

The King, the Lord of Hosts

Jeremiah 46:1-26



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That which came as the word of the LORD
to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.
To Egypt, concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt,
which was by the Euphrates River at Carchemish,
which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the
fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

Jeremiah 46:3-4

Line up the shield and buckler,
And draw near for the battle!
Harness the horses,
And mount the steeds,
And take your stand with helmets on!
Polish the spears,
Put on the scale-armor!

Jeremiah 46:5

Why have I seen it?
They are terrified,
They are drawing back,
And their mighty men are defeated
And have taken refuge in flight,
Without facing back;
Terror is on every side!” Declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 46:6-8

Let not the swift man flee,
Nor the mighty man escape;
In the north beside the river Euphrates
They have stumbled and fallen.
Who is this that rises like the Nile,
Like the rivers whose waters surge about?
Egypt rises like the Nile,
Even like the rivers whose waters surge about;
And He has said, "I will rise and cover that land;
I will surely destroy the city and its inhabitants."

Jeremiah 46:9-10

Go up, you horses, and drive madly, you chariots,
That the mighty men may march forward:
Ethiopia and Put, that handle the shield,
And the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.
For that day belongs to the Lord GOD of hosts,
A day of vengeance, so as to avenge Himself on His foes;
And the sword will devour and be satiated
And drink its fill of their blood;
For there will be a slaughter for the Lord GOD of hosts,
In the land of the north by the river Euphrates.

Jeremiah 46:11-12

Go up to Gilead and obtain balm,
O virgin daughter of Egypt!

In vain have you multiplied remedies;
There is no healing for you.

The nations have heard of your shame,
And the earth is full of your cry of distress;
For one warrior has stumbled over another,
And both of them have fallen down together.

Jeremiah 46:13-14

This is the message which the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to smite the land of Egypt:

“Declare in Egypt and proclaim in Migdol,
Proclaim also in Memphis and Tahpanhes;
Say, ‘Take your stand and get yourself ready,
For the sword has devoured those around you.’”

Jeremiah 46:15-17

“Why have your mighty ones become prostrate?
They do not stand because the LORD has thrust them down.
They have repeatedly stumbled;
Indeed, they have fallen one against another.
Then they said, ‘Get up! And let us go back
To our own people and our native land
Away from the sword of the oppressor.’
They cried there, ‘Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a big noise;
He has let the appointed time pass by!’”

Jeremiah 46:18-19

“As I live,” declares the King
Whose name is the LORD of hosts,
“Surely one shall come who looms up like Tabor
among the mountains,
Or like Carmel by the sea.
Make your baggage ready for exile,
O daughter dwelling in Egypt,
For Memphis will become a desolation;
It will even be burned down and bereft of inhabitants.”

Jeremiah 46:20-21

“Egypt is a pretty heifer,
But a horsefly is coming from the north — it is coming!
Also her mercenaries in her midst
Are like fattened calves,
For even they too have turned back and have fled away
together;
They did not stand their ground.
For the day of their calamity has come upon them,
The time of their punishment.”

Jeremiah 46:22-24

“Its sound moves along like a serpent;
For they move on like an army
And come to her as woodcutters with axes.
They have cut down her forest,” declares the LORD;
“Surely it will no more be found,
Even though they are now more numerous than locusts
And are without number.
The daughter of Egypt has been put to shame,
Given over to the power of the people of the north.”

Jeremiah 46:25-26

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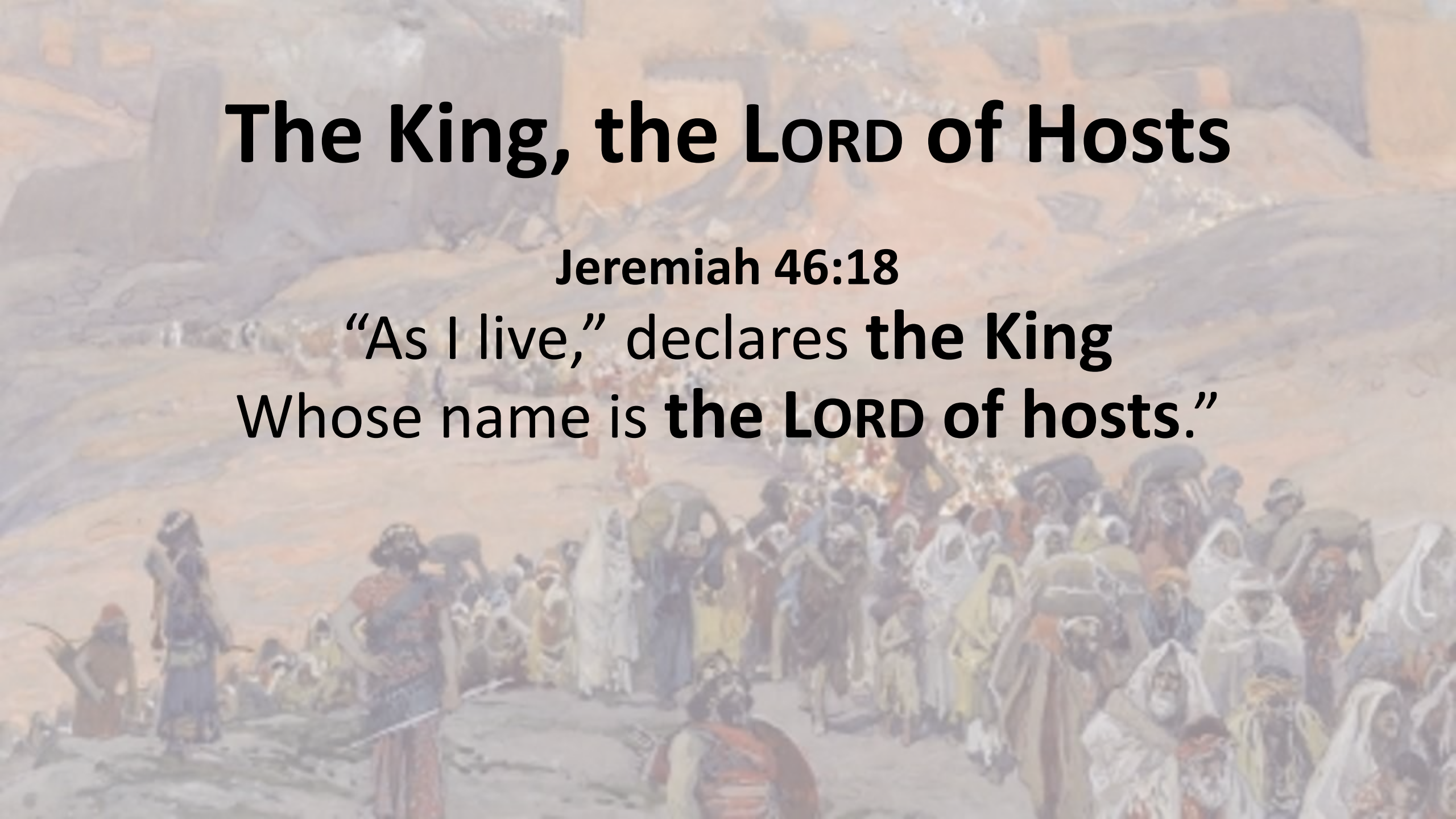
Main Point

The LORD alone is God and King over all the nations, and He will rightly judge those who will not trust in Him but will save those who love Him.

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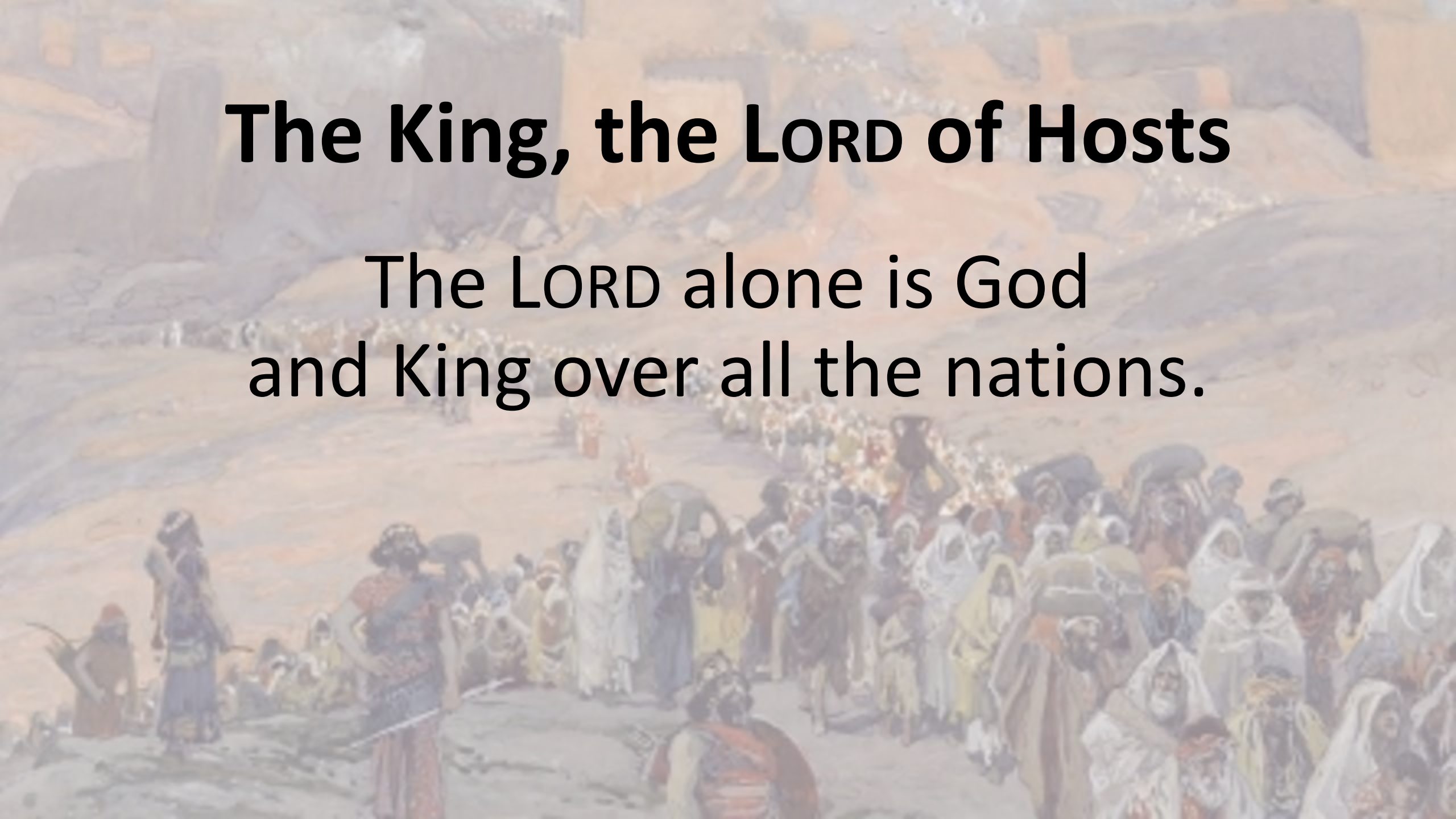
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Edom Damascus Kedar and Hazor

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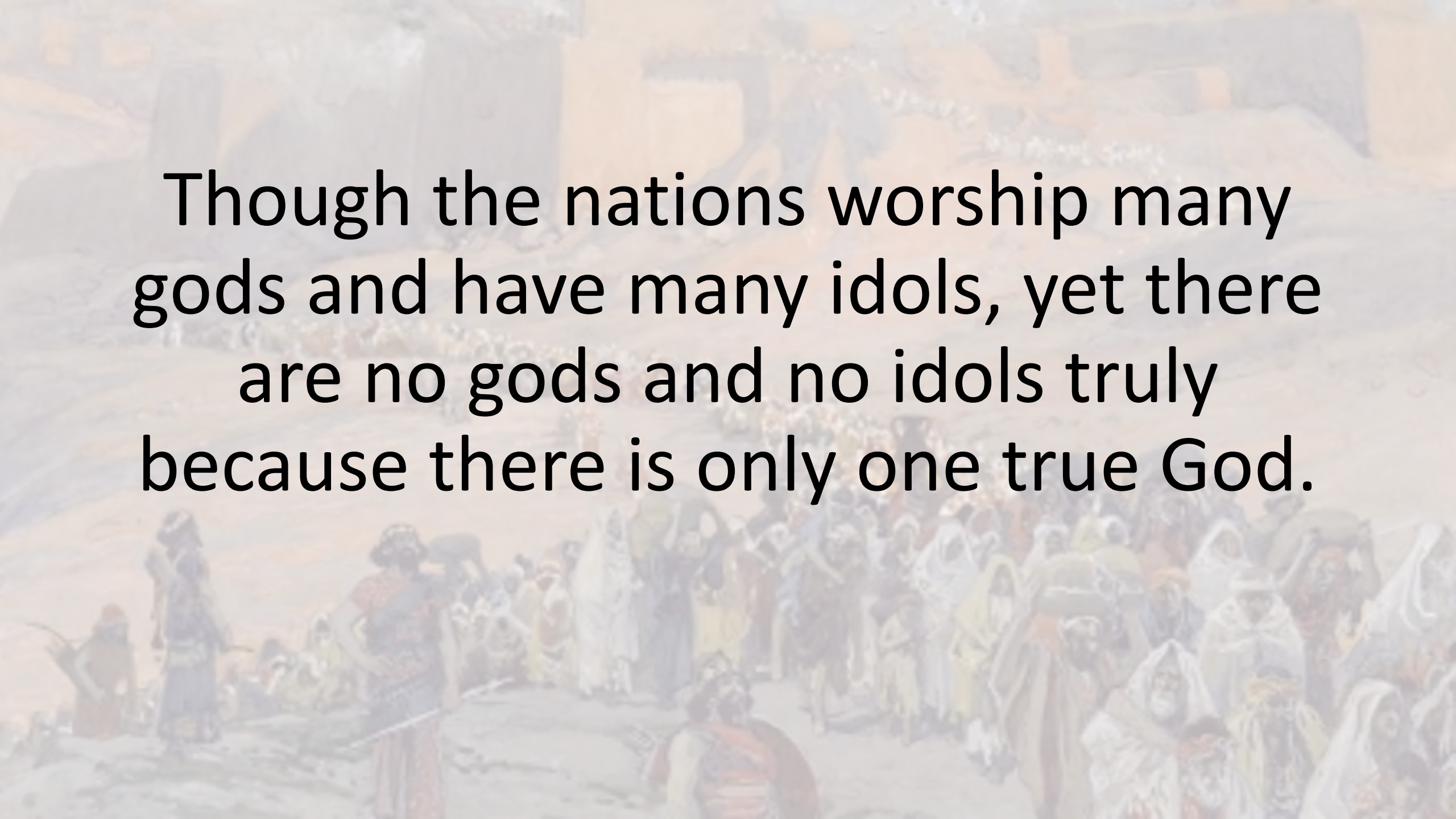
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Though the nations worship many gods and have many idols, yet there are no gods and no idols truly because there is only one true God.

The LORD is God and King

There are no gods, really!

There is no other King, really!

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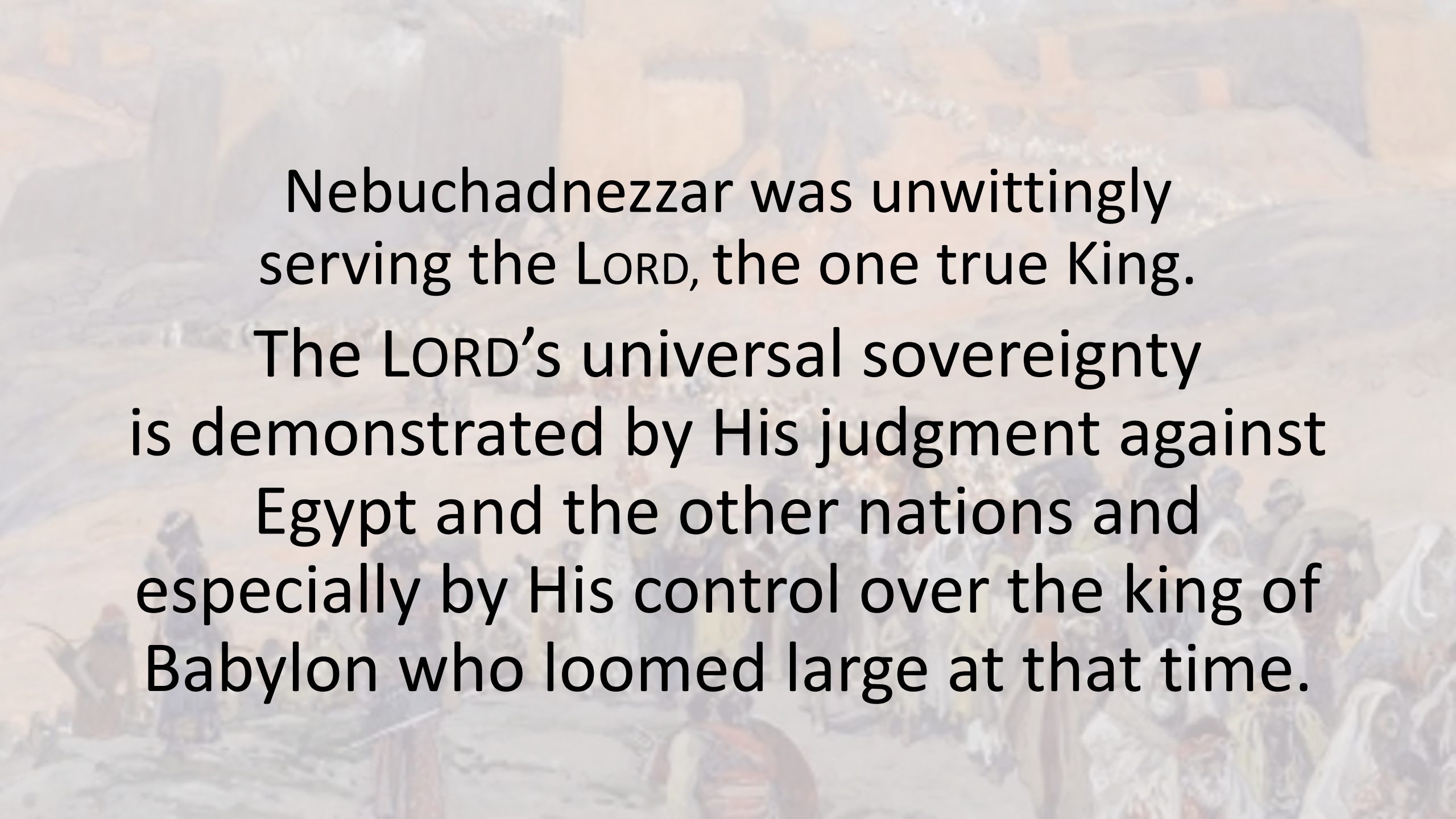
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Nebuchadnezzar was unwittingly
serving the LORD, the one true King.

The LORD's universal sovereignty
is demonstrated by His judgment against
Egypt and the other nations and
especially by His control over the king of
Babylon who loomed large at that time.

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

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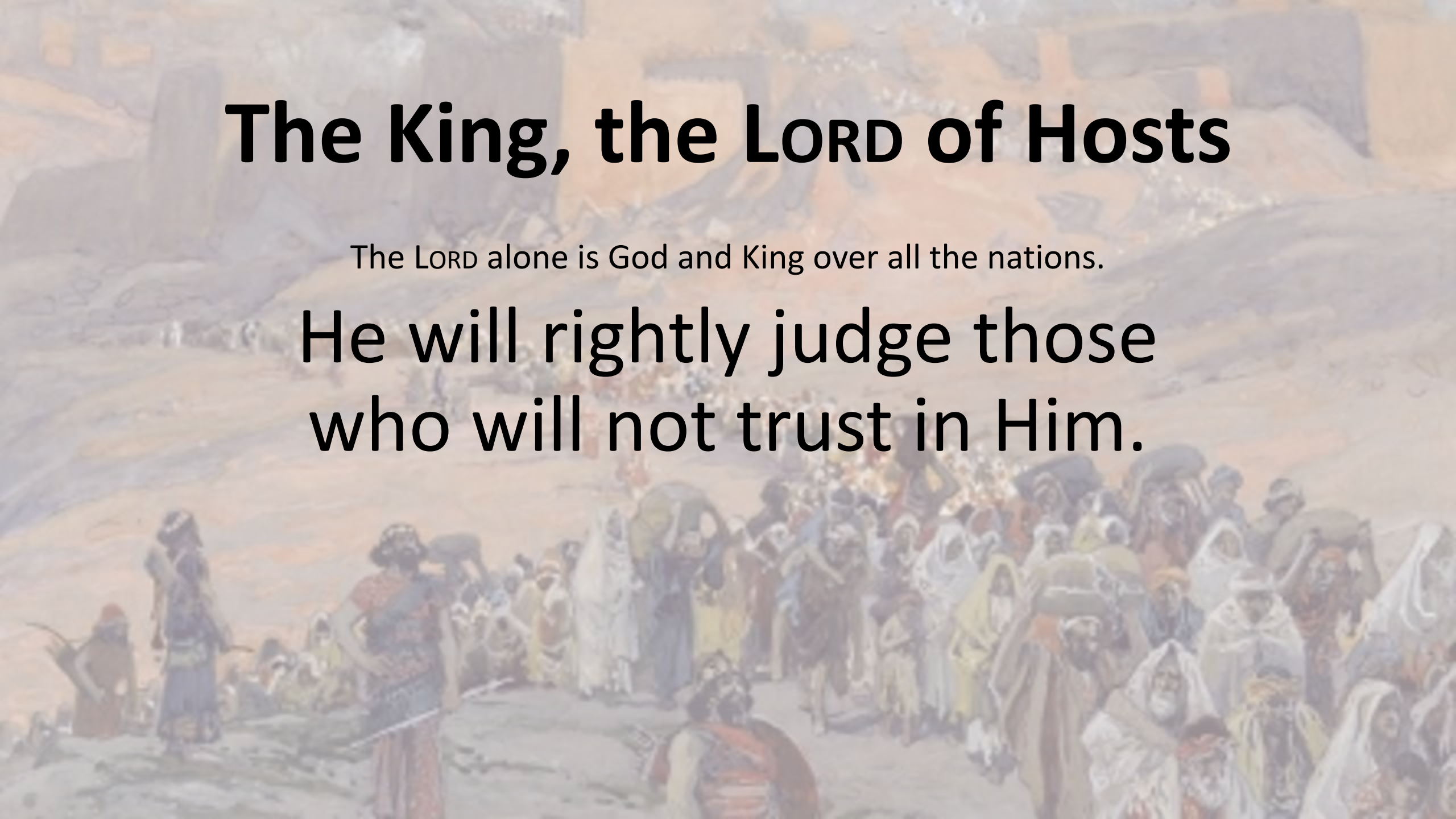
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Is it right for the LORD to punish those
who will not trust in Him alone?



His judgments are right!

It *is* right to trust in Him alone.

Jeremiah 46:25

The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
says...

If He is indeed “the LORD of hosts,”
the one true God, it is only right that
the nations trust in Him alone.

Is He the LORD of hosts?

Jeremiah 10:6-7 and

There is none like You, O LORD;
You are great, and great is Your name in might.
Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
Indeed it is Your due!
For among all the wise men of the nations
And in all their kingdoms,
There is none like You.”

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Jeremiah 10:8-10

But they are altogether stupid and foolish
In their discipline of delusion — their idol is wood!
Beaten silver is brought from Tarshish,
And gold from Uphaz,
The work of a craftsman and of the hands of a goldsmith;
Violet and purple are their clothing;
They are all the work of skilled men.
But the LORD is the true God;
He is the living God and the everlasting King.

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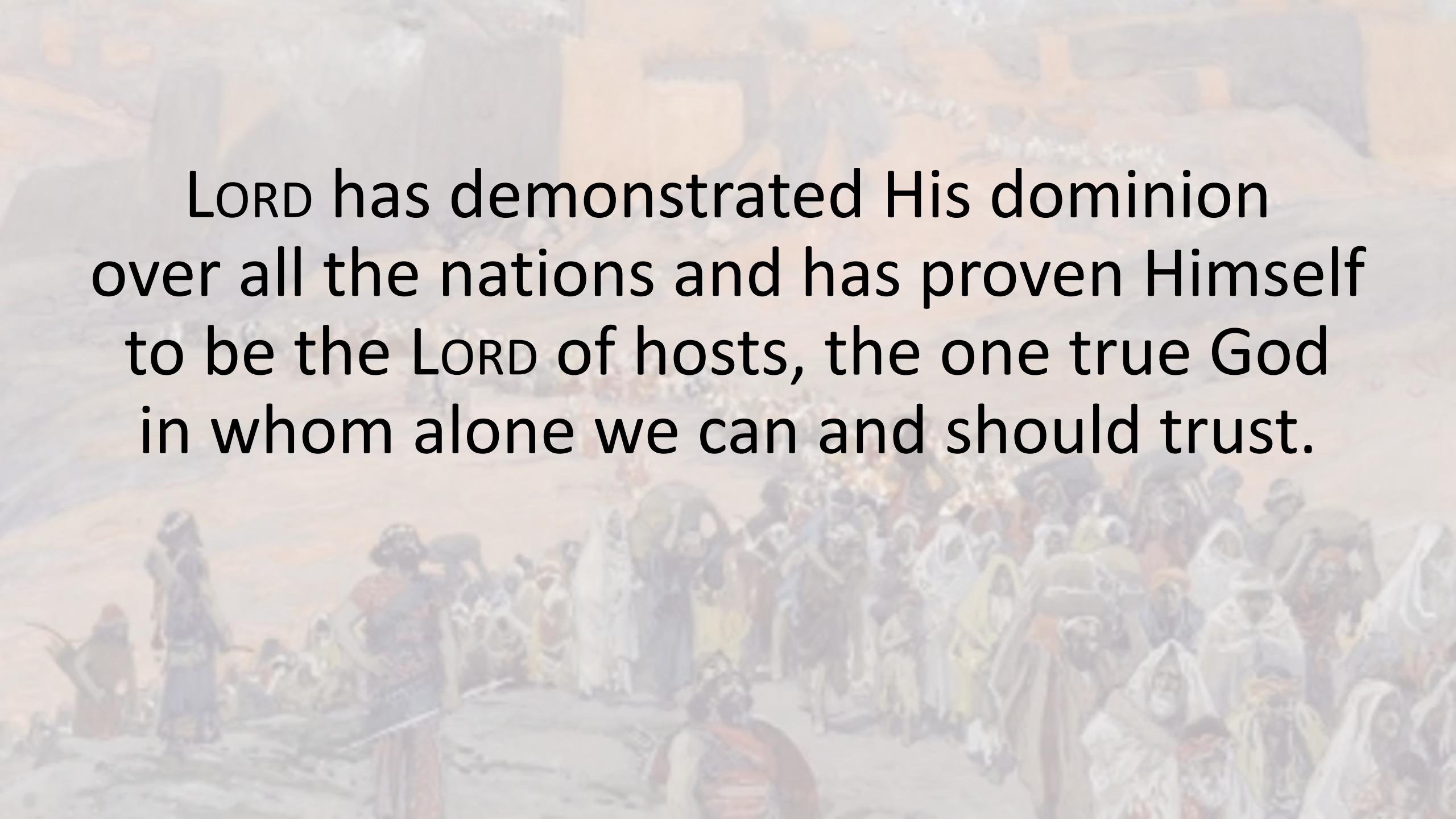
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LORD has demonstrated His dominion over all the nations and has proven Himself to be the LORD of hosts, the one true God in whom alone we can and should trust.

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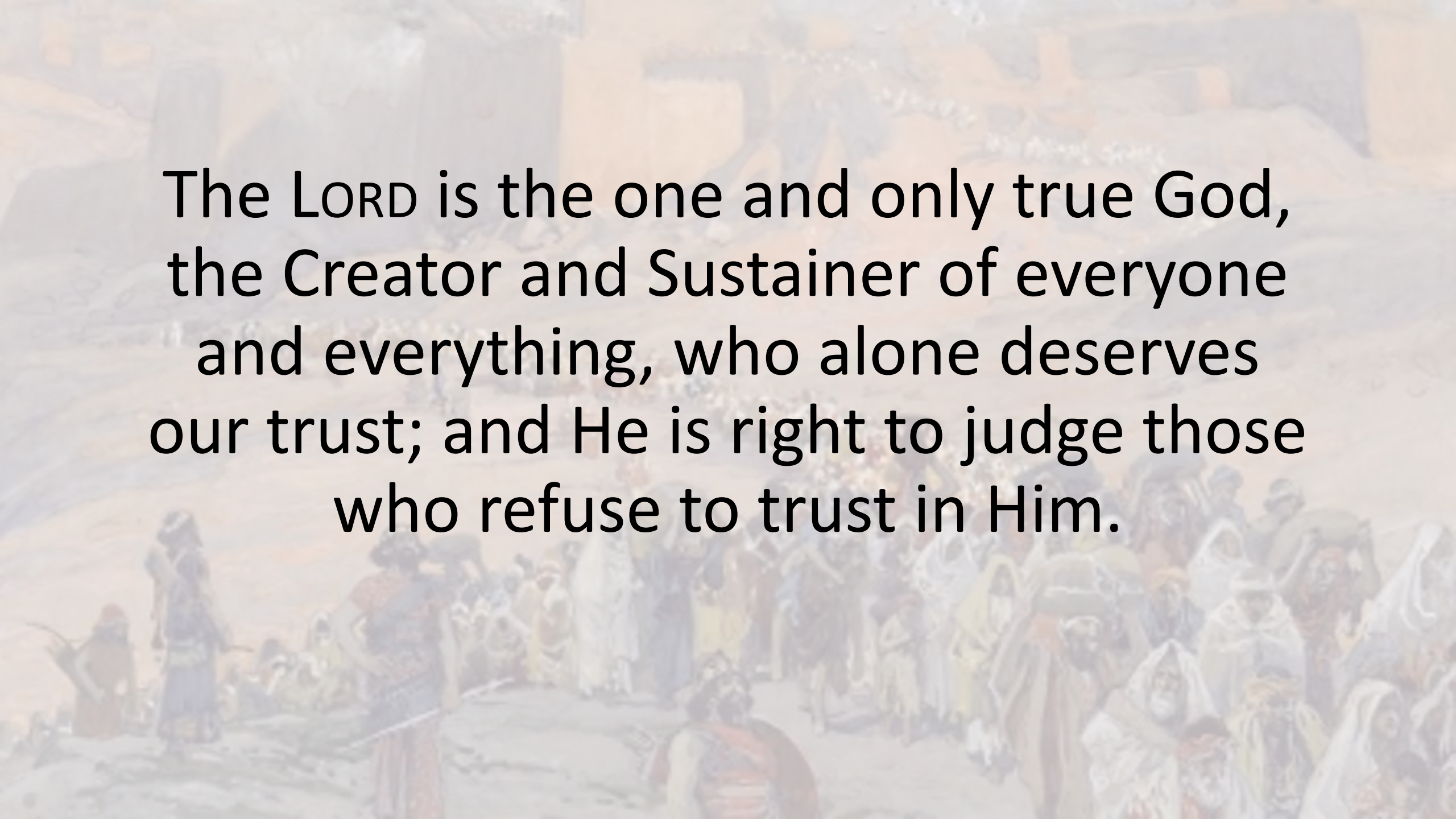
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Jeremiah 17:5

Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind
And makes flesh his strength,
And whose heart turns away from the LORD.

Isaiah 31:1

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help
And rely on horses,
And trust in chariots because they are many
And in horsemen because they are very strong,
But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel,
nor seek the LORD!”



The LORD is the one and only true God,
the Creator and Sustainer of everyone
and everything, who alone deserves
our trust; and He is right to judge those
who refuse to trust in Him.

Why is it right?

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

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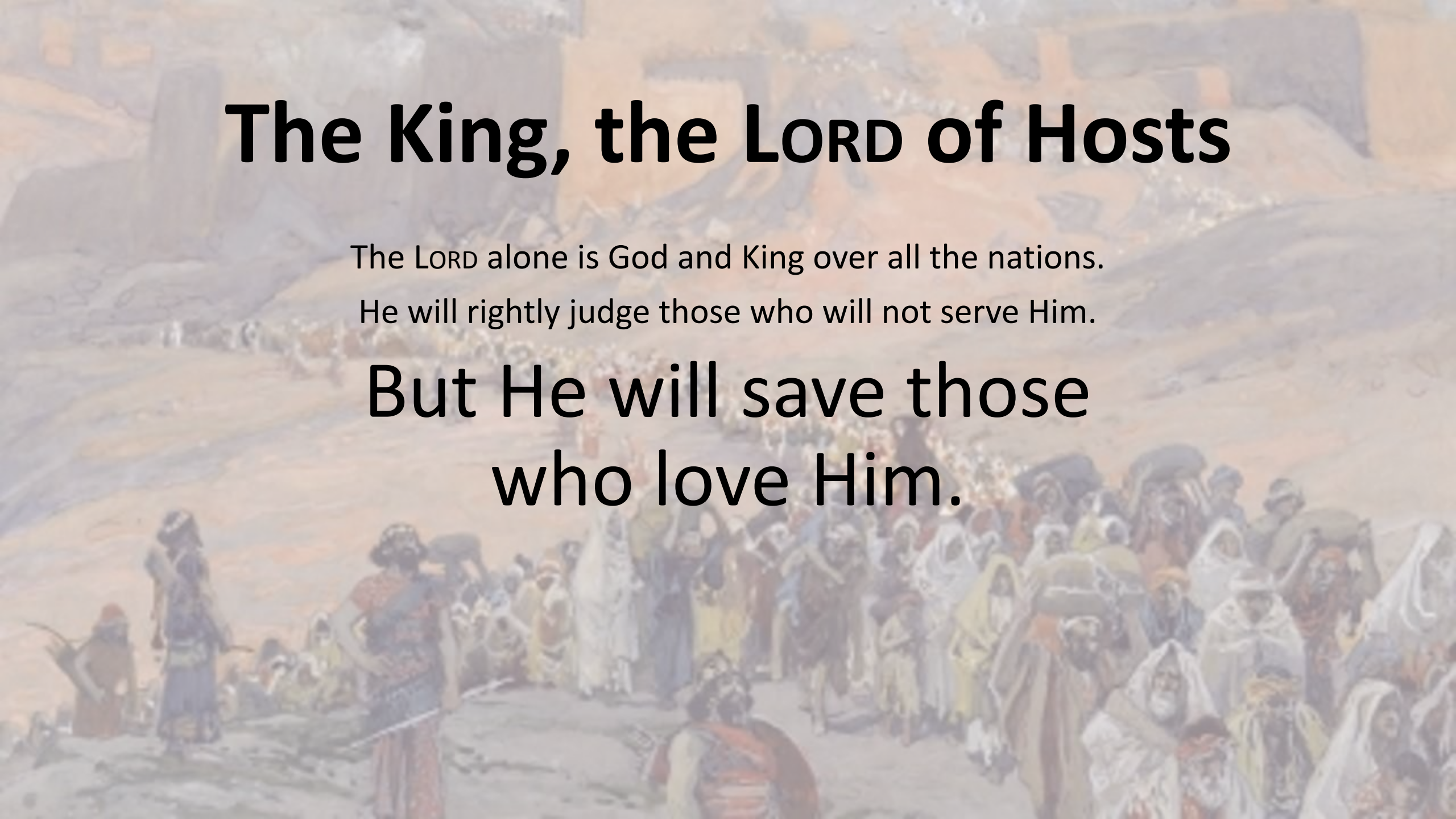
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Love is the essence of true worship.

Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.

Matthew 22:38

This is the great and foremost commandment.

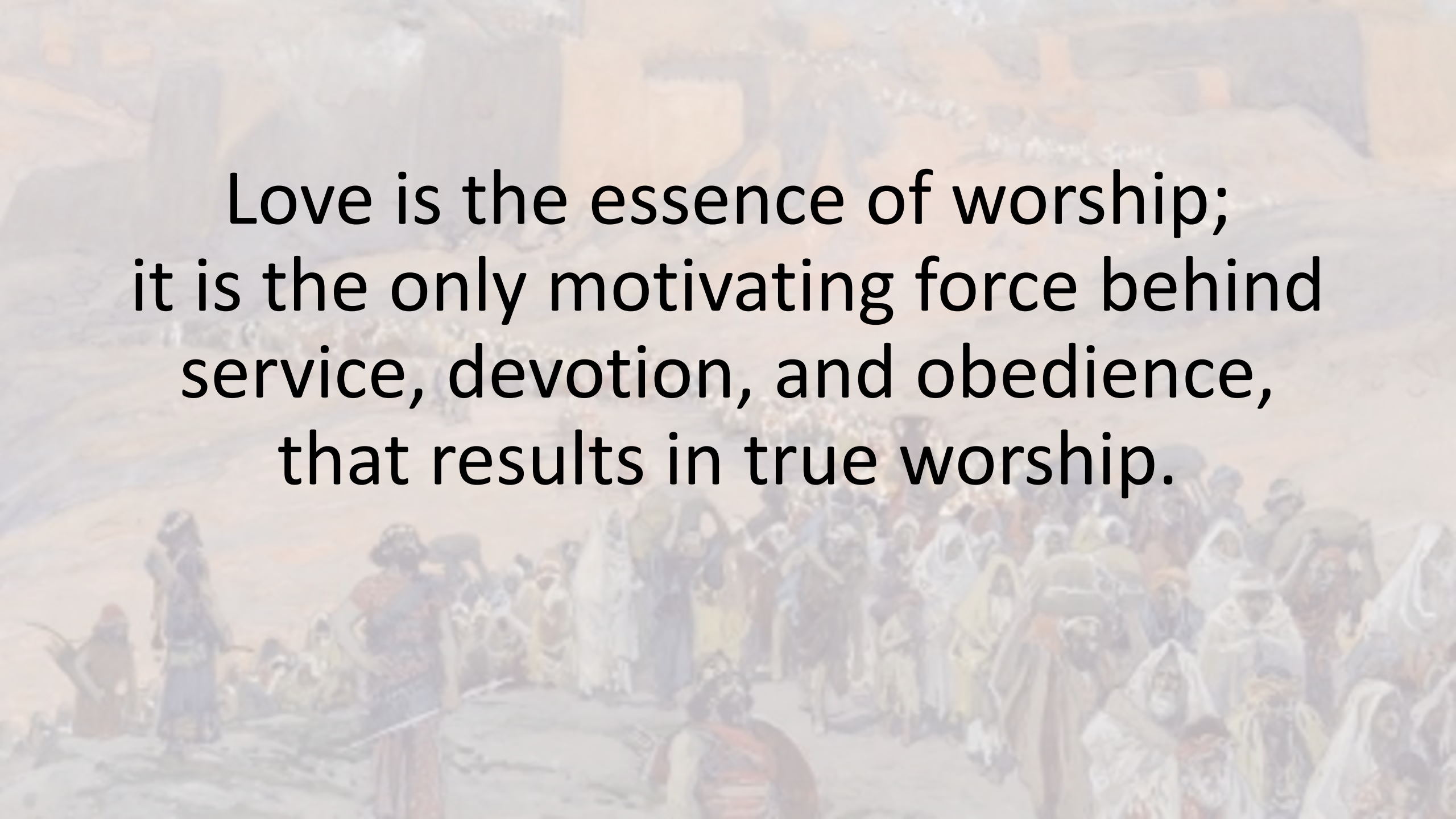
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Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you,
but to fear the LORD your God,
to walk in all His ways **and love Him**,
and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul,
and to keep the LORD'S commandments and His statutes
which I am commanding you today for your good?

Jeremiah 2:2

“I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth,
The love of your betrothals,
Your following after Me in the wilderness,
Through a land not sown.”



Love is the essence of worship;
it is the only motivating force behind
service, devotion, and obedience,
that results in true worship.

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Psalm 91:14

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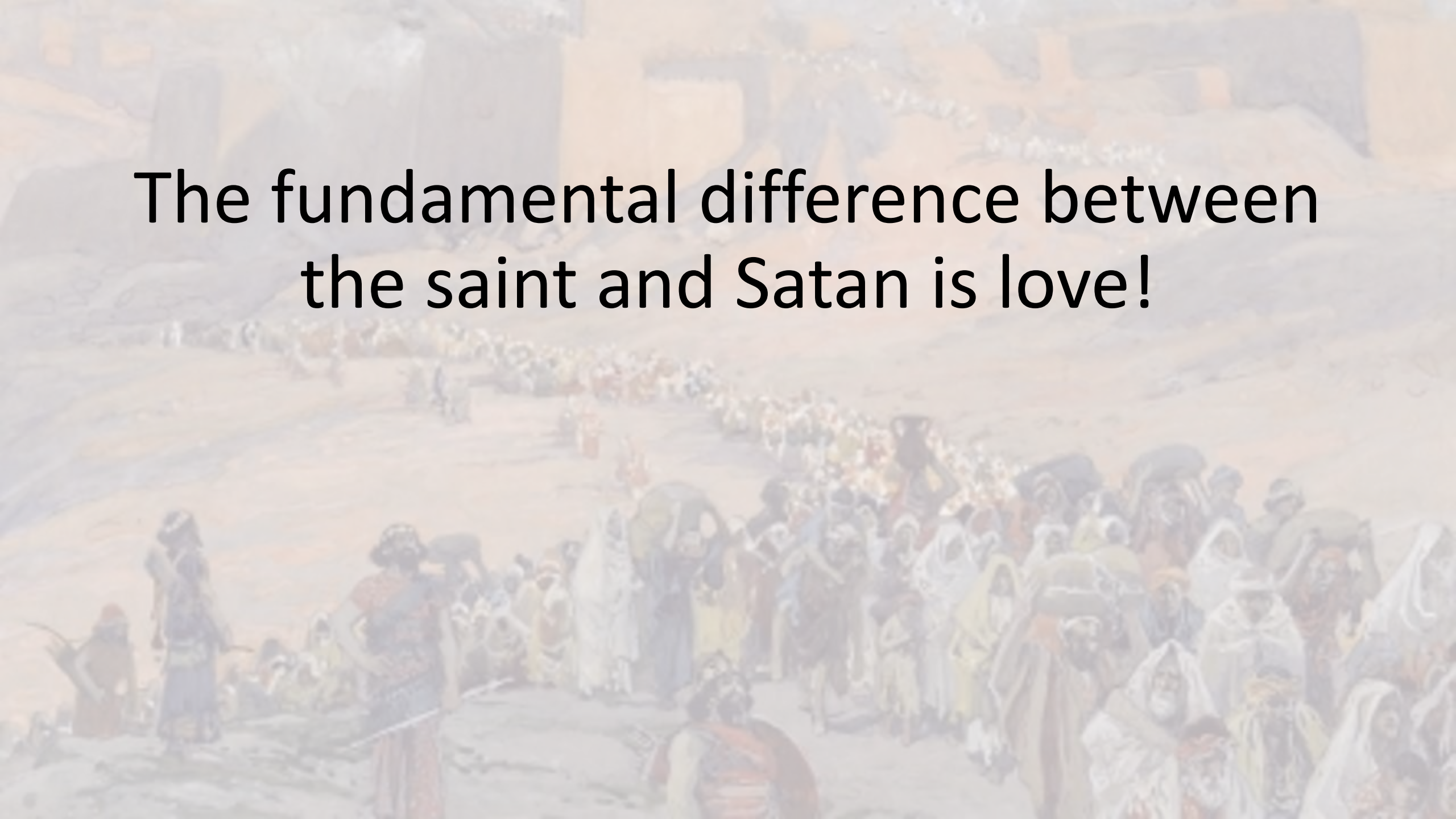
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Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things
to work together for good **to those who love God,**
to those who are called according to His purpose.

The fundamental difference between
the saint and Satan is love!



Concluding Questions:

Have you embraced the unconditional and unrestricted sovereignty of the LORD?

Have you embraced His assertion that He is perfectly righteous in all His judgments?

Do you love Him, and are you trusting in Him?