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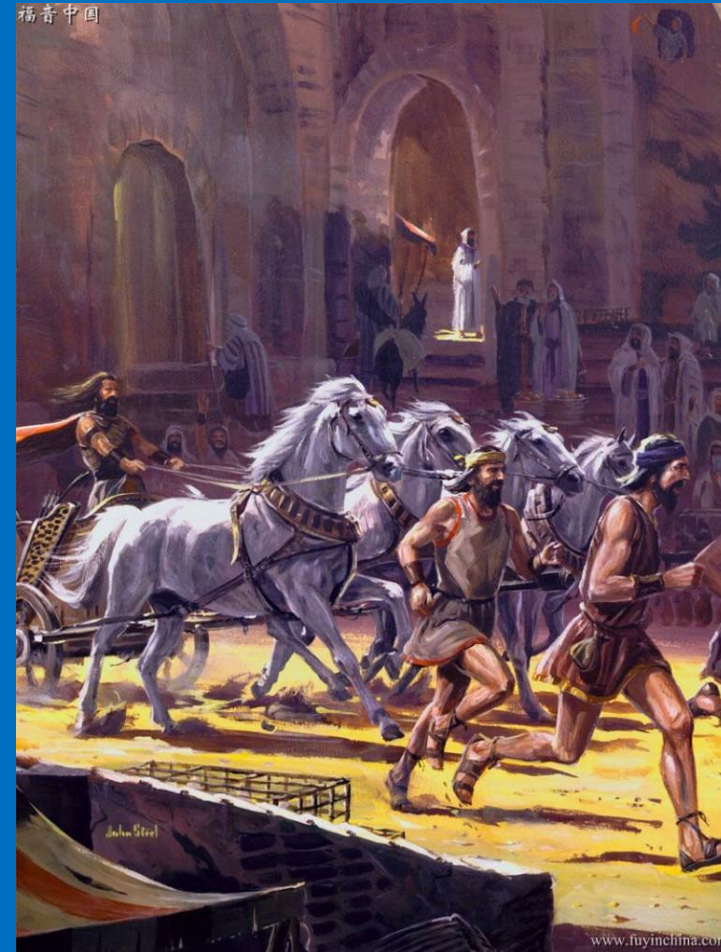
28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

**LESSON 6: REBELLION
CONTINUES WITHIN DAVID'S
HOUSEHOLD**

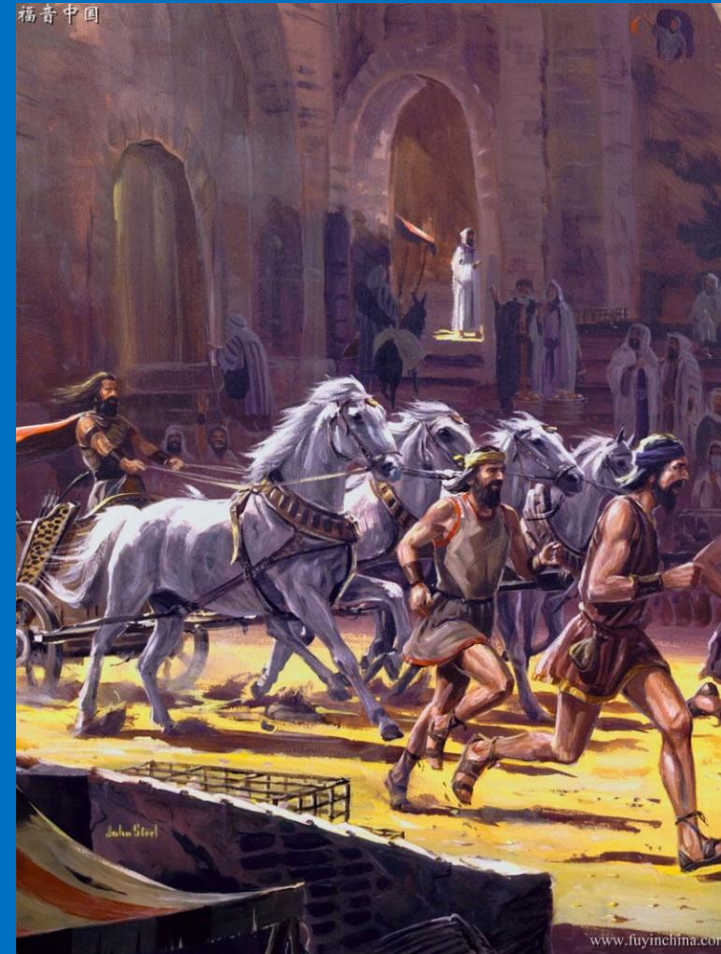
2ND SAMUEL CHAPTERS 15-16

CHAPTER 15 ABSALOM REVOLTS AGAINST DAVID

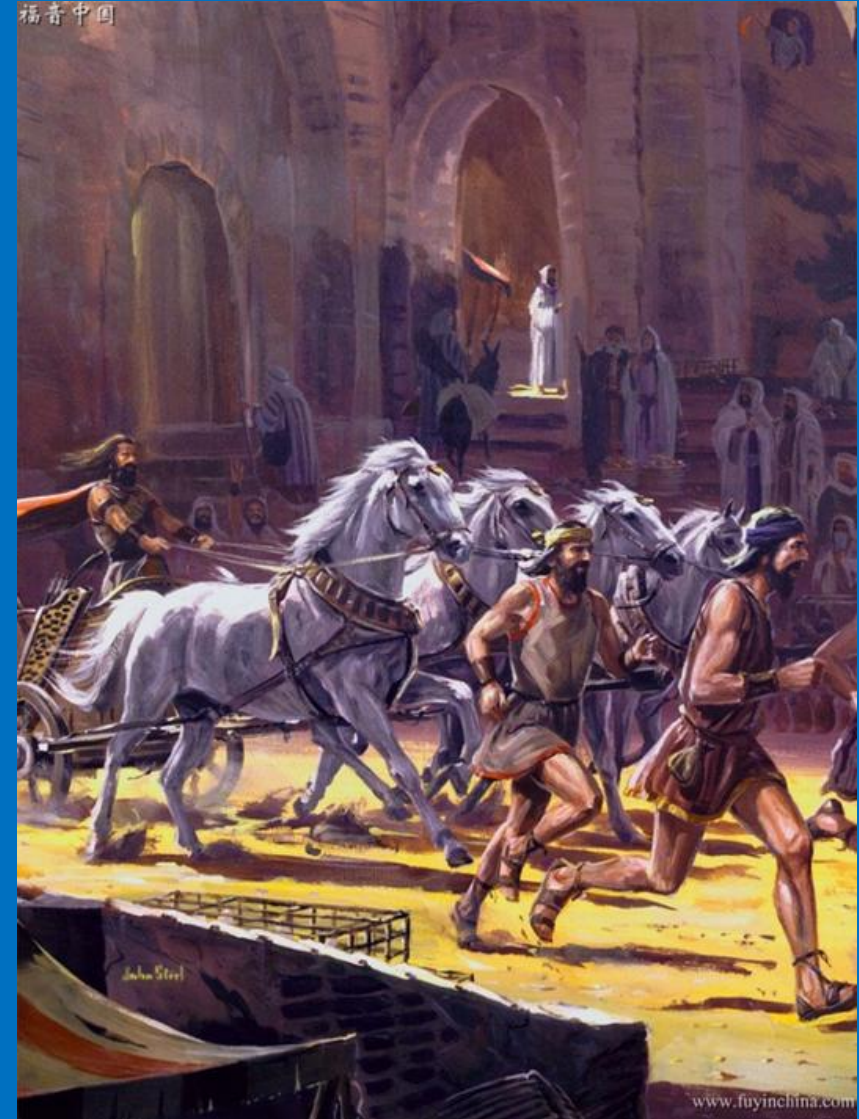
- Vs. 1-12: Absalom Plans to Take Over the Kingdom
- 1st Samuel 14:33; 2nd Samuel 15:1 []
- After Absalom's prior meeting with David (Lesson 5), he provided a chariot and horses for himself and fifty men as runners to pave the way for his kingly announcement.



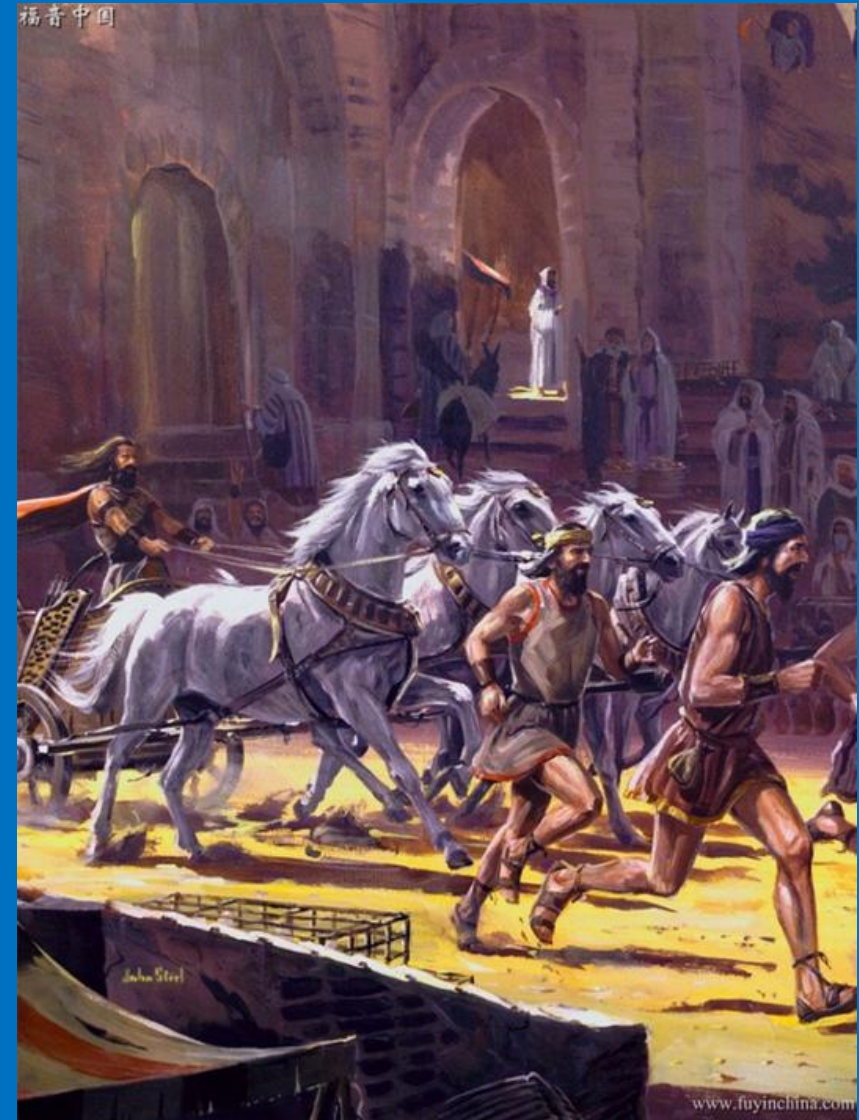
- Apparently, Absalom did not repent after murdering Amnon. During the two years (plus 3 years in Geshur) of separation from his father , Absalom became very bitter.



- We may speculate as to where Absalom got his chariot and horses. 2 Samuel 8:1 states David captured 1,700 Aramean horsemen, hamstringing the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for 100 chariots.



- Deuteronomy 17:16 states that a king should not acquire horses. []
- Apparently, David's quest for material possessions came back to haunt him.



- Absalom would rise early in the morning and stand at the gate and meet anyone coming to seek justice from the king. Without a trial, Absalom would give the person their desire, therefore, winning over the hearts of the people.



- After about four [40] years, Absalom came to David and requested permission to pay a vow in Hebron, his place of birth (2 Samuel 3:2-3). []
- Hebron, a very symbolic city and originally declared a Levitical city of refuge, protected a person fleeing from a crime.



- Moses gave Caleb Hebron for staying faithful during the 40-year wilderness experience.
- God told David to reside in Hebron after the Philistines defeated Saul.
- David's anointing as king over Judah and Israel also took place in Hebron.



Geshur

Jerusalem

Hebron

- Due to the city's significance, Absalom wanted to use Hebron for his anointing as King.
- 2nd Samuel 15:7-9 David should have suspected Absalom's motive for going to Hebron. [✘]
- Apparently, Absalom made a vow while in exile at Geshur. Matthew 7:21-23 []

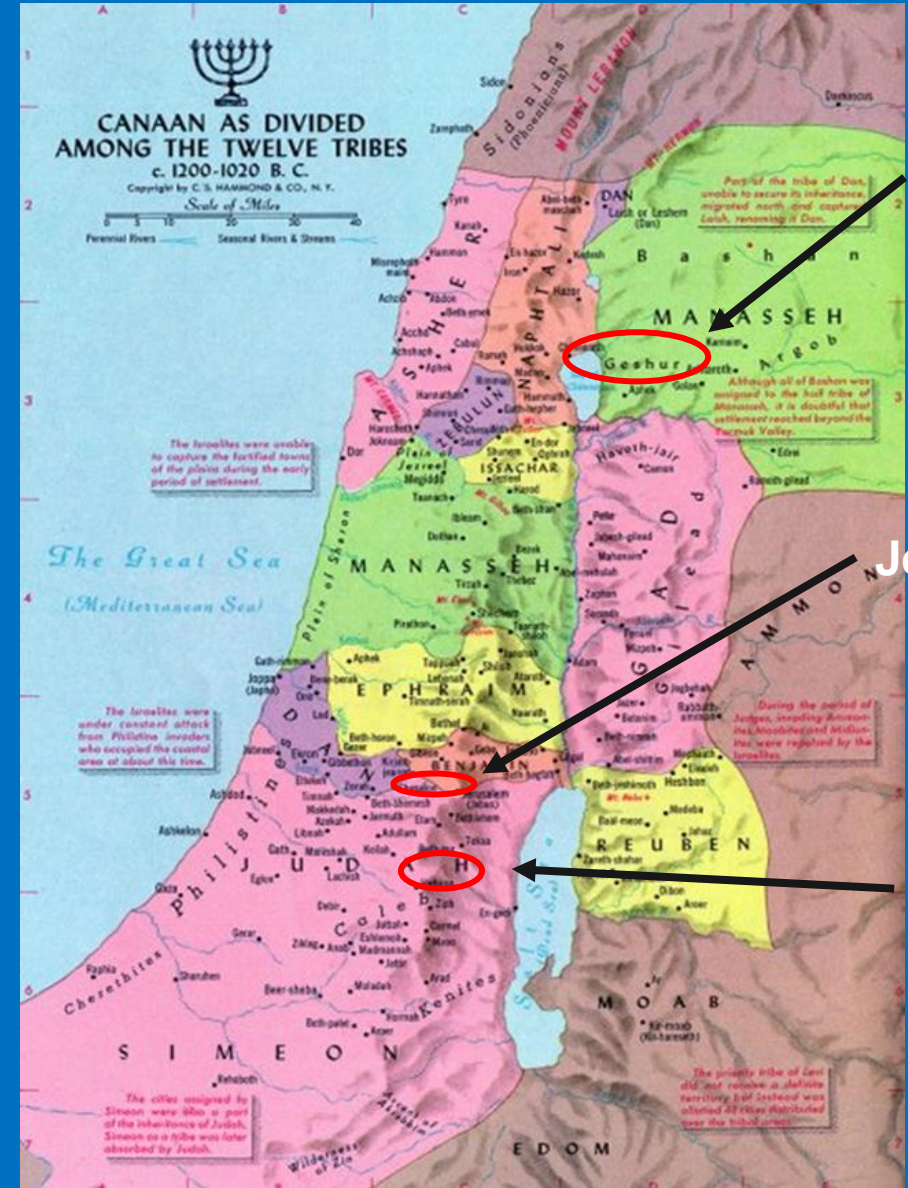


Geshur

Jerusalem

Hebron

- Absalom should have traveled north to Geshur to pay the vow and not Hebron.



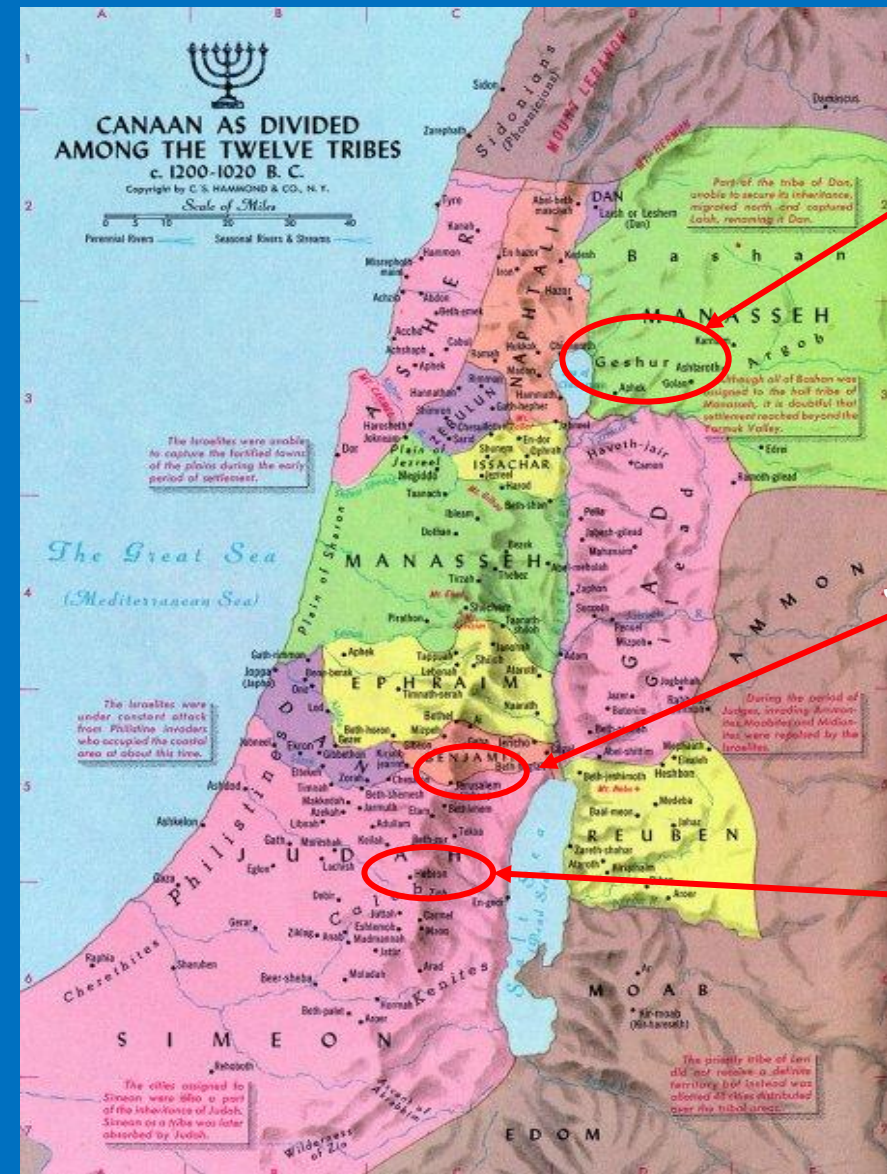
Geshur

Jerusalem

Hebron

- Absalom told David he had promised to serve the Lord if the Lord restored him back to Jerusalem. Apparently, Absalom had no intention of serving the Lord.

- David gave Absalom permission to go to Hebron. Hebrews 10:31 []

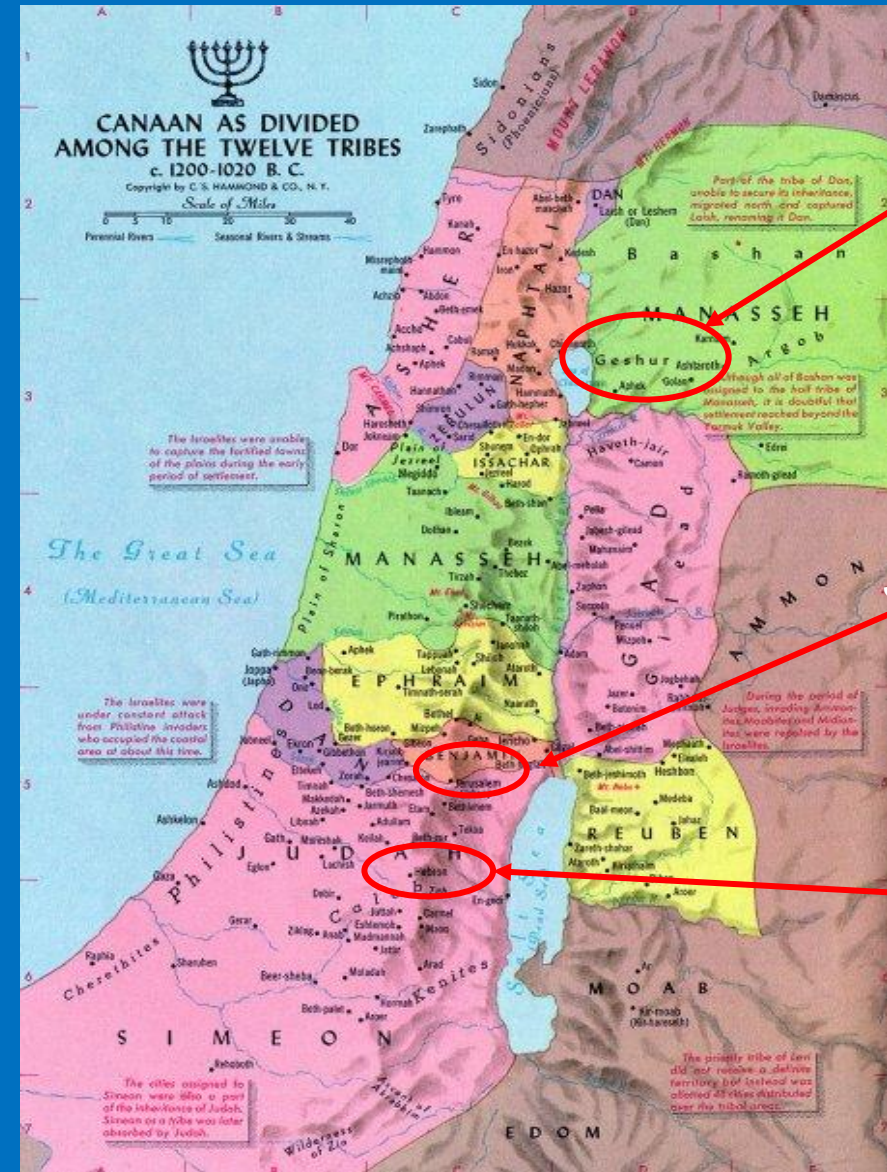


Geshur

Jerusalem

Hebron

- 2nd Samuel 15:10-12 []
- Absalom devised a plot and sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel. When the sound of the trumpet blew, Absalom told the people to say, “Absalom is king in Hebron.”
- The 200 men who accompanied Absalom did not know of his plot.



Geshur

Jerusalem

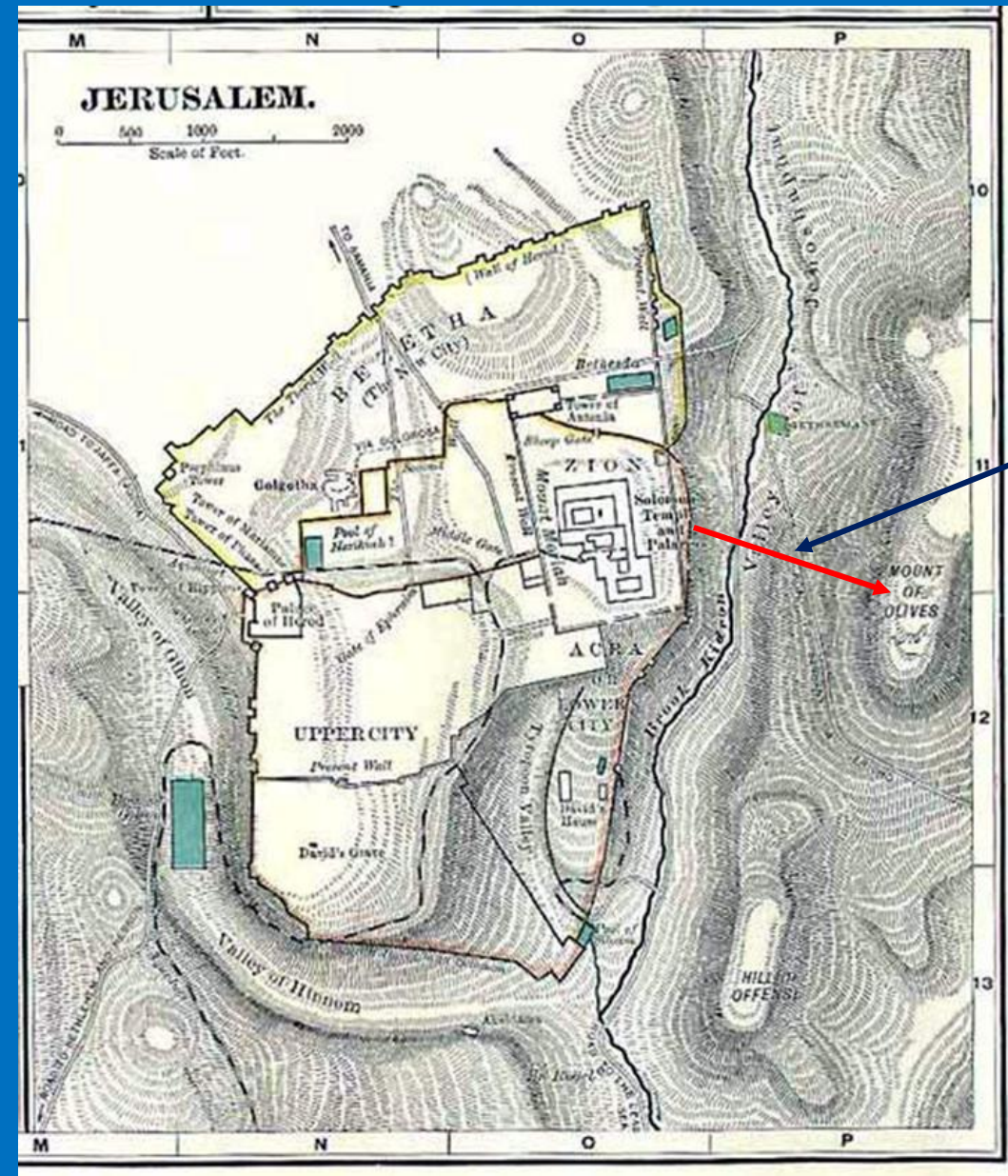
Hebron

- Absalom sent for Ahithophel, David's counselor, Bathsheba's grandfather, and one of David's mighty men (2nd Samuel 11:3; 23:34). []
- Ahithophel, known as a man who "inquired of the word of God", (2nd Samuel 16:23) sided with Absalom, perhaps, due to David's sin with Bathsheba. []



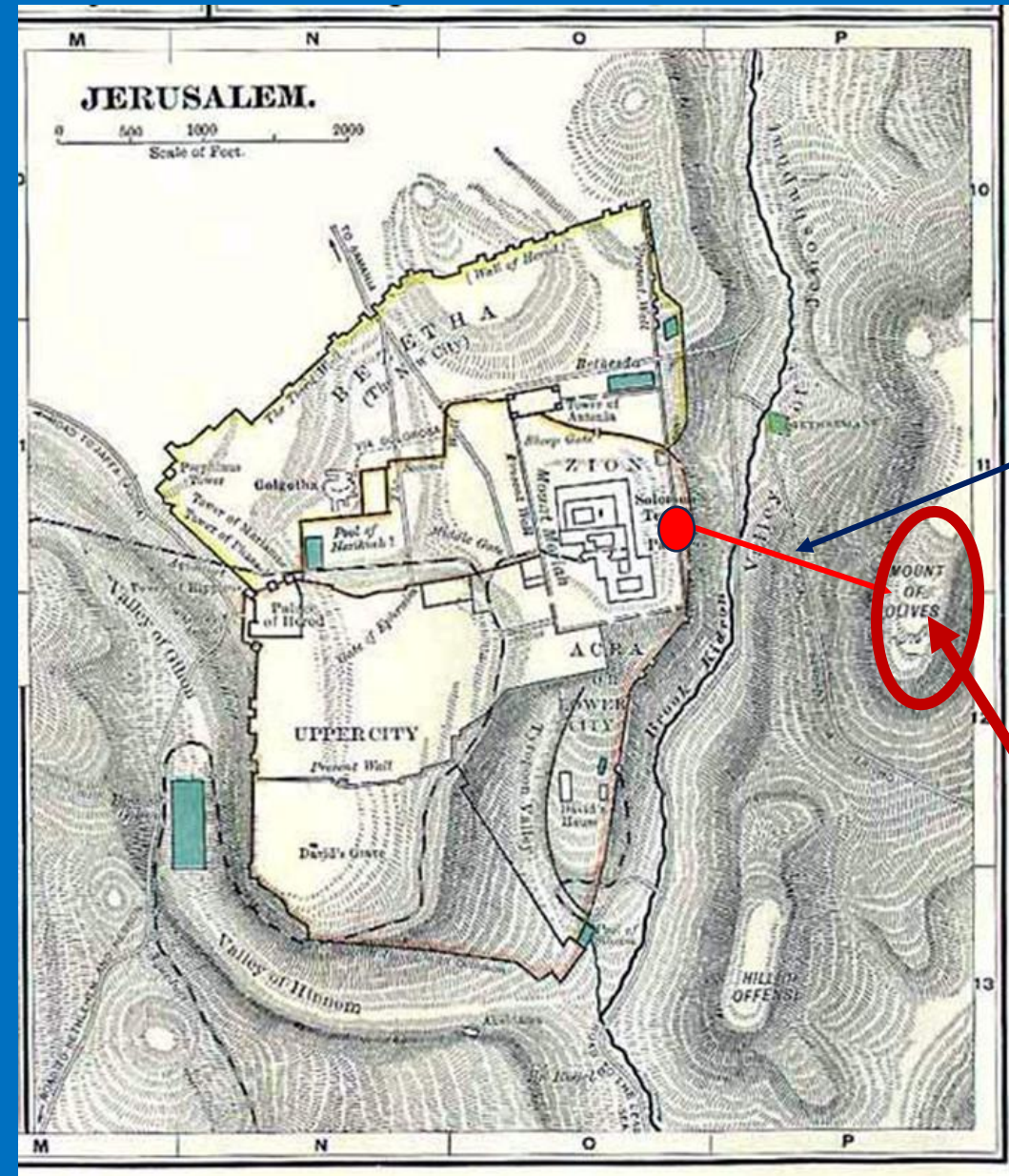
Vs. 13-23: David Flees from Absalom

- A messenger came and told David that Absalom had taken over the kingdom.
- David made haste to leave Jerusalem, however, he left ten concubines to keep watch over the house.



David's Route

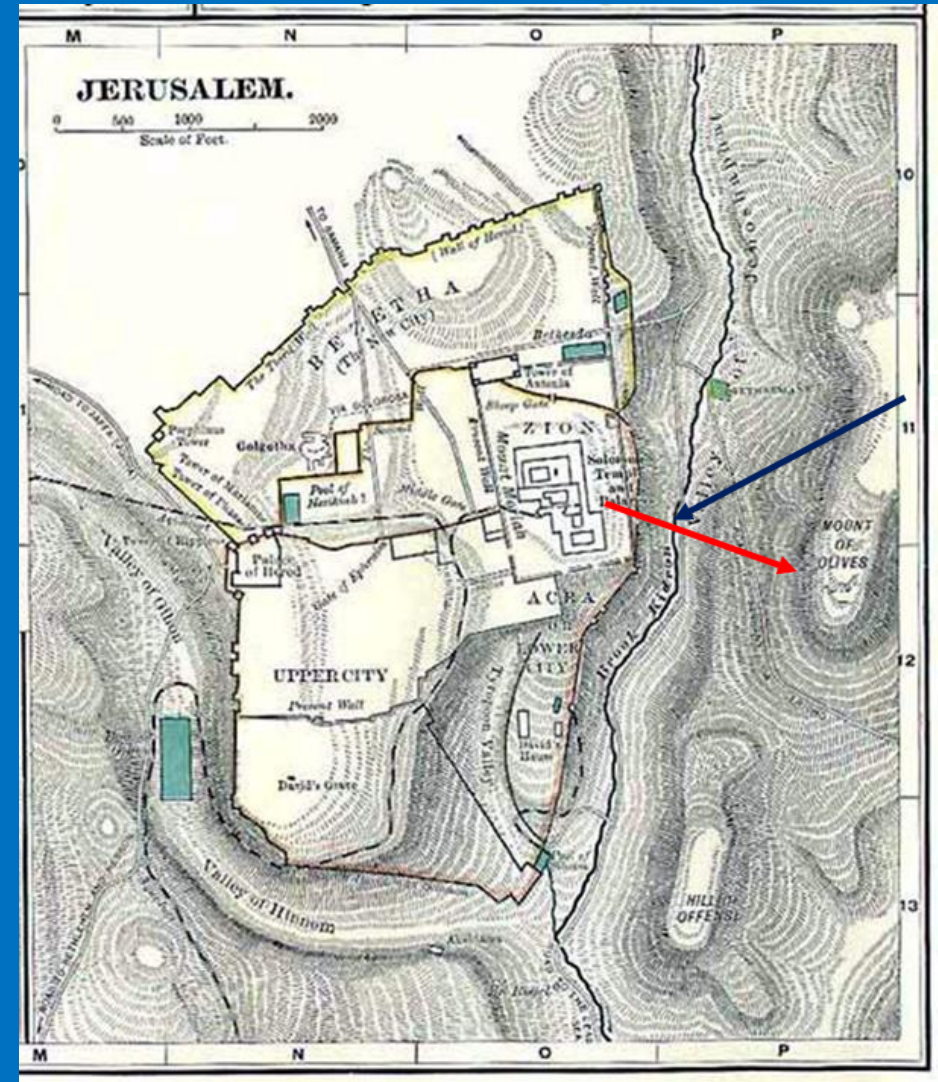
- When David left Jerusalem, he stopped at the last house and let all his followers pass by. He possibly wanted to demonstrate his leadership and loyalty.



David's Route

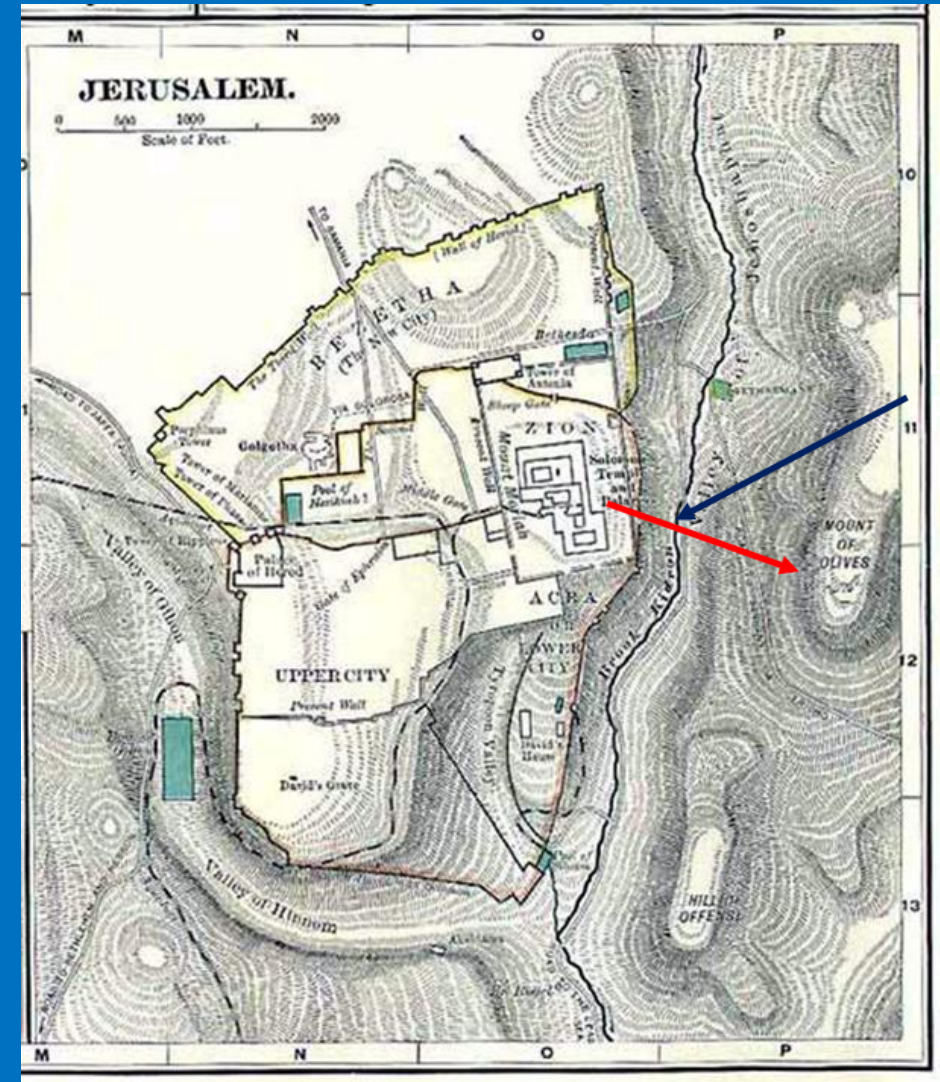
Mount Of Olives

- David told Ittai (ee'-tie), a recent mercenary who had joined David's army, he did not have to go with David but could stay in Jerusalem and support Absalom.



David's
Route

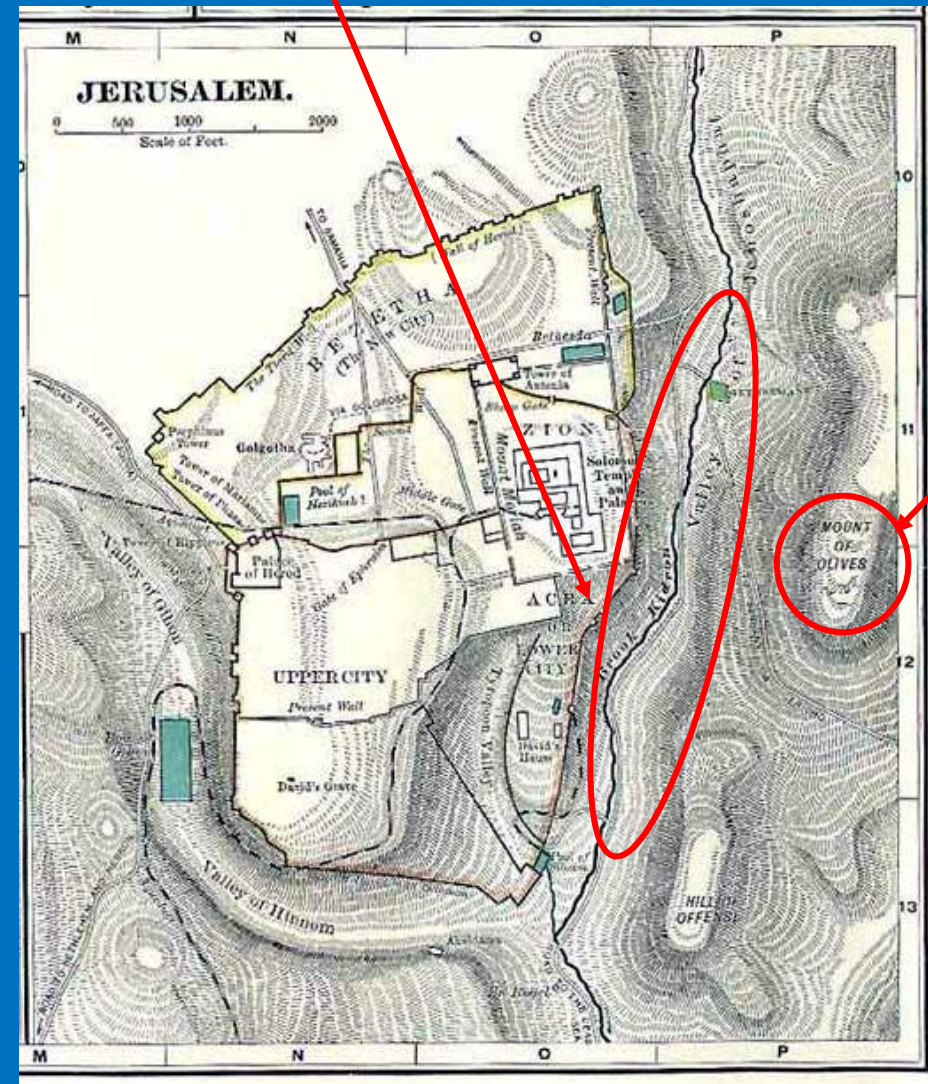
- Ittai had commanded the Gittites-mercenary soldiers from Gath. Goliath lived in the city of Gath. David feigned madness and that city. The king of Gath also harbored David later when he fled from Saul.



David's
Route

Kidron Valley

- Ittai showed his loyalty to David and refused to stay back. David eventually made Ittai commander of one-third of his army.
- David and his men passed eastward across the Kidron Valley (a valley east of Jerusalem).



Mt. of
Olives

Vs. 24-29: David Sends Zadok and Abiathar, the Priest, Back to Jerusalem

- 2nd Samuel 15:24-29 []
- Zadok and Abiathar brought the Ark of the Covenant with them.
- David showed amazing trust in God and told Zadok and Abiathar to take the Ark back.
- David believed if the Lord favored him, the Lord would protect him without the Ark.



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- David also believed if the Lord desired to punish him, then he would willfully take the punishment.
- David also wanted Zadok and Abiathar to act as informants.



Vs. 30-37: Zadok and Abiathar Renders Themselves as Informants

- David continued his journey up to the Mount of Olives. Jesus ascended into heaven after His crucifixion from the Mount of Olives.



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- Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives on the day of His second coming (Acts 1:11-12; Zechariah 14:4). []
- All David's people wept and mourned as they ascended the Mount of Olives (John 16:33). []



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- David heard Ahithophel had conspired with Absalom. David prayed the Lord would make Ahithophel's counsel foolish.
- As David approached the top of the Mount of Olives, Hushai [Hu'-shy], one of David's counselors, met him with his coat torn and dust on his head.



- David sent Hushai back to pretend loyalty to Absalom. David told Hushai to counter all that Ahithophel said and to act as a spy for David.



- David told Hushai to send word through Zadok and Abiathar (the priests), and through Zadok and Abiathar's sons, Ahimaaz and Jonathan (not Jonathan-the son of Saul).
- God showed His favor toward David by giving guidance and protection.



CHAPTER 16: ABSALOM ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

Vs. 1-14: David Encounters Ziba and Shimei

- After David passed the summit of the Mount of Olives, Ziba [zee'-ba], Mephibosheth's servant came to him with a couple of saddled donkeys, two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred clusters of raisins, a hundred summer fruits, and a jug of wine.



- Ziba had served King Saul. David made Ziba Mephibosheth's servant after Saul's death. It makes one wonder if Ziba harbored jealousy since he had to serve Mephibosheth (2nd Samuel 9:9-12). []

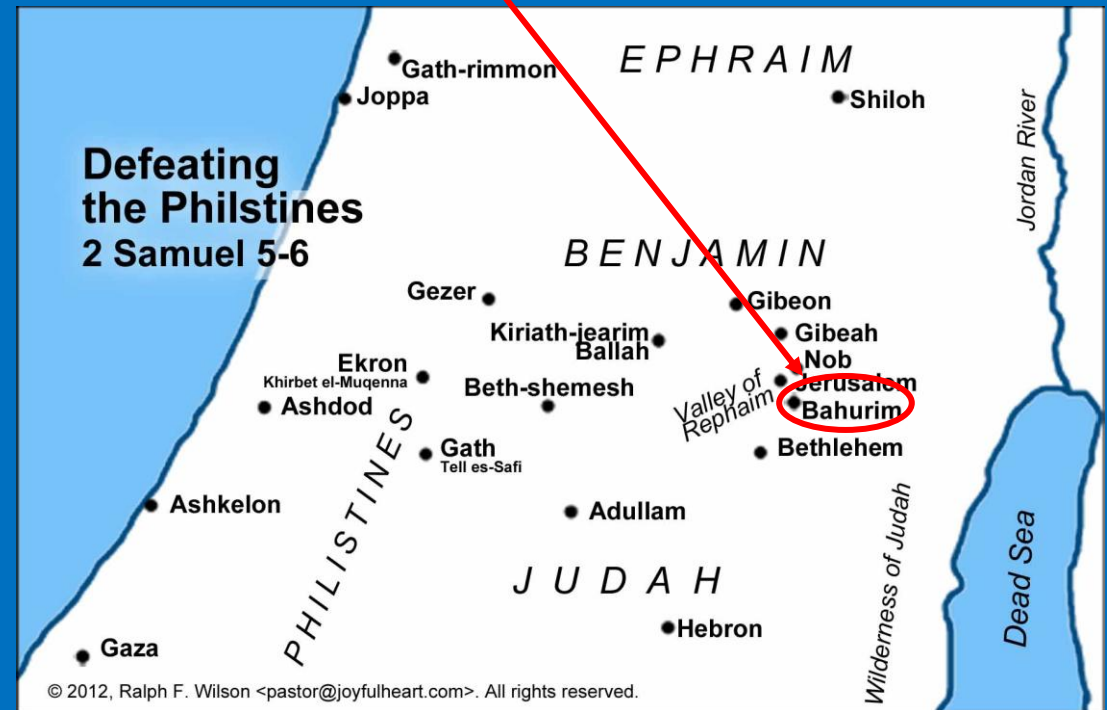


- David inquired why Mephibosheth had not gone with him. Ziba apparently lied and told David he stayed in Jerusalem hoping to have the kingdom returned to him.
- Apparently, David believed Ziba for David gave all Mephibosheth's possessions to him.



- As David approached Bahurim (ba-he-rum), a village east of the Mount of Olives, a man named Shimei (She'-me-i) began cursing and throwing stones at David while accusing him of bloodshed.

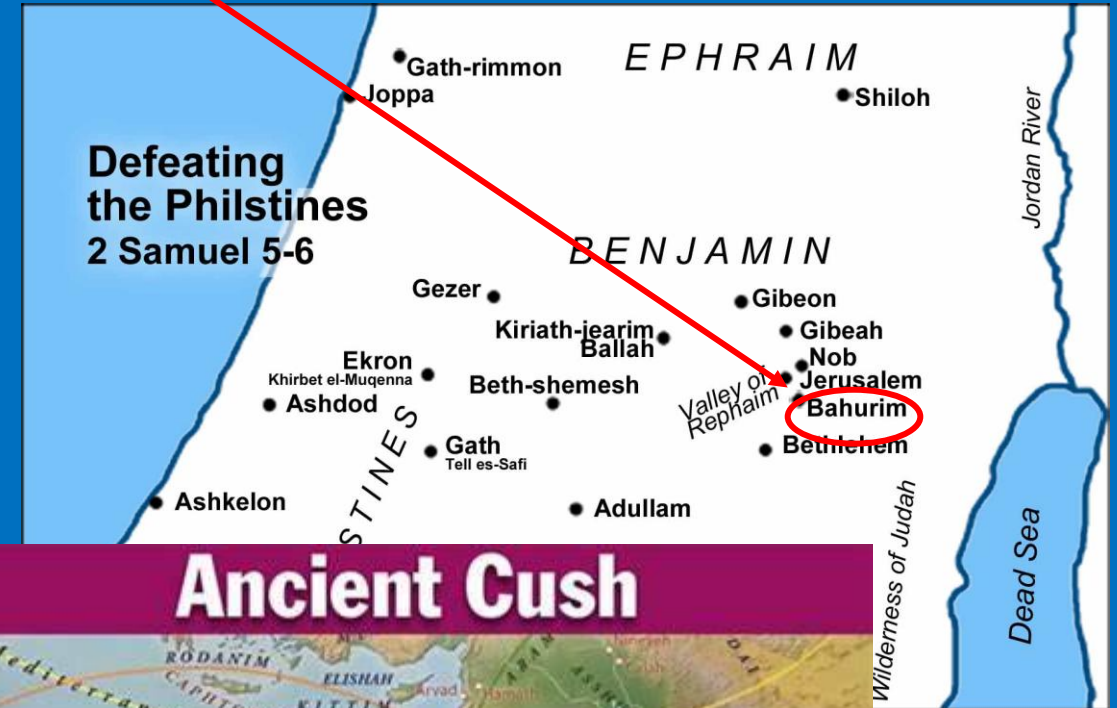
Bahurim



Bahurim

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- Possibly, Shimei charged David with the deaths of: Abner (killed by Joab, cousin to King Saul), Ish-bosheth (Saul's son anointed king temporarily, and Uriah (Bathsheba's husband). Shimei (She'-me-i), a distant relative of Saul, came from the tribe of Benjamin.
- David accepted the rebuke and continued on his way. Shimei might have resided in "Cush" (Psalm 7:1,6). []



Bahurim

- Compare David's words and actions toward Shimei with his words and actions against Nabal (1st Samuel 25:2,13). []



Vs. 15-23: Absalom Arrives in Jerusalem

- After Absalom arrived in Jerusalem, Hushai [Hu'-shy]-David's spy, came to Absalom and pledged his loyalty.



- Absalom asked for Ahithophel's advice. Ahithophel said that Absalom should go to his father's concubines. This act would show Absalom had taken over the throne.



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- Absalom pitched a tent on the roof of the palace for all to see. Absalom violated all David's concubines. This act fulfilled Nathan's prophecy in 2 Samuel 12:11-12. []
- Ahithophel's advice was perceived as a word from the Lord.



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SUMMARY

- David paid a great price for his sin against Bathsheba. David lost his kingdom, his son, his position, and his concubines. David's situation should show how sin can ruin a person's life. Though we repent before God and He cleanses us from all sin, which leads to spiritual death, the physical consequences of sin may result in great loss.
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- The Lord's Prayer should be embedded upon our hearts. Matthew 6:9-13 states, "...Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 **And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

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- Sin will never cause a Christian to lose their salvation. It can, however, cause great sorrow. With repentance, God can turn all situations into good. Romans 8:31 states, “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”
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Deuteronomy 17:16

16 'Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.' []

2nd Samuel 3:2-3

2 Sons were born to David at **Hebron**: his firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3 and his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, [and Tamar] the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur... []

Acts 1:11-12

11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

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Zechariah 14:4

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. []

Psalm 7:1, 6

- 1 O LORD my God, in You I have taken refuge; Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me... 6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries, And arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment. []

2nd Samuel 12:11-12

11 “Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. 12 Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.’” []

2nd Samuel 15:7-9

7 Now it came about at the end of (four) forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron. 8 For your servant vowed a vow while I was living at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the LORD shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.'" 9 The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. []

2nd Samuel 11:3; 23:34

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

2nd Samuel 23:34

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite...[]



2nd Samuel 16:23

23 The advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one inquired of the word of God; so was all the advice of Ahithophel regarded by both David and Absalom.

Revenge belongs to the Lord. Romans 12:19 []

1st Samuel 25 2,13

2 Now there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel; and the man was very rich, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And it came about while he was shearing his sheep in Carmel... 13 Then David said to his men, “Each *of you* strap on his sword.” So each man strapped on his sword. And David also strapped on his sword, and about four hundred men went up behind David, while two hundred stayed with the baggage. [*]

1st Samuel 14:33

33 So when Joab came to the king and told him, he summoned Absalom. Then Absalom came to the king and prostrated himself with his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

2nd Samuel 15:1

1 Now it came about after this that Absalom provided for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run ahead of him. []

2nd Samuel 15:7-9

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2nd Samuel 15:10-12

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron!’ ” 11 Then two hundred men went with Absalom from Jerusalem, who were invited and went innocently, for they did not know anything. 12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, from his city Giloh [ghee-lo], while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people continually increased with Absalom. []

2nd Samuel 15:24-29

24 Now behold, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, carrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar came up until all the people had finished crossing over from the city. 25 And the king said to Zadok, “Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the Lord, then He will bring me back and show me both it and His habitation. 26 But if He says this: ‘I have no delight in you,’ then here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him.”

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27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, “Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar (Abiathar escaped the Death of Saul when Saul killed the priests at Nob). 28 See, I am going to wait at the river crossing places of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me.” 29 So Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there. []

2nd Samuel 9:9-12

9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "Everything that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. 10 You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so that your master's grandson will have food to eat; nevertheless Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, shall eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

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11 Then Ziba said to the king, “In accordance with everything that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table as one of the king’s sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. And all who lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth. []

Matthew 7:21-23

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; leave Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

Acts 19:11-13 []

Hebrews 10:31

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Acts 19:11-13

11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. 13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had the evil spirits, saying, “I order you in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches!” []

Romans 12:19

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. []

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” []



You Are My King (Amazing Love)

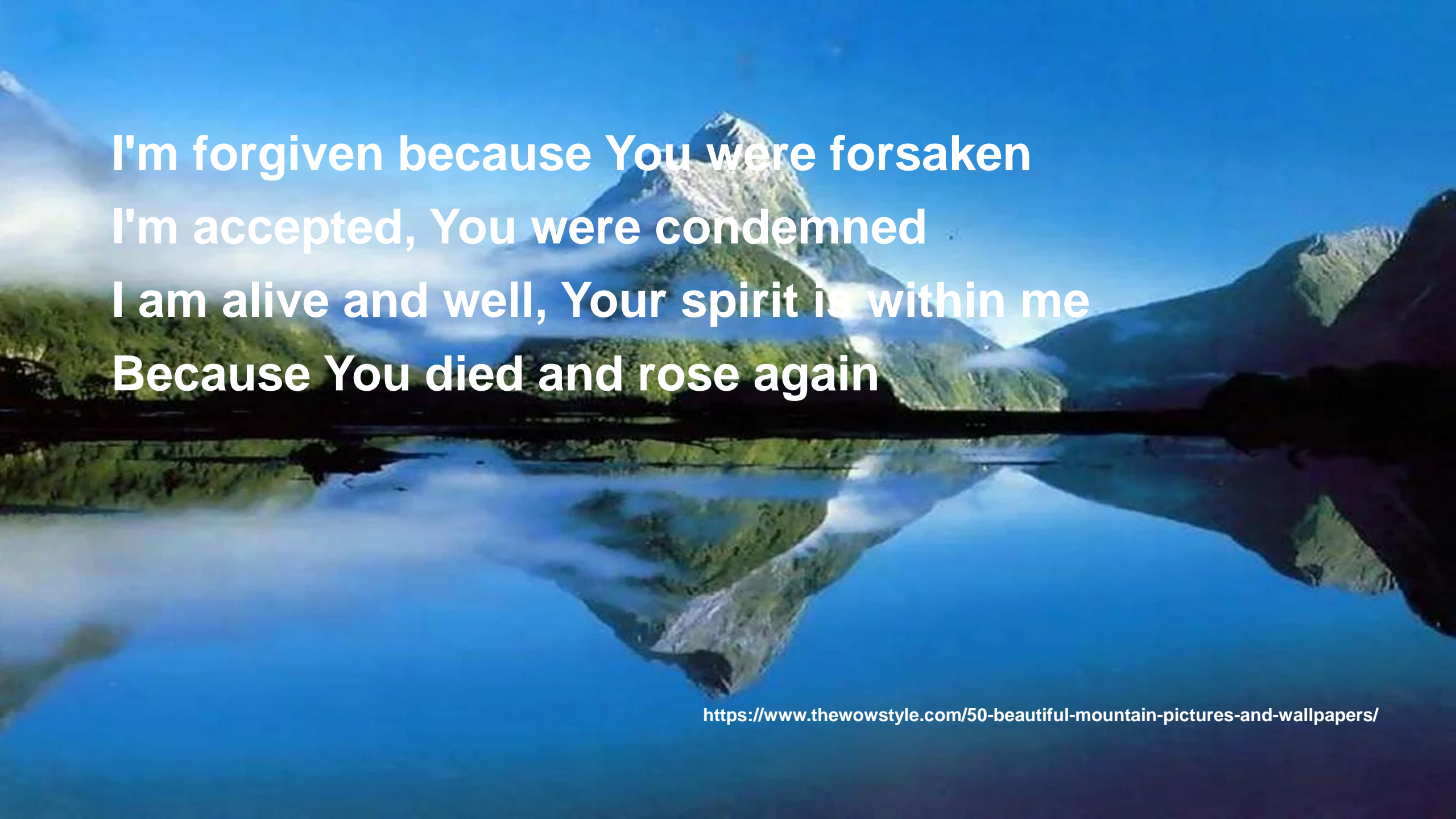
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I'm forgiven because You were forsaken

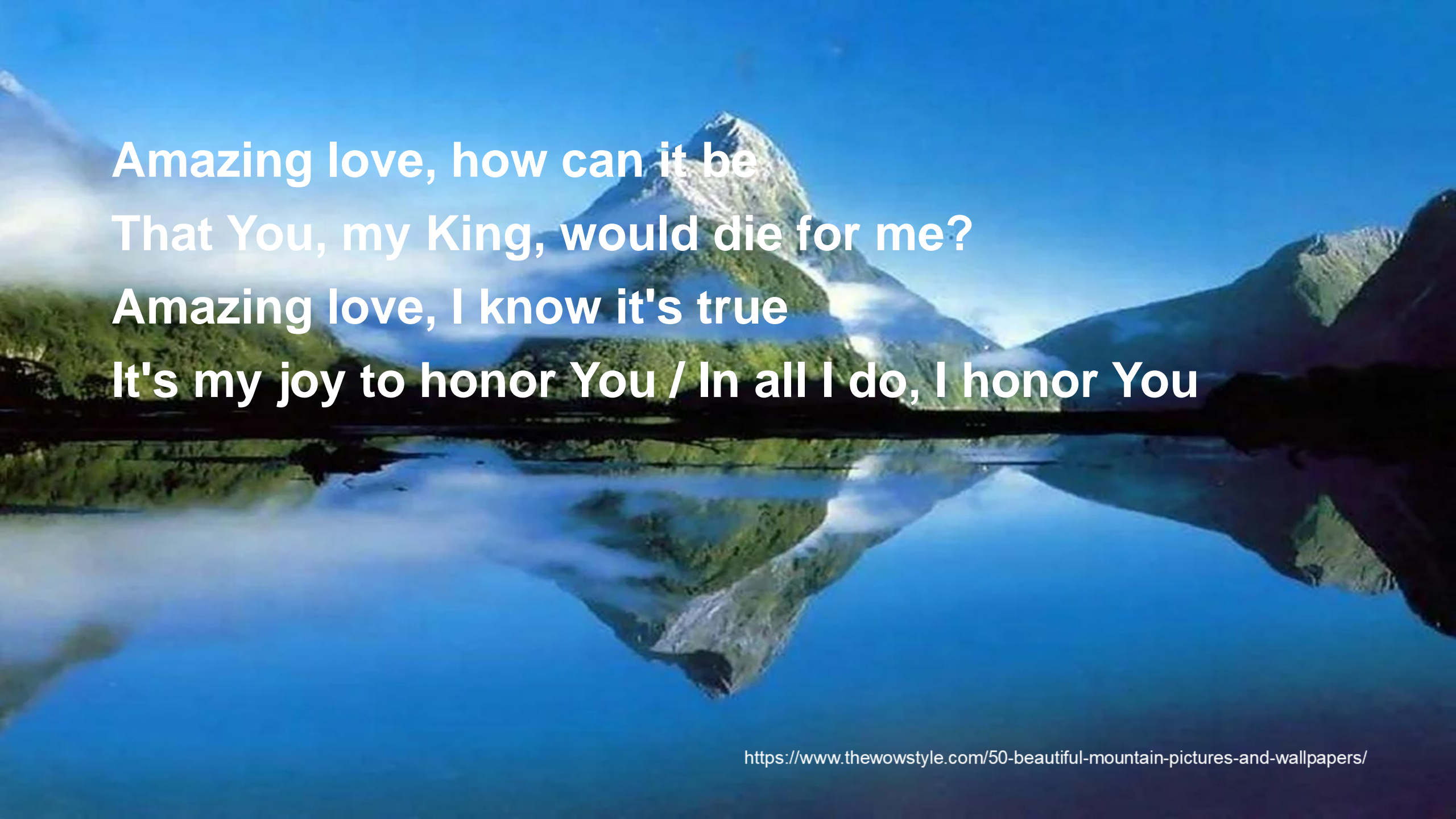
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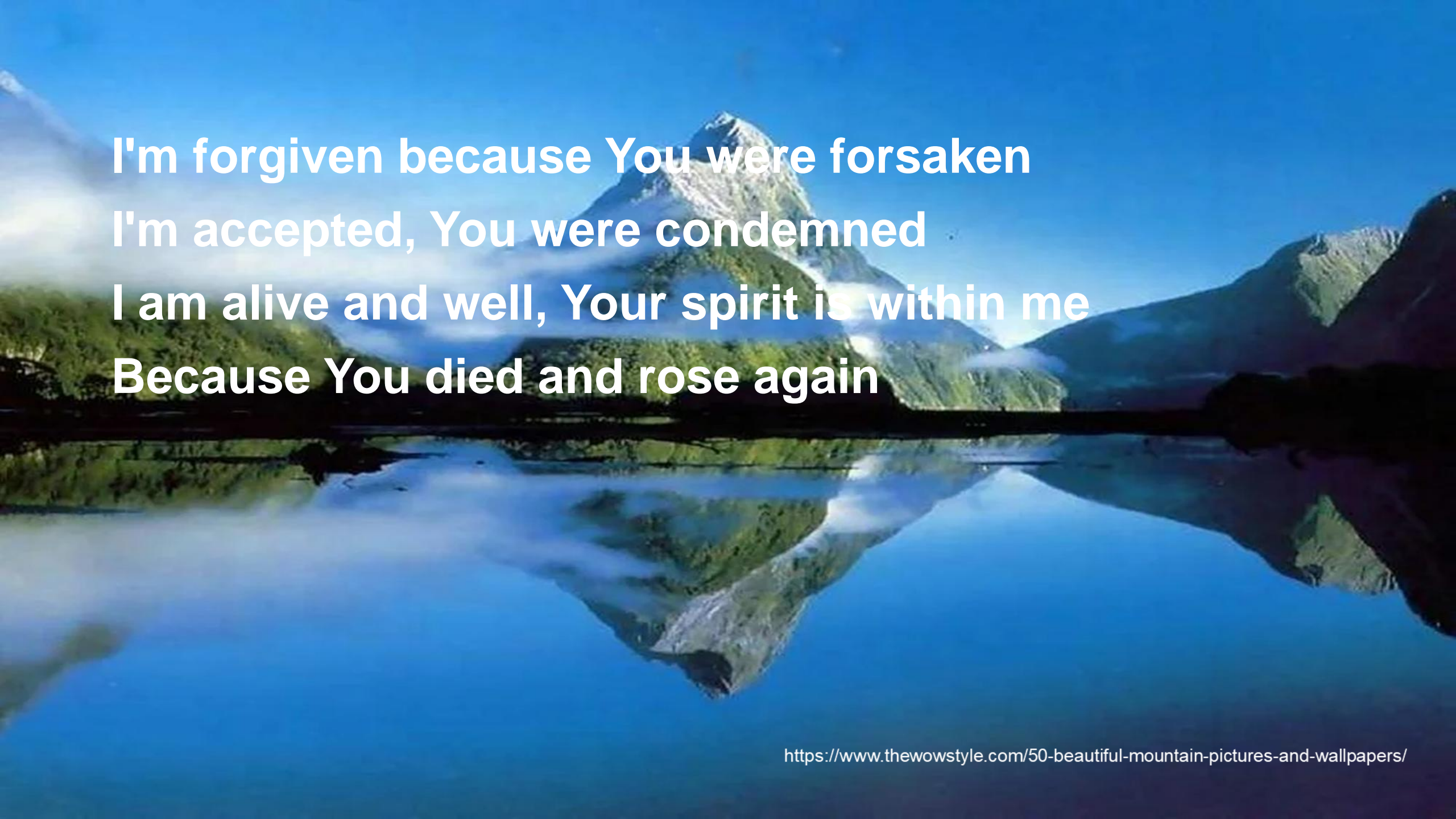
Because You died and rose again

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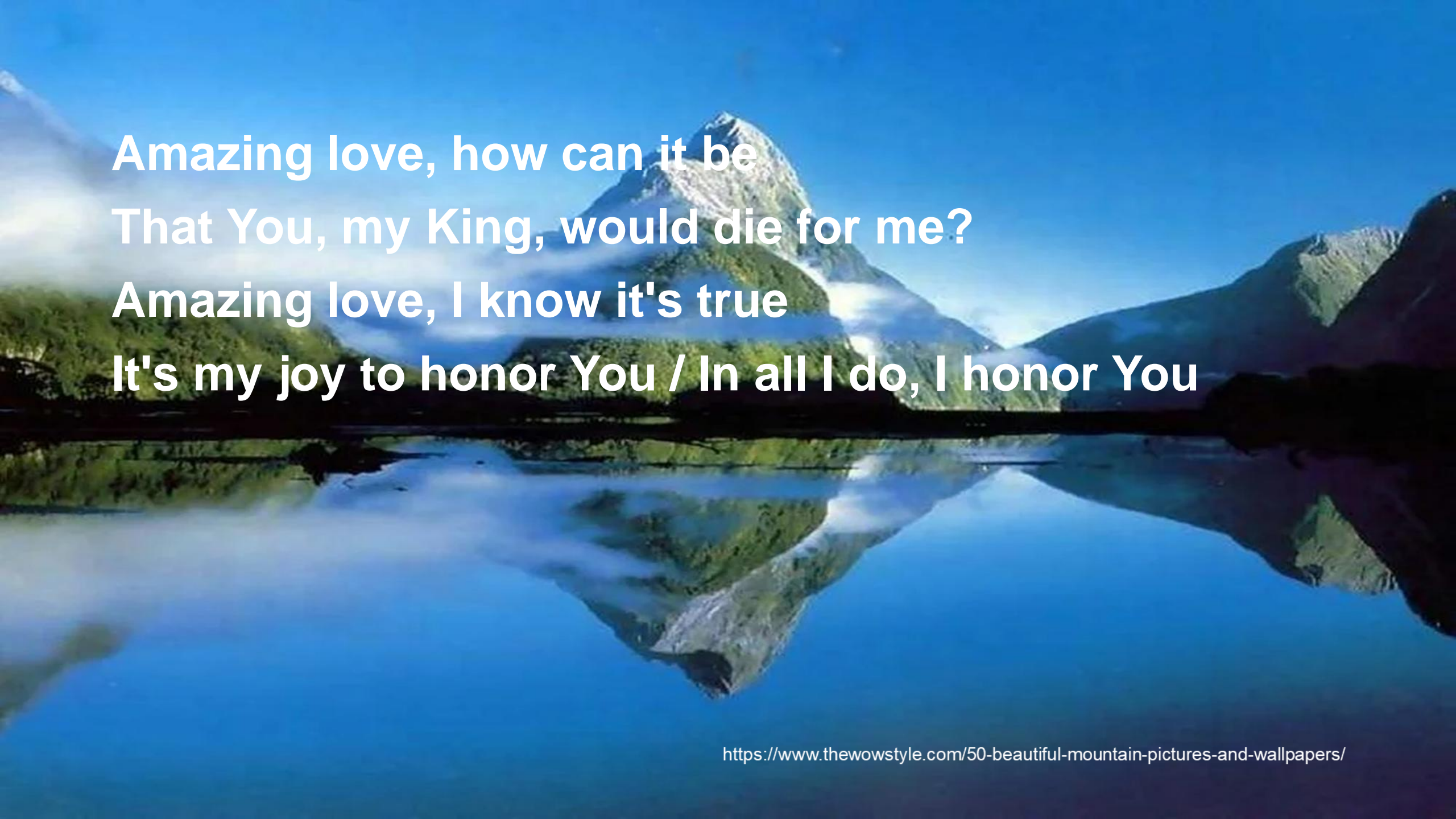
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A scenic landscape featuring a prominent mountain peak with patches of snow, reflected in a calm lake. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue, and the surrounding terrain is lush with green vegetation. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.


**Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You / In all I do, I honor You**

A scenic landscape featuring a prominent mountain peak with a snow-dusted summit, partially shrouded in mist. The mountain is reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.

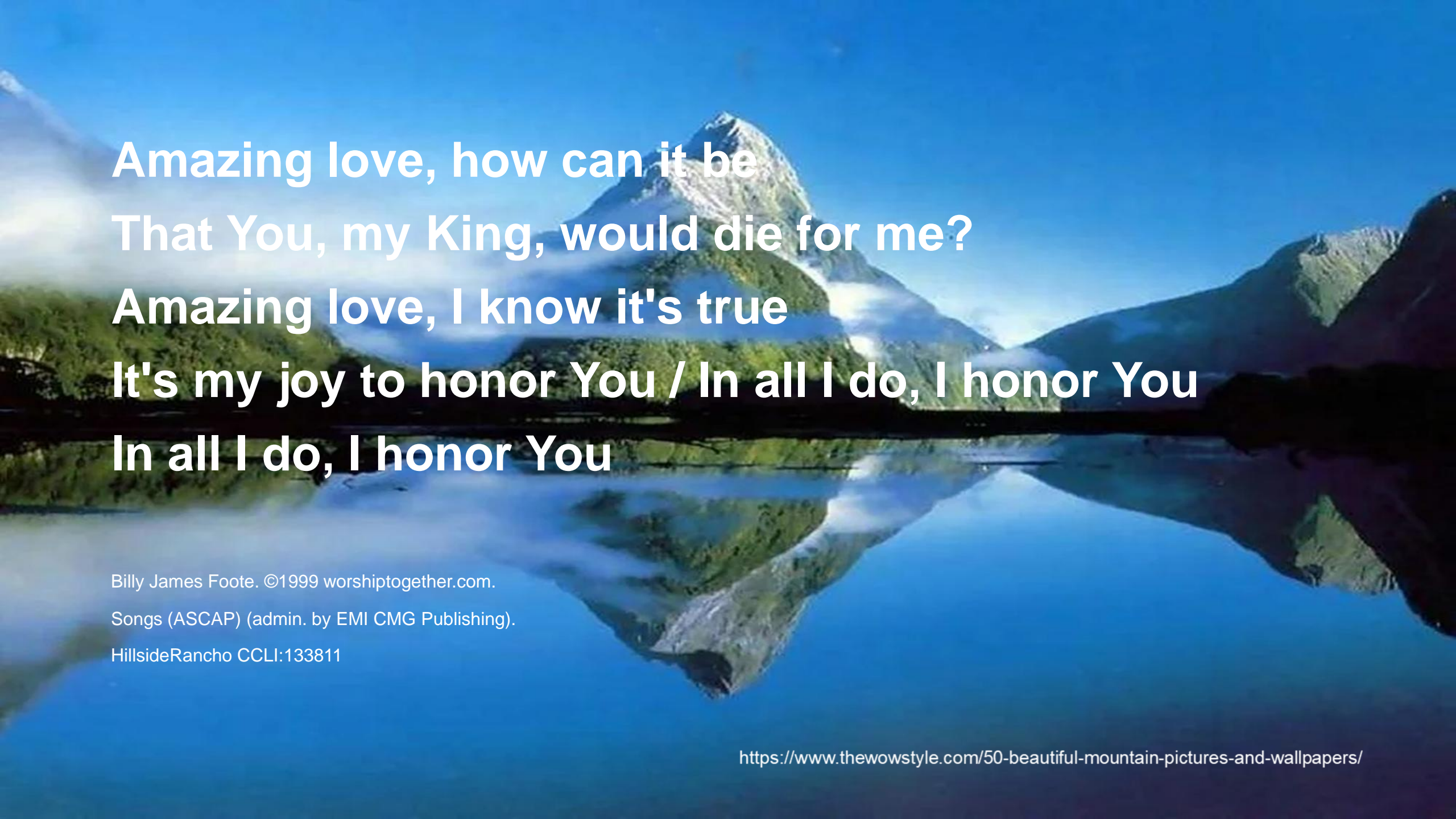
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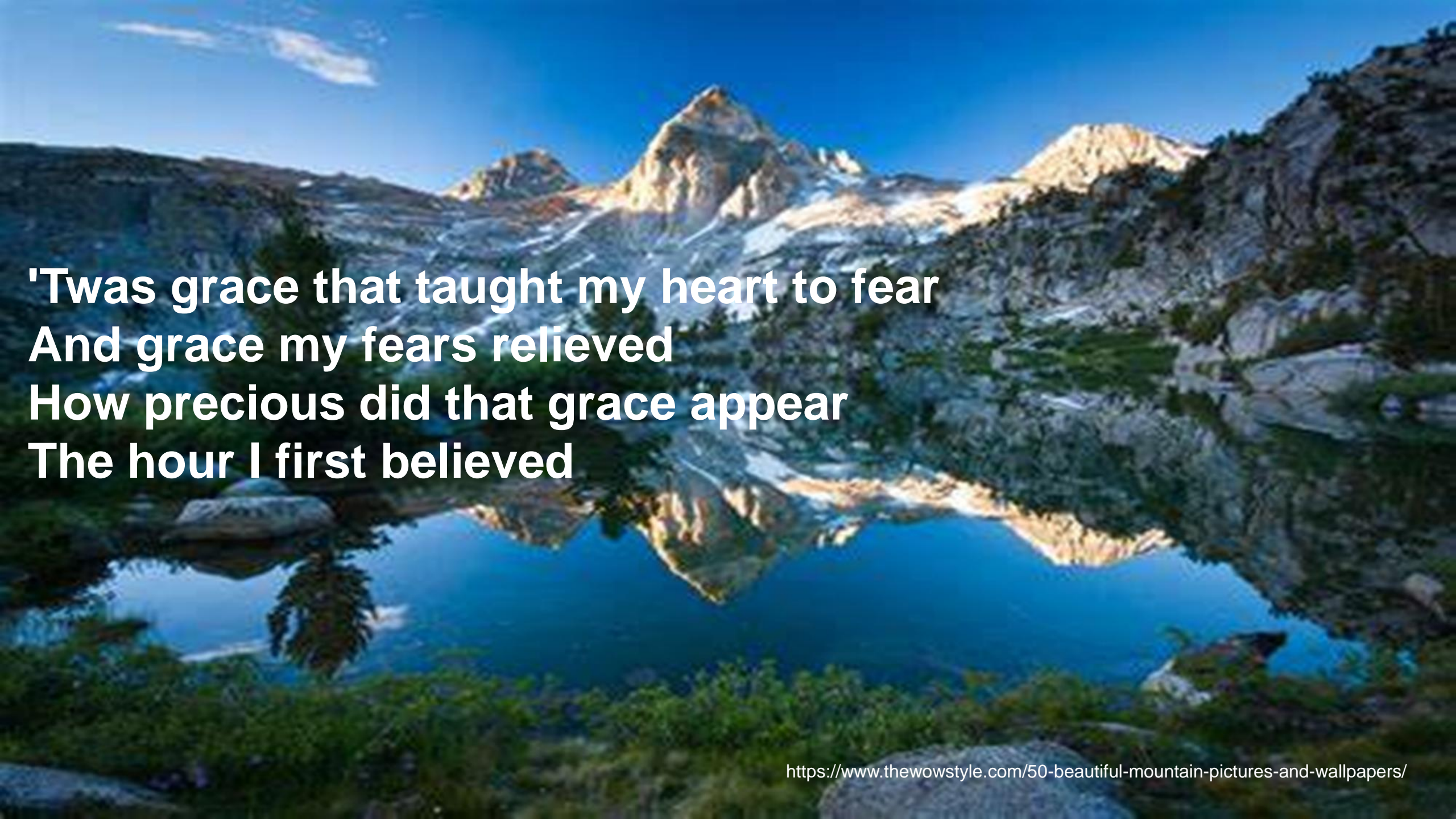
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Amazing Grace

(John Newton/Chris Tomlin)


Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

A scenic mountain landscape featuring a clear blue lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the surrounding rocky terrain and snow-capped mountain peaks. The sky is a deep, clear blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is serene and majestic.


**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

A scenic mountain landscape featuring a clear blue lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the surrounding environment. The lake is nestled in a valley, surrounded by lush green trees and rocky terrain. In the background, several rugged mountain peaks rise against a bright blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The peaks are partially covered in snow or light-colored rock, and their reflection is clearly visible in the calm water. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.

**Through many dangers, toils,
and snares
I have already come
'Twas grace that brought me
safe thus far
And grace will lead me home**



**My chains are gone, I've been
set free
My God, my Savior has
rescued me
And like a flood His mercy
rains
Unending love, amazing grace**



**When we've been there ten
thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing
God's praise
Than when we first begun**