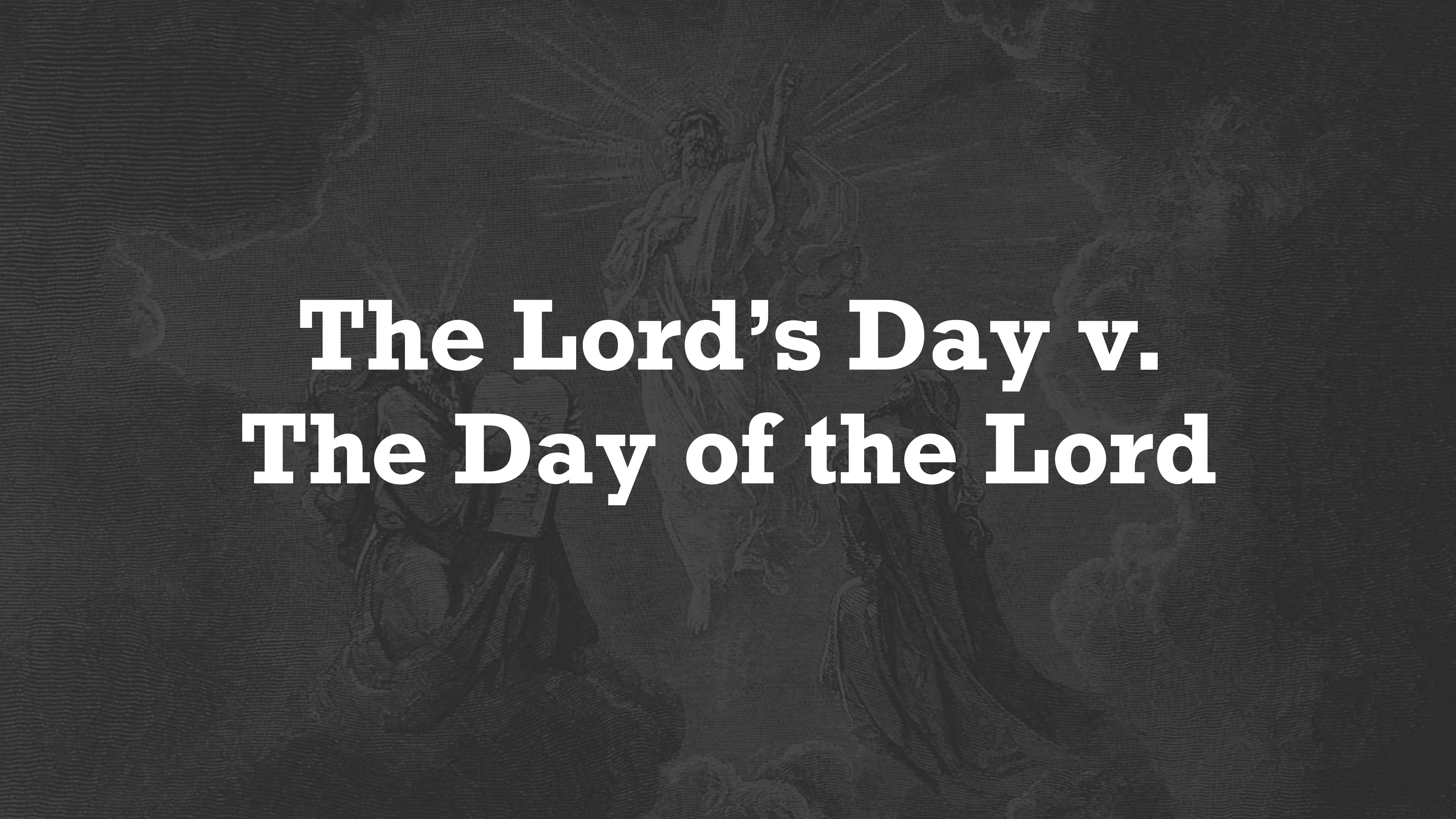





**WE HAVE  
BEEN WARNED**

**JOEL 2:1-11**



**The Lord's Day v.  
The Day of the Lord**



Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm  
on my holy mountain! Let all the  
inhabitants of the land tremble, for the  
day of the LORD is coming; it is near...

*Joel 2:1*



# **The Appearance of the Army**

*v. 2-3*

...a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.

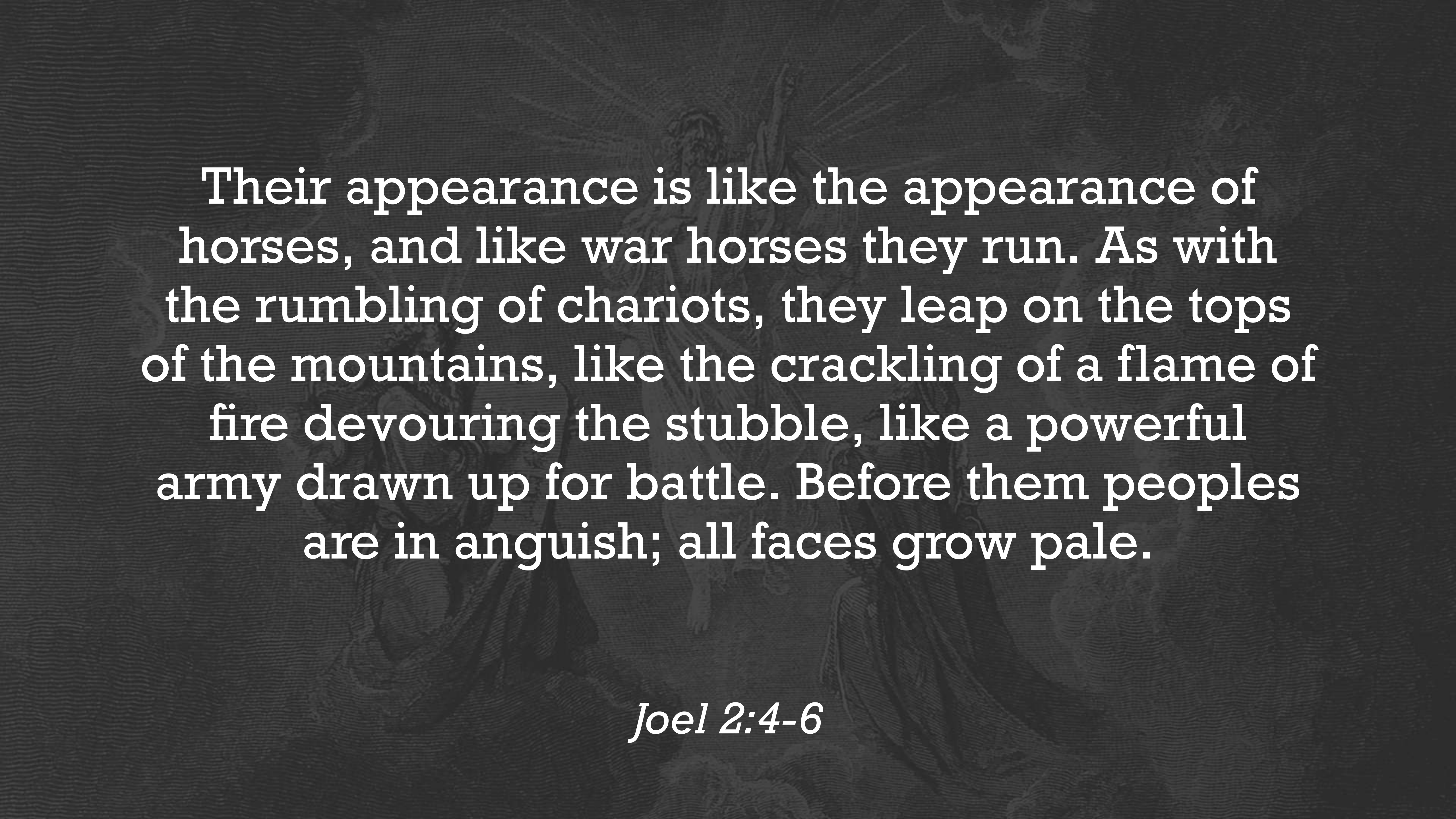
Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them.

*Joel 2:2-3*



# **The Advance of the Army**

*v. 4-6*



Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run. As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. Before them peoples are in anguish; all faces grow pale.

*Joel 2:4-6*



# **The Advance of the Army**

*v. 4-6*



In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

*Revelation 9:7-11*



# **The Annihilation of the Army**

*v. 7-11*

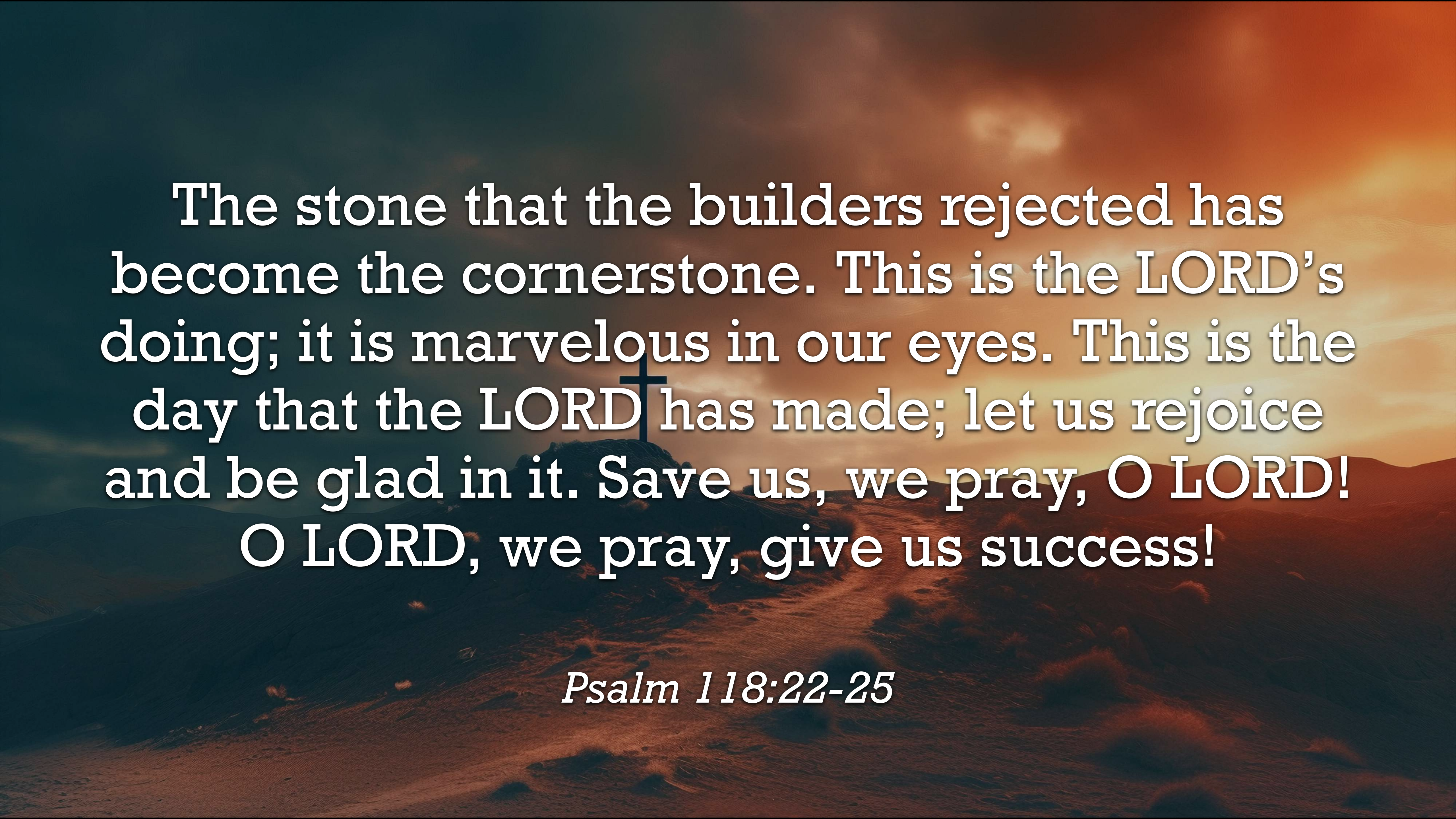
Like warriors they charge; like soldiers they scale the wall. They march each on his way; they do not swerve from their paths. They do not jostle one another; each marches in his path; they burst through the weapons and are not halted. They leap upon the city, they run upon the walls, they climb up into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief. The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?

*Joel 2:7-11*



**If Judgement is assuredly coming then why the warning?**

1. The warning provides us a motive of repentance.
2. The warning provides us a promise of blessing.
3. The warning provides us a call to salvation.

A landscape with a path leading to a cross on a hill under a sunset sky. The path is a dirt road that winds through a field of tall grass, leading towards a small hill in the distance. On top of the hill, a simple wooden cross stands against the sky. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

*Psalm 118:22-25*