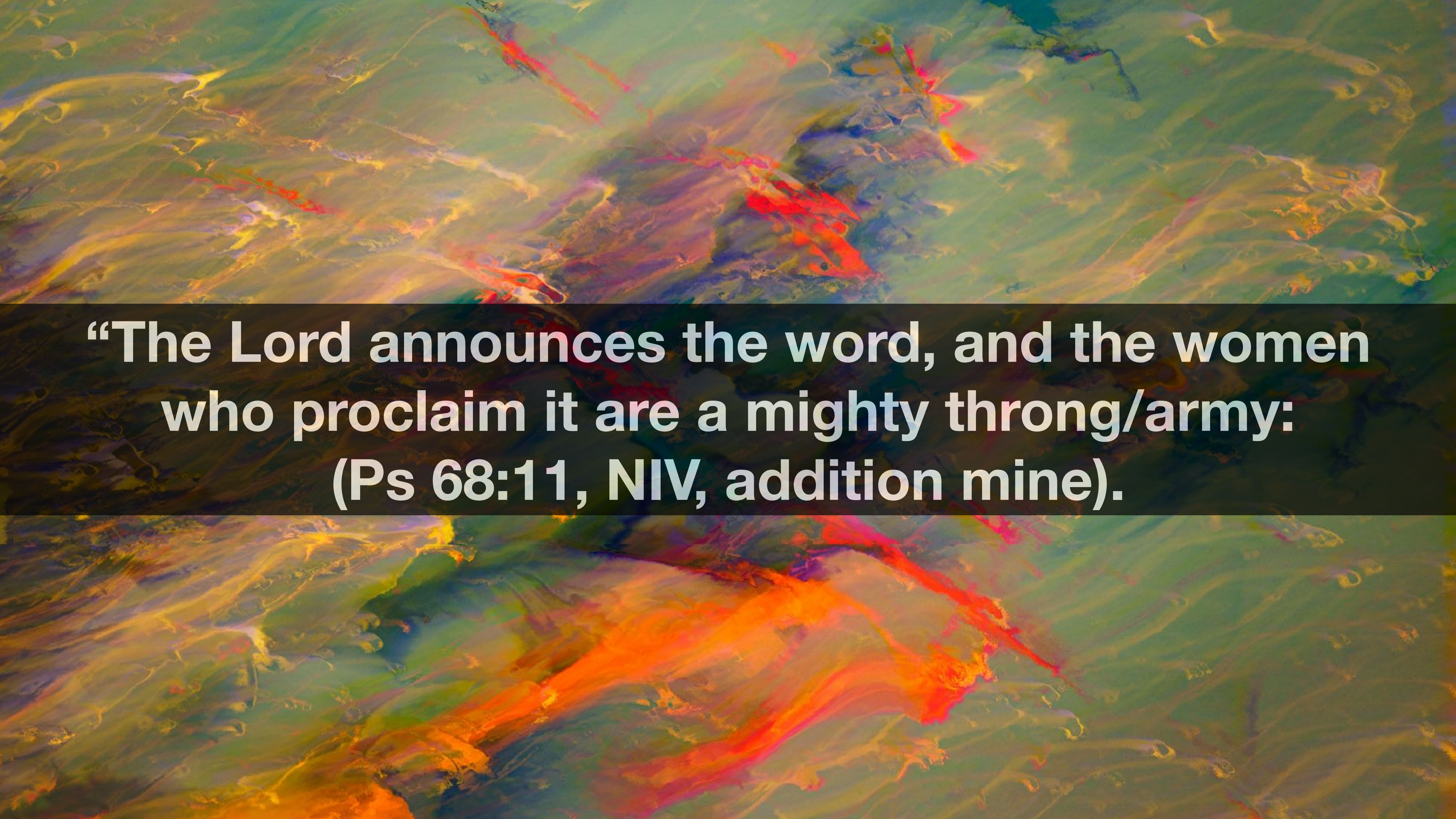


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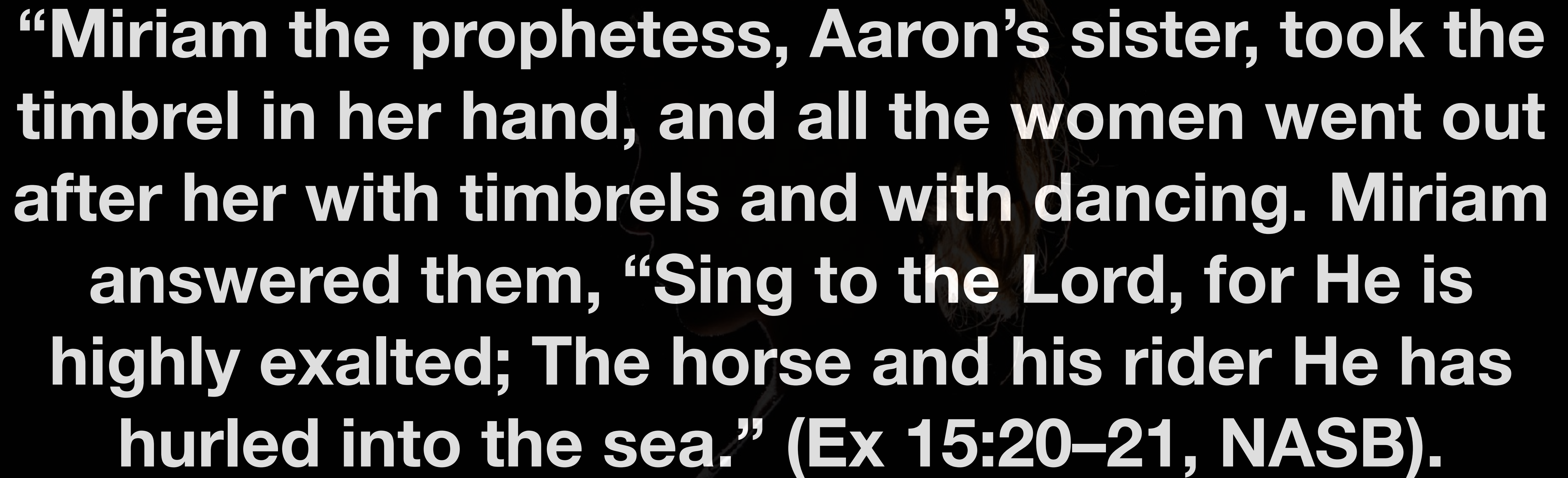
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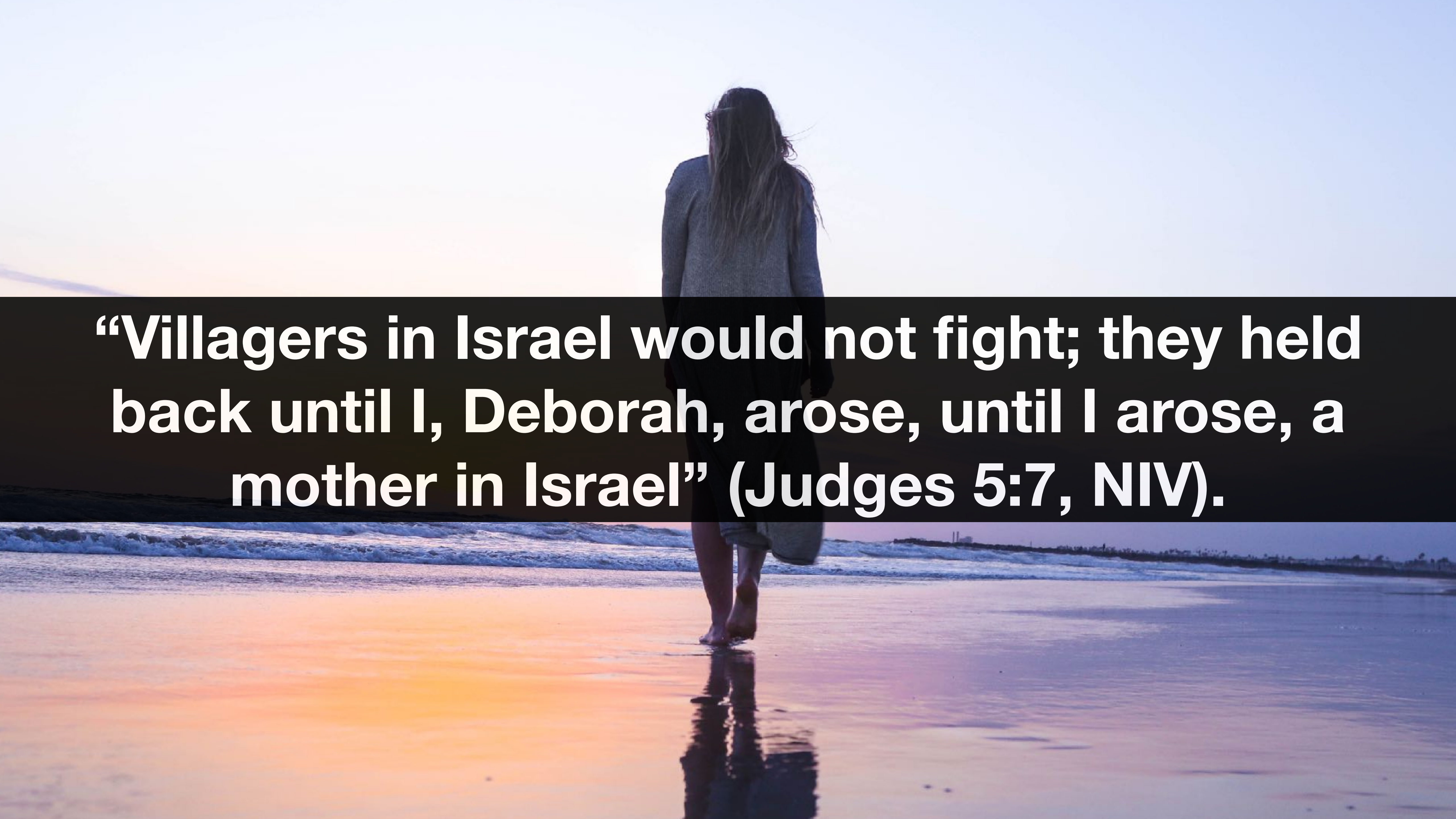
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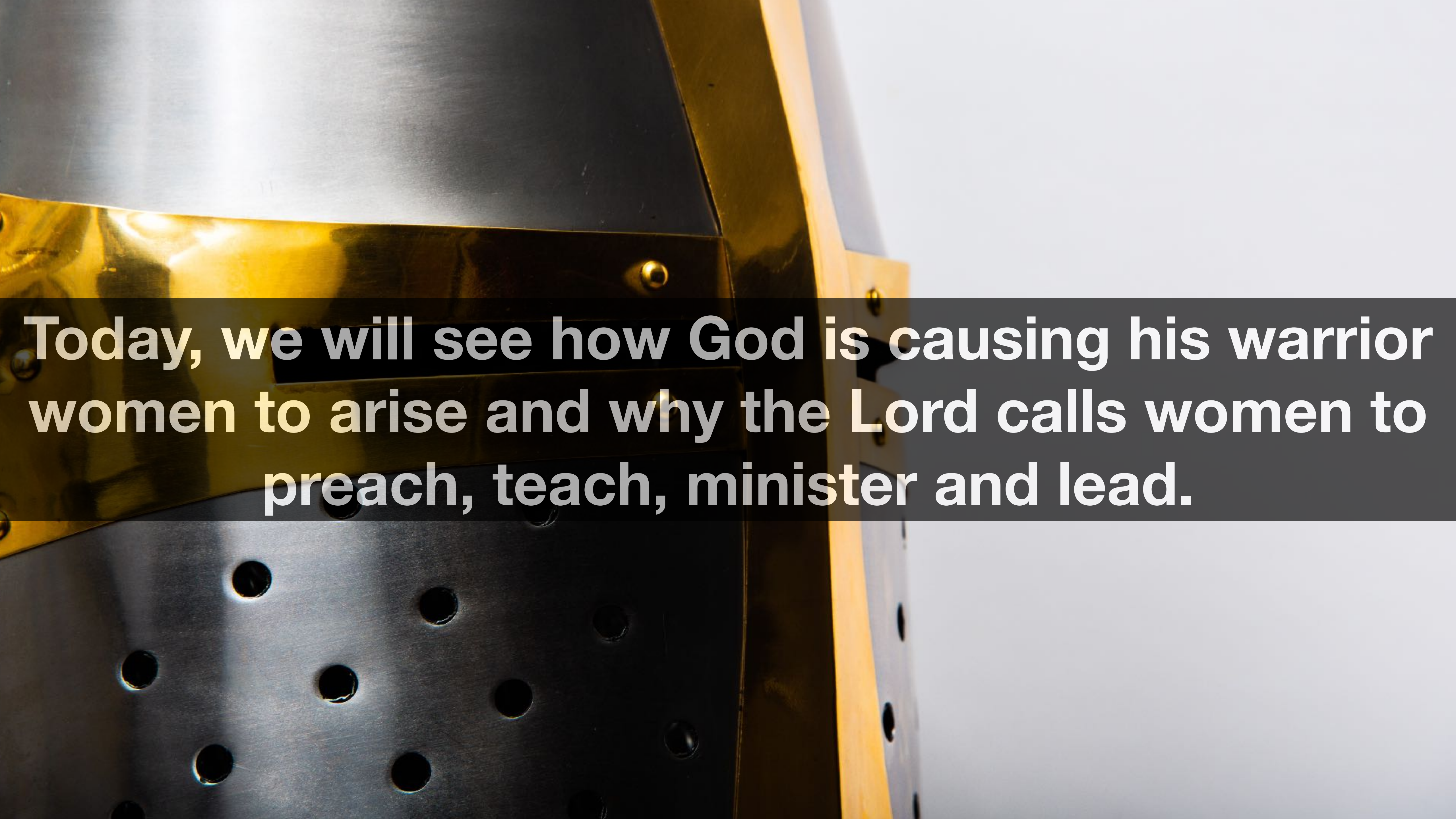
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A close-up photograph of a metallic structure. A horizontal band of polished brass or gold metal is visible, secured with small rivets. Below this band is a dark, perforated metal plate with a grid of circular holes. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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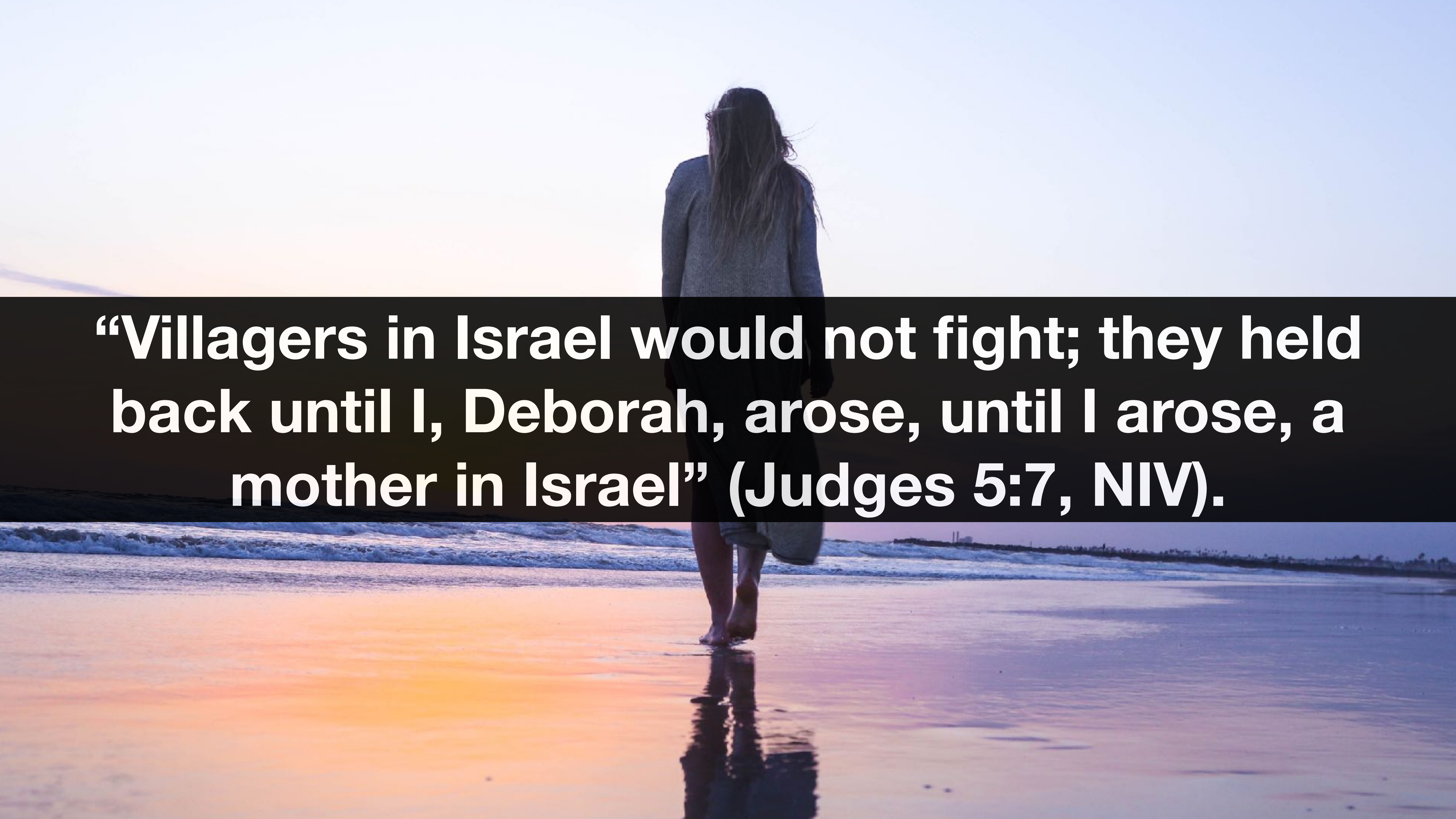
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