

An aerial photograph of a volcanic landscape. A large, billowing white plume of smoke or ash rises from a central crater, partially obscuring the sky. The surrounding terrain is rugged and covered in dark, rocky material, with patches of reddish-brown and green vegetation visible. The overall scene conveys a sense of powerful natural forces.

# EXODUS

our story of  
freedom



Why the

# PLAGUES?

- **Demonstration of power**
- **Judgement on Pharoah and the Egyptians**
- **Judgment on the “gods of Egypt”**
- **Ma’at: principle of order... God brings disorder**

**God is making it clear who the one true and living God really is**



<sup>20</sup> Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. <sup>21</sup> The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

**EXODUS 7:20-21**

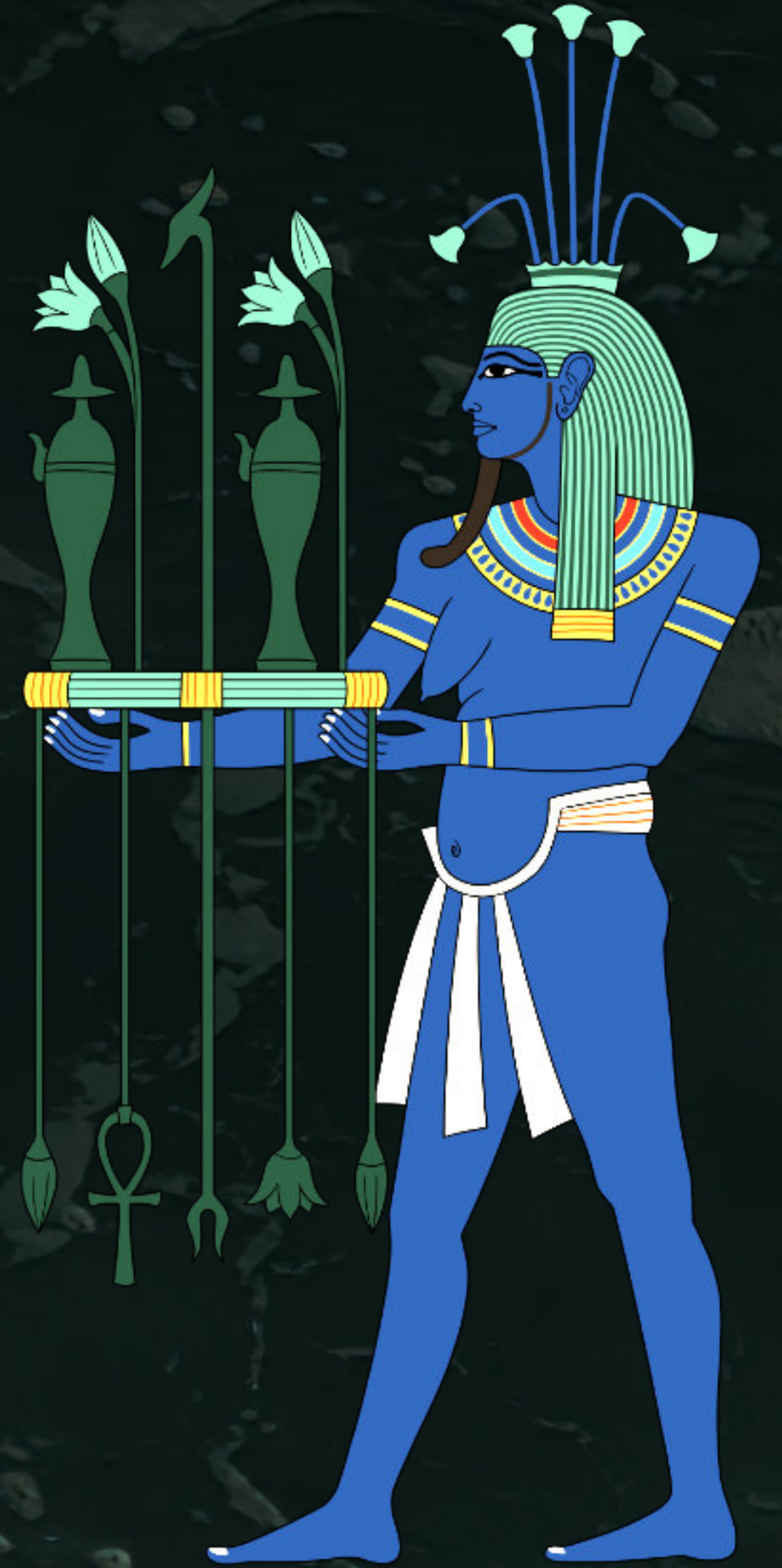


<sup>22</sup> But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said. <sup>23</sup> Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart. <sup>24</sup> And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

**EXODUS 7:22-24**

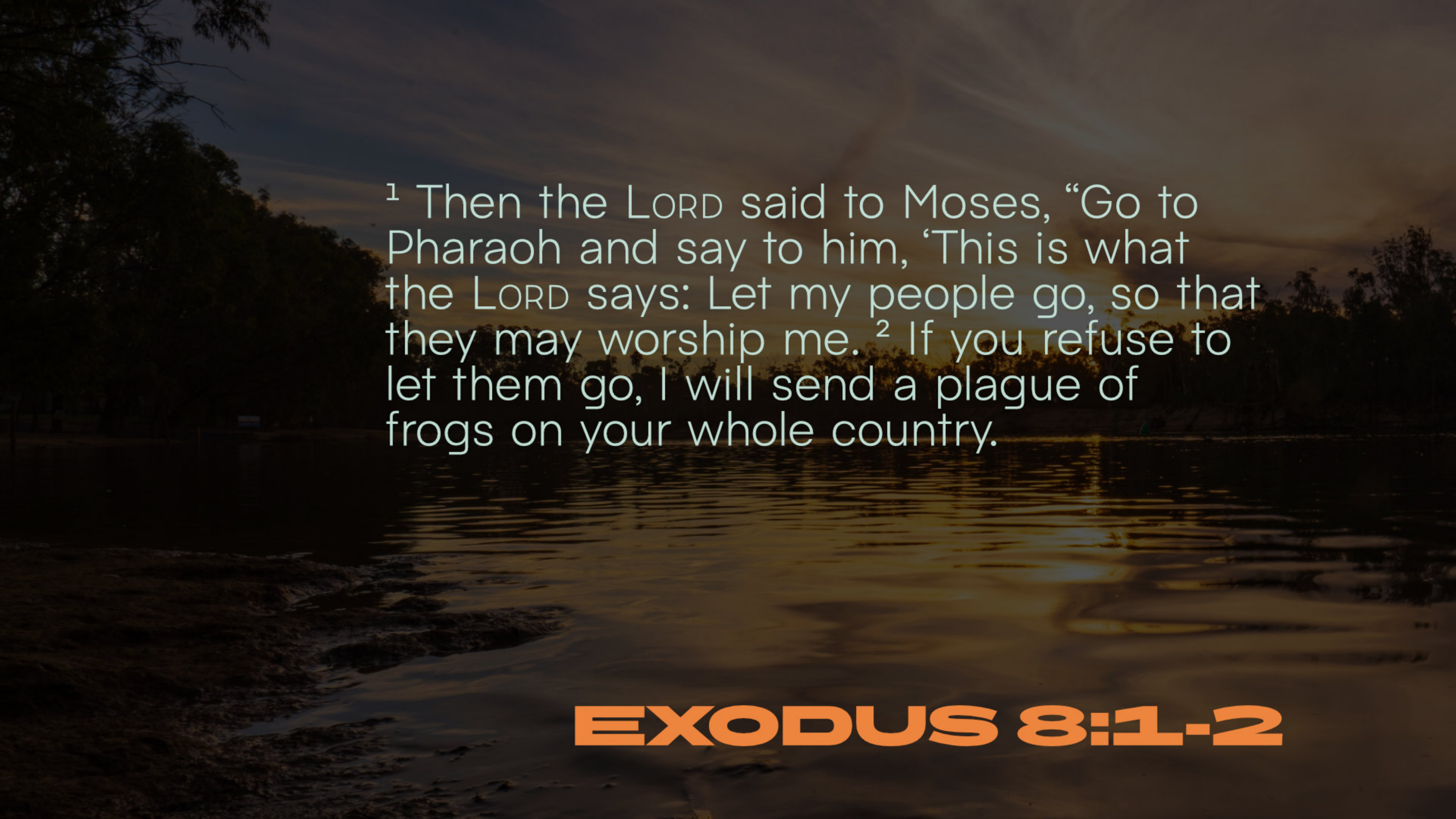


**Nile River was the "lifeblood of Egypt"  
giving life, security, prosperity**



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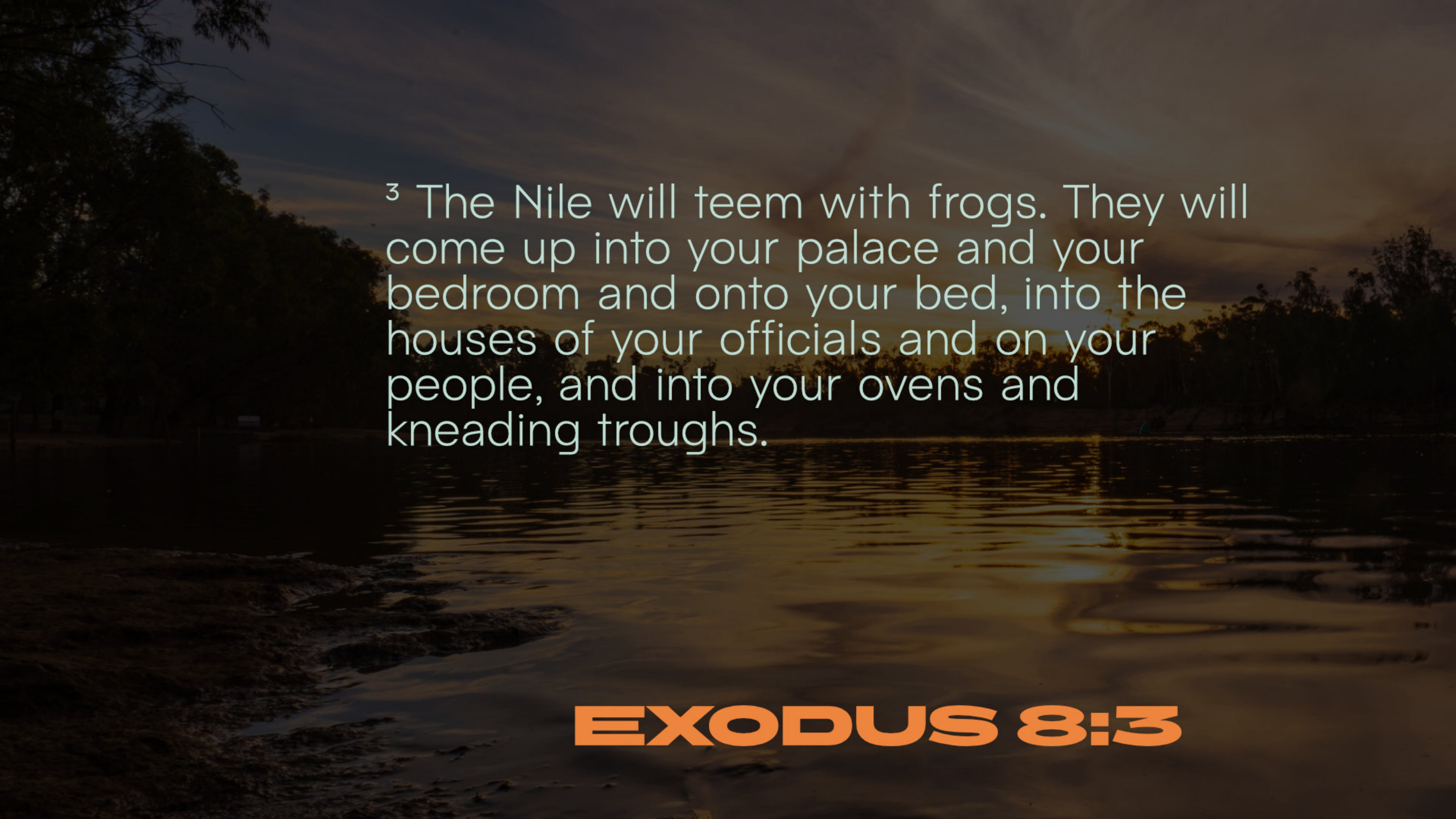


A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. Dark silhouettes of trees are visible along the shoreline in the background.

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. <sup>2</sup> If you refuse to let them go, I will send a plague of frogs on your whole country.

**EXODUS 8:1-2**



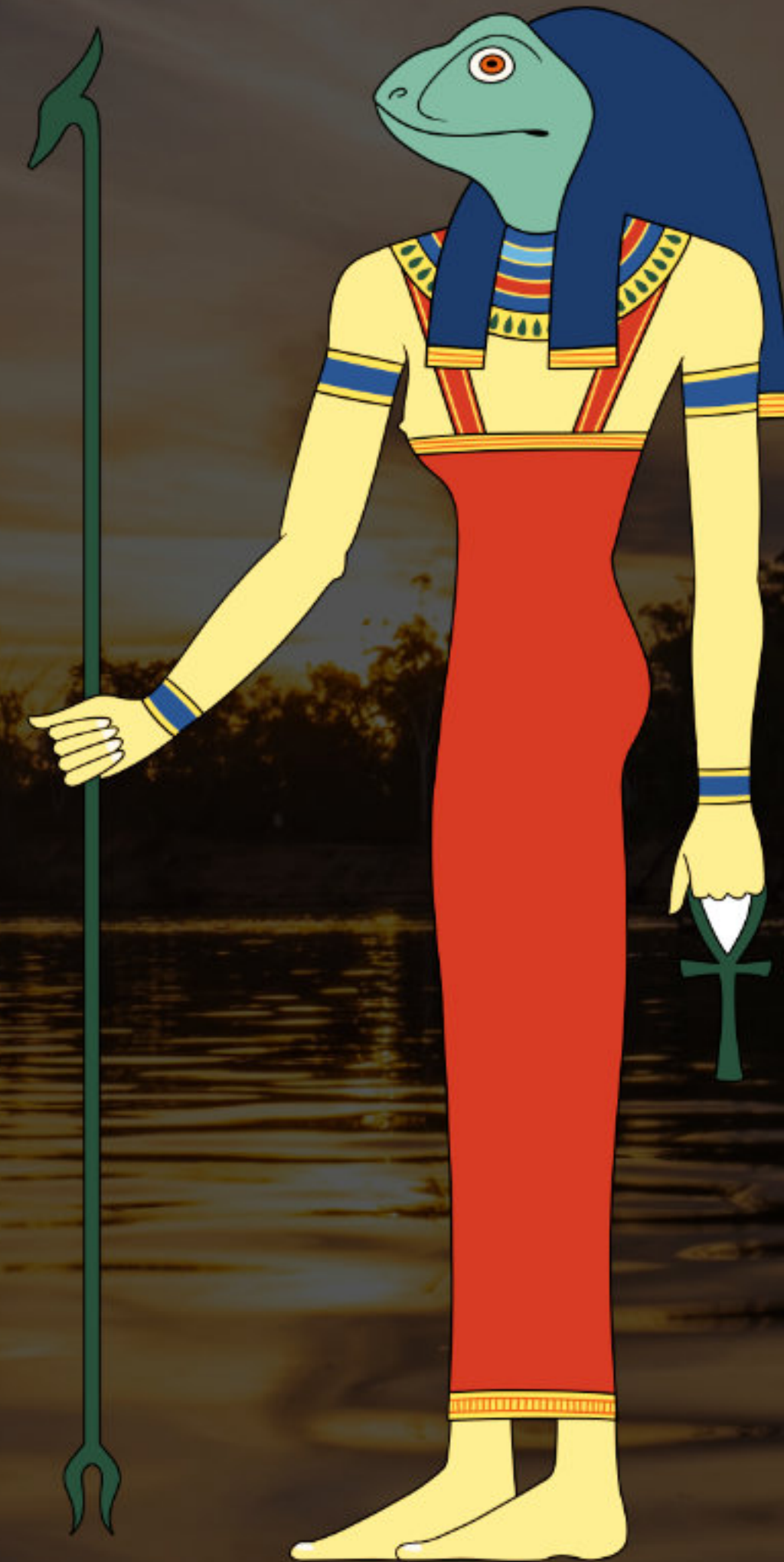


<sup>3</sup> The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.

**EXODUS 8:3**

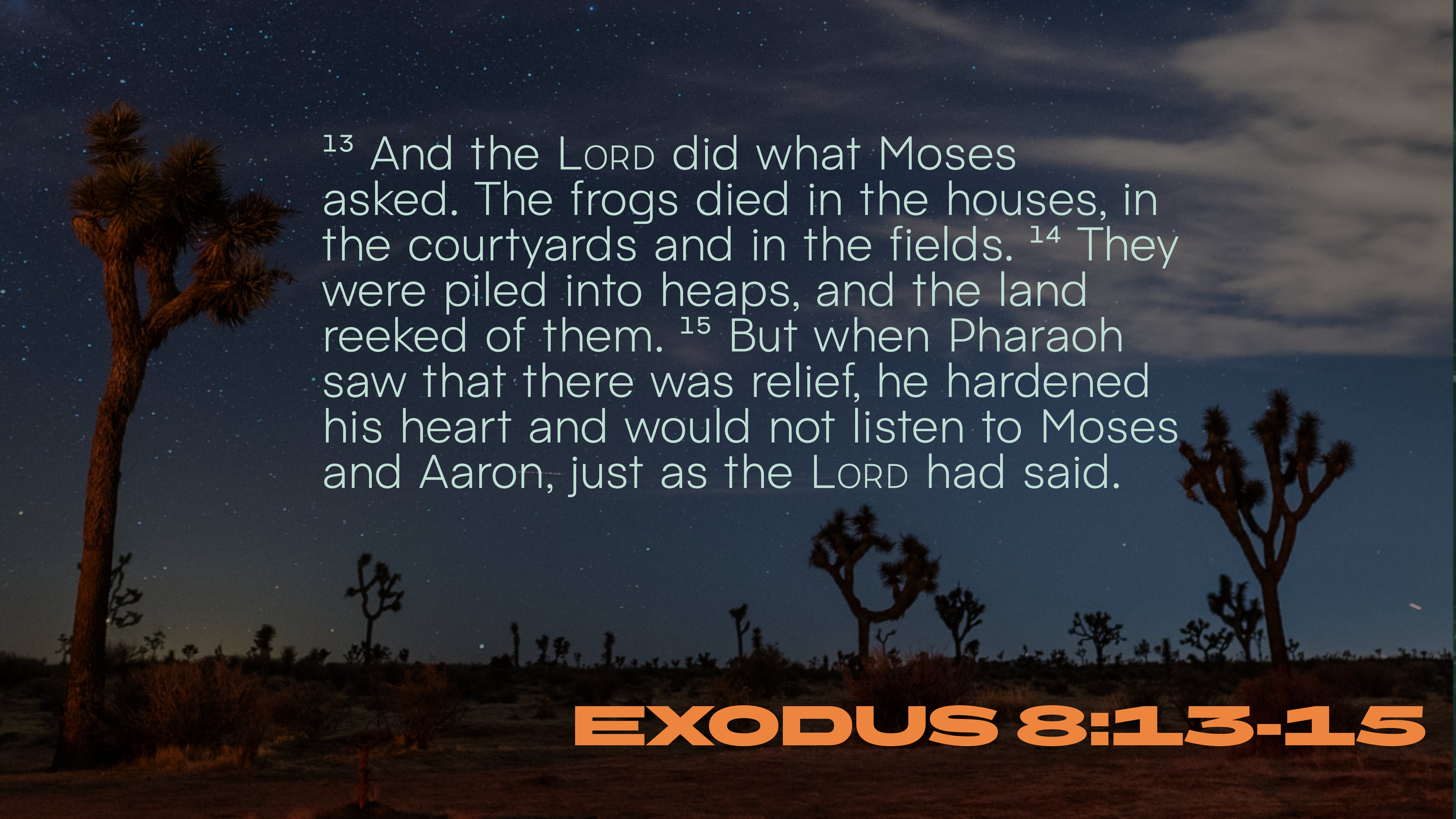


**represented fertility and childbirth**



**HEQET**

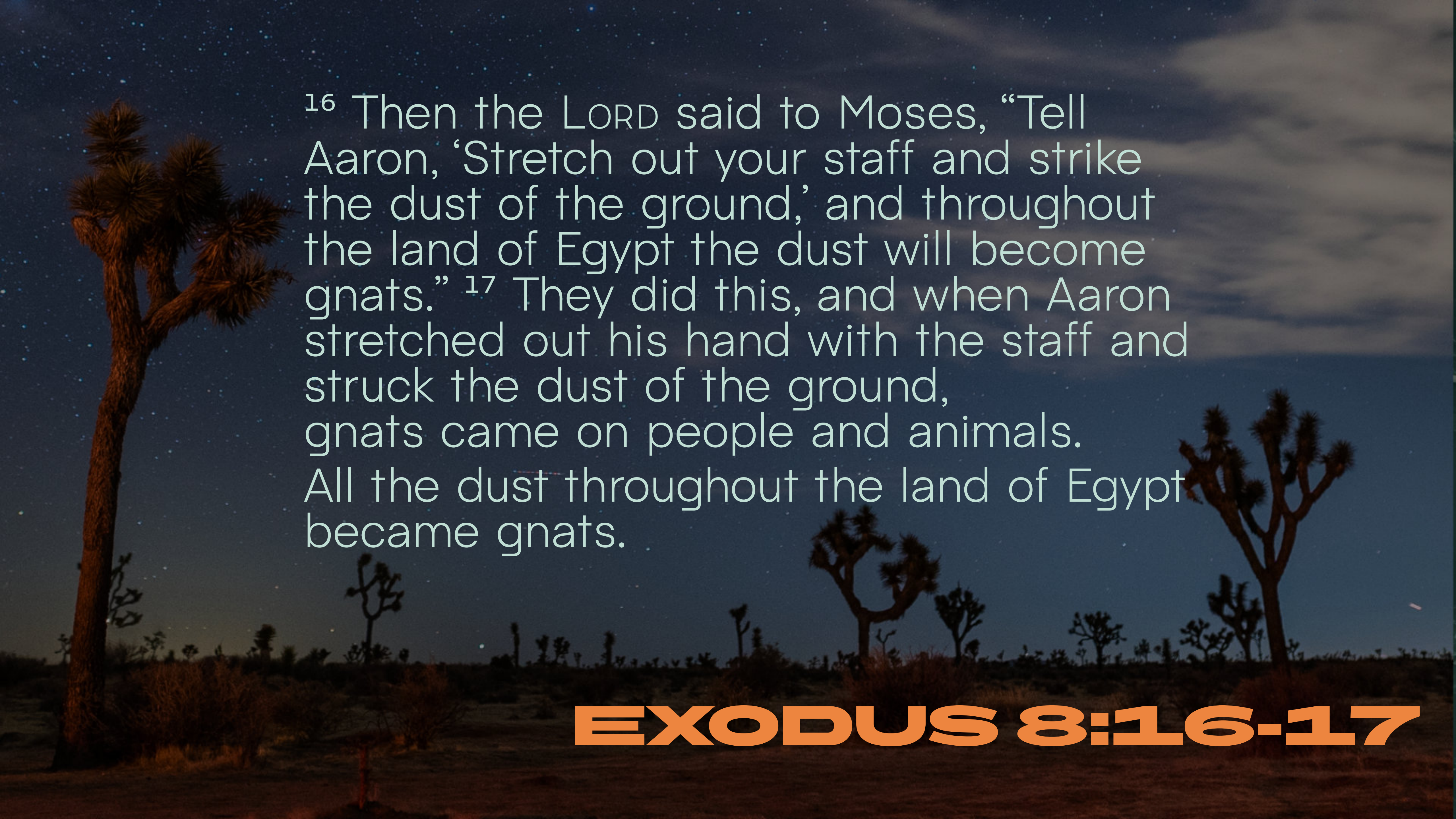


A desert landscape at night, featuring a starry sky and silhouettes of Joshua trees. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

<sup>13</sup> And the LORD did what Moses asked. The frogs died in the houses, in the courtyards and in the fields. <sup>14</sup> They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them. <sup>15</sup> But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.

**EXODUS 8:13-15**

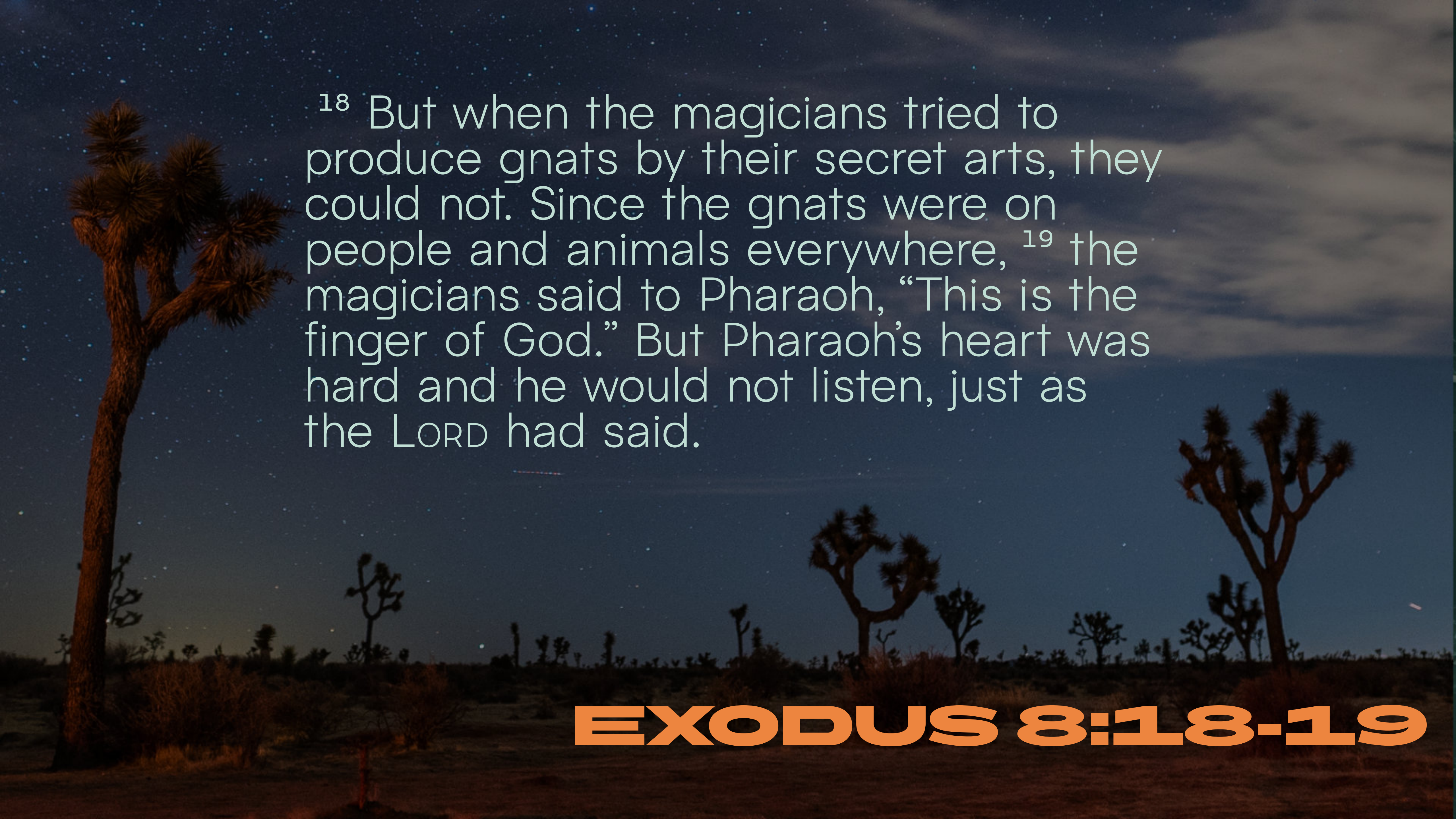


A desert landscape at night, featuring silhouettes of Joshua trees against a dark sky filled with stars. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

<sup>16</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.” <sup>17</sup> They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came on people and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats.

**EXODUS 8:16-17**

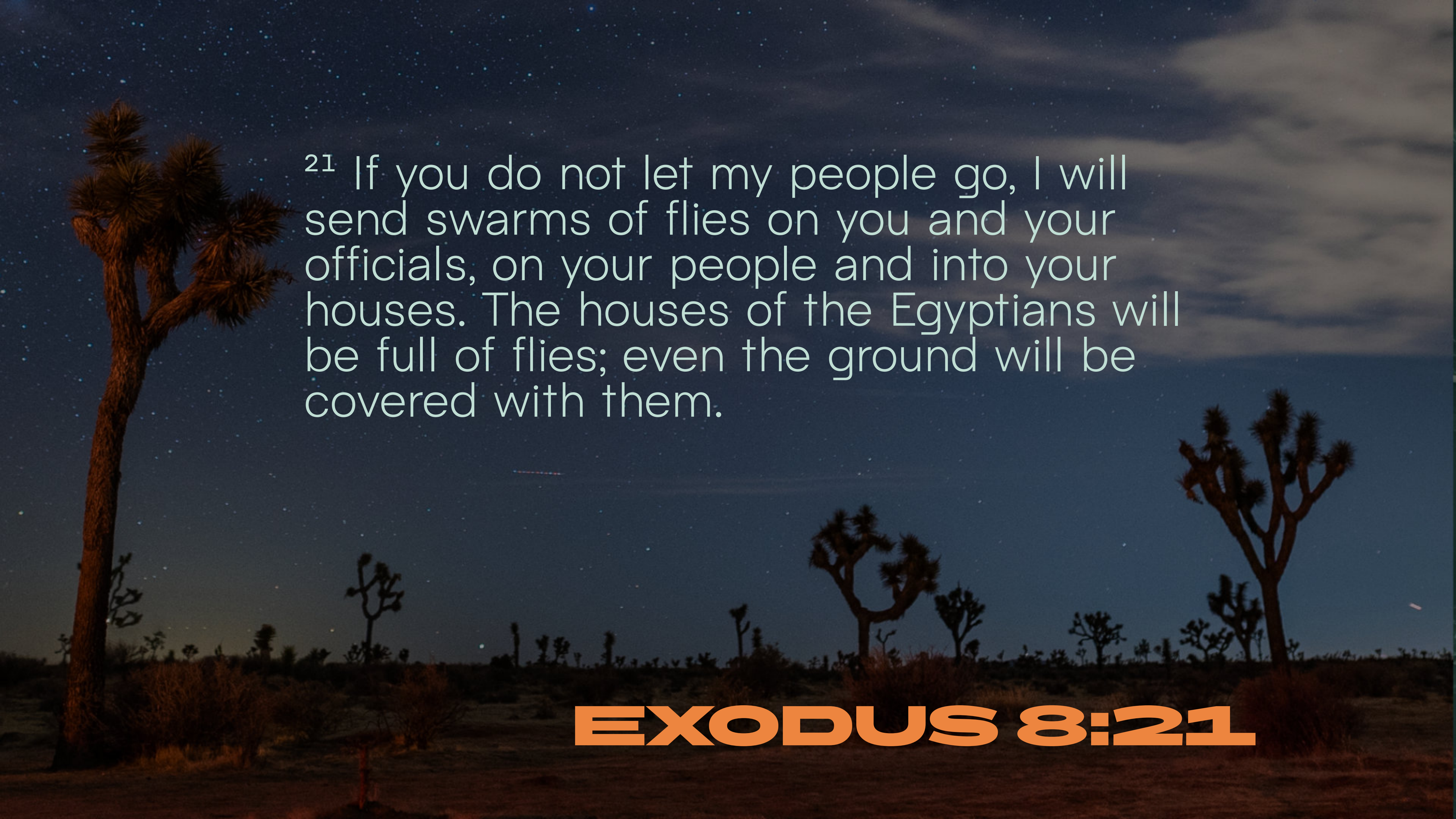


A desert landscape at night, featuring a starry sky and silhouettes of Joshua trees. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

<sup>18</sup> But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, <sup>19</sup> the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.

**EXODUS 8:18-19**

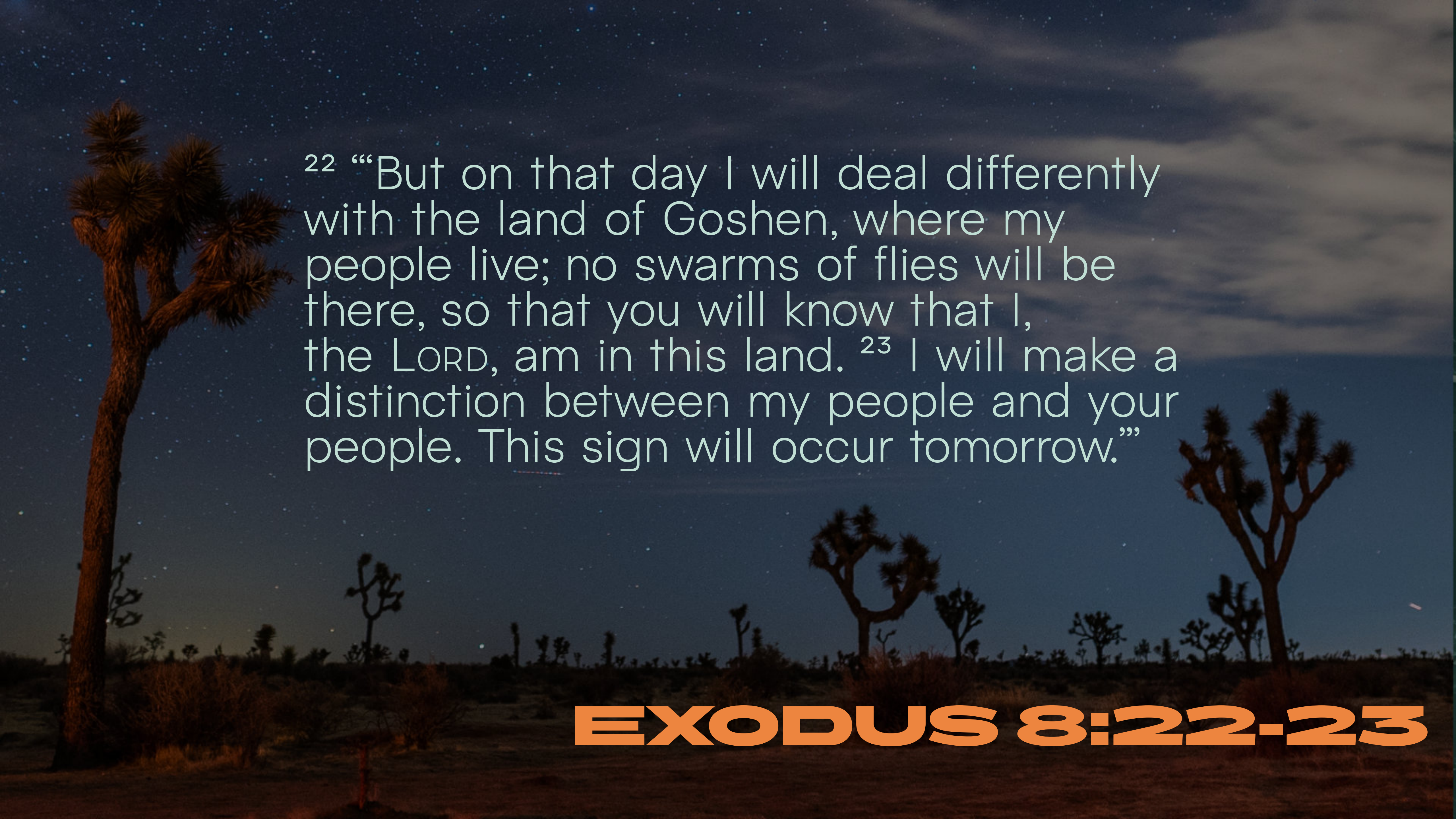


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<sup>21</sup> If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies; even the ground will be covered with them.

**EXODUS 8:21**

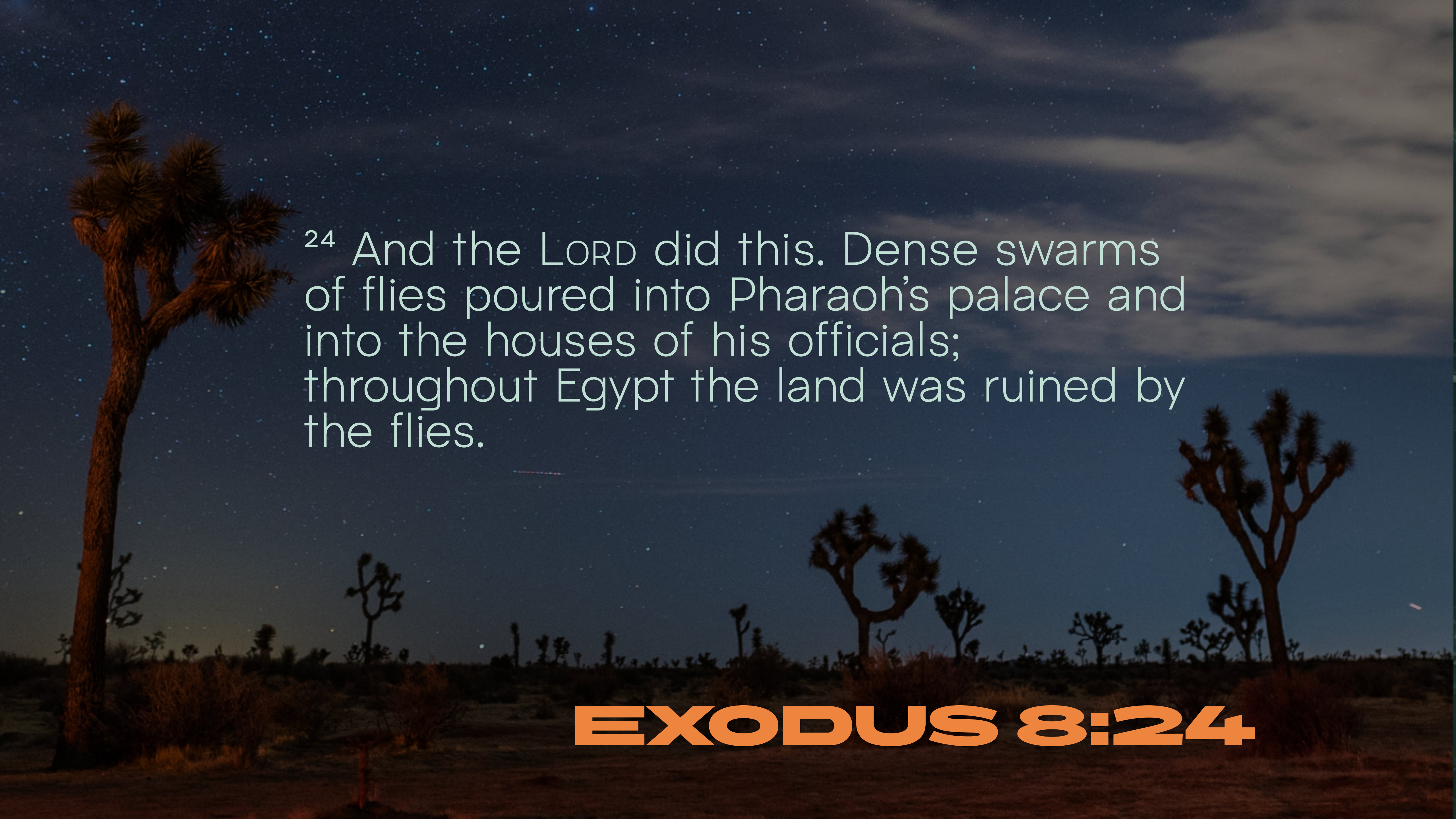


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<sup>22</sup> “But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land. <sup>23</sup> I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This sign will occur tomorrow.”

**EXODUS 8:22-23**



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<sup>24</sup> And the LORD did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh's palace and into the houses of his officials; throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

**EXODUS 8:24**



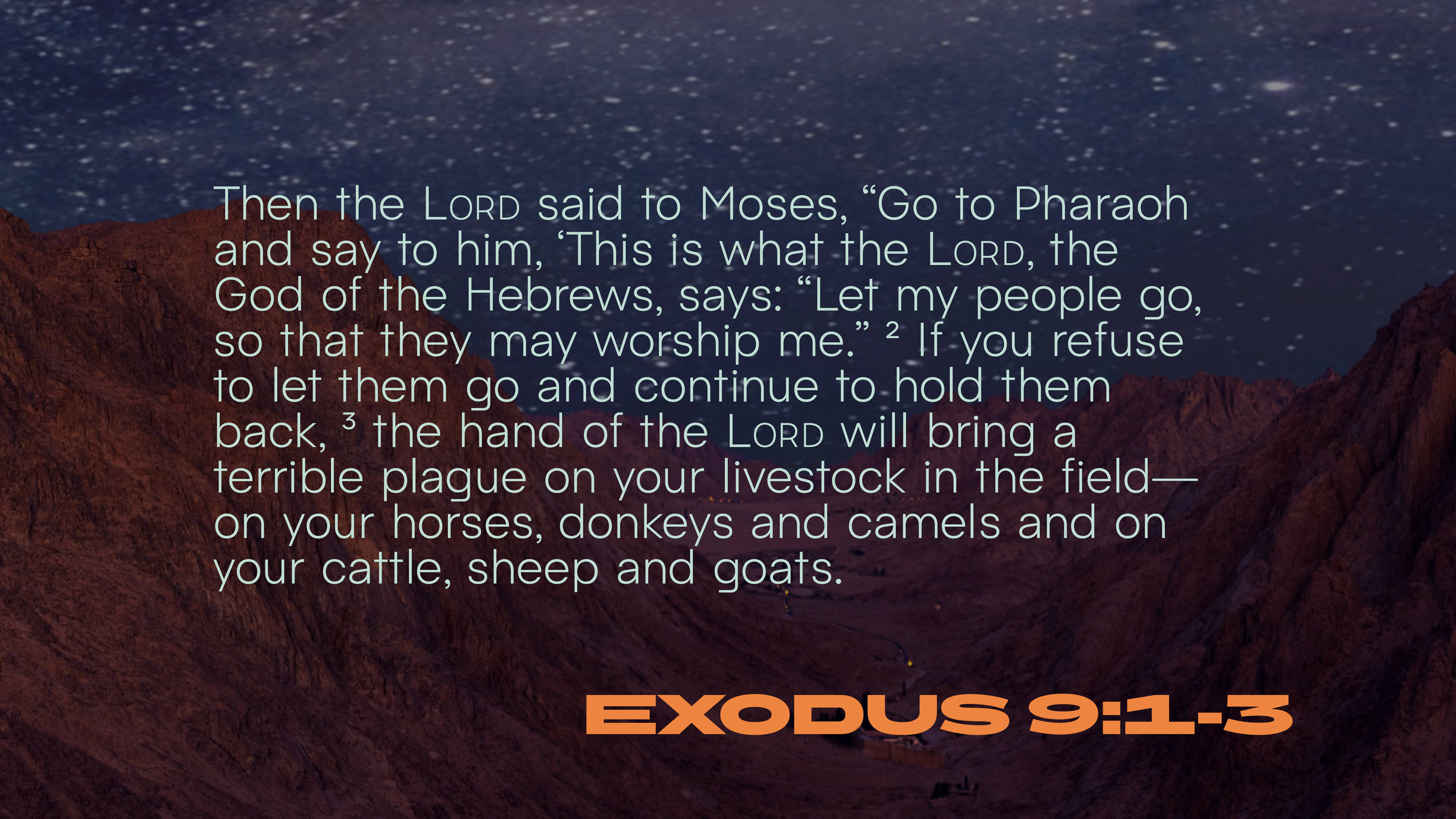


# **MAGICIANS/ RELIGIOUS PRIESTS**

they would have been unable to fulfill their service  
to the gods

**The LORD is assaulting the  
false religious system of Egypt**

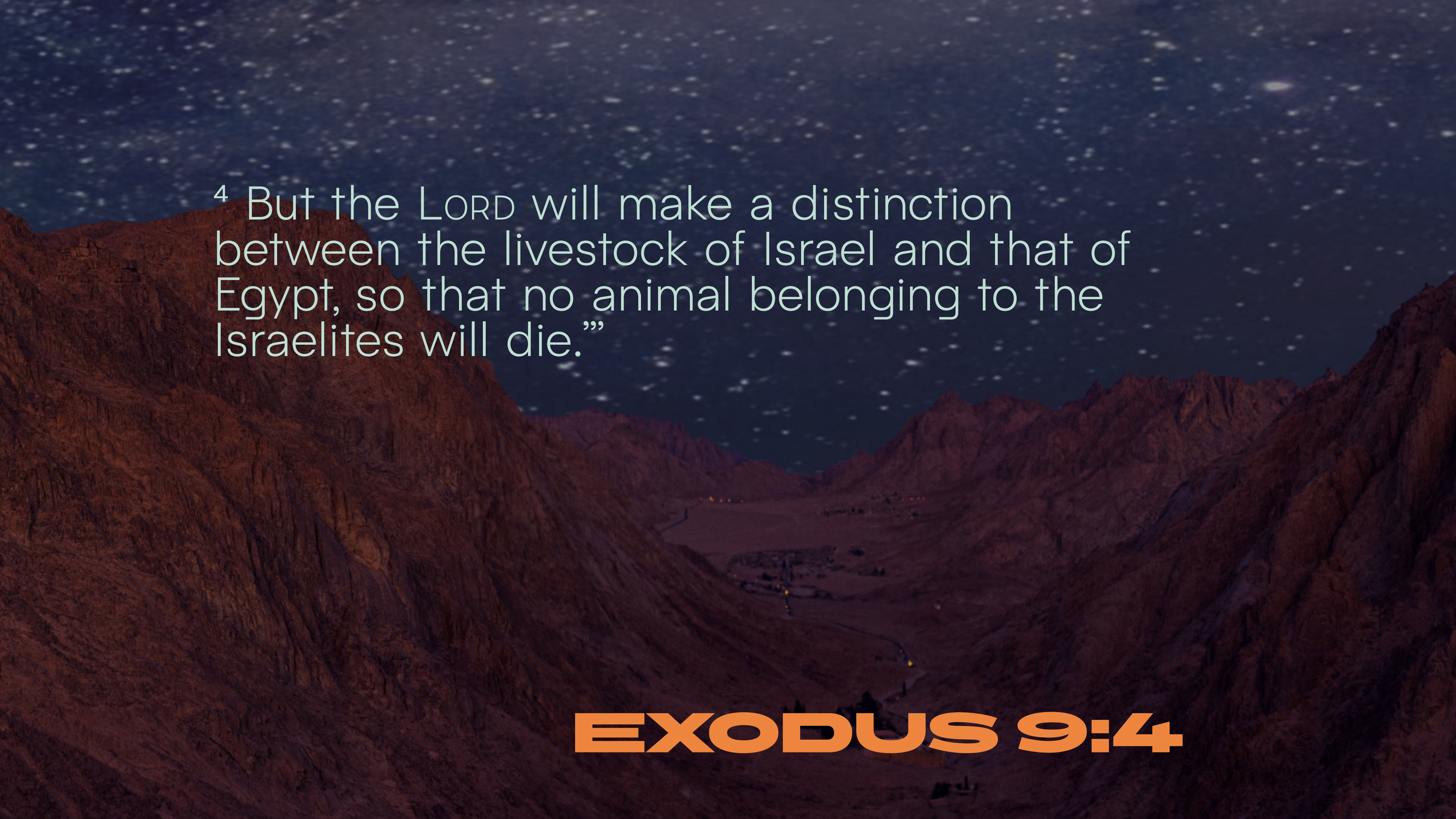


The background of the image is a night scene of a desert valley. The sky is dark blue and filled with numerous stars. The mountains and valley floor are illuminated with a warm, reddish-orange light, likely from a low sun or moon. In the distance, a small camp or settlement is visible, with a few lights glowing. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: “Let my people go, so that they may worship me.”’<sup>2</sup> If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back,<sup>3</sup> the hand of the LORD will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses, donkeys and camels and on your cattle, sheep and goats.

**EXODUS 9:1-3**



A dramatic landscape of a desert valley at night. The scene is dominated by dark, rugged mountains in the foreground and middle ground, their peaks and ridges silhouetted against a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars. In the distance, a small, illuminated valley floor is visible, suggesting a camp or settlement. The overall atmosphere is one of vastness and mystery.

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and that of Egypt, so that no animal belonging to the Israelites will die.”

**EXODUS 9:4**



**The destruction of the livestock  
was an economic disaster**



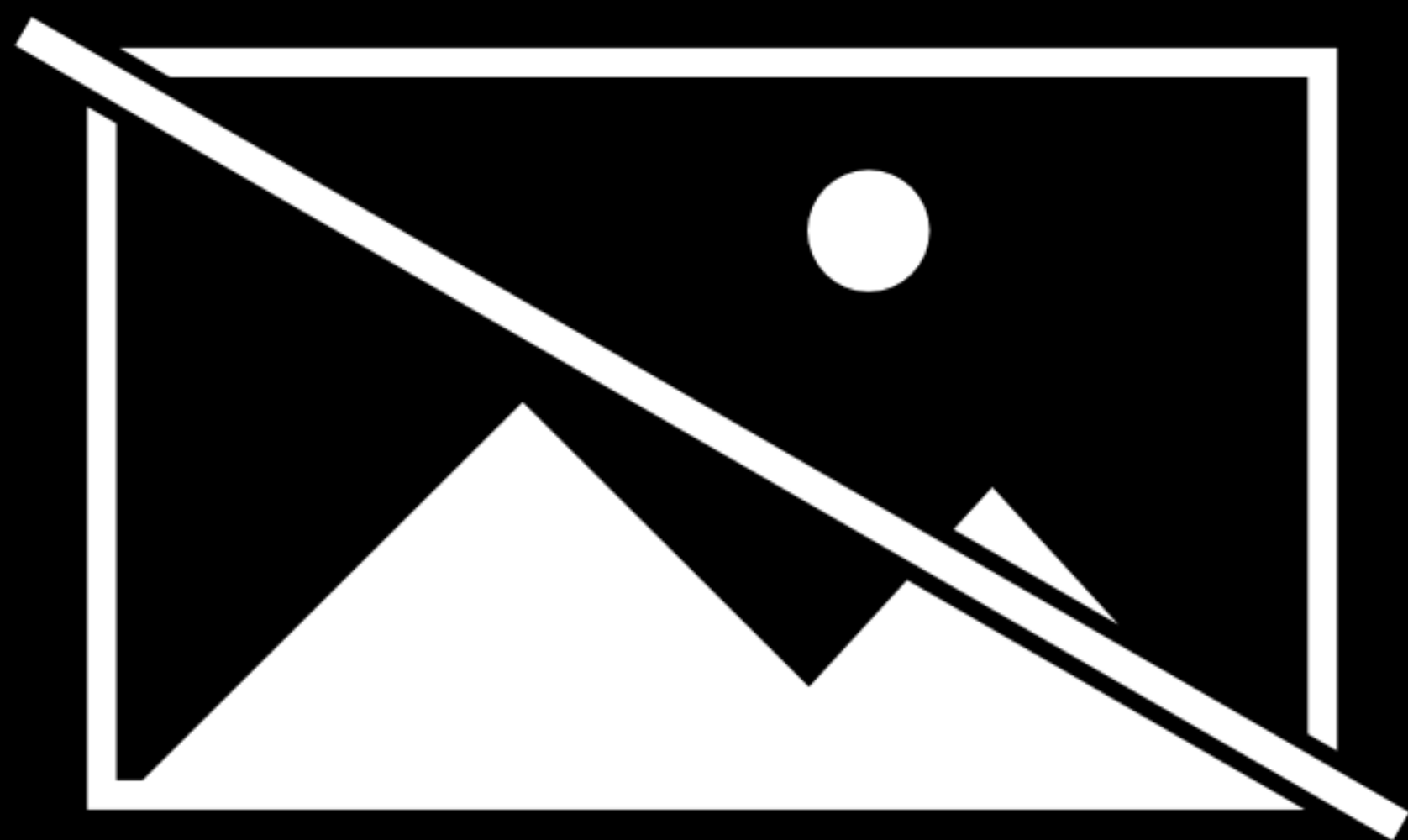
**HATHOR**



<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup> It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on people and animals throughout the land.”<sup>10</sup> So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on people and animals.

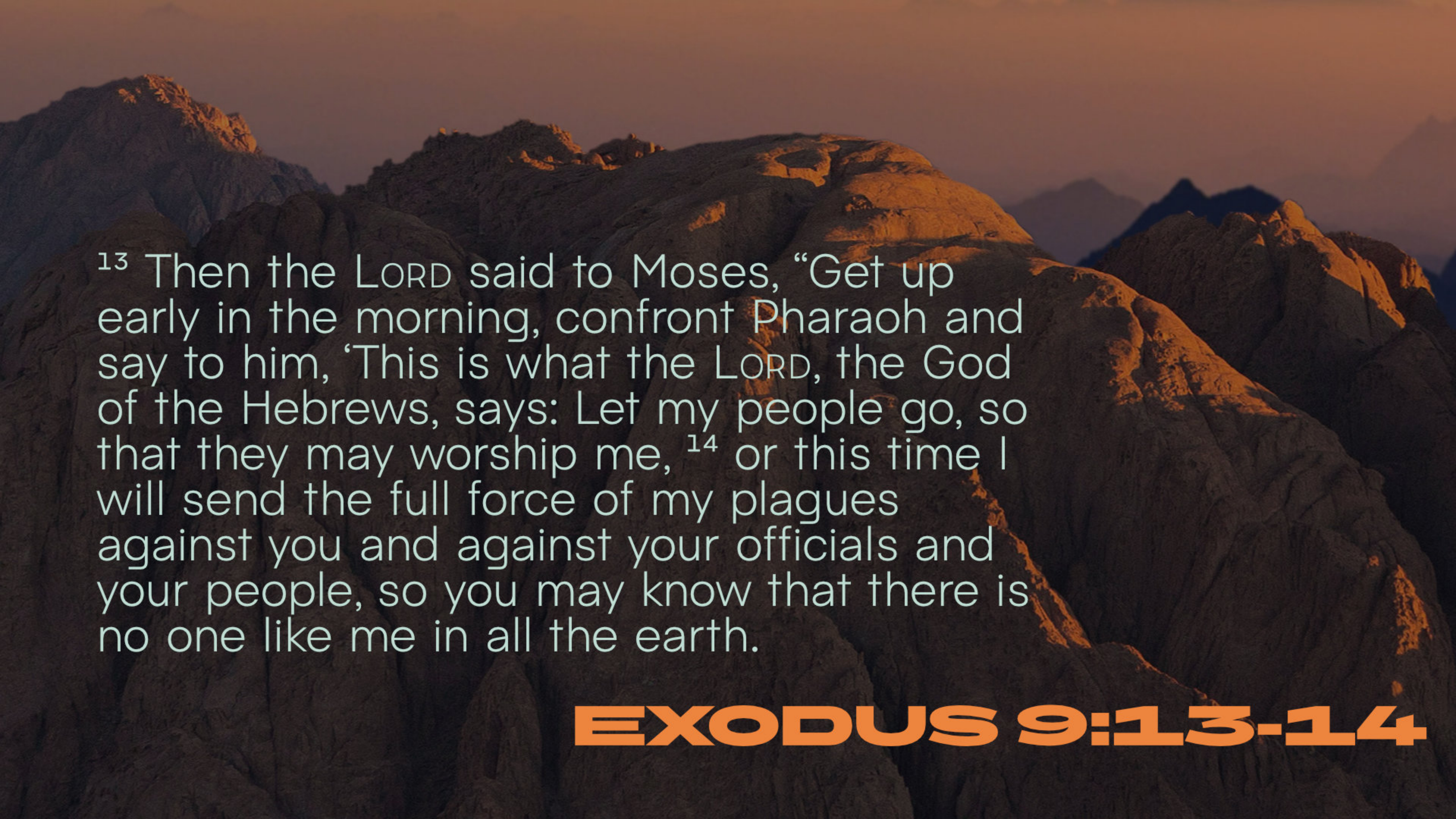
**EXODUS 9:8-10**





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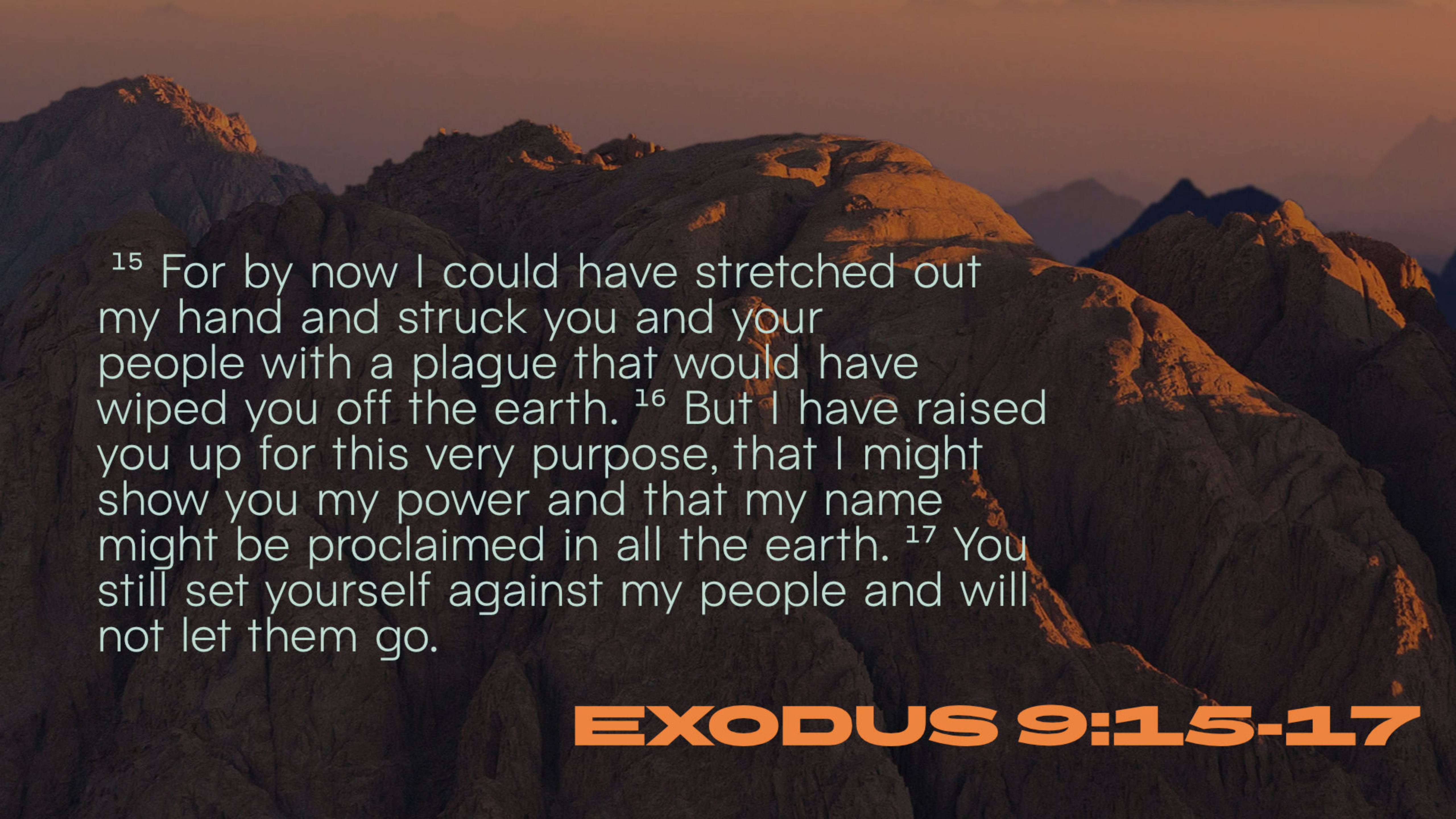




<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me, <sup>14</sup> or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth.

**EXODUS 9:13-14**

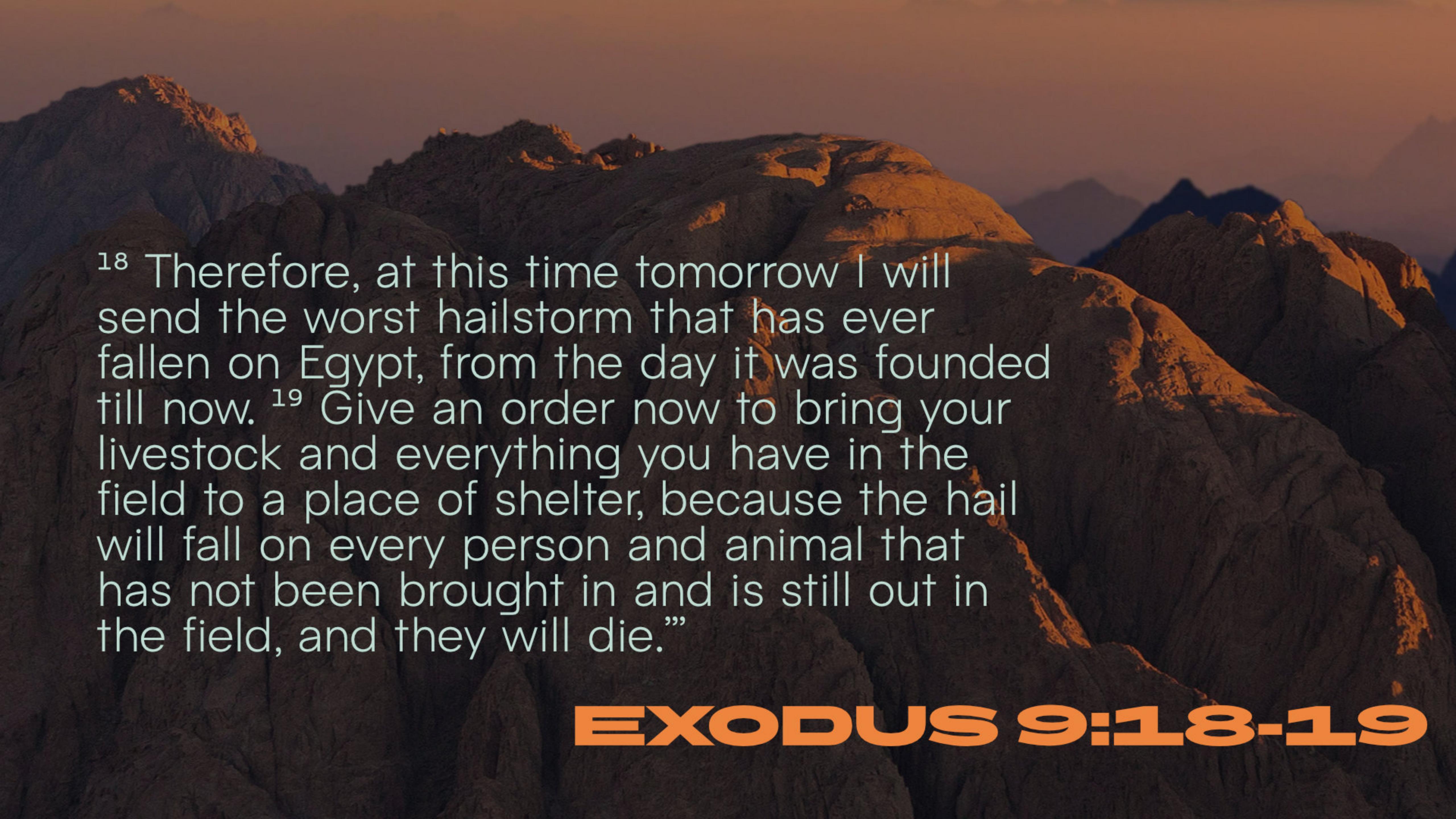




<sup>15</sup> For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. <sup>16</sup> But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. <sup>17</sup> You still set yourself against my people and will not let them go.

**EXODUS 9:15-17**

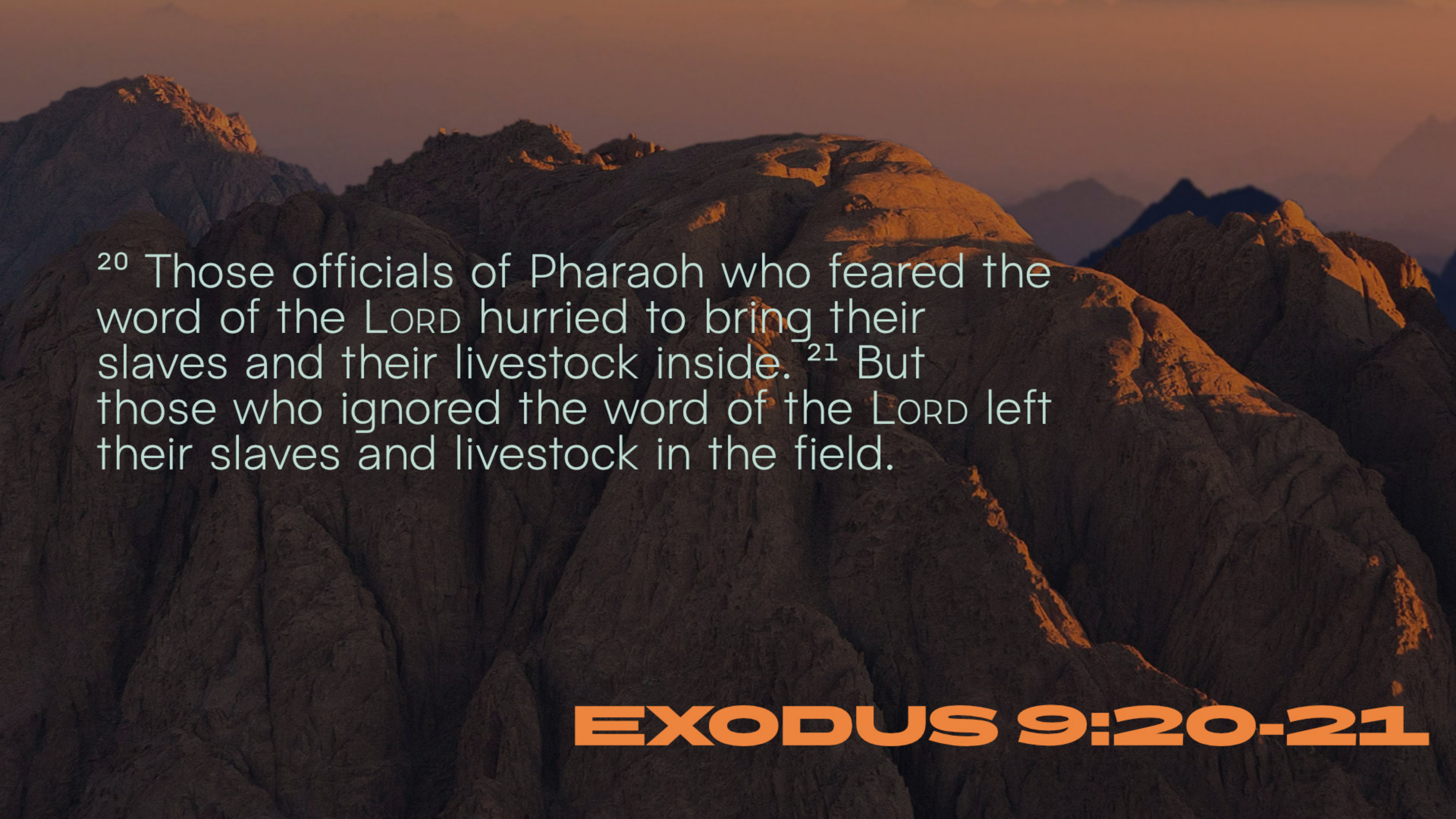




<sup>18</sup> Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now. <sup>19</sup> Give an order now to bring your livestock and everything you have in the field to a place of shelter, because the hail will fall on every person and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die.”

**EXODUS 9:18-19**






<sup>20</sup> Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. <sup>21</sup> But those who ignored the word of the LORD left their slaves and livestock in the field.

**EXODUS 9:20-21**





**This plague is a mockery  
of the Egyptian sky gods:  
Nut, Shu, Tefnut**



<sup>4</sup> If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow. <sup>5</sup> They will cover the face of the ground so that it cannot be seen. They will devour what little you have left after the hail, including every tree that is growing in your fields.

**EXODUS 10:4-5**



<sup>6</sup> They will fill your houses and those of all your officials and all the Egyptians—something neither your parents nor your ancestors have ever seen from the day they settled in this land till now.”  
Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.

**EXODUS 10:6**







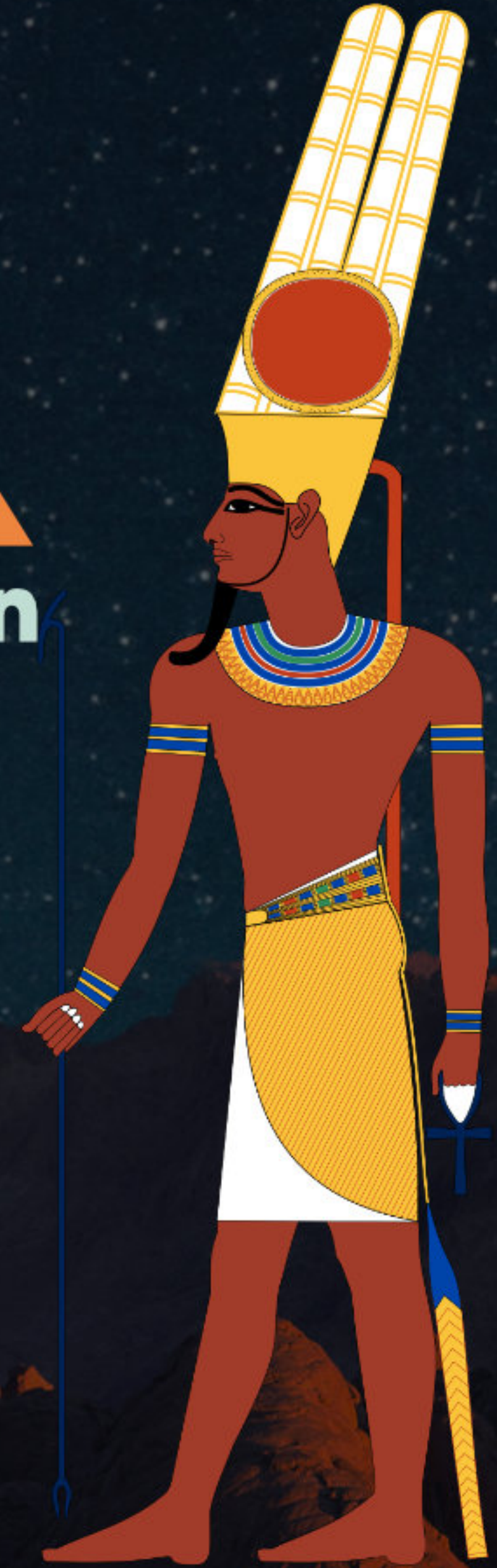
<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.” <sup>22</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. <sup>23</sup> No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

**EXODUS 10:21-23**

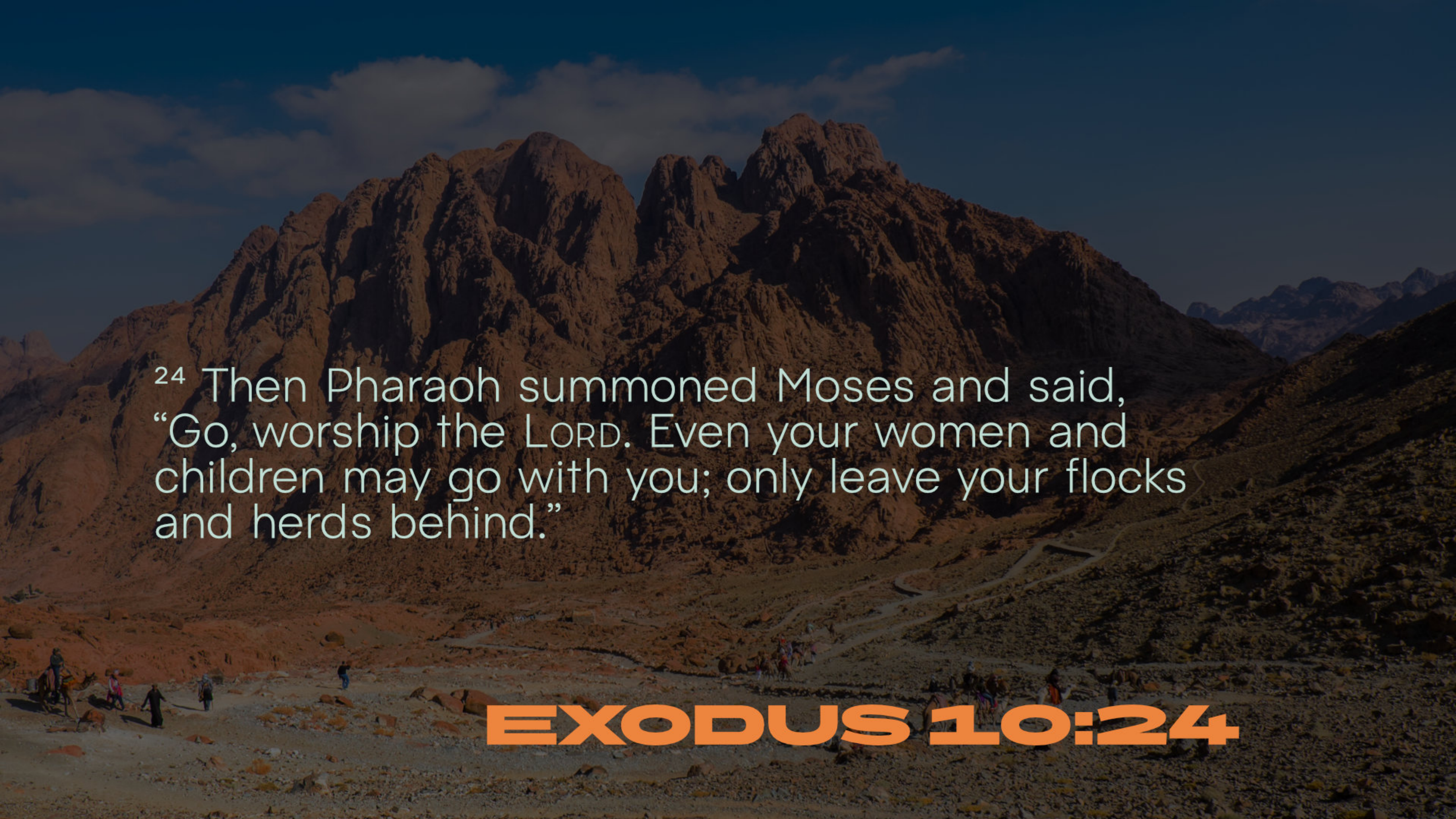


**AMON-RA**  
creator of life and resurrection

**The LORD is the one who  
gives life and brings order**



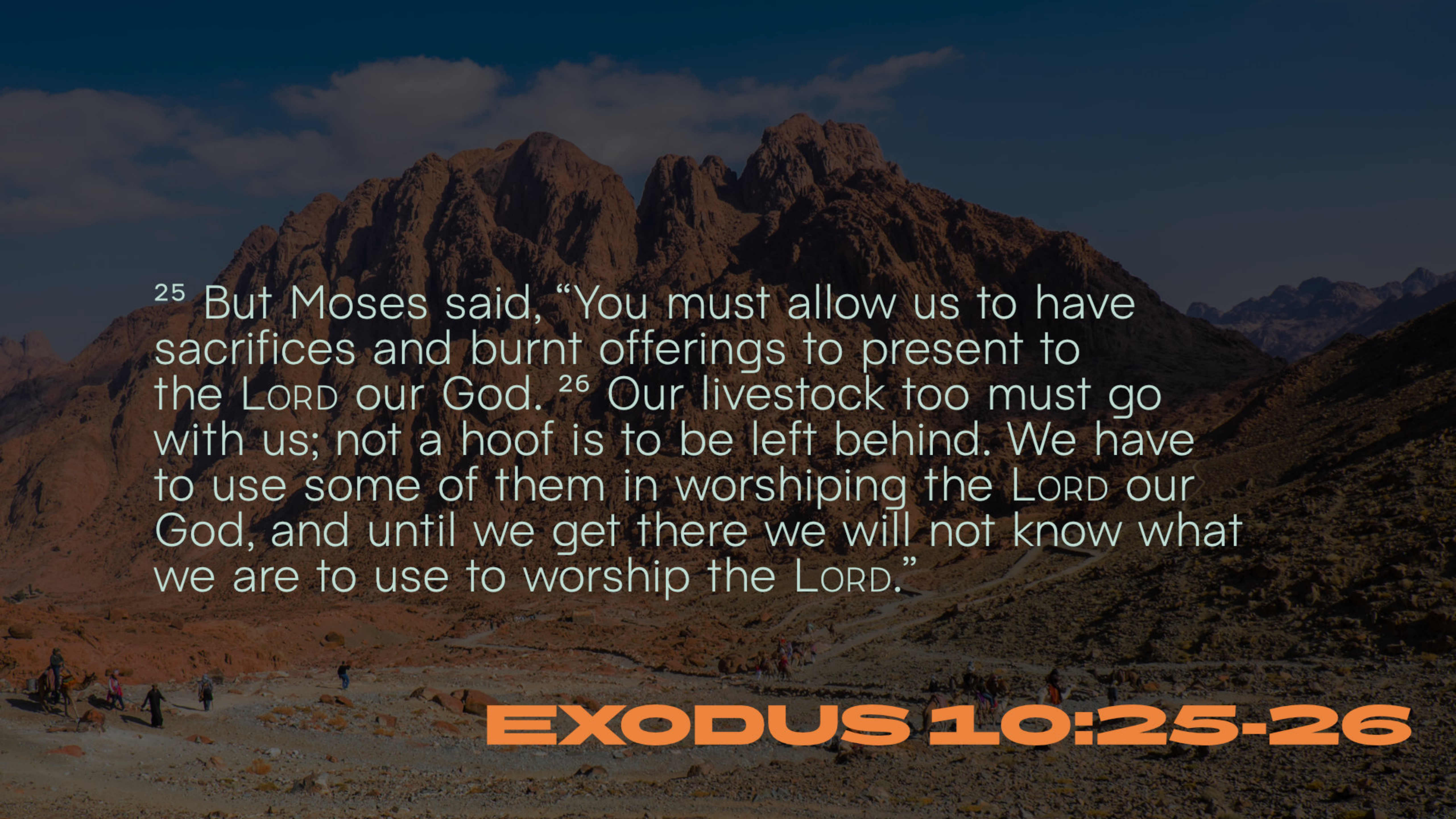




<sup>24</sup> Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said,  
“Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and  
children may go with you; only leave your flocks  
and herds behind.”

**EXODUS 10:24**

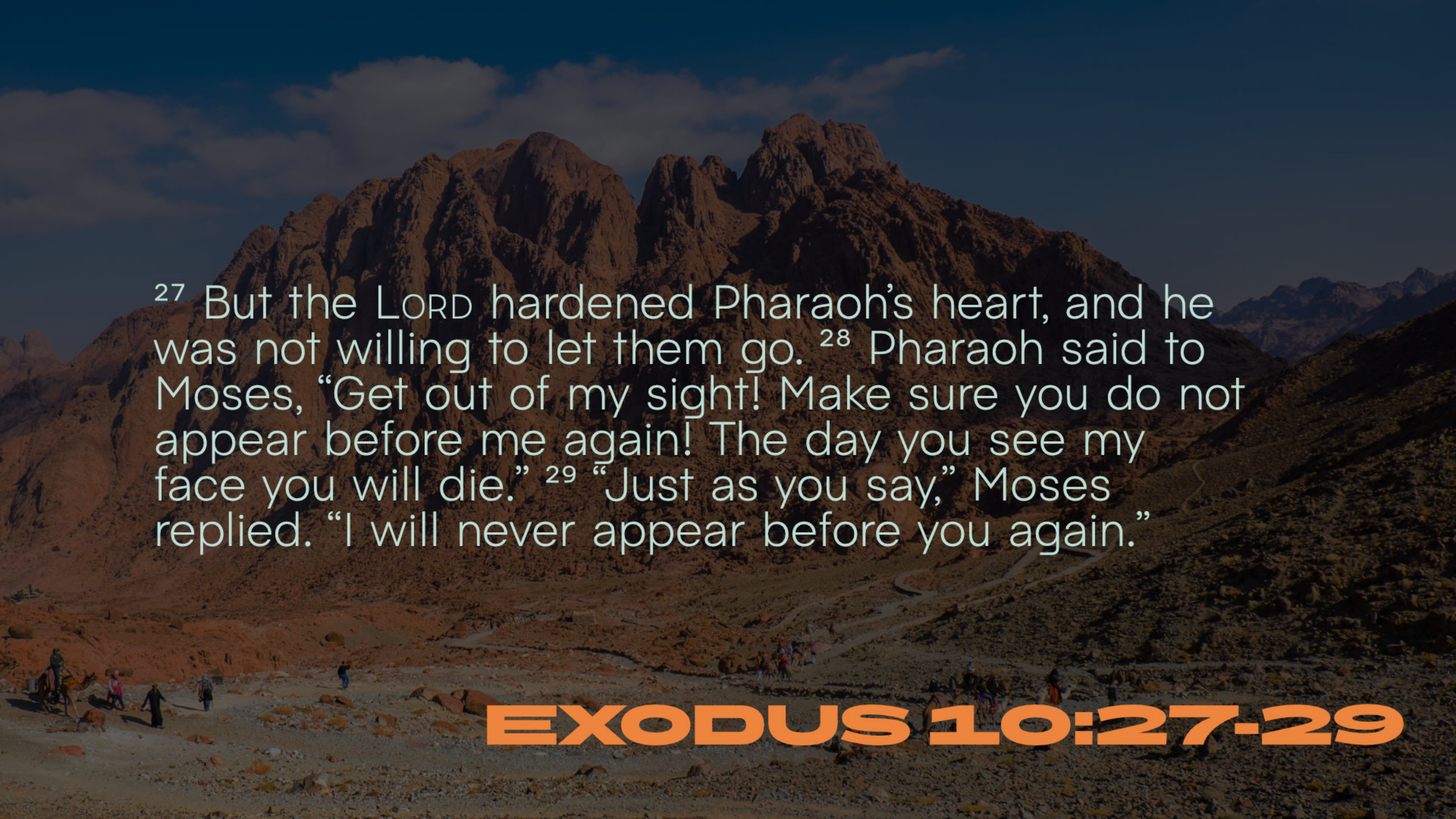


A dramatic landscape with a large, jagged mountain peak in the background and a group of people on camels in the foreground. The scene is set in a desert environment with a clear sky and some clouds. The text is overlaid on the image, providing a biblical reference.

<sup>25</sup> But Moses said, “You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the LORD our God. <sup>26</sup> Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of them in worshiping the LORD our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the LORD.”

**EXODUS 10:25-26**



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<sup>27</sup> But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go. <sup>28</sup> Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die." <sup>29</sup> "Just as you say," Moses replied. "I will never appear before you again."

**EXODUS 10:27-29**





The plagues reveal  
God's power, judgement, and patience,  
**LEADING TO AWE**  
**OF WHO HE IS**





**A WARNING OF A  
HARDENING HEART,  
YET A PICTURE OF  
GOD'S GRACE**