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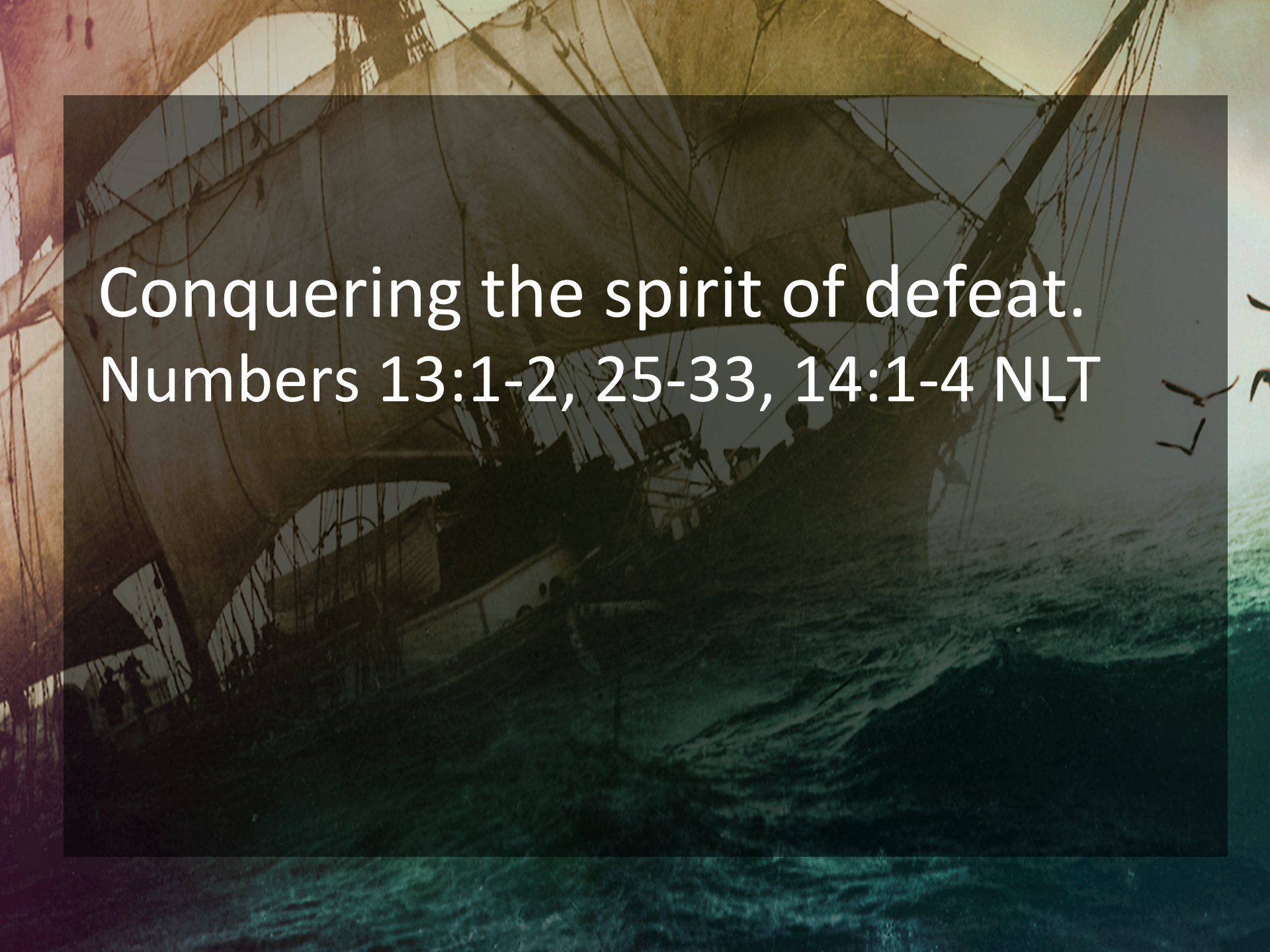
week 2

Conquering the spirit of defeat.

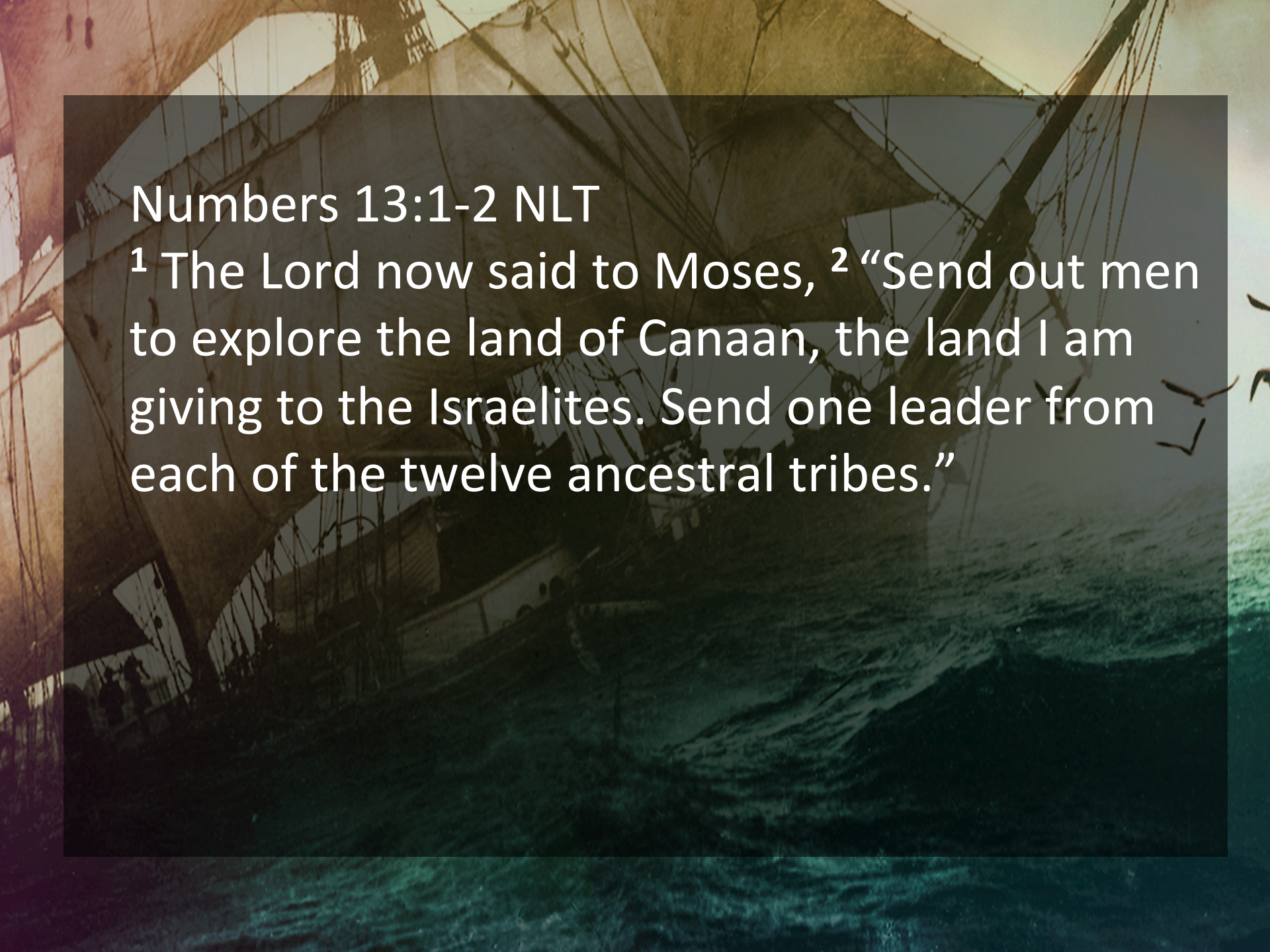


Romans 8:37 ESV

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

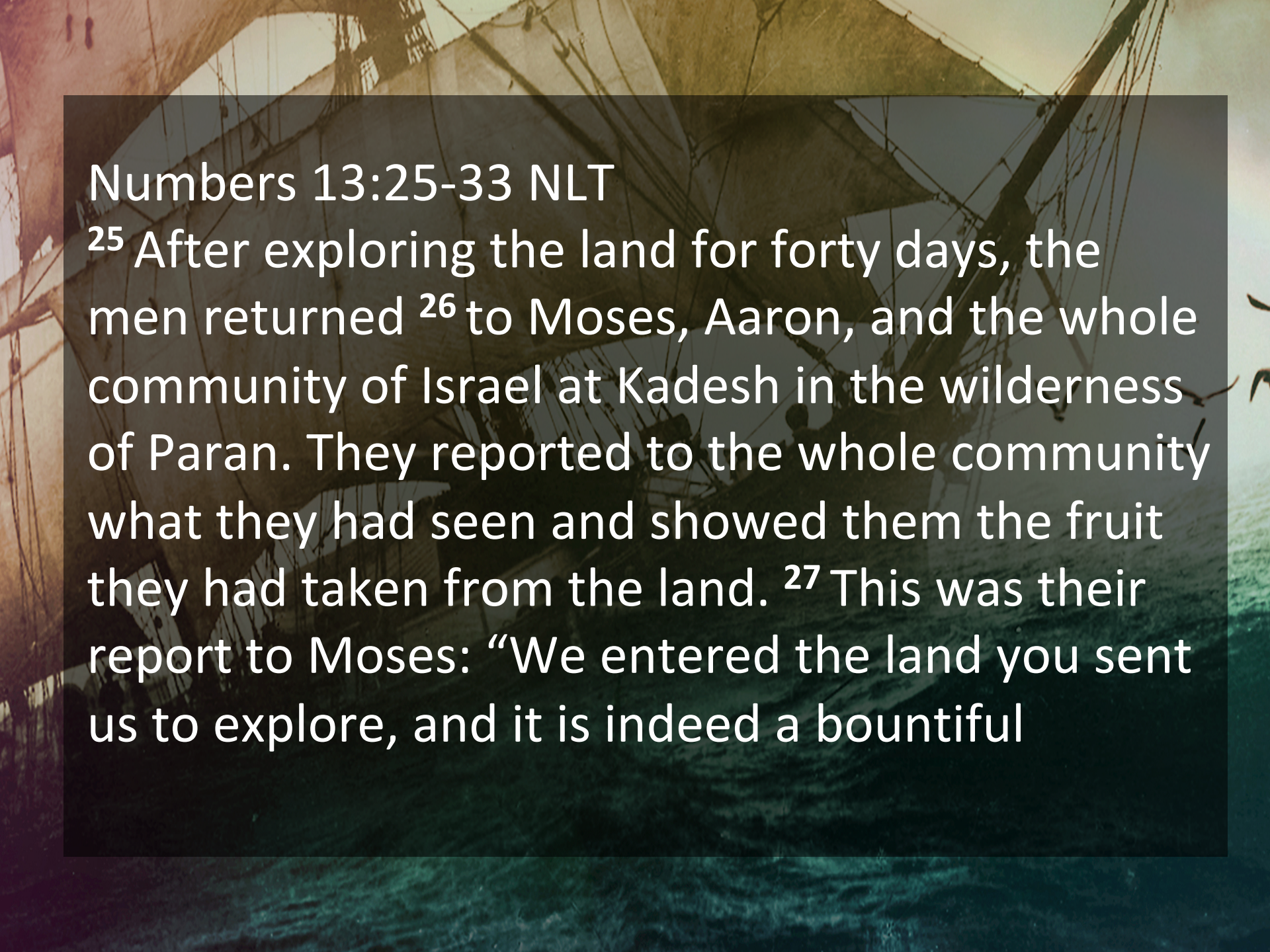


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Numbers 13:1-2, 25-33, 14:1-4 NLT



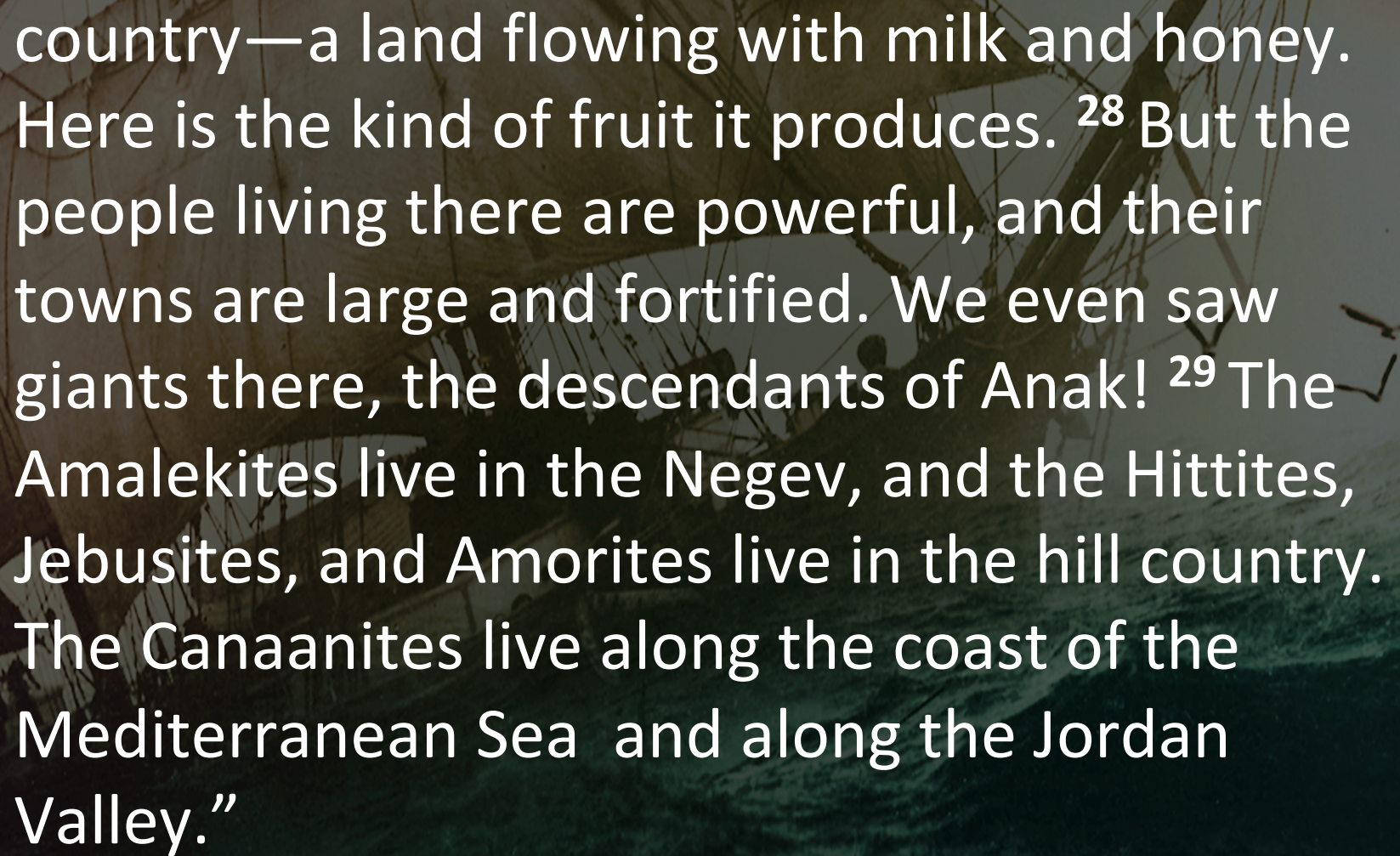
Numbers 13:1-2 NLT

¹ The Lord now said to Moses, ² “Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes.”

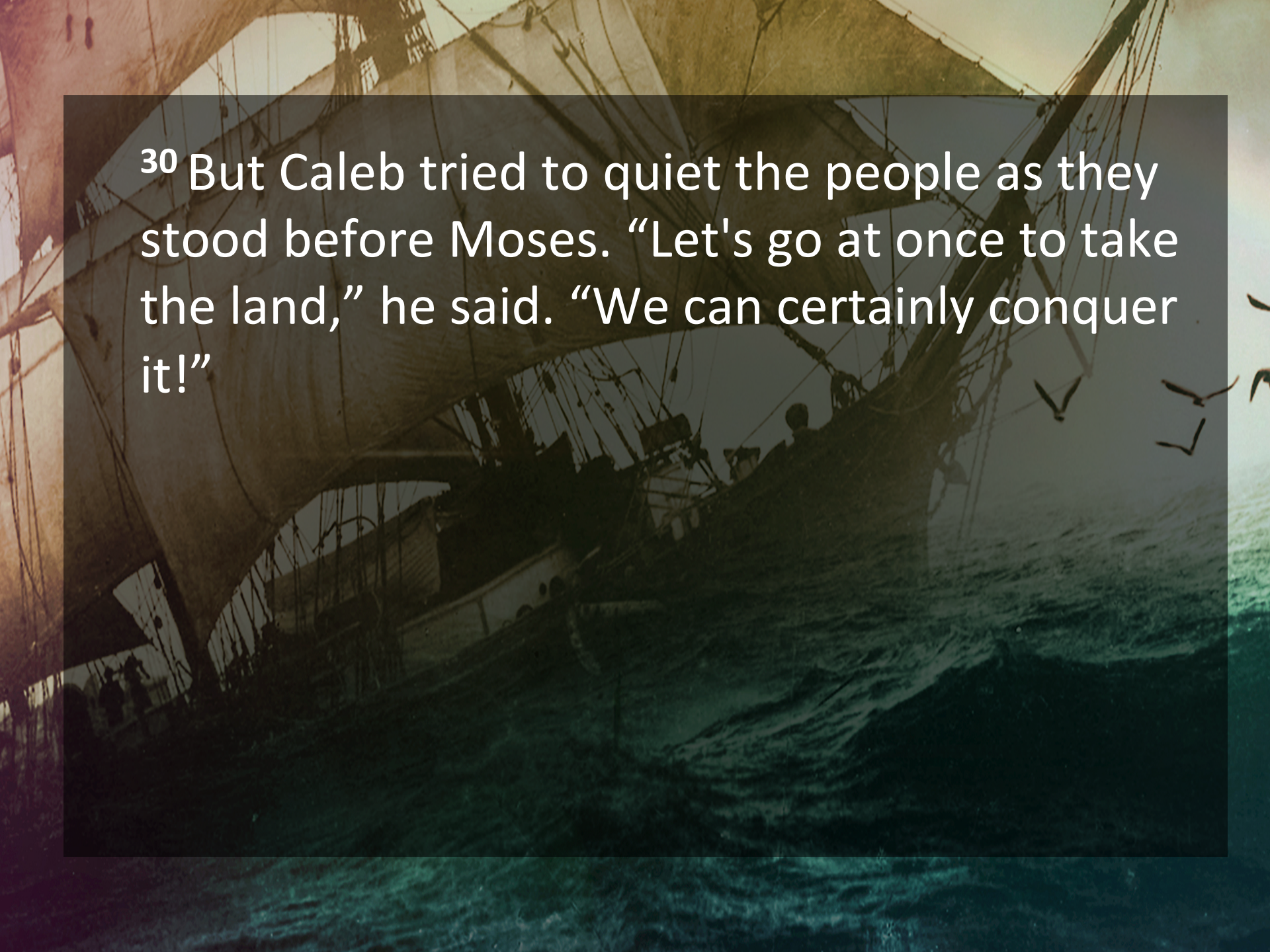
A large sailing ship with multiple masts and sails is shown on the ocean. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light illuminating the sky and the ship's rigging. The water is dark blue with white-capped waves. The ship's masts and rigging are silhouetted against the bright sky.

Numbers 13:25-33 NLT

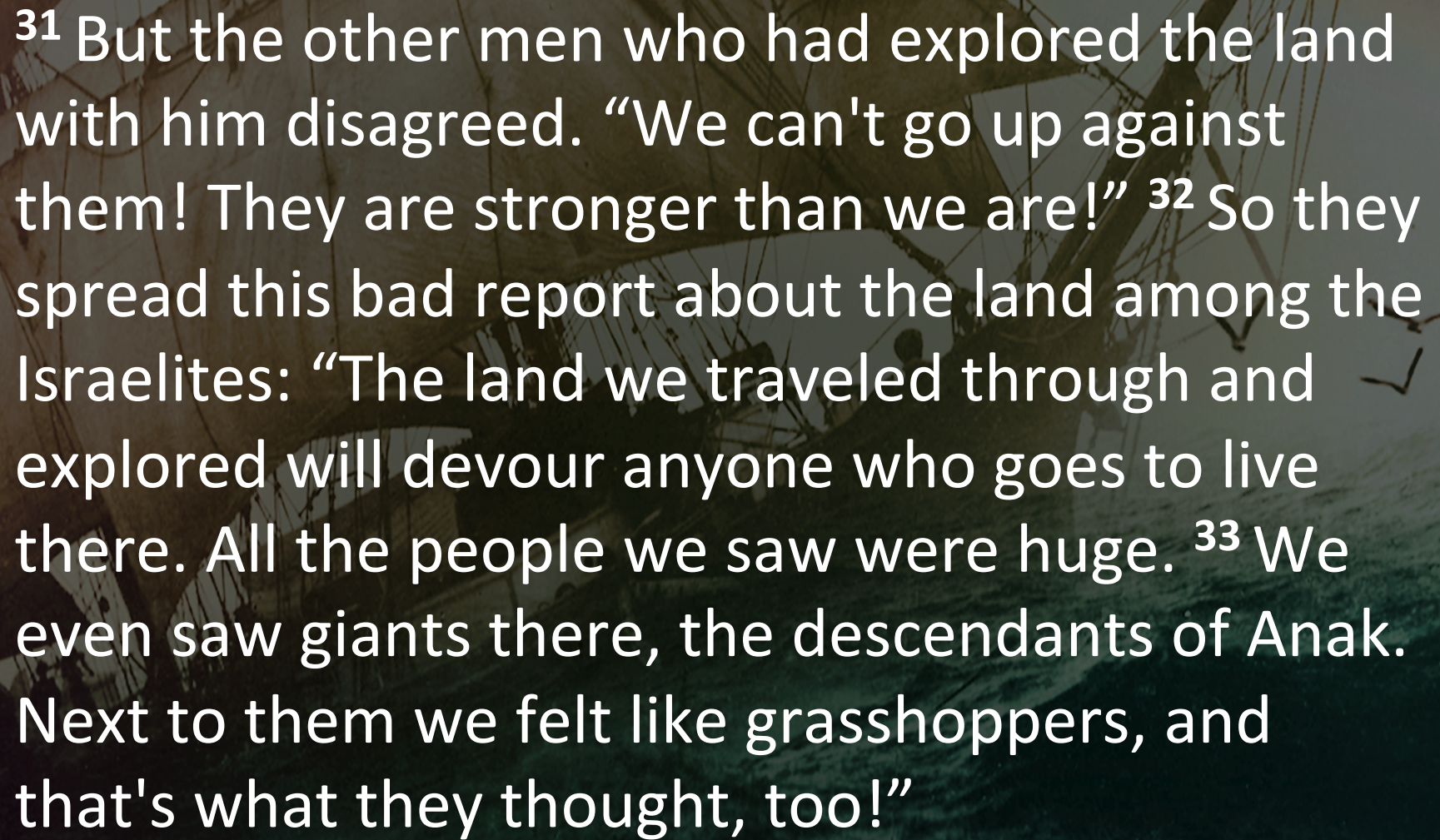
²⁵ After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned ²⁶ to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land. ²⁷ This was their report to Moses: “We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful

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country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. ²⁸ But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley.”



³⁰ But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let's go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!”



³¹ But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. “We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” ³² So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. ³³ We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!”

A large sailing ship with multiple masts and sails is seen on a dark, choppy sea. The sky is dark with several birds in flight. The overall scene is dramatic and somewhat somber, with a color palette dominated by dark blues, greys, and browns.

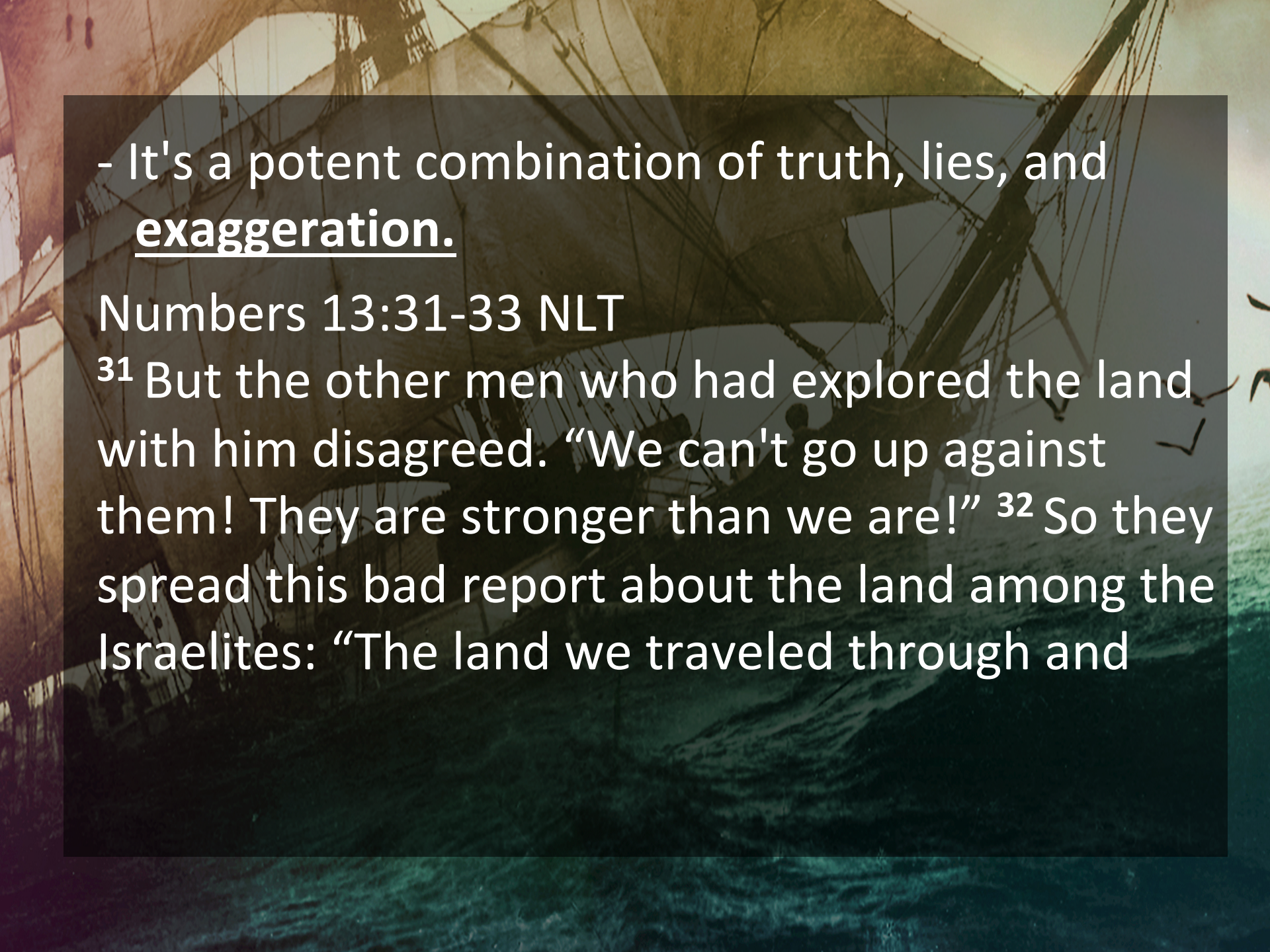
Numbers 14:1-4 NLT

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³ “Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?” ⁴ Then they plotted among themselves, “Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!”



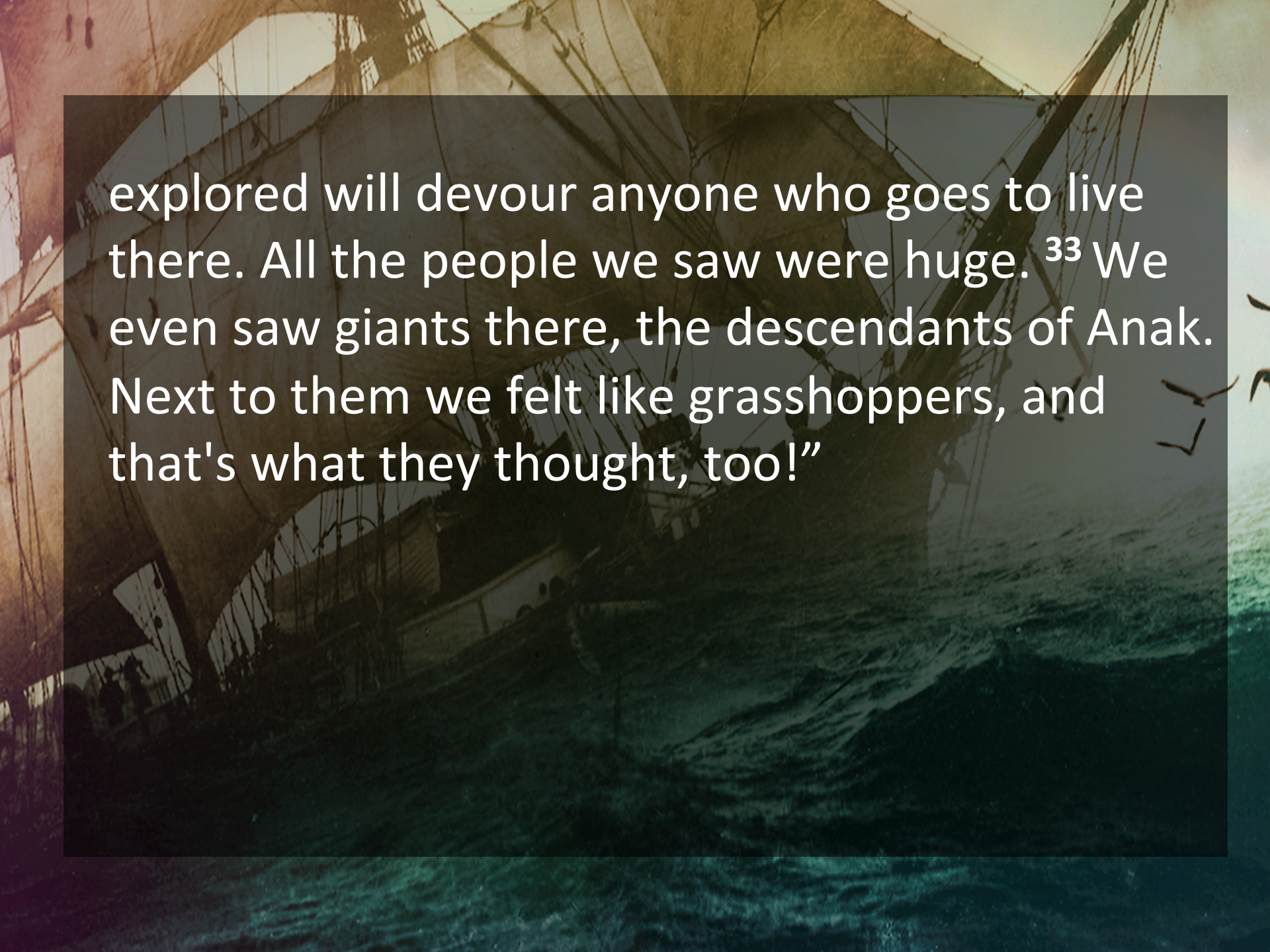
I. Symptoms of the spirit of defeat.



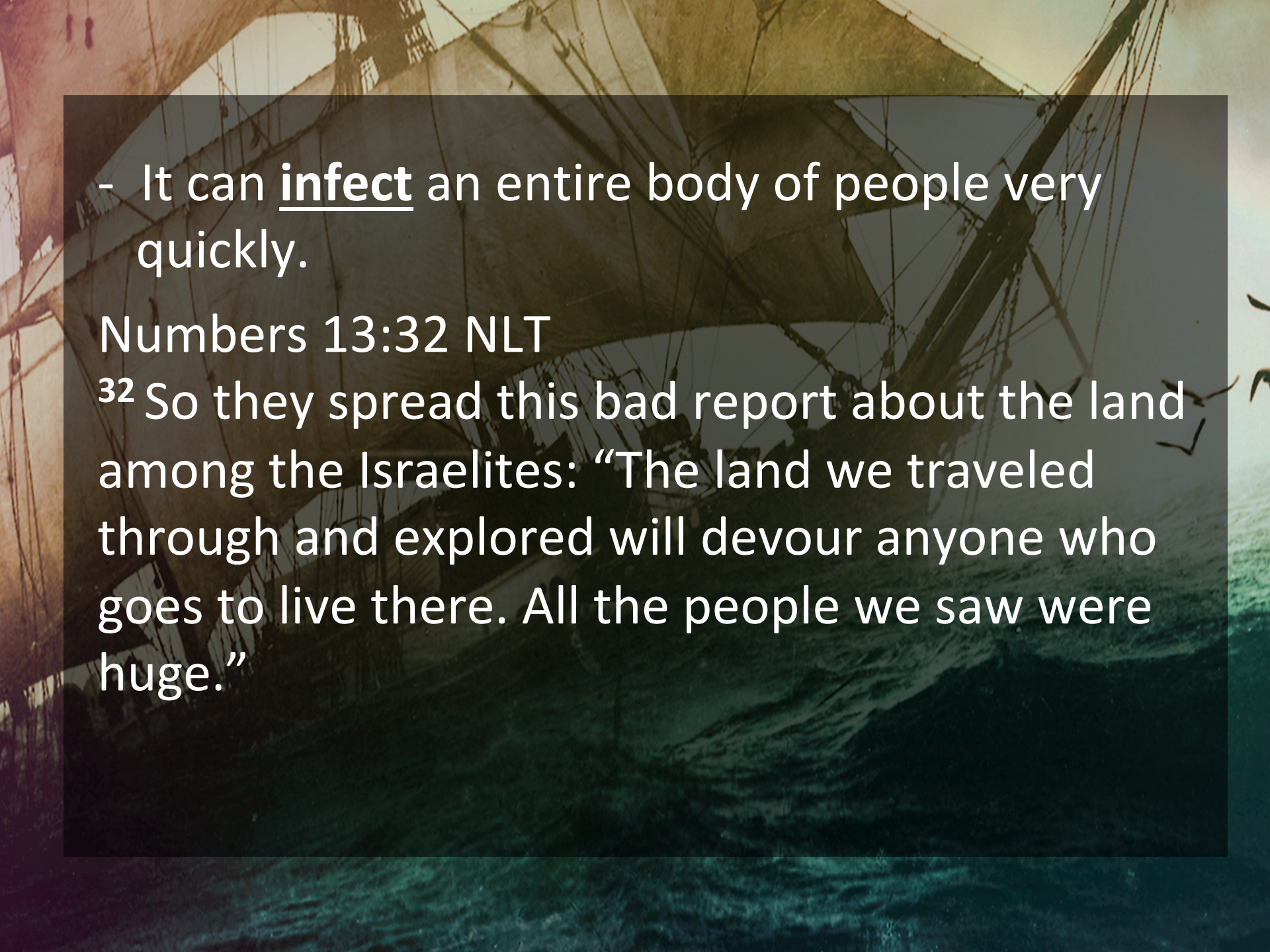
- It's a potent combination of truth, lies, and exaggeration.

Numbers 13:31-33 NLT

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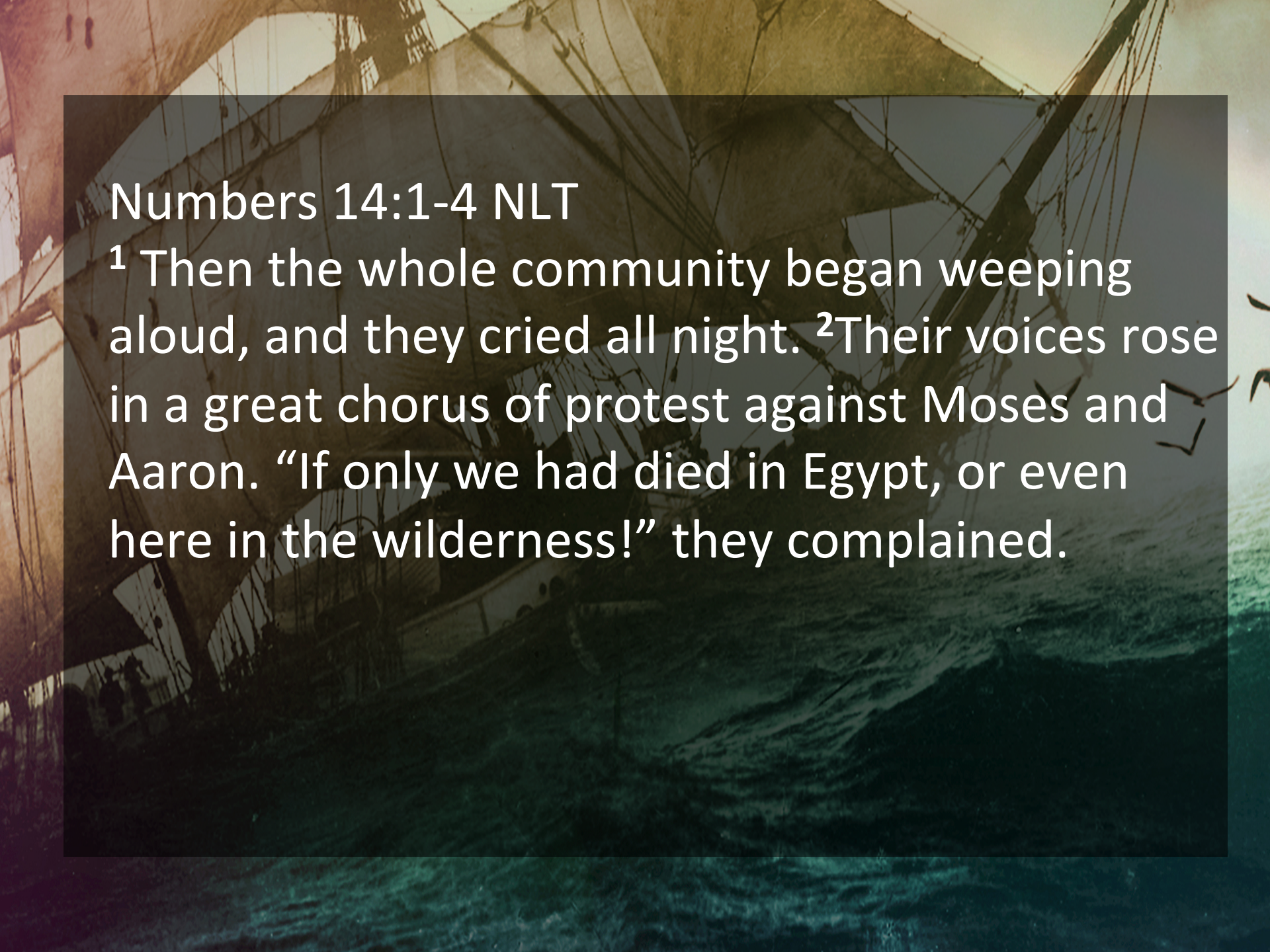
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- It can infect an entire body of people very quickly.

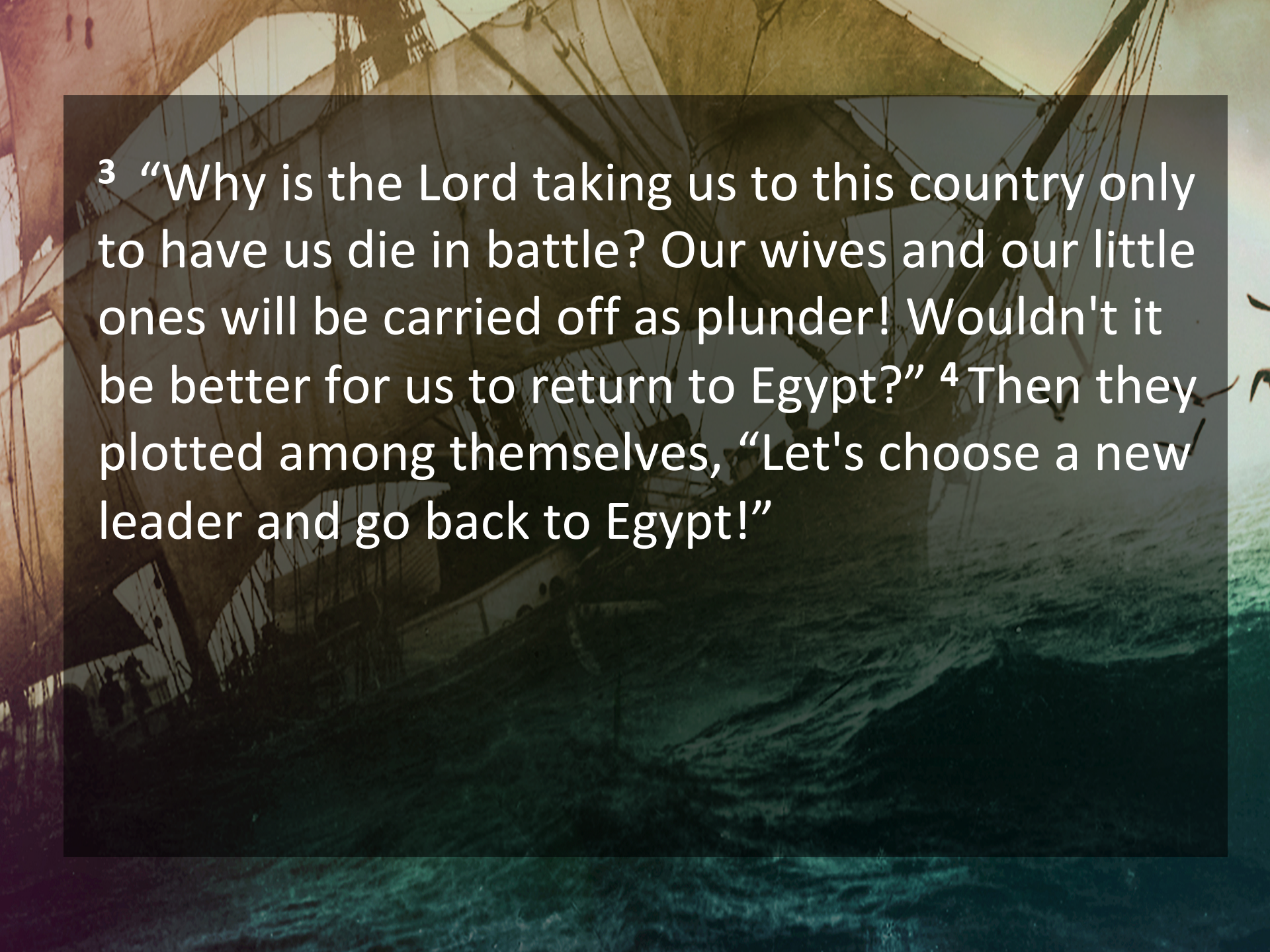
Numbers 13:32 NLT

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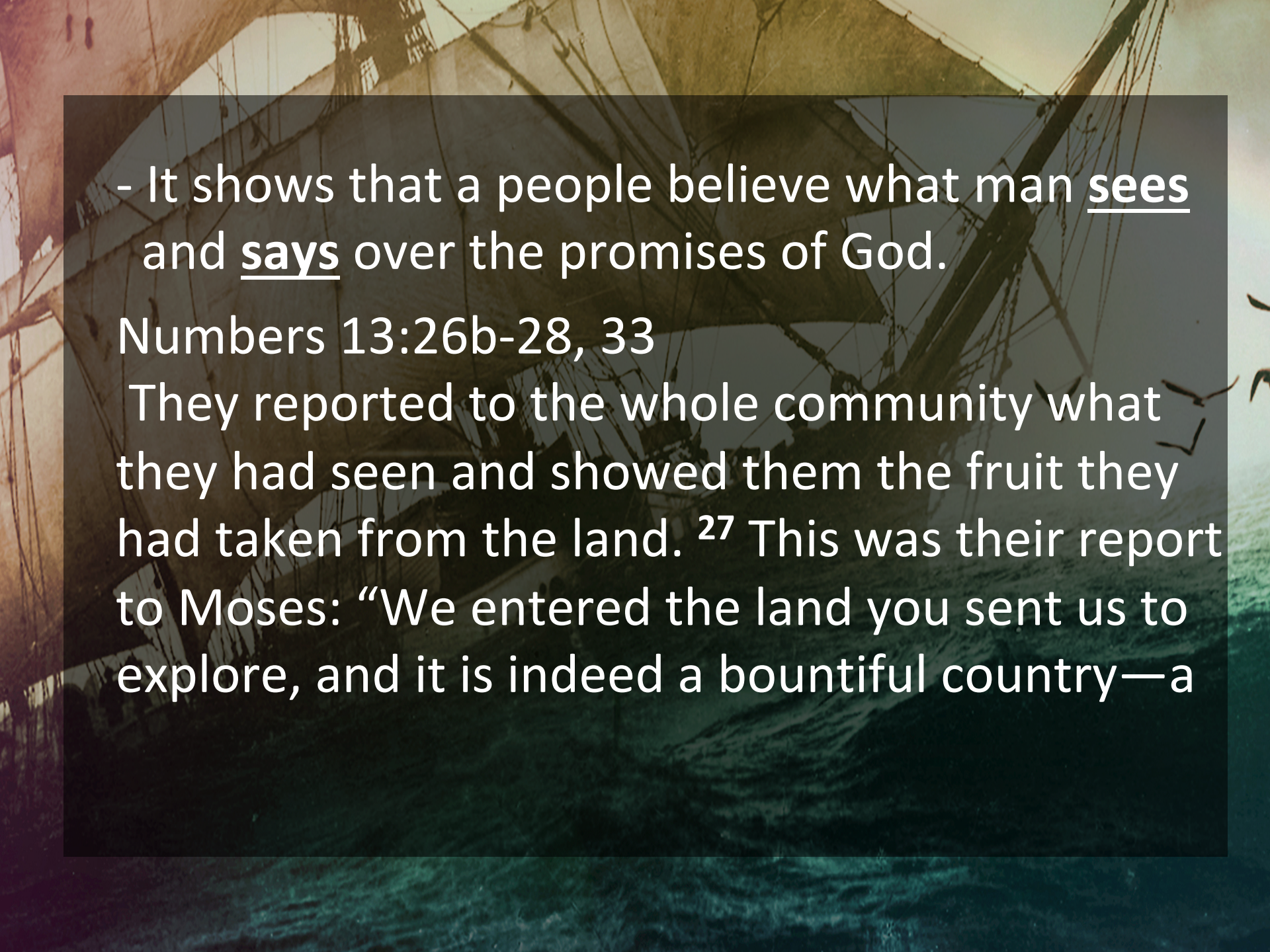


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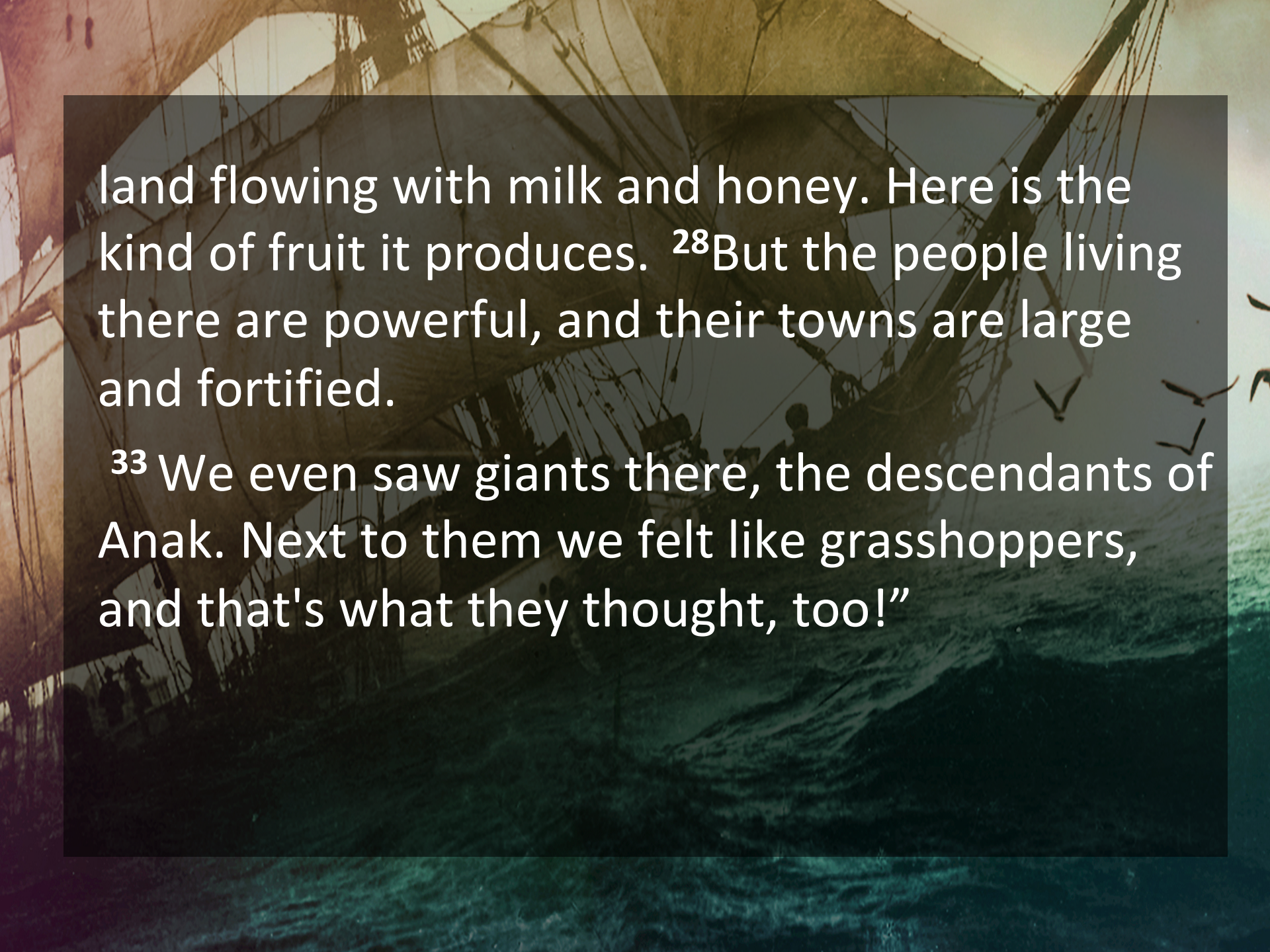
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- It shows that a people believe what man sees and says over the promises of God.

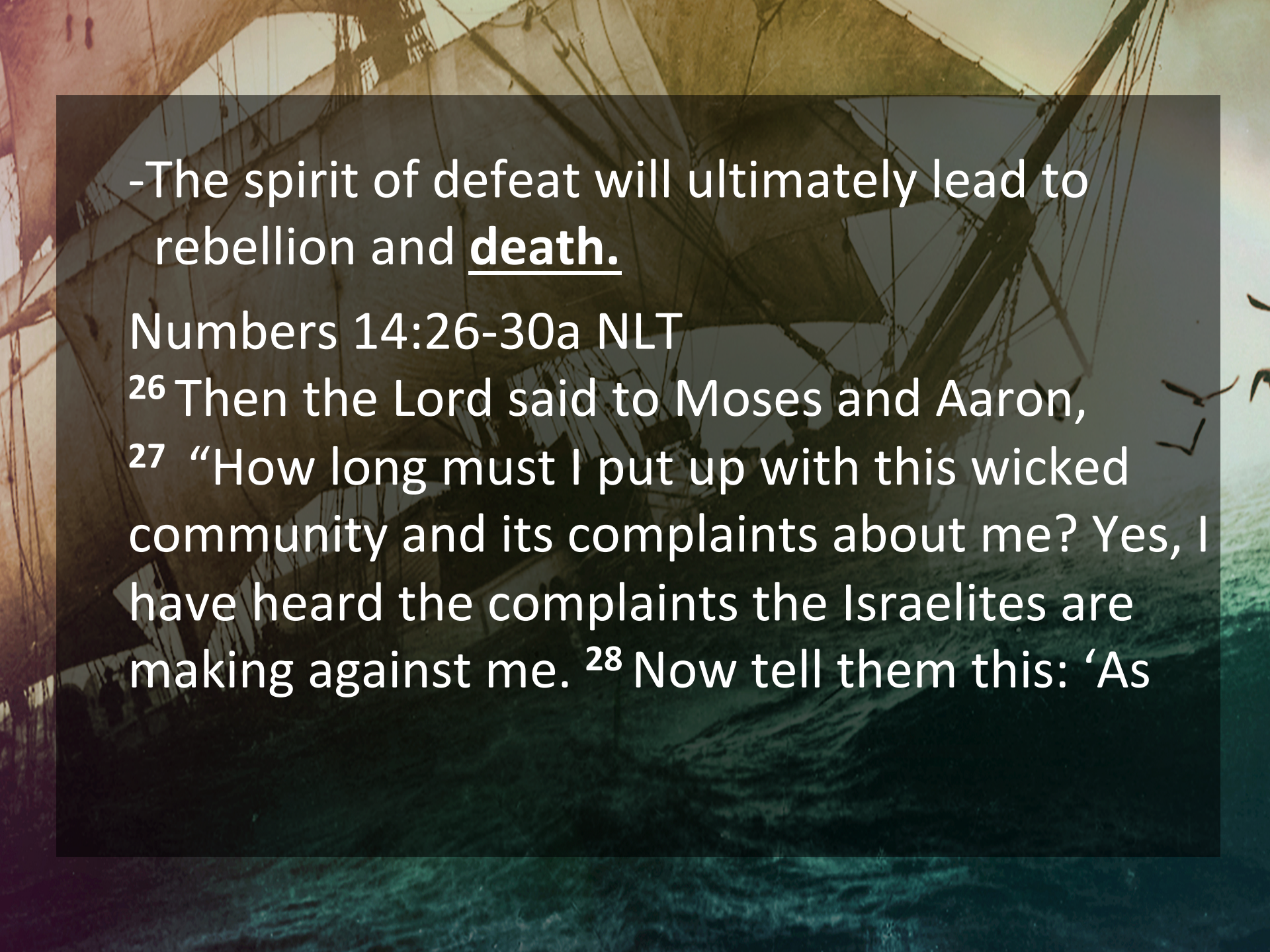
Numbers 13:26b-28, 33

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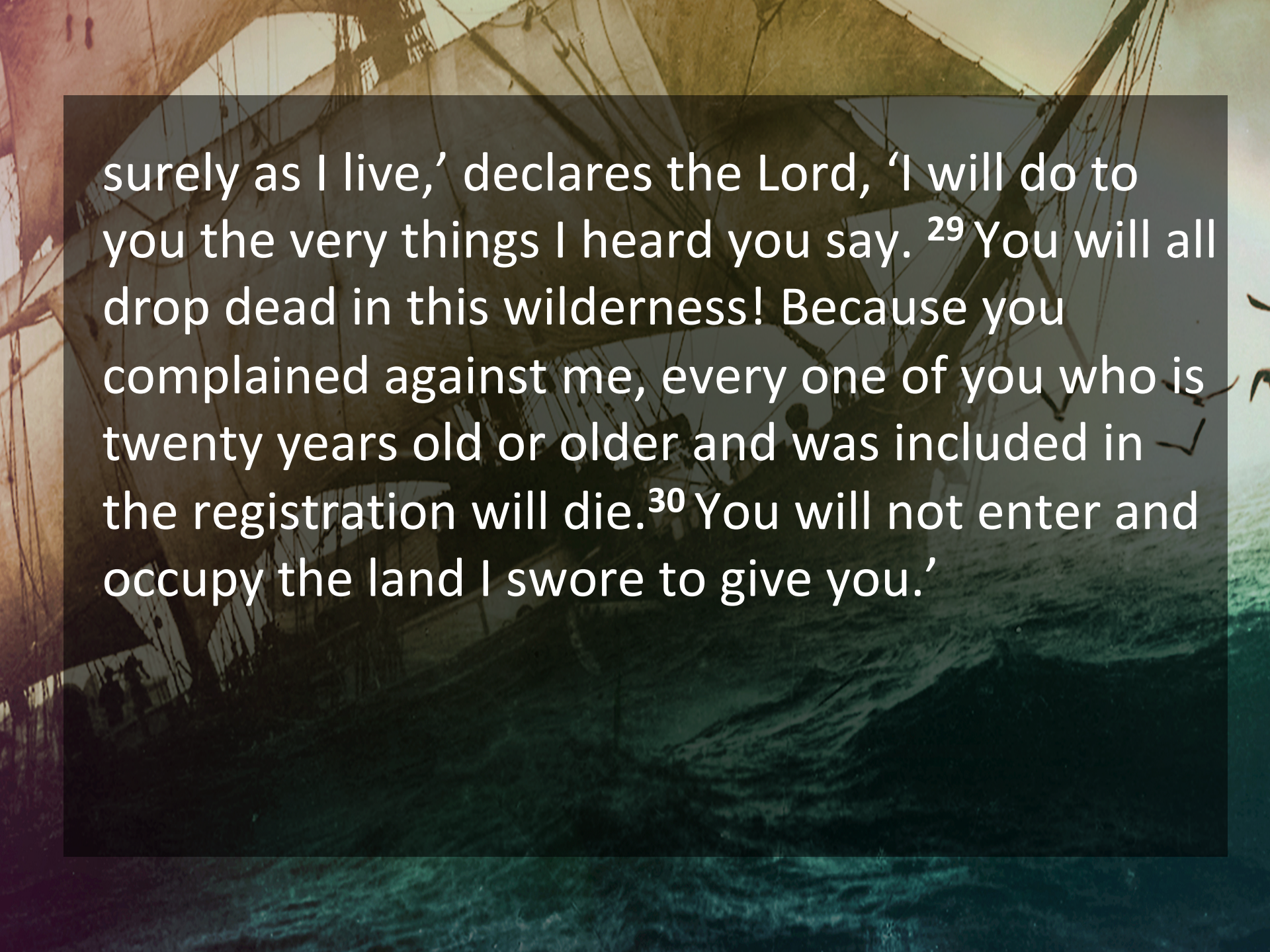


-The spirit of defeat will ultimately lead to rebellion and death.

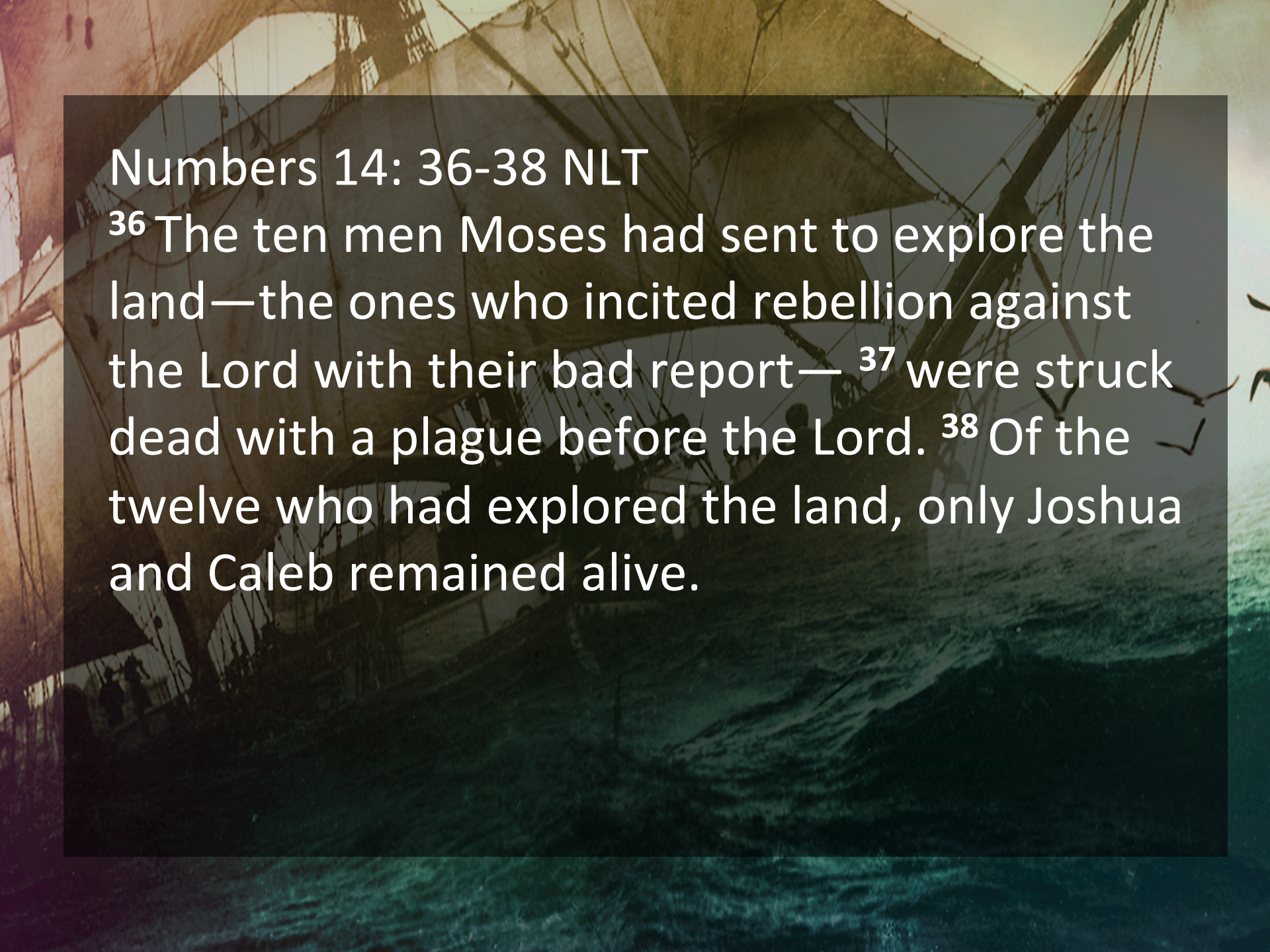
Numbers 14:26-30a NLT

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,

²⁷ “How long must I put up with this wicked community and its complaints about me? Yes, I have heard the complaints the Israelites are making against me. ²⁸ Now tell them this: ‘As



surely as I live,' declares the Lord, 'I will do to you the very things I heard you say. ²⁹ You will all drop dead in this wilderness! Because you complained against me, every one of you who is twenty years old or older and was included in the registration will die. ³⁰ You will not enter and occupy the land I swore to give you.'



Numbers 14: 36-38 NLT

³⁶ The ten men Moses had sent to explore the land—the ones who incited rebellion against the Lord with their bad report—³⁷ were struck dead with a plague before the Lord. ³⁸ Of the twelve who had explored the land, only Joshua and Caleb remained alive.

A large, multi-masted sailing ship is shown on a dark, stormy sea. The ship's sails are partially visible, and the water is turbulent. Several birds are flying in the sky above the ship. The overall scene is dramatic and atmospheric, with a dark, moody color palette.

II. Conquering the spirit of defeat.

- Hear His voice and believe what He says.

Hebrews 3:7 NIV

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you hear his voice,”



- Don't harden your heart.

Hebrews 3:8a NIV

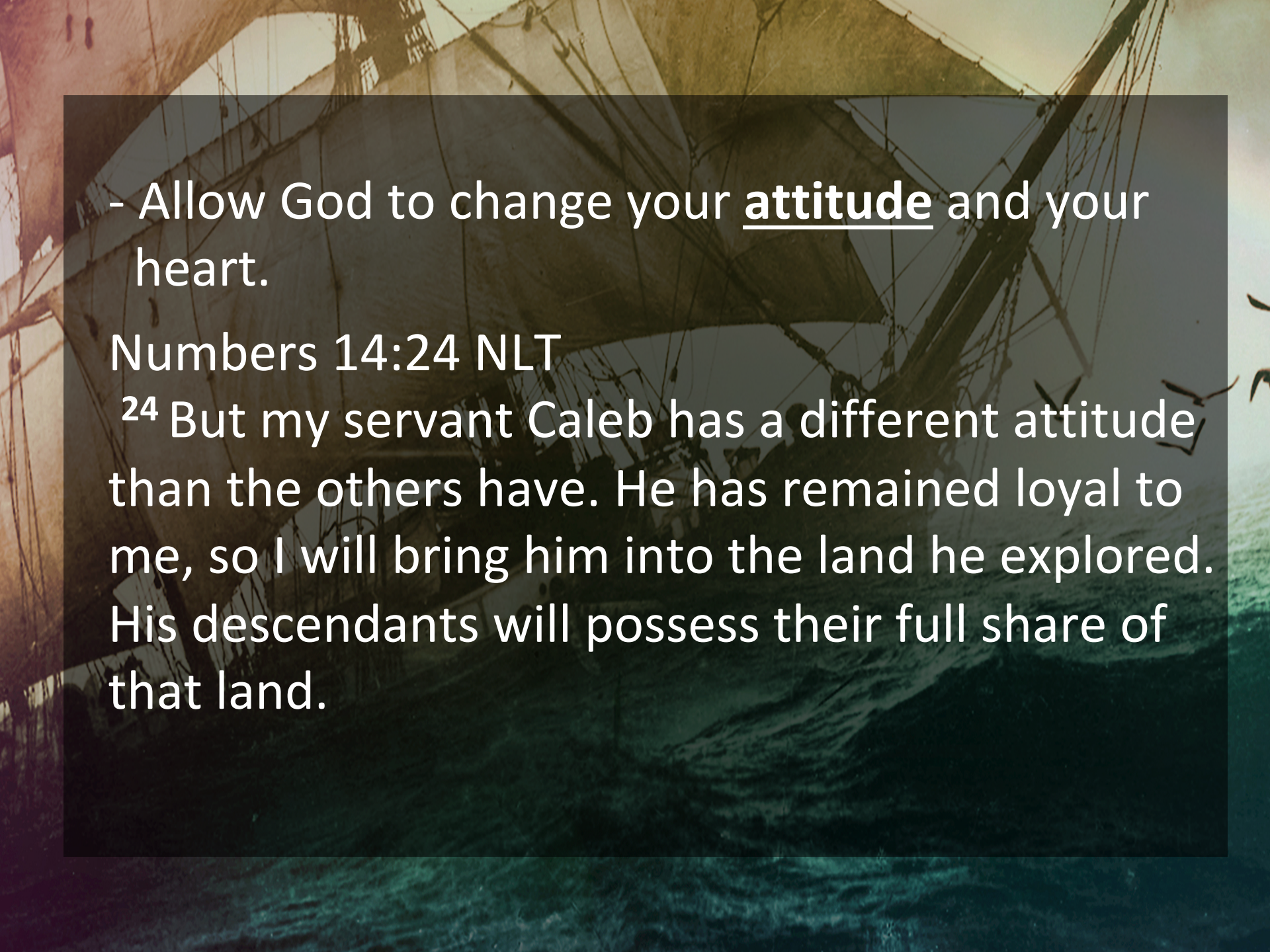
⁸ do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the wilderness,

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-Encourage one another daily.

Hebrews 3:12-13 NIV

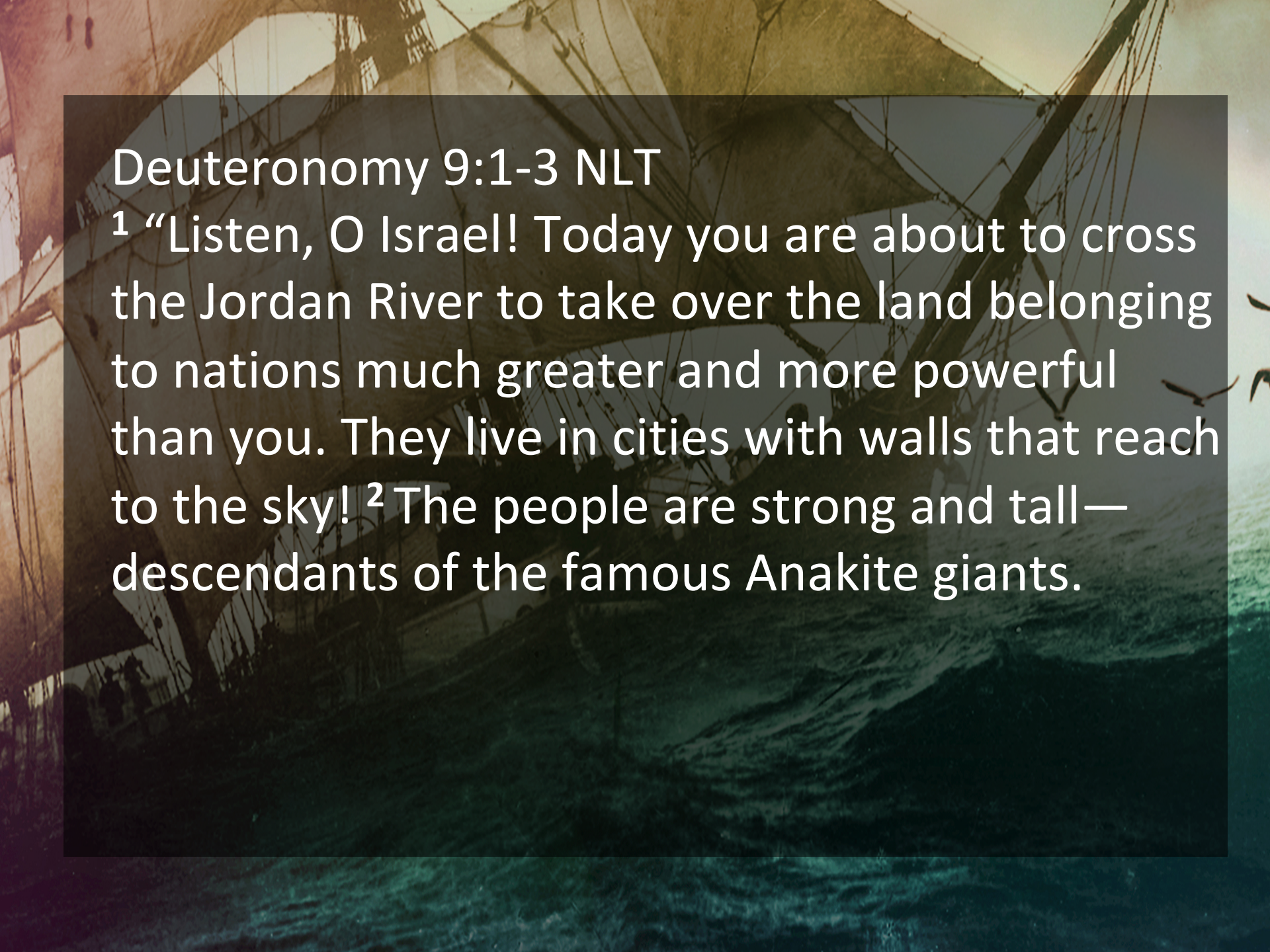
¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

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- Allow God to change your attitude and your heart.

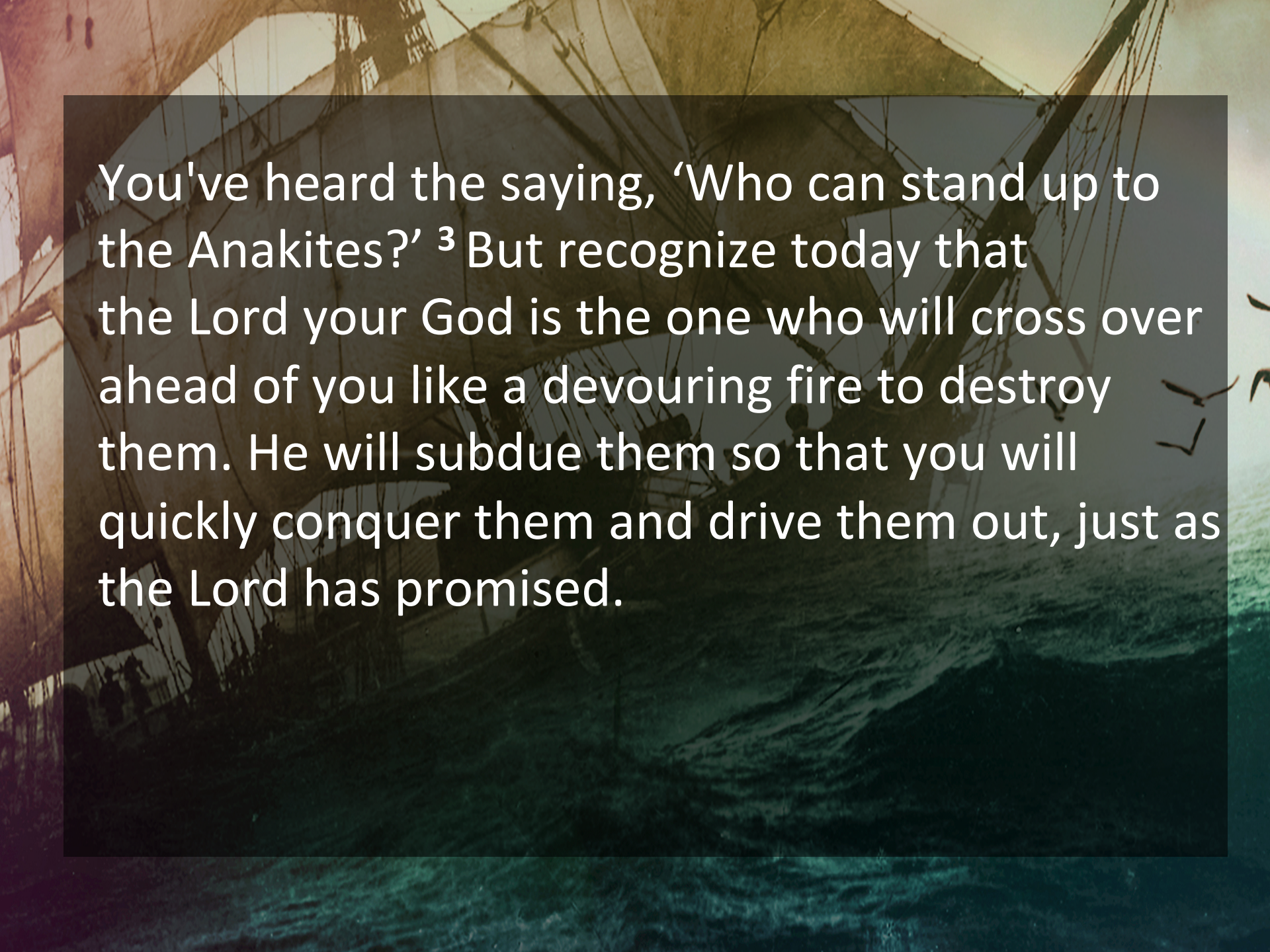
Numbers 14:24 NLT

²⁴ But my servant Caleb has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will possess their full share of that land.

A large wooden sailing ship with multiple masts and sails is shown on a dark sea under a cloudy sky. The ship is the central focus, with its complex rigging and masts extending upwards. The water is dark and choppy, and the sky is overcast with some light breaking through the clouds. The overall mood is dramatic and historical.

Deuteronomy 9:1-3 NLT

¹ “Listen, O Israel! Today you are about to cross the Jordan River to take over the land belonging to nations much greater and more powerful than you. They live in cities with walls that reach to the sky! ²The people are strong and tall—descendants of the famous Anakite giants.

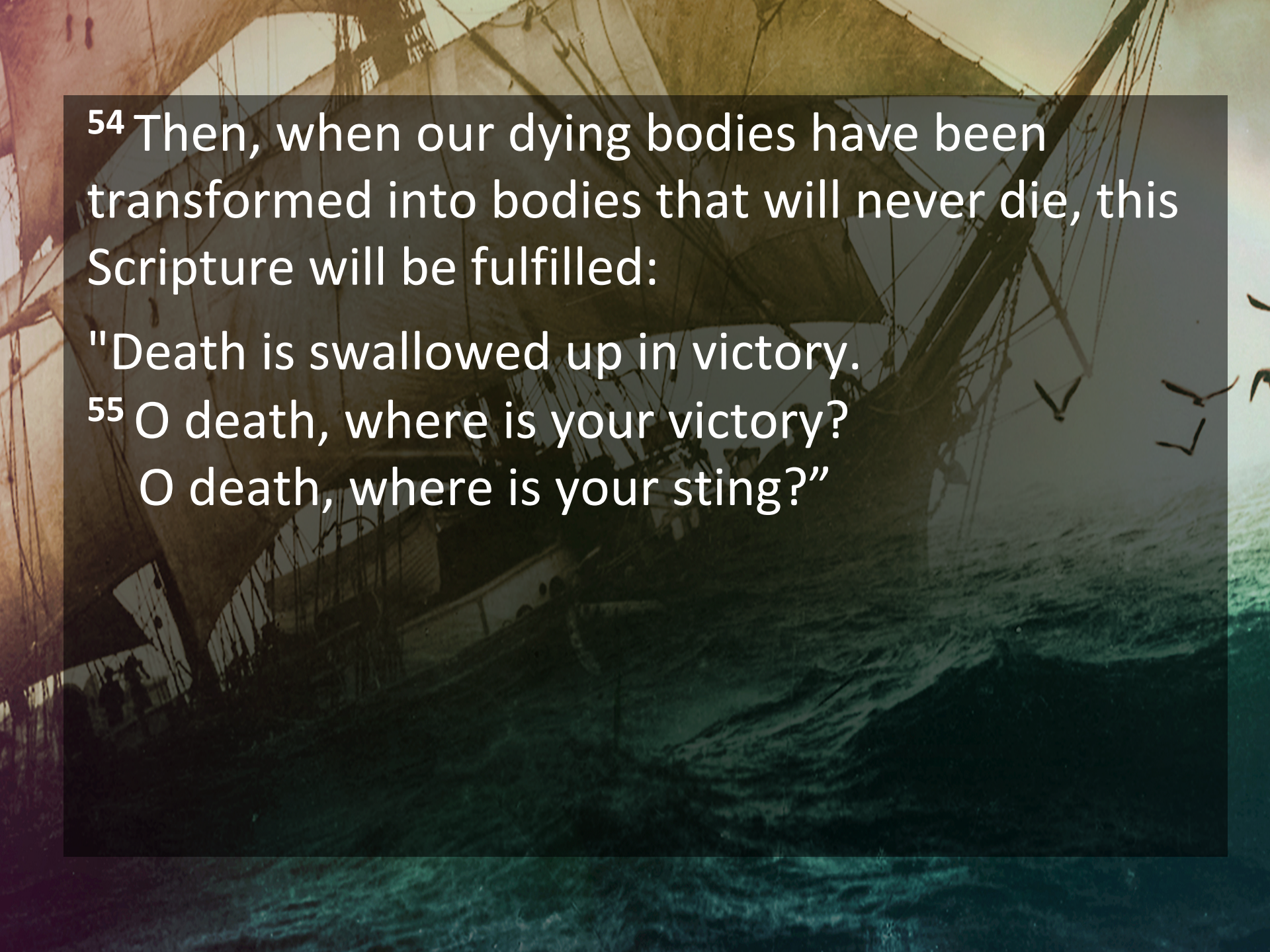
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You've heard the saying, 'Who can stand up to the Anakites?' ³ But recognize today that the Lord your God is the one who will cross over ahead of you like a devouring fire to destroy them. He will subdue them so that you will quickly conquer them and drive them out, just as the Lord has promised.



1 Corinthians 15:51-58NLT

⁵¹ But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

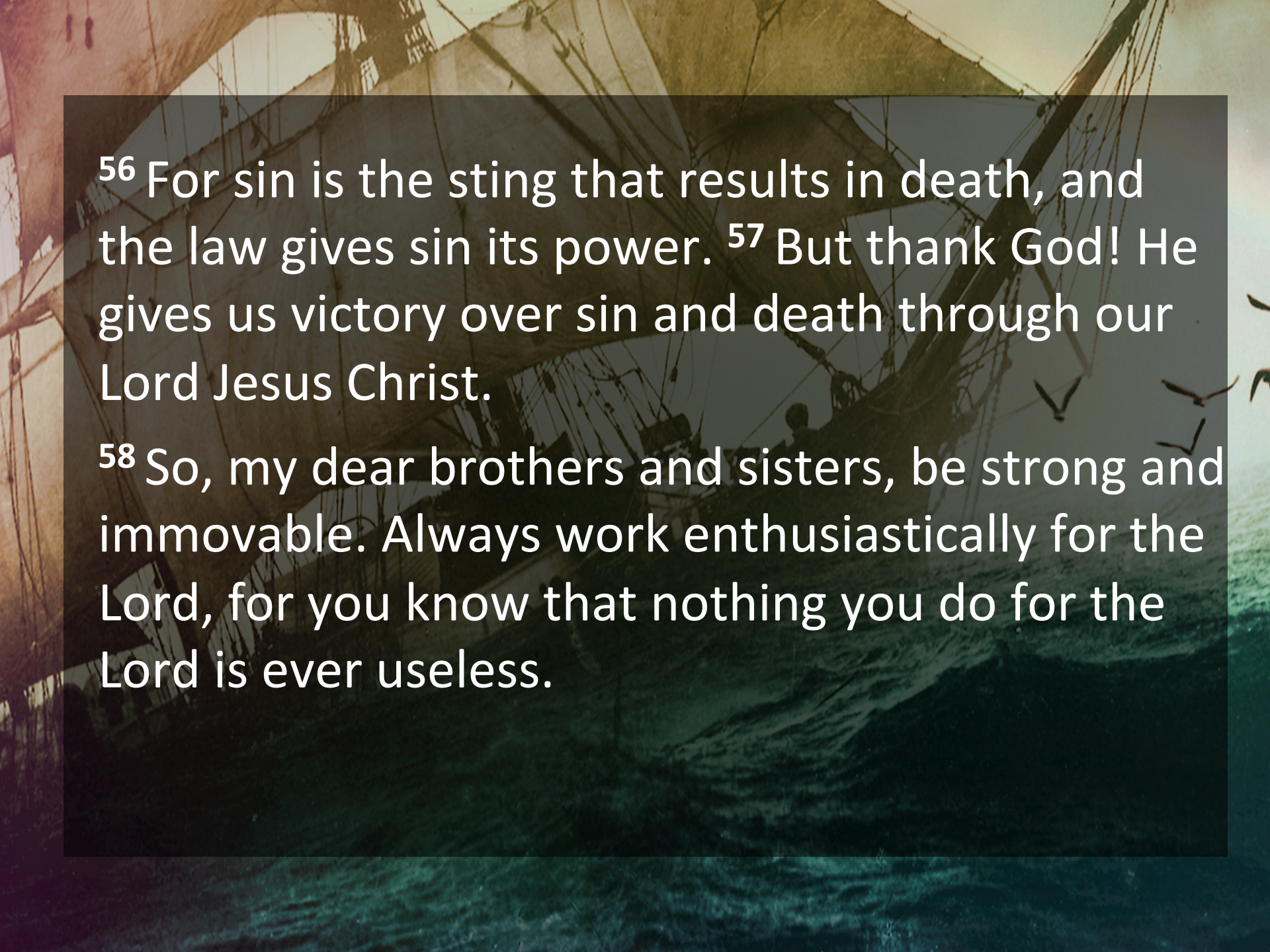
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⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

"Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

A large sailing ship with multiple masts and sails is seen from a low angle, sailing on a dark, choppy sea. The sky is a deep blue, and several birds are flying in the distance. The overall mood is dramatic and powerful.

⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

