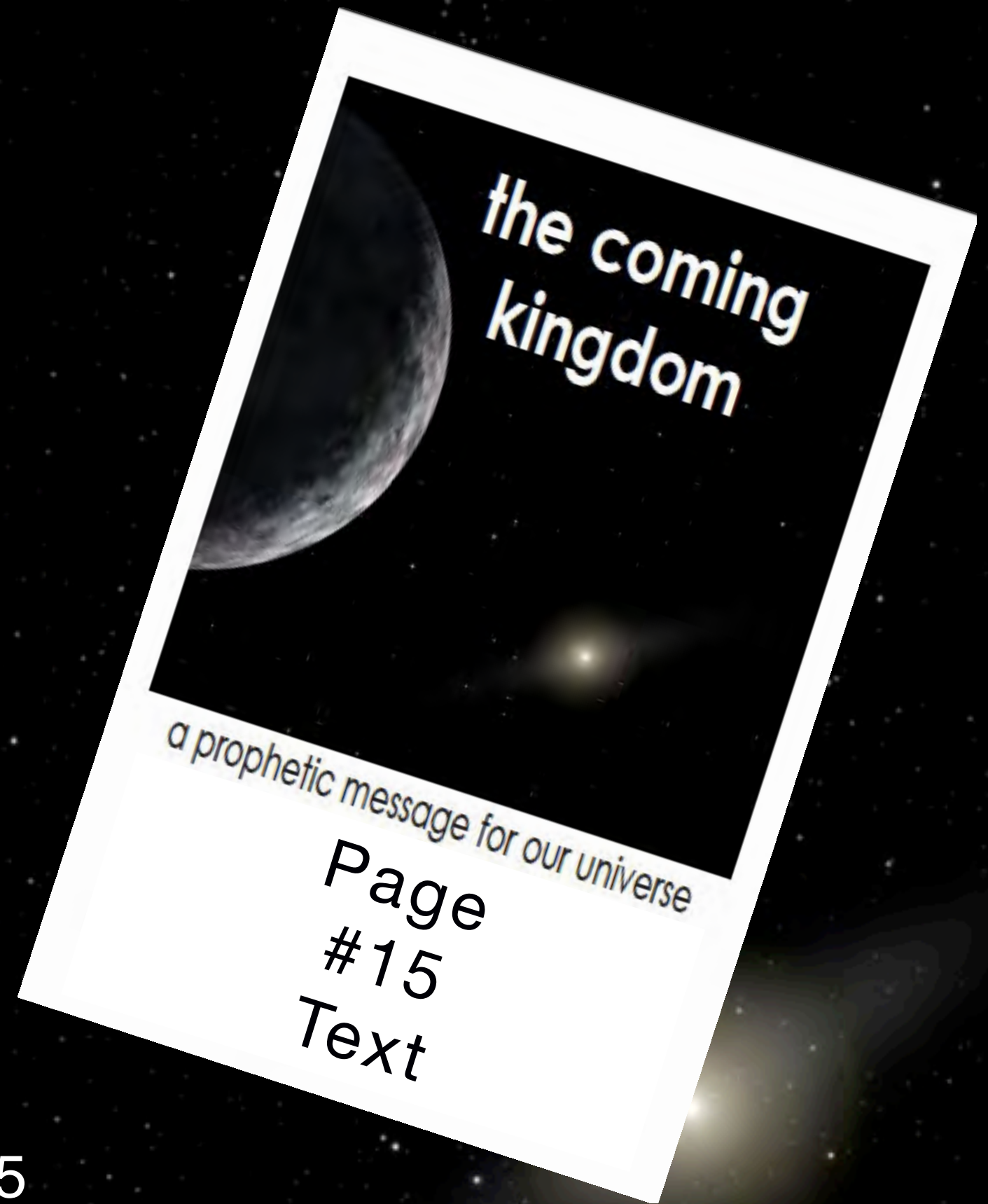


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Today's Theme:

Abstinent John &
Indulgent Jesus



Luke 1:15; Luke 5:33-39; Luke 7:18-35

John the Baptist

- **Luke 7:18-35**
- **Luke 1:15**

- *From before his birth, John would be FILLED with the Spirit.*
- *During his life he would EMPTY himself of DRINKS.*

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Jesus the Christ

- Jesus, too, was filled with the Spirit, but he did not EAT or DRINK according to a VOW.
 - *Which way is right?*

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When the Religious Are Wrong

- The religious leaders considered John to be an ABSTINENT RADICAL and Jesus to be an INDULGENT SINNER.
- *Which has a better influence?*

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Focus of Ministry

- John primarily preached to the RELIGIOUS LEADERS while Jesus fellow-shipped with SINNERS.
 - *Luke 5:33-39*
 - *Key: Be faithful, not religious.*

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Our Weakness

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People suffer from poor SIGHT.

Right for You

- Taking VOWS may not be REQUIRED, but they may be BENEFICIAL.
- God's PURPOSE for your life DICTATES variable STANDARDS.
- Our MINISTRIES can look very different but have similar IMPACT through God's Spirit.

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Unified or Uniform?

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We all are called to the coming **KINGDOM.**