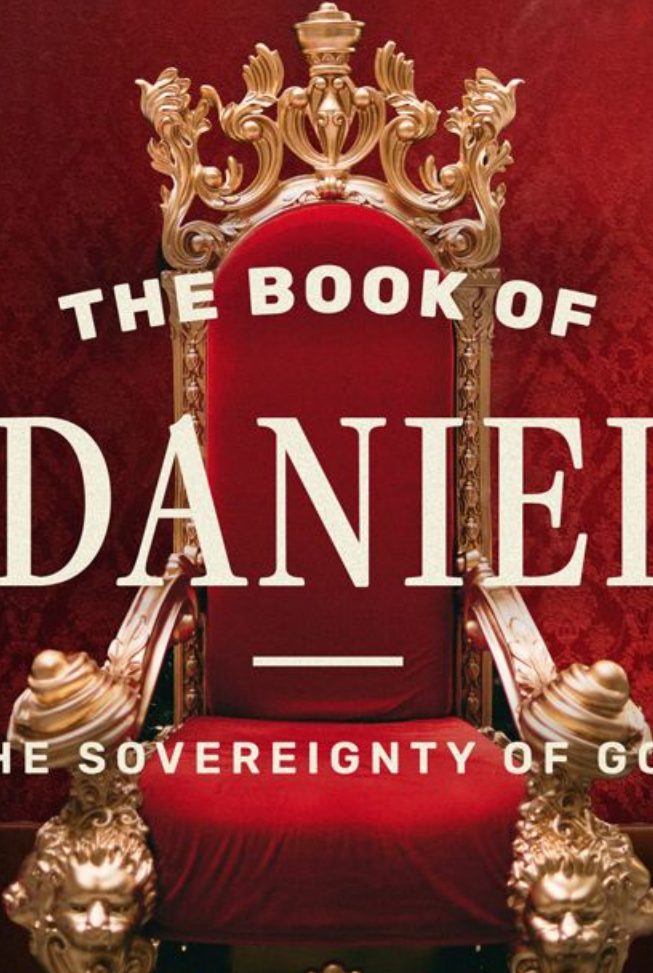




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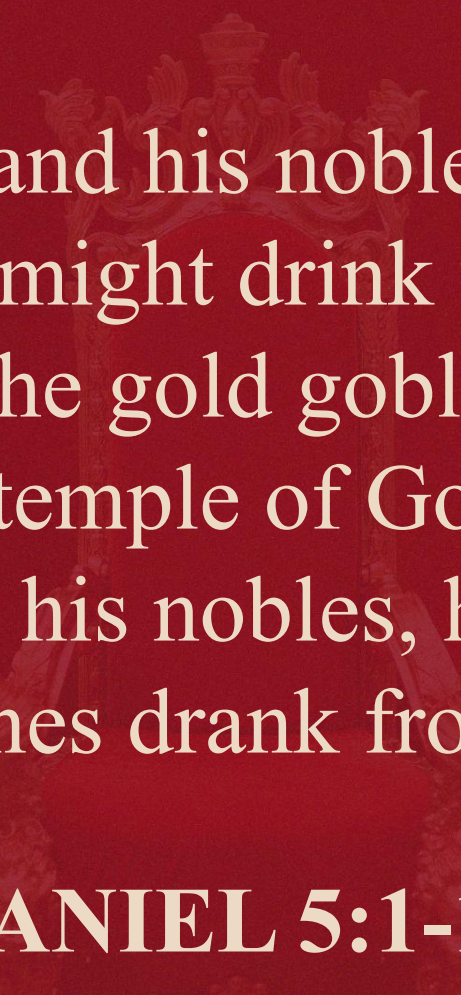
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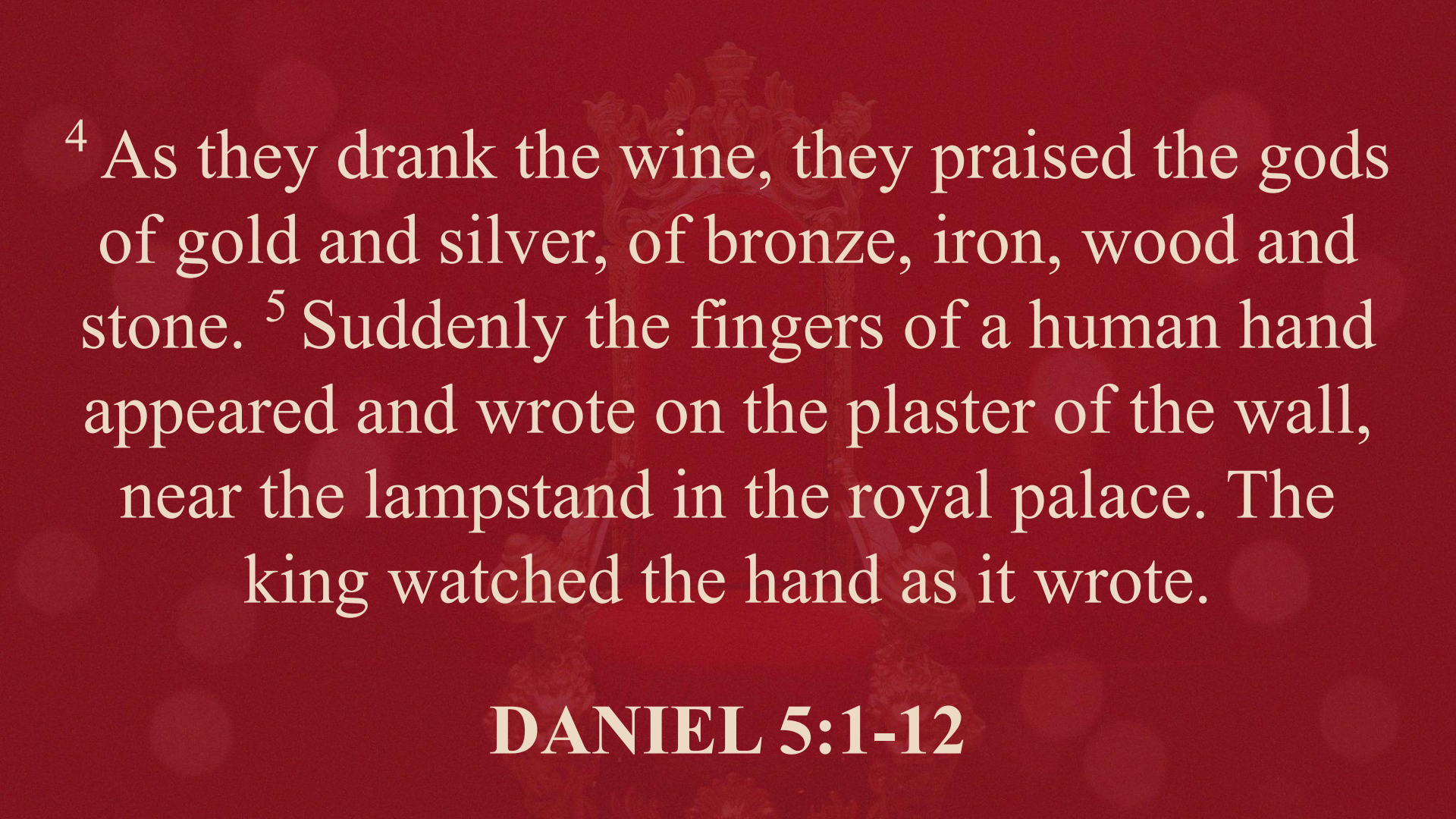
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so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

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⁴ As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. ⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote.

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⁶ His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking. ⁷ The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means

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will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”⁸ Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant.

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⁹ So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled. ¹⁰ The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. “May the king live forever!” she said. “Don’t be alarmed!”

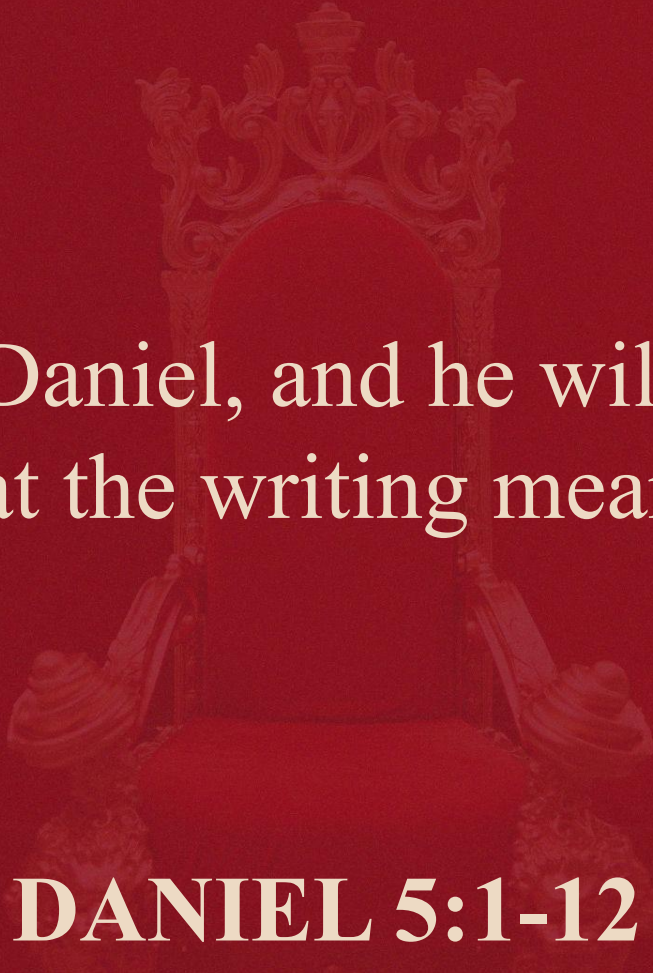
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Don't look so pale! ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of

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the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. ¹² He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems.

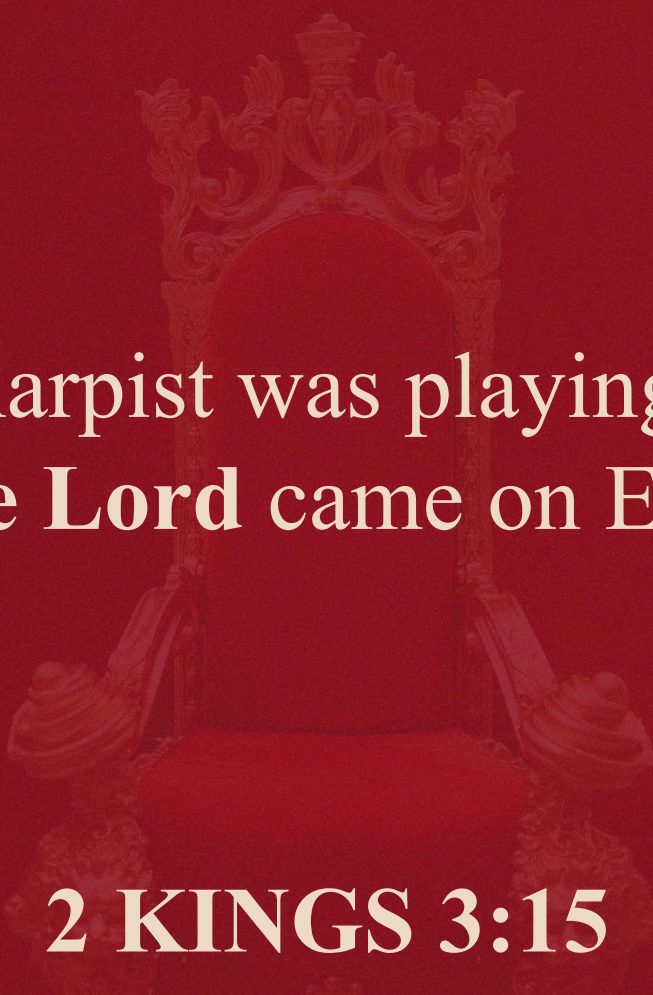
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Call for Daniel, and he will tell you
what the writing means.”

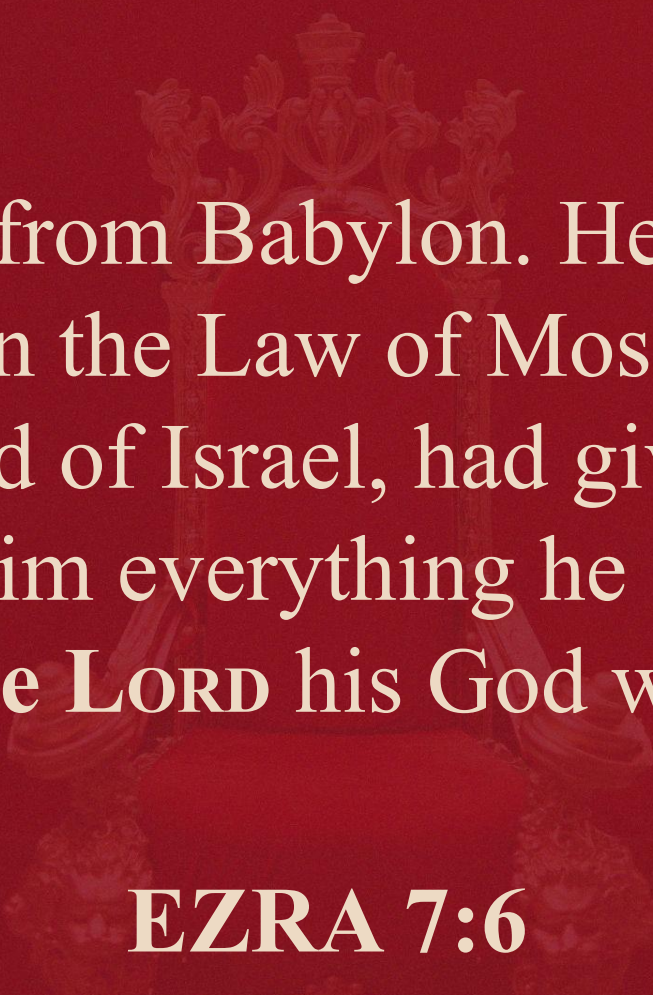
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**The hand of the Lord can
be on you.**



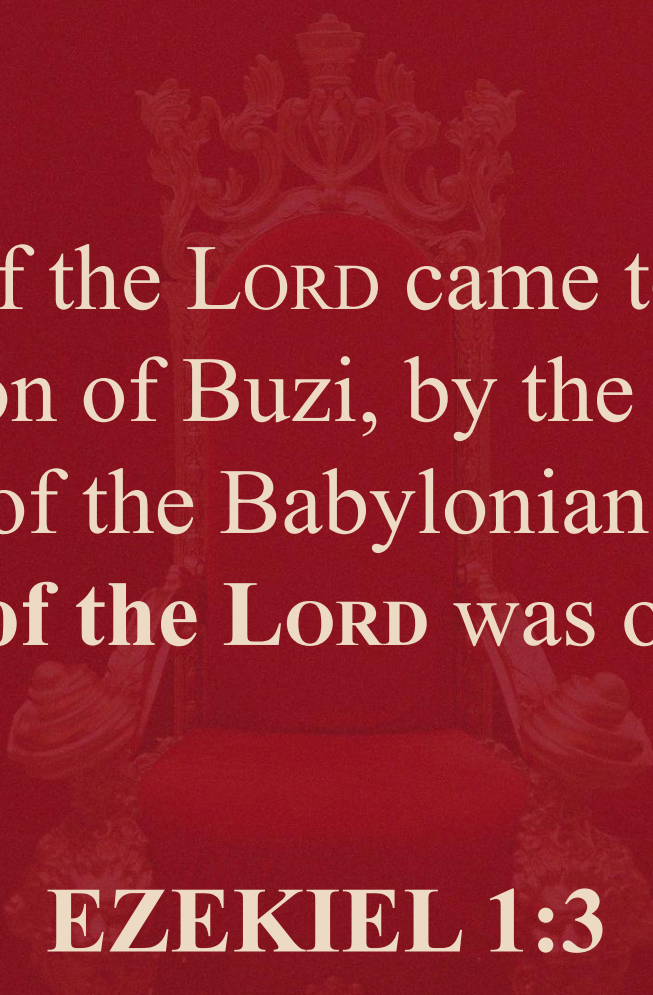
**While the harpist was playing, the hand
of the Lord came on Elisha.**

2 KINGS 3:15



Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he asked, for **the hand of the LORD** his God was on him.

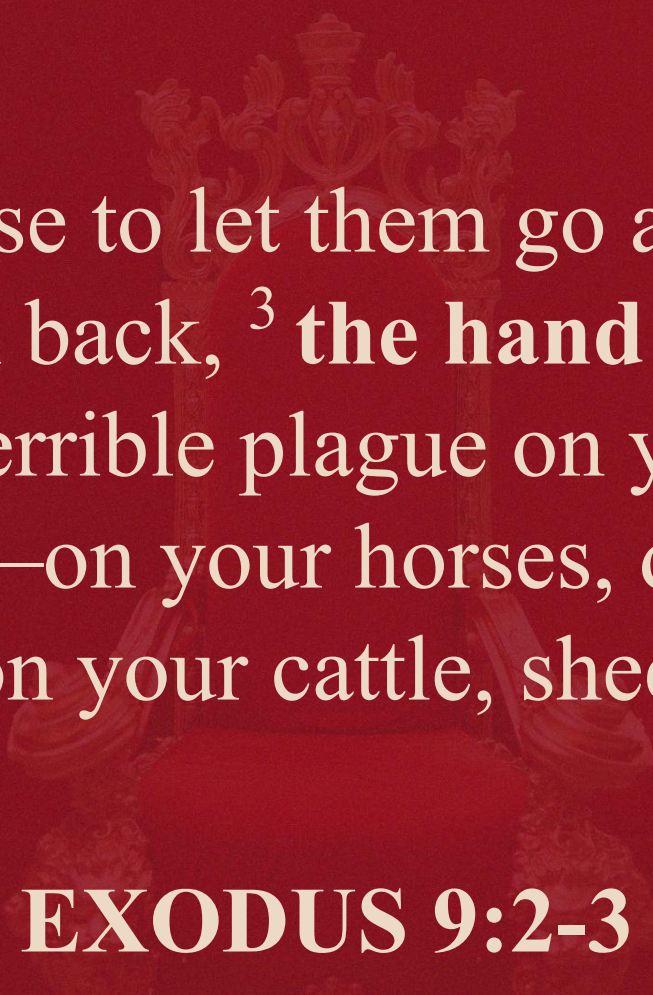
EZRA 7:6



³ The word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, by the Kebar River in the land of the Babylonians. There **the hand of the LORD** was on him.

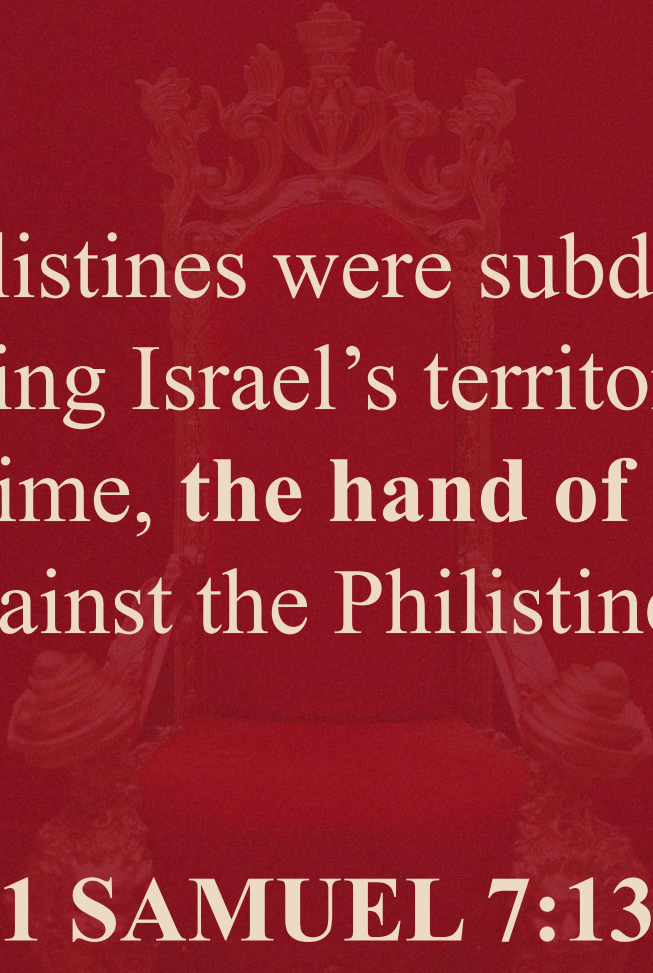
EZEKIEL 1:3

**The hand of the Lord can
be against you.**



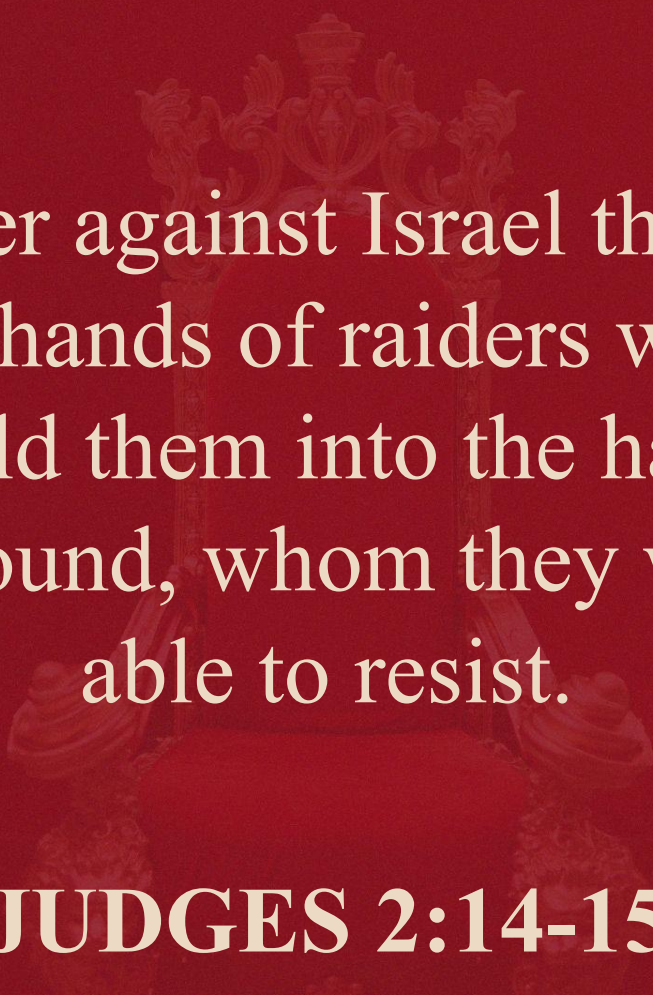
² If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back, ³ **the hand of the LORD** will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses, donkeys and camels and on your cattle, sheep and goats.

EXODUS 9:2-3



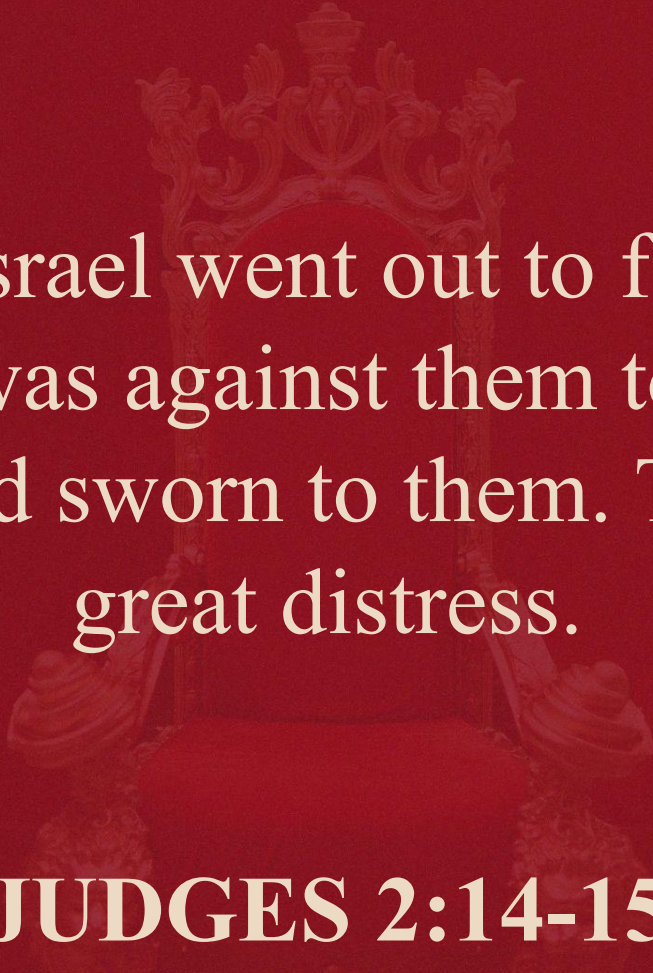
¹³ So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, **the hand of the LORD** was against the Philistines.

1 SAMUEL 7:13



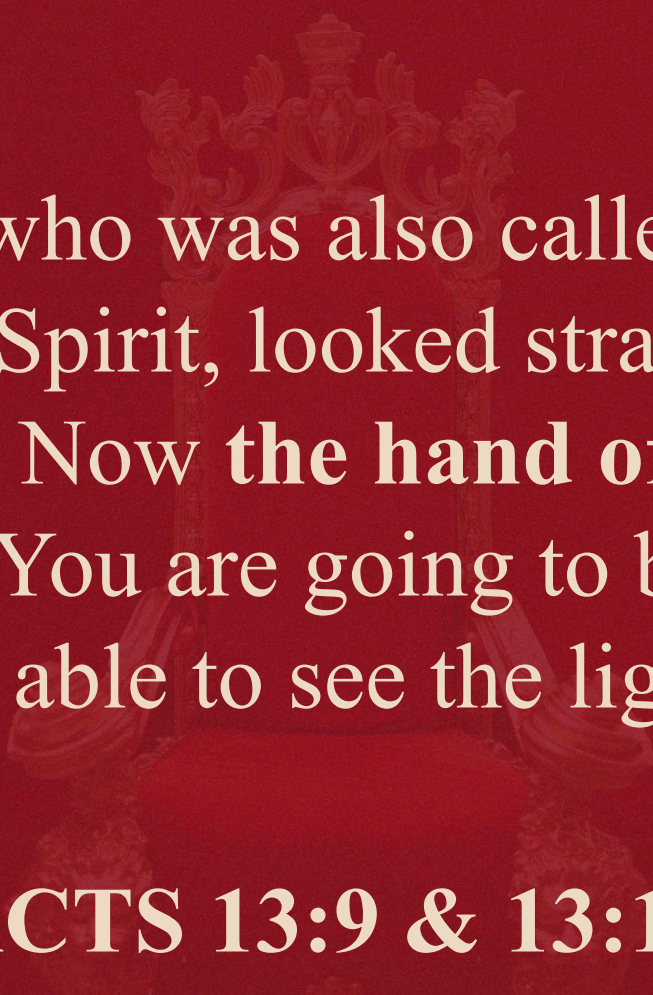
¹⁴ In his anger against Israel the LORD gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.

JUDGES 2:14-15



¹⁵ Whenever Israel went out to fight, **the hand of the LORD** was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

JUDGES 2:14-15

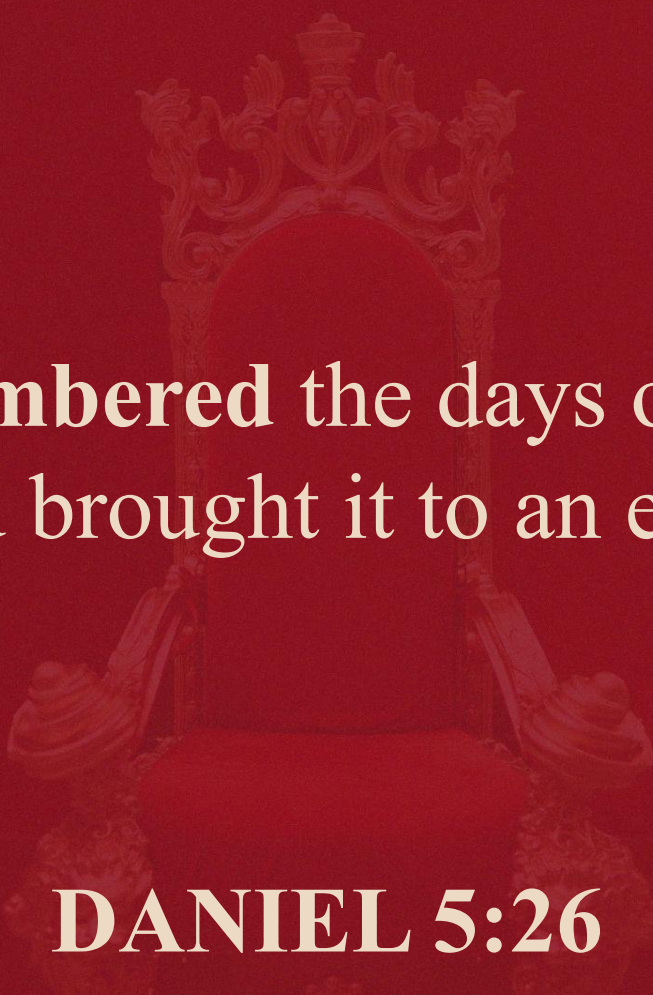


⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said... ¹¹ Now **the hand of the Lord** is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.”

ACTS 13:9 & 13:11

**Is the hand of the Lord on you
or against you?**

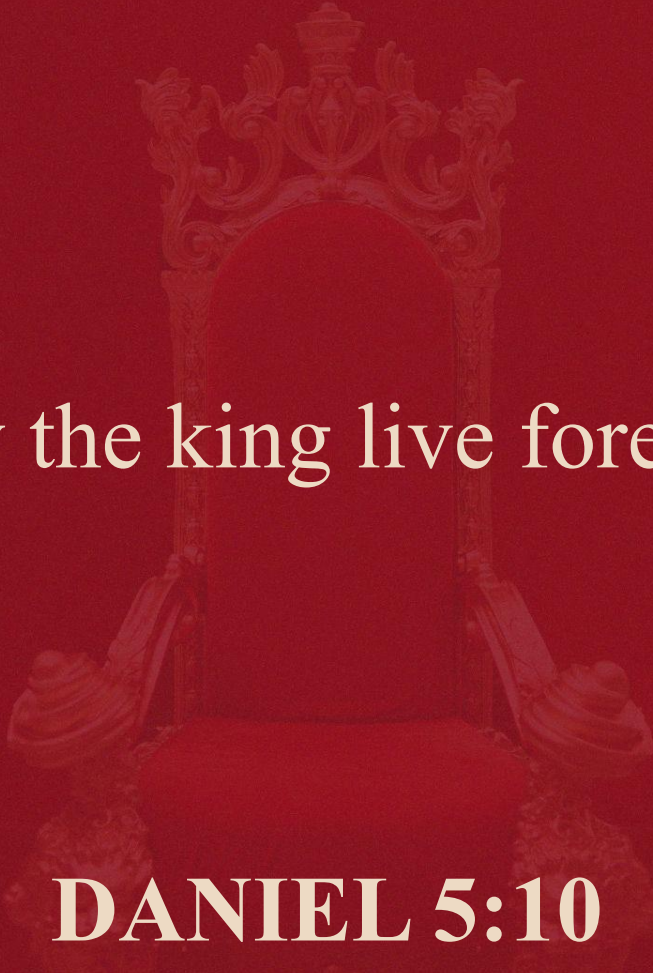
NUMBERED



God has **numbered** the days of your reign
and brought it to an end.

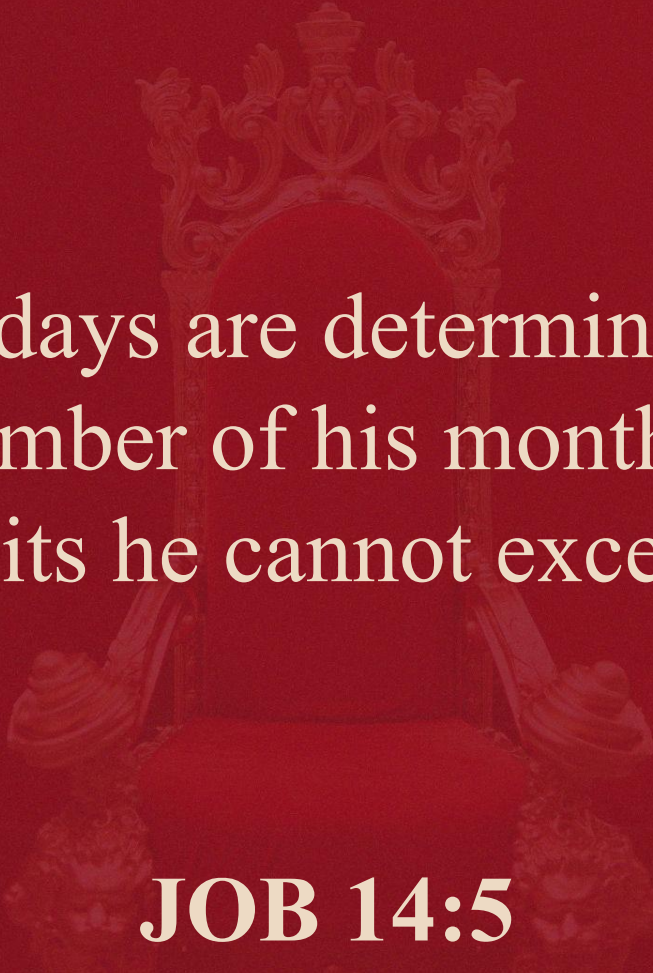
DANIEL 5:26

We need to learn from past mistakes so we do not repeat them in the present. We need to learn to make present mistakes right so that those who come after us do not repeat them in the future.



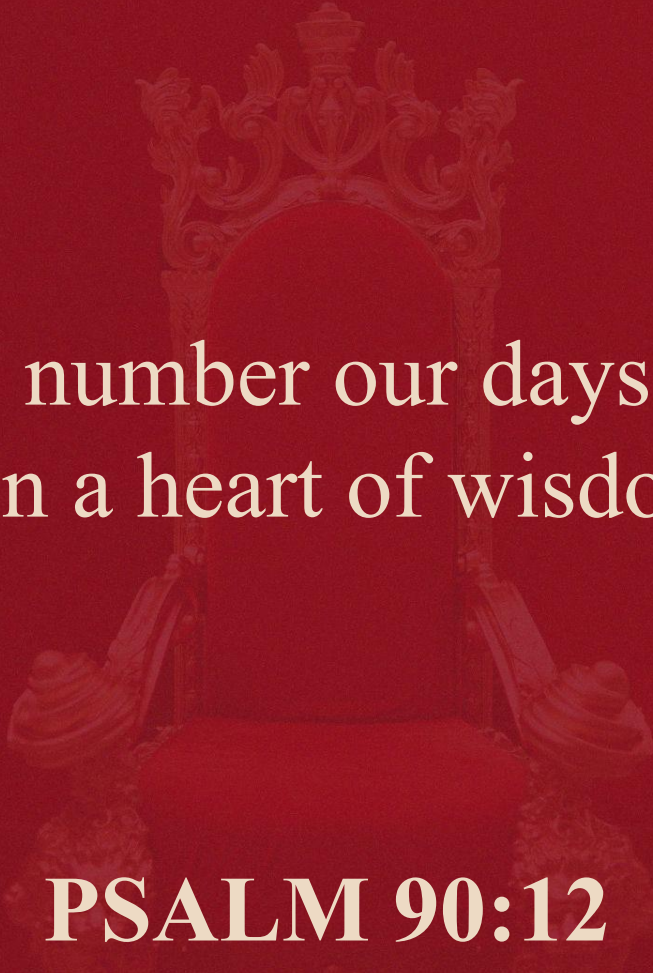
“May the king live forever!”

DANIEL 5:10



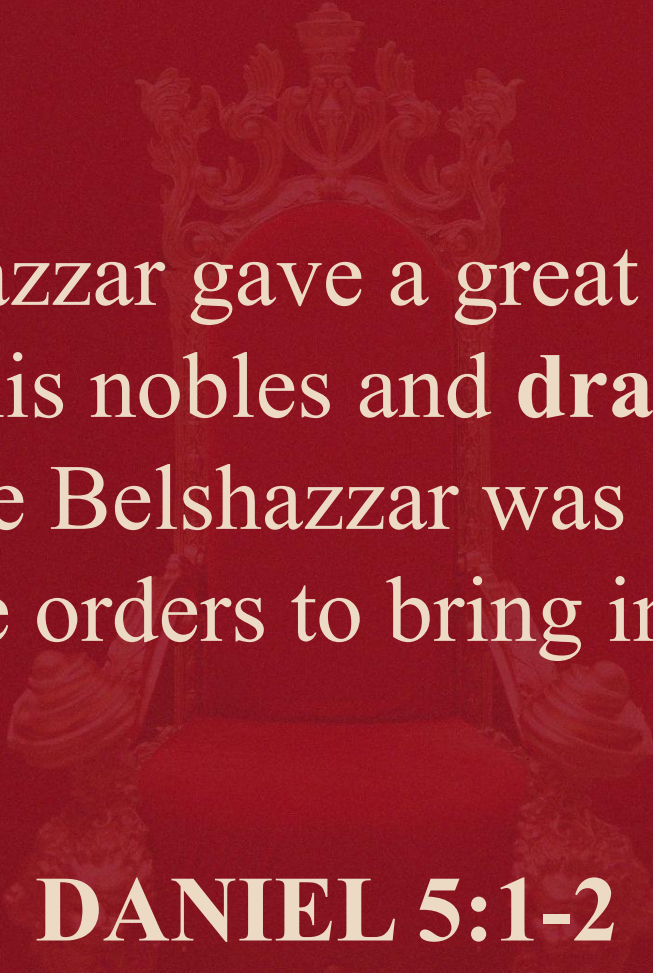
⁵ A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed.

JOB 14:5



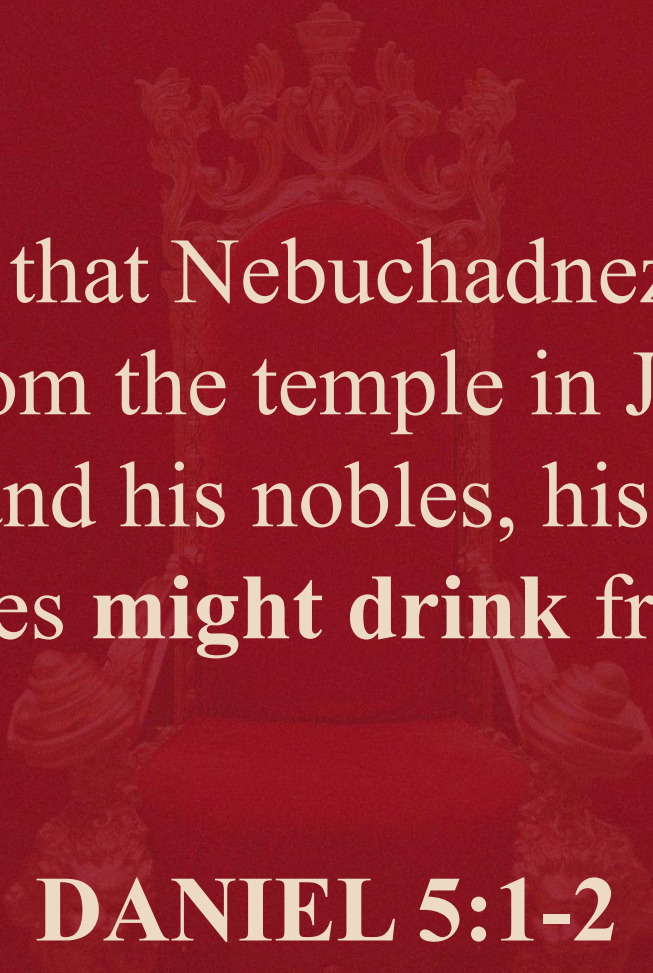
¹² Teach us to number our days, that we may
gain a heart of wisdom.

PSALM 90:12



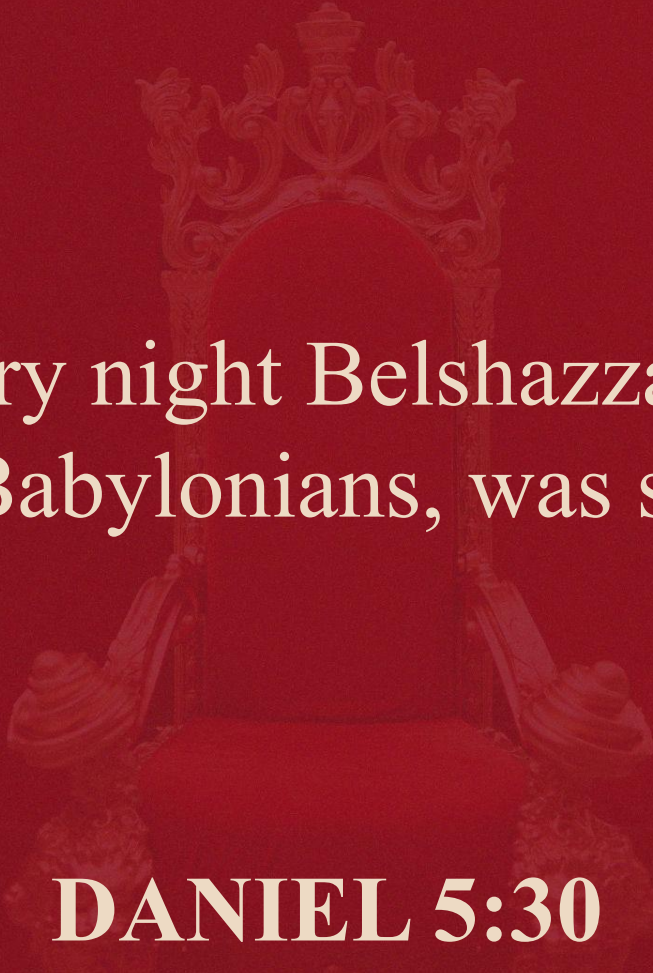
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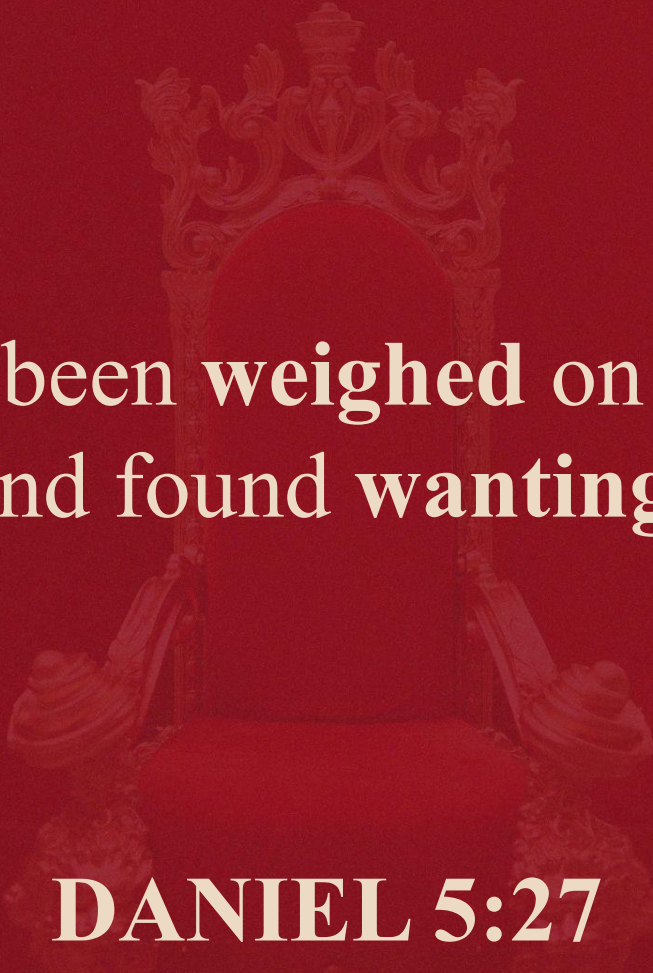
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³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of
the Babylonians, was slain.

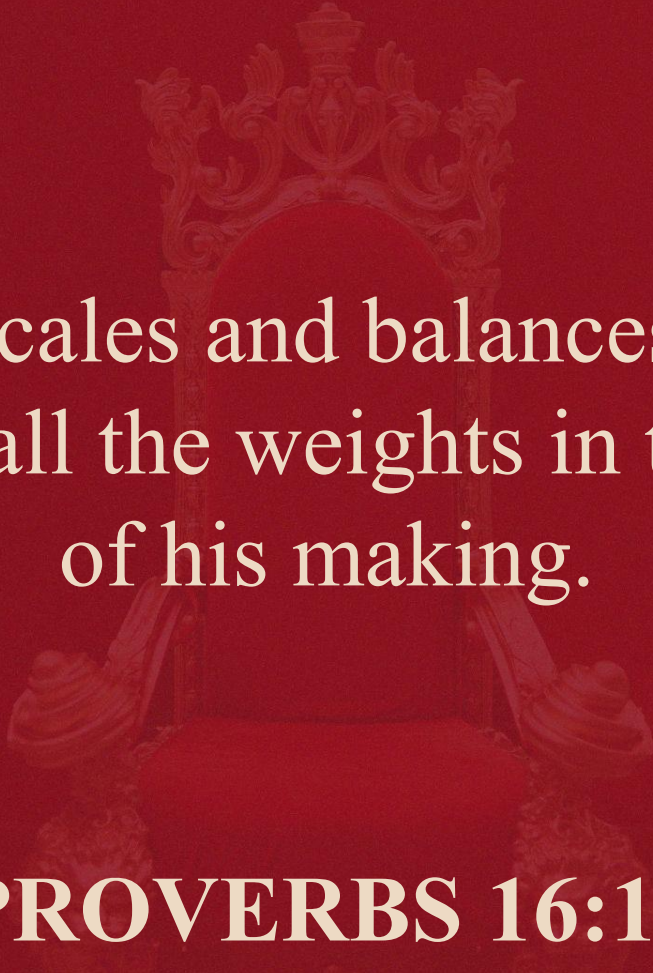
DANIEL 5:30

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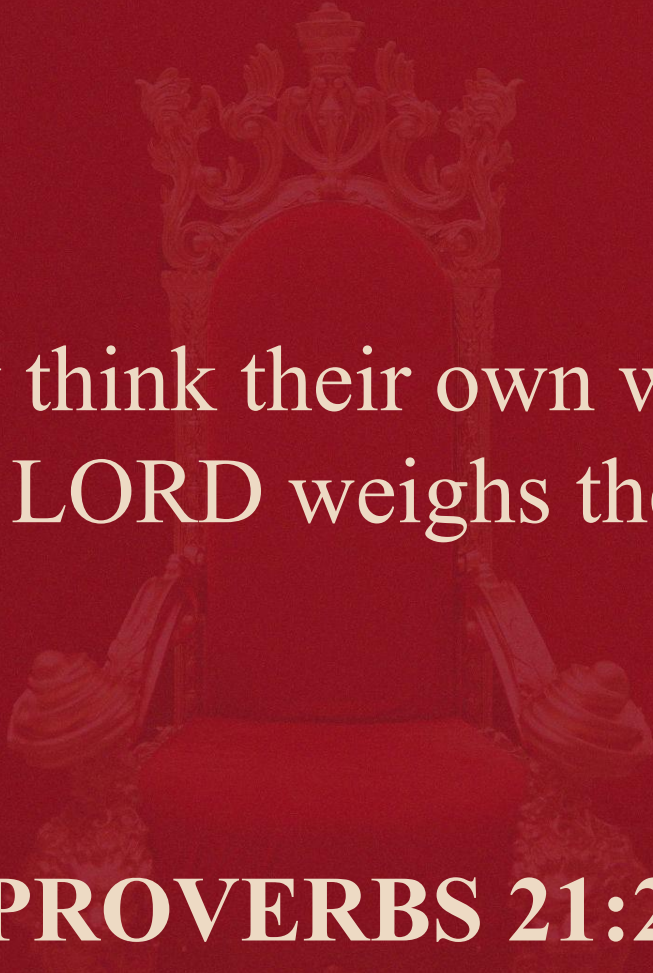
You have been **weighed** on the scales
and found **wanting**.

DANIEL 5:27



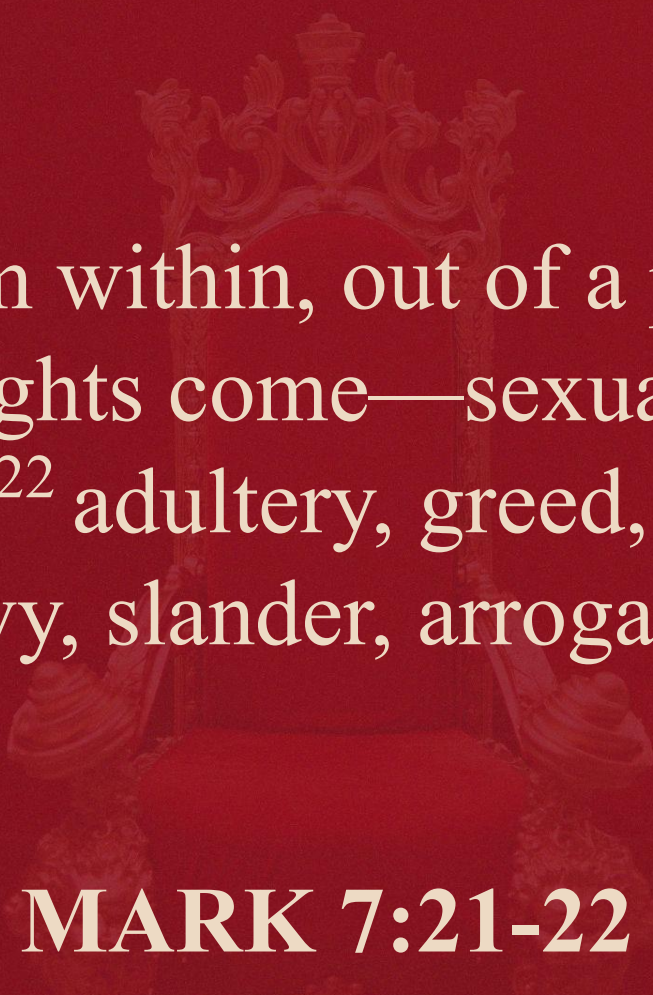
¹¹ Honest scales and balances belong to
the LORD; all the weights in the bag are
of his making.

PROVERBS 16:11



A person may think their own ways are right,
but the LORD weighs the heart.

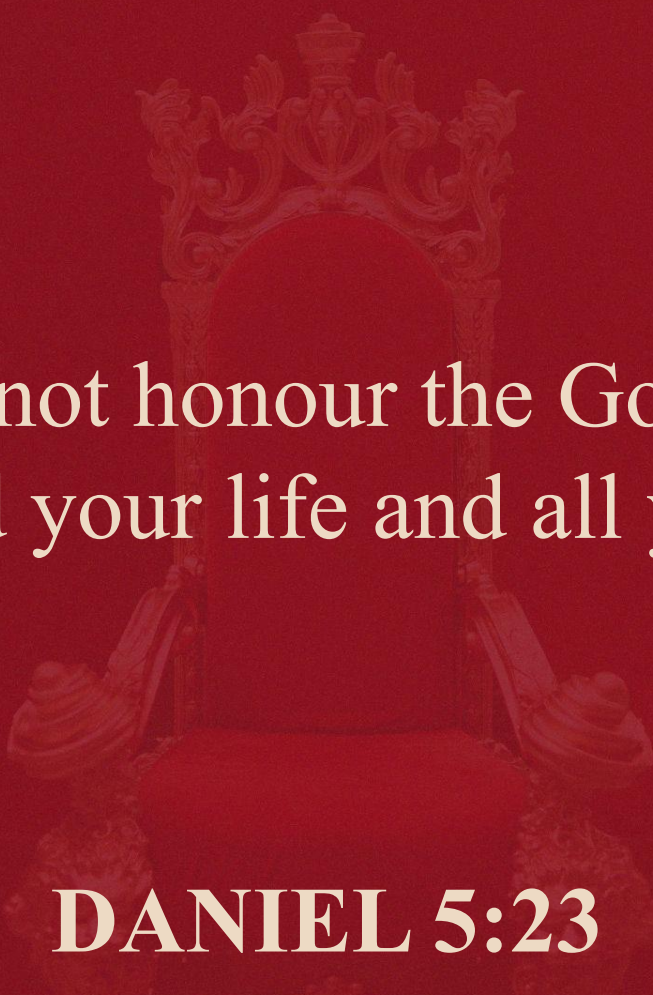
PROVERBS 21:2



²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart,
that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality,
theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit,
lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

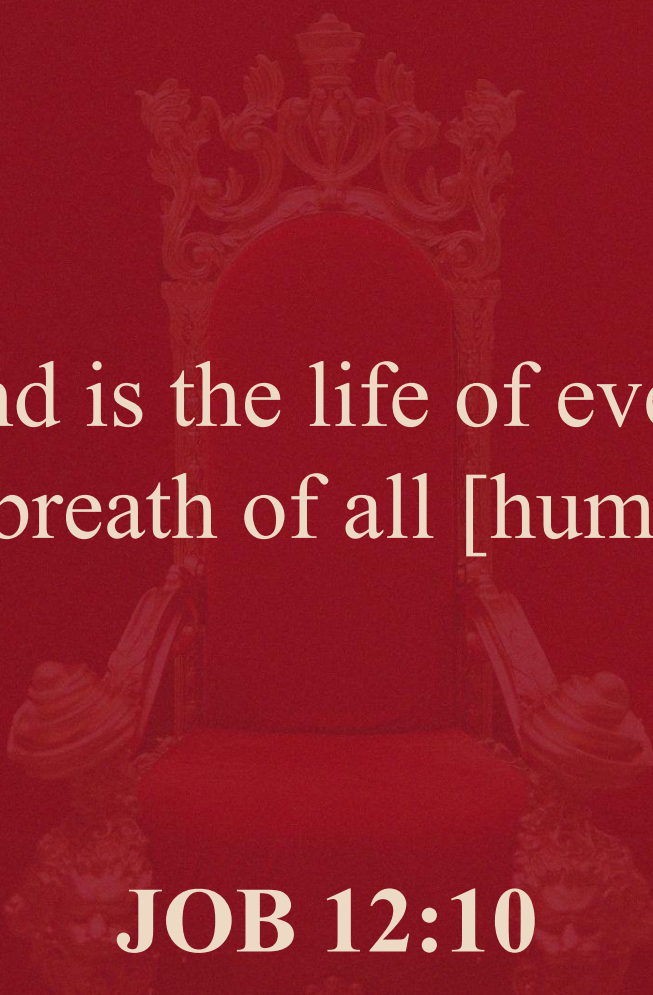
MARK 7:21-22

**If God were to weigh your heart
right now, what sins from this
list would be weighing your
heart down?**



But you did not honour the God who holds
in his hand your life and all your ways.

DANIEL 5:23



¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all [humankind].

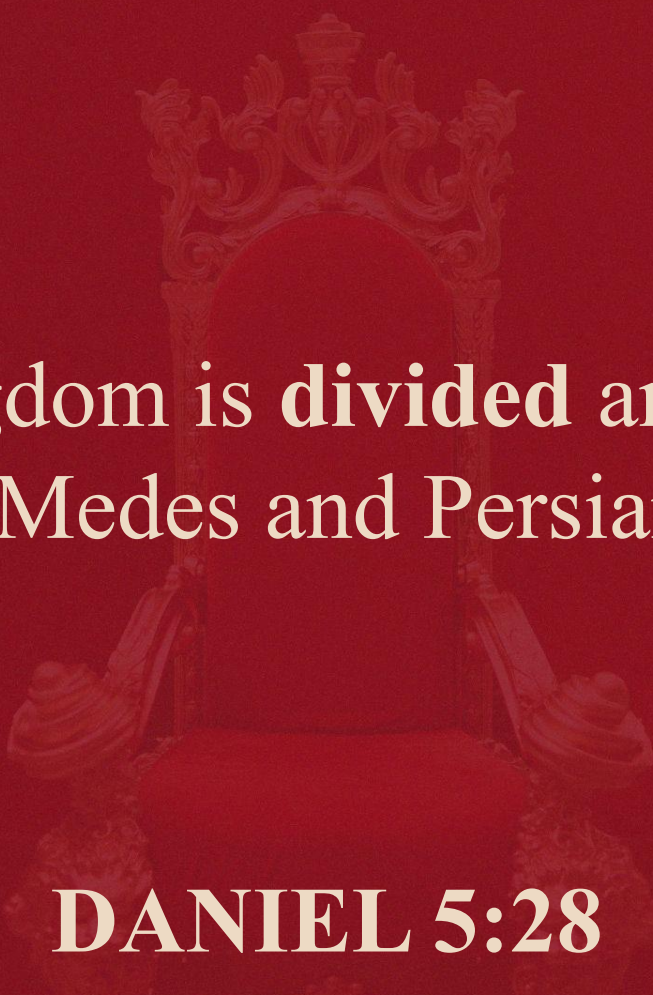
JOB 12:10



¹⁵ My times are in your hands.

PSALM 31:15

DIVIDED



“Your kingdom is **divided** and **given** to
the Medes and Persians.”

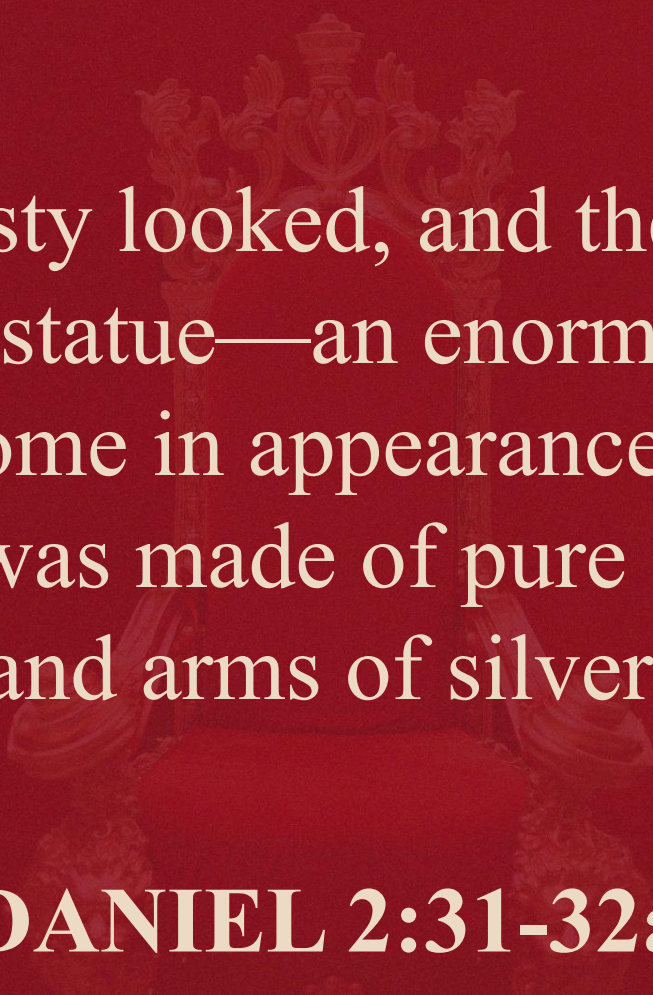
DANIEL 5:28

**Whatever God's finger wrote,
God's hand accomplished.**



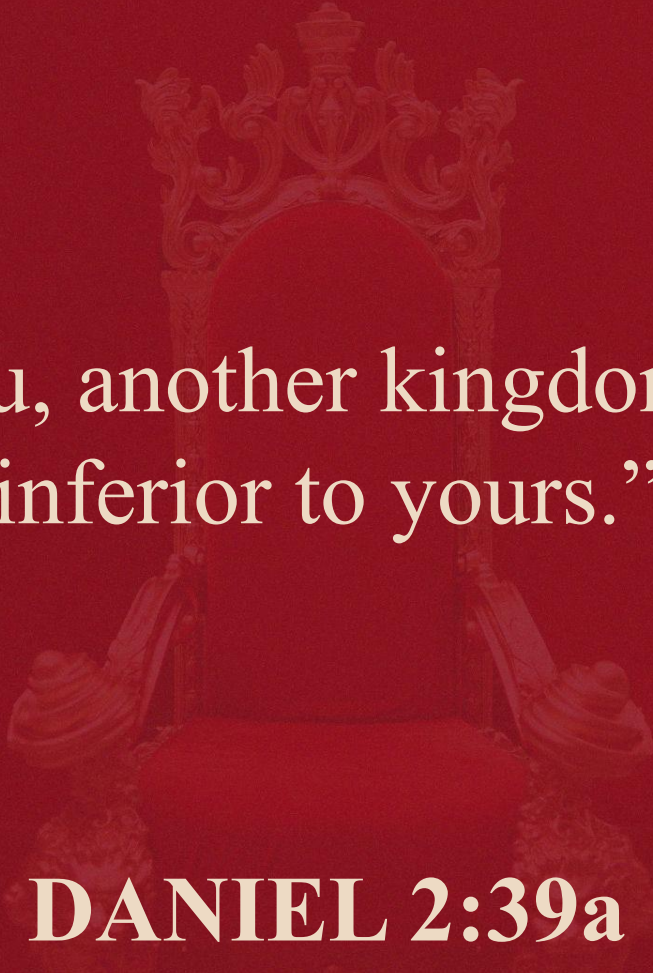
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.

JOB 1:21

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³¹ “Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. ³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver.

DANIEL 2:31-32a



³⁹ “After you, another kingdom will arise,
inferior to yours.”

DANIEL 2:39a



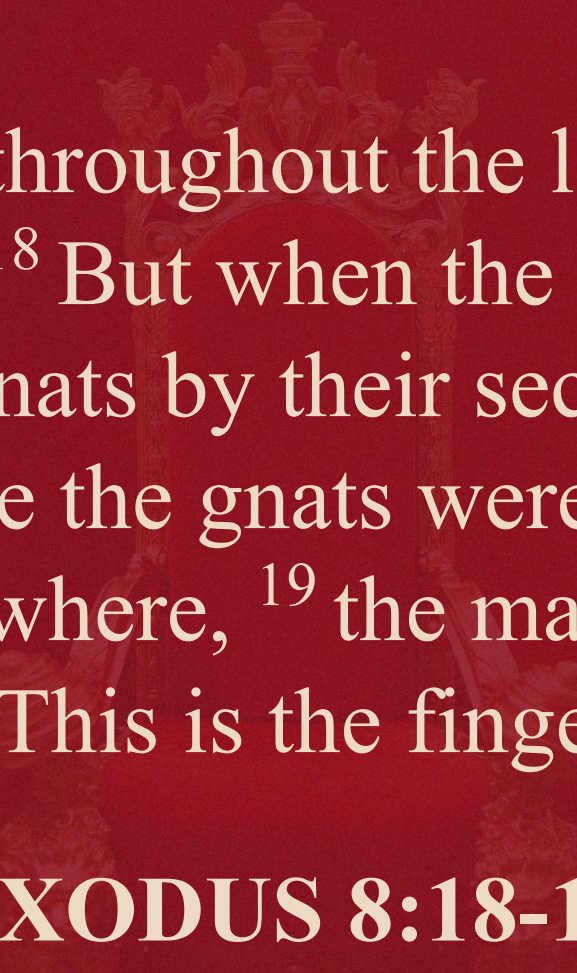
Its belly and thighs of bronze.

DANIEL 2:32b



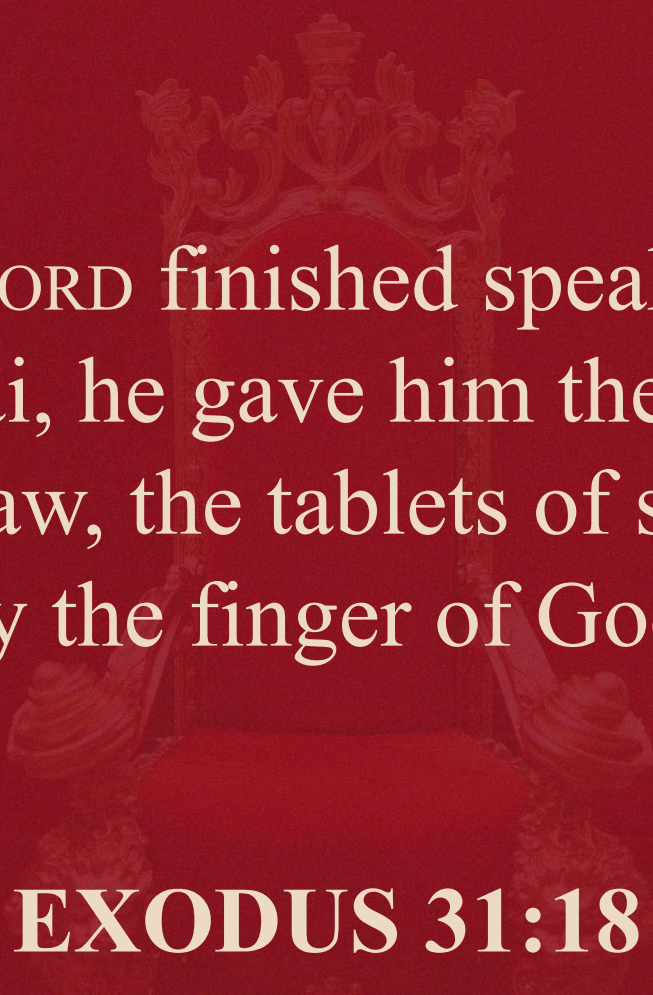
Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze,
will rule over the whole earth.

DANIEL 2:39b



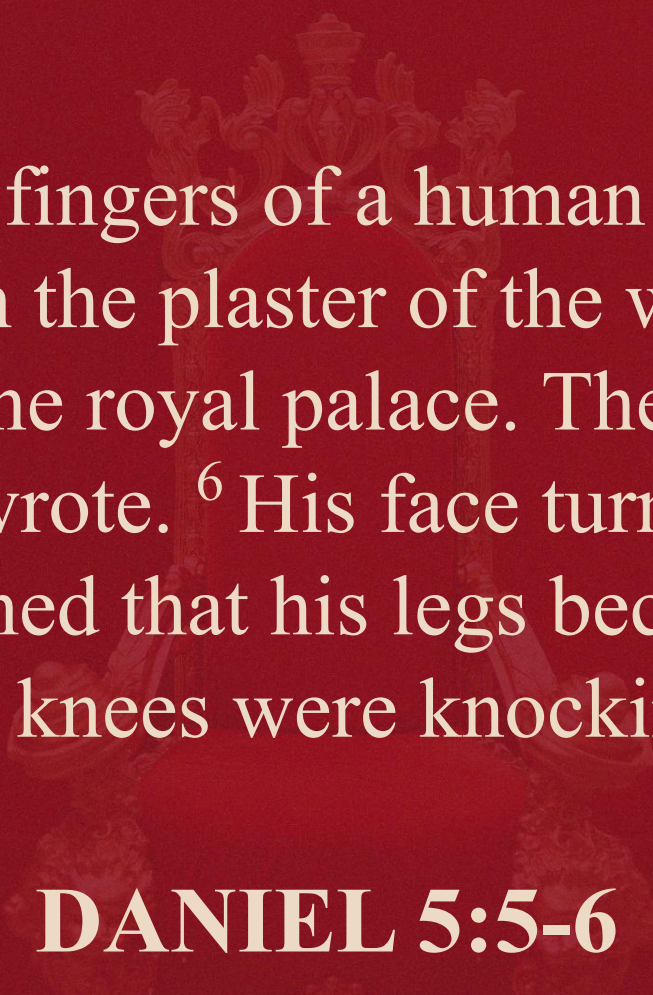
All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. ¹⁸ But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, ¹⁹ the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.”

EXODUS 8:18-19



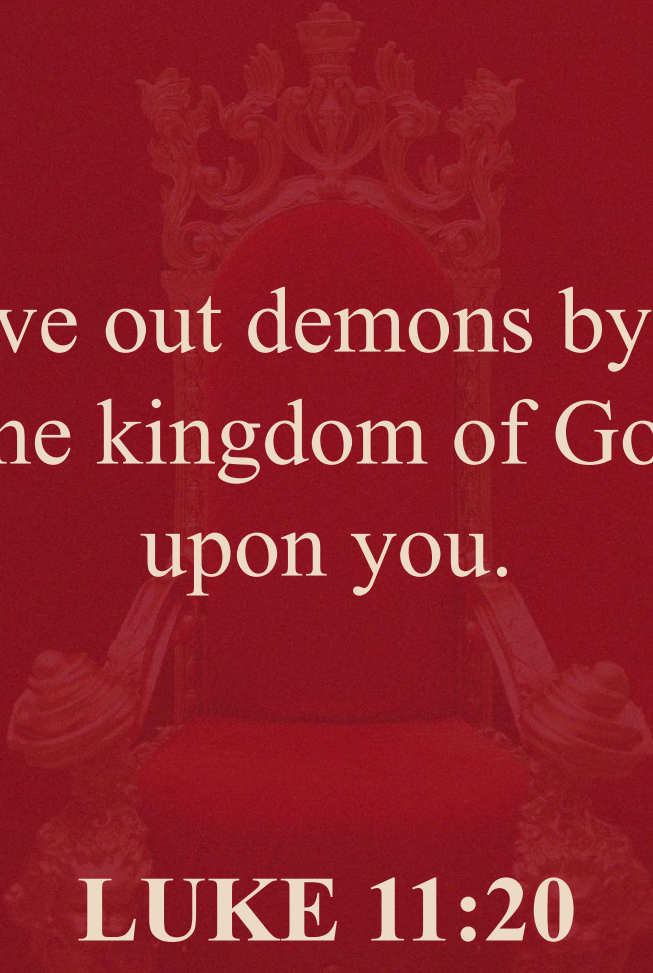
¹⁸ When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant law, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

EXODUS 31:18



⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶ His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

DANIEL 5:5-6



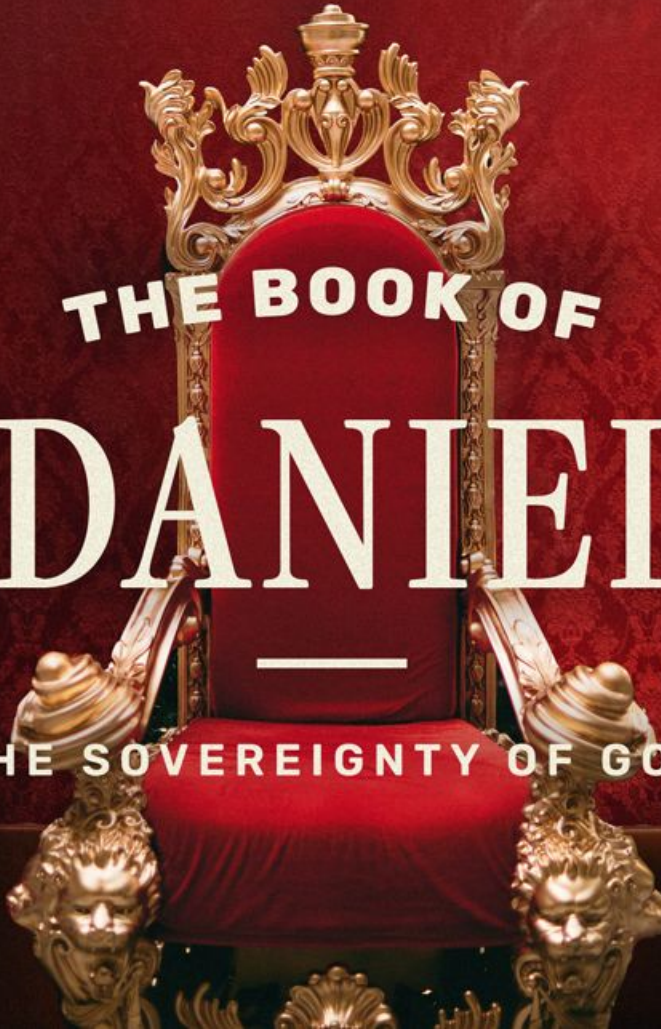
²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of
God, then the kingdom of God has come
upon you.

LUKE 11:20

**Believe in the personal and
direct intervention of
God's power in both global
and human affairs.**

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