



Life Church Smyrna
Sunday, July 22, 2018 | 10:30am
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The King & The Kingdom | Awaiting the Arrival of the King

Loving God! Loving People! Loving Life!

Micah 5:1-3 Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.

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Micah is quick to follow up with:

But God is going to rebuild

He's prophesying a new King and a new Kingdom

God's going to destroy, but then he's going to rebuild a new Kingdom around a new King.

³² *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,* ³³ *and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."* **Luke 1:32-33**

So God is about to destroy, eventually God is going to rebuild, but you're going to feel like an abandoned people until he does.

Consider these questions:

- Does God's silence equal God abandoning? _____
- When we call out to him and we hear no answer and see no change, does it mean God has abandoned us? _____
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Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Not only was God still with his people, but he was preparing them and the world for the arrival of the Promise; the arrival of the King.

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The promise of Jesus' reign. We hold it in tension has having arrived, yet not being complete in its fulfillment. Yet we hold onto its promises.

Micah 5:4-6; Psalm 23; John 10:28; Isaiah 43:2-3

If you're in a season of abandonment, remember

1) God is with you

Abandonment was to last until the son was born. Jesus has come, God with us. Abandonment and it accompanying fear have been destroyed.

2) God is preparing you

God is working behind the scenes to prepare people, places and even your own heart to receive his promise.

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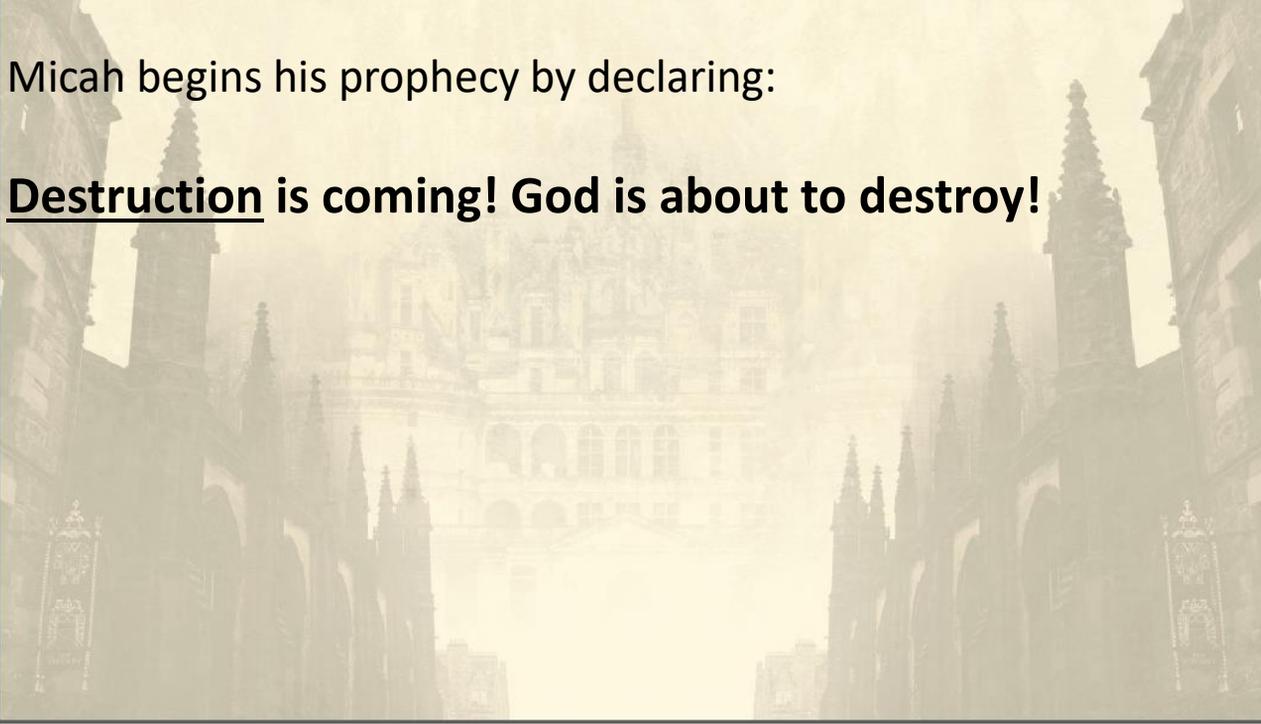
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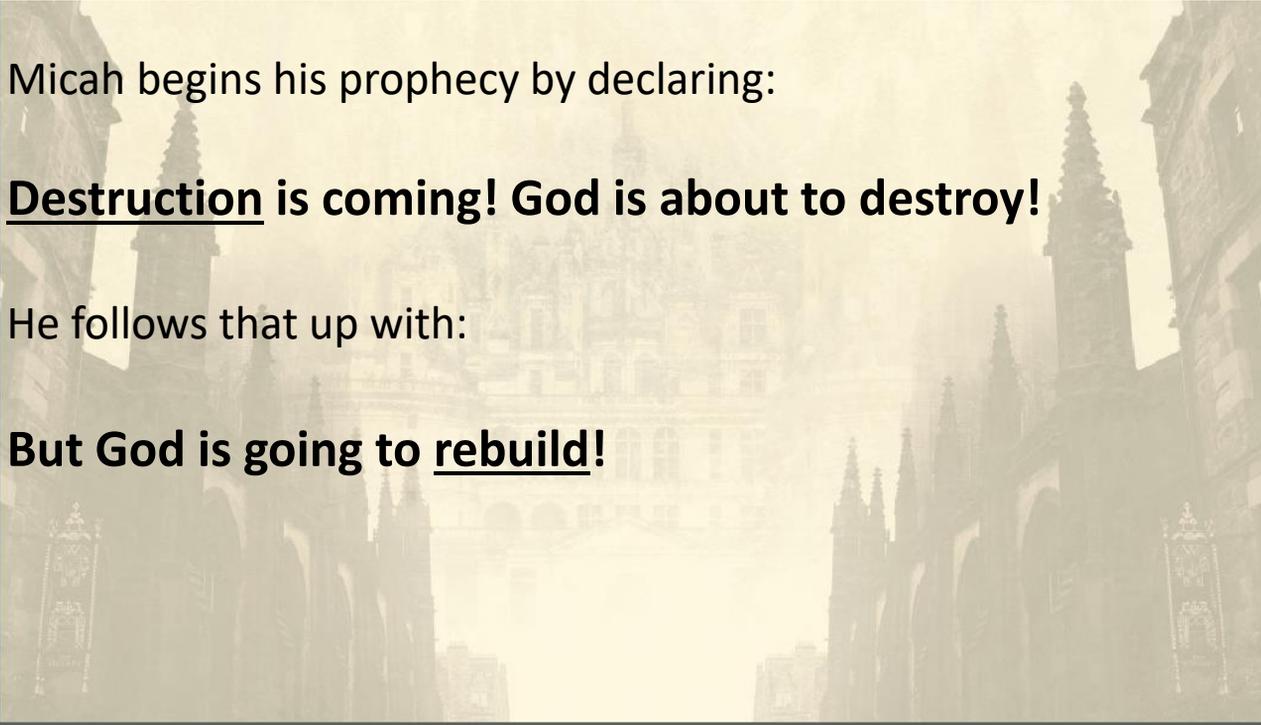
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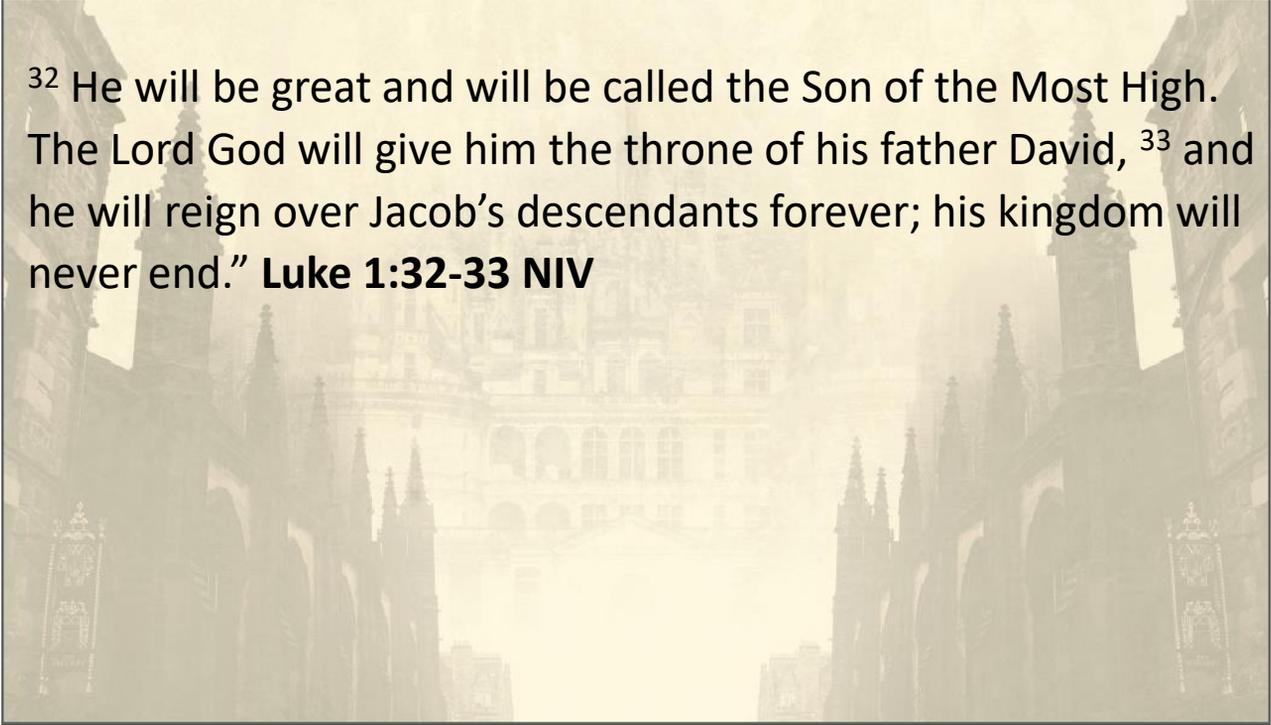


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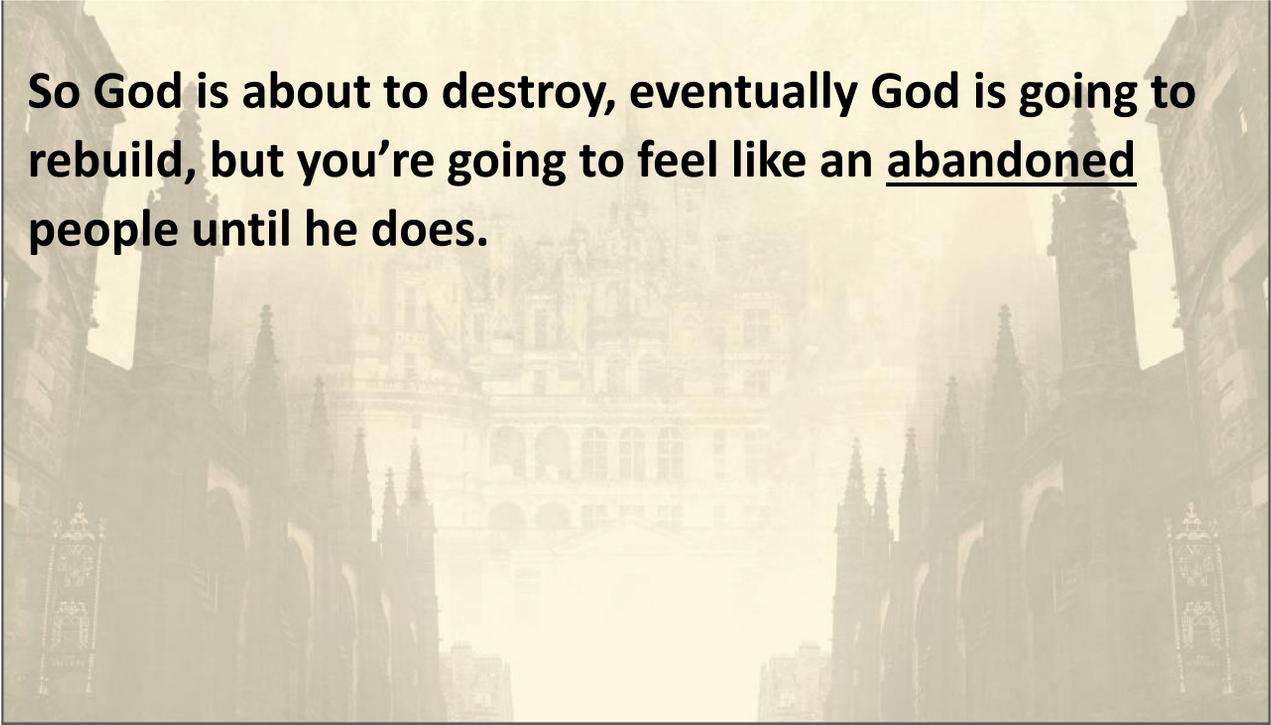
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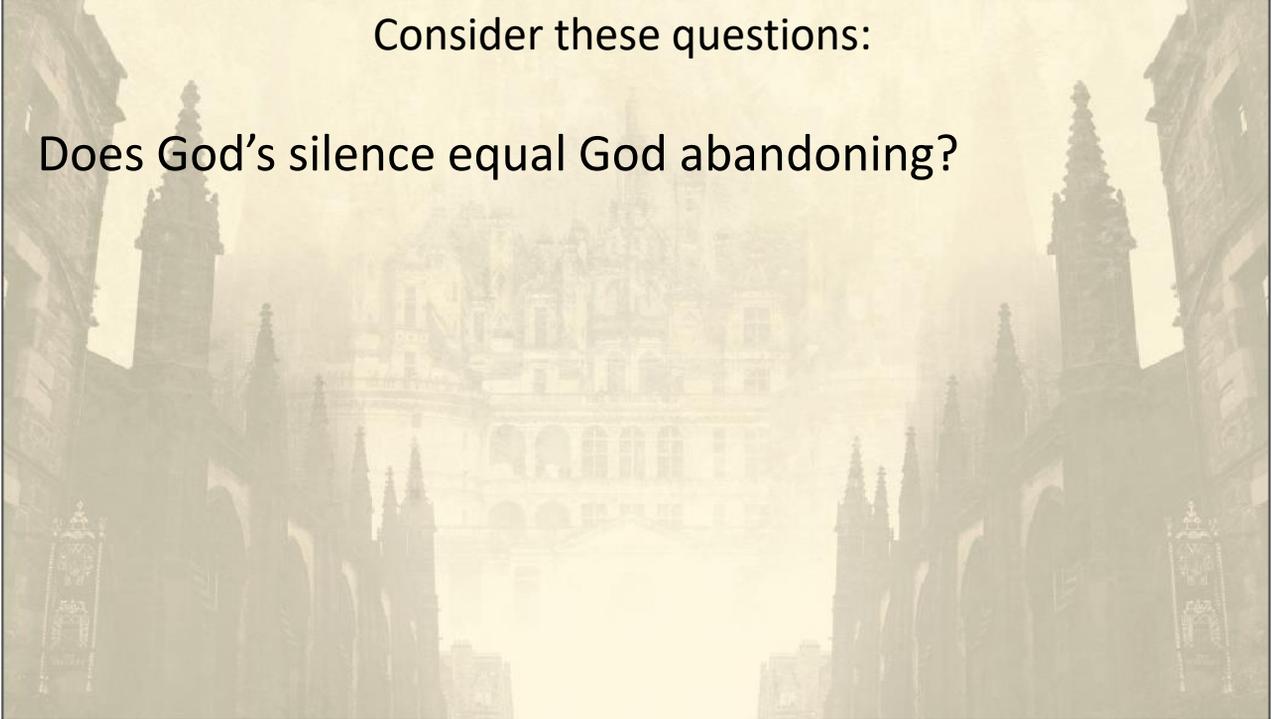
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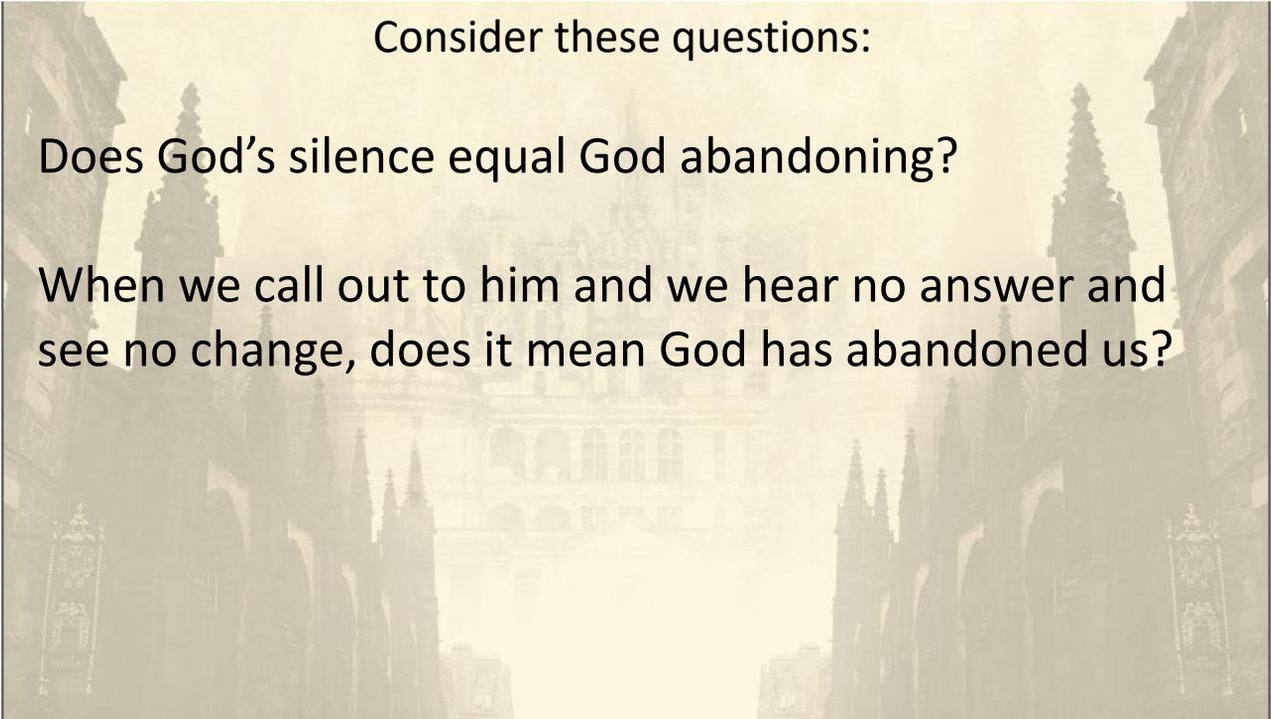


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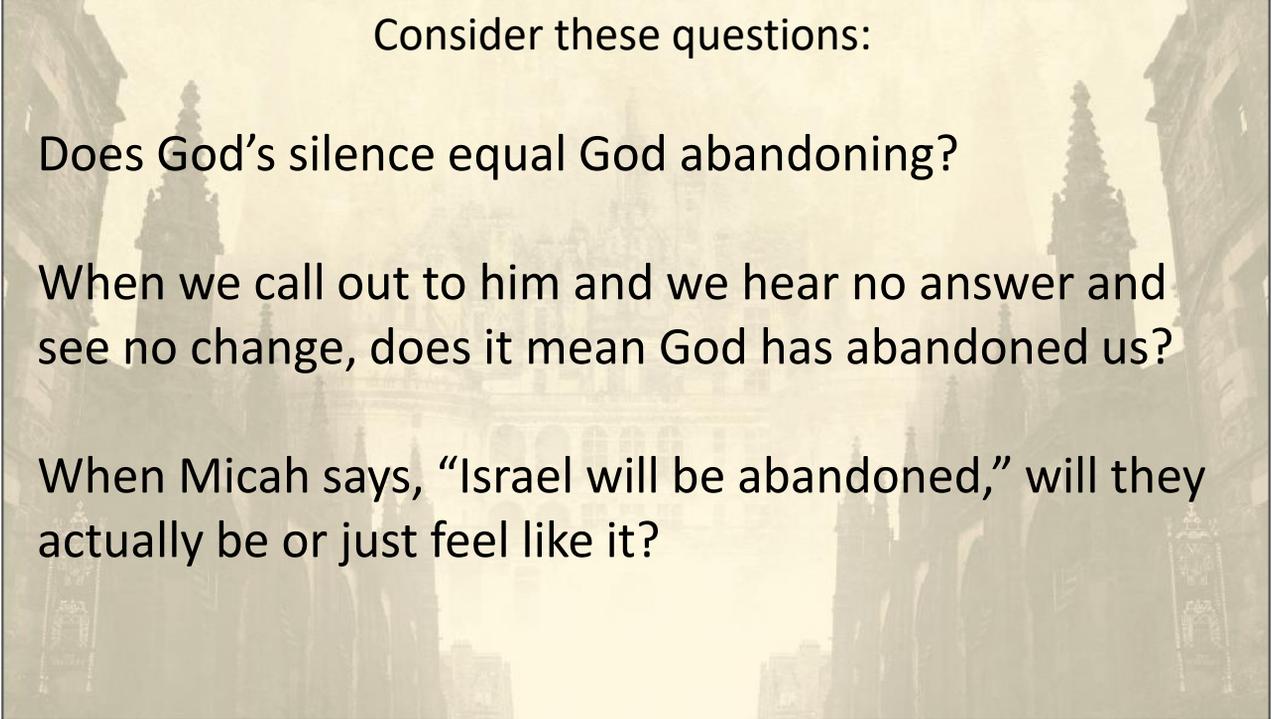
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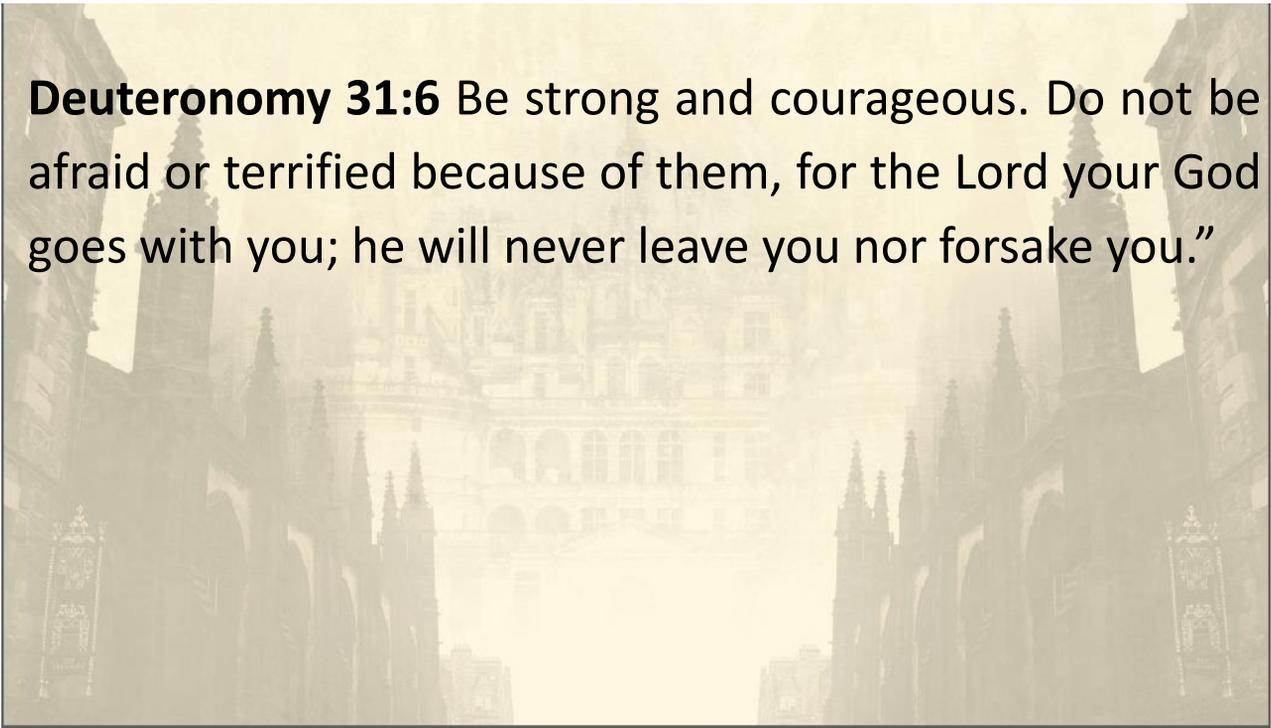


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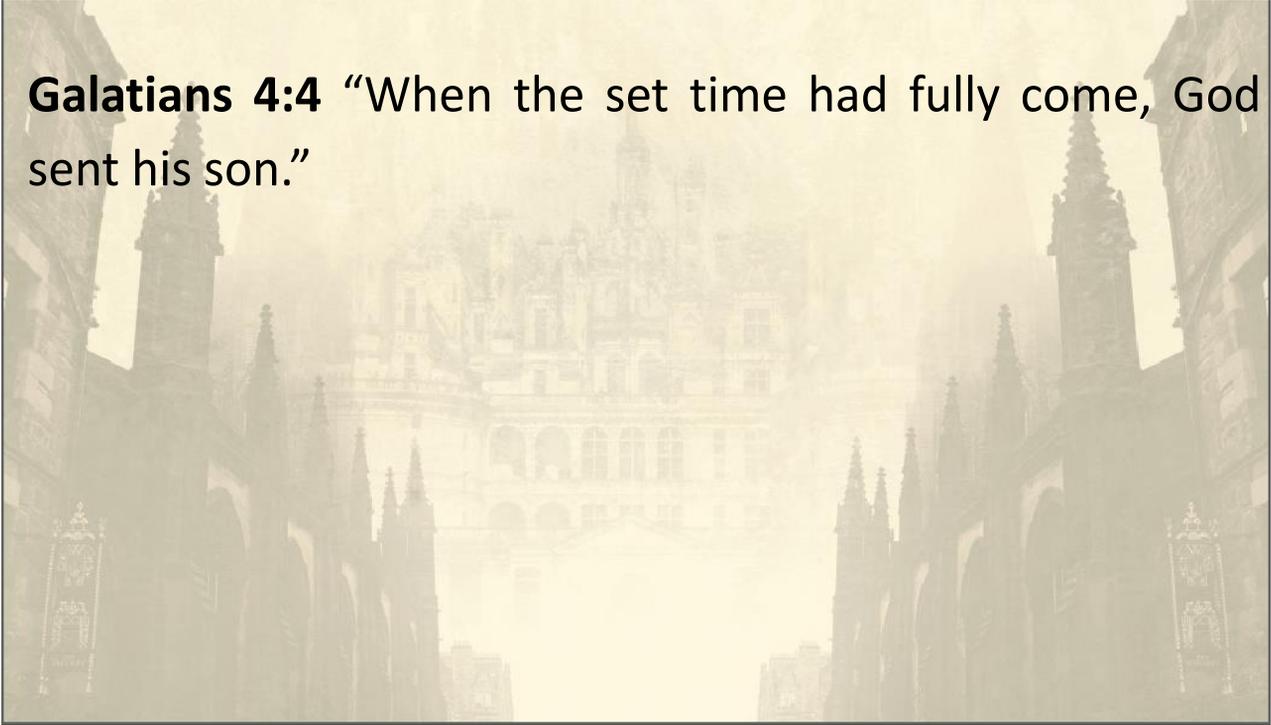
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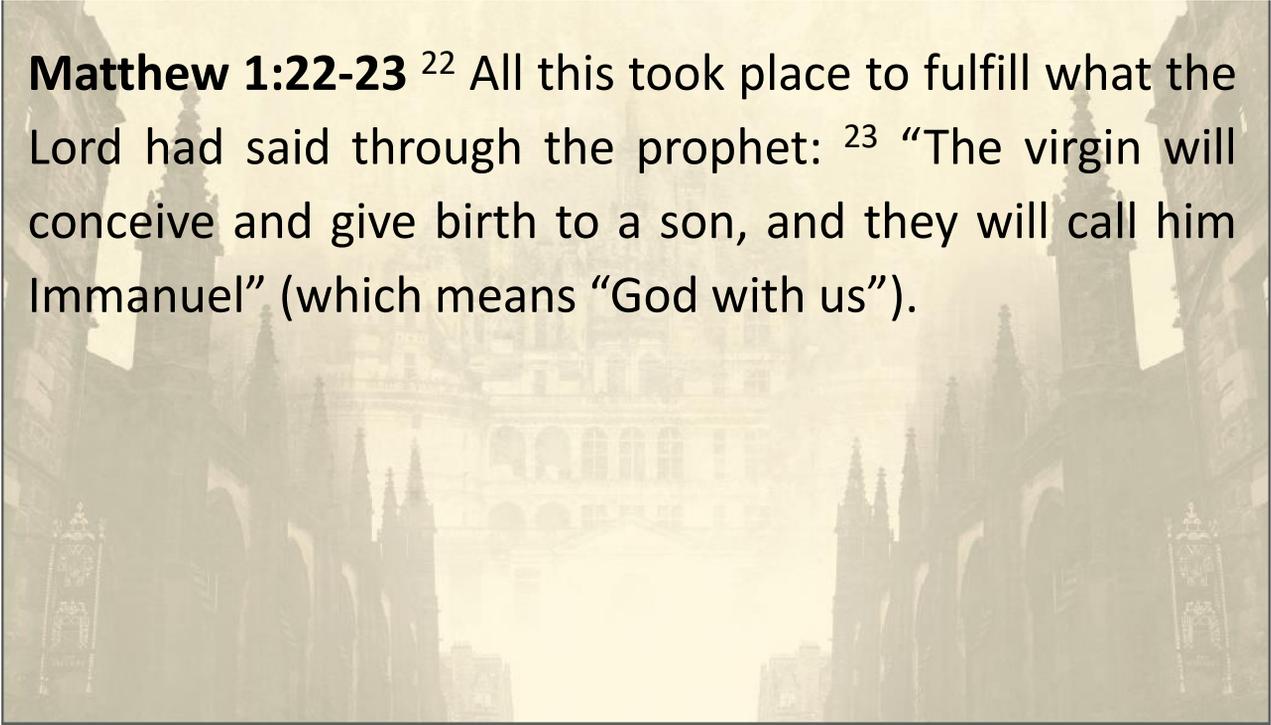
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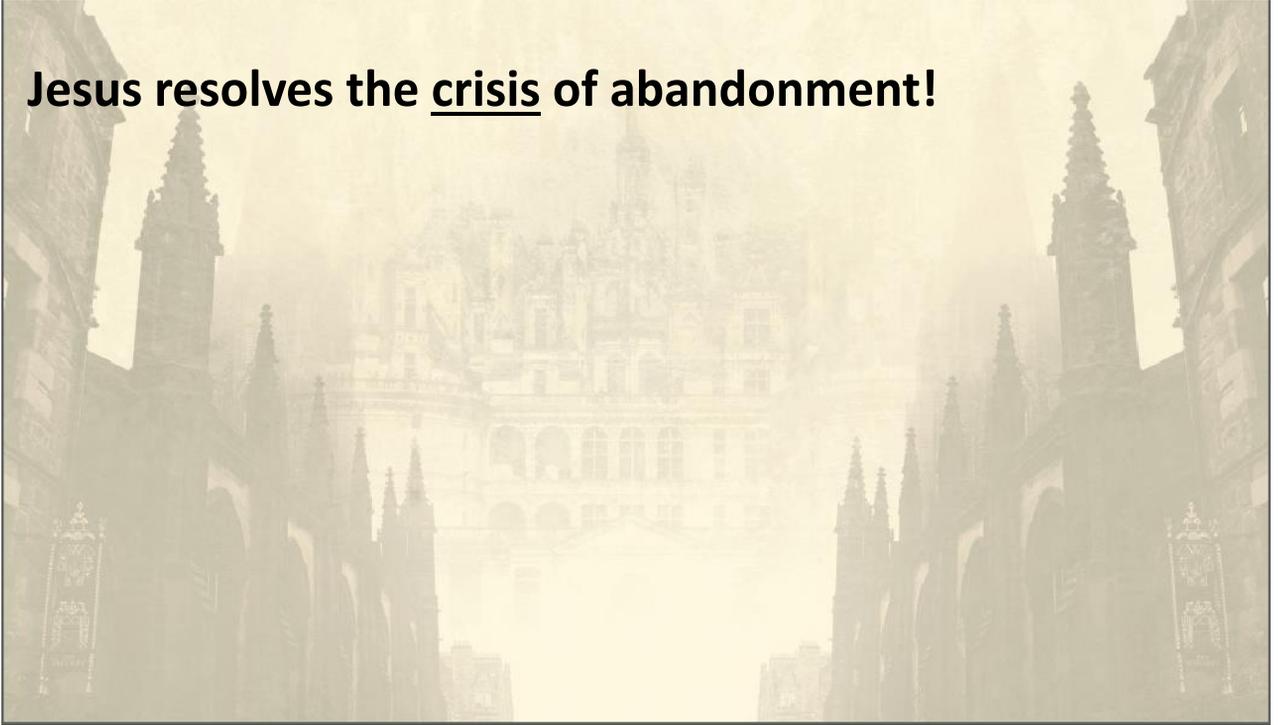


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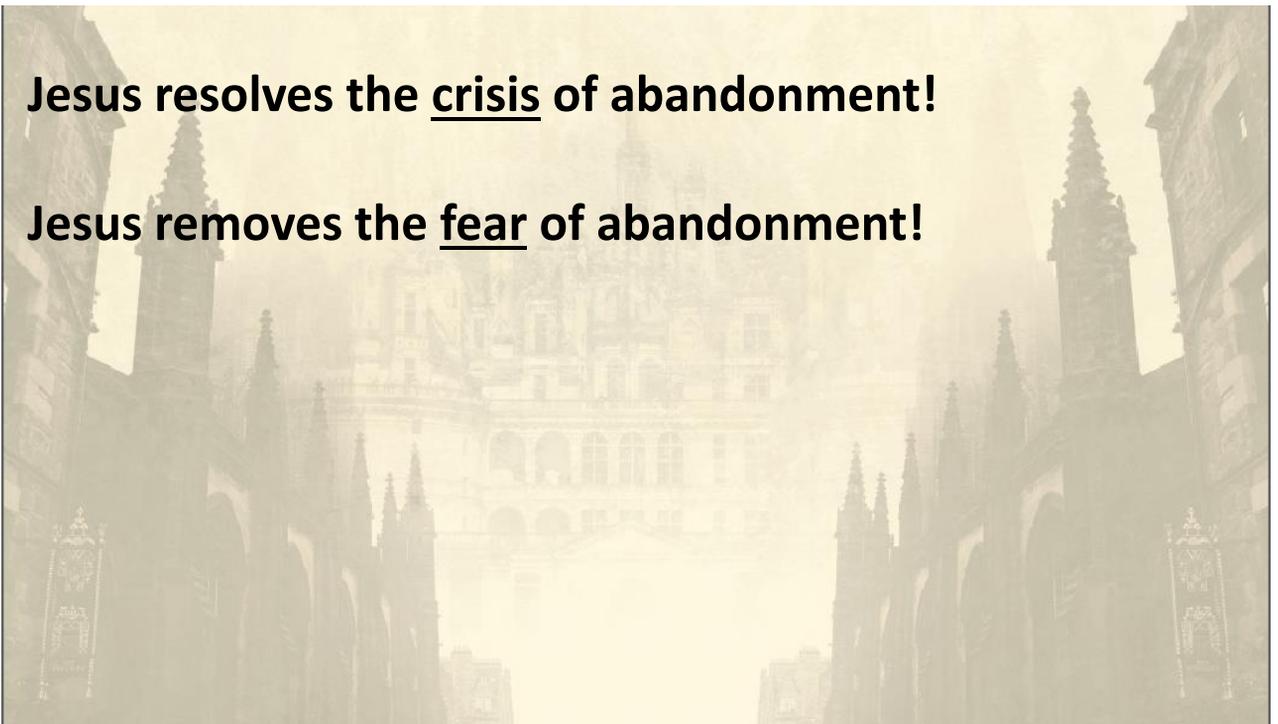
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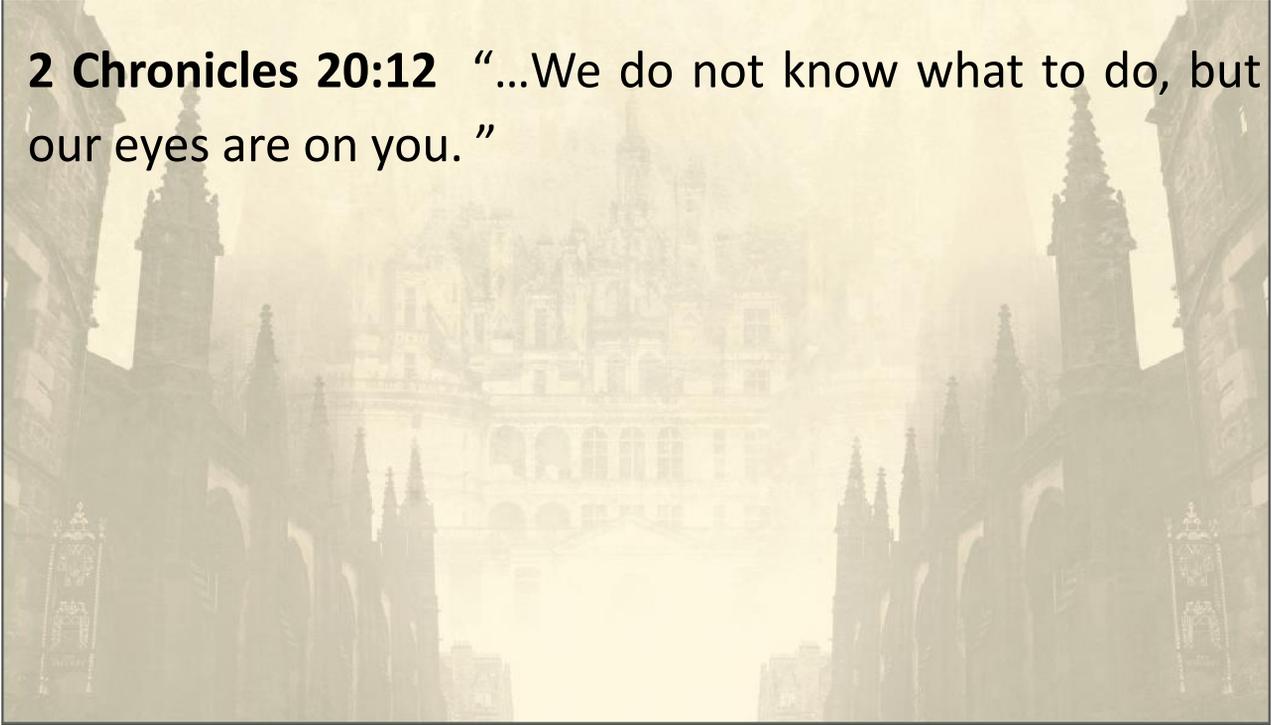
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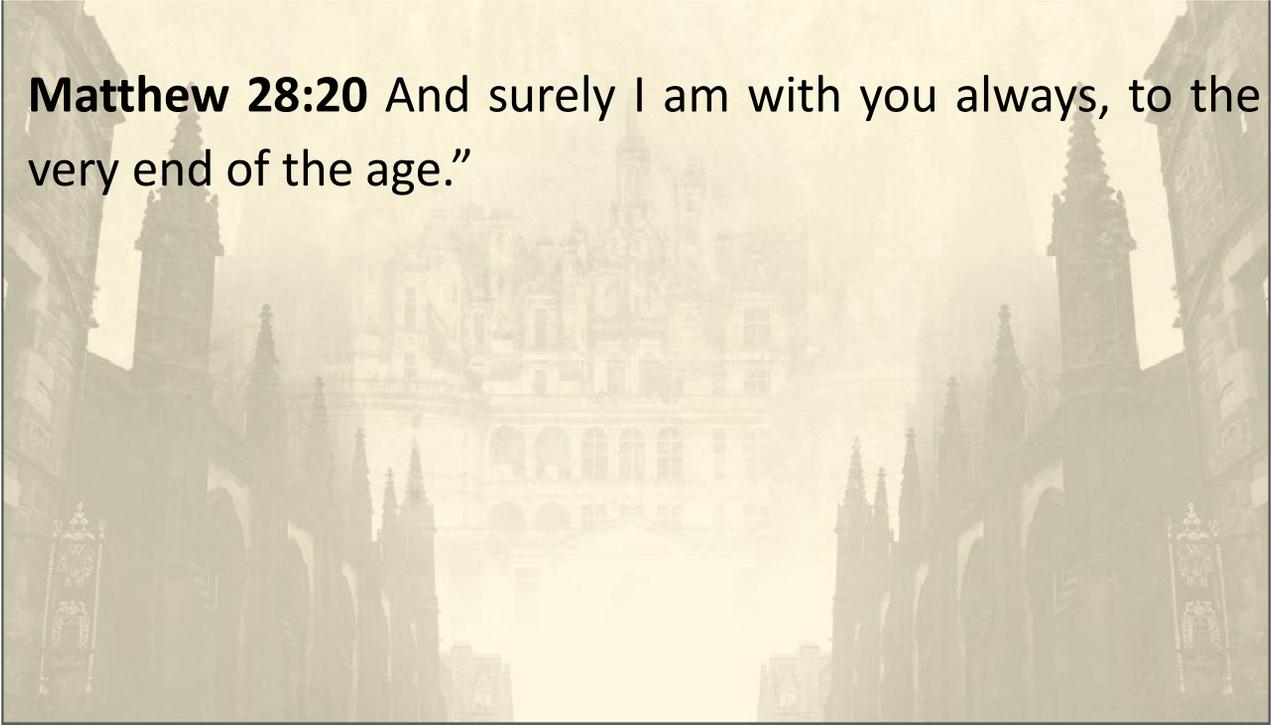
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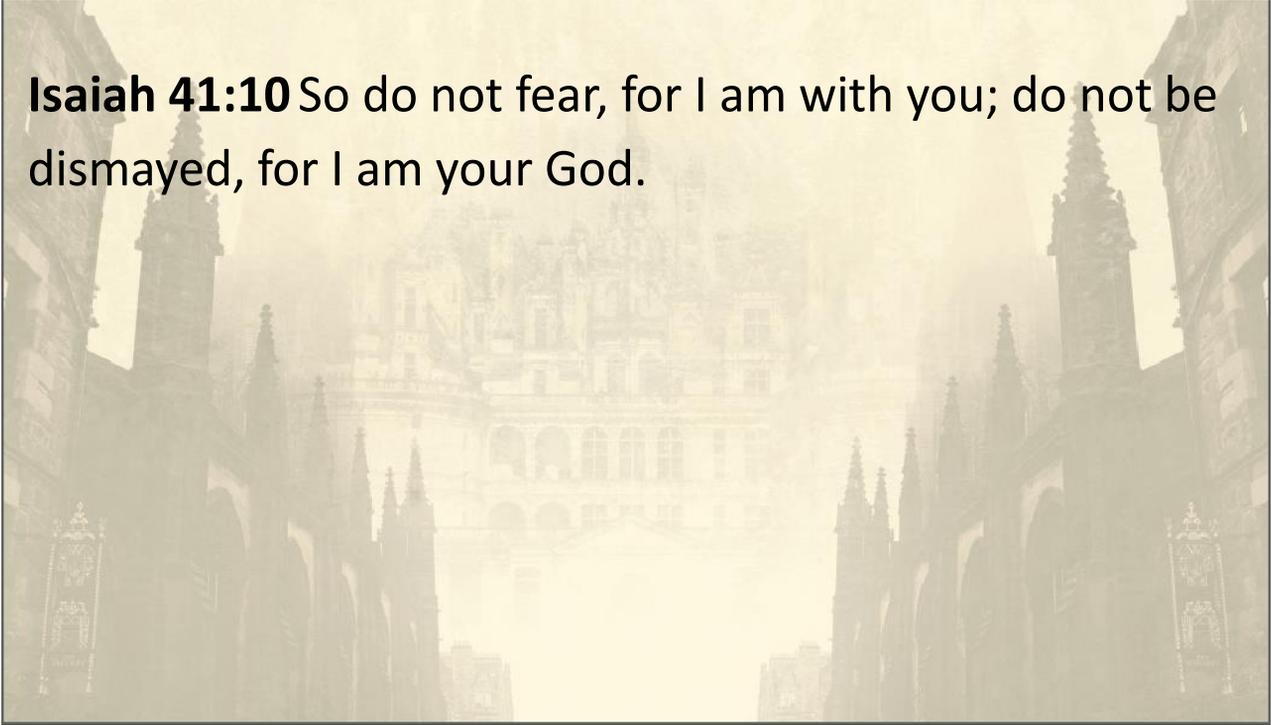




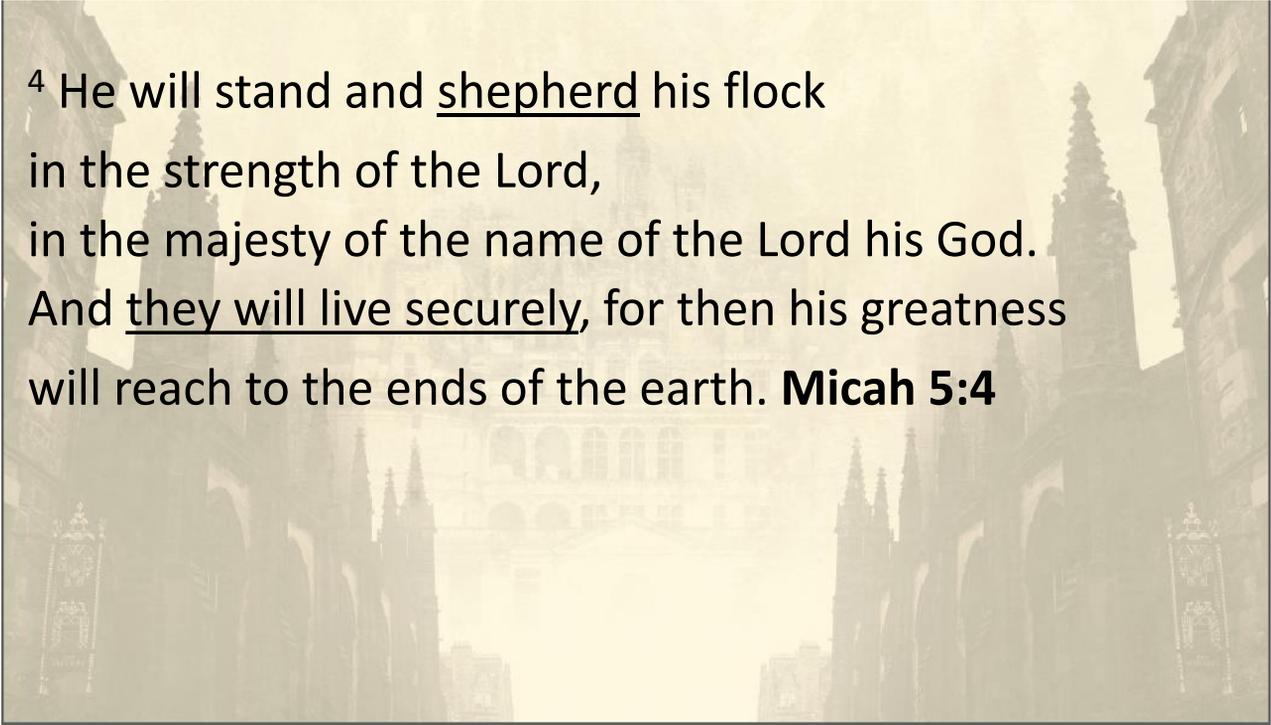
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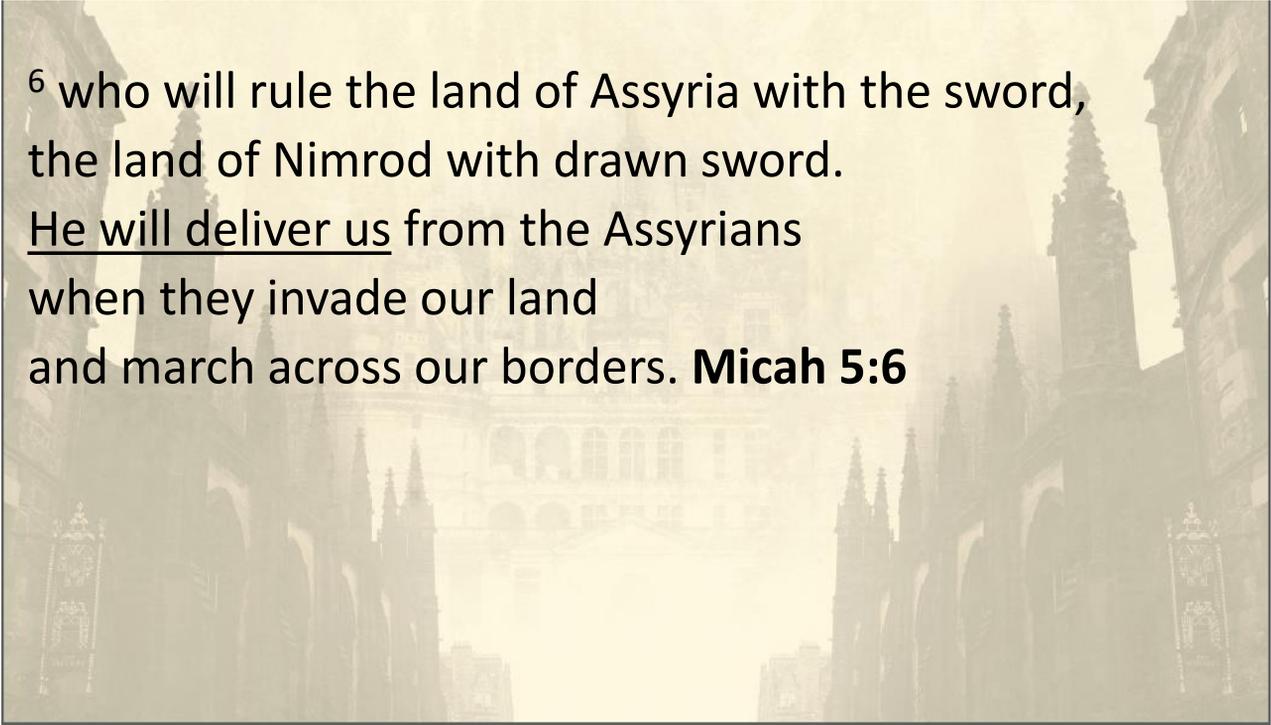
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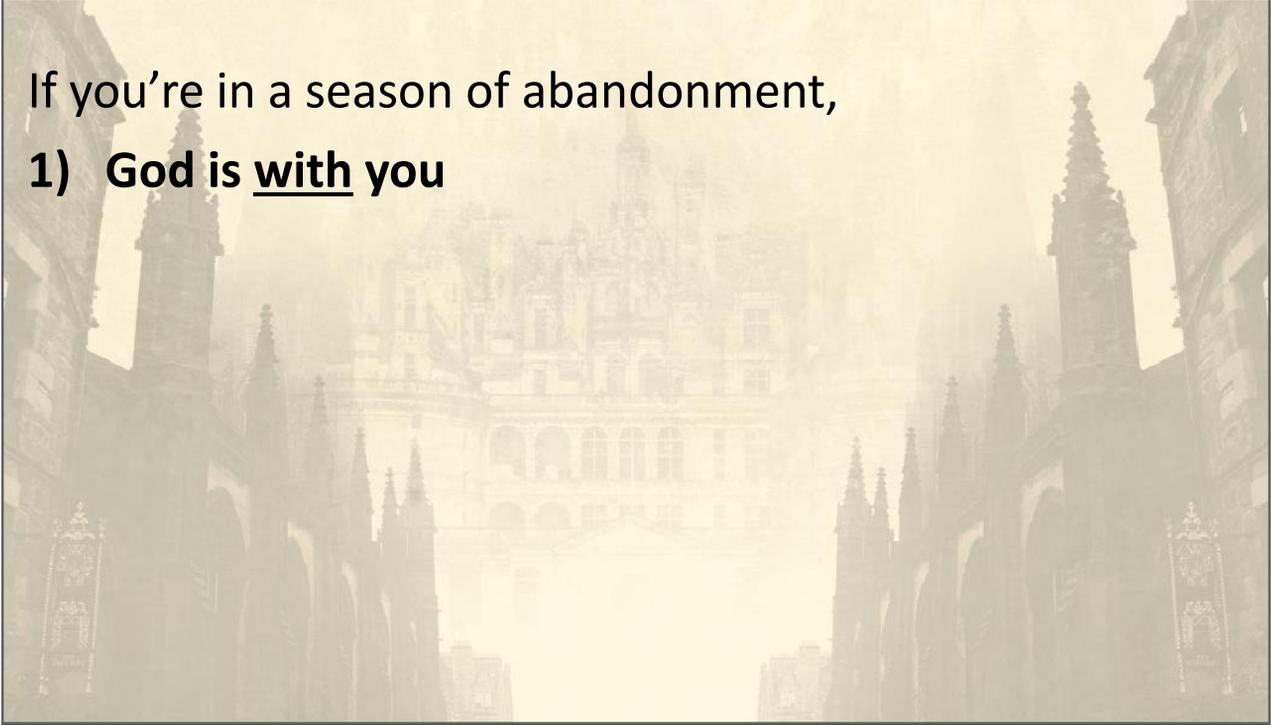
⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth. **Micah 5:4**



⁵ And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.
We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders, Micah 5:5

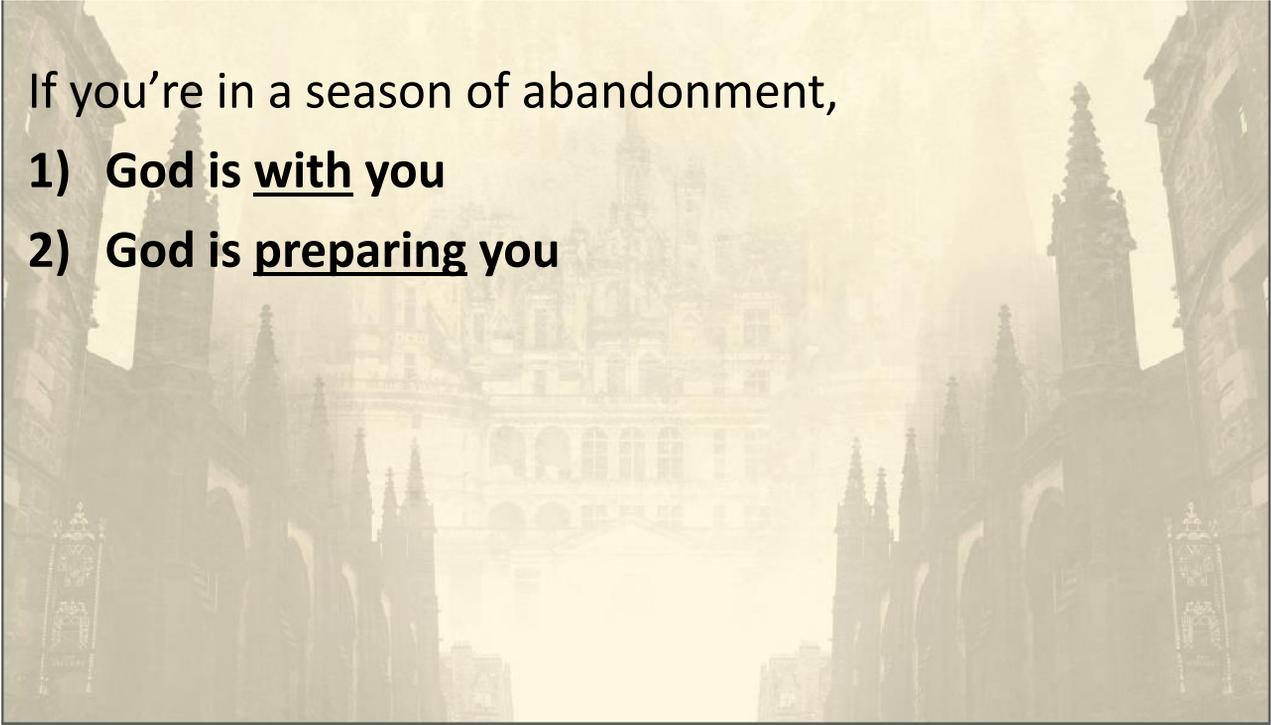


⁶ who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword,
the land of Nimrod with drawn sword.
He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land
and march across our borders. **Micah 5:6**



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