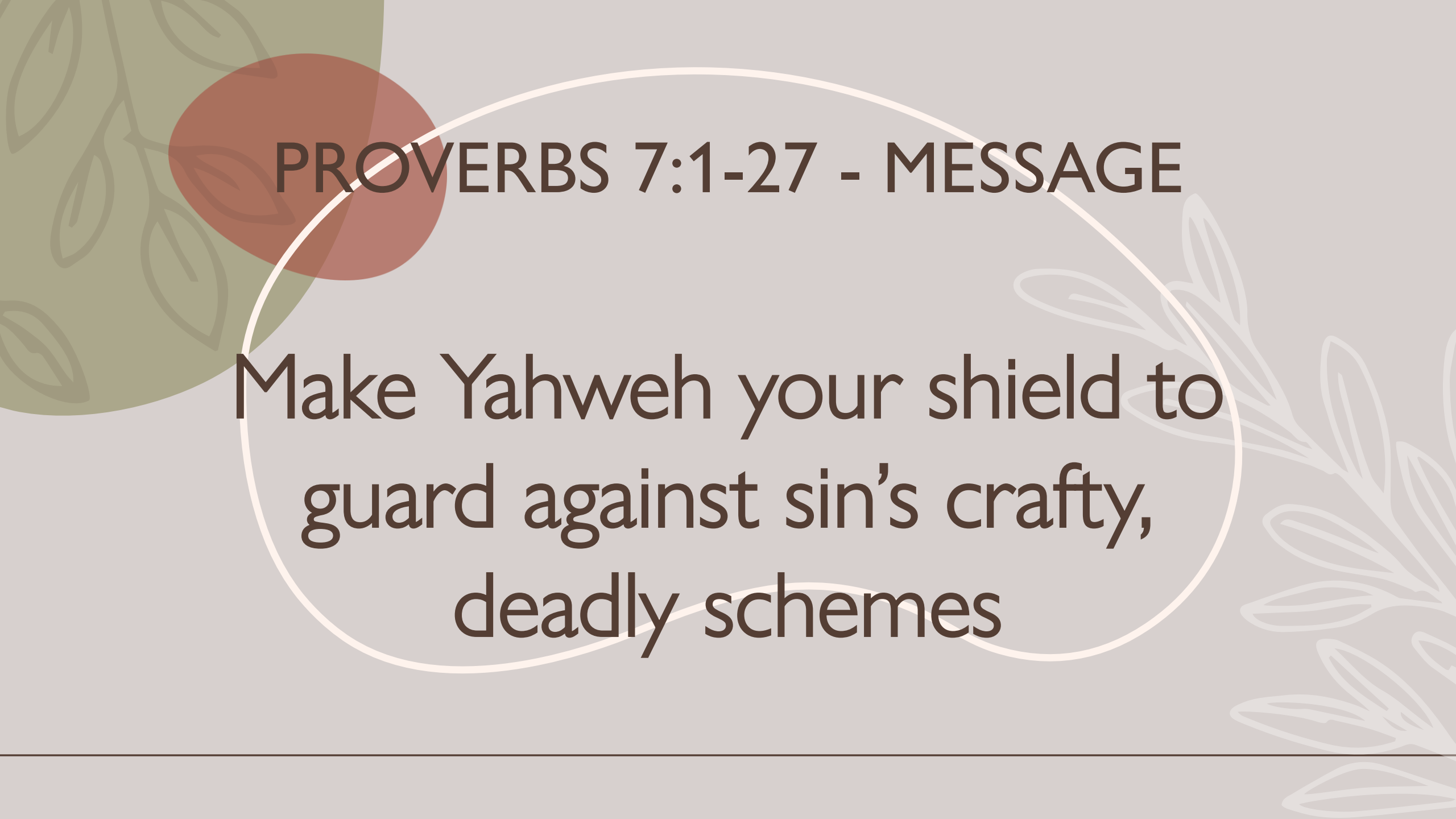




# Sin's Deadly Schemes



## PROVERBS 7:1-27 - MESSAGE

Make Yahweh your shield to  
guard against sin's crafty,  
deadly schemes

# Proverbs 7:6-23

- a. The victim** (6-9)
- b. The huntress** (10-12)
- c. The tactics** (13-21)
- d. The kill** (22-23)

“The best advice is useless against strong temptation unless it is thoroughly taken to heart and translated into habits”

(Derek Kidner, *Proverbs*, p. 75-76)

# Proverbs 7:1-27

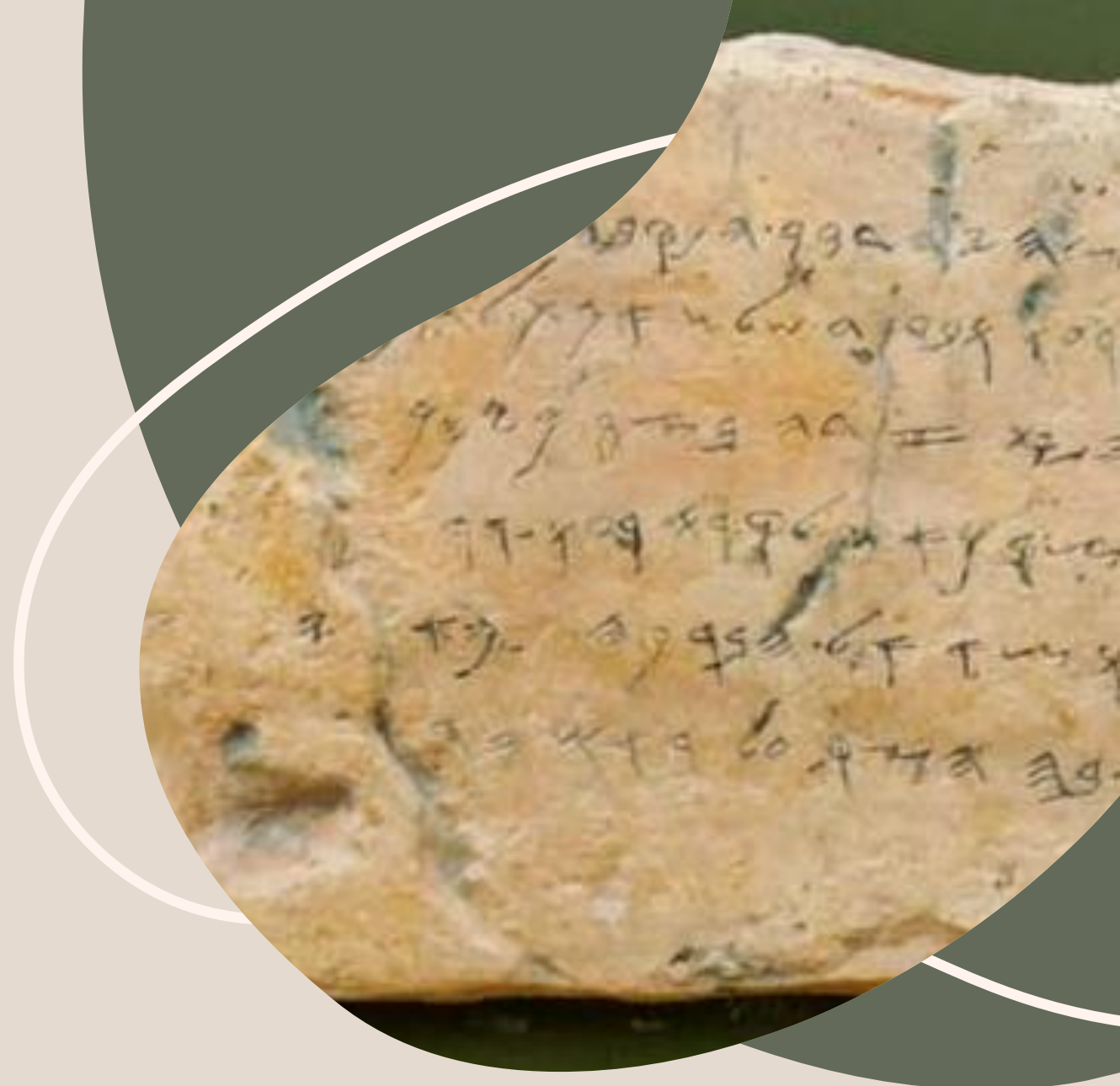
- I. Engage Lady Wisdom to guard you from the temptress (1-5)**
- II. Consider this case study of a temptress and her victim (6-23)**
  - A. The victim (6-9)**
  - B. The huntress (10-12)**
  - C. The tactics (13-21)**
  - D. The kill (22-23)**
- III. Be warned: the temptress is the gateway to death (24-27)**

# Prov 7:3

**Bind on your fingers** = memorize  
and review frequently; keep always  
before you

**Write on the tablet of your heart**  
= meditation

You want wisdom to influence and  
guide your thoughts and actions



# Proverbs 7:7

## **Simple...among the sons**

- “refers to the young men who refused to make commitments to wisdom before entering the city and so are easy prey to the wicked” (Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:371)



# Sin's tactics in Proverbs 7

- ❖ Sin takes advantage of those who don't use God's wisdom
- ❖ Sin convinces us that our behavior can remain hidden
- ❖ Alone, we are no match for sin
- ❖ Sin looks for an opportunity to pounce (Gen 4:7)
- ❖ Sin knows how to get our attention
- ❖ Sin knows just how to render us powerless
- ❖ Sin tells us that outward religion can co-exist with sinful behavior
- ❖ Sin flatters our ego so we'll let our guard down
- ❖ Sin promises it will be worth it by giving what you want most
- ❖ Sin presses you to proceed



# Proverbs 7:8

## **Strides**

- Walk that is intentional and pompous
- Ignorant of danger and foolishly self-confident that he can take care of himself
- He knows better





# Proverbs 7:10

## **Lacking heart (7:7)**

- Lacking insight, judgment, understanding
- Lacks the character of wisdom

## **Cunning of heart**

- Lit., “guarded in heart”
- Hiding her real intentions
- Thus crafty, sly, wily
- Having a hidden agenda



# Sin's tactics in Proverbs 7 (cont.)

- ❖ Sin promises to satisfy your felt needs
- ❖ Sin gives you false assurances
- ❖ Sin succeeds using a full arsenal of crafty schemes
- ❖ Sin presses us, “don’t think, just leap!”