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# Nations

thread study

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# Phrase

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“peoples, nations,  
and languages...”

Phrase

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# Light to the nations

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# What does it mean to be a light?

Question

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# 1 Kings 10

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# “wisdom”

1 Kings 10:4, 6, 7, 8, 23-24

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# acknowledgement

1 Kings 10:1, 5, 9 (2x)

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# astonishment

1 Kings 10:5, 8-10

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godliness

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What are some godly  
characteristics displayed or  
discussed in this passage?

Question

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# justice

1 Kings 10:9

godliness

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# righteousness

1 Kings 10:9

godliness

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peace/prosperity

1 Kings 10:7

godliness

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# blessing

1 Kings 10:8-9

godliness

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Failure  
to be the light

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# Deuteronomy 17:14-20


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emphasis  
on wisdom

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“When you come to the land that the Lord  
your God is giving you, and you possess it  
and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a  
**king** over me, like all the **nations** that are  
around me...”

Deuteronomy 17:14

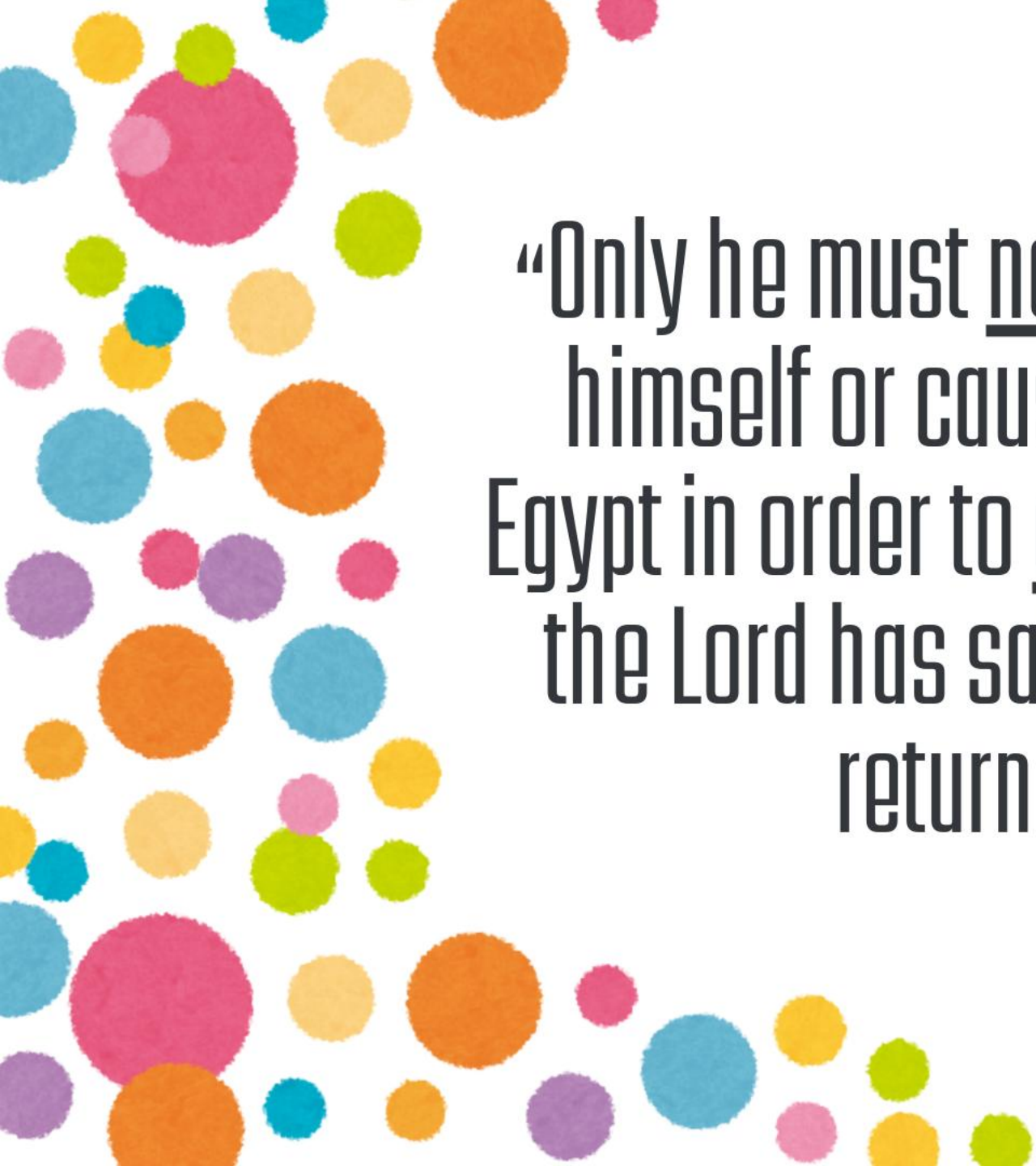


“Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a **king** to judge us like all the **nations**.”

1 Samuel 8:4-5

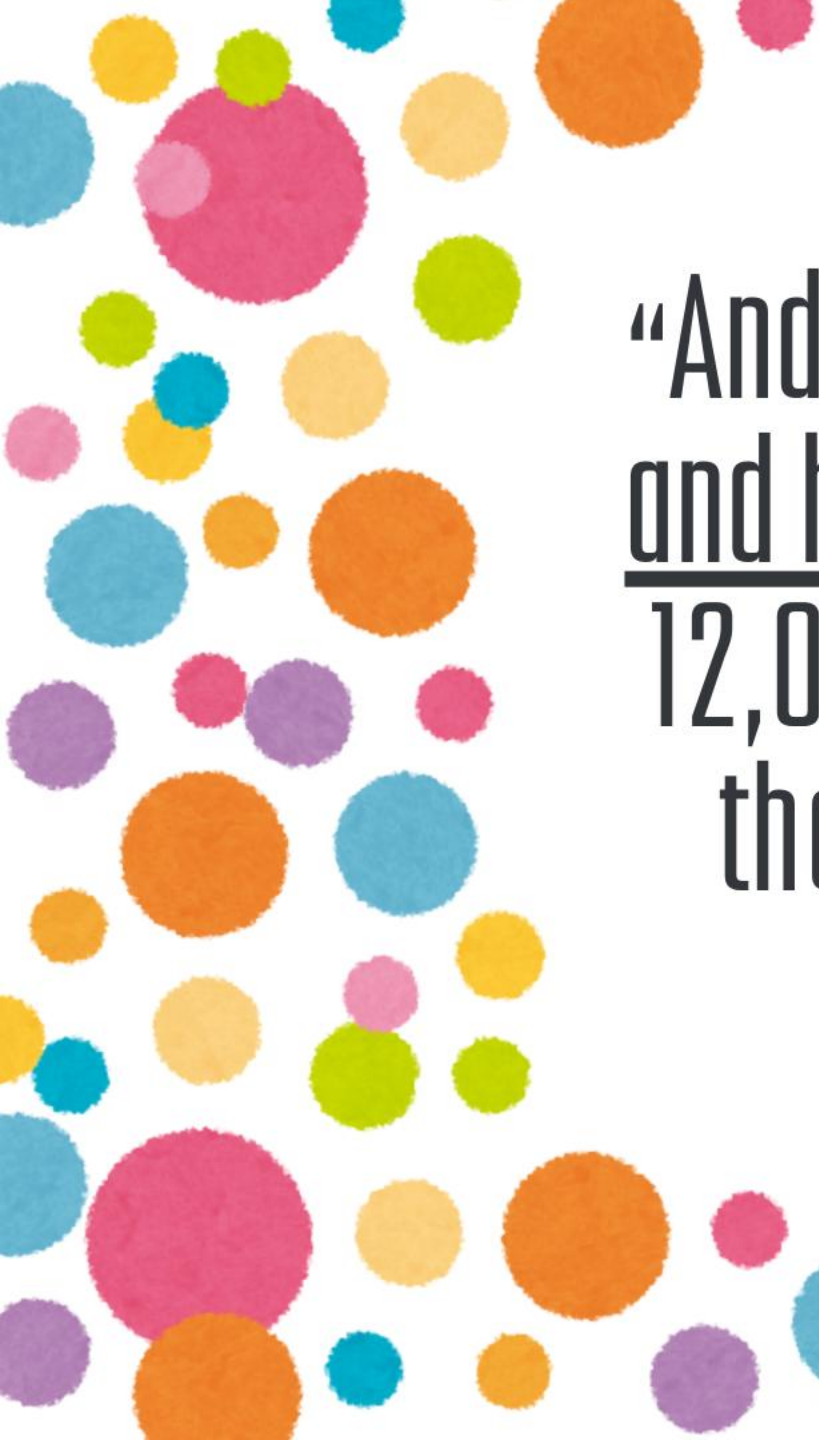
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blessing



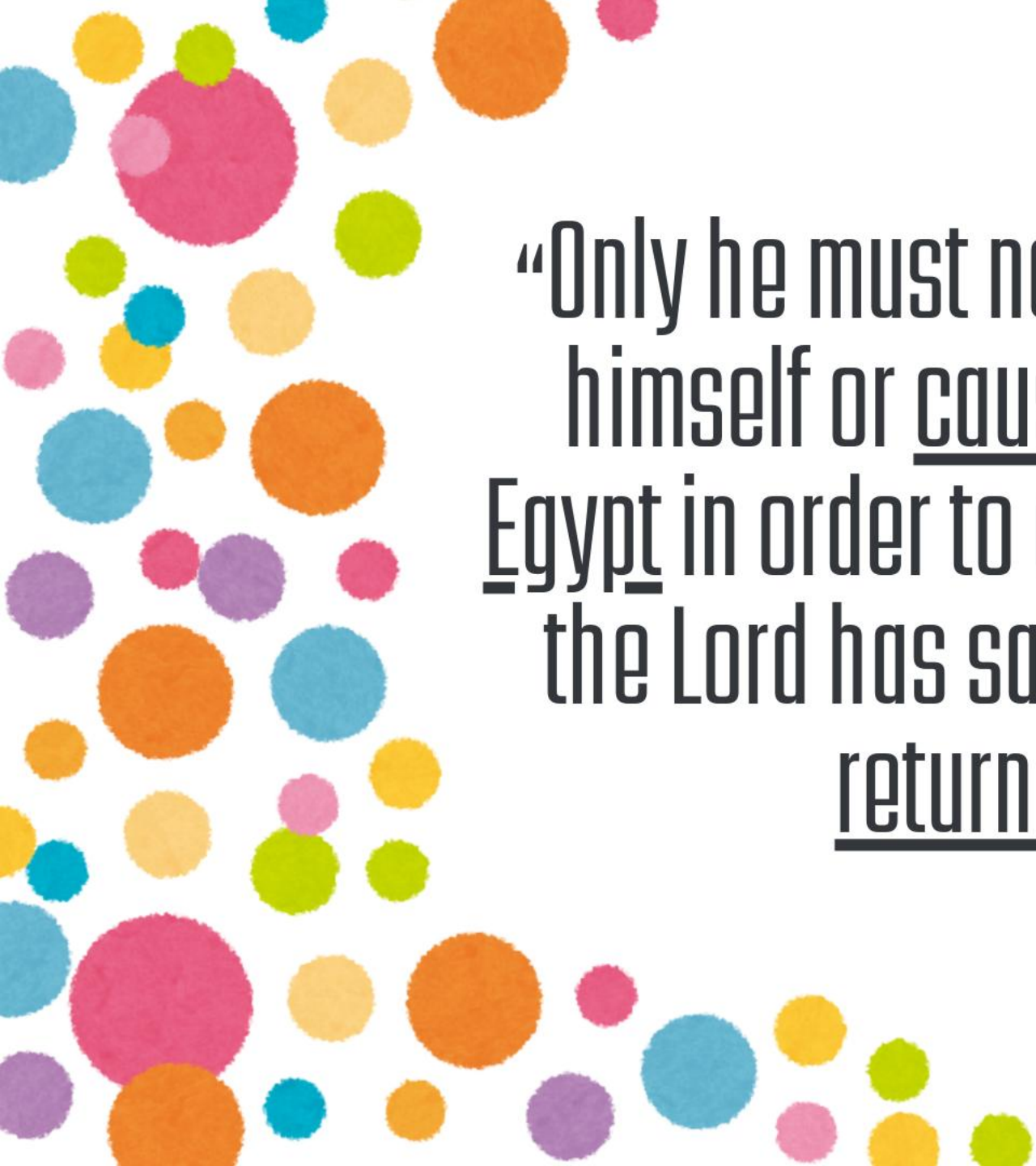
“Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the **people** to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, ‘you shall never return that way again.’”

Deuteronomy 17:16

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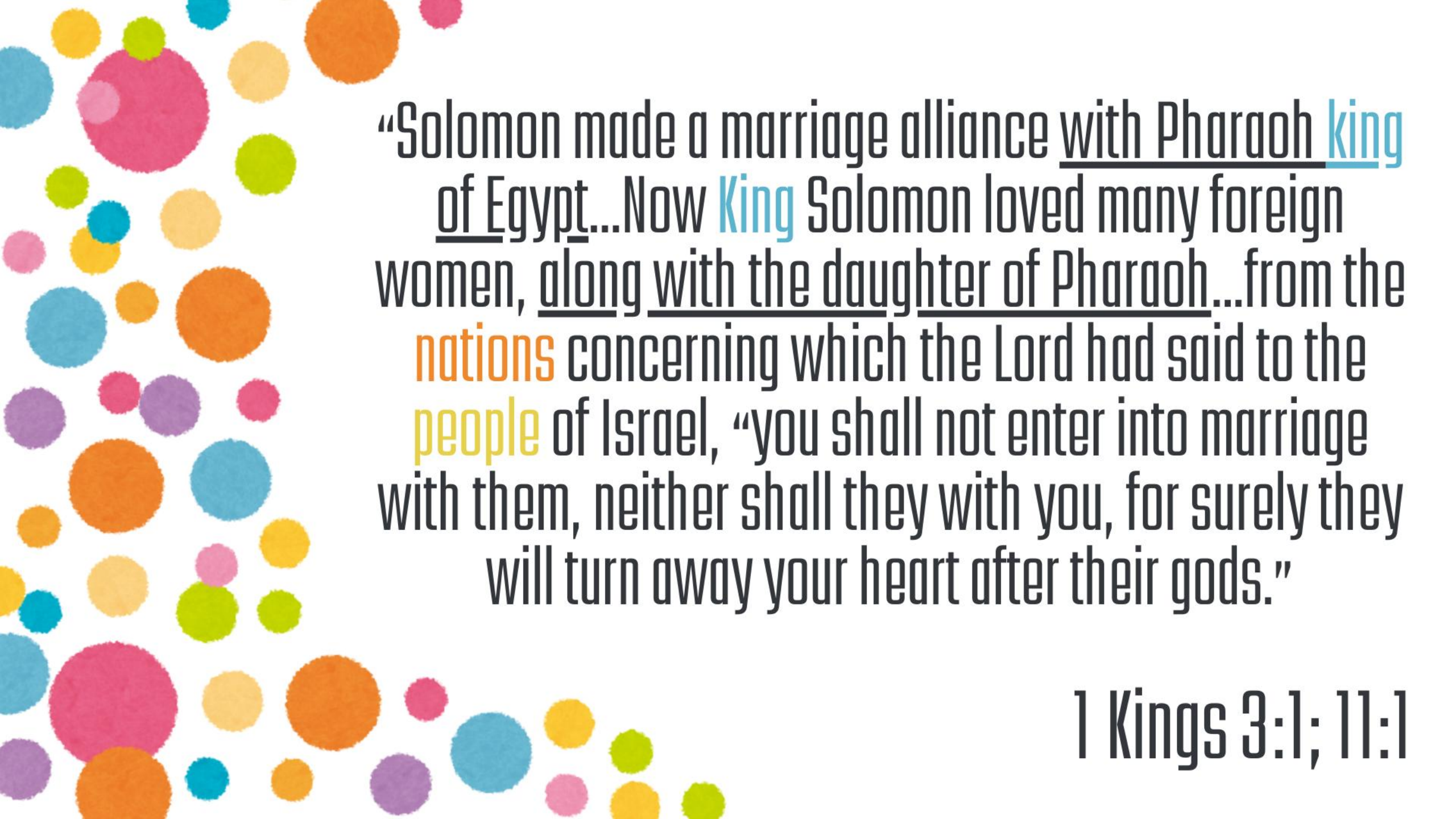
“And Solomon gathered together chariots  
and horsemen. He had 1,400 chariots and  
12,000 horsemen, whom he stationed in  
the chariot cities and with the king in  
Jerusalem.”

1 Kings 10:26




“Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, ‘you shall never return that way again.’”

Deuteronomy 17:16




“Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king  
of Egypt...Now King Solomon loved many foreign  
women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh...from the  
nations concerning which the Lord had said to the  
people of Israel, “you shall not enter into marriage  
with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they  
will turn away your heart after their gods.”

1 Kings 3:1; 11:1

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“And he shall not acquire many  
wives for himself, lest his heart  
turn away...”

Deuteronomy 17:17

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“He had 700 wives, who were  
princesses, and 300 concubines.  
And his wives turned away his  
heart.”

1 Kings 11:3

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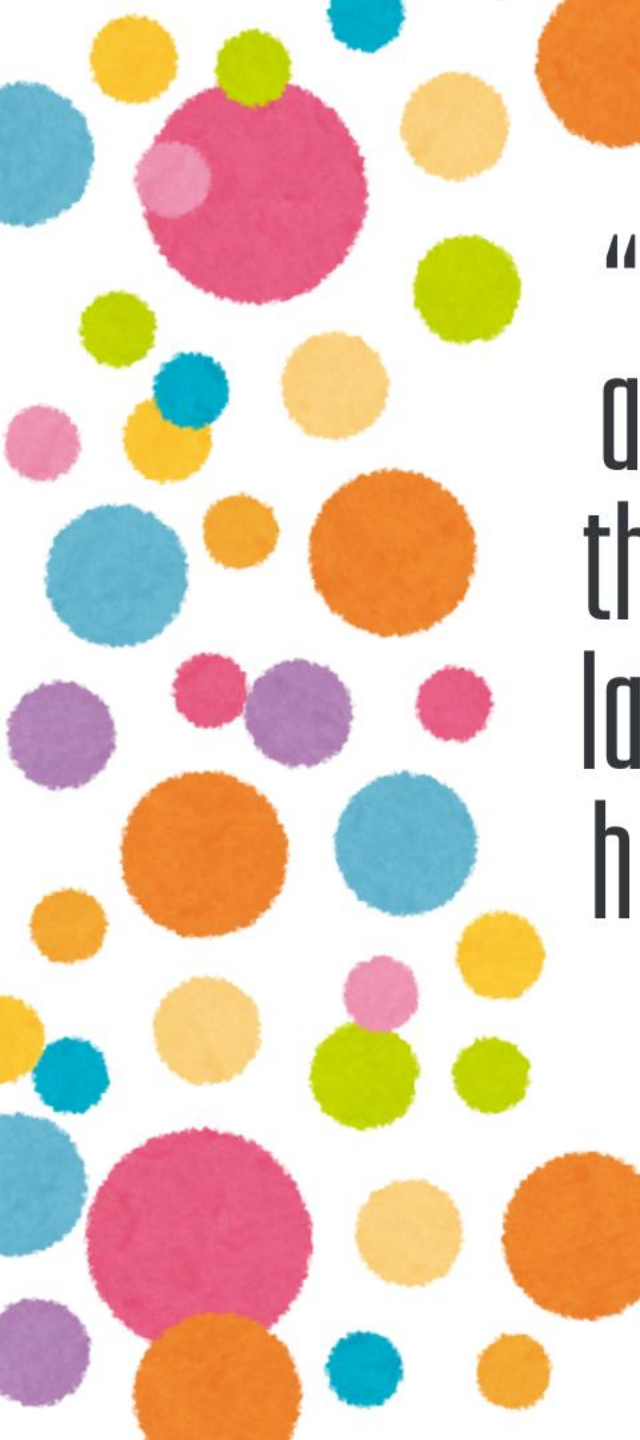
“...nor shall he acquire for  
himself excessive silver and  
gold.”

Deuteronomy 17:17

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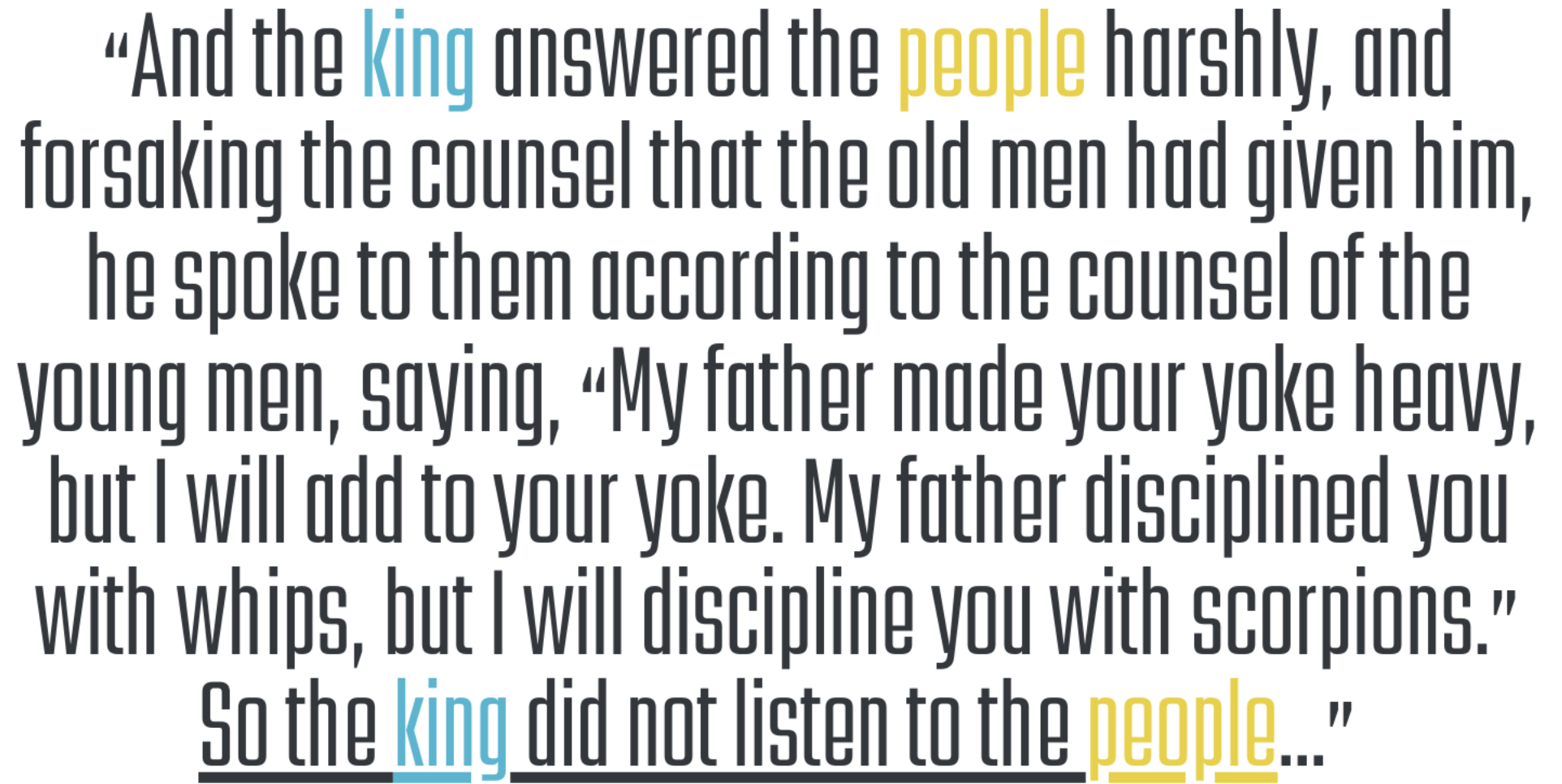
“All King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver; silver was not considered as anything in the days of Solomon.”

1 Kings 10:21

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“And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his **brothers...**”

Deuteronomy 17:19-20a



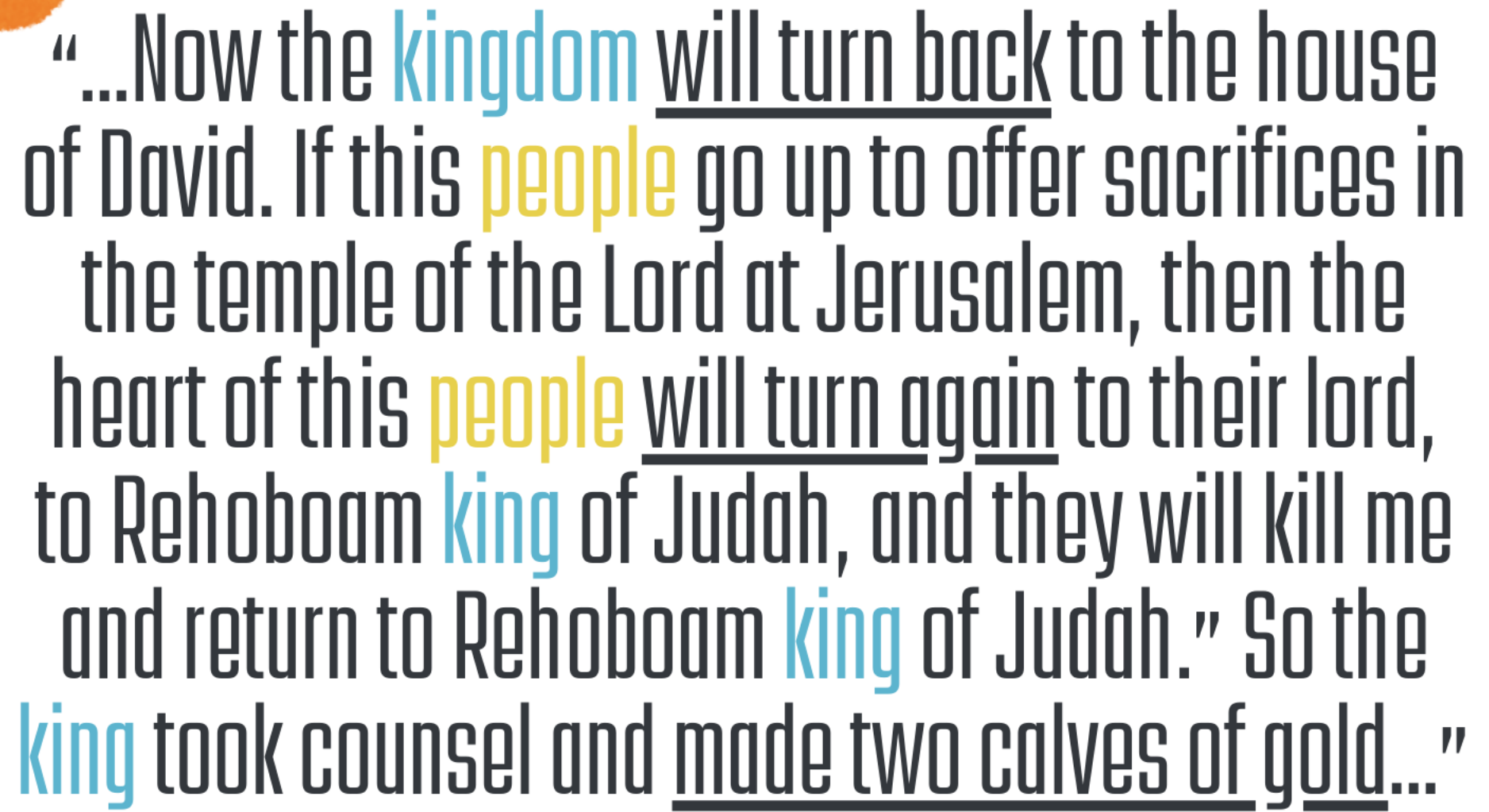
“And the **king** answered the **people** harshly, and forsaking the counsel that the old men had given him, he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.”  
So the **king** did not listen to the **people**...”

1 Kings 12:13-15a

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“...and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.”

Deuteronomy 17:20b




“...Now the **kingdom** will turn back to the house of David. If this **people** go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this **people** will turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam **king** of Judah, and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam **king** of Judah.” So the **king** took counsel and made two calves of gold...”

1 Kings 12:26-28a

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Israel was a light to the nations  
around them as long as they  
continued in the wisdom of God.

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When the wisdom of God is  
abandoned, so is distinctiveness  
from other nations, and the  
influence of God becomes lost.

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# Exiled

among the nations