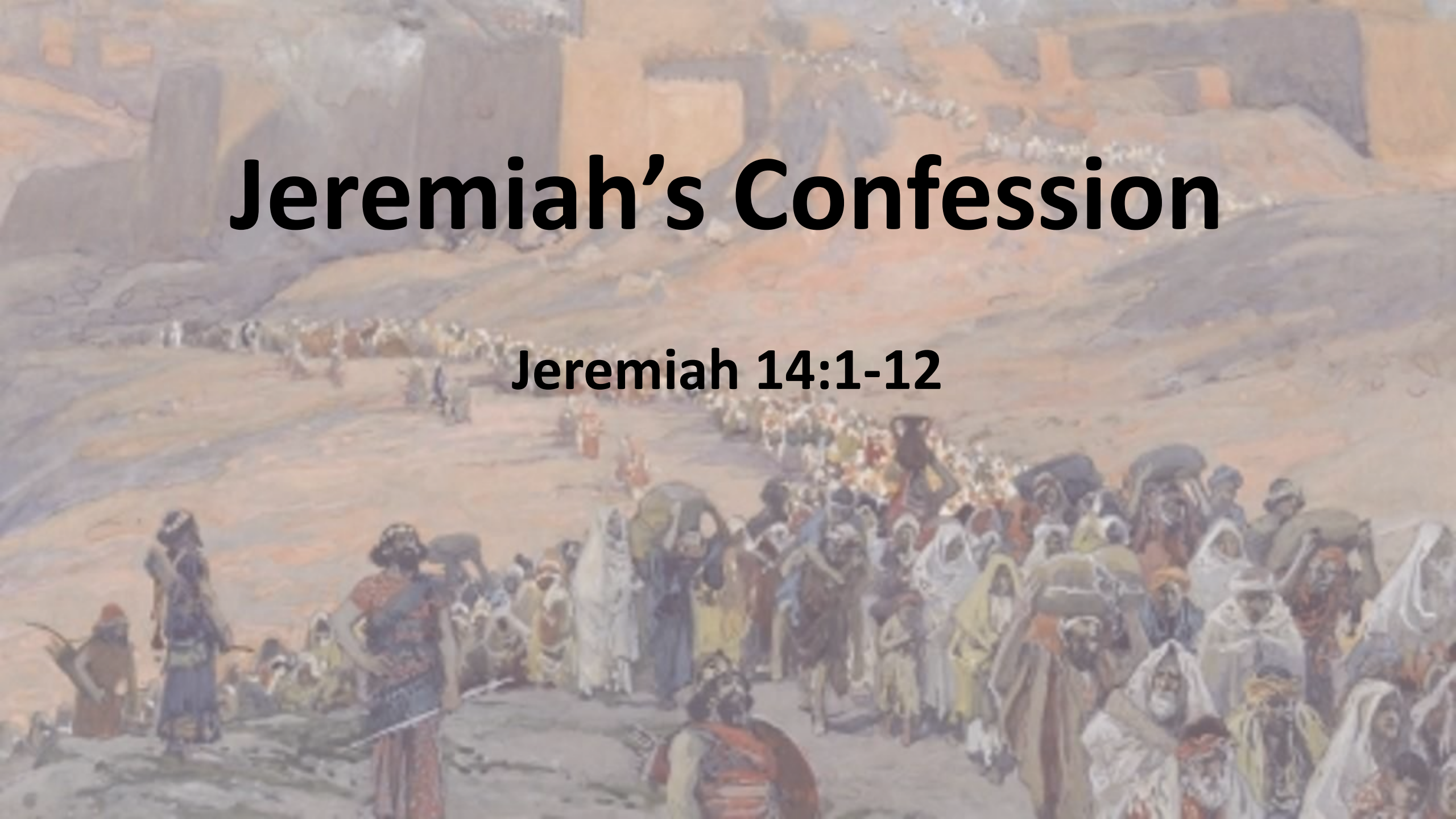


Jeremiah's Confession

Jeremiah 14:1-12



Jeremiah 14:1-3

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to Jeremiah in regard to the drought:

“Judah mourns

And her gates languish;

They sit on the ground in mourning,

And the cry of Jerusalem has ascended.

Their nobles have sent their servants for water;

They have come to the cisterns and found no water.

They have returned with their vessels empty;

They have been put to shame and humiliated,

And they cover their heads.”

Jeremiah 14:4-6

“Because the ground is cracked,
For there has been no rain on the land;
The farmers have been put to shame,
They have covered their heads.
For even the doe in the field has given birth
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Because there is no grass.
The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights;
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Jeremiah 14:10-12

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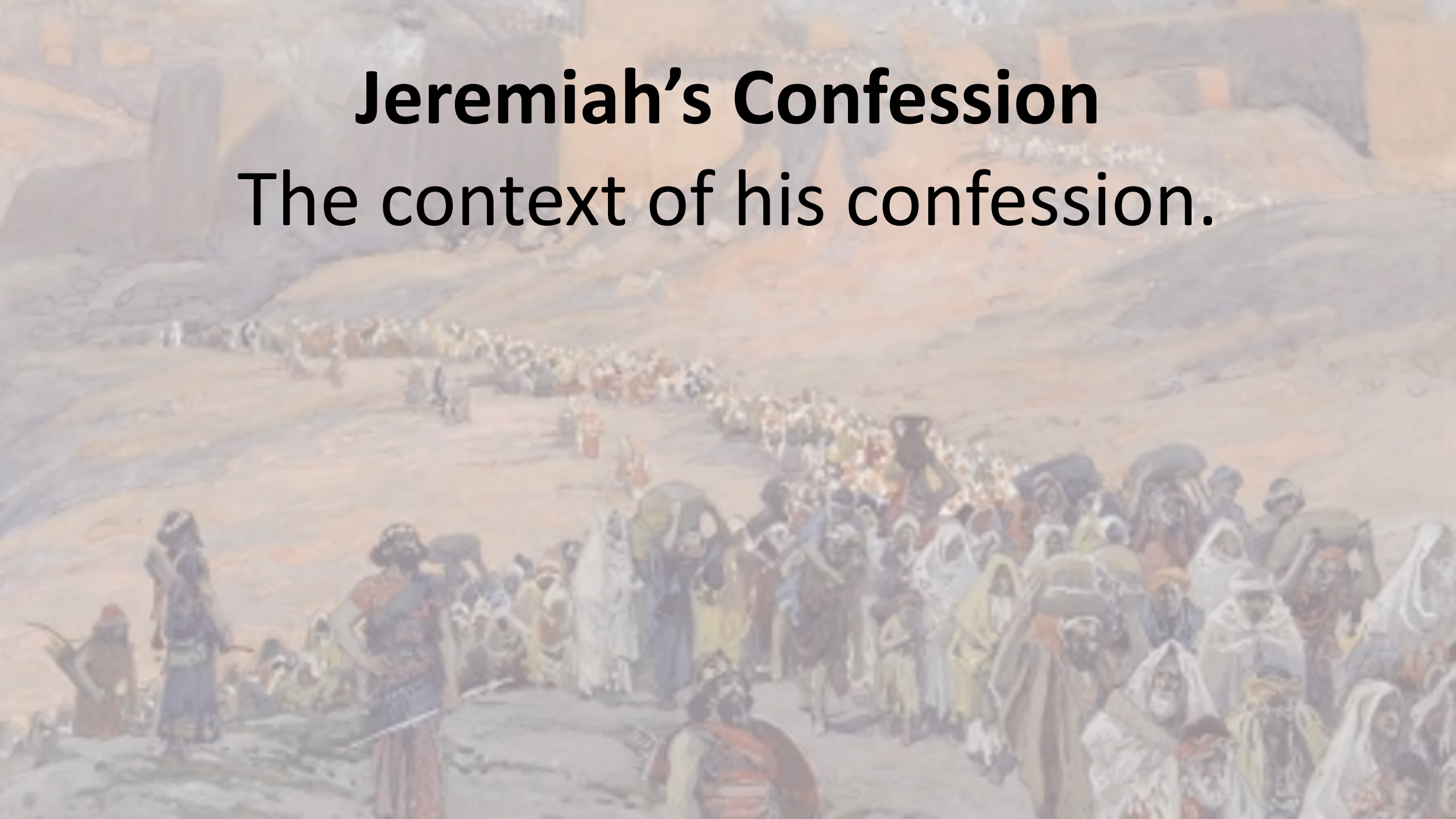
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and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering,
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Main Point

God's judgments will lead true believers to sincere confession of sin, resulting in restoration; but they will harden the rebellious, leading to their destruction.

Jeremiah's Confession

The context of his confession.



The Context of His Confession

Drought and famine

Jeremiah 14:1-3

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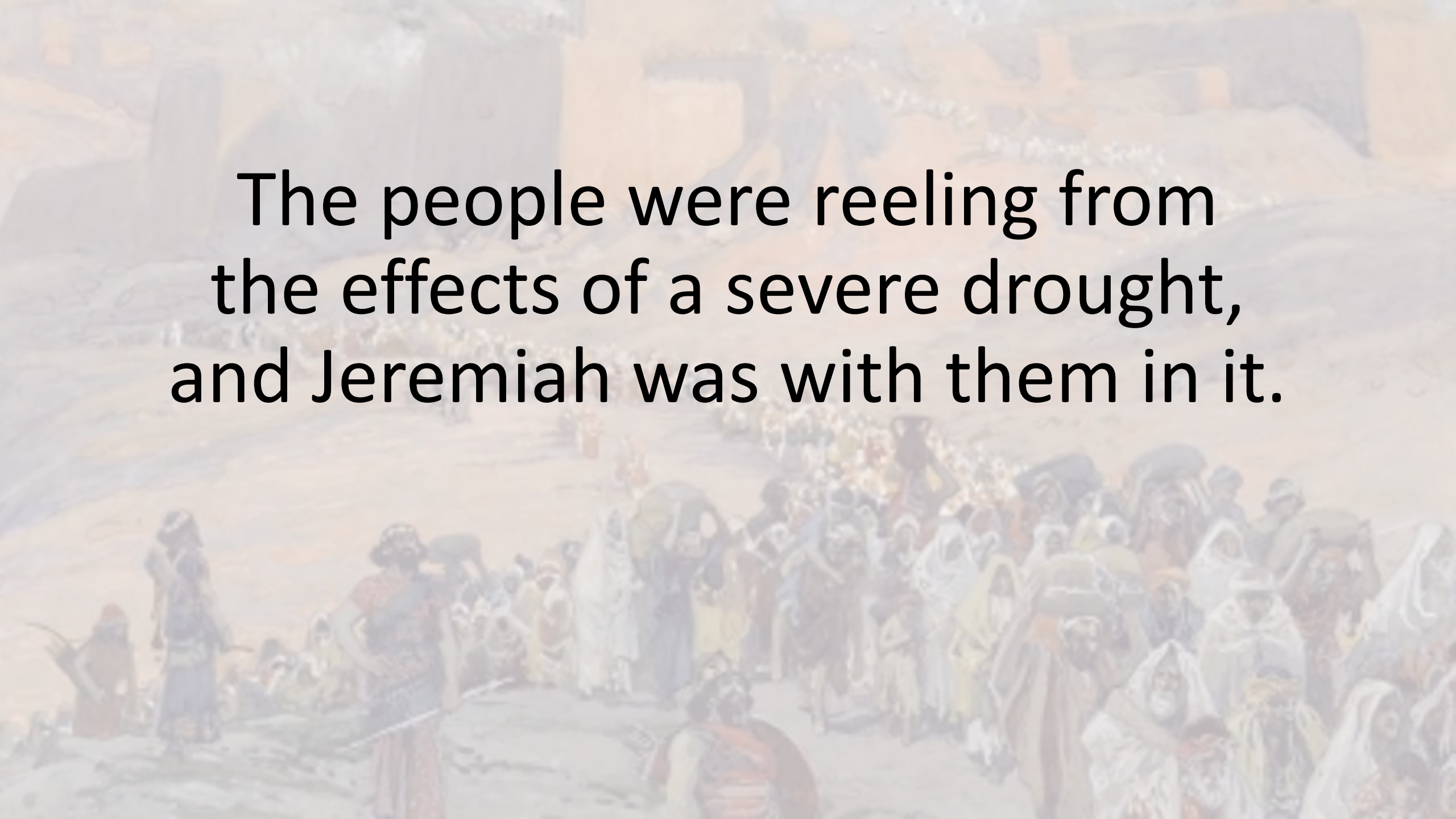
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The people were reeling from the effects of a severe drought, and Jeremiah was with them in it.

The Context of His Confession

Drought and famine

War

Jeremiah 14:17-18

You will say this word to them,
“Let my eyes flow down with tears night and day,
And let them not cease;
For the virgin daughter of my people
has been crushed with a mighty blow,
With a sorely infected wound.
If I go out to the country,
Behold, those slain with the sword!
Or if I enter the city,
Behold, diseases of famine!”

Jeremiah 14:17-18

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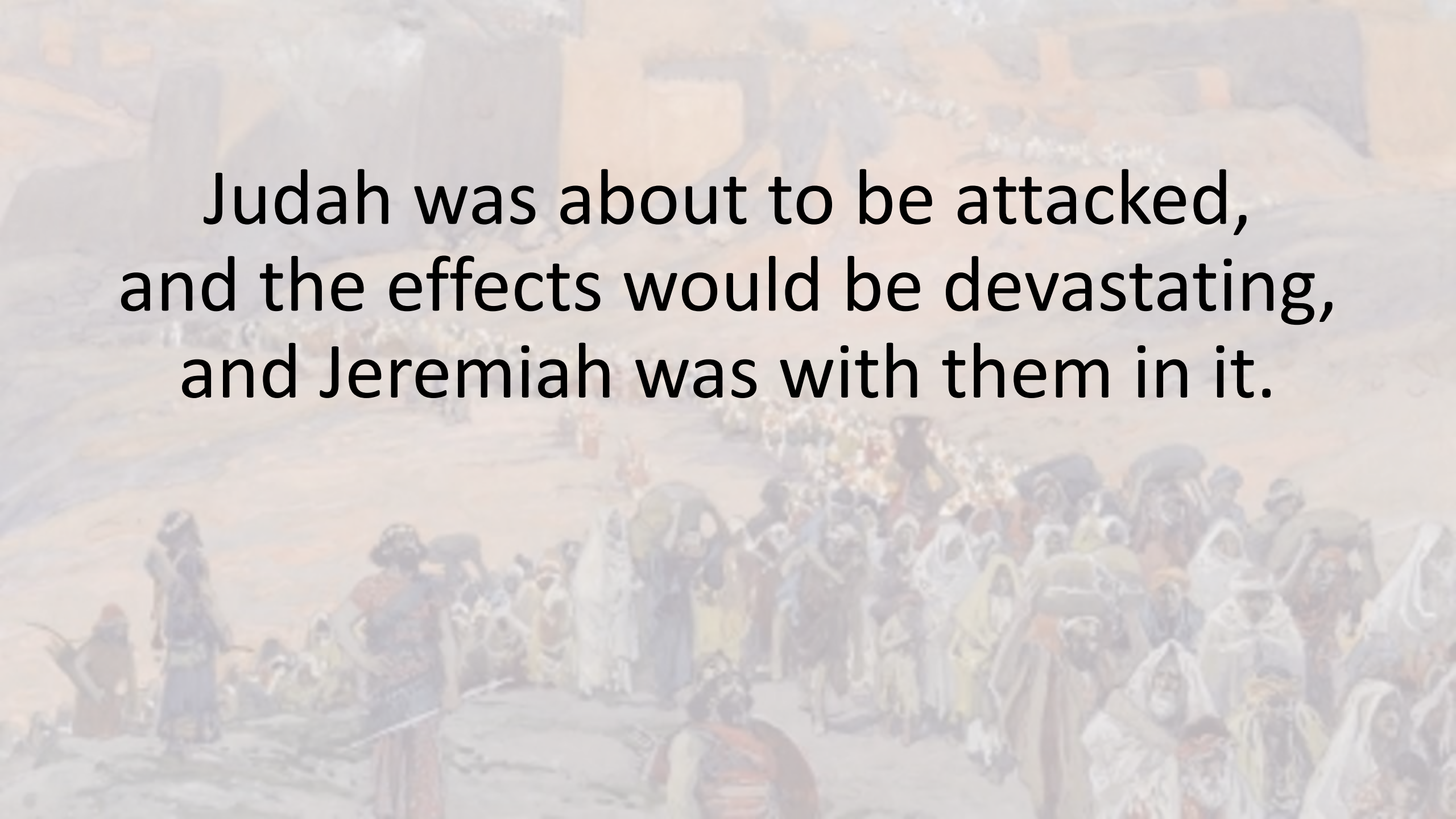
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Or **if I enter the city,
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Judah was about to be attacked,
and the effects would be devastating,
and Jeremiah was with them in it.



The Context of His Confession

Drought and famine

War

A sense of abandonment

Jeremiah 14:8-9

“Why are You like a stranger in the land
Or like a traveler who has pitched his tent for the night?
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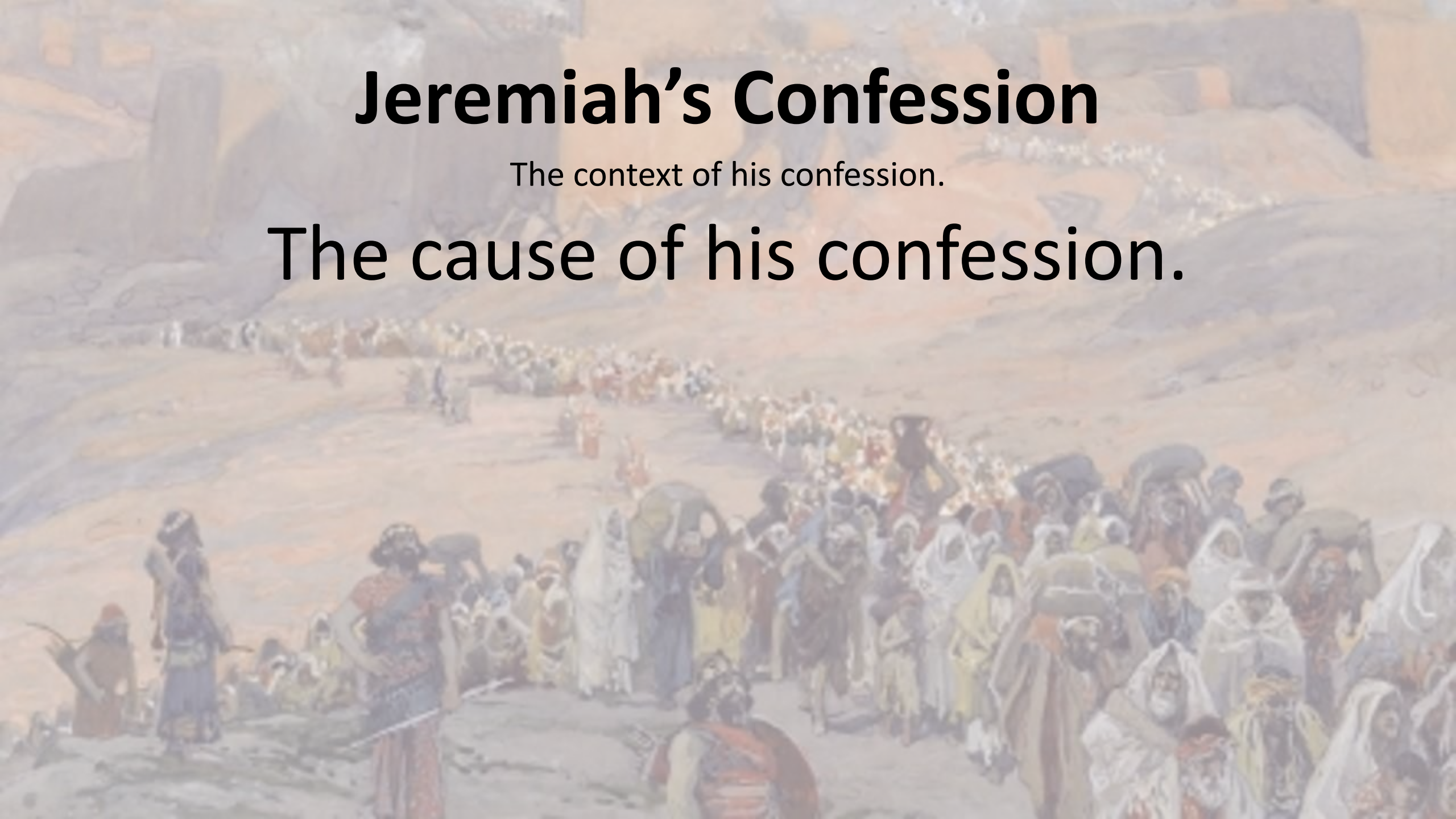
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Jeremiah's Confession

The context of his confession.

The cause of his confession.





What was Jeremiah's cause or aim?

To exhort

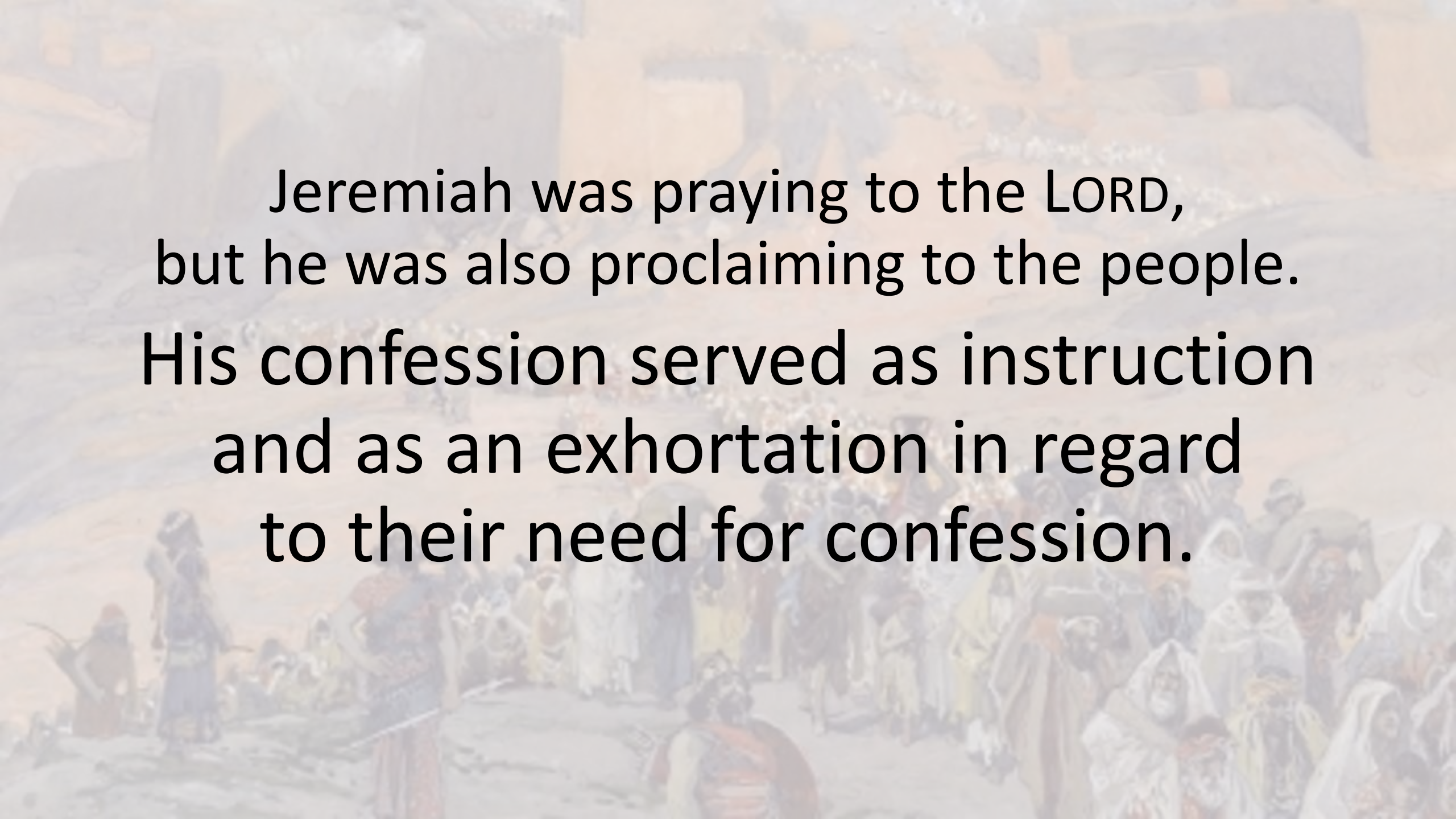
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Jeremiah was praying to the LORD,
but he was also proclaiming to the people.
His confession served as instruction
and as an exhortation in regard
to their need for confession.

What was Jeremiah's cause or aim?

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To exemplify

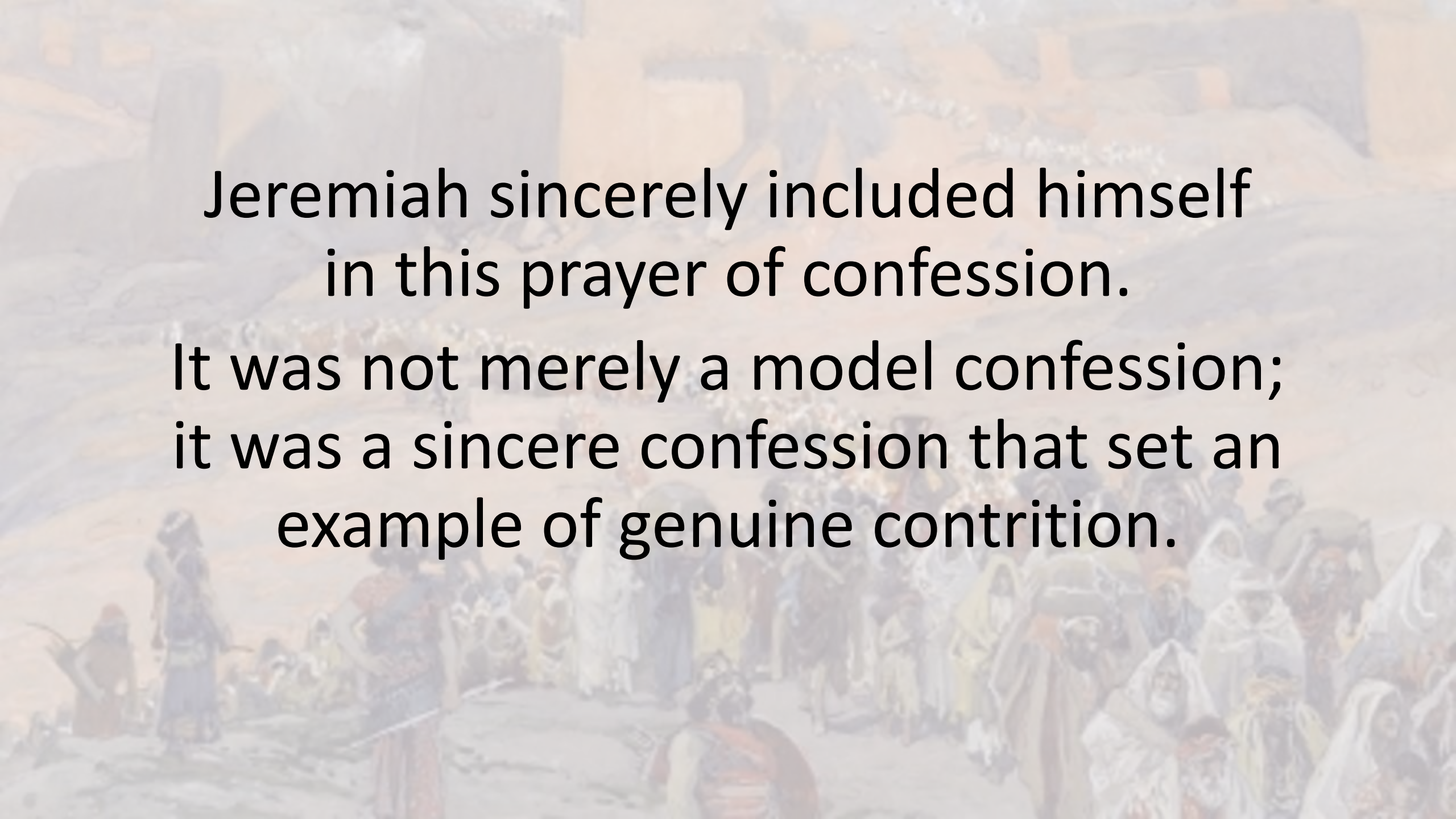
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Jeremiah sincerely included himself
in this prayer of confession.

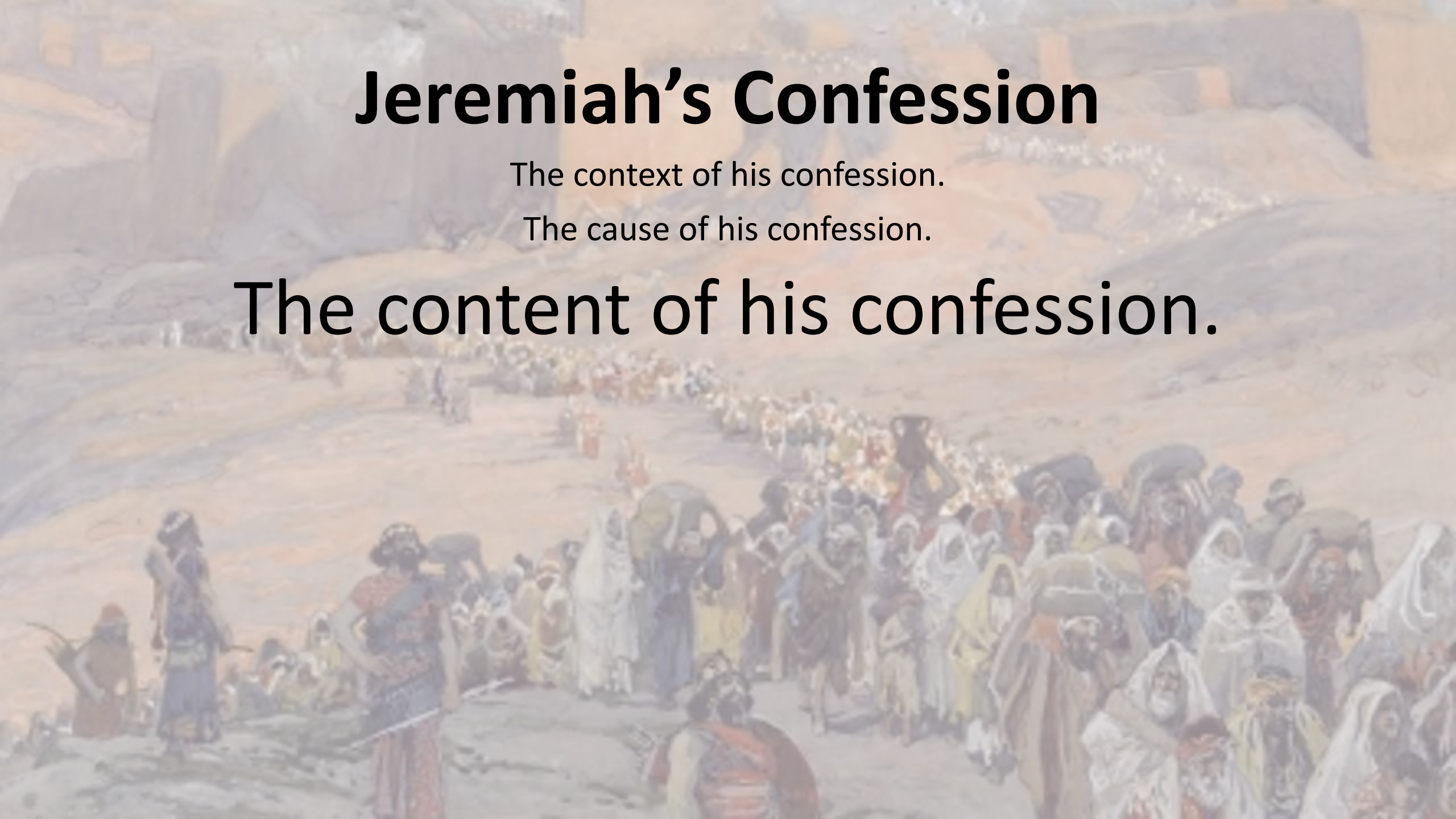
It was not merely a model confession;
it was a sincere confession that set an
example of genuine contrition.

Jeremiah's Confession

The context of his confession.

The cause of his confession.

The content of his confession.



The Content of His Confession

Verifiable iniquity

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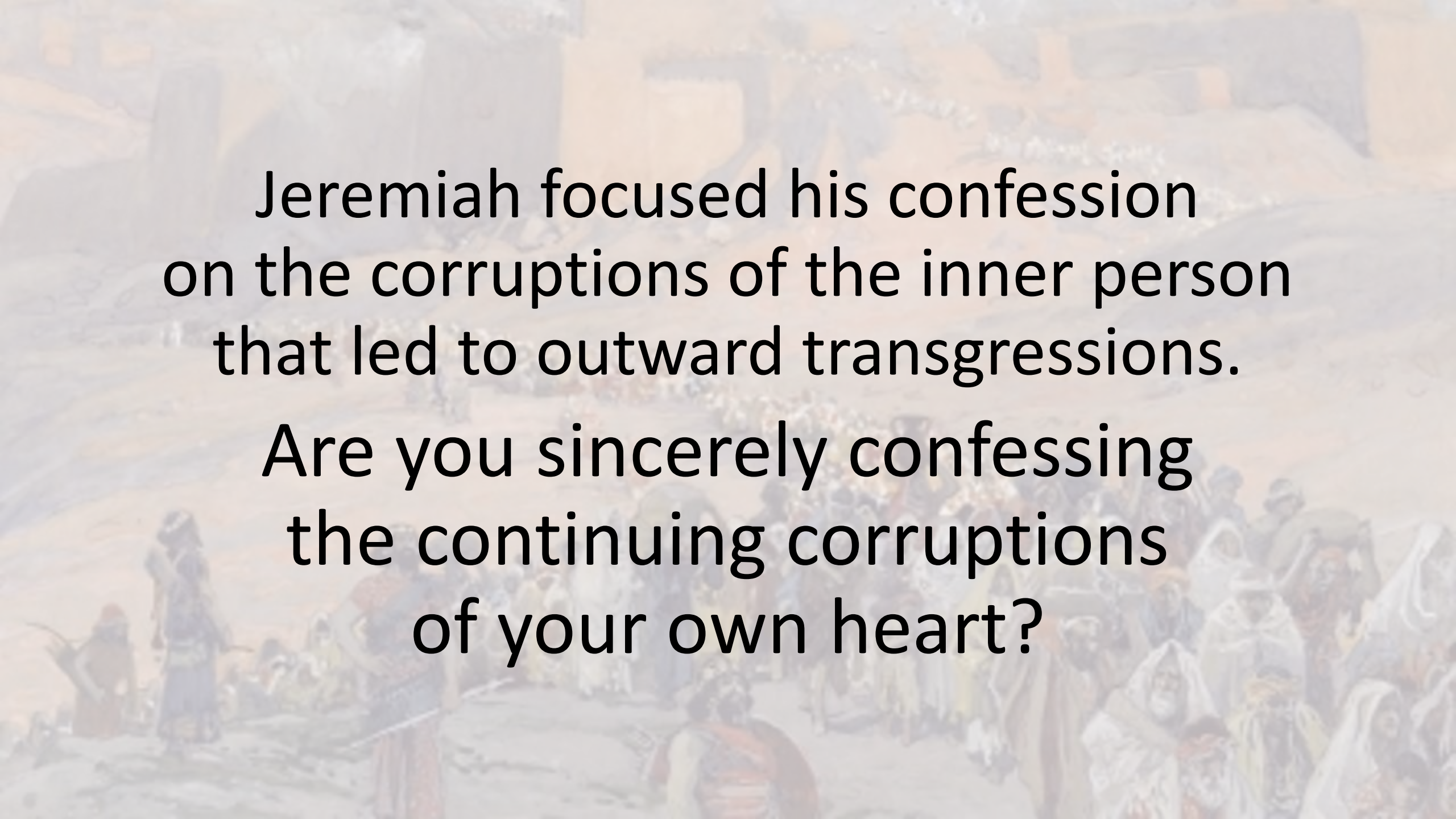
Iniquity focuses on the corruptions
and perversions of the heart.

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The evidence of their corruption and
perversion was everywhere to be seen!



Jeremiah focused his confession
on the corruptions of the inner person
that led to outward transgressions.

Are you sincerely confessing
the continuing corruptions
of your own heart?

The Content of His Confession

Verifiable iniquity

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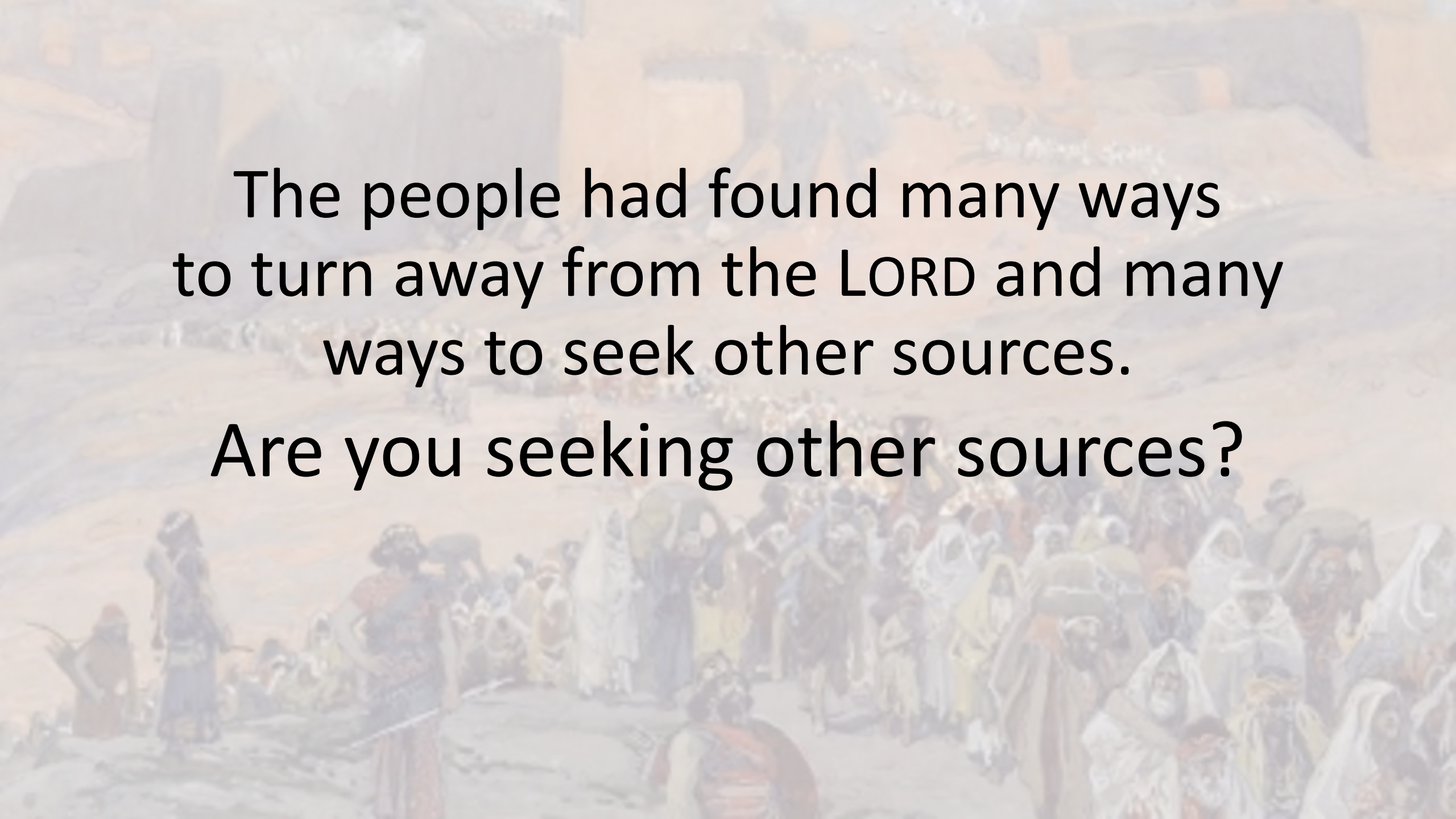
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Apostasy is repentance in reverse;
it is a turning back and away.

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The people had found many ways
to turn away from the LORD and many
ways to seek other sources.

Are you seeking other sources?

The Content of His Confession

Verifiable iniquity

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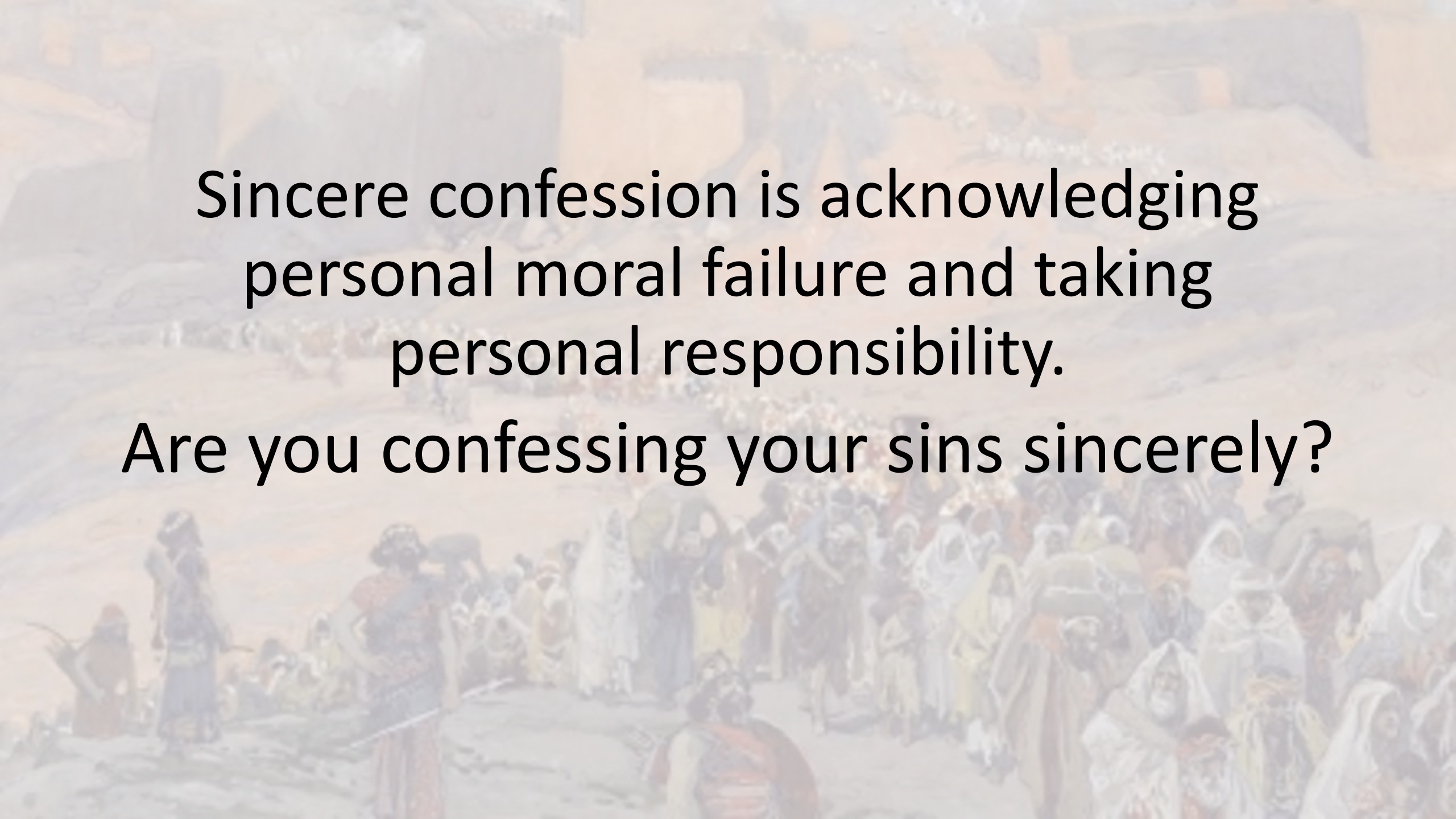
The concept of sin focuses on the standard and our falling short of it.

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There can be no “we” without an “I”!



Sincere confession is acknowledging
personal moral failure and taking
personal responsibility.

Are you confessing your sins sincerely?

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Content of His Confession

Verifiable iniquity

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A plea for mercy and salvation

Jeremiah 14:8-9

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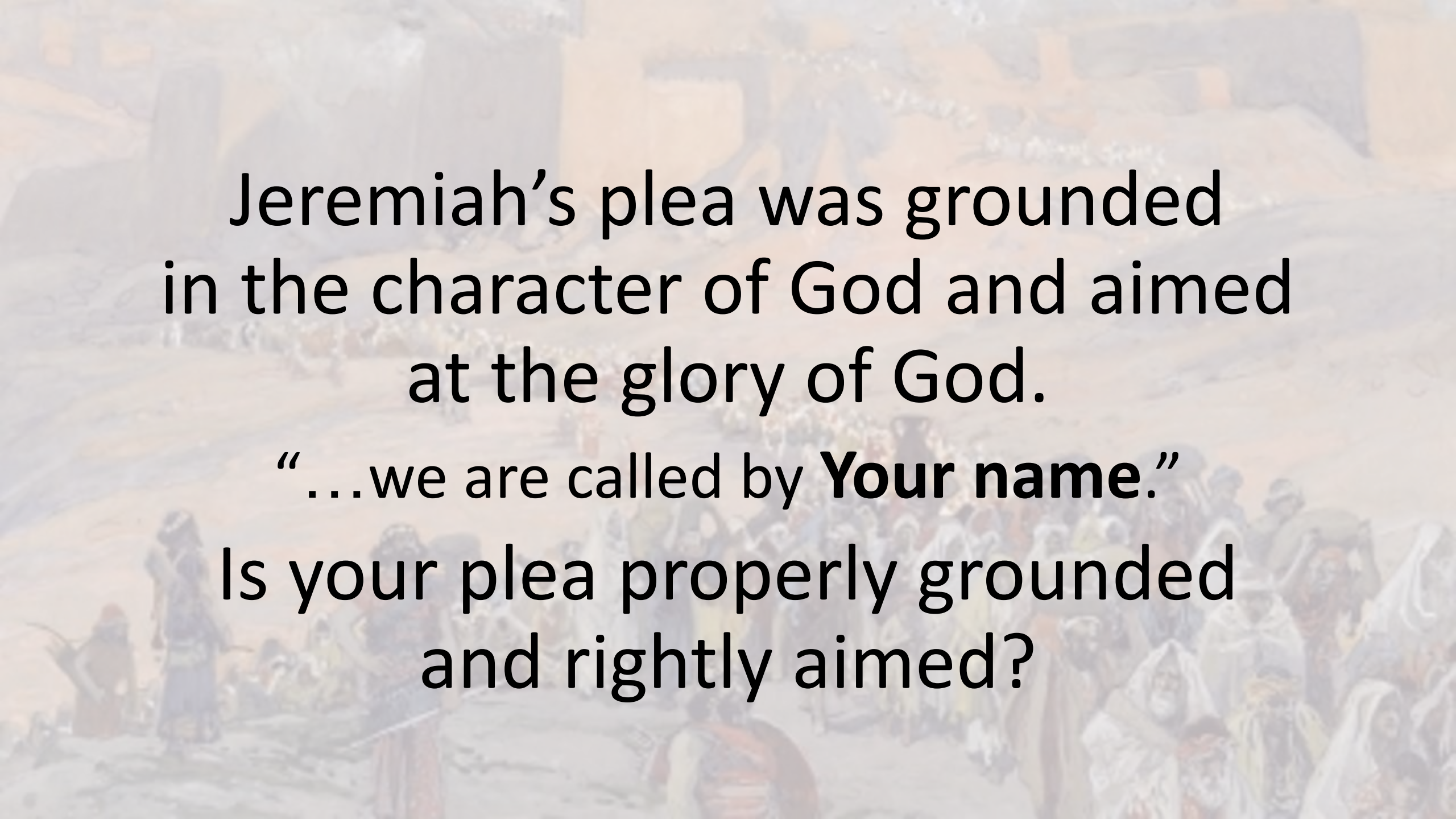
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Jeremiah's plea was grounded
in the character of God and aimed
at the glory of God.

“...we are called by **Your name.**”

Is your plea properly grounded
and rightly aimed?

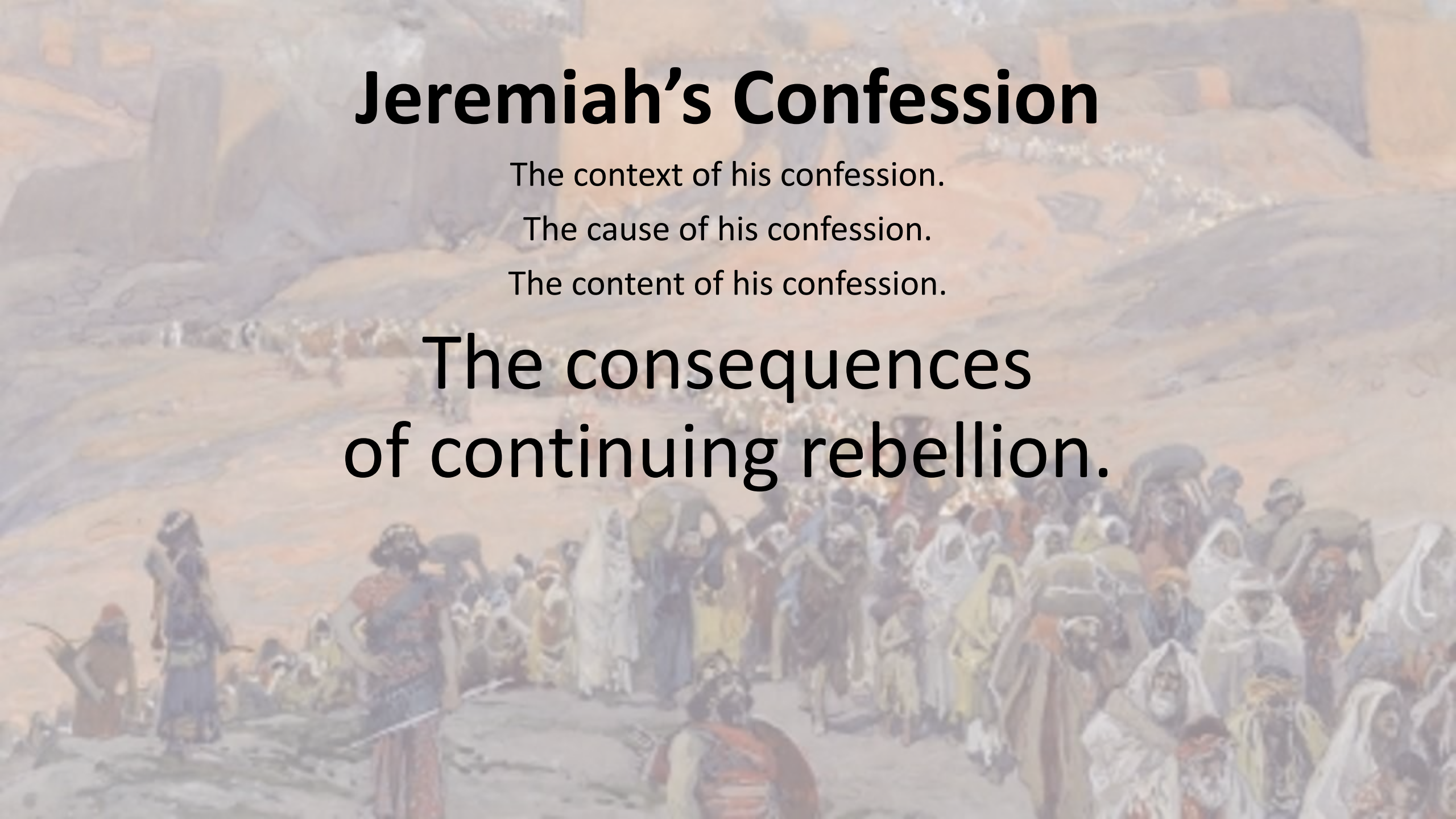
Jeremiah's Confession

The context of his confession.

The cause of his confession.

The content of his confession.

The consequences of continuing rebellion.



The Consequences of Rebellion?

Further hardening

Jeremiah 14:10

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“Even so they have loved to wander;
they have not kept their feet in check.”

Jeremiah 14:10

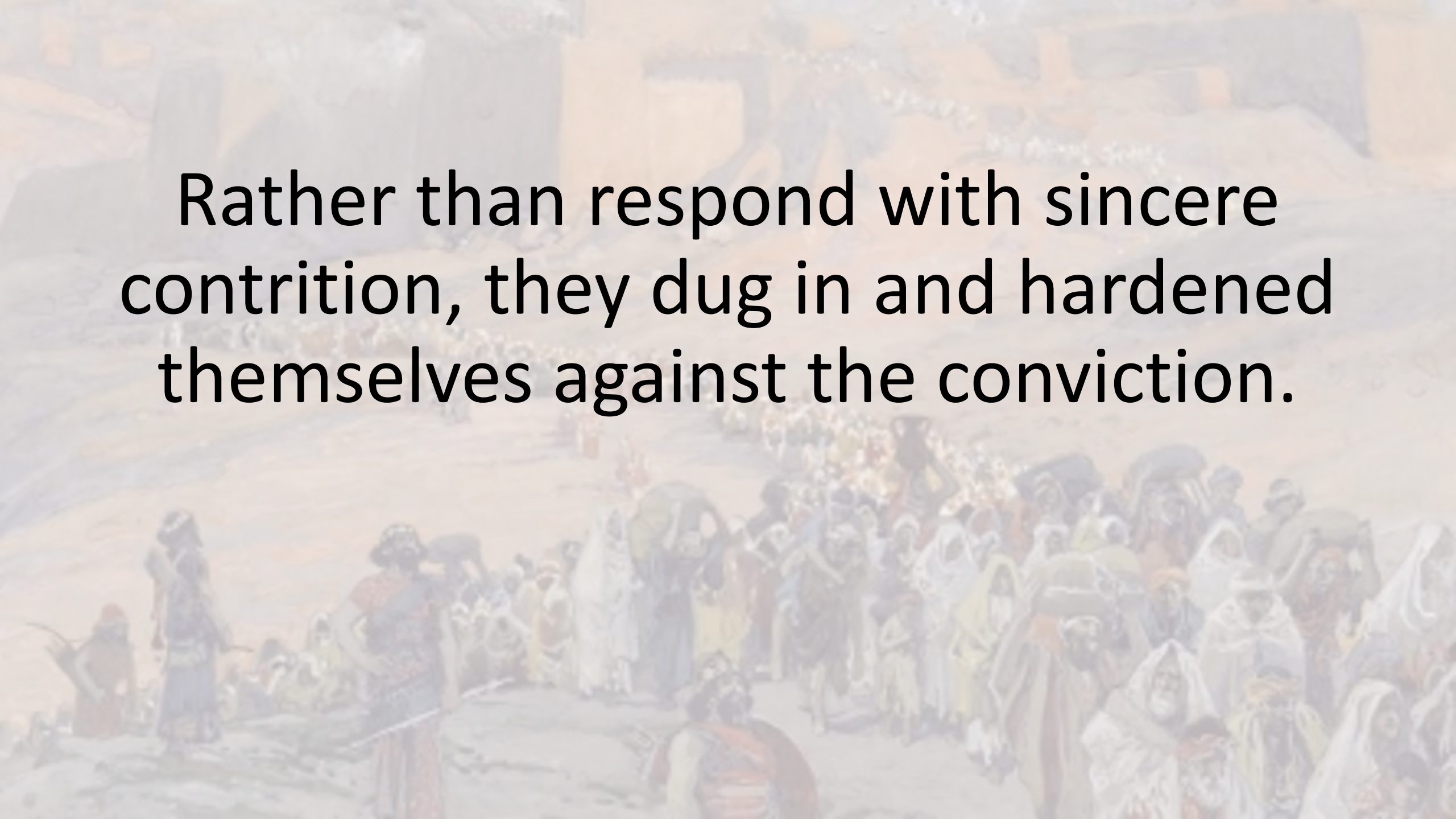
Thus says the LORD to this people,

“Even so they have loved to wander;
they have not kept their feet in check.”

Even after the rebuke of judgment,
they persisted in stubborn rebellion.

Jeremiah 5:23

But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart;
They have turned aside and departed.

A faded background image of a large crowd of people in a desert setting, possibly a biblical scene. The people are dressed in traditional, simple clothing, and the scene is set in a hazy, arid landscape with some structures in the distance.

Rather than respond with sincere contrition, they dug in and hardened themselves against the conviction.

The Consequences of Rebellion?

Further hardening

Final judgment

Jeremiah 14:10

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Psalms 130:3

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,
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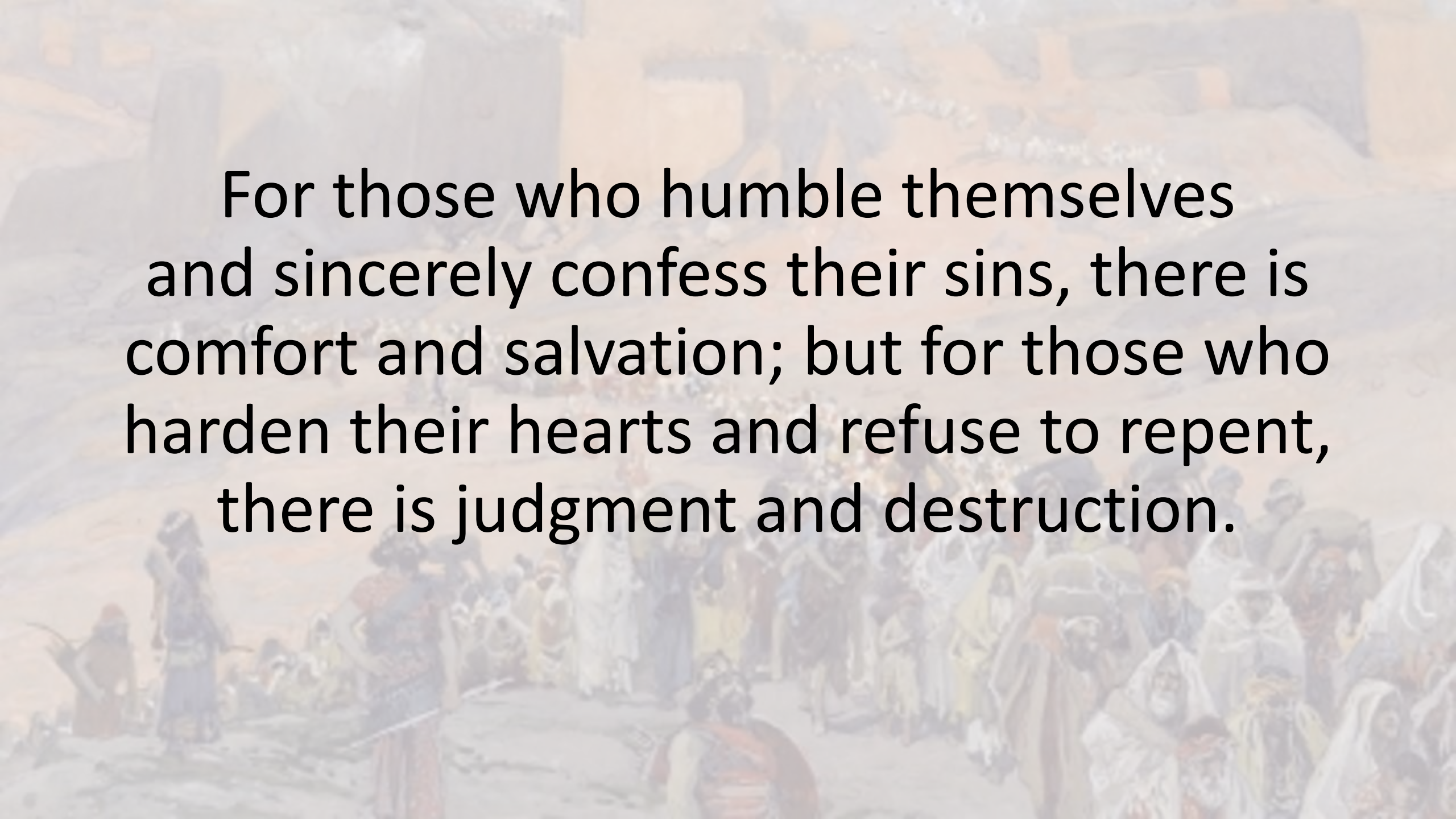
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For those who humble themselves and sincerely confess their sins, there is comfort and salvation; but for those who harden their hearts and refuse to repent, there is judgment and destruction.

Some Concluding Questions

Are you acknowledging and confessing the corruptions of your heart?

Are you going to the cross to plead for God's mercy?

Are you receiving His forgiveness and resting in His grace?