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# Kings of Judah Southern Kingdom

## 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles

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Divided Kingdom – David – Solomon – J/R  
Israel – Northern Kingdom - 19 = not good!  
Judah – Southern Kingdom – 20 = some good!  
5 Kings were Revival Kings: Asa, Jehoshaphat,  
Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah

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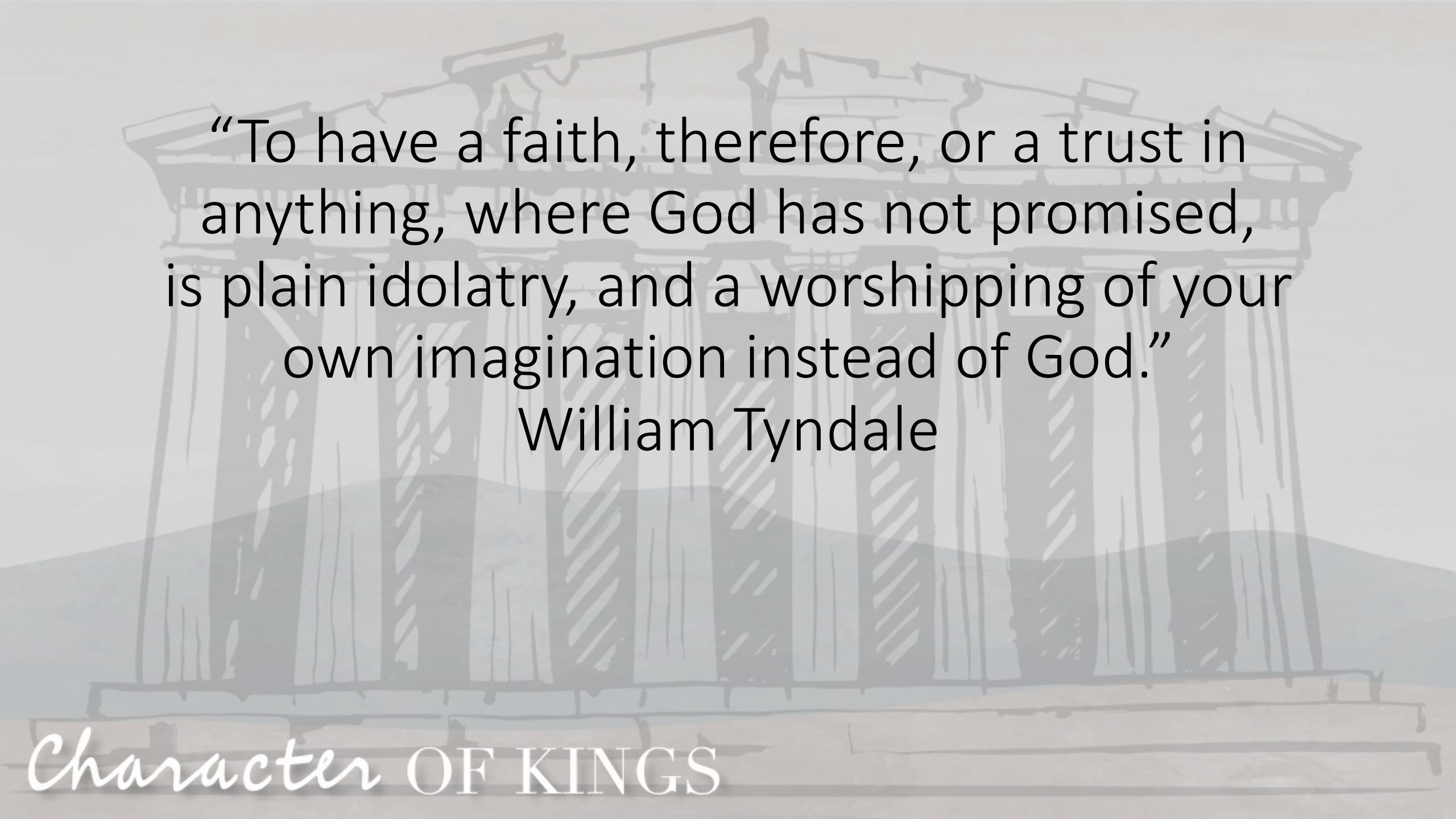
# Reigns of Divided Kingdom Kings

KINGS OF ISRAEL		KINGS OF JUDAH		
DYNASTY	KING	YEARS OF REIGN (B.C.)	KING	
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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
	Jeroboam II	790 - 749 ←	► Joham	749 - 734
6th	Zechariah	748 ←		
	Shallum	748		
7th	Menaem	748 - 738	► Ahaz	741 - 726
	Pekahiah	738 - 736 ←	► Hezekiah	726 - 697
8th	Pekah	748 - 730	Manasseh	697 - 642
9th	Hoshea	730 - 721 ←	Amon	641 - 640



KING	YEARS OF REIGN (B.C.)
► Rehoboam	933 - 916
► Abijah	915 - 913
► Asa	912 - 872
	Smiley face
► Jehoshaphat	874 - 850
► Jehoram	850 - 843
► Ahaziah	843
► Athaliah	843 - 837
► Joash	843 - 803
► Amaziah	803 - 775
► Uzziah	787 - 735
► Joham	749 - 734
	No symbol
► Ahaz	741 - 726
► Hezekiah	726 - 697
Manasseh	697 - 642
Amon	641 - 640
Josiah	639 - 608
Jehoahaz	608
Jehoiakim	608 - 597
Jehoiachin	597
Zedekiah	597 - 586

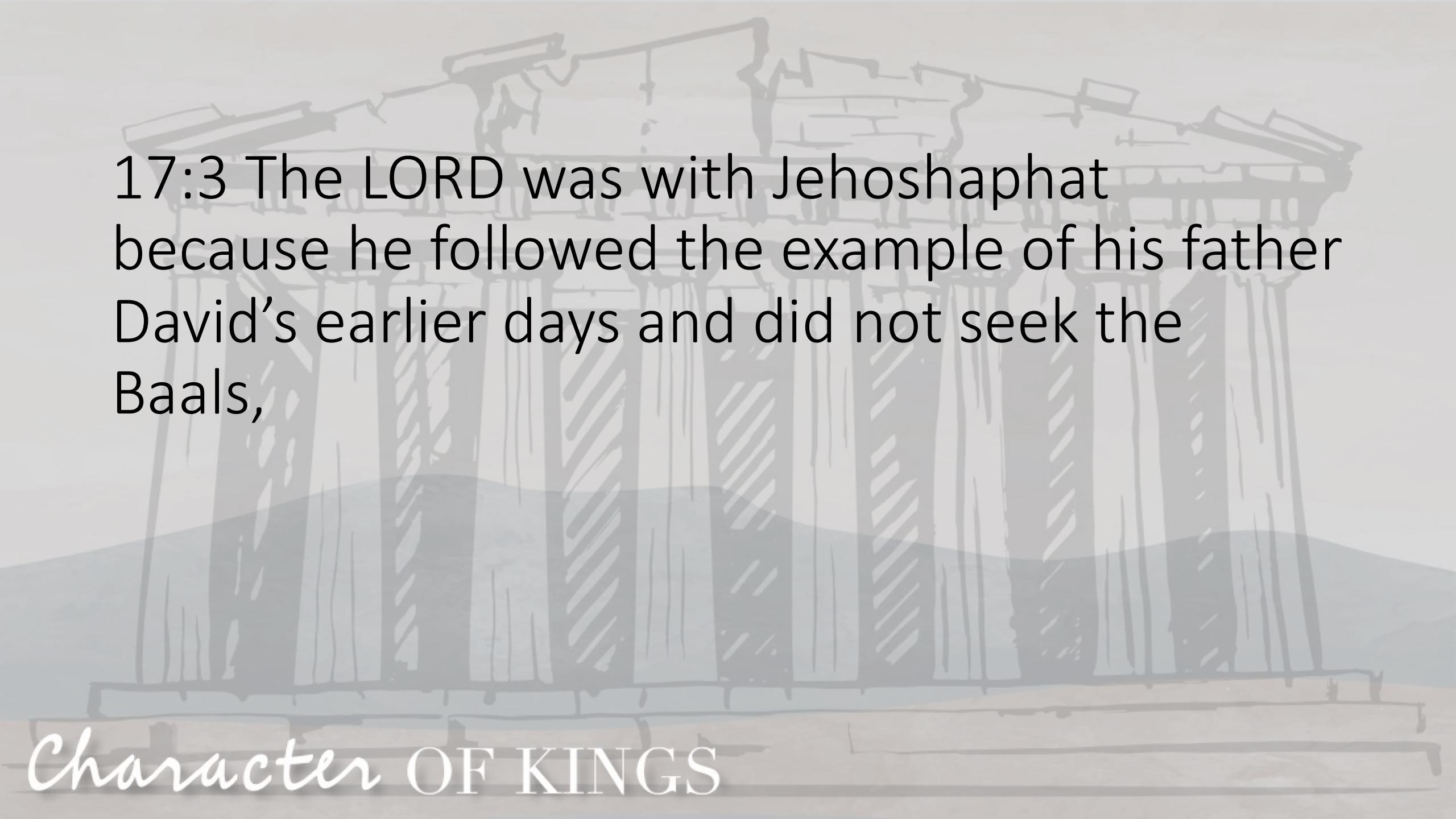




“To have a faith, therefore, or a trust in anything, where God has not promised, is plain idolatry, and a worshipping of your own imagination instead of God.”

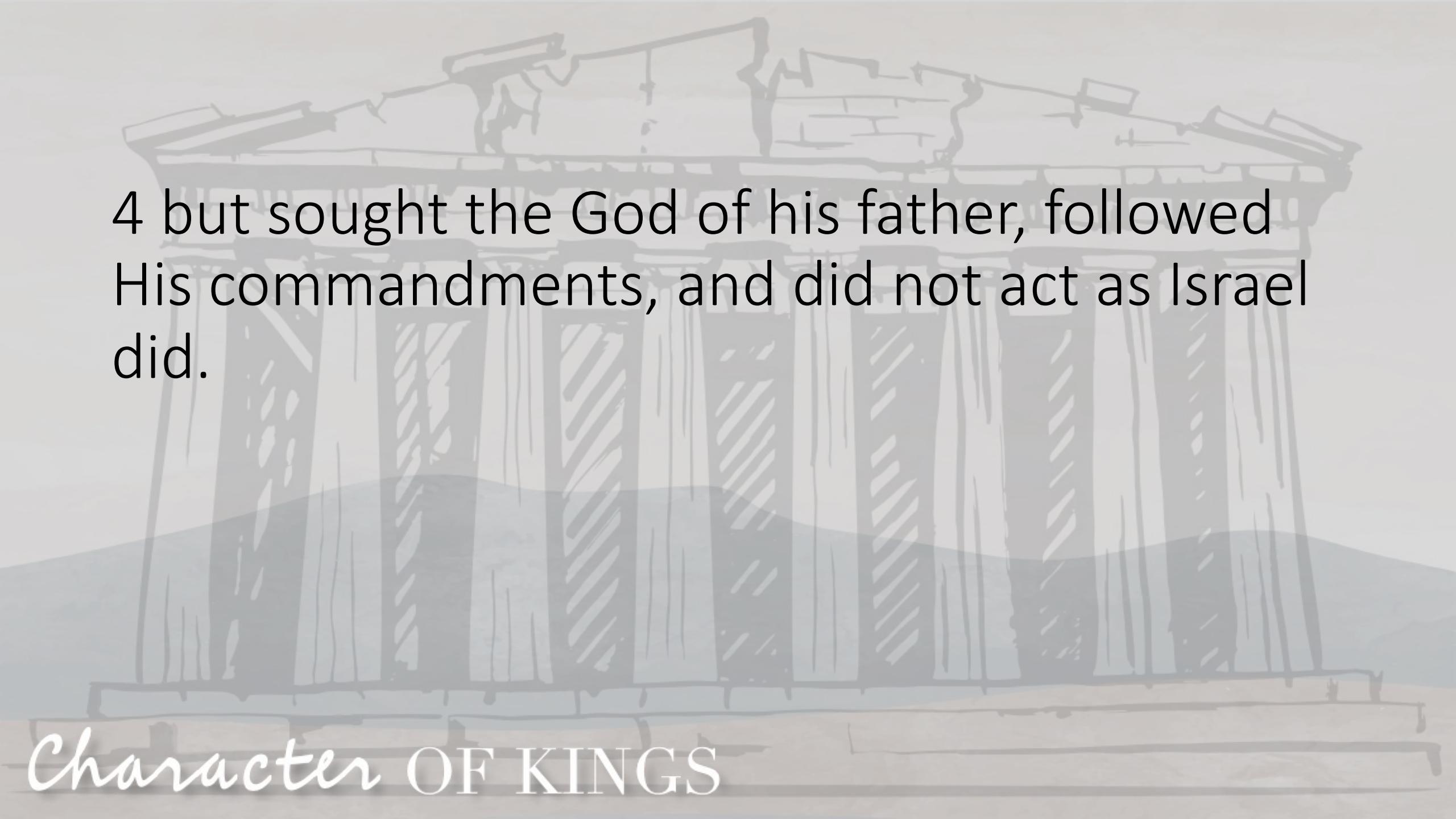
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17:3 The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David's earlier days and did not seek the Baals,

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4 but sought the God of his father, followed His commandments, and did not act as Israel did.

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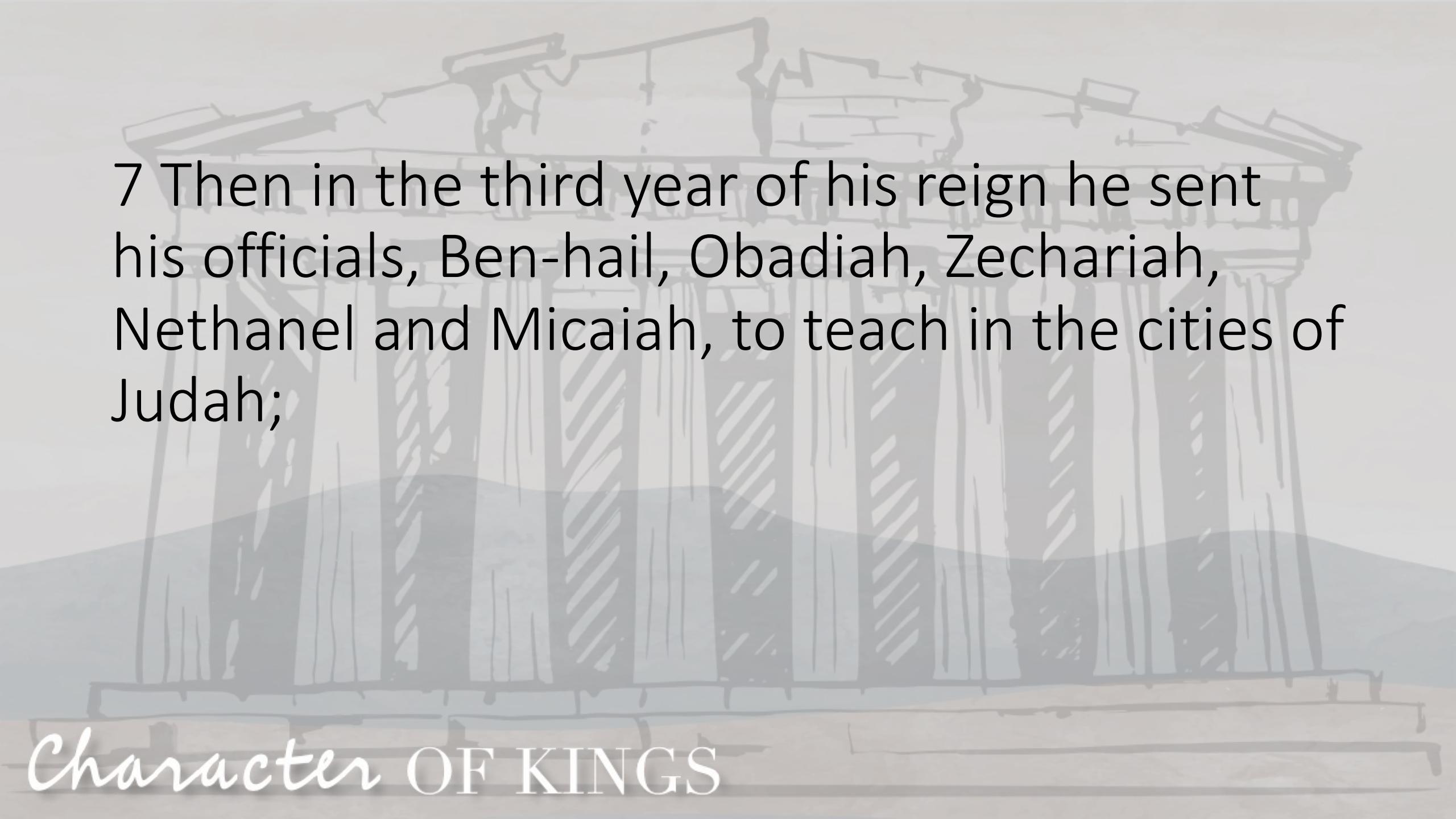
5 So the LORD established the kingdom in his control, and all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor.

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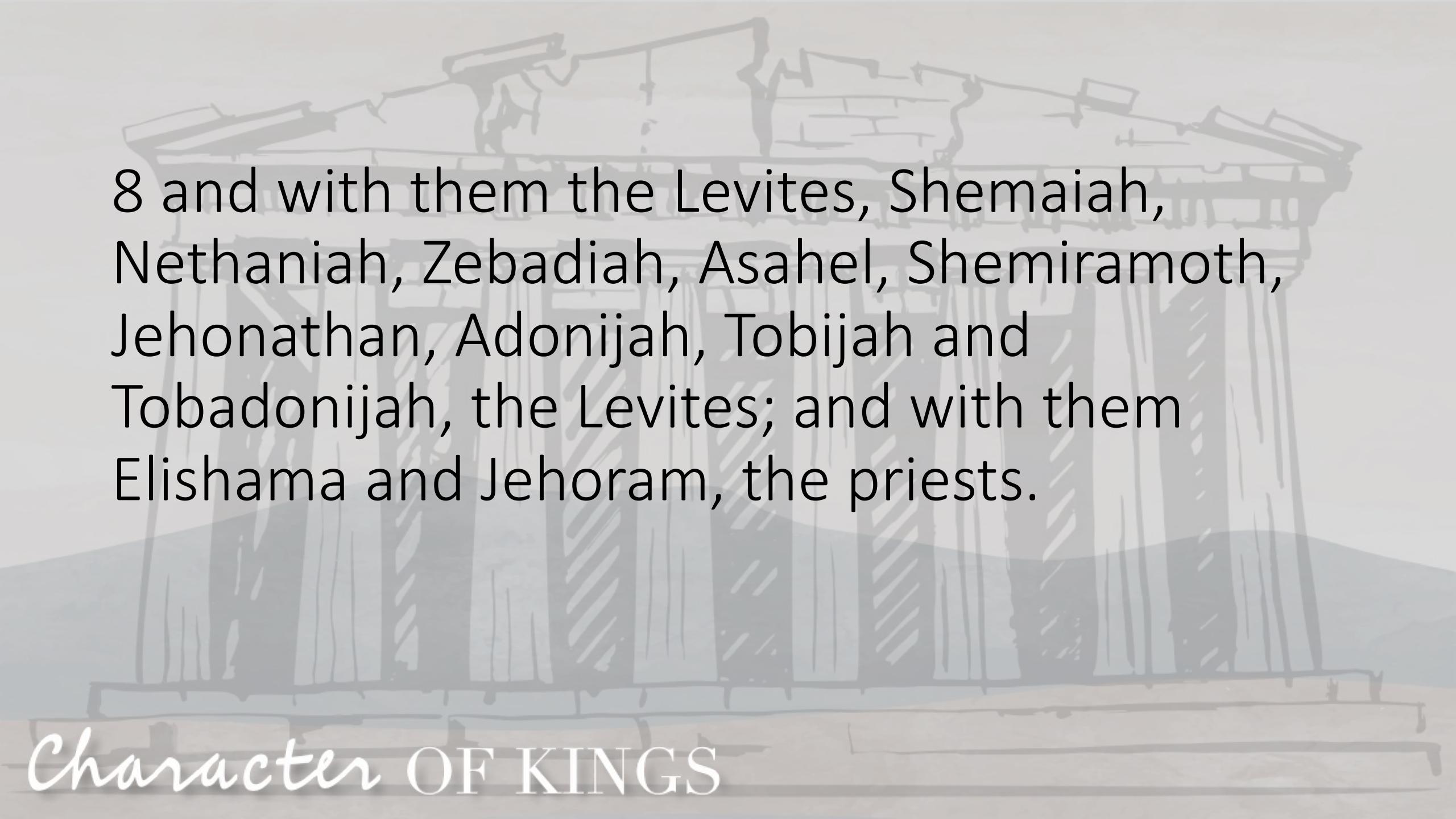


6 He took great pride in the ways of the LORD  
and again removed the high places and the  
Asherim from Judah.

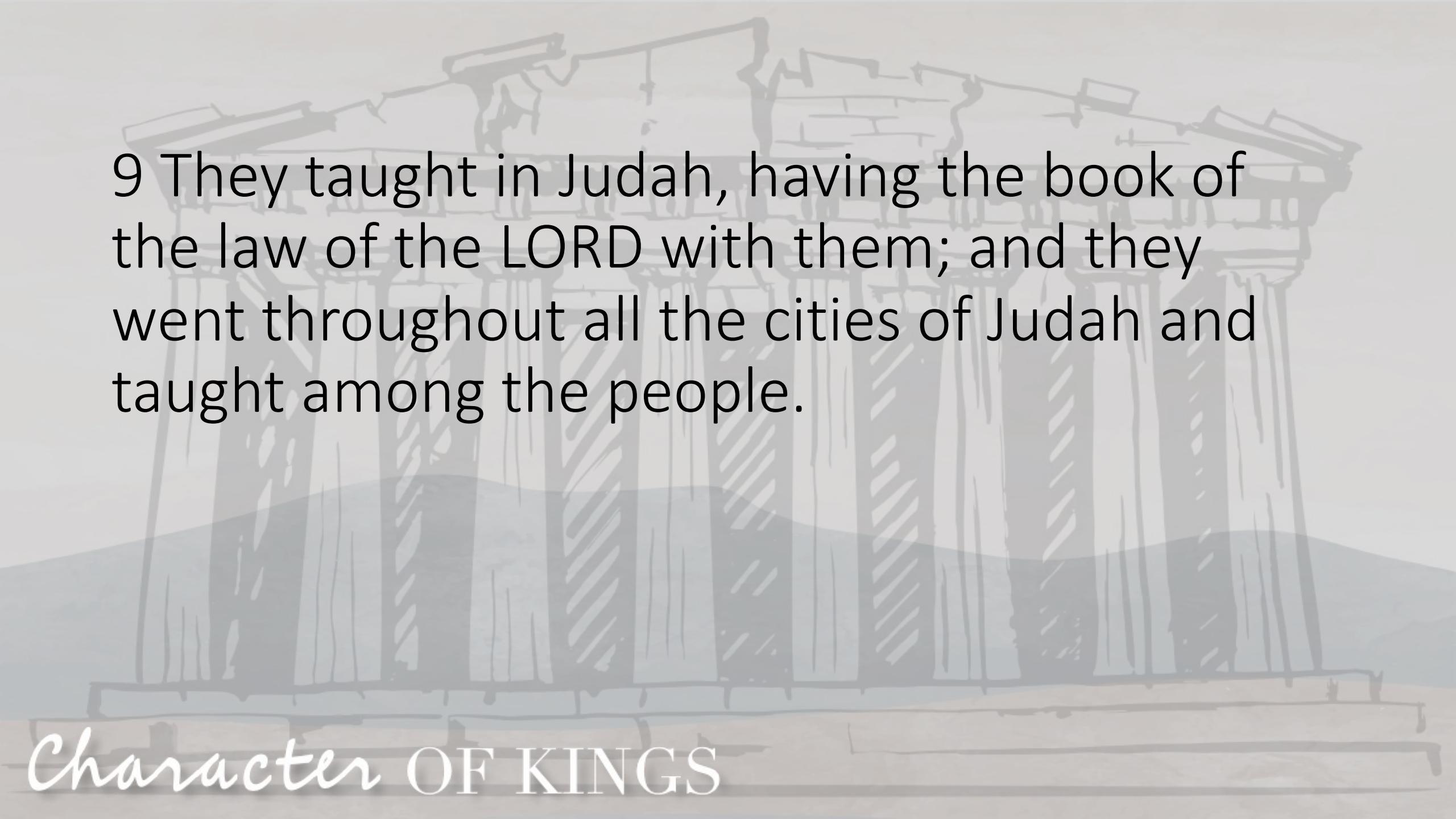
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7 Then in the third year of his reign he sent his officials, Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah;



8 and with them the Levites, Shemaiah,  
Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth,  
Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah and  
Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them  
Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.



9 They taught in Judah, having the book of the law of the LORD with them; and they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people.

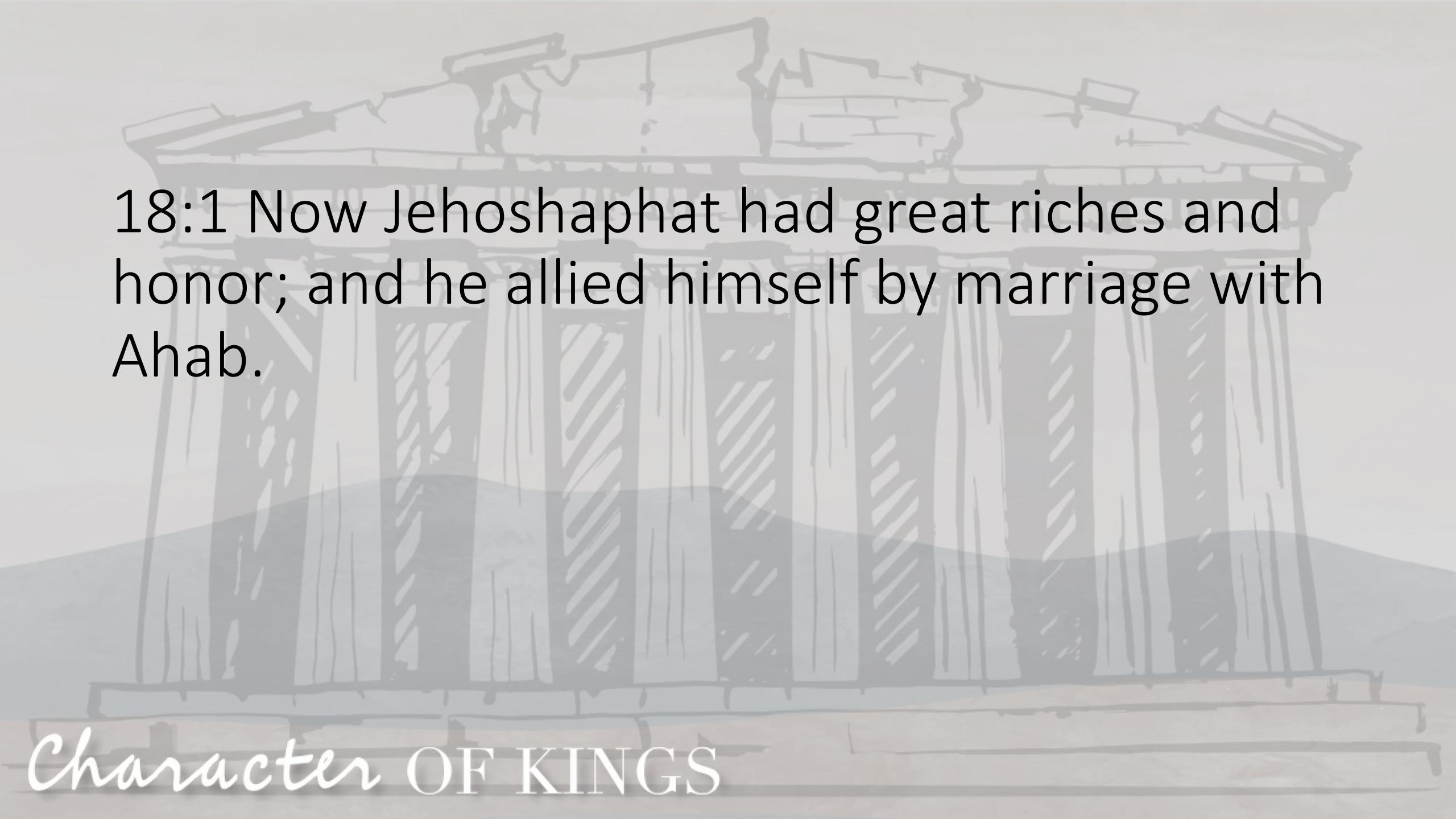
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# God's Way by God's Word - Jehoshaphat

## 2 Chron 17,18

- ‘ways of David’ 3
- ‘sought God’ 4
- ‘removed from the high places’ 6
- ‘they taught in Judah the book of the Law’ 9
- He taught God’s Book – He sought God’s Word

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18:1 Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor; and he allied himself by marriage with Ahab.

# God's Way by God's Word - Jehoshaphat

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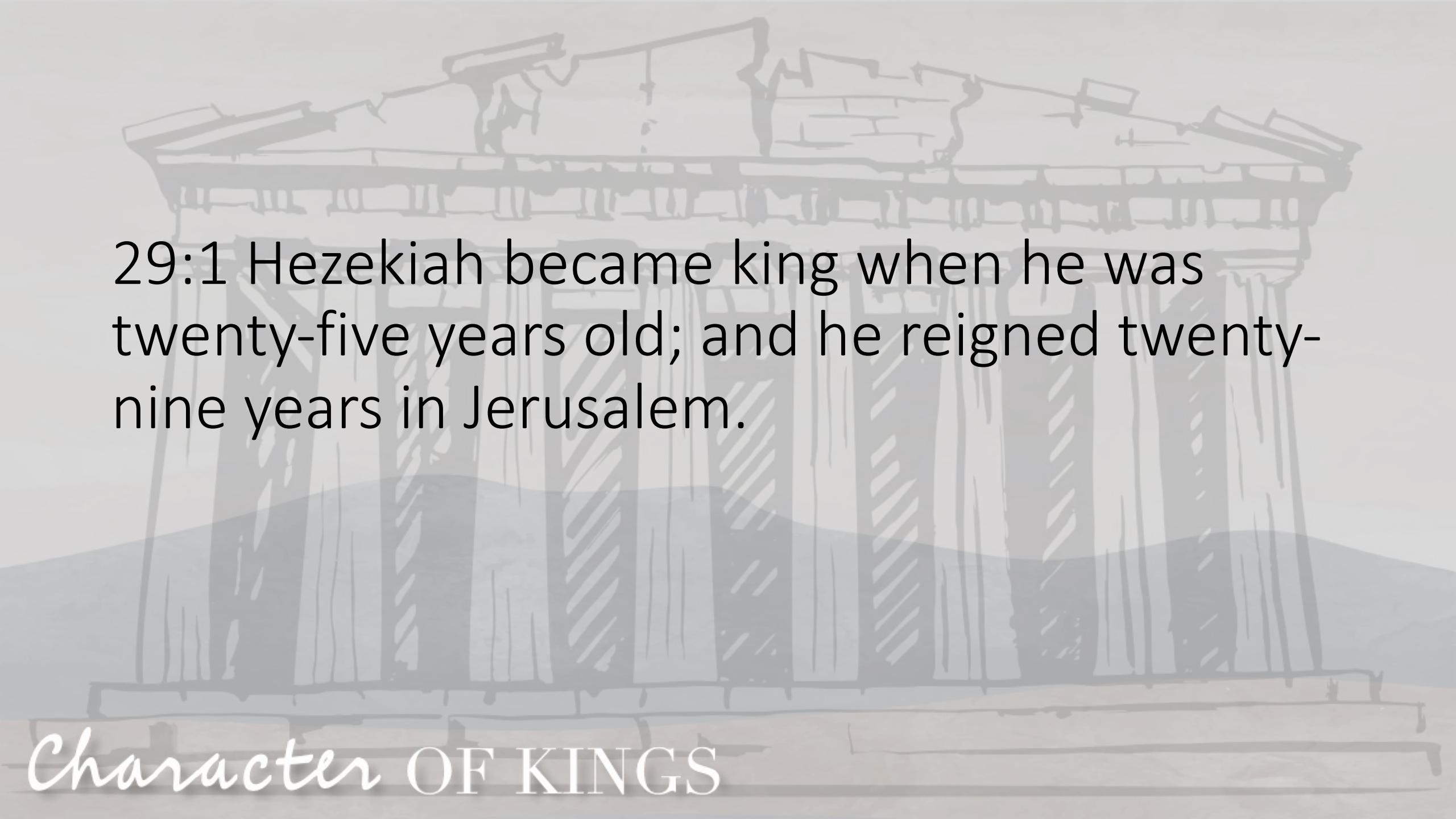
- 1 Chron 18:1
  - Marriage
  - Markets
  - Military
  - Micaiah
    - ‘inquire of the LORD’ – AHAB despised Micaiah
    - Prophecy of Ahab and North
    - Micaiah was vindicated & Jehoshaphat spared

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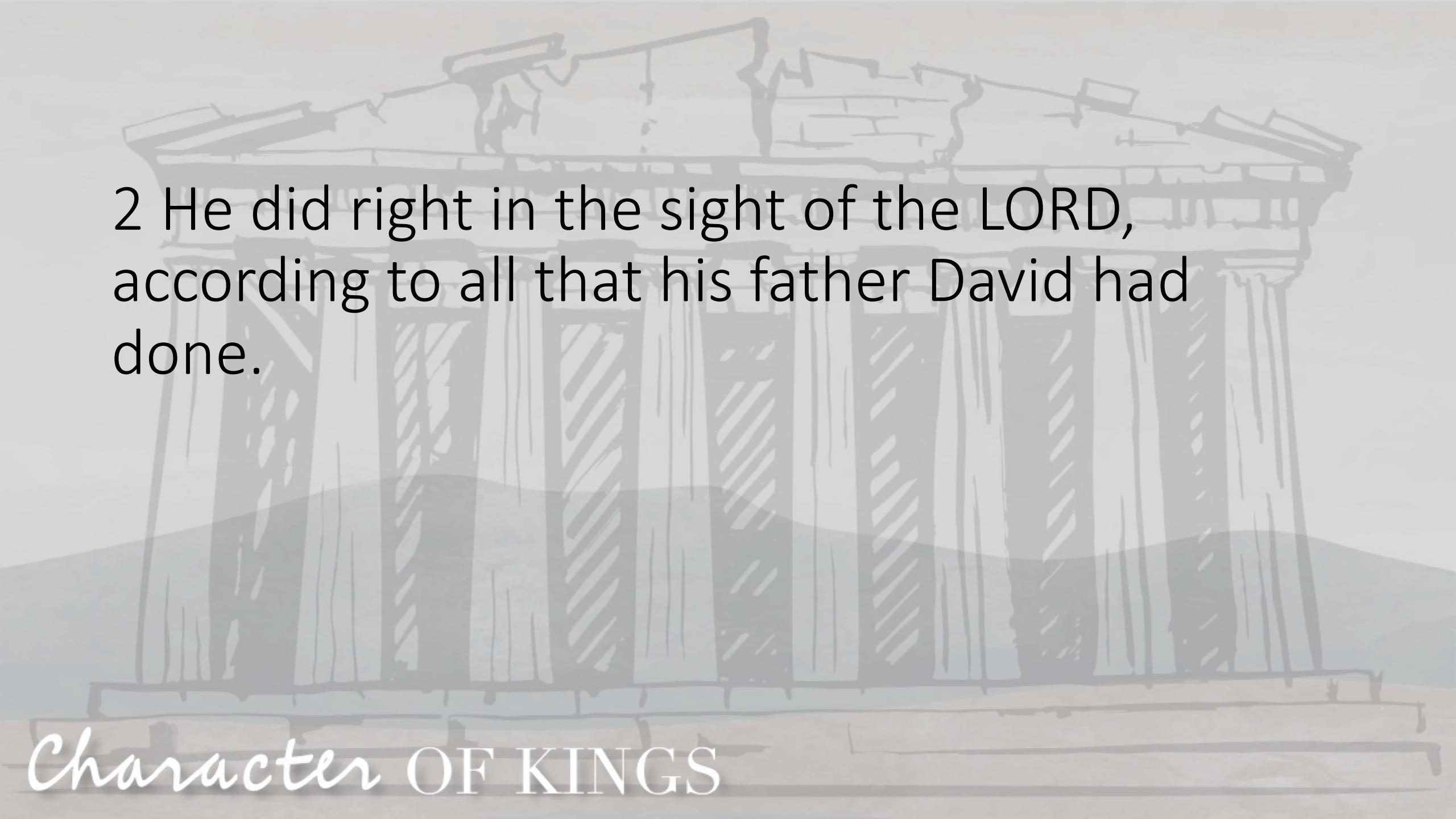
Begin with repentance  
or you will certainly end there!

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29:1 Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem.

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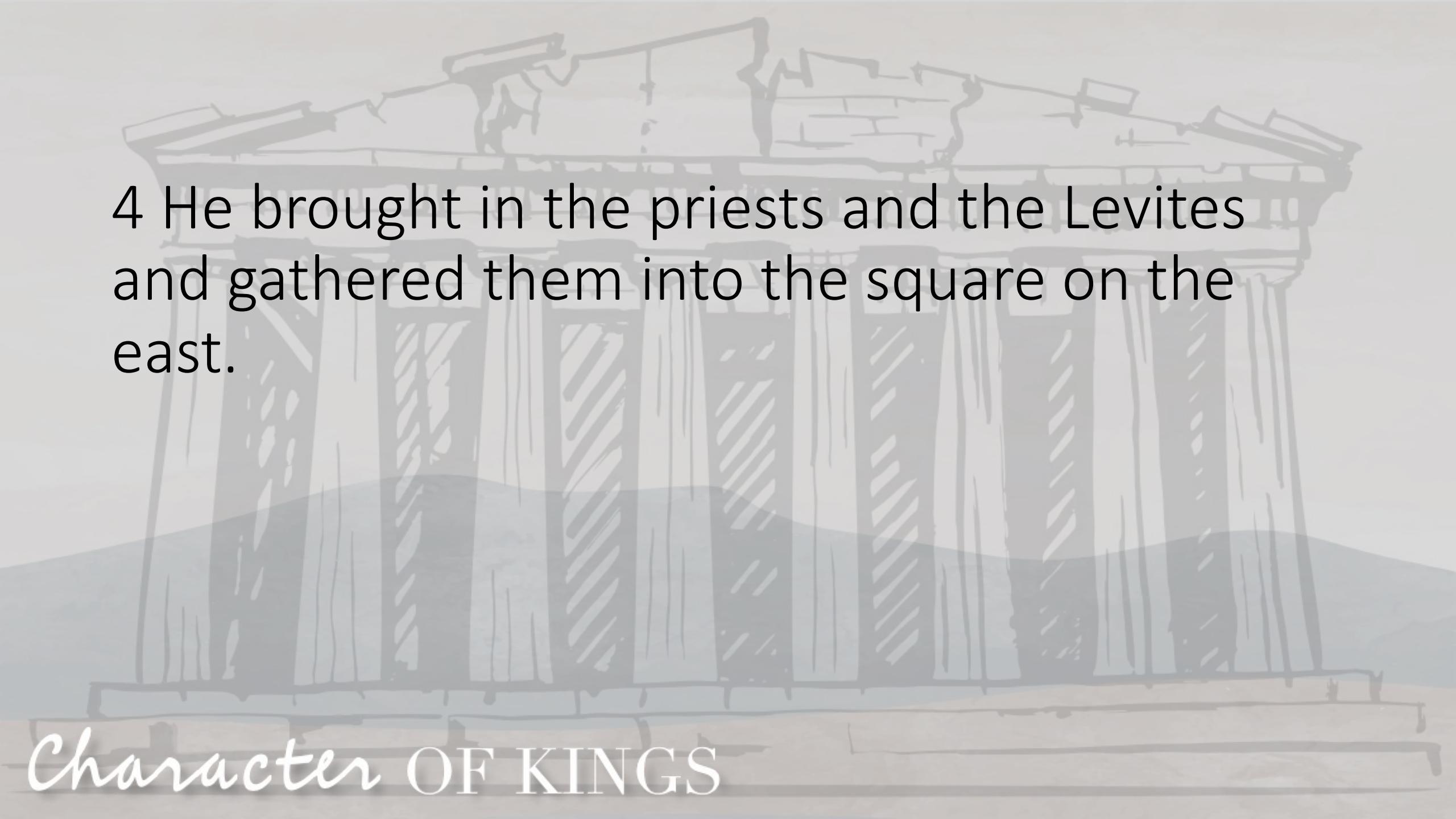


2 He did right in the sight of the LORD,  
according to all that his father David had  
done.

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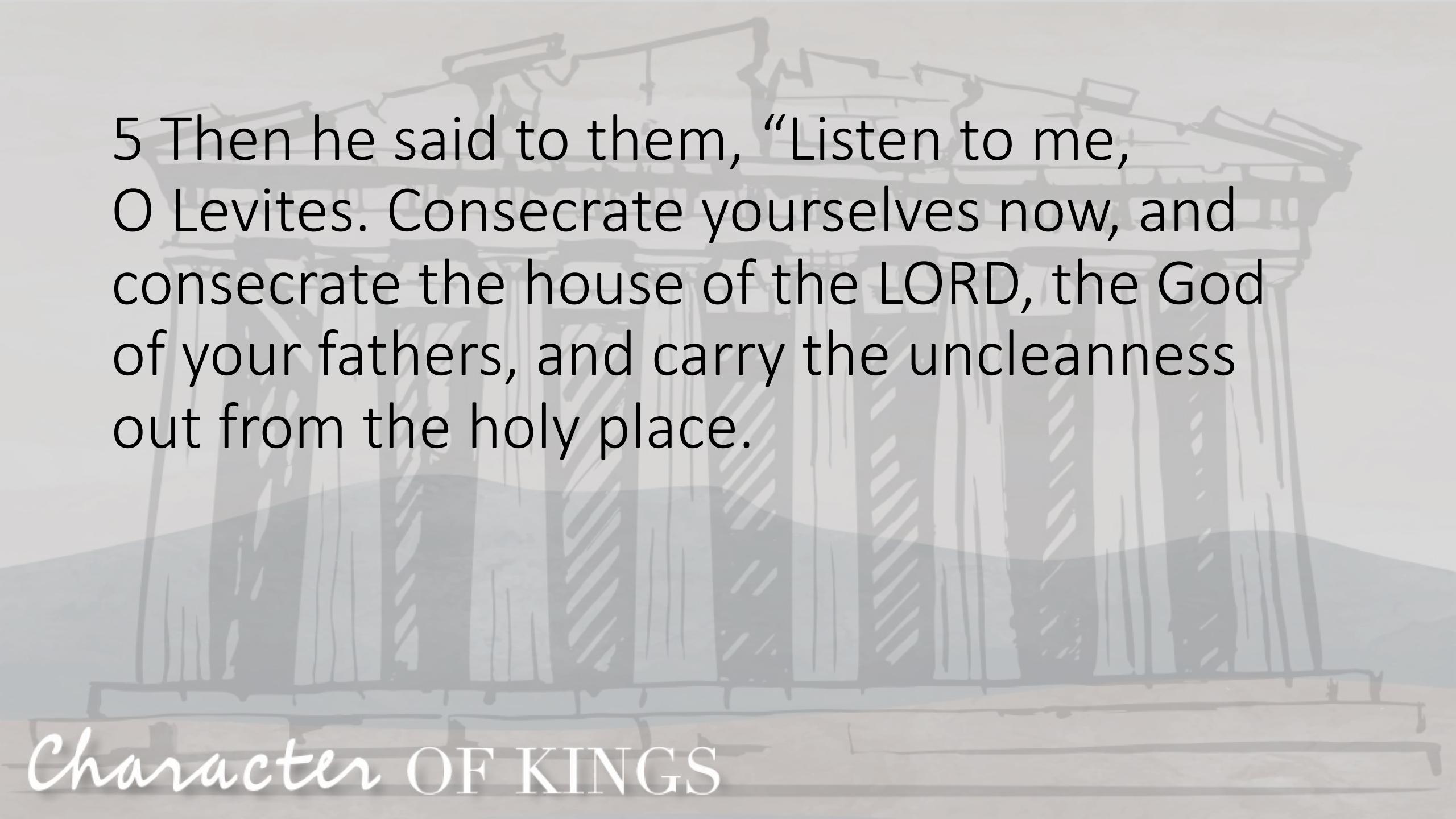


3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

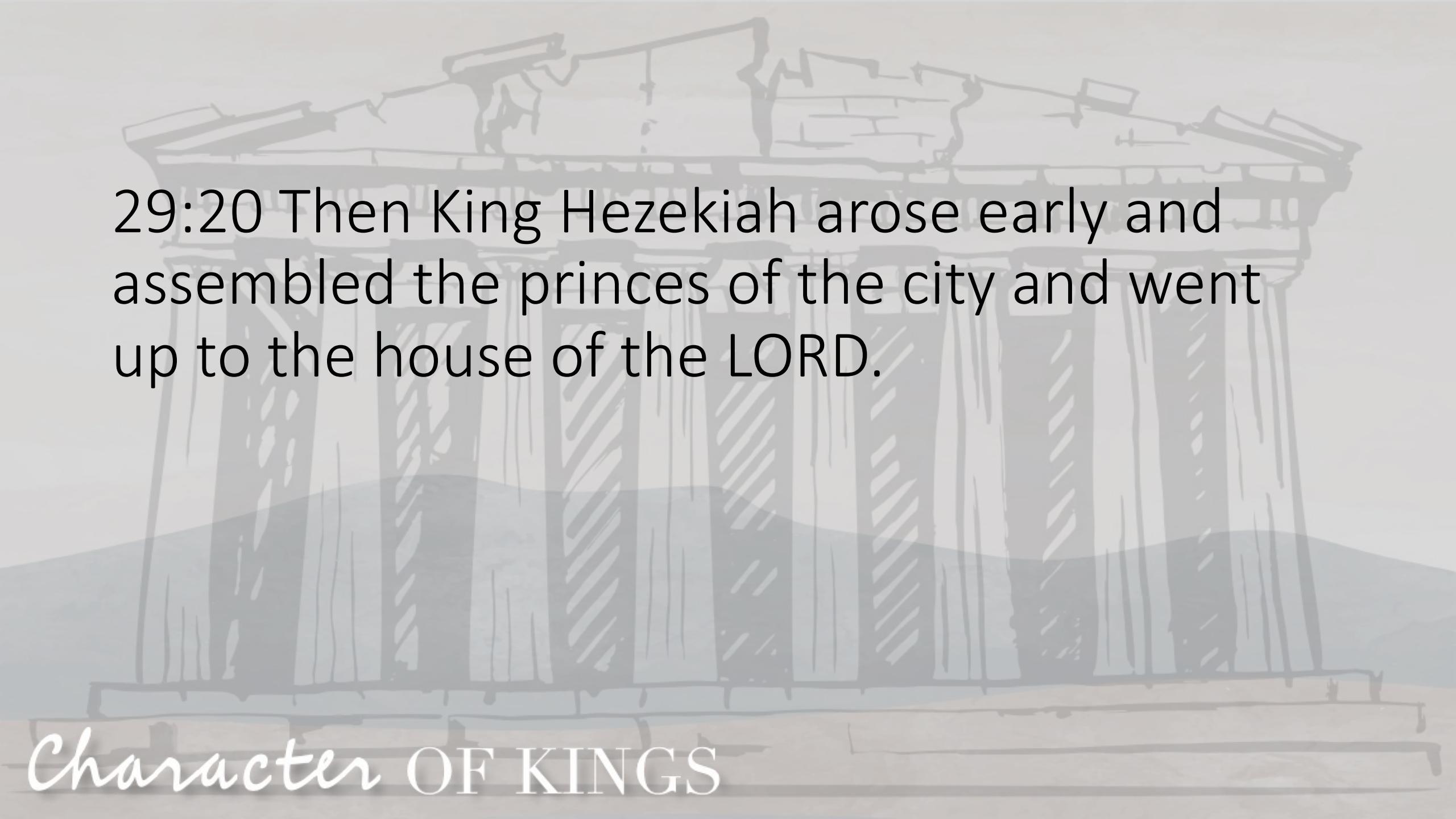


4 He brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them into the square on the east.

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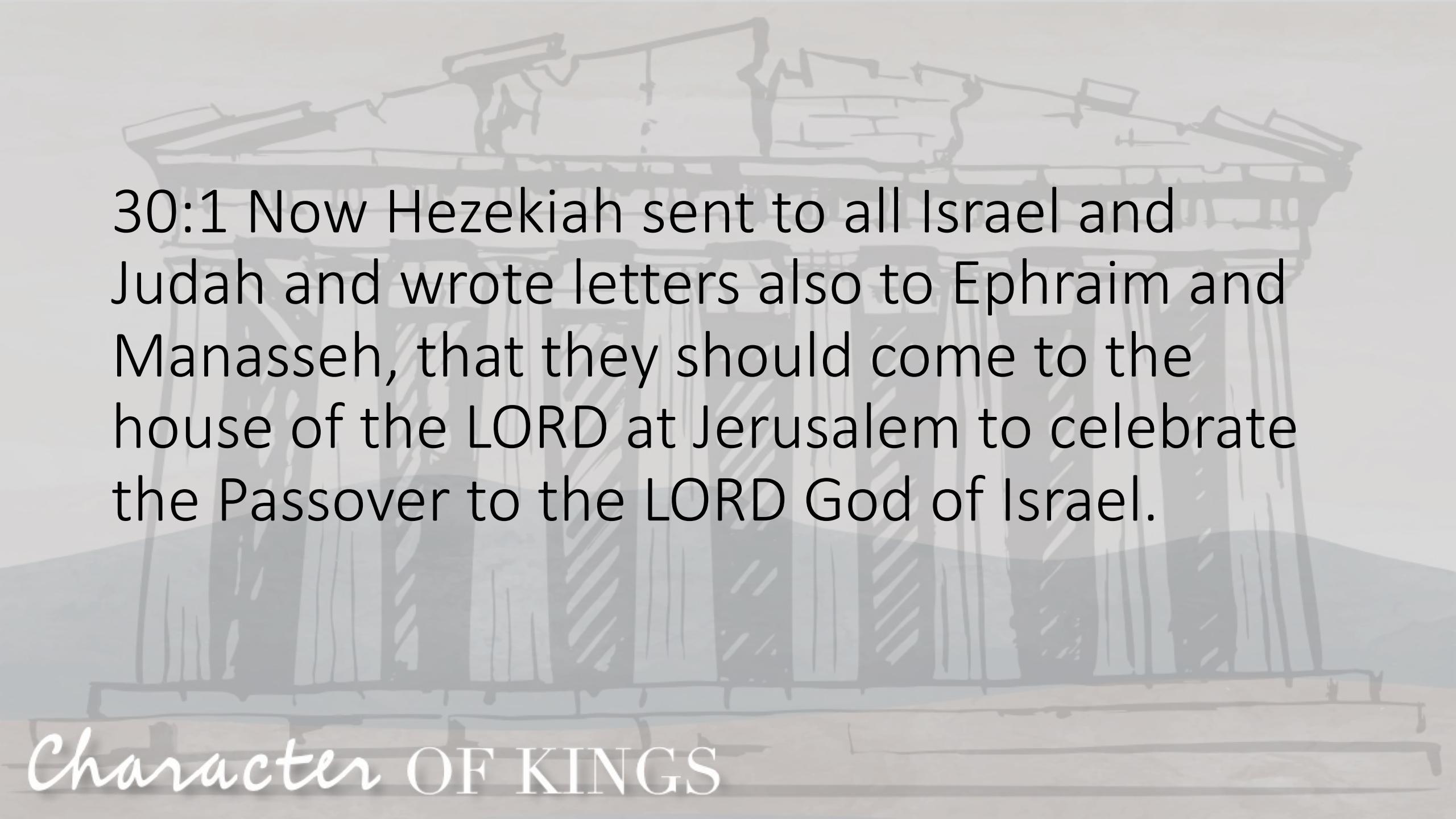


5 Then he said to them, “Listen to me, O Levites. Consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place.



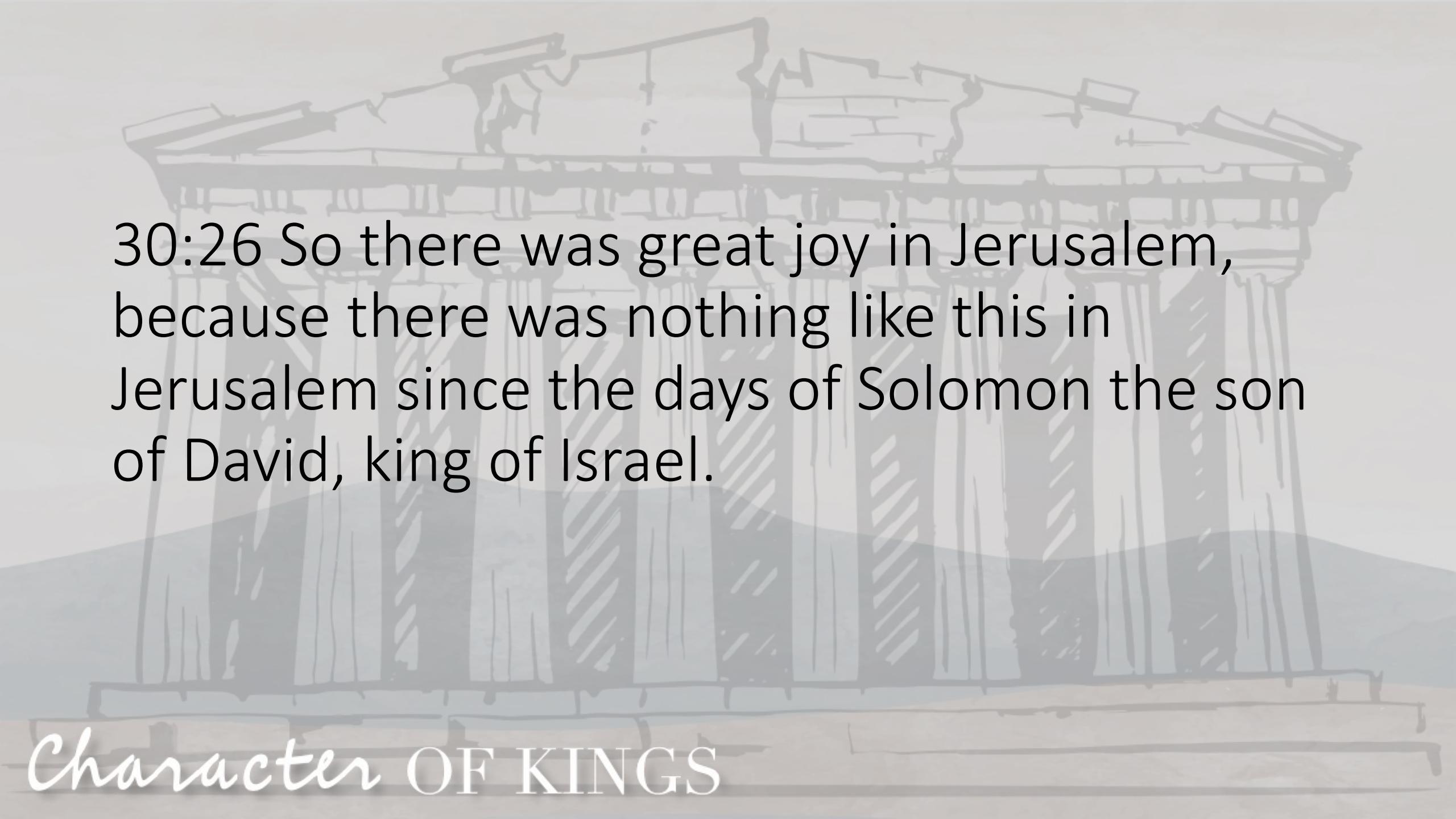
29:20 Then King Hezekiah arose early and assembled the princes of the city and went up to the house of the LORD.

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30:1 Now Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel.

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30:26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem,  
because there was nothing like this in  
Jerusalem since the days of Solomon the son  
of David, king of Israel.

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# Holy Living for Holy Life – Hezekiah

## 2 Chron 29,30

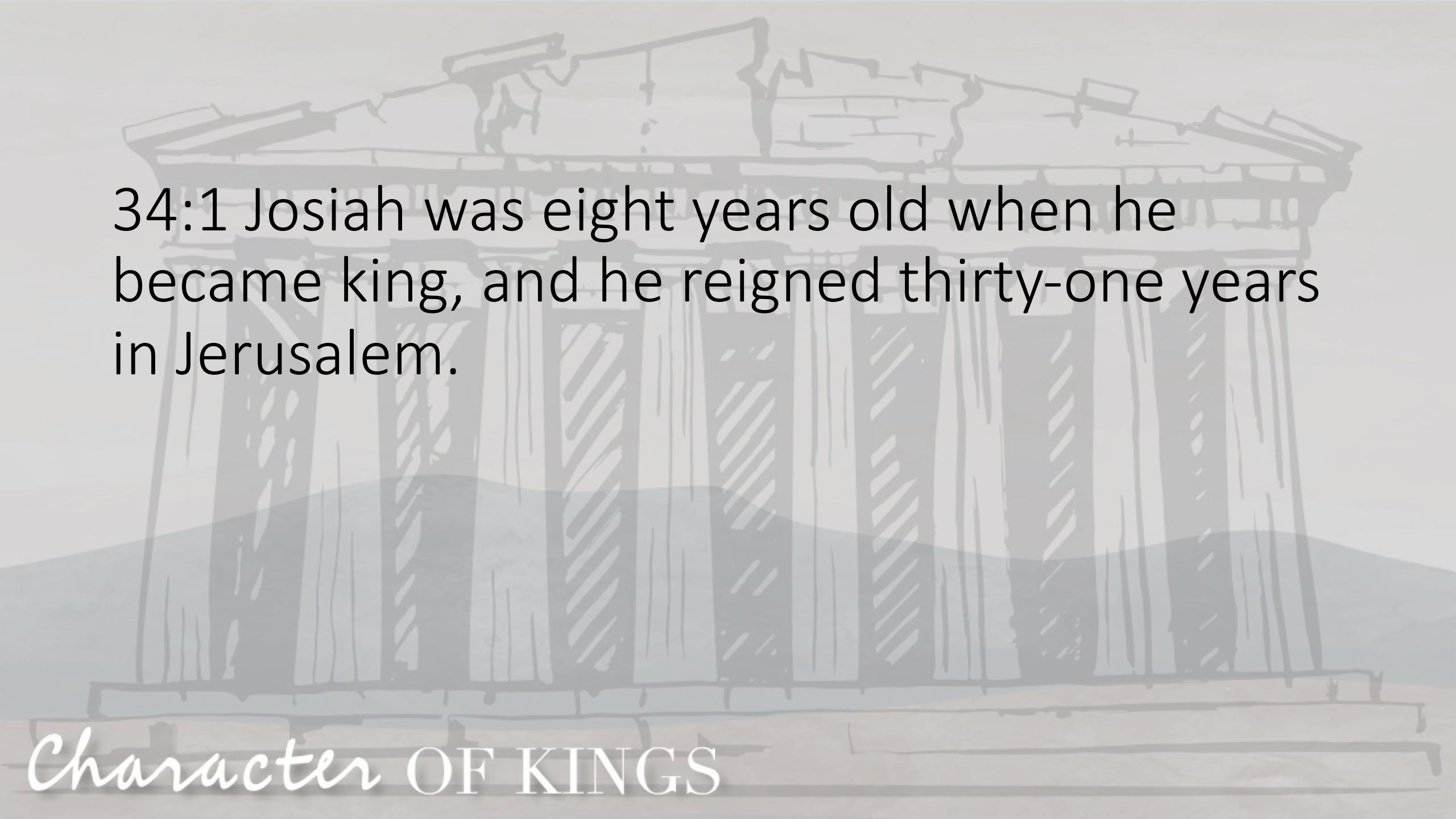
- Holy Places – reopened the Temple
- Holy Life – regathered the Levites & priests
- Holy Worship – resumed Temple worship
- Holy Testimony – reunited the Nation in worship



"God isn't looking for people of great faith,  
but for individuals ready to follow Him"

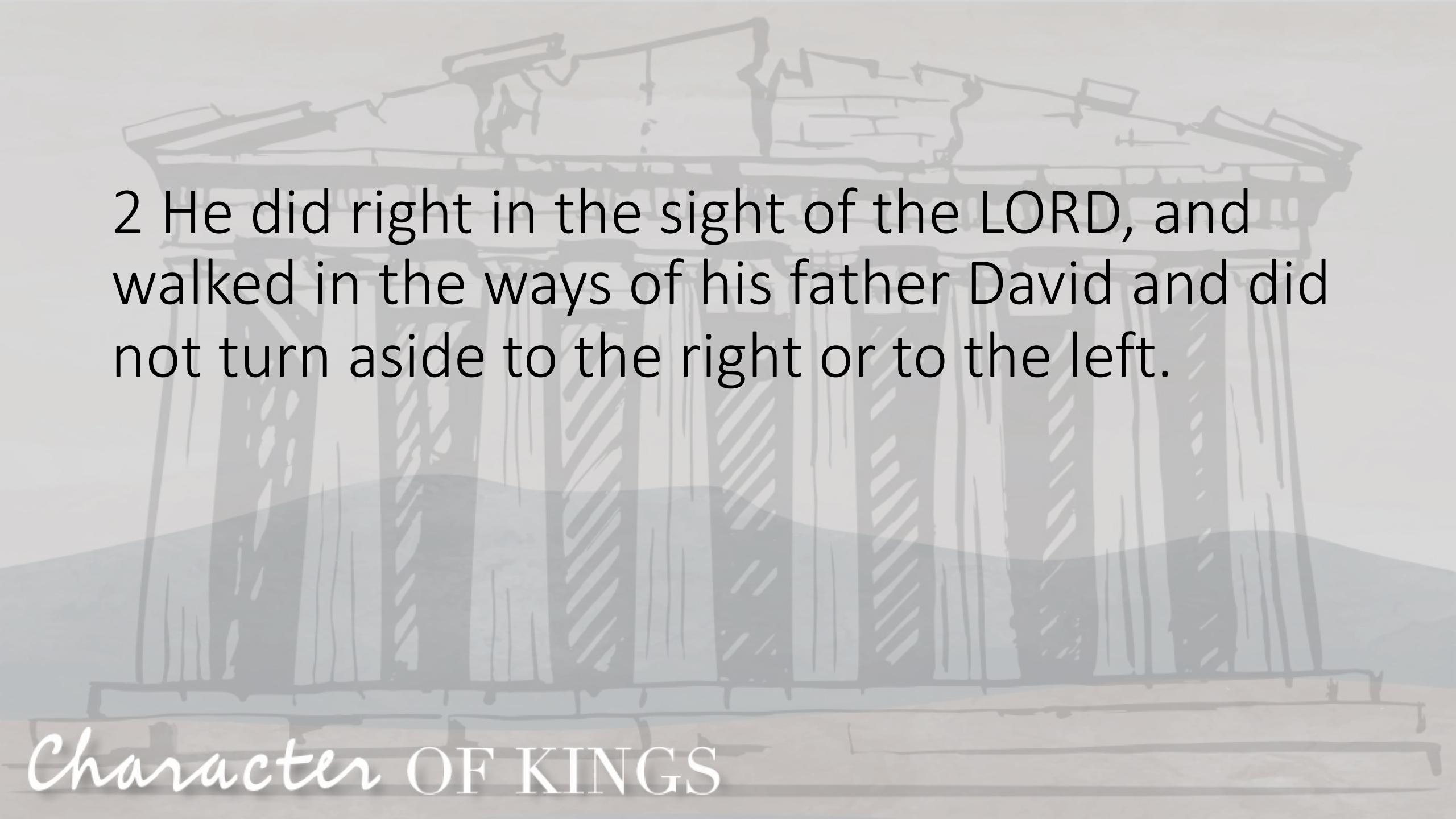
Hudson Taylor

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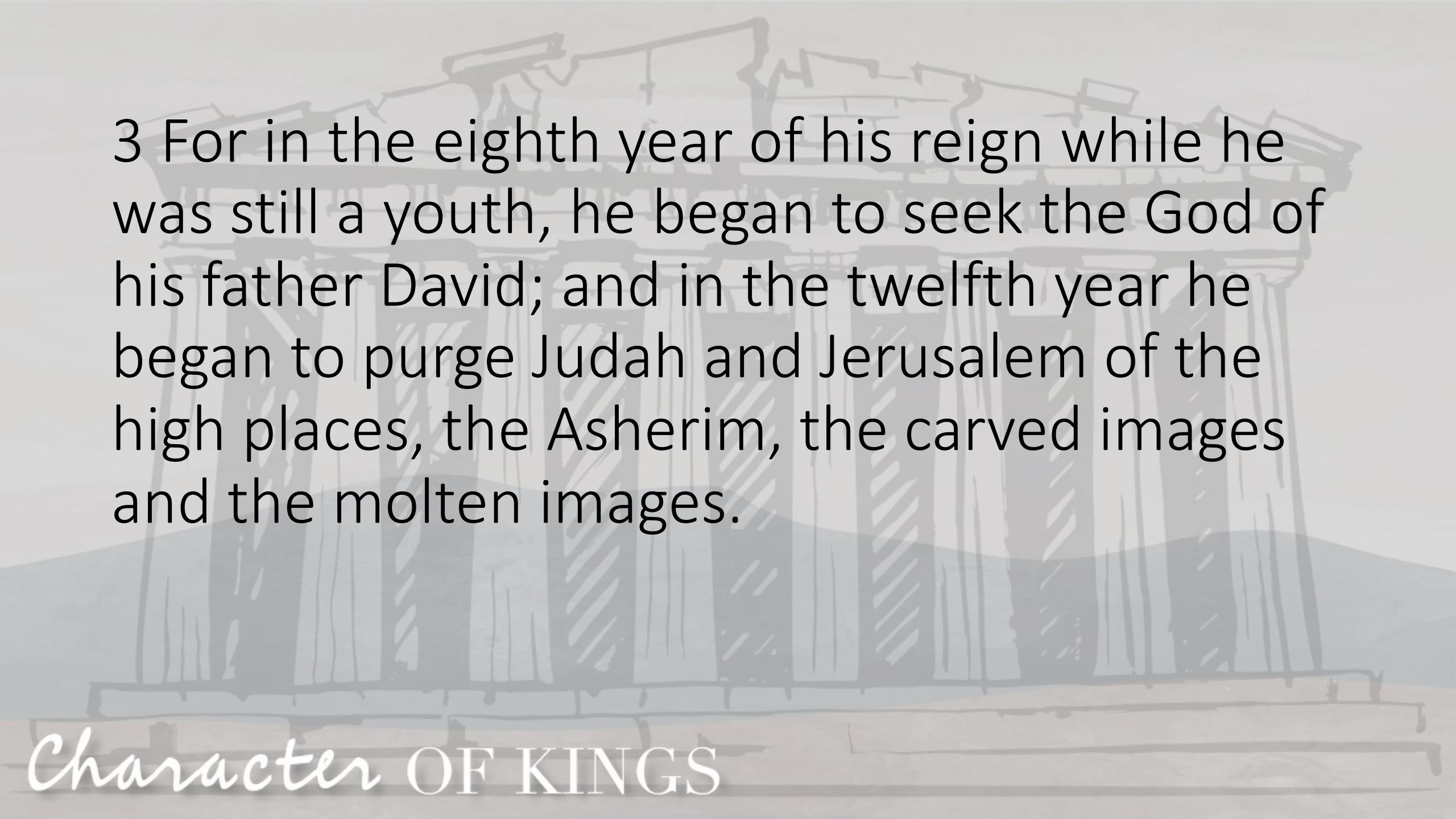
34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

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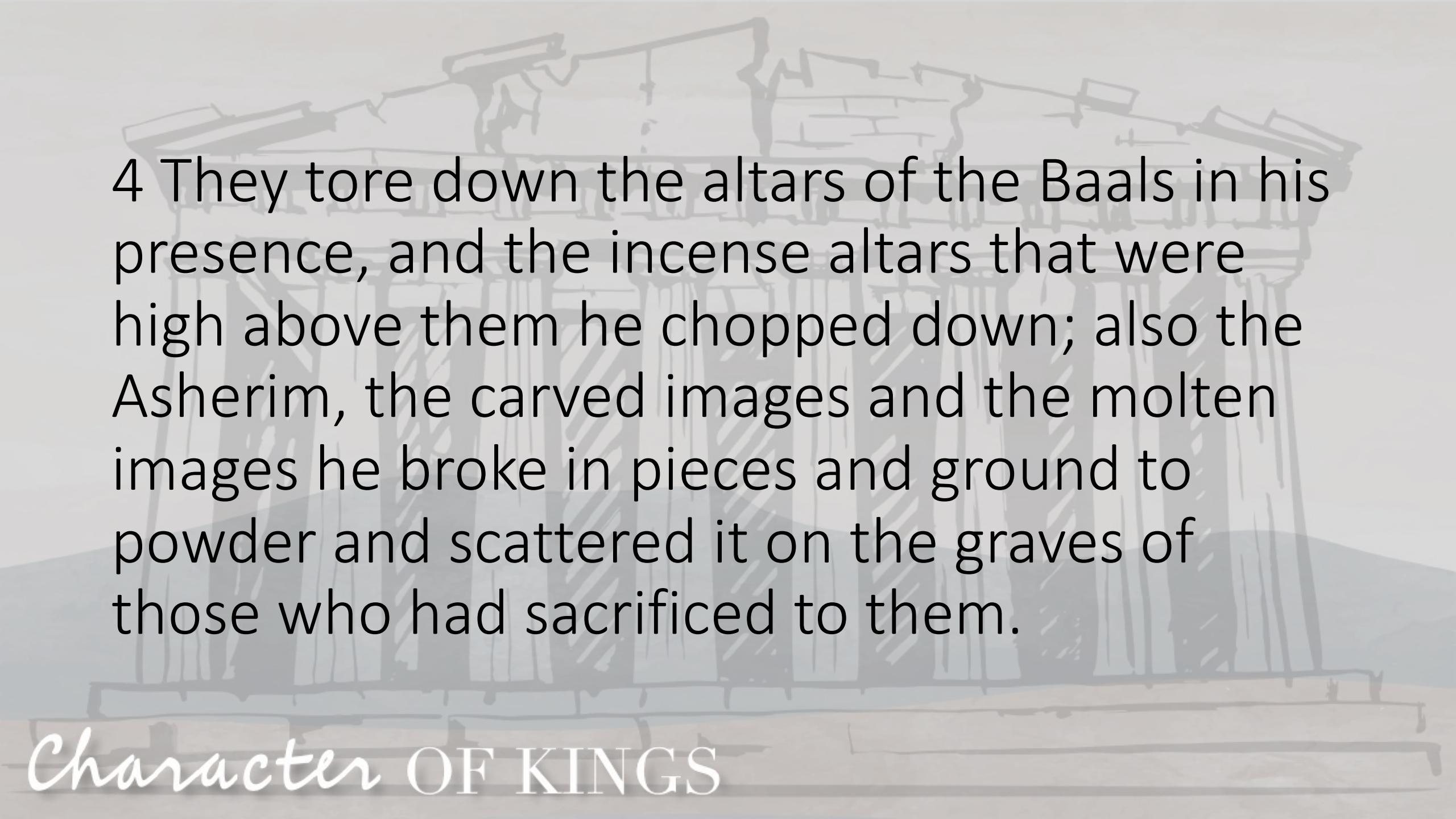


2 He did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

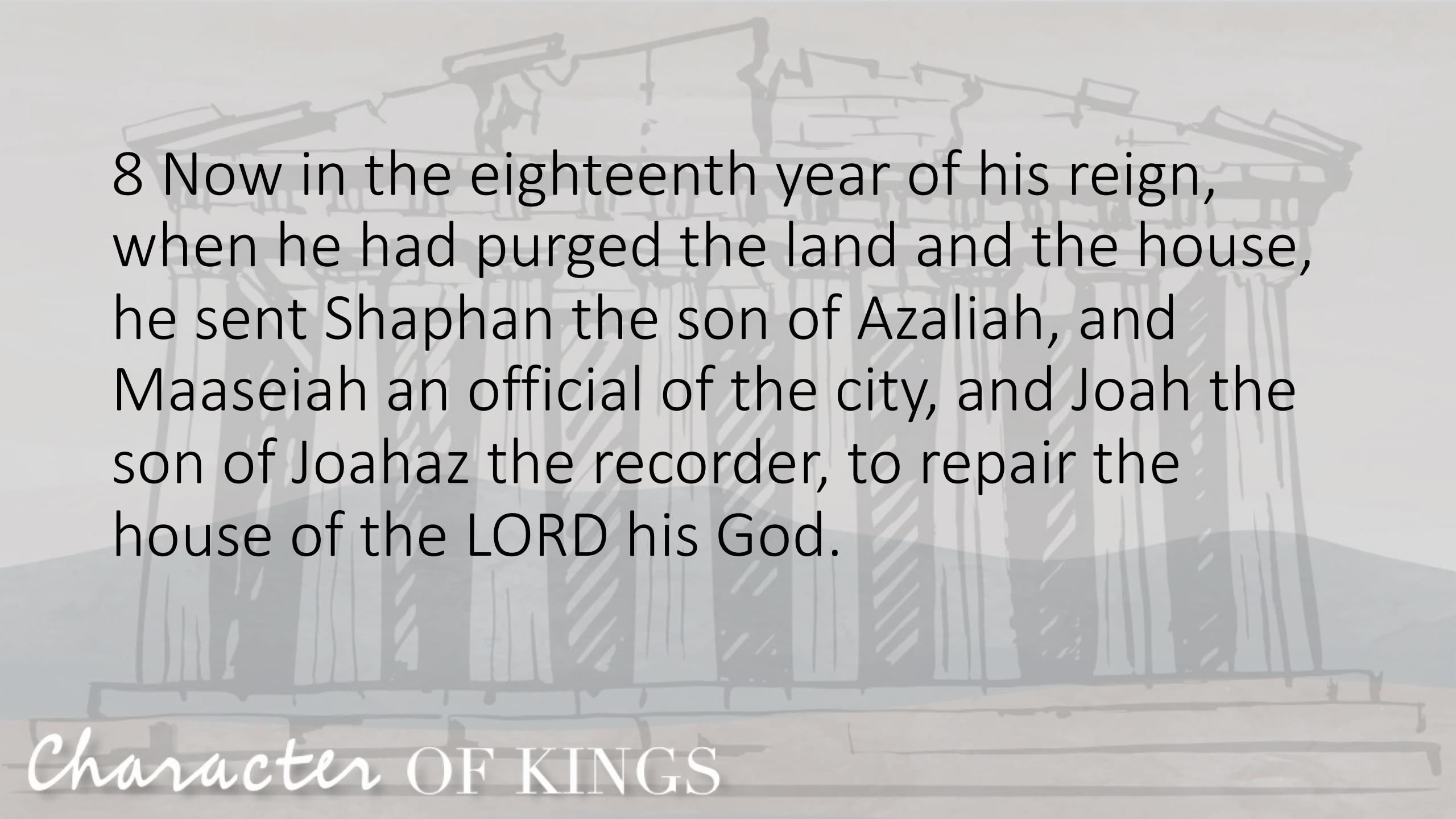
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A faint, grayscale watermark of the First Temple of Jerusalem is visible in the background. The temple's distinctive portico with many columns and a gabled roof is clearly discernible.

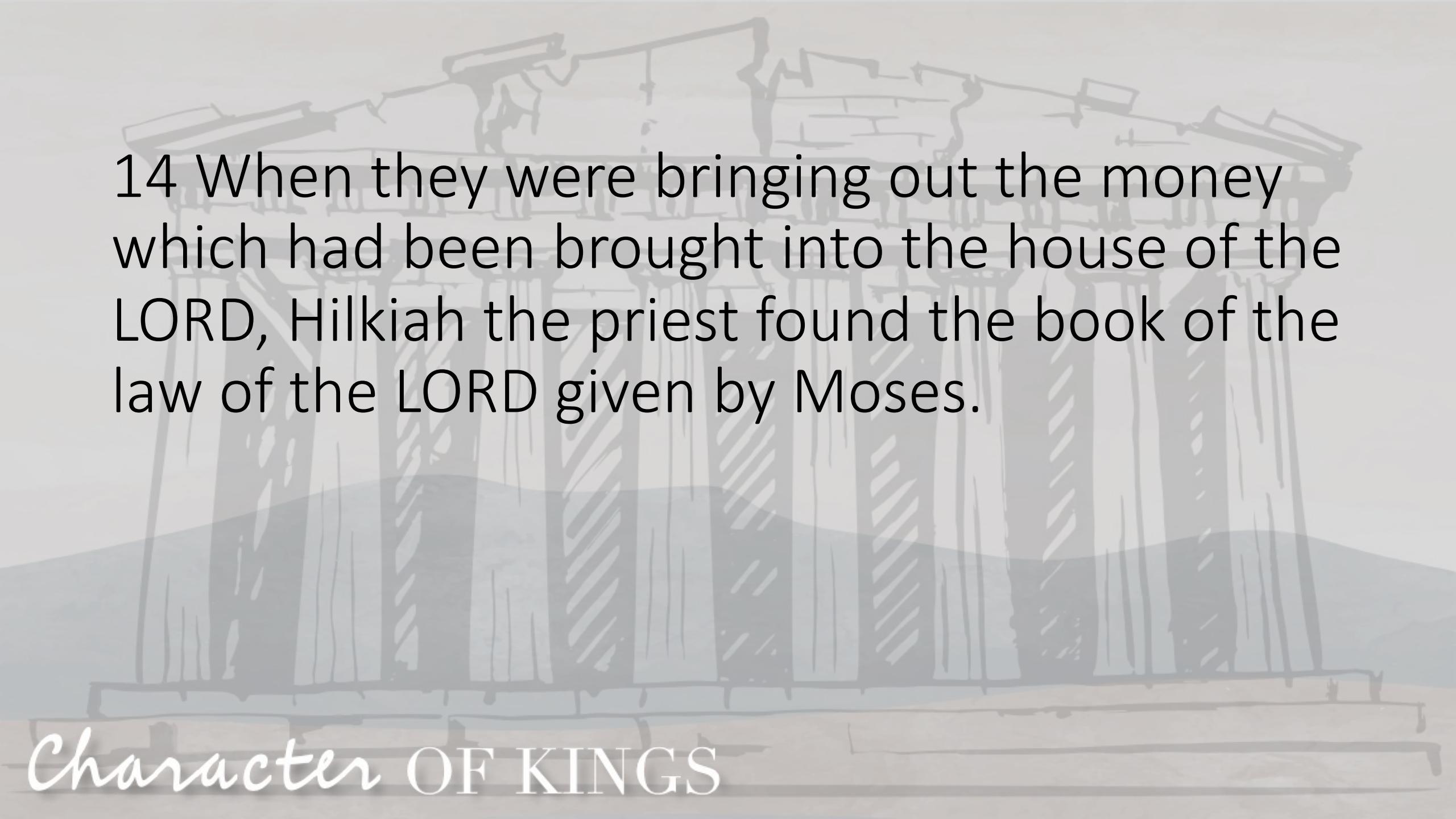
3 For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images.



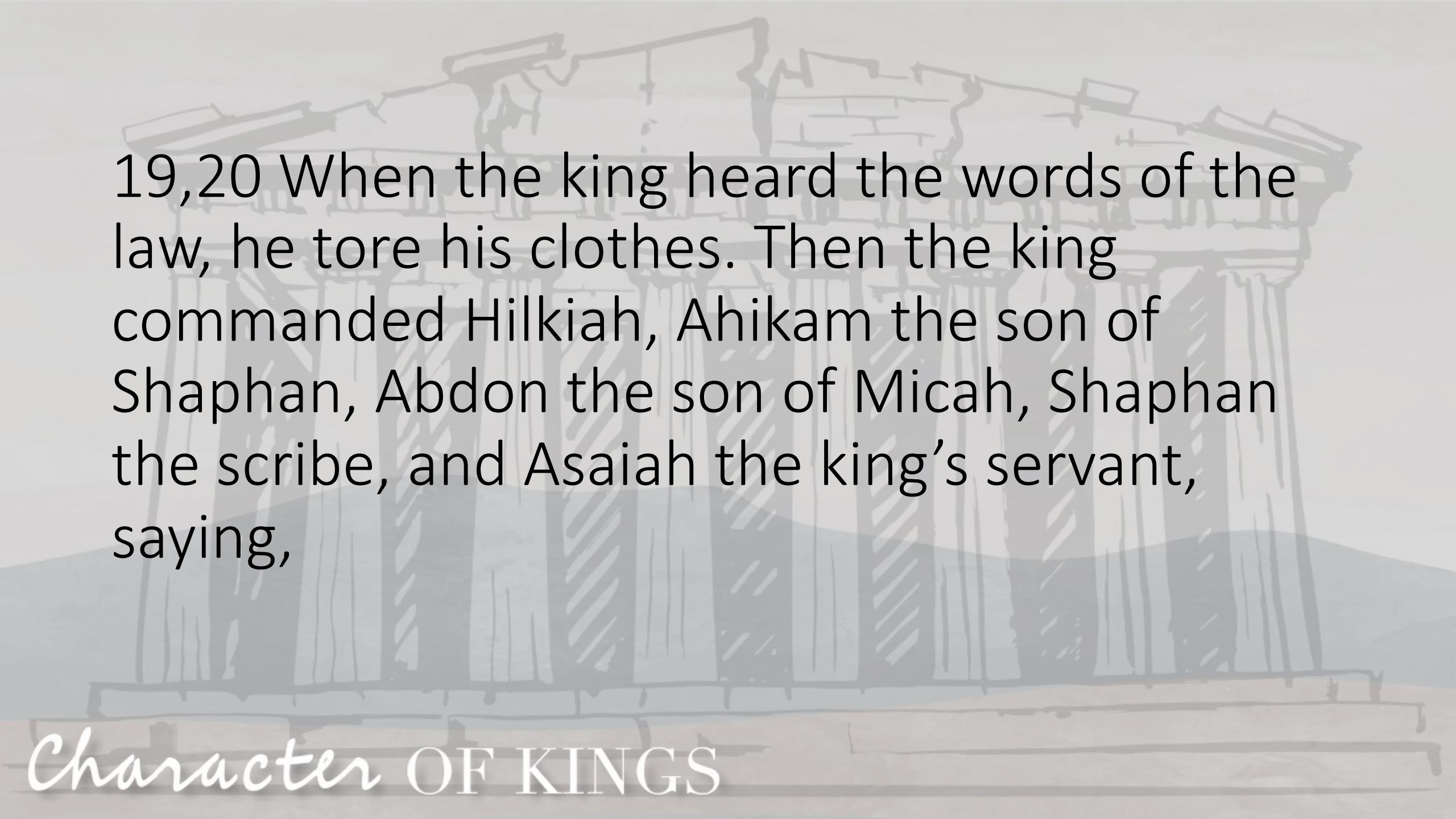
4 They tore down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars that were high above them he chopped down; also the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images he broke in pieces and ground to powder and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.



8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign,  
when he had purged the land and the house,  
he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and  
Maaseiah an official of the city, and Joah the  
son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the  
house of the LORD his God.

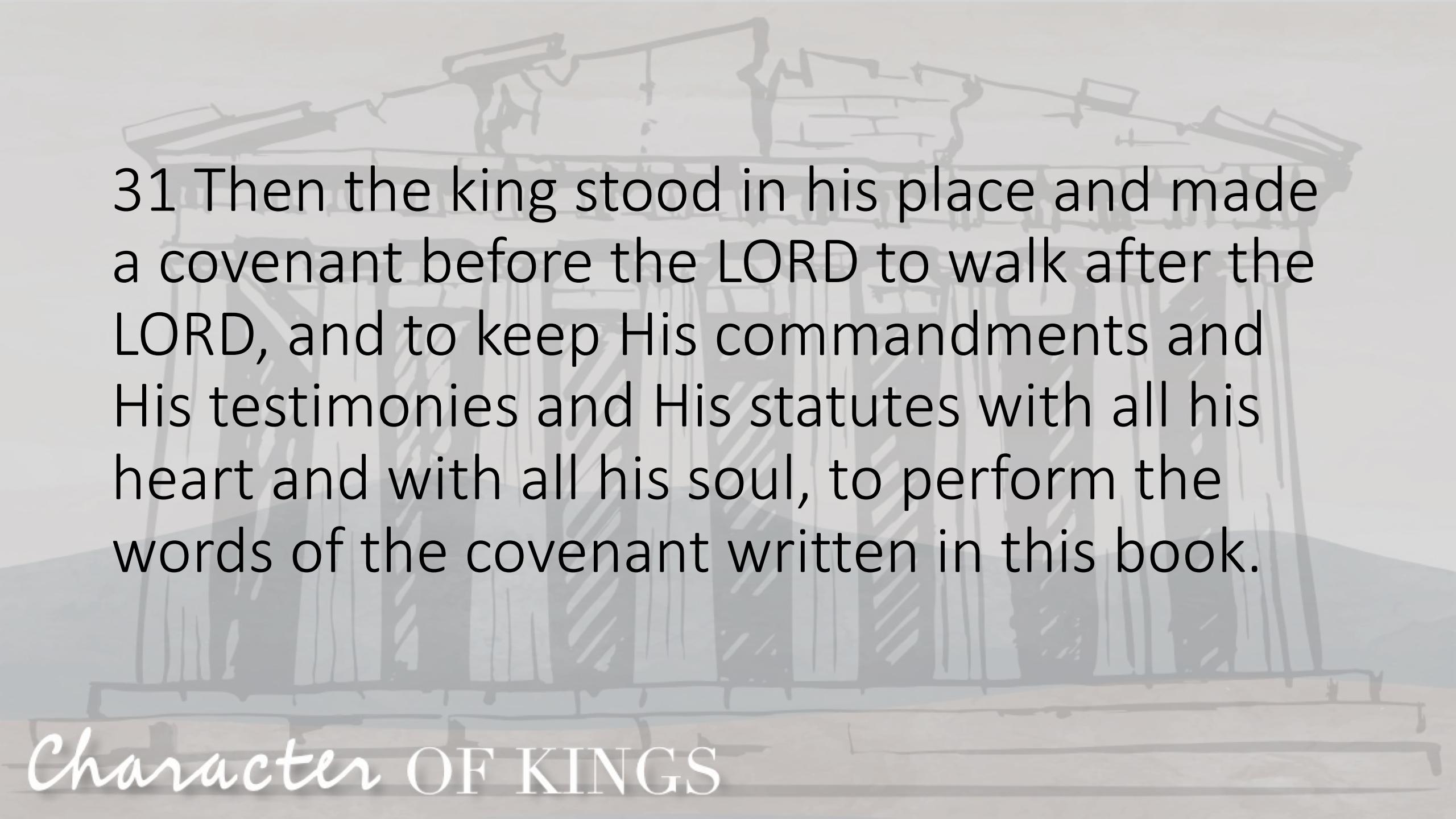


14 When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD given by Moses.



19,20 When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 “Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book.”

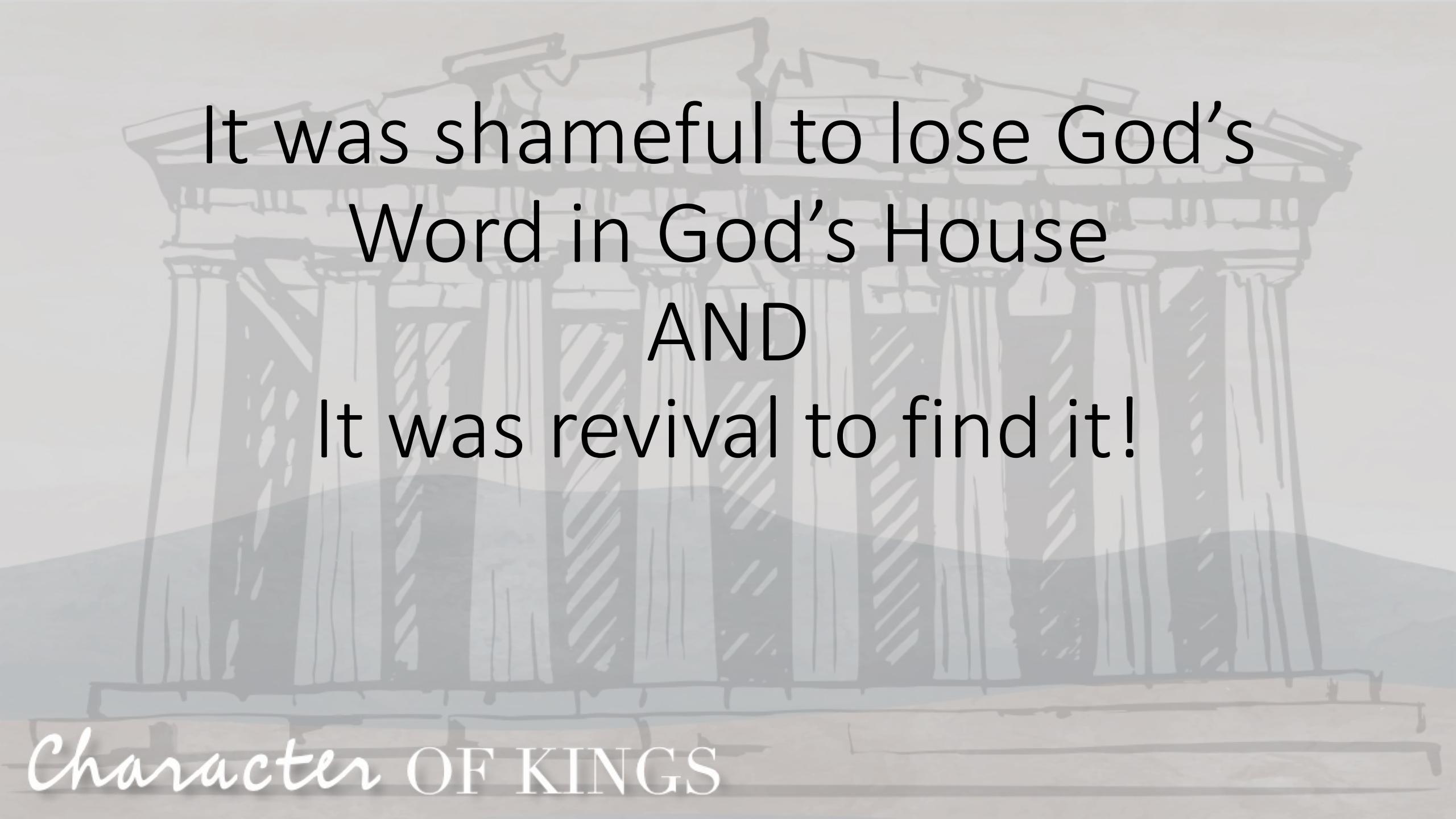


31 Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant written in this book.

# Delight of God as the Desire of Man – Josiah

## 2 Chron 34,35

- Age 8 – ‘did right’ - ‘walked in the ways’
- Age 16 – ‘seek God’
- Age 20 – ‘purged the high places’
- Age 26 – ‘repaired the House of God’
- Age 26 – ‘found the Book of the Law’
- Age 26 – ‘made a covenant before the LORD’



It was shameful to lose God's  
Word in God's House  
AND  
It was revival to find it!

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“I want to know one thing, the way to heaven: how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end he came from heaven. He has written it down in a book! Oh, give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be: ‘A man of one book.’”

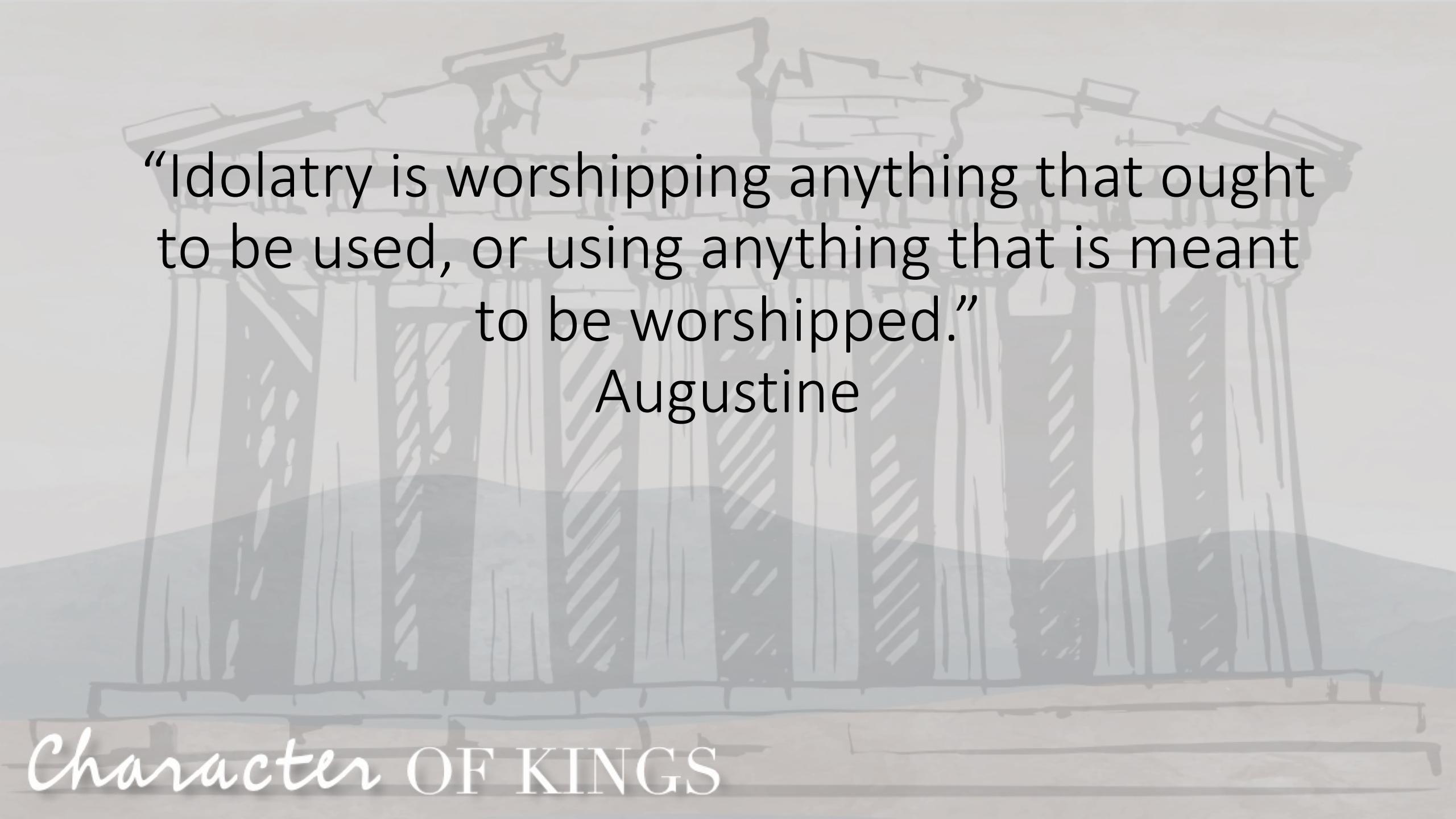
John Wesley

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# People of one Book!

- Get rid of what is NOT the LORD
- Add back what is of God
- Avoid distractions away from Scripture
- Seek the ‘well done’ of Jesus

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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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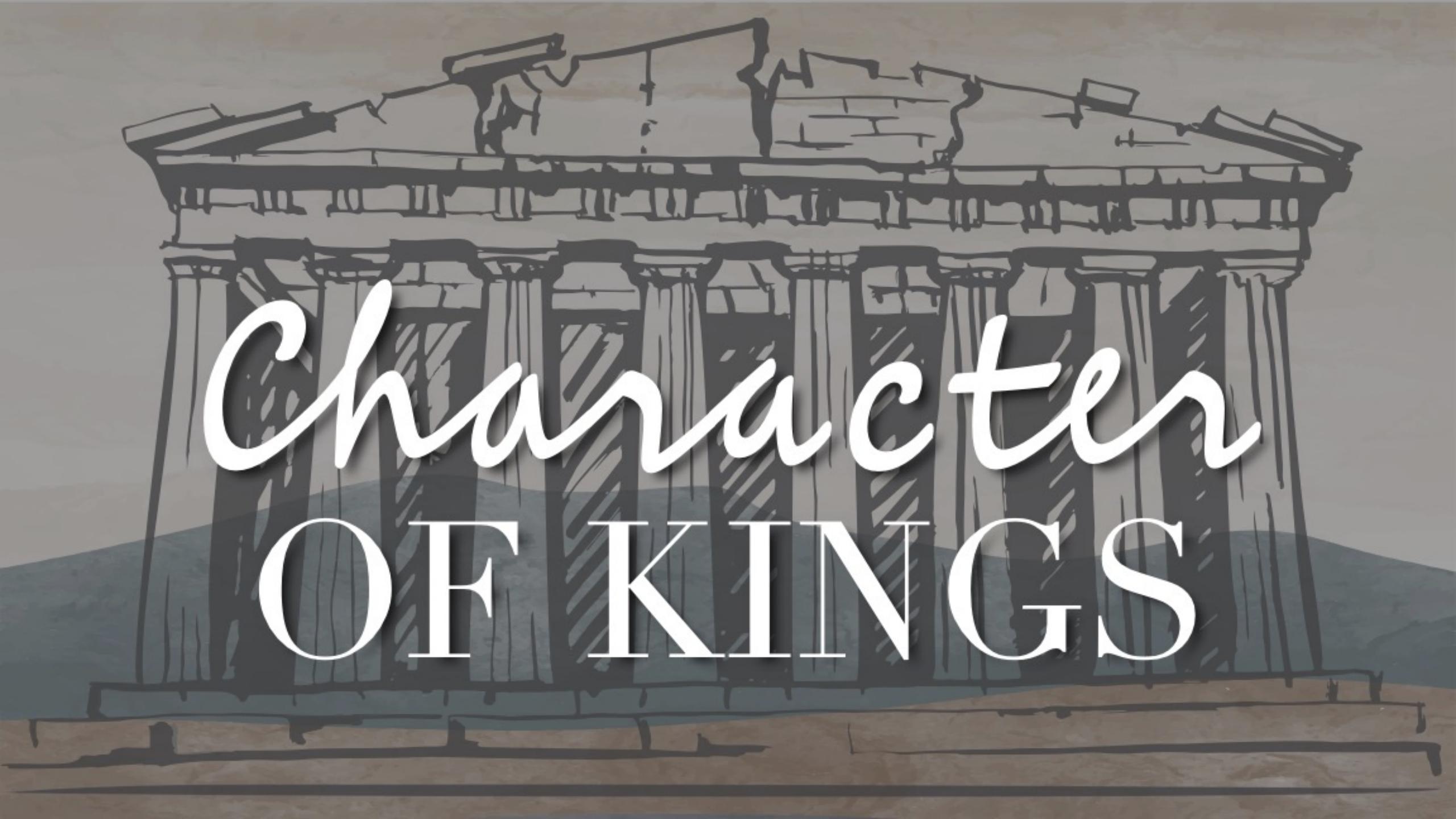


*I need to get rid of .....*

*I need to restore .....*

*I need to repair .....*

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