



THE

Reformer



If we will learn to lead ourselves, lead our families and lead our church after the life and leadership of King Josiah, I believe that we will see a renewing and reviving of our children, youth, marriages, families, church and community.

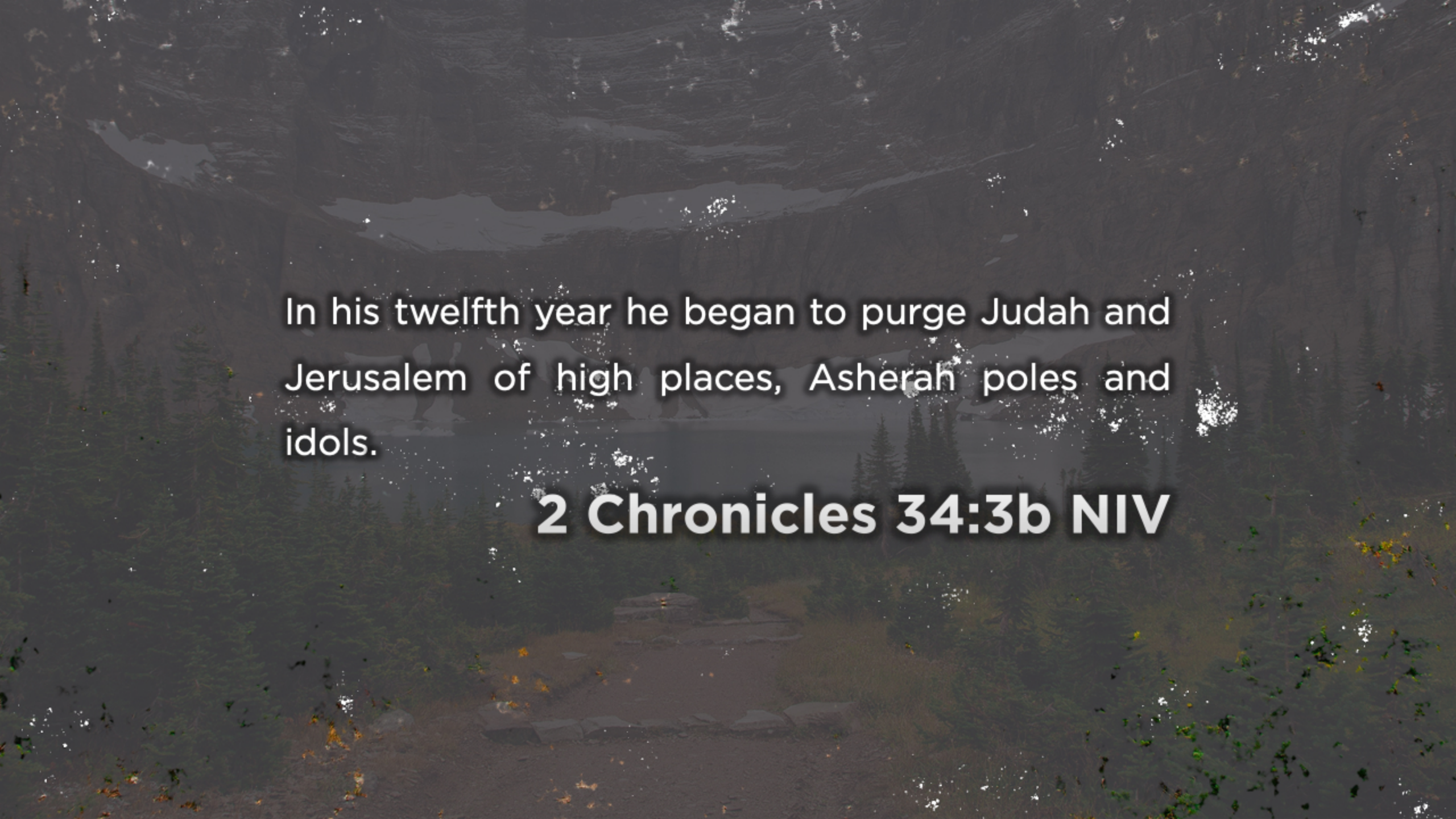
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I

Purging the idols from the land.

³ In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David.

2 Chronicles 34:3a NIV

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a stone altar in the foreground and a forest in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with a misty or foggy atmosphere. The altar is made of several large, flat stones arranged in a circular pattern. In the background, there are silhouettes of evergreen trees against a slightly lighter, hazy sky. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and
Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and
idols.

2 Chronicles 34:3b NIV

DEFINITION OF THE WORD PURGE:



To remove, to devastate or sweep away, to cleanse or purify.

⁴ And they chopped down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and he cut down the incense altars that stood above them. And he broke in pieces the Asherim and the carved and the metal images, and he made dust of them and scattered it over the graves of those

2 Chronicles 34:4-7 ESV

who had sacrificed to them. ⁵ He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. ⁶ And in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far as Naphtali, in their ruins all around, ⁷ he

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broke down the altars and beat the Asherim and the images into powder and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

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**Let's examine a few things
from our story.**

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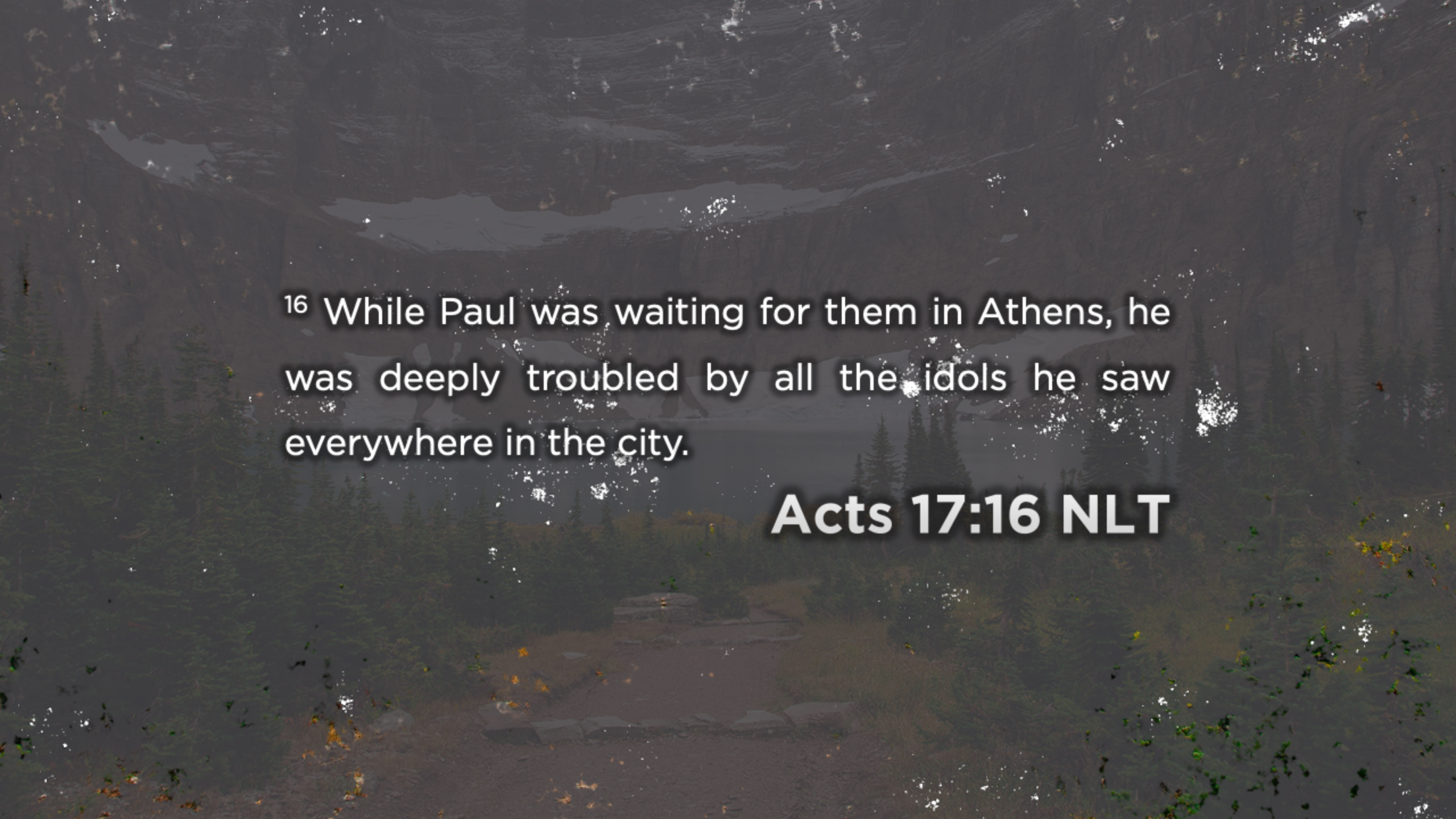
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He didn't go home till the job was done.



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**What this story means
for you and me**

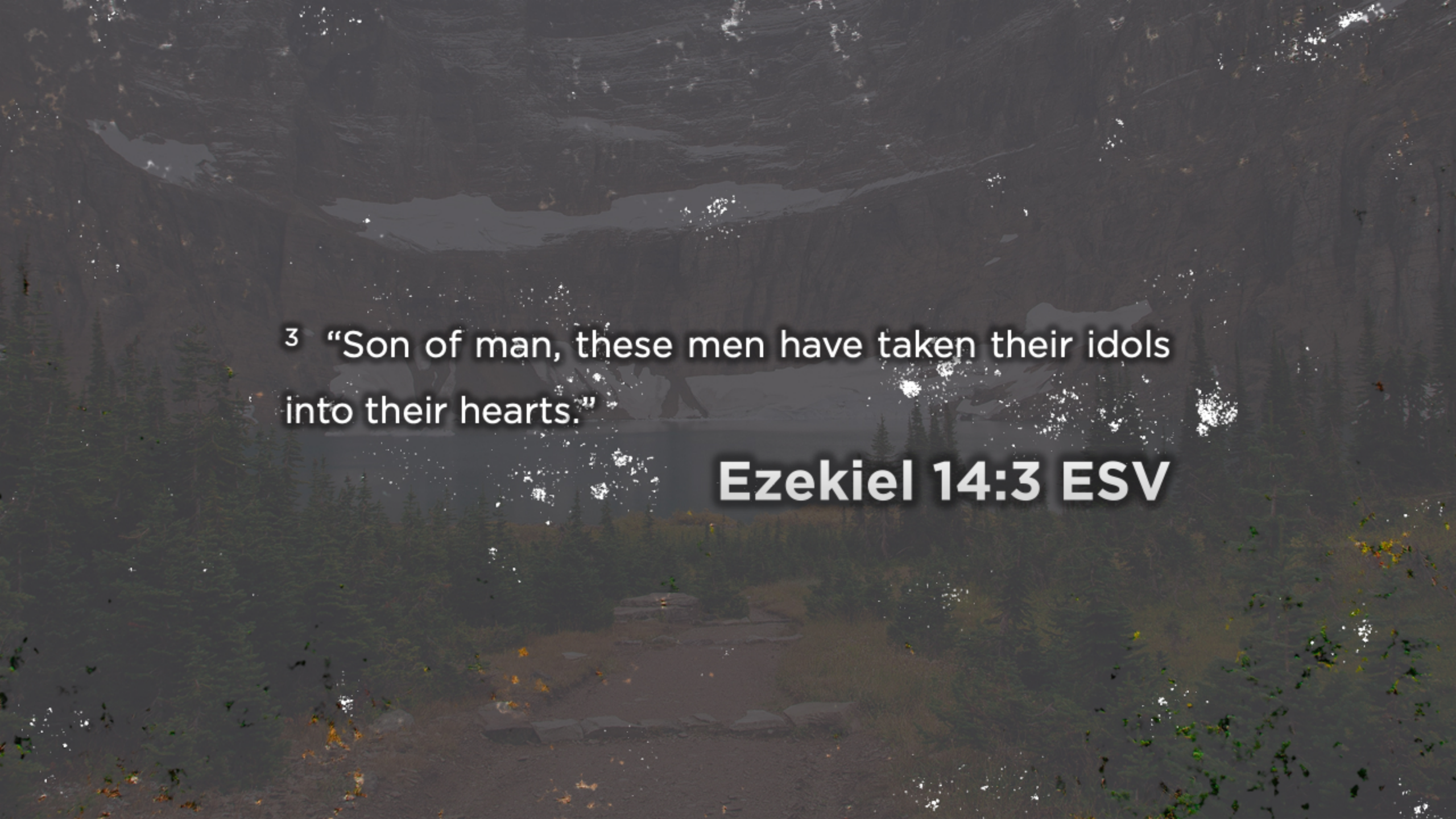
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¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city.

Acts 17:16 NLT

22 . So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, 23 for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’”

Acts 17:22-23 NLT

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³ “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts.”

Ezekiel 14:3 ESV



**The reality is that the human heart
is an idol factory.**

“In the Bible, then, idolatry is looking to your own wisdom and competence, or to some other created thing, to provide the power, approval, comfort and security that only God can provide.”

- Dr. Tim Keller

III

Purging the idols that we
have in our lives.



**Steps we see from
2 Chronicles 34:3-7**

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Go back home.

