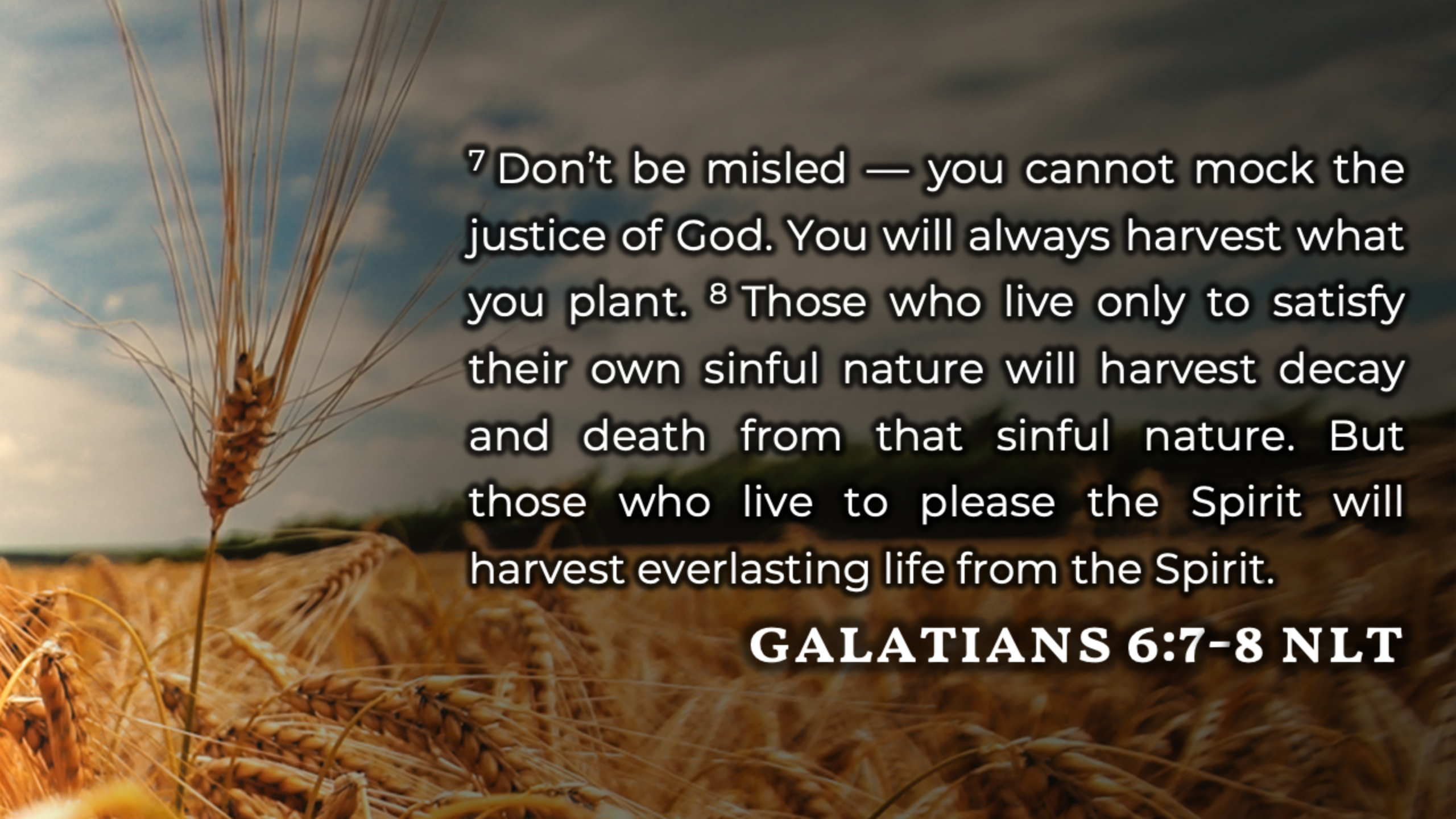




**WEEDS**  
OR  
**WHEAT**






<sup>7</sup> Don't be misled — you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

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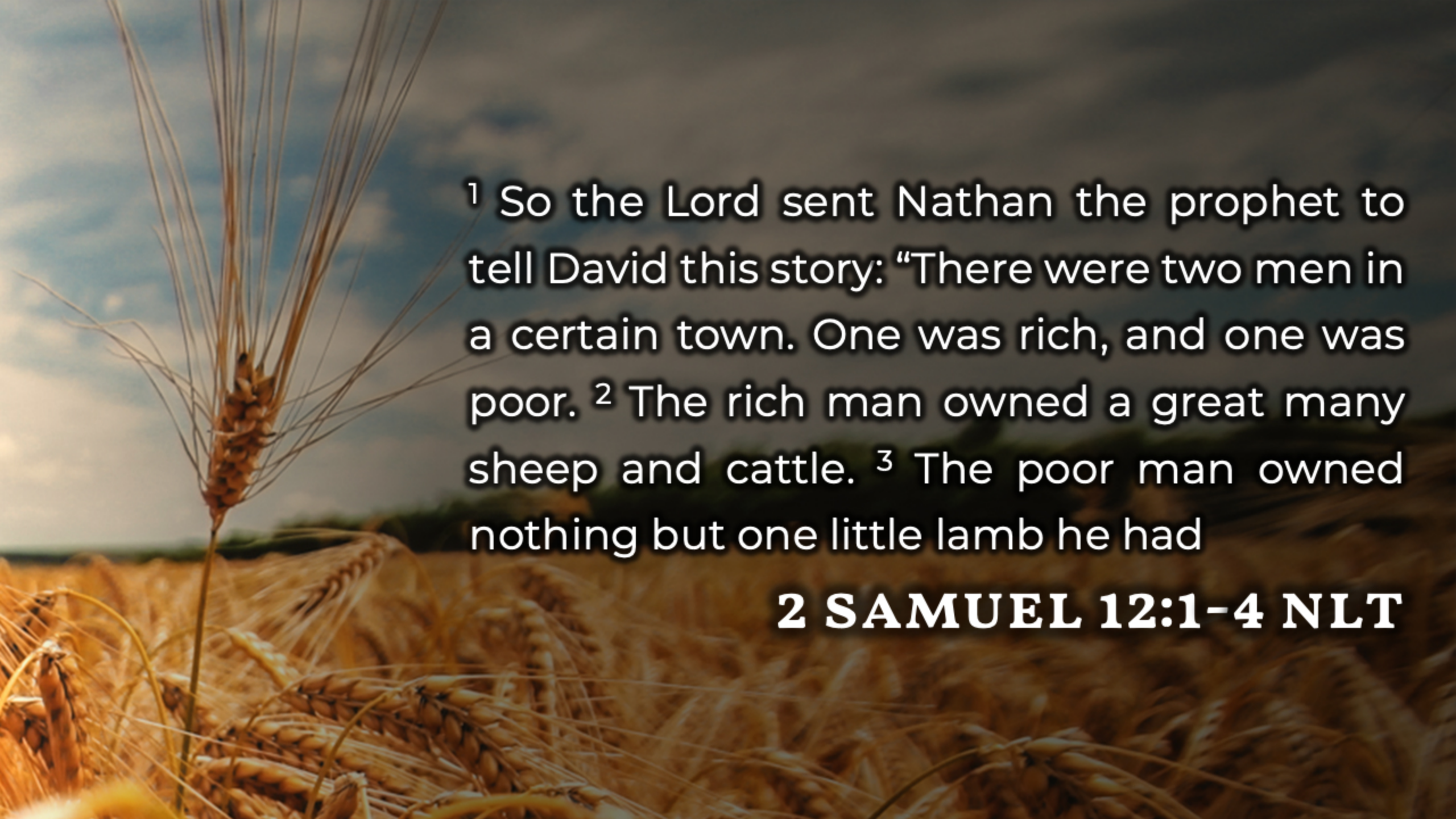
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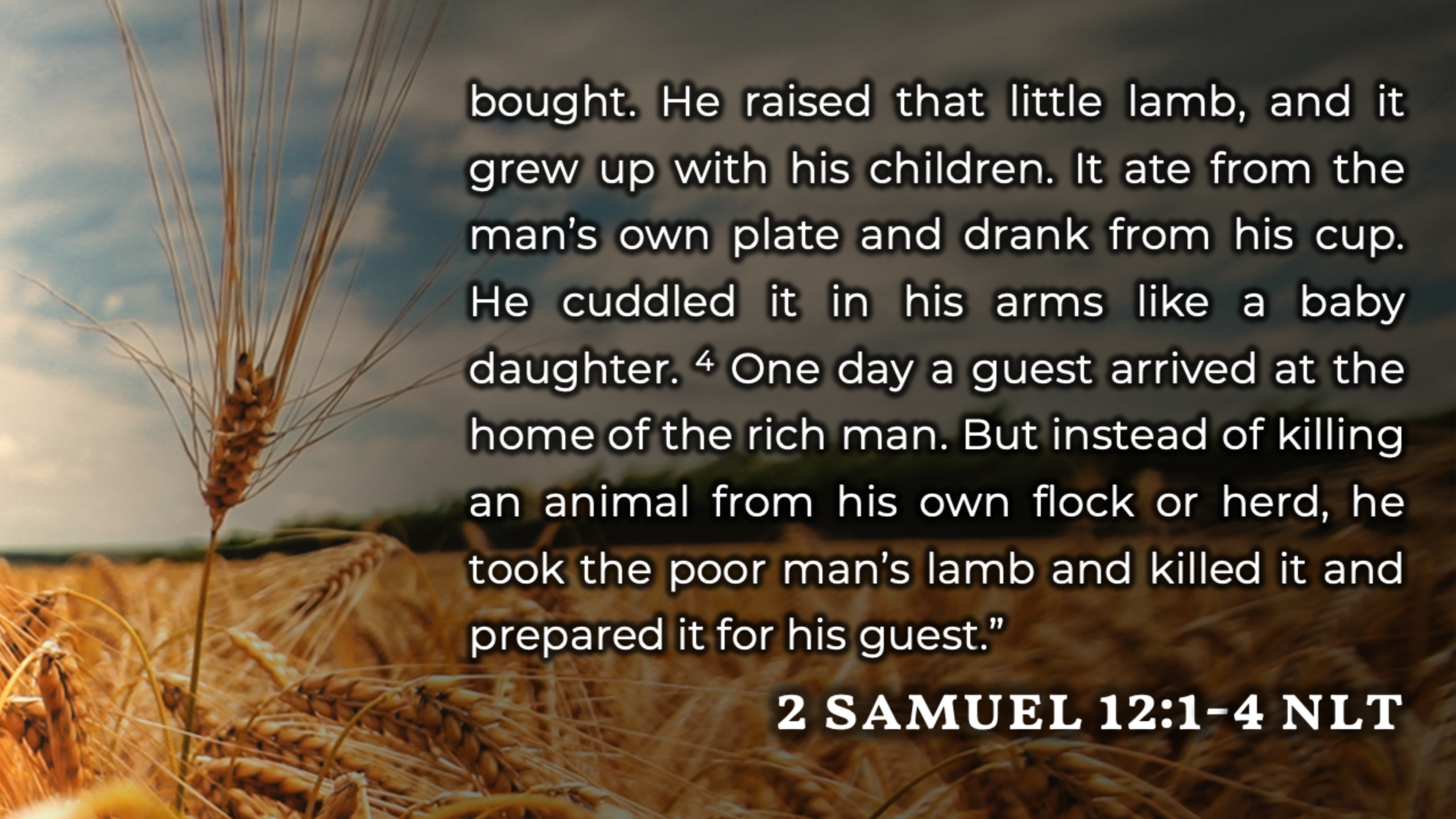




<sup>1</sup> So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: “There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. <sup>3</sup> The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had

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bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. <sup>4</sup> One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest."

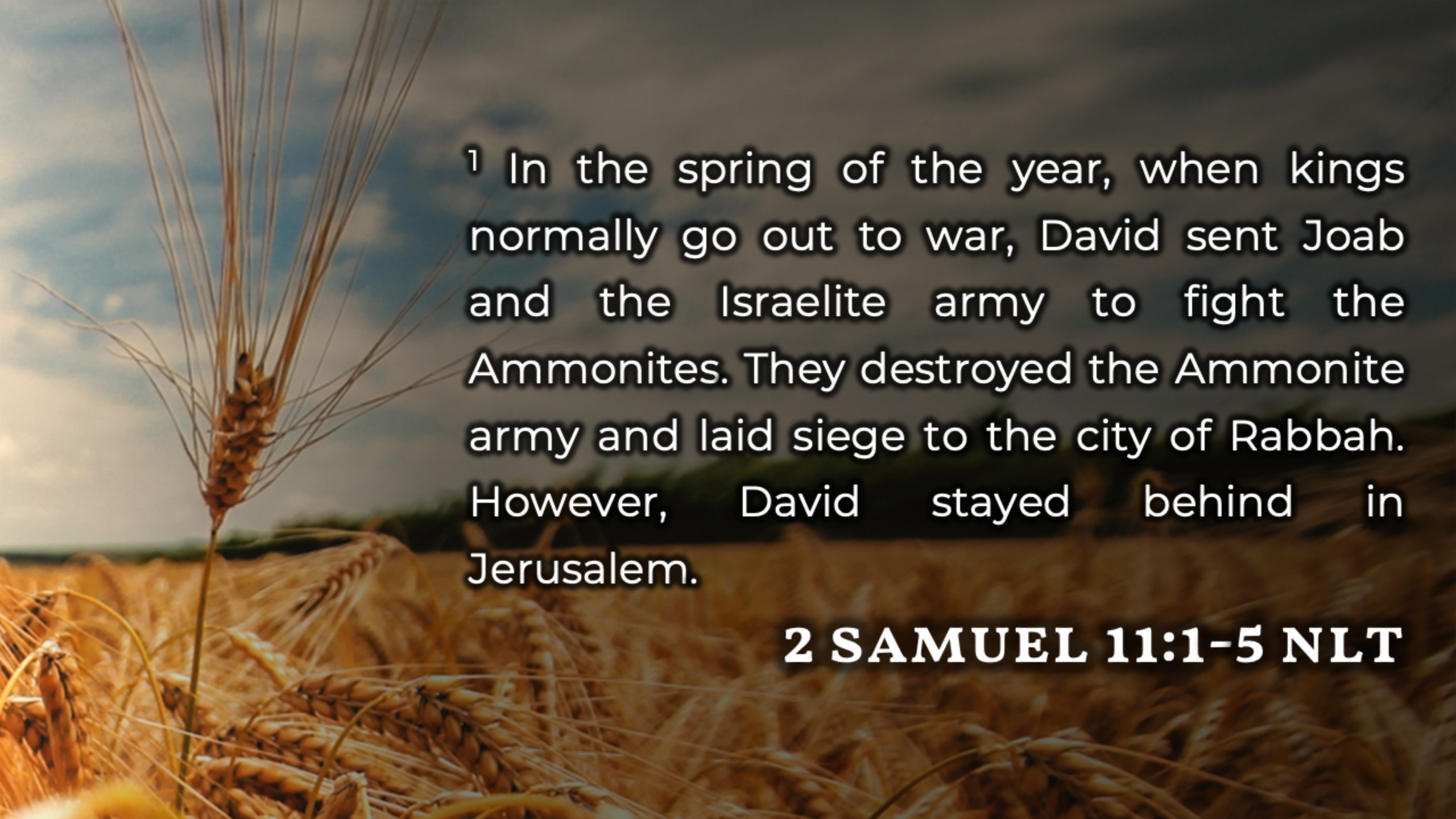
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I. THE DEVASTATION OF SEXUAL SIN.

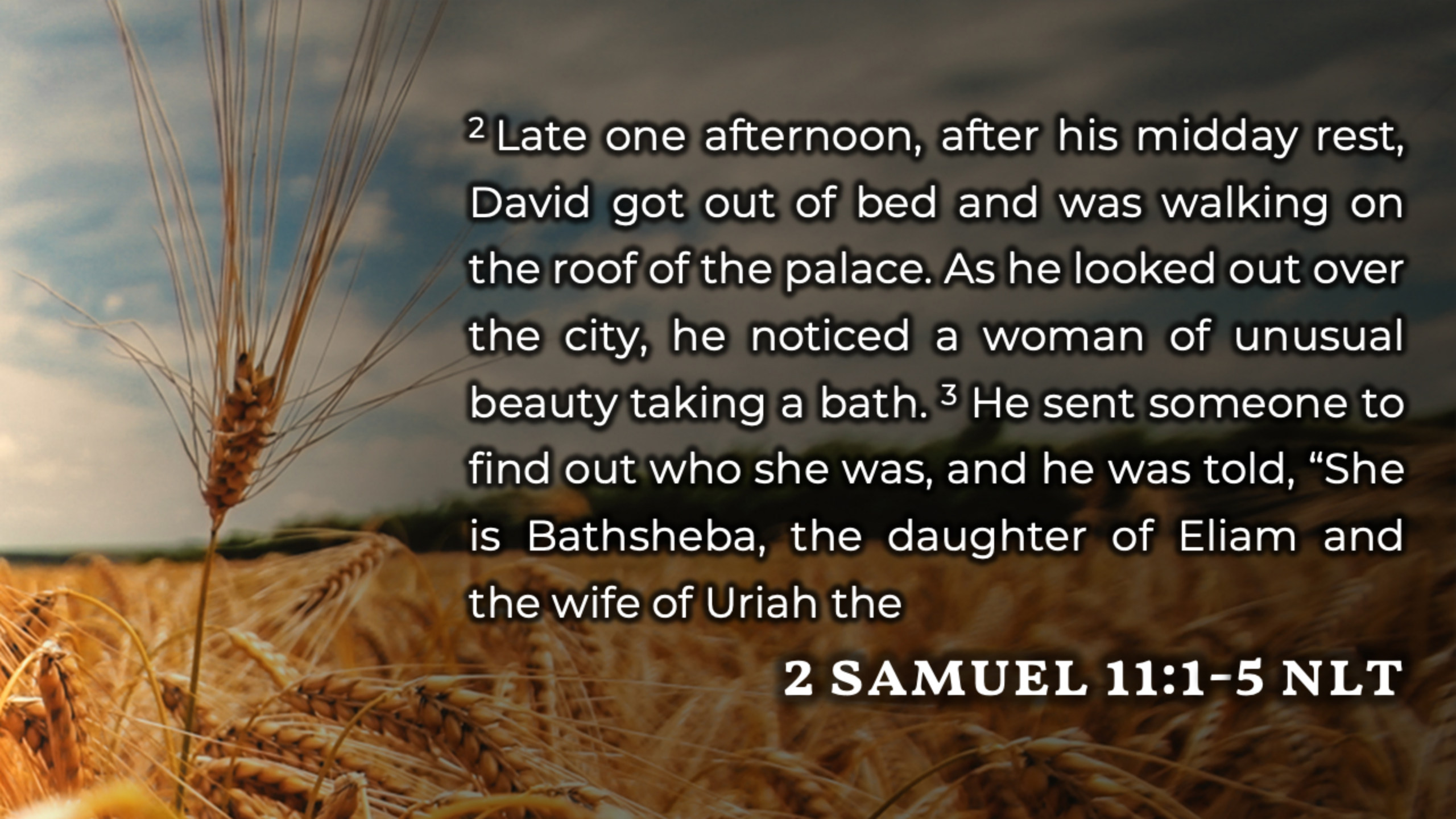




<sup>1</sup> In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.

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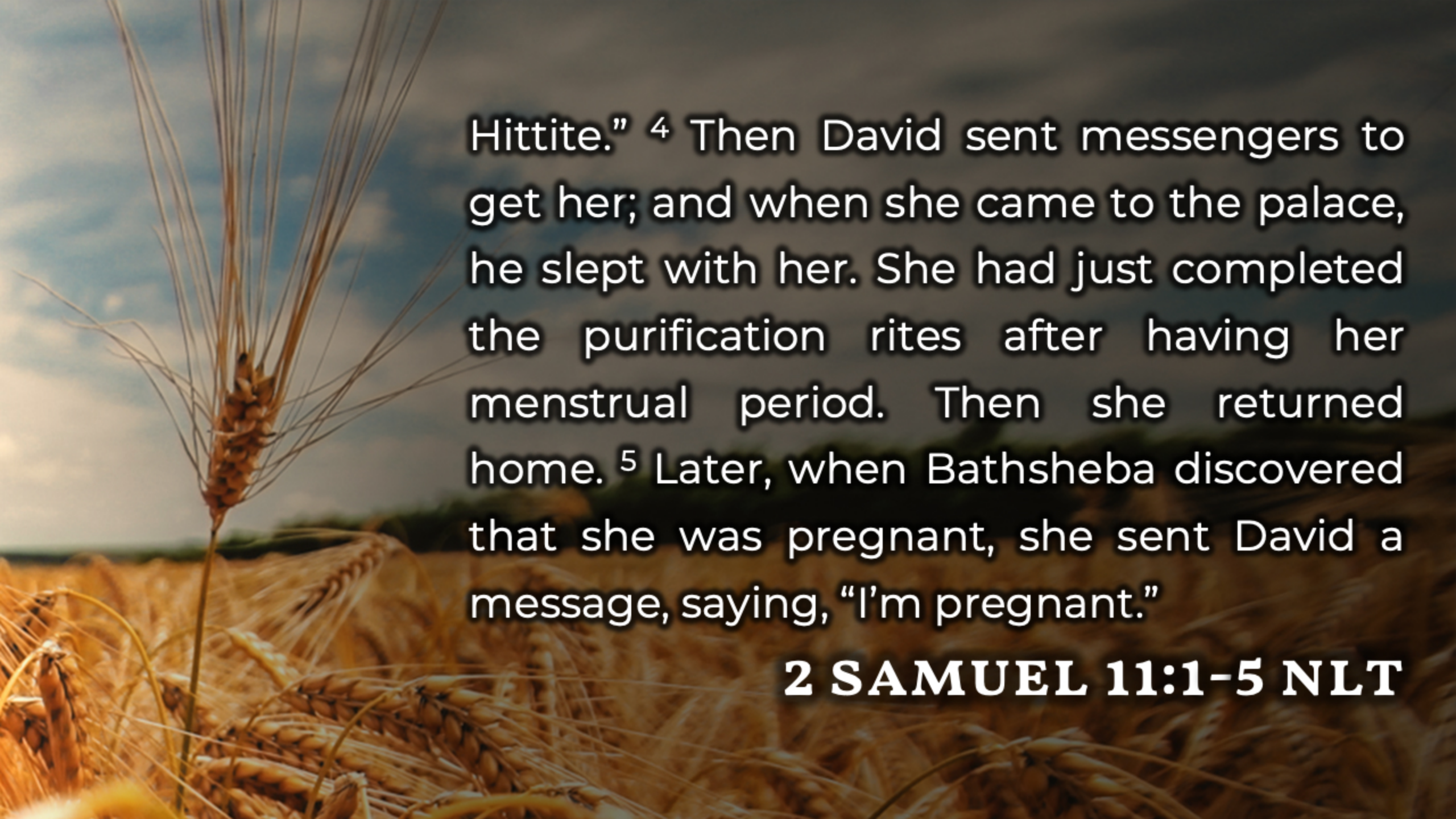




<sup>2</sup> Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. <sup>3</sup> He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the

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Hittite.”<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. She had just completed the purification rites after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home.<sup>5</sup> Later, when Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, “I’m pregnant.”

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# DAVID'S THREE SCHEMES





# SCHEME #1

<sup>6</sup>Then David sent word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” So Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah arrived, David asked him how Joab and the army were getting along and how the war was progressing.

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# SCHEME #1

<sup>8</sup> Then he told Uriah, “Go on home and relax.” David even sent a gift to Uriah after he had left the palace. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah didn’t go home. He slept that night at the palace entrance with the king’s palace guard.

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# SCHEME #1

<sup>10</sup> When David heard that Uriah had not gone home, he summoned him and asked, “What’s the matter? Why didn’t you go home last night after being away for so long?”

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# SCHEME #1

<sup>11</sup> Uriah replied, "The Ark and the armies of Israel and Judah are living in tents, and Joab and my master's men are camping in the open fields. How could I go home to wine and dine and sleep with my wife? I swear that I would never do such a thing."

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# SCHEME #2

<sup>12</sup> “Well, stay here today,” David told him, “and tomorrow you may return to the army.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> Then David invited him to dinner and got him drunk. But even then he couldn’t get Uriah to go home to his wife. Again he slept at the palace entrance with the king’s palace guard.

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# SCHEME #3

<sup>14</sup> So the next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and gave it to Uriah to deliver. <sup>15</sup> The letter instructed Joab, “Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.” <sup>16</sup> So Joab assigned

**2 SAMUEL 11:14-17 NLT**





# SCHEME #3

Uriah to a spot close to the city wall where he knew the enemy's strongest men were fighting. <sup>17</sup> And when the enemy soldiers came out of the city to fight, Uriah the Hittite was killed along with several other Israelite soldiers.

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# DAVID'S REPORT

<sup>22</sup> So the messenger went to Jerusalem and gave a complete report to David. <sup>23</sup> "The enemy came out against us in the open fields," he said. "And as we chased them back to the city gate, <sup>24</sup> the archers on the wall shot arrows at us. Some of the king's men were killed, including Uriah the Hittite."

**2 SAMUEL 11:22-25 NLT**





# DAVID'S REPORT

<sup>25</sup> “Well, tell Joab not to be discouraged,” David said. “The sword devours this one today and that one tomorrow! Fight harder next time, and conquer the city!”

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A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, with a soft-focus background of more wheat and a cloudy sky. The overall tone is warm and natural.

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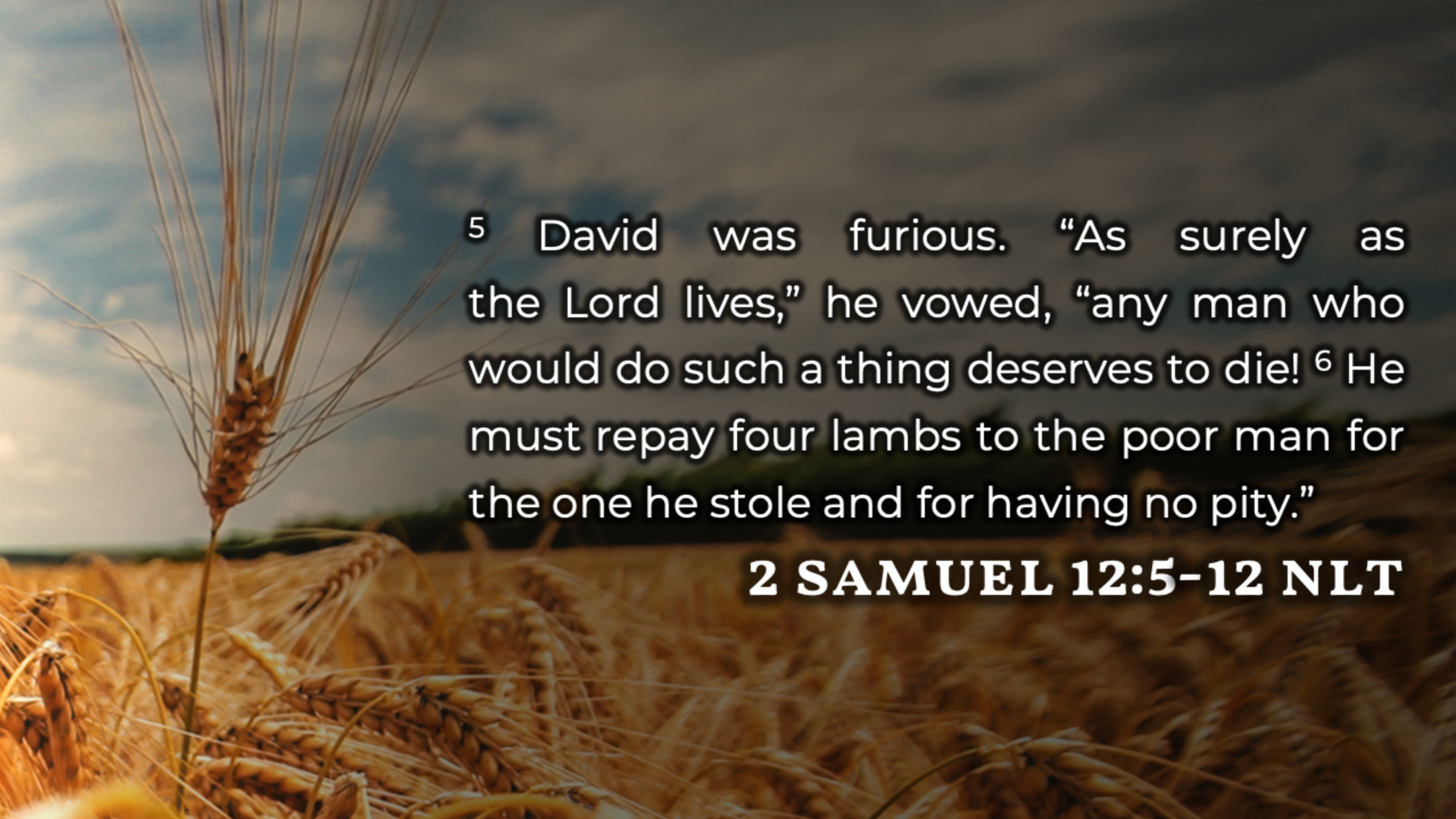
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II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF DAVID'S SIN.

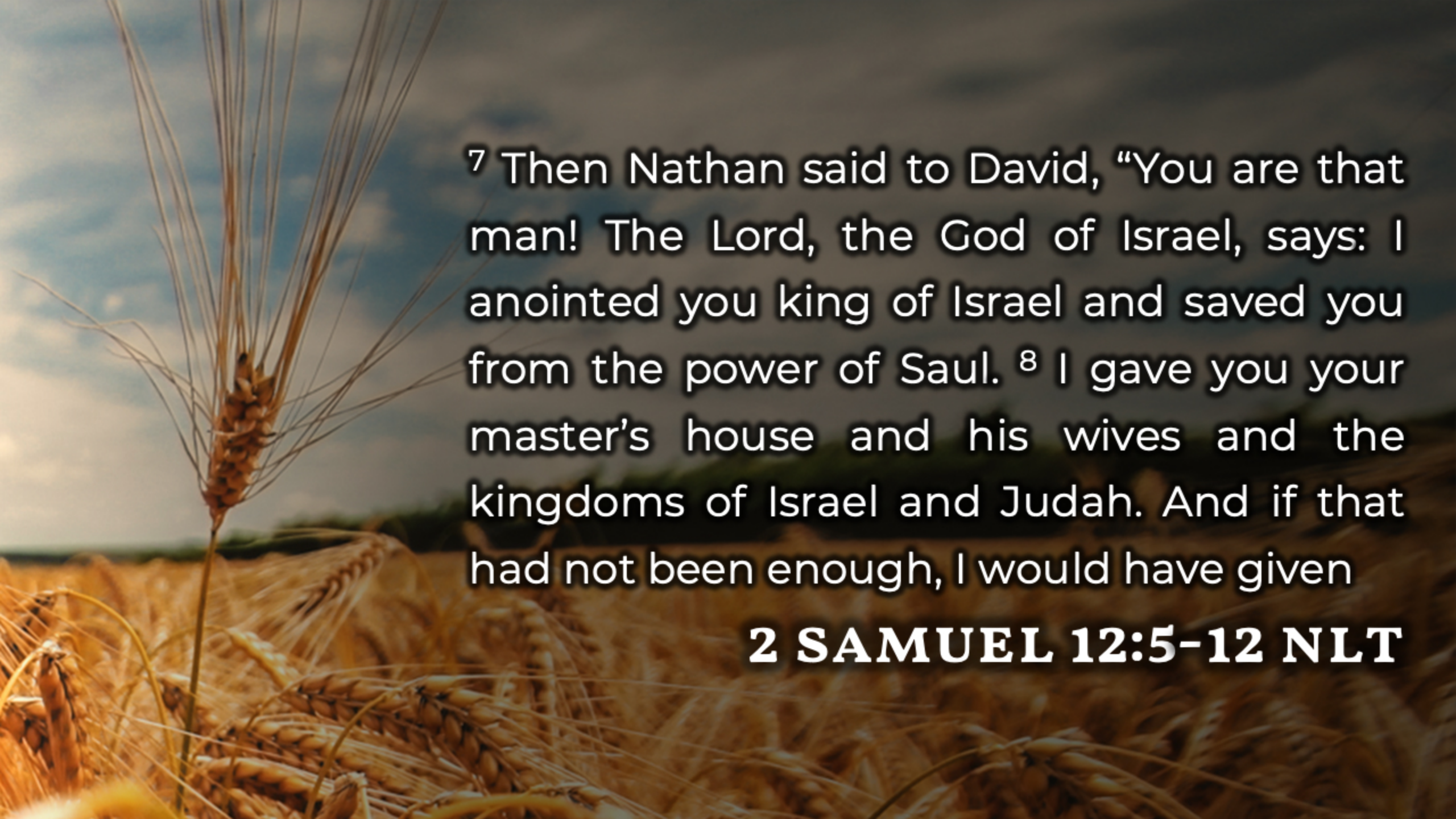




<sup>5</sup> David was furious. “As surely as the Lord lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing deserves to die!” <sup>6</sup> He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

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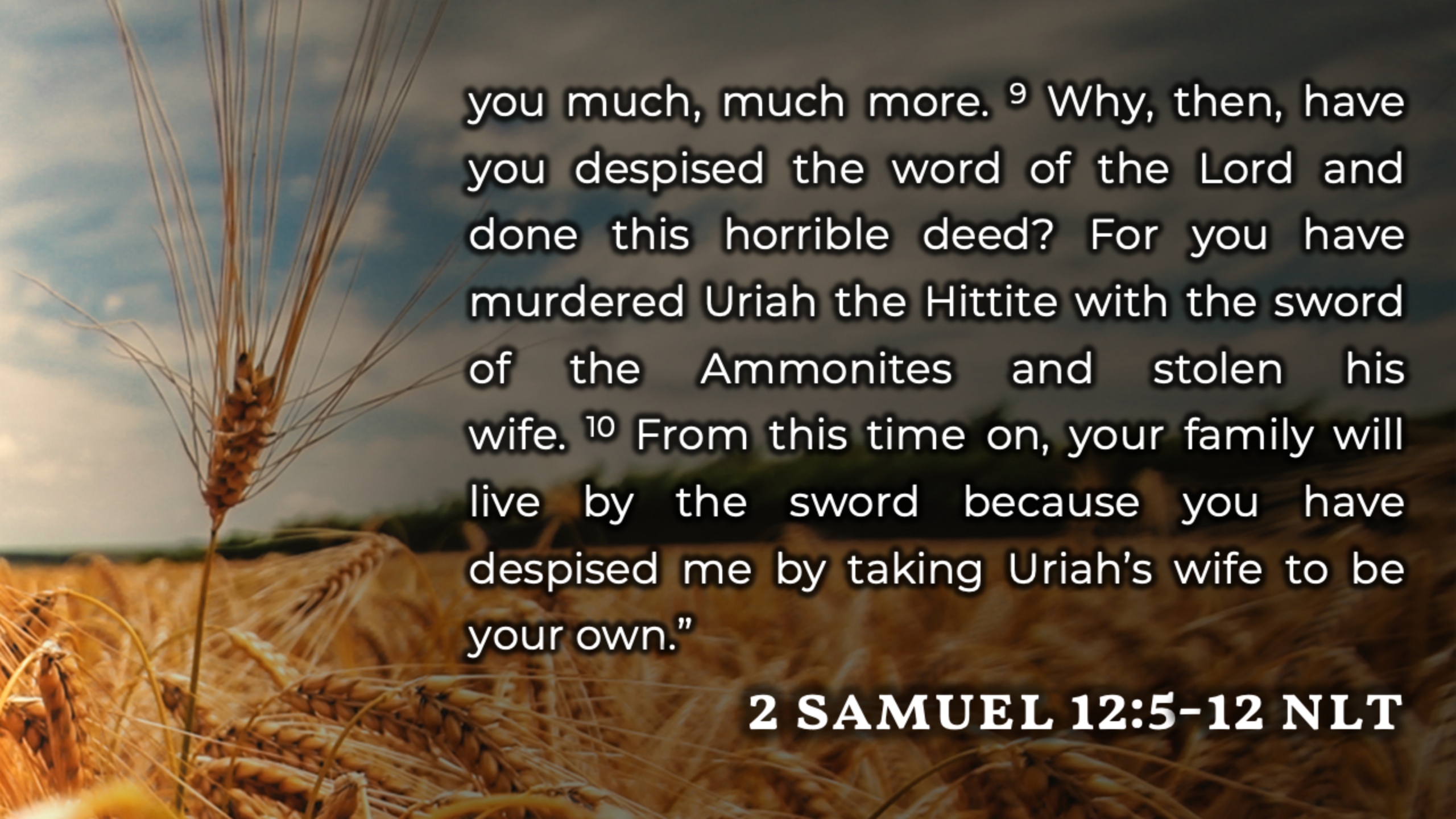




<sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master’s house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given

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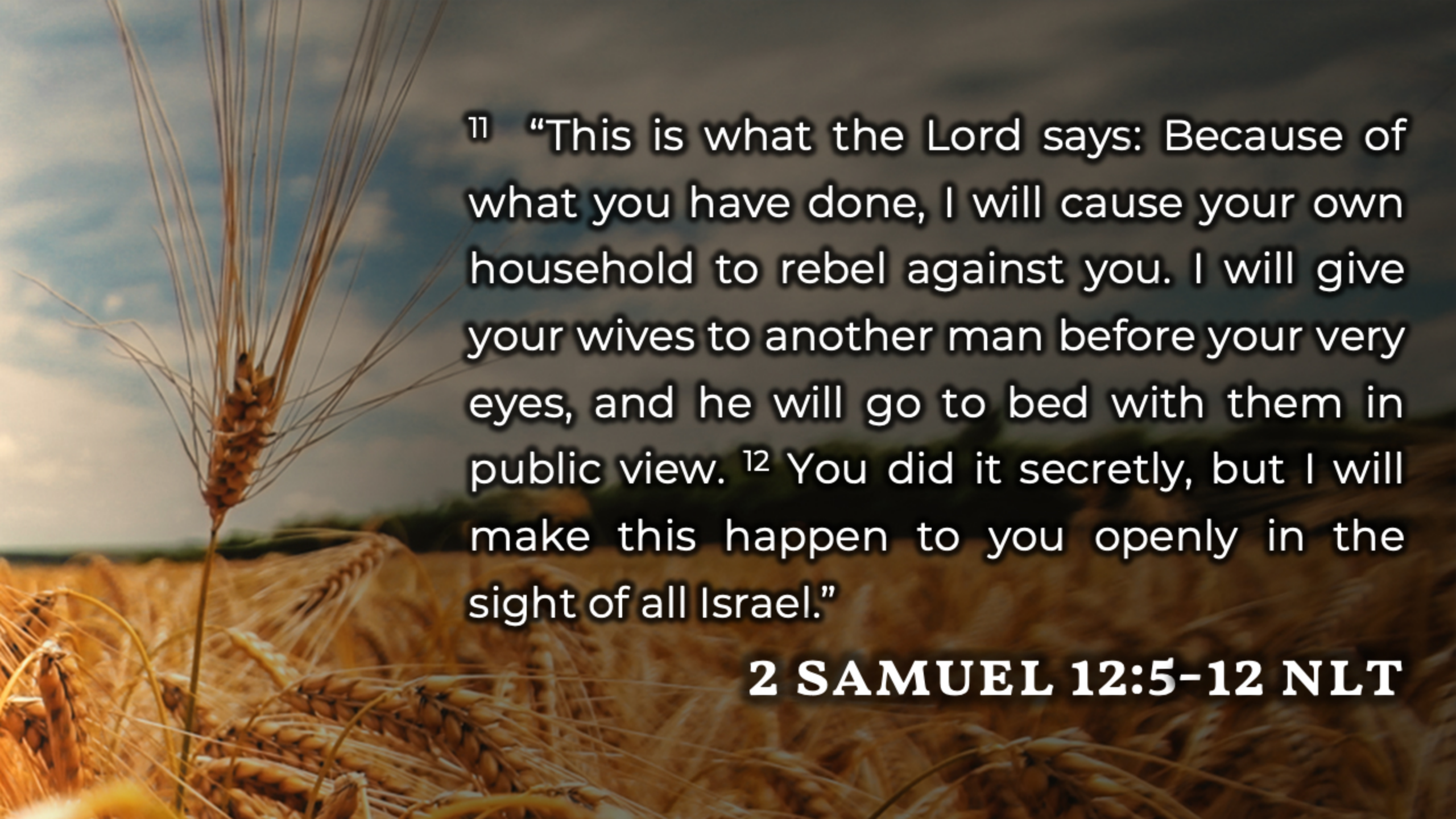




you much, much more. <sup>9</sup> Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. <sup>10</sup> From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own."

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<sup>11</sup> “This is what the Lord says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. <sup>12</sup> You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel.”

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**III. PRINCIPLES WE CAN LEARN FROM  
THIS EVENT IN DAVID'S LIFE.**



A close-up photograph of a golden wheat field. The foreground shows several wheat stalks in sharp focus, with their heads of grain clearly visible. The background is a soft-focus field of similar wheat stretching towards a horizon under a bright, slightly overcast sky. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the golden yellows and browns of the wheat, with a pale blue and white sky.

PRINCIPLE #1

NEVER RELY ON PAST SUCCESS AS  
SECURITY FROM FUTURE FAILURE.



A close-up photograph of a golden wheat field. The foreground shows several wheat stalks with their heads in sharp focus, while the background is a vast field of similar wheat stretching to the horizon under a bright, slightly overcast sky. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the golden-brown of the wheat and the pale blue of the sky.

PRINCIPLE #2

**AVOID** IDLENESS AND BOREDOM.



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## PRINCIPLE #3

IT IS TOO EASY TO RATIONALIZE SEXUAL SIN;  
ALWAYS BE ON GUARD AGAINST IT.





PRINCIPLE #4

DON'T ALLOW TEMPTATION  
TO TURN INTO SIN.





PRINCIPLE #5

NEVER TRY TO COVER UP OR HIDE SIN,  
ACKNOWLEDGE SIN IMMEDIATELY —  
ESPECIALLY TO GOD.





PRINCIPLE #6

THE GREATER THE RESPONSIBILITY,  
THE GREATER THE ACCOUNTABILITY.



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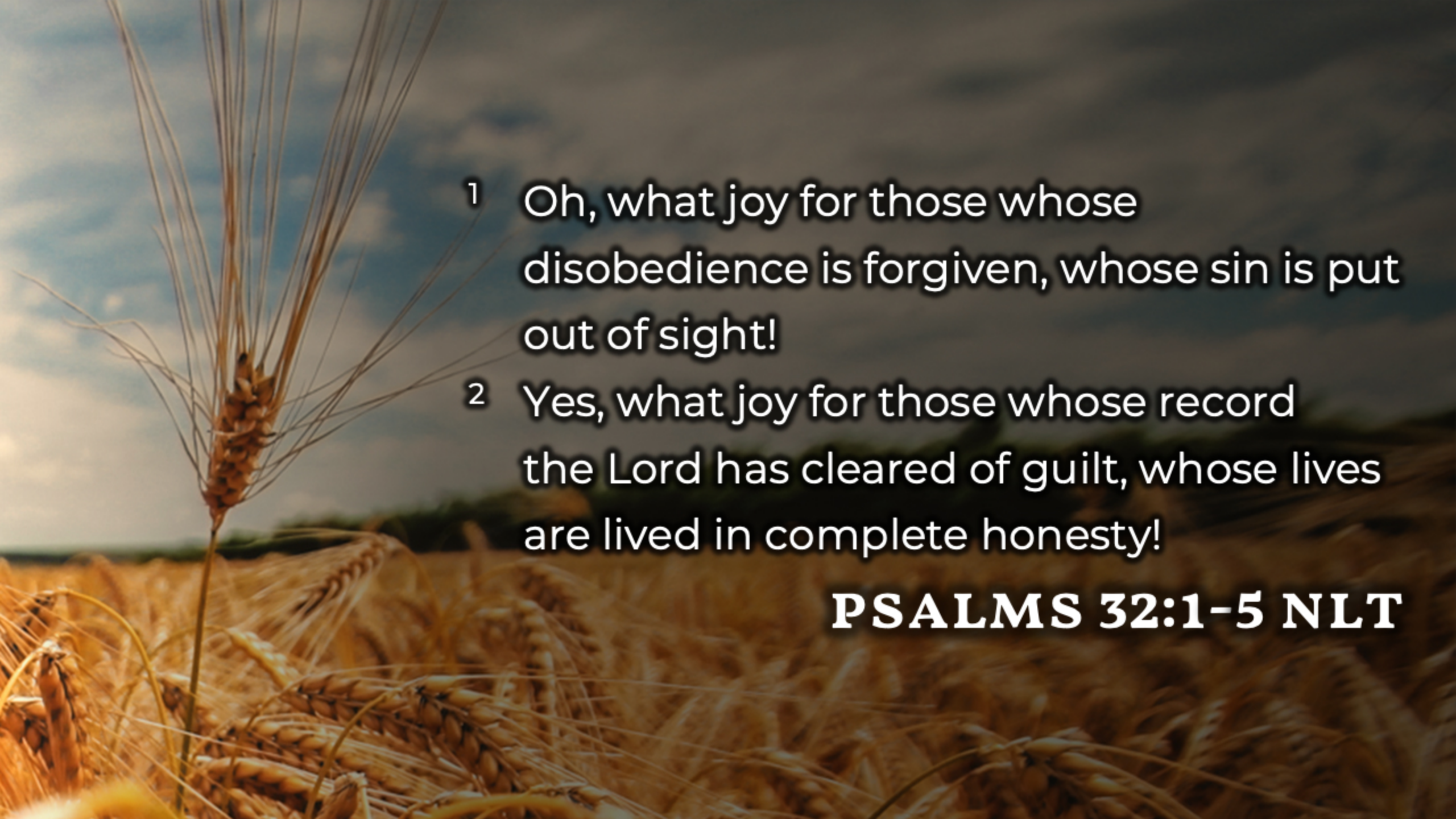
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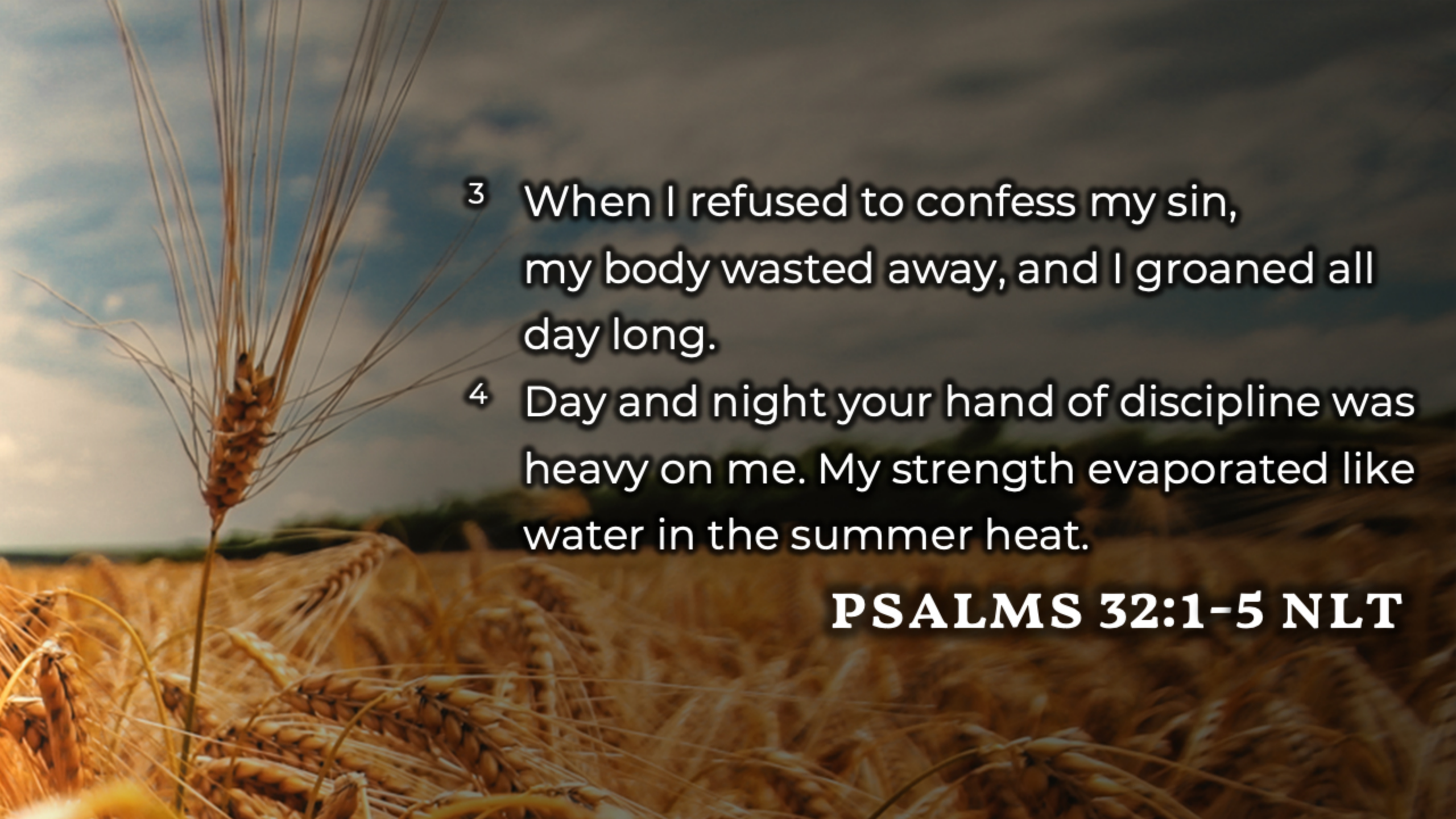
IV. THE JOY OF REPENTANCE



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- <sup>1</sup> Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!
  - <sup>2</sup> Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

**PSALMS 32:1-5 NLT**



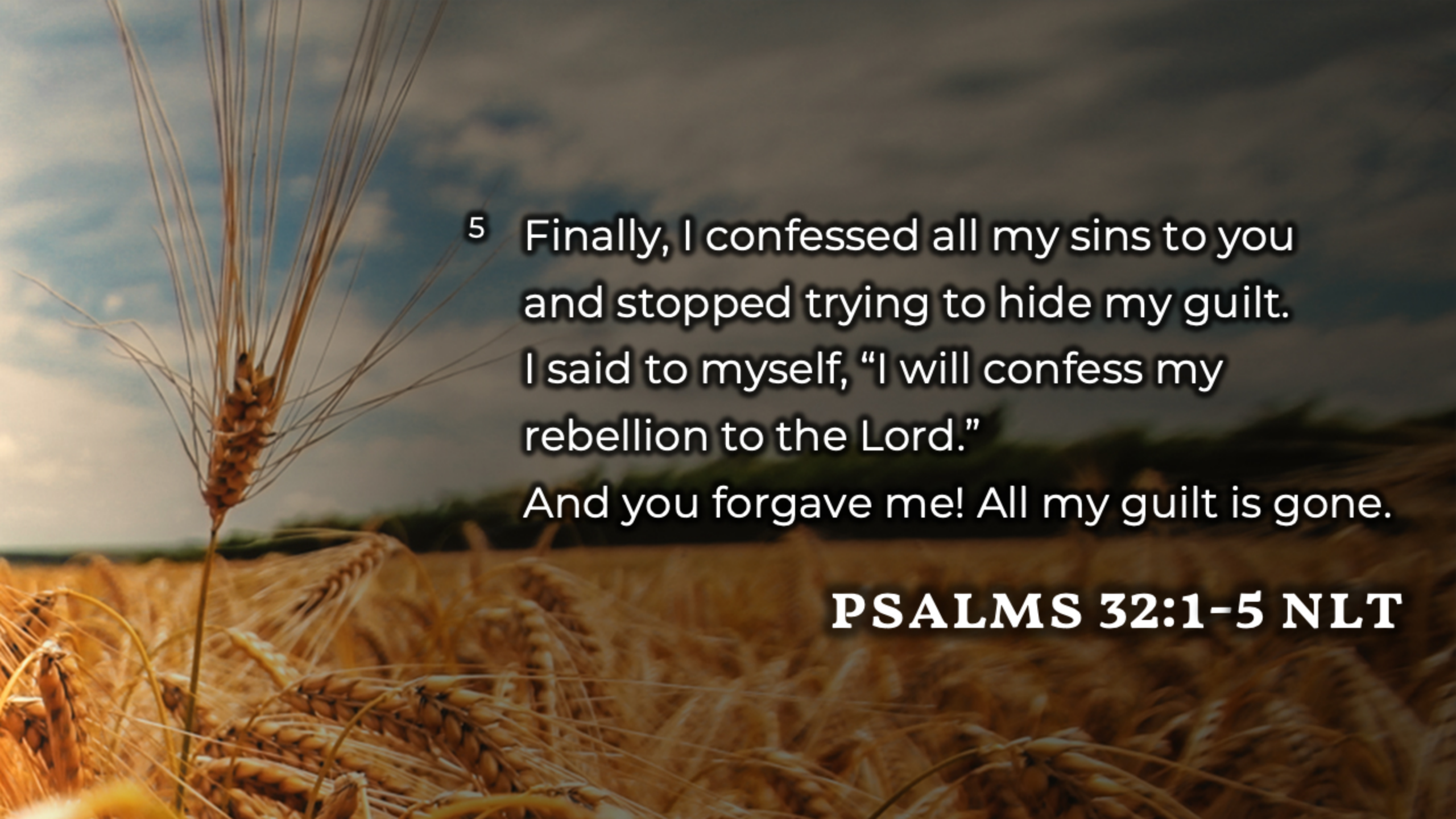


3 When I refused to confess my sin,  
my body wasted away, and I groaned all  
day long.

4 Day and night your hand of discipline was  
heavy on me. My strength evaporated like  
water in the summer heat.

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<sup>5</sup> Finally, I confessed all my sins to you  
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.  
I said to myself, "I will confess my  
rebellion to the Lord."  
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

**PSALMS 32:1-5 NLT**