

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel. . . .

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And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. . . .

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²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁵ And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! ...

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And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.
²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ...

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²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

³⁰ So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years. ³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. . . .

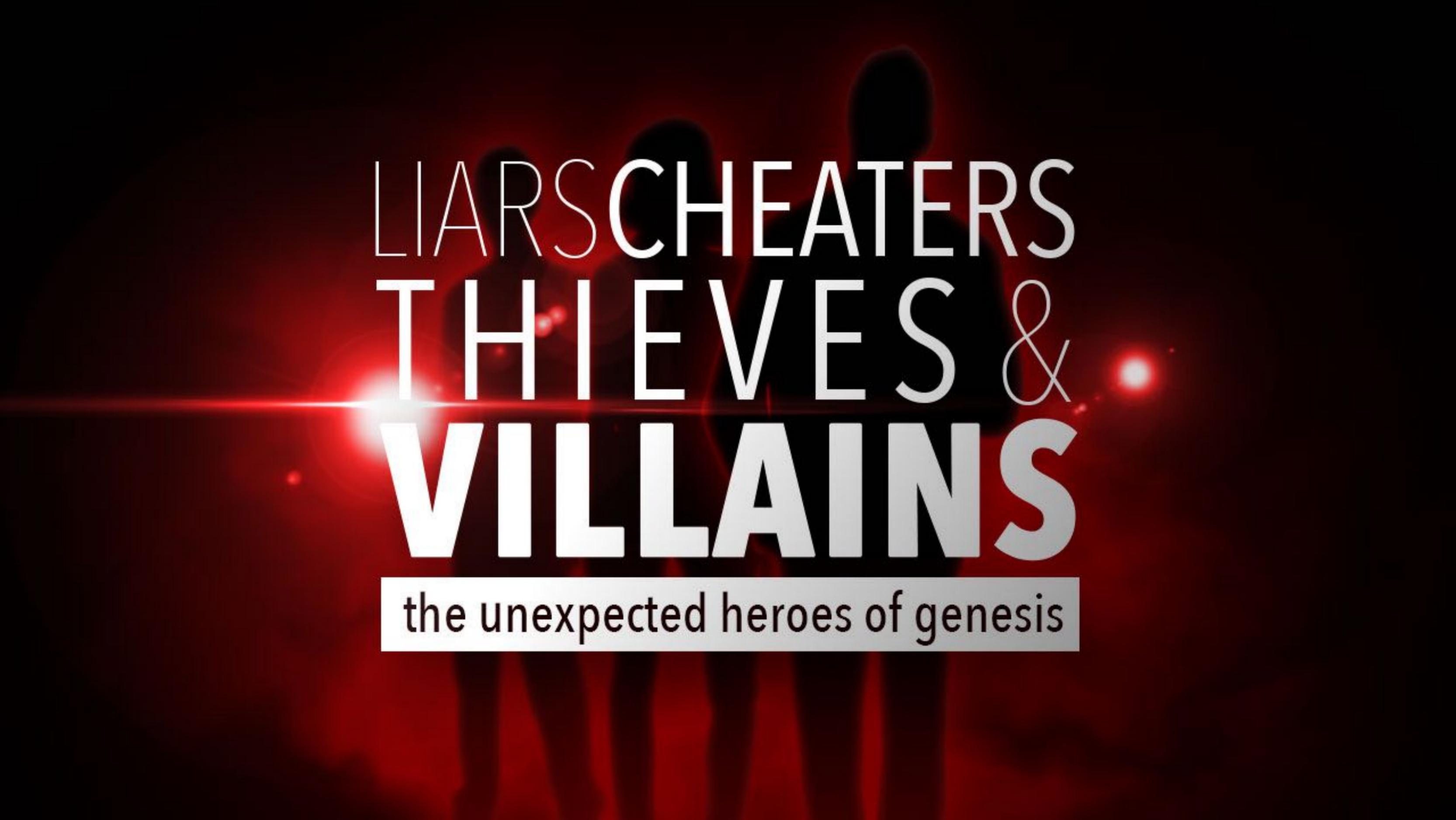
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³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me."
³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon....

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³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

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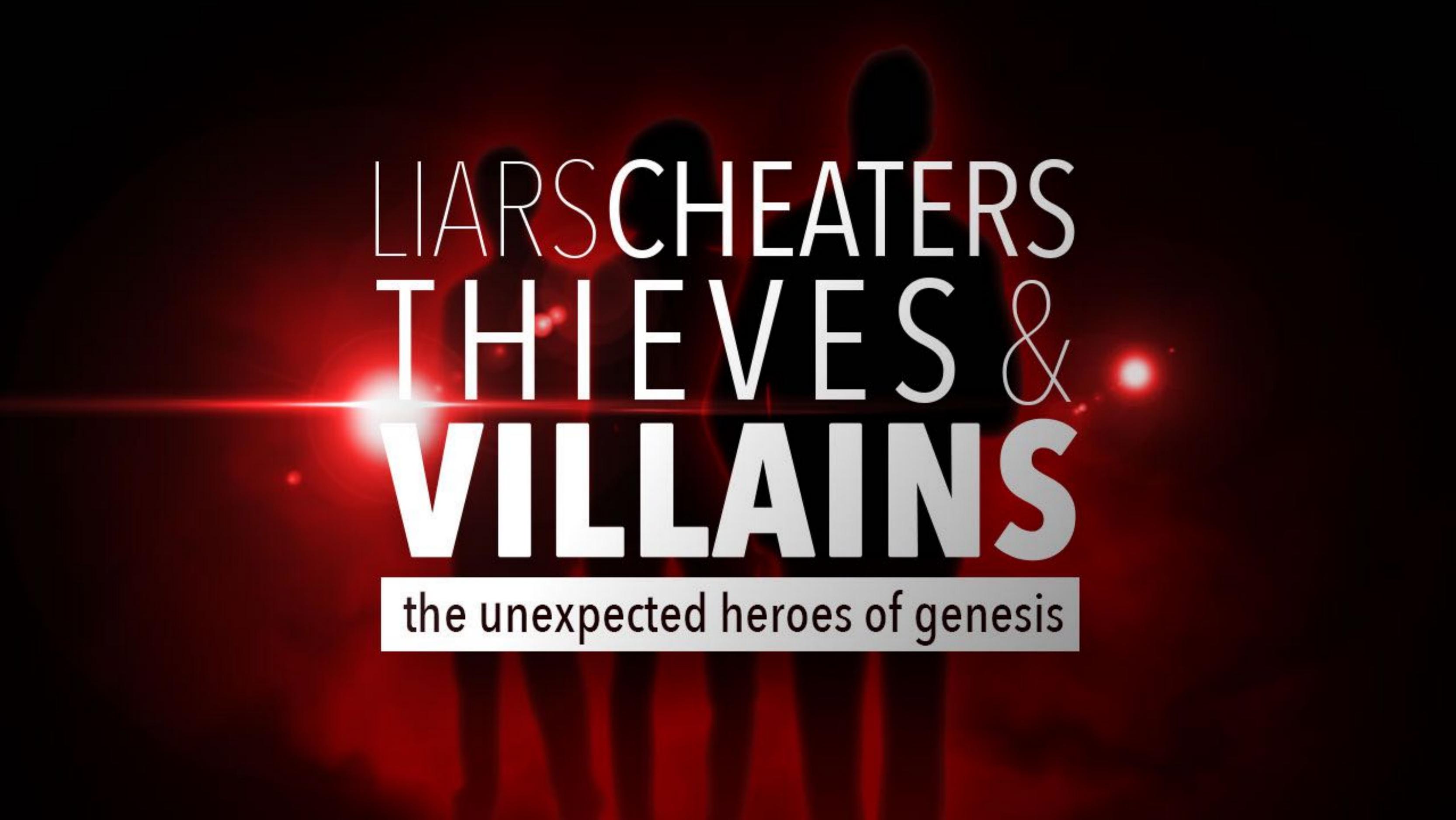
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"Our hearts are restless
until they rest in You."

AUGUSTINE

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches
on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will be saved."

ROMANS 10:12-13

The background features a dark, almost black, space with a prominent red glow emanating from the left side, creating a lens flare effect. In the center, the silhouettes of several people are visible, appearing to be seated in a theater or lecture hall, looking towards the right. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and mysterious.

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