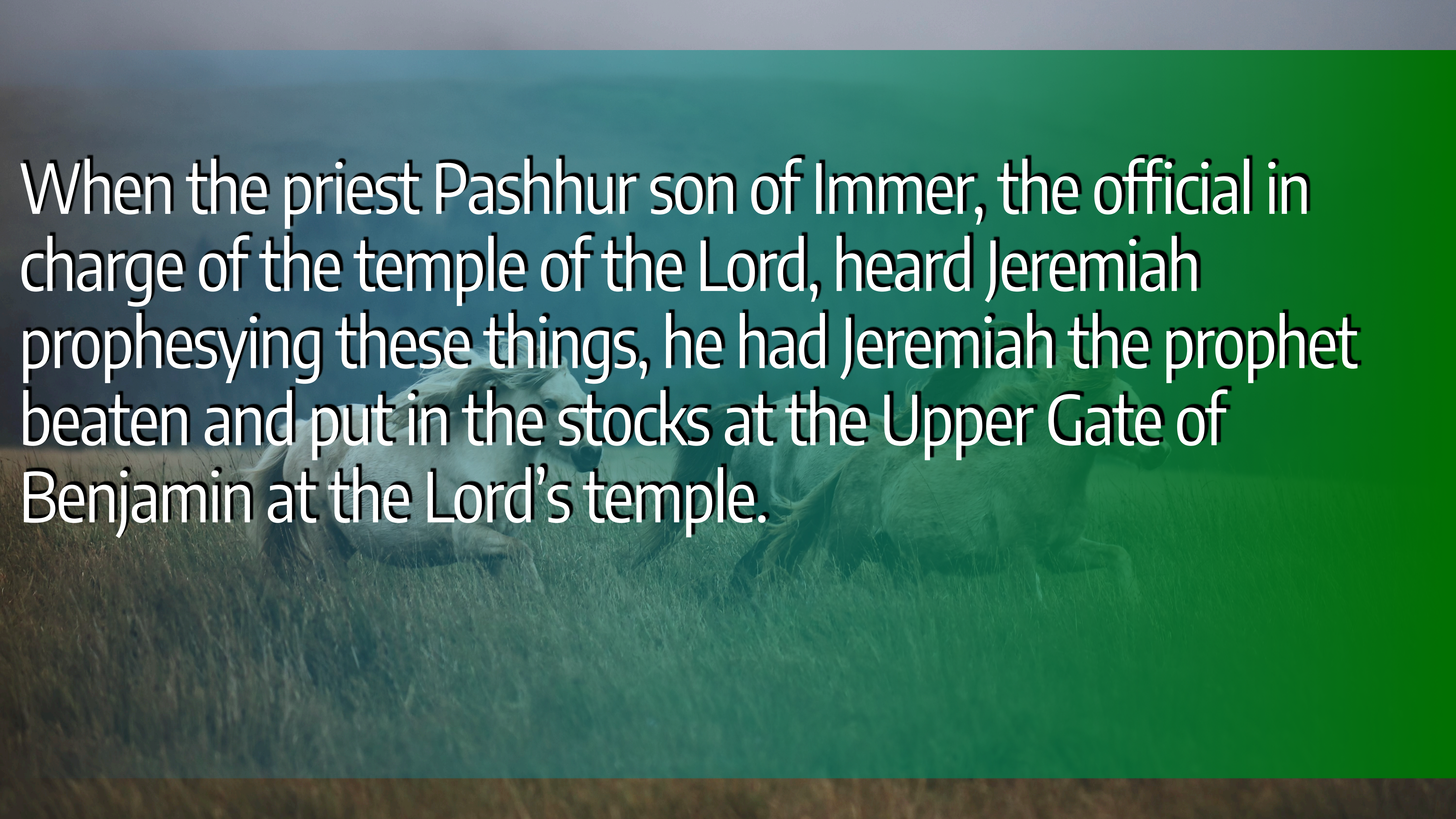


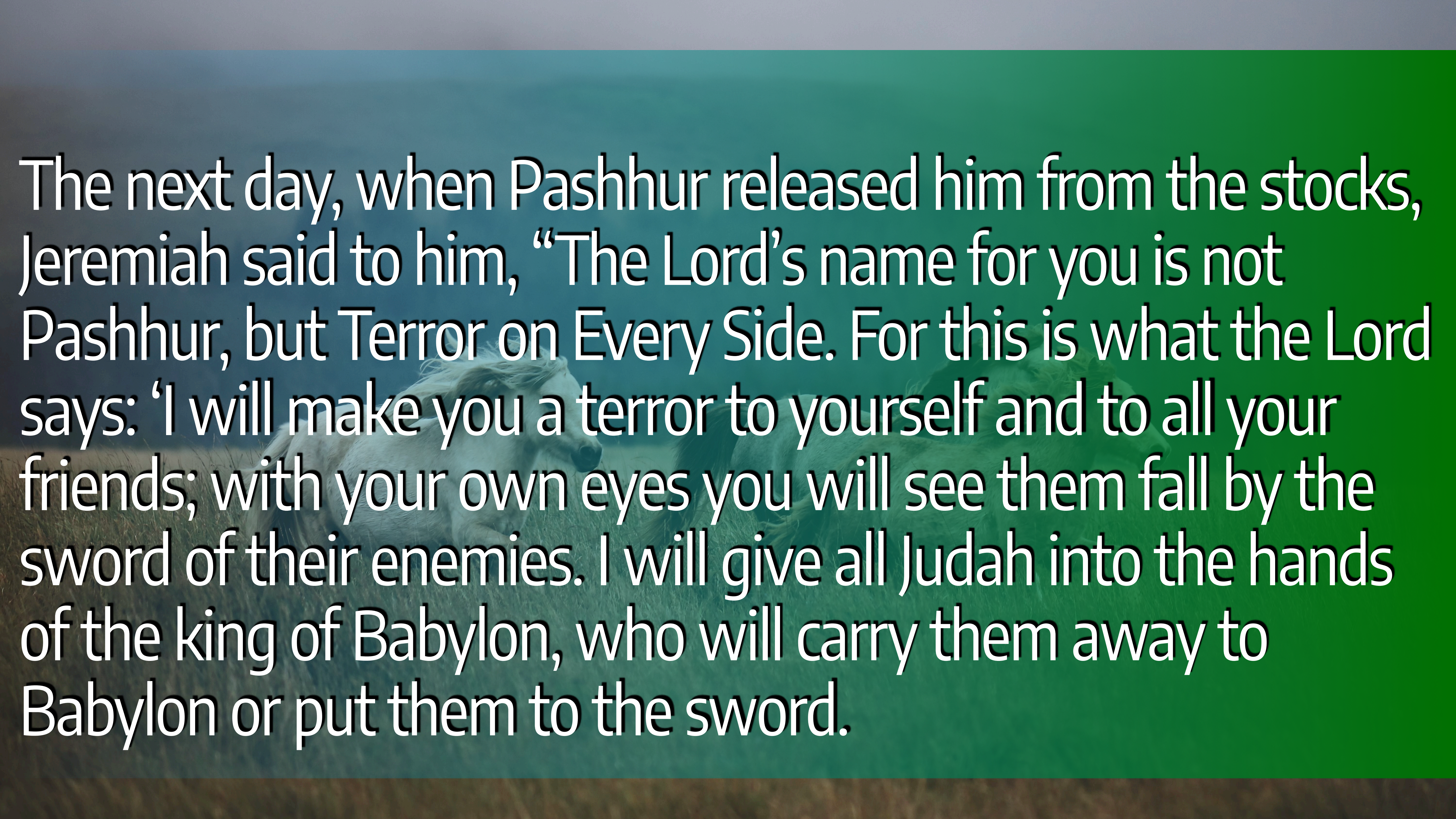
The Life of Jeremiah



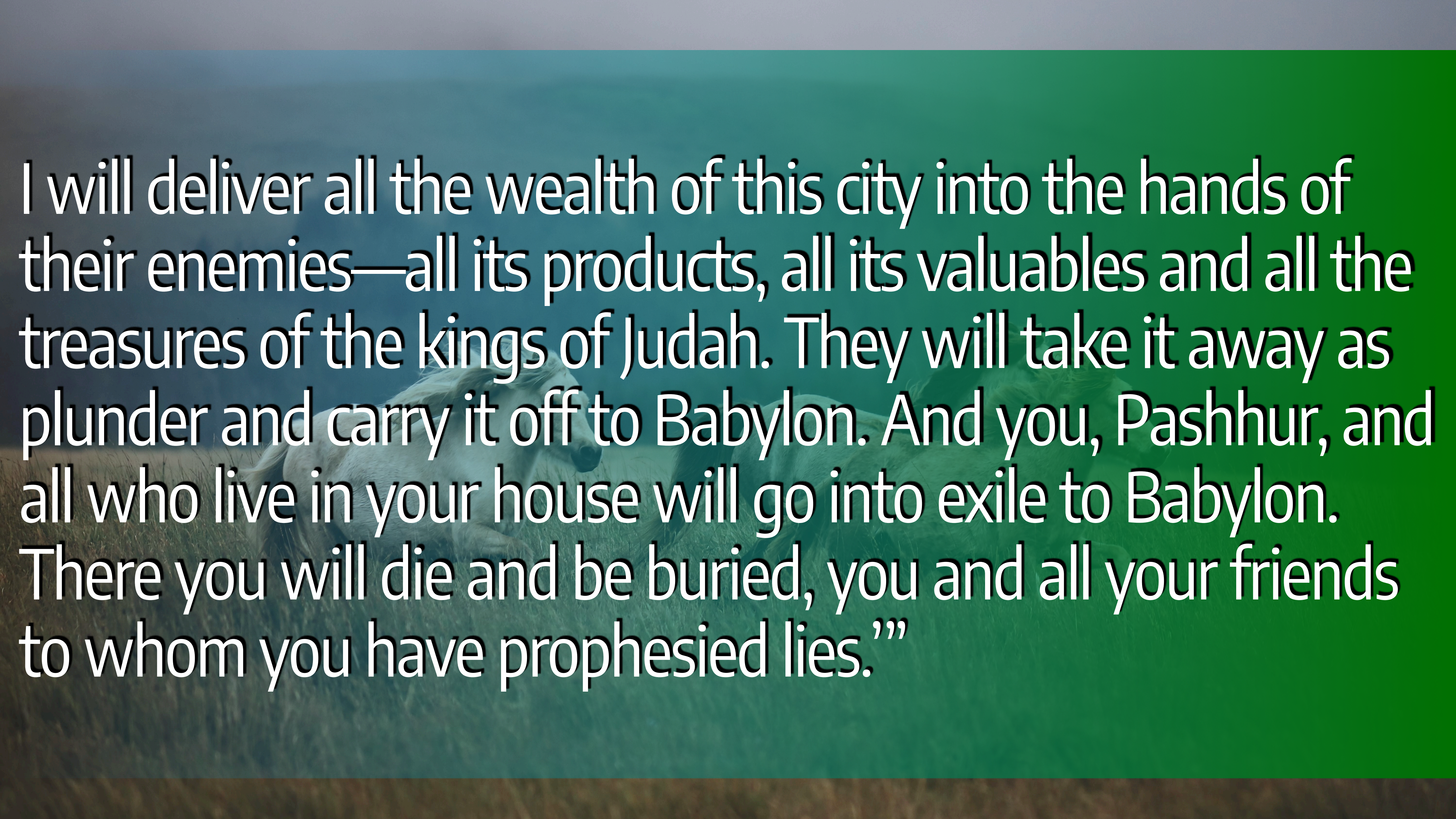
Lord, You Win!
Jeremiah 20:1-13

When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the official in charge of the temple of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the Lord's temple.

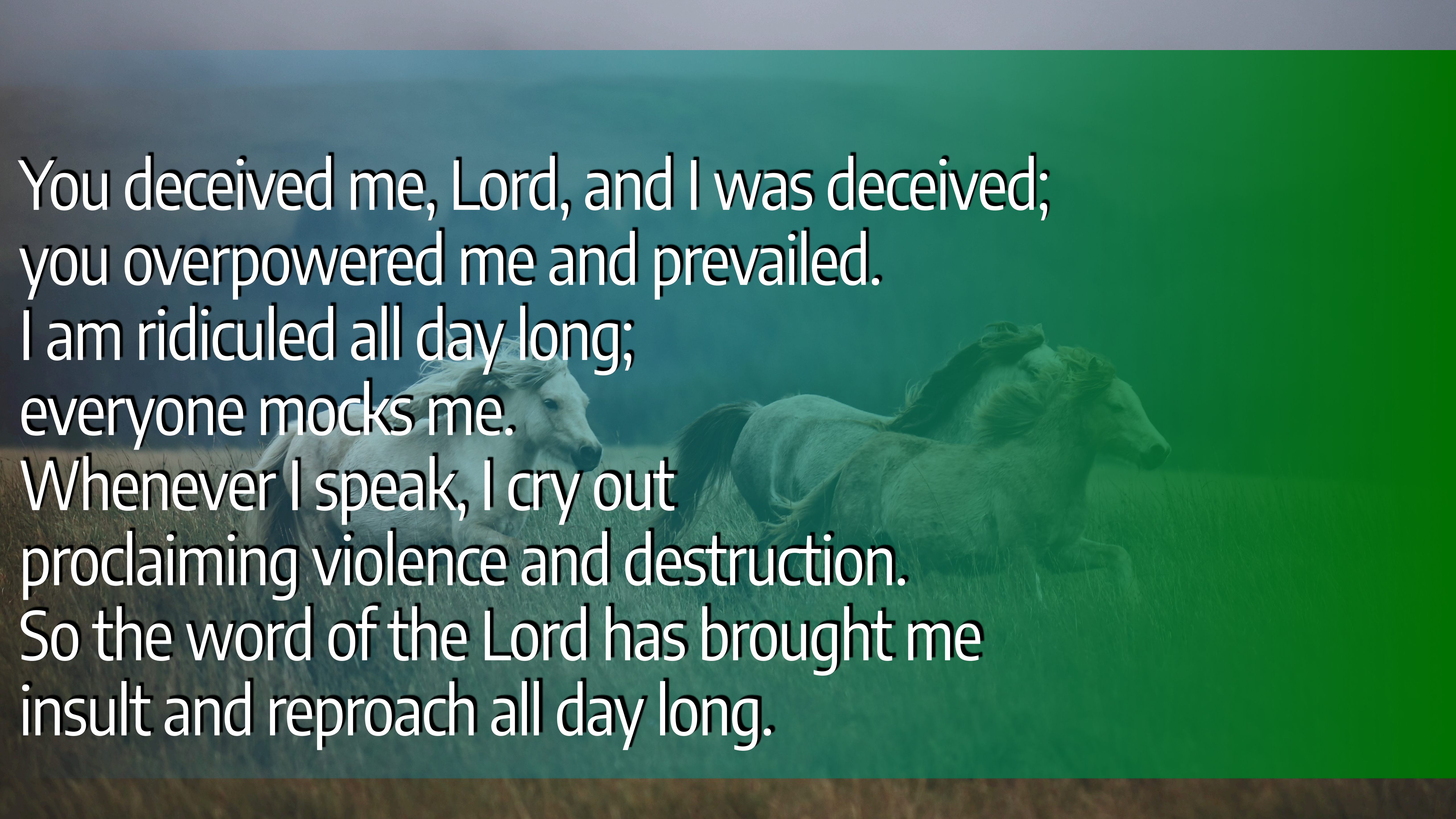




The next day, when Pashhur released him from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, “The Lord’s name for you is not Pashhur, but Terror on Every Side. For this is what the Lord says: ‘I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends; with your own eyes you will see them fall by the sword of their enemies. I will give all Judah into the hands of the king of Babylon, who will carry them away to Babylon or put them to the sword.’”



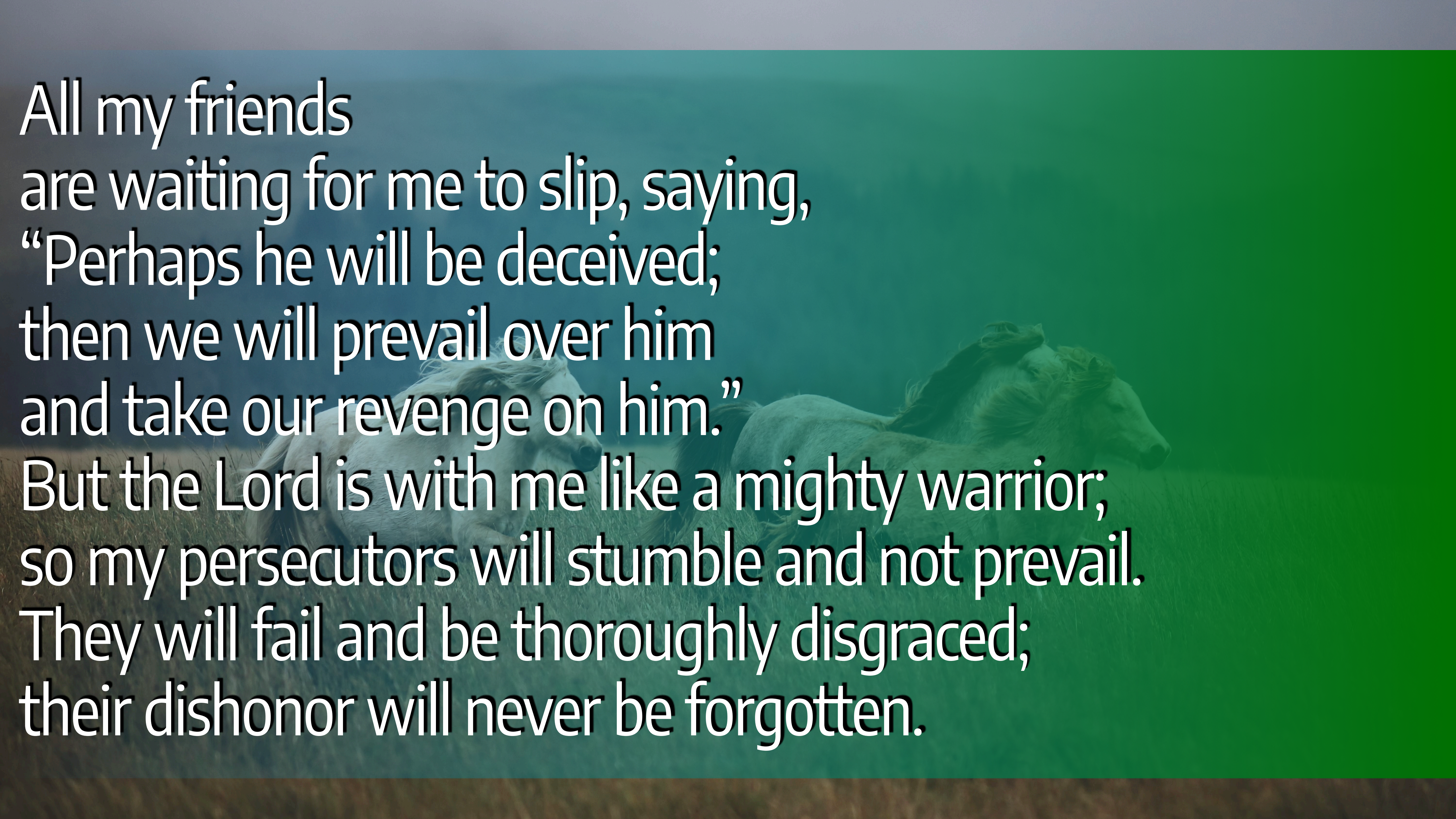
I will deliver all the wealth of this city into the hands of their enemies—all its products, all its valuables and all the treasures of the kings of Judah. They will take it away as plunder and carry it off to Babylon. And you, Pashhur, and all who live in your house will go into exile to Babylon. There you will die and be buried, you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied lies.”

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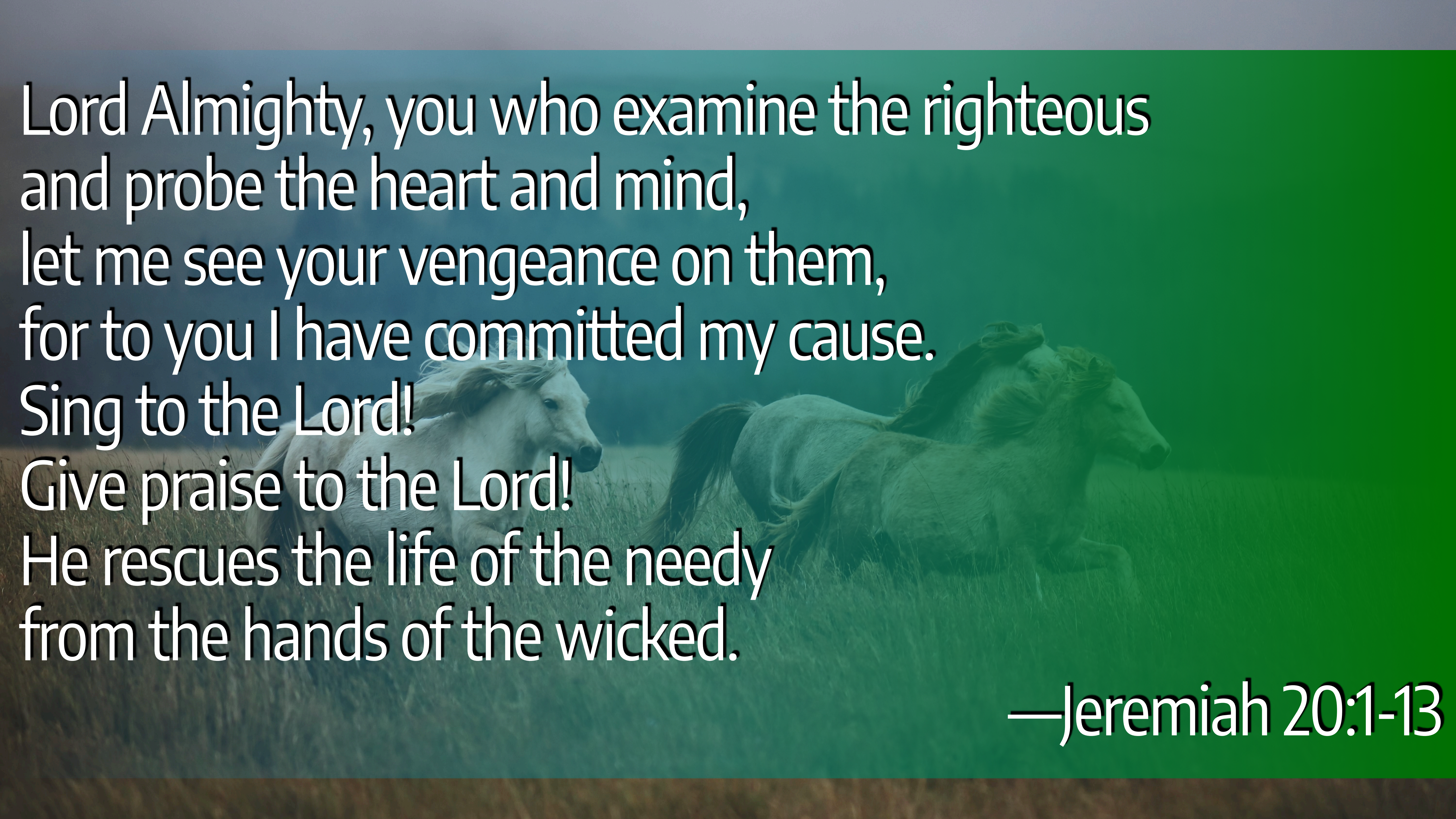
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everyone mocks me.
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So the word of the Lord has brought me
insult and reproach all day long.

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or speak anymore in his name,"
his word is in my heart like a fire,
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I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.
I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!
Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"



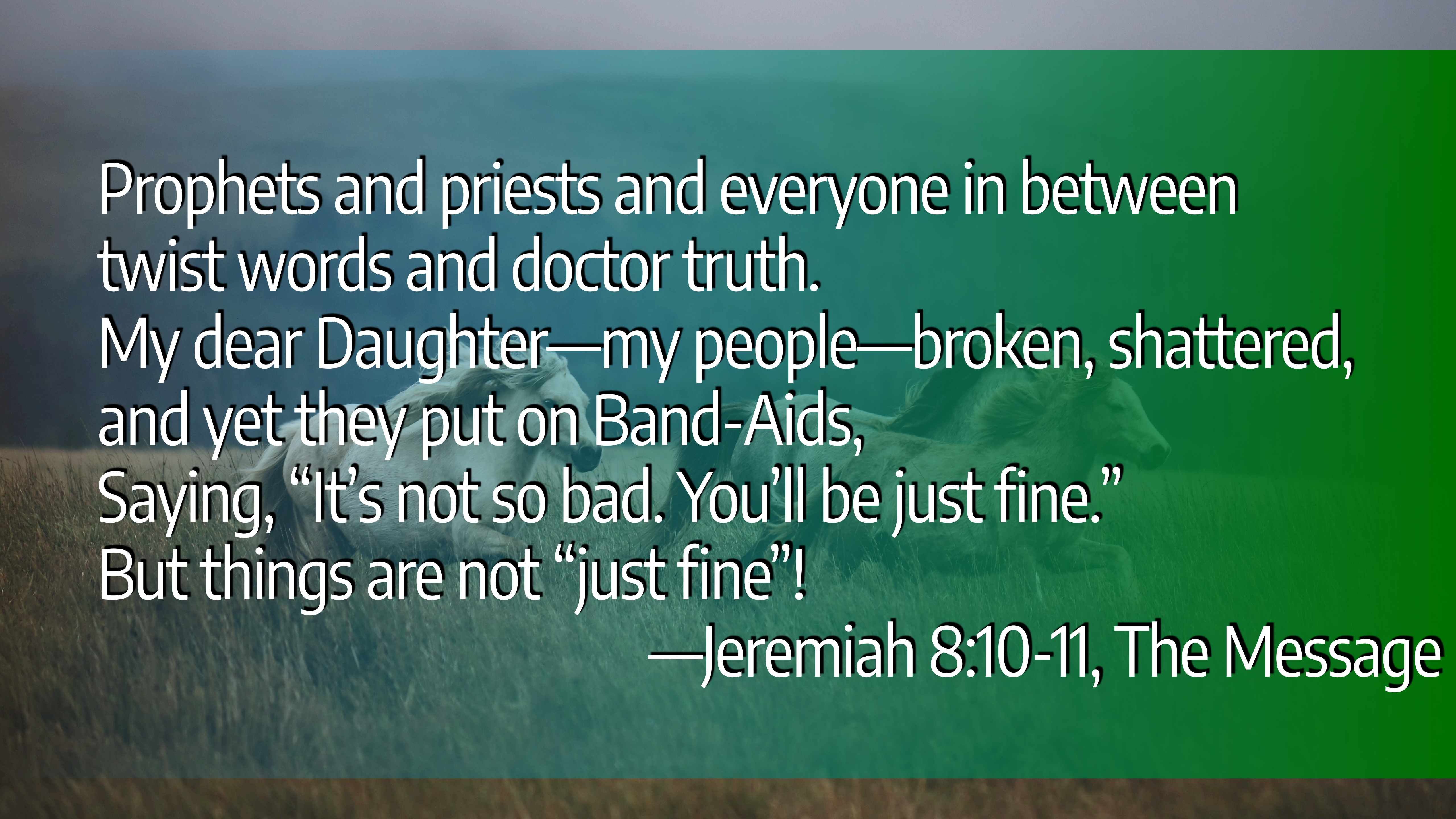
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All my friends
are waiting for me to slip, saying,
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him.”
But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.
They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

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Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous
and probe the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord!
Give praise to the Lord!
He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked.

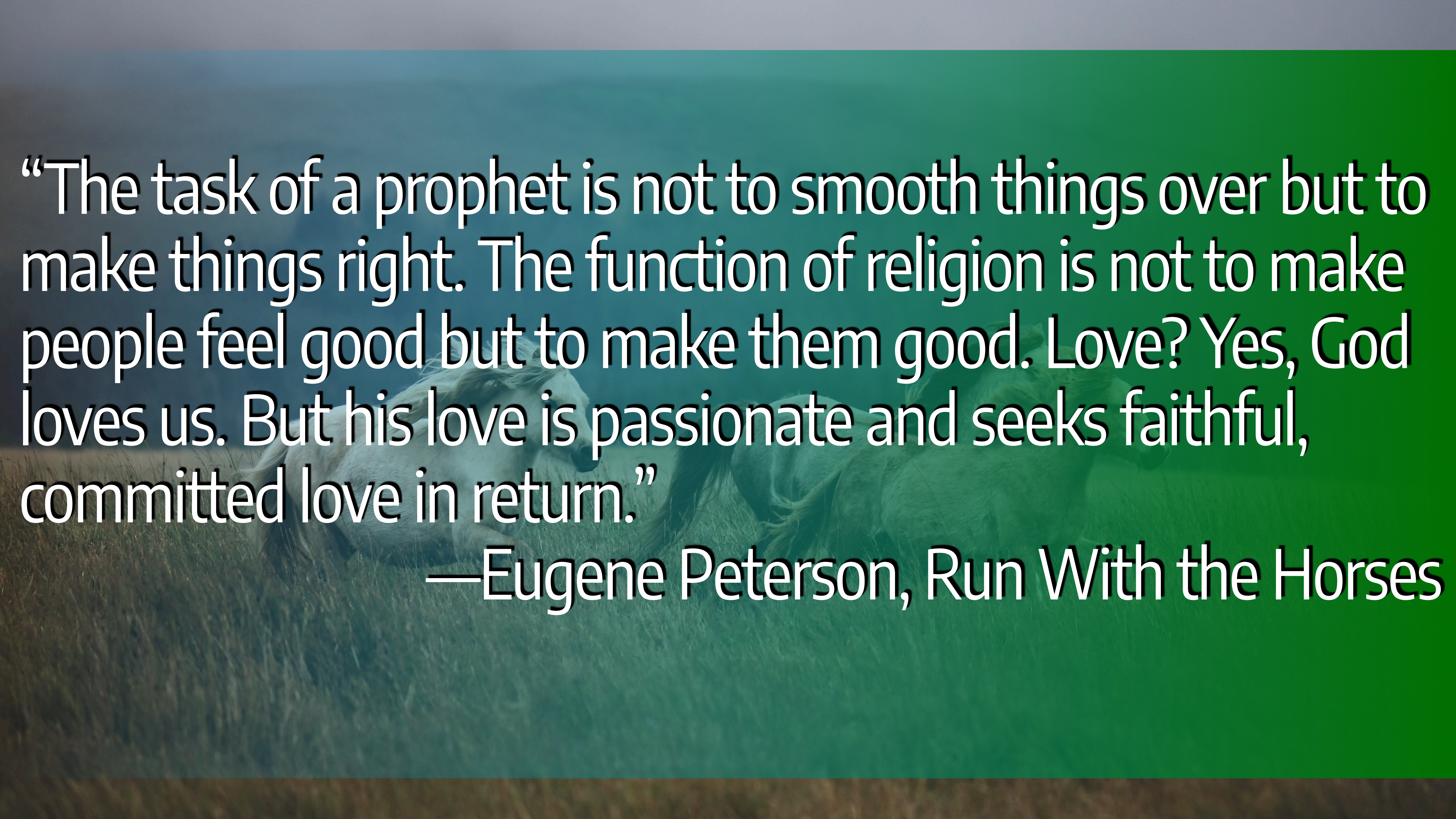
—Jeremiah 20:1-13



Prophets and priests and everyone in between
twist words and doctor truth.

My dear Daughter—my people—broken, shattered,
and yet they put on Band-Aids,
Saying, “It’s not so bad. You’ll be just fine.”
But things are not “just fine”!

—Jeremiah 8:10-11, The Message



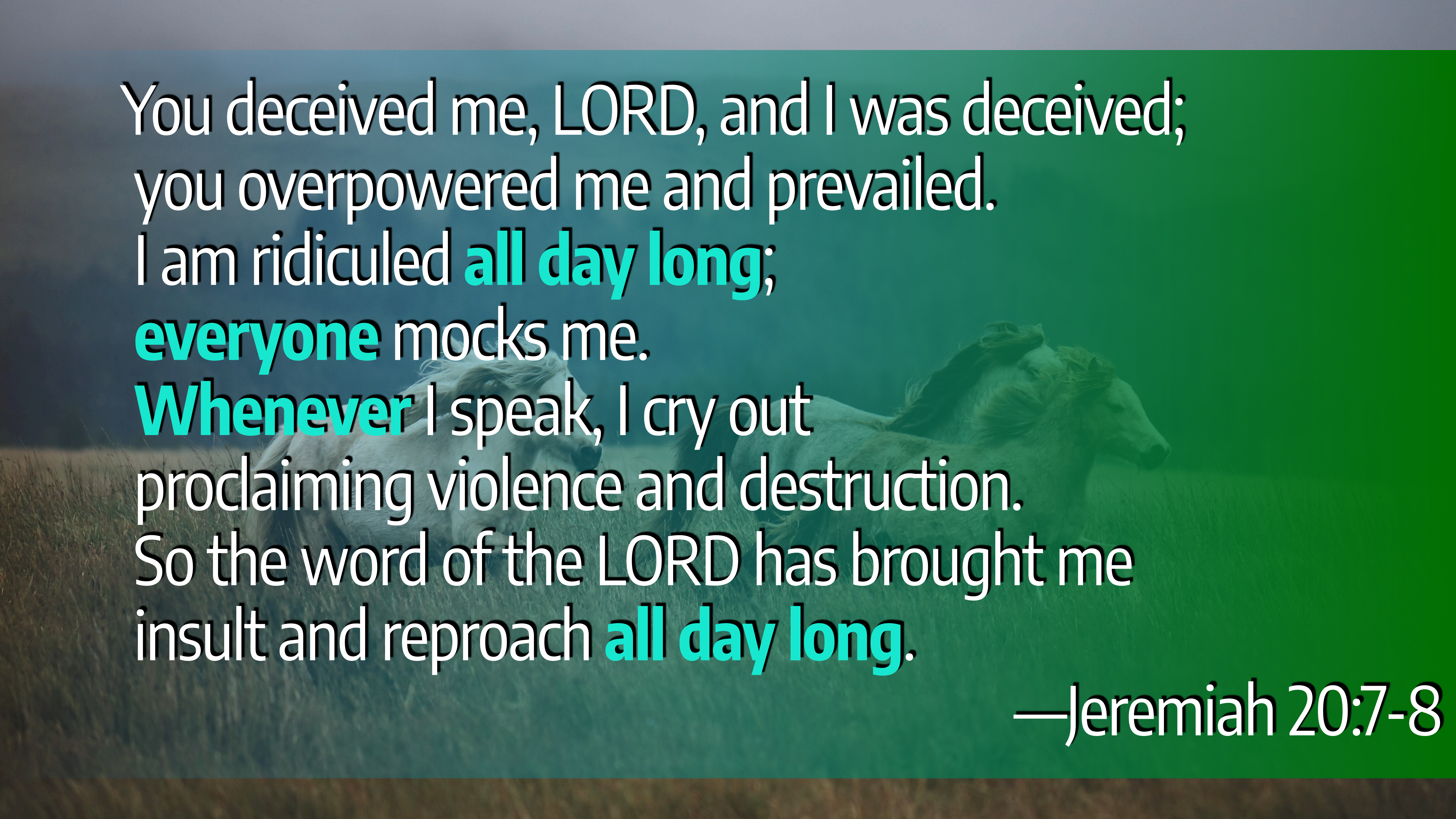
“The task of a prophet is not to smooth things over but to make things right. The function of religion is not to make people feel good but to make them good. Love? Yes, God loves us. But his love is passionate and seeks faithful, committed love in return.”

—Eugene Peterson, *Run With the Horses*

Terror on Every Side

Jeremiah 6:25; 46:5; 49:29 = Babylon's armies

Pashur and his woeful ministry in the temple is like what Babylon did when it came against the nations. Instead of bringing safety and true peace because Pashhur led people to worship the Lord, he was an instrument of war within God's house.

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How are you doing? “I’m fine.”

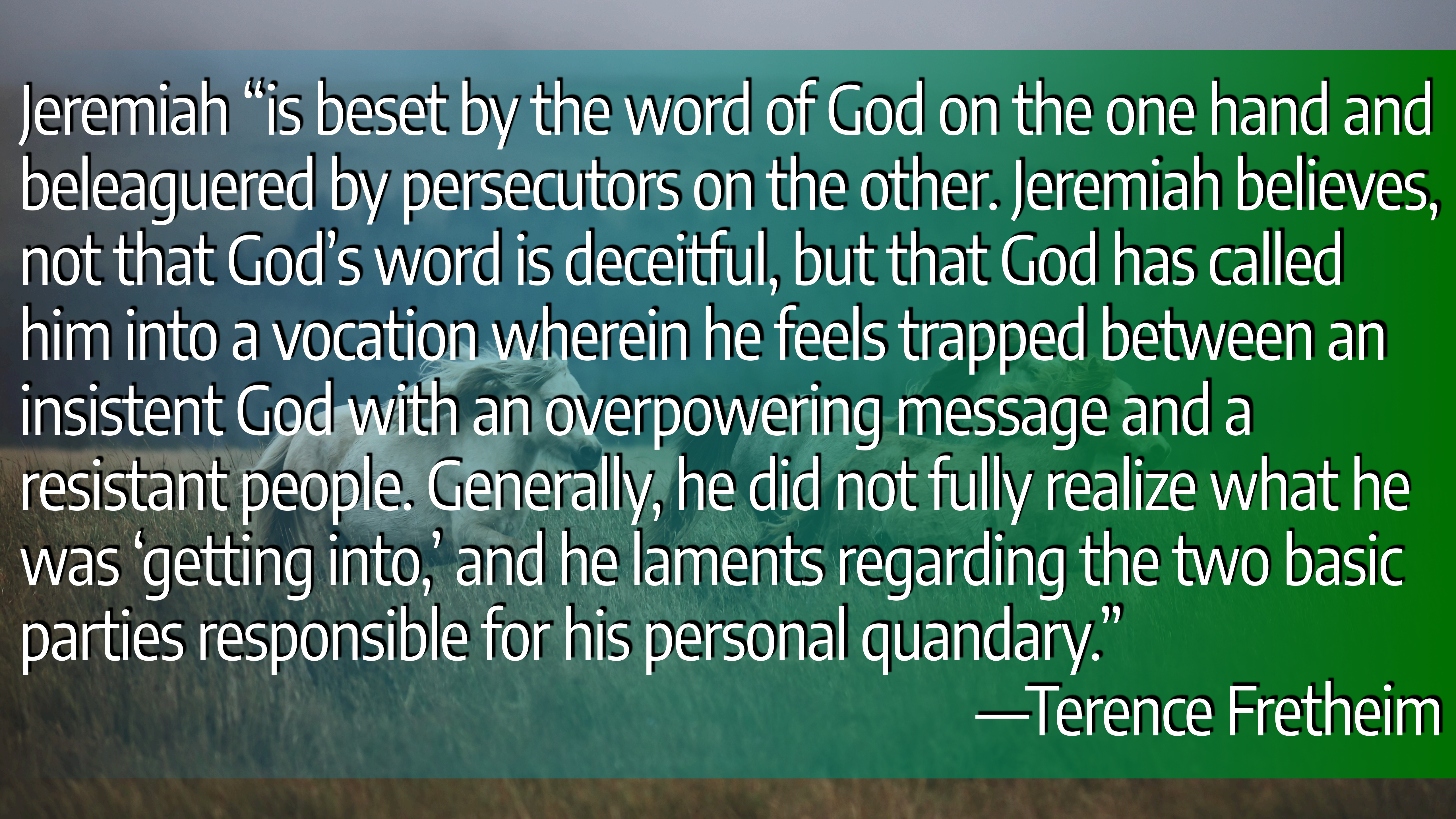
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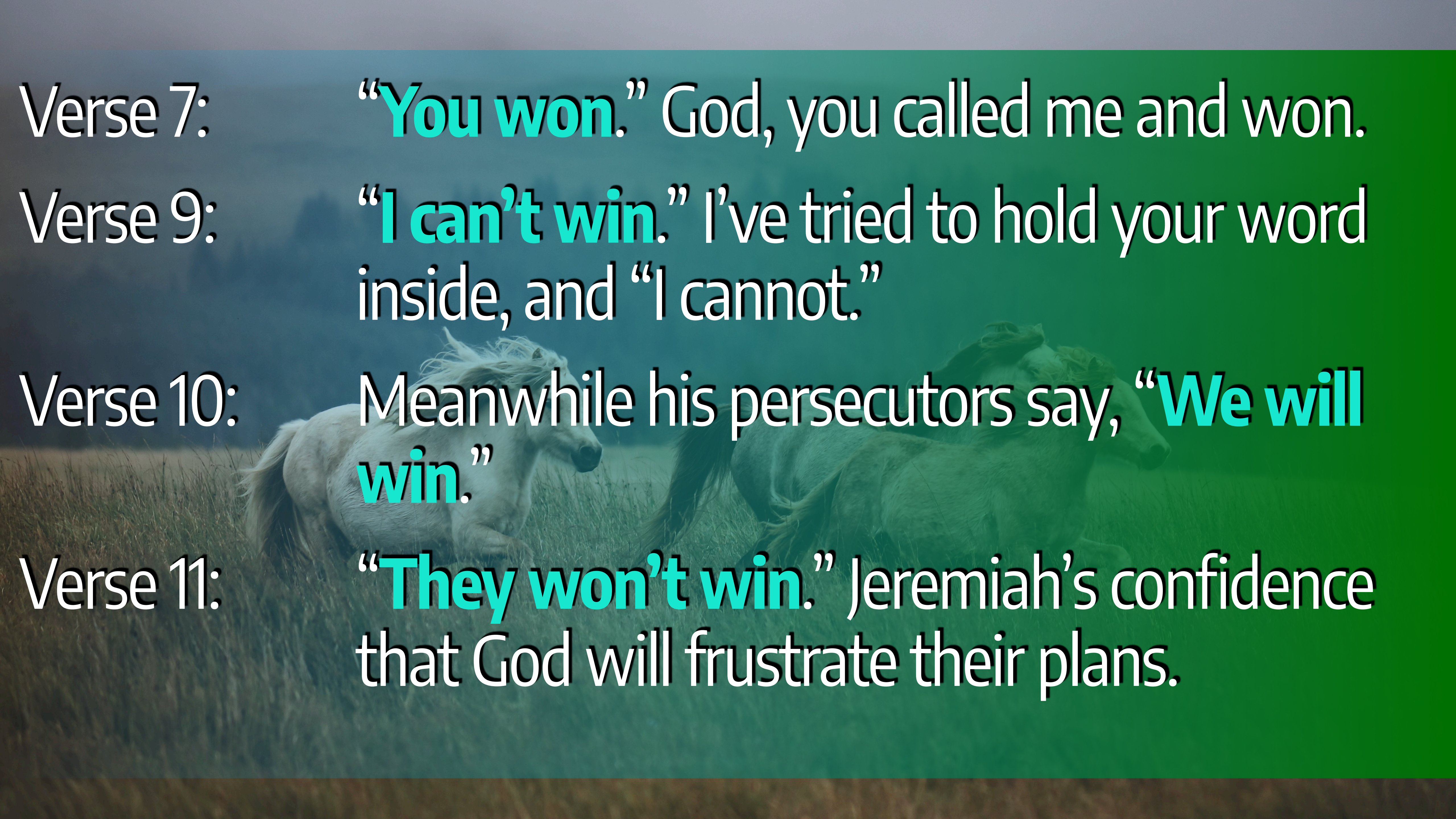
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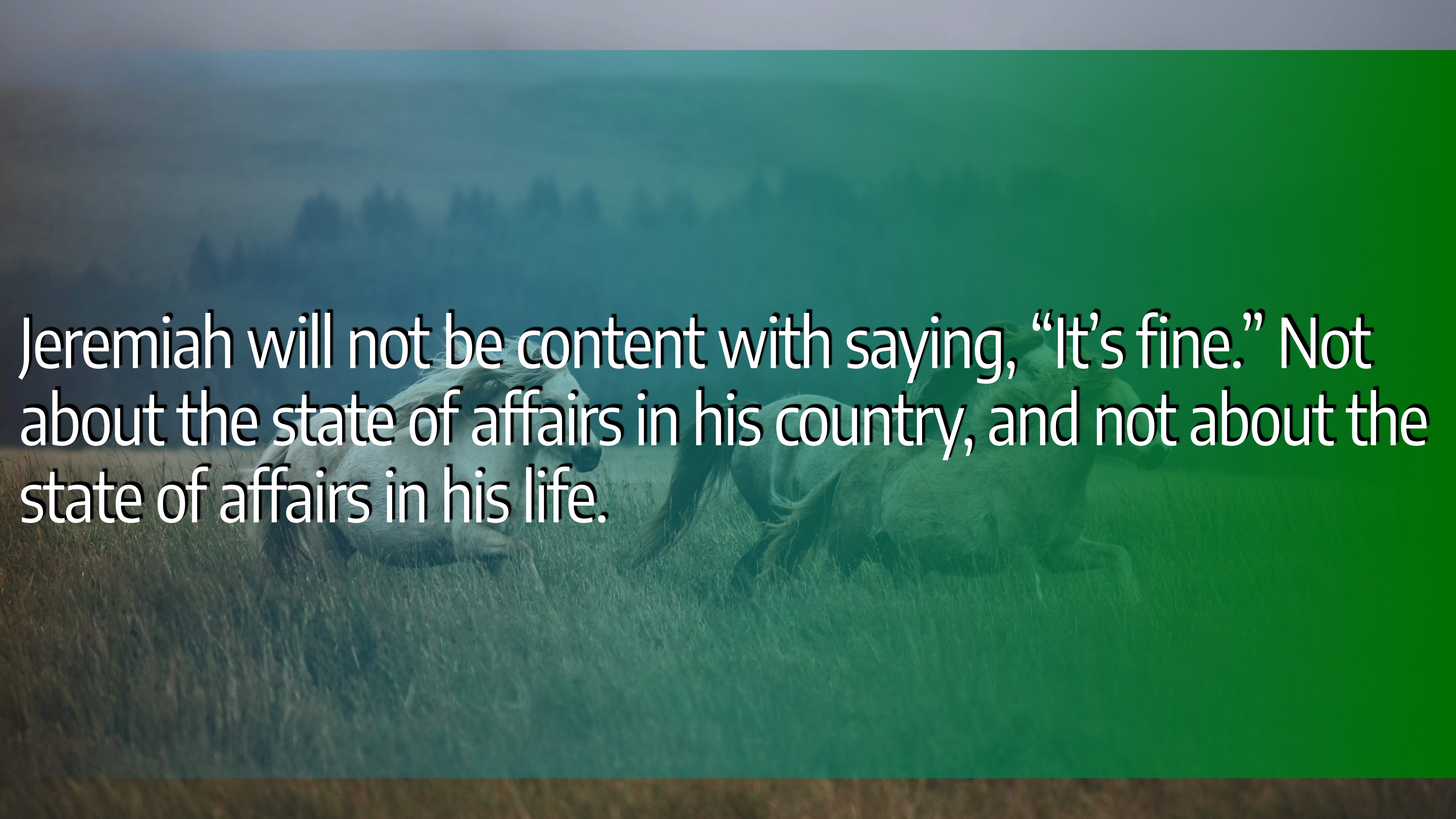




Jeremiah “is beset by the word of God on the one hand and beleaguered by persecutors on the other. Jeremiah believes, not that God’s word is deceitful, but that God has called him into a vocation wherein he feels trapped between an insistent God with an overpowering message and a resistant people. Generally, he did not fully realize what he was ‘getting into,’ and he laments regarding the two basic parties responsible for his personal quandary.”

—Terence Fretheim

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- Verse 7: “**You won.**” God, you called me and won.
- Verse 9: “**I can’t win.**” I’ve tried to hold your word inside, and “I cannot.”
- Verse 10: Meanwhile his persecutors say, “**We will win.**”
- Verse 11: “**They won’t win.**” Jeremiah’s confidence that God will frustrate their plans.



Jeremiah will not be content with saying, “It’s fine.” Not about the state of affairs in his country, and not about the state of affairs in his life.

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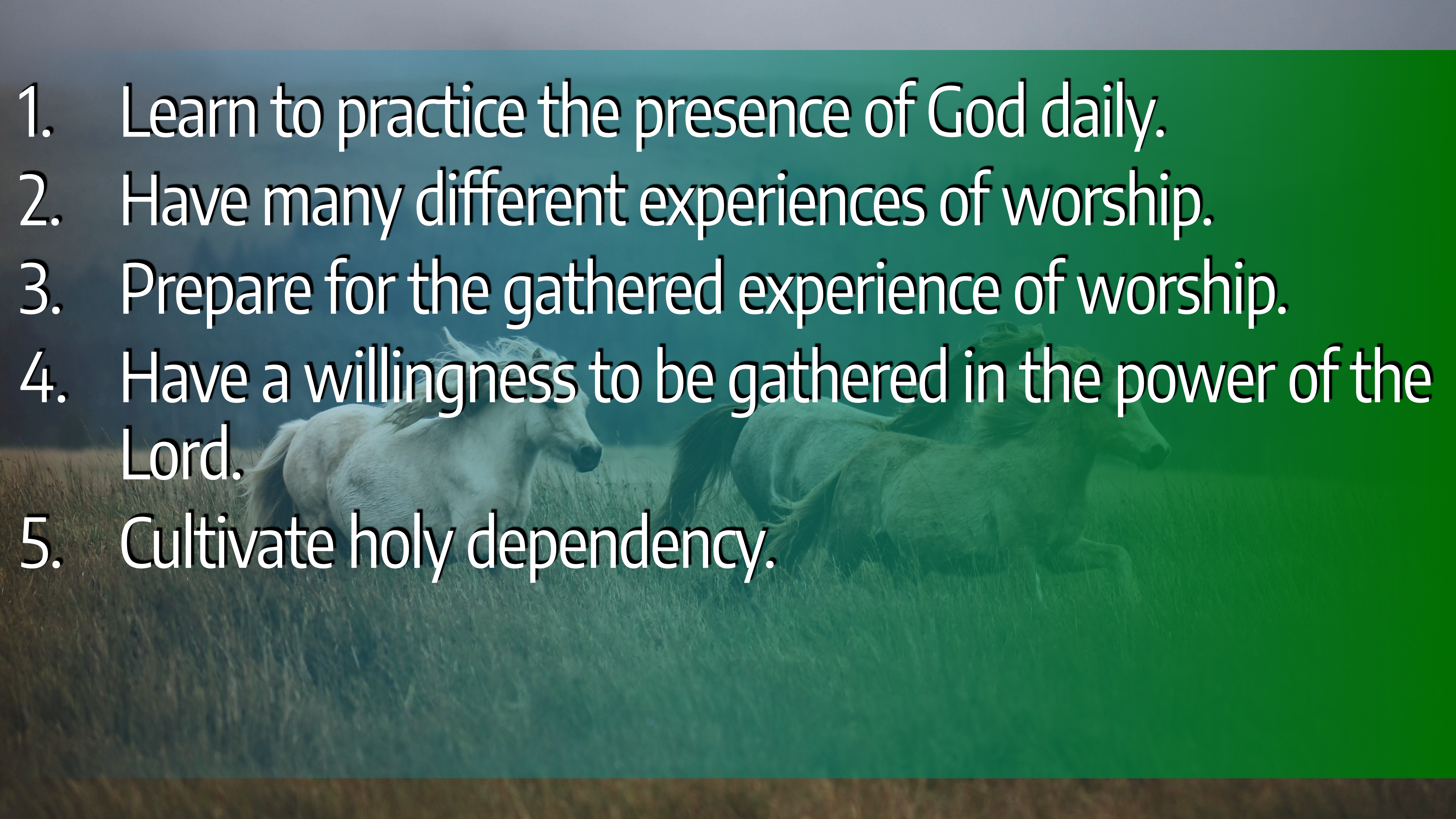


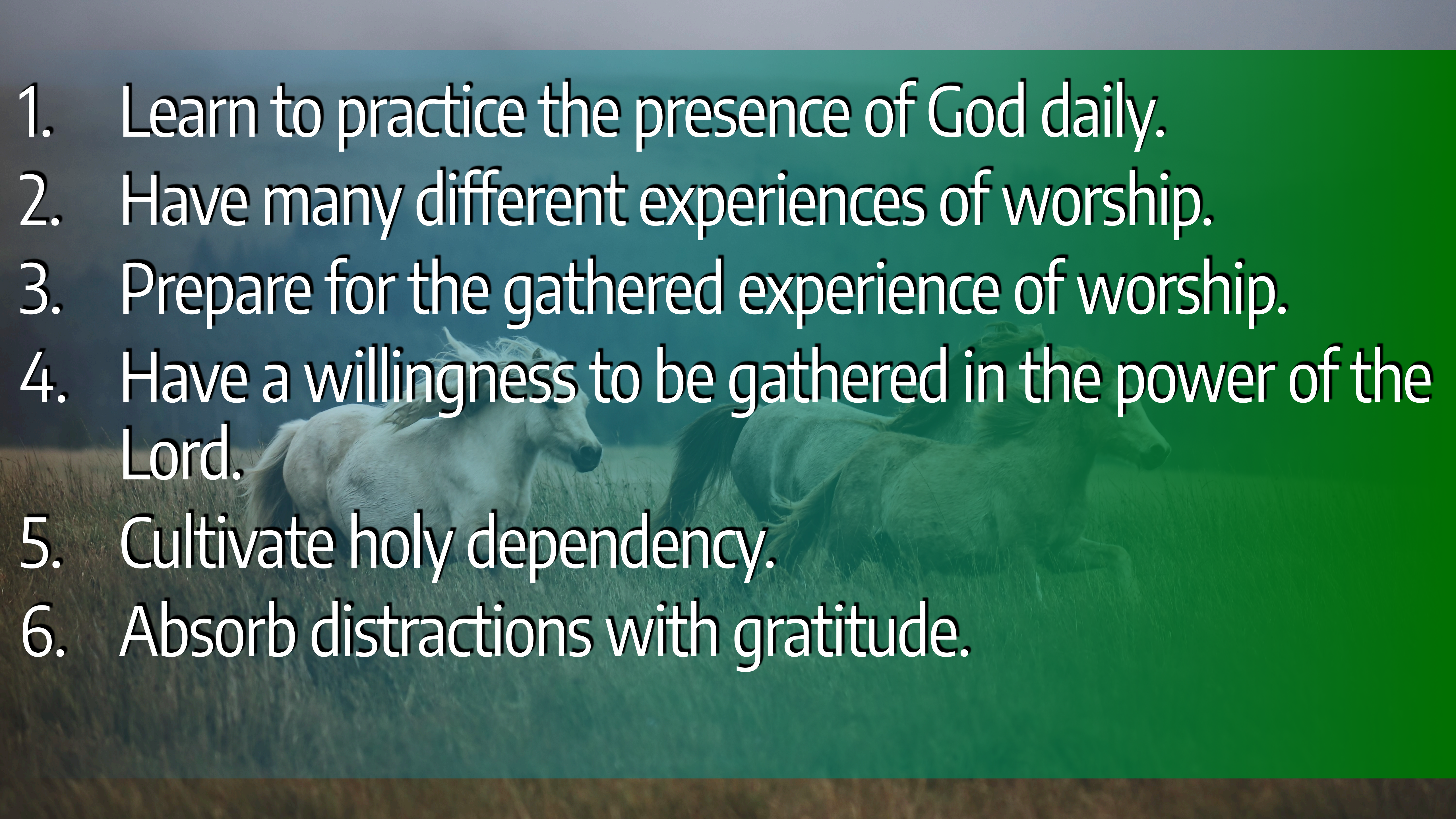
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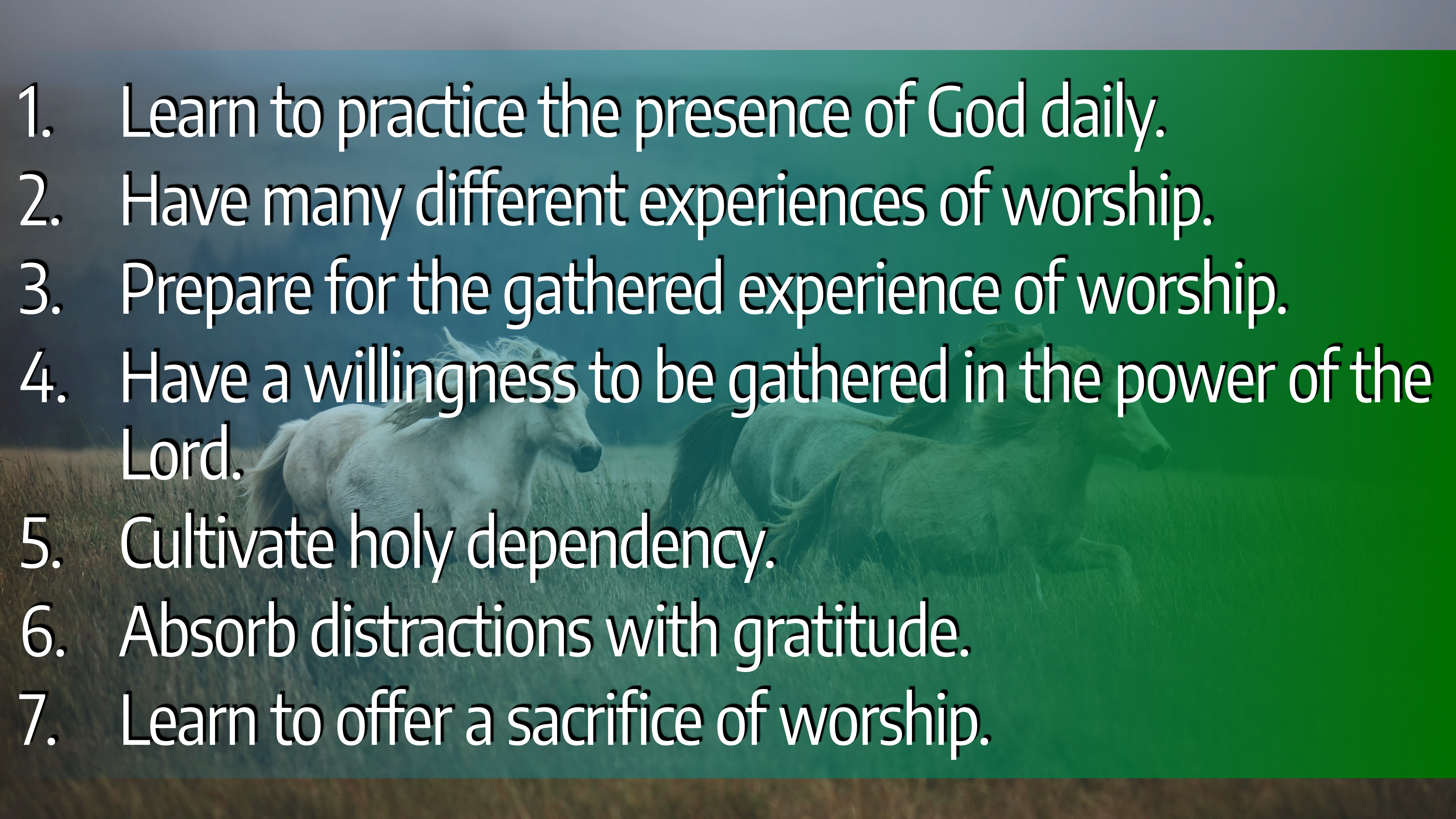


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