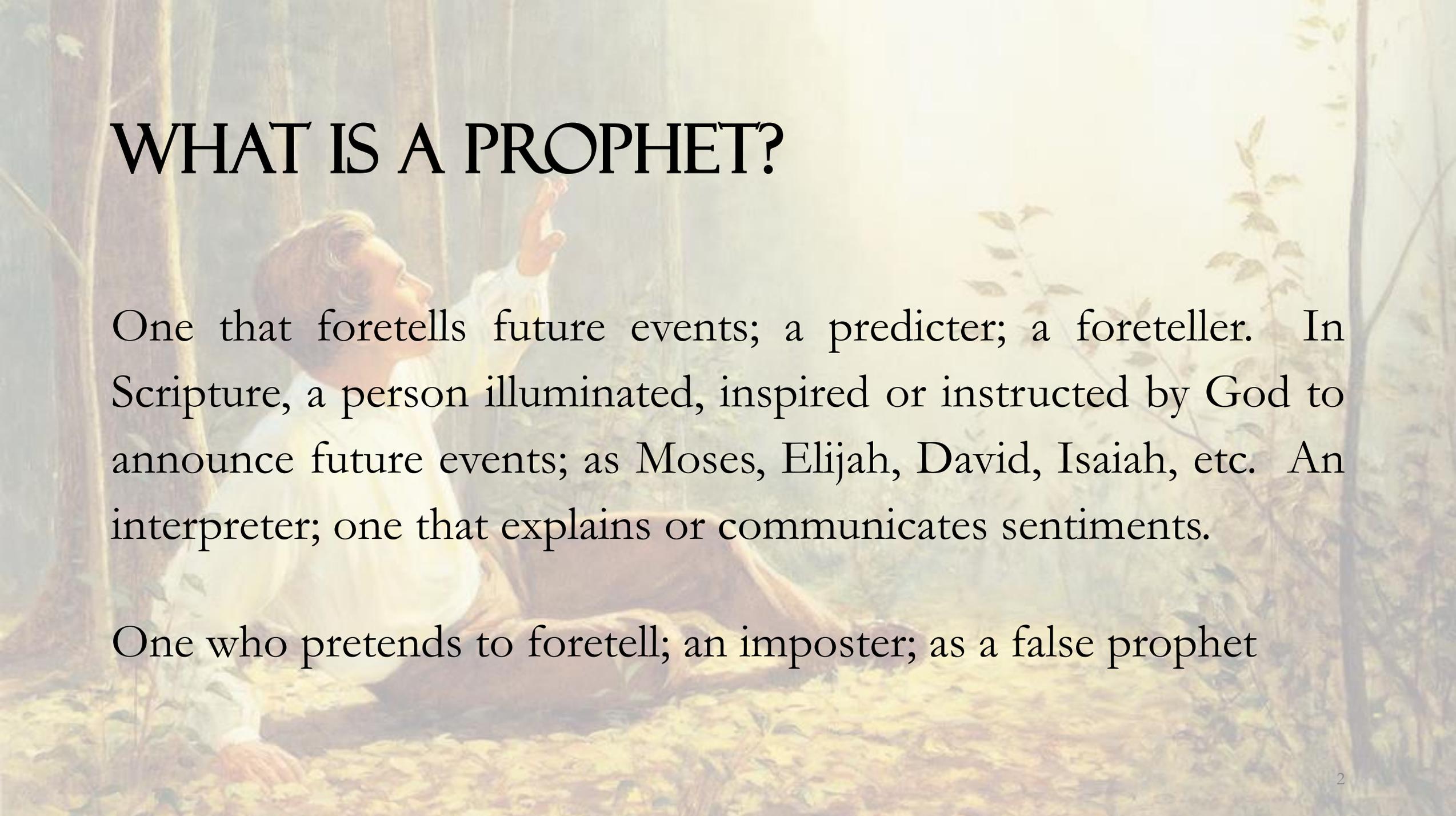


DEFINING A PROPHET

WHAT IS A PROPHET?

A man with long hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and brown pants, is sitting on the ground in a forest. He is looking upwards and to the right, with his right hand raised and pointing towards the sky. The background is a soft-focus forest with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves.

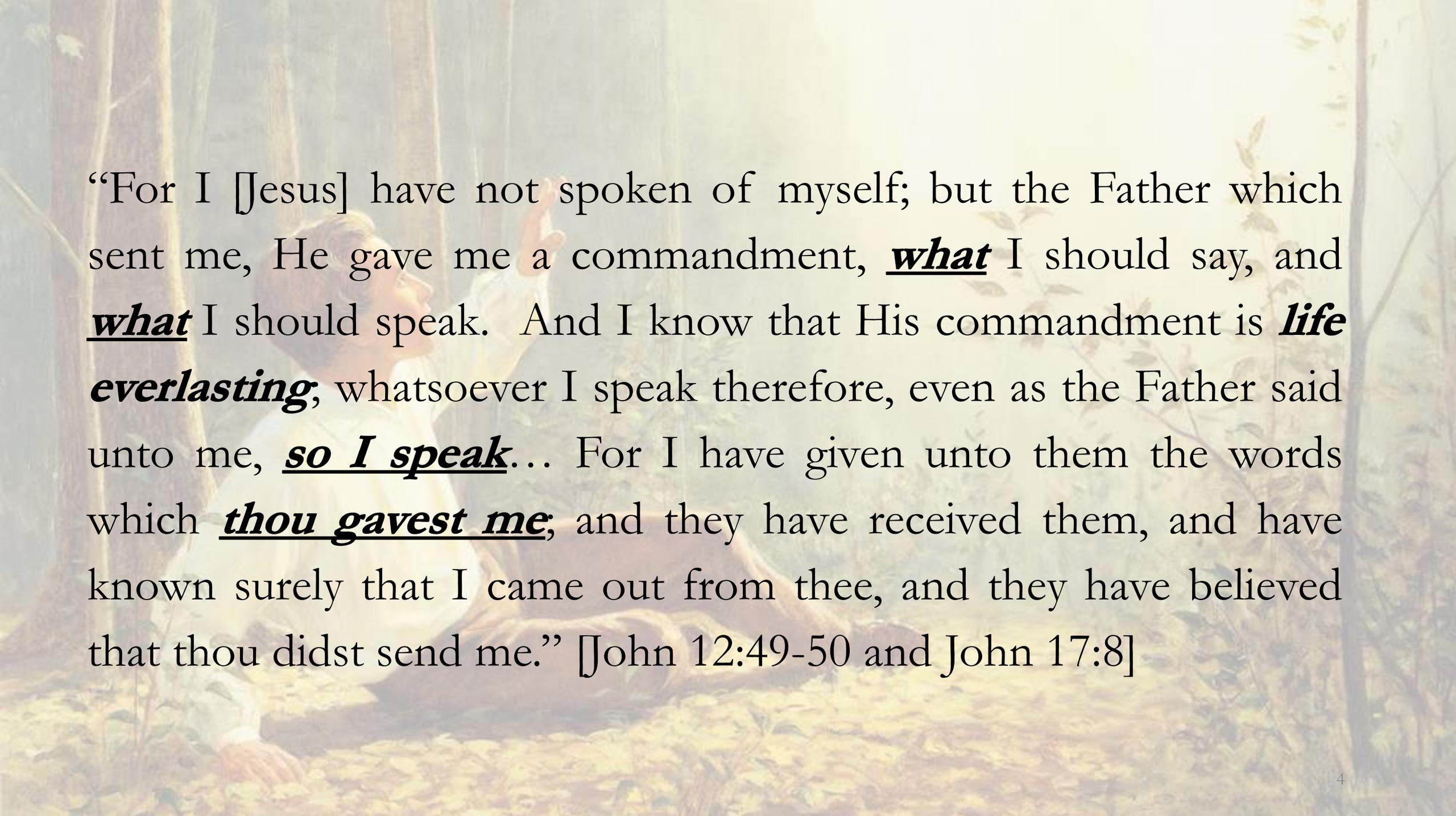
One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller. In Scripture, a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Moses, Elijah, David, Isaiah, etc. An interpreter; one that explains or communicates sentiments.

One who pretends to foretell; an imposter; as a false prophet

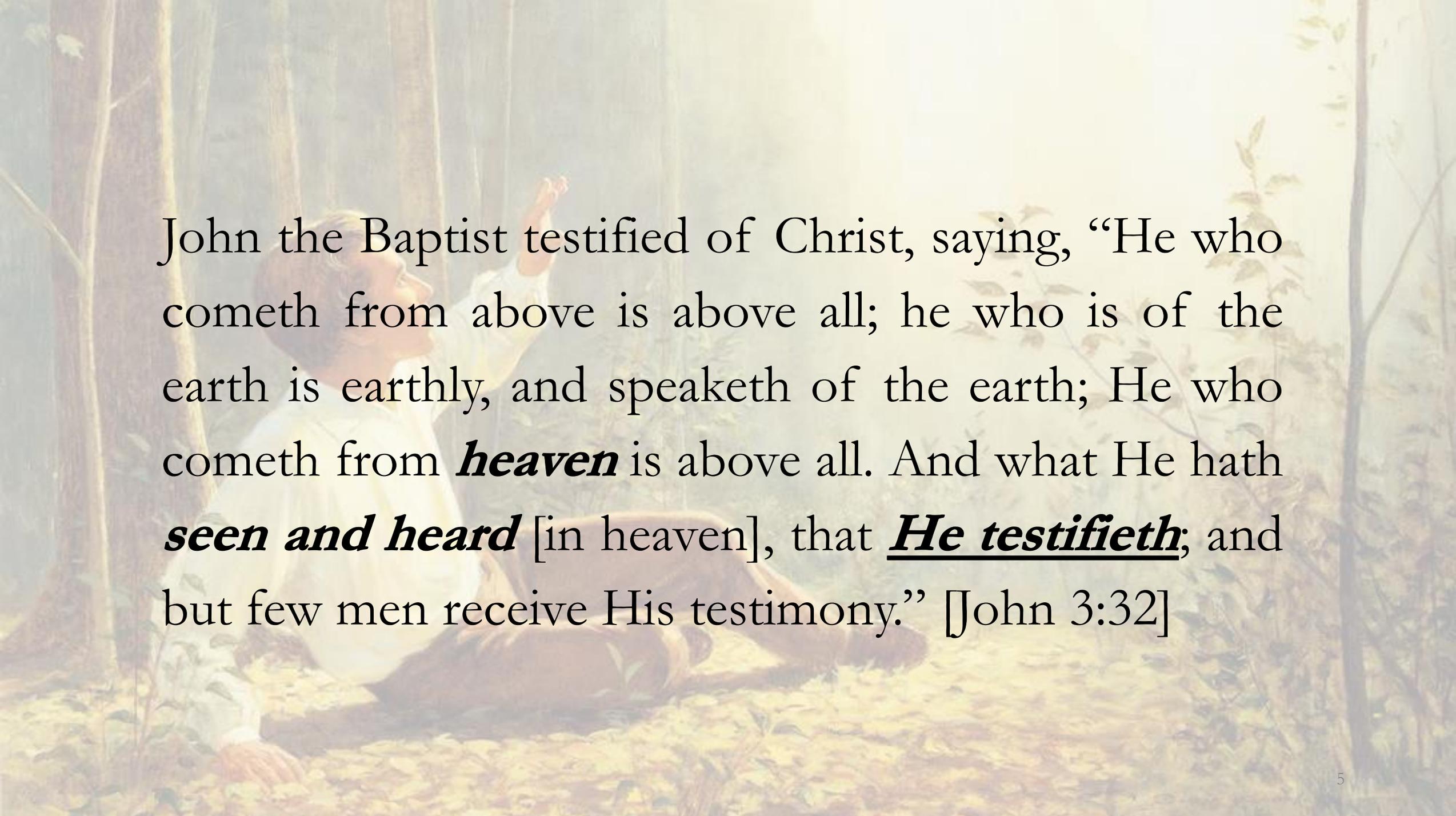
18:15 The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet [Jesus Christ] from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, **like unto me**; unto him ye shall hearken;

18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. **18:17** And the Lord said unto me, They have **well spoken** that which they have **spoken**.

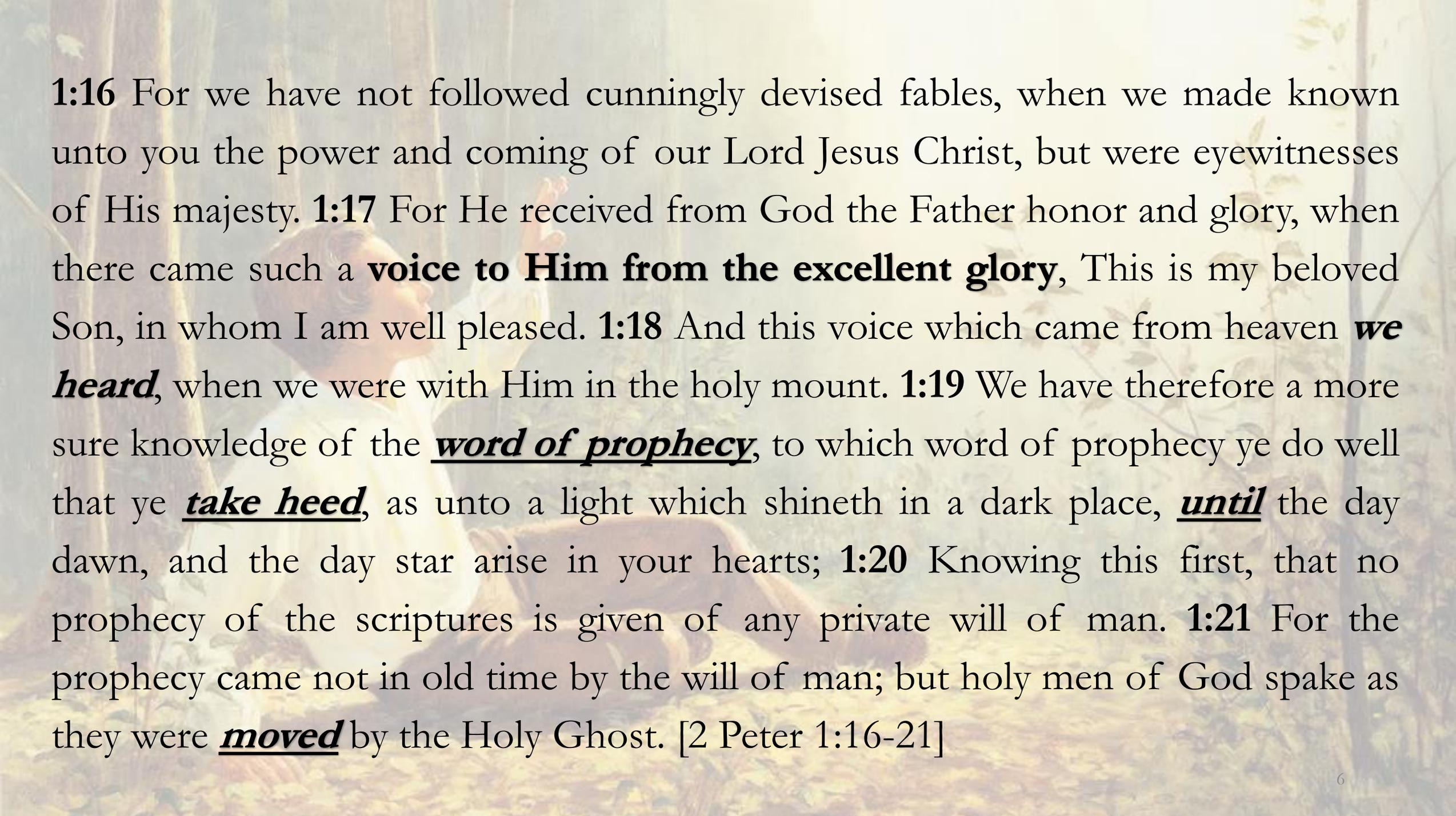
18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put **my words in his mouth**; and he shall speak unto them **all** that I shall command him. **18:19** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, **I will require it of him**. [Deuteronomy 18:15-19, read also 3 Nephi 9:60-64 and Acts 3:18-26]

A man with long hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and brown pants, is sitting on the ground in a forest. He is looking upwards and to the right, with his hands raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background is a soft-focus forest with tall trees and green foliage. The lighting is warm and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

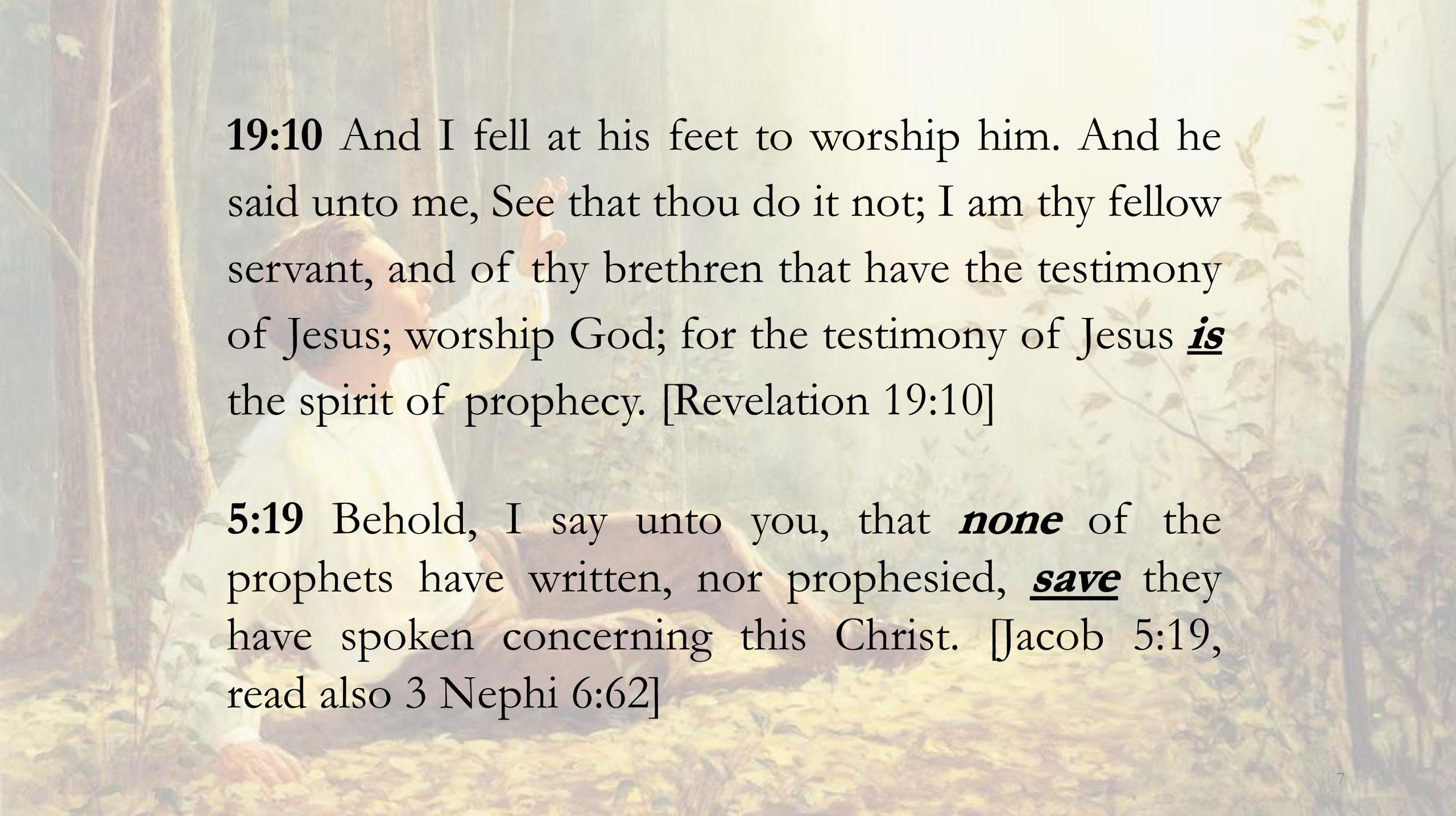
“For I [Jesus] have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, **what** I should say, and **what** I should speak. And I know that His commandment is ***life everlasting***, whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, **so I speak**... For I have given unto them the words which **thou gavest me**, and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.” [John 12:49-50 and John 17:8]

A man with short brown hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark trousers, is sitting on the ground in a forest. He is looking upwards and to the right, with his right hand raised and pointing towards the sky. The background is a soft-focus forest with tall trees and green foliage. The lighting is warm and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

John the Baptist testified of Christ, saying, “He who cometh from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth; He who cometh from **heaven** is above all. And what He hath **seen and heard** [in heaven], that **He testifieth**; and but few men receive His testimony.” [John 3:32]



1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **1:17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a **voice to Him from the excellent glory**, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **1:18** And this voice which came from heaven ***we heard***, when we were with Him in the holy mount. **1:19** We have therefore a more sure knowledge of the **word of prophecy**, to which word of prophecy ye do well that ye **take heed**, as unto a light which shineth in a dark place, **until** the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts; **1:20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is given of any private will of man. **1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were **moved** by the Holy Ghost. [2 Peter 1:16-21]

A man with dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, is sitting on the ground in a sun-dappled forest. He is looking upwards and to the right, with his right hand raised in a gesture. The background is filled with trees and foliage, creating a soft, natural setting.

19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See that thou do it not; I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; for the testimony of Jesus **is** the spirit of prophecy. [Revelation 19:10]

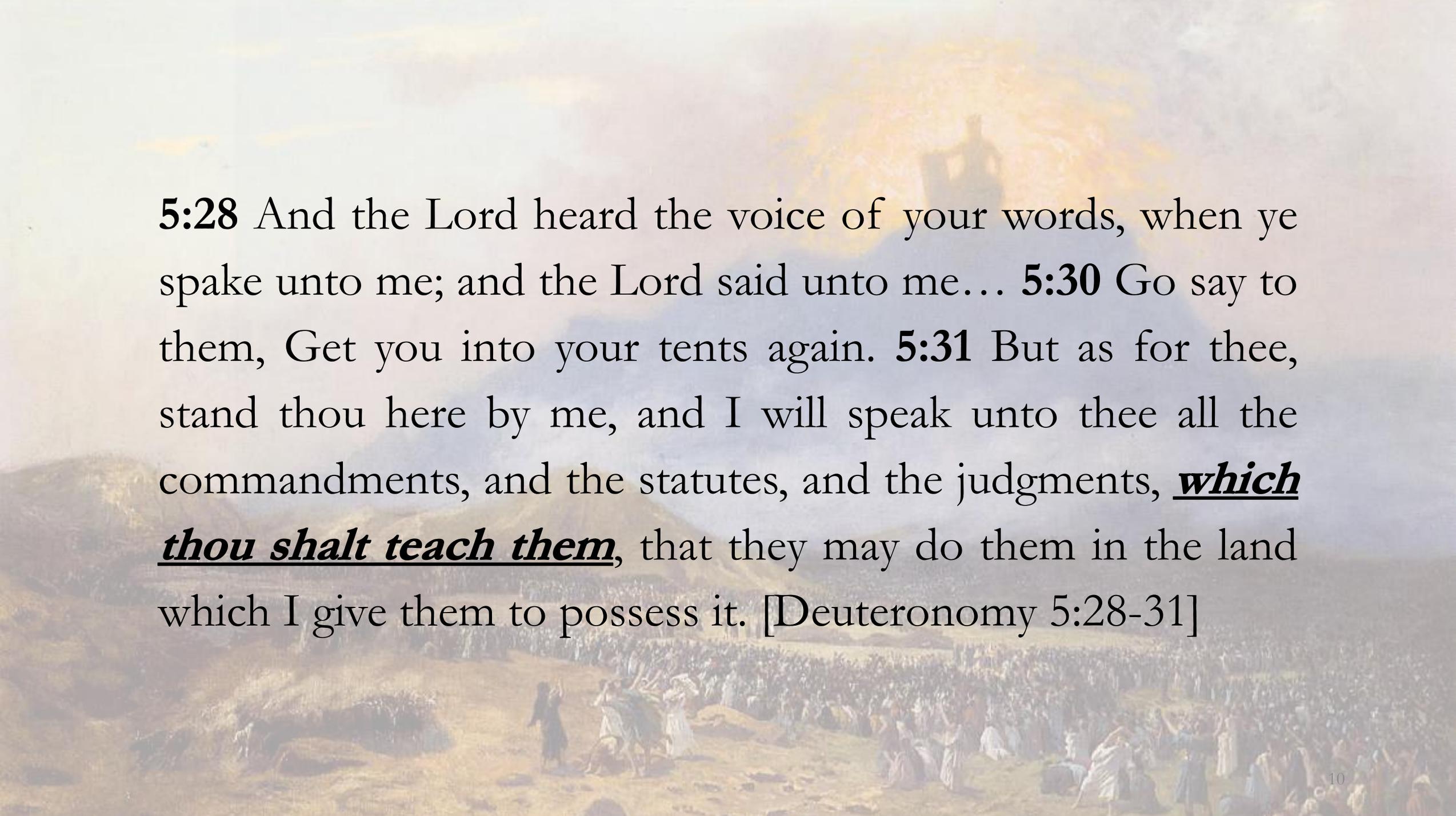
5:19 Behold, I say unto you, that ***none*** of the prophets have written, nor prophesied, **save** they have spoken concerning this Christ. [Jacob 5:19, read also 3 Nephi 6:62]

TYPE AND SHADOW

“Gather me the people together, and I will make them *hear my words*, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.” [Deuteronomy 4:10]

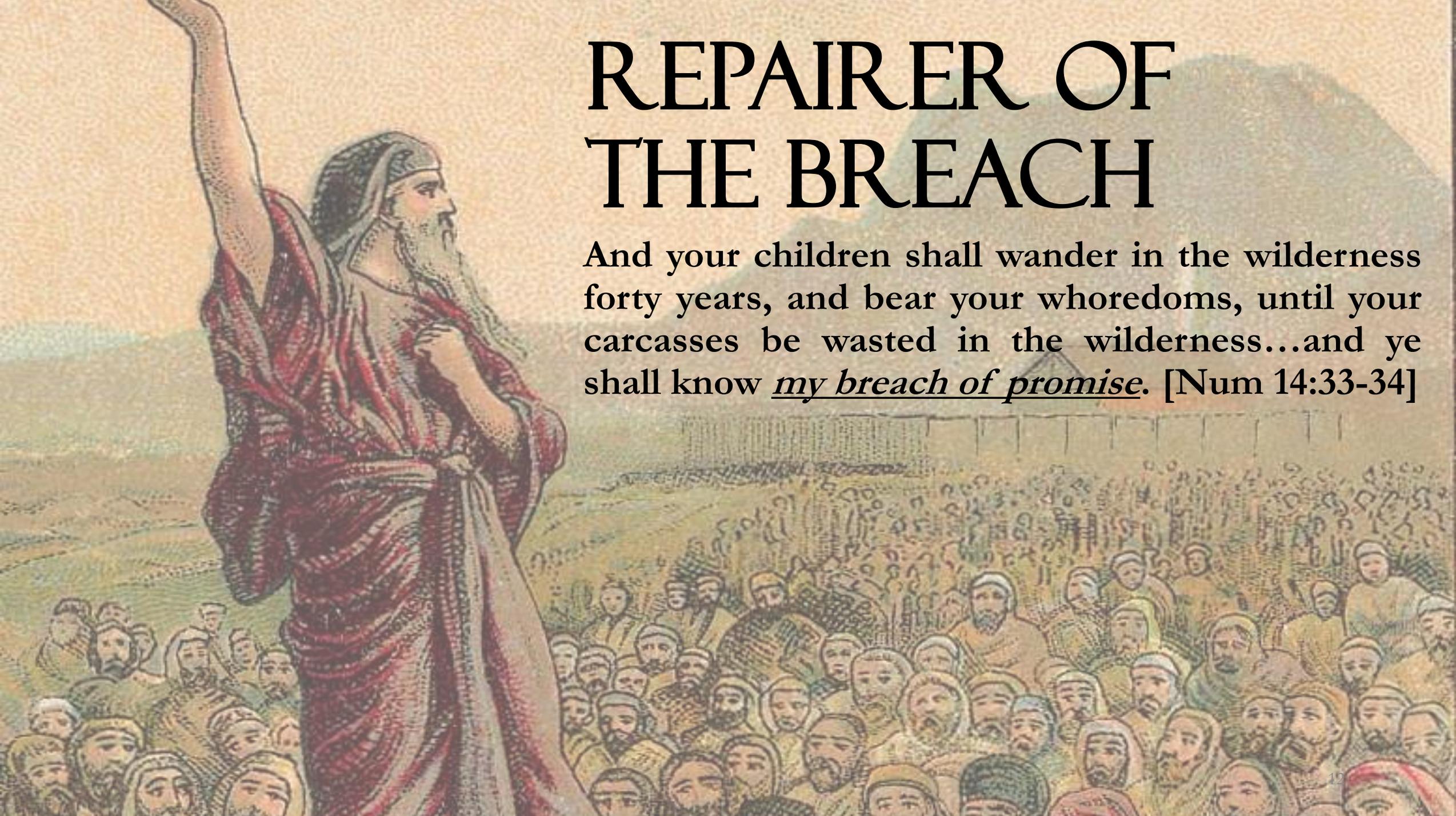


5:4 The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, 5:5 (I stood **between** the Lord and you at that time, **to show you the word of the Lord**; for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount,)... 5:24 And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath showed us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God **doth** talk with man, and He liveth. 5:25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God ***any more***, then we shall die... 5:27 Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say; and **speaking thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee**; and we will hear it, and do it. [Deuteronomy 5:4-5, 24-25, 27]



5:28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me... **5:30** Go say to them, Get you into your tents again. **5:31** But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, **which thou shalt teach them**, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. [Deuteronomy 5:28-31]

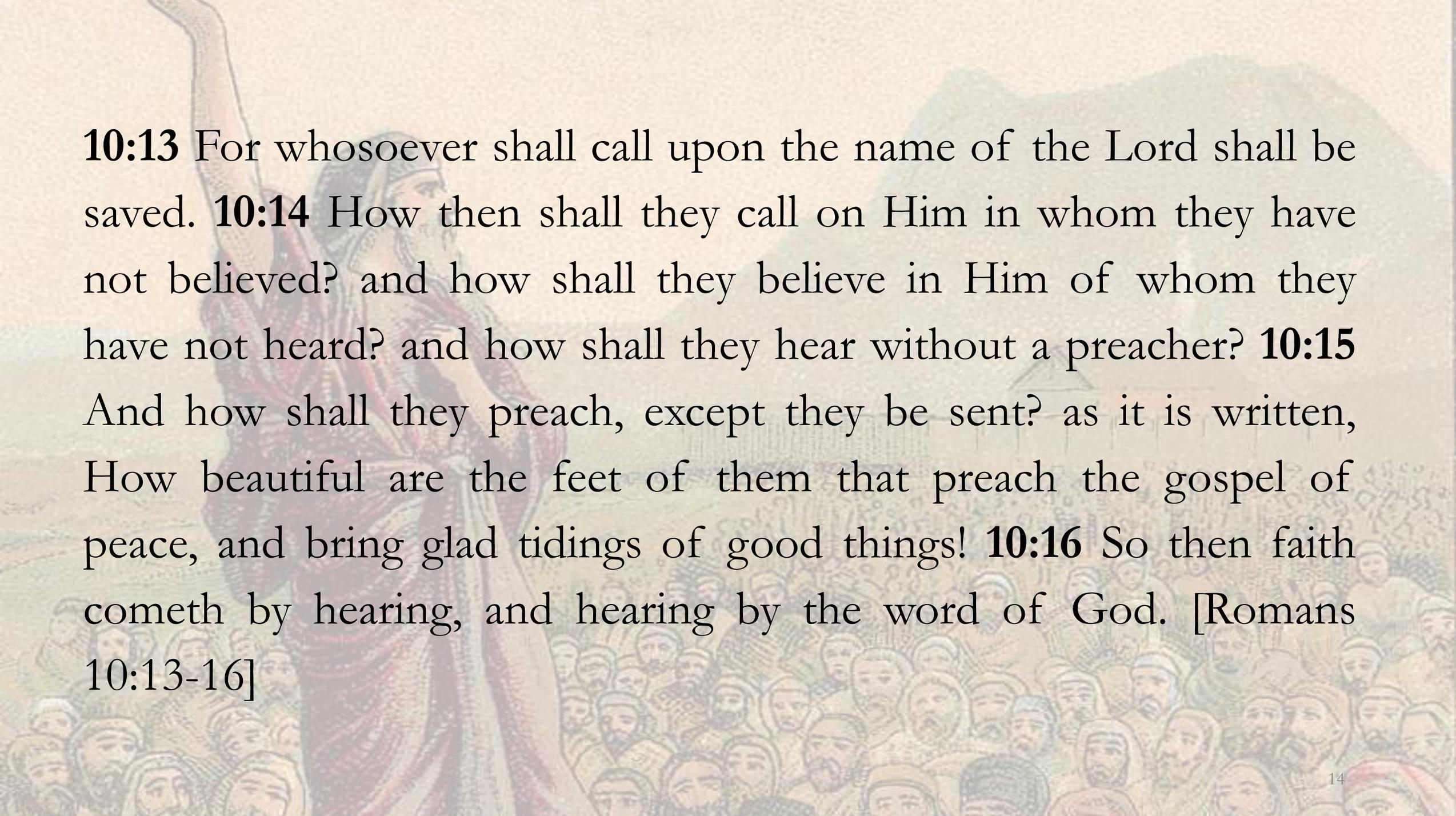
106:13 They soon forgot His [God's] works; they waited not for His counsel;
106:14 but *lusted exceedingly* in the wilderness, and tempted God in the
desert. **106:15** And He gave them *their request*, but sent *leanness* into their
soul... **106:19** They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped the molten image.
106:20 Thus they *changed their glory* into the similitude of an ox that
eateth grass. **106:21** They forgot God their savior, which had done great things
in Egypt; **106:22** Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by
the Red sea. **106:23** Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not
Moses His chosen *stood before Him in the breach*, to turn away His wrath,
lest He should destroy them. **106:24** Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they
believed not His word; **106:25** But murmured in their tents, and **hearkened**
not unto the voice of the Lord. [Psalms 106:19-23]

An illustration of Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a red and white robe, standing on the left side of the frame. He has his right arm raised high. He is addressing a large, dense crowd of people, including men, women, and children, who are gathered in a vast, open landscape. In the background, there are rolling hills and a large, rectangular structure, possibly a tent or a building. The overall style is that of a classic religious illustration.

REPAIRER OF THE BREACH

And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness...and ye shall know *my breach of promise*. [Num 14:33-34]

“Wherefore He [the Lord God] hath given a law; and where there is no law given there **is no** punishment; and where there is no punishment, there **is no** condemnation... Therefore God gave unto them [Adam and Eve, i.e. mankind] commandments, after having made known unto them the plan of redemption, that they should not do evil, the penalty thereof being a second death... For on such the plan of redemption could have ***no power***, for the works of justice could not be destroyed, according to the supreme goodness of God. But God did call on men, in the name of His Son, (this being the plan of redemption which was laid,) saying: If ye will repent, and harden not your hearts, then will I have mercy upon you, through mine only begotten Son. Therefore, whosoever repenteth, and hardeneth not his heart, he shall have **claim on mercy** through mine only begotten Son, unto a remission of his sins; and these shall enter into my rest.” [2 Nephi 6:51-52 and Alma 9:52-55]



10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **10:14** How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **10:15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **10:16** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. [Romans 10:13-16]

A LIGHT OF CHRIST

“All the prophets from Samuel, *and* those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have testified of me.” [3 Nephi 9:62]

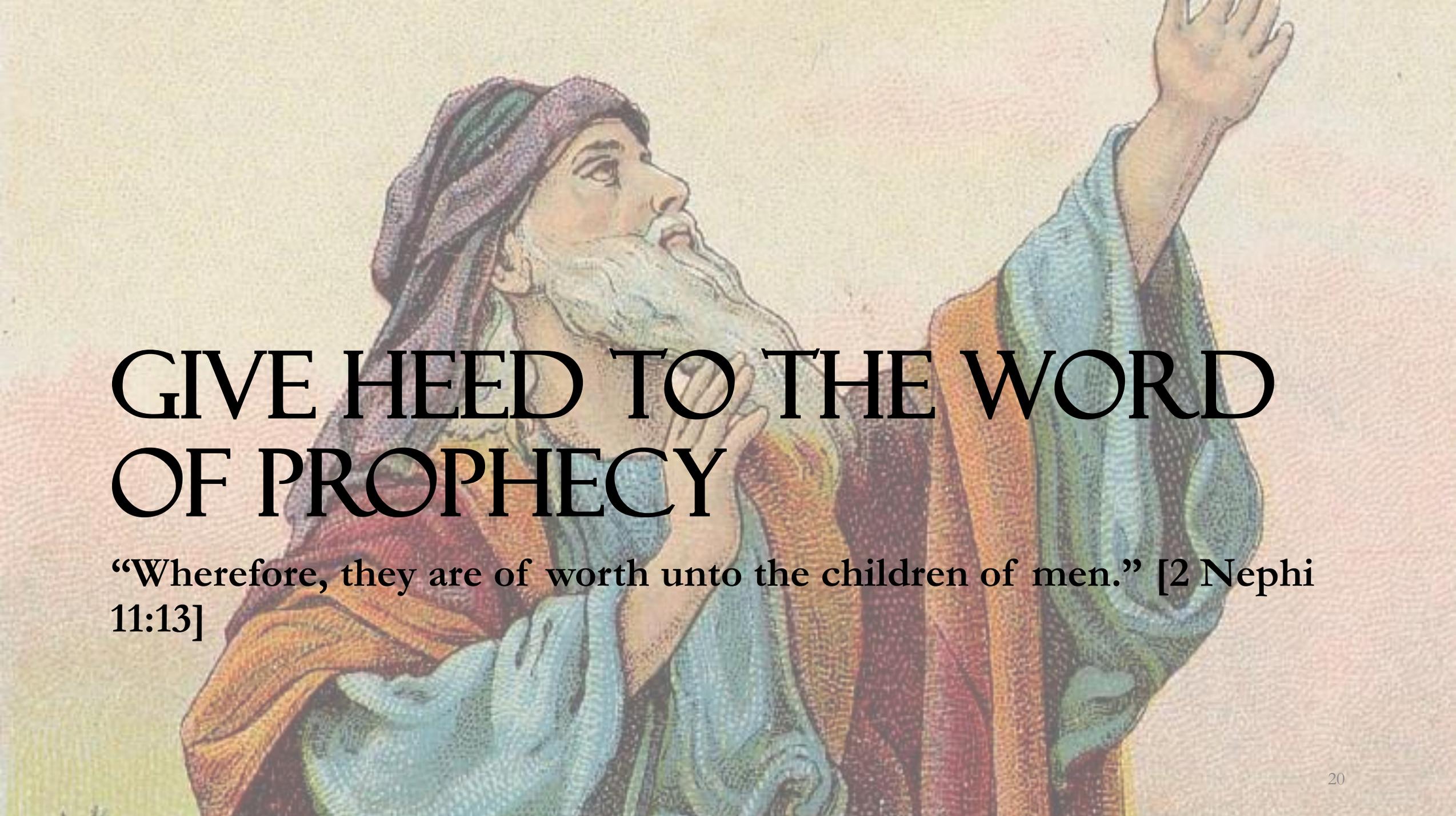
1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **1:7** The same came into the world for *a witness*, to bear witness of the light, to *bear record* of the gospel through the Son, unto all, that through him men *might* believe. **1:8** He was not that light, but came to *bear witness* of that light, **1:9** Which was the true light, which lighteth every man who cometh into the world [John 1:6-9]

1:10 But [the holy calling of God] is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality *to light through the gospel*, [2 Timothy 1:10]

1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers **by the prophets**, 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by His Son**, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; 1:3 Who being the ***brightness of His glory***, and the ***express image of His person***, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high [Hebrews 1:1-3]

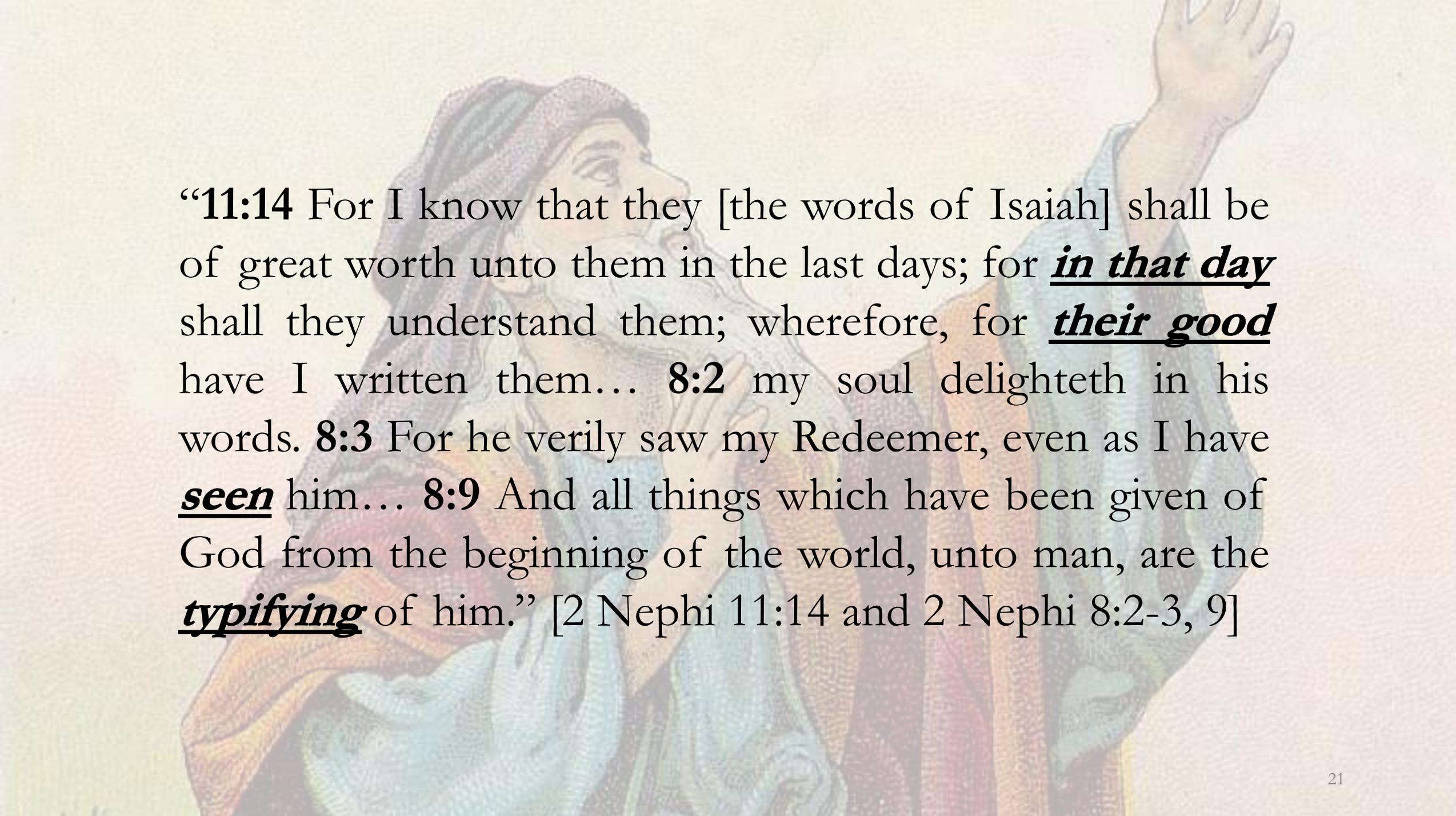
*Did you notice the language of saint Peter? “We have a more sure knowledge of the word of prophecy, to which word of prophecy ye do well that ye **take heed**, as unto a light which shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” Our Lord Jesus said, “I am the seed and the offspring of David, the bright and the morning star.” [Revelation 22:16]. And it was the Apostle Peter’s anxiety that the saints of God give heed to the divine word, because that **divine word** has the power to create the image of the Lord Jesus Christ in the soul that steadily contemplates it. That’s why he urged us to give heed to the word of prophecy as unto a light which shineth unto a dark place.*

*It is to be regretted that many people look at the word of prophecy with the idea of finding signs, times and seasons, and foretelling future events. Prophecy is only related to future events in a very secondary way. The business of the prophet is to **declare the nature of God** in every situation in which he finds himself. And if in order to **explicate** the will of God, the purpose of God, and the nature of God, it becomes necessary to talk about the future, he will talk about the future. – Apostle Arthur Oakman*

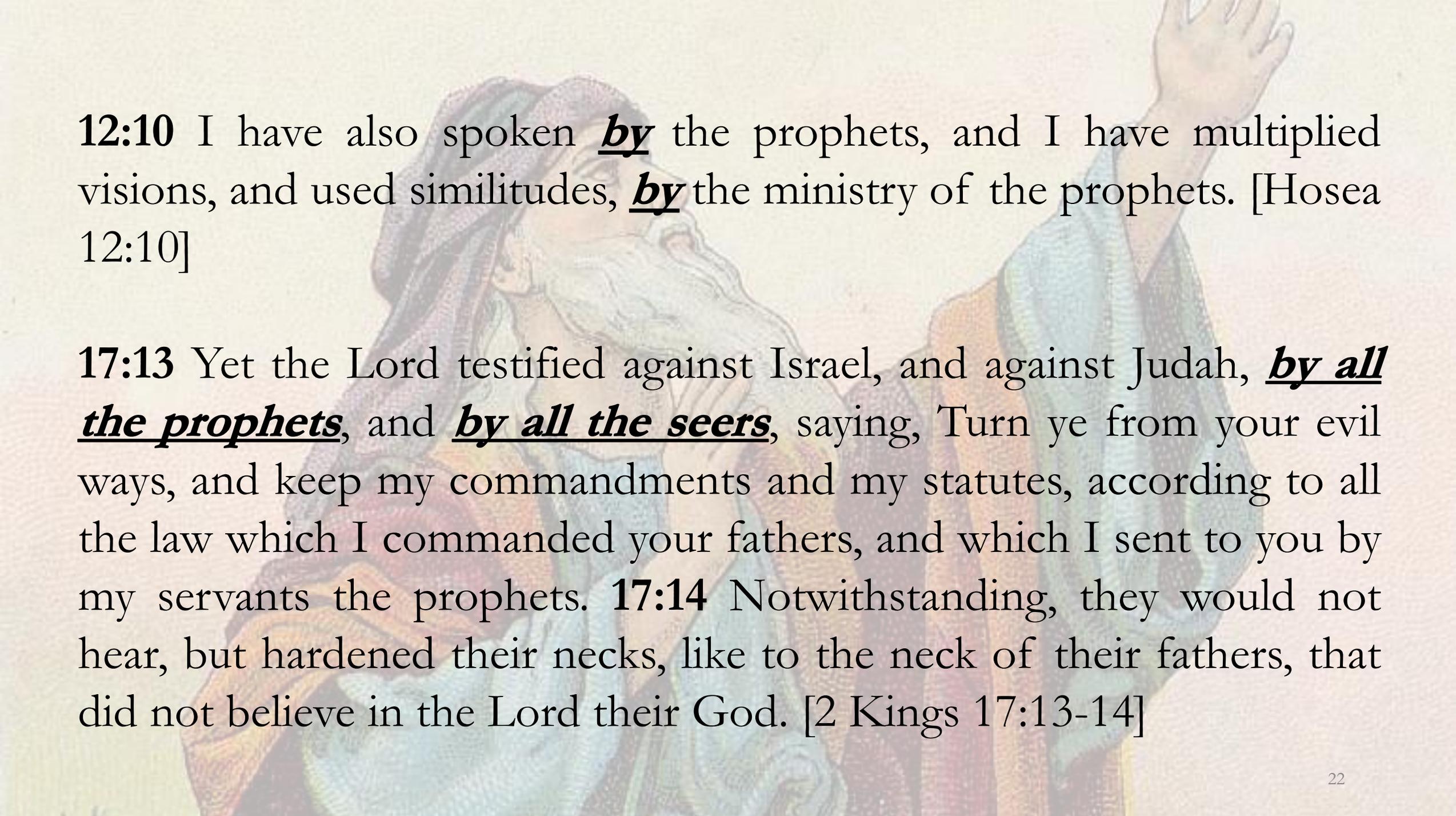


GIVE HEED TO THE WORD OF PROPHECY

**“Wherefore, they are of worth unto the children of men.” [2 Nephi
11:13]**



“**11:14** For I know that they [the words of Isaiah] shall be of great worth unto them in the last days; for **in that day** shall they understand them; wherefore, for **their good** have I written them... **8:2** my soul delighteth in his words. **8:3** For he verily saw my Redeemer, even as I have **seen** him... **8:9** And all things which have been given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man, are the **typifying** of him.” [2 Nephi 11:14 and 2 Nephi 8:2-3, 9]

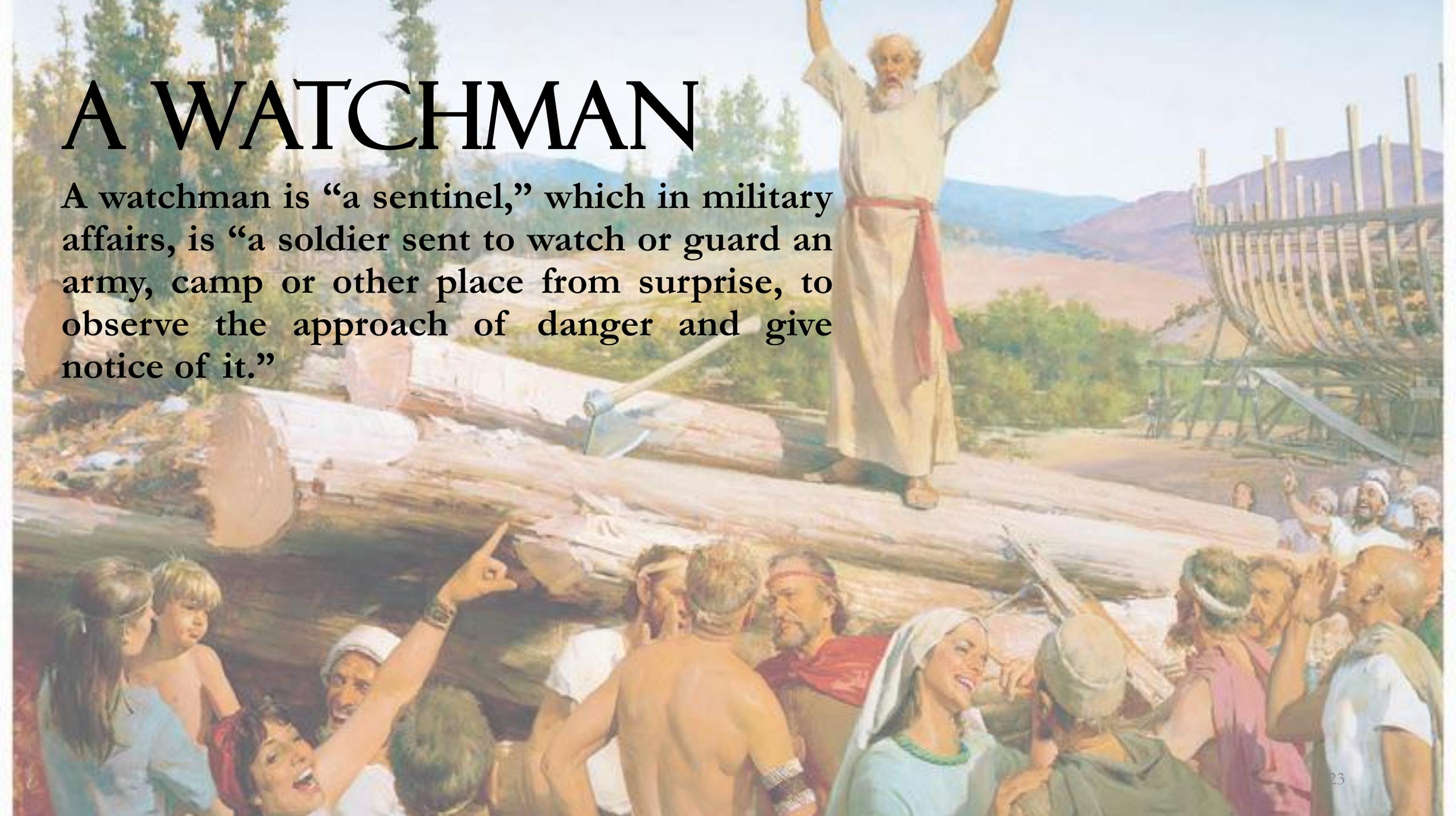


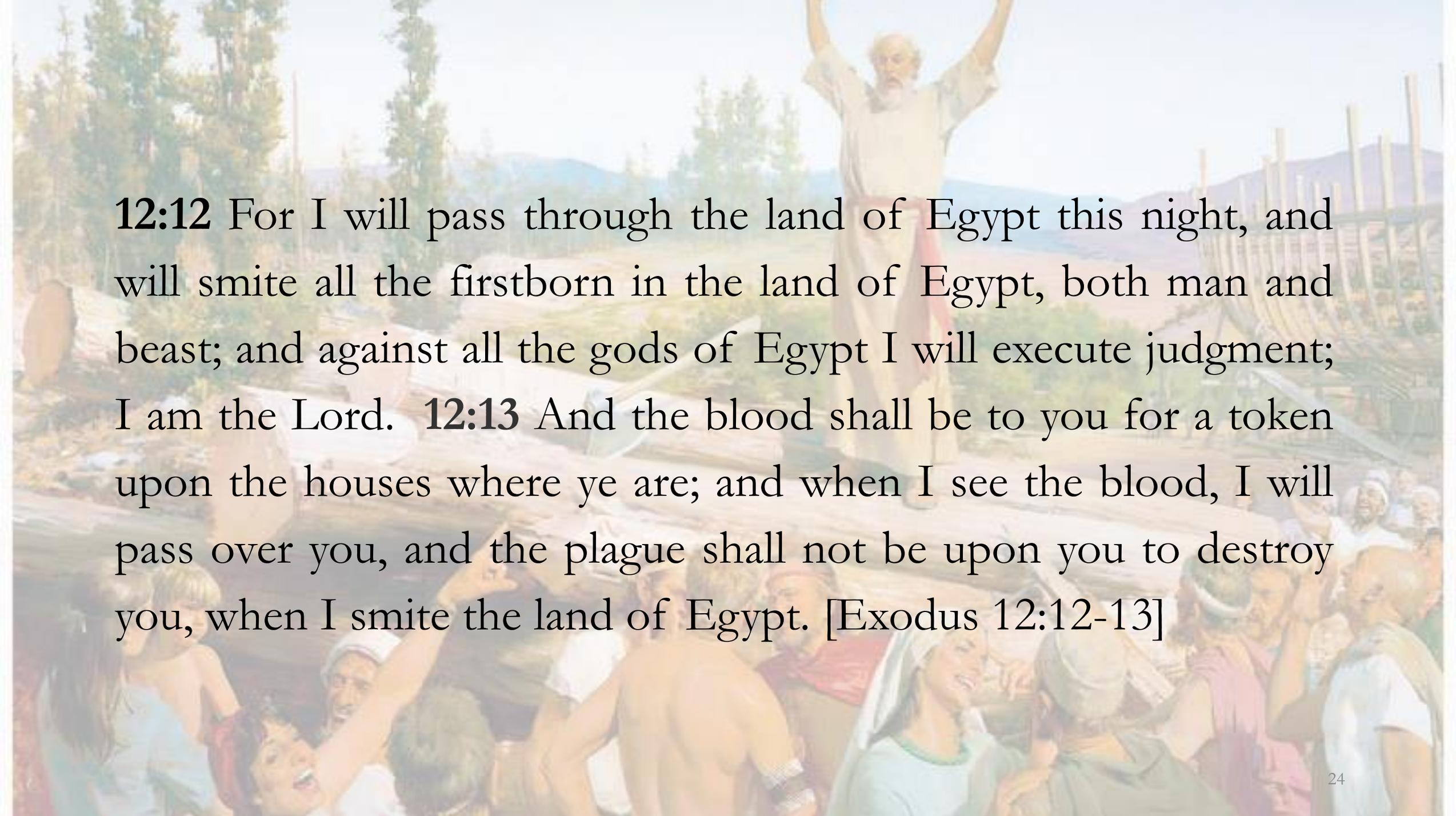
12:10 I have also spoken **by** the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, **by** the ministry of the prophets. [Hosea 12:10]

17:13 Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, **by all the prophets**, and **by all the seers**, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. **17:14** Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God. [2 Kings 17:13-14]

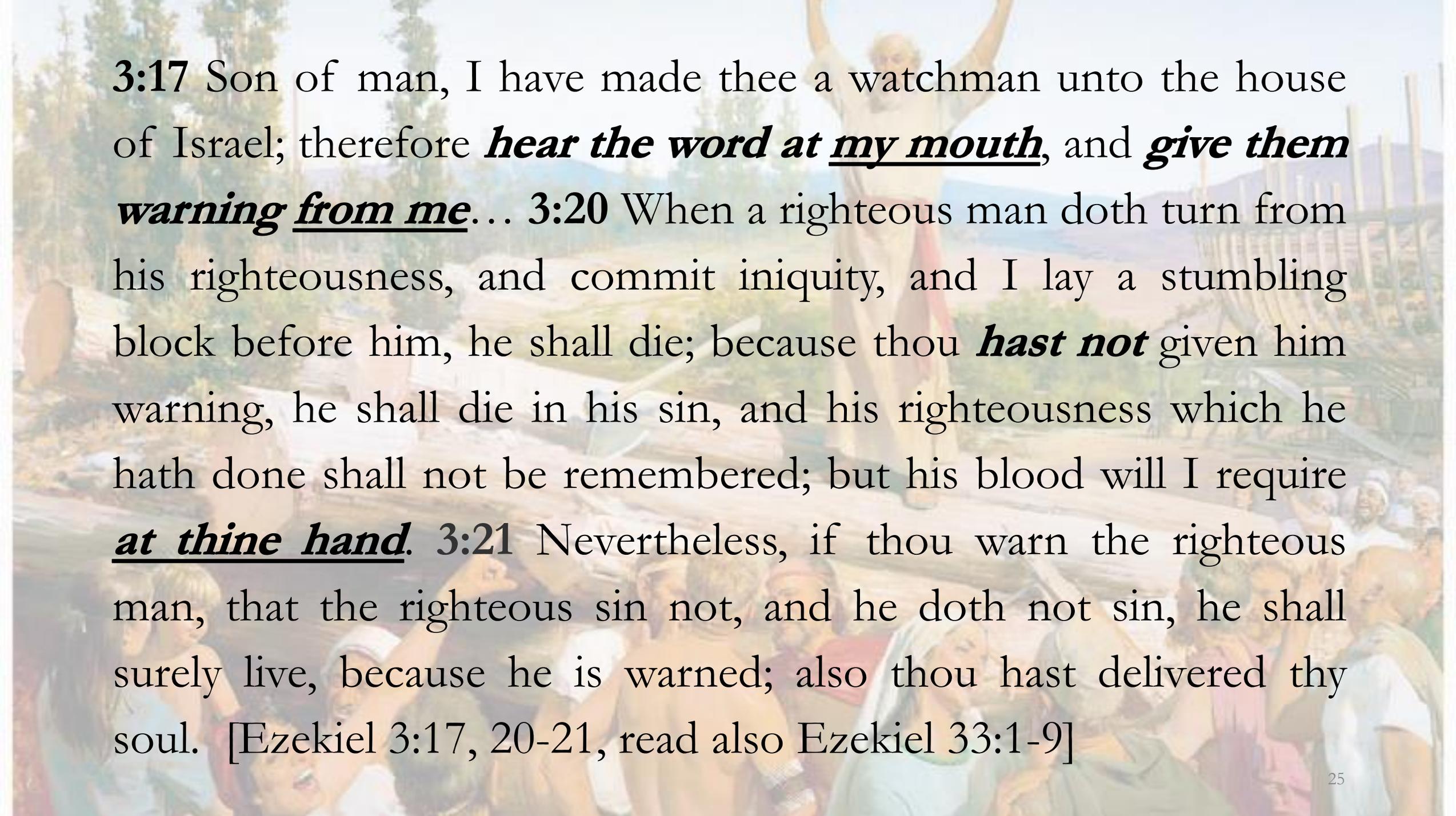
A WATCHMAN

A watchman is “a sentinel,” which in military affairs, is “a soldier sent to watch or guard an army, camp or other place from surprise, to observe the approach of danger and give notice of it.”

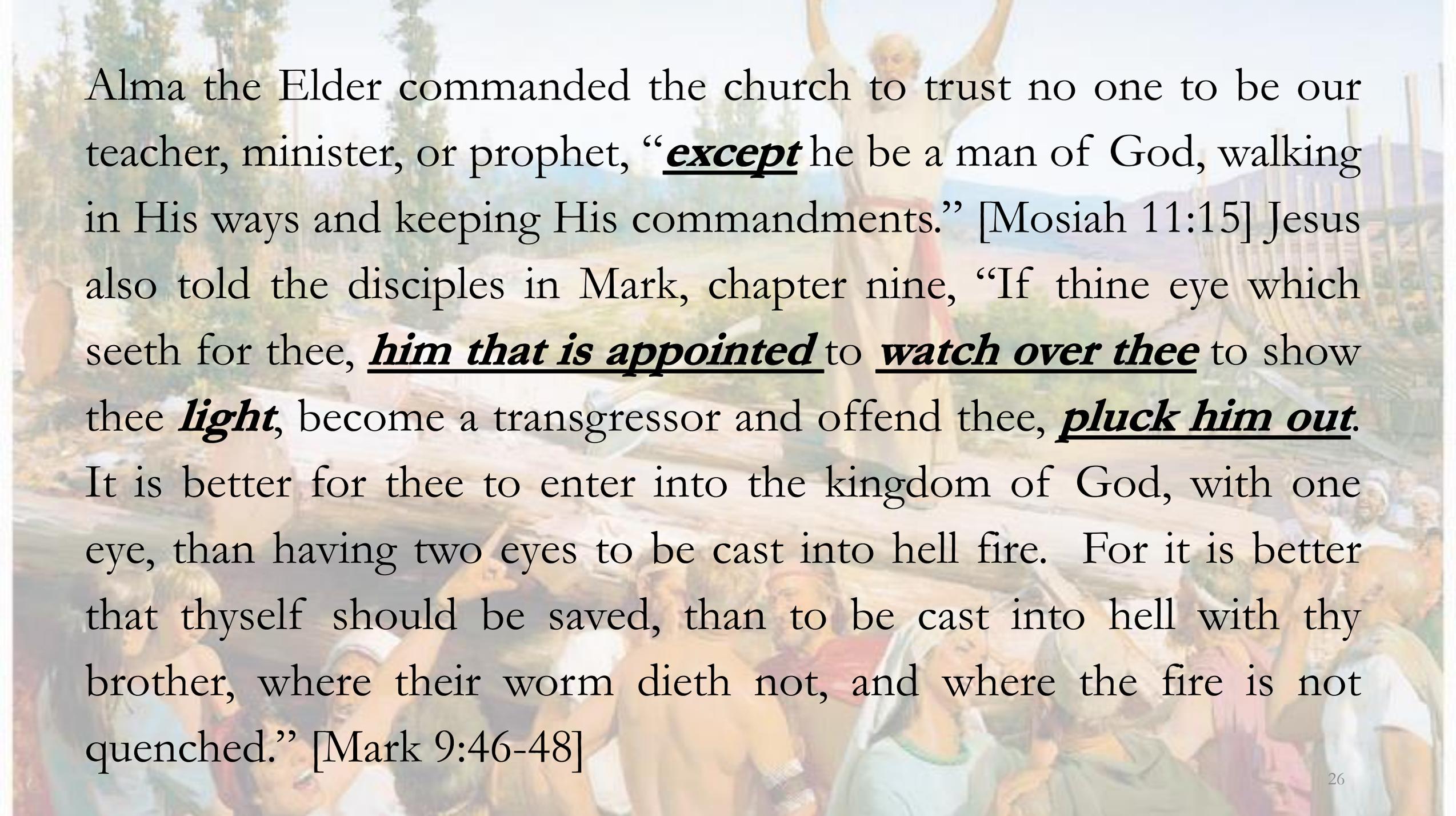




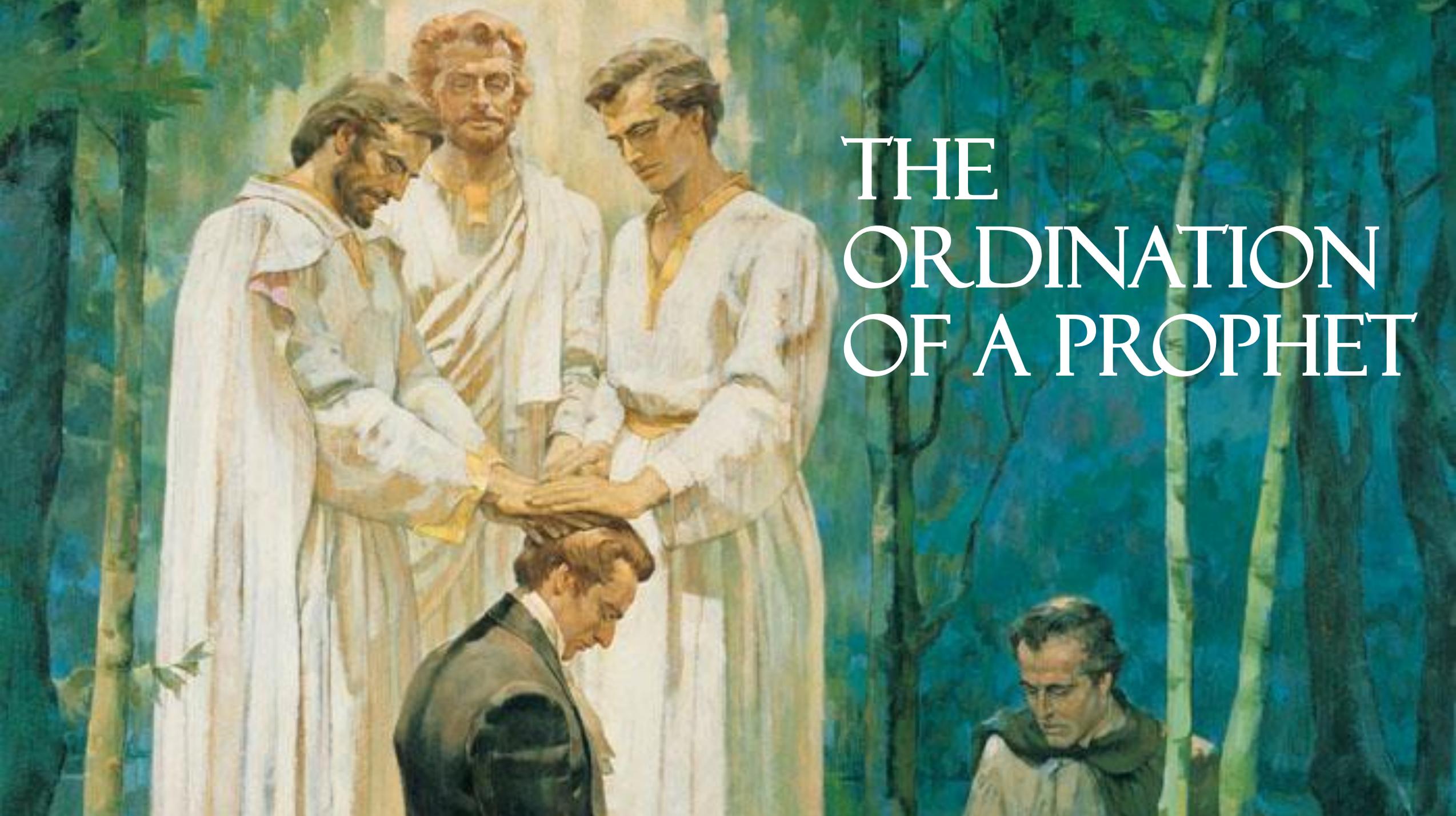
12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment; I am the Lord. **12:13** And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. [Exodus 12:12-13]



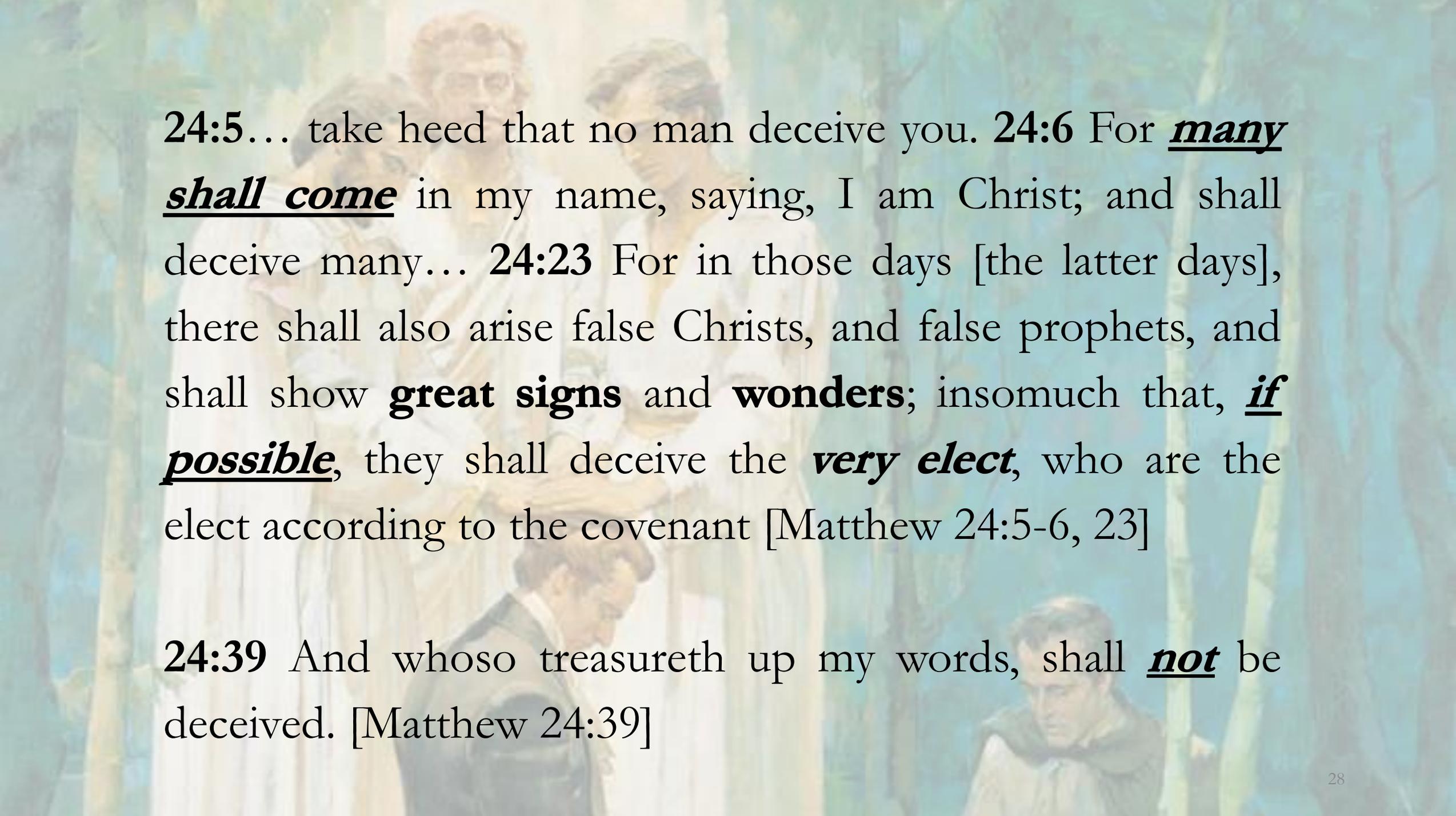
3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore ***hear the word at my mouth***, and ***give them warning from me***... **3:20** When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because thou ***hast not*** given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require ***at thine hand***. **3:21** Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. [Ezekiel 3:17, 20-21, read also Ezekiel 33:1-9]



Alma the Elder commanded the church to trust no one to be our teacher, minister, or prophet, “**except** he be a man of God, walking in His ways and keeping His commandments.” [Mosiah 11:15] Jesus also told the disciples in Mark, chapter nine, “If thine eye which seeth for thee, **him that is appointed** to **watch over thee** to show thee ***light***, become a transgressor and offend thee, **pluck him out**. It is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God, with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. For it is better that thyself should be saved, than to be cast into hell with thy brother, where their worm dieth not, and where the fire is not quenched.” [Mark 9:46-48]

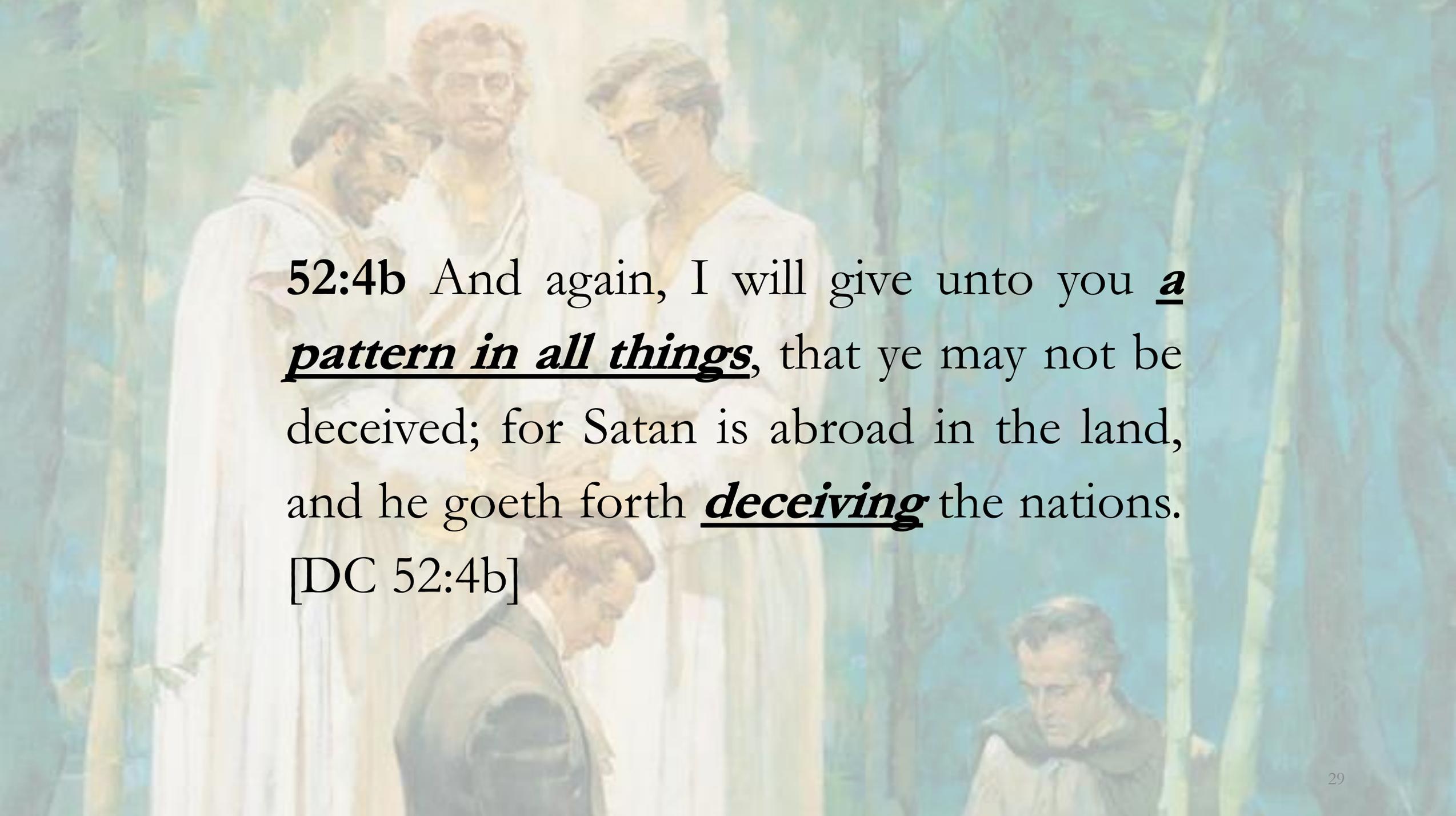


THE ORDINATION OF A PROPHET



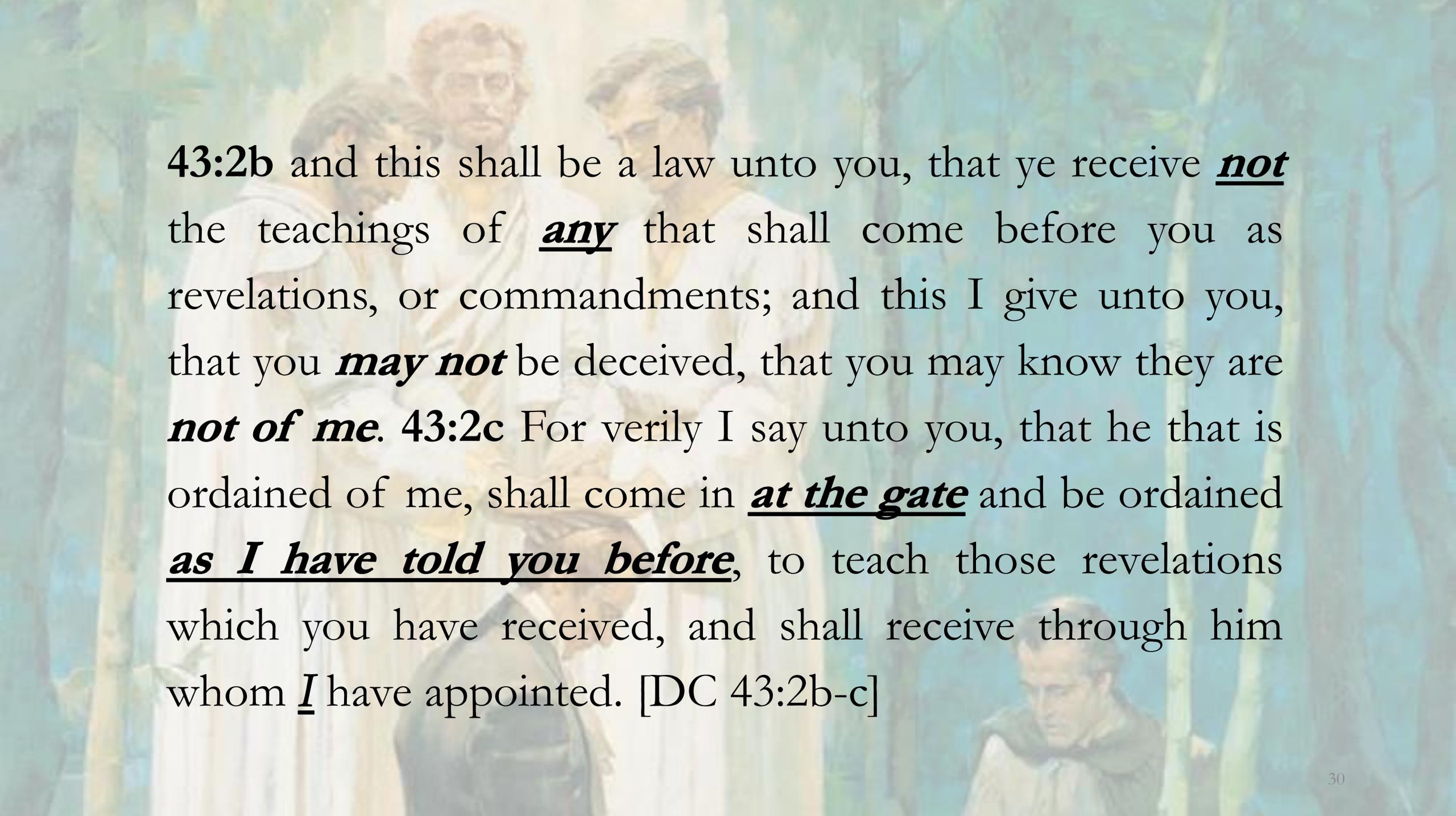
24:5... take heed that no man deceive you. 24:6 For **many shall come** in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many... 24:23 For in those days [the latter days], there shall also arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show **great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, **if possible**, they shall deceive the **very elect**, who are the elect according to the covenant [Matthew 24:5-6, 23]

24:39 And whoso treasureth up my words, shall **not** be deceived. [Matthew 24:39]

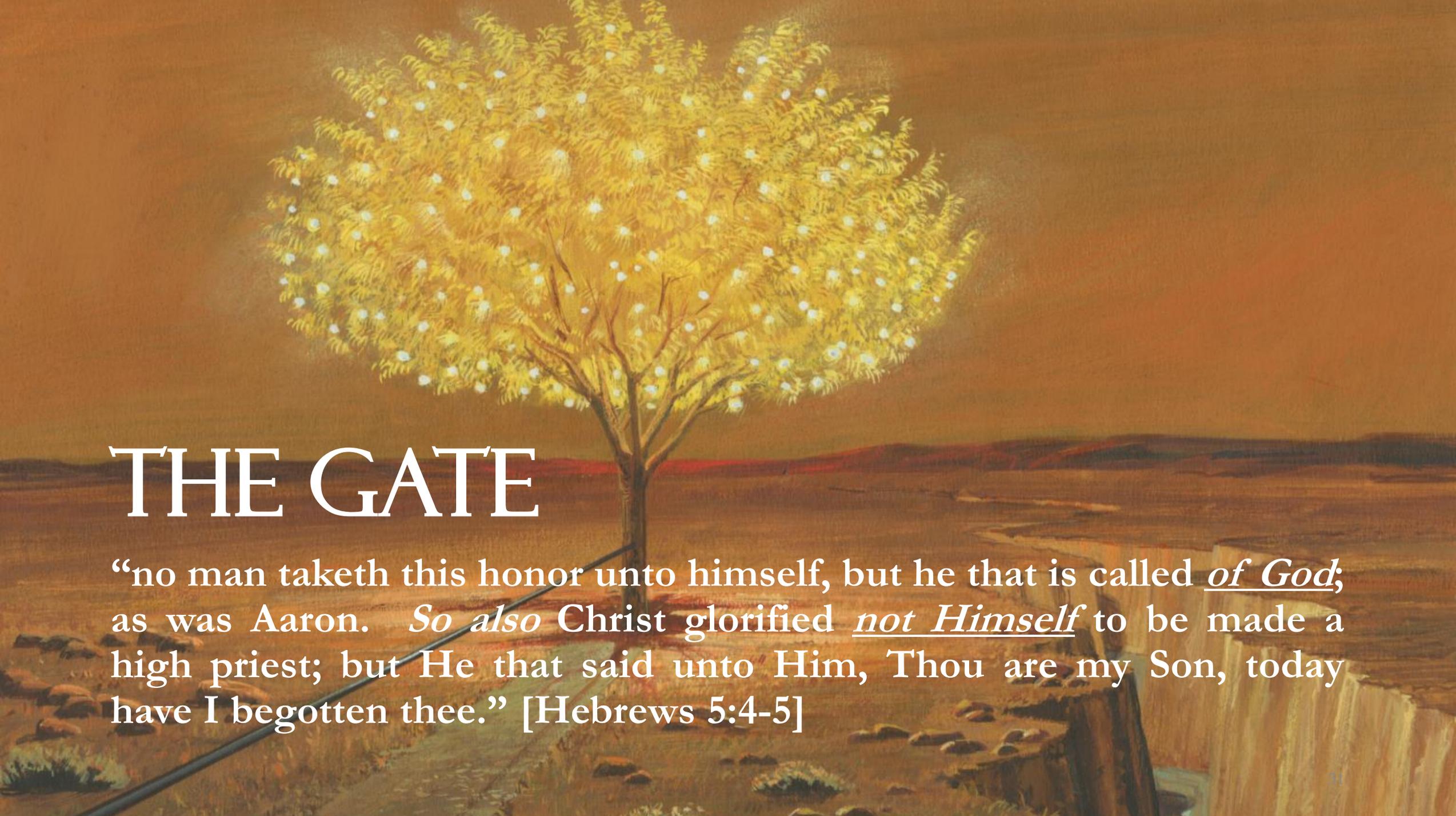


52:4b And again, I will give unto you **a**
pattern in all things, that ye may not be
deceived; for Satan is abroad in the land,
and he goeth forth **deceiving** the nations.

[DC 52:4b]



43:2b and this shall be a law unto you, that ye receive **not** the teachings of **any** that shall come before you as revelations, or commandments; and this I give unto you, that you ***may not*** be deceived, that you may know they are ***not of me***. **43:2c** For verily I say unto you, that he that is ordained of me, shall come in **at the gate** and be ordained **as I have told you before**, to teach those revelations which you have received, and shall receive through him whom **I** have appointed. [DC 43:2b-c]

A painting of a glowing tree in a desert landscape. The tree is the central focus, with a dense canopy of bright yellow and white light, resembling a starburst or a tree of life. The trunk is dark and slender. The background is a vast, arid landscape with rolling hills and a warm, golden-brown sky. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

THE GATE

“no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God; as was Aaron. *So also* Christ glorified not Himself to be made a high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou are my Son, today have I begotten thee.” [Hebrews 5:4-5]

In Acts, chapter six, seven men full of wisdom and the Holy Ghost were chosen by God to assist the Church in Jerusalem and were “set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they **laid their hands on them.**” [Acts 6:6].

Barnabas and Paul were set aside for the work of the Lord by the directing of the Holy Ghost and when the priesthood had “fasted and prayed, and **laid their hands on them,** they sent them away.” [Acts 13:3].

Timothy was counseled by Paul to “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the **laying on of the hands** of the presbytery [elders].” [Timothy 4:14]

3:1 The manner which the disciples, who were called the elders of the church, ordained priests and teachers. **3:2** After they had prayed unto the Father in the name of Christ, **they laid their hands upon them**, and said, In the name of Jesus Christ I ordain you to be a priest; (or if he be a teacher;) I ordain you to be a teacher, to preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ, by the endurance of faith on his name to the end. Amen. **3:3** And **after this manner** did they ordain priests and teachers, according to the gifts and callings of God unto men; and they ordained them by the power of the Holy Ghost, **which was in them**. [Moroni 3:1-3]

Office	Scripture	Authority to Ordain
Prophet	DC 104:42	And again, the duty of the president of the office of the high priesthood is to preside over the whole church, and to be like unto Moses. Behold, here is wisdom, yea, to be a seer, a revelator, a translator, and a prophet; having all the gifts of God which he bestows upon the head of the church.
Apostle	DC 17:8b;	An apostle is an elder, and it is his calling to baptize, and to ordain other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons...
Elder	DC 17:8b	...it is his calling to baptize, and to ordain other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons...
Priest	DC 17:10c	...and he may also ordain other priests, teachers, and deacons.
Teacher and Deacon	DC 17:11e	...but neither teachers nor deacons have authority to baptize, administer the sacrament, or lay on hands.

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Prophet



Apostle



Elder



Priest



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After Moses fled from Egypt in the second chapter of Exodus, he came to the land of Midian where he met his future father-in-law, Jethro, who was a high priest of God [Exodus 18:1]. It was during this time that Moses was ordained “according to the holy priesthood, which he received under the hand of his father-in-law, Jethro.” [DC 83:2c]

If Jethro had the authority of the Melchisedec priesthood, why did he not then ordain Moses to be a prophet? The answer is simply that he did not have the authority to ordain Moses to an office above a high priest. How then was Moses ordained as a prophet, a mediator, and spokesman for God? We read the answer in Galatians 3:19: “Wherefore then, the law was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made in the law given to Moses, **who was ordained by the hand of angels** to be **a mediator** of this first covenant, (the law.)” [Meaning the law of Moses]

1:4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; **1:5** and **before** thou camest forth out of the womb **I sanctified thee**, and **I ordained thee** a prophet unto the nations.

[Jeremiah 1:4-5]

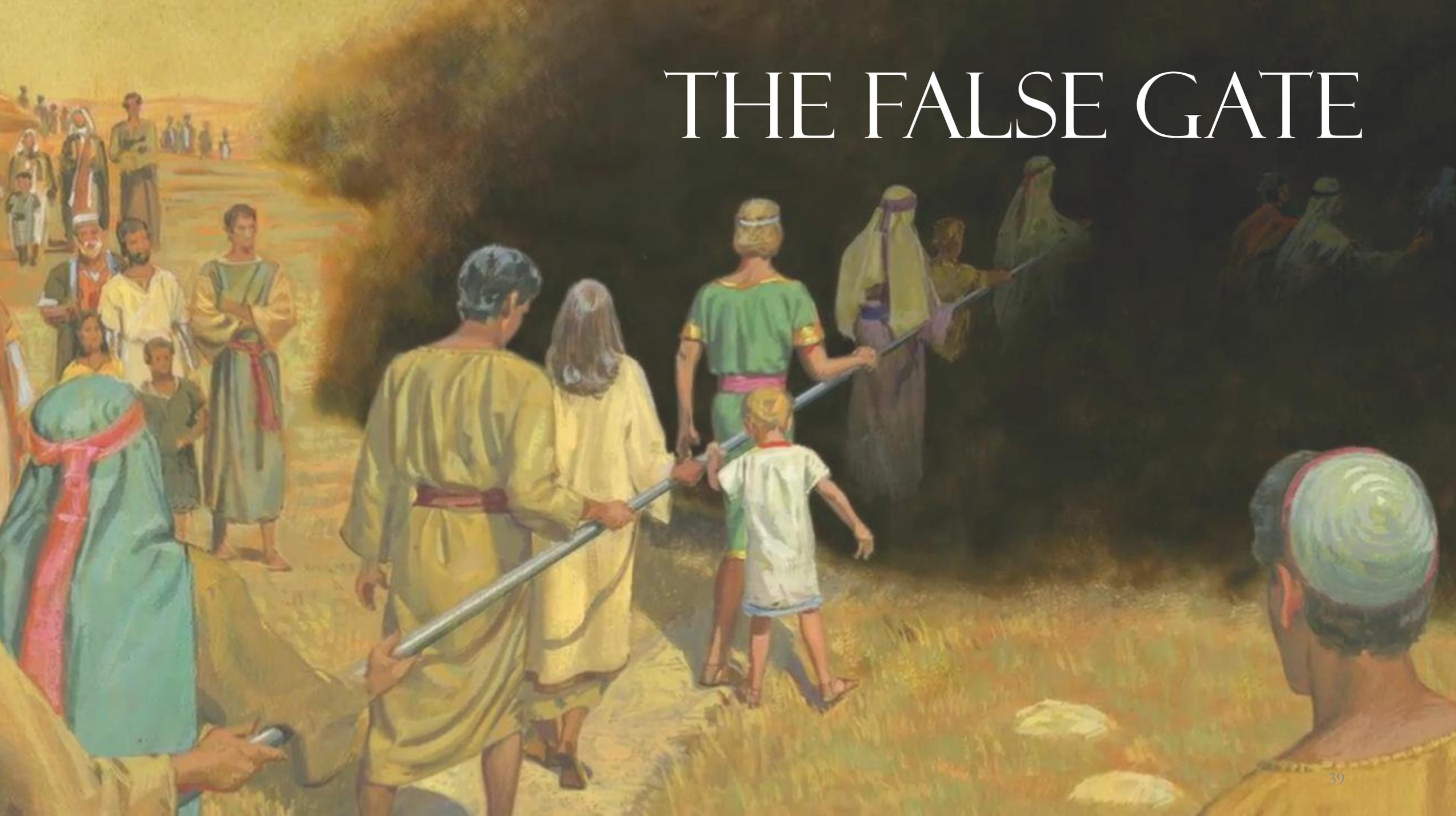
For Enoch we read “the Spirit of God descended out of heaven, and **abode upon him**; And he heard a voice from heaven, saying, Enoch, my son, **prophesy** unto this people, and say unto them, Repent.” [Genesis 6:26-27]

In the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord spoke to Joseph Smith, Jr., saying, “There shall be a record kept among you, and in it thou shalt be called **a seer, a translator, a prophet.**” [DC 19:1a]

43:2a But verily, verily I say unto you, that **none else** shall be appointed unto this gift **except** it be through him, for if it be taken from him he shall not have power, **except** to appoint another in his stead; **43:2b** and this shall be a law unto you, that ye receive not the teachings of any that shall come before you as revelations, or commandments; and this I give unto you, that you may **not** be deceived, that you may know they are **not** of me. [DC 43:2a-b]

87:2a Verily I say unto you, The keys of this kingdom shall **never** be taken from you, while thou art in the world, neither in the world to come; nevertheless, **through you** shall the oracles be given to another; yea, even unto the church. [DC 87:2a]

THE FALSE GATE

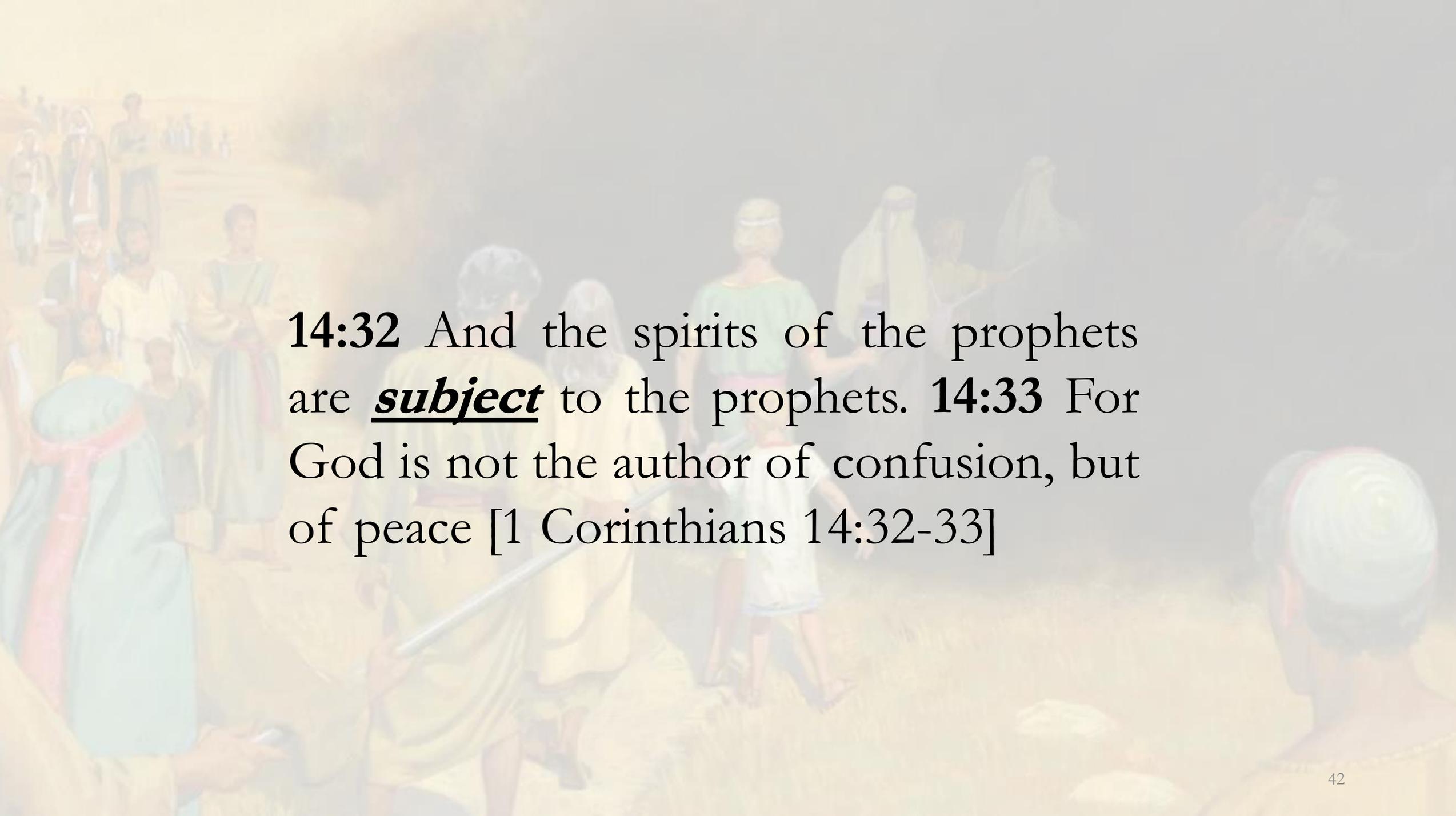


12:1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. **12:2** And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? ***hath he not spoken also by us?*** And the Lord heard it. **12:3** (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) **12:4** And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. **12:5** And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth. **12:6** And he said, Hear now my words; If there be a prophet among you, ***I the Lord*** will make myself ***known*** unto him ***in a vision***, and will speak unto him ***in a dream***. **12:7** My servant Moses ***is not so***, who is faithful in all mine house. **12:8** With him ***will I*** speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold; wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

5:44 I am come in *my Father's name*, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in *his own name*, him ye will receive. [John 5:44]

5:37 For the *works* which the Father hath given me to finish, *the* same works that I do, *bear witness of me*, that the Father hath sent me.

5:38 And the Father himself who sent me, *hath borne witness of me...* 10:25 I told you, and ye believed not; the works that I do in my Father's name, *they bear witness of me*. [John 5:37-38 and John 10:25]



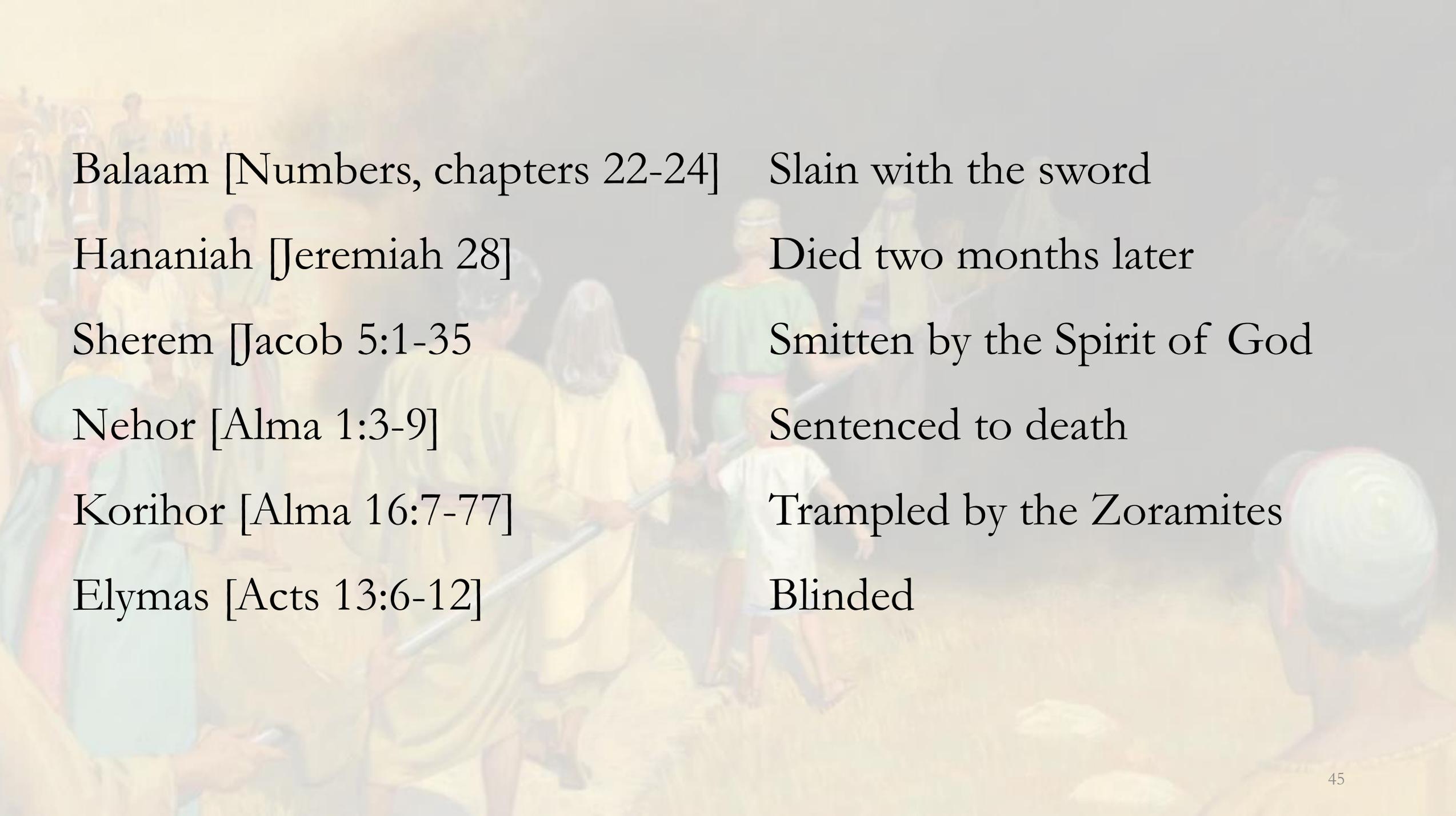
14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are **subject** to the prophets. **14:33** For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace [1 Corinthians 14:32-33]

2:29 If ye know that he [Jesus Christ] is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is **born of him**. [1 John 2:29]

“And now if ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd, of what fold are ye?” [Alma 3:64]. Alma provided the answer, along with the pattern of discernment, by saying, “whatsoever is good, ***cometh from God***, and whatsoever is evil, ***cometh from the devil***; Therefore, if a man bringeth forth ***good works***, he ***hearkeneth*** unto the voice of the good shepherd; and he **doth follow Him**; But whosoever bringeth forth evil works, the same becometh a child of the devil; for he hearkeneth unto his voice, and doth follow him.” [Alma 3:67-69]

7:24 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing; but ***inwardly*** they are ravening wolves. 7:25 Ye shall know them by their ***fruits***; for do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 7:26 Even so every good tree bringeth forth ***good fruit***, but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. [Matthew 7:24-26]

1:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers ***among you*** who privily shall bring in abominable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 1:2 And ***many*** shall follow their pernicious ways by reason of whom the way of truth shall be ***evil spoken of***. 1:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words ***make merchandise of you***; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not. [2 Peter 1:1-3]



Balaam [Numbers, chapters 22-24] Slain with the sword

Hananiah [Jeremiah 28] Died two months later

Sherem [Jacob 5:1-35] Smitten by the Spirit of God

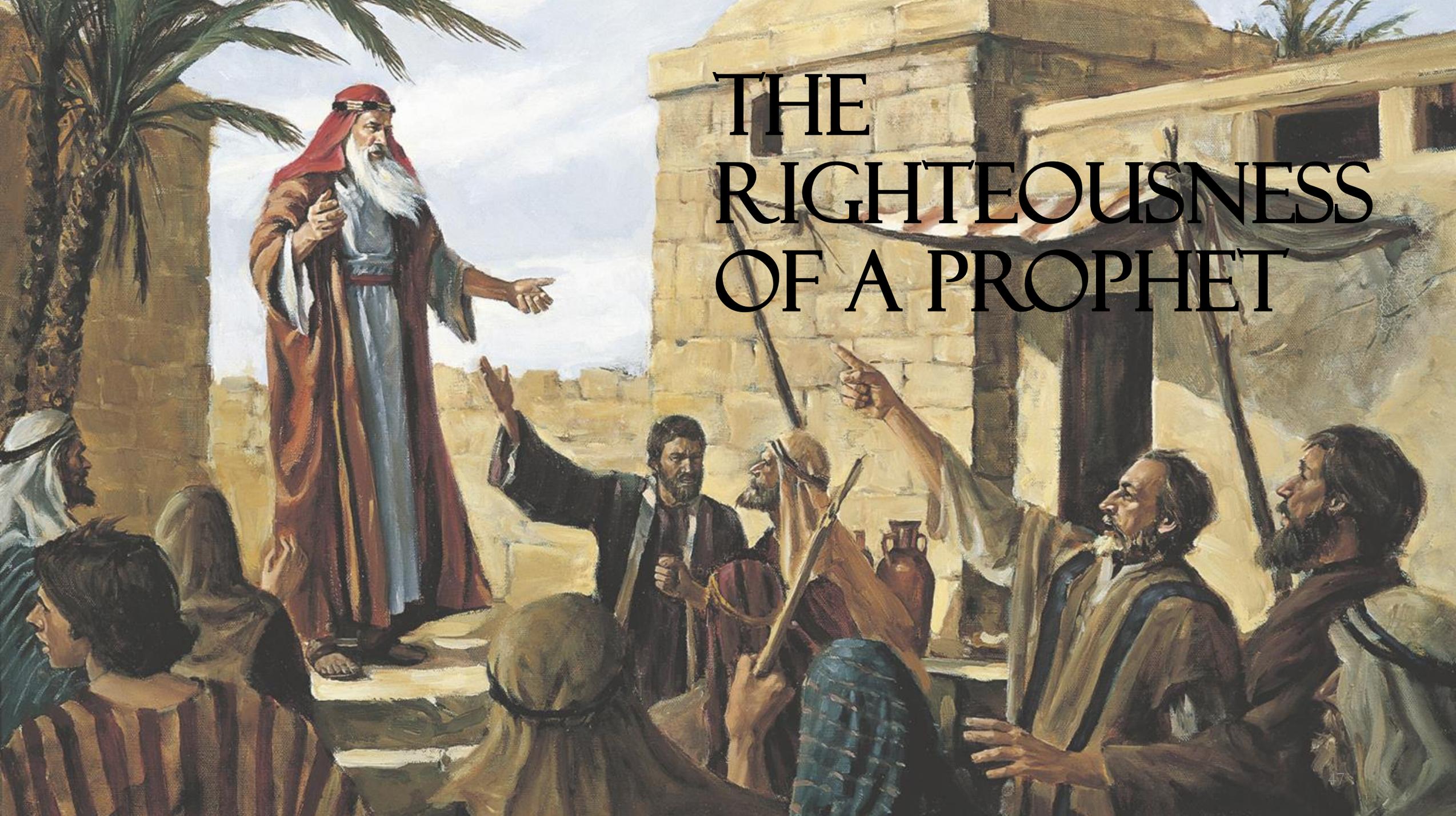
Nehor [Alma 1:3-9] Sentenced to death

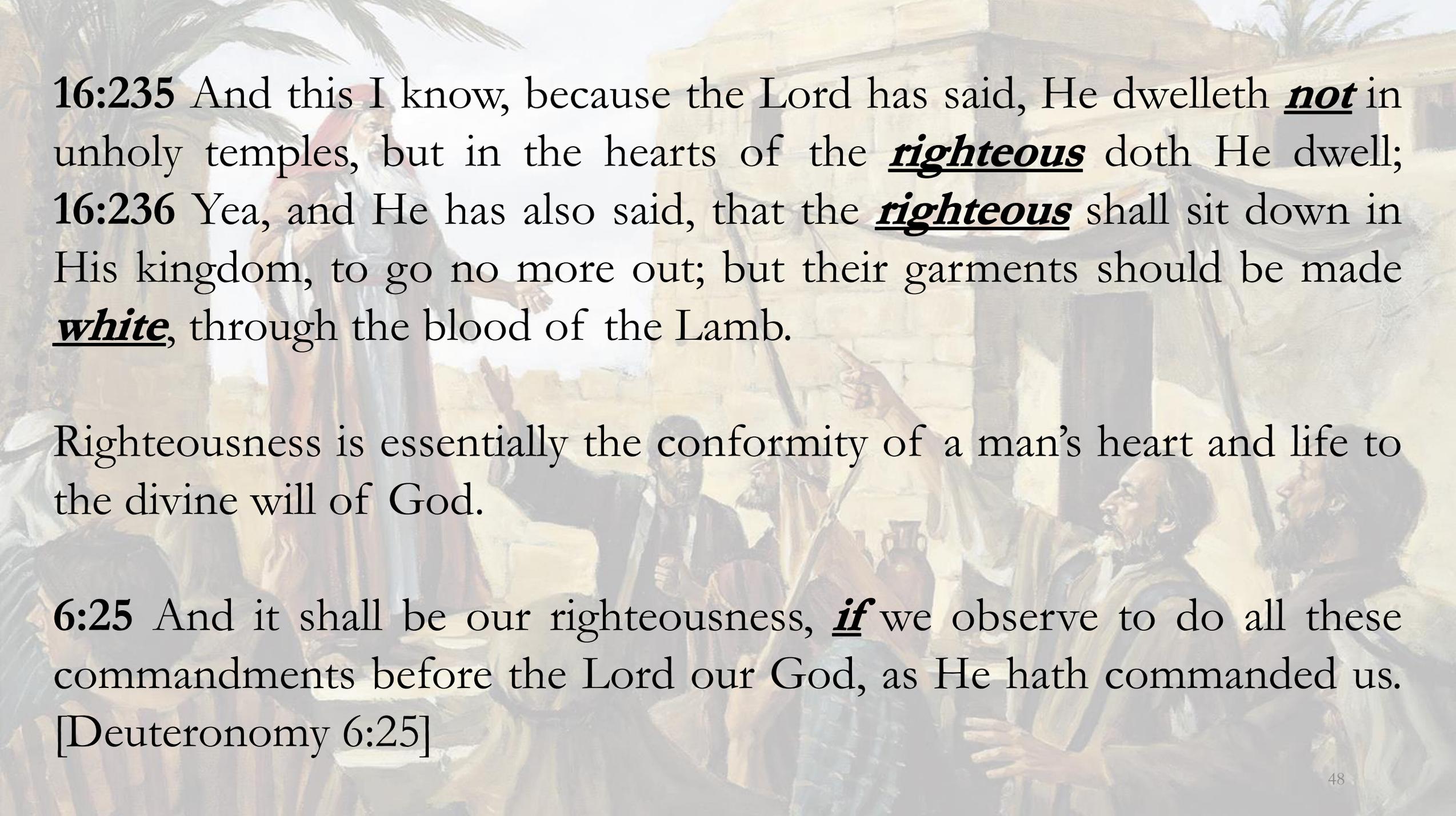
Korihor [Alma 16:7-77] Trampled by the Zoramites

Elymas [Acts 13:6-12] Blinded

13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, **13:2** and the sign or the wonder **come to pass**, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast **not known**, and let us serve them; **13:3** thou **shalt not** hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. **13:4** Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. [Deuteronomy 13:1-4]

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF A PROPHET





16:235 And this I know, because the Lord has said, He dwelleth **not** in unholy temples, but in the hearts of the **righteous** doth He dwell;
16:236 Yea, and He has also said, that the **righteous** shall sit down in His kingdom, to go no more out; but their garments should be made **white**, through the blood of the Lamb.

Righteousness is essentially the conformity of a man's heart and life to the divine will of God.

6:25 And it shall be our righteousness, **if** we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us.
[Deuteronomy 6:25]

□ Faith

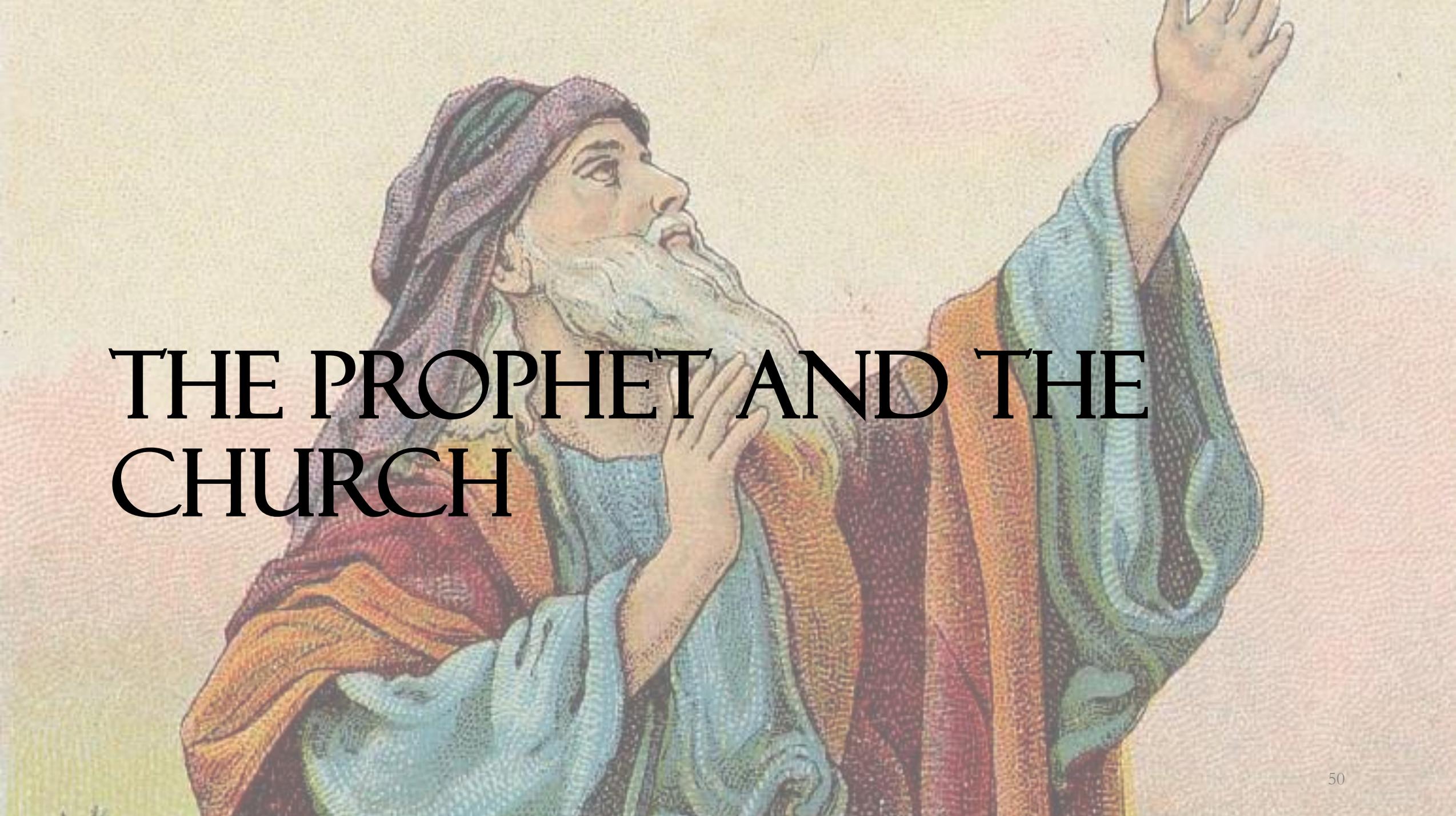
11:33 Who through **faith** subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. [Hebrews 11:33-34]

□ Hope

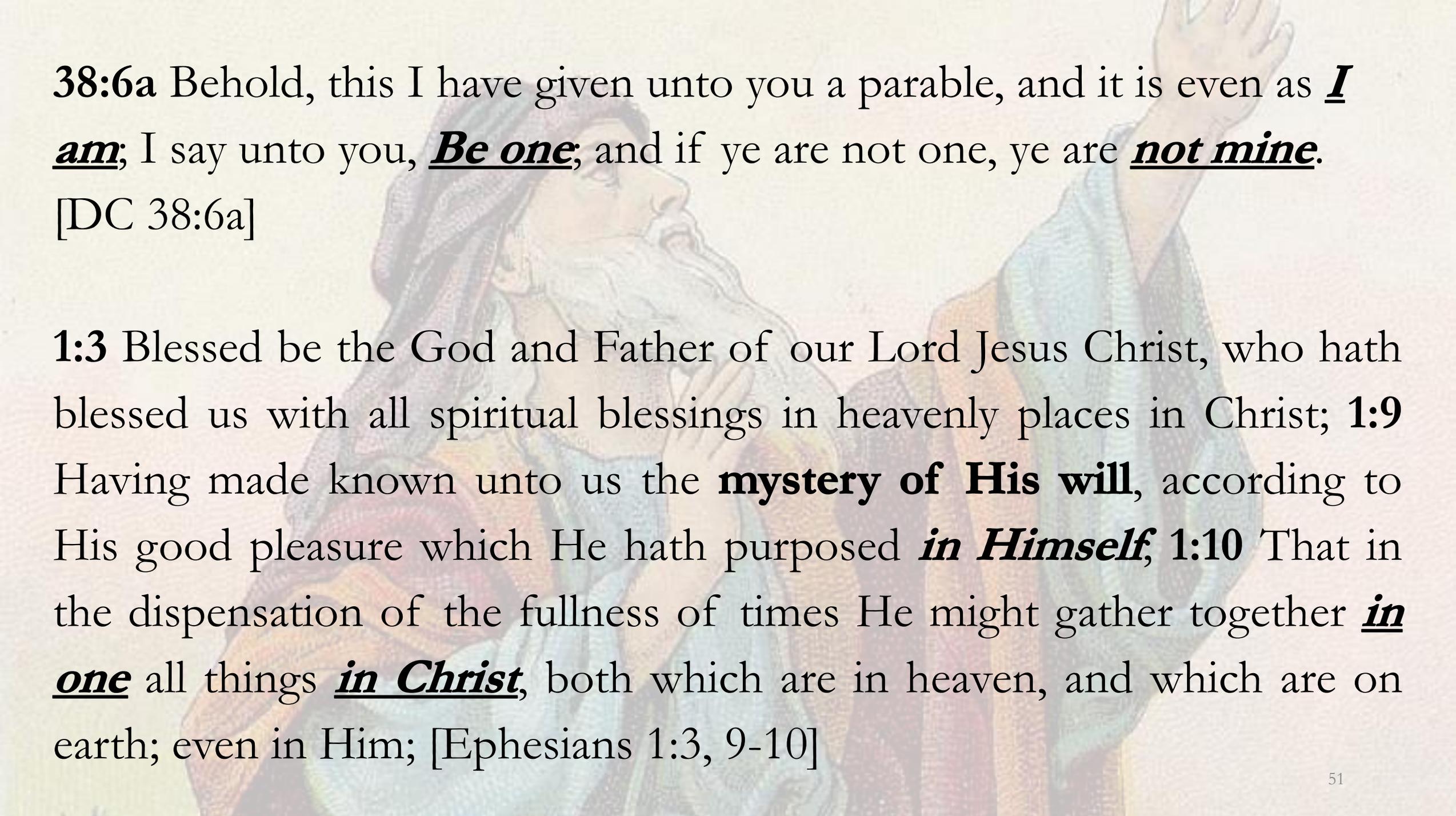
4:20 He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 4:21 And being fully persuaded, that what He [God] had promised, He was **able also to perform.** [Romans 4:20-21]

□ Charity

7:52 Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the **greatest of all**, for all things must fail; but charity is the **pure love of Christ**, and it endureth for ever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them. [Moroni 7:52]



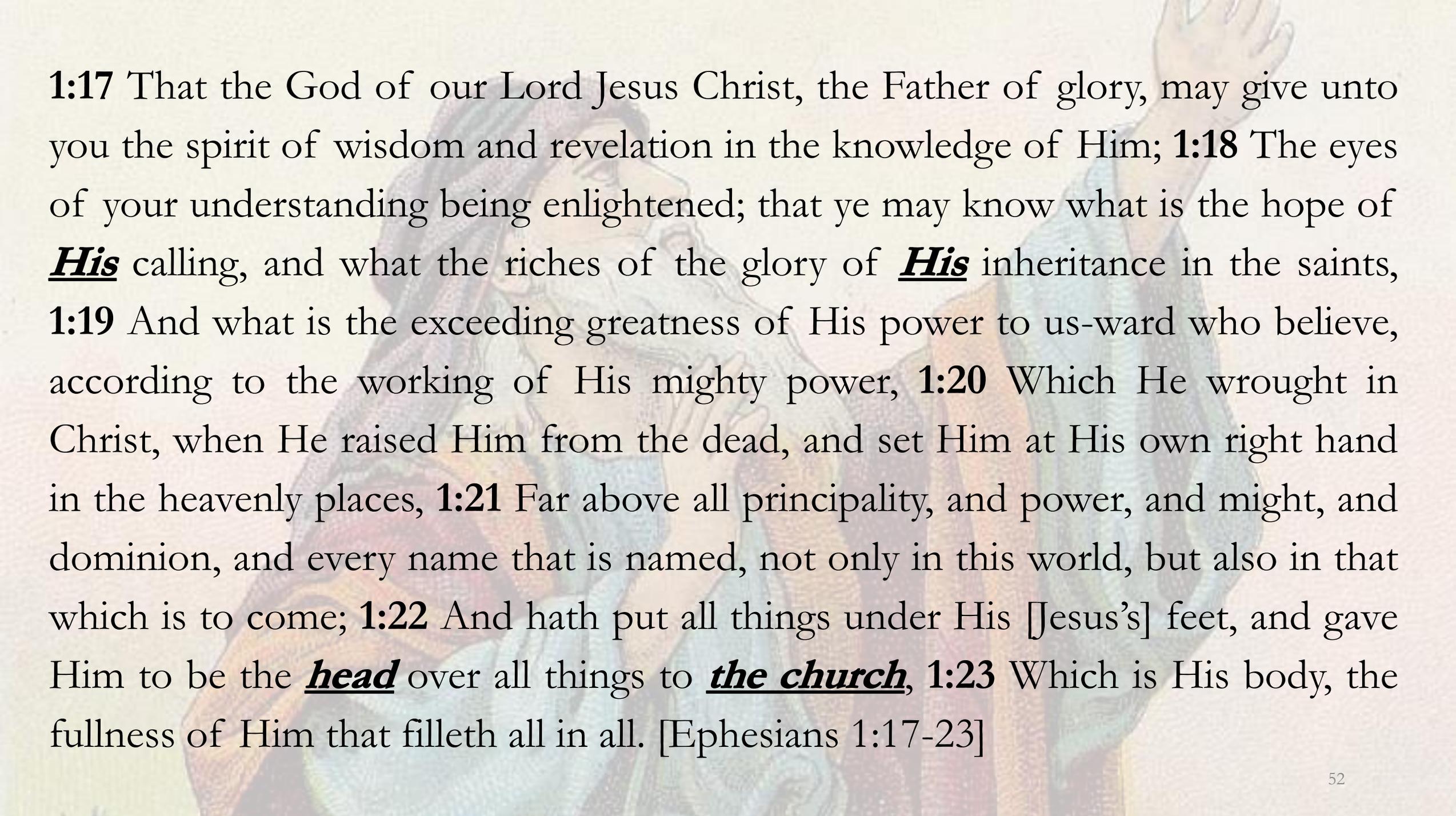
THE PROPHET AND THE CHURCH



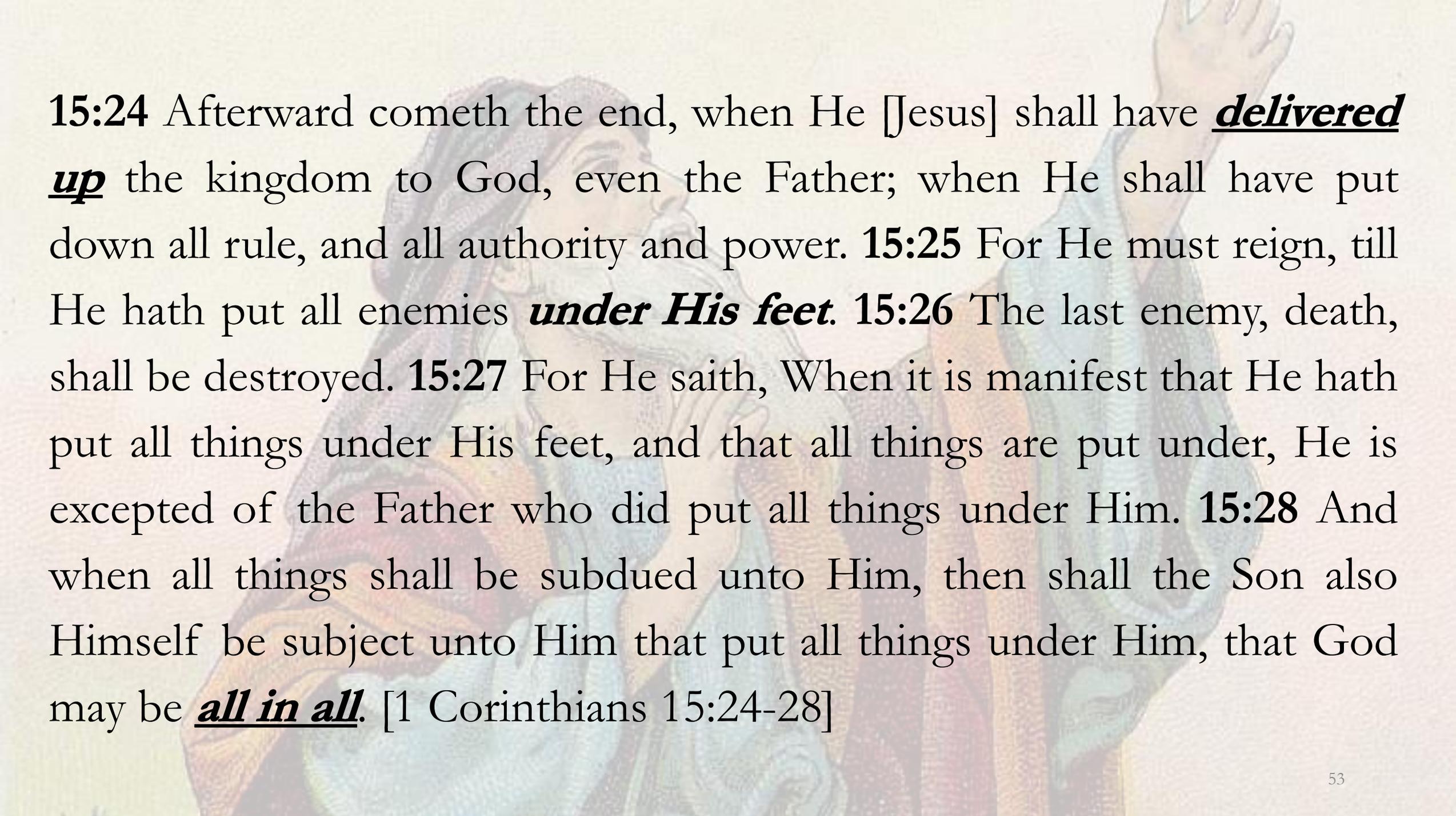
38:6a Behold, this I have given unto you a parable, and it is even as **I** **am**; I say unto you, **Be one**; and if ye are not one, ye are **not mine**.

[DC 38:6a]

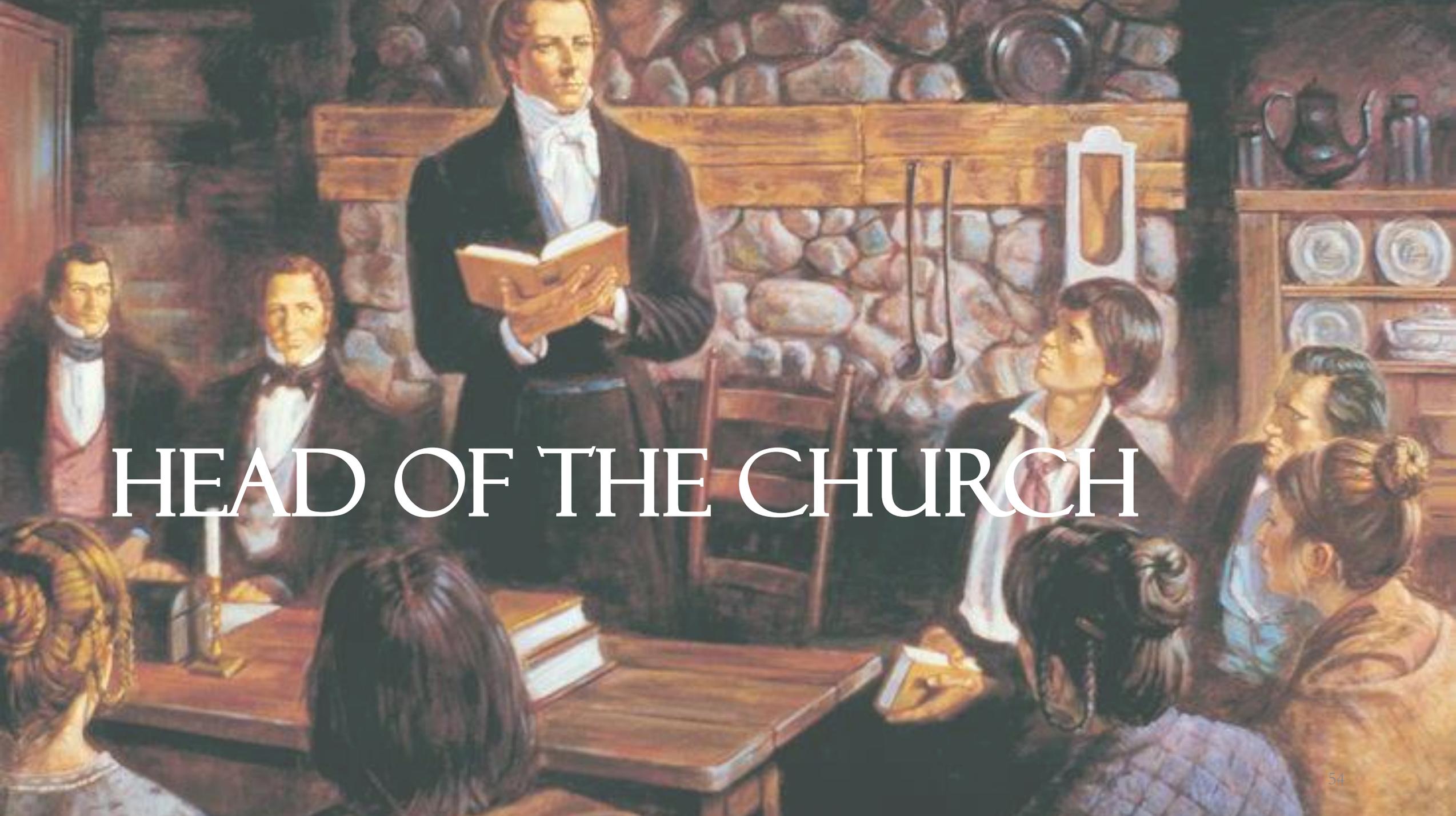
1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; **1:9** Having made known unto us the **mystery of His will**, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed ***in Himself***; **1:10** That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together **in** **one** all things **in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him; [Ephesians 1:3, 9-10]



1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; **1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of ***His*** calling, and what the riches of the glory of ***His*** inheritance in the saints, **1:19** And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, **1:20** Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, **1:21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; **1:22** And hath put all things under His [Jesus's] feet, and gave Him to be the ***head*** over all things to ***the church***, **1:23** Which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. [Ephesians 1:17-23]



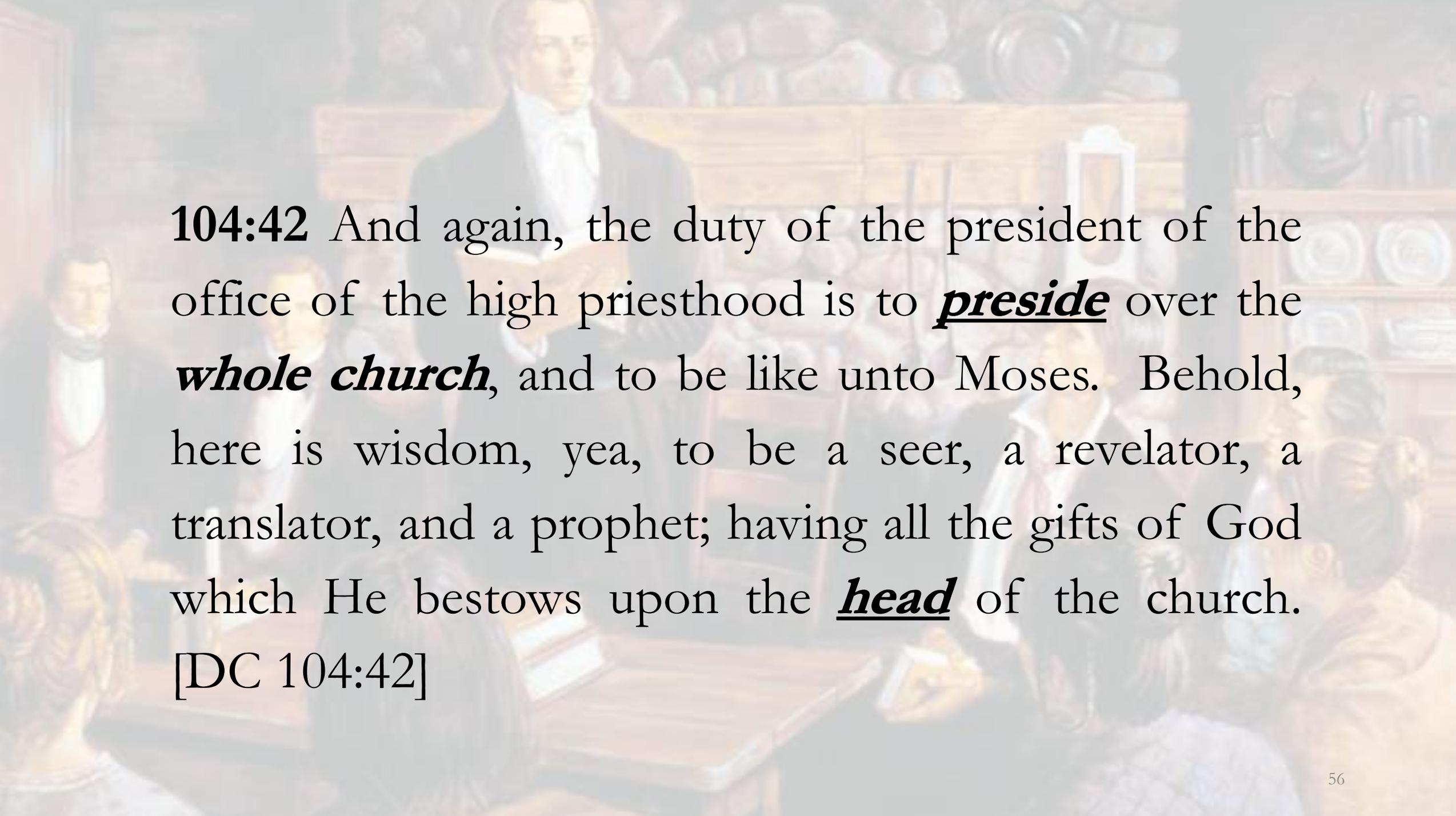
15:24 Afterward cometh the end, when He [Jesus] shall have **delivered up** the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. **15:25** For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies ***under His feet***. **15:26** The last enemy, death, shall be destroyed. **15:27** For He saith, When it is manifest that He hath put all things under His feet, and that all things are put under, He is excepted of the Father who did put all things under Him. **15:28** And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be **all in all**. [1 Corinthians 15:24-28]



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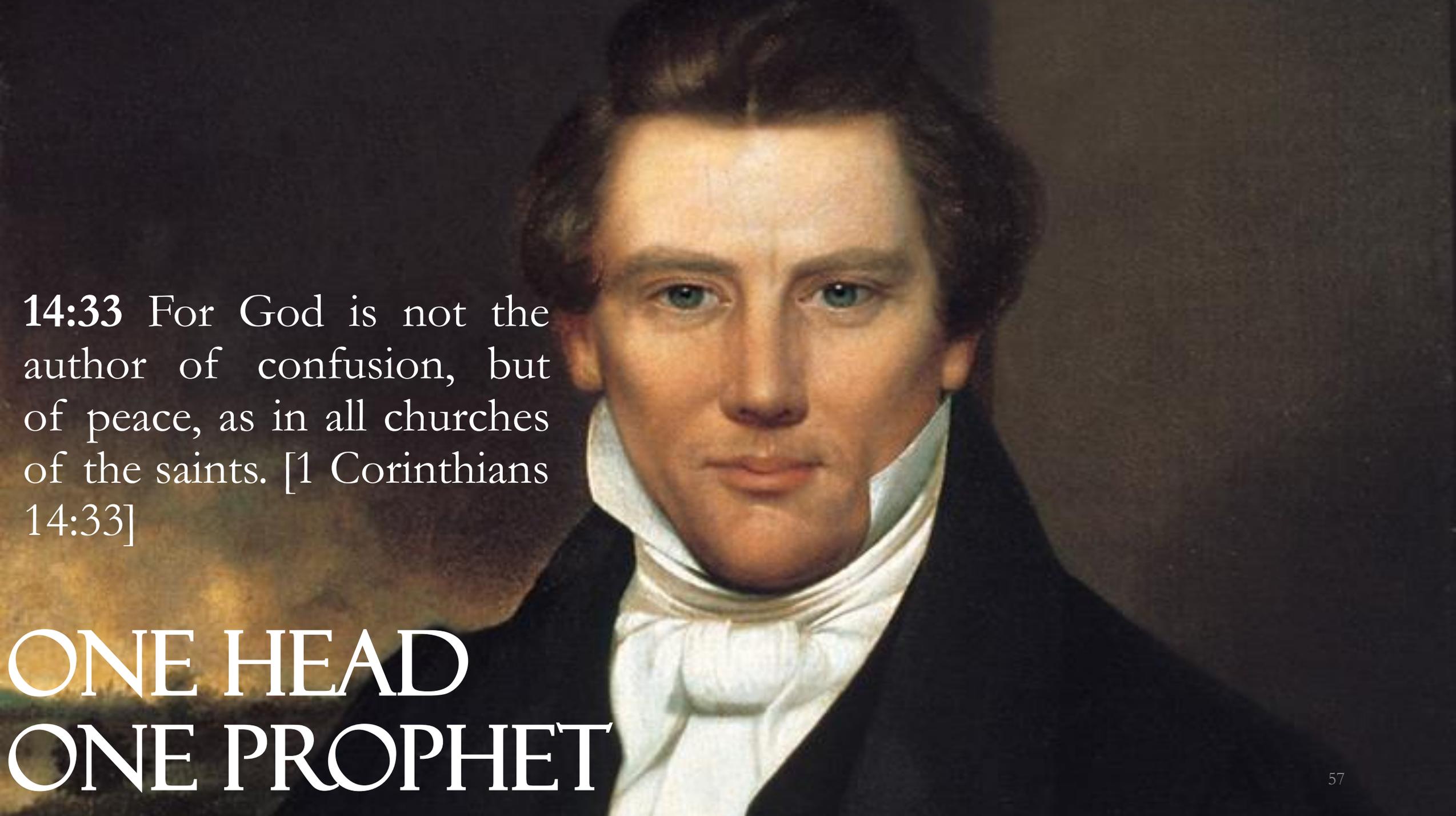
5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the **head** of the church; and He is the ***Savior of the body.***

5:24 Therefore as the church is **subject** unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything... **2:9** For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. **2:10** And ye are complete **in Him**, which is the **head** of all principality and power. [Ephesians 5:23-24 and Colossians 2:9-10]



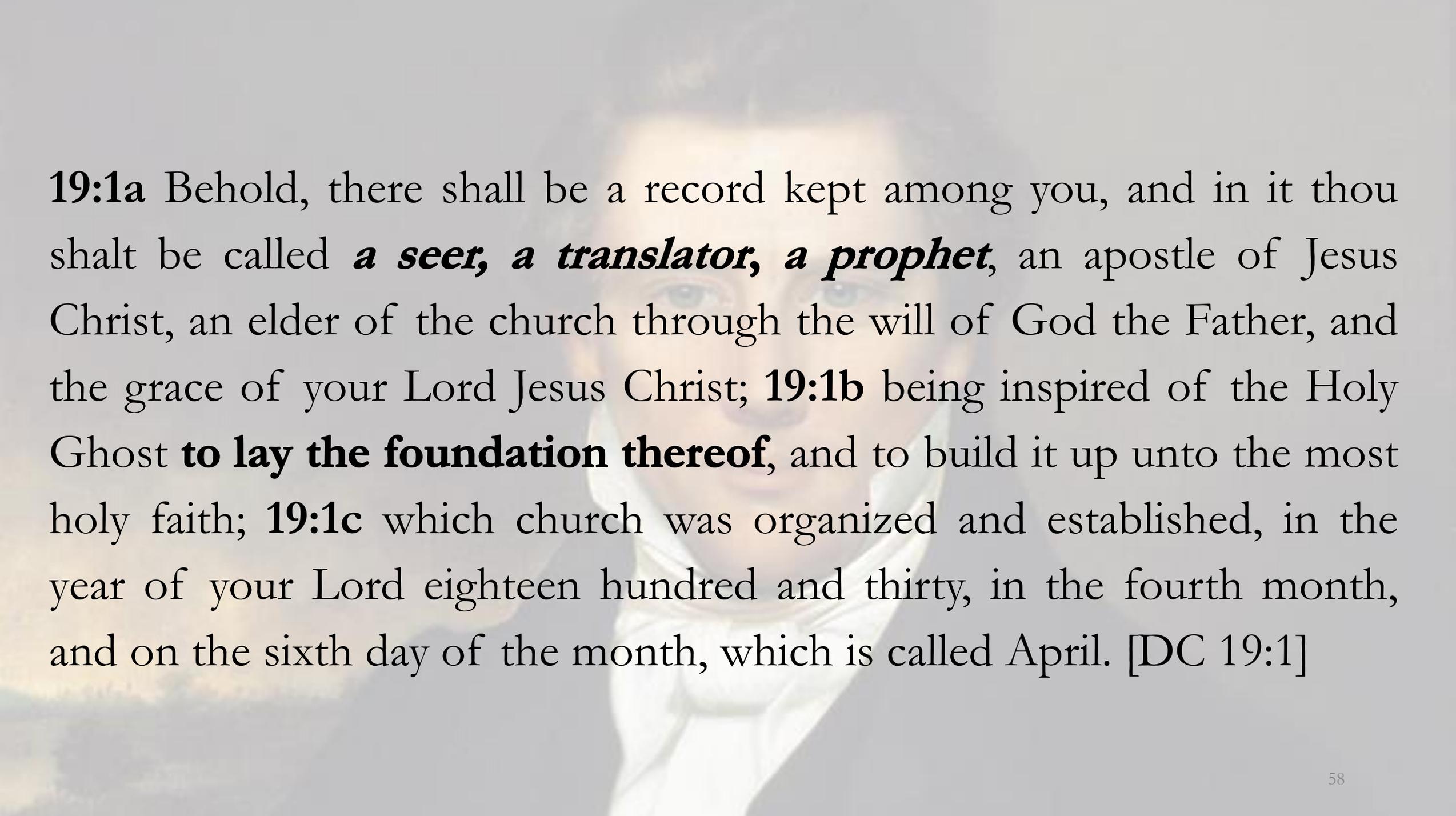
104:42 And again, the duty of the president of the office of the high priesthood is to **preside** over the ***whole church***, and to be like unto Moses. Behold, here is wisdom, yea, to be a seer, a revelator, a translator, and a prophet; having all the gifts of God which He bestows upon the **head** of the church.

[DC 104:42]

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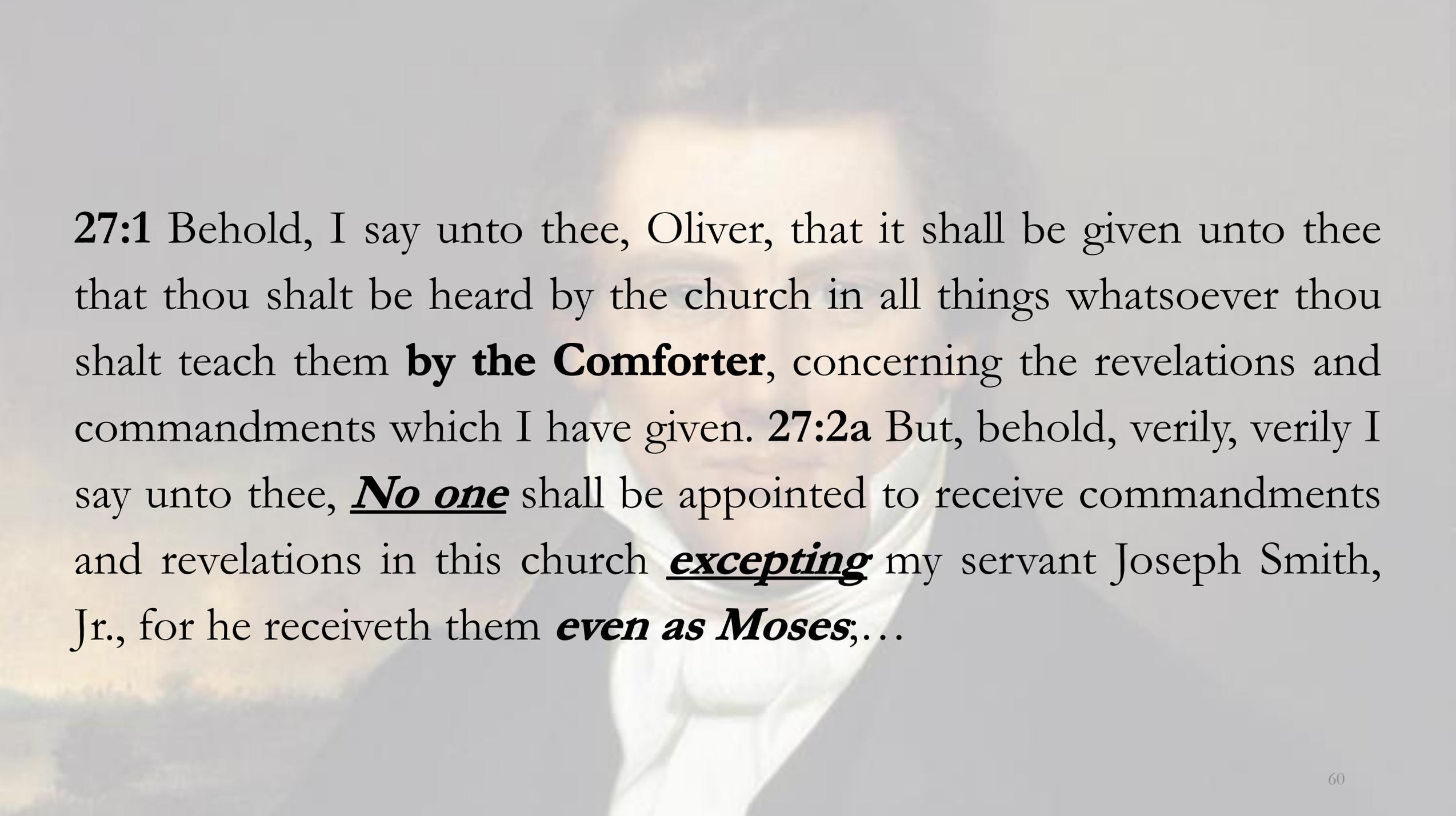
14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. [1 Corinthians 14:33]

ONE HEAD
ONE PROPHET



19:1a Behold, there shall be a record kept among you, and in it thou shalt be called ***a seer, a translator, a prophet***, an apostle of Jesus Christ, an elder of the church through the will of God the Father, and the grace of your Lord Jesus Christ; **19:1b** being inspired of the Holy Ghost **to lay the foundation thereof**, and to build it up unto the most holy faith; **19:1c** which church was organized and established, in the year of your Lord eighteen hundred and thirty, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month, which is called April. [DC 19:1]

19:2a Wherefore, meaning **the church**, thou shalt **give heed** unto **all his words**, and commandments, which he shall give unto you, as he receiveth them, walking in **all holiness** before me; 19:2b for his word ye shall receive, as if from **mine own mouth**, in all patience and faith; for by doing these things, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you; 19:2c yea, and the Lord God will disperse the powers of darkness from before you, and cause the heavens to shake for your good, and His name's glory. 19:2d For thus saith the Lord God, **him have I inspired to move the cause of Zion in mighty power for good;** and his diligence I know, and his prayers I have heard: 19:2e yea, his weeping for Zion I have seen, and I will cause that he shall mourn for her no longer, for his days of rejoicing are come unto the remission of his sins, and the manifestations of my blessings upon his works. [DC 19:2]

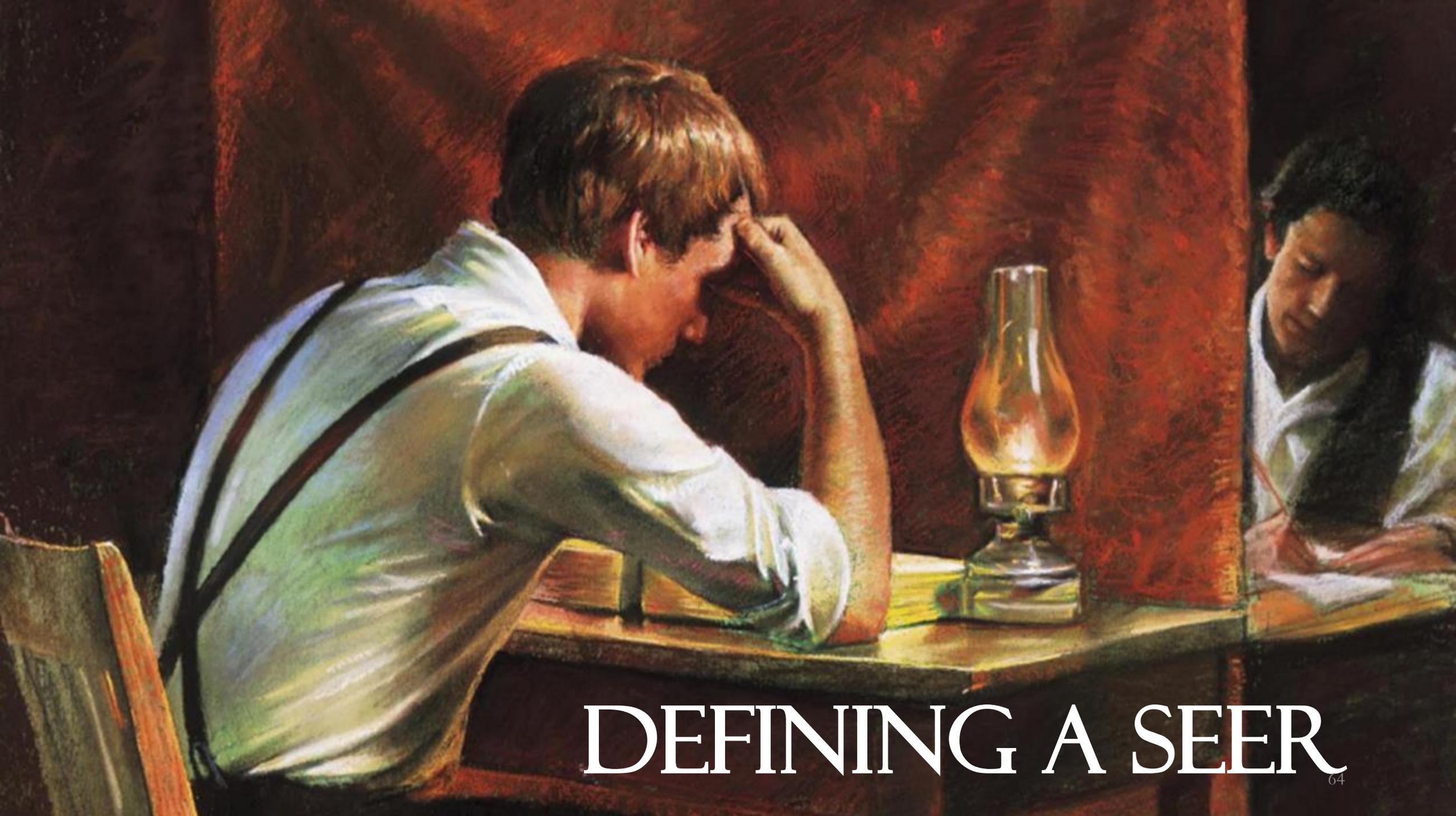


27:1 Behold, I say unto thee, Oliver, that it shall be given unto thee that thou shalt be heard by the church in all things whatsoever thou shalt teach them **by the Comforter**, concerning the revelations and commandments which I have given. **27:2a** But, behold, verily, verily I say unto thee, **No one** shall be appointed to receive commandments and revelations in this church **excepting** my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., for he receiveth them ***even as Moses***...

27:2b and thou shalt be obedient unto the things which I shall give unto him, even as Aaron, to declare faithfully the commandments and revelations, with power and authority unto the church. **27:2c** And if thou art led at any time by the Comforter to speak or teach, or at all times by the way of commandment unto the church, thou mayest do it. **27:2d** But thou shalt **not** write by **way of commandment**, but by wisdom; and thou **shalt not** command him who is at **thy head**, and at the **head of the church**, for I have given him the keys of the mysteries and the revelations, which are sealed, until I shall appoint unto them another in his stead. [DC 27:1-2]

43:1a O hearken, ye elders of my church, and give ear to the words which I shall speak unto you: for, behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that ye have received a commandment **for a law** unto my church, through him whom ***I have appointed*** unto you, to receive commandments and revelations from my hand. **43:1b** And this ye shall know assuredly, that there is **none other appointed** unto you to receive commandments and revelations until he be taken, if he abide in me.

43:2a But verily, verily I say unto you, that **none else** shall be appointed unto this gift **except** it be through him, for if it be taken from him he shall not have power, **except** to appoint another in his stead; 43:2b and this shall be a law unto you, that ye receive not the teachings of any that shall come before you as revelations, or commandments; and this I give unto you, that you **may not be deceived**, that you may know they are **not of me**. 43:2c For verily I say unto you, that he that is ordained of me, shall come in at the gate and be ordained as I have told you before, to teach those revelations which you have received, and shall receive through him whom **I have appointed**. [DC 43:1-2]



DEFINING A SEER

6:37 And the Lord spake unto Enoch and said unto him, Anoint thine eyes with clay, and wash them, and **thou shalt see**; and he did so. **6:38** And he beheld ***the spirits*** that God had created, and he beheld also things which were ***not visible*** to the natural eye; and from thenceforth came the saying abroad in the land, **A seer** hath the Lord raised up unto His people. [Genesis 6:37-38]

2:5 For I, the Lord God, created **all** things of which I have spoken spiritually, **before** they were naturally upon the face of the earth...

2:9 Nevertheless, **all** things were before created, but spiritually were they created and made, according to my word. [Genesis 2:5 and 9]

2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath ***not seen***, nor ***ear heard***, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. 2:10 But God **hath** revealed them unto us **by his Spirit**, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, **the deep** things of God. 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so *the* things of God knoweth no man, **except** he has the Spirit of God.” [1 Corinthians 2:9-11]

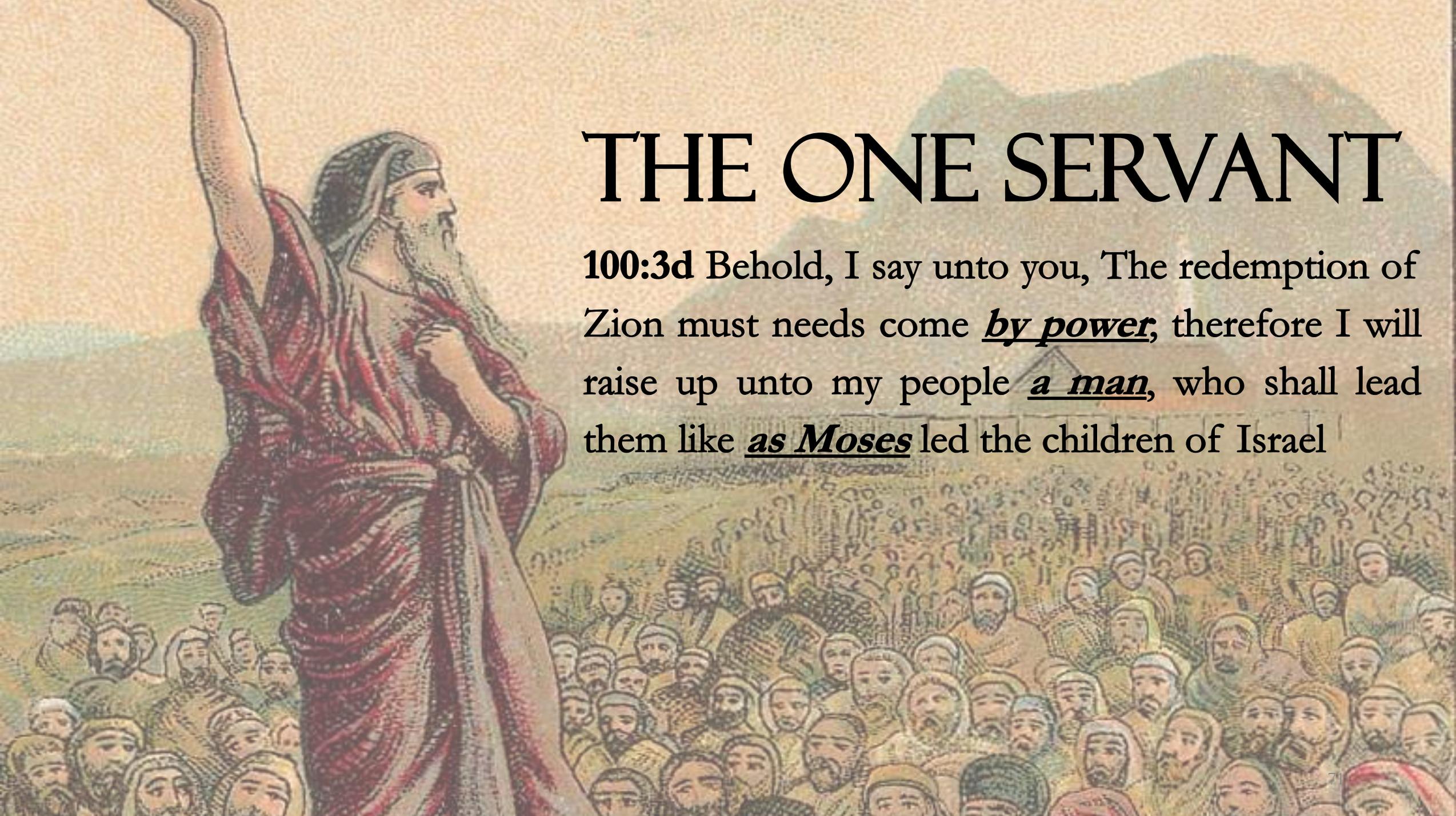
The gift of a seer is to view, hear, and understand the spiritual nature of God which is invisible to the natural man, “for God hath revealed unto them the **invisible** things of Him, from the creation of the world, which are ***clearly seen***; things which are not seen ***being understood by*** the things that are made, through his eternal power and Godhead.” [Romans 1:20]

22:19a And it came to pass, as the voice [God] was still speaking, he [Moses] cast his eyes and beheld the earth; yea, even all the face of it; and there was *not a particle* of it which he *did not behold, discerning it by the Spirit of God.* **22:19b** And he beheld also the inhabitants thereof, and there was not a soul which he beheld not, and he discerned them by the Spirit of God, and their numbers were great, even as numberless as the sand upon the seashore. **22:19c** And he beheld many lands, and each land was called earth; and there were inhabitants on the face thereof. [DC 22:19]

5:72 Now Ammon said unto him, I can assuredly tell thee, O king, of a man [King Mosiah] that can translate the records [the Book of Ether]: for he has wherewith that he can look, and translate all records that are of ancient date: and it is a gift from God. **5:73** And the things are called interpreters [Urim and Thummim; read Exodus 28:29-30]; and **no** man can look in them, **except** he be commanded, lest he should look for that he ought not, and he should perish. **5:74** And whosoever is commanded to look in them, the same is called **seer**. **5:75** And behold, the king of the people who is in the land of Zarahemla, is the man that is commanded to do these things, and who has this **high gift** from God.

5:76 And the king said, that a seer is greater than a prophet. **5:77** And Ammon said, that a seer is a revelator, **and a prophet also**; and a gift which is greater, can no man have, except he should possess the power of God, which no man can; yet a man may have great power given him from God. **5:78** But a seer can know of things which have past, and also of things which are to come; **5:79** And by them shall **all things** be revealed, or rather, shall secret things be made manifest, and hidden things shall come to light, and things which are not known, shall be made known **by them**; **5:80** And also, things shall be made known by them, which otherwise could not be known. **5:81** Thus God has provided a means that man, **through faith**, might work mighty miracles; therefore, he becometh a great benefit to his fellow beings. [Mosiah 5:72-81]

12:18 And now he translated them by the means of those two stones which were fastened into the two rims of a bow. **12:19** Now these things were **prepared from the beginning**, and were handed down from generation to generation, for the purpose of interpreting languages; **12:20** And they have been **kept and preserved by the hand of the Lord**, that He should discover to every creature who should possess the land, the iniquities and abominations of His people; **12:21** And whosoever has these things, **is called seer**, after the manner of old times. [Mosiah 12:18-21]



THE ONE SERVANT

100:3d Behold, I say unto you, The redemption of Zion must needs come by power, therefore I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel

98:6a And now, I will show unto you a parable that you may know *my will* concerning the *redemption of Zion*. 98:6b A certain **nobleman** had **a spot of land** very choice; and he said unto his servants, Go ye into **my vineyard**, even upon this very choice piece of land, and **plant twelve olive trees**; and set **watchmen** round about them and build a **tower**, that one may overlook the land round about, to be **a watchman** upon the tower; 98:6c that mine olive trees may not be broken down, when the enemy shall come to spoil and take unto themselves the fruit of my vineyard. 98:6d Now the servants of the nobleman went and did as their lord commanded them; and planted the olive trees, and built **a hedge** round about, and set watchmen, and began to build a tower. [DC 98:6a-d]

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- (1) A certain nobleman = **Jesus Christ**
- (2) a spot of land very choice/vineyard = **Zion**
- (3) plant twelve olive trees = **Twelve Apostles**
- (4) watch*men* = **Priesthood**
- (5) a tower = **Power and Authority of God/the Church**
- (6) a watch*man* upon the tower = **Prophet**
- (7) a hedge round about = **Protection of God**

D&C 98:6e And while they were yet laying the foundation thereof, they began to say among themselves, And what need hath my lord of this **tower**? and consulted for a long time, saying among themselves, What need hath my lord of this **tower**, seeing this is a time of peace? **98:6f** Might not this money be given to the exchangers? for there is no need of these things! **98:6g** And while they were at **variance** one with another they became **very slothful**, and they hearkened not unto the commandments of their lord, **98:6h** and the enemy came by night and broke down the hedge, and the servants of the nobleman arose, and were affrighted, and fled; and the enemy destroyed their works and **broke down the olive trees.**

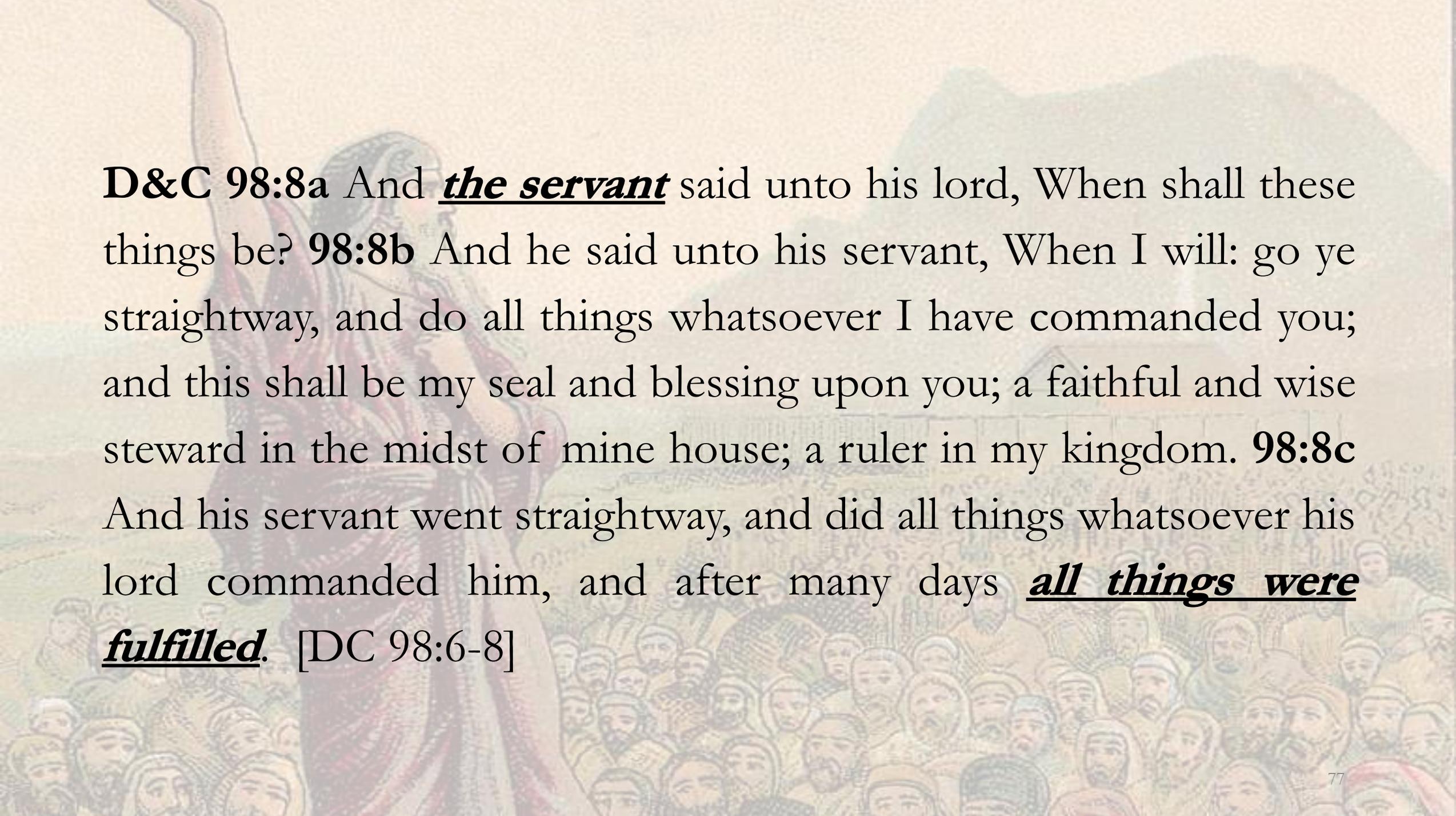
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D&C 98:7a Now, behold, the nobleman, the lord of the vineyard, called upon his servants, and said unto them, Why! what is the cause of this great evil? ought ye not to have done even as I commanded you? and after ye had **planted the vineyard**, and **built the hedge** round about, and **set watchmen** upon the walls thereof, **98:7b built the tower** also, and **set a watchman** upon the tower, and **watched** for my vineyard, and **not have fallen asleep**, lest the enemy should come upon you? **98:7c** and, behold, the watchman upon the tower would have seen the enemy while he was yet afar off, and then you could have **made ready** and kept the enemy from breaking down the hedge thereof, and saved my vineyard from the hands of the destroyer.

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D&C 98:7d And the lord of the vineyard said unto **one** of his servants, Go, and gather together the residue of my servants; and take all the strength of mine house, which are my warriors, my young men, and they that are of middle age also, among all my servants, who are the strength of mine house, save those only whom I have appointed to tarry; **98:7e** and go ye straightway unto the land of my vineyard, and **redeem my vineyard** [the land of Zion], for it is mine, I have bought it with money. **98:7f** Therefore, get ye straightway unto **my land**; break down the walls of mine enemies, throw down their tower, and scatter their watchmen; **98:7g** and inasmuch as they gather together against you, avenge me of mine enemies; that by and by I may come with the residue of mine house and possess the land.

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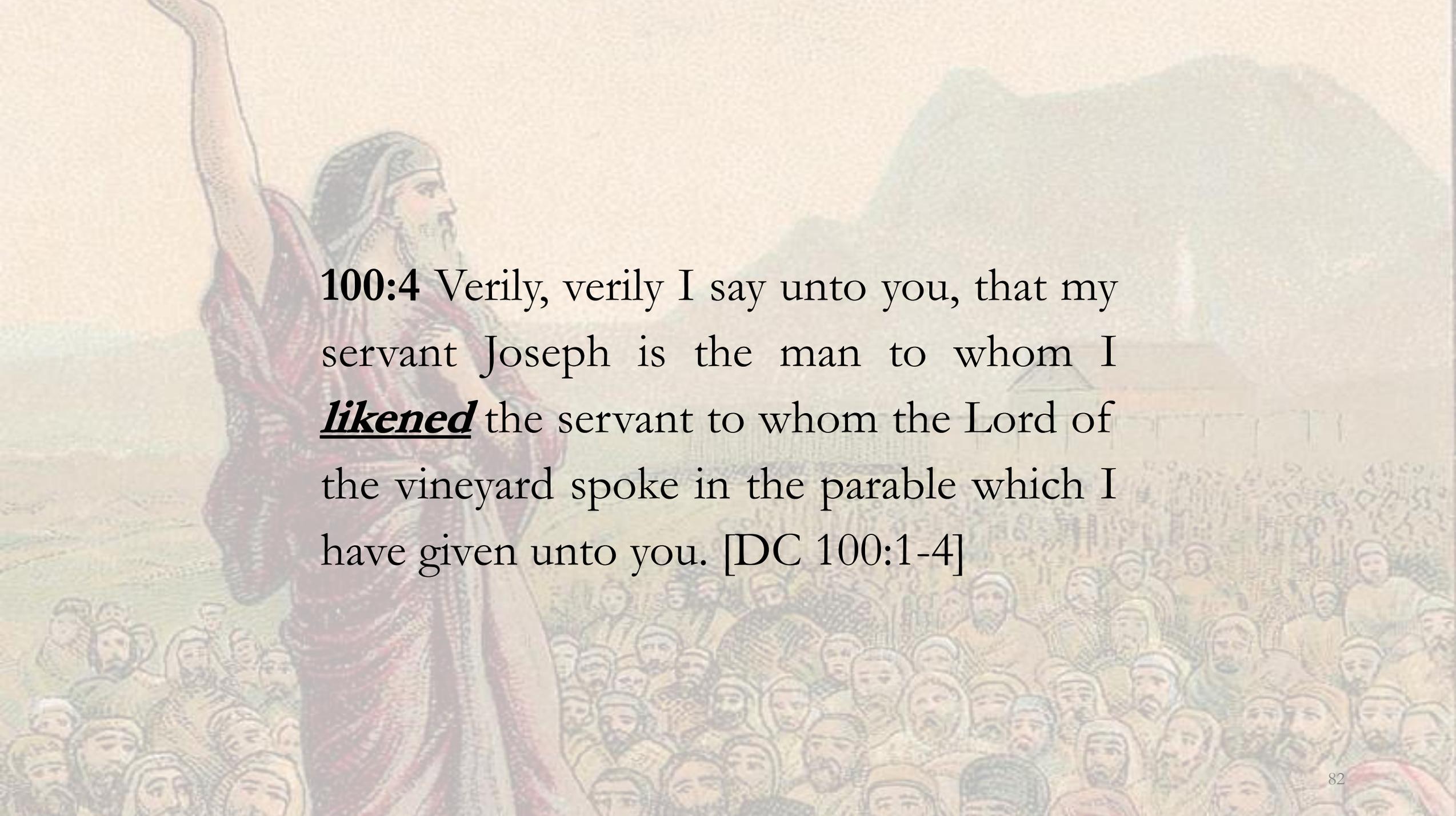
D&C 98:8a And *the servant* said unto his lord, When shall these things be? **98:8b** And he said unto his servant, When I will: go ye straightway, and do all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and this shall be my seal and blessing upon you; a faithful and wise steward in the midst of mine house; a ruler in my kingdom. **98:8c** And his servant went straightway, and did all things whatsoever his lord commanded him, and after many days *all things were fulfilled.* [DC 98:6-8]

100:1a Verily I say unto you, my friends, Behold, I will give unto you a revelation and commandment, that you may know how to act in the discharge of your duties concerning the salvation and redemption of your brethren, who have been scattered on the land of Zion, being driven and smitten by the hands of mine enemies; on whom I will pour out my wrath without measure in mine own time; **100:1b** for I have suffered them thus far, that they might fill up the measure of their iniquities, that their cup might be full, and that those who call themselves after my name might be **chastened for a little season**, with a sore and grievous chastisement, **because they did not hearken** altogether unto the precepts and commandments which I gave unto them

100:2a But verily I say unto you, that I have decreed a decree which my people shall realize, inasmuch as they ***hearken from this very hour***, unto the counsel which I, the Lord, their God, shall give unto them. **100:2b** Behold, they shall, for I have decreed it, begin to prevail against mine enemies from **this very hour**, and by hearkening to observe all the words which I, the Lord their God, shall speak unto them, they shall **never** cease to prevail until the kingdoms of the world are subdued under my feet; and the earth is given unto the saints, to possess it for ever and ever. **100:2c** But inasmuch as they **keep not** my commandments, and ***hearken not*** to observe all my words, the kingdoms of the world **shall prevail against them**, for they were set to be a light unto the world, and to be the saviors of men; **100:2d** and inasmuch as they are not the saviors of men, they are as salt that has lost its savor, and is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

100:3a But verily I say unto you, I have decreed that your brethren, which have been scattered, ***shall return*** to the land of their inheritances and ***build up*** the waste places of Zion; for after much tribulation, as I have said unto you in a former commandment, cometh the blessing. **100:3b** Behold, this is the blessing which I have promised after your tribulations, and the tribulations of your brethren; ***your*** redemption, and the redemption of ***your brethren***; even ***their restoration*** to the land of Zion, to be established, ***no more*** to be thrown down; **100:3c** nevertheless, ***if*** they pollute their inheritances, they shall be thrown down; for I will ***not spare them*** if they pollute their inheritances.

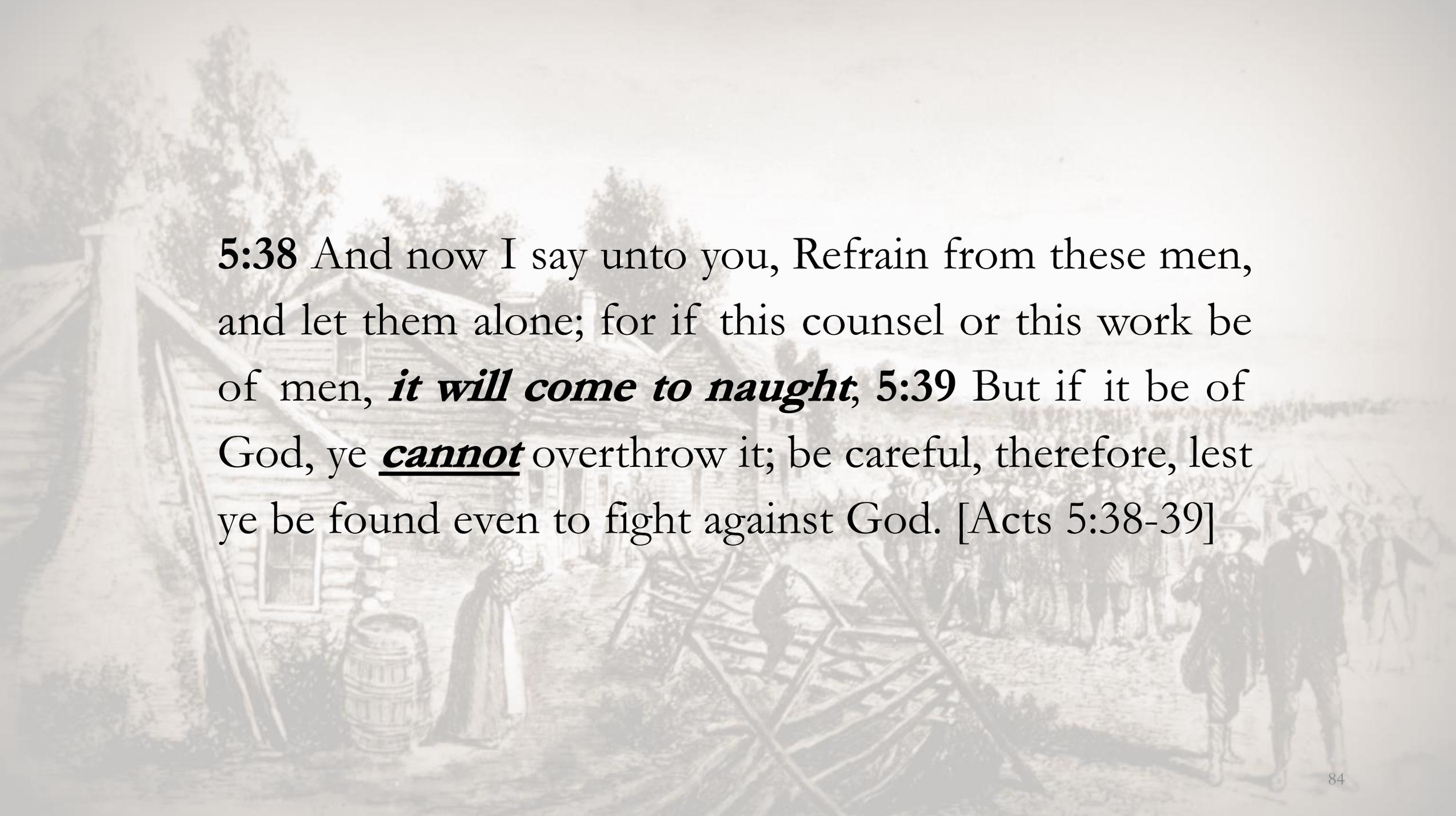
D&C 100:3d Behold, I say unto you, The redemption of Zion must needs come **by power**, therefore I will raise up unto my people **a man**, who shall lead them **like** as Moses led the children of Israel, for ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham; **100:3e** and ye must needs be **led out of bondage by power**, and with a stretched out arm; and as your fathers were led at the first, **even so** shall the redemption of Zion be. **100:3f** Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say **not** unto you as I said unto your fathers, Mine angel shall go up before you, but **not** my presence; but I say unto you, Mine angels shall go before you, and **also my presence**, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.



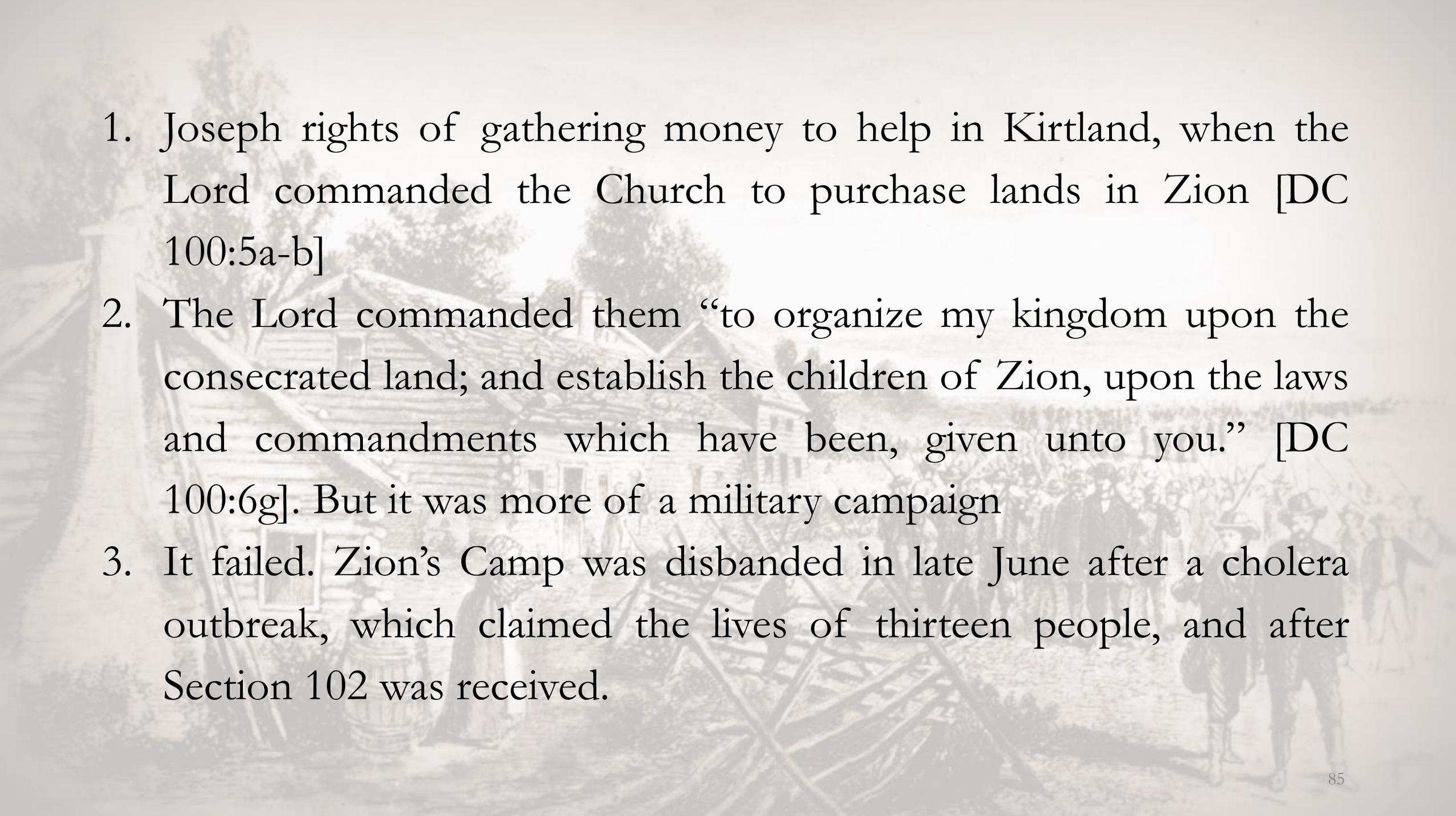
100:4 Verily, verily I say unto you, that my servant Joseph is the man to whom I ***likened*** the servant to whom the Lord of the vineyard spoke in the parable which I have given unto you. [DC 100:1-4]

ZION'S CAMP





5:38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, ***it will come to naught,*** **5:39** But if it be of God, ye **cannot** overthrow it; be careful, therefore, lest ye be found even to fight against God. [Acts 5:38-39]

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1. Joseph rights of gathering money to help in Kirtland, when the Lord commanded the Church to purchase lands in Zion [DC 100:5a-b]
 2. The Lord commanded them “to organize my kingdom upon the consecrated land; and establish the children of Zion, upon the laws and commandments which have been, given unto you.” [DC 100:6g]. But it was more of a military campaign
 3. It failed. Zion’s Camp was disbanded in late June after a cholera outbreak, which claimed the lives of thirteen people, and after Section 102 was received.

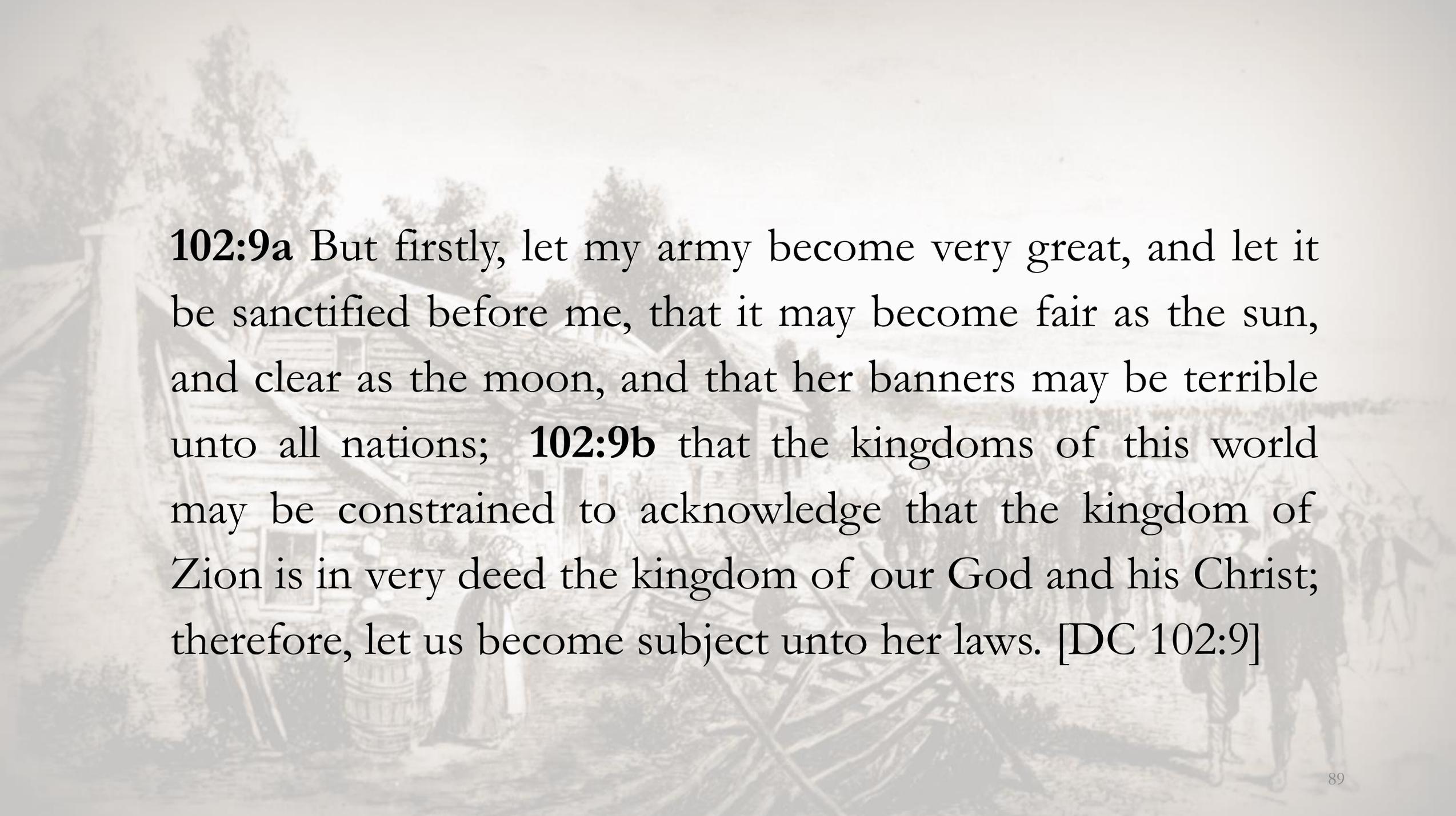
3:187 And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they **shall have** the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; **3:188** And if they endure unto the end, they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; And whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, ***how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be.*** [1 Nephi 3:187-189]

10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh; **10:4** (For the weapons of our warfare are **not carnal**, but **mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds**;) **10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **10:6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. [2 Corinthians 10:3-6]

5:104 Yea, do ye suppose that they would have been led out of bondage, if the Lord had not commanded Moses that he should lead them out of bondage? **5:105** Now ye know that the children of Israel were in bondage; and ye know that they were laden with tasks, which were grievous to be borne; **5:106** Wherefore, ye know that it must needs be a good thing for them, that they should be brought out of bondage. **5:107** Now ye know that Moses was commanded of the Lord to do that great work; **5:108** And ye know that by his word the waters of the Red Sea were divided hither and thither, and they passed through on dry ground. **5:109** But ye know that the Egyptians were drowned in the Red Sea, who were the armies of Pharaoh; **5:110** And ye also know that they were fed with manna in the wilderness; **5:111** Yea, and ye also know that Moses, by his word, according to the power of God which was in him, smote the rock, and there came forth water, that the children of Israel might quench their thirst; [1 Nephi 5:104-111]

108:2c And let every man call upon the name of the Lord; yea, verily I say unto you again, The time has come when the voice of the Lord is unto you, **Go ye out of Babylon**; gather ye out from among the nations, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other...

108:4a Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour. Let them, therefore, who are among the Gentiles, flee unto Zion. **108:4b** And let them who be of Judah, flee unto Jerusalem, unto the mountains of the Lord's house. Go ye out from among the nations, **even from Babylon**, from the **midst of wickedness**, which is **spiritual** Babylon. [DC 108:2c and 4]

A faded, sepia-toned background image of a historical settlement. It shows several wooden buildings with gabled roofs, some with porches. In the foreground, there are people, including a woman in a long dress and a man in a hat. There are also wooden barrels and what appears to be a wooden structure or fence. The overall scene is a depiction of a frontier or pioneer settlement.

102:9a But firstly, let my army become very great, and let it be sanctified before me, that it may become fair as the sun, and clear as the moon, and that her banners may be terrible unto all nations; **102:9b** that the kingdoms of this world may be constrained to acknowledge that the kingdom of Zion is in very deed the kingdom of our God and his Christ; therefore, let us become subject unto her laws. [DC 102:9]