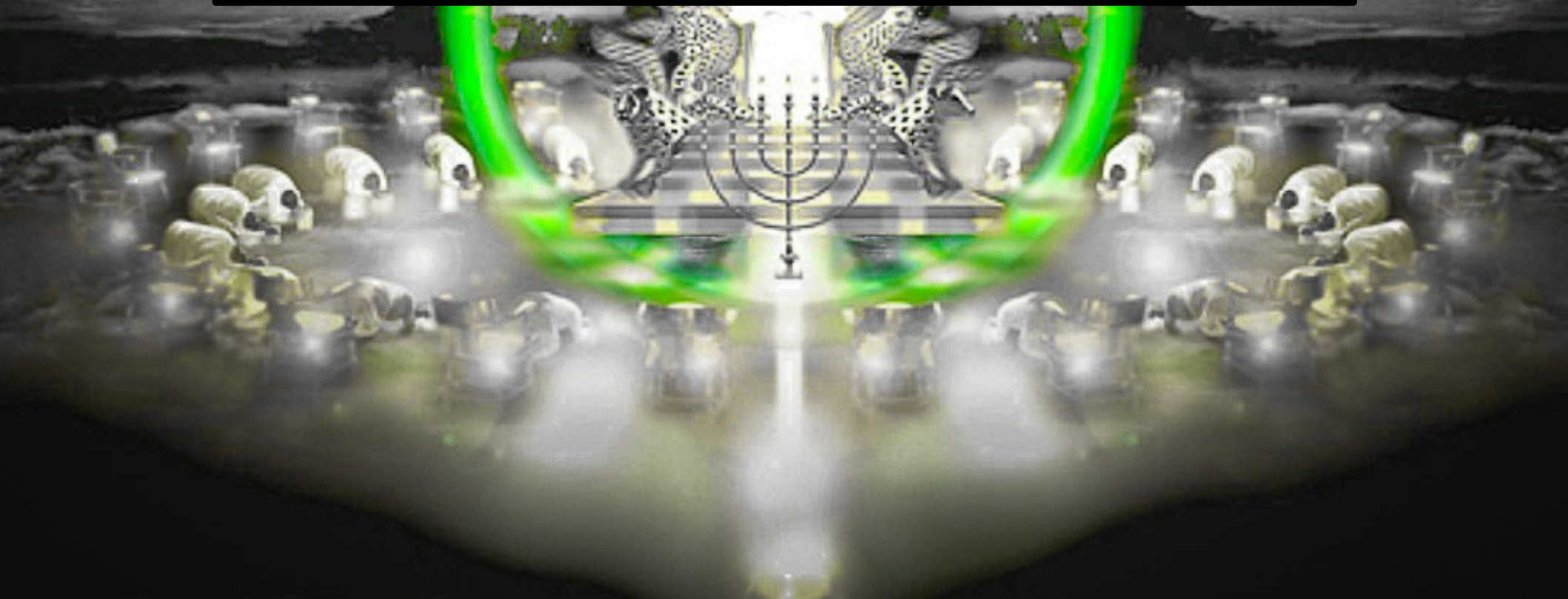
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The book of Romans has been called “the most profound work in existence.”  
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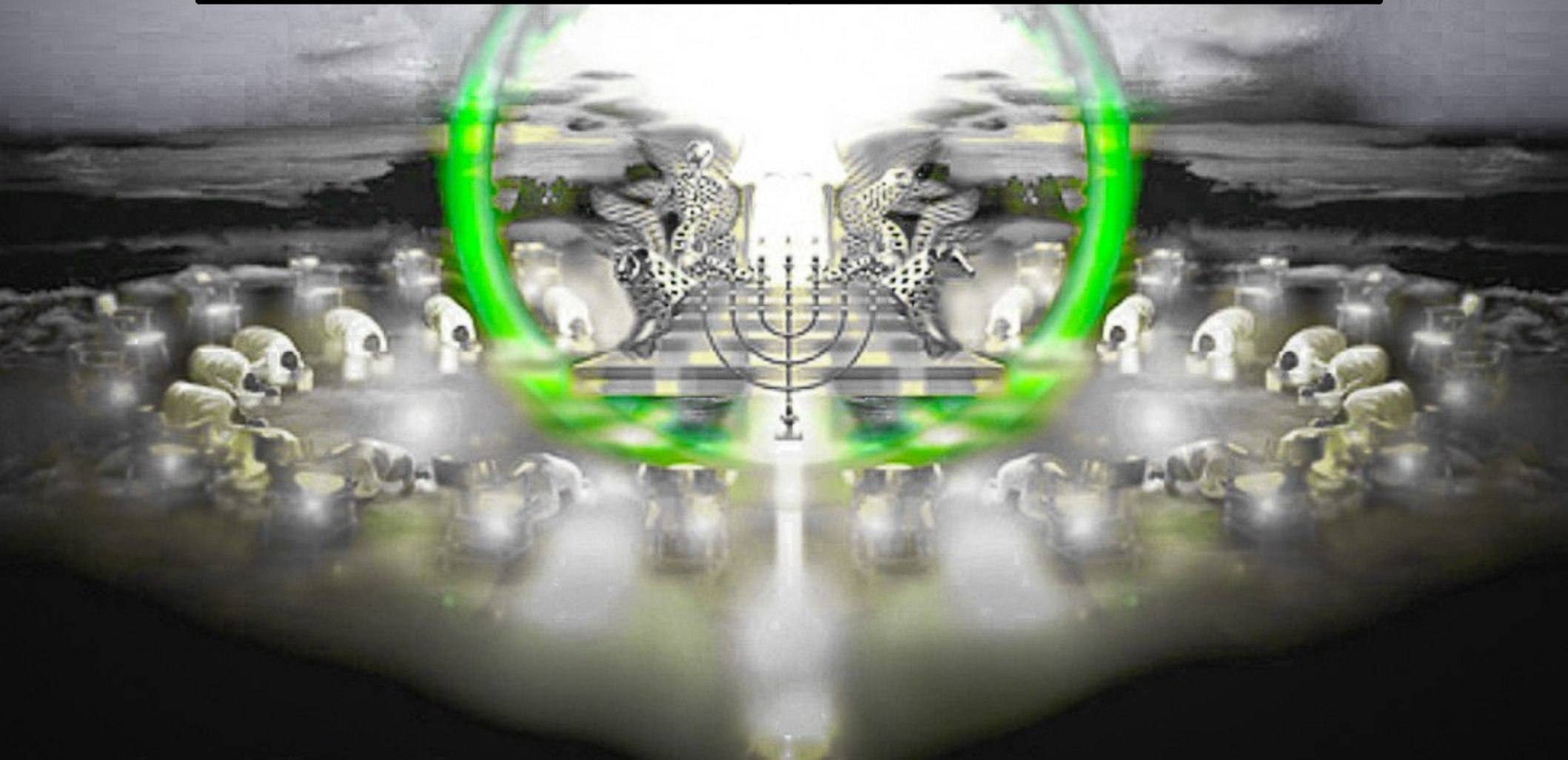




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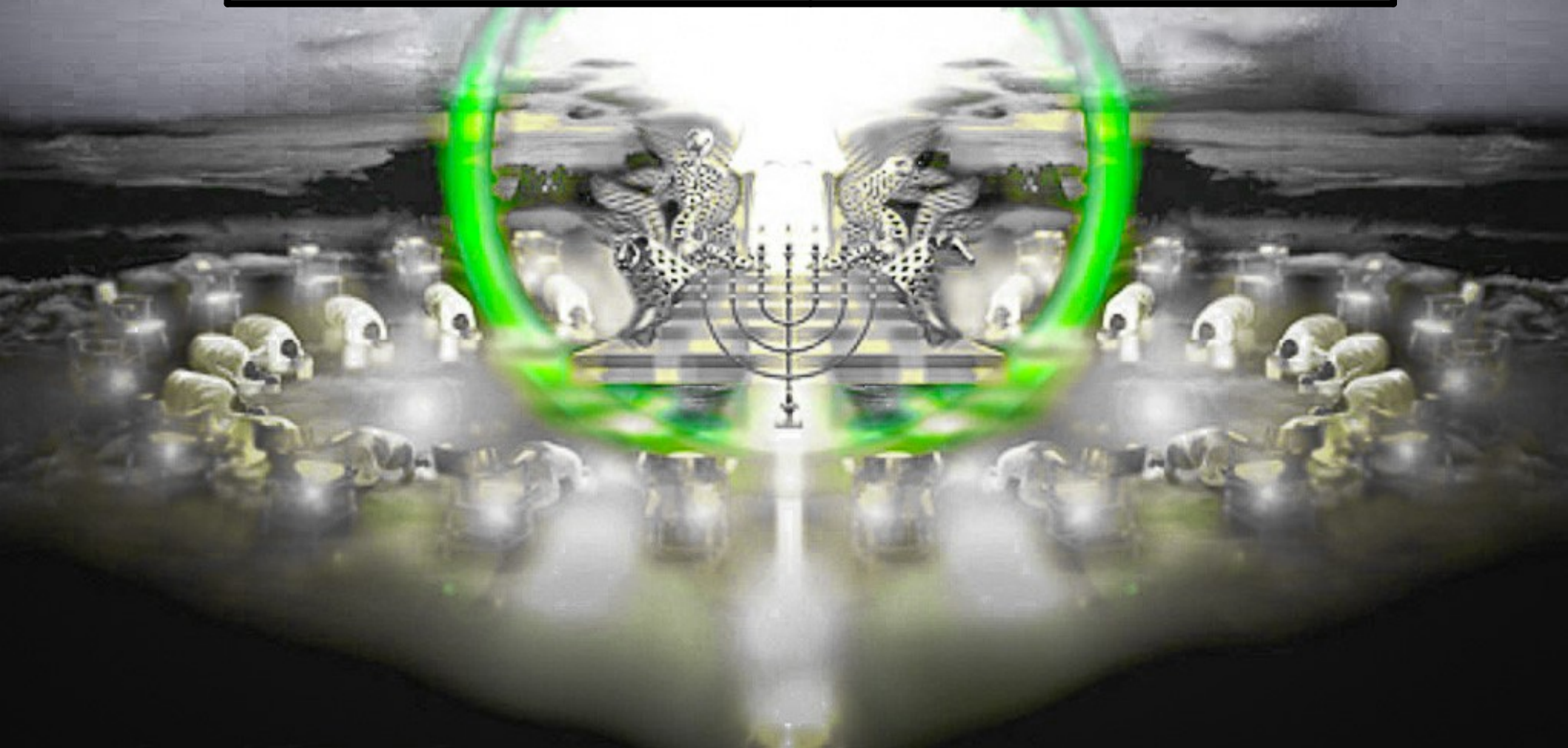
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**Rom 3:31** Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.



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**Rom 6:1** What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

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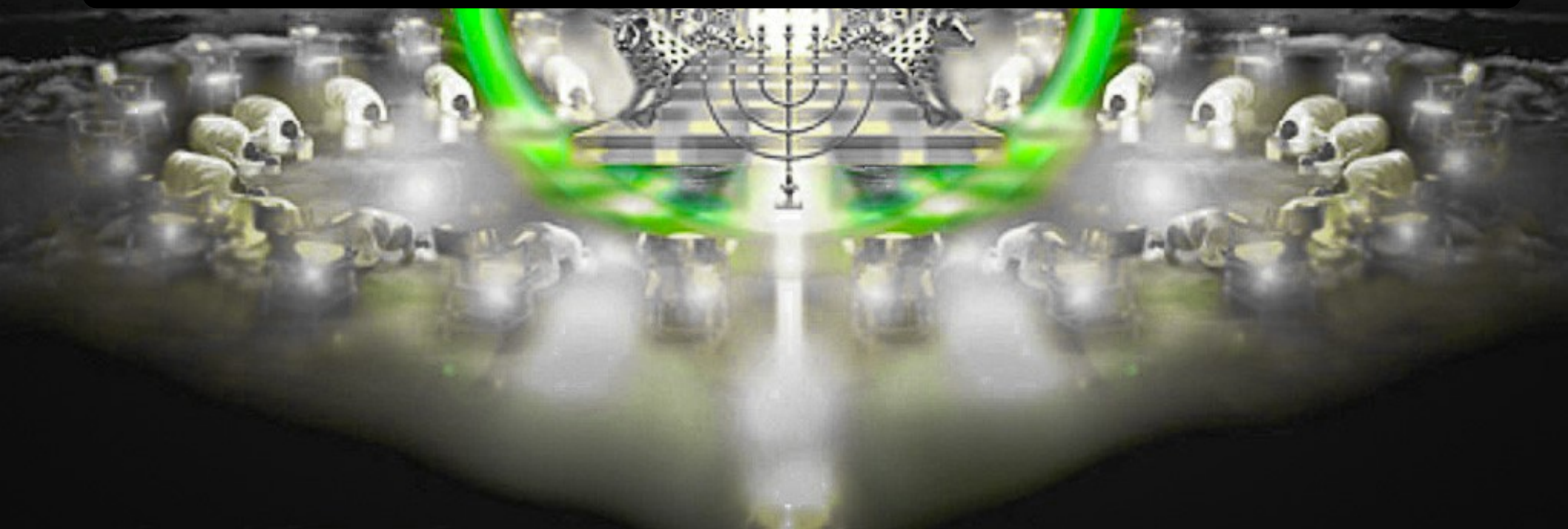
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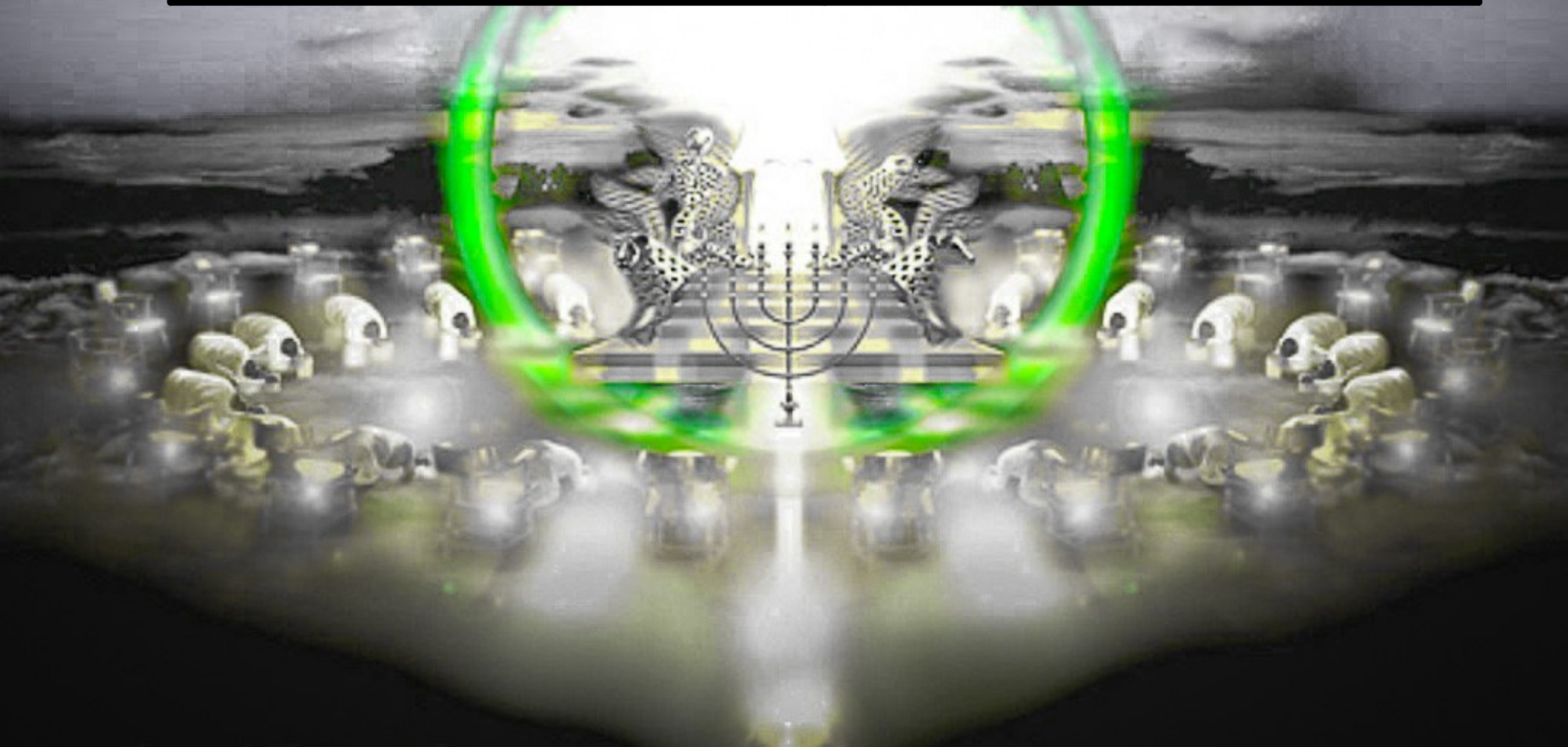




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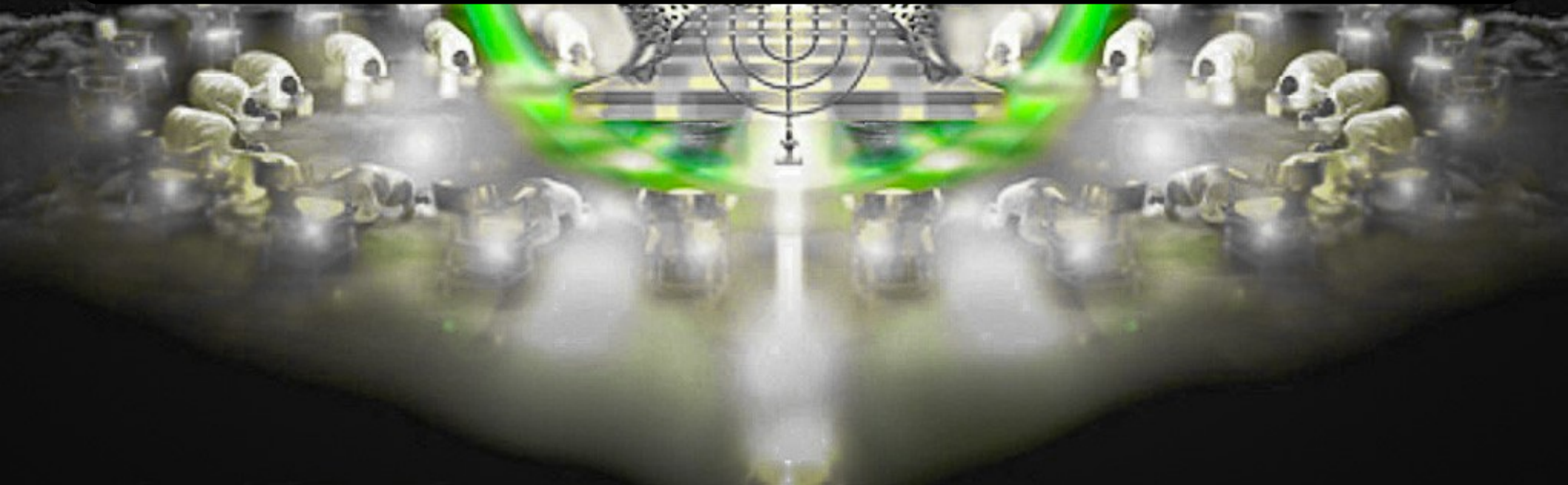


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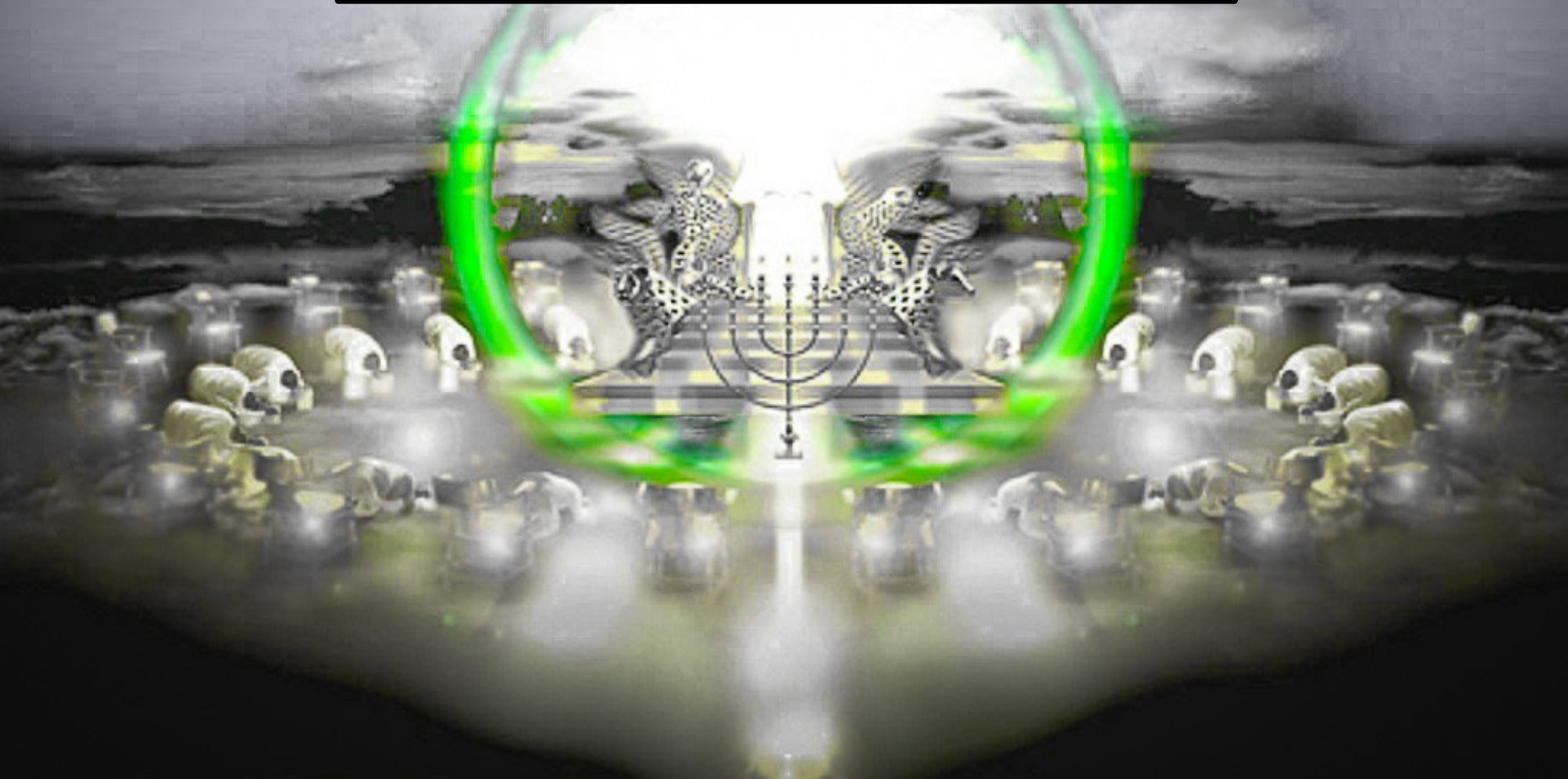
The first century church in Rome



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**Act 2:7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"

**Act 2:8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

**Act 2:9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

**Act 2:10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; **visitors from Rome**

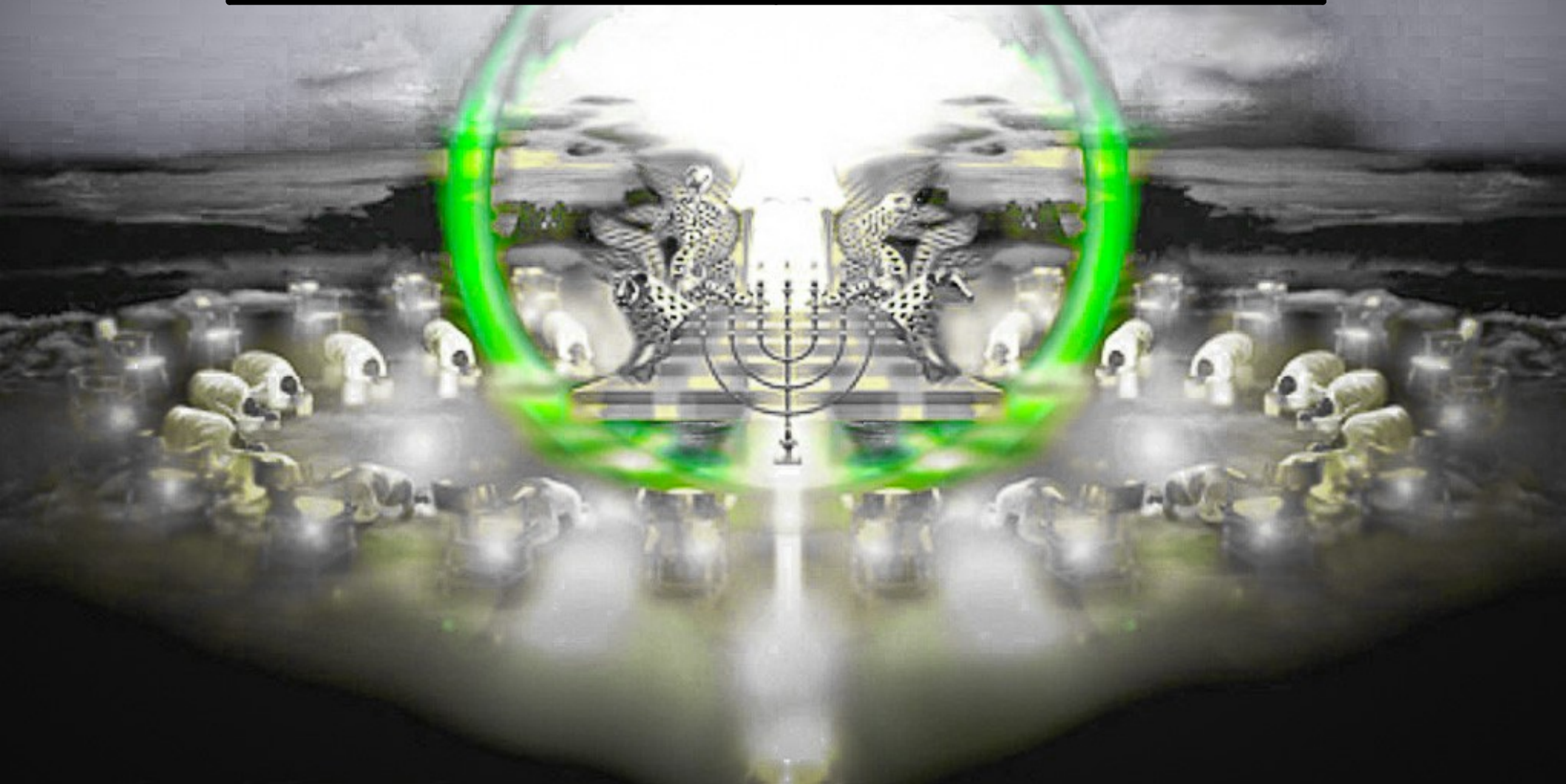
**Act 2:11** (**both Jews and converts to Judaism**); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"



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**Act 18:2** There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them,

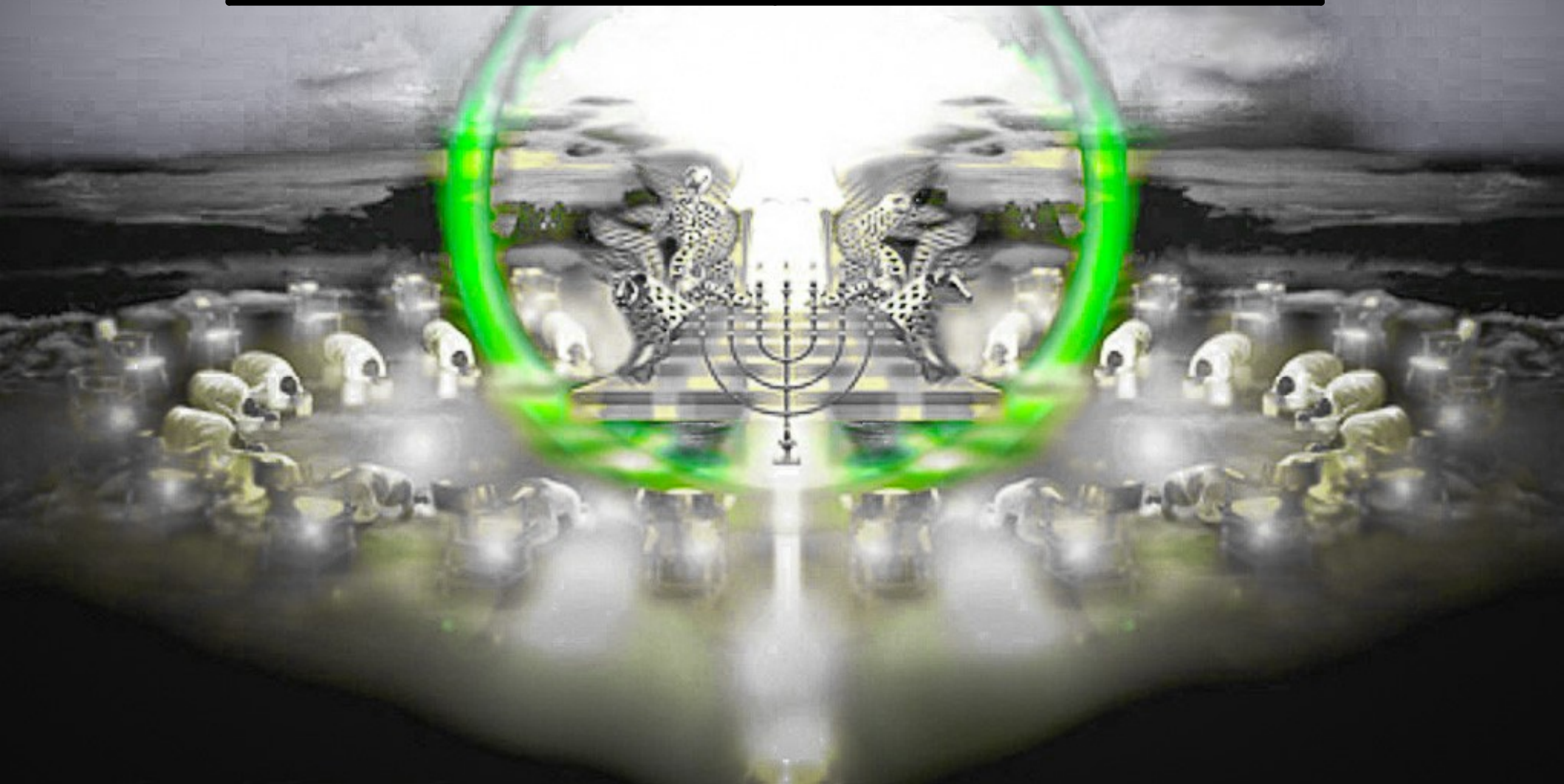
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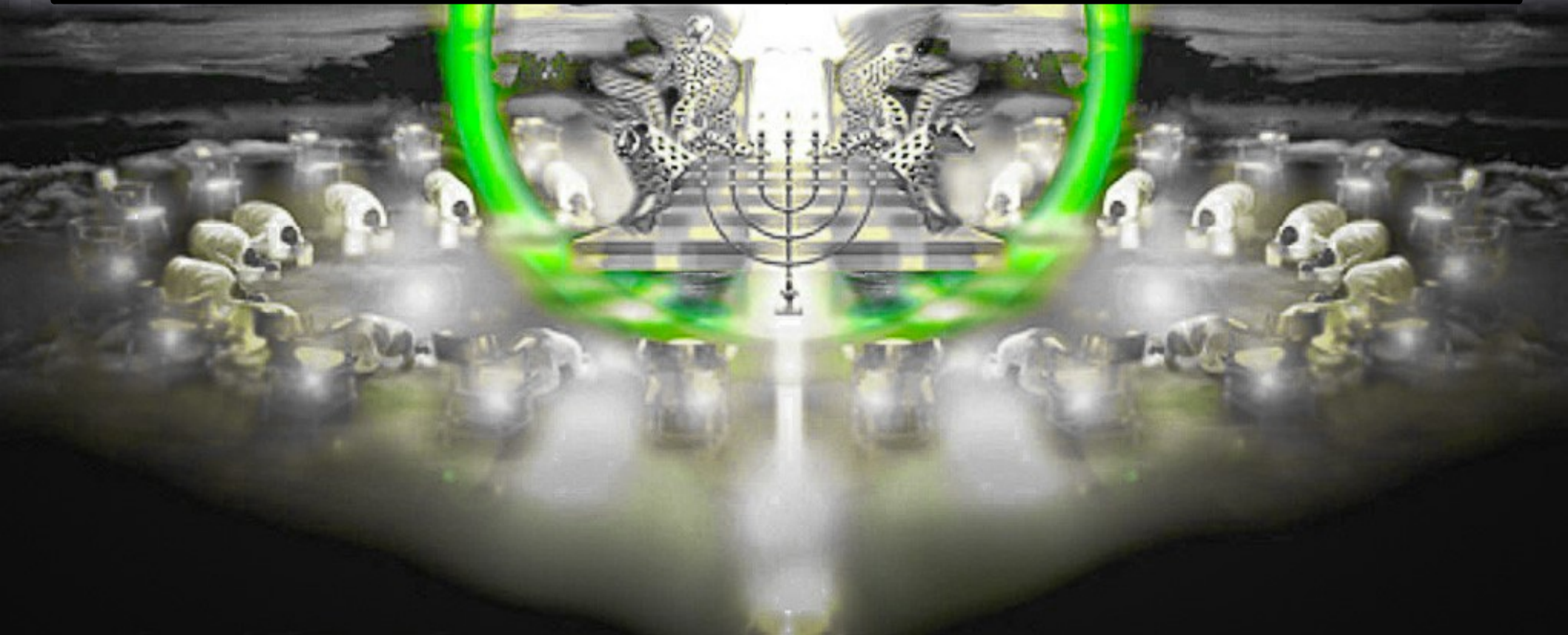


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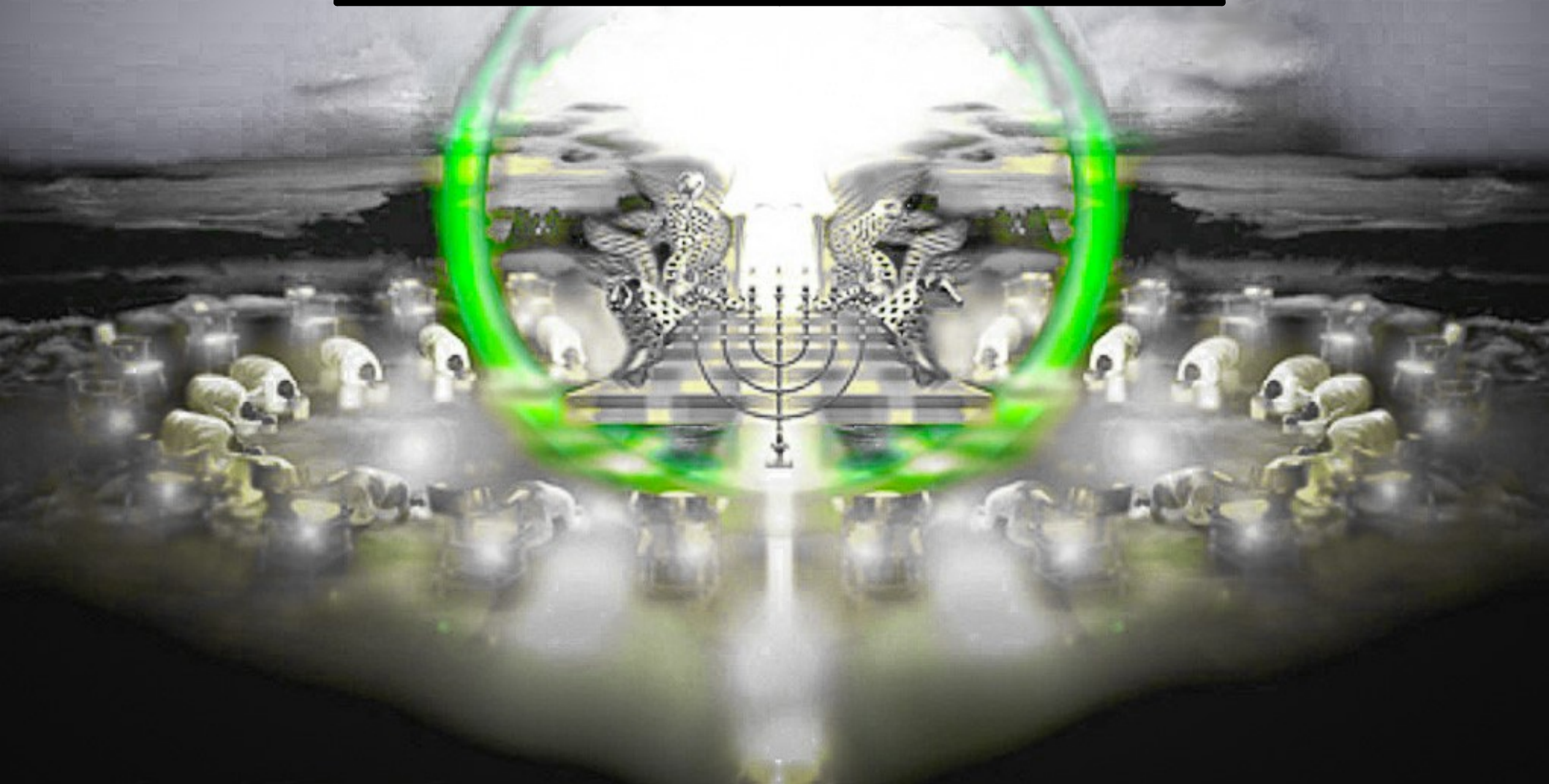
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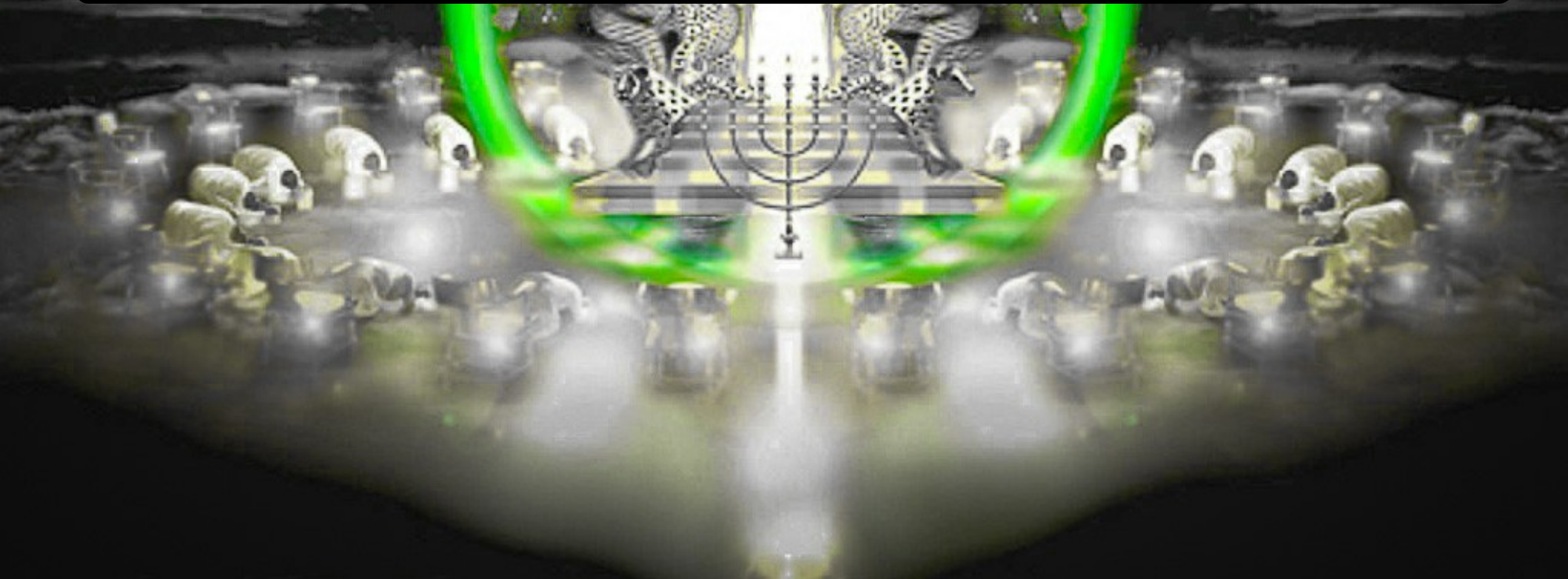


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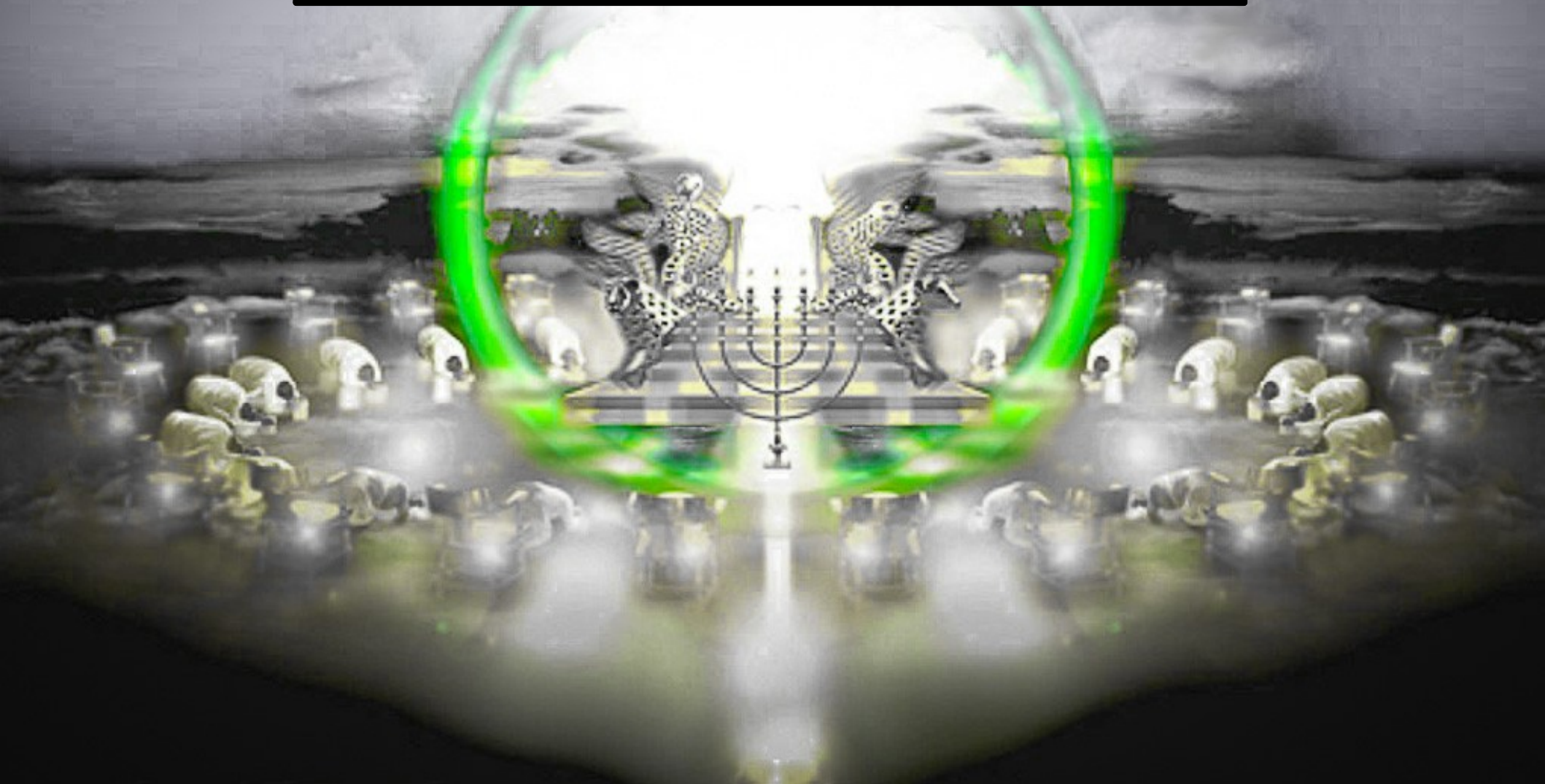
Paul's credentials and ministry



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**Rom 1:2** the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures

**Rom 1:3** regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David,

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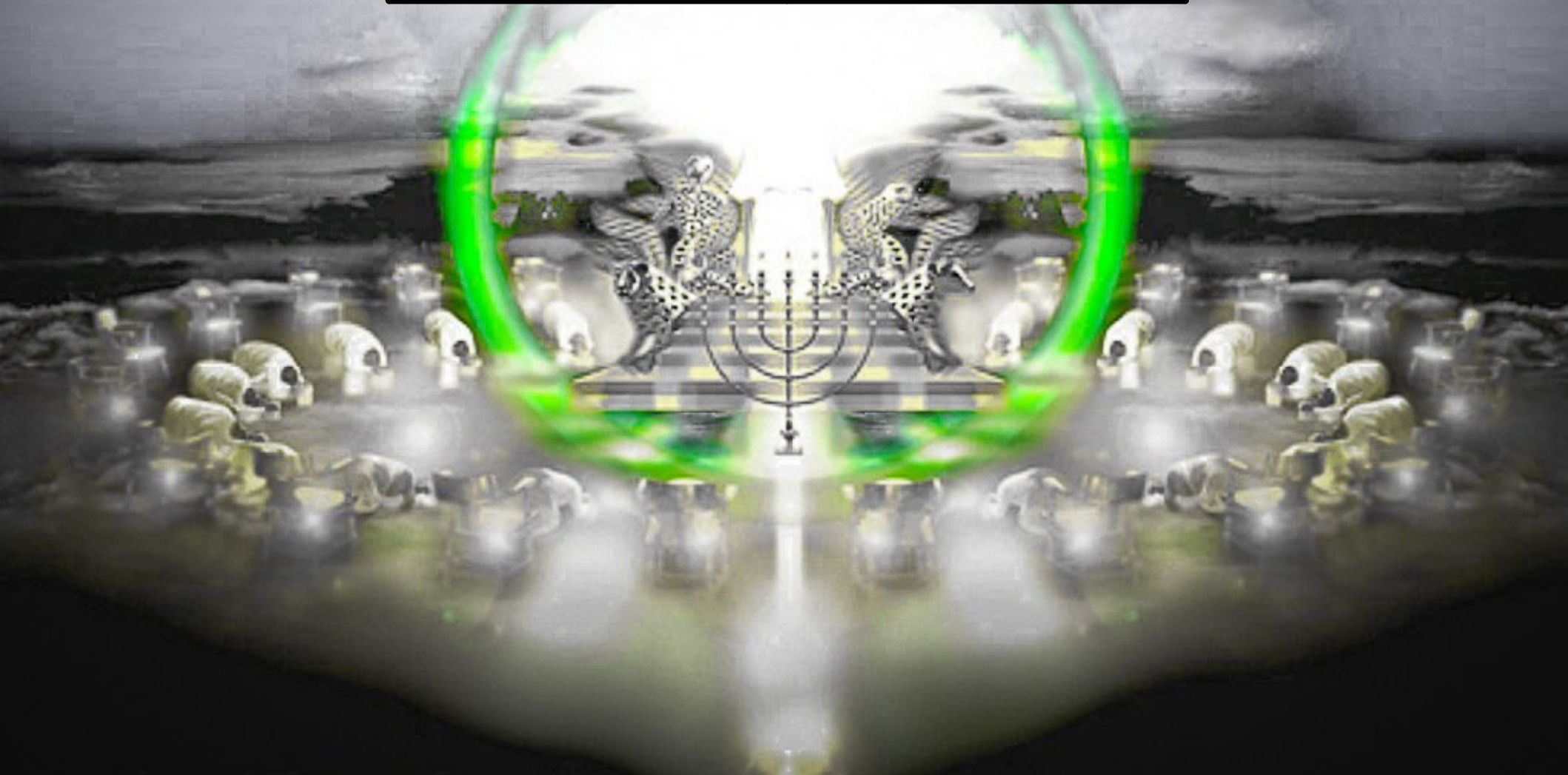
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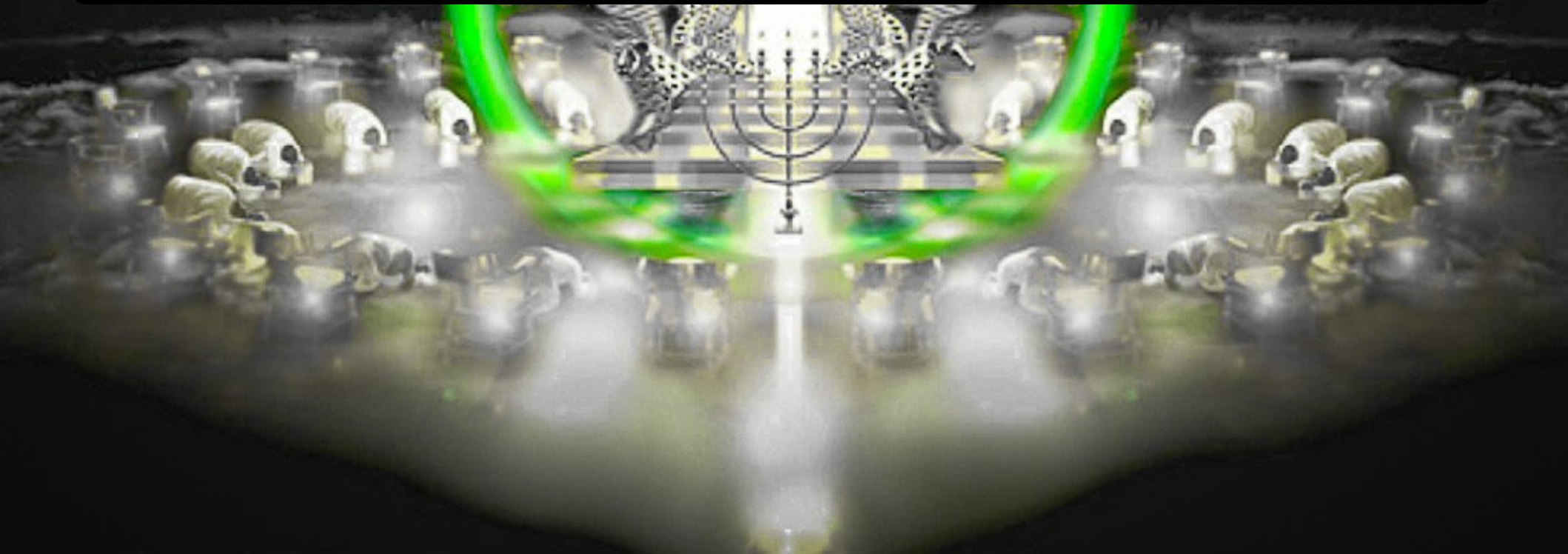


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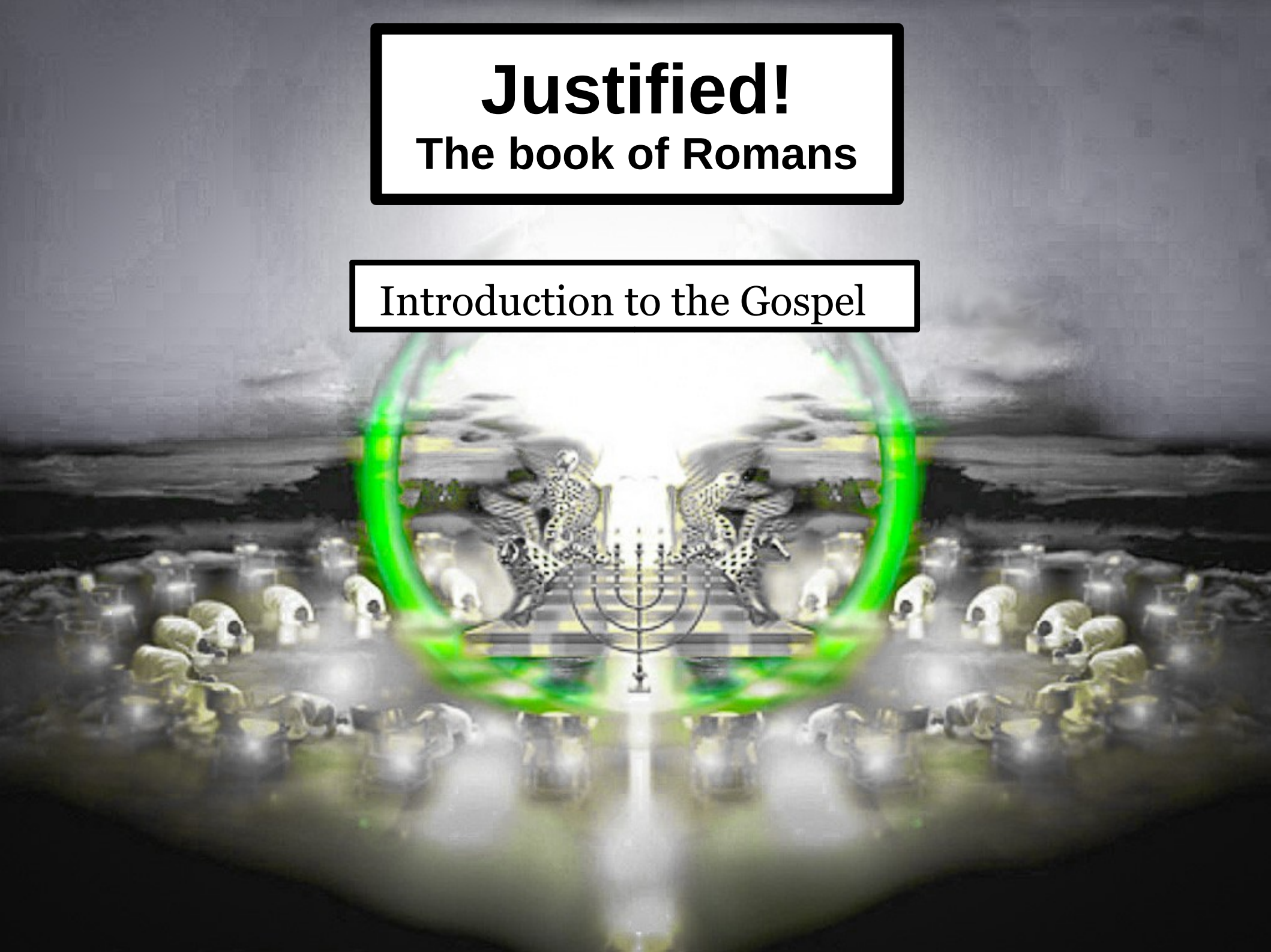
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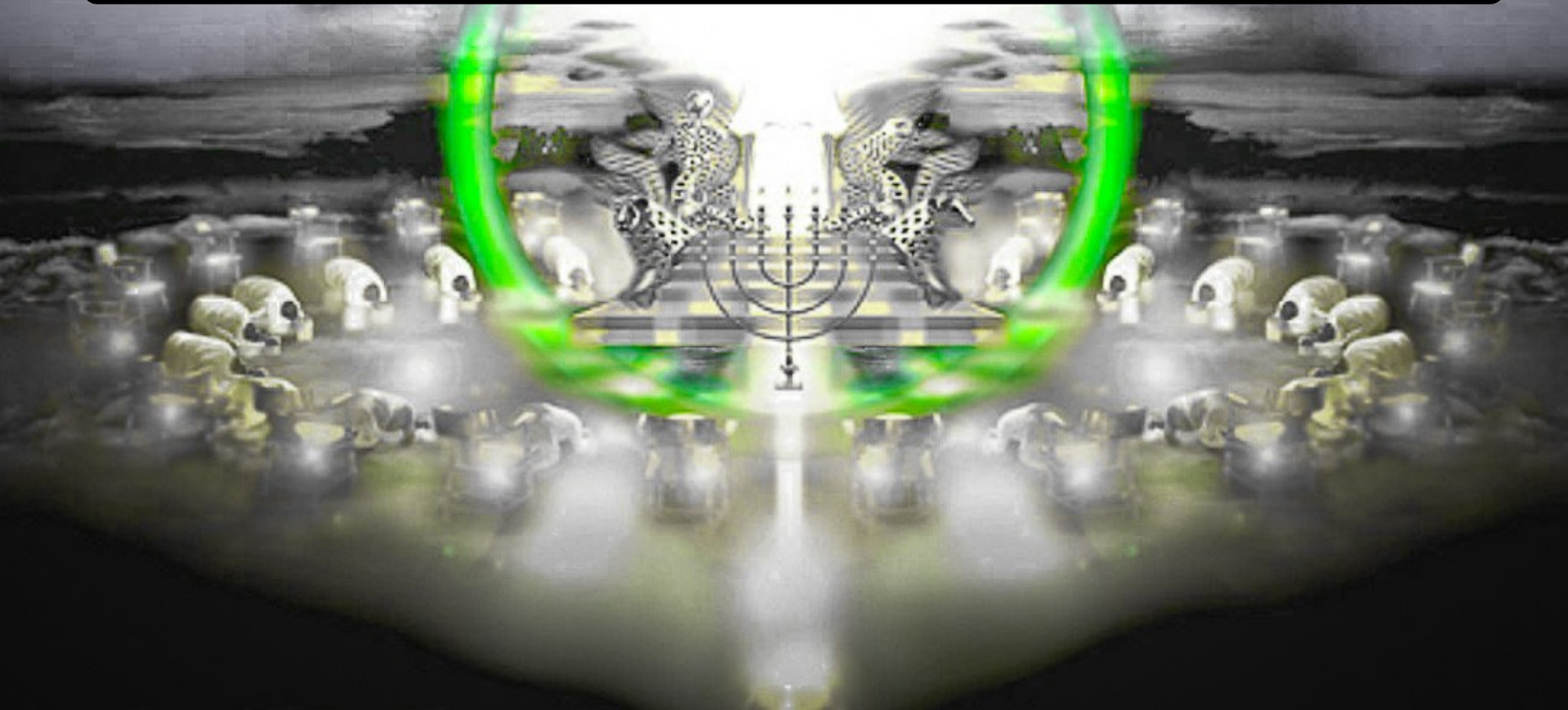




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