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THE MINOR
PROPHETS



AMOS

⁴ This is what the LORD says to Israel:
“Seek me and live; ⁵ do not seek Bethel, do
not go to Gilgal, do not journey to
Beersheba. For Gilgal will surely go into
exile, and Bethel will be reduced to
nothing.” ⁶ Seek the LORD and live, or he will
sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a
fire;

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it will devour them, and Bethel will have
no one to quench it. ⁷ There are those
who turn justice into bitterness and cast
righteousness to the ground. ⁸ He who
made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns
midnight into dawn and darkens day
into night,

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who calls for the waters of the sea and
pours them out over the face of the
land—the LORD is his name. ⁹ With a
blinding flash he destroys the stronghold
and brings the fortified city to ruin.
¹⁰ There are those who hate the one
who upholds justice in court and

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detest the one who tells the truth. ¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

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¹² For I know how many are your offenses
and how great your sins. There are
those who oppress the innocent and
take bribes and deprive the poor of
justice in the courts. ¹³ Therefore the
prudent keep quiet in such times, for
the times are evil.

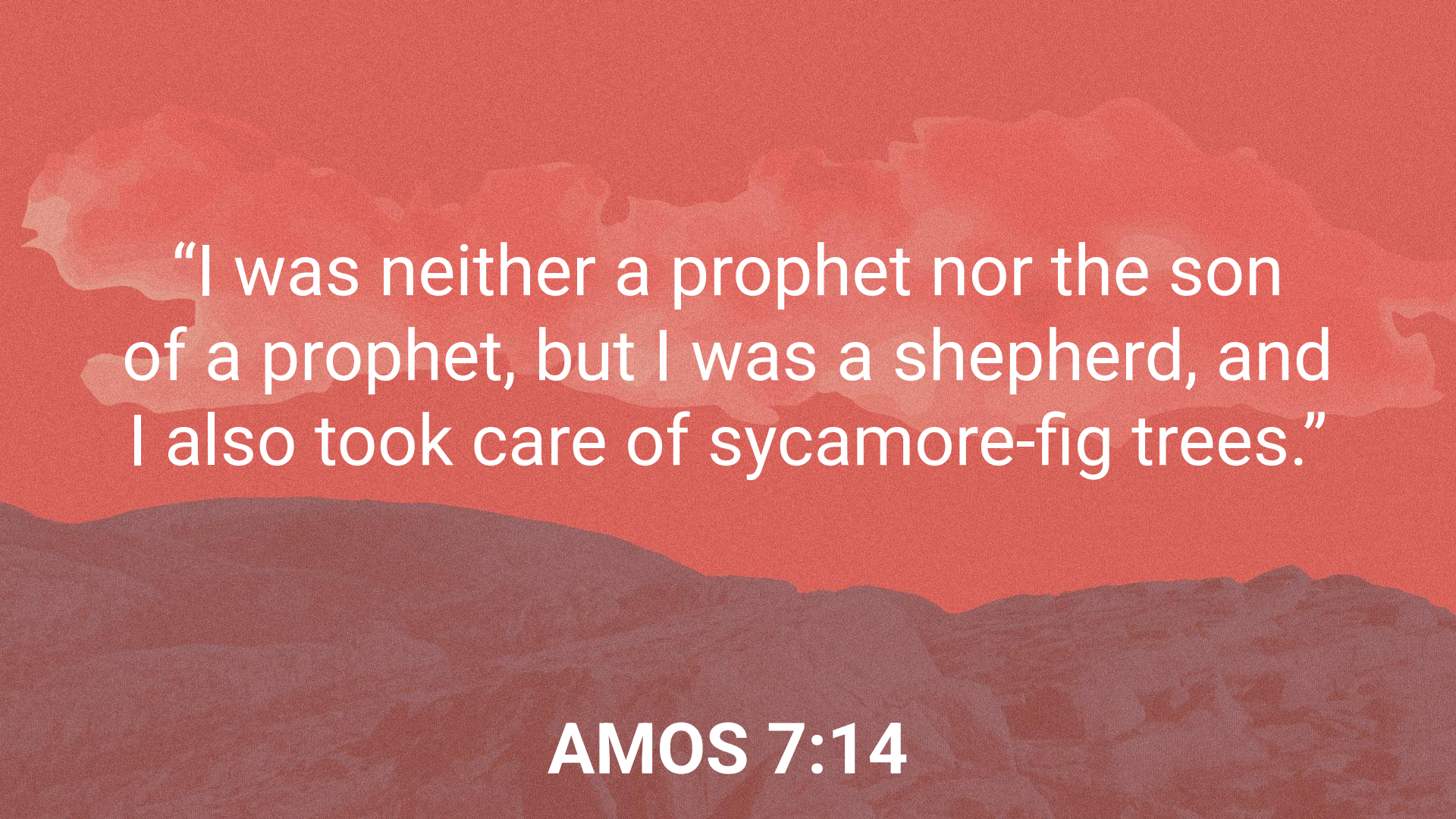
AMOS 5:4-15

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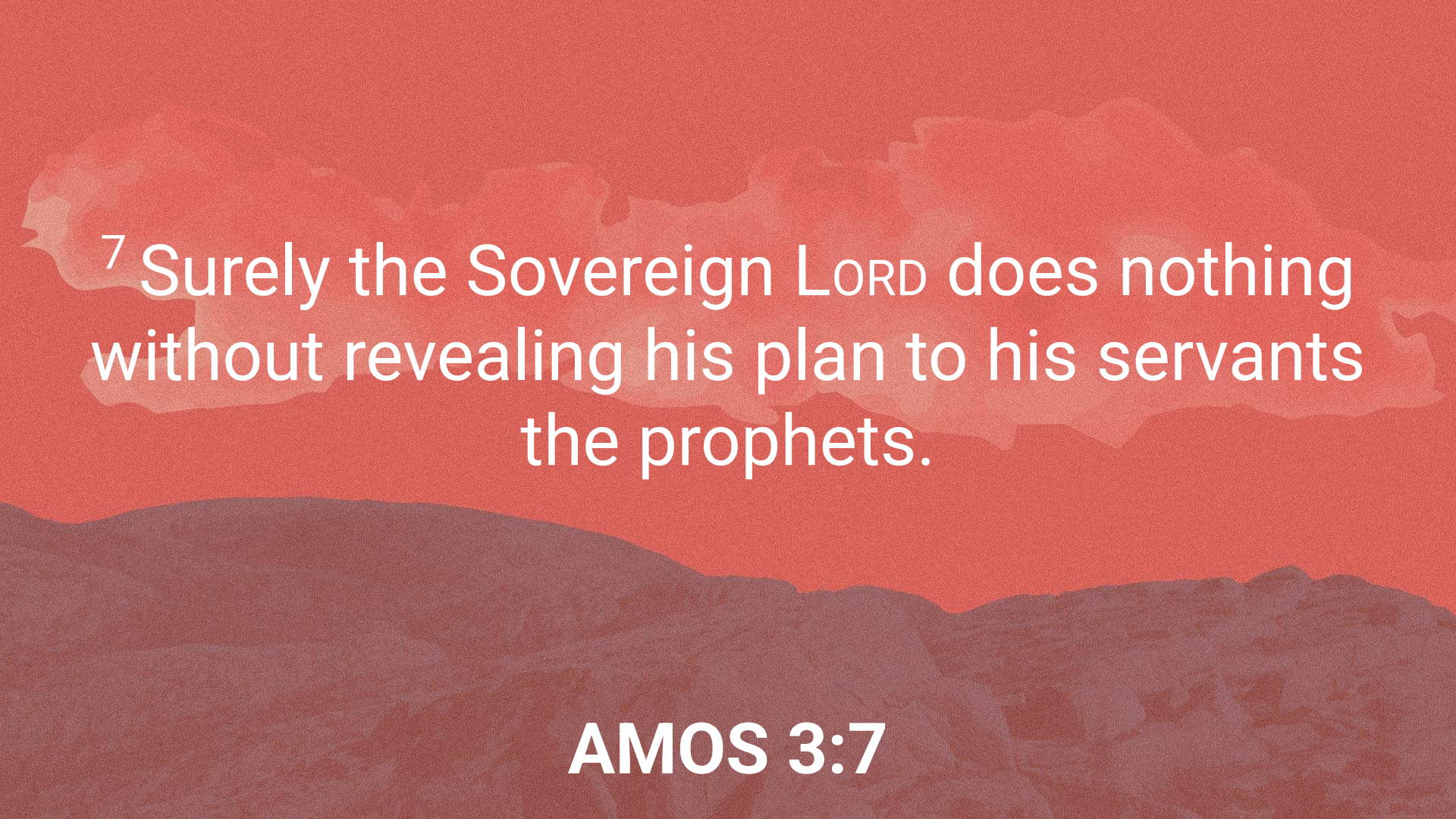
¹ The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—the vision he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

AMOS 1:1



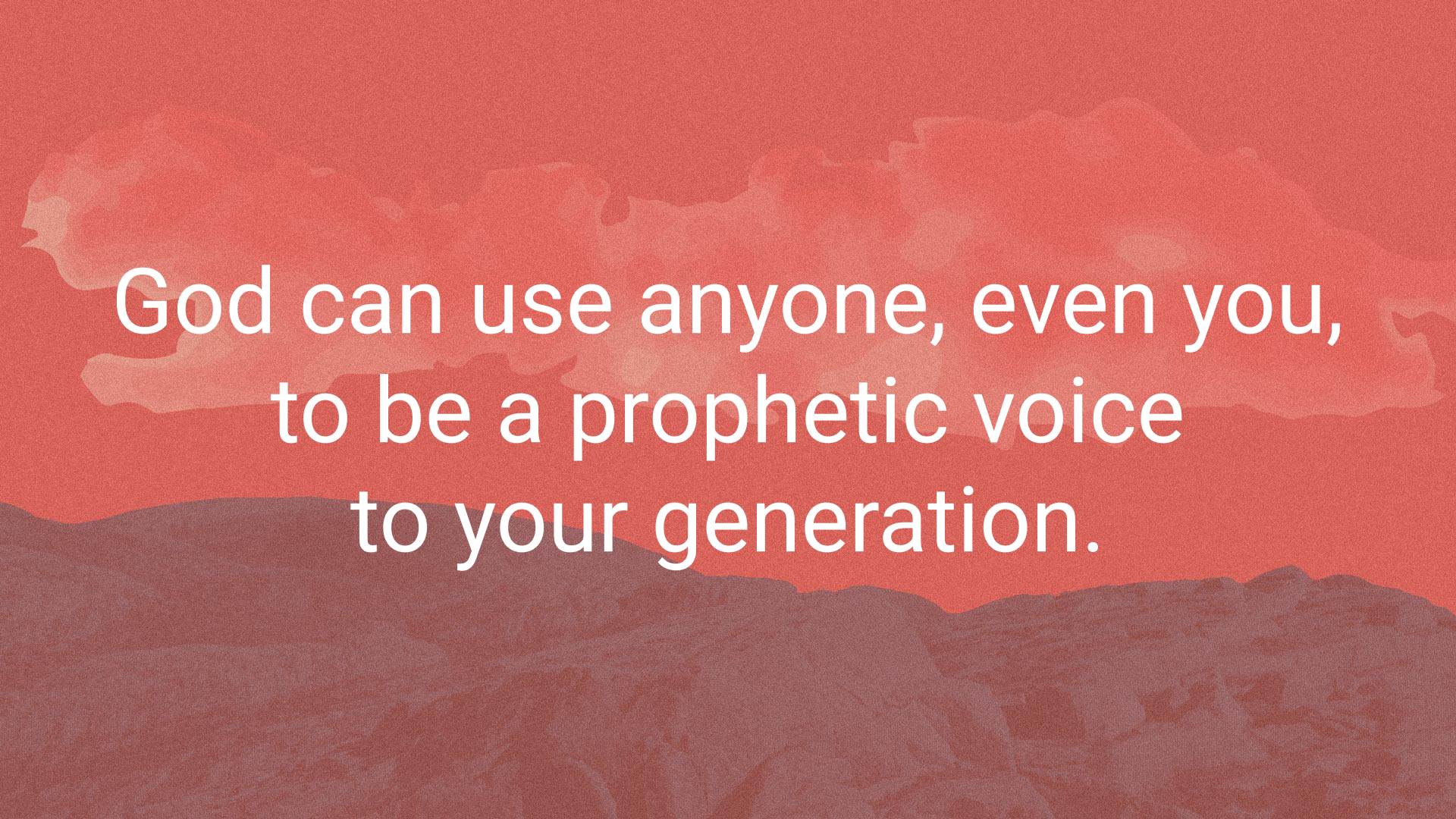
“I was neither a prophet nor the son
of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and
I also took care of sycamore-fig trees.”

AMOS 7:14

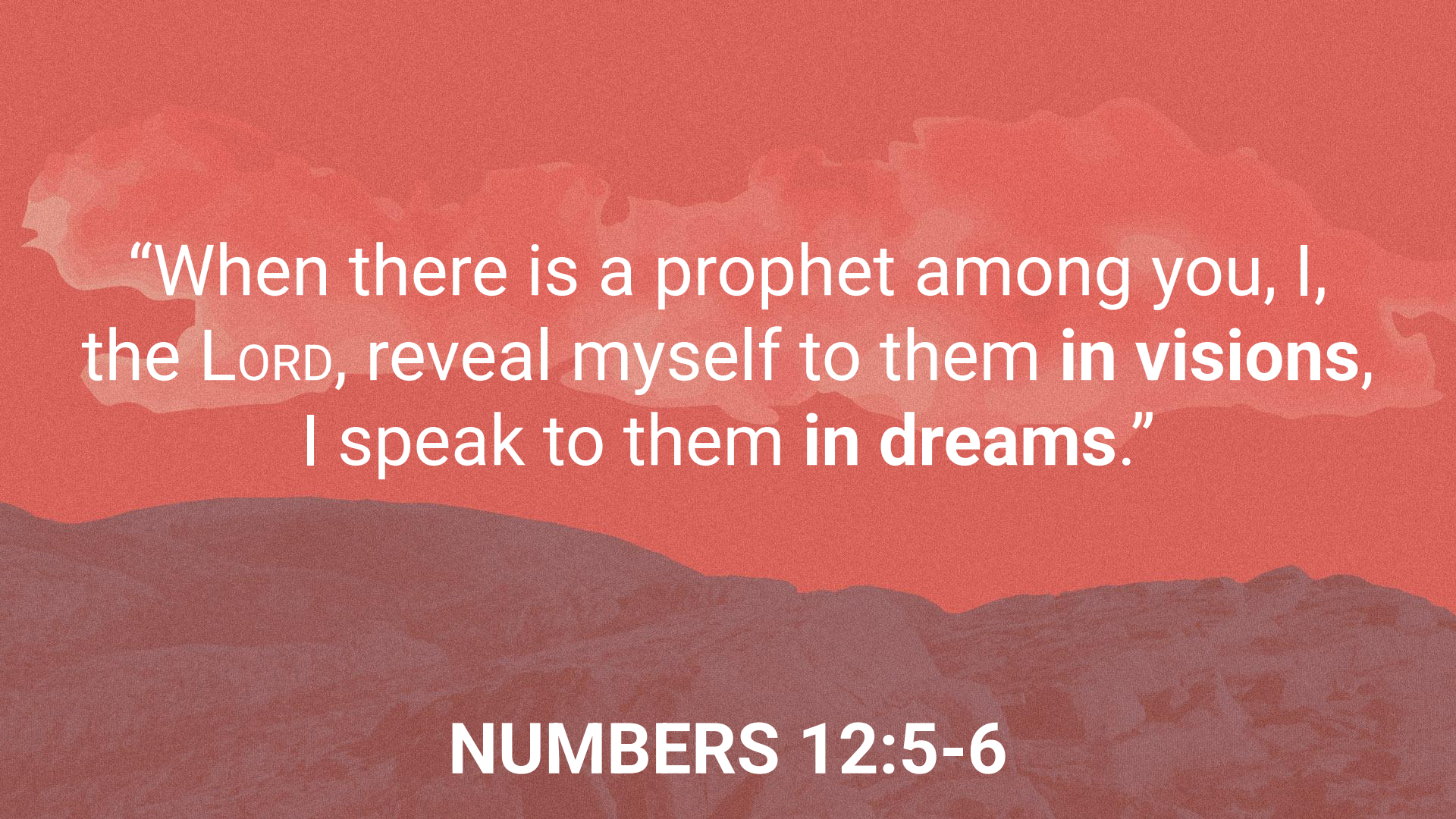


⁷ Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing
without revealing his plan to his servants
the prophets.

AMOS 3:7

The background of the image shows a landscape with dark, jagged rock formations in the foreground. Above the rocks, a bright, hazy sky is visible, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay, which makes the colors appear more saturated and gives it a dramatic, spiritual feel. The text is centered in the upper half of the image, in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

God can use anyone, even you,
to be a prophetic voice
to your generation.

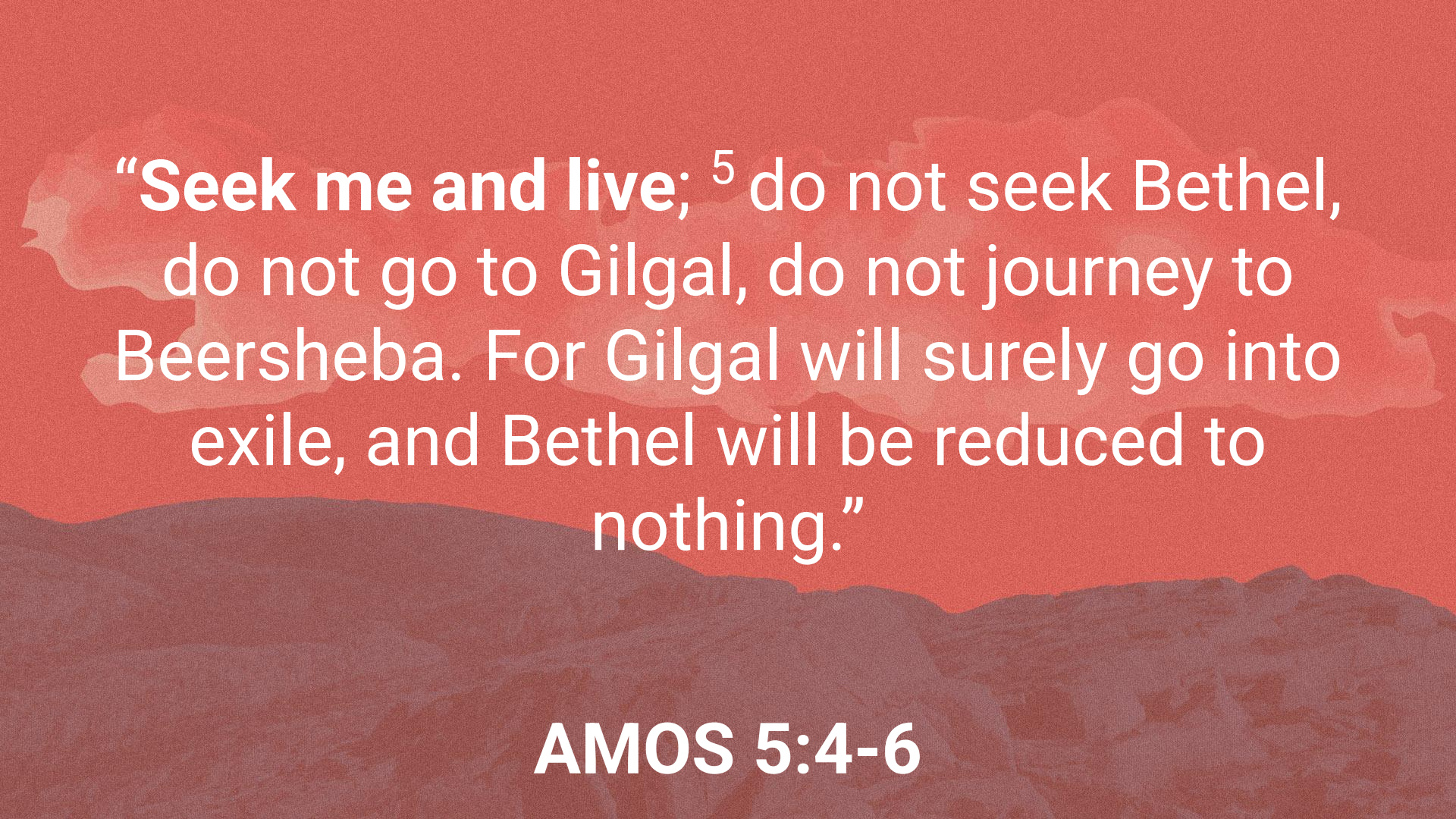


“When there is a prophet among you, I,
the LORD, reveal myself to them **in visions**,
I speak to them **in dreams**.”

NUMBERS 12:5-6



**SEEK THE LORD
AND LIVE**

The background of the image is a red-tinted landscape. The upper portion shows a sky with soft, white, cloud-like shapes. The lower portion depicts a range of dark, rugged mountains or hills. The overall color palette is dominated by shades of red, from deep maroon to bright orange-red.

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do not go to Gilgal, do not journey to
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The background is a stylized, monochromatic illustration. The upper portion features a sky with soft, painterly clouds in various shades of red and orange. The lower portion depicts a dark, rugged landscape with rocky, undulating hills or mountains in shades of dark red and brown. The overall aesthetic is that of a textured, hand-painted artwork.

God is anti-idolatry.

²⁴ He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

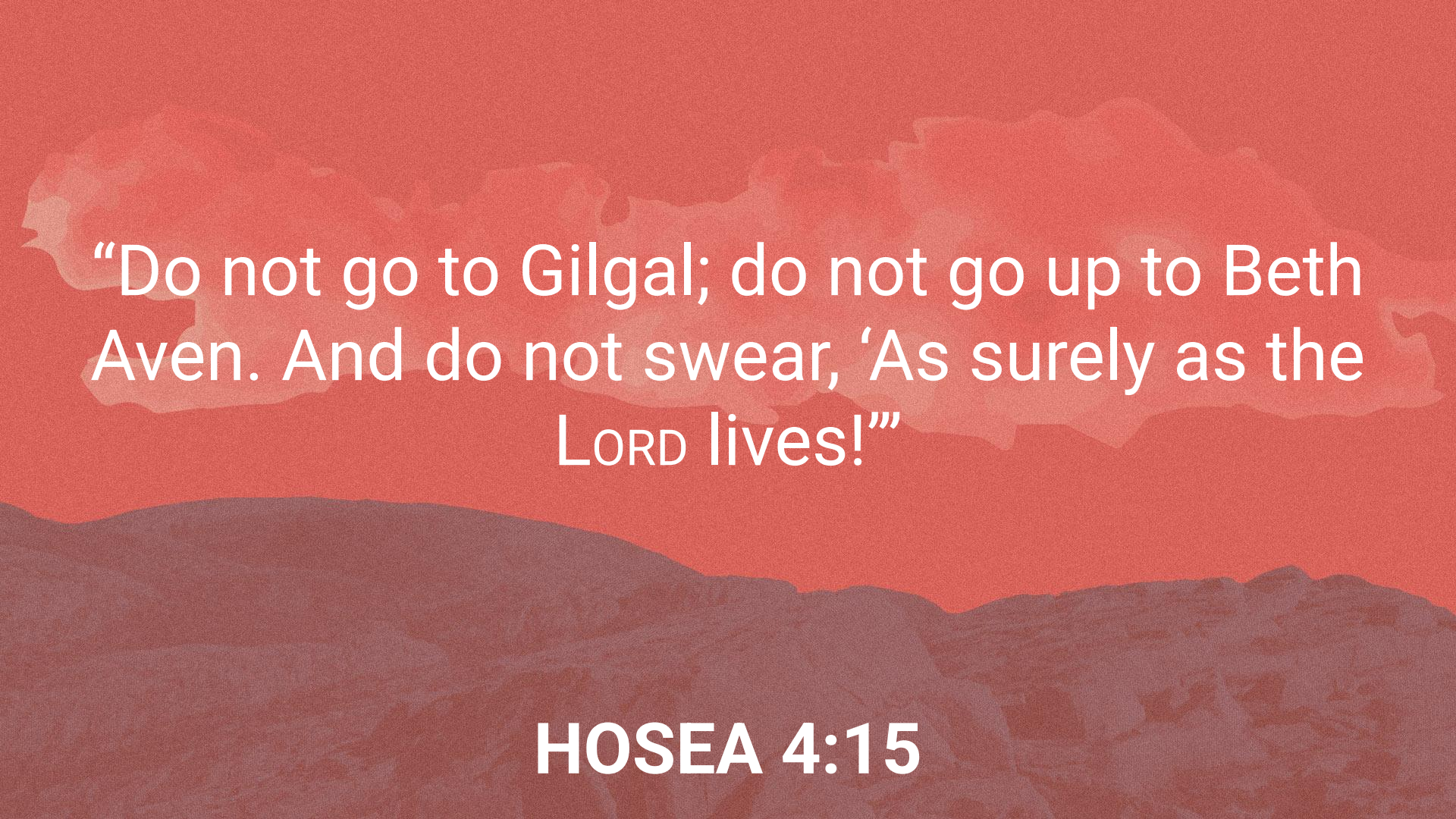
2 KINGS 14:24

²⁸ After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

1 KINGS 12:28-30

²⁹ One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. ³⁰ And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other.

1 KINGS 12:28-30

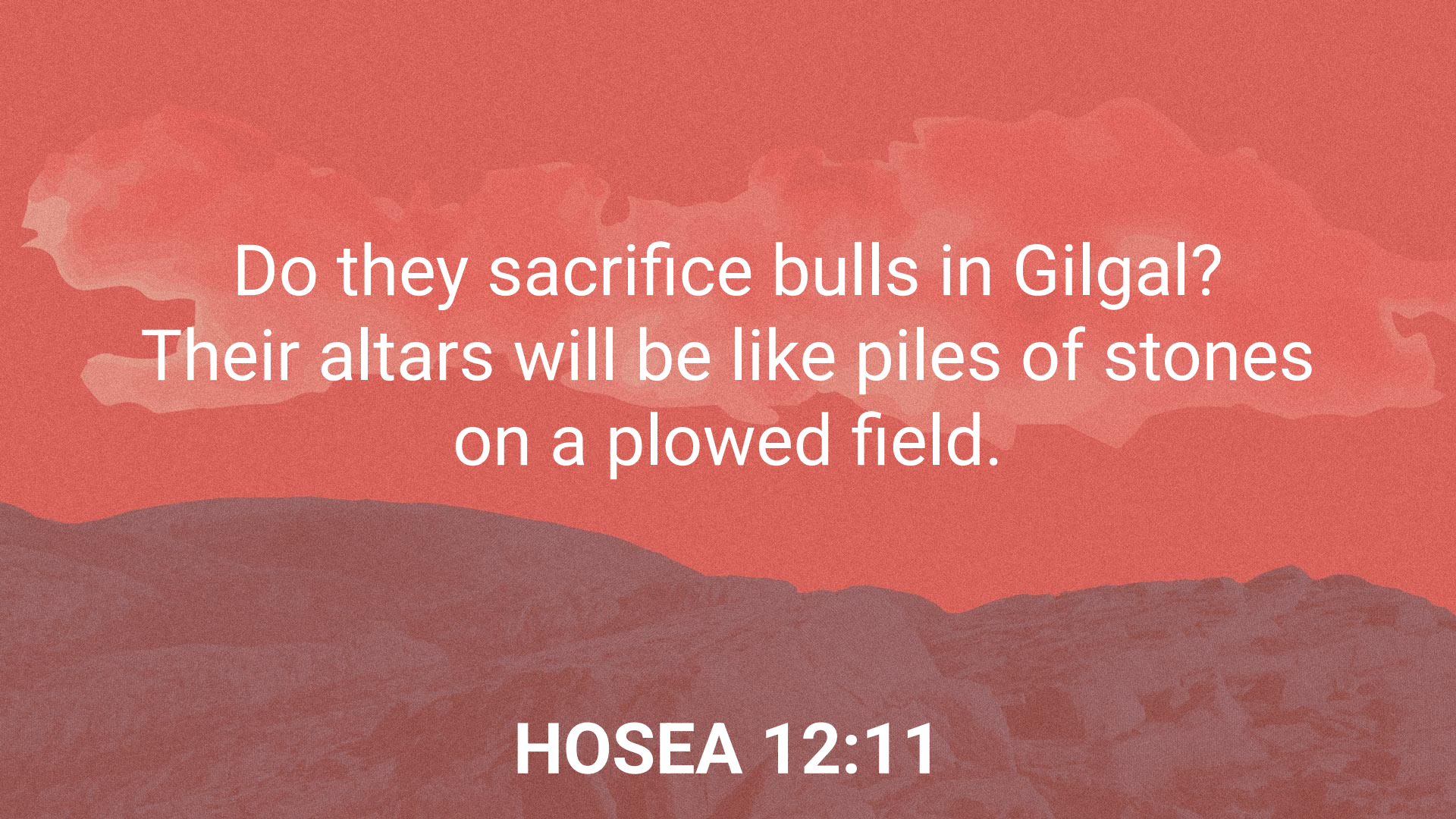


“Do not go to Gilgal; do not go up to Beth
Aven. And do not swear, ‘As surely as the
LORD lives!’”

HOSEA 4:15

¹⁵ “Because of all their wickedness in Gilgal, I hated them there. Because of their sinful deeds, I will drive them out of my house. I will no longer love them; all their leaders are rebellious.”

HOSEA 9:15



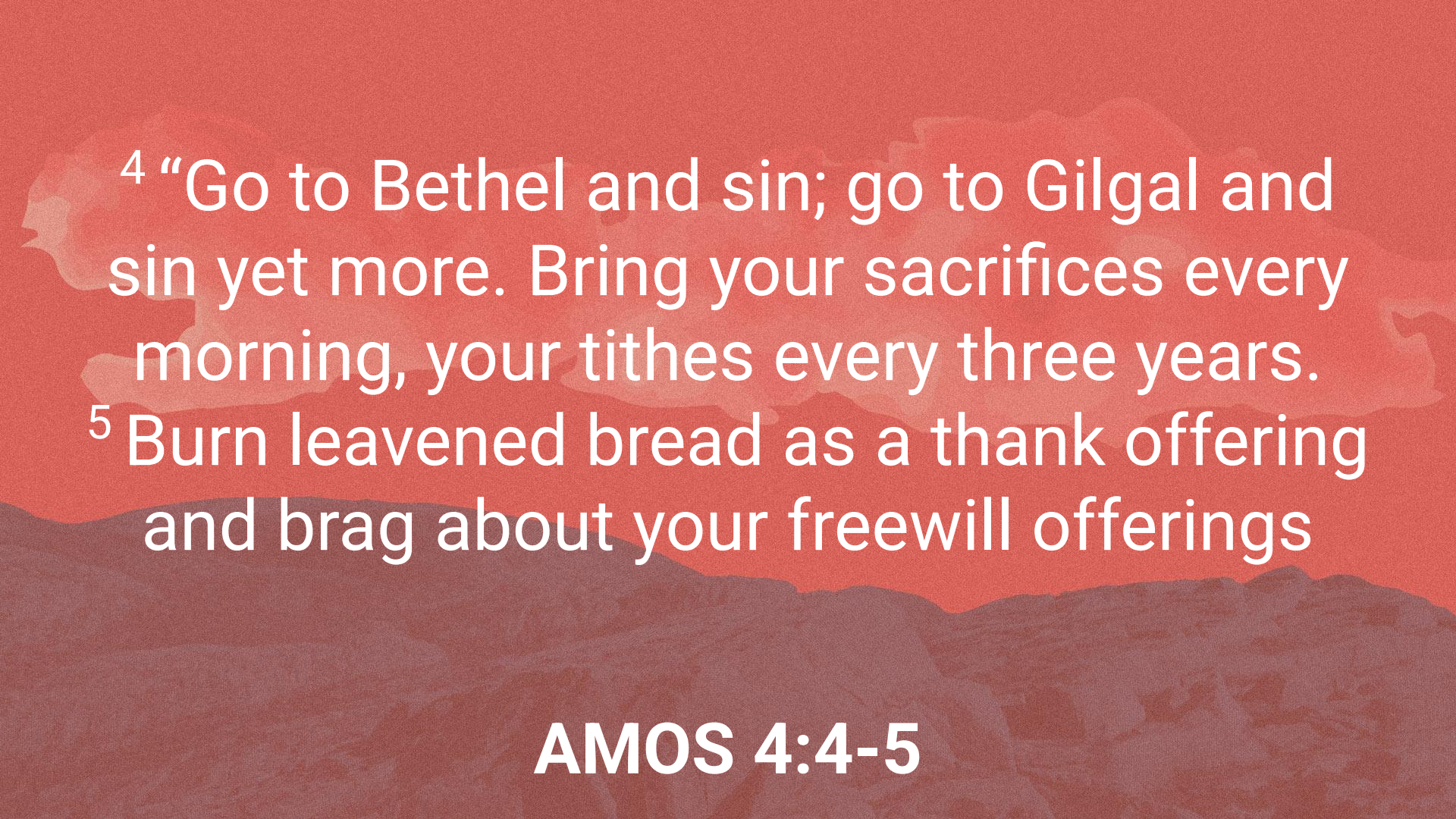
Do they sacrifice bulls in Gilgal?
Their altars will be like piles of stones
on a plowed field.

HOSEA 12:11



⁸ Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba.

2 KINGS 23:8

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- ⁴ “Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three years.
- ⁵ Burn leavened bread as a thank offering and brag about your freewill offerings

AMOS 4:4-5



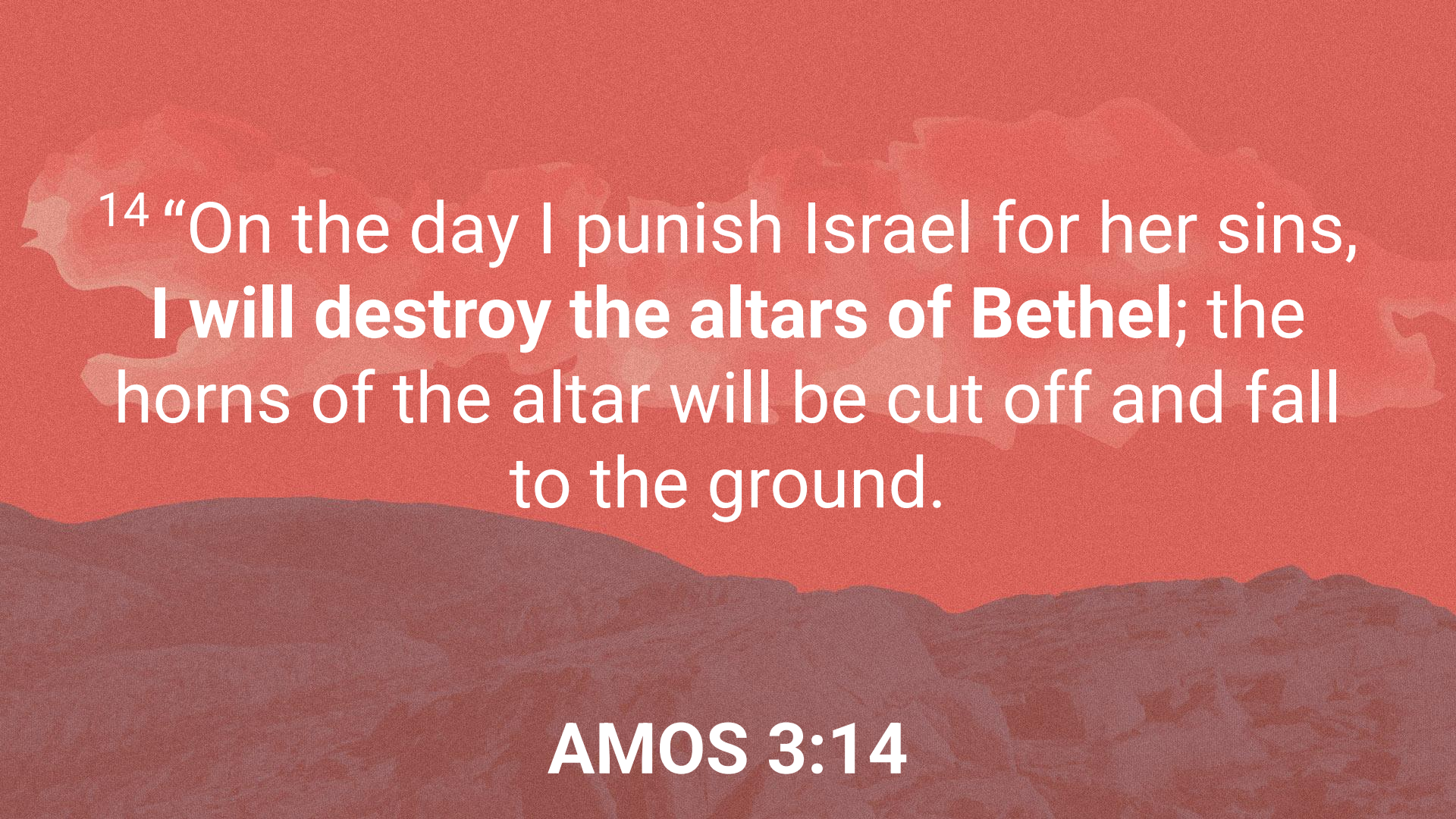
— boast about them, you Israelites,
for this is what you love to do,”
declares the Sovereign LORD.”

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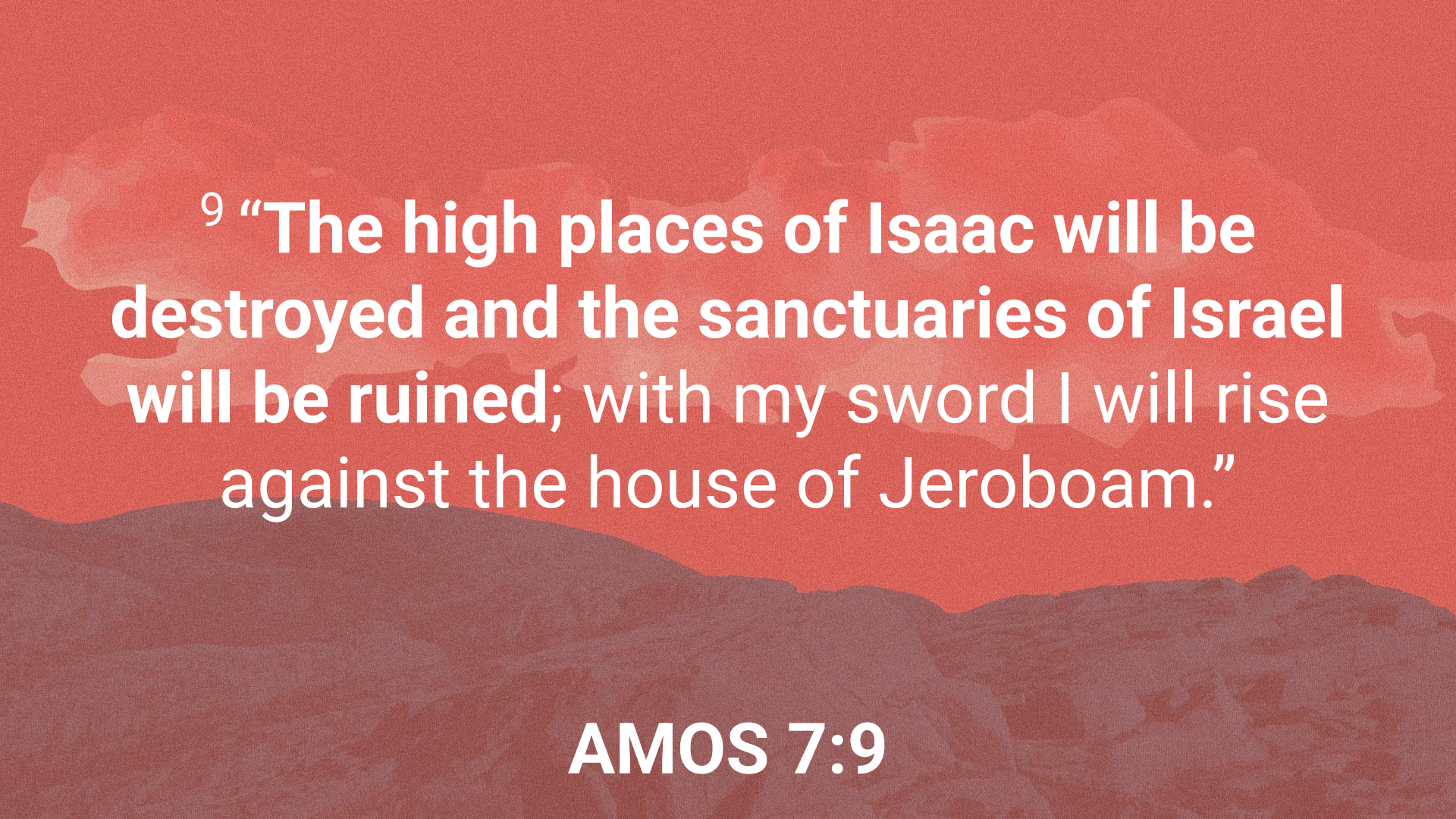
²⁴ For the LORD your God is a
consuming fire, a jealous God.

DEUTERONOMY 4:24



¹⁴ “On the day I punish Israel for her sins,
I will destroy the altars of Bethel; the
horns of the altar will be cut off and fall
to the ground.

AMOS 3:14



⁹ “The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.”

AMOS 7:9



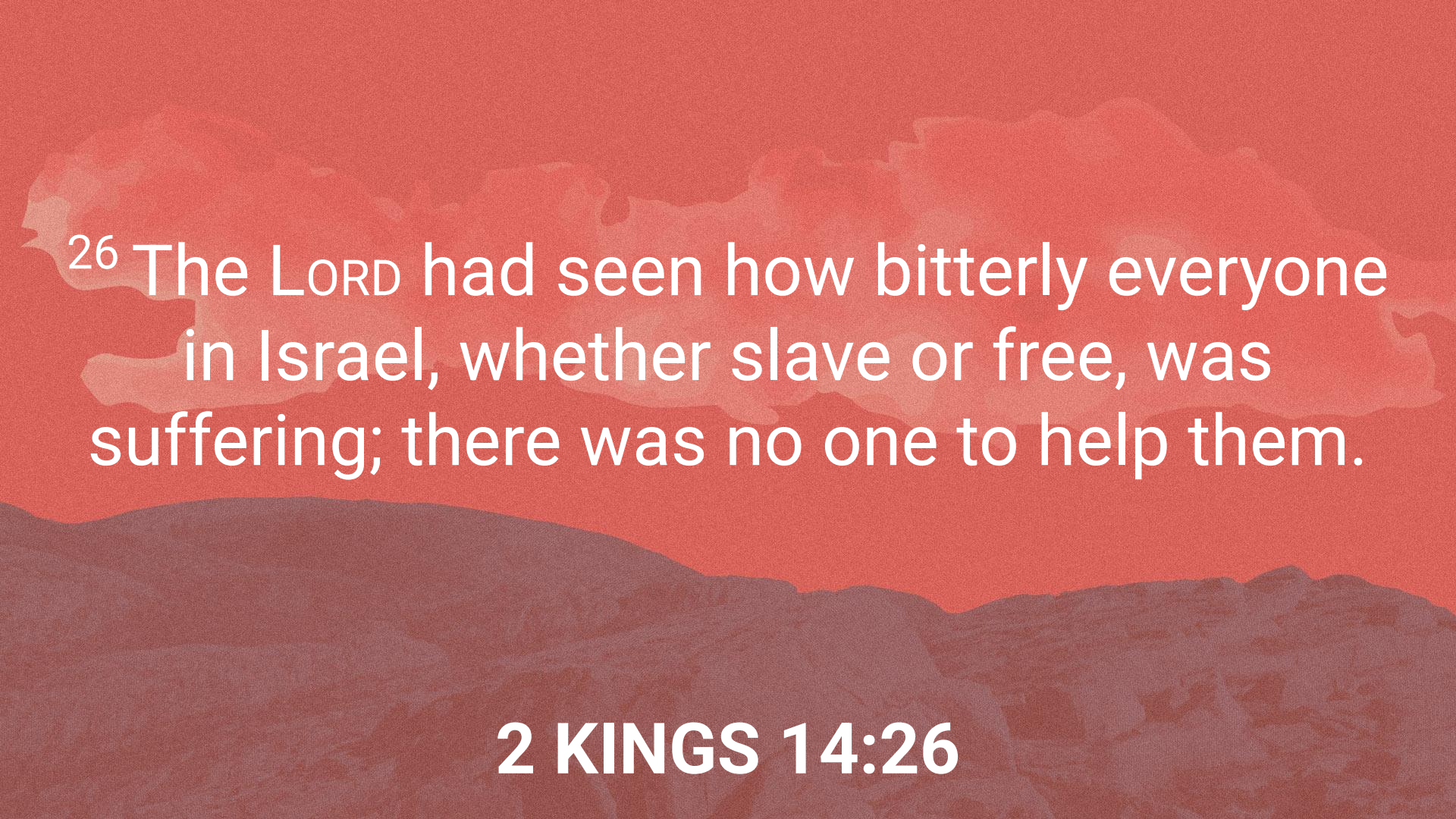
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AMOS 5:14-15

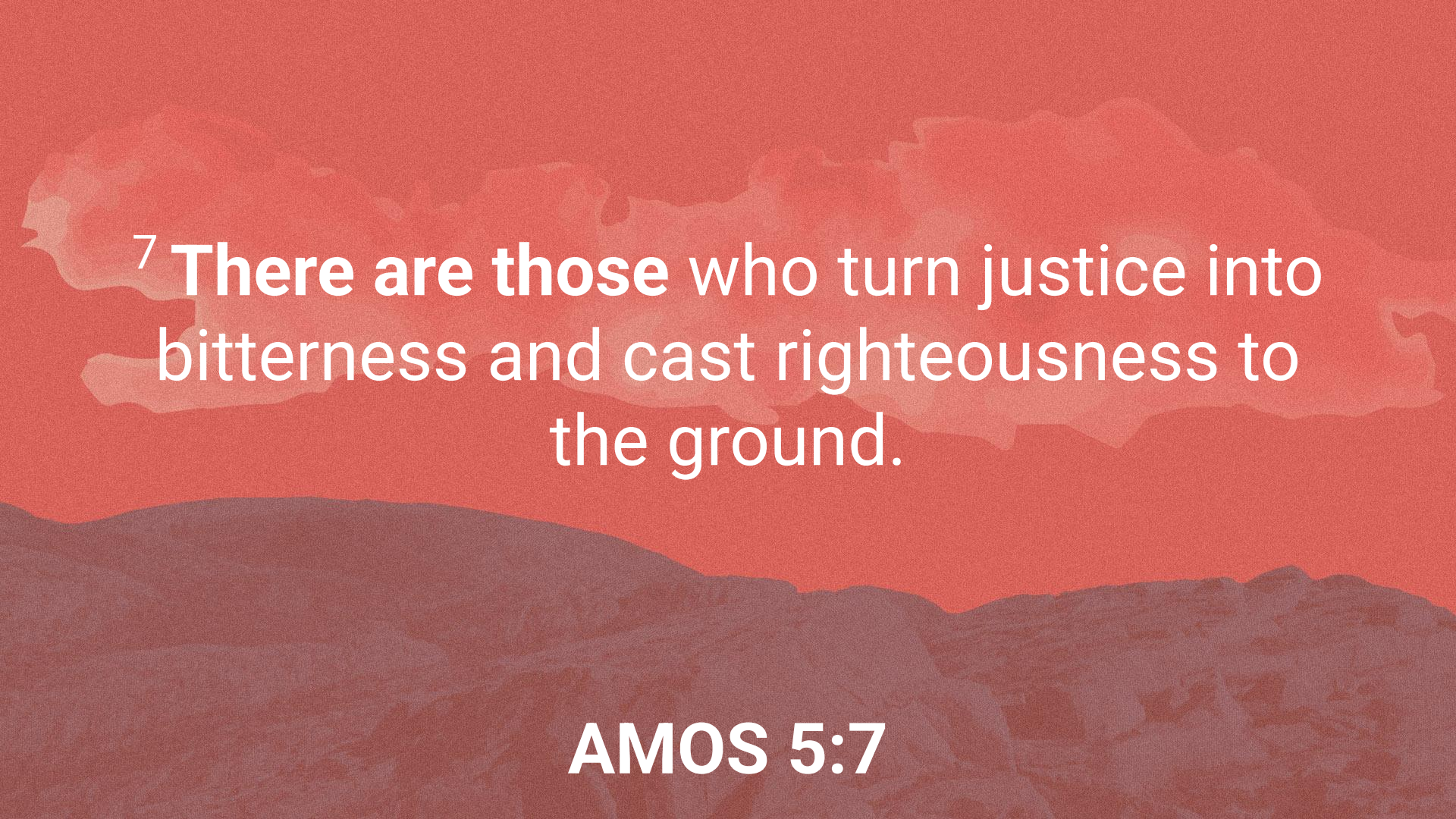


God is anti-injustice.



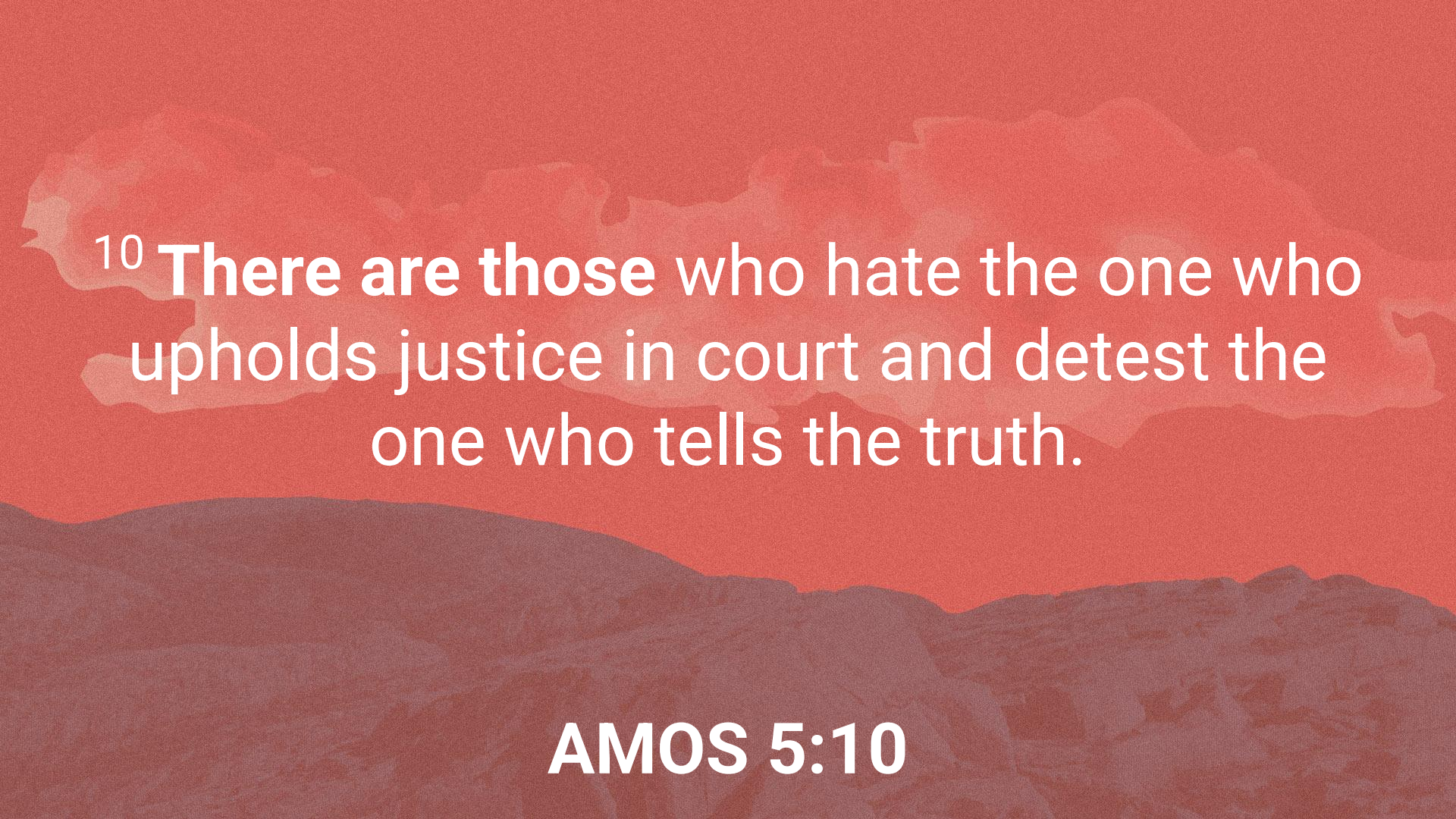
²⁶ The LORD had seen how bitterly everyone
in Israel, whether slave or free, was
suffering; there was no one to help them.

2 KINGS 14:26



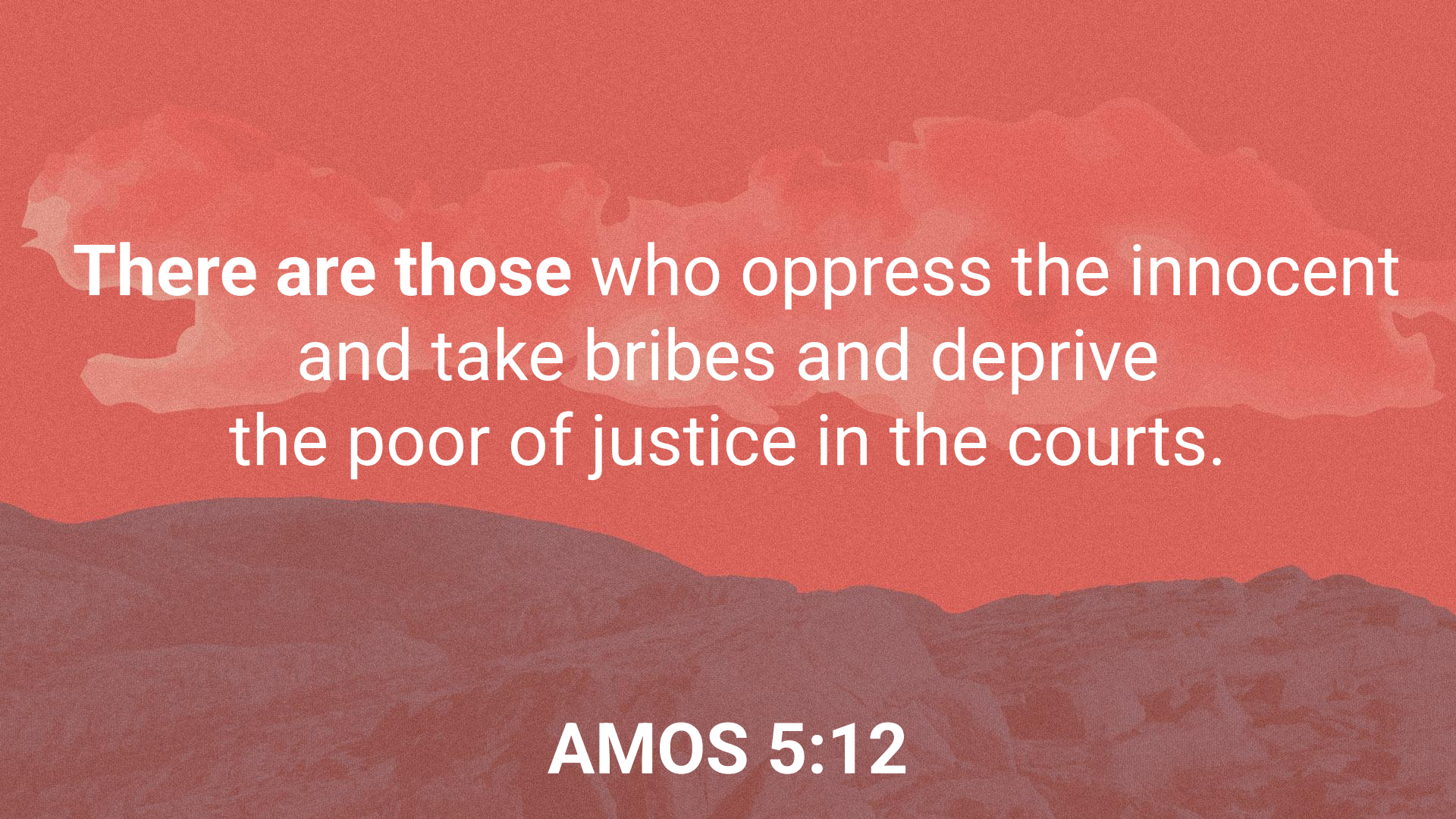
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AMOS 5:10



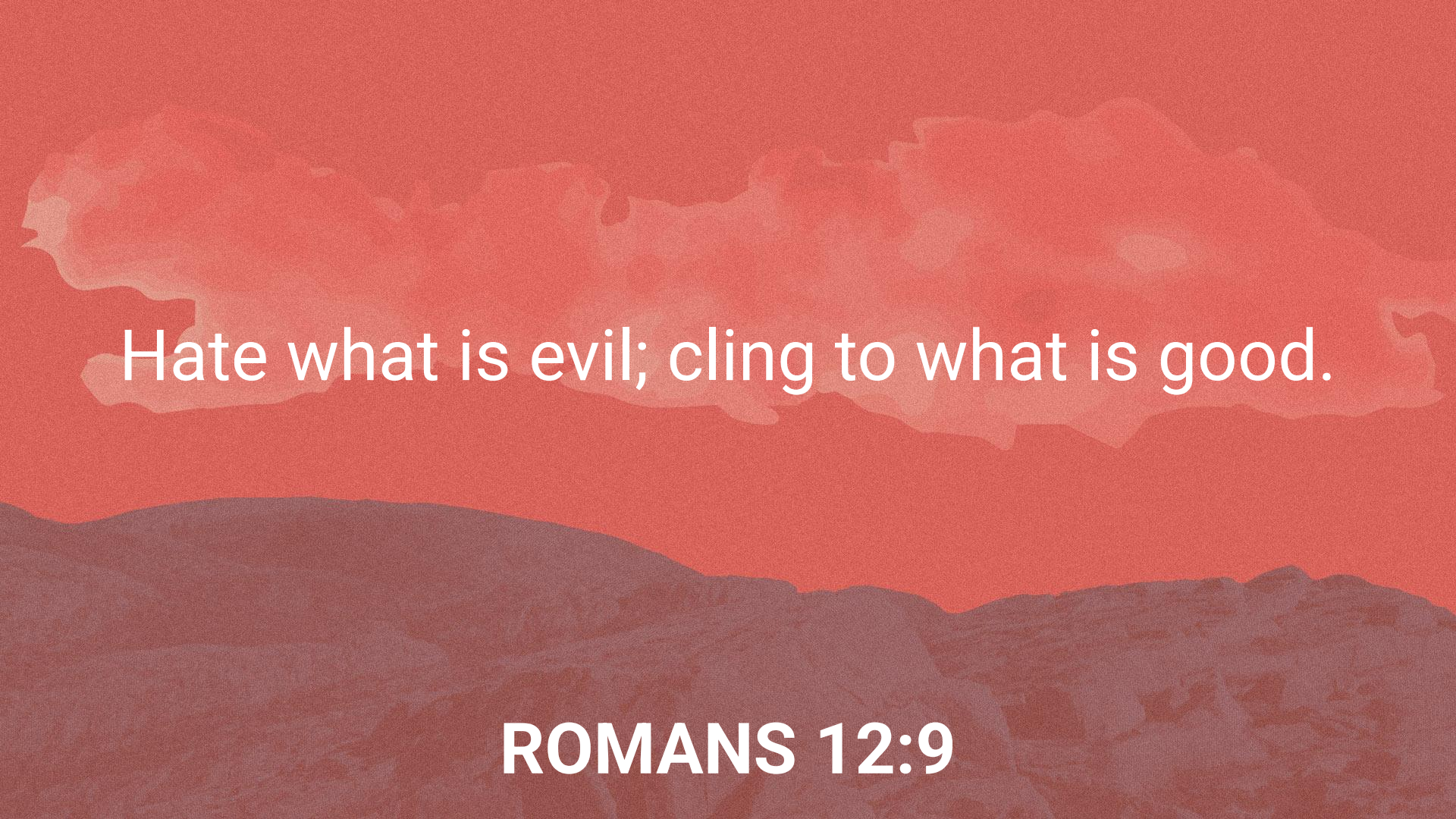
There are those who oppress the innocent
and take bribes and deprive
the poor of justice in the courts.

AMOS 5:12



Seek good, not evil (vs. 14)

Hate evil, love good (vs. 15)



Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

ROMANS 12:9



Turn from evil and do good.

1 PETER 3:11

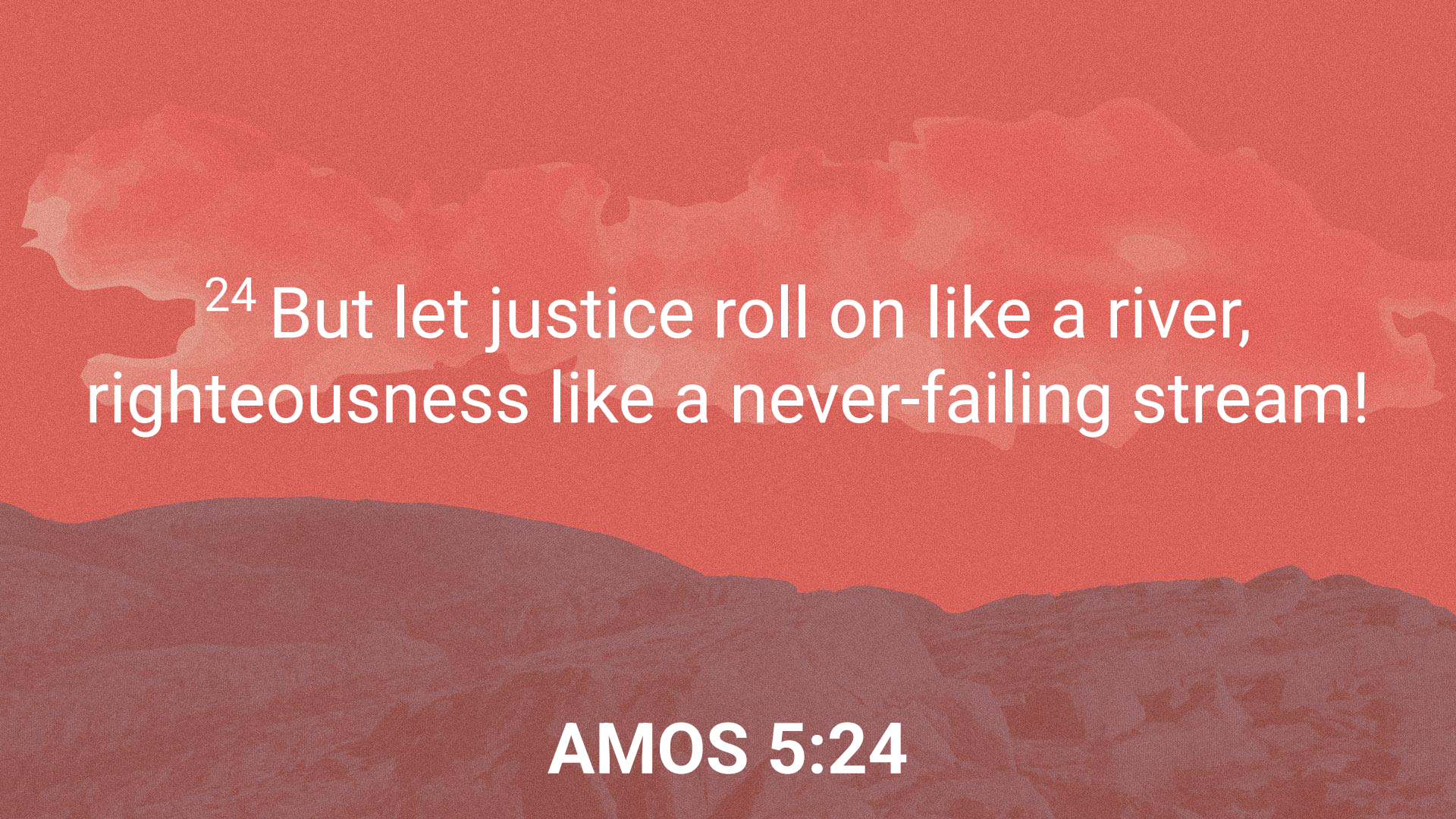
¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong. ¹⁷ Learn to do right;
seek justice. Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:16-17



For the LORD is a God of justice.

ISAIAH 30:18

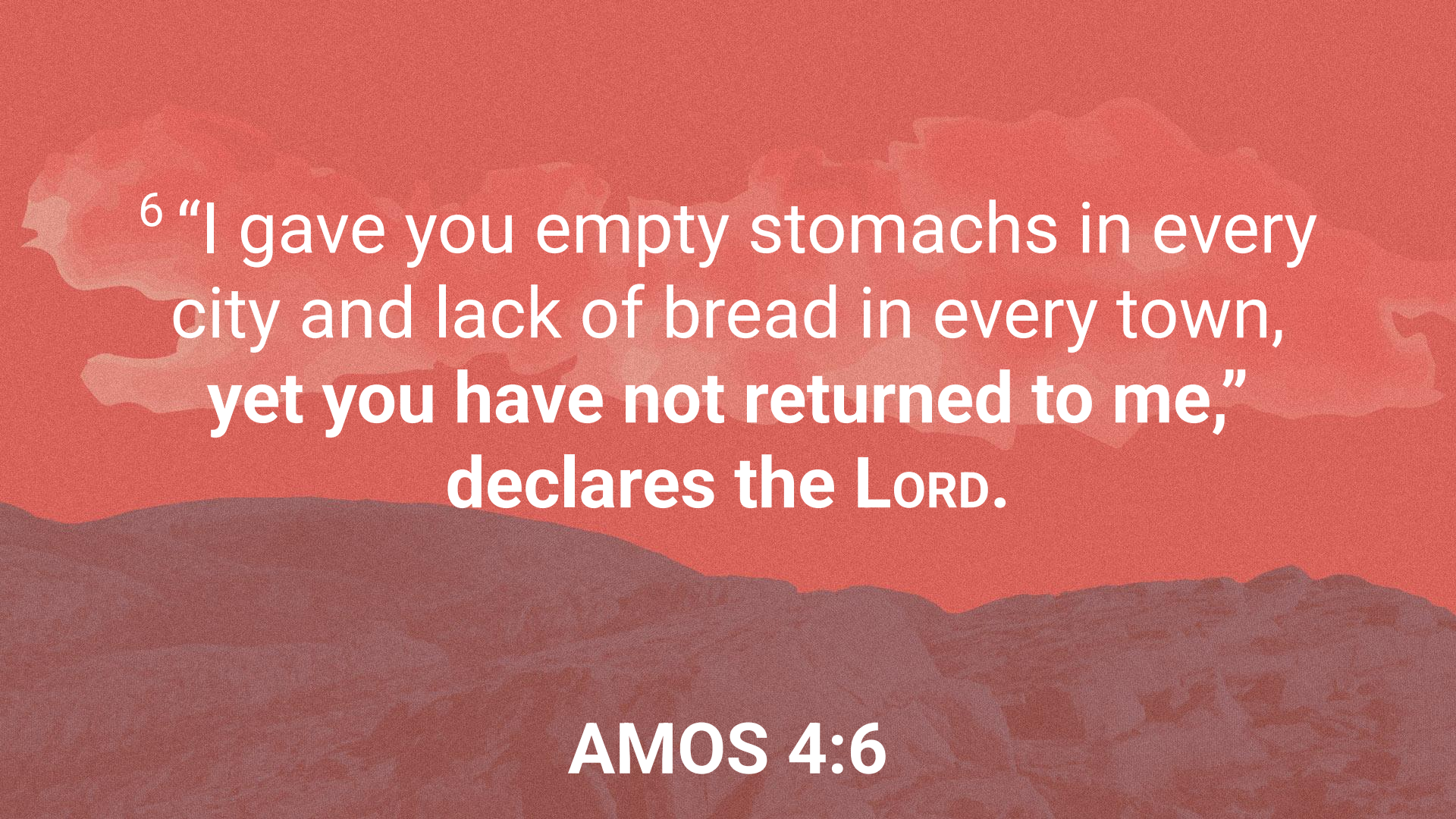


²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

AMOS 5:24

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Stand up and speak out, but also
do something yourself. Do not
just point the finger, offer a
helping hand.

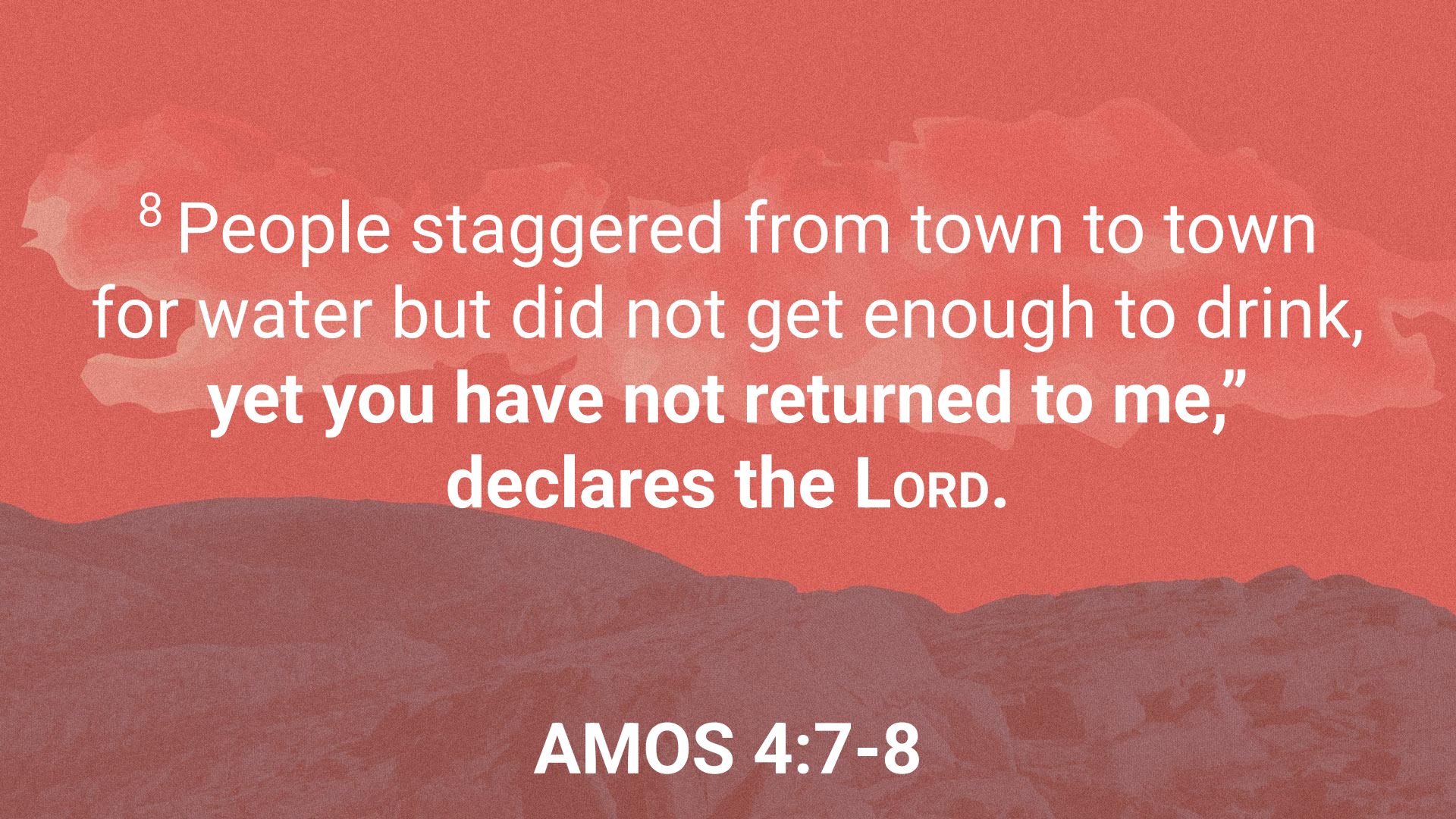


⁶ “I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD.

AMOS 4:6

⁷ “I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up.

AMOS 4:7-8



⁸ People staggered from town to town
for water but did not get enough to drink,
yet you have not returned to me,”
declares the LORD.

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⁹ “Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, destroying them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD.

AMOS 4:9

¹⁰ “I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, **yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD.**

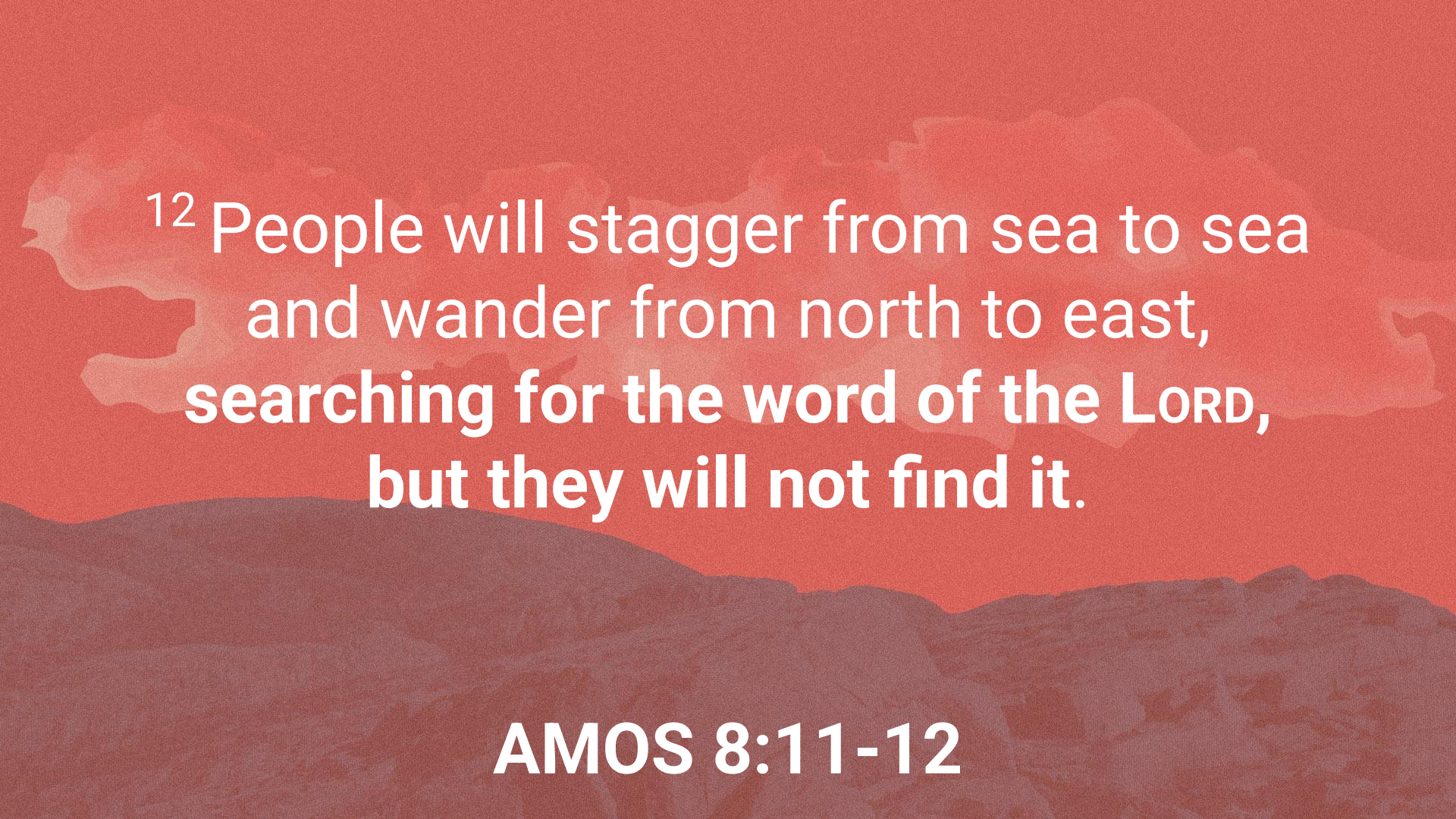
AMOS 4:10

¹¹ “I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD.

AMOS 4:11

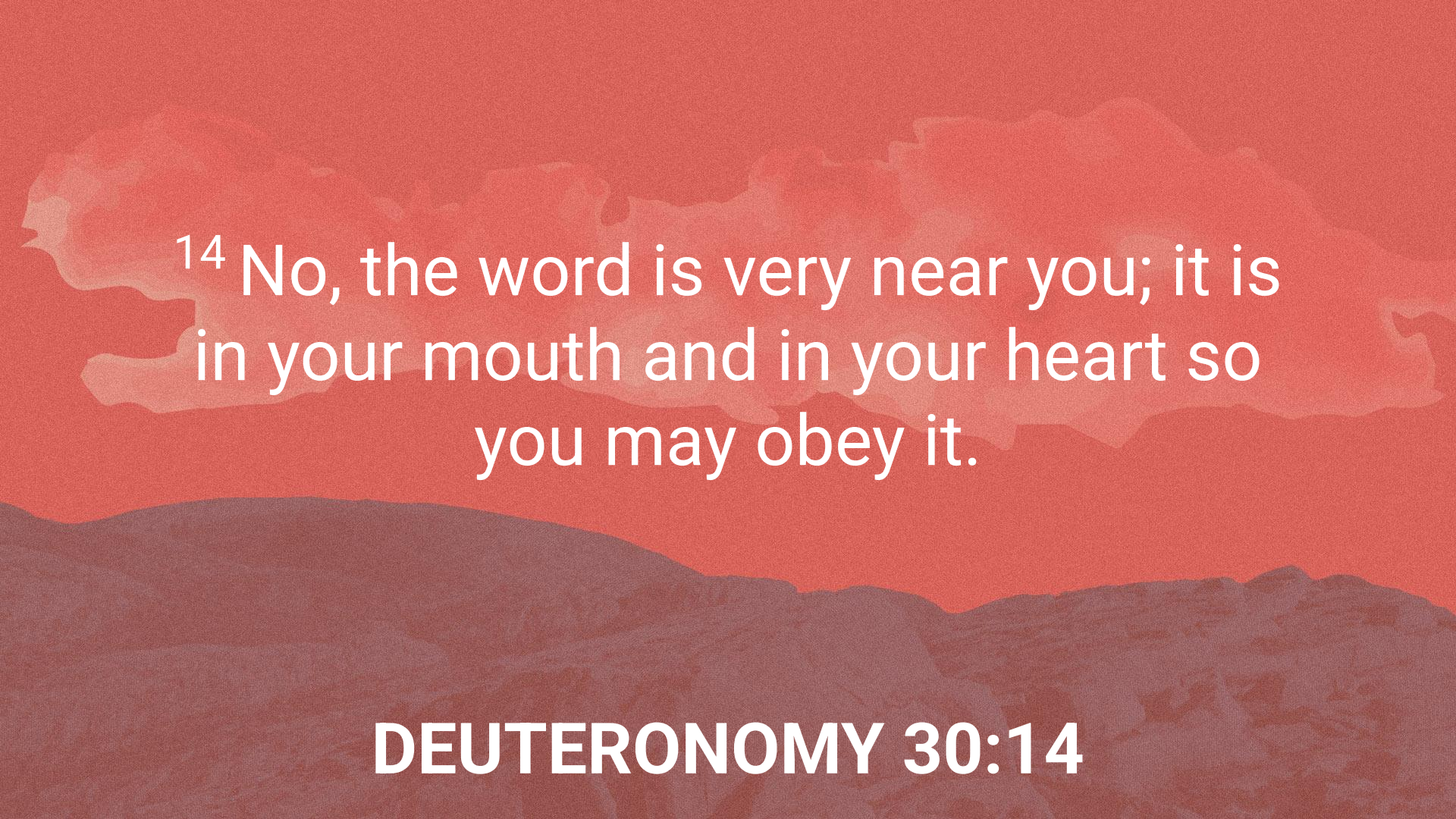
¹¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but **a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.**”

AMOS 8:11-12



¹² People will stagger from sea to sea
and wander from north to east,
searching for the word of the LORD,
but they will not find it.

AMOS 8:11-12

The background of the image is a stylized, textured illustration of a desert landscape. The upper portion is a solid, deep red color, representing the sky. Below the sky, there are dark, silhouetted mountains and hills. The overall aesthetic is minimalist and evocative, with a strong color palette of reds and dark tones.

¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is
in your mouth and in your heart so
you may obey it.

DEUTERONOMY 30:14



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) SEEK THE LORD AND LIVE
- 2) SEEK GOOD, HATE EVIL

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