



Chaplains will never be commanders. They do hold rank and the authority granted by that rank, but they will never have command authority. ... The proper title for any chaplain regardless of rank is "chaplain." Not captain, major, colonel, or general, simply chaplain.

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God's Plan for Humanity

The Humans Rebel

God Chooses a People

God's People Rebel

Jesus the King

The Empowered Church

God's Mission Accomplished



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¹⁴ When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," ¹⁵ be sure to appoint over you a king the LORD your God chooses... ¹⁶ [He] must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself... ¹⁷ He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

Deuteronomy 17:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁸ When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees ²⁰ and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20a (NIV)

Then he and his descendants will reign a long time
over his kingdom in Israel.

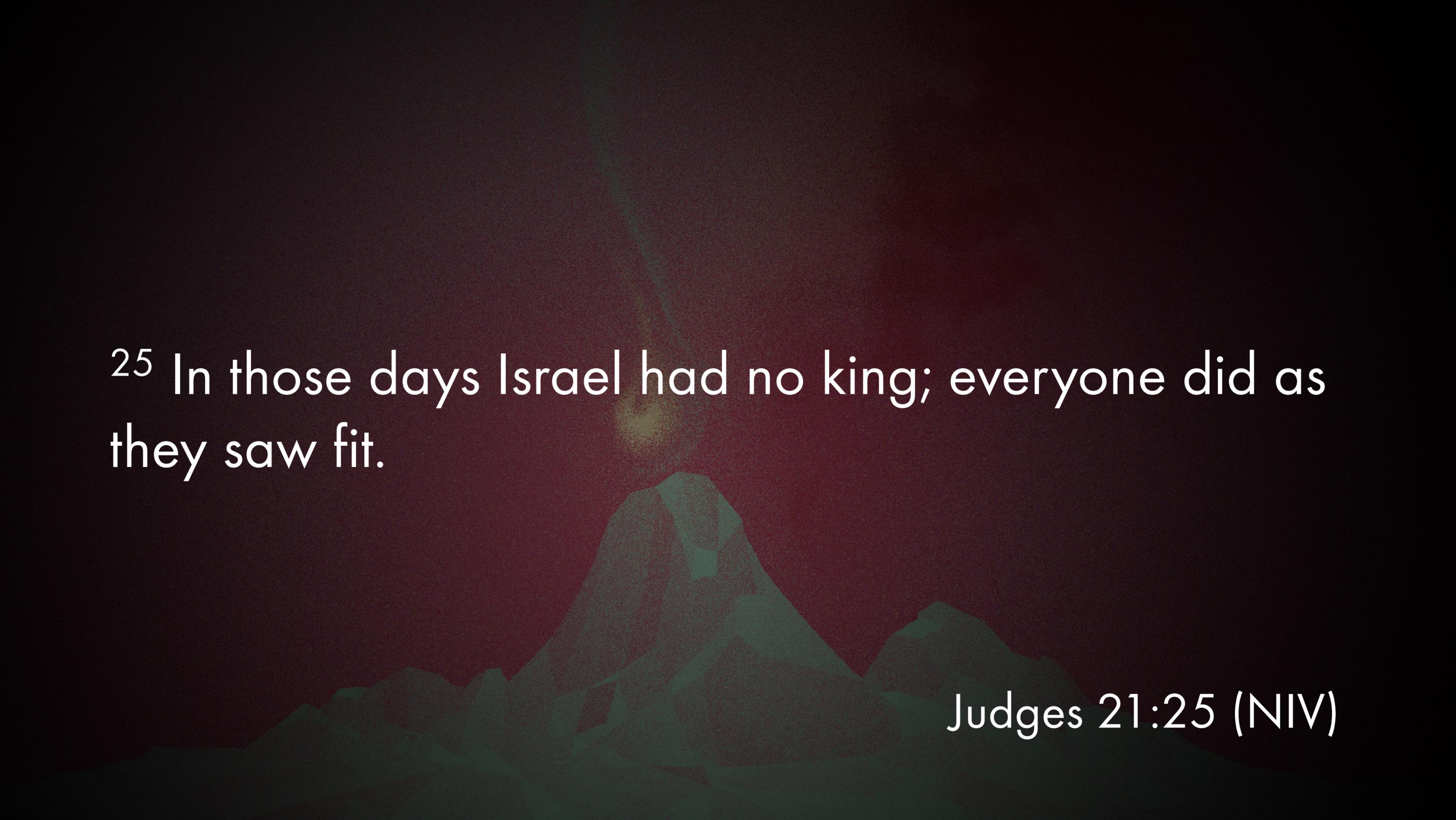
Deuteronomy 17:20b (NIV)

God's People & Kings: Deuteronomy 17

God's people will ask for a king.

The king is supposed to submit to the same law as the people.

His kingdom will last a long time.



25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

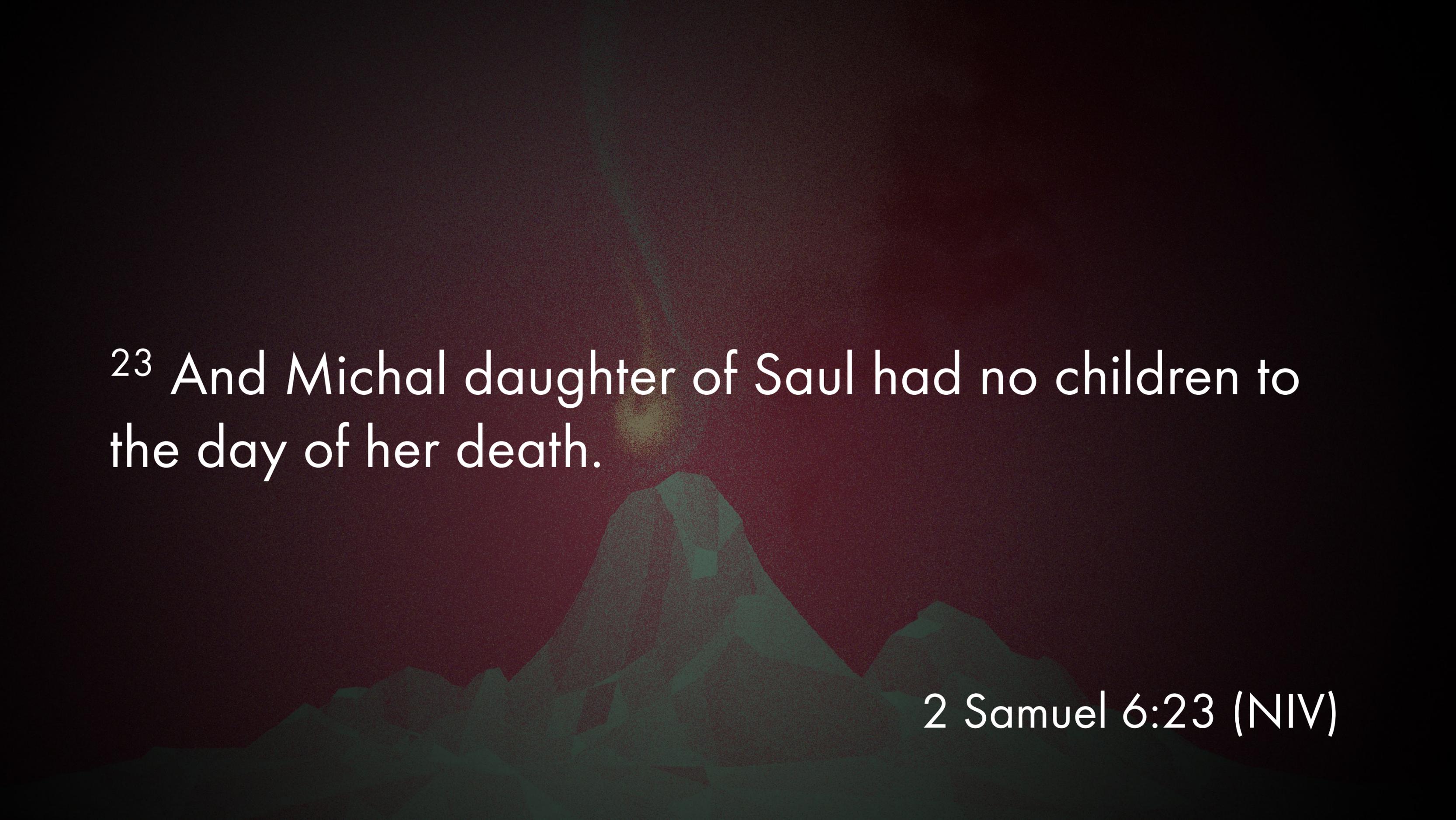
Judges 21:25 (NIV)

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." ⁶ But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

1 Samuel 8:4-6 (NIV)

⁷ And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king...
⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

1 Samuel 8:7, 9 (NIV)



²³ And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

2 Samuel 6:23 (NIV)

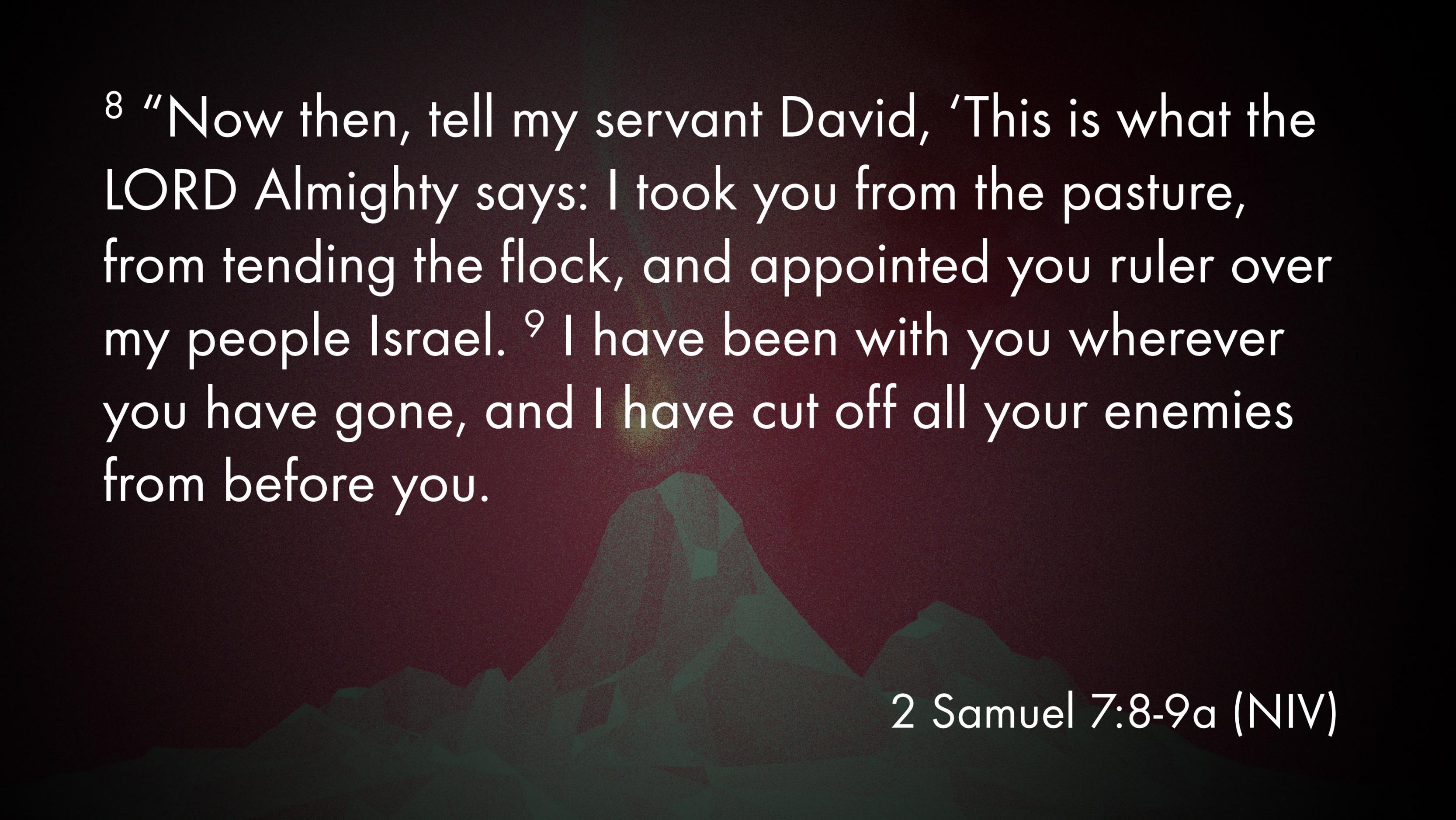
God's People & Kings: Judges & Samuel

Life without a king is really bad.

The people rejected God as their king.

God appoints a shepherd as king.

Life with the wrong king is just a different kind of bad.



⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you.

2 Samuel 7:8-9a (NIV)

Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore...

2 Samuel 7:9b-10 (NIV)

¹² I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him.

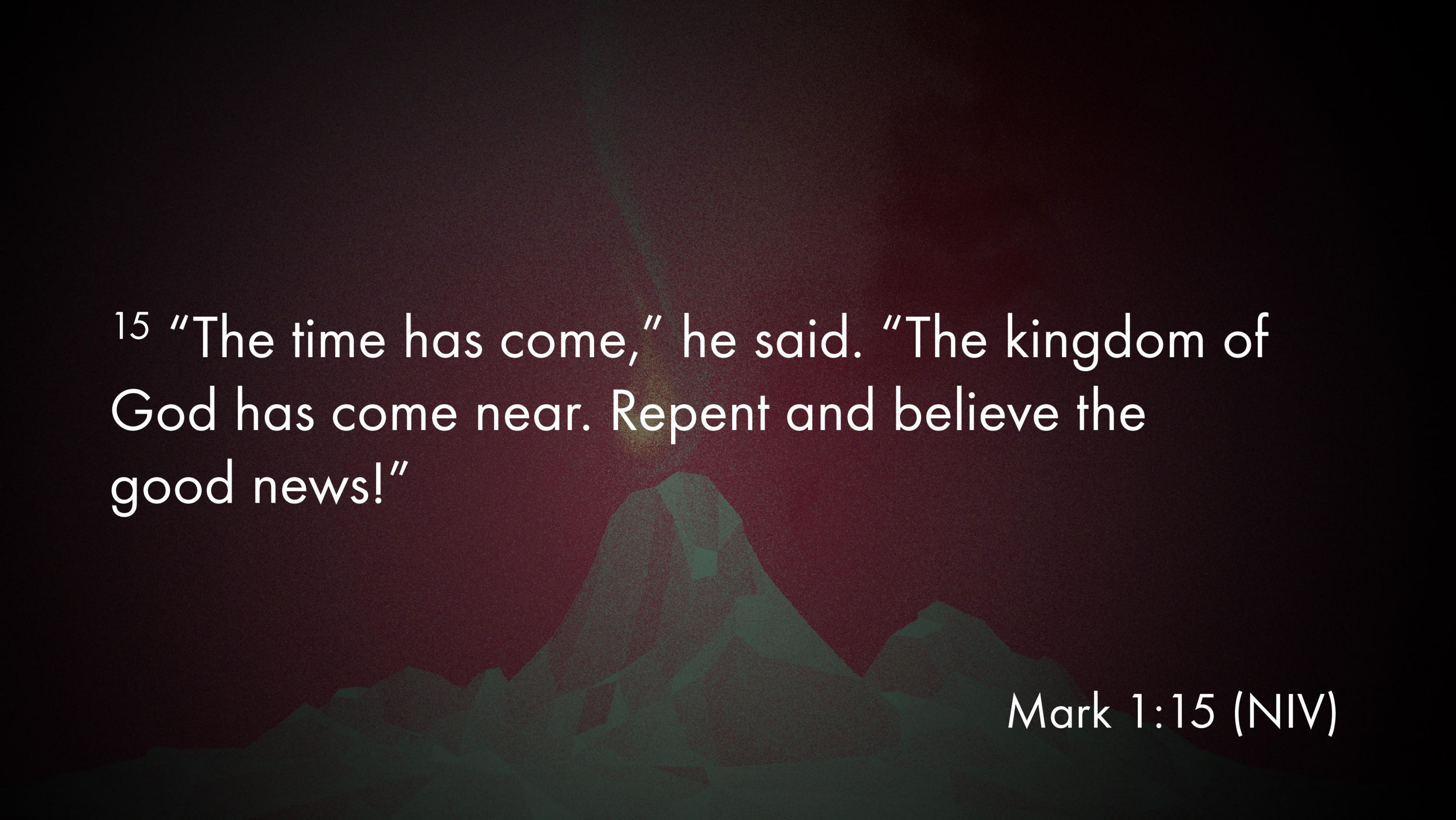
2 Samuel 7:12b-15a (NIV)

God's People & Kings: 2 Samuel 7

The king provides security and freedom from oppression for the people.

His kingdom will reign forever.

"When he does wrong," God is not surprised.



15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:15 (NIV)

“believe the good news”

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pisteuete en tō euangelliō

God's People & Kings

God's people ask for a king.

God's people will have a king from David's line forever.

The king is supposed to:

Submit to the same law as the people.

Provide security & freedom from oppression for the people.

God's People & Kings

God's people owe allegiance to the king.

The human kings were a mixed bag.

God is the one true king we need.

Jesus – from the house of David, God in the flesh – is the shepherd king forever.