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The Heart of God for the Nations He Created



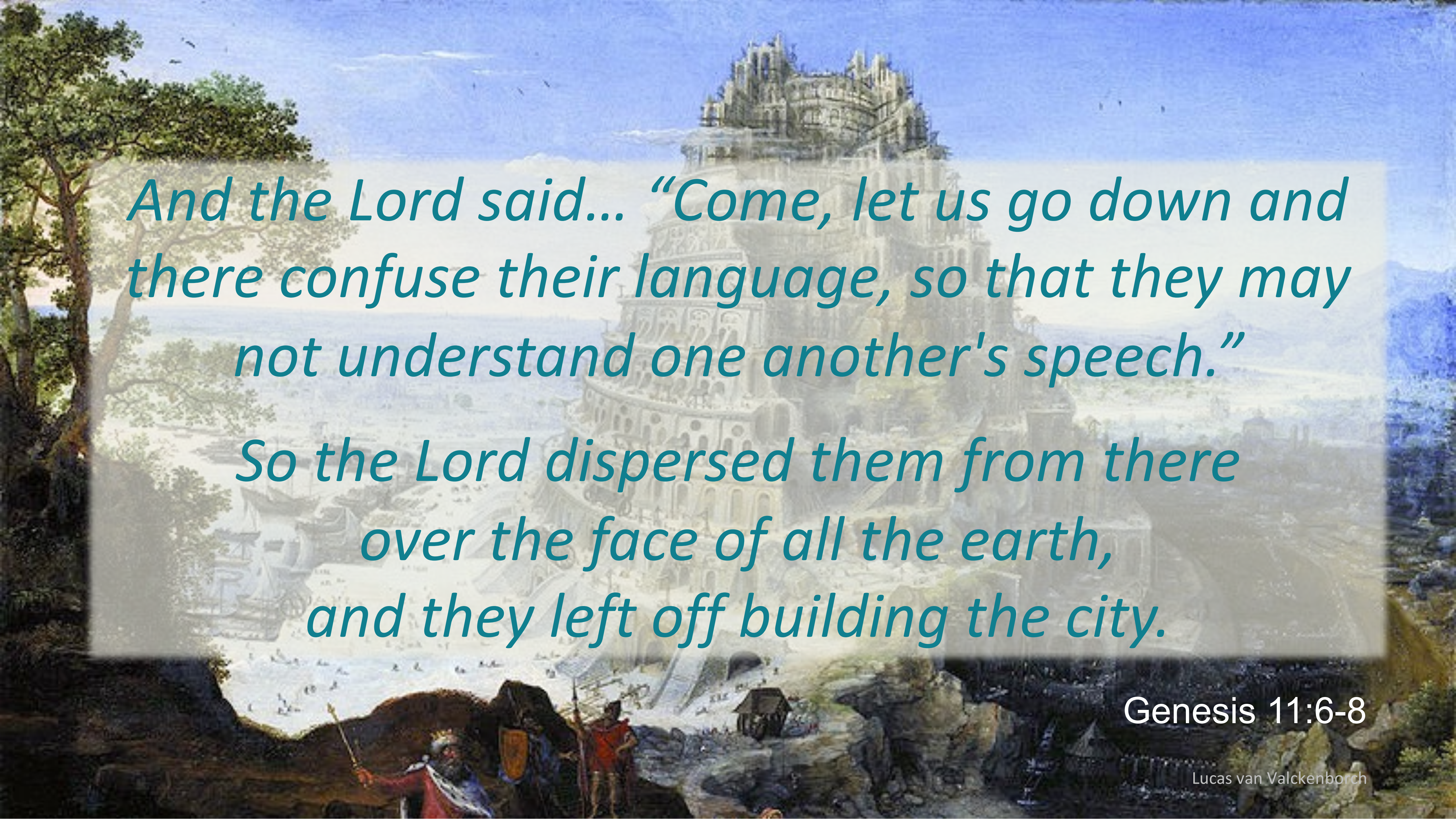
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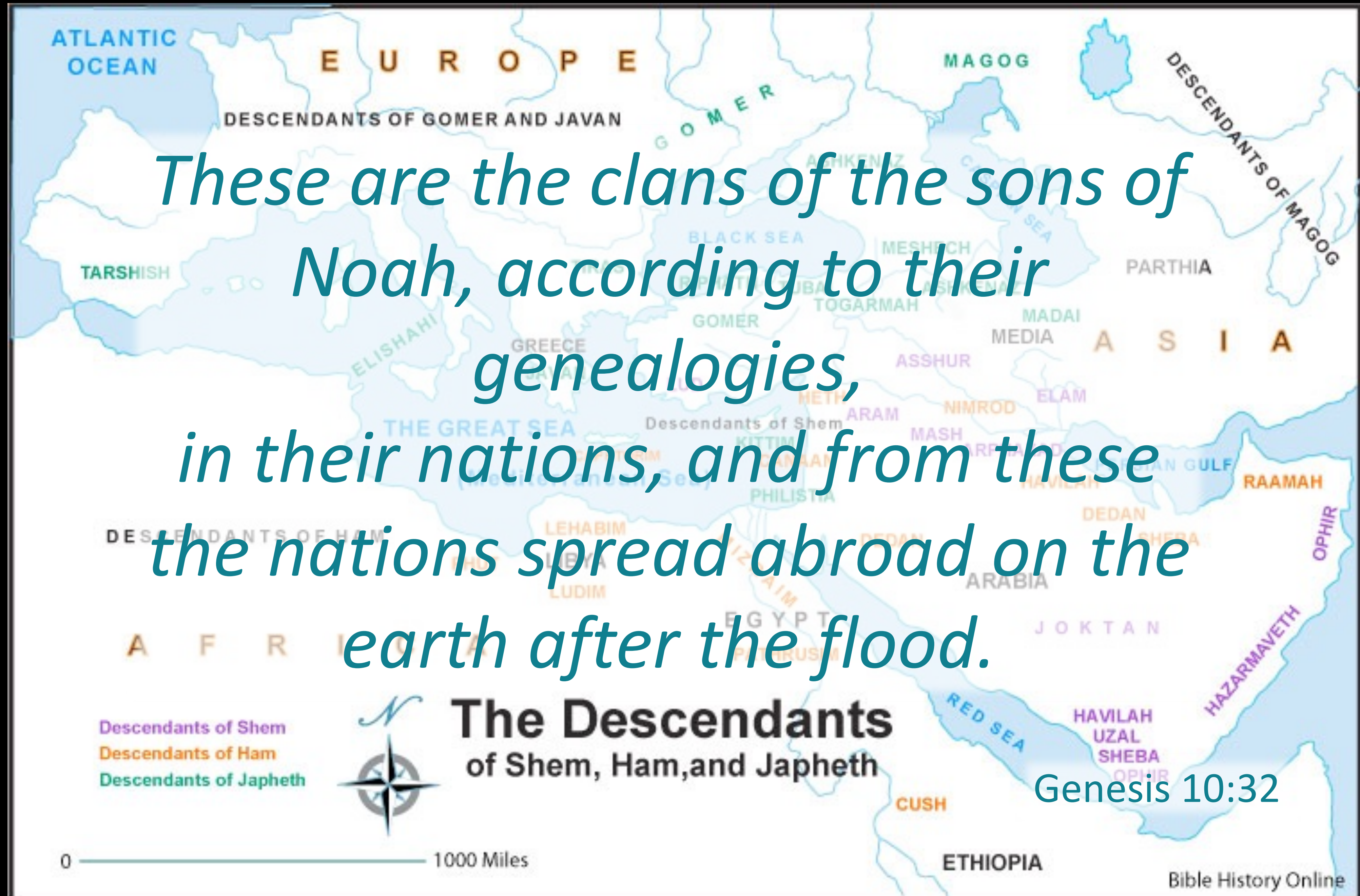


And the Lord said... “Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.”

So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

Genesis 11:6-8

These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.

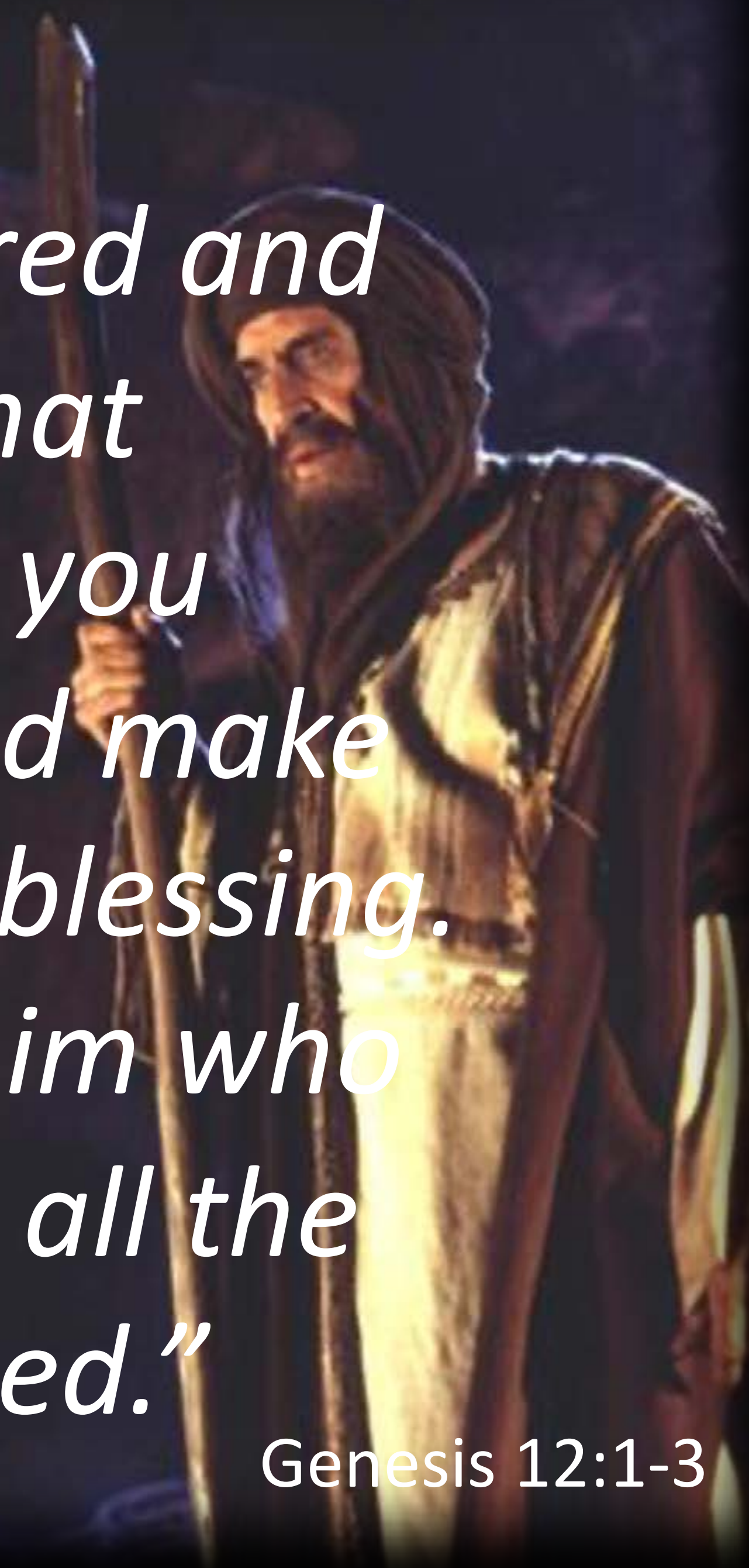




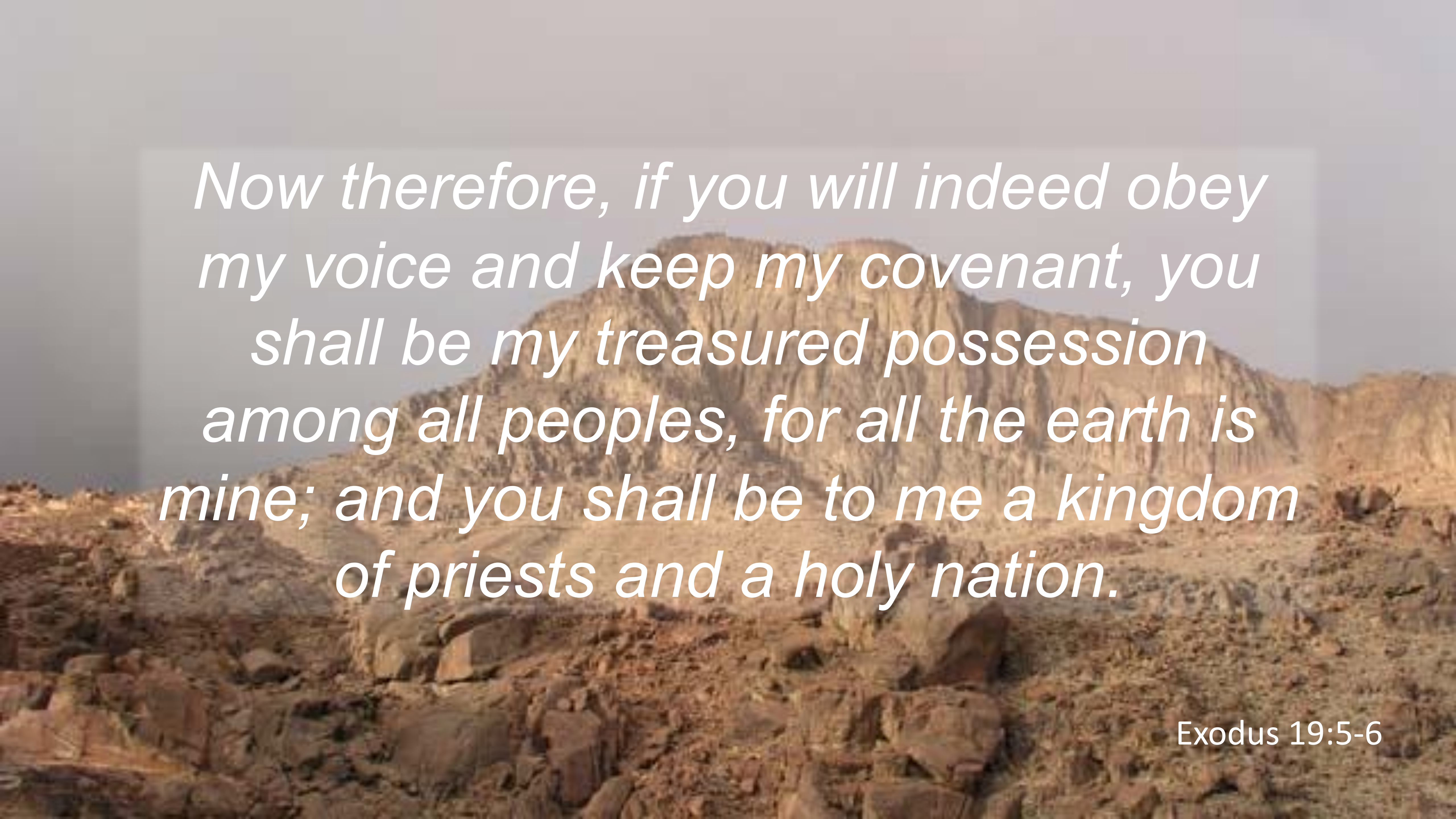


*Now the Lord said to Abram,
“Go from your country and your kindred and
your father's house to the land that
I will show you. And I will make of you
a great nation, and I will bless you and make
your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you, and him who
dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the
families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:1-3







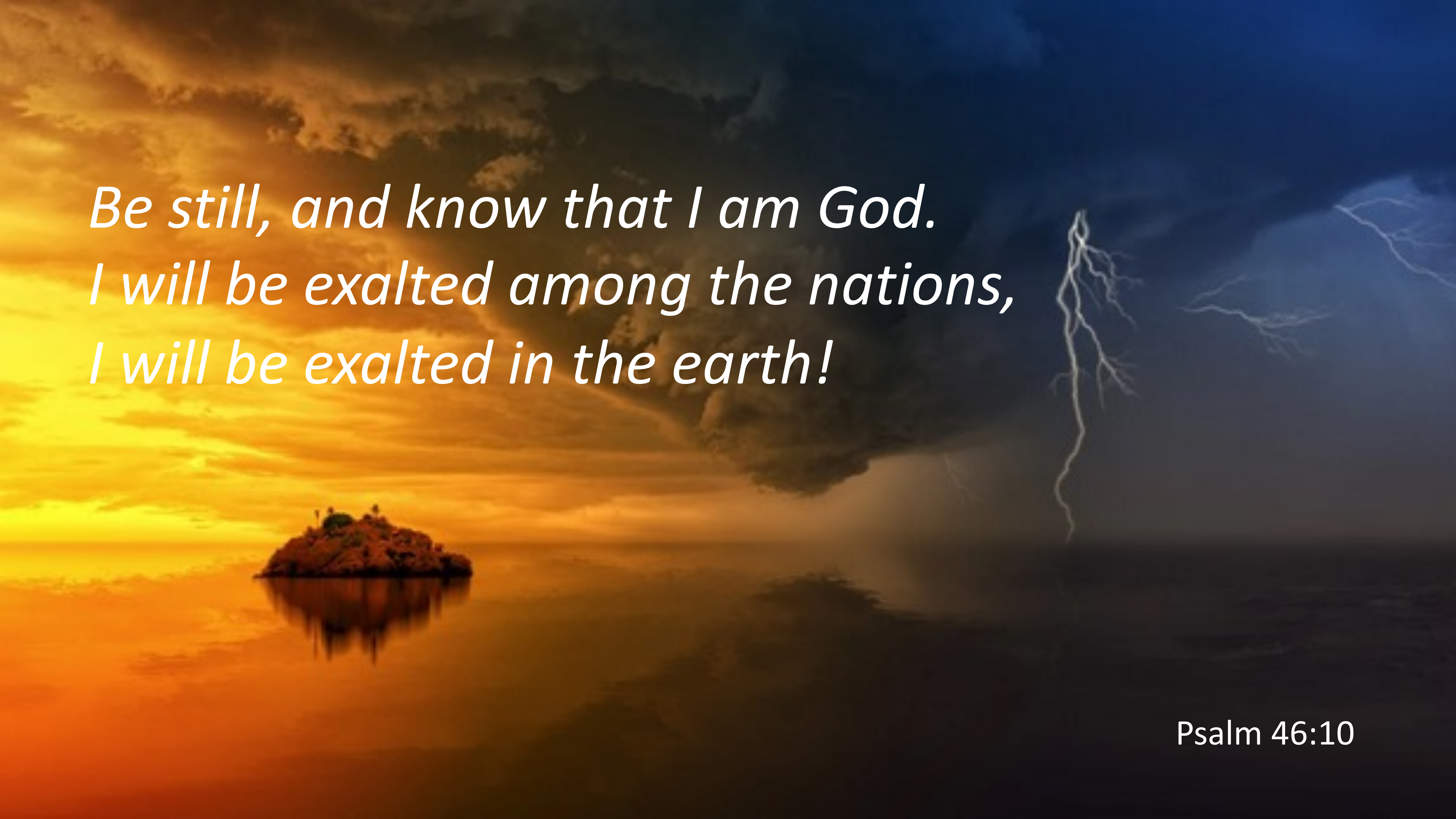
Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Exodus 19:5-6

A dramatic landscape split into two contrasting scenes. The left side shows a sunset over a body of water with a small island in the foreground. The right side shows a dark, stormy sky with lightning bolts striking down. The text "Be still, and know that I am God." is overlaid in the center.


Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

The background image is a composite of two contrasting scenes. The left side shows a vibrant sunset over a body of water, with a small, tree-covered island in the foreground. The sky is filled with warm, golden light. The right side shows a dark, stormy sky with a bright lightning bolt striking down. The overall mood is one of divine power and awe.

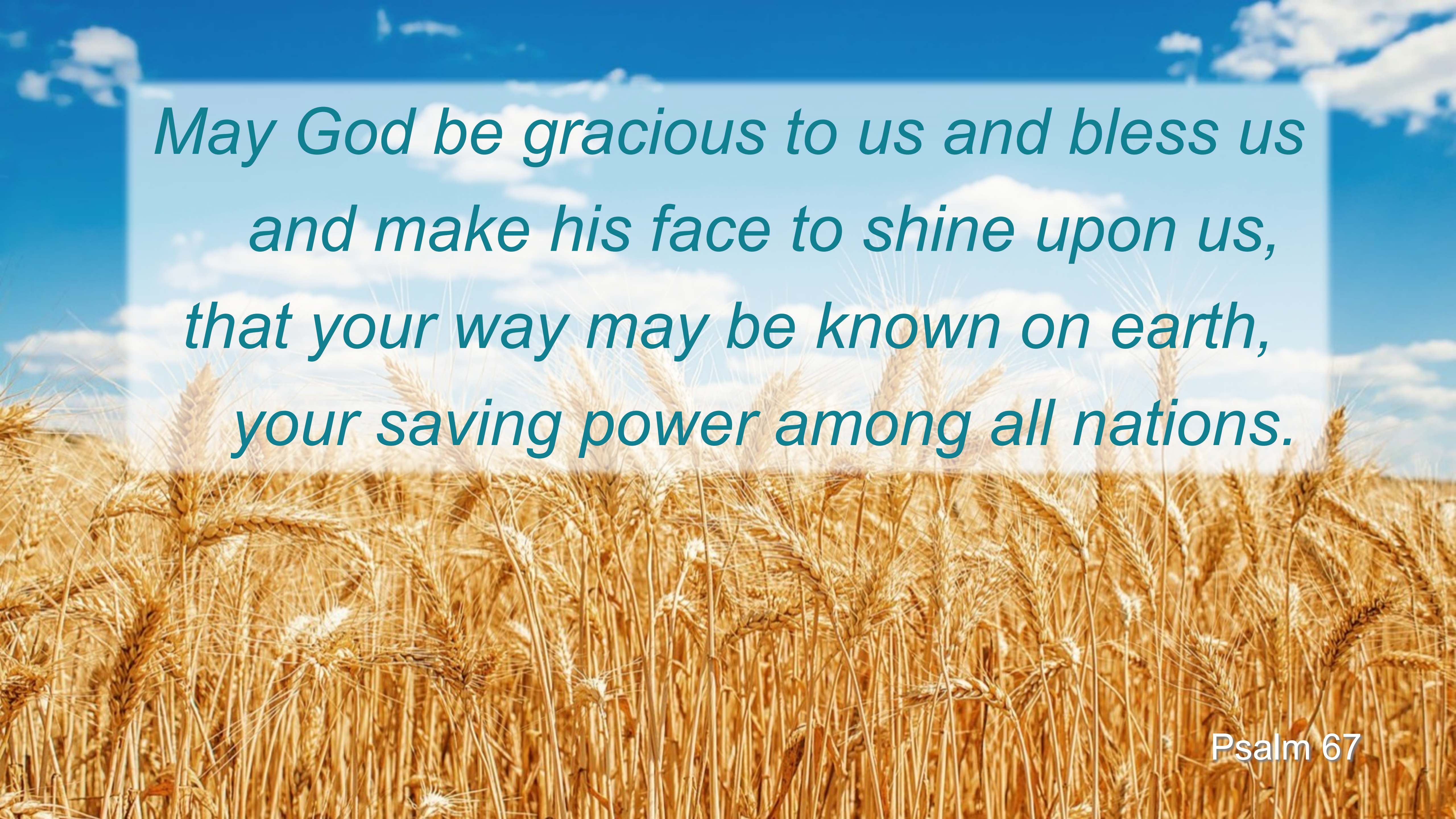
*Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!*

Psalm 46:10

A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus, showing their intricate structure and the long, thin awns. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent light blue rectangular box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the text.

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,*

Psalm 67

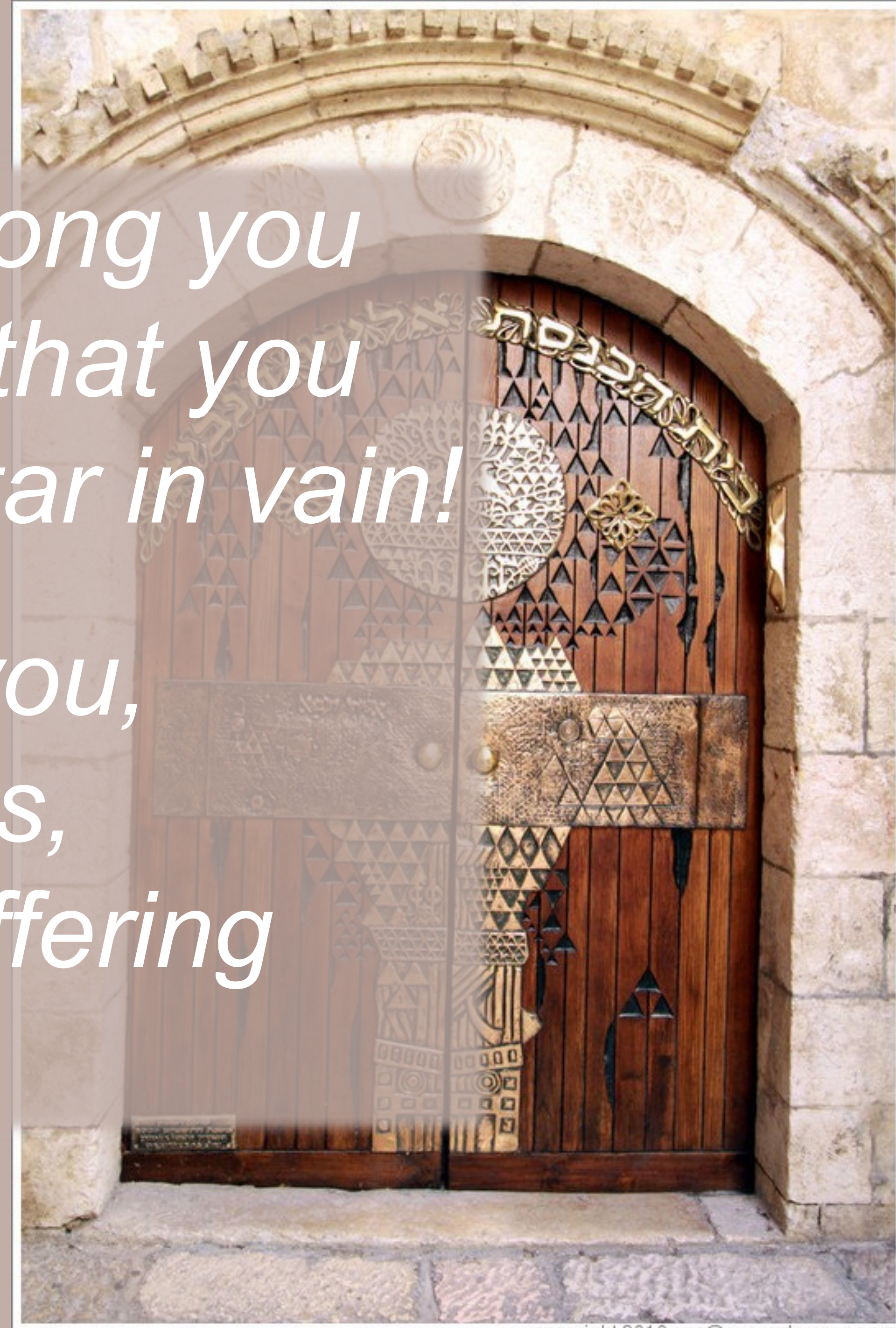
A field of golden wheat under a blue sky with white clouds. The wheat is in the foreground, and the sky is in the background. The text is overlaid on the sky.

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*



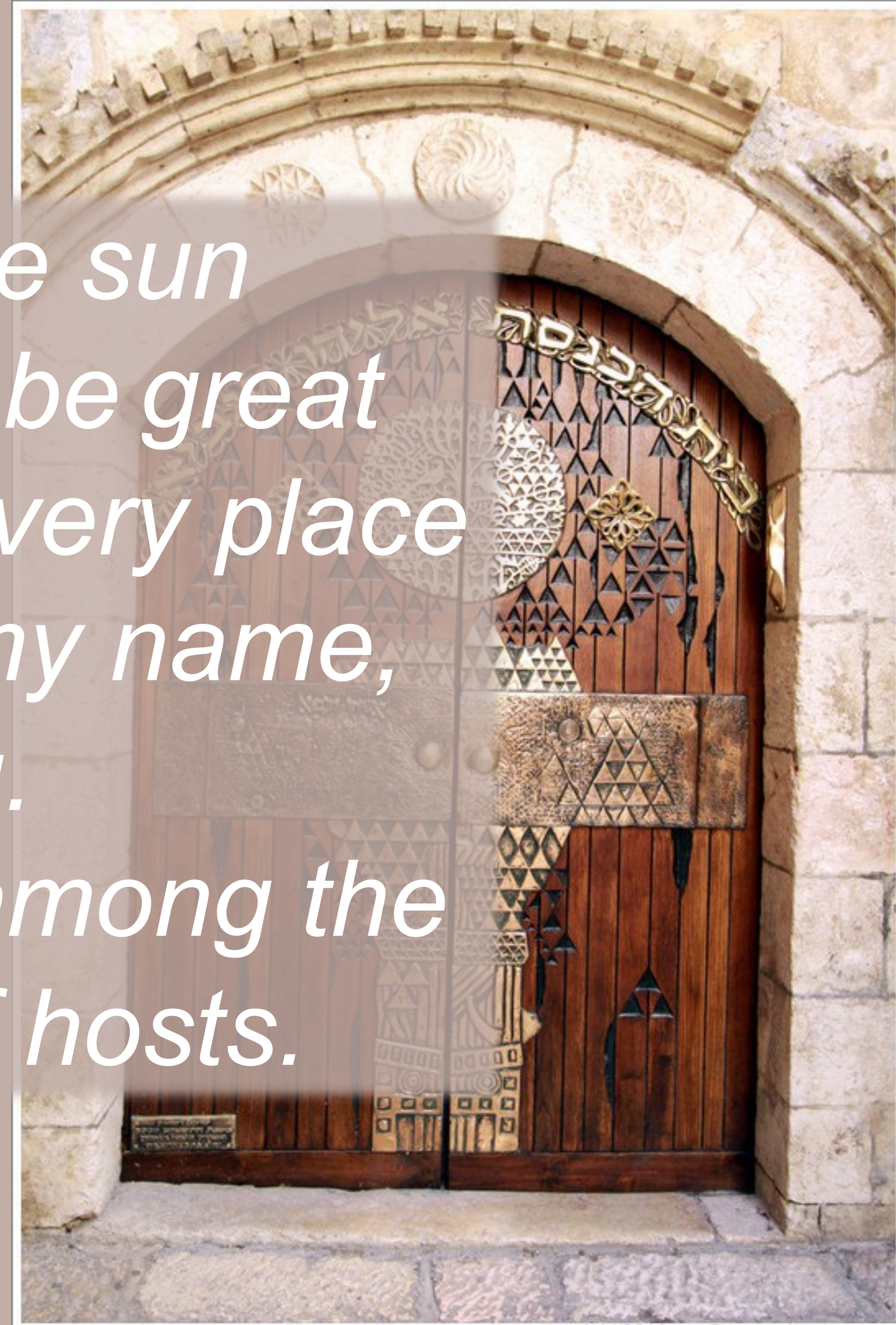
*Oh that there were one among you
who would shut the doors, that you
might not kindle fire on my altar in vain!*

*I have no pleasure in you,
says the Lord of hosts,
and I will not accept an offering
from your hand.*



*For from the rising of the sun
to its setting my name will be great
among the nations, and in every place
incense will be offered to my name,
and a pure offering.
For my name will be great among the
nations, says the Lord of hosts.*

Malachi 1:10-11





Political Map of the World, November 2011

AUSTRALIA Independent state
Bermuda Dependency or area of special sovereignty
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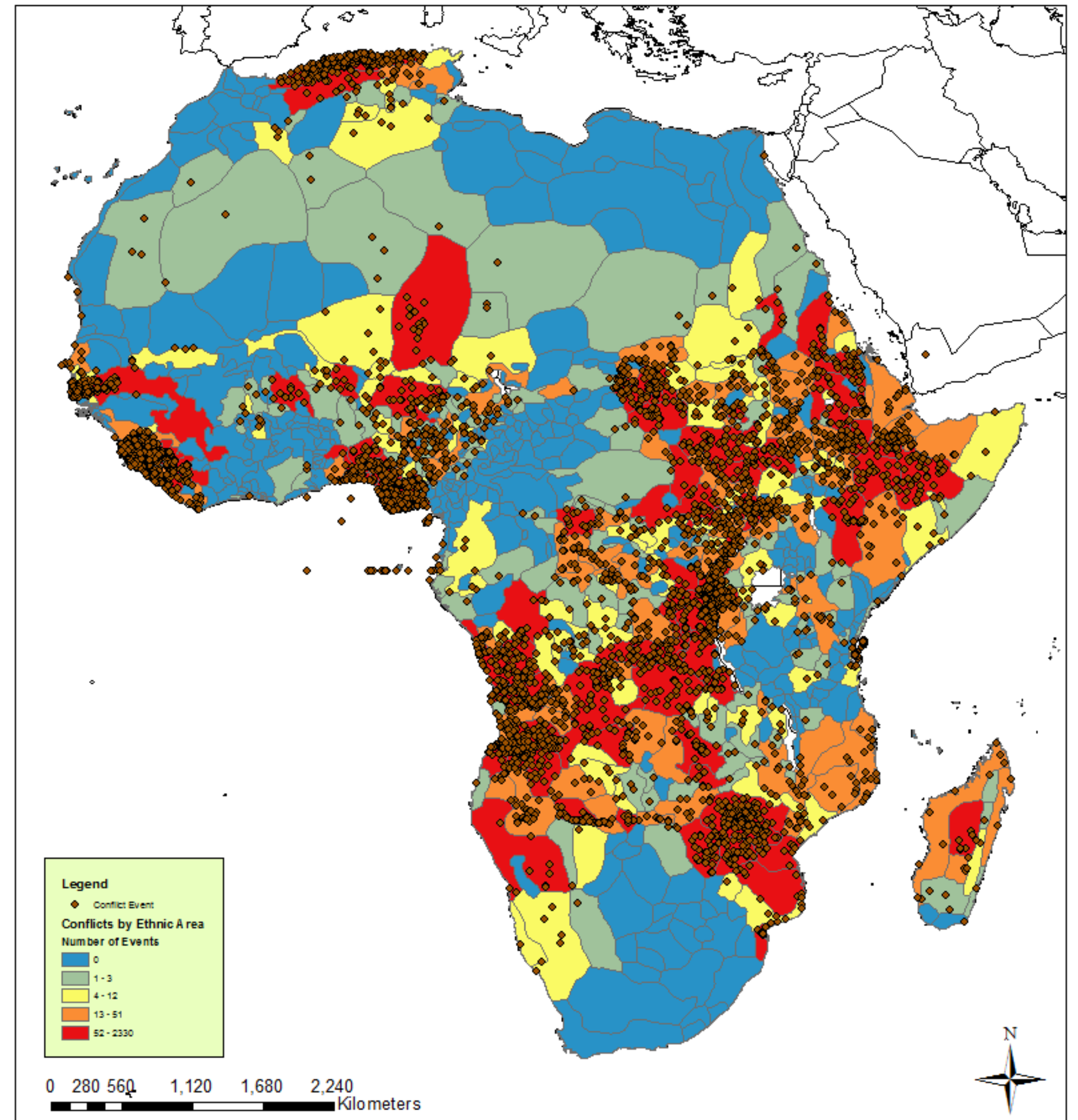
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A country is a self-governing political entity.
Currently there are 193 countries.



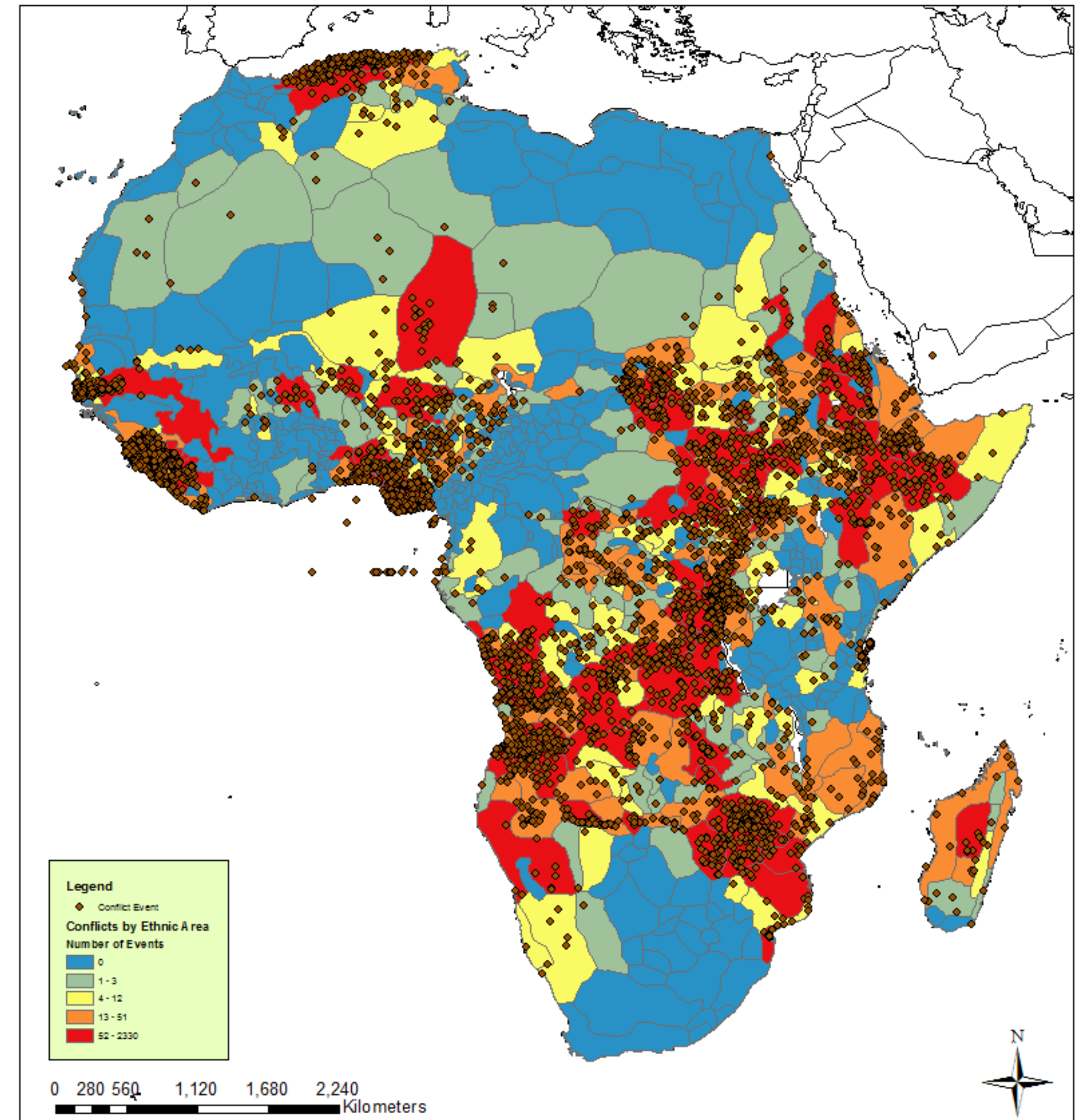
A nation is a culturally homogenous group of people that share a common language, institutions, religion and historical experience.



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Ongoing Conflicts

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| Africa | 162 |
| Asia | 134 |
| Europe | 71 |
| Middle East | 182 |
| Americas | 25 |



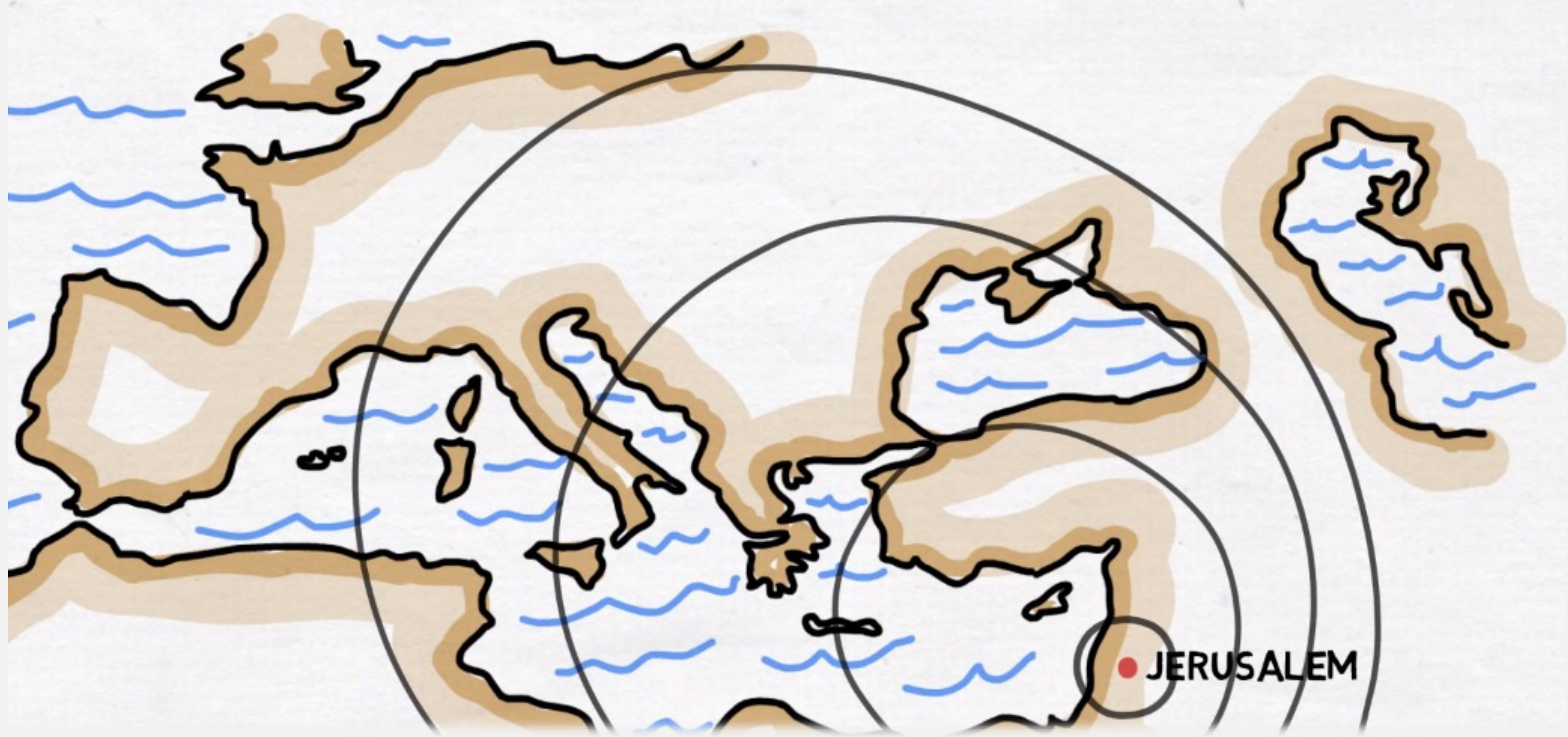
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*“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart
in peace, according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation that you
have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles [nations],
and for glory to your people Israel.”*

Simeon in Luke 2:29-32

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

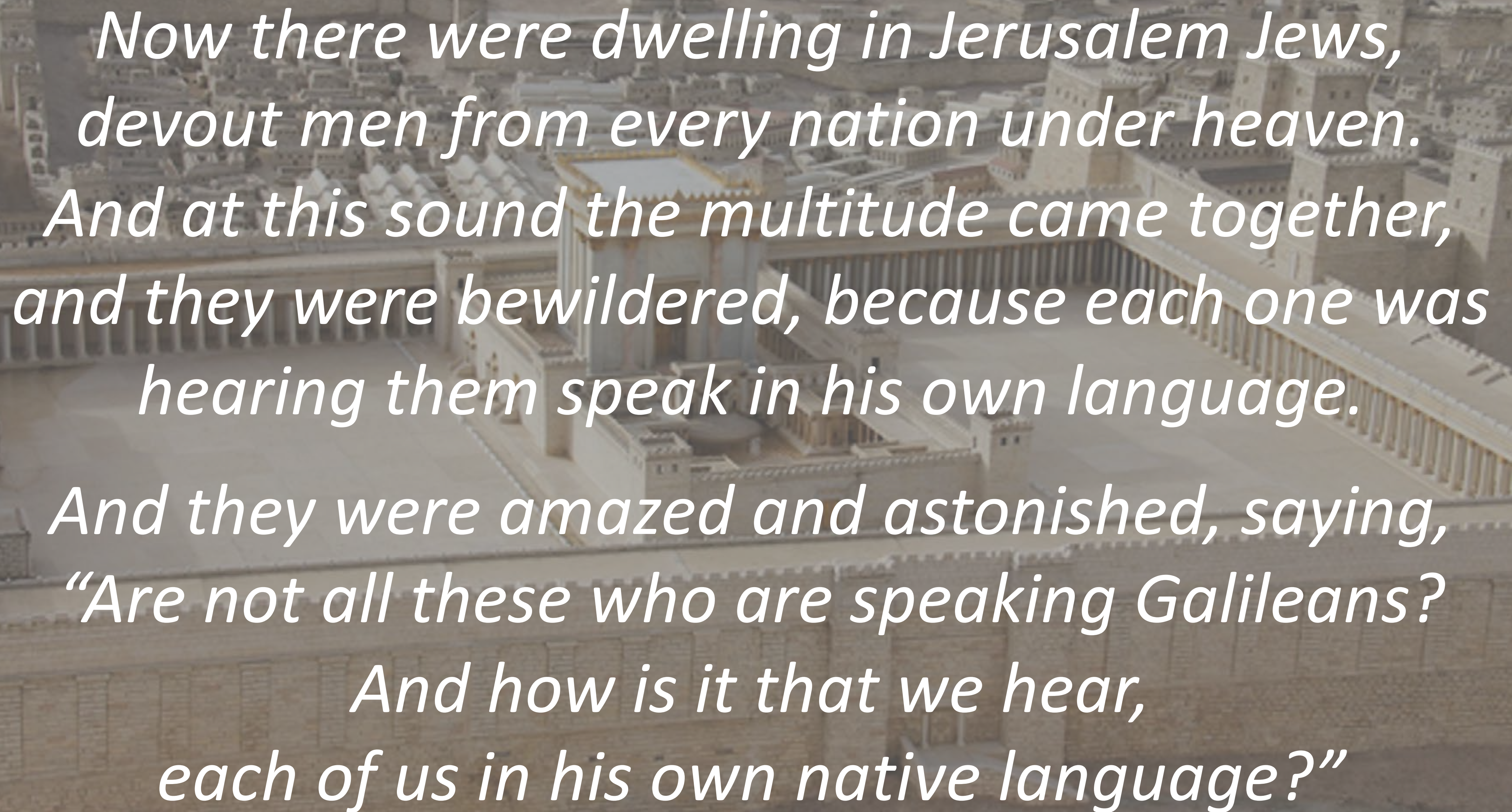
Luke 24:45-48



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

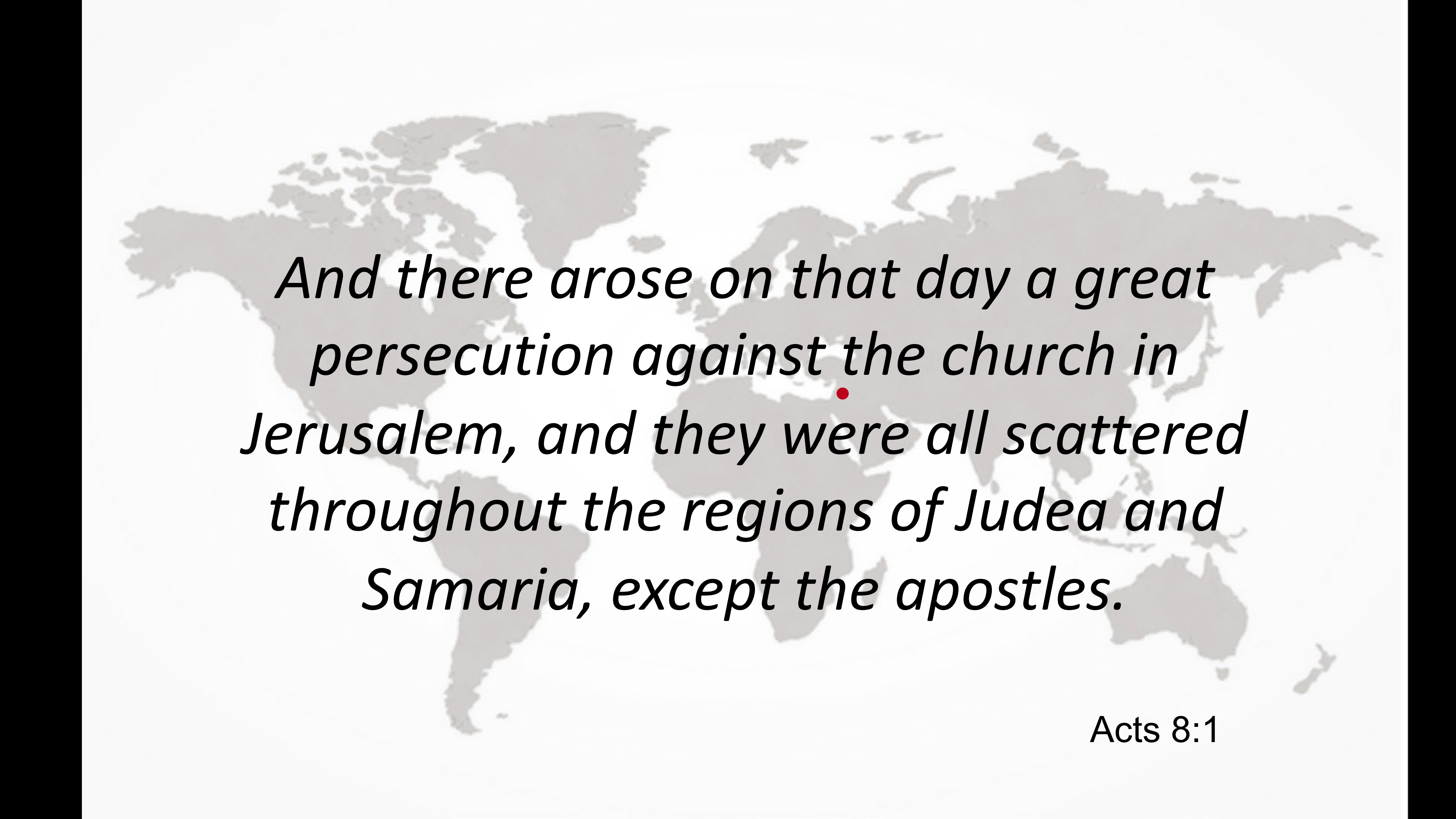
Acts 1:8





*Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews,
devout men from every nation under heaven.
And at this sound the multitude came together,
and they were bewildered, because each one was
hearing them speak in his own language.
And they were amazed and astonished, saying,
“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
And how is it that we hear,
each of us in his own native language?”*





And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 8:1





*Truly I understand
that God shows no partiality,
but in every nation anyone who fears him
and does what is right is acceptable to him.*




*And God, who knows the heart,
bore witness to them, by giving them
the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,
and he made no distinction between us and them,
having cleansed their hearts by faith.*



*Now, therefore, why are you putting
God to the test by placing a yoke on the
neck of the disciples that neither our
fathers nor we have been able to bear?*

*But we believe that we will be saved
through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.*


Acts 15:8-11



Language
Geography
Prejudice

Take a moment to reflect upon the three 'barriers' overcome in the early advance of the church.

Rank them in order of the easiest to most difficult to overcome today.



*Missions is the task of crossing barriers
of language, culture, geography,
politics and even prejudice
to invite the nations to become
true worshipers of God through Jesus Christ.*



God's purpose was to show his wisdom in all its rich variety to all the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

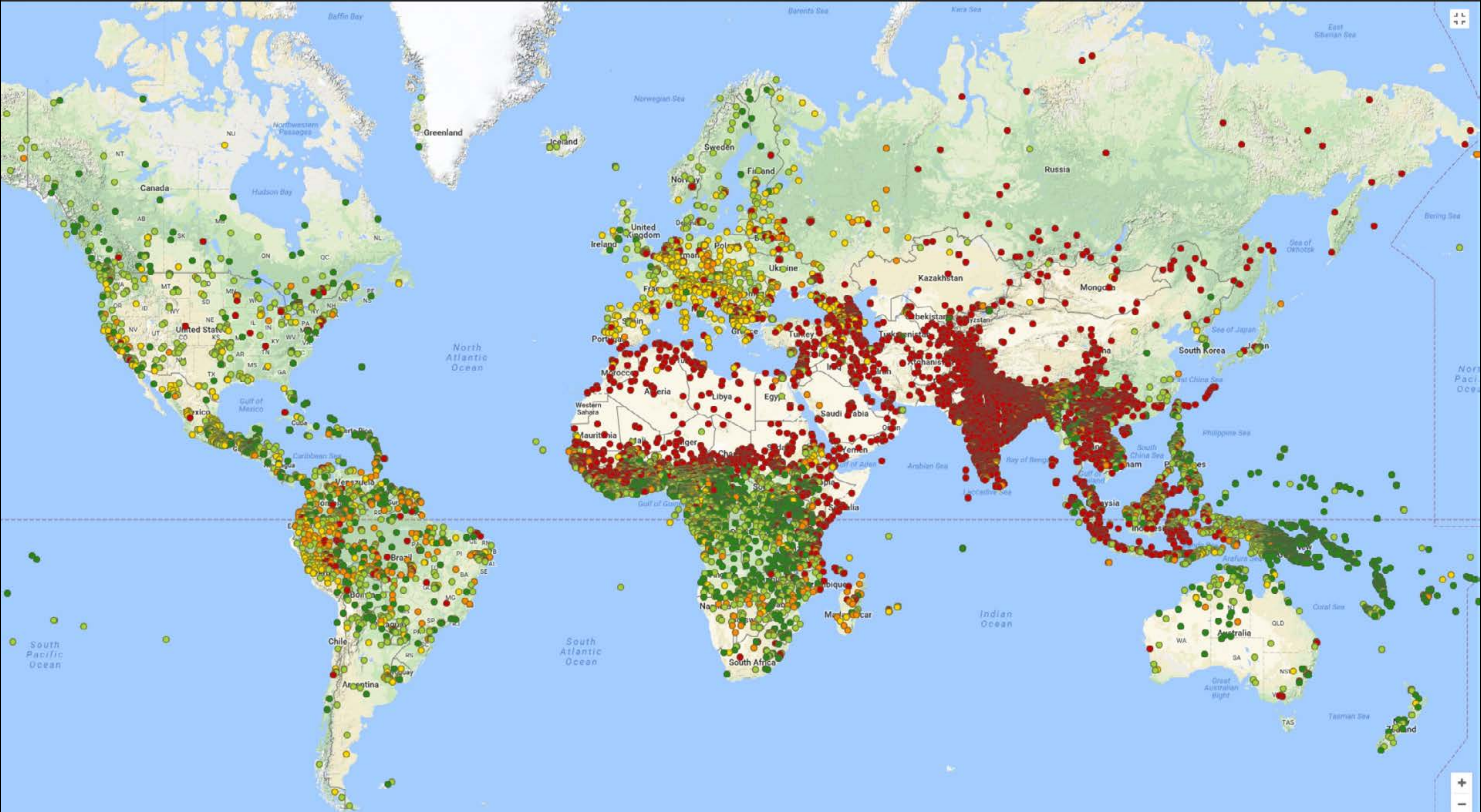
They will see this when Jews and [the nations] are joined together in his church.

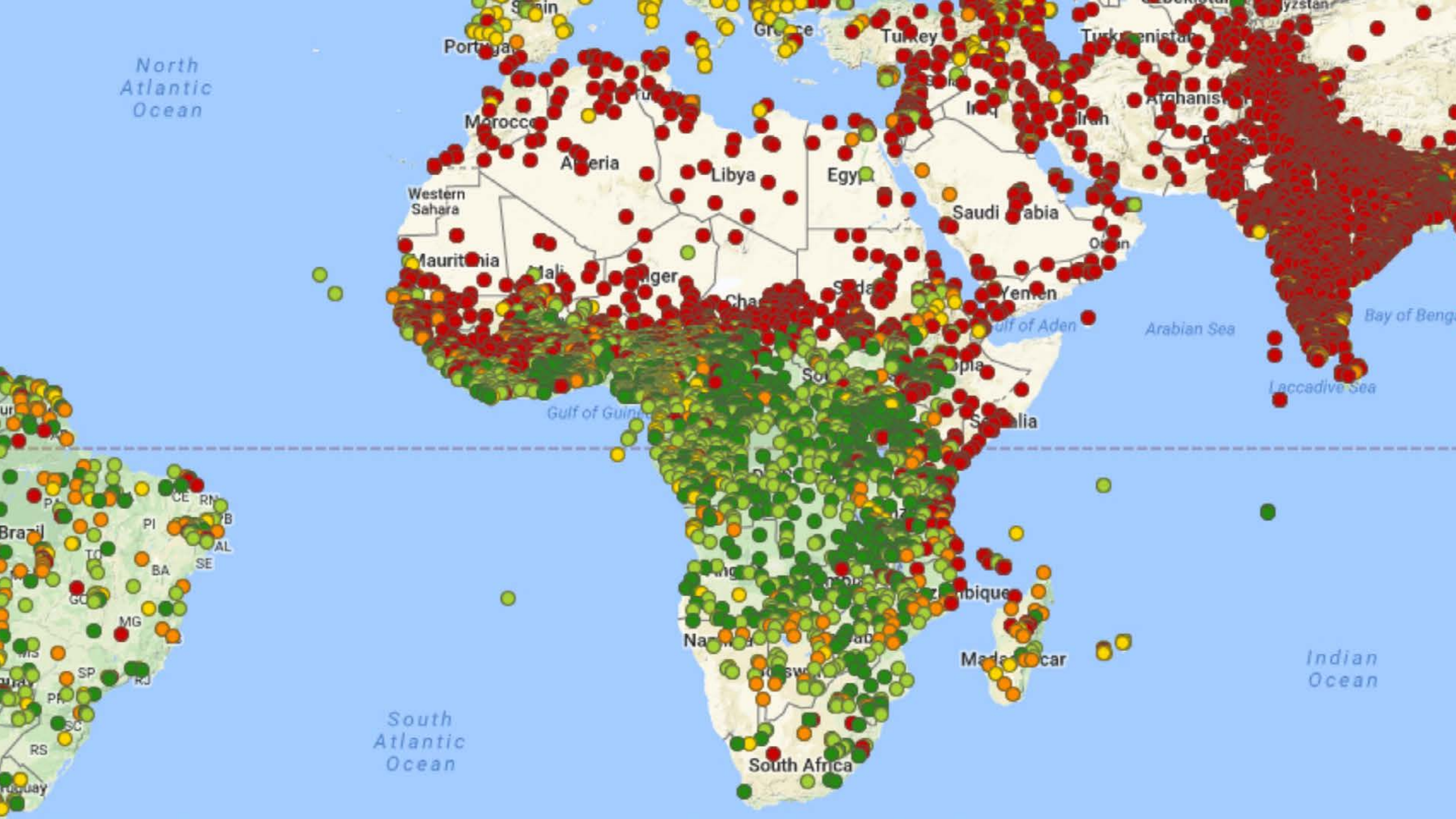


This was his plan from all eternity, and it has now been carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord...

May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.

Ephesians 3:10,11,20-21 (NIV)







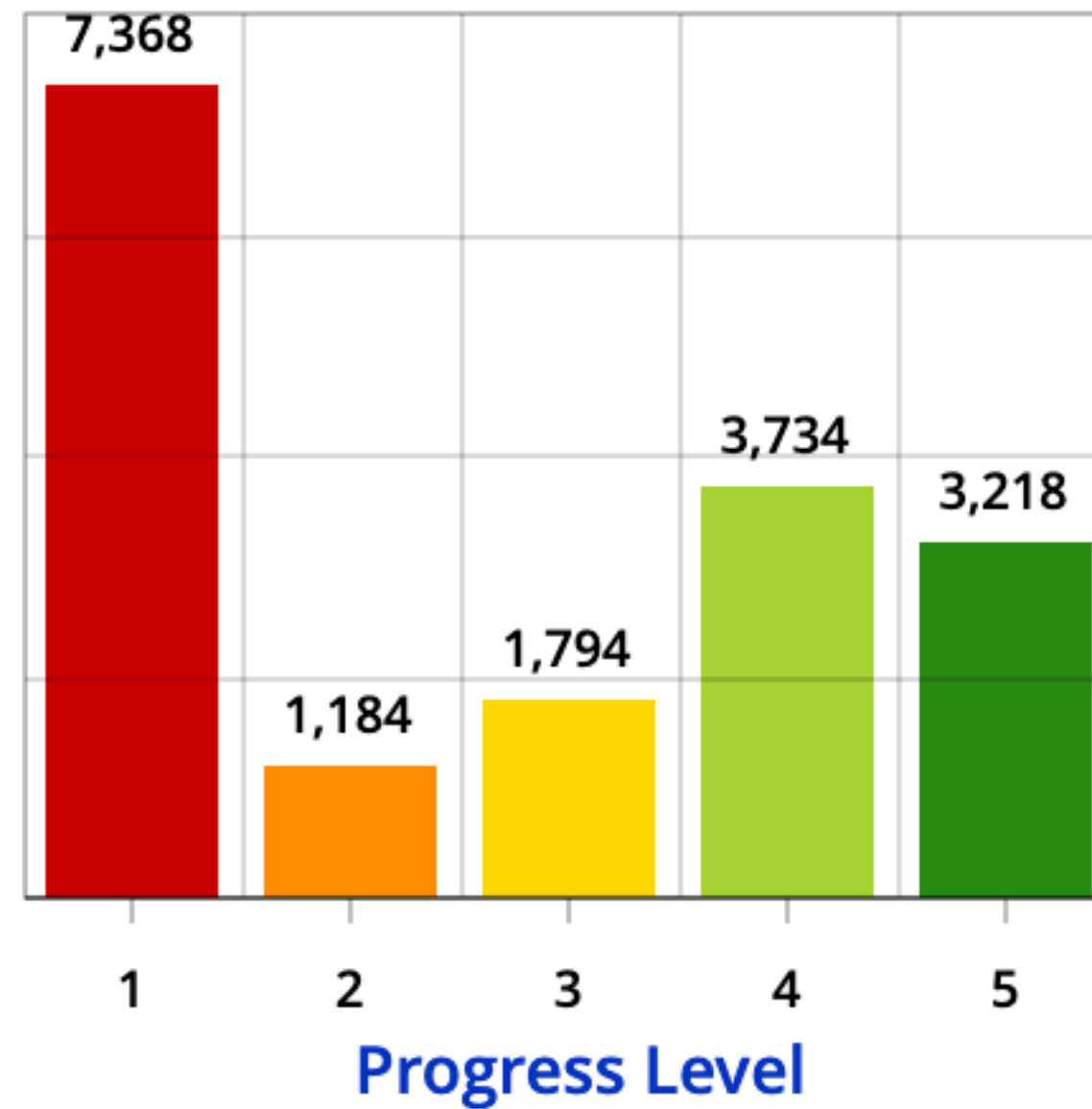
Global Summary


An overview of the people groups of the world

People Groups: 17,298
 Unreached Groups: 7,368
 % Unreached Groups: 42.6%

Population: 7.67 Billion
 Popl in Unreached: 3.19 Billion
 % Popl in Unreached: 41.6%

People Groups by Progress Scale



A world map with numerous colored dots (green, yellow, orange, red, purple) scattered across all continents, representing data points. The map is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle containing white text. The text reads: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." The map shows major geographical features like oceans and country borders, with some country names labeled.

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Matthew 24:14






And they sang a new song, saying,

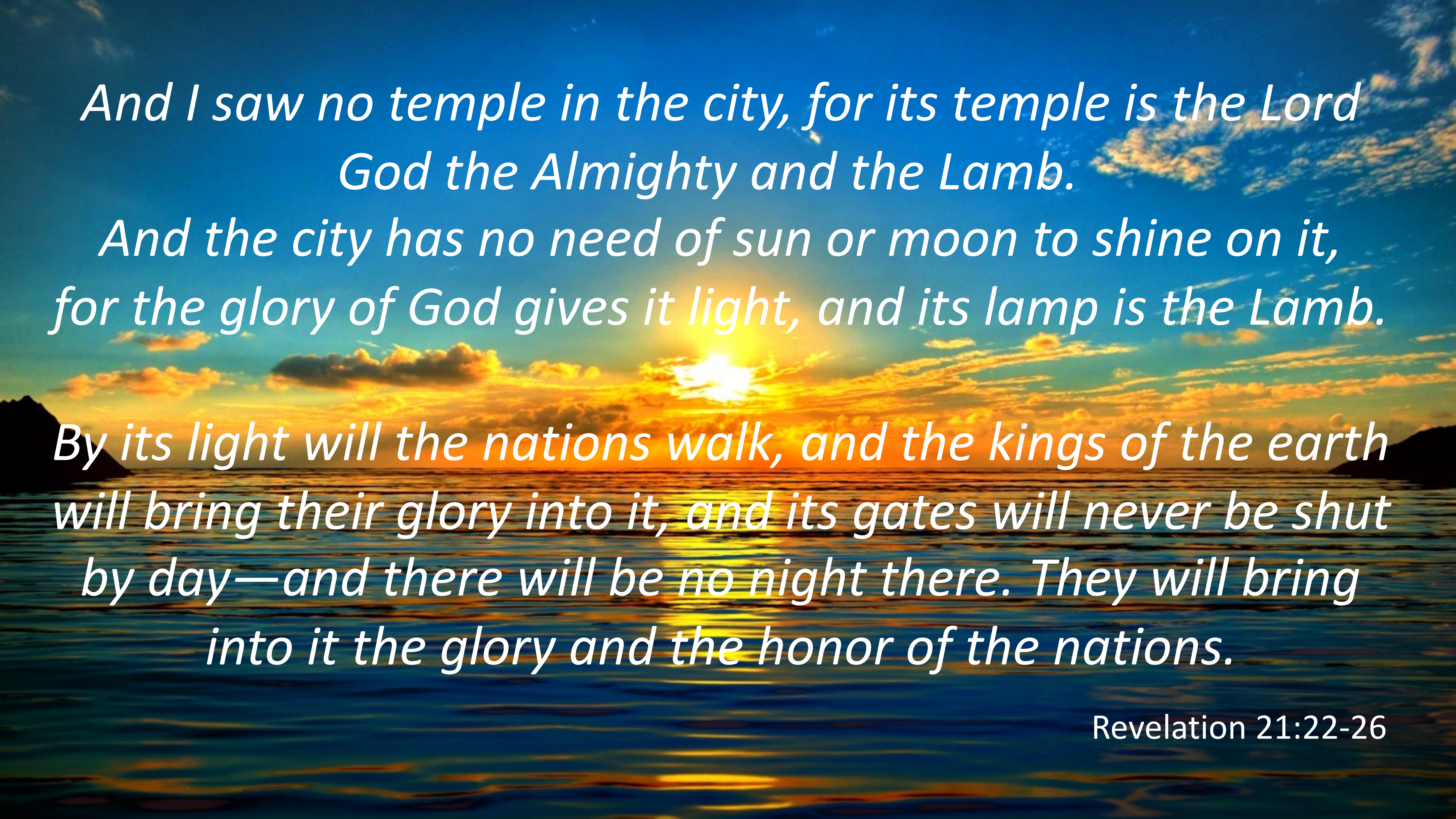
*“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to
our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

Revelation 5:9-10

A sunset over a body of water with mountains in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with scattered clouds. The water is dark blue with golden reflections. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky.

*And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord
God the Almighty and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.*

Revelation 21:22-26

A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across a blue sky filled with scattered clouds. The sun's light reflects on the surface of a dark blue body of water in the foreground. Silhouettes of mountains are visible on the left and right sides of the horizon.

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*By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth
will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut
by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring
into it the glory and the honor of the nations.*

Revelation 21:22-26





*All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.
Go therefore and
make disciples of all nations...*



Matthew 28:18-19a






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