

God's Sovereign



choice



Chief Priest!

Matthew

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God rules over all things.

God controls all things.

A large, leafy tree stands on a grassy hill under a clear blue sky. The tree is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its branches spreading out. The background is a solid, light blue sky. The foreground is a field of tall, green grass.

1 Chronicles

29:11-13

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. ¹² Both riches and honour come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. ¹³ “Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.

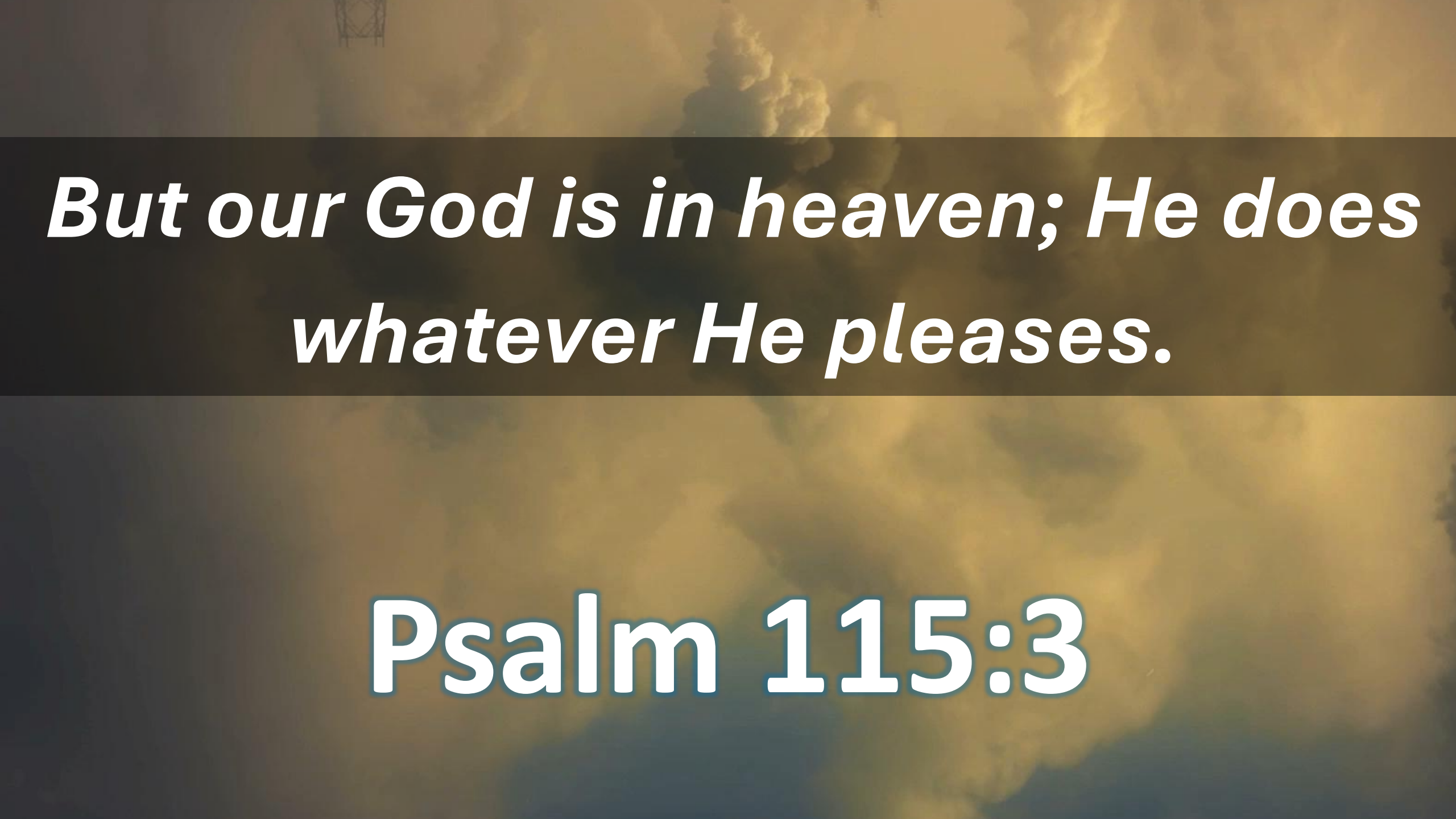
2 Chronicles 20:6

and said: “O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?”




Job 23:13

“But He is unique, and who can make Him change? And whatever His soul desires, that He does.”



***But our God is in heaven; He does
whatever He pleases.***

Psalm 115:3



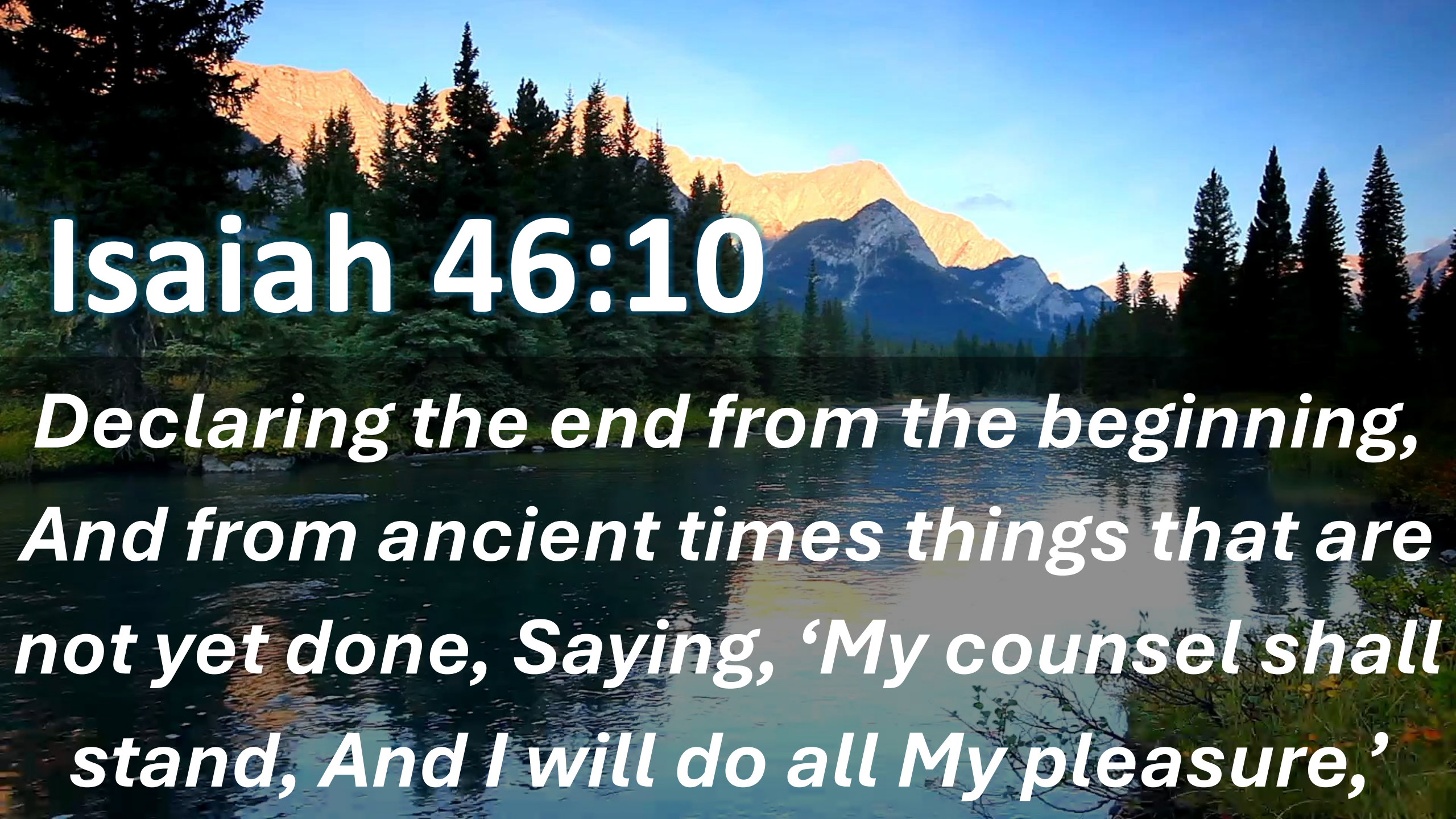
*Whatever the Lord pleases He
does, In heaven and in earth, In the
seas and in all deep places.*

Psalm 135:6

Proverbs 21:30

A nighttime aerial view of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The city's lights are reflected in the water of the bay. In the background, the dark silhouette of Sugarloaf Mountain (Pão de Açúcar) is prominent against the twilight sky. The foreground shows a dense urban area with many lit-up buildings.

***“There is no wisdom nor understanding
nor counsel against the LORD.”***



Isaiah 46:10

*Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things that are
not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall
stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'*

Daniel 4:35

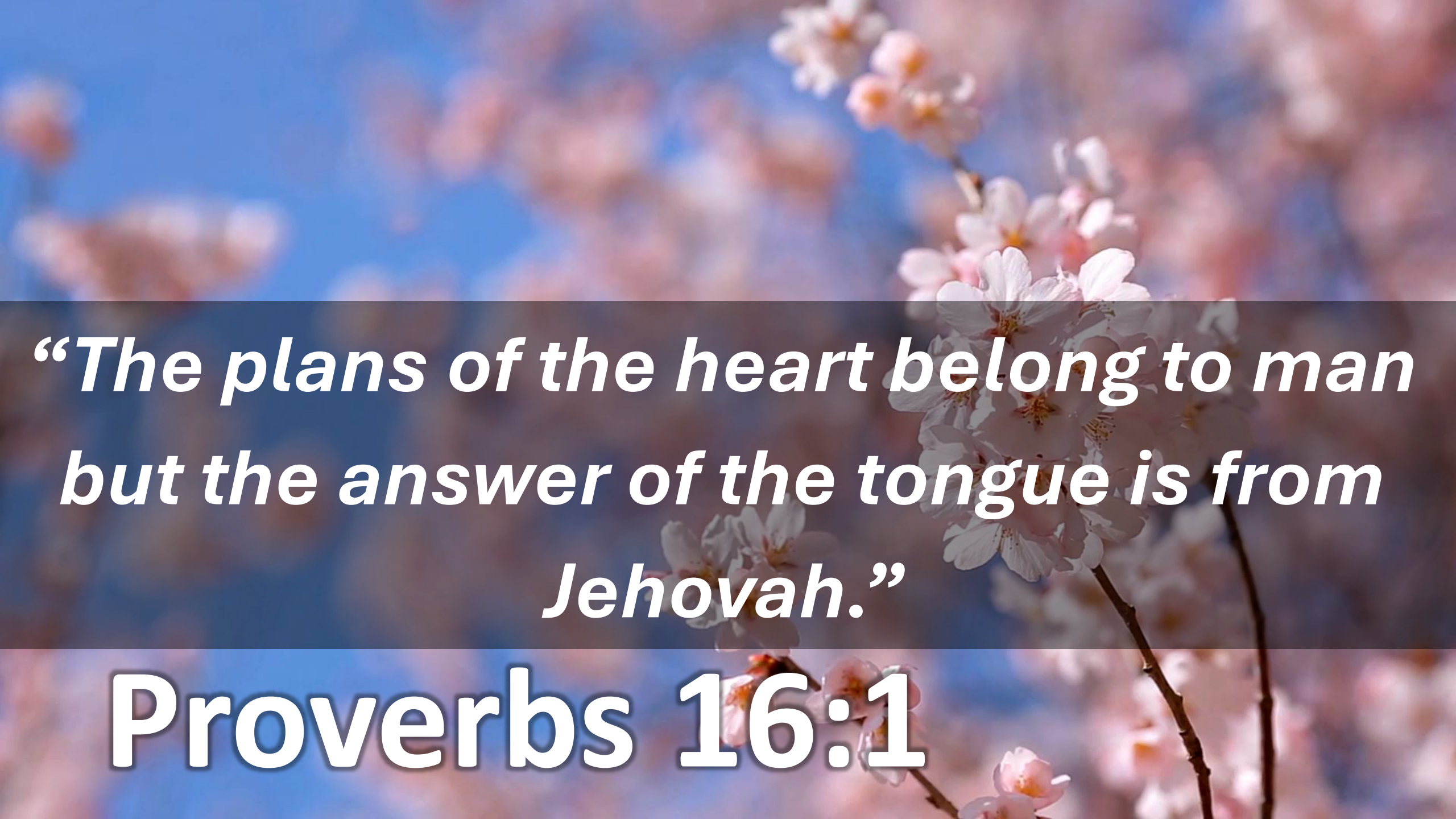
All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"



***In Him also we have
obtained an inheritance,
being predestined
according to the
purpose of Him who
works all things
according to the
counsel of His will,***

Ephesians 1:11





*“The plans of the heart belong to man
but the answer of the tongue is from
Jehovah.”*

Proverbs 16:1

***“There are many devices in a man’s heart but
the counsel of Jehovah, that shall stand.”***

Proverbs 19:21



I know, O LORD, that

the way of man is not in himself,

that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.



Jeremiah 10:23

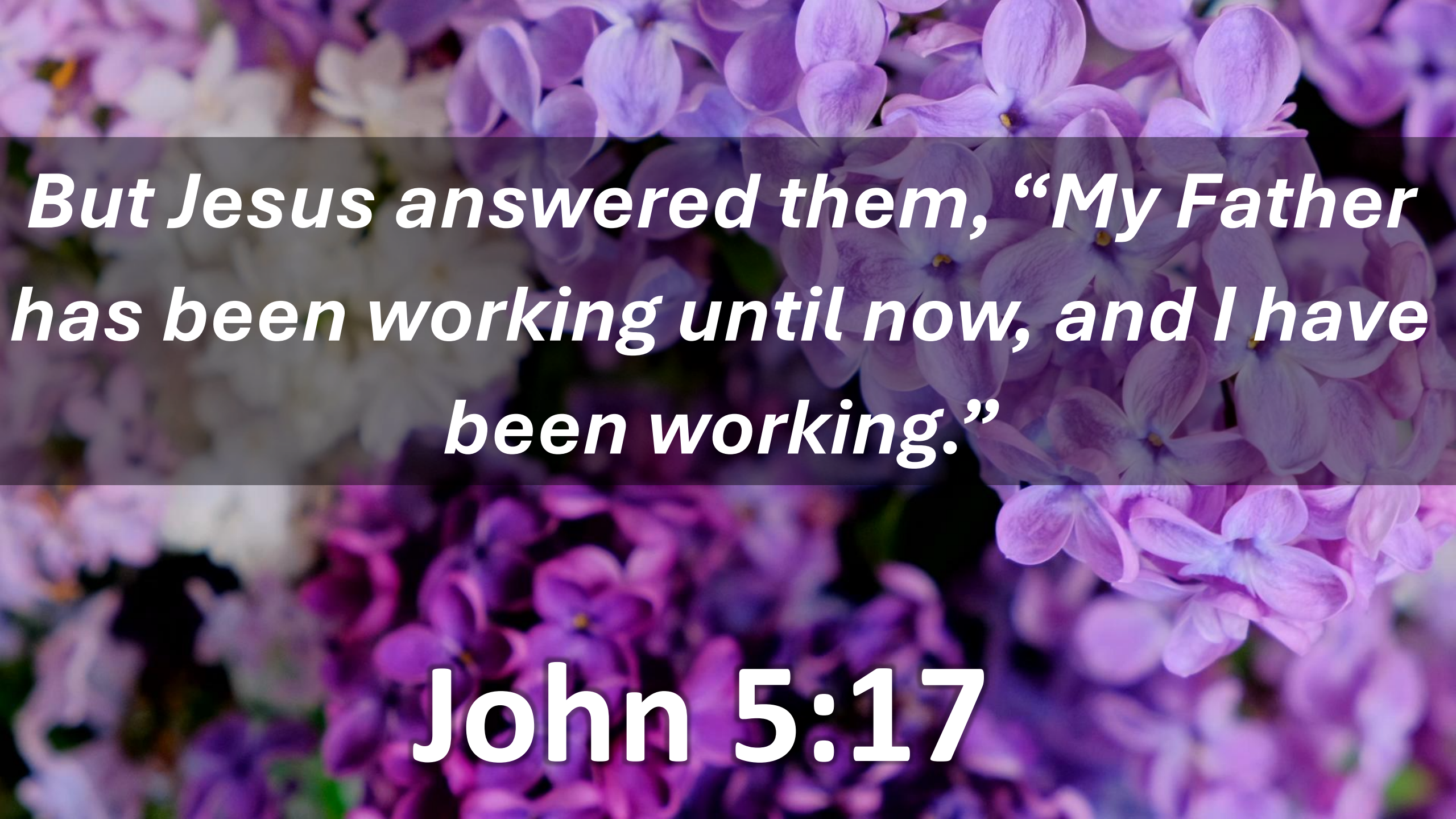
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FOR GOD IS WORKING IN YOU,
GIVING YOU THE DESIRE AND THE
POWER TO DO WHAT PLEASES HIM

Philippians 2:13 ”

Proverbs 16:9

*A man's heart plans his way, But
the Lord directs his steps.*



But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

John 5:17



The decision of the

- Brothers
- Potiphar's wife
- Cupbearer in the jail
- Pharaoh



Genesis

45:4-5

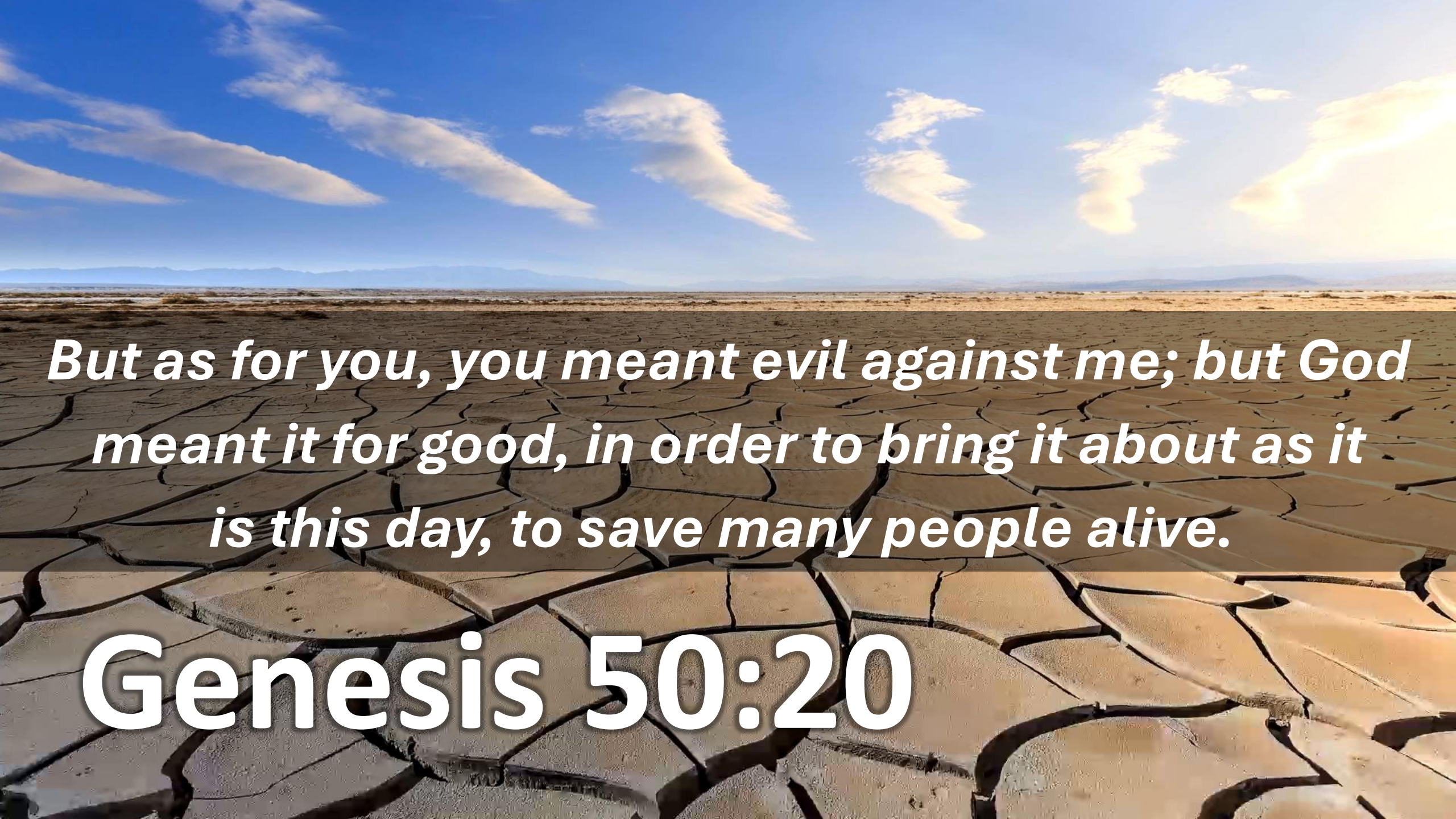
- *And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.*



Genesis 45:6-7



For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvesting. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.



But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Genesis 50:20

Ruth 1:16

But Ruth said:

*“Entreat me not to leave
you, Or to turn back from
following after you; For
wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge,
I will lodge; Your
people shall be my
people, And your God,
my God.*





THE STORY OF
ESTHER
ORPHAN TO THE PALACE

God controlled



- The hatred of the Jews.
- The hostility of the Romans toward the Jews.
- The defection of the disciples.

There are no miracles

- The trial of Christ,
- The cross,
- The burial,
- but there is providence and God is controlling every detail.



Acts

4:27-28

“For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.



Psalm

76:10

***“Surely the wrath
of man shall praise
You; With the
remainder of wrath
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Matthew 27:57-60



**God uses to do this by Joseph of
Arimathea.**

ISAIAH 53:9



*“His grave was assigned to be with wicked men, but
He was with a rich man in His death.”*

A large, grey shark is swimming towards the viewer in a deep blue ocean. In the background, a diver is visible, and the water is filled with sunlight rays and coral reefs at the bottom.

Matthew 12:40

Joseph of Arimathea

- He is going to **sacrifice** all his relationships.
- He is a member of the **Sanhedrin**.
- He is going to forfeit that, his **social status**, his **business**.
- He will be **cut off in every way**



Matthew

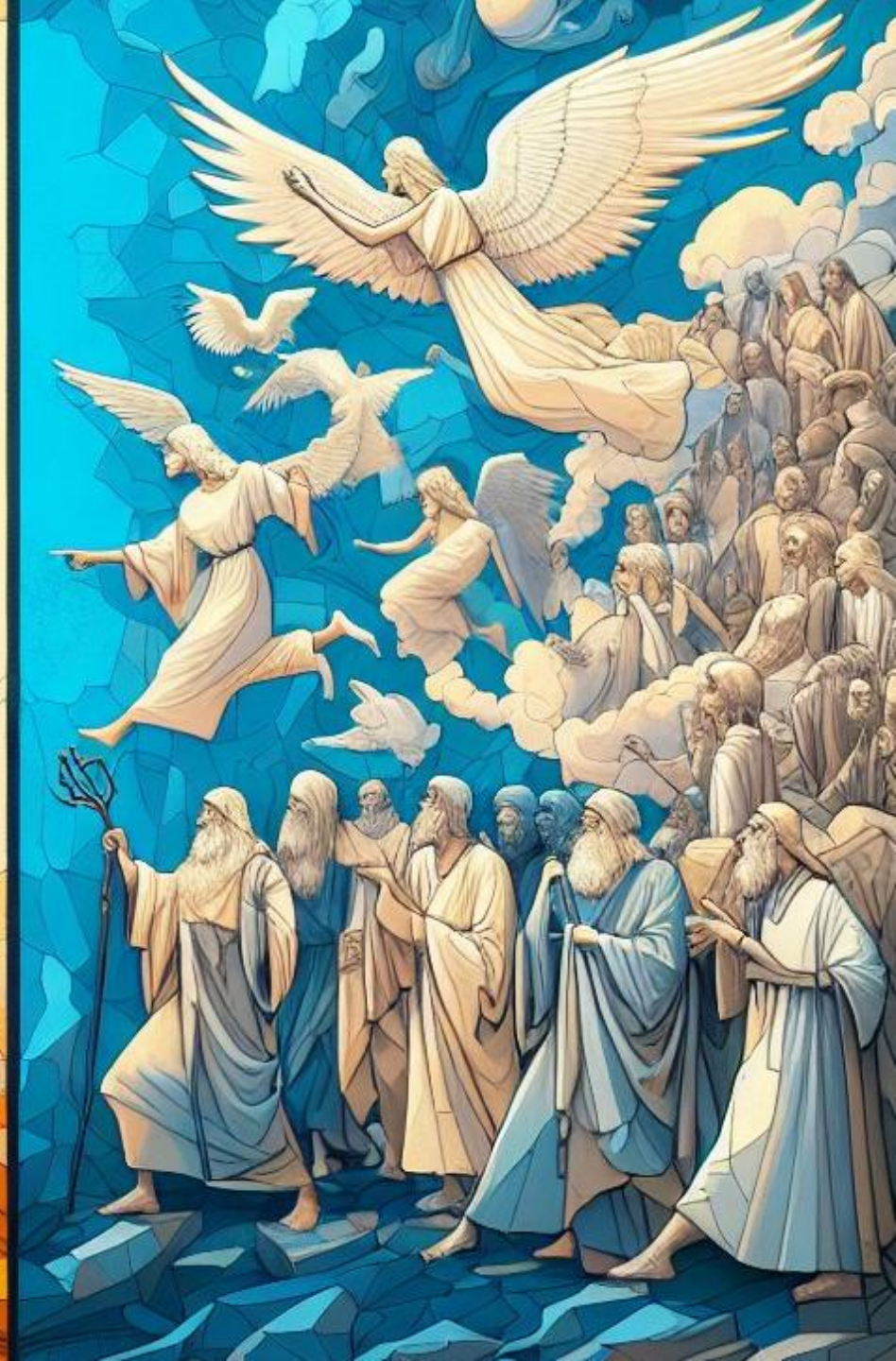
27:62

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,



Acts 23:8

For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.



Matthew 27:63

saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’”



Matthew

12:38-41

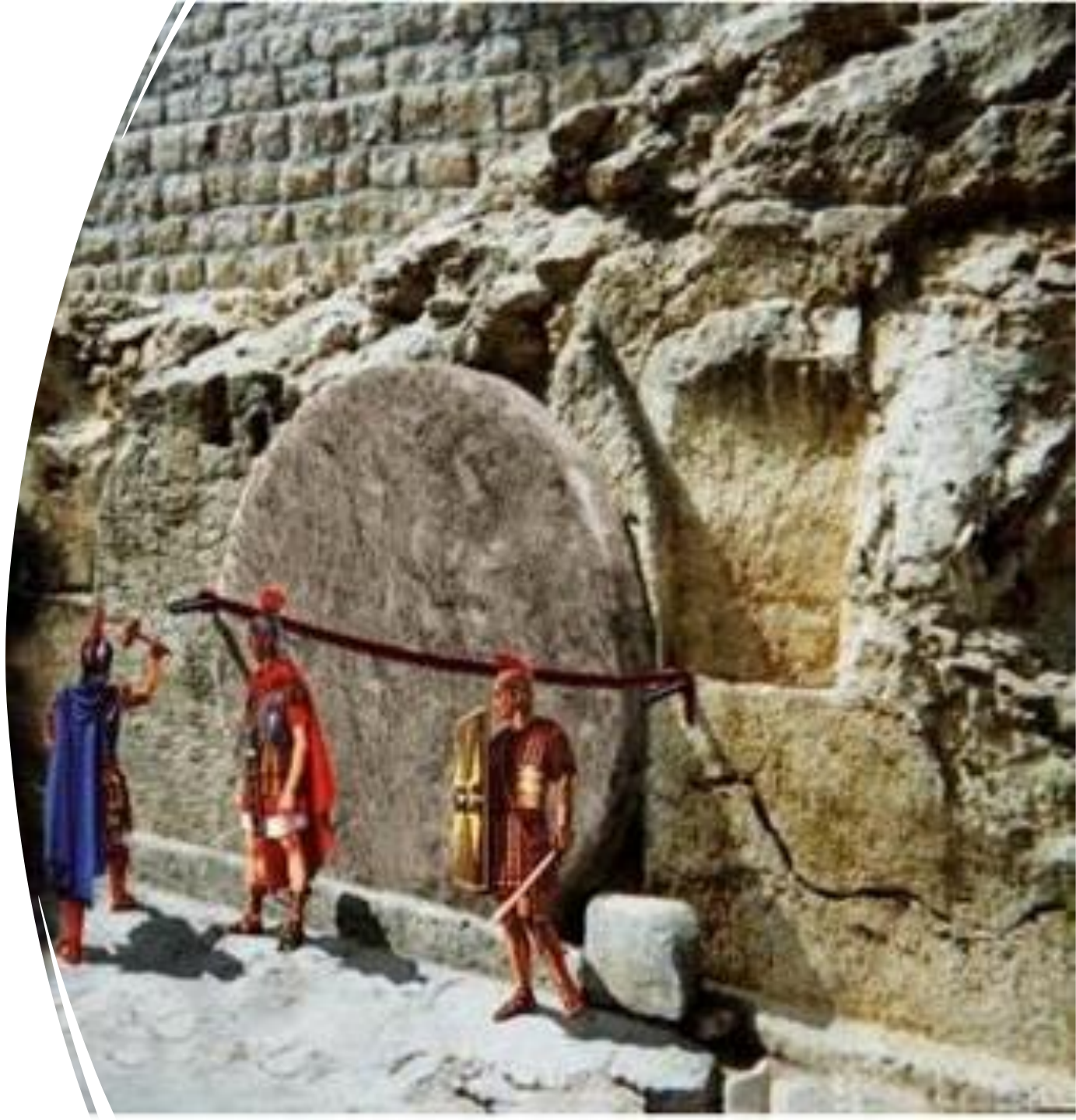
³⁹ But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.



Matthew

27:64

Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."



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Matthew 27:63

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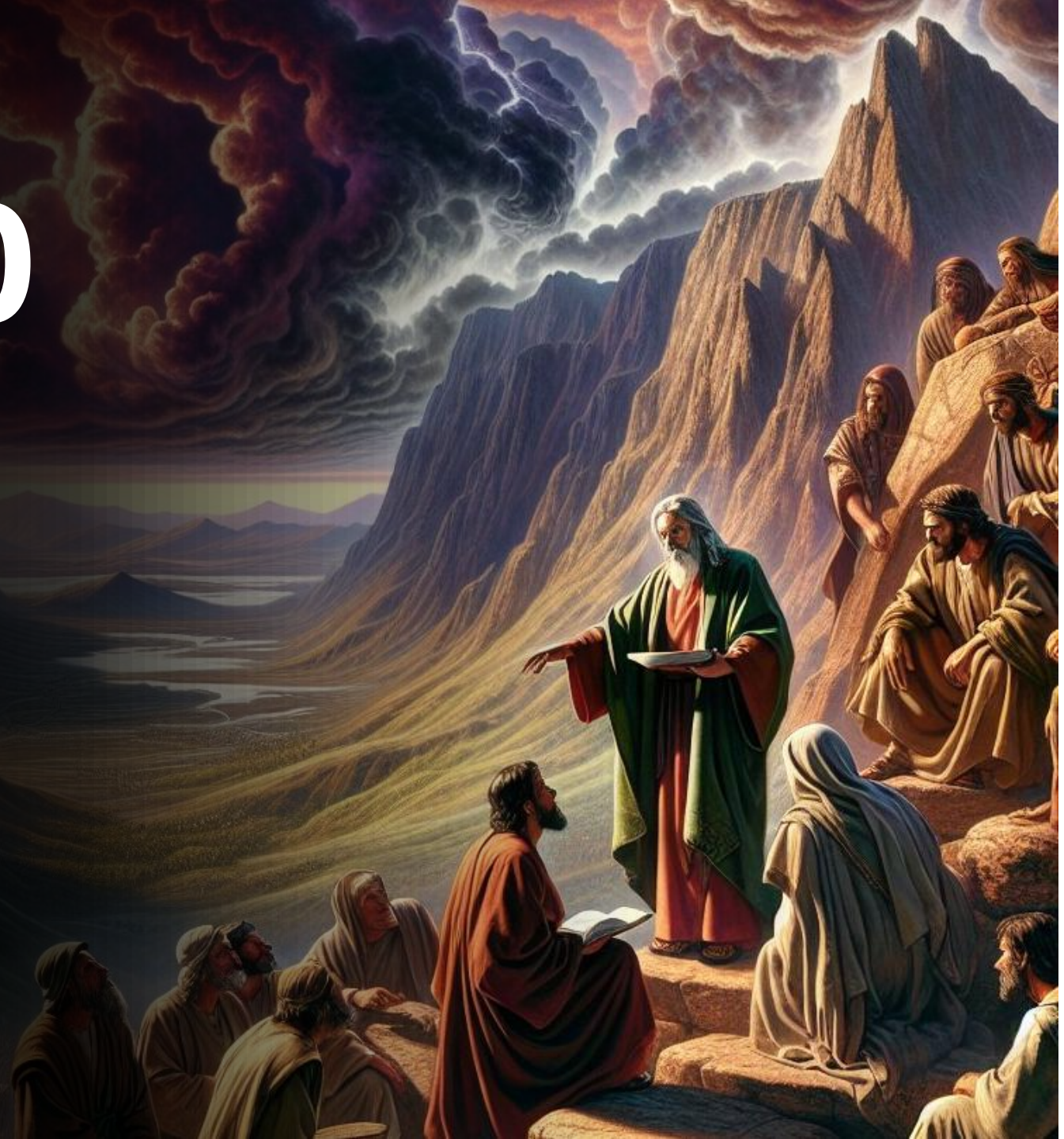
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**Matthew 16:21,
Matthew 17:23,
Matthew 20:19,
and Mark 8:31.**



Mark 9:9-10

Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.



Mark

9:31-32

For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”³² But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.



Mark

10:33-34

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; ³⁴ and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”



John 20:9

For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.



A photograph of an open tomb. The tomb is a dark, hollowed-out space in a rock, with a white cloth draped over the entrance. The scene is set against a sunset or sunrise sky, with three crosses visible on a hill in the background. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a dramatic and symbolic atmosphere.

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So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.






God used Joseph of Arimathea providentially to fulfil prophecy



God used the two Mary to give first-hand testimony to the resurrection.



God used the chief priests and the Pharisees providentially to give forceful proof that Jesus indeed rose from the dead.

A serene winter landscape featuring snow-laden evergreen trees in the foreground and a bright, hazy sky with soft orange and yellow tones. The scene is filled with falling snow, creating a peaceful and atmospheric setting.

**And we know that all things
work together for good to
those who love God, to
those who are the called
according to *His* purpose.**

Romans 8:28

A landscape photograph featuring several wind turbines silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb positioned centrally in the lower half of the frame, casting a warm glow. The sky transitions from deep orange near the horizon to a rich purple at the top. The turbines are scattered across the scene, with one particularly large one in the center foreground. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

**Our hope and our
confidence is in the God**