

Providence

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Genesis 50:19–21

Seeing the Unseen Realm















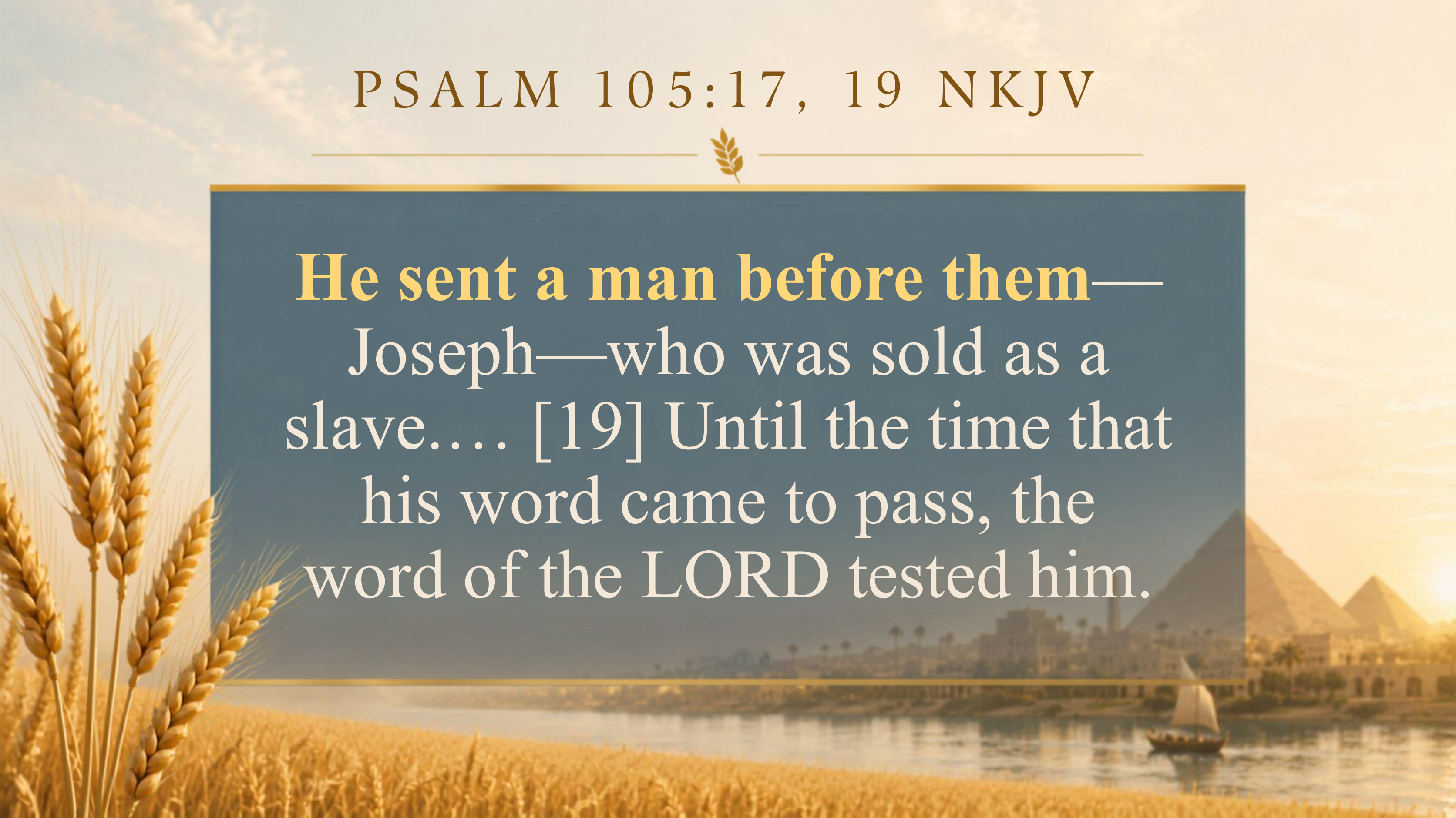
Setbacks



PSALM 105:17, 19 NKJV



He sent a man before them—
Joseph—who was sold as a
slave.... [19] Until the time that
his word came to pass, the
word of the LORD tested him.



THE UNSEEN HAND



PROVIDENCE is God's preserving and guiding work through history and human choices to accomplish His wise purposes.

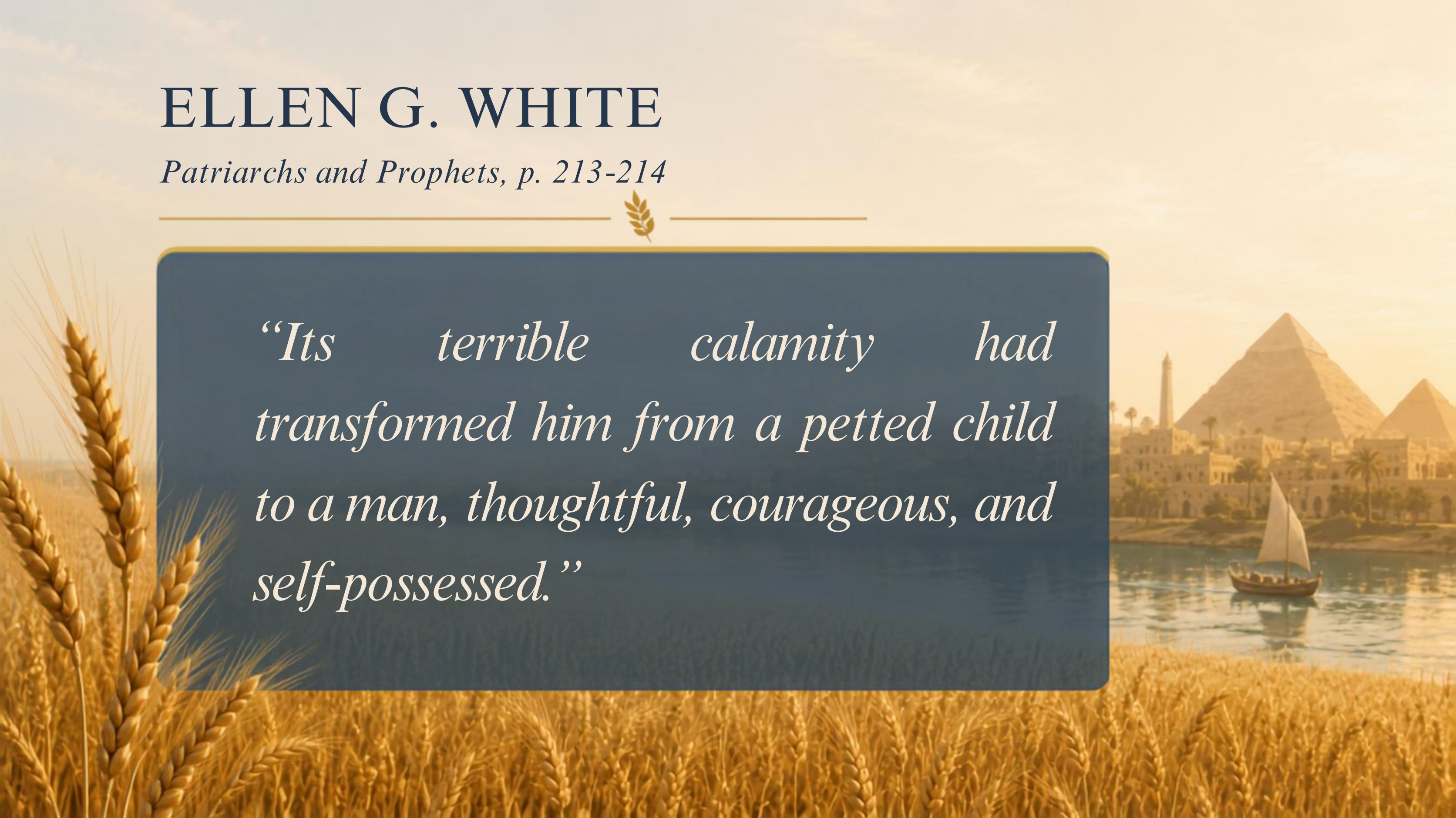


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Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 213-214



“Its terrible calamity had transformed him from a petted child to a man, thoughtful, courageous, and self-possessed.”



**The Chapter We Want to Remove,
Might be the Chapter God Uses to Transform**





GENESIS 40:23 NKJV



Yet the chief butler did not
remember Joseph, **but**
forgot him.







STEVE JOBS

Stanford Commencement Speech (2005)



“You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards.”





PERSPECTIVE

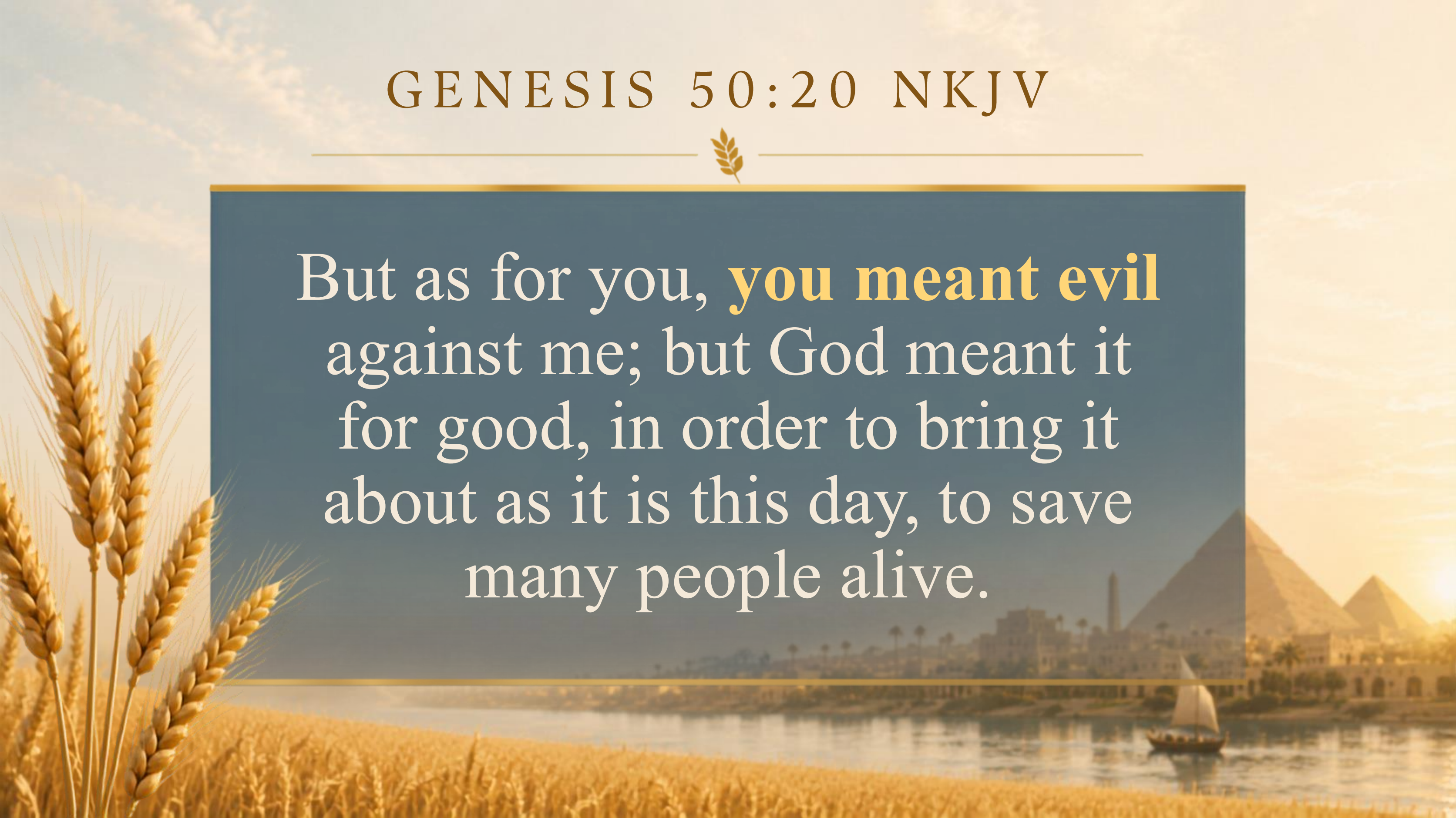


What we call pain, God can turn into gain.
What we call rejection, God can use as redirection.
What we call delay may be part of His appointed way.

GENESIS 50:20 NKJV



But as for you, **you meant evil** against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

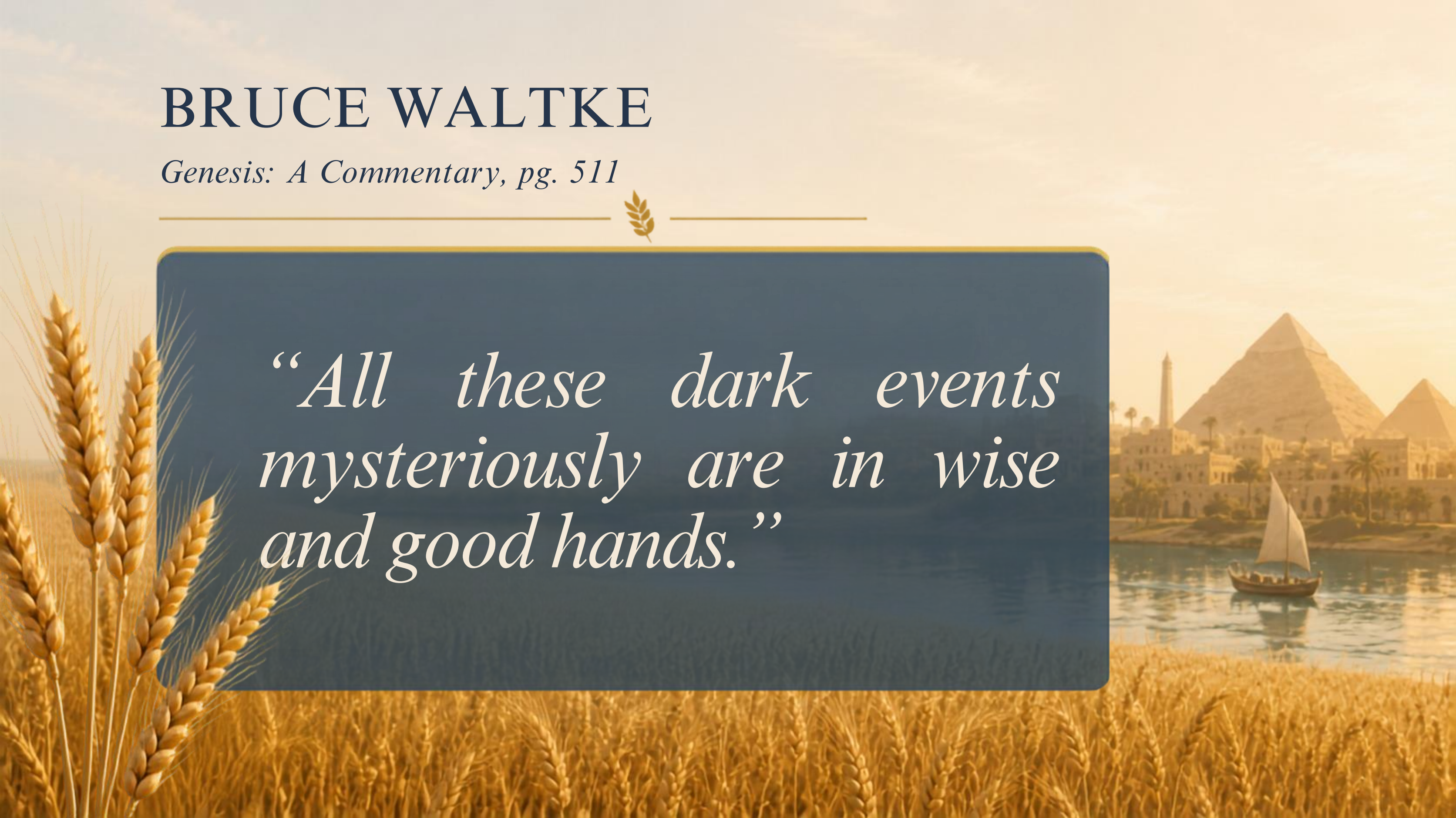


BRUCE WALTKE

Genesis: A Commentary, pg. 511



*“All these dark events
mysteriously are in wise
and good hands.”*



GENESIS 50:20 NKJV



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**Never place a period where
God has placed a comma**

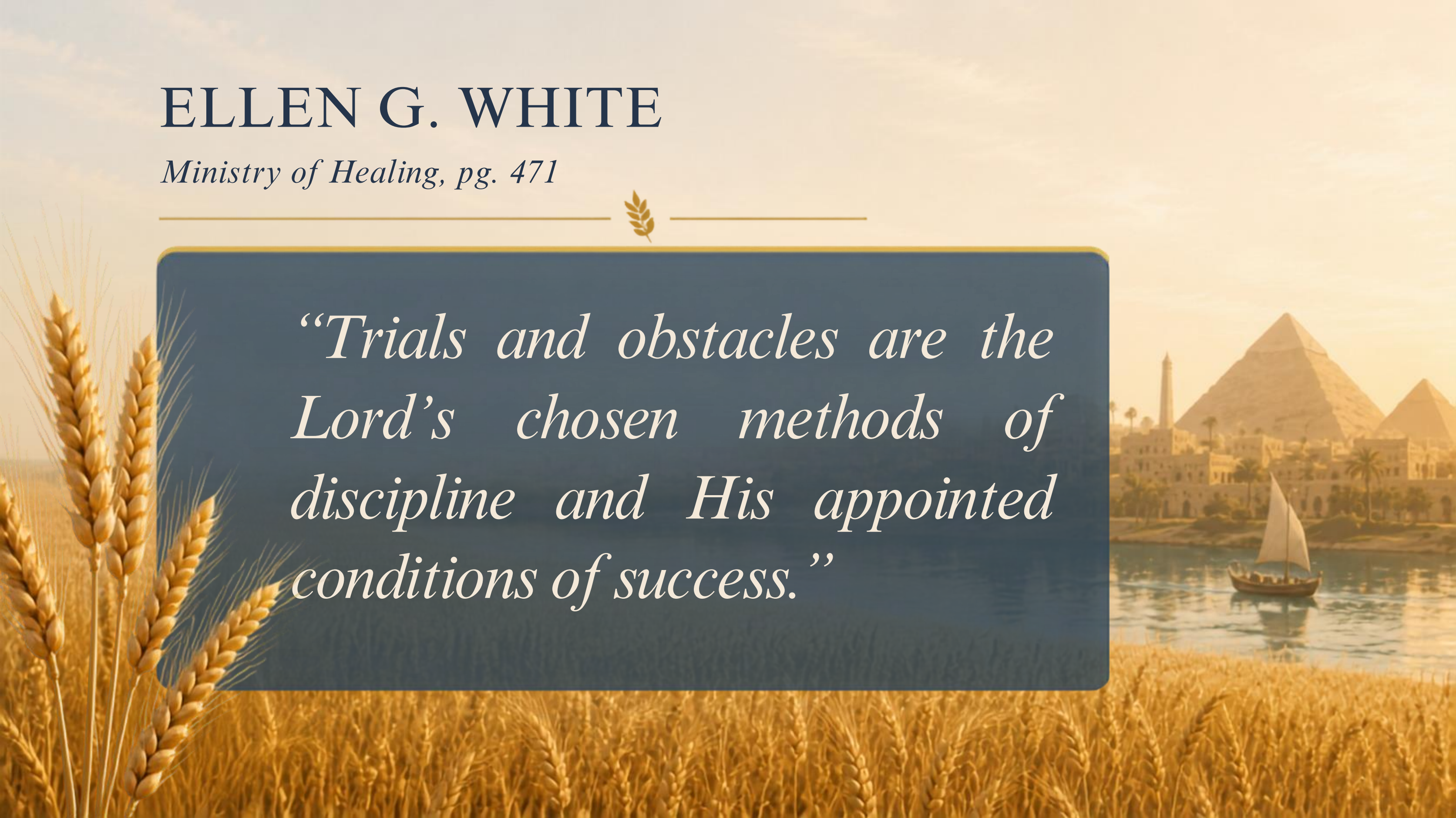


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Ministry of Healing, pg. 471



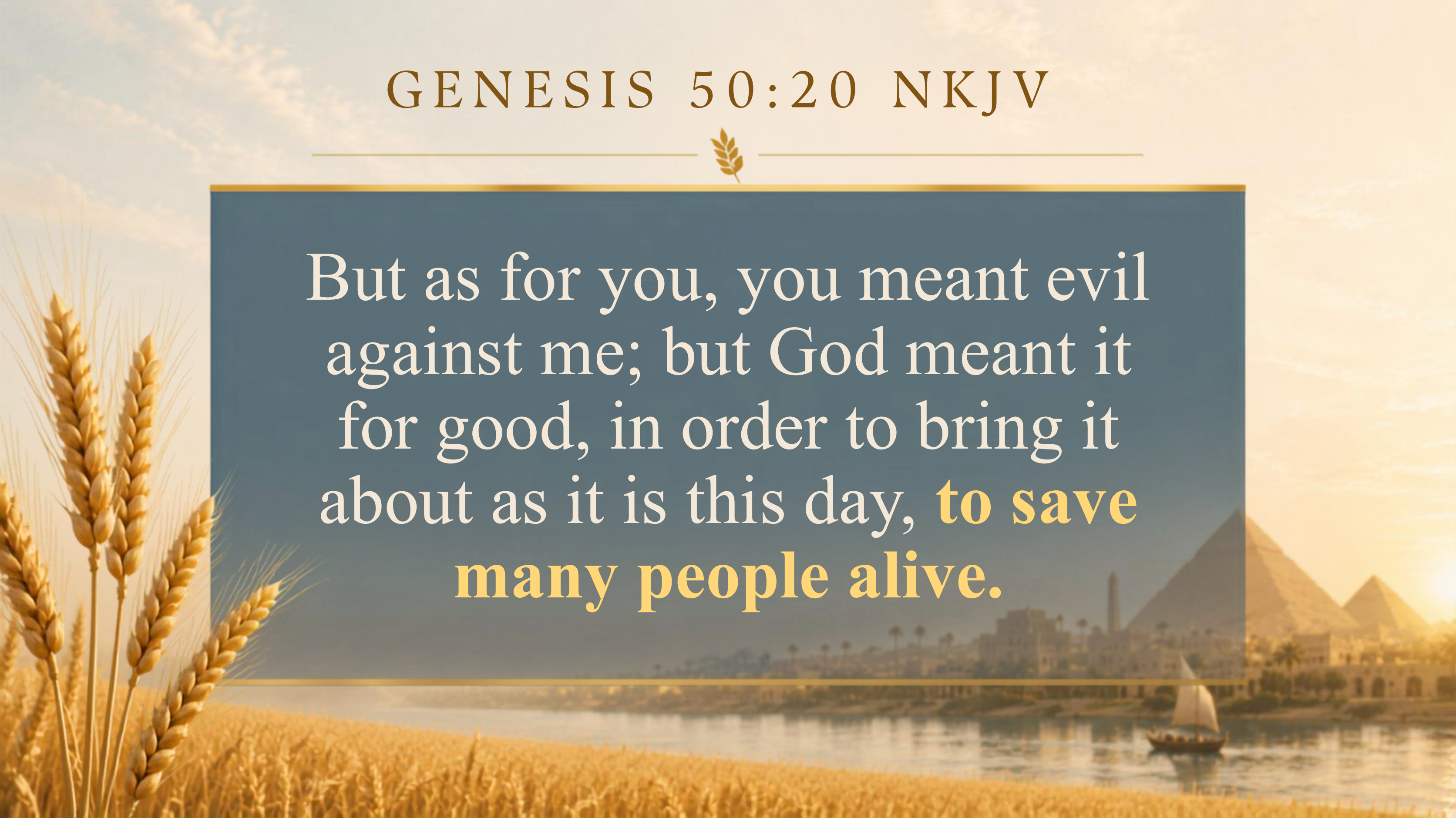
“Trials and obstacles are the Lord’s chosen methods of discipline and His appointed conditions of success.”



GENESIS 50:20 NKJV



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See Your Story in Light of God's Providence



GENESIS 45:7-8 NKJV



And God sent me before you **to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives** by a great deliverance. [8]
So now it was not you who sent me here, but God.

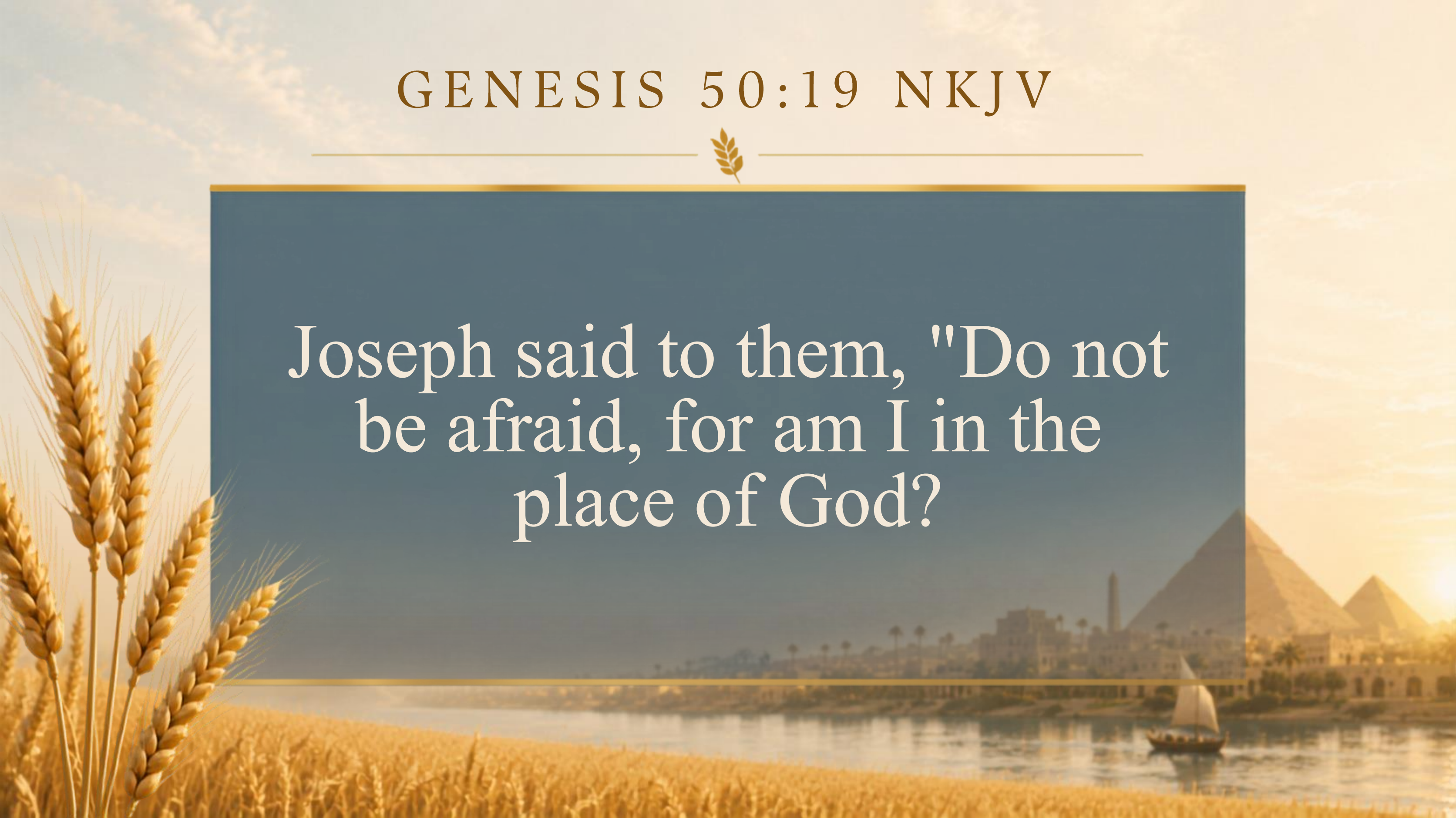
Your Pain Maybe a Ministry to Someone



GENESIS 50:19 NKJV



Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?"



Providence Doesn't Let Perpetrators Off the Hook



Providence Sets Victims Free From Their Chains

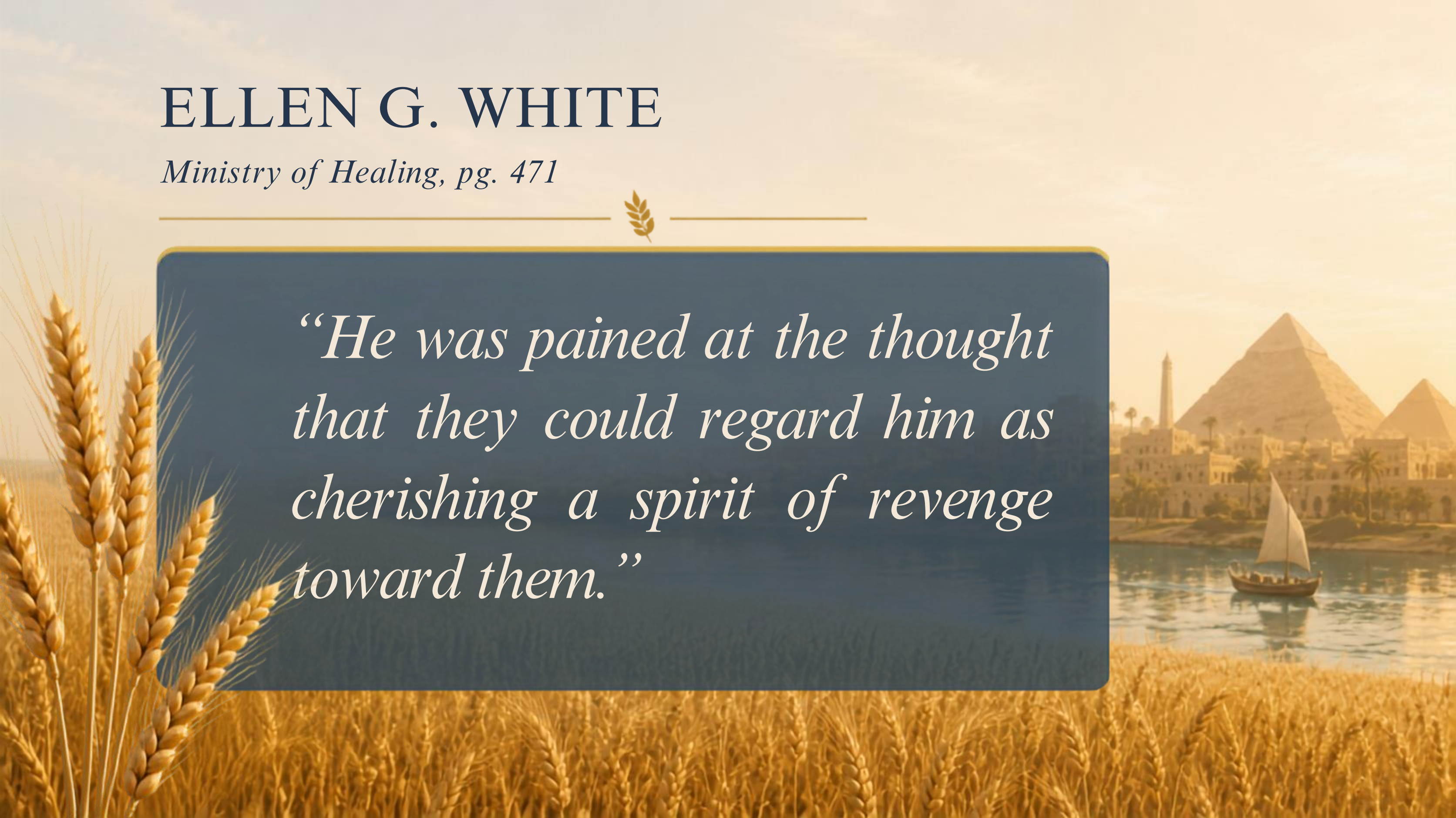


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Ministry of Healing, pg. 471



“He was pained at the thought that they could regard him as cherishing a spirit of revenge toward them.”





Do Not Judge the Whole Story by One Unfinished Chapter



WHEN I CANNOT TRACE HIS HAND



When dreams lie broken in the dust,
And all I treasured turns to rust,
Though I cannot discern the way,
God's unseen hand still rules the day.

WHEN I CANNOT TRACE HIS HAND



The pit may mock the dream He gave,
The prison close like a living grave;
Yet chains cannot His purpose stay,
Nor prison walls obstruct His way.

WHEN I CANNOT TRACE HIS HAND



What others mean for deepest wrong,
God weaves into redemption's song;
He never calls the darkness light,
But makes it serve His purpose bright.

WHEN I CANNOT TRACE HIS HAND



The cross once looked like hope had died,
As heaven's Son was crucified;
But from the sealed and silent tomb,
God made immortal morning bloom.

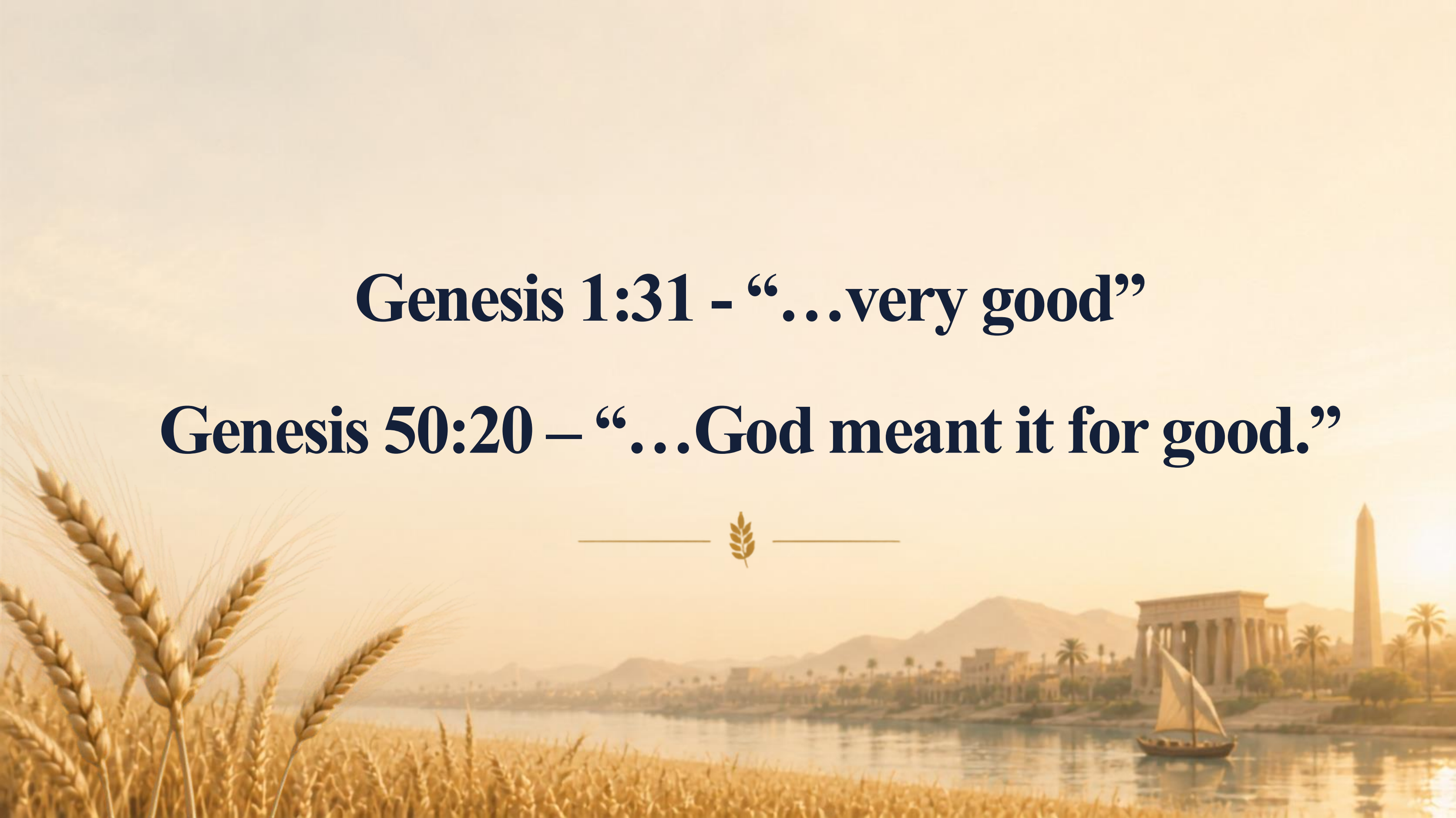
WHEN I CANNOT TRACE HIS HAND



So when I cannot trace His hand,
Or understand the road He planned,
I'll trust the heart that bore the cross
For nothing God redeems is loss.

Genesis 1:31 - “...very good”

Genesis 50:20 – “...God meant it for good.”



When You Can't Understand the Chapter, Trust the Author



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