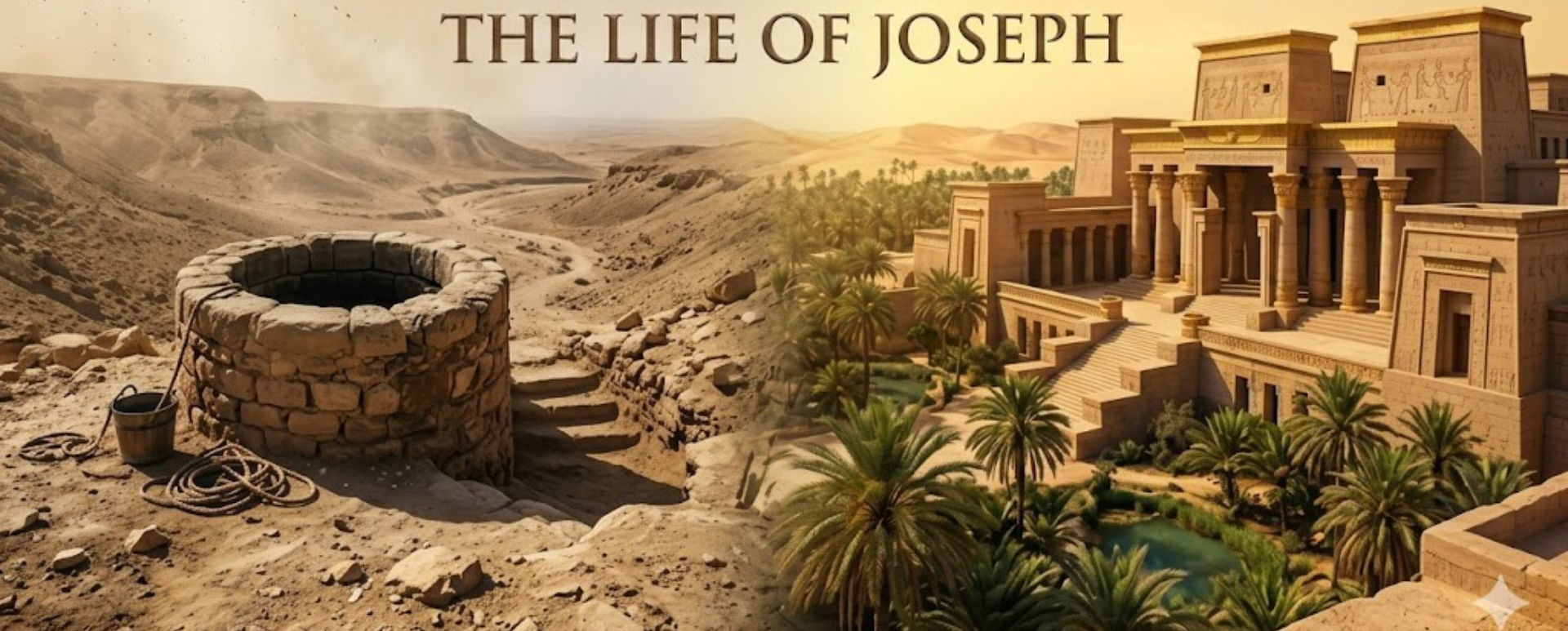


FROM PIT TO PALACE

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH



Recap

- ❖ **Joseph is the favorite son**
- ❖ **Had dreams showing he would have authority over family**
- ❖ **Brothers are mad and jealous**



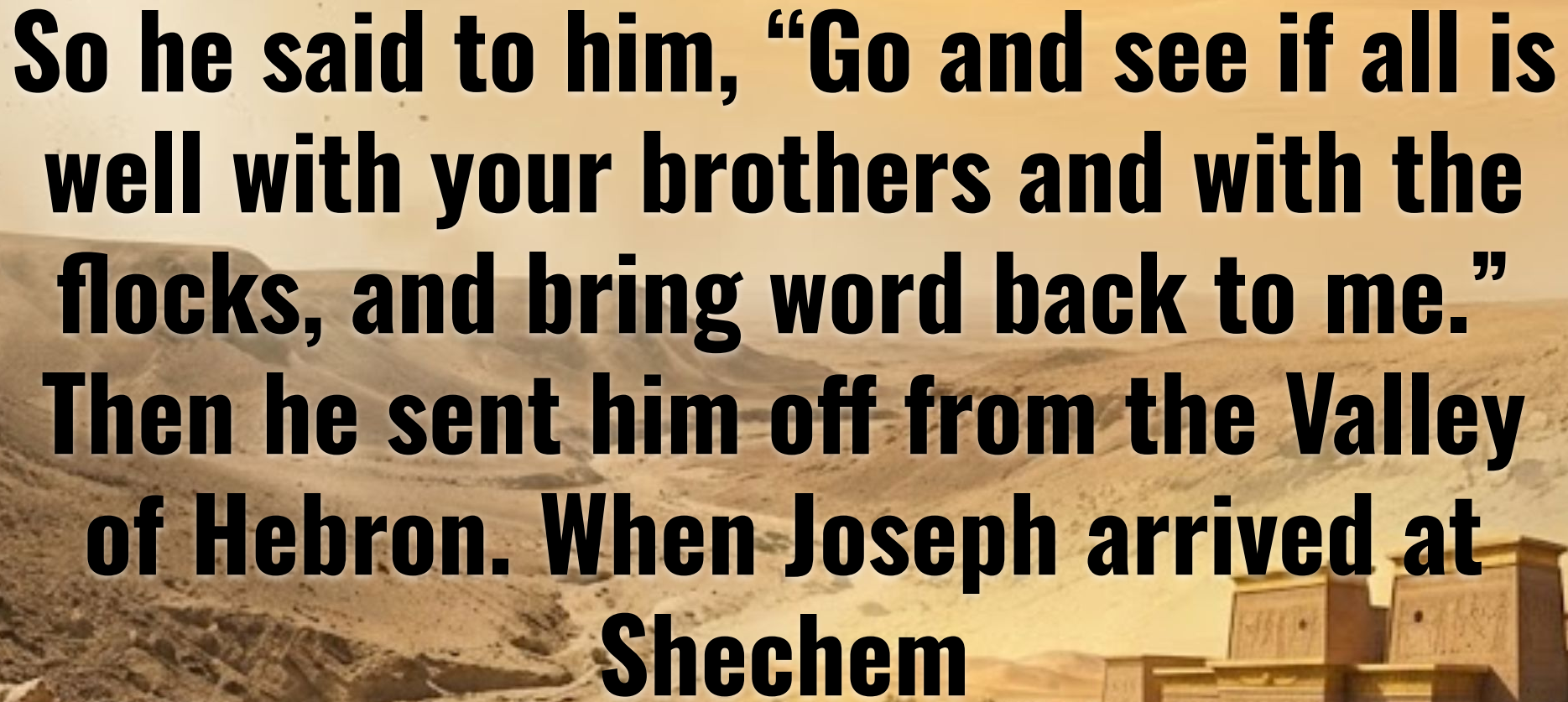
**Now his brothers had gone to graze
their father's flocks near Shechem**

Genesis 37: 12 NIV

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road curves through a valley. In the middle ground, a river winds through the valley. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. In the bottom right corner, there are several ancient Egyptian-style buildings with columns and hieroglyphs.

**And Israel said to Joseph, “As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.”
“Very well,” he replied.**

Genesis 37: 13 NIV



So he said to him, “Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.” Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem

Genesis 37: 14 NIV

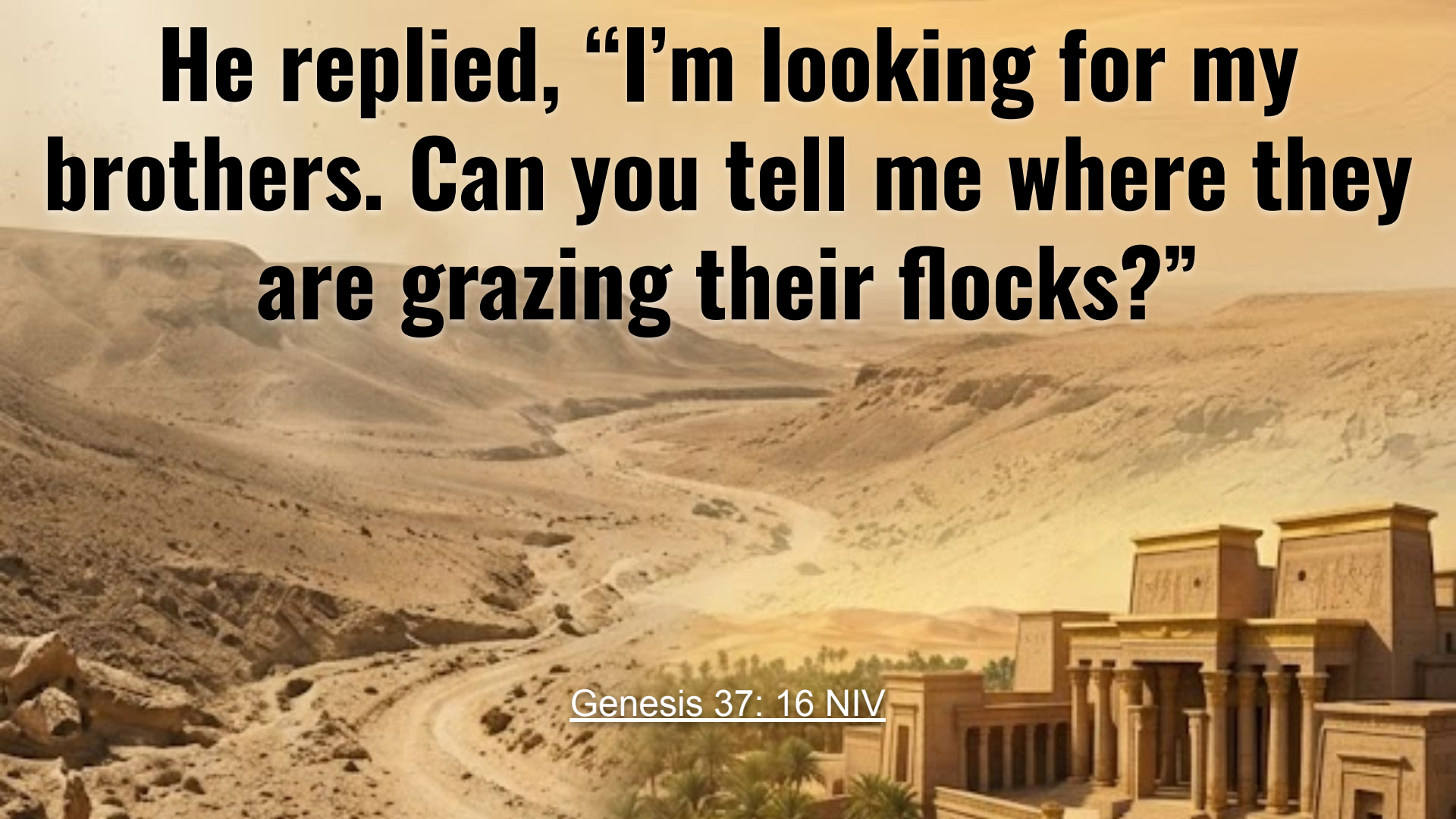
A man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

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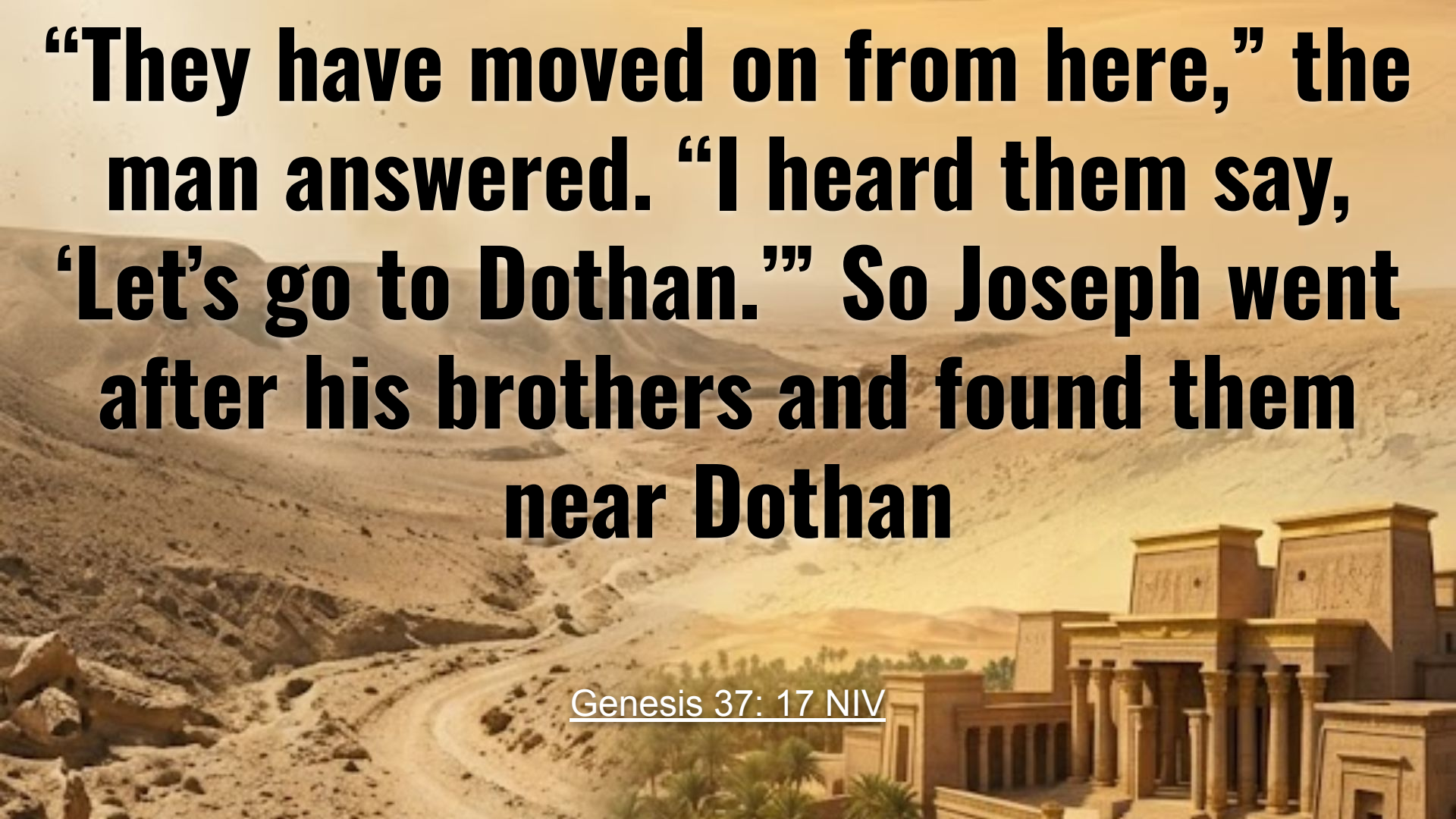
He replied, “I’m looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?”

Genesis 37: 16 NIV



“They have moved on from here,” the man answered. “I heard them say, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan

Genesis 37: 17 NIV



But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

Genesis 37: 18 NIV



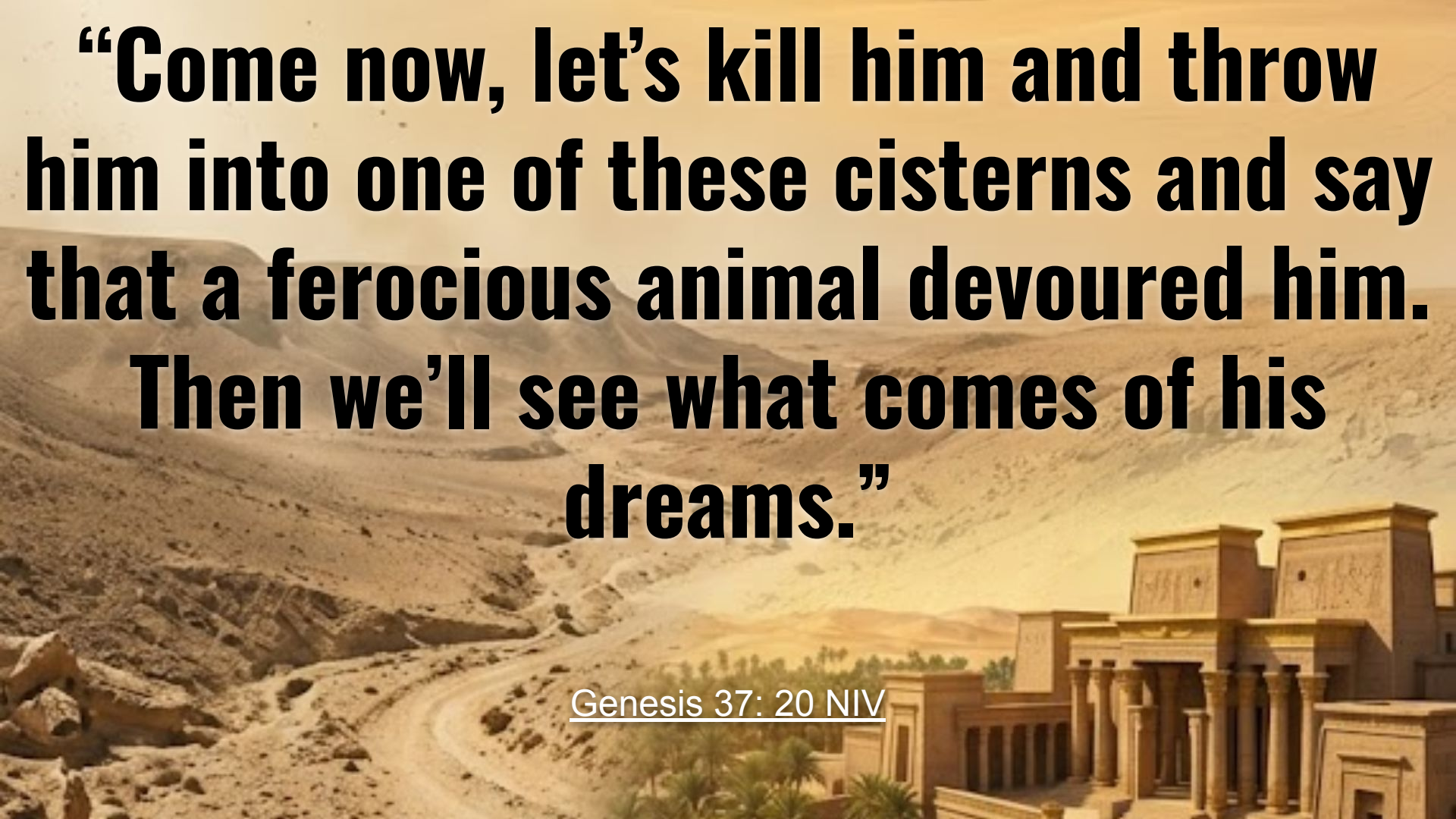
**“Here comes that dreamer!” they said
to each other.**

Genesis 37: 19 NIV

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road curves through the sand. In the middle ground, a winding river flows through a valley. In the background, there are rolling sand dunes and hills. On the right side, there are several ancient Egyptian-style buildings with columns and hieroglyphs. The sky is a hazy, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

“Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

Genesis 37: 20 NIV



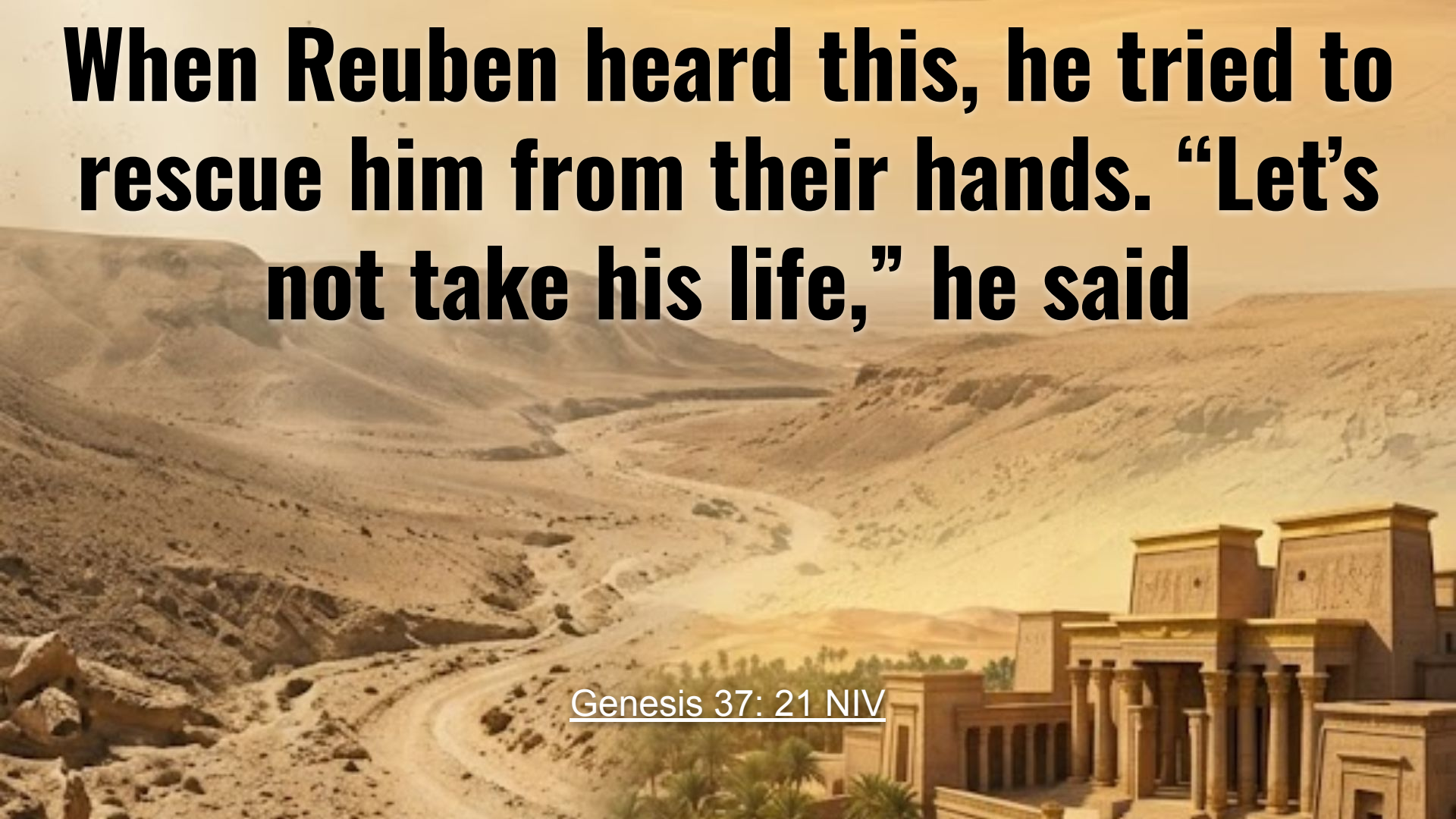
The Plan

- ❖ **Joseph goes to check up on his brothers**
- ❖ **His brothers see him coming**
 - **Plan to kill him**



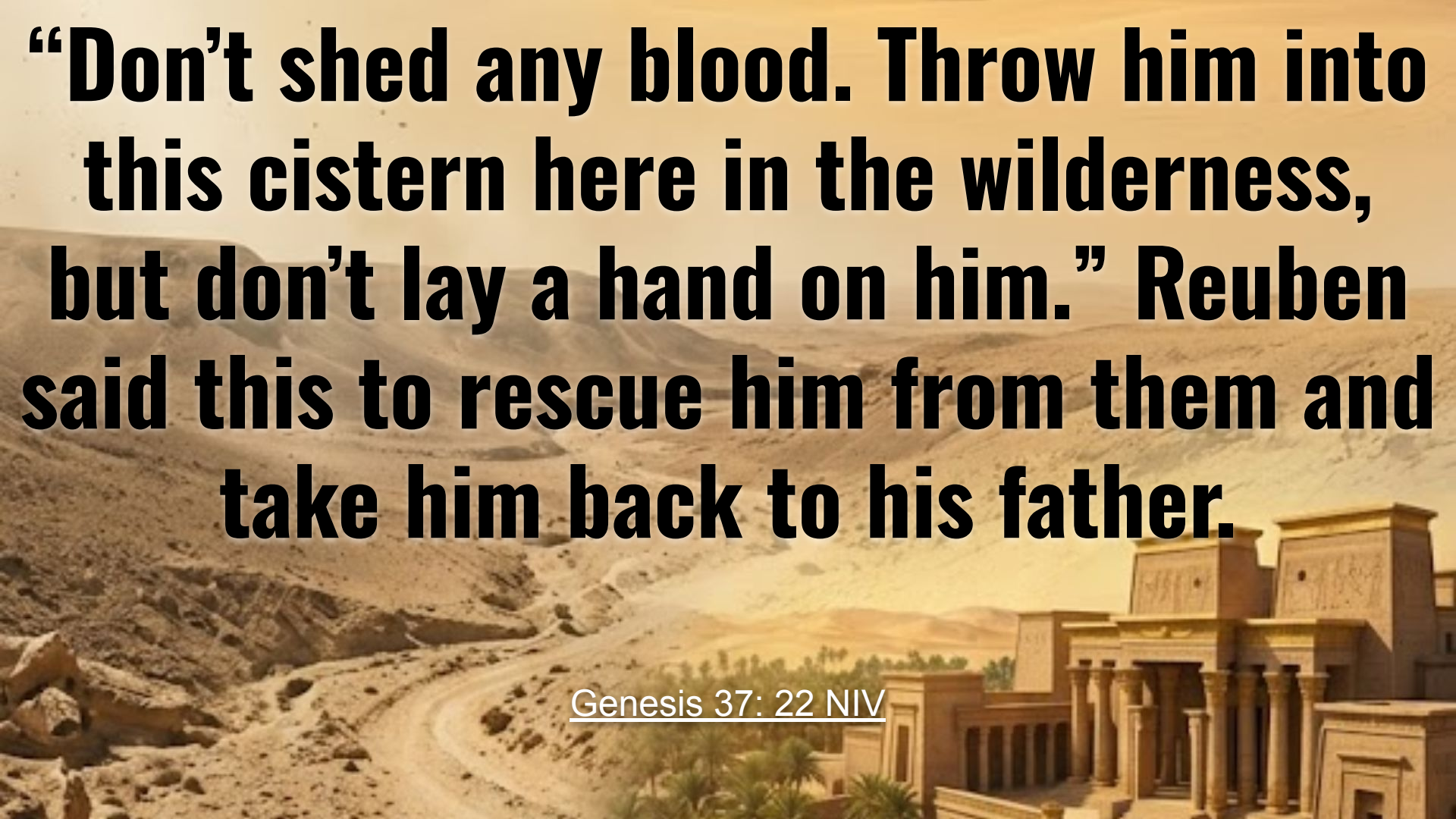
When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said

Genesis 37: 21 NIV



“Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

Genesis 37: 22 NIV



**So when Joseph came to his brothers,
they stripped him of his robe—the
ornate robe he was wearing**

Genesis 37: 23 NIV



**And they took him and threw him into
the cistern. The cistern was empty;
there was no water in it.**

Genesis 37: 24 NIV



Reuben Intervenes

- ❖ **Reuben would be most responsible for Joseph**
- ❖ **Let's not kill, just leave him in the cistern**
- ❖ **Plan to rescue him later**

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

Genesis 37: 25 NIV

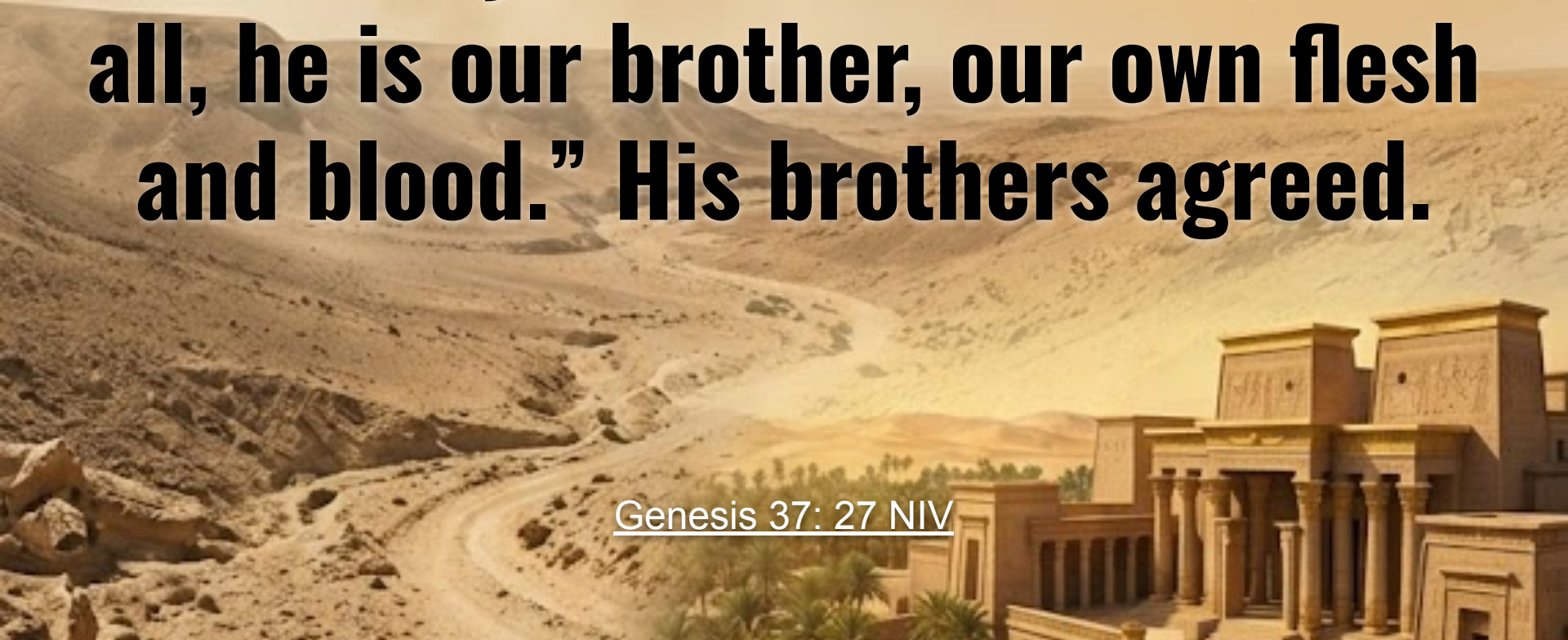
Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?”

Genesis 37: 26 NIV



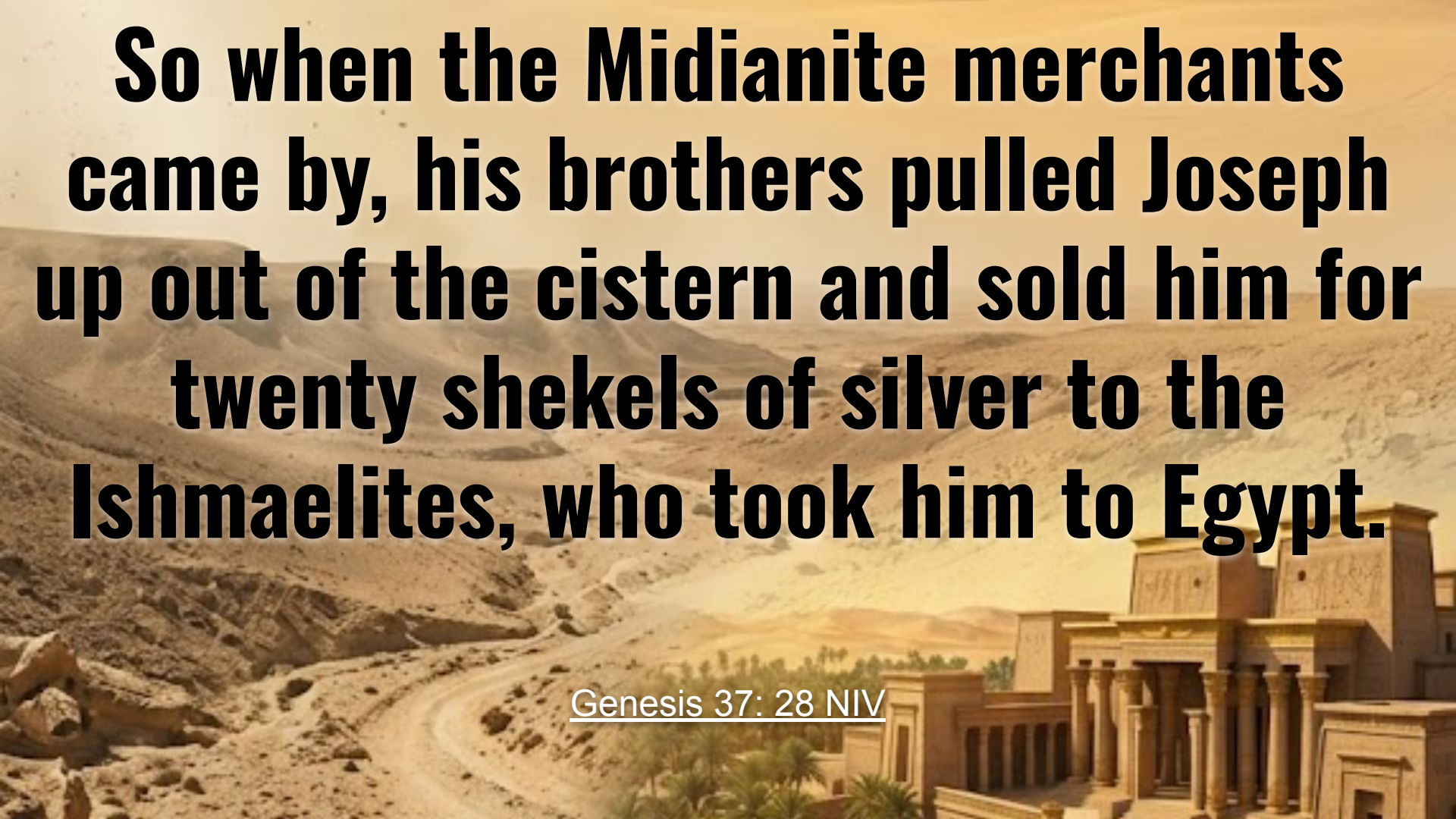
Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

Genesis 37: 27 NIV



So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Genesis 37: 28 NIV



The Sale of Joseph

- ❖ **Judah - 4th son has a plan**
 - **Sell Joseph to some traders**
 - **Not saving Joseph but making a profit off of him**



When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes.

Genesis 37: 29 NIV



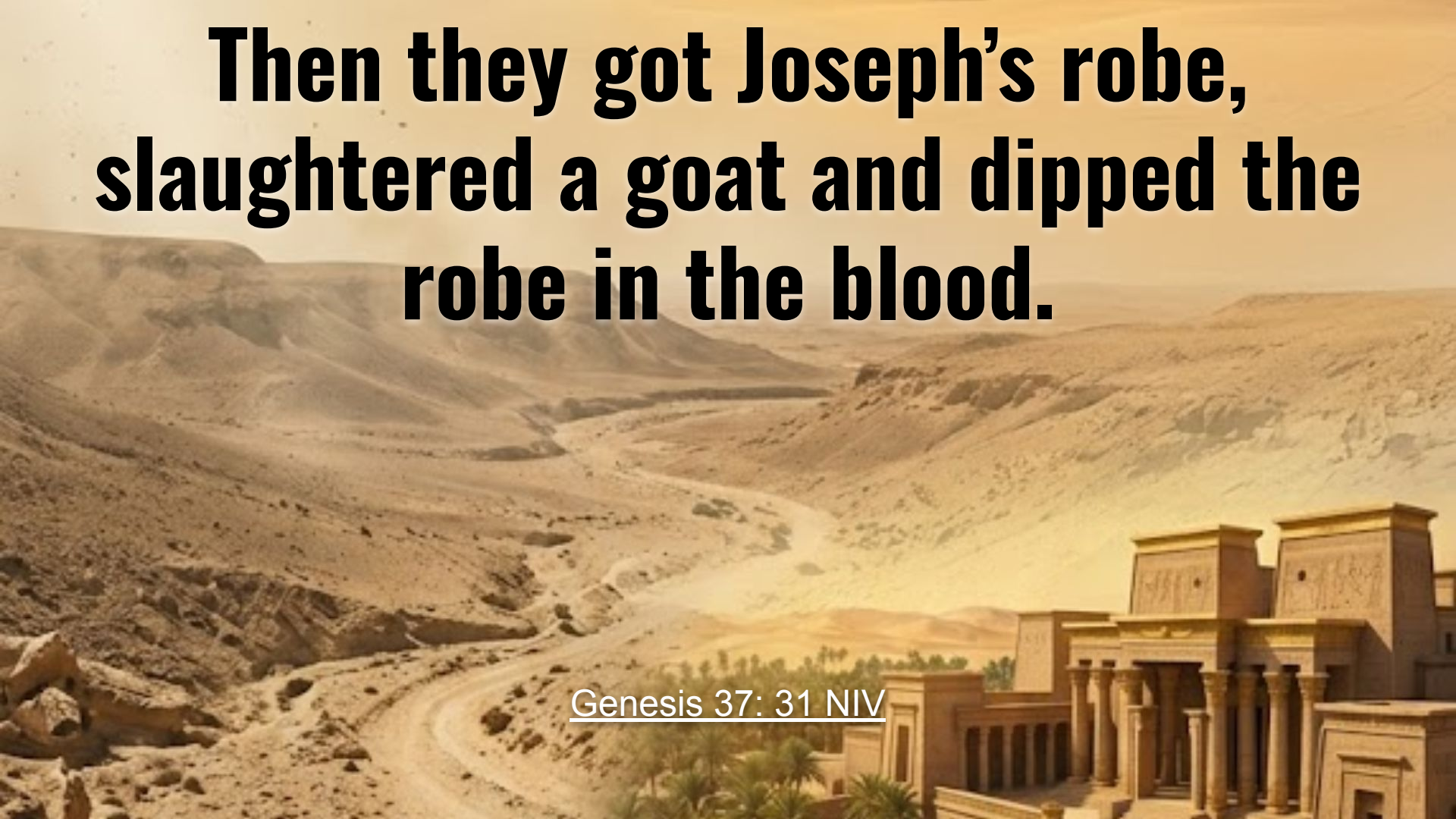
**He went back to his brothers and said,
“The boy isn’t there! Where can I turn
now?”**

Genesis 37: 30 NIV



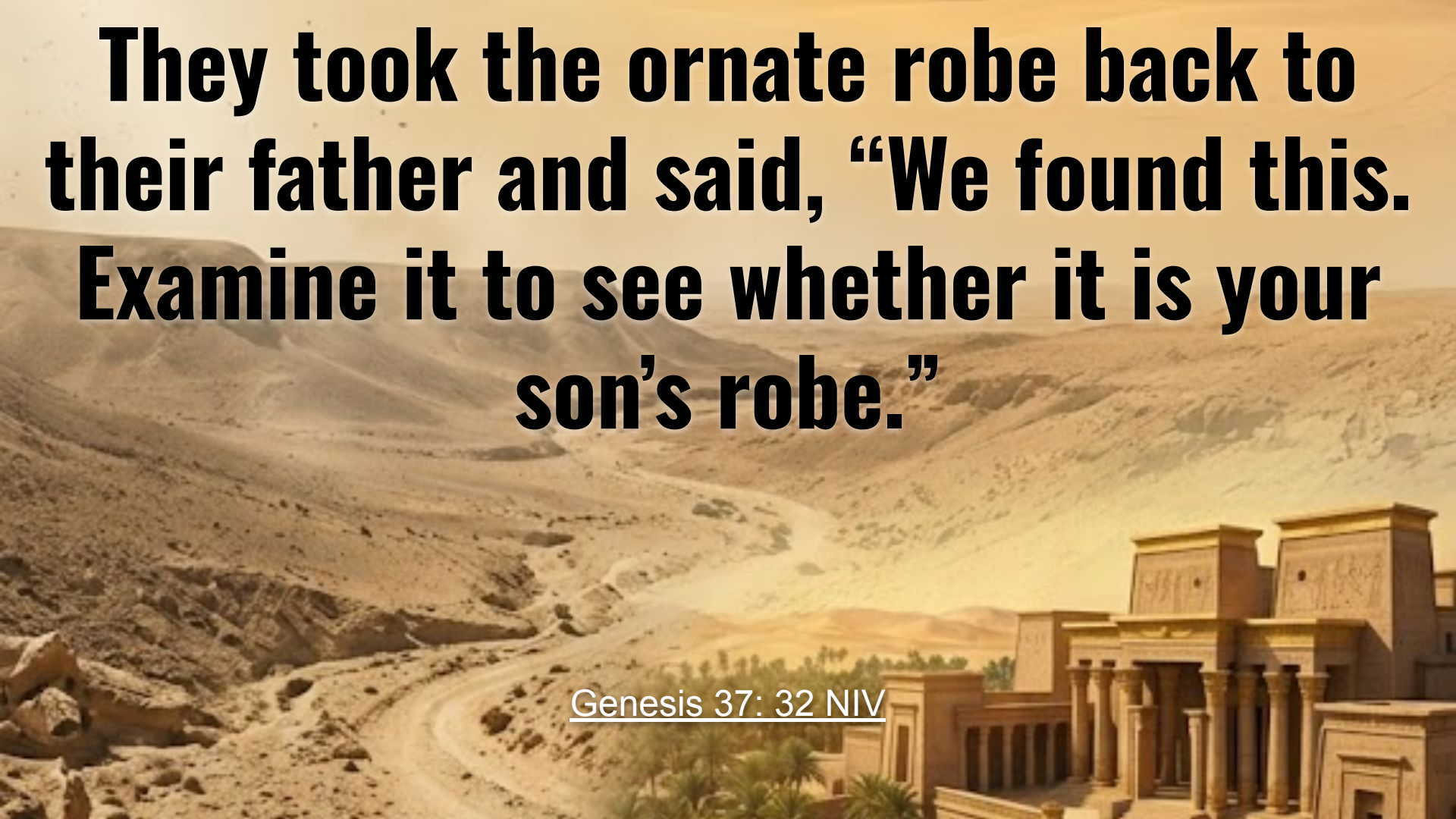
**Then they got Joseph's robe,
slaughtered a goat and dipped the
robe in the blood.**

Genesis 37: 31 NIV



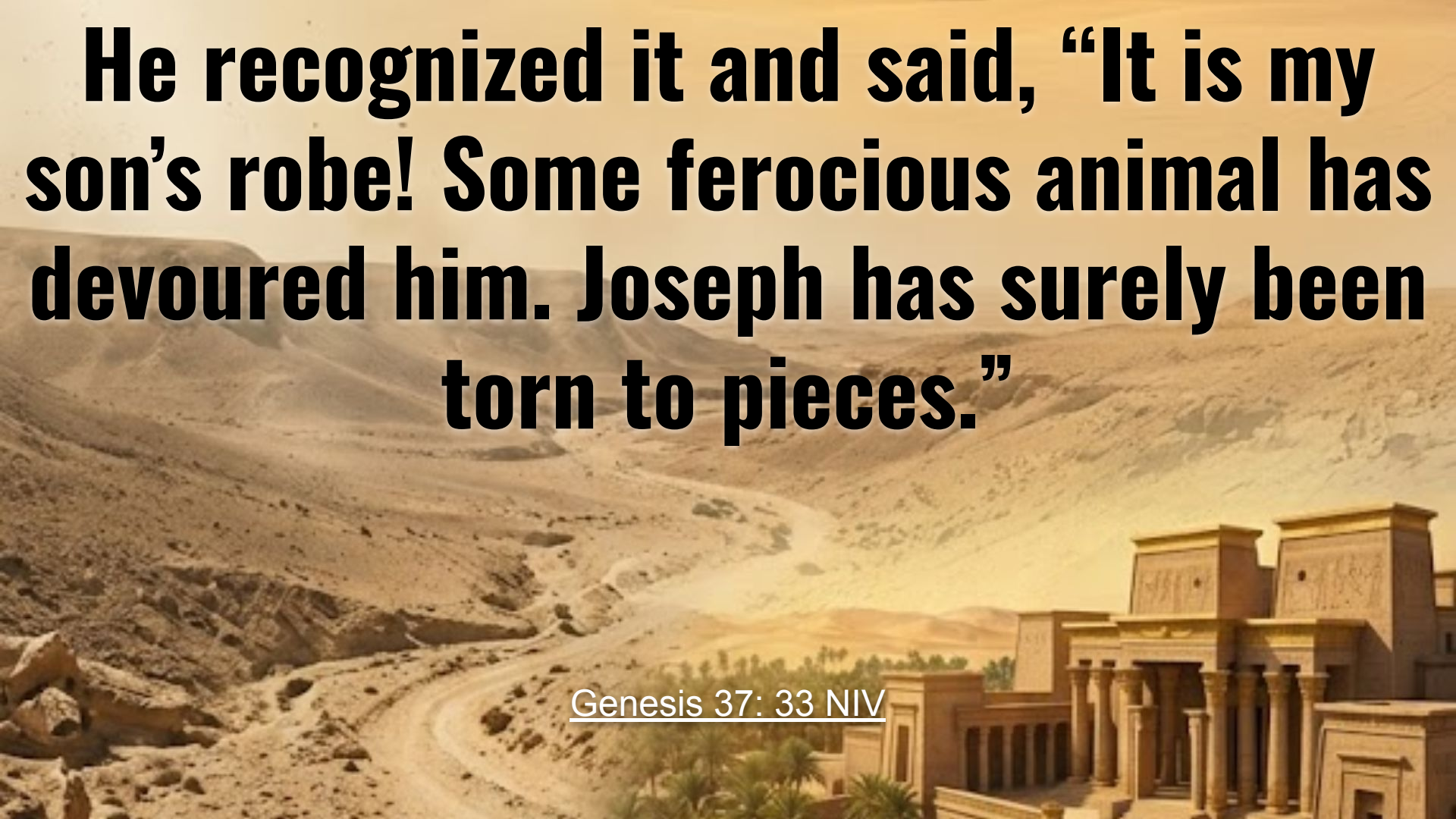
They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.”

Genesis 37: 32 NIV



He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.”

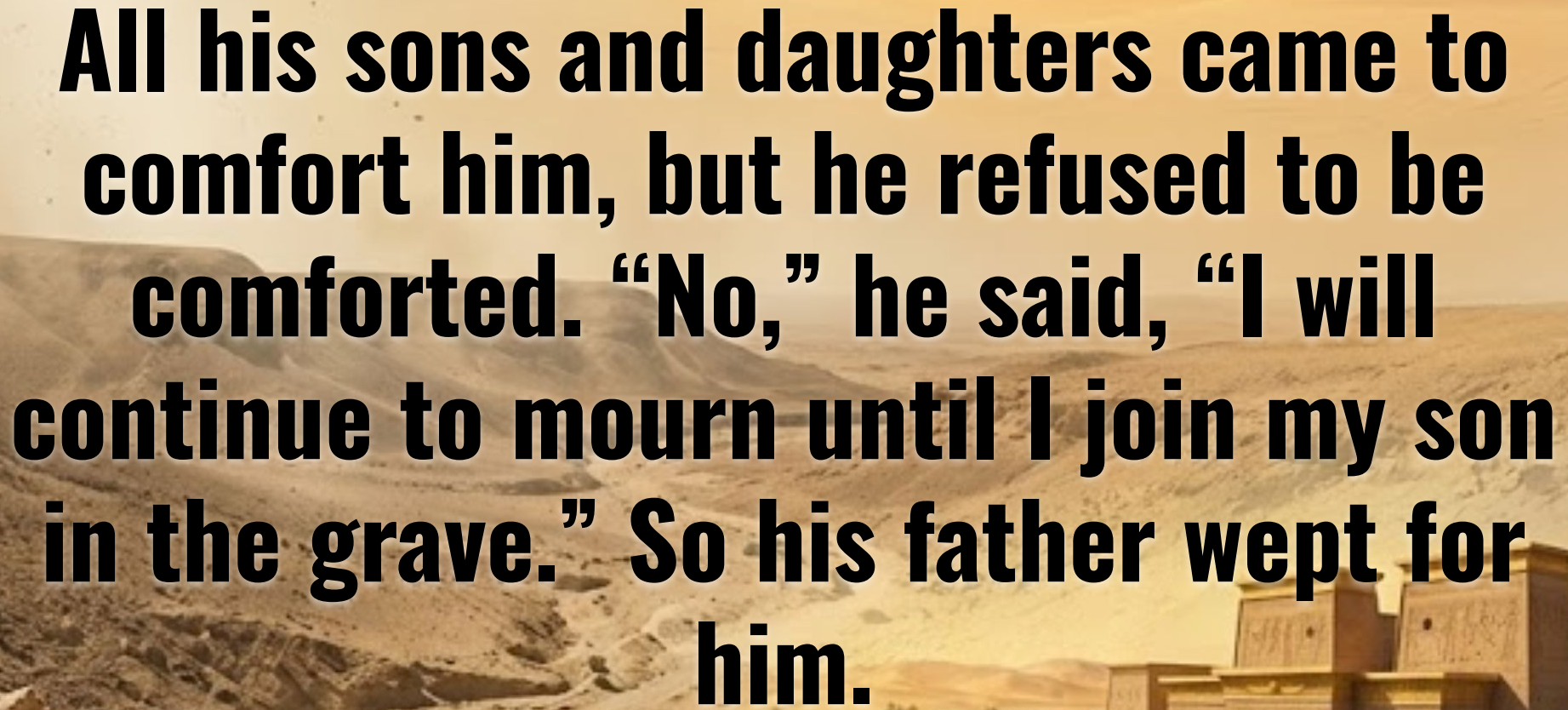
Genesis 37: 33 NIV



Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days

Genesis 37: 34 NIV



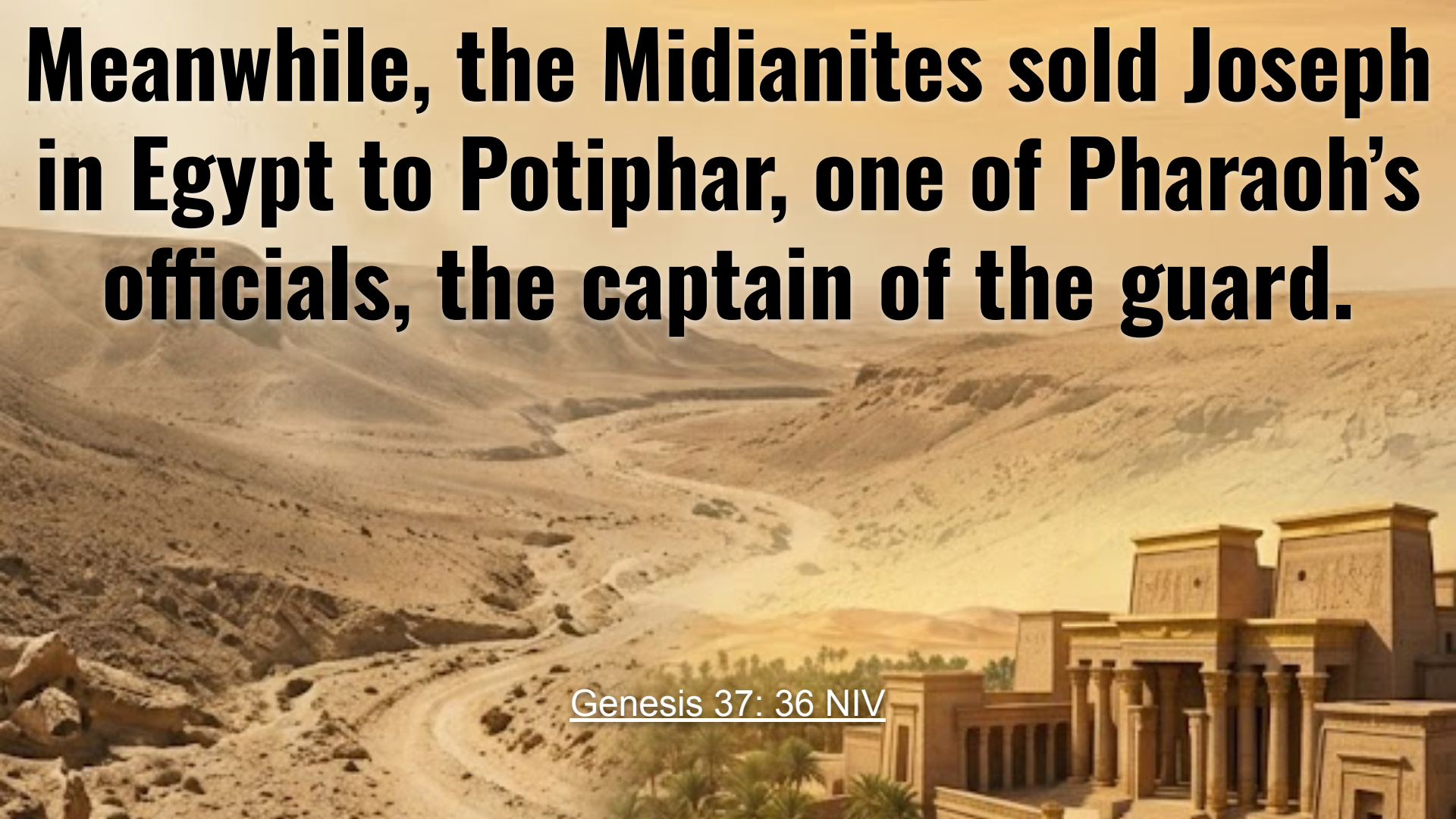


All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.” So his father wept for him.

Genesis 37: 35 NIV

Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

Genesis 37: 36 NIV



The Cover Up

- ❖ **Put animal blood on Joseph's robe**
- ❖ **Jacob confirms the robe was Joseph and believes an animal killed him**
- ❖ **He will mourn until he dies**

Punchline:

**God didn't create the pit, but He's
in the pit**



Day To Day With God

❖ **Spiritual disciplines and practices**



Day To Day With God

- ❖ **Spiritual disciplines and practices**
- ❖ **Make these into habits**
- ❖ **When life throws you into a pit,
spiritual muscle memory throws
hands up to God**



Opposition

- ❖ **Someone you trust**
- ❖ **Someone you shared meals with**
- ❖ **Another believer in Jesus or partner in serving Jesus**



What To Do With Opposition

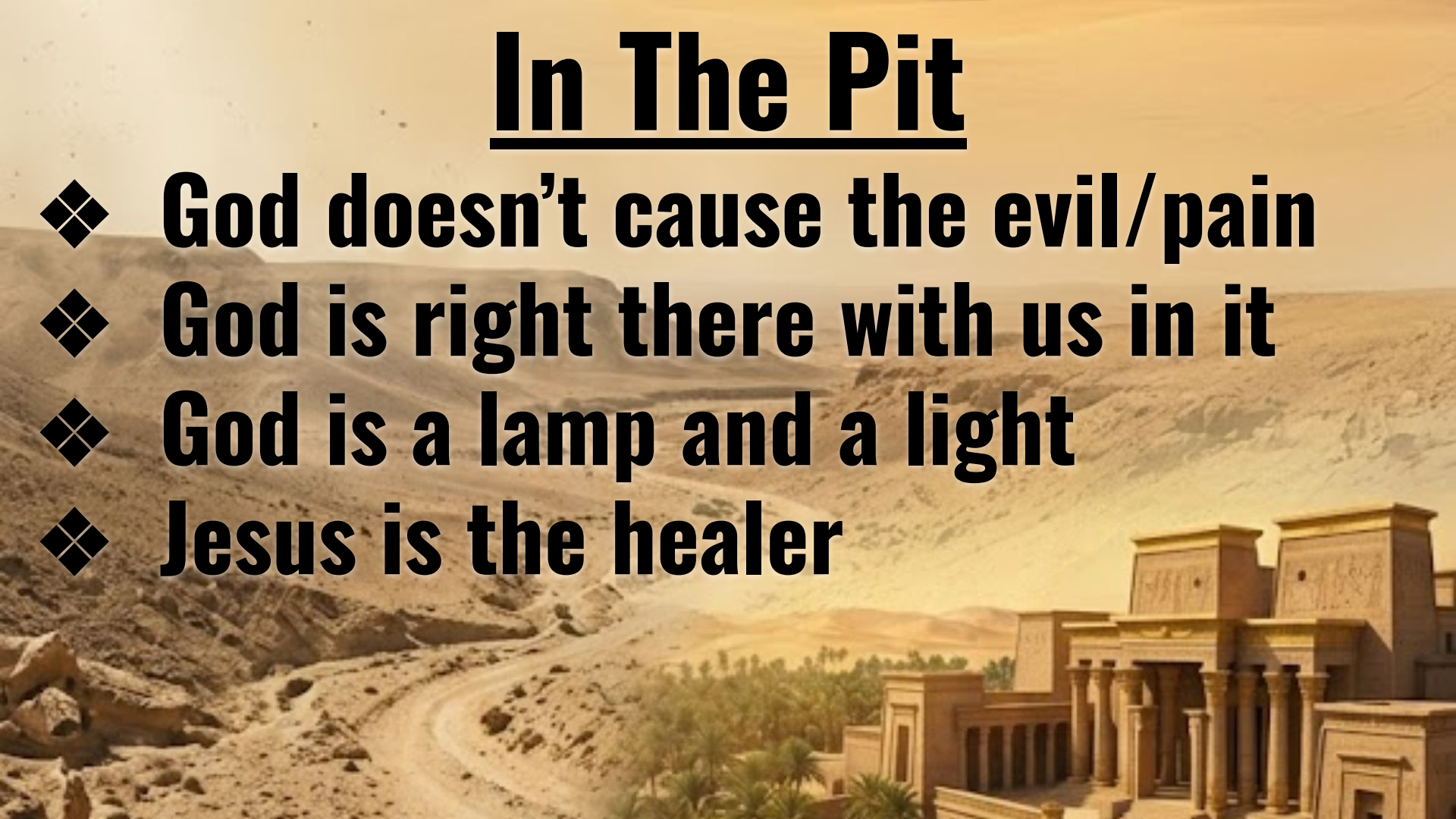
- ❖ **Take the pain to God not out on someone else**
- ❖ **Modern words - take the God road**



"The Pit"

In The Pit

- ❖ **God doesn't cause the evil/pain**
- ❖ **God is right there with us in it**
- ❖ **God is a lamp and a light**
- ❖ **Jesus is the healer**



Working Things Out

- ❖ **Might see it now and might see it later**
- ❖ **Have faith and hope**
- ❖ **May not get you out of the pit today,
but let it fuel you to get to tomorrow**

