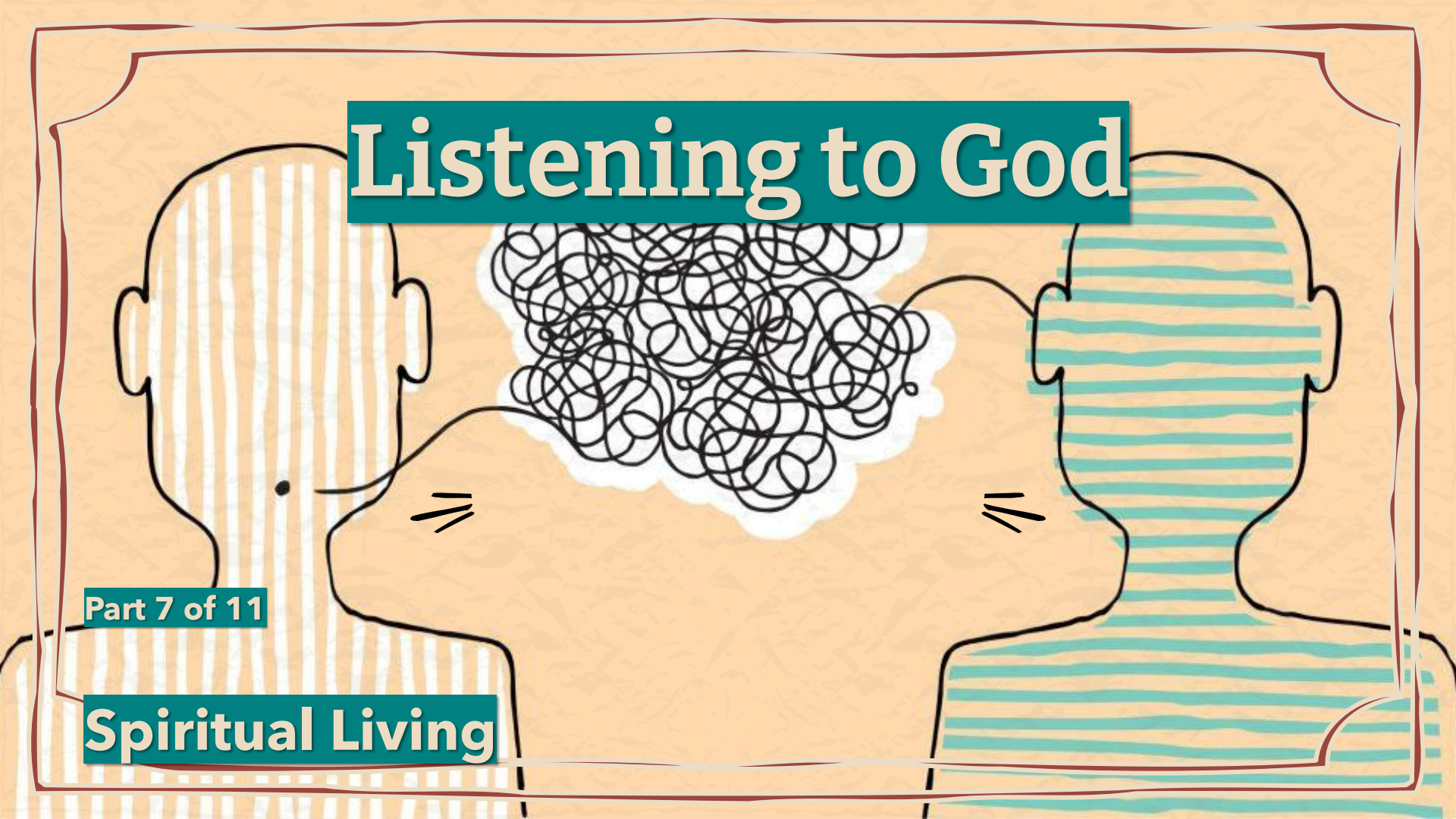


Listening to God

An illustration of two stylized human figures, one on the left with vertical stripes and one on the right with horizontal stripes, facing each other. Between them is a large, cloud-like shape filled with a dense, chaotic scribble of black lines. The entire scene is set against a light orange background with a faint, repeating pattern of the word 'listen'.

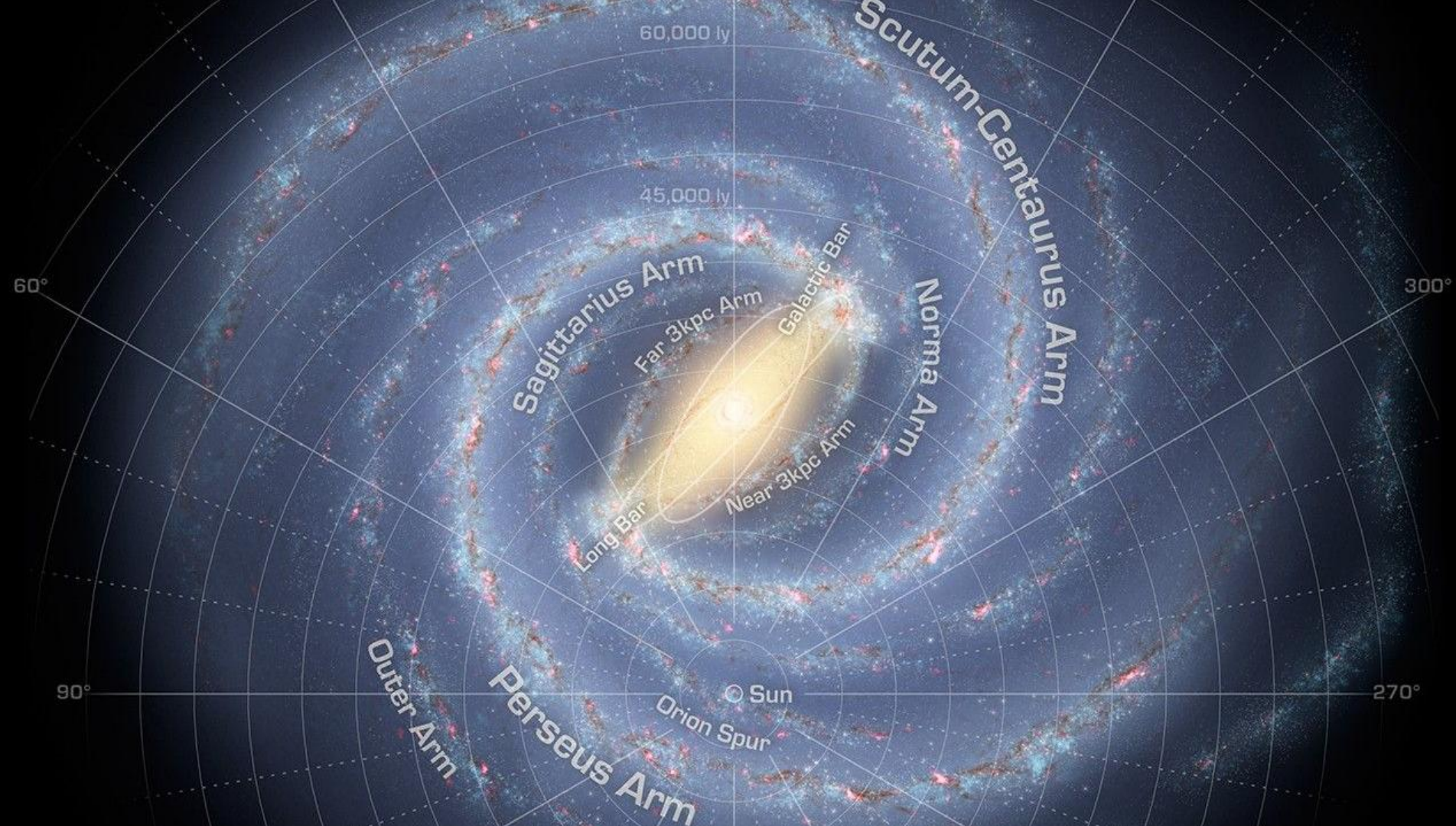
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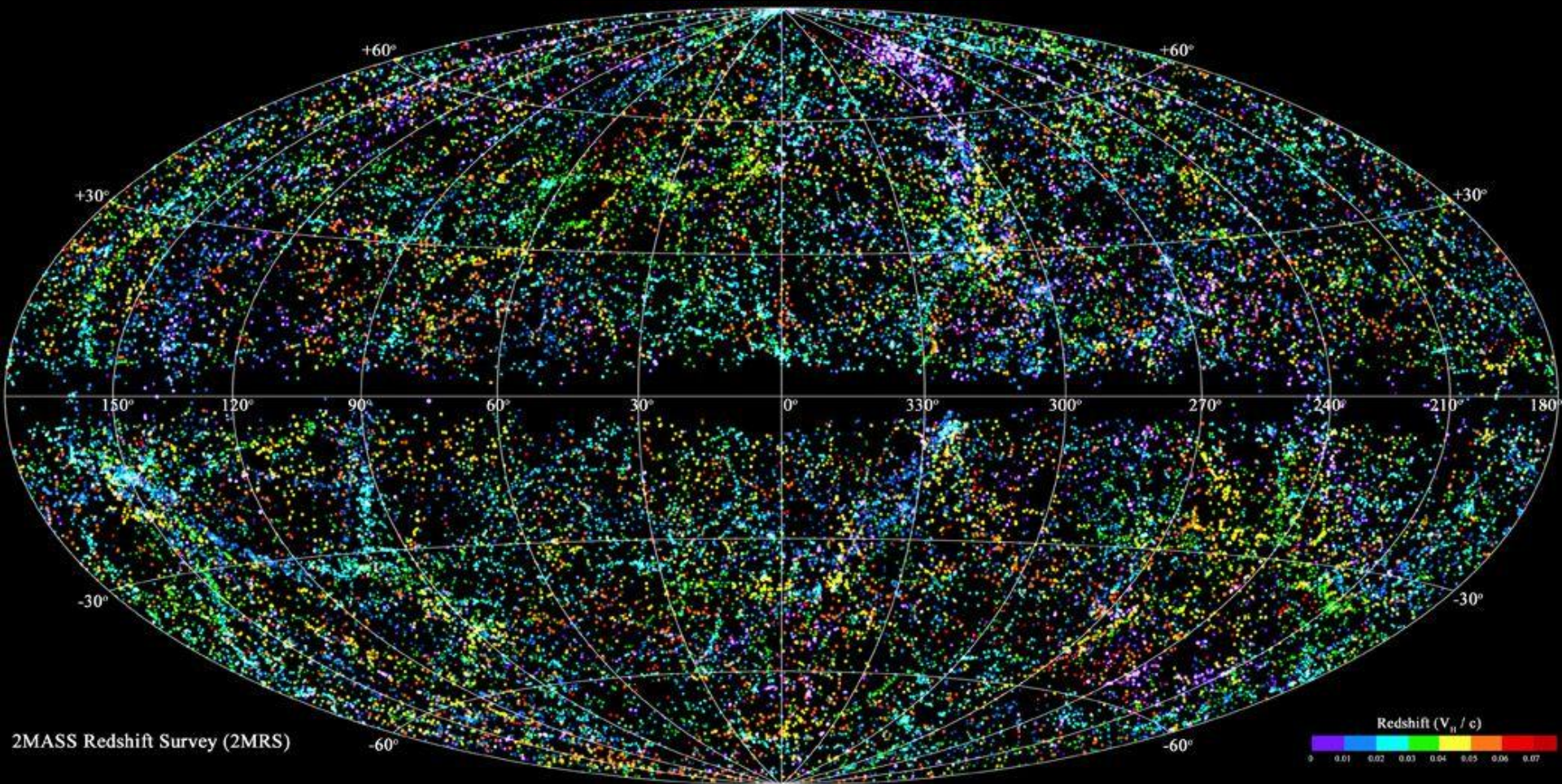
















—What can overcome ...

The transcendent greatness of the divine?

The limits of human ability?

**The universal need for a non-delusional,
conscientious life?**

Love & Revelation

Moments of Revelation



Narrative



Prophecies



Prayers



Songs & Poetry



**Community
Instruction**



Scripted Play



**Historical
Fiction?**

The Bible as Literature



- Time
- Place
- Big Events
- Culture



The Bible as Literature



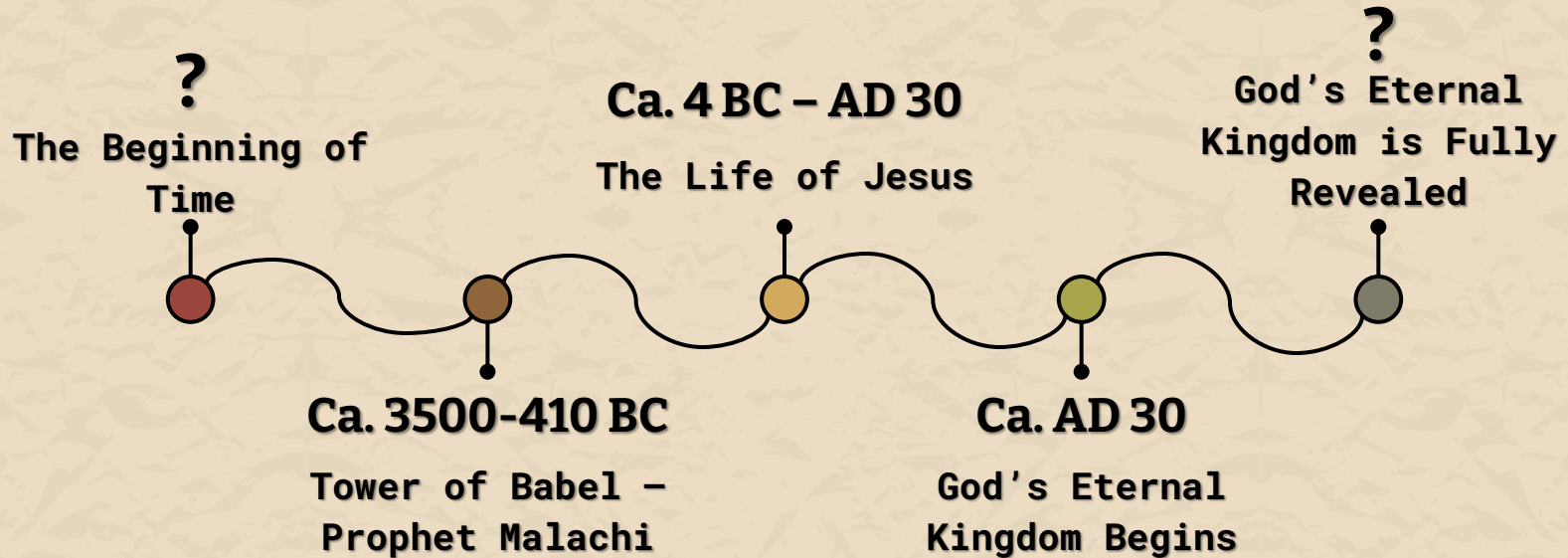
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The Bible as Literature



- Appeals to reason & common sense
- Tells explicitly
- Exemplifies in action
- Leads us to make informed inferences

Historical Timeline of the Bible's Story



Trajectory of the Bible's Story

**A Victorious
Descendant from
Eve**

**A Promised
Kingdom from
David**

**A Promised People
from Abraham**

**A Chosen Servant
from God**



Active listening is



Focused



Voluntary



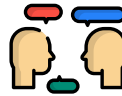
Intentional

PASSIVE LISTENER

Hear without trying to understand

Doesn't engage in the conversation

Is easily distracted



ACTIVE LISTENER

Try to understand the message

Show signs of listening

Pay full attention

**PAY
ATTENTION**



**WITHHOLD
JUDGMENT**



REFLECT



6 KEY
**ACTIVE
LISTENING
SKILLS**



CLARIFY



SUMMARIZE



SHARE

⇒ Human Sinners

