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Don't be old-fashioned!

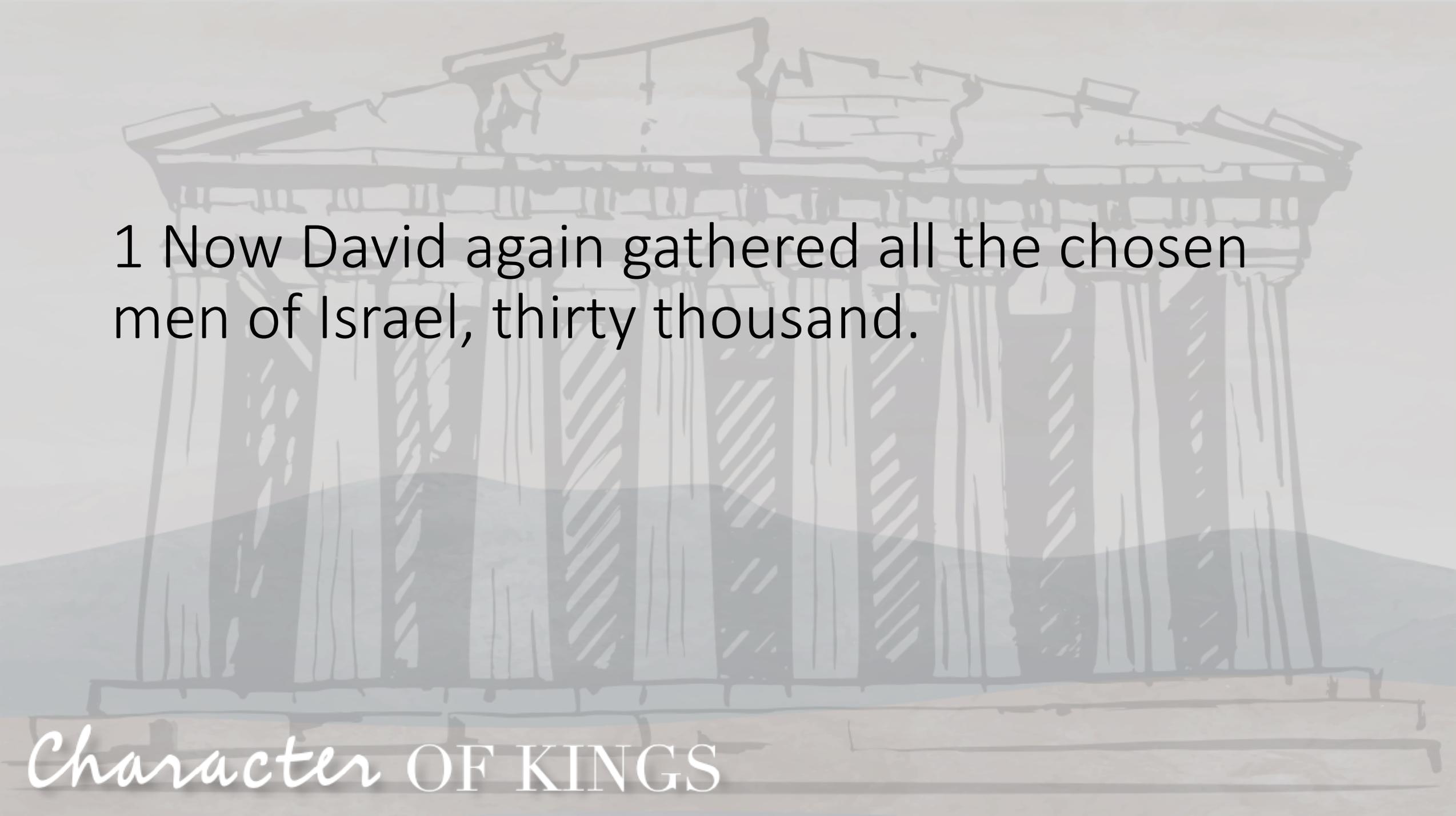
2 Samuel 6

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“What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer.”

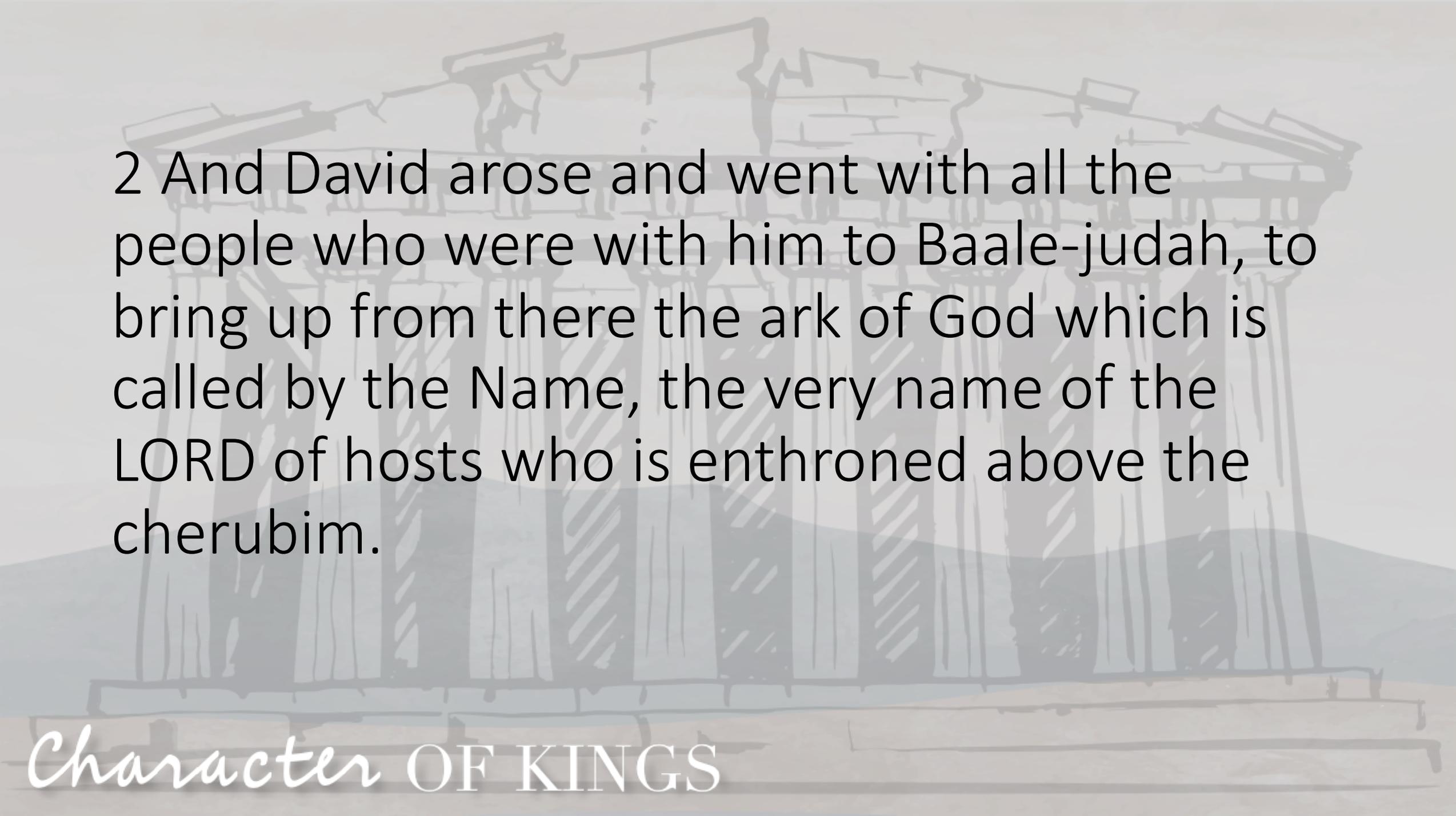
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1 Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

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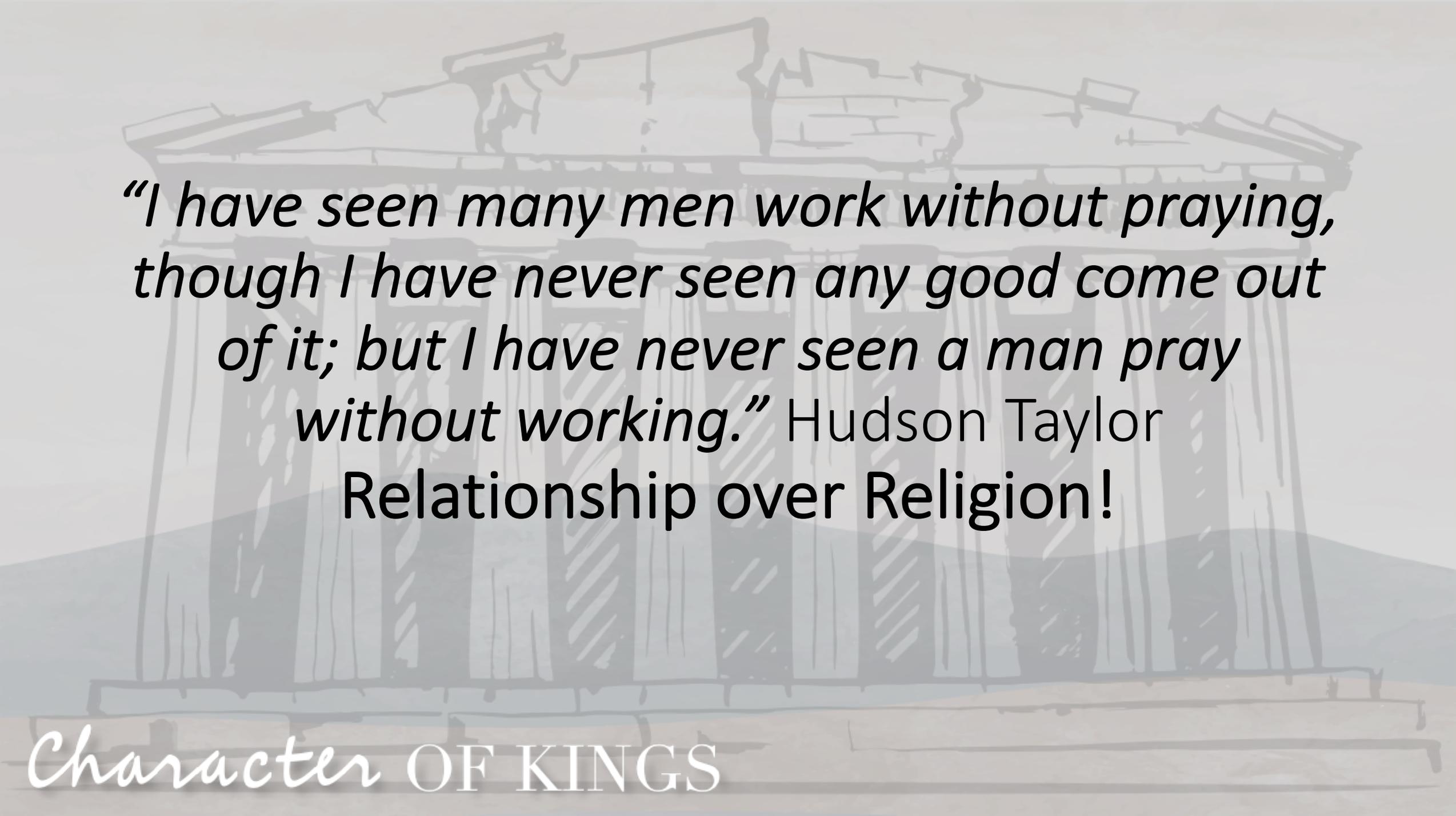


2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim.

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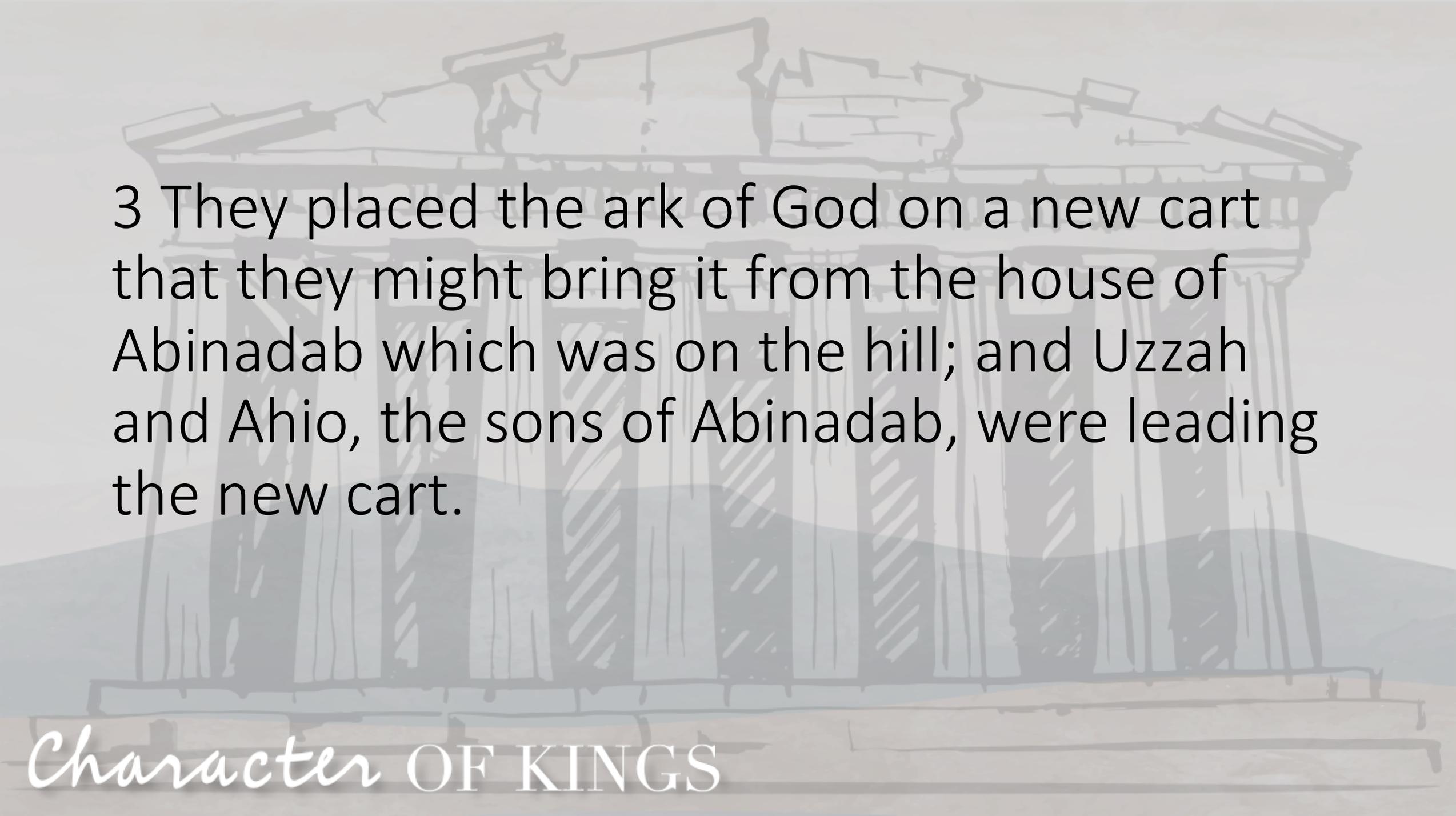
Desires of David 1-2

- Ark – symbol of redemption
- Ark – place of the Mercy Seat
- Ark – icon of God's deliverance
 - Crossing Jordan
 - Taking Jericho
 - Rescued from Philistines



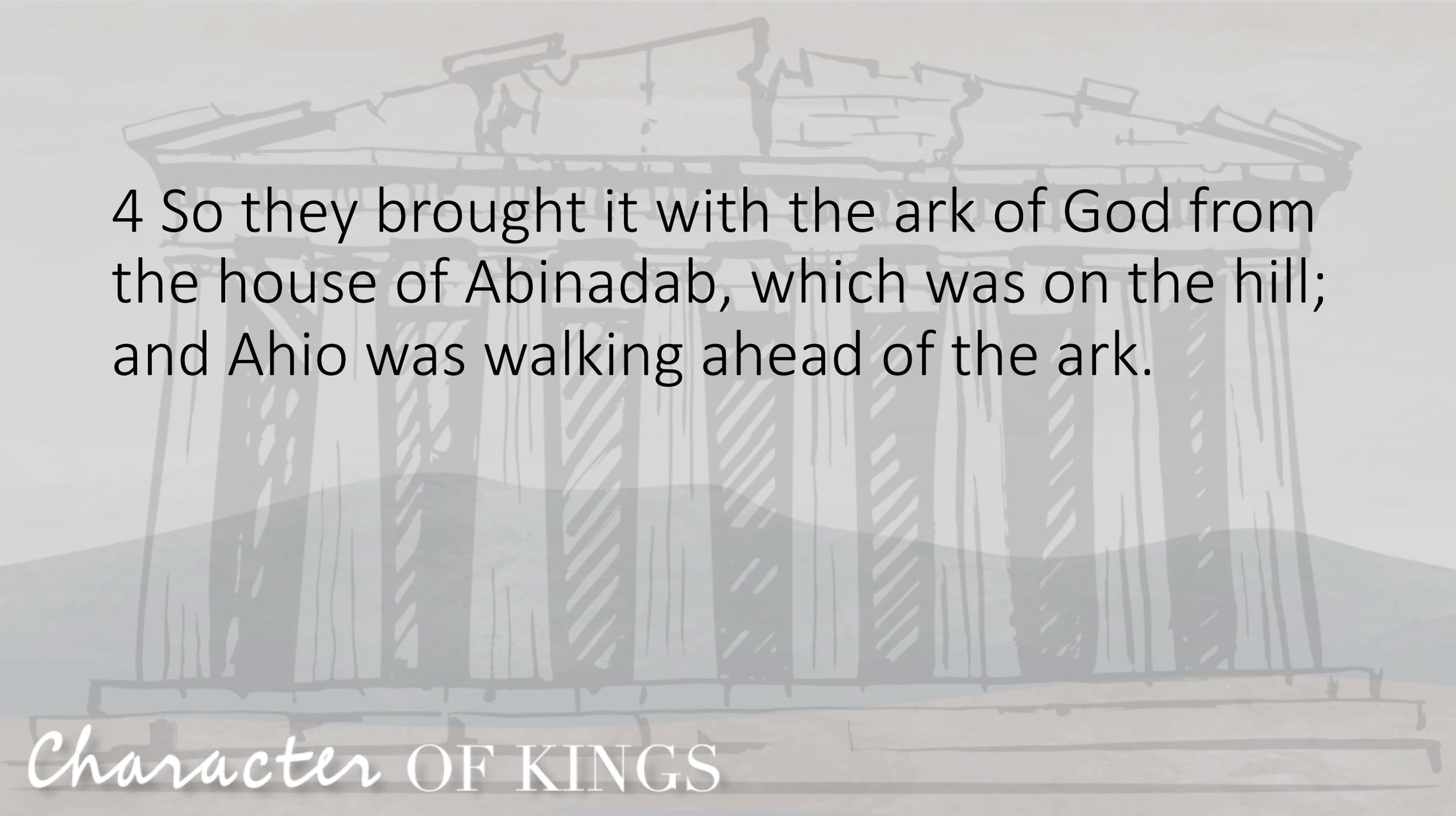
“I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come out of it; but I have never seen a man pray without working.” Hudson Taylor
Relationship over Religion!

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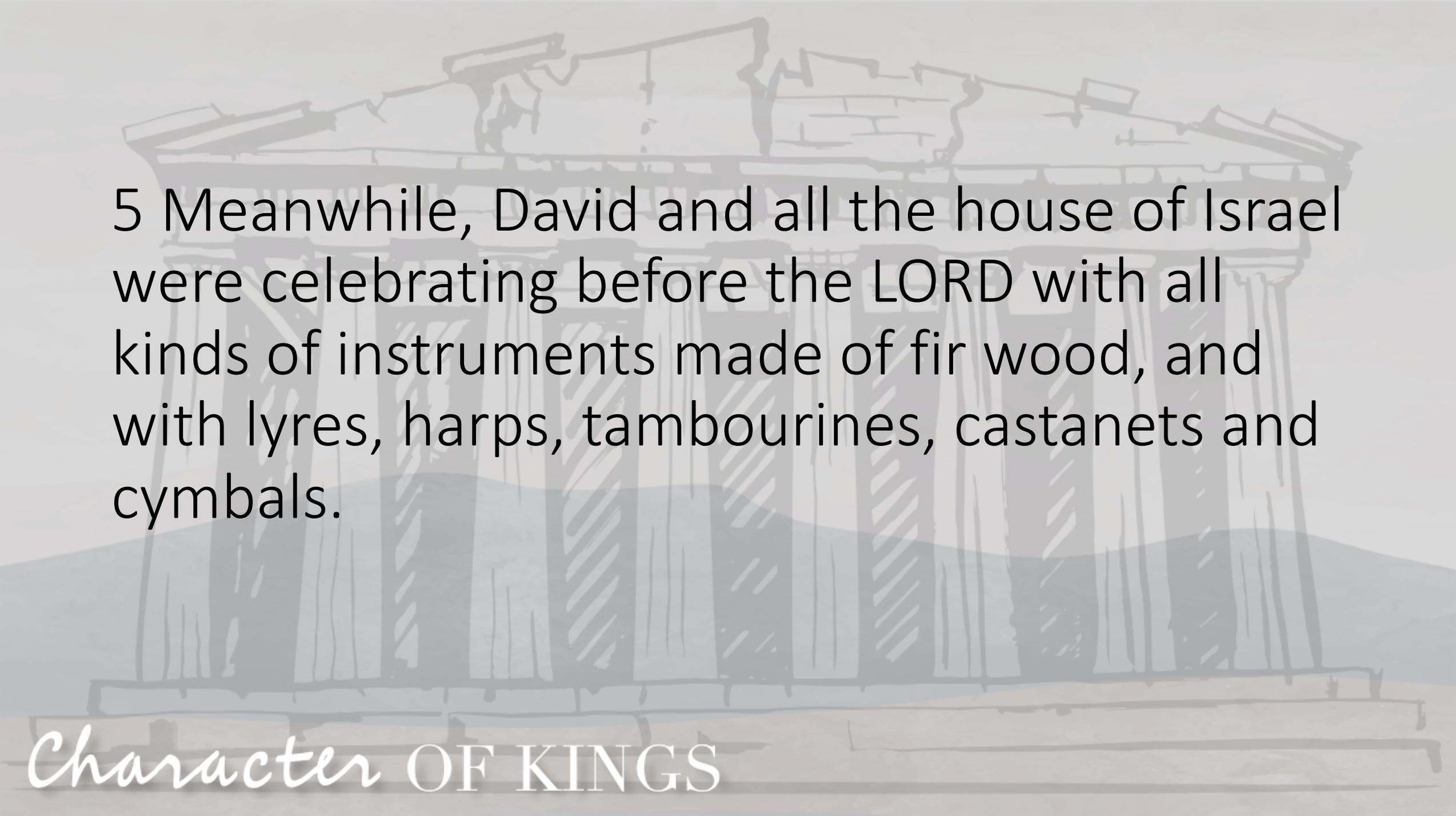
3 They placed the ark of God on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

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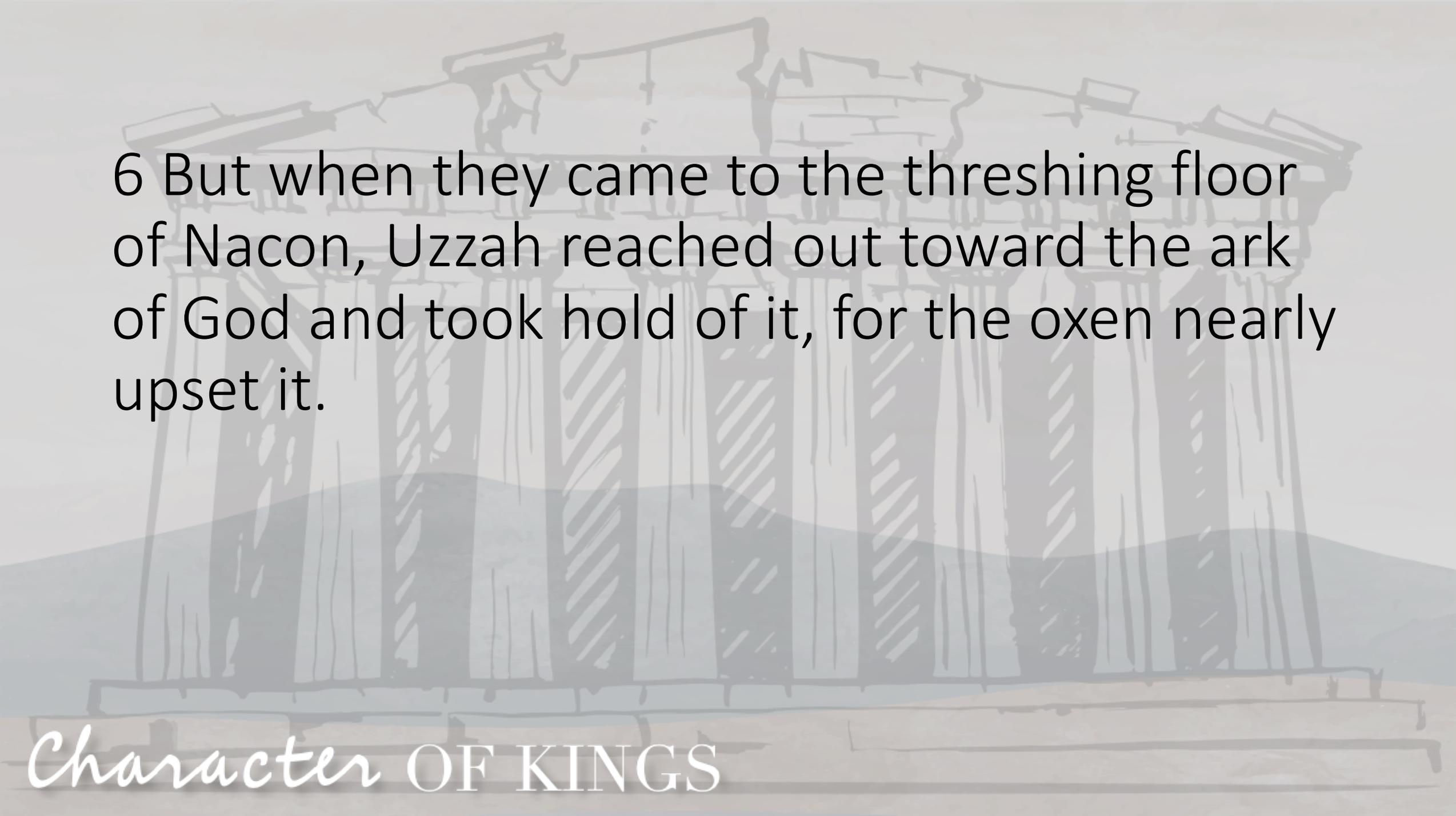
4 So they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.

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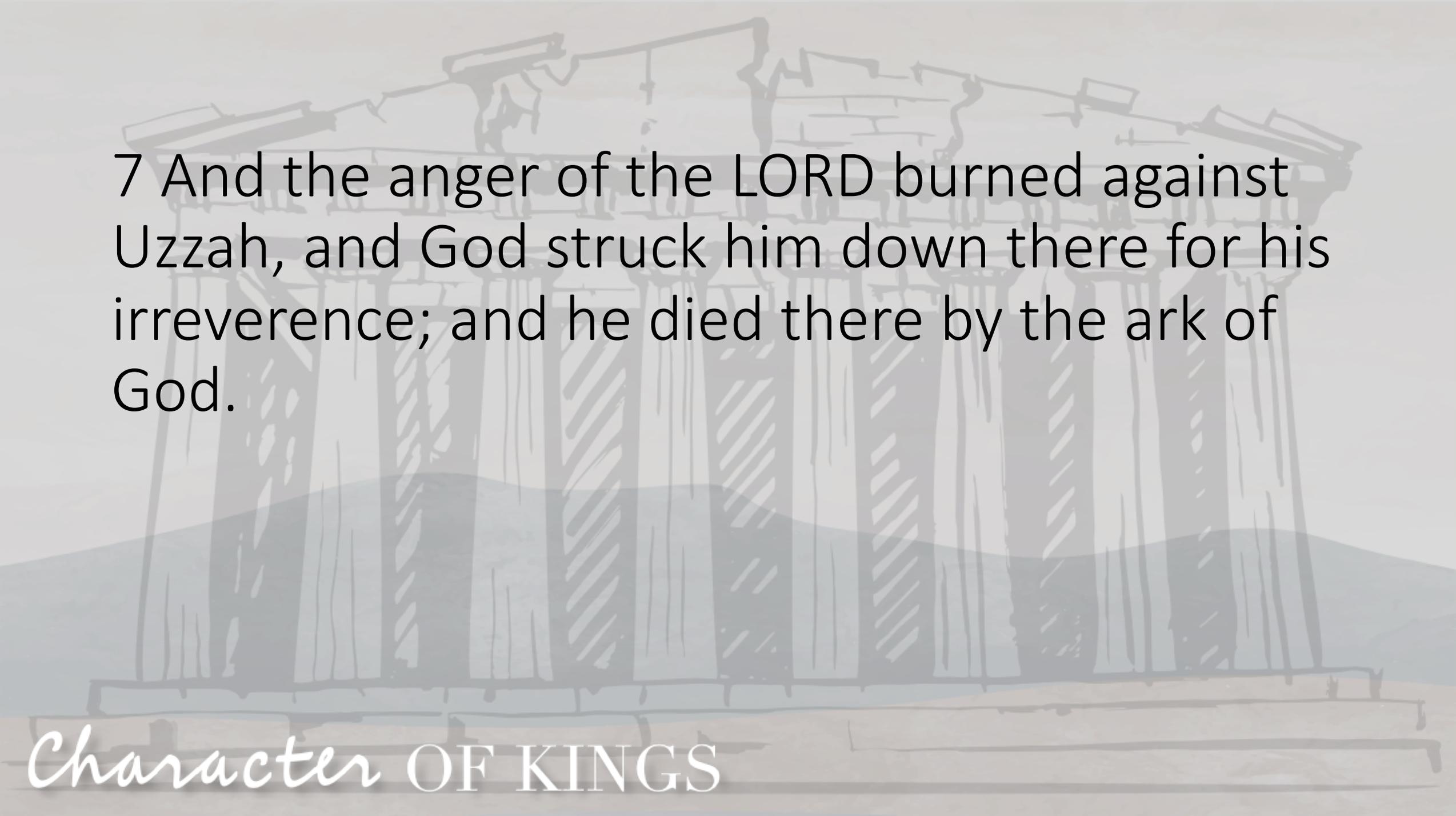
5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD with all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

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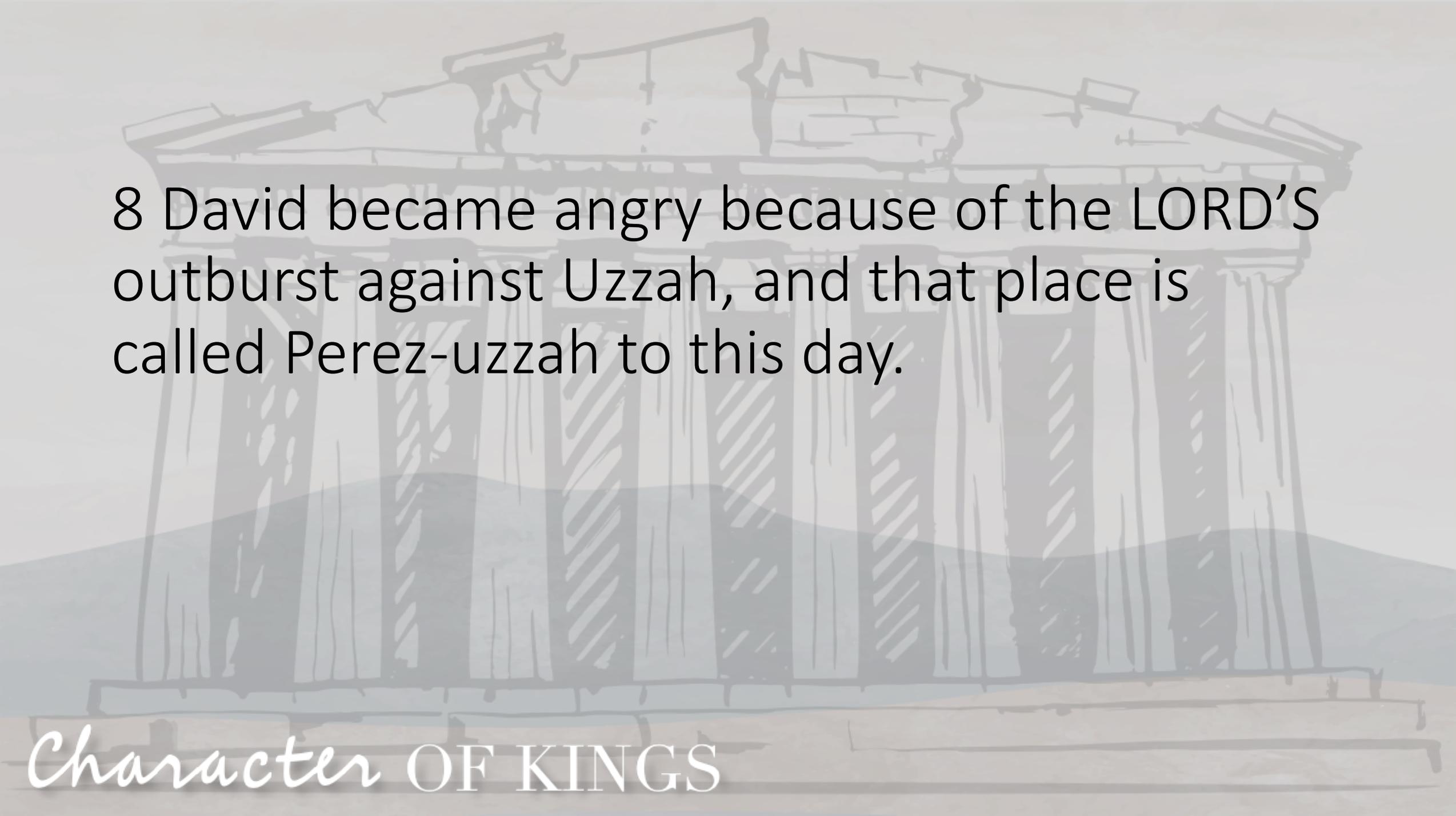
6 But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.

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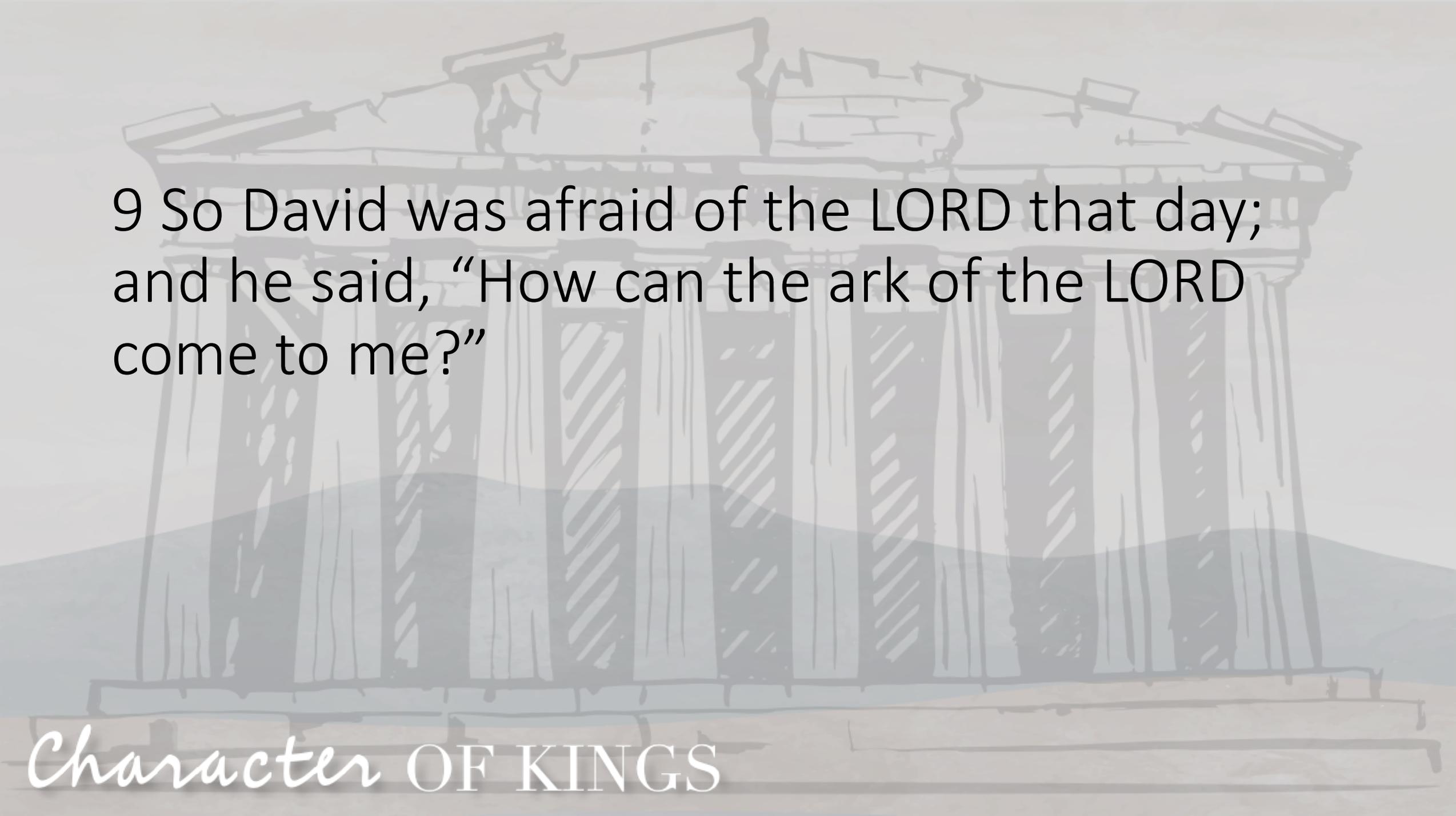
7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.

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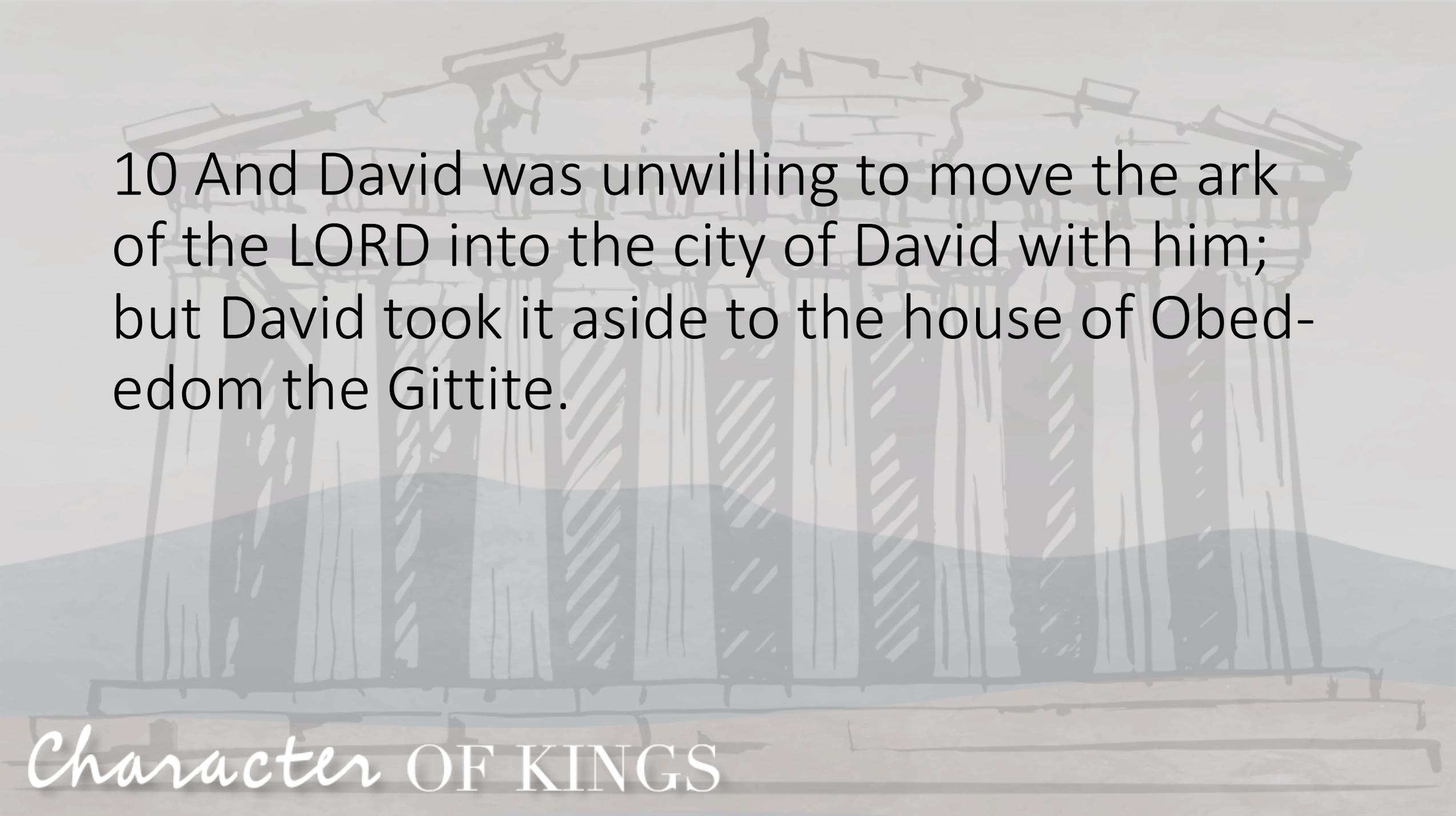
8 David became angry because of the LORD'S outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.

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9 So David was afraid of the LORD that day;
and he said, “How can the ark of the LORD
come to me?”

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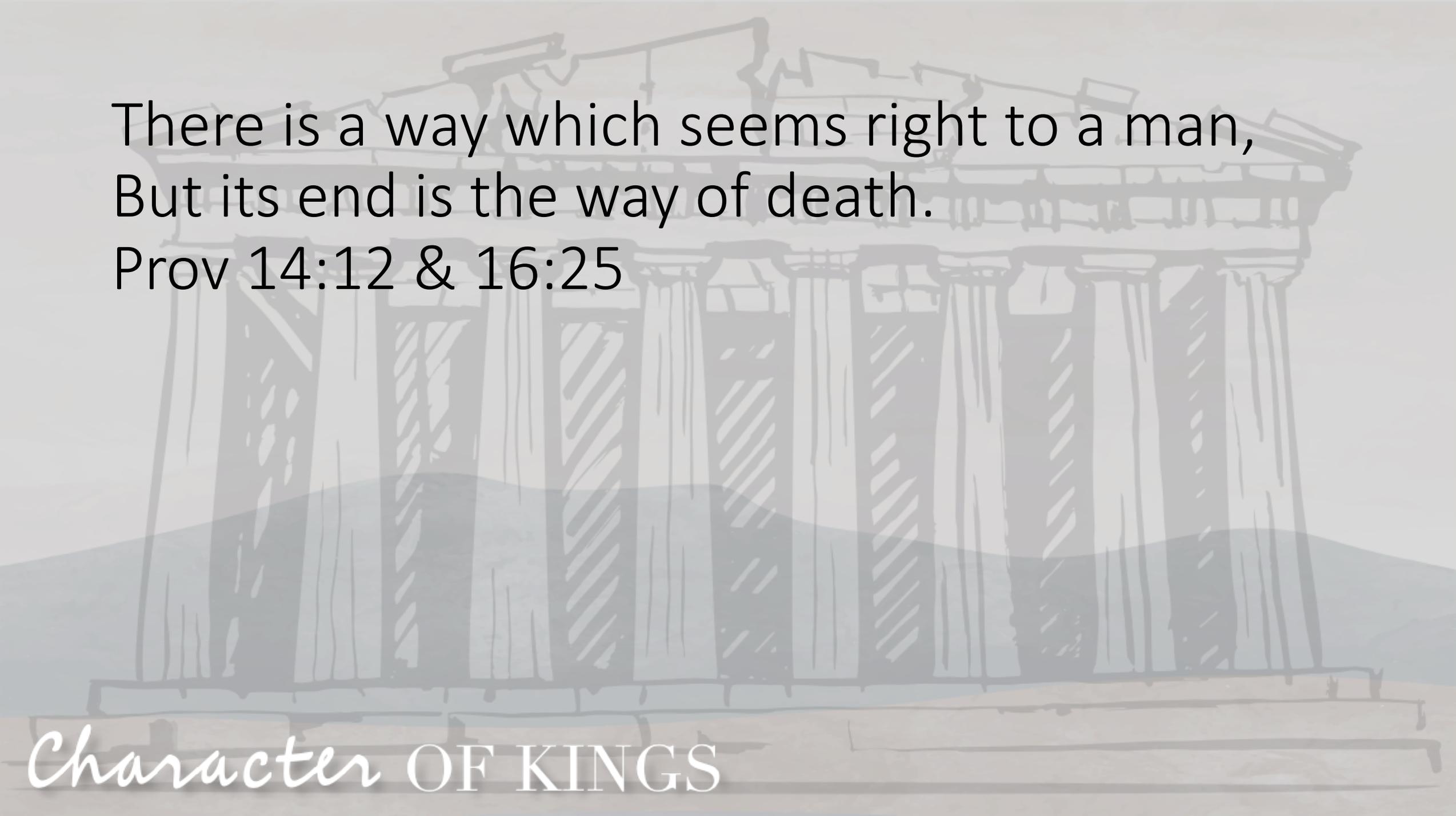


10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

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Designs of David 3-10

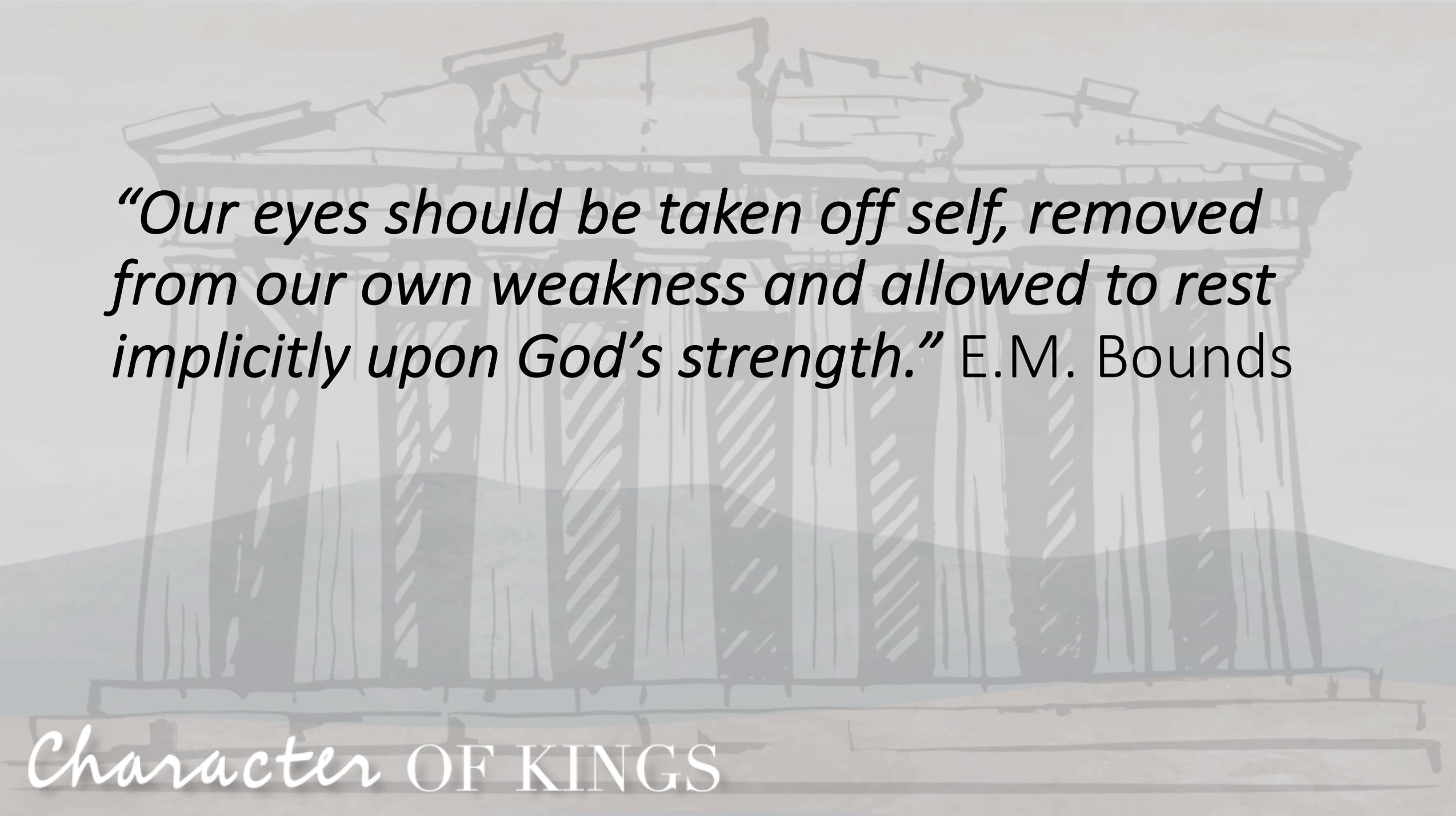
- ‘new cart’ – nothing but the best!
- Uzzah and Ahio – leading the way!
- ‘threshing floor of Nacon’ - “purpose, intent”
- ‘Perez-uzzah’ – breaking of Uzzah
- God desires our obedience MOST OF ALL!
- David’s anger – Jude 11 – ‘way of Cain’



There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

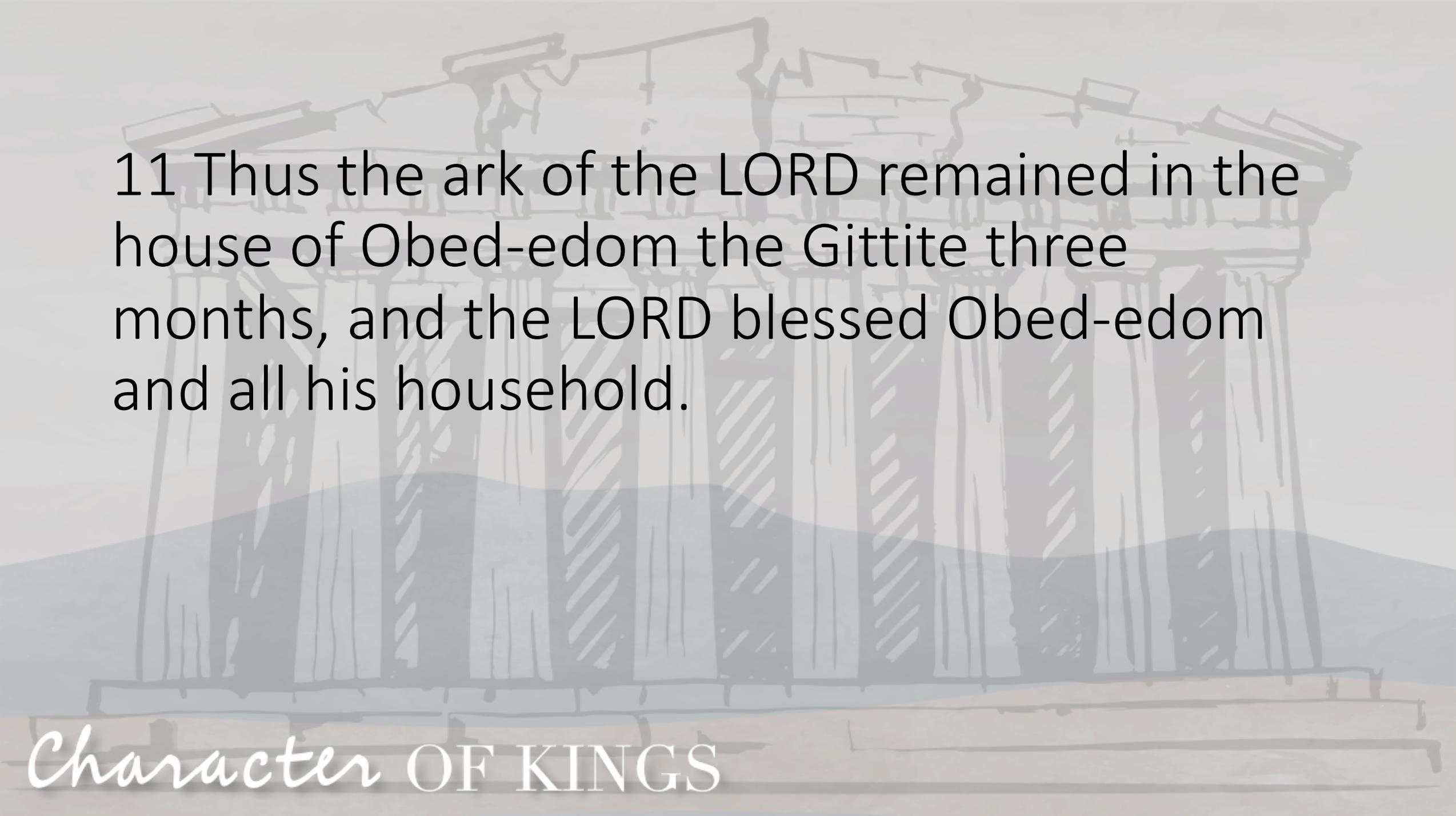
Prov 14:12 & 16:25

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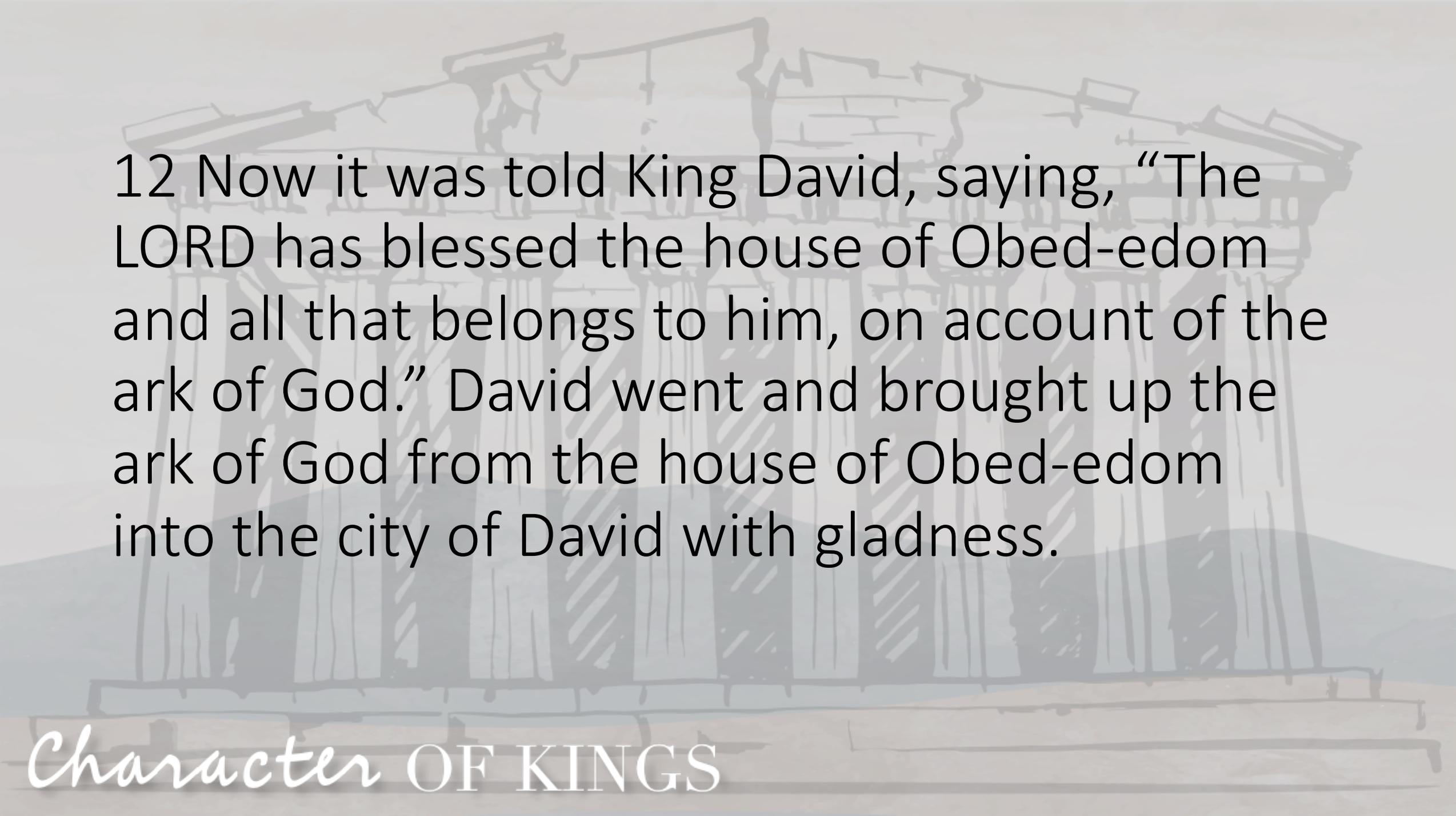
“Our eyes should be taken off self, removed from our own weakness and allowed to rest implicitly upon God’s strength.” E.M. Bounds

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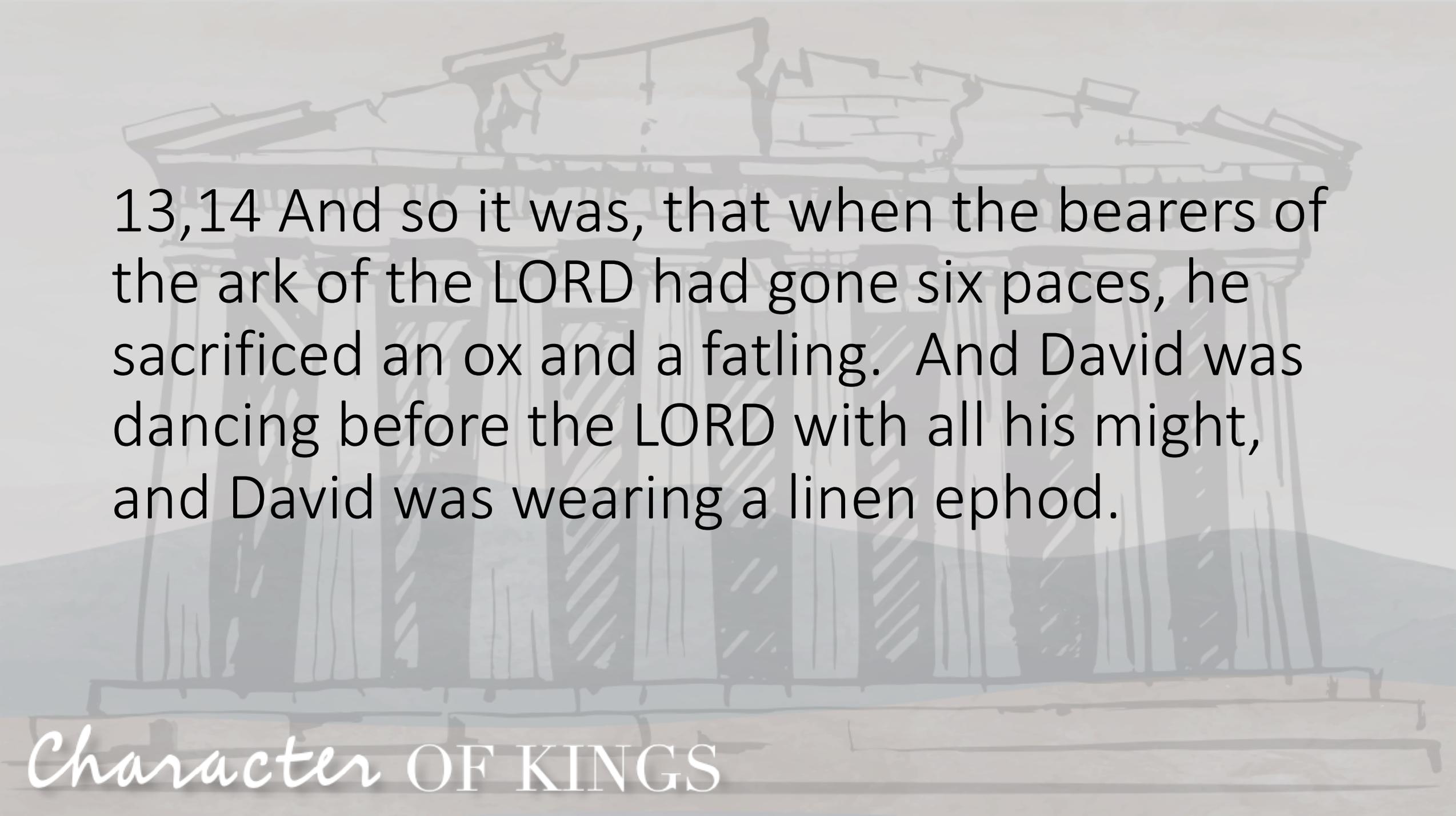
11 Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

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A faint, sketch-style illustration of a wooden ark being pulled by oxen across a landscape. The ark is a large, rectangular structure with a pitched roof and several windows. It is being pulled by a team of oxen harnessed to the front. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, “The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God.” David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

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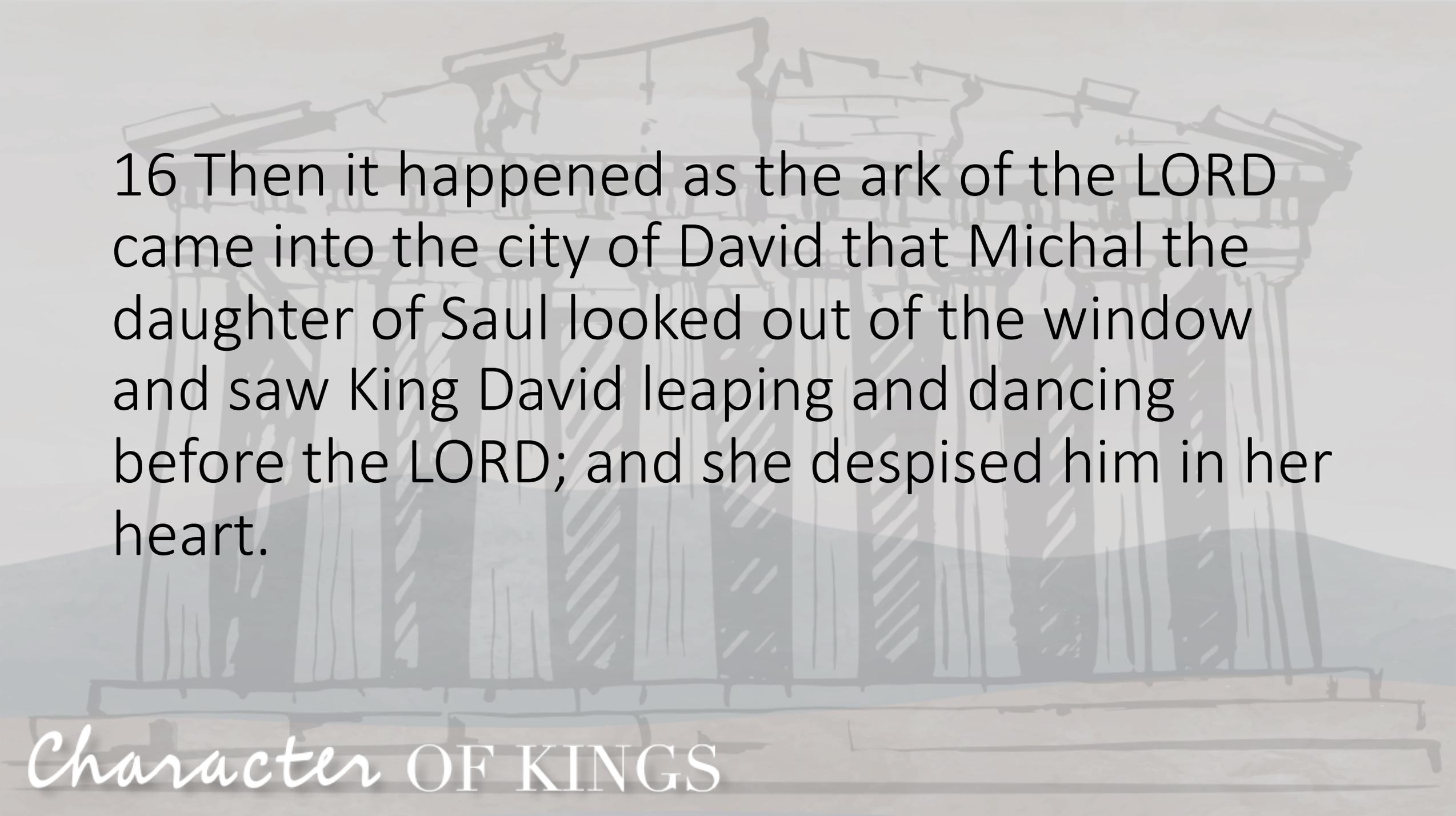
13,14 And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. And David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, and David was wearing a linen ephod.

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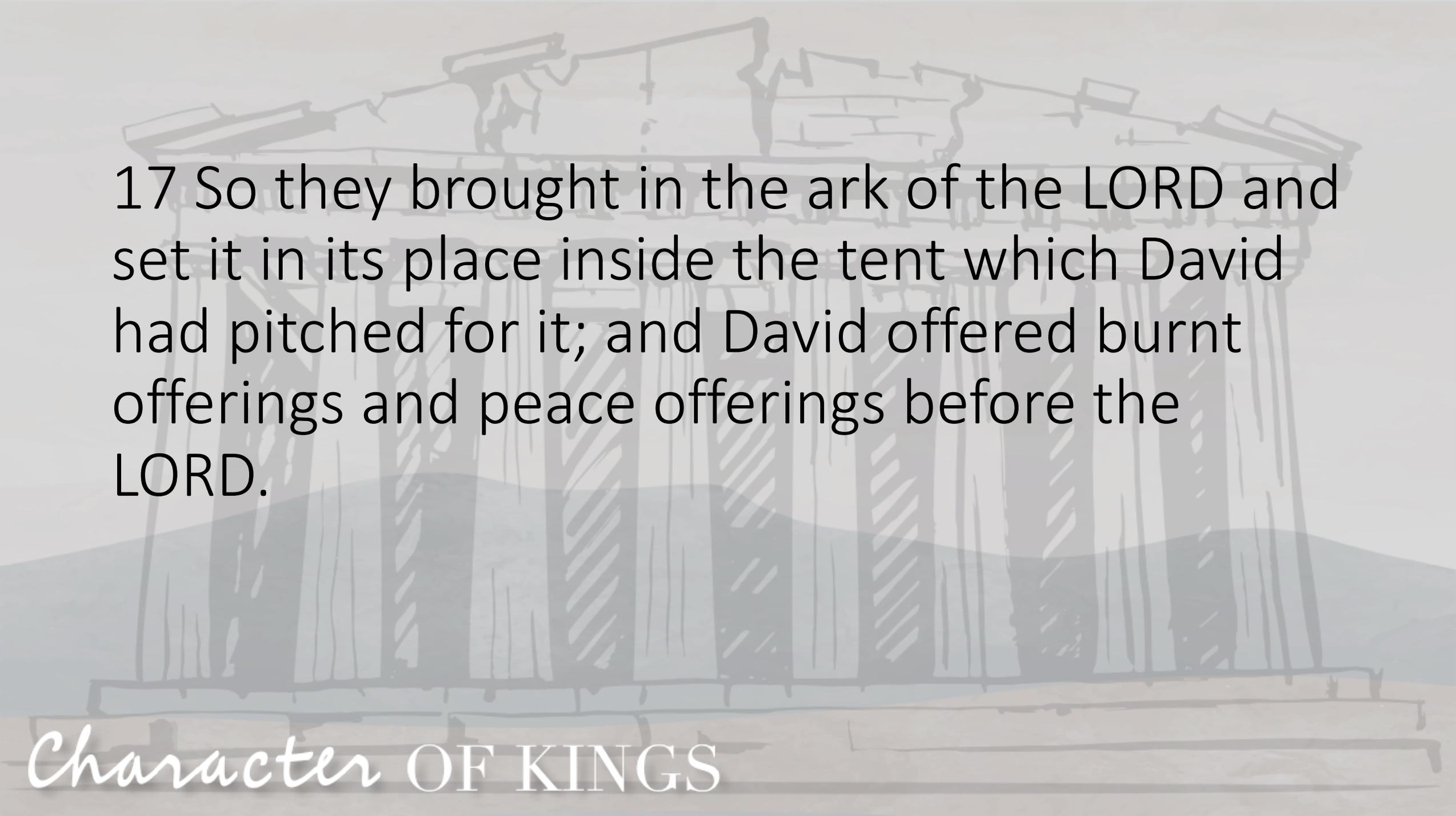
15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

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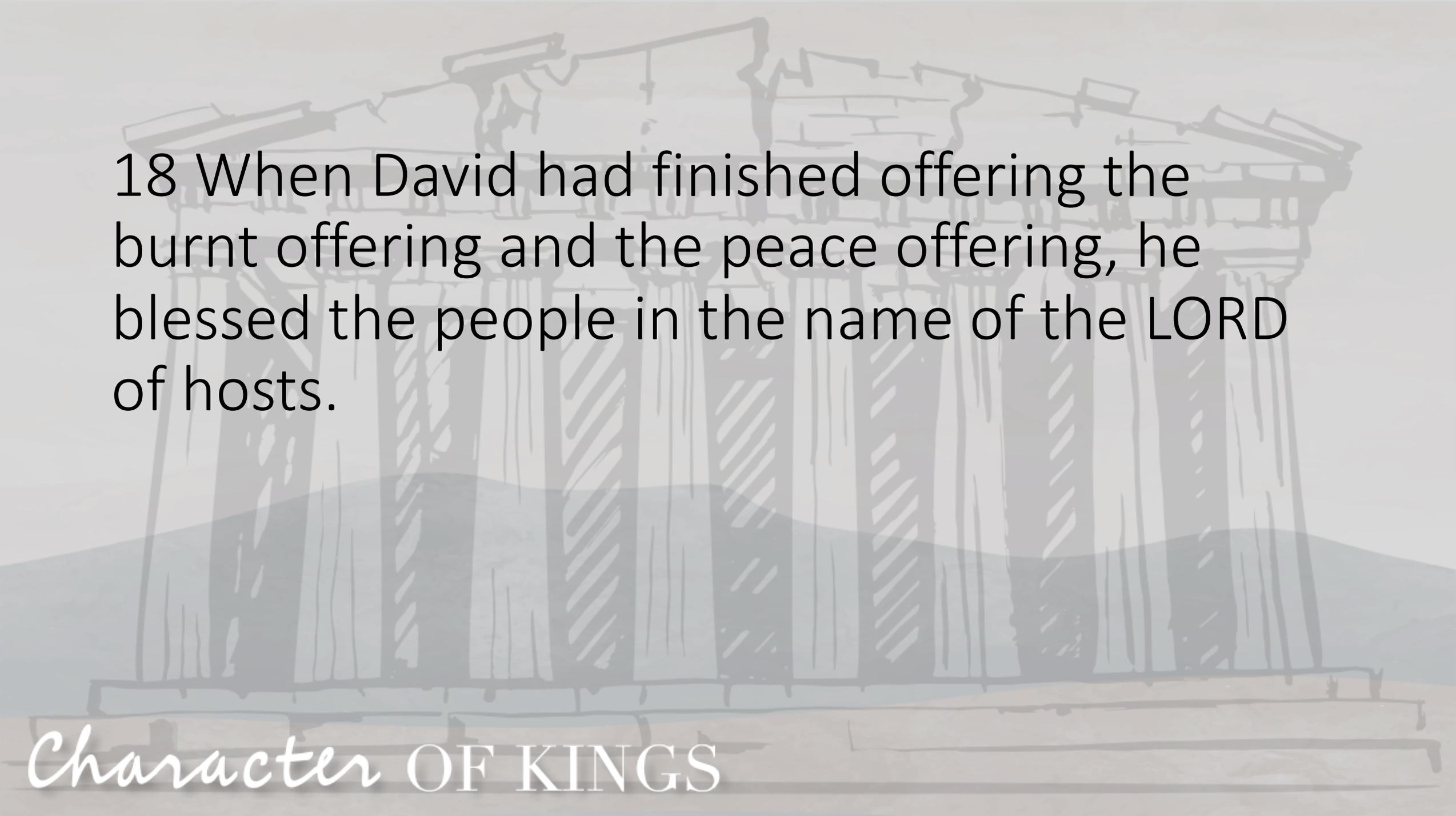
16 Then it happened as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

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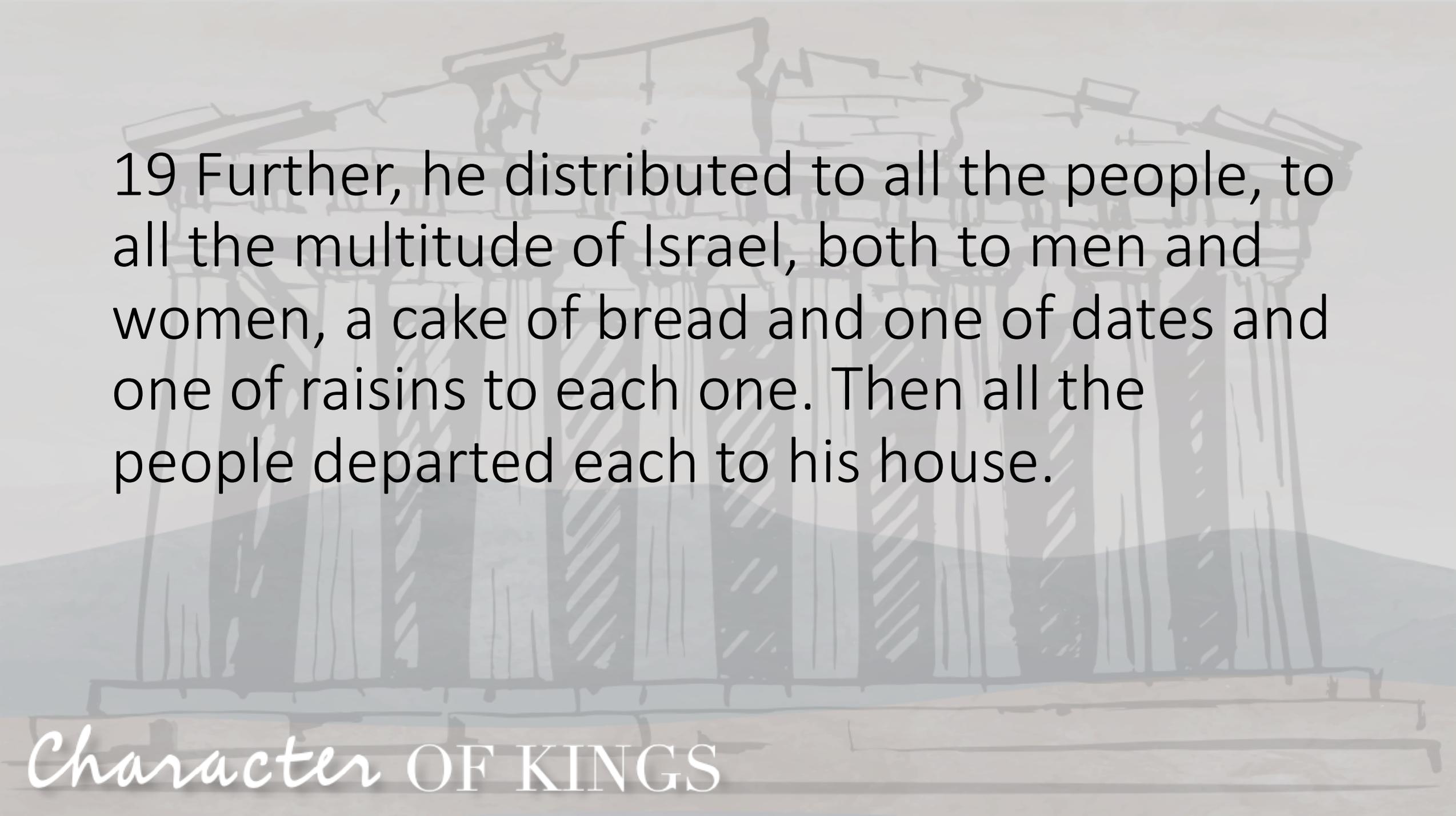
17 So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

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18 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

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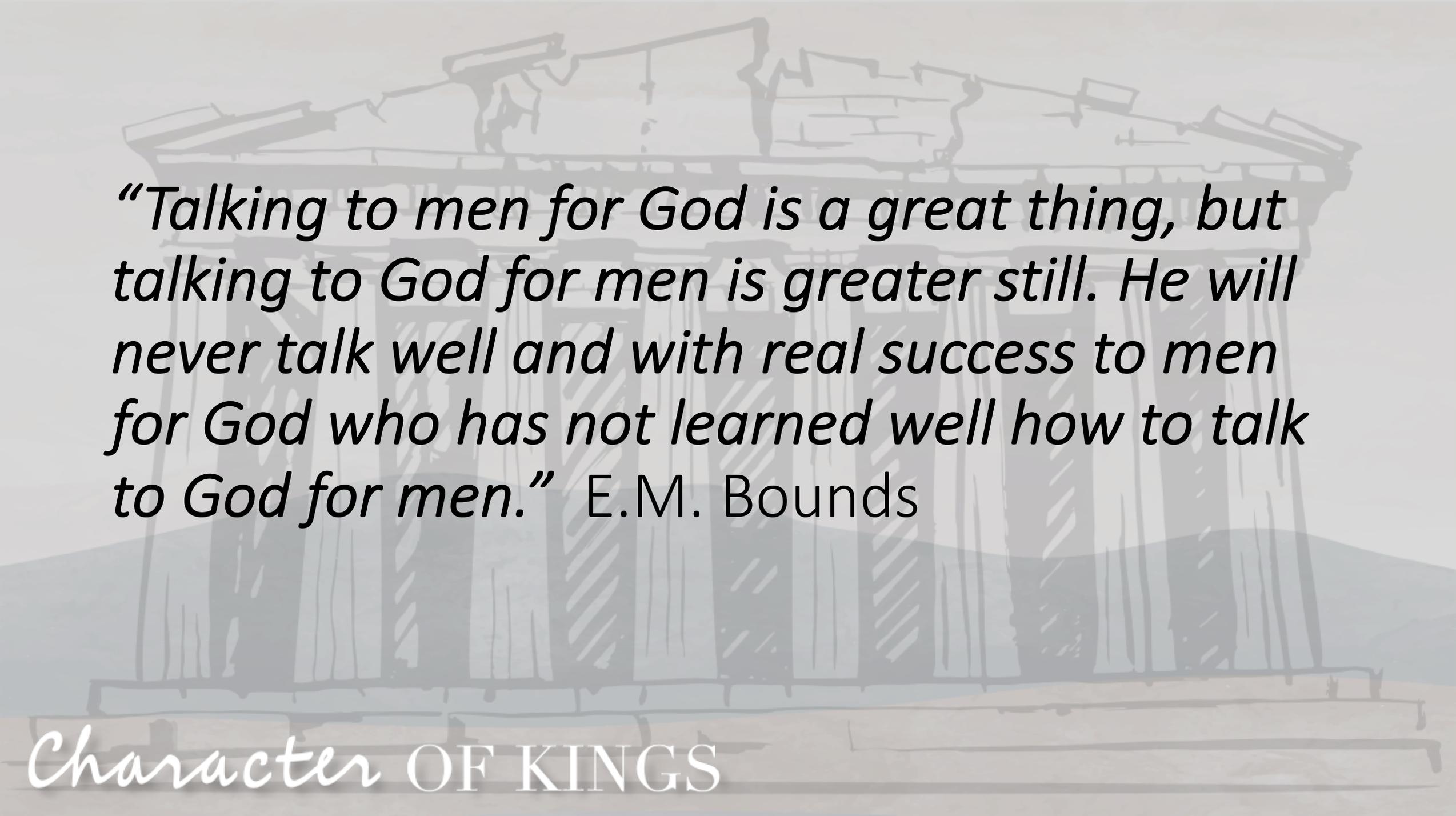


19 Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house.

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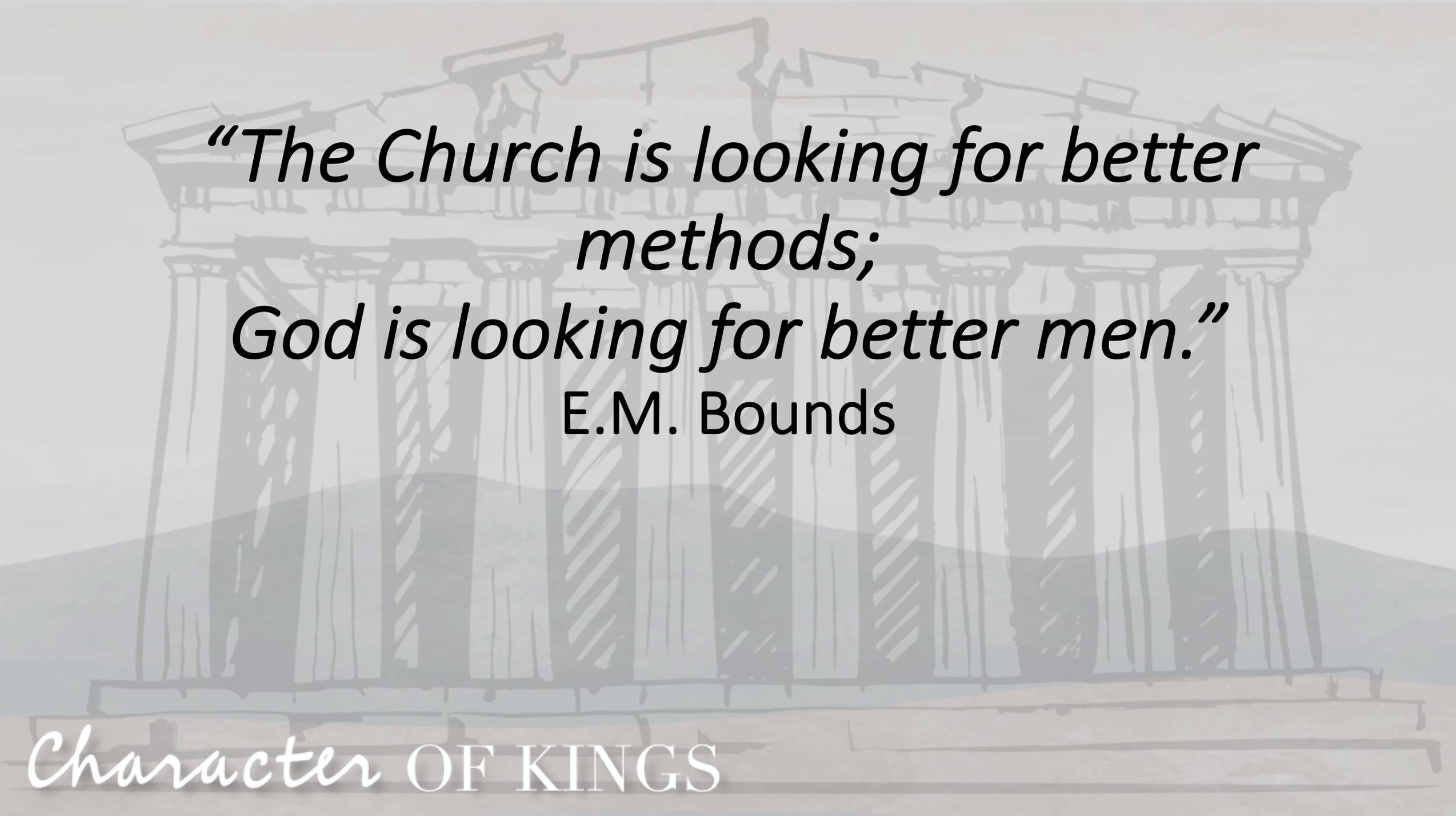
Dedication of David 11-19

- David leaves Ark with Gittite
- Obed edom – Servant of Edom – Levite of Gath
- David observed blessings of God on Obed
- David obeys
- David rejoices as Michal despises
- God blesses David's obedience



“Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. He will never talk well and with real success to men for God who has not learned well how to talk to God for men.” E.M. Bounds

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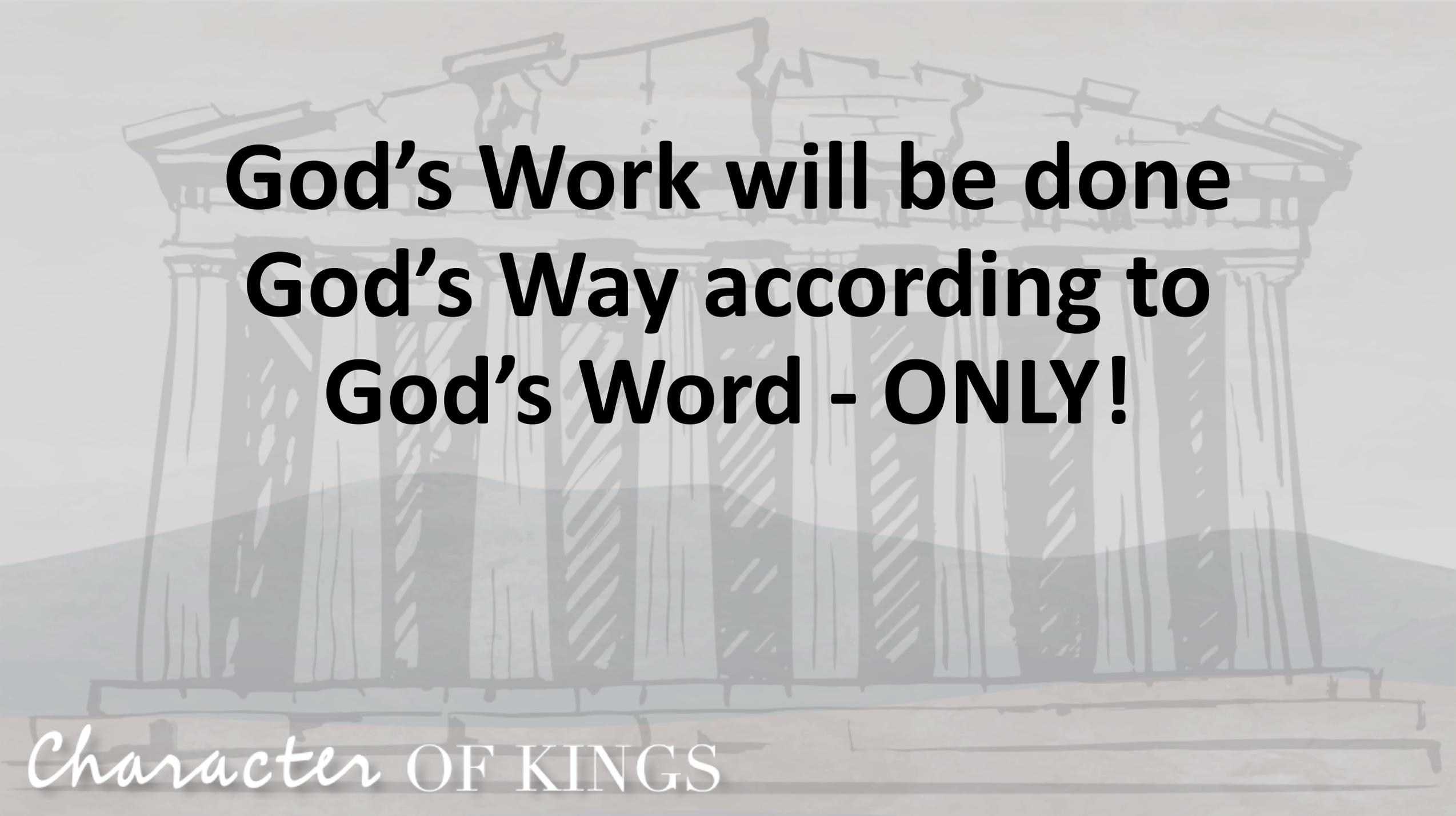
*“The Church is looking for better
methods;
God is looking for better men.”*

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Old-fashioned if God-fashioned!

- David had the right desire – honor God
- David should honor God His way!
- Uzzah missed miracle!



**God's Work will be done
God's Way according to
God's Word - ONLY!**

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