



Hope in the Coming Messiah

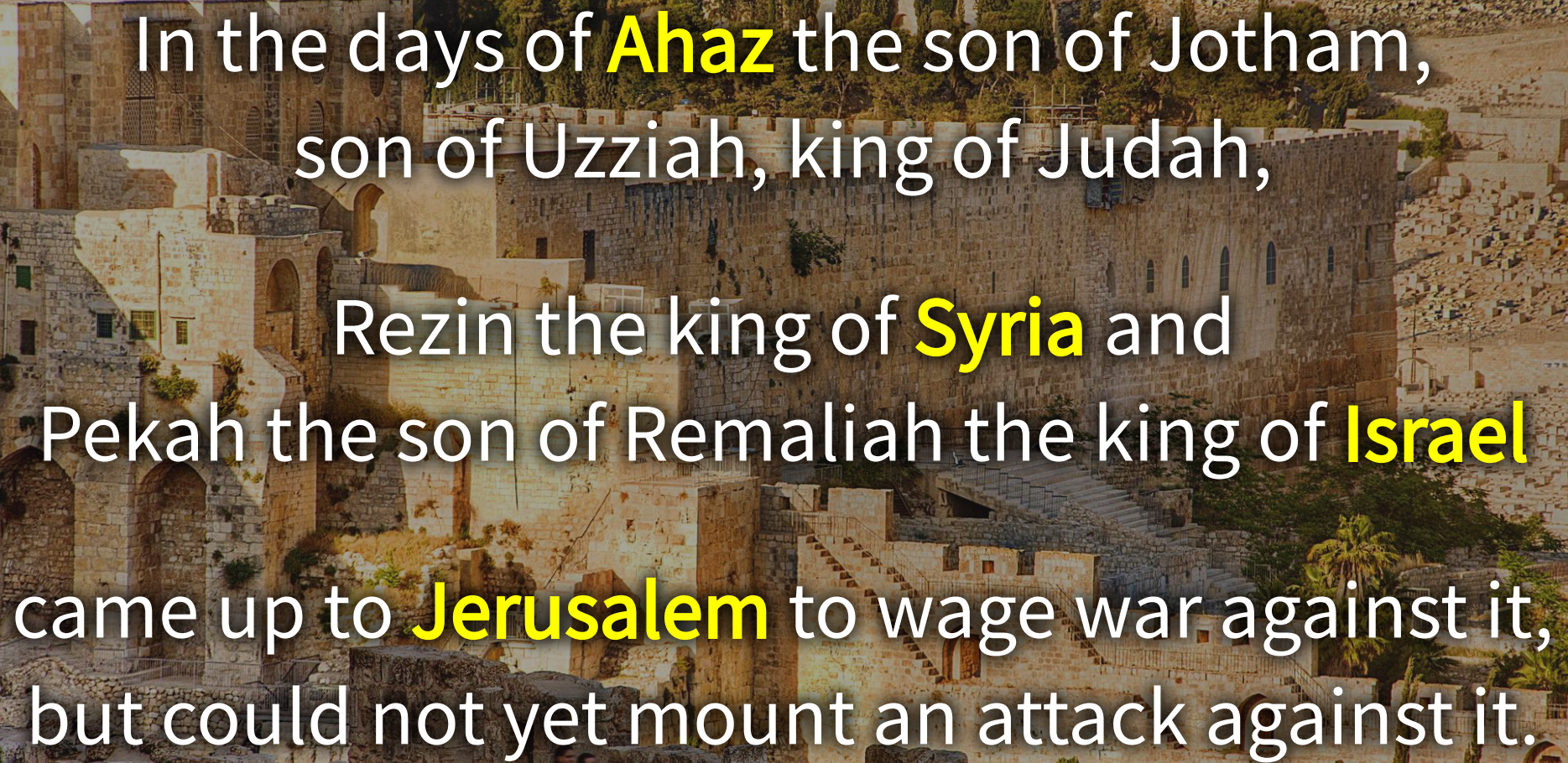
Isaiah 9:2-7

Why, Lord,
do You not save?

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1. The **Darkness** in our World (8:19-22)
2. The **Light** Shining (9:2-7)

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An aerial photograph of Jerusalem's Old City, showing the Temple Mount and the surrounding walls. The image is used as a background for the text.

In the days of **Ahaz** the son of Jotham,
son of Uzziah, king of Judah,
Rezin the king of **Syria** and
Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of **Israel**
came up to **Jerusalem** to wage war against it,
but could not yet mount an attack against it.

Isaiah 7:1 (ESV)

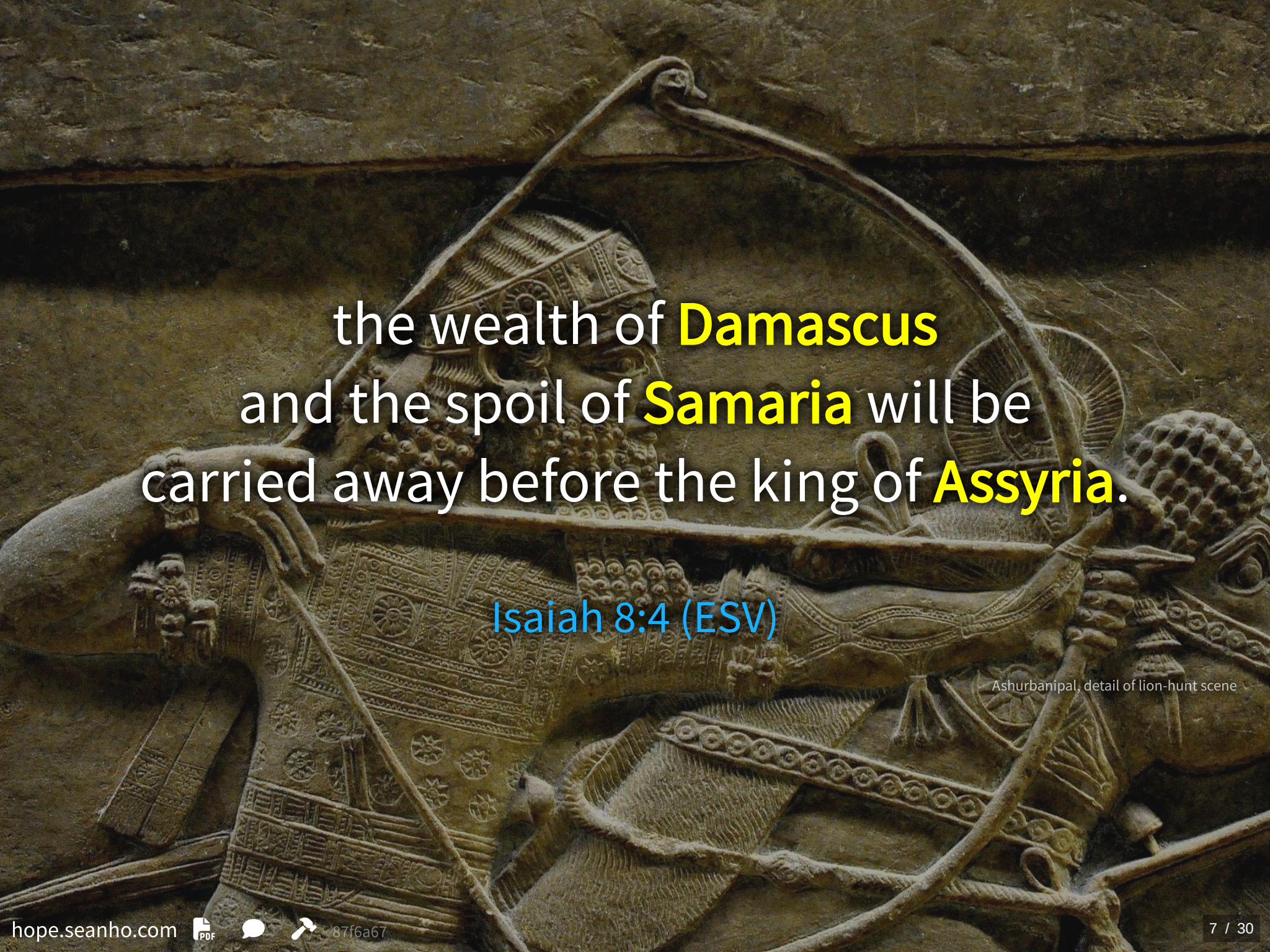
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When the house of David was told,
“Syria is in league with Ephraim,”
the **heart** of Ahaz and the heart of his people
shook as the trees of the forest
shake before the wind.

Isaiah 7:2 (ESV)

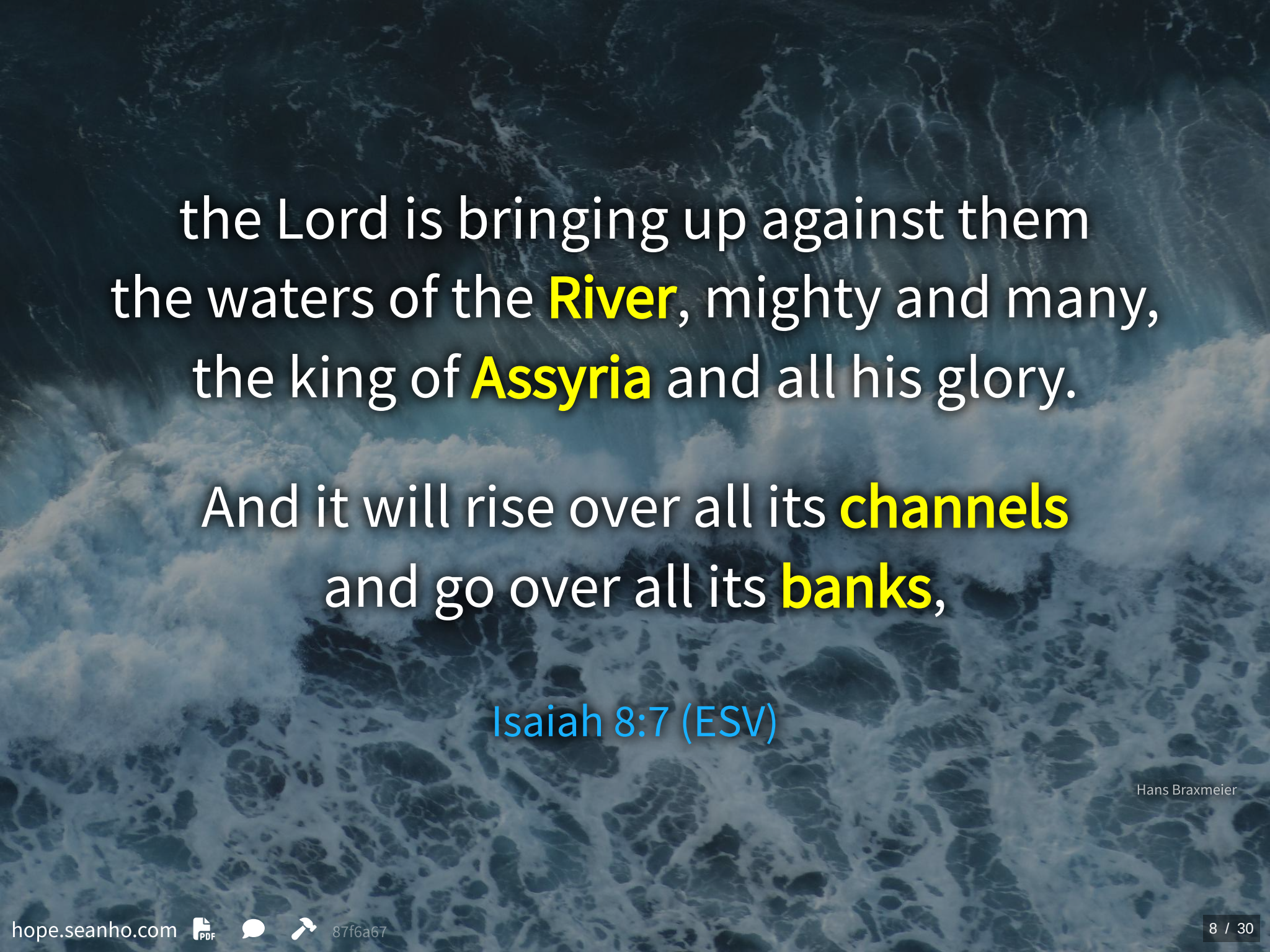
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the wealth of **Damascus**
and the spoil of **Samaria** will be
carried away before the king of **Assyria**.

Isaiah 8:4 (ESV)

Ashurbanipal, detail of lion-hunt scene

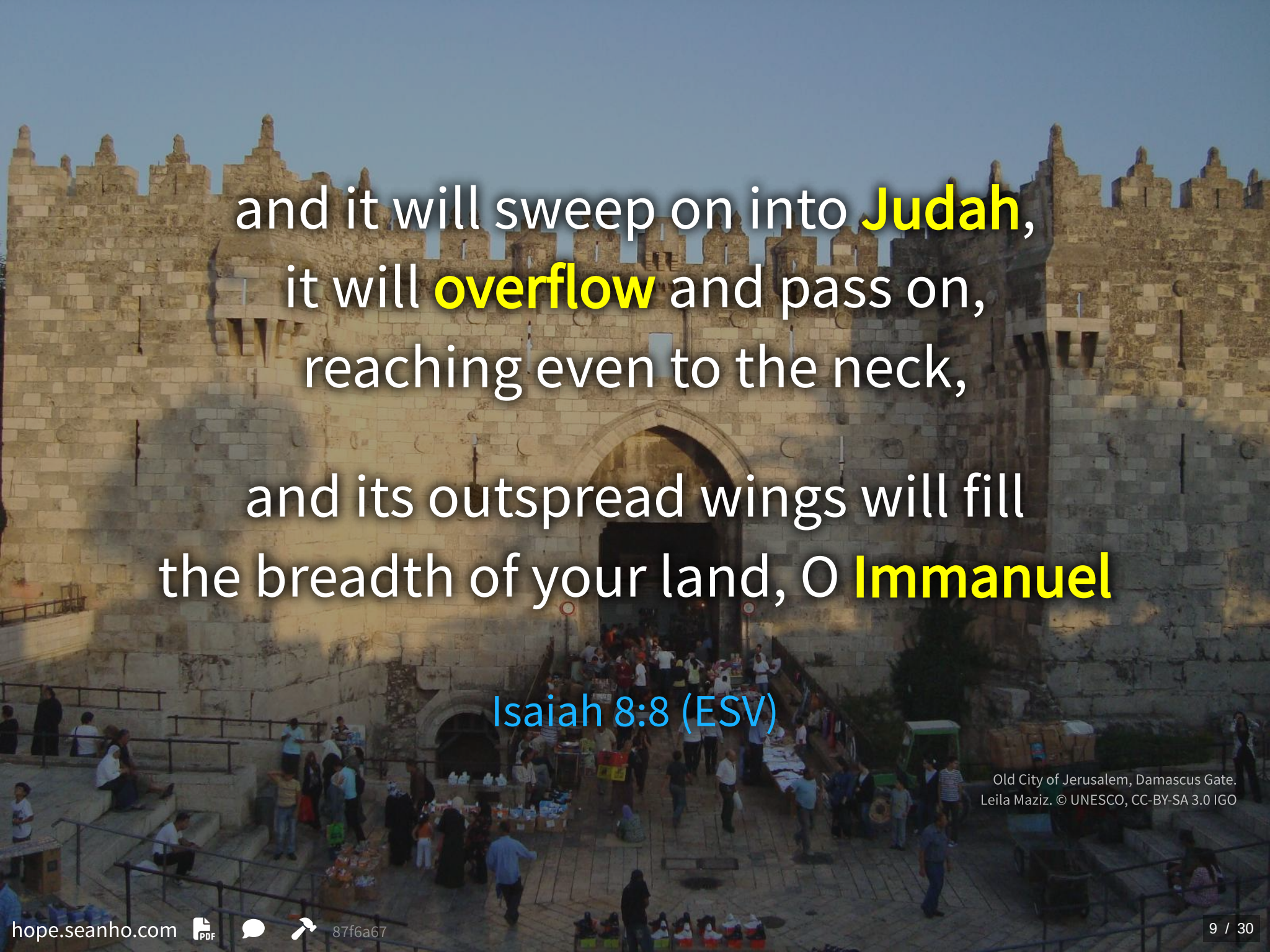


the Lord is bringing up against them
the waters of the **River**, mighty and many,
the king of **Assyria** and all his glory.

And it will rise over all its **channels**
and go over all its **banks**,

Isaiah 8:7 (ESV)

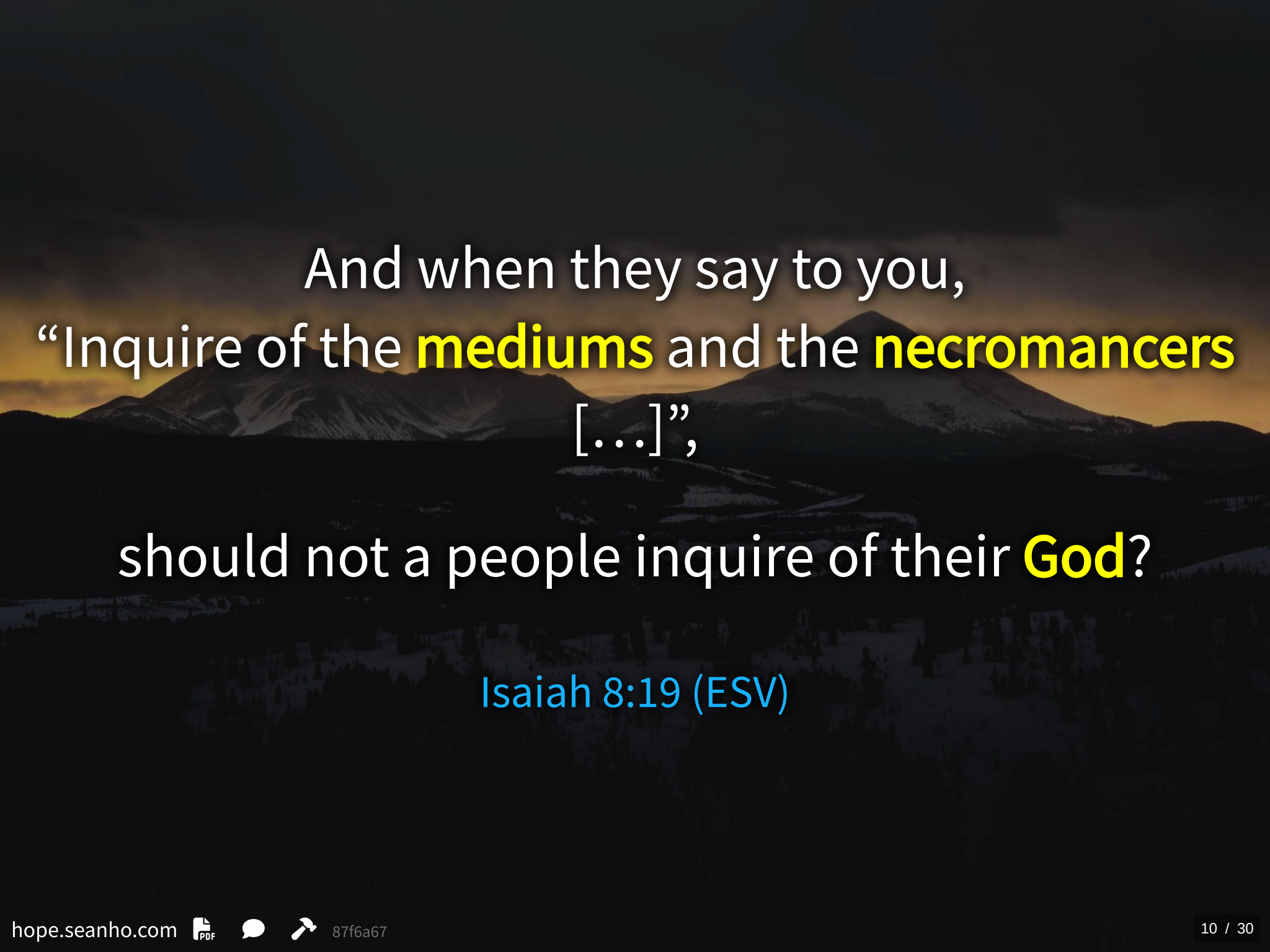
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and it will sweep on into **Judah**,
it will **overflow** and pass on,
reaching even to the neck,
and its outspread wings will fill
the breadth of your land, O **Immanuel**

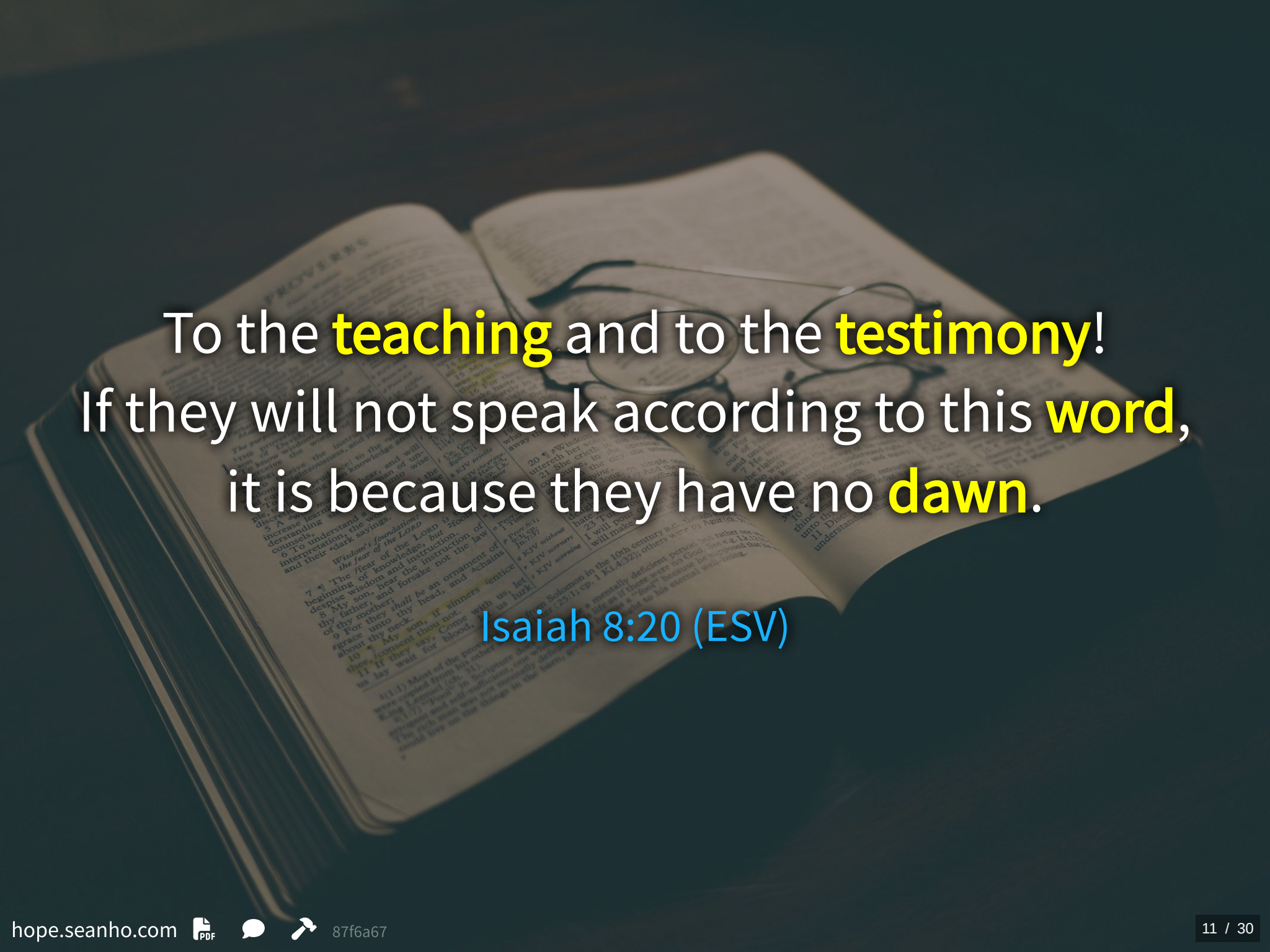
Isaiah 8:8 (ESV)

Old City of Jerusalem, Damascus Gate.
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And when they say to you,
“Inquire of the **mediums** and the **necromancers**
[...],
should not a people inquire of their **God**?

Isaiah 8:19 (ESV)




To the **teaching** and to the **testimony**!
If they will not speak according to this **word**,
it is because they have no **dawn**.

Isaiah 8:20 (ESV)



And when they are **hungry**,
they will be **enraged**
and will speak **contemptuously**
against their **king** and their **God**,

Isaiah 8:21b (ESV)



And they will look to the **earth**,
but behold, **distress** and darkness,
the gloom of anguish.

Isaiah 8:22 (ESV)

Do not call **conspiracy**
all that this people calls conspiracy,
and do not **fear** what they fear,
nor be in dread.


But the **Lord** of hosts,
him you shall **honor** as holy.
Let him be your **fear**,
and let him be your dread

Isaiah 8:12-13 (ESV)

How do I respond
to severe stress?

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2. The **Light** Shining (9:2-7)

A misty forest landscape with sunlight filtering through the trees. The scene is a dense forest of evergreen trees, with a thick layer of mist or fog hanging between the trees. Sunlight is streaming down from the top of the frame, creating a dramatic effect of light rays (crepuscular rays) cutting through the mist. The overall color palette is muted, with greens, browns, and greys, punctuated by the warm yellow and orange tones of the sunlight.

The people who walked in **darkness**
have seen a great **light**;
those who dwelt in a land of deep **darkness**,
on them has **light** shone.

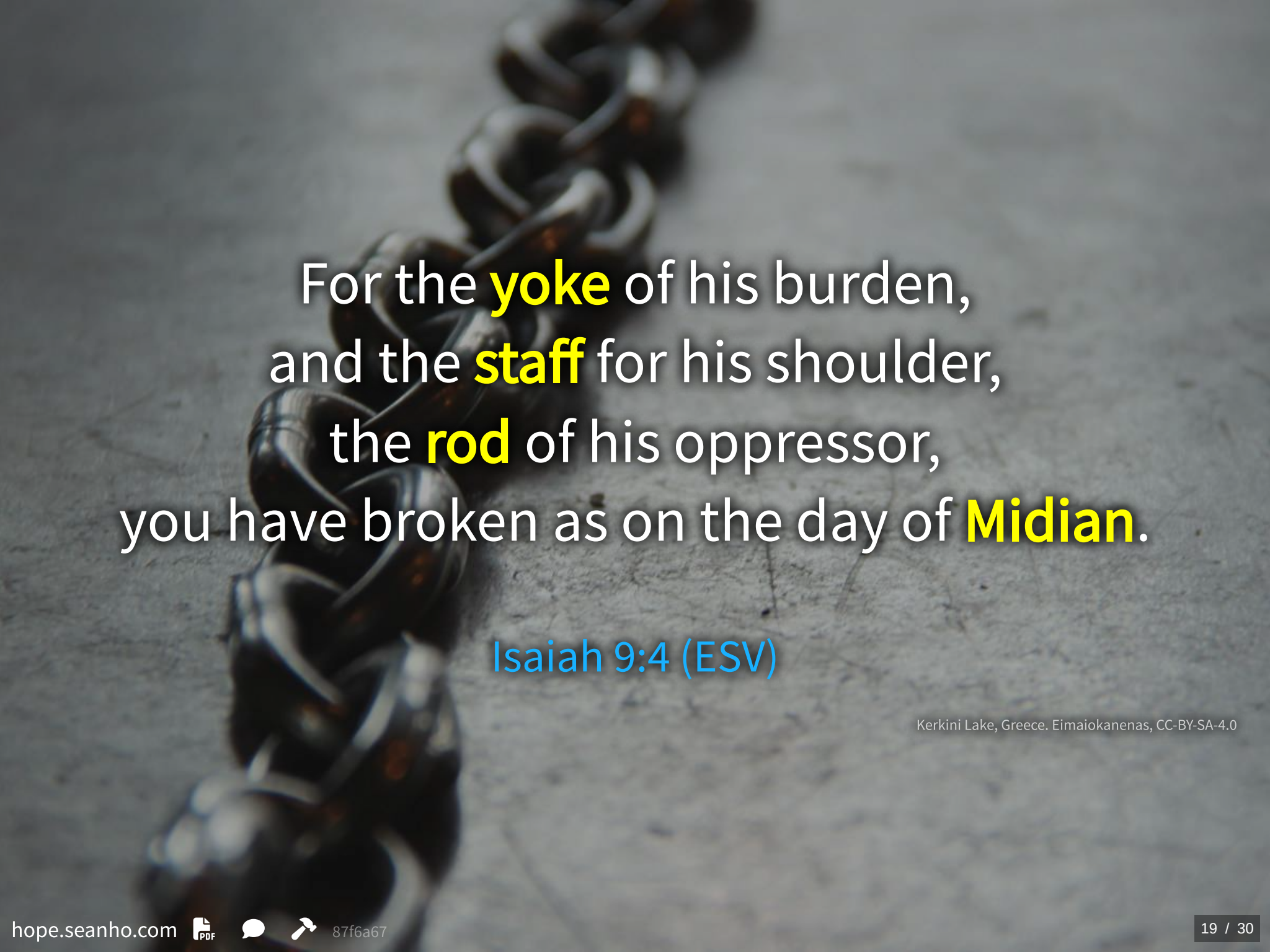
Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)

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You have **multiplied** the nation;
you have **increased** its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the **harvest**,
as they are glad when they divide the **spoil**.

Isaiah 9:3 (ESV)

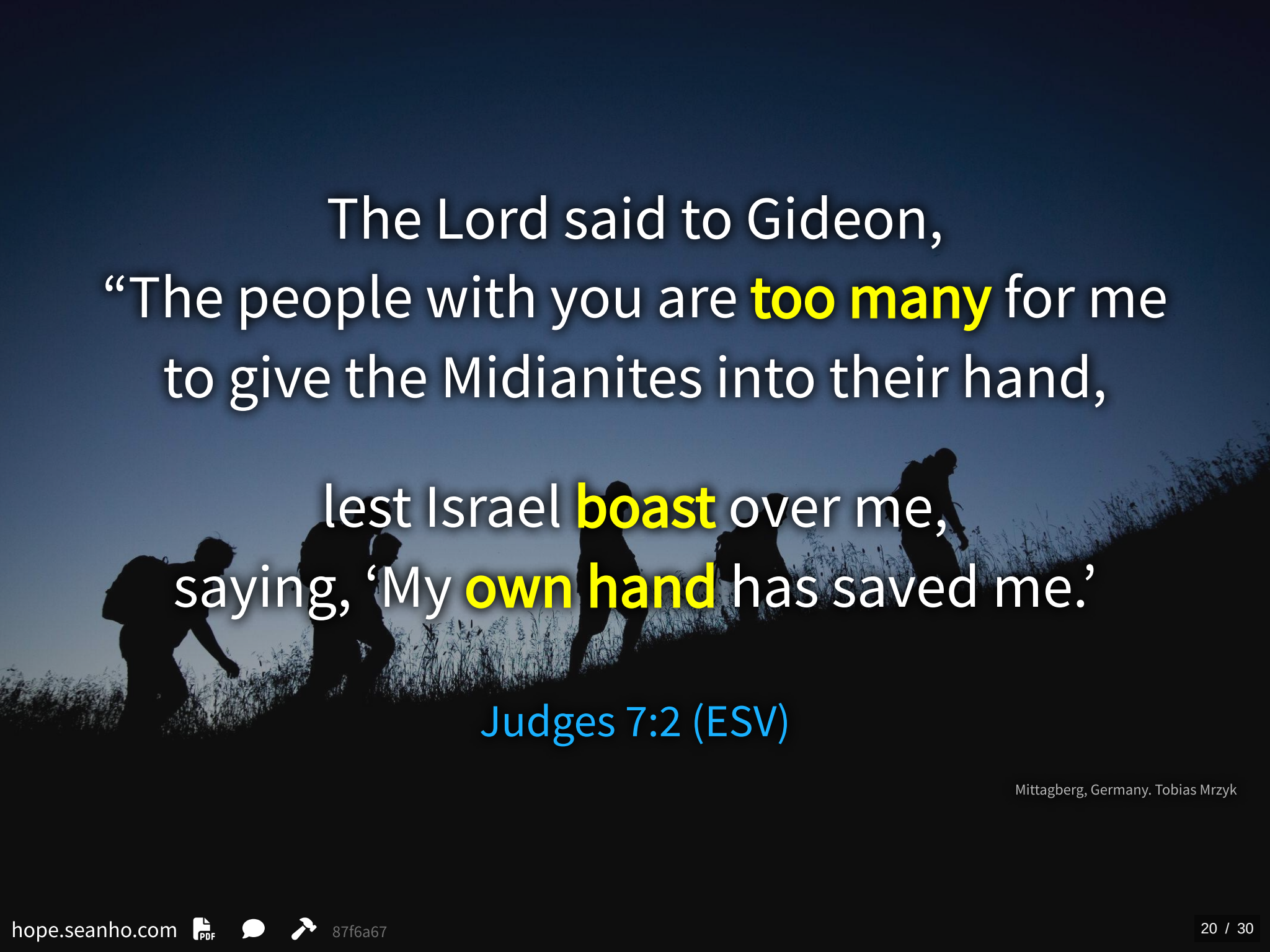
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For the **yoke** of his burden,
and the **staff** for his shoulder,
the **rod** of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of **Midian**.

Isaiah 9:4 (ESV)

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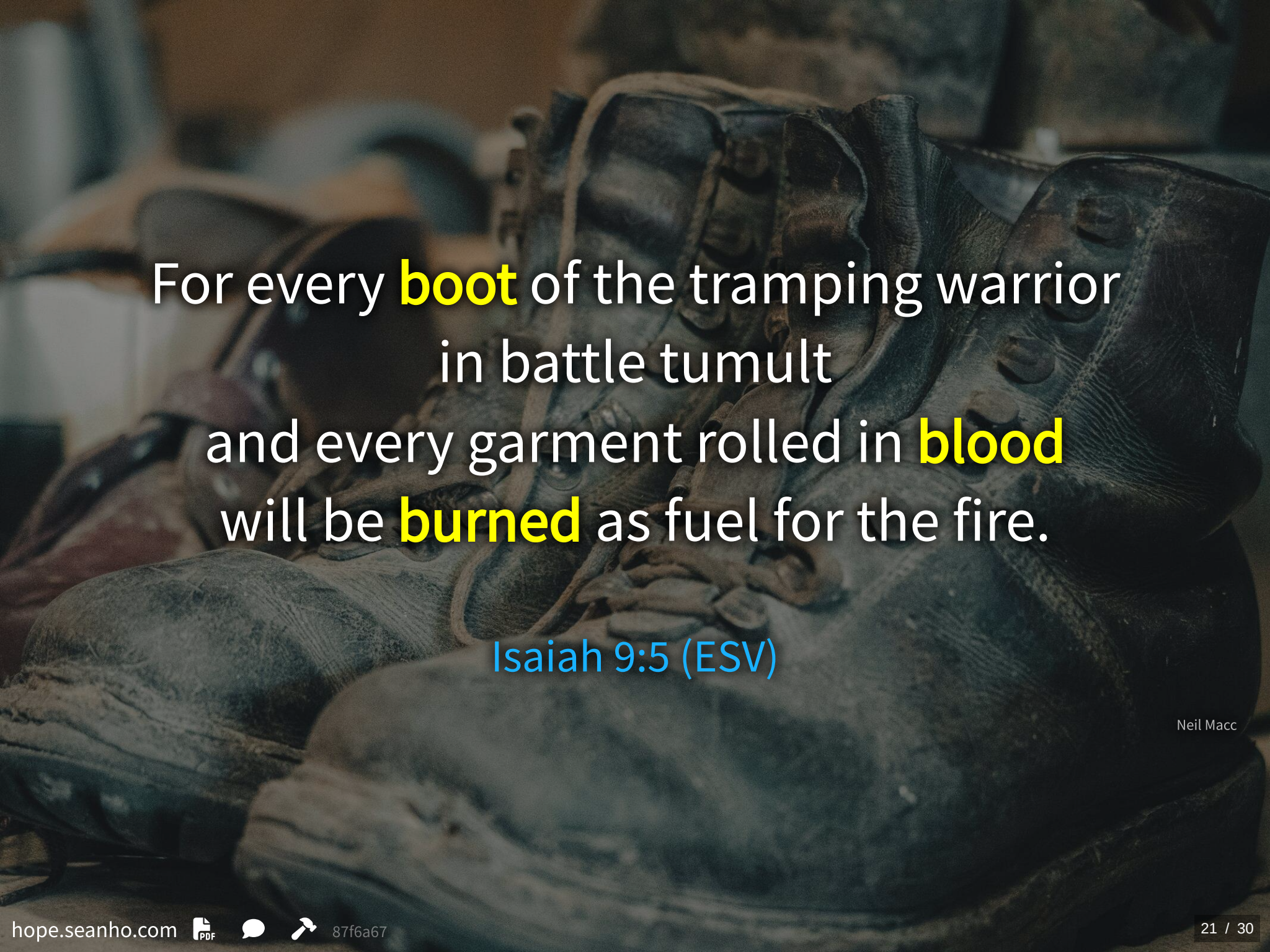
The background of the slide features a dark, blue-toned photograph of several hikers with backpacks ascending a grassy hill. The hikers are silhouetted against a lighter, hazy sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

The Lord said to Gideon,
“The people with you are **too many** for me
to give the Midianites into their hand,

lest Israel **boast** over me,
saying, ‘My **own hand** has saved me.’

Judges 7:2 (ESV)

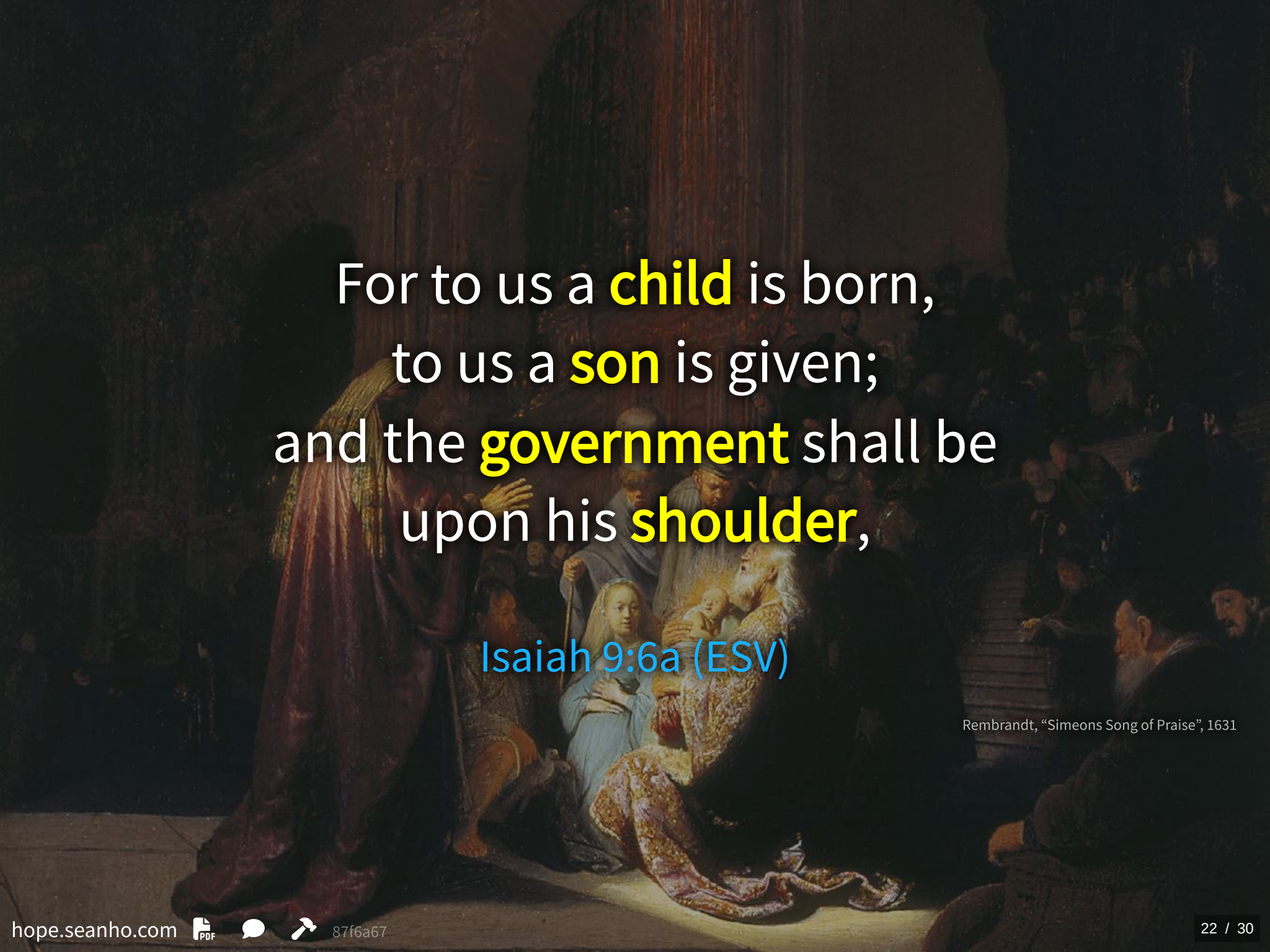
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For every **boot** of the tramping warrior
in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in **blood**
will be **burned** as fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:5 (ESV)

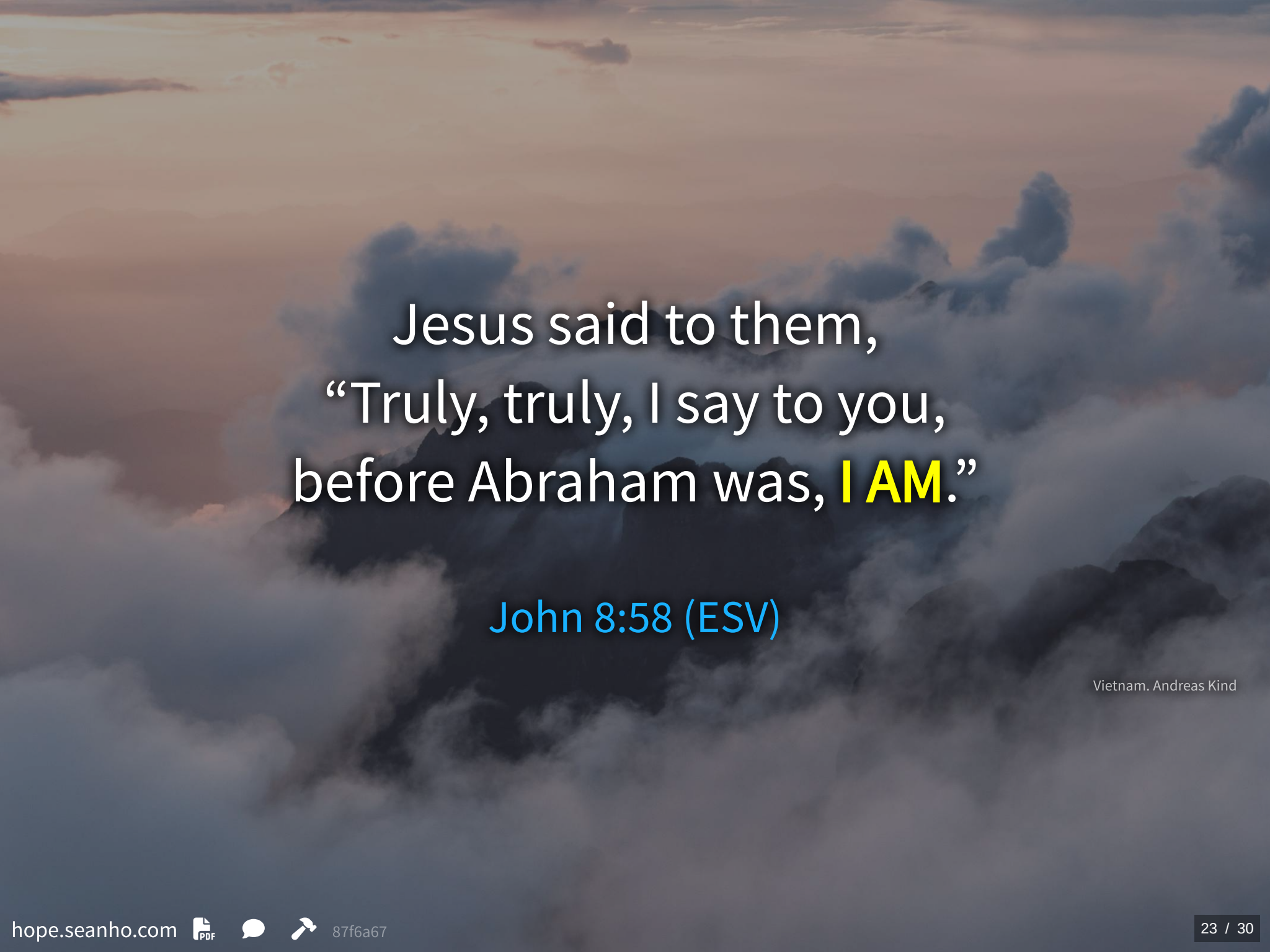
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The background of the slide is a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting "Simeon's Song of Praise" (1631). The painting depicts the infant Jesus being presented in the Temple. Simeon, an elderly man with a long white beard, is shown holding the child. Mary is seated next to him, and Joseph stands behind them. The scene is set in a dark, cavernous space with large columns. A crowd of people is visible in the background, and a bright light emanates from the infant Jesus, illuminating the central figures.

For to us a **child** is born,
to us a **son** is given;
and the **government** shall be
upon his **shoulder**,

Isaiah 9:6a (ESV)

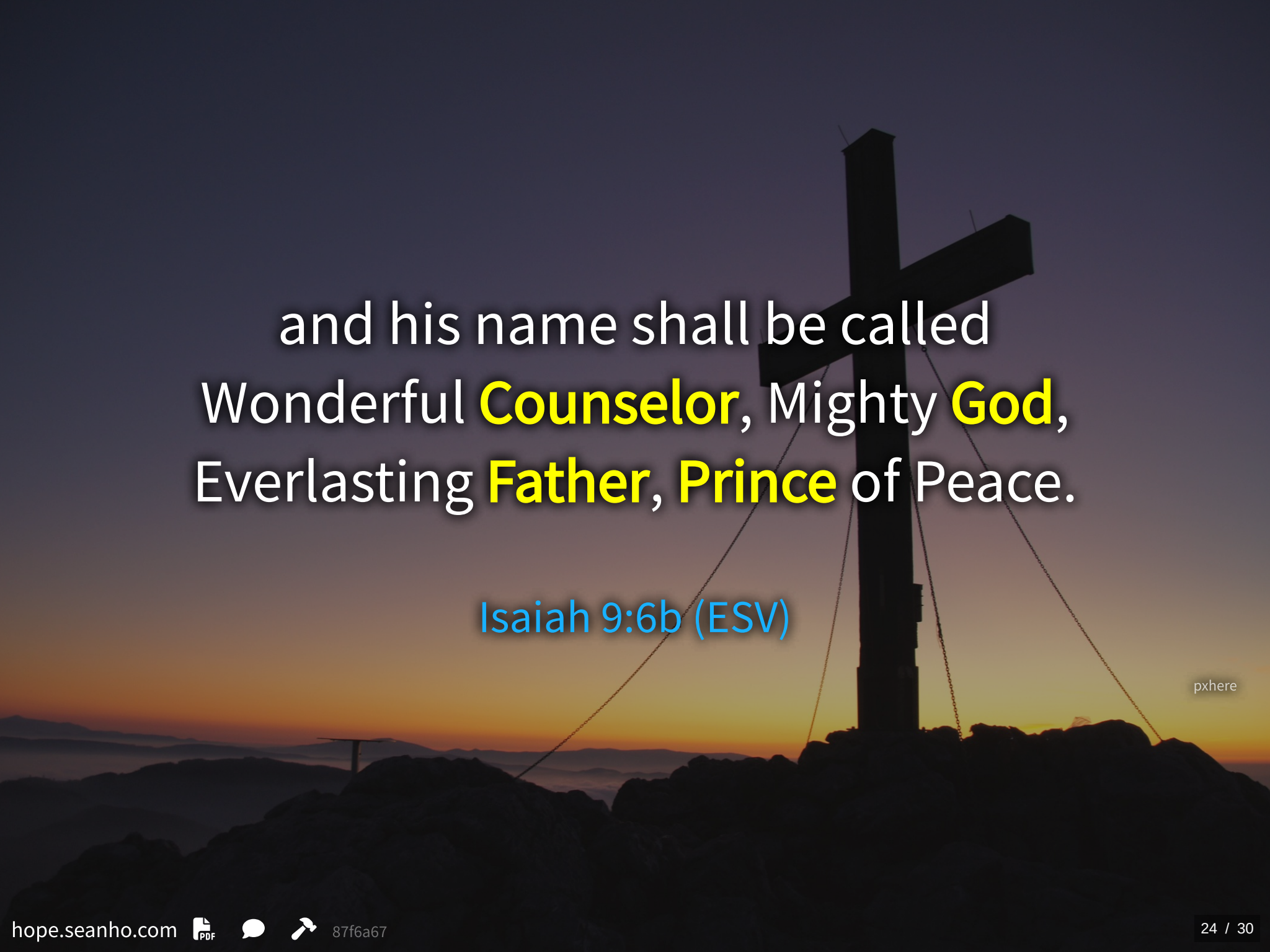
Rembrandt, "Simeons Song of Praise", 1631



Jesus said to them,
“Truly, truly, I say to you,
before Abraham was, **I AM.**”

John 8:58 (ESV)

Vietnam. Andreas Kind

A large wooden cross stands on a rocky hill, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams. The background shows a horizon with mountains and a warm orange glow from the setting sun. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

and his name shall be called
Wonderful **Counselor**, Mighty **God**,
Everlasting **Father**, **Prince** of Peace.

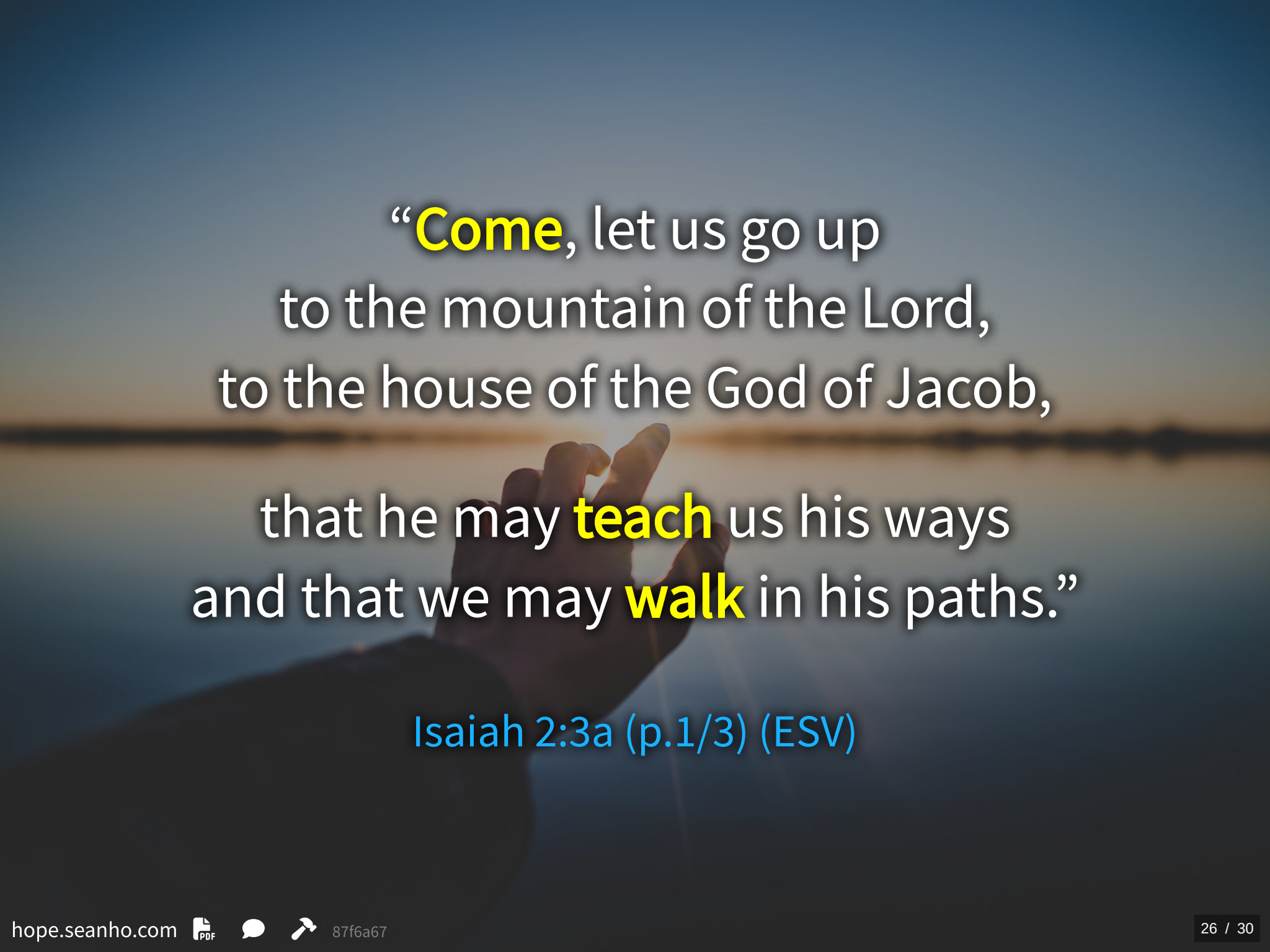
Isaiah 9:6b (ESV)

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Of the increase of his **government**
and of **peace** there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with **justice** and with **righteousness**
from this time forth and forevermore.

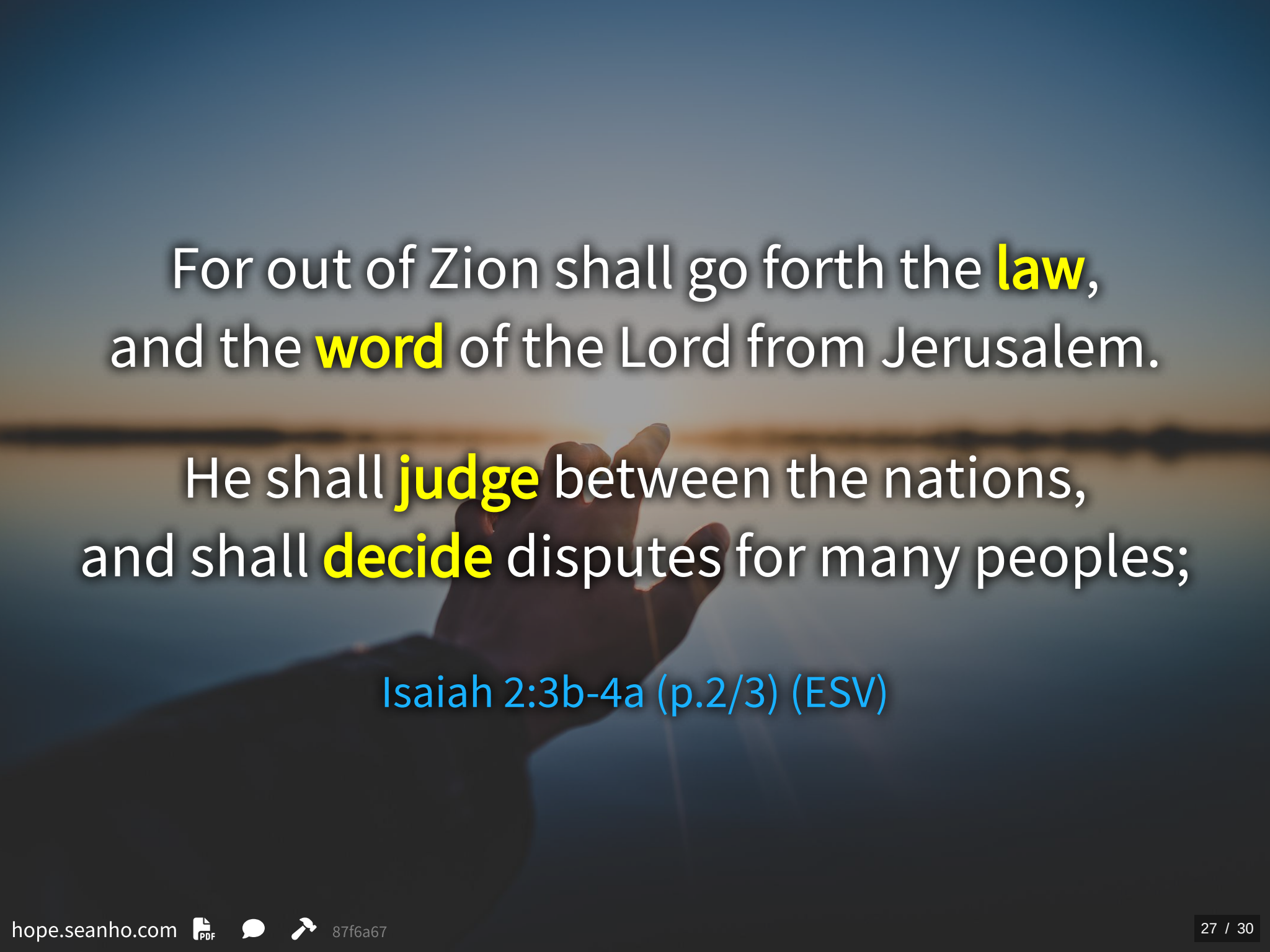
The **zeal** of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:7 (ESV)



“**Come**, let us go up
to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may **teach** us his ways
and that we may **walk** in his paths.”

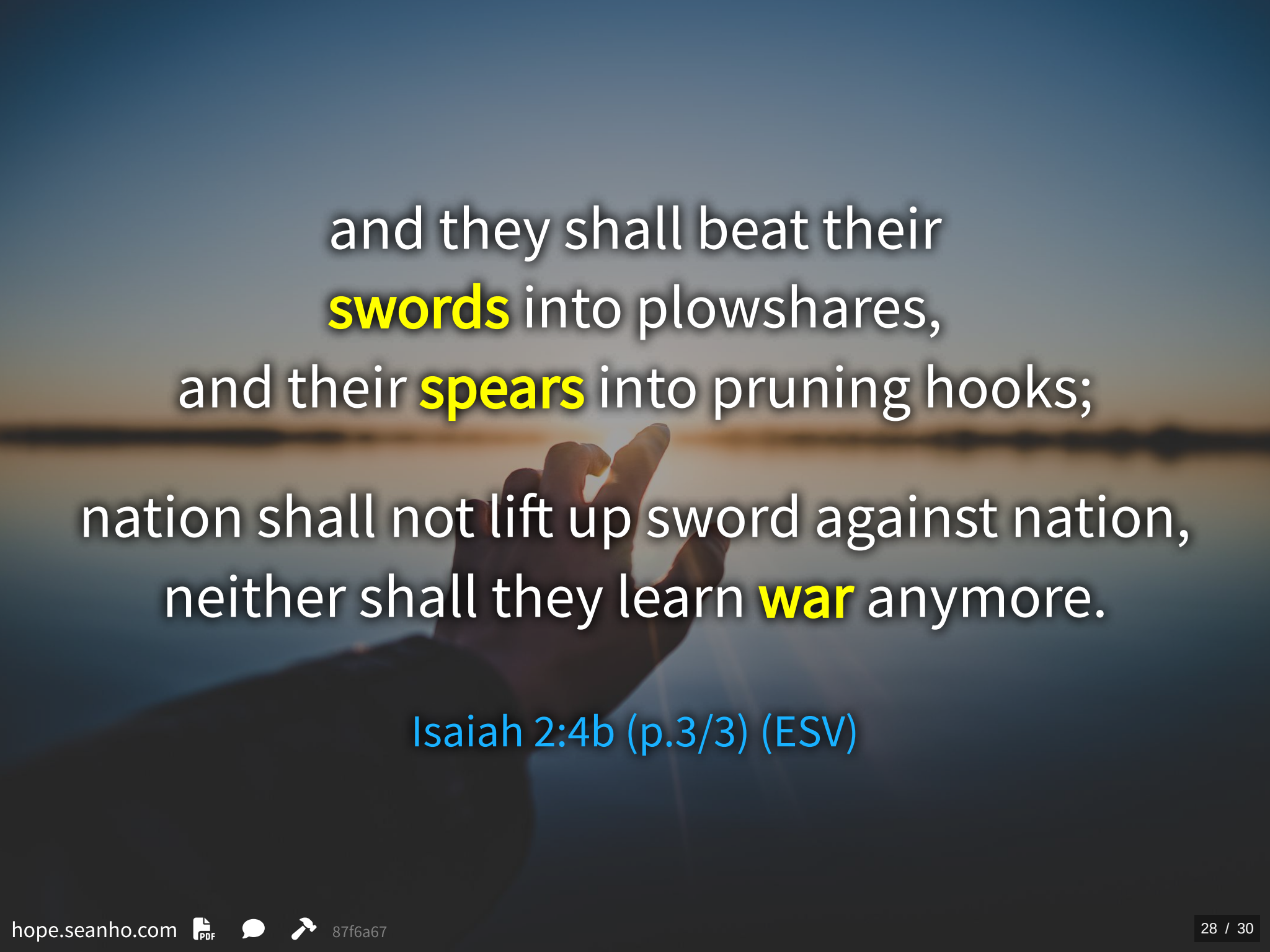
Isaiah 2:3a (p.1/3) (ESV)



For out of Zion shall go forth the **law**,
and the **word** of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall **judge** between the nations,
and shall **decide** disputes for many peoples;

Isaiah 2:3b-4a (p.2/3) (ESV)



and they shall beat their
swords into plowshares,
and their **spears** into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn **war** anymore.

Isaiah 2:4b (p.3/3) (ESV)

How shall I **wait**
for Christ's **return**?

