

His banner over me is

LOVE

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He has brought me to his banquet hall,
And his banner over me is love.

(Song of Songs 2:4)



PUBLIC DECLARATION

He has declared His love
for me, like a banner
for all to see.

God is **not ashamed** of me.

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)



A person stands on a rocky shore at sunset, with their arms outstretched. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and sky. A large, flowing red banner is positioned at the top of the image, containing white text. The person's reflection is visible in the calm water.

The SKY is a GIGANTIC BANNER,
declaring God's LOVE over me.

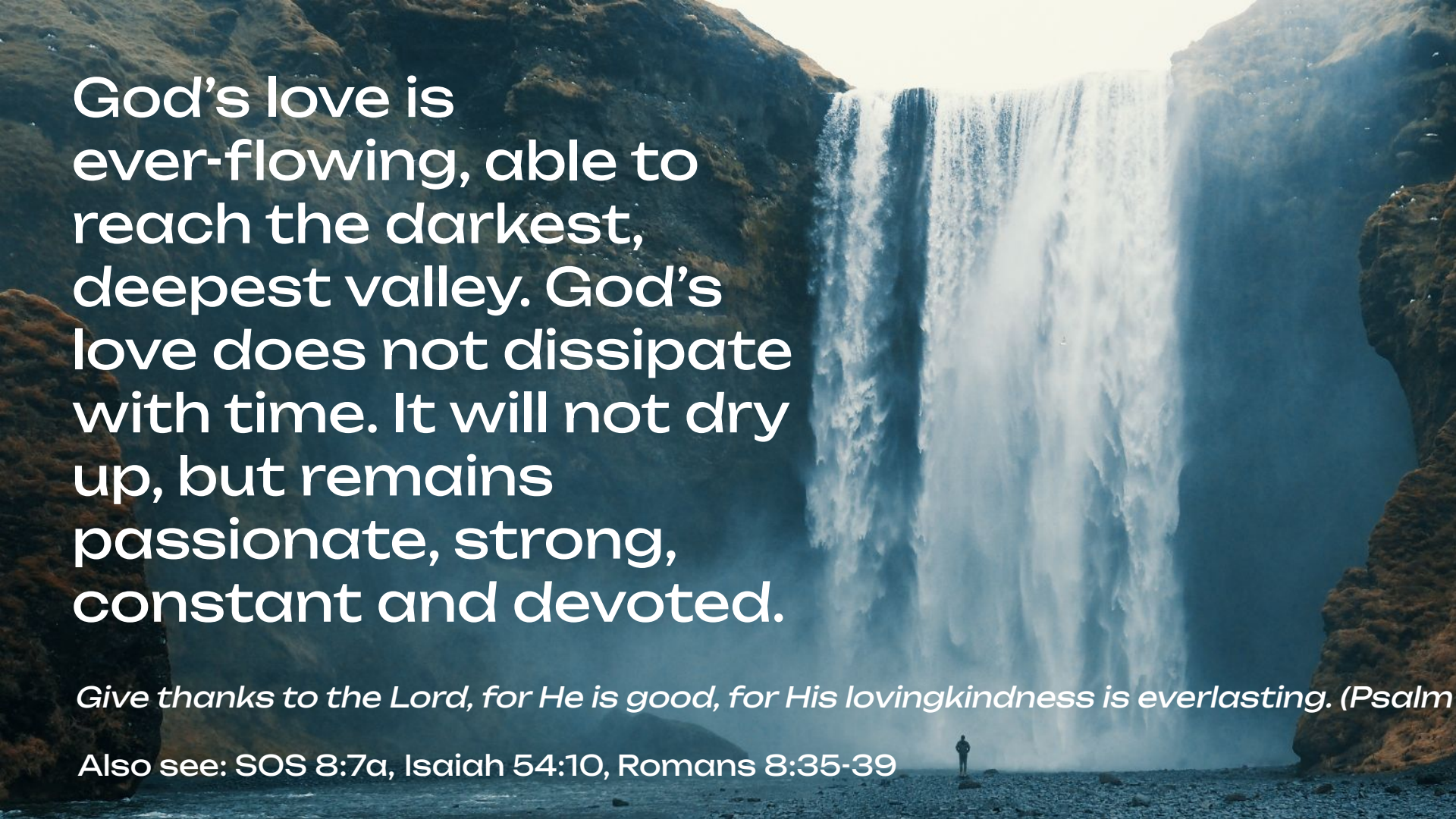
*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him
(Psalm 103:11)*



*for I have always
been mindful of your
unfailing love* and
have lived in reliance on
your **faithfulness****.
(Psalm 26:3)*

***HESED**: steadfast love, loyalty,
kindness, faithfulness, goodness,
desire, devotion, graciousness

****EMET**: firmness, trustworthiness,
constancy, duration, truth, stability



God's love is
ever-flowing, able to
reach the darkest,
deepest valley. God's
love does not dissipate
with time. It will not dry
up, but remains
passionate, strong,
constant and devoted.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. (Psalm

Also see: SOS 8:7a, Isaiah 54:10, Romans 8:35-39



IDENTITY

Just as a banner identified an army or group of people, this banner of Love identifies God and His people.

God is LOVE

(1 John 4:8b, Exodus 34:5-7, 1 Corinthians 13)

IDENTITY

I am LOVED.



*For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has **chosen** you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be **his people**, his **treasured possession**. The LORD did not **set his affection on you** and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. **But it was because the LORD loved you** and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his **covenant of love** to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.*
(Deuteronomy 7:6-9)



IDENTITY

I am **His**. And He is **with me**.

My beloved is mine and I am his (Song of Songs 2:16a)



IDENTITY

Love is the mark of God's people. We soak in His love to reflect who He is.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16)



RALLYING POINT

In the battle, God calls us to continually return to His “banqueting house” to receive His love. It is a place of **refreshing, encounter, rest, provision, safety** and **joy**.

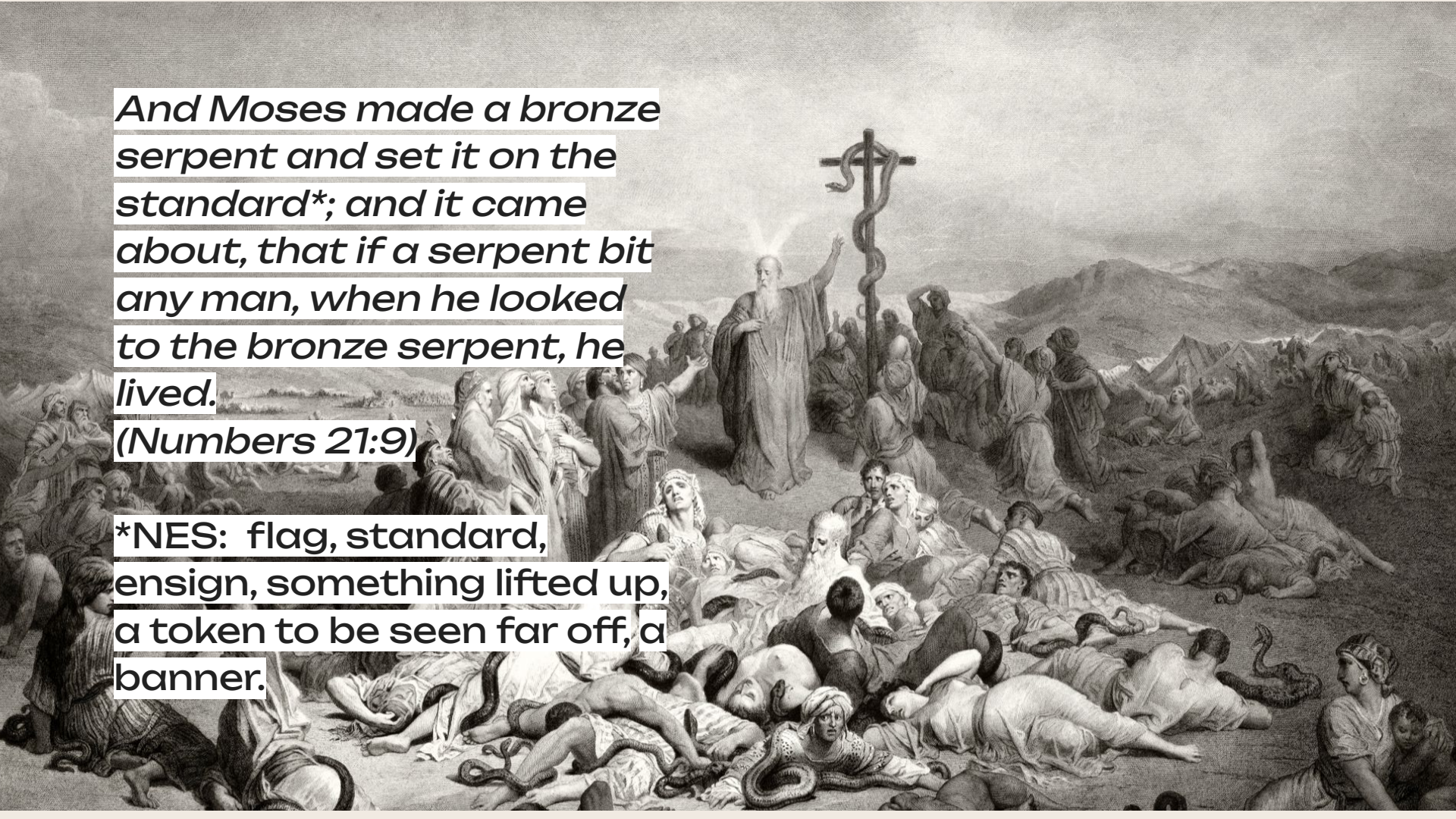
(SOS 2:4-6, Ps 23:5, Ps 32:6-10)



And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.*

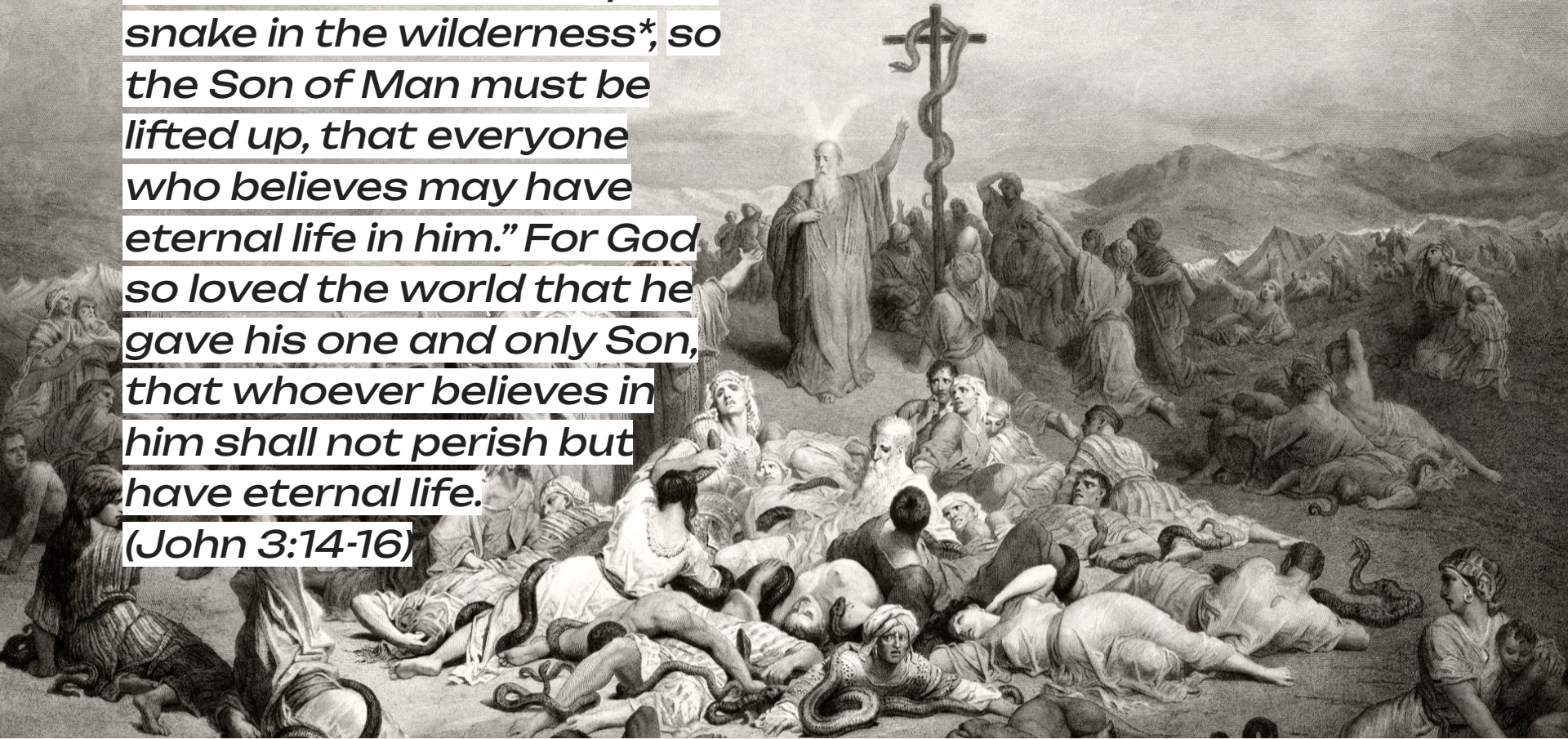
(Numbers 21:9)

**NES: flag, standard, ensign, something lifted up, a token to be seen far off, a banner.*



Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

(John 3:14-16)





THE CROSS

The **cross** is the clearest, most public expression of God's heart toward us. It is His banner of love over us.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends

(John 15:13)

But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:7)

A deep space photograph of a starry night sky. The background is a dense field of stars of various colors and magnitudes. A faint constellation is visible, with several bright stars connected by thin lines. The text "His banner over me is LOVE." is overlaid at the bottom in a white, sans-serif font.

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