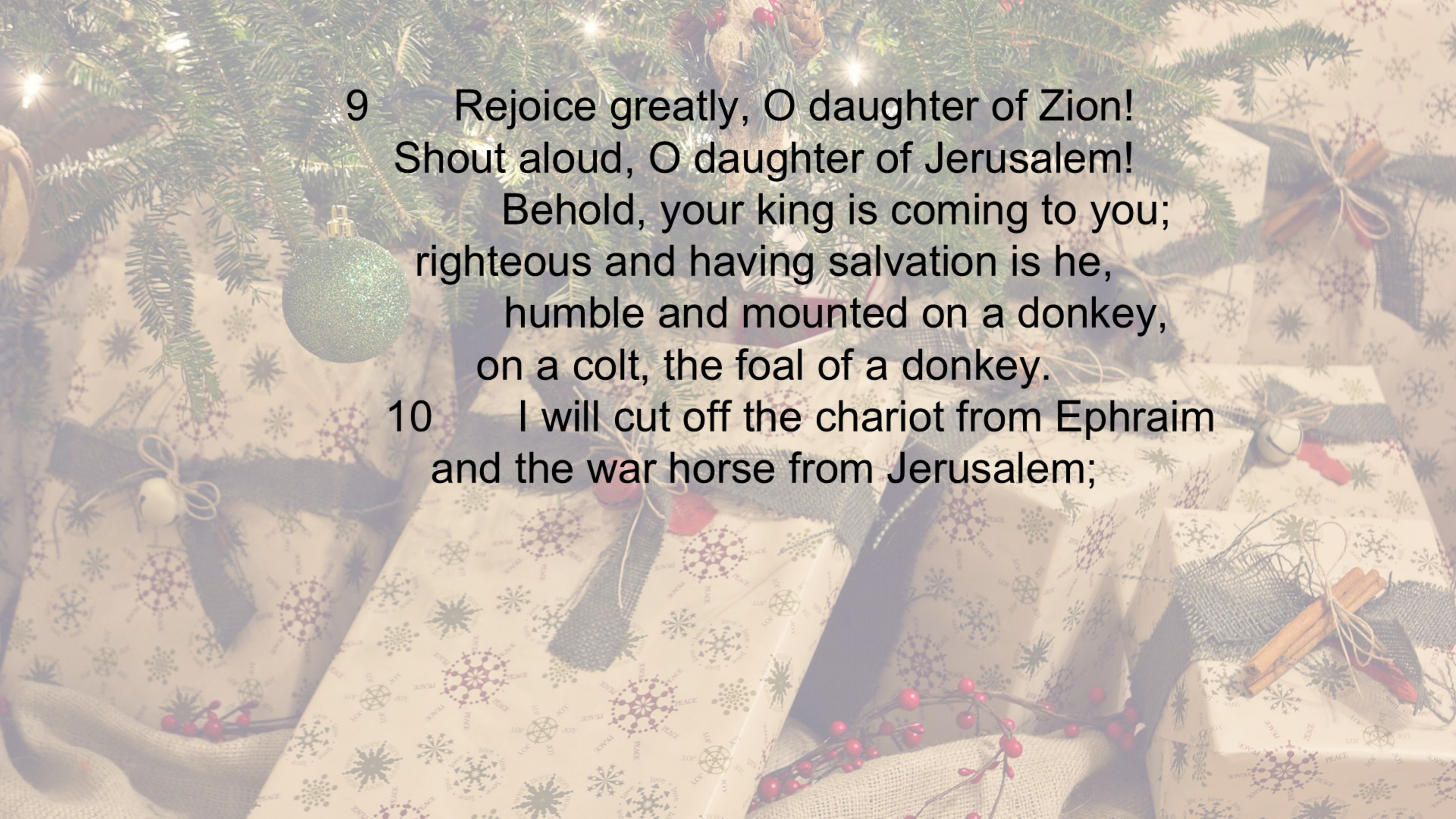


Sermon Notes
December 14, 2025
“The Unexpected Gift”

1. God has shown in the **past** he shows up in unexpected ways.
2. God has shown in the **present** he shows up in unexpected ways.
3. Jesus may have shown up unexpectedly **in your life**.

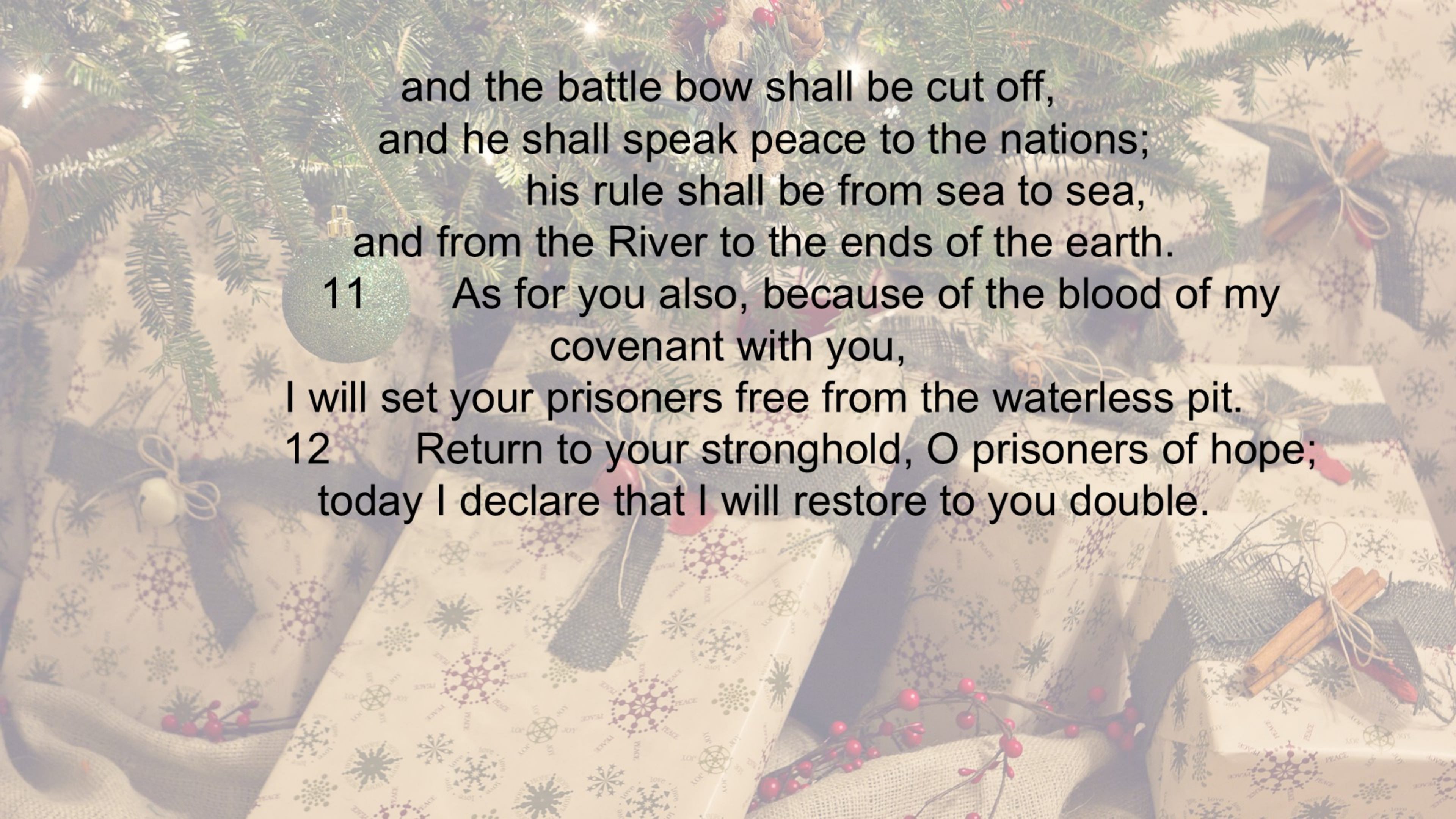


“The Unexpected Gift”



9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;



and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.



13 For I have bent Judah as my bow;
I have made Ephraim its arrow.

I will stir up your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

The LORD Will Save His People

14 Then the LORD will appear over them,
and his arrow will go forth like lightning;
the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet



and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts will protect them,
and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones,
and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine,
and be full like a bowl,
drenched like the corners of the altar.

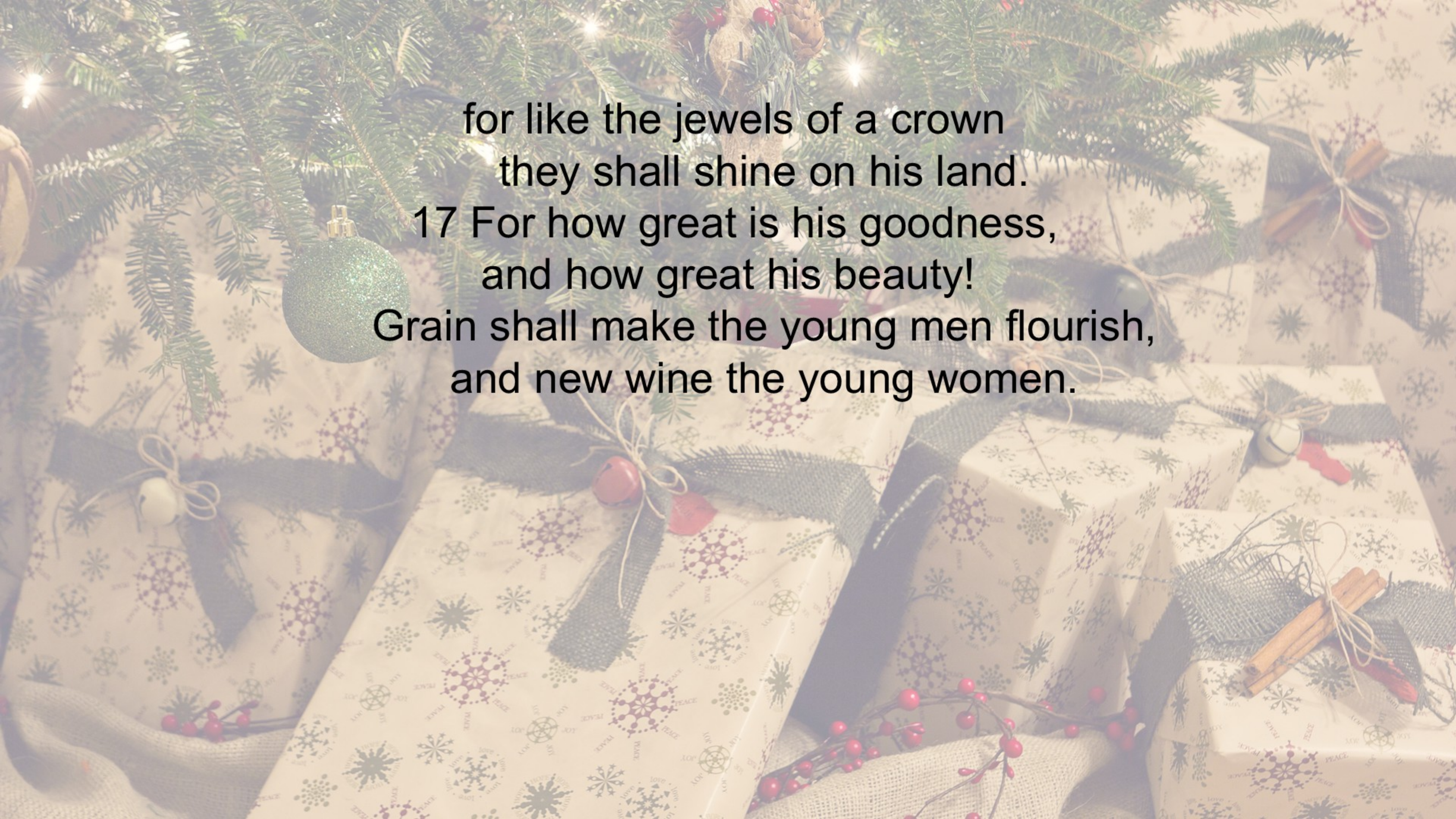
16 On that day the LORD their God will save them,
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for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on his land.
17 For how great is his goodness,
and how great his beauty!
Grain shall make the young men flourish,
and new wine the young women.



God has shown in the past
he shows up in unexpected ways.

Exodus 14:11-14

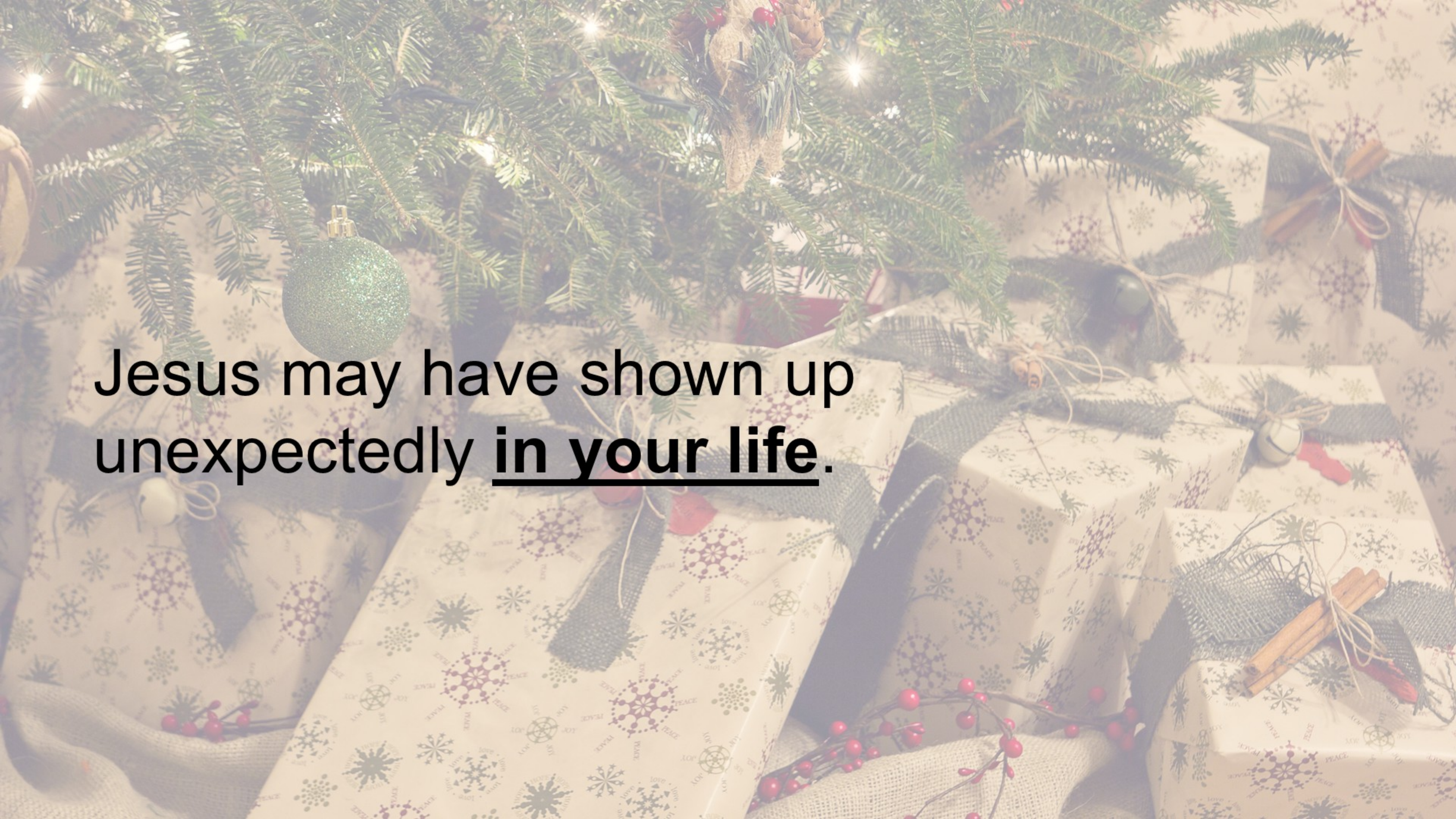
11 They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

Exodus 14:11-14

13 And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”



God has shown in the present
he shows up in unexpected ways.



Jesus may have shown up
unexpectedly in your life.