

How Far Away is God?

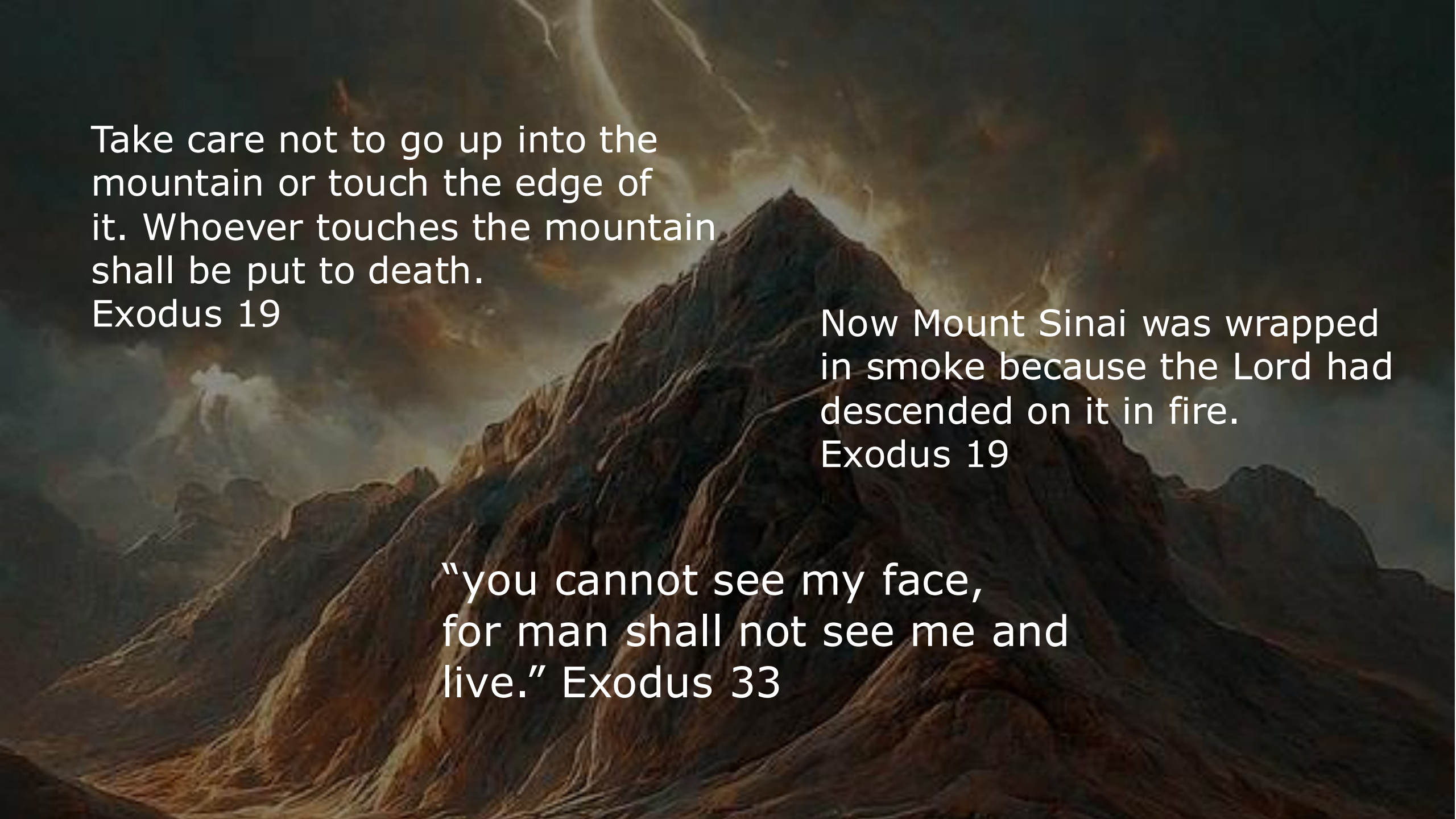
A reunion story









A dramatic, dark landscape of a mountain range under a stormy sky with lightning. The mountains are rugged and dark, with some peaks catching the light. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds and bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. The overall mood is ominous and powerful.

Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death.

Exodus 19

Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire.

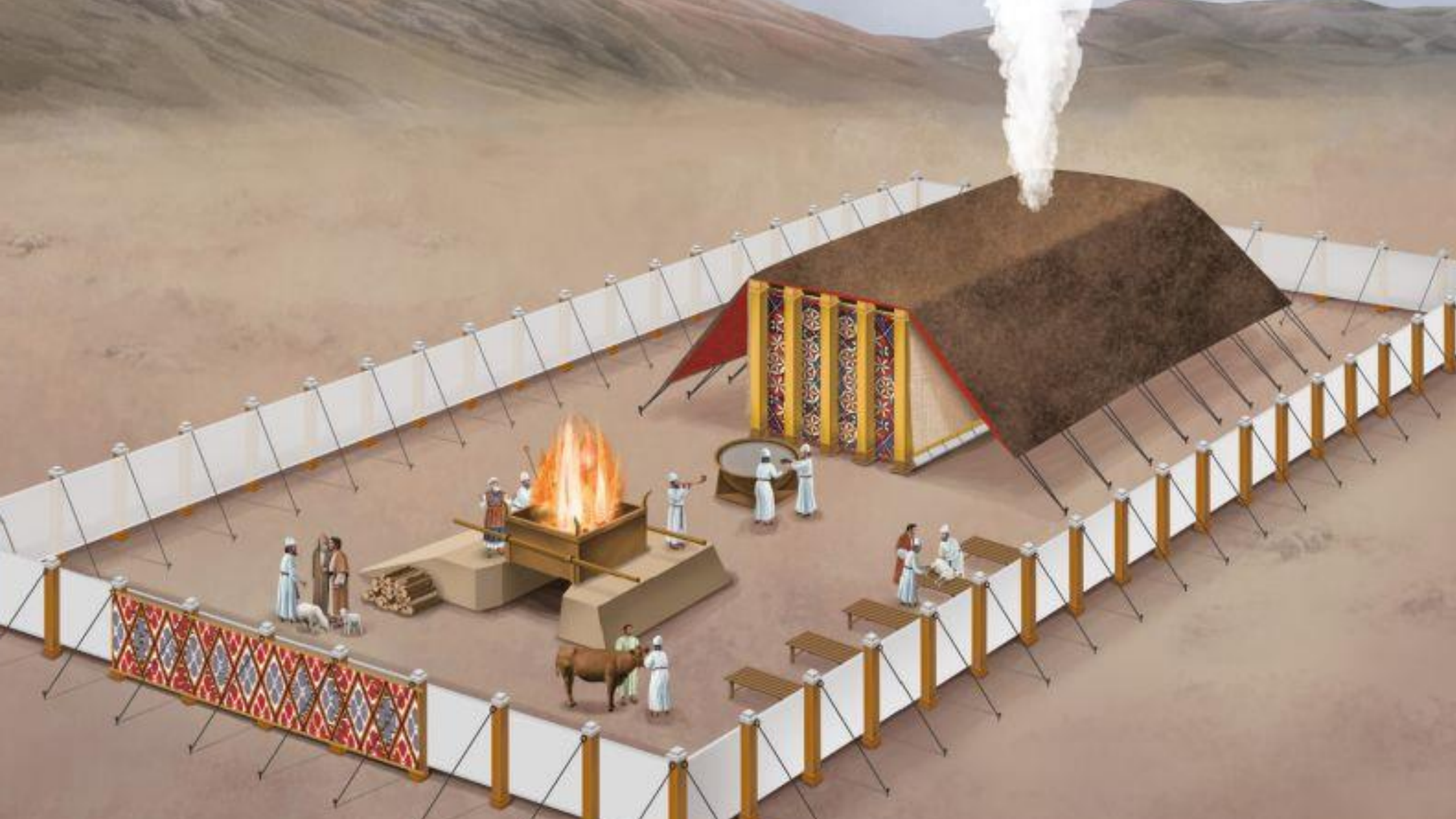
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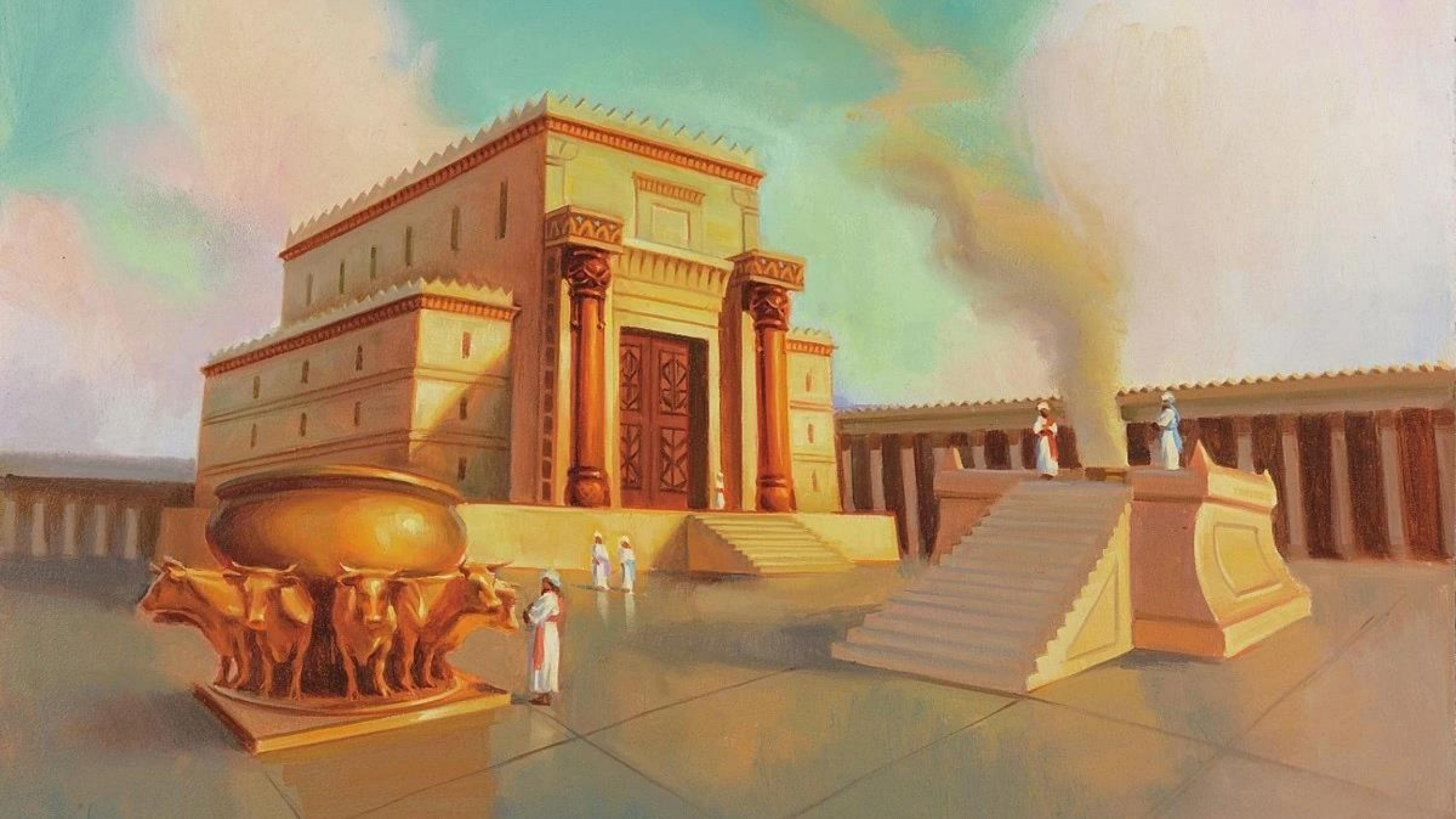
“you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” Exodus 33

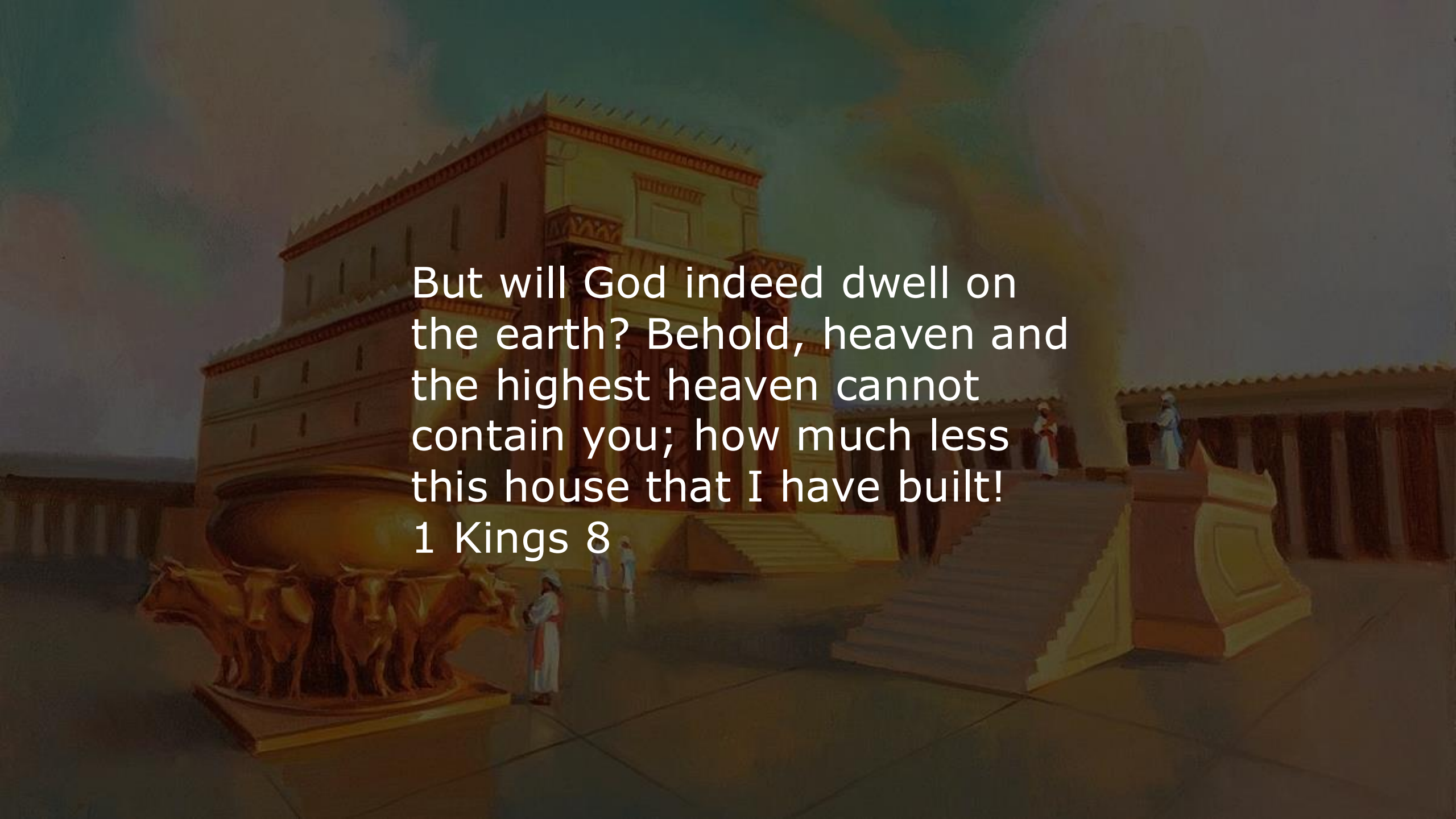


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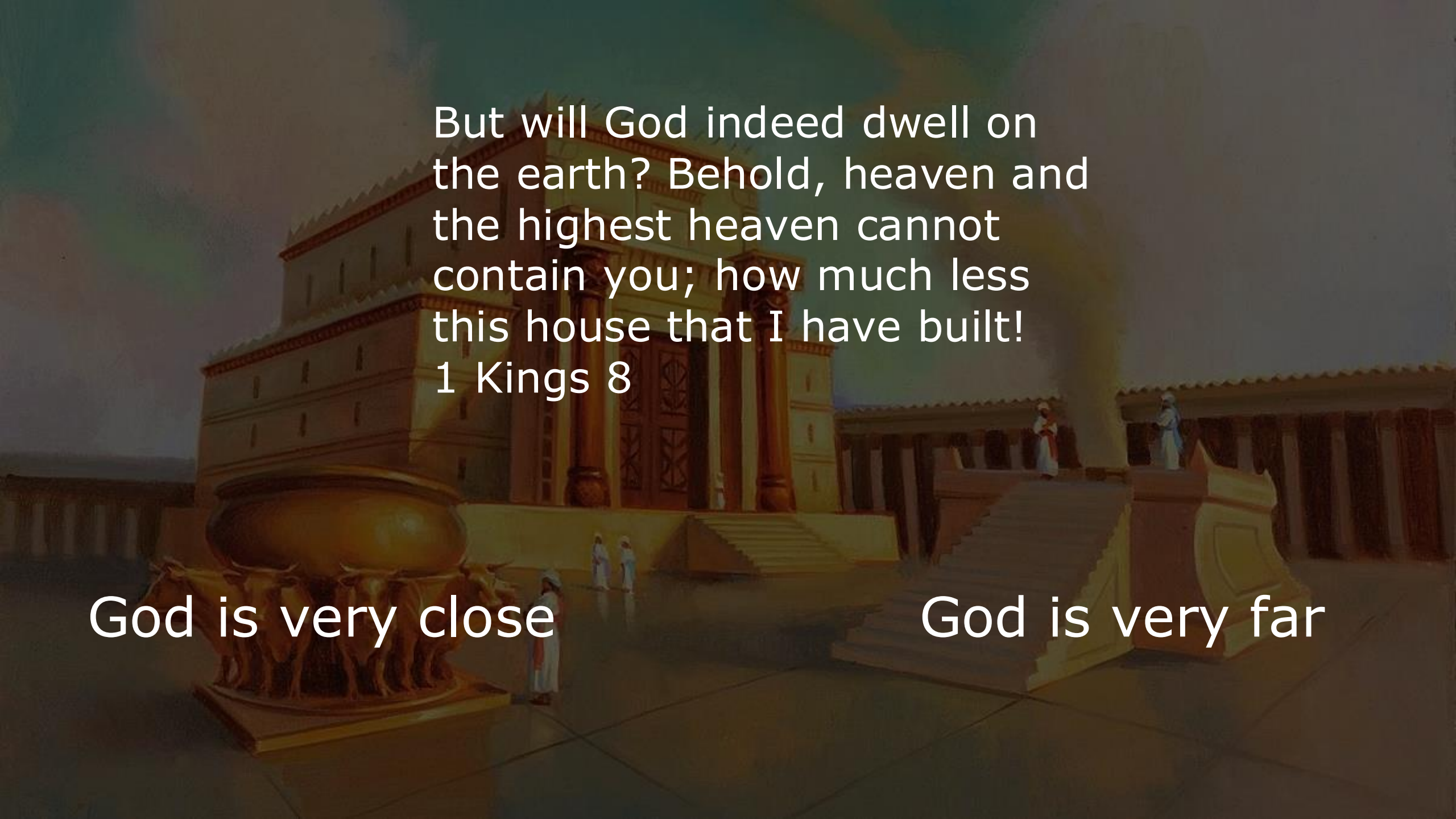
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1 Kings 8

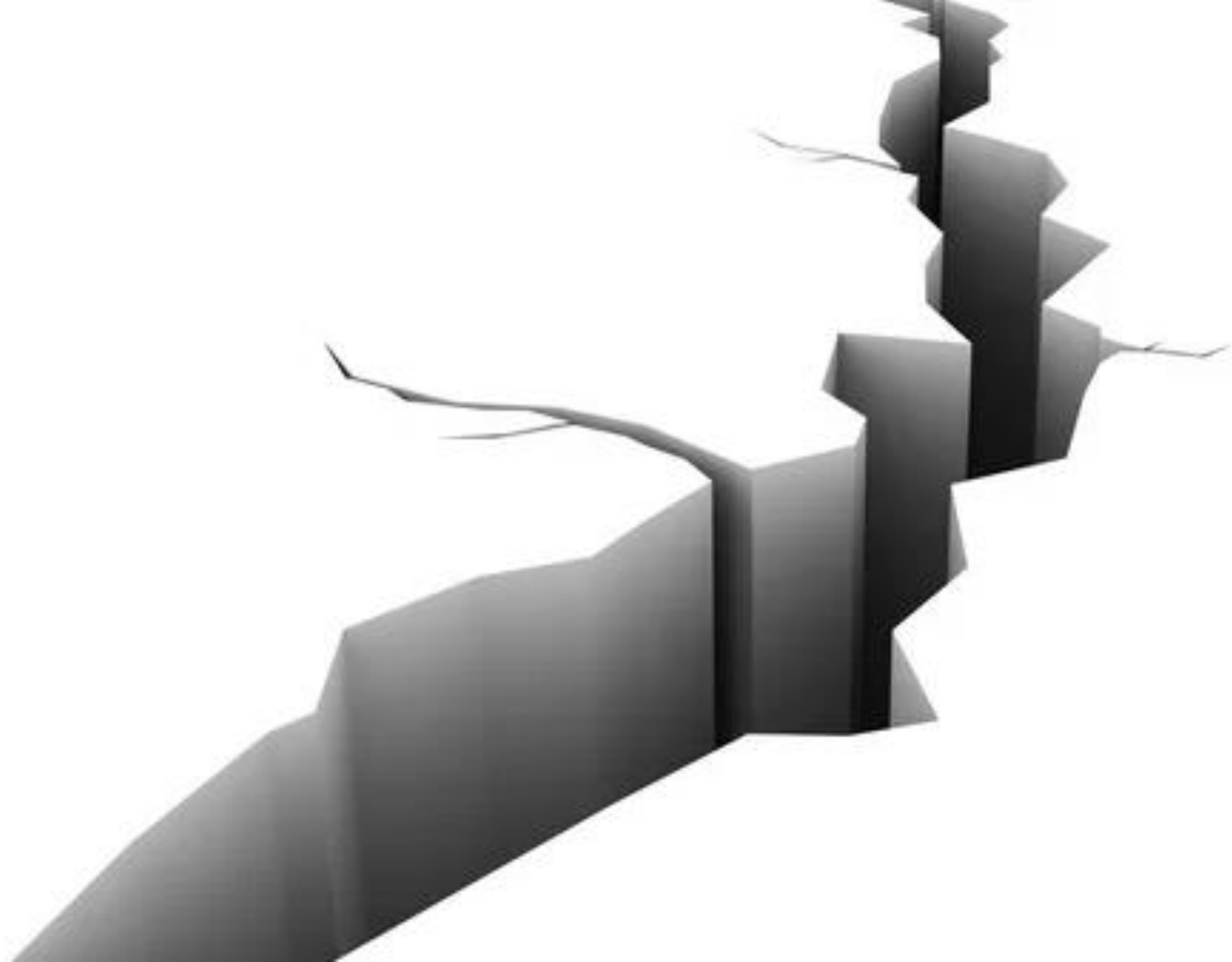
A large, ornate, multi-tiered temple structure with a wide staircase and a bull-headed altar in the foreground. The temple is made of light-colored stone or brick with dark wood accents. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. In the foreground, there is a large, golden bull-headed altar with several oxen standing around it. A few people in white robes are visible near the temple steps and the altar.

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And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:28

... I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ... though I was their husband...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ... For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 33

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us
the Father, and it is enough for us."
John 14:8

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:5-7

Lord, show us the Father

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

John 14:9-11

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