

A full moon in a dark blue sky with clouds.

Hezekiah - Faith to Overcome

Building Faith in Desperate Times

Class 2 - Dedication and Passover

Reading: 2 Chronicles 30

A landscape photograph of a green field under a cloudy sky. The text "Class Outline" is overlaid in a white cursive font on the left side of the image. The field is lush and green, with a path or furrow visible in the distance. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with some light breaking through near the horizon. The overall mood is serene and slightly dramatic.

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Micah's message worked.

Jeremiah 26:19 - "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls."

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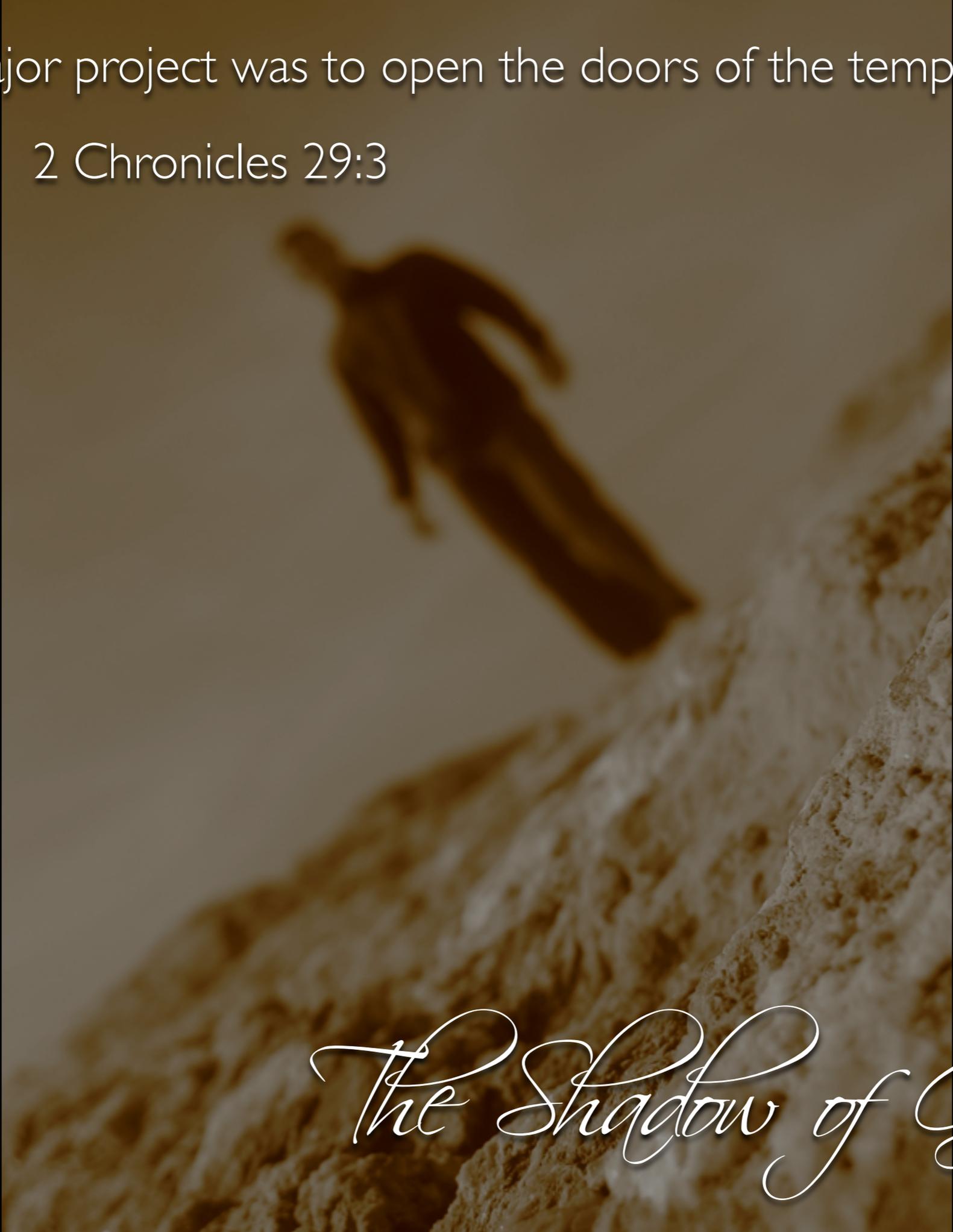
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A photograph of a person walking on a rocky, uneven path. The person is seen from behind, and a long, dark shadow is cast on the ground behind them, extending towards the right. The scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment with a warm, golden-brown color palette. The overall mood is contemplative and evocative.

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1 Kings 8:30, 39, 43 2 Chronicles 30:27

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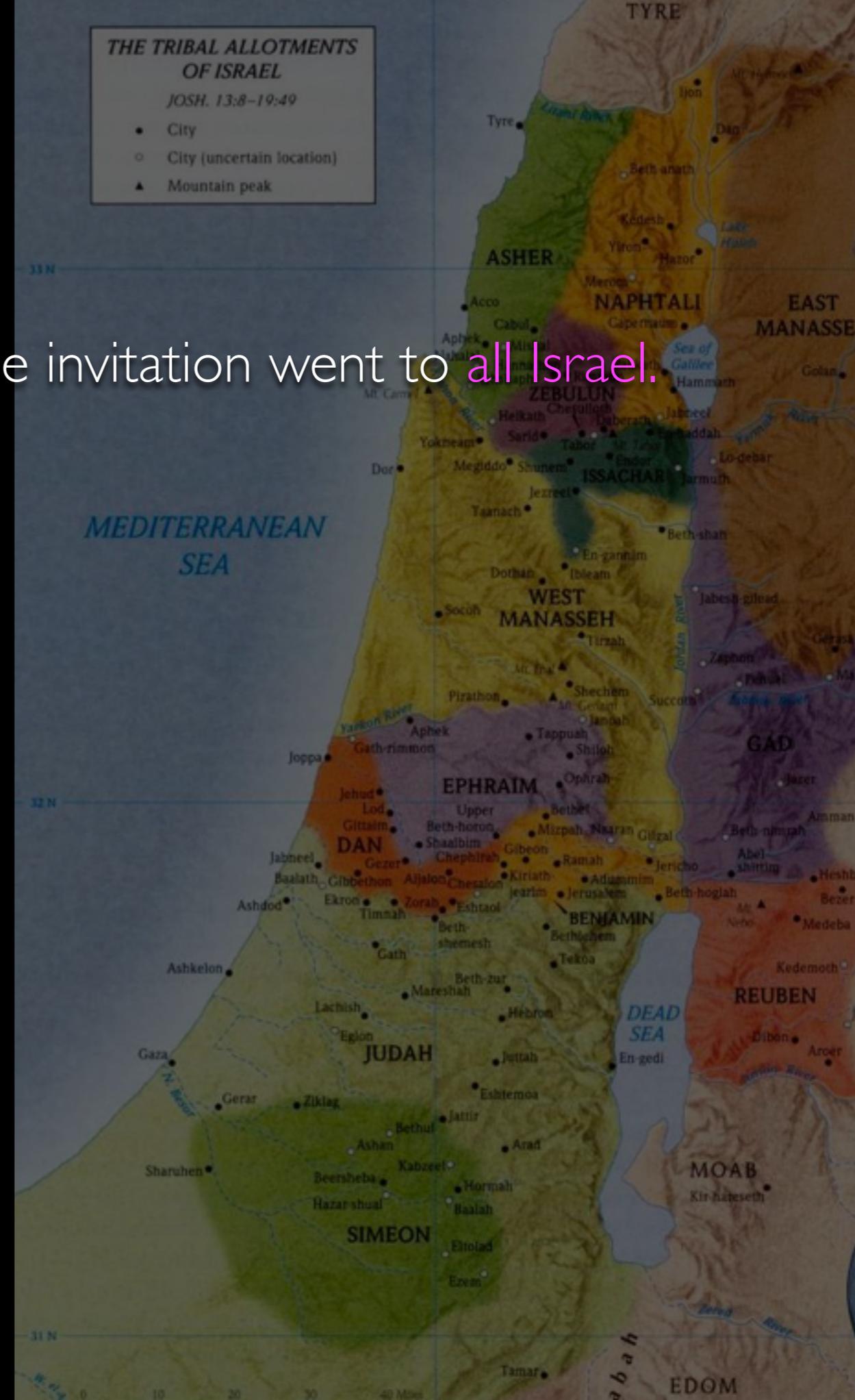
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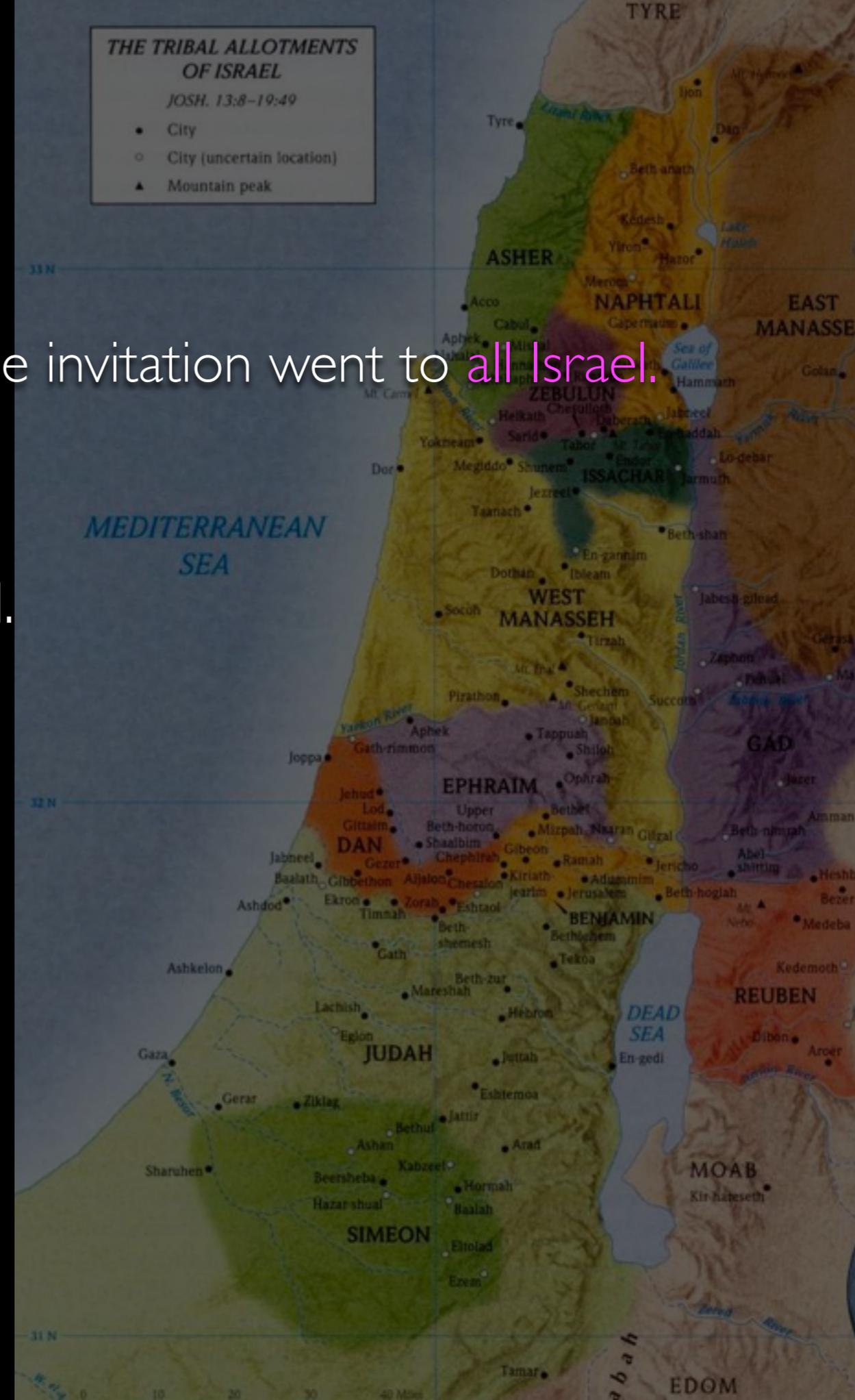


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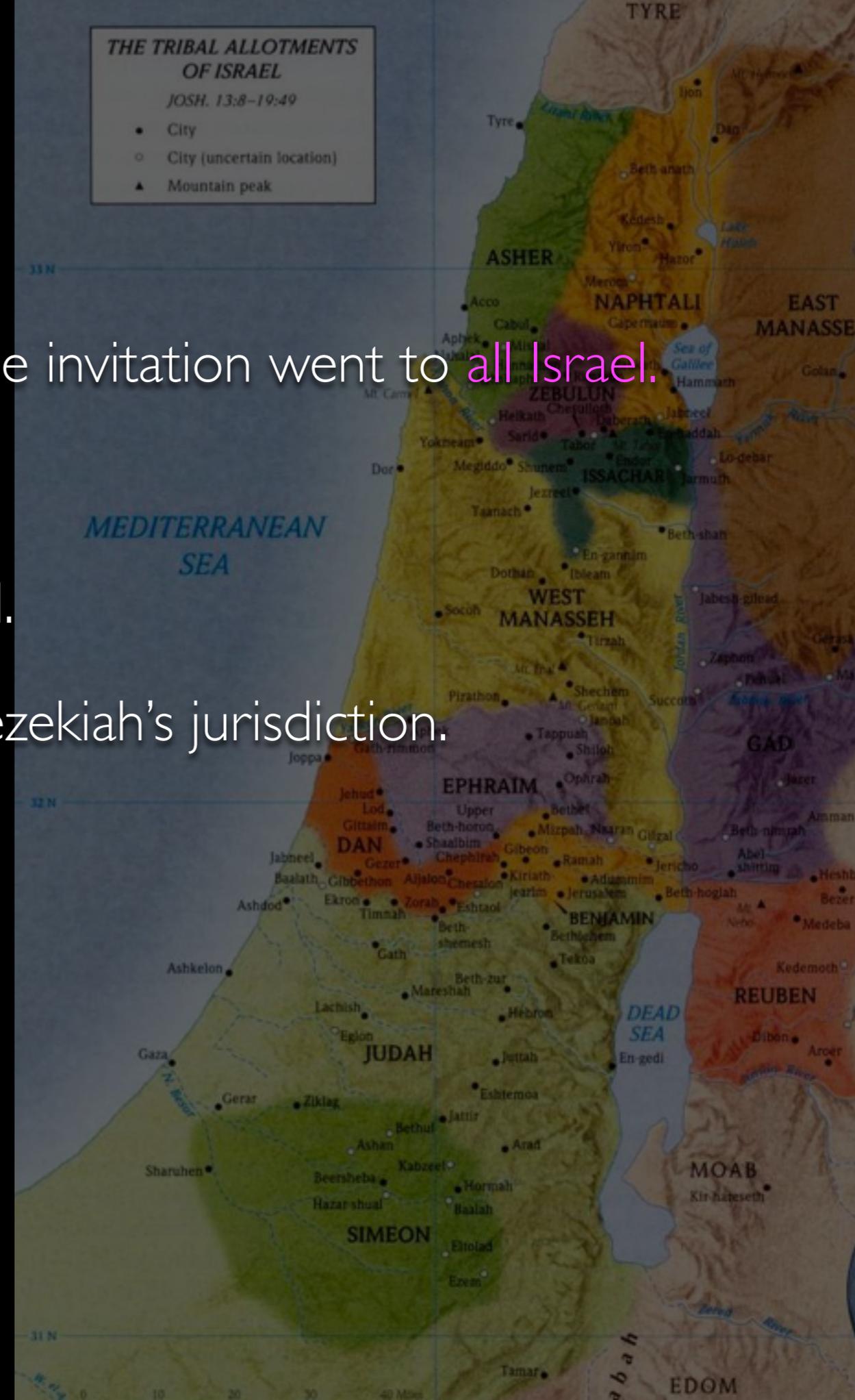
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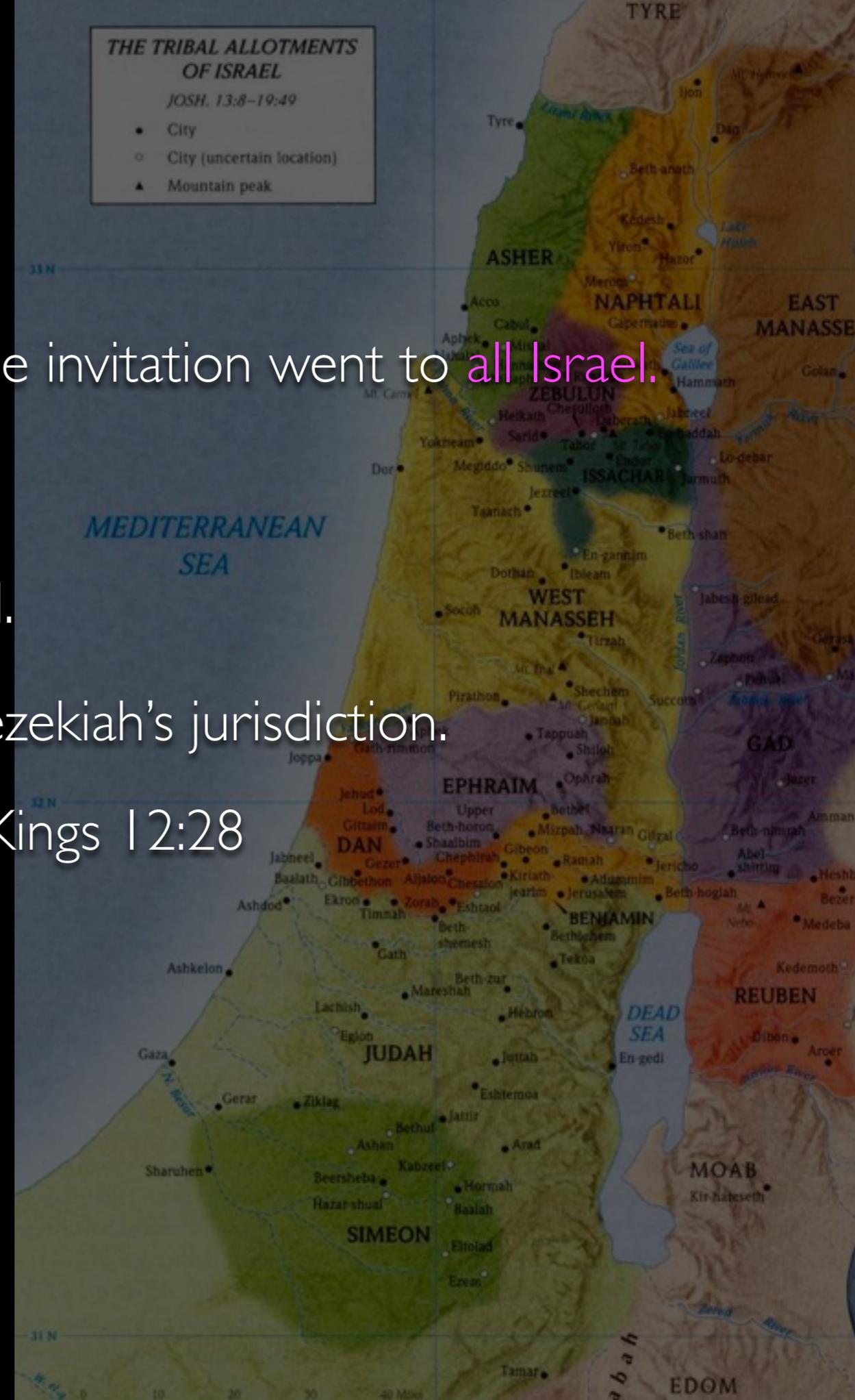
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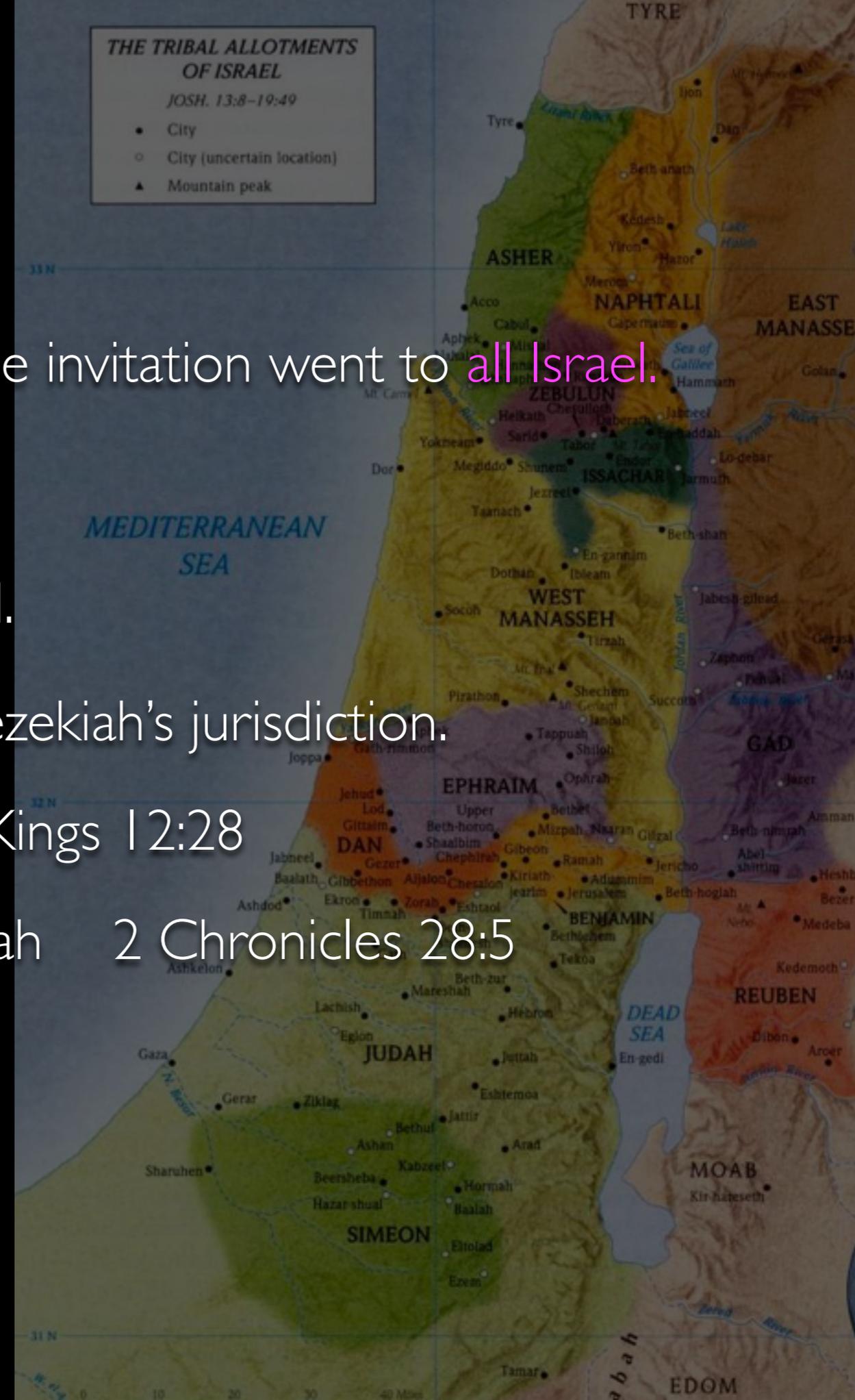
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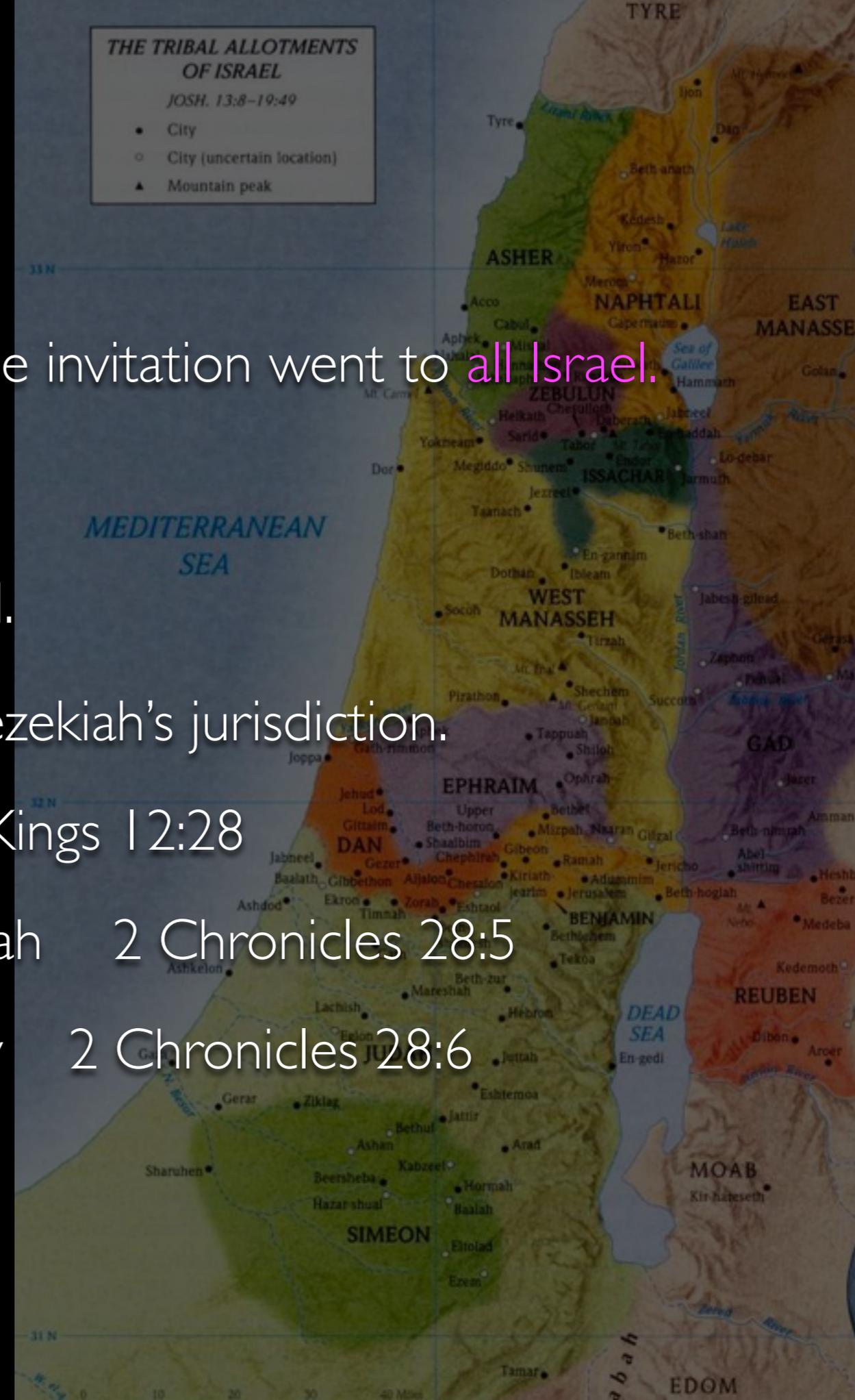
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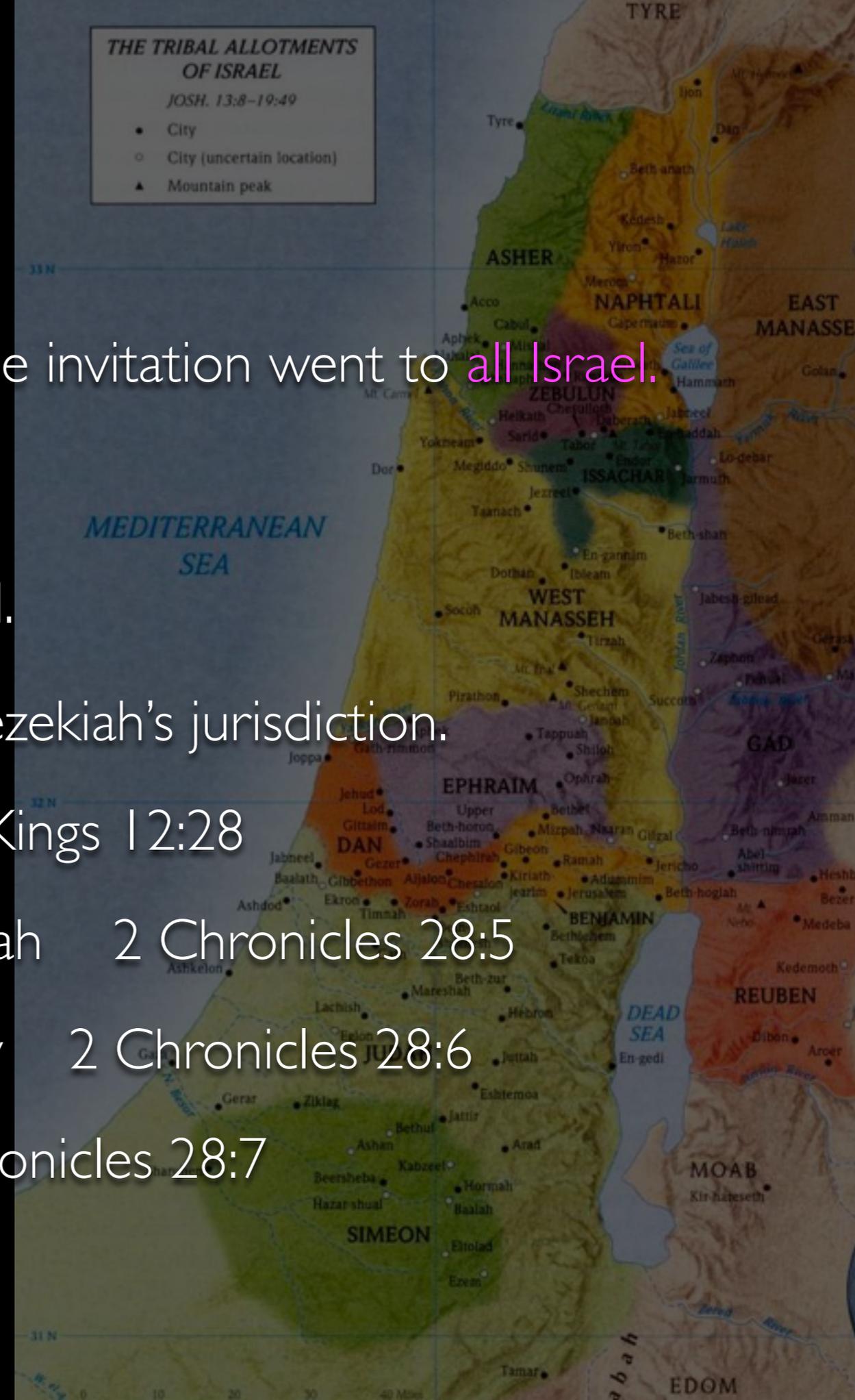
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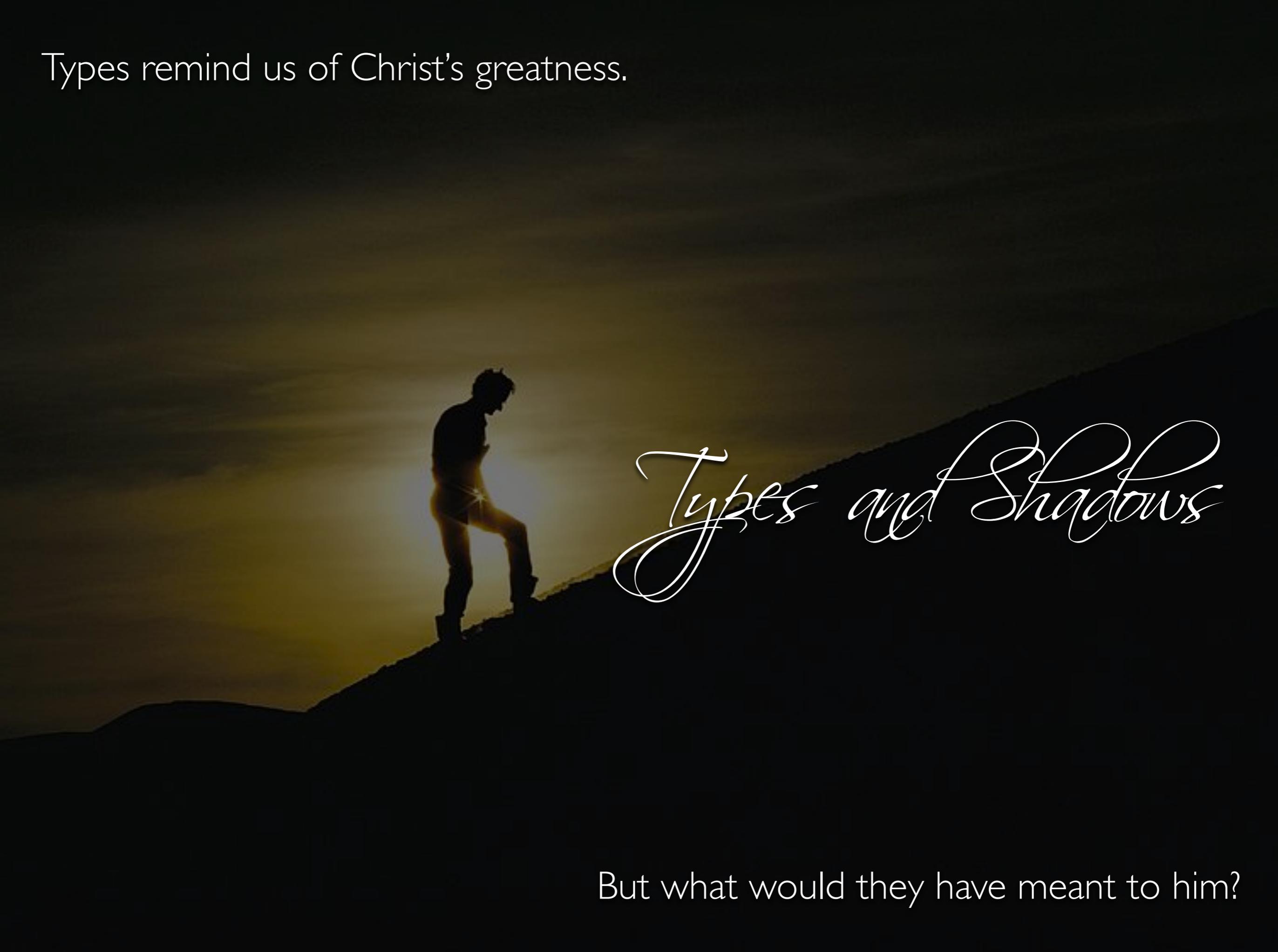
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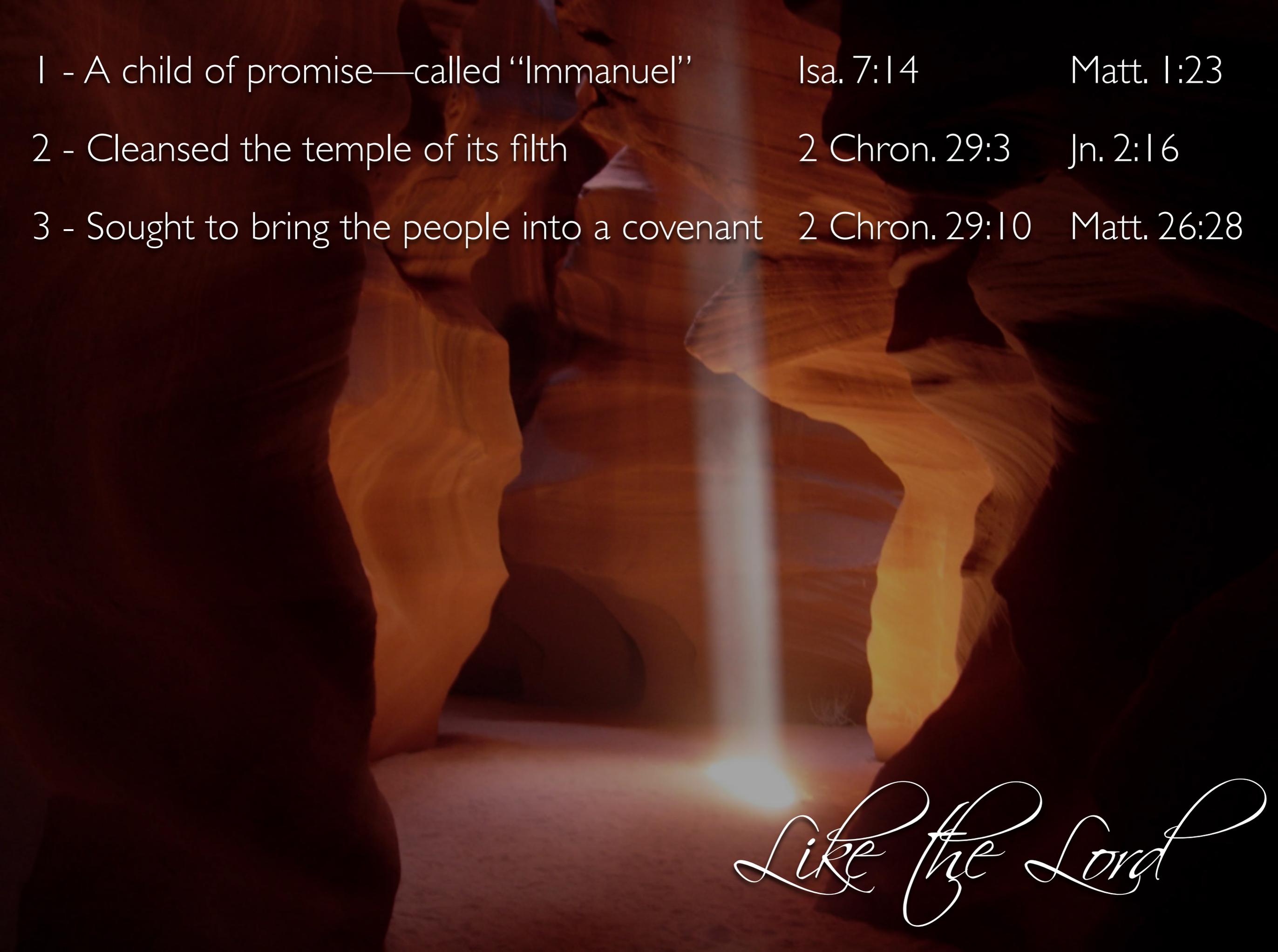
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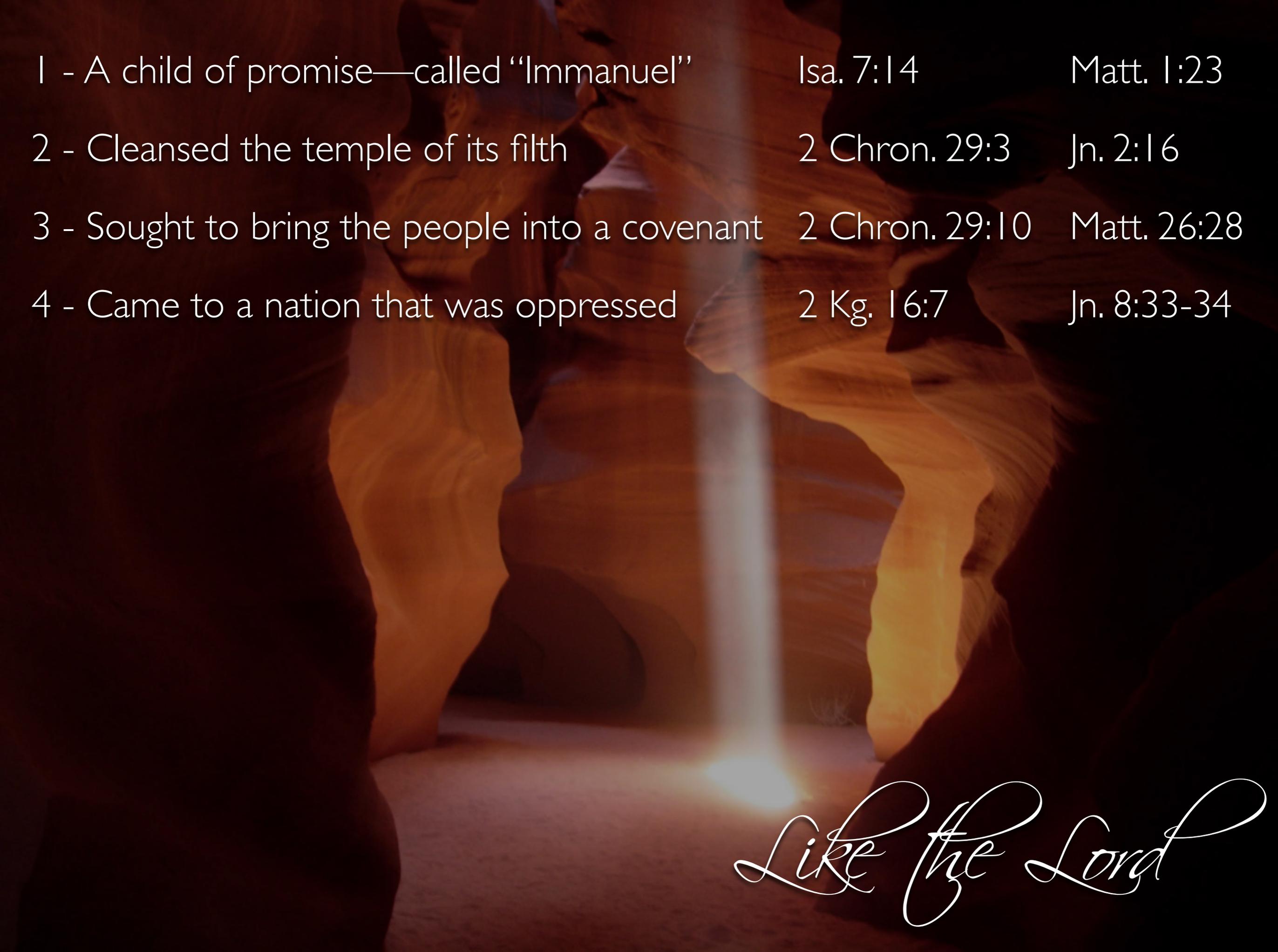
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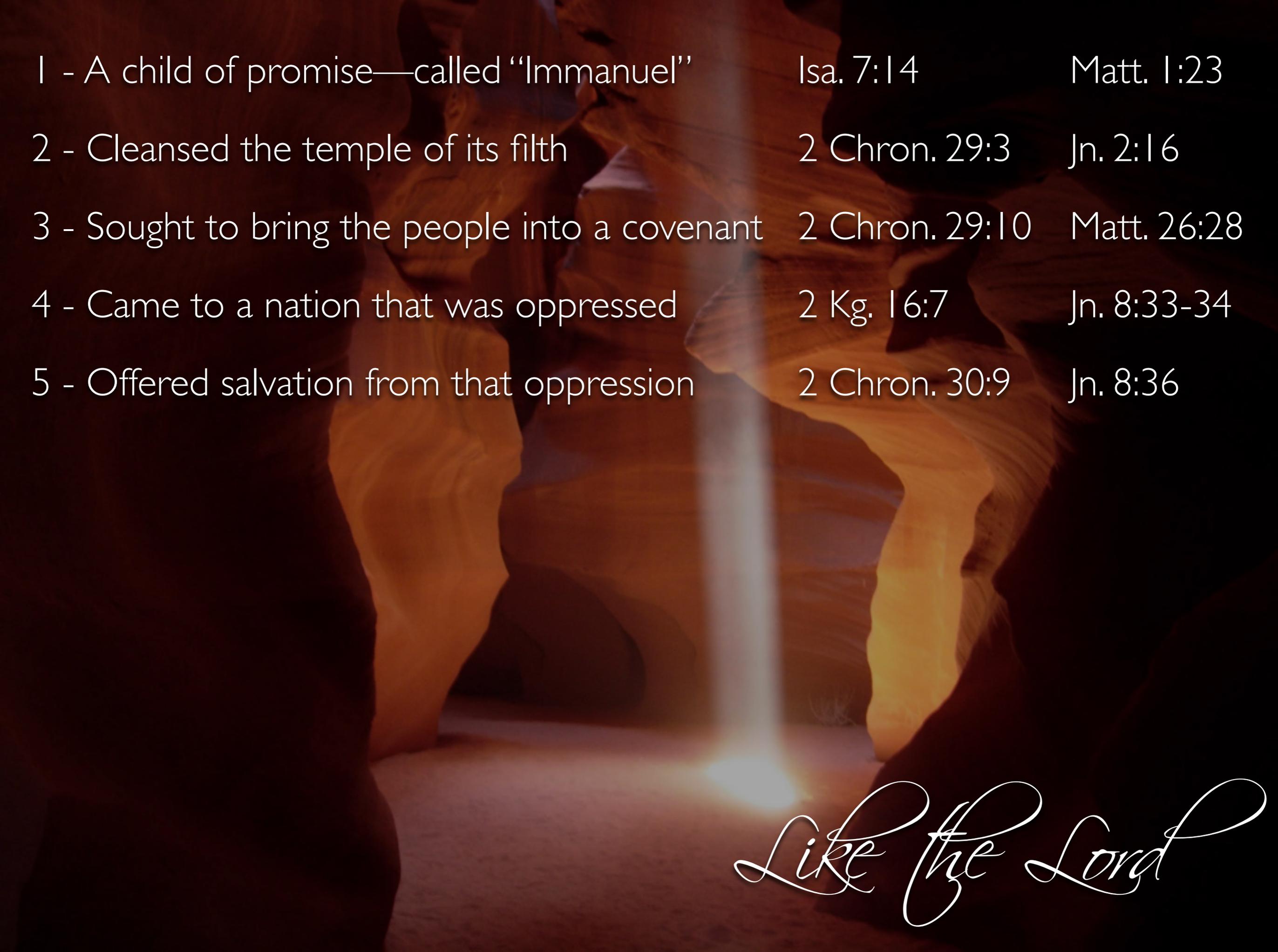
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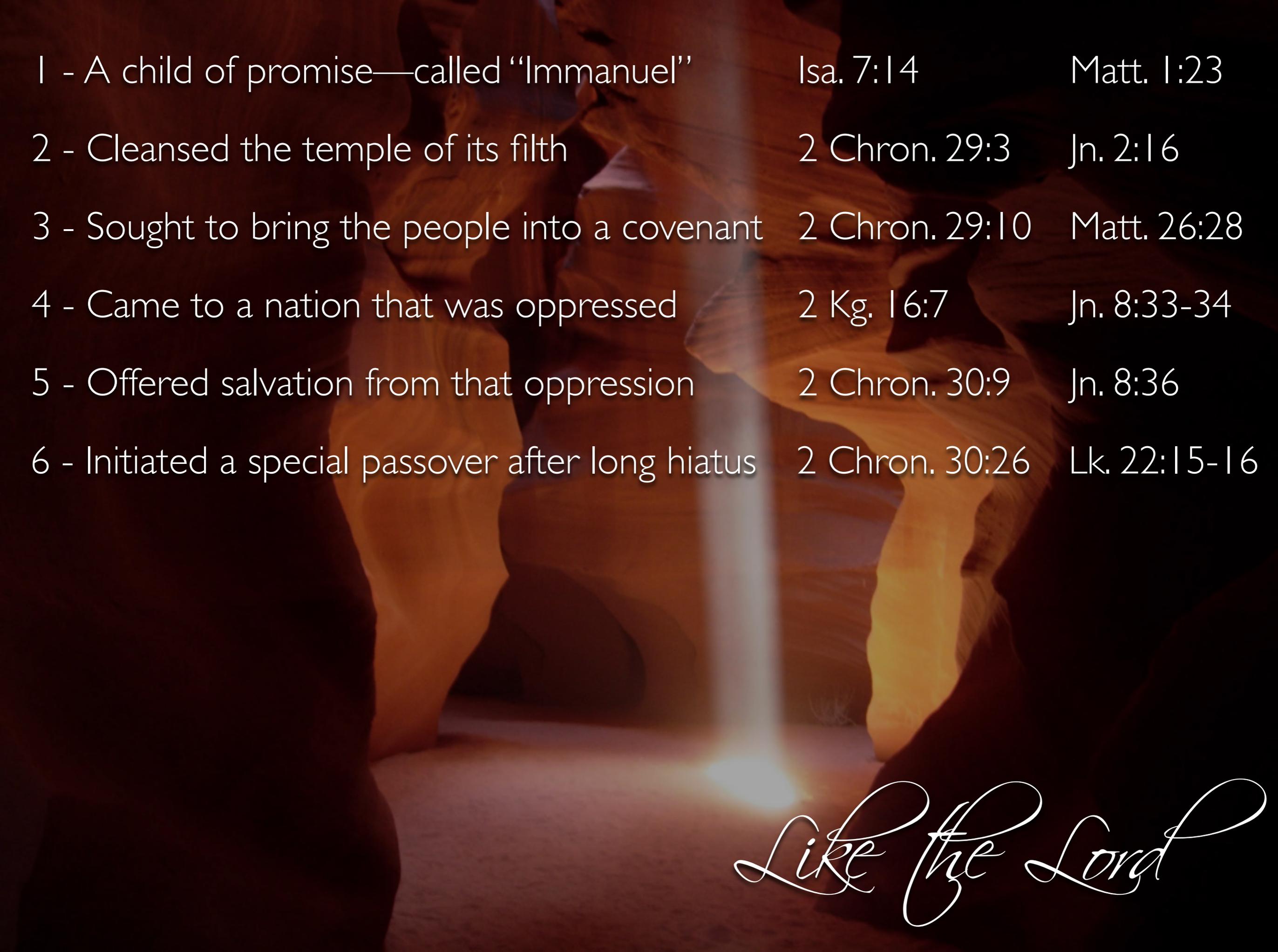
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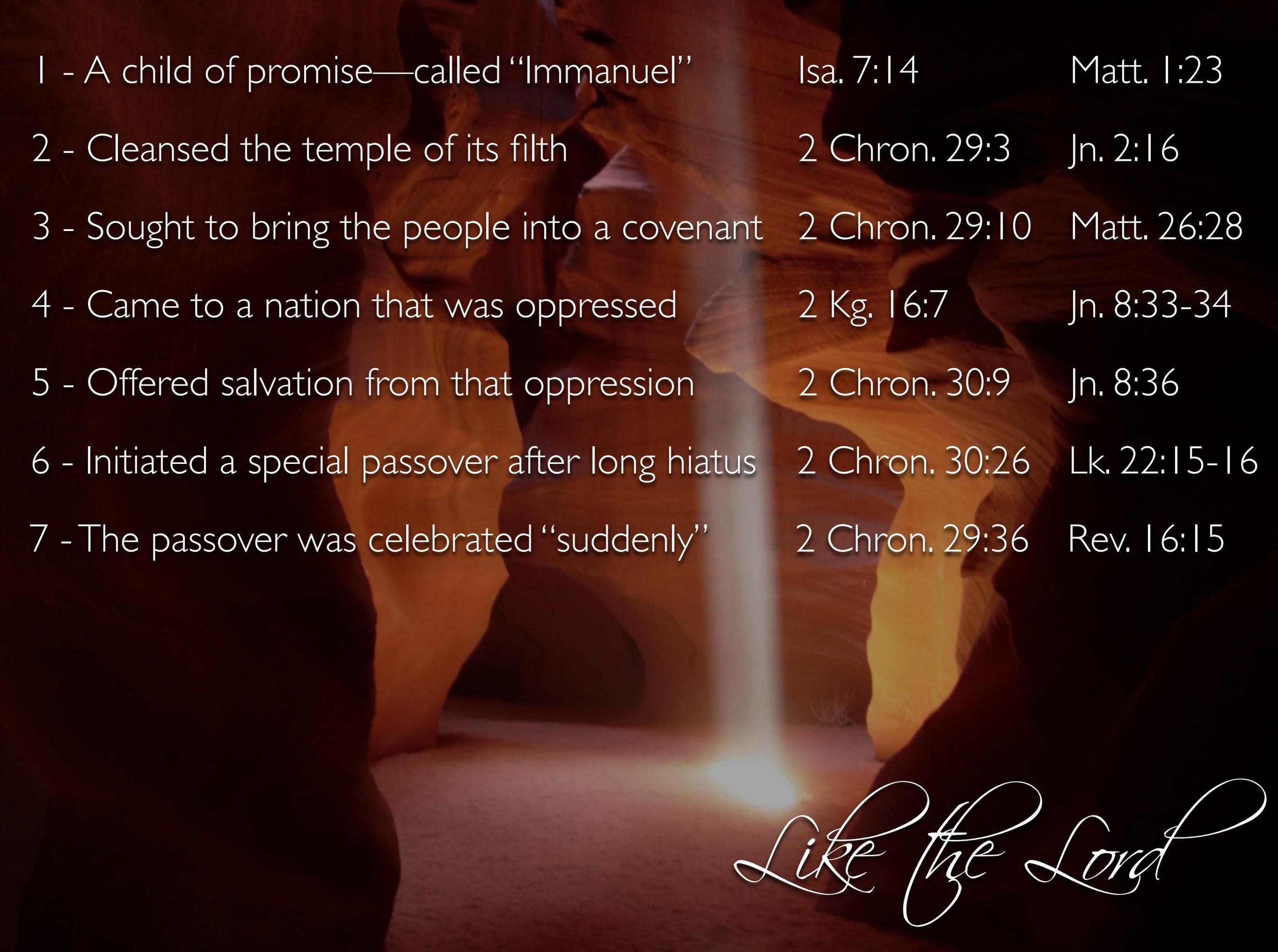
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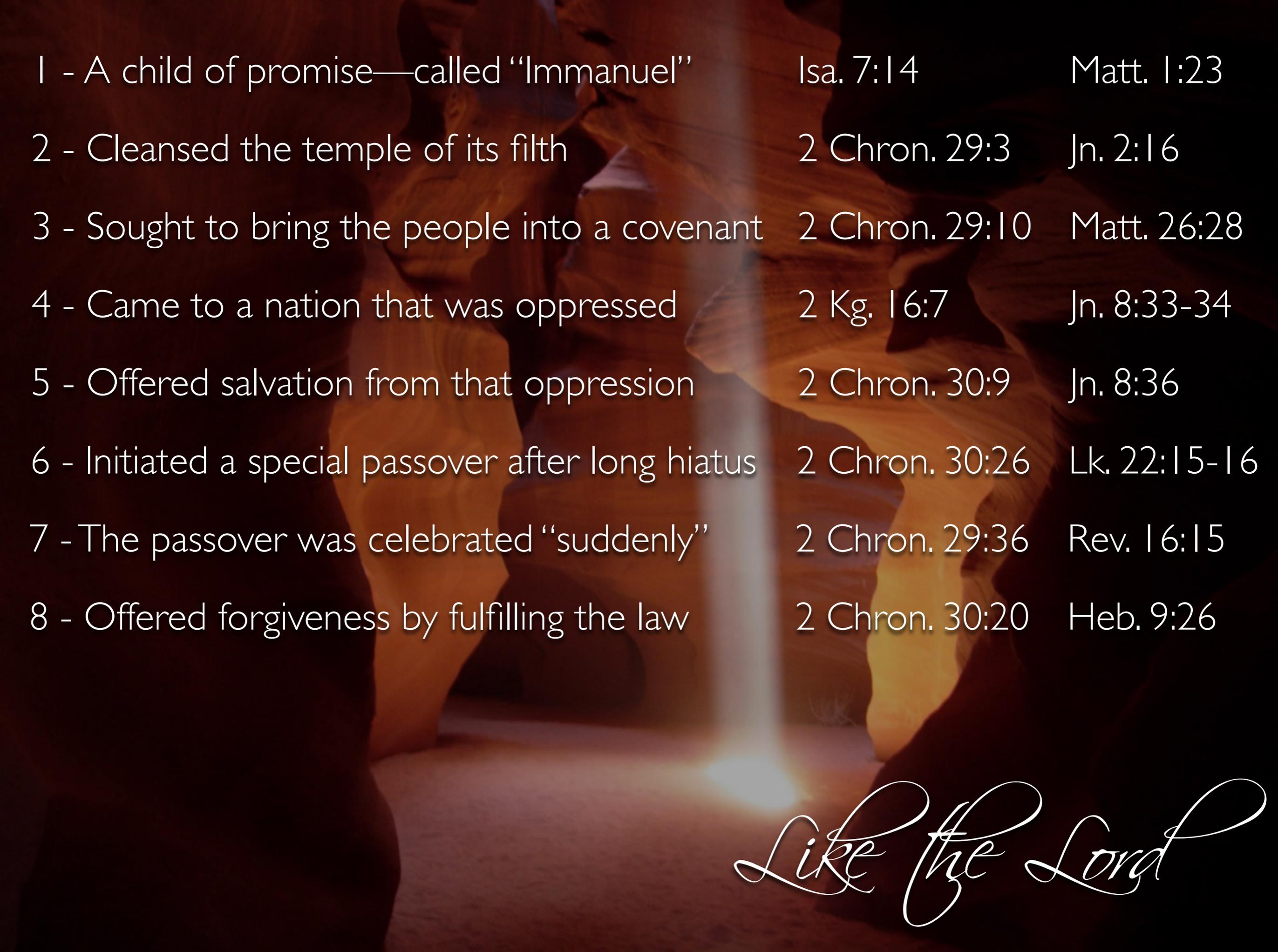
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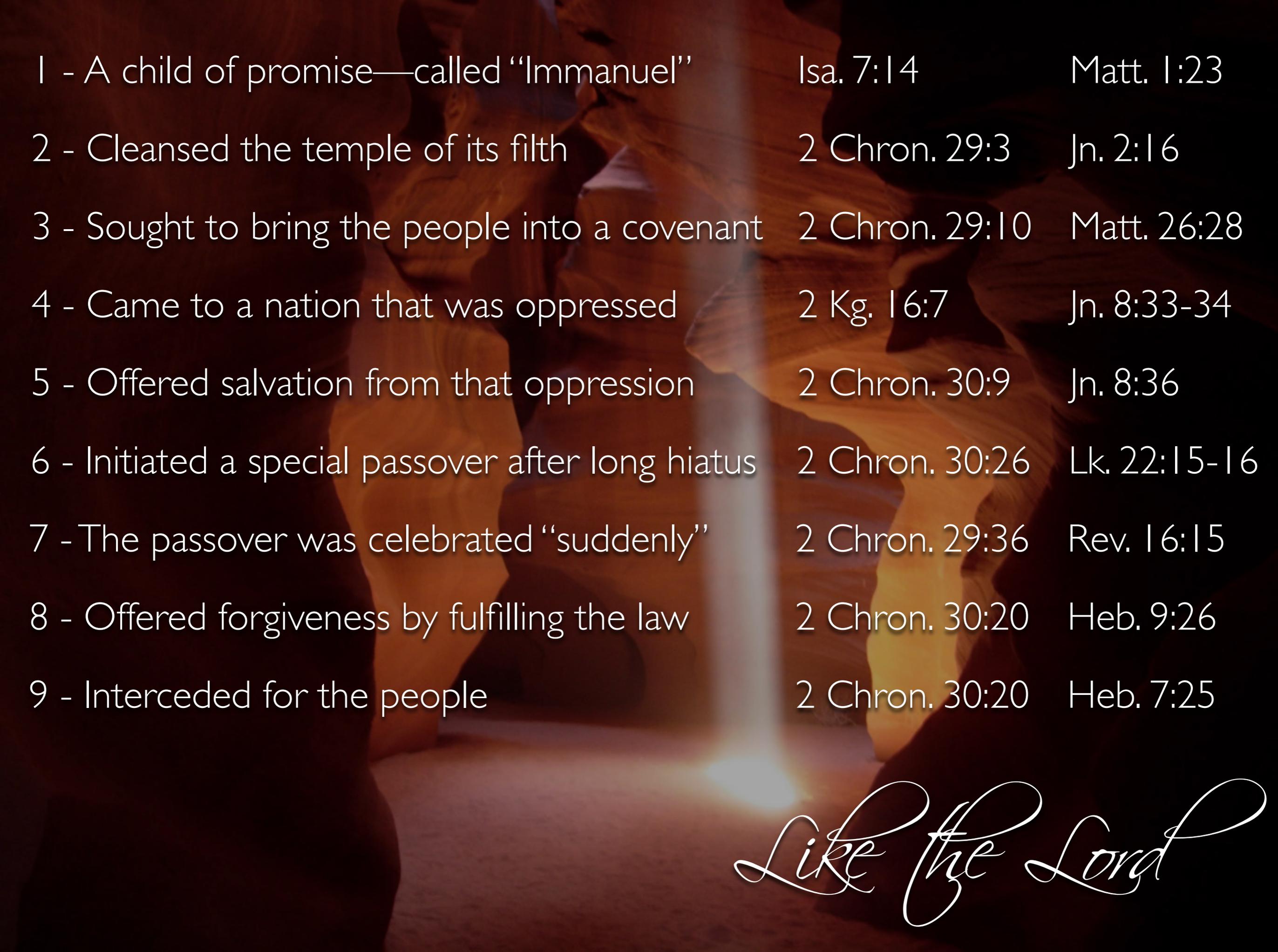
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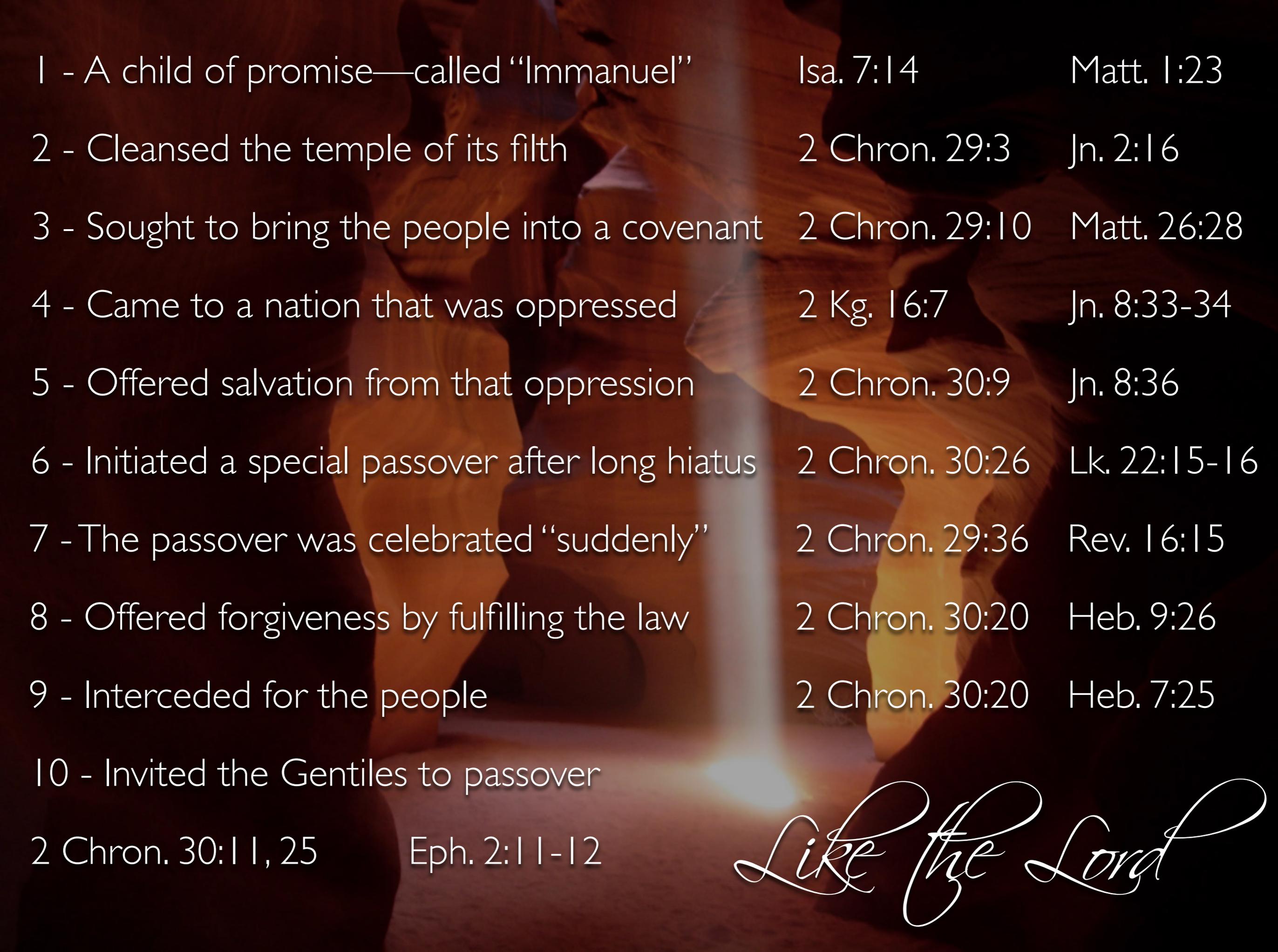
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