

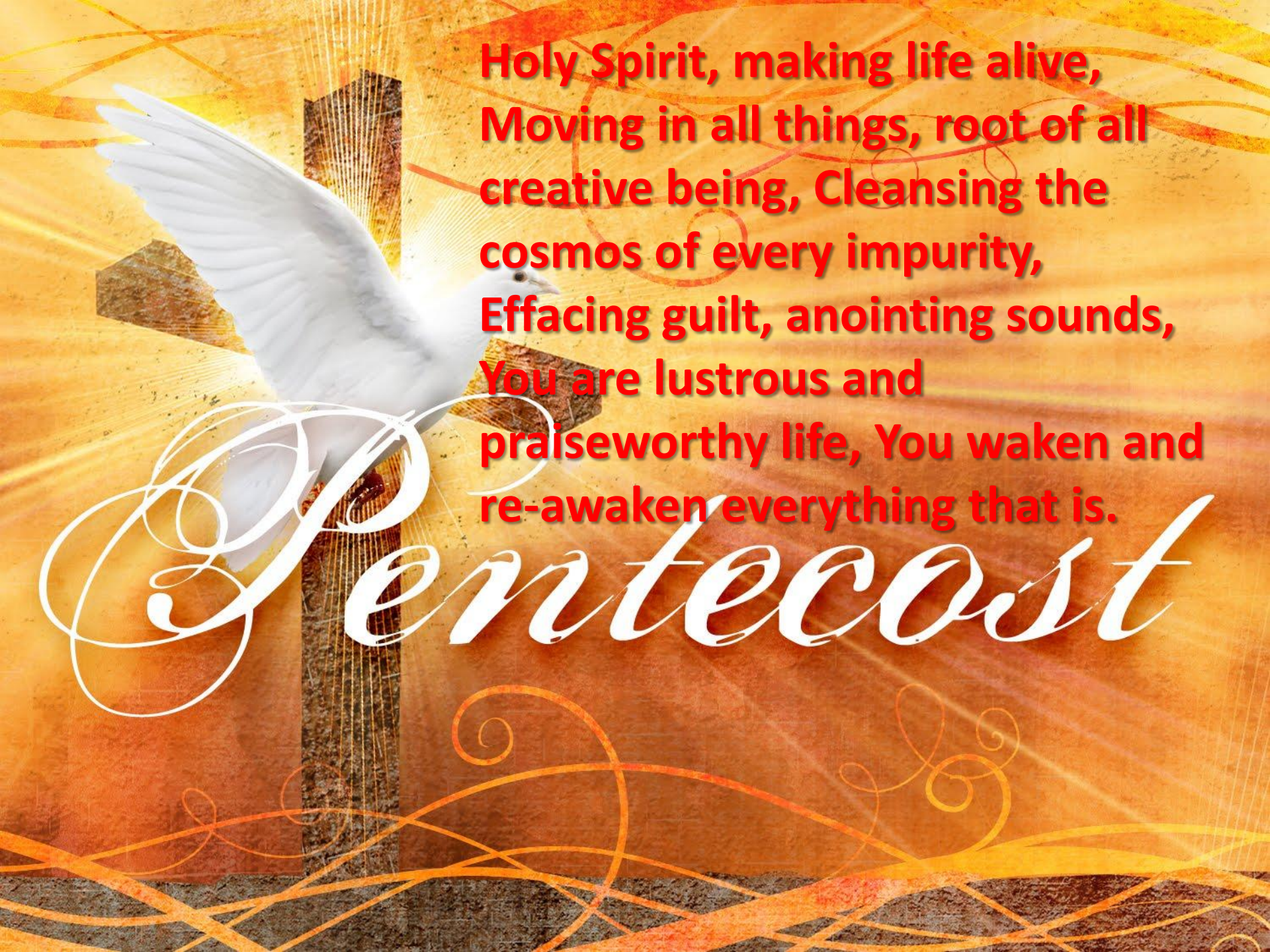
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A New
Kind of
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Series: A New Kind of Christianity by Brian McLaren (10 Questions Transforming Faith)
Sermon: Part III The Rest of the Old Testament Story

QUESTIONS
THAT ARE TRANSFORMING
THE FAITH

A white dove is shown in flight, positioned to the left of a wooden cross. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with intricate, swirling patterns in shades of orange and red. The overall composition is artistic and symbolic, representing the Holy Spirit and the Pentecost festival.

**Holy Spirit, making life alive,
Moving in all things, root of all
creative being, Cleansing the
cosmos of every impurity,
Effacing guilt, anointing sounds,
You are lustrous and
praiseworthy life, You waken and
re-awaken everything that is.**

Pentecost

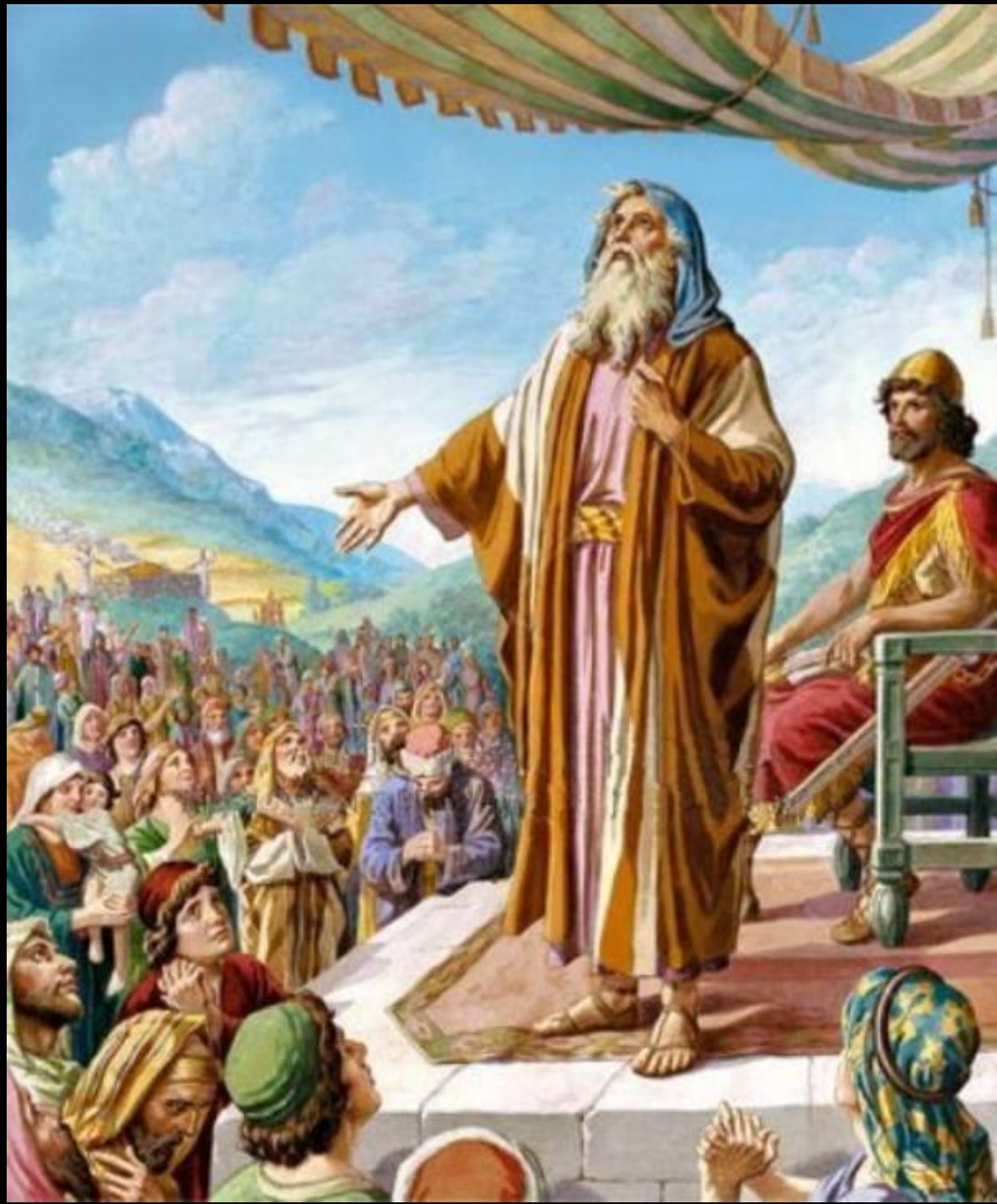


Ezekiel 37:8-9

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

A woman in a white dress stands in a savanna at sunset, with a lioness in the foreground. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light from the setting sun, creating a dramatic and atmospheric setting. The woman's dress is simple and elegant, and the lioness is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The background shows a vast, open landscape under a sky filled with soft, glowing clouds.

OF KINGS & PROPHETS



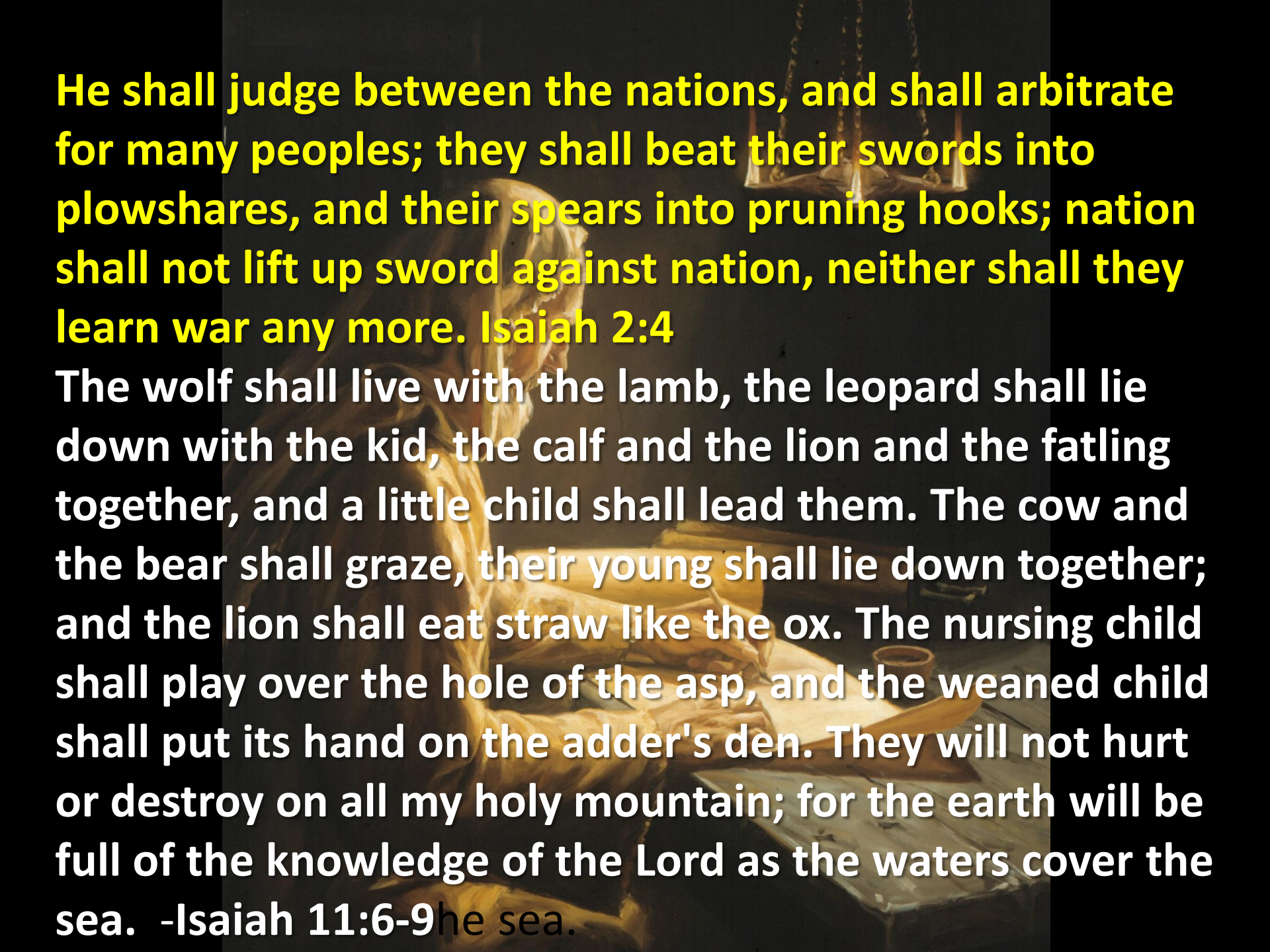






Ezekiel 11:19-20 (NRSV)

I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

A man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a white robe, is seated at a desk. He is writing in a large, open book with a quill pen. On the desk, there are several sheets of parchment, a small cup, and a scroll. In the background, a scale of justice hangs from the ceiling. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light emanating from the desk area.

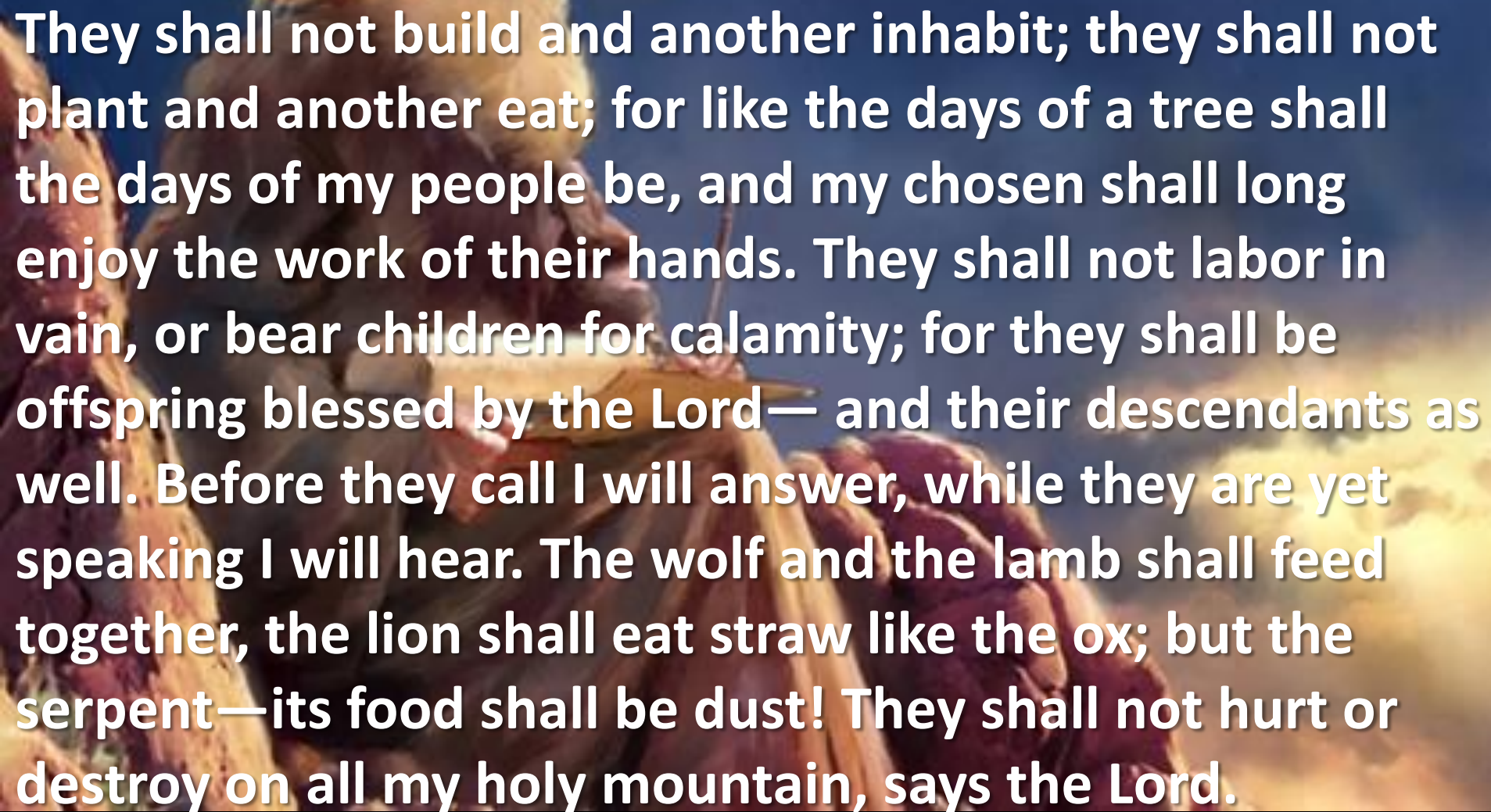
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. -Isaiah 11:6-9

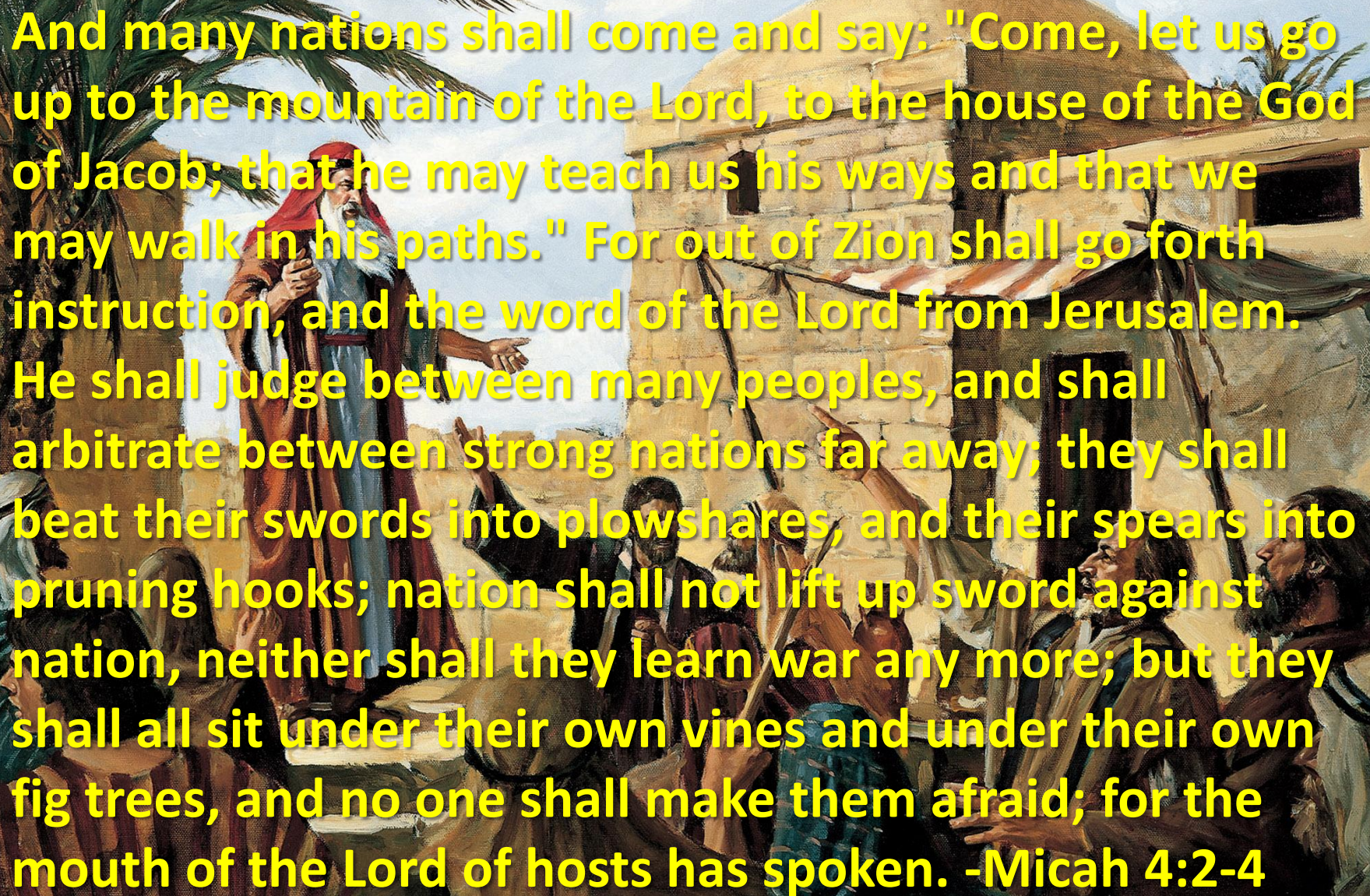


Isaiah 65:17-25

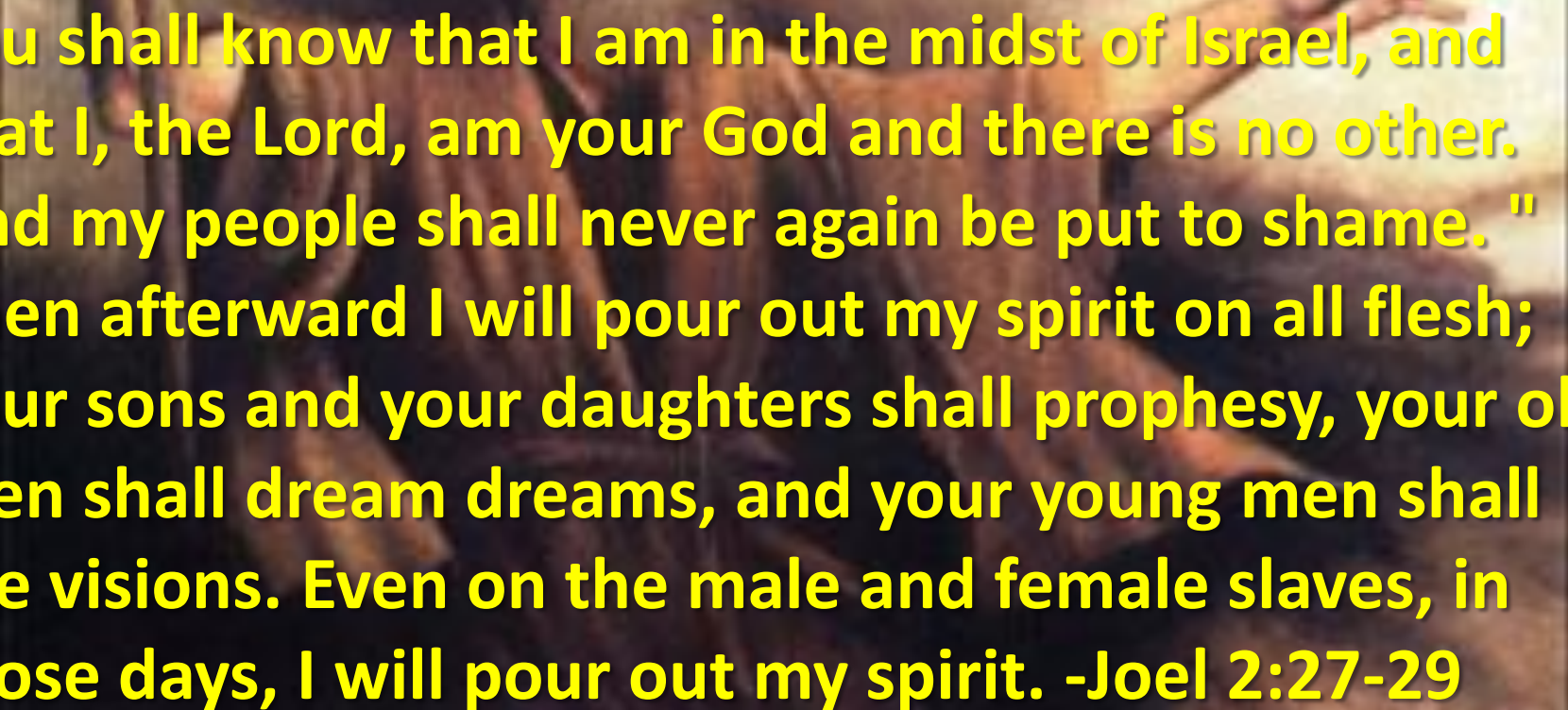
For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.



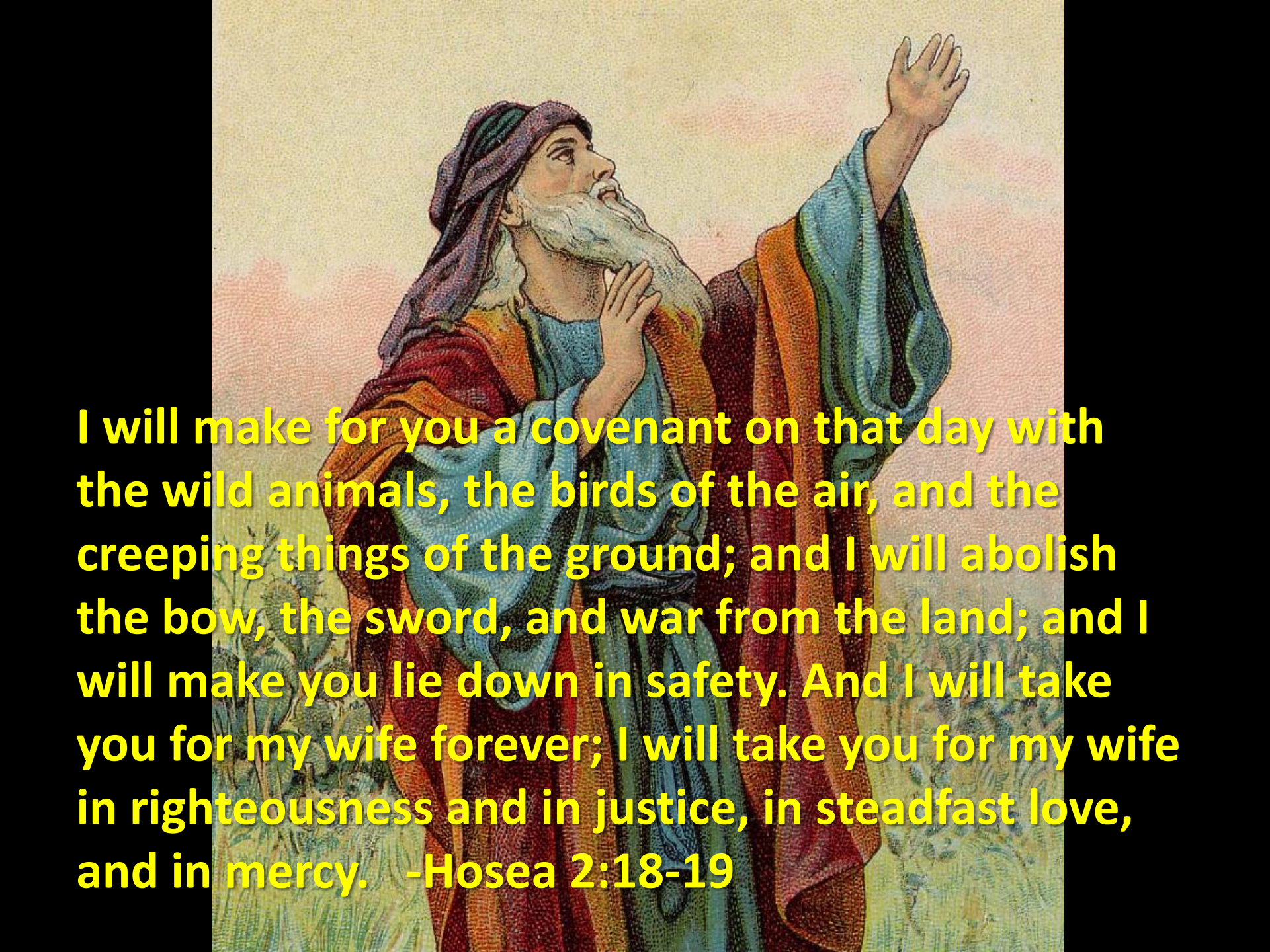
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.



And many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. -Micah 4:2-4



You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. " Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. -Joel 2:27-29



I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. -Hosea 2:18-19



