

Joshua

The Story of
The Promise-Keeping God

1 After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites."

– Joshua 1:1-2



Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are.

– 1 Corinthians 5:7



THE STORY SO FAR

- **Gen 1:1** – God created everything, so He owns everything.
- **Gen 2** – God makes a special place for His presence to be with His people—in Eden, in the garden.
- **Gen 3** – Sin enters, and humanity is exiled away from the presence of God from the garden.
- **Gen 3:15** – God's promise of the seed of the woman who would crush the serpent's head.
- **Gen. 12** – God's promise to Abraham and his descendants of a land.
- **Gen. 50** – Abraham's descendants have come to Egypt to escape a famine.
- **Exodus** – God's people are enslaved in Egypt. God calls Moses to be His instrument to bring His people out. God redeems His people out of slavery.
- **Exodus 33** – Because of the idolatrous Golden Calf, God threatens to send them to the land without His presence. Moses intercedes on behalf of the people. God promises His presence will go.
- **Numbers** – Israel comes near to Canaan—the Promised Land—so Moses sends 12 spies to scout it. All but two—Joshua & Caleb—report the impossibility of taking the land. So, God declares that generation won't enter the land.
- **Deuteronomy** – The next generation, along with Moses, Joshua, and Caleb, stand on the banks of the Jordan, ready to cross over into the land. Moses reaffirms the Law to the new generation and urges covenant loyalty to God as they enter the Promised Land. By the end, Moses dies.



JOSHUA ECHOES THE EXODUS

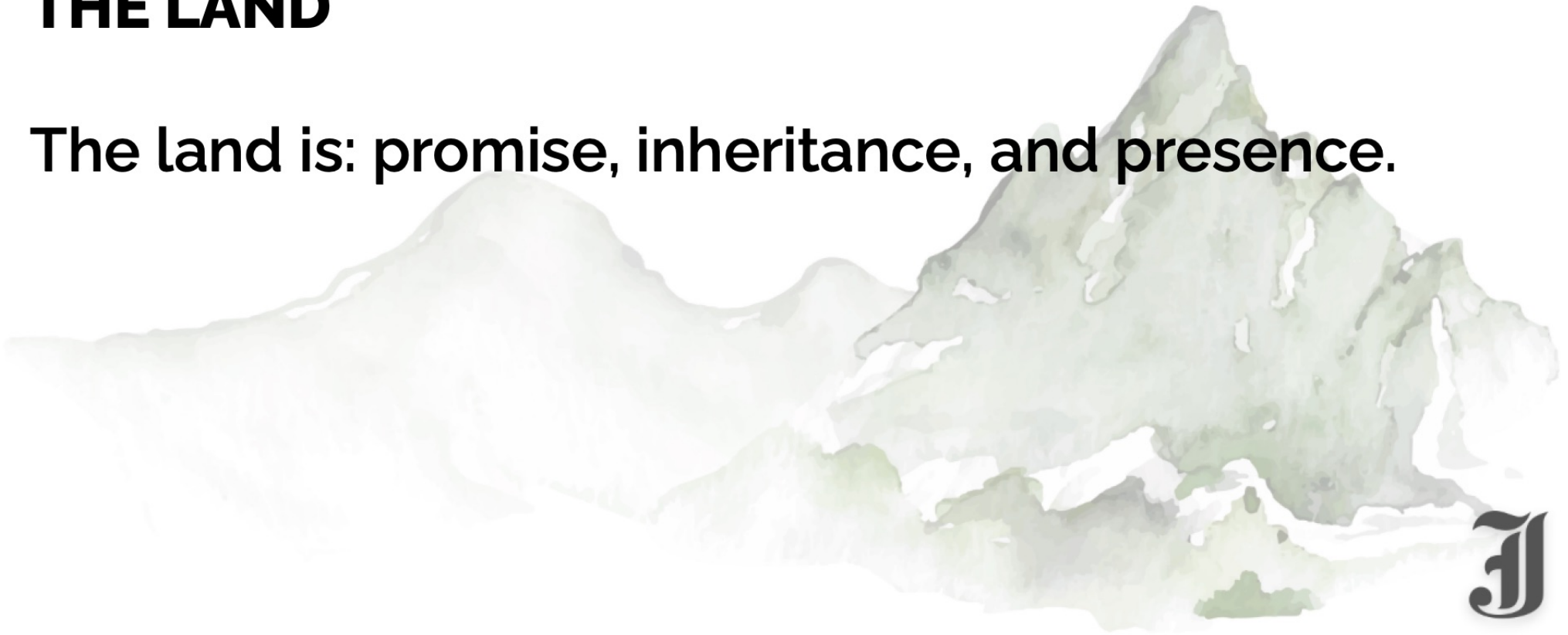
Two examples:

- 1. Joshua echoes Moses**
- 2. The parting of the Jordan River echoes the parting of the Red Sea**



THE LAND

The land is: promise, inheritance, and presence.



WHAT ABOUT THE CONQUEST?

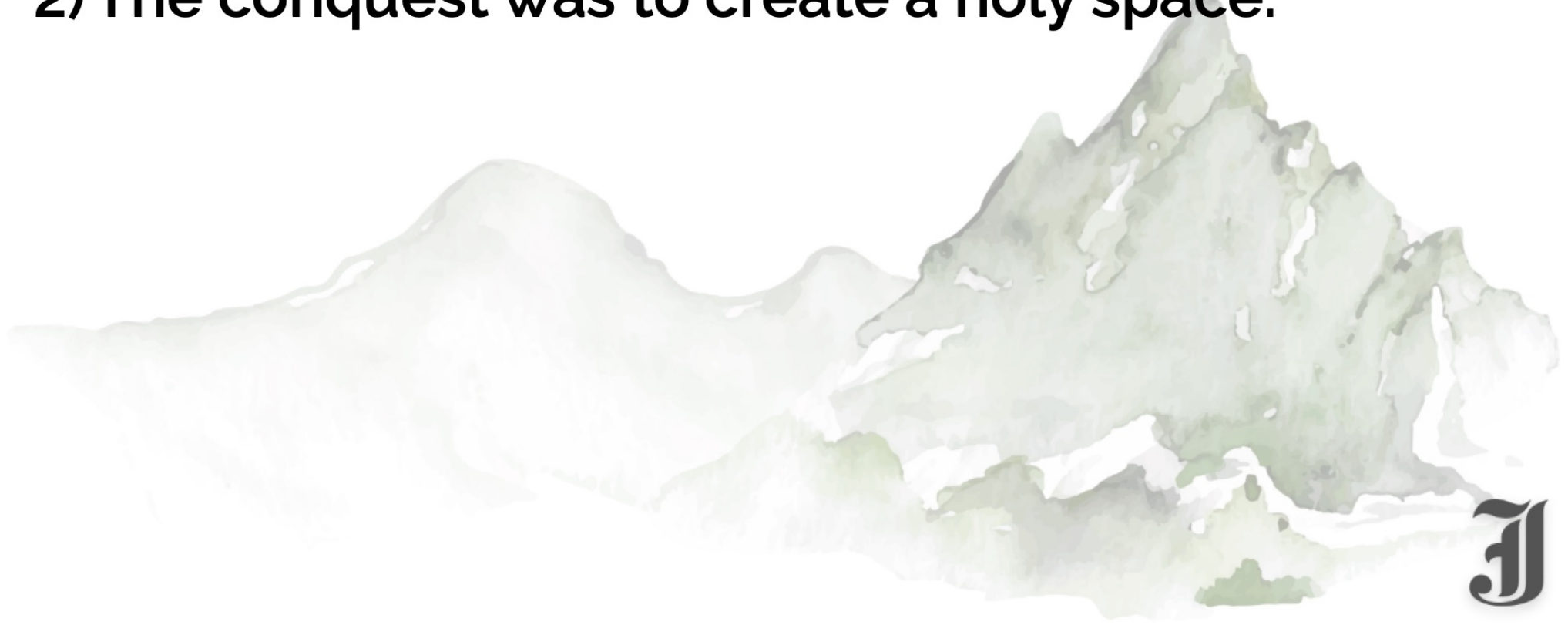


Nine considerations to help frame the conquest:

1) This was God's land.



2) The conquest was to create a holy space.



3) God's judgment was just in the conquest.



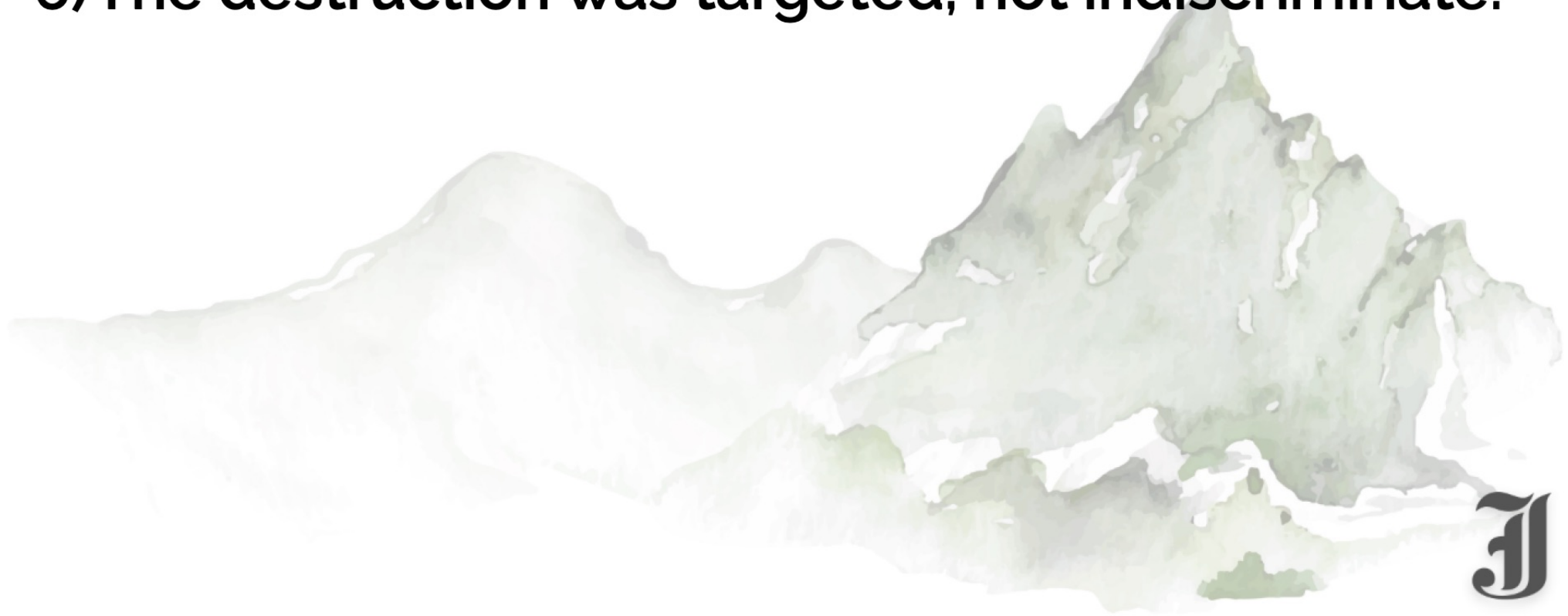
4) God's judgement wasn't partial in the conquest.



5) The conquest wasn't a blanket command to destroy all peoples.



6) The destruction was targeted, not indiscriminate.



7) The conquest wasn't Israel's power on display, it was God's.



8) This was a unique moment in redemptive history.

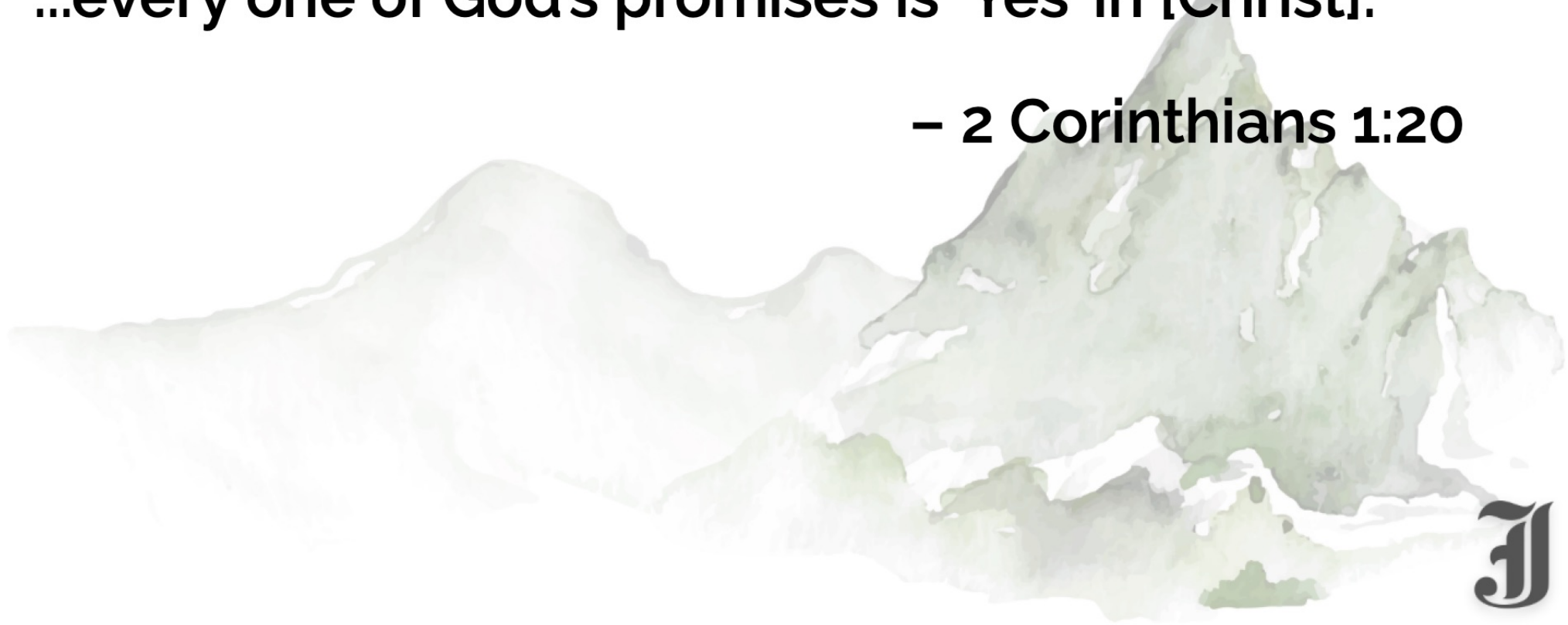


9) The conquest was a preview of the final judgement.



...every one of God's promises is 'Yes' in [Christ].

– 2 Corinthians 1:20



Jesus is the true Israelite. (Mt 2:15; 4:1-11; Jn 15:1)

Jesus is the greater Moses. (Mt. 5:1; Hb 3:1-6)

Jesus is the Passover Lamb. (Jn 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7)

Jesus is the manna from heaven. (Jn 6:32-35)

Jesus is the true tabernacle. (Jn 1:14; 2:19-21; Mt. 12:6)

Jesus is the better Joshua. (Mt 28:18-20; Hb 4:8-10)

And so much more.



From garden to garden to garden—Eden to Canaan to the new Jerusalem—God is unfolding His plan for His presence to be in His place with His people forever.

