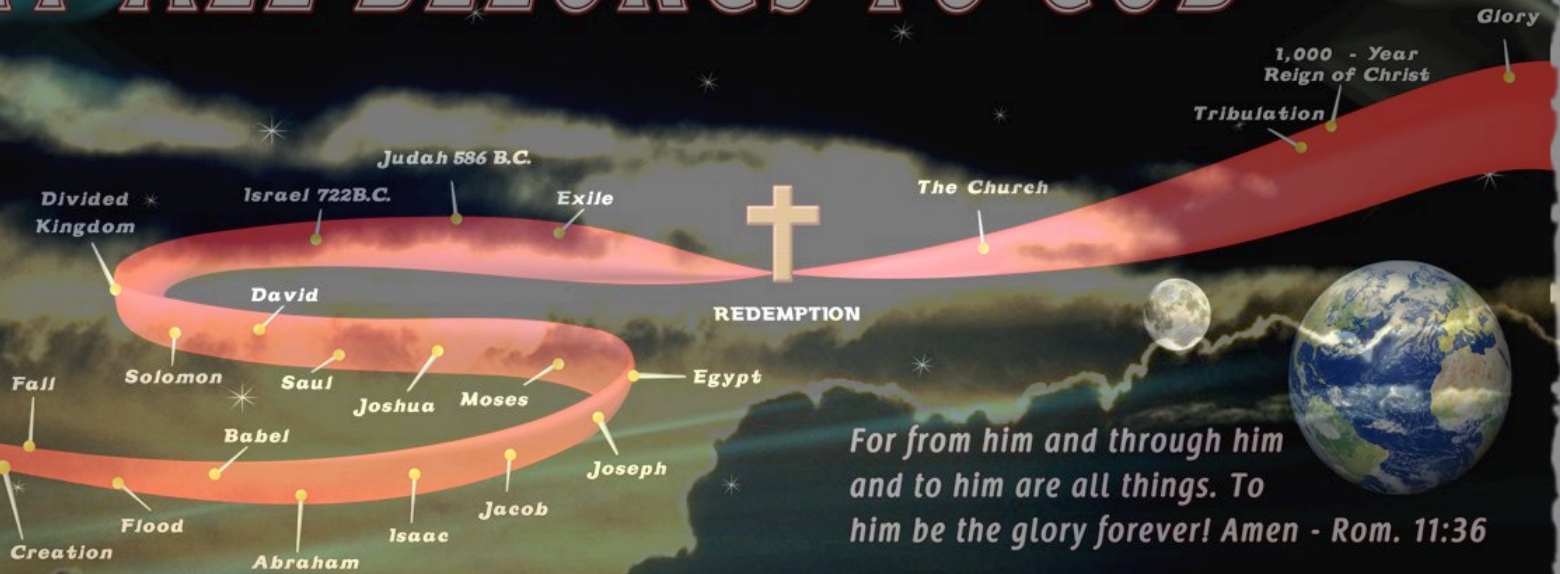




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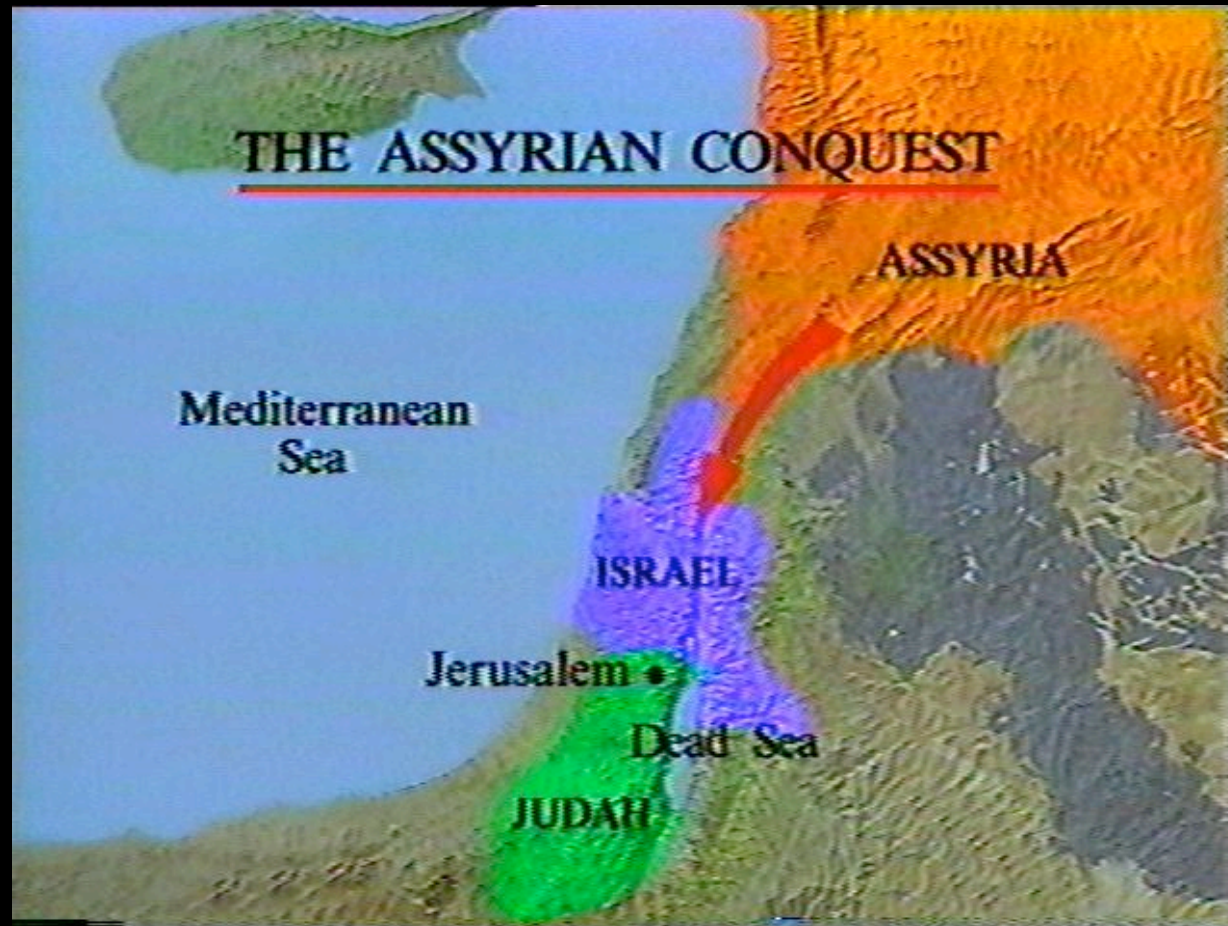
IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD



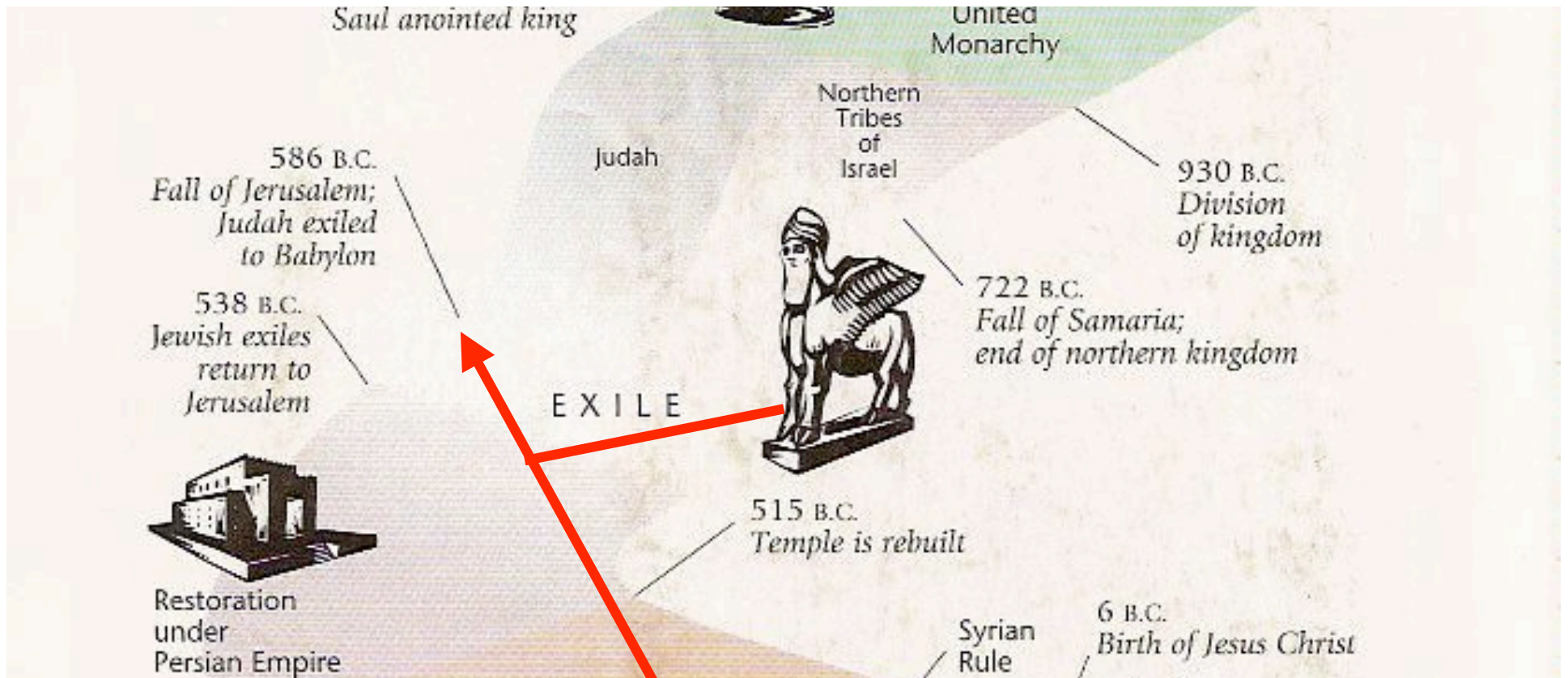
For from him and through him
and to him are all things. To
him be the glory forever! Amen - Rom. 11:36



United Kingdom under David and then Solomon



721BC
Assyrians
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586 BC Babylonians conquer Southern Kingdom of Judah

All of Israel is now gone from the Promise Land

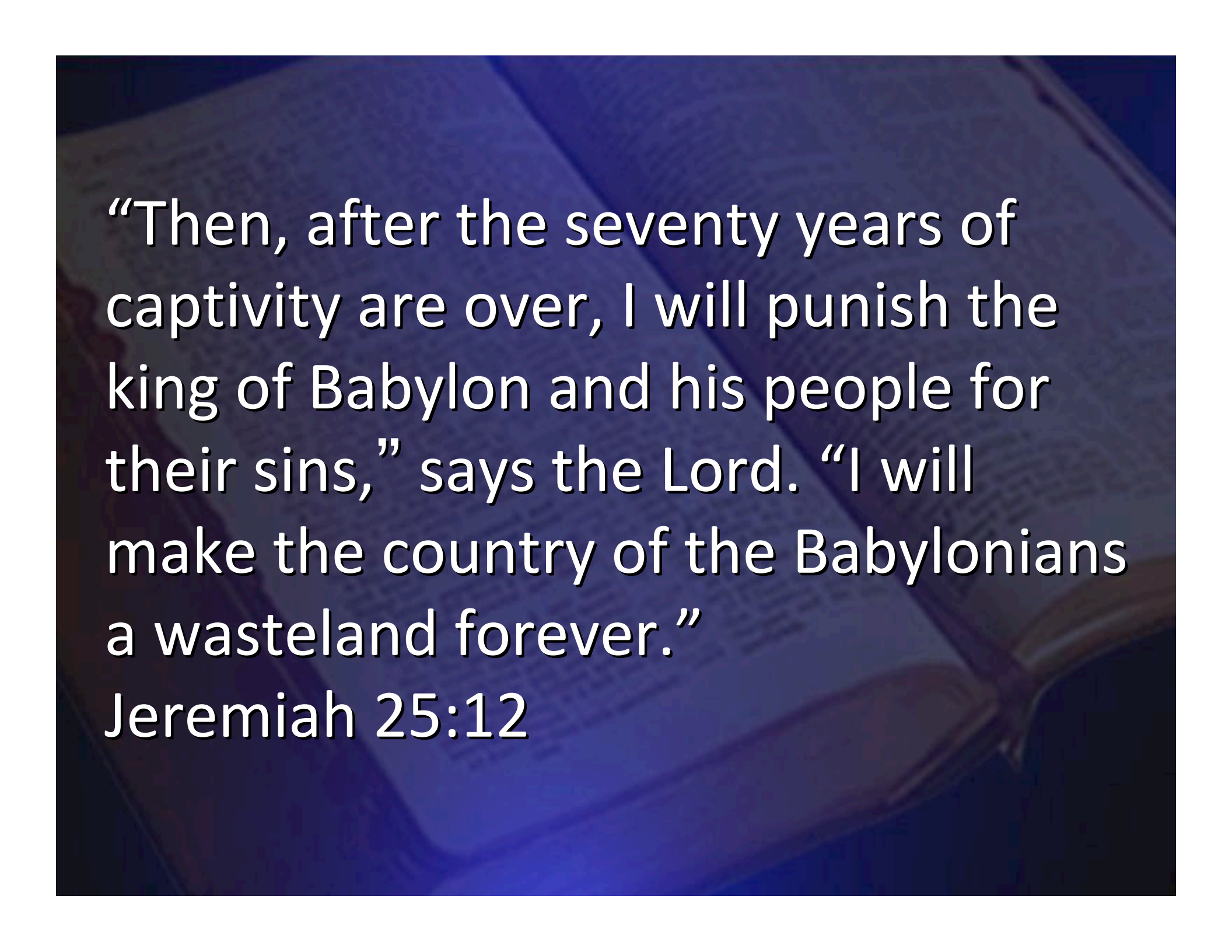
I will gather together all the armies of the north under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, whom I have appointed as my deputy. I will bring them all against this land and its people. 11 This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:9, 11

**Story of God's
People Sum Total:**

**KEY PRINCIPLE:
Obey God**





“Then, after the seventy years of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins,” says the Lord. “I will make the country of the Babylonians a wasteland forever.”

Jeremiah 25:12

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, the Lord fulfilled the prophecy he had given through Jeremiah. He stirred the heart of Cyrus to put this proclamation in writing and to send it throughout his kingdom:

Ezra 1:1

“This is what King Cyrus of Persia says: “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has appointed me to build him a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³ Any of you who are his people may go to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this Temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, who lives in Jerusalem. And may your God be with you!

Ezra 1:2

Any of you who are his people may go to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this Temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, who lives in Jerusalem. And may your God be with you!

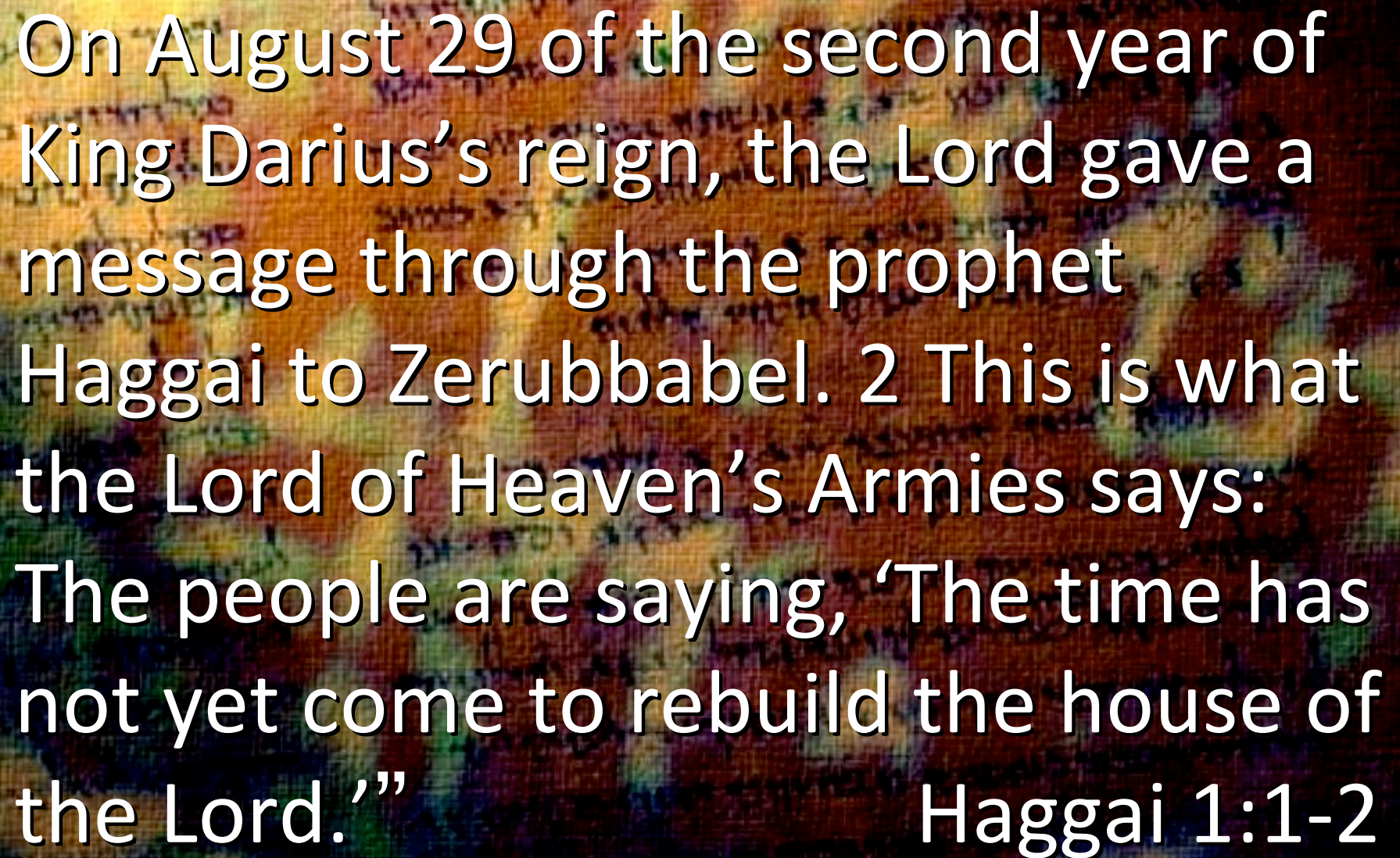
Ezra 1:3



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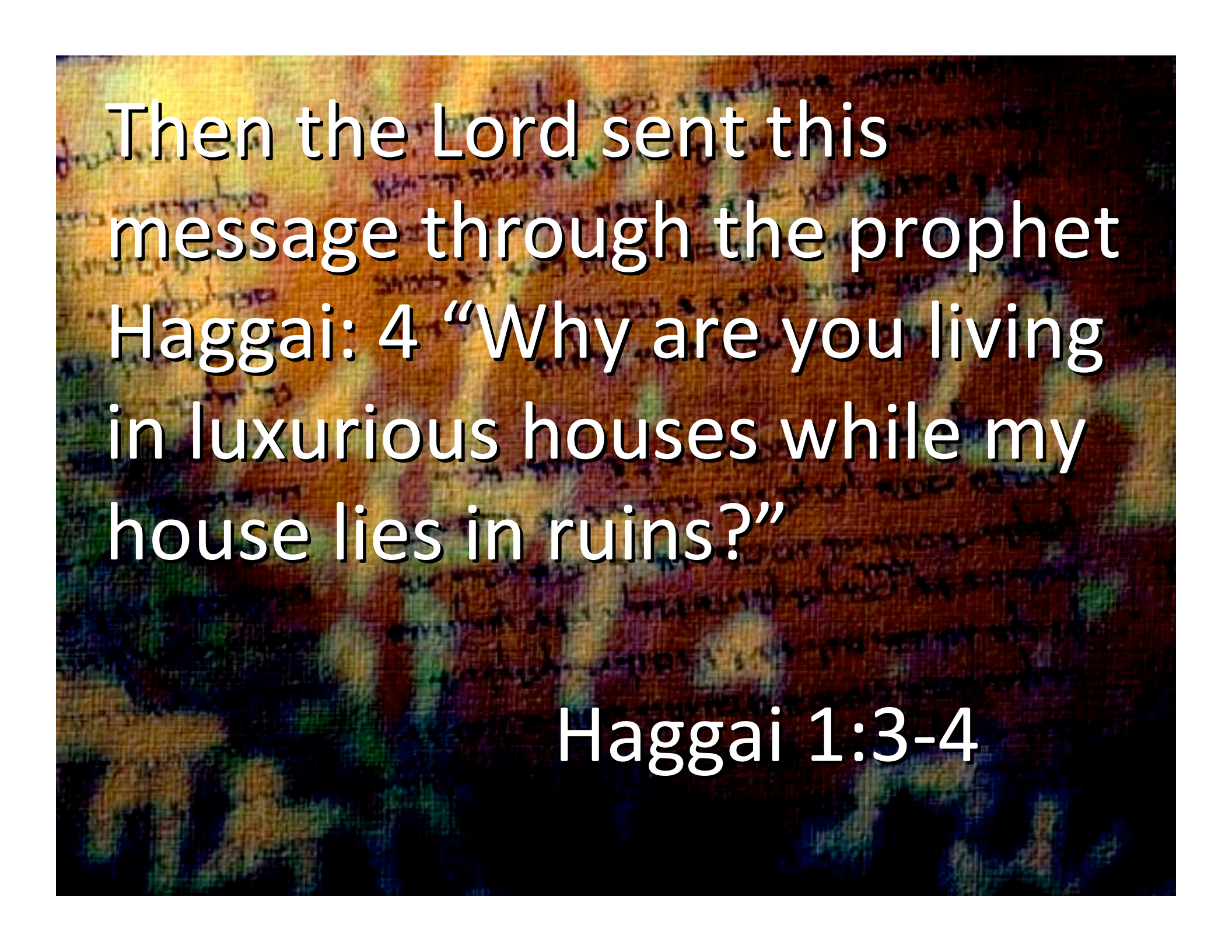
Israel's Temple is a
picture of the
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On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the Lord gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel. 2 This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.'”

Haggai 1:1-2

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Then the Lord sent this
message through the prophet
Haggai: 4 “Why are you living
in luxurious houses while my
house lies in ruins?”

Haggai 1:3-4

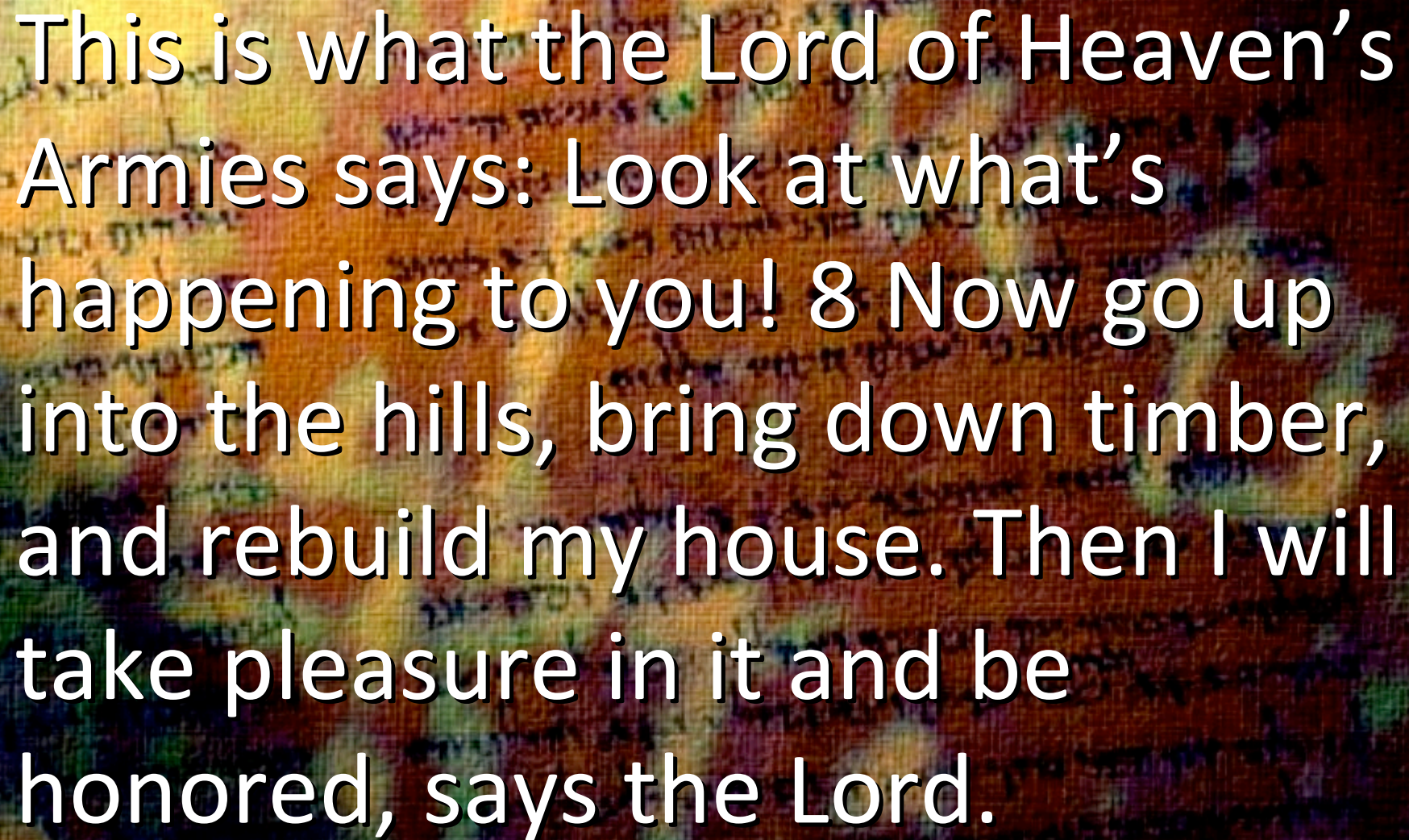
The Point

You are not willing to put
God first in your life.

“Why are you living in luxurious
houses while my house lies in
ruins?” Haggai 1:4

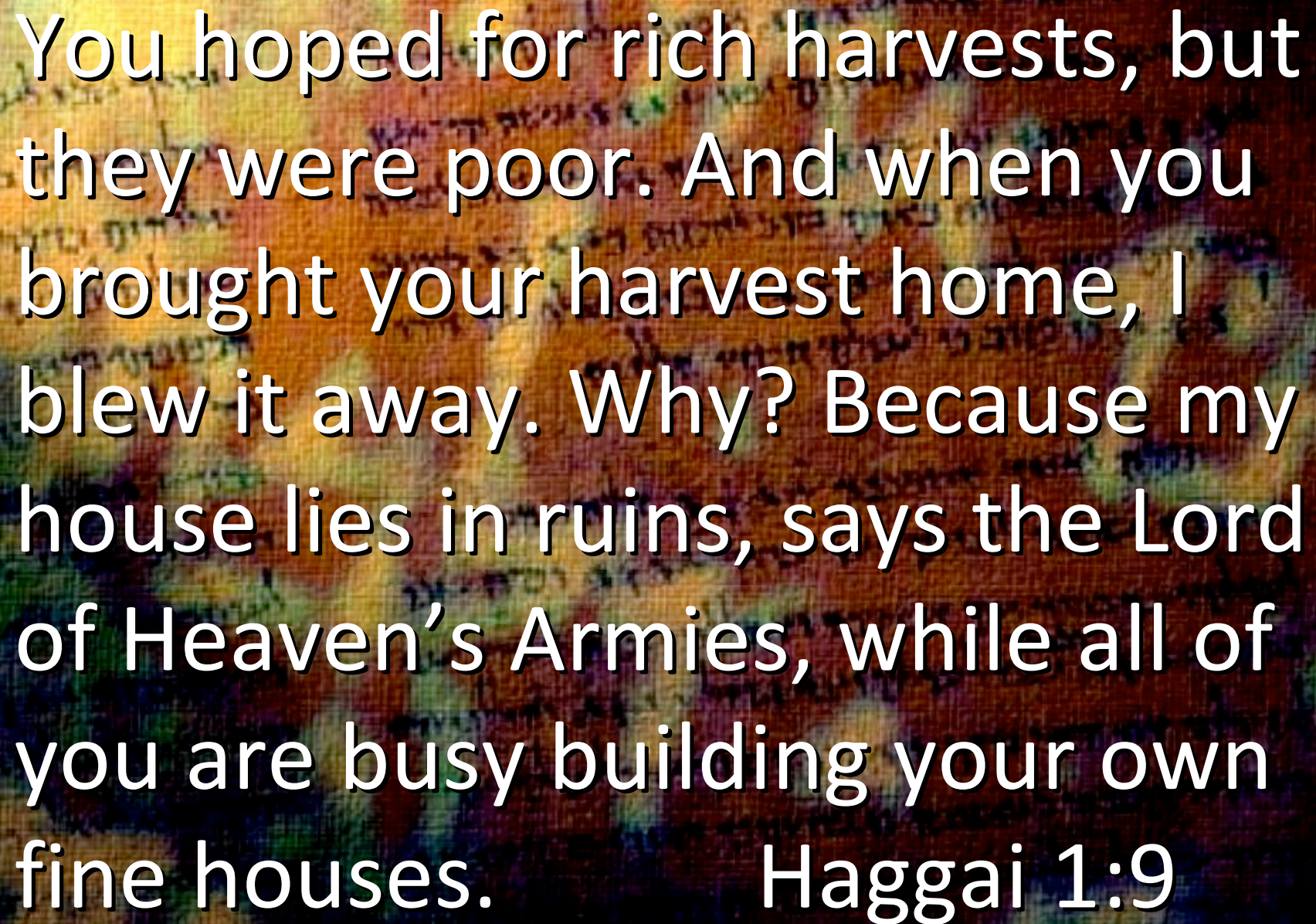
This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! 6 You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!

Haggai 1:5-6



This is what the Lord of Heaven's
Armies says: Look at what's
happening to you! 8 Now go up
into the hills, bring down timber,
and rebuild my house. Then I will
take pleasure in it and be
honored, says the Lord.

Haggai 1:7-8



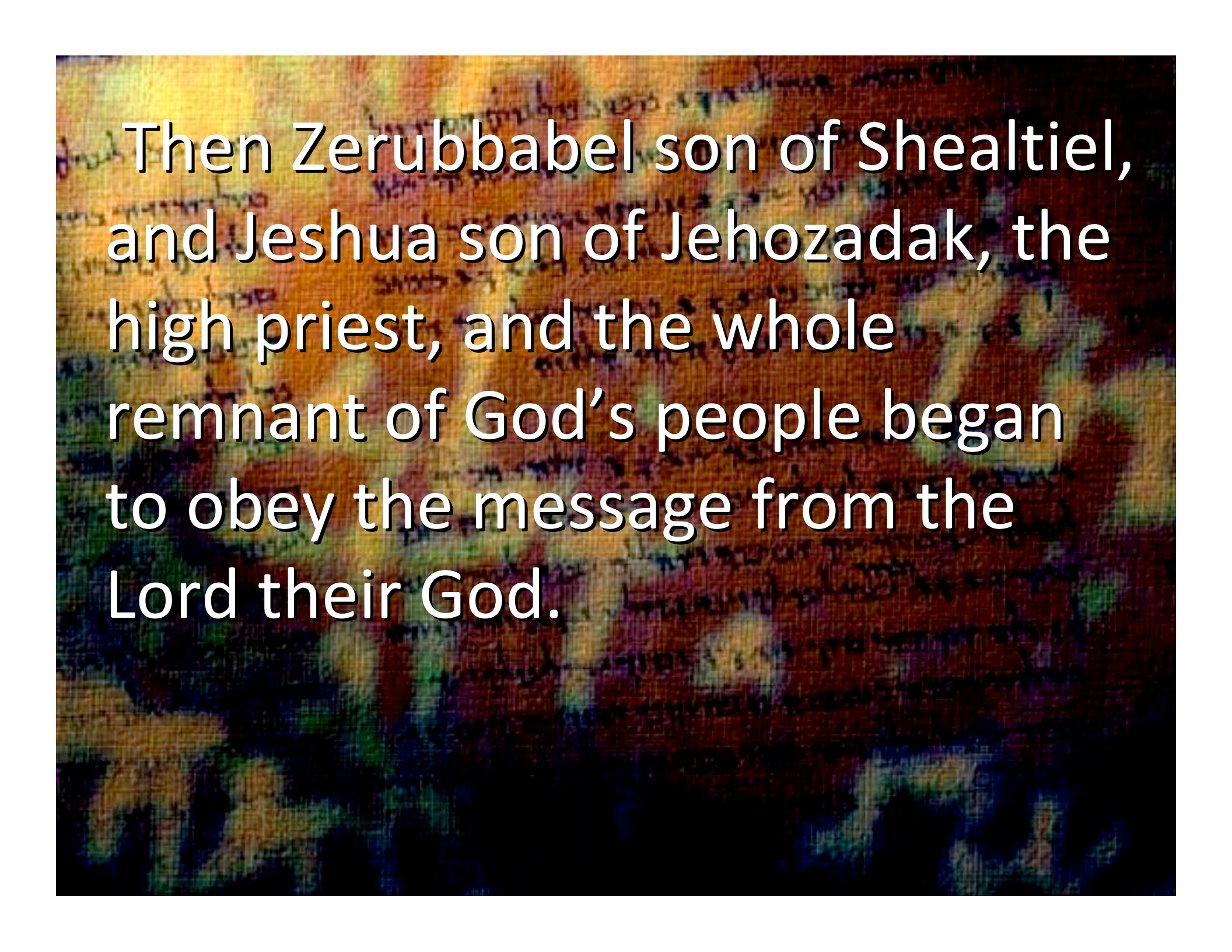
You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses. Haggai 1:9

The Infallible Rule That Runs All Through Scripture

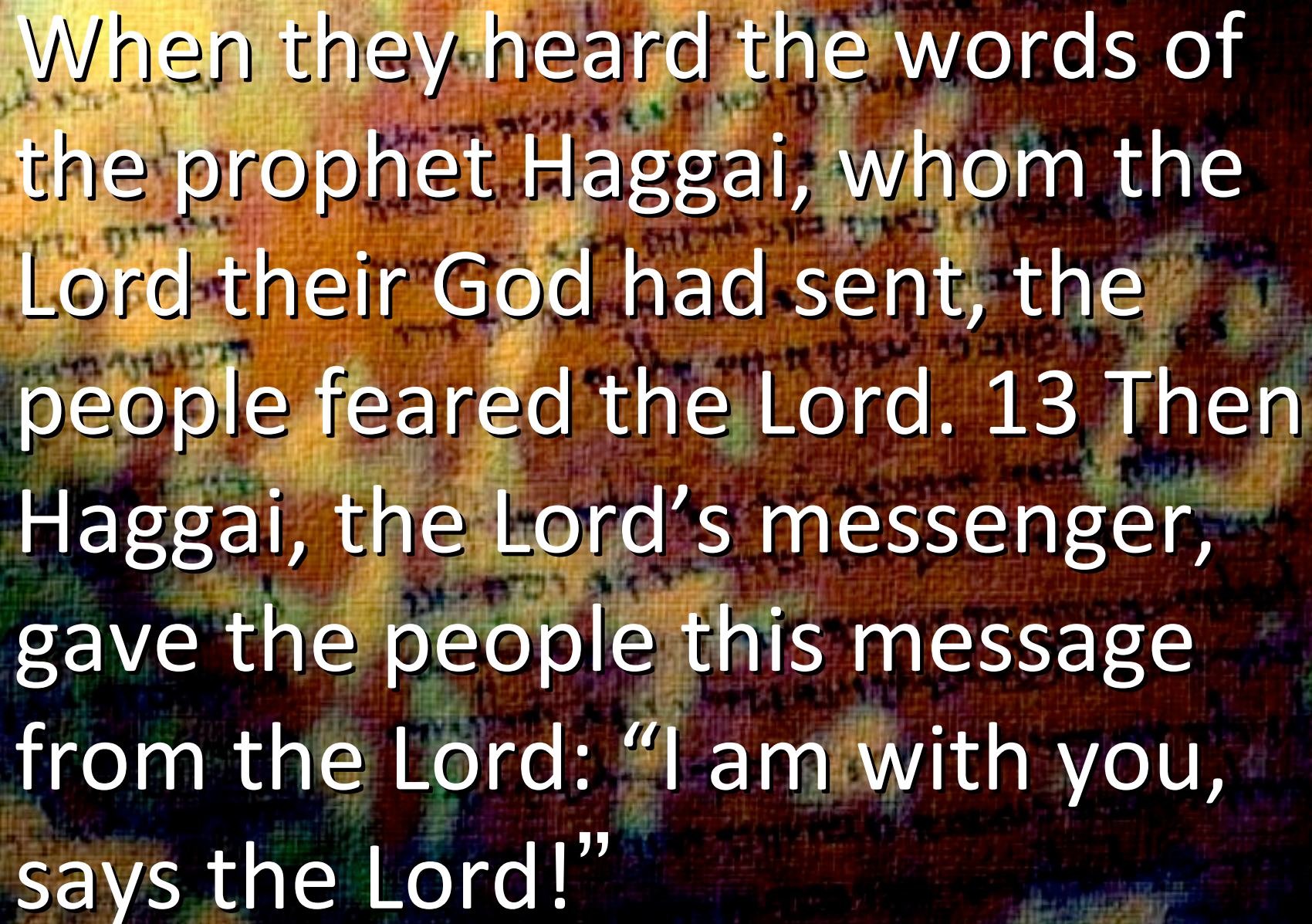


"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." Matthew 6:33



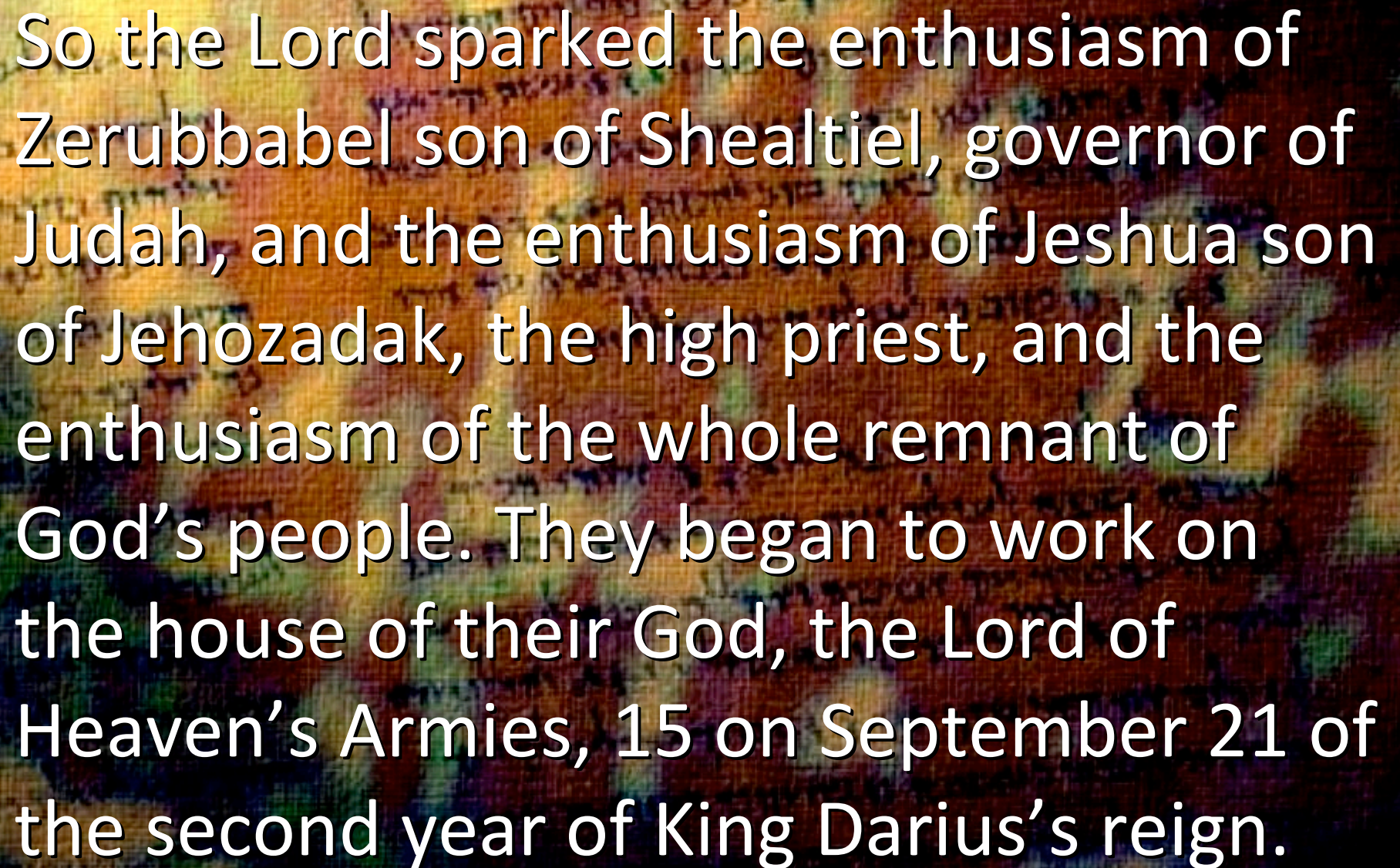
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Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,
and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the
high priest, and the whole
remnant of God's people began
to obey the message from the
Lord their God.



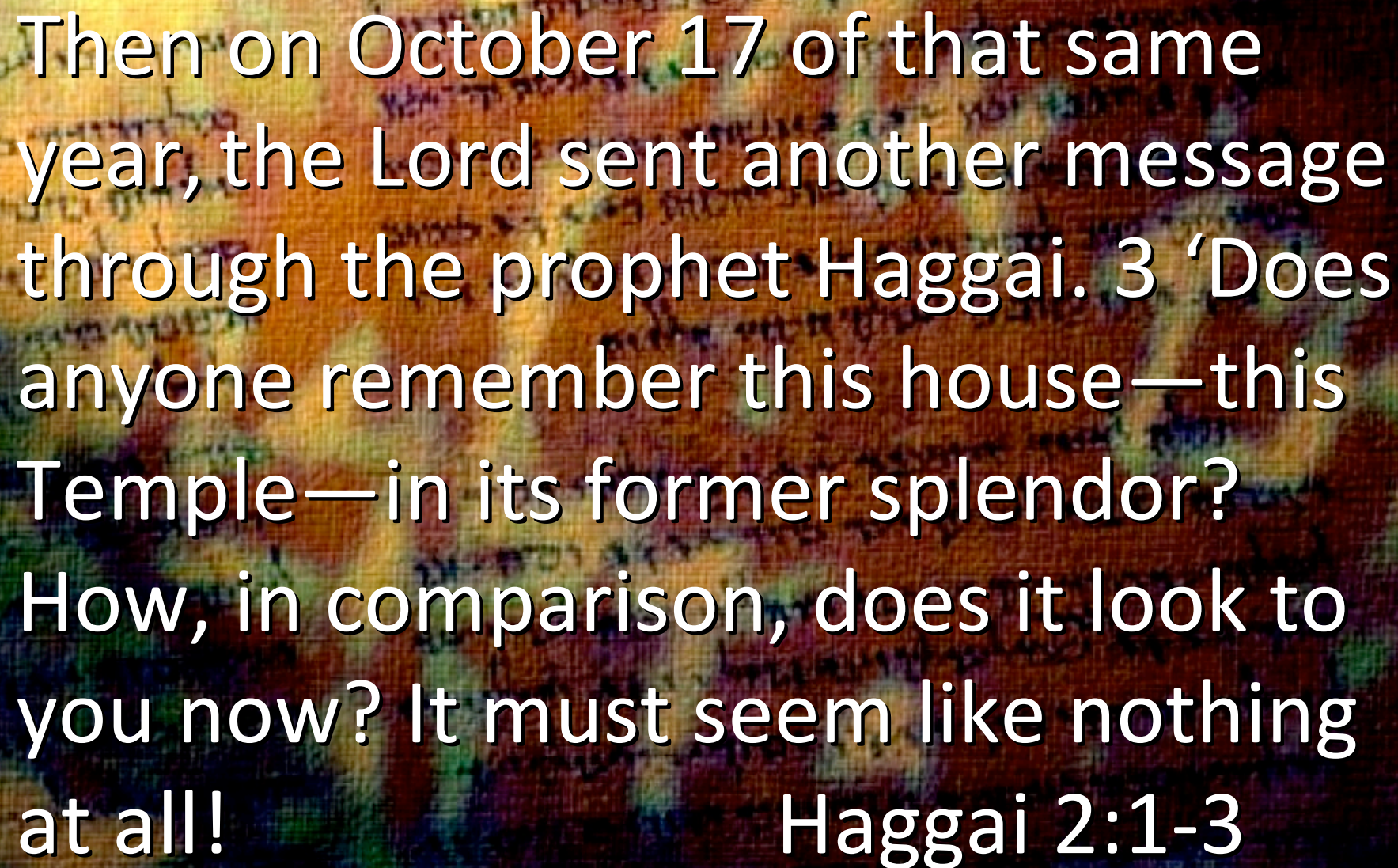
When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the Lord their God had sent, the people feared the Lord. 13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave the people this message from the Lord: "I am with you, says the Lord!"

Haggai 1:12,13



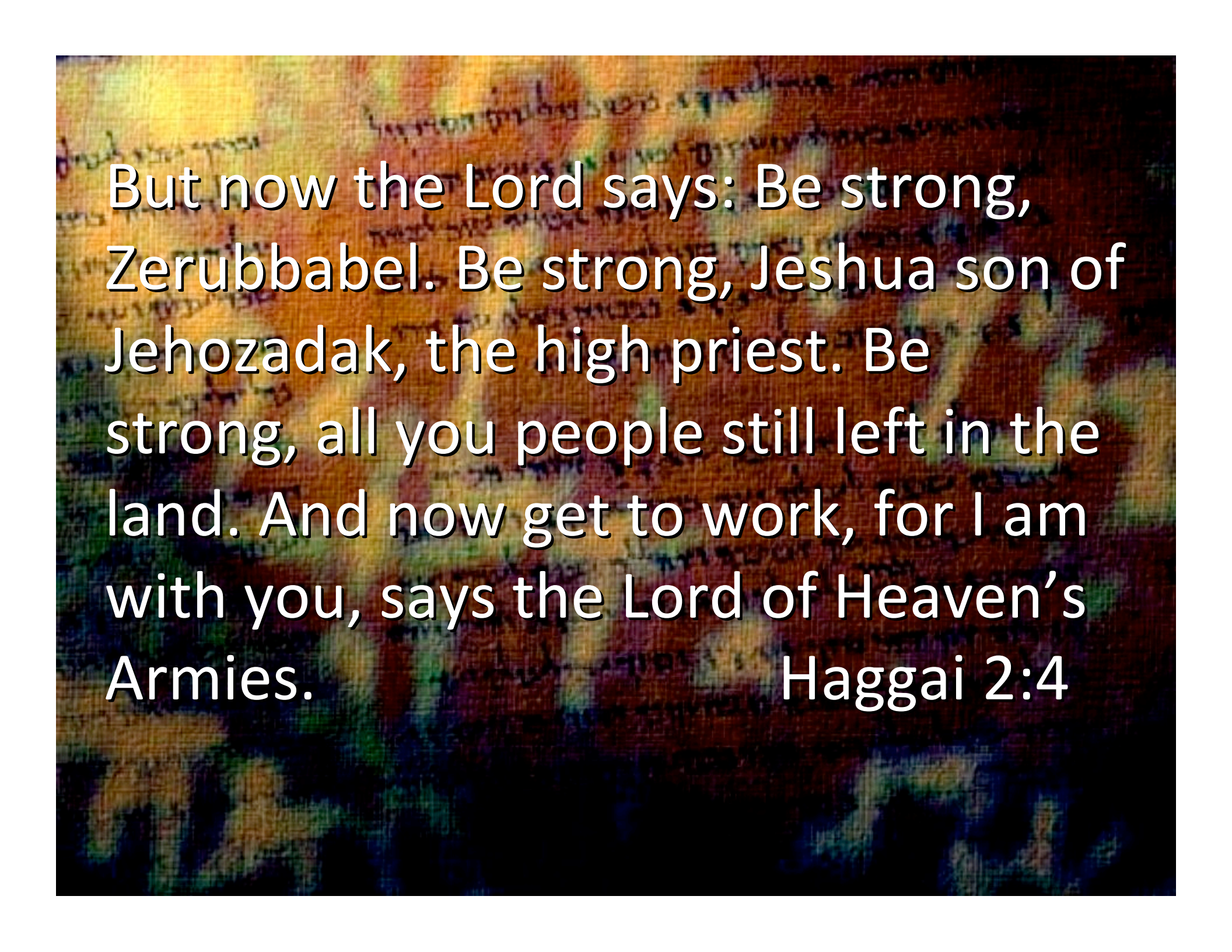
So the Lord sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began to work on the house of their God, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, 15 on September 21 of the second year of King Darius's reign.

Haggai 1:12-15

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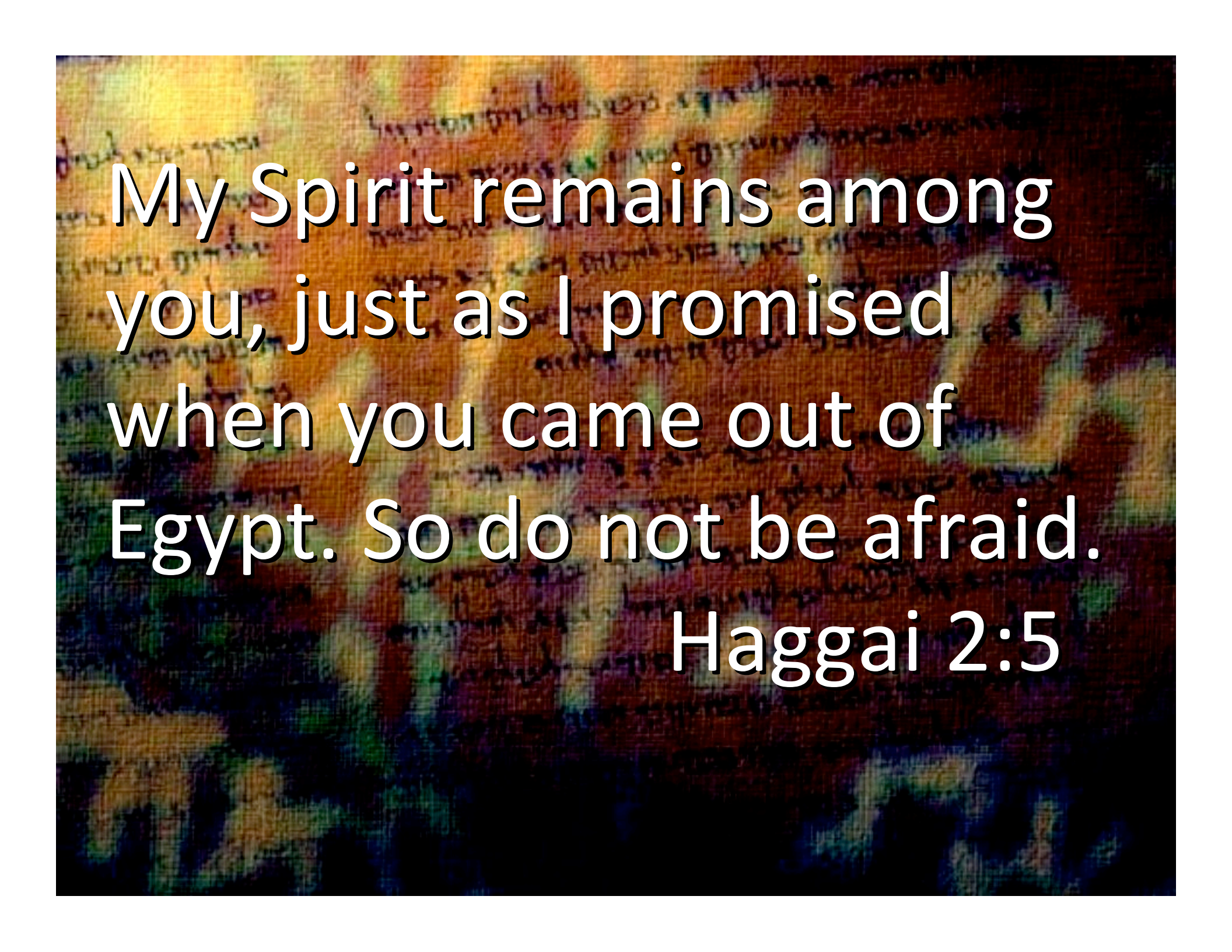
Then on October 17 of that same year, the Lord sent another message through the prophet Haggai. 3 ‘Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all!

Haggai 2:1-3



But now the Lord says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Haggai 2:4

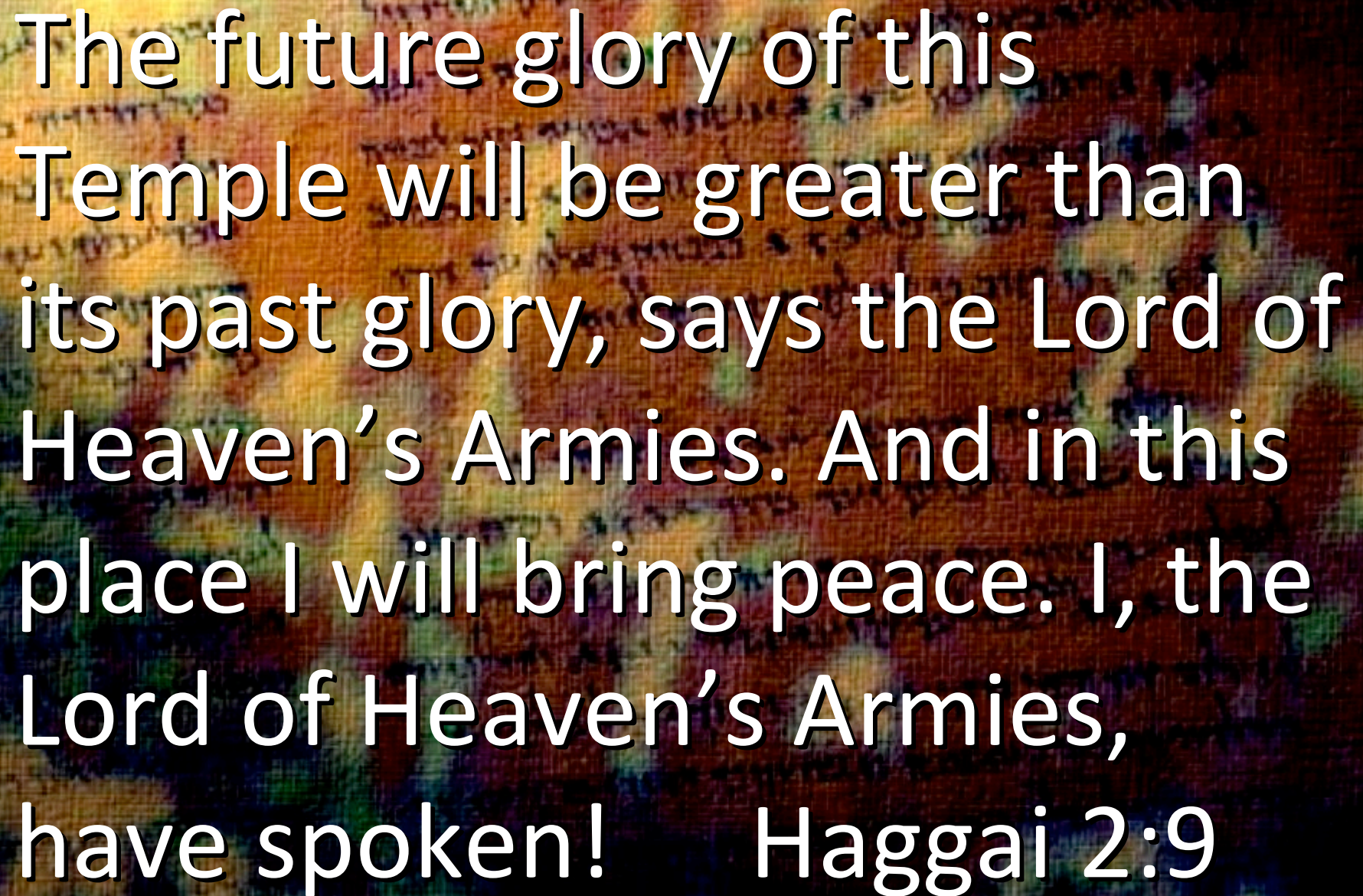


My Spirit remains among
you, just as I promised
when you came out of
Egypt. So do not be afraid.

Haggai 2:5

For this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. 7 I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

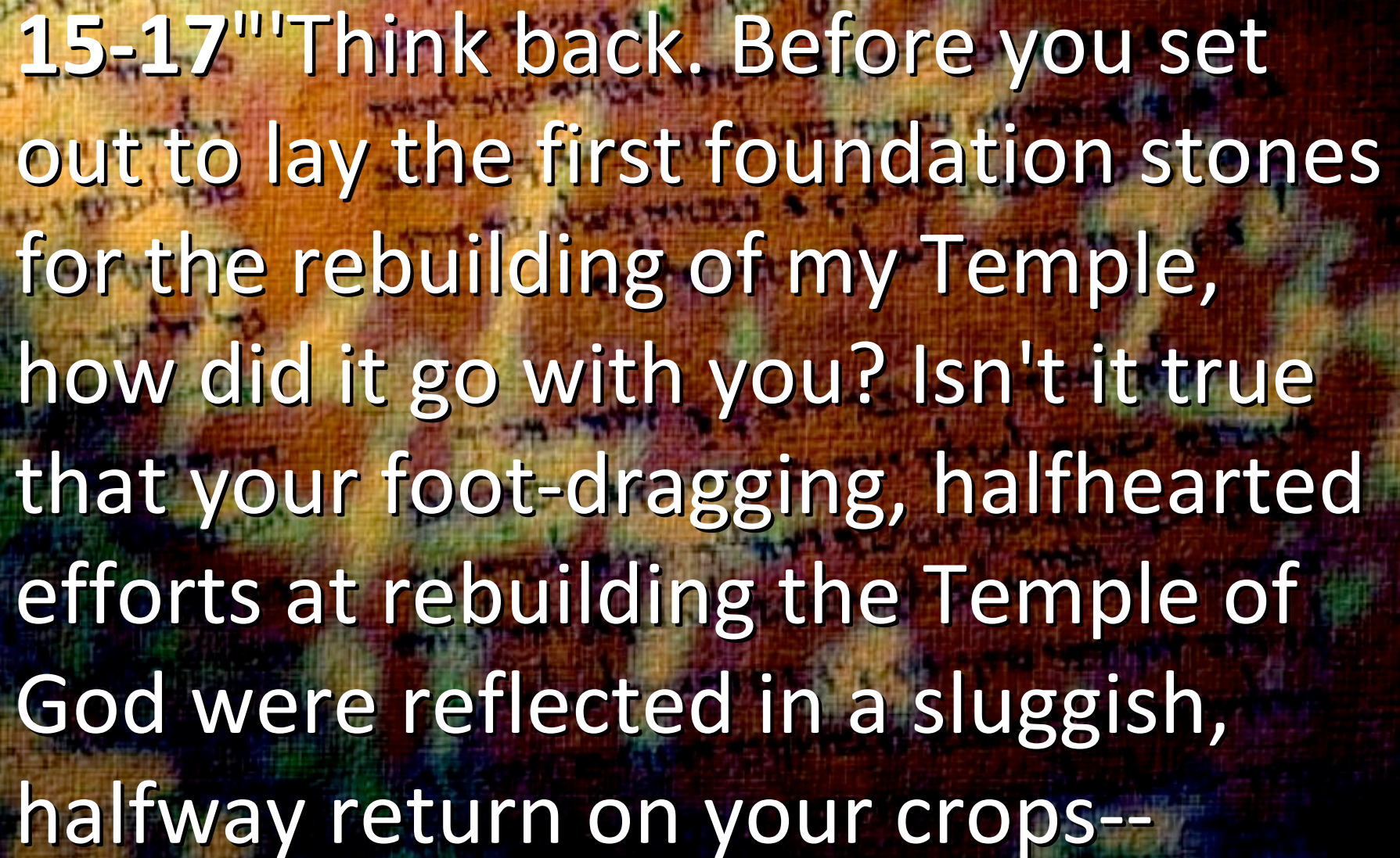
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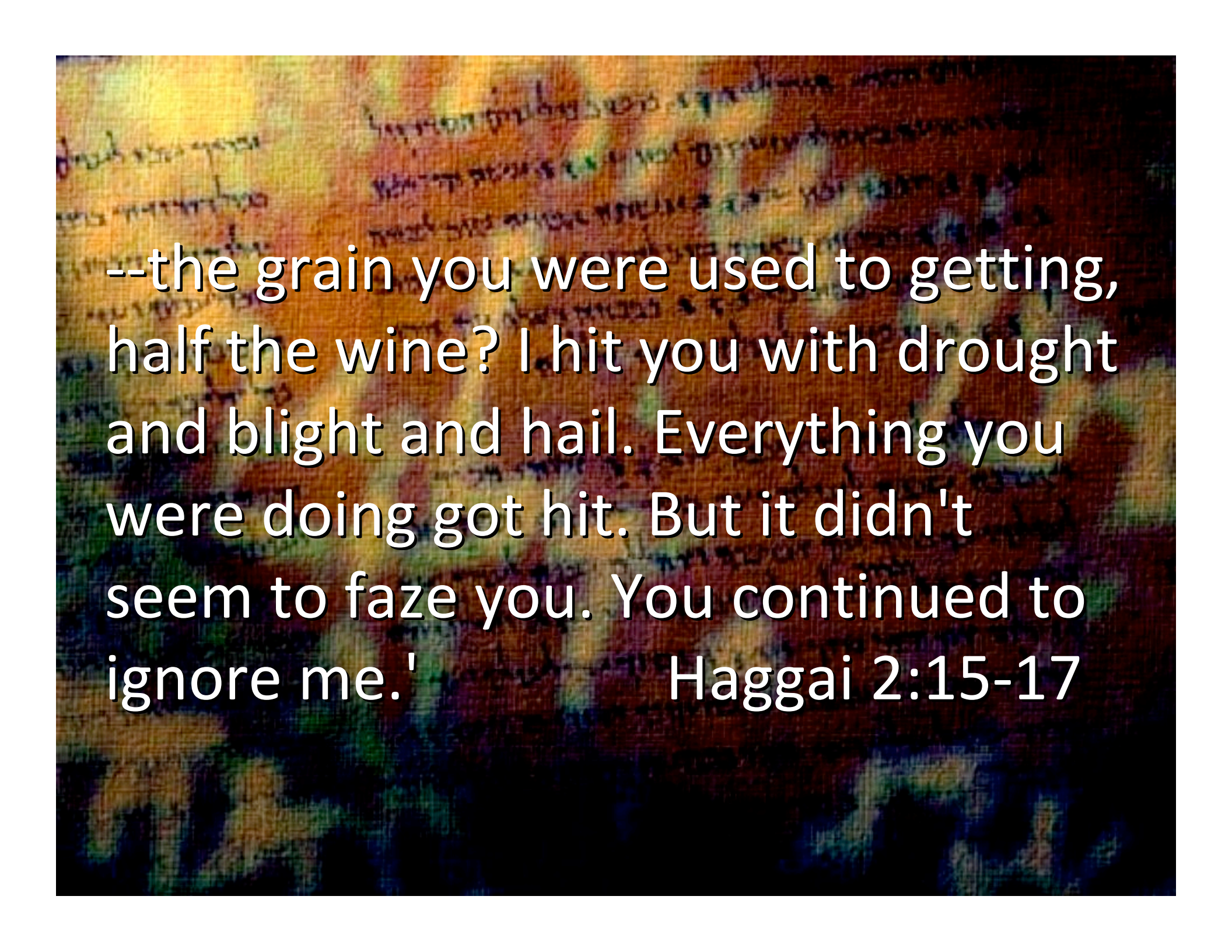
The future glory of this
Temple will be greater than
its past glory, says the Lord of
Heaven's Armies. And in this
place I will bring peace. I, the
Lord of Heaven's Armies,
have spoken! Haggai 2:9

"You make my
Father's house a
den of robbers."

Matthew 21:13

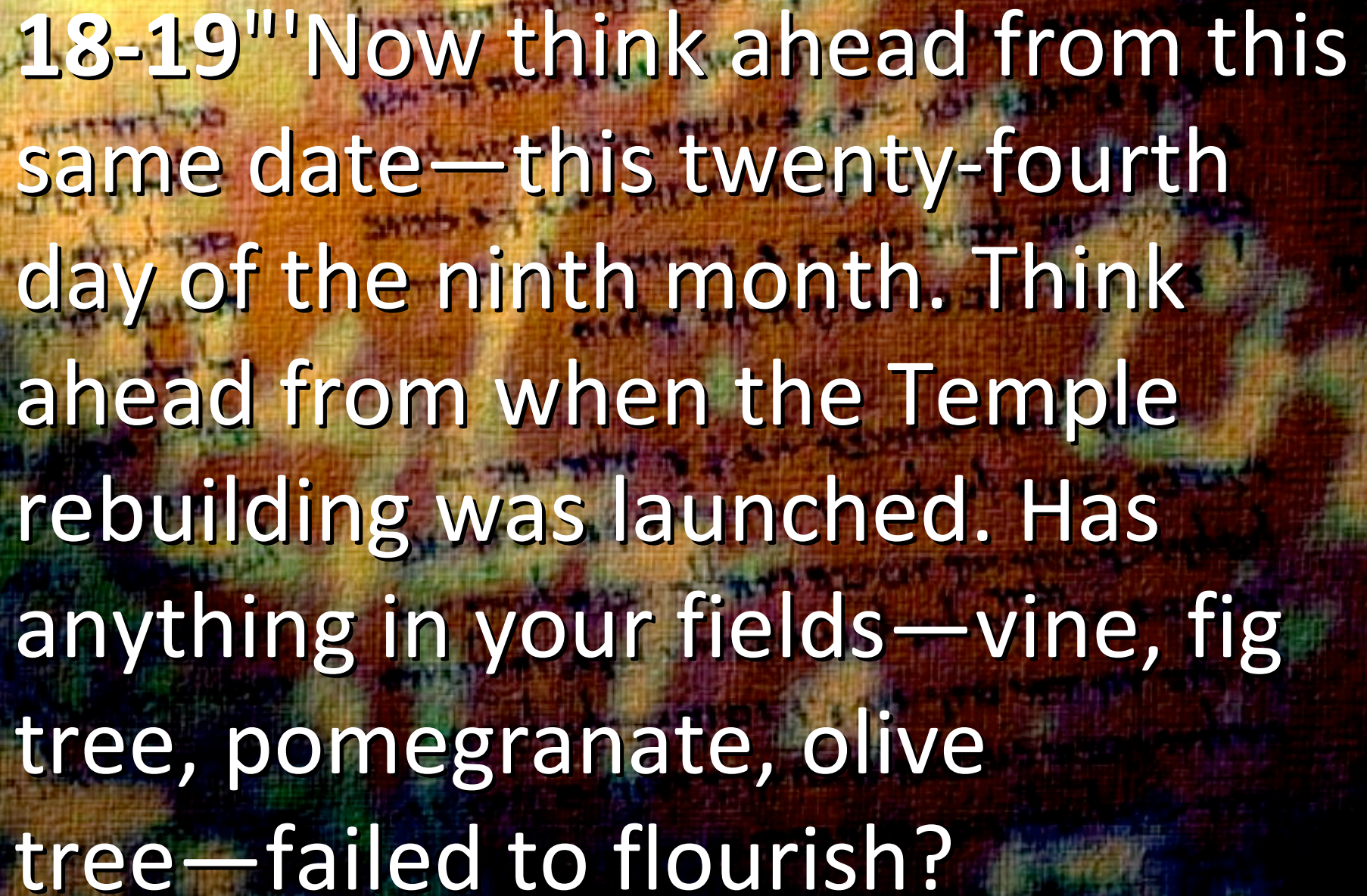


15-17""Think back. Before you set out to lay the first foundation stones for the rebuilding of my Temple, how did it go with you? Isn't it true that your foot-dragging, halfhearted efforts at rebuilding the Temple of God were reflected in a sluggish, halfway return on your crops--



--the grain you were used to getting,
half the wine? I hit you with drought
and blight and hail. Everything you
were doing got hit. But it didn't
seem to faze you. You continued to
ignore me.'

Haggai 2:15-17



18-19''' Now think ahead from this same date—this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Think ahead from when the Temple rebuilding was launched. Has anything in your fields—vine, fig tree, pomegranate, olive tree—failed to flourish?

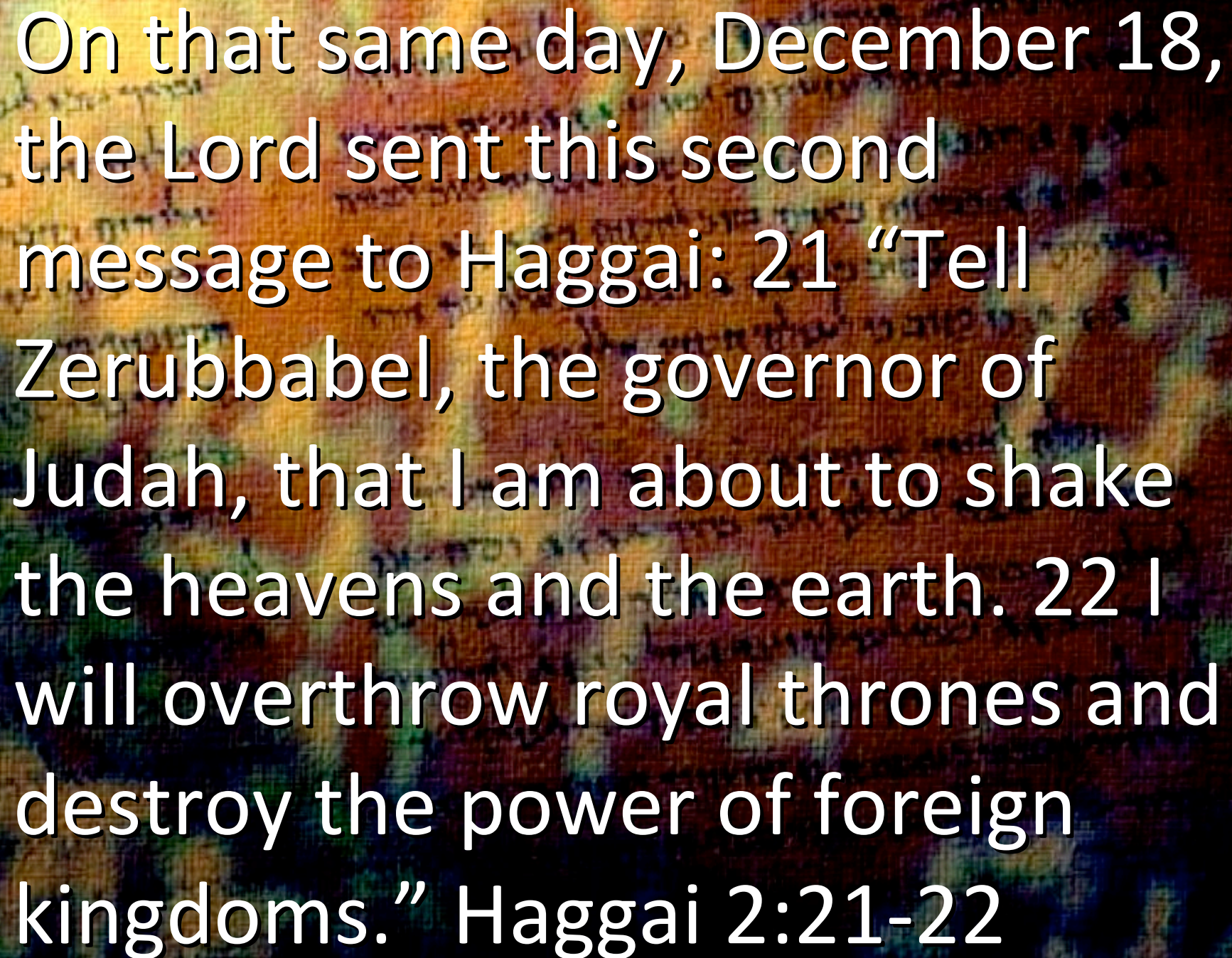


From now on you can
count on a blessing."

Haggai 2:19

The Point

Obedience is always
met with blessing



On that same day, December 18,
the Lord sent this second
message to Haggai: 21 “Tell
Zerubbabel, the governor of
Judah, that I am about to shake
the heavens and the earth. 22 I
will overthrow royal thrones and
destroy the power of foreign
kingdoms.” Haggai 2:21-22

In that day, says the Lord of hosts, will I take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the Lord, and will make you [through the Messiah, your descendant] My signet ring; for I have chosen you [as the one with whom to renew My covenant to David's line], says the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2:23





