

Attributes of God

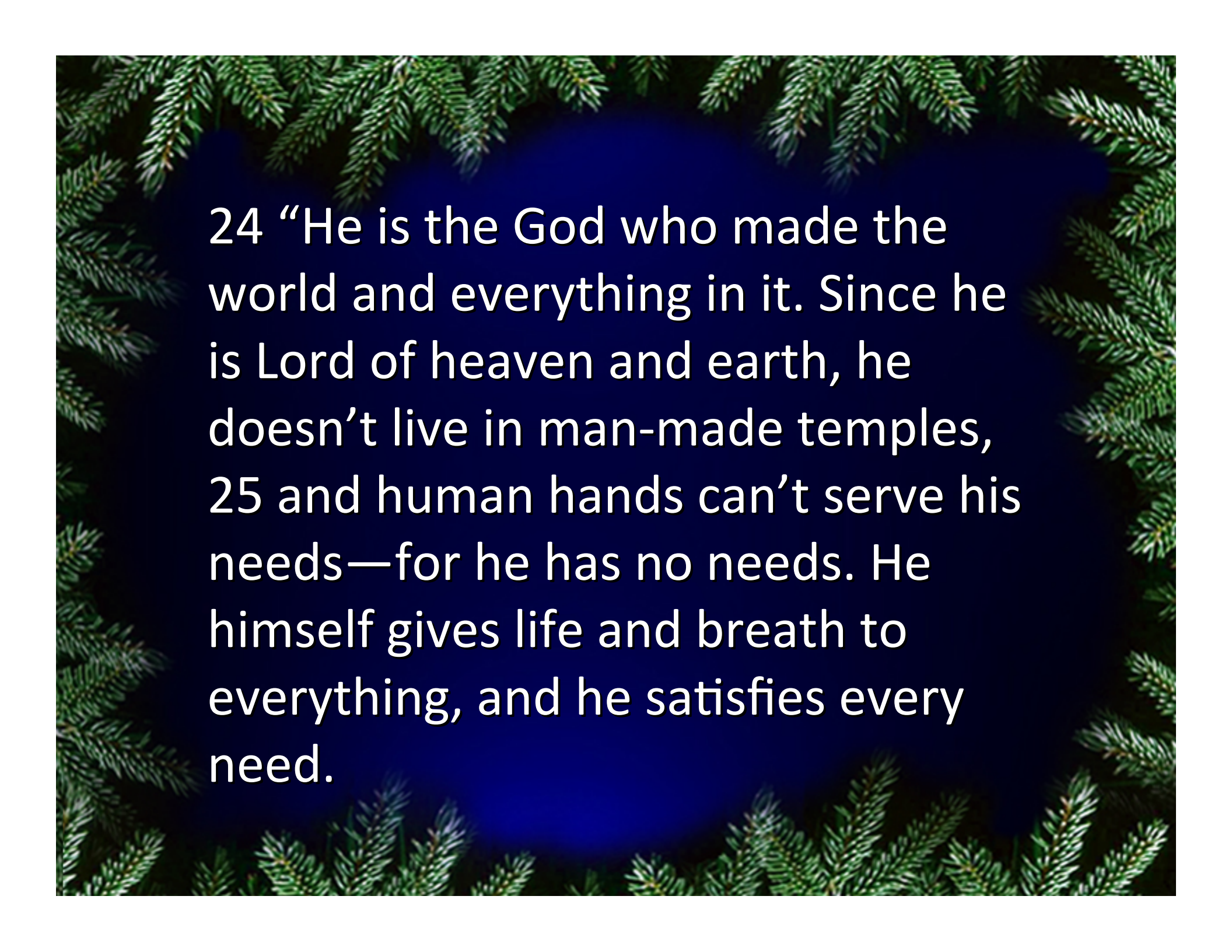
Transcendence:

God is outside and independent of all creation as the Creator. He is above it all, and in it all.

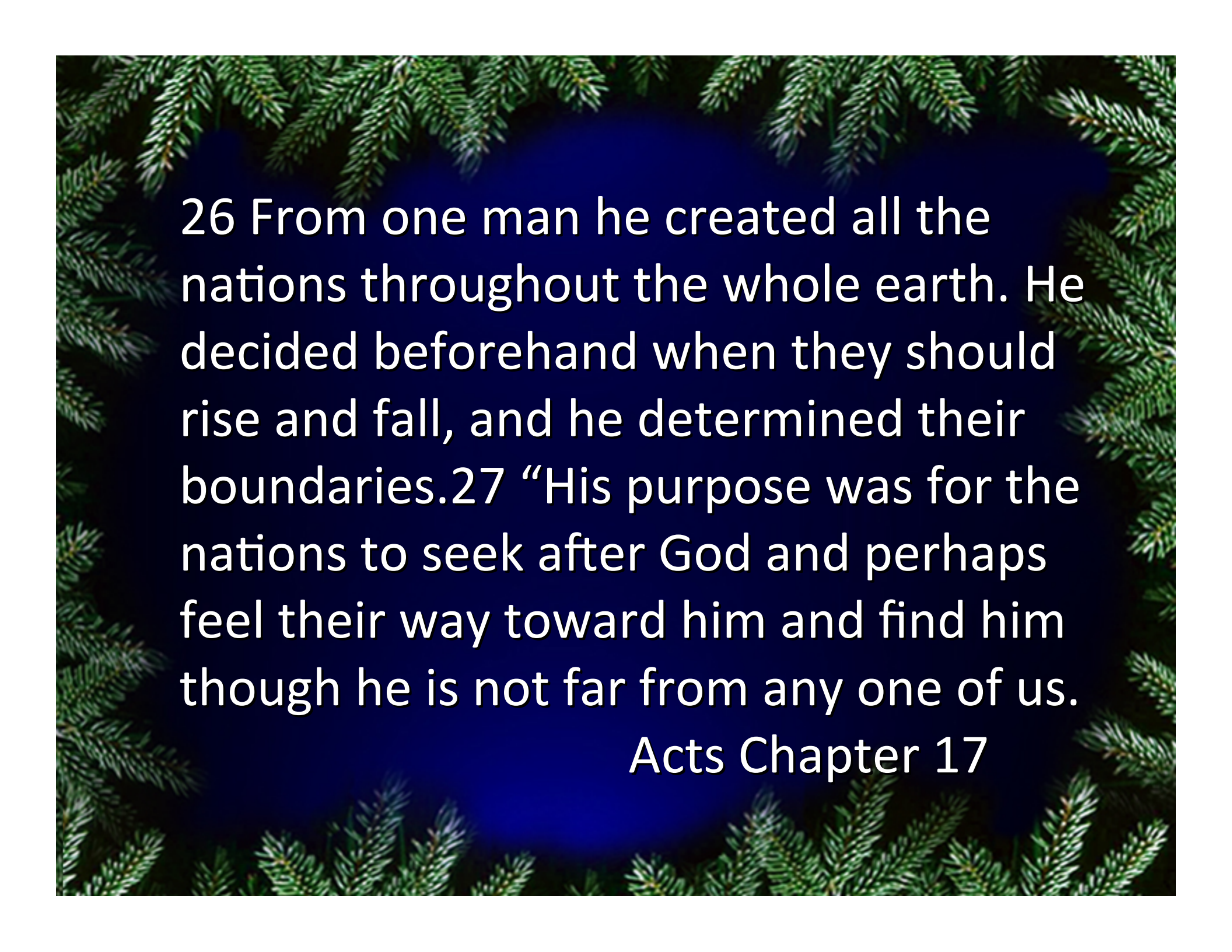
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Immanence:

God is also very close to and active with His creation, namely people created in His image.



24 “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, 25 and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.



26 From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.27 “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him though he is not far from any one of us.

Acts Chapter 17



*"...the Lord himself will give you
a sign: the virgin will be with
child and will give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel."*

Isaiah 7:14





**The time is 735B.C. Ahaz is king
over the Southern Kingdom of Judah**

*During the time that Ahaz son of Jothan,
son of Uzziah, was king of Judah,
Isaiah 7:1*



Ahaz son of Jotham began to rule over Judah in the seventeenth year of King Pekah's reign in Israel. ² Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. He did not do what was pleasing in the sight of the Lord his God, as his ancestor David had done. ³ Instead, he followed the example of the kings of Israel, even sacrificing his own son in the fire. 2 Kings 16

King Rezin of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, set out to attack Jerusalem. However, they were unable to carry out their plan. 2 The news had come to the royal court of Judah: "Syria is allied with Israel against us!" So the hearts of the king and his people trembled with fear, like trees shaking in a storm. Isaiah 7:1b,2

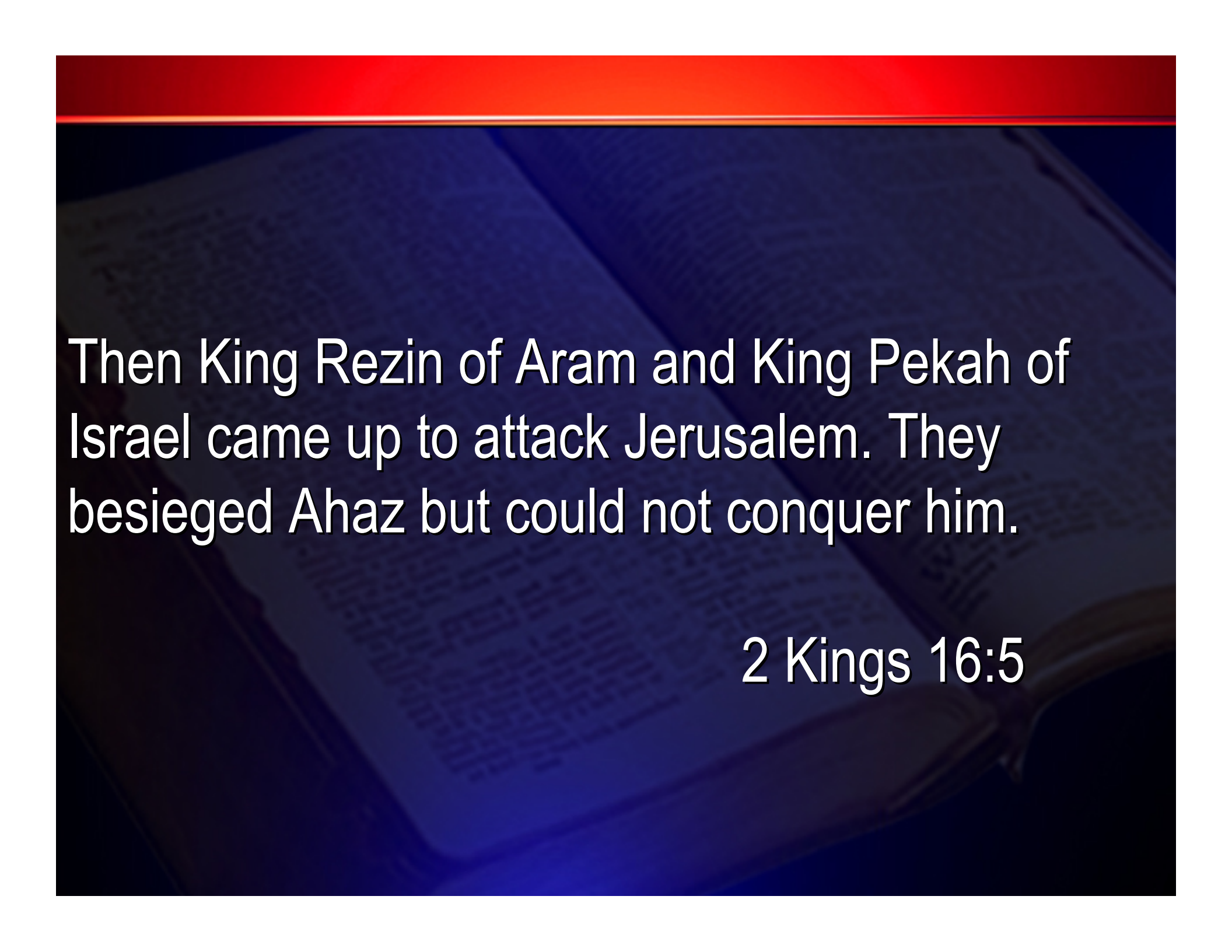


The ten tribes of Israel had joined in a military alliance with Syria intending to re-invade the southern kingdom of Judah.

When the Davidic government(Judah) learned that Syria had joined forces with Israel, Ahaz and his people were badly shaken. They shook like trees in the wind.

Isaiah 7:2 Message






Then King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel came up to attack Jerusalem. They besieged Ahaz but could not conquer him.

2 Kings 16:5

King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-pileser of Assyria with this message: "I am your servant and your vassal. Come up and rescue me from the attacking armies of Aram and Israel." 8 Then Ahaz took the silver and gold from the Temple of the Lord and the palace treasury and sent it as a payment to the Assyrian king.

2 Kings 16:7,8



Then God told Isaiah, "Go and meet Ahaz. Take your son Shear-Jashub with you.

Isaiah 7:3

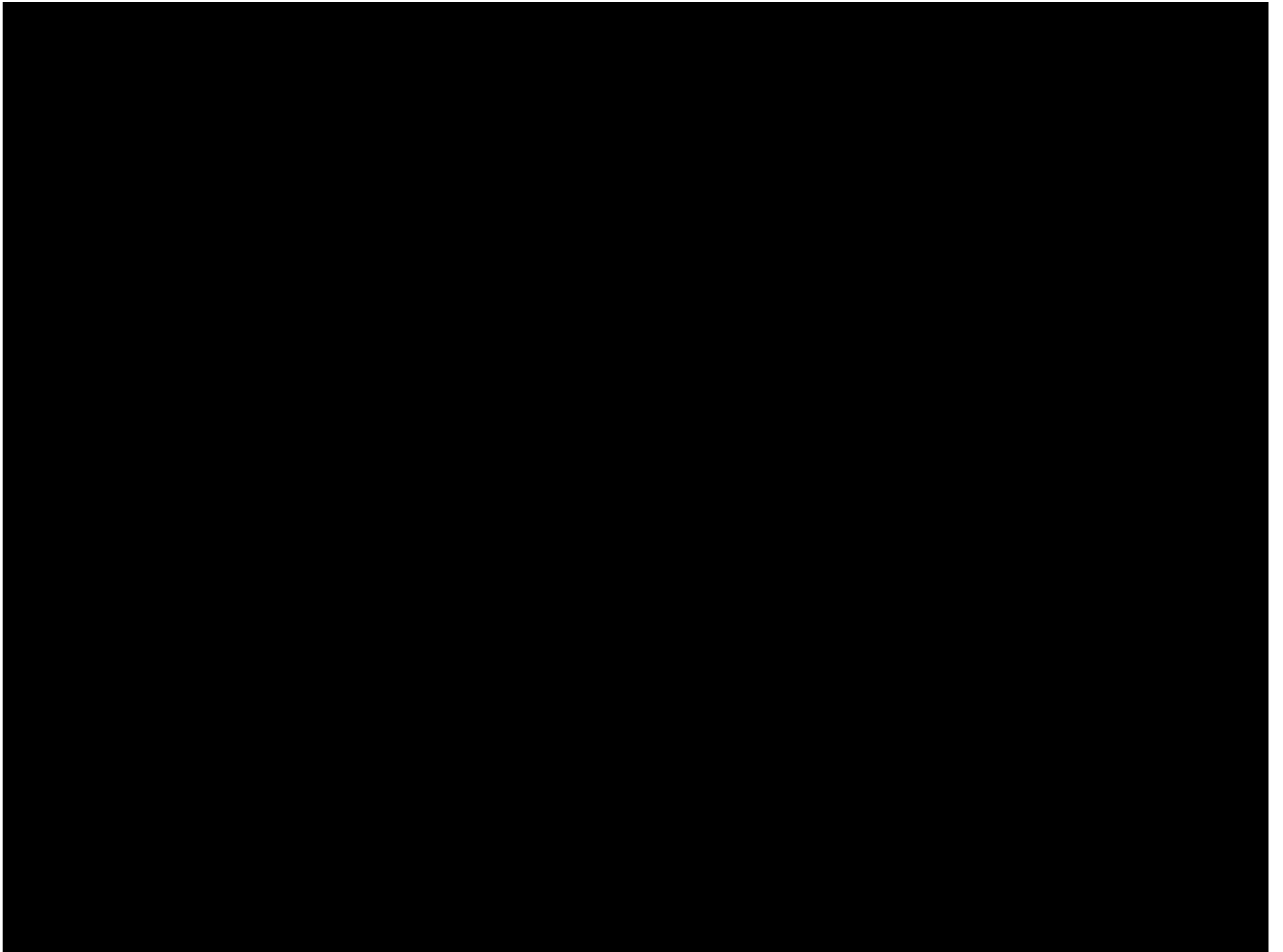


Shear-Jashub
(A-Remnant-Will-Return)

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Methuselah means:

"When he dies, it will come."



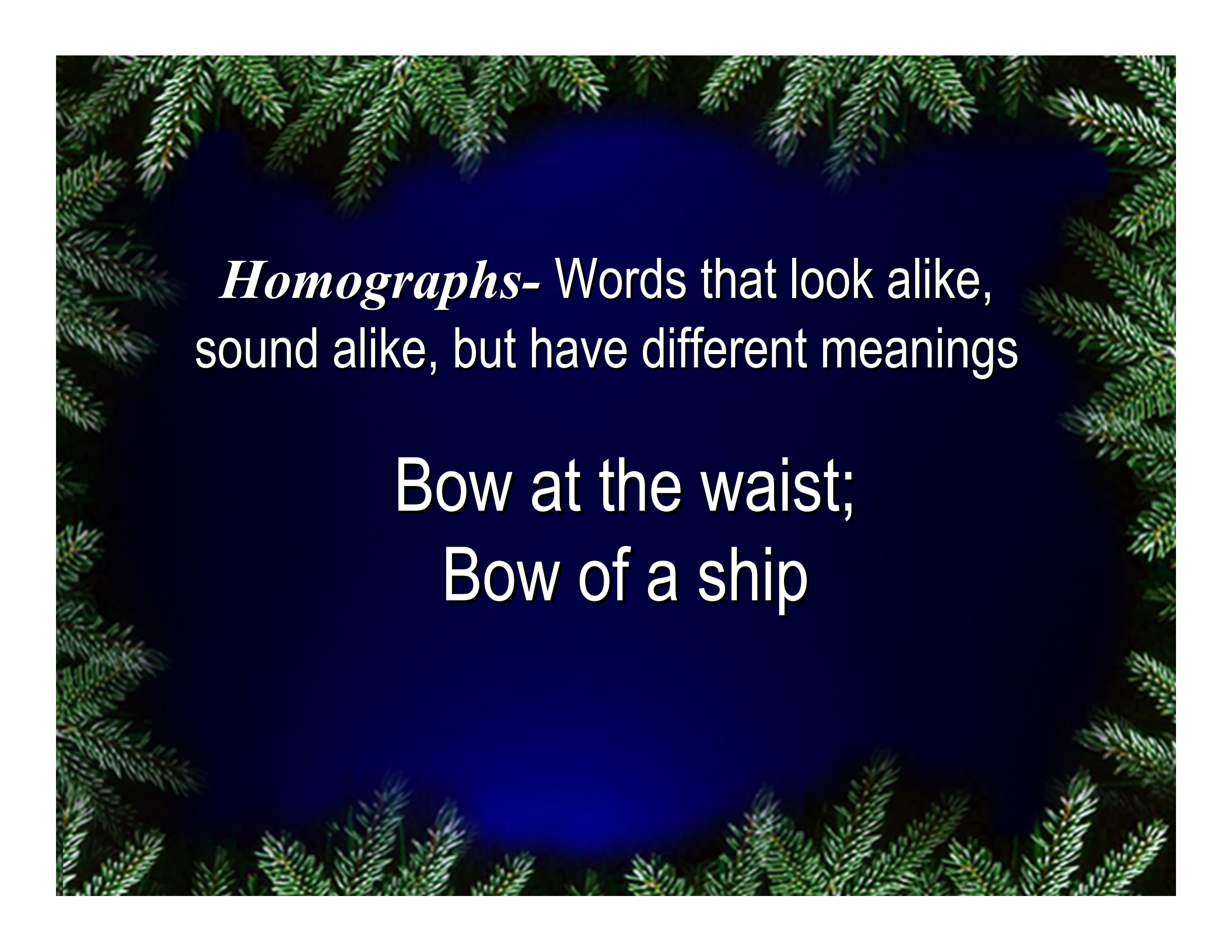
God sends Isaiah to an exact location to speak to Ahaz

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Take your son Shear-jashub and go out to meet King Ahaz. You will find him at the end of the aqueduct that feeds water into the upper pool, near the road leading to the field where cloth is washed. Isaiah 7:3

"Go forth to meet Ahaz, you
and Shear-Jashub your son, at
the end of the conduit of the
upper pool on the highway to
the Fuller's Field,

Isaiah 7:3 RSV





Homographs- Words that look alike,
sound alike, but have different meanings

Bow at the waist;
Bow of a ship

God sends Isaiah to an exact location to speak to Ahaz

"Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-
Pool also means "Blessing",

*conduit of the upper **pool** on the
highway to the Fuller's Field,
Isaiah 7:3*




The “upper pool” also can mean
“The blessing of the Most High.”



"Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the

*highway to the Fuller's Field,
Fullers Field means
"Place of washing"*





The spot where Isaiah
would stand was where

*“a road ascended away from the
place of washing and cleansing”*

where it met

*“the downward flow of the channel
of the blessings of the Most High”*

Will Ahaz exercise faith?



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Tell him to stop worrying. Tell him he doesn't need to fear the fierce anger of those two burned-out embers, King Rezin of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah.

Isaiah 7:4



5 Yes, the kings of Syria and Israel are plotting against him, saying, 6 'We will attack Judah and capture it for ourselves. ...7 But this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "This invasion will never happen; it will never take place; ...As for Israel, within sixty-five years it will be crushed and completely destroyed.



Unless your faith is firm, I
cannot make you stand
firm.”

Isaiah 7:9



God is willing to prove His word

...the Lord sent this message to King Ahaz: 11 "Ask me for a sign, Ahaz, to prove that I will crush your enemies as I have promised. Ask for anything you like, and make it as difficult as you want."

Isaiah 7:10-11



But the king refused. "No," he said, "I wouldn't test the Lord like that."

Isaiah 7:12



Then Isaiah said, "Listen well, you royal family of David! You aren't satisfied to exhaust my patience. You exhaust the patience of God as well!

Isaiah 7:13



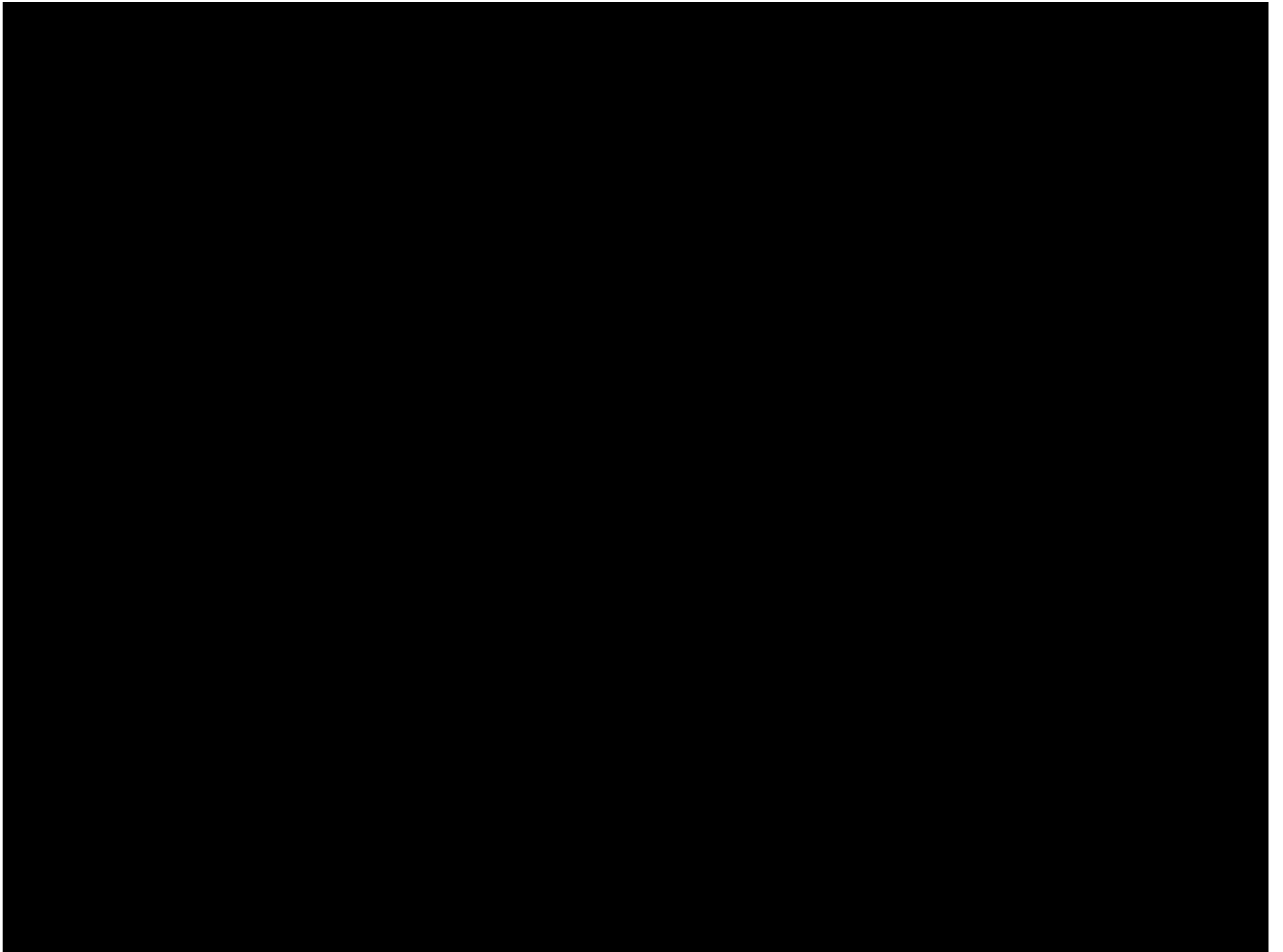
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All right then, the Lord himself will choose the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel—'God is with us.' Isaiah 7:14



*"Fear not to take this
woman to be your wife
because that which is born
of her is of the Holy Spirit,"
Matthew 1:20*

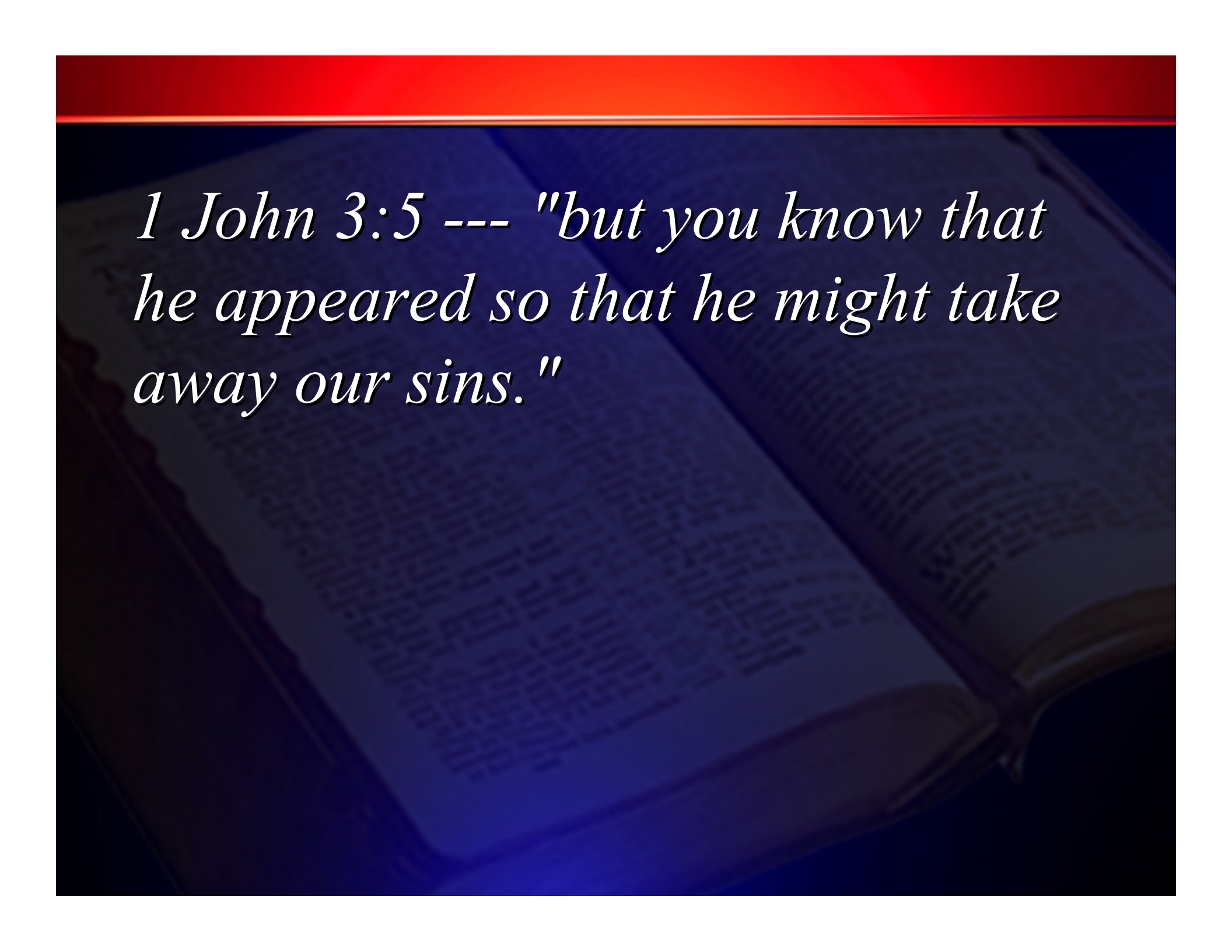


15 By the time this child (Shear-jushub) is old enough to eat curds and honey, he will know enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong. [16] But before he knows right from wrong, the two kings you fear so much—the kings of Israel and Aram—will both be dead. Isaiah 7:15,16

17 "The Lord will bring a terrible curse on you, your nation, and your family. You will soon experience greater terror than has been known in all the years since Solomon's empire was divided into Israel and Judah. The mighty king of Assyria will come with his great army!"

Isaiah 7:17





1 John 3:5 --- "but you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins."



"I don't think there's anybody here that wants to do anything but forgive and not only reach out to those who have suffered a loss in that way but to reach out to the family of the man who committed these acts."



"Your love for our family has helped to provide the healing we so desperately need. Gifts you've given have touched our hearts in a way no words can describe. Your compassion has reached beyond our family, beyond our community, and is changing our world, and for this we sincerely thank you."





Merry Christmas