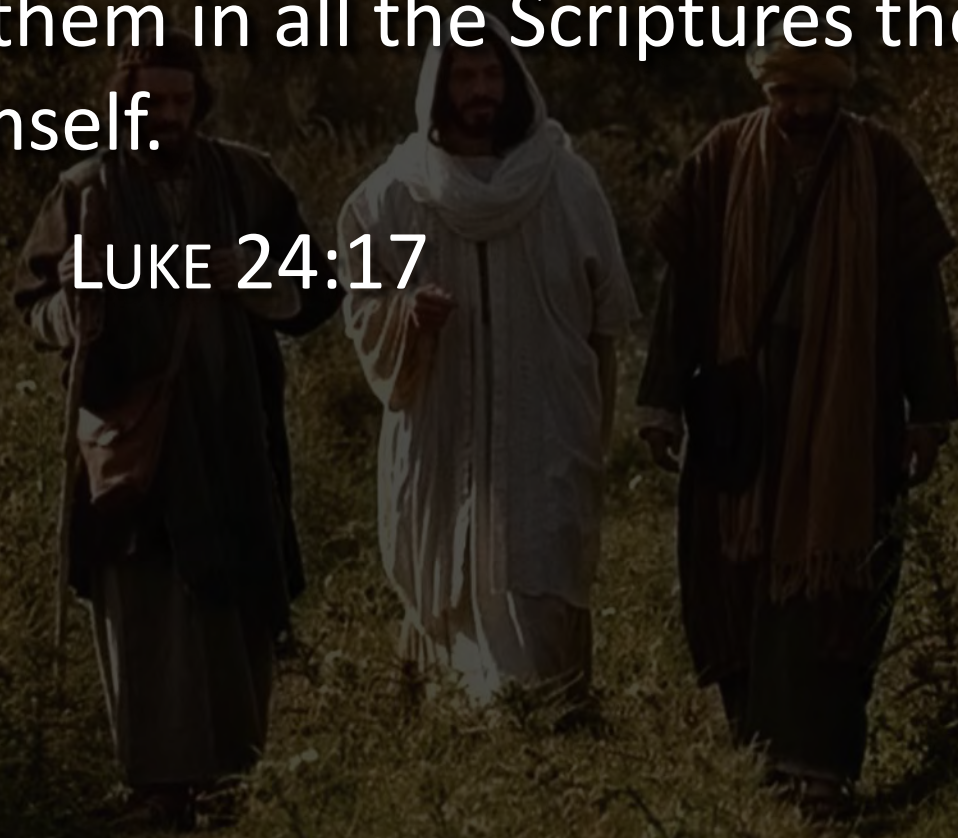


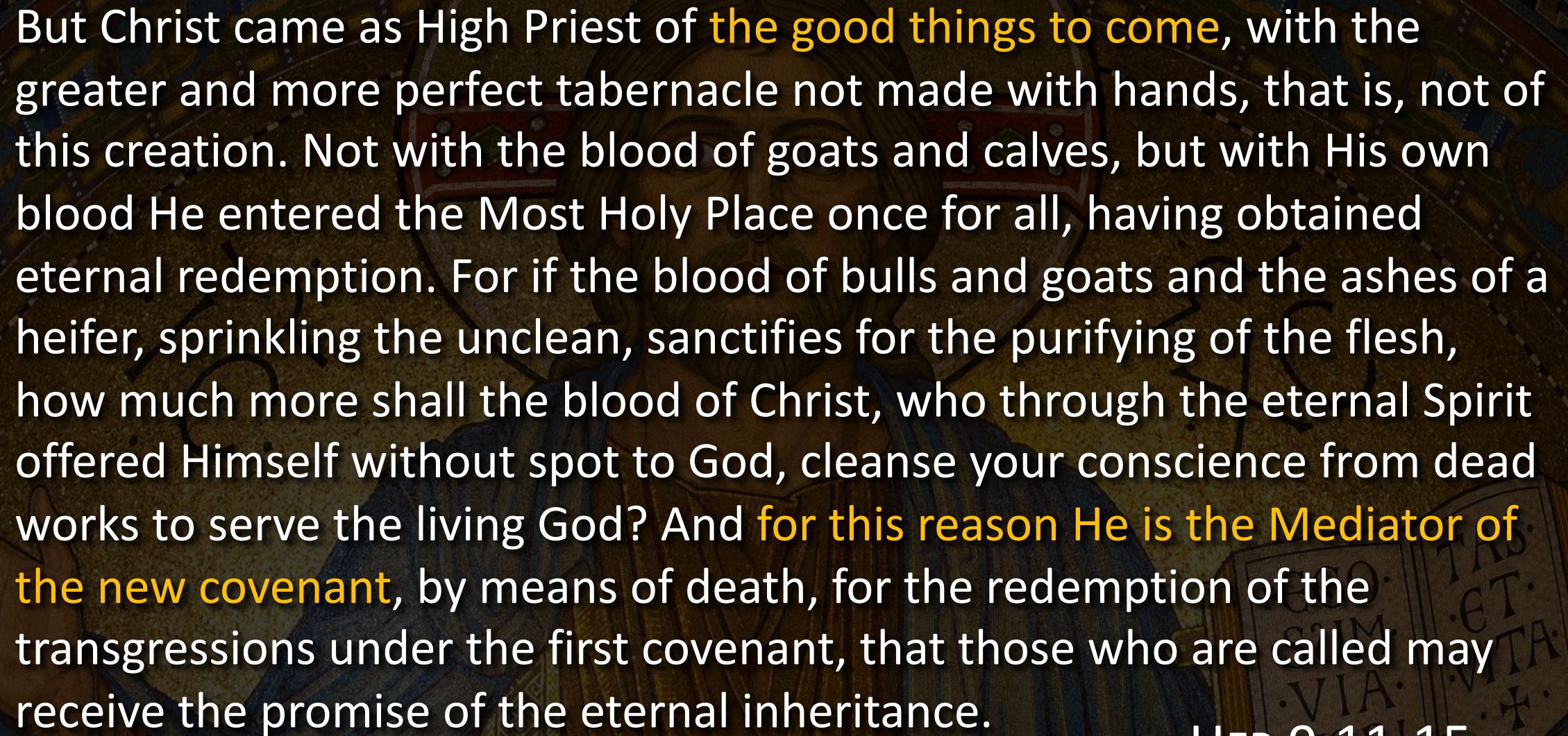
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THE CROSS AND THE COVENANT

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

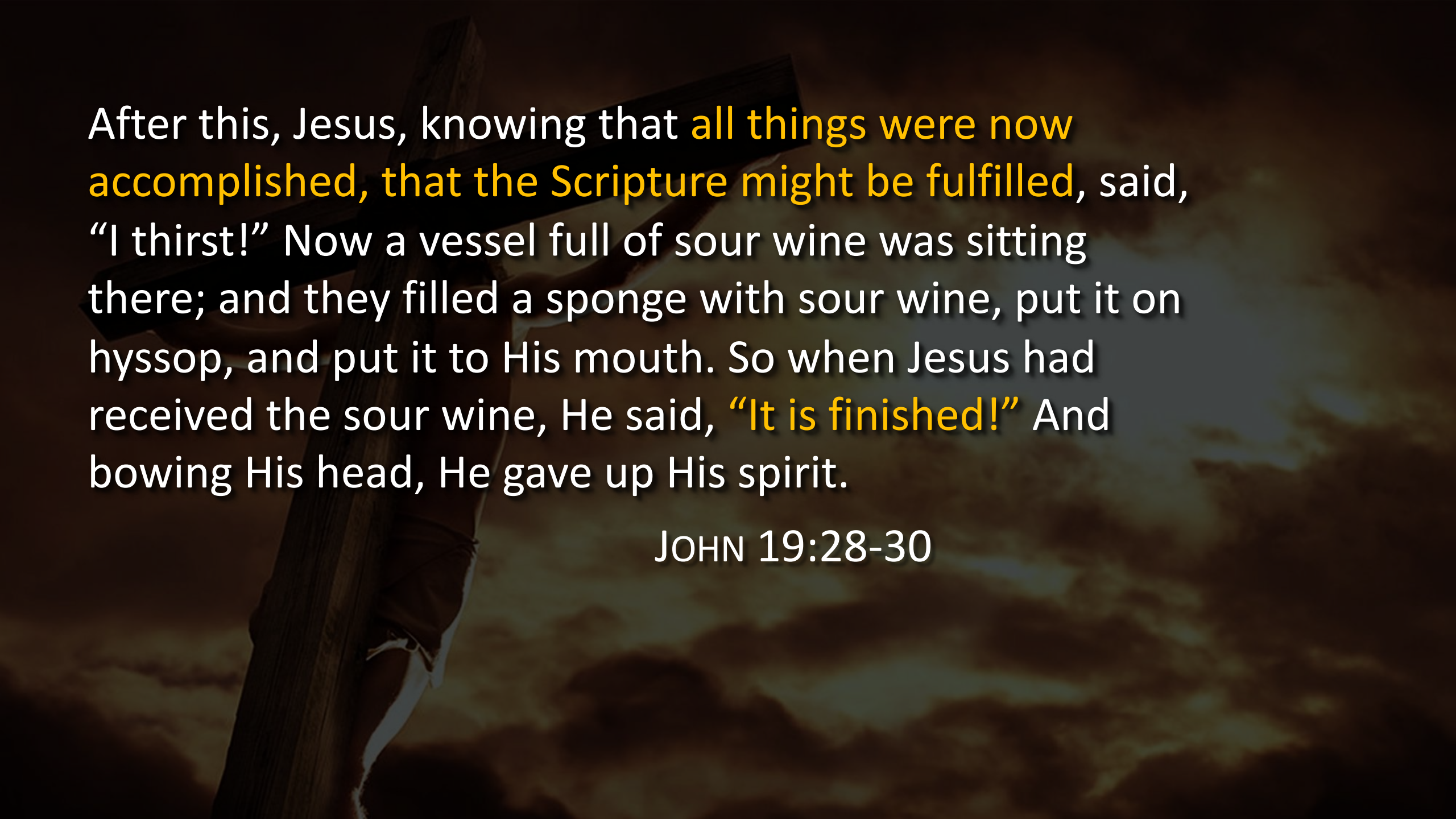
LUKE 24:17



A detailed background illustration of Christ as the High Priest. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a blue robe with gold trim and a golden sash. His right hand is raised in a gesture of blessing or teaching, while his left hand holds an open book. The book's pages are visible, showing Latin text including "VIA", "ET", and "VITA". Christ has a serene expression and a halo around his head. The background is a dark, textured gold with faint, repeating patterns. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional religious art.

But Christ came as High Priest of **the good things to come**, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And **for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

HEB 9:11-15

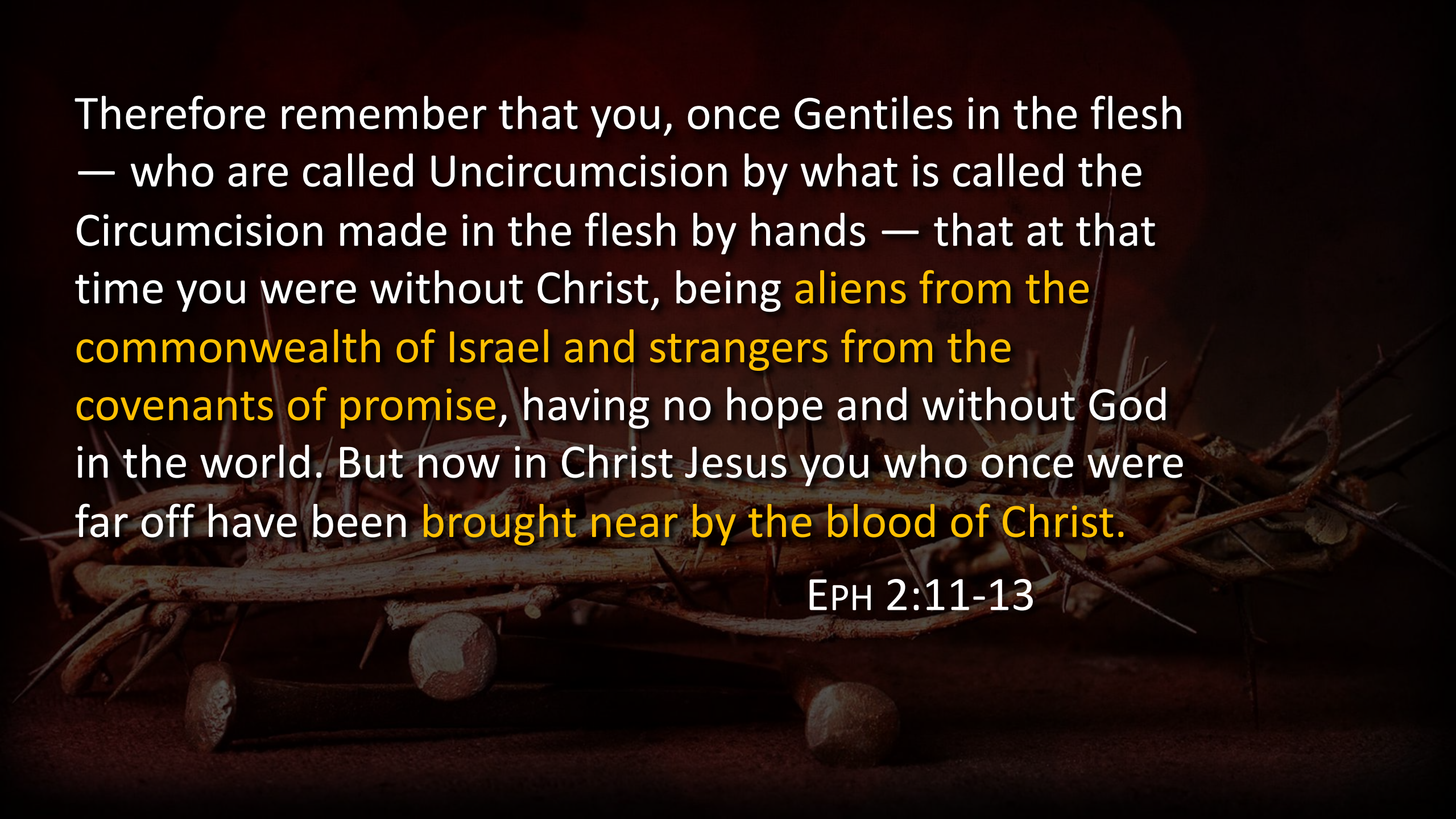
A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image, extending diagonally upwards. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and a warm, golden light from the sun, which is partially visible on the right side. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

After this, Jesus, knowing that **all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled**, said, “I thirst!” Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

JOHN 19:28-30

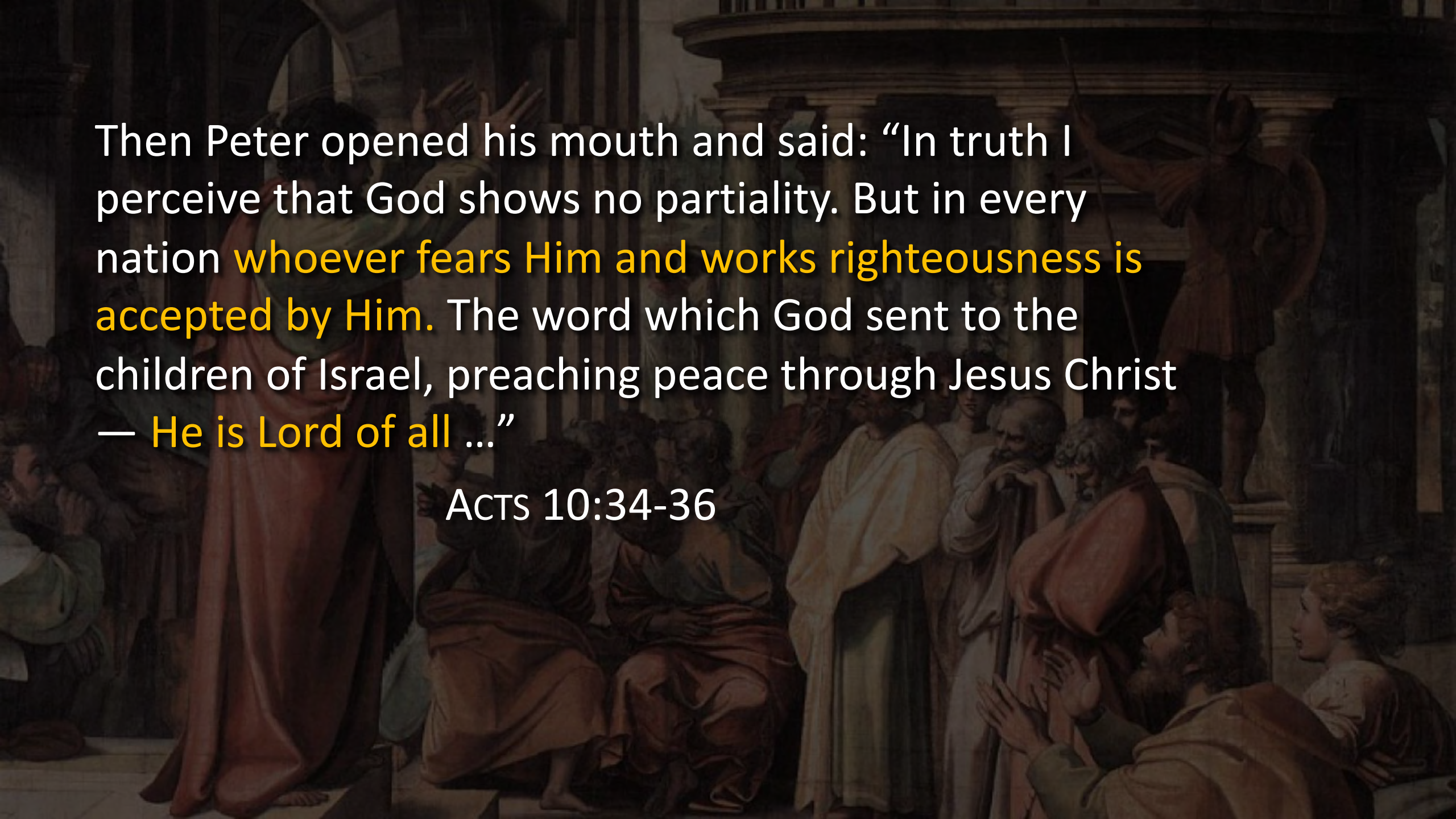
Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ...

JER 31:31

A crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, is the central visual element. It is composed of dry, brown, and sharp thorny branches. Several smooth, light-colored, rounded stones are placed around the base of the crown. The entire scene is set against a dark, textured background, possibly sand or a dark cloth, which makes the lighter elements stand out.

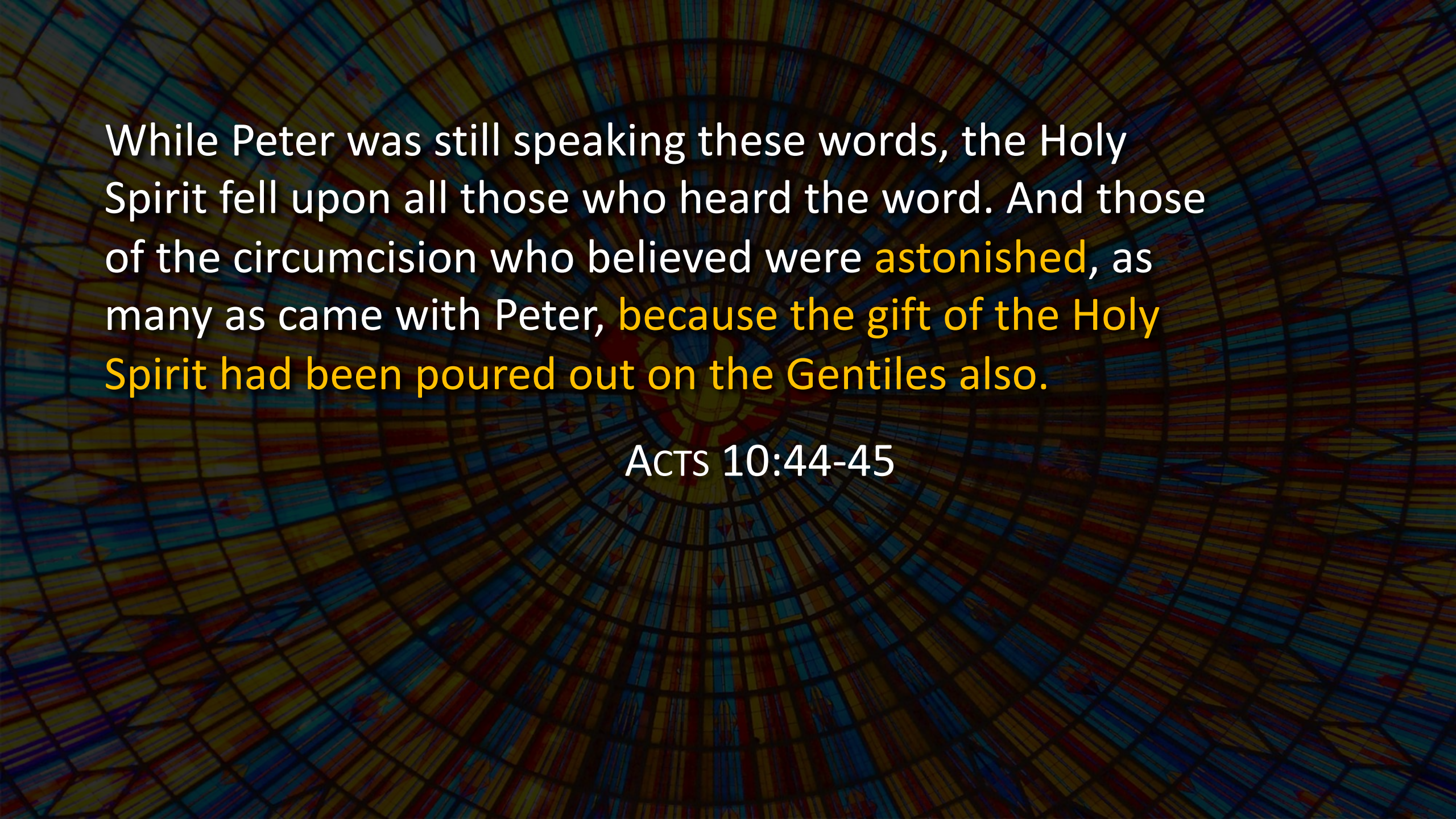
Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.**

EPH 2:11-13

A classical painting depicting Peter preaching to a crowd in a temple courtyard. Peter, on the left, stands in a long red robe with his arms raised in a gesture of proclamation. He is surrounded by a diverse group of people, including men and women in various robes, some kneeling in prayer. In the background, a Roman soldier in full armor stands guard near a classical building with columns. The scene is set in a courtyard with architectural details like columns and a pediment visible.

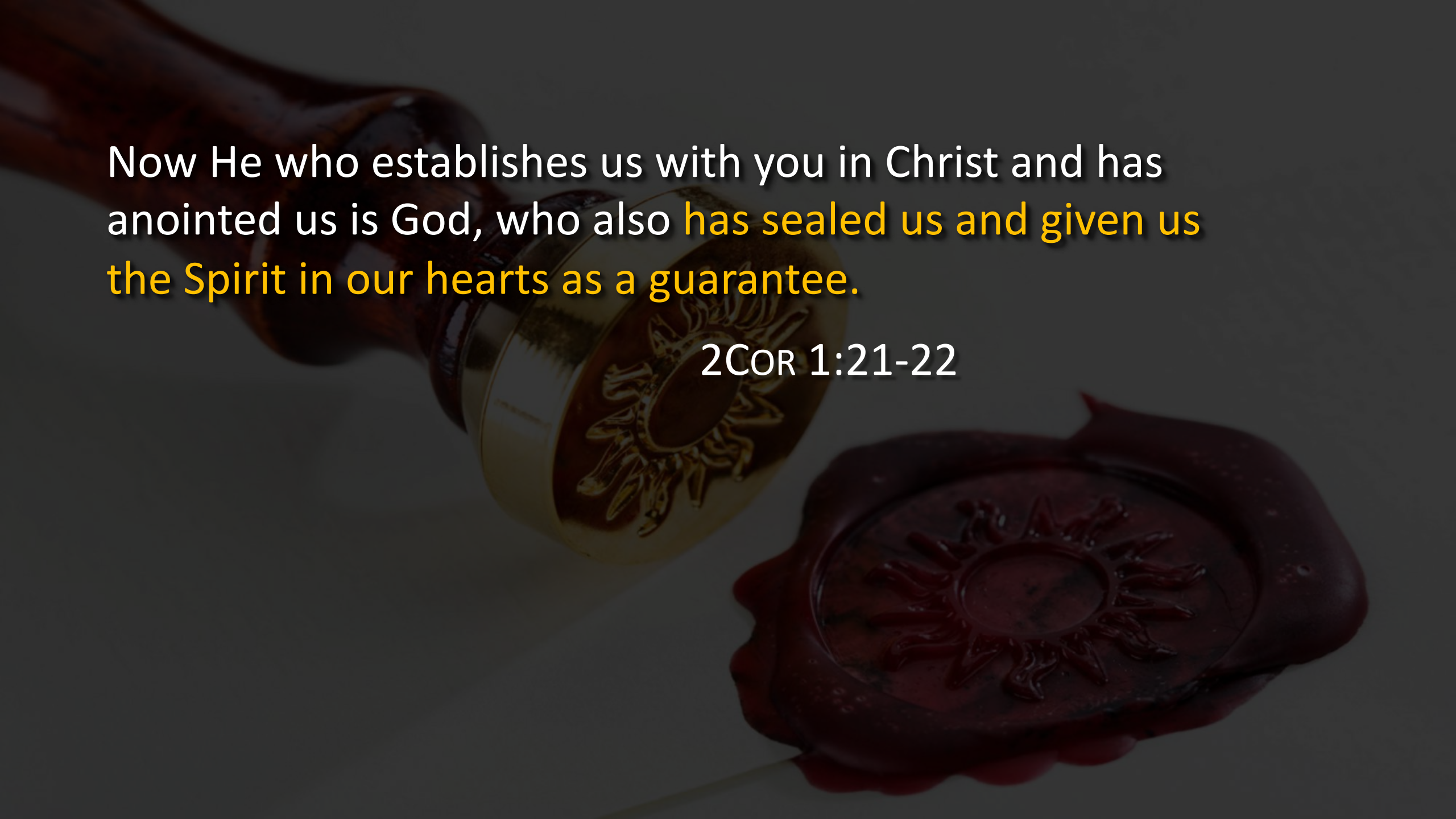
Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation **whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.** The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ — **He is Lord of all ...**”

ACTS 10:34-36



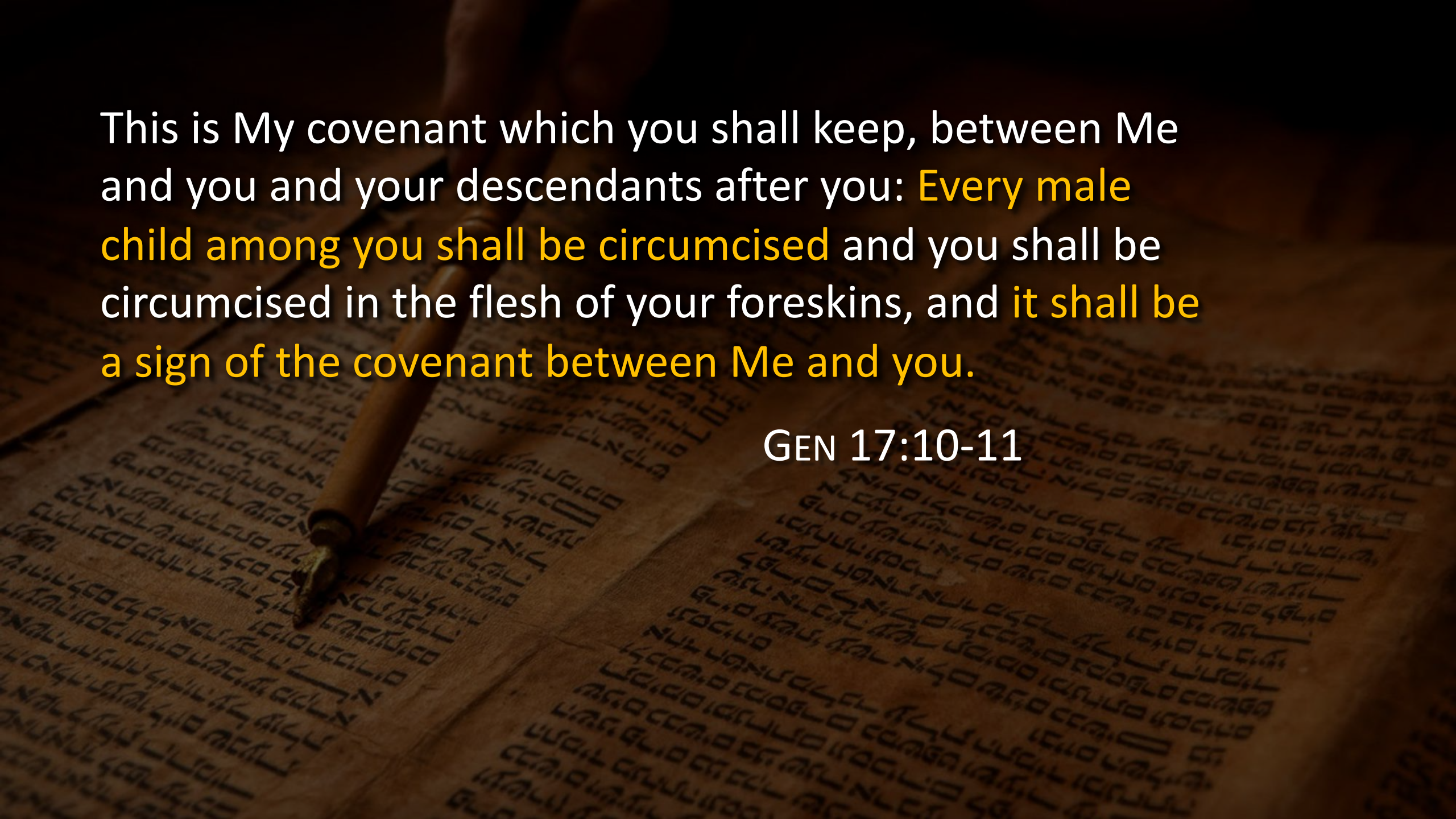
While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were **astonished**, as many as came with Peter, **because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.**

ACTS 10:44-45

A wooden gavel with a gold seal and a red wax seal. The gold seal is on the handle of the gavel, and the red wax seal is on the surface. Both seals feature a sunburst design. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has
anointed us is God, who also **has sealed us and given us
the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**

2COR 1:21-22

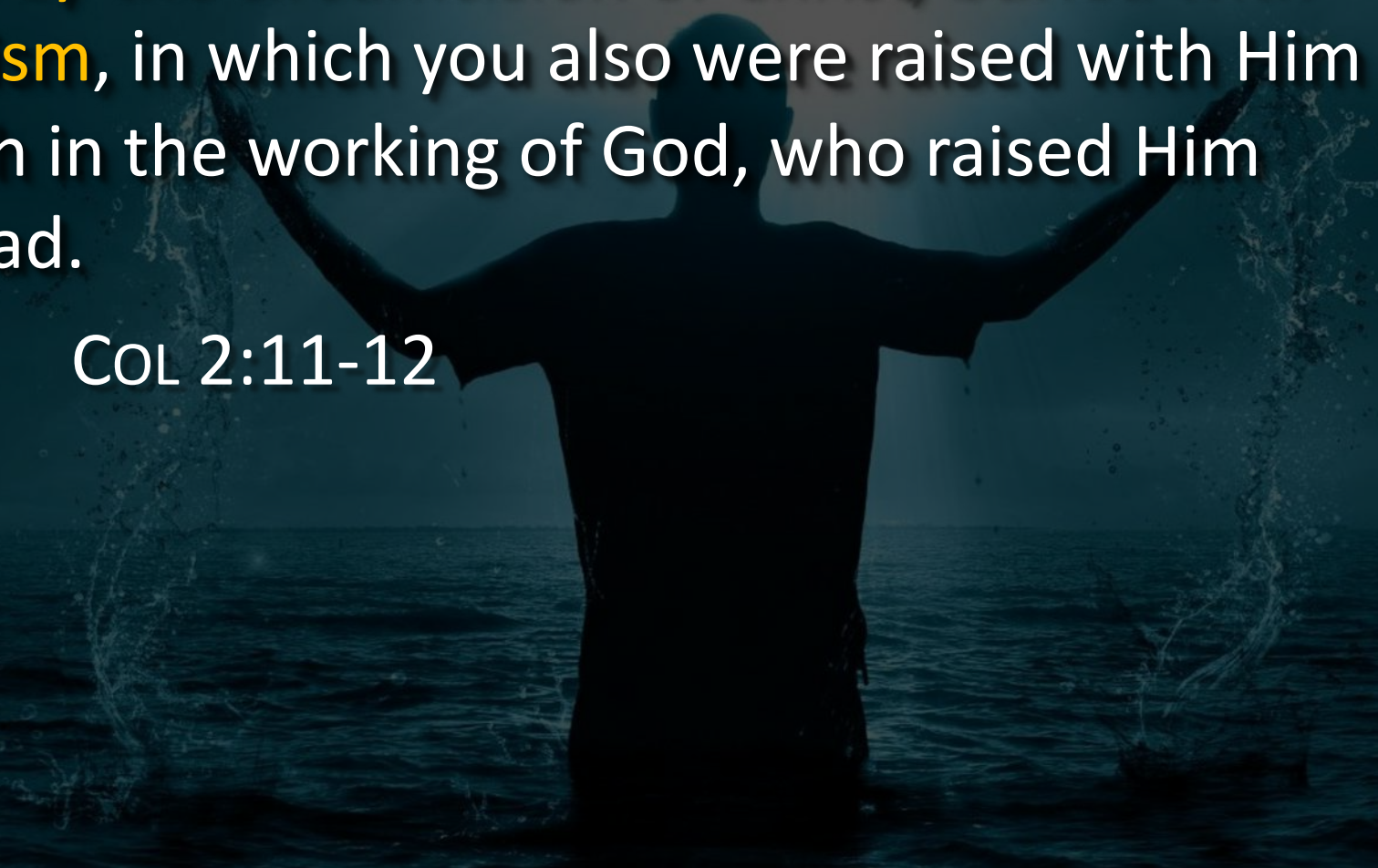


This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: **Every male child among you shall be circumcised** and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and **it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.**

GEN 17:10-11

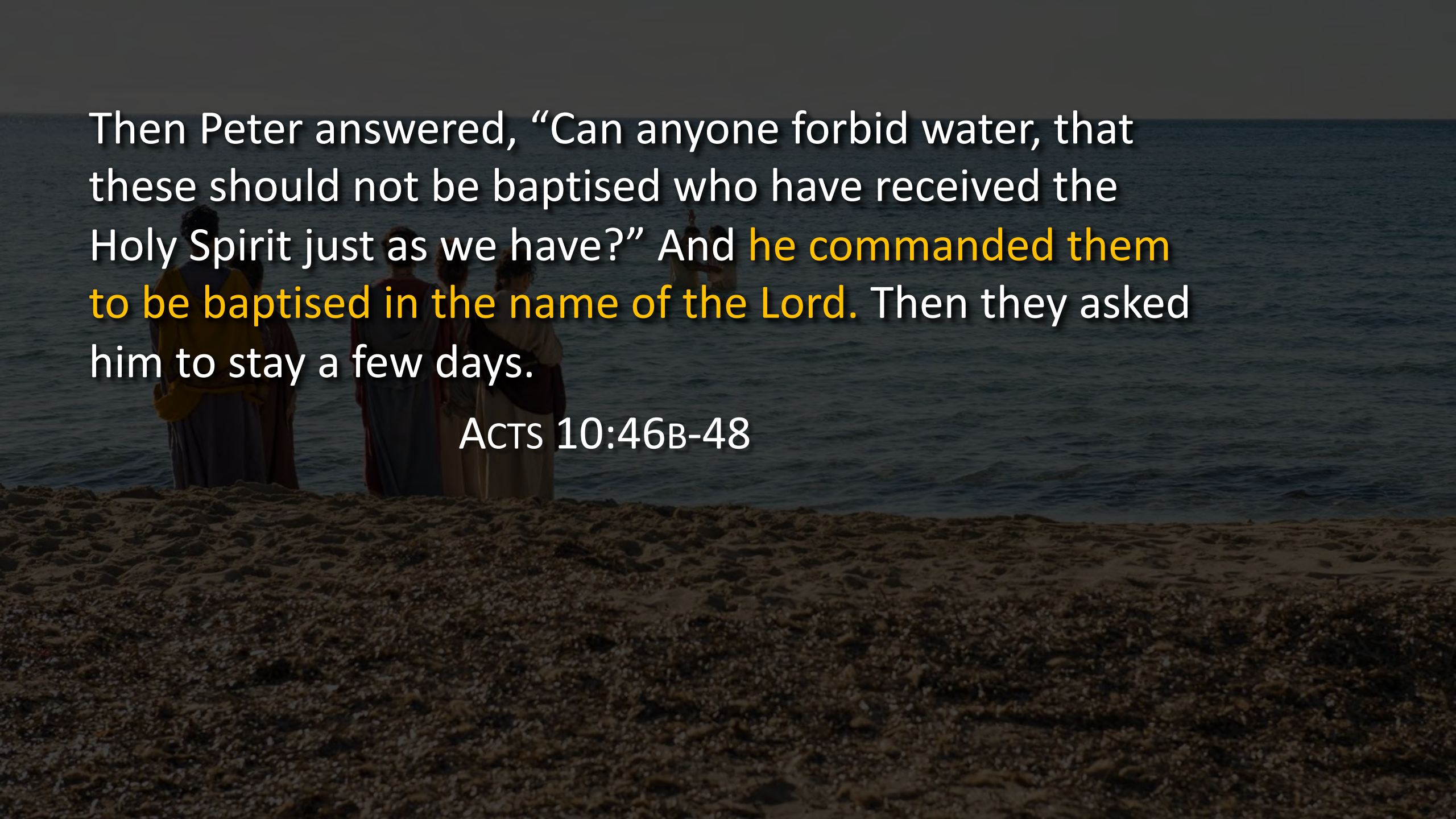
In Him you were also circumcised with **the circumcision made without hands**, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, **by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

COL 2:11-12



There is also an antitype **which now saves us — baptism** (**not the removal of the filth of the flesh**, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

1PET 3:21-22

A group of people in robes are standing on a dark, pebbly beach, looking out at a calm ocean under a dark sky. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The people are seen from behind, looking towards the water. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

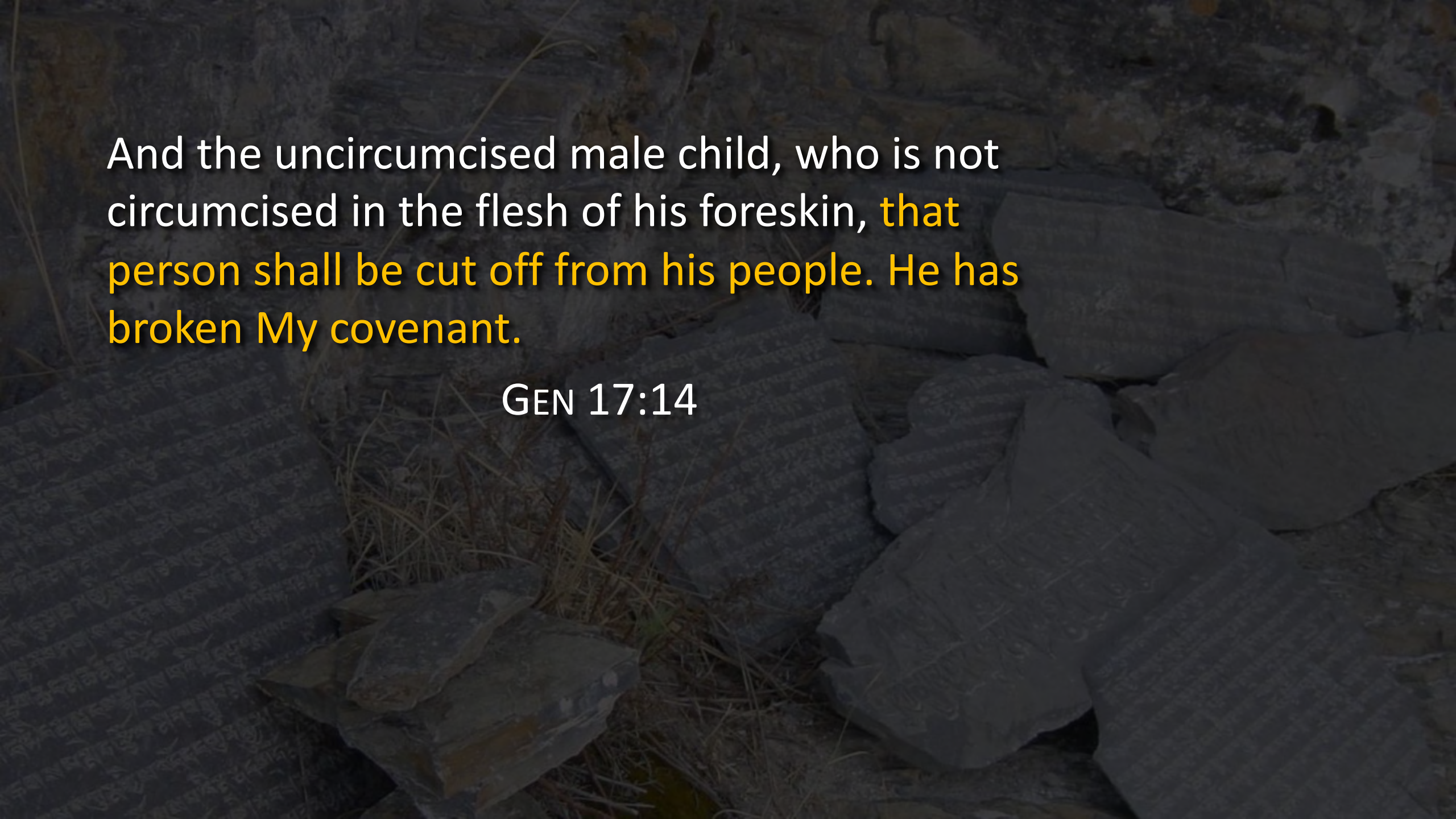
Then Peter answered, “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptised who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptised in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

ACTS 10:46B-48

A photograph of a man being baptized in water. The man is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and is partially submerged in dark water. His hands are clasped over his head, and another person's hands are visible, holding his arms. The background is dark and out of focus.

He who believes and is baptised will be saved, but he
who does not believe will be condemned.

MARK 16:16



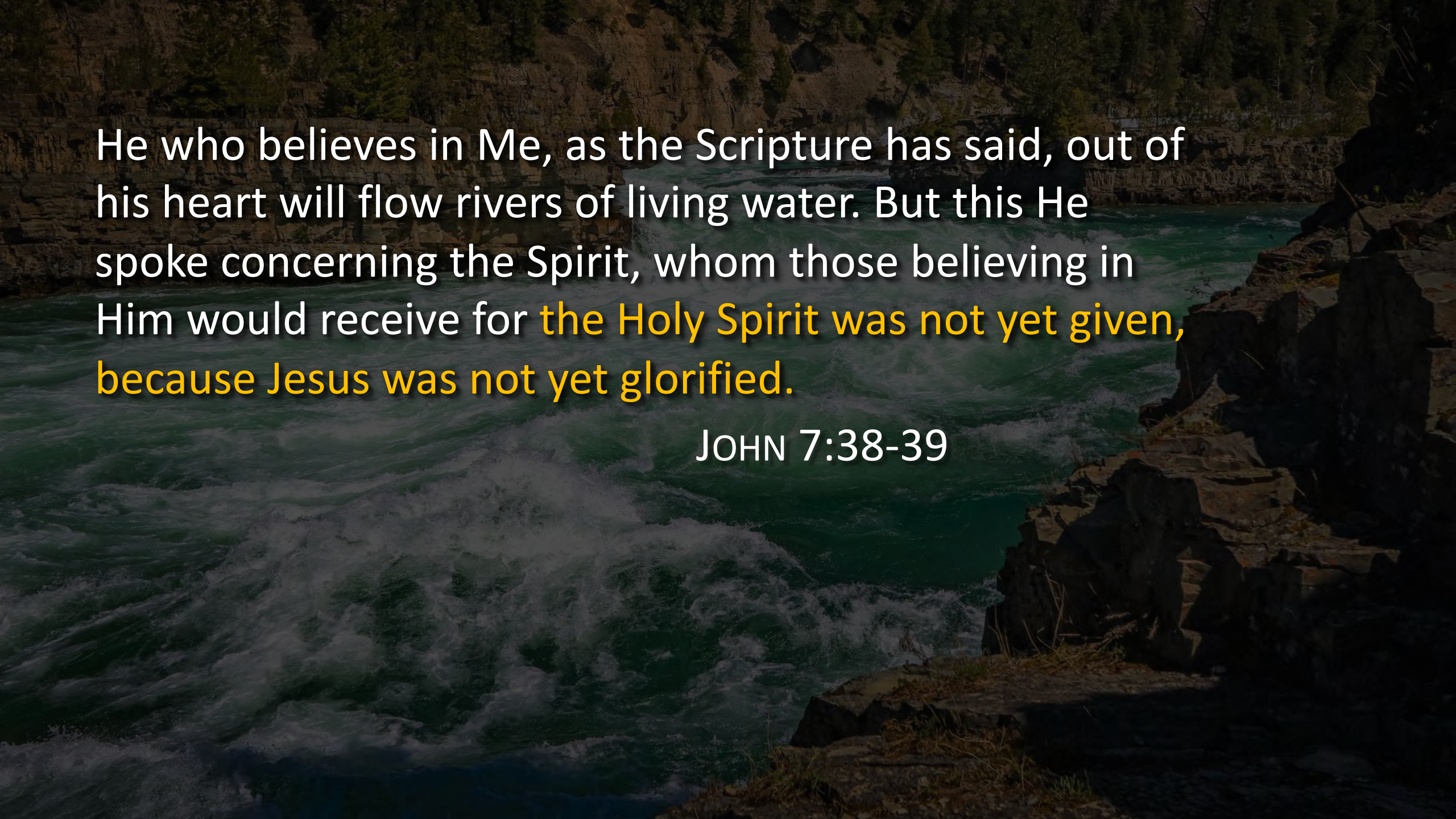
And the uncircumcised male child, who is not
circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, **that**
person shall be cut off from his people. He has
broken My covenant.

GEN 17:14

“‘I have heard, sir,’ said I [to the Shepherd], ‘from some teacher, that there is no other repentance except that which took place when we went down into the water and obtained the remission of our former sins.’ He said to me, ‘You have heard rightly, for so it is’” (The Shepherd 4:3:1–2 [A.D. 80]).

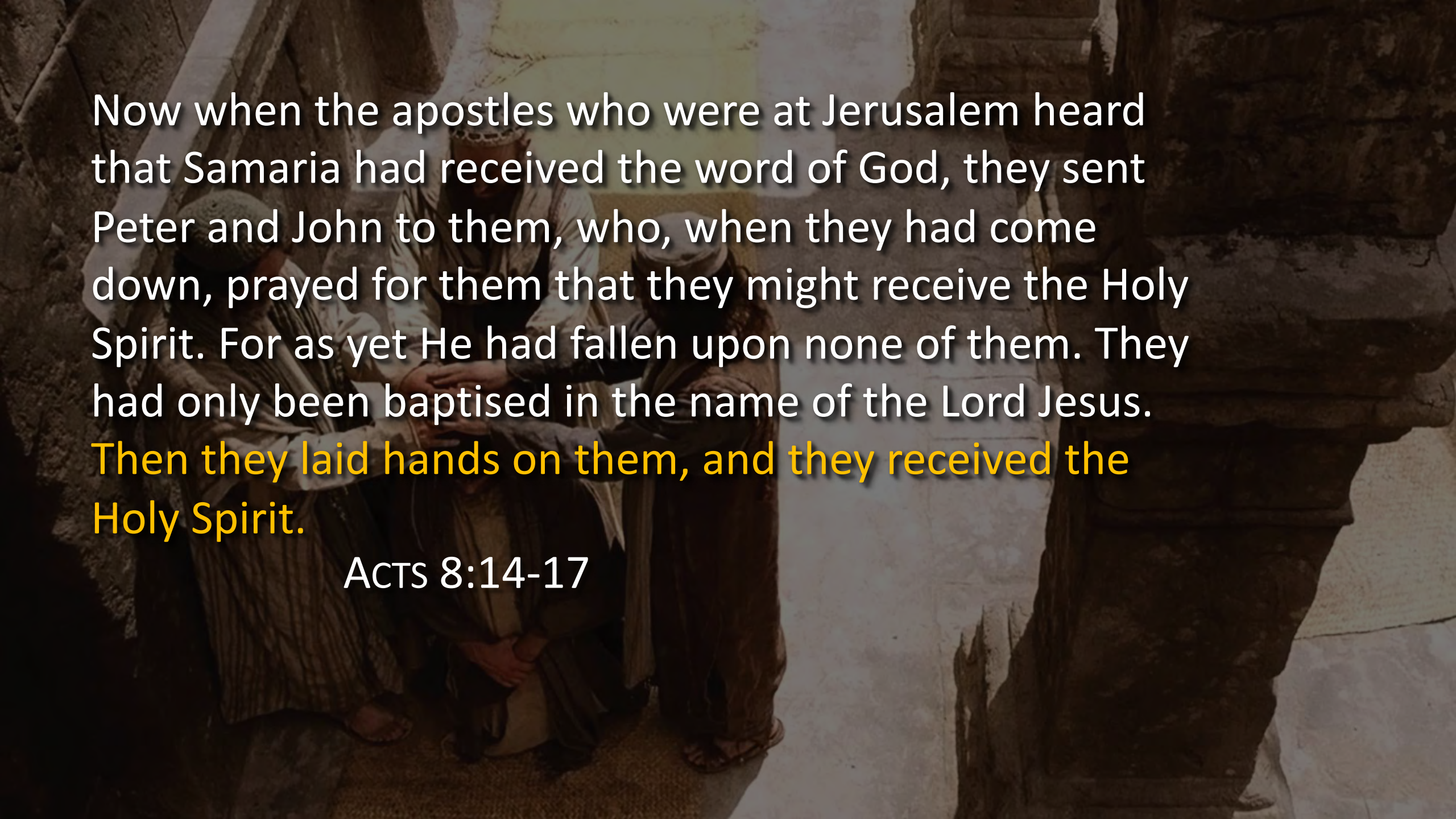
Tertullian: “Without baptism, salvation is attainable by none” (Baptism 1 [A.D. 203]).

Origen: “It is not possible to receive forgiveness of sins without baptism” (Exhortation to the Martyrs 30 [A.D. 235]).



He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive for **the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

JOHN 7:38-39

A religious painting depicting the apostles Peter and John laying hands on a group of people in a stone-walled setting. The scene is set in a room with large stone pillars and a high ceiling. Several figures are visible, including two men in the foreground who appear to be the apostles, and a group of people being blessed. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8:14-17