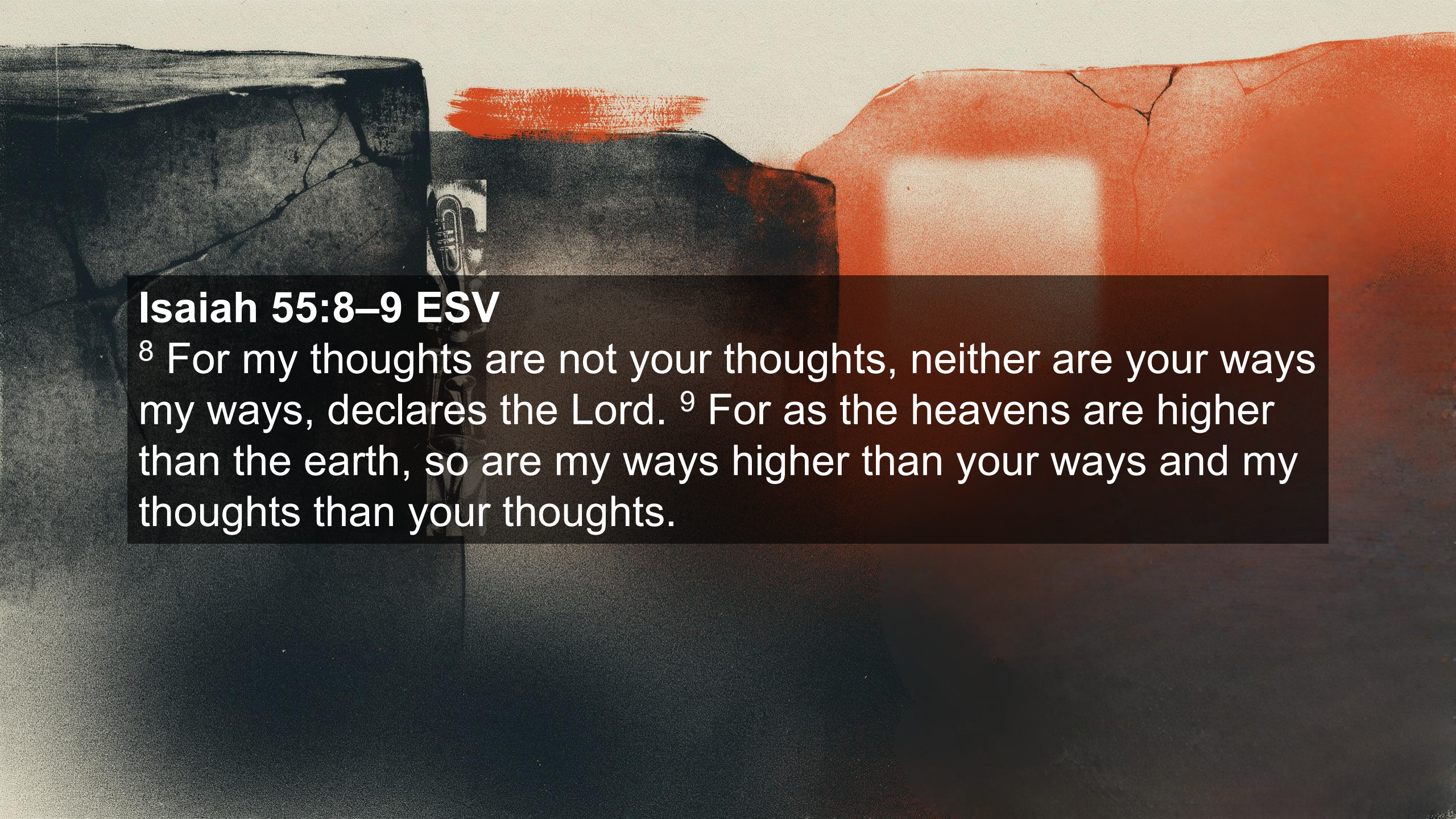

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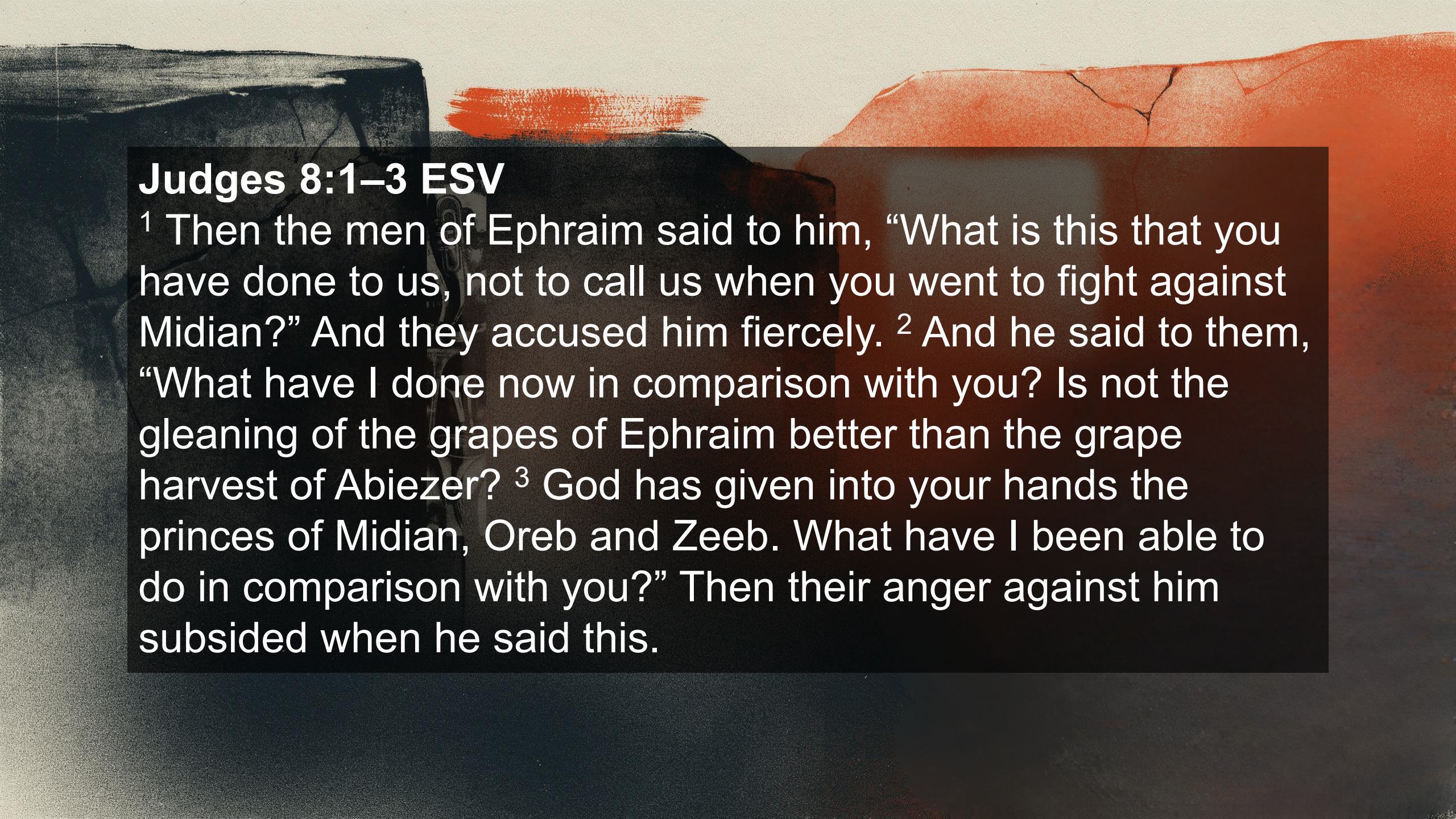


Judges 8:1-21



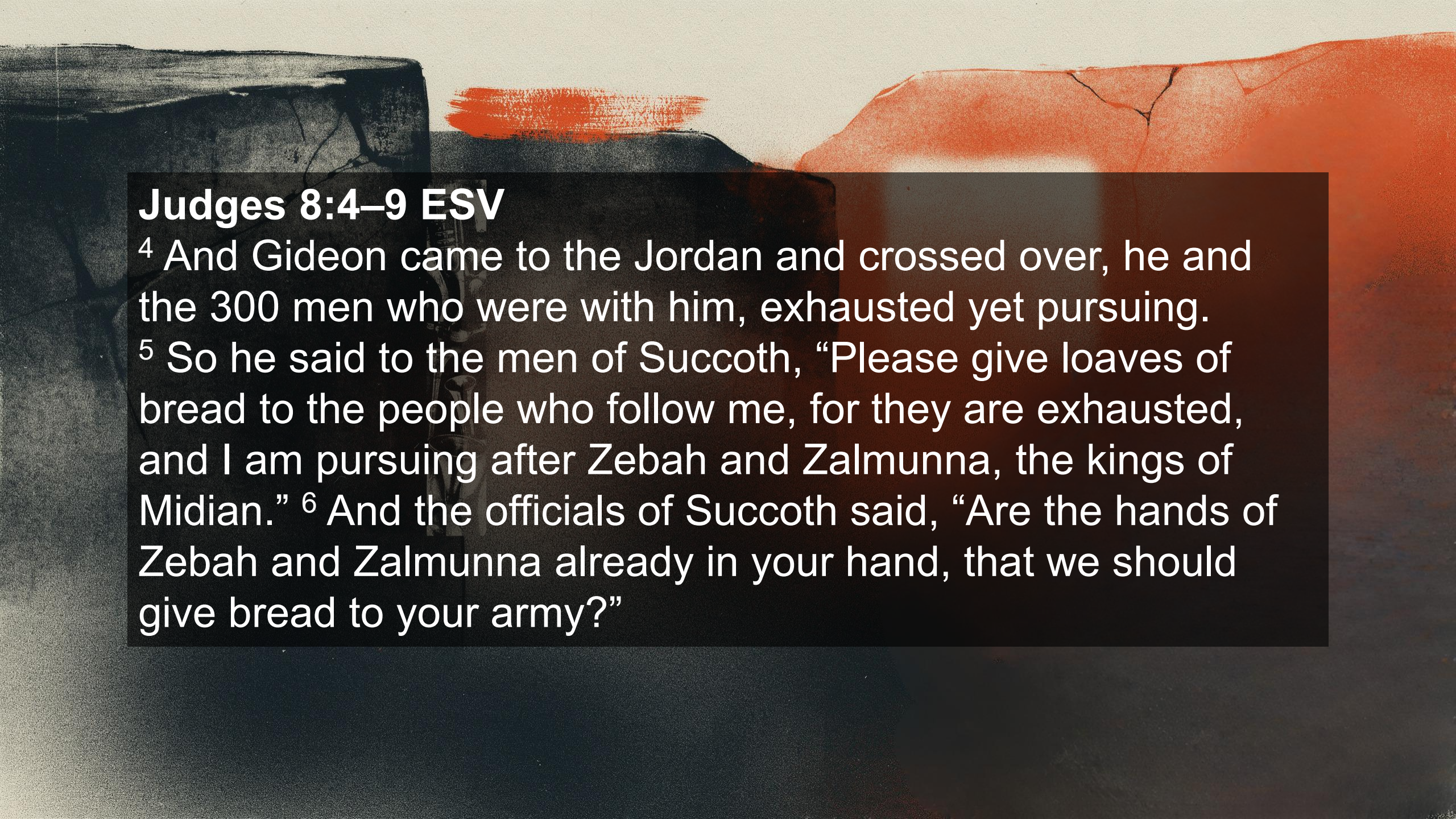
Isaiah 55:8–9 ESV

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways
my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher
than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts.



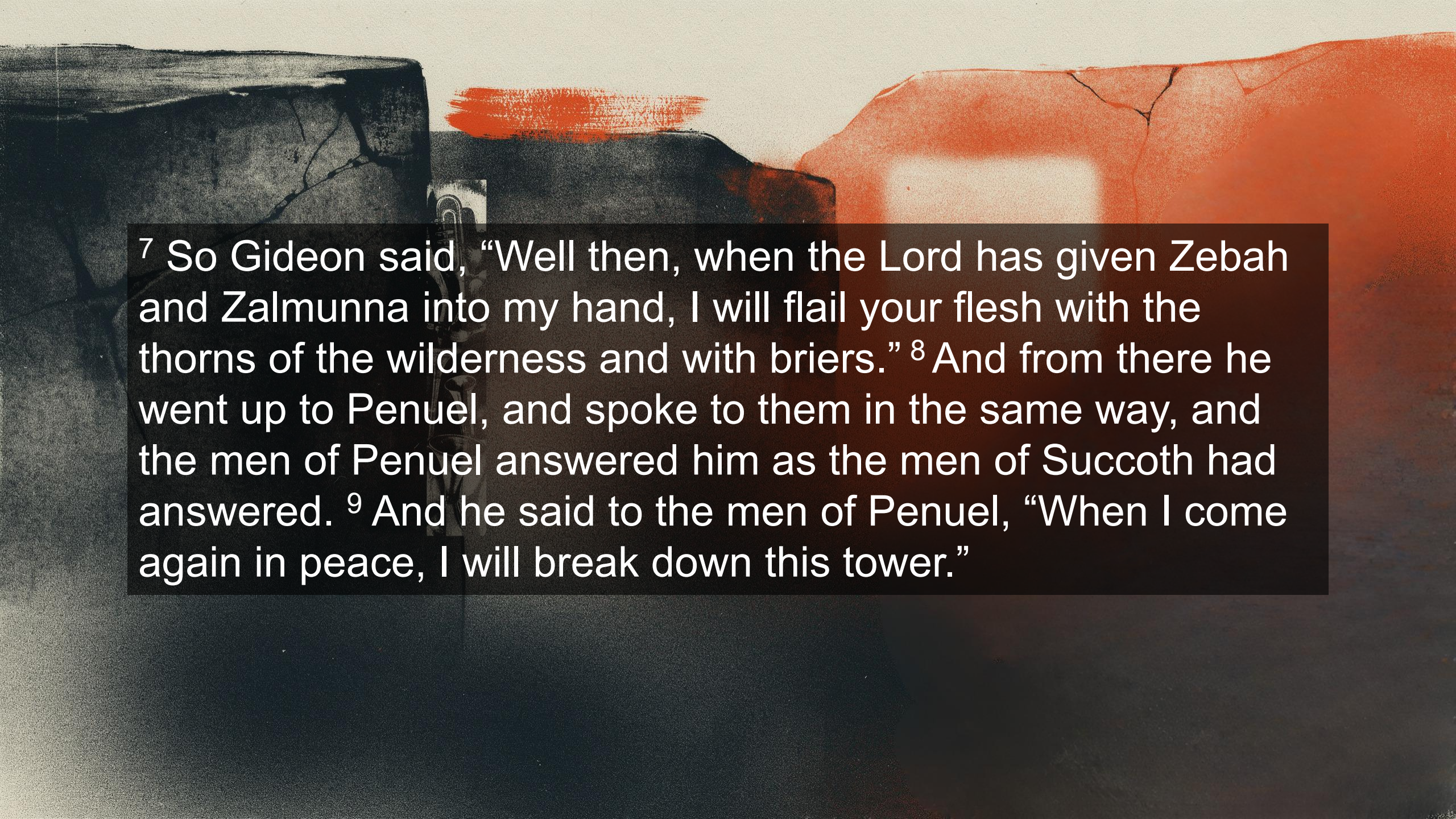
Judges 8:1–3 ESV

1 Then the men of Ephraim said to him, “What is this that you
have done to us, not to call us when you went to fight against
Midian?” And they accused him fiercely. 2 And he said to them,
“What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the
gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the grape
harvest of Abiezer? 3 God has given into your hands the
princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. What have I been able to
do in comparison with you?” Then their anger against him
subsided when he said this.

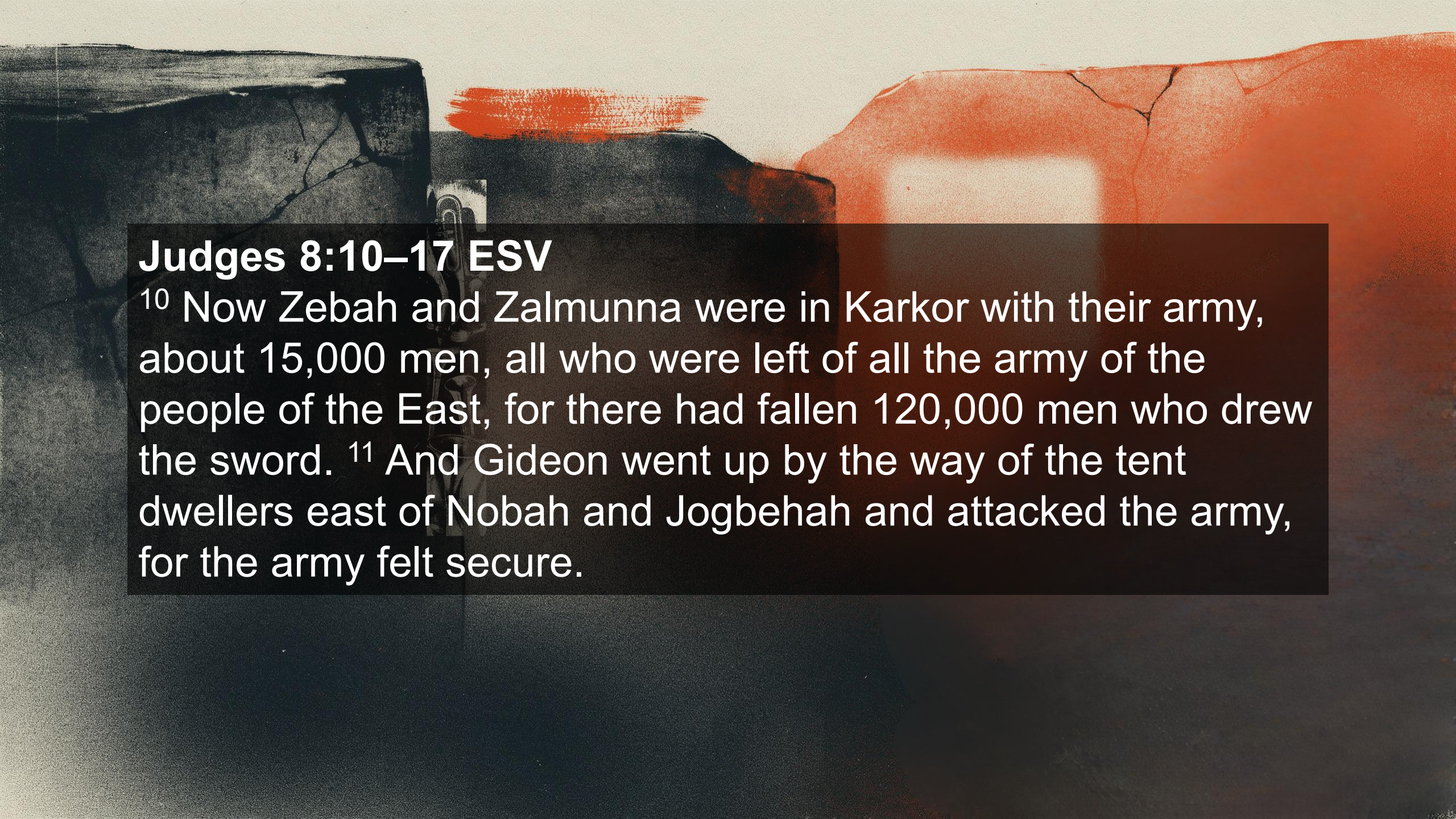


Judges 8:4–9 ESV

4 And Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and
the 300 men who were with him, exhausted yet pursuing.
5 So he said to the men of Succoth, “Please give loaves of
bread to the people who follow me, for they are exhausted,
and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of
Midian.” 6 And the officials of Succoth said, “Are the hands of
Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should
give bread to your army?”

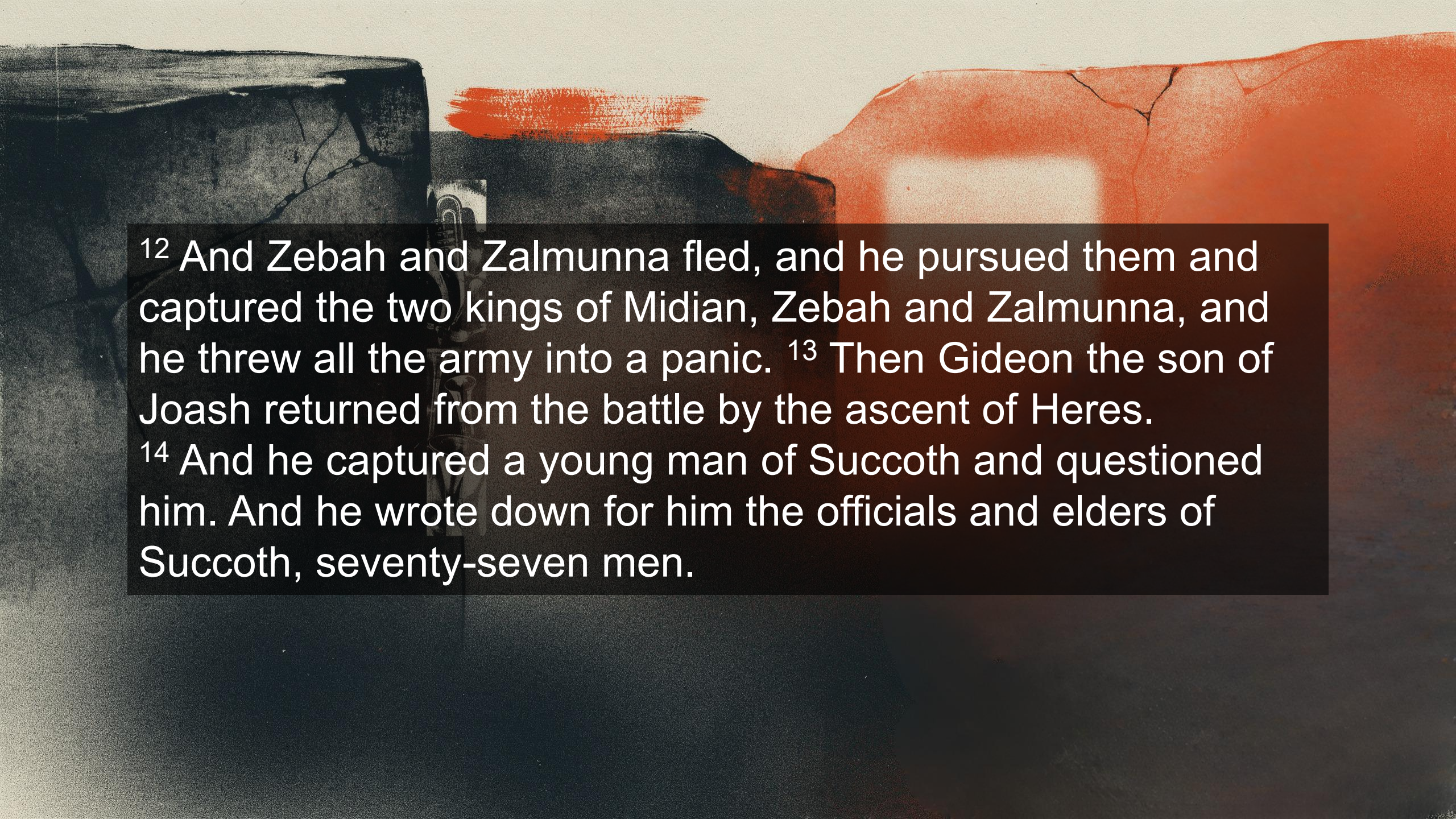


7 So Gideon said, “Well then, when the Lord has given Zebah
and Zalmunna into my hand, I will flail your flesh with the
thorns of the wilderness and with briers.” 8 And from there he
went up to Penuel, and spoke to them in the same way, and
the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had
answered. 9 And he said to the men of Penuel, “When I come
again in peace, I will break down this tower.”

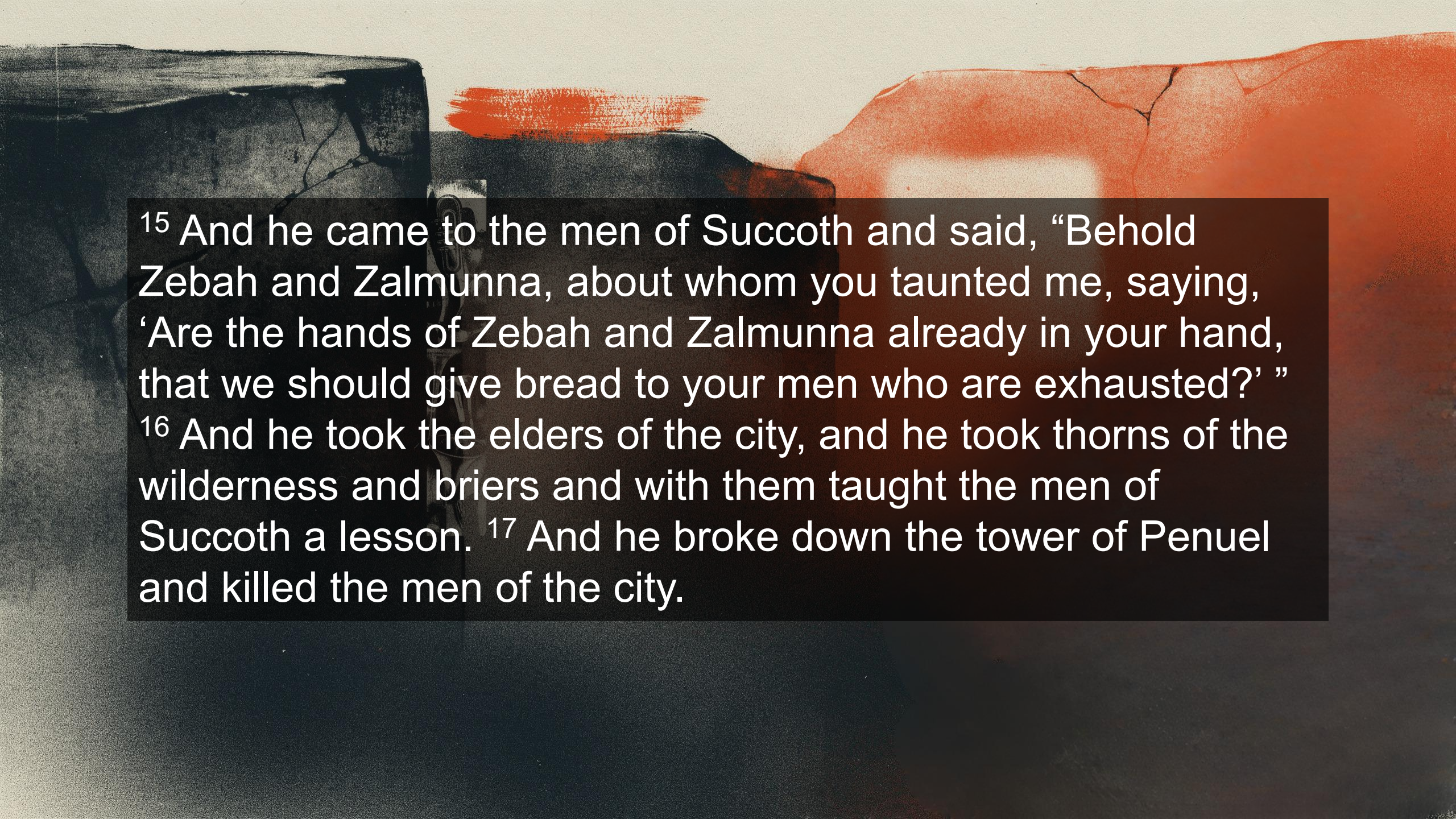


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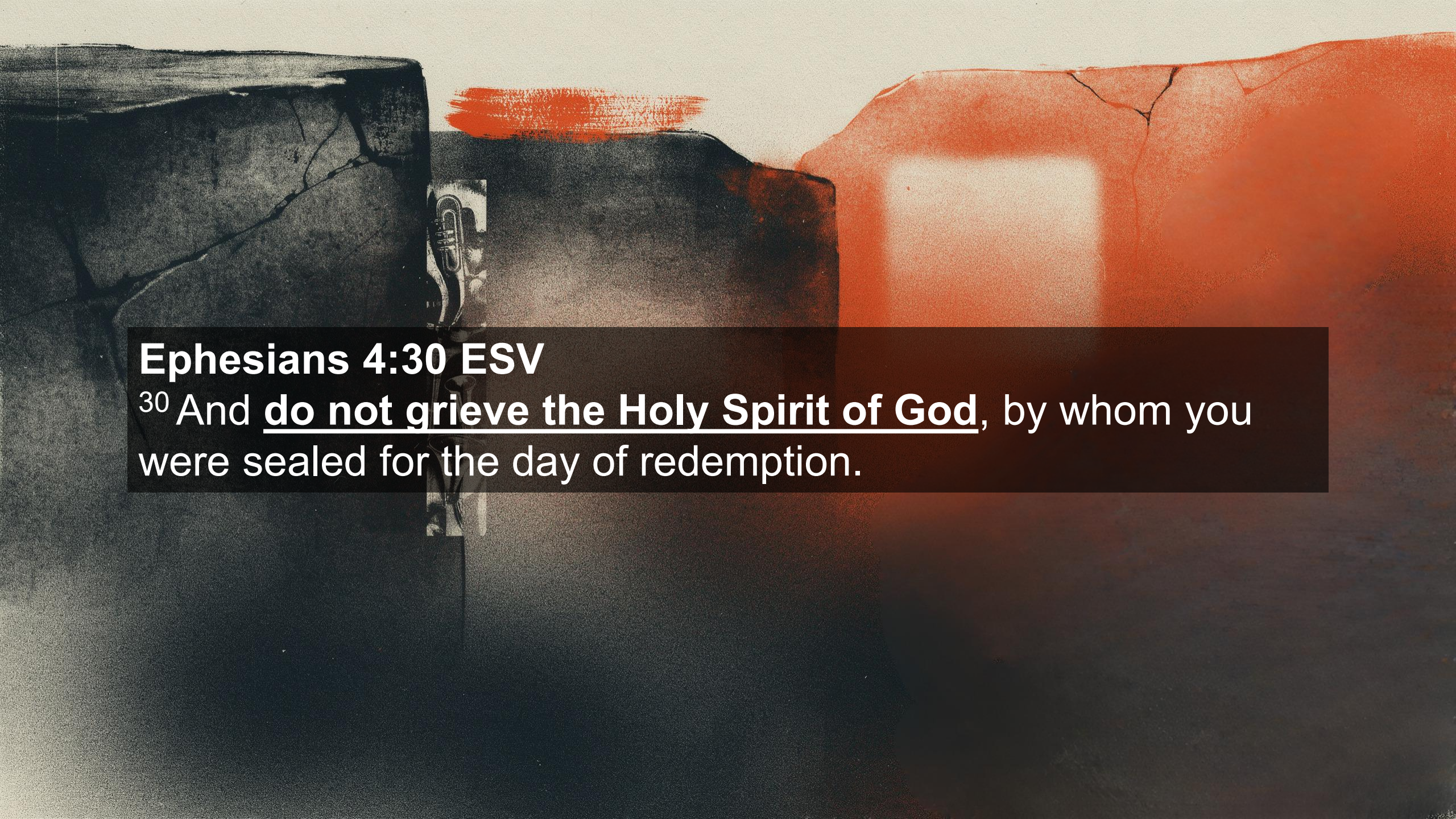
10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with their army,
about 15,000 men, all who were left of all the army of the
people of the East, for there had fallen 120,000 men who drew
the sword. 11 And Gideon went up by the way of the tent
dwellers east of Nobah and Jogbehah and attacked the army,
for the army felt secure.



12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued them and
captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and
he threw all the army into a panic. 13 Then Gideon the son of
Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres.
14 And he captured a young man of Succoth and questioned
him. And he wrote down for him the officials and elders of
Succoth, seventy-seven men.

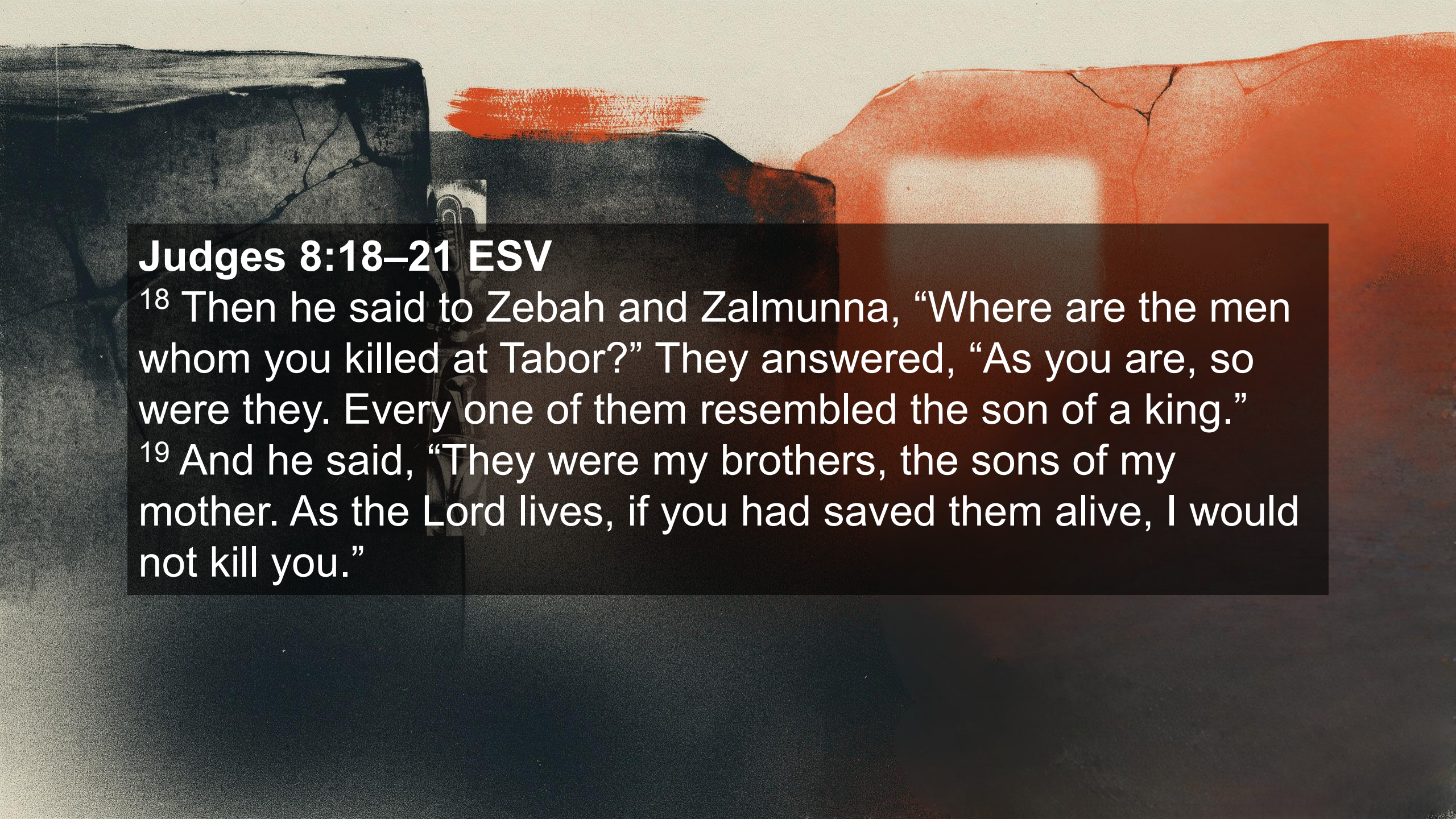


15 And he came to the men of Succoth and said, “Behold
Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying,
‘Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand,
that we should give bread to your men who are exhausted?’ ”
16 And he took the elders of the city, and he took thorns of the
wilderness and briers and with them taught the men of
Succoth a lesson. 17 And he broke down the tower of Penuel
and killed the men of the city.



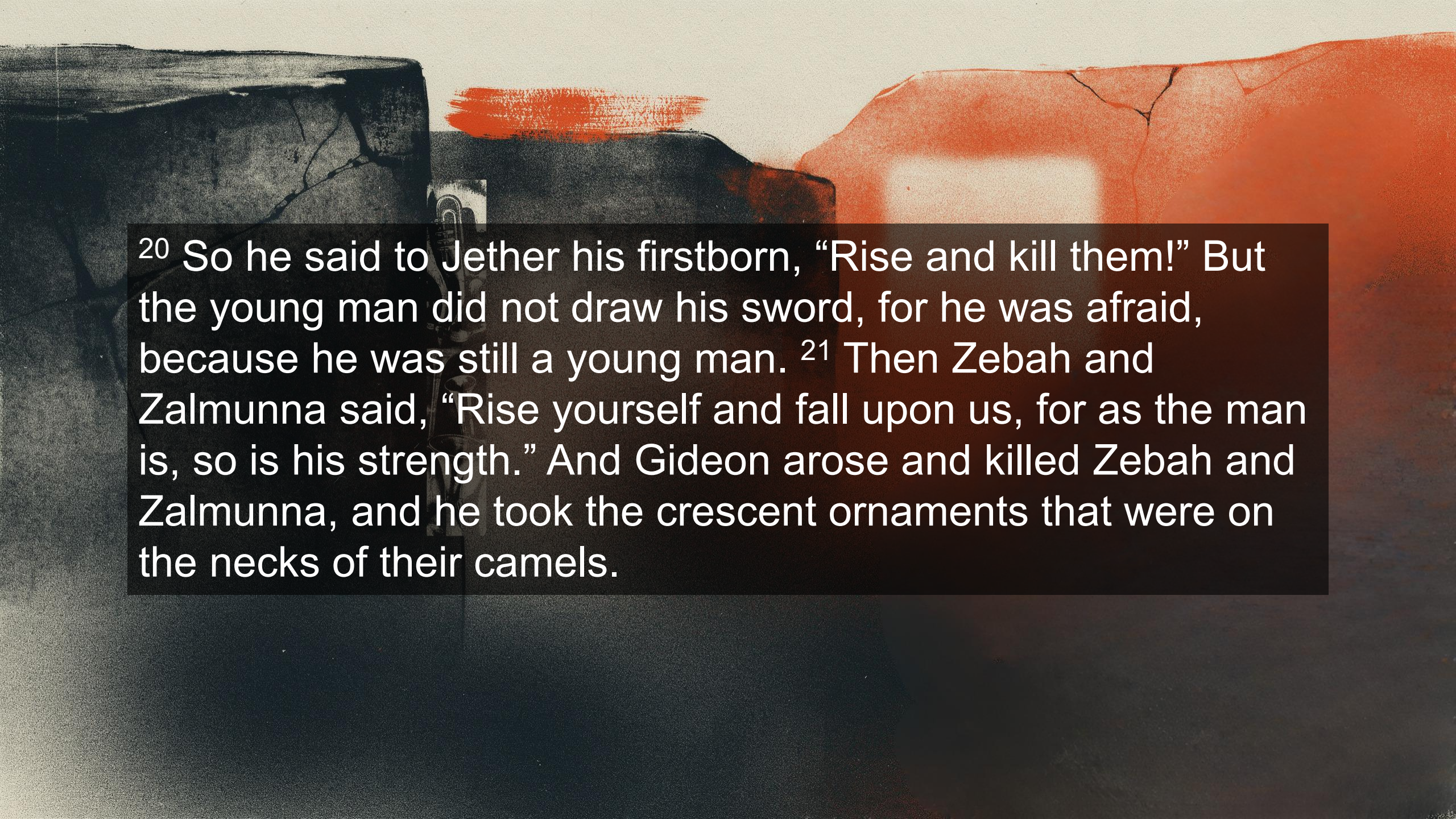
Ephesians 4:30 ESV

30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



Judges 8:18–21 ESV

18 Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, “Where are the men whom you killed at Tabor?” They answered, “As you are, so were they. Every one of them resembled the son of a king.” 19 And he said, “They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the Lord lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you.”



20 So he said to Jether his firstborn, “Rise and kill them!” But
the young man did not draw his sword, for he was afraid,
because he was still a young man. 21 Then Zebah and
Zalmunna said, “Rise yourself and fall upon us, for as the man
is, so is his strength.” And Gideon arose and killed Zebah and
Zalmunna, and he took the crescent ornaments that were on
the necks of their camels.

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