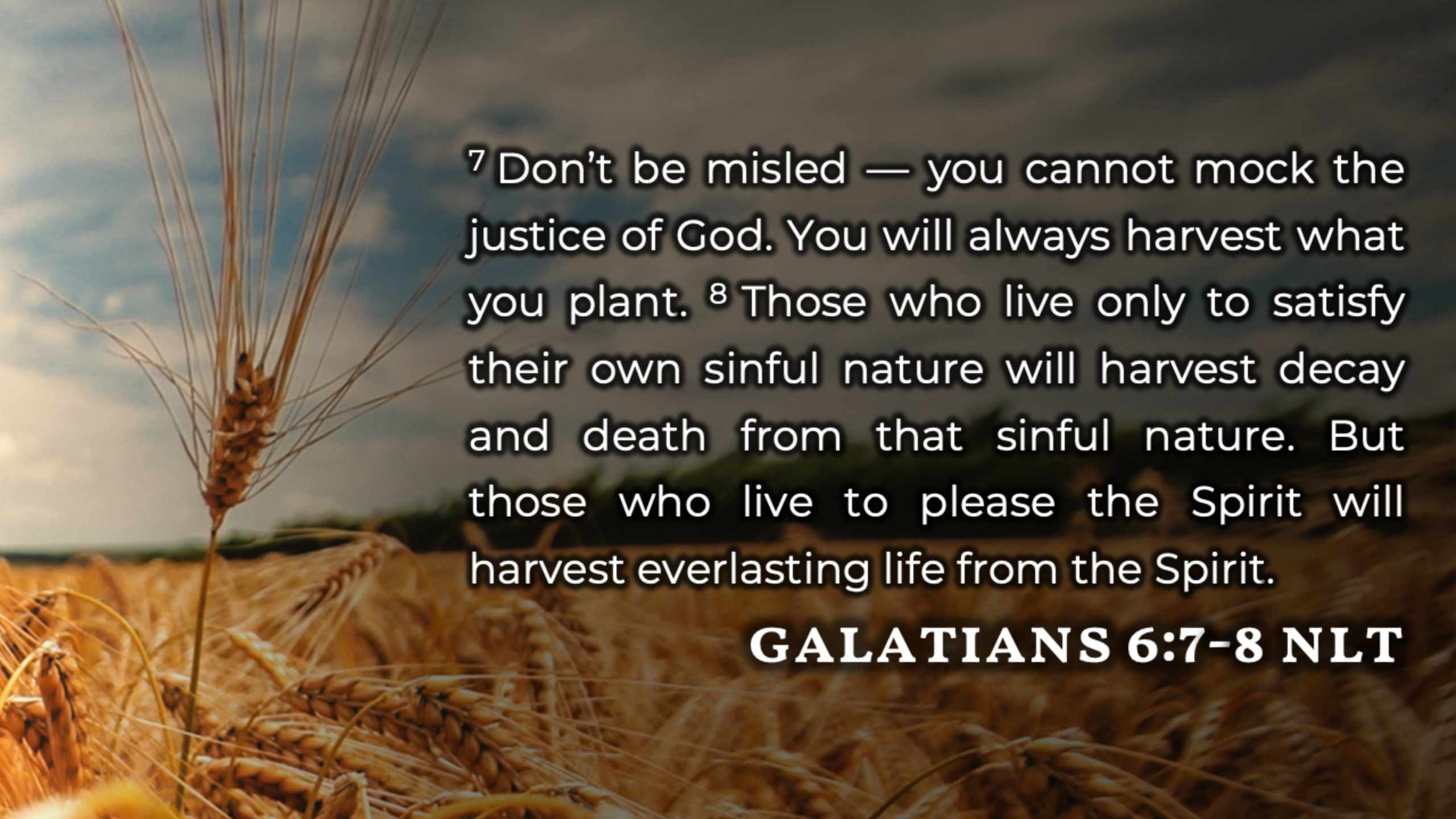





**WEEDS**  
OR  
**WHEAT**



<sup>7</sup> Don't be misled — you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

**GALATIANS 6:7-8 NLT**




GOD WANTS YOU TO GROW.



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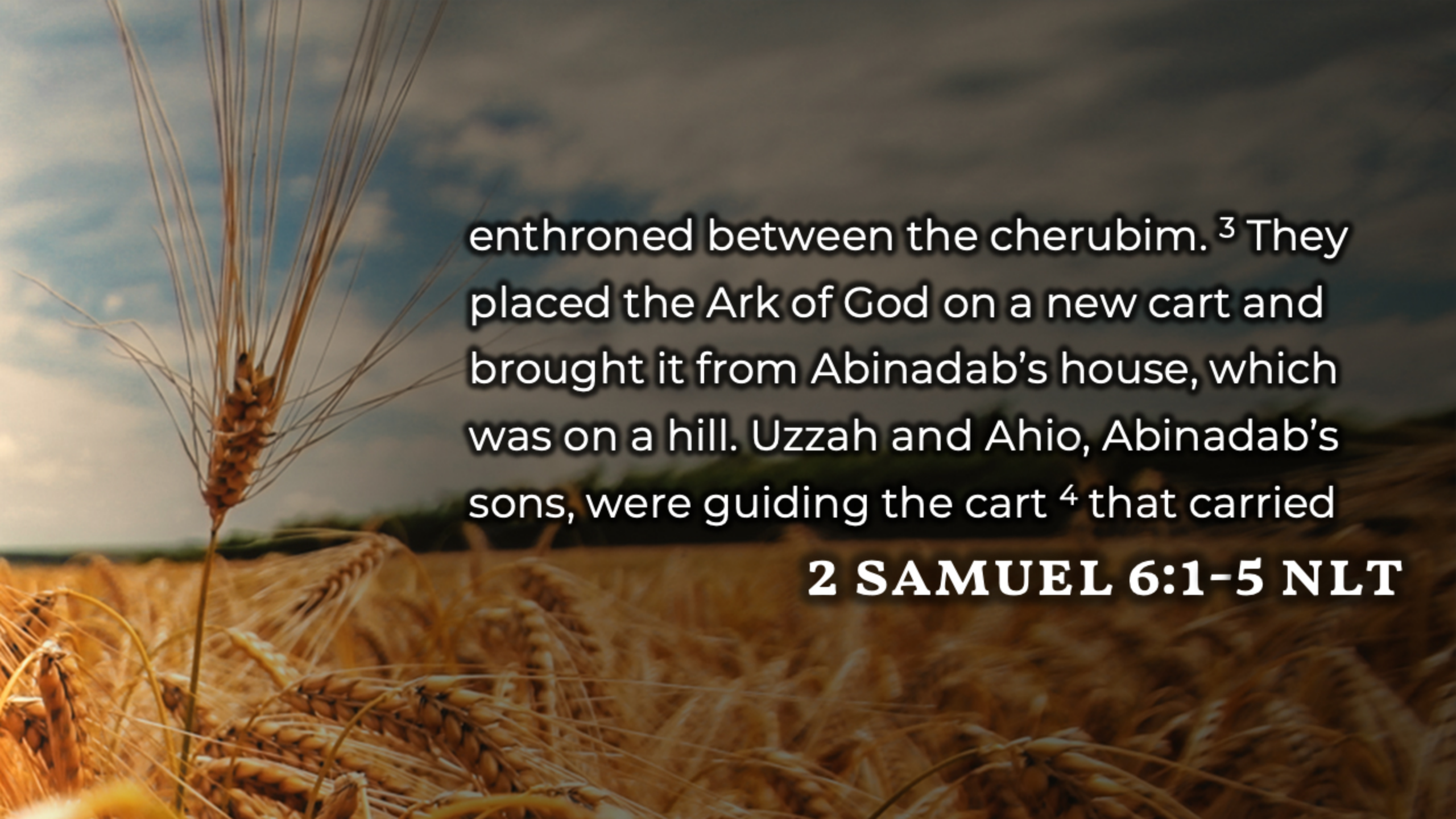


I. HIS PRESENCE IN THE PROCESS



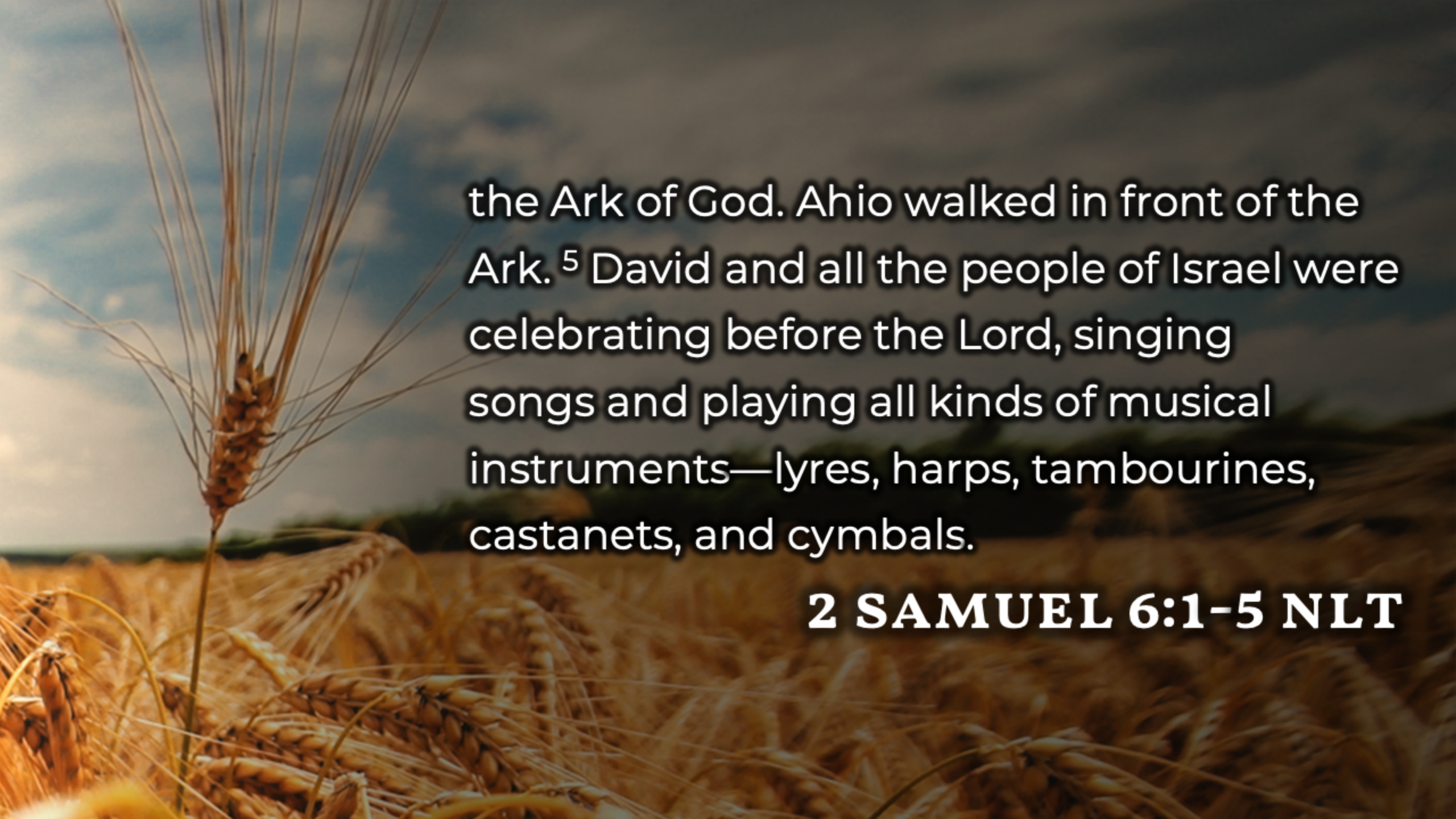
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**2 SAMUEL 6:1-5 NLT**



enthroned between the cherubim.<sup>3</sup> They placed the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the cart<sup>4</sup> that carried

**2 SAMUEL 6:1-5 NLT**



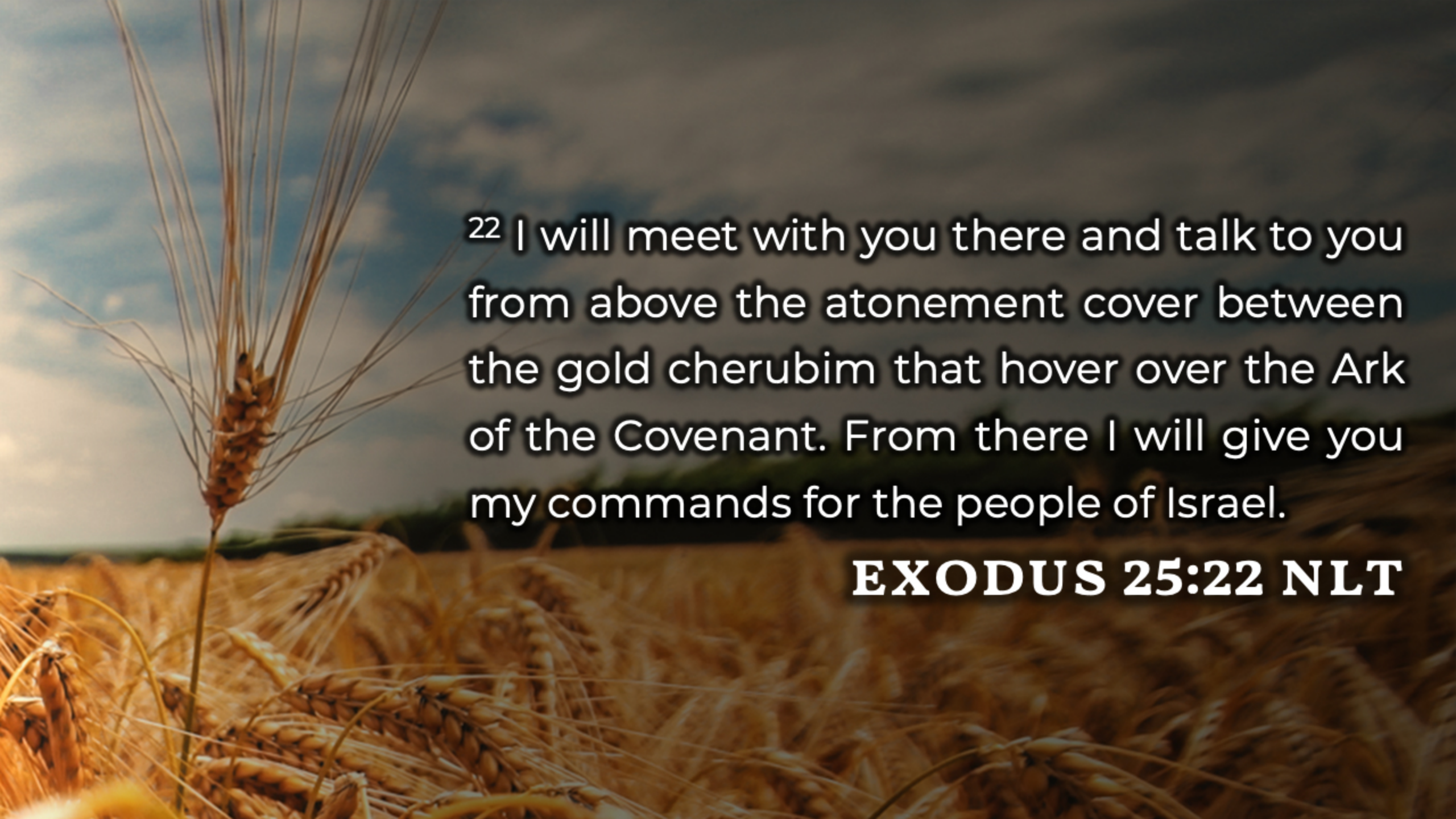
the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. <sup>5</sup> David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.

**2 SAMUEL 6:1-5 NLT**



A close-up photograph of a golden wheat field. The foreground shows several wheat stalks in sharp focus, with their long awns extending upwards. The background is a vast field of similar wheat, slightly out of focus, under a bright, overcast sky with soft, white clouds. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the golden-brown of the wheat and the pale blue-grey of the sky.

**WHAT IS THE  
ARK OF GOD?**

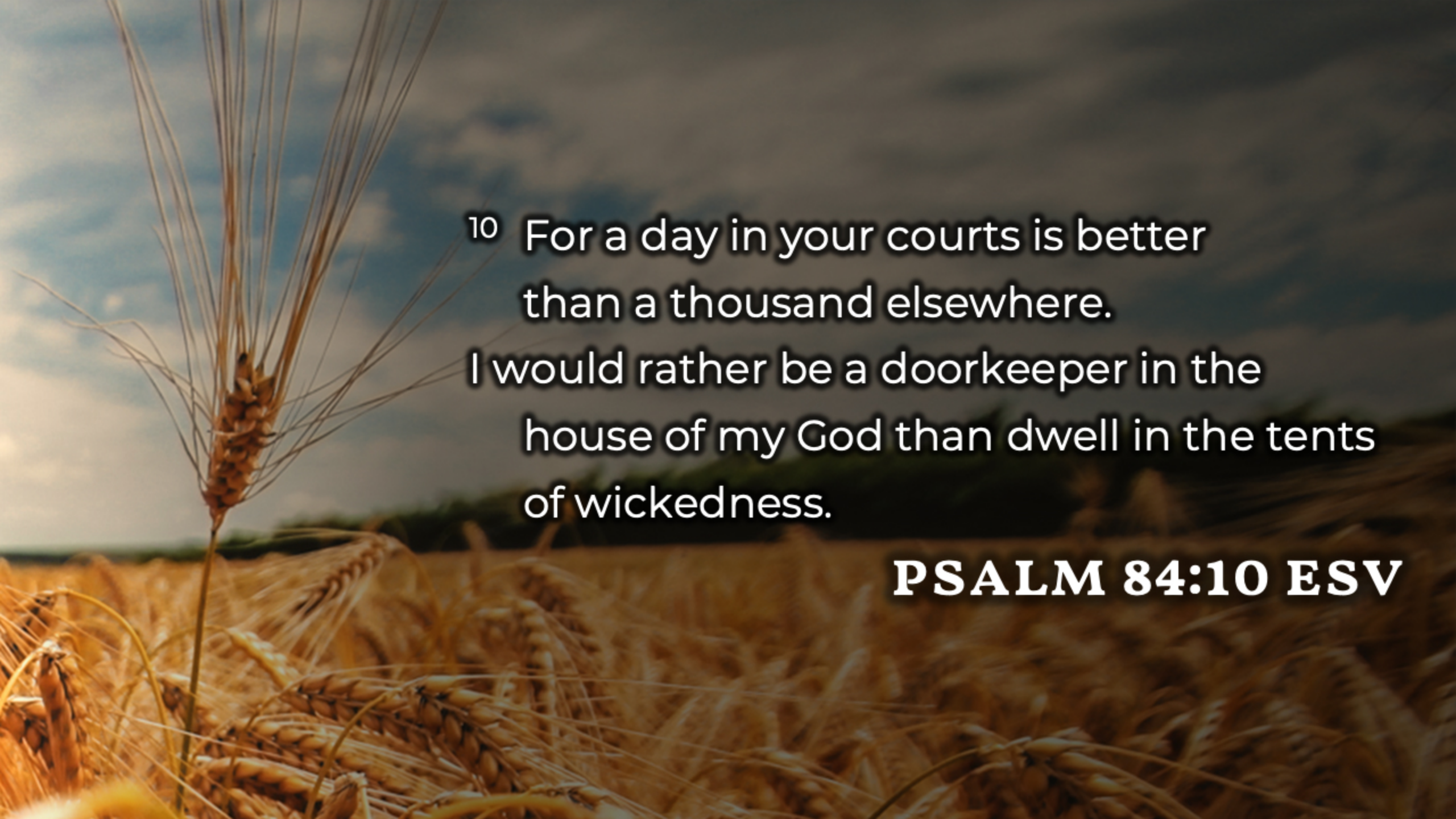


<sup>22</sup> I will meet with you there and talk to you from above the atonement cover between the gold cherubim that hover over the Ark of the Covenant. From there I will give you my commands for the people of Israel.

**EXODUS 25:22 NLT**

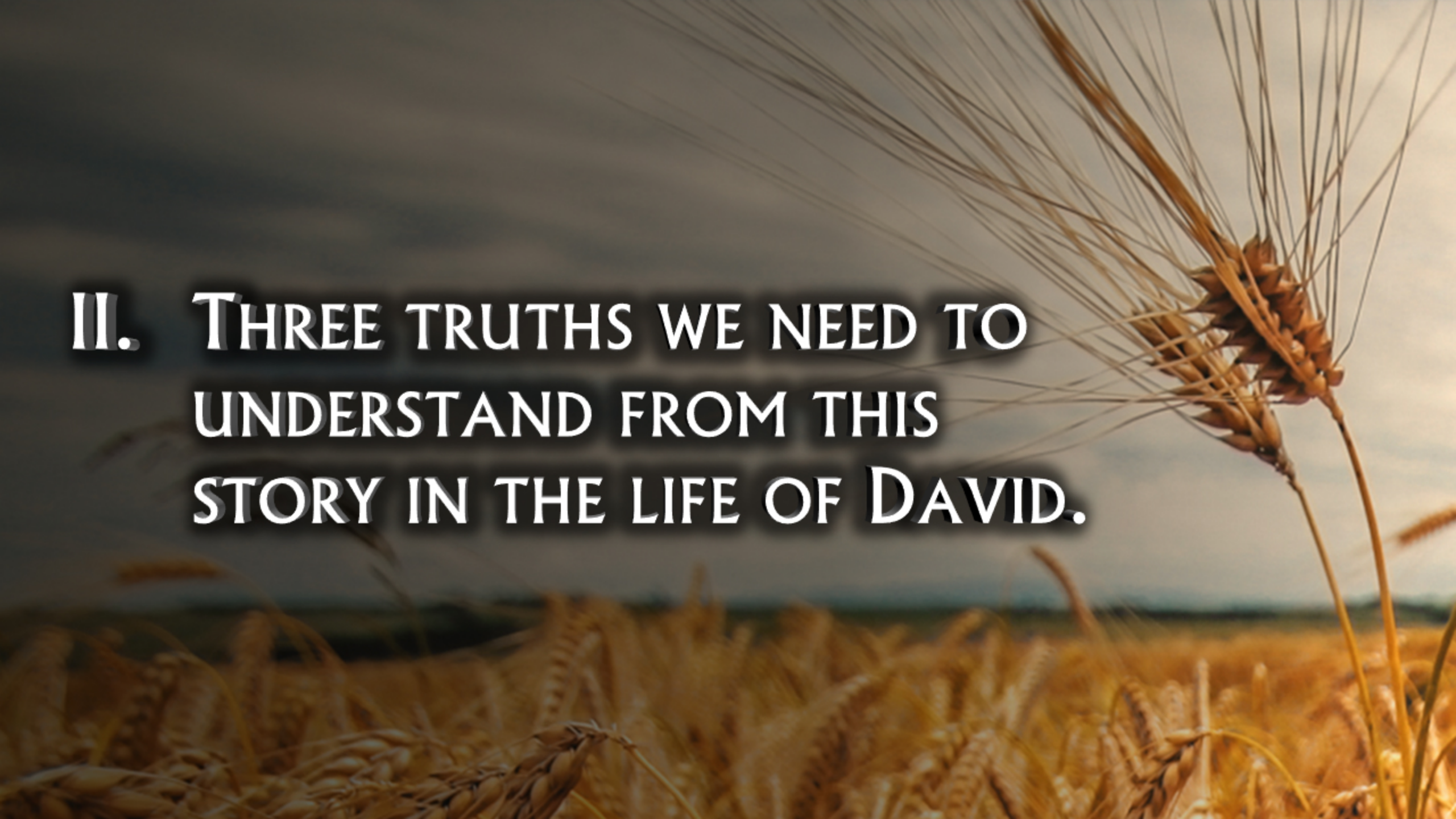
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HOW IMPORTANT IS THE  
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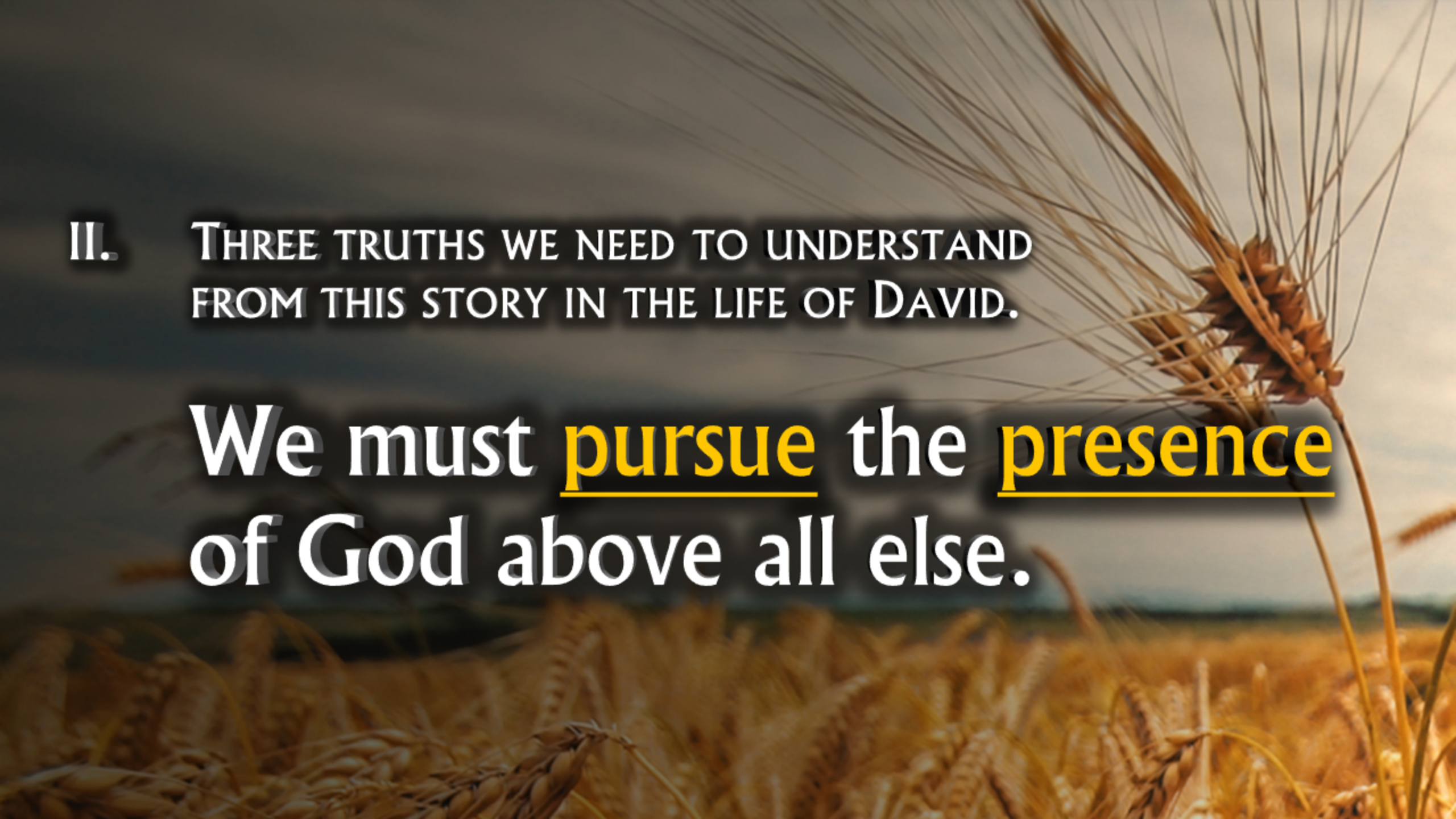


<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the  
house of my God than dwell in the tents  
of wickedness.

**PSALM 84:10 ESV**

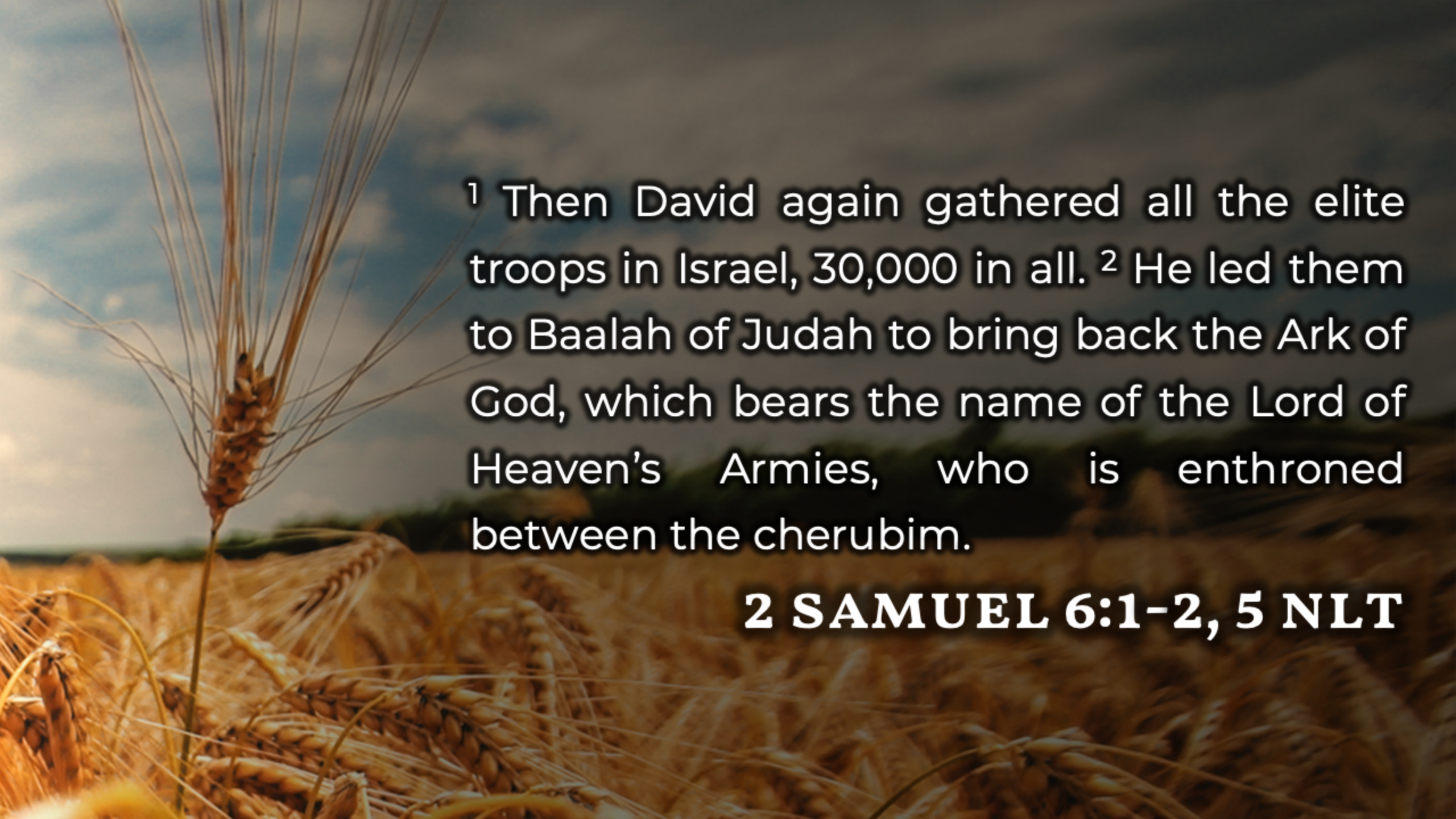


**II. THREE TRUTHS WE NEED TO  
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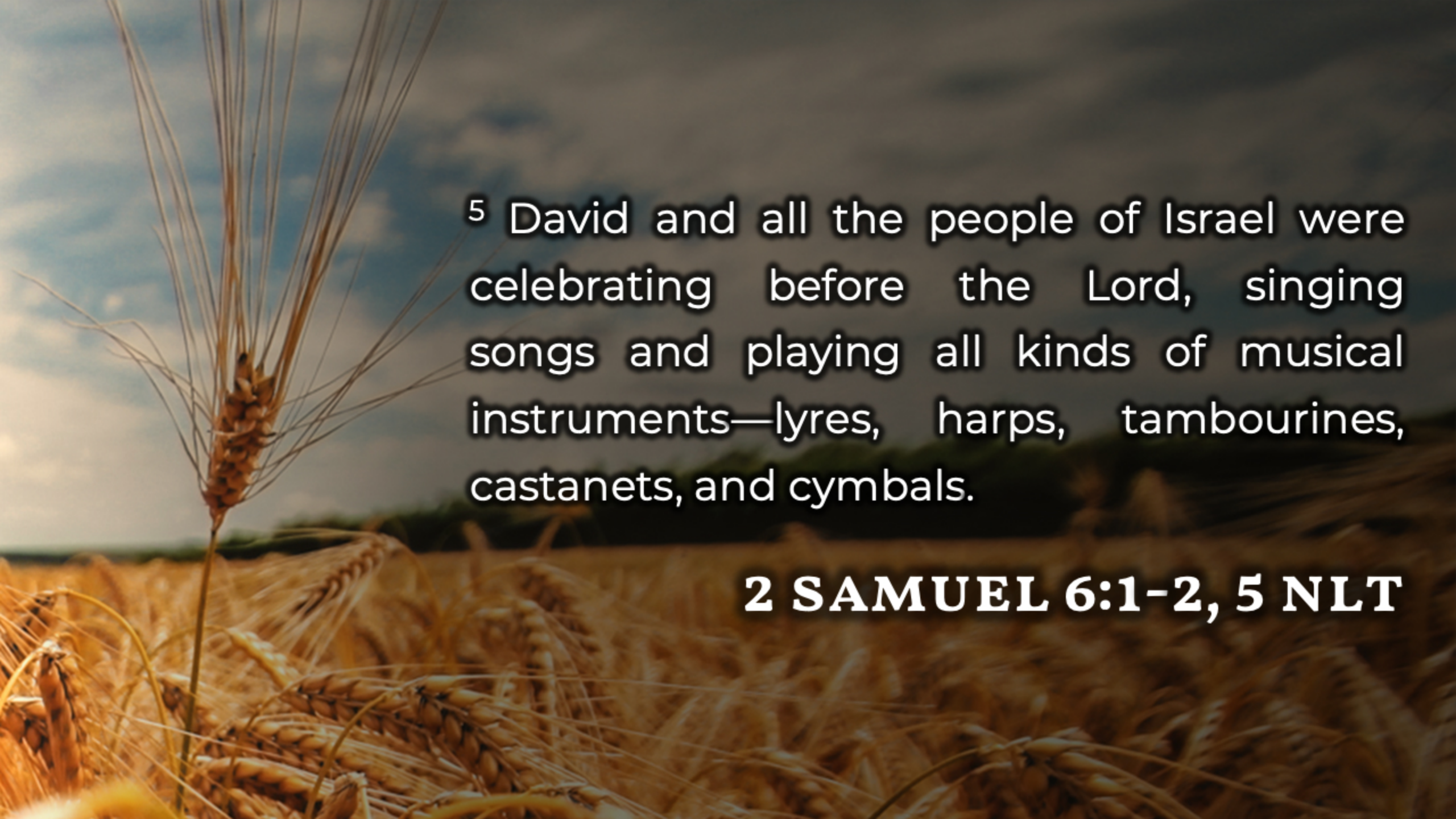
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**2 SAMUEL 6:1-2, 5 NLT**




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**2 SAMUEL 6:1-2, 5 NLT**



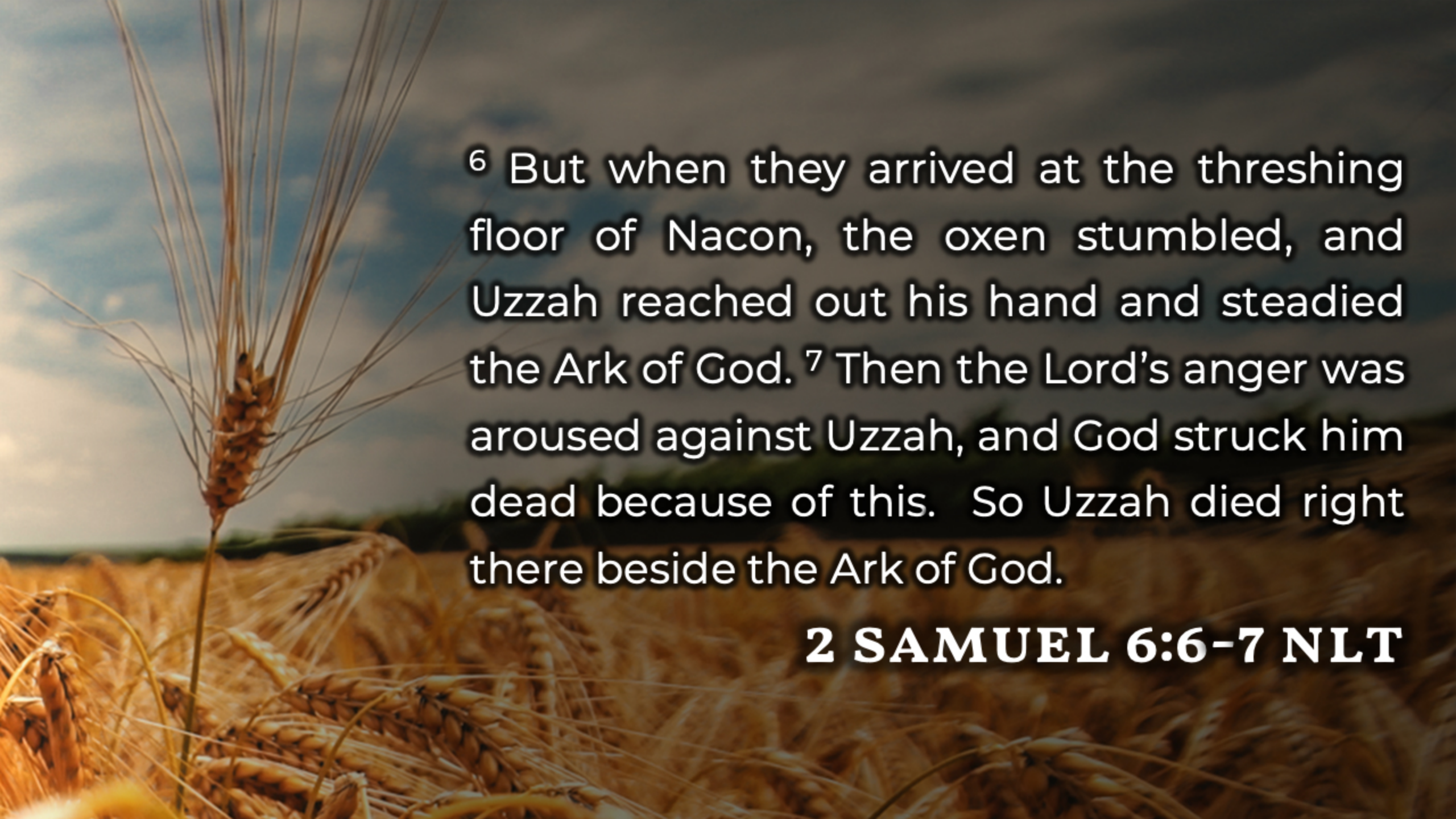


THE PRESENCE OF GOD WAS SO  
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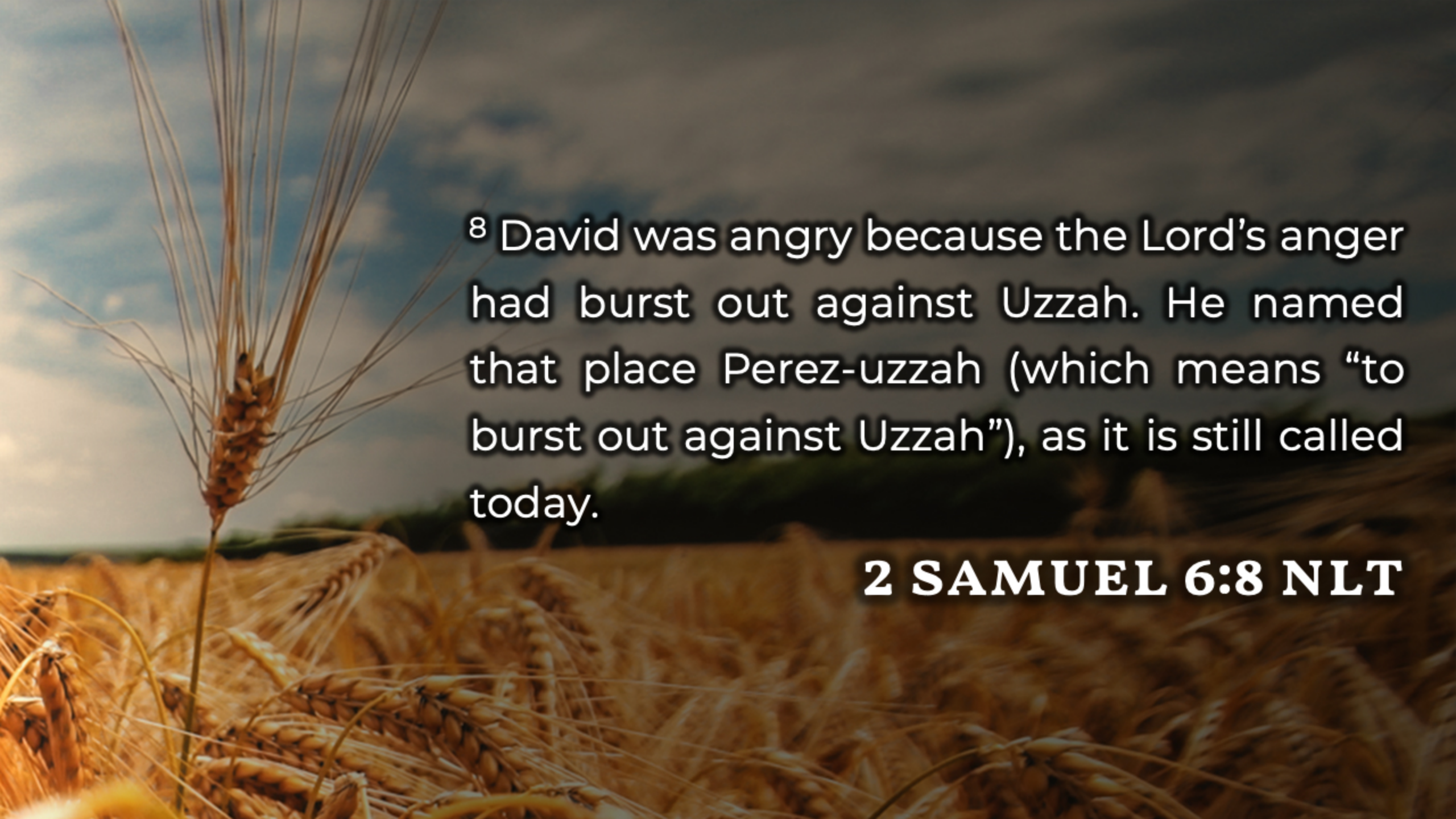
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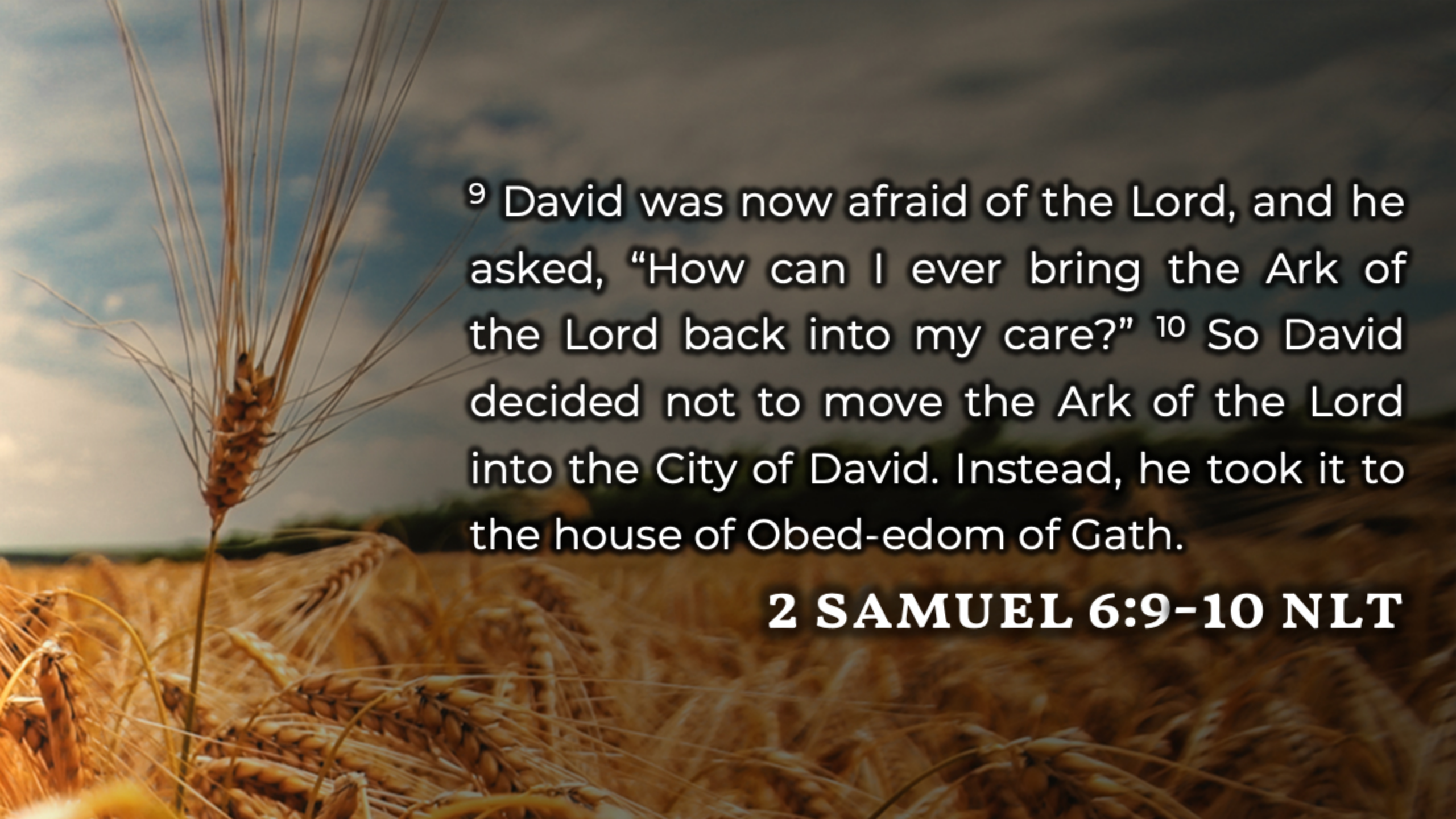
<sup>6</sup> But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord's anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God.

**2 SAMUEL 6:6-7 NLT**



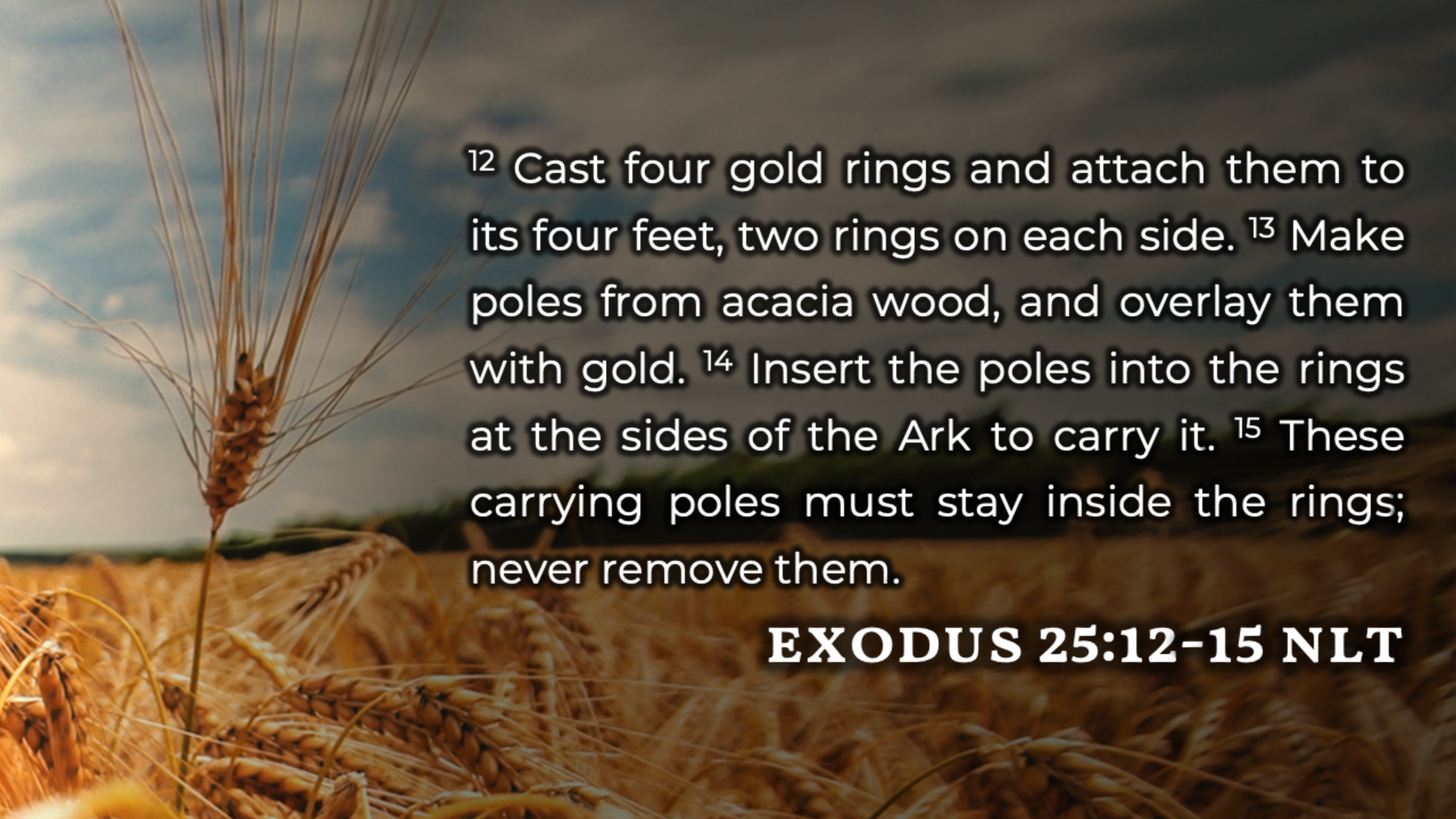
<sup>8</sup> David was angry because the Lord's anger had burst out against Uzzah. He named that place Perez-uzzah (which means "to burst out against Uzzah"), as it is still called today.

**2 SAMUEL 6:8 NLT**



<sup>9</sup> David was now afraid of the Lord, and he asked, “How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?” <sup>10</sup> So David decided not to move the Ark of the Lord into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath.

**2 SAMUEL 6:9-10 NLT**



<sup>12</sup> Cast four gold rings and attach them to its four feet, two rings on each side. <sup>13</sup> Make poles from acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> Insert the poles into the rings at the sides of the Ark to carry it. <sup>15</sup> These carrying poles must stay inside the rings; never remove them.

**EXODUS 25:12-15 NLT**

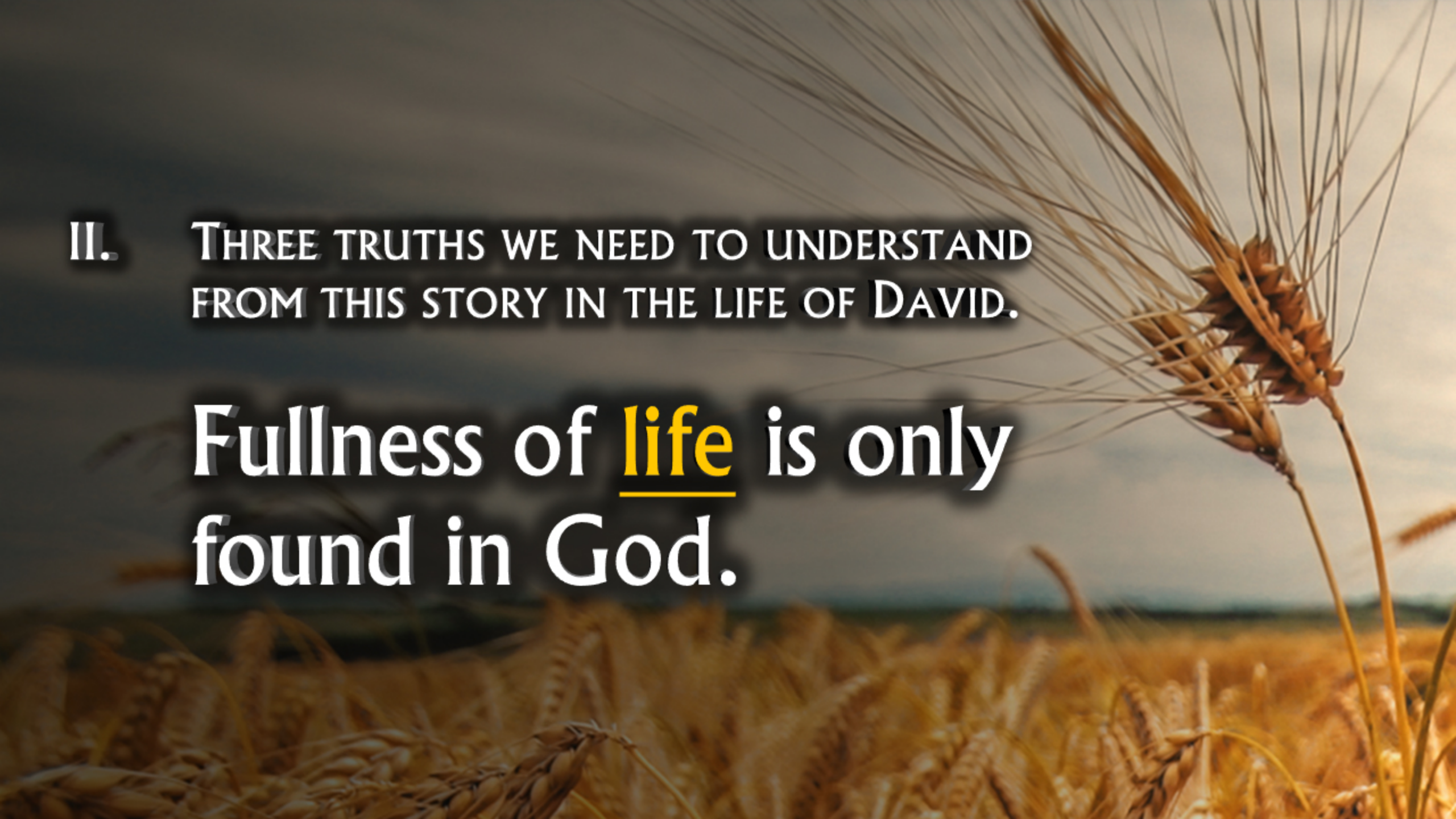
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**GOD'S HOLINESS AND STANDARDS  
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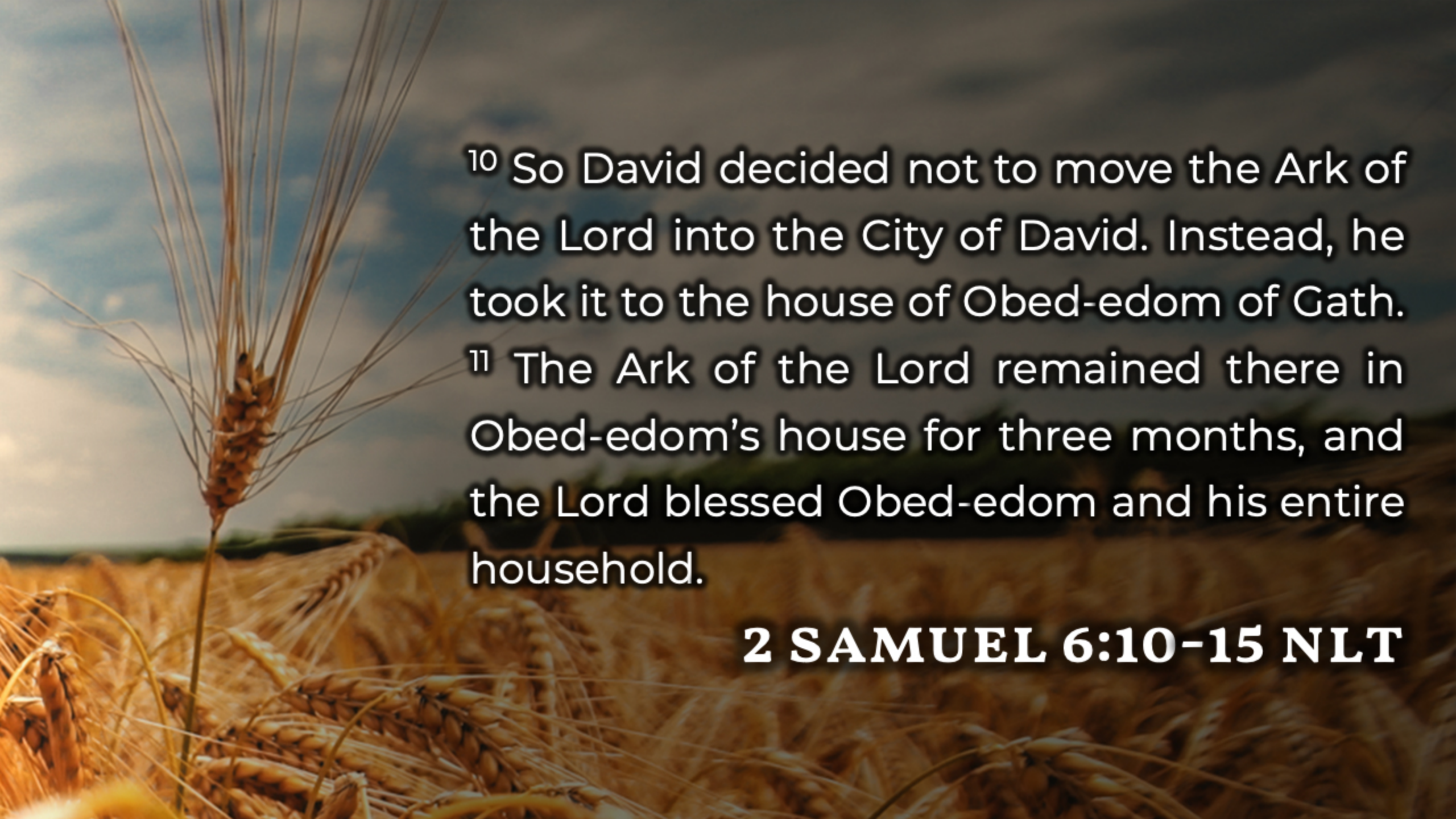
**HUMILITY AND A PROPER  
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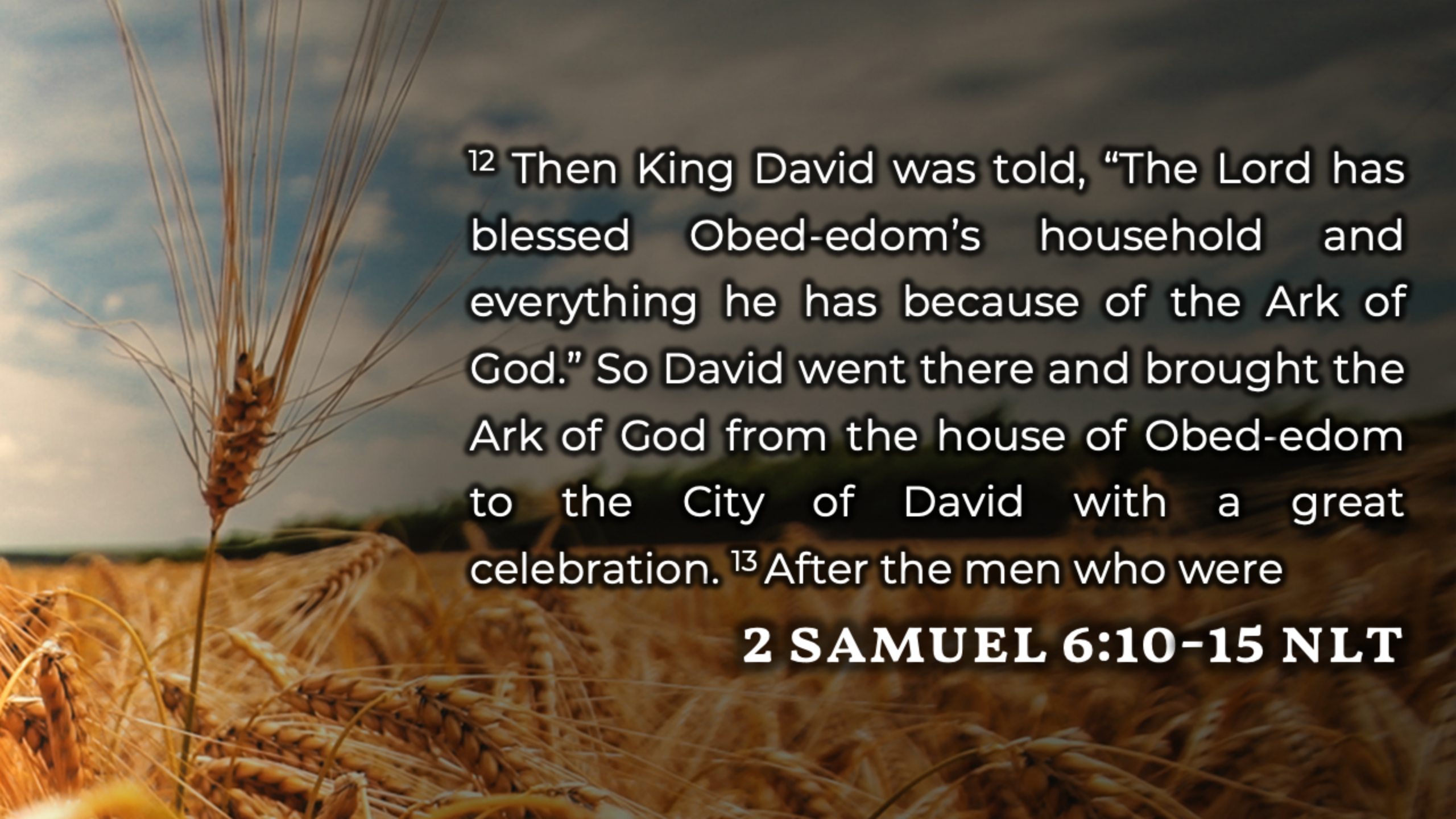
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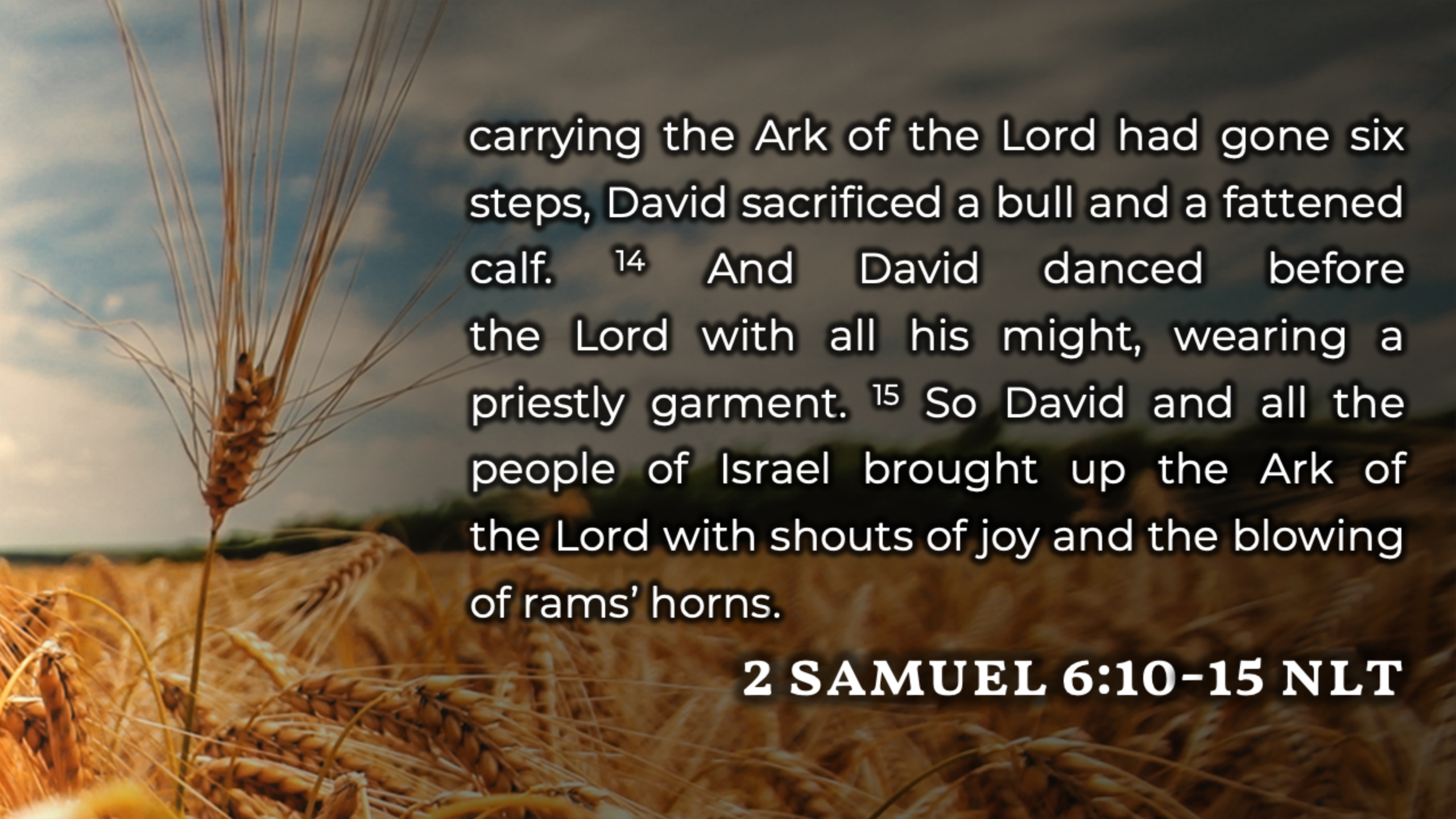
<sup>10</sup> So David decided not to move the Ark of the Lord into the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-edom of Gath.  
<sup>11</sup> The Ark of the Lord remained there in Obed-edom's house for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and his entire household.

**2 SAMUEL 6:10-15 NLT**



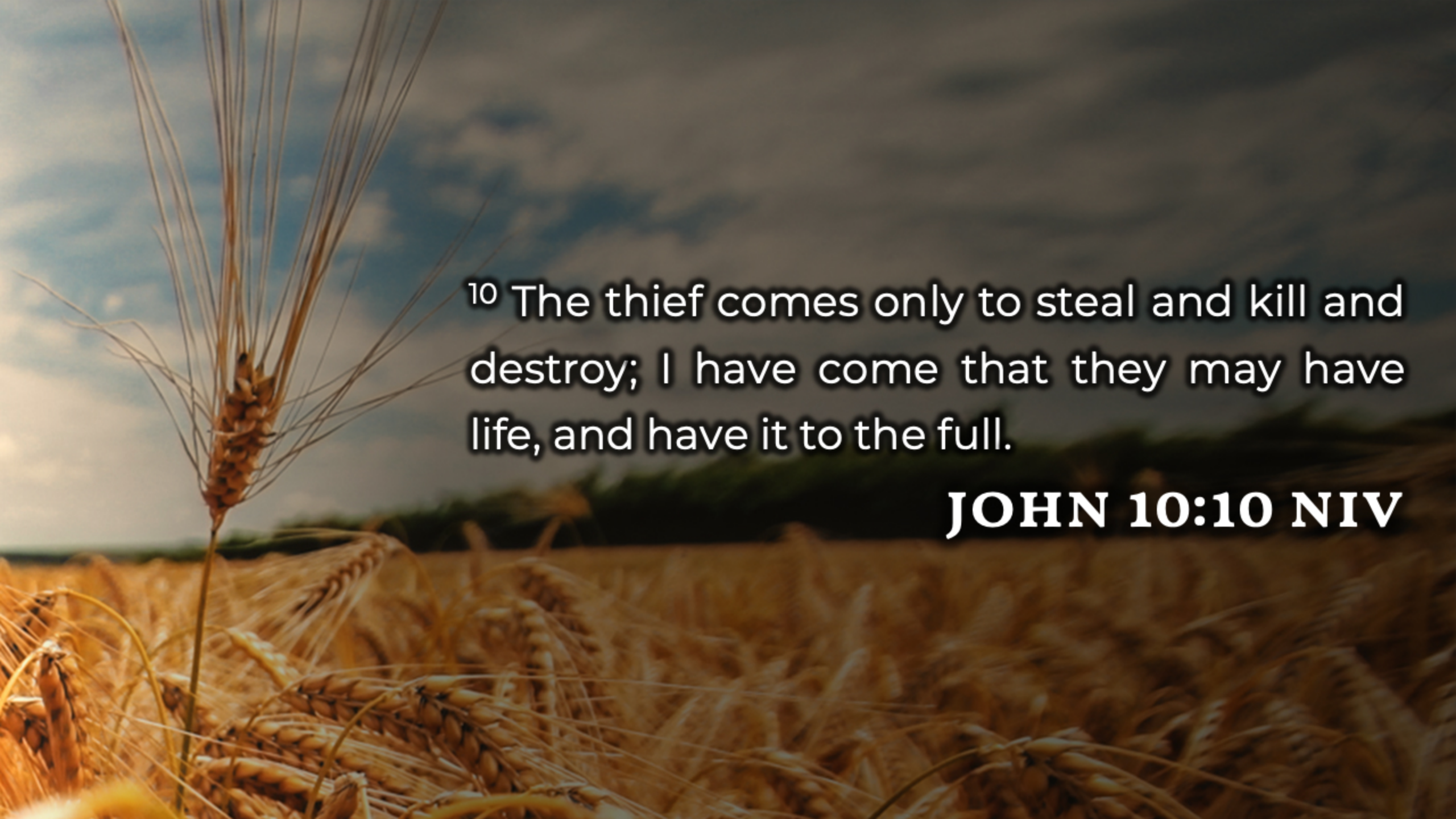
<sup>12</sup> Then King David was told, “The Lord has blessed Obed-edom’s household and everything he has because of the Ark of God.” So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. <sup>13</sup> After the men who were

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carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

**2 SAMUEL 6:10-15 NLT**

A close-up photograph of a golden wheat stalk in the foreground, with a vast field of similar wheat stretching into the distance under a cloudy sky. The lighting is soft, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**JOHN 10:10 NIV**

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**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW FULLNESS,**  
**YOU HAVE TO KNOW JESUS.**