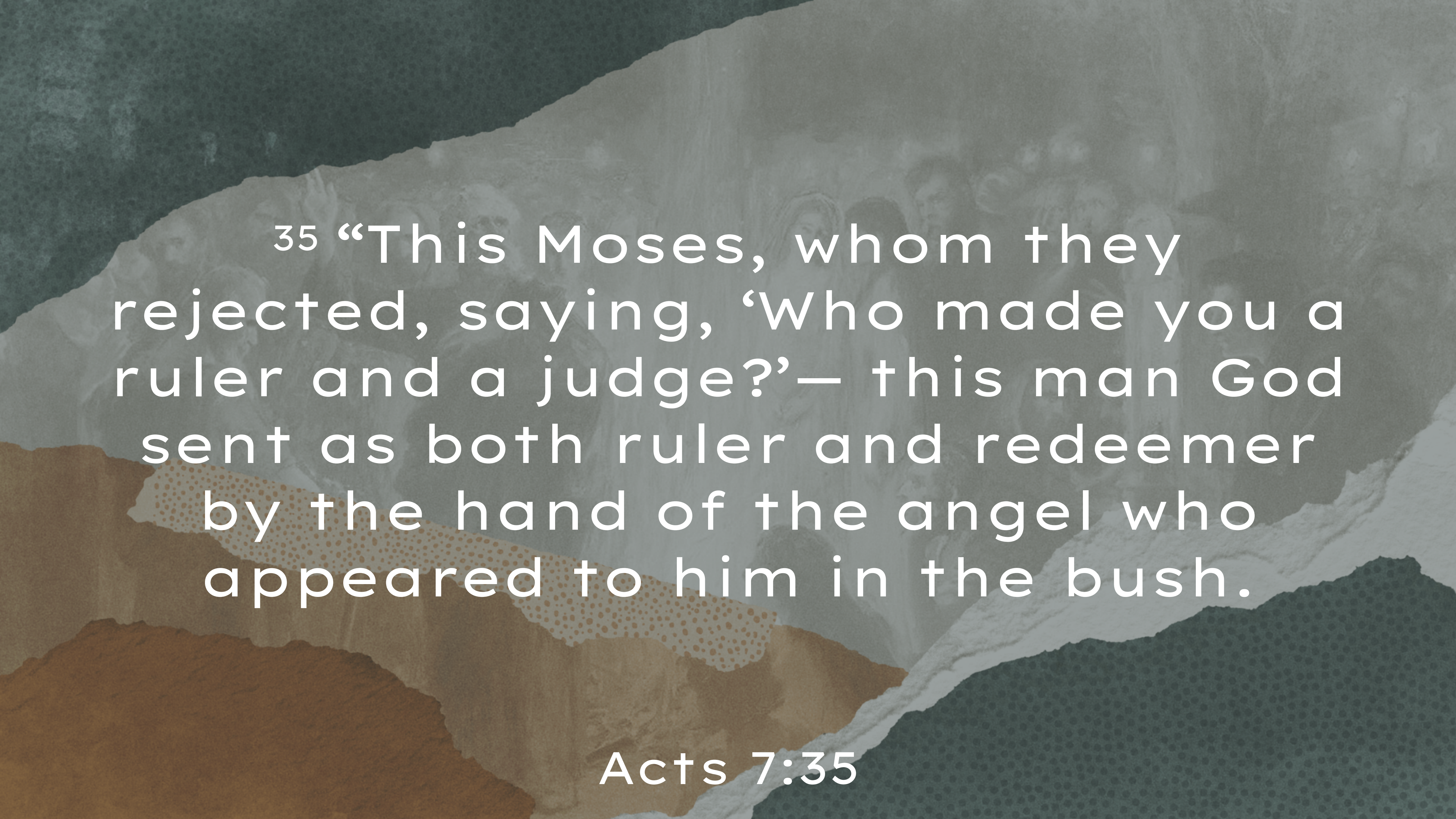




# When God Turned Away

A C T S 7 : 3 5 - 4 3





35 “This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’— this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

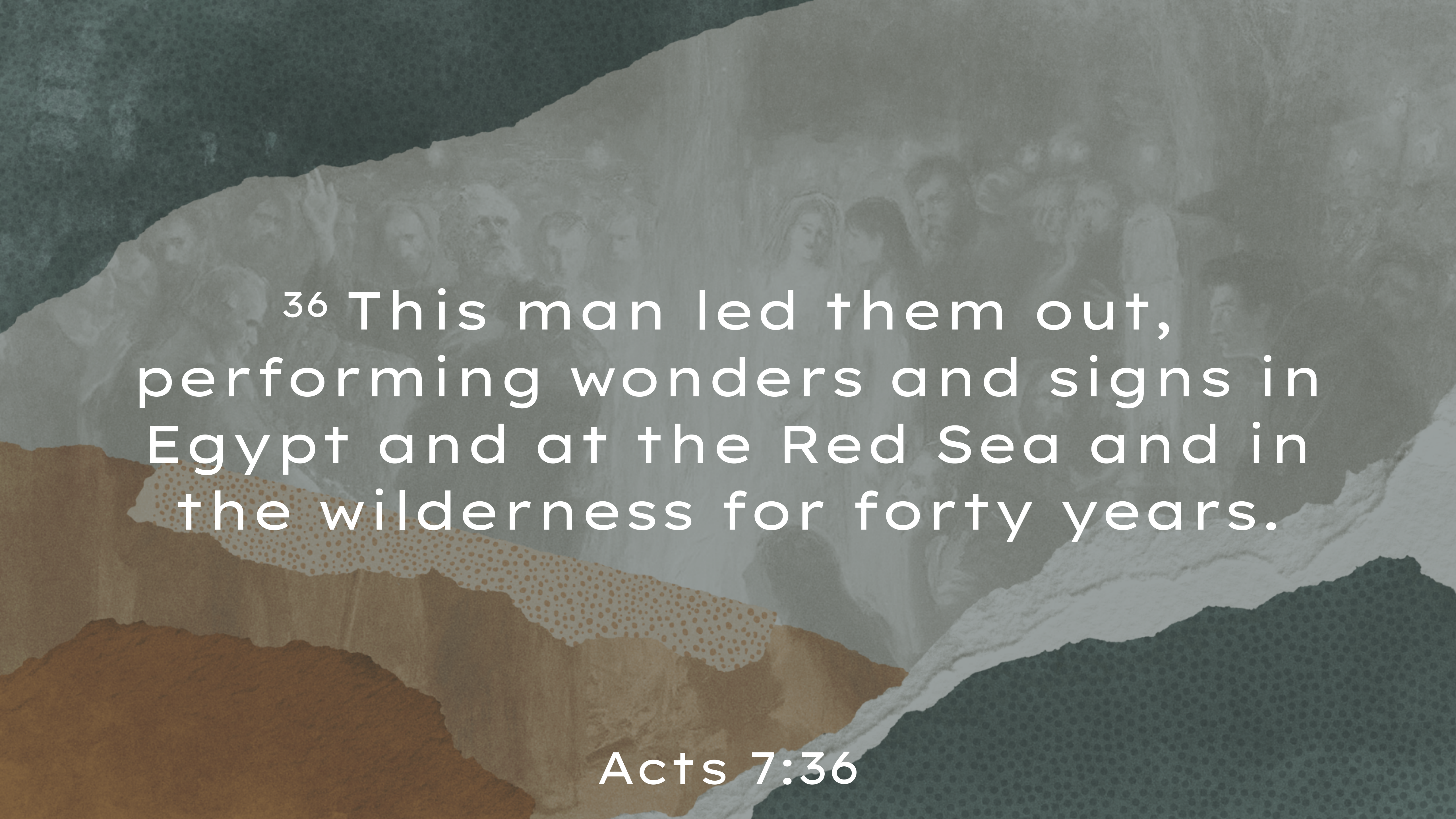
Acts 7:35





# Ruler + Redeemer

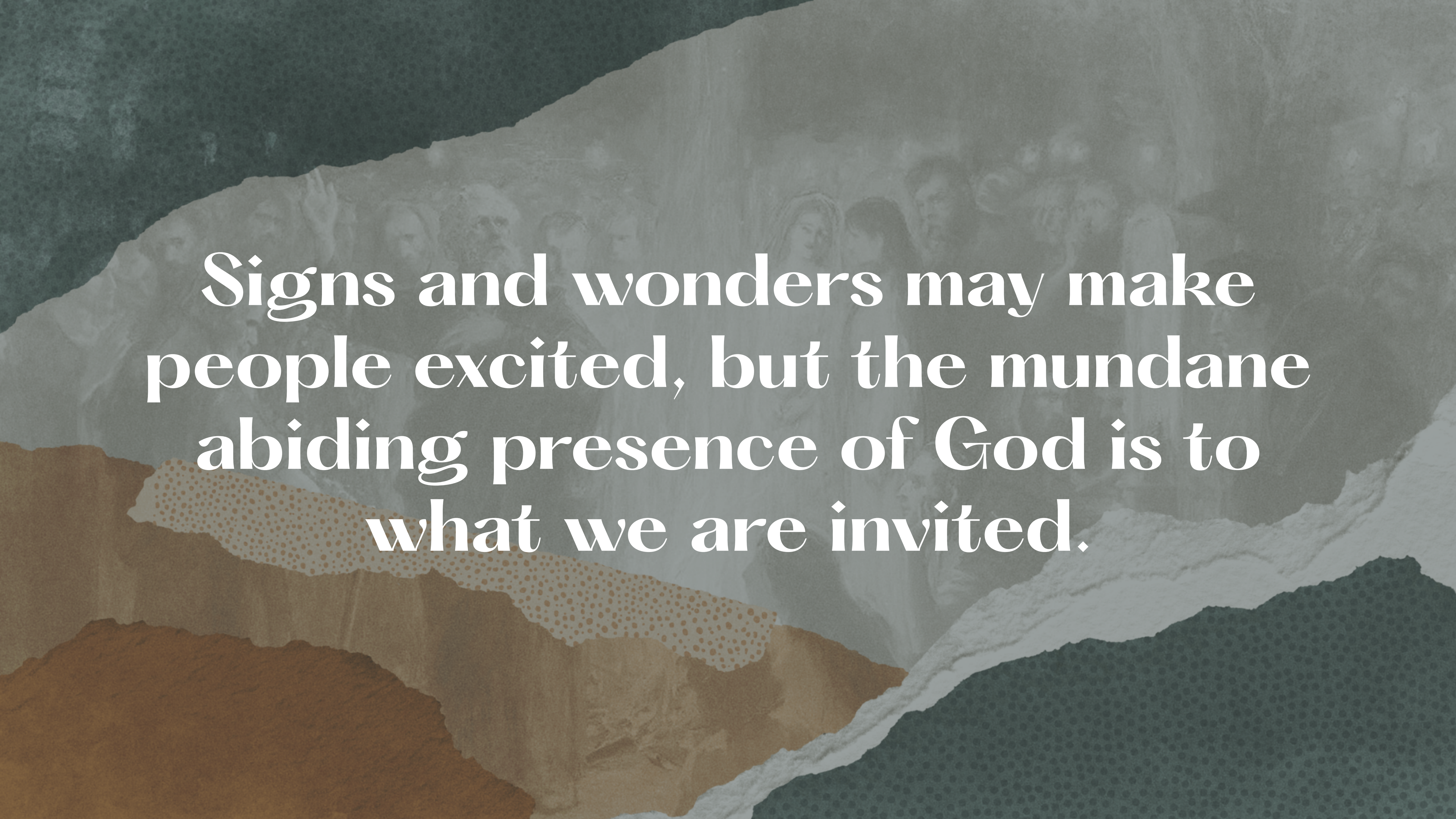




<sup>36</sup> This man led them out,  
performing wonders and signs in  
Egypt and at the Red Sea and in  
the wilderness for forty years.

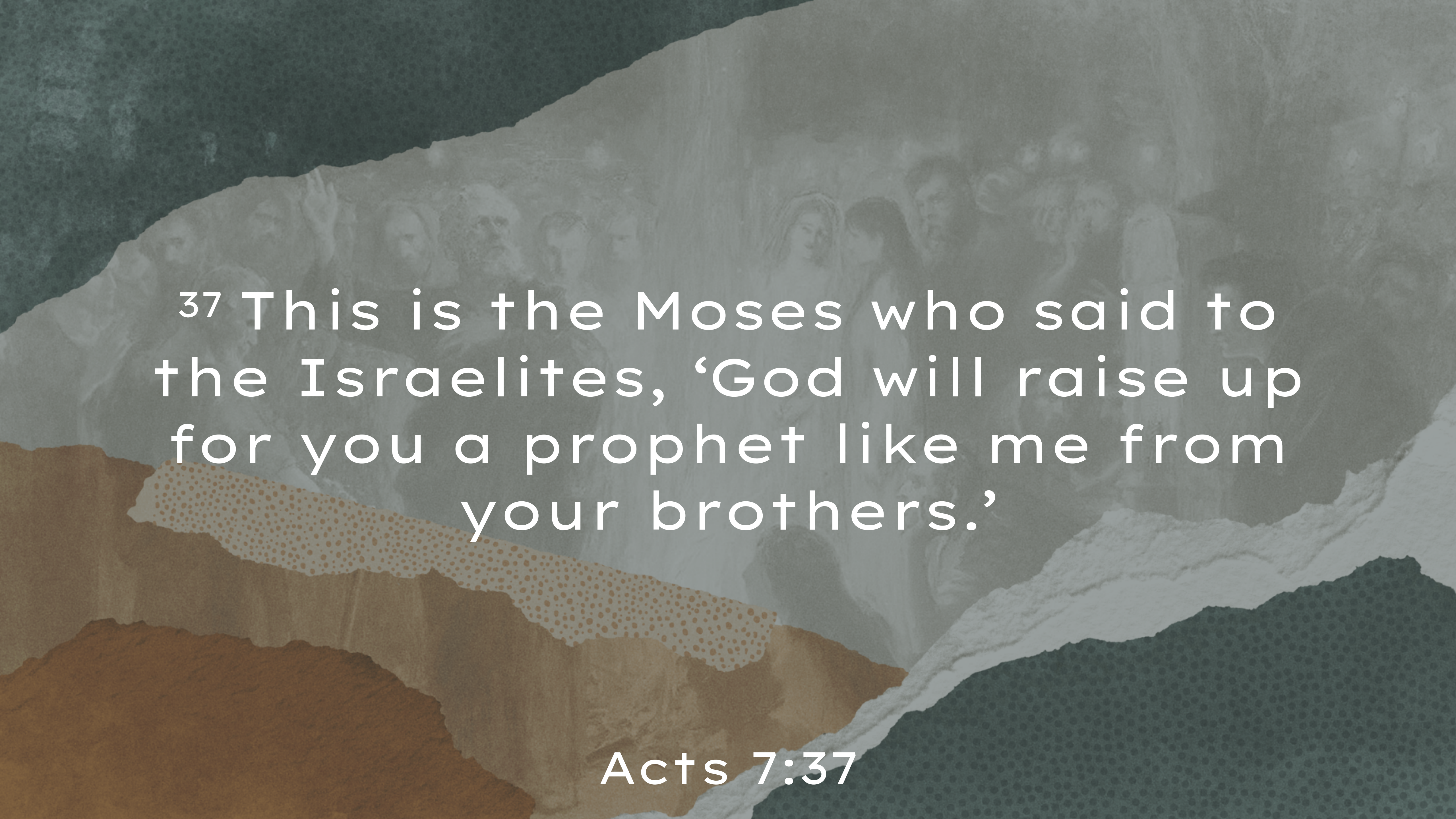
Acts 7:36





**Signs and wonders may make  
people excited, but the mundane  
abiding presence of God is to  
what we are invited.**

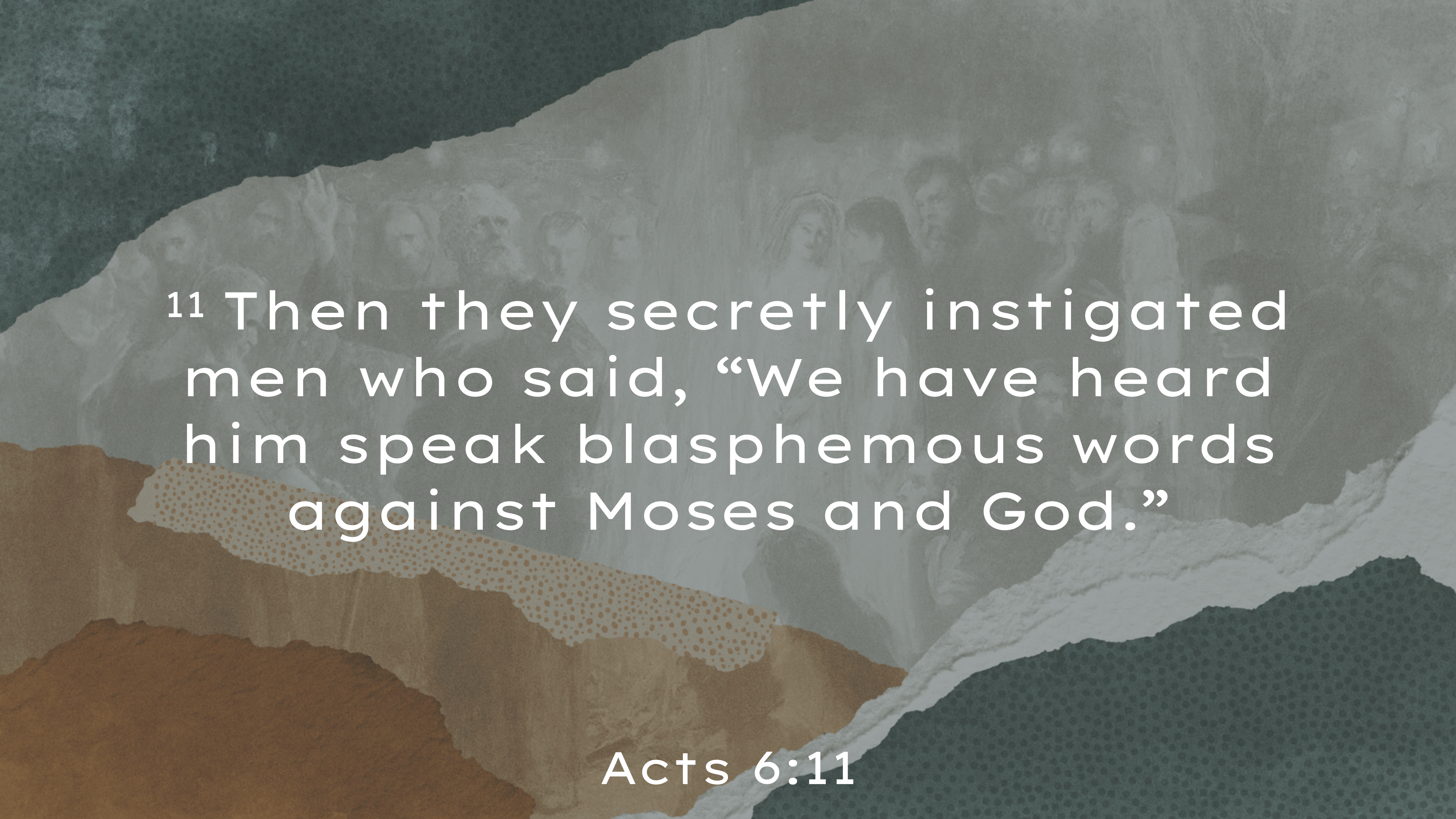




<sup>37</sup> This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.’

Acts 7:37

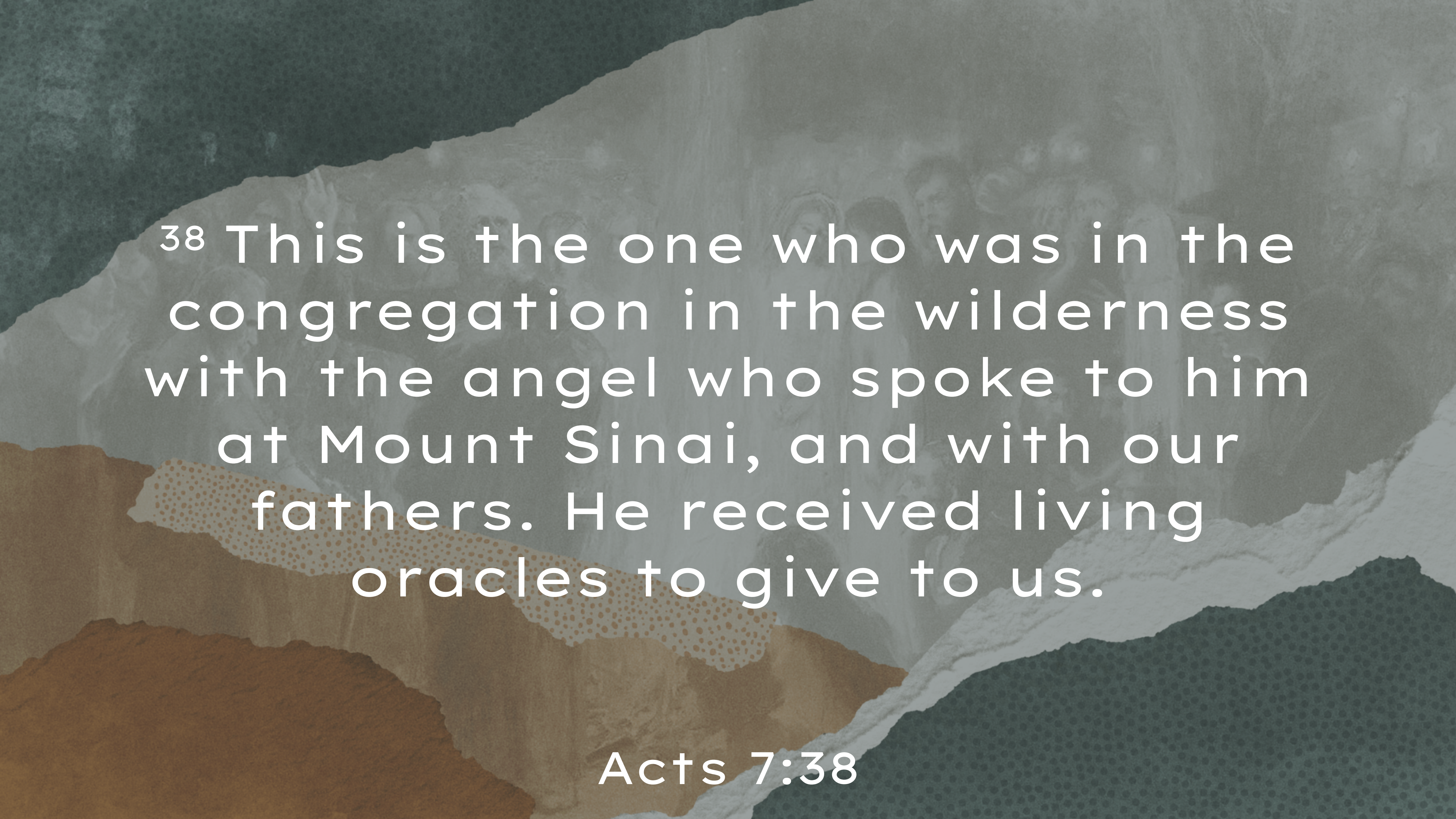




<sup>11</sup> Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.”

Acts 6:11





<sup>38</sup> This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us.

Acts 7:38

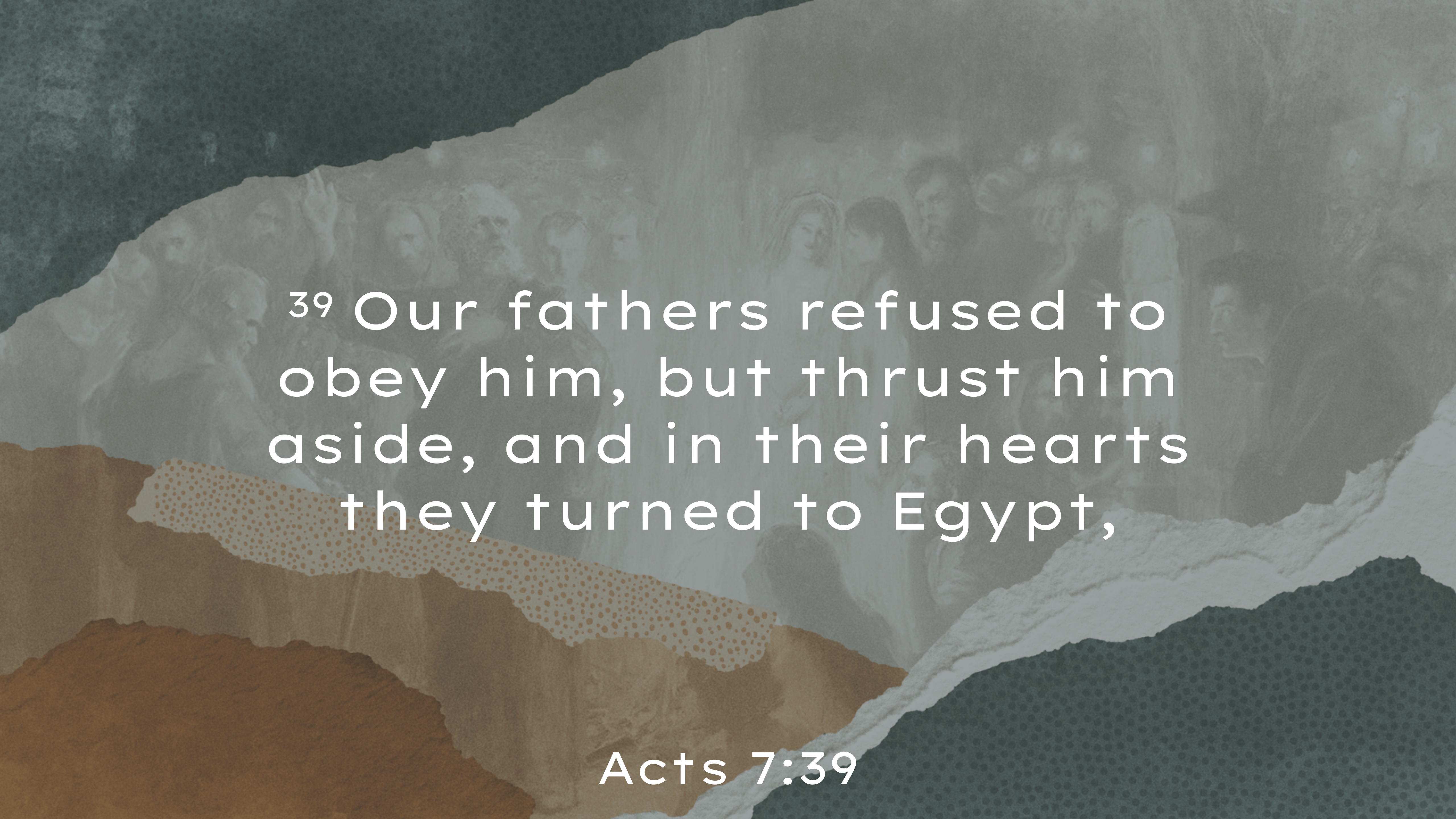


# The congregation: EKKLESIA.

<sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,  
<sup>6</sup> but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Hebrews 3:5-6





39 Our fathers refused to  
obey him, but thrust him  
aside, and in their hearts  
they turned to Egypt,

Acts 7:39



<sup>3</sup> “If only the LORD had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.”

Exodus 16:3 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 3:7,17

**God's messengers always present the freedom of mercy provided by the hand of God.**



<sup>40</sup> saying to Aaron, Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ <sup>41</sup> And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.

Acts 7:40-41



**Be careful to keep your heart fixed on the grace of God demonstrated through the cross of Christ lest you, like them, make for yourself an idol and praise the works of your own hands.**

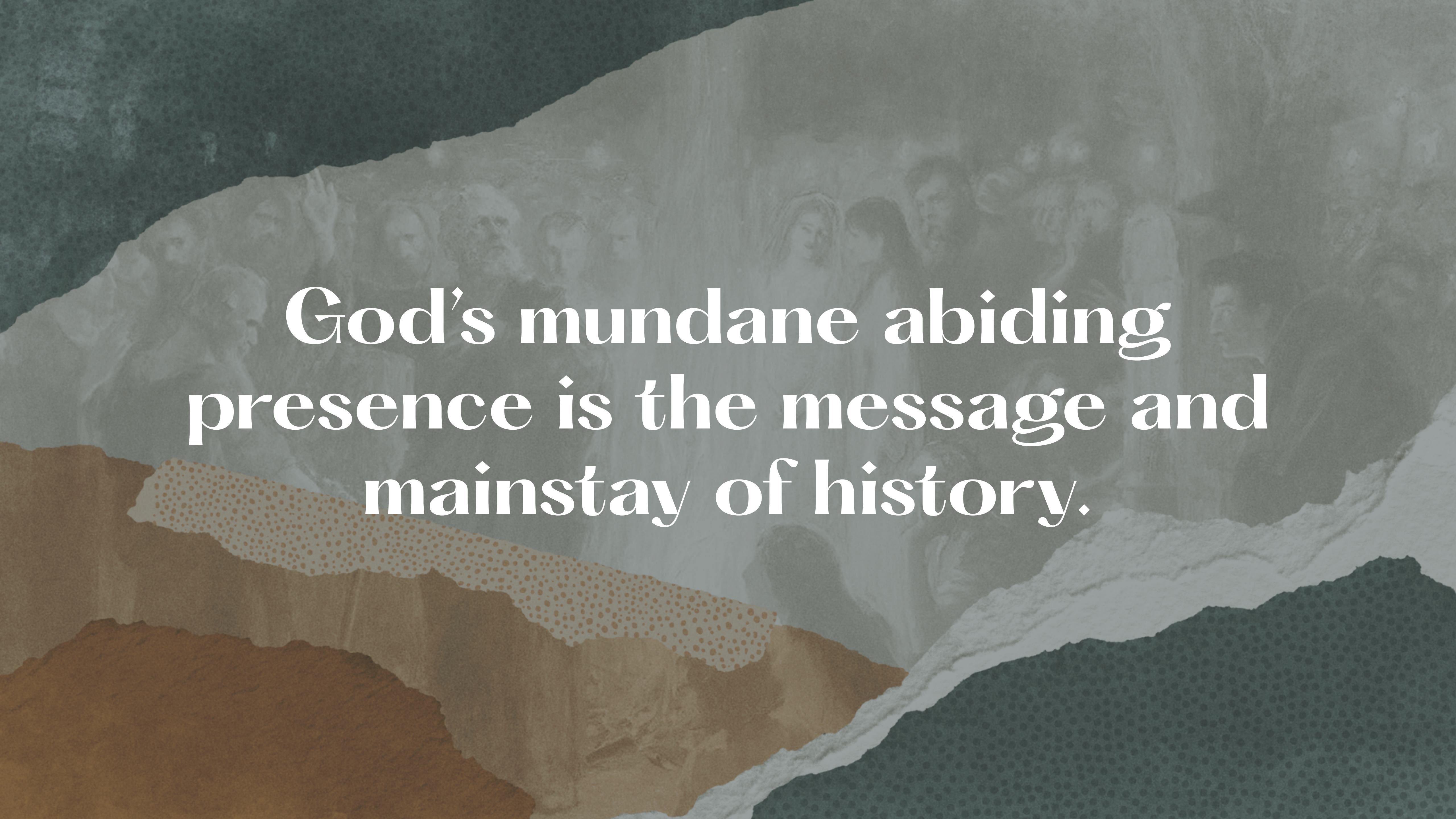
**We are so hungry for the credit that we so easily withhold the glory due to God alone.**



<sup>42</sup> But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: “Did you bring to me slain beasts and sacrifices, during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? <sup>43</sup> You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.

Acts 7:42-43





God's mundane abiding  
presence is the message and  
mainstay of history.





The most terrifying retribution  
God ever dispenses is abandoning  
someone to their own desires.