

A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant red poppy flower in full bloom. The flower's petals are bright red and slightly ruffled, contrasting sharply with the grayscale background of a field of other poppies. The center of the flower shows a dark, textured stamen and a small yellow pistil. The background is a soft-focus field of similar flowers, with some stems and leaves visible in the foreground.

100 Years 3 Stories
2 Minutes

*“It’ll all be over
by Christmas”*

Remembrance Sunday



What do you need to be like
to be a soldier?

Brave? Strong?
Professional?
Well trained?
Good at fighting?



One hundred years ago (Christmas Eve 1914)

- The Germans decided they wanted to celebrate Christmas!
- Christmas trees were delivered
- Guns fell silent, candles were lit
- And then, in no man's land
... you could hear singing
... and a shout

NO-MANS LAND
ONCE A FOREST "IN FLANDERS FIELDS" X217





Apparently the Germans
won 3-2!

.... but on Boxing Day the
fighting started again



**Why do you think
they ended up
playing football?**

**So perhaps soldiers are not that
brave or strong?**

Perhaps they are just like us?



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Remembering what?

Remembrance Sunday

As we remember the many who died during two world wars
We remember also those caught up in conflicts today



How lonely sits the city that was once full of people
Lamentations 1:1



The Old City of Homs, Syria, 2017

No one is near to comfort me,
no one to restore my spirit
My children are destitute
because the enemy has prevailed
Lamentations 1:16



Yemen, 2018

An aerial photograph capturing the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. The image shows the twisted, charred steel skeletons of the World Trade Center towers, standing amidst a vast sea of rubble and debris. The surrounding area is a chaotic landscape of destroyed buildings and infrastructure. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the overall scene conveys a sense of profound devastation and loss.

My eyes fail from weeping,
I am in torment within;
my heart is poured out on the ground
because my people are destroyed
Lamentations 2:11

New York, September 2001

All our enemies have opened their mouths wide against us.
We have suffered terror and pitfalls, ruin and destruction
Lamentations 3:47-48



25th anniversary of the Warrington bomb, 2018



REMEMBERING

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm: **We will remember them**

- 2 Minutes silent reflection -



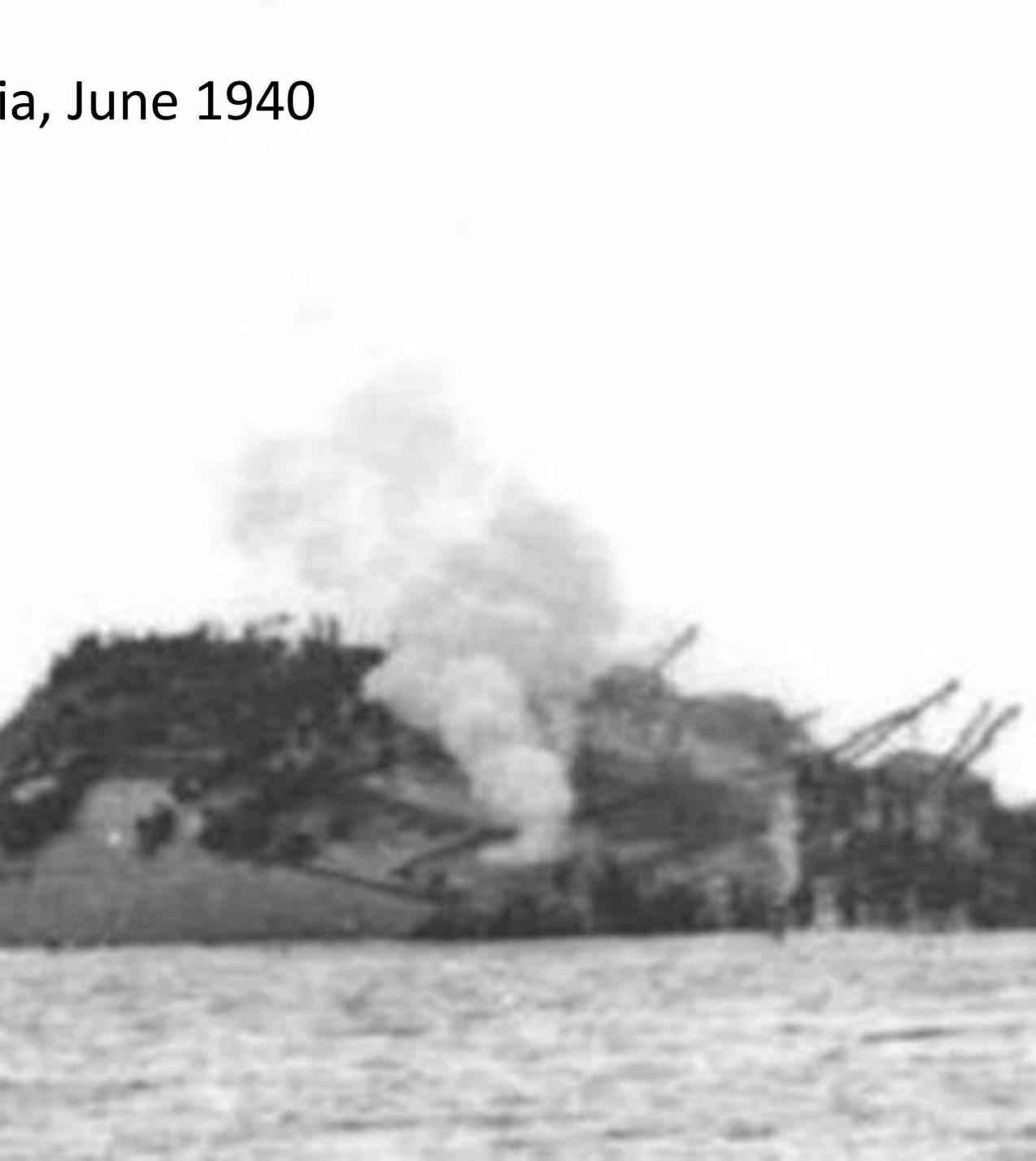
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*Greater love
hath no man*

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RMS Lancastria, June 1940





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*We listen to the voices
of some who keep
their own memory*

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London Underground





Manchester Piccadilly, Christmas 1940

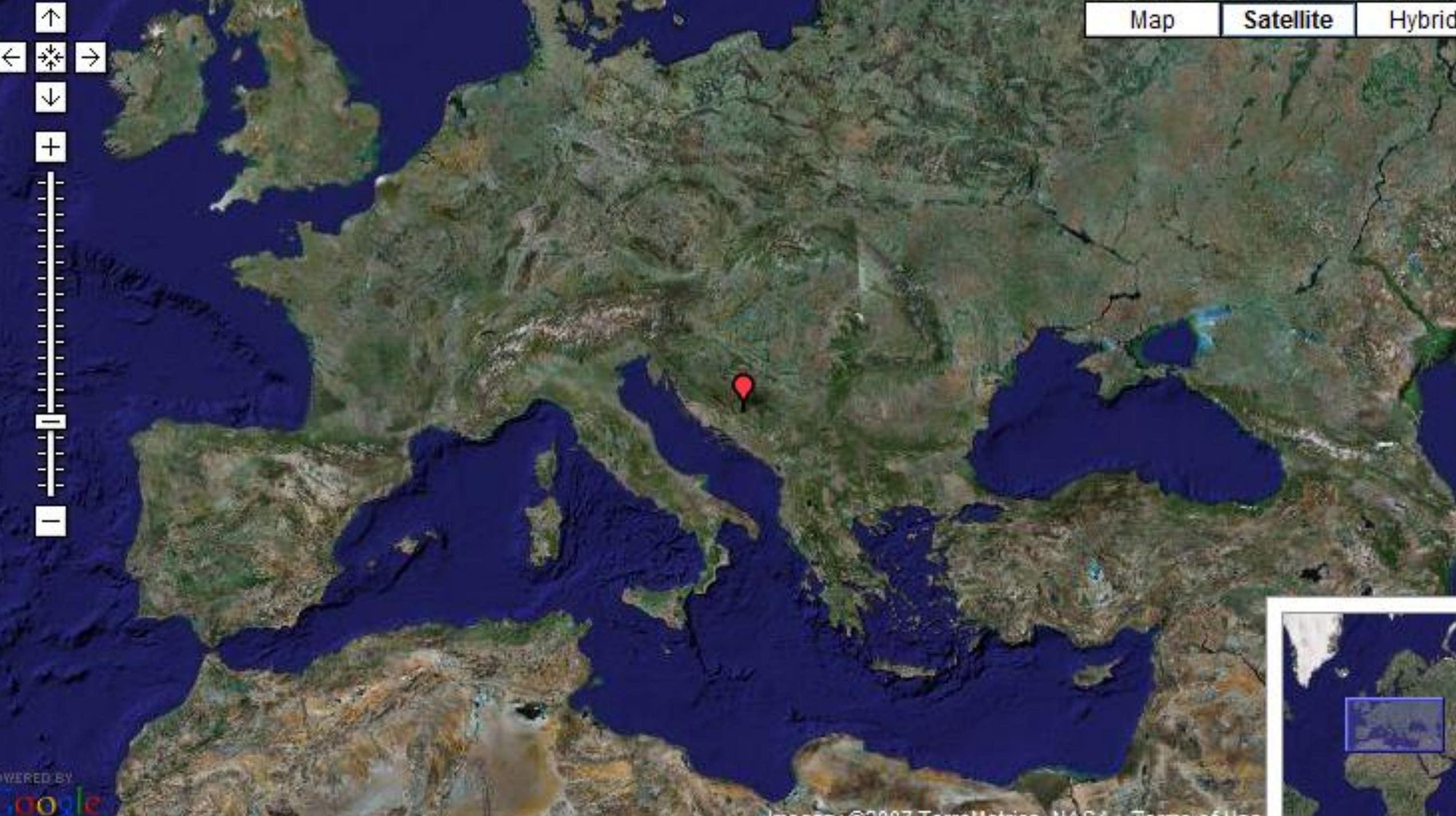


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The Golden Fish

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Map Satellite Hybrid





BELGIUM

GERMANY

POLAND

LUXEMBURG

CZECH

SLOVAKIA

FRANCE

AUSTRIA

HUNGARY

SWITZERLAND

SLOVENIA

ROMANIA

CROATIA

ITALY

BOSNIA

SERBIA

BULGARIA

MONTE-NEGRO

**MACE-
DONIA**

PORTUGAL

SPAIN

ALBANIA

GREECE







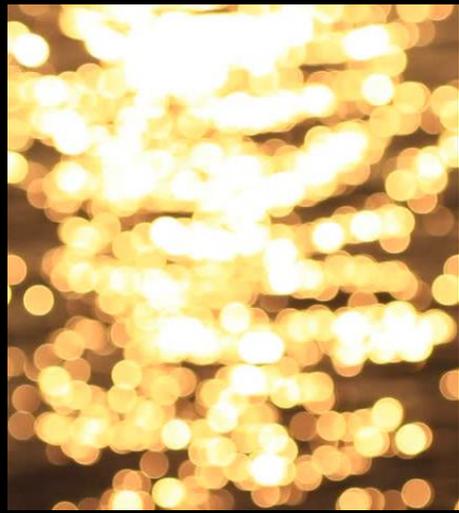
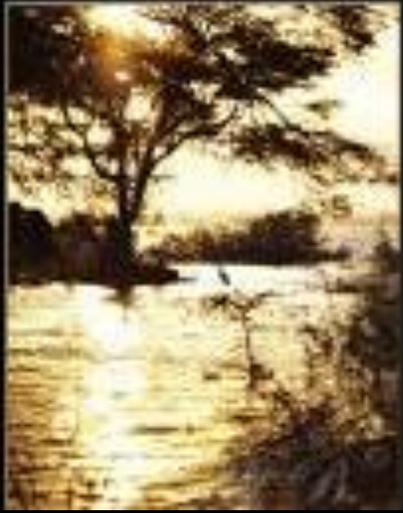
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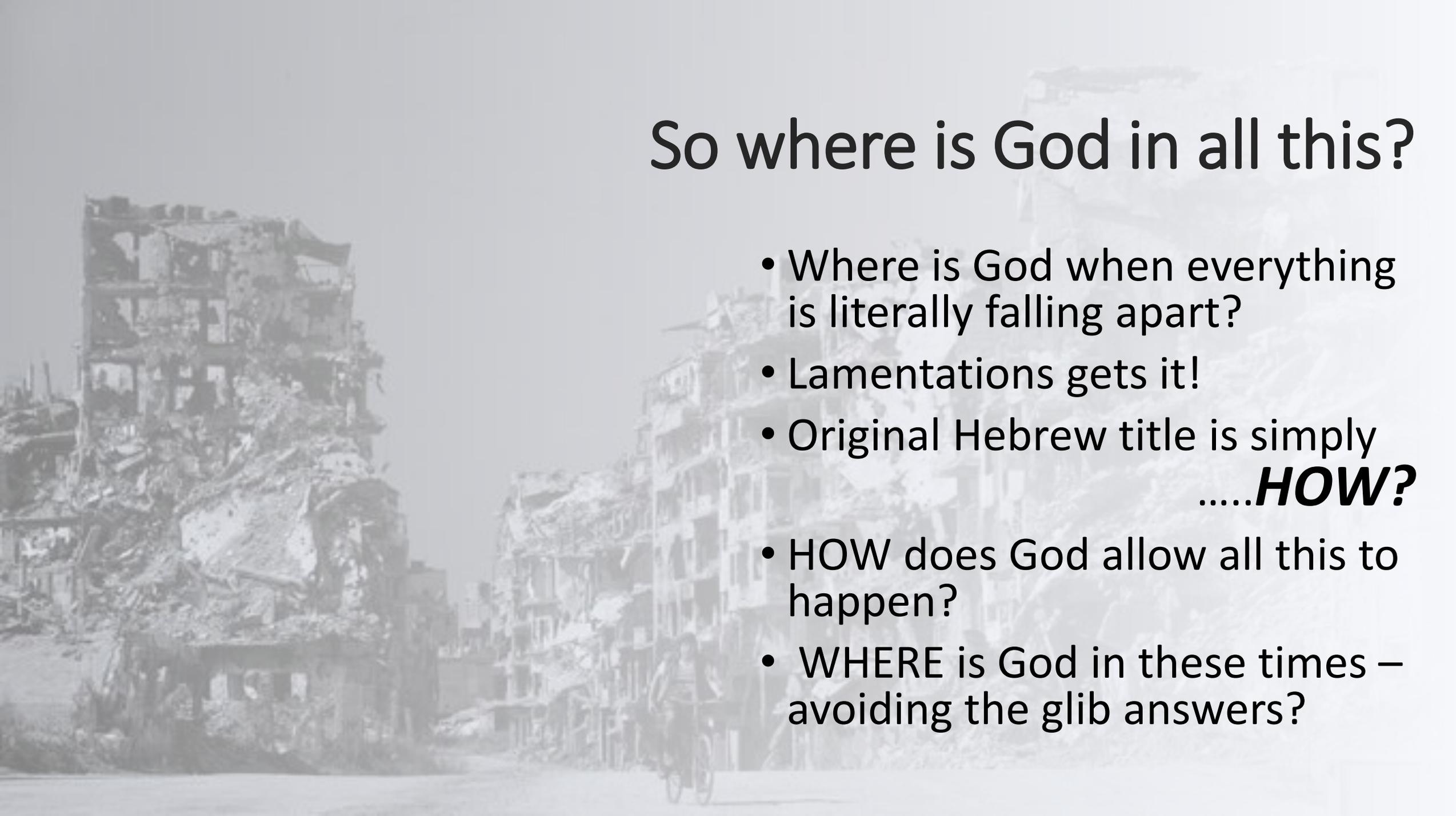


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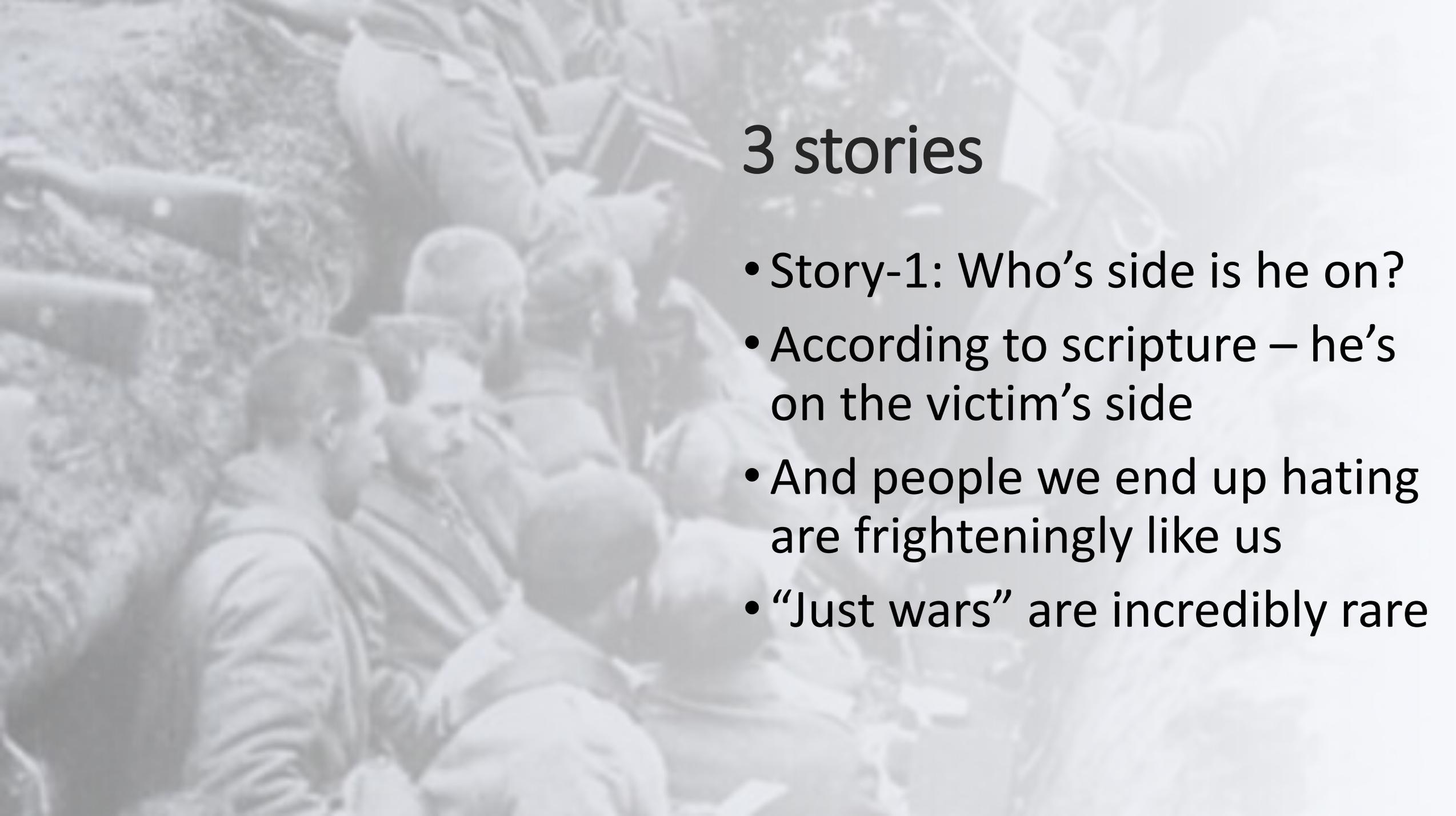
Where is God?

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So where is God in all this?

- Where is God when everything is literally falling apart?
- Lamentations gets it!
- Original Hebrew title is simply
.....**HOW?**
- HOW does God allow all this to happen?
- WHERE is God in these times – avoiding the glib answers?



3 stories

- Story-1: Who's side is he on?
- According to scripture – he's on the victim's side
- And people we end up hating are frighteningly like us
- “Just wars” are incredibly rare

*Why doesn't God
do something
about war?*

- We live in a damaged, disfigured world – not as it should be ... or will be
- Story-2 We glimpse God is in the sacrifice, in the act of love – which we can do too
- God doesn't cause wars to happen but he can use wars to mould our character
- Story-3 God's grace has a relentless nature
- He achieves his ends sometimes in ways we least expect

*God is always
doing something
about war*

- While Israel was stuck in exile, God promised them that this was not as it should be, that they were not alone – that it would end
- This present world is not as it should be, but we are not left to face it alone. ... God will not leave us alone



Remembrance Day