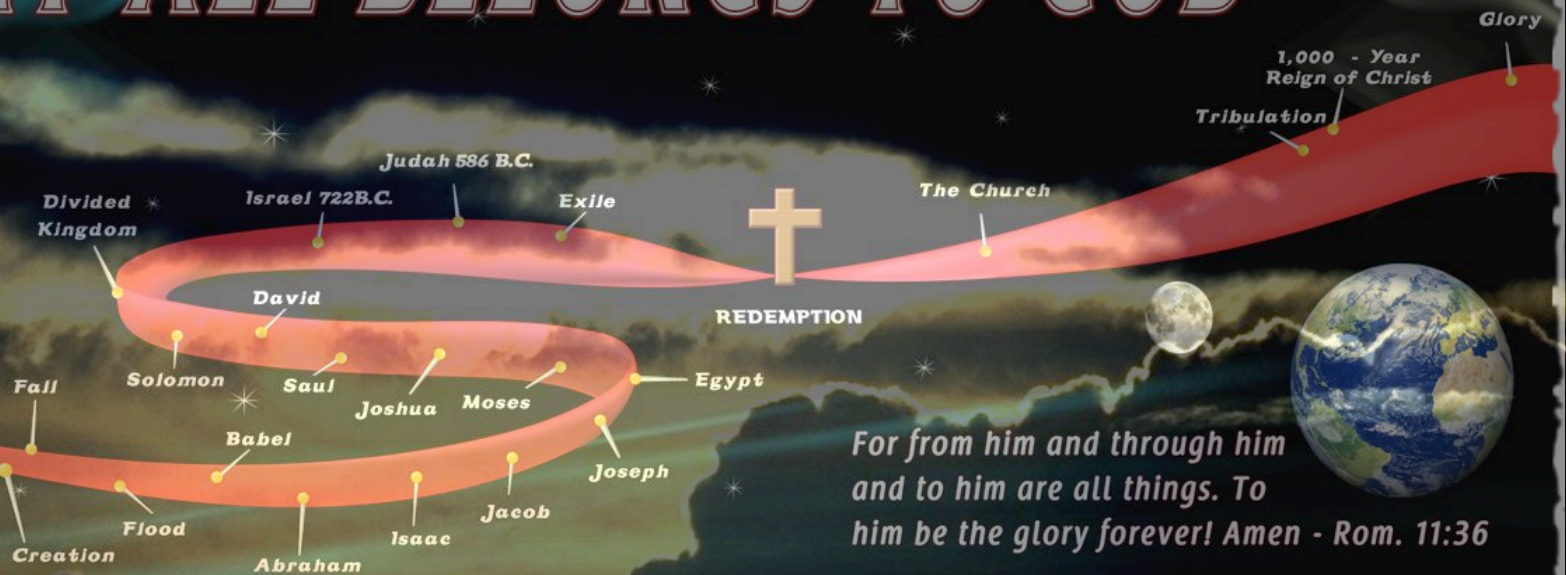


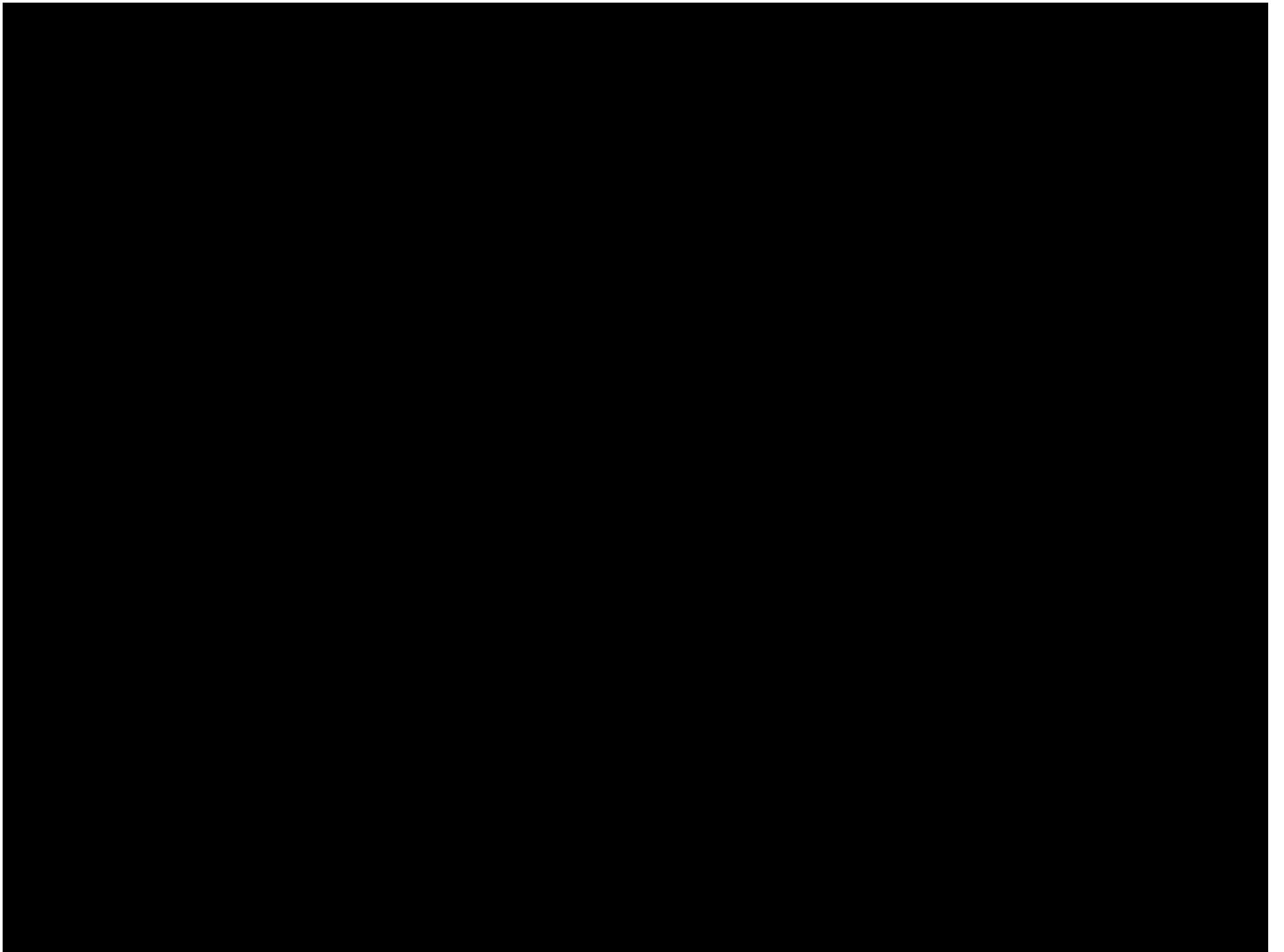


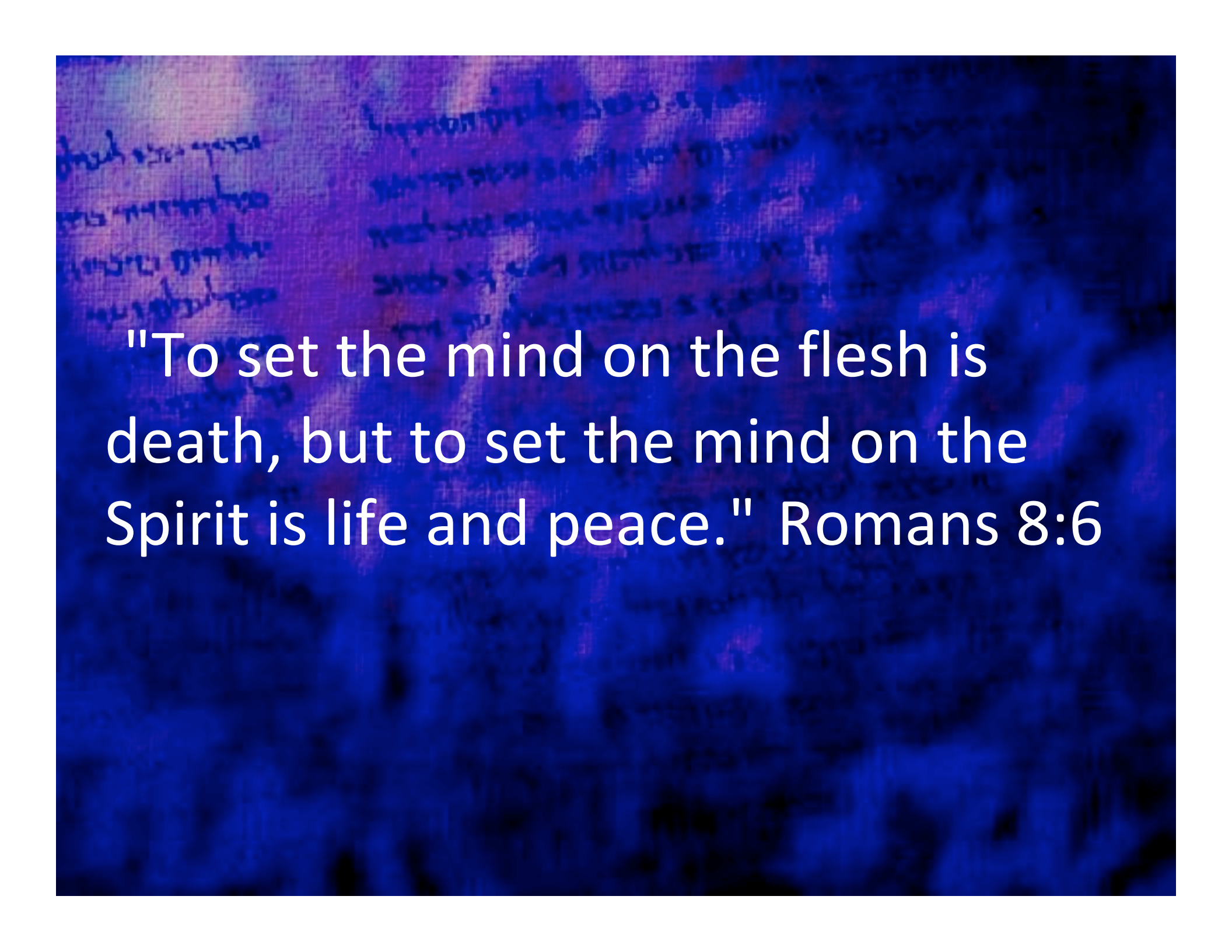
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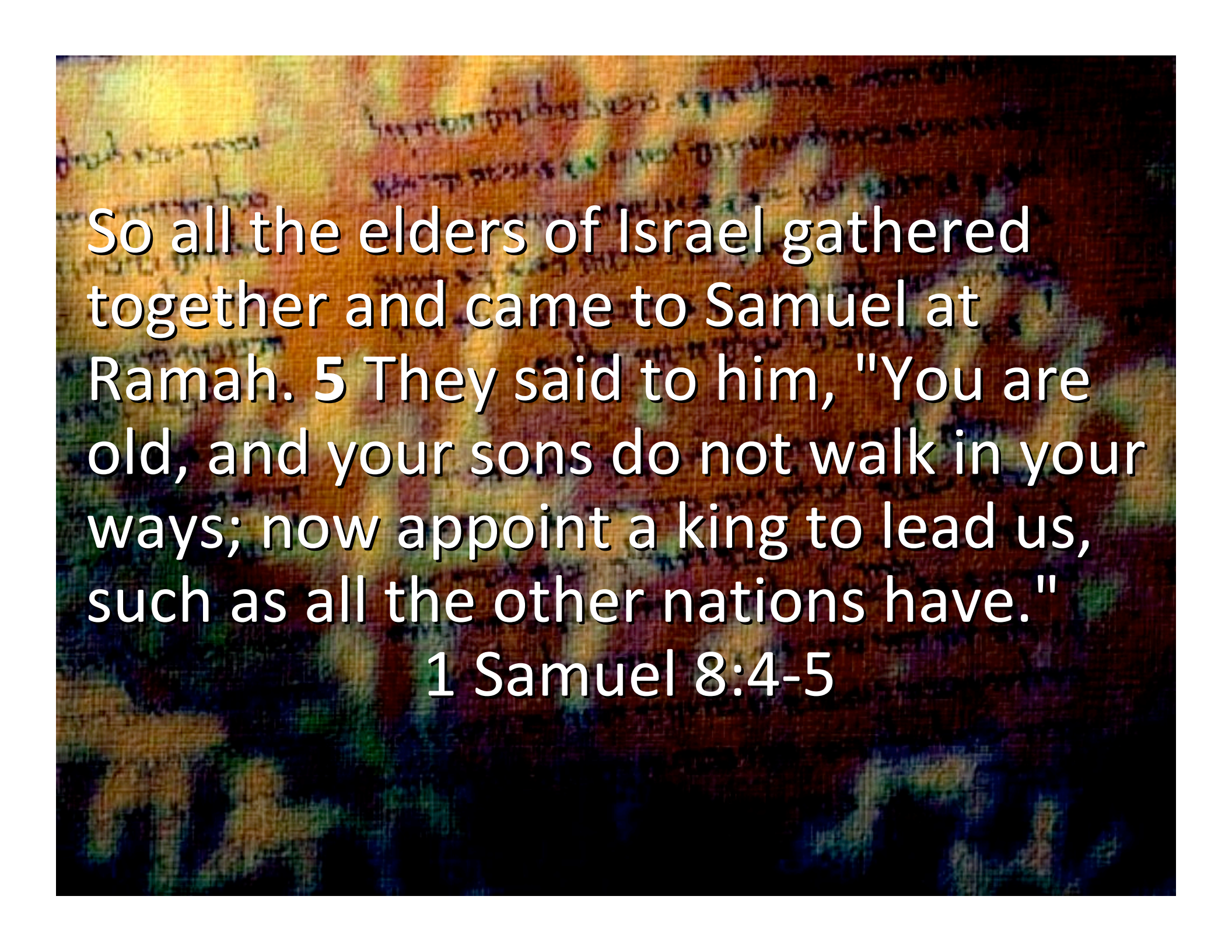
For from him and through him
and to him are all things. To
him be the glory forever! Amen - Rom. 11:36






"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." Romans 8:6





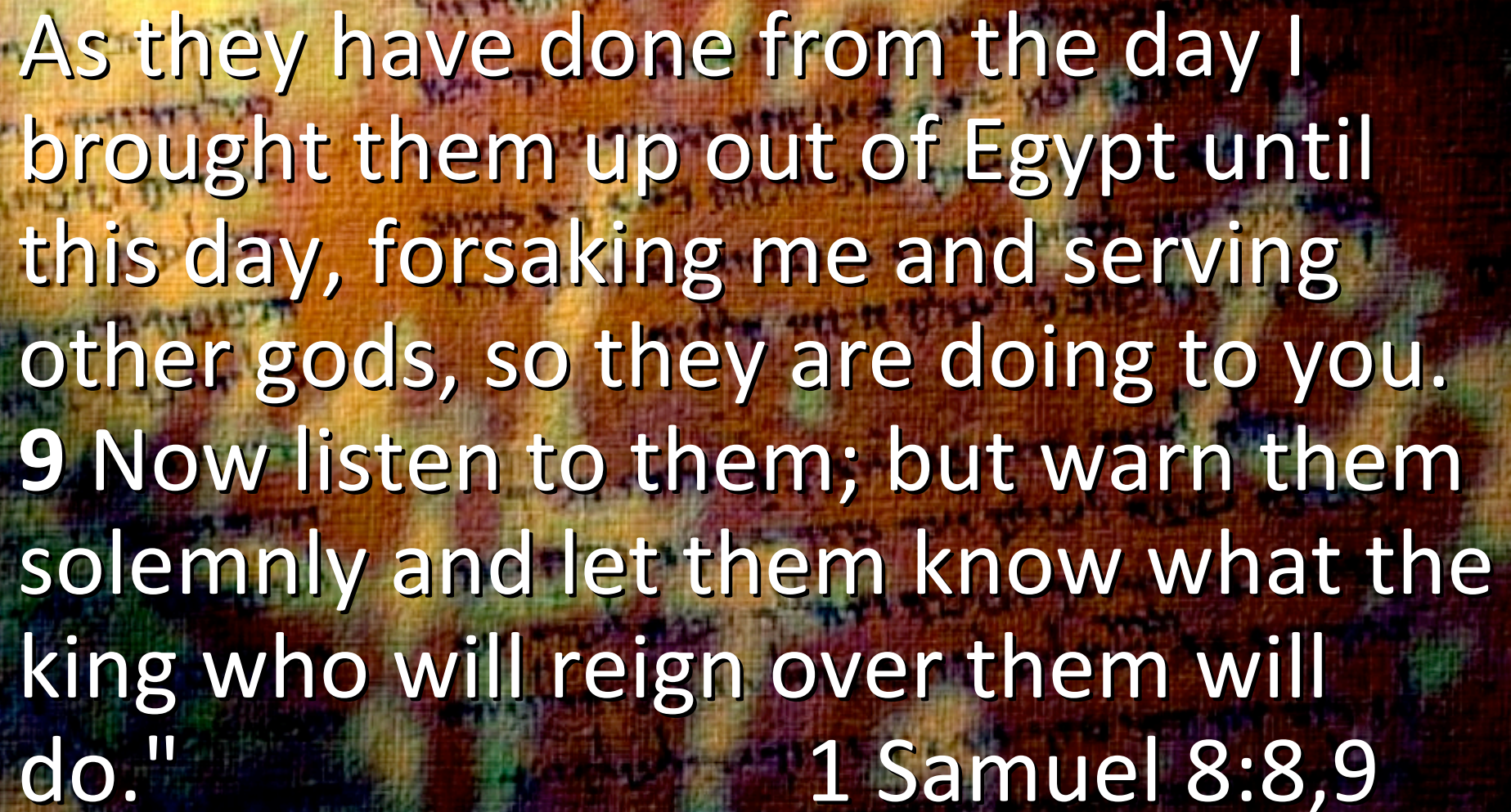
So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

1 Samuel 8:4-5



And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

1 Samuel 8:7



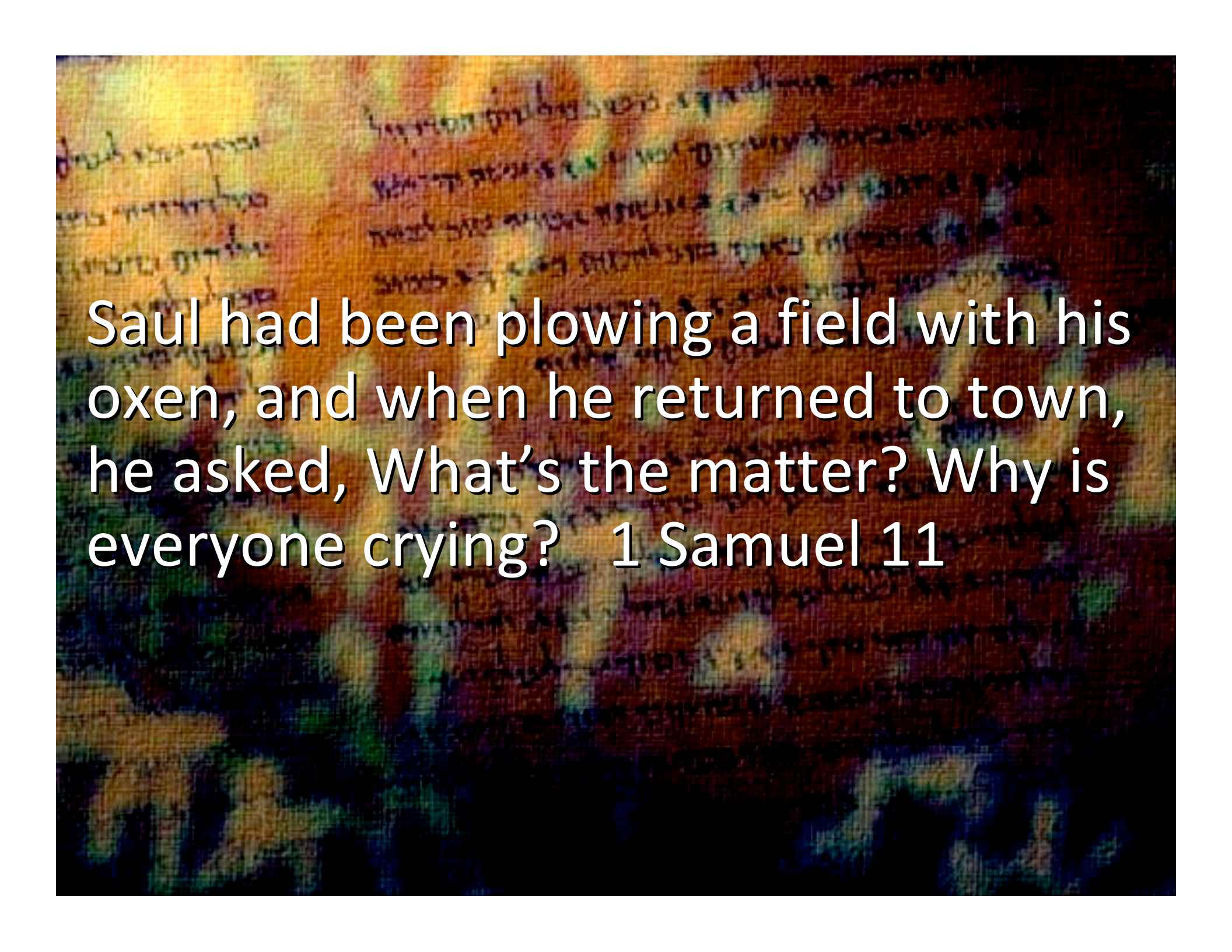
As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.
9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."

1 Samuel 8:8,9

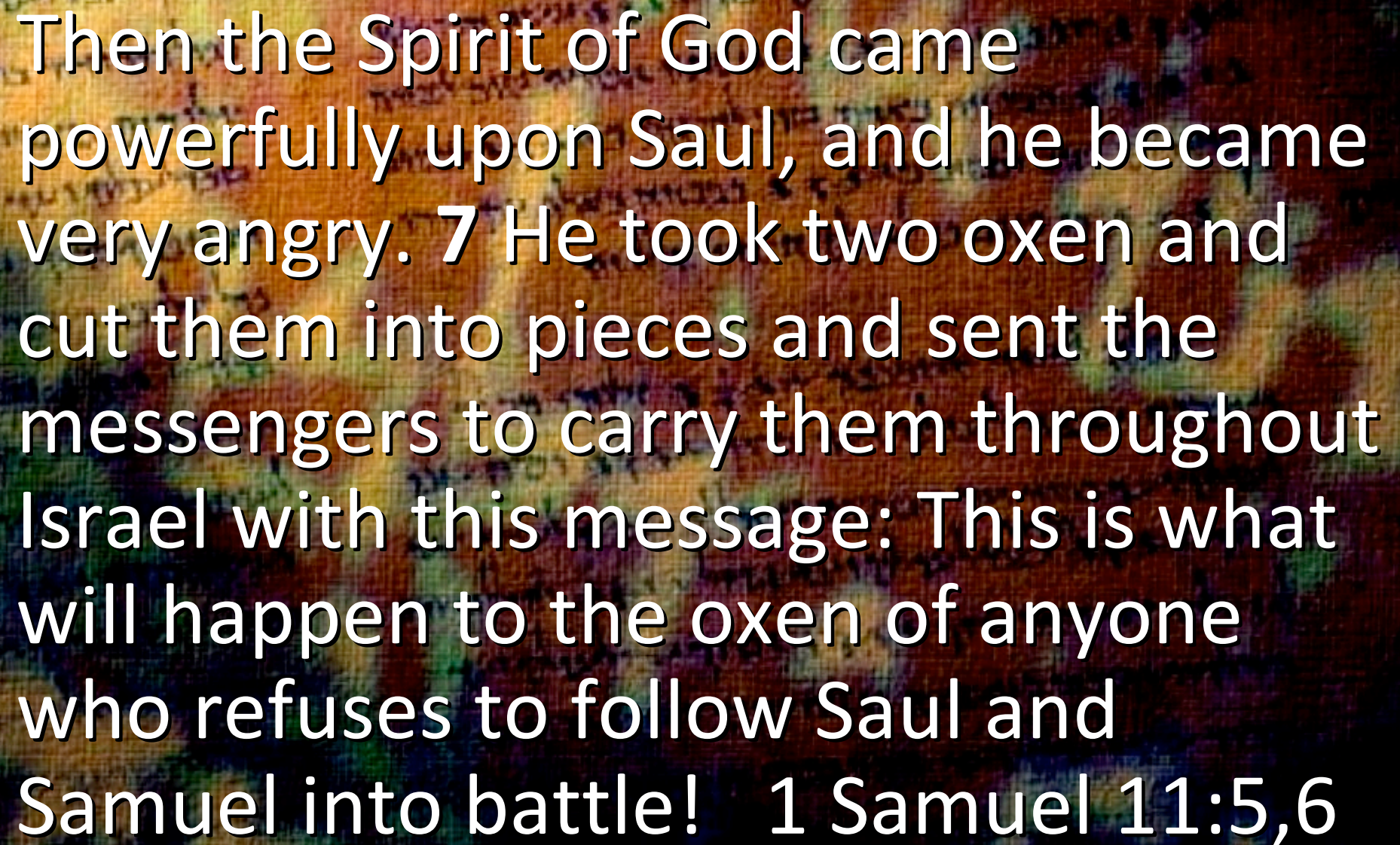
He will take your sons and make them serve ... and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, ...others to make weapons of war ... **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves ... **15** He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage ... **16** Your menservants and maidservants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. **17** He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. **18** When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the LORD will not answer you in that day."

1 Samuel 8:11-17



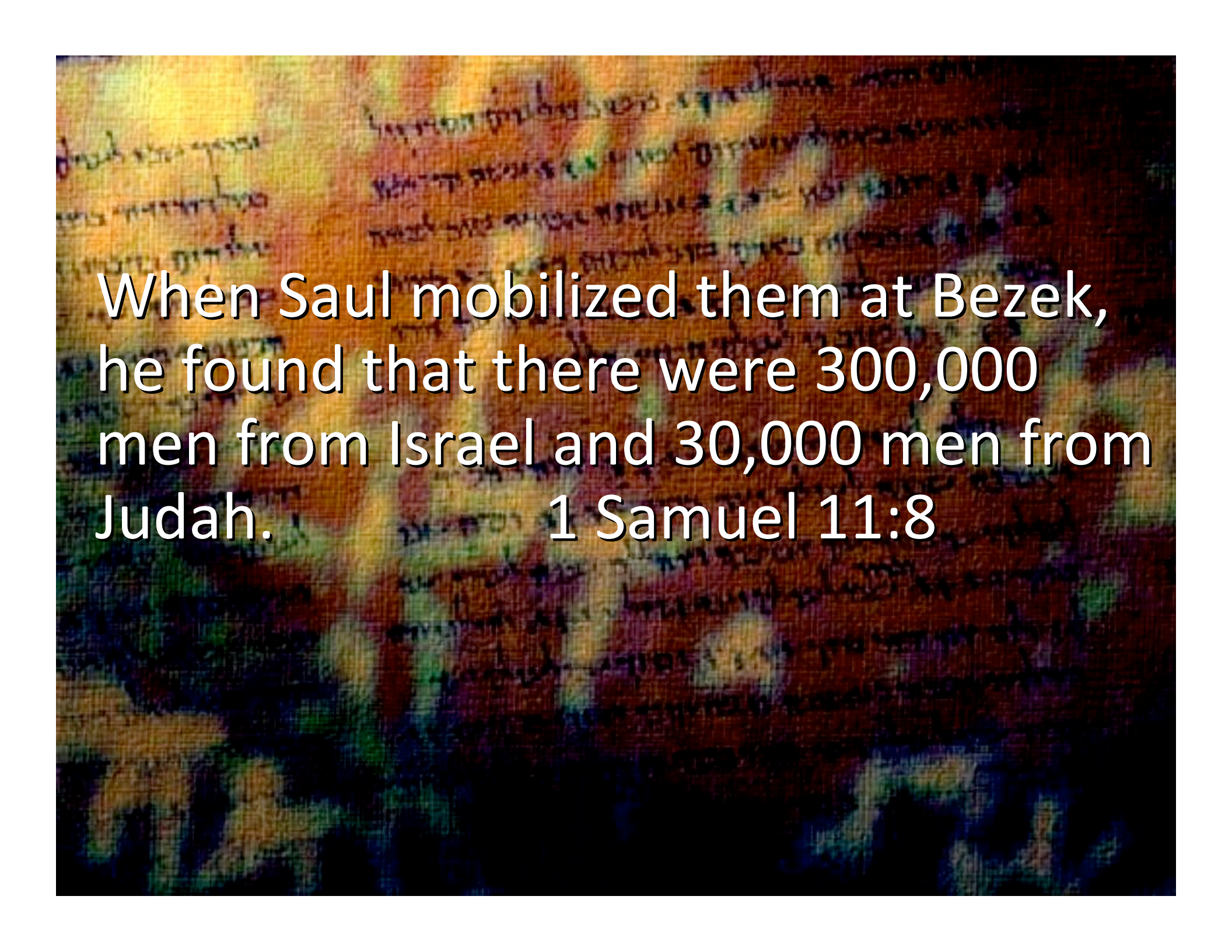


Saul had been plowing a field with his oxen, and when he returned to town, he asked, What's the matter? Why is everyone crying? 1 Samuel 11



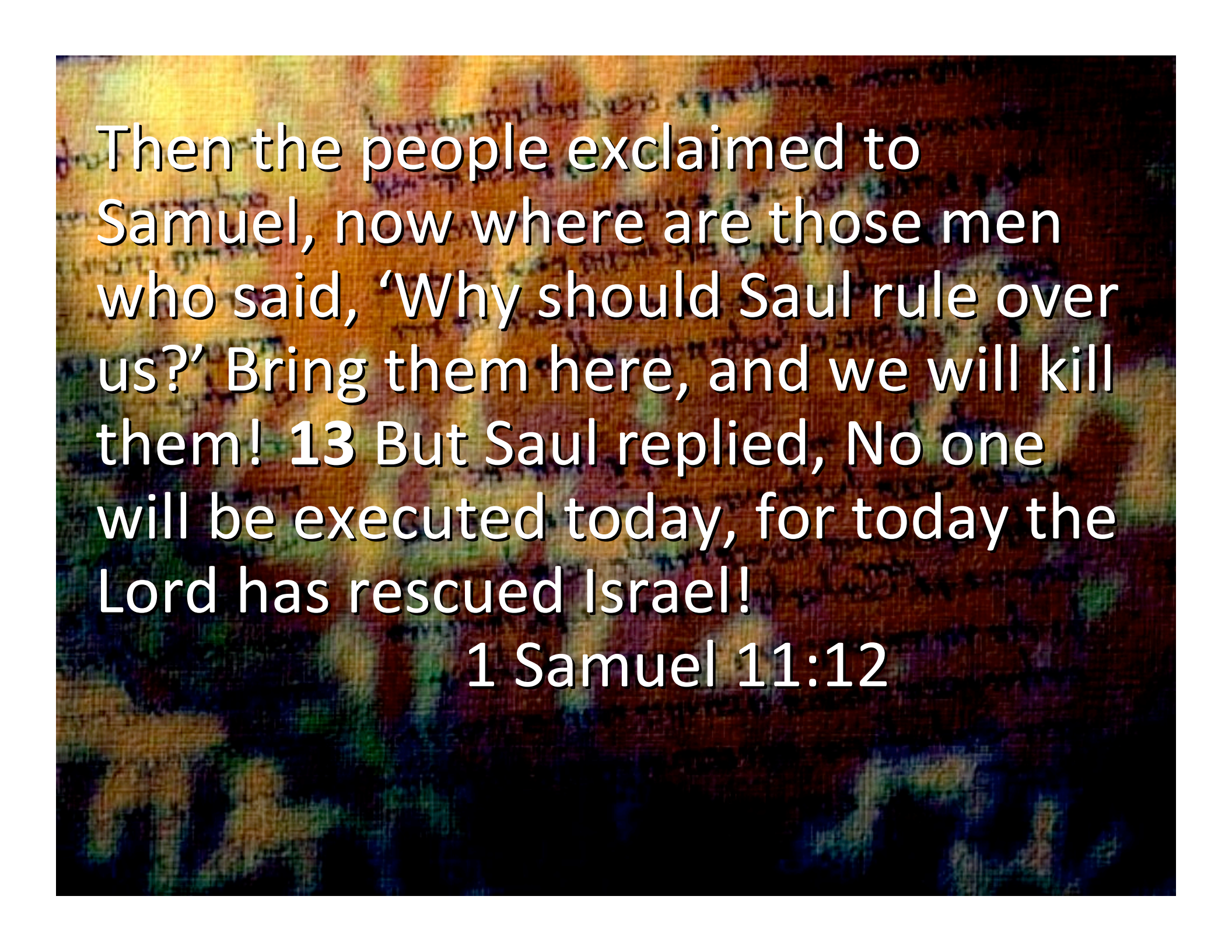
Then the Spirit of God came powerfully upon Saul, and he became very angry. **7** He took two oxen and cut them into pieces and sent the messengers to carry them throughout Israel with this message: This is what will happen to the oxen of anyone who refuses to follow Saul and Samuel into battle! 1 Samuel 11:5,6





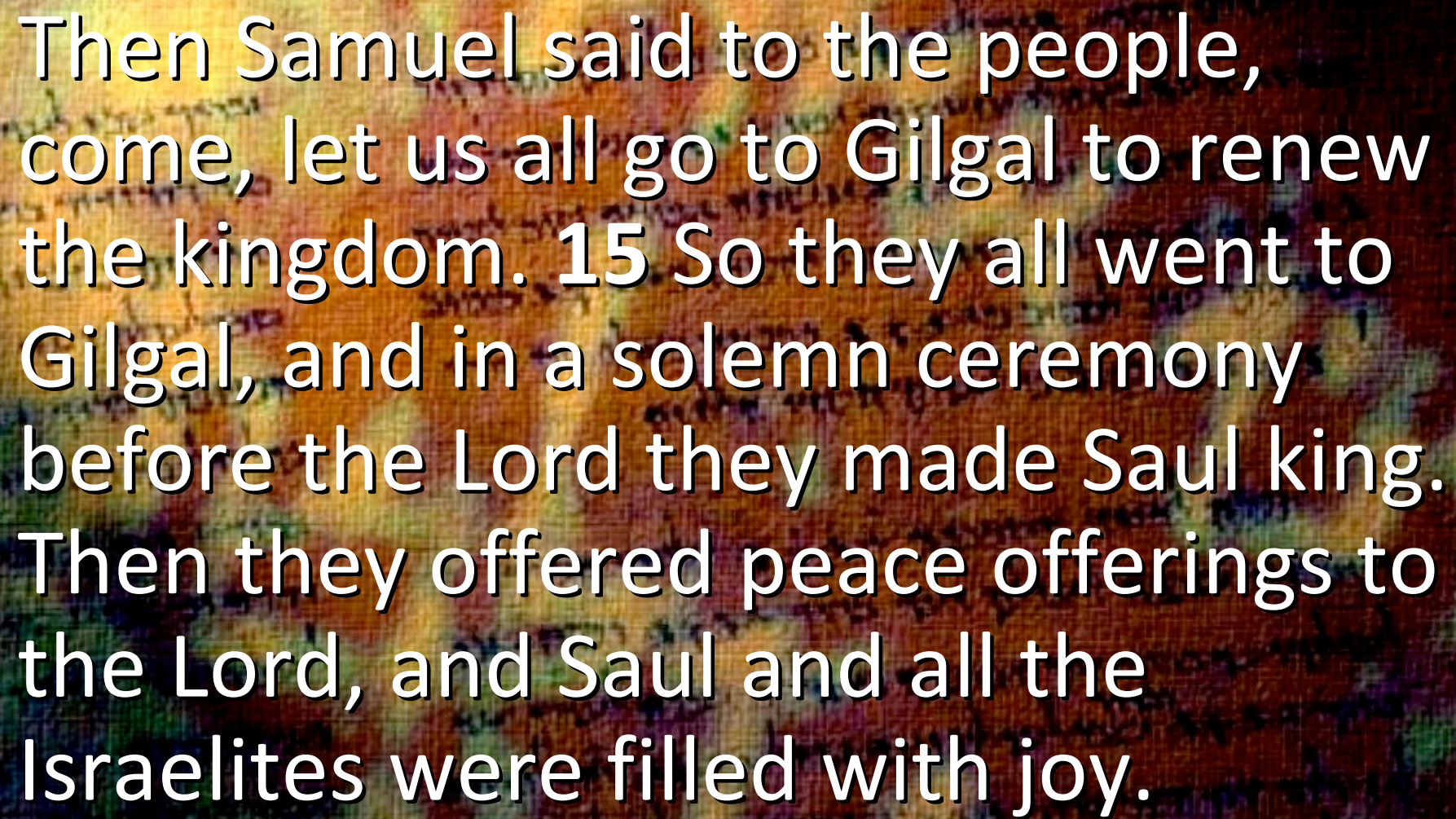
When Saul mobilized them at Bezek,
he found that there were 300,000
men from Israel and 30,000 men from
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1 Samuel 11:8



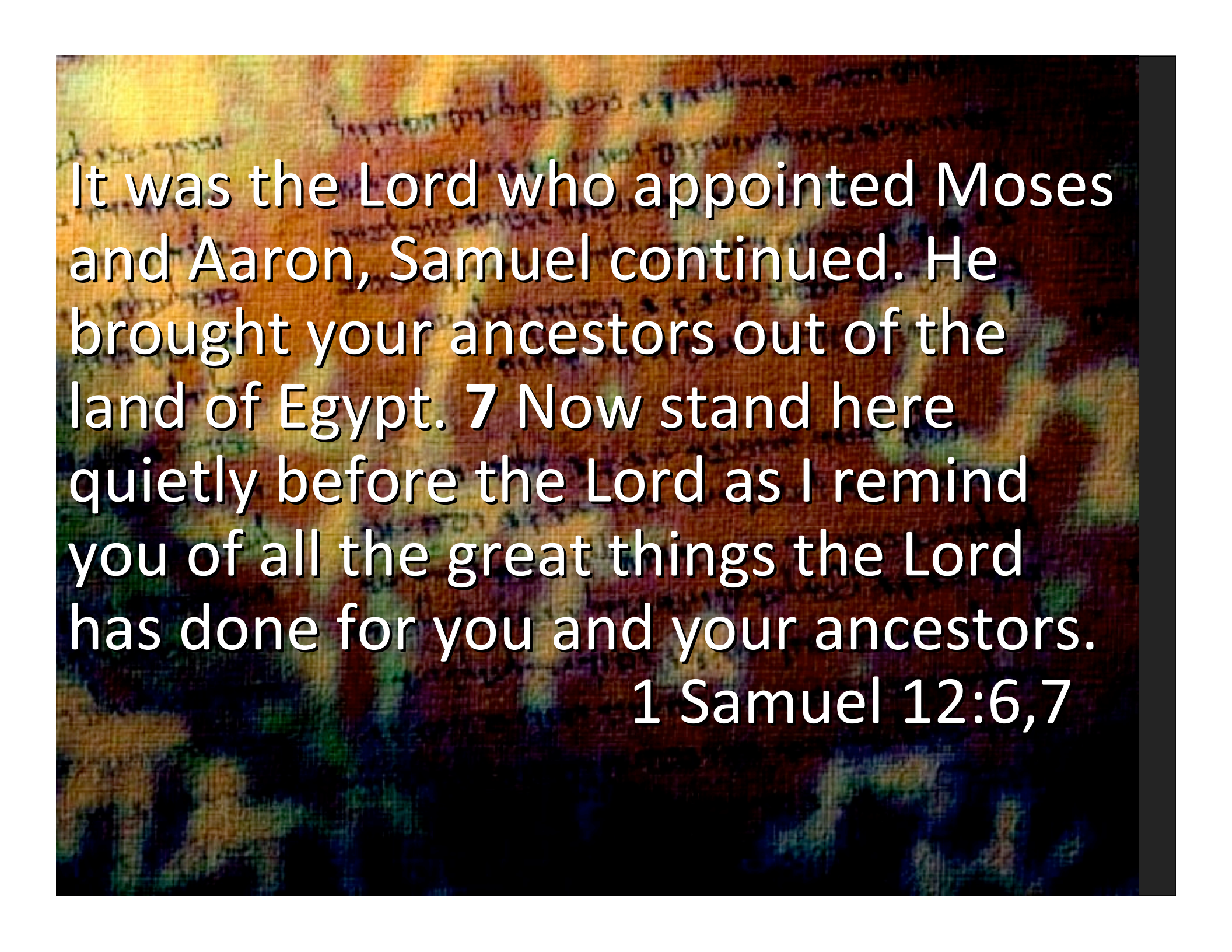
Then the people exclaimed to Samuel, now where are those men who said, 'Why should Saul rule over us?' Bring them here, and we will kill them! **13** But Saul replied, No one will be executed today, for today the Lord has rescued Israel!

1 Samuel 11:12



Then Samuel said to the people,
come, let us all go to Gilgal to renew
the kingdom. **15** So they all went to
Gilgal, and in a solemn ceremony
before the Lord they made Saul king.
Then they offered peace offerings to
the Lord, and Saul and all the
Israelites were filled with joy.

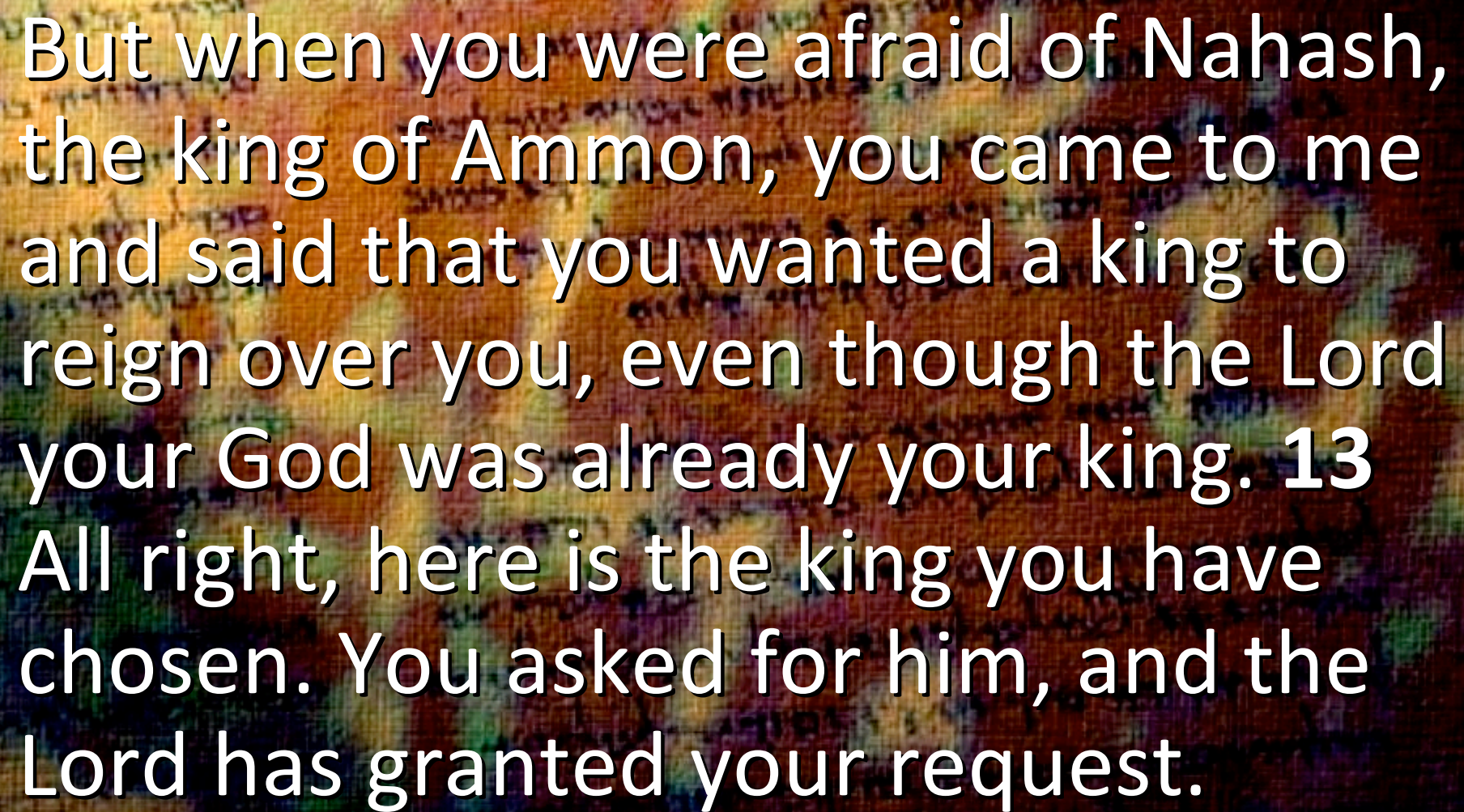
1 Samuel 11:14,15



It was the Lord who appointed Moses and Aaron, Samuel continued. He brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt. 7 Now stand here quietly before the Lord as I remind you of all the great things the Lord has done for you and your ancestors.

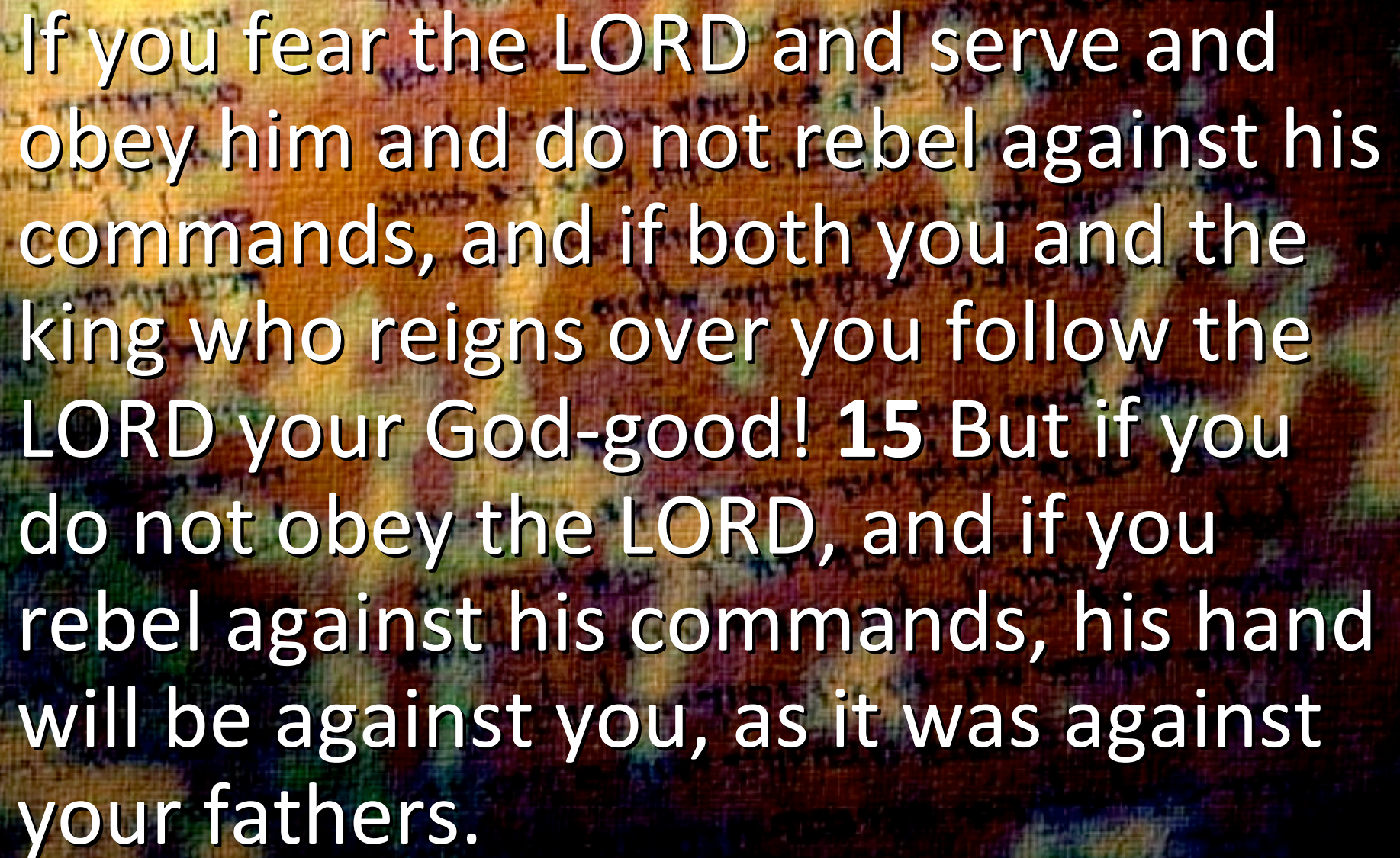
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But when you were afraid of Nahash,
the king of Ammon, you came to me
and said that you wanted a king to
reign over you, even though the Lord
your God was already your king. **13**
All right, here is the king you have
chosen. You asked for him, and the
Lord has granted your request.

1 Samuel 12:12,13

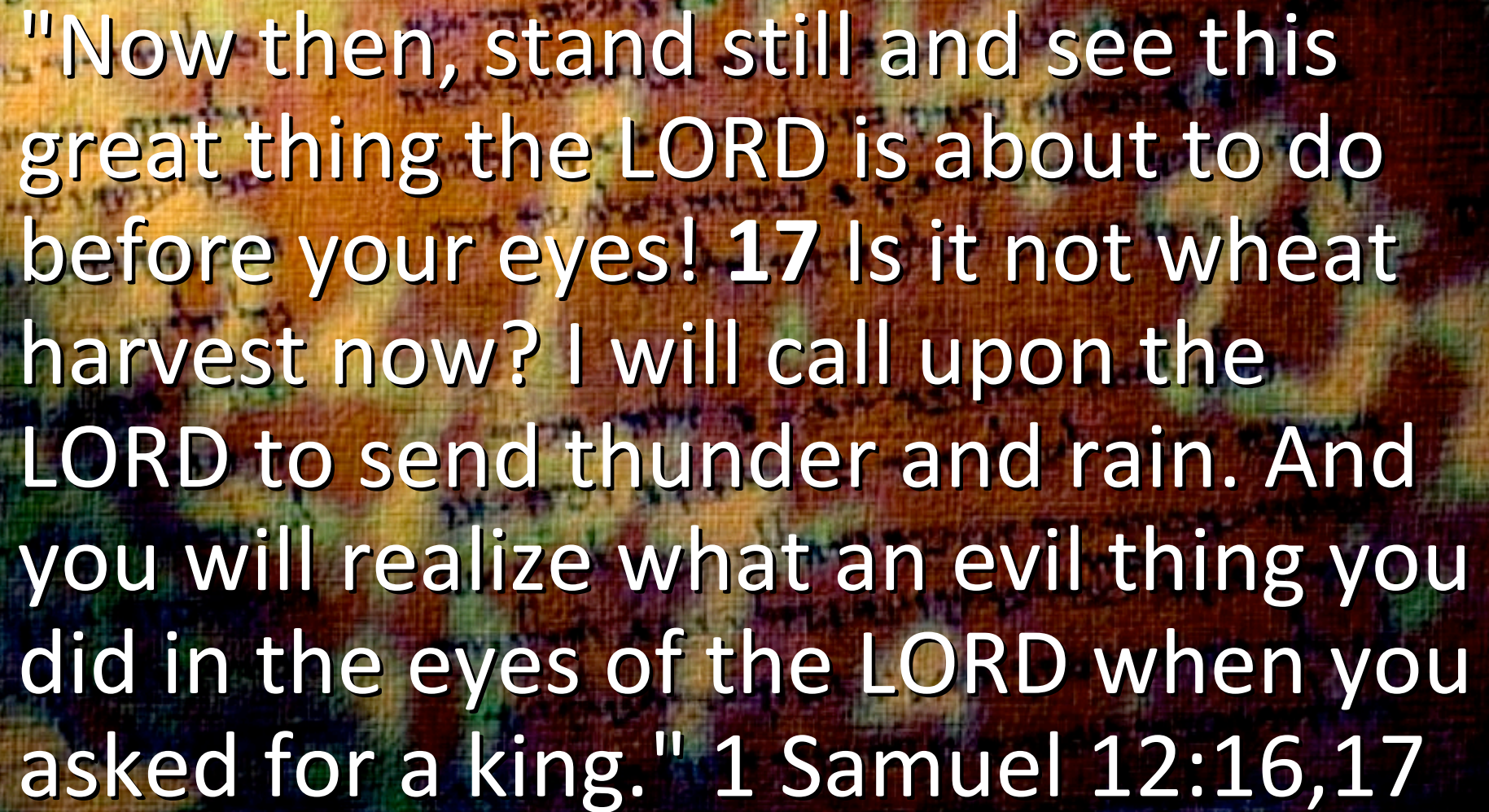
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If you fear the LORD and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the LORD your God-good! **15** But if you do not obey the LORD, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your fathers.

1 Samuel 12:14,15

KEY PRINCIPLE:
Restraint of the flesh
requires an act of the will





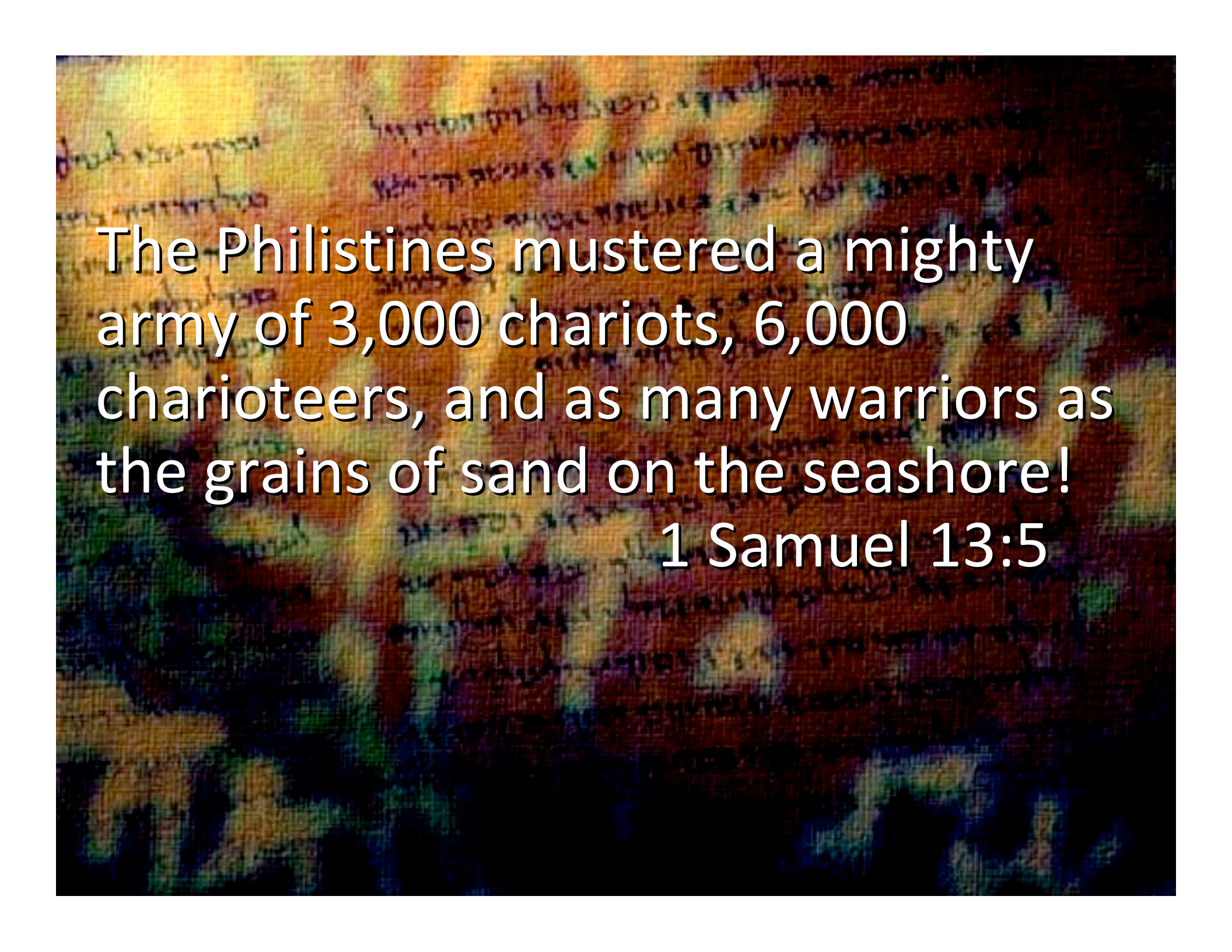
"Now then, stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes! **17** Is it not wheat harvest now? I will call upon the LORD to send thunder and rain. And you will realize what an evil thing you did in the eyes of the LORD when you asked for a king." 1 Samuel 12:16,17





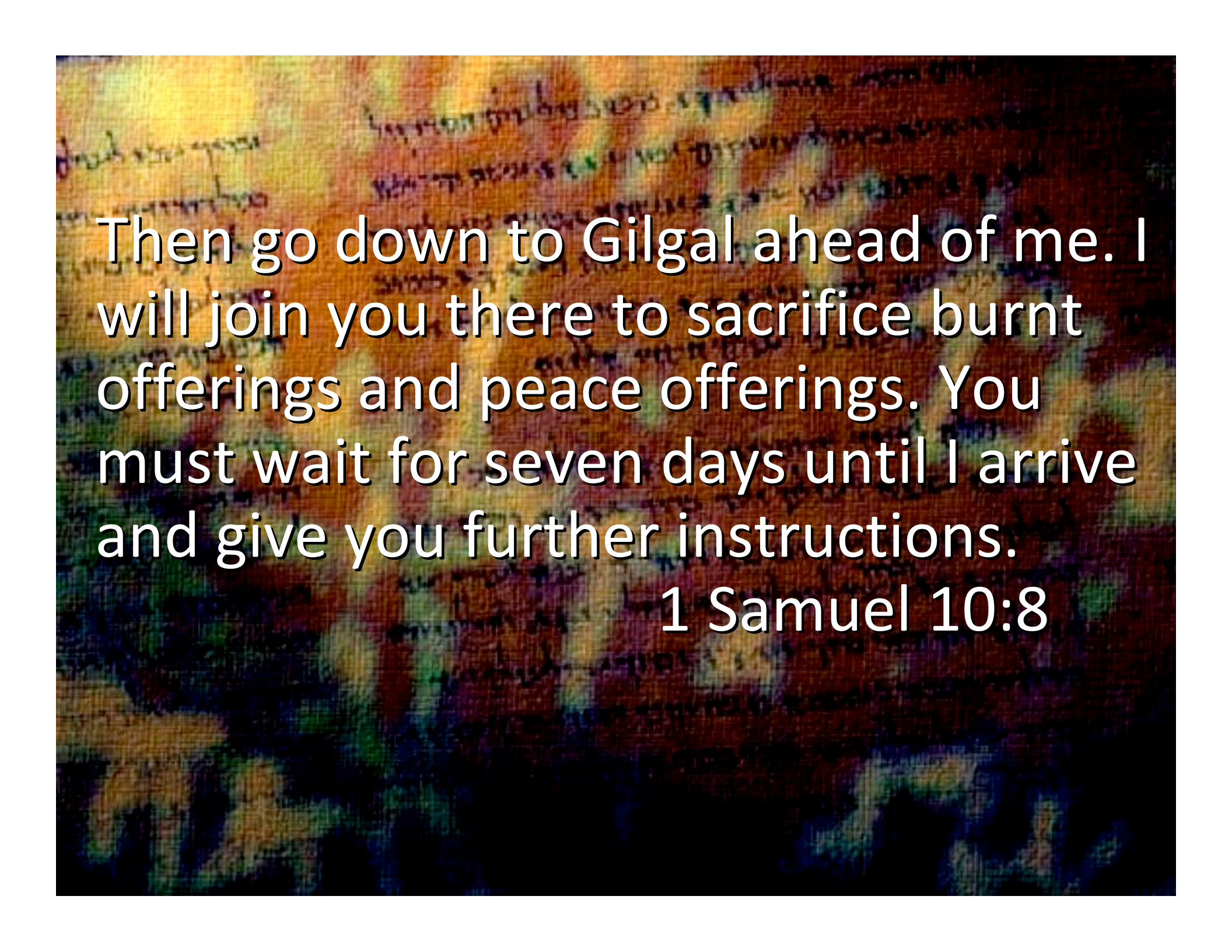
All Israel heard the news that Saul
had destroyed the Philistine garrison
at Geba and that the Philistines now
hated the Israelites more than ever.
So the entire Israelite army was
summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

1 Samuel 13:4



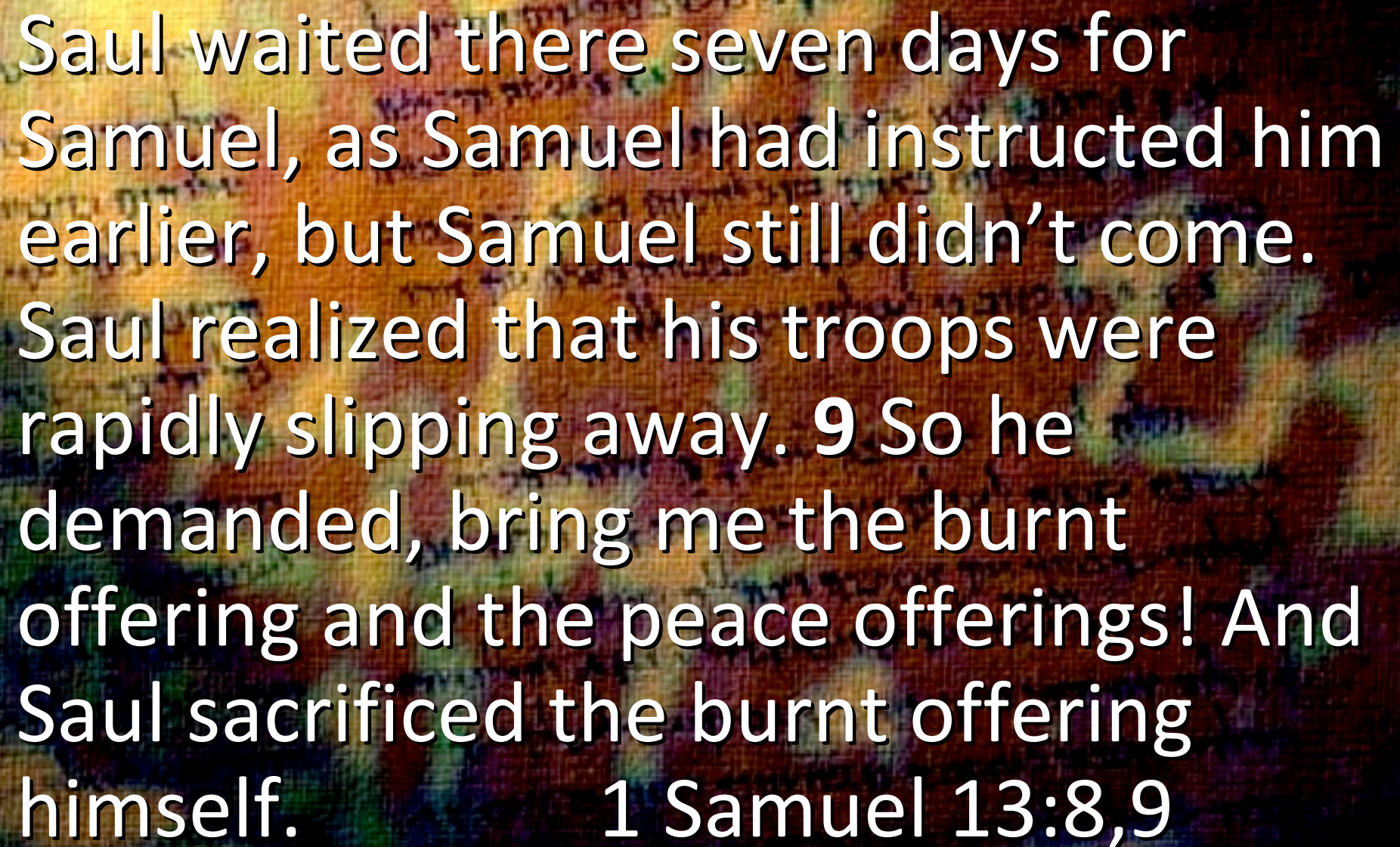
The Philistines mustered a mighty
army of 3,000 chariots, 6,000
charioteers, and as many warriors as
the grains of sand on the seashore!

1 Samuel 13:5



Then go down to Gilgal ahead of me. I will join you there to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. You must wait for seven days until I arrive and give you further instructions.

1 Samuel 10:8

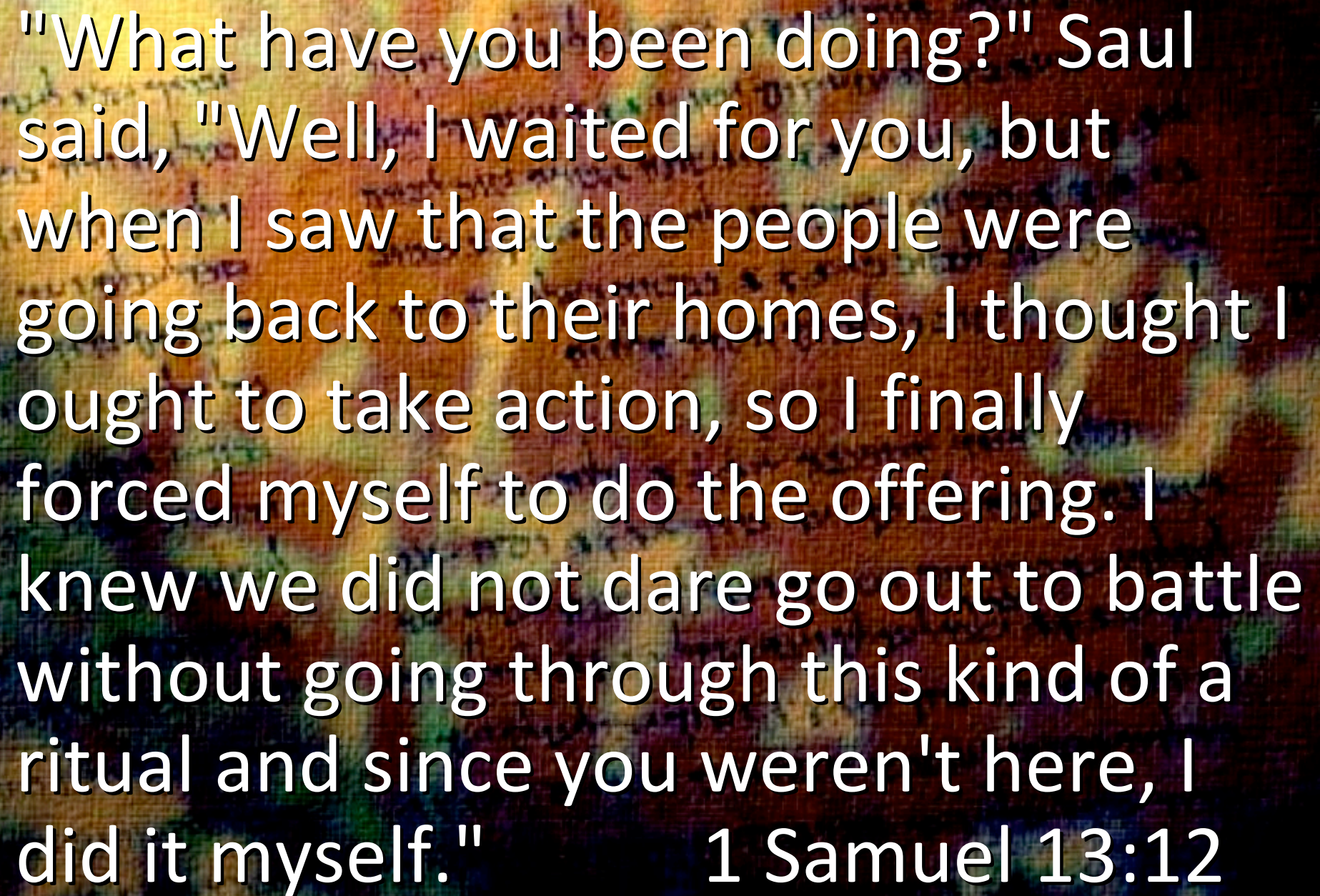


Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn't come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. 9 So he demanded, bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings! And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself.

1 Samuel 13:8,9

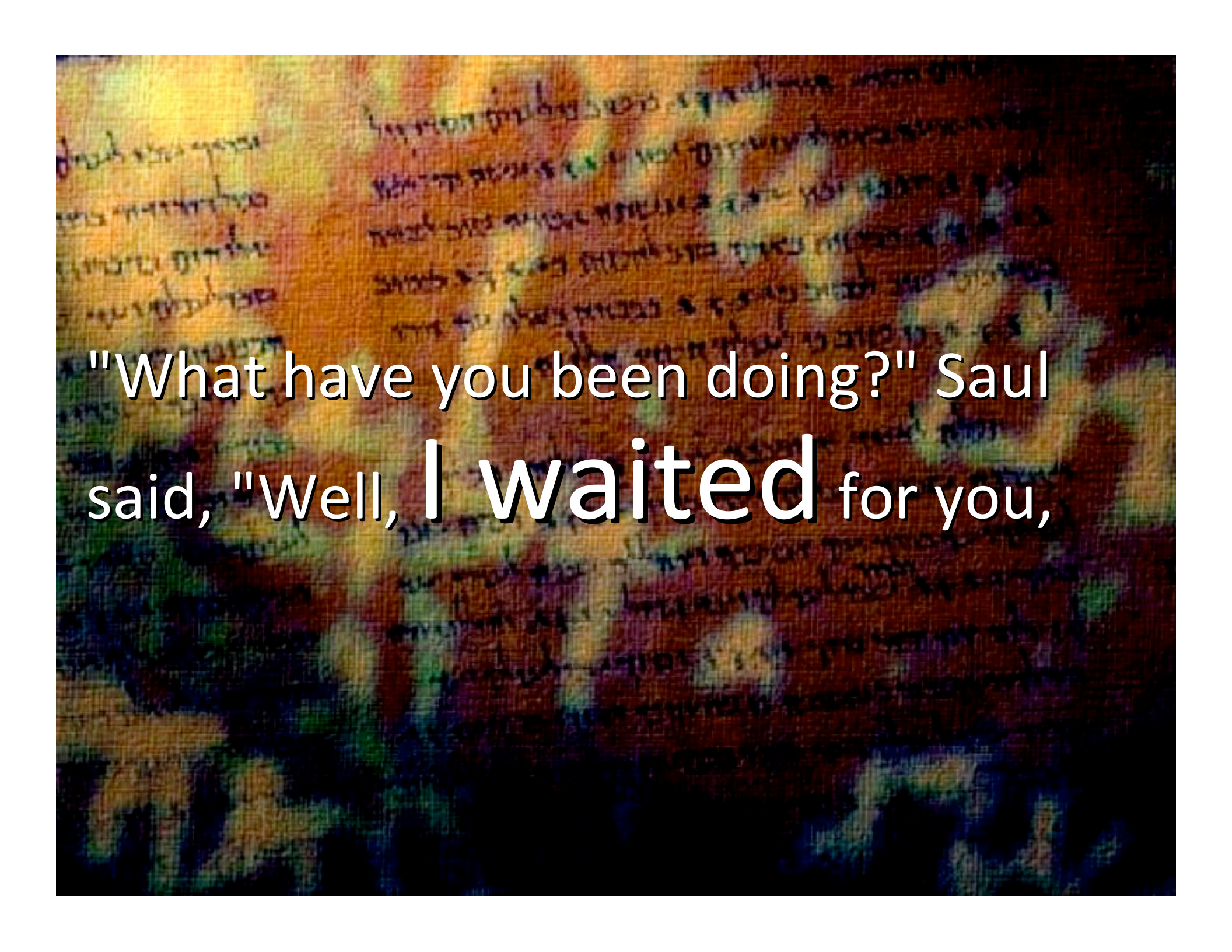
Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu put coals of fire in their incense burners and sprinkled incense over it. In this way, they disobeyed the LORD by burning before him a different kind of fire than he had commanded.

2 So fire blazed forth from the LORD's presence and burned them up, and they died there before the LORD.



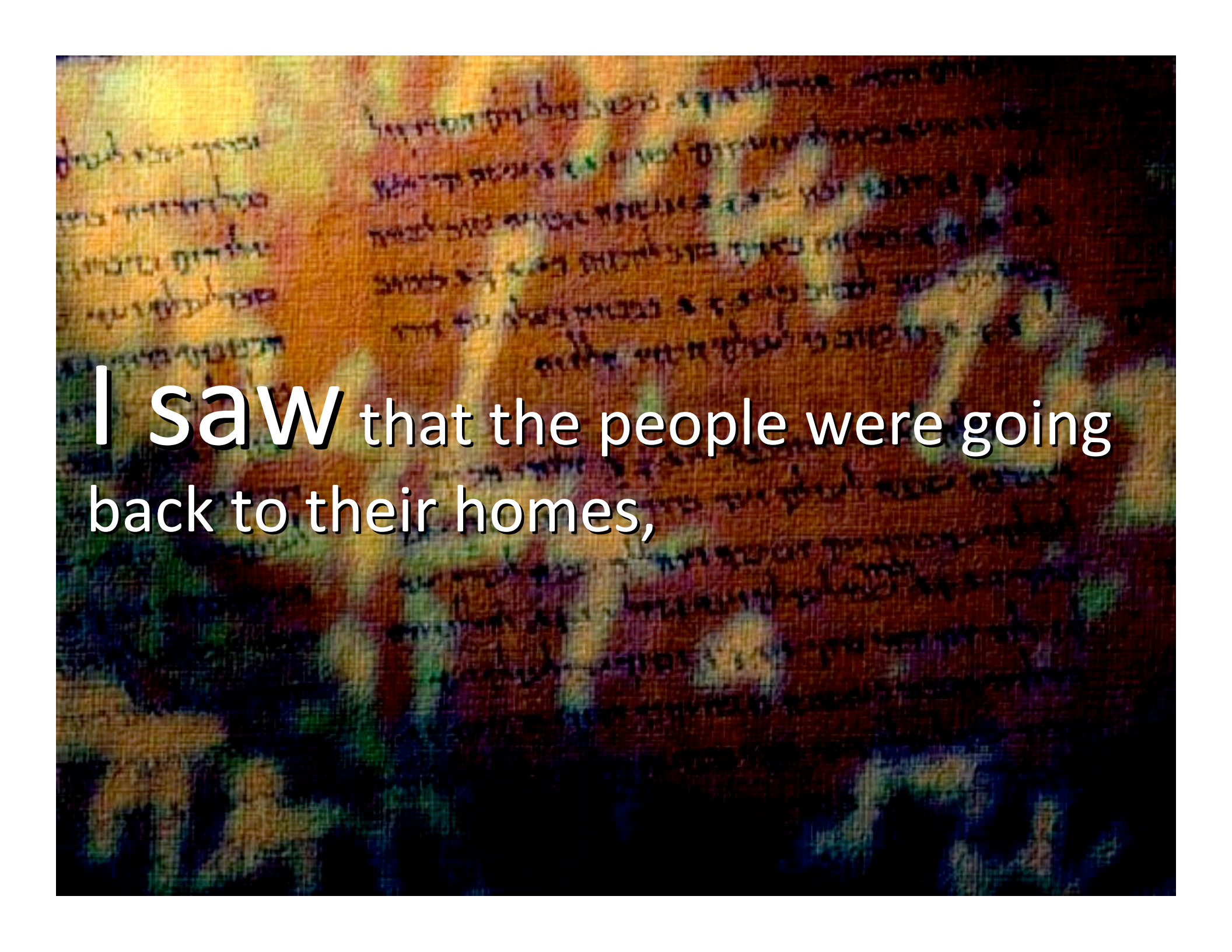
"What have you been doing?" Saul said, "Well, I waited for you, but when I saw that the people were going back to their homes, I thought I ought to take action, so I finally forced myself to do the offering. I knew we did not dare go out to battle without going through this kind of a ritual and since you weren't here, I did it myself."

1 Samuel 13:12

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"What have you been doing?" Saul
said, "Well, **I waited** for you,

*he used his own
timetable*

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I saw that the people were going
back to their homes,

*he allowed
circumstances to
change his thinking*



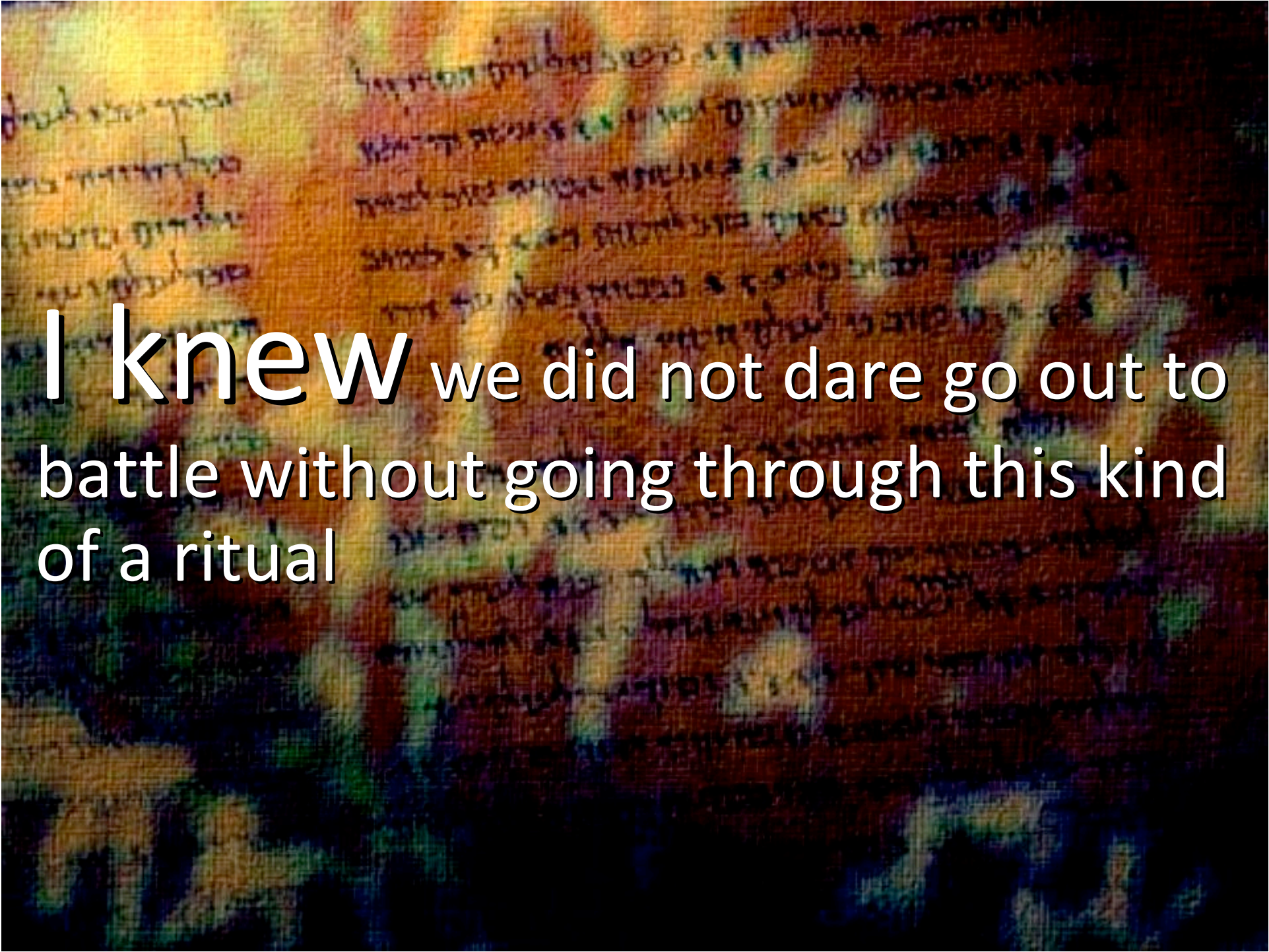
I thought I ought to take
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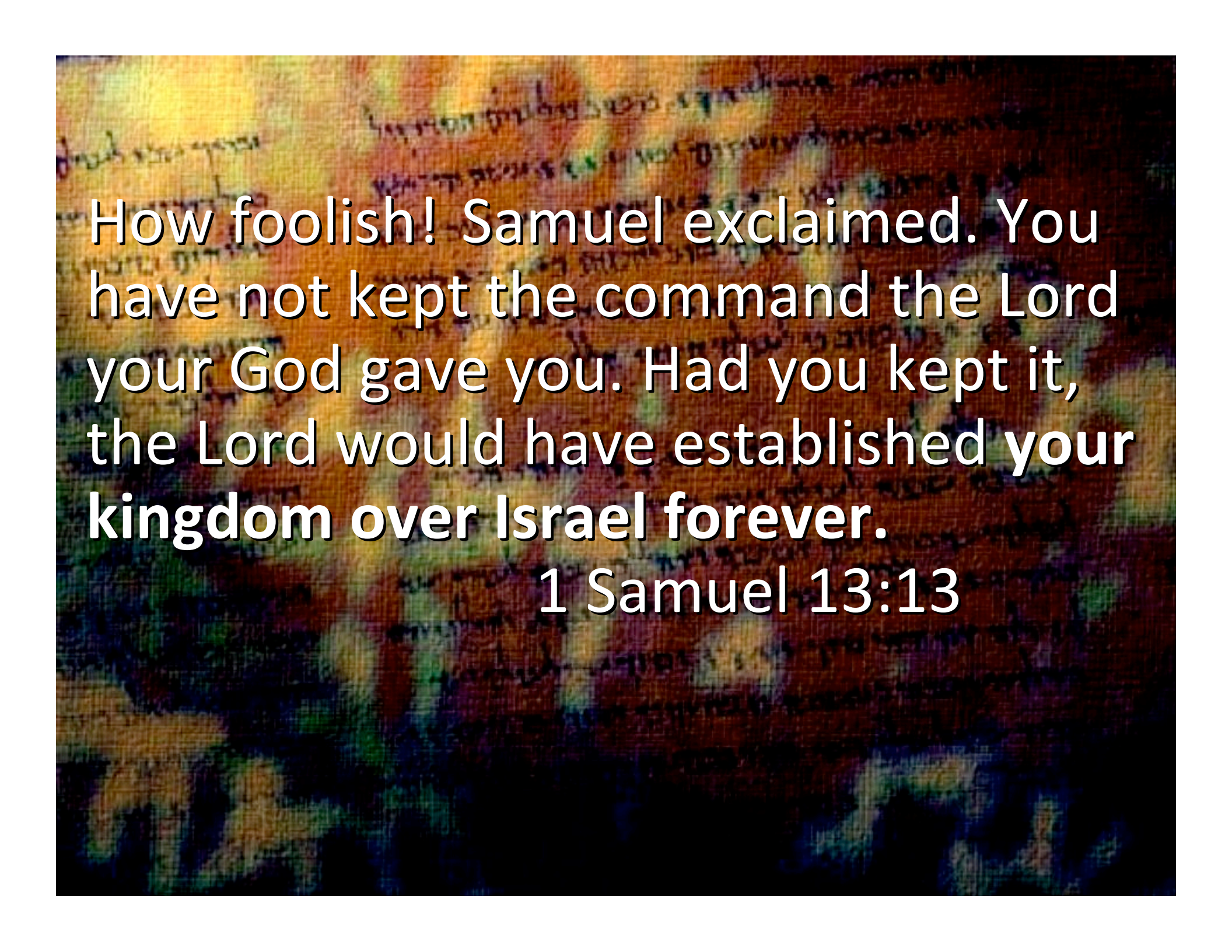
*he used religious
justification*



I did it myself.

*The epitome of
flesh driven will;
God is not present*




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How foolish! Samuel exclaimed. You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. Had you kept it, the Lord would have established **your kingdom over Israel forever.**

1 Samuel 13:13



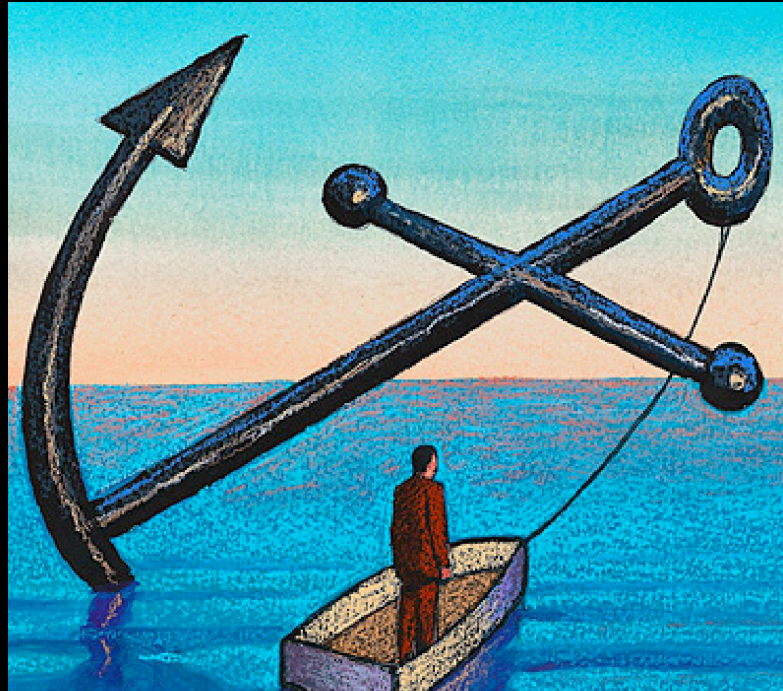
Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. Galatians 6:7,8

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But now your kingdom
must end, for the Lord
has sought out a man
after his own heart.

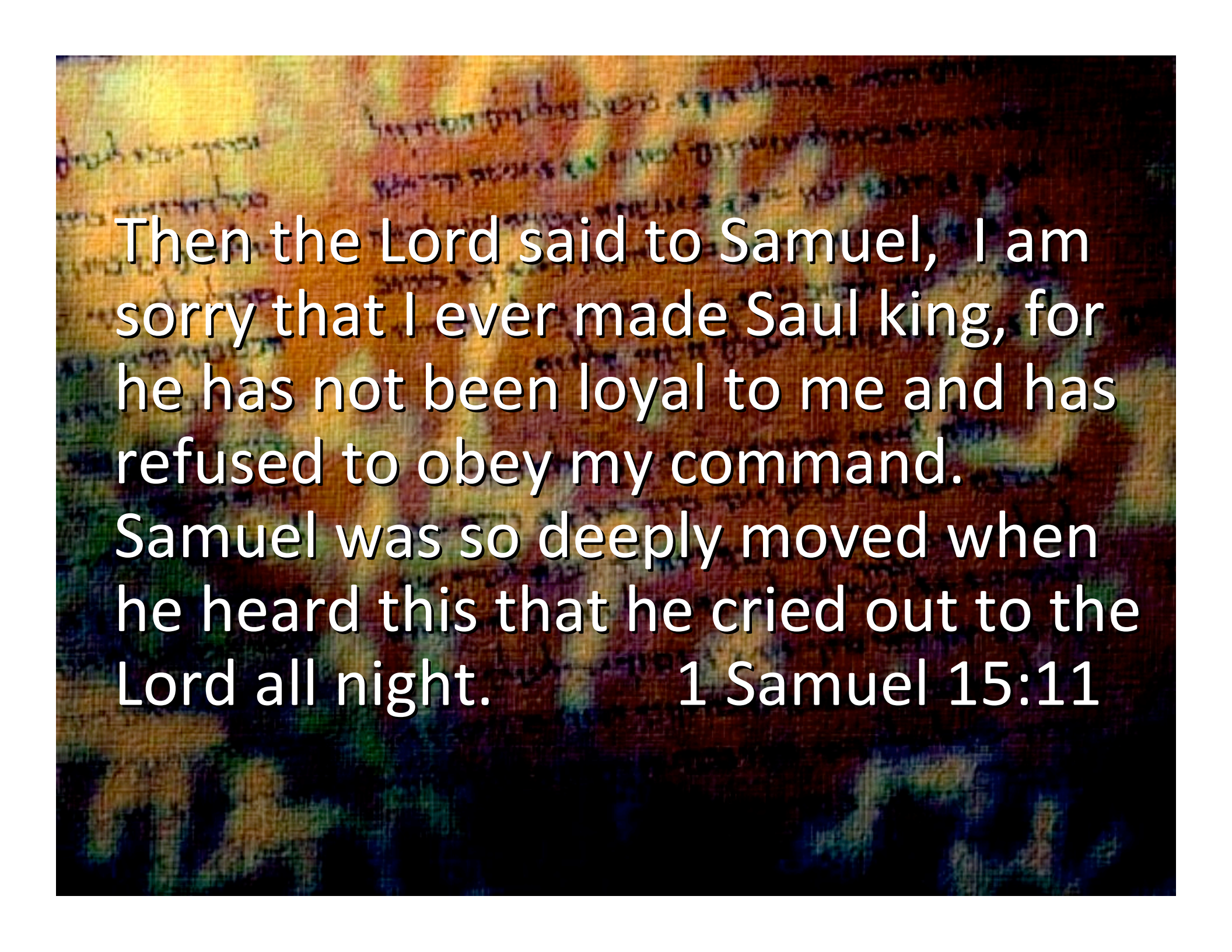
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The Principal of the Flesh:
What we yield ourselves to we
become slaves of that thing.

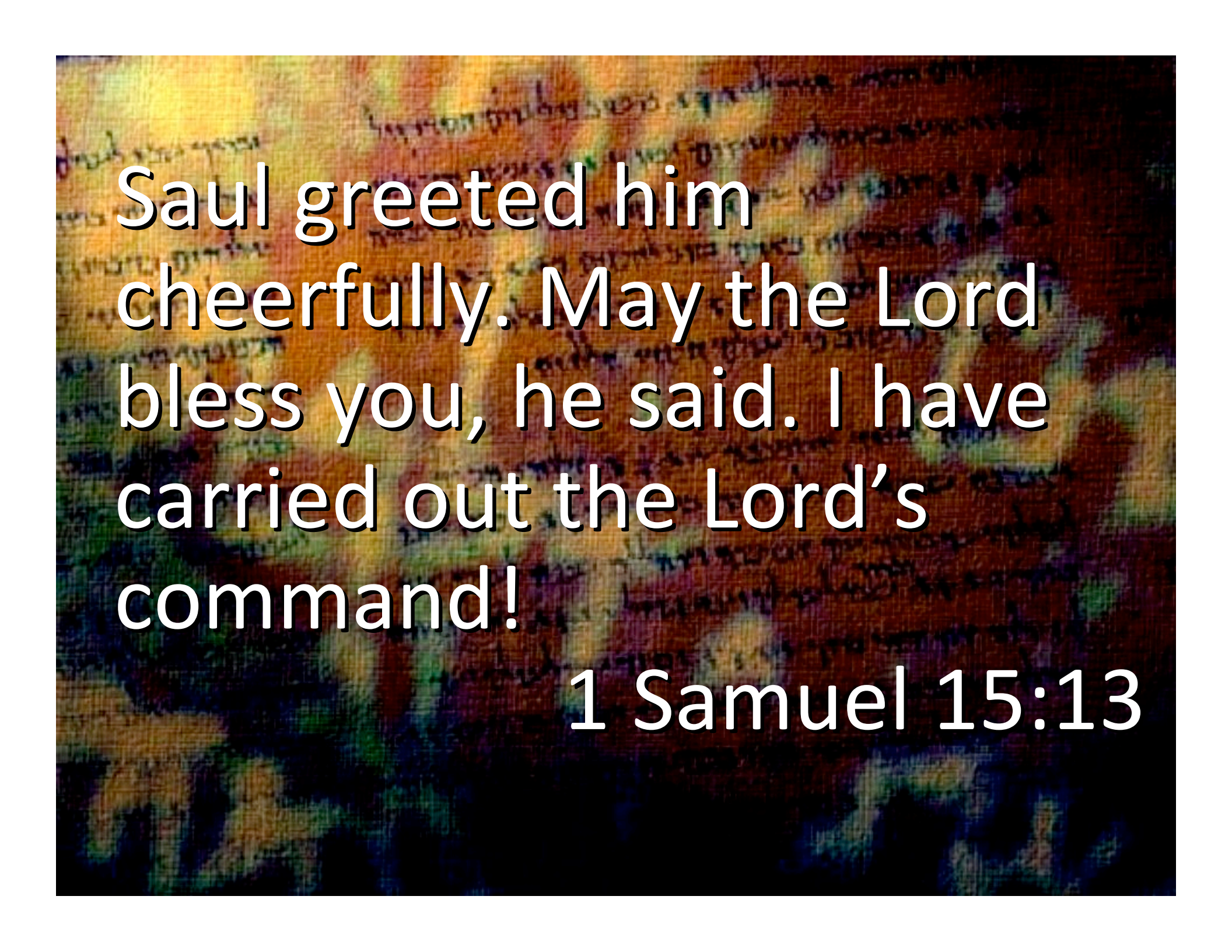


Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Romans 6:16



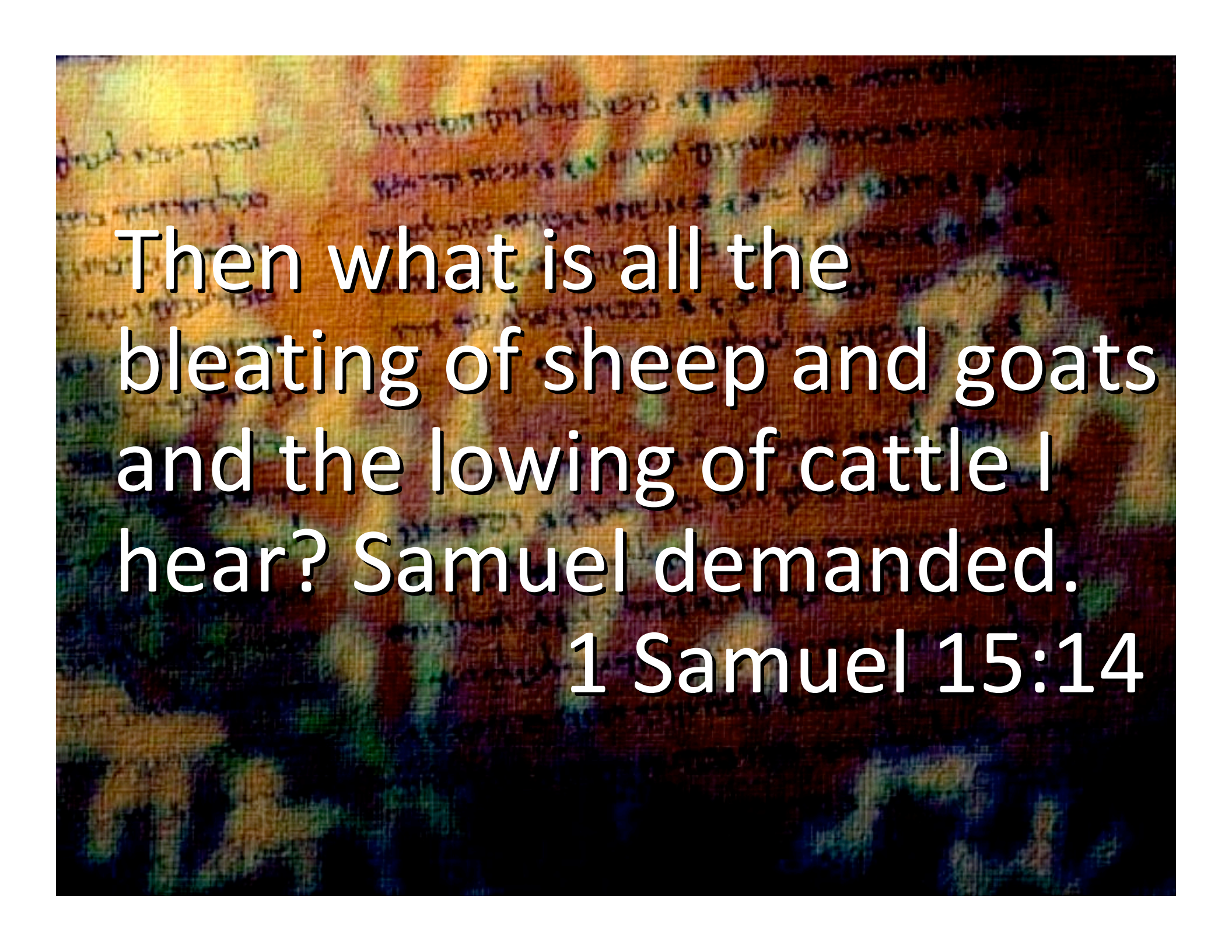
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Then the Lord said to Samuel, I am
sorry that I ever made Saul king, for
he has not been loyal to me and has
refused to obey my command.
Samuel was so deeply moved when
he heard this that he cried out to the
Lord all night. 1 Samuel 15:11



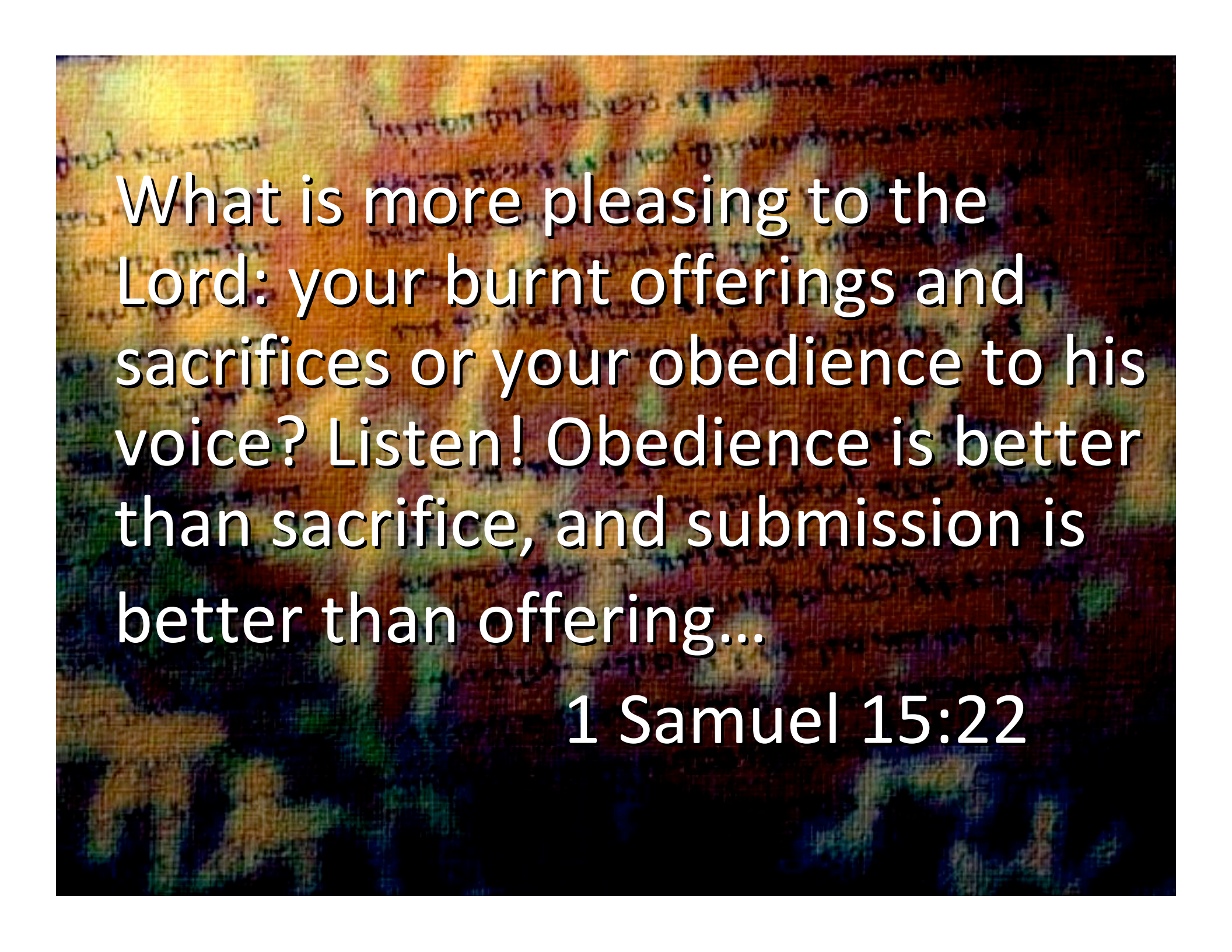
Saul greeted him
cheerfully. May the Lord
bless you, he said. I have
carried out the Lord's
command!

1 Samuel 15:13



Then what is all the
bleating of sheep and goats
and the lowing of cattle I
hear? Samuel demanded.

1 Samuel 15:14



What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering...

1 Samuel 15:22



But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. **14** If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. **15** But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

I Corinthians 3:13-15



