

The background of the cover features a large, stylized 'XIII' in a teal color. Overlaid on this is a dark blue, textured illustration of a prophet, likely Isaiah, wearing a long robe and a pointed hat, with his hands clasped in prayer. The scene is set against a vibrant red and orange sky with stylized clouds, and a dark, rocky landscape at the bottom.

THE MINOR
PROPHETS



OBADIAH

¹⁵ “The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head. ¹⁶ Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations will drink continually; they will drink and drink and be as if they had never been.

OBADIAH 1:15-21

¹⁷ But on Mount Zion will be deliverance;
it will be holy, and Jacob will possess
his inheritance. ¹⁸ Jacob will be a fire and
Joseph a flame; Esau will be stubble,
and they will set him on fire and destroy
him. There will be no survivors from
Esau.” The LORD has spoken.

OBADIAH 1:15-21

¹⁹ People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead.

OBADIAH 1:15-21

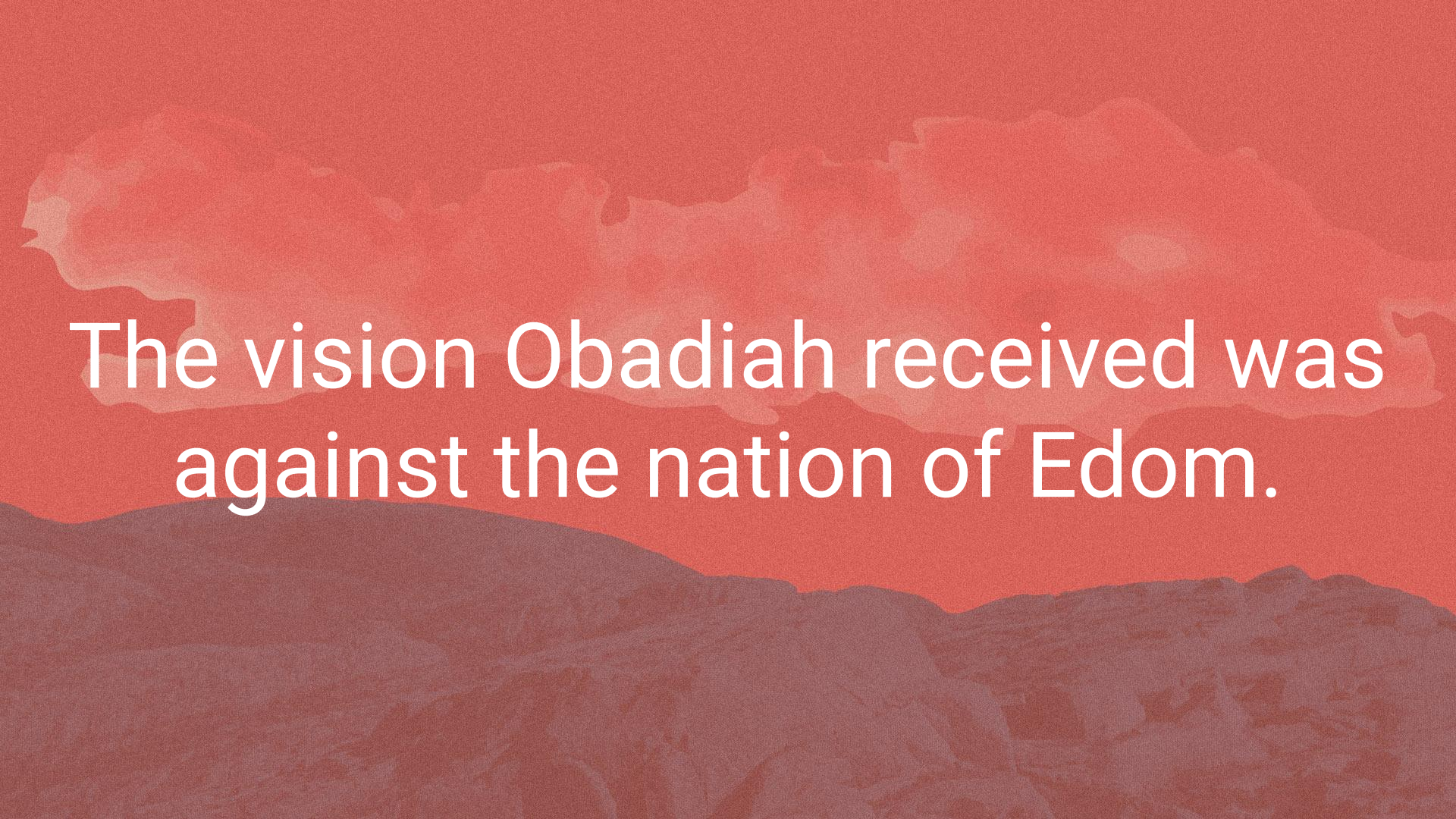
²⁰ This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev. ²¹ Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD's.

OBADIAH 1:15-21

The background is a stylized, monochromatic illustration. The upper half features a bright red sky with soft, white, cloud-like shapes. The lower half shows dark, silhouetted mountains and rocky terrain. The overall aesthetic is minimalist and dramatic.

¹ The vision of Obadiah.

OBADIAH 1:1



The vision Obadiah received was
against the nation of Edom.

²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.
²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.

GENESIS 25:24-26

¹⁴ Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying: “**This is what your brother Israel says:** You know about all the hardships that have come on us.

¹⁵ Our ancestors went down into Egypt, and we lived there many years.

NUMBERS 20:14-21

The Egyptians mistreated us and our ancestors, ¹⁶ but when we cried out to the LORD, he heard our cry and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. “Now we are here at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

NUMBERS 20:14-21

¹⁷ Please let us pass through your country.
We will not go through any field or
vineyard, or drink water from any well.
We will travel along the King's Highway
and not turn to the right or to the left until
we have passed through your territory."

NUMBERS 20:14-21

¹⁸ But Edom answered: “You may not pass through here; if you try, we will march out and attack you with the sword.”

¹⁹ The Israelites replied: “We will go along the main road, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it.”

NUMBERS 20:14-21

We only want to pass through on foot—nothing else.” ²⁰ Again they answered: “You may not pass through.” Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army. ²¹ Since Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israel turned away from them.

NUMBERS 20:14-21

² “I have loved you,” says the LORD. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’ **“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob, ³ but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”**

MALACHI 1:2-3

Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand:

ROMANS 9:10-13

¹² not by works but by him who calls—
she was told, “The older will serve
the younger.” ¹³ Just as it is written:
“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

ROMANS 9:10-13

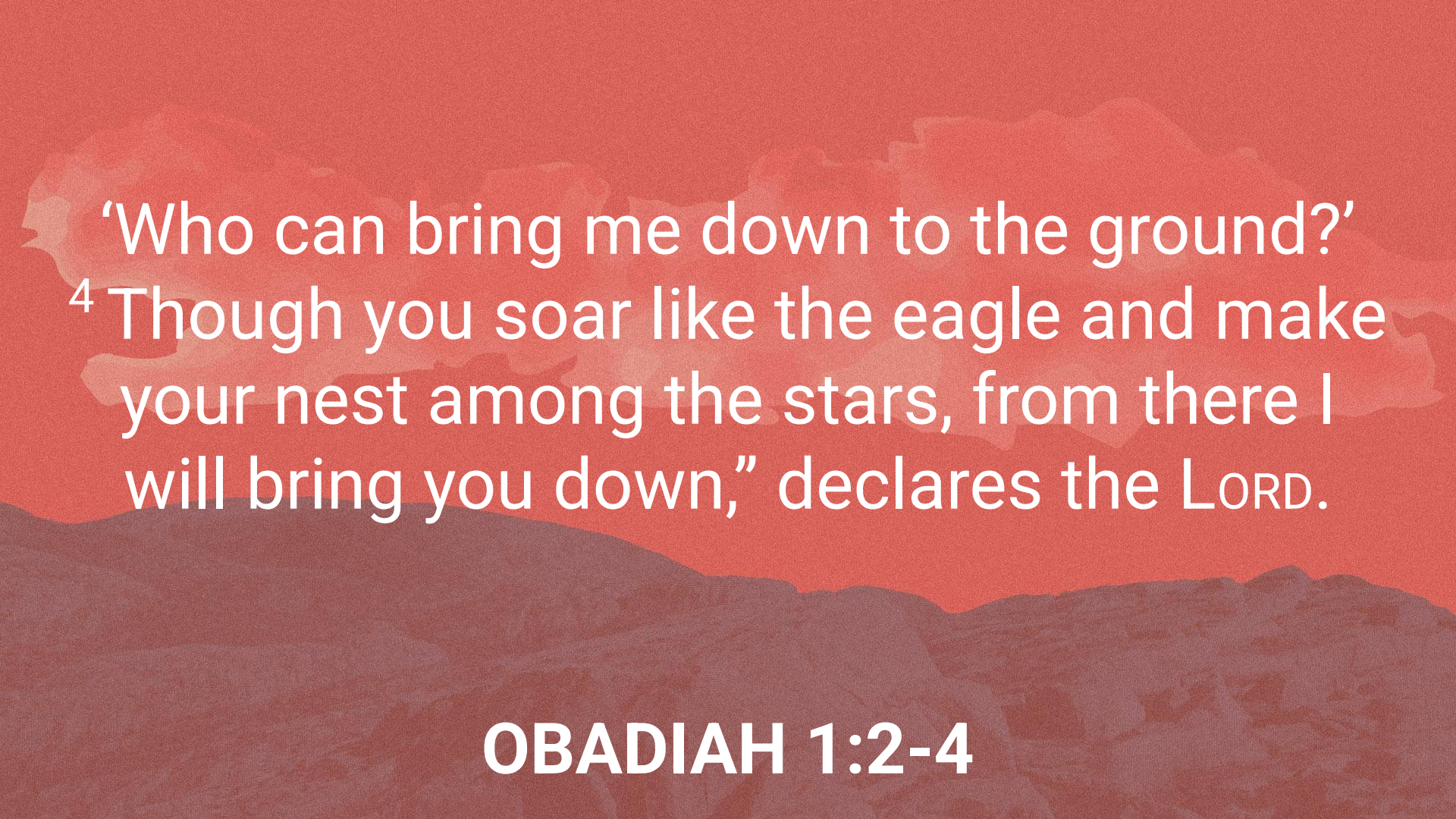


PRIDE

² “See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.

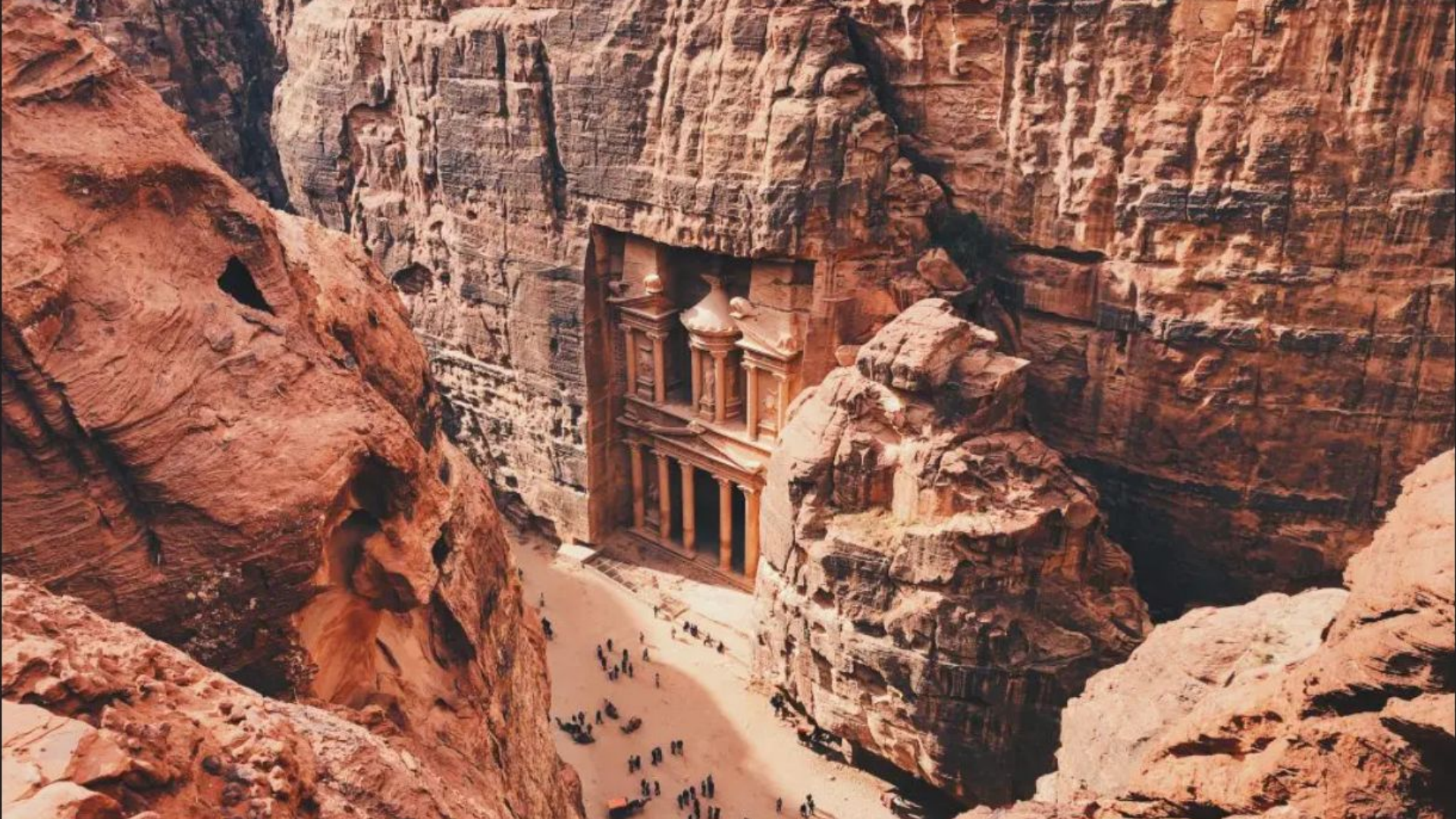
³ **The pride of your heart has deceived you**, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself,

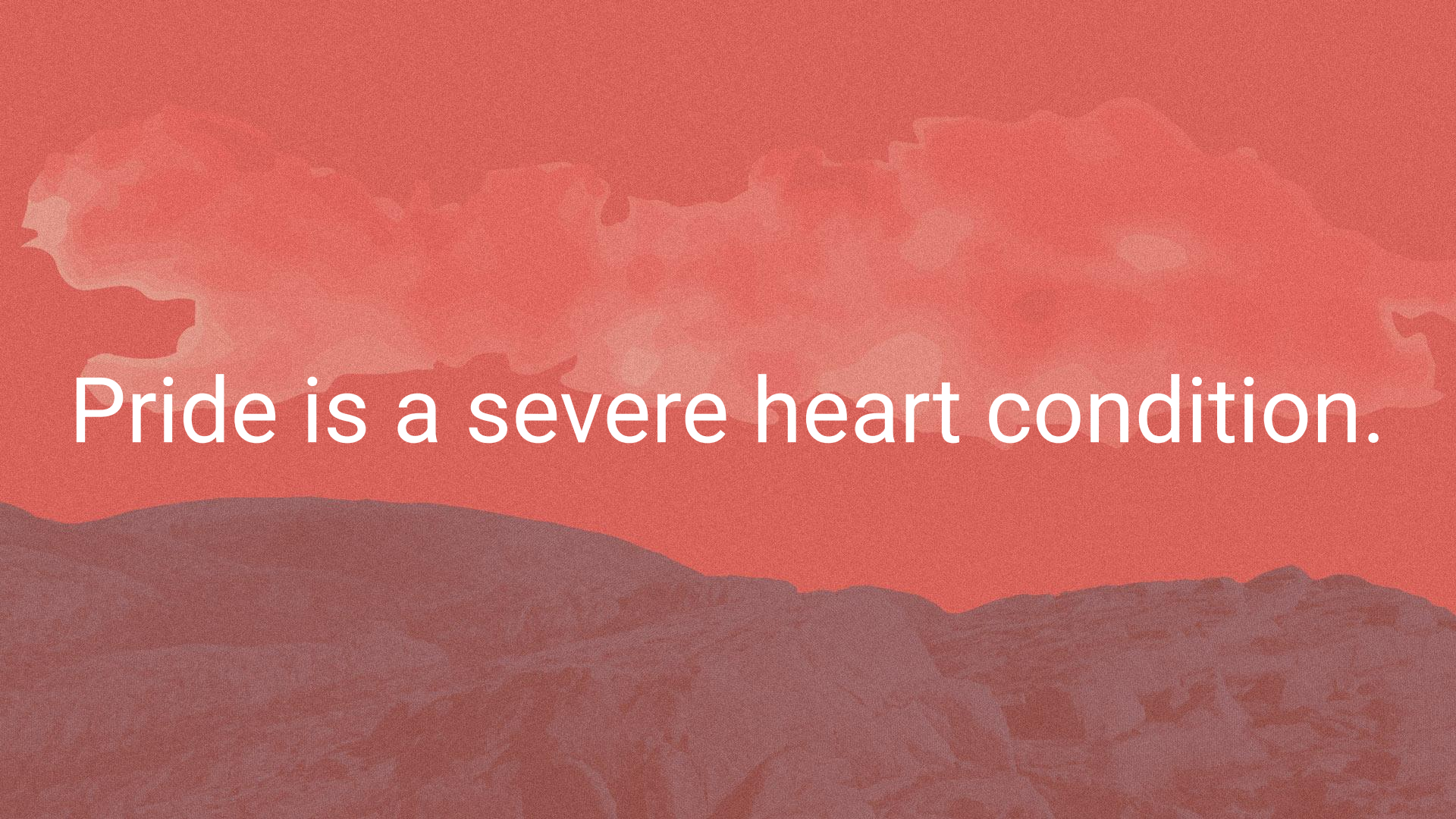
OBADIAH 1:2-4

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‘Who can bring me down to the ground?’
4 Though you soar like the eagle and make
your nest among the stars, from there I
will bring you down,” declares the LORD.

OBADIAH 1:2-4



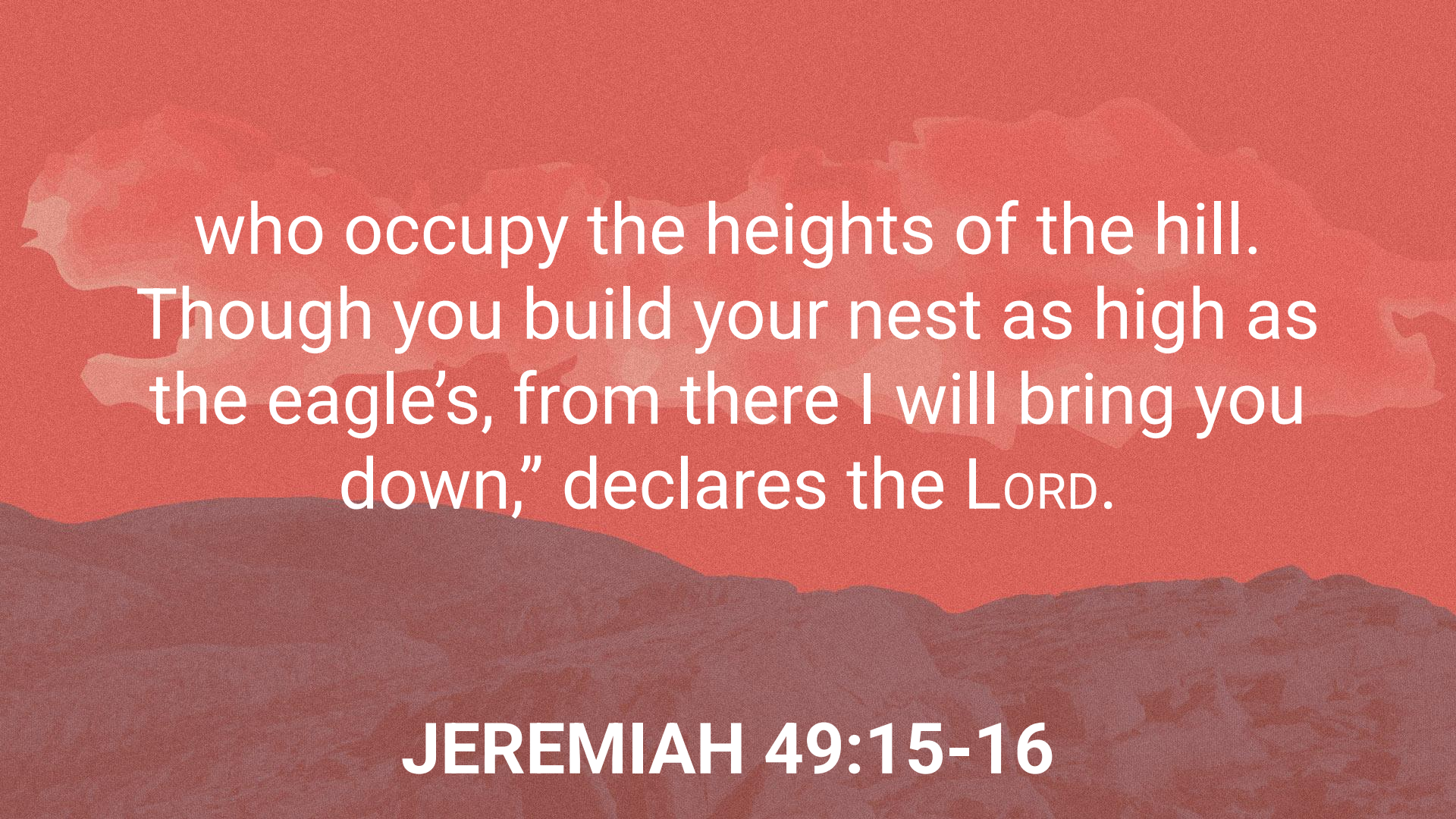
The background is a textured, painterly composition. The upper half is a vibrant red-orange sky with soft, white, cloud-like shapes. The lower half is a dark, muted brownish-grey landscape with jagged, rocky terrain. The overall style is reminiscent of a watercolor or a textured digital illustration.

Pride is a severe heart condition.

¹⁵ “Now I will make you small among the nations, despised by mankind.

¹⁶ The terror you inspire and **the pride of your heart have deceived you**, you who live in the clefts of the rocks,

JEREMIAH 49:15-16



who occupy the heights of the hill.
Though you build your nest as high as
the eagle's, from there I will bring you
down," declares the LORD.

JEREMIAH 49:15-16



The people of Edom remind us
of God's intolerance of pride.

¹⁷ Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

EZEKIEL 28:17



¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction,
a haughty spirit before a fall.

PROVERBS 16:18



VIOLENCE

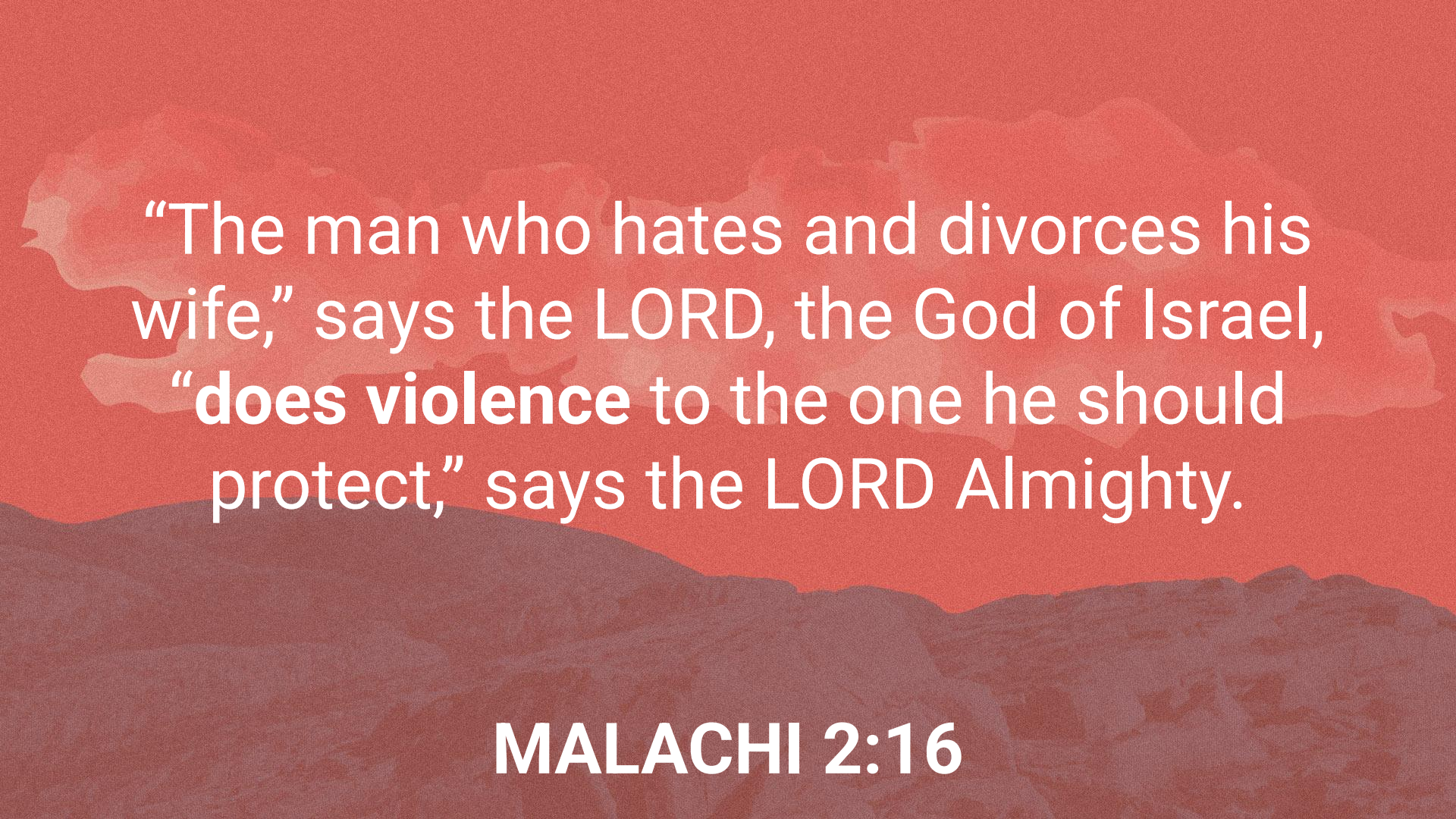
⁸ “In that day,” declares the LORD, “will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?”

⁹ Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.

OBADIAH 1:8-11

¹⁰ Because of **the violence against your brother Jacob**, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever. ¹¹ On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

OBADIAH 1:8-11



“The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “**does violence** to the one he should protect,” says the LORD Almighty.

MALACHI 2:16

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?

But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

GENESIS 4:6-9

⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel,
“Let’s go out to the field.” While they were
in the field, **Cain attacked his brother
Abel and killed him.** ⁹ Then the LORD said
to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”
“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my
brother’s keeper?”

GENESIS 4:6-9

¹² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says:
‘Because **Edom took revenge on Judah and
became very guilty by doing so,**
¹³ therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD
says: I will stretch out my hand against
Edom and kill both man and beast.

EZEKIEL 25:12-14

I will lay it waste, and from Teman to Dedan they will fall by the sword. ¹⁴ I will take vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they will deal with Edom in accordance with my anger and my wrath; they will know my vengeance, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

EZEKIEL 25:12-14



GLOAT

¹² You should not gloat over your brother
in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice
over the people of Judah in the day of
their destruction, nor boast so much in
the day of their trouble. **¹³ You should not**
march through the gates of my people
in the day of their disaster,

OBADIAH 1:12-14

nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster. ¹⁴ You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

OBADIAH 1:12-14



We need to be reminded about
how we ought to treat our
“neighbour”.



Love your neighbour as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18



¹² So in everything, do to others what
you would have them do to you.

MATTHEW 7:12



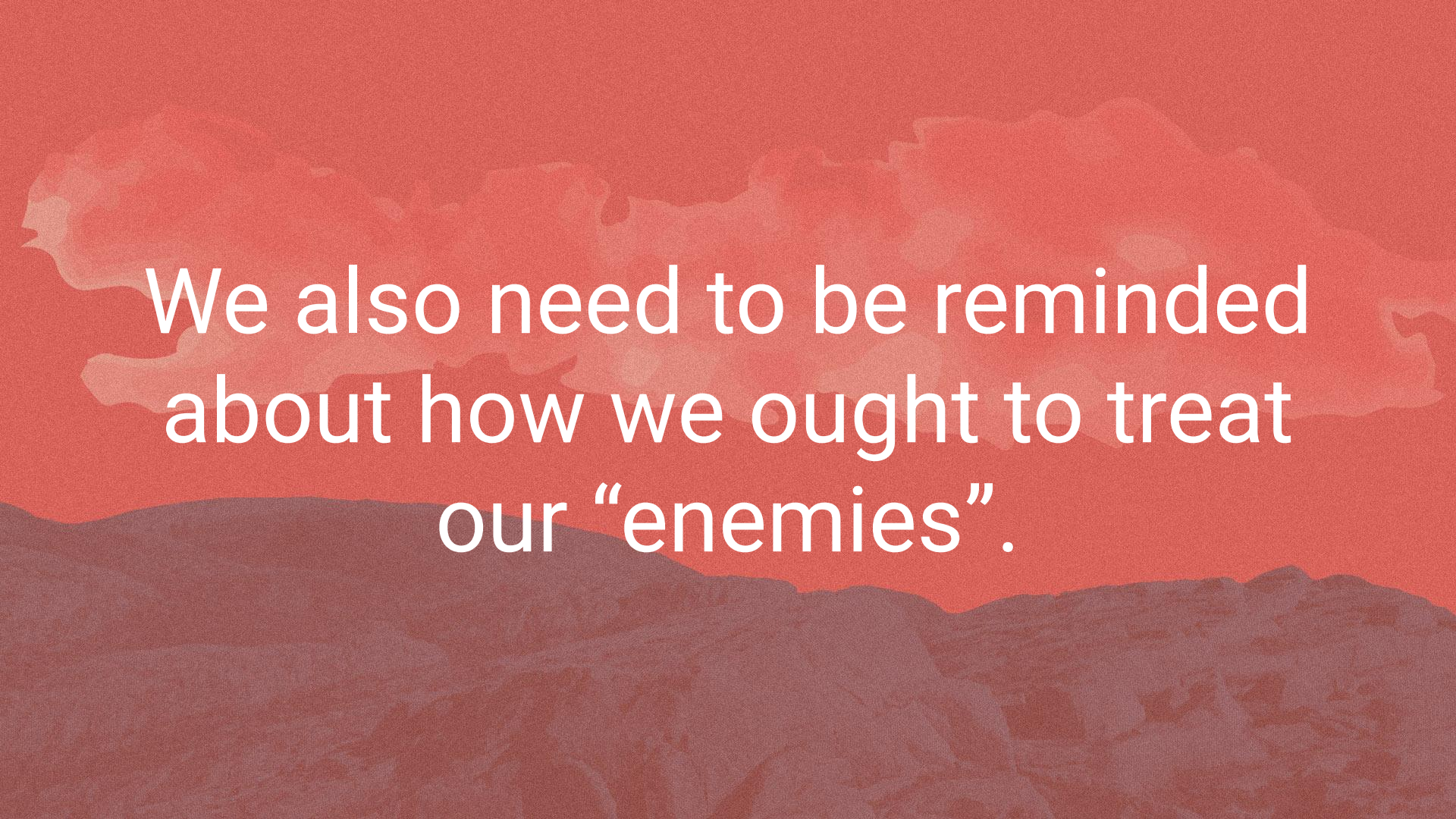
² Each of us should please our neighbours
for their good, to build them up.

ROMANS 15:2



Who are you to judge your neighbour?

JAMES 4:12

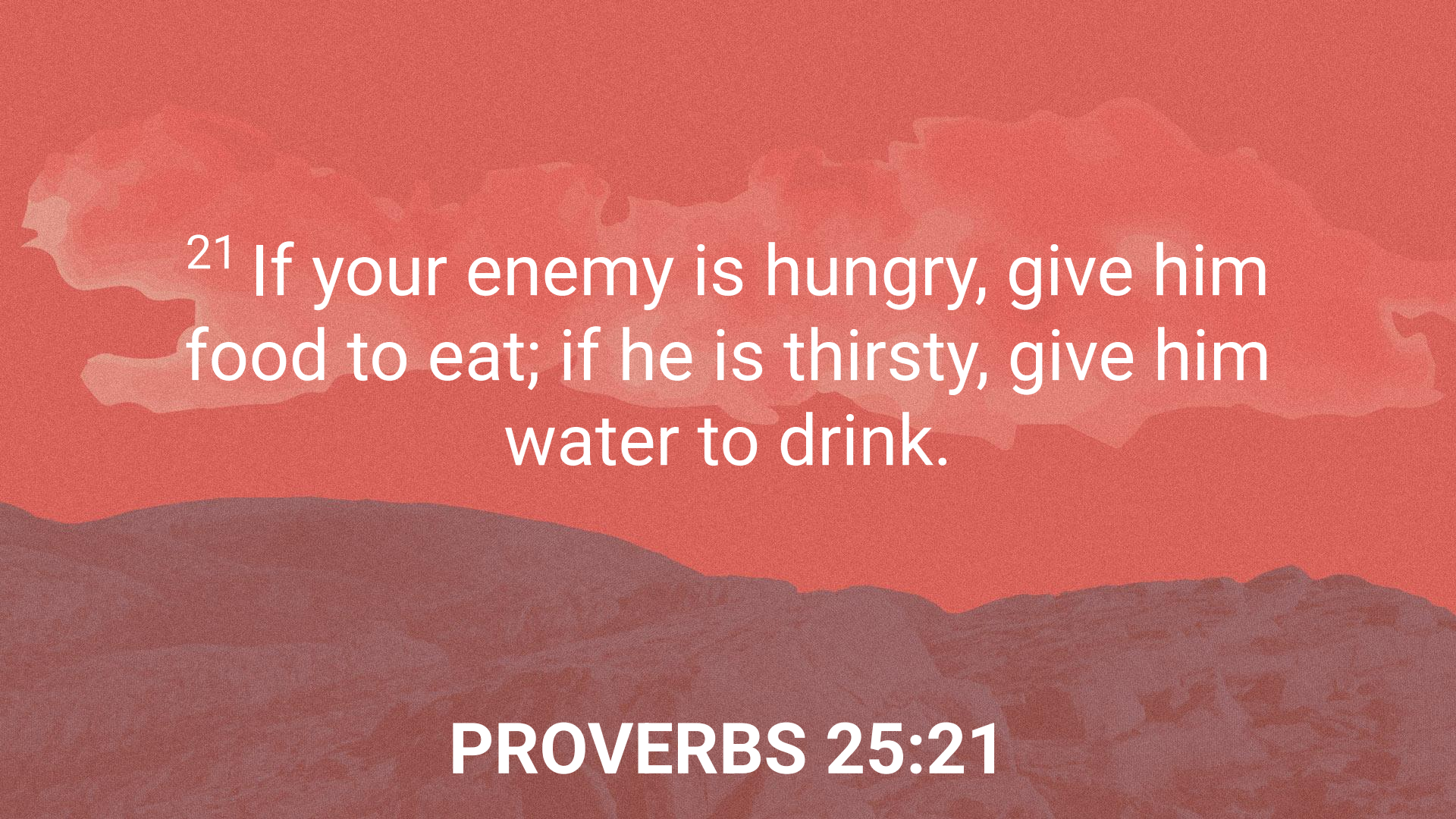
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We also need to be reminded
about how we ought to treat
our “enemies”.



Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you.

MATTHEW 5:44

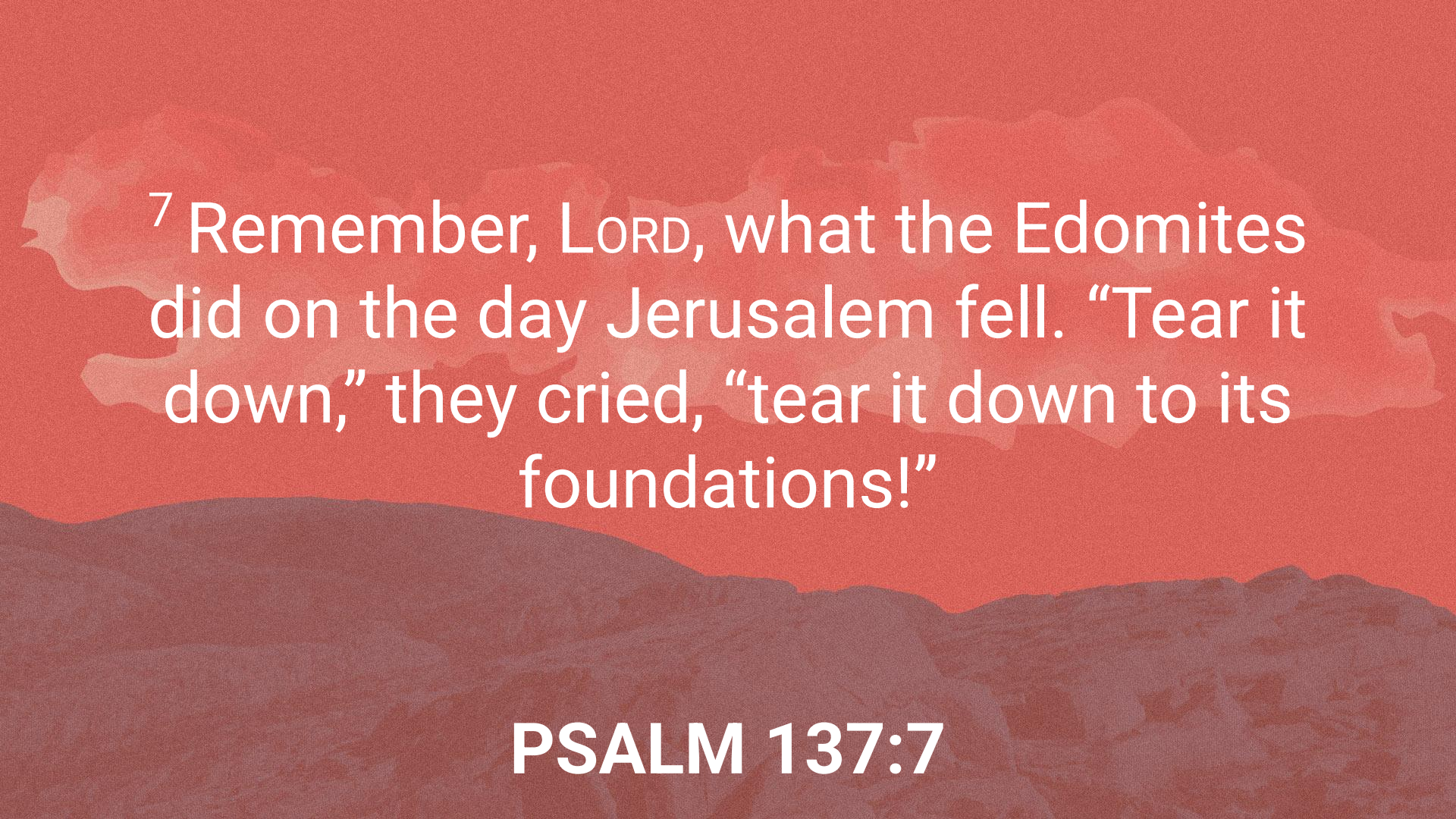


²¹ If your enemy is hungry, give him
food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him
water to drink.

PROVERBS 25:21

¹⁷ Do not gloat when your enemy falls;
when they stumble, do not let your
heart rejoice, ¹⁸ or the LORD will see
and disapprove and turn his wrath
away from them.

PROVERBS 24:17-18



⁷ Remember, LORD, what the Edomites
did on the day Jerusalem fell. “Tear it
down,” they cried, “tear it down to its
foundations!”

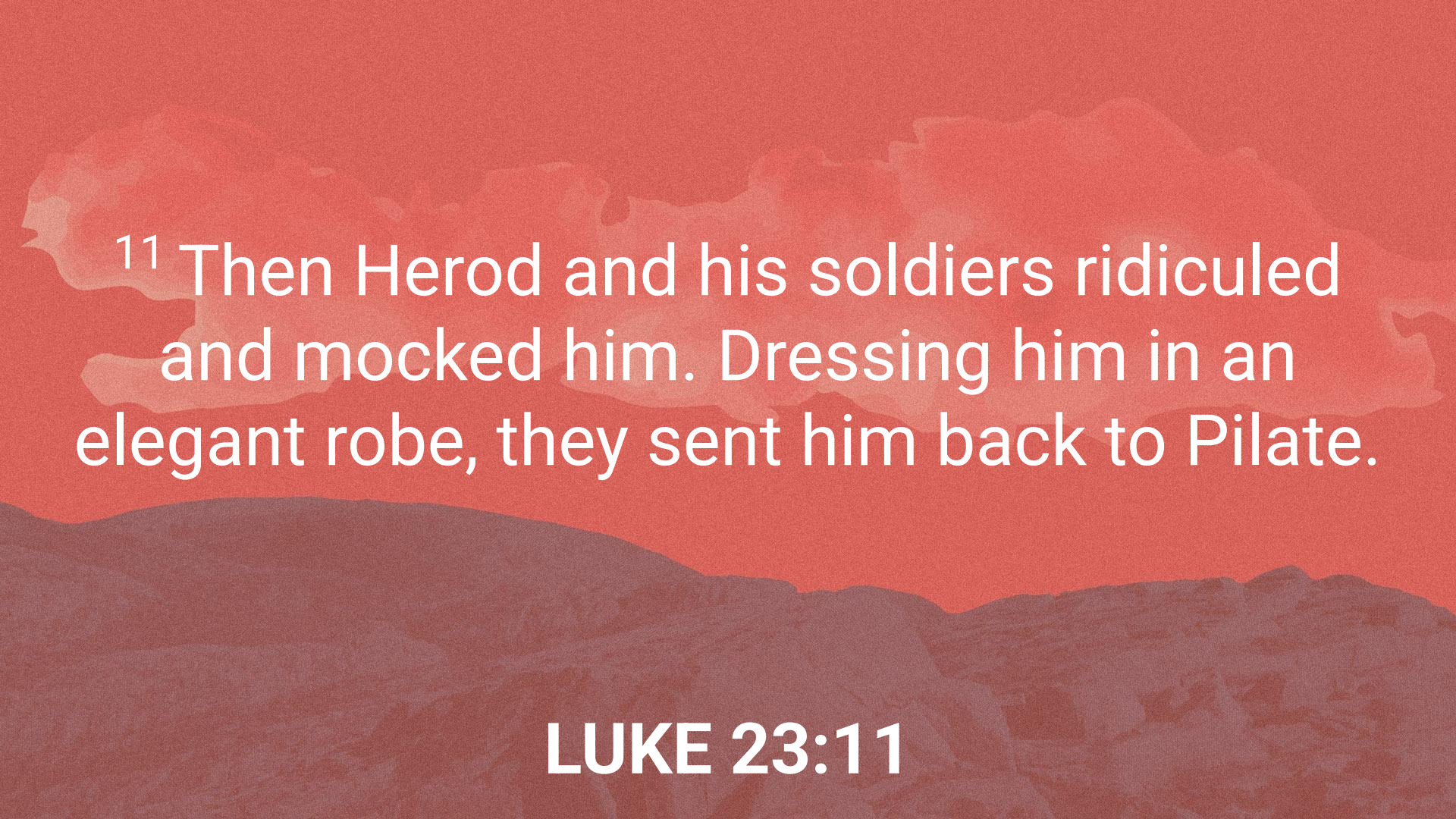
PSALM 137:7

What we do not realize is that we are no different than our enemy if we respond to our neighbour/enemy or our brother/sister in a way that also displeases God.

The feud that began with two brothers (Esau and Jacob), continued with two nations (Edom and Israel) and came to its climax with two kings (Herod and Jesus).

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

MATTHEW 2:16



¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

LUKE 23:11

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) PRIDE
- 2) VIOLENCE
- 3) GLOAT

The image is a book cover for 'The Minor Prophets'. It features a central illustration of a prophet, likely Isaiah, standing on a rocky, blue-toned landscape. The prophet is depicted in a dark, textured robe, with a long white beard and hair. He holds a scroll in his left hand and points his right index finger towards the viewer. The background is a vibrant, stylized sky with shades of red, orange, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Large, stylized letters 'XIII' are superimposed over the scene, with the 'X' and 'I' in teal and the 'I' in orange. The title 'THE MINOR PROPHETS' is written in a white, serif font, with 'THE MINOR' in a smaller size above 'PROPHETS'.

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