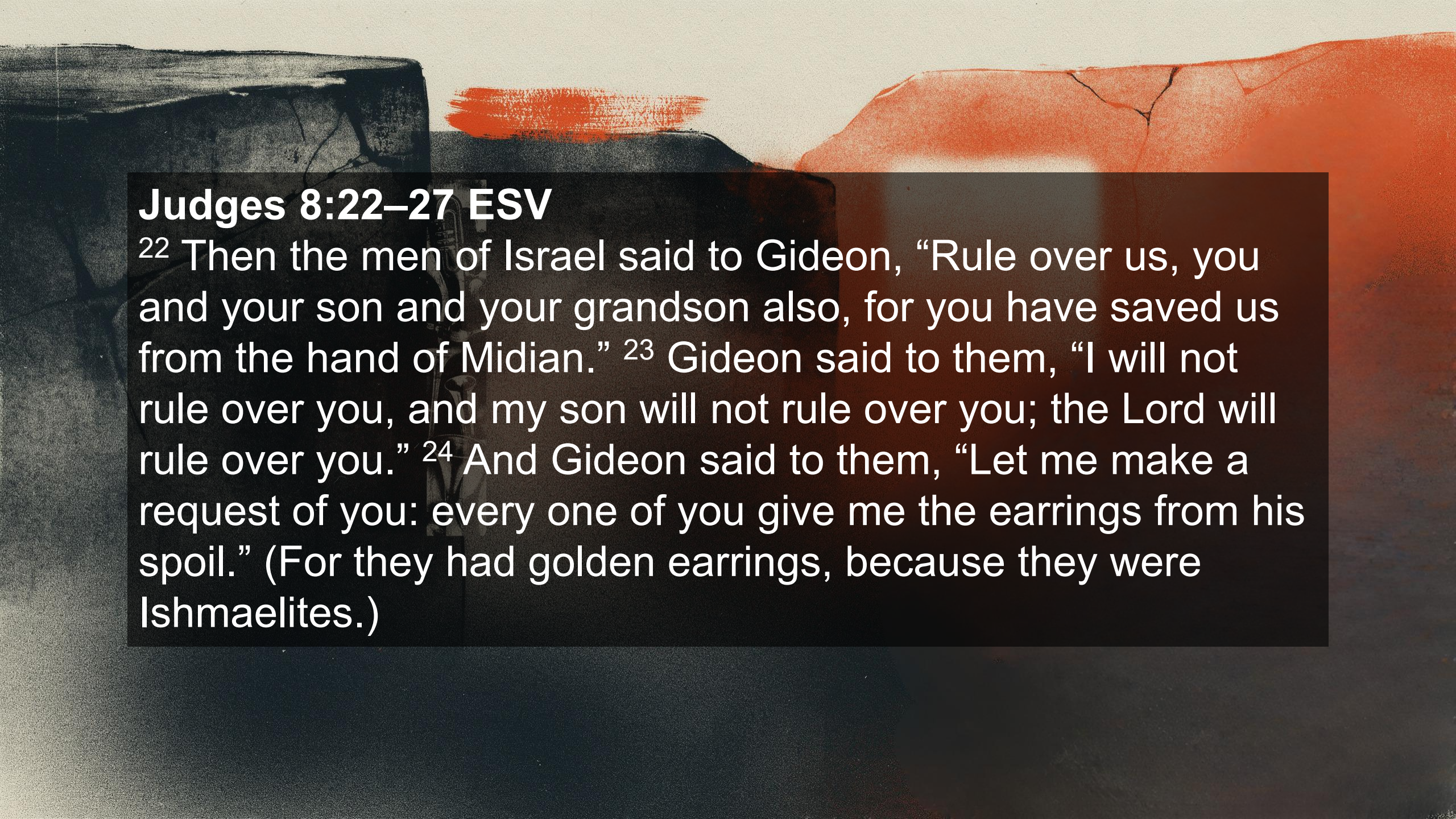

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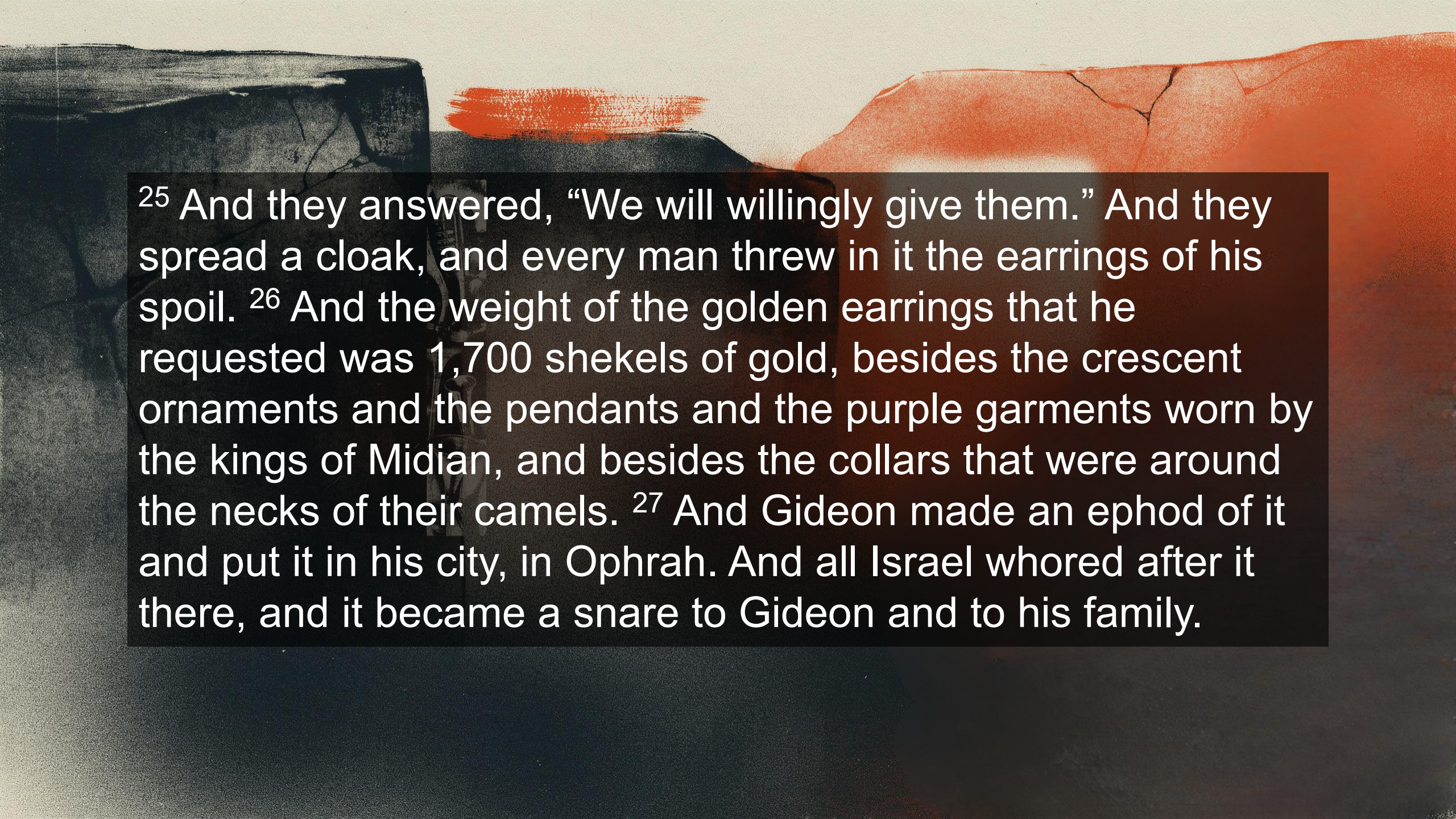


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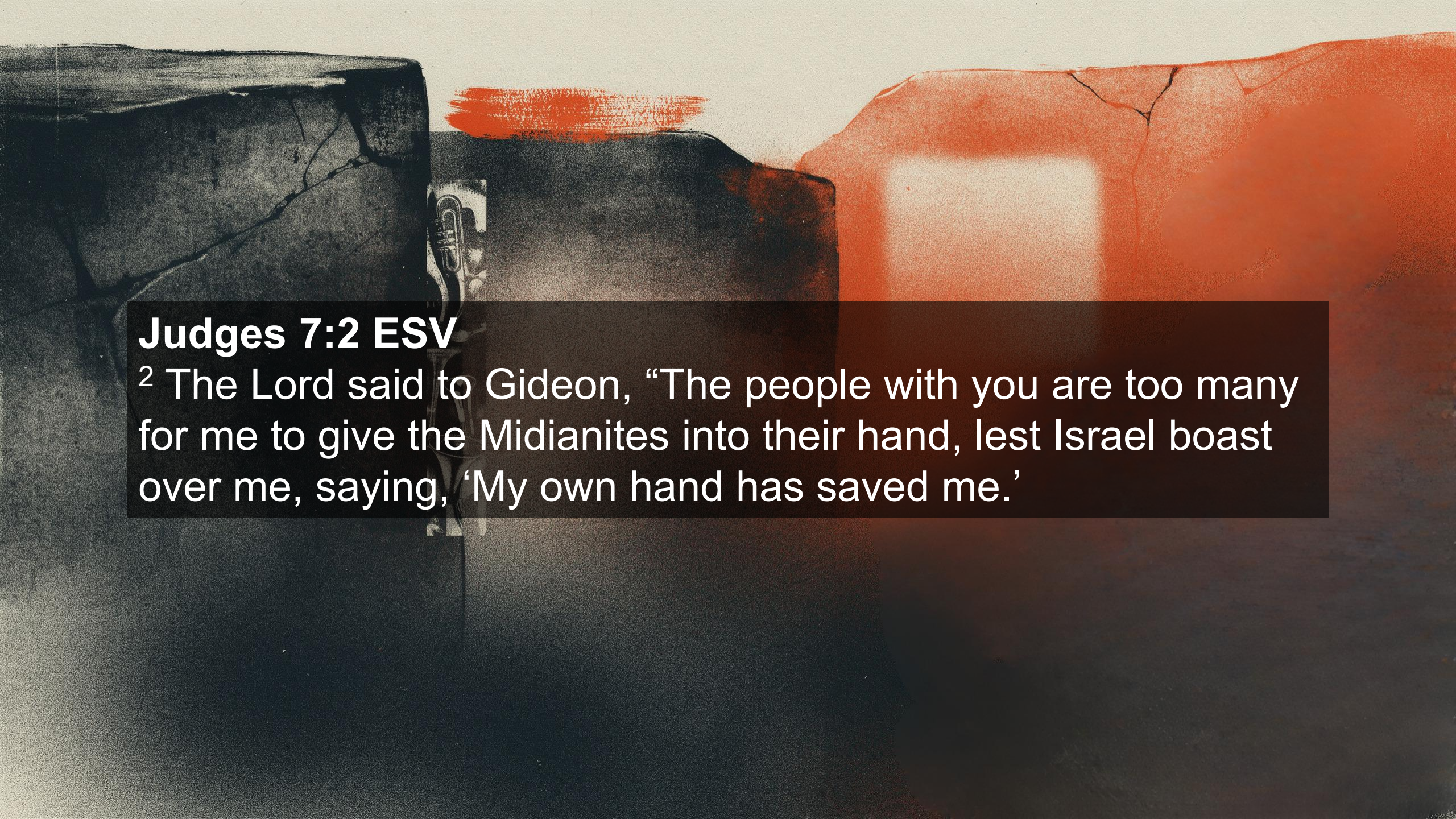


Judges 8:22–27 ESV

22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us, you
and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us
from the hand of Midian.” 23 Gideon said to them, “I will not
rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will
rule over you.” 24 And Gideon said to them, “Let me make a
request of you: every one of you give me the earrings from his
spoil.” (For they had golden earrings, because they were
Ishmaelites.)

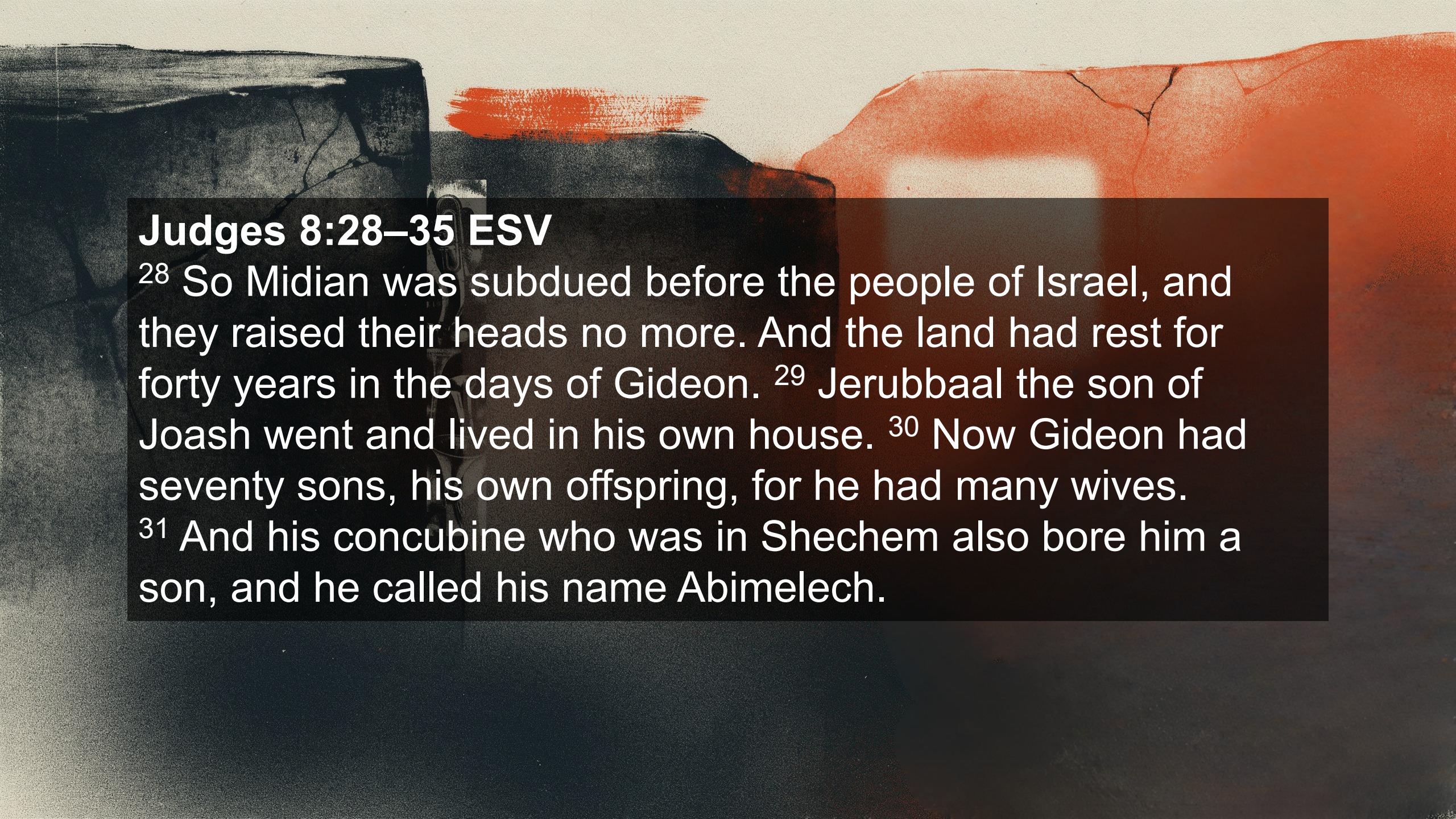


25 And they answered, “We will willingly give them.” And they
spread a cloak, and every man threw in it the earrings of his
spoil. 26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he
requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent
ornaments and the pendants and the purple garments worn by
the kings of Midian, and besides the collars that were around
the necks of their camels. 27 And Gideon made an ephod of it
and put it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel whored after it
there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family.



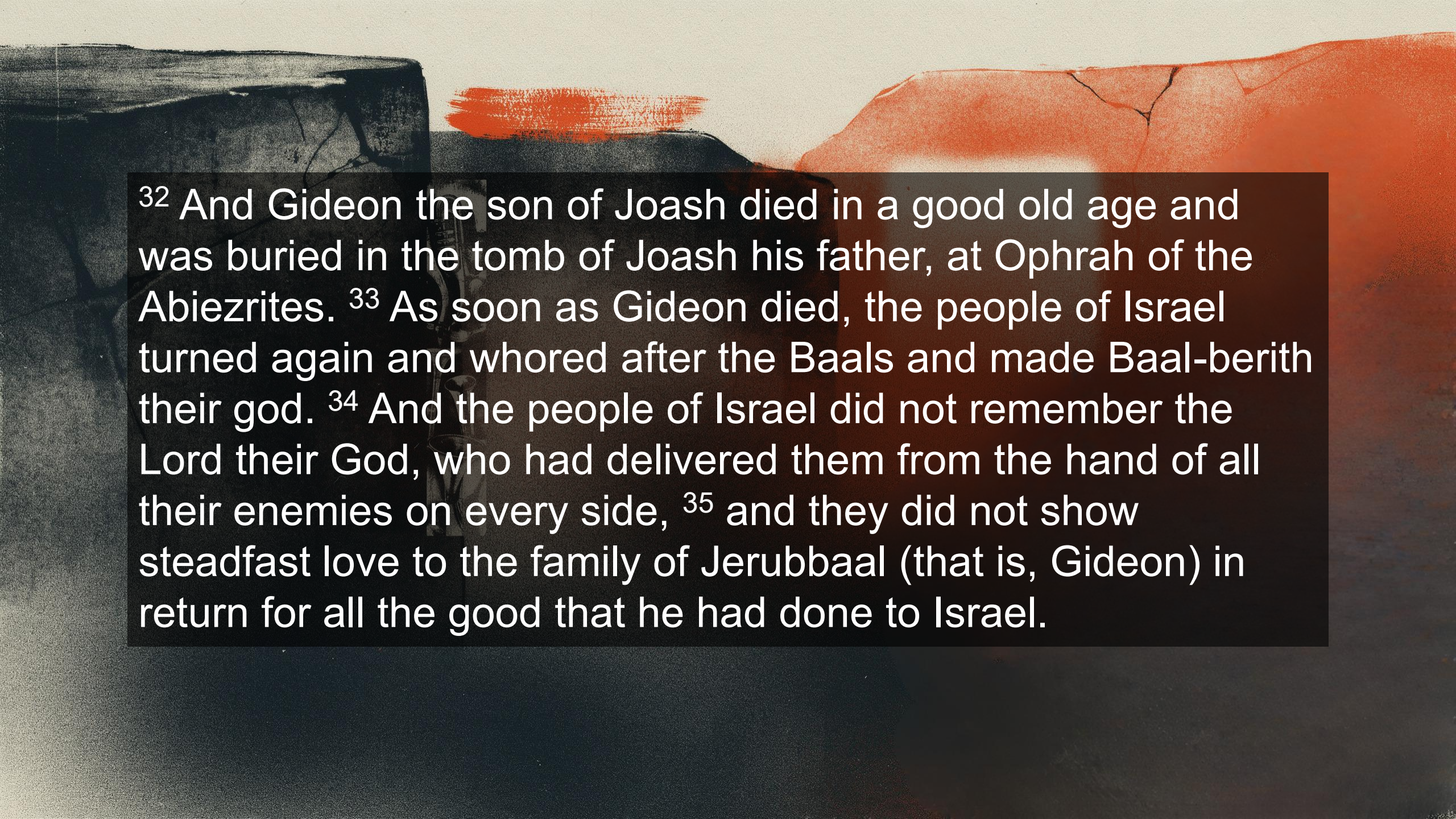
Judges 7:2 ESV

2 The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many
for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast
over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’



Judges 8:28–35 ESV

28 So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and
they raised their heads no more. And the land had rest for
forty years in the days of Gideon. 29 Jerubbaal the son of
Joash went and lived in his own house. 30 Now Gideon had
seventy sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives.
31 And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a
son, and he called his name Abimelech.



32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age and
was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, at Ophrah of the
Abiezrites. 33 As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel
turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith
their god. 34 And the people of Israel did not remember the
Lord their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all
their enemies on every side, 35 and they did not show
steadfast love to the family of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in
return for all the good that he had done to Israel.