



**And there was no king... we need
deliverance from ourselves**

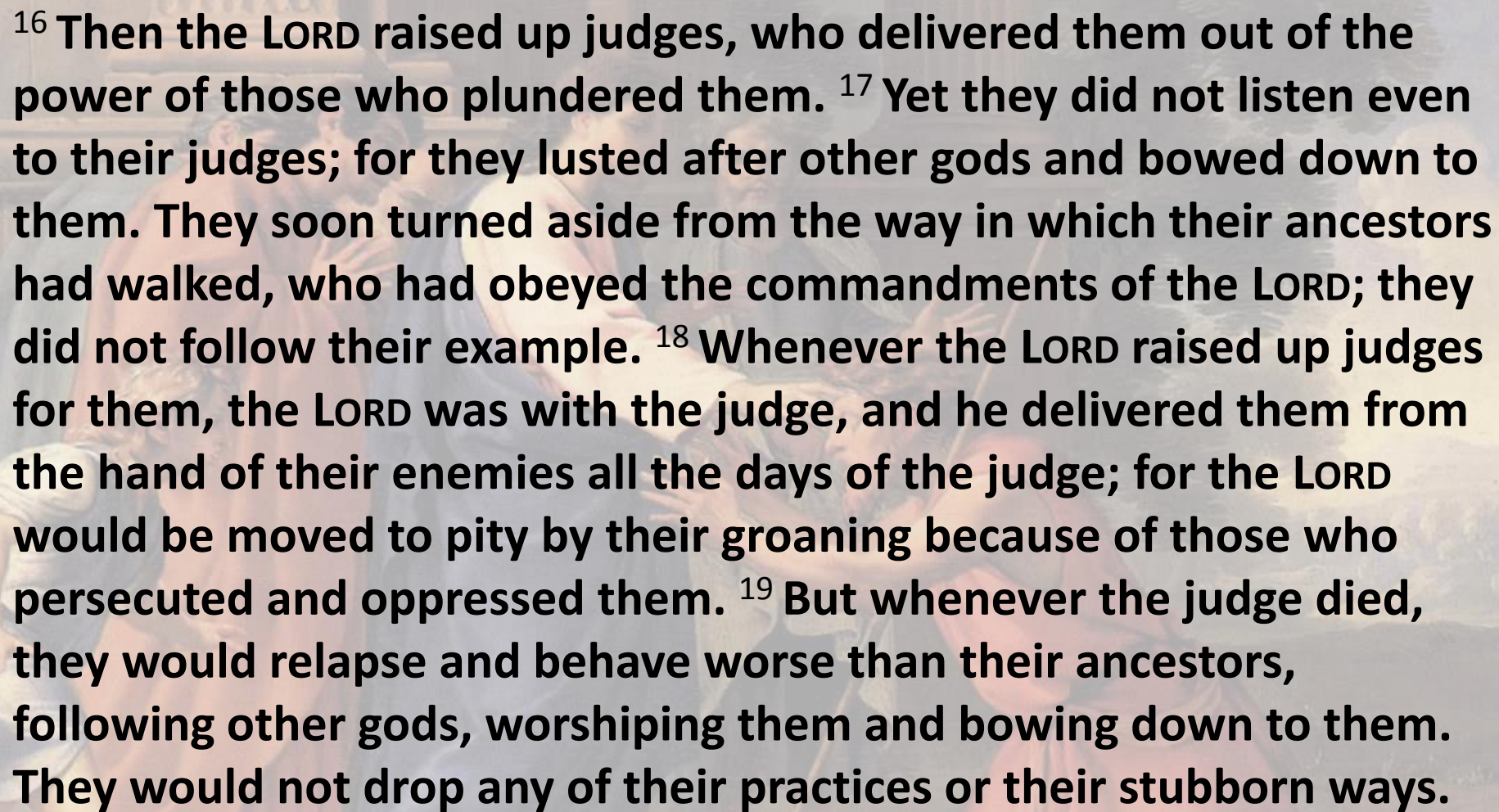
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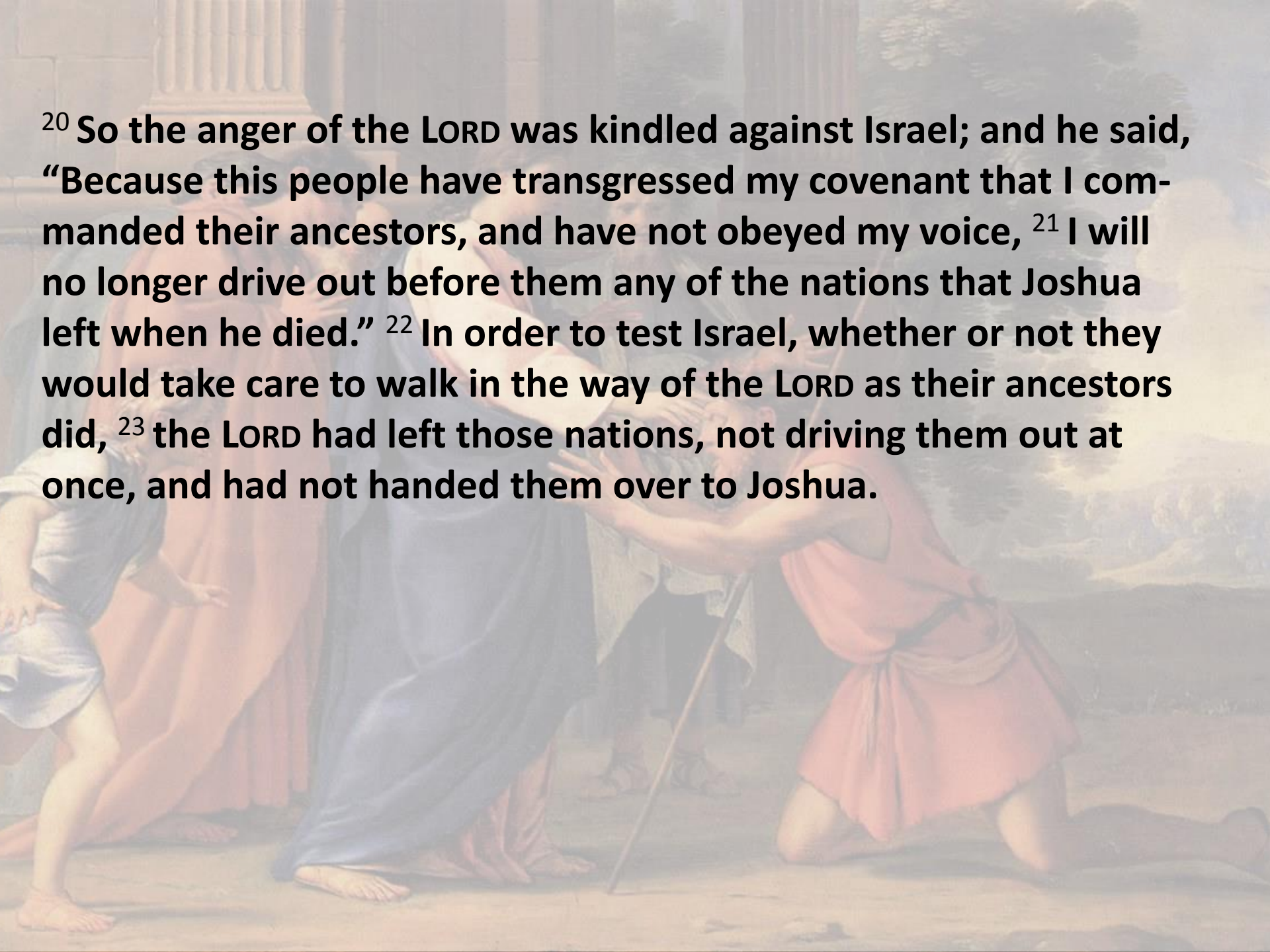
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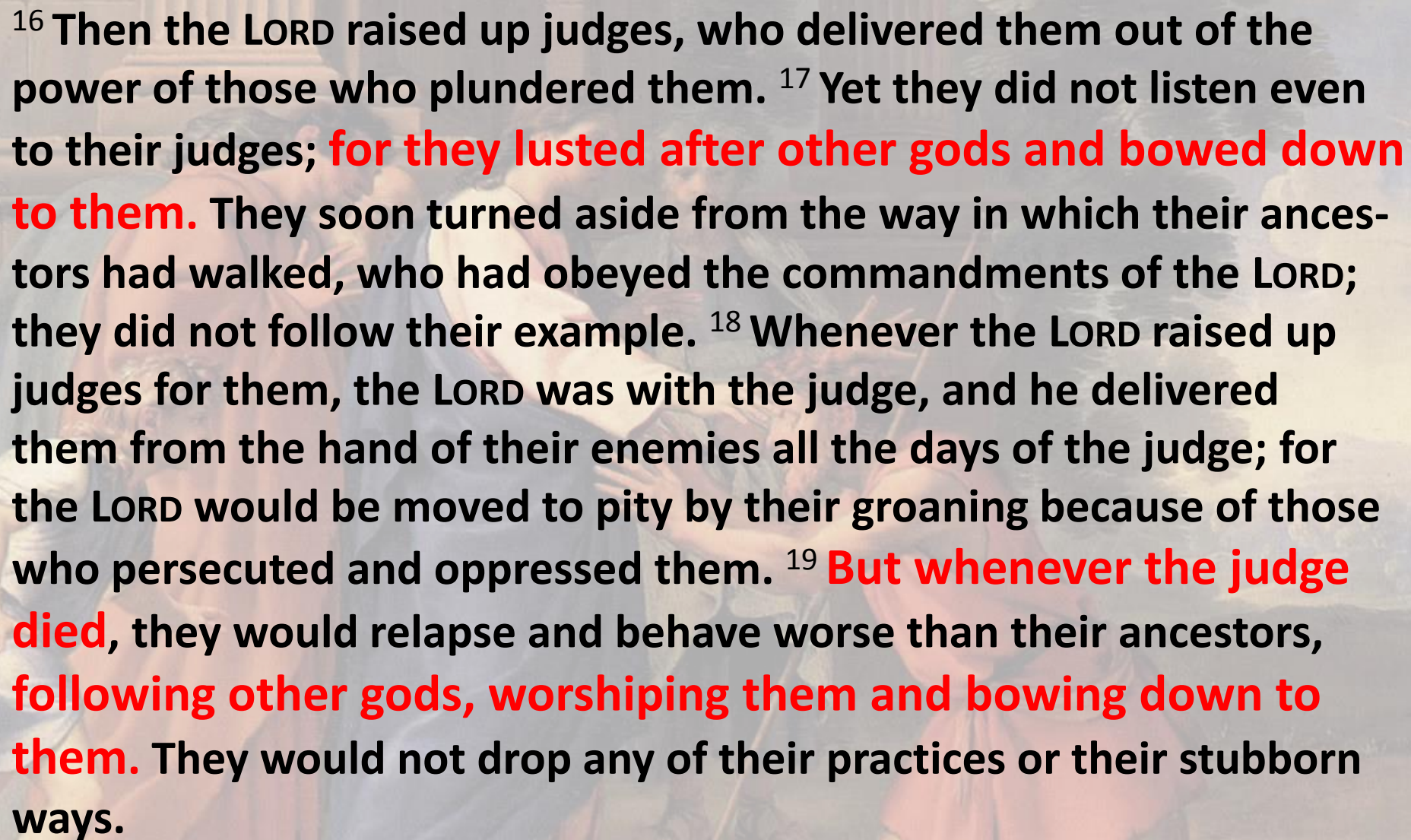
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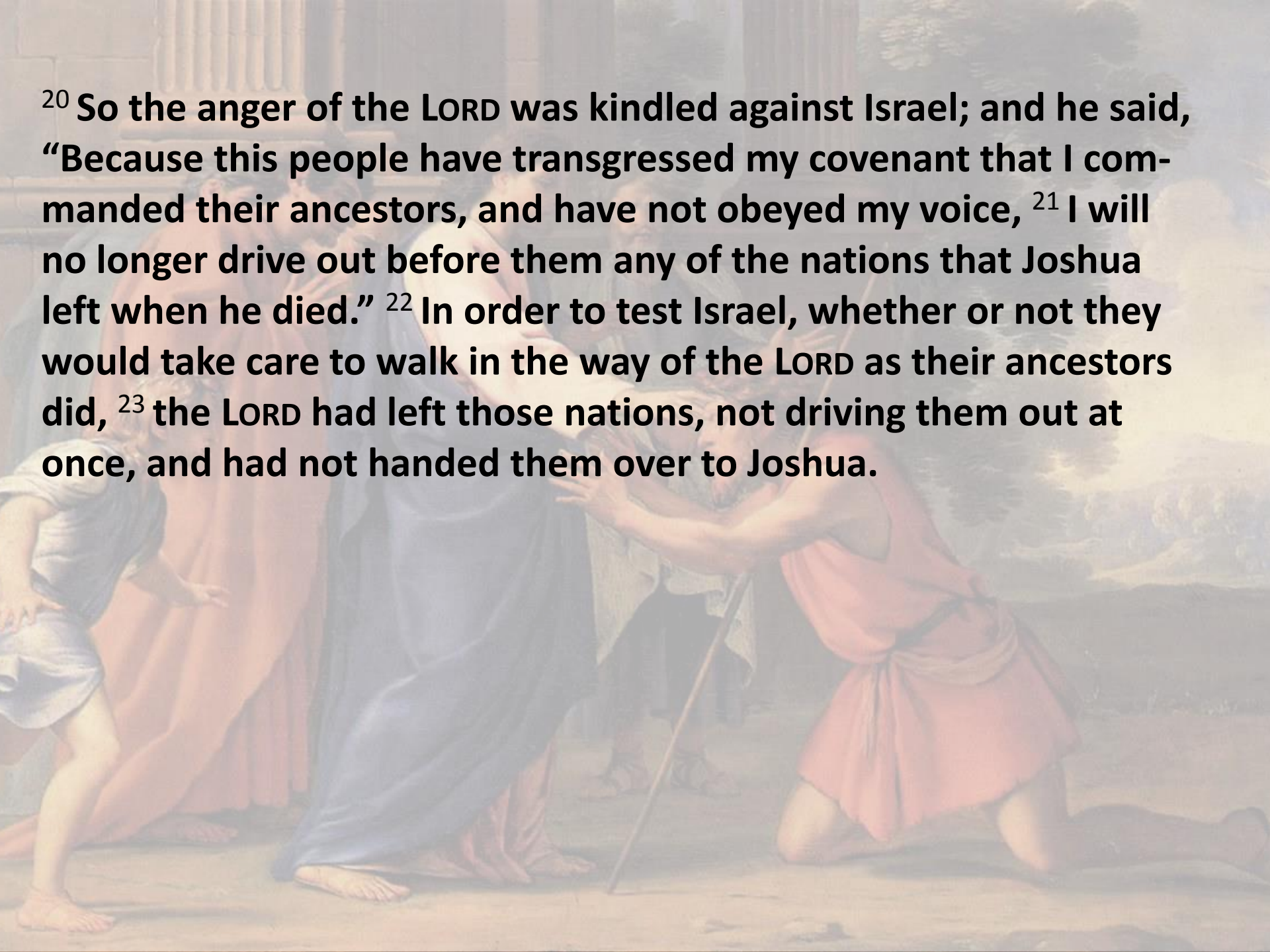
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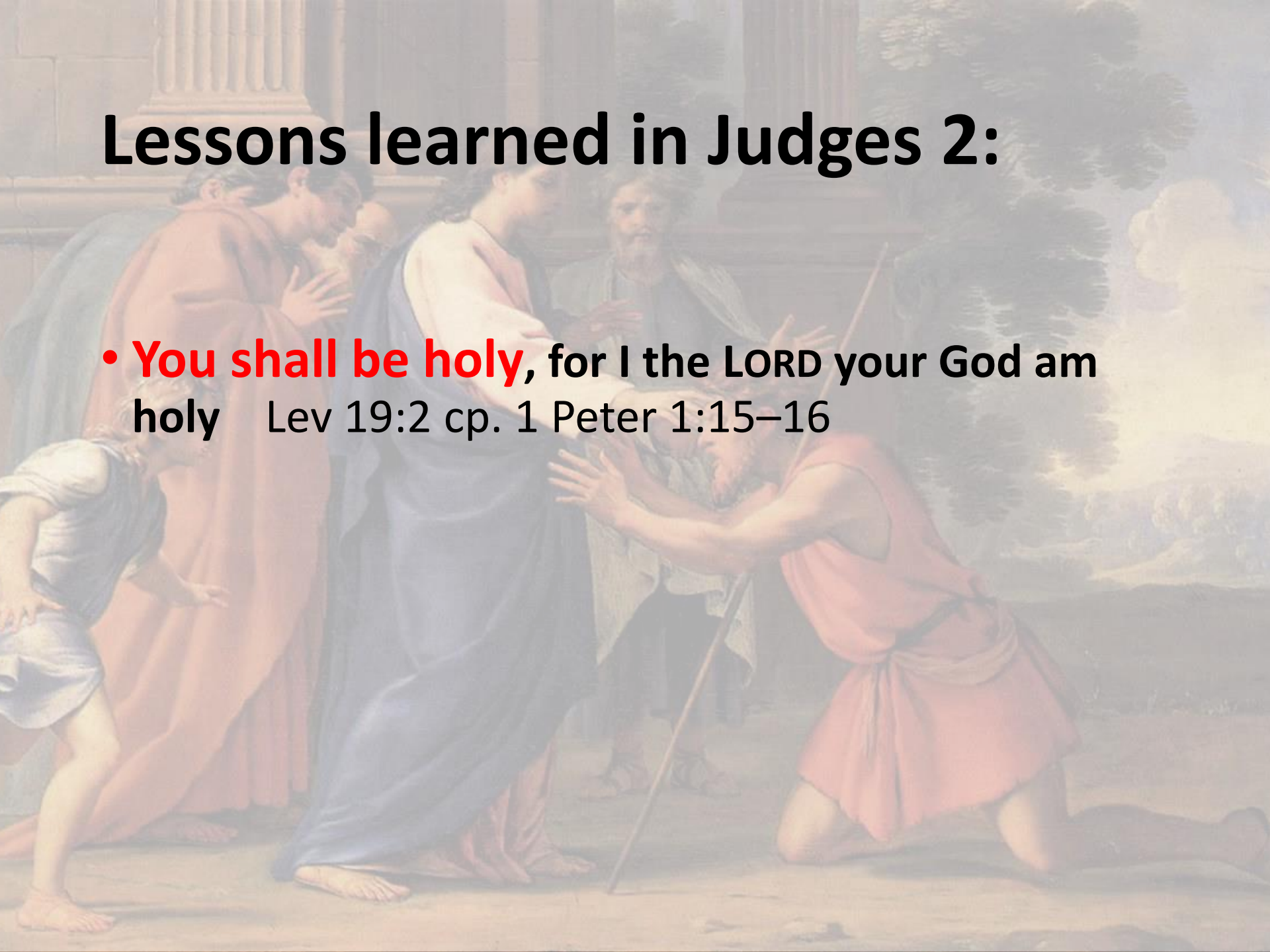
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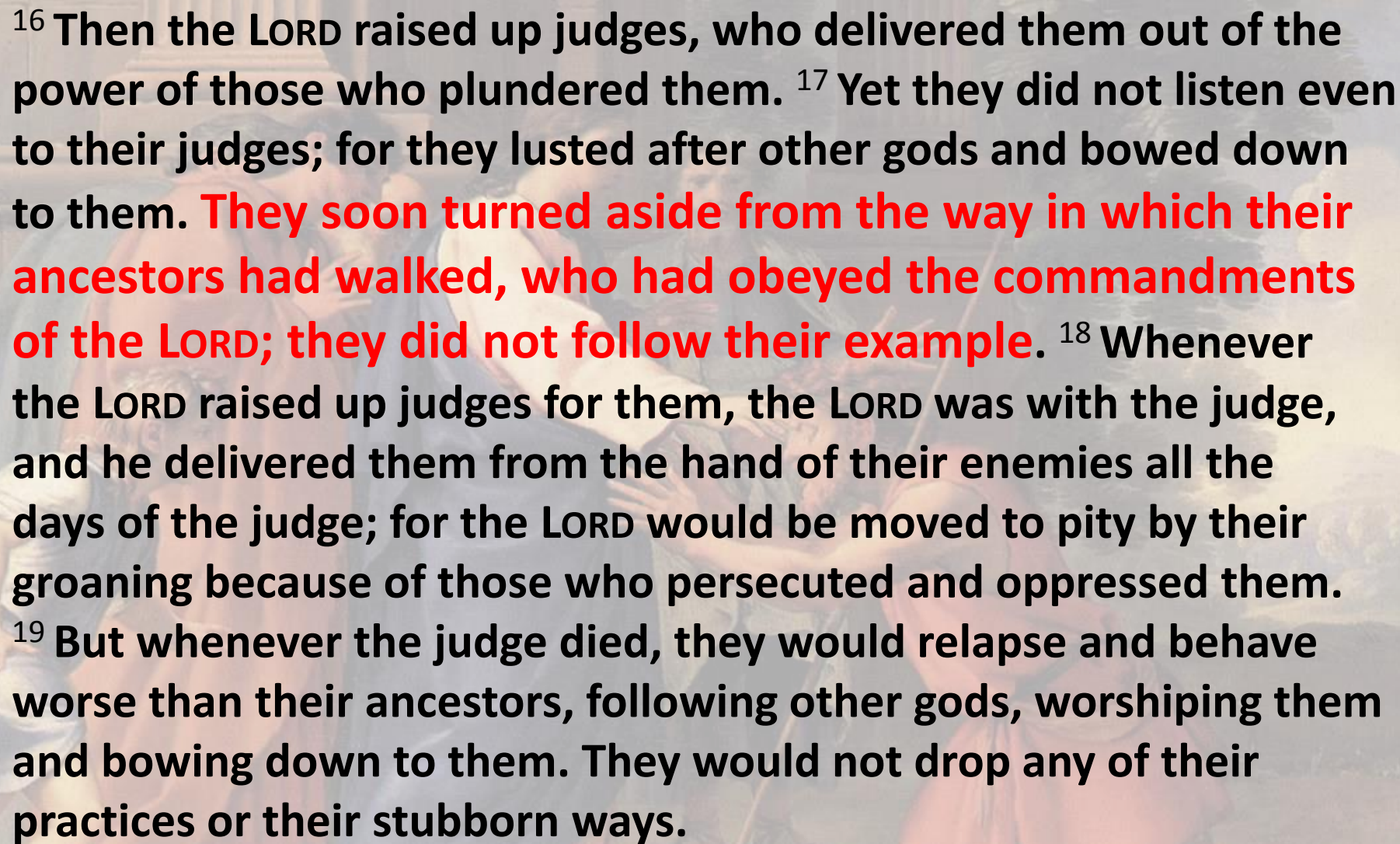
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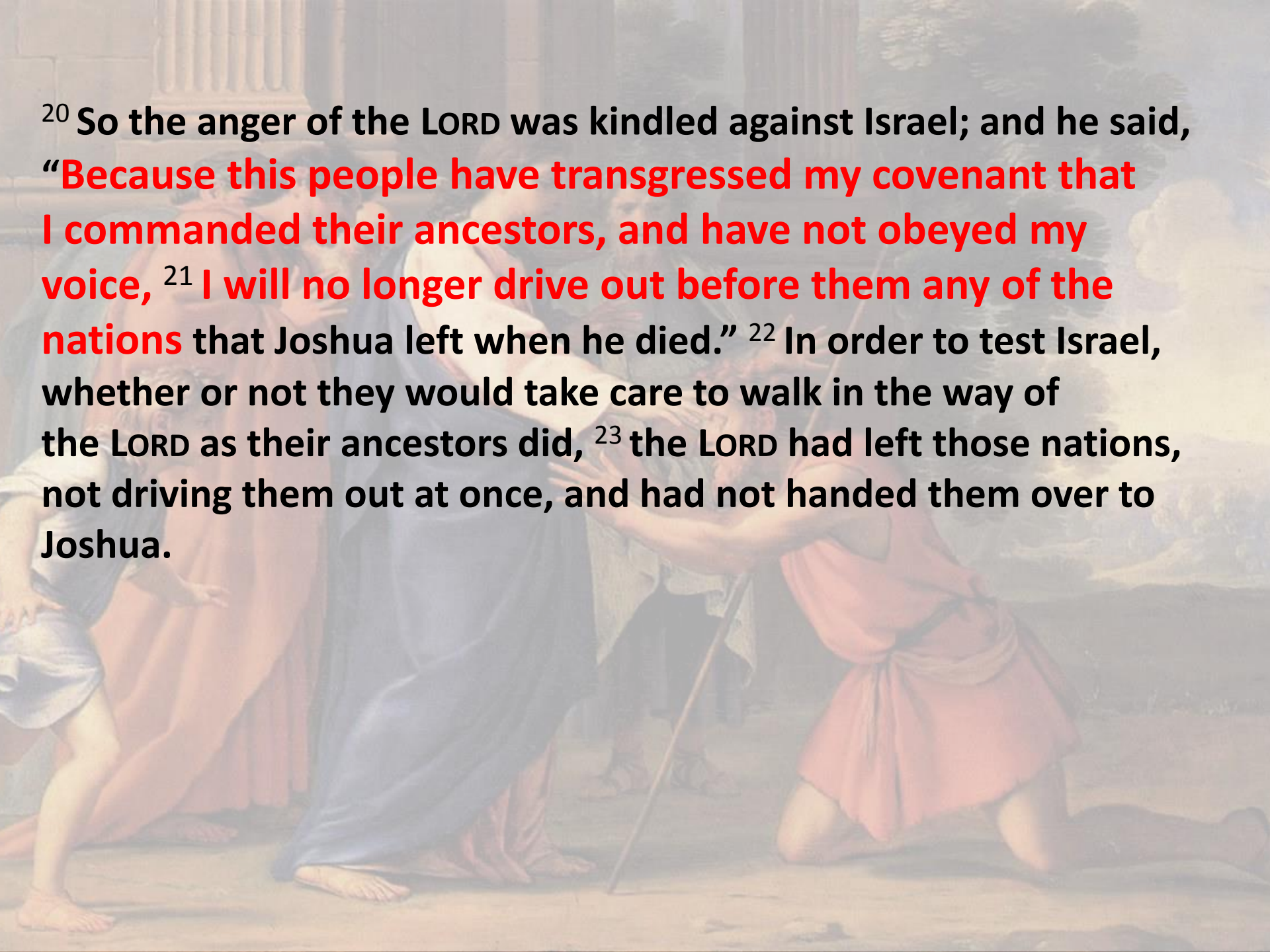
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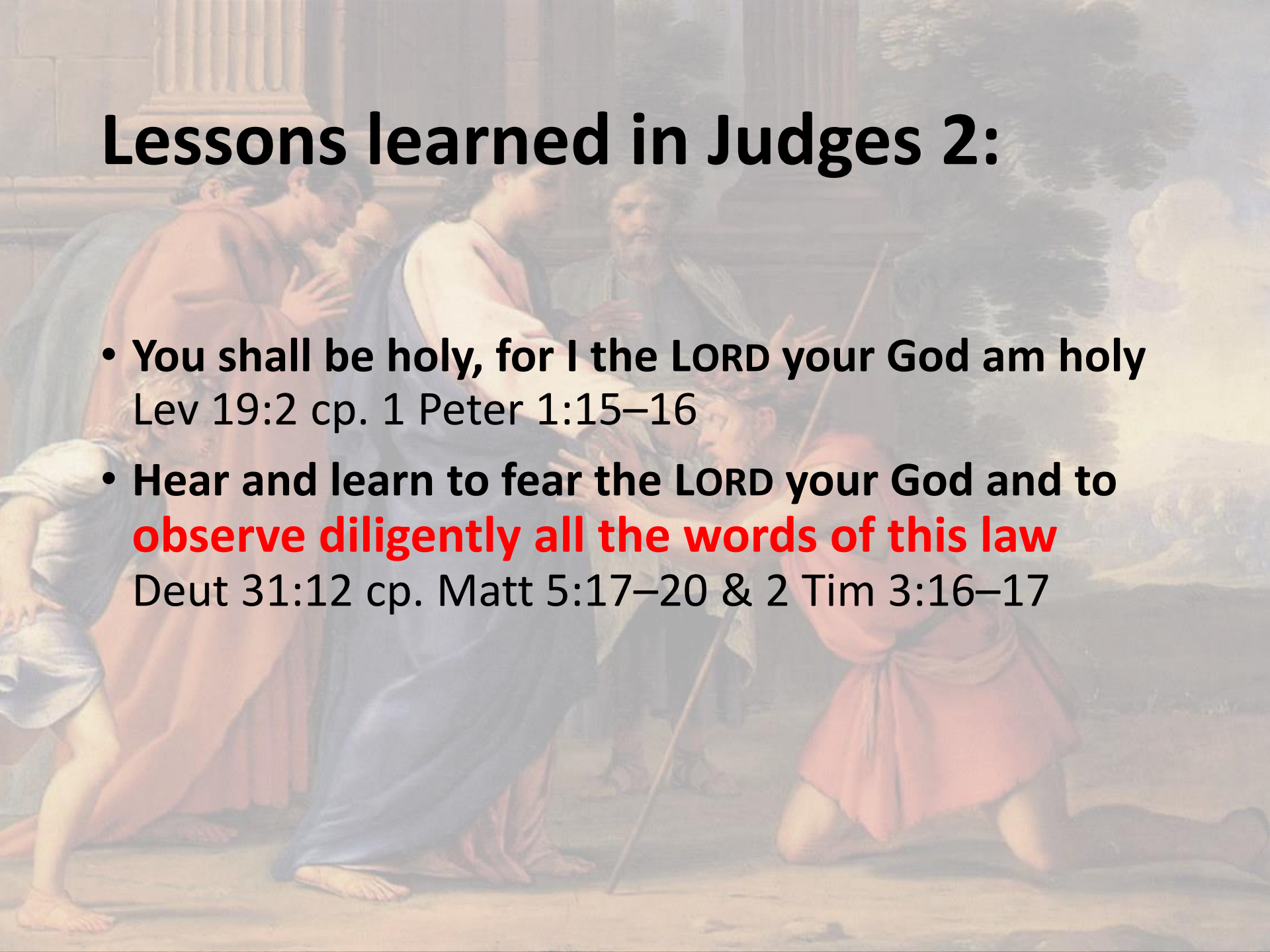
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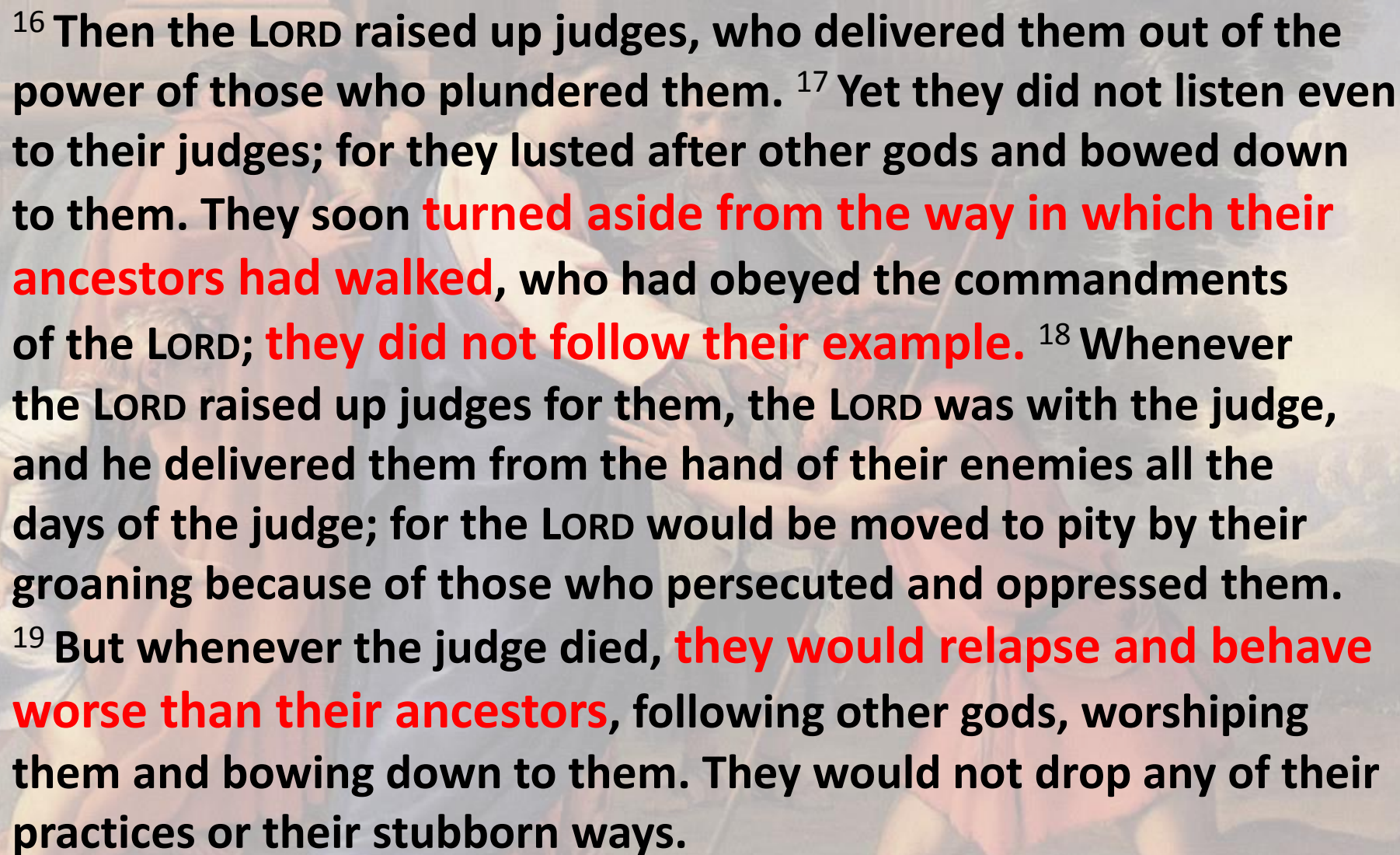
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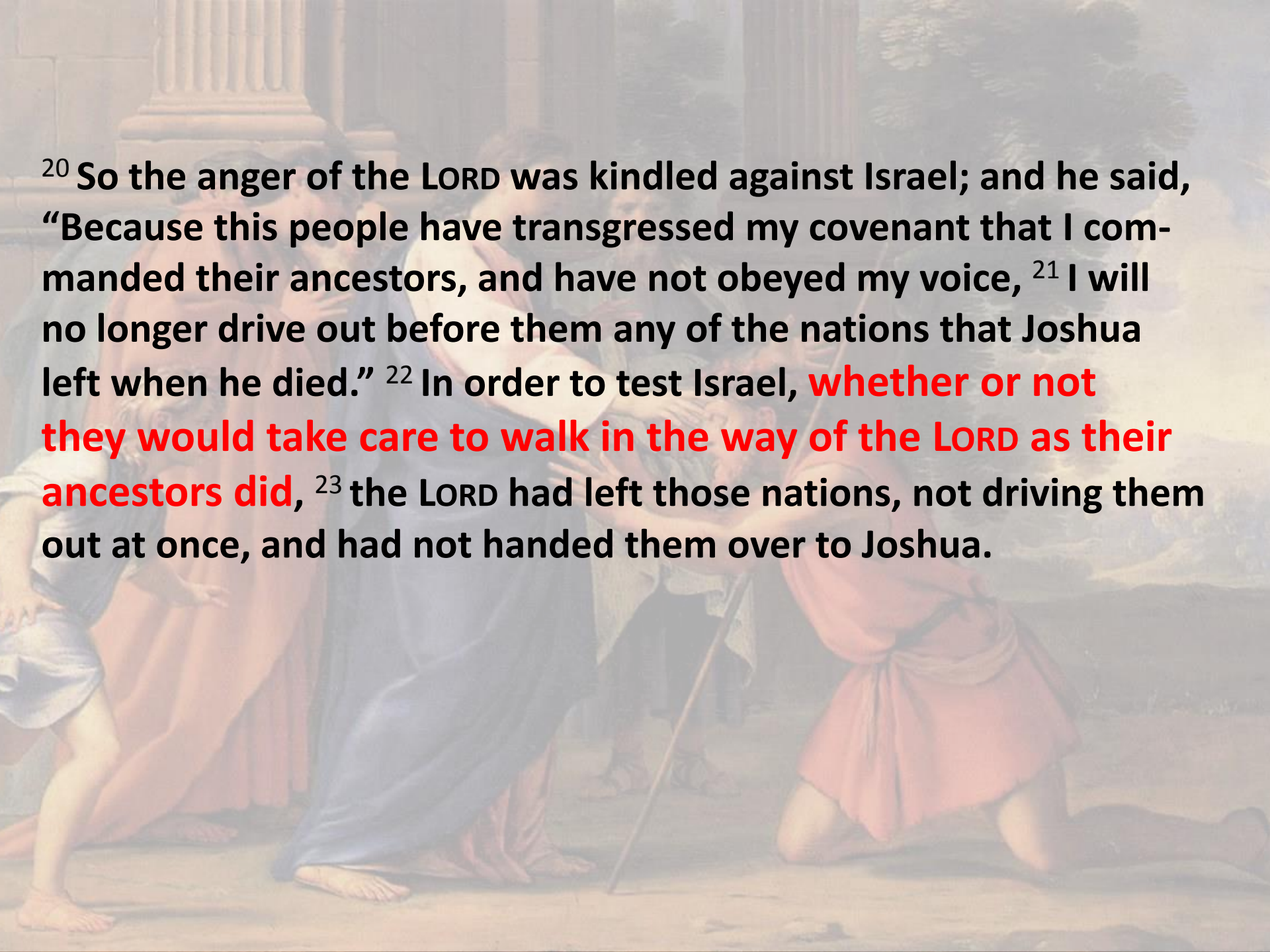
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And what about the kingdom?

- In those days **there was no king** in Israel; all the people did **what was right in their own eyes**
Judges 21:25
- But...
- You said to me [Samuel], “No but a king shall reign over us,” **though the LORD your God was your king** 1 Samuel 12:12 cp. Jn 1:10–11