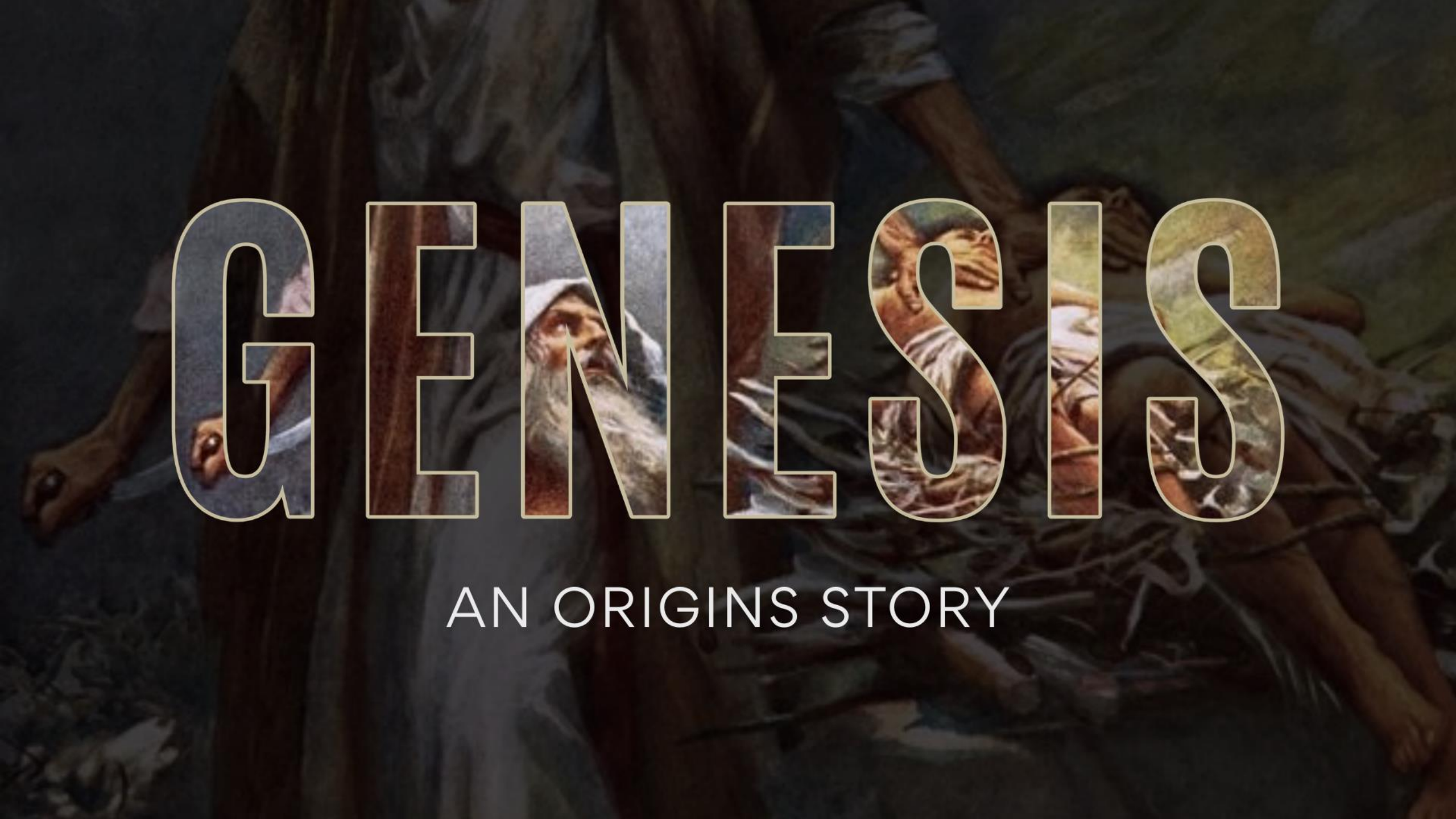




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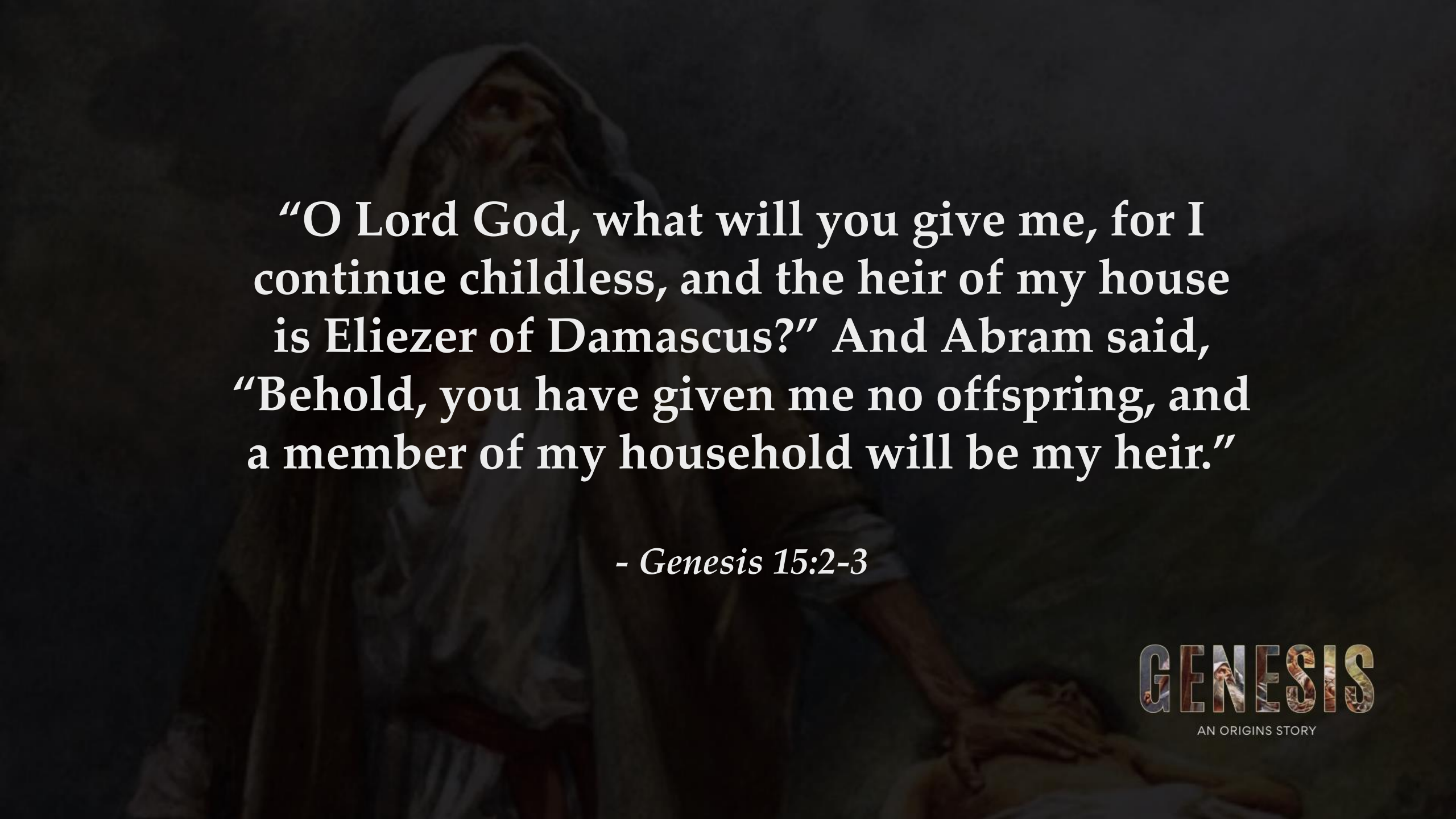
A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. An elderly man with a long white beard and a white head covering (Abraham) stands on the left, looking upwards with a contemplative expression. He is wearing a brown robe over a white garment. His right hand is placed on the chest of a younger man (Isaac) who is lying down on the right. Isaac is looking up at Abraham. The background is a dark, moody landscape with mountains and a cloudy sky. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

DISAPPOINTMENTS, DOUBTS, AND FAITH IN GOD
Genesis 15

I. Abram Gives Voice To Disappointments and Doubt

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“O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

- Genesis 15:2-3

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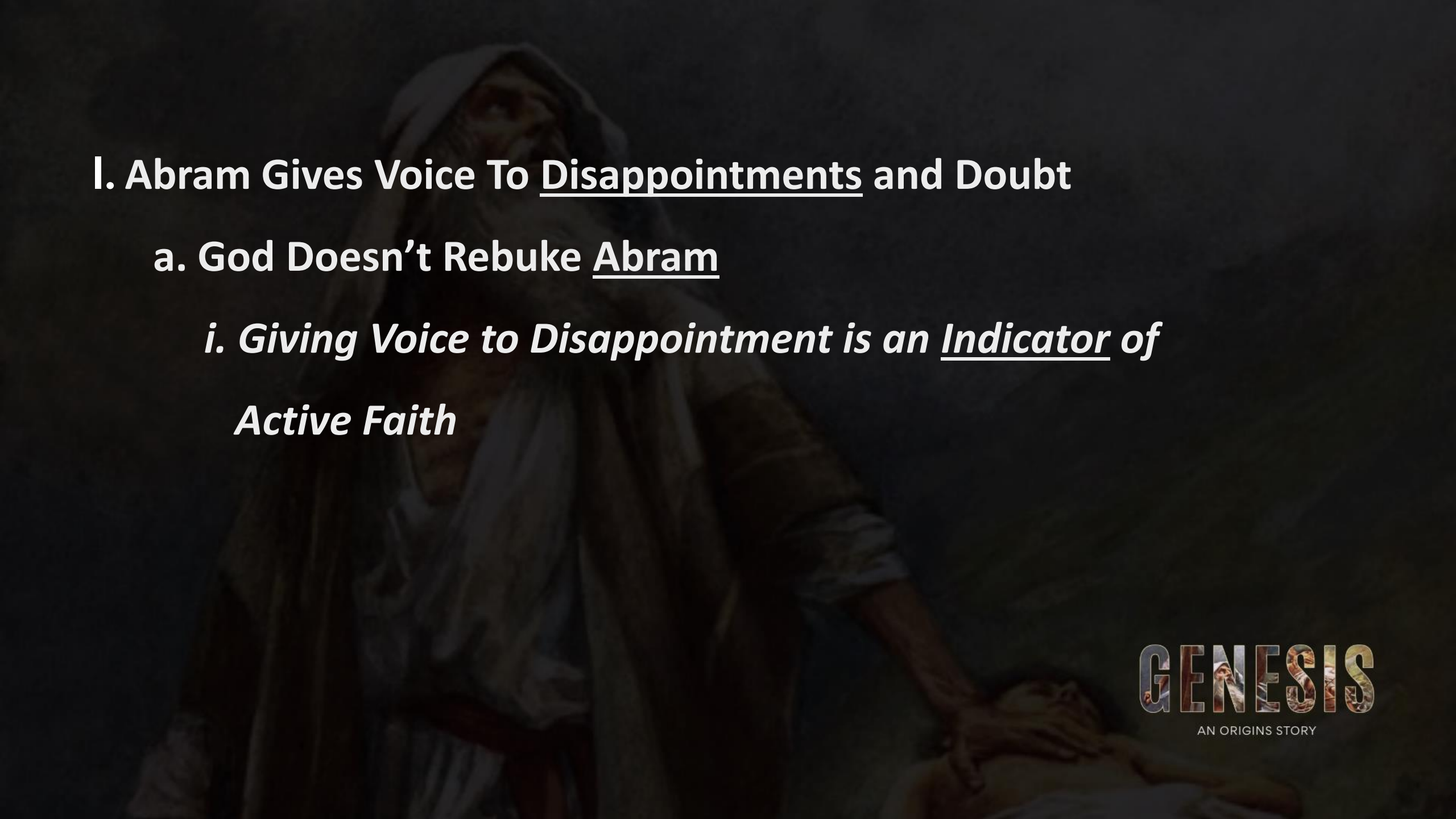


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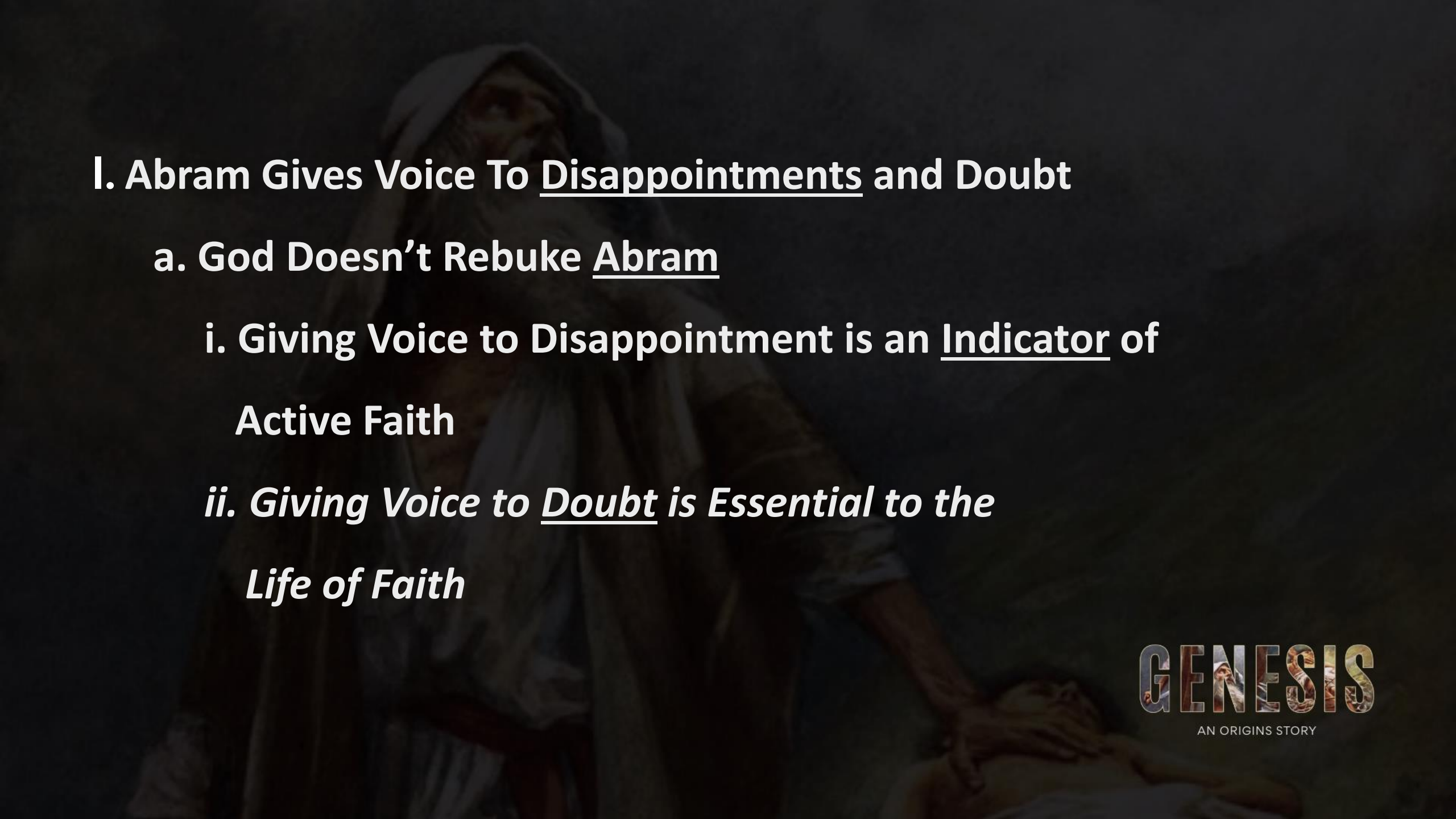
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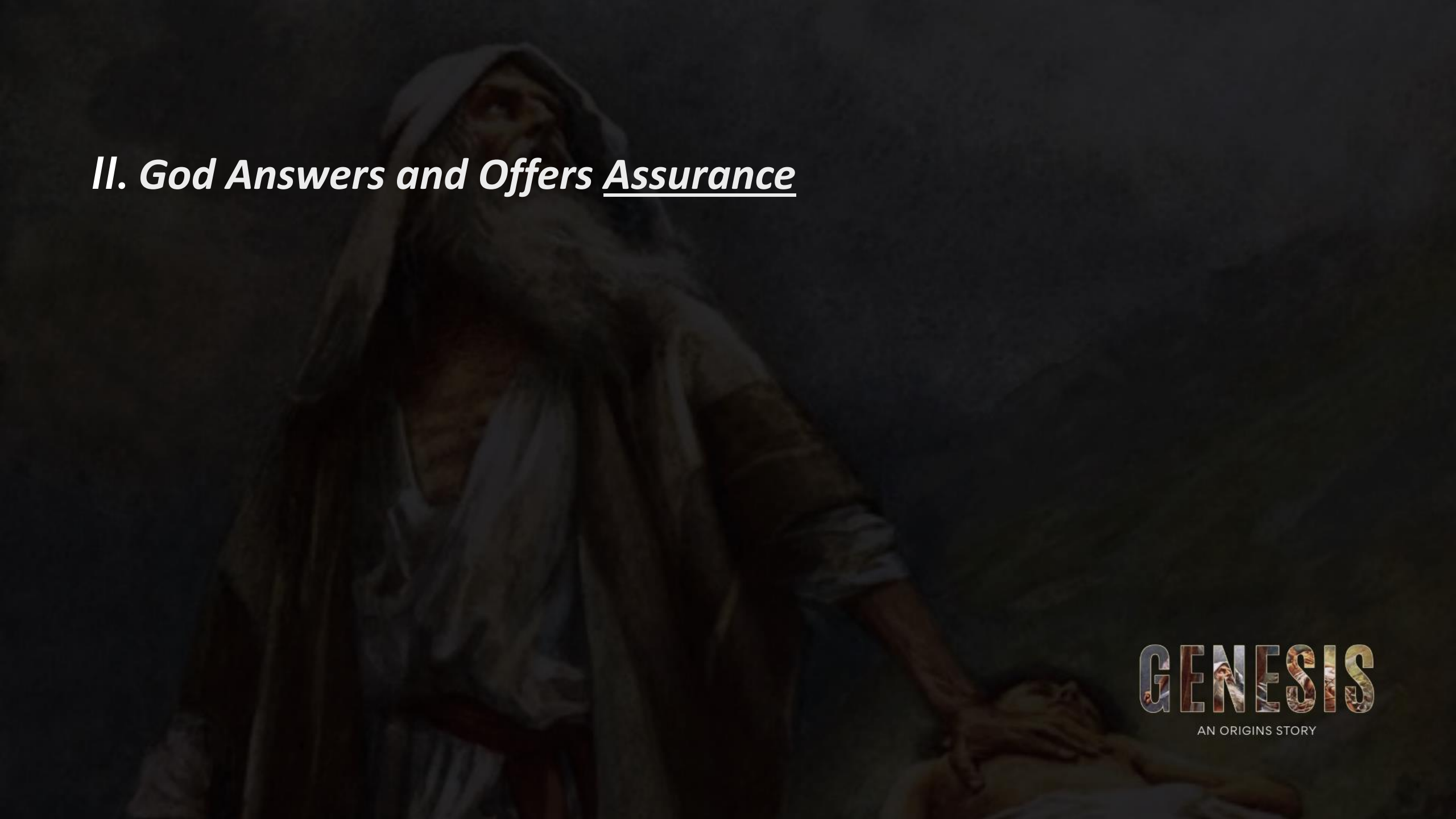
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b. God Does Challenge Abram

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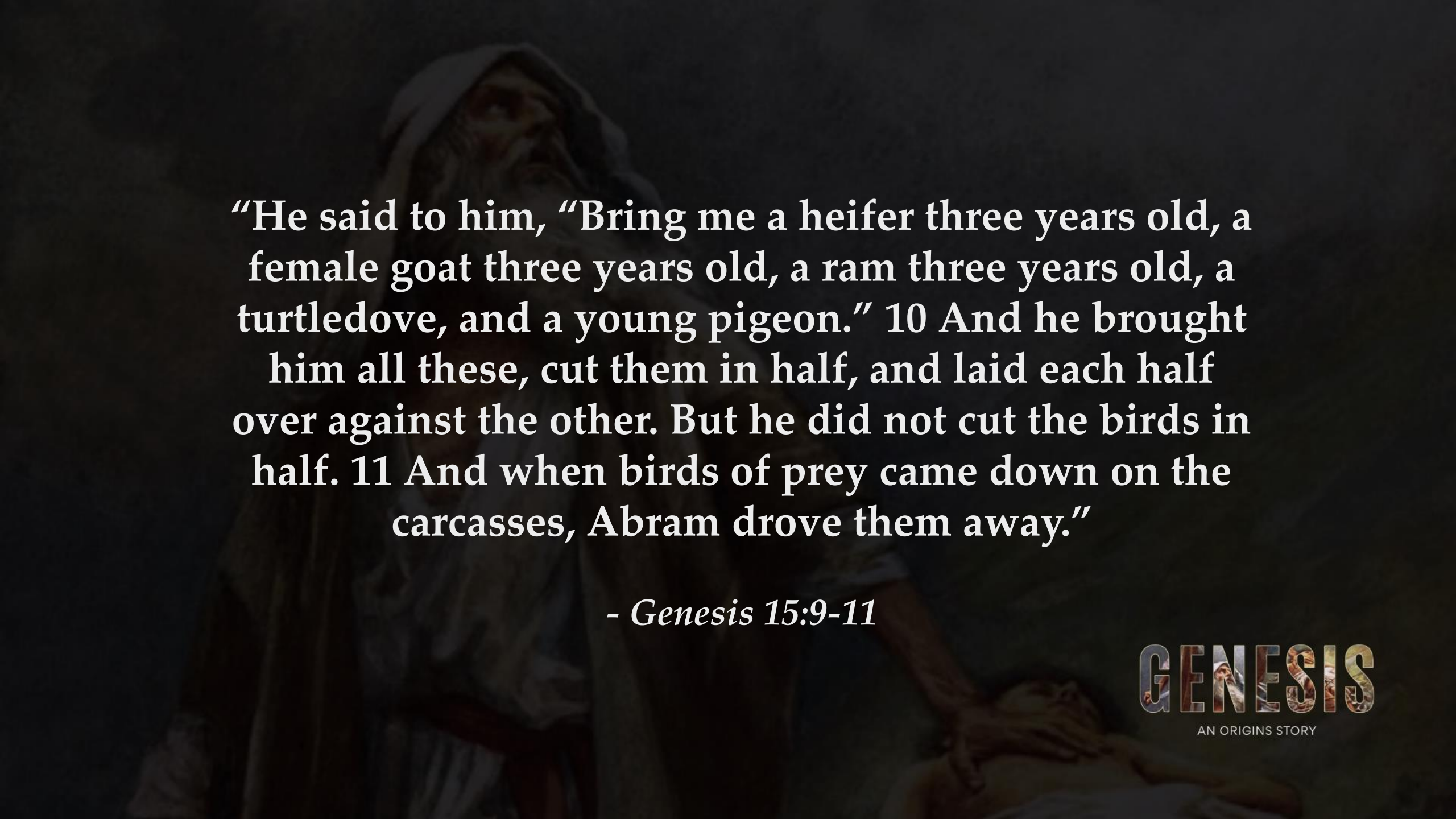
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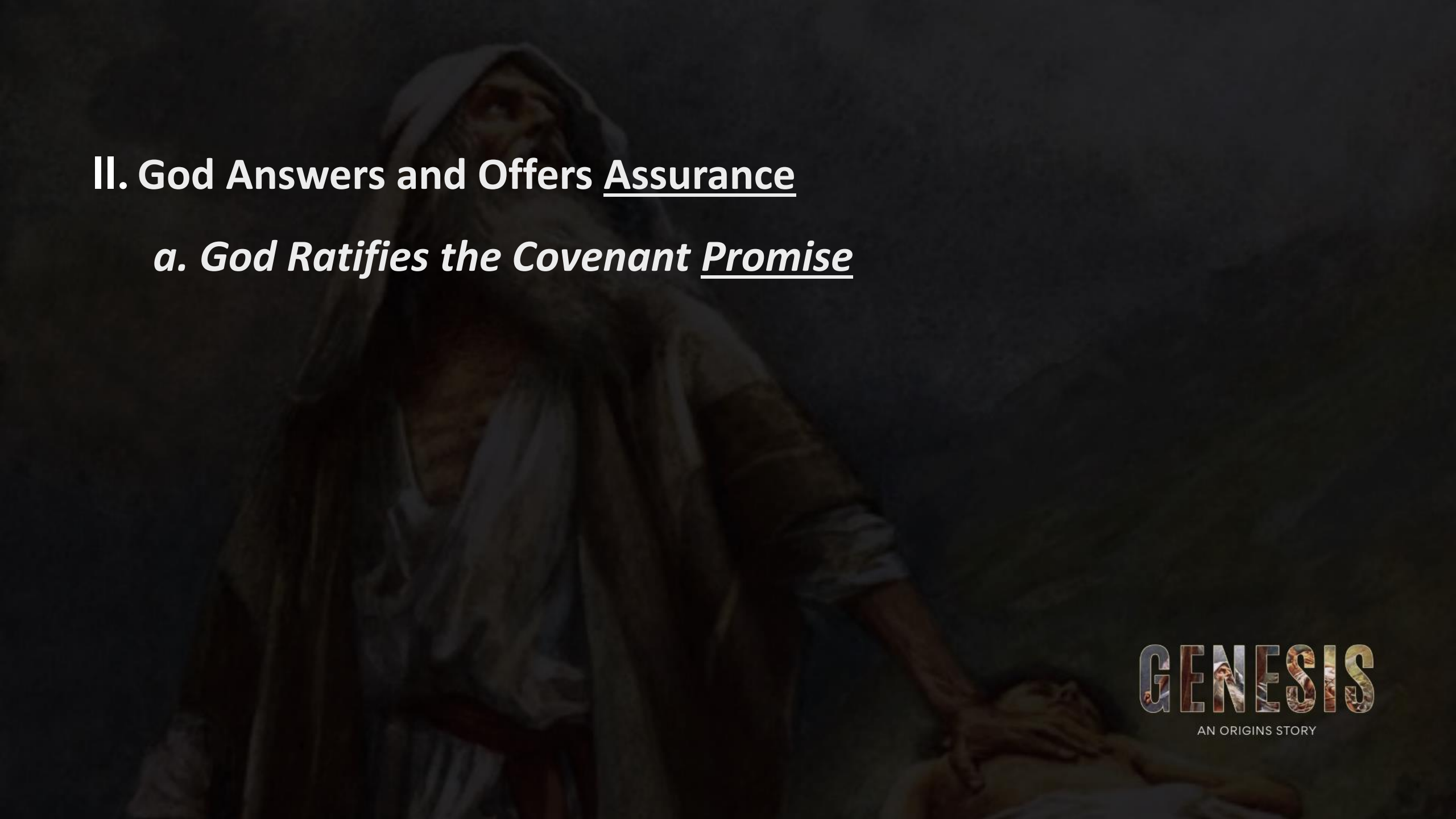


“He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.”

- Genesis 15:9-11

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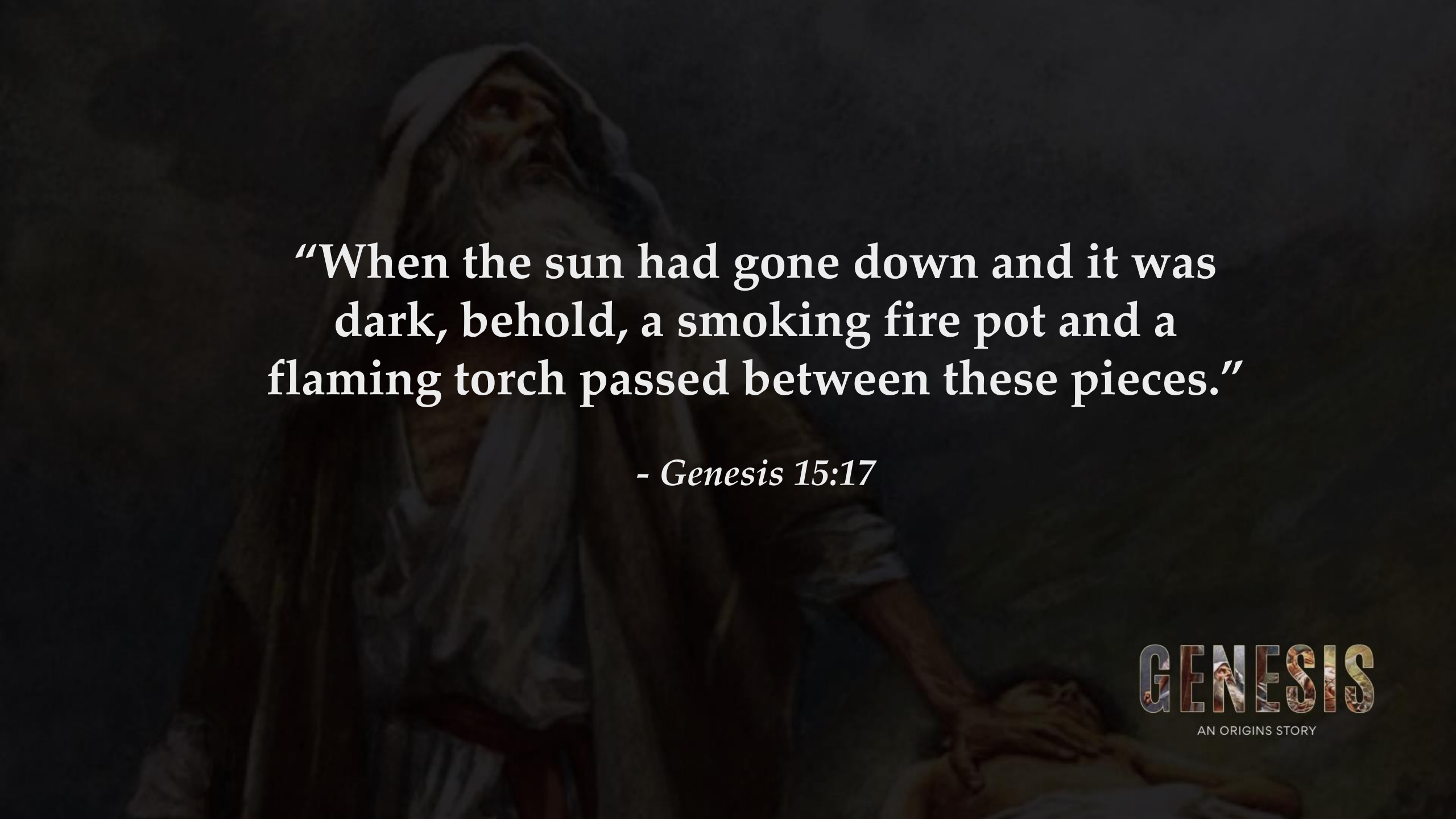


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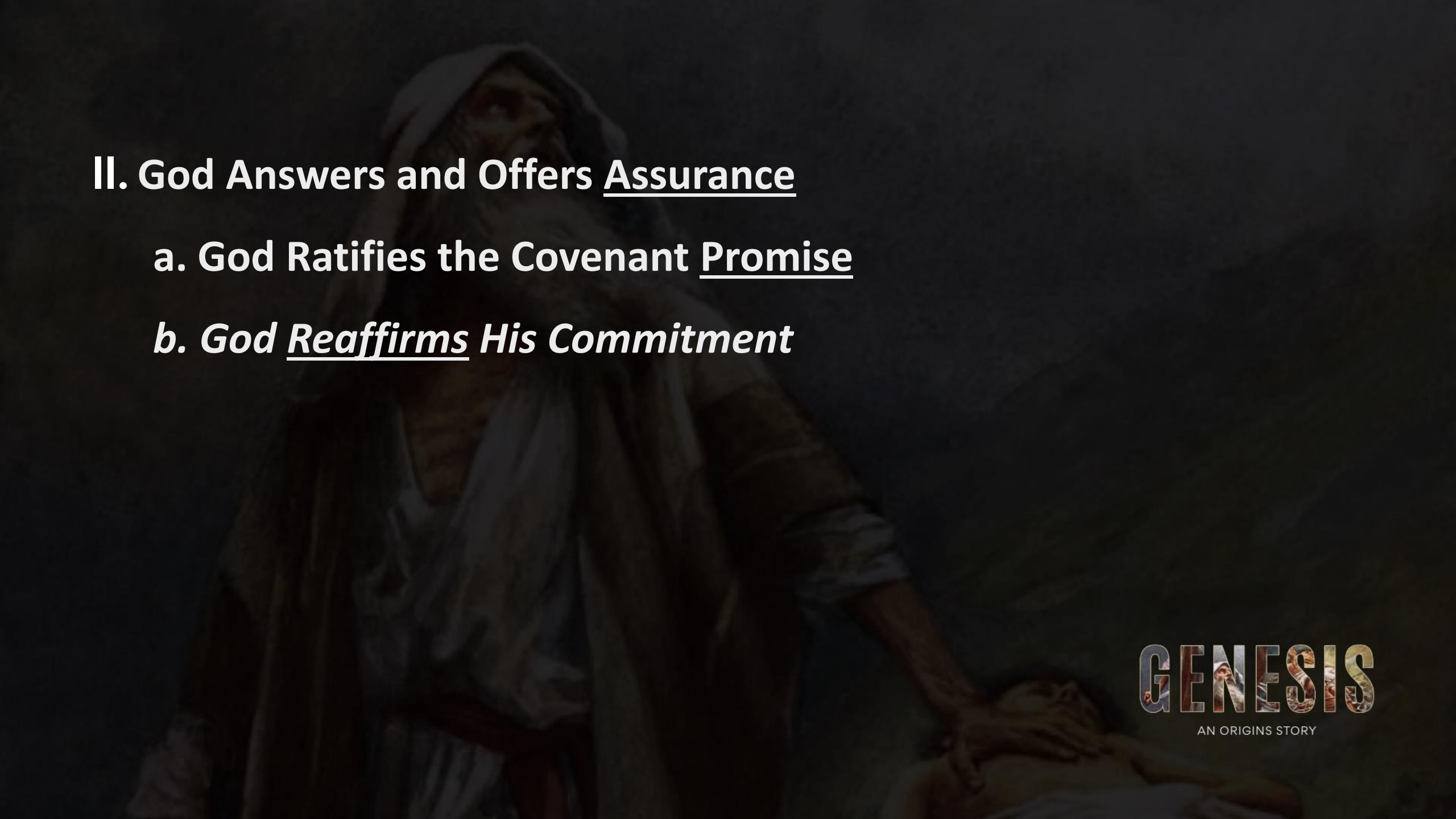


“When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.”

- *Genesis 15:17*

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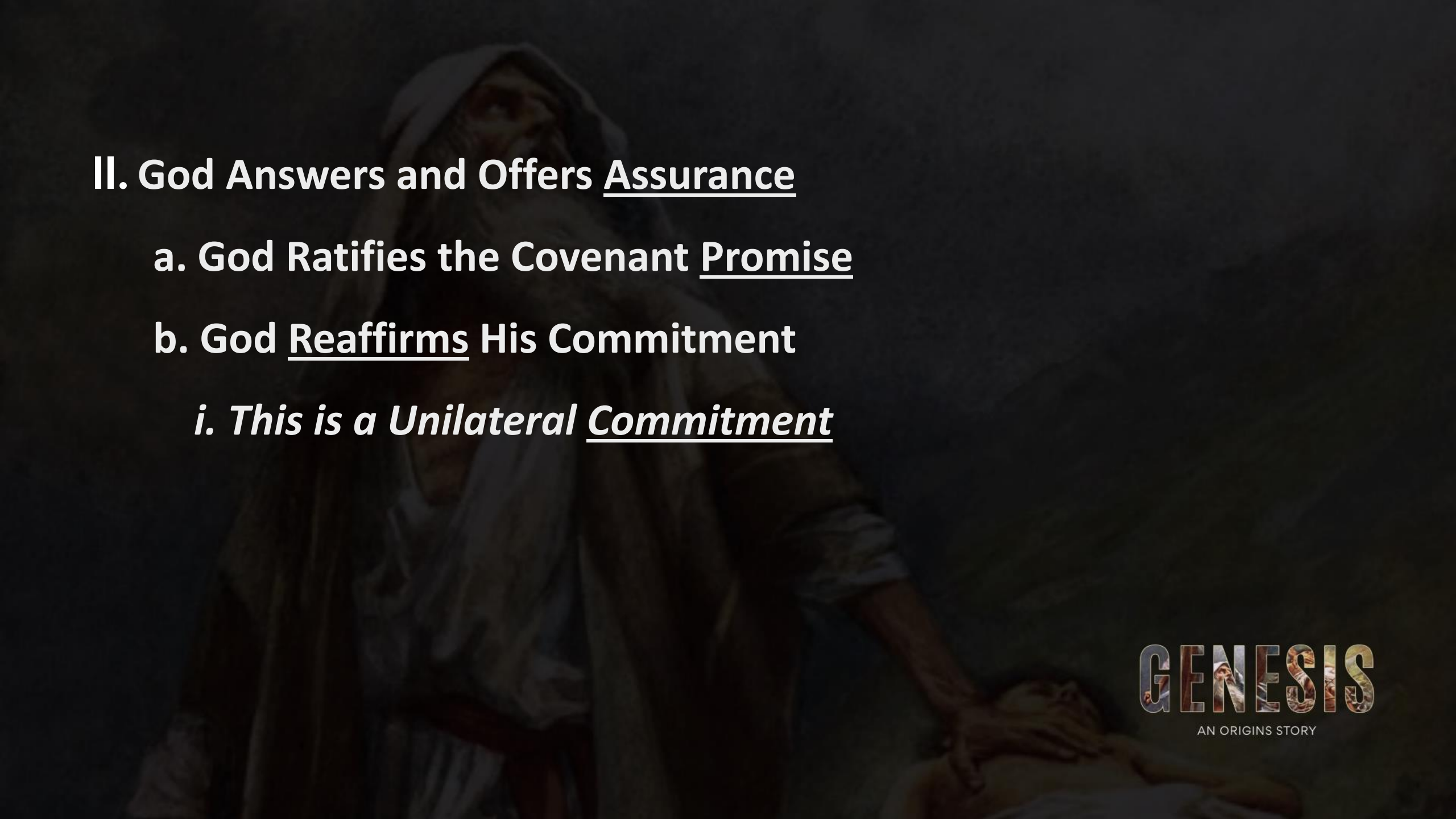
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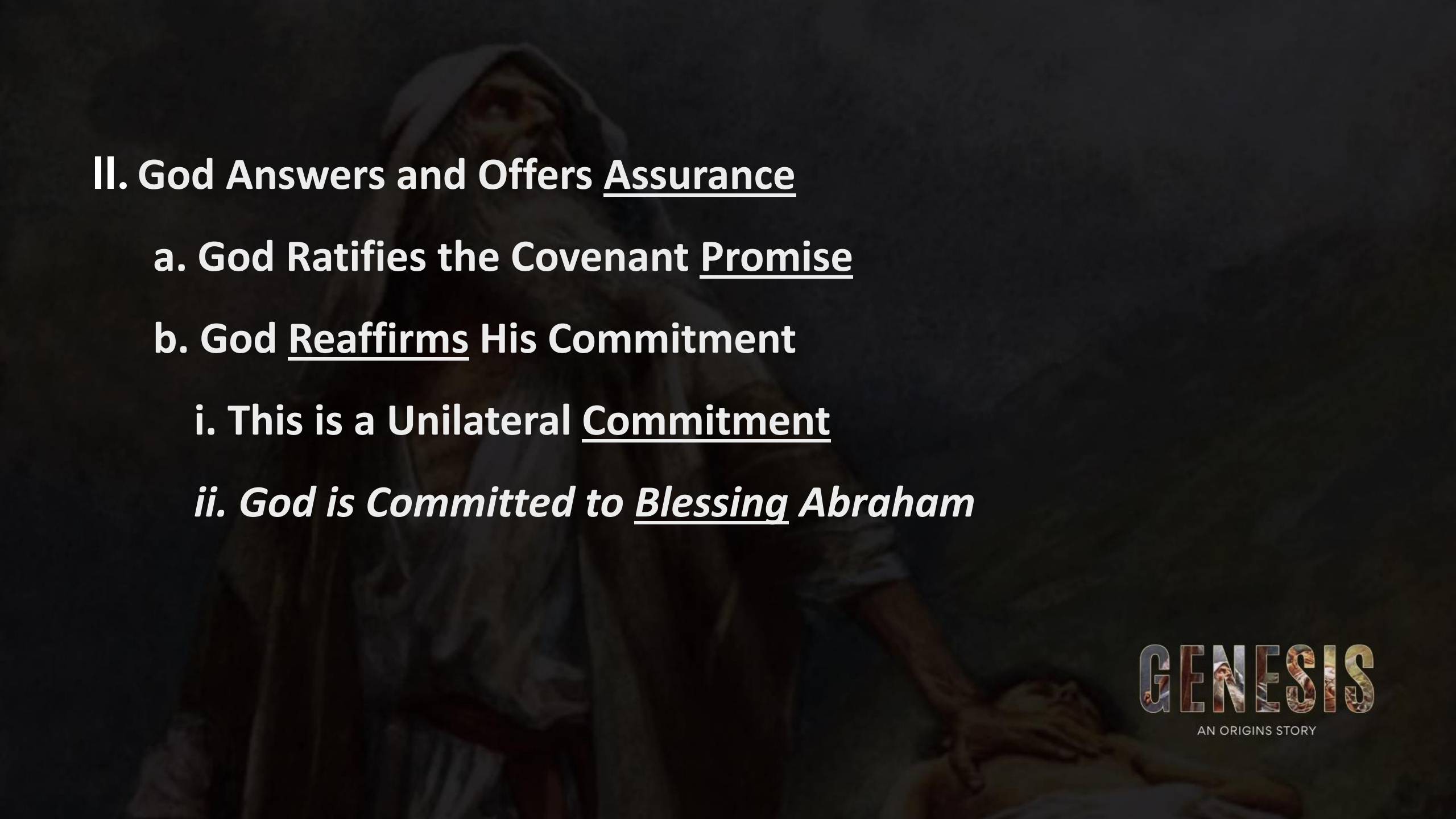
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