

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

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# A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

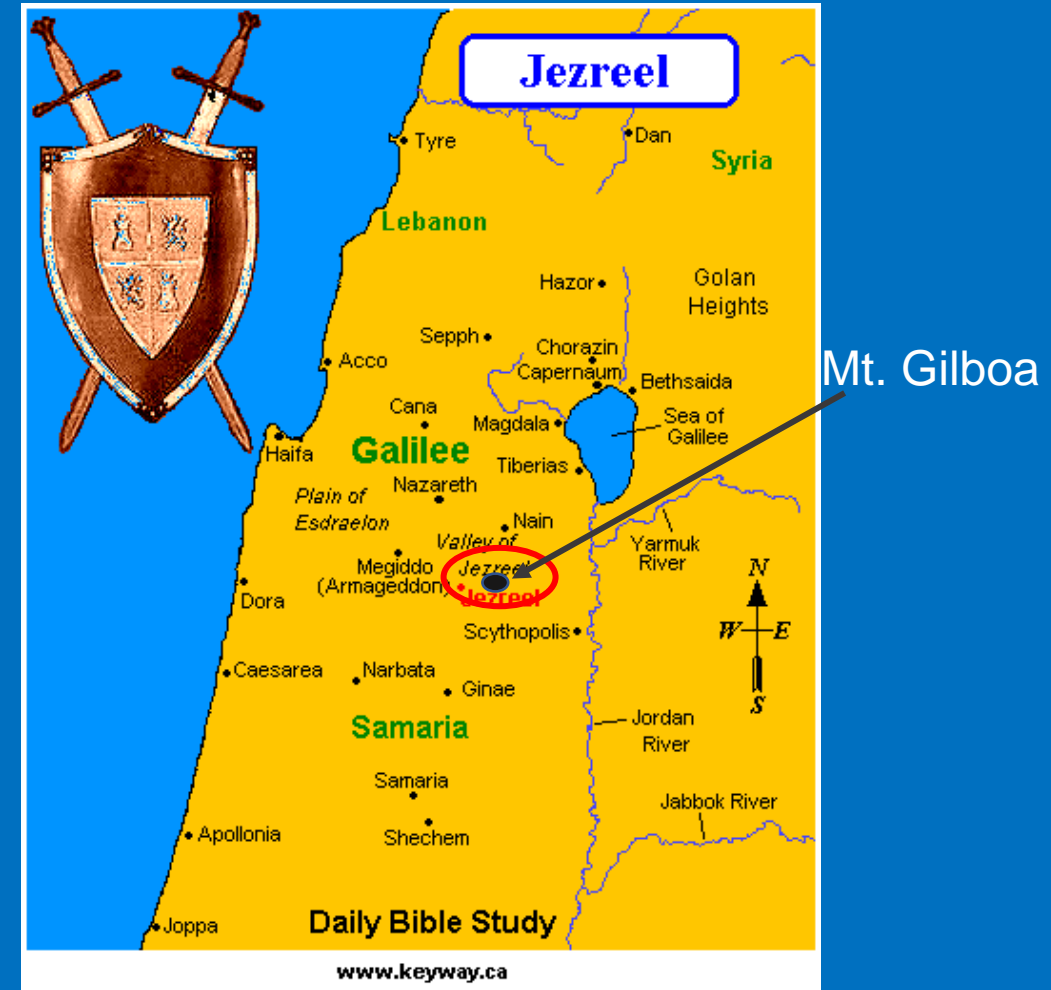
LESSON 2: Jerusalem-Established  
As Israel's Capital  
2nd Samuel Chapters 4-6



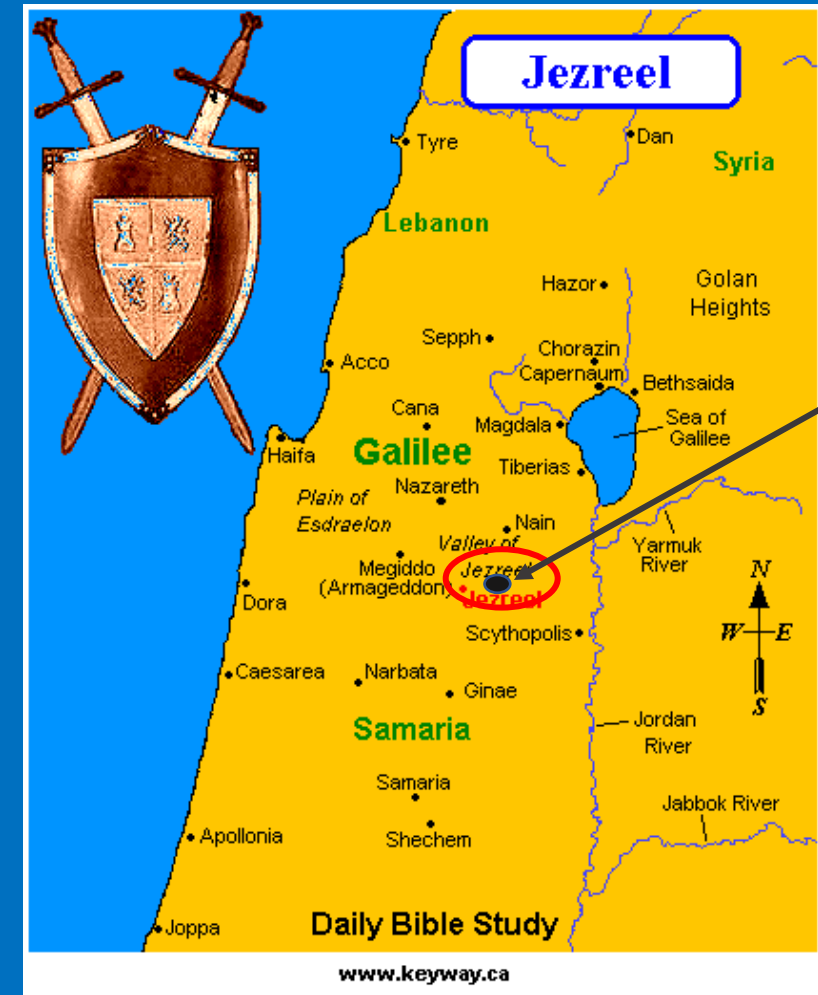
# CHAPTER 4: The Murder of Ish-Bosheth

Vs. 1-12

- Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son named Mephibosheth. At the age of five, his father-Jonathan, and Saul-his grandfather, died on Mt. Gilboa.

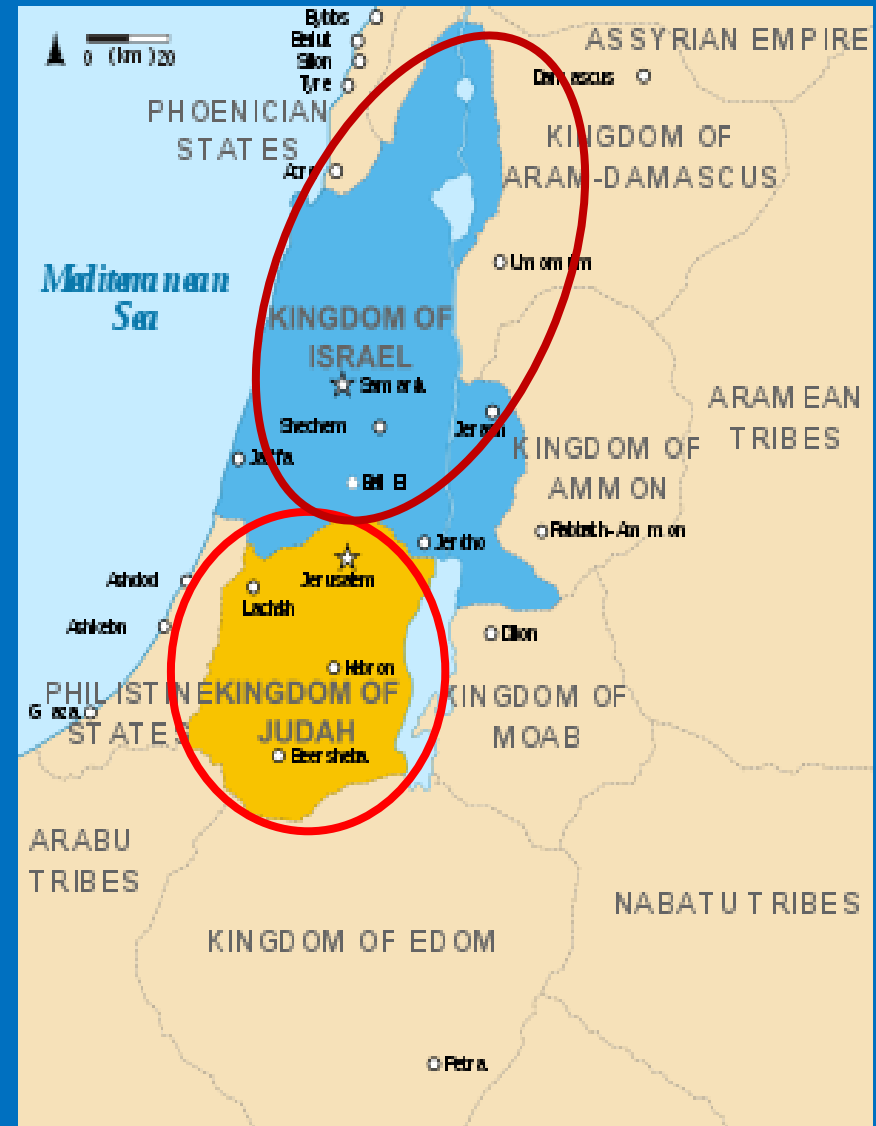


- After word reached Saul's home of Israel's defeat, Mephibosheth's nurse fled. In her haste, Mephibosheth fell and injured both feet. As a result, Mephibosheth-crippled for life, could not fill the role of king. (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4:4) [ ]



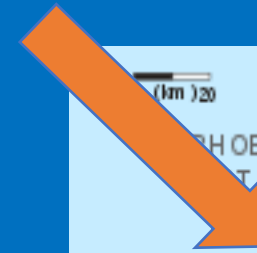
Mt. Gilboa

- At the time of chapter 4, years had passed, and Mephibosheth was now 12 years old.
- Upon learning of Abner's death, Ish-bosheth feared he no longer had a strong leader to stabilize Israel.
- *Abner had made Ish-bosheth king of Israel. Joab, David's captain of the army killed Abner.*

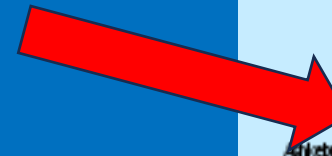


- Ish-bosheth had two commanders, Baanah (ba'an'ah) and Rechab (rek-ab). Both men came from Saul's tribe of Benjamin.
- Perhaps, both men coming from Saul's tribe demonstrated the power struggle developing within Israel (the northern kingdom). At this time, David only ruled over the tribe of Judah.

Ish-bosheth



David



- One day while taking a nap, Baanah and Rechab murdered Ish-bosheth and beheaded him. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4:5-7 [ ]





- Thinking David would reward them for their efforts, Baanah and Rechab brought the head to David at Hebron.
- Greatly angered by their actions, David killed Baanah and Rechab for murdering an innocent man and Saul's only surviving son. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4:9-12; Galatians 1:10 [ ]



Mahanaim

Hebron



- David took the head and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron (David had established Hebron as the capital of Judah). This action helped David unify Israel and Judah (Romans 12:17-21). [ ]



Hebron

# Chapter 5: DAVID BECOMES KING OVER ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Mahanaim

## Vs. 1-6: David Crowned King Over All Israel

- The elders of all Israel's tribes came to Hebron to anoint David as King.

Jerusalem

Hebron



- This amounted to David's **third** anointing: 1 Samuel 16:13, 2 Samuel 2:4, and now. (*possibly 14 years from 1<sup>st</sup> anointing.*) [ ]
- Even though the tribes had united politically, an underlying tension between Israel and Judah continued.

Jerusalem

Hebron

Judah  
Southern  
Kingdom

Israel Northern  
Kingdom

United  
Kingdom



- David, 30 years old at the time of his anointing, reigned 40 years.
- David reigned seven years at Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. Saul also reigned forty years over Israel.





- The Bible often uses the number 40 to represent a time of testing. Noah stayed in the arc 40 days and nights. Moses spent 40 years exiled in Midian. The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness 40 years, and Satan tested Jesus 40 days. [ ]

Jerusalem

Hebron



- An interesting point to note, the elders recognized David's success in leading the Israelites in battle, not Saul.
- We do not have to prove ourselves to anyone if we trust God and do our work unto Him. God will give us glory at the proper time (2 Samuel 5:1-2; ) [ ]

Jerusalem

Hebron



- David wanted to establish Jerusalem as the capital, however, the Jebusites dwelt in the land.



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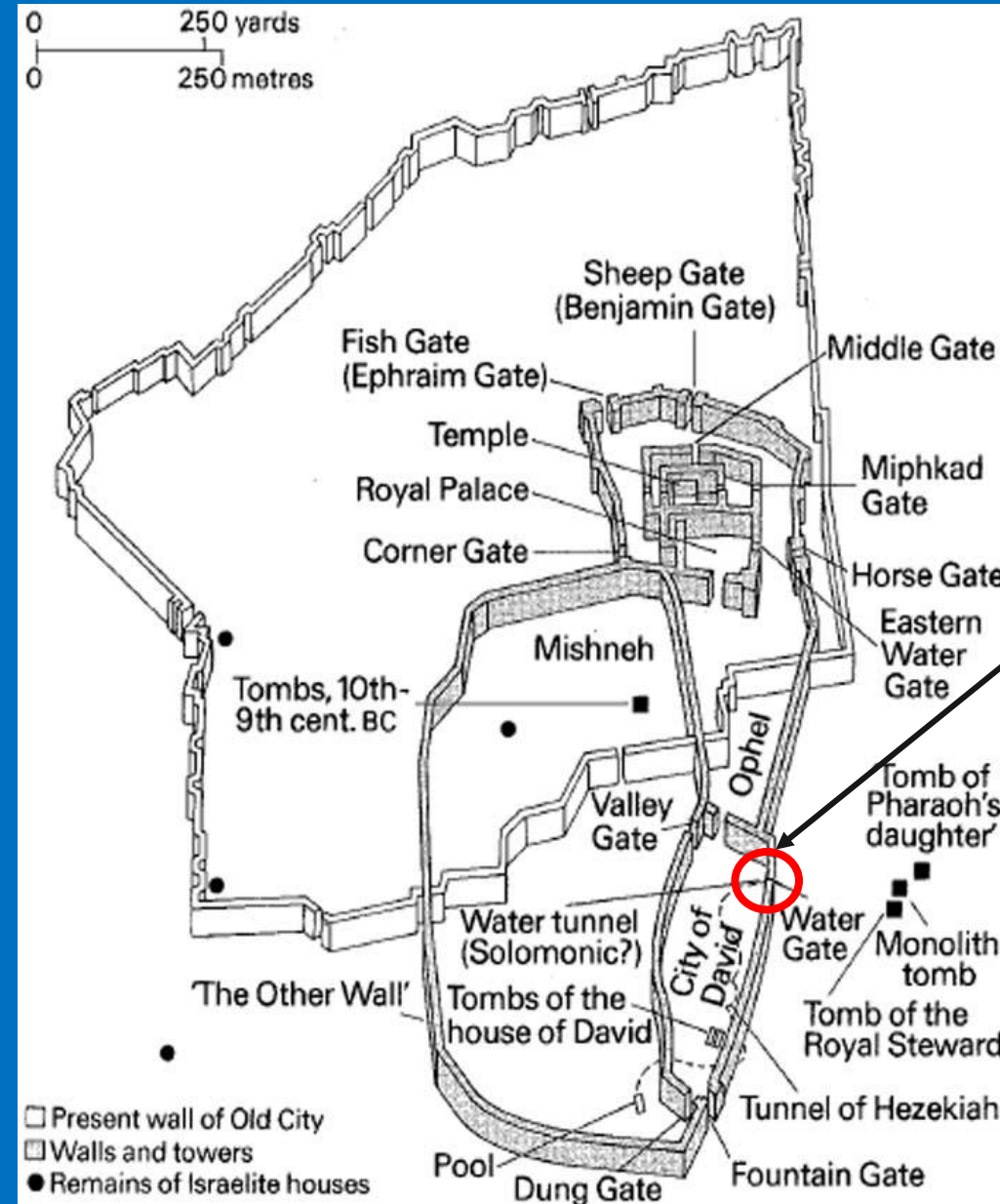
- Jerusalem, located in the region of Benjamin near Judah's northern border, had an excellent fortification due to its elevation and surrounding deep valleys.
- Jerusalem had good trade routes along its borders and a good water source from the Gihon [ge-han] spring on its eastern border.



Jerusalem

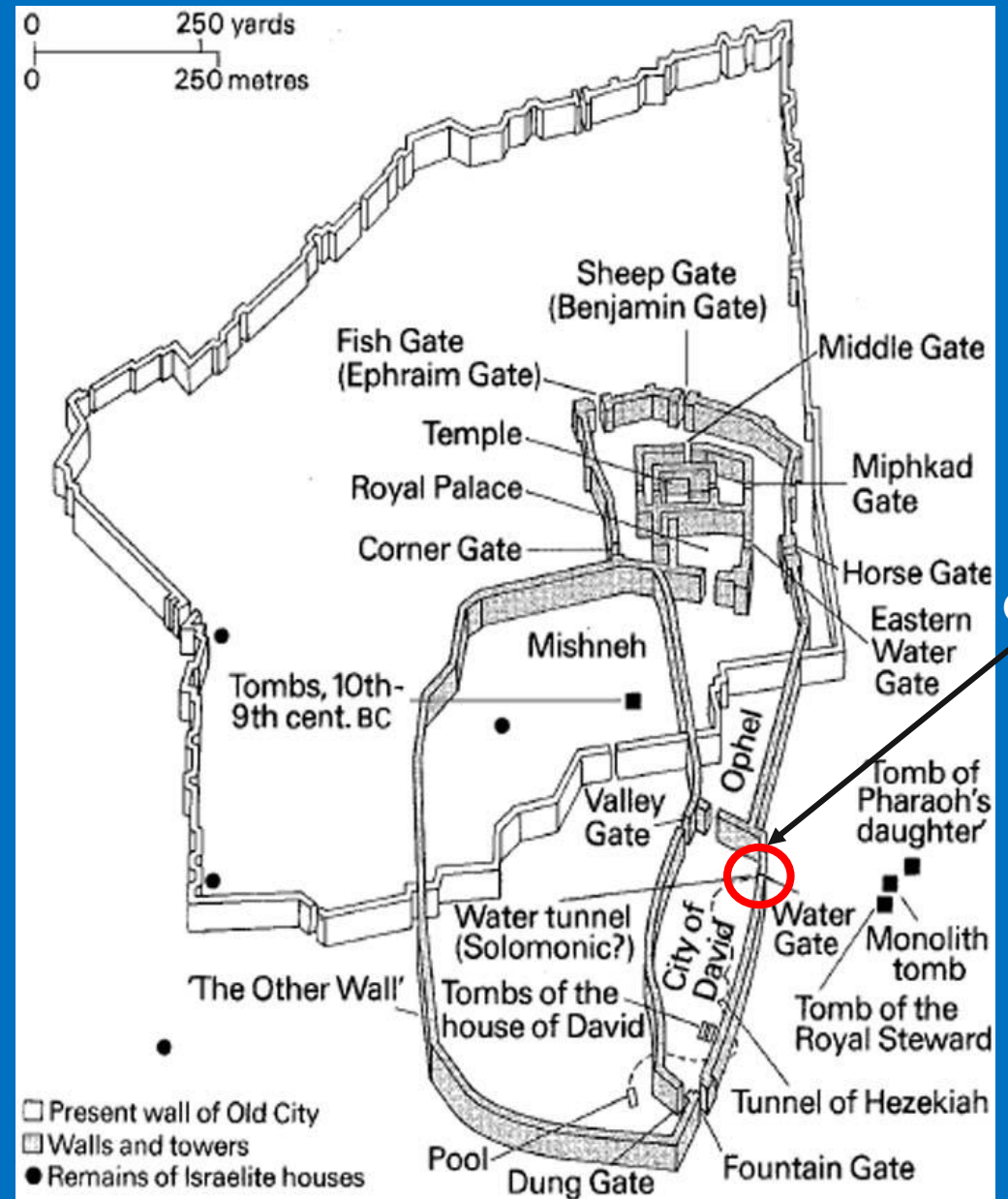


- Unfortunately, after the death of Joshua, the tribe of Benjamin did not completely drive out the Jebusites. Therefore, the Jebusites continued to live in Jerusalem. [Joshua 15:63; Galatians 5:9] [ ]



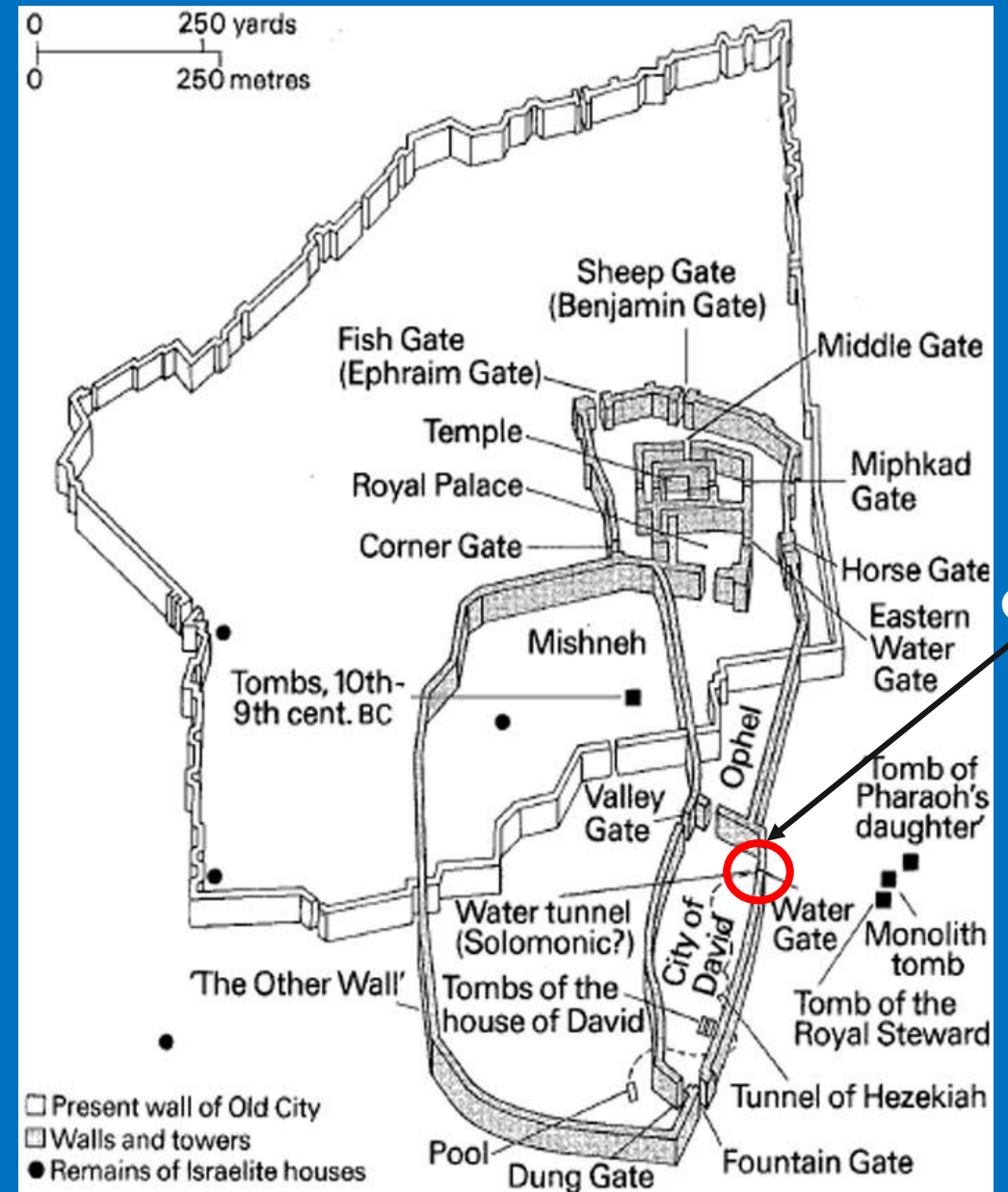
Gihon Spring

- Since the Jebusites had lived in Jerusalem for so many years and had fortified it, they taunted David, believing he was not strong enough to conquer them. (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:6) [ ]
- David conquered the Jebusites



Gihon Spring

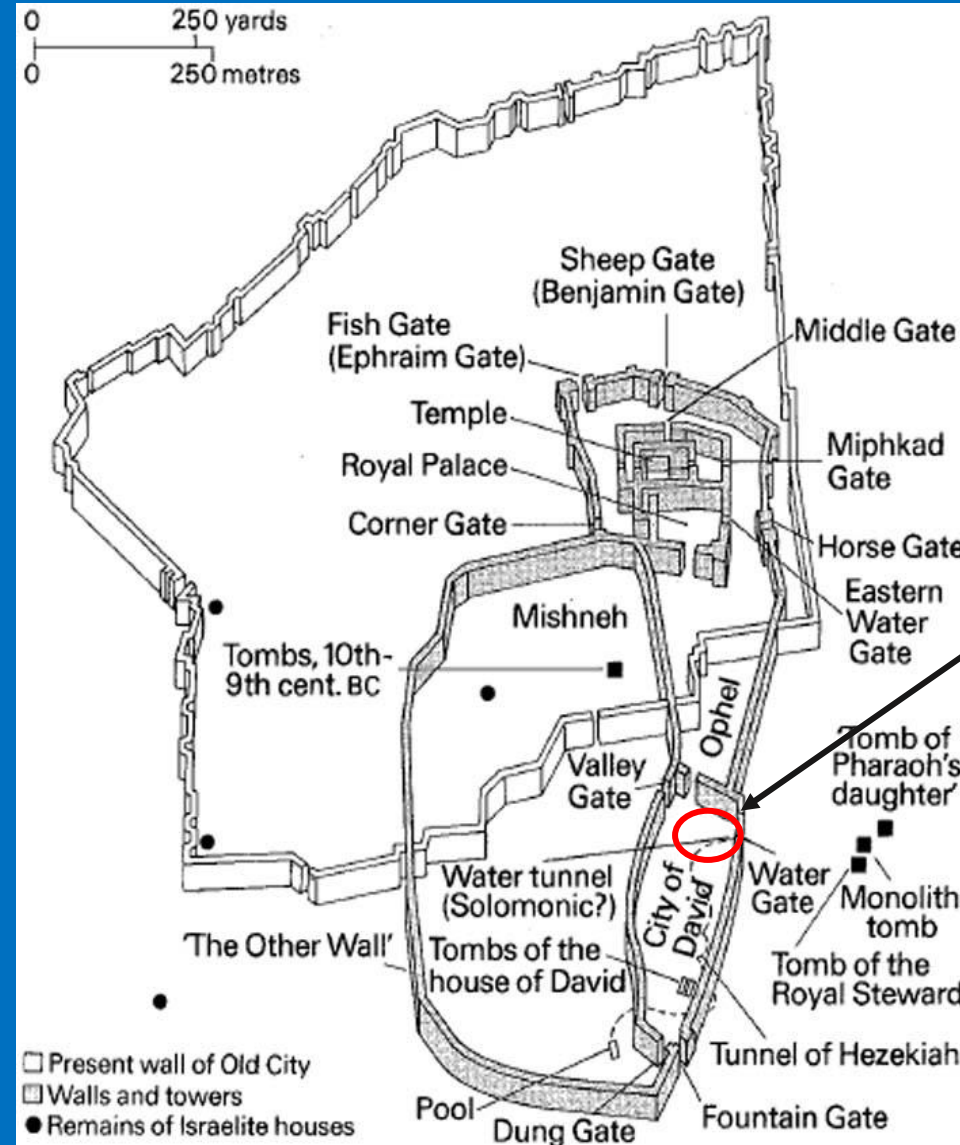
- Verse 7 cites the first instance in which the Israelites referred to Jerusalem as Zion (fortress; highest point). They also referenced Jerusalem as the City of David. [ ]
- The Israelites established Jerusalem as the official capital of both Israel and Judah.



Gihon S

# Vs. 7-25: Jerusalem-The Established Government of Israel.

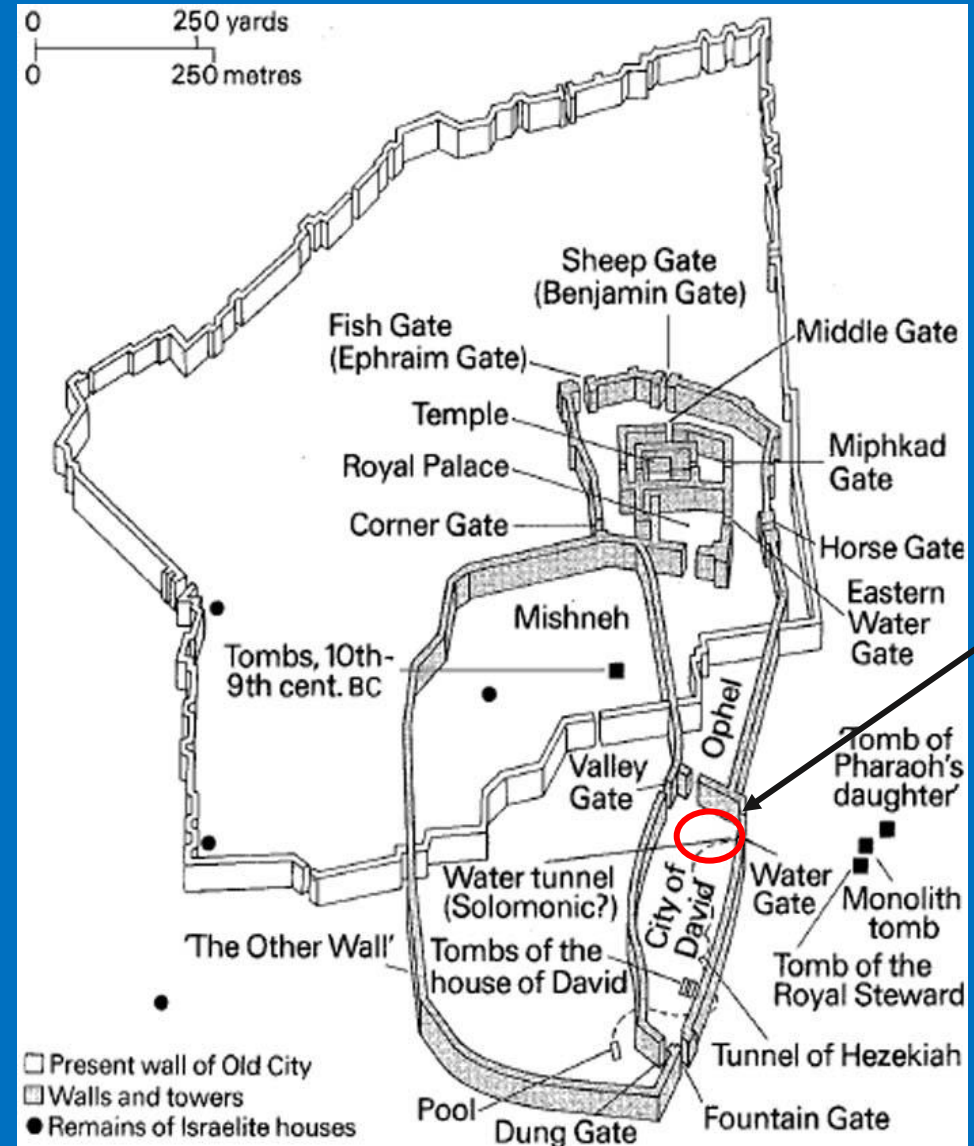
- David captured Zion (Jerusalem; City of David).
- David's men entered Jerusalem through the water tunnel of the Gihon (ge-on) Spring on Jerusalem's eastern side-see map.



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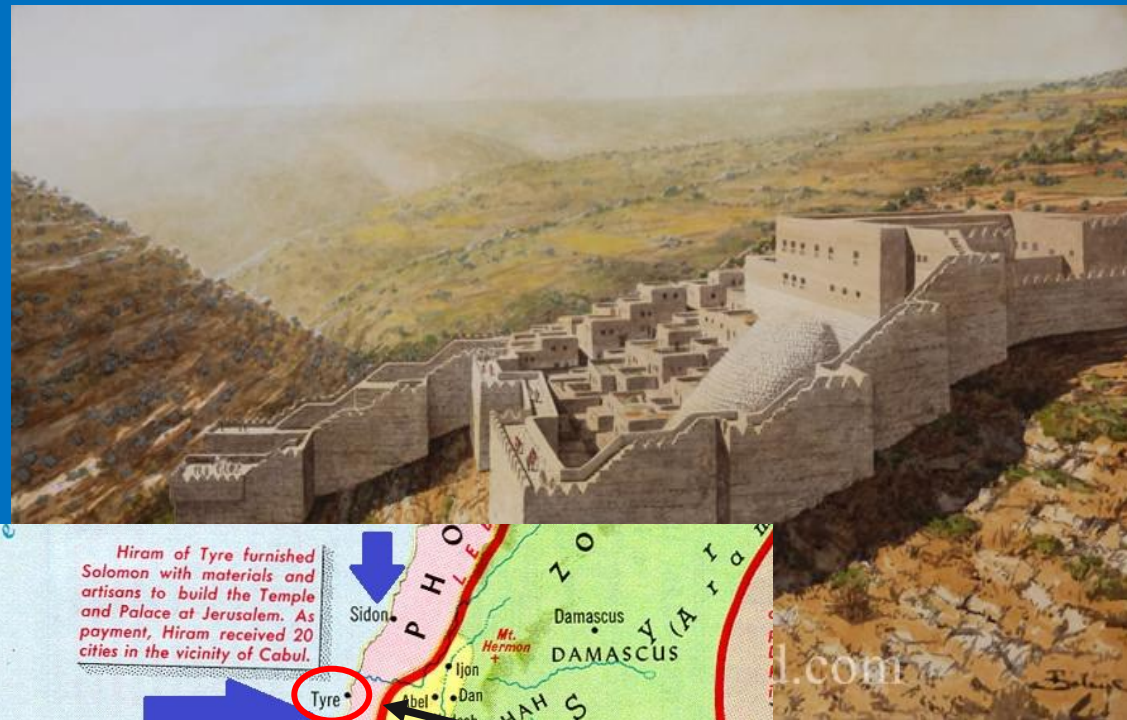


- David fortified the northern border of Jerusalem (the weakest point) and strengthened Jerusalem's defenses.



Gihon Spring

- David became greater and greater since the Lord blessed him. Compare God's dealing with David and God's dealing with Saul.
- Hiram, king of Tyre, sent David cedar trees, carpenters, and stonemasons to build David a house in Jerusalem.

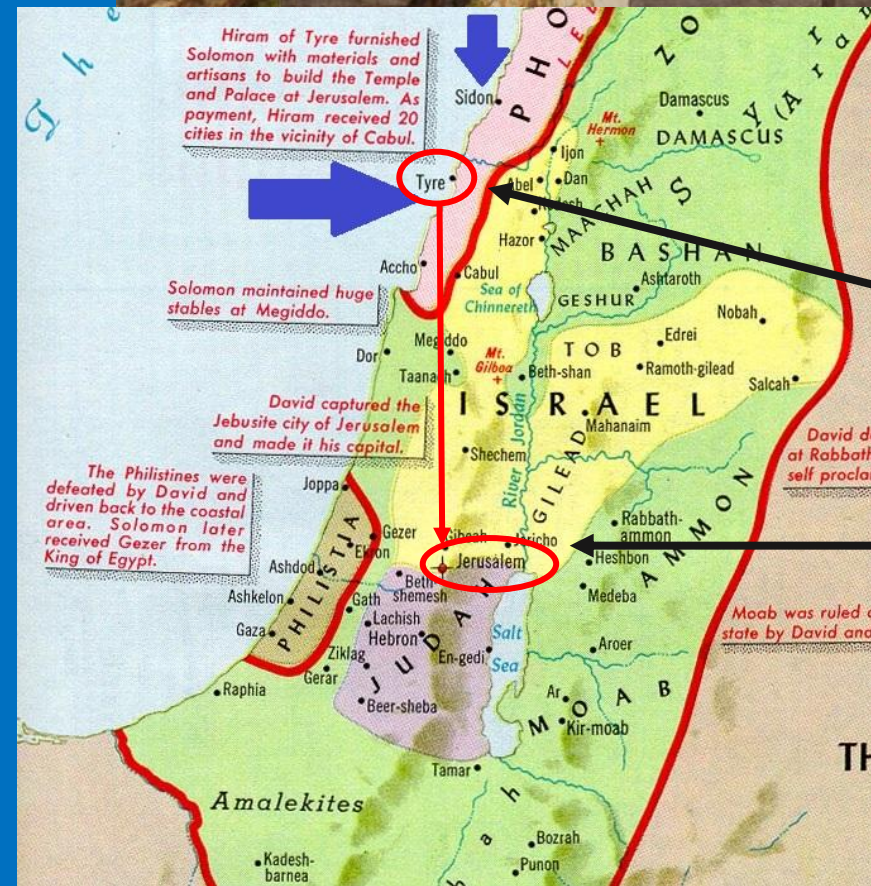
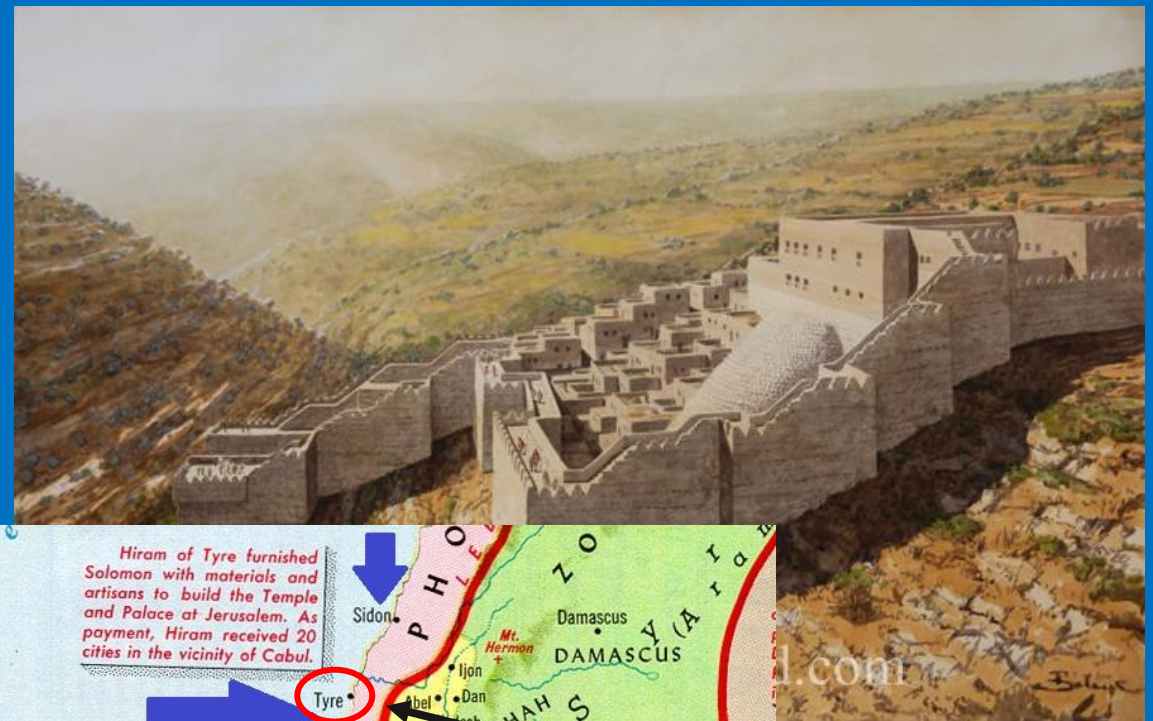


Tyre

Jerusalem



- David realized God had exalted him for the sake of Israel-  
(Genesis 12:2-3; *Proverbs 21:31* (a good remedy for pride). [ ]



Tyre

Jerusalem

- David took more concubines and wives and continued to have more sons and daughters. These multiple families will cause David many problems.
- At the time of Saul's Death, David lived in Philistine territory. After David's coronation, the Philistines decided to invade Israel to keep it weak.



Ziklag



- The Philistines spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim (Re-fi-um).

Rephaim

Jerusalem

Ziklag



- David asked the Lord whether he should fight the Philistines. The Lord told David to go fight and have the victory.
- After the Philistine's defeat, David named the battleground *Baal-perazim* [*bel-per-a-zum*]. This name depicts flooding waters breaking through a dam.



Baal-perazim

- Undaunted by their defeat, the Philistines came again to the valley of Rephaim (Re-fi-um). This time the Lord told David not to go directly toward the Philistines but to circle around behind them and come at them in front of the balsam trees.





- The Lord told David, when he heard marching in the tops of the balsam trees, to act promptly and defeat the Philistines for the Lord had gone ahead of him to prepare the defeat.





- David obeyed, pursued, and defeated the Philistines from Geba (Gay-ba) to Gezer (Gez-er).



Geba

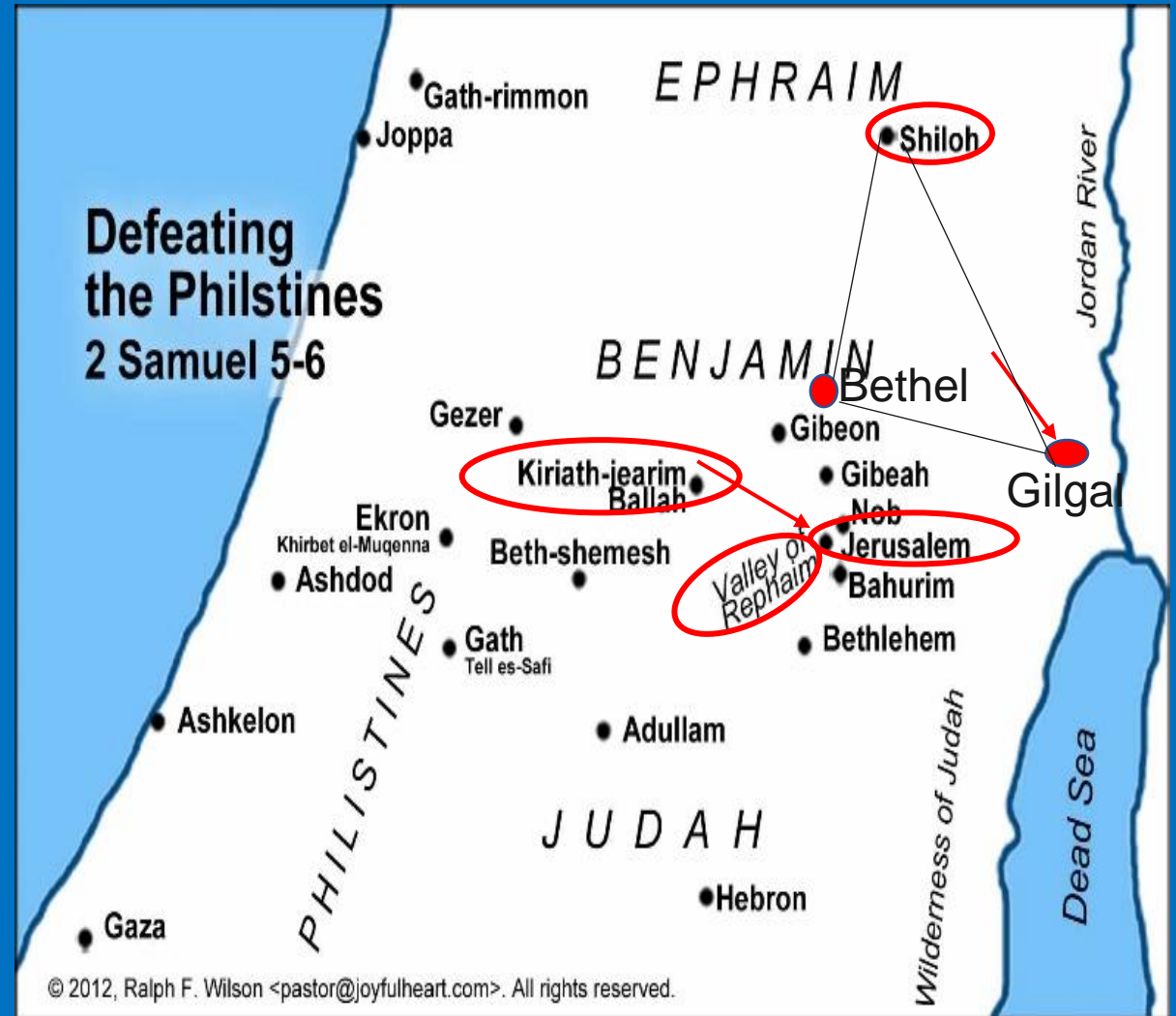
Jerusalem

Gezer

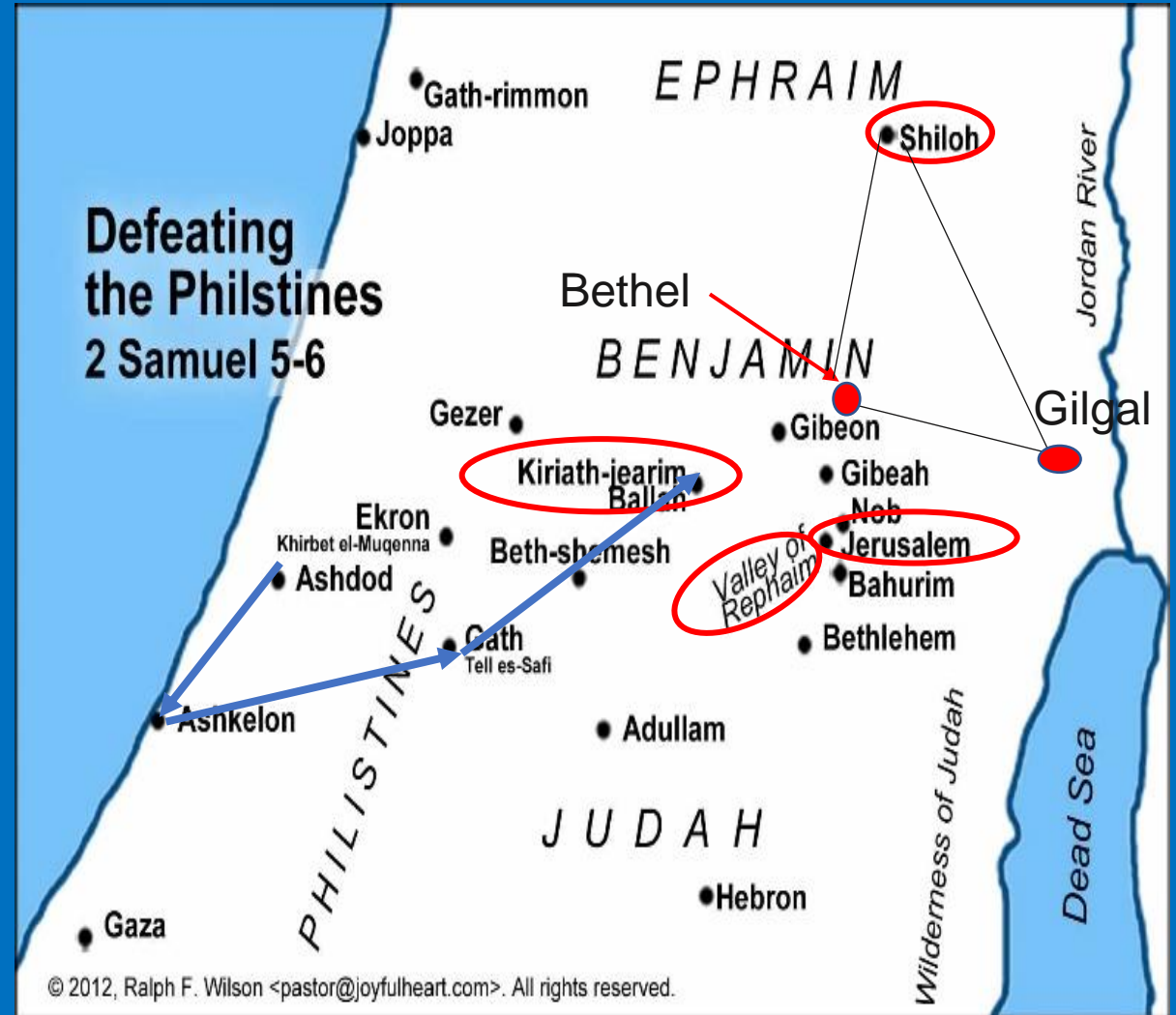
# CHAPTER 6: THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM

## Verses 1-23: David Brings the Ark

- After the Philistine defeat, David ordered 30,000 men to go with him to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem from Kiriath-Jearim (Kear-eye-ath-Jar-um) or Balle-Judah (bail-Judah).



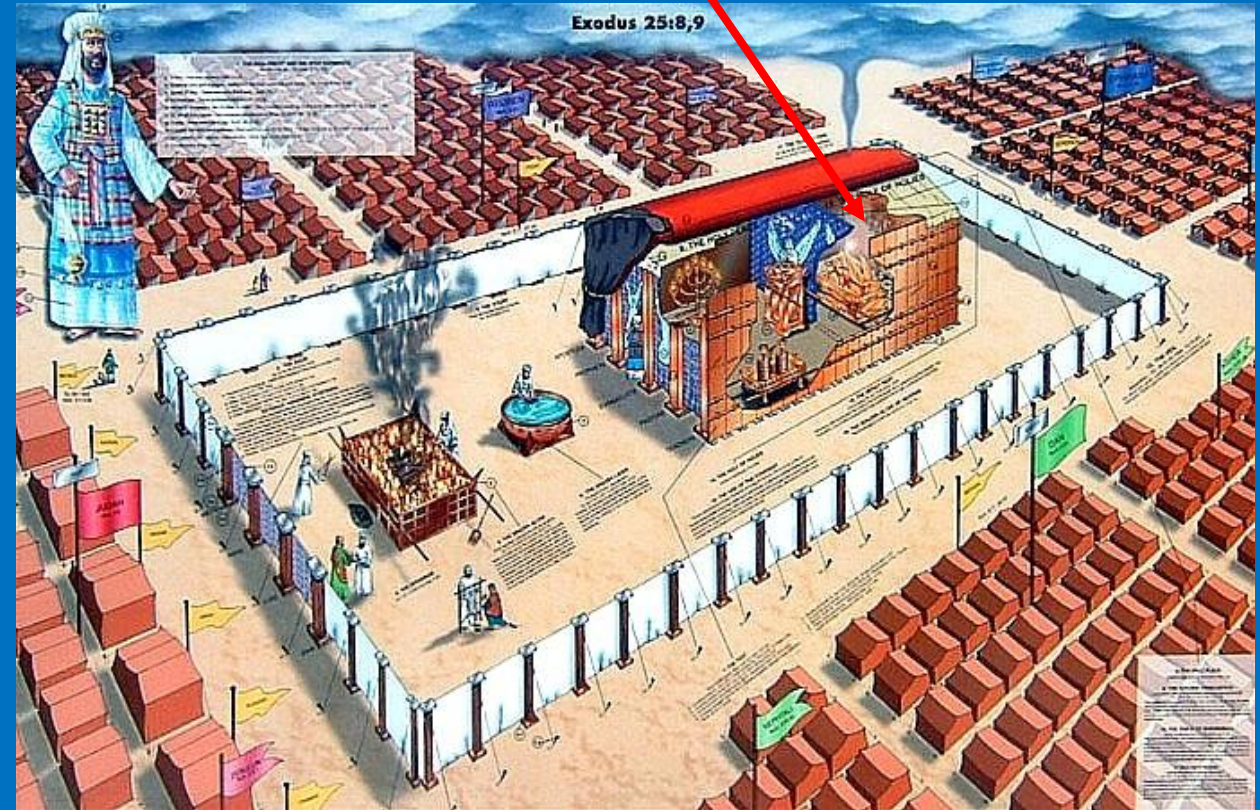
- Kiriath-Jearim, an Israelite city, secured the Ark after God smote the Philistines with tumors (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 6:21). [ ]
- Gilgal, Bethel, and Shiloh had previously held the ark.





- The Holy of Holies, a separate chamber within the tabernacle, held the Ark of the covenant.

## Holy of Holies



- Excited to bring the Ark back to Jerusalem, David built a new cart for transportation.
- Unfortunately, a major problem erupted. According to Numbers 4:15-16; 7:9, only the sons of Kohath (Levites) could carry the Ark on their shoulders. [ ]



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- David probably used the same technique as the Philistines when they transported the ark to Kiriath-Jearim (1 Samuel 6:2-3, 7-8). [ ]
- God did not place the Philistines under the Law, God did not punish the Philistines for using a cart to transport the Ark. (Romans 12:2). [ ]



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- During the transportation, the oxen upset the Ark and Uzzah reached out his hand to steady it. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah for his irreverence and the Lord killed him.



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- David and the Israelite leaders did not read the proper directions for the Ark's transportation. God viewed the Ark as holy and the meeting place between God and the Israelites.
- David kept the ark at the house of Obed-edom for three months until he understood how to move it.



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- God blessed the house of Obed-edom.
- David transported the Ark a second time and carried it according to the Law. When the Ark had moved six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.





- As the Ark arrived in Jerusalem, Michal-David's wife saw him dancing and despised him for exhibiting unkinglike behavior.
- After the Ark's arrival, David offered burnt and peace offerings and blessed the people.



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- After David returned home, Michal admonished him for his unsightly behavior.
- David rebuked Michal and said he had humbled himself before the Lord. As a result, and condemned by disgrace, Michael never bore children nor an heir to the throne.



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# SUMMARY

Job 1:21 states the Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. As Christians, we should realize all blessings come from the Lord. We should give thanks for all God does in our life and not take credit for our accomplishments. God gives us talents and desires to achieve many things, however, only through God's grace and mercy will prosperity come our way.

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1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:13

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 2:4

4 Then the men of Judah came and there anointed David king over the house of Judah. [ ]

2 Samuel 5:7

7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion,  
that is the City of David. [ ]

## Genesis 12:2-3

2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

## *Proverbs 21:31*

*31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle,  
But the victory belongs to the Lord. [ ]*



1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 6:21

21 So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up to you." [ ]

Numbers 4:15-16; 7:9

14 They shall also put on it all its utensils by which they serve in connection with it: the firepans, the forks and shovels and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread a cover of porpoise skin over it and insert its poles. 15 When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy *objects* and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry *them*, so that they will not touch the holy *objects* and die.

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These are the things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

7:9 But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath because theirs *was* the service of the holy *objects*, *which* they carried on the shoulder. [ ]



1 Samuel 6:2-3, 7-8

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we shall send it to its place." 3

They said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty; but you shall surely return to Him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed and it will be known to you why His hand is not removed from you."

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7 Now therefore, take and prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which there has never been a yoke; and hitch the cows to the cart and take their calves home, away from them. 8 Take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart; and put the articles of gold which you return to Him as a guilt offering in a box by its side. Then send it away that it may go. [ ]

## Romans 12:17-21

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 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. 20 "*But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.*" 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. [ ]



## James 2-4

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing.

## 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.” [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:1-2

1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 2 Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the Lord said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.’” [ ]

## Romans 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. [ ]



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4:5-7

5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came to the house of Ish-bosheth in the heat of the day, while he was taking his midday rest. 6 And they came to the interior of the house as if to get wheat, and they struck him in the belly; and Rechab and his brother Baanah escaped. 7 Now when they had come into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him, and they beheaded him. And they took his head and traveled by way of the Arabah all night. [ ]

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Joshua 15:63

63 Now as for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not drive them out; so the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah in Jerusalem to this day. [ ]



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:4

4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was disabled in both feet. He was five years old when the news of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse picked him up and fled. But it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and could no longer walk. And his name was Mephibosheth. [ ]

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4:9-12

9 But David replied to Rechab and his brother Baanah, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, “As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress, 10 when the one who informed me, saying, ‘Behold, Saul is dead,’ also viewed himself as the bearer of good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news.

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11 How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your hands and eliminate you both from the earth?” 12 Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet, and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

Galatians 1:10

10 For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. [ ]



Joshua 15:63

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Galatians 5:9

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:6

6 Now the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land; and they said to David, “You shall not come in here, but even those who are blind and those who limp will turn you away,” thinking, “David cannot enter here.” [ ]




# YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

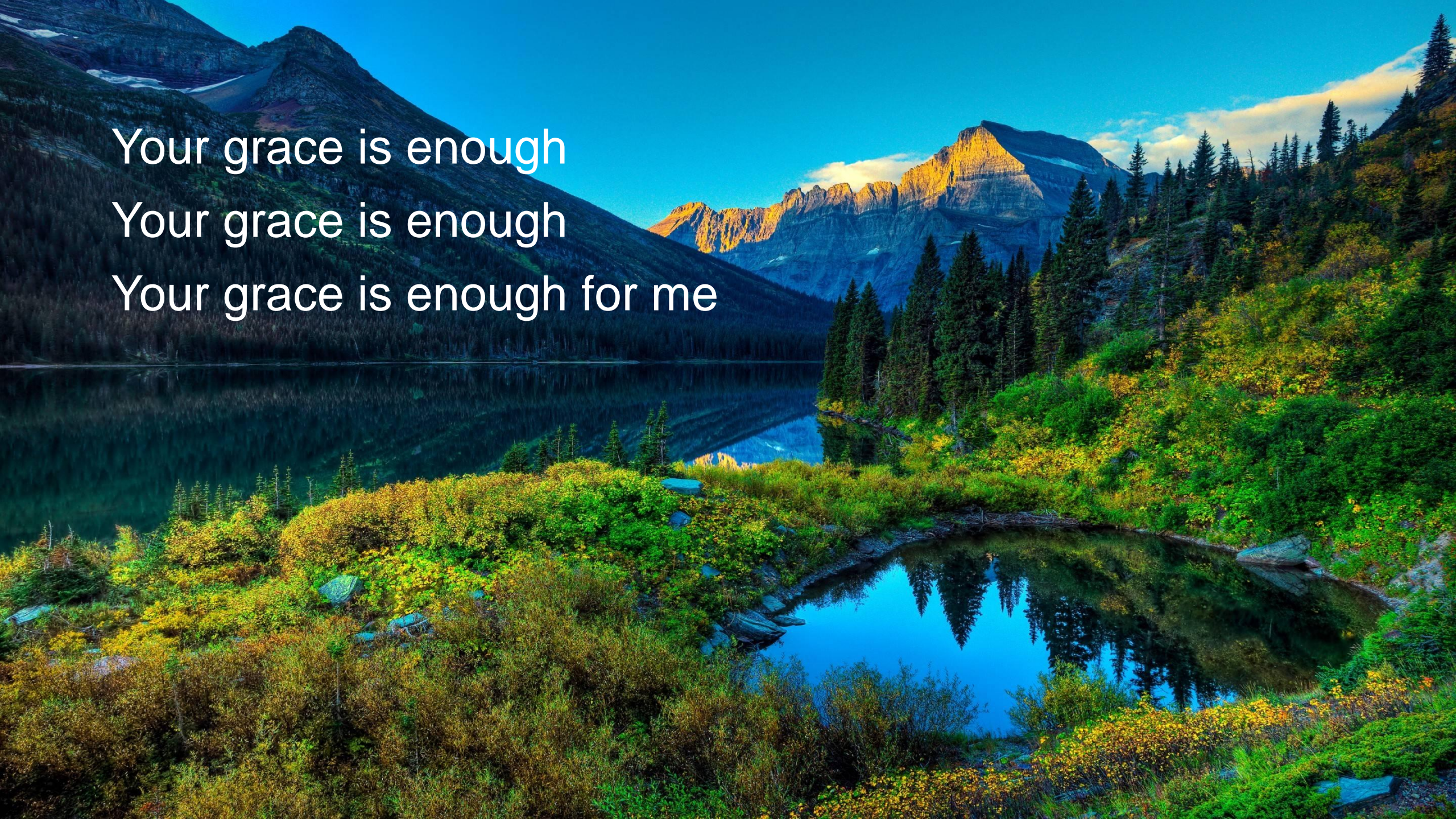
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So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, Oh God



A scenic landscape featuring a large, calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding environment. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is visible, with the central peak illuminated by a warm, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The foreground is dominated by lush green and yellow vegetation, including bushes and small trees, which are reflected in the water. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.


Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me



A scenic landscape featuring a large mountain range in the background, a calm lake reflecting the sky and mountains, and a stream flowing through a lush, green and yellow forest in the foreground. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.


Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along



A scenic landscape featuring a large mountain range in the background, a calm lake reflecting the sky and mountains, and a forest of evergreen trees. The foreground is filled with dense, colorful vegetation in shades of green and yellow. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.


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Remember Your promise, Oh God



A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, surrounded by lush green and yellow foliage. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees leads to a range of rugged mountains under a clear blue sky. The mountains are partially covered in snow, and the scene is bathed in the warm light of late afternoon or early morning.

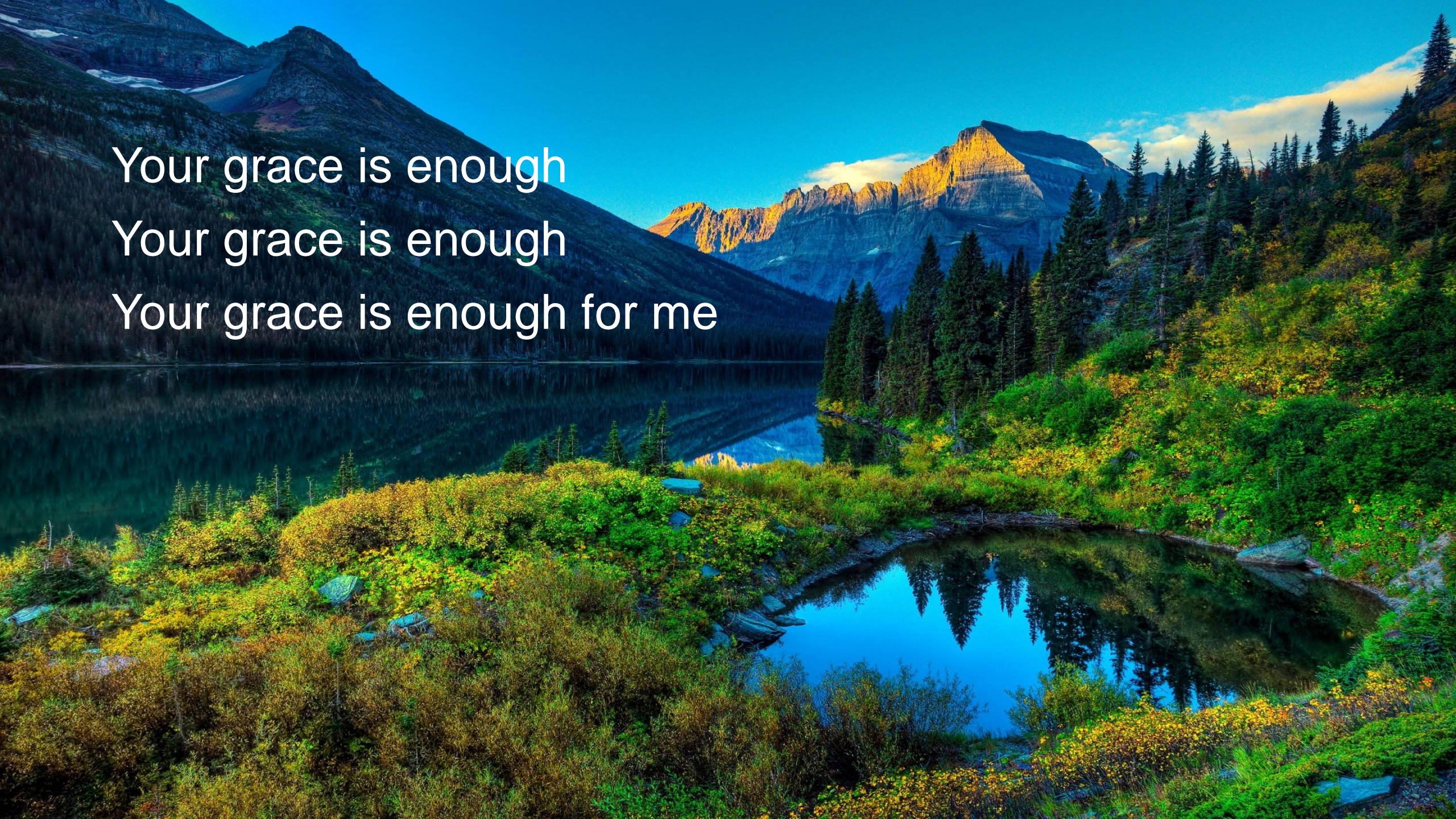
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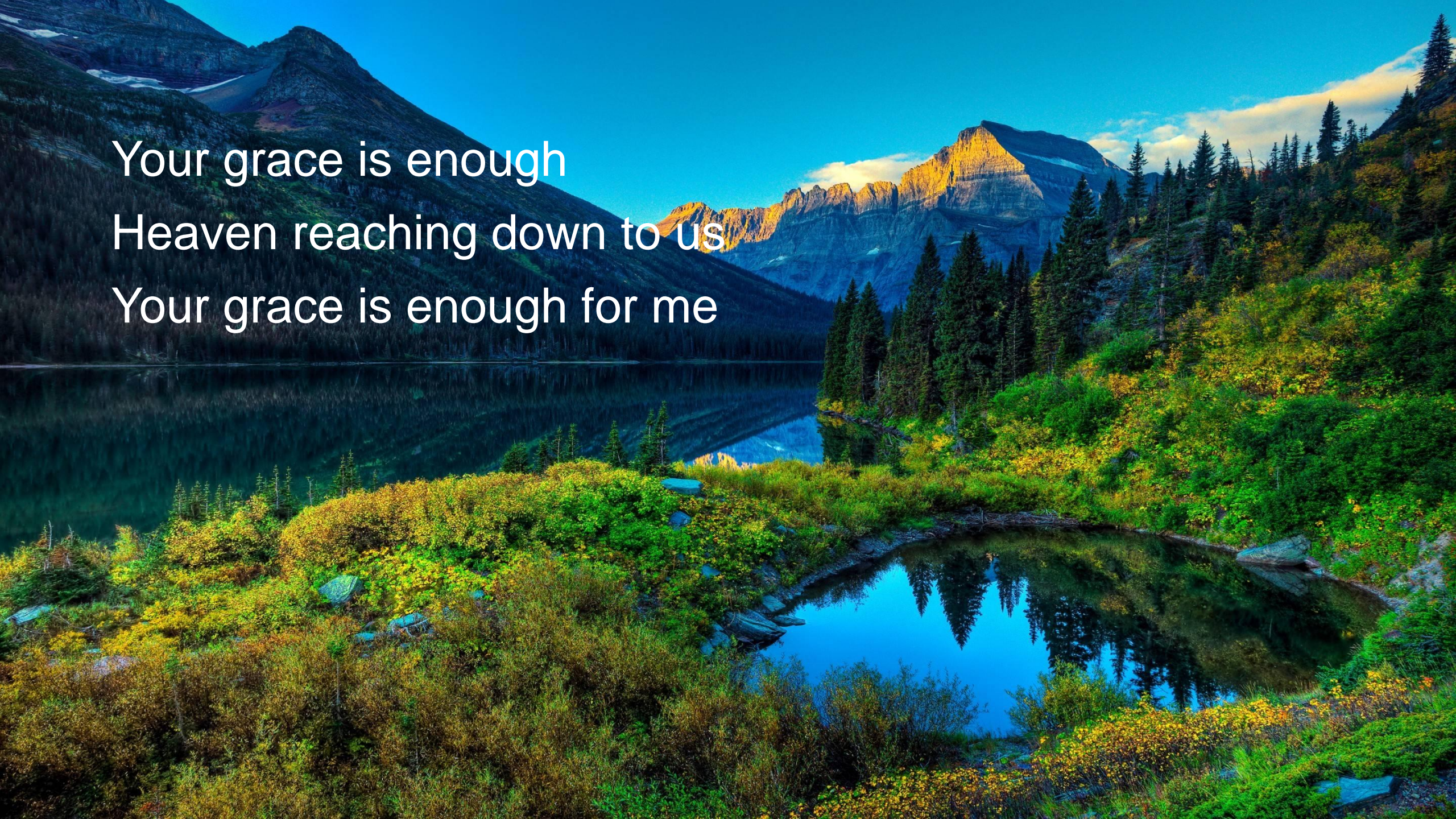
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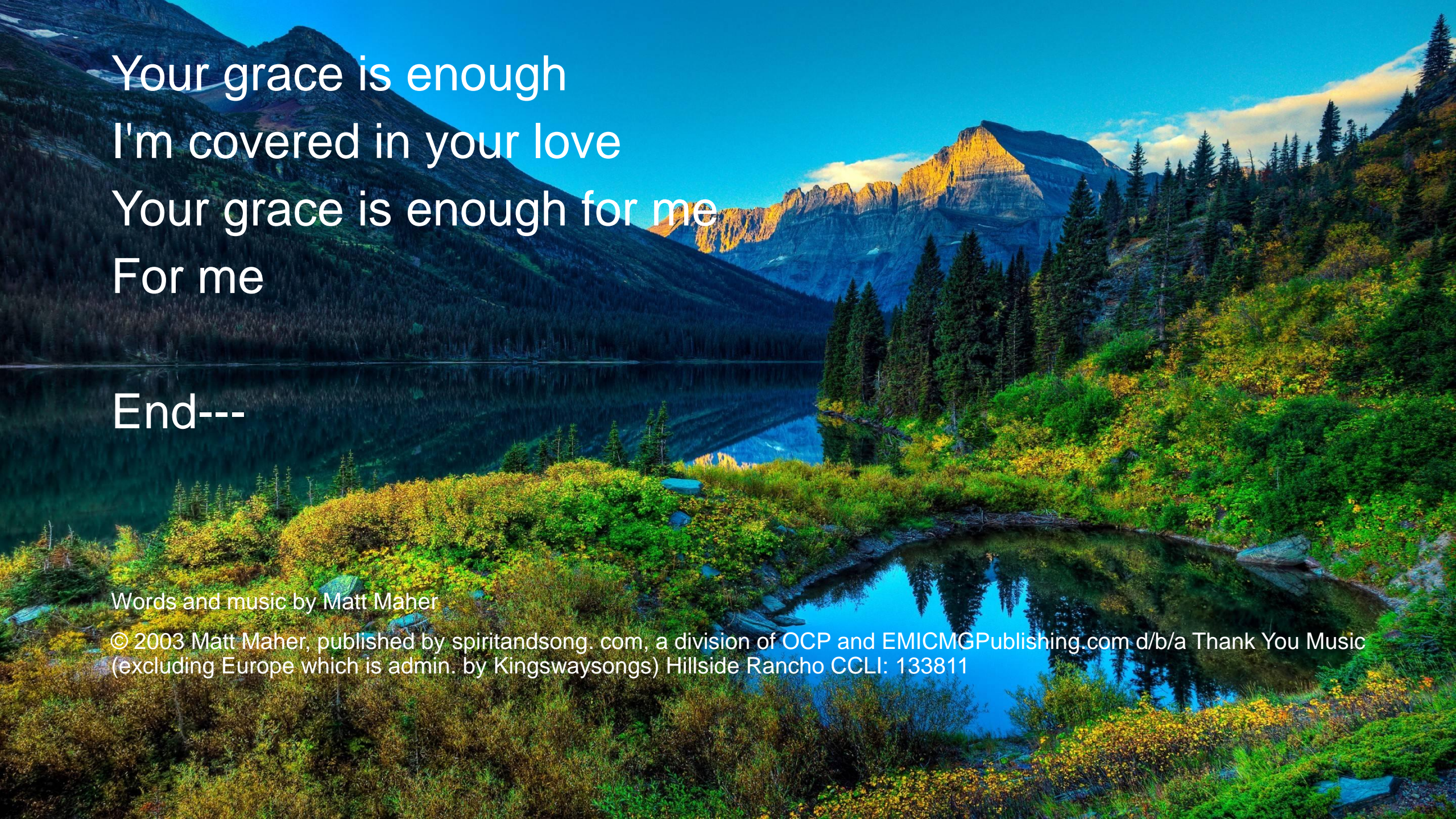
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Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me





Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in your love  
Your grace is enough for me  
For me

End---

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# Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in  
worship


To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

And all who've gone before us and all who  
will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

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**Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all**





**And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy  
Holy forever**





If you've been forgiven and if you've  
been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear

His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

We'll sing the song forever and amen





**And the angels cry, Holy**

**All creation cries, Holy**

**You are lifted high, Holy**

**Holy forever**


**Hear your people sing, Holy**

**To the King of Kings, Holy**

**You will always be, Holy**


**Holy forever**





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