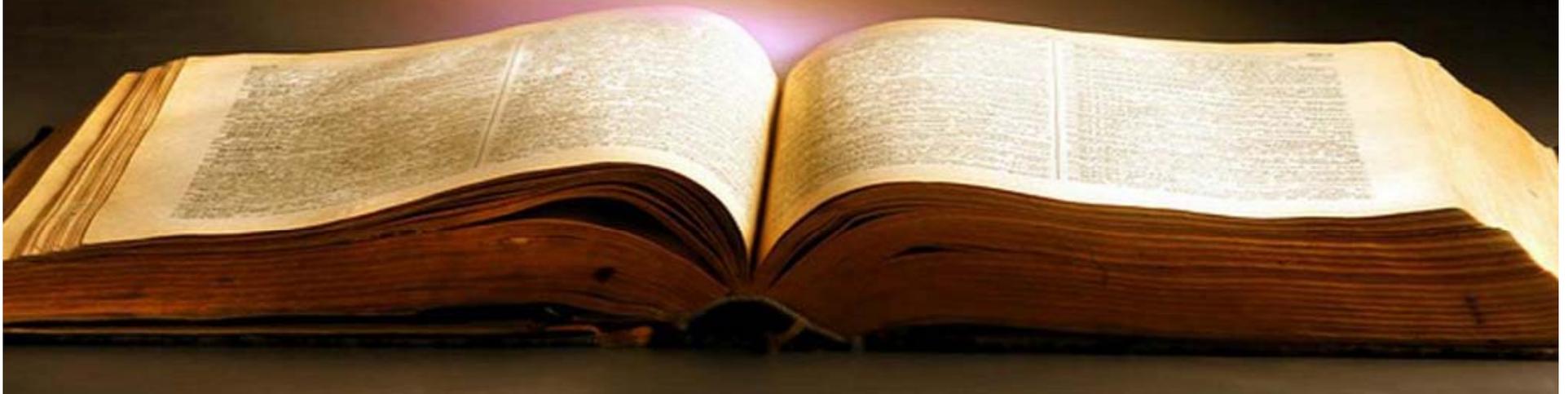
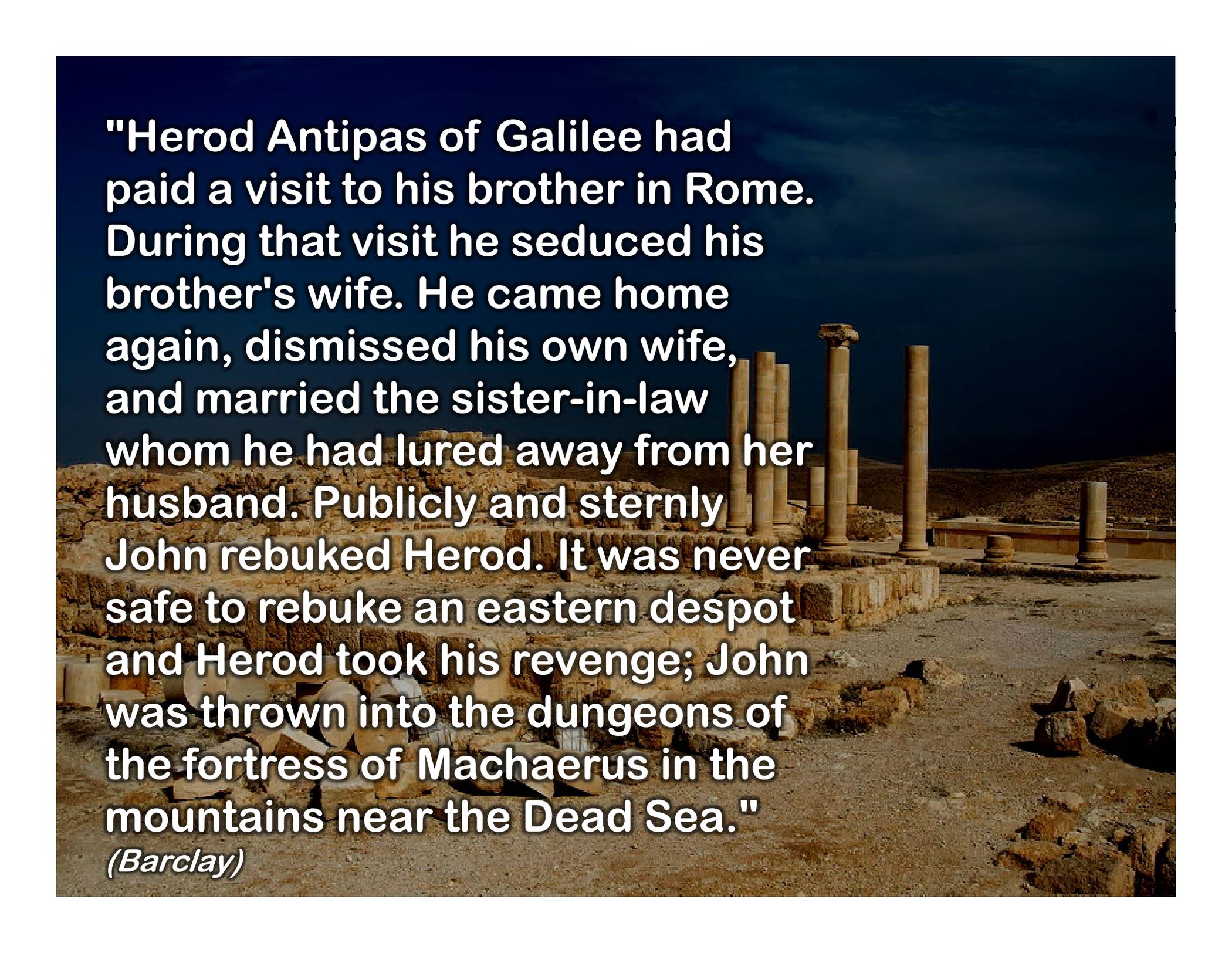


## Chapter 11

# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



The background of the image shows the ruins of Machaerus, an ancient fortress. Several tall, weathered stone columns stand amidst a landscape of rubble and low stone walls. The sky is a deep, clear blue, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall scene is one of historical desolation and archaeological significance.

"Herod Antipas of Galilee had paid a visit to his brother in Rome. During that visit he seduced his brother's wife. He came home again, dismissed his own wife, and married the sister-in-law whom he had lured away from her husband. Publicly and sternly John rebuked Herod. It was never safe to rebuke an eastern despot and Herod took his revenge; John was thrown into the dungeons of the fortress of Machaerus in the mountains near the Dead Sea."

*(Barclay)*

# The Coming One

**Shiloh** of Genesis 49:10

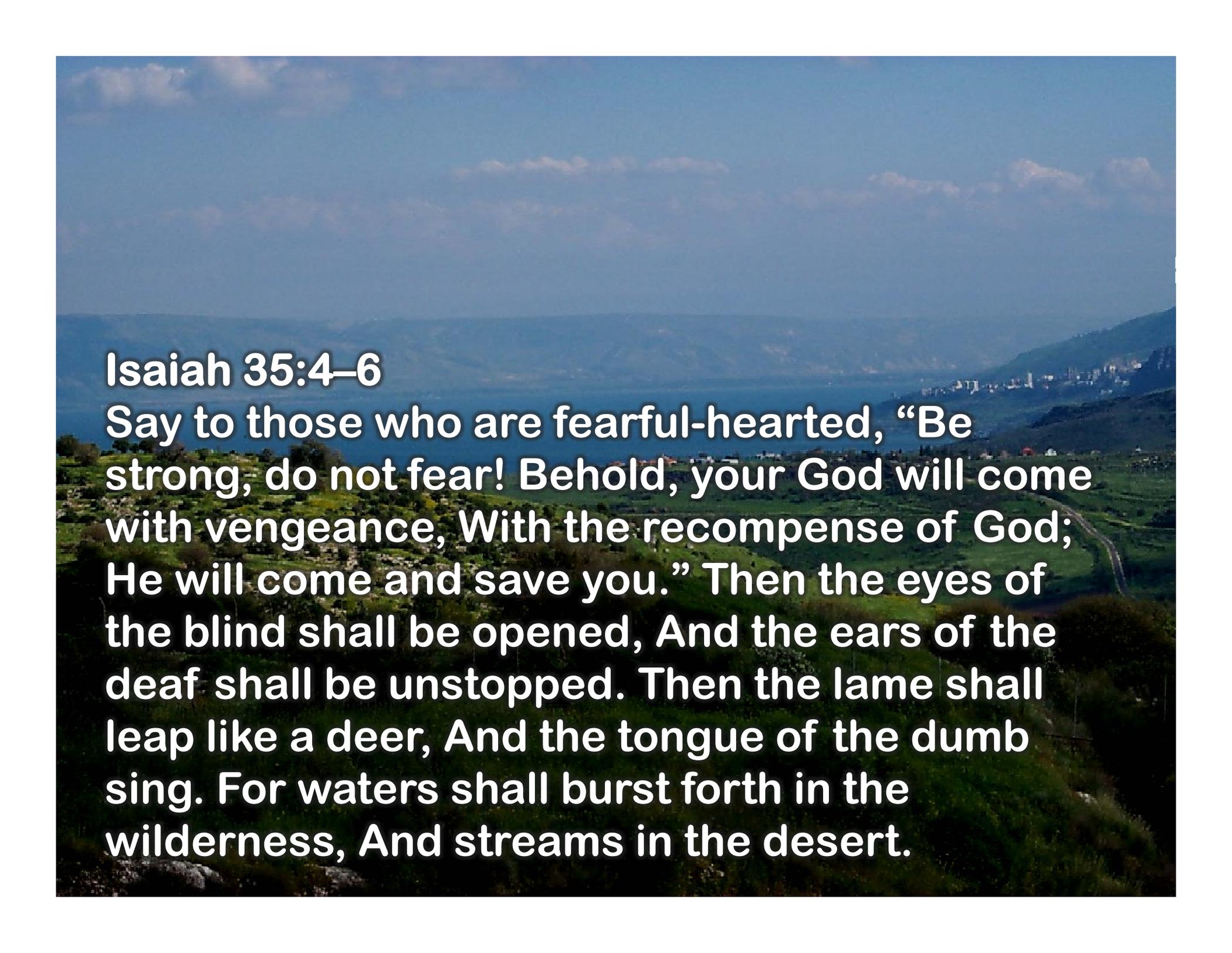
**The Star out of Jacob** of Numbers 24:17

**The Prophet like Moses** of Deuteronomy 18:15, 18

**Messiah the Prince** of Daniel 9:25

**The Ruler from Bethlehem** of Micah 5:2

**The King on the Donkey** of Zechariah 9:9



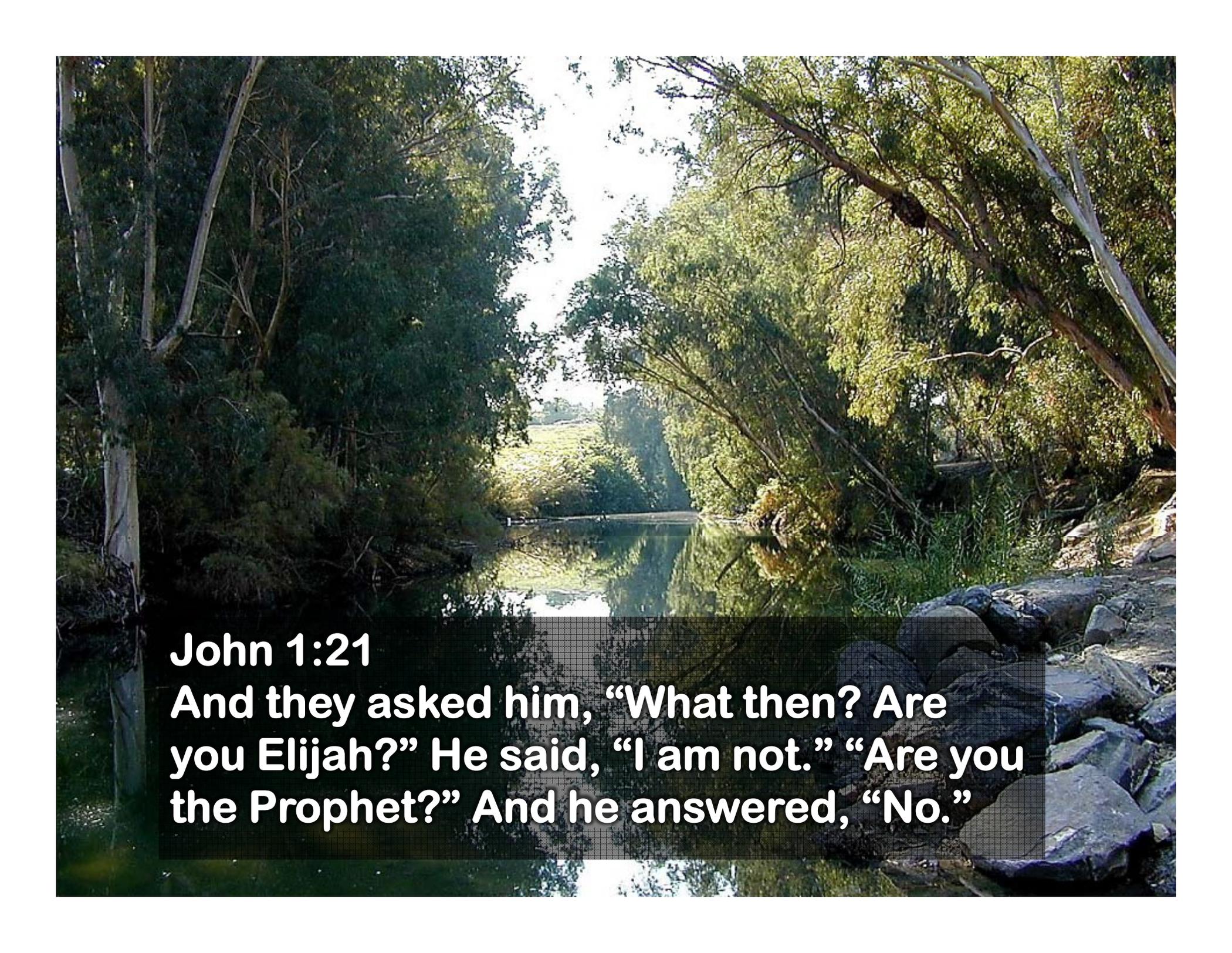
## Isaiah 35:4–6

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.



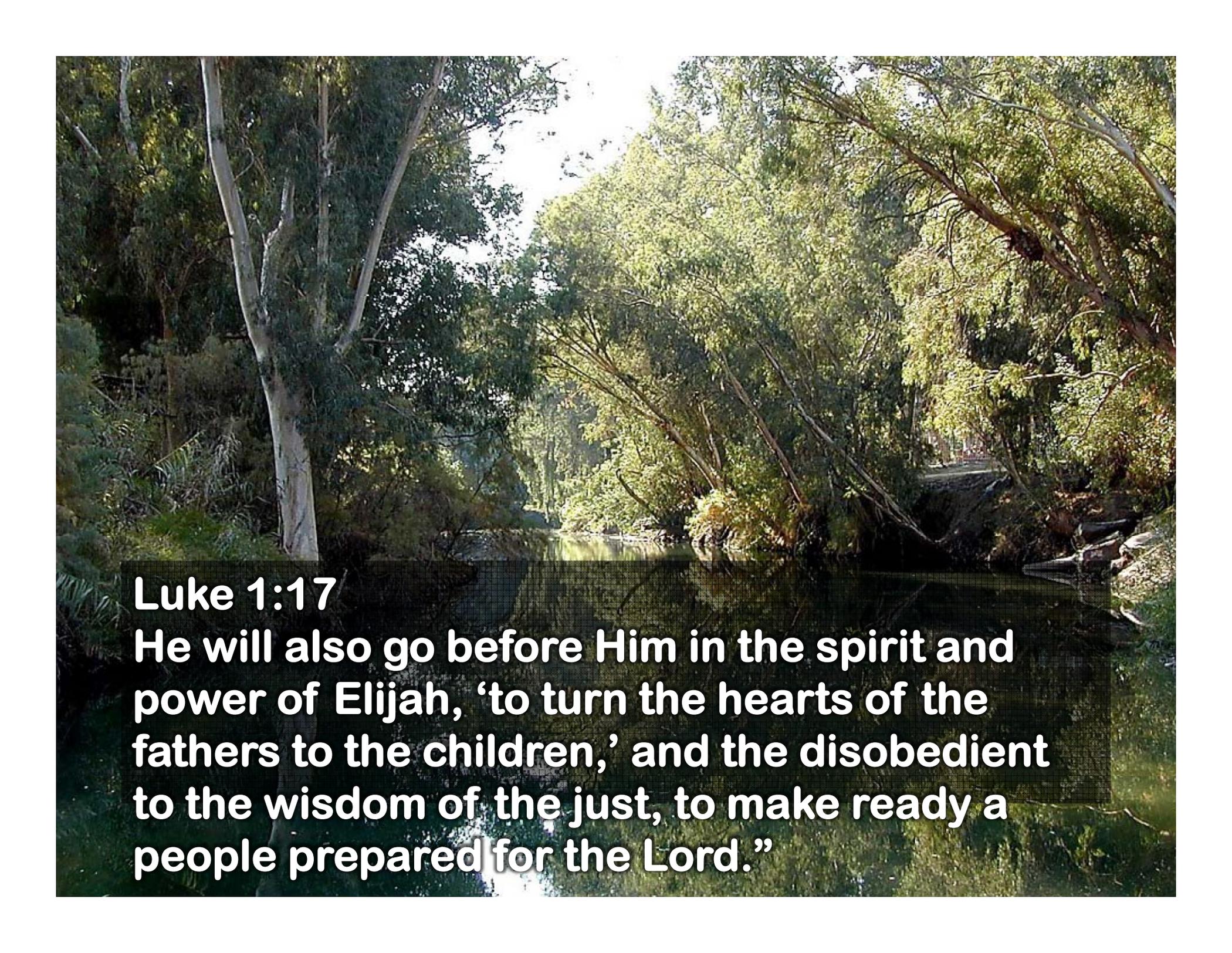
**Malachi 4:5**

**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**



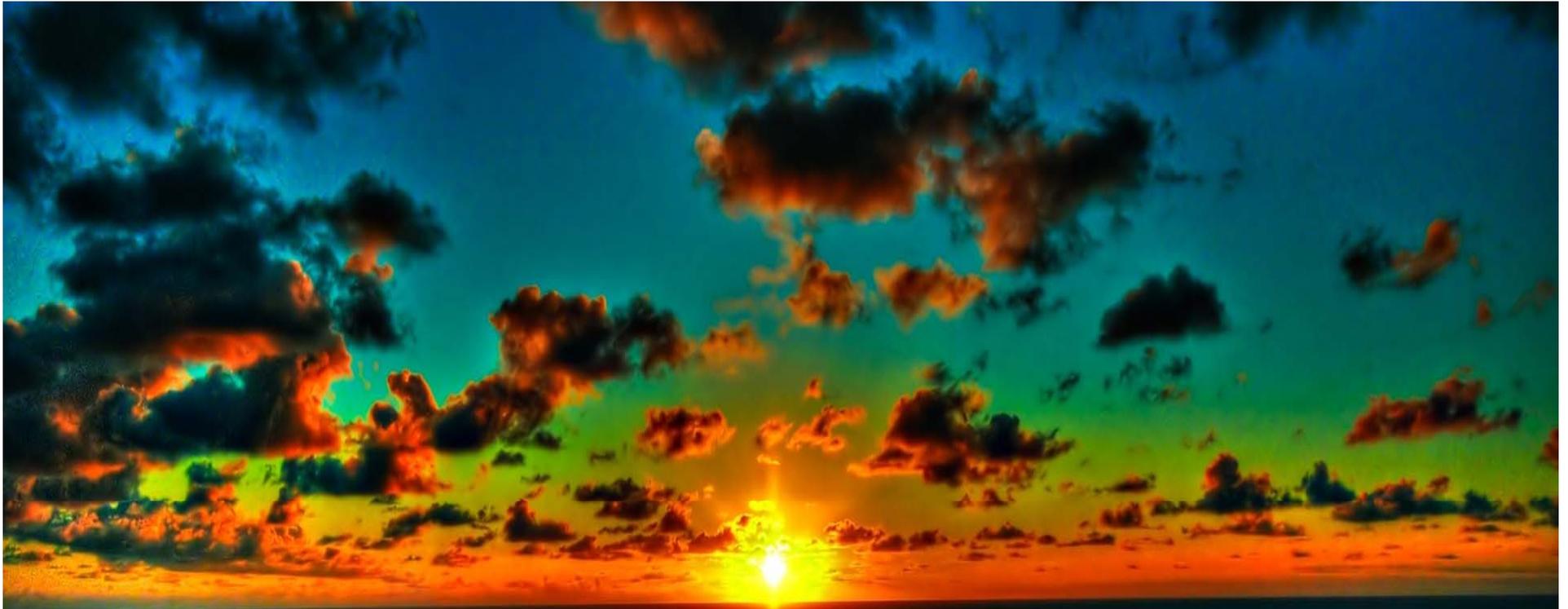
**John 1:21**

**And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”**



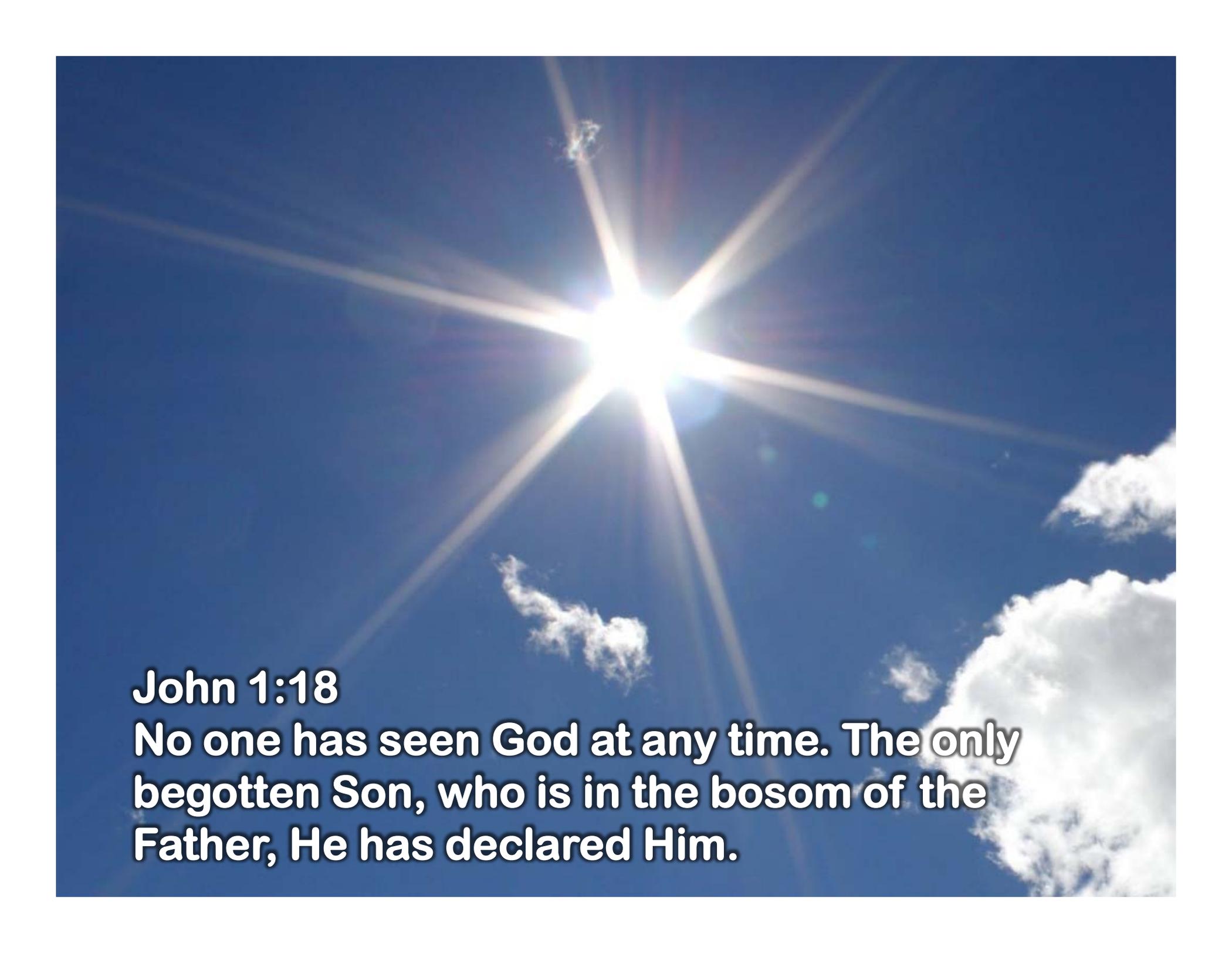
**Luke 1:17**

**He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."**



## **Matthew 18:3–4**

**Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

A bright sun is the central focus, shining intensely in a clear, deep blue sky. The sun's rays create a starburst effect, with several long, thin rays extending across the frame. A few wispy white clouds are scattered throughout the sky, particularly on the right side and near the bottom. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

**John 1:18**

**No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.**

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