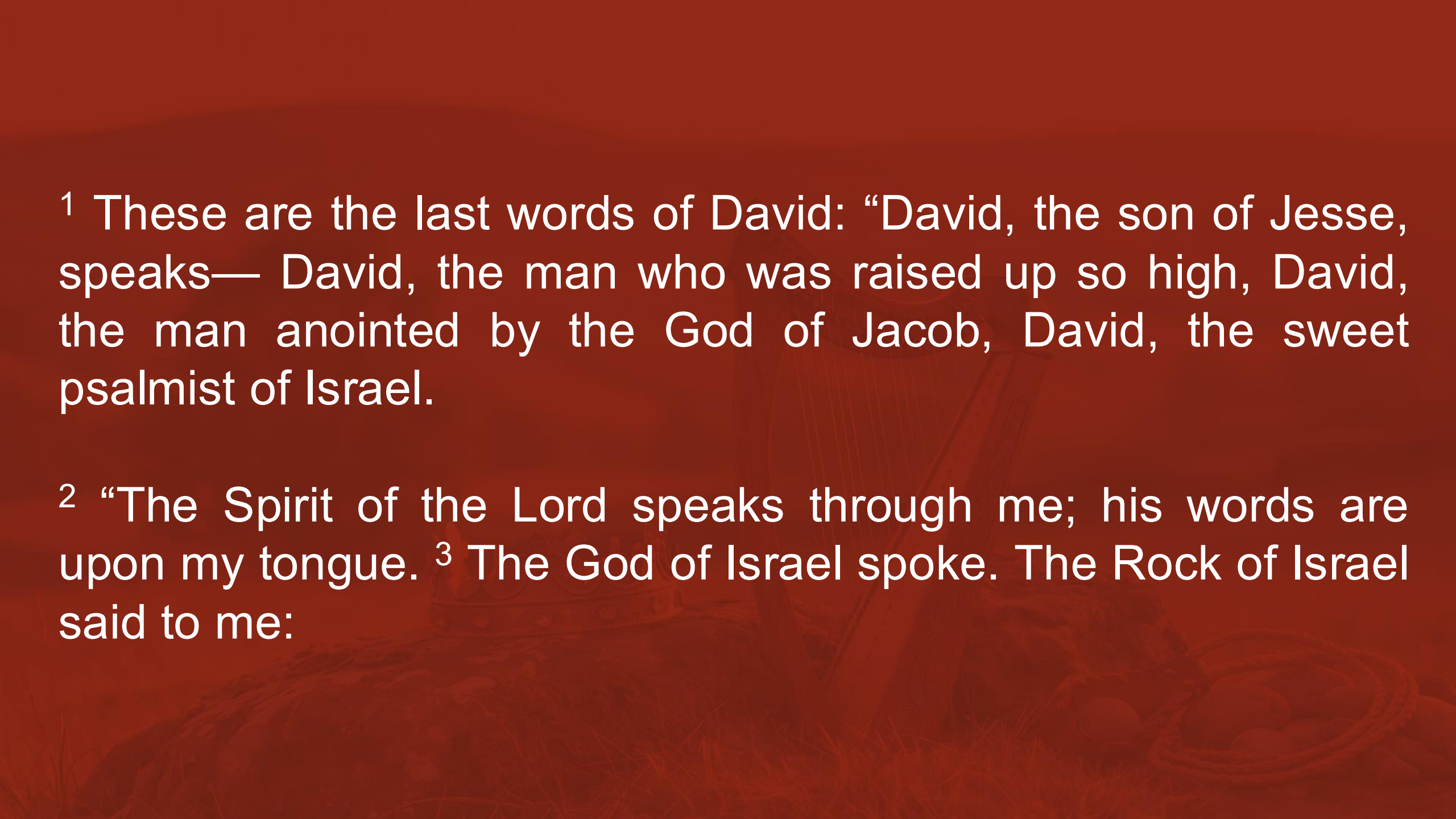


The life of *David*



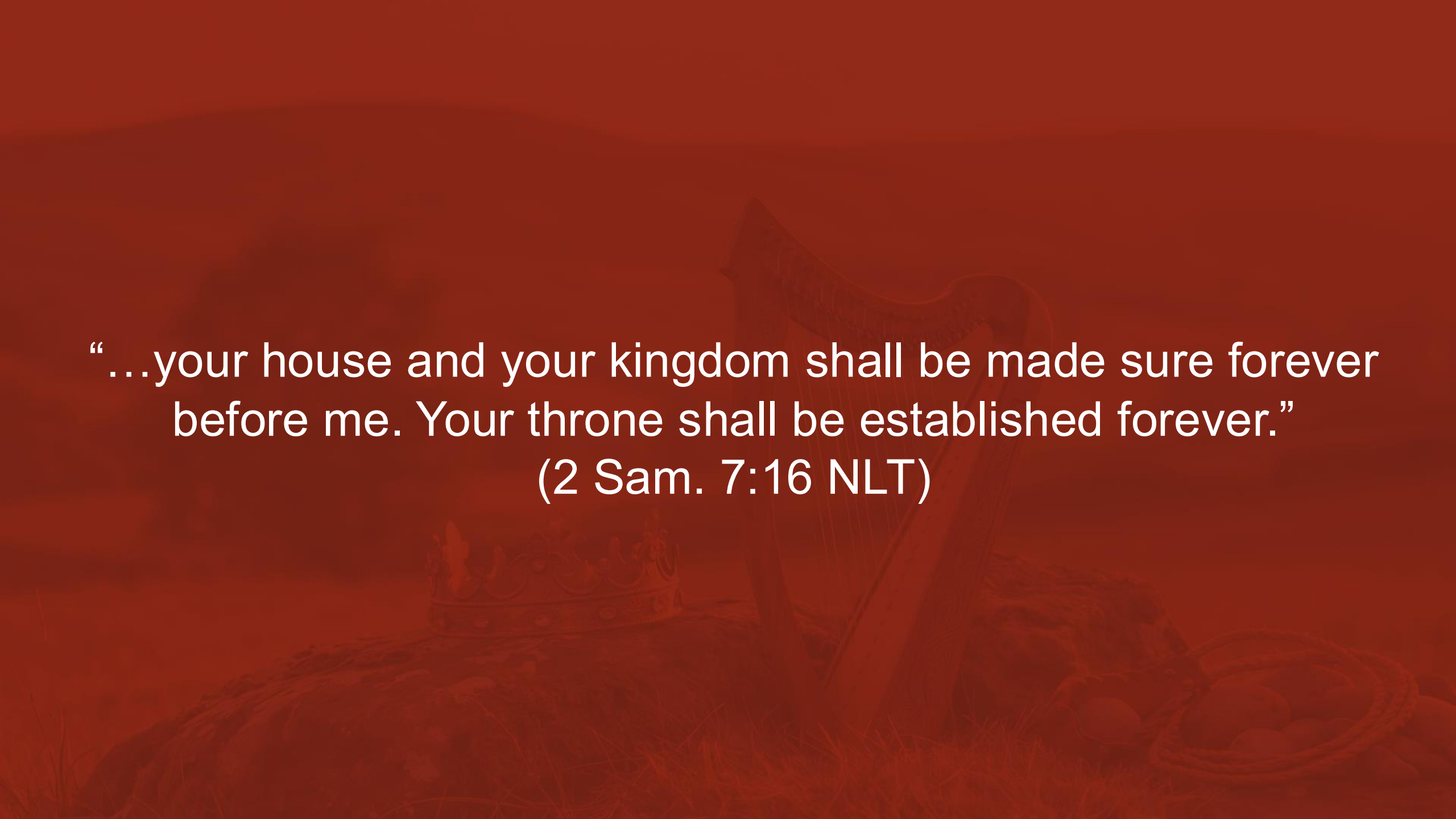


¹ These are the last words of David: “David, the son of Jesse, speaks— David, the man who was raised up so high, David, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, David, the sweet psalmist of Israel.

² “The Spirit of the Lord speaks through me; his words are upon my tongue. ³ The God of Israel spoke. The Rock of Israel said to me:

‘The one who rules righteously, who rules in the fear of God,
4 is like the light of morning at sunrise, like a morning without clouds, like the gleaming of the sun on new grass after rain.’

5 “Is it not my family God has chosen? Yes, he has made an everlasting covenant with me. His agreement is arranged and guaranteed in every detail. He will ensure my safety and success. 6 But the godless are like thorns to be thrown away, for they tear the hand that touches them. 7 One must use iron tools to chop them down; they will be totally consumed by fire.”
(2 Samuel 23:1-7 NLT)

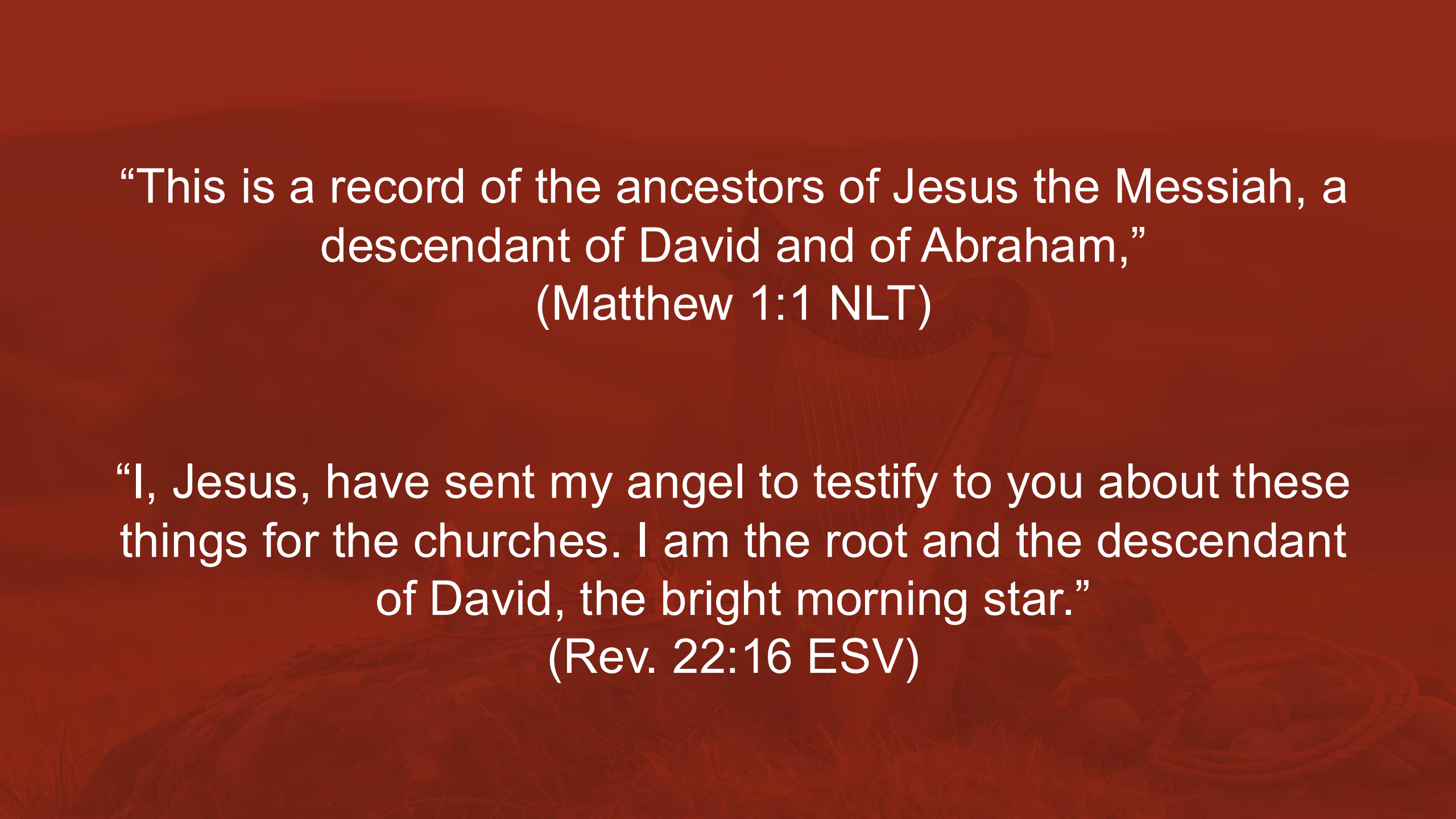


“...your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever
before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”
(2 Sam. 7:16 NLT)

, “¹⁹ God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?”
(Numbers 23:19 NLT)

“³⁰ No human wisdom or understanding or plan can stand against the Lord.”
(Proverbs 21:30 NLT)

¹ Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. ² And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ He will delight in obeying the Lord. He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay. ⁴ He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked. ⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment. (Isaiah 11:1-5 NLT)



“This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham,”
(Matthew 1:1 NLT)

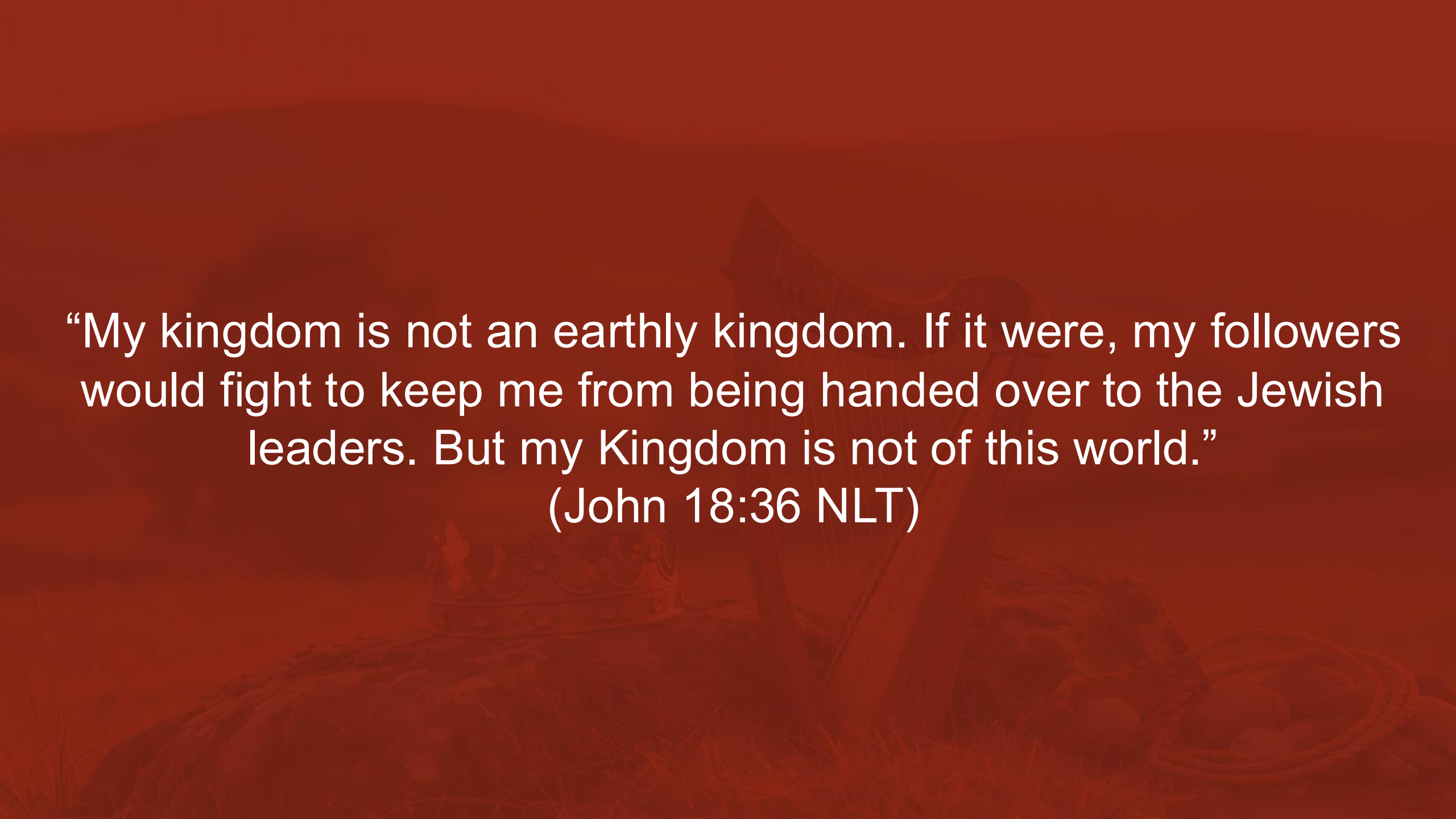
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”
(Rev. 22:16 ESV)

“¹This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. ² God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. ³ The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David’s family line, ⁴ and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 1:1-4 NLT)

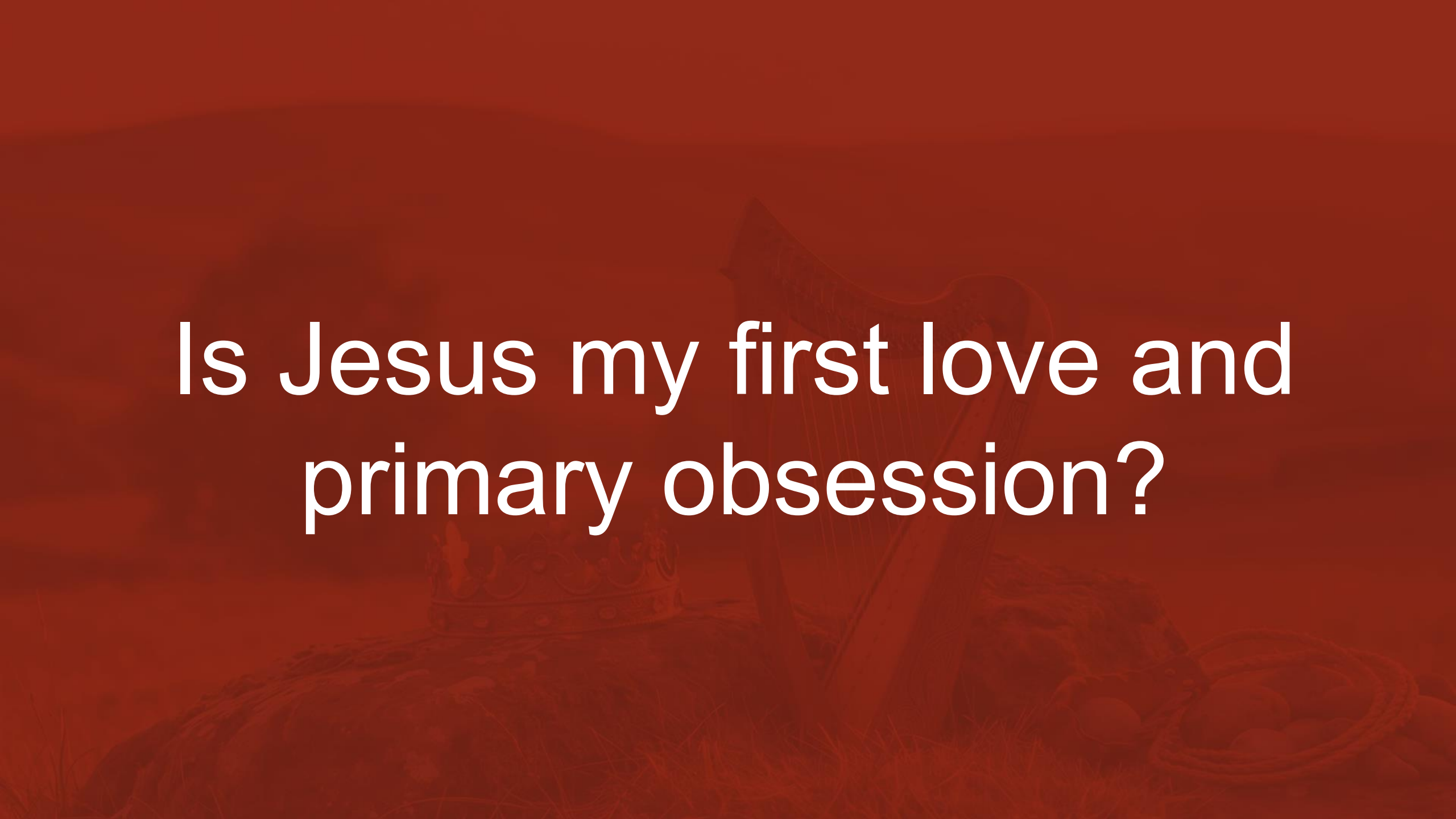
“the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”
(John 1:29 NLT)

“disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.”
(Col. 2:15 NLT)

“broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.”
(2 Tim. 1:10 NLT)



“My kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”
(John 18:36 NLT)

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Is Jesus my first love and
primary obsession?