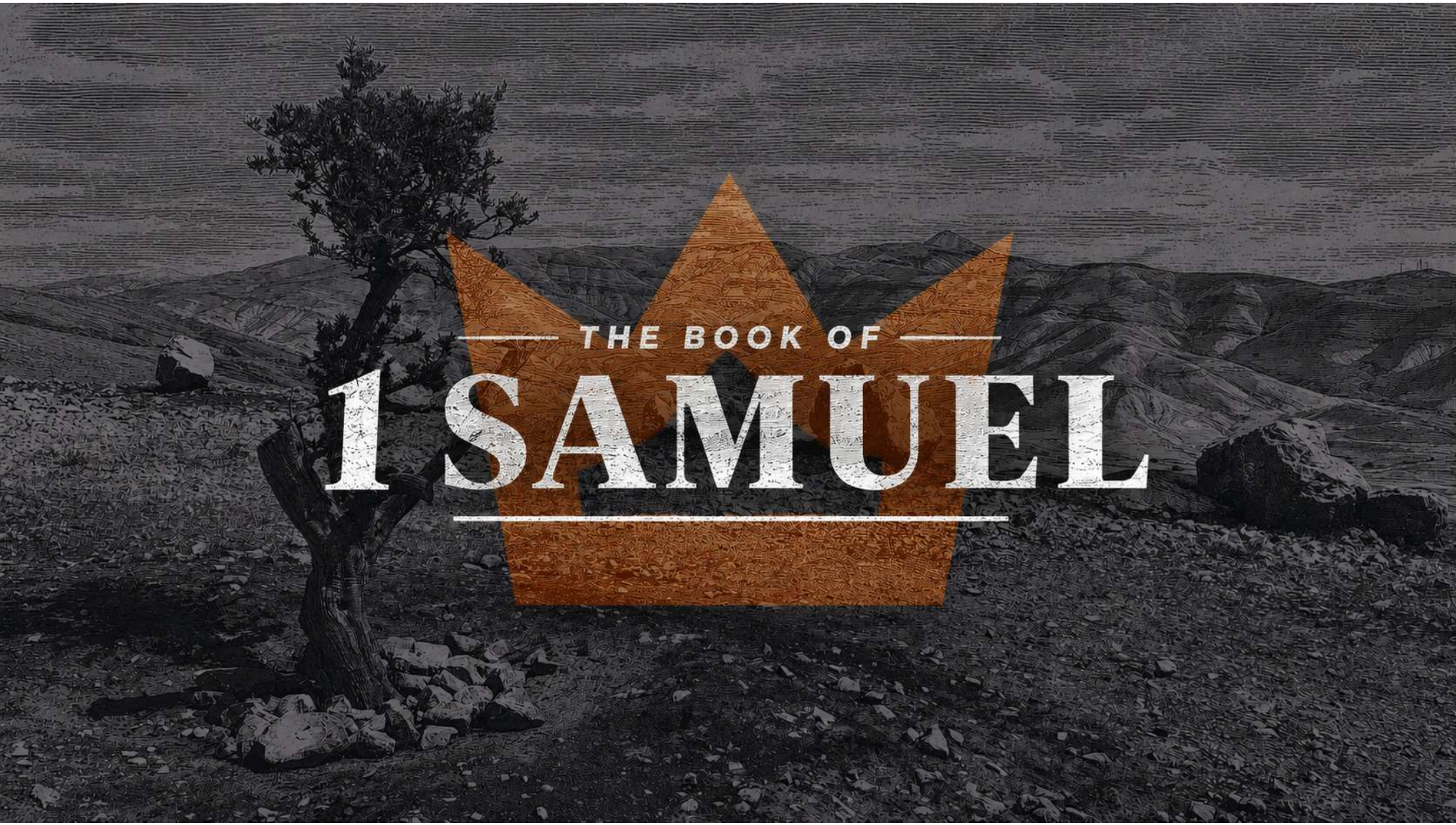
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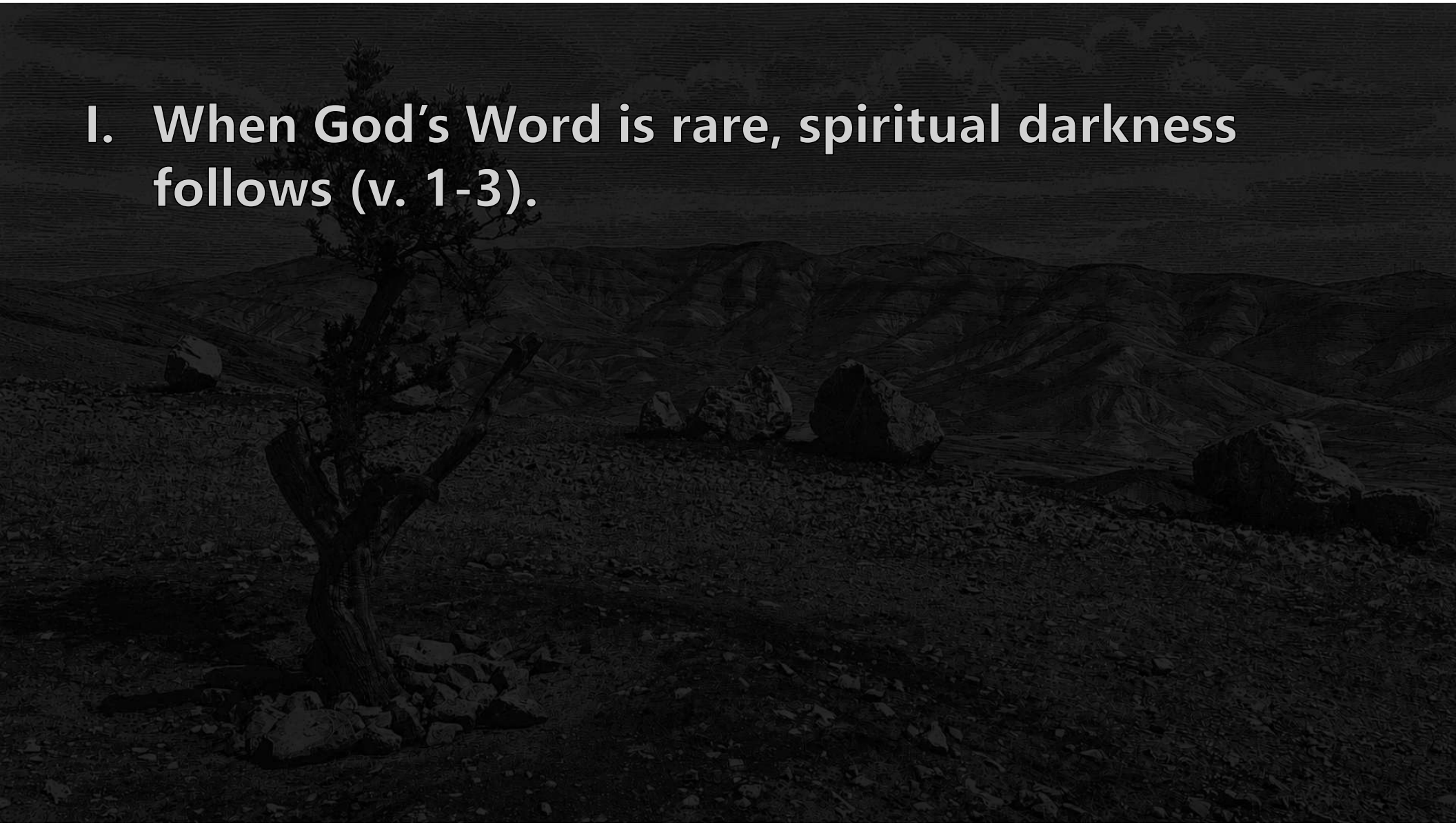

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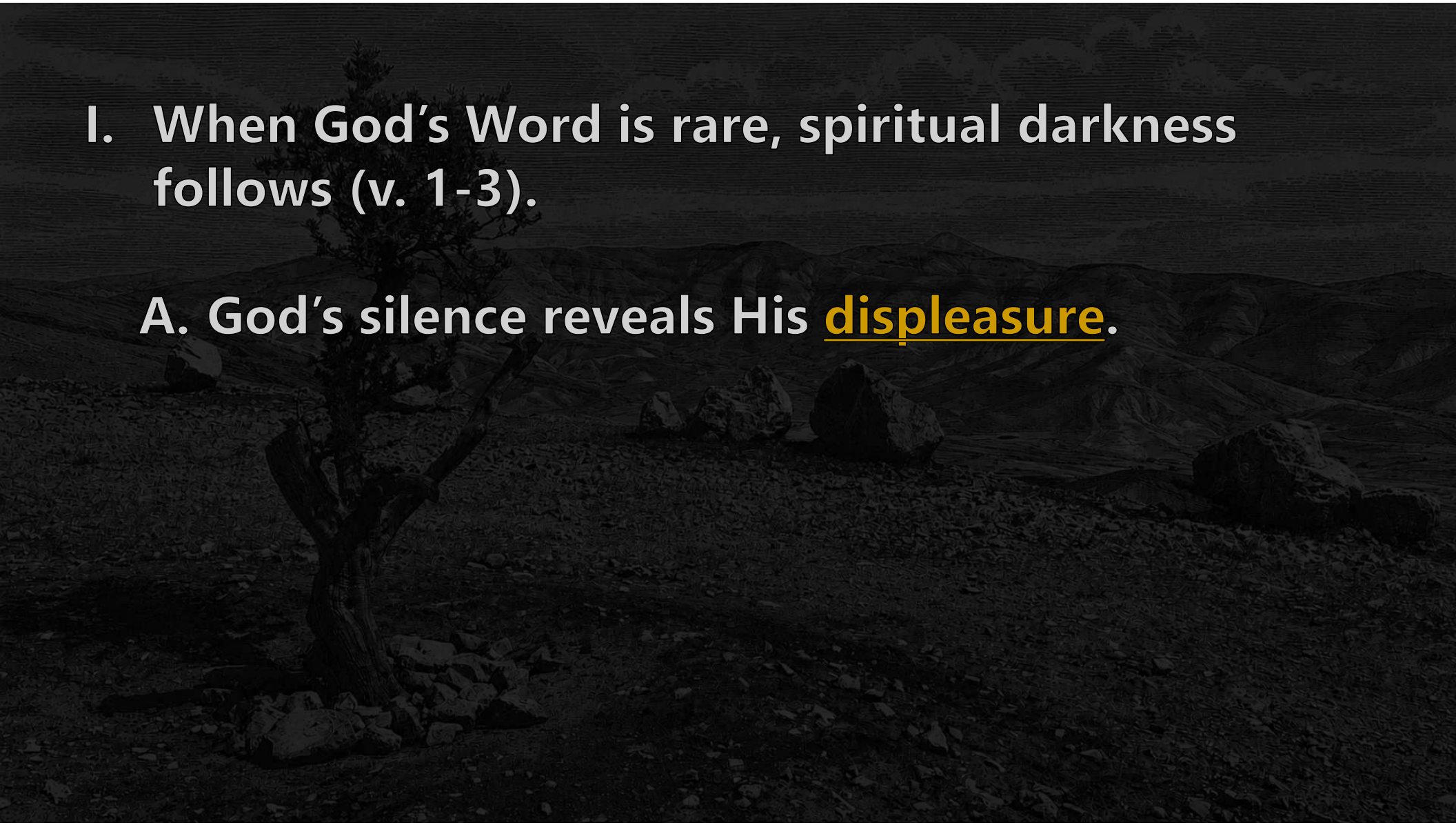

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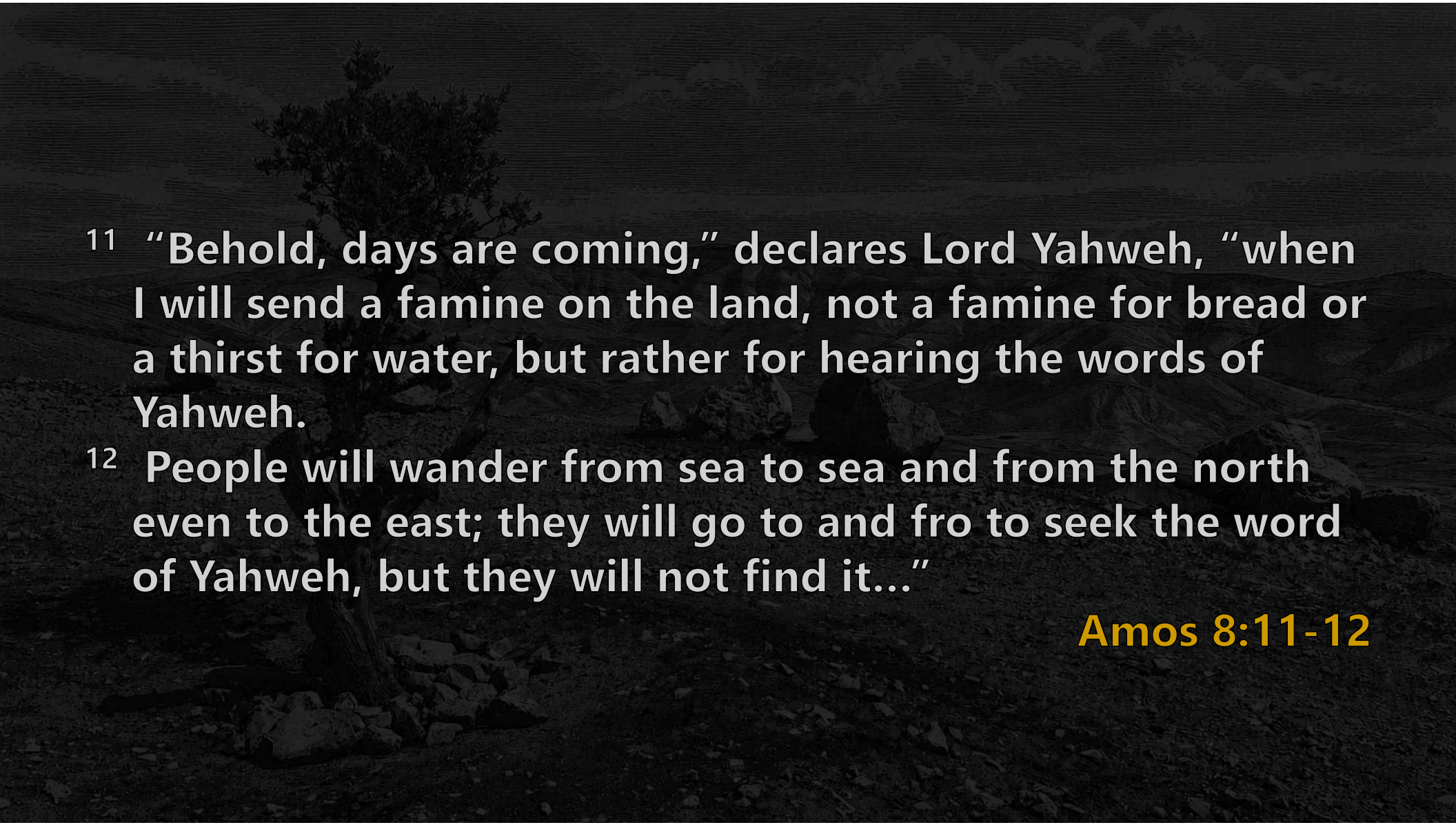
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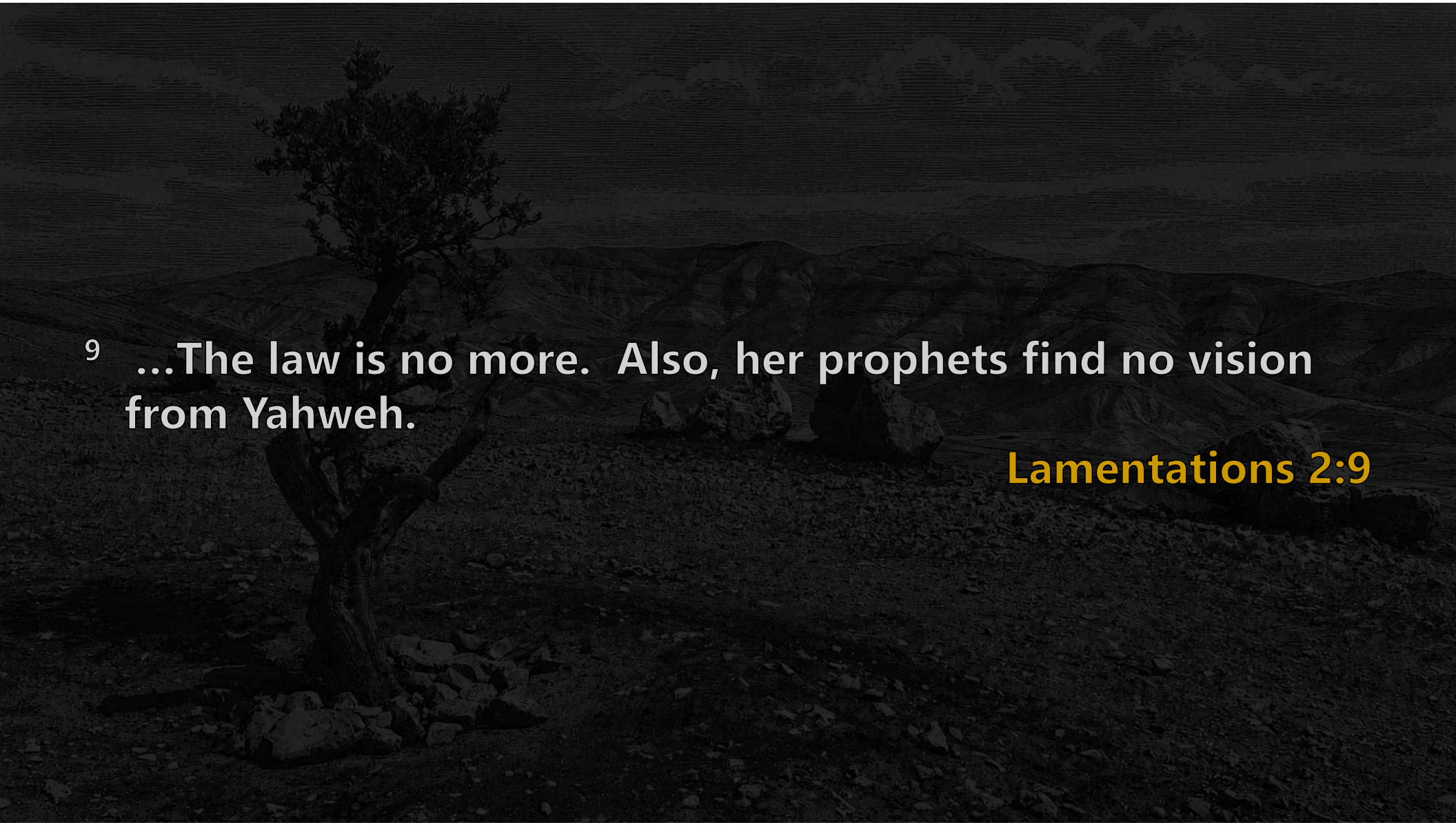
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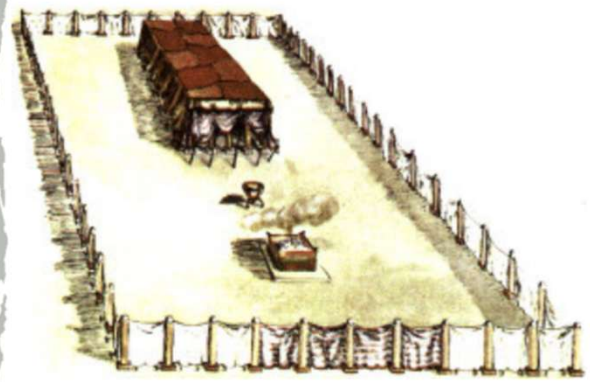

TABERNACLE DIMENSIONS

- Outer Court - 150’ x 75’
- Tabernacle - 45’ x 15’
- Most Holy Place - 30 ‘ x 15’
- Holy of Holies - 15’ x 15’

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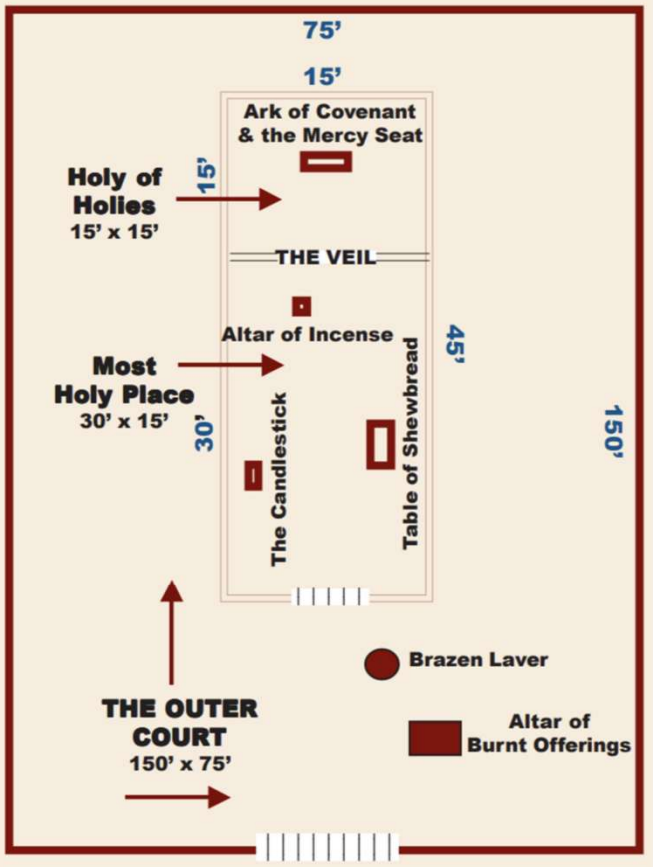

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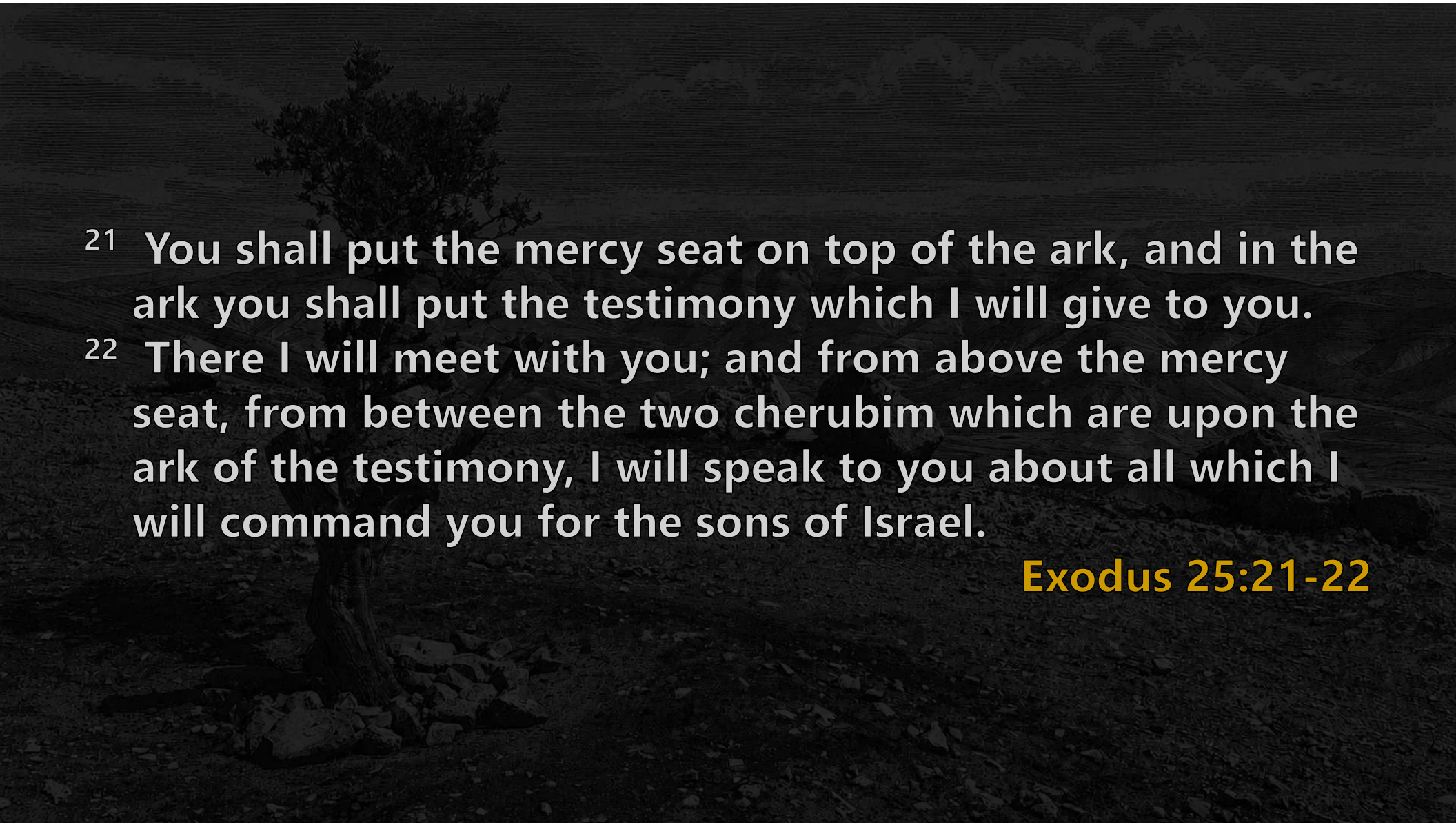
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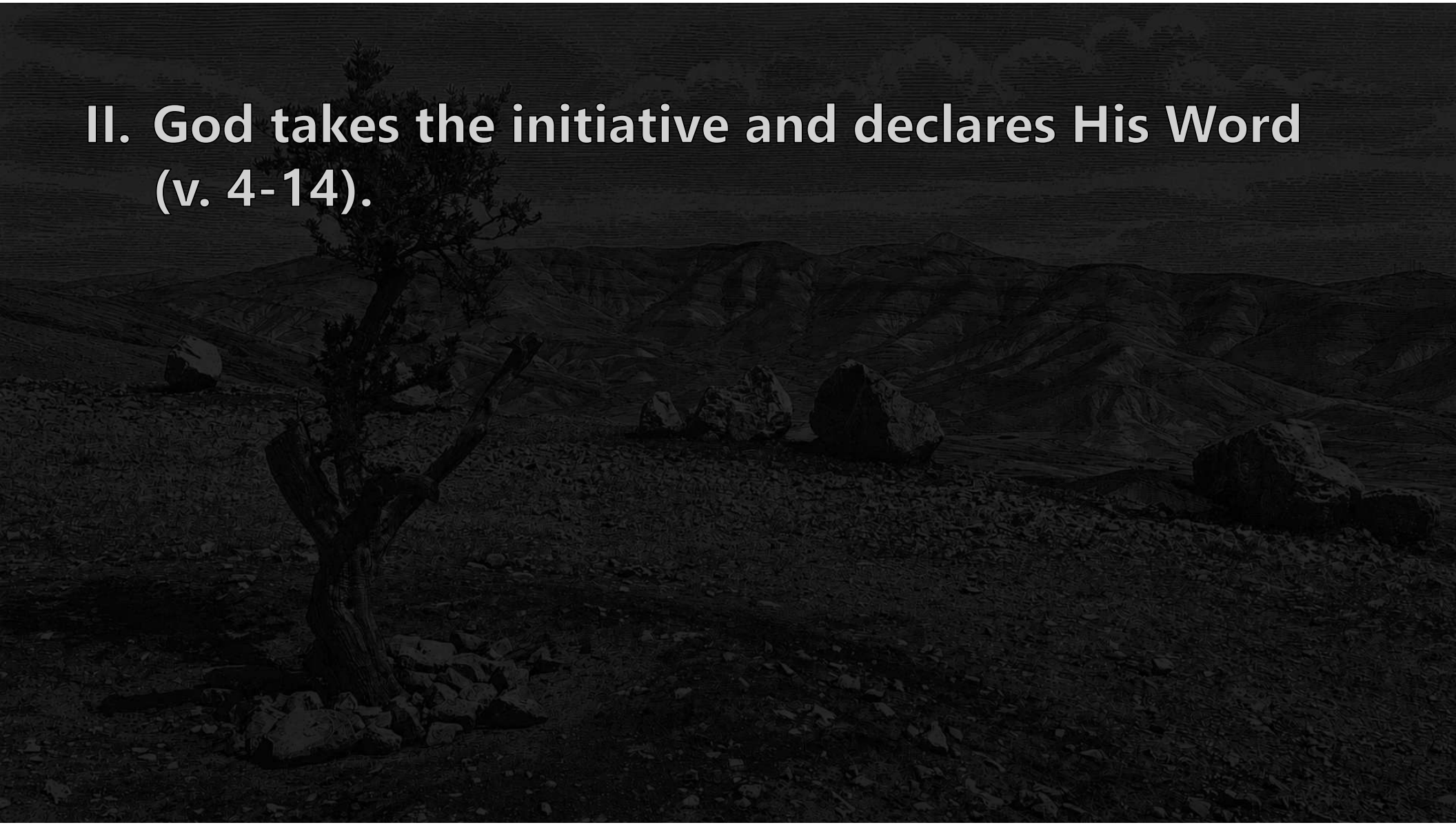

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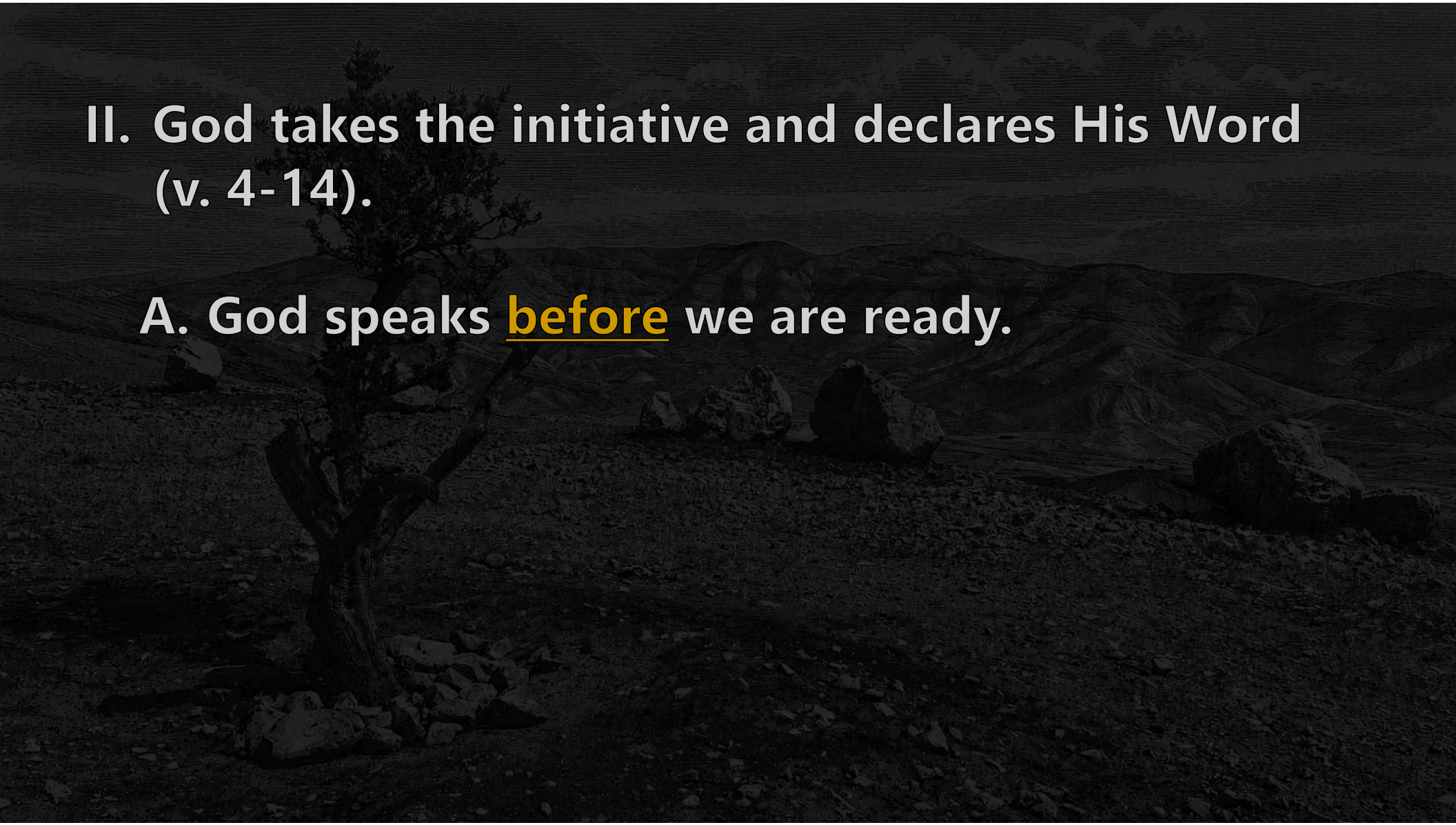

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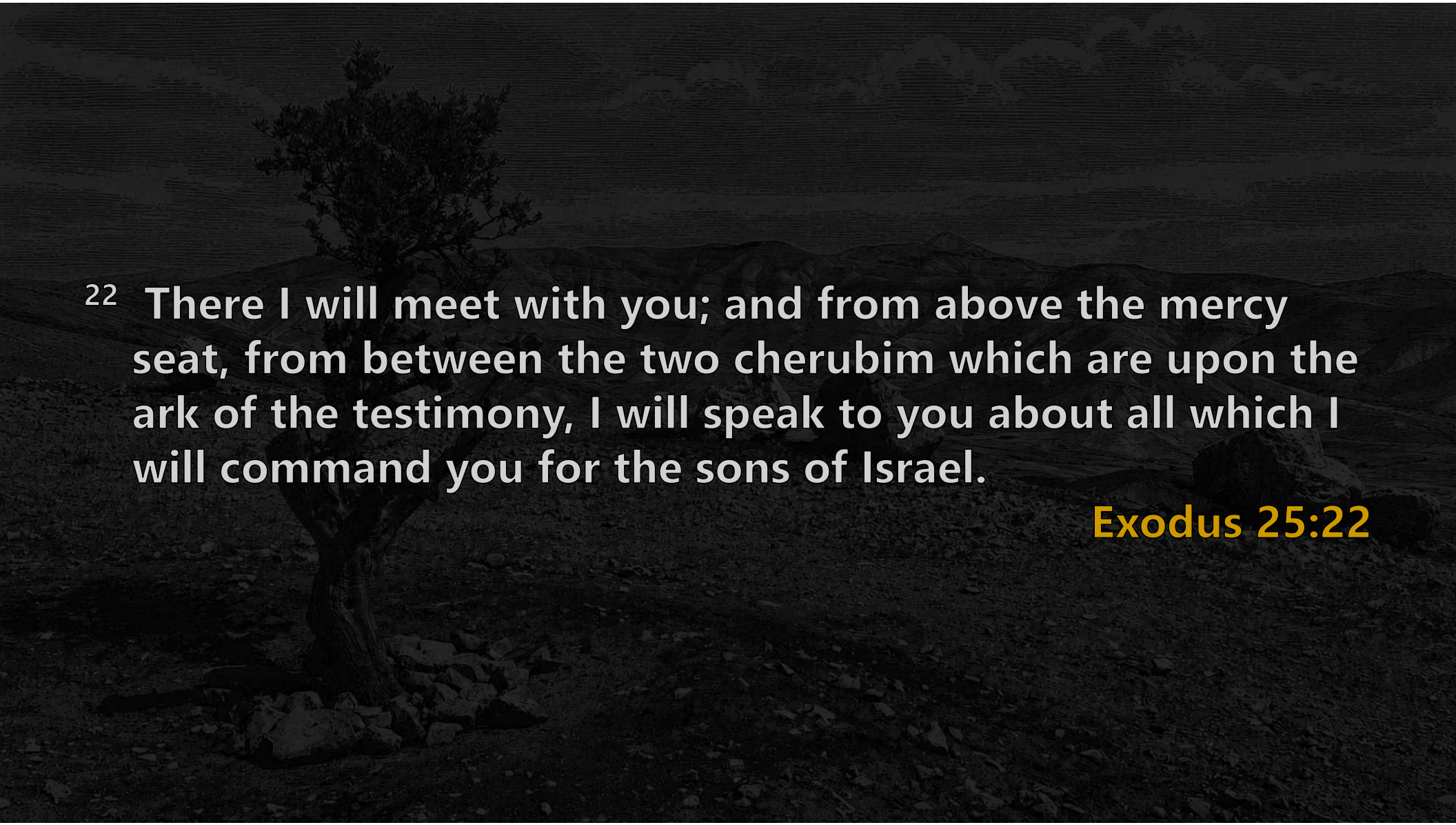
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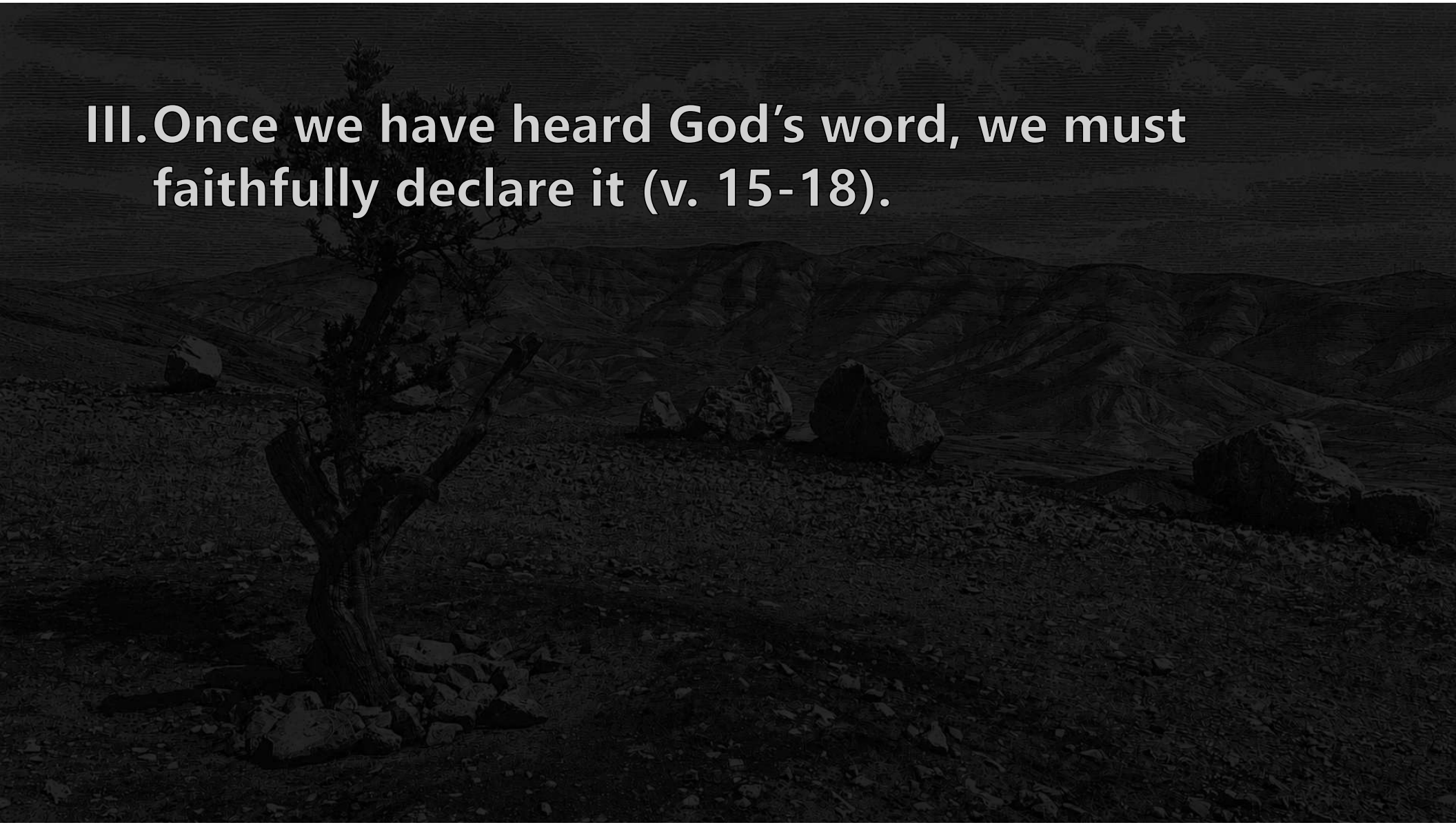

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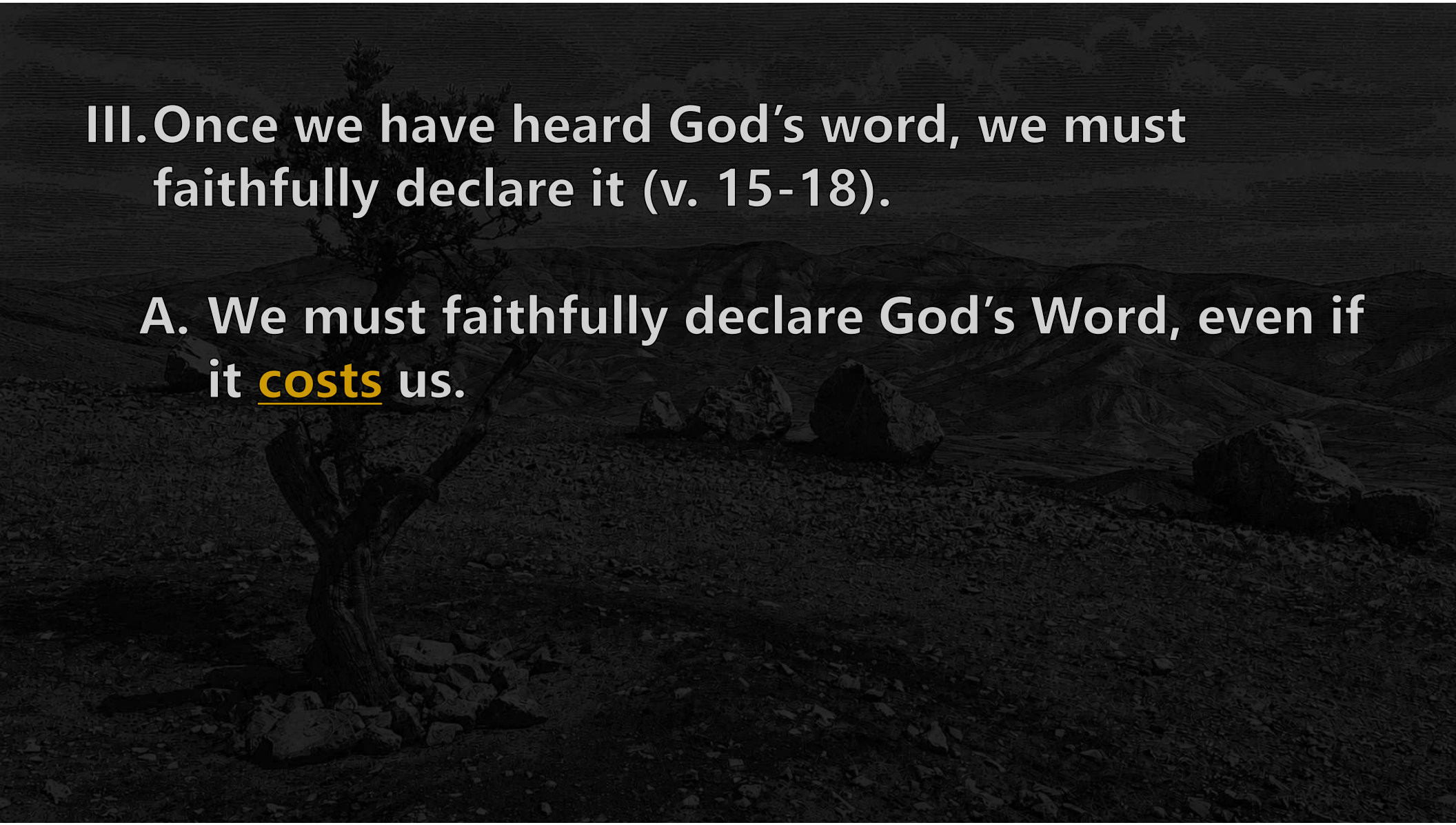

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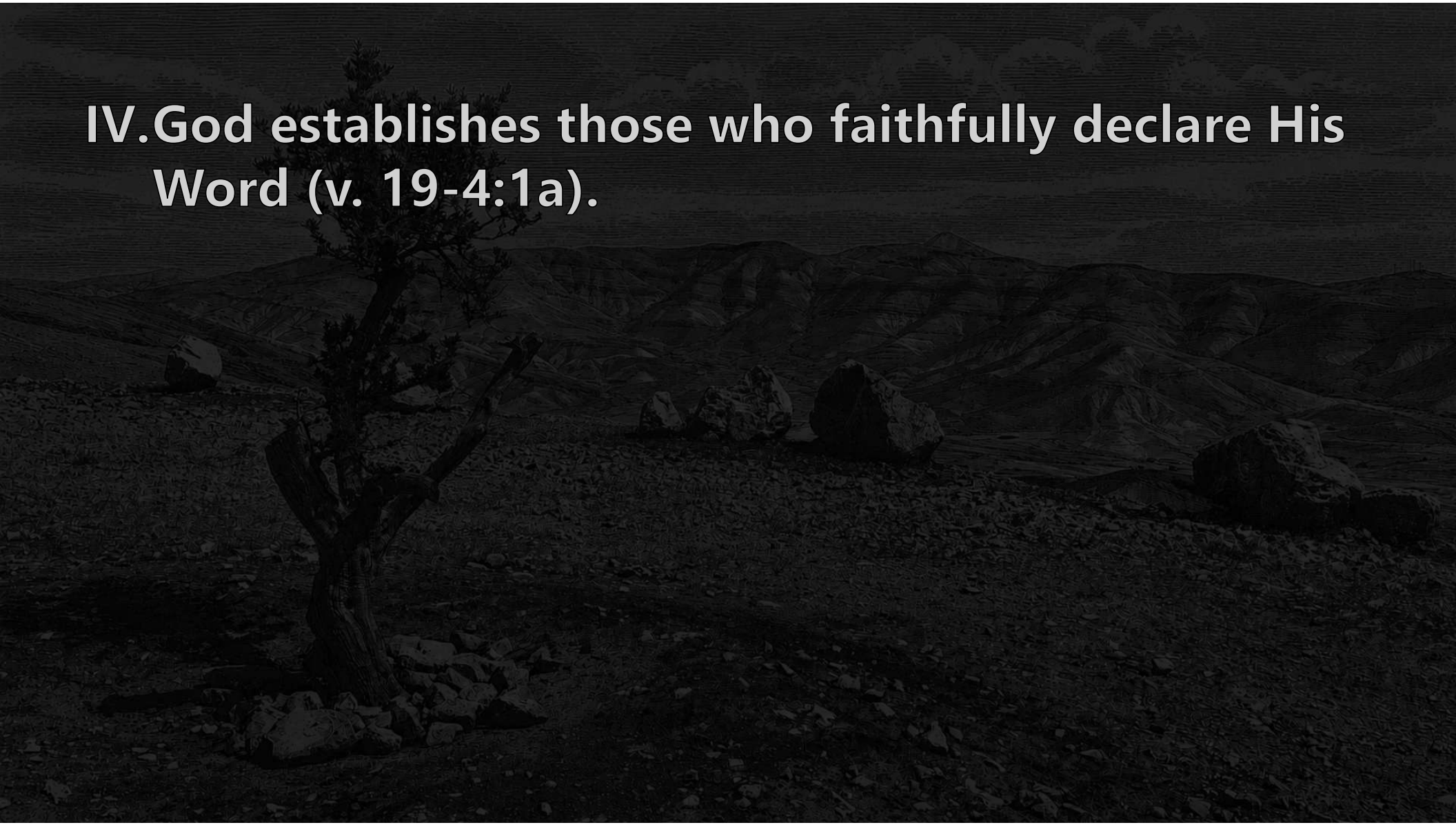

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not hear again the voice of Yahweh my God; let me not
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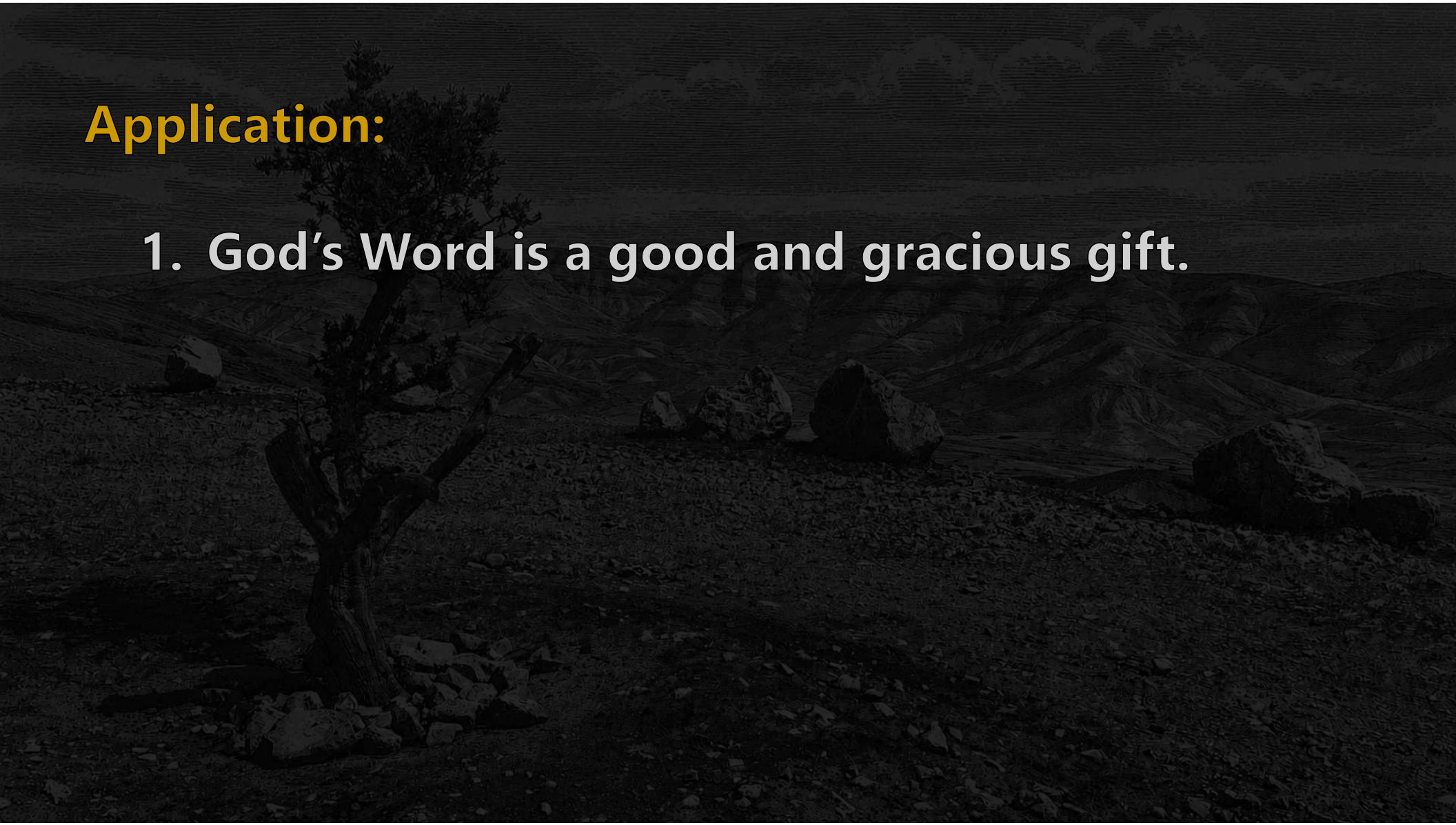

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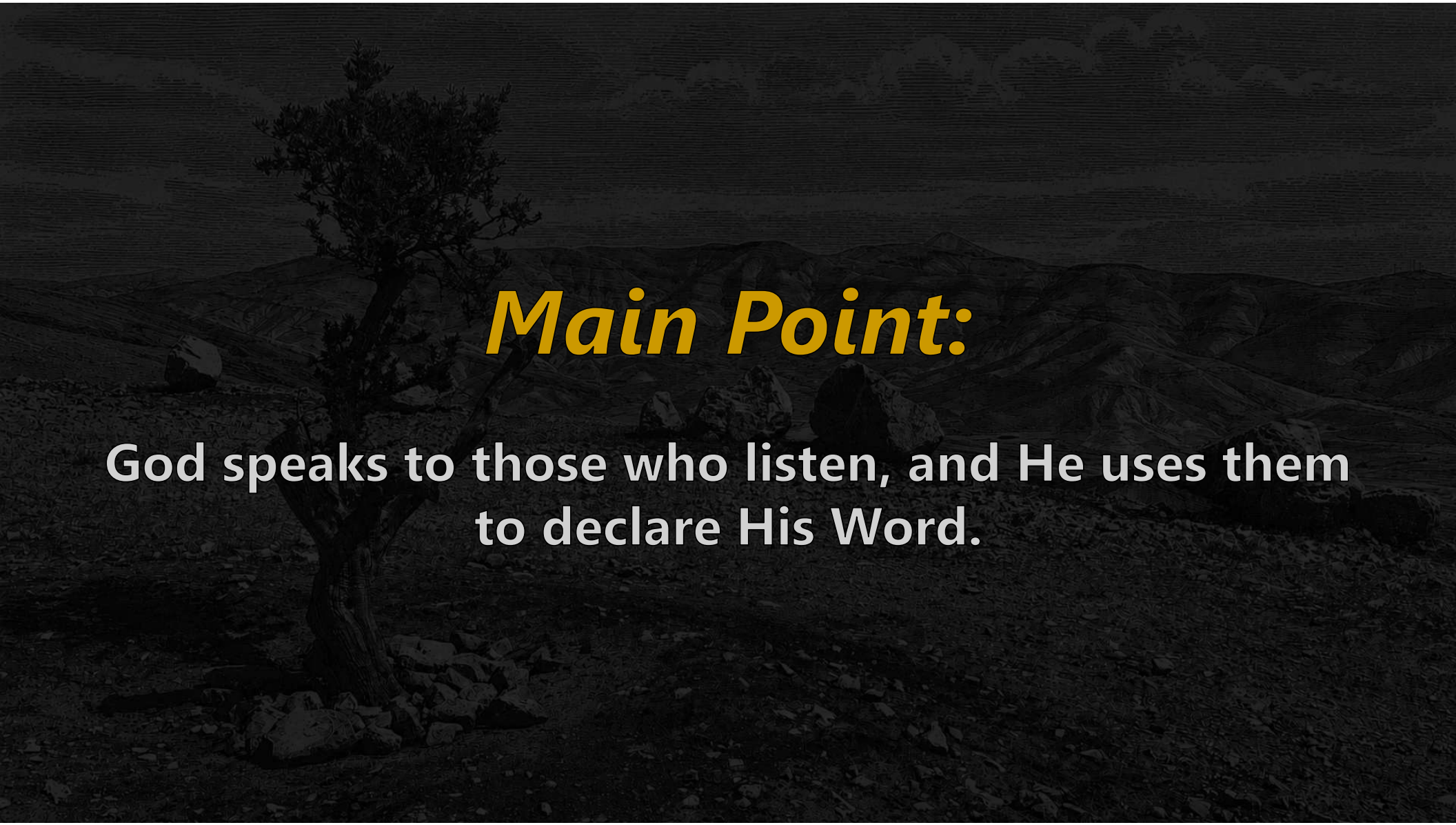

Main Point:

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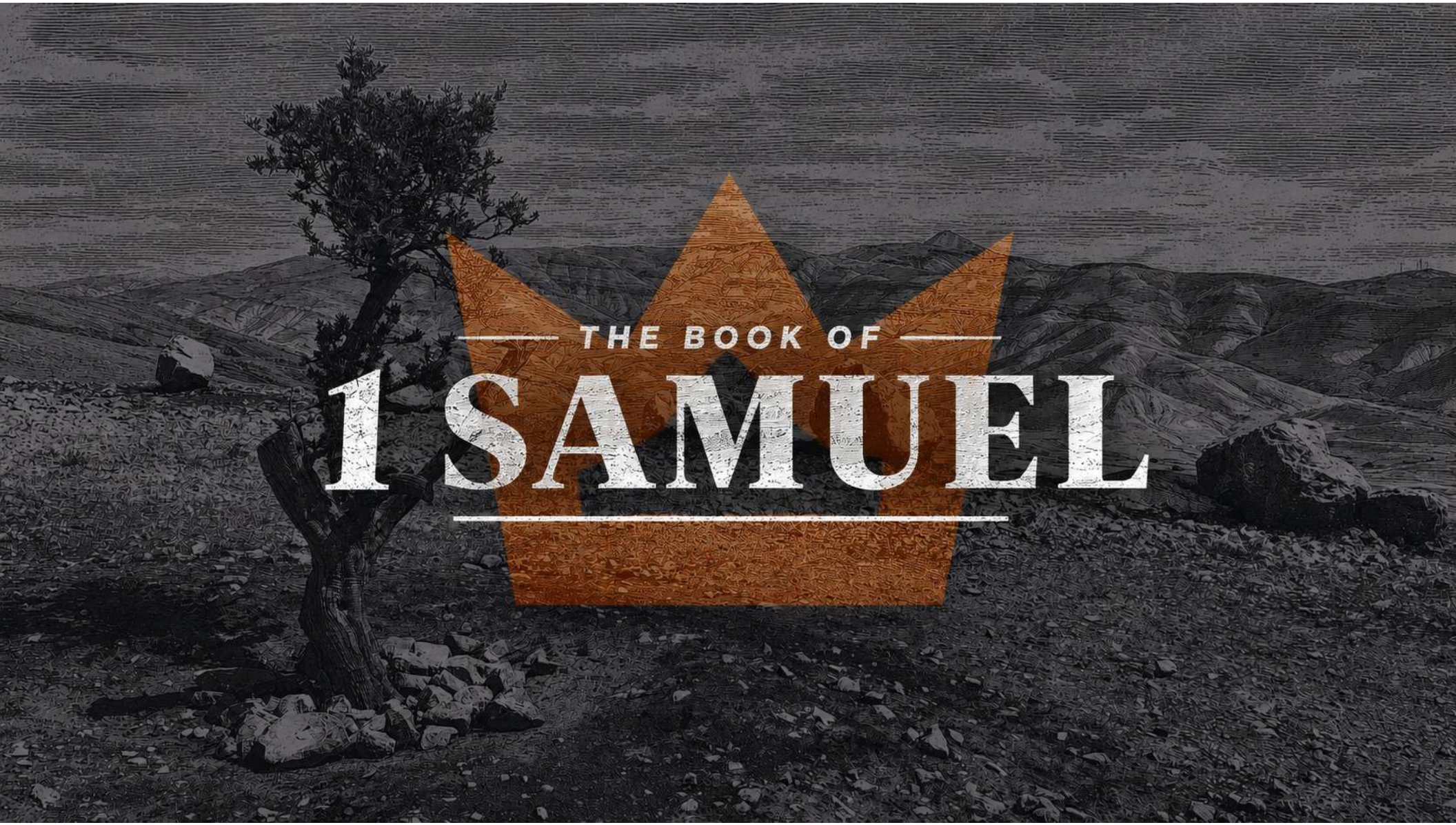
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