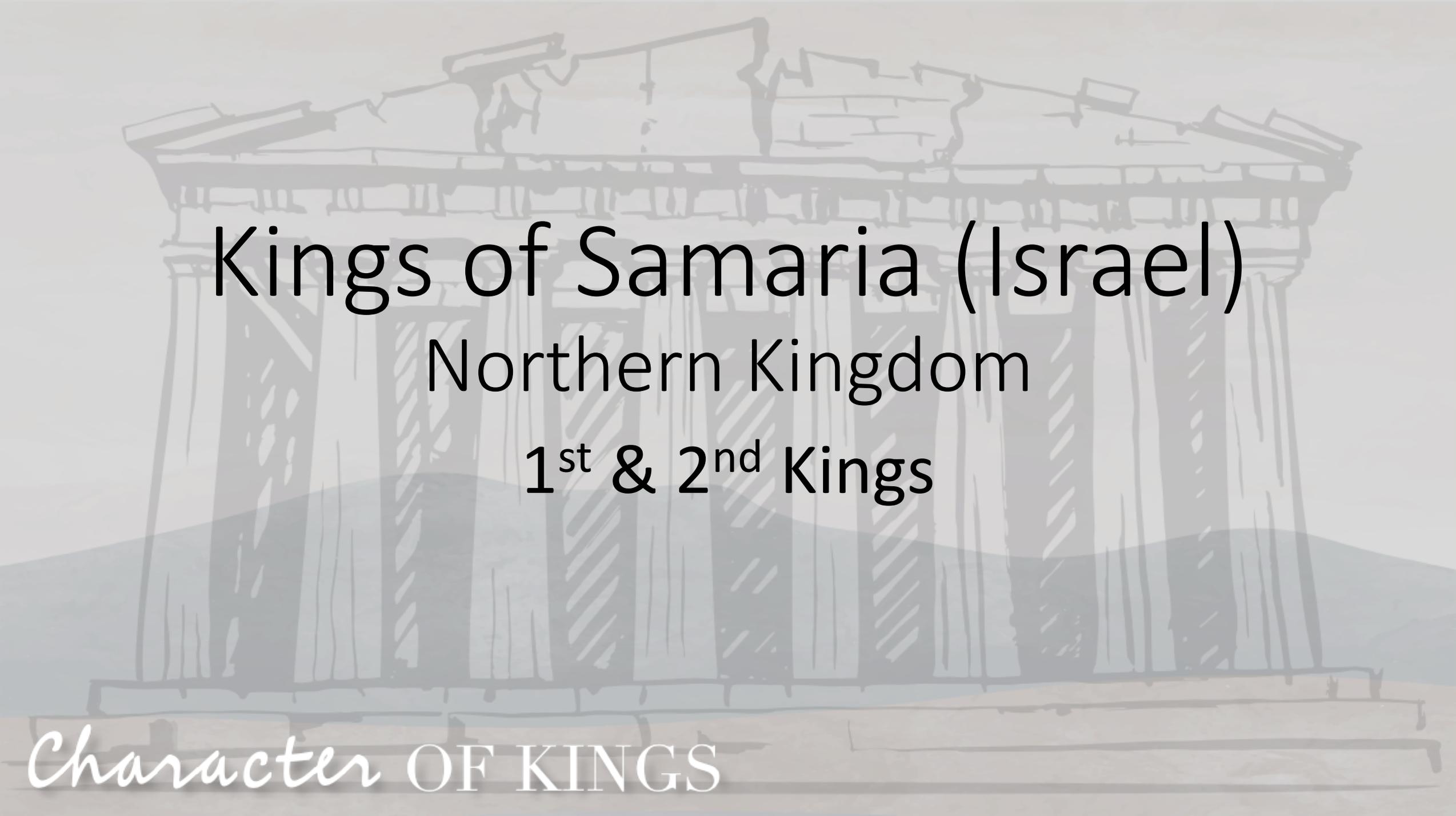


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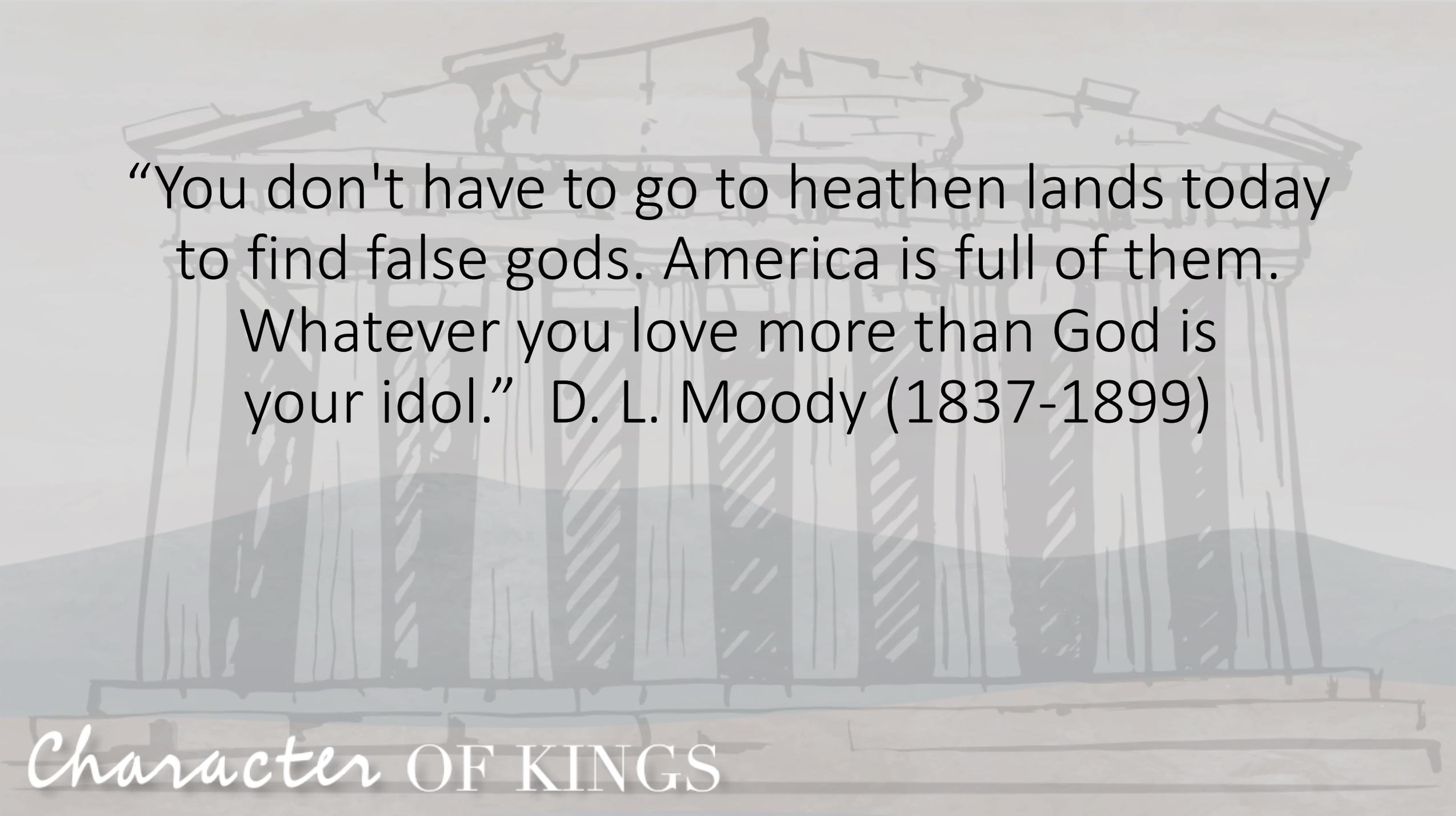
Kings of Samaria (Israel)

Northern Kingdom

1st & 2nd Kings

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“You don't have to go to heathen lands today to find false gods. America is full of them. Whatever you love more than God is your idol.” D. L. Moody (1837-1899)

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Old Testament Idolatry

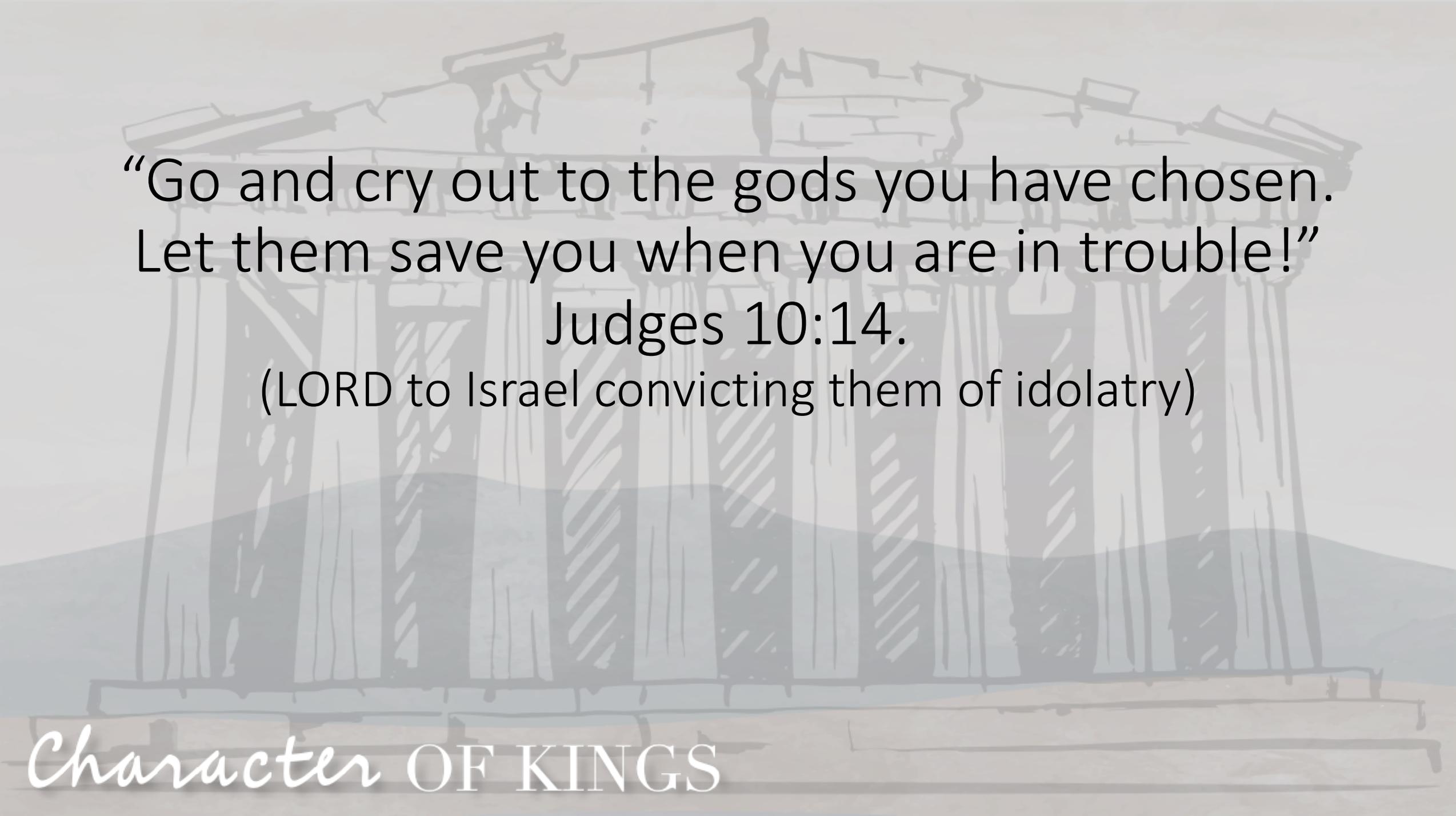
Exodus 20 – first 3 Commandments

1st No other gods

2nd No graven images

3rd No misused name

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“Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen.
Let them save you when you are in trouble!”

Judges 10:14.

(LORD to Israel convicting them of idolatry)

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New Testament Idolatry

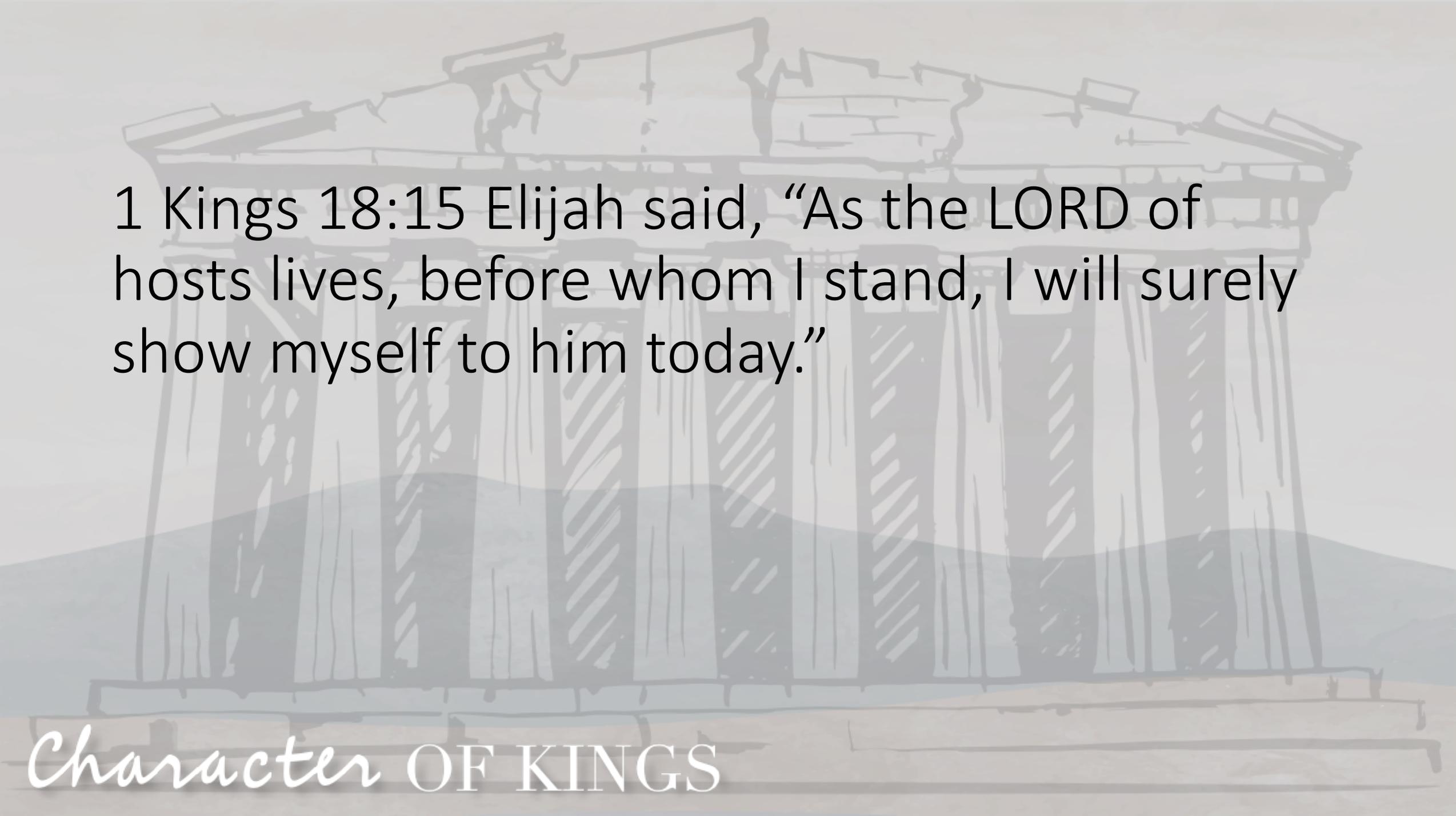
“Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”

1 John 5:21

“Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.”

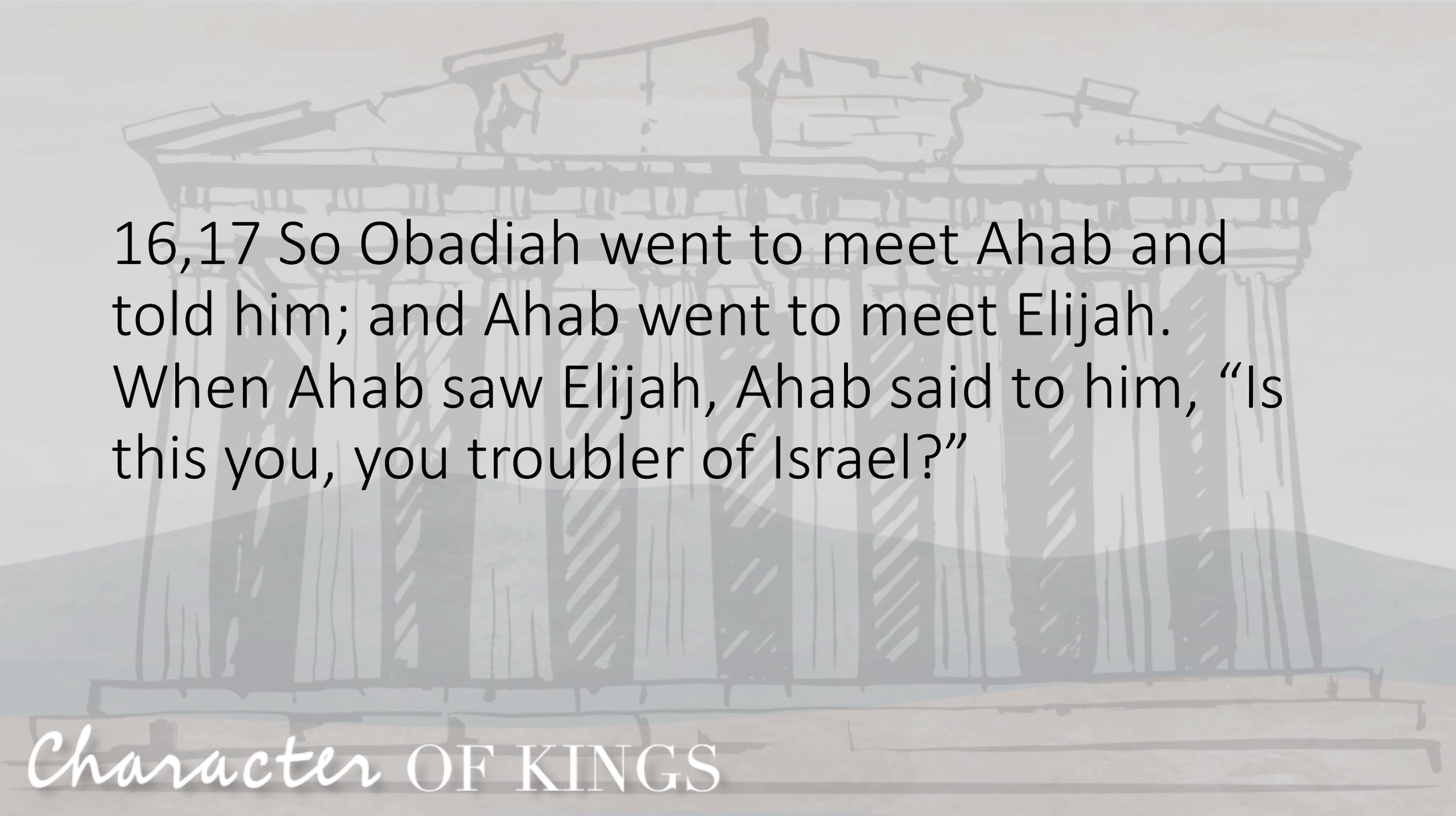
1 Cor 10:14

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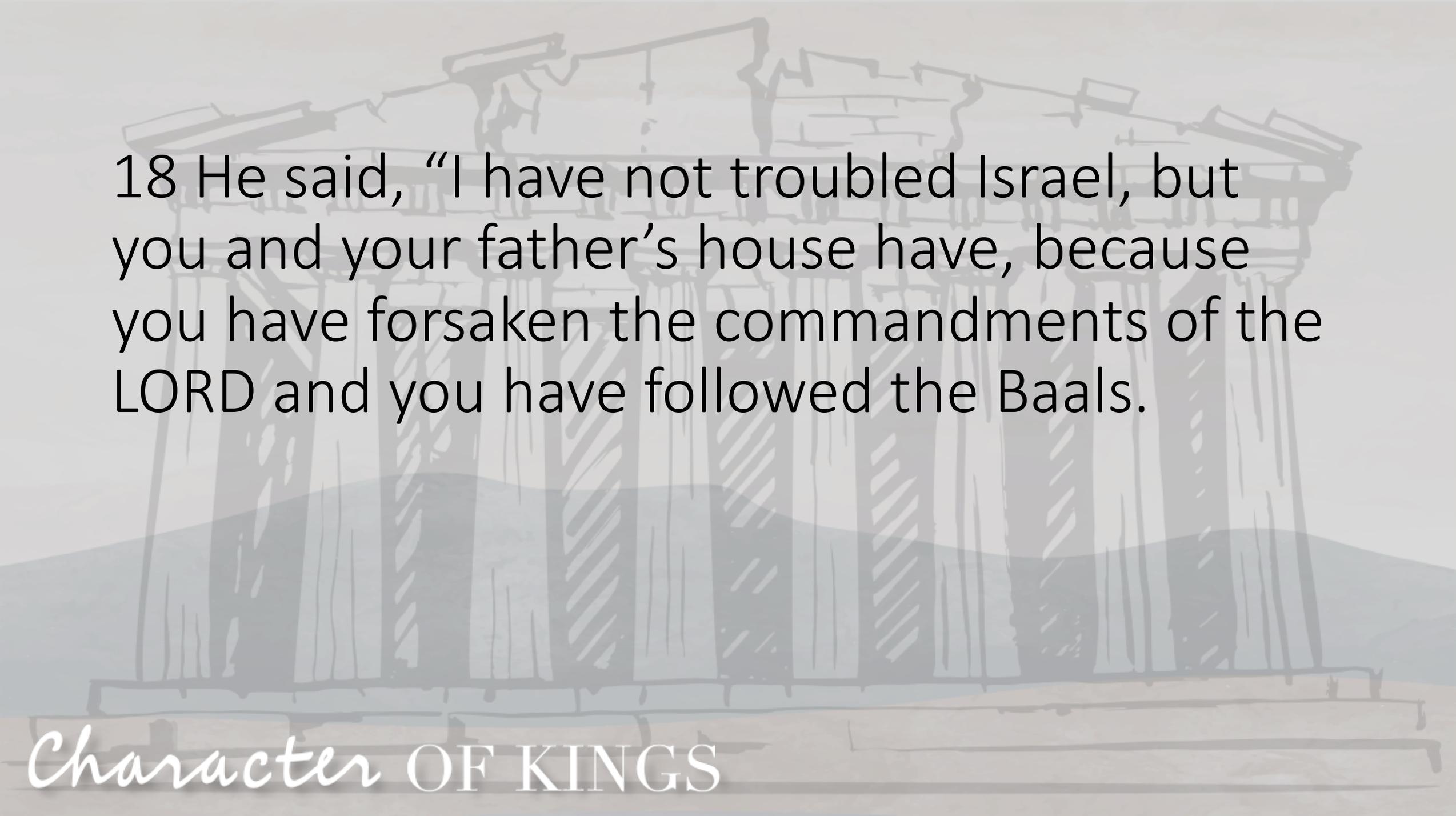
1 Kings 18:15 Elijah said, “As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.”

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16,17 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is this you, you troubler of Israel?”

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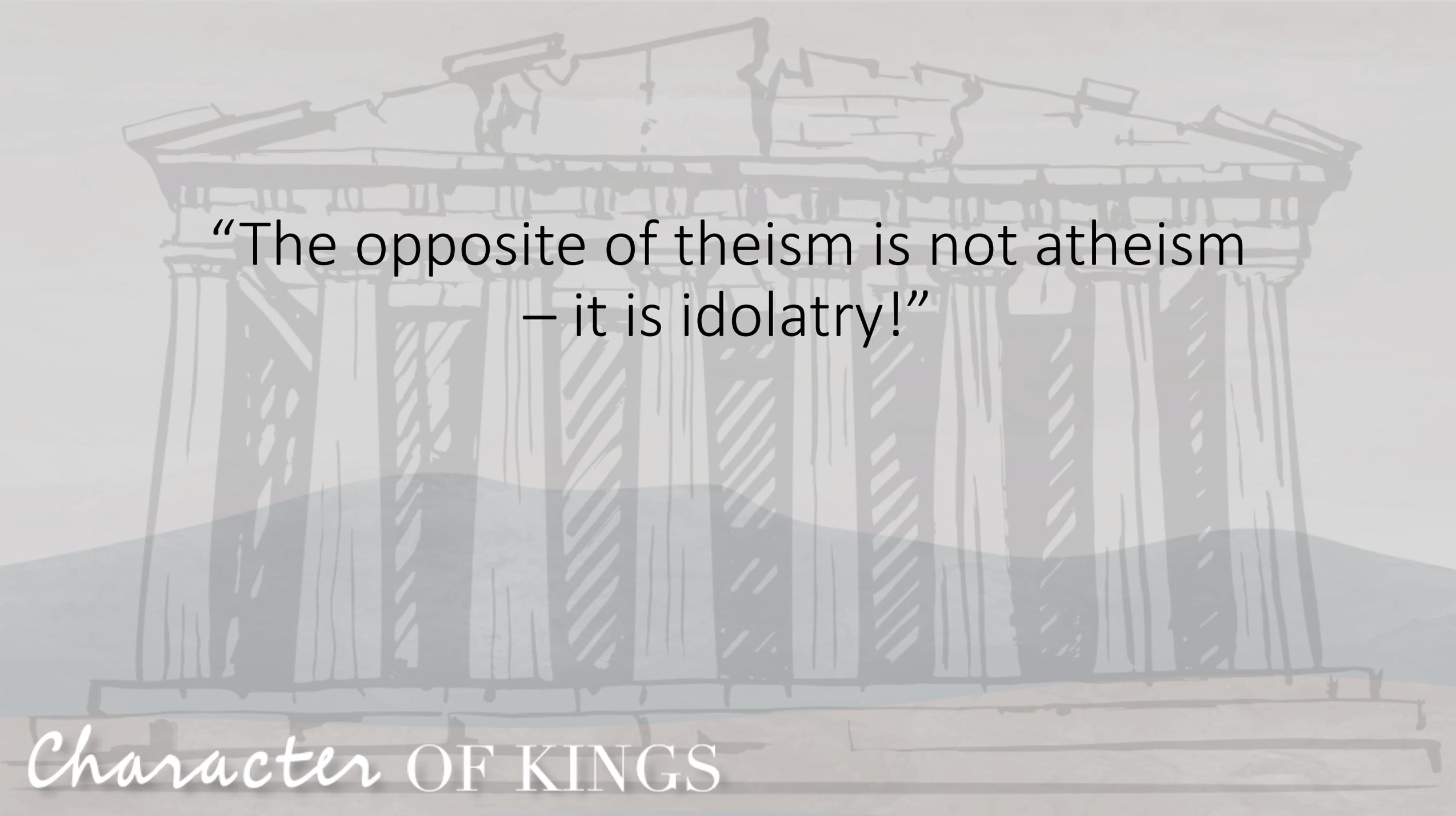
18 He said, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and you have followed the Baals.

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Predicted 1 Kings 18:15-18

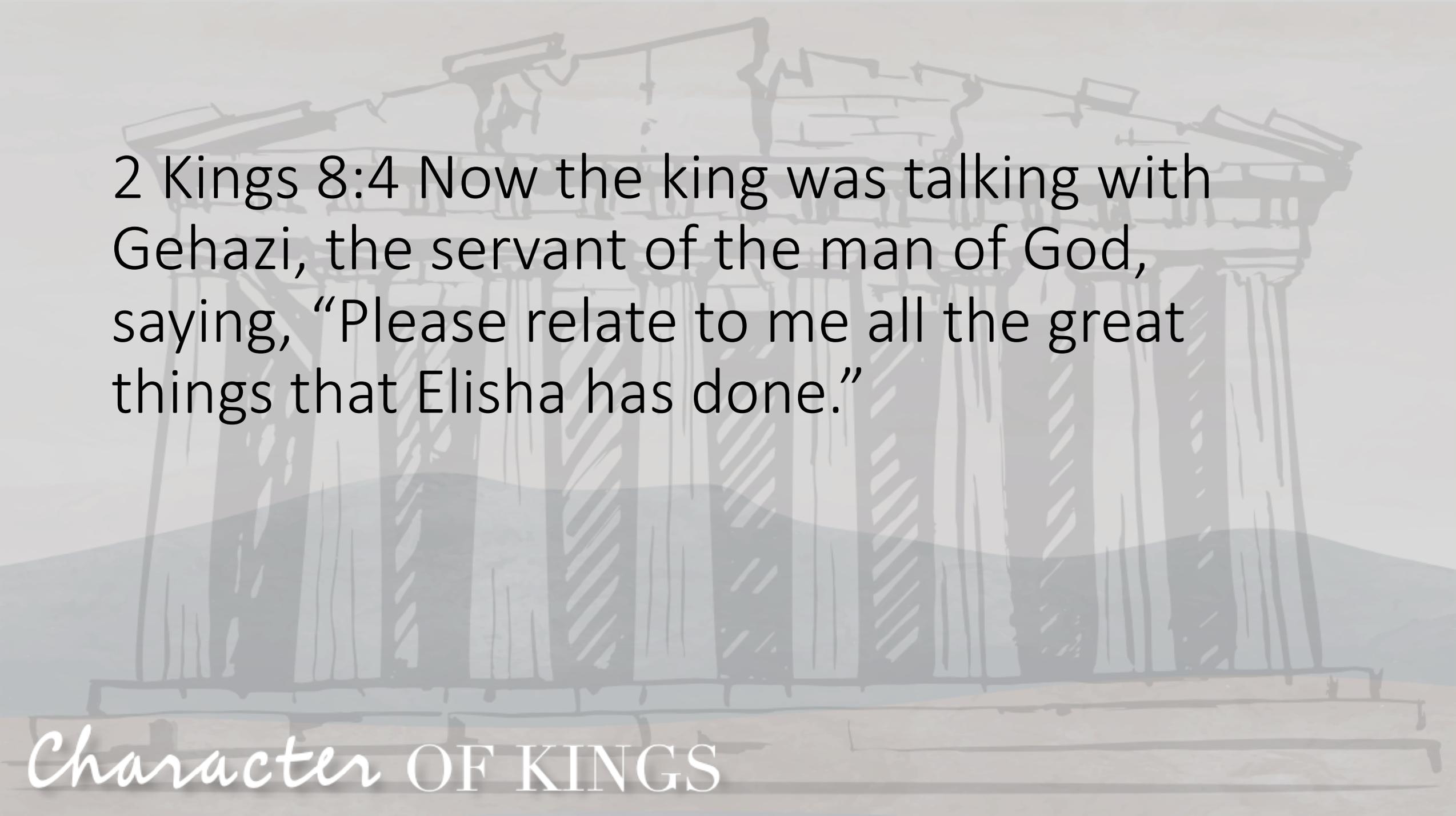
- God shows Himself mighty with Baal
- God shows Himself blessing with 450
- God shows Himself fair in judgment

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“The opposite of theism is not atheism
– it is idolatry!”

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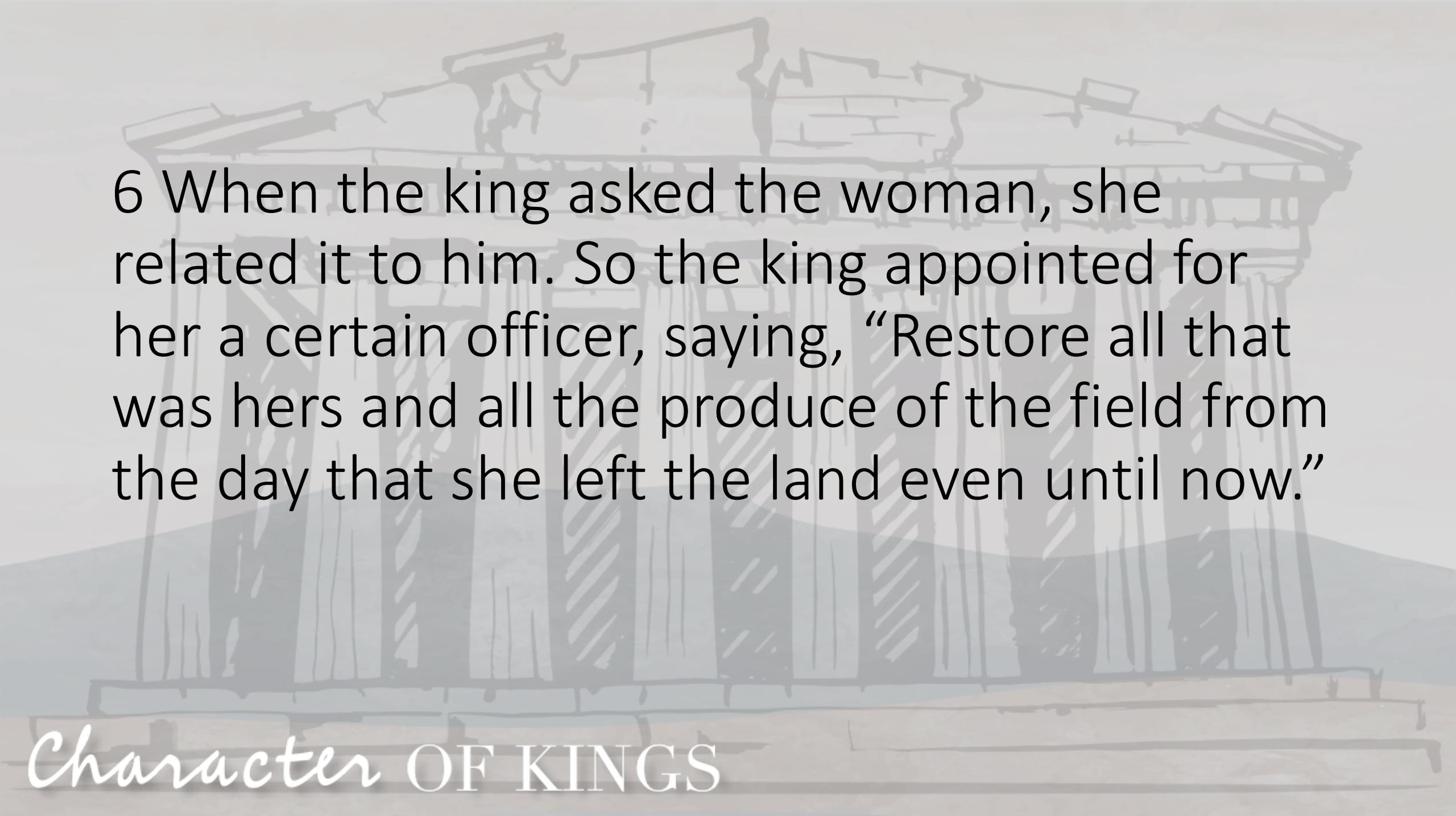


2 Kings 8:4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please relate to me all the great things that Elisha has done."

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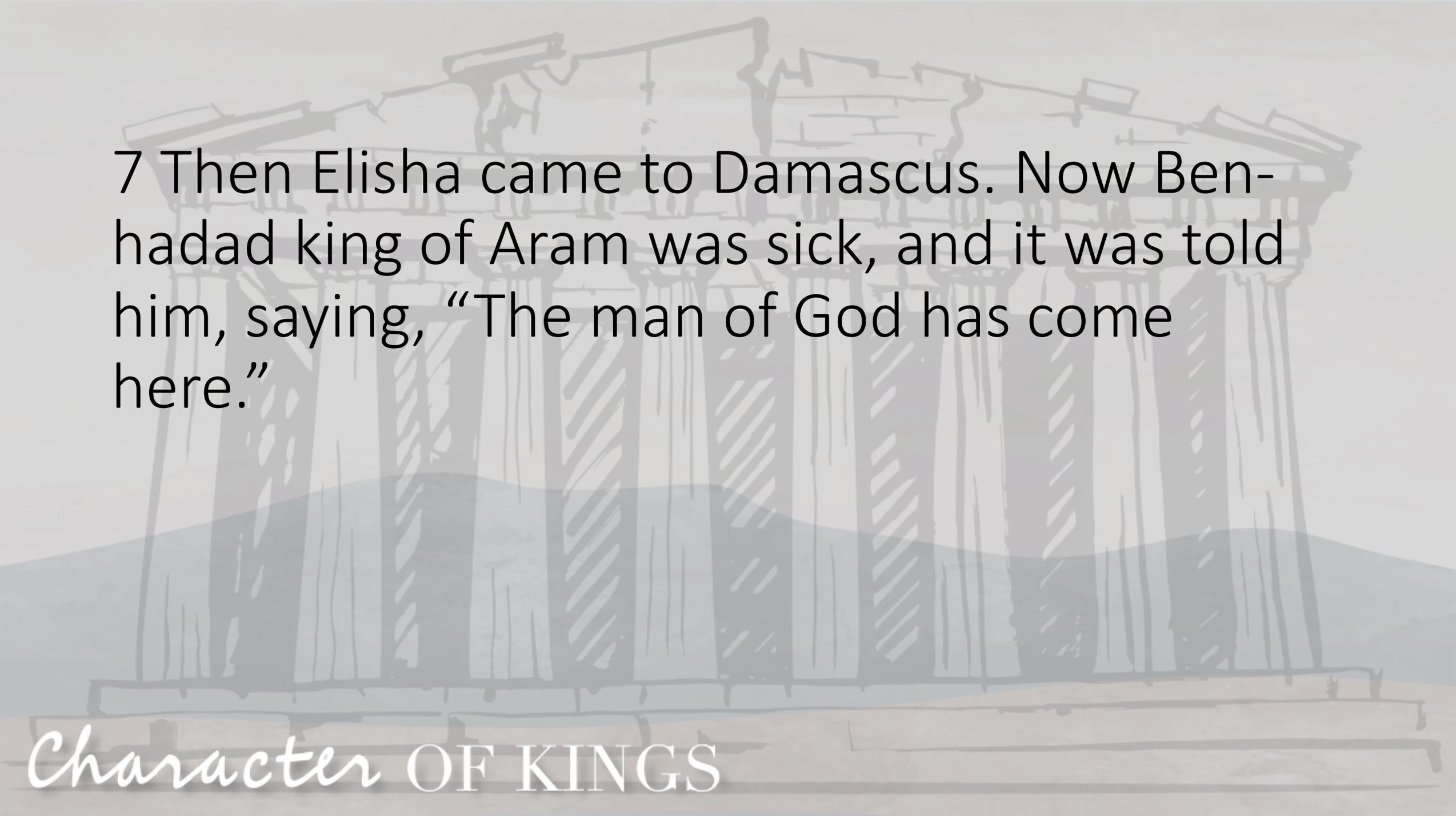
5 As he was relating to the king how he had restored to life the one who was dead, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life appealed to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, “My lord, O king, this is the woman and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.”

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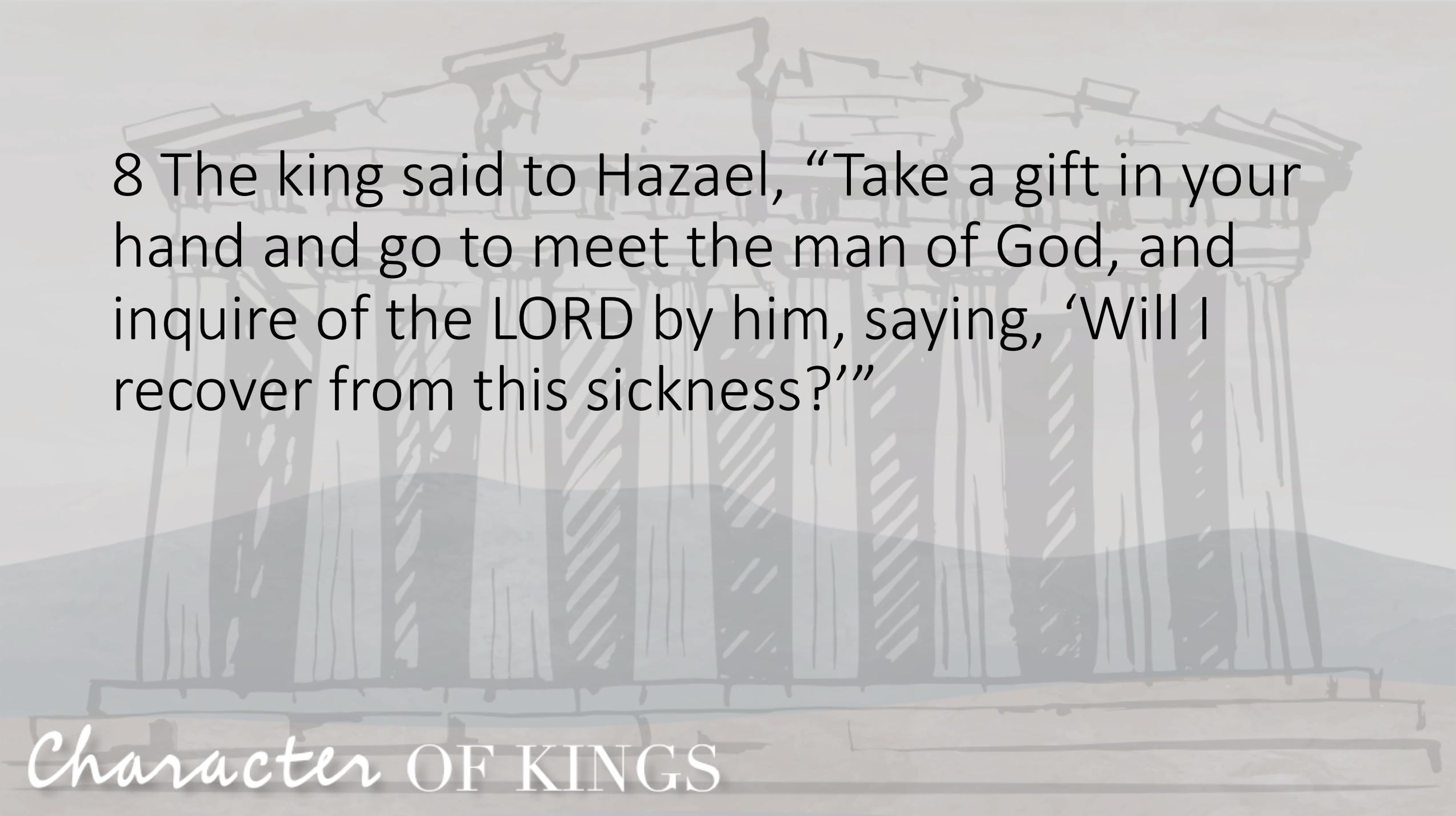
6 When the king asked the woman, she related it to him. So the king appointed for her a certain officer, saying, “Restore all that was hers and all the produce of the field from the day that she left the land even until now.”

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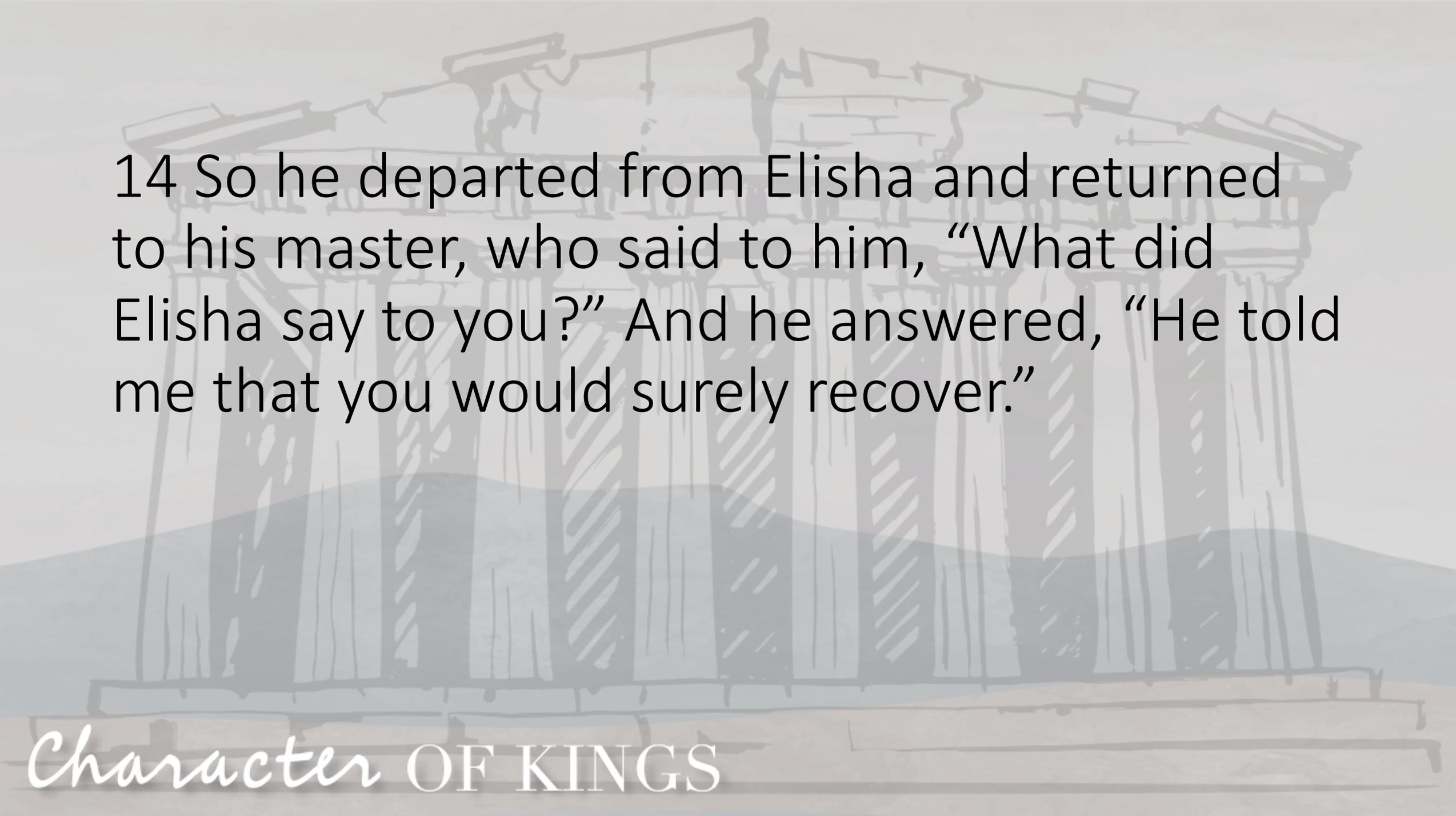
7 Then Elisha came to Damascus. Now Benhadad king of Aram was sick, and it was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here."

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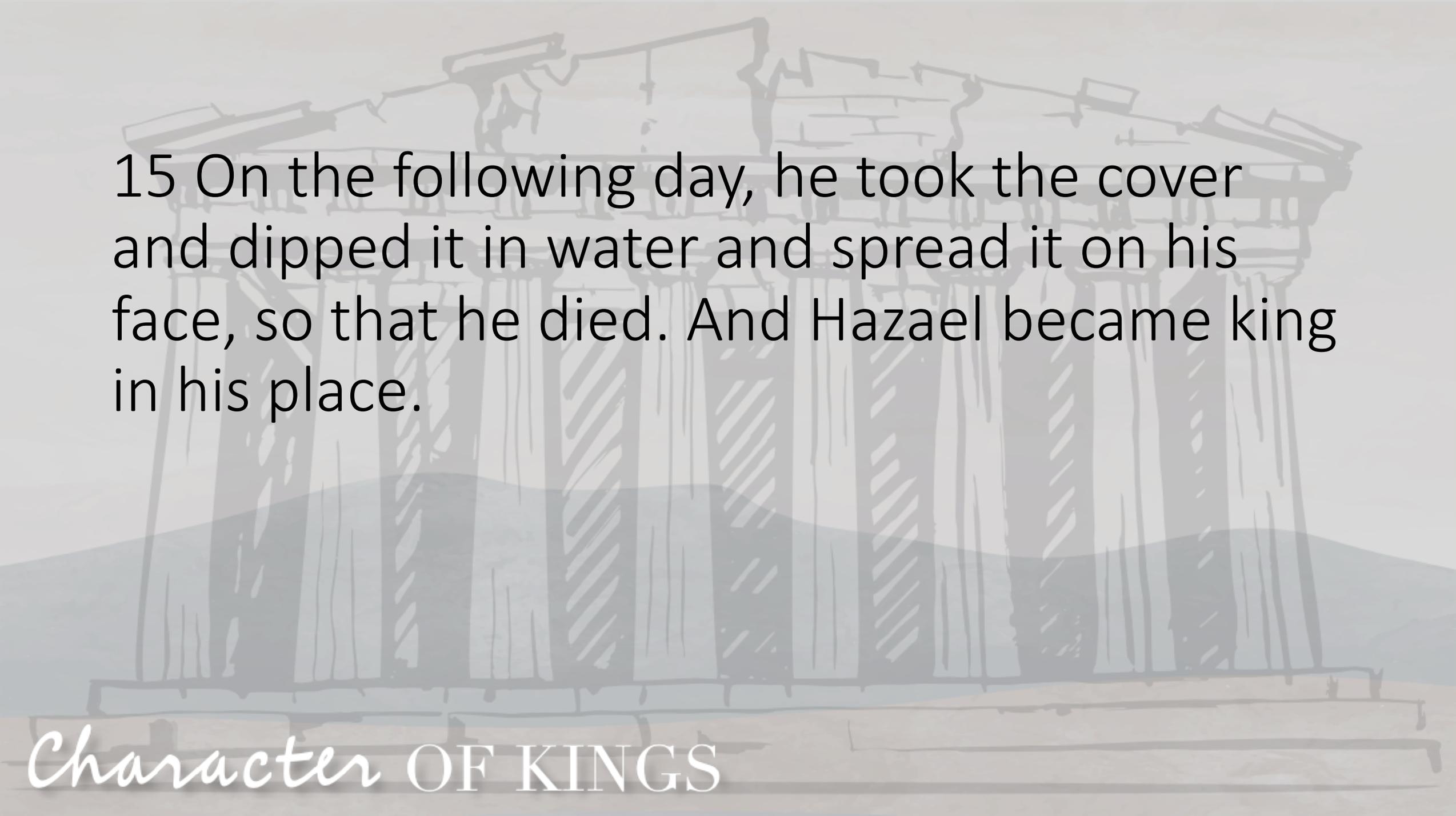
8 The king said to Hazael, “Take a gift in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’”

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14 So he departed from Elisha and returned to his master, who said to him, “What did Elisha say to you?” And he answered, “He told me that you would surely recover.”

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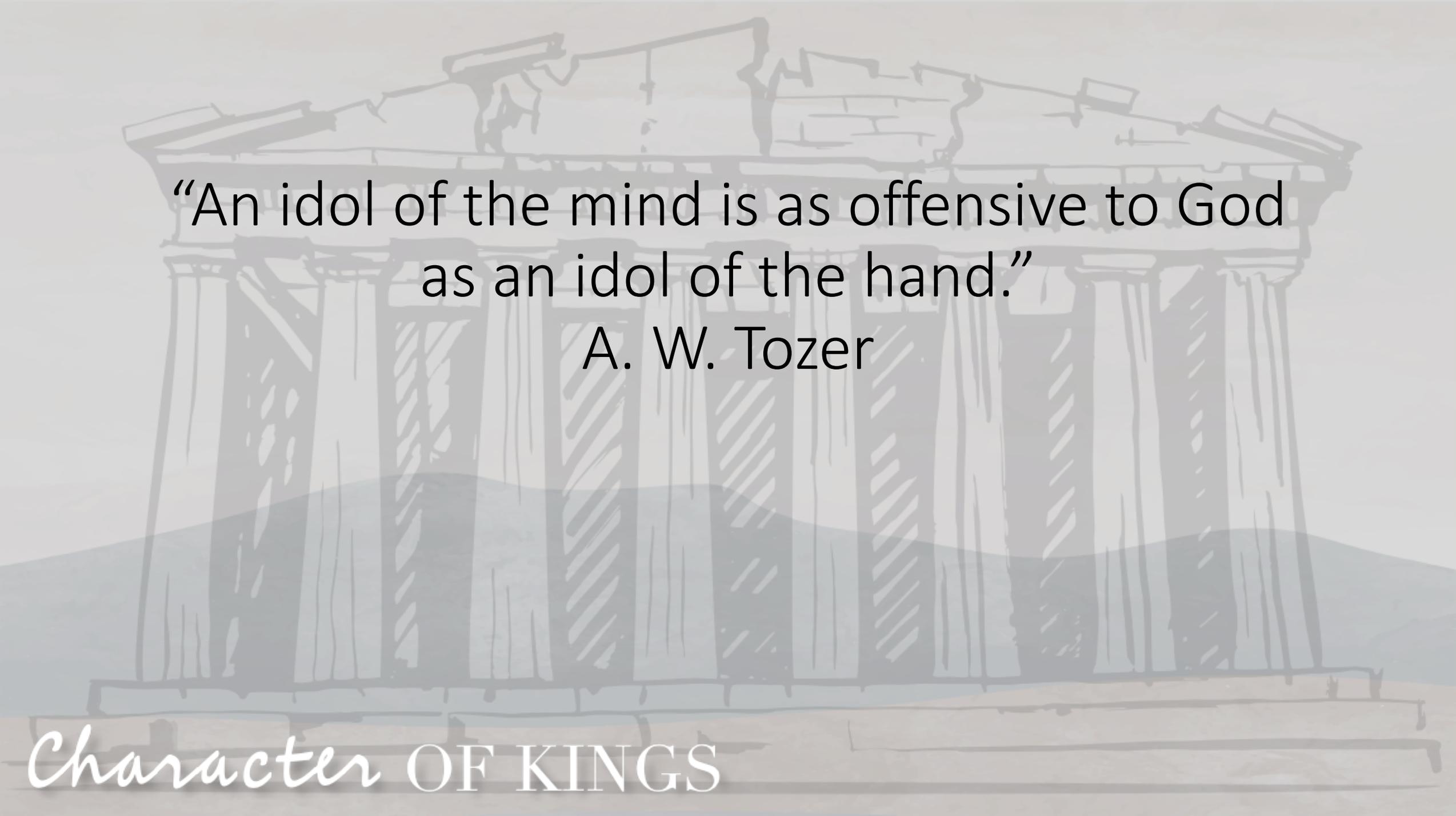
15 On the following day, he took the cover and dipped it in water and spread it on his face, so that he died. And Hazael became king in his place.

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Painful 2 Kings 8:1-15

- Examples of Grace vss 1-6
- Leaders of wickedness 7-15
 - Ben-hadad is sick – Hazael comes to Elisha
 - King will recover – killed by Hazel later
 - Idol of Power destroys! We are servants!

Character OF KINGS



“An idol of the mind is as offensive to God
as an idol of the hand.”

A. W. Tozer

Character OF KINGS

Jehu – 10th King of North – son of Jehoshaphat

31 But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

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Reigns of Divided Kingdom Kings

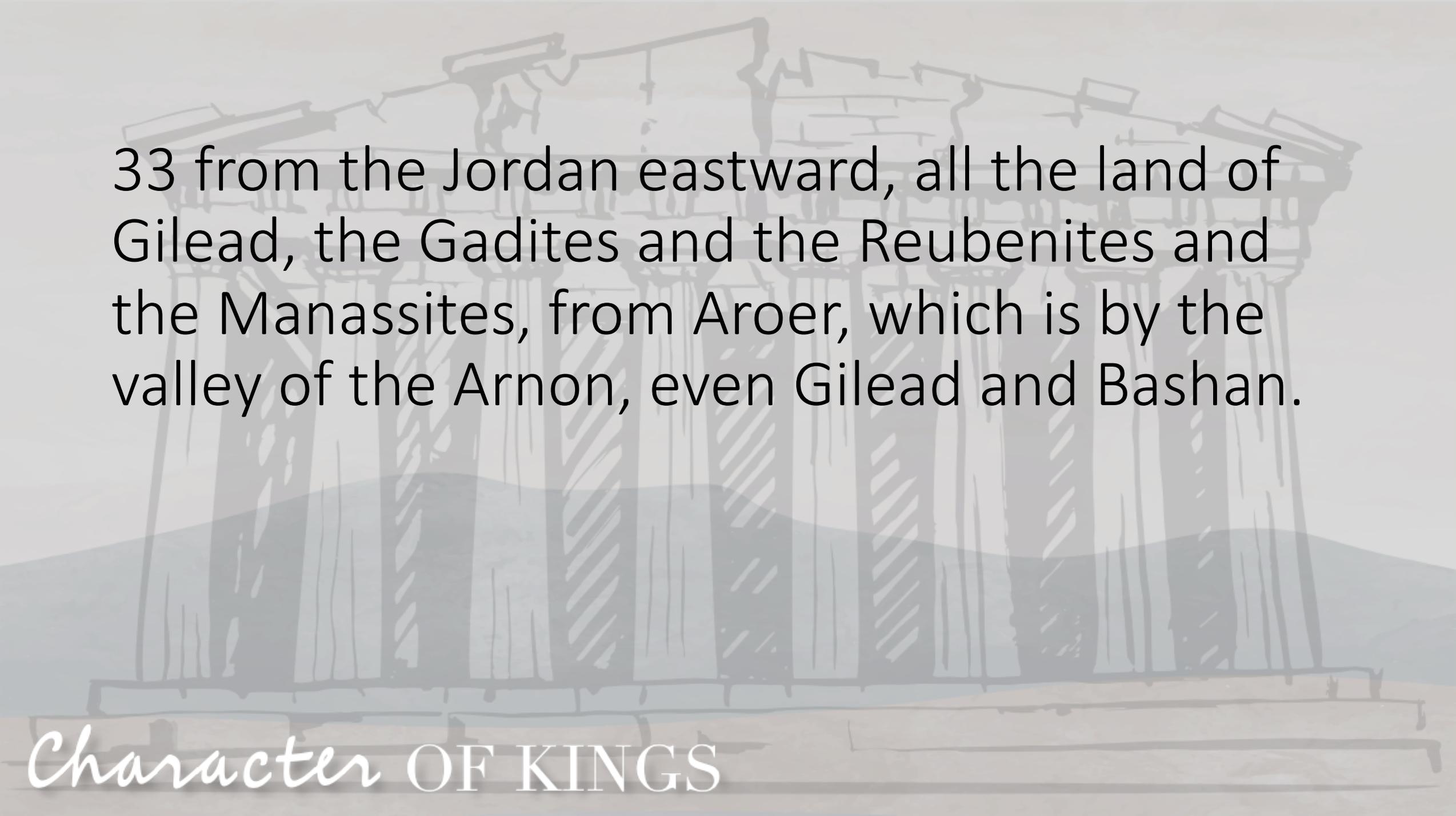
KINGS OF ISRAEL			KINGS OF JUDAH	
DYNASTY	KING	YEARS OF REIGN (B.C.)	KING	YEARS OF REIGN (B.C.)
1st	Jeroboam	933 - 911 ←	→ Rehoboam	933 - 916
	Nadab	911 - 910 ←	→ Abijah	915 - 913
2nd	Baasha	910 - 887 ←	→ Asa	912 - 872
	Elah	887 - 886		
3rd	Zimri	886		
4th	Omri	886 - 875	→ Jehoshaphat	874 - 850
	Ahab	875 - 854 ←	→ Jehoram	850 - 843
	Ahaziah	855 - 854 ←	→ Ahaziah	843
	Jehoram (Joram)	854 - 843 ←	→ Athaliah	843 - 837
5th	Jehu	843 - 816 ←	→ Joash	843 - 803
	Jehoahaz	820 - 804 ←	→ Amaziah	803 - 775
	Jehoash (Joash)	806 - 790 ←	→ Uzziah	787 - 735
	Jerboam II	790 - 749 ←	→ Joham	749 - 734
	Zechariah	748 ←		
6th	Shallum	748		
7th	Menaem	748 - 738	→ Ahaz	741 - 726
	Pekahiah	738 - 736 ←		
8th	Pekah	748 - 730	→ Hezekiah	726 - 697
9th	Hoshea	730 - 721 ←	Manasseh	697 - 642
			Amon	641 - 640
			Josiah	639 - 608
			Jehoahaz	608
			Jehoiakim	608 - 597
			Jehoiachin	597
			Zedekiah	597 - 586





32 In those days the LORD began to cut off portions from Israel; and Hazael defeated them throughout the territory of Israel:

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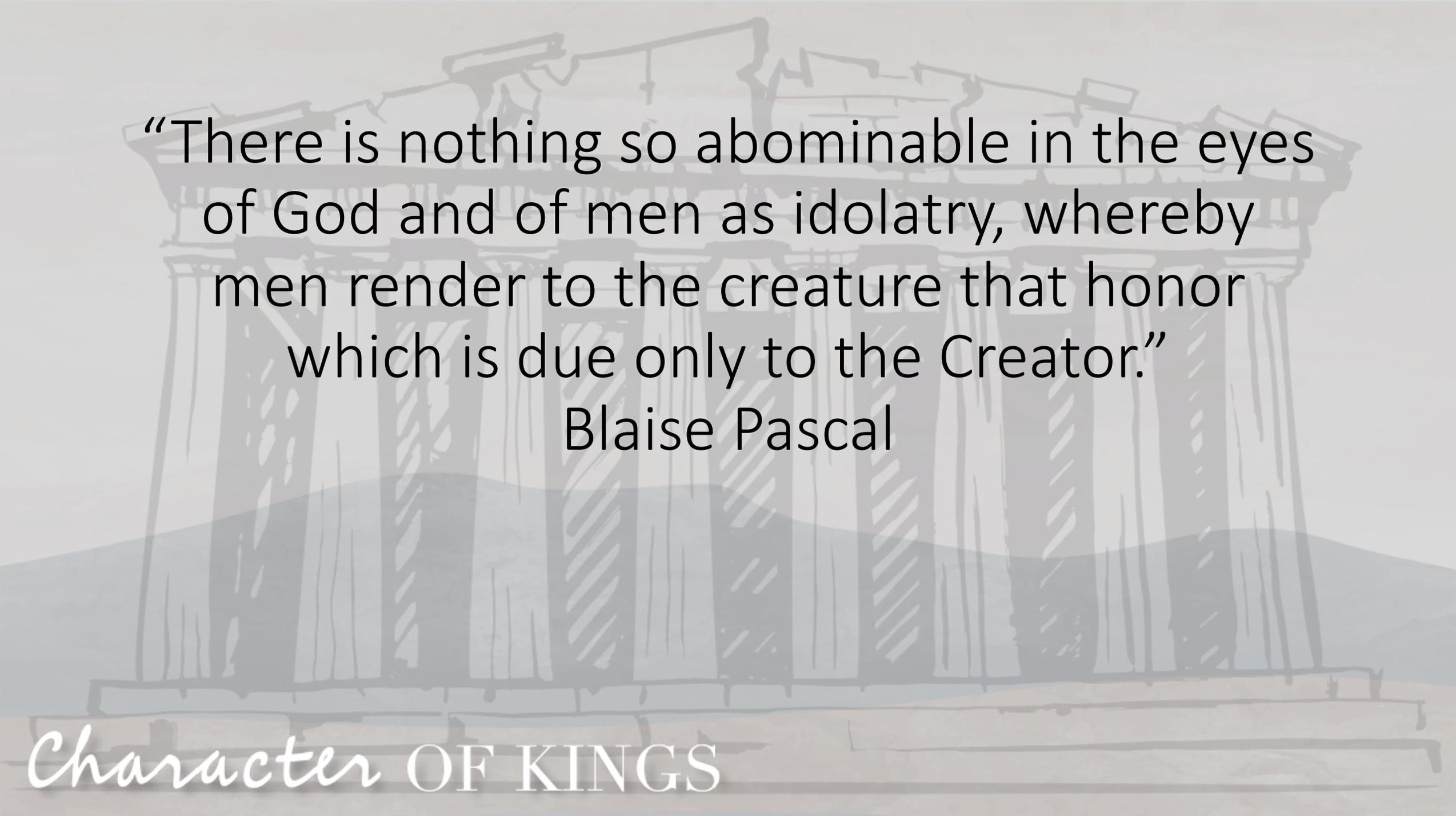
33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites and the Reubenites and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

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Patient 2 Kings 10:32,33

- God gives time to repent – 28 years
- God gives opportunities to repent
- God desires man to return

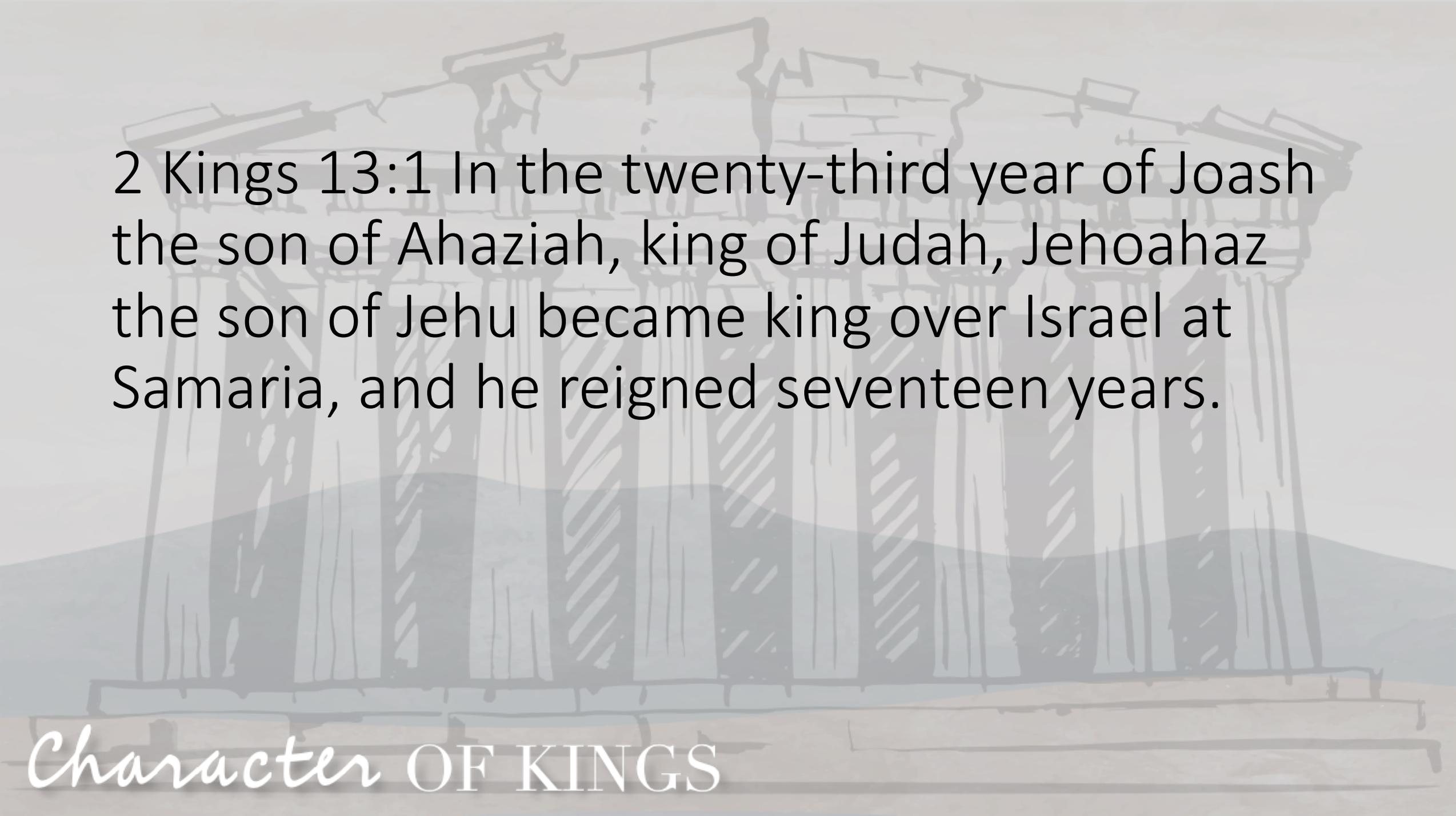
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“There is nothing so abominable in the eyes of God and of men as idolatry, whereby men render to the creature that honor which is due only to the Creator.”

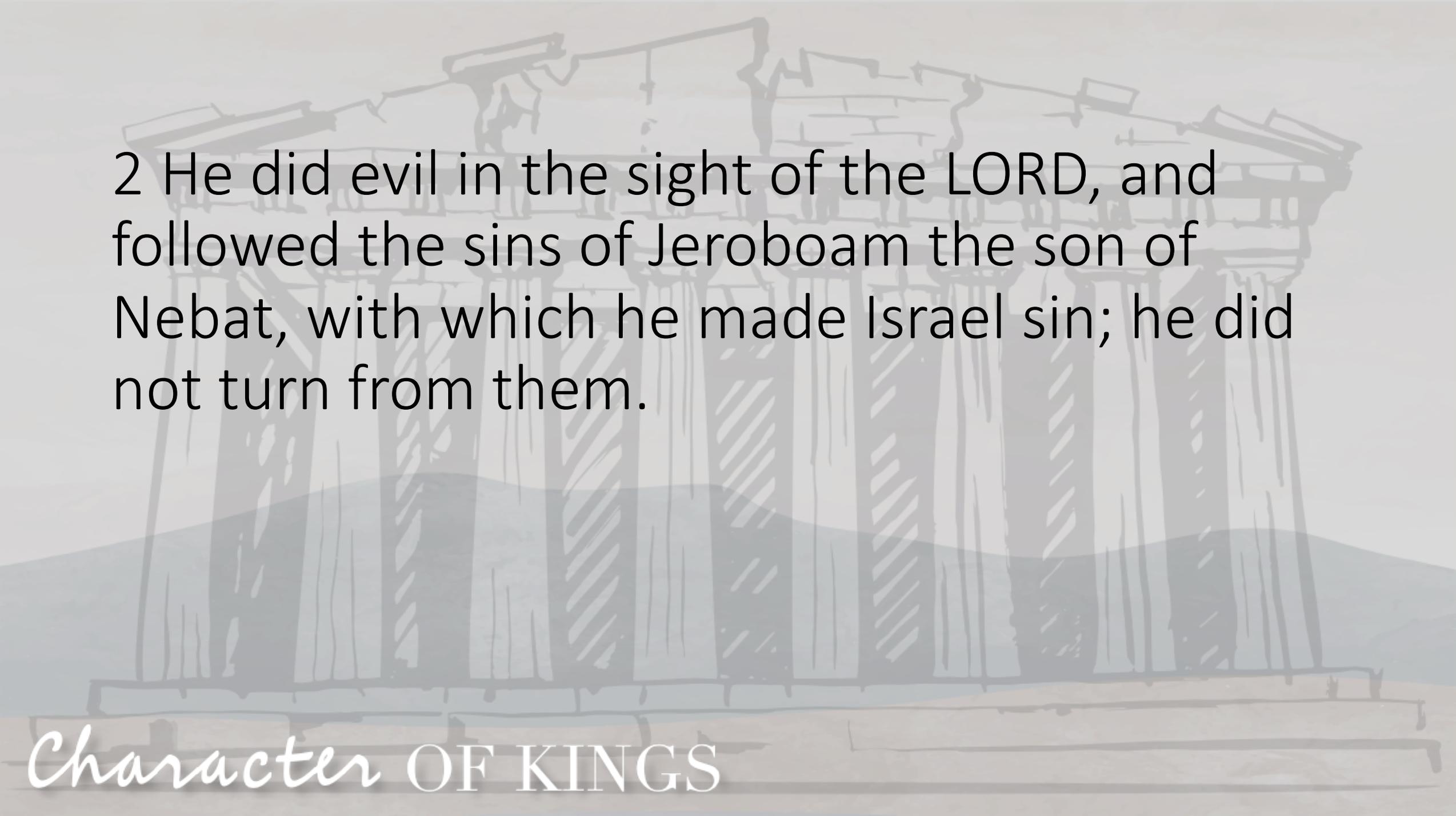
Blaise Pascal

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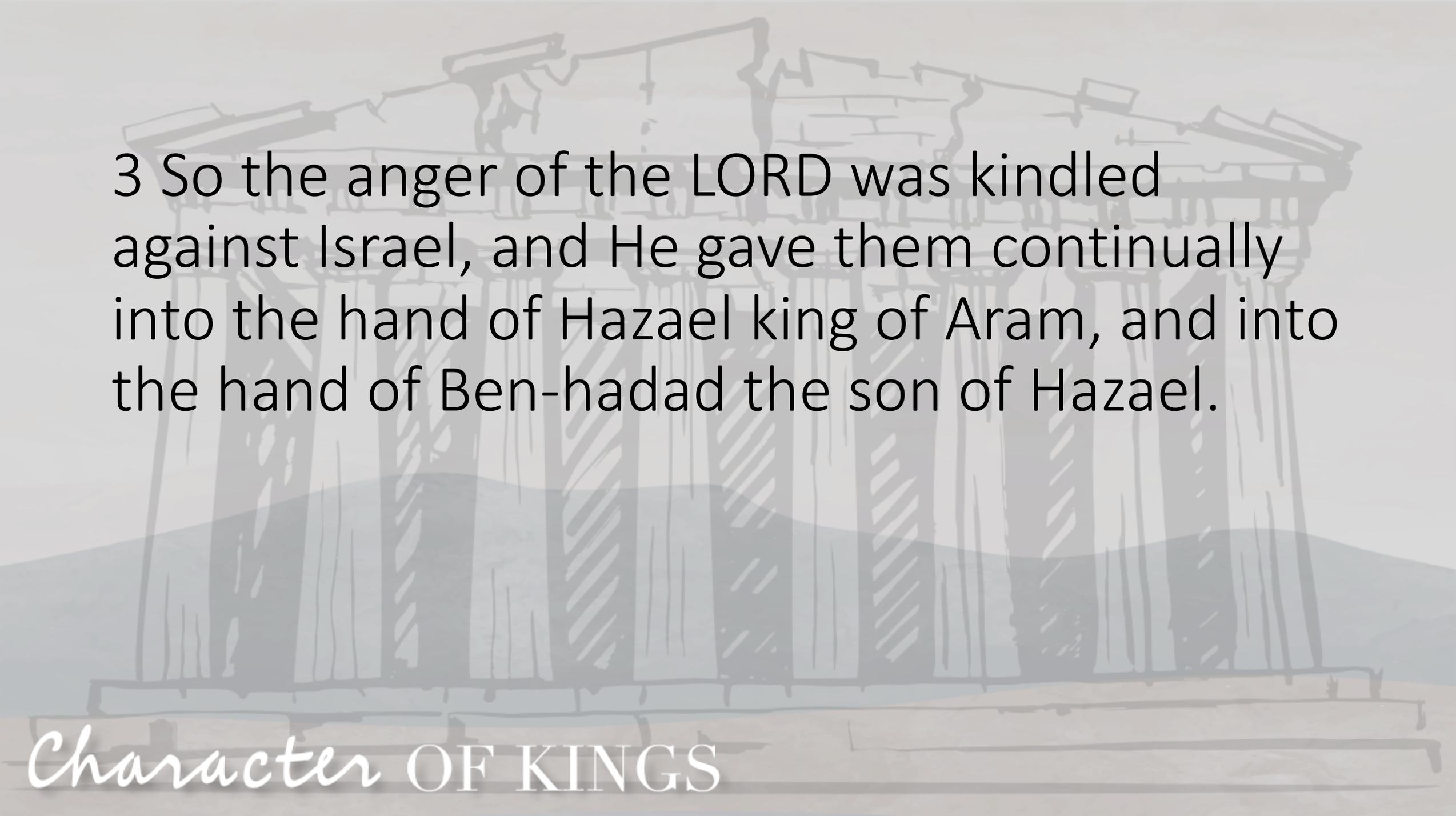
2 Kings 13:1 In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel at Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years.

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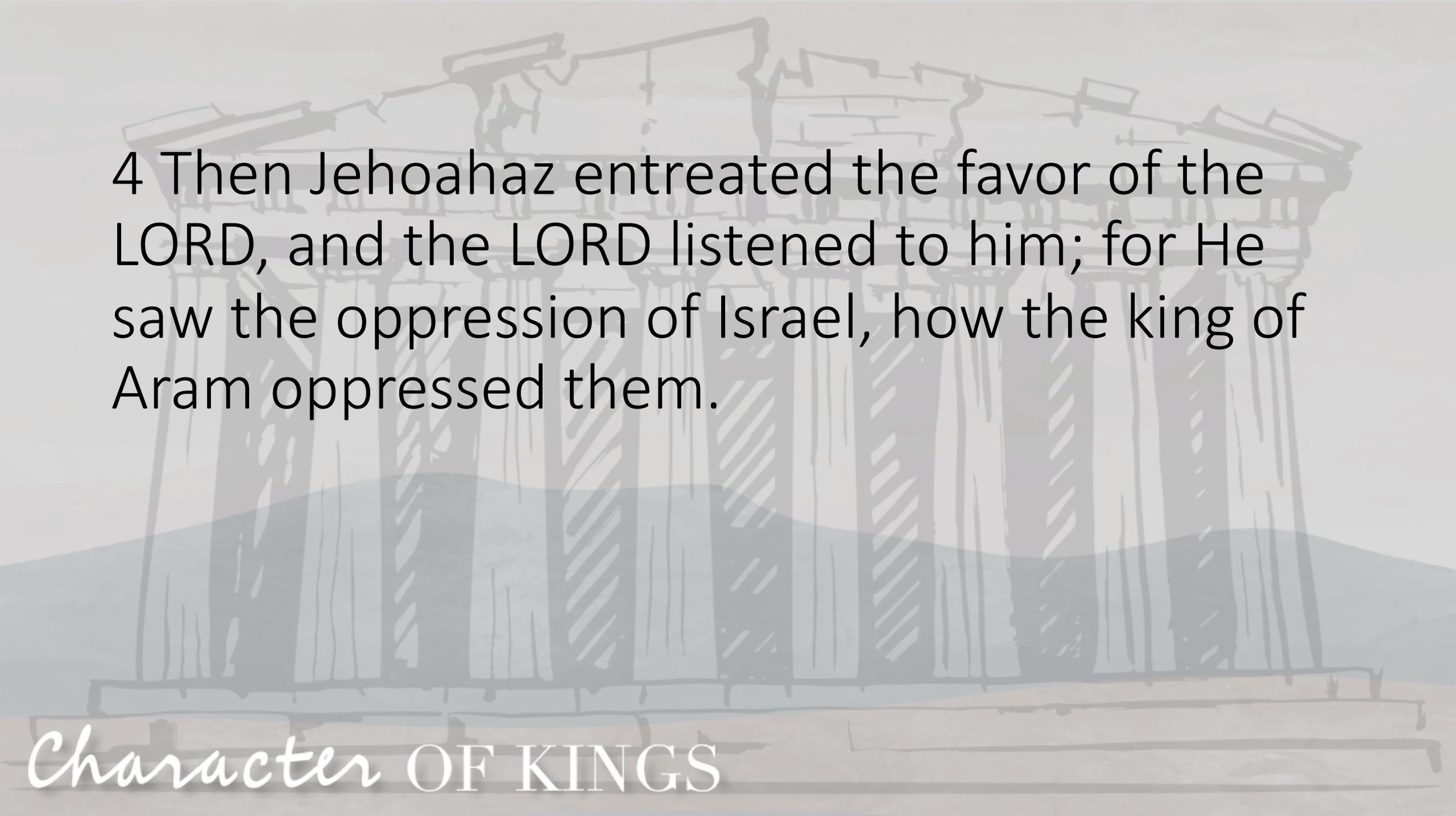
2 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin; he did not turn from them.

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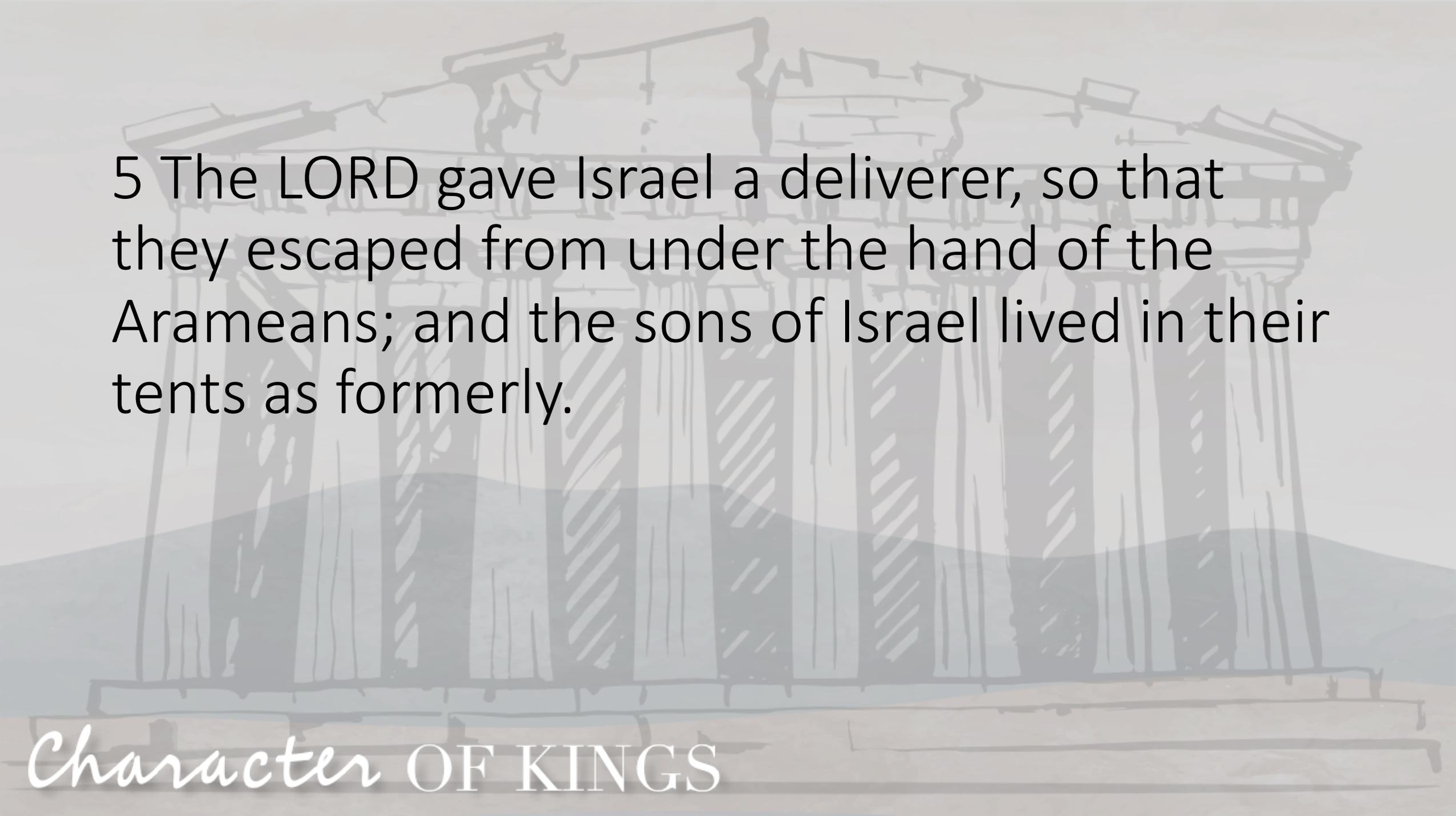
3 So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Aram, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael.

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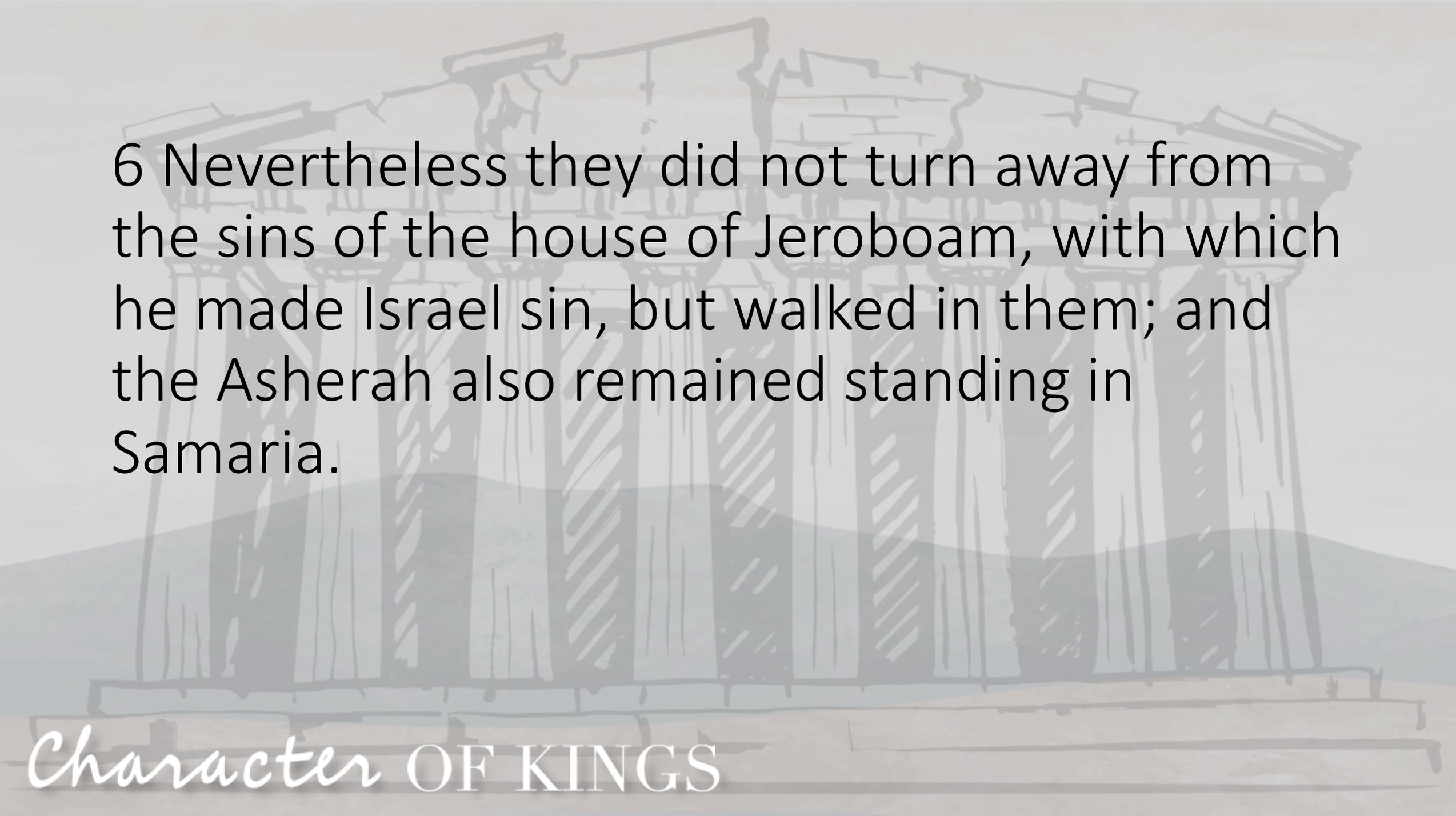
4 Then Jehoahaz entreated the favor of the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Aram oppressed them.

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5 The LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Arameans; and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as formerly.

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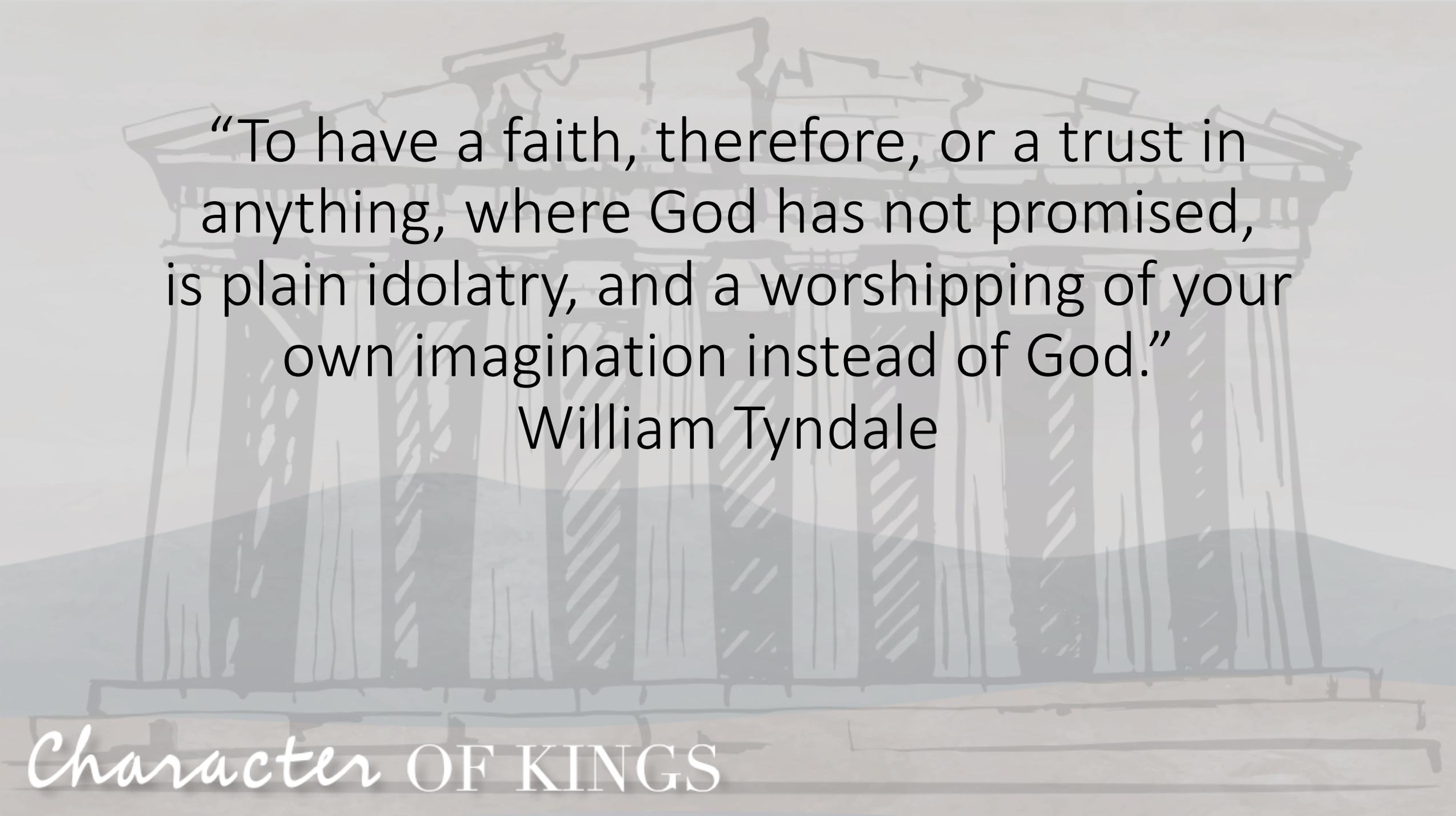
6 Nevertheless they did not turn away from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel sin, but walked in them; and the Asherah also remained standing in Samaria.

Character OF KINGS

Prevention 2 Kings 13

- New King – Jehoahaz
- Old Sins – back to idols!
- Same Judgment – enemies unchecked
- New Prayer vs 4 – King seeks Jehovah
- Mercy wasted – sins retained vs 6

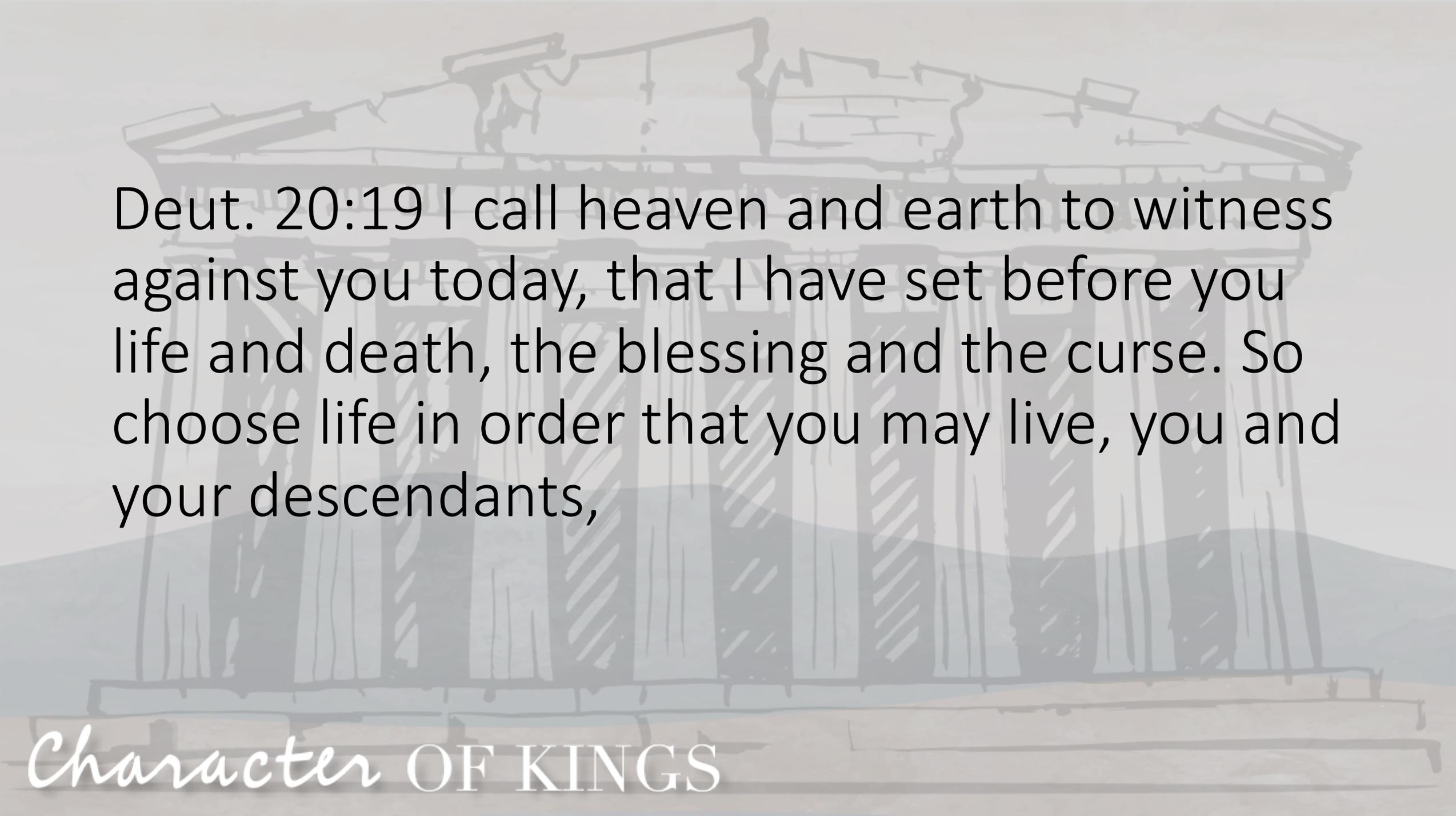
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“To have a faith, therefore, or a trust in anything, where God has not promised, is plain idolatry, and a worshipping of your own imagination instead of God.”

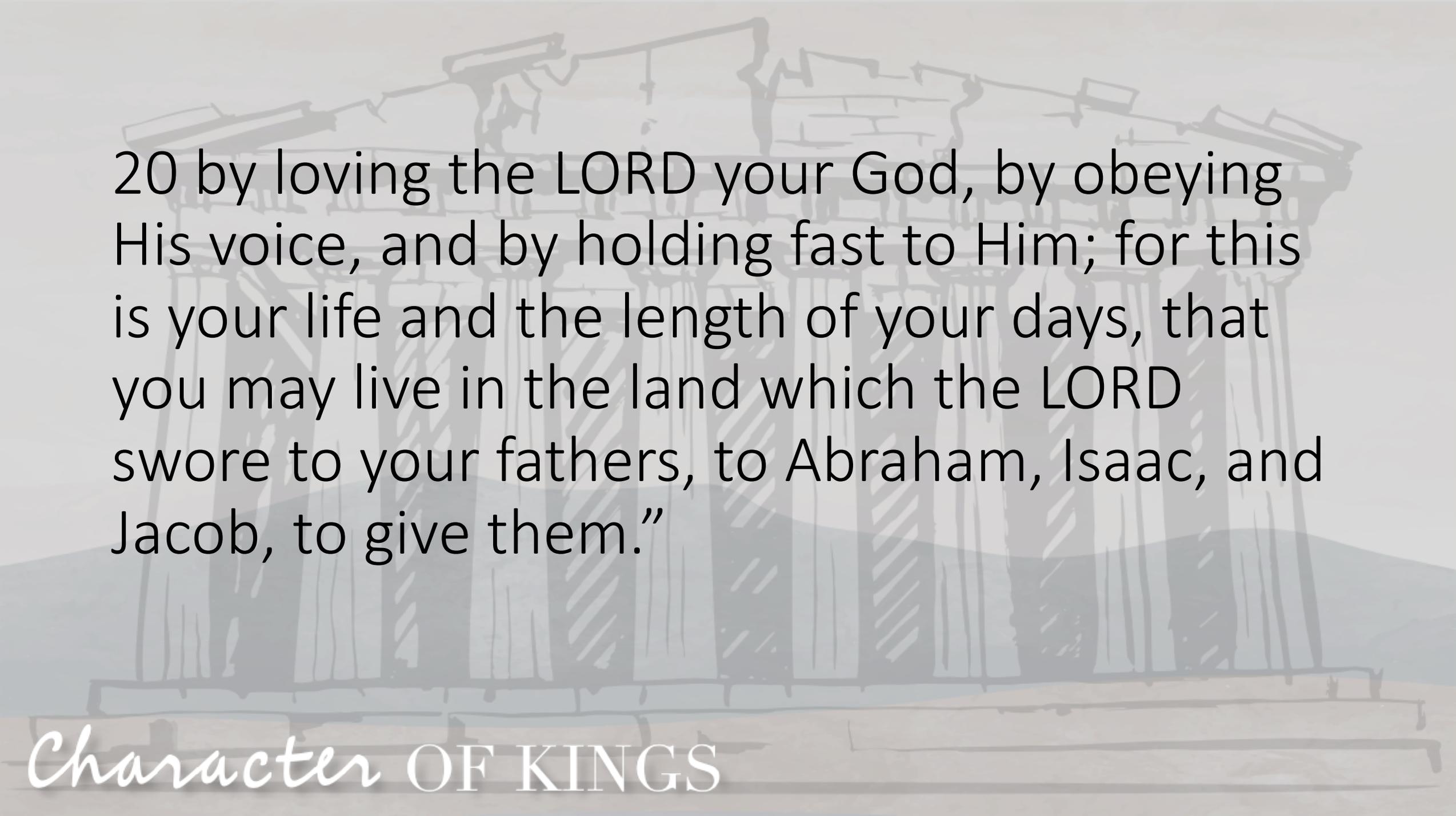
William Tyndale

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Deut. 20:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

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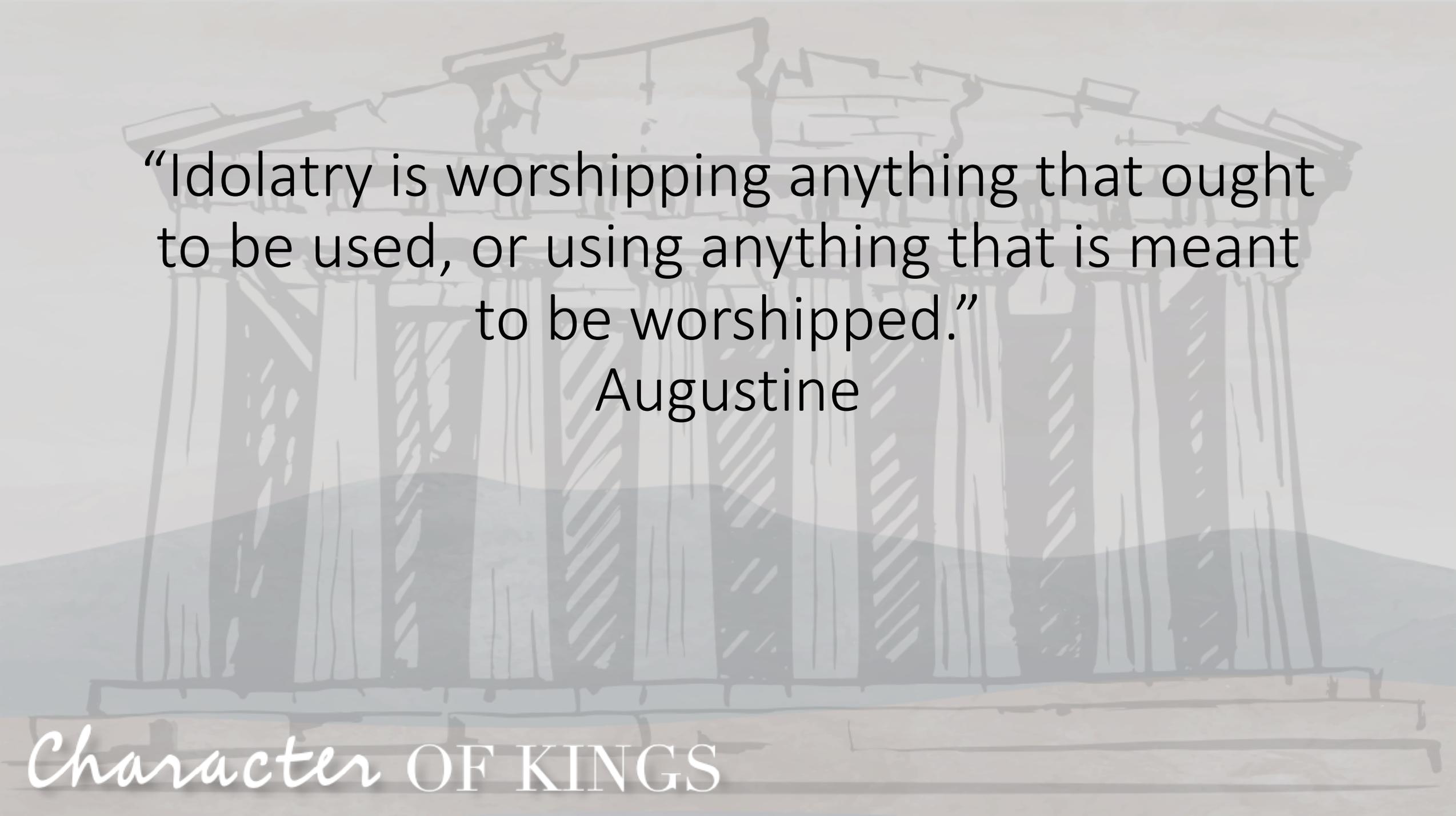
20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

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Purpose Deut. 30:20

- Moses calls out the People of God
 - Choices are clear – ‘I don’t understand’
 - Consequences are clear – ‘not fair!’
 - Conditions are clear – love & obey!

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“Idolatry is worshipping anything that ought to be used, or using anything that is meant to be worshipped.”

Augustine

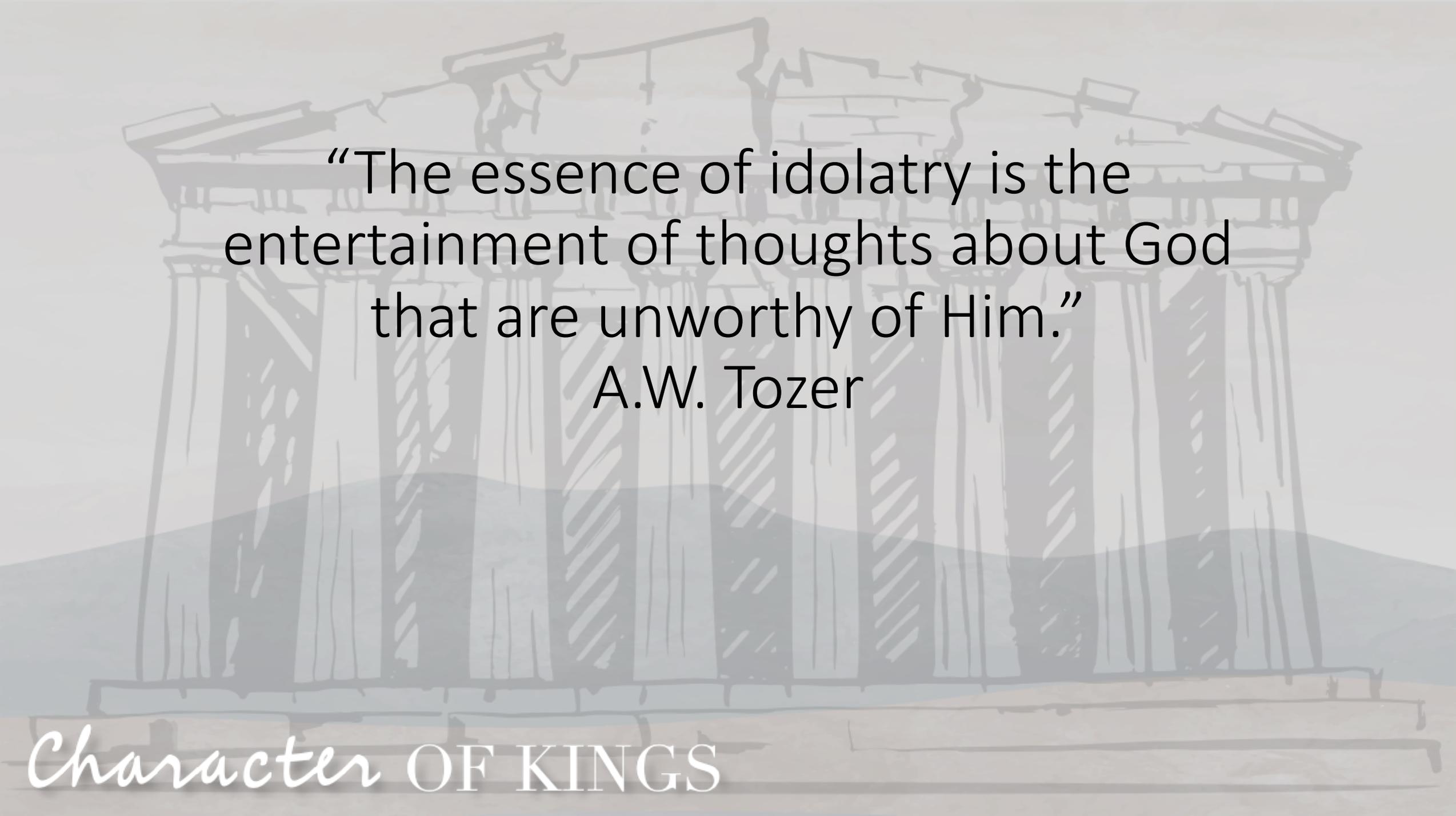
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Idolatry

Idolatry is worshipping the created instead of the creator.

Idolatry is seeking meaning, purpose and life in something other than God.

Idolatry is loving someone or something more than God.



“The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.”

A.W. Tozer

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