



BRICK BY BRICK



THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

God builds
our lives
and His church
brick by brick

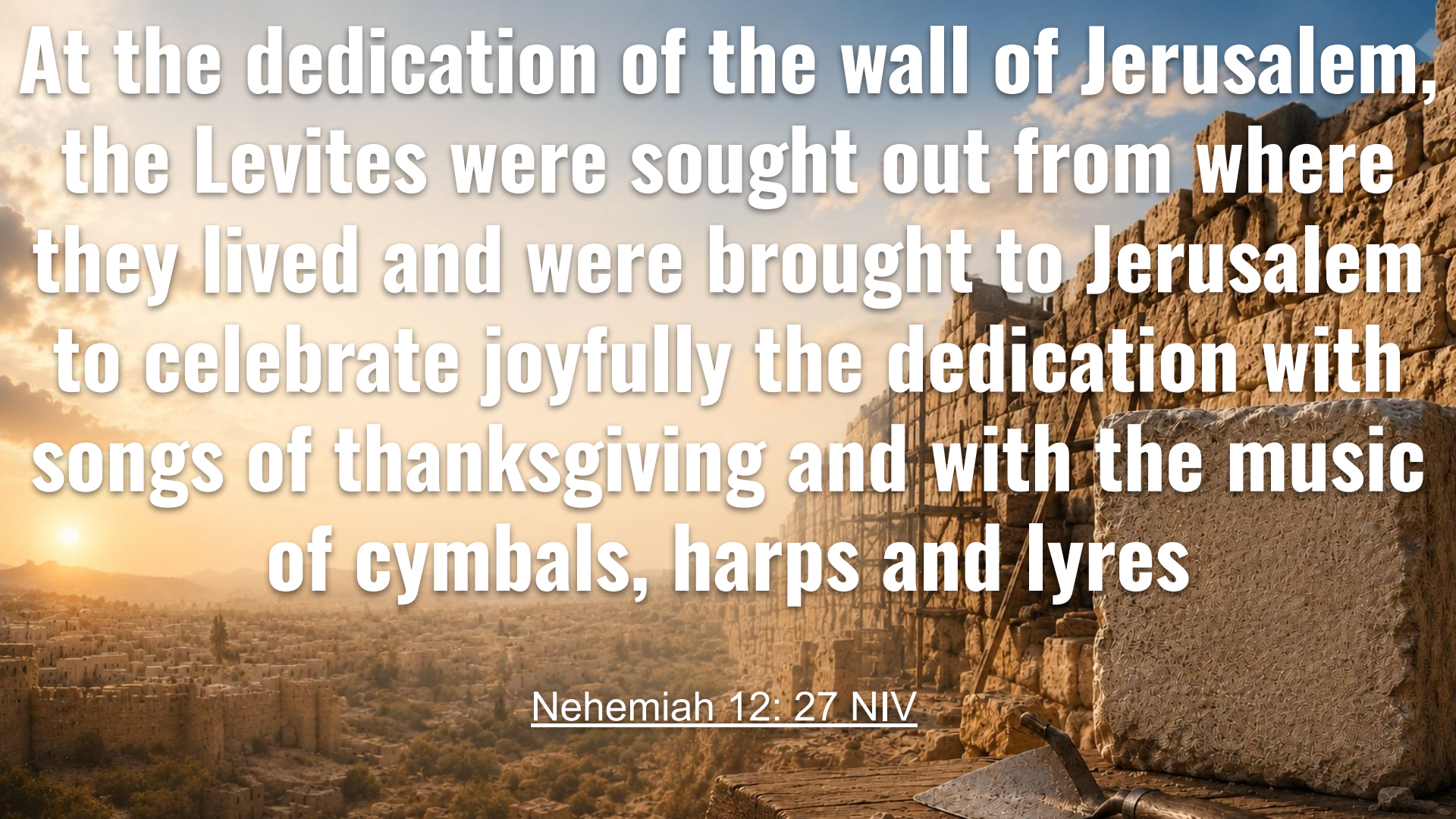


Recap

- ❖ Finding identity, scripture, confession, commitment, and sacrifice
- ❖ Opposition, challenges, protection, and community

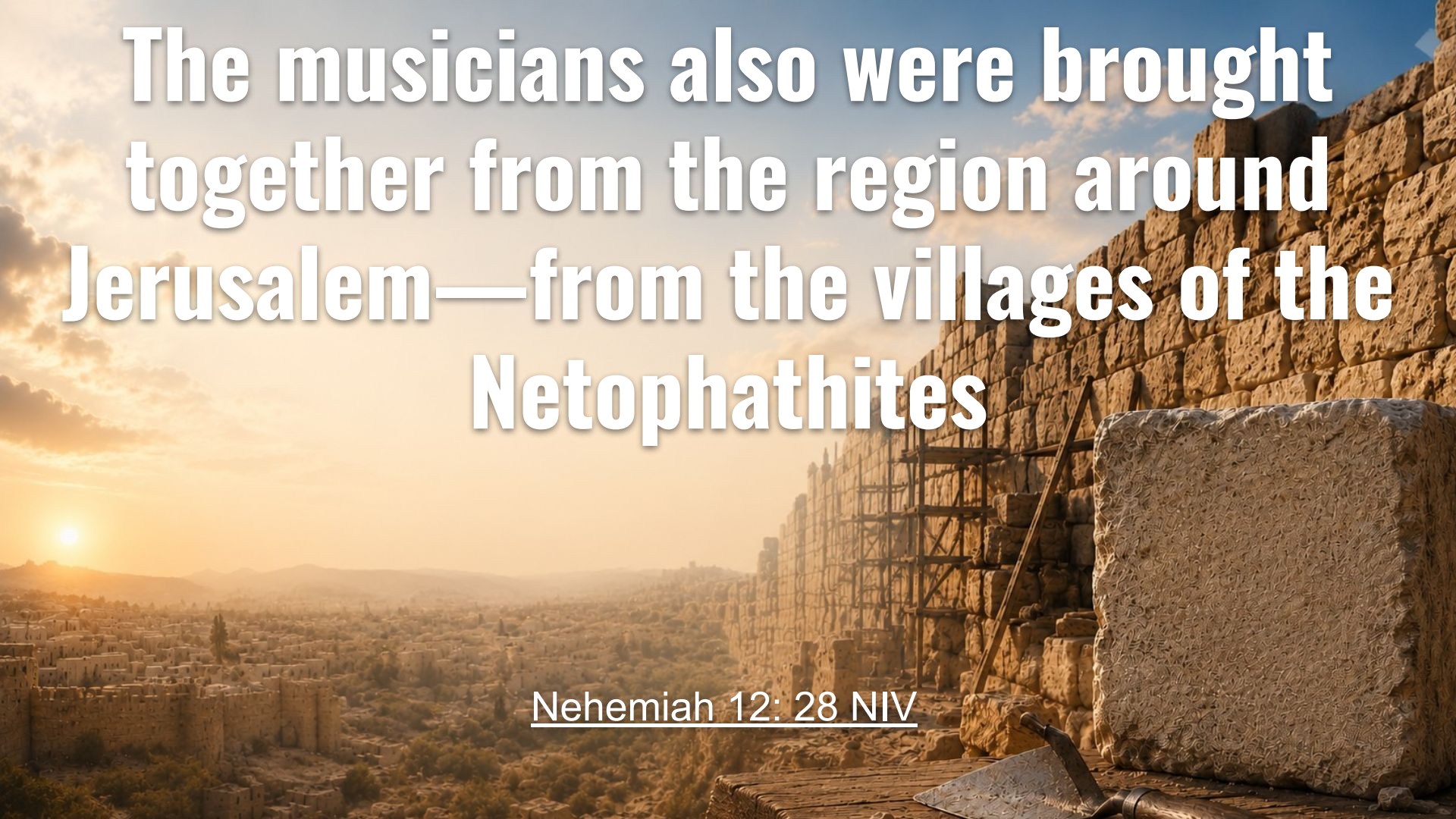
Punchline:
God did it. Celebrate it!





**At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem,
the Levites were sought out from where
they lived and were brought to Jerusalem
to celebrate joyfully the dedication with
songs of thanksgiving and with the music
of cymbals, harps and lyres**

Nehemiah 12: 27 NIV

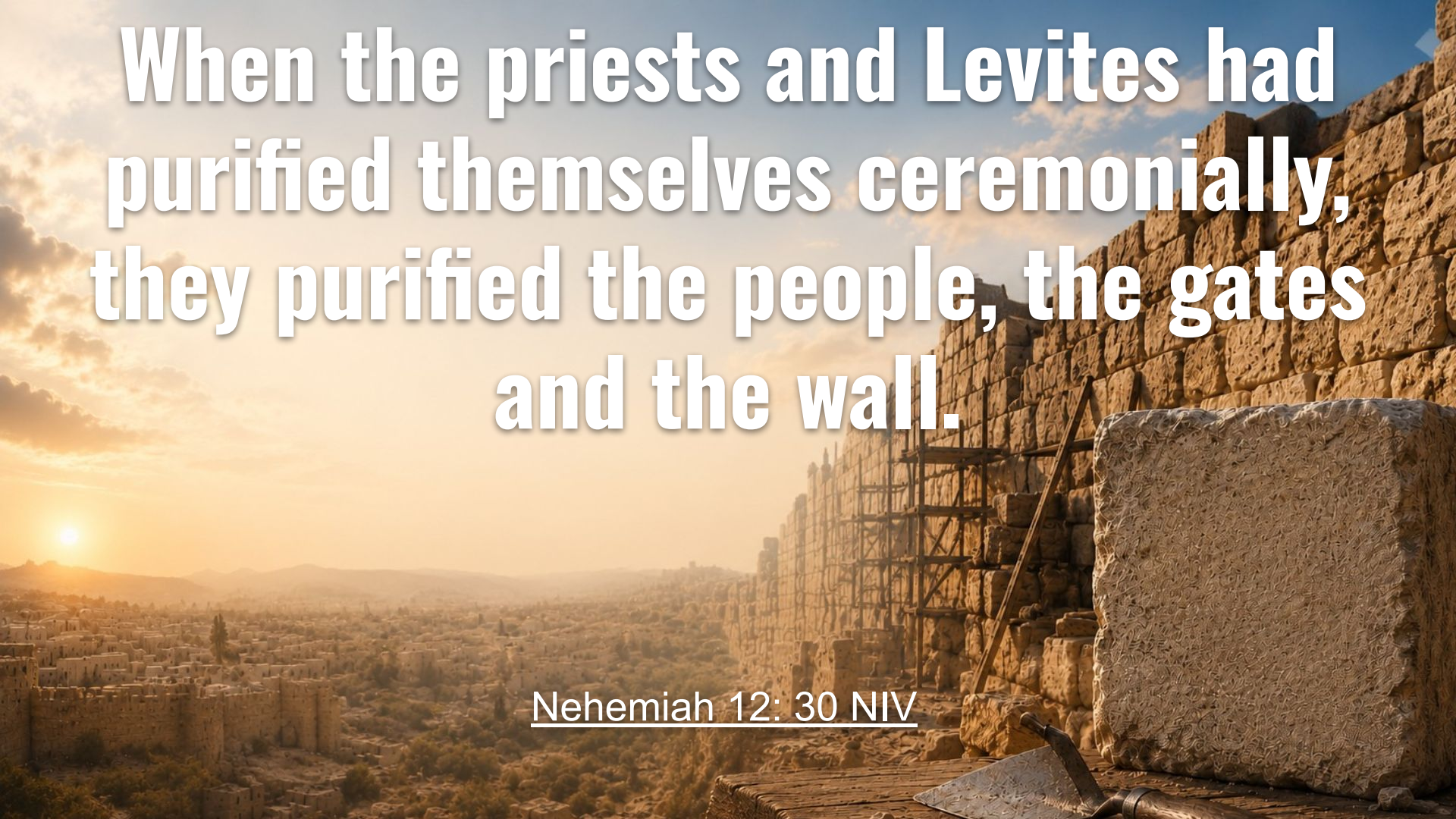
A dramatic sunset scene over Jerusalem. The city's stone walls are under construction, with scaffolding and a large stone block visible in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the city and the surrounding hills. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds.

**The musicians also were brought
together from the region around
Jerusalem—from the villages of the
Netophathites**

Nehemiah 12: 28 NIV

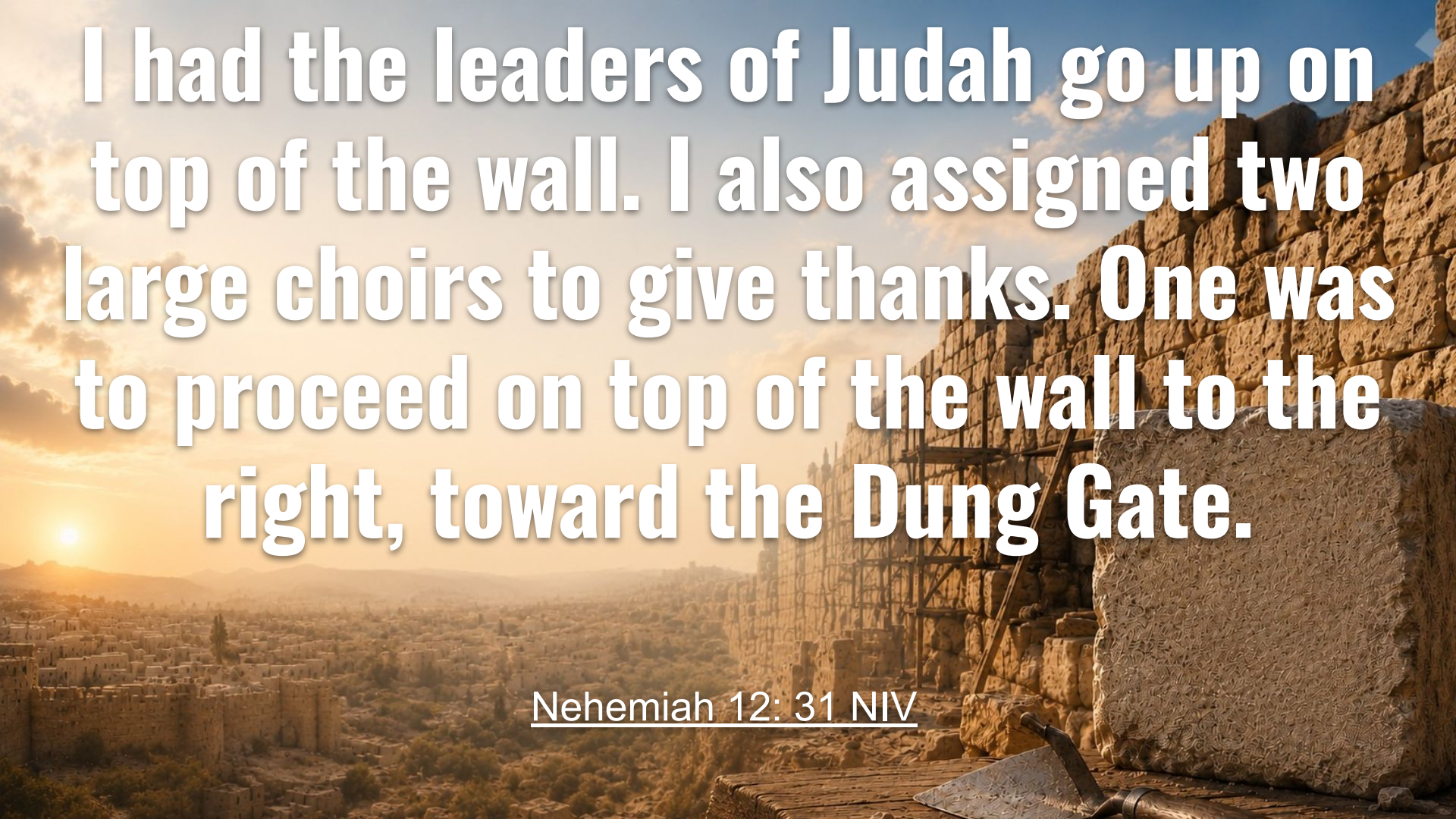
**From Beth Gilgal, and from the area of
Geba and Azmaveth, for the musicians
had built villages for themselves
around Jerusalem**

Nehemiah 12: 29 NIV



**When the priests and Levites had
purified themselves ceremonially,
they purified the people, the gates
and the wall.**

Nehemiah 12: 30 NIV



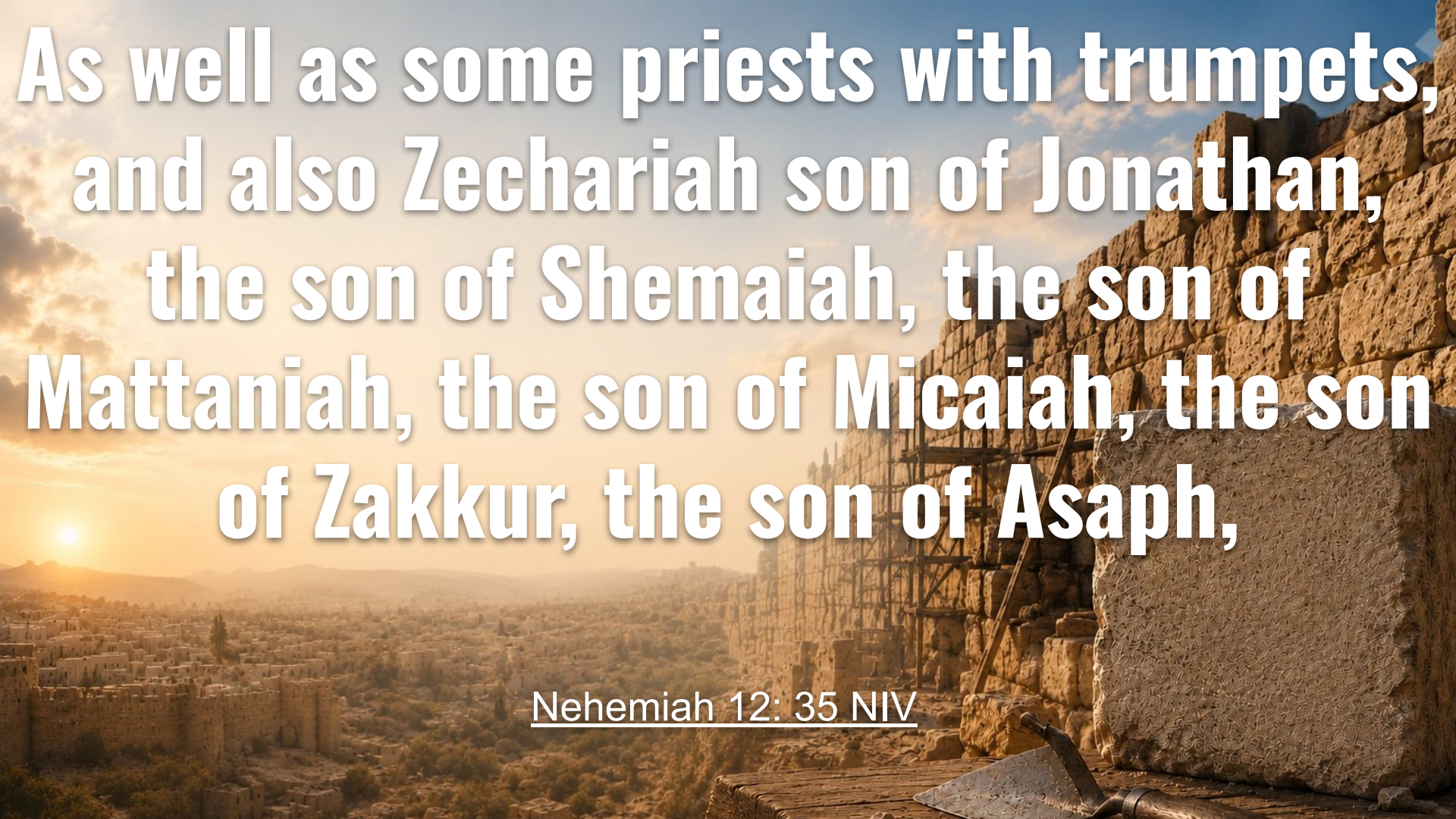
I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 12: 31 NIV



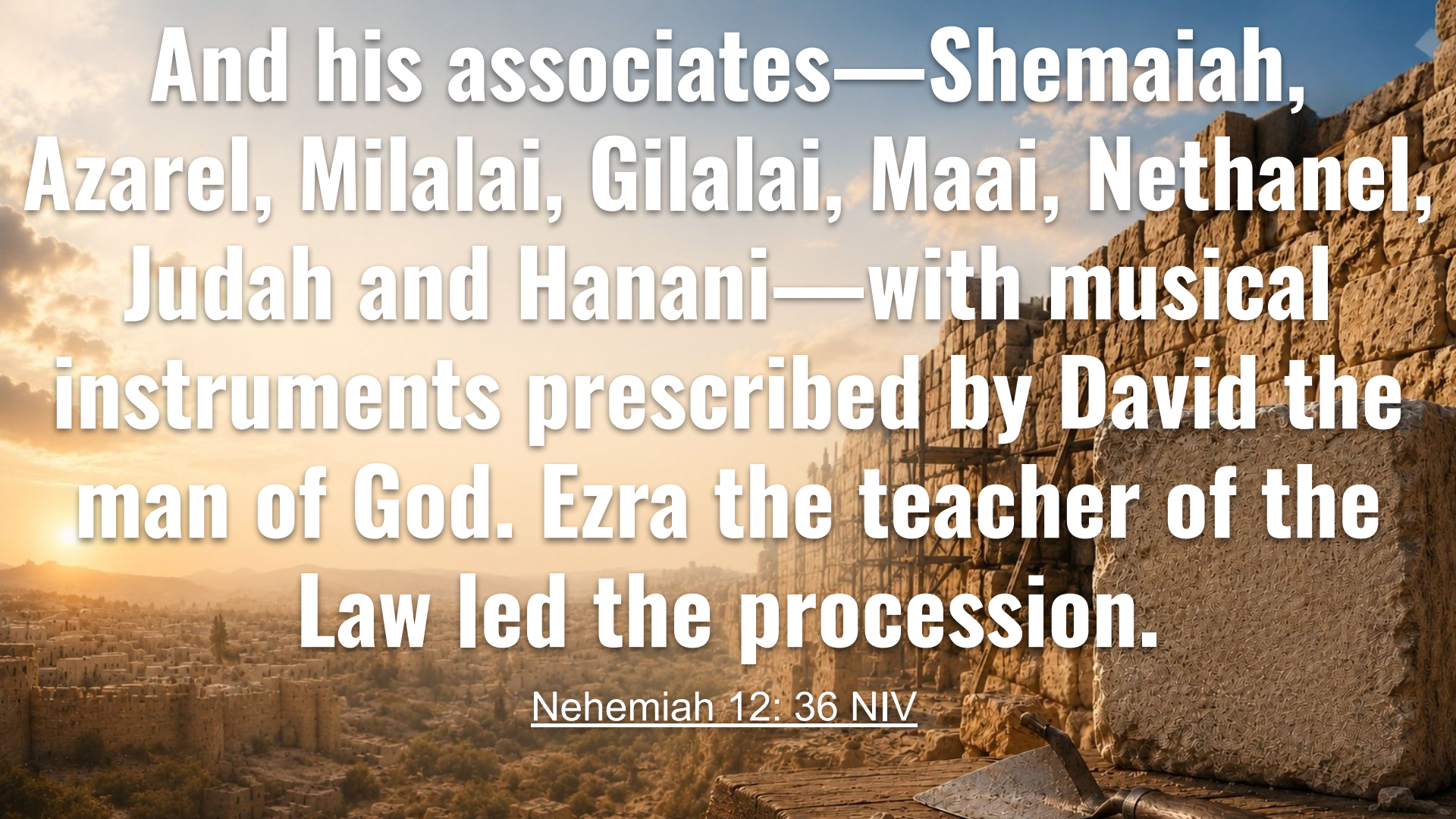
**Hoshaiah and half the leaders of
Judah followed them, along with
Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, Judah,
Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah**

Nehemiah 12: 32-34 NIV

The background image is a panoramic view of Jerusalem during the golden hour of sunset. The sun is low on the horizon to the left, casting a warm, orange glow over the city. In the foreground and middle ground, the massive, weathered stone walls of the Temple Mount are visible, with scaffolding and ladders indicating ongoing restoration work. A large, rectangular stone block lies on the ground in the lower right. The city of Jerusalem, with its dense collection of buildings and the Dome of the Rock, is visible in the distance under the hazy sky.

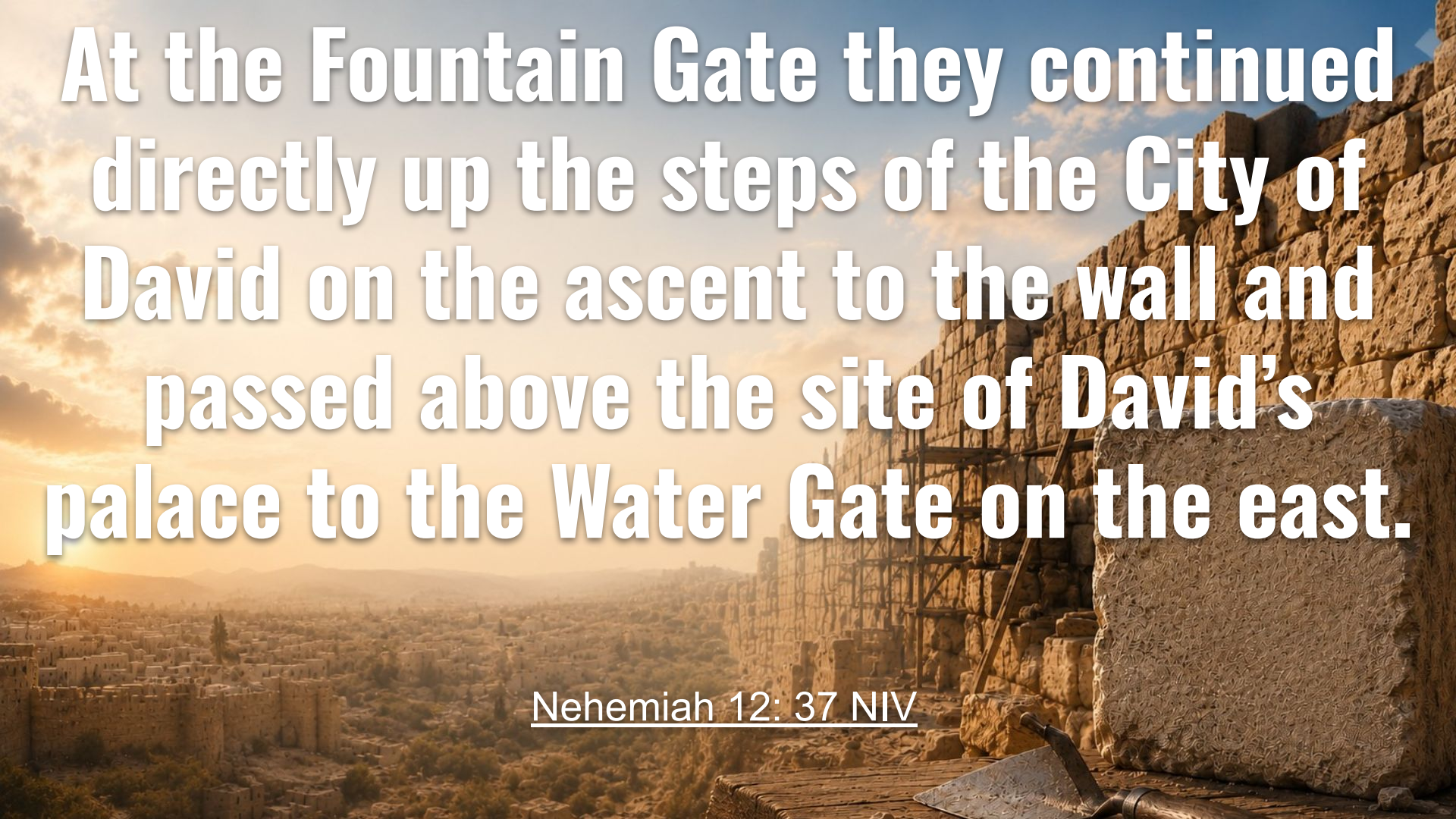
**As well as some priests with trumpets,
and also Zechariah son of Jonathan,
the son of Shemaiah, the son of
Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son
of Zakkur, the son of Asaph,**

Nehemiah 12: 35 NIV



**And his associates—Shemaiah,
Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel,
Judah and Hanani—with musical
instruments prescribed by David the
man of God. Ezra the teacher of the
Law led the procession.**

Nehemiah 12: 36 NIV



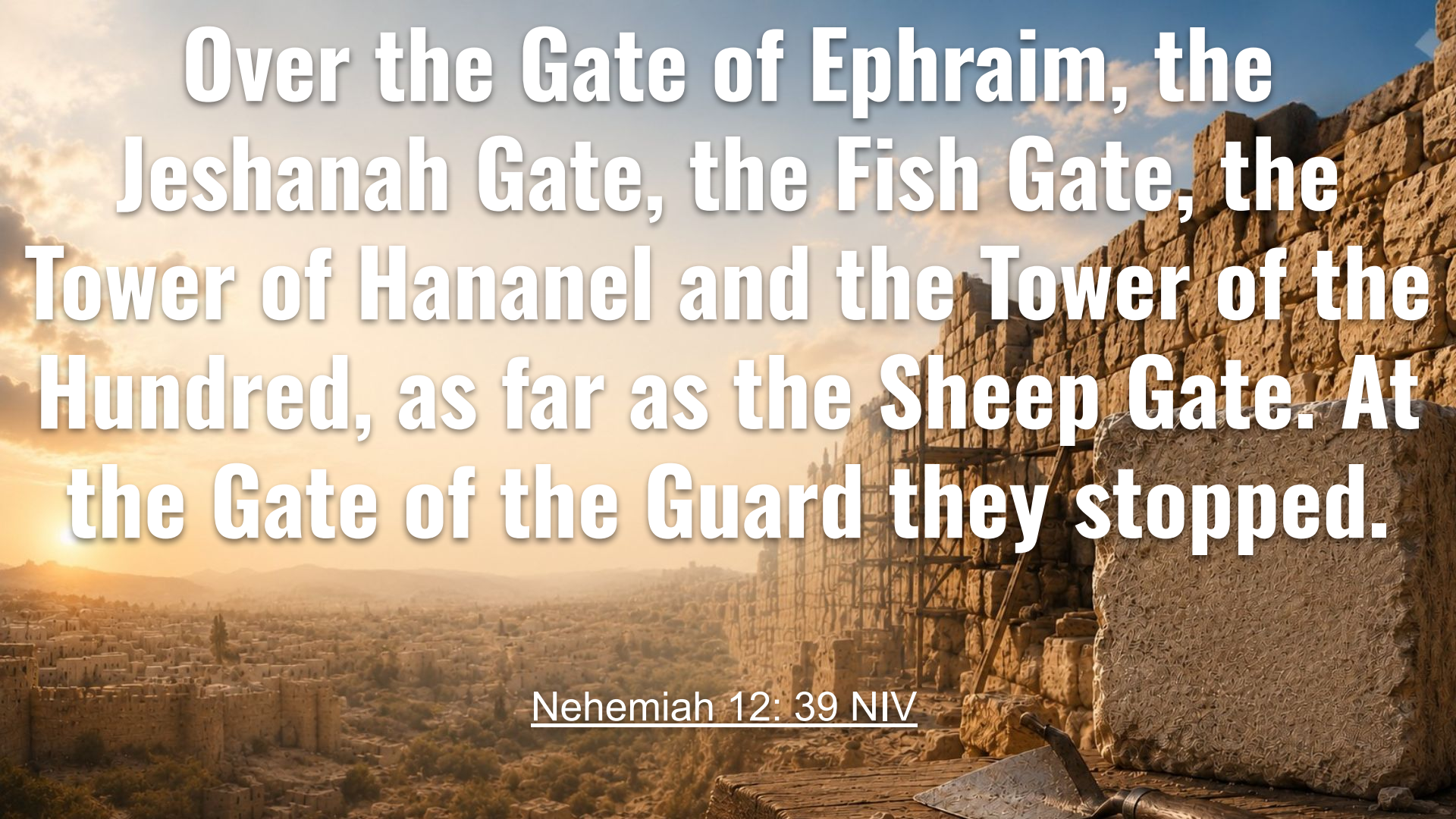
**At the Fountain Gate they continued
directly up the steps of the City of
David on the ascent to the wall and
passed above the site of David's
palace to the Water Gate on the east.**

Nehemiah 12: 37 NIV

A dramatic sunset scene over a city, likely Jerusalem, with a large stone wall in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the city and the wall. The wall is made of large, rough-hewn stone blocks, and a wooden ladder is leaning against it. In the background, the city is visible, with many small buildings and a hilly landscape. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds.

**The second choir proceeded in the
opposite direction. I followed them on
top of the wall, together with half the
people—past the Tower of the Ovens
to the Broad Wall,**

Nehemiah 12: 38 NIV



**Over the Gate of Ephraim, the
Jeshanah Gate, the Fish Gate, the
Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the
Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate. At
the Gate of the Guard they stopped.**

Nehemiah 12: 39 NIV

A dramatic sunset over a city, likely Jerusalem, with a large stone wall in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The wall is made of large, rough-hewn stones, and a wooden scaffolding structure is visible against it. In the foreground, a large, rectangular stone block is being worked on, with a metal tool (possibly a chisel or mallet) lying on a wooden surface next to it. The city below is densely packed with buildings, and the sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds.

**The two choirs that gave thanks then
took their places in the house of God;
so did I, together with half the
officials**

Nehemiah 12: 40 NIV



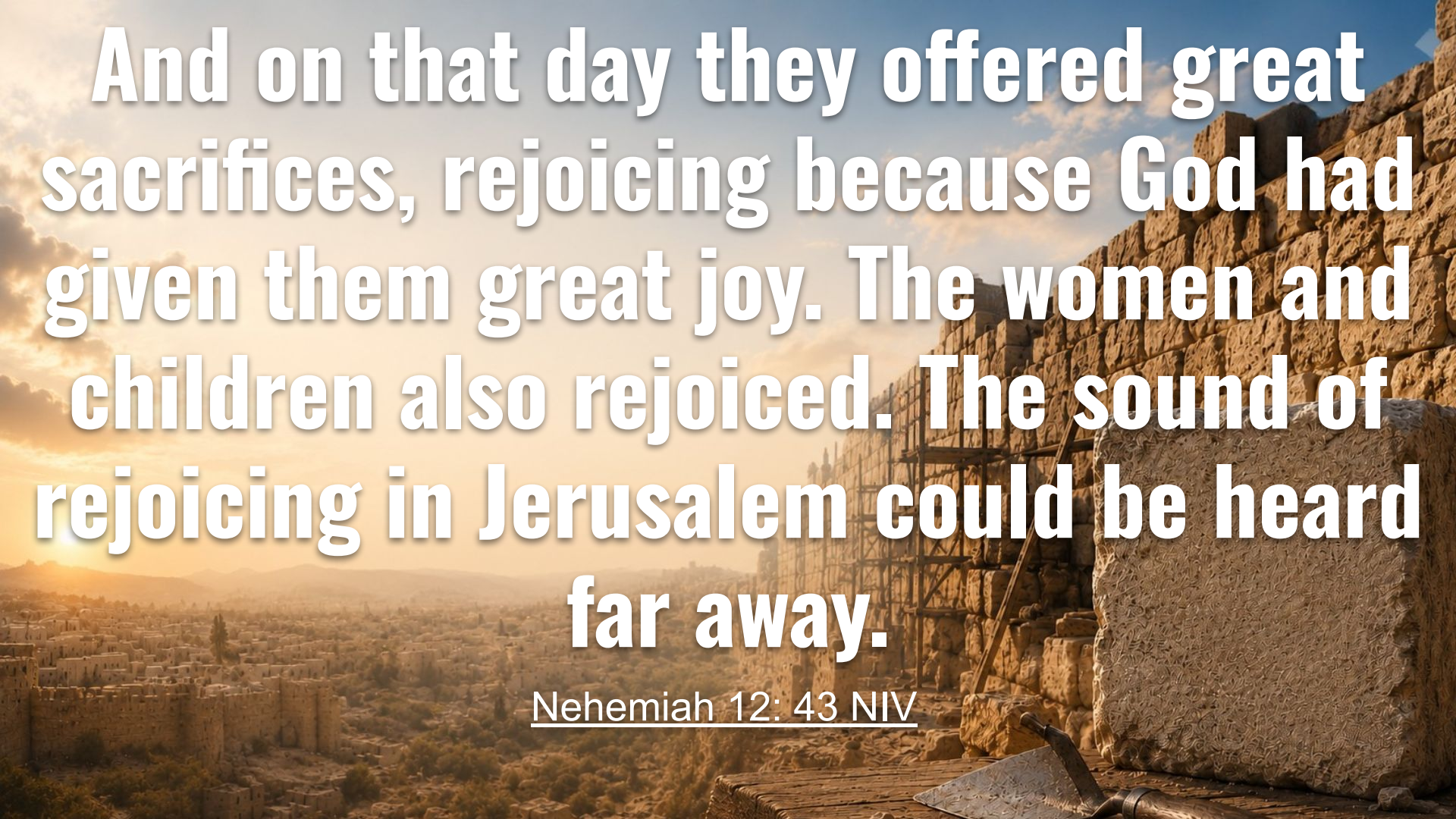
**As well as the priests—Eliakim,
Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai,
Zechariah and Hananiah with their
trumpets**

Nehemiah 12: 41 NIV



**And also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar,
Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malkijah, Elam and
Ezer. The choirs sang under the
direction of Jezrahiah**

Nehemiah 12: 42 NIV



And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

Nehemiah 12: 43 NIV

Dedication and Celebration

- ❖ Levites were sought to celebrate
- ❖ Priests and Levites purified themselves, people, gates, and wall
- ❖ Offered sacrifices because God gave them great joy



Celebrate Restoration

- ❖ God restores our soul
- ❖ God restores our health
 - Spiritual
 - Mental
 - Physical

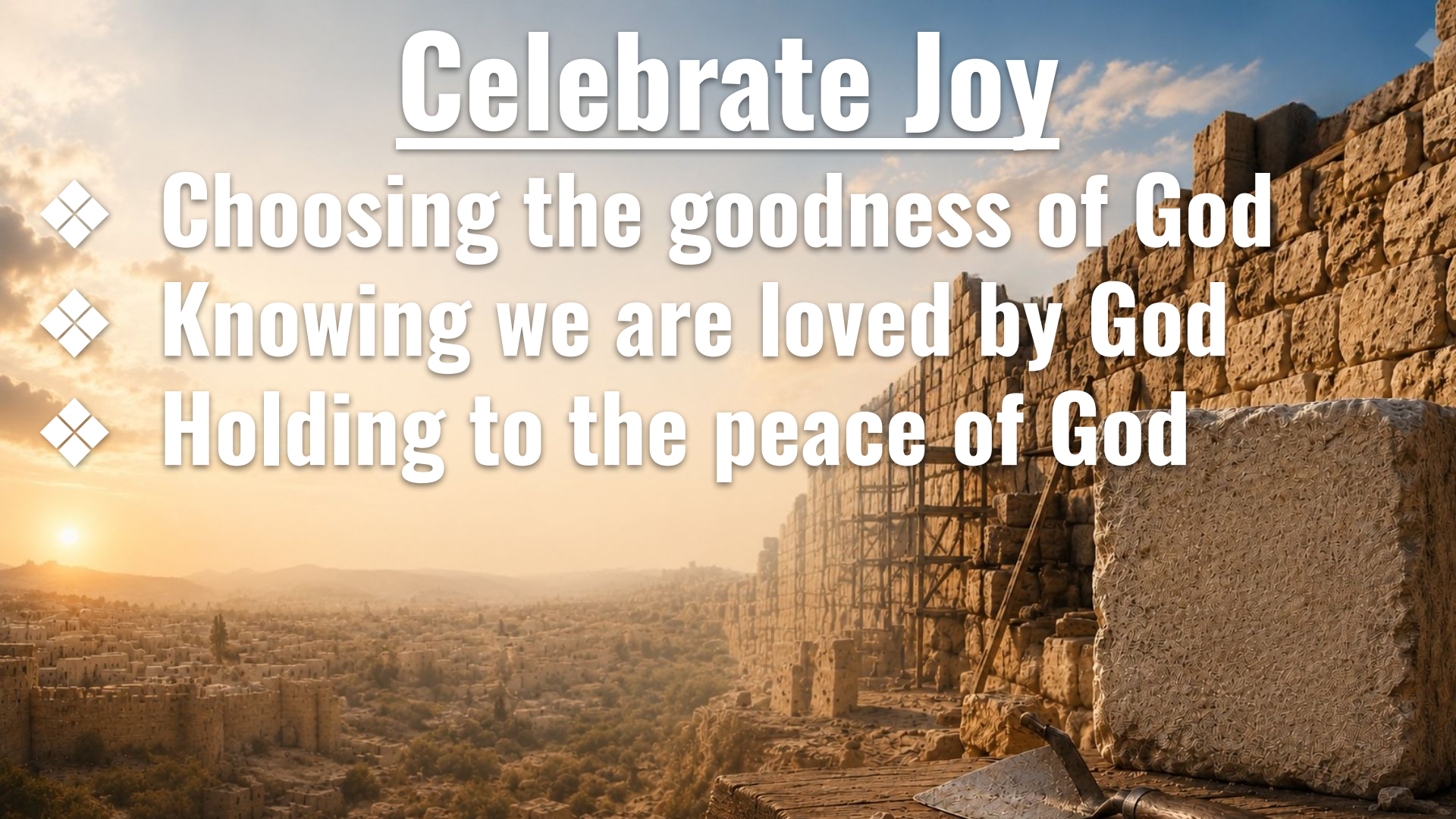


THIS IS TAKING FOREVER!!!



Celebrate Joy

- ❖ Choosing the goodness of God
- ❖ Knowing we are loved by God
- ❖ Holding to the peace of God



Celebrate Strength



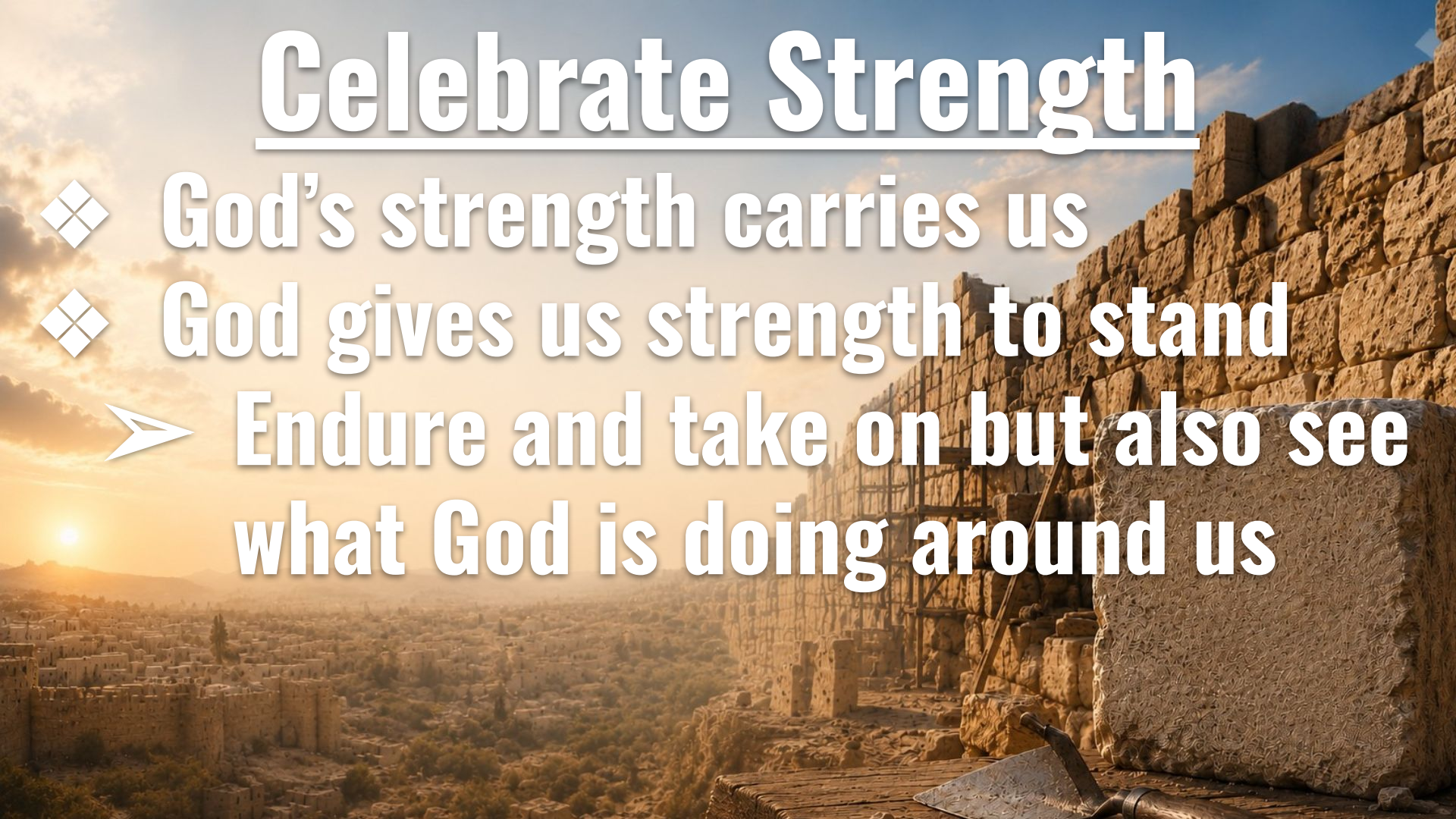
God's strength carries us



*Training
for
Disney*

Celebrate Strength

- ❖ God's strength carries us
- ❖ God gives us strength to stand
 - Endure and take on but also see what God is doing around us



How Do We Celebrate God?

- ❖ Community
- ❖ Praise
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Build on what's been done



Celebration as a Brick

- ❖ Restoration
- ❖ Joy
- ❖ Strength
- ❖ Live out the celebration

