

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WHY ISRAEL?

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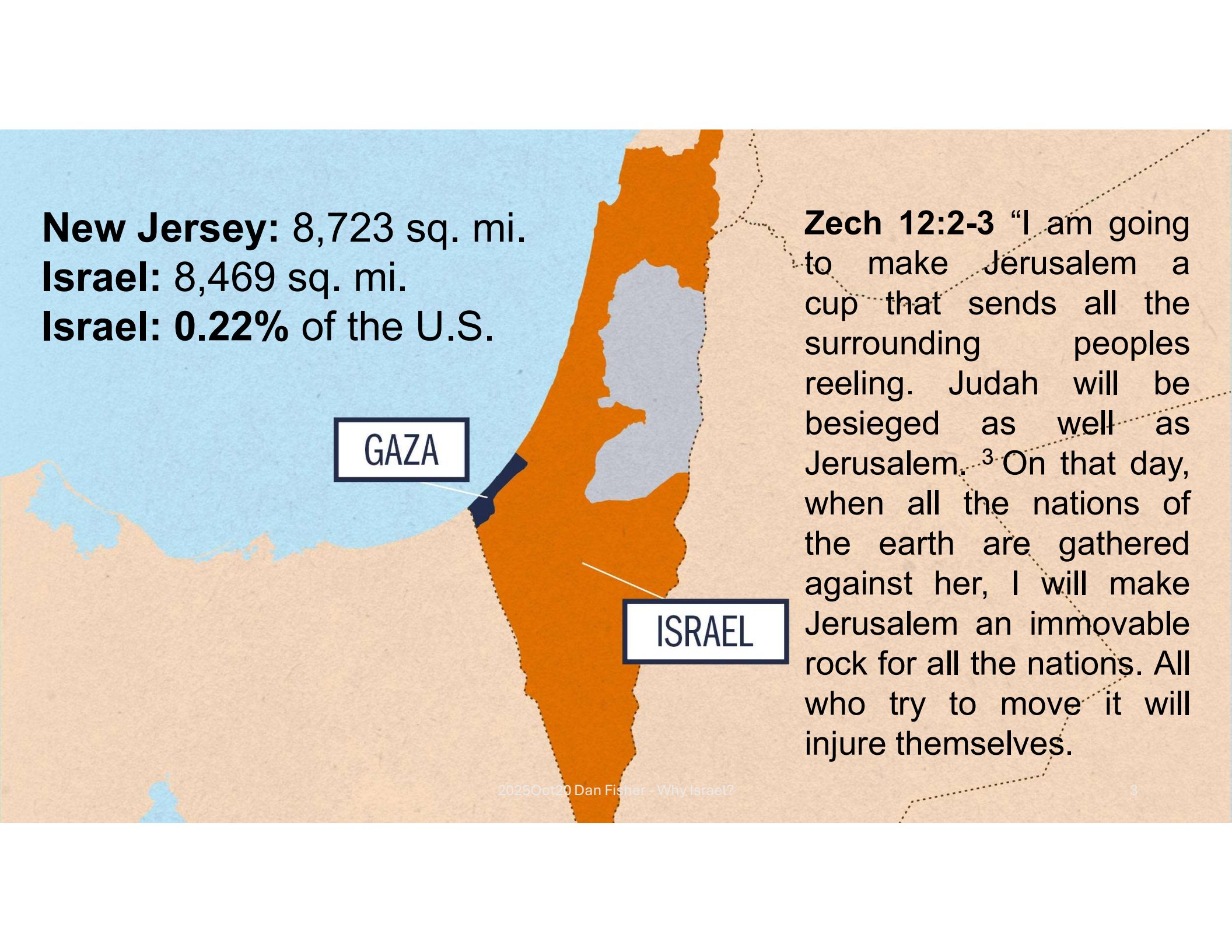


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New Jersey: 8,723 sq. mi.

Israel: 8,469 sq. mi.

Israel: 0.22% of the U.S.

A map showing the geographical relationship between Israel and Gaza. Israel is depicted as a large orange landmass on the right side of the frame. To its west, across a body of water (the Mediterranean Sea, shown in light blue), is the Gaza Strip, a small dark blue area. A white rectangular box with a dark blue border contains the word 'GAZA' in dark blue capital letters, with a thin white line pointing to the Gaza Strip. Another white rectangular box with a dark blue border, containing the word 'ISRAEL' in dark blue capital letters, is positioned to the right of the orange landmass, with a thin white line pointing to it. The background of the map is a light tan color.

GAZA

ISRAEL

Zech 12:2-3 “I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.³ On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.





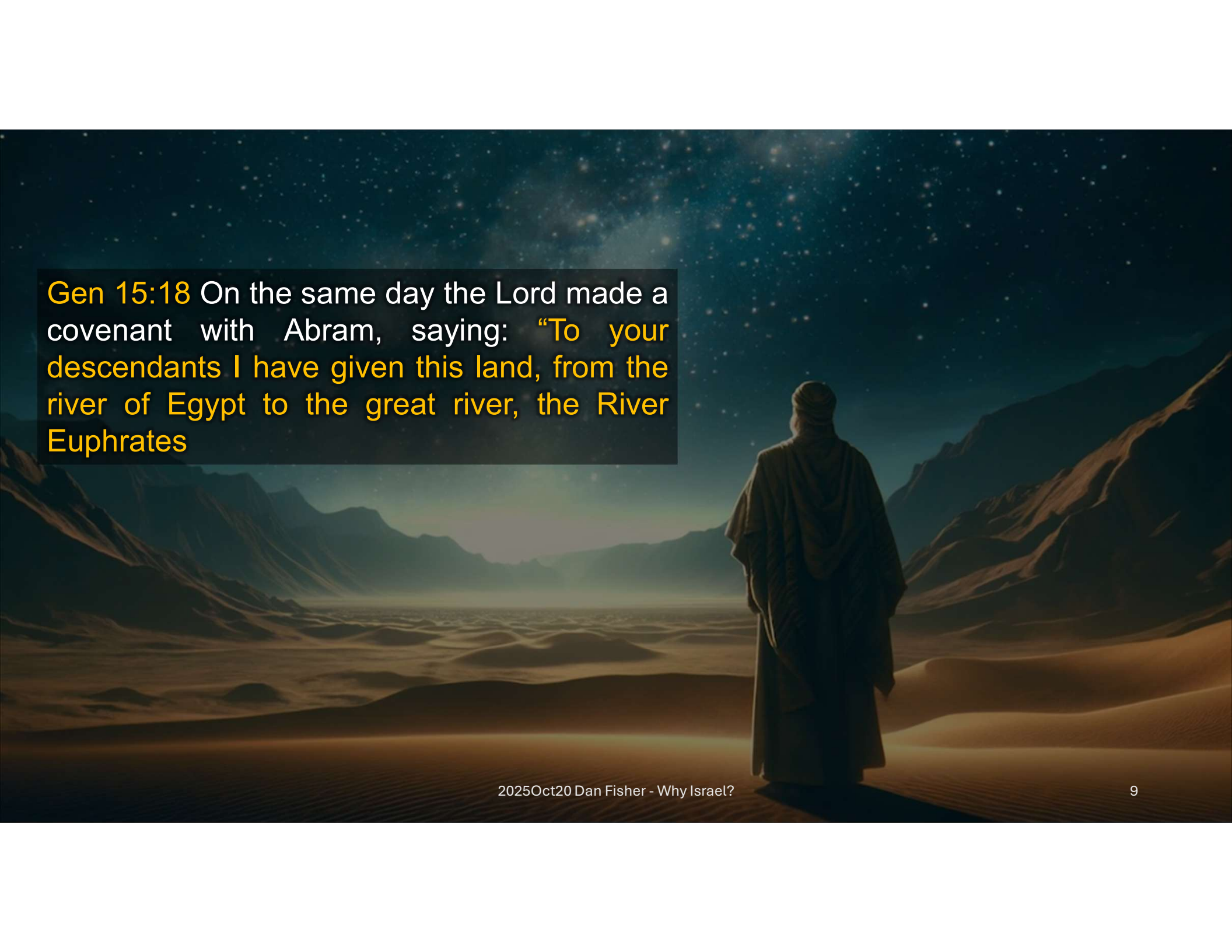
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1. God determined it so

Abrahamic Covenant

Gen 12:2-3,7 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” ...
⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

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Gen 15:18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “**To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates**”

Gen 17:4-8 “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ **I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ⁸ The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”**

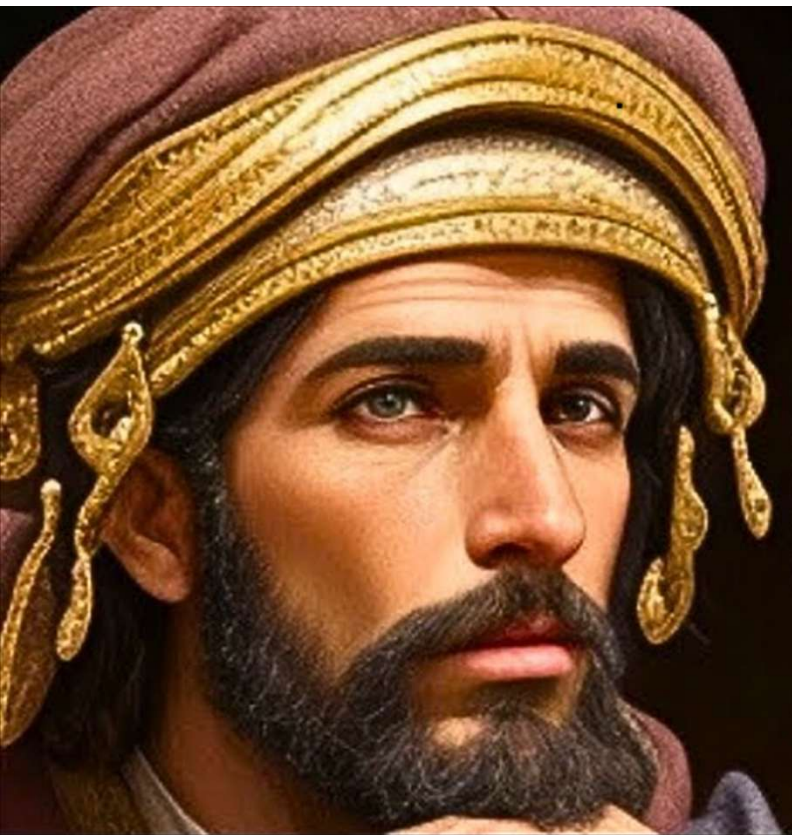


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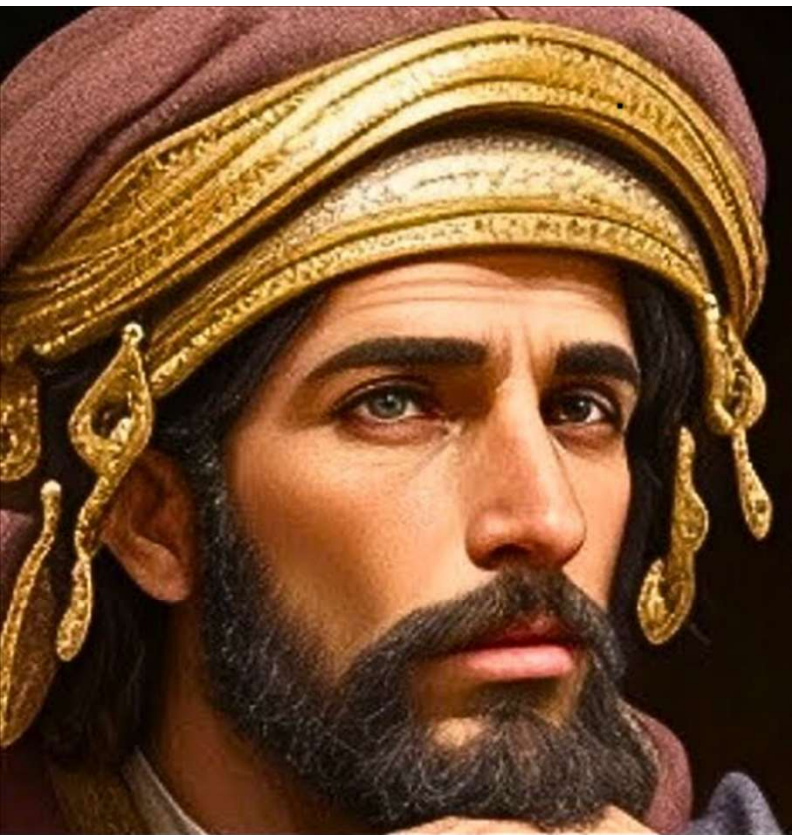
Ex 6:8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. **I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.**”



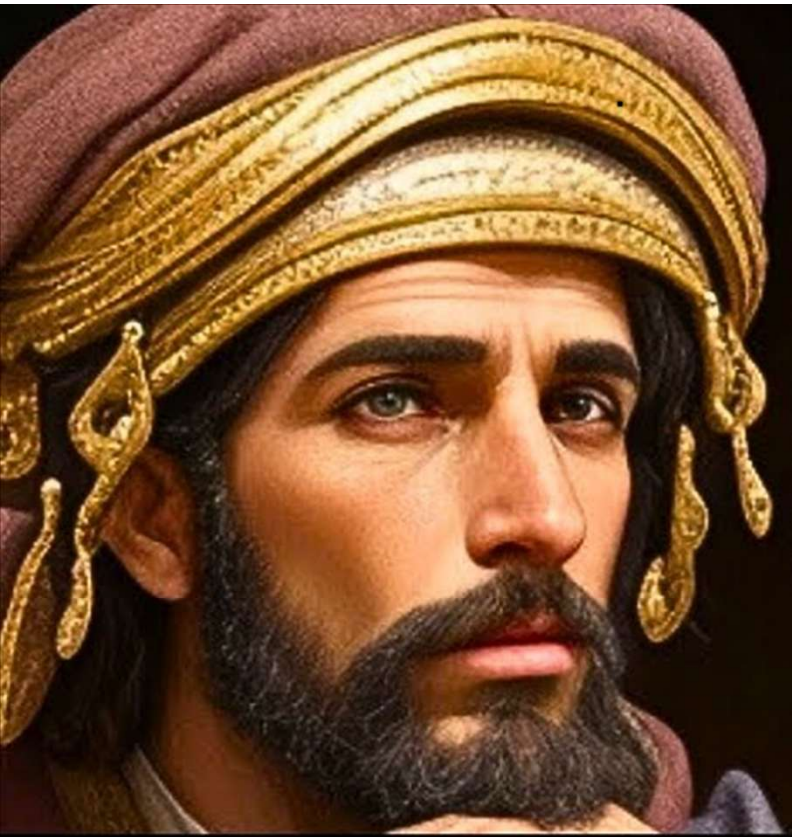




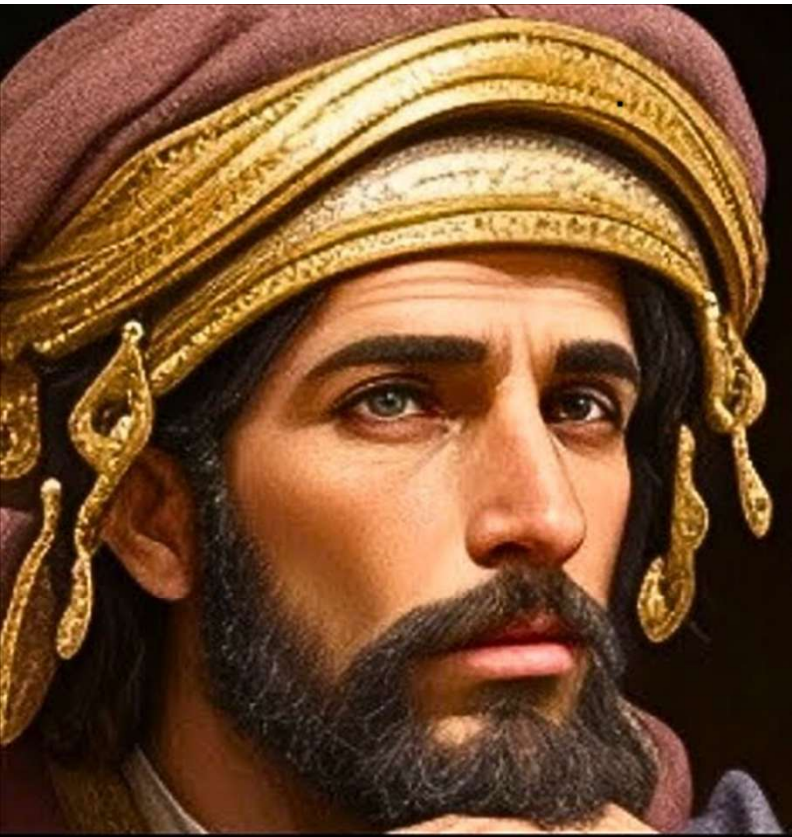
Not Ishmael, but Isaac



Gen 21:12 it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.



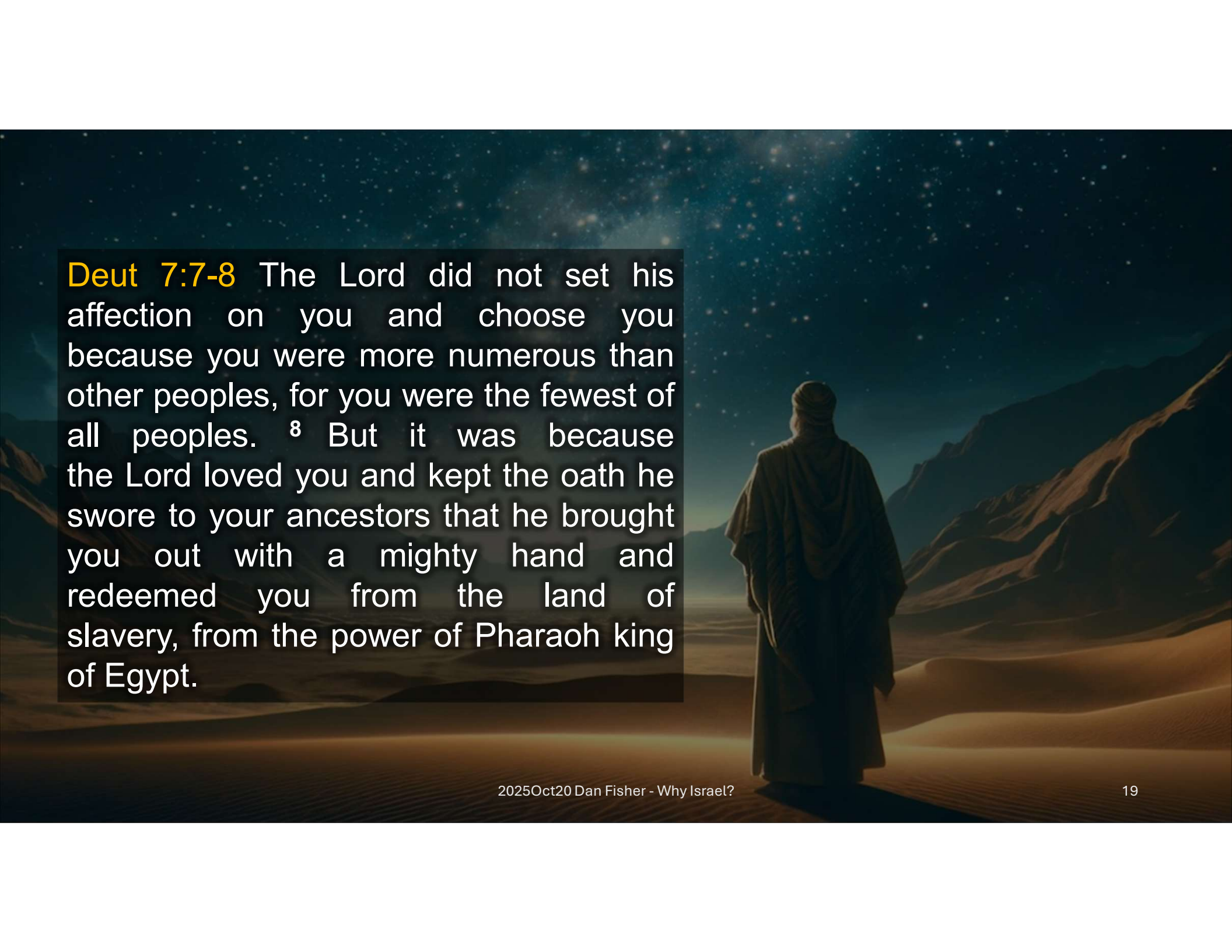
Gen 25:23 The Lord said to her, “**Two nations** are in your womb, and **two peoples** from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the **older will serve the younger.**”



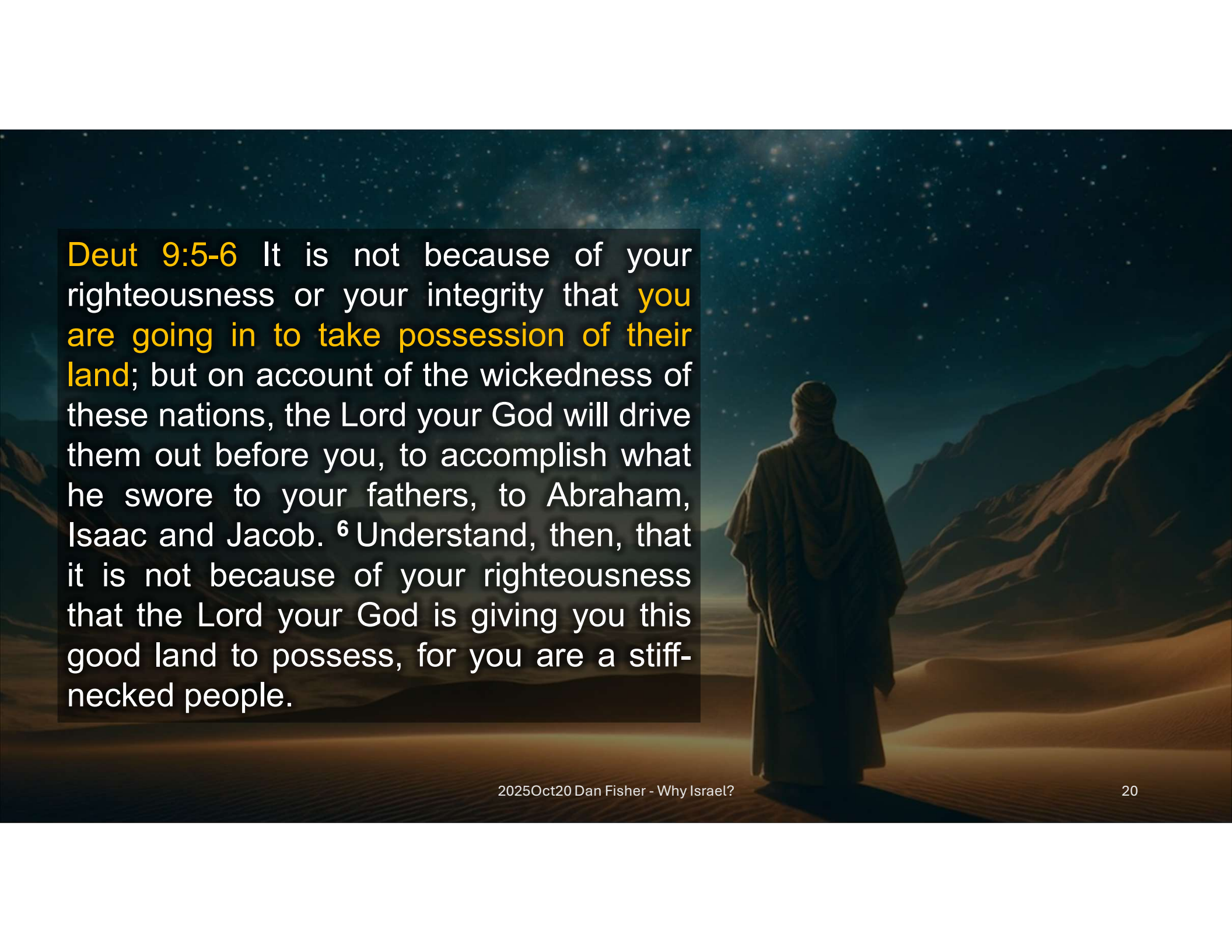
Gen 32:28 Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

2. God's choice of Israel is not based on their worthiness

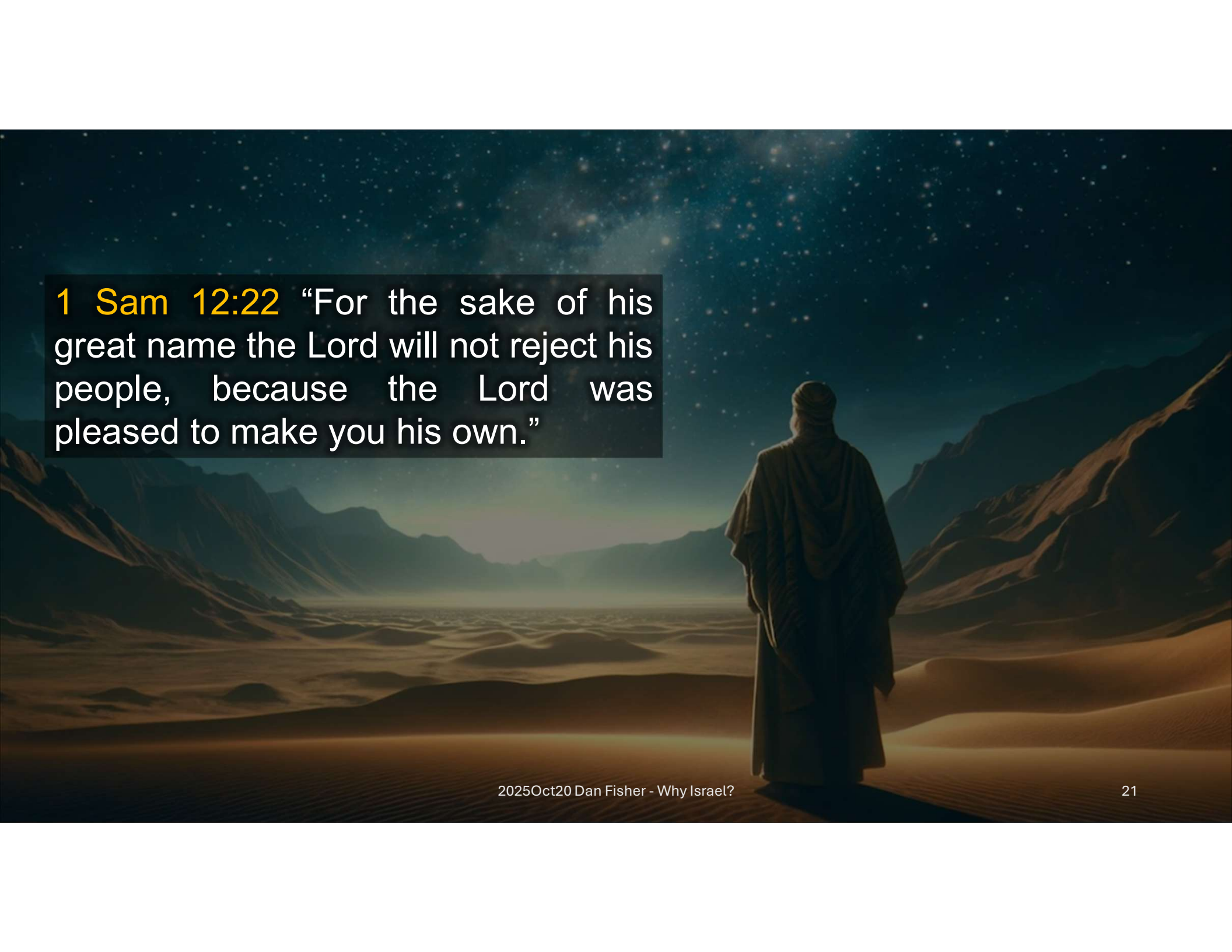


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Deut 7:7-8 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

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Deut 9:5-6 It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that **you are going in to take possession of their land**; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. ⁶ Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.

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1 Sam 12:22 “For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.”

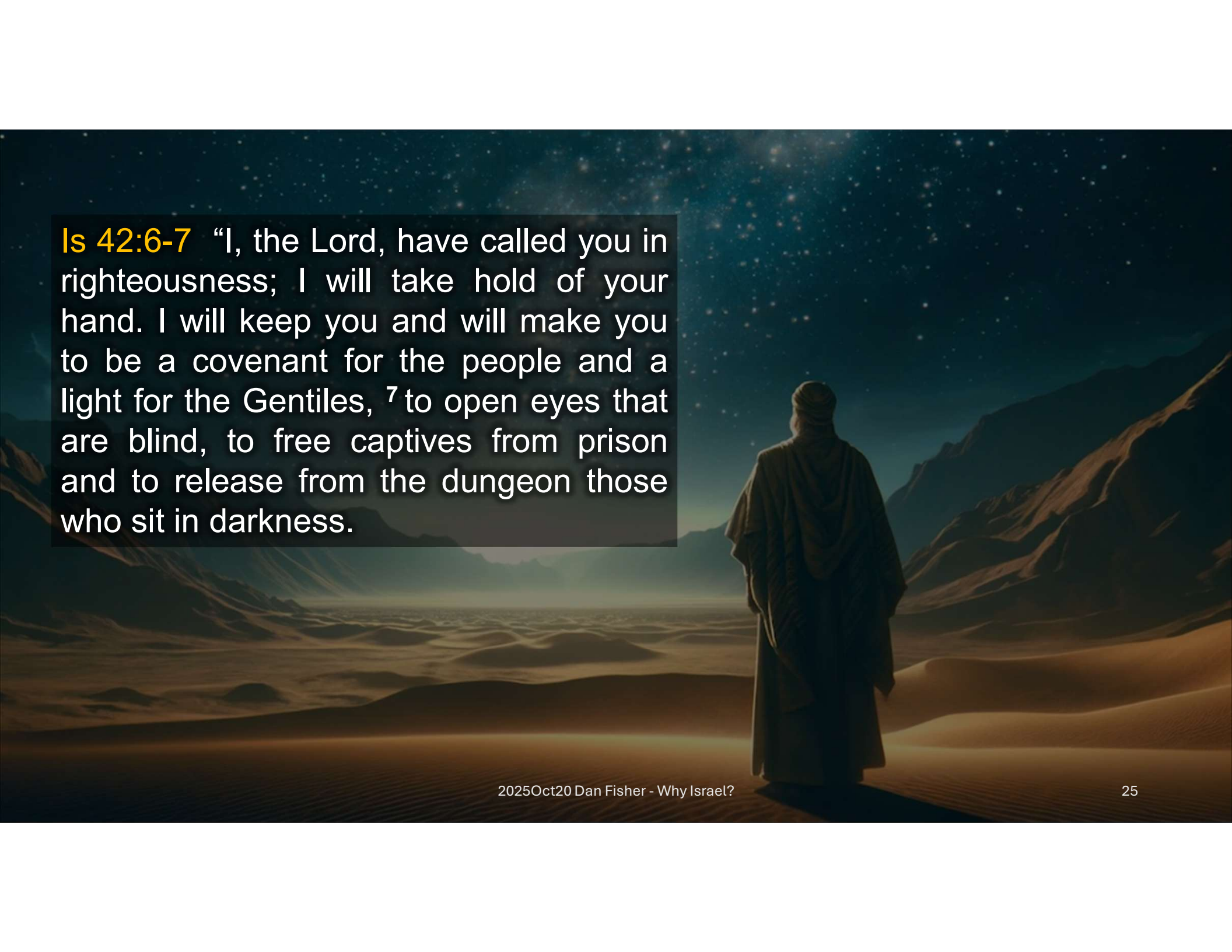
3. Israel became God's conduit for salvation to the whole world



Jn 4:22-24 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for **salvation is from the Jews**. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.



**God desired that the non-Jews
(Gentiles) be grafted into His
family tree also**

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Is 42:6-7 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

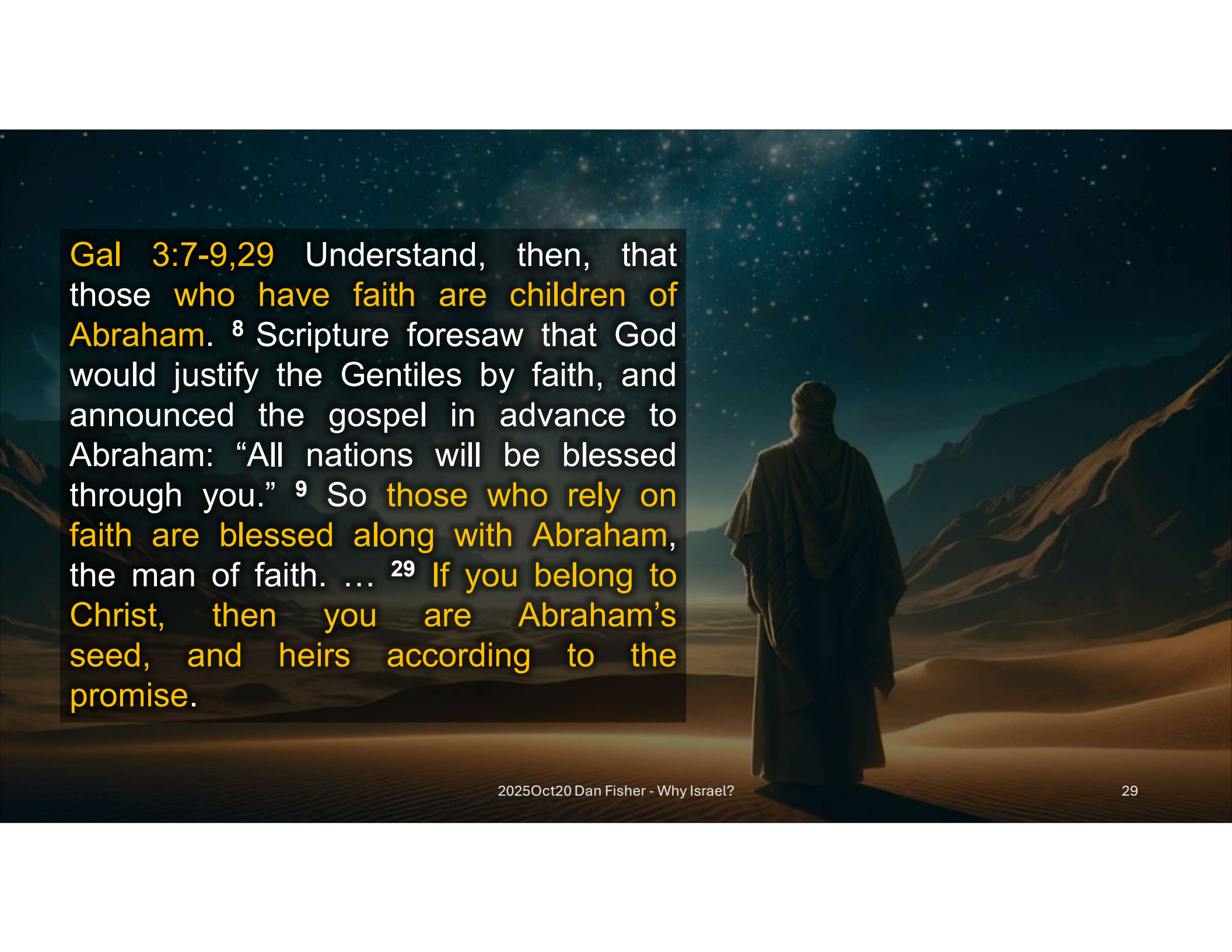
Rom 11:11-12 because of their [Israel's] transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. ¹² But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

Rom 11:17-21 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸ do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.



Rom 2:28-29 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.



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Gal 3:7-9,29 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” ⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ... ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

4. So, is God through with the Jew?

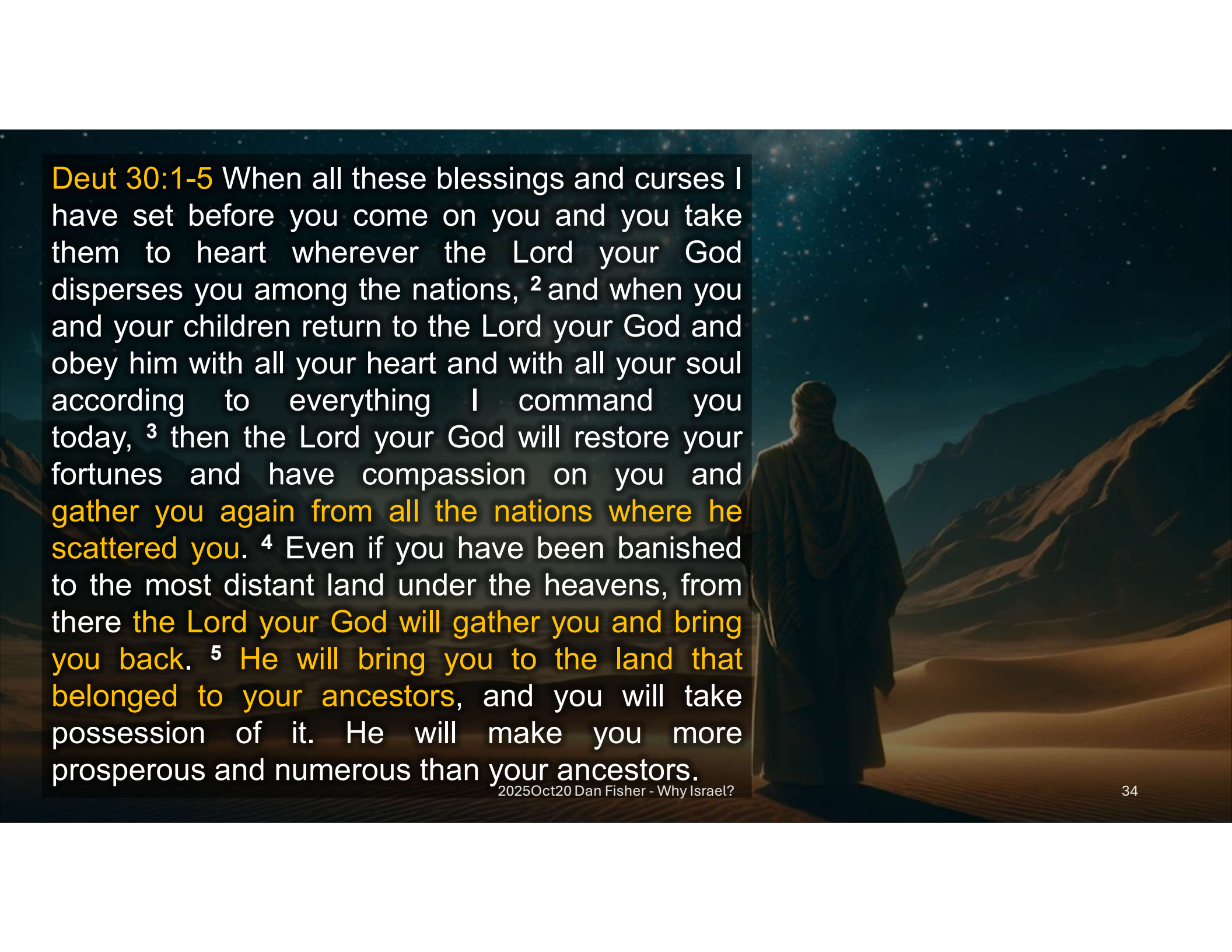
Rom 11:1,11,25-27 Did God reject his people? By no means! ... ¹¹ Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! ... ²⁵ I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, ²⁶ and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. ²⁷ And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

Deut 4:30-31 When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. ³¹ For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.



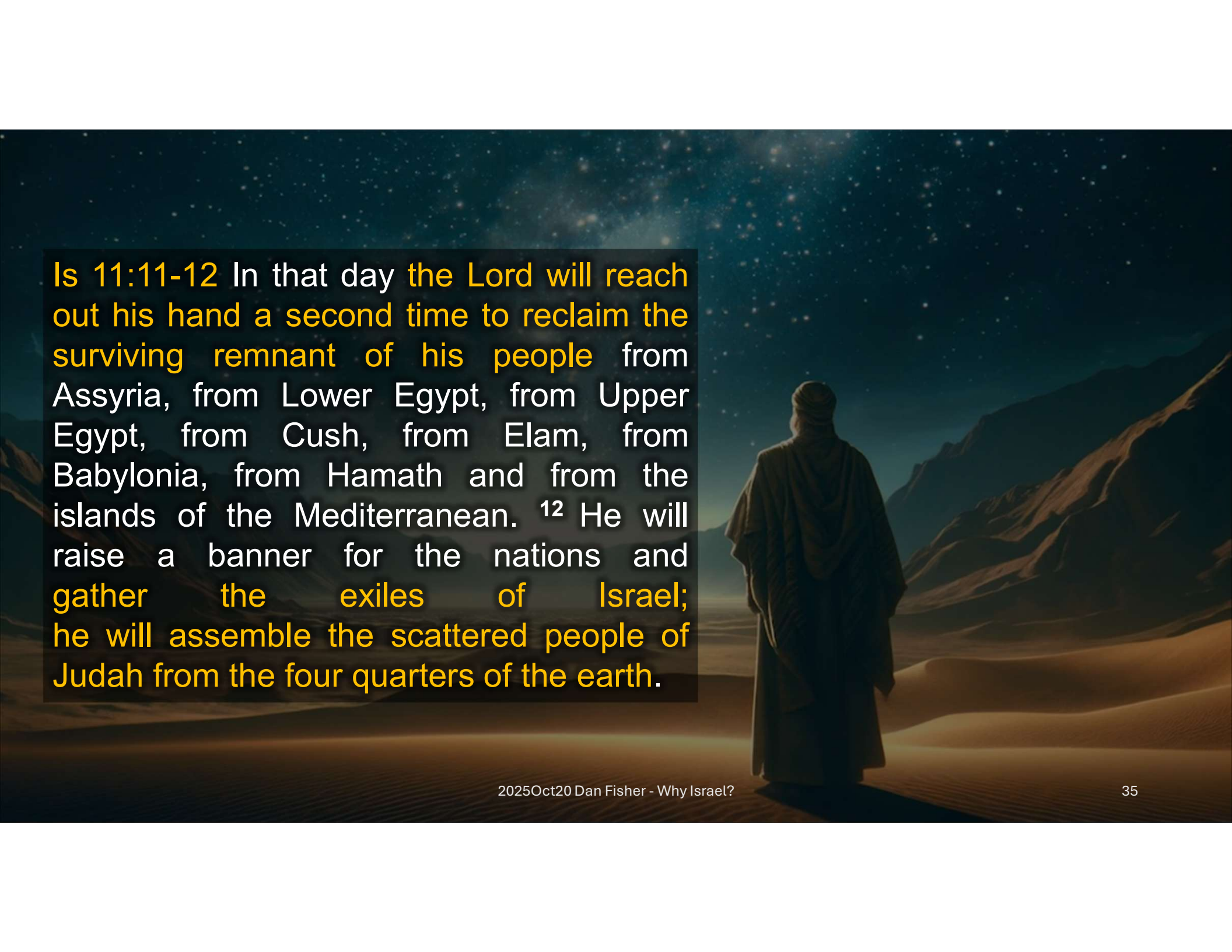
Deut 28:63-66 You will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess. ⁶⁴ Then the Lord will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods – gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your ancestors have known. ⁶⁵ Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the Lord will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. ⁶⁶ You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life.



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Deut 30:1-5 When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the Lord your God disperses you among the nations, ² and when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, ³ then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and **gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.** ⁴ Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there **the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back.** ⁵ **He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors,** and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.

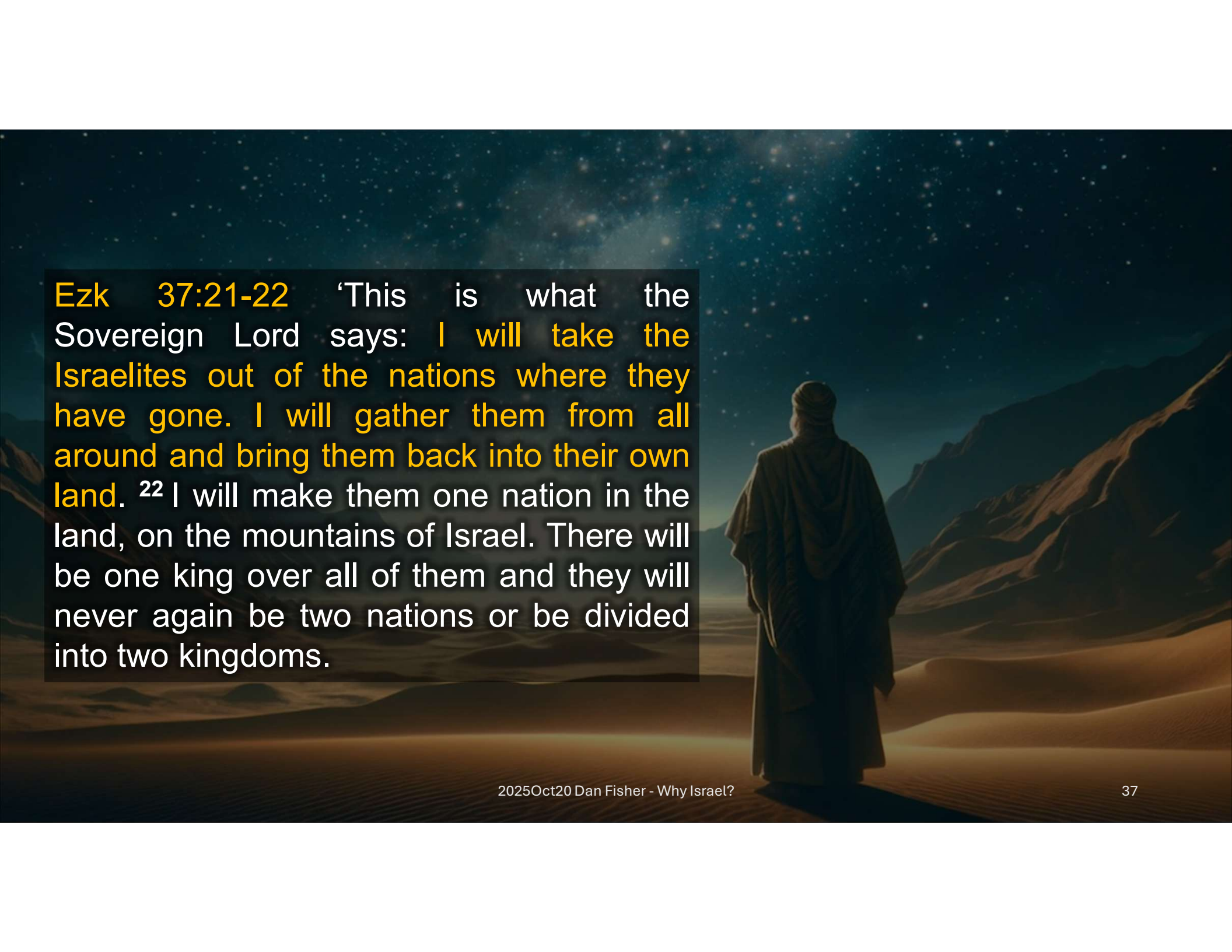
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Is 11:11-12 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean. ¹² He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

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Ezk 11:16-17 “Therefore say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **Although I sent them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries**, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone. ¹⁷ “Therefore say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.**’

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Ezk 37:21-22 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.** ²² I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.

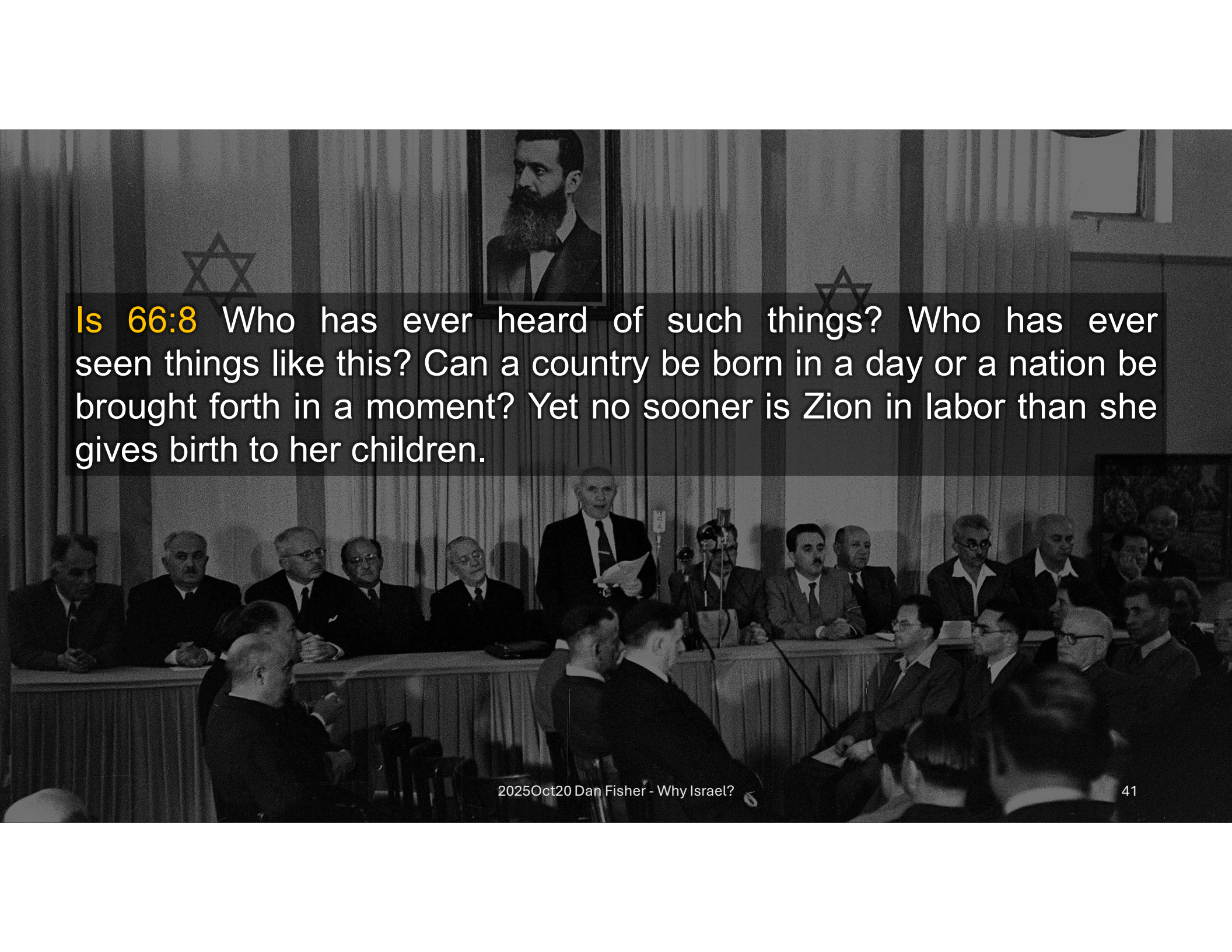
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Zeph 2:1-2 Gather together, gather yourselves together, you shameful nation,
² before the decree takes effect and that day passes like windblown chaff, before the Lord's fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the Lord's wrath comes upon you.⁵





May 14th, 1948, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's leading founding father, formally proclaimed the existence of the modern State of Israel



Is 66:8 Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

5. Is the recent Middle East treaty the one the Beast will sign?



Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

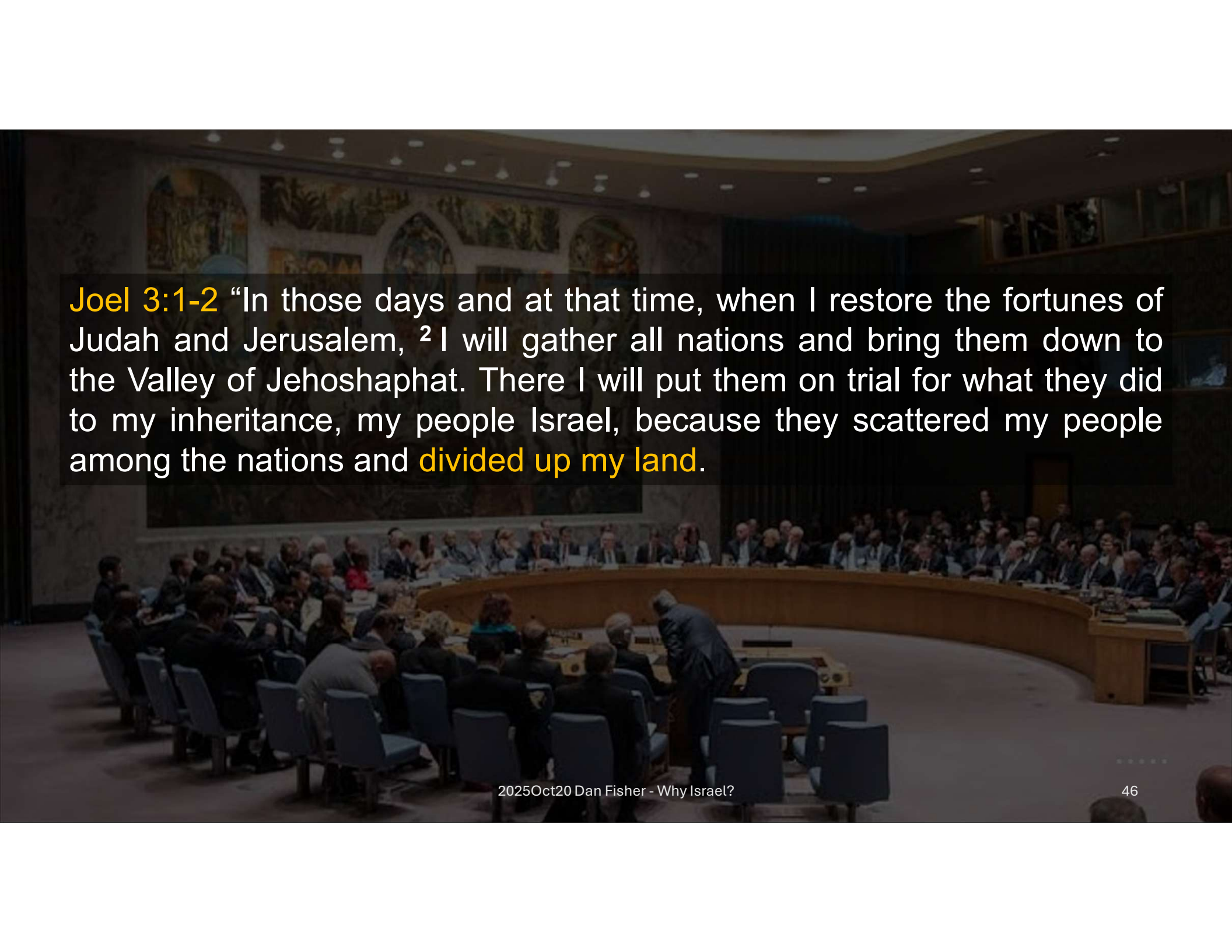
Dan 7:25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time. **(42 mos, 1260 days – Rev 11:2-3; 12:6,14; 13:5)**

2 Thess 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

A wide-angle photograph of a large, circular conference room. Numerous people are seated around a long, curved wooden table. The room features a large, colorful mural on the back wall. The text "Warning: God will judge all who divide 'His' land" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Warning: God will judge all who
divide "His" land

- “The New York Declaration” was created by the UN meeting on July 28-30, 2025.
- It was signed by the 22 countries of the Arab League, the European Union (consisting of 27 nations), and 17 other member-states.
- The Declaration demands the implementation of the “two-state solution,” which includes dividing the city of Jerusalem to allow the creation of “East Jerusalem” as the future capital of Palestine.

The background image shows the interior of the United Nations Security Council chamber. It is a large, circular room with a high ceiling and ornate architectural details. Numerous people, presumably diplomats and officials, are seated around a long, curved wooden table. The room is dimly lit, with light coming from the ceiling and the walls. The overall atmosphere is formal and serious.

Joel 3:1-2 “In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because they scattered my people among the nations and **divided up my land**.”

6. Israel's salvation – and ours, is by faith

Rom 4:3,18,21 What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” ... ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ... ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.



Rom 4:23-25 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness — for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.



Hebrews 11 repeatedly uses the phrase “**by faith**” to introduce the heroes of the faith

- **It's used of Abraham 13x**
- **Moses 6x**