



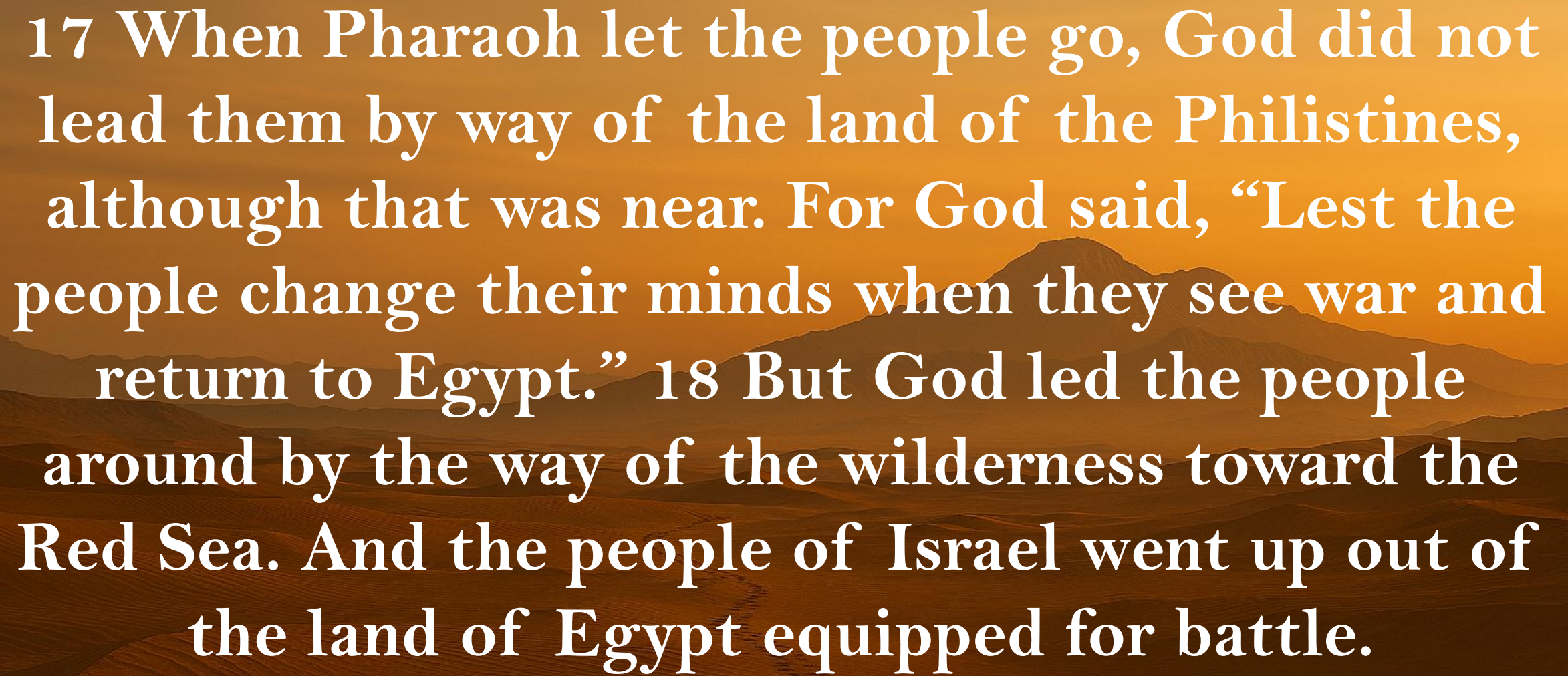
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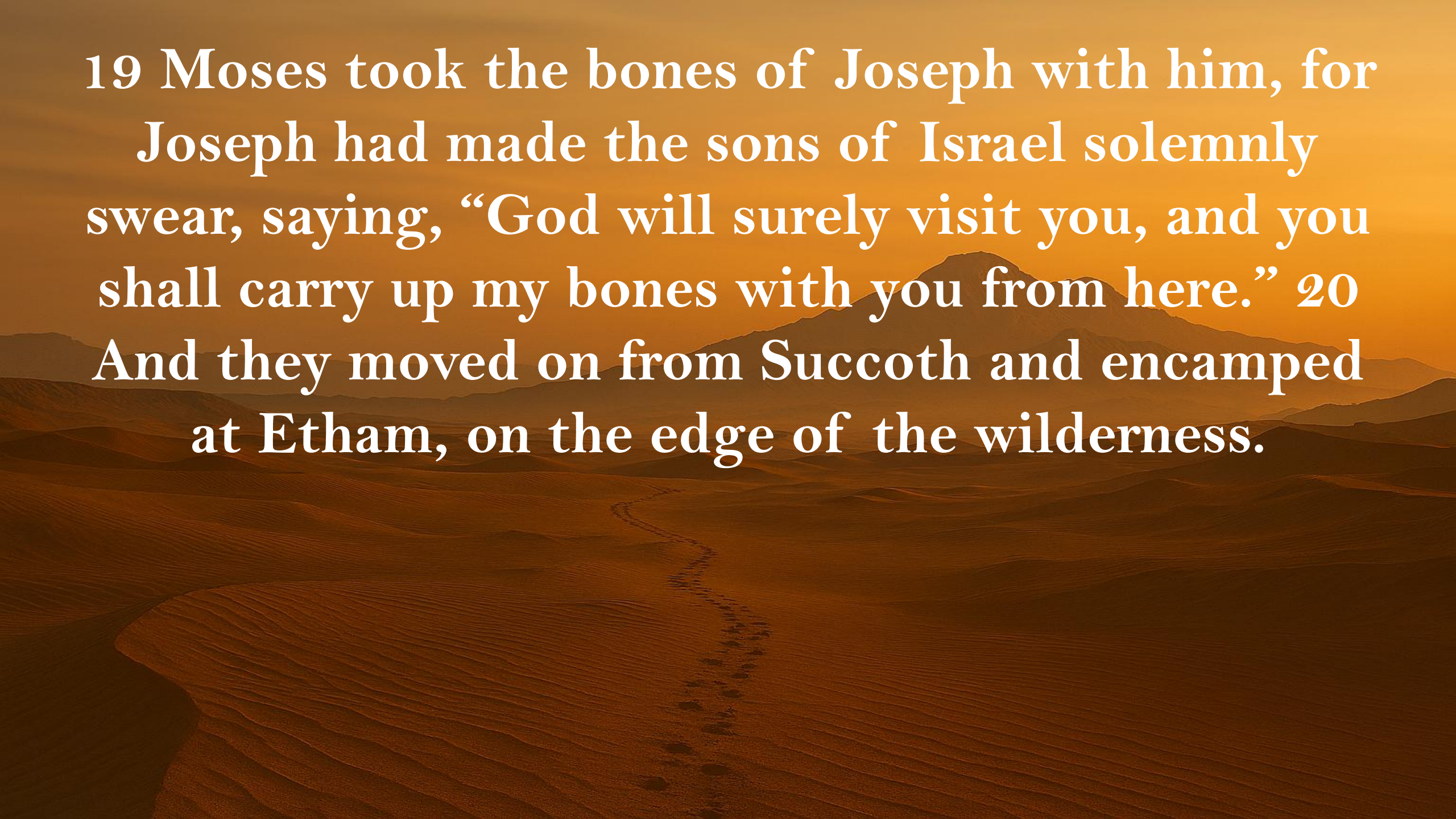
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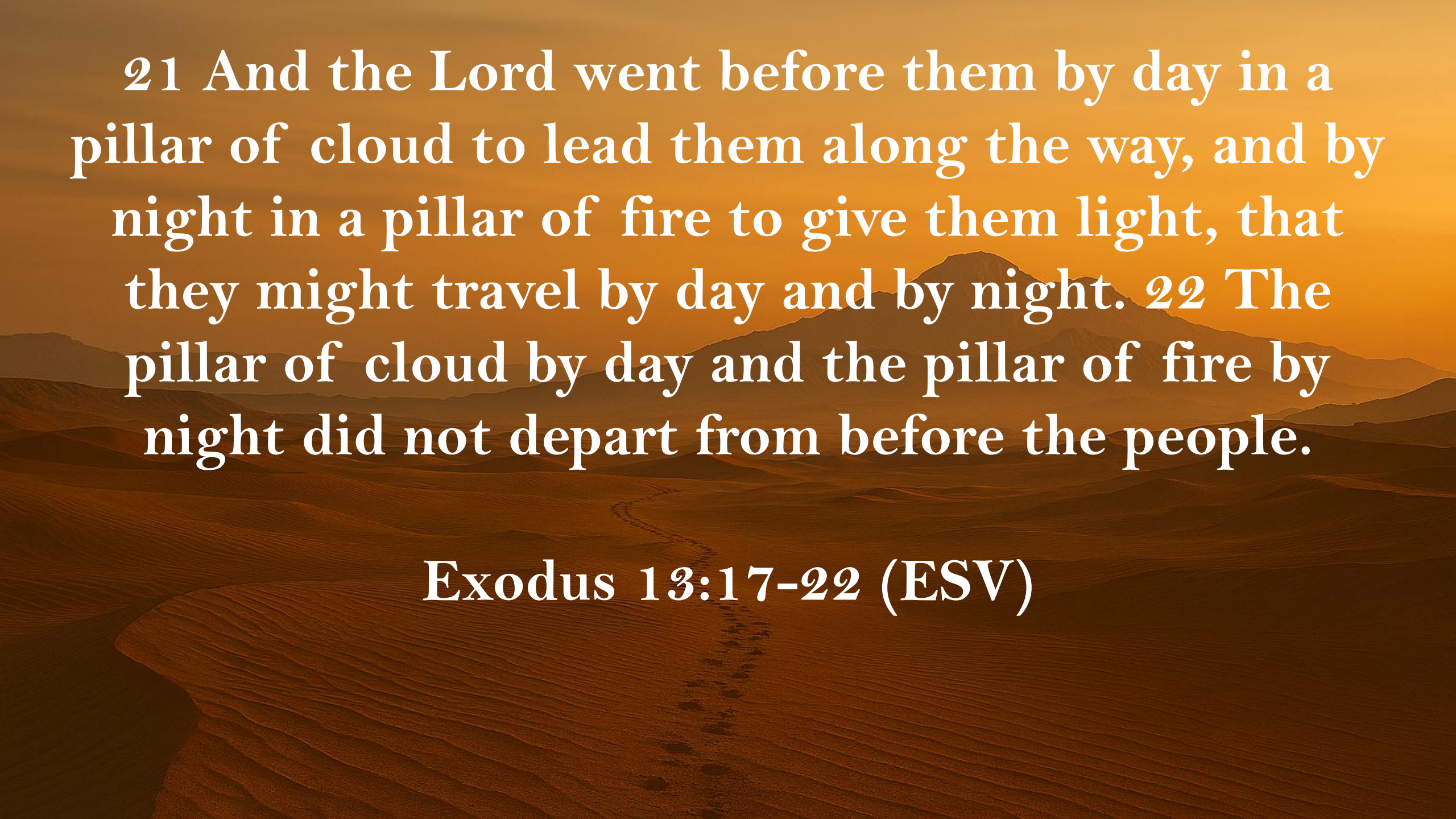
13:17-15:21: The Cross Over



17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” 18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.



19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.” 20 And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.



21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

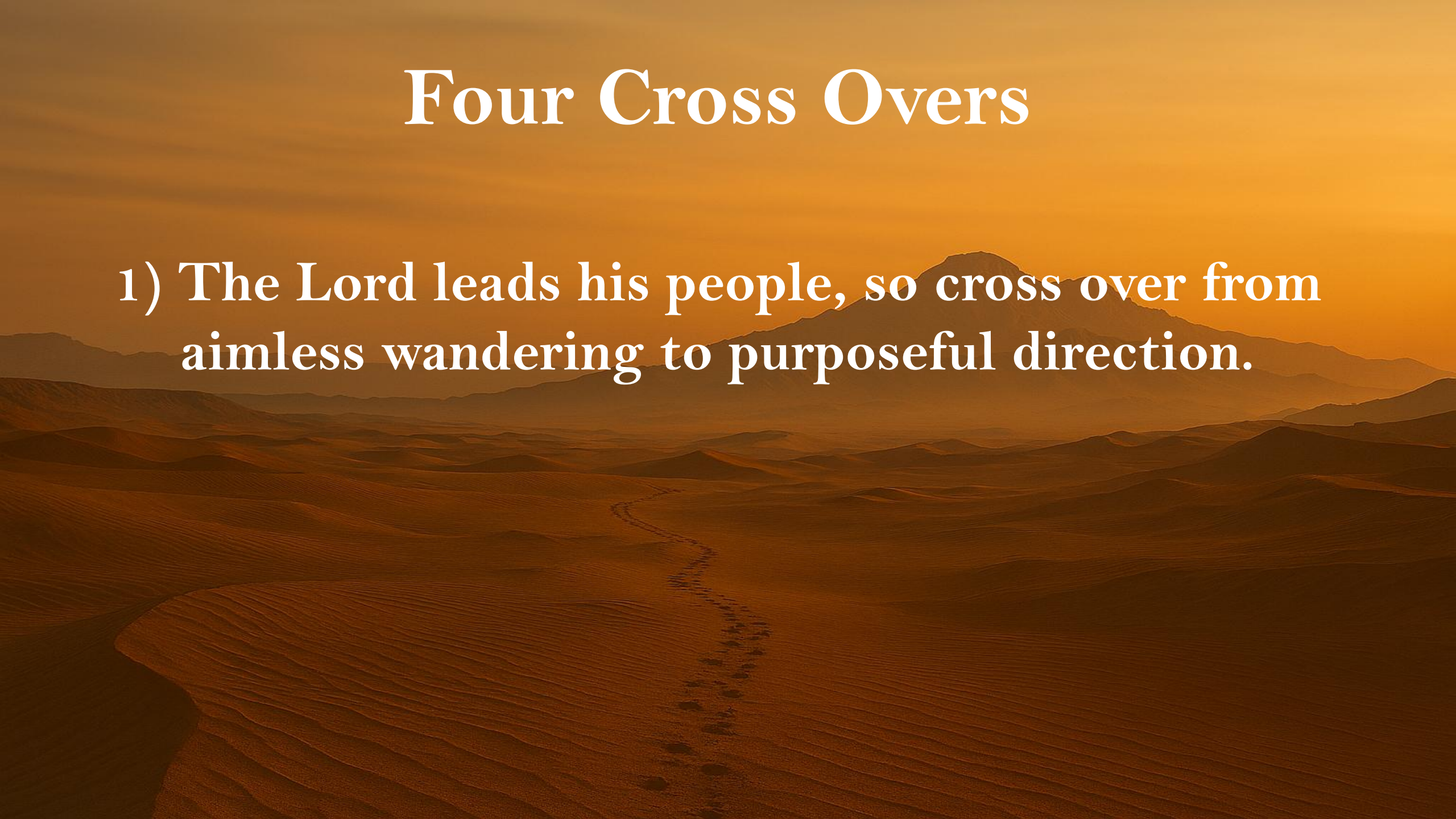
Exodus 13:17-22 (ESV)

Four Cross Overs

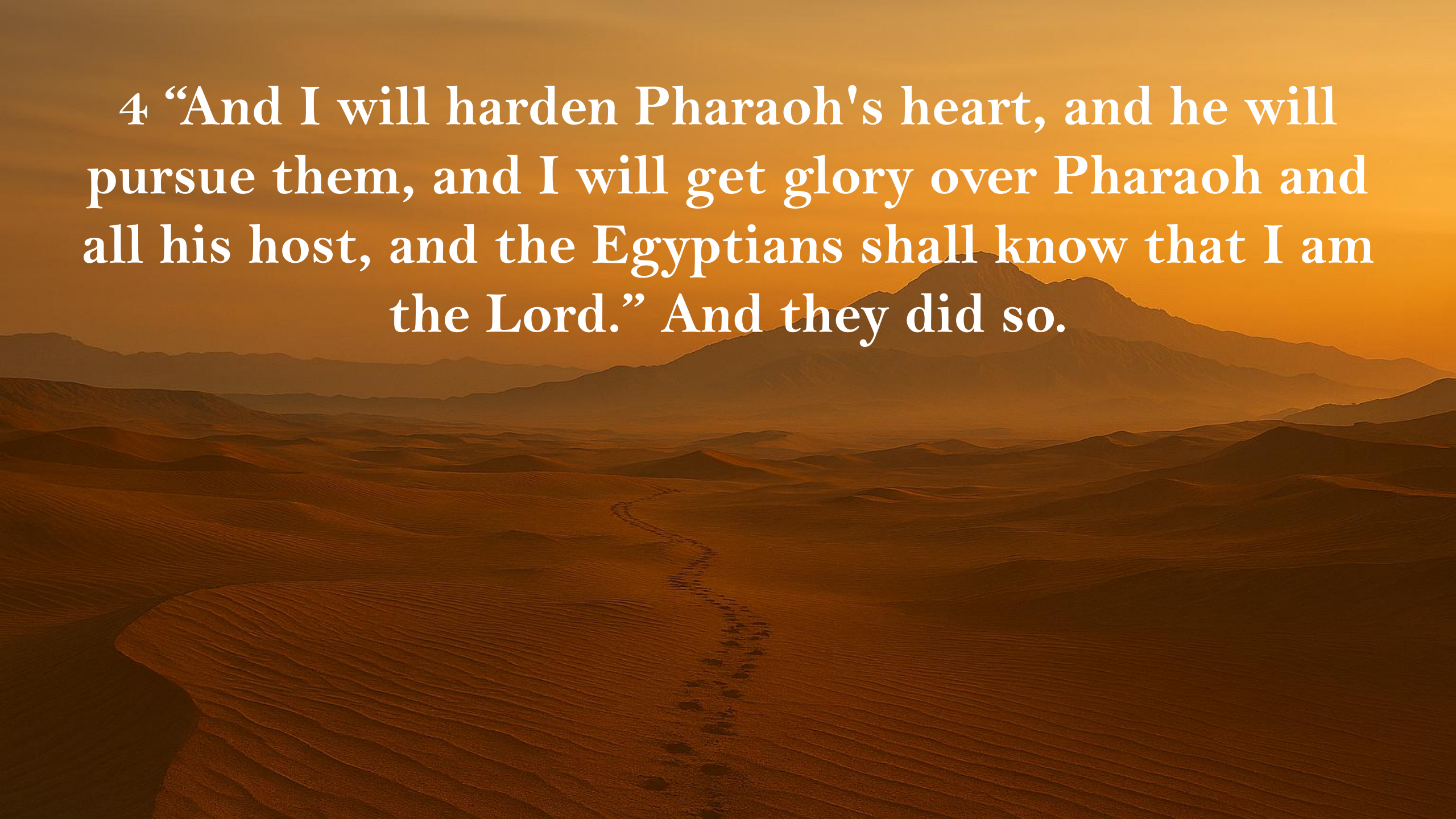


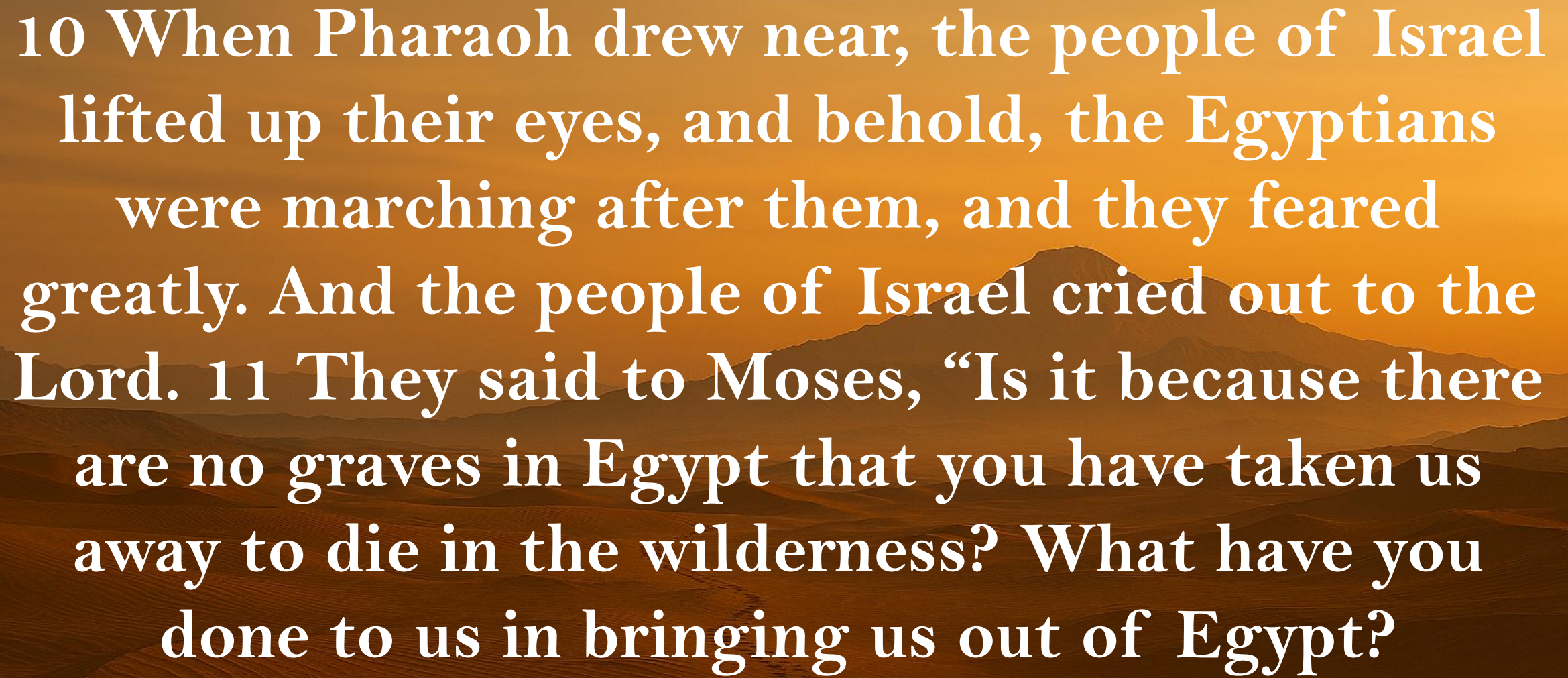
Four Cross Overs

1) The Lord leads his people, so cross over from aimless wandering to purposeful direction.

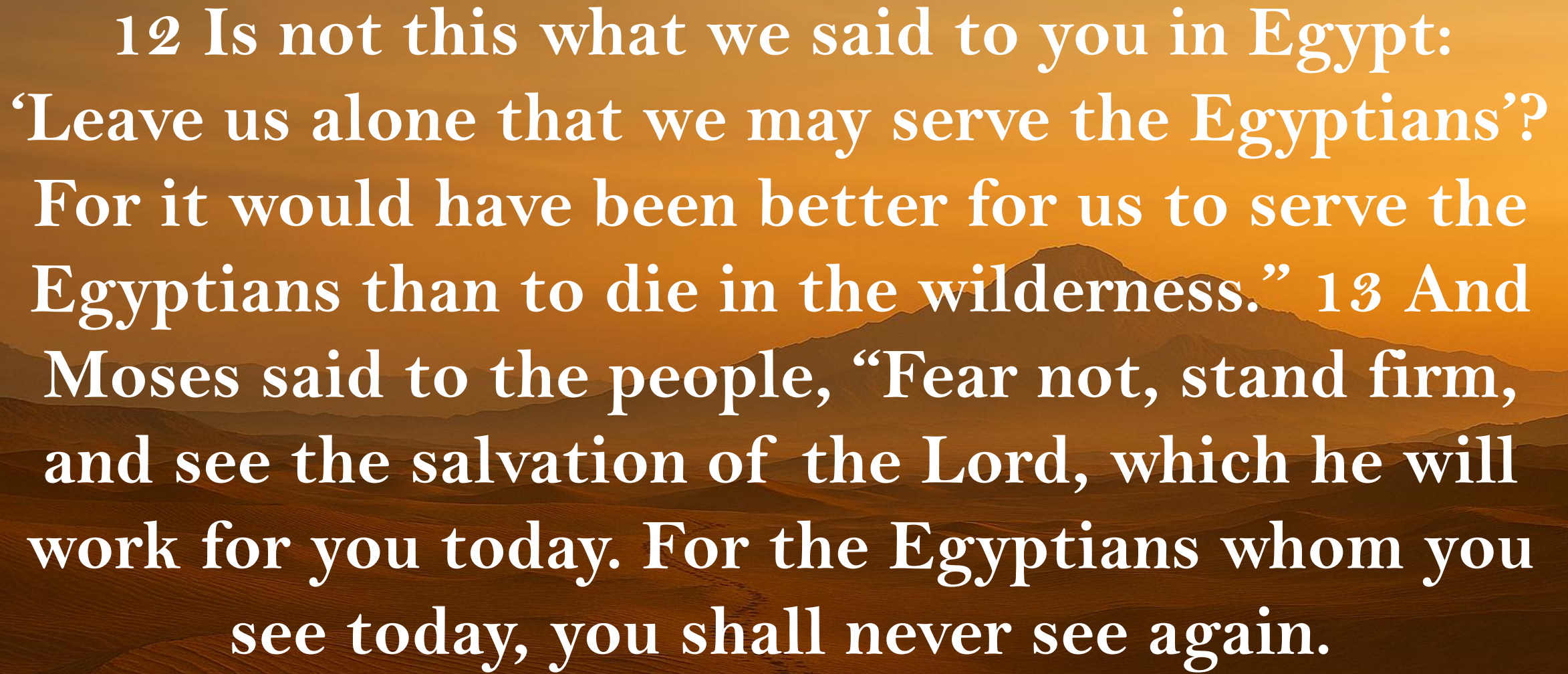


4 “And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.” And they did so.





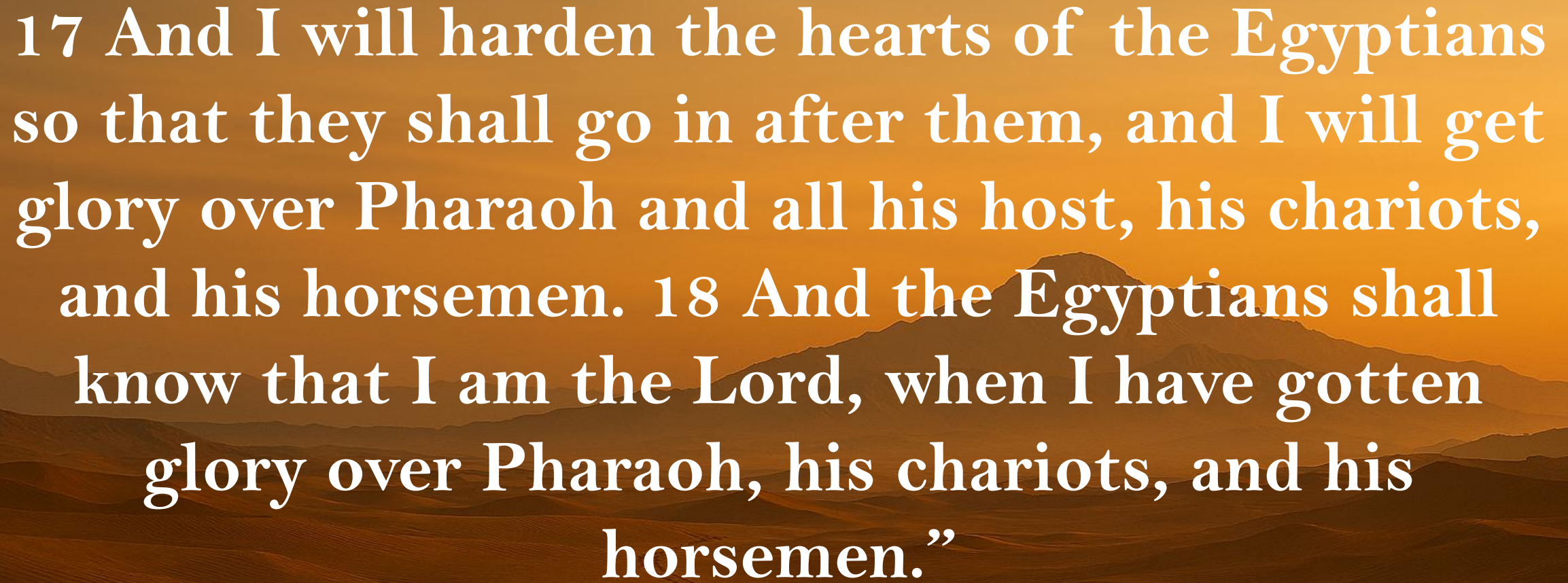
10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?”



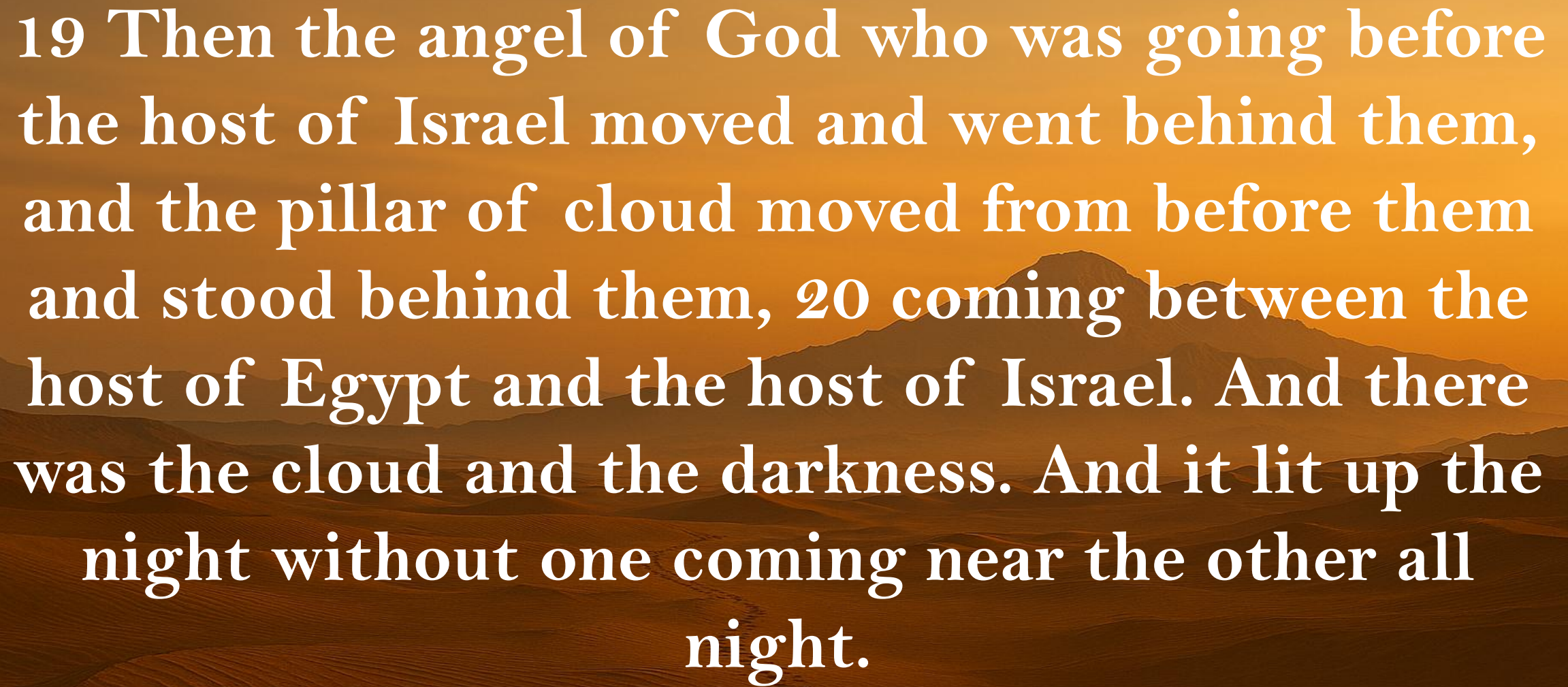
12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt:
‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’?
For it would have been better for us to serve the
Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” 13 And
Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm,
and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will
work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you
see today, you shall never see again.

14 The Lord will fight for you, and you have only
to be silent.”

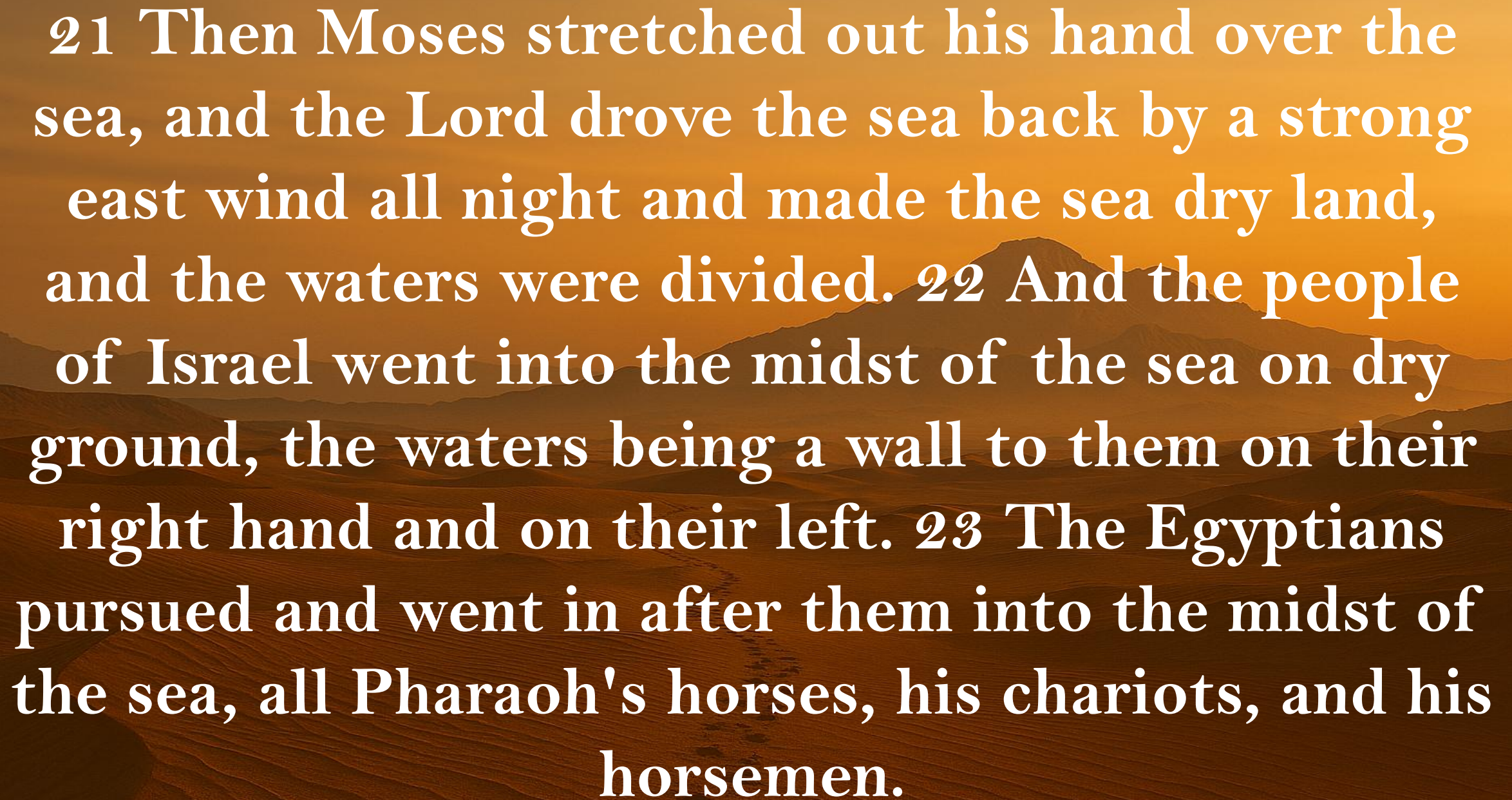
15 The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to
me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. 16
Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over
the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel
may go through the sea on dry ground.



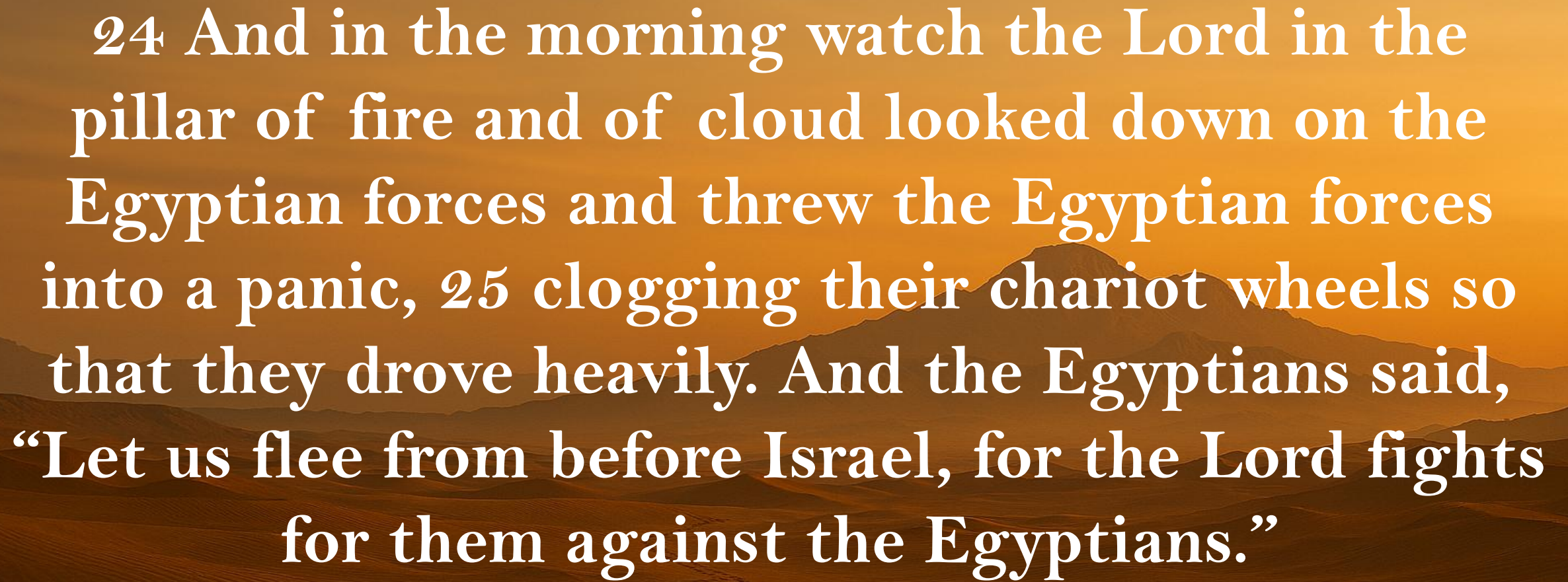
17 And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”



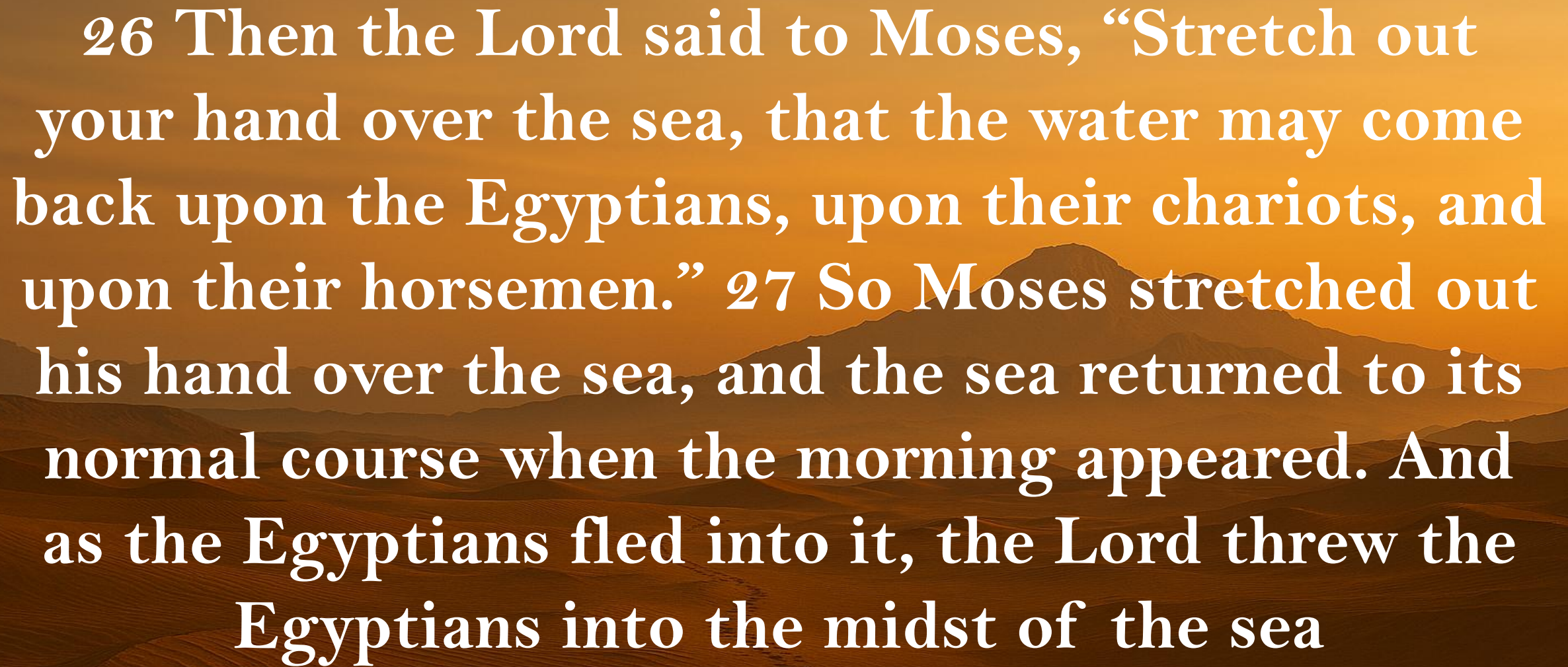
19 Then the angel of God who was going before
the host of Israel moved and went behind them,
and the pillar of cloud moved from before them
and stood behind them, 20 coming between the
host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there
was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the
night without one coming near the other all
night.



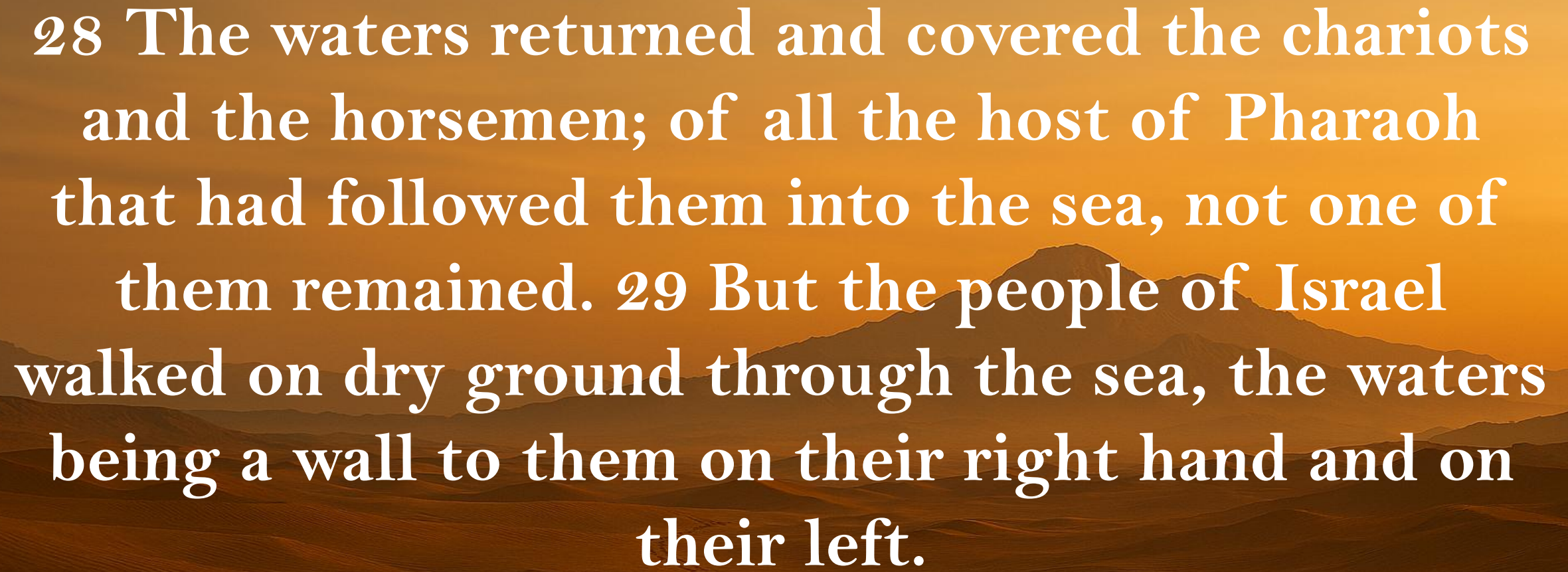
21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.



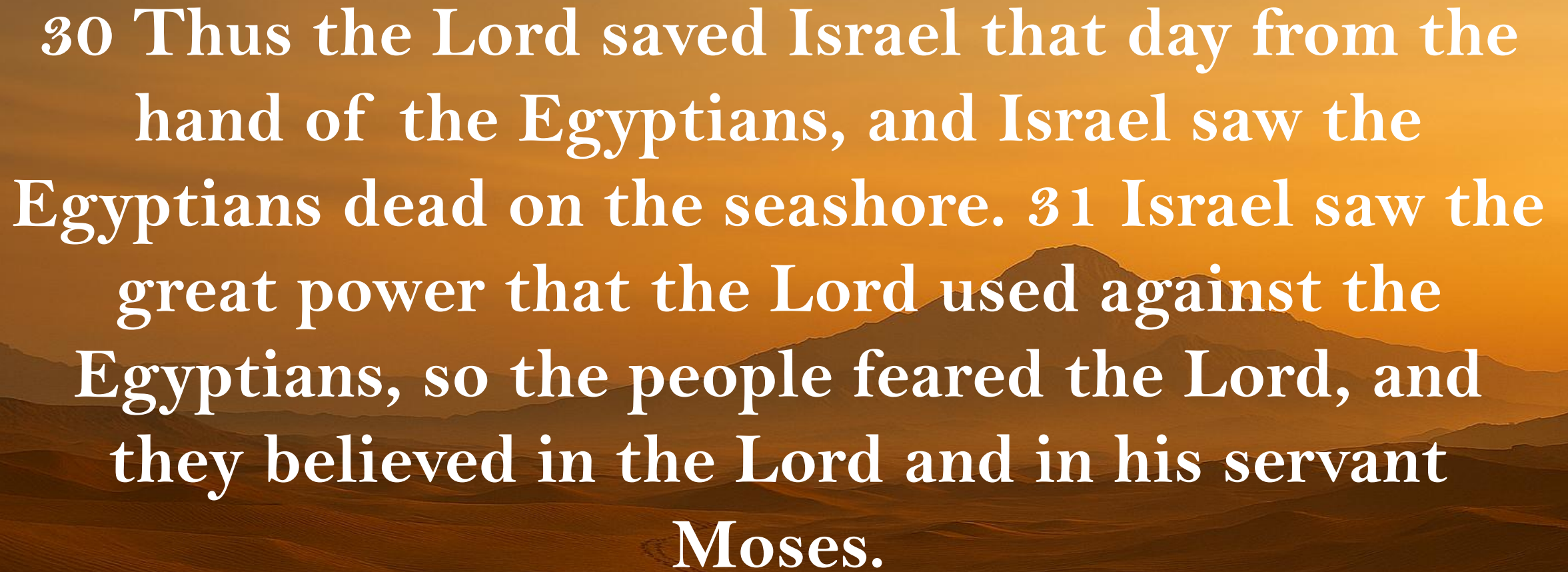
24 And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, 25 clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.”



26 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea

The background of the image is a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling sand dunes with a path of footprints leading from the bottom center towards the middle ground. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall color palette is dominated by warm browns, oranges, and yellows.

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots
and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh
that had followed them into the sea, not one of
them remained. 29 But the people of Israel
walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters
being a wall to them on their right hand and on
their left.

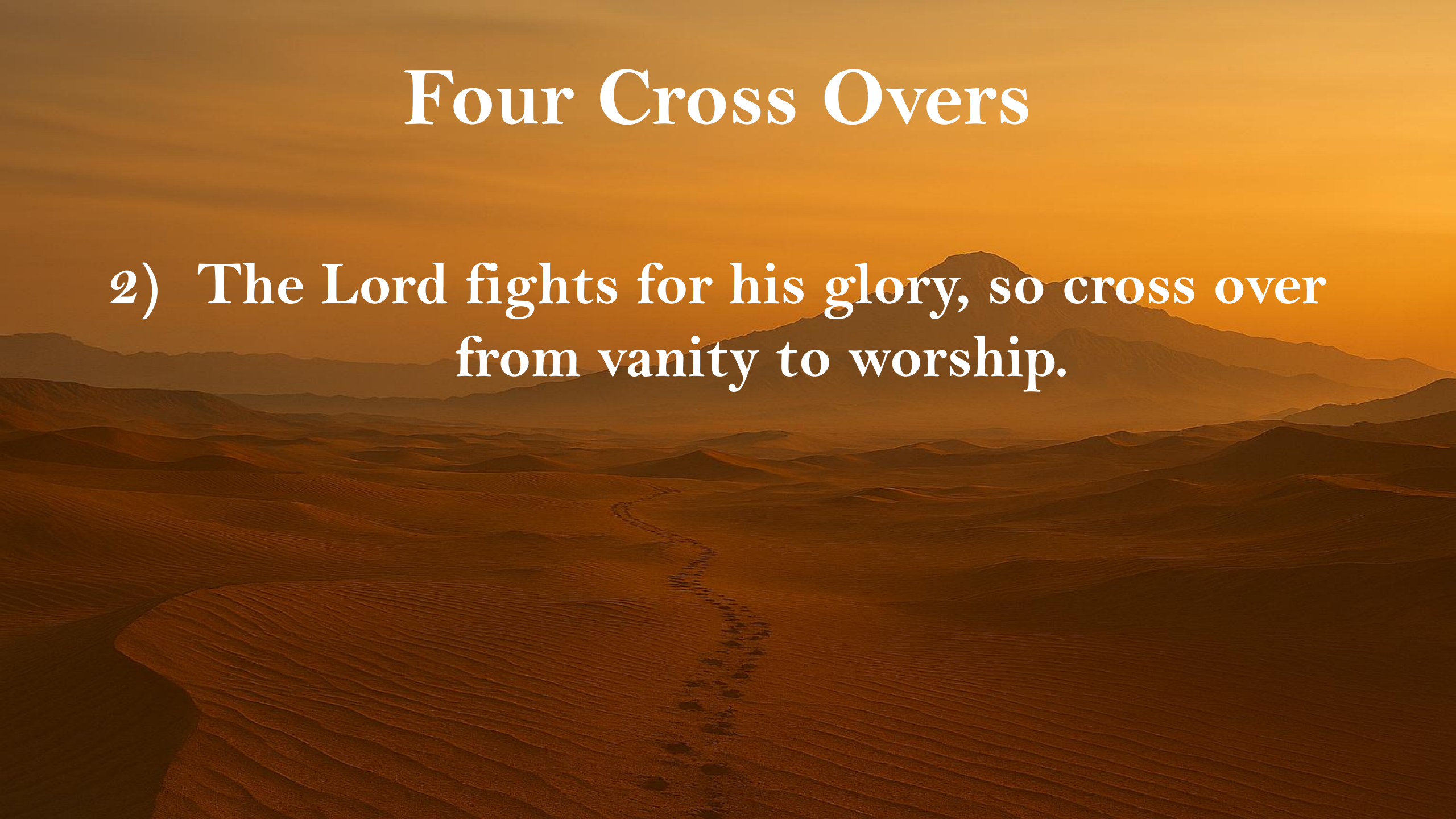


30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 14 (ESV)

Four Cross Overs

2) The Lord fights for his glory, so cross over from vanity to worship.

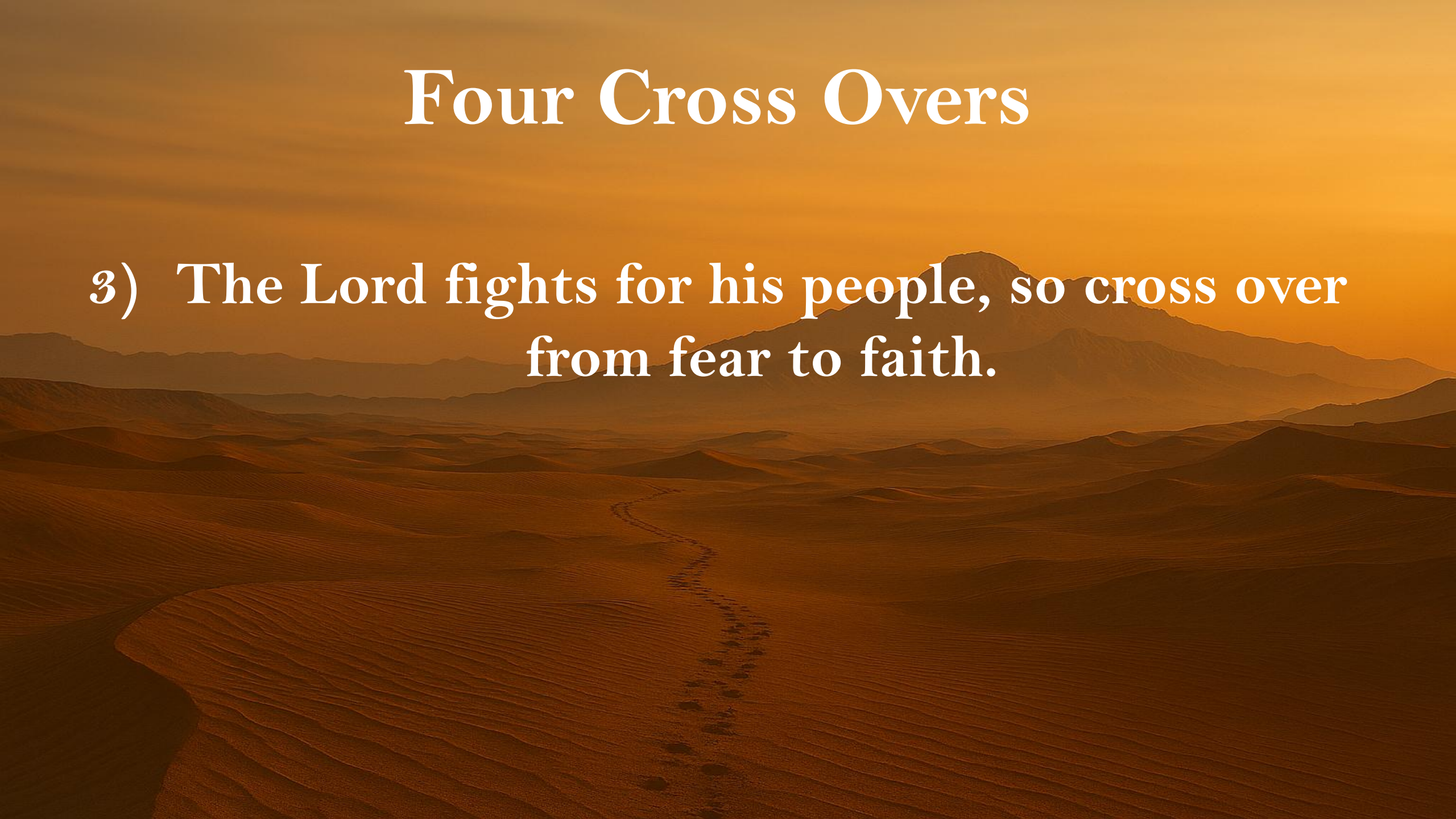


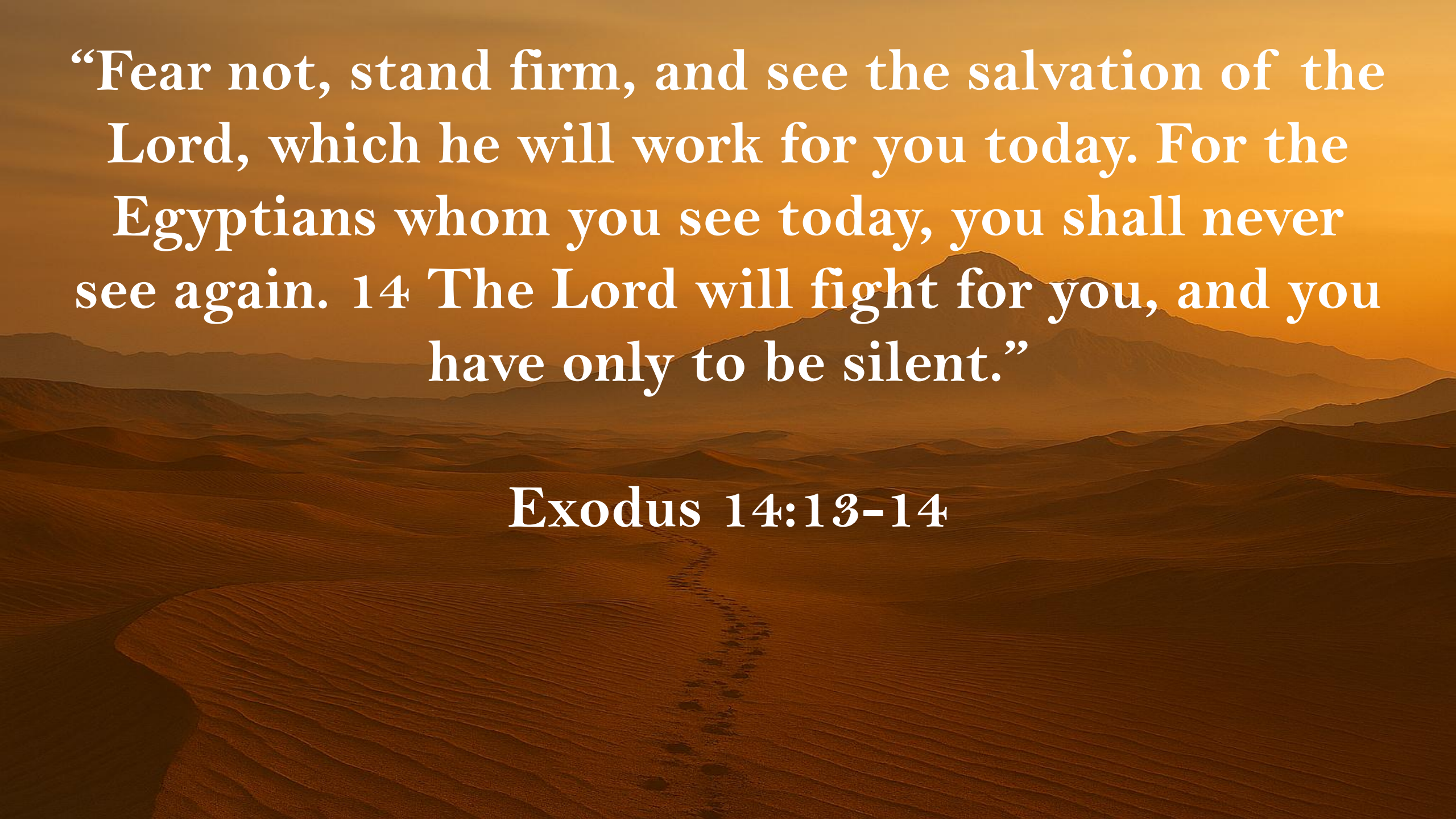
Some trust in chariots and some trust in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

Four Cross Overs

3) The Lord fights for his people, so cross over
from fear to faith.



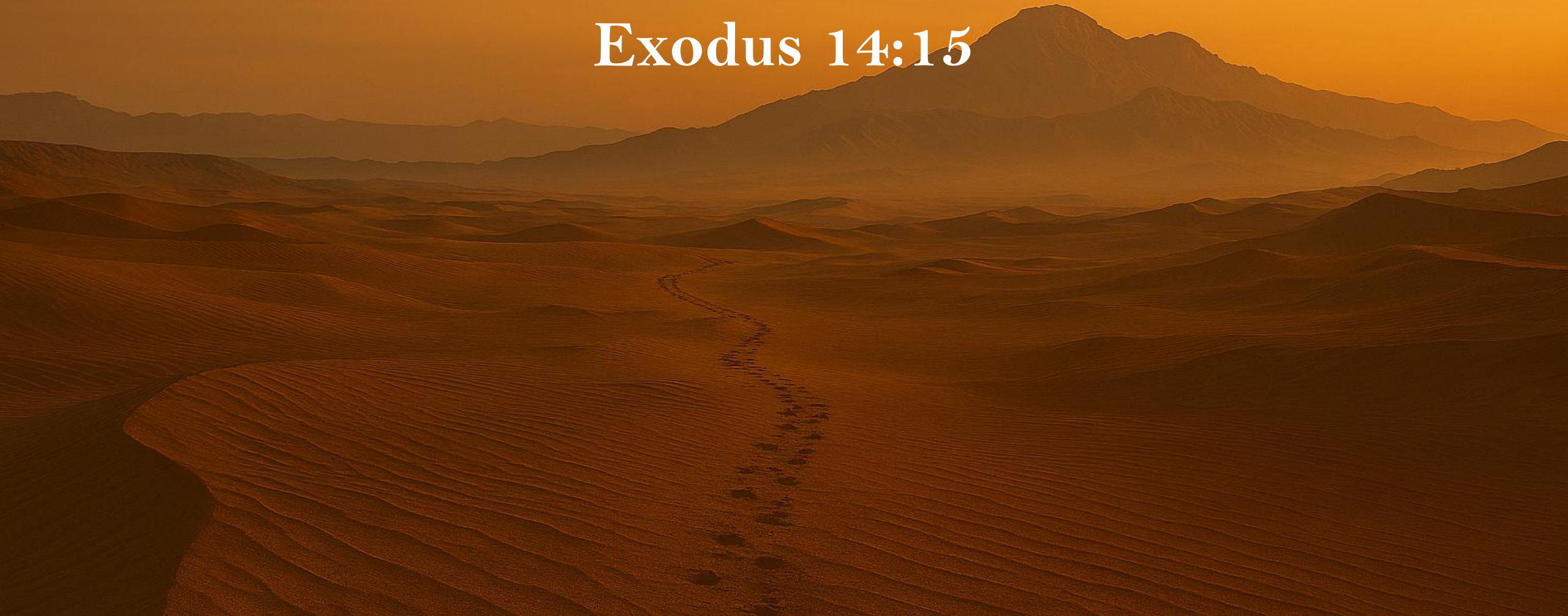


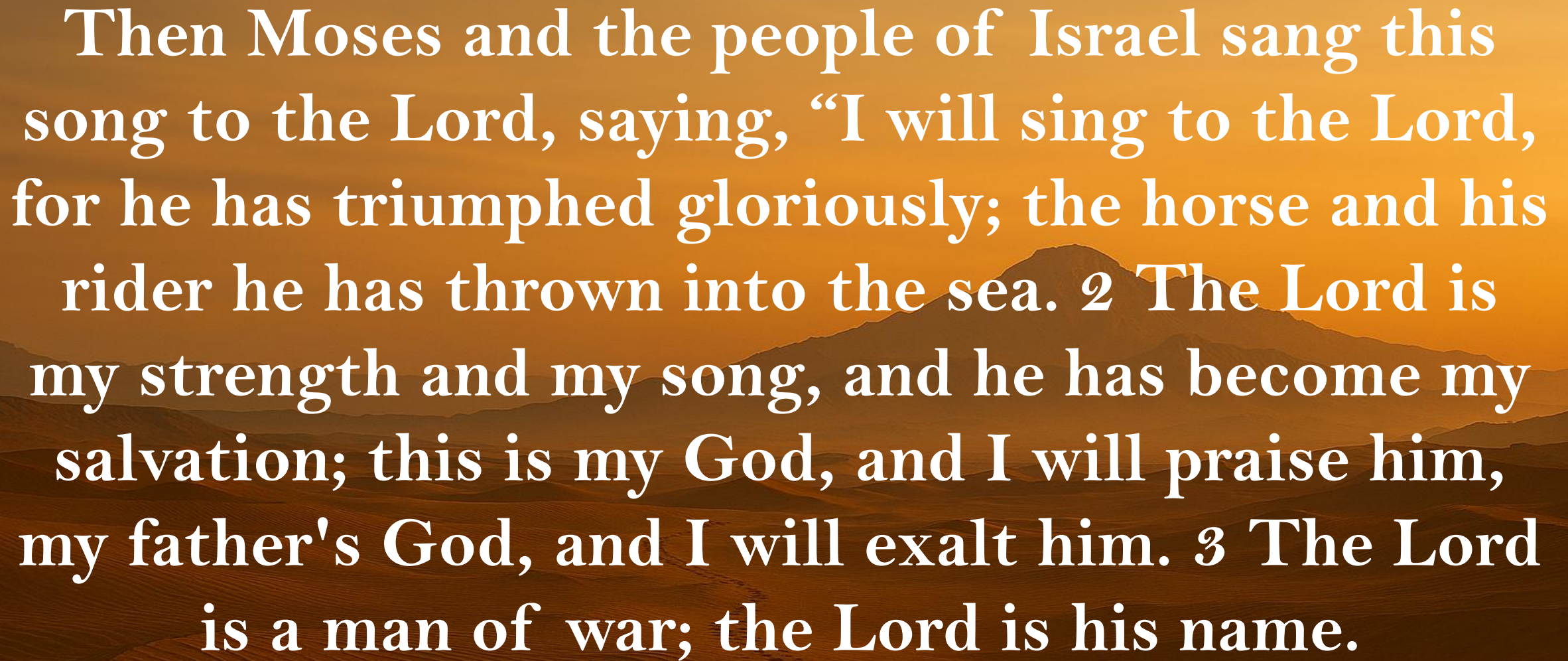
“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

Exodus 14:13-14

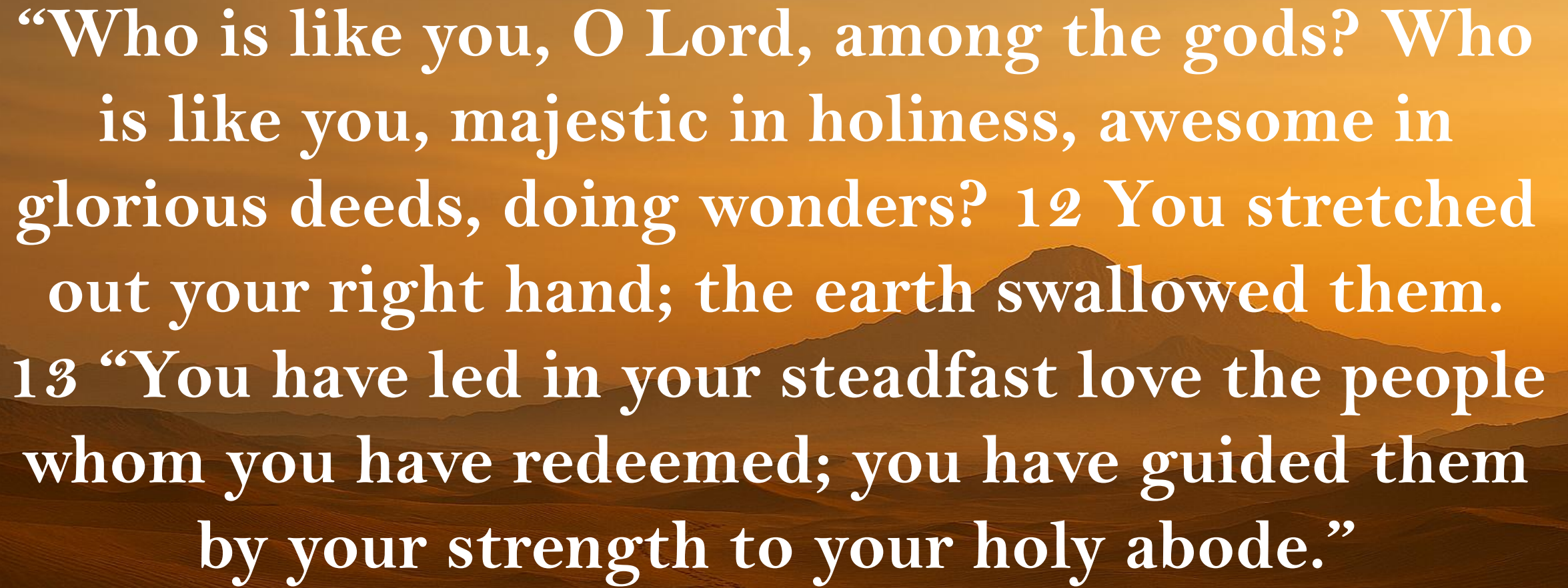
“15 The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.”

Exodus 14:15





Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.



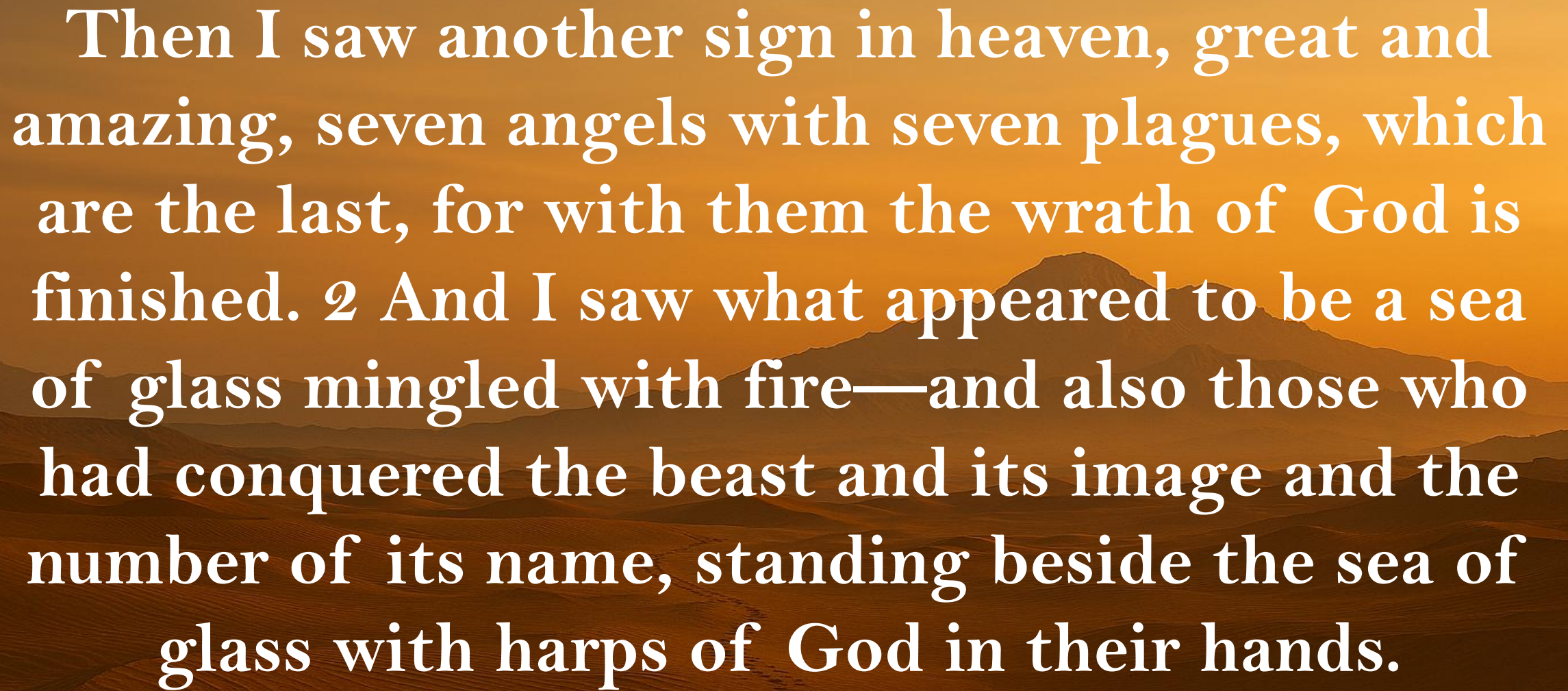
“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. 13 “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.”

Exodus 15: 1-3, 11-13 (ESV)

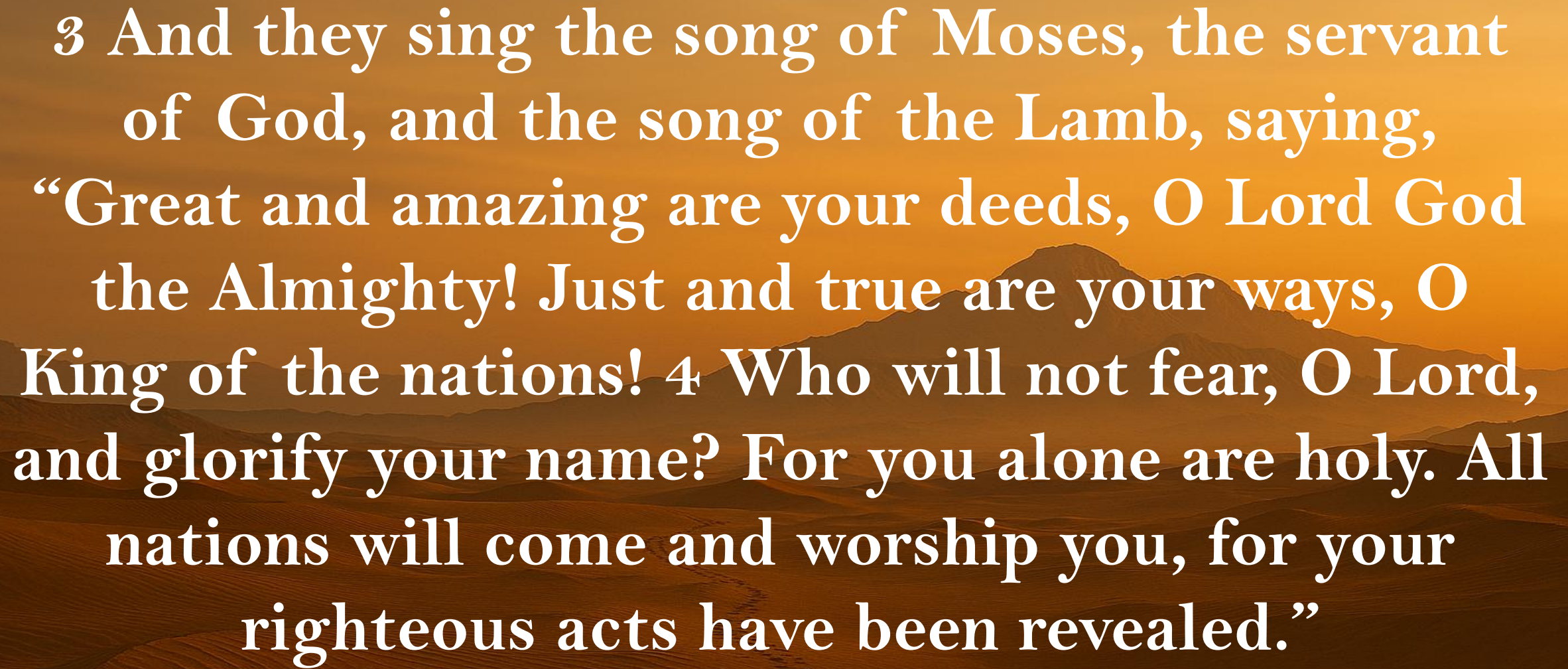
Four Cross Overs

4) The Lord wins! Cross over from defeatism to celebration!



The background of the image is a warm, orange-toned landscape. It features rolling sand dunes in the foreground, with a path of footprints leading towards the horizon. In the distance, there are silhouettes of mountains against a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished. 2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.



3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant
of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,
“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God
the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O
King of the nations! 4 Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All
nations will come and worship you, for your
righteous acts have been revealed.”

Revelation 15:1-4

Four Cross Overs

Aimless Wandering → Purposeful Direction

Vanity → Worship

Fear → Faith

Defeatism → Celebration