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In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest of Abijah's division named Zechariah. His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were **righteous** in God's sight, living **without blame** according to all the commands and requirements of the Lord. But **they had no children** because Elizabeth could not conceive, and both of them were well along in years.

Luke 1:5-7 CSB



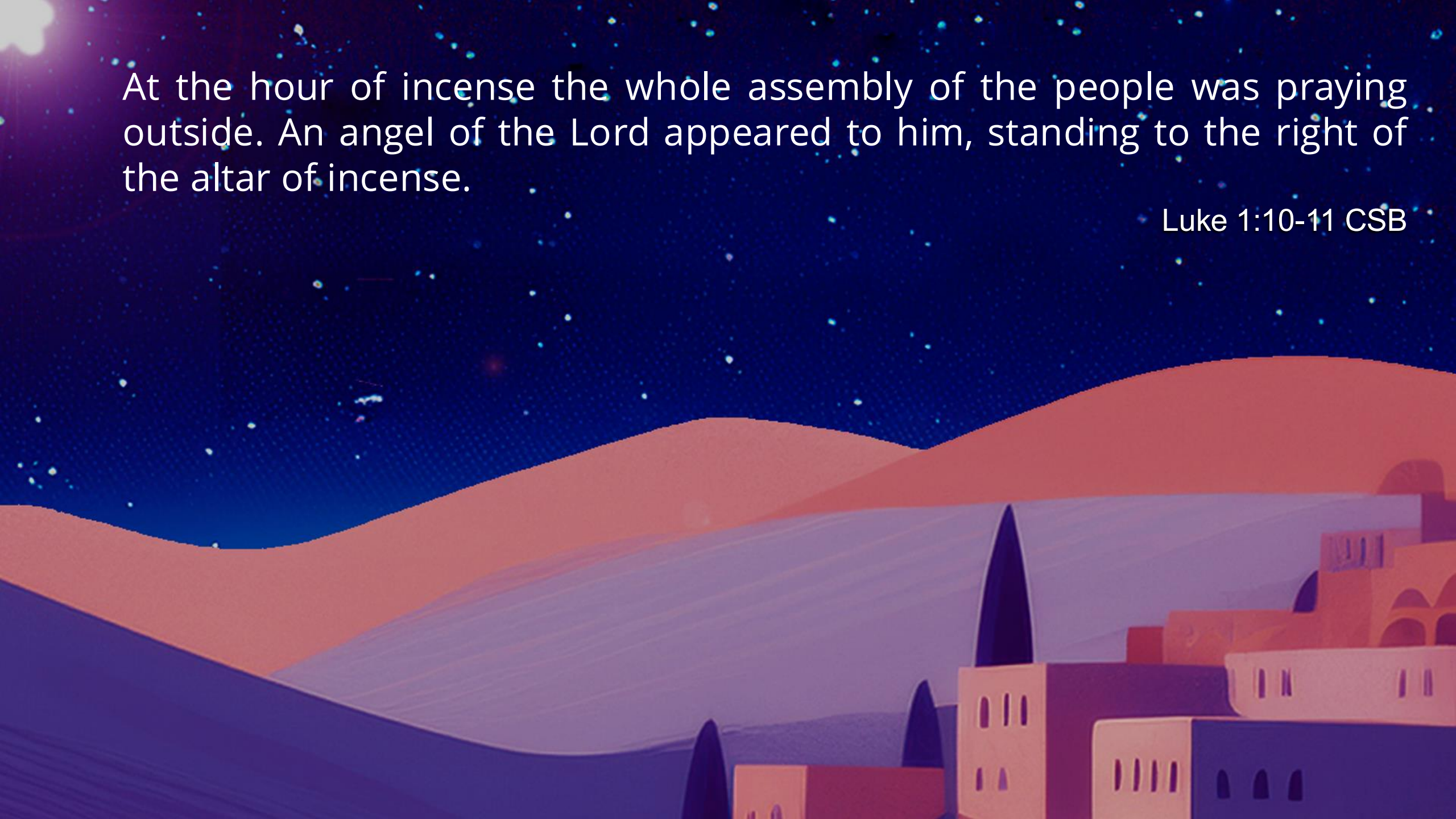
When his division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, it happened that he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 1:8-9 CSB



At the hour of incense the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

Luke 1:10-11 CSB



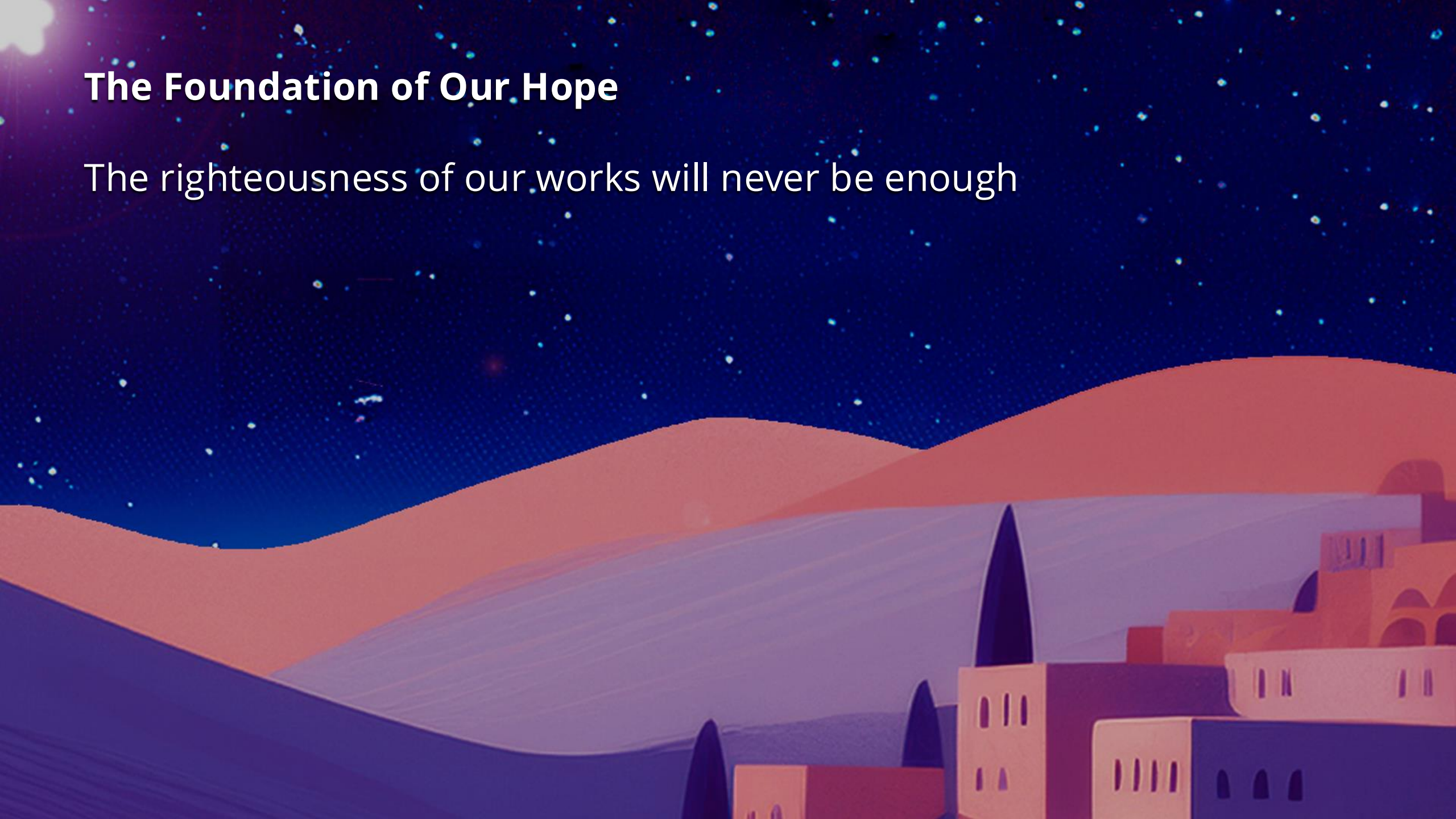
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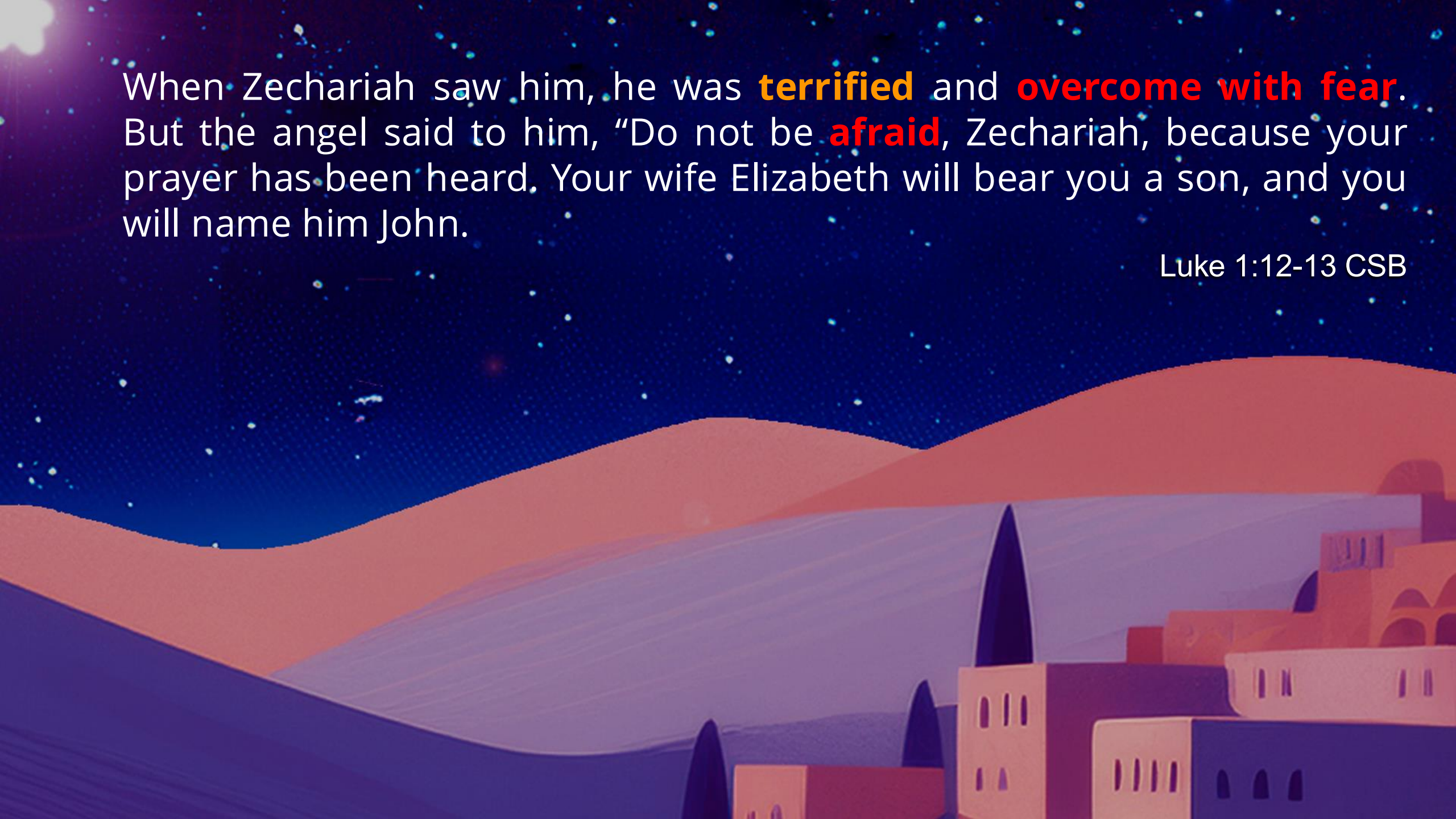


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The plans of God will never be impeded





When Zechariah saw him, he was **terrified** and **overcome with fear**. But the angel said to him, “Do not be **afraid**, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

Luke 1:12-13 CSB

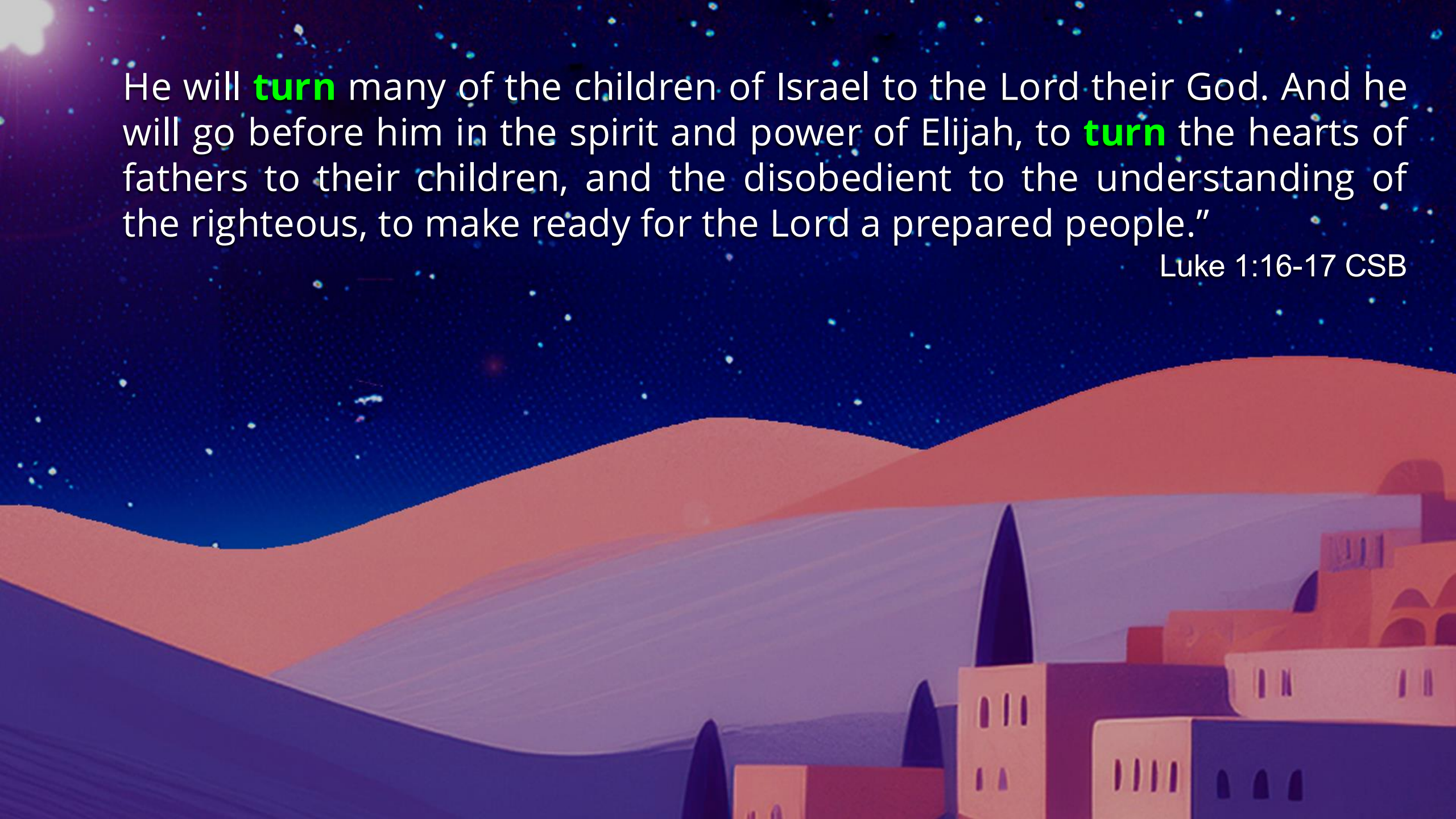
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There will be **joy** and **delight** for you, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and will never drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb.

Luke 1:14-15 CSB

He will **turn** many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to **turn** the hearts of fathers to their children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a prepared people.”

Luke 1:16-17 CSB



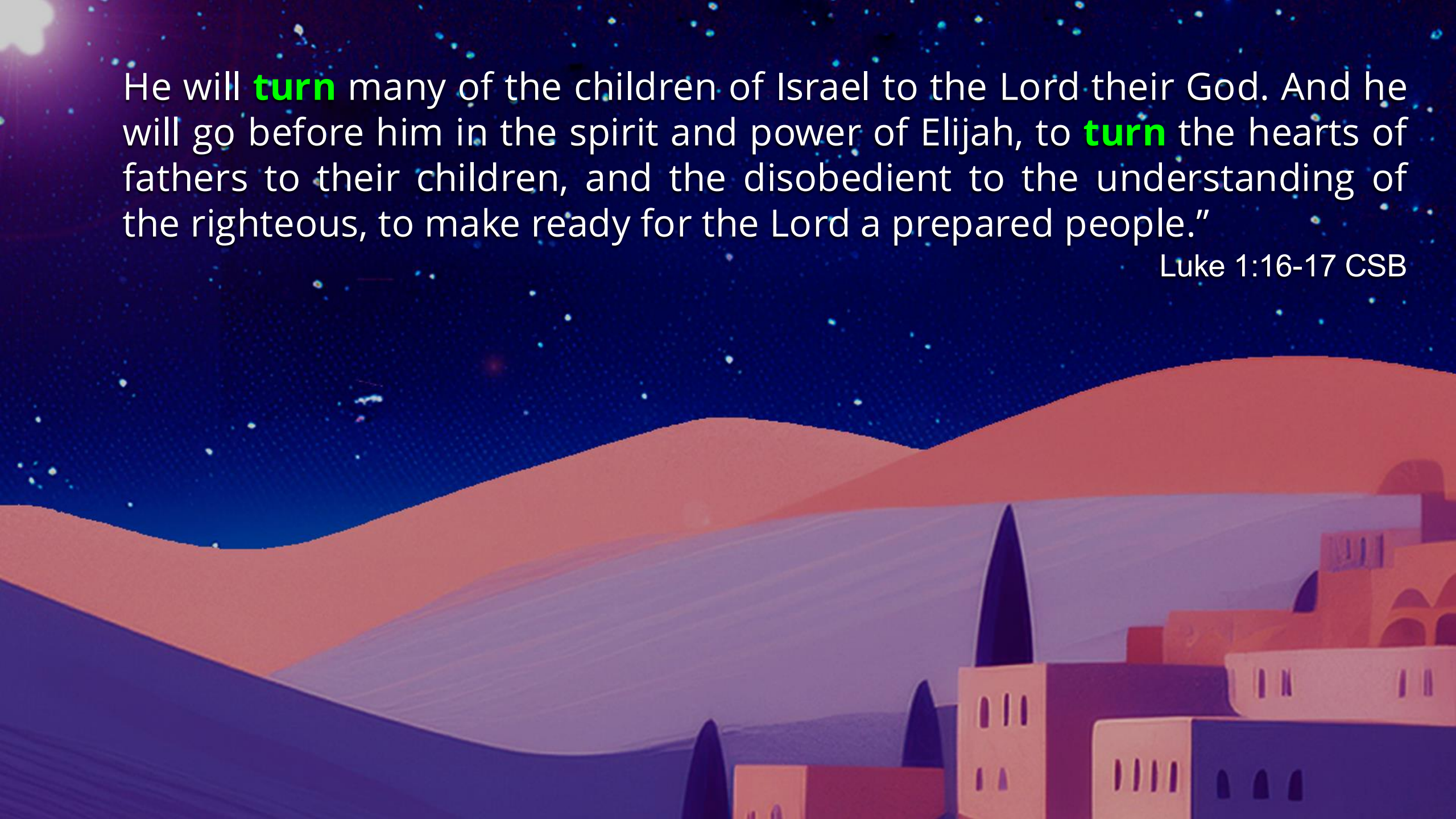
Look, I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

Malachi 4:5-6 CSB



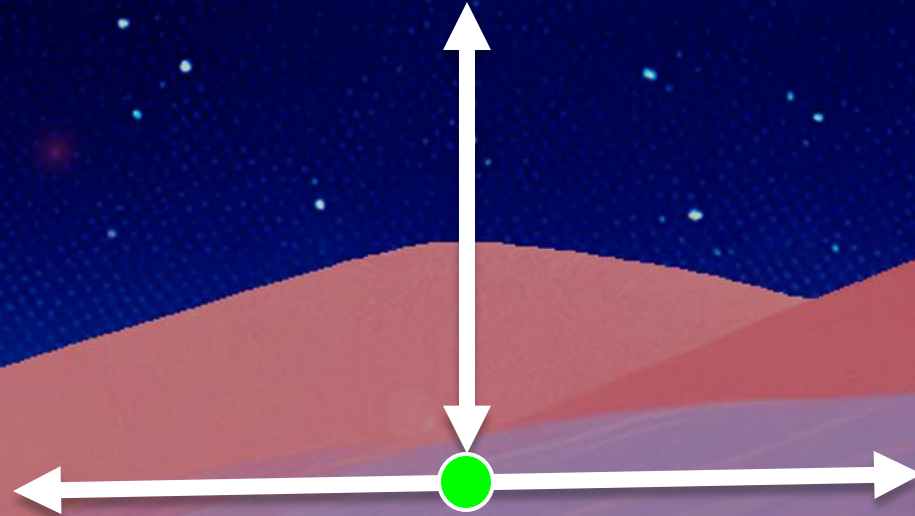
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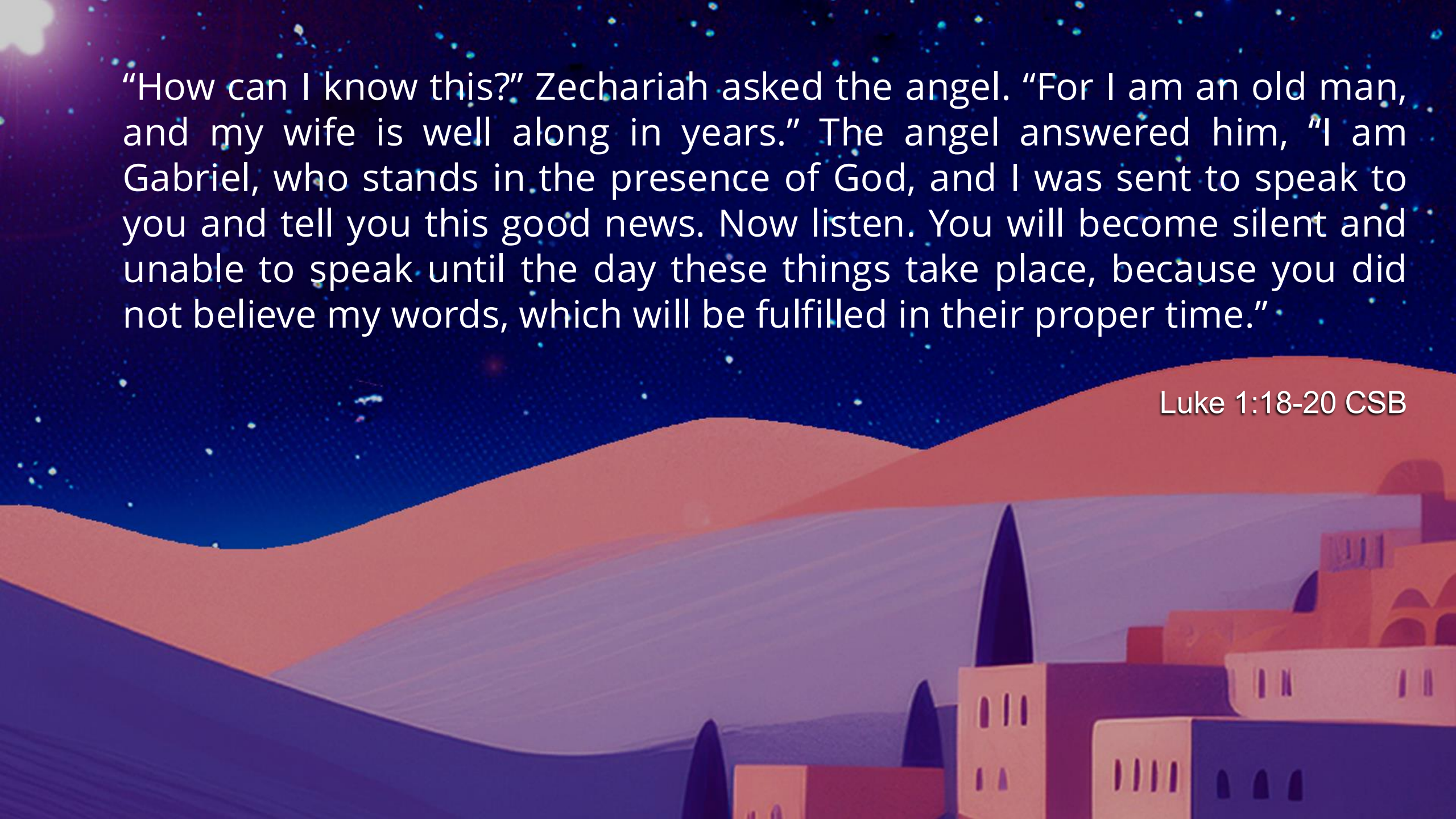
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Luke 1:18-20 CSB

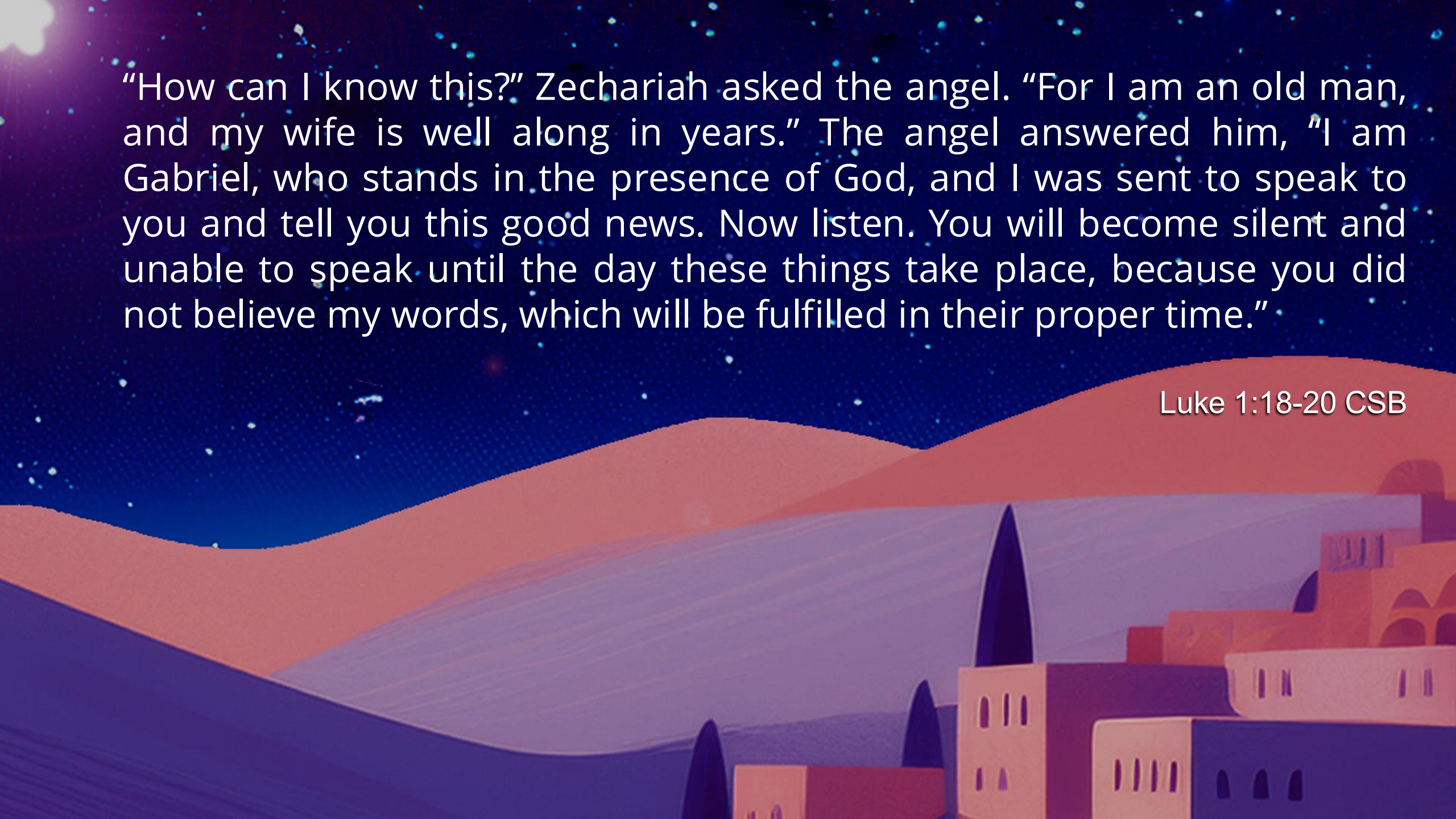


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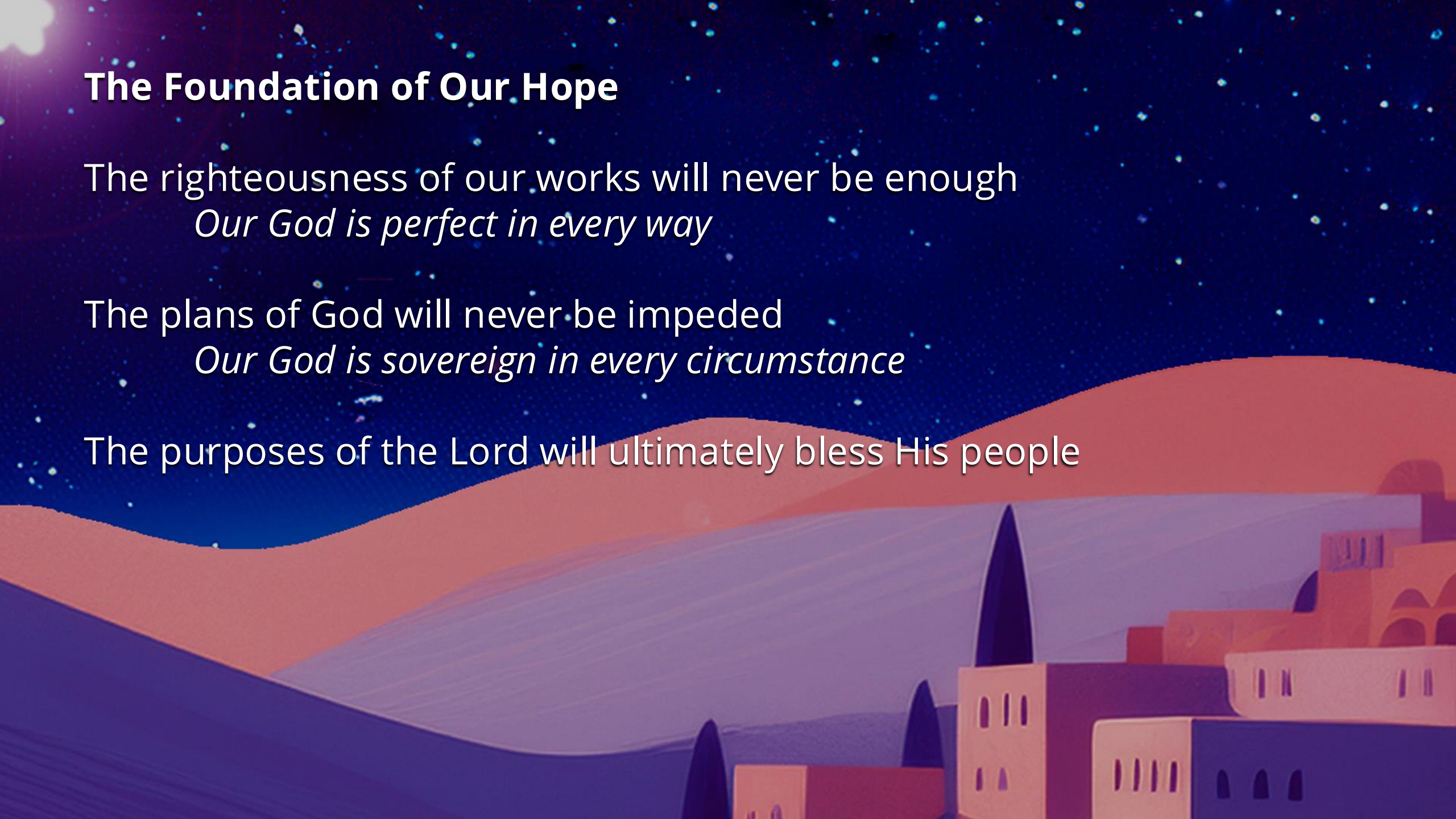


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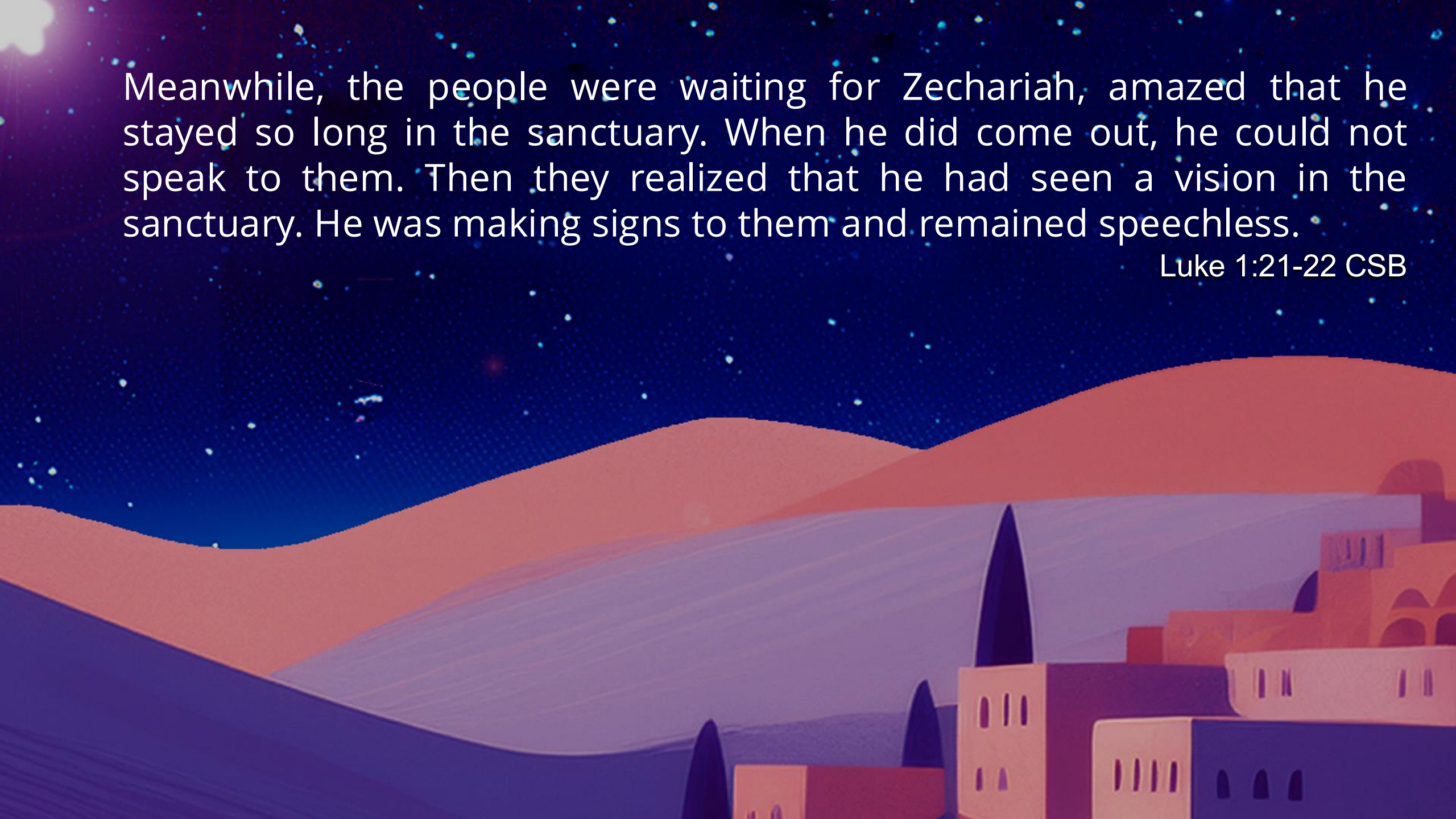
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Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them. Then they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was making signs to them and remained speechless.

Luke 1:21-22 CSB



When the days of his ministry were completed, he went back home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived and kept herself in seclusion for five months. She said, "The Lord has done this for me. He has looked with favor in these days to take away my disgrace among the people."

Luke 1:23-25 CSB

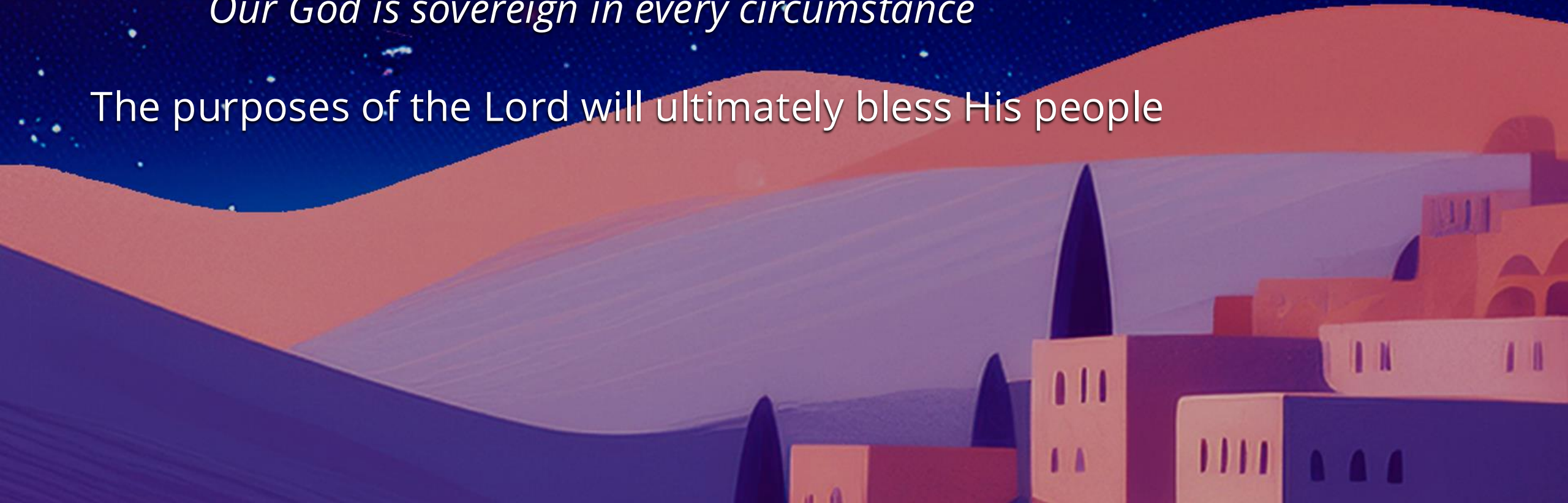


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