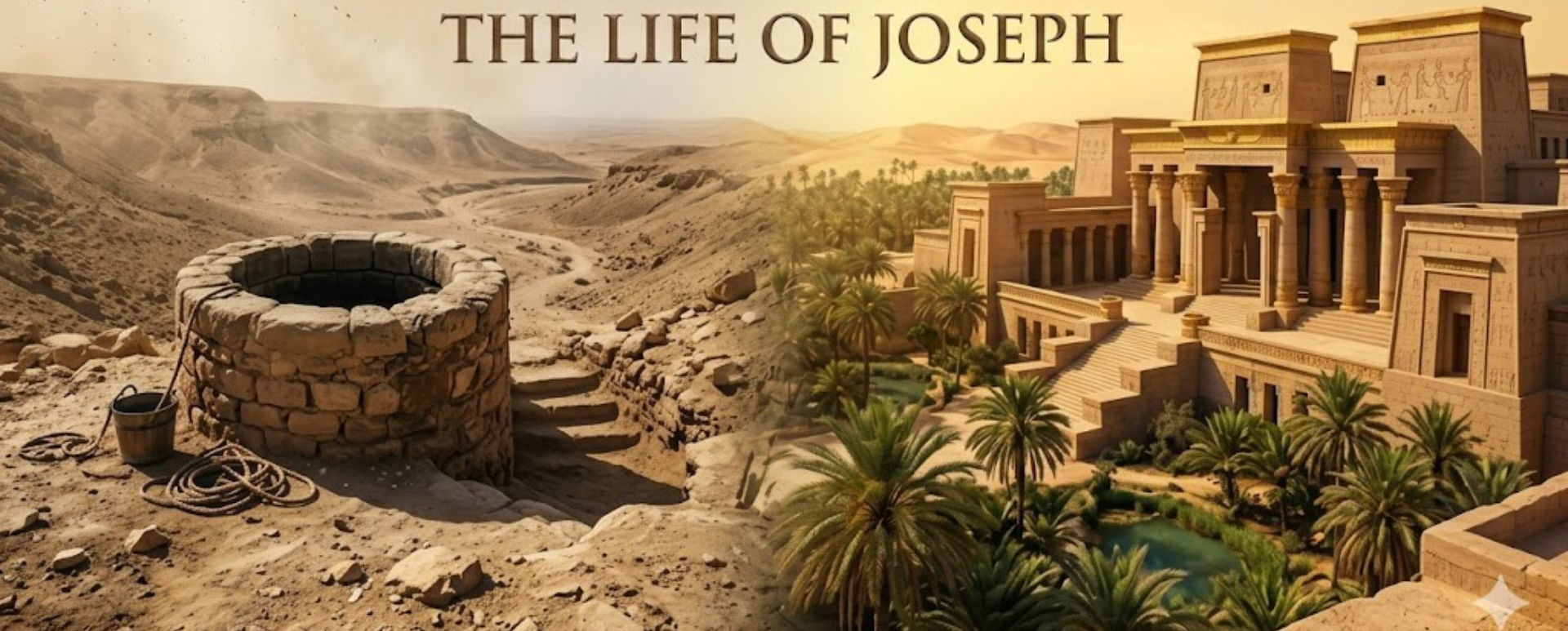


# FROM PIT TO PALACE

## THE LIFE OF JOSEPH



# Recap

- ❖ **Favorite son of Jacob**
- ❖ **Brothers sold him to traders**
- ❖ **Traders sold him to Potiphar**
- ❖ **Throw in prison**
- ❖ **Interpreted two dreams in prison**

# Punchline:

**Wait for God to open the door; but  
don't wait to walk through it**



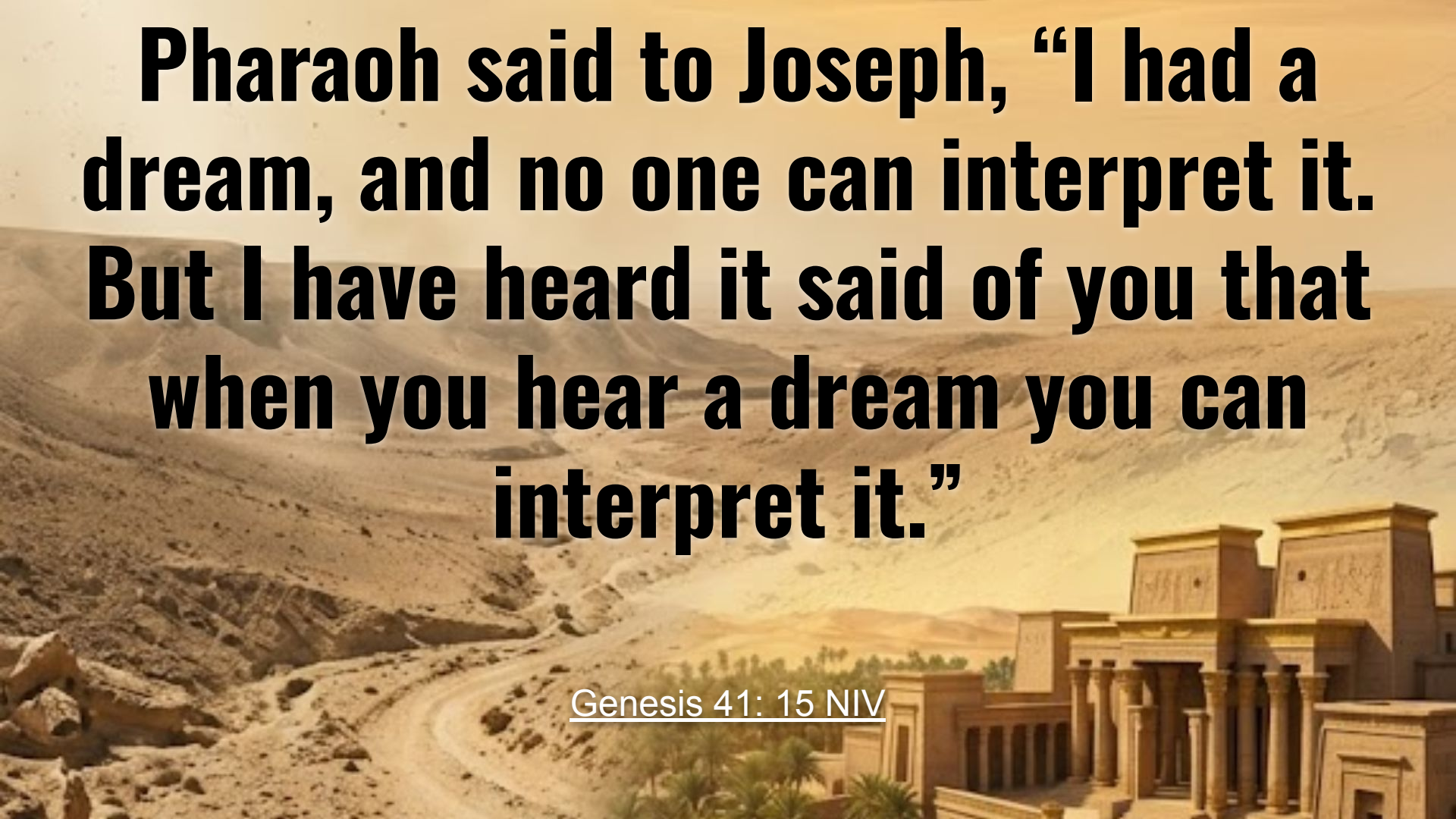
# Summary of Gen 41: 1-14

- ❖ **Two years have passed**
- ❖ **Pharaoh has two dreams**
- ❖ **Cupbearer remembers Joseph**
- ❖ **Pharaoh sends for Joseph**



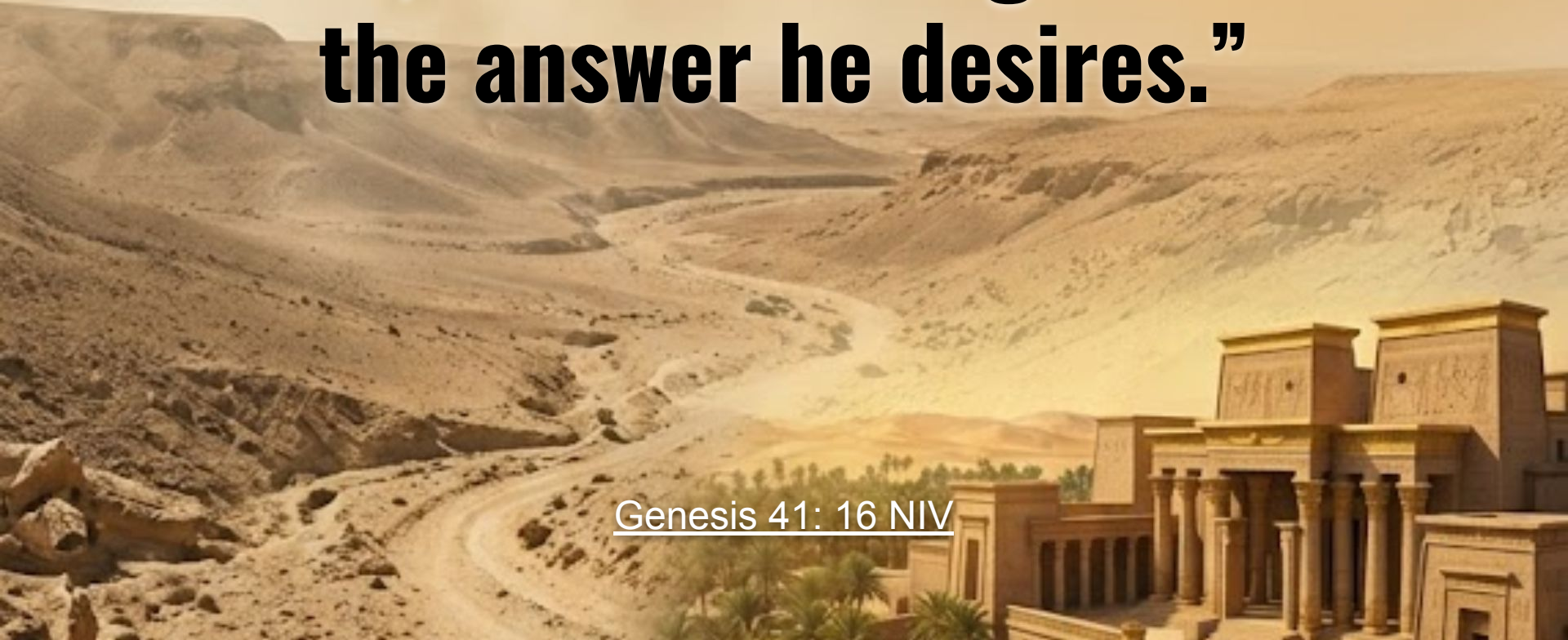
**Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”**

Genesis 41: 15 NIV



**“I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”**

Genesis 41: 16 NIV



**Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile**

Genesis 41: 17 NIV



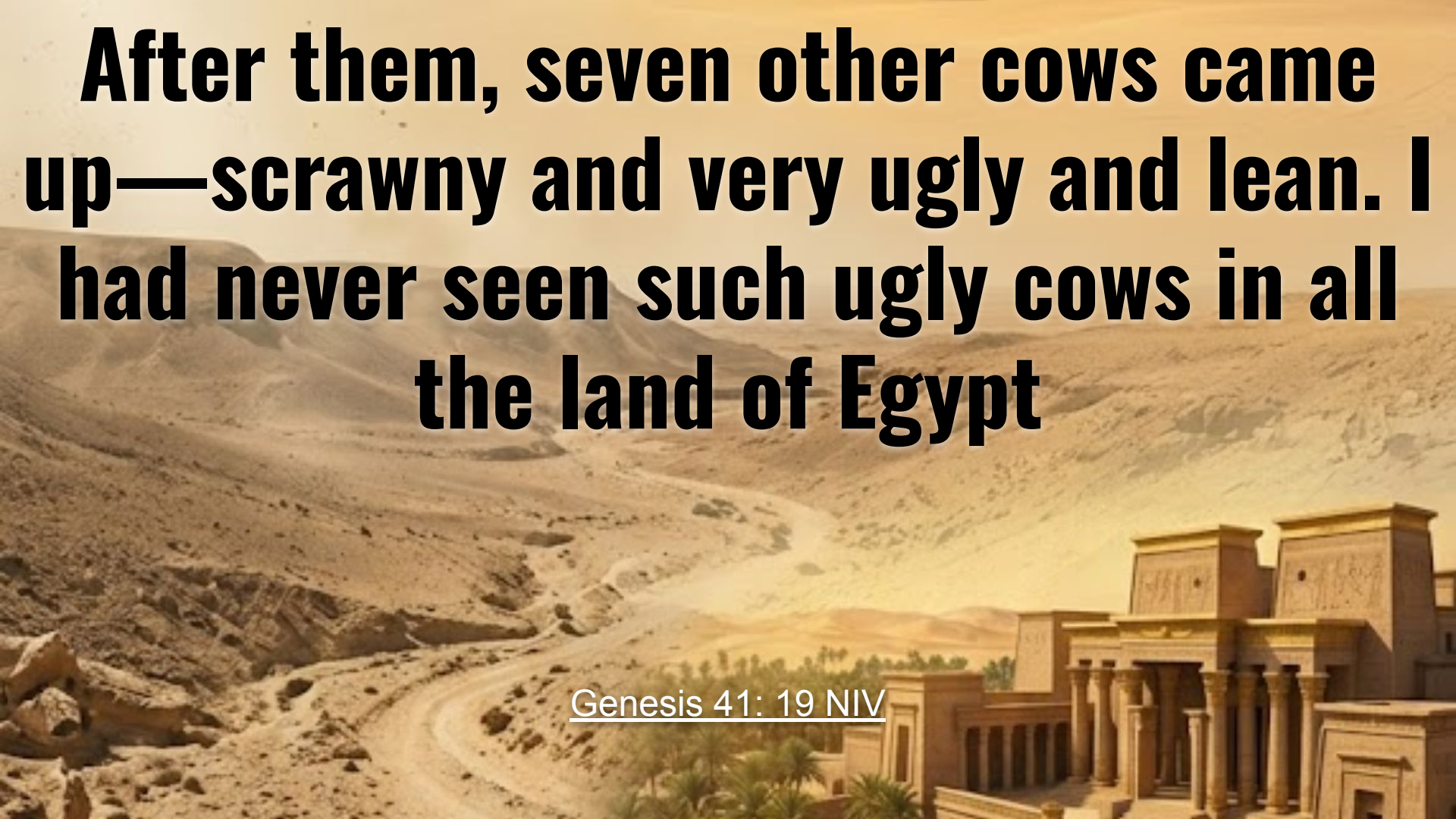
**When out of the river there came up  
seven cows, fat and sleek, and they  
grazed among the reeds.**

Genesis 41: 18 NIV



**After them, seven other cows came up—scrawny and very ugly and lean. I had never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt**

Genesis 41: 19 NIV



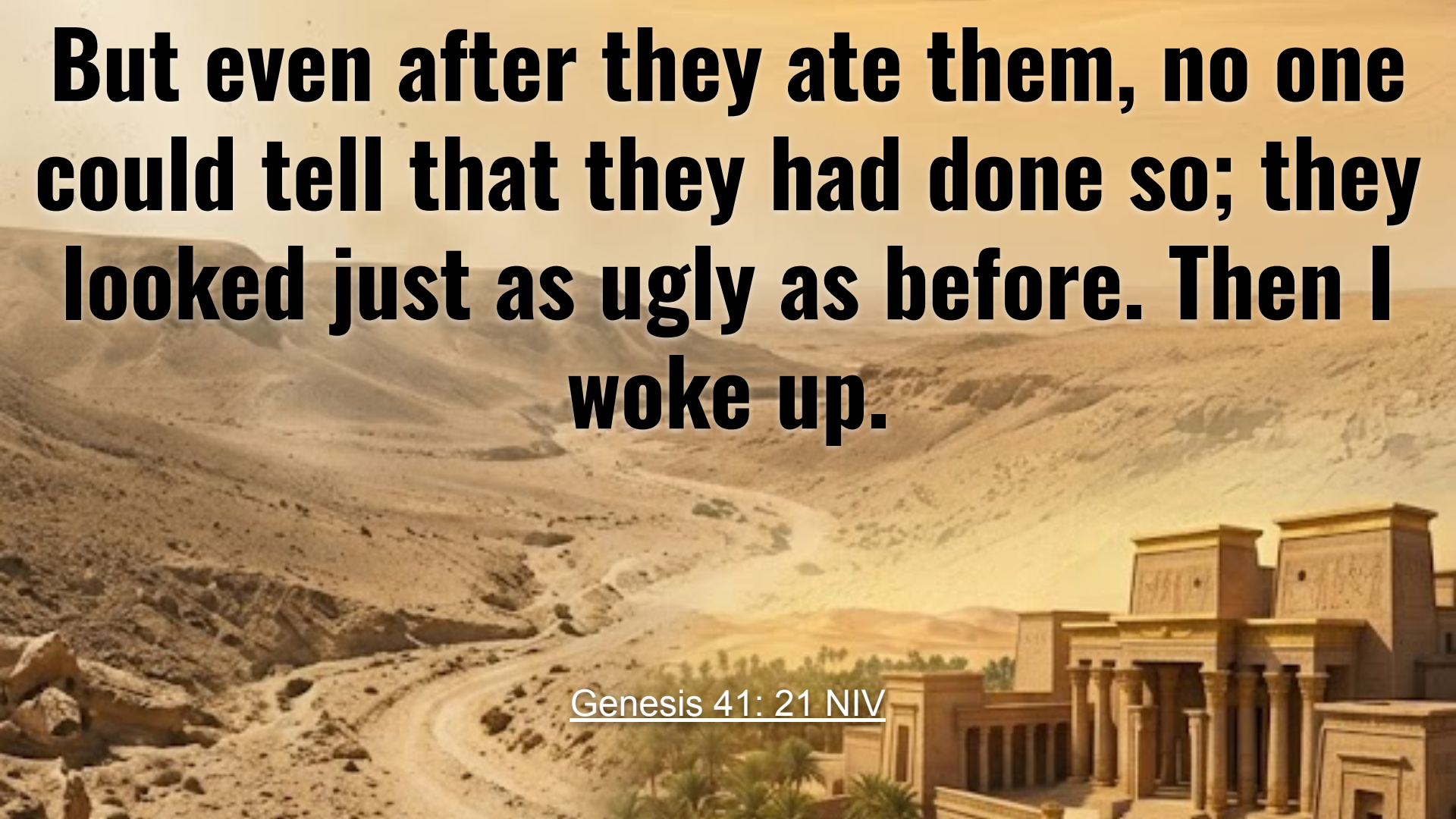
**The lean, ugly cows ate up the seven fat cows that came up first.**

Genesis 41: 20 NIV

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

**But even after they ate them, no one could tell that they had done so; they looked just as ugly as before. Then I woke up.**

Genesis 41: 21 NIV



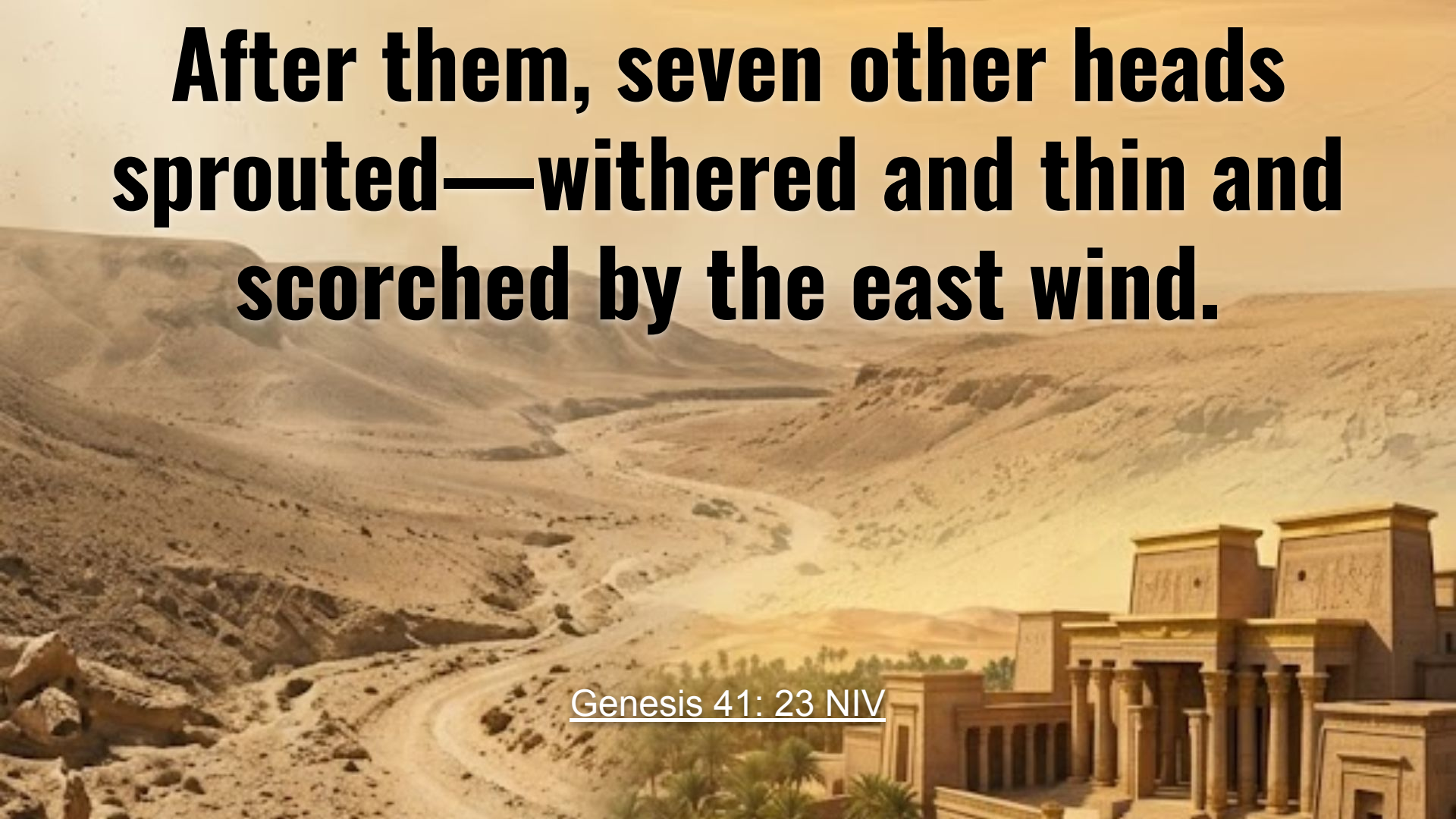
**“In my dream I saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk.**

Genesis 41: 22 NIV



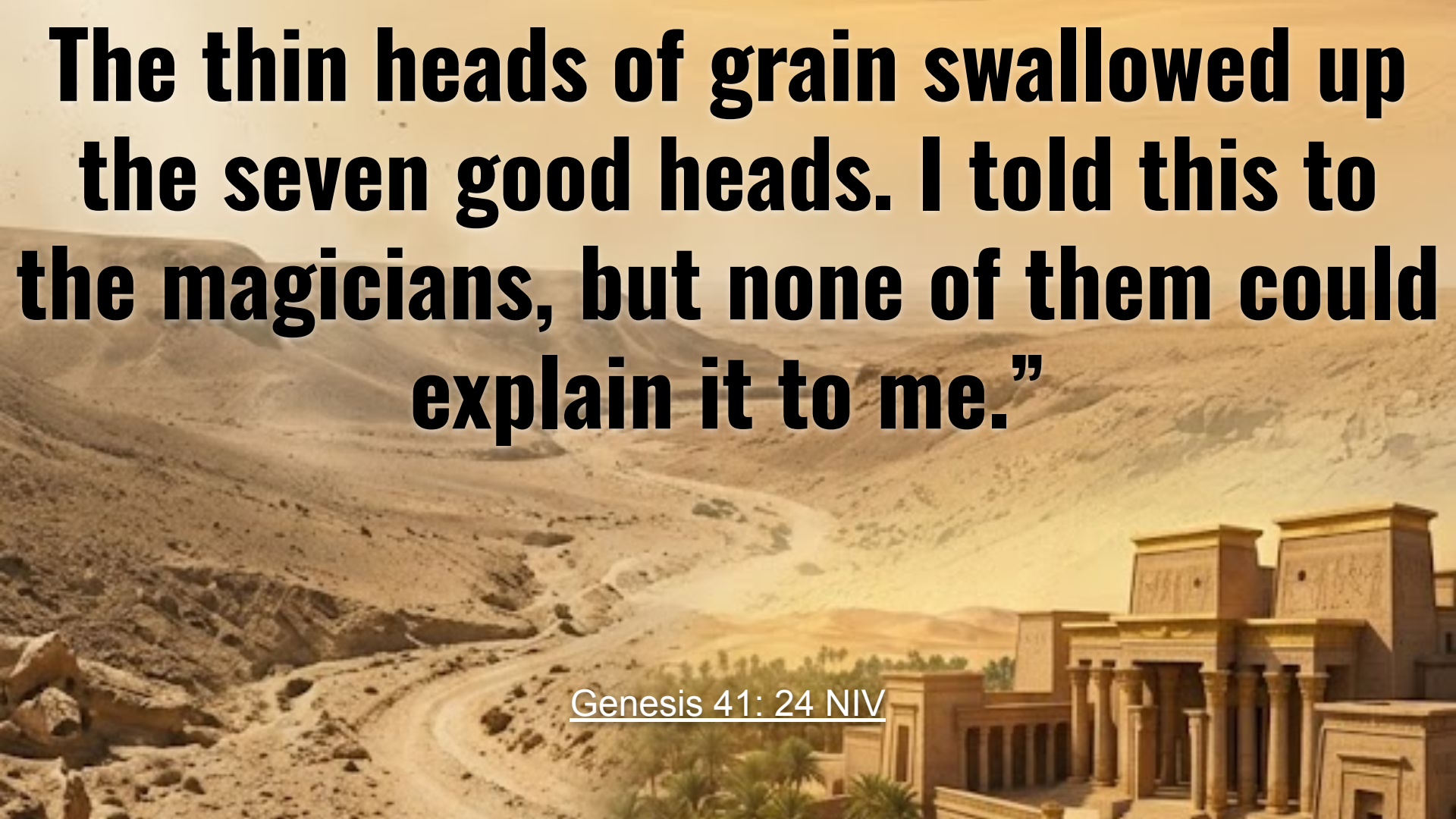
**After them, seven other heads  
sprouted—withered and thin and  
scorched by the east wind.**

Genesis 41: 23 NIV



**The thin heads of grain swallowed up  
the seven good heads. I told this to  
the magicians, but none of them could  
explain it to me.”**

Genesis 41: 24 NIV

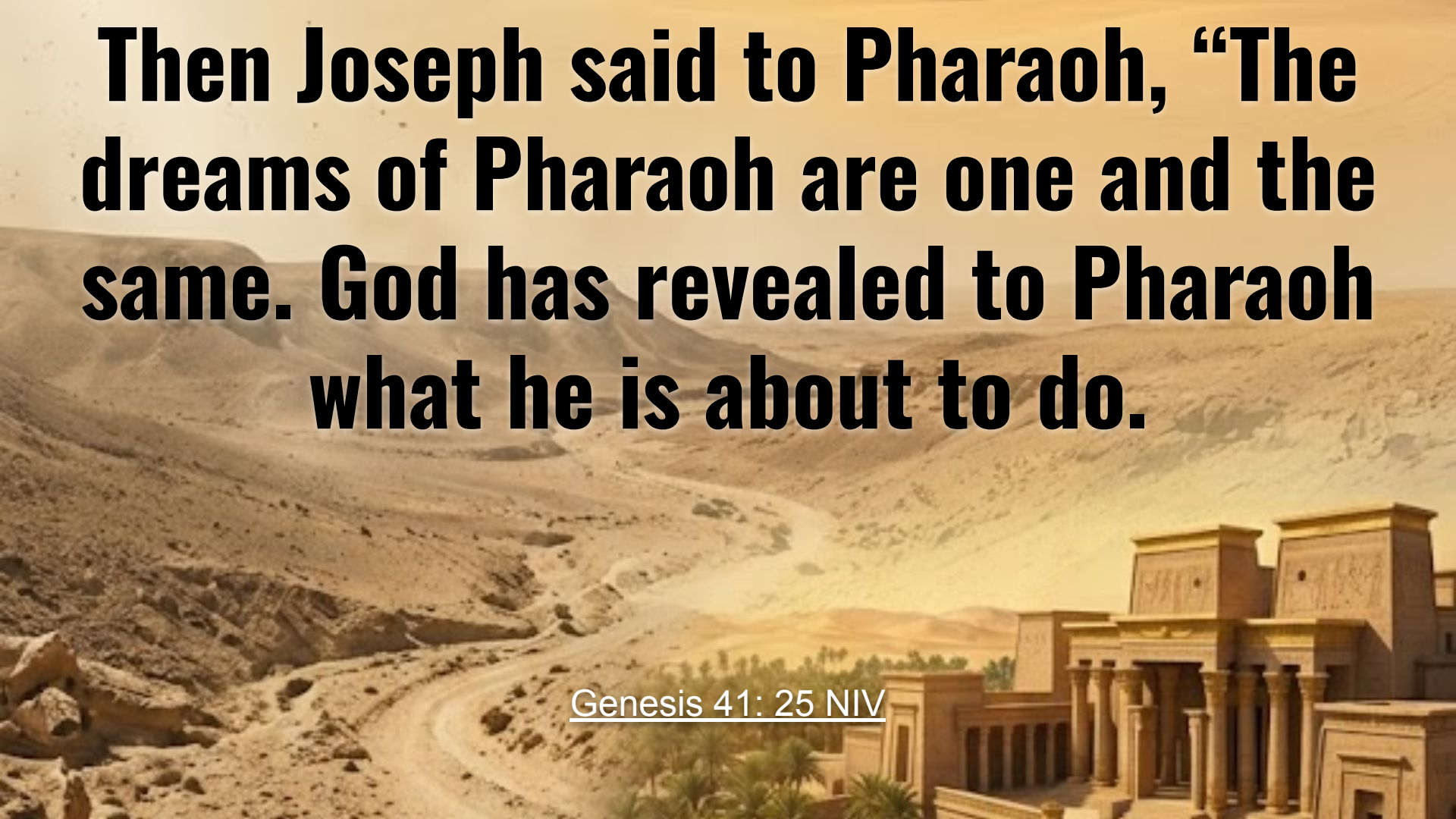


# Pharaoh's Dreams

- ❖ **God gives interpretation not Joseph**
- ❖ **Scrawny cows ate fattened cows**
- ❖ **Thin grain ate good grain**
- ❖ **7 of each in both dreams**

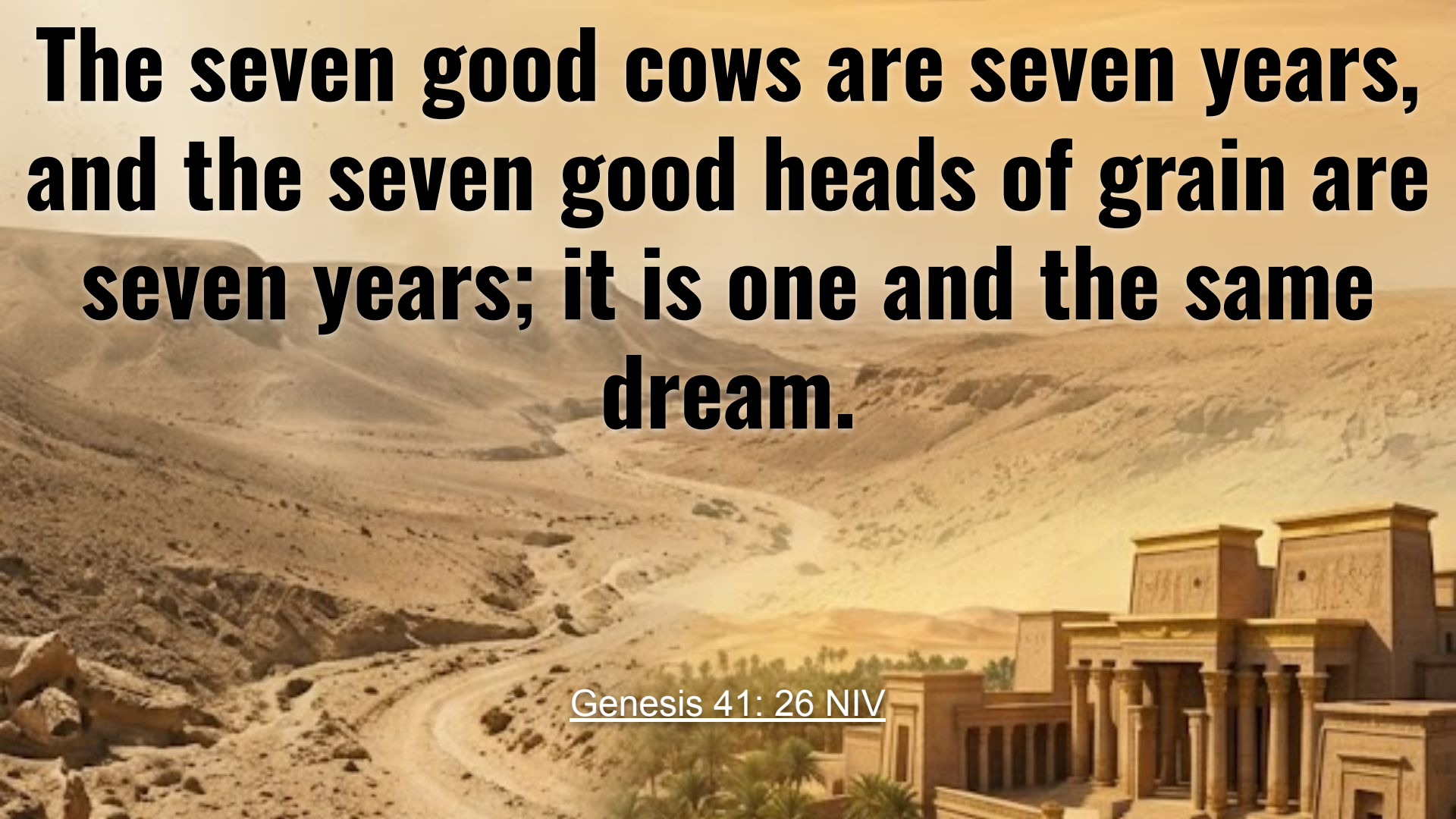
**Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.**

Genesis 41: 25 NIV



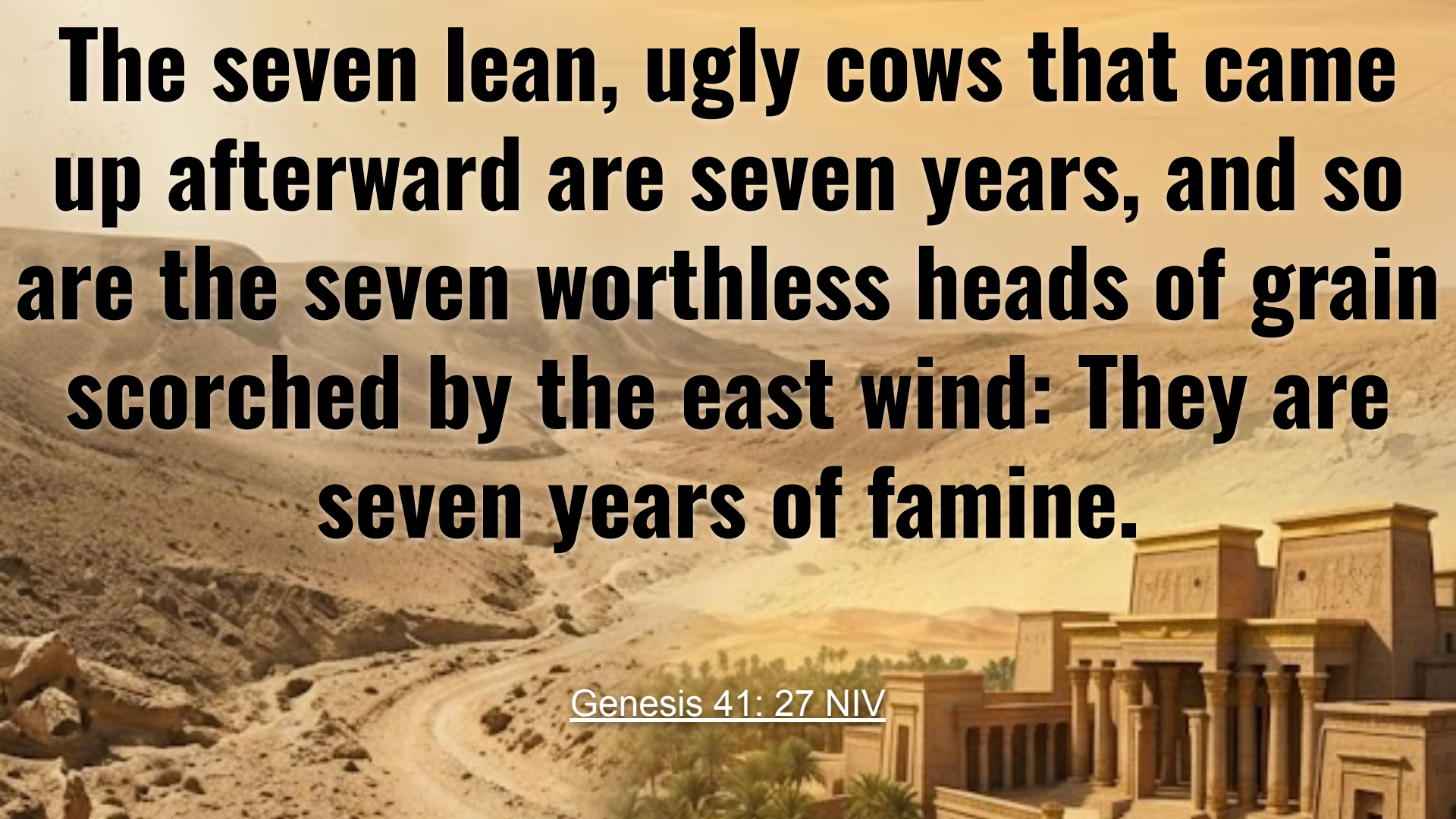
**The seven good cows are seven years,  
and the seven good heads of grain are  
seven years; it is one and the same  
dream.**

Genesis 41: 26 NIV



**The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine.**

Genesis 41: 27 NIV



**“It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do.**

Genesis 41: 28 NIV



**Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt**

Genesis 41: 29 NIV



**But seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land.**

Genesis 41: 30 NIV



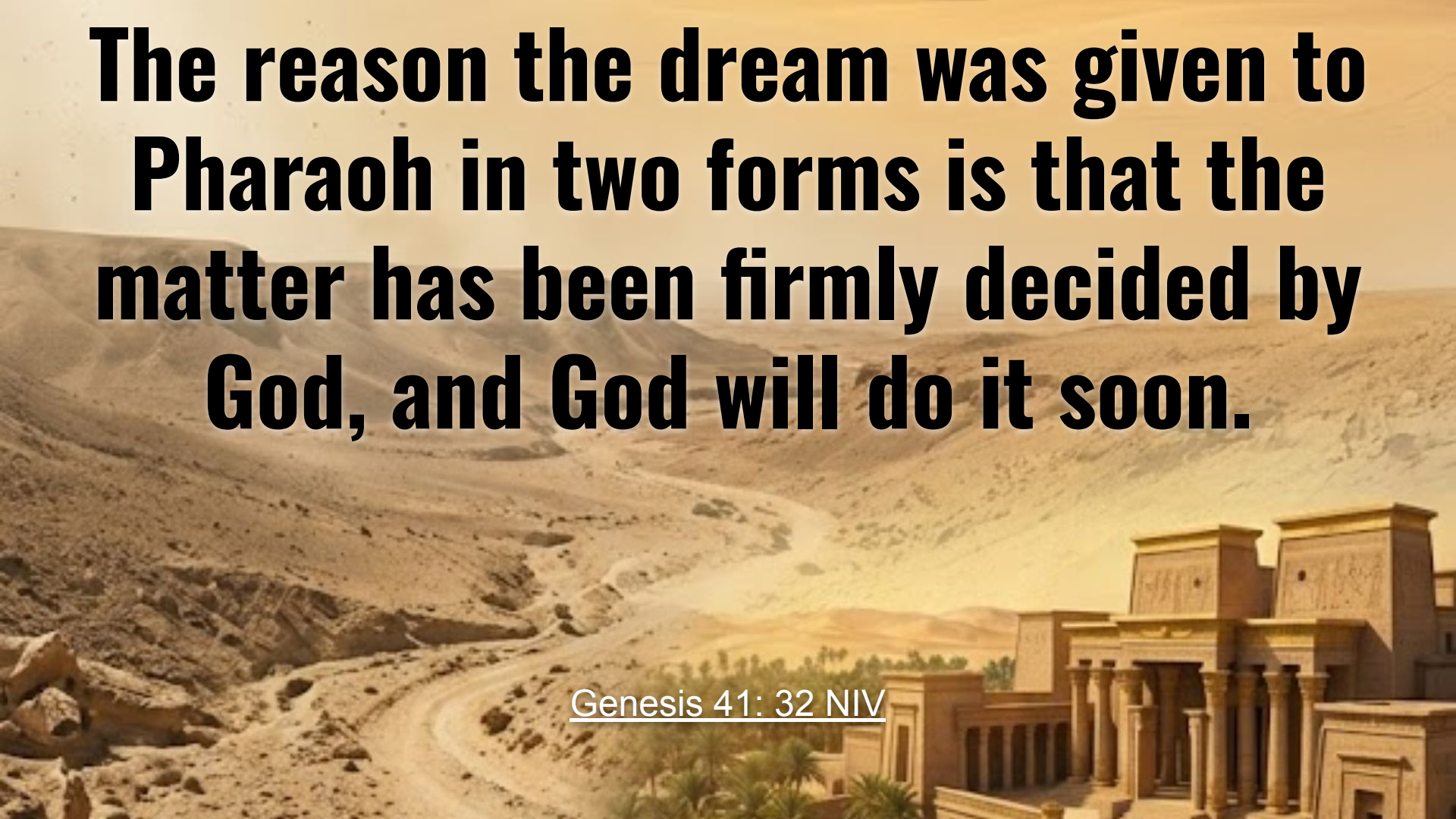
**The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe.**

Genesis 41: 31 NIV



**The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.**

Genesis 41: 32 NIV



# Dream Interpretation

- ❖ **Dreams mean the same thing**
- ❖ **7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine**
- ❖ **This is urgent**



**“And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt.**

Genesis 41: 33 NIV



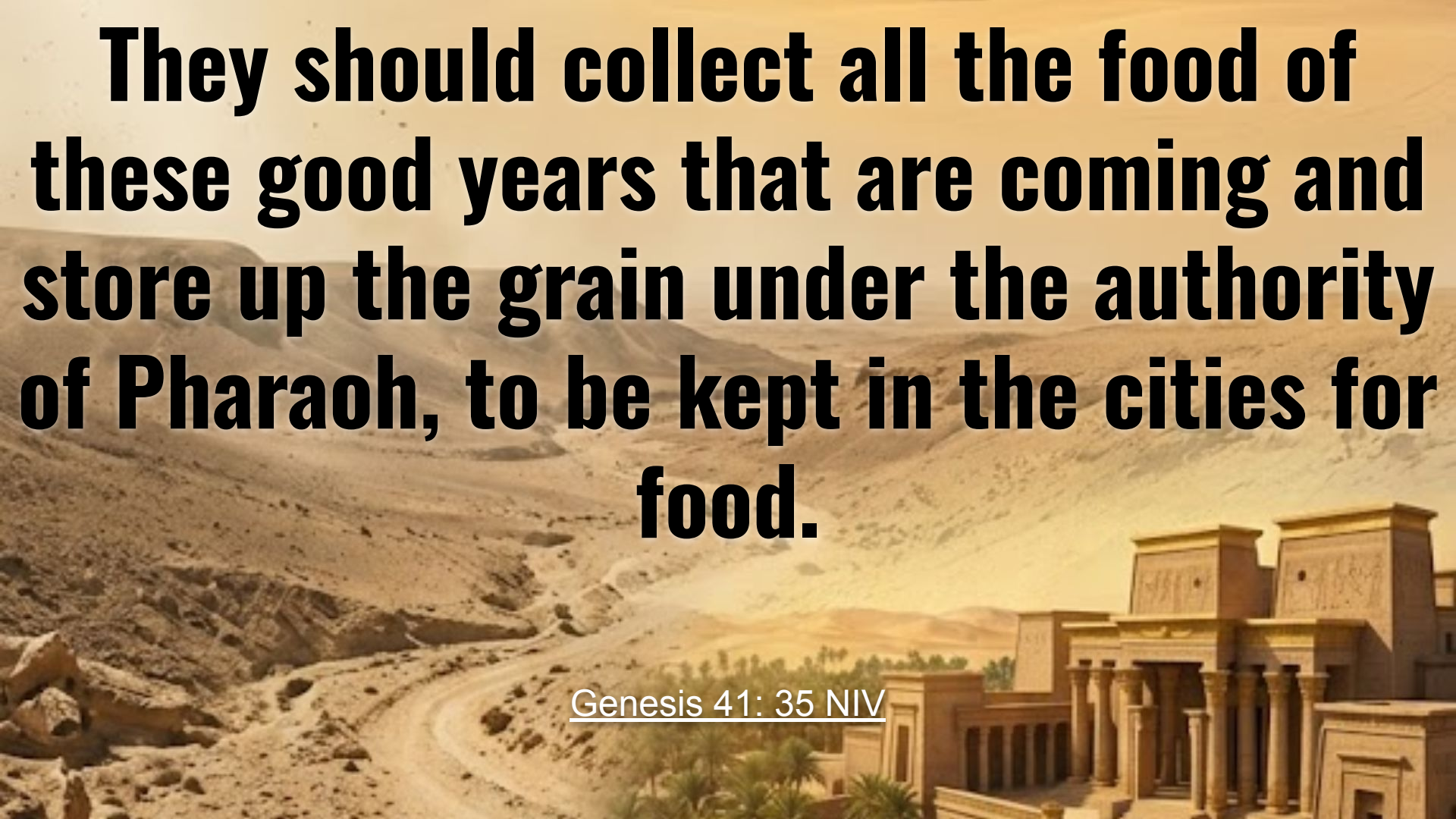
**Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners  
over the land to take a fifth of the  
harvest of Egypt during the seven  
years of abundance.**

Genesis 41: 34 NIV



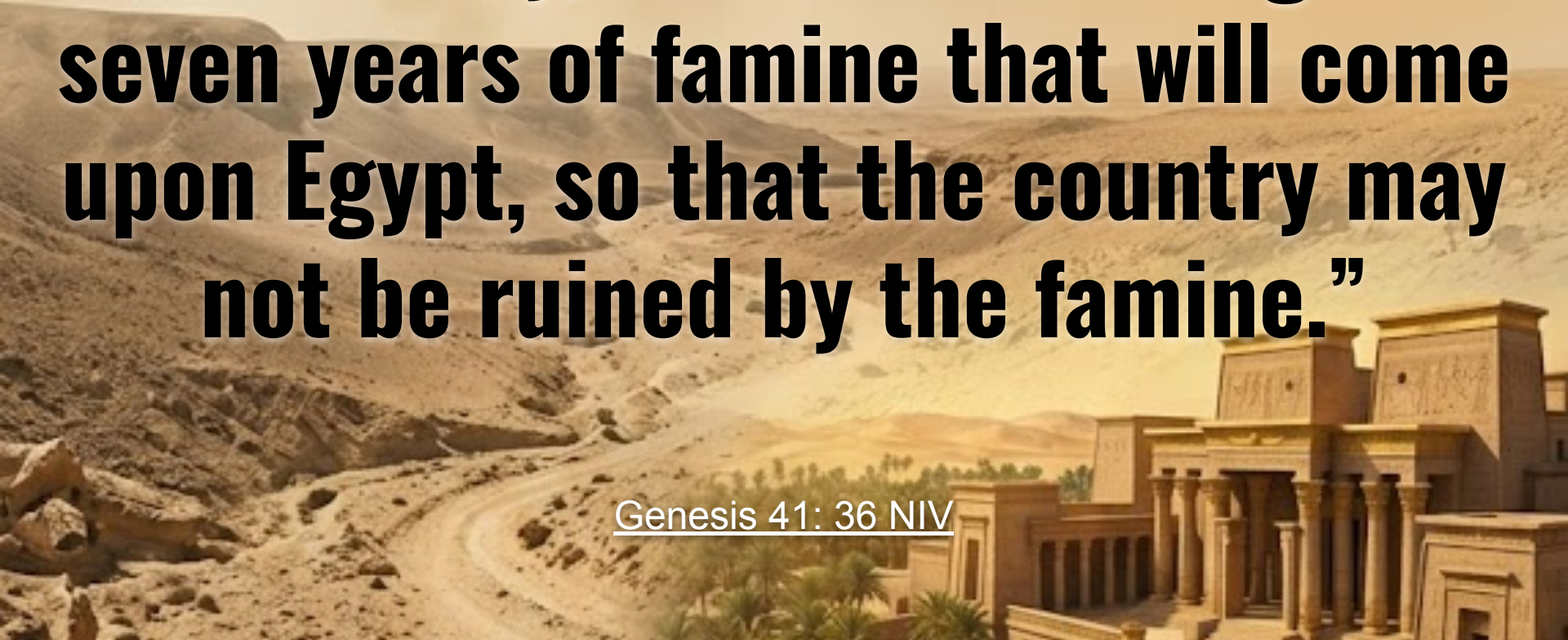
**They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food.**

Genesis 41: 35 NIV



**This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.”**

Genesis 41: 36 NIV



**The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and  
to all his officials.**

Genesis 41: 37 NIV

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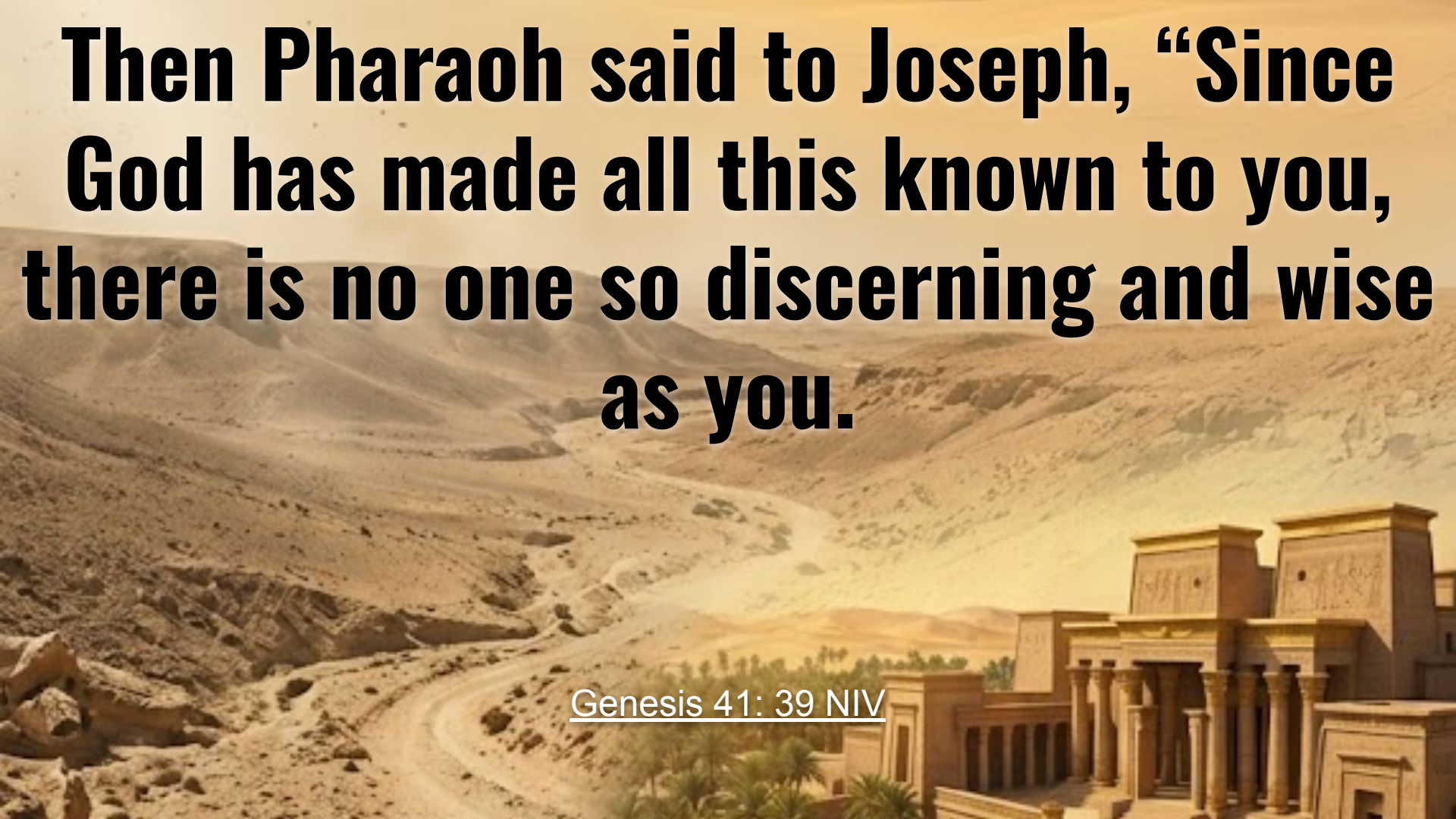
**So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”**

Genesis 41: 38 NIV



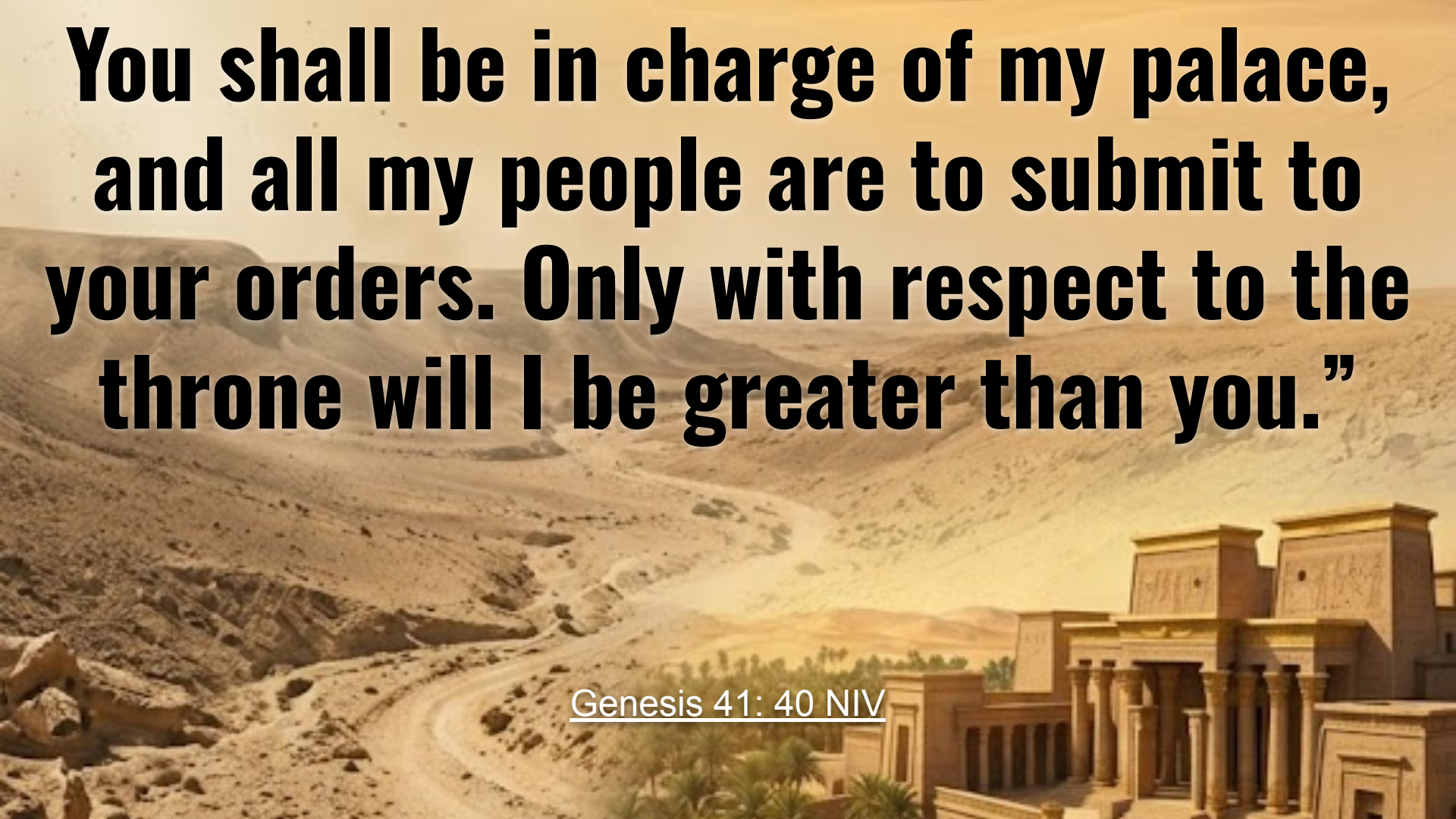
**Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.**

Genesis 41: 39 NIV



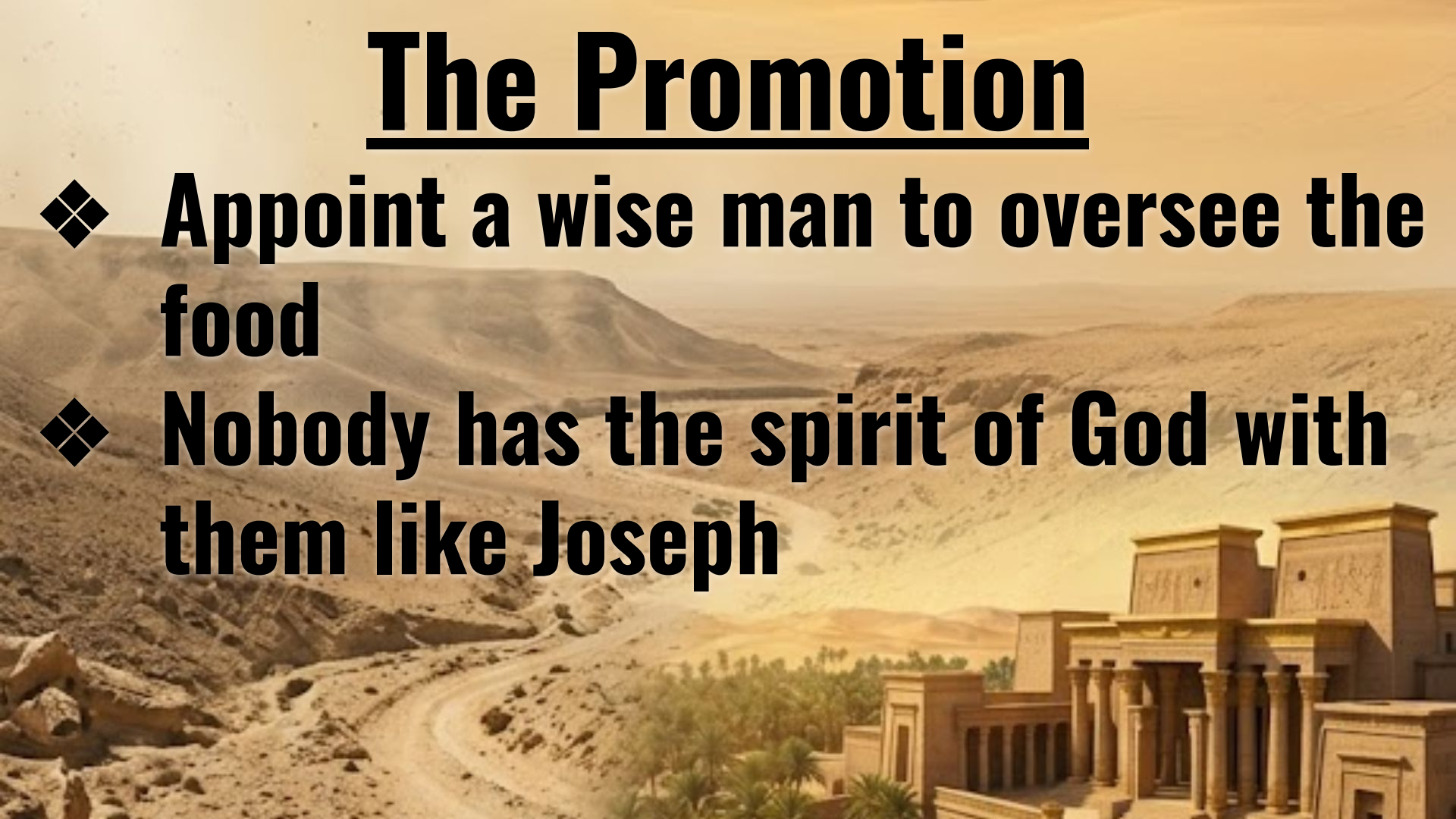
**You shall be in charge of my palace,  
and all my people are to submit to  
your orders. Only with respect to the  
throne will I be greater than you.”**

Genesis 41: 40 NIV



# The Promotion

- ❖ **Appoint a wise man to oversee the food**
- ❖ **Nobody has the spirit of God with them like Joseph**



# The Promotion

- ❖ **Joseph is raised up and gets the promotion**
- ❖ **Joseph has gone “From Pit to Palace”**



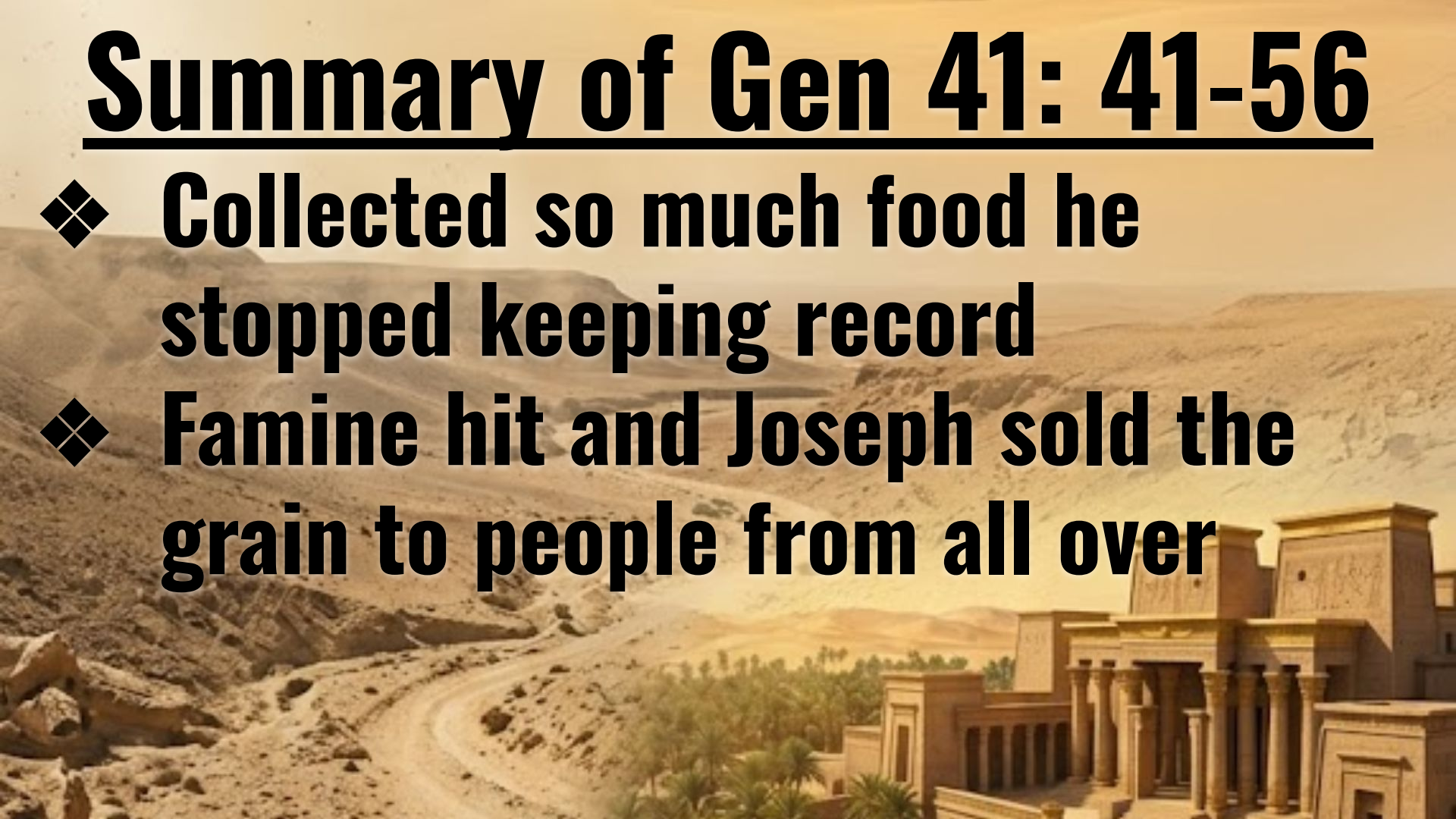
# Summary of Gen 41: 41-56

- ❖ **Joseph is put in charge**
- ❖ **He acts out the plan he gave Pharaoh**



# Summary of Gen 41: 41-56

- ❖ **Collected so much food he stopped keeping record**
- ❖ **Famine hit and Joseph sold the grain to people from all over**





# Patience As Preparation

- ❖ **Spiritual lives need water and nourishment**
- ❖ **Scripture**
- ❖ **Prayer as preparation**
- ❖ **Solitude**



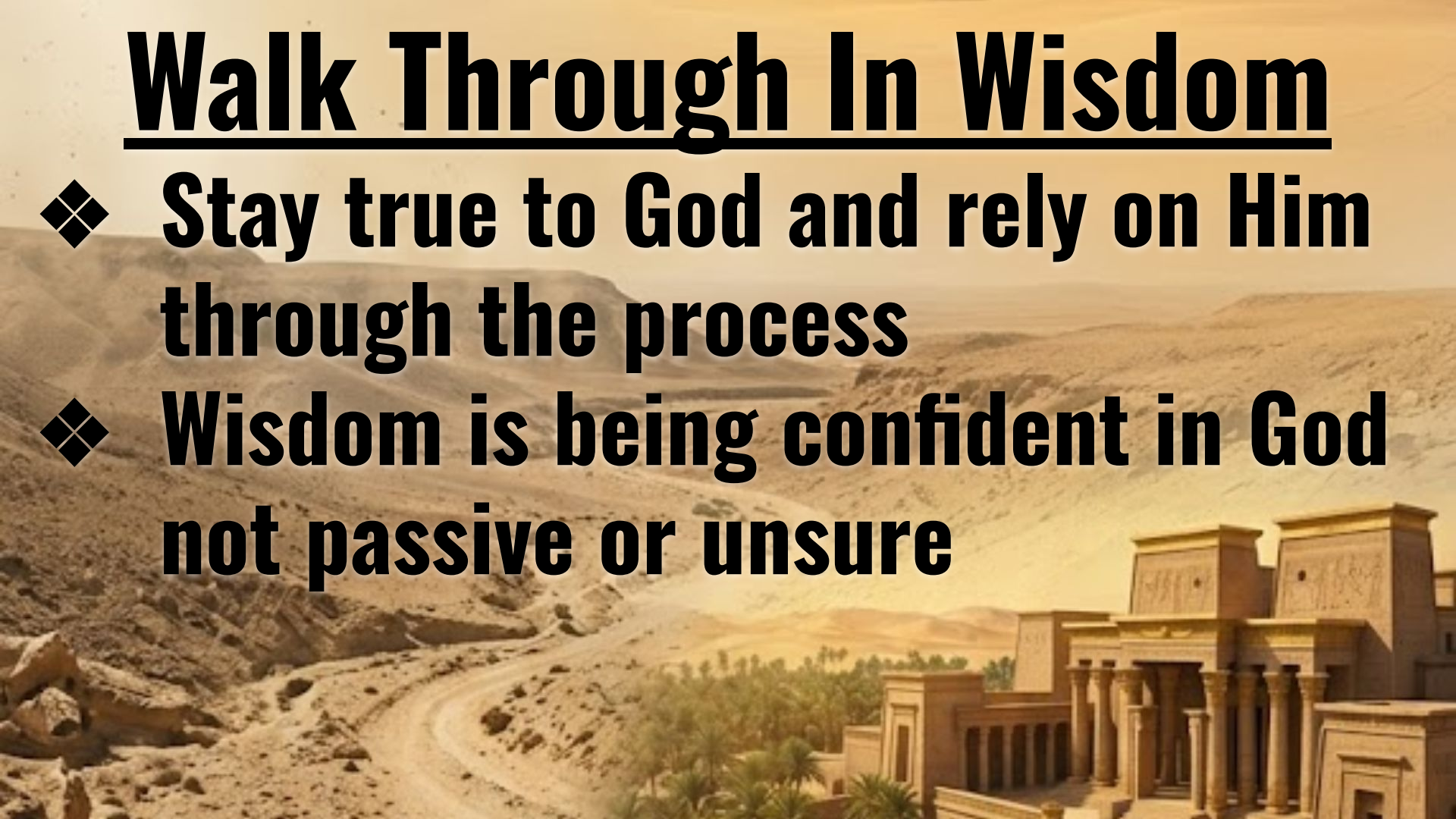


# Transformation Via Humility

- ❖ **Be ok being 2nd best**
- ❖ **Be cool with being unseen**
- ❖ **Be heard less**
- ❖ **Do what's needed right in front of you**

# Walk Through In Wisdom

- ❖ **Stay true to God and rely on Him through the process**
- ❖ **Wisdom is being confident in God not passive or unsure**



# Walk Through In Wisdom

- ❖ **Wisdom sees the whole picture**
- ❖ **Wisdom calms others**



“I’M NOT  
THROWING AWAY  
MY...SHOT”

# Don't Wait To Walk

- ❖ **Trust the preparation, transformation, and wisdom of God**
- ❖ **Don't second guess what God has given you the ability to do**
- ❖ **Don't compare your door to someone else's**

# Wait Then Walk

- ❖ **Be patient in the waiting**
- ❖ **Be transformed through humility**
- ❖ **Walk through the door in wisdom**
- ❖ **Walk when the door opens**

