

- 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:
firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/
- For Prayers, text: 224-688-6657



Welcome!

to

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

October 18, 2020

Ordination/Installation





What shall we return to the Lord for all God's bounty to us? We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, we will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of this congregation. We will be God's servants and worship God together.



Glory to God #788

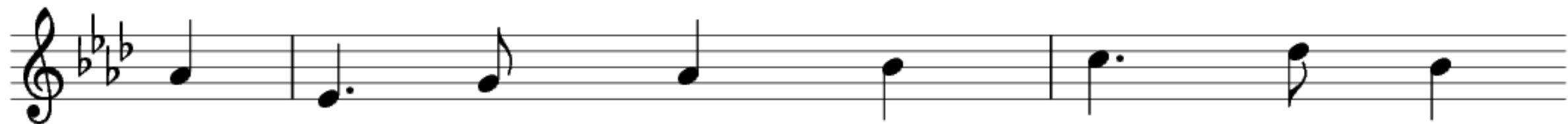
**To You, O Lord,
We Lift Our Eyes
*(Psalm 121)***

TEXT: Christopher L. Webber, 2008; © 2008 Christopher L. Webber (admin. Church Publishing, Inc.)

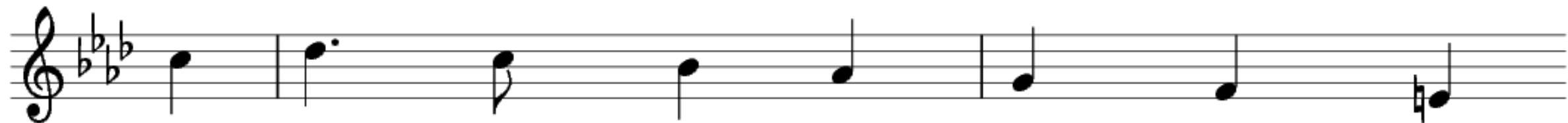
MUSIC (CANNONS, LM): Adapt. from George Frederick Handel, c. 1750



1. To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes,



to you en-throned in heaven a-bove;



as ser-vants wait for those they serve,



so we look up and wait God's love.



2. Have mer - cy on us now, O Lord;



con - tempt has been our lot too long.



Too long have we been mocked and scorned,



de - rid - ed by the proud and strong.



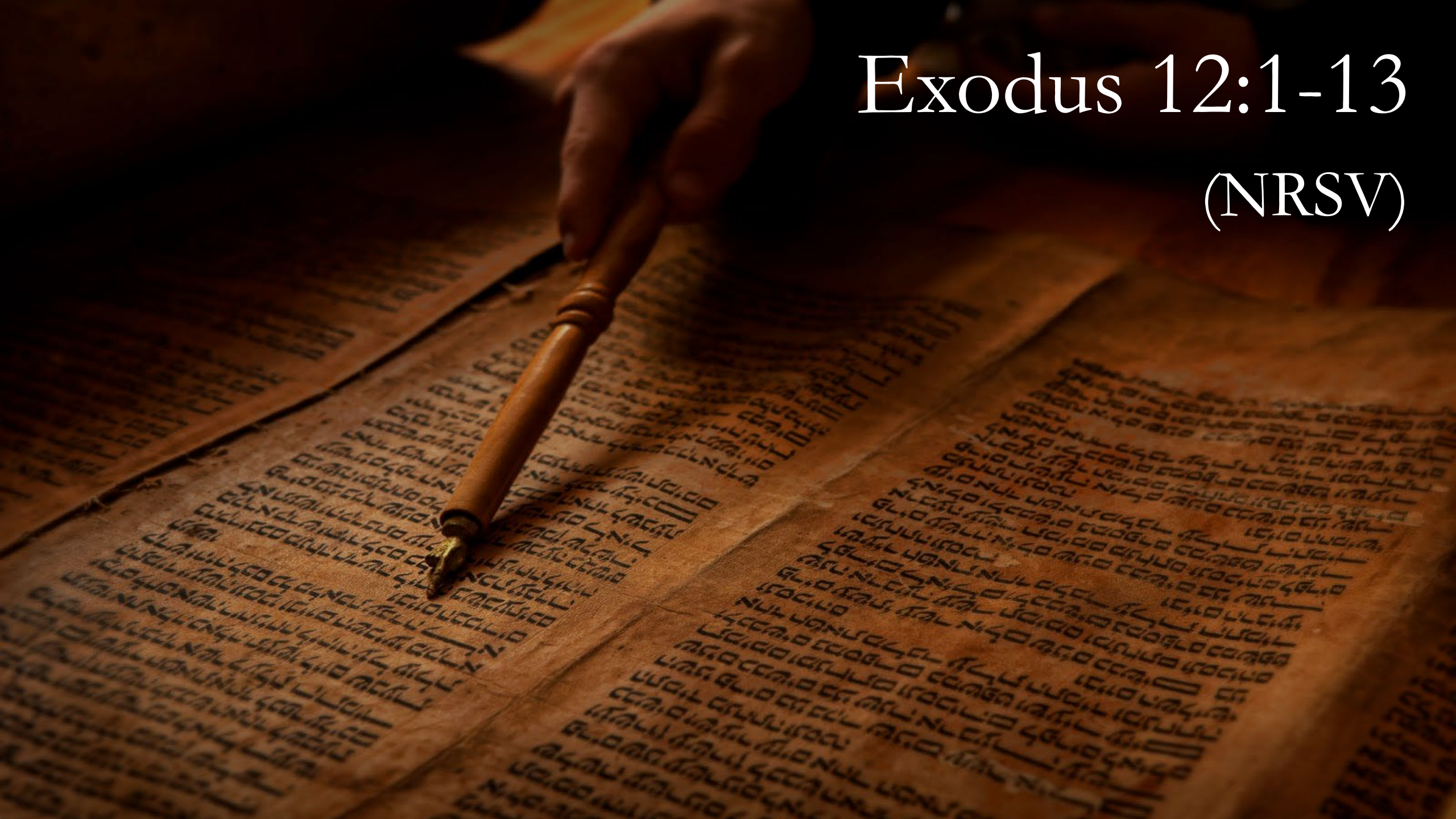
God of our wanderings, you have released us from the wilderness and still we persist in wandering through it. You have forgiven our sins and still we persist in sinning. You have given us new life and still we insist on the old life. Forgive us, O God, when we turn from you and try to be our own people.

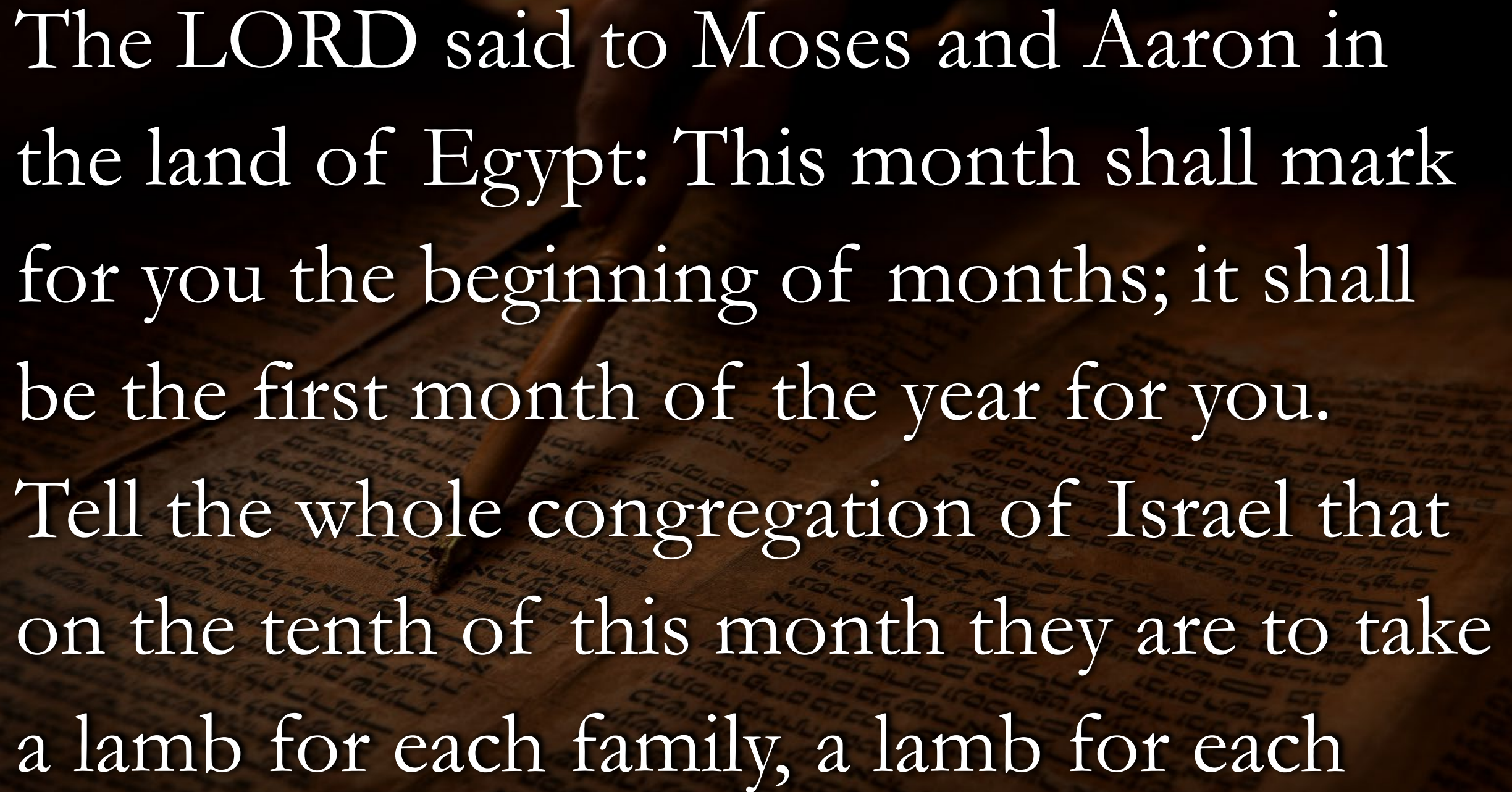
Remind us of your sacrifice and the abundance of your love. Forgive us and show us the path to new life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



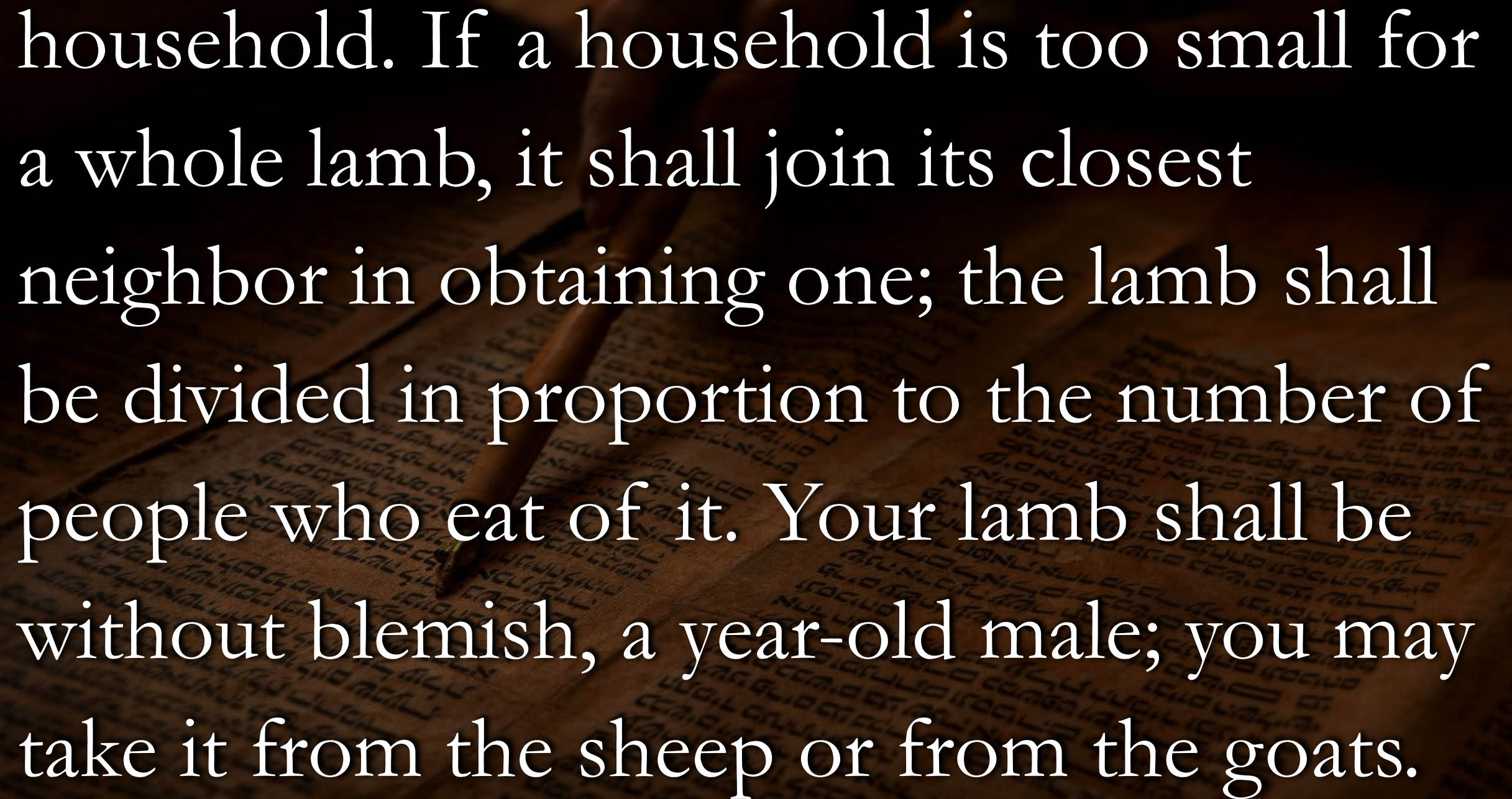
Exodus 12:1-13

(NRSV)

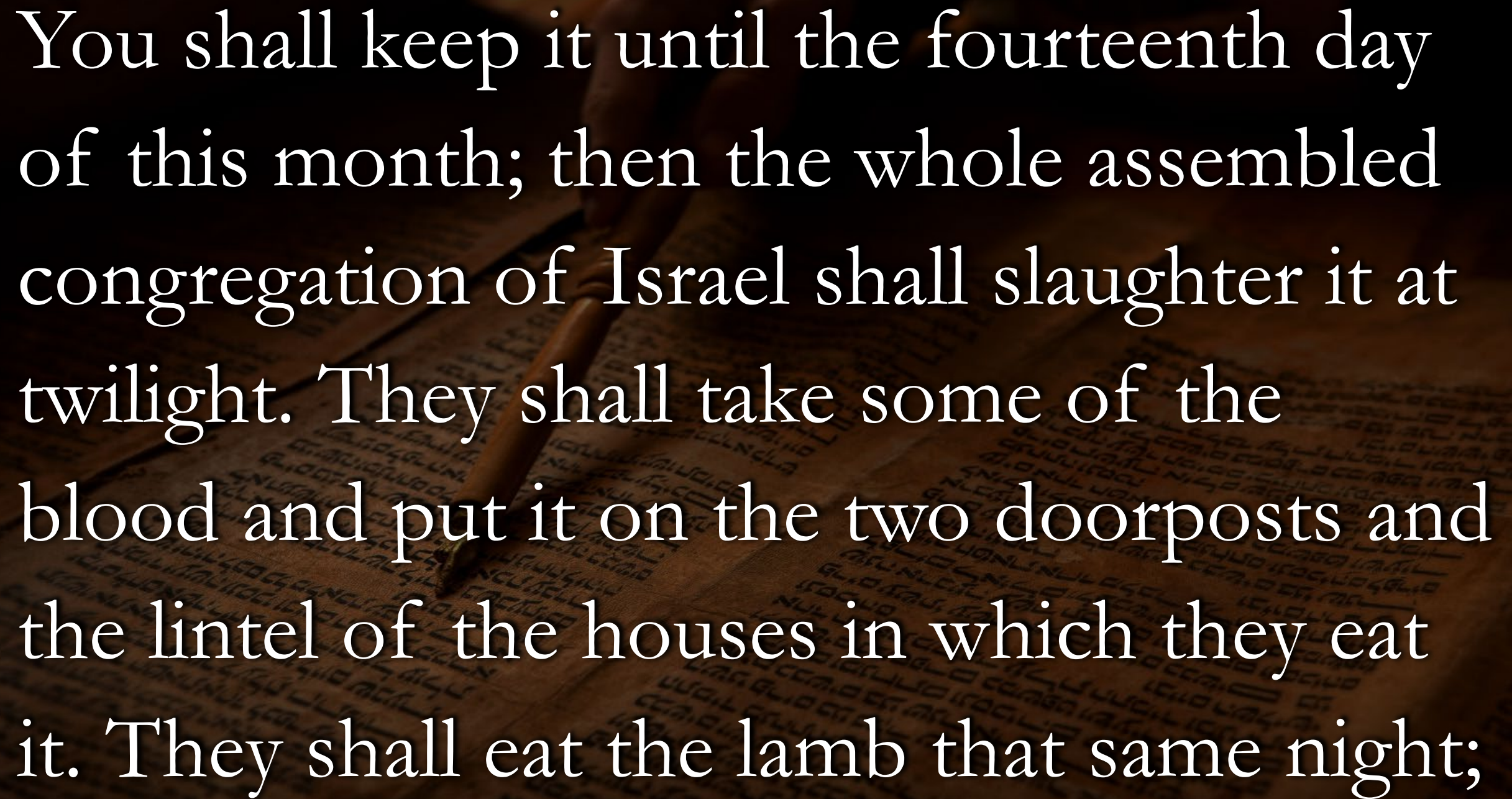


A hand holding a quill pen is positioned over an open book. The book's pages are filled with text in Hebrew script. The background is dark and moody, with the light focused on the book and the hand. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

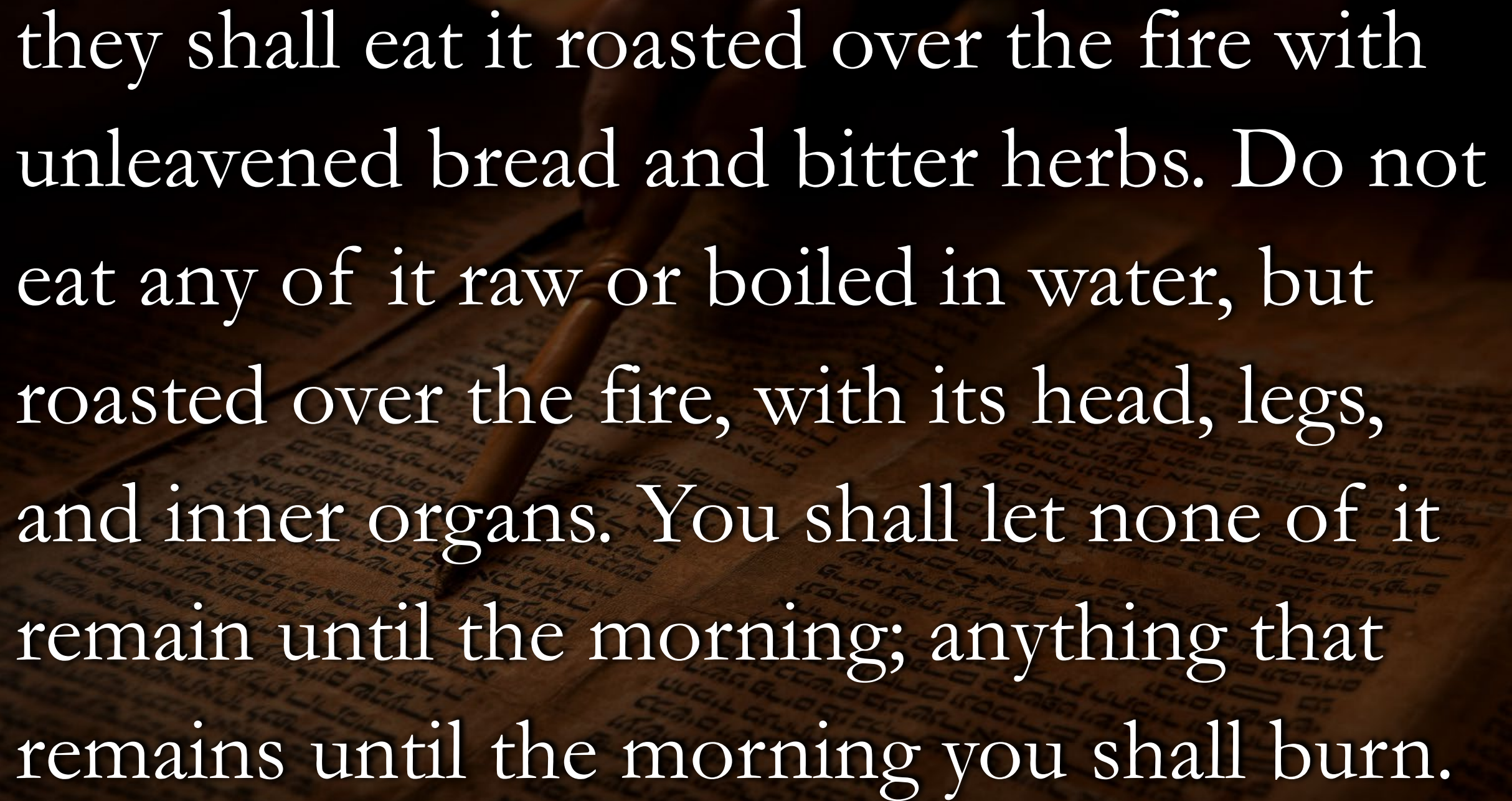
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each

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 tradition and scholarship. The background is softly blurred, emphasizing the text and the writing process.

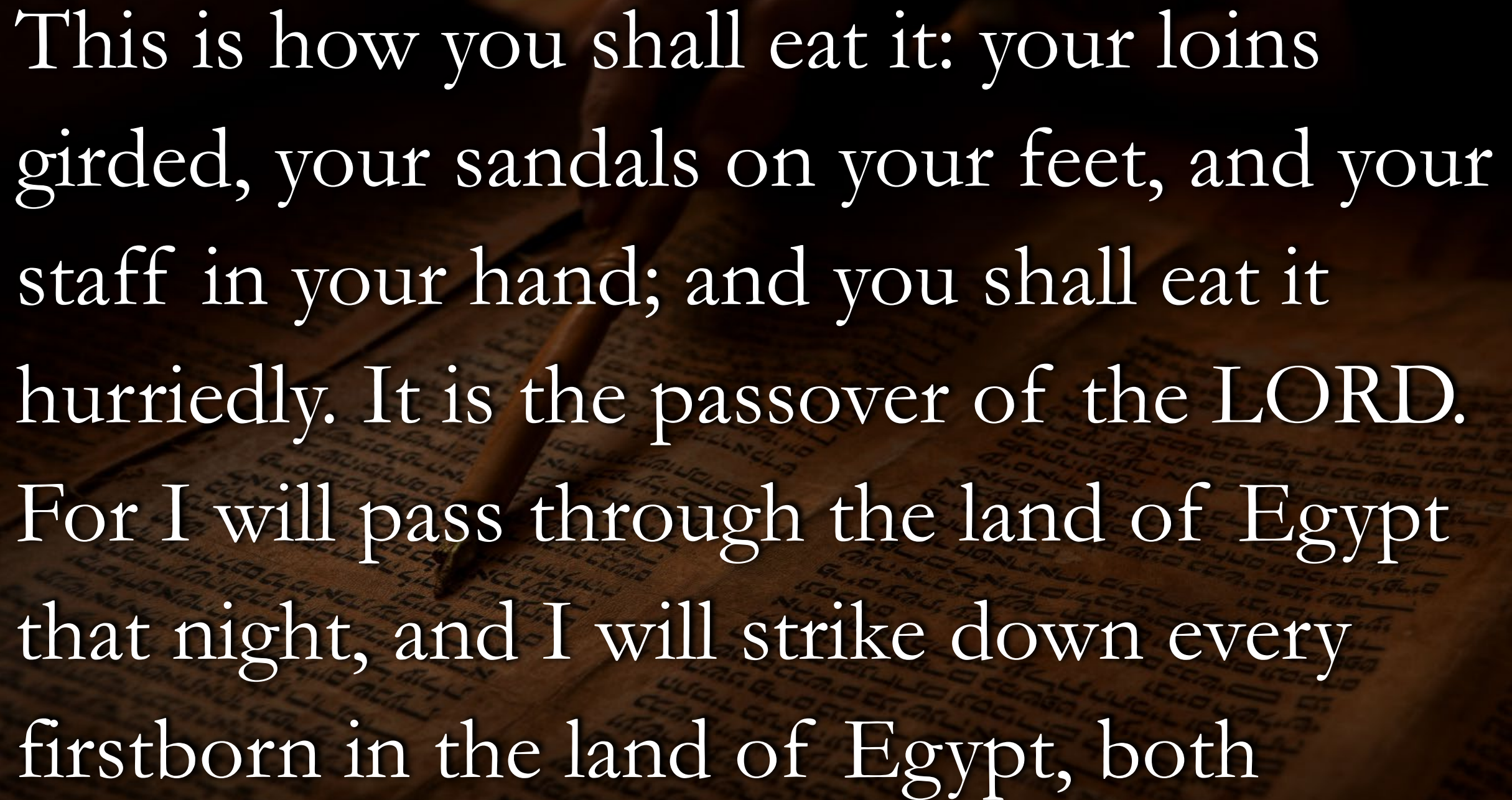
household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.



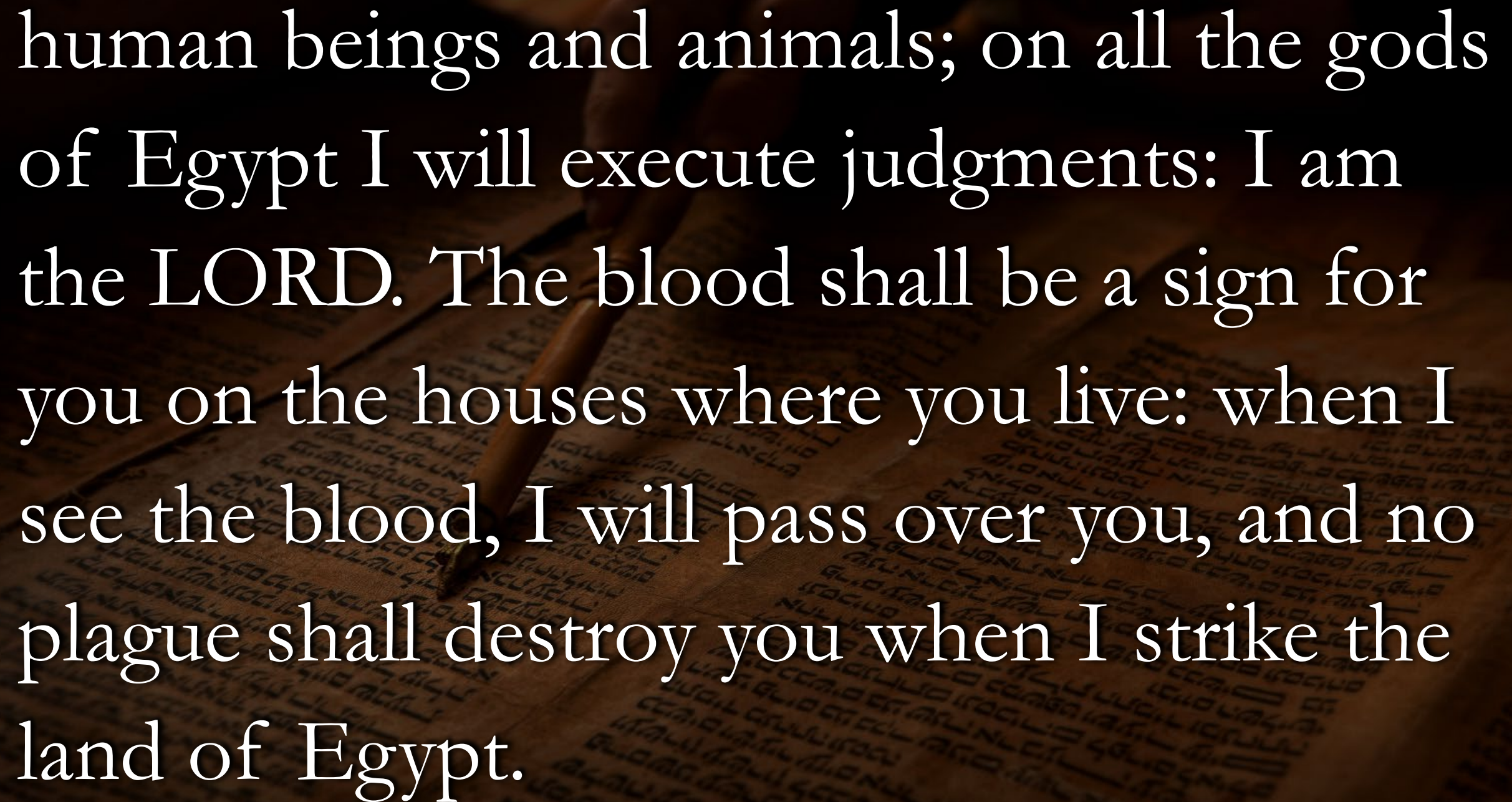
You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night;

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 religious significance. The background is dark and out of focus.

they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

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 handwritten text in Hebrew script. The lighting is warm and focused on the pen and the immediate area of the book, creating a sense of ancient wisdom and divine revelation. The background is dark and out of focus.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both

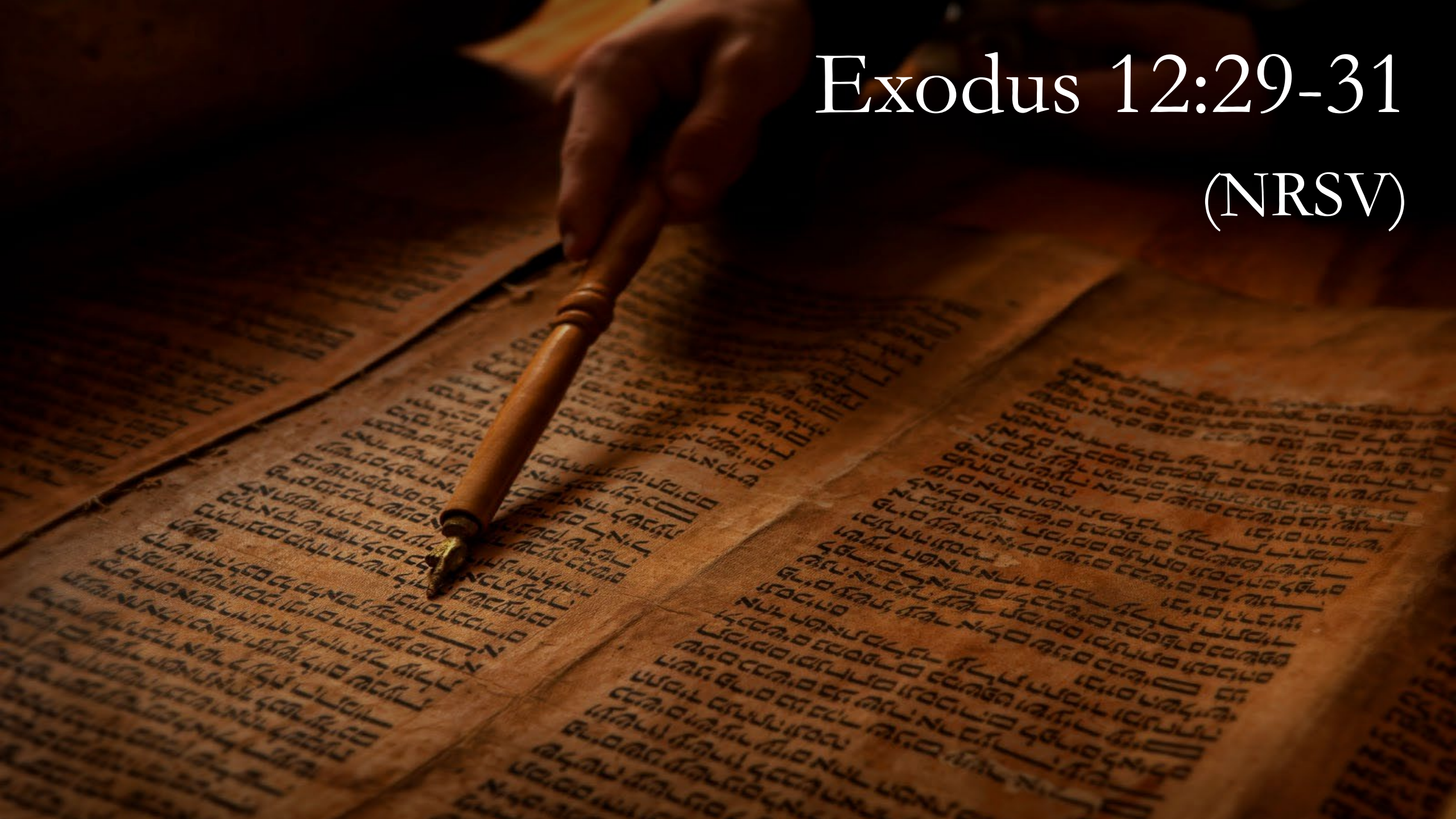


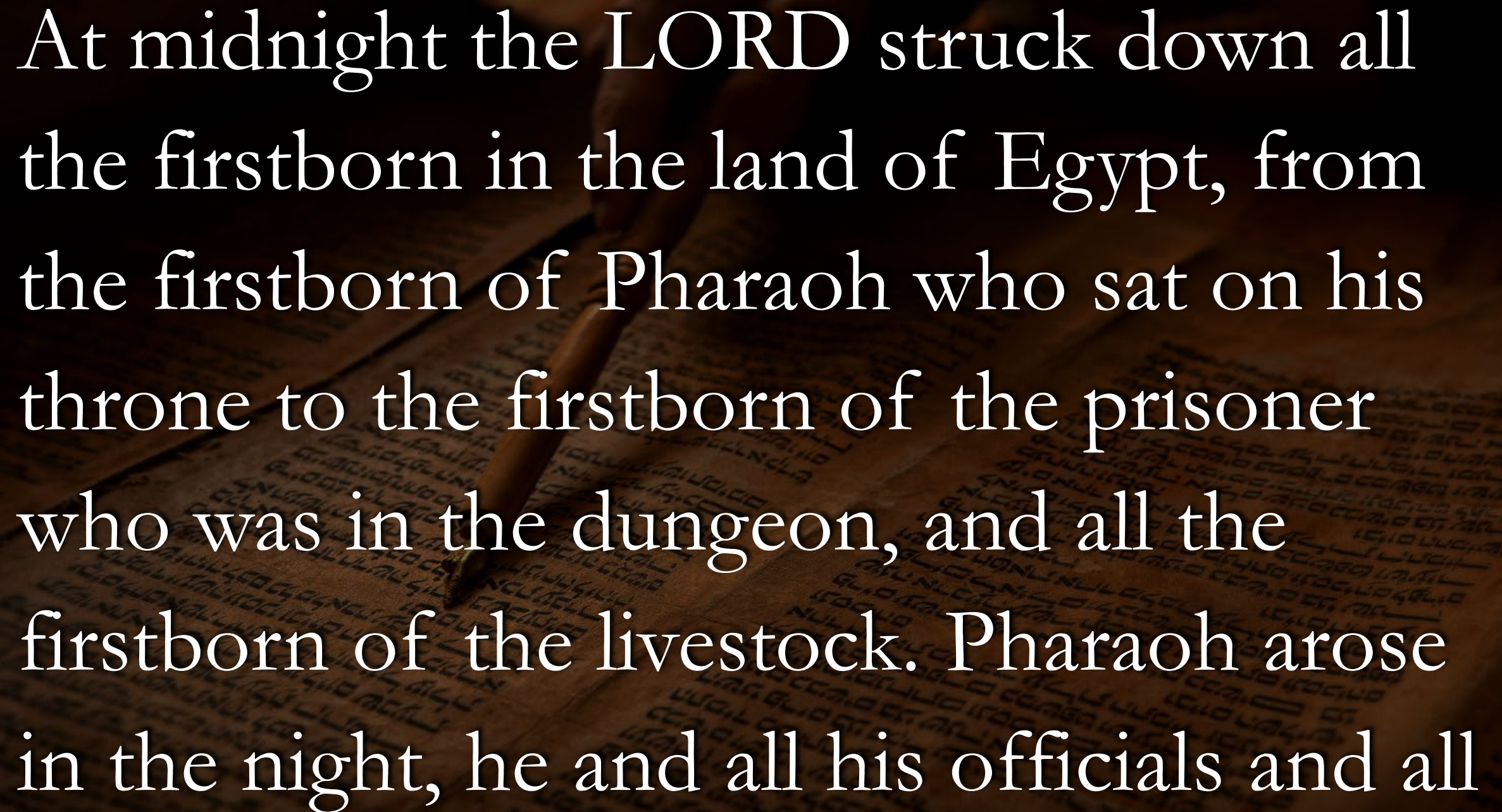
human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.



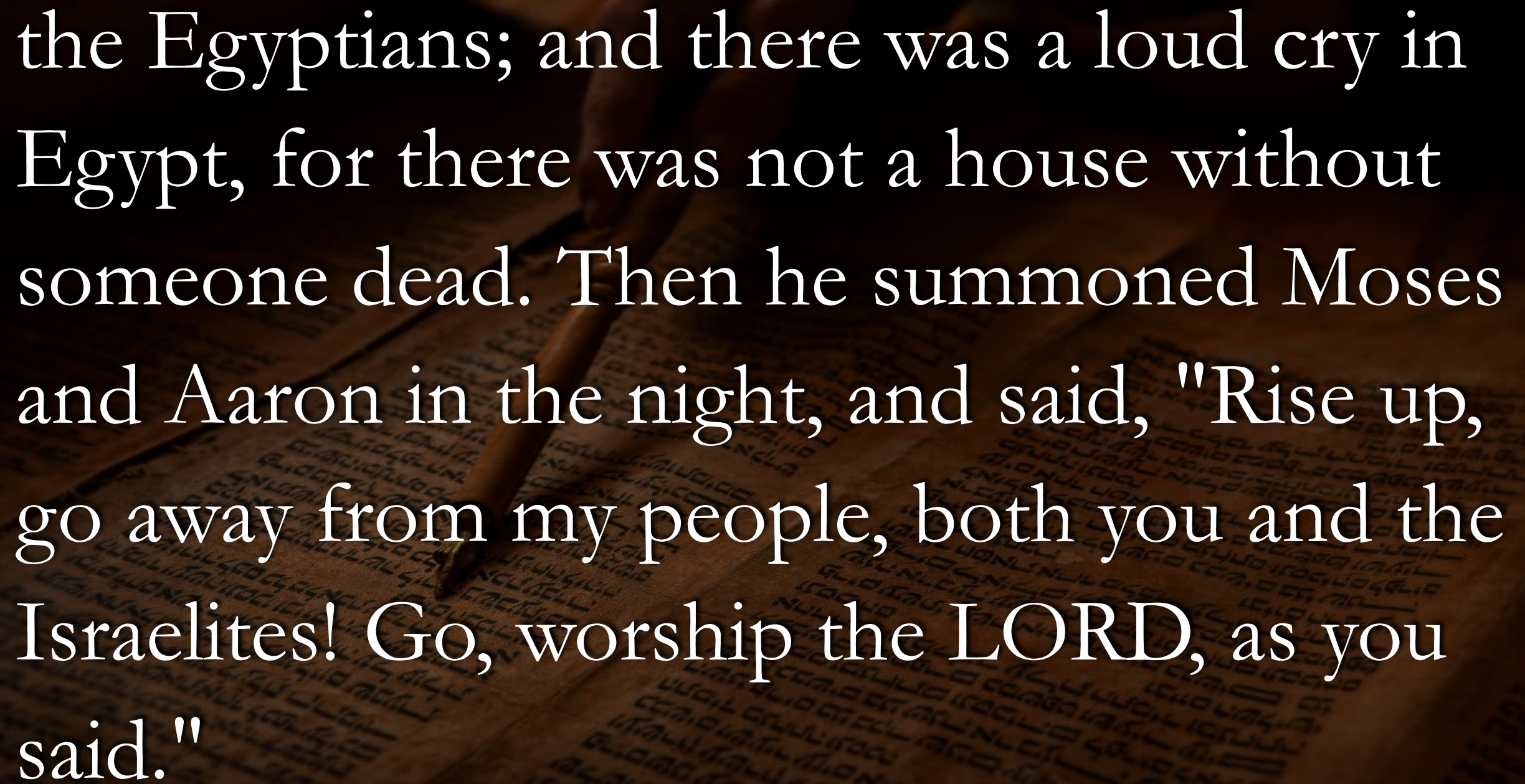
Exodus 12:29-31

(NRSV)



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 Hebrew script. The lighting is warm and focused, creating a sense of ancient wisdom and divine revelation. The background is dark, emphasizing the book and the hand.

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his officials and all

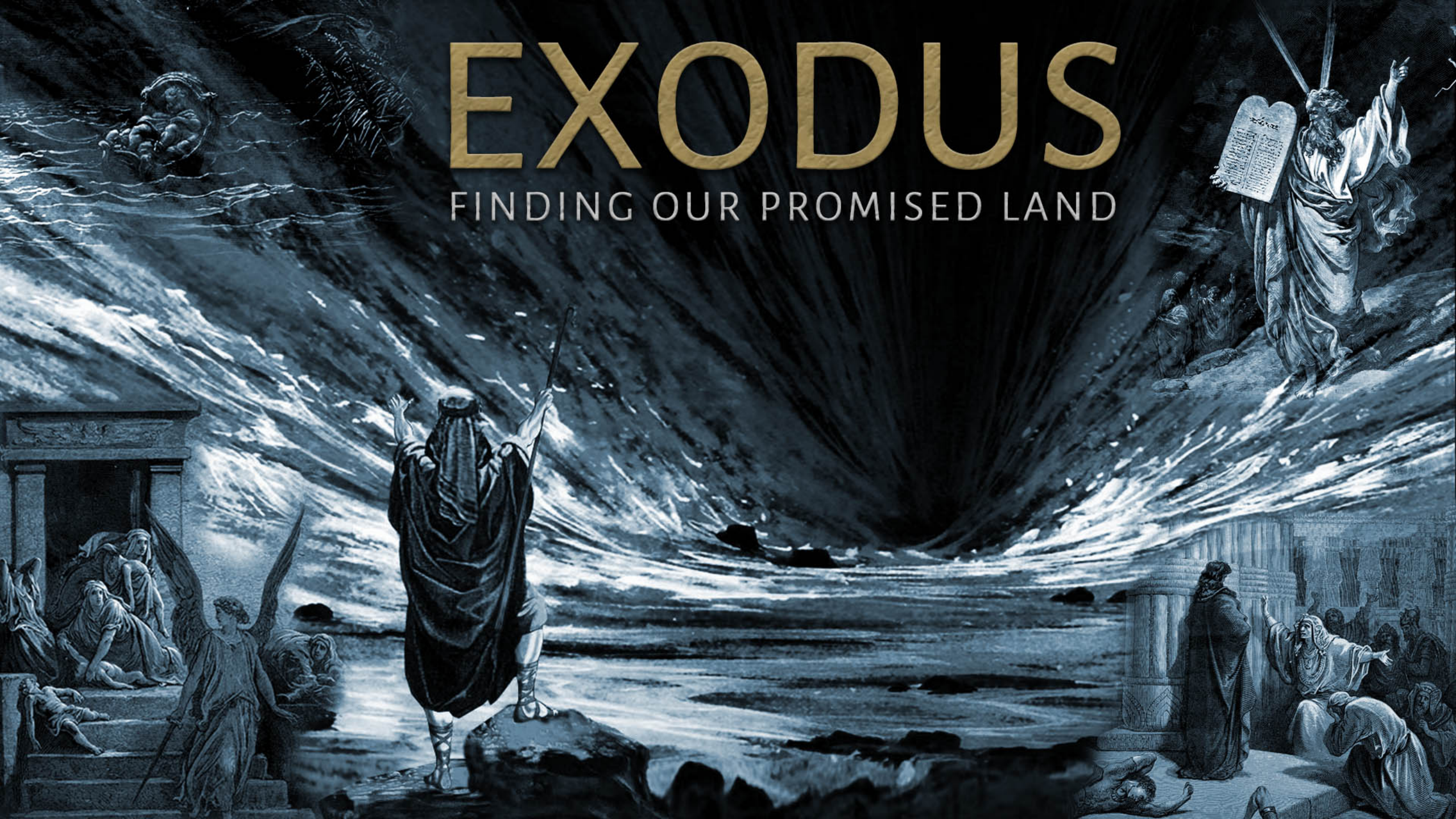
A close-up, dimly lit photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in Hebrew script. The lighting is warm and focused, creating a sense of historical or religious significance. The background is dark and out of focus.

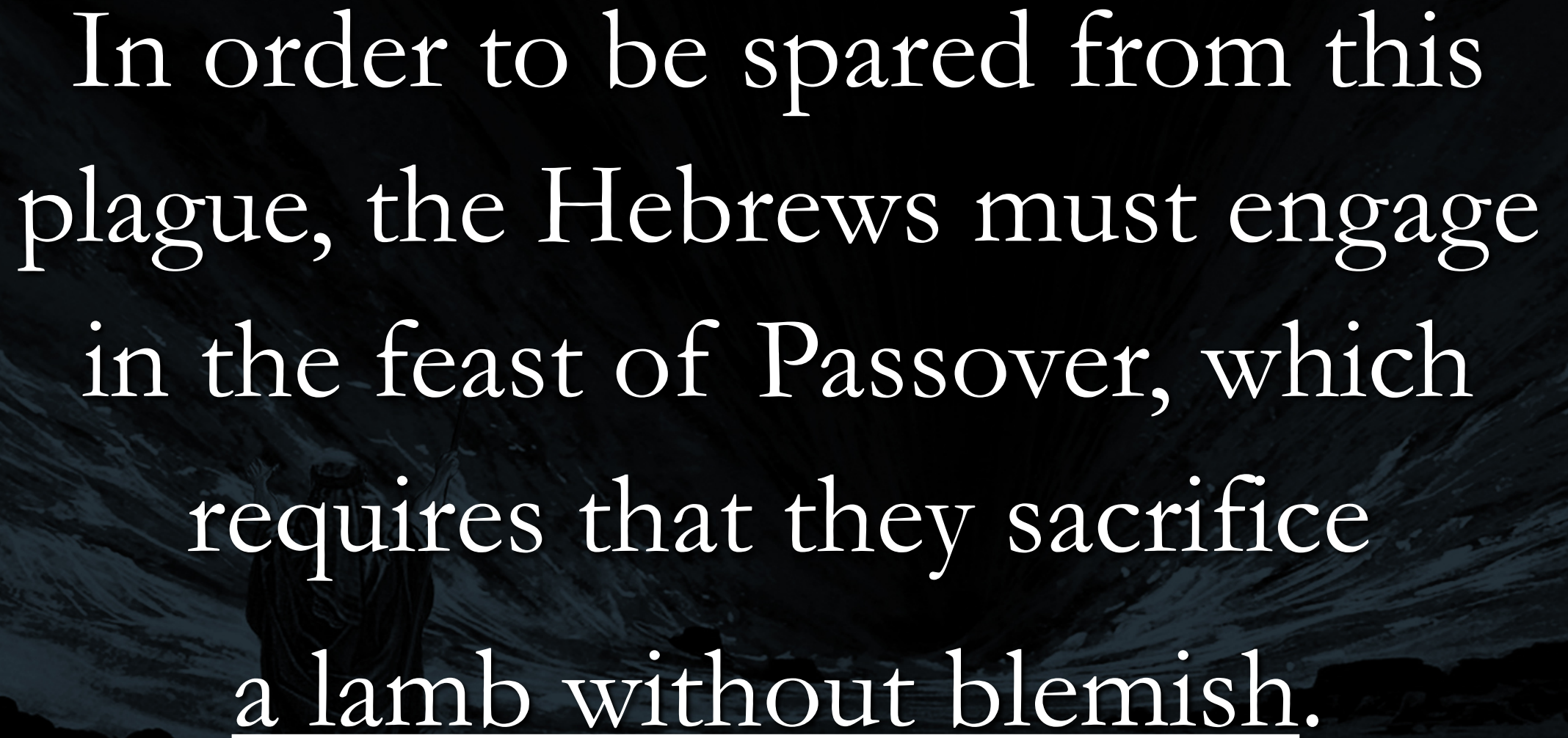
the Egyptians; and there was a loud cry in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. Then he summoned Moses and Aaron in the night, and said, "Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD, as you said."



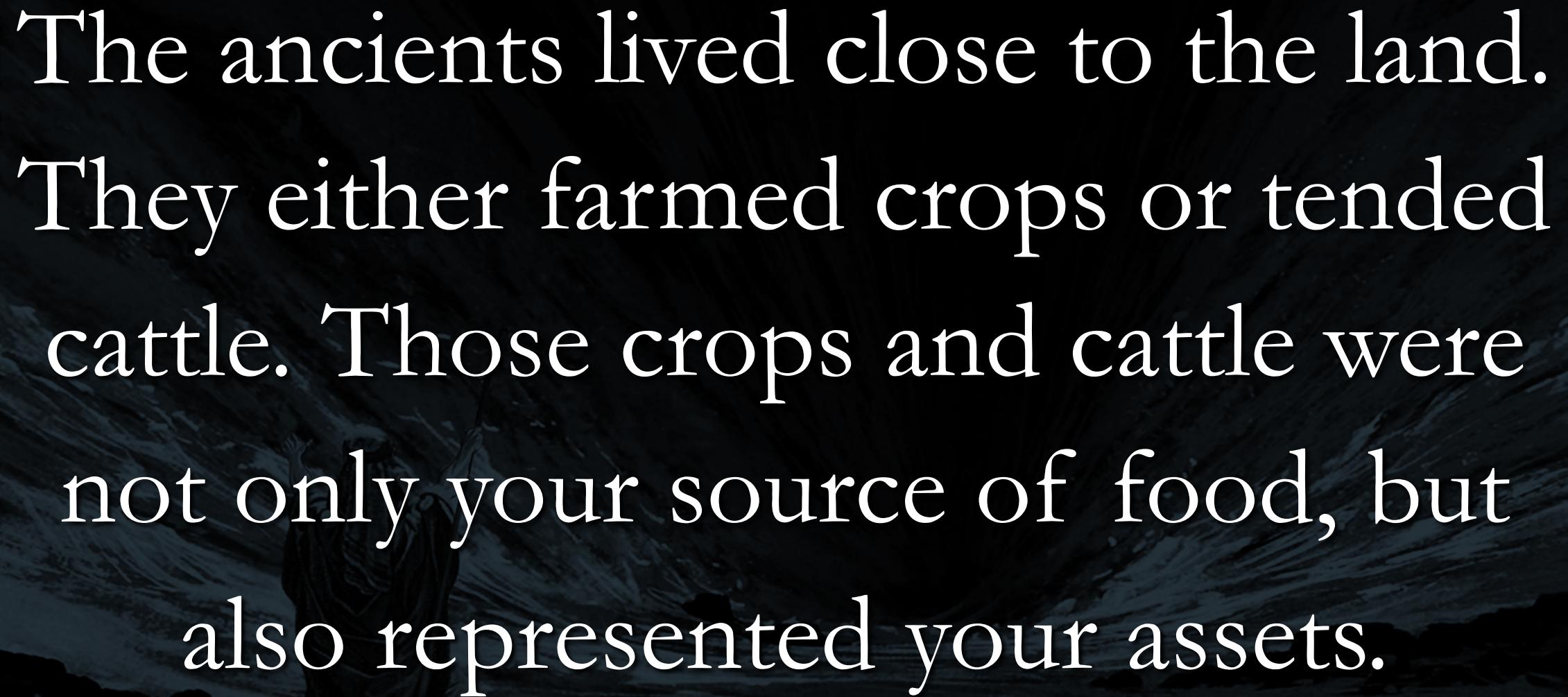
EXODUS

FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



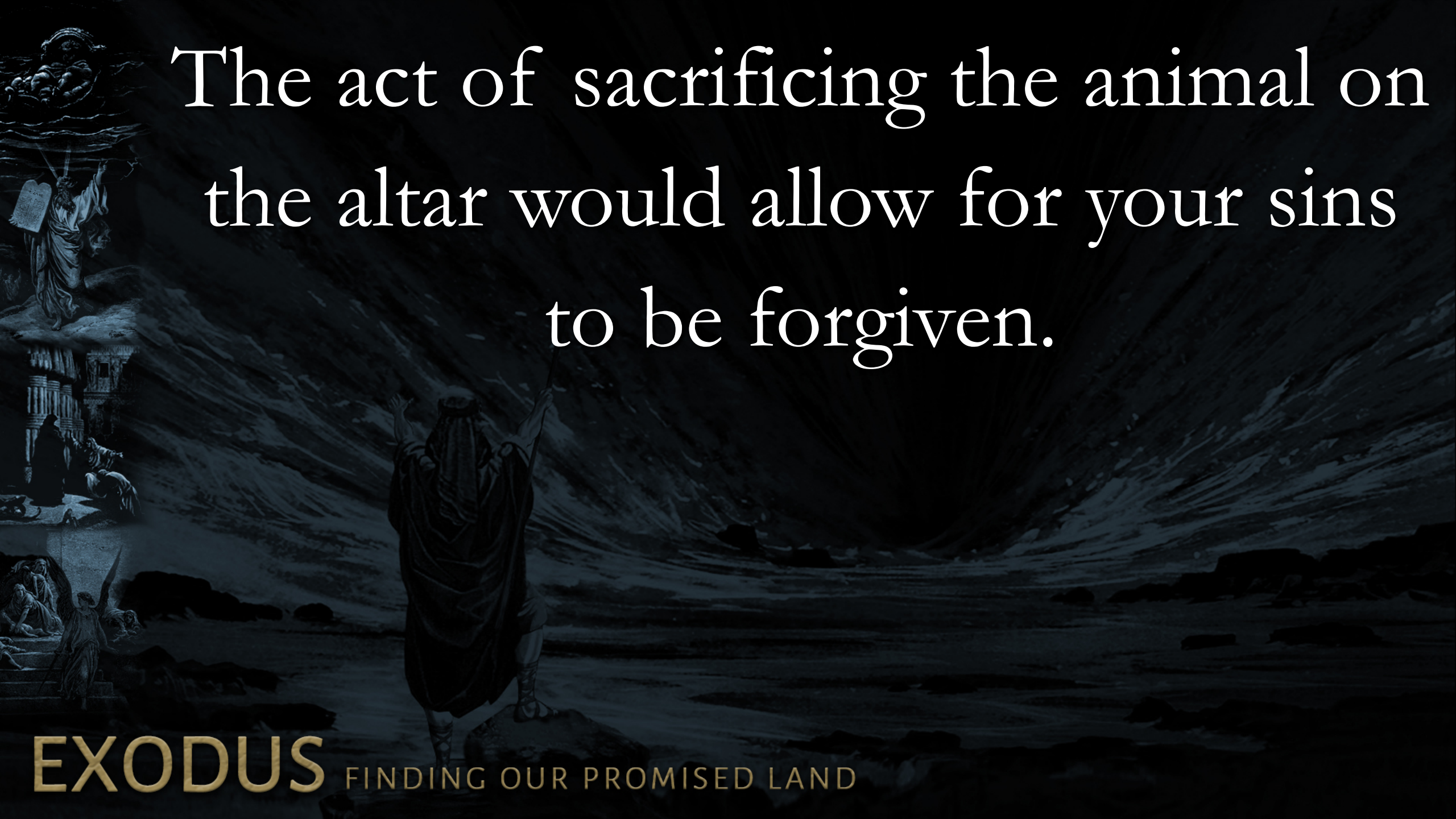


In order to be spared from this plague, the Hebrews must engage in the feast of Passover, which requires that they sacrifice a lamb without blemish.



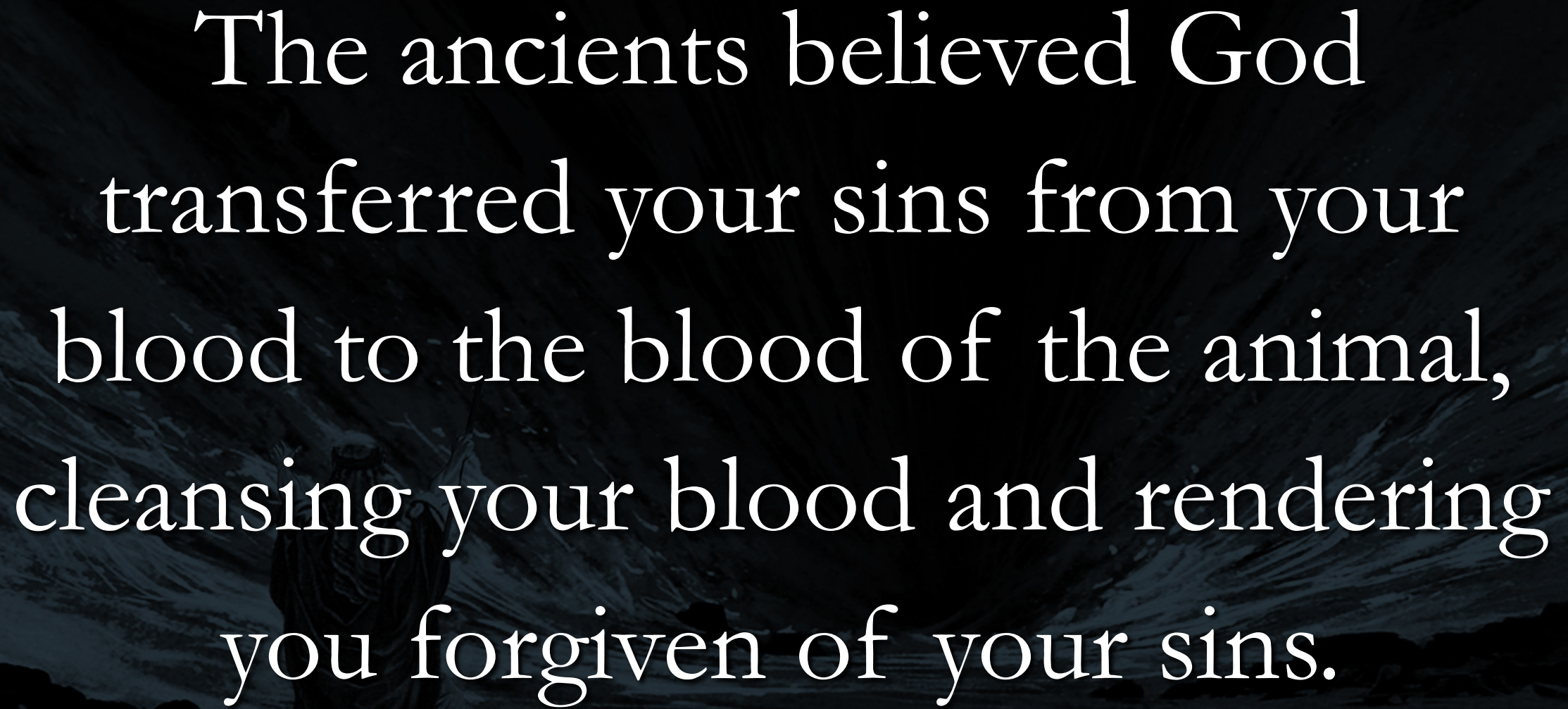
The ancients lived close to the land.
They either farmed crops or tended
cattle. Those crops and cattle were
not only your source of food, but
also represented your assets.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



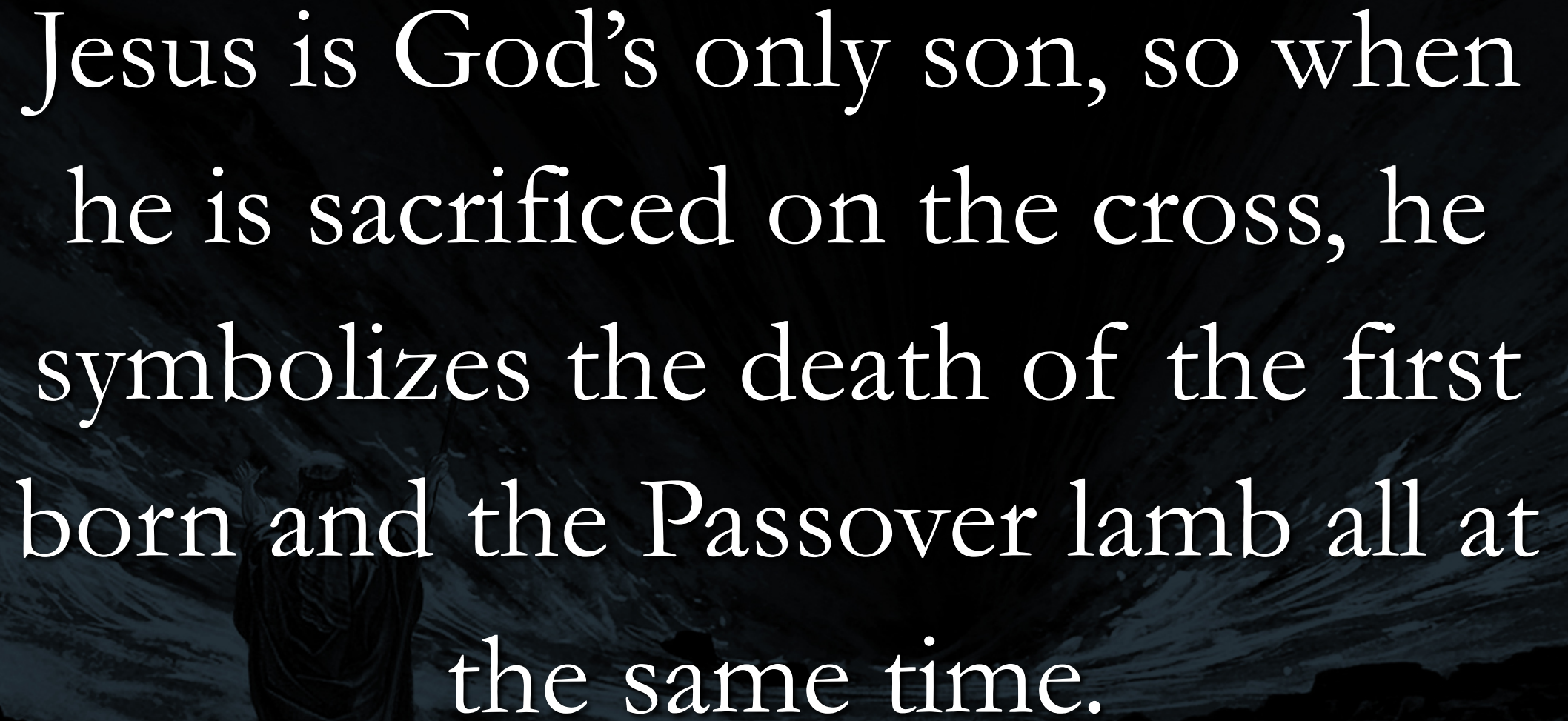
The act of sacrificing the animal on
the altar would allow for your sins
to be forgiven.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



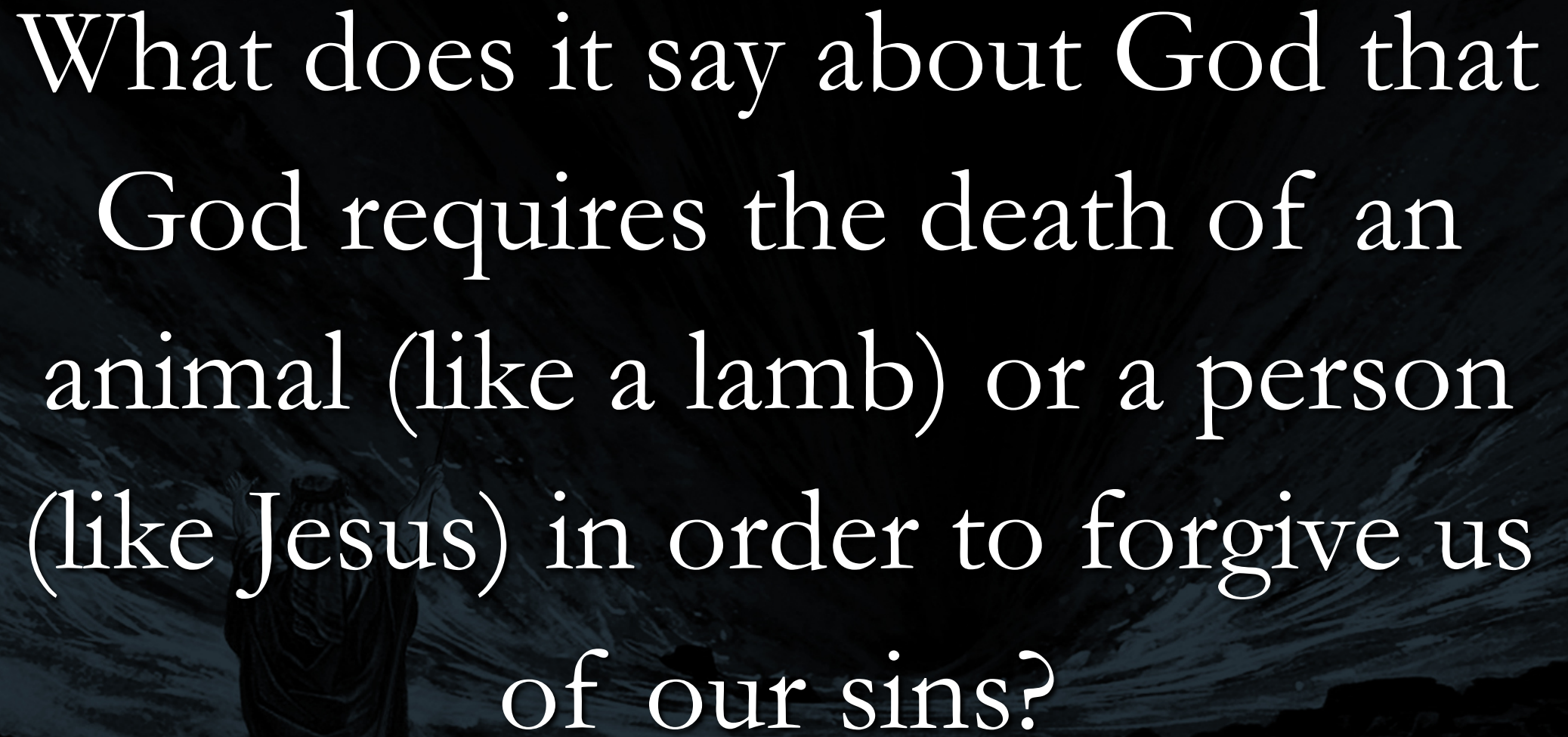
The ancients believed God
transferred your sins from your
blood to the blood of the animal,
cleansing your blood and rendering
you forgiven of your sins.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



Jesus is God's only son, so when
he is sacrificed on the cross, he
symbolizes the death of the first
born and the Passover lamb all at
the same time.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



What does it say about God that
God requires the death of an
animal (like a lamb) or a person
(like Jesus) in order to forgive us
of our sins?

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



Questions

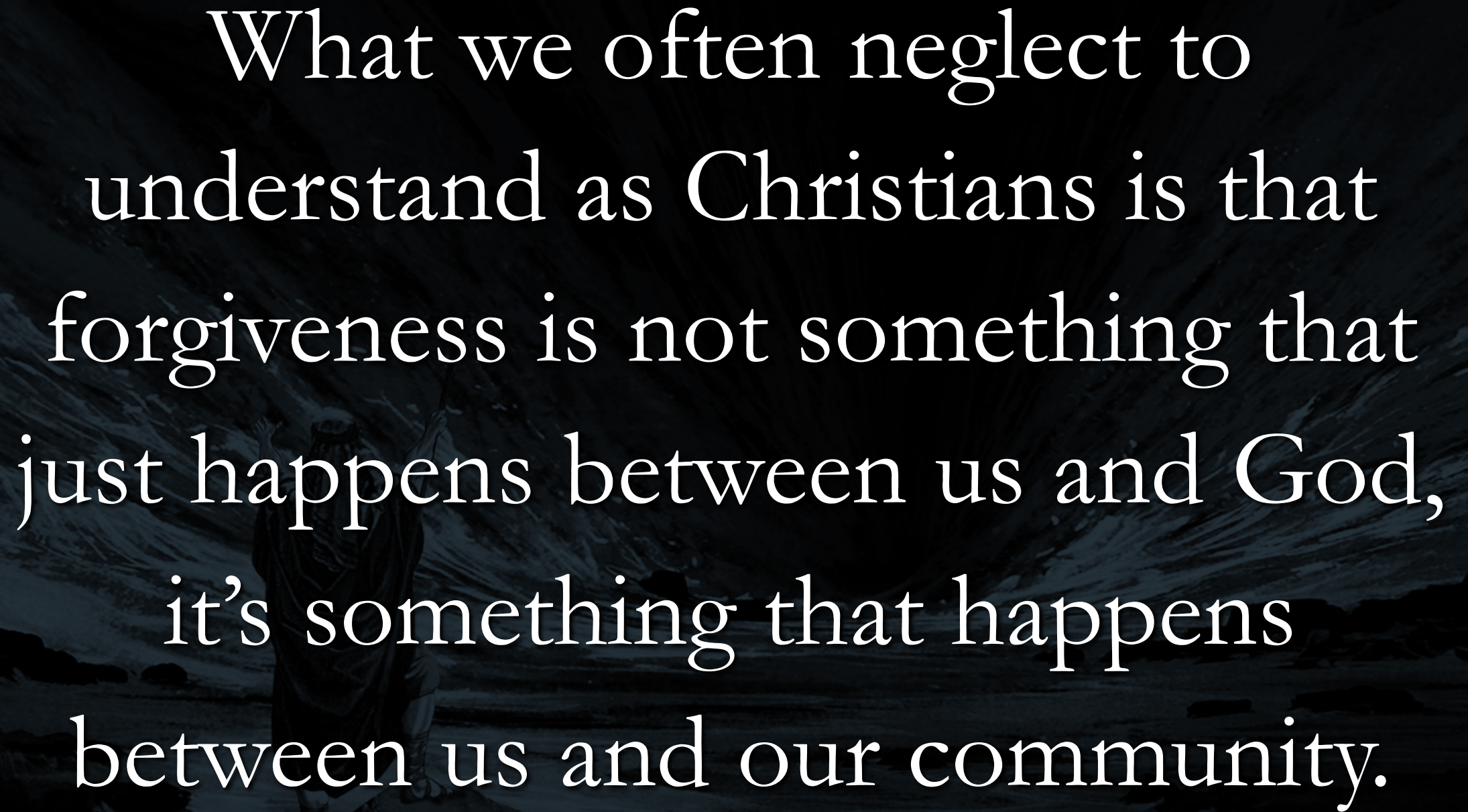
1. Does God need to shed blood to forgive?
2. If God can forgive without shedding blood, did Jesus need to die so we could be forgiven?

The background is a dark, atmospheric illustration. In the center, a figure in a dark robe with arms raised stands on a rocky outcrop, looking towards a distant, hazy horizon. To the left, there is a vertical strip of three smaller scenes: the top shows a figure in a cloud holding a scroll; the middle shows a figure in a dark robe standing near a structure; the bottom shows a figure in a dark robe standing near a structure. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Questions

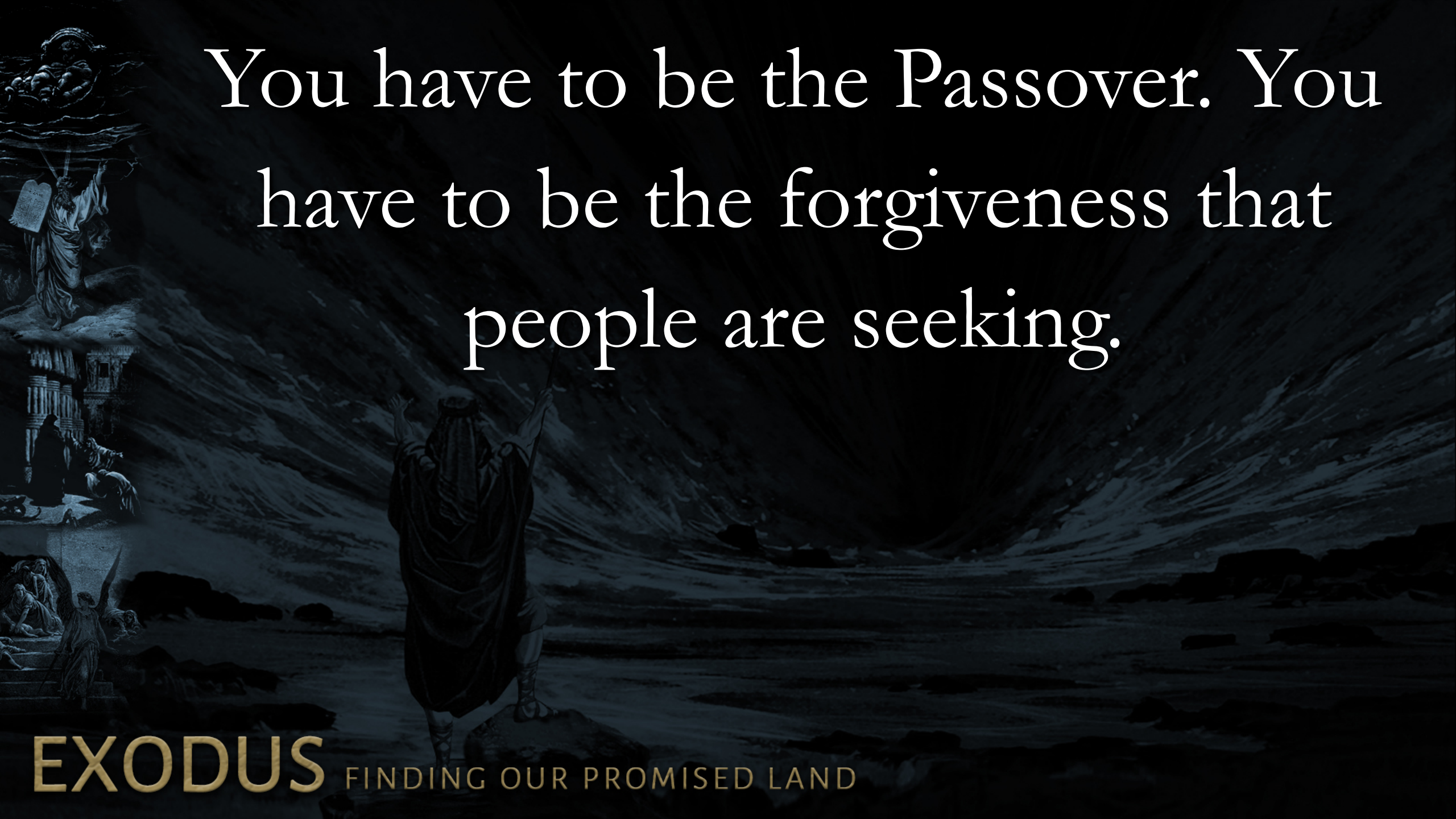
3. If Jesus didn't have to die so we could be forgiven, then what was the purpose of his death?





What we often neglect to understand as Christians is that forgiveness is not something that just happens between us and God, it's something that happens between us and our community.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND



You have to be the Passover. You
have to be the forgiveness that
people are seeking.

EXODUS FINDING OUR PROMISED LAND

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION

— SERVICE —

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL



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*

