

- Please wear your mask and keep it on!
- Before worship begins, please get a bulletin and drop off your offering in the box at the Welcome Table
- Worship Slides can be found at:
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- For Prayers text: 224-688-6657



Welcome!

to

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

September 27, 2020





We gather on this holy ground to worship God; to recognize God's great and wonderful work in our lives and in our world. We gather on this holy ground that we might see God and learn God's name.



Glory to God #49

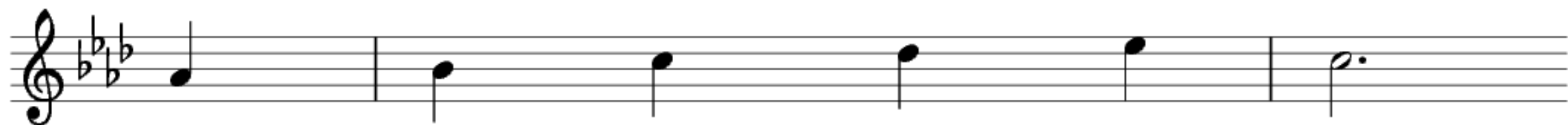
The God of Abraham Praise

*TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c. 1770, alt.;
stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt.*

MUSIC (LEONI 6.6.8.4.D): Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770



1. The God of A - braham praise,



who reigns en - throned a - bove,



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days,



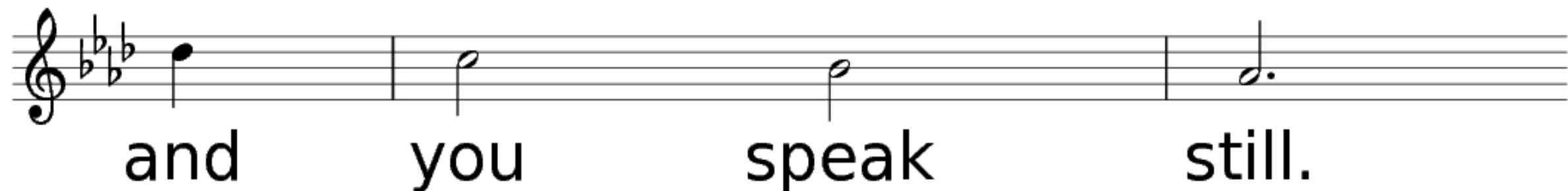
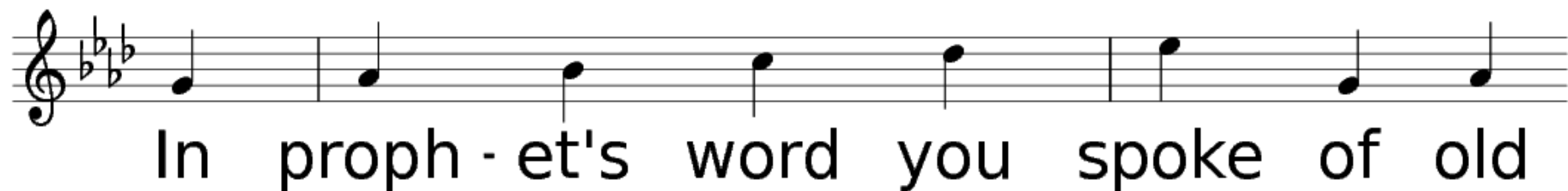
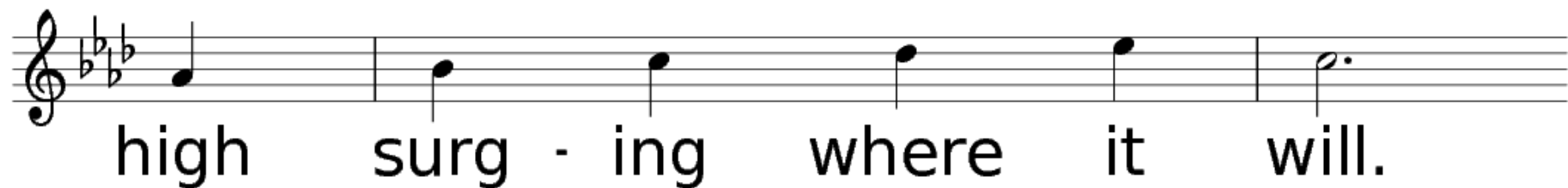
the God of love!

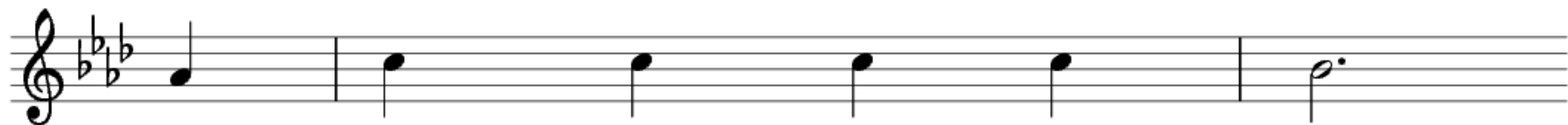
The Lord, the great I AM,

by earth and heaven con - fessed,

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name,

for - ev - er blest.





Es - tab - lished is your law,



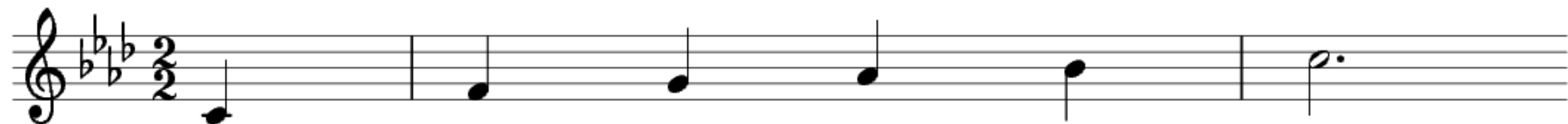
and change - less it shall stand,



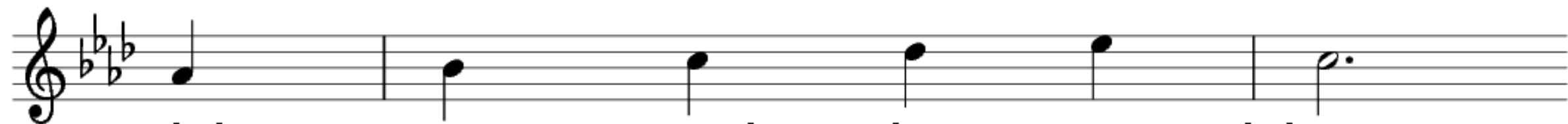
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart



by your strong hand.



3. Your good - ly land we seek,



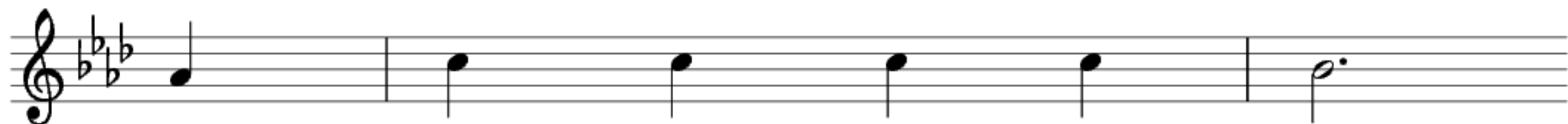
with peace and plen - ty blest,



a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty



and Sab - bath rest.



There milk and hon - ey flow,



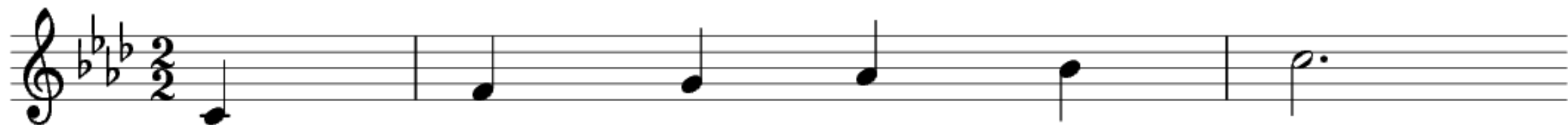
and oil and wine a - bound,



the trees of life for - e - ver grow



with mer - cy crowned.



4. You have e - ter - nal life



im - plant - ed in the soul;



your love shall be our strength and stay,



while a - ges roll.





God of mercy, forgive us when we ignore your invitation to be part of your work in the world. Forgive us when we fail to recognize the holy ground on which we stand and the holy place in which we live. Teach us to identify the sacred that is all around us.

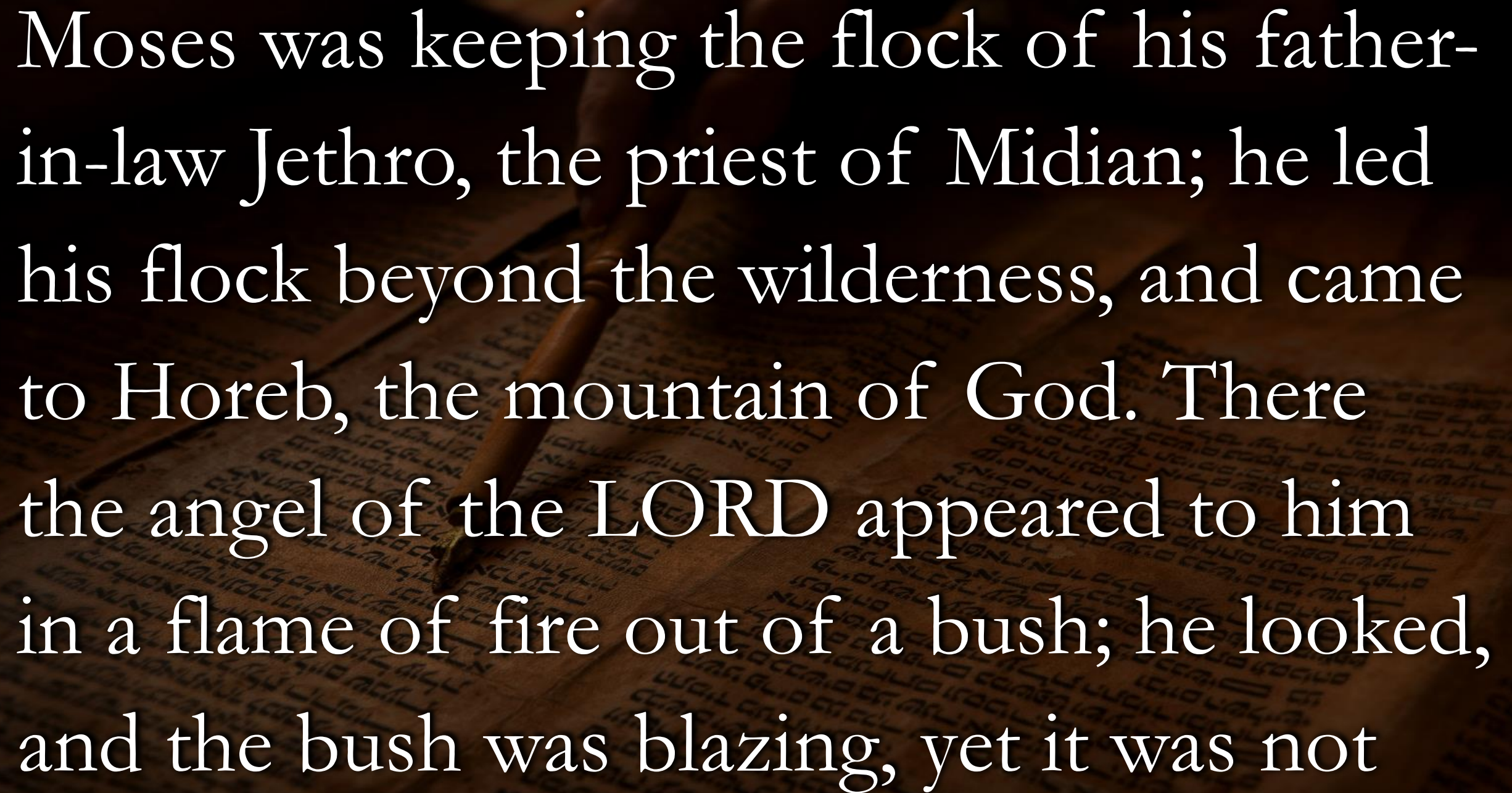
Remind us that you are always present.
Show us how to revere our world and
all creatures in it. Forgive us when we
act in ignorance and fail to be the holy
people you call us to be. In Jesus' name
we pray, Amen.



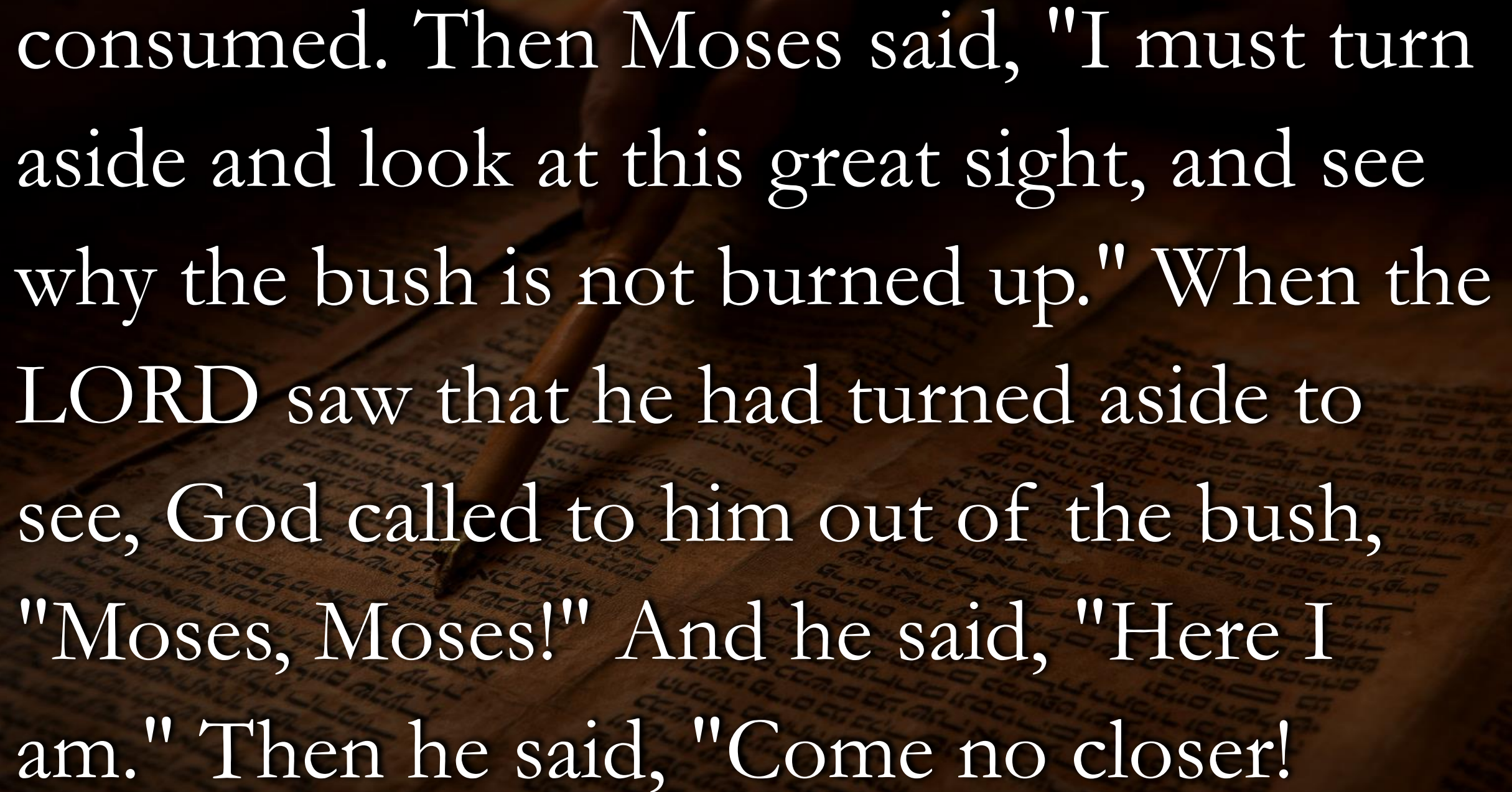
Exodus 3:1-6

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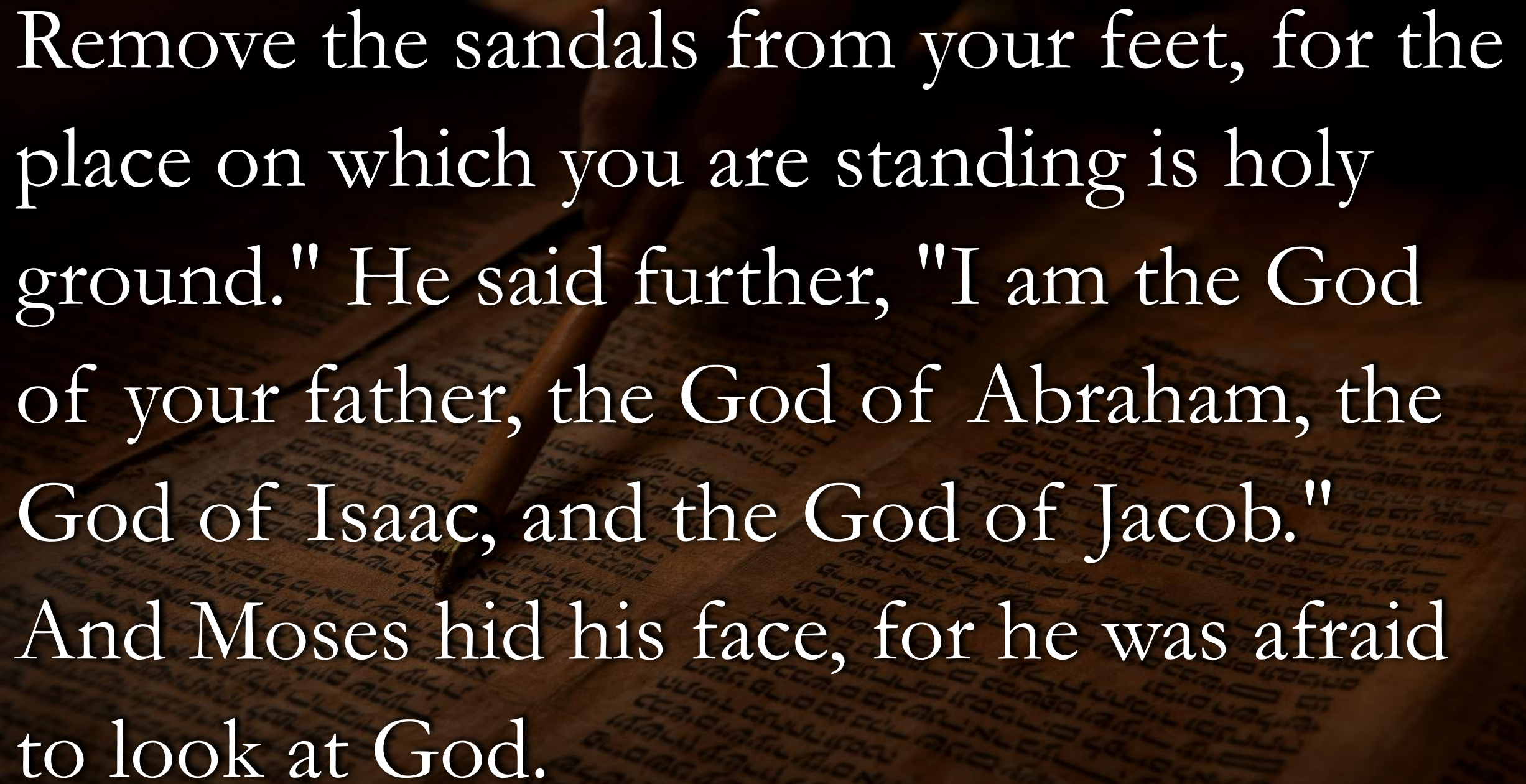


A close-up, artistic photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in a cursive script, likely Hebrew. The lighting is warm and focused, creating a sense of historical or religious significance. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the book and the pen.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not

A close-up, dimly lit photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in a cursive script, likely Hebrew. The lighting is warm and focused on the pen and the immediate page, creating a sense of historical or biblical significance. The background is dark and out of focus.

consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer!

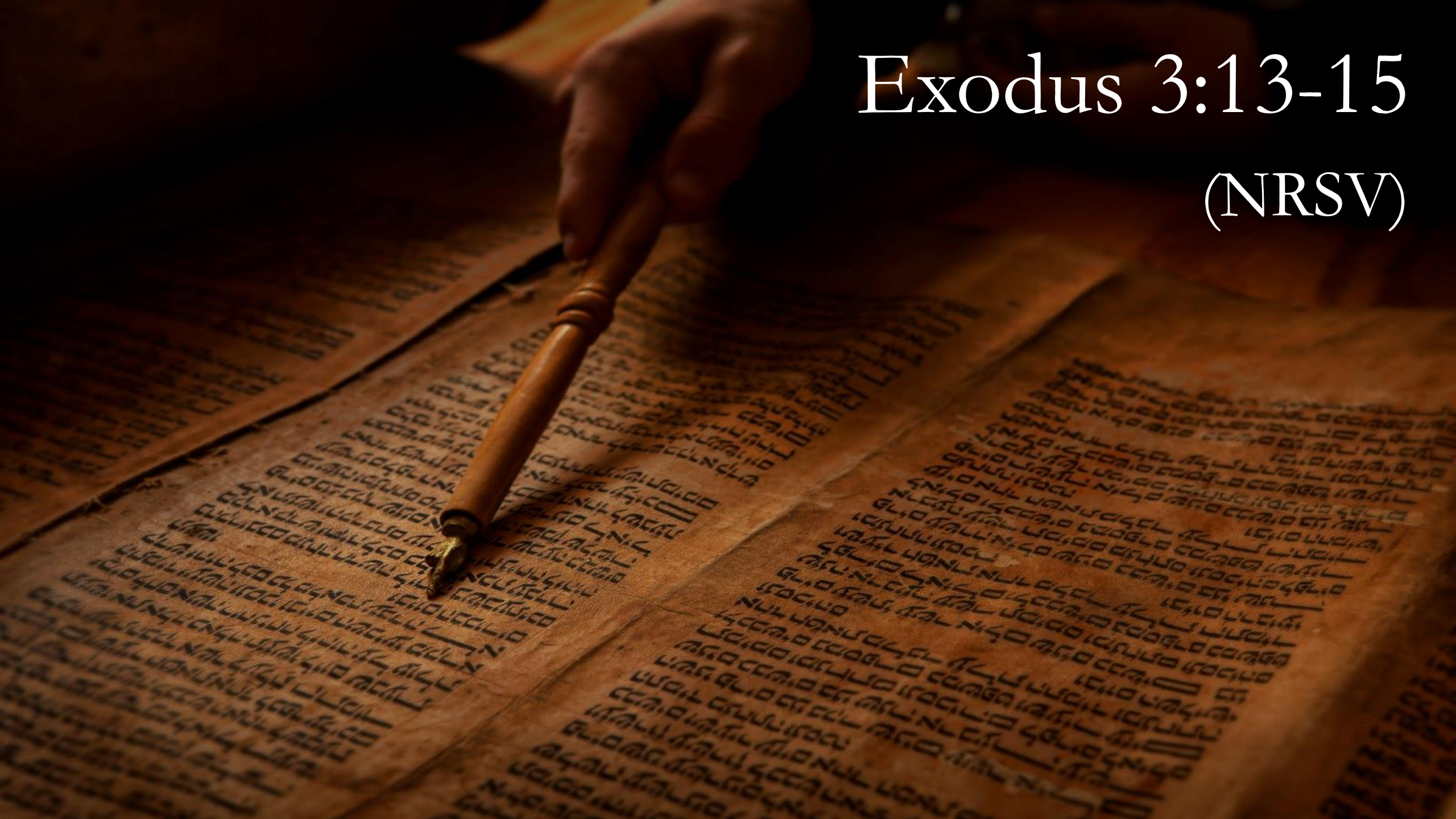


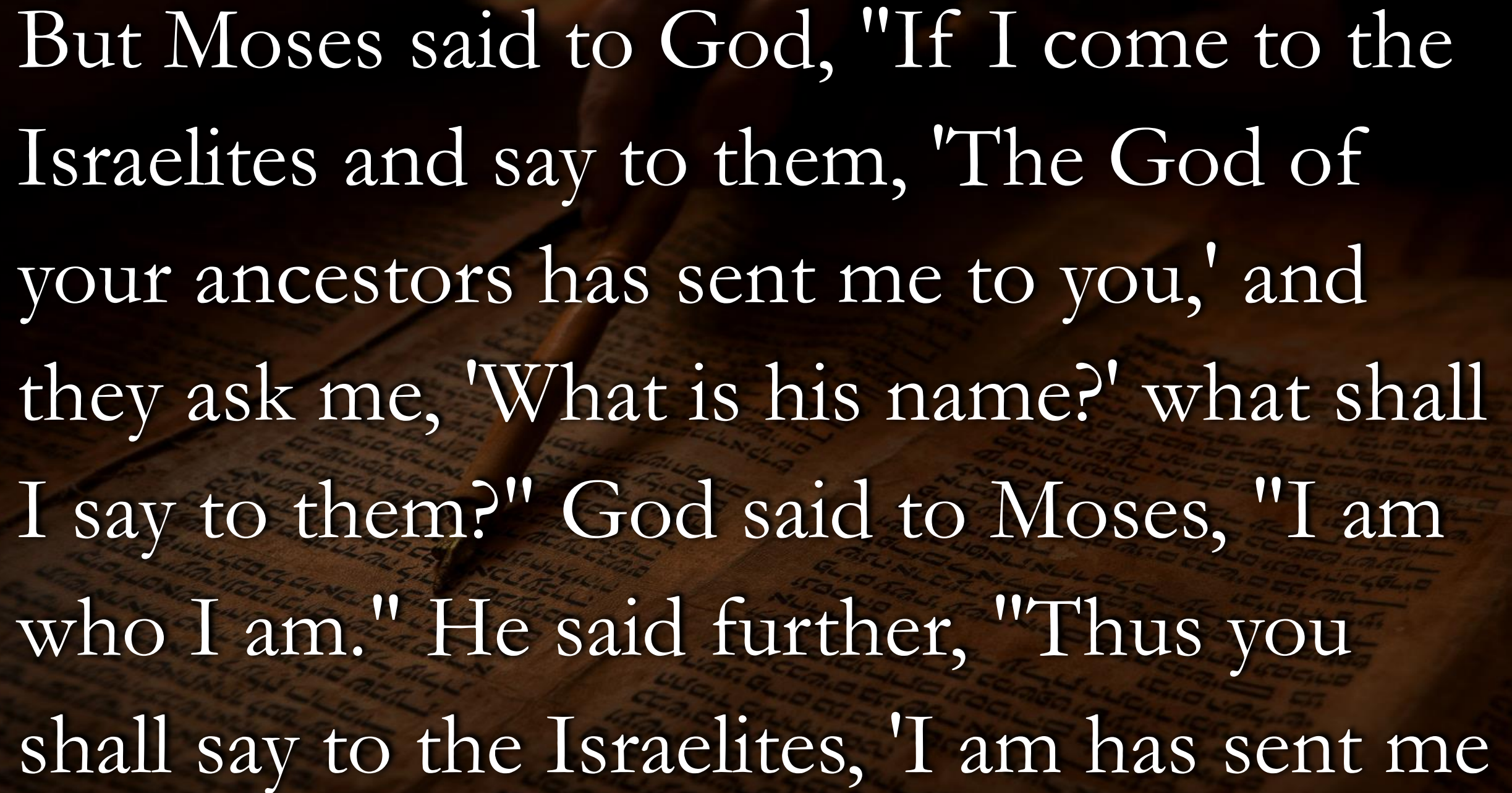
Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.



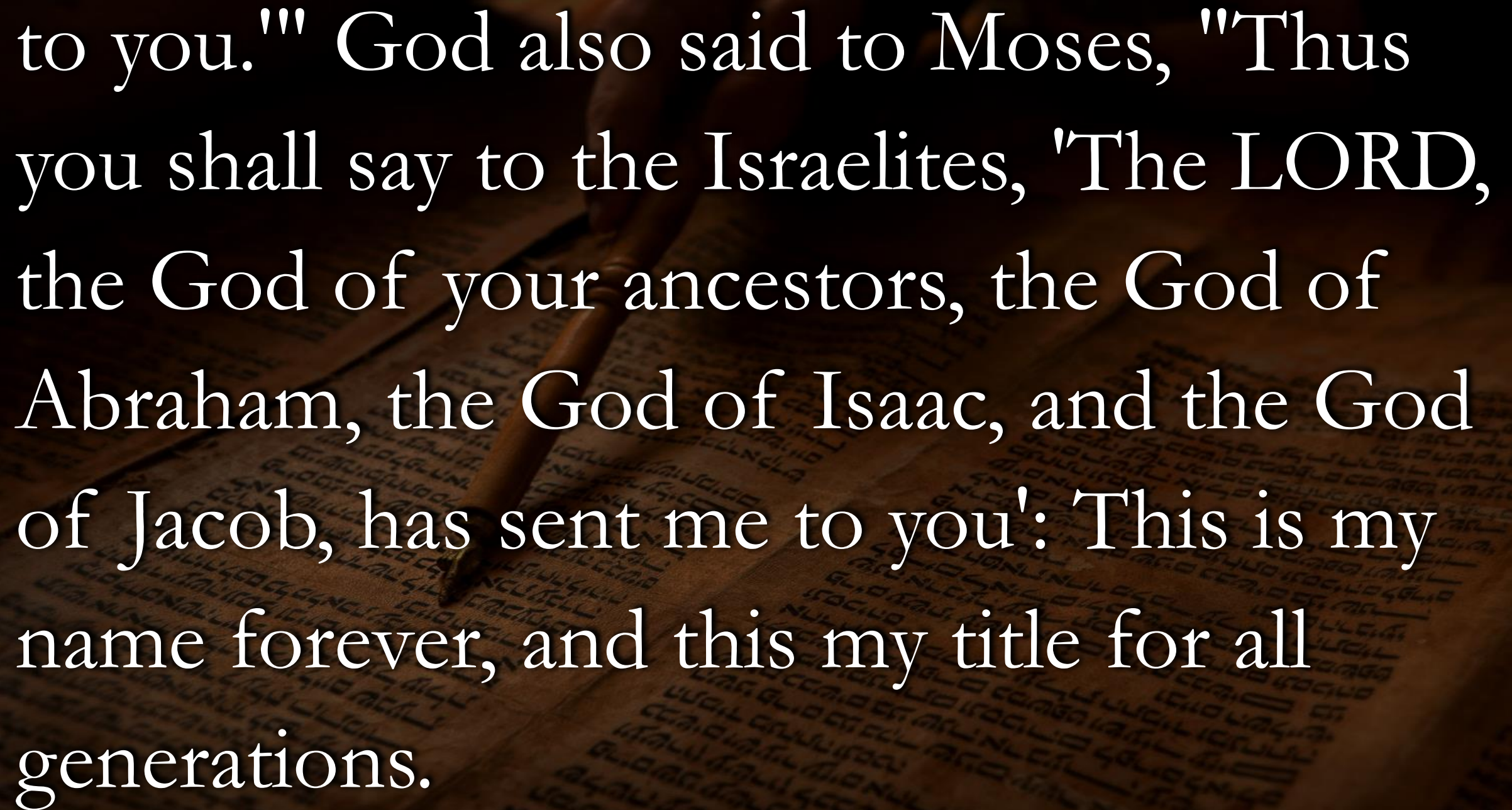
Exodus 3:13-15

(NRSV)



A close-up, artistic photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in Hebrew script. The lighting is warm and focused, creating a sense of historical or religious significance. The background is softly blurred, emphasizing the text and the writing instrument.

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me

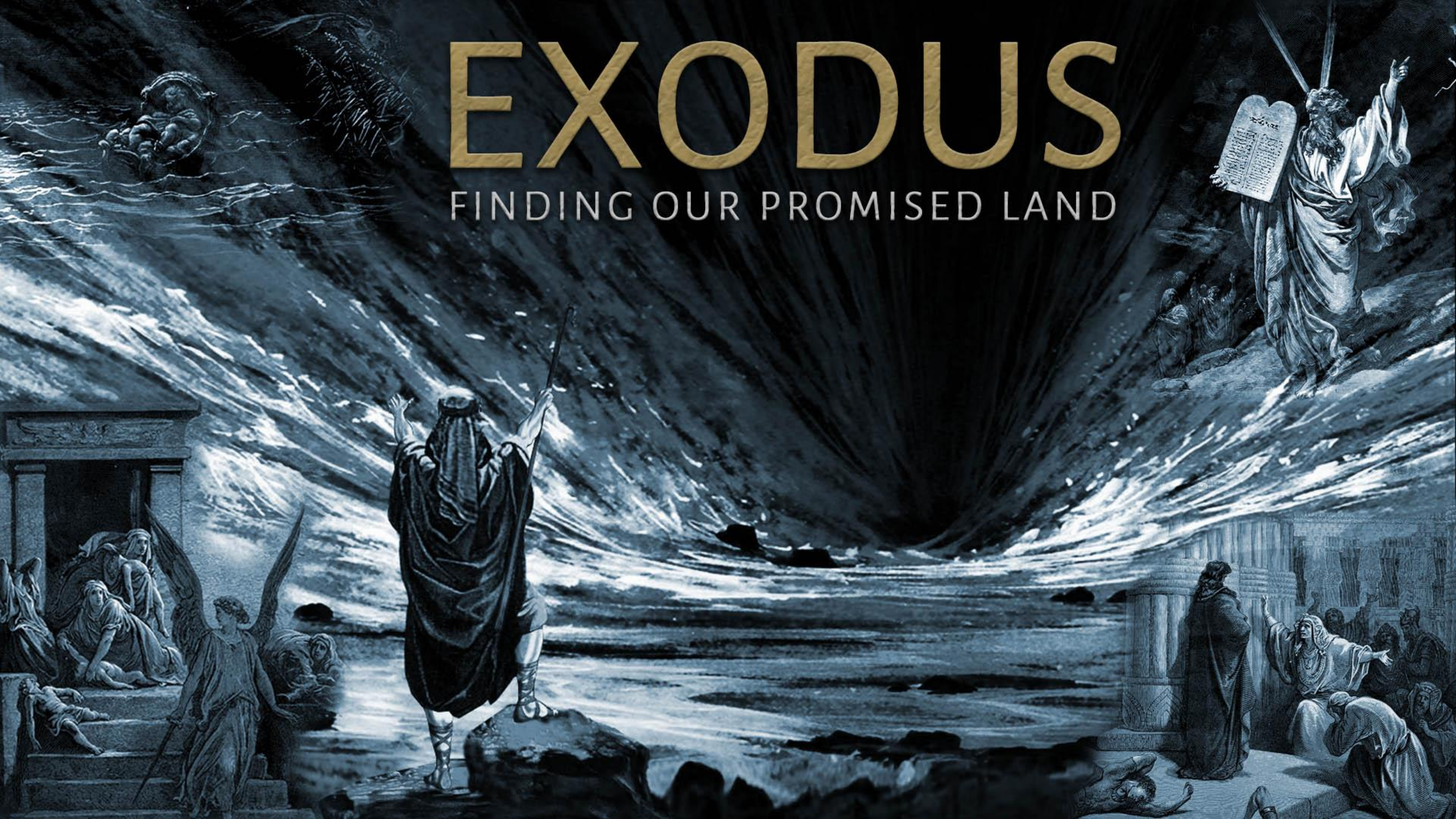


to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.



EXODUS

FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



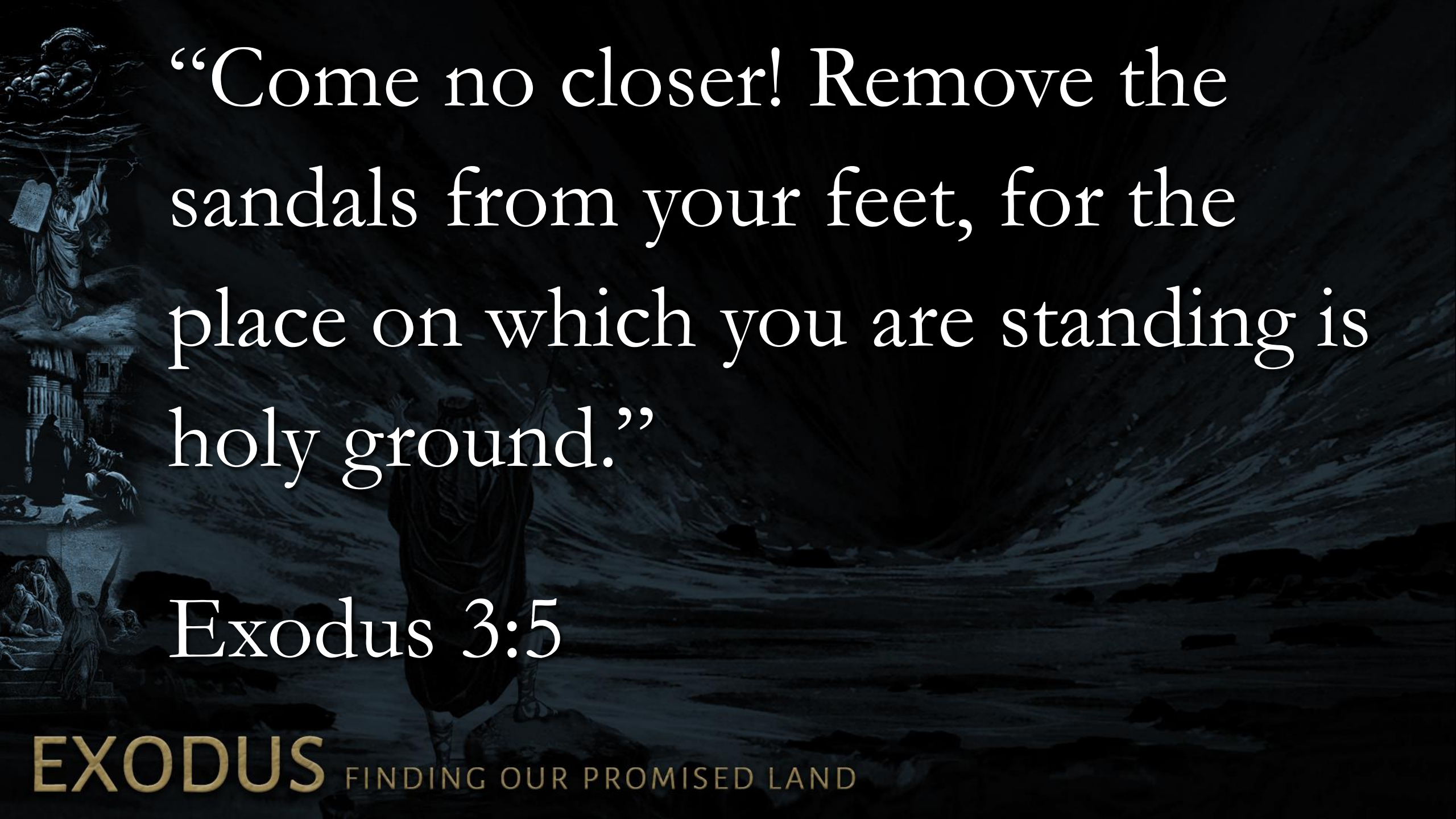


מַלְאֲכֵי יְהוָה

Malak Yahweh

meaning Angel of the Lord

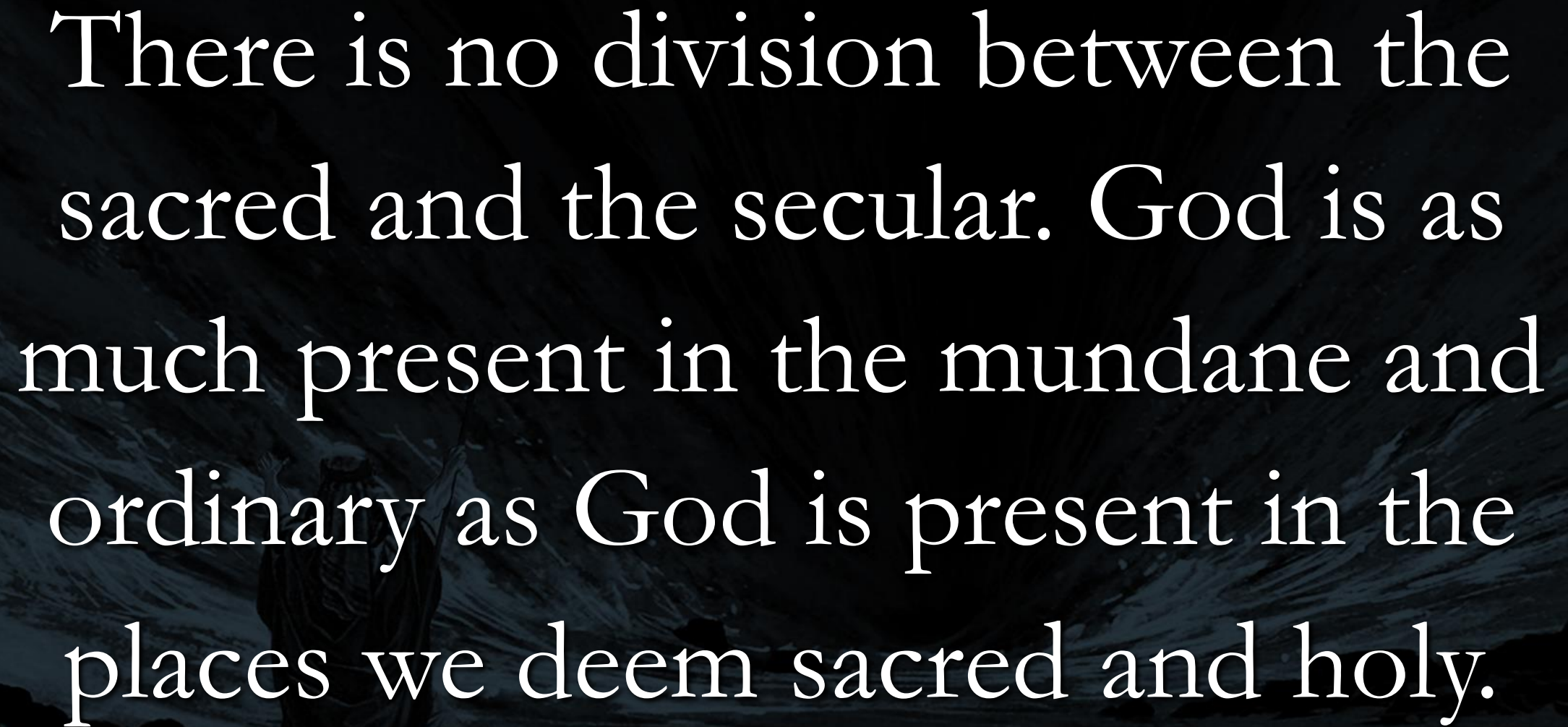
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“Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:5

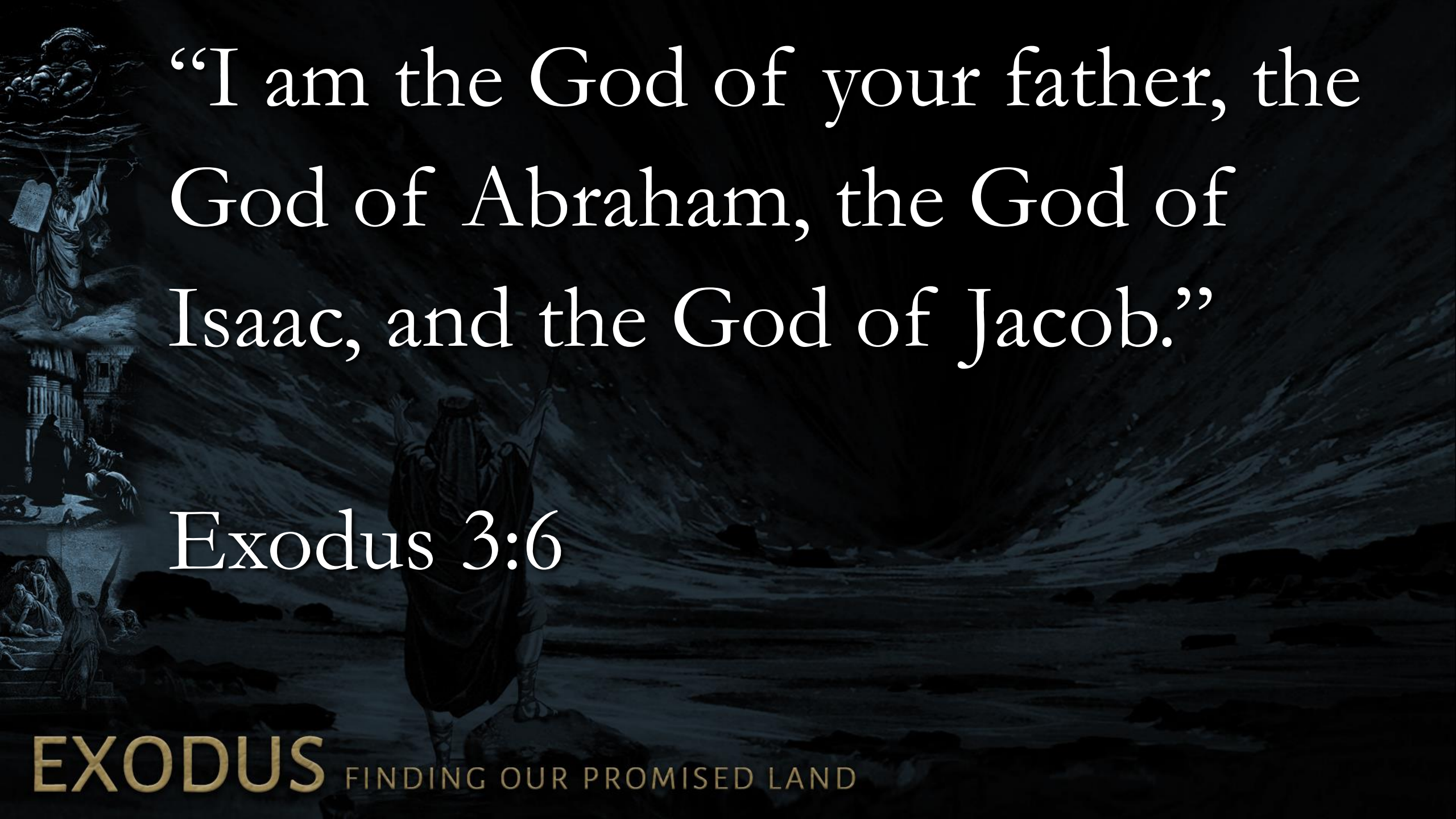
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There is no division between the
sacred and the secular. God is as
much present in the mundane and
ordinary as God is present in the
places we deem sacred and holy.

The holy is everywhere.

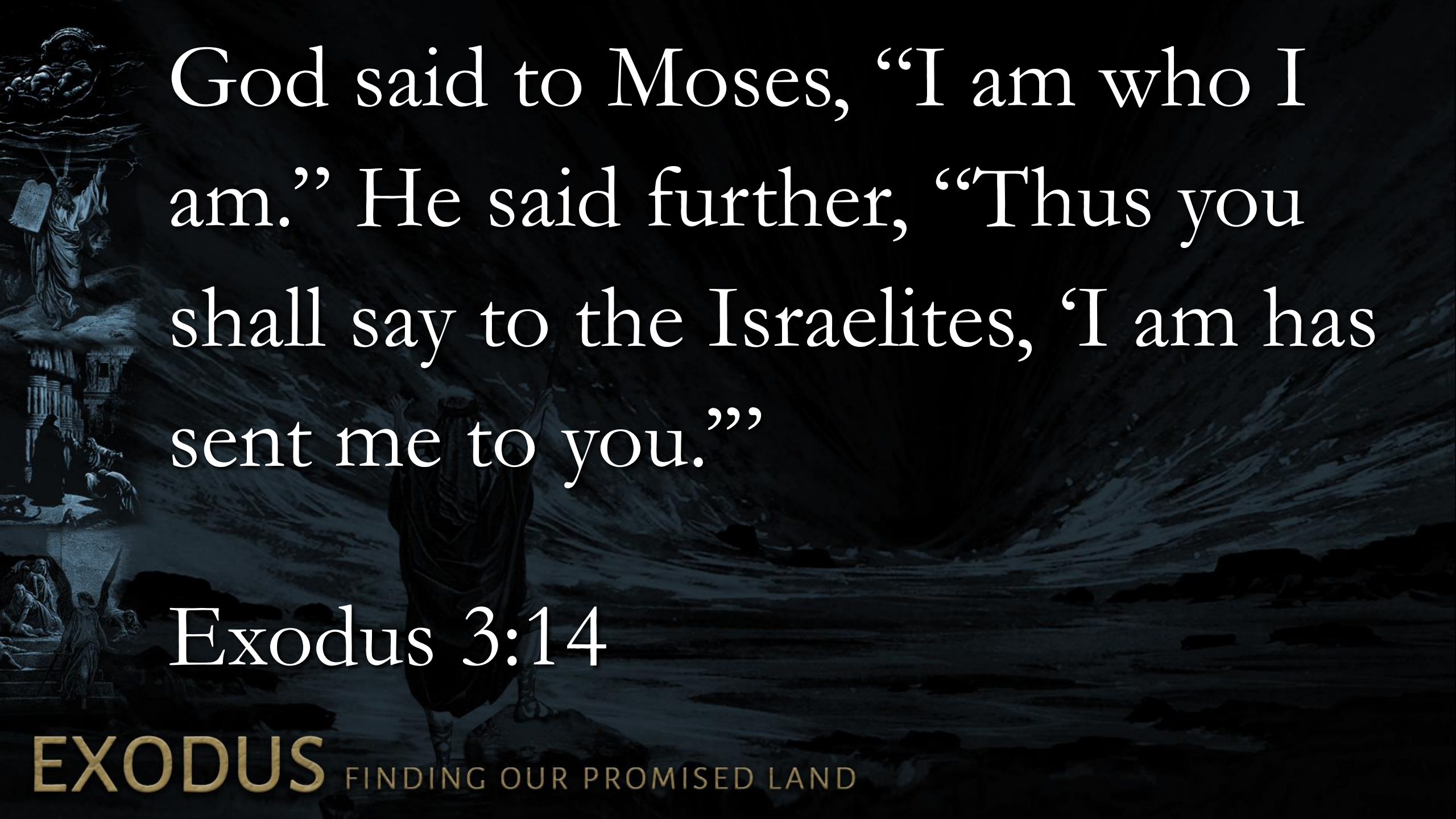
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The background is a dark, atmospheric illustration. In the center, Moses stands on a rocky outcrop, wearing a long dark robe and a turban, with his arms raised towards a bright, swirling light in the sky. To the left, a vertical strip shows various scenes: at the top, a figure in a cloud; below, a figure holding a tablet; further down, a group of people near a structure; and at the bottom, a figure kneeling in prayer. The overall tone is dramatic and spiritual.

“I am the God of your father, the
God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Exodus 3:6

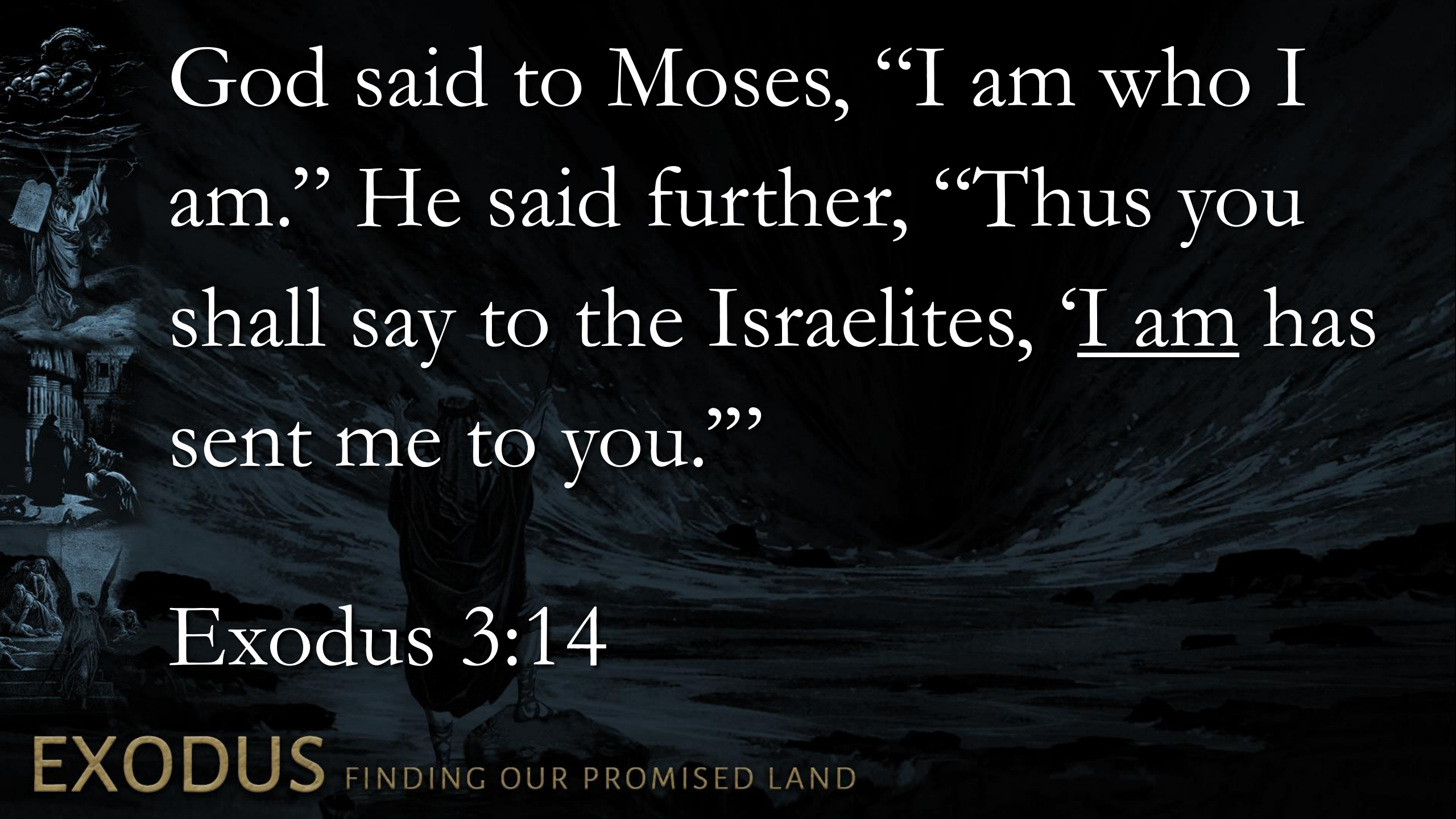
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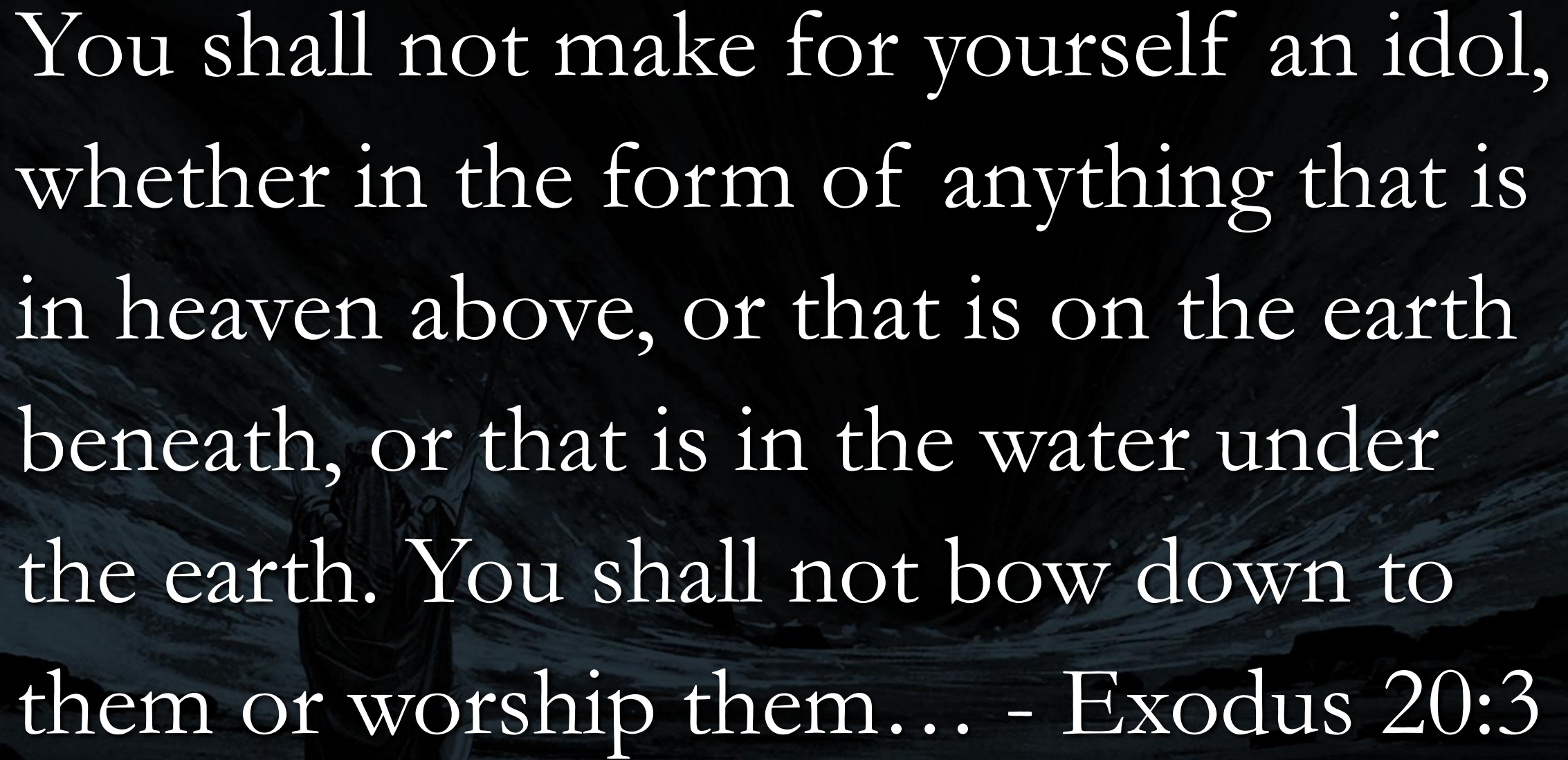
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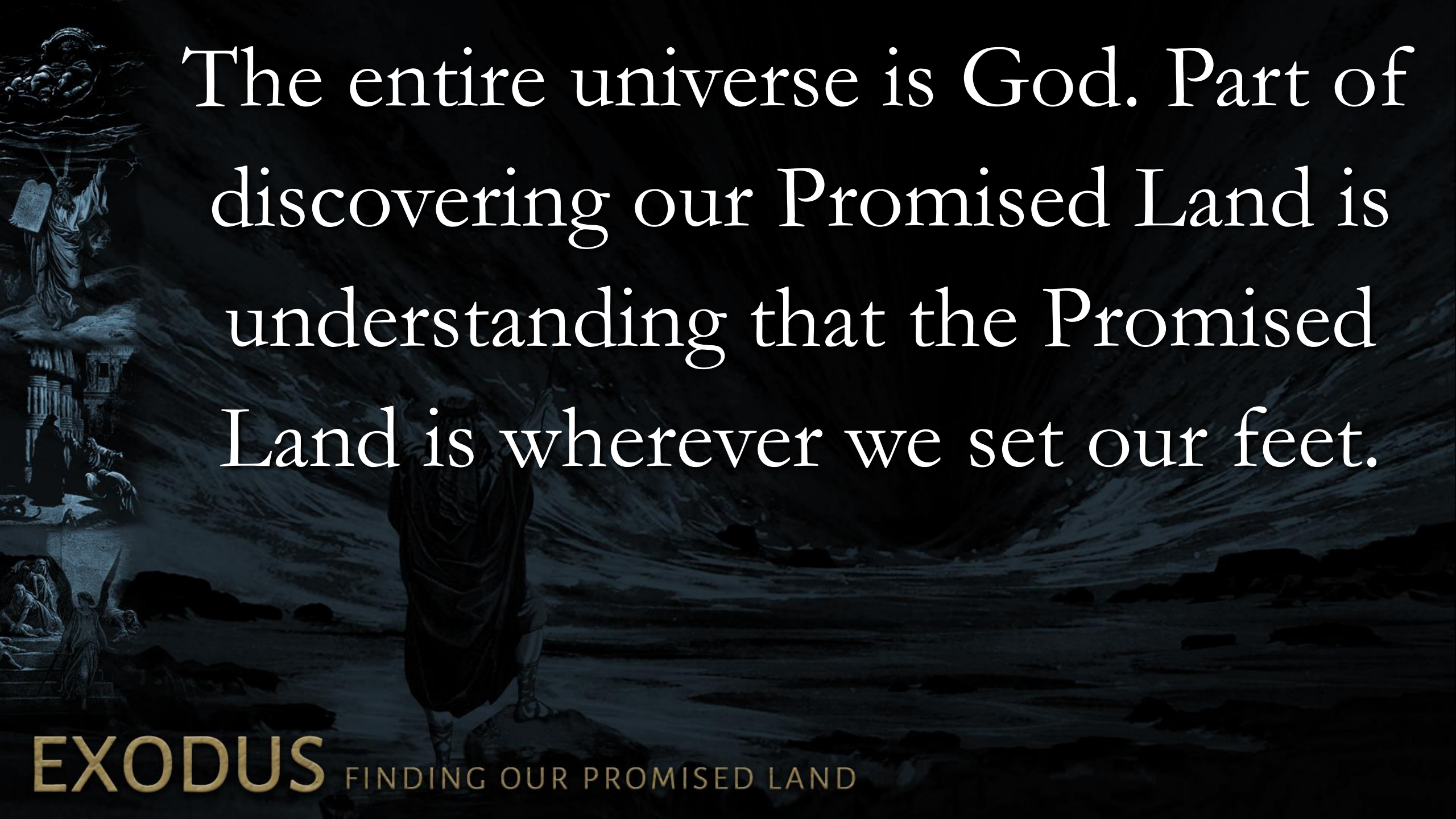
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You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is
in heaven above, or that is on the earth
beneath, or that is in the water under
the earth. You shall not bow down to
them or worship them... - Exodus 20:3

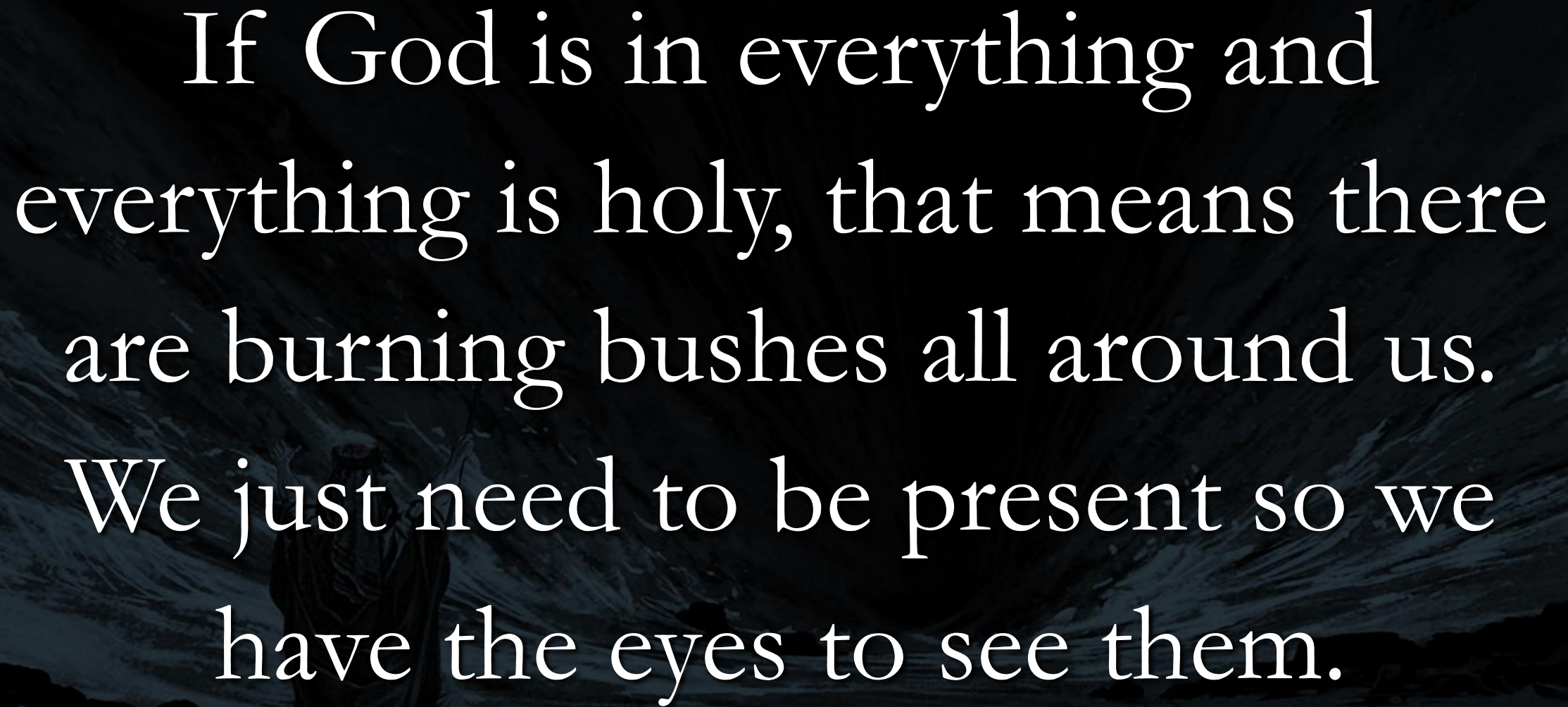


The entire universe is God. Part of
discovering our Promised Land is
understanding that the Promised
Land is wherever we set our feet.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



Buttercup
Holland Lop Bunny
rescued from the
Chicago Rabbit
Society



If God is in everything and
everything is holy, that means there
are burning bushes all around us.
We just need to be present so we
have the eyes to see them.

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.





CHOOSE *Love*
SO we can BE *the* LIGHT
THAT *Changes*
THE *World*

