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Christmas: Incarnation

Epiphany: Revelation

Lent: Crucifixion

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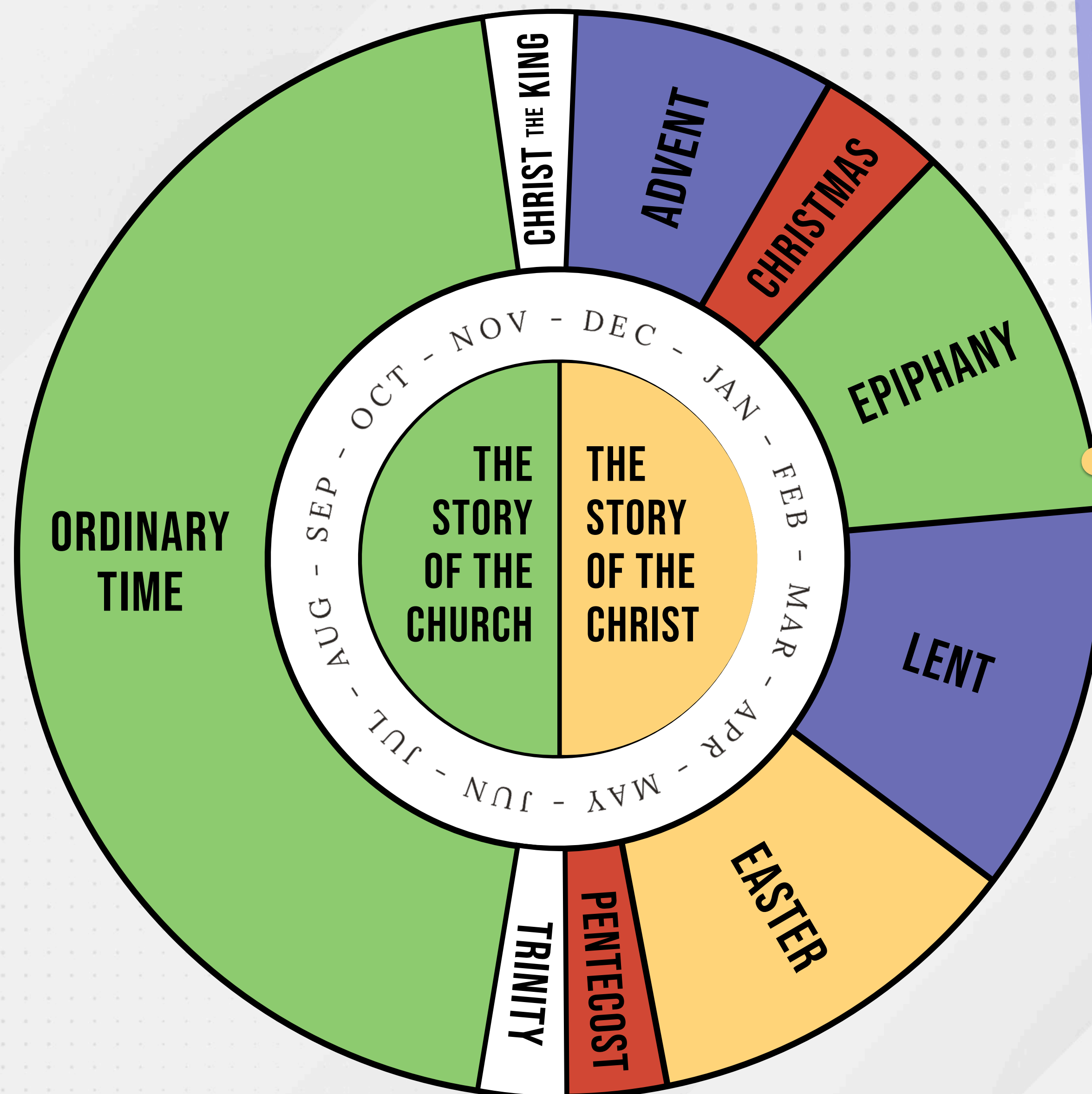
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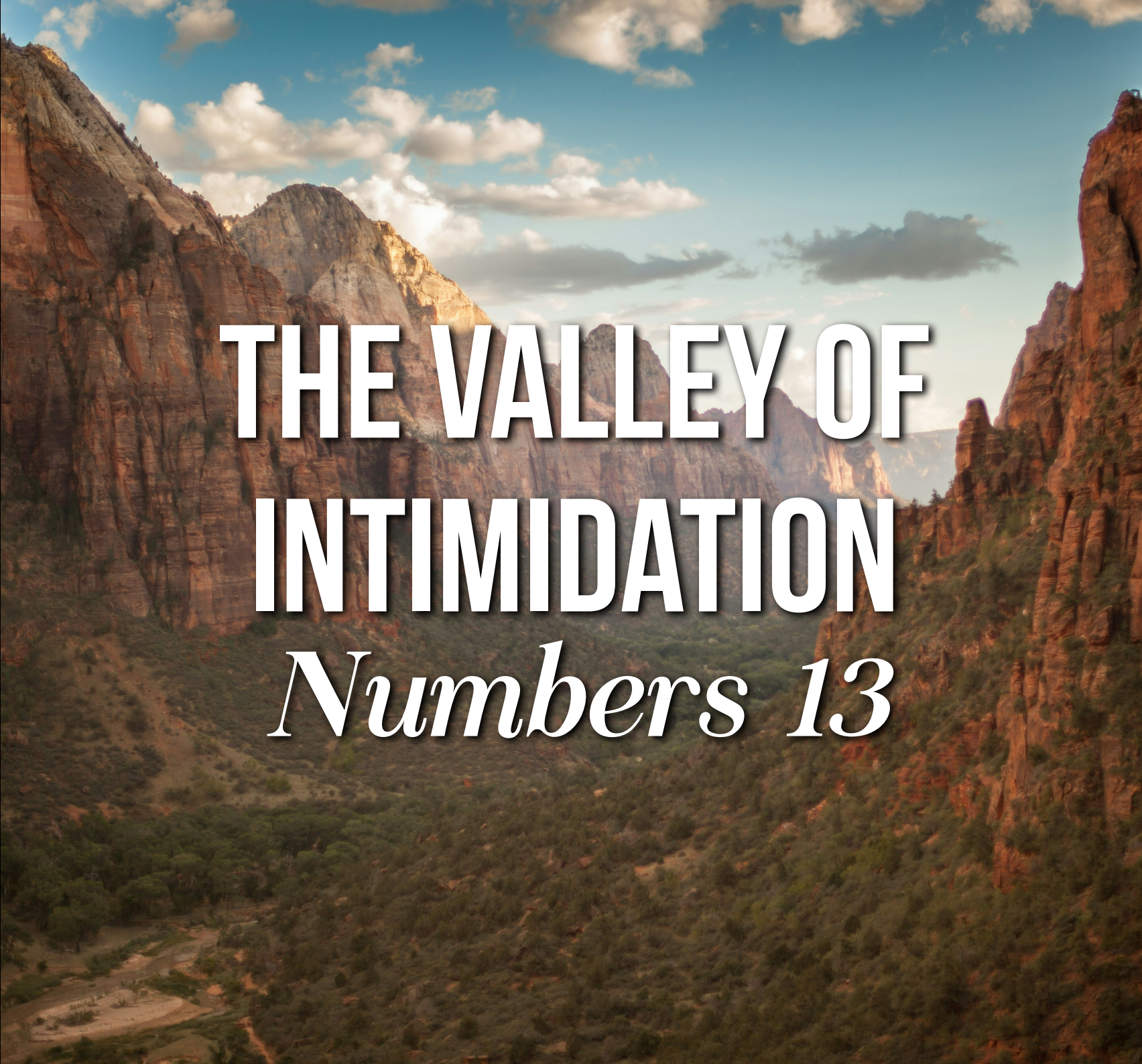
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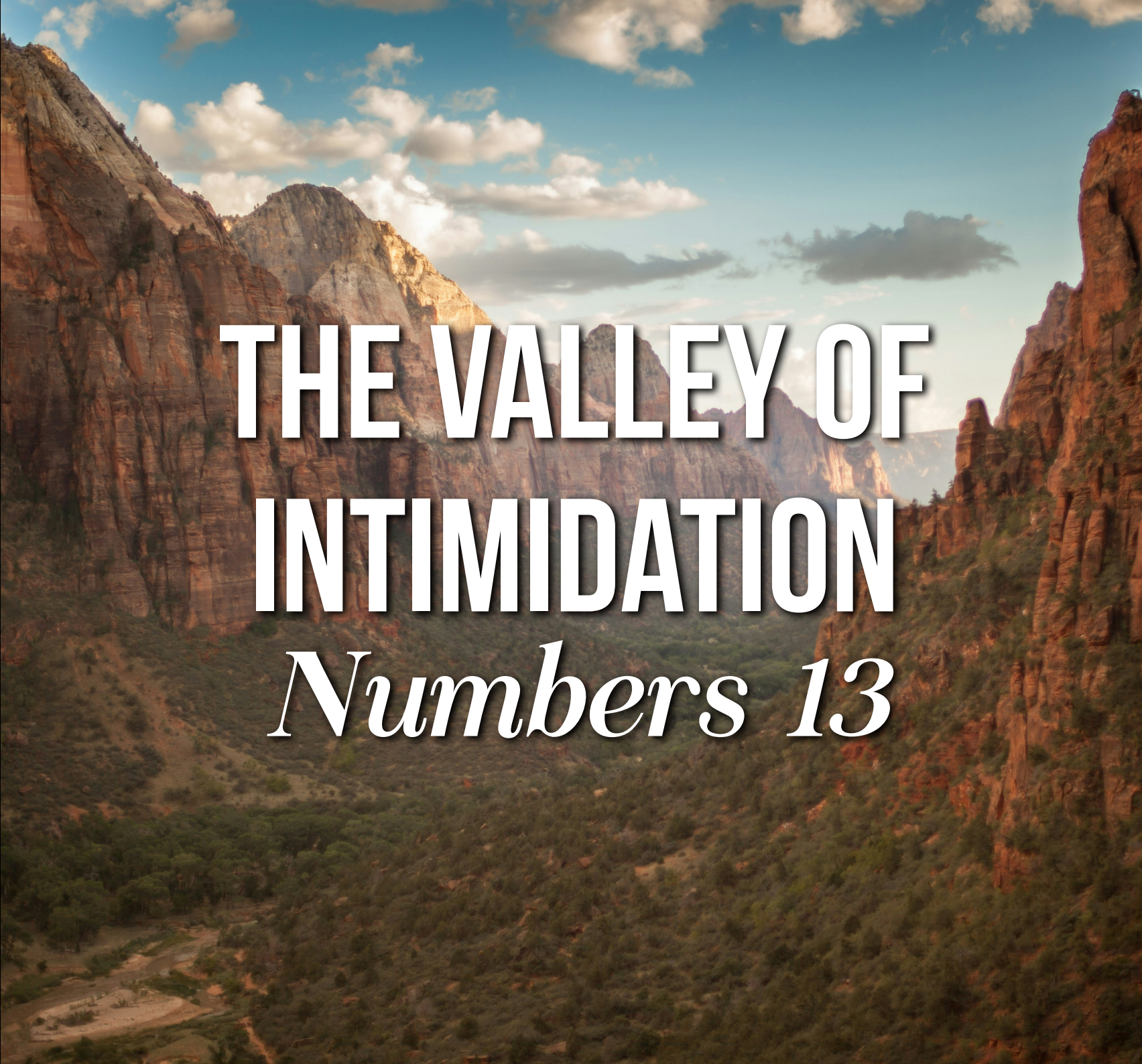


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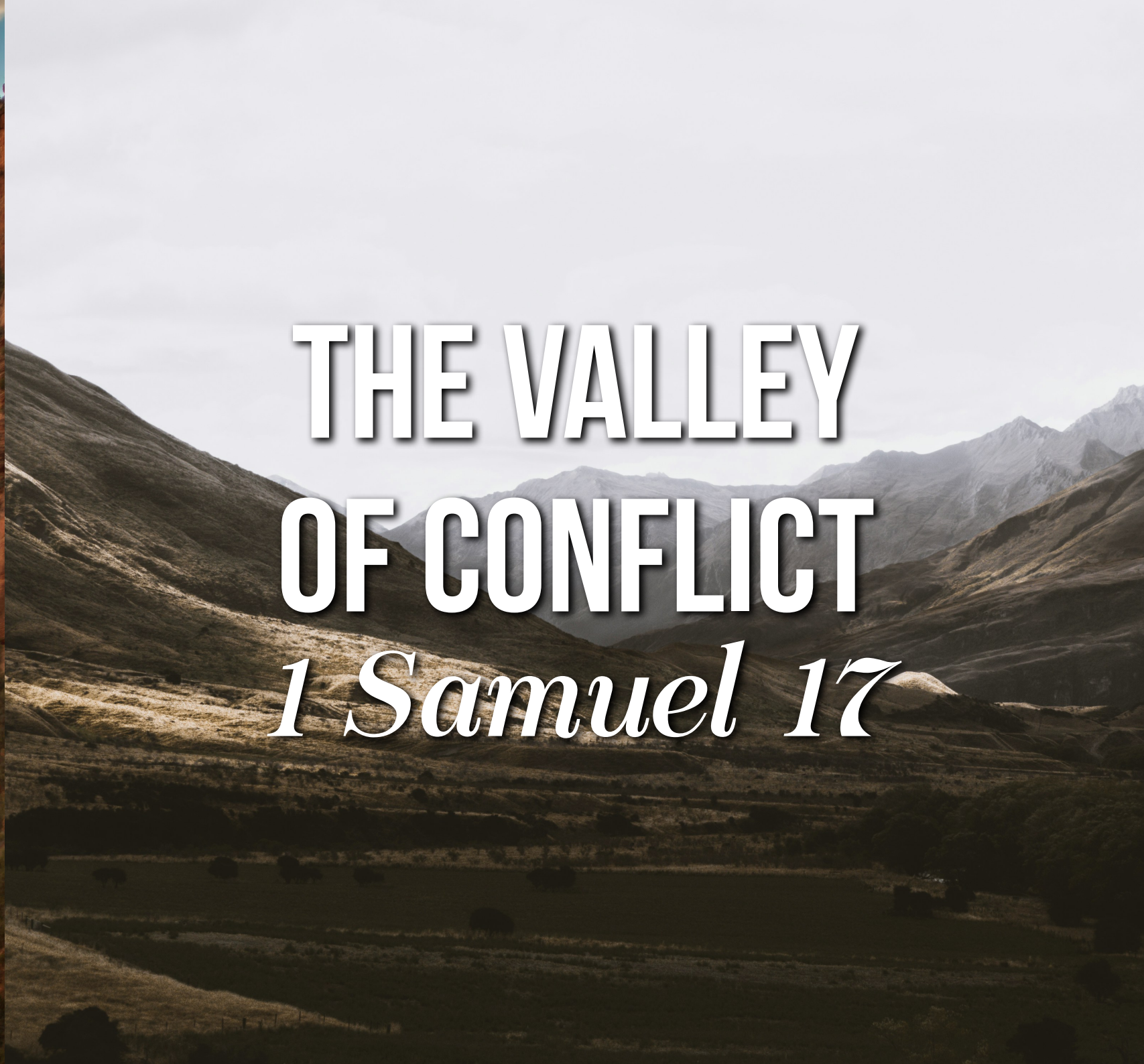
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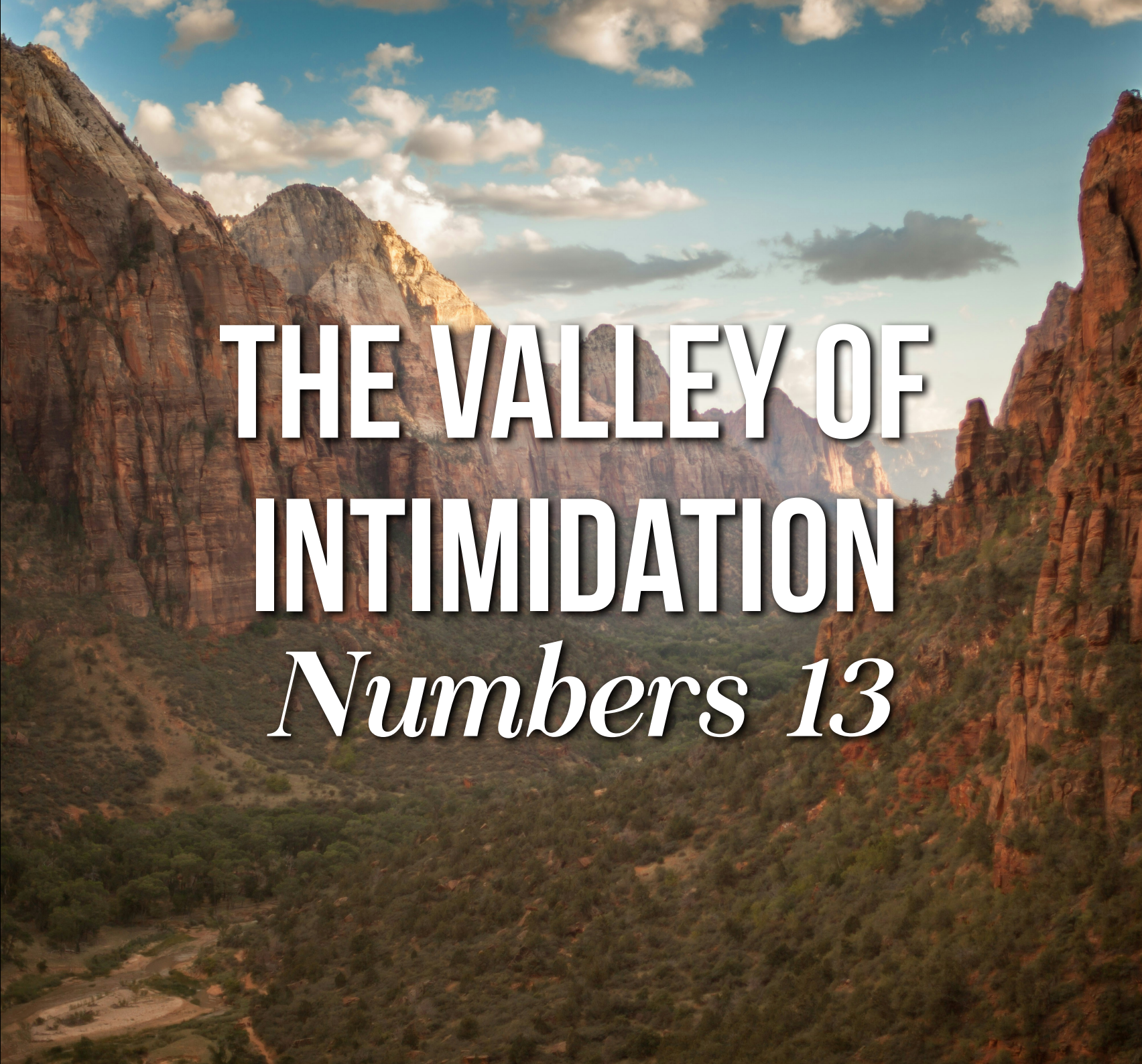
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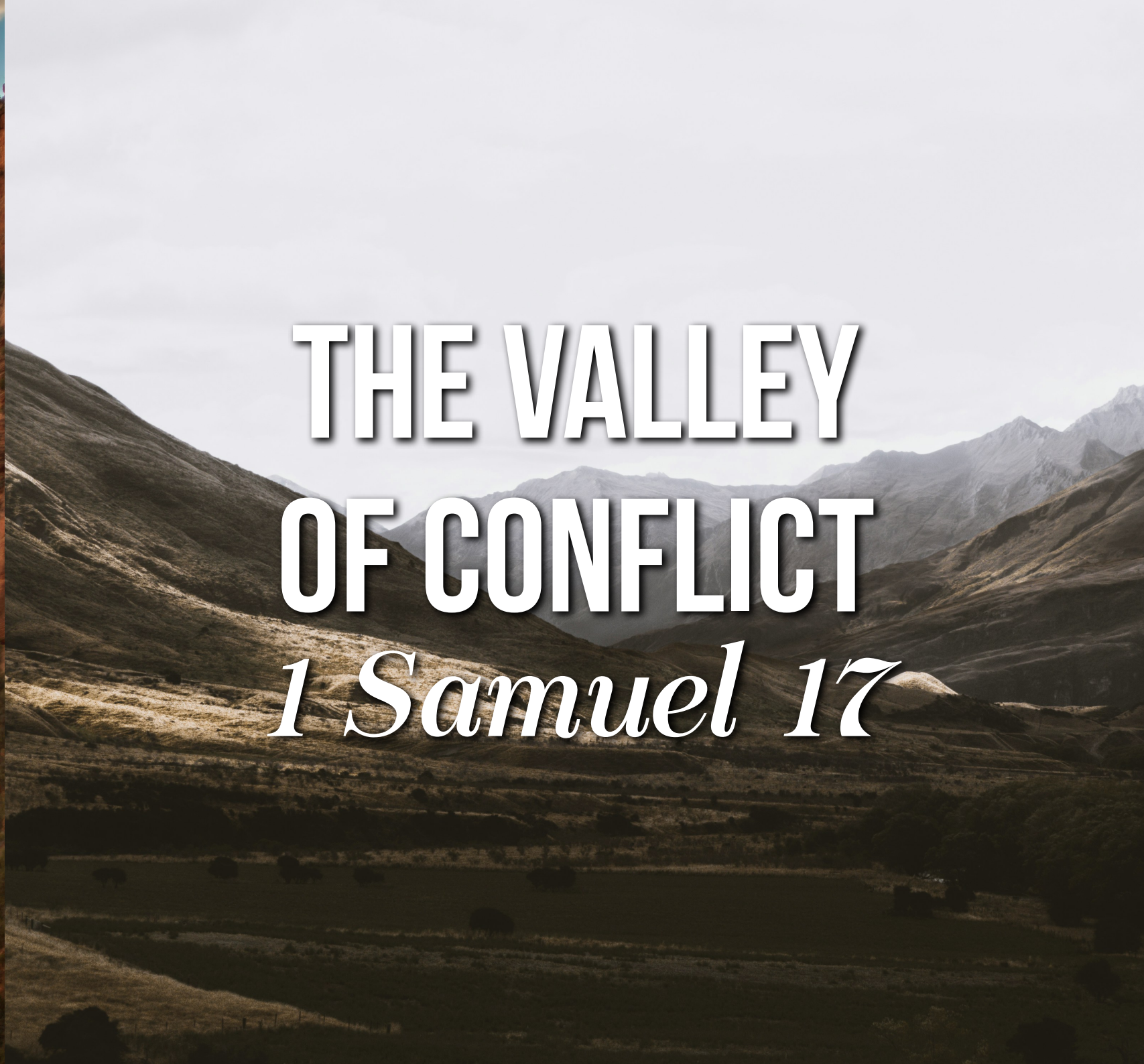
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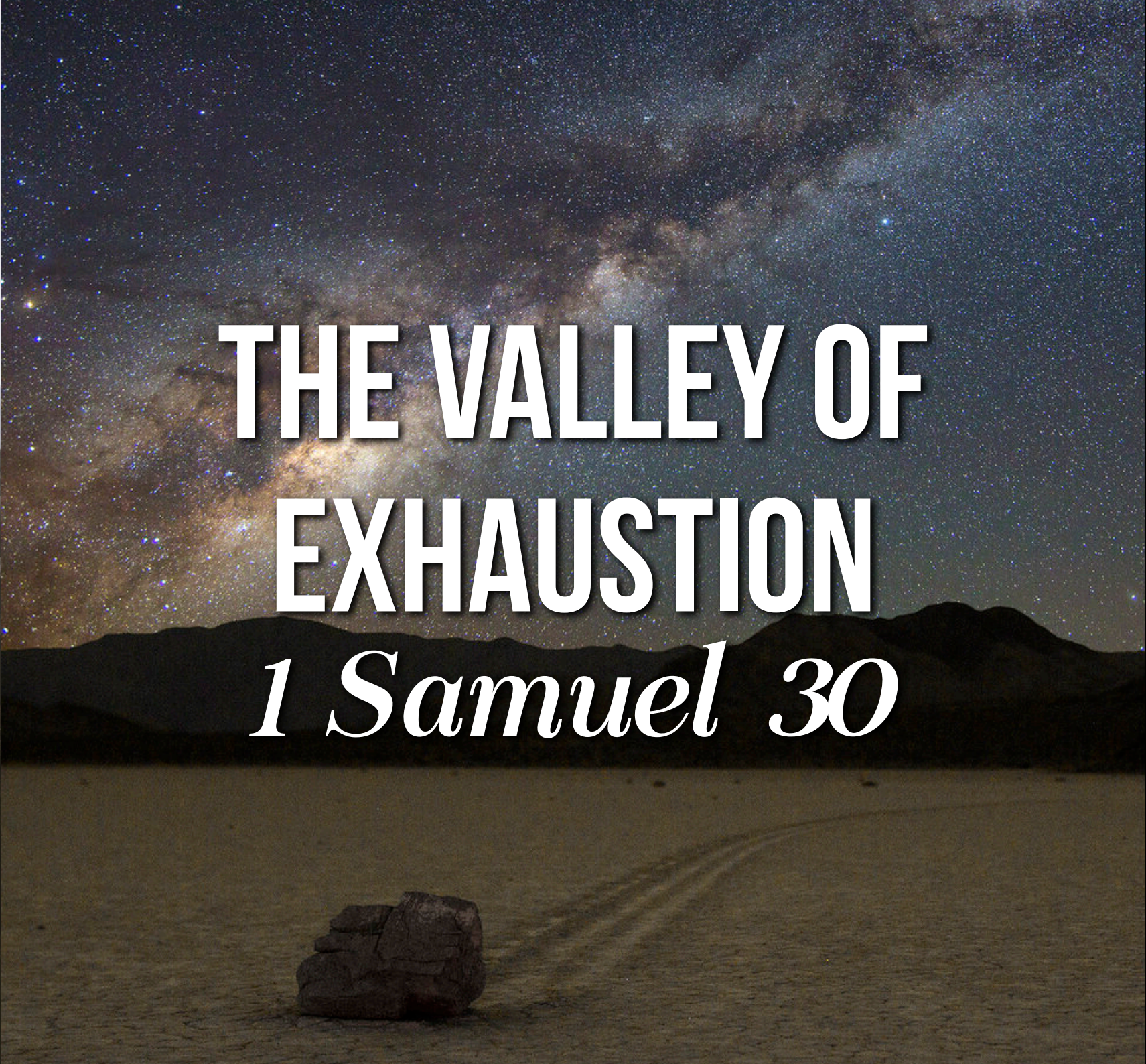
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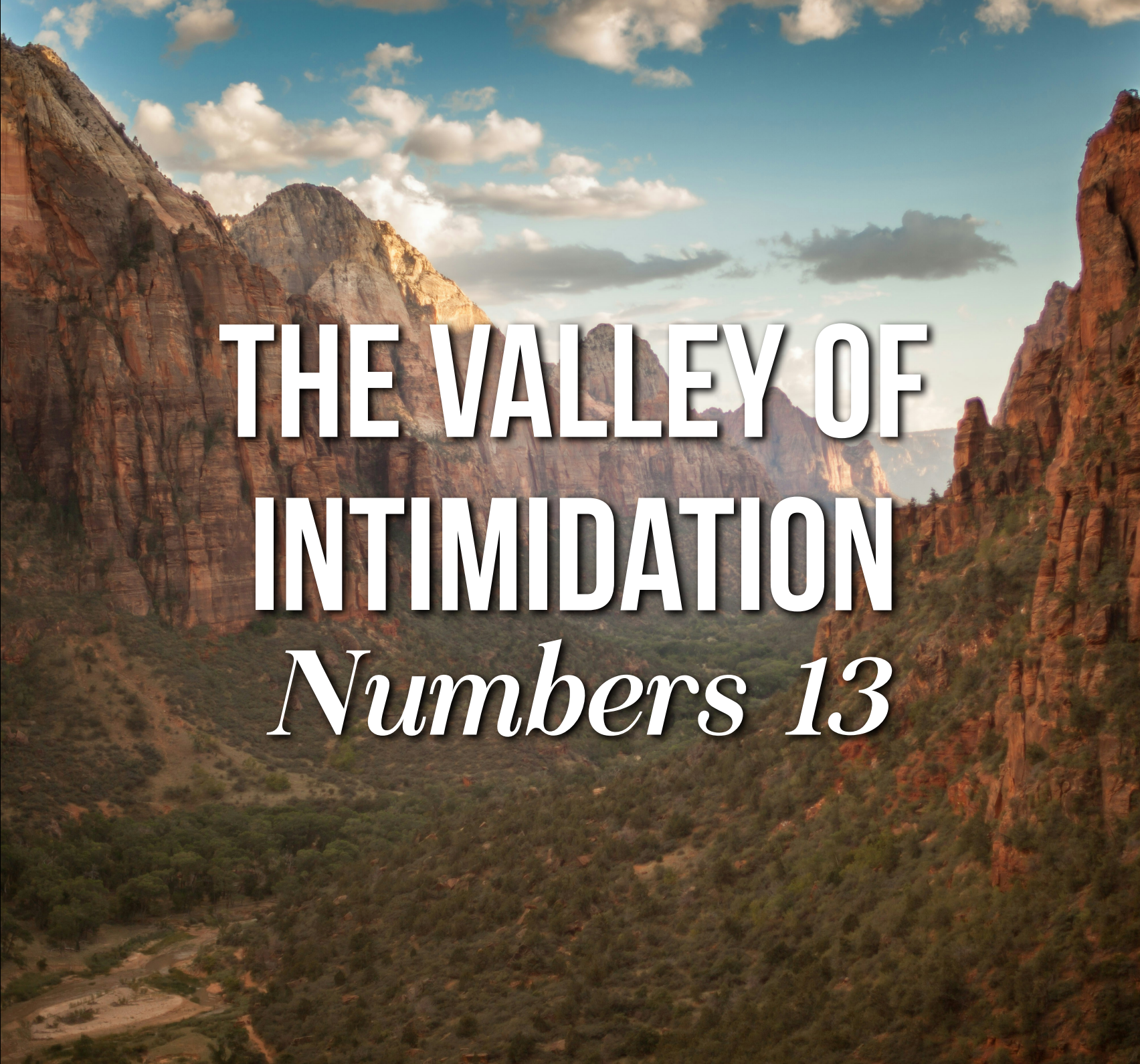
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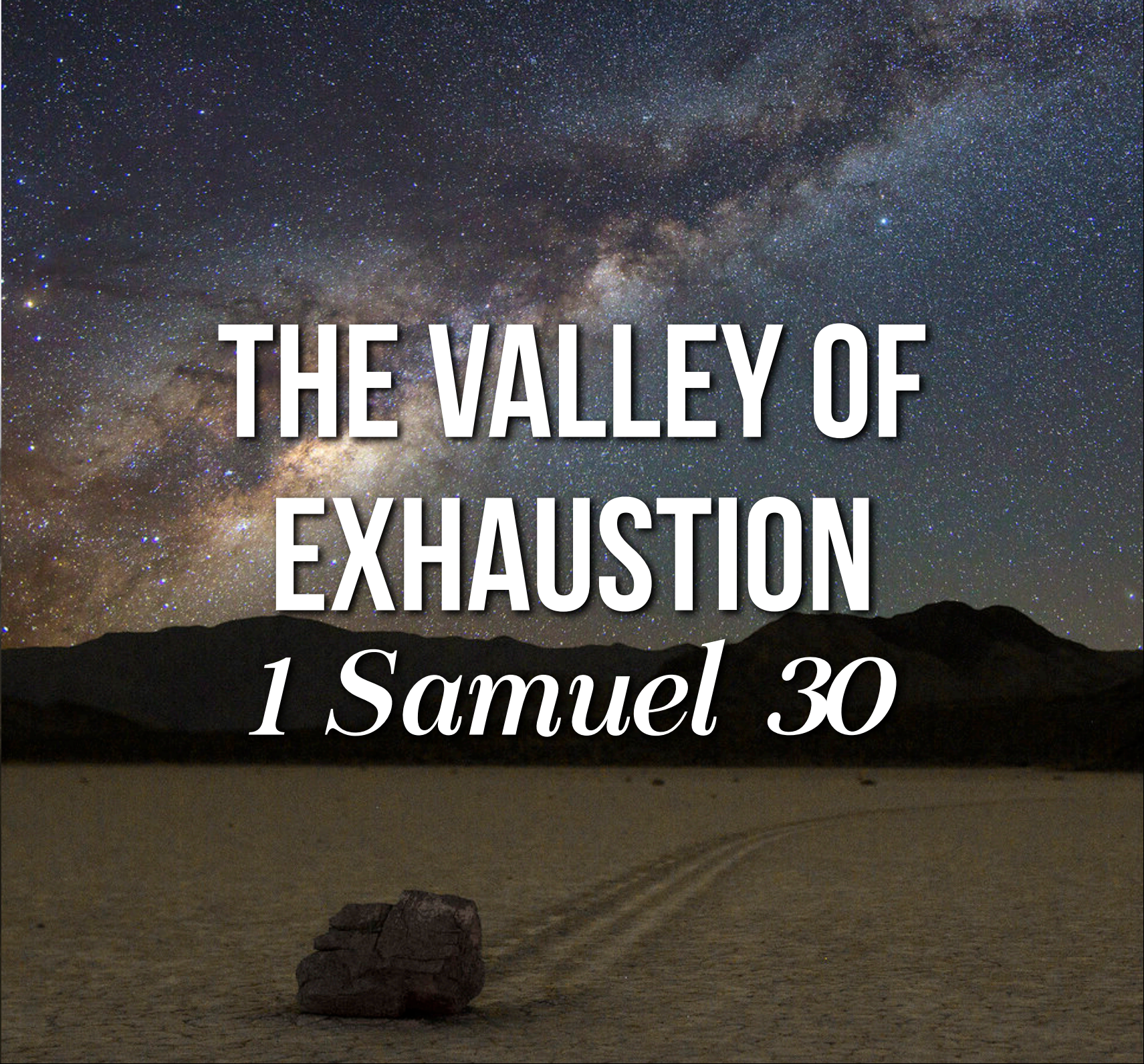
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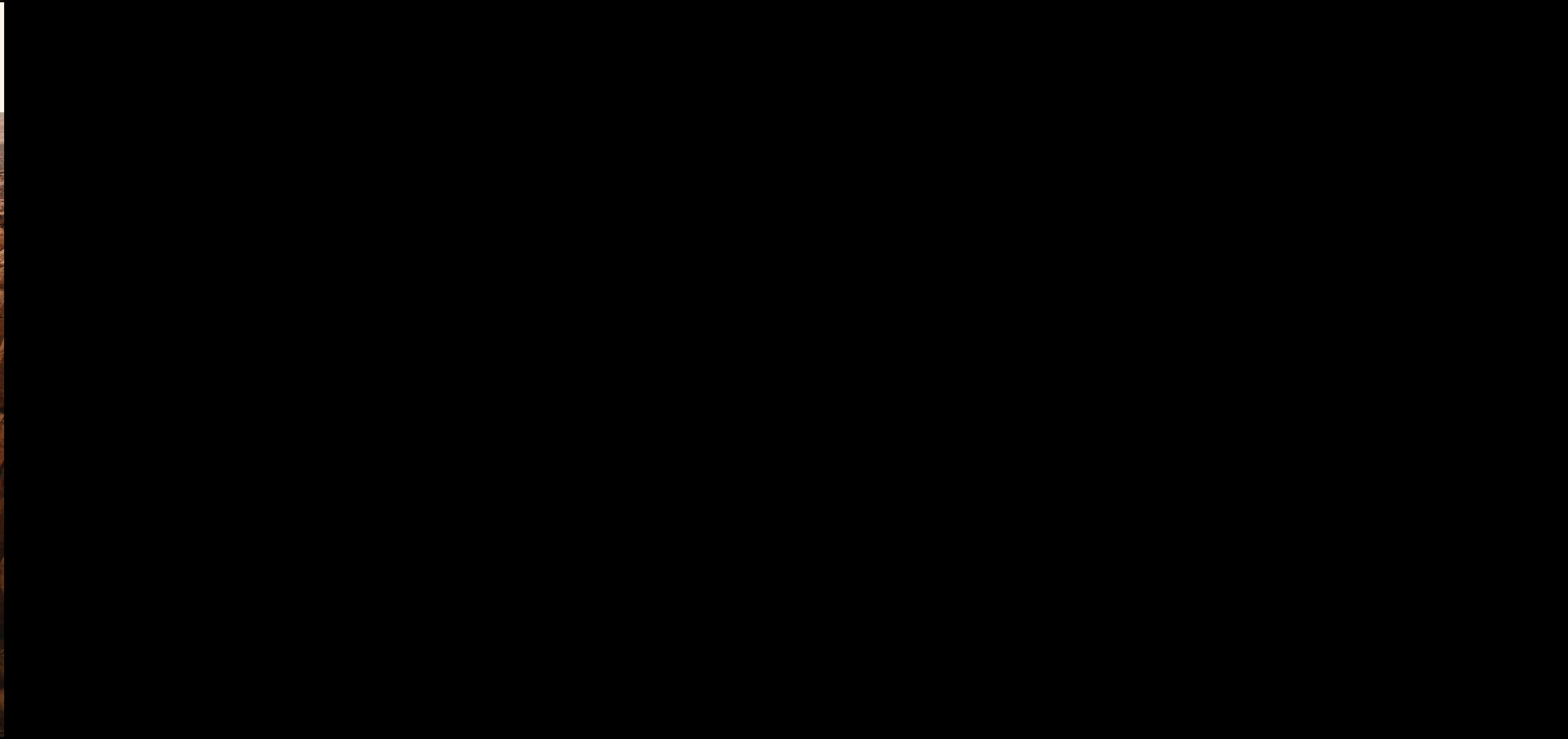
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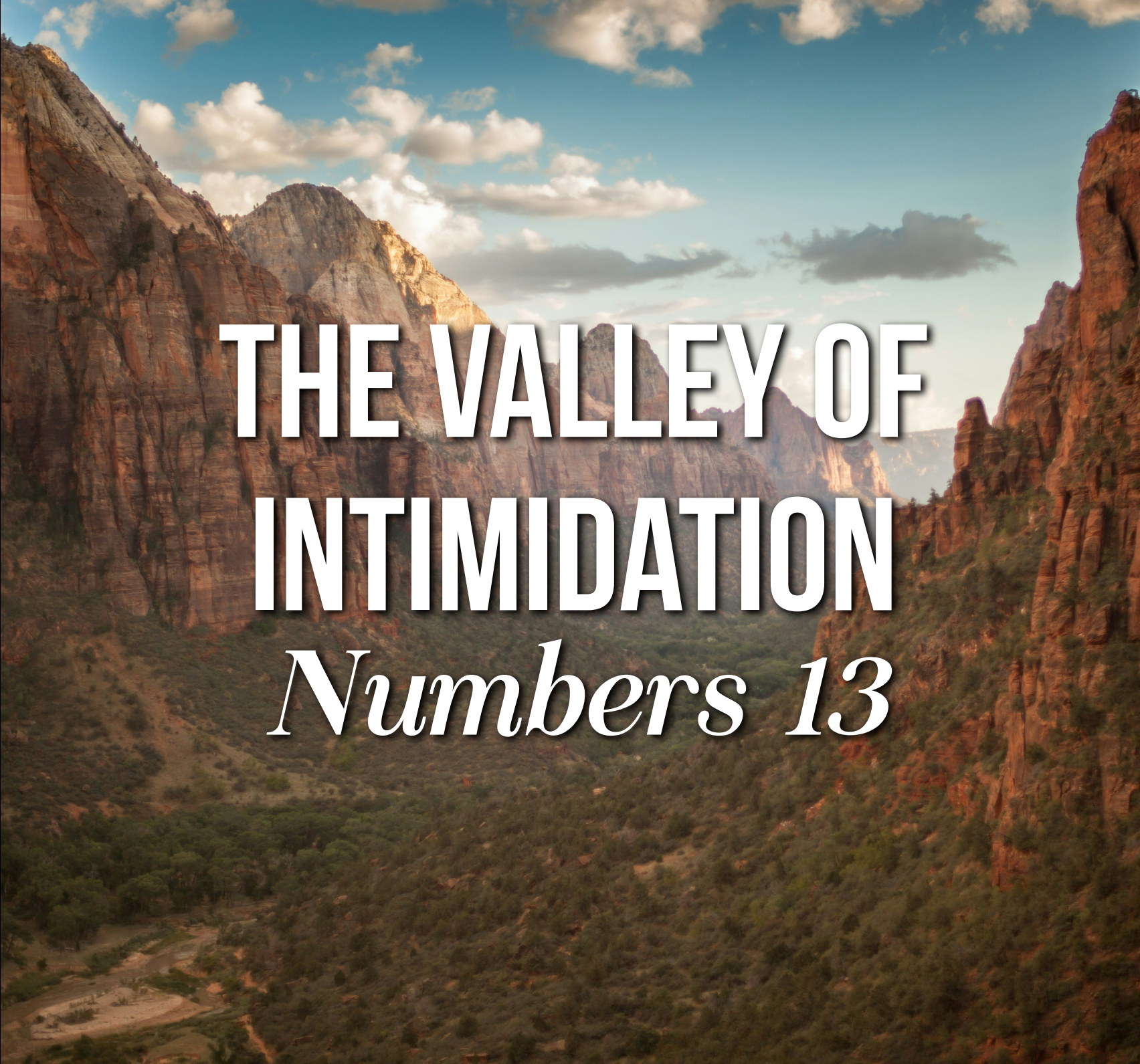


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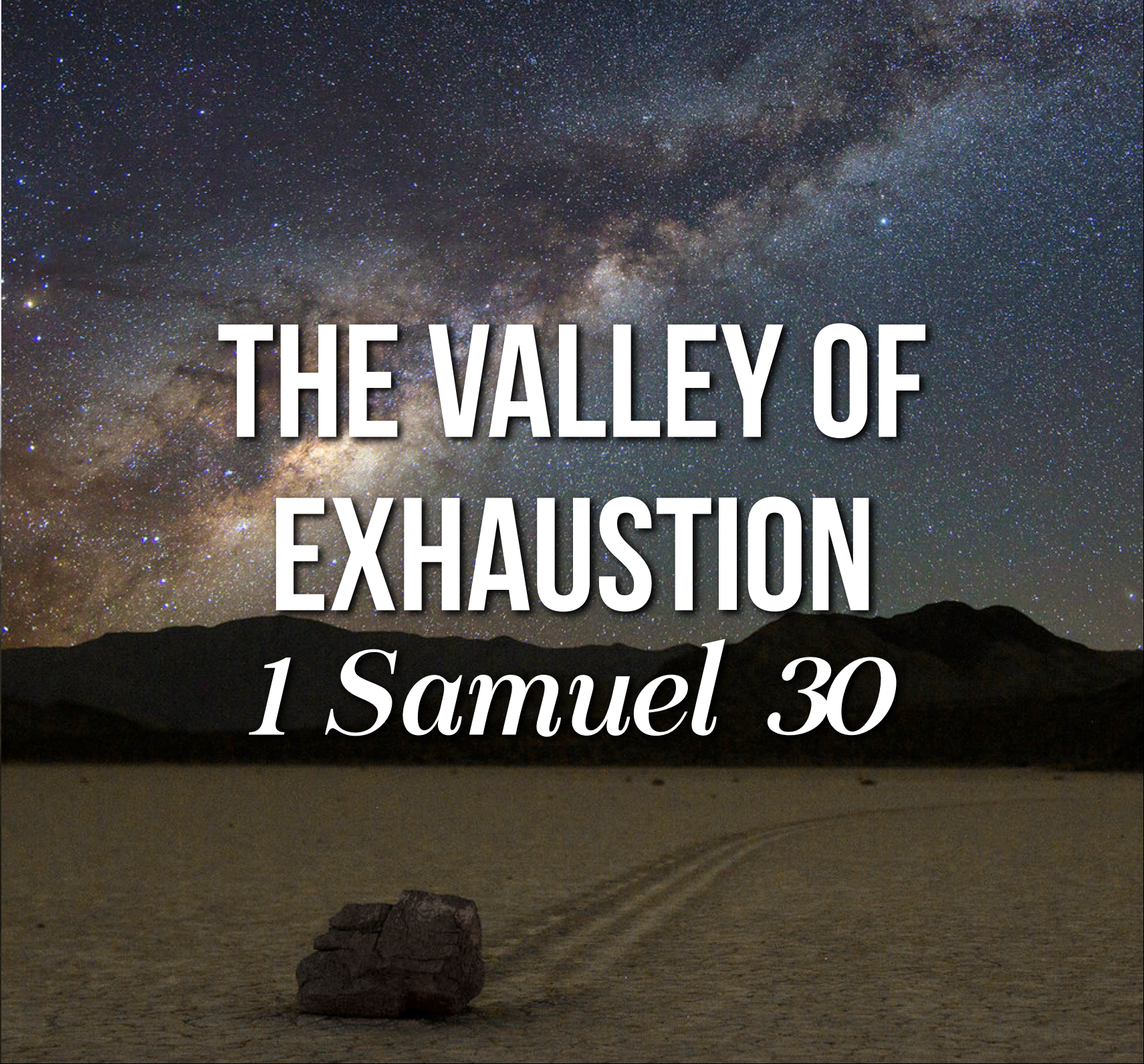





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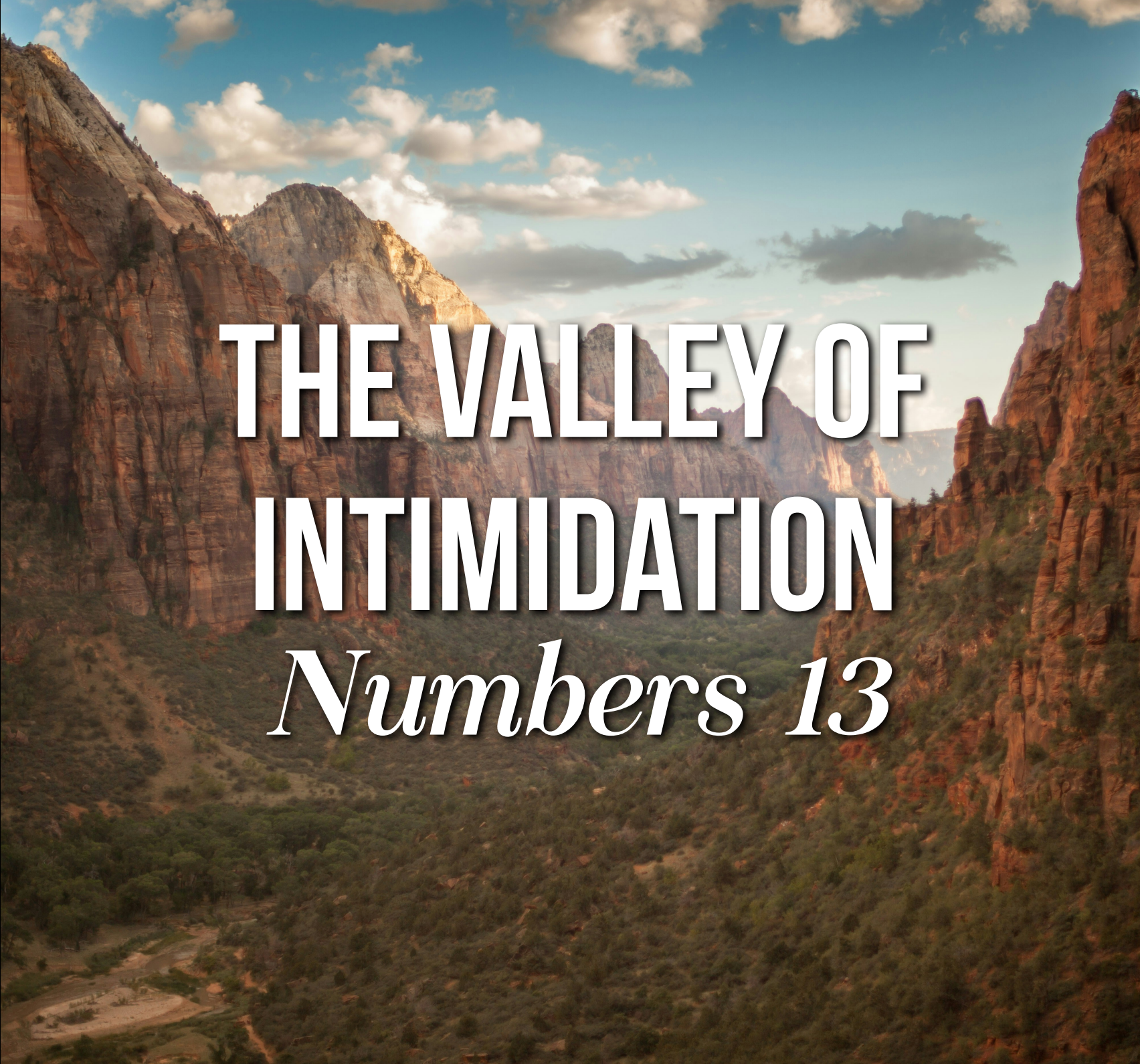
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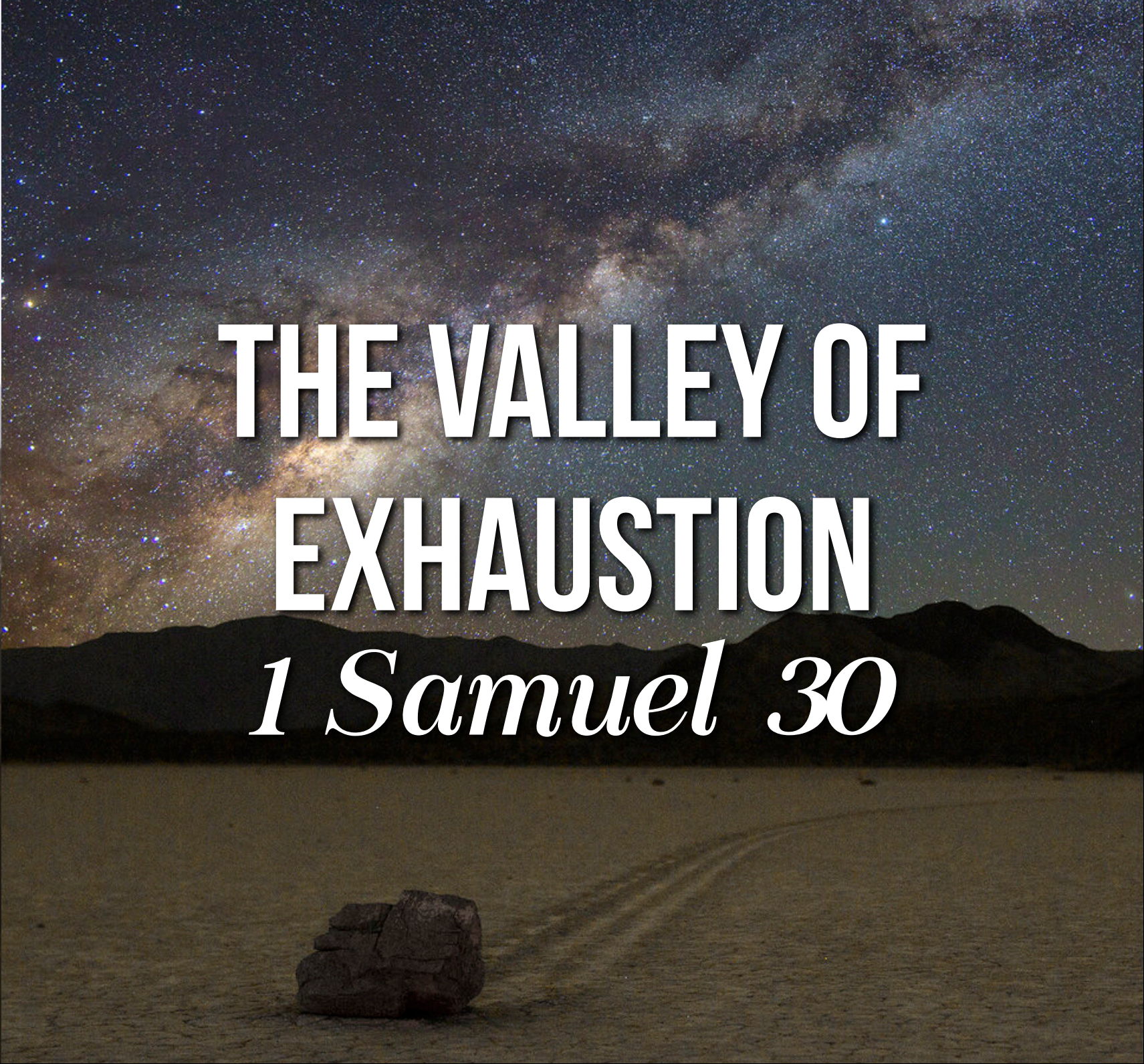
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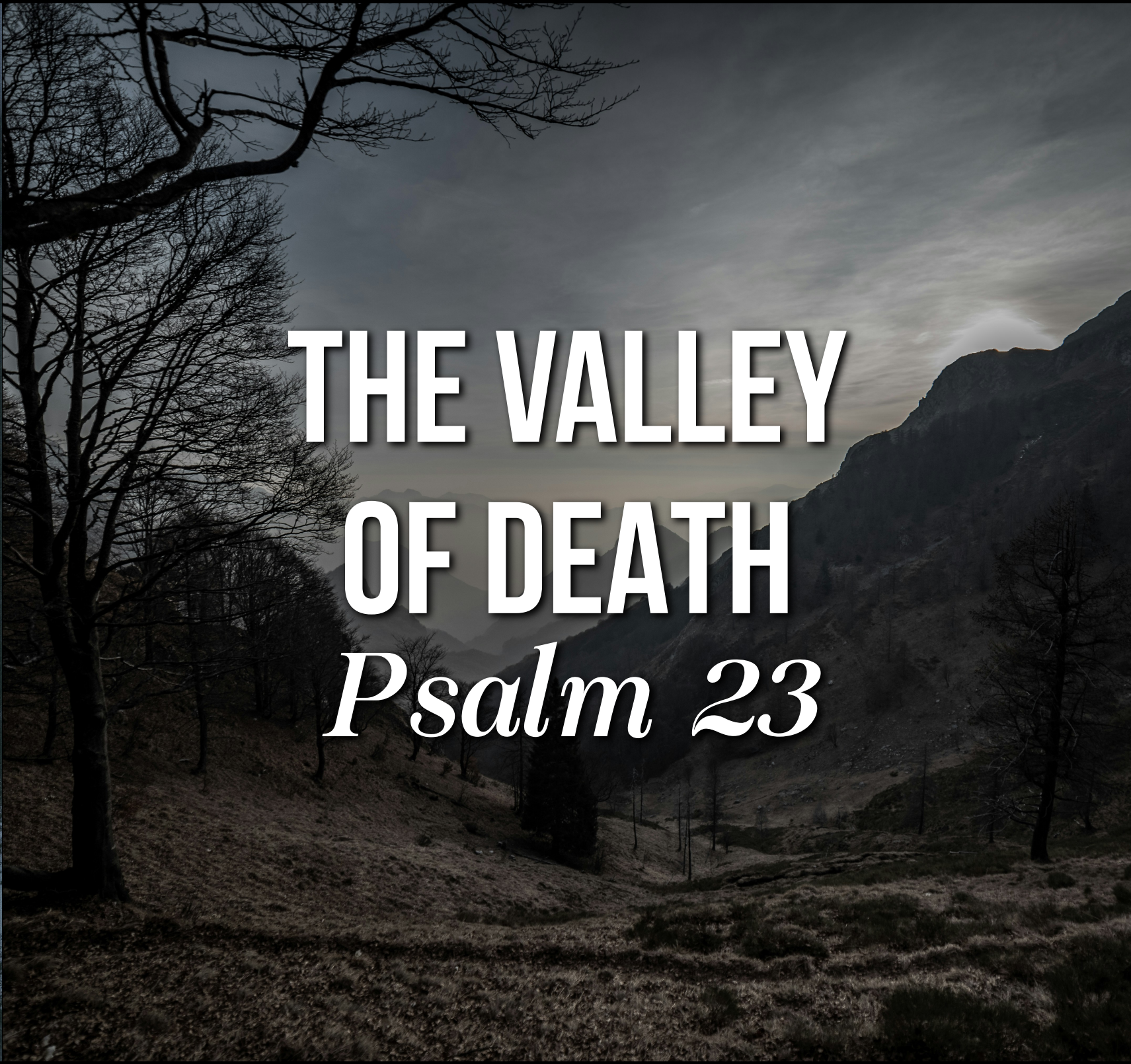
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Psalms 23

THE VALLEY
of DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[1] The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. [2] He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

[3] He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”
I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[4] Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

[5] This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. [6] I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[7] So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. [8] I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[9] Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” [10] So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[11] Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ [12] Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’”

EZEKIEL 37:1-28


[13] Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. [14] I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.””

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[24] “My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. [25] They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever.

EZEKIEL 37:1-28

[26] I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. [27] My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. [28] Then the nations will know that I the Lord make Israel holy, **when my sanctuary is among them forever.”**

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UNITED ISRAEL

Despite being under constant threat, Israel is united from ~1050–930 BC under the kingship of:



SAUL



DAVID



SOLOMON



DIVIDED ISRAEL

Following Solomon's death, the nation was divided between the 2 Southern Tribes (Judah) & 10 Northern Tribes (Israel)



REHOBOAM



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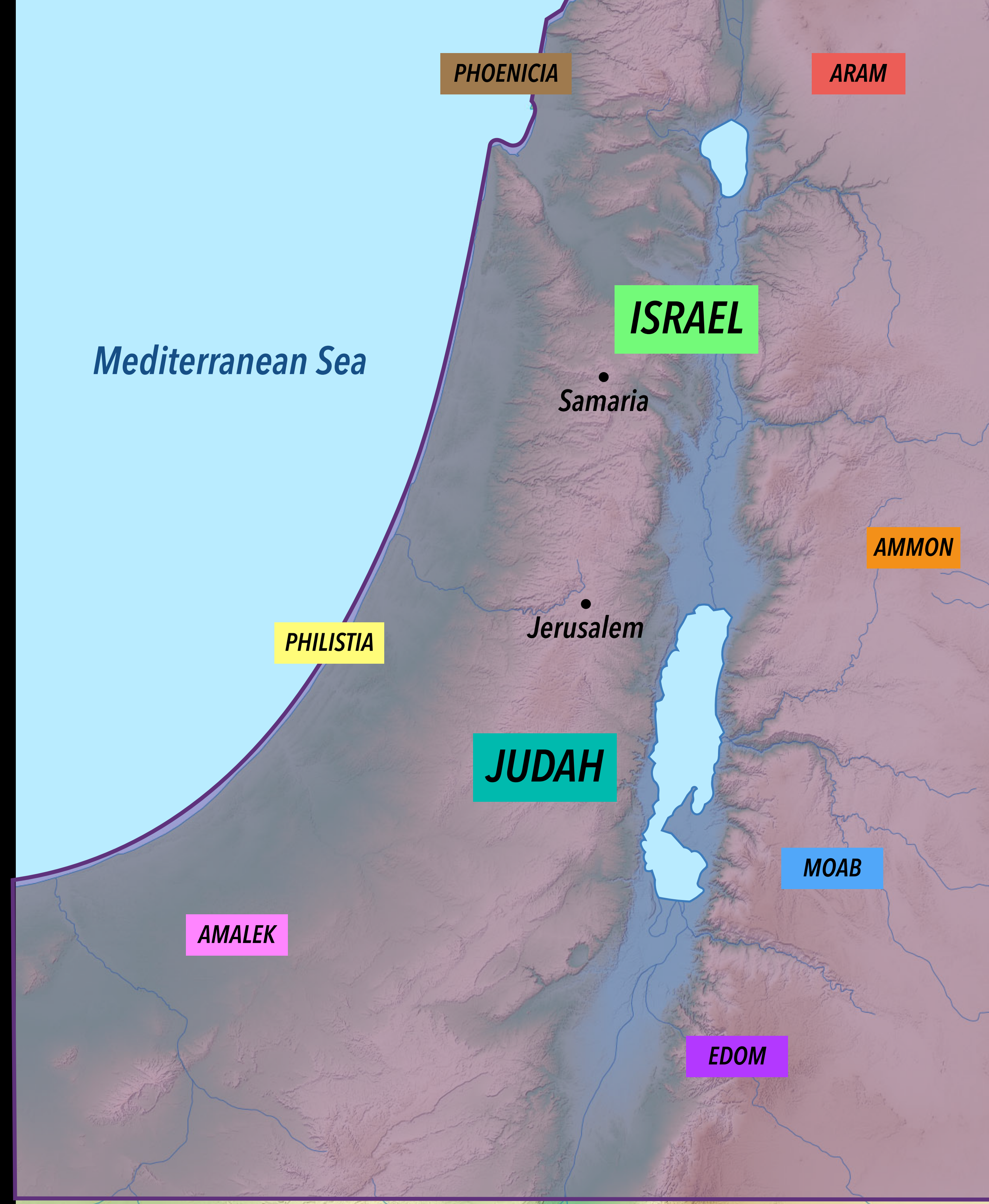
CONQUERED ISRAEL & VASSAL JUDAH

Northern Israel was destroyed by the **Assyrian Empire** in **722 BC**. The 10 Northern Tribes were exiled, and many were assimilated into other parts of the Assyrian Empire. **Judah** remained a separate political & cultural entity.



CONQUERED JUDAH

Southern Judah was destroyed by the **Babylonian Empire** under the leadership of **King Nebuchadnezzar** in **586 BC**. A majority of the population were exiled to **Babylon**, a period that lasted around **70 years**.





EZEKIEL'S EXILE

12 years before the fall of Jerusalem, the King of Judah (Jehoiachin) and many of his officials and leaders were deported to Babylon, some 600 miles away. The prophet Ezekiel was a part of that exiled group.

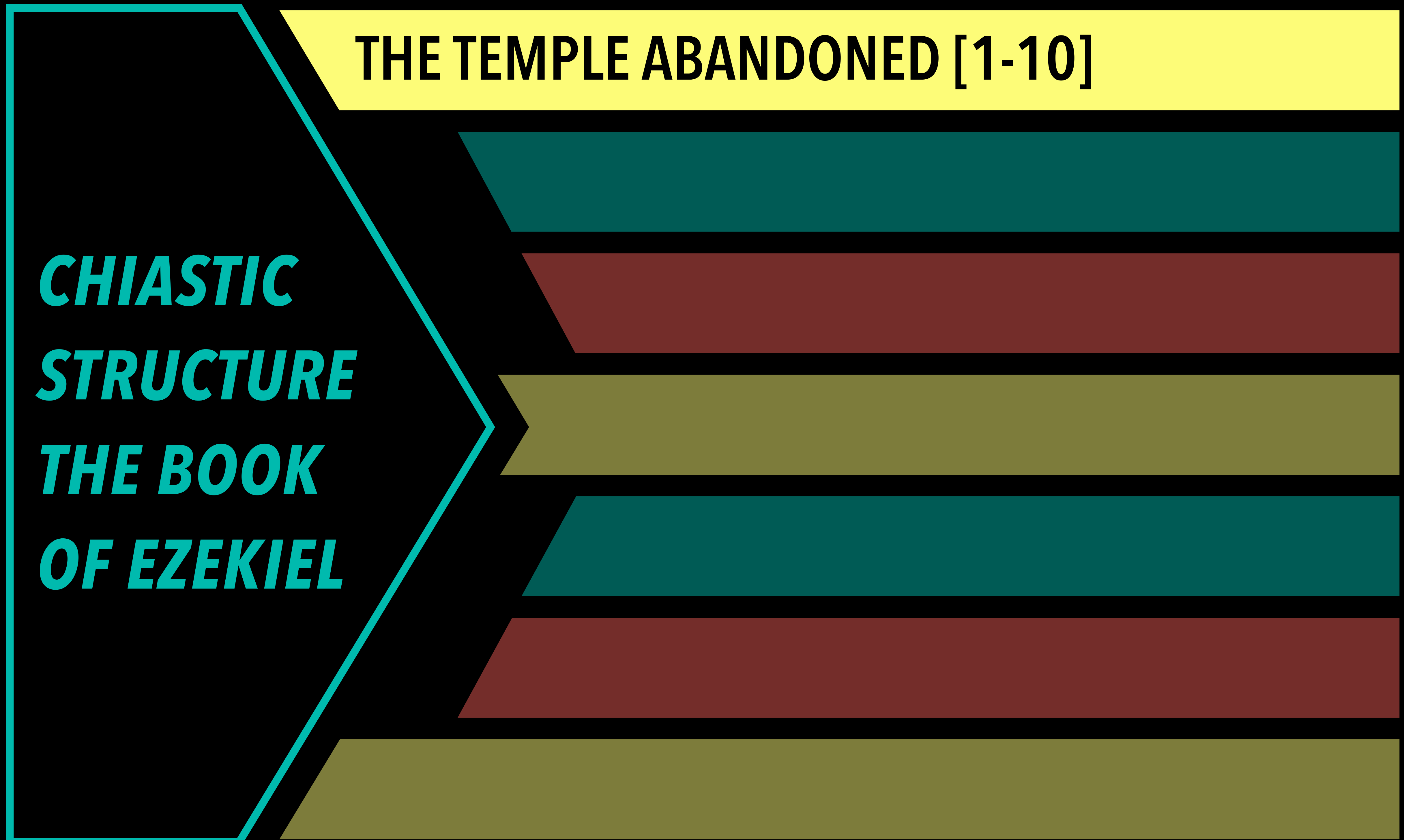


PROPHETS TO SOUTHERN JUDAH

*While **Jeremiah** stayed in Jerusalem and continued to warn the people of God's impending judgement, **Ezekiel** wrote as someone who was already in exile, experiencing what was to come for all in Judah.*

THE TEMPLE ABANDONED [1-10]

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*"Do this in
remembrance of me."*

Luke 22:19

After a time of personal reflection & repentance, come forward to partake in the bread and cup.

(Bread is gluten free.)



A photograph showing several people sitting on a light-colored wooden floor. Their hands are clasped together in a circle, suggesting a group prayer or meditation session. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a peaceful atmosphere. A semi-transparent teal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

Pray with us.

Find someone with an “I’ll pray” sticker.
(Stickers are available at the tables in back.)

Prayer Team members are in the front,
in the back by the Care Room, and in the balcony.



A message from...

Sher Bear

