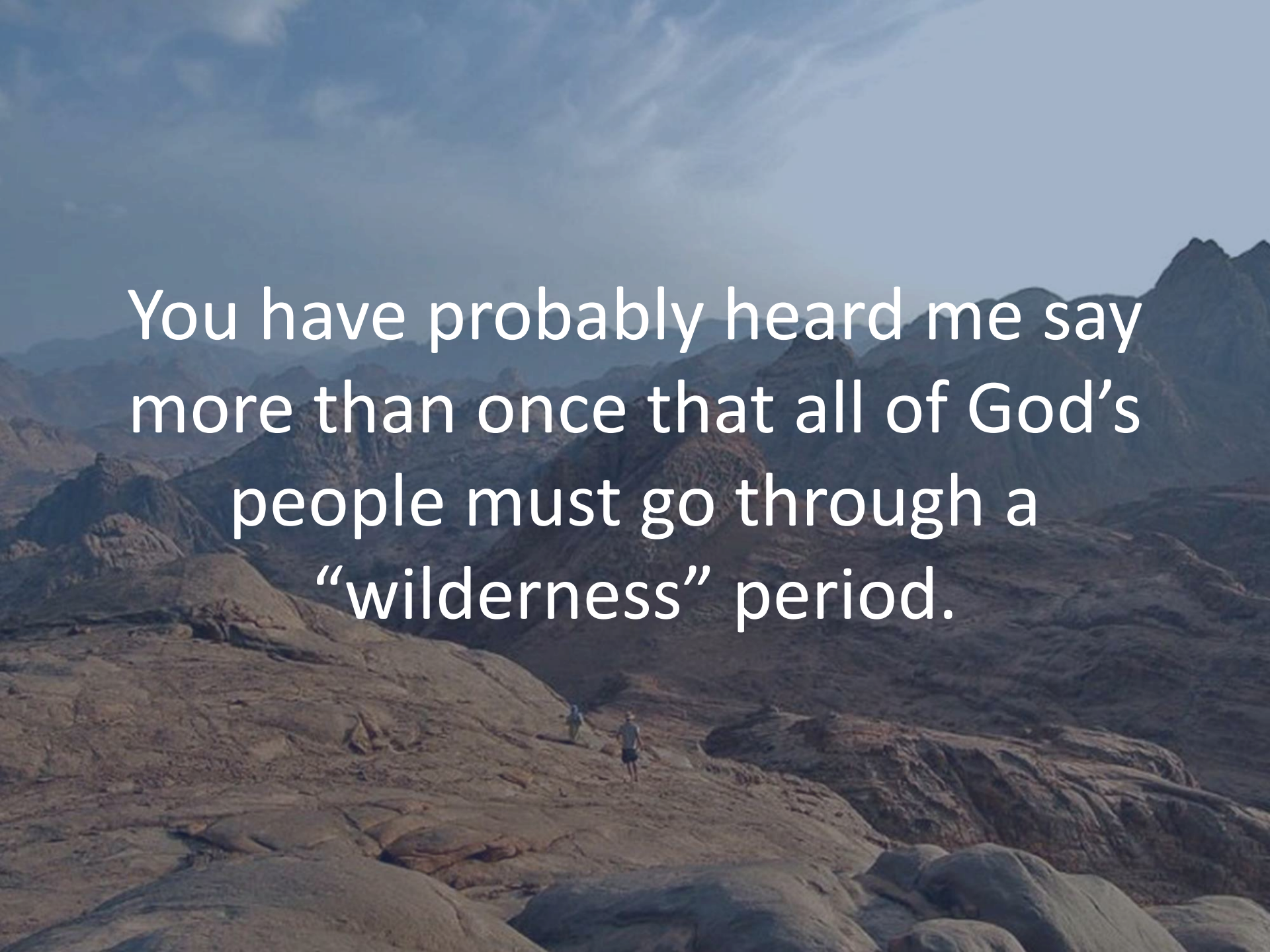



A wide-angle photograph of a mountainous landscape during the golden hour. The foreground is dominated by large, smooth, light-brown boulders. Two hikers are visible in the middle ground, walking along a path that winds through the rocky terrain. The background features a series of jagged, dark mountain peaks under a sky filled with soft, wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene.


Get ready to go!

You have probably heard me say
more than once that all of God's
people must go through a
“wilderness” period.



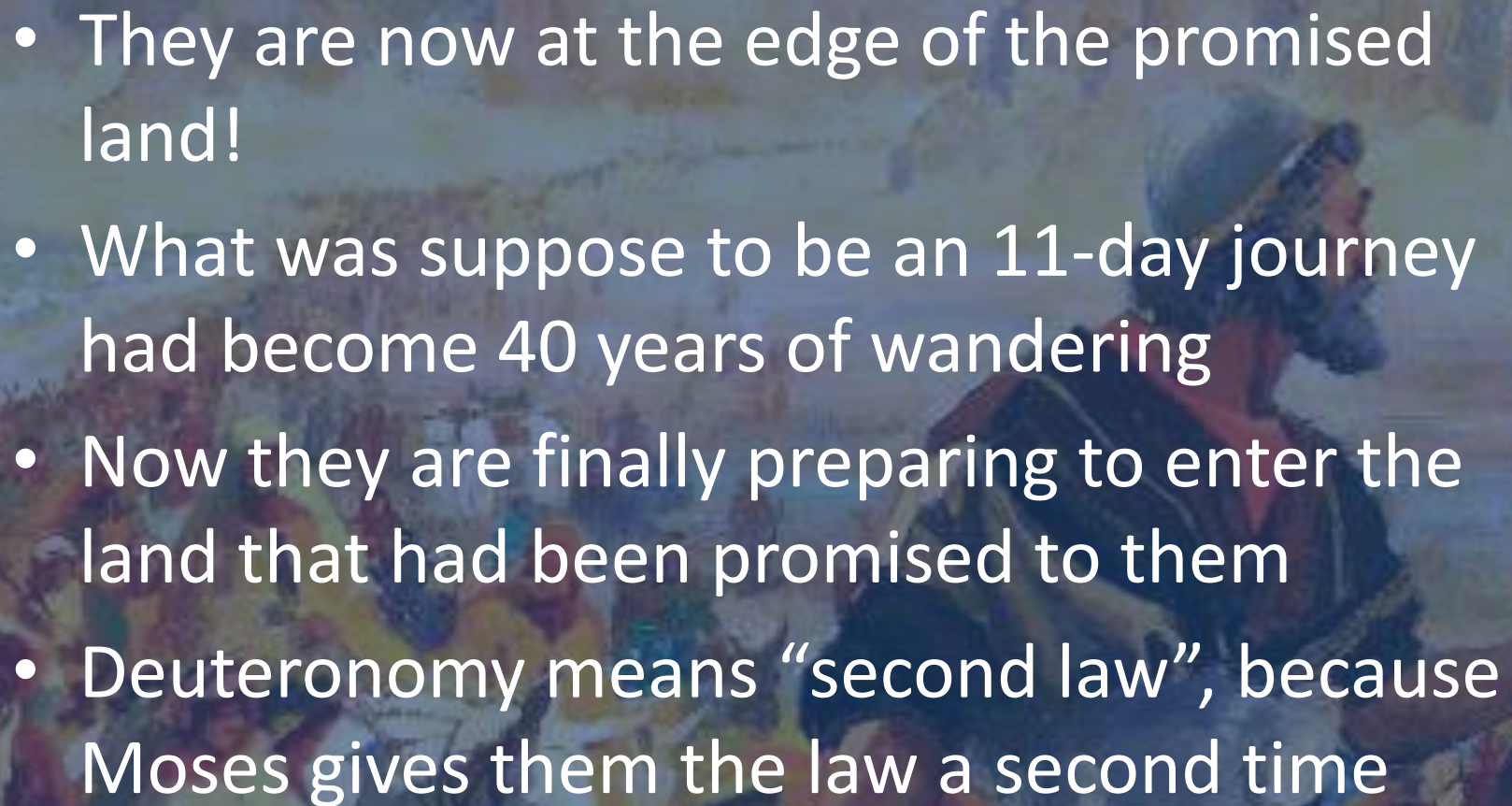


Sooner or later, we must go from
the wilderness to the promised
land.

A scenic view of a rocky mountain landscape. In the foreground, two hikers are walking on a dirt path that winds through large, light-colored boulders. The middle ground shows more rugged, dark rock formations and ridges. The background features a range of mountains under a blue sky with wispy white clouds. The overall tone is serene and adventurous.

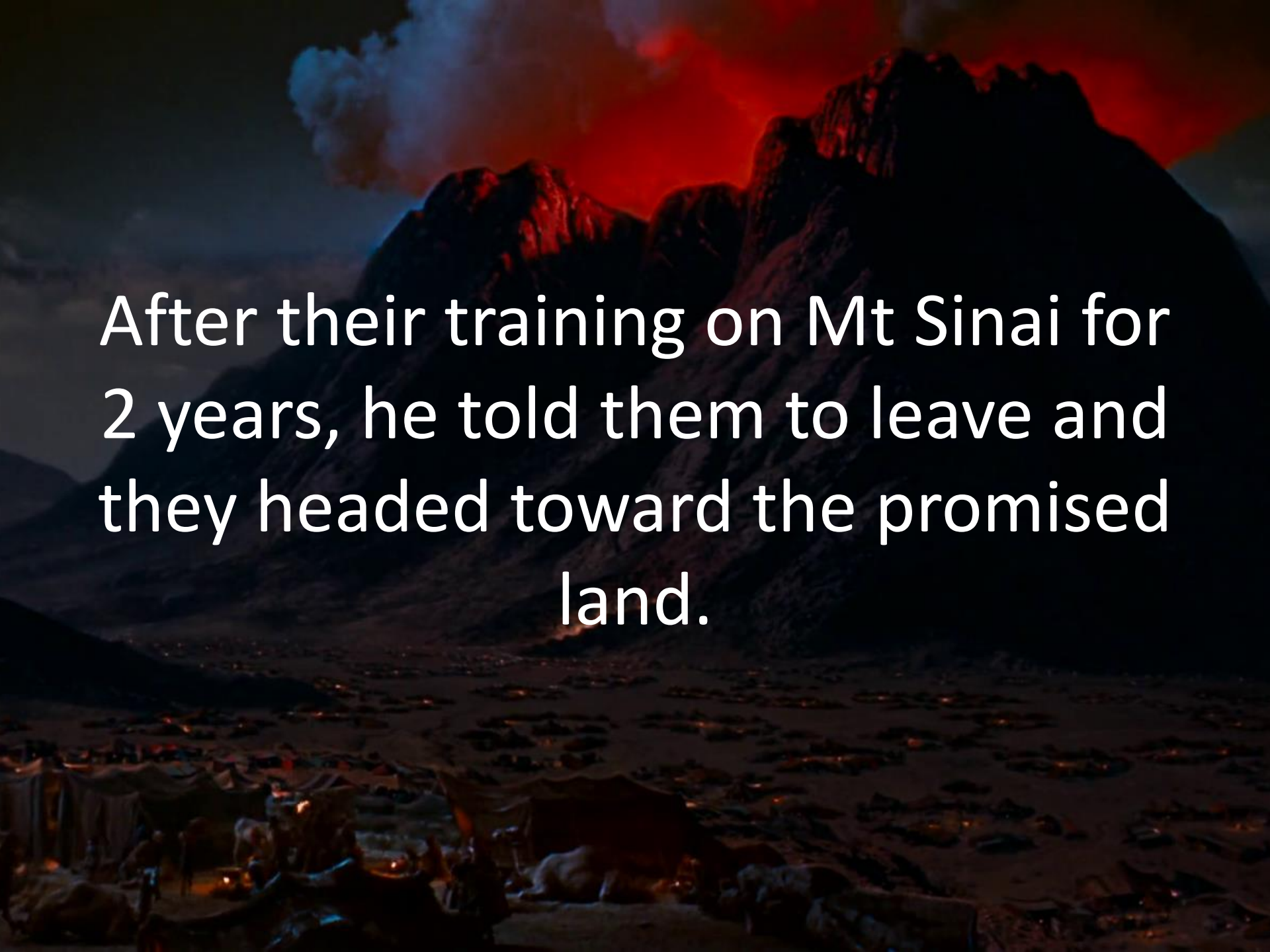
We are getting close to that time,
and I want to learn from the
lessons of the children of Israel as
they prepared for their transition.

Here is a brief summary of
chapters 1 – 3 of Deuteronomy:

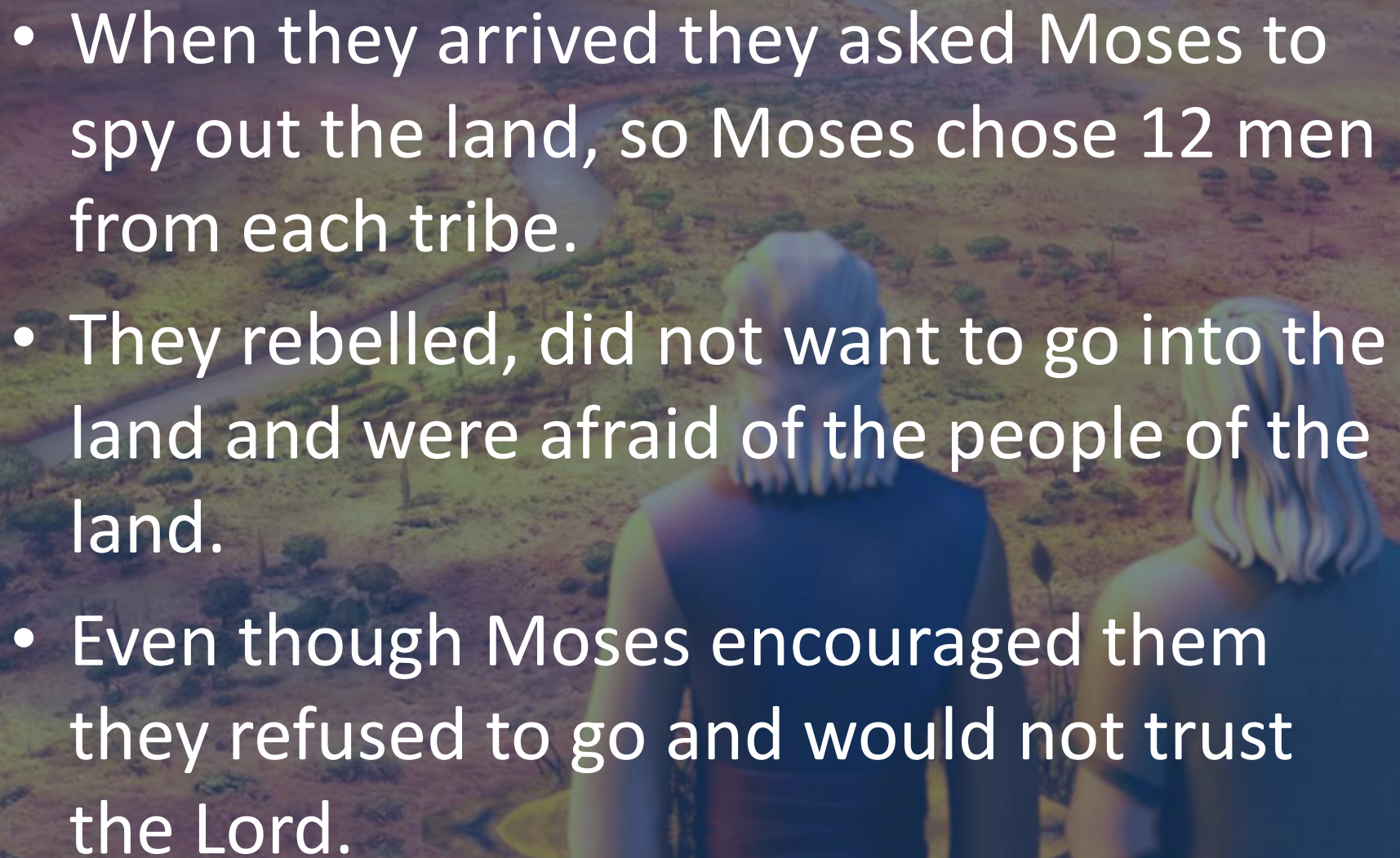
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- A painting depicting Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a blue and red robe, standing on a rocky outcrop and gesturing towards a vast, hazy landscape. Below him, a large crowd of people, presumably the Israelites, are gathered, some looking up at him. The scene is set in a mountainous, arid region under a bright sky.
- They are now at the edge of the promised land!
 - What was suppose to be an 11-day journey had become 40 years of wandering
 - Now they are finally preparing to enter the land that had been promised to them
 - Deuteronomy means “second law”, because Moses gives them the law a second time

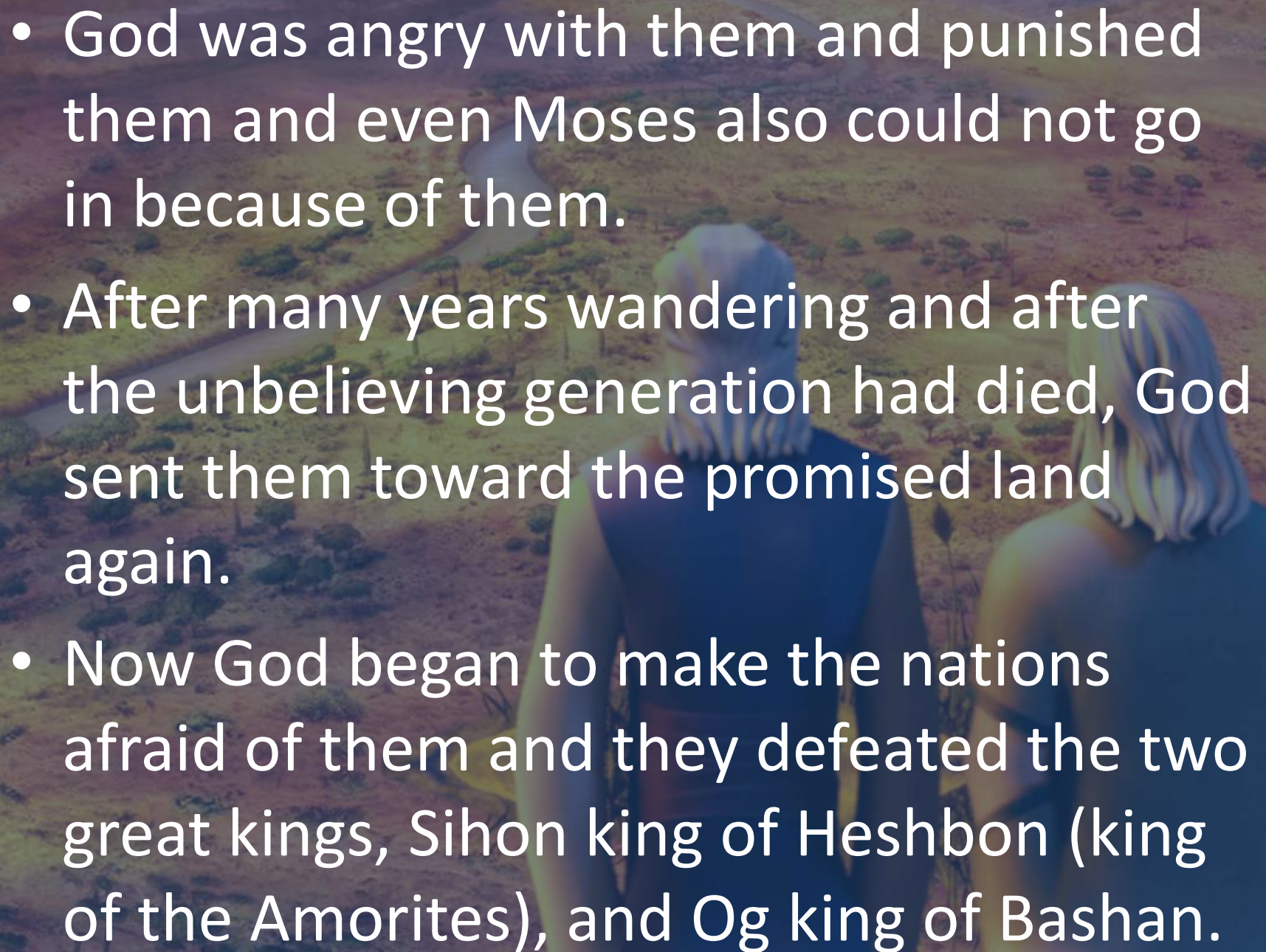
Moses
begins his
final address:





After their training on Mt Sinai for
2 years, he told them to leave and
they headed toward the promised
land.

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- A woman with long blonde hair and a young child with blonde hair are seen from behind, looking out over a vast, dry, hilly landscape. The woman is wearing a dark blue sleeveless top, and the child is wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt. The landscape is arid with sparse green bushes and a winding dirt road. The sky is a clear, bright blue.
- When they arrived they asked Moses to spy out the land, so Moses chose 12 men from each tribe.
 - They rebelled, did not want to go into the land and were afraid of the people of the land.
 - Even though Moses encouraged them they refused to go and would not trust the Lord.

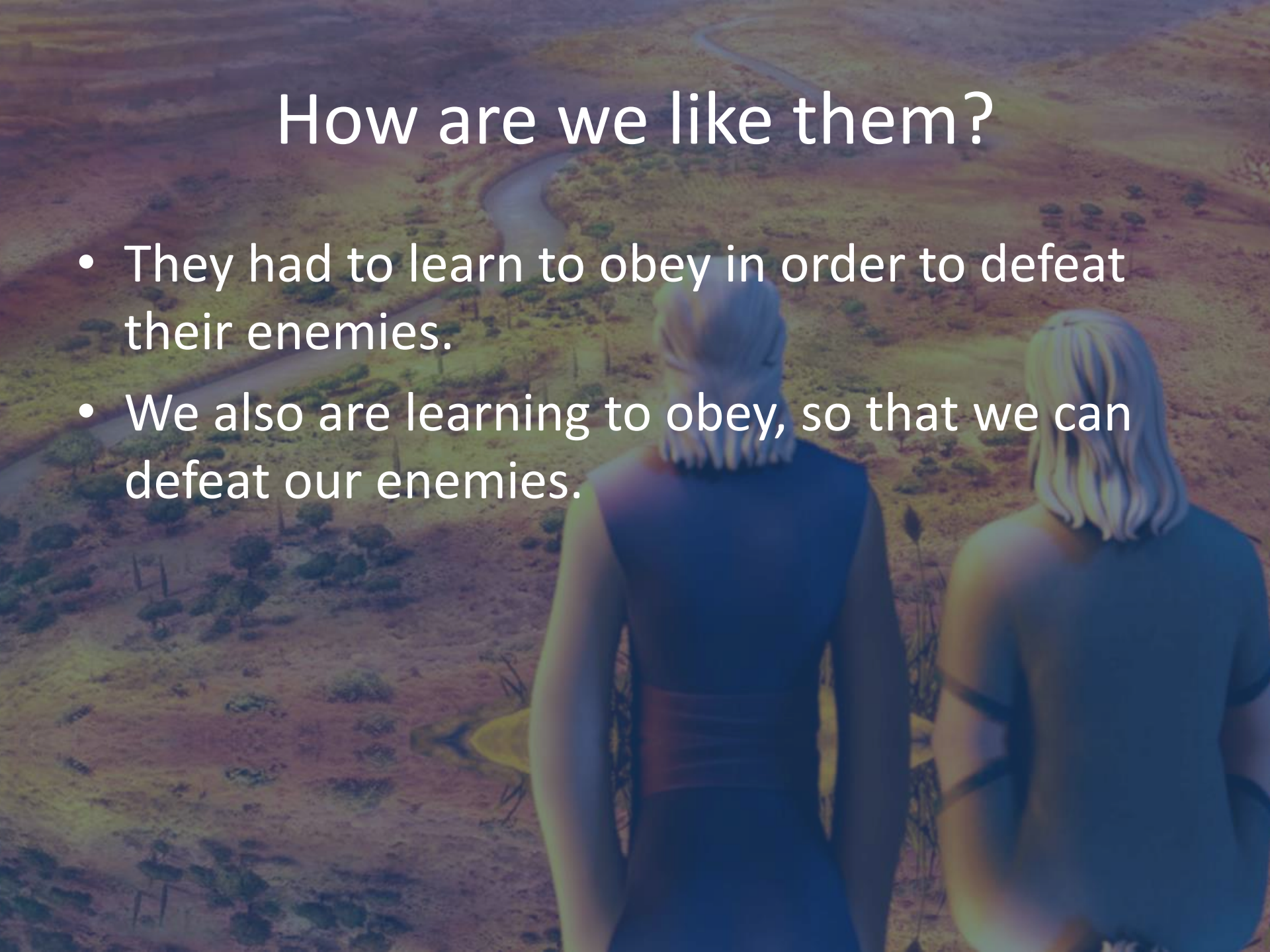
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- God was angry with them and punished them and even Moses also could not go in because of them.
 - After many years wandering and after the unbelieving generation had died, God sent them toward the promised land again.
 - Now God began to make the nations afraid of them and they defeated the two great kings, Sihon king of Heshbon (king of the Amorites), and Og king of Bashan.

How are we like them?

- They were delivered from Egypt.
- We have been delivered from the power of the world.
- They were brought to a place where God taught them and changed their thinking
- God is calling us to re-evaluate all that we do, in the light of His word. Everything must be reconsidered – our traditions, worship practices and, in particular, our character.

How are we like them?

- They had to learn to obey in order to defeat their enemies.
- We also are learning to obey, so that we can defeat our enemies.



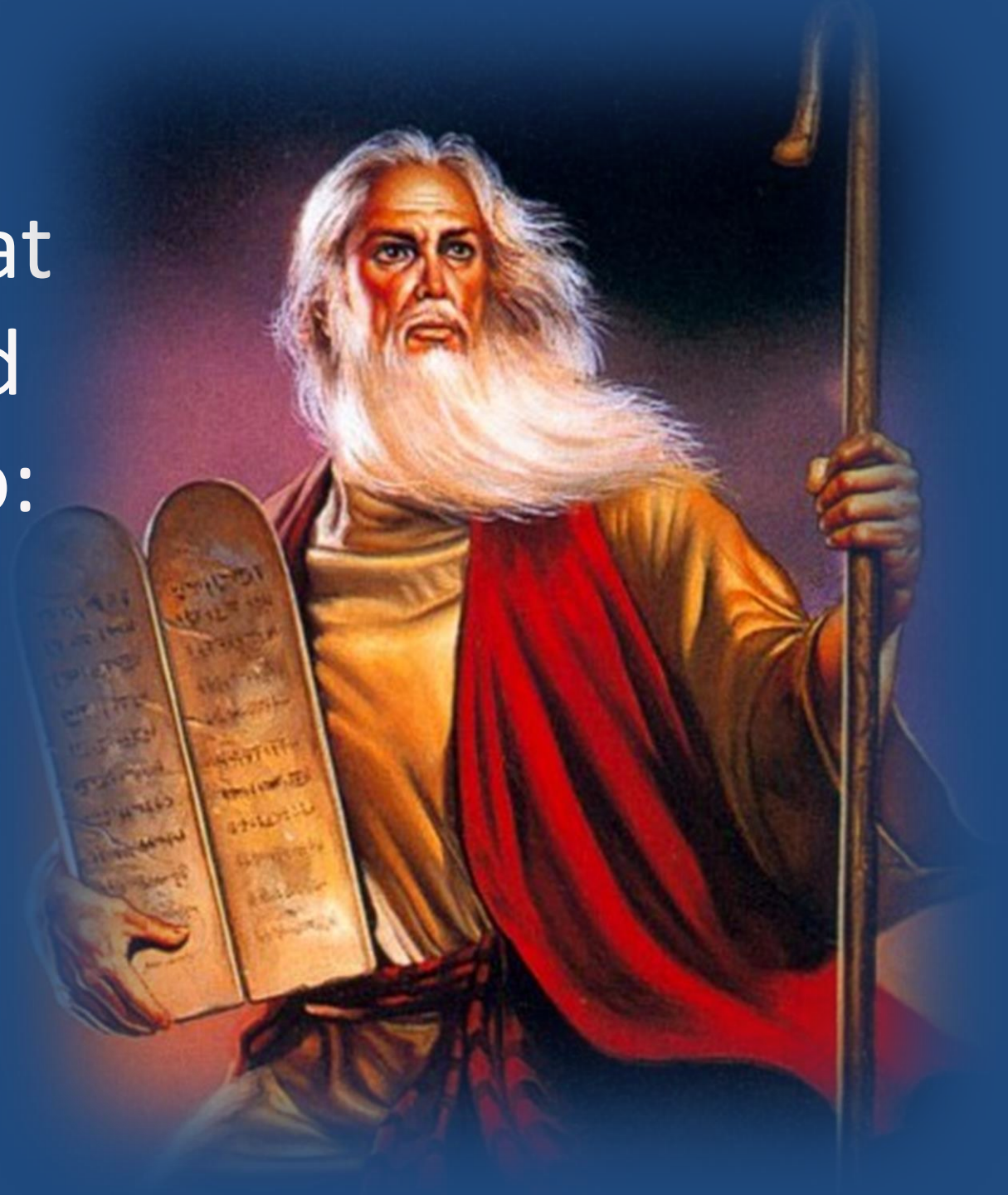
How are we like them?

- He has been speaking to us about the times that we are in.
- He has reminded us and showed us again and again that He is in control of the affairs of men.
- He has been challenging us to become more involved with our local community

How are we like them?

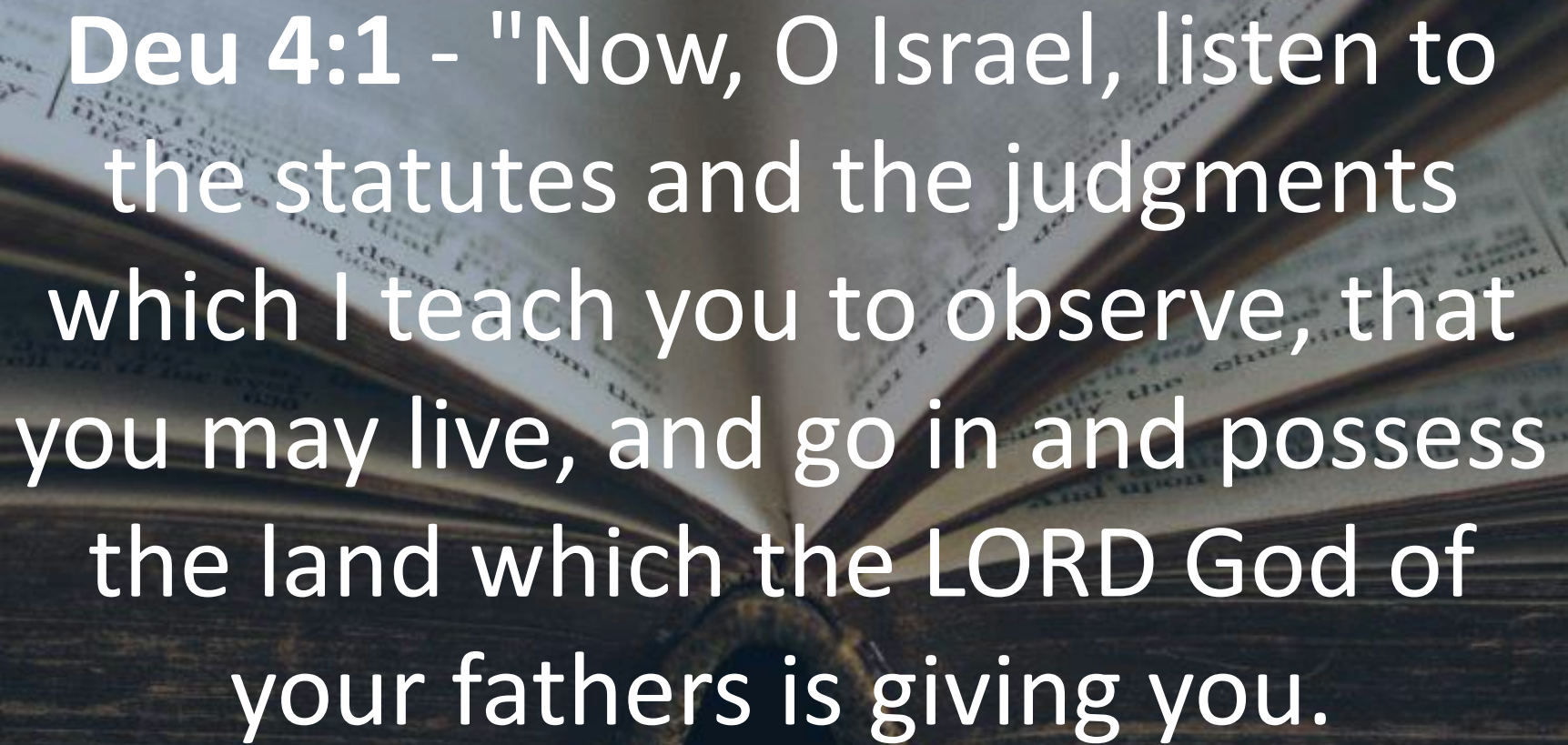
- He is bringing us to a greater place of unity for His purpose
- He is moving us to modernise our methods (zoom, websites, online presence, etc.
- He is making things uncomfortable – which is causing us to pray more and to be dependent upon Him even more.

5 things that
Moses told
them to do:



1
Listen:



An open book with aged, yellowed pages is shown from a top-down perspective. The pages are slightly curved, and the binding is visible in the center. Overlaid on the pages is a white text block. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font and is centered horizontally and vertically.

Deu 4:1 - "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you."

What must we listen to:

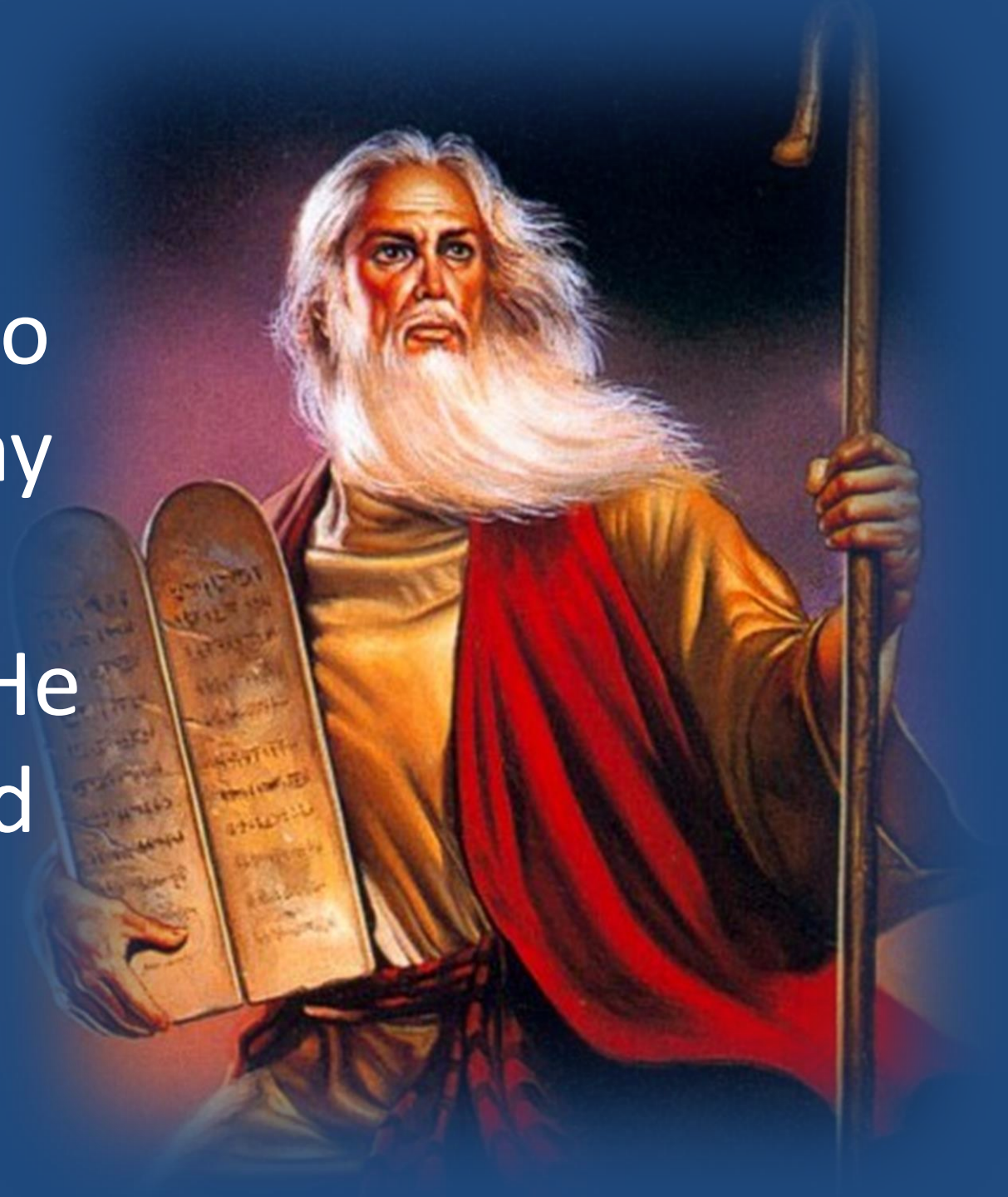
- **Statutes** – things that are marked out so that you can see what to do.
- **Judgments** – things that are determined for his people to do, judged to be right or wrong
- **Commandments** – things that are obliged to do; we must do them

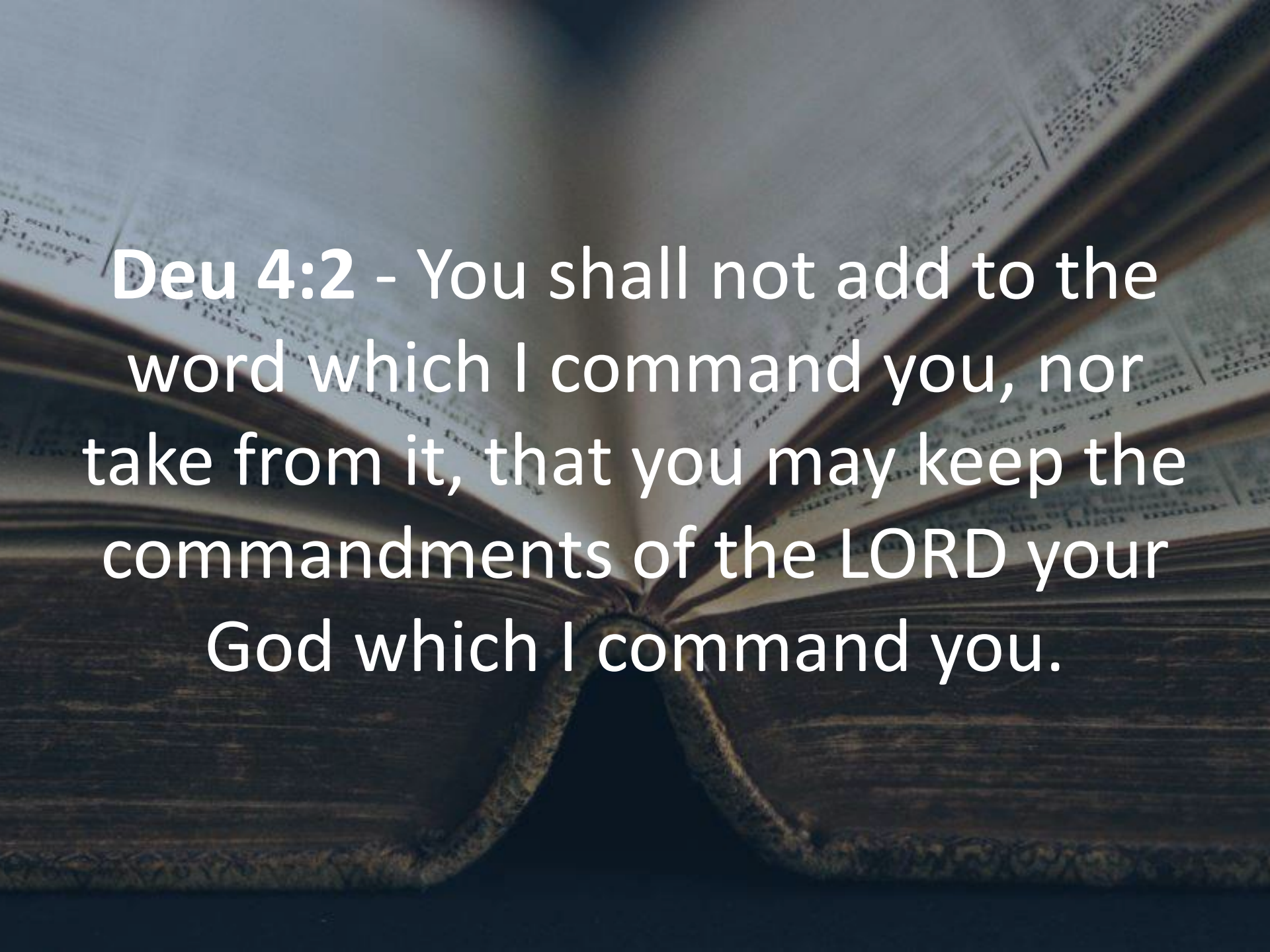
What must we listen to:

- **Testimonies** – things that are beyond – pictures that speak/testify of things to come
- **Ordinances** – things that guard or watch over us – they remind us to watch our ways
- **Precepts** – things that are noticed or visited – to do with proper conduct and behaviour

#2

Don't add to
or take away
from the
things that He
has showed
us:

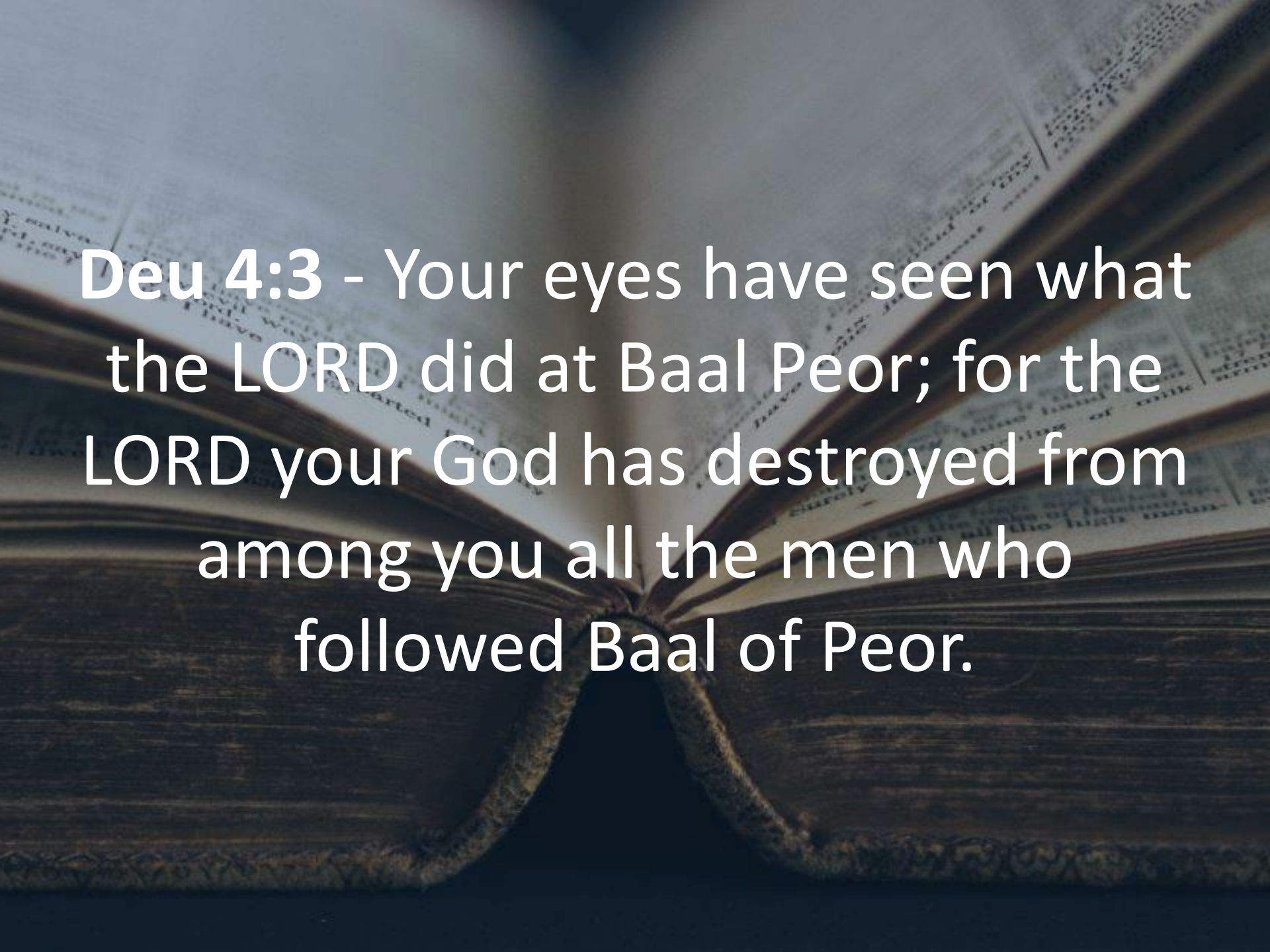




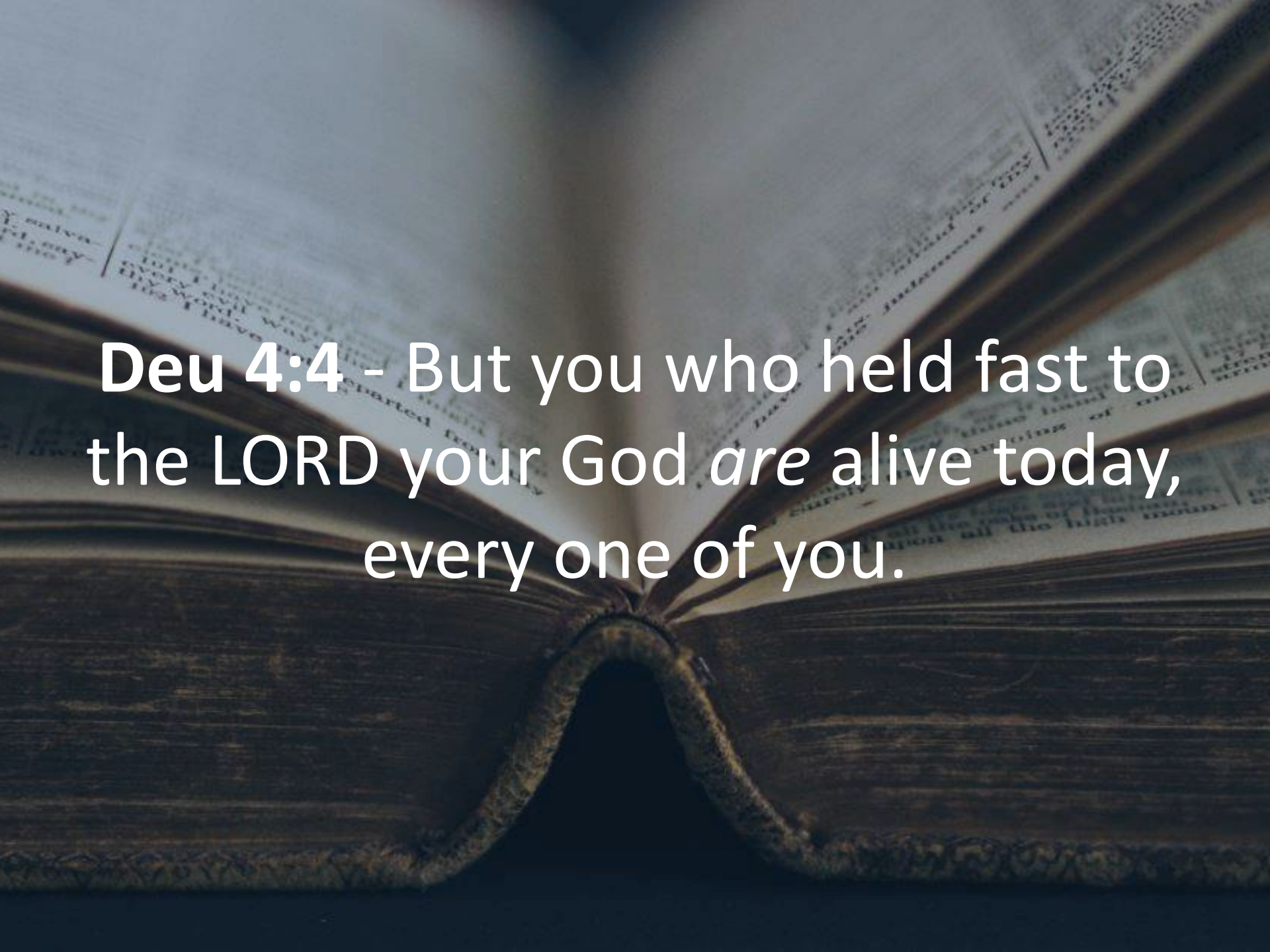
Deu 4:2 - You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

#3
Remember
what
happened to
those who
didn't listen:





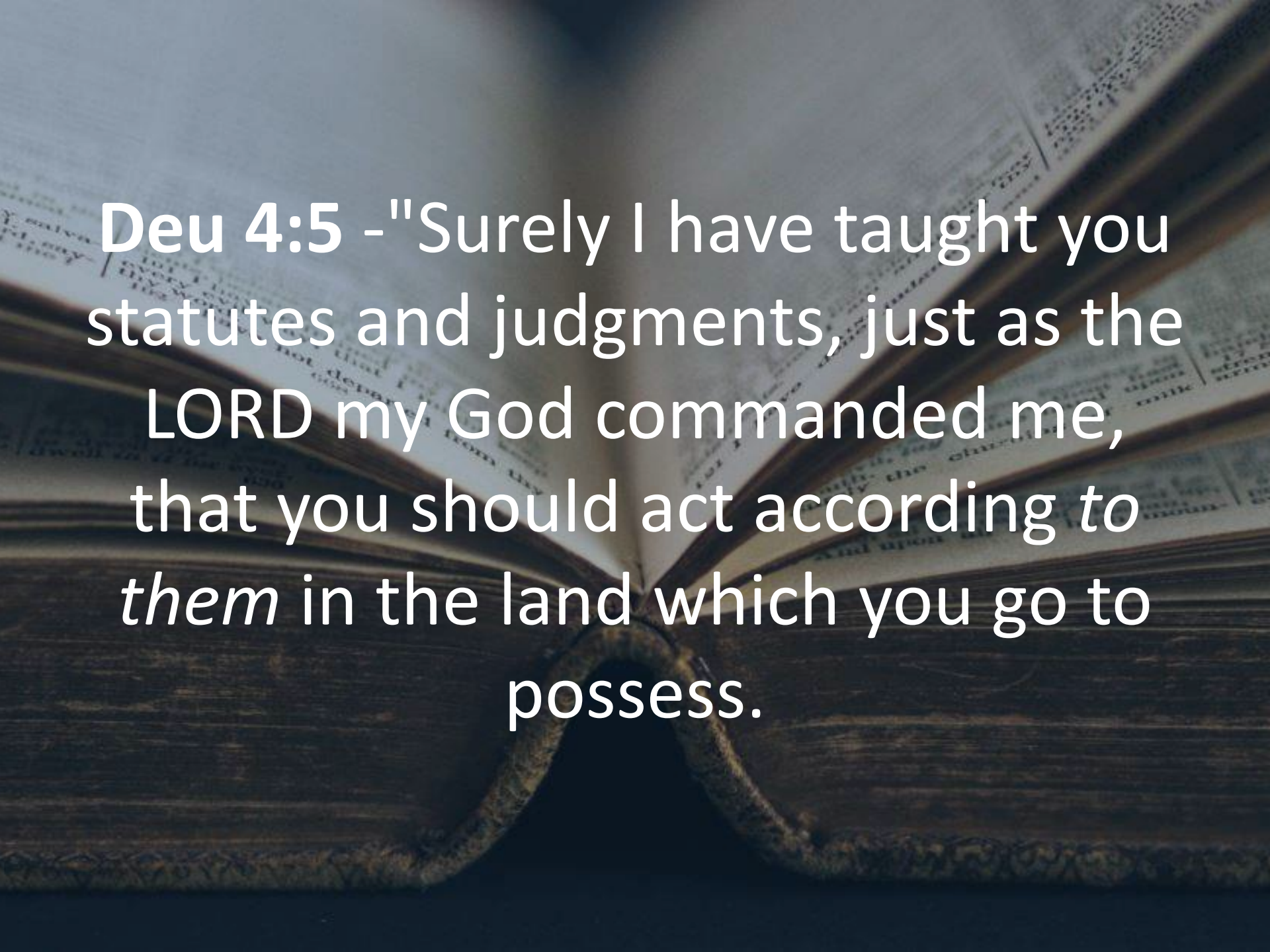
**Deu 4:3 - Your eyes have seen what
the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the
LORD your God has destroyed from
among you all the men who
followed Baal of Peor.**



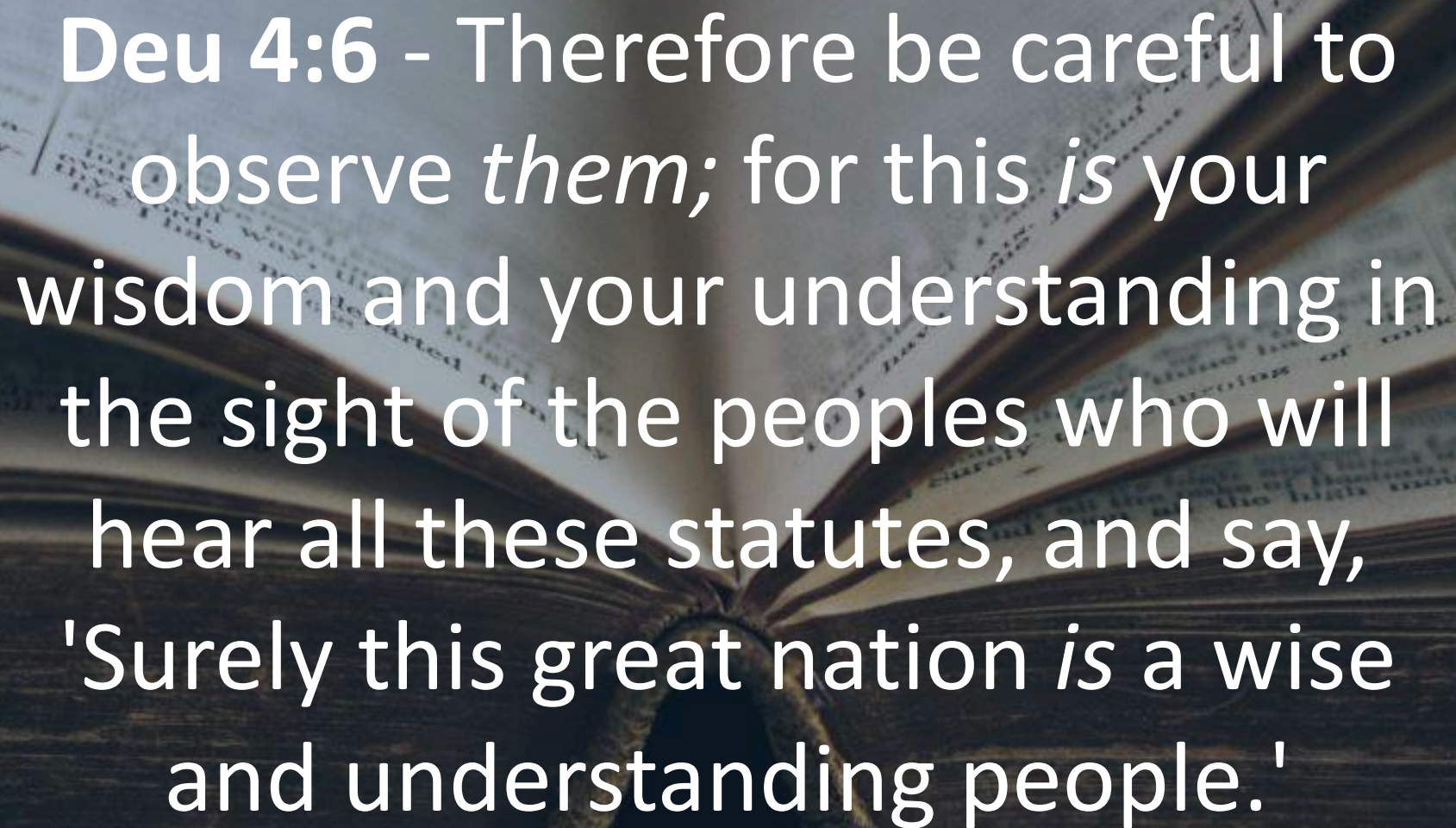
Deu 4:4 - But you who held fast to
the LORD your God *are* alive today,
every one of you.

4
Wisdom
comes when
we observe
what He says:

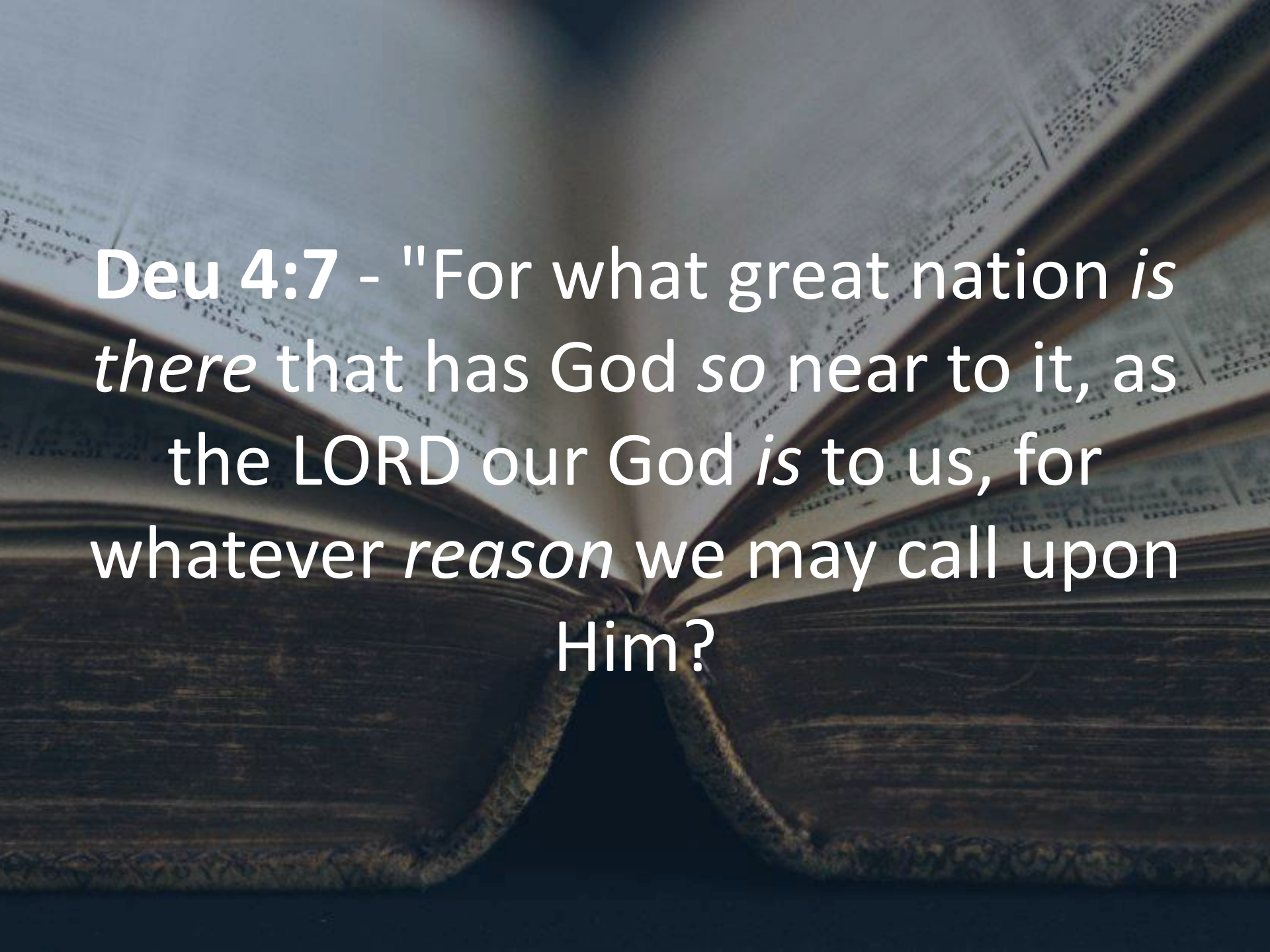


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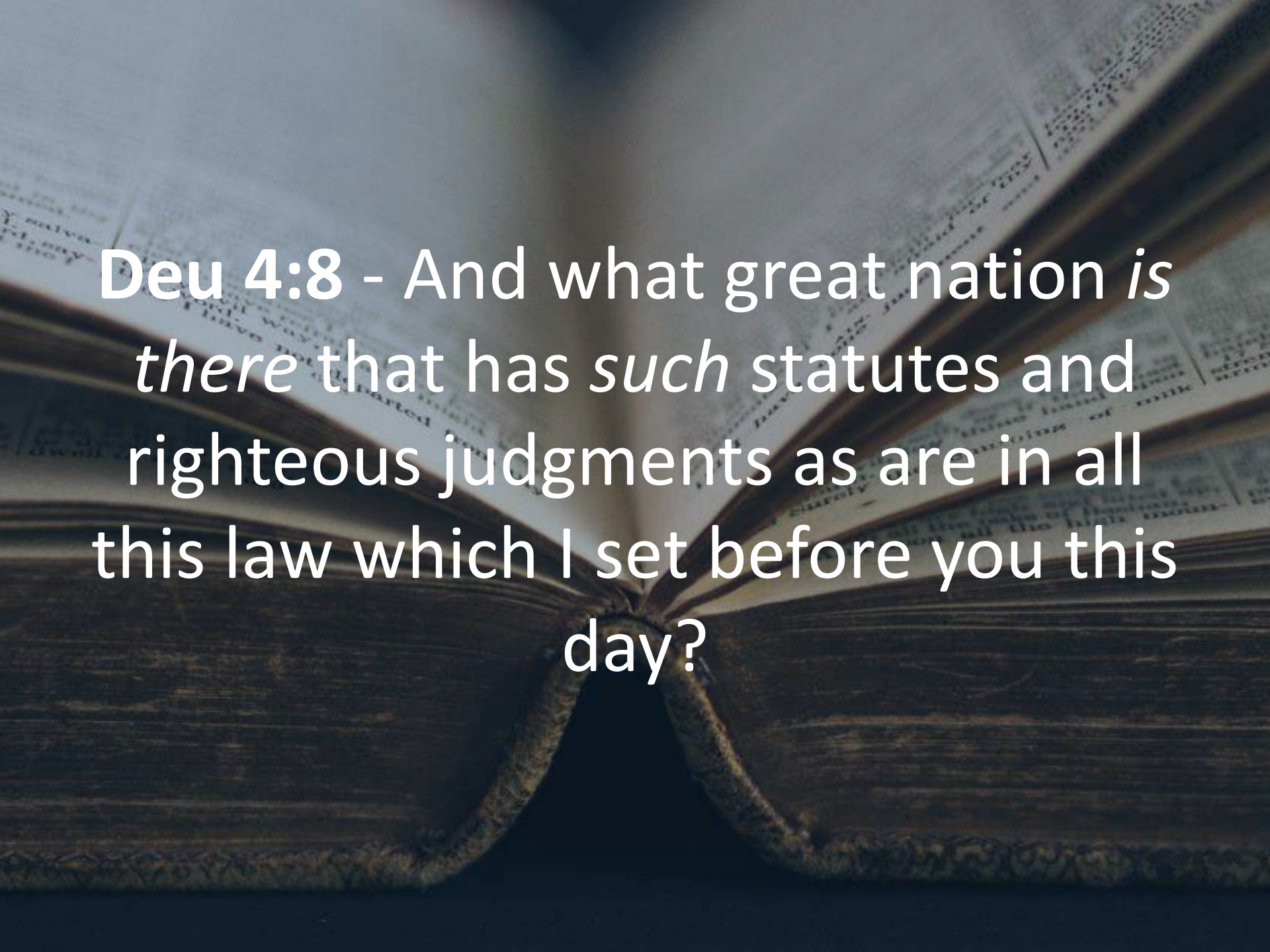
Deu 4:5 -"Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to *them* in the land which you go to possess.

An open book with a dark, textured cover is shown from a top-down perspective. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a legal or historical document. The book is open to a spread of two pages, with the central gutter visible. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the binding.

Deu 4:6 - Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.'



Deu 4:7 - "For what great nation *is there* that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him?

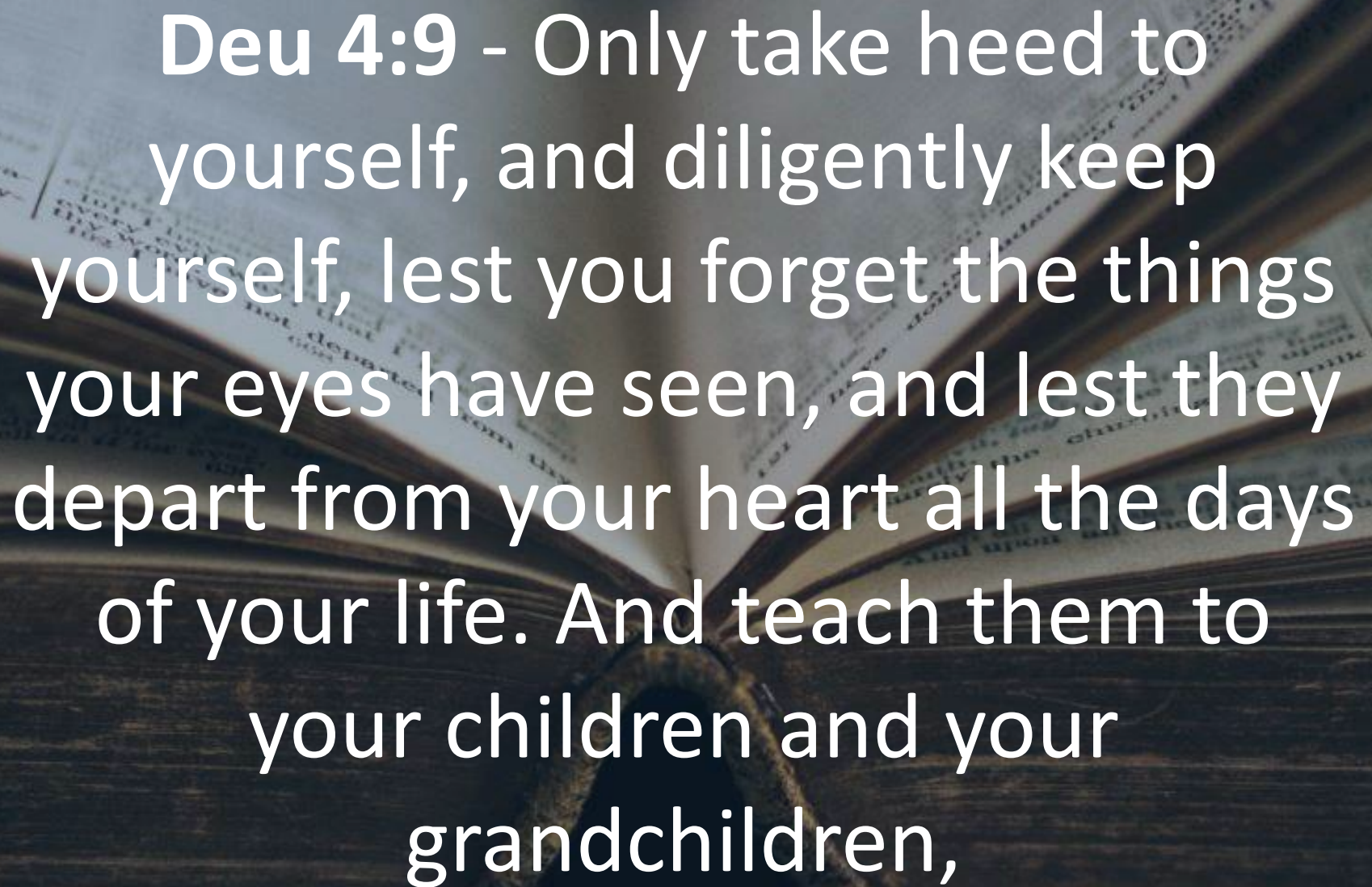


Deu 4:8 - And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

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Pass on what
we have seen:

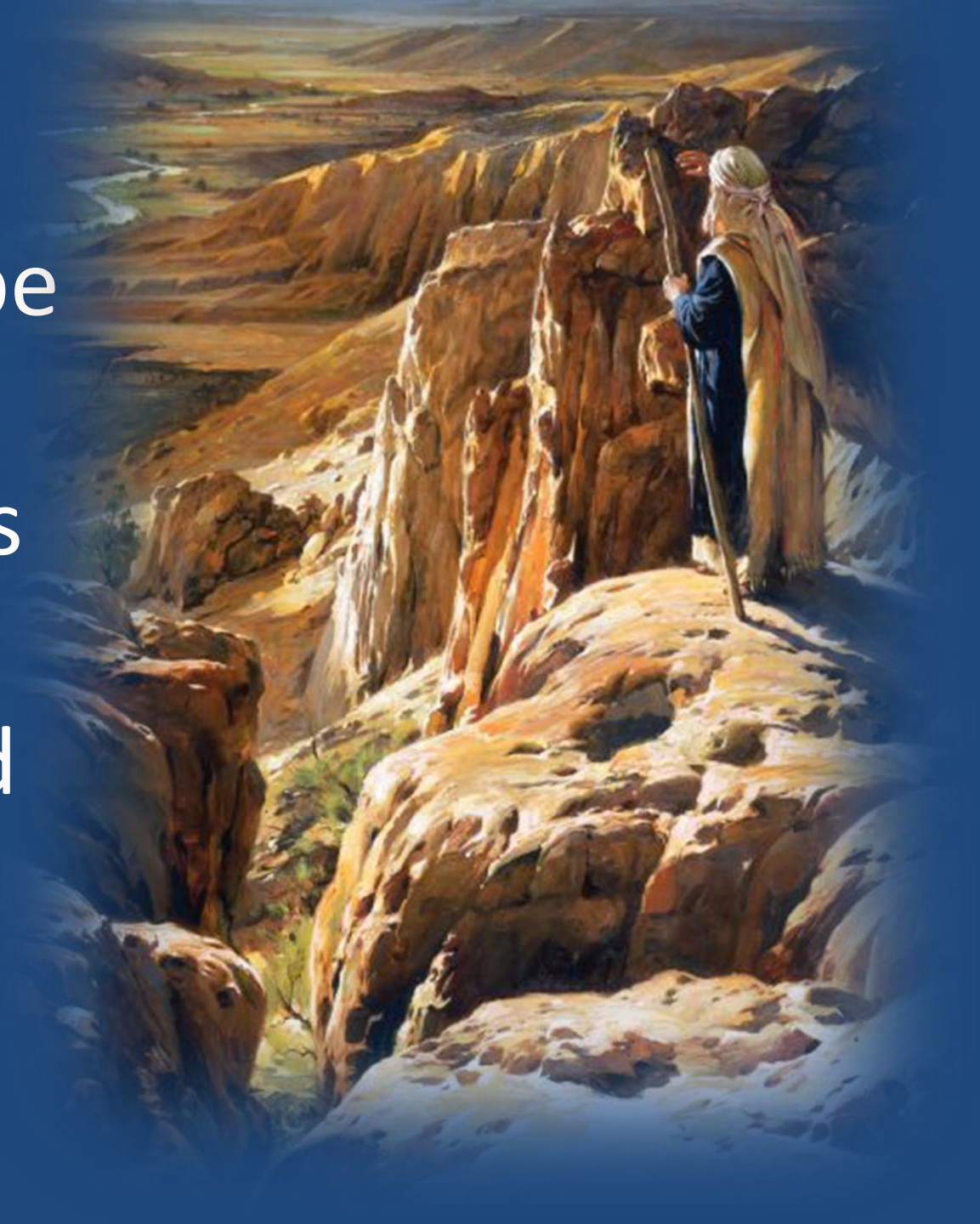


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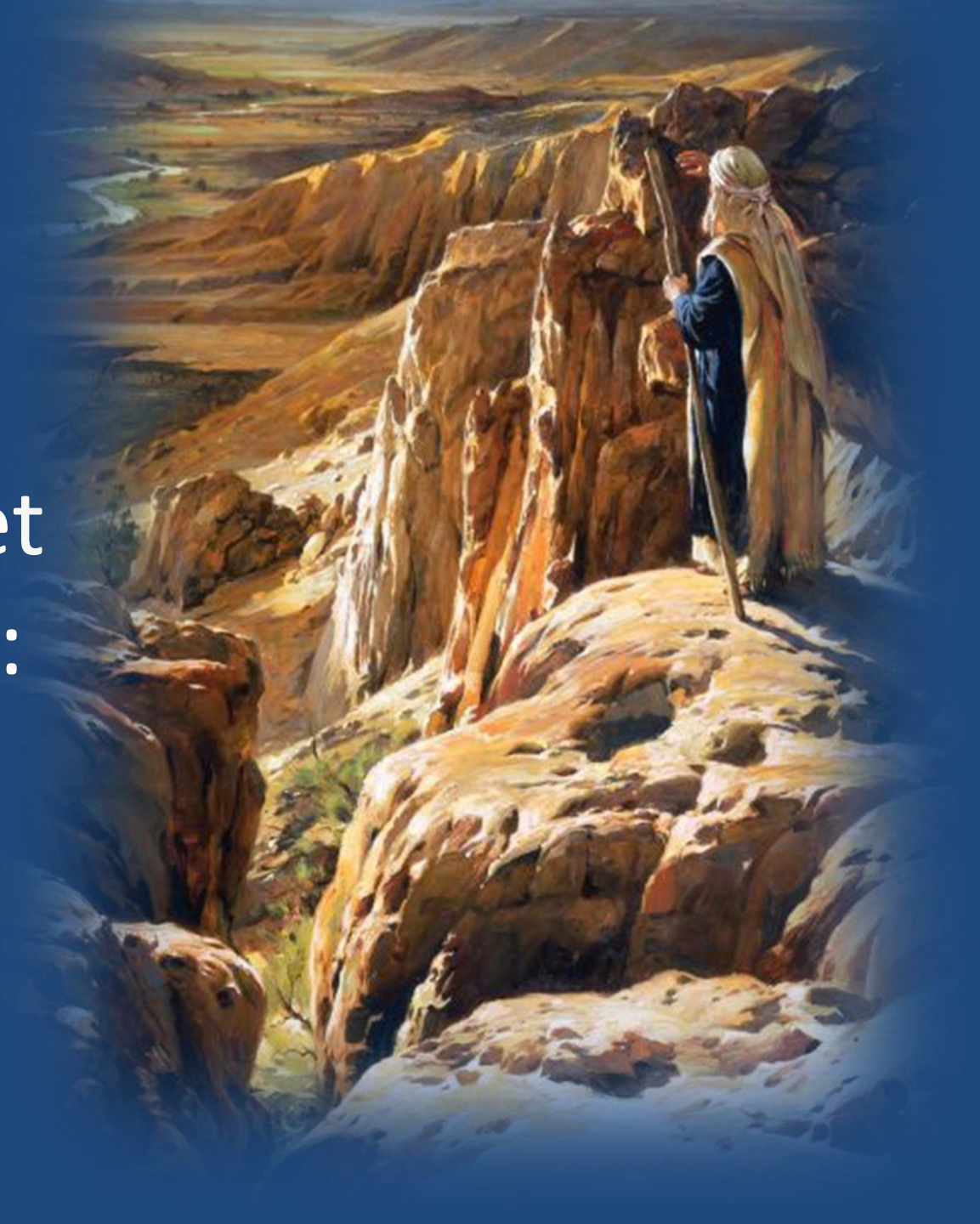
Deu 4:9 - Only take heed to
yourself, and diligently keep
yourself, lest you forget the things
your eyes have seen, and lest they
depart from your heart all the days
of your life. And teach them to
your children and your
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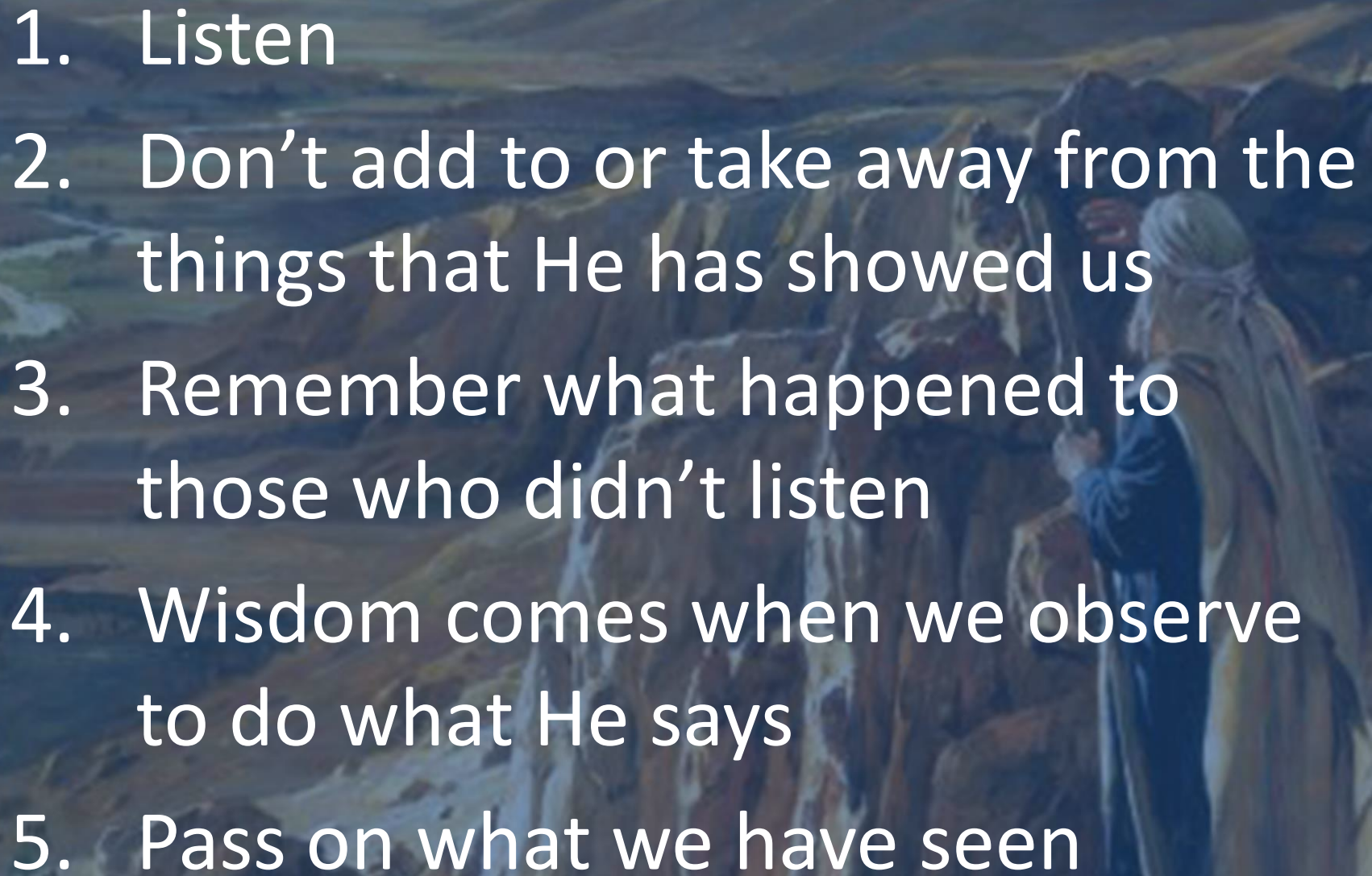
We are on the verge of change,
and things cannot remain as they
were.

We will soon be
moving from
the wilderness
phase to the
promised land
phase.



Let's not forget
these 5 things:



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- A biblical scene depicting Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a blue robe and a tan cloak, leading a group of people through a rugged, rocky desert landscape. The people are seen from behind, following Moses as he points towards the horizon. The background shows rolling hills and a winding path under a hazy sky.
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