

Joshua

The Story of
The Promise-Keeping God

Judges 2:8-10 Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110. ⁹ They buried him in the territory of his inheritance, in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰ That whole generation was also gathered to their ancestors. After them another generation rose up who did not know the LORD or the works he had done for Israel.



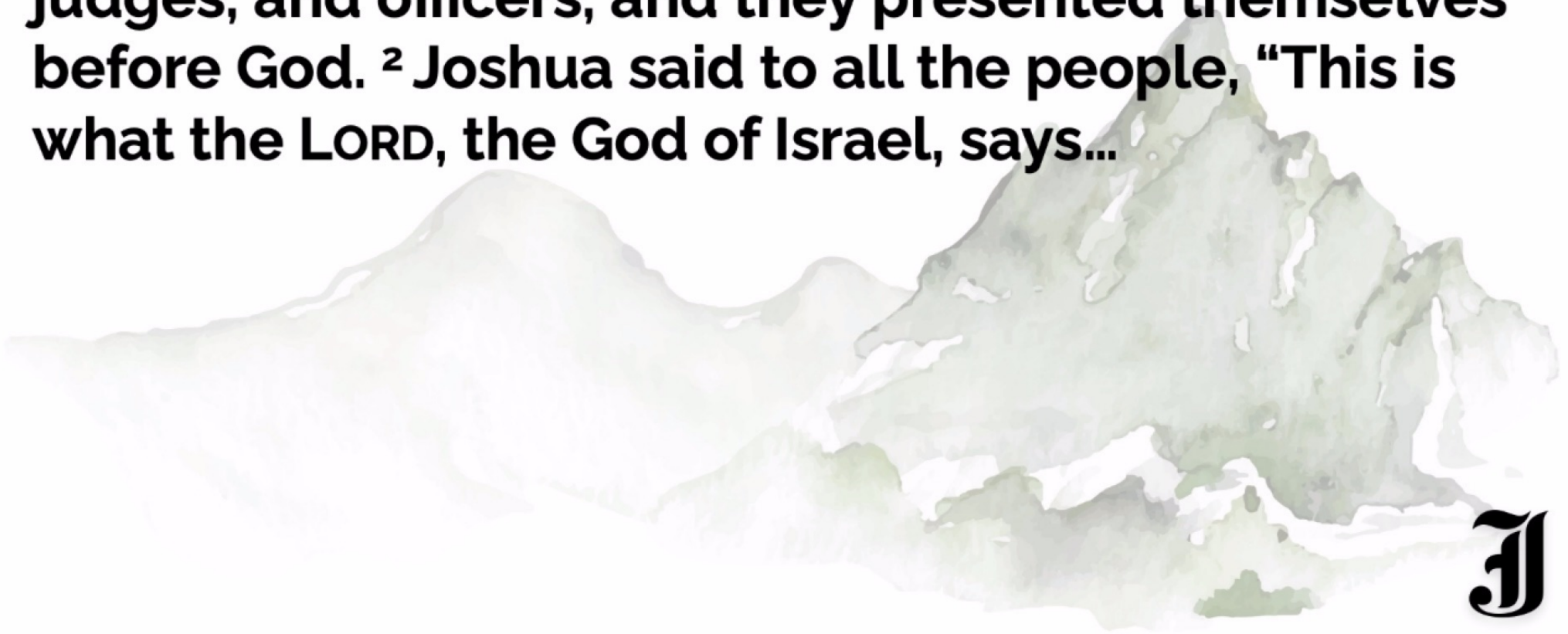
Judges 2:11-13 The Israelites did what was evil in the LORD's sight. They worshiped the Baals ¹² and abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed other gods from the surrounding peoples and bowed down to them. They angered the LORD, ¹³ for they abandoned him and worshiped Baal and the Ashtoreths.



1 Corinthians 10:6 These things took place as examples for us, so that we will not desire evil things as they did.



24:1-2a Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and summoned Israel's elders, leaders, judges, and officers, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says..."



**24:2-4 "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:
'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father
of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates
River and worshiped other gods. ³ But I took your
father Abraham from the region beyond the
Euphrates River, led him throughout the land of
Canaan, and multiplied his descendants. I gave him
Isaac, ⁴ and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave the
hill country of Seir to Esau as a possession. Jacob
and his sons, however, went down to Egypt.**



Genesis 4:4 **Eve** also gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel became a shepherd of flocks, but Cain **worked** the ground.



24:5-13 I sent Moses and Aaron, and I defeated Egypt by what I did within it, and afterward I brought you out. ⁶ When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and you reached the Red Sea, the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen as far as the sea. ⁷ Your ancestors cried out to the LORD, so he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea over them, engulfing them. Your own eyes saw what I did to Egypt. After that, you lived in the wilderness a long time...



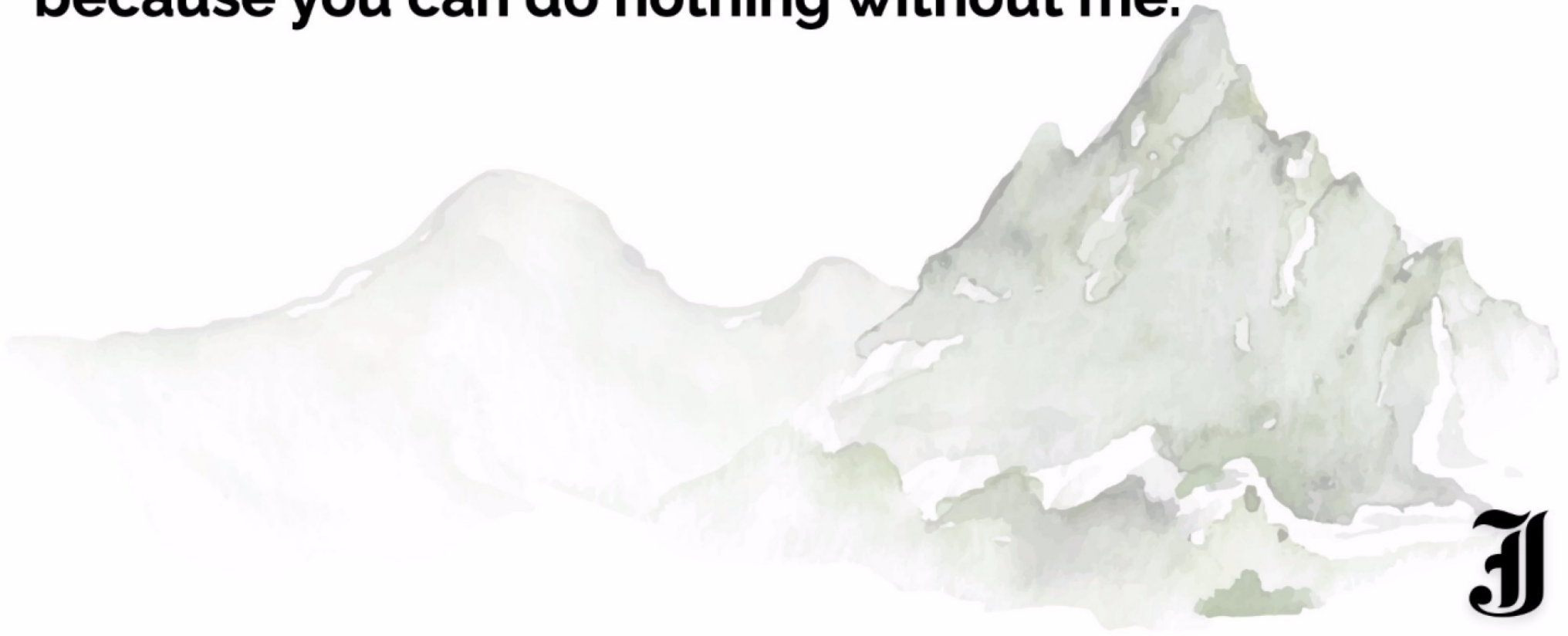
⁸ “ ‘Later, I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan. They fought against you, but I handed them over to you. You possessed their land, and I annihilated them before you. ⁹ Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent for Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to Balaam. Instead, he repeatedly blessed you, and I rescued you from him...



¹¹ “ ‘You then crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. Jericho's citizens—as well as the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hethites, Girgashites, Hivites, and Jebusites—fought against you, but I handed them over to you. ¹² I sent hornets’ ahead of you, and they drove out the two Amorite kings before you. It was not by your sword or bow. ¹³ I gave you a land you did not labor for, and cities you did not build, though you live in them; you are eating from vineyards and olive groves you did not plant.’



John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.



24:14-21 "Therefore, fear the LORD and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the LORD. ¹⁵ But if it doesn't please you to worship the LORD, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the LORD."...



¹⁶ The people replied, “We will certainly not abandon the LORD to worship other gods! ¹⁷ For the LORD our God brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery, and performed these great signs before our eyes. He also protected us all along the way we went and among all the peoples whose lands we traveled through.

¹⁸ The LORD drove out before us all the peoples, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will worship the LORD, because he is our God.”...



¹⁹ But Joshua told the people, “You will not be able to worship the LORD, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions and sins. ²⁰ If you abandon the LORD and worship foreign gods, he will turn against you, harm you, and completely destroy you, after he has been good to you.”

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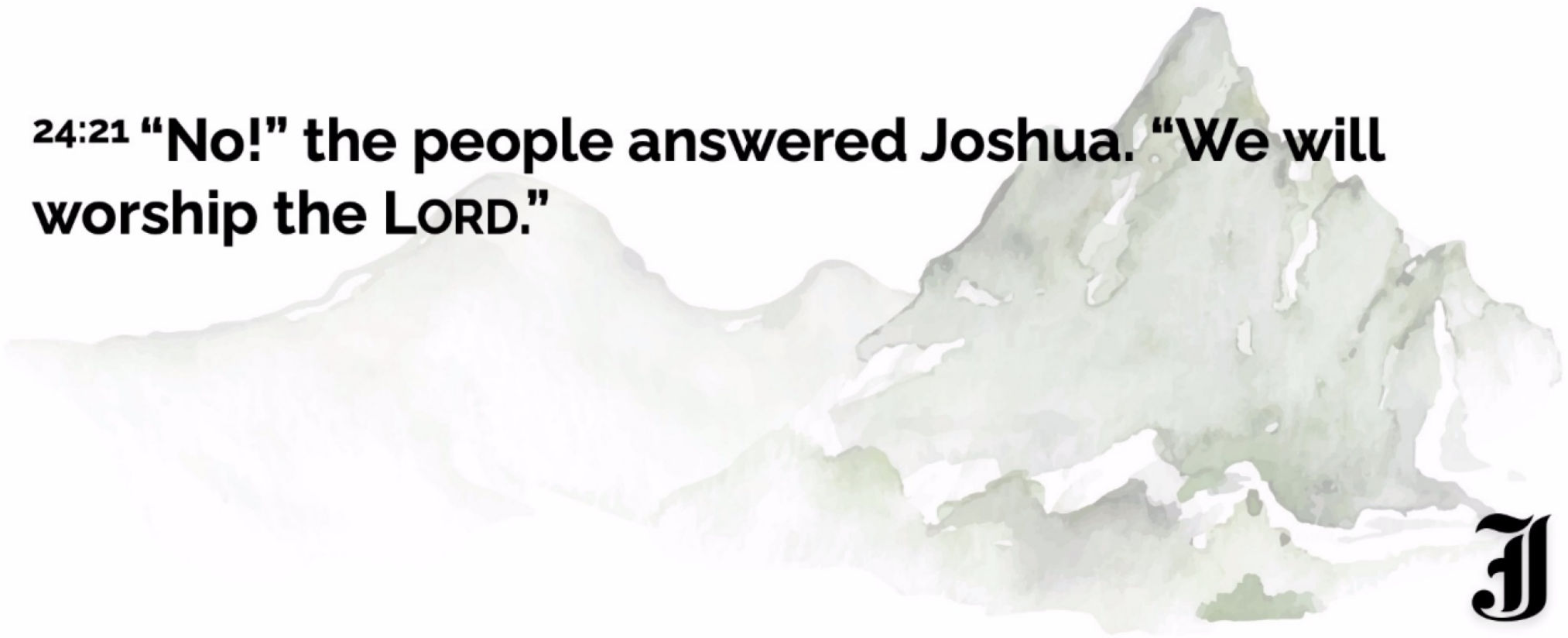


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24:22-24 Joshua then told the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you yourselves have chosen to worship the LORD.” “We are witnesses,” they said.

23 “Then get rid of the foreign gods that are among you and turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

24 So the people said to Joshua, “We will worship the LORD our God and obey him.”



1 Corinthians 10:11-12 These things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our instruction, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall.



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Israel has been able to serve such gods. She could build images for them, dress them, perfume them, build a house for them, bring sacrifices to feed them, carry them in processions, even bury them in appropriate moments... For the common worshipers, it was certainly within their possibilities to serve the gods they knew, indeed, to serve several of them simultaneously. Joshua has detected this in the response of the people. They see God as the one who is bound to protect them along their way, so they can protect him by serving him. But Joshua demands a service with deeper motivation. He wants service based on the nature of God himself. *Trent Butler*



Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord.



Your past profession does not compare to the pattern of your present living. Are you trusting in Jesus Christ and depending on Him today? When His Spirit convicts you of an idol that you're hiding and still craving, are you eager to bury it and run to Jesus? When following Jesus seems hard and you may even suffer like Jesus in following Him, do you still cling to Him?



Joshua 24:29-33 After these things, the LORD's servant, Joshua son of Nun, died at the age of 110. ³⁰ They buried him in his allotted territory at Timnath-serah, in the hill country of Ephraim north of Mount Gaash.

³¹ Israel worshiped the LORD throughout Joshua's lifetime and during the lifetimes of the elders who outlived Joshua and who had experienced all the works the LORD had done for Israel...

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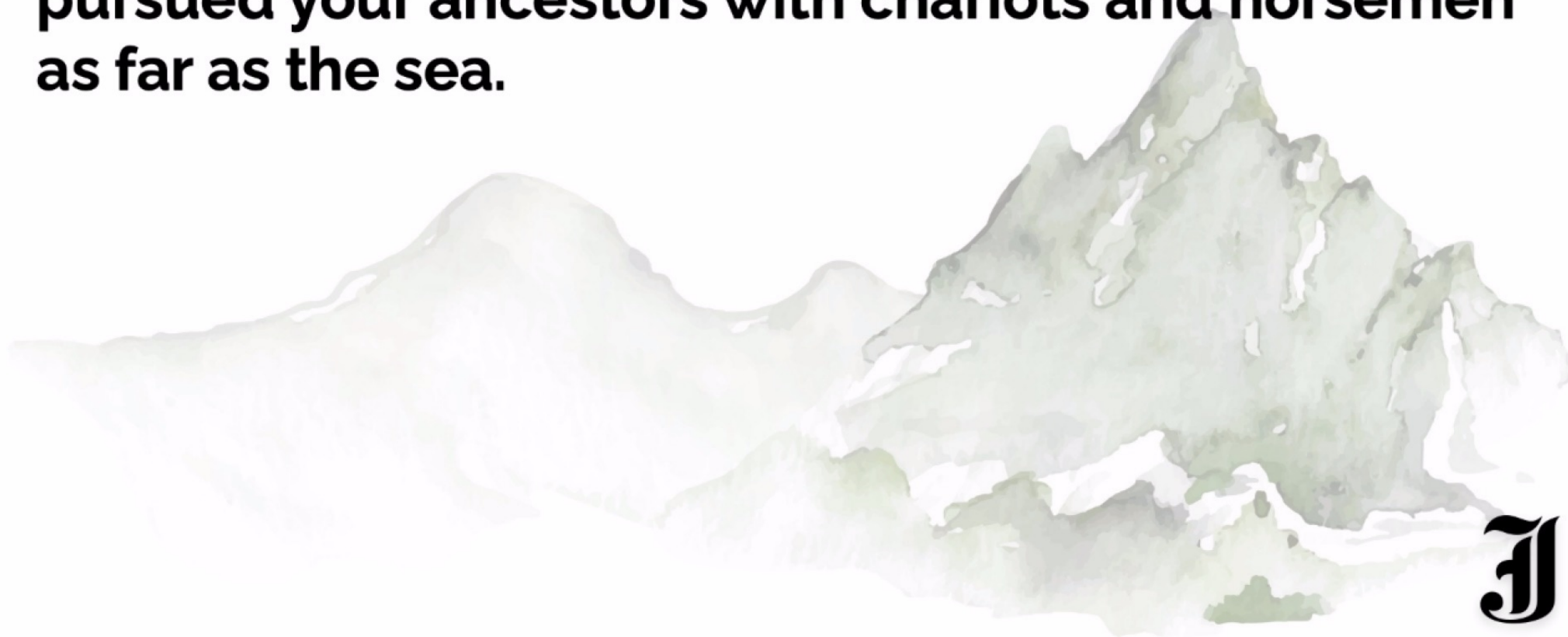


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³³ And Eleazar son of Aaron died, and they buried him at Gibeah, which had been given to his son Phinehas in the hill country of Ephraim.



Joshua 24:6 When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt
and you reached the Red Sea, the Egyptians
pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen
as far as the sea.



Hebrews 12:1 **Therefore**, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us.

