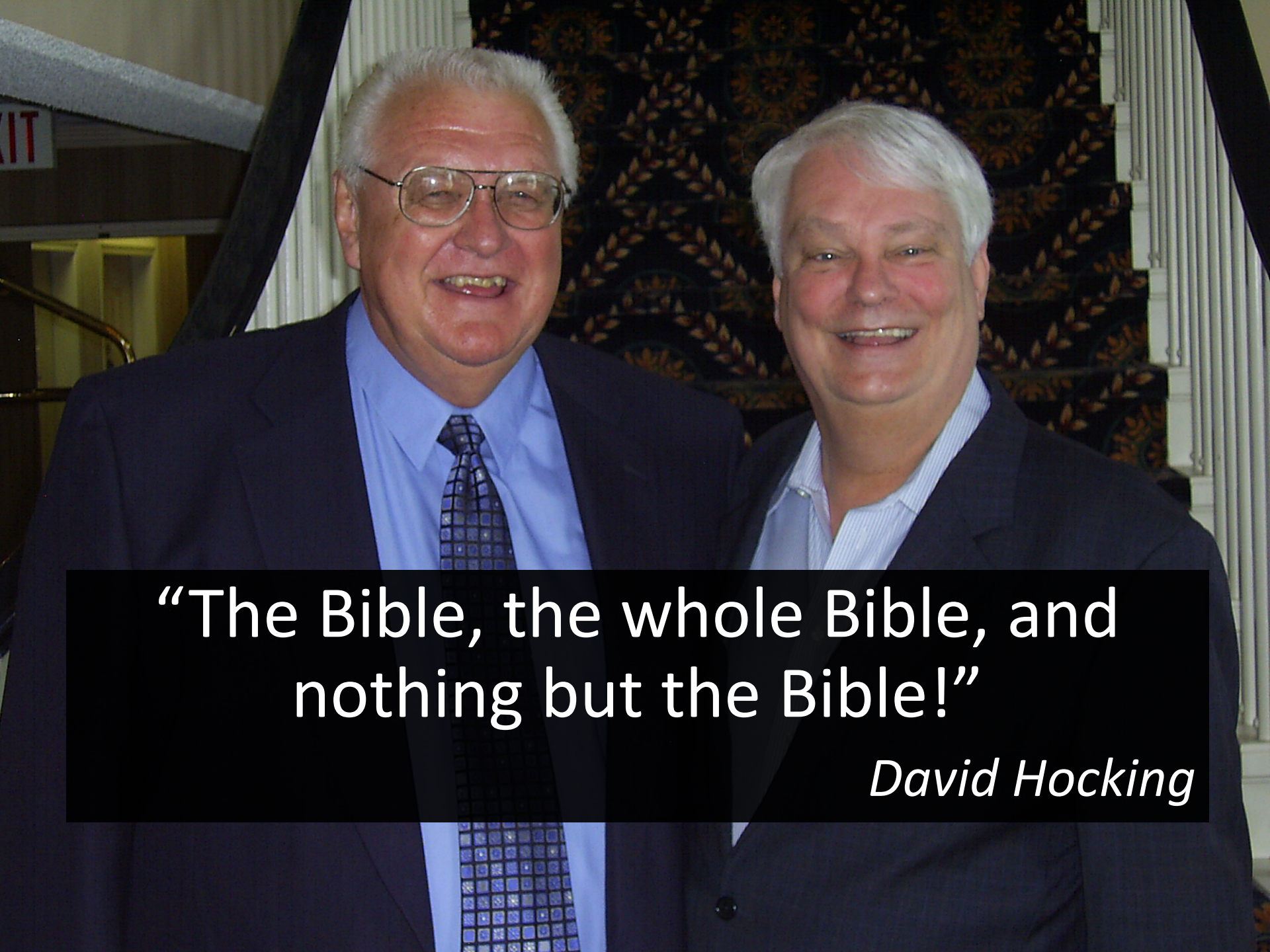


The Glorious Inheritance of God



“In Him you also ... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our **inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory ... I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know ... what are the riches of **His glorious inheritance** in the saints....”

Eph. 1:13-18 (see Rom. 8:16,17; Col. 1:12; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)



“The Bible, the whole Bible, and
nothing but the Bible!”

David Hocking

**What is 'the End' of all things
according to the Bible?**

or What do the Divinely-inspired
Scriptures ultimately point towards?



“And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isa. 40:5

A satellite view of the Earth, showing the Americas and surrounding oceans. The text is overlaid on the image.

“For the earth will be filled with the
knowledge of **the glory of the LORD**,
as the waters cover the sea.”

Hab. 2:14; cf. Isa. 11:9

A satellite view of the Earth, showing the Americas in the center. The text is overlaid on the image, with some words highlighted in green.

“The nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth **thy glory**. For the LORD will build up Zion, He will appear in **His glory**...”

Ps. 102:15,16

[The Lord Jesus declared],

“I do not seek **my own glory**; there is **One who seeks it** and He will be the judge ...
If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is **my Father who glorifies me...**”

Jn. 8:50,54

[The Lord Jesus prayed],

“Father, **glorify thy name.**” Then a voice came from heaven, “**I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.**”

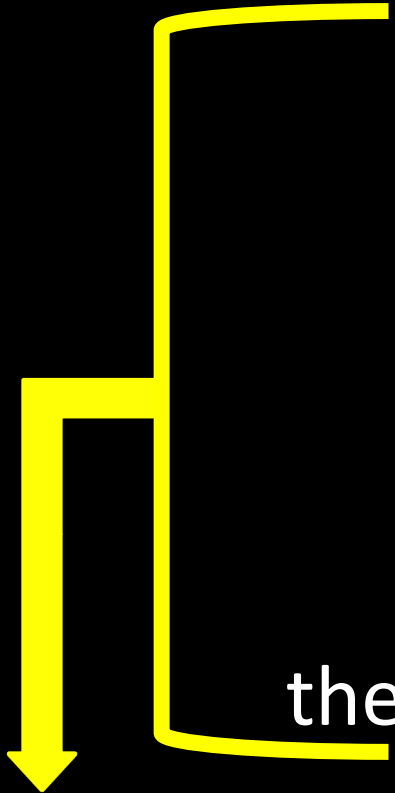
Jn. 12:28

[The Lord Jesus declared],
“Then will appear the sign of the Son of
man in Heaven, and then all the tribes of
the earth will mourn, and they will see
the Son of man coming on the clouds of
Heaven with power and
great glory.”

Matt. 24:29,30

**There has to be a visible and global manifestation
– and acknowledgment – of God's glory.**

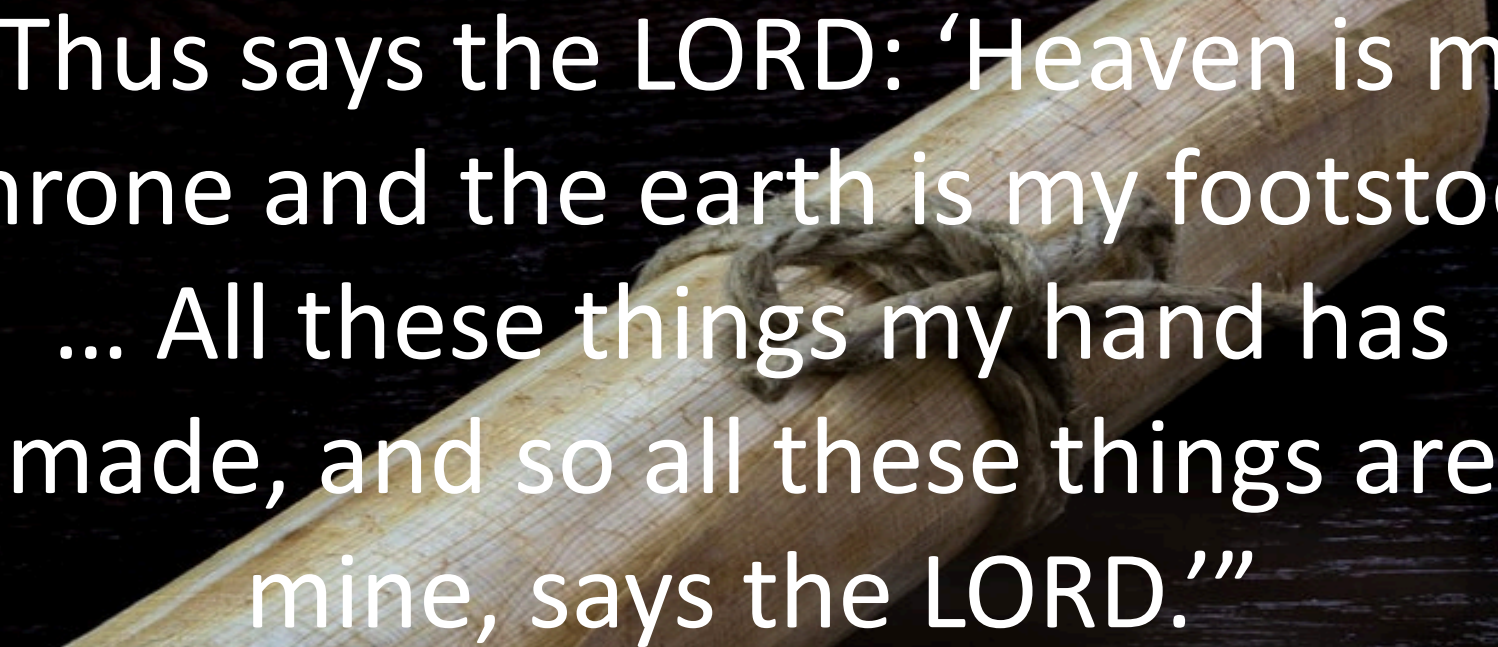
The 'end,' therefore, is not...



- the salvation of man
- the rapture of the Church
- the restoration of Israel
- the millennial kingdom
- the great white throne judgment
- the new heavens and the new earth;

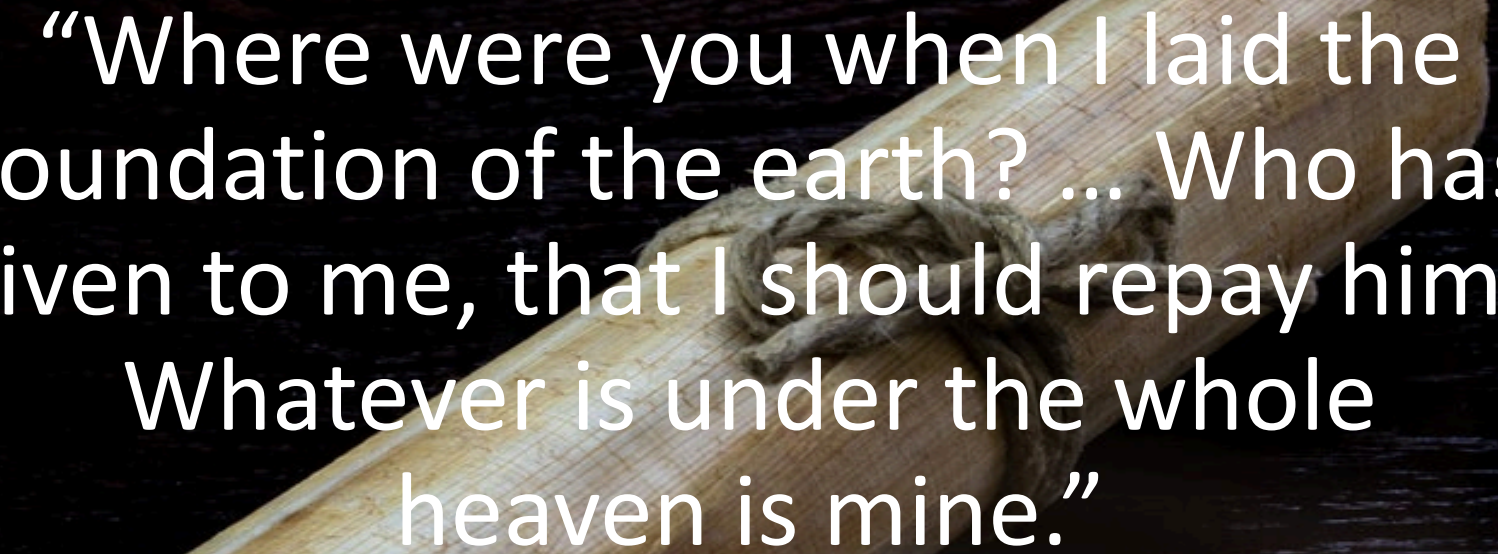
it is the glory of God!

The Glorious Creator, Benefactor, *and* Inheritor



“Thus says the LORD: ‘Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool ... All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the LORD.’”

Isa. 66:1,2



“Where were you when I laid the
foundation of the earth? ... Who has
given to me, that I should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole
heaven is mine.”

Job 38:4, 41:11

“Thus says the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel:

‘This is what you shall say to your masters:

“It is I who by my great power and my
outstretched arm have made the earth, with the
men and animals that are on the earth, and
I give it to whomever it seems right to me.
Now I have given all these lands into the hand
of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon,
my servant...””

Jer. 27:4-6

“Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the centre of the nations, with countries all around her.”

Ezek. 5:5; cf. 38:12



“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of mankind, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.”

Deut. 32:8; cf. Acts 17:26

The Whole World in a Cloverleaf
(Travel Book Through Holy Scripture, 1581)

“He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded for a thousand generations, the covenant that He made with

heritage / inheritance /
possession

“To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.”

Ps. 105:8-11

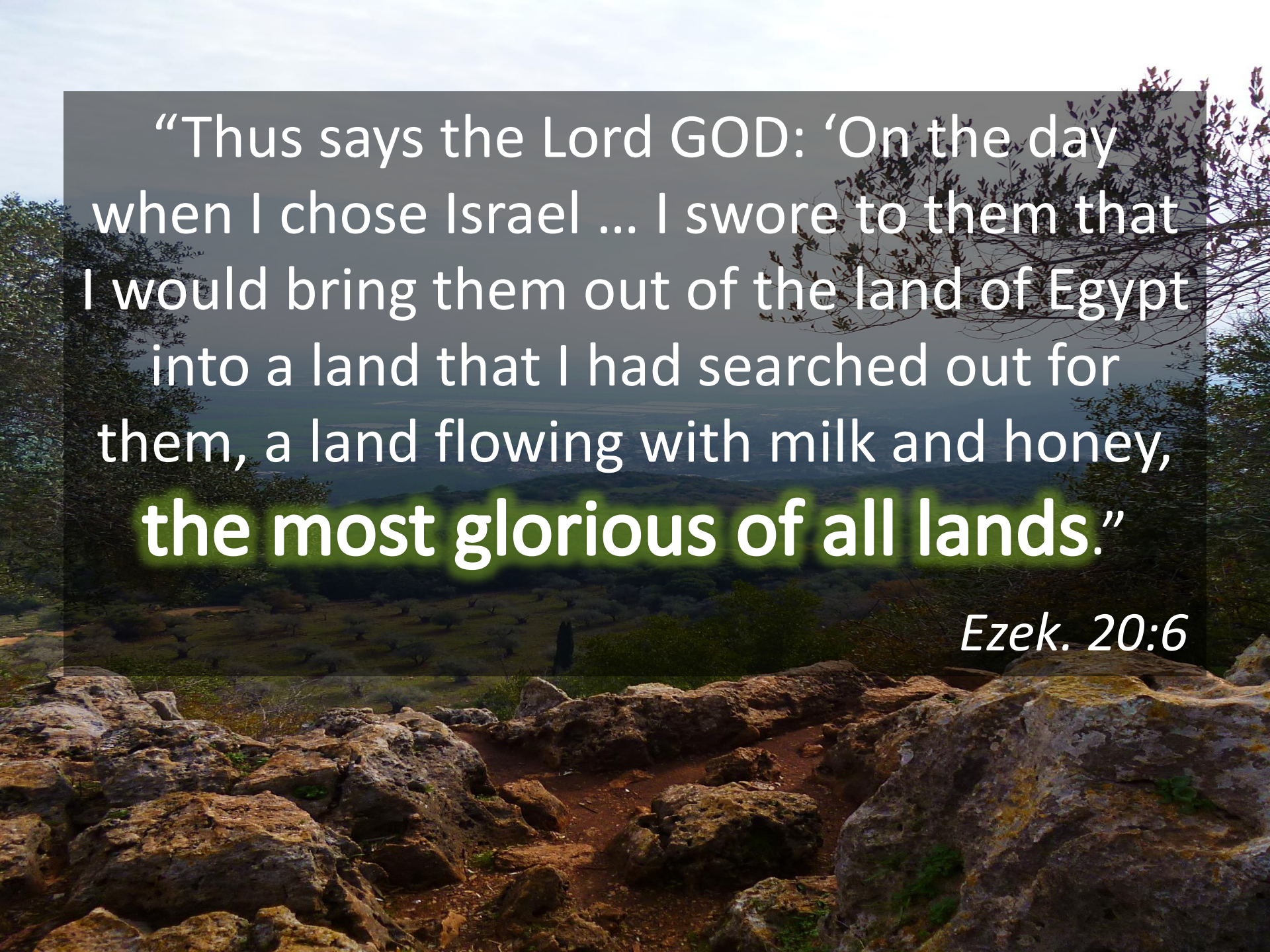
Nachalah (noun)

The verb *nachal* occurs 66 times in the OT; the noun occurs 222 times in 191 verses:

- Numbers (31)
- Deuteronomy (22)
- Joshua (43)
- Psalms (22)
- Jeremiah (12)
- Ezekiel (11)

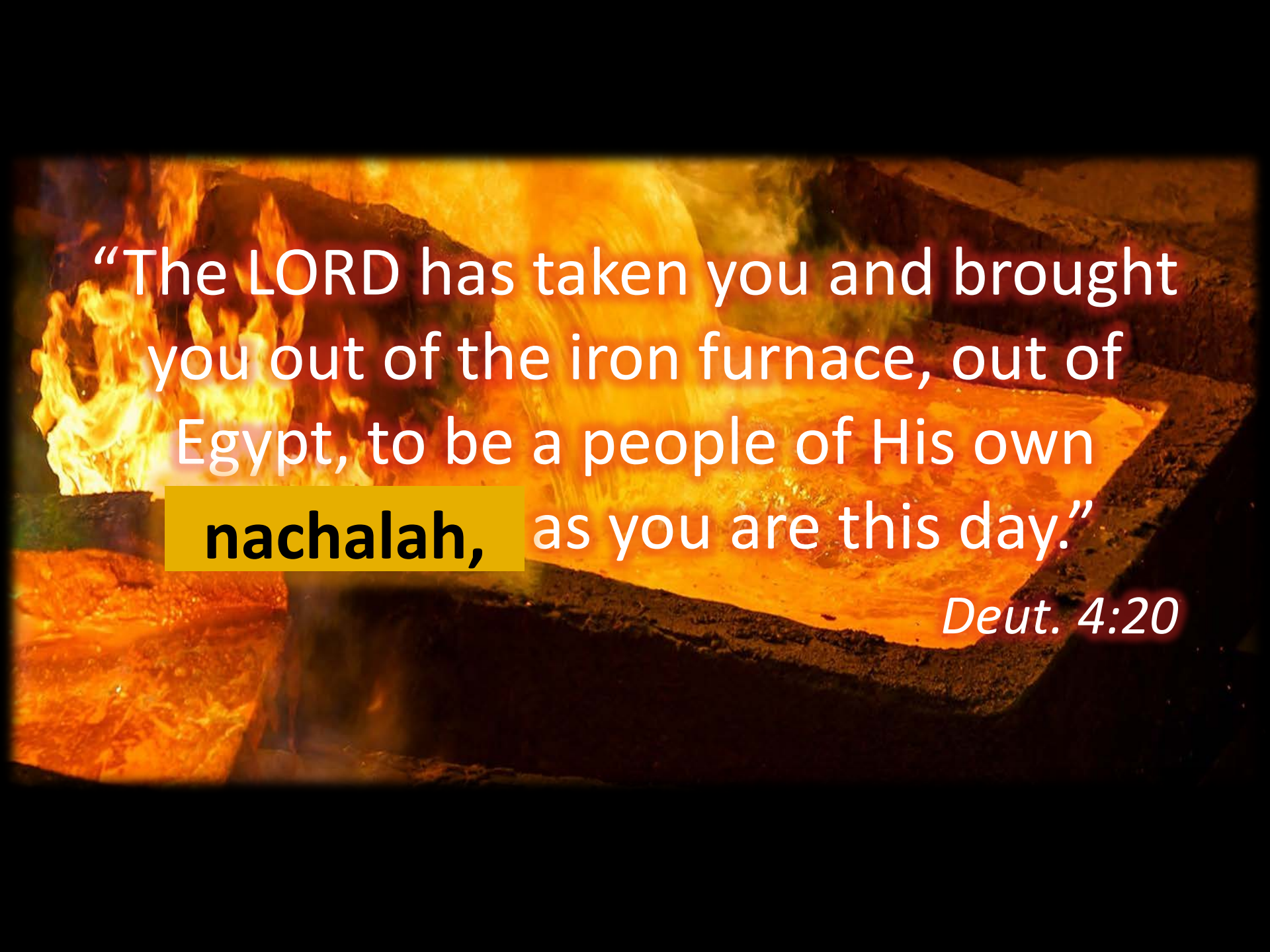
“I will myself drive them out from before the people of Israel; only allot the land to Israel for a nachalah, as I have commanded you. Now therefore divide this land for a nachalah to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.”

Jos. 13:6,7



“Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘On the day when I chose Israel ... I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, **the most glorious of all lands.**”

Ezek. 20:6

A close-up photograph of a glowing iron furnace. Bright orange and yellow molten metal is being poured from a channel on the right side of the furnace. The furnace walls are dark and textured, and the overall scene is dominated by the intense heat and light of the molten metal.

“The LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of His own **nachalah,** as you are this day.”

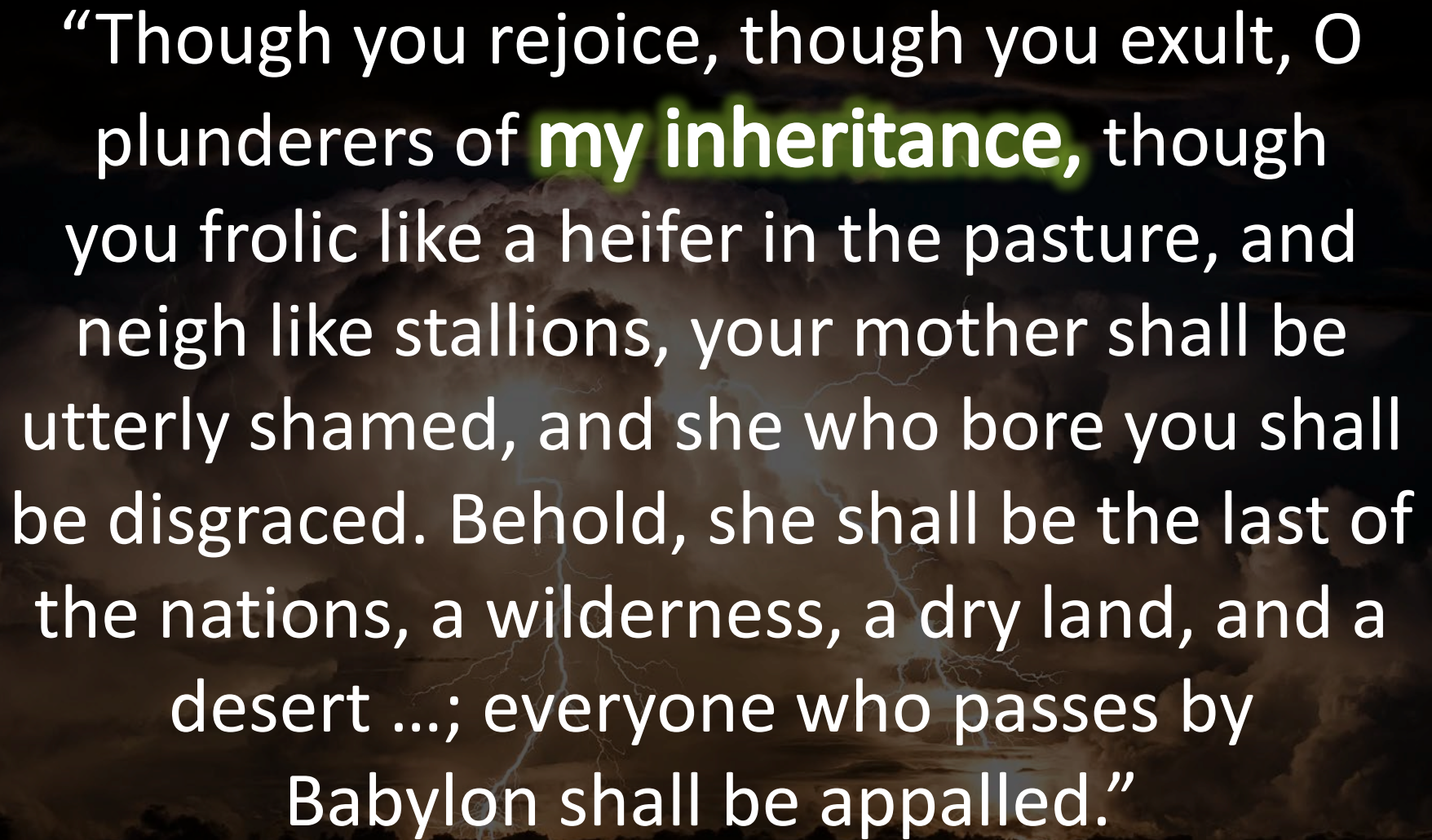
Deut. 4:20

“For the LORD’s portion is His people;
Jacob is the allotment of His
nachalah.”

Deut. 32:9

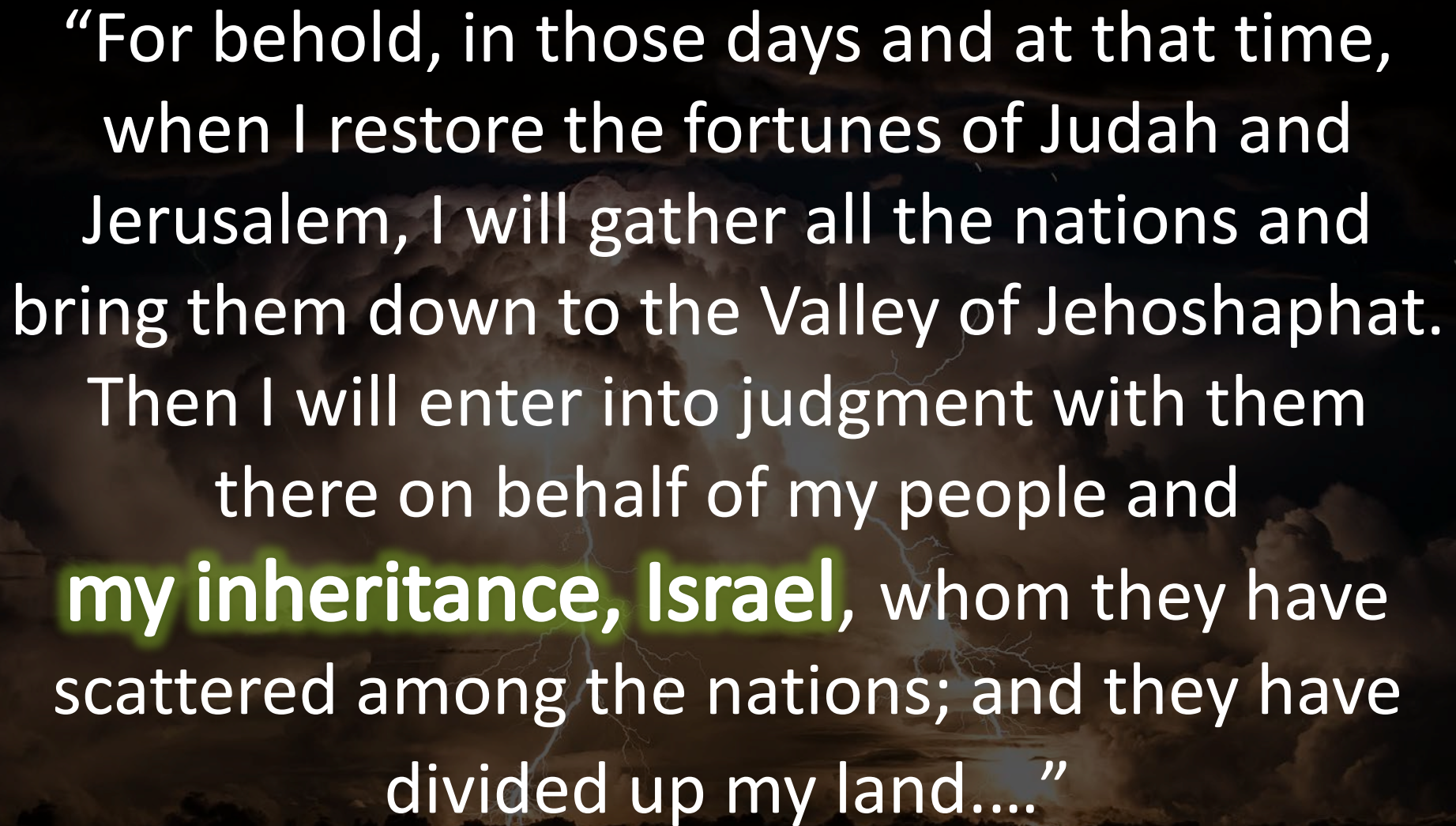
“I have forsaken my house, I have abandoned **my heritage**; I have given the beloved of my soul into the hands of her enemies. **My heritage** has become to me like a lion in the forest, she has lifted up her voice against me; therefore I hate her ... Thus says the LORD concerning all my evil neighbours who touch the **heritage** which I have given my people Israel to inherit: ‘Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck up the house of Judah from among them.’”

Jer. 12:7-14



“Though you rejoice, though you exult, O plunderers of **my inheritance**, though you frolic like a heifer in the pasture, and neigh like stallions, your mother shall be utterly shamed, and she who bore you shall be disgraced. Behold, she shall be the last of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert ...; everyone who passes by Babylon shall be appalled.”

Jer. 50:11-13



“For behold, in those days and at that time,
when I restore the fortunes of Judah and
Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and
bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
Then I will enter into judgment with them
there on behalf of my people and
my inheritance, Israel, whom they have
scattered among the nations; and they have
divided up my land....”

Joel 3:1,2

Re-presenting the Heart of God in Prayer

Moses

“And I prayed to the LORD, ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your nachalah whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.’”

Deut. 9:26

David

“O save thy people, and bless thy
nachalah be thou their shepherd, and
carry them for ever.”

Ps. 28:9

Solomon

“... for they are your people, and your nachalah which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace.”

1 Kgs. 8:51

Micah

“Shepherd your people with your staff,
the flock of your nachalah”

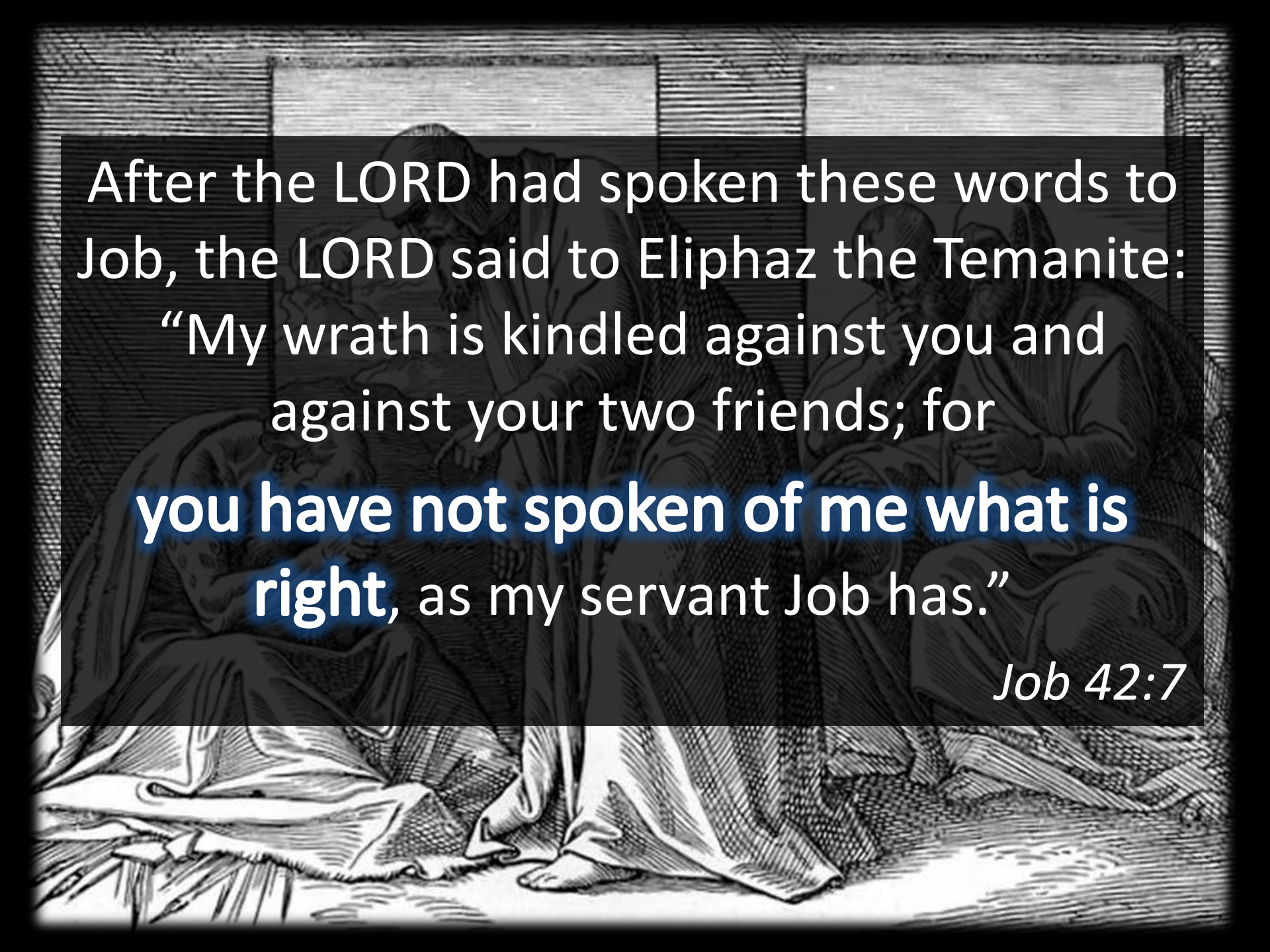
Mic. 7:14

They understood how precious an inheritance Israel is to God, and re-presented this to Him in earnest prayer and supplication.

Introducing God

How should believers introduce the
Lord God Almighty?

A word of warning from Scripture....



After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite:
“My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for **you have not spoken of me what is right**, as my servant Job has.”

Job 42:7



And many came to Him; and they said, “John did no sign, but **everything that John said about this man** was true.” And many believed in Him there.

Jn. 10:41,42

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

So then, how should believers
introduce the Lord?

In precisely the same way that **the Lord Himself**,
along with His faithful witnesses of old, did so –
He hasn't changed!

For example, He is **(and has never ceased to be) ...**

Lord God of Israel (108)

King of Israel (6)

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (9)

God of Israel (95)

Redeemer of Israel (1)

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (3)

Holy One of Israel (31)

Rock of Israel (1)

God of Abraham (10)

Mighty One of Jacob (2)

Mighty One of Israel (2)

Hope of Israel (2)

God of Isaac (3)

God of Jacob (18)

Creator of Israel (1)

Shepherd of Israel (1)

Fear of Isaac (2)

God of the Hebrews (6)

The High Names of God

- LORD of hosts
 - God of hosts
 - LORD God of hosts
 - Yahweh (LORD), Elohim (God), tsebā'ôt (of hosts)
- } x 285 in OT

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon....”

Jer. 29:4

“And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people ... For you have made your people Israel your very own people forever ... So let it be established, that your name may be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel’s God.’”

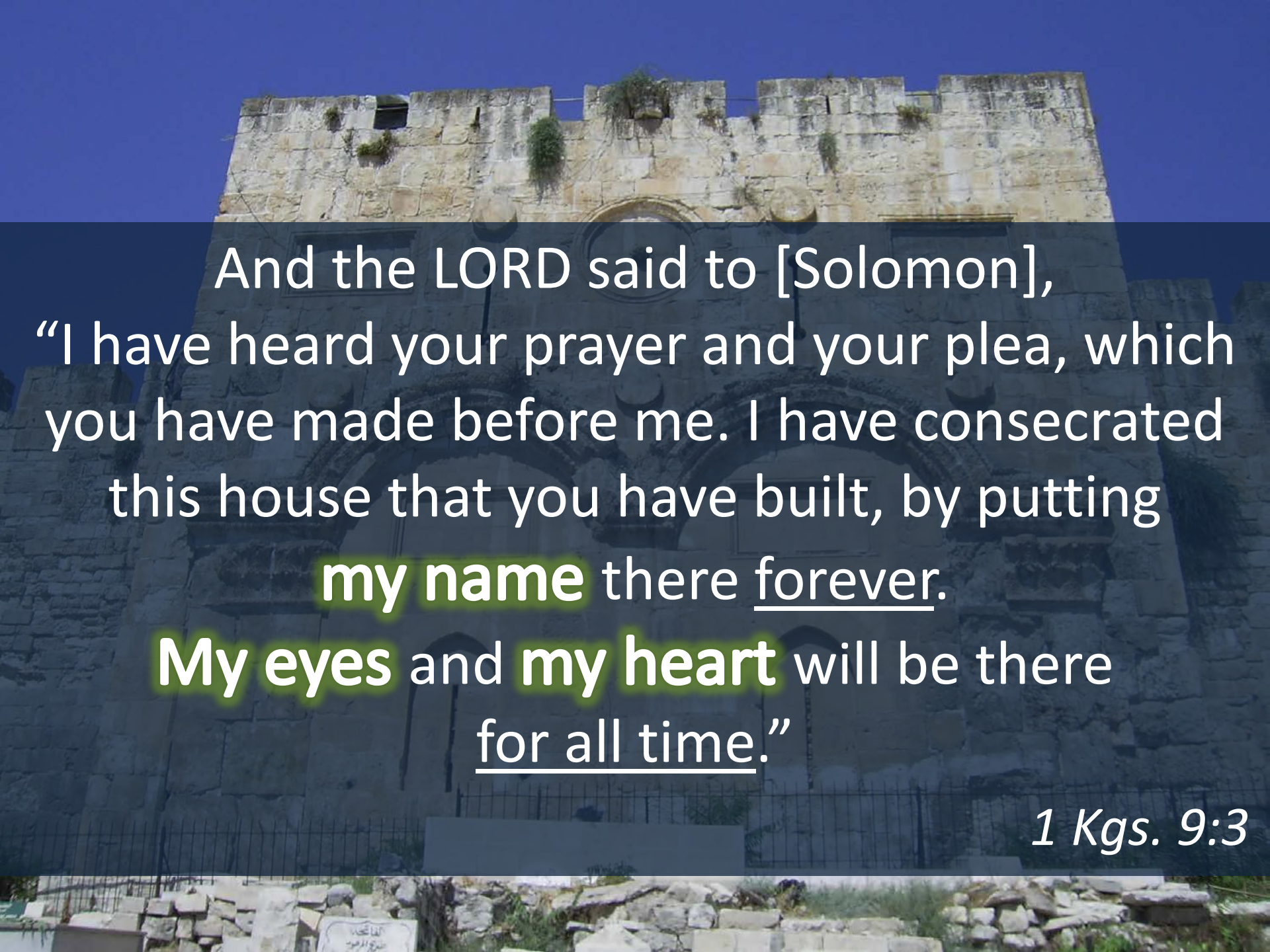
1 Chron. 17:21-24

“O **LORD of hosts, God of Israel**, who
art enthroned above the cherubim, thou
art the God, thou alone, of all the
kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made
heaven and earth.”

Isa. 37:16

But there is more!

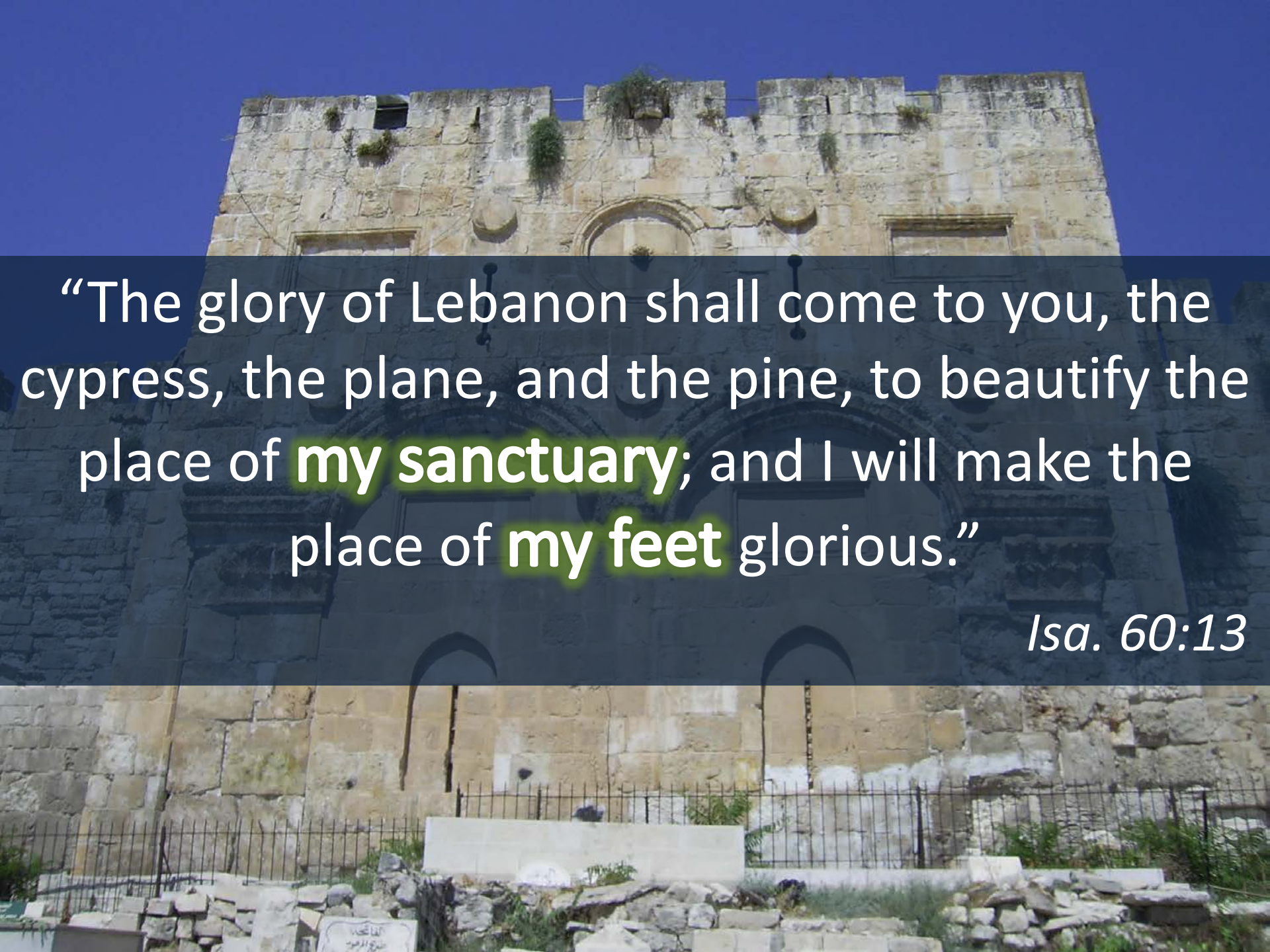
In **God's own words** we read the
following....



And the LORD said to [Solomon],
“I have heard your prayer and your plea, which
you have made before me. I have consecrated
this house that you have built, by putting
my name there forever.

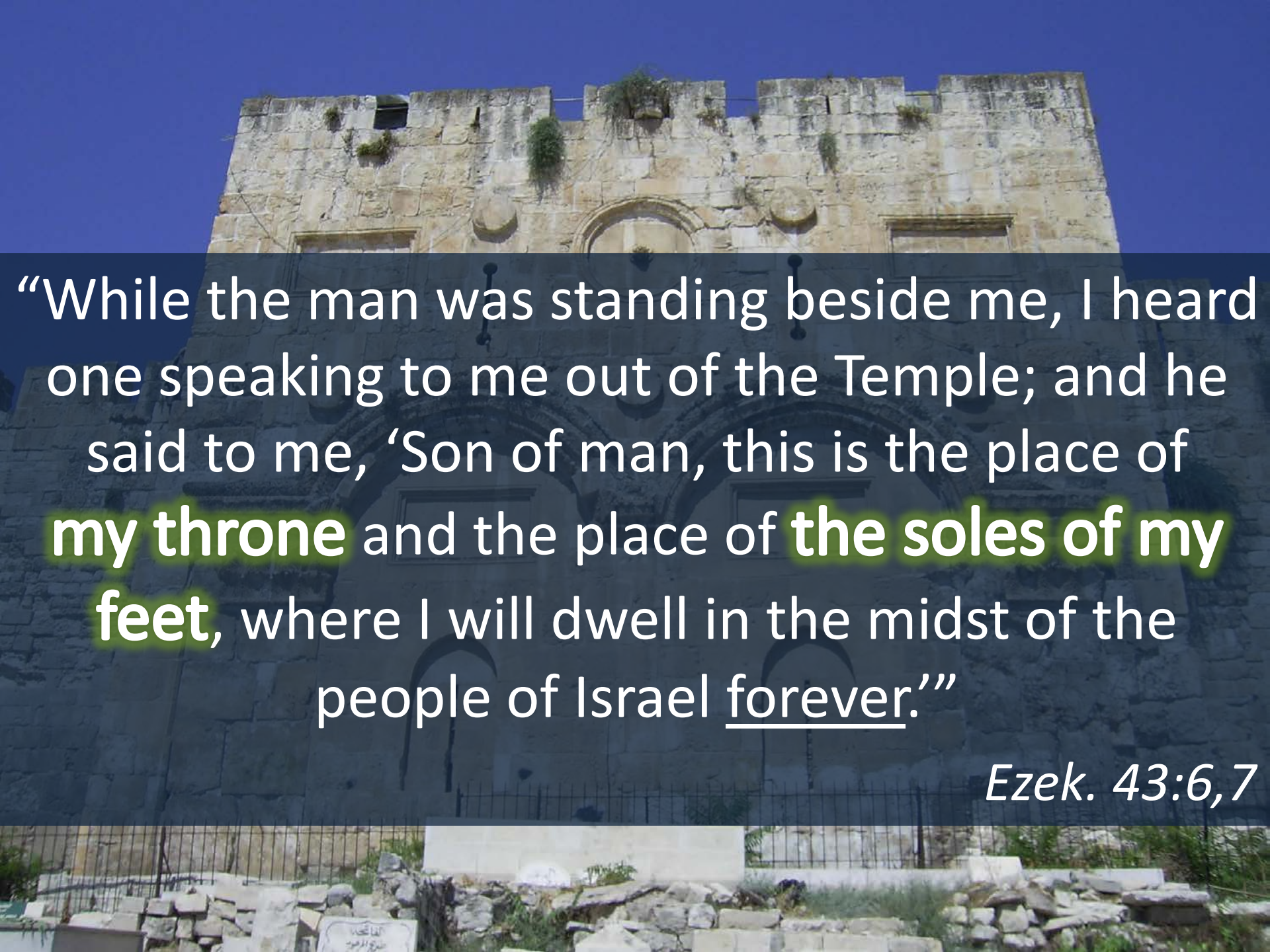
My eyes and **my heart** will be there
for all time.”

1 Kgs. 9:3



“The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of **my sanctuary**; and I will make the place of **my feet** glorious.”

Isa. 60:13



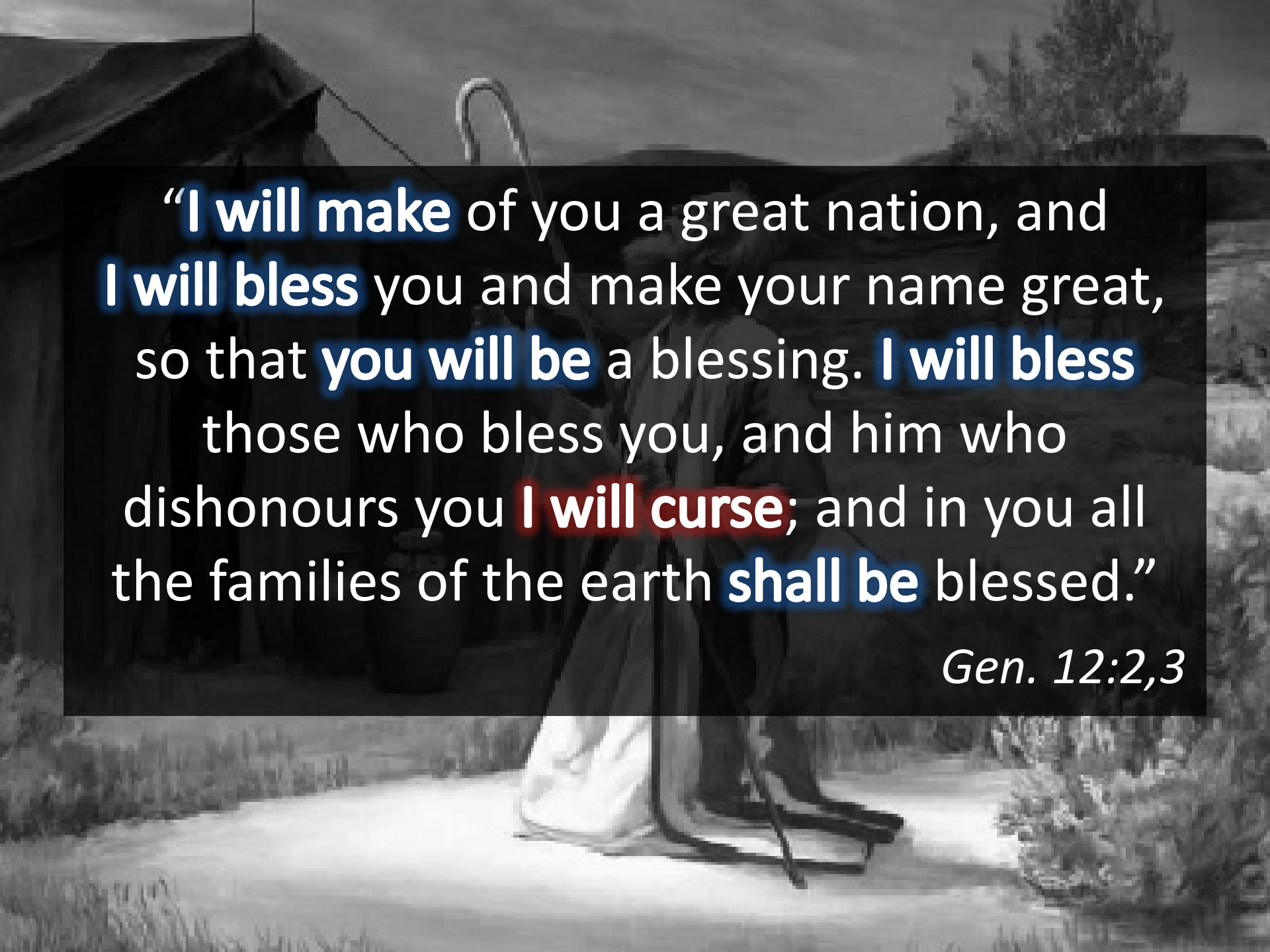
“While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the Temple; and he said to me, ‘Son of man, this is the place of **my throne** and the place of **the soles of my feet**, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel forever.’”

Ezek. 43:6,7

The Irrevocable Blessing

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His nachalah ... Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!”

Ps. 33:12; 144:15

A black and white photograph of a shepherd in a long coat and hat, holding a staff, standing in a field with sheep. The scene is dimly lit, possibly at dusk or dawn. A semi-transparent black box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text with some words highlighted in blue and red. The text is a quote from the Bible.

“**I will make** of you a great nation, and **I will bless** you and make your name great, so that **you will be** a blessing. **I will bless** those who bless you, and him who dishonours you **I will curse**; and in you all the families of the earth **shall be** blessed.”

Gen. 12:2,3

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall
bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

**The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.**

So shall they **put my name upon the people of
Israel**, and I will bless them.”

Num. 6:22-27



God said to Balaam,
“You shall not go with them;
you shall not curse the
people, for **they are**
blessed.”

Num. 22:12

This episode is referred to in 4 other books of the Bible!
Deuteronomy 23, Joshua 24, Nehemiah 13, Micah 6



“From Aram Balak has brought me, the king of Moab from the eastern mountains:

‘Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, denounce Israel!’

How can I curse whom

God has not cursed?

How can I denounce whom

the LORD has not

denounced?”

Num. 23:7,8



“God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfil it? Behold, I received a command to bless:

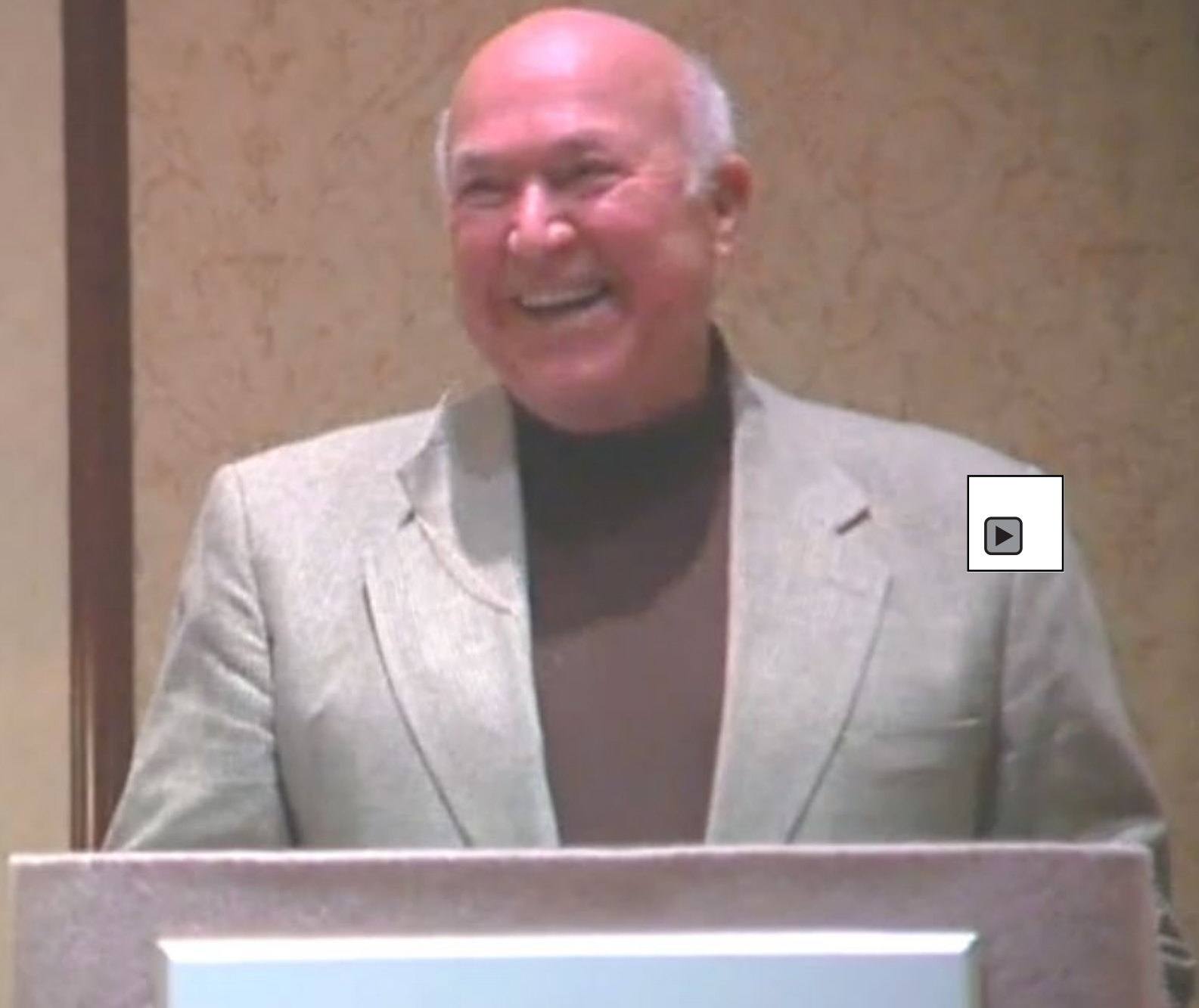
He has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.”

Num. 23:19,20



“He hath not beheld iniquity [or
‘misfortune’] in Jacob, neither
hath He seen perverseness [or
‘trouble’] in Israel ... Surely there
is no enchantment against
Jacob, neither is there any
divination against Israel:
according to this time it shall be
said of Jacob and of Israel,
What hath God wrought!”

Num. 23:21,23 KJV



Charles Henry Mackintosh (Brethren)

1820-1896



“This places Israel upon safe ground. God must be true to Himself. Is there any power that can possibly prevent Him from fulfilling His word and oath? Surely not. ‘He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.’ God will not, and Satan can not reverse the blessing.

Thus all is settled.”

“It is not ‘What hath Israel wrought!’ Balak and Balaam would have found plenty to do in the way of cursing, had Israel’s work been in question. The Lord be praised, it is on what **He hath wrought** that His people stand, and their foundation is as stable as the throne of God.”

Notes on the Book of Numbers (1869)

“Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that **they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.**”

Isa. 61:9

Warning!



“Blessed be every one
who blesses you, and
cursed be every one who
curses you.”

Num. 24:9



“One thing history bears witness to many times over is that every nation that has ever dared to raise its hand against the Jew has fallen. The Jew ‘has stood at the graveside of all his enemies.’”

Dr Arnold Fruchtenbaum
Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology (1993)



“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love [*chesed*].”

Ps. 103:8

“Whoever is wise, let him give heed to these things;
let men consider the steadfast love [*chesed*]
of the LORD.”

Ps. 107:43

“O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love [*chesed*] endures for
ever ... to Him who smote great kings, for His
steadfast love [*chesed*] endures for ever ...
and gave their land as a heritage
[*nachalah*] for His steadfast love [*chesed*]
endures for ever; a heritage [*nachalah*] to
Israel His servant, for His steadfast love
[*chesed*] endures for ever.”

Ps. 136:1-22

“Who is a God like thee, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance [*nachalah*] ? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love [*chesed*]. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot.”

Mic. 7:18,19

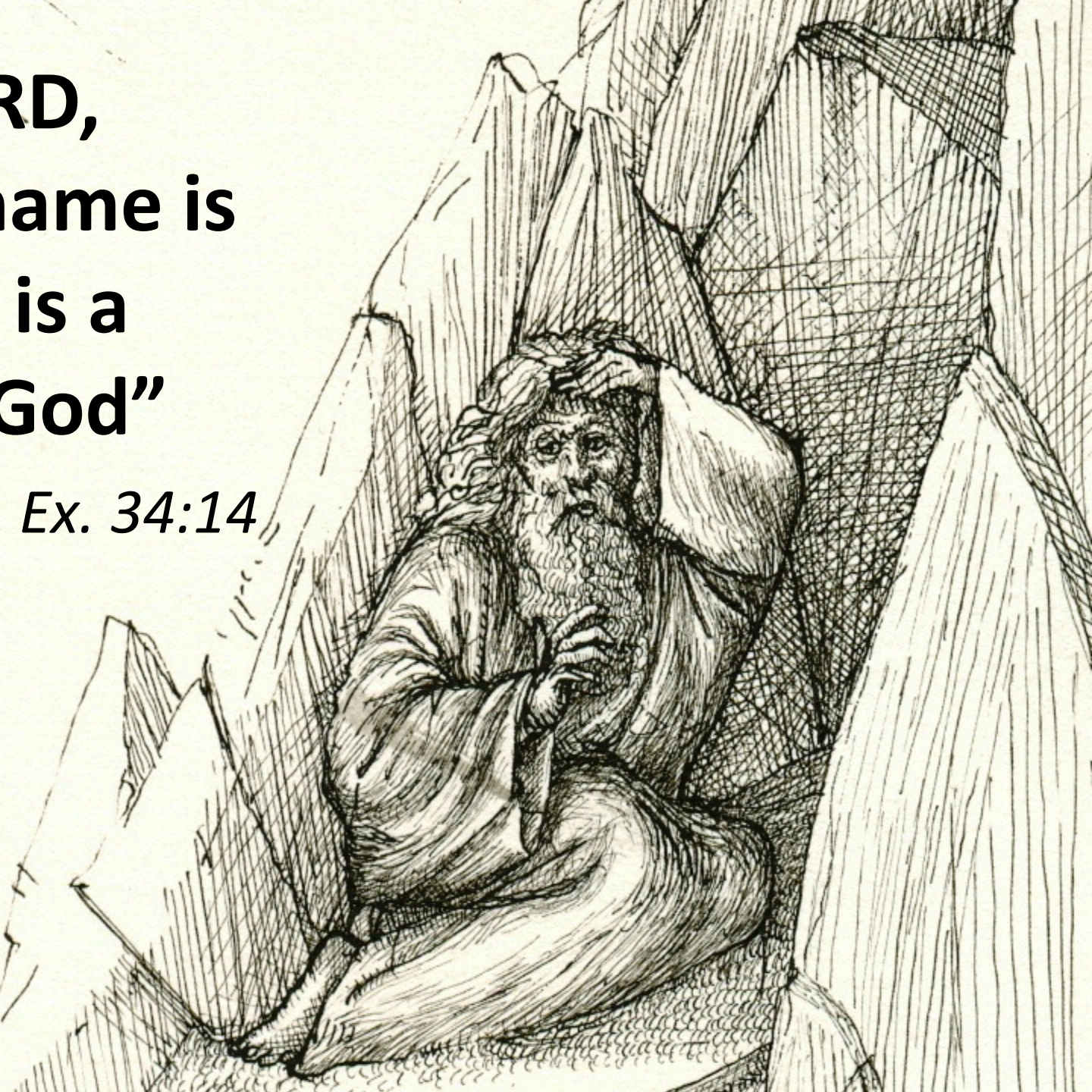
“O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love [*chesed*], and with Him is plenteous redemption.”

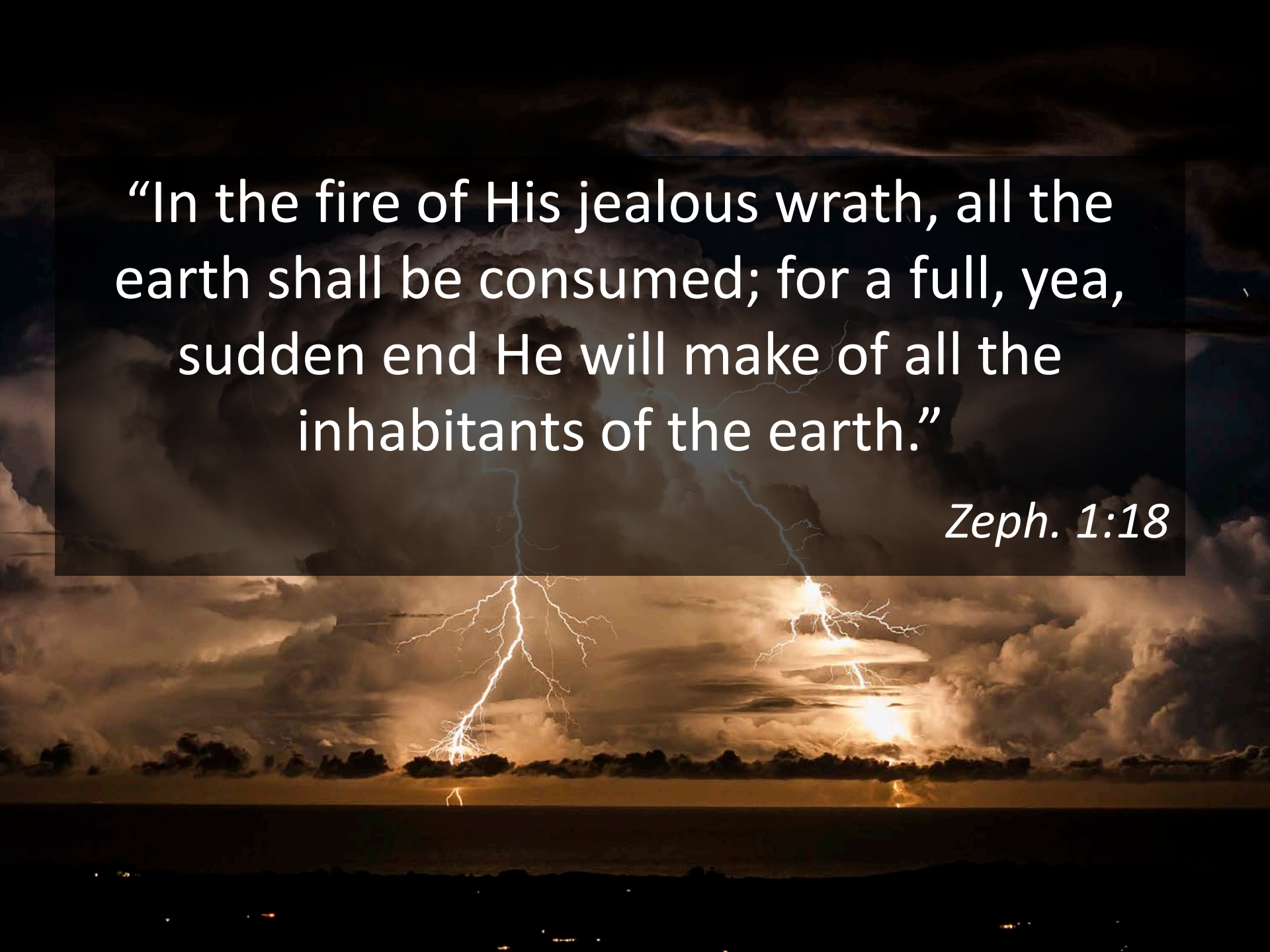
Ps. 130:7

The Jealousy of God

**“the LORD,
whose name is
Jealous, is a
jealous God”**

Ex. 34:14





“In the fire of His jealous wrath, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full, yea, sudden end He will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.”

Zeph. 1:18

“Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: ‘I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great fury.’ (DBY)

Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain.’”

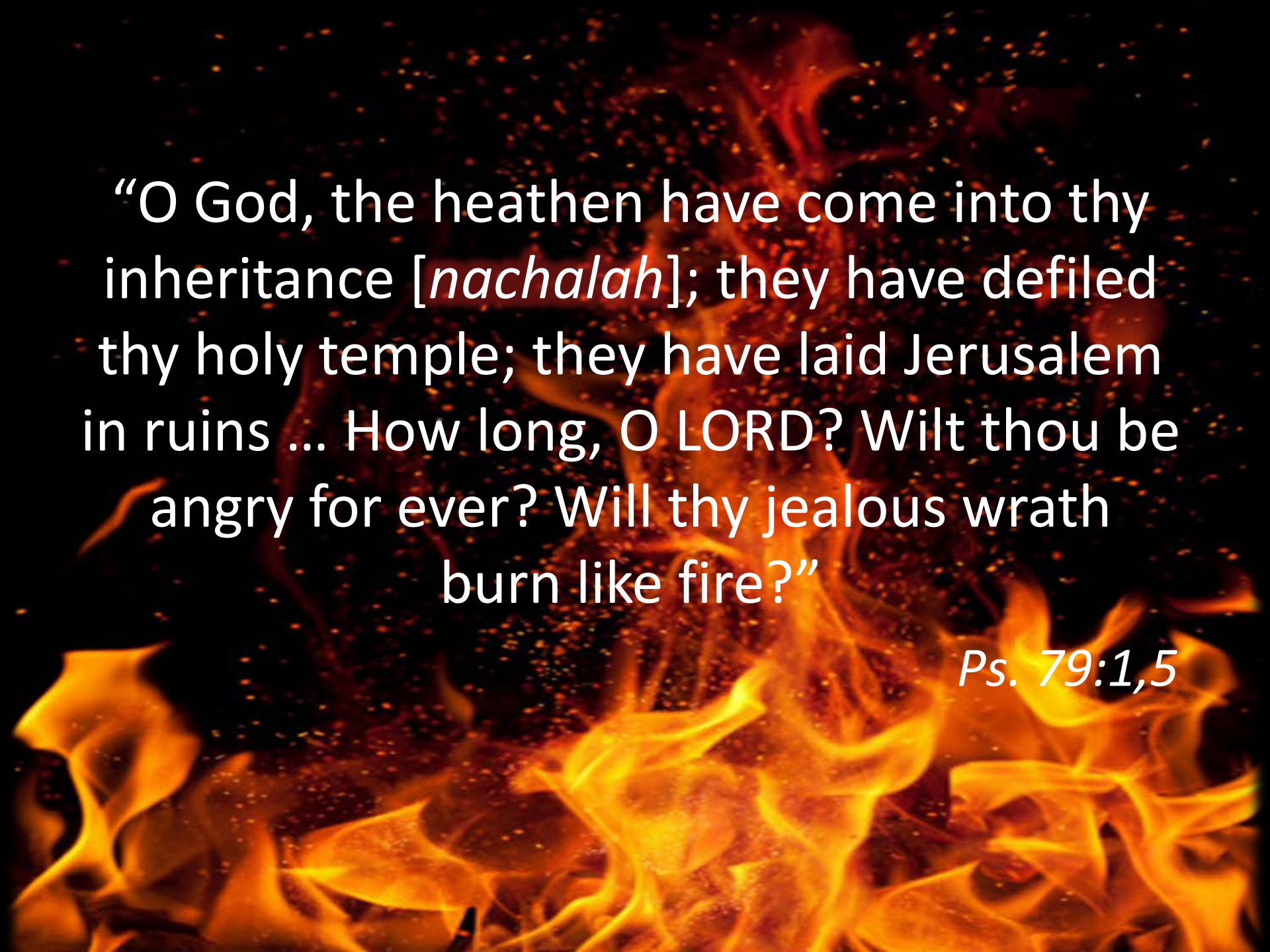
Zech. 8:1-3, RSV

“Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will vent my fury [*chêmâh*] upon them ... and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken in my jealousy [*qin’âh*], when I spend my fury [*chêmâh*] upon them ... You shall be a reproach and a taunt, a warning and a horror, to the nations round about you, when I execute judgments on you in anger and fury [*chêmâh*], and with furious [*chêmâh*] chastisements – I, the LORD, have spoken.”

Ezek. 5:13-15

qin'âh	fervent jealousy
gādôwl	great
chêmâh	fury/wrath
yâcham	to become hot

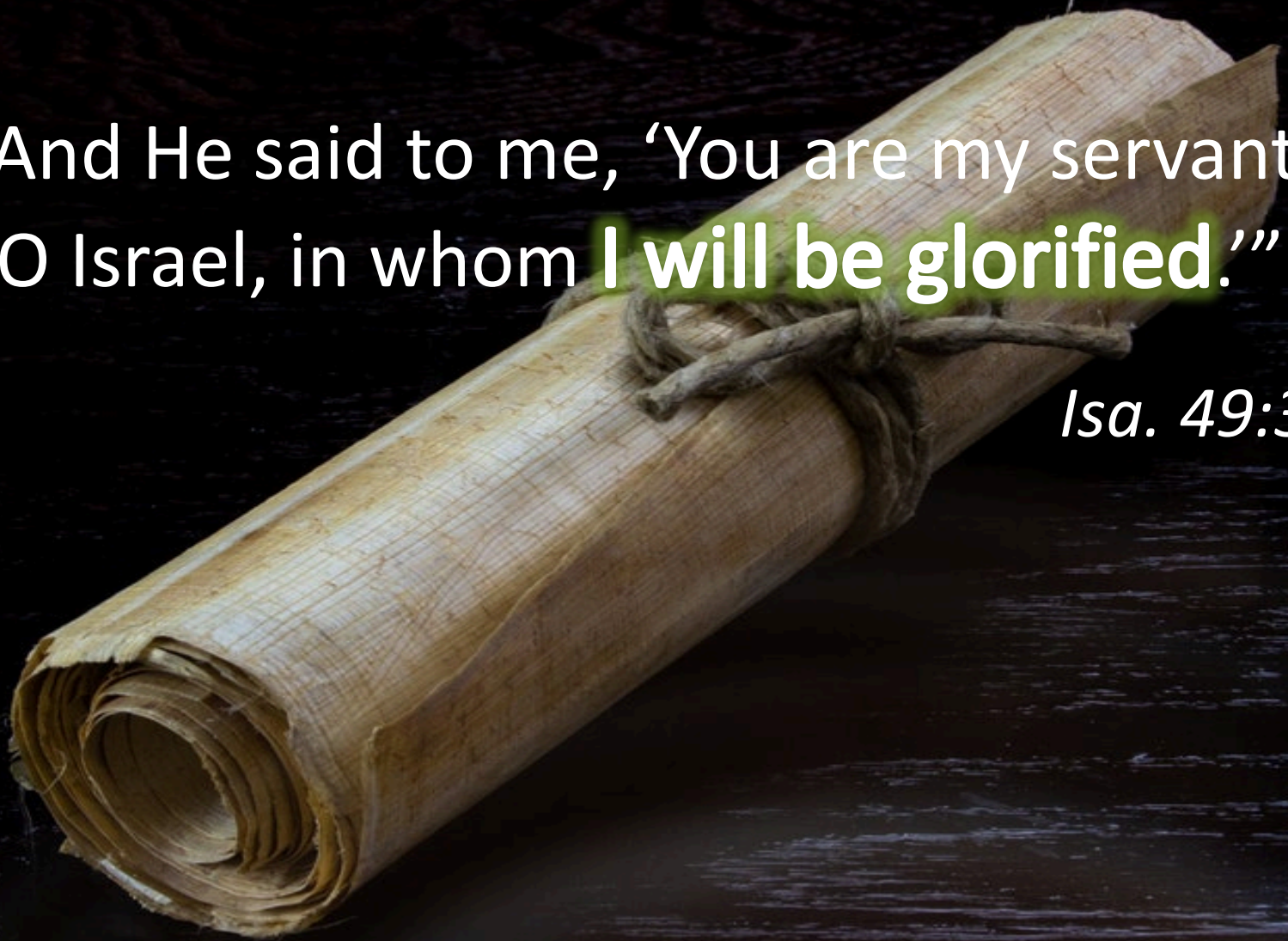
God is burning with **a great and furious jealousy** *towards* Zion ... and *against* those who hate Zion!



“O God, the heathen have come into thy inheritance [*nachalah*]; they have defiled thy holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins ... How long, O LORD? Wilt thou be angry for ever? Will thy jealous wrath burn like fire?”


Ps. 79:1,5

What was God's answer?



“And He said to me, ‘You are my servant,
O Israel, in whom **I will be glorified.**’”

Isa. 49:3



“Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.”

Isa. 60:21



“For my name’s sake I defer my anger, for the
sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I
may not cut you off ...

For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for
how should my name be profaned?
My glory I will not give to another.”

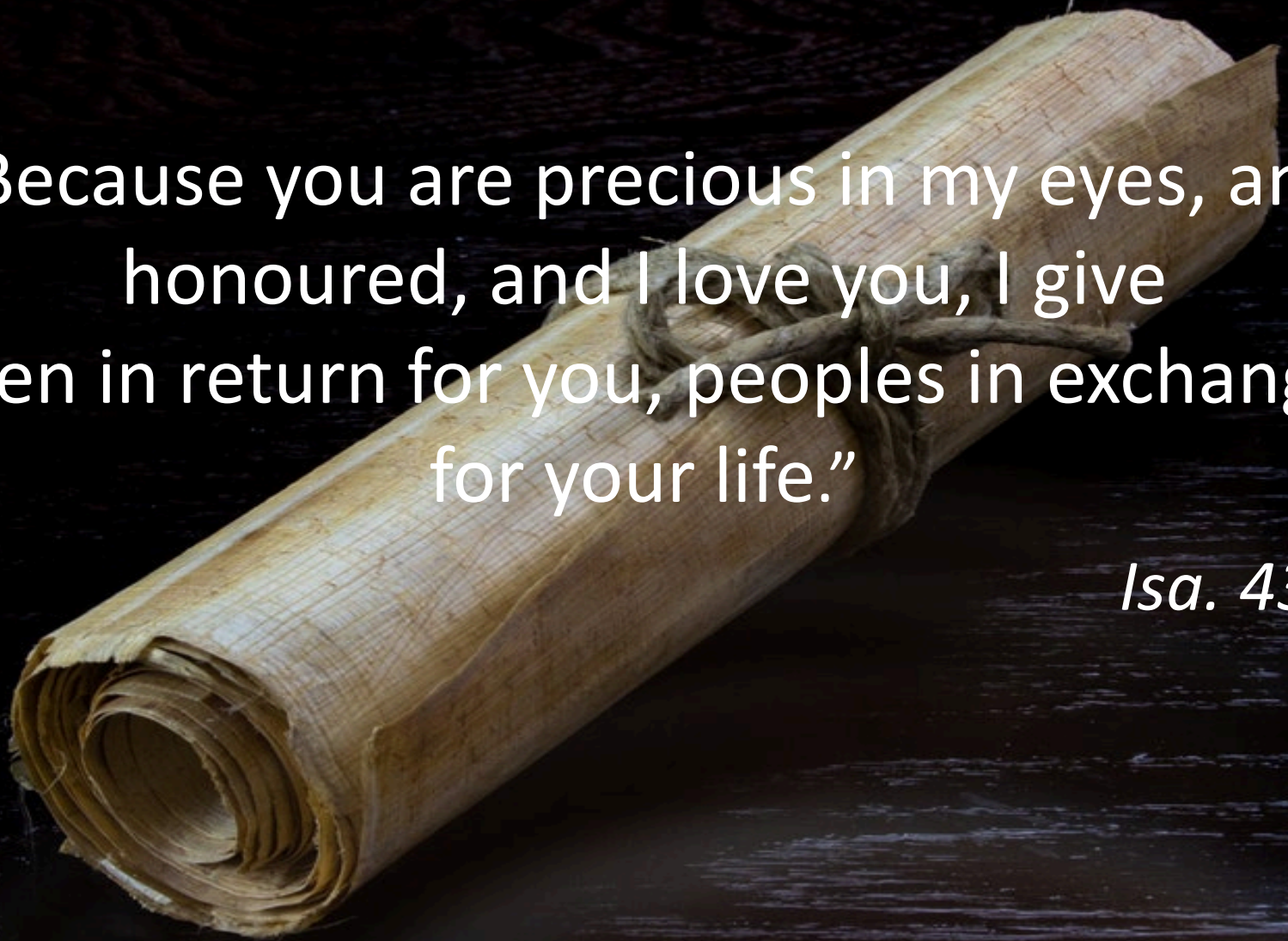
Isa. 48:9-11

... but God went even further in
what He revealed through
His prophets!



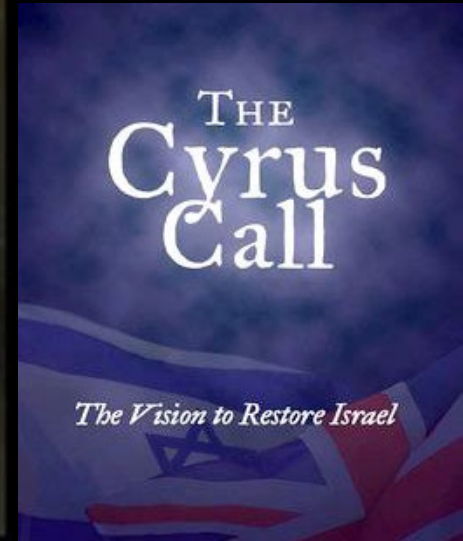
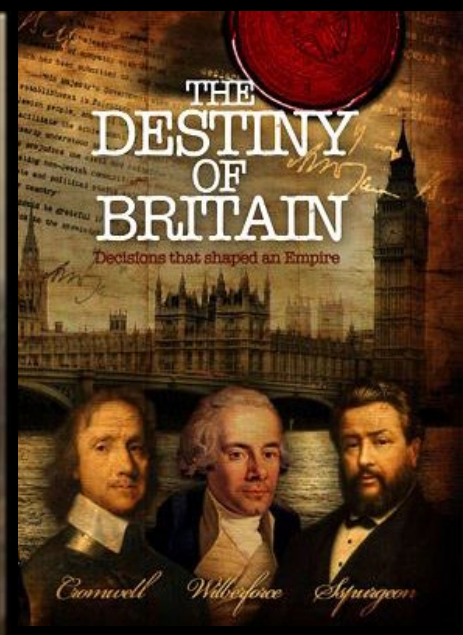
Heb. *shâbar*

Almighty God was broken
over Israel!



“Because you are precious in my eyes, and
honoured, and I love you, I give
men in return for you, peoples in exchange
for your life.”

Isa. 43:4

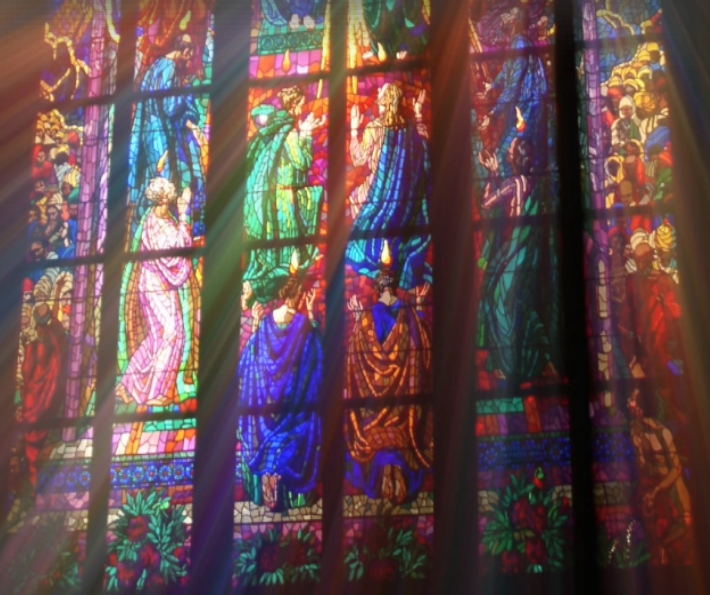


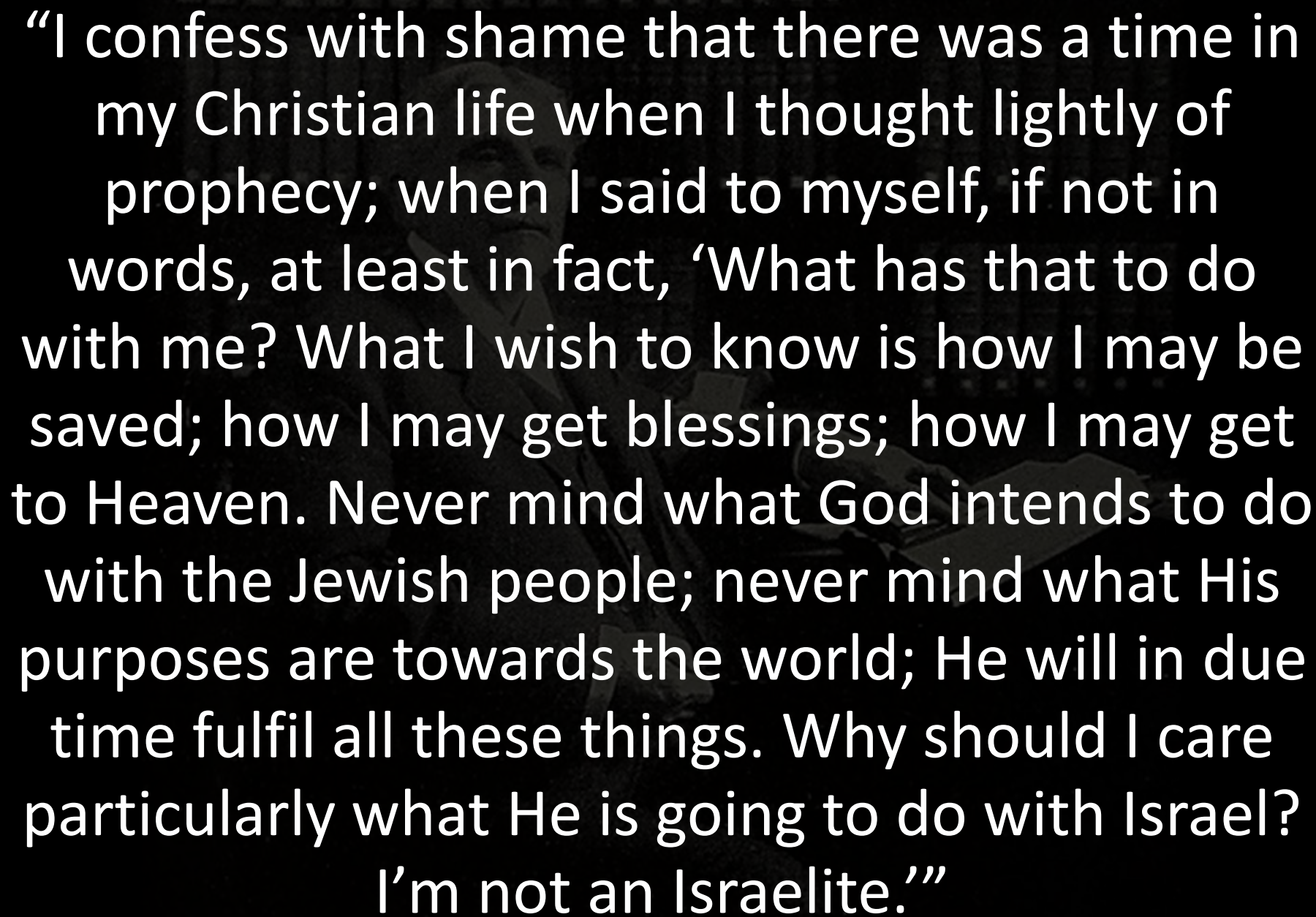
For centuries, Israel has been heartlessly consigned to a theological grave by the life-denying traditions of men within the Church.



~~Glorious!~~
Ignominious!

They have **concealed**
God, not **revealed** Him.

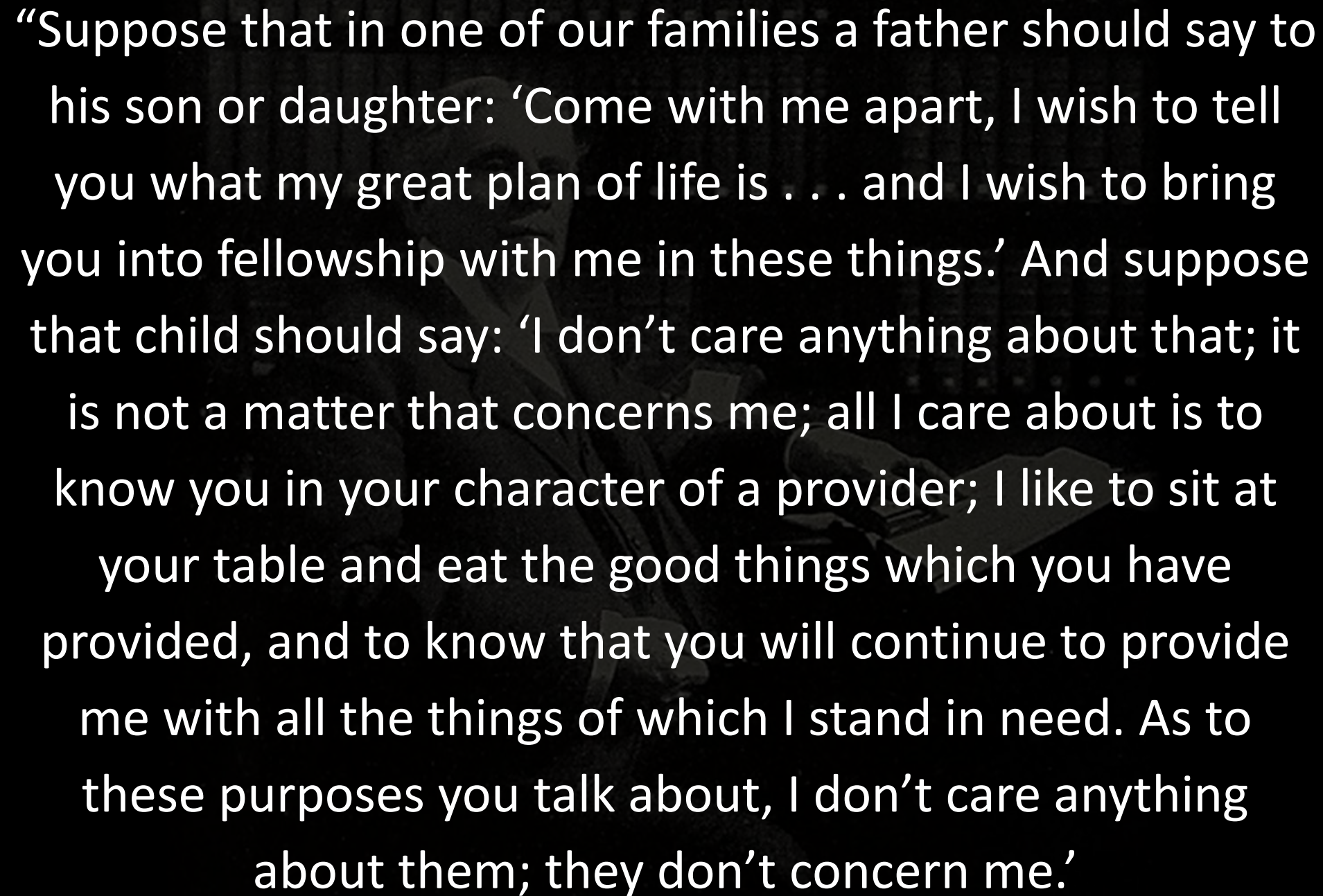




“I confess with shame that there was a time in my Christian life when I thought lightly of prophecy; when I said to myself, if not in words, at least in fact, ‘What has that to do with me? What I wish to know is how I may be saved; how I may get blessings; how I may get to Heaven. Never mind what God intends to do with the Jewish people; never mind what His purposes are towards the world; He will in due time fulfil all these things. Why should I care particularly what He is going to do with Israel? I’m not an Israelite.’”



“I say there was a time when that was my attitude towards the prophecies. Do you not see that I was actually refusing the most intimate fellowship with the Lord? ...”



“Suppose that in one of our families a father should say to his son or daughter: ‘Come with me apart, I wish to tell you what my great plan of life is . . . and I wish to bring you into fellowship with me in these things.’ And suppose that child should say: ‘I don’t care anything about that; it is not a matter that concerns me; all I care about is to know you in your character of a provider; I like to sit at your table and eat the good things which you have provided, and to know that you will continue to provide me with all the things of which I stand in need. As to these purposes you talk about, I don’t care anything about them; they don’t concern me.’



“If that believer thus shut out all the larger part of the Father’s mind, the Father’s purpose, and the Father’s thought from his/her life, how formative upon the character of that believer could the Father be?”

Conclusion

ISRAEL

THE INHERITANCE
OF GOD



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It's all about the Lord Jesus /
Yeshua!

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the Heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.”

Heb. 1:1,2

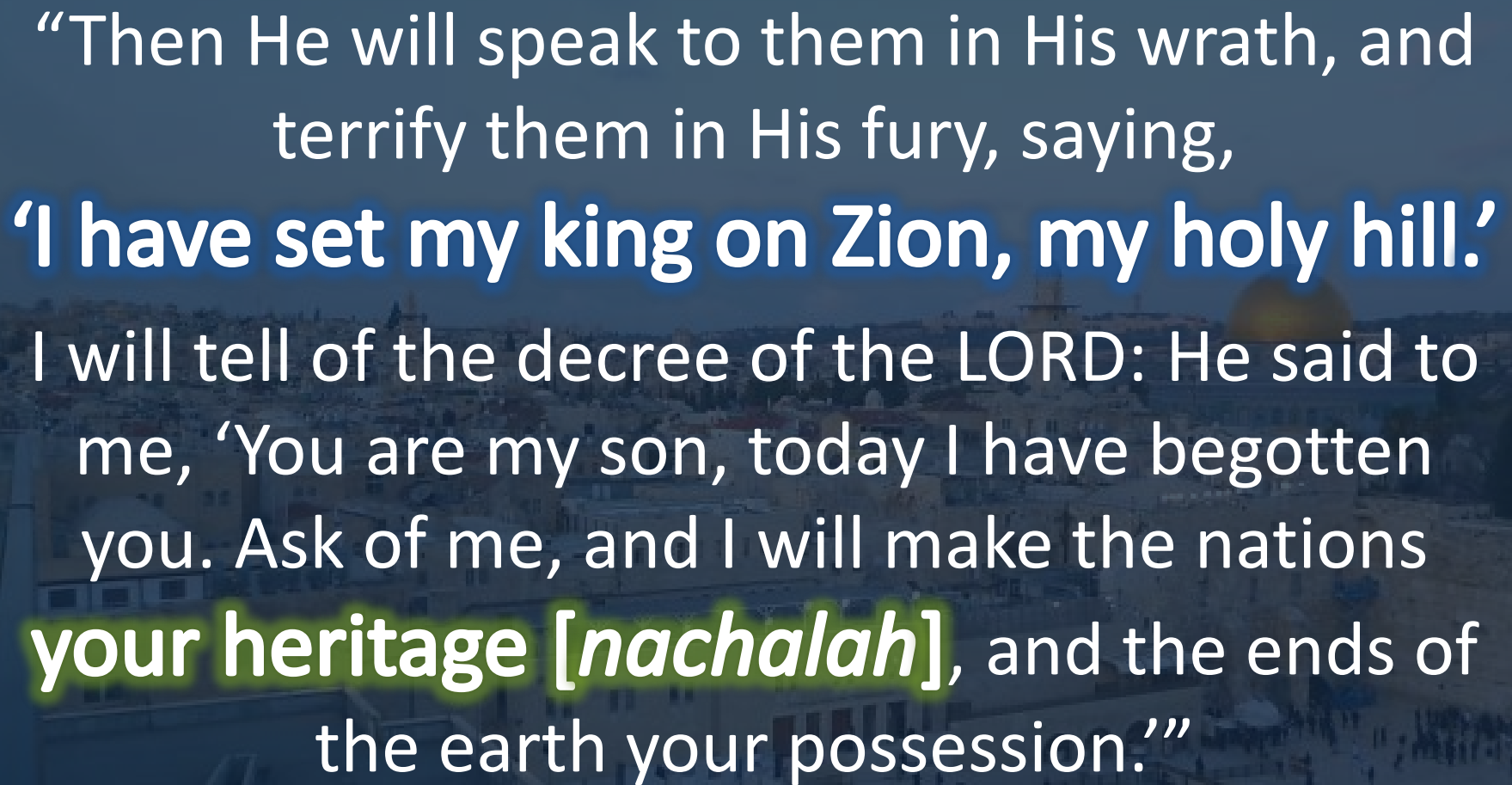
“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Dan. 7:13,14

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet,
and there were loud voices in heaven,
saying,

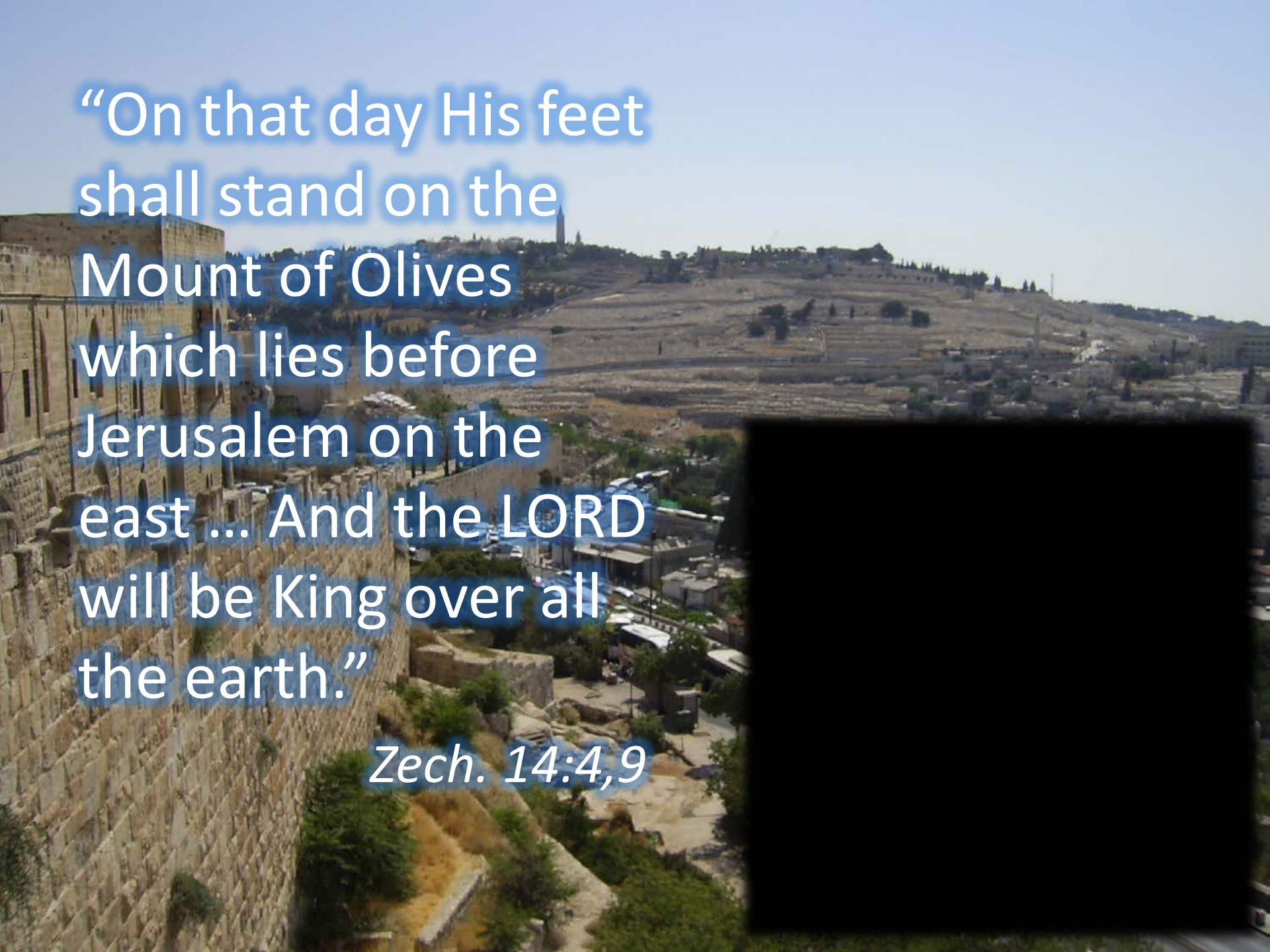
“The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His
Messiah, and He shall reign
for ever and ever.”

Rev. 11:15

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing the city's dense architecture and the Dome of the Rock in the distance. The image is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent rectangle containing white text. The text is a quote from Psalm 2:5-8, with the phrase 'your heritage [nachalah]' highlighted in a yellow-green glow.

“Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and
terrify them in His fury, saying,
‘I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.’
I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to
me, ‘You are my son, today I have begotten
you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations
your heritage [nachalah], and the ends of
the earth your possession.”

Ps. 2:5-8

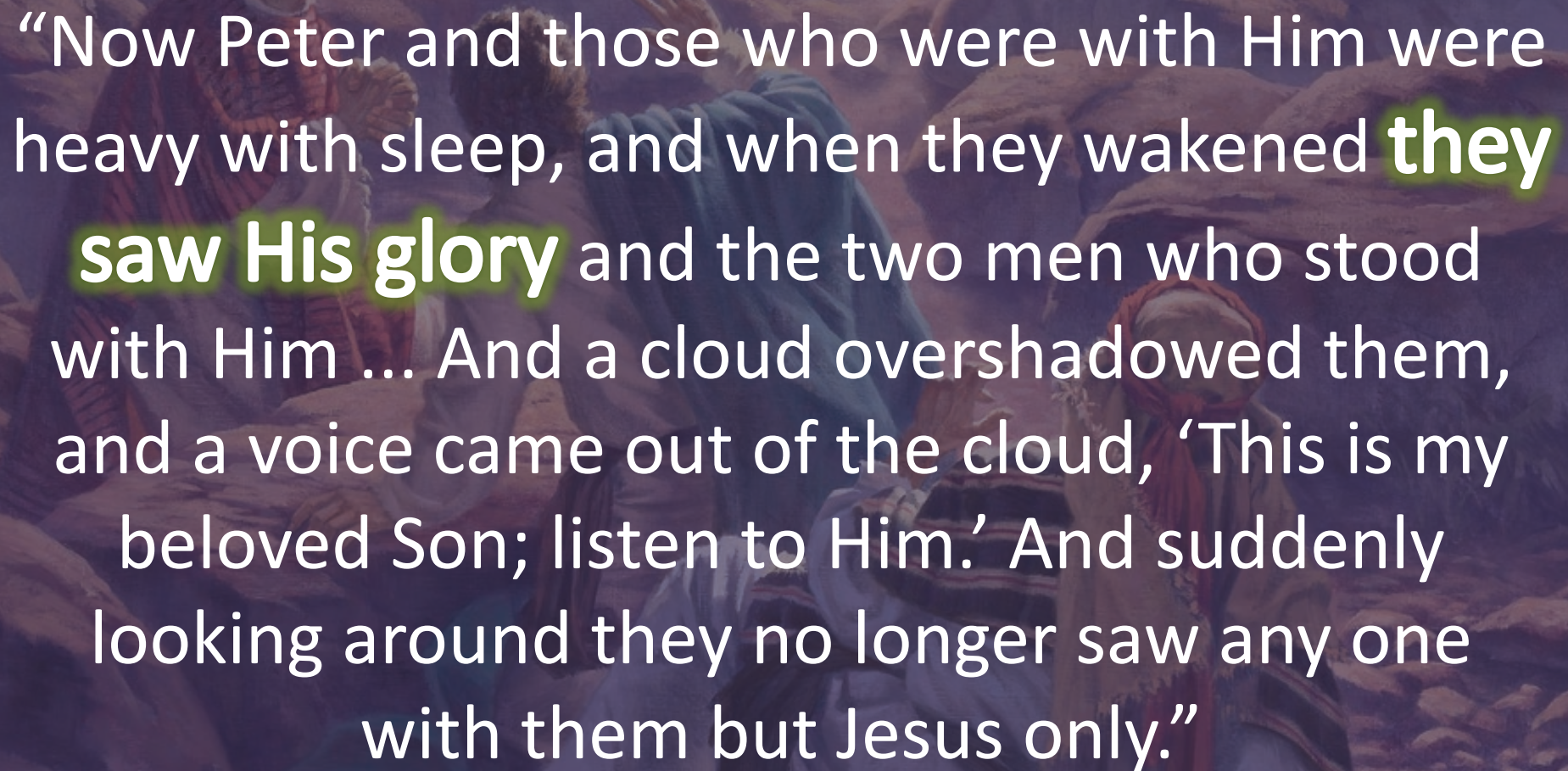


“On that day His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east ... And the LORD will be King over all the earth.”

Zech. 14:4,9

“And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.’”

Lk. 1:30-33; cf. Isa. 9:6,7; Heb. 1:8,9



“Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, and when they awakened **they saw His glory** and the two men who stood with Him ... And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, ‘This is my beloved Son; listen to Him.’ And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only.”

Lk. 9:32, Mk. 9:7,8

“Lord, will you *at this time* restore
the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:6

Lord God of Israel (1)

God of Abraham, Isaac (2)

God of Israel (95)

King of Israel (6)

Job (9)

Redeemer of Israel (1)

King of the Jews

Mighty One of Israel (1)

God of Isaac (3)

Creator of Israel (1)

Fear of Isaac (2)

Hope of Israel (2)

God of Jacob (18)

Shepherd of Israel (1)

God of the Hebrews (6)

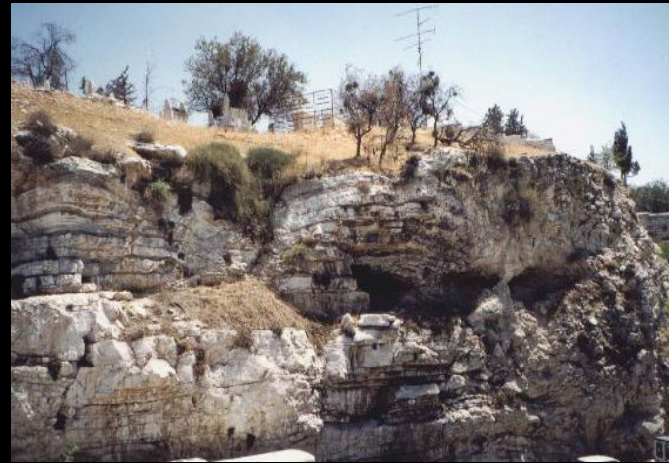
Jesus, King of the Jews

Early in the day they took Him away,
Jesus, the King of the Jews.

They bound Him fast and Pilate
asked,

“Are You the King of the Jews?”

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the King of the
Jews.



Now at the Feast, they could
have released Jesus, the King
of the Jews,

But a murderer was who they
preferred,

Not Jesus, the King of the
Jews.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the King of
the Jews.

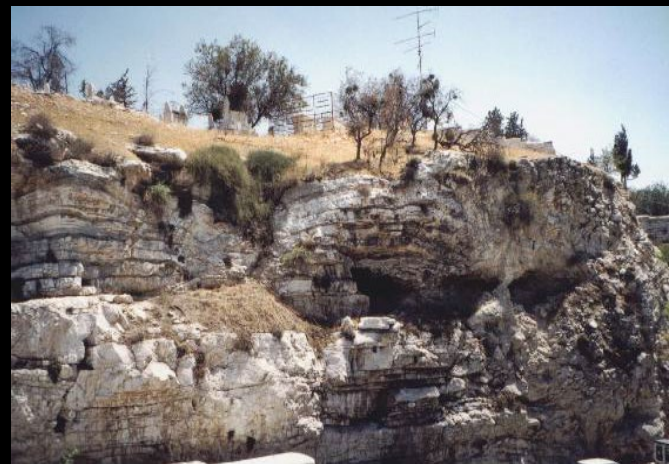


Then Pilate asked,

*“What will I do with Jesus,
the King of the Jews?”*

*“Crucify Him! Crucify Him!
Crucify the King of the Jews!”*

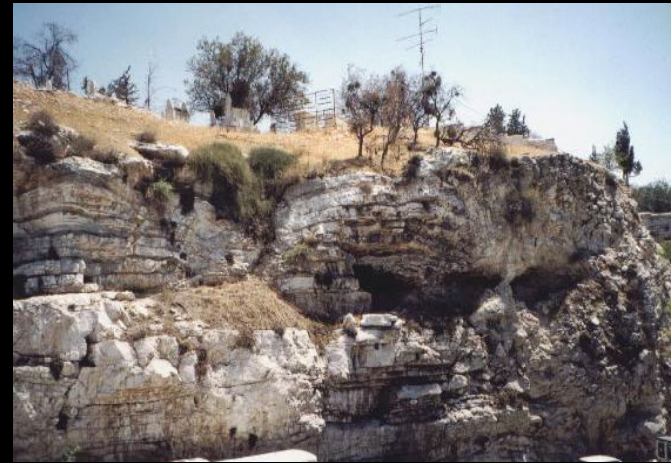
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the King of
the Jews.



They beat Him till His back
was torn,
Jesus, the King of the Jews.

They dressed Him with a
crown of thorns,
And spat on the King of the
Jews.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the King
of the Jews.

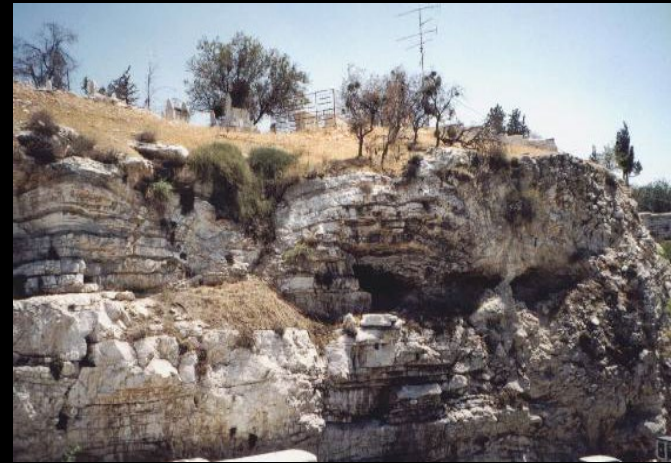


Then the soldiers did the deed,

To Jesus, the King of the Jews;

The nails went through the hands and feet of Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the King of the Jews.

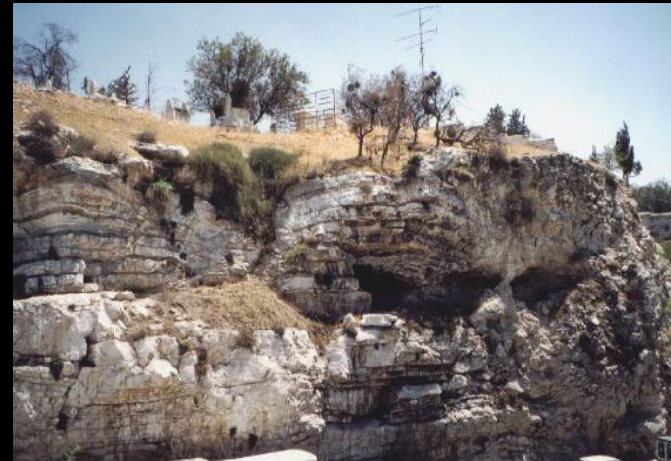


For six long hours of agony
hung Jesus, the King of the
Jews.

*“God, why have You
forsaken me?”*

Cried Jesus, the King of the
Jews.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the King of
the Jews.

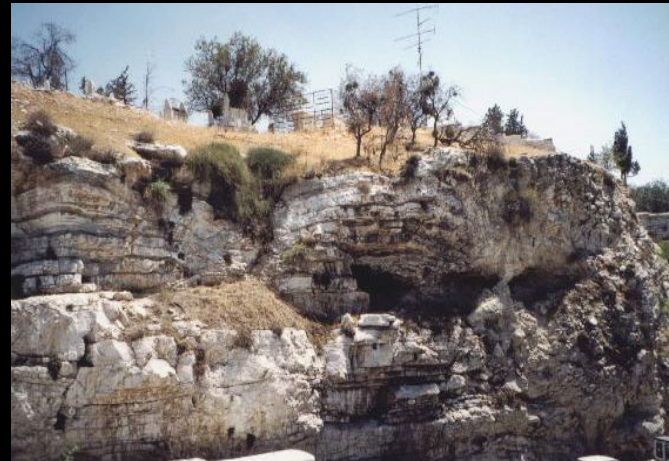


Then at last His life was through, and Jesus gave a cry. The Temple curtain tore in two the moment that He died.

A soldier who was standing there believed in what he saw, because he said,

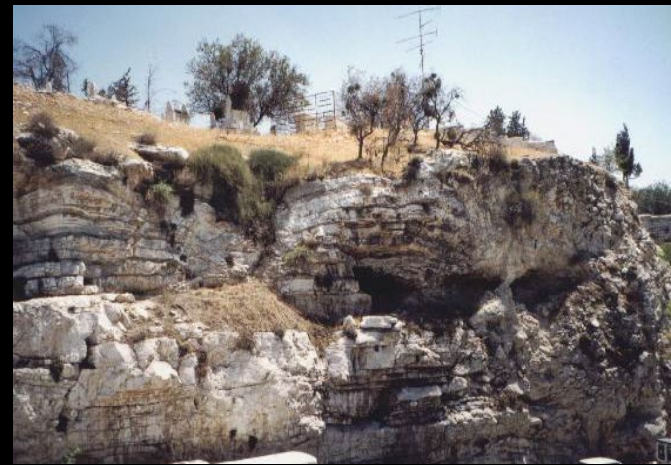
“This really was, this man was

the Son of God!”



Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the Son of God

(that's who He is)



HE IS NOT HERE -
FOR HE IS RISEN





Rise, He has risen!

Rise, He is here!

Death has been broken,

And now we're free from fear.

“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that **Jesus the Messiah is Lord,** to **the glory of God the Father.**”

Phil. 2:9-11

“Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.”

1 Cor. 15:24,25