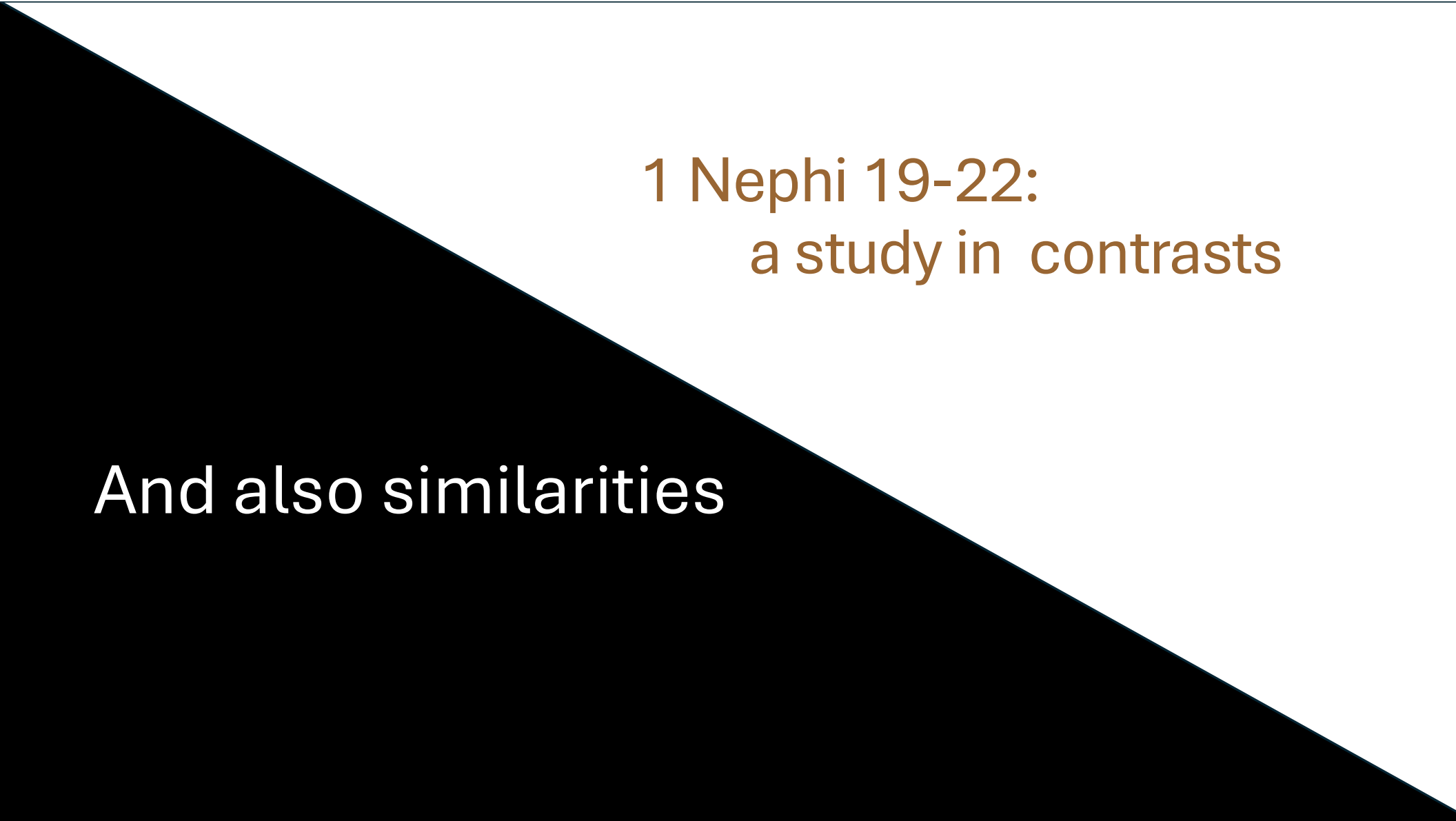


Start with Christ



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1 Nephi 19-22: a study in contrasts

And also similarities

1 Nephi 19-22 is about

- Jesus Christ as Savior, Redeemer, and Gatherer
- Learning and profiting from likening the scriptures to ourselves
- Former and present-day scatterings
- Present-day gatherings
- Our commission to gather God's children

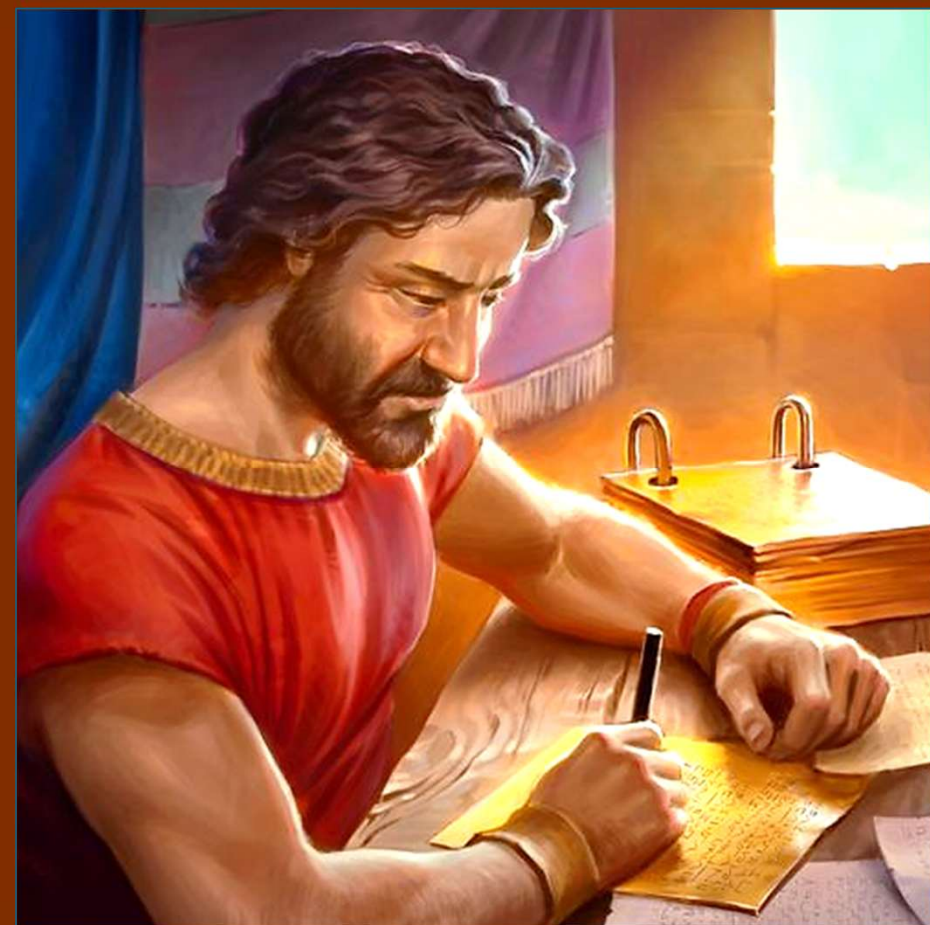
In 1 Nephi chapter 19, **Nephi tells us what he is going to tell us.**

In 1 Nephi chapter 20 and 21, he uses Isaiah 48 and Isaiah 49 to **tell us.**

In 1 Nephi chapter 22, **he tells us what he told us.**
(Nephi's explanation to Laman and Lemuel)

Begin with Nephi's purpose.





1 Nephi 19:18

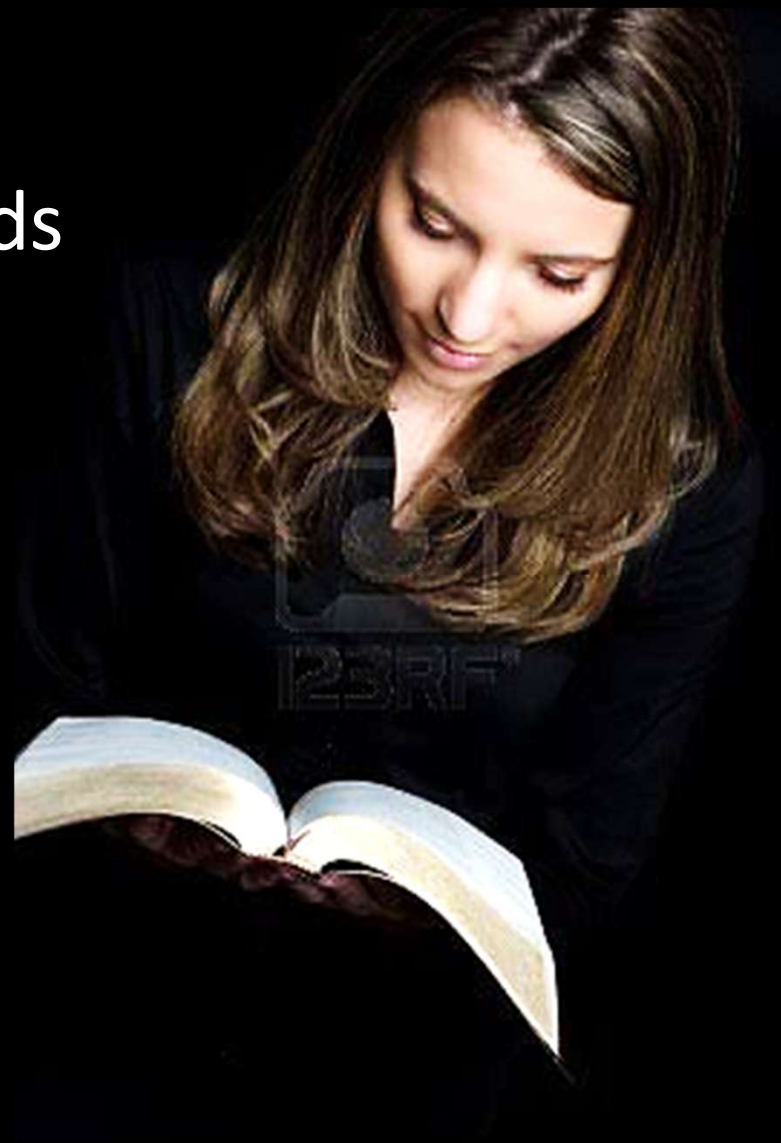
“I...have written these things unto my people, that I might persuade them [to] remember the Lord their Redeemer.

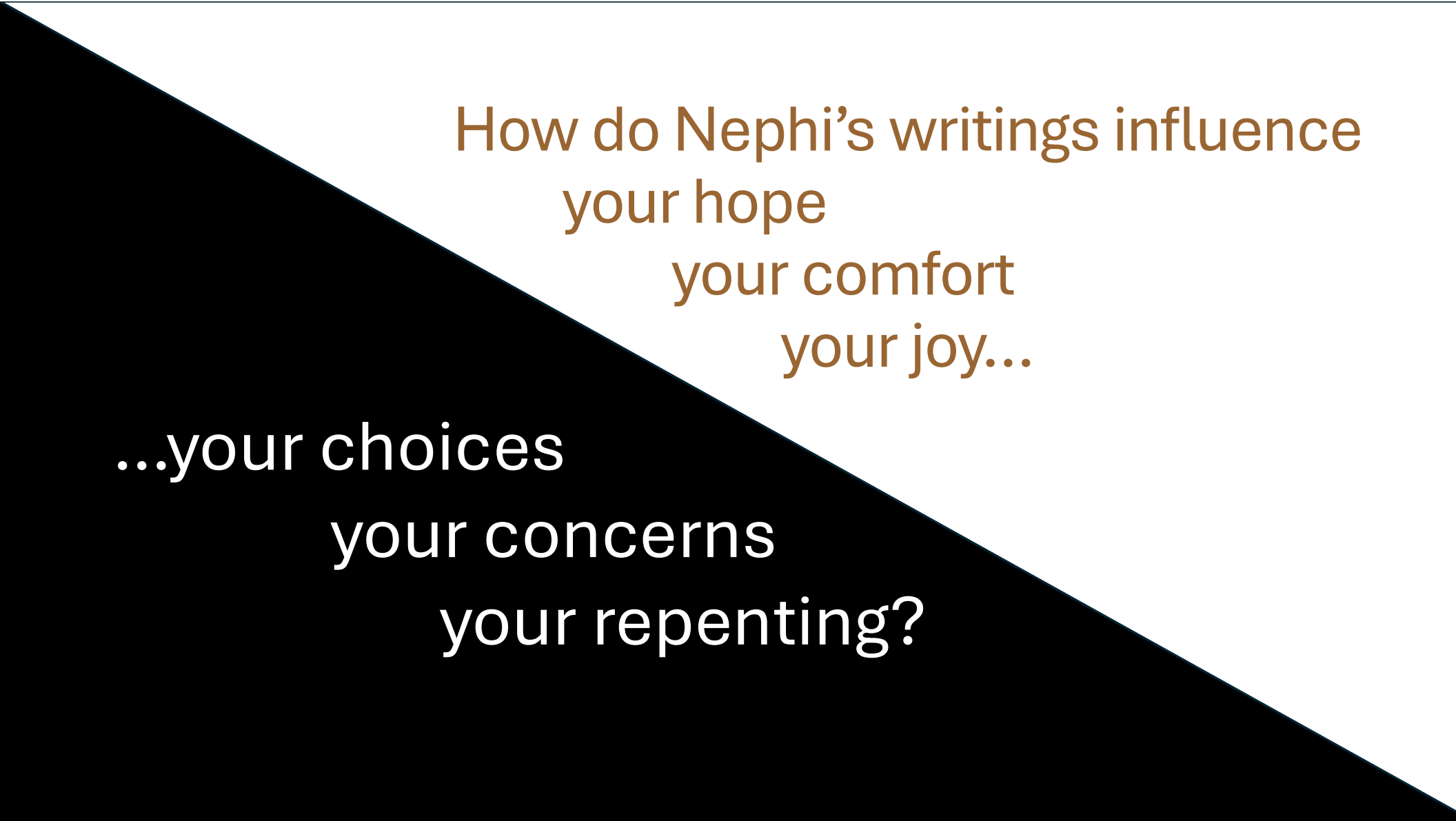


Again....

19:23 ...that I
might more fully
persuade them
to believe in the
Lord their
Redeemer...

1 Nephi 24 ...Hear ye the words
of the prophet..;
...and liken them unto
yourselves, that ye may have
hope....





How do Nephi's writings influence
your hope
your comfort
your joy...

...your choices
your concerns
your repenting?

1 Nephi 19:7- 12

Nephi cites Zenock's and Zenos' prophecies of Christ's coming, sufferings, and crucifixion.

1 Nephi 19:7 For the things which some men esteem to be of great worth, both to the body and soul, others set at naught and trample under their feet.

Clarkson's Farm

19:7 ...others set at naught
and trample under their feet.



19:8 And behold [Christ] cometh, according to the words of the angel, in six hundred years from the time my father left Jerusalem.

Carlo Maratta



19:9 And the
world, because
of their iniquity,
shall judge him to
be a thing of
naught;

Antonio Ciseri



9 wherefore they scourge him,
and he suffereth it;





9 and they smite him,
and he suffereth it.

9 Yea, they spit upon him,
and he suffereth it...

The mocking of Christ
Guido Reni



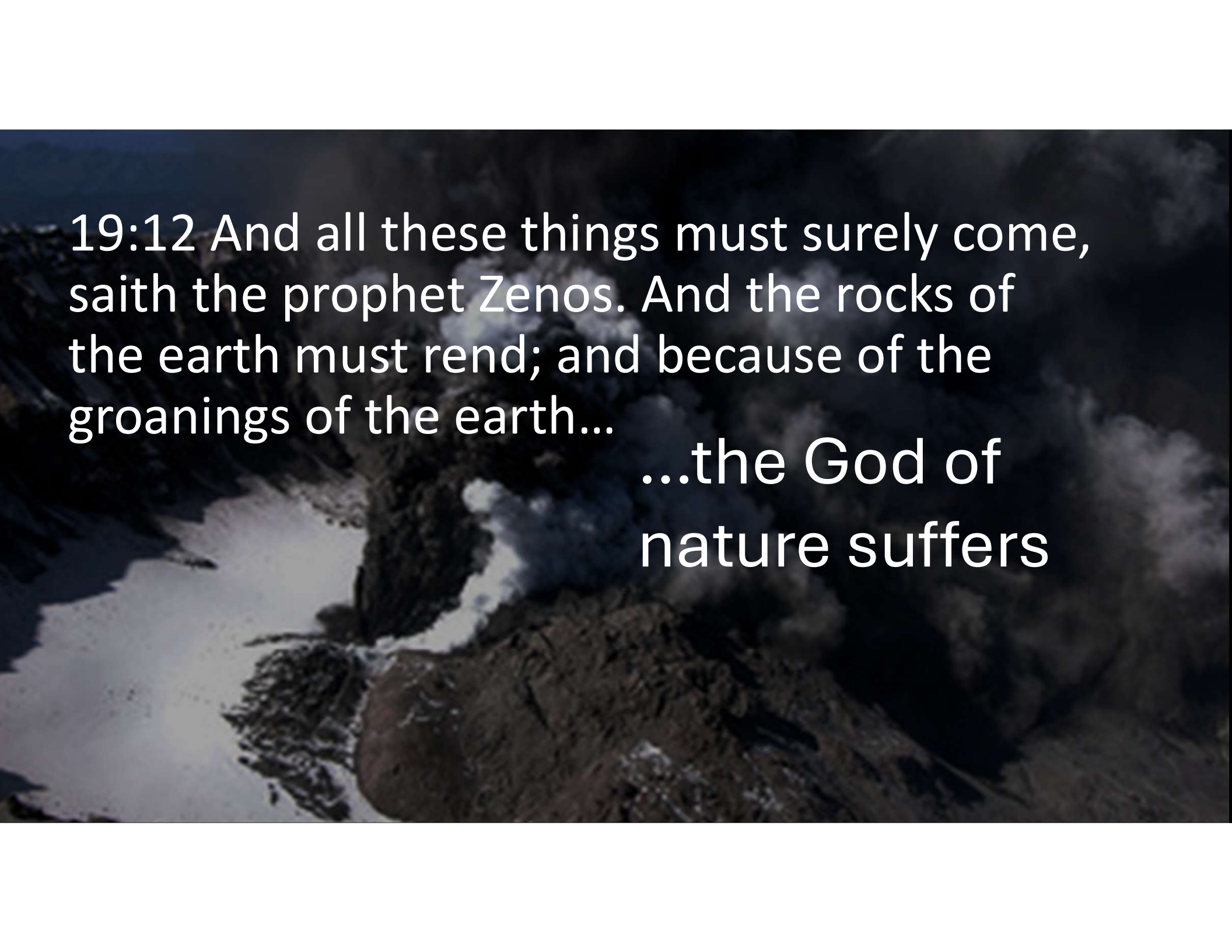


Why...

9 because of his loving kindness and his long-suffering towards the children of men.

*Christ, you have been made man so as to
make us gods, and
You have been chained so as to release us
from our chains. God
Tortured with floggings and thorns under
an unjust judge,
You teach us to bear our sorrows with calm
resignation.*

Albrecht Durer



19:12 And all these things must surely come,
saith the prophet Zenos. And the rocks of
the earth must rend; and because of the
groanings of the earth...

...the God of
nature suffers

And now to the scatterings:

- Israel/Lehi's family scatterings
- Present-day scatterings



The Untold Story of the "Gentiles": Israel's Scattering & Gathering

The Scattering: The Bad News

The Gathering: The Good News

A Broken Covenant Leads to Exile

For disobeying God's law, particularly through idolatry, Israel was "cut off" from their covenant.

Israel Became "Gentiles" (Goyim)



They were scattered among the nations, assimilated, and lost their identity as God's people.

Called "Not My People"
Prophecies like Hosea describe this state of being cut off from God.

A Promised Redemption for Israel Alone

The same prophets who foretold the scattering also promised a future gathering of Israel.

Restored Through a New Covenant

This gathering would reunite the houses of Israel and Judah under a new, better covenant.

Judgment Within the Flock

The gathering includes judgment, separating the faithful ("sheep") from the unfaithful ("goats") within Israel.



Kristen Walker Smith

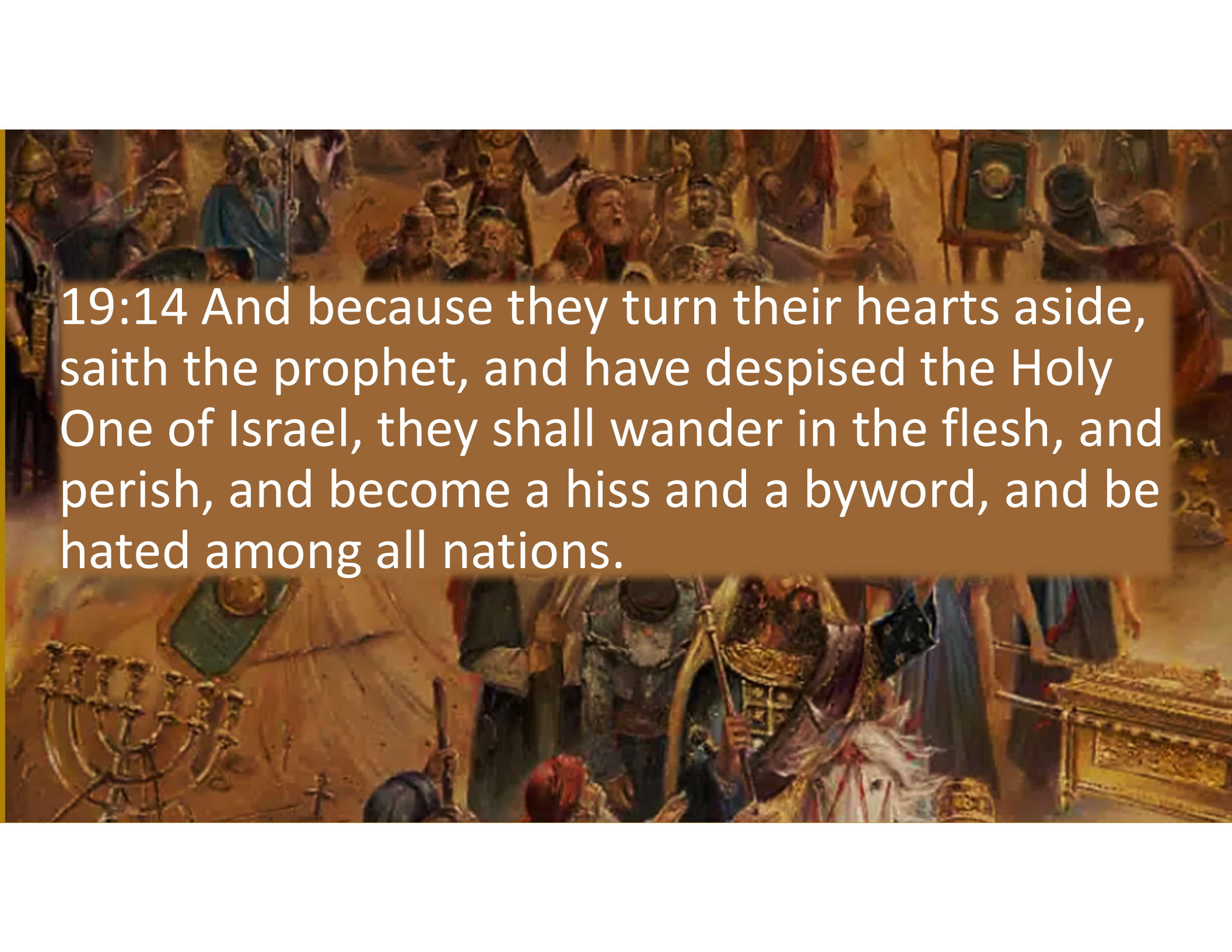
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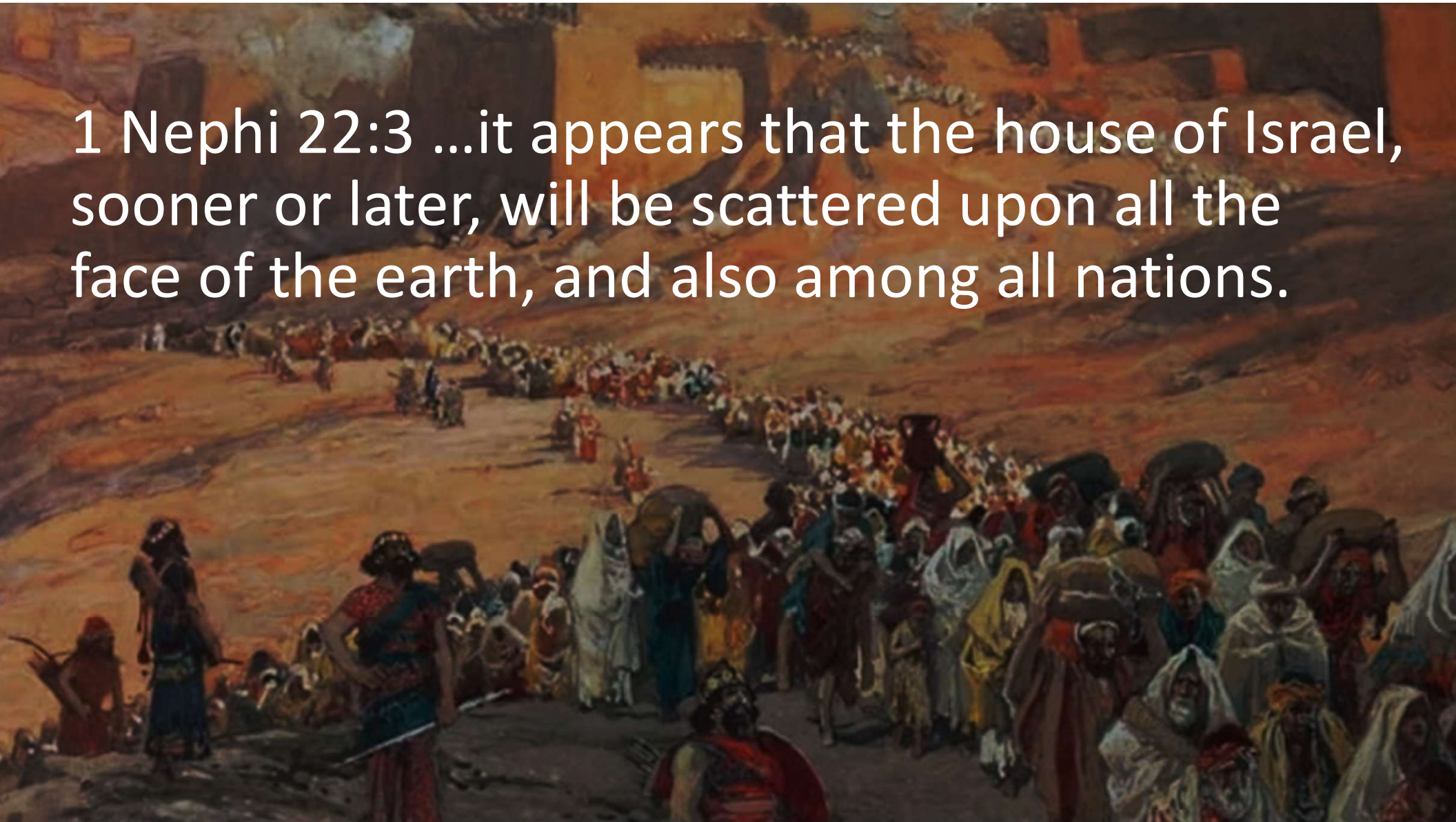
19:13 And as for those who are at Jerusalem, saith the prophet, they shall be scourged by all people, because they crucify the God of Israel, and turn their hearts aside, rejecting signs and wonders, and the power and glory of the God of Israel.



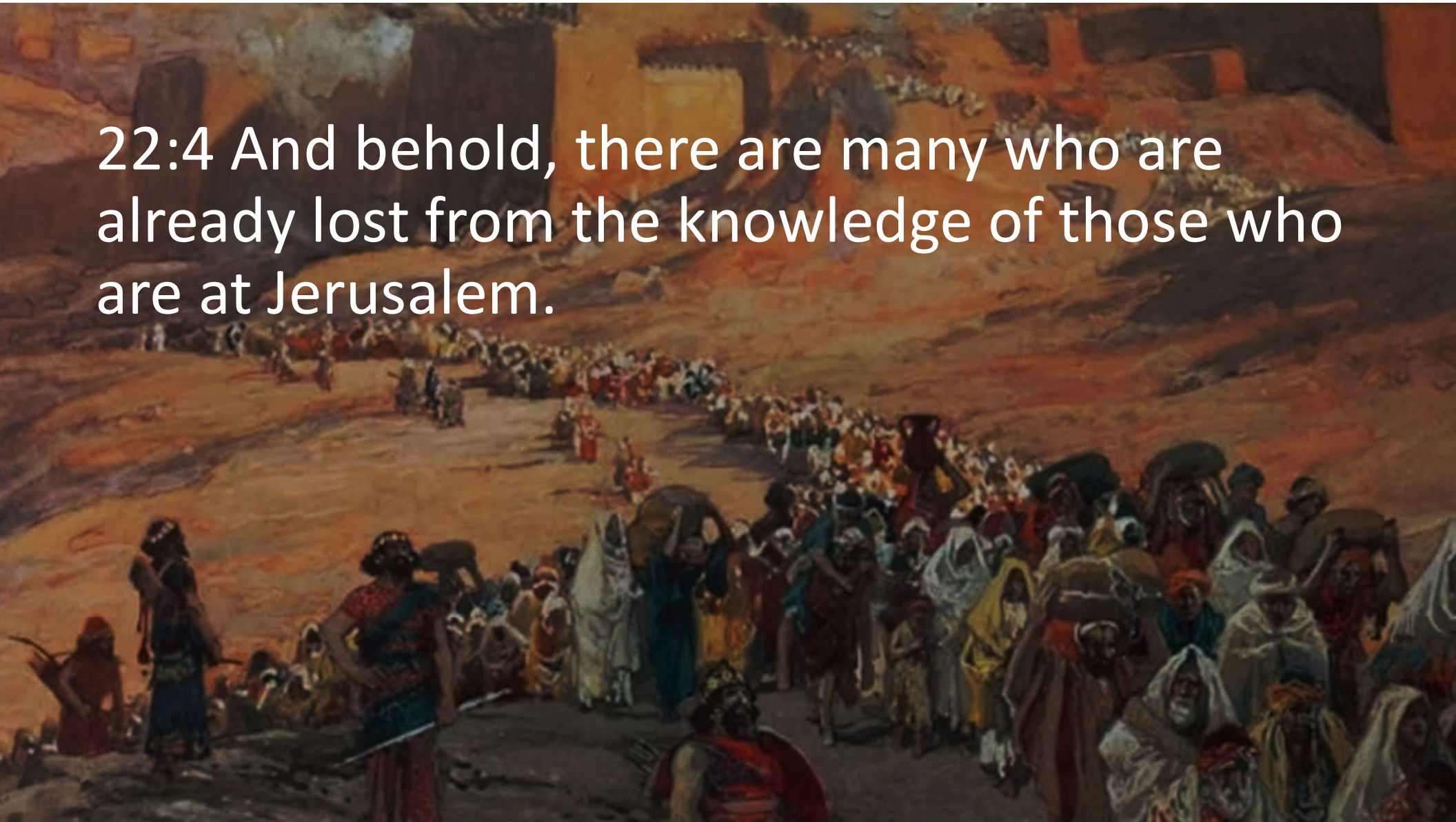


19:14 And because they turn their hearts aside, saith the prophet, and have despised the Holy One of Israel, they shall wander in the flesh, and perish, and become a hiss and a byword, and be hated among all nations.

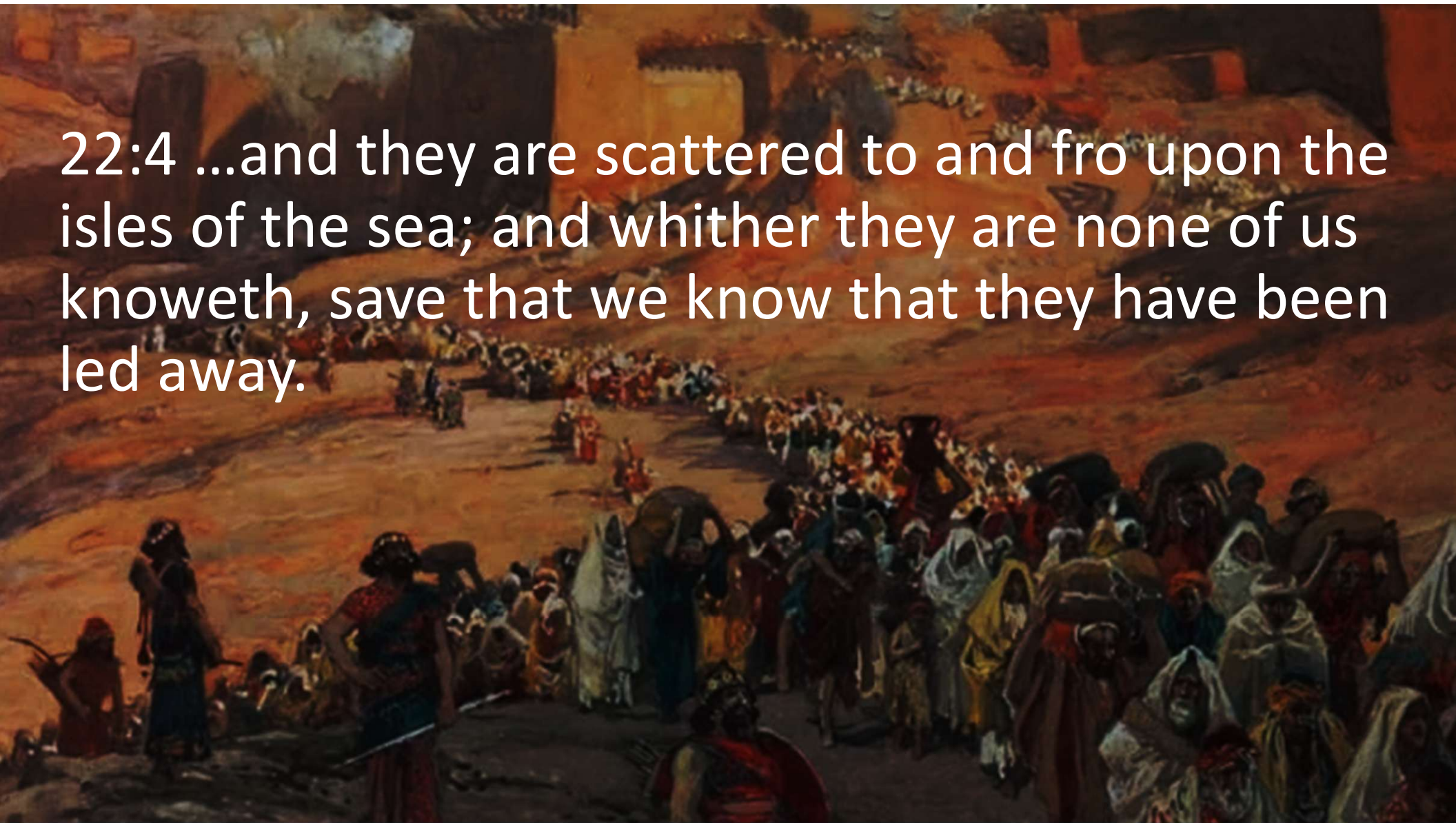
1 Nephi 22:3 ...it appears that the house of Israel, sooner or later, will be scattered upon all the face of the earth, and also among all nations.



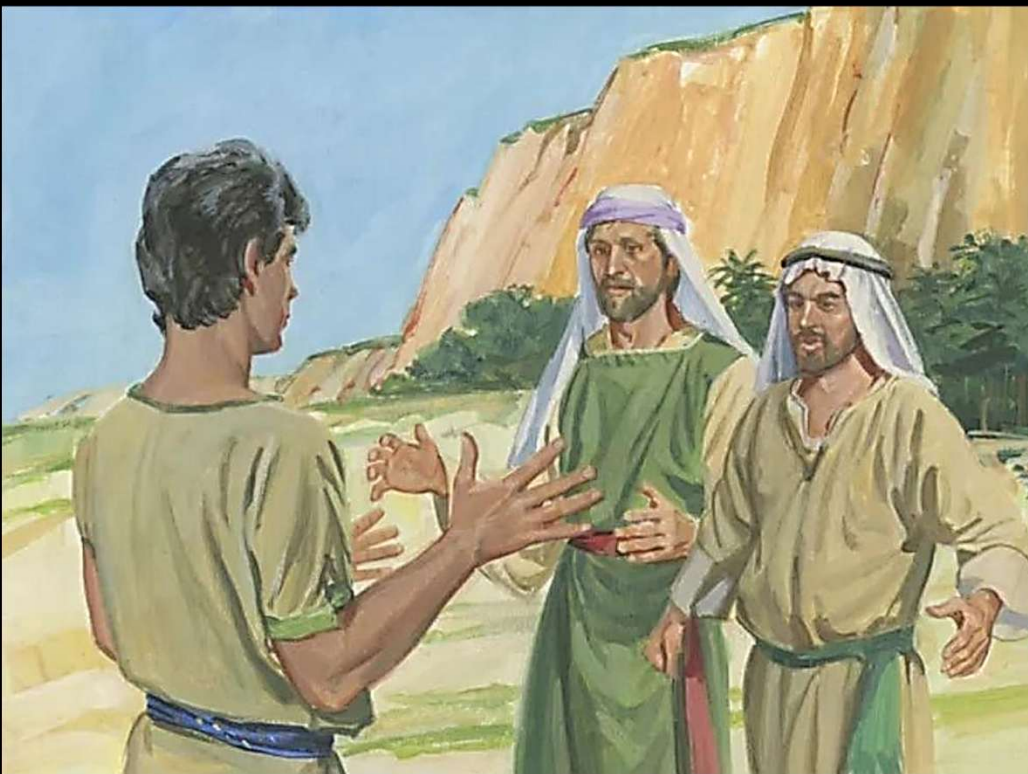
22:4 And behold, there are many who are already lost from the knowledge of those who are at Jerusalem.



22:4 ...and they are scattered to and fro upon the isles of the sea; and whither they are none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away.



1 Nephi 22 Nephi explains the meaning of Isaiah to Laman and Lemuel



1 Nephi 22:1
What meaneth these
things which ye have
read?



19:24 ...hear ye the words of the prophet...and liken them unto yourselves, that ye may have hope as well as your brethren from whom ye have been broken off....

The scattering of Lehi's family: a branch broken off



Have you experienced any “scattering” in your family?
I have.



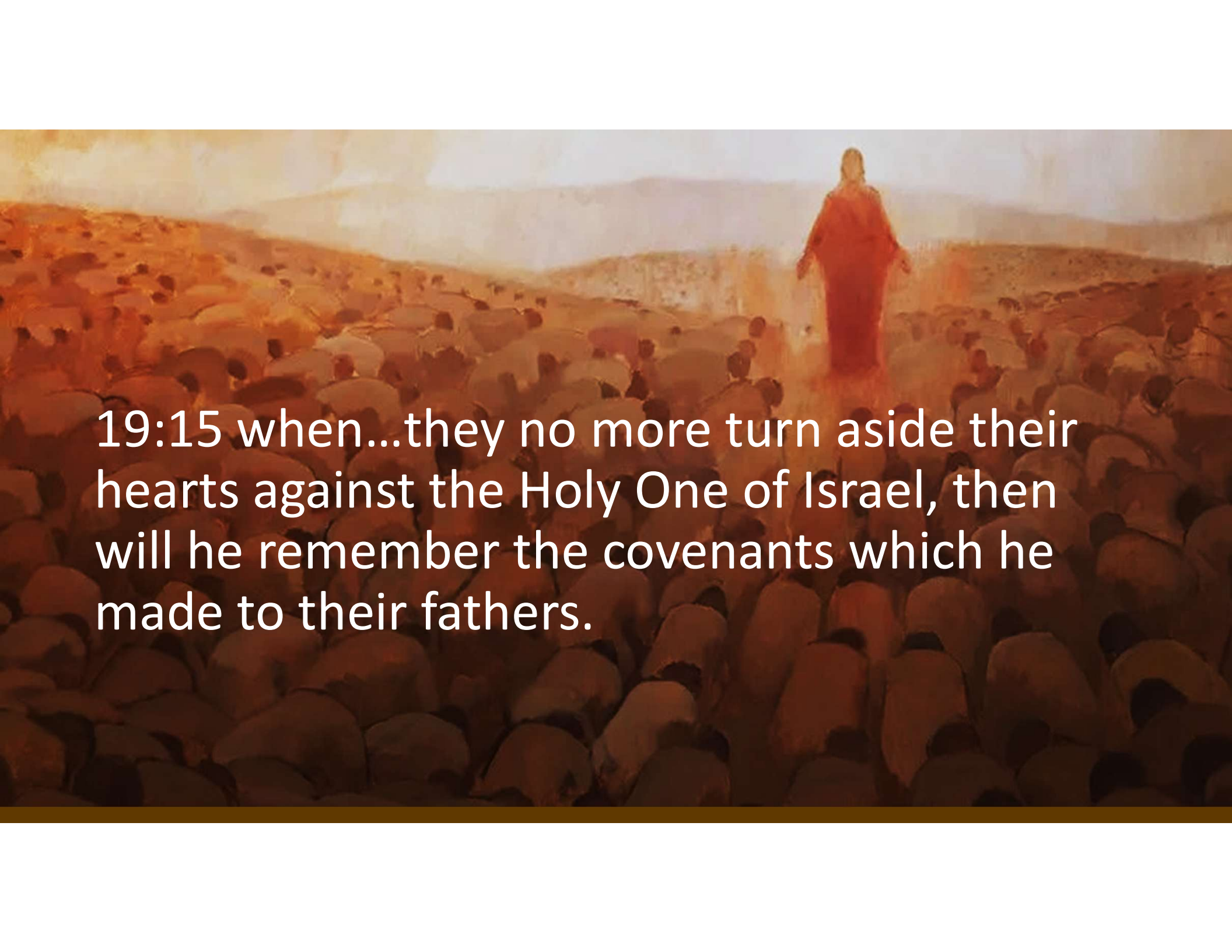
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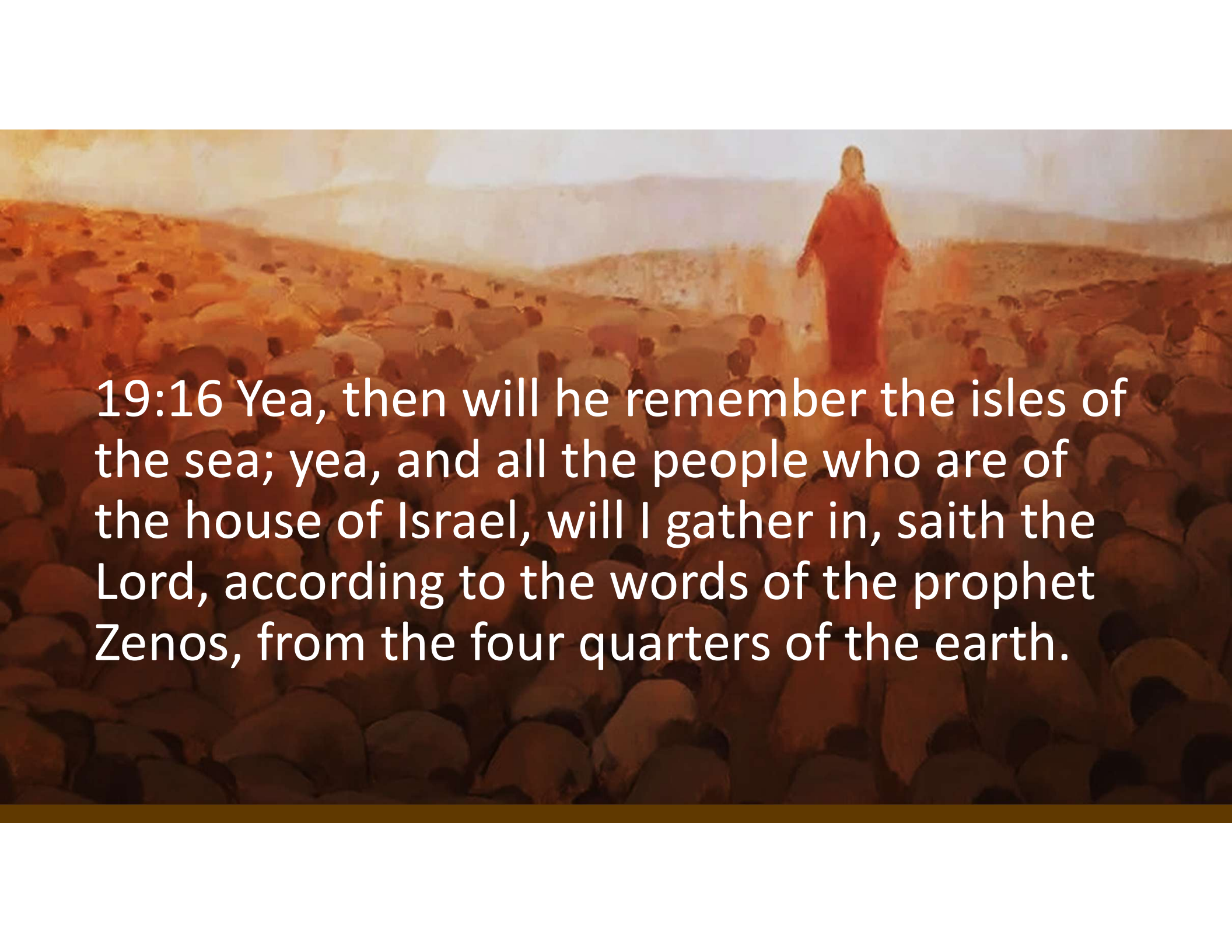
Have any in your family members experienced
“trials in the wilderness?”
Mine have.

Nevertheless...

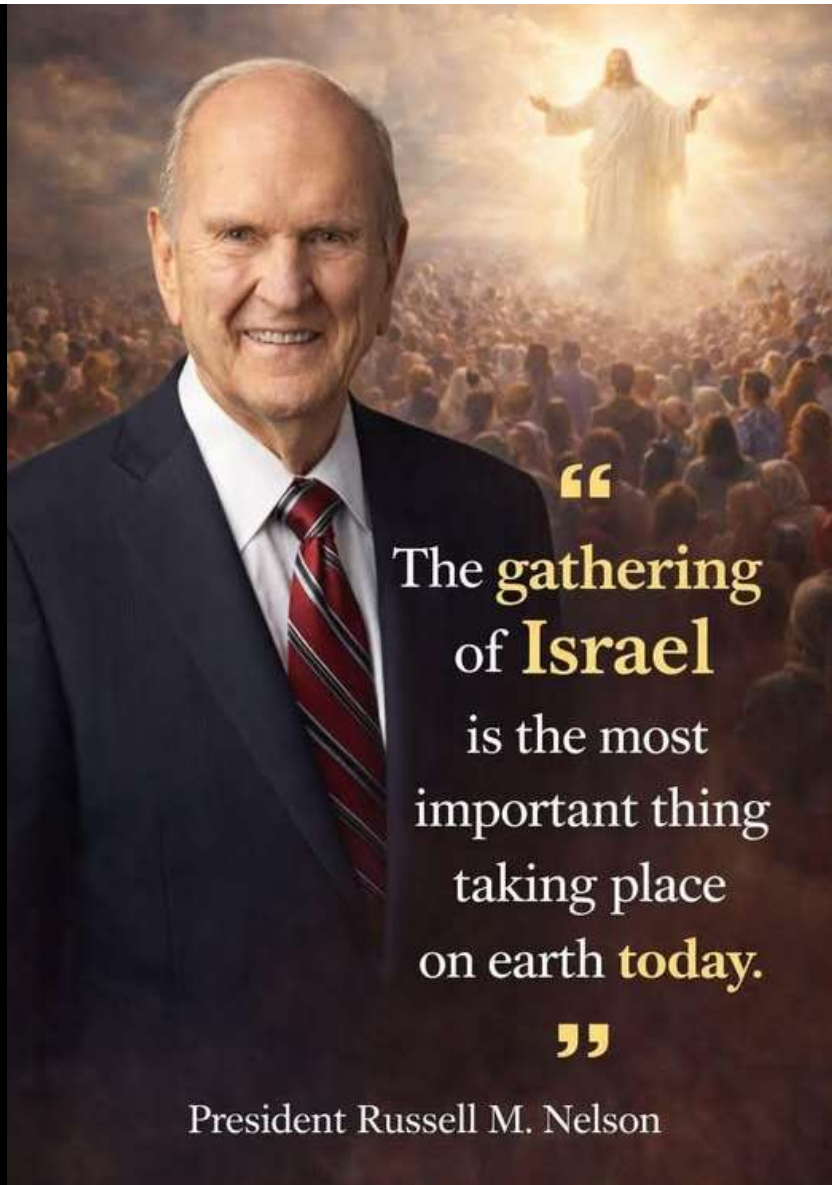
Nephi and Isaiah
Prophecy gatherings

A religious painting depicting a figure in a red robe standing before a large crowd of people in a desert landscape. The figure, likely Jesus, is positioned in the center background, facing the viewer. He is wearing a long red robe and has a halo. The crowd of people, seen from behind, fills the foreground and middle ground, extending towards the figure. The landscape is a vast, arid desert with rolling hills under a hazy, golden sky. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, earthy tones like ochre, brown, and red.

19:15 when...they no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers.

A religious painting depicting a figure, likely Jesus, standing on a rocky, hilly landscape. The figure is wearing a long red robe and is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing away from the viewer towards a distant, hazy horizon. The ground is covered in numerous dark, rounded rocks. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

19:16 Yea, then will he remember the isles of the sea; yea, and all the people who are of the house of Israel, will I gather in, saith the Lord, according to the words of the prophet Zenos, from the four quarters of the earth.



“

The **gathering**
of **Israel**
is the most
important thing
taking place
on earth **today**.

”

President Russell M. Nelson

As of September 2026, more than 90,000 full-time missionaries are serving worldwide. The count includes young proselyting missionaries, young service missionaries, and senior missionaries.



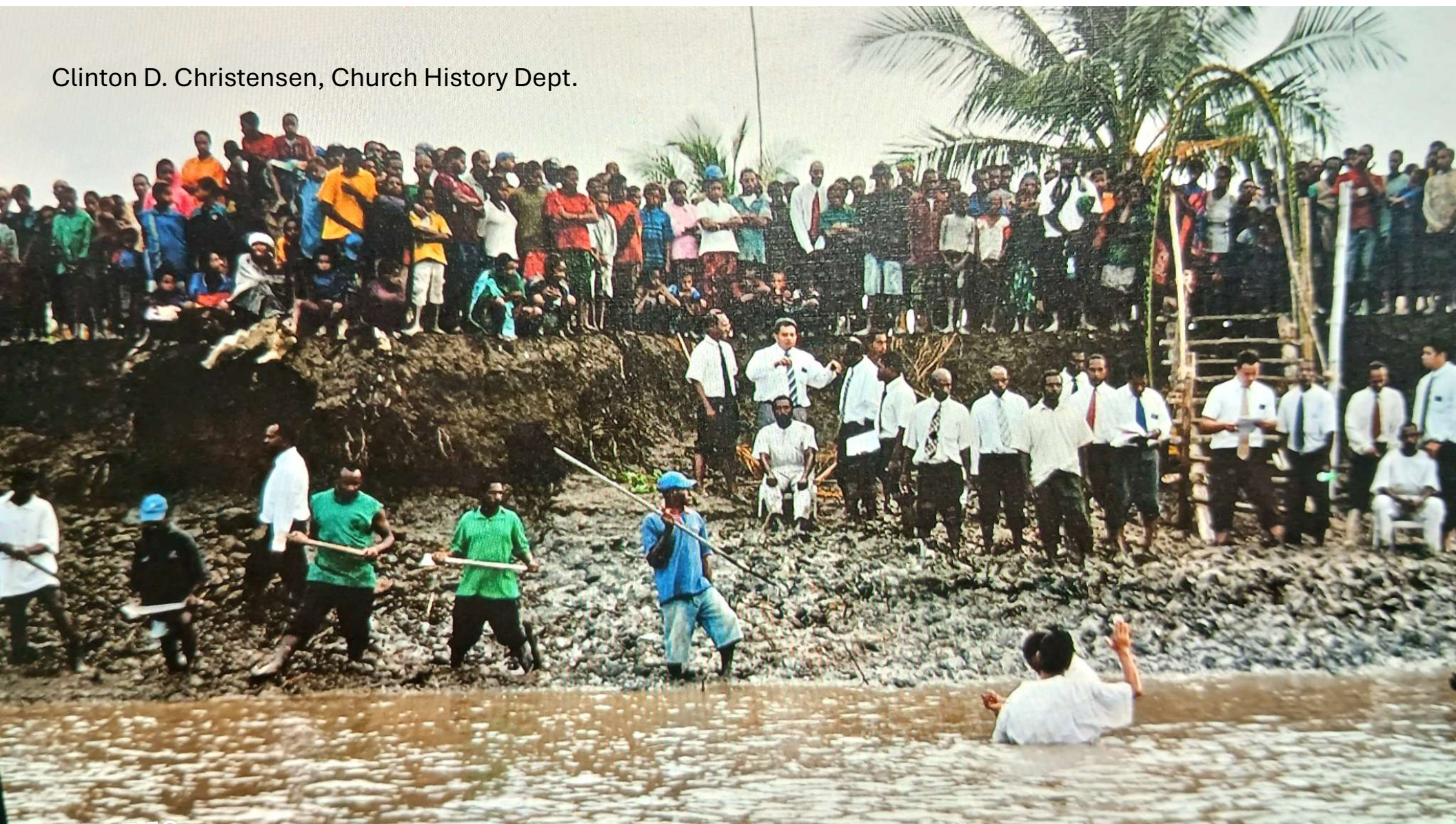
Presently, eighty-six missionaries are serving from the Olympus Stake. This includes church service missionaries.

Fifty-eight of those are proselyting missionaries.

Eight missionaries are presently in the MTC.

In addition, of nine presently assigned to depart for the mission field, eight are sister missionaries.

Clinton D. Christensen, Church History Dept.



21:12 And then, O house of Israel, behold, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

The gathering of Israel is the gathering of faithful Saints wherever they are.



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A modern-day gathering



What gathering is happening in your family?

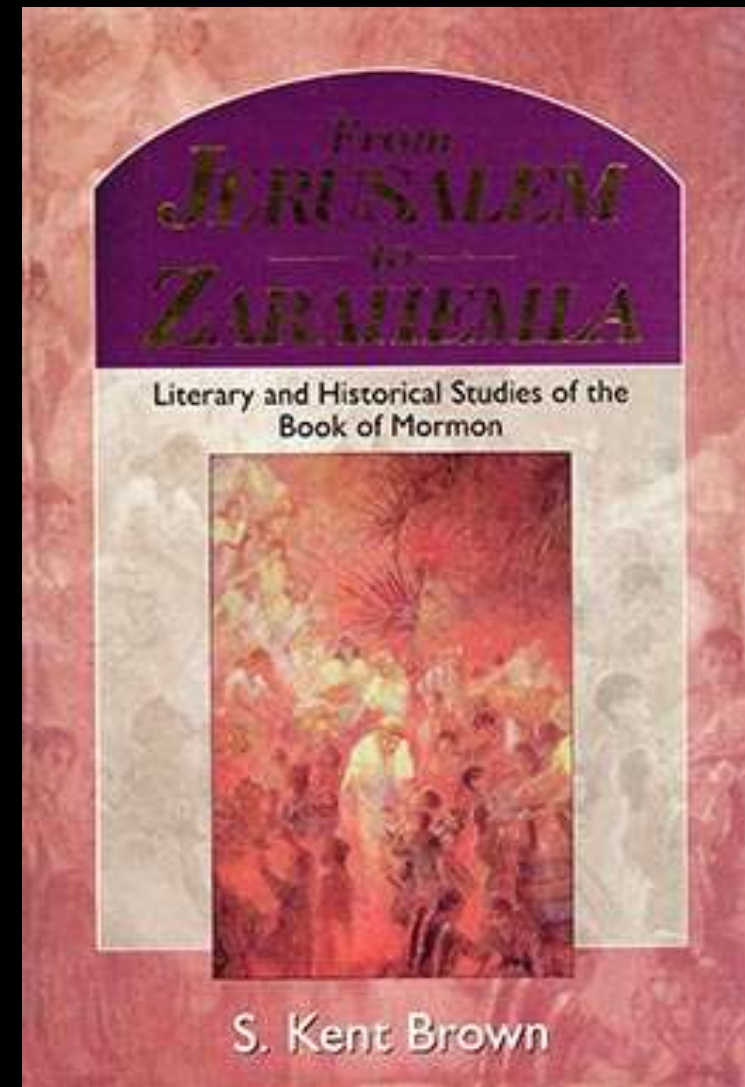
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1 Nephi 20 and 21
Nephi quotes Isaiah 48-49 as recorded
on the Brass Plates

*“What is Isaiah Doing in
First Nephi?”*

From Jerusalem to Zarahemla:
Literary Historical Studies of
the Book of Mormon

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1 Nephi 19:23 Nephi explains why he
cites Isaiah 48 and 49





...that I might more fully persuade them to believe in the Lord their Redeemer I did read unto them Isaiah; for I did liken all scriptures unto us that it might be for our profit and learning. (19:23)

*Why did Nephi include Isaiah 48 and 49
in 1 Nephi 20 and 21?*

19:21 And [the Lord] surely did show unto the prophets of old [including Isaiah] all things concerning them [the Jews in Jerusalem]; and also he did show unto many concerning us [the Nephites in America].

“Nephi openly declared that he intended to deepen people’s faith in the Holy One of Israel while linking his family’s experiences to prophecies concerning the scattering and gathering of Israel.”

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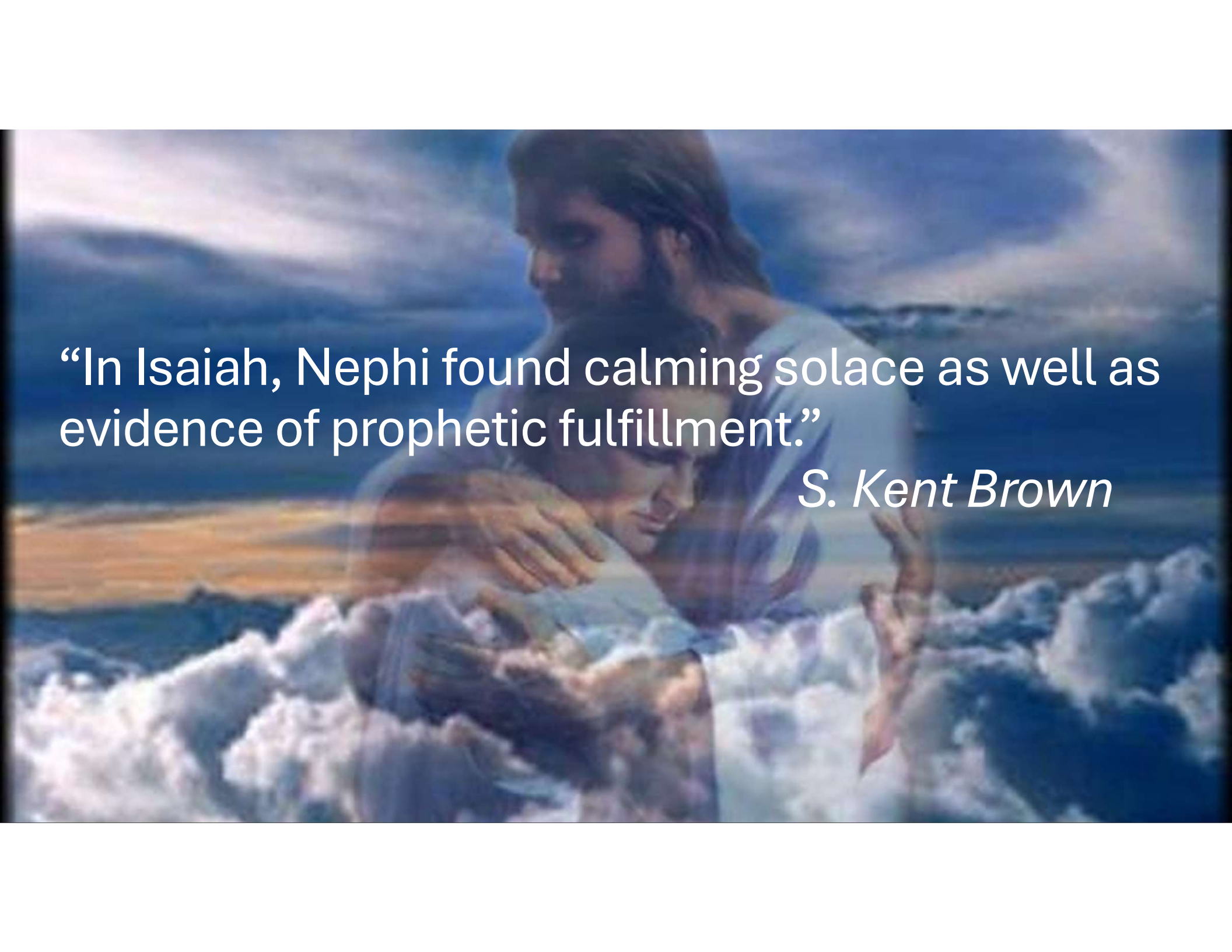
“Jesus Christ” by Harry Anderson

“Evidence in the Book of Mormon points also to the sorrow and estrangement which the family of Lehi and Sariah felt as they fled their home in Jerusalem and traveled across deserts and oceans to the New World.”

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Rose Datoc Dall



“In Isaiah, Nephi found calming solace as well as evidence of prophetic fulfillment.”

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Isaiah's poetic symbolic imagery
is best read with the spirit.



20:1 Hearken and hear this, O house of
Jacob, who are called by the name of
Israel, and are come forth out of the
waters of Judah, or out of the
waters of baptism, who swear
by the name of the Lord, and
make mention of the God
of Israel, ...

...yet they swear not in
truth nor in righteousness.

20:2 Nevertheless, they call
themselves of the holy city,

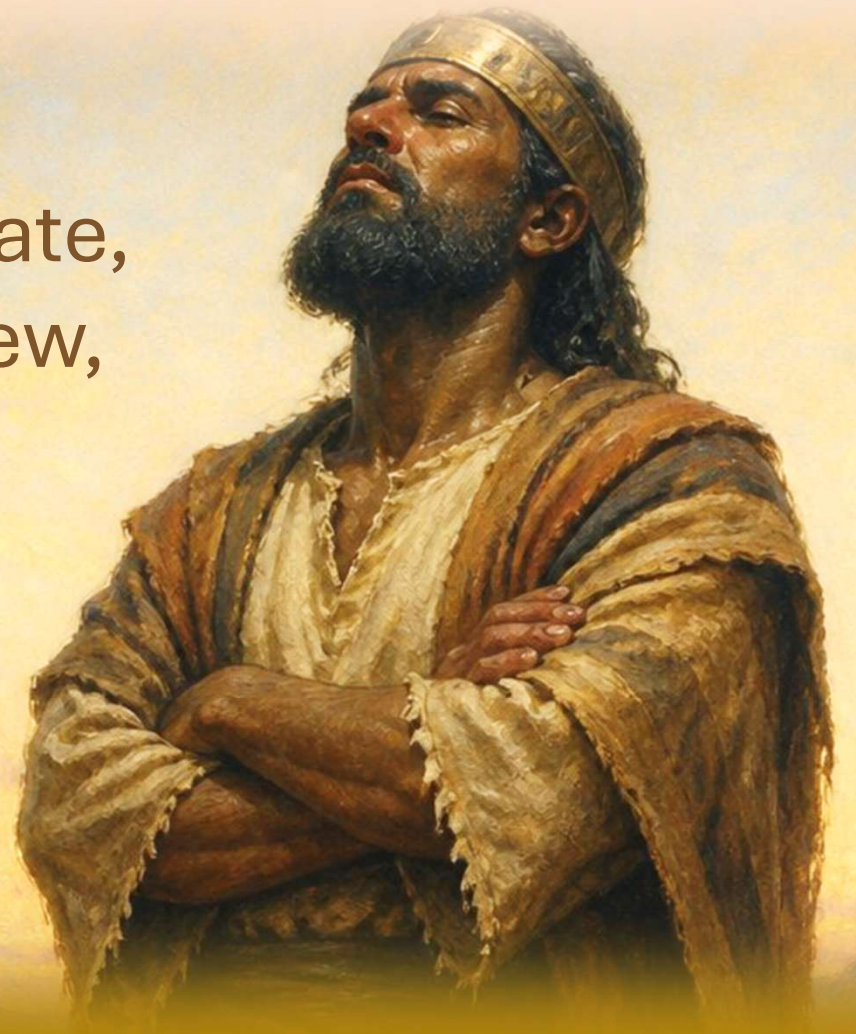
...but they do not stay
themselves upon the God
of Israel, who is the Lord of
Hosts; yea, the Lord of
Hosts is his name..

20:3 I foretold the former things
long ago, my mouth announced
them and I made them known;
then suddenly I acted, and they
came to pass.

20:4 For I knew how
stubborn you were; your
neck muscles were iron,
your forehead was bronze.
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1 Nephi 20:4

I knew that thou art obstinate,
and thy neck is an iron sinew,
and thy brow brass...



20:8 I knew that thou
wouldst deal very
treacherously, and wast
called a transgressor from
the womb.

20:9 Nevertheless, for my name's
sake will I defer mine anger,
and for my praise will
refrain from thee, that
I cut thee not off.

20:10 For, behold, I have refined thee, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

Have you ever felt you were in the furnace of affliction? If so, was your experience refining?

Nevertheless...

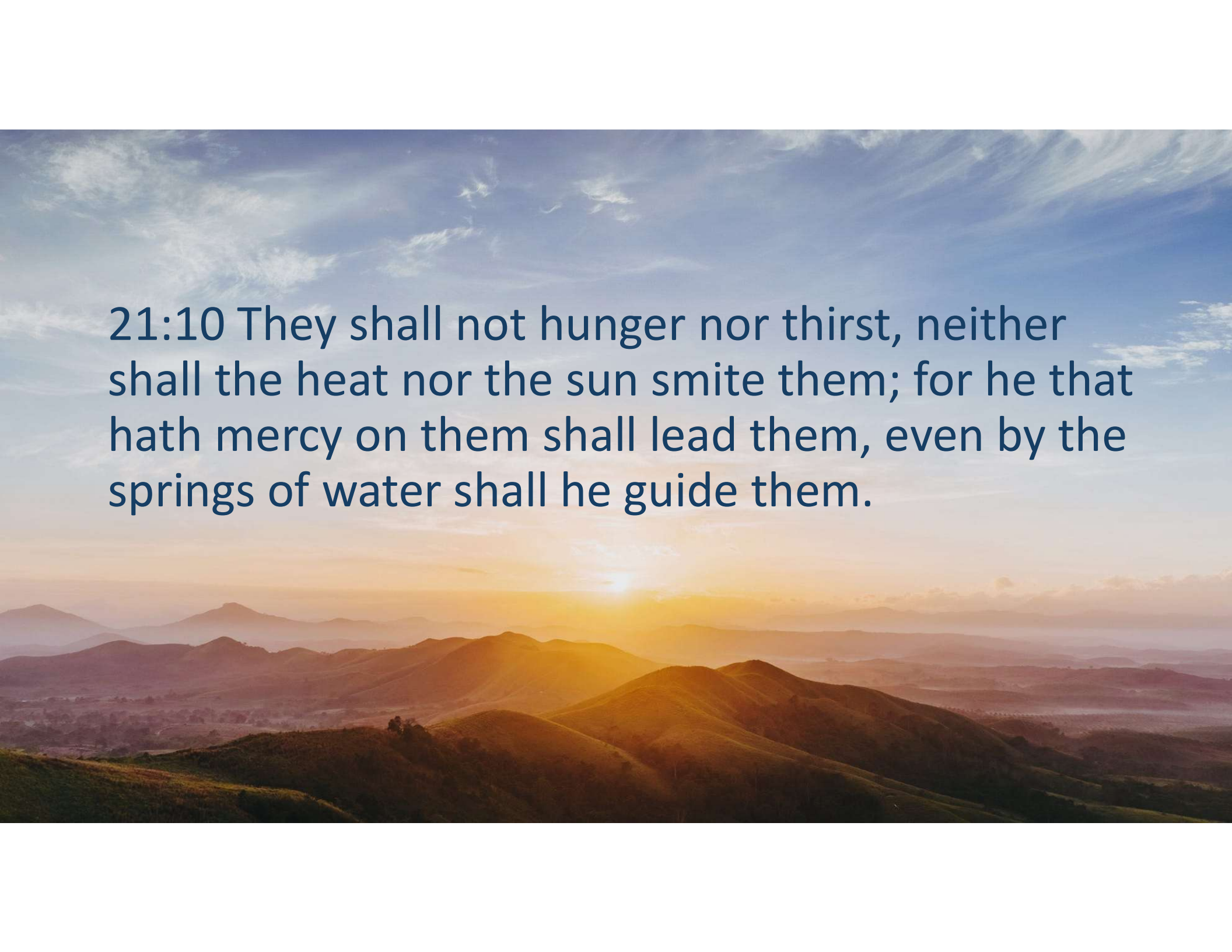
1 Nephi 21:8-26
Offers blessings
for repentant Israel

A serene landscape photograph of a sunset or sunrise over the ocean. The sky is a gradient of colors, from deep blue at the top to soft pink and orange near the horizon. The sun is a bright, glowing orb just above the horizon line, creating a long, shimmering reflection that stretches across the calm water. Gentle waves are visible in the foreground, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and hopeful.

1 Nephi 21:8 Thus saith the Lord: In an acceptable time have I heard thee, O isles of the sea, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee, and give thee my servant for a covenant of the people...

21:9 That thou mayest say to the prisoners:
Go forth; to them that sit in darkness:
Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways,
and their pastures shall be in all high places.





21:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor the sun smite them; for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

21:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; for the feet of those who are in the east shall be established; and break forth in to singing, O mountains; for they shall be smitten no more; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.



21:14 But, behold, Zion hath said: The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me—but he will show that he hath not.



21:15 For can a woman
forget her sucking child,
that she should not have
compassion on the son of
her womb?
Yea, they may forget, yet
will I not forget thee, O
house of Israel.

Tianna Williams

21:16 Behold, I have
graven thee upon the
palms of my hands; thy
walls are continually
before me.



Eva Koleva Timothy

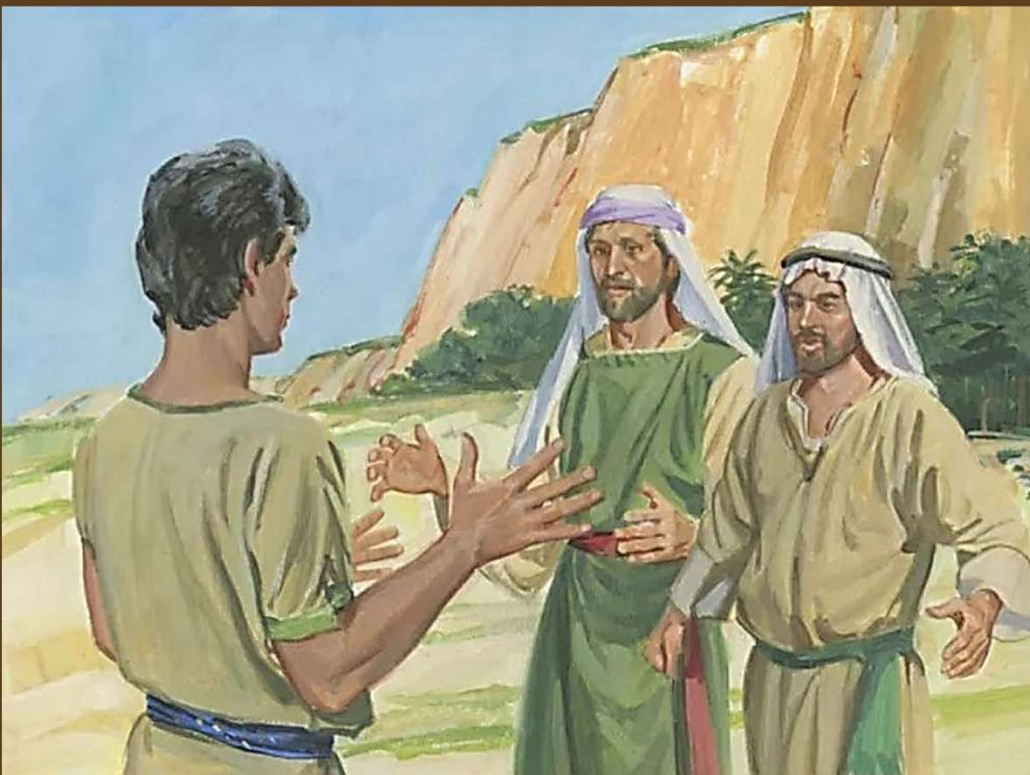


21:22 Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers; they shall bow down to thee with their face towards the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet....

21:23 ...and thou
shalt know that I
am the Lord;
for they shall not
be ashamed that
wait for me.

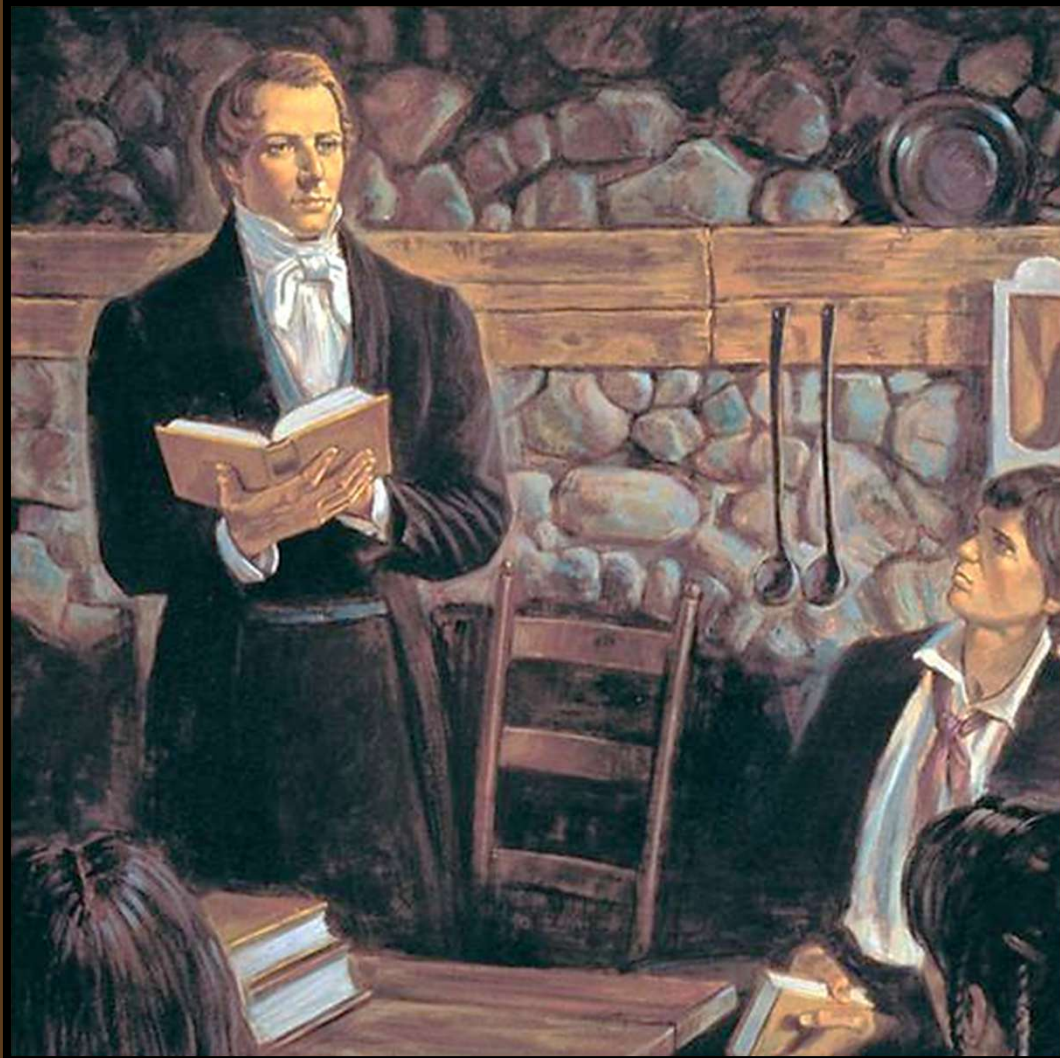




1 Nephi 22
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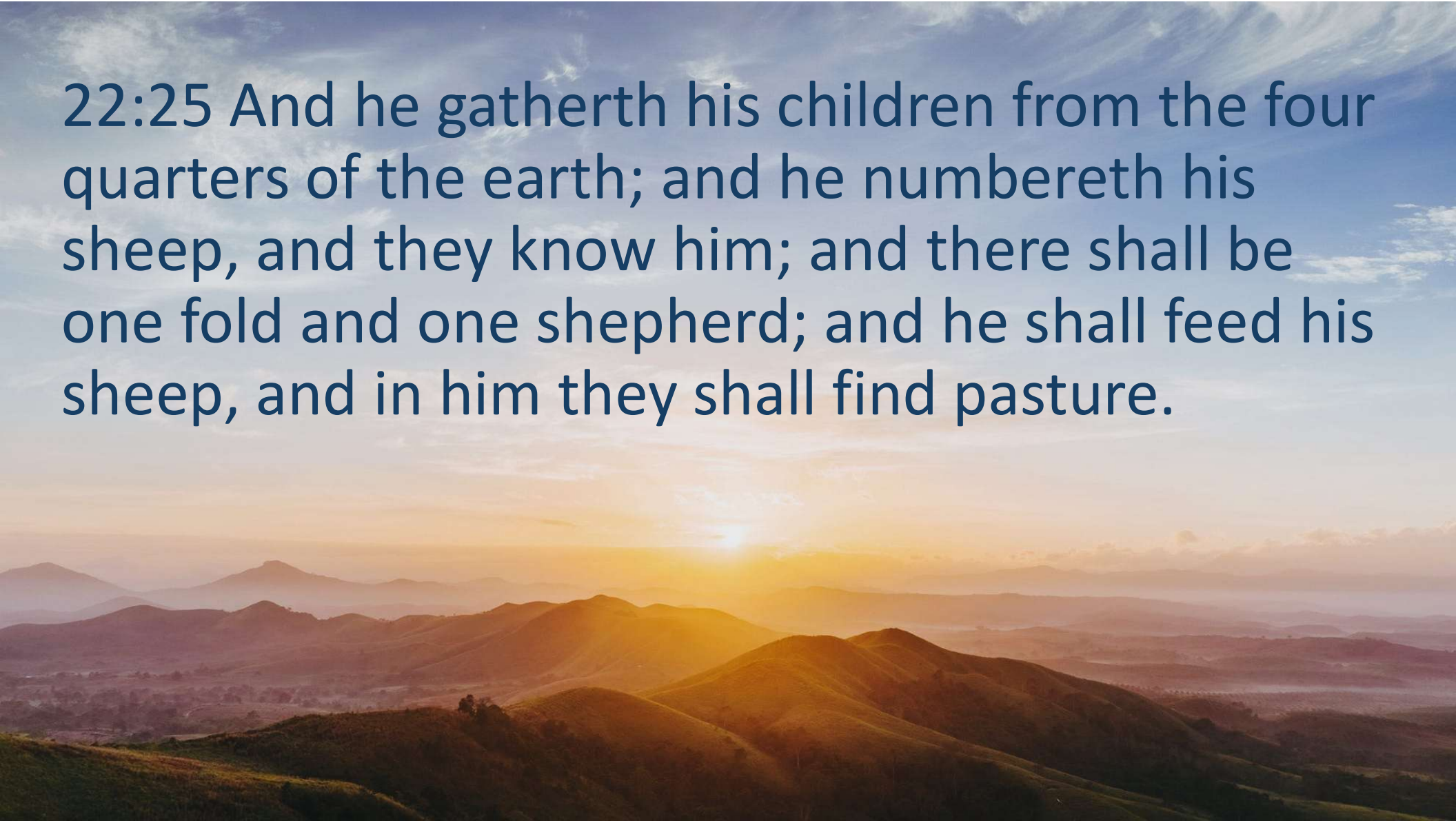
22:7 And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles....





22:8 And after our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed...

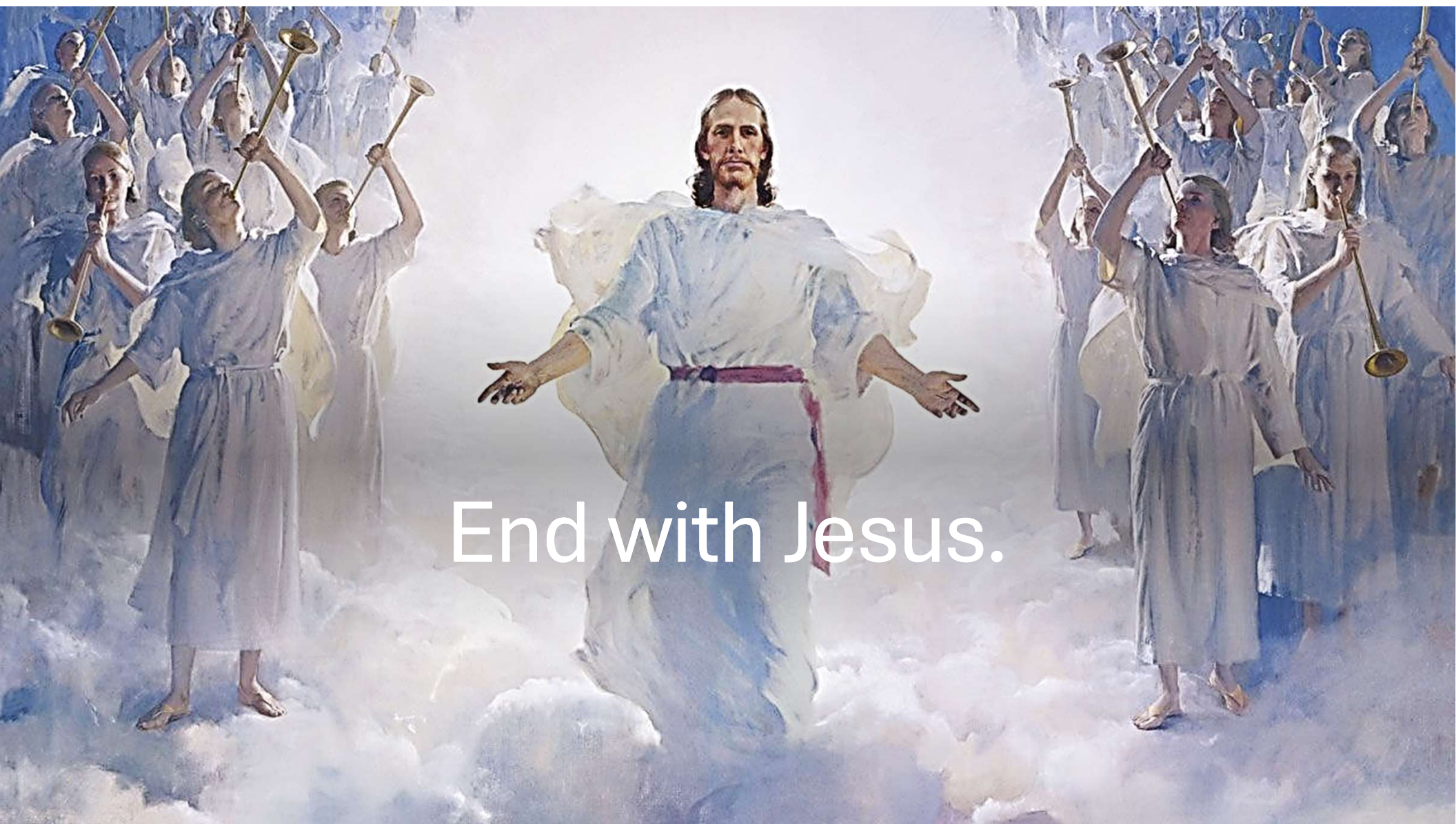
22:25 And he gatherth his children from the four quarters of the earth; and he numbereth his sheep, and they know him; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd; and he shall feed his sheep, and in him they shall find pasture.





And he gatherth his children

Howard Lyon



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