

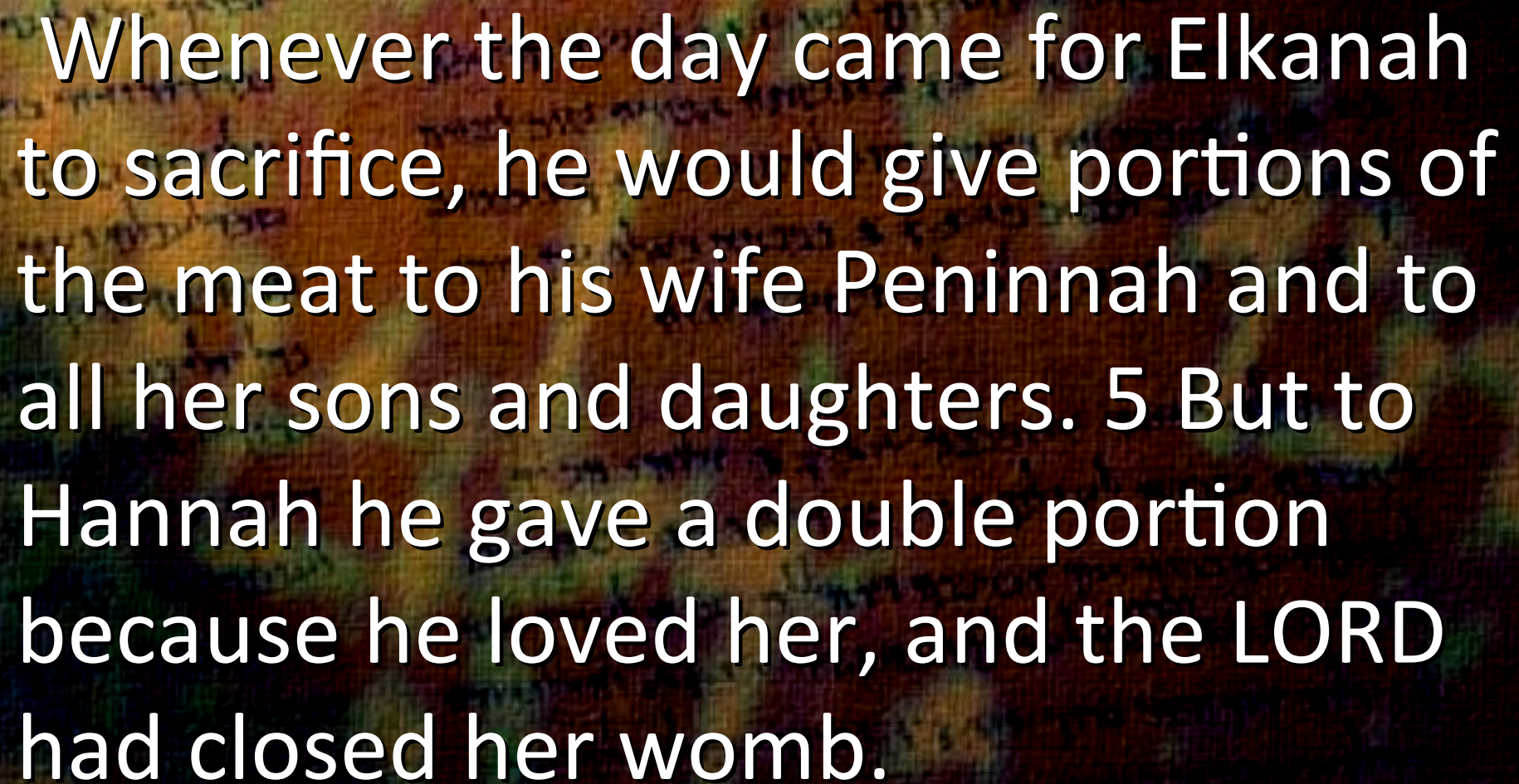
Lessons from the Heart



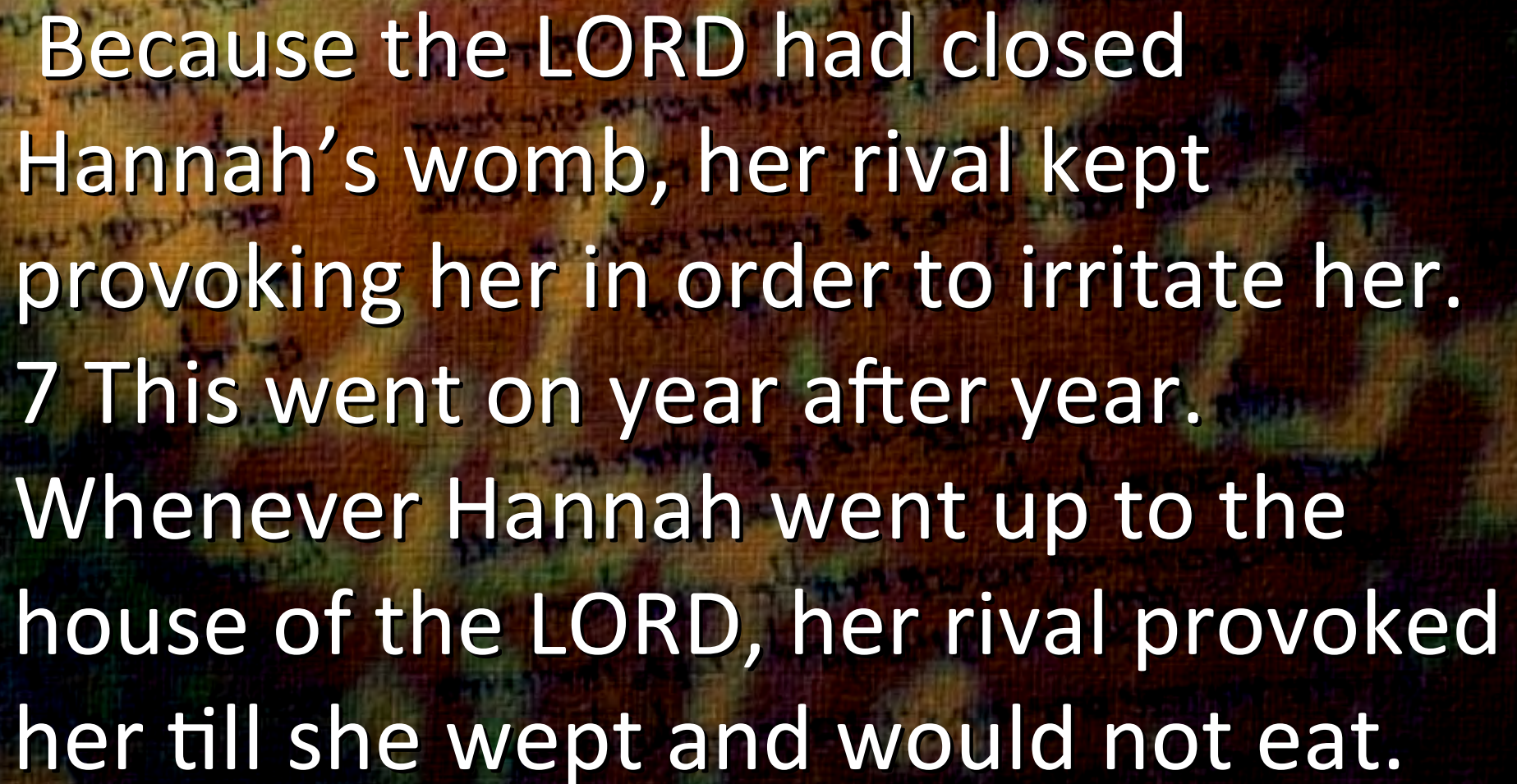
Learning from David

There was a certain man ...whose name was Elkanah 2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

3 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh,...



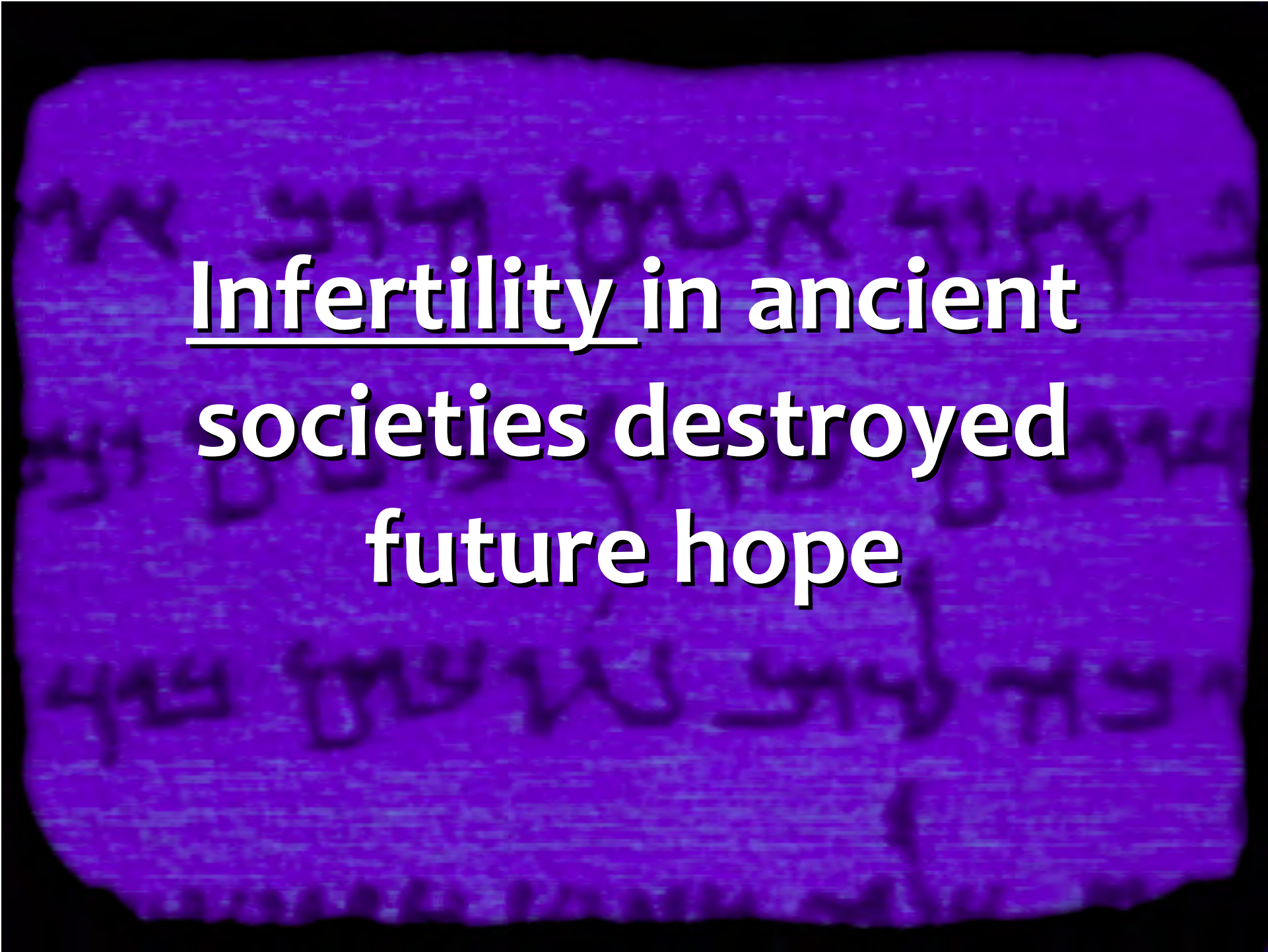
Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.



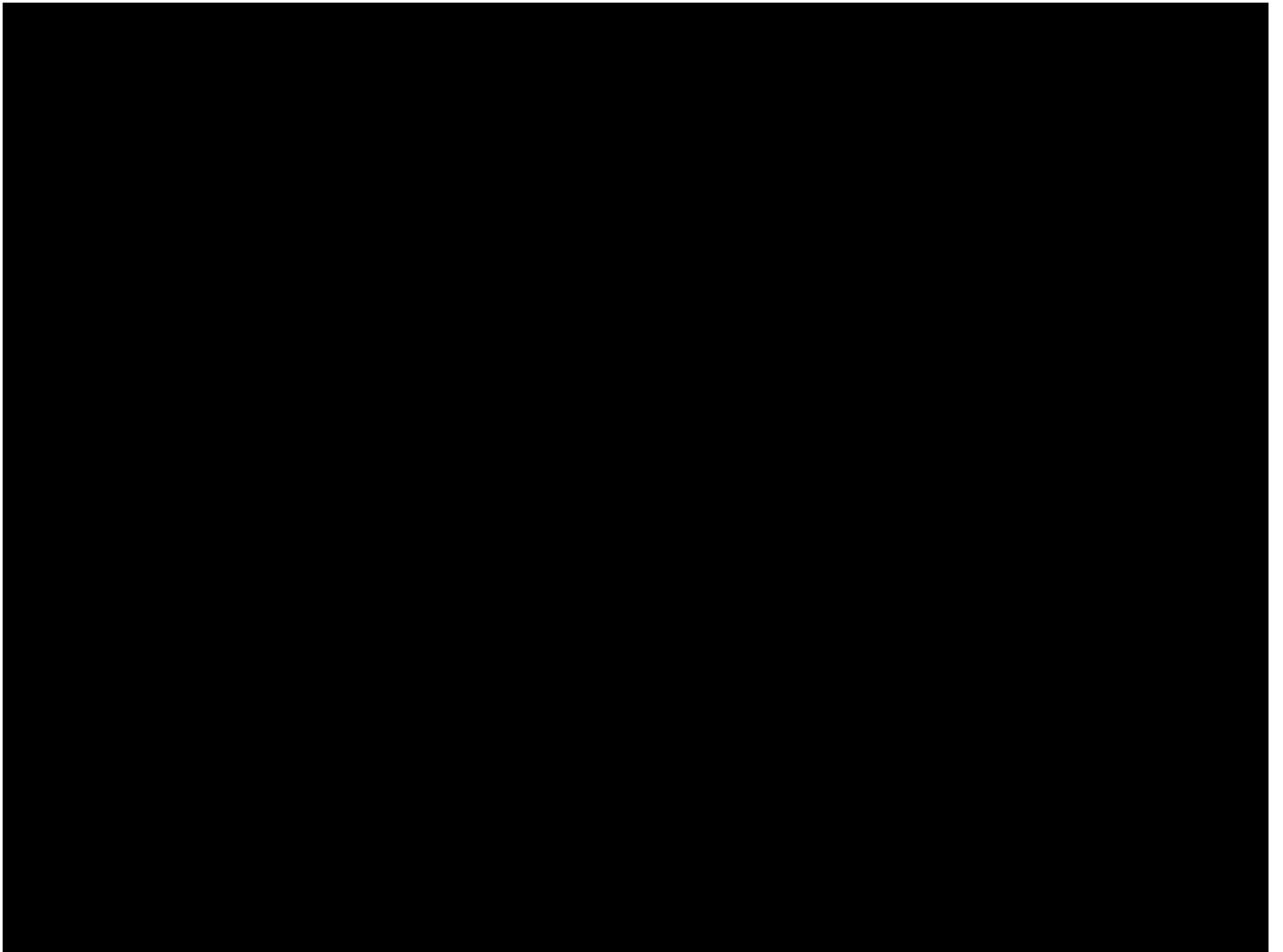
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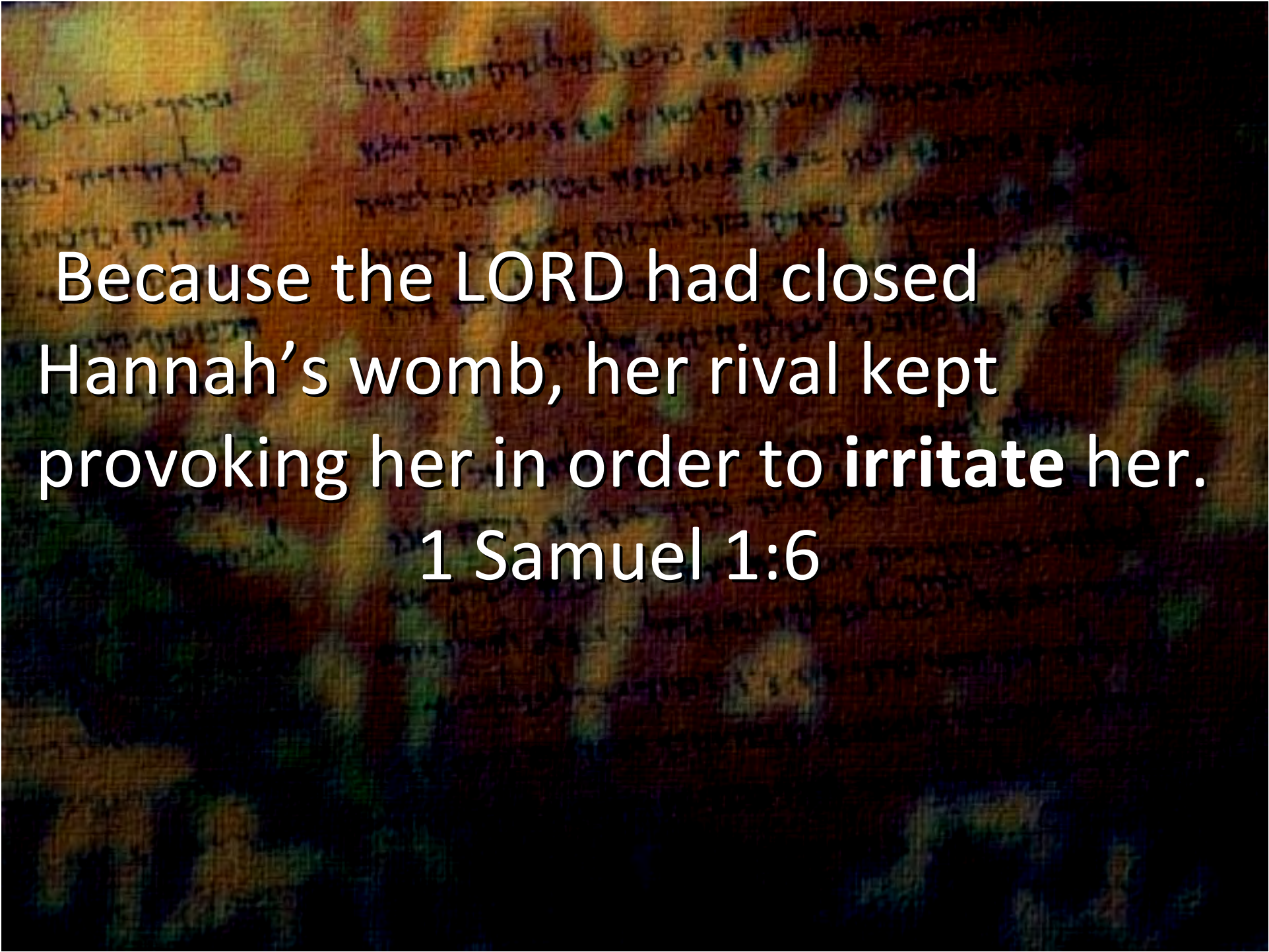
**I. Why was
Hannah
crying?**

Polygamy in the Bible is
never seen in a positive
light.



Infertility in ancient
societies destroyed
future hope

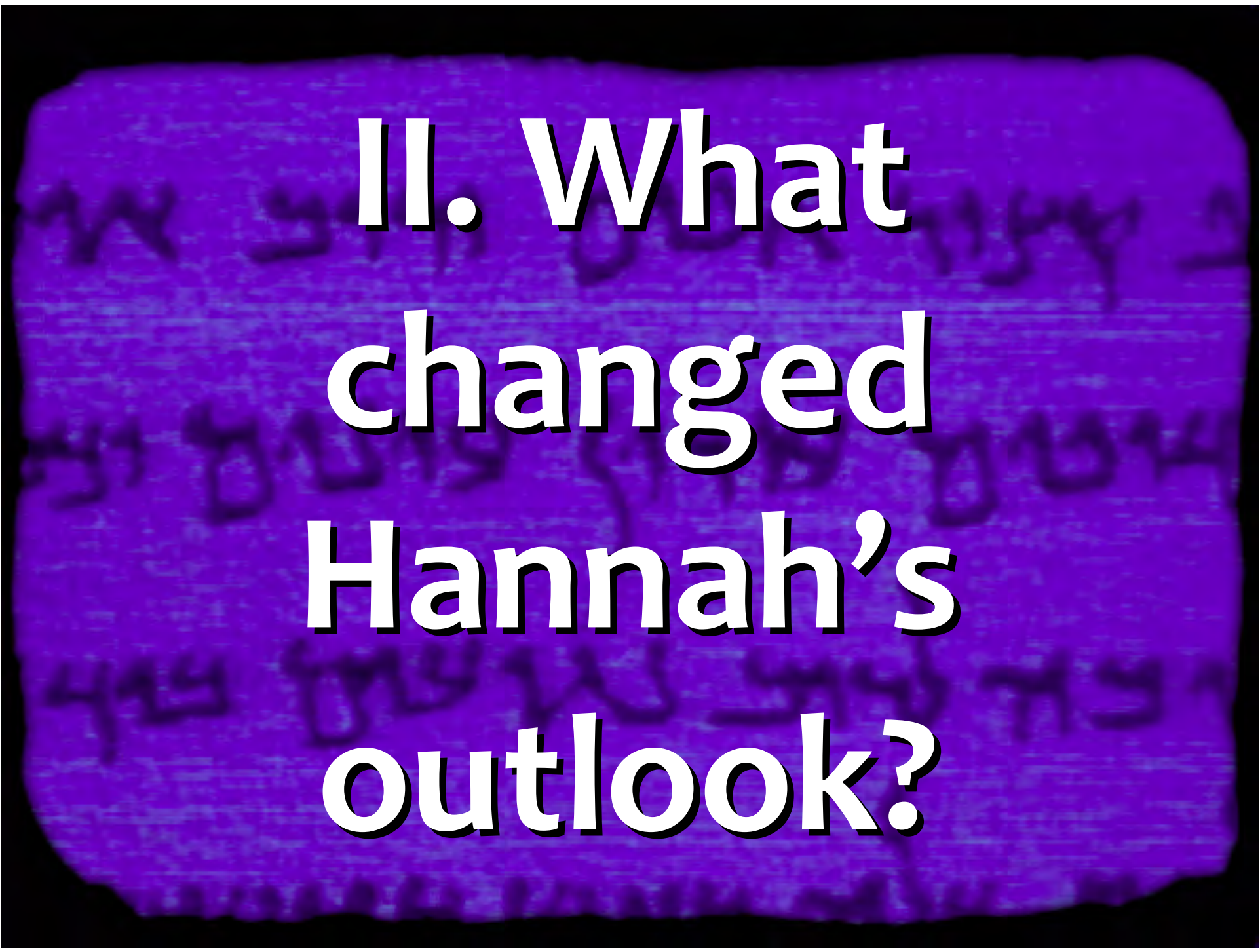




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1 Samuel 1:6

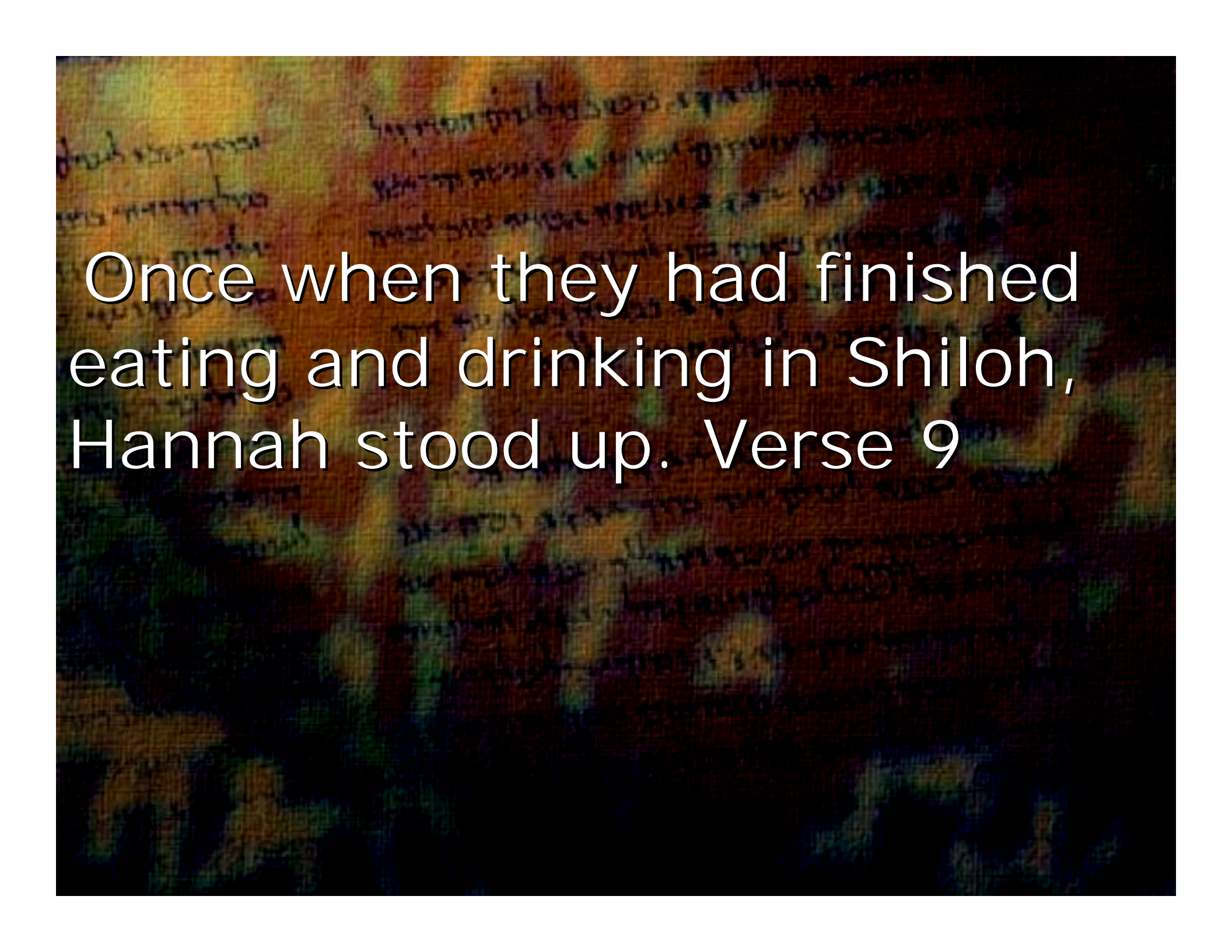




**II. What
changed
Hannah's
outlook?**

This went on year after year.
Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. 8
Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" 1 Samuel 1:7,8

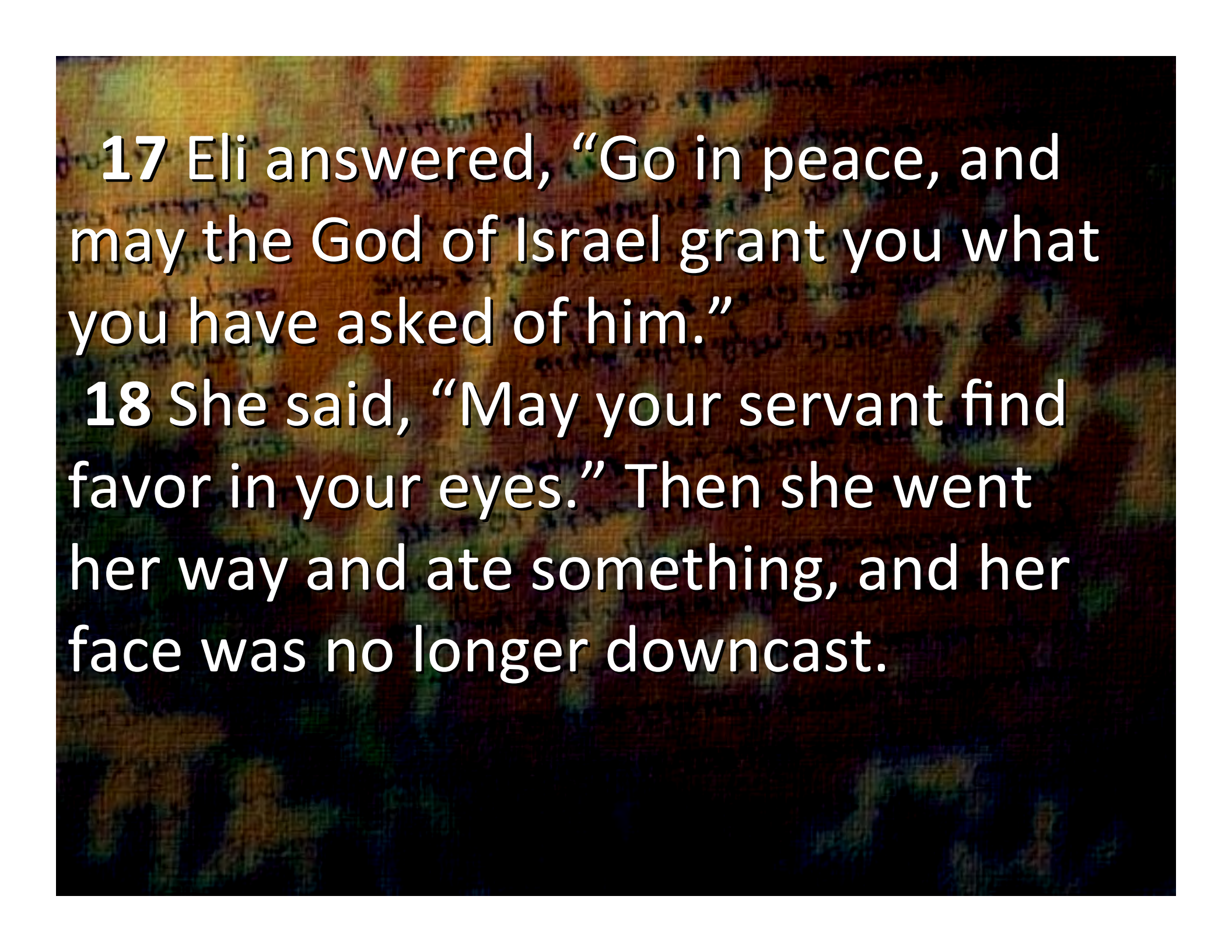


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Once when they had finished
eating and drinking in Shiloh,
Hannah stood up. Verse 9



In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. **11** And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 1 Samuel 1:10,11



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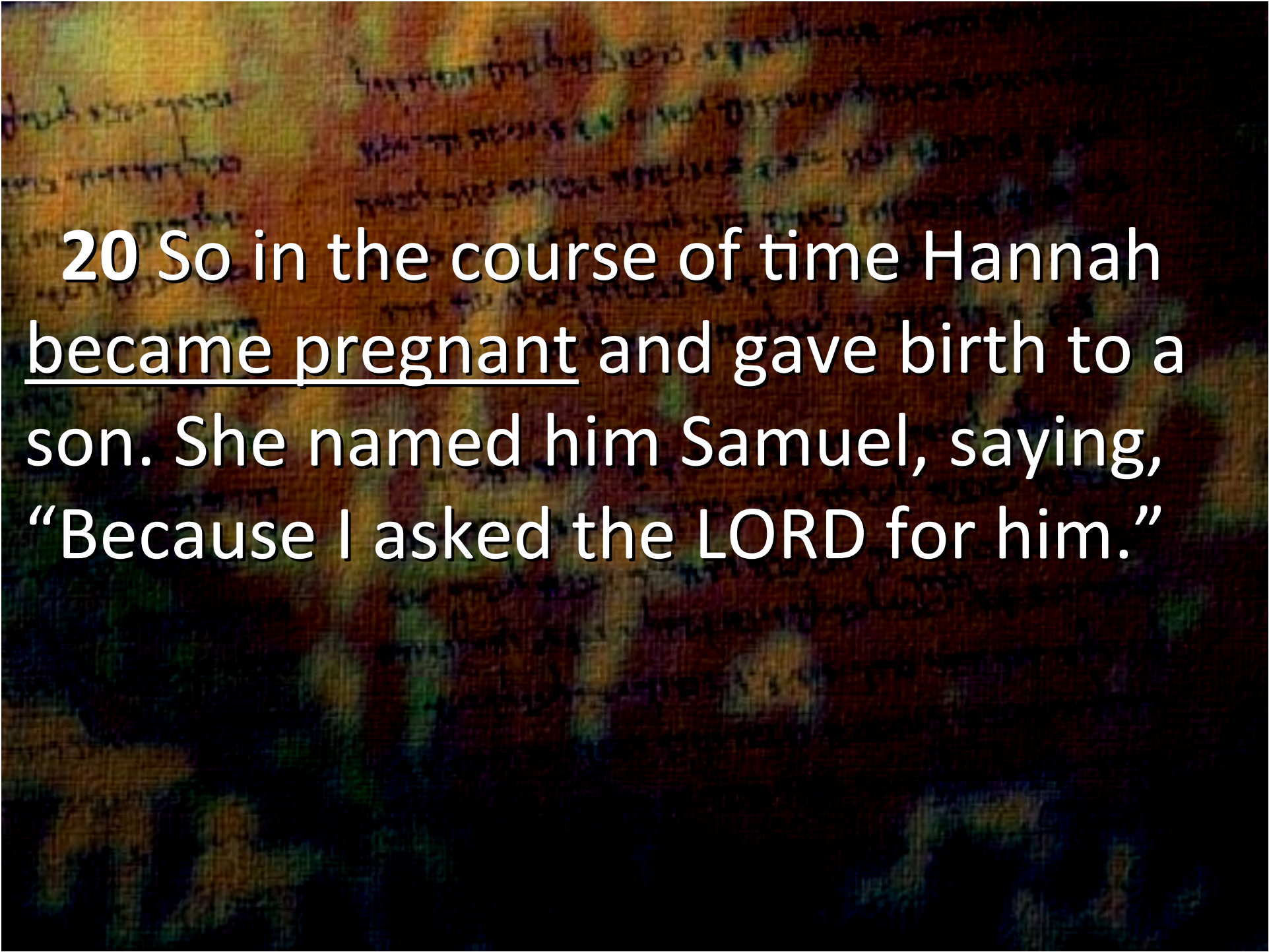
18 She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. **20** So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

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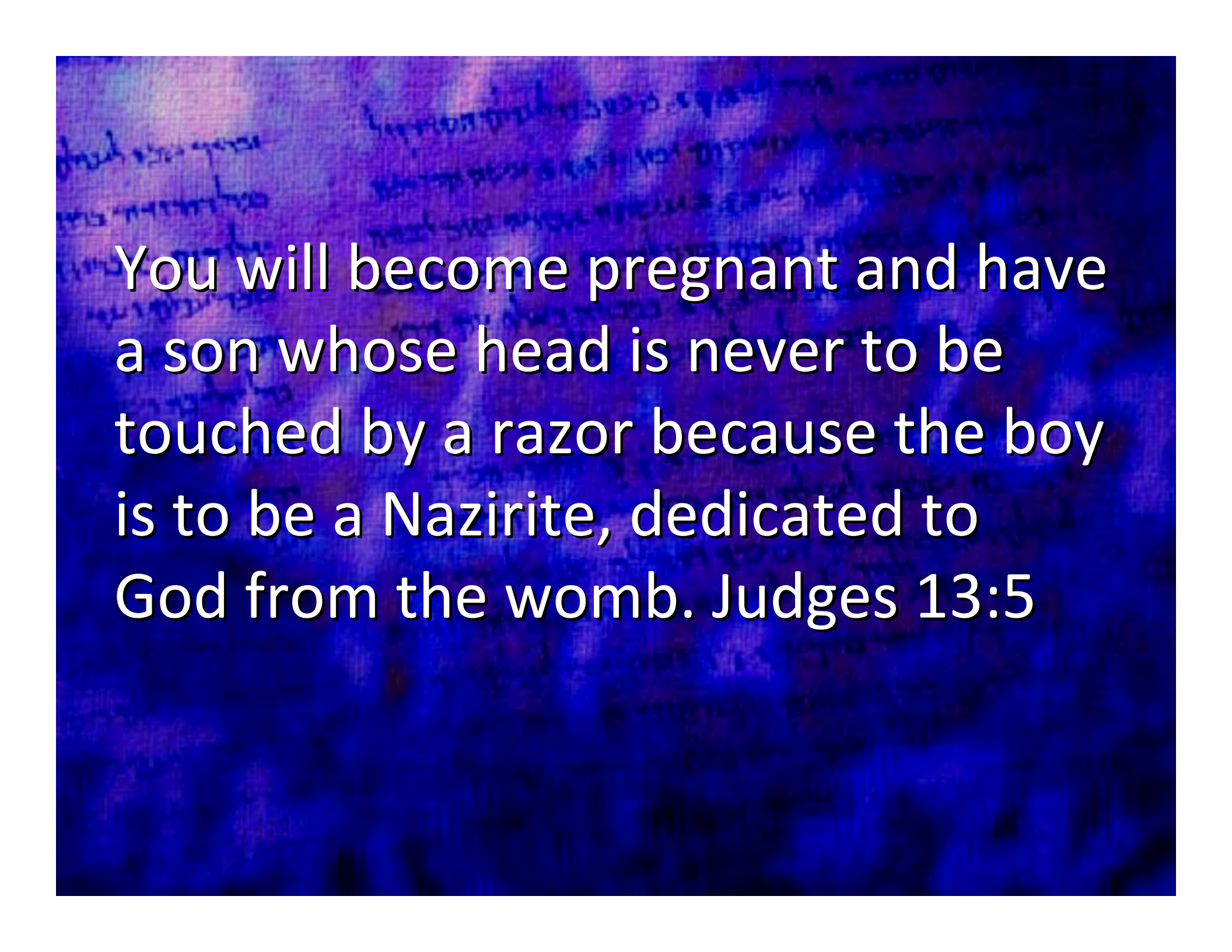
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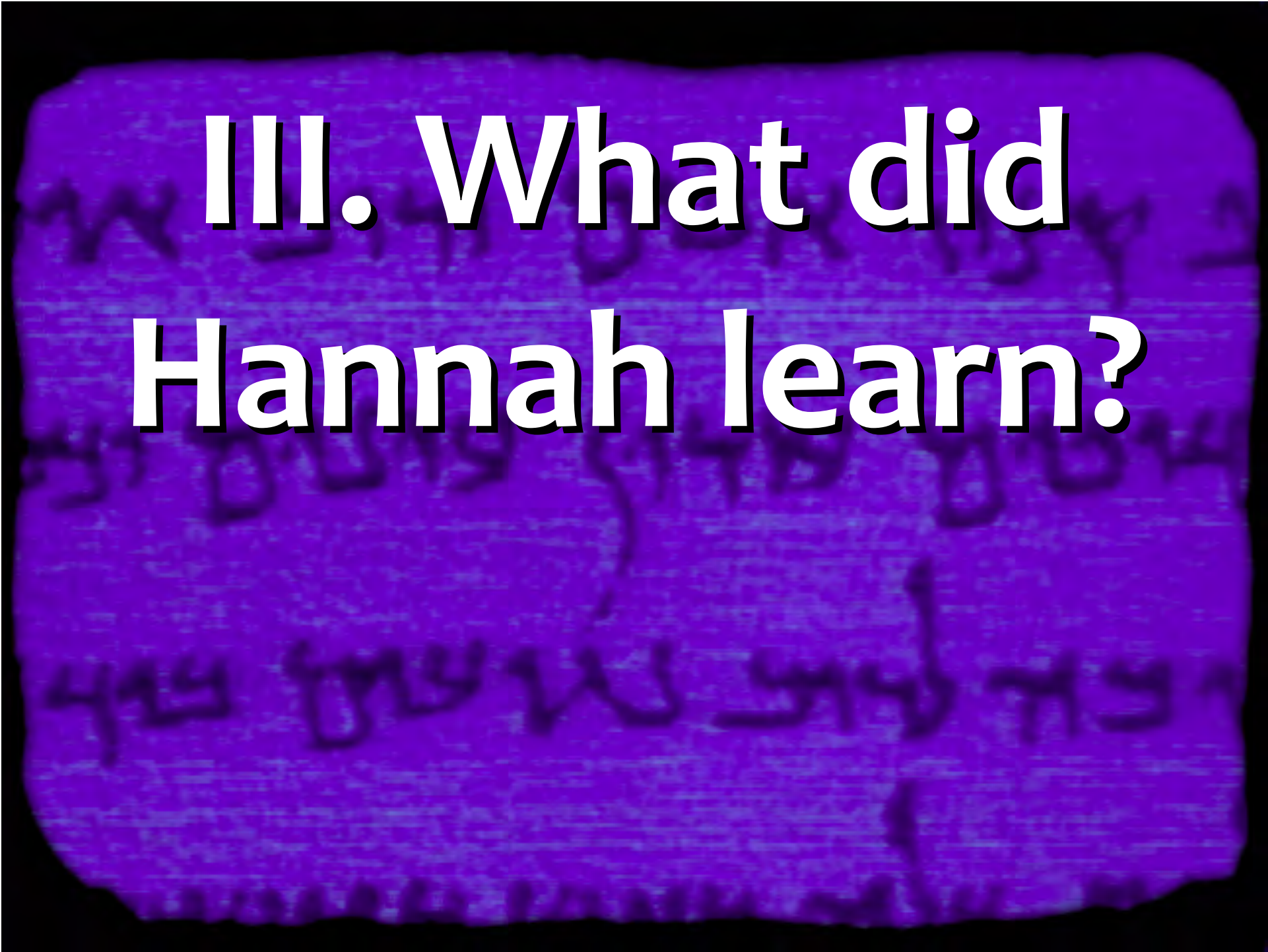
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You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. Judges 13:5





**III. What did
Hannah learn?**

“The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. 5 Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away.

2 Samuel 2:4,5

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails; **10** those who oppose the LORD will be broken.
1 Samuel 2:8-10


God works through
weakness
not through
strength.

“Sing, barren woman,
you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of
the desolate woman
than of her who has a husband,”
says the LORD. Isaiah 54:1

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 1 Corinthians 1:26,27

28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him.

1 Corinthians 1:28,29



The Most High will thunder from
heaven; the LORD will judge the ends
of the earth. “He will give strength to
his king and exalt the horn of his
anoointed.”

1 Samuel 2:10



he has scattered those who are
proud in their inmost thoughts. 52
He has brought down rulers from
their thrones but has lifted up
the humble. 53 He has filled the
hungry with good things but has
sent the rich away empty. Luke 1



Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53

2 Take Aways

**Hannah teaches us that God's
love is enough**

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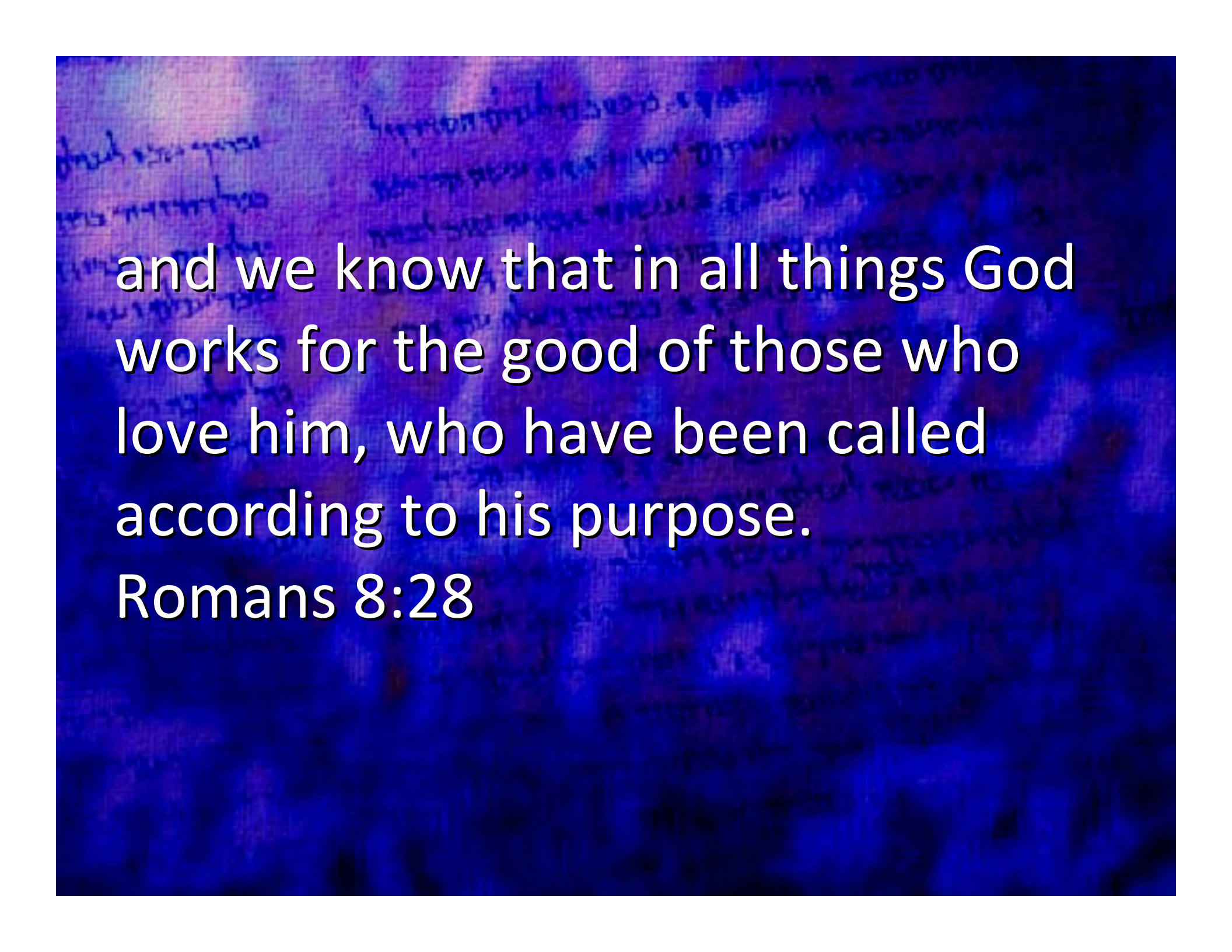
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but we'll seldom

know the

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for our suffering in this life.



and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

