

# The Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

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# A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

LESSON 1: GOD ESTABLISHES  
DAVID'S KINGDOM  
2nd Samuel Chapters 1-3



Division of the Promised Land to the children of Israel

Ziklag



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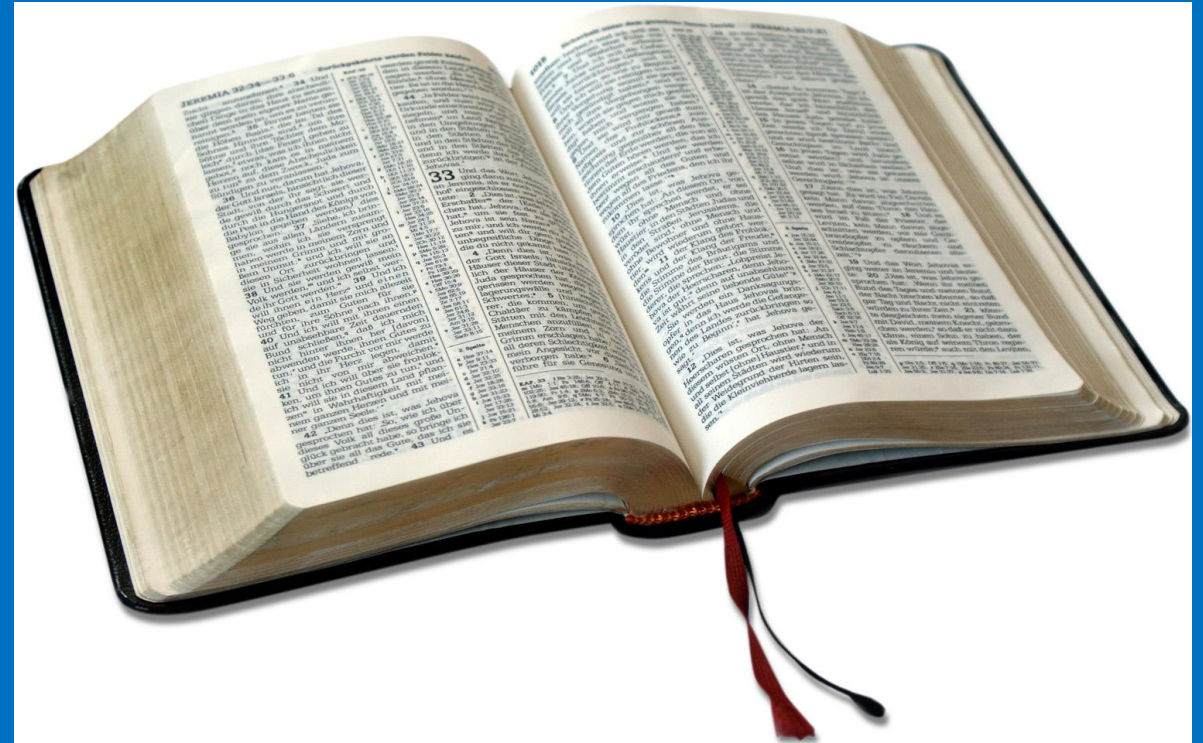
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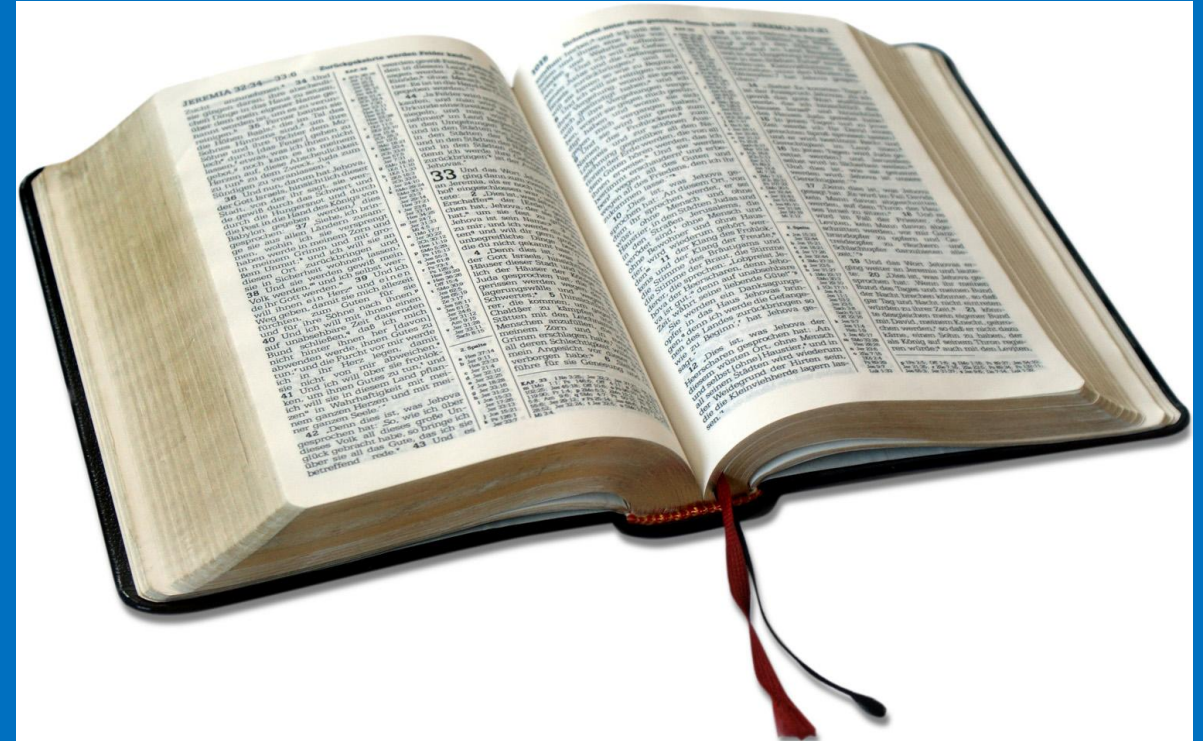
# Background of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel references Samuel's name, however, he probably only wrote the first part of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel since 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel chapter 25 records his death.

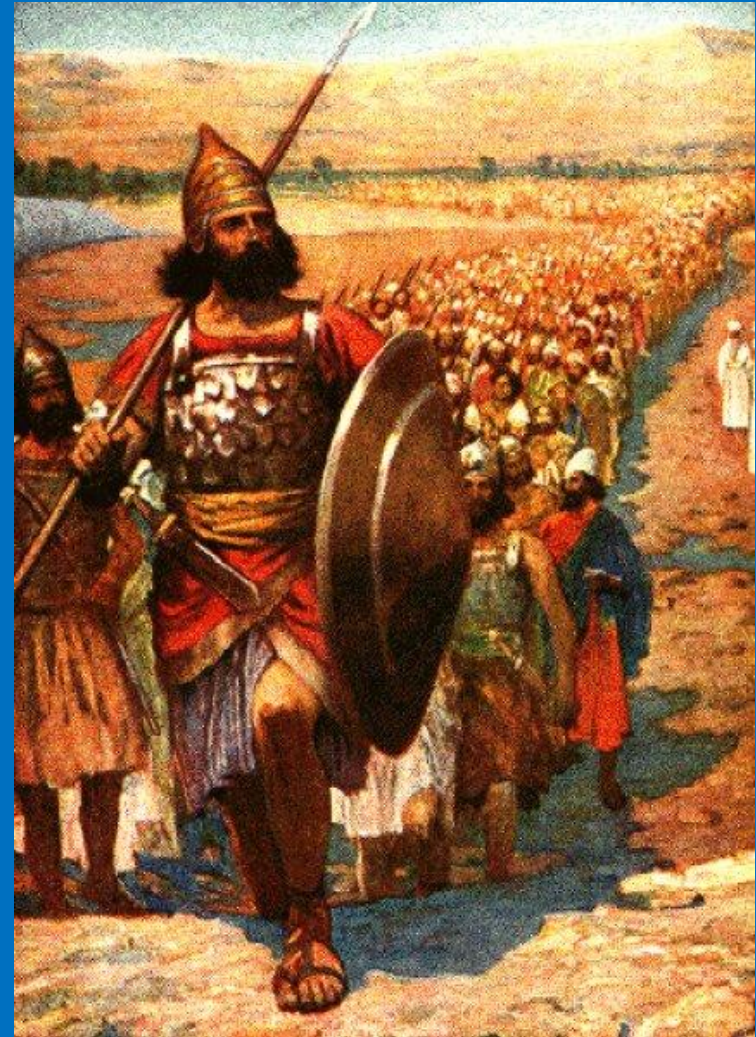


- Nathan and Gad might have written the remaining parts of the Samuels since 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 29:29 cites them as authors, and they chronicled the events of King David. [ ]

- After Moses died, about 1405 B.C., Joshua led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land.



- Joshua, around 90 years old, conquered the heathen tribes of Canaan. Joshua led the Israelites from 1405-1385 B.C.
- From 1375-1025 B.C. (350 years), God provided Judges for military and civil leadership. Israel formed a loose confederacy divided into twelve tribes (nations).

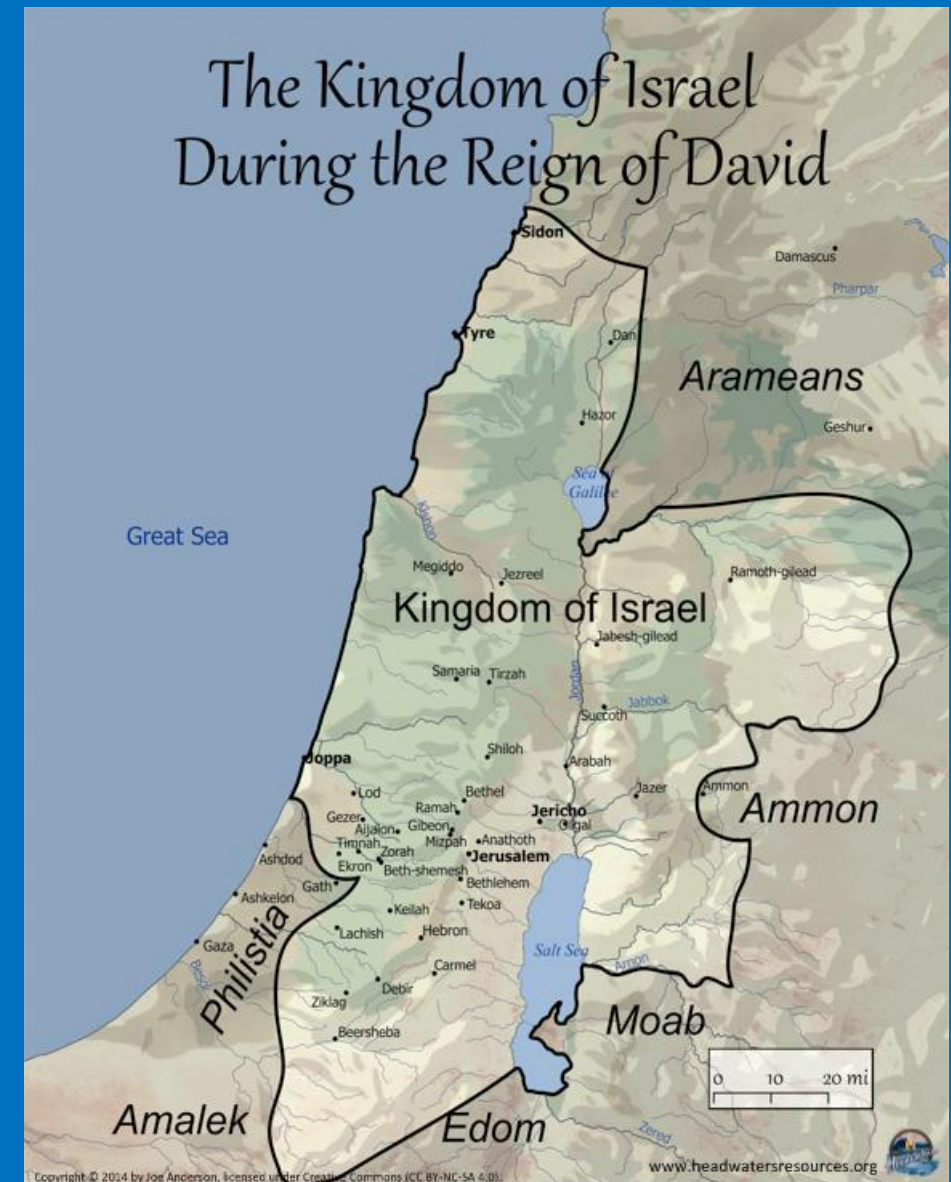


- Most activities in Israel ran approximately 90 miles from the northern boundary of Ephraim to the southern hill country of Judah and between 15-35 miles from the Mediterranean Sea eastward.



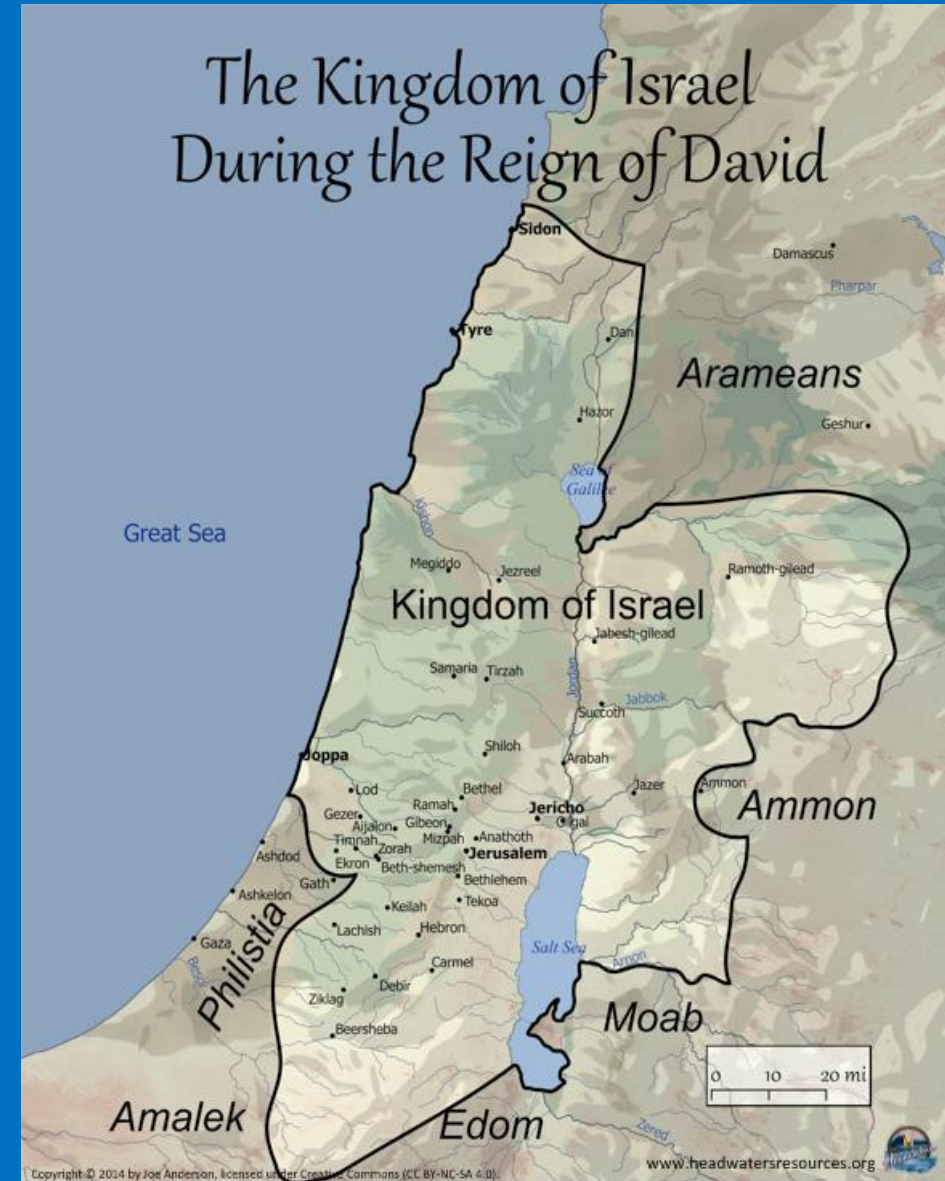


- Samuel judged Israel from 1105 B.C.-1030 B.C.; King Saul reigned from 1052 B.C.-1011 B.C.; and King David reigned from 1010 B.C.-971 B.C.
- The book of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel chronicles the lives of: Samuel, King Saul, Jonathan, and the early years of David.



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel concentrates on King David's reign, which lasted from 1010 B.C.-971 B.C.

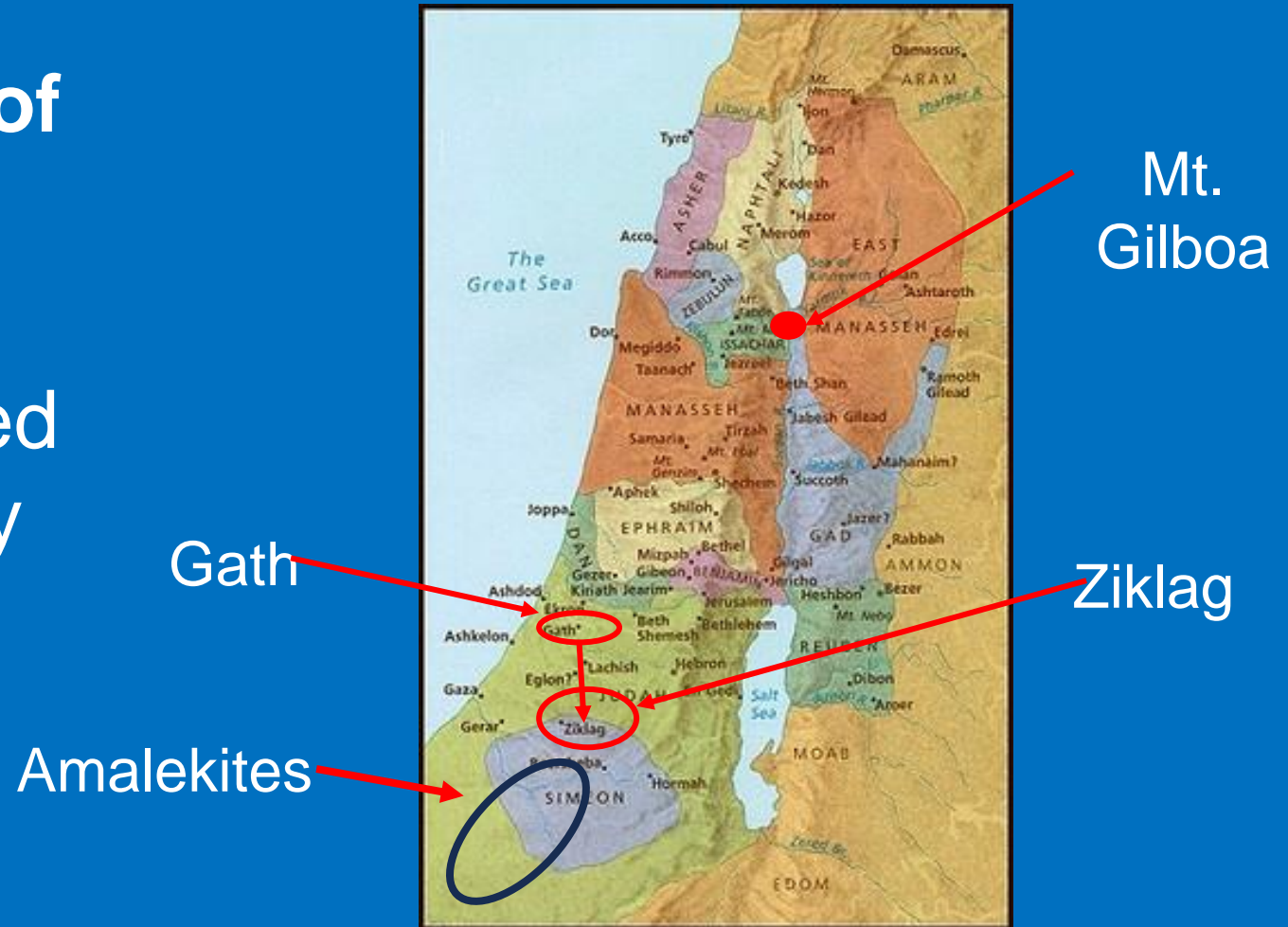


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# CHAPTER 1: DAVID'S CORONATION OVER THE KINGDOM

## Vs. 1-10: David Learns of Saul's Death

- To escape from Saul's death threats, David lived in the Philistine territory of Ziklag. He lived there for one year and four months.



- The Philistines planned to attack Israel.
- The Philistines sent David's men back to Ziklag since they did not trust his men.
- *When David returned to Ziklag, the Amalekites had taken captive the women and all possessions. (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 30:1-2, 6-8) [ ]*

Amalekites



Mt. Gilboa

Ziklag

- While David stayed in Ziklag, the Philistines killed King Saul on Mount Gilboa.
- Saul, severely wounded at Mount Gilboa, killed himself with his own sword. Saul did this so the Philistines could not capture him before he died. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 31:1-6 [ ]



- An Amalekite came to David at Ziklag and informed him that King Saul and his son, Jonathan, had died on Mount Gilboa. (Remember-David had just defeated the Amalekites-1<sup>st</sup> Samuel chapter 30).

Amalekites



## Mount Gilboa

- David asked how the Amalekite knew this information. The Amalekite stated while on Mount Gilboa, he saw Saul dying from a severe wound.



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- Saul asked the Amalekite to end his life. The Amalekite said he killed Saul and brought Saul's crown and bracelet to David. (2nd Samuel 1:6-10) [ ]
- The Amalekite obviously **fabricated** the actual events. The Amalekite believed that David would reward him for killing Saul.

**Mount Gilboa**



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## Vs. 11-16-David's Reaction to the Amalekite

- David tore his clothes in mourning, along with all the men who were with him. David and his men mourned all day for Saul, his son Jonathan, and the Israelites who died in battle. (Isaiah 55:8-9) [ ]

Mt. Gilboa



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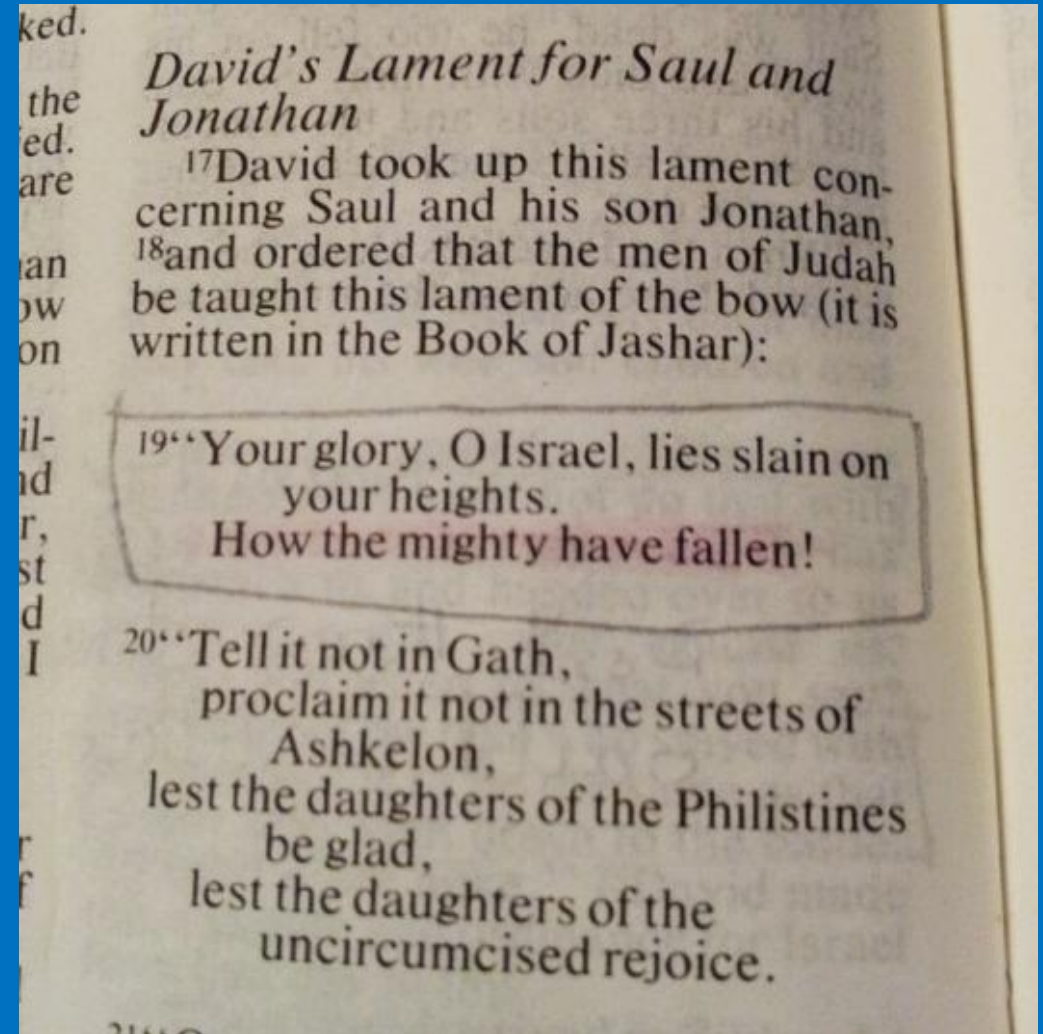
- David ordered the death of the Amalekite since he said he had struck down the Lord's anointed.



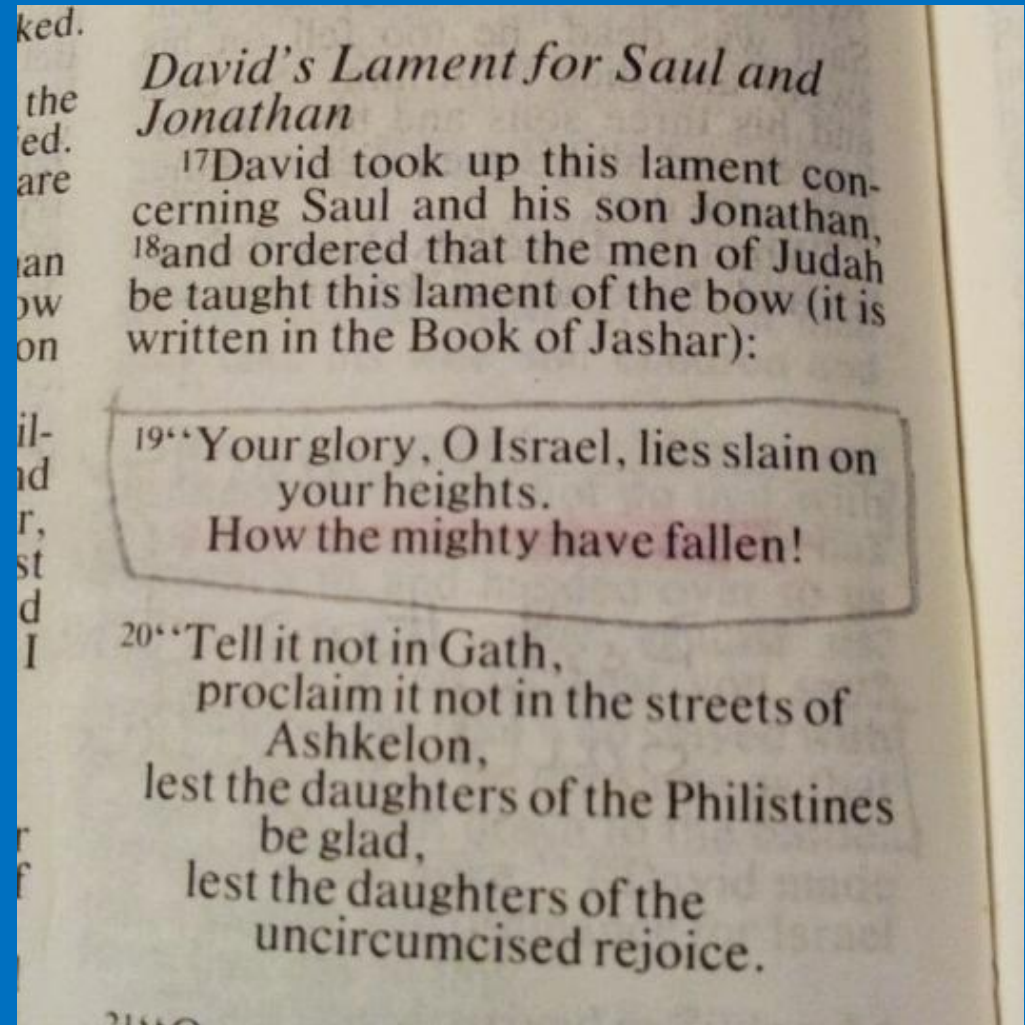
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1:17-27: David's Lament over Saul and Jonathan

- David chanted a lament over Saul and Jonathan. David ordered the lament taught to the people of Judah. David entitled it, *The Song of the Bow*. The book of Jashar recorded this event.



- The book of Jashar (*a lost book*) chronicled Israel's wars, listed important events, and poetically commemorated David's great men (Joshua 10:13-15). [ ]
- Some memorable verses include: 1 Samuel 1:19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26. [ ]



# CHAPTER 2: DAVID ESTABLISHES HIS KINGDOM

## Vs. 1-7: David Anointed as King over Judah

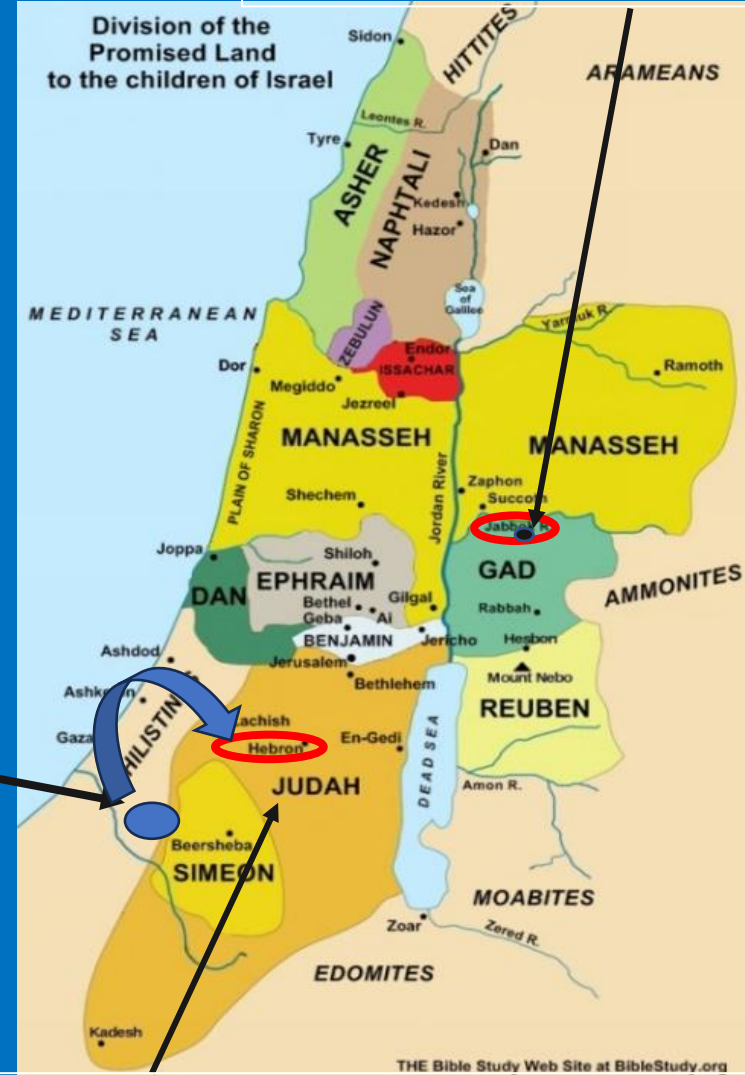
- The Territories of Judah and Israel begin to unify.



Abner's men went to Mahanaim after the conflict with Joab.

- David inquired of the Lord as to what city he should live in. The Lord answered that he should go to Hebron.
- *Hebron was the location in which God promised Abraham the land from Egypt to the Euphrates. (The Covenant of Parts)*

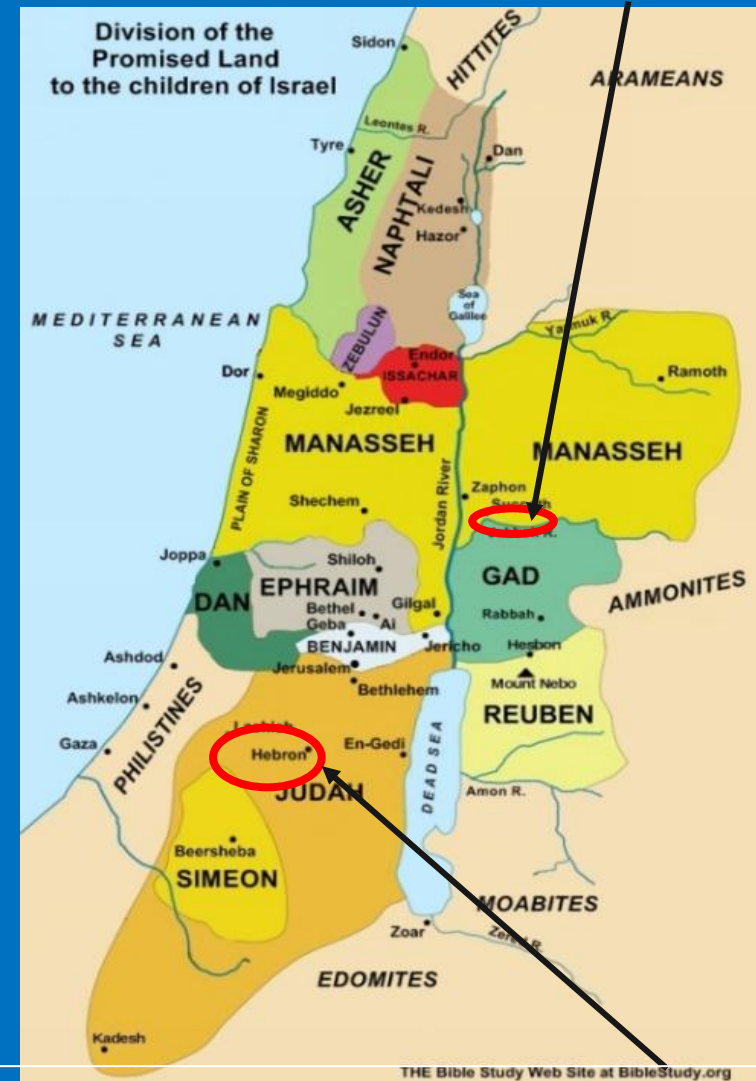
Ziklag



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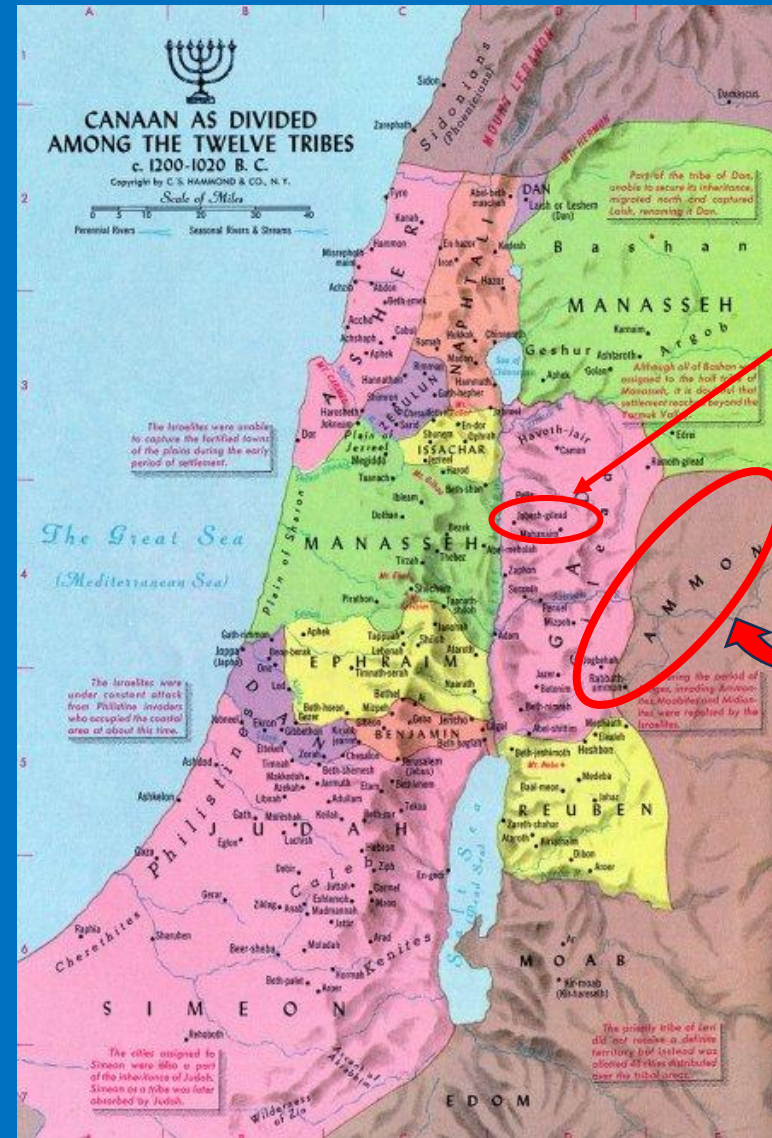
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- David took his two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail, along with his faithful followers.
- The men of Judah anointed David as king over the house of Judah.
- *This was David's 2<sup>nd</sup> anointing. The first was 17 years earlier by Samuel.*



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- 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 31 states how the men of Jabesh-gilead took Saul's body and those of his sons down from the wall of Beth-shan and buried them in Jabesh.
- The men of Jabesh-gilead had honored Saul for their deliverance from the Ammonites (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 11).



Jabesh-Gilead

Ammonites



- David heard the men of Jabesh-gilead had honored Saul by burying him, so David blessed them.



Jabesh-Gilead

Ammonites

## Vs. 8-11: The Division of Saul's Kingdom

- Abner, Saul's commander of the army, took Ish-bosheth-Saul's only surviving son-and made him king over Israel (at Mahanaim [ma'-ha-na-um]). Abner might have used this weak king for his own ambitions.

### Mahanaim



Jabesh-gilead

- Ish-bosheth means *man of shame*.
- David ruled over Judah for seven years and six months.



## Vs. 12-32: A Civil War

- Abner, Saul's cousin, commanded Saul's army while Joab, David's nephew, commanded David's army.



Gibeon

- Abner and Joab met by the pool of Gibeon. They held a fighting contest and both Abner's men and Joab's men died in battle. As a result, a fight broke out among the other men and David warriors defeated Abner's warriors.



Gibeon

- Zeruah [zer-u-iah], David's sister, had three prominent sons: Joab, Abishai [ab'-a-shi], and Asahel [ah-sa-hel], David's nephews. Abishai accompanied David into Saul's camp and had the opportunity to kill Saul while he slept (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 26).
- Joab commanded David's army. Asahel, a very fast runner, proved himself as a prominent warrior.



"David Takes Saul's Spear and Water Bottle"  
By James Tissot (1836-1902)

<http://www.keyway.ca/htm2014/20140412.htm>

- Asahel ran after Abner, but Abner killed him. As a result, Joab and Abishai pursued Abner.
- The pursuit ended, and Abner went to Mahanaim [may'-ha-na-um] and Joab returned to Hebron. The city of Mahanaim will play an important role later in David's life.



# CHAPTER 3: ABNER CHANGES HIS LOYALTY TO DAVID

## Vs. 1-21: David's Kingdom Grows Stronger at Hebron

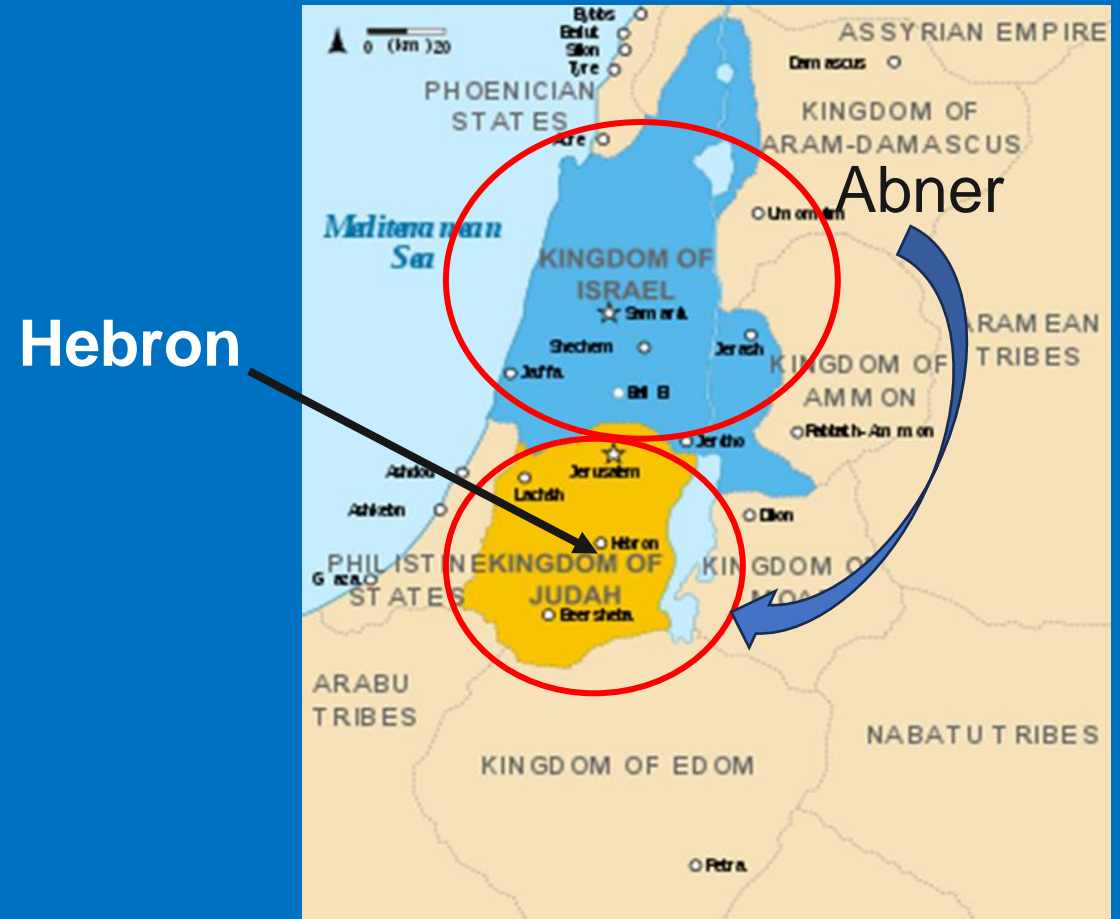
- A long war continued between the house of Saul and the house of David. However, David became stronger and stronger.

Hebron





- David fathered more sons while in Hebron.
- Ish-bosheth, king of Israel, rebuked Abner for taking Saul's concubine, Rizpah. Due to this severe rebuke, Abner turned his loyalty to David.



# Vs. 22-39: Joab kills Abner

- Abner left Hebron to bring the kingdom of Israel to David.
- In the meantime, Joab returned from a raid and learned that David had made peace with Abner.
- *Remember-Abner killed Joab's brother Asahel [ah-sa-hel]*



- Out of revenge for his brother's death (Abner had killed Asahel), Joab killed Abner at the gate in Hebron, a designated city of refuge.

Hebron



- A city of refuge protected a person accused of a crime until the arrangement of a trial.
- David lamented and fasted over the death of Abner. Not only did this show David's innocence but it helped unify the two kingdoms.



Mahanaim

Jerusalem

Hebron

# SUMMARY

God had planned for David to become king over all Israel (both northern and southern kingdoms). Even though King Saul tried to kill David, and the northern tribes rejected him, God's plan still survived.

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God allowed hardships to prepare David for the kinship. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to give thanks in all situations. We must trust that God constantly works in our lives even during bad situations. We may not always see the end of God's plan; however, He sees our destiny and has our best interest at heart. Hardships in life often result in our greatest joys.

End---

## 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 29:29

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad, the seer... [ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1:19, 21-26

19 "Your beauty, O Israel, is slain on your high places!  
How have the mighty fallen! 21 "O mountains of Gilboa,  
Let not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings;  
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, The  
shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. 22 "From the blood  
of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, The bow of  
Jonathan did not turn back, And the sword of Saul did  
not return empty.

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23 "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life, And in their death they were not parted; They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions. 24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. 25 "How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places.

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26 "I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was more wonderful Than the love of women. [ ]

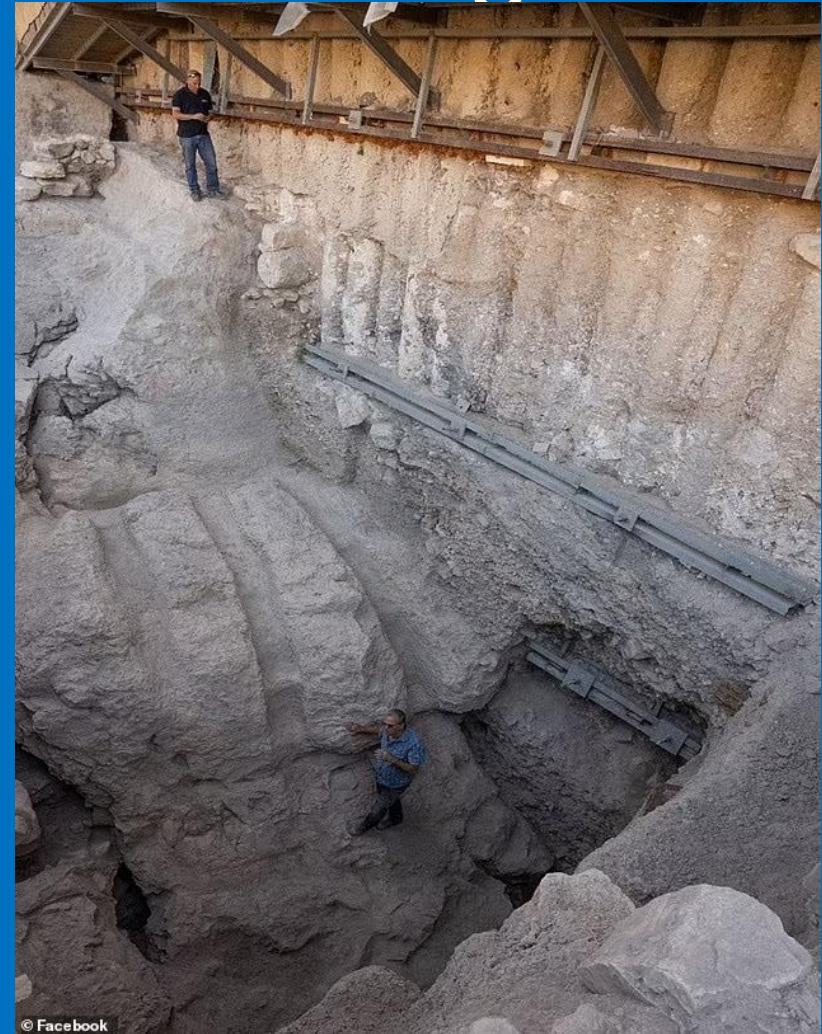
## Joshua 10:13-15

13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go *down* for about a whole day. 14 There was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel. 5 Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp to Gilgal. [ ]

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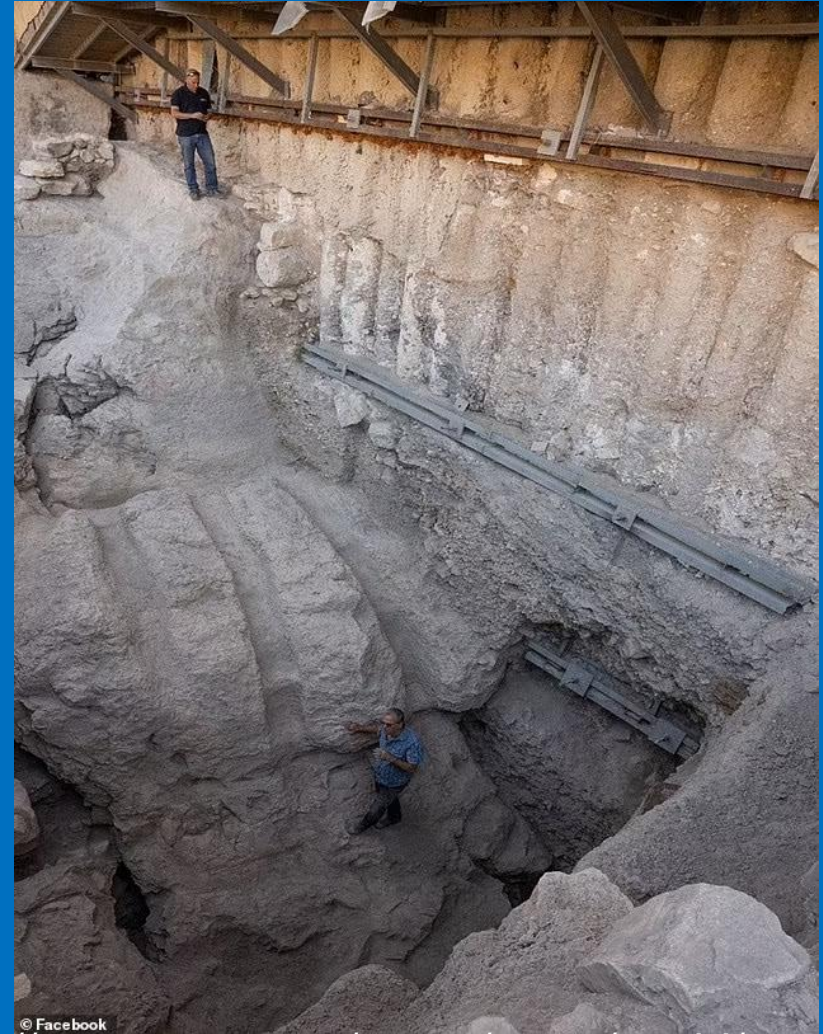
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- This monumental find, discovered beneath a parking lot in the City of David, has intrigued researchers and history enthusiasts alike. It provides tangible evidence of ancient fortifications described in the Bible, offering new insights into Jerusalem's past.

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The trench, measuring approximately 30 feet deep and nearly 100 feet wide, with steep cliffs on both sides, was an impassable barrier designed to protect the city's inhabitants. Its discovery is crucial for understanding the scale and defensive strategies of ancient Jerusalem from the Bible. [\*]



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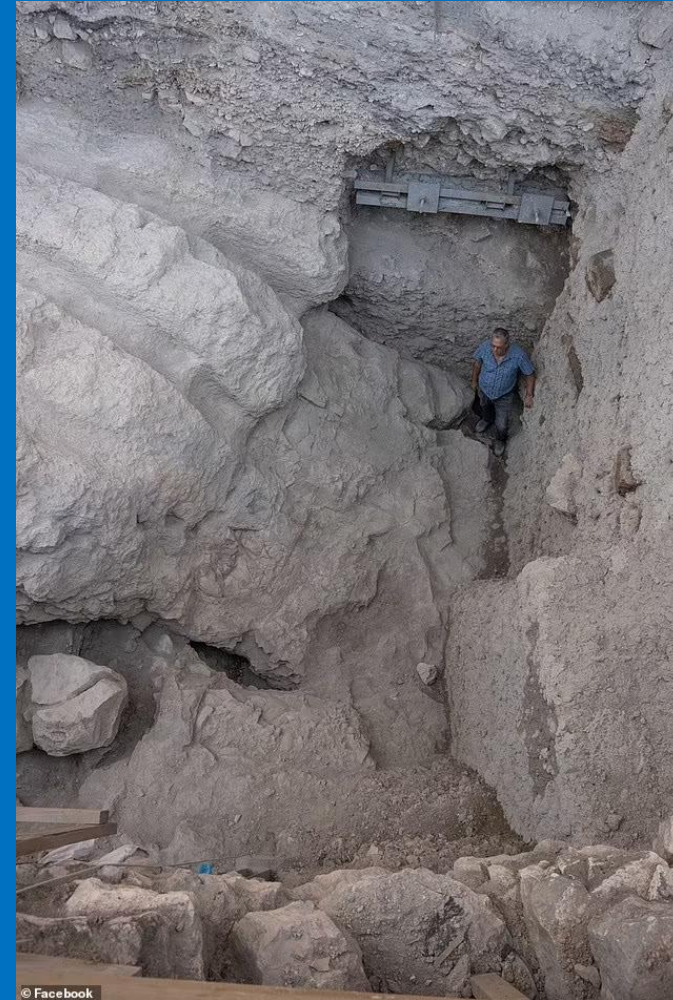
The unearthing of this 3,000-year-old moat in Jerusalem's City of David is a monumental find that bridges the gap between narratives in the Bible and historical evidence. It offers a tangible connection to the ancient world and enhances our understanding of Jerusalem's early history and its strategic importance.

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- As researchers continue to explore and study this site, we can expect more revelations that will deepen our appreciation of the rich history embedded in the biblical texts. [\*]



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## 2nd Samuel 1:19-27

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Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, Or the  
daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, The daughters of  
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Let not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings; For  
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of women. [*this love shows the absolute devotion Jonathan  
had for David, deeper than sexual love, even to the point of  
giving up the throne. It has no sexual meaning. It is much  
like God's love toward us.*] 27 How have the mighty fallen,  
And the weapons of war perished!" [ ]

End---

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 30:1-2, 6-8

1 Then it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had carried out an attack on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire; 2 and they took captive the women and all who were in it, from the small to the great, without killing anyone, and drove them off and went their way... 6 Also, David was in great distress because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David felt strengthened in the Lord his God.

7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Please bring me the ephod.” So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8 And David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this band of raiders? Will I overtake them?” And He said to him, “Pursue, for you will certainly overtake them, and you will certainly rescue everyone.” [ ]

## 2nd Samuel 31:1-6

1 Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from the Philistines but fell fatally wounded on Mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines also overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi-shua [mal-ki-shu-a], the sons of Saul. 3 The battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers found him; and he was gravely wounded by the archers.

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4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, otherwise these uncircumcised Philistines will come and pierce me through, and abuse me.” But his armor bearer was unwilling, because he was very fearful. So Saul took his sword and fell on it. 5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him. 6 So Saul died with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men on that day together. [ ]

## Isaiah 55:8-9

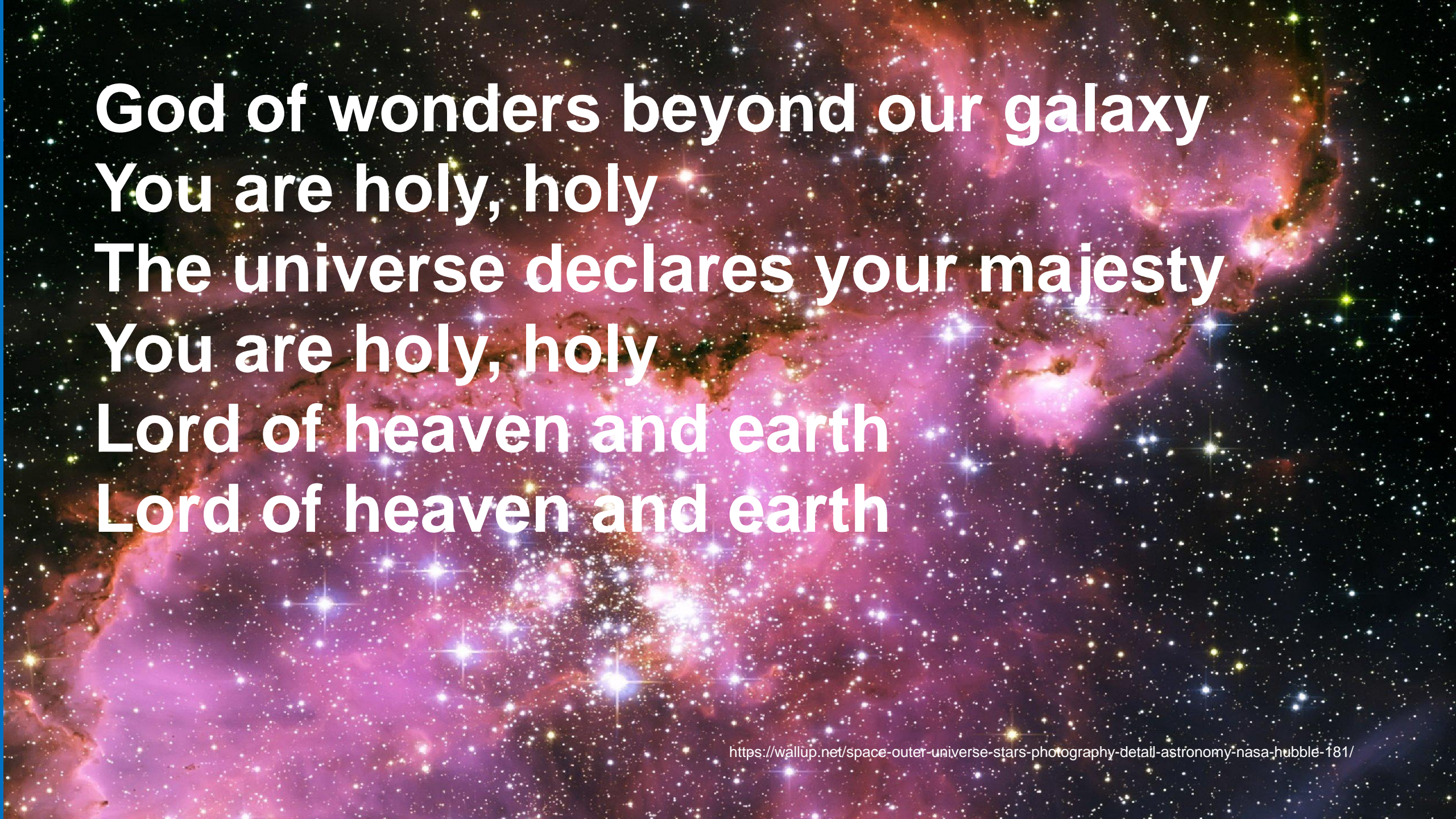
8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.

9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts. [ ]

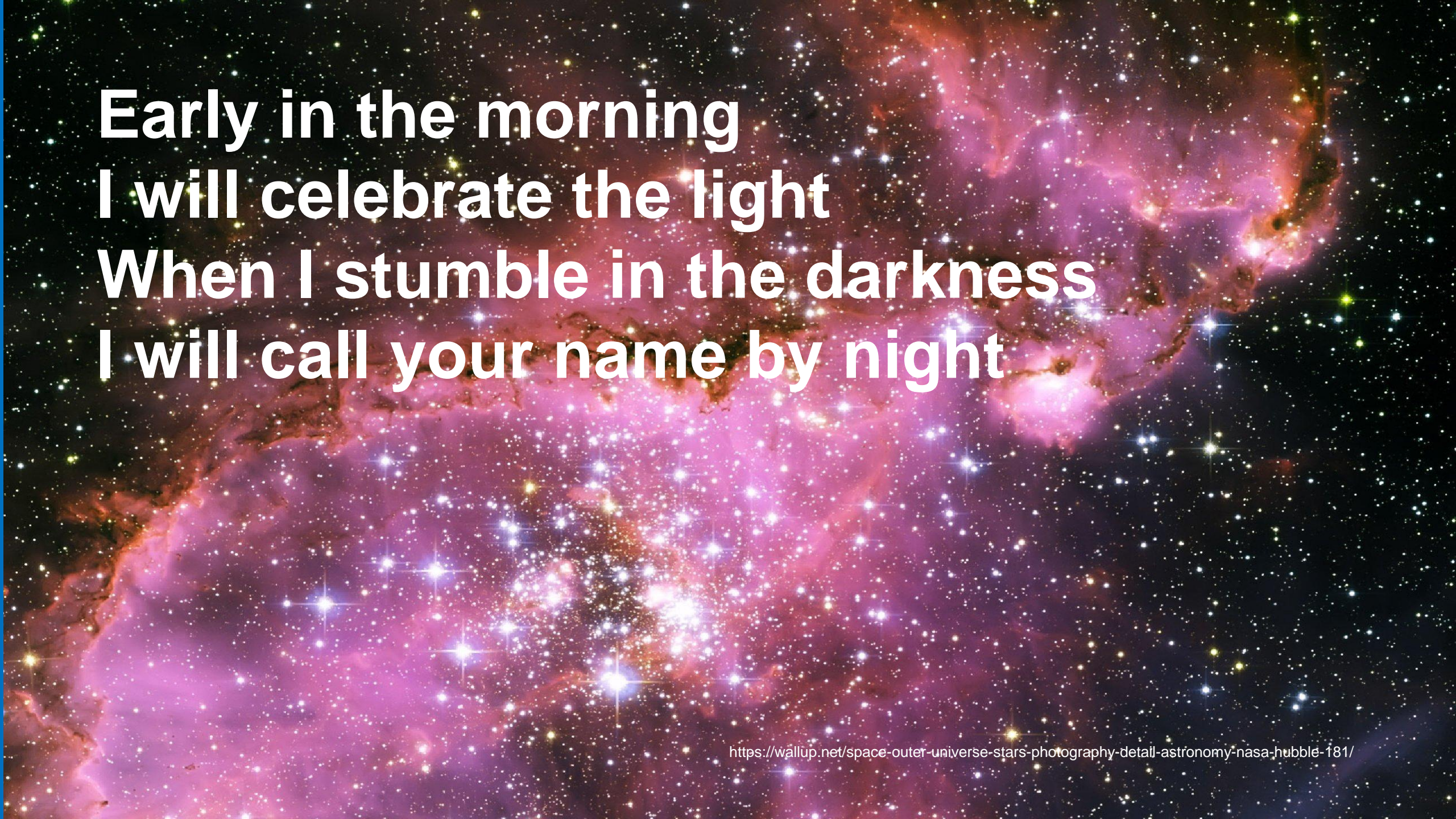


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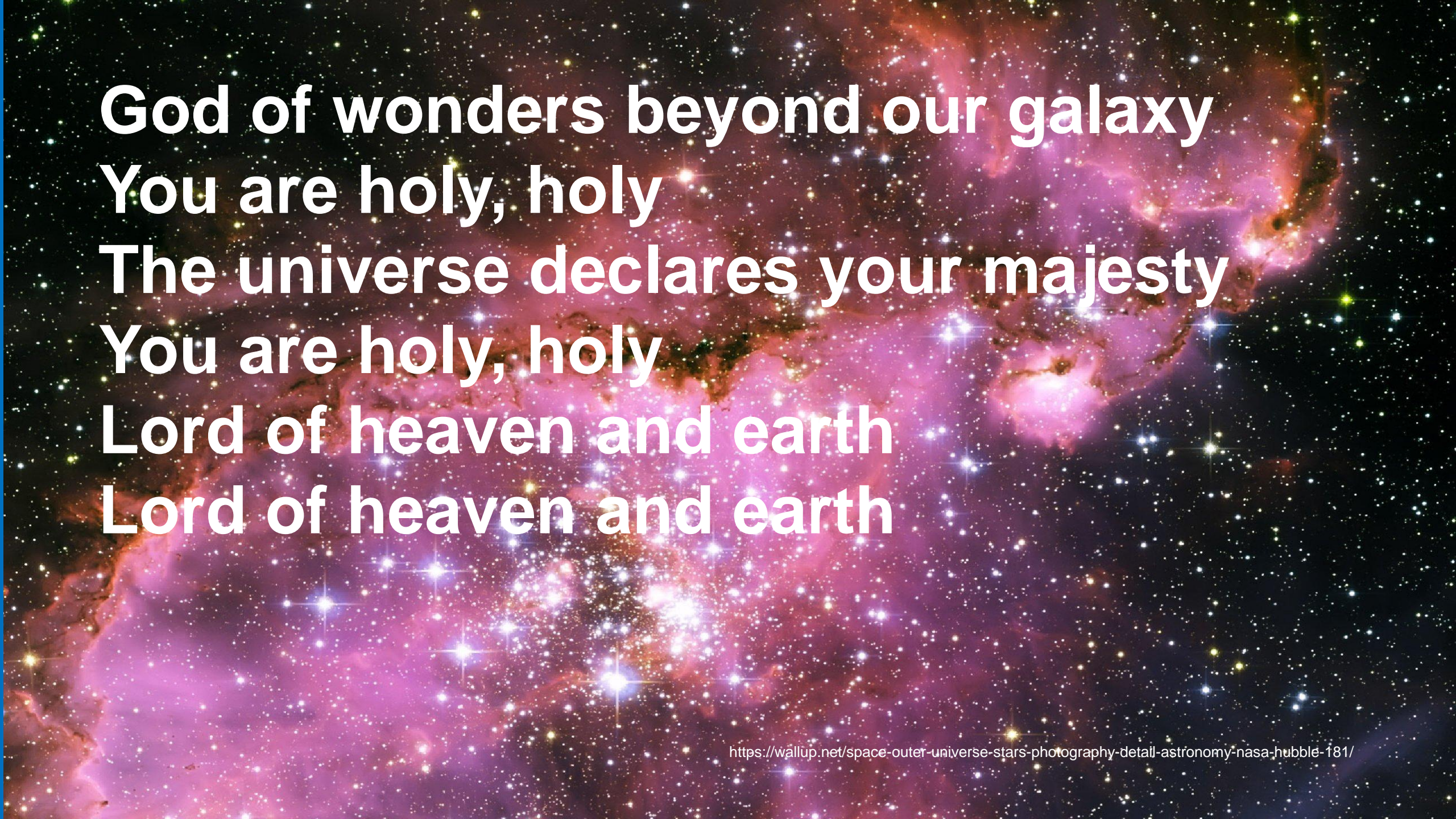
Lord of all creation  
Of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high



**God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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**Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night**



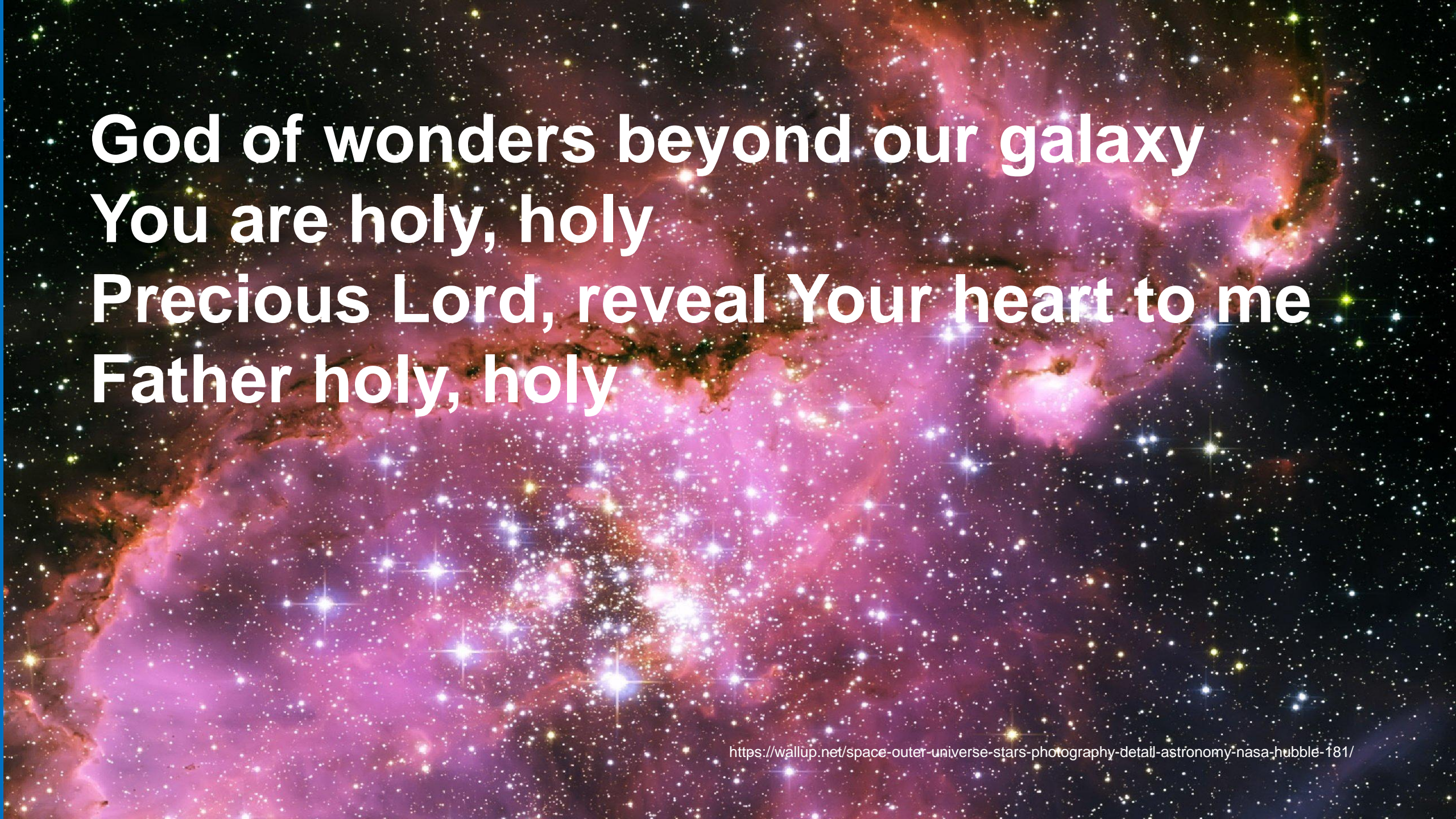
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**God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father holy, holy**



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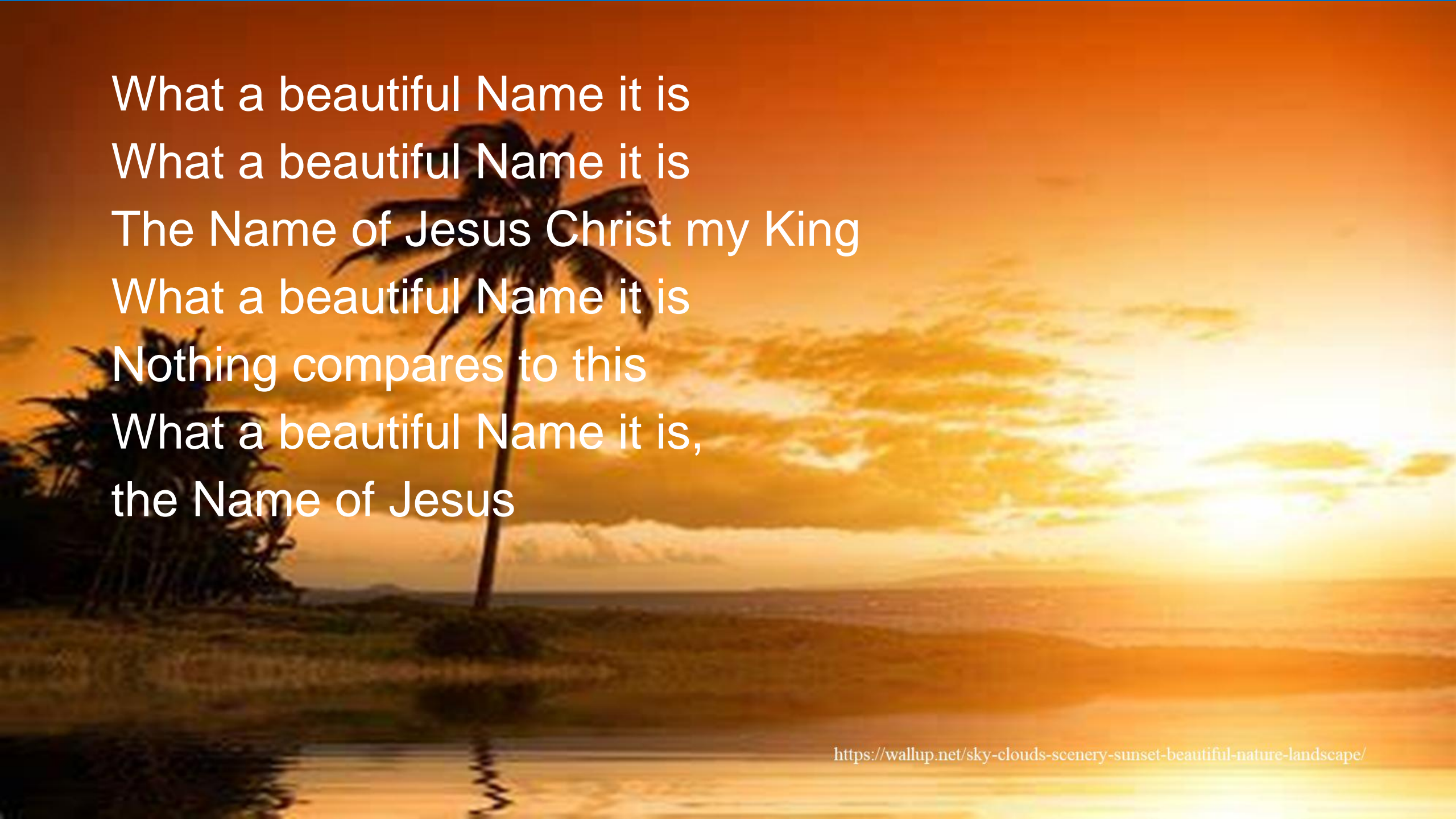
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# What A Beautiful Name

(Brooke Fraser Ligertwood/Ben Fielding)

You were the Word at the beginning /  
One with God, the LORD Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You, our Christ

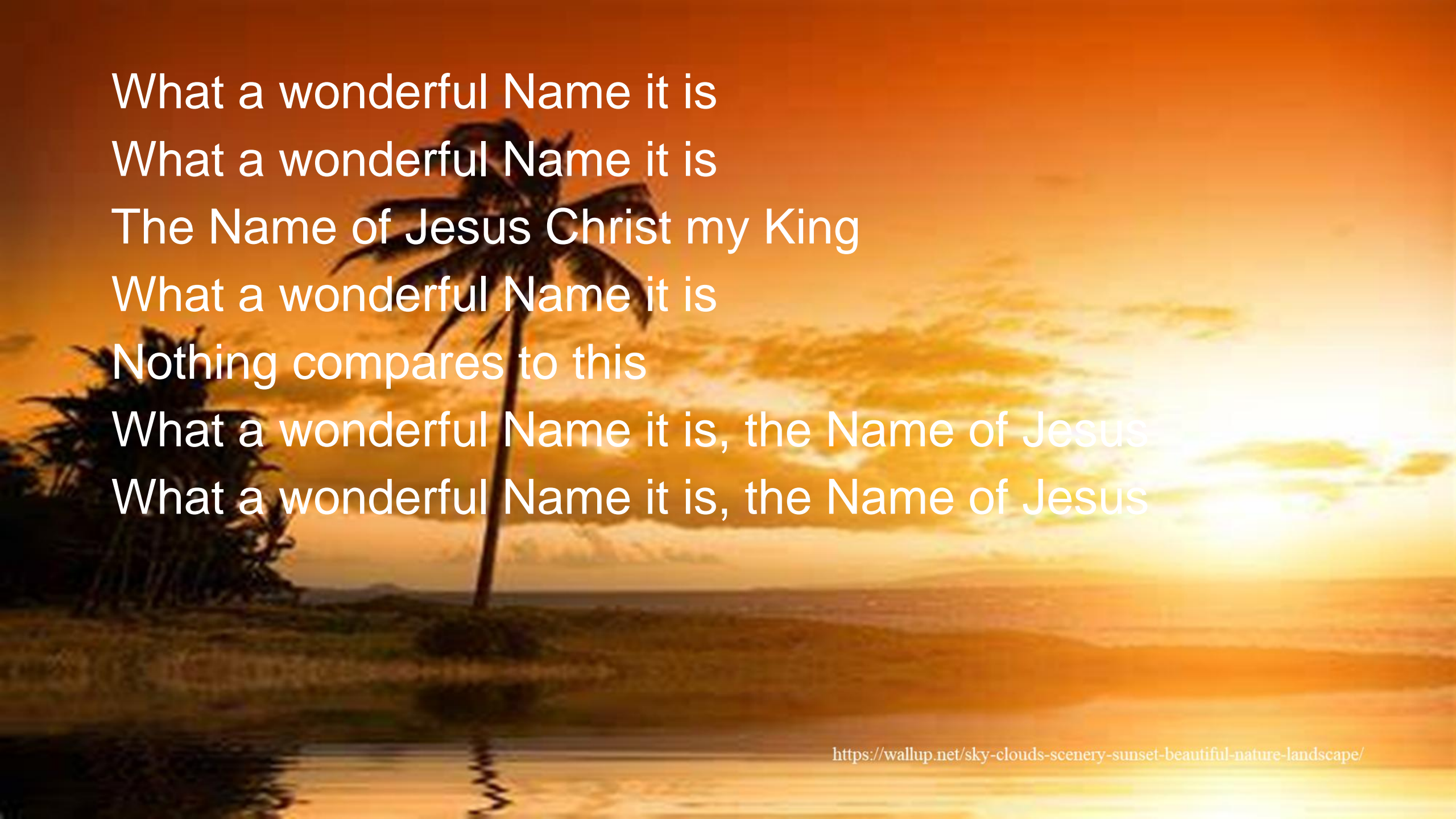


A tropical sunset scene with a palm tree silhouette and a body of water reflecting the sky. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, orange glow. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky and the silhouette of the palm tree. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

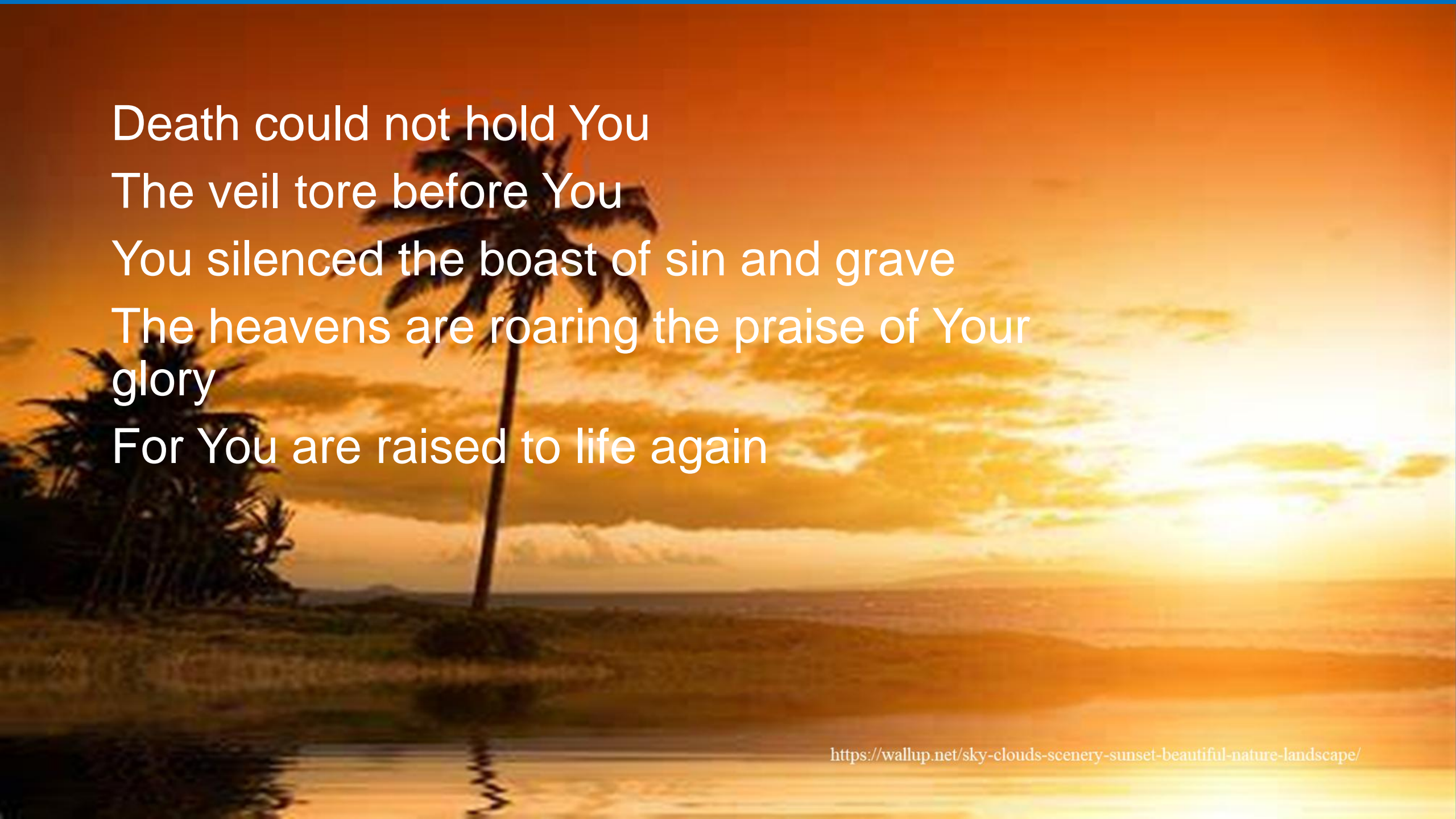
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Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
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A tropical sunset landscape with palm trees and a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The palm trees are silhouetted against the bright sky, and their reflections are visible in the water in the foreground.


You didn't want heaven without us  
So, Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?

A tropical sunset scene with a palm tree and a body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and white, with soft clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky and the silhouette of the palm tree. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

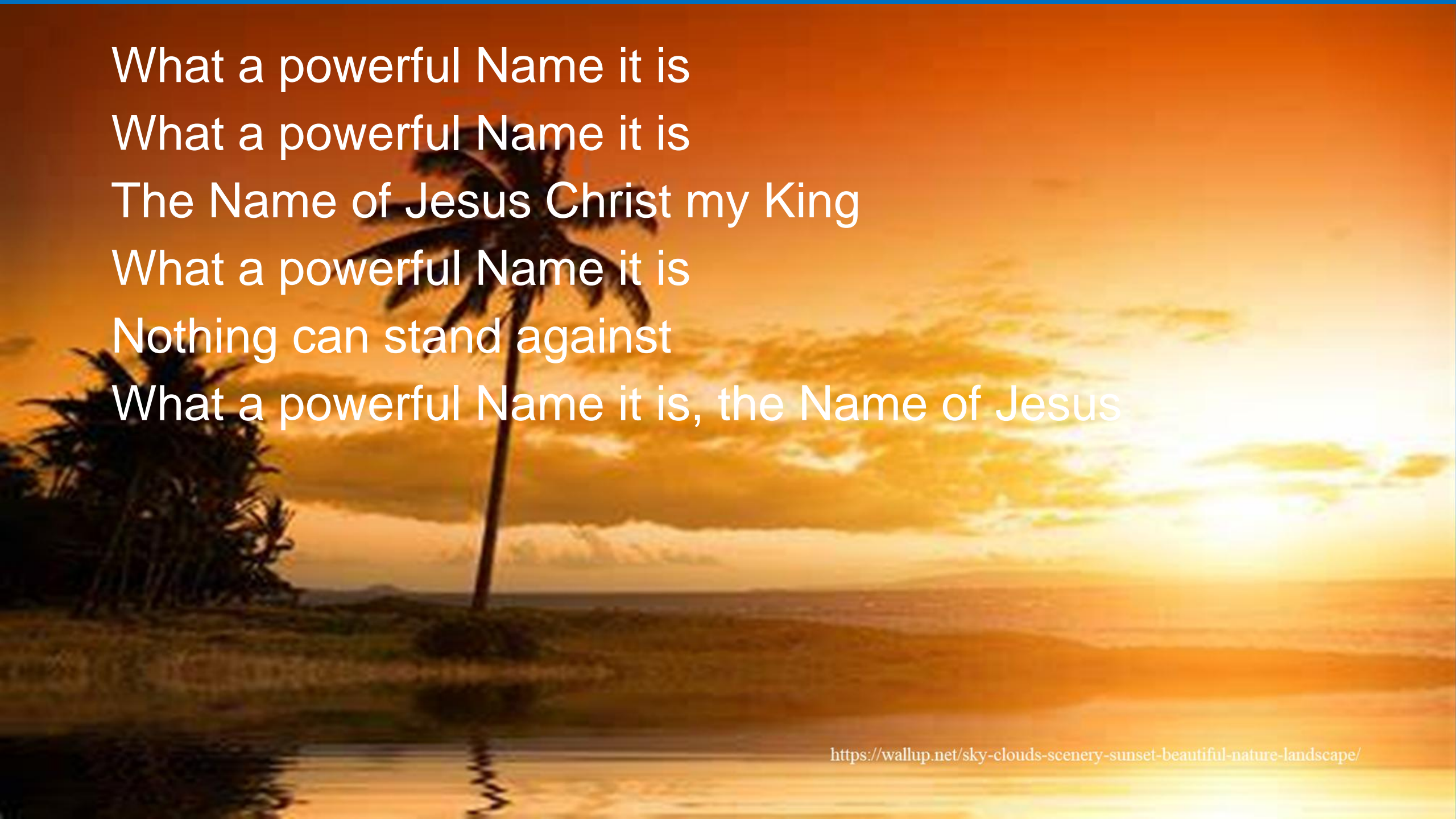
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Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your  
glory  
For You are raised to life again

A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and a body of water. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow, with the sun low on the horizon. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. A single palm tree stands prominently in the middle ground, its silhouette dark against the bright sky. To the left, a cluster of palm trees is visible. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever, God, You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

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A tropical sunset scene with a palm tree silhouette and a body of water reflecting the sky. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, orange glow. The palm tree is in the foreground, its silhouette dark against the bright sky. The water in the foreground reflects the colors of the sunset.

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever, God, You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King



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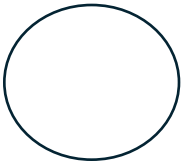
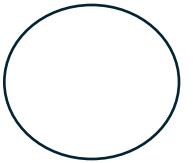
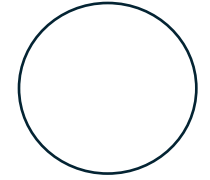
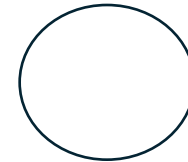
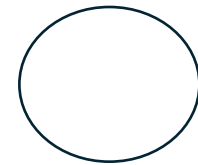
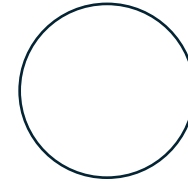
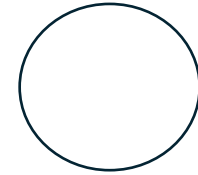
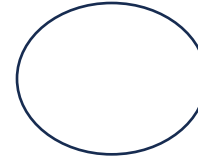
Wall Plate



Four Large Tables  
for Each Square



Four Small Tables  
for Each Square



## 2nd Samuel 1:6-10

6 The young man who told him said, “By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the horsemen had overtaken him. 7 When he looked behind himself, he saw me, and called to me. And I said, ‘Here I am.’ 8 Then he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ And I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’

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9 And he said to me, 'Please stand next to me and finish me off, for agony has seized me because my life still lingers in me.' 10 So I stood next to him and finished him off, because I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown which was on his head and the band which was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord." [ ]