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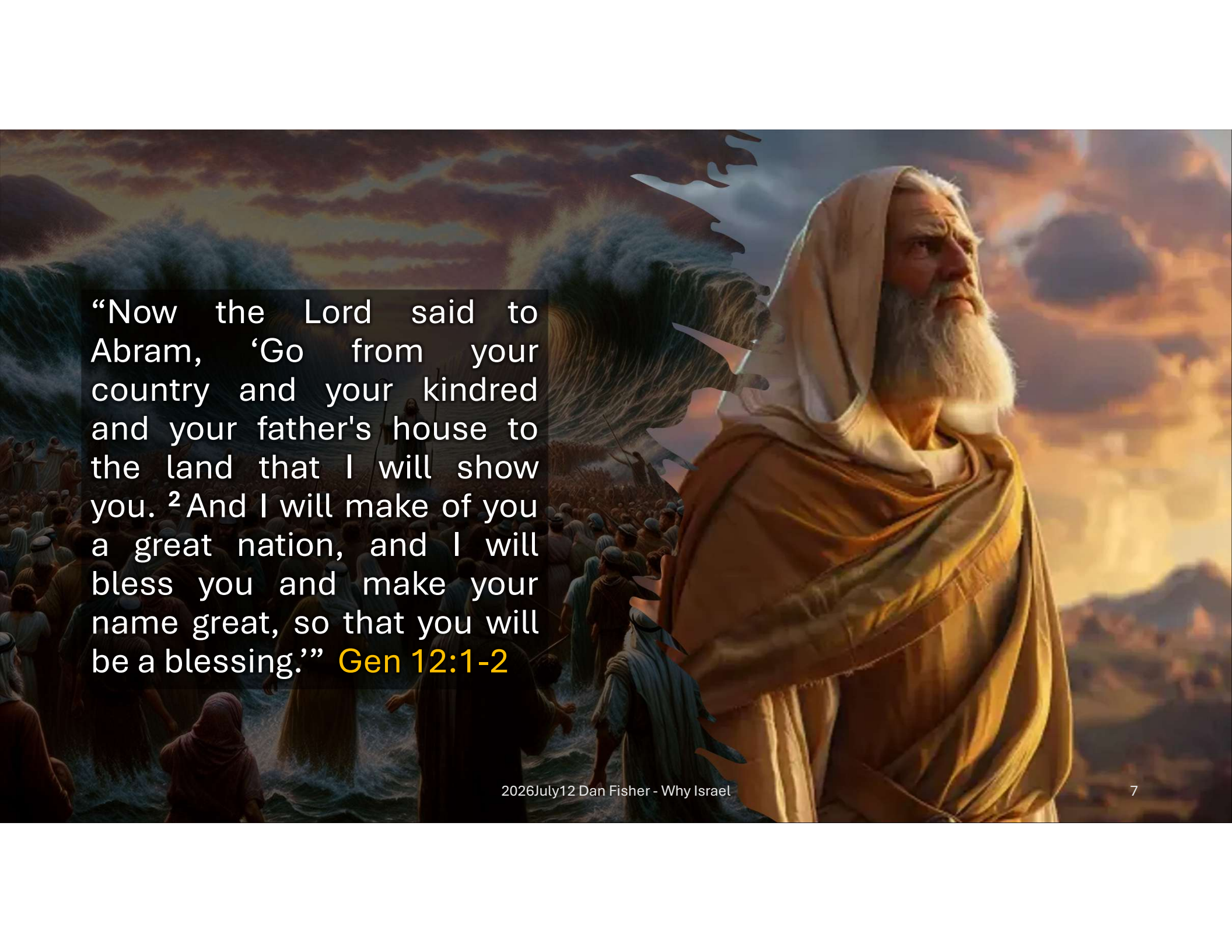




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1. God chose Abram

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“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’” **Gen 12:1-2**

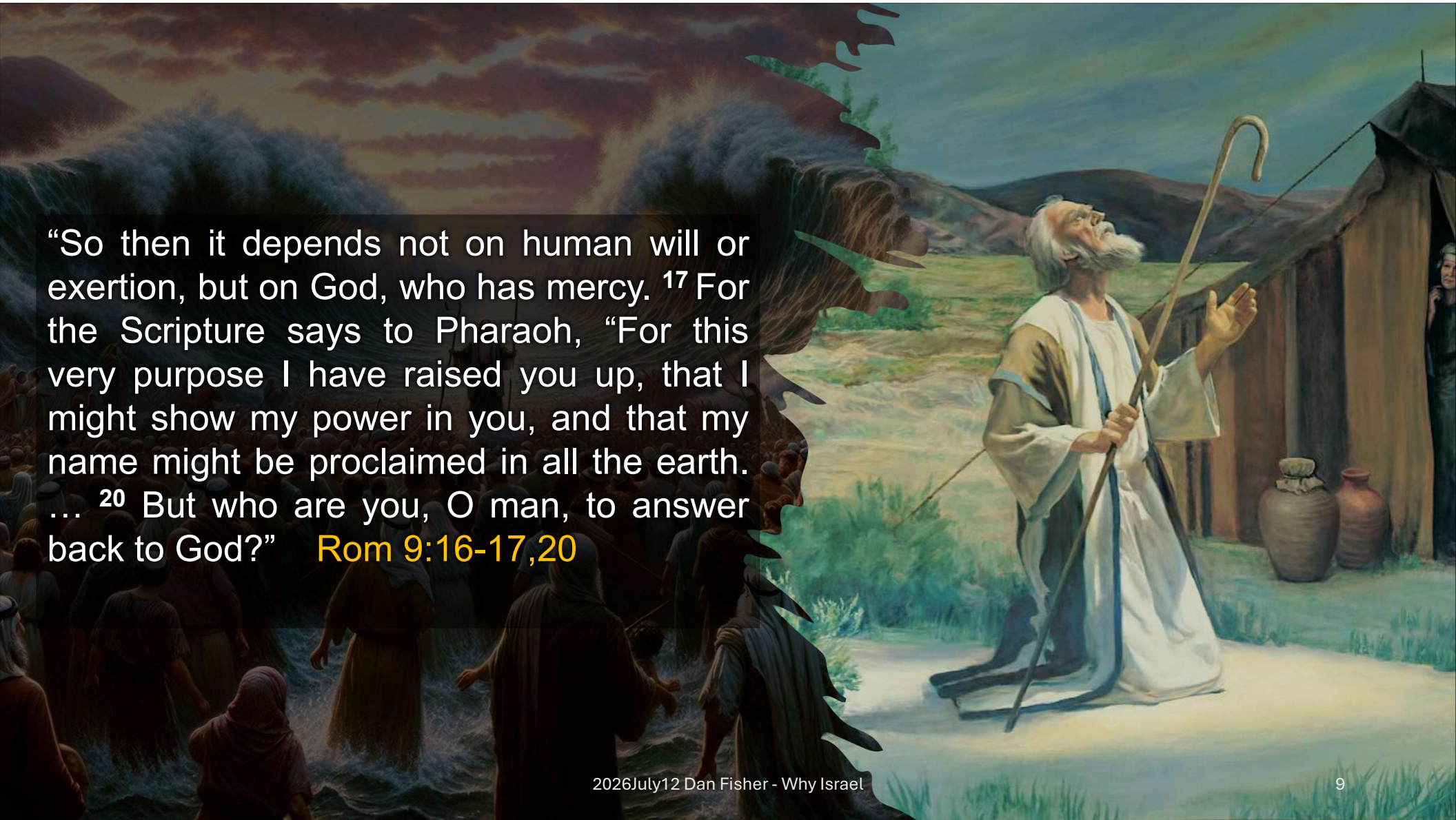
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“And he brought him outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. ... ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates’”

Gen 15:5-6,18

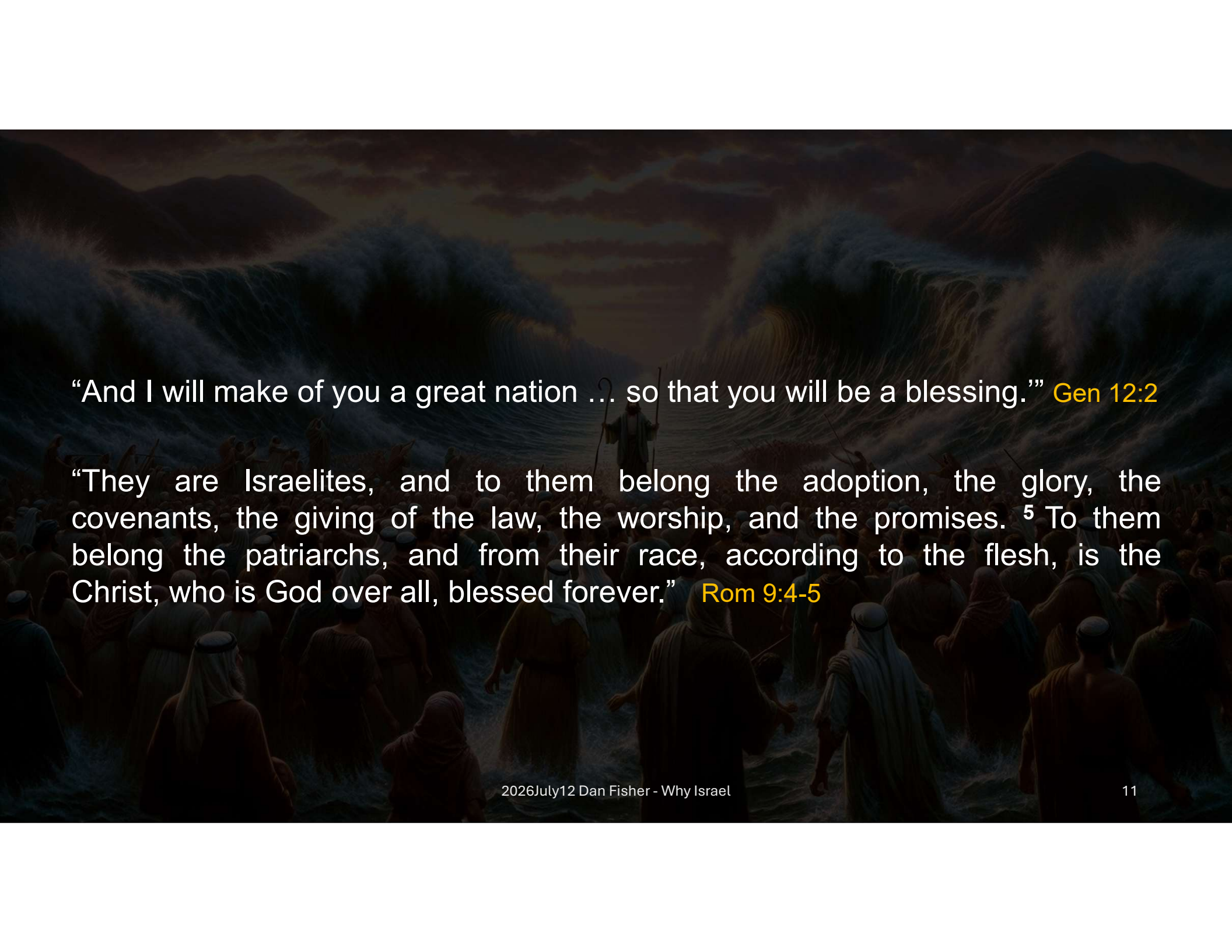


“So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. ... ²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?” **Rom 9:16-17,20**





2. God used Israel as His conduit of salvation and blessing

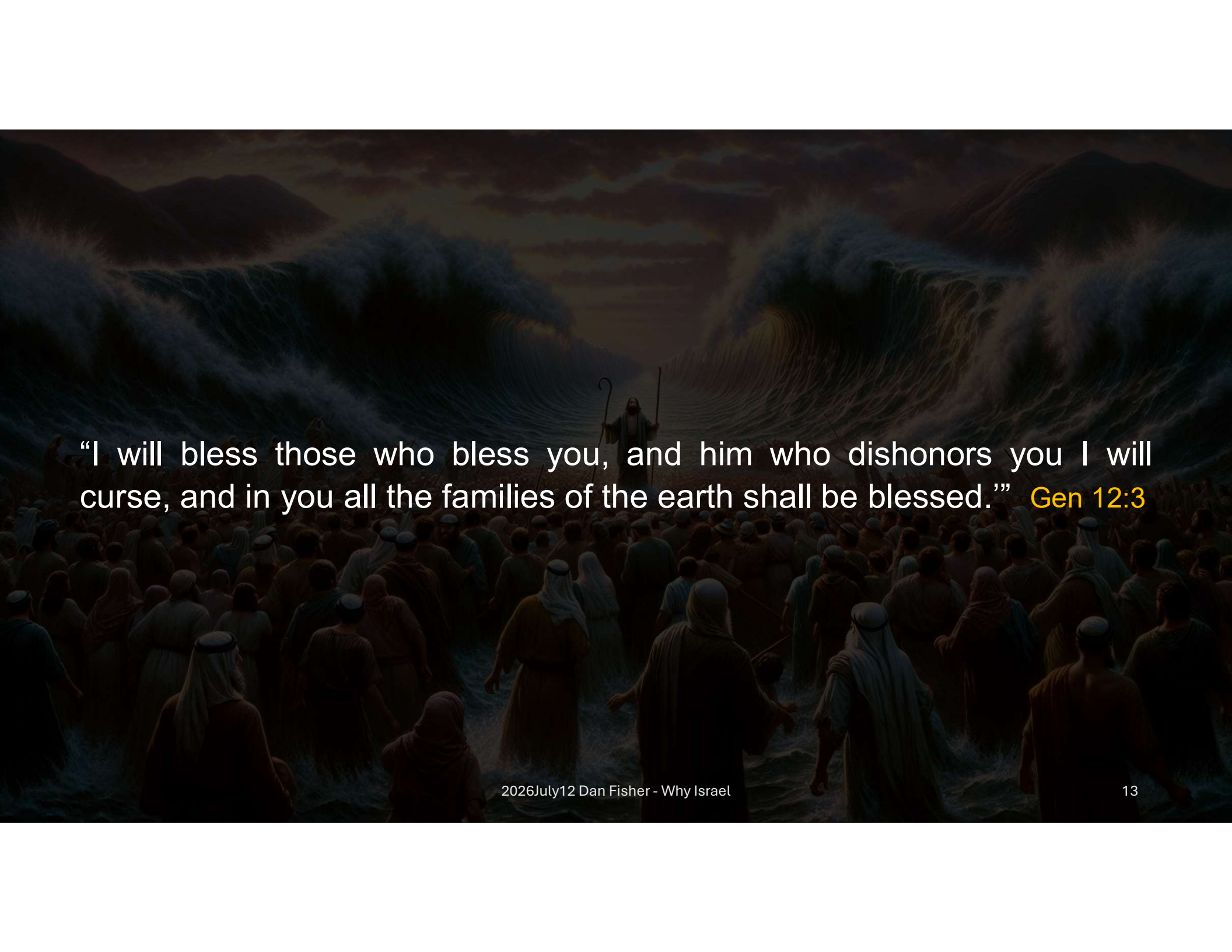


“And I will make of you a great nation ... so that you will be a blessing.” **Gen 12:2**

“They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever.” **Rom 9:4-5**



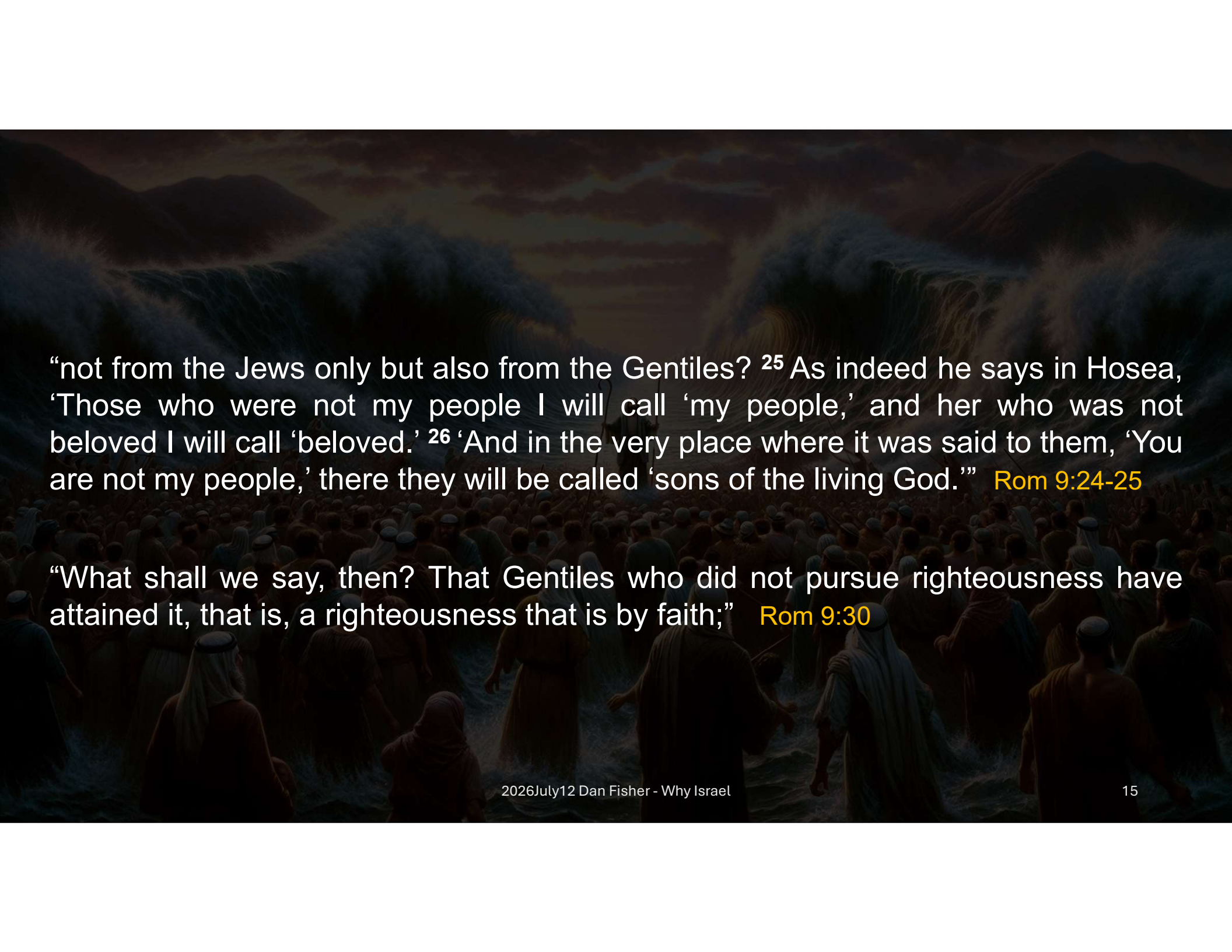
3. **Blessing = blessing & cursing = cursing**



“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” **Gen 12:3**



4. All people have been blessed because of God's work through Israel

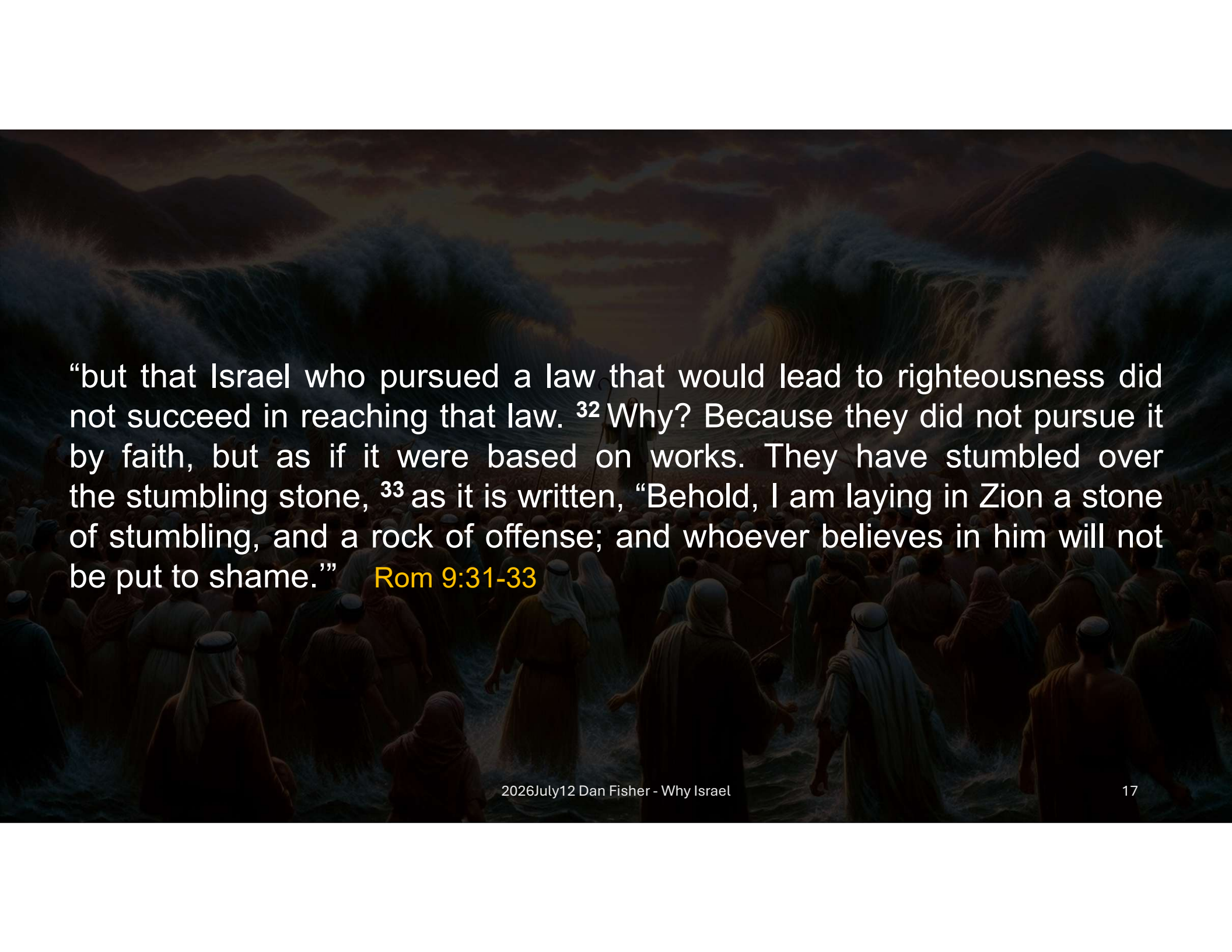


“not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As indeed he says in Hosea, ‘Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’ ²⁶ ‘And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’” **Rom 9:24-25**

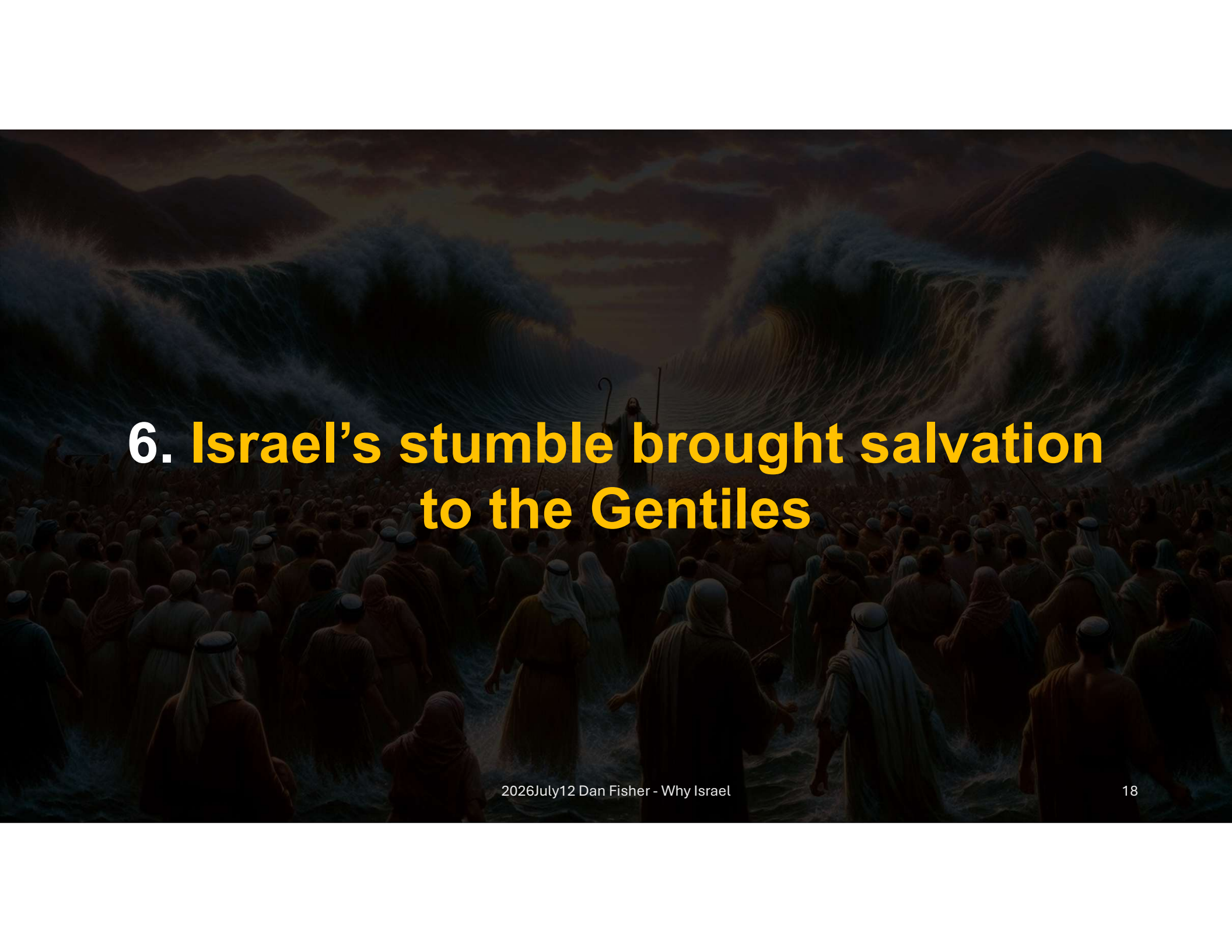
“What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;” **Rom 9:30**



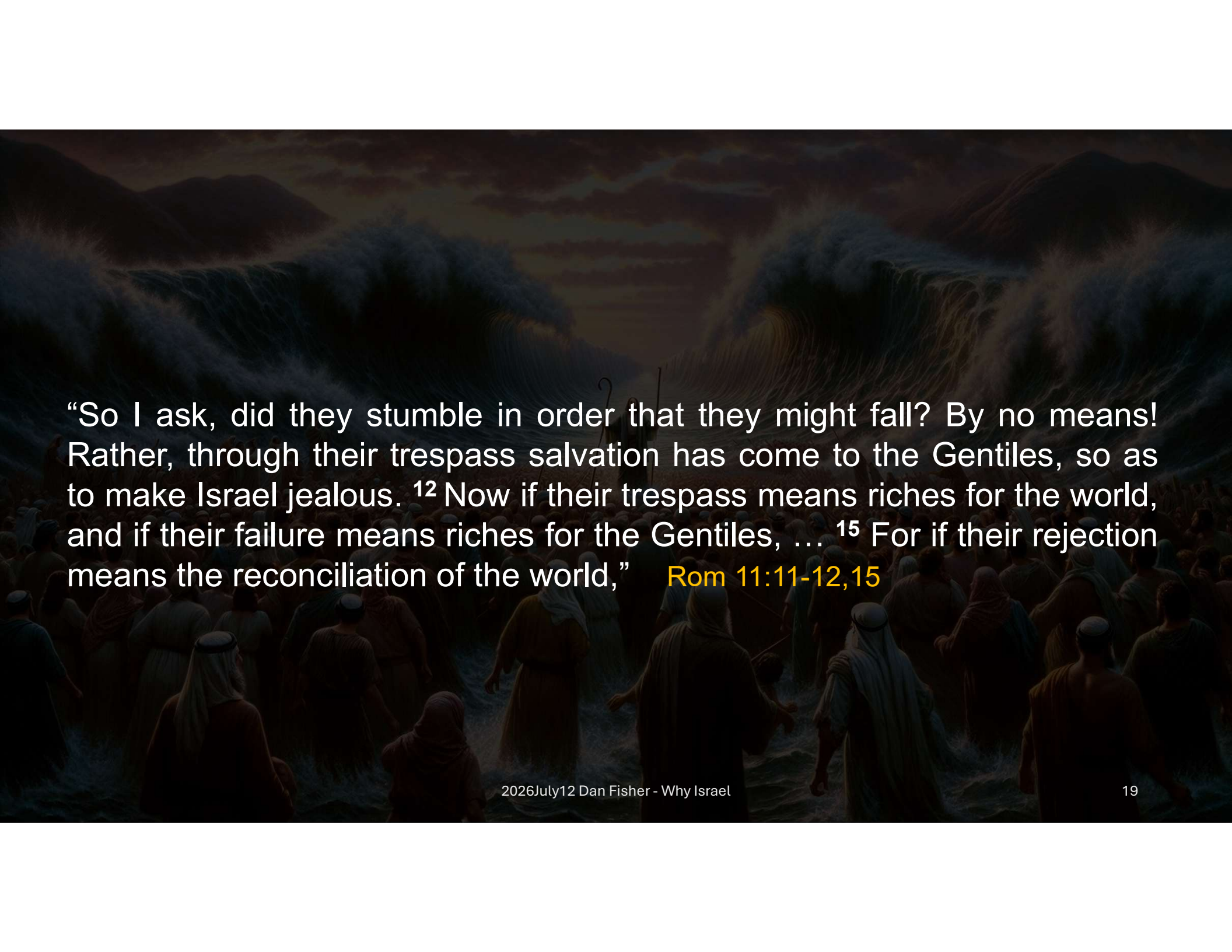
5. Israel failed and was punished



“but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³ as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” **Rom 9:31-33**



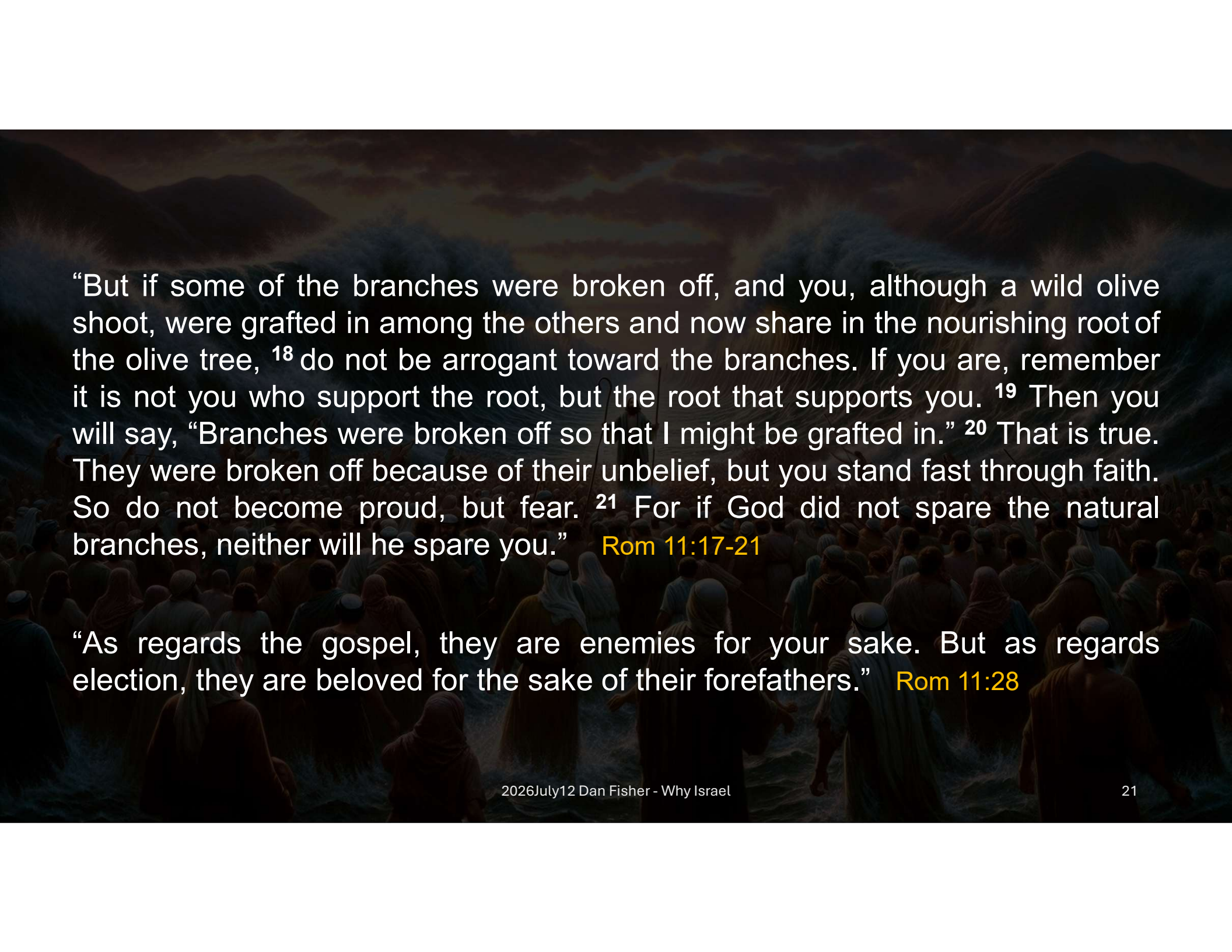
6. Israel's stumble brought salvation to the Gentiles



“So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, ... ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world,” **Rom 11:11-12,15**



7. Gentiles cannot afford to be arrogant

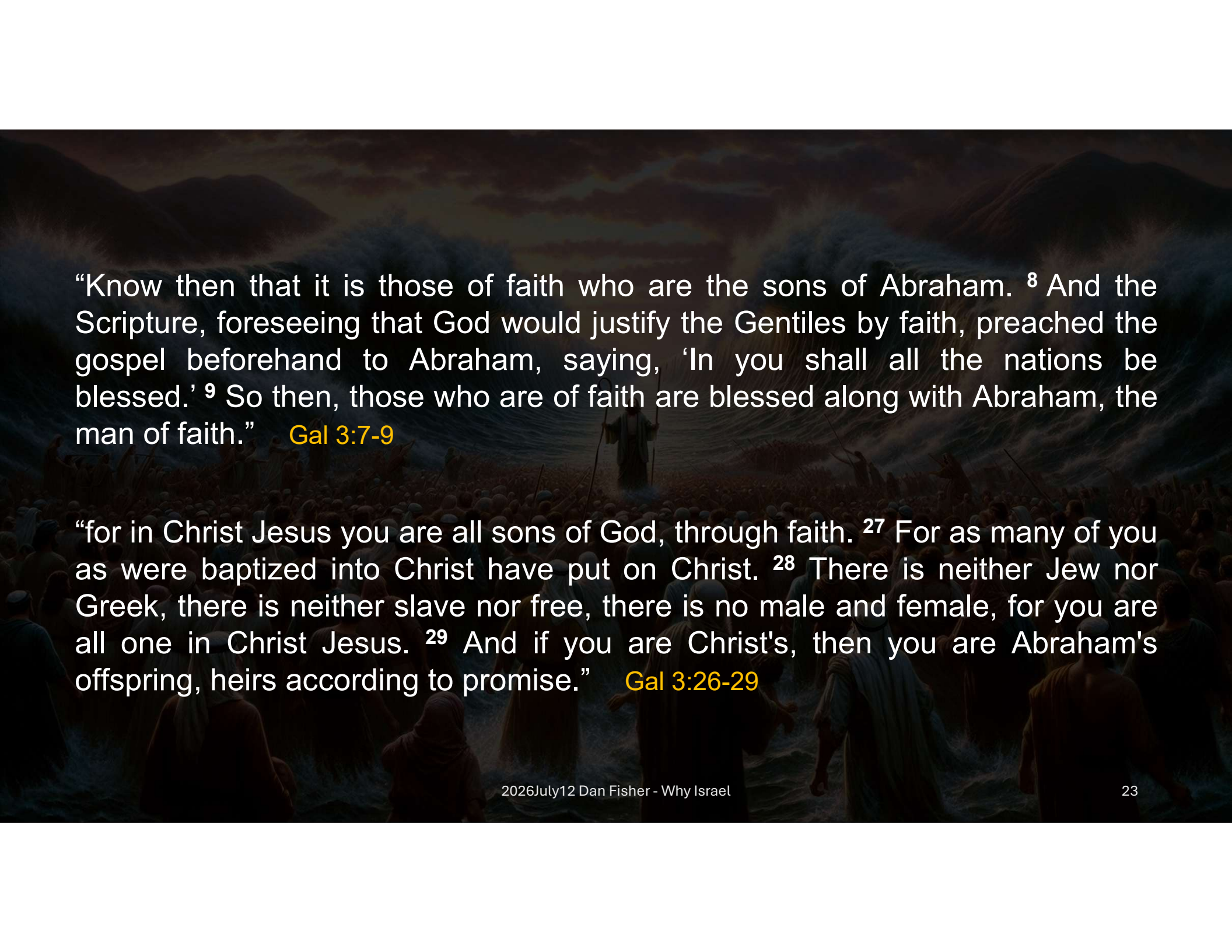


“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.” **Rom 11:17-21**

“As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.” **Rom 11:28**



8. Has the church replaced Israel?

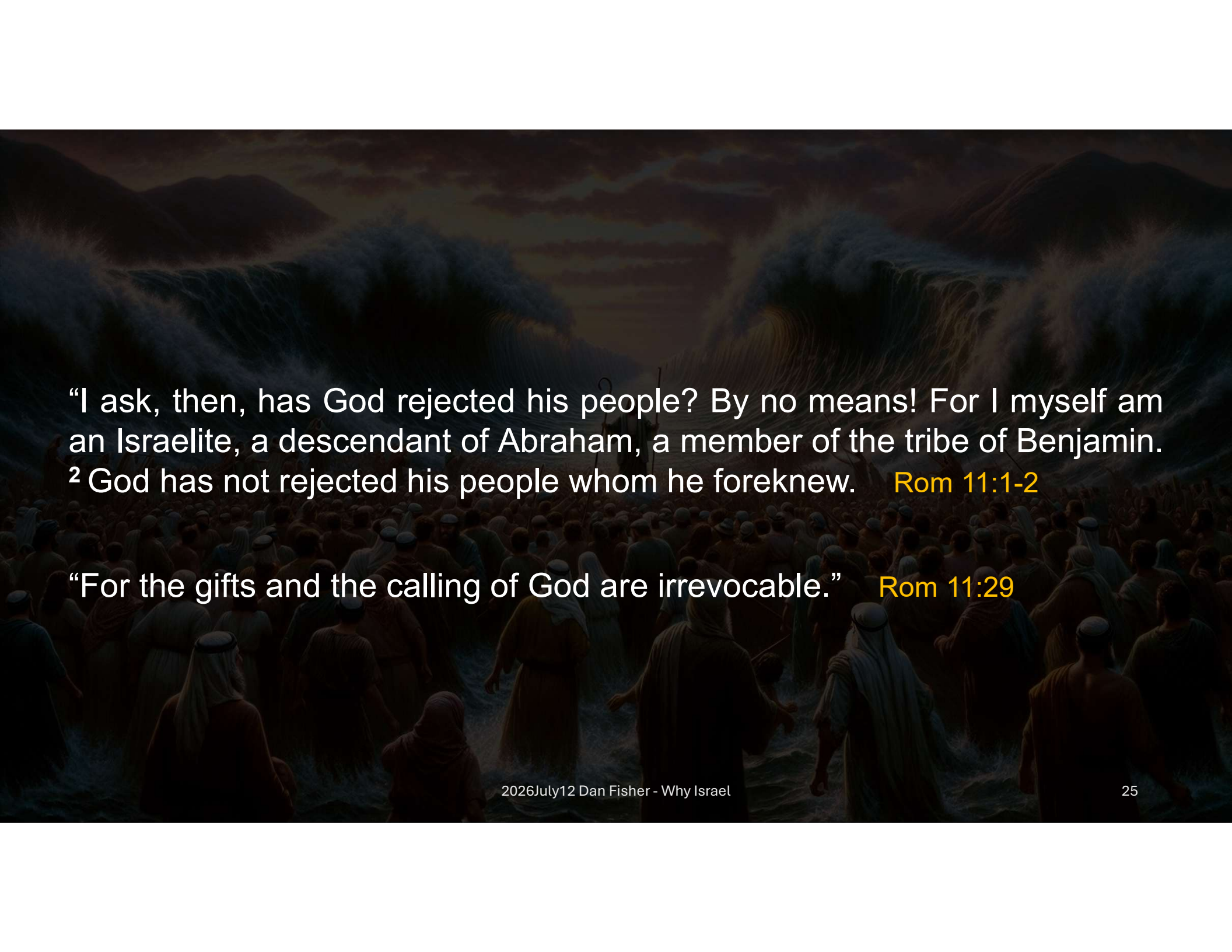


“Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’ ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” **Gal 3:7-9**

“for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.” **Gal 3:26-29**



9. Is God through with the Jew?

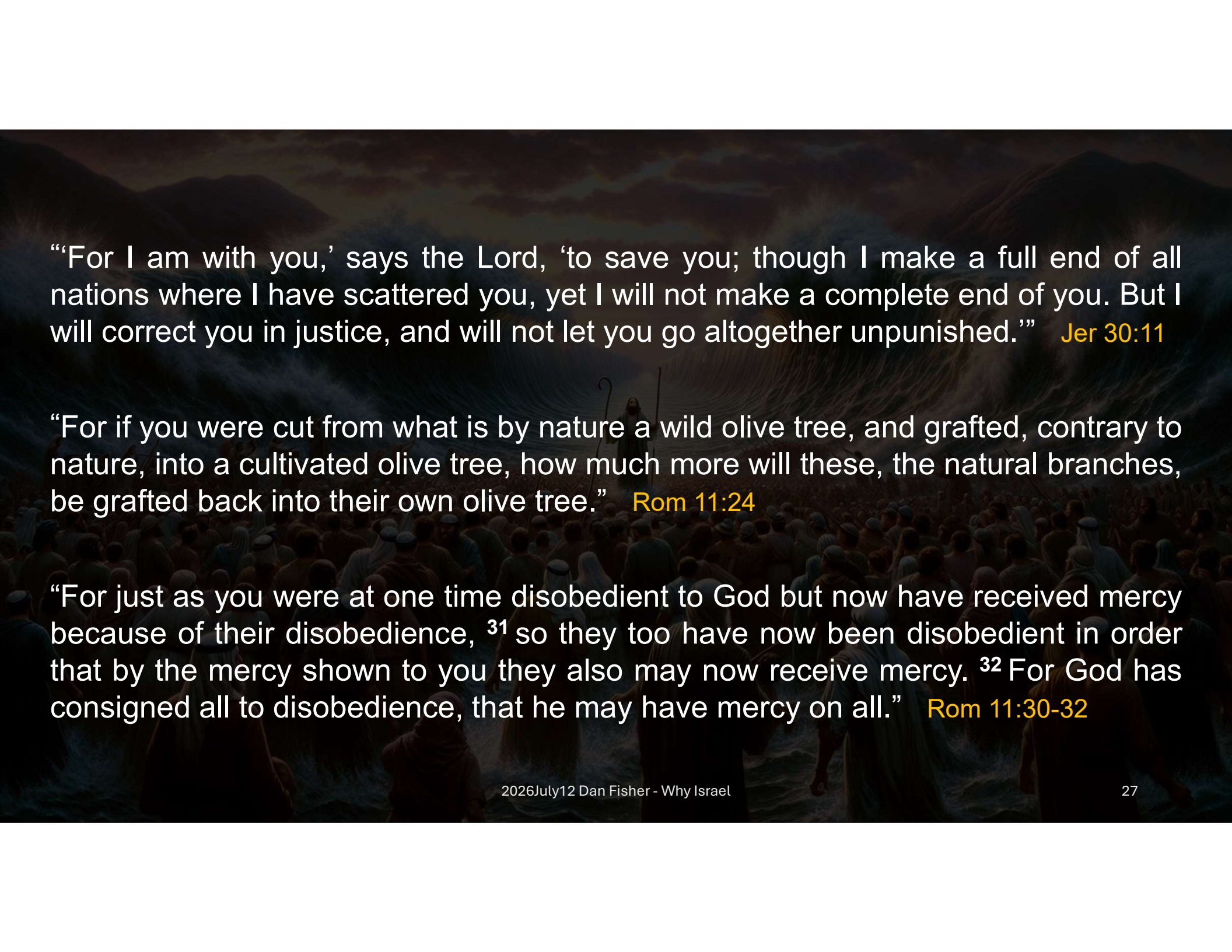


“I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. **Rom 11:1-2**

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” **Rom 11:29**



10. God will bring Israel back to Himself



“For I am with you,’ says the Lord, ‘to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished.’” **Jer 30:11**

“For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.” **Rom 11:24**

“For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.” **Rom 11:30-32**



11. How will God accomplish this?

A remnant has been preserved who will return

- **Not all Jews are part of the remnant**

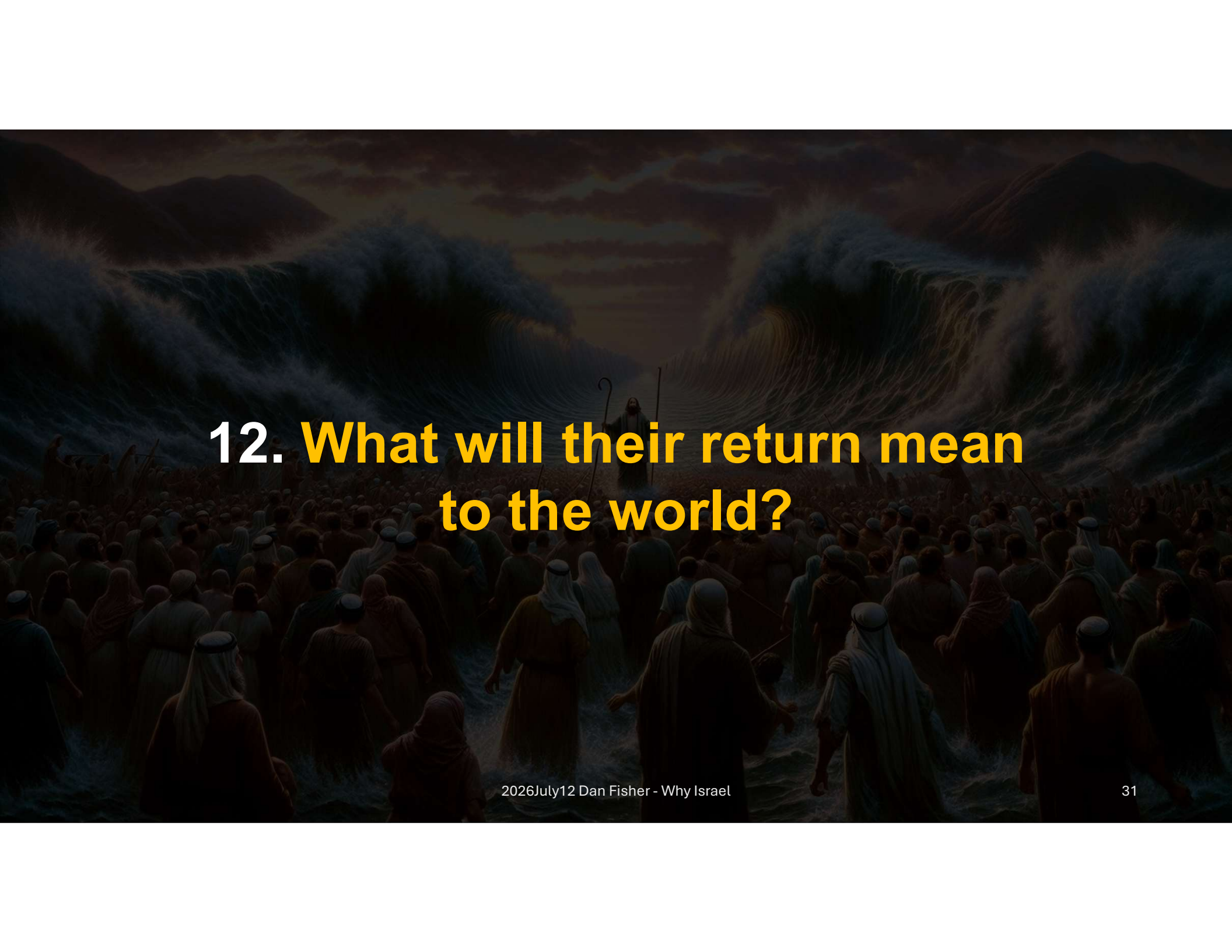
“But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.” **Rom 9:6-8**

- **A remnant does remain**

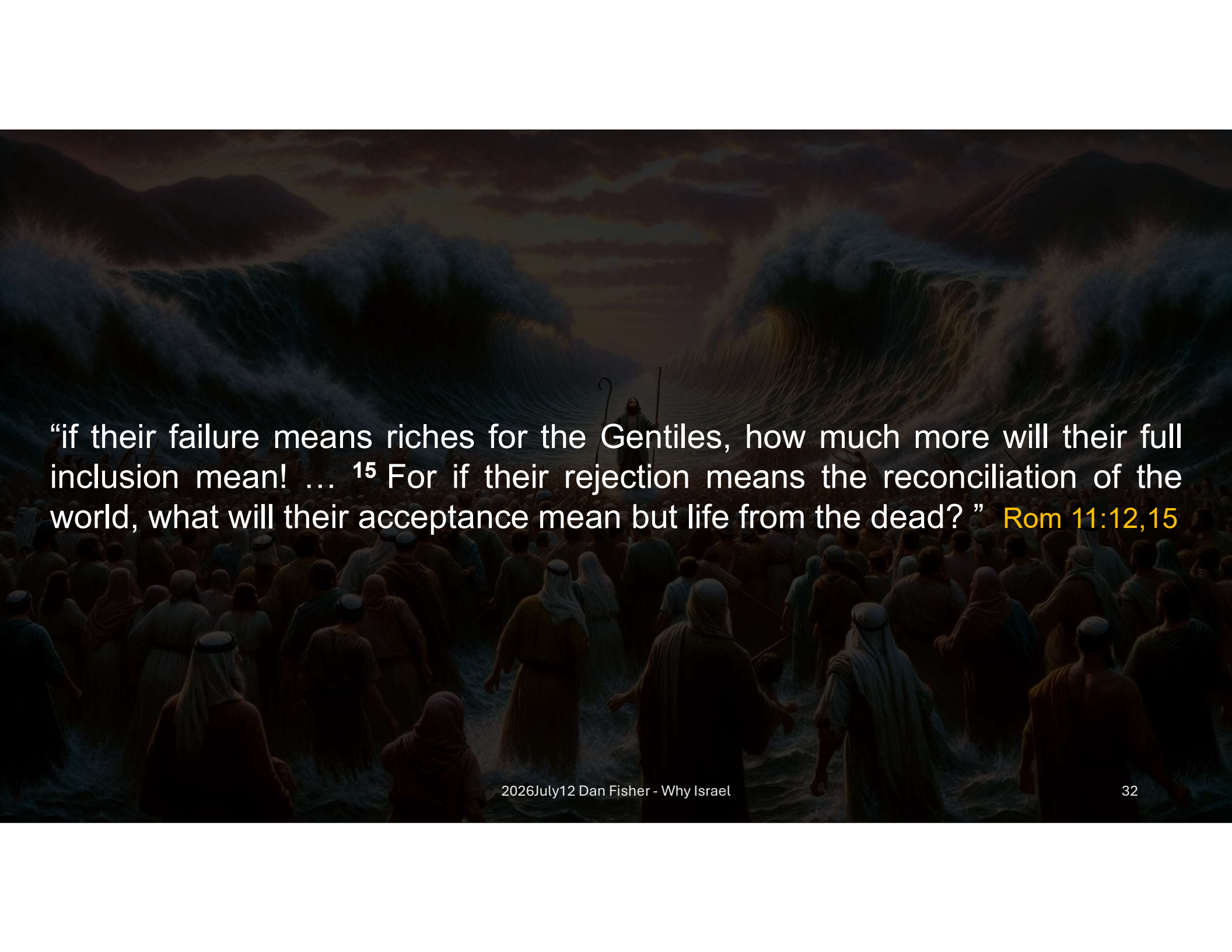
“And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: ‘Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, ²⁸ For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth.’” **Rom 9:27-28**

So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.” **Rom 11:5-6**

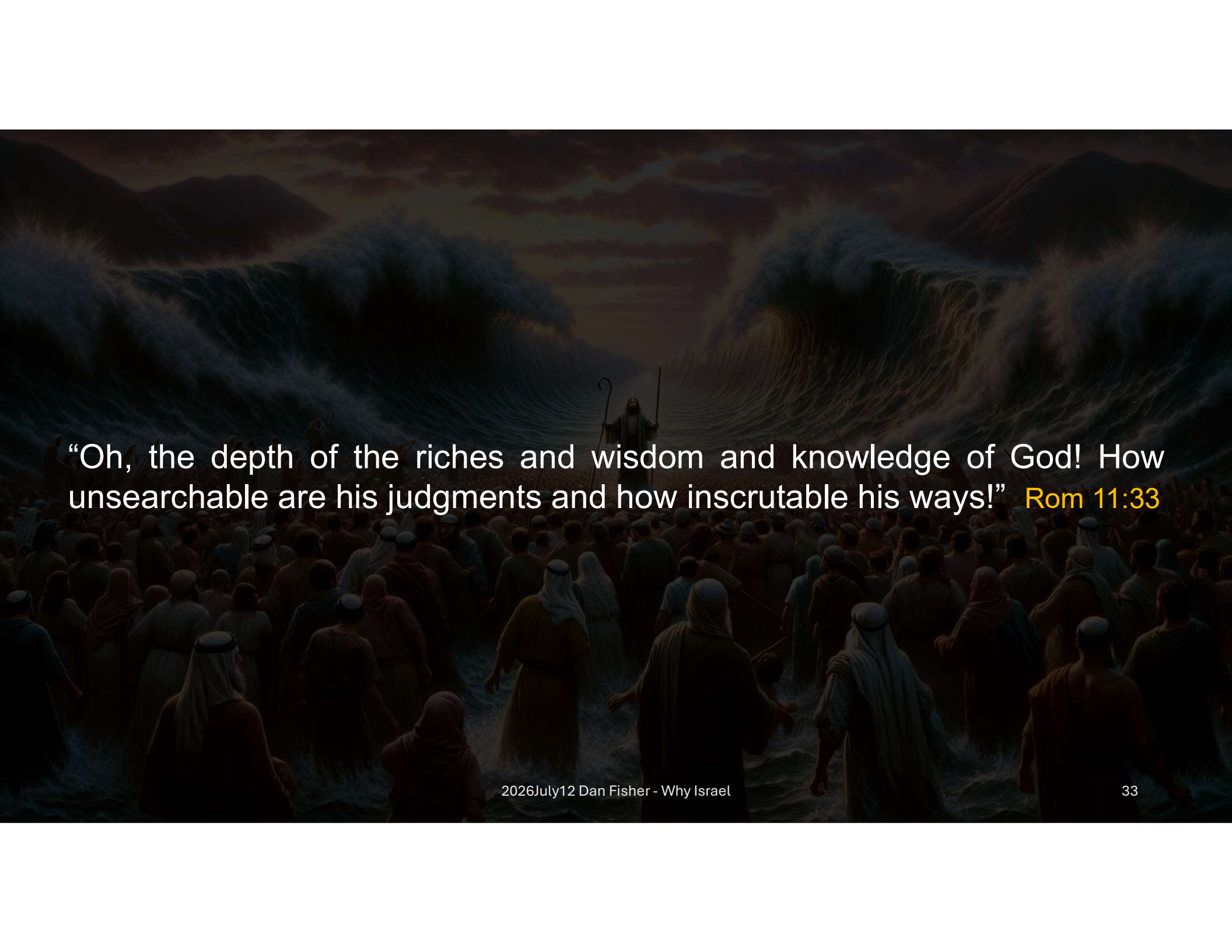
What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸ as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.” **Rom 11:7-8**



12. What will their return mean to the world?



“if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! ... ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?” **Rom 11:12,15**



“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!” **Rom 11:33**

“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?
43 Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.
44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.’” **Mt 21:42-44**

