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Genre: Prophetic Literature

- history and theology
- re-description
- Yahweh as key player



Audience:

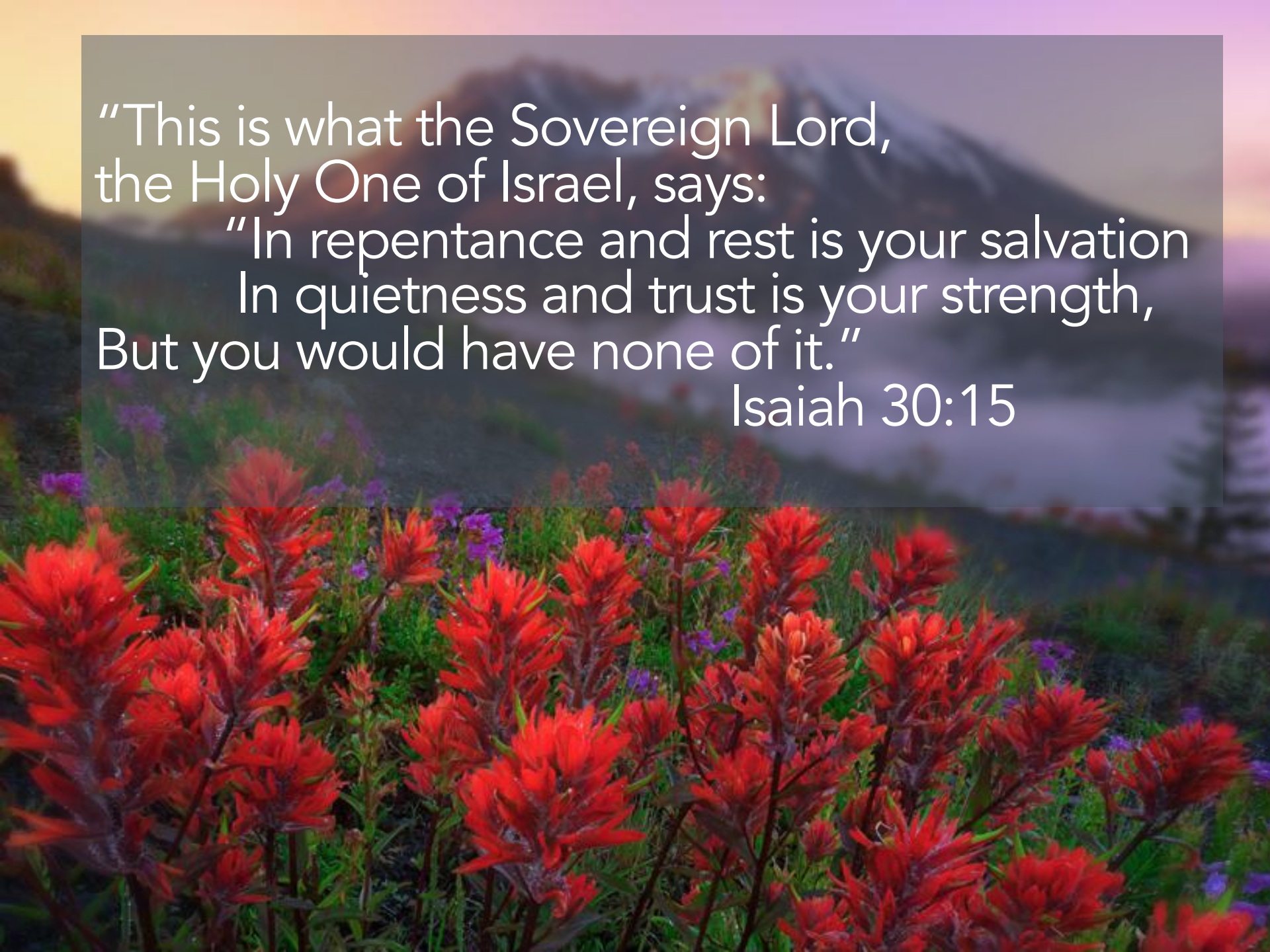
-8th Century BCE

Audience:

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- Kingdom of Judah
- King Hezekiah

To rely on the Holy one? Or gain strength from the nations?





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“salvation” - rescue in present
-collective

“strength” – might, courage
power, triumph

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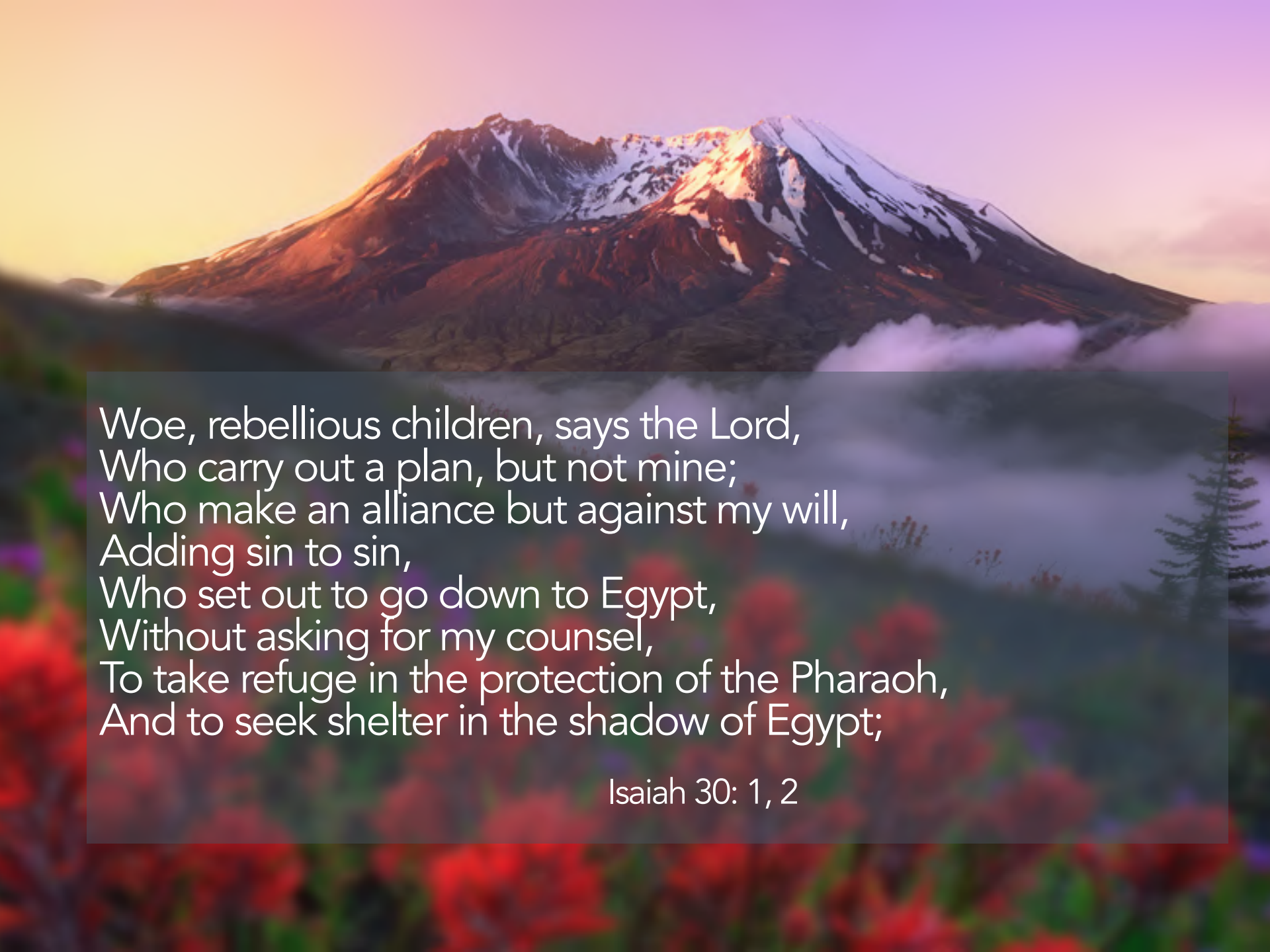
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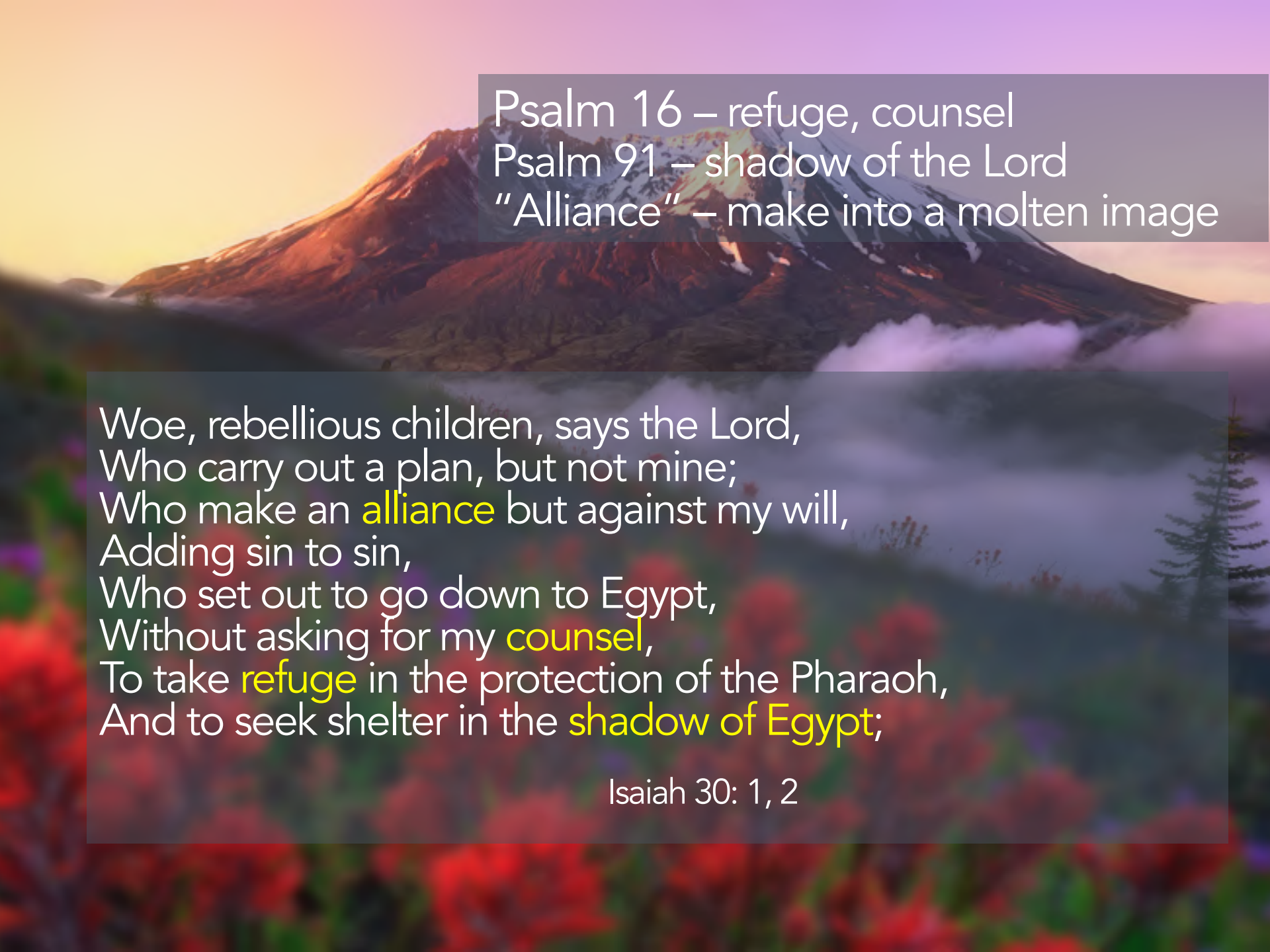
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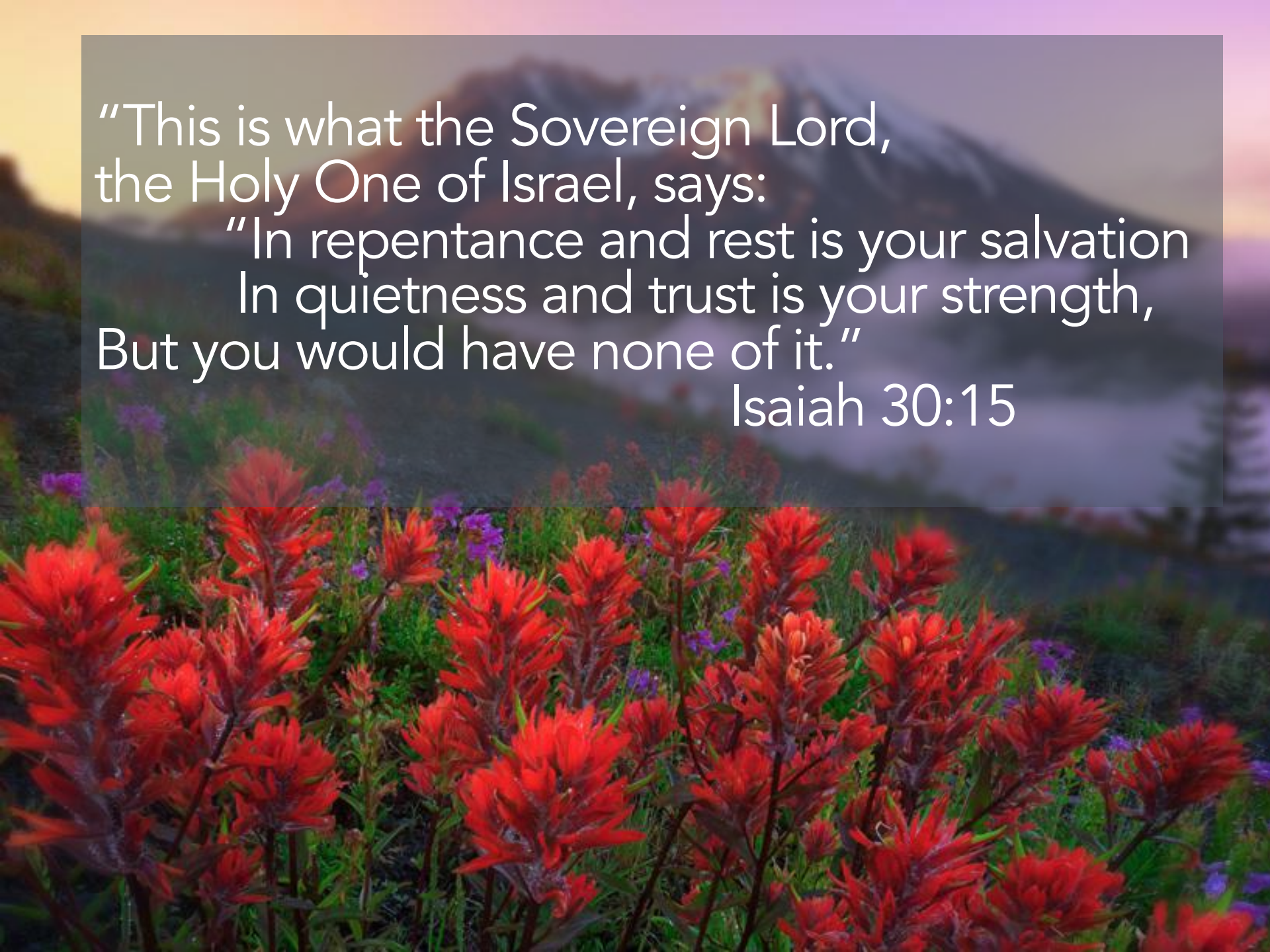
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Psalm 16 – refuge, counsel
Psalm 91 – shadow of the Lord
“Alliance” – make into a molten image

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“repentance” – a change in direction
- to return
-to re-think

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Effects of anxiety:

- triggers reactive behaviour
- survival
- scarce resources demand quick fix
- competition (we vs. them)
- black & white
- certainty
- imaginative gridlock
- sub-standard behaviour



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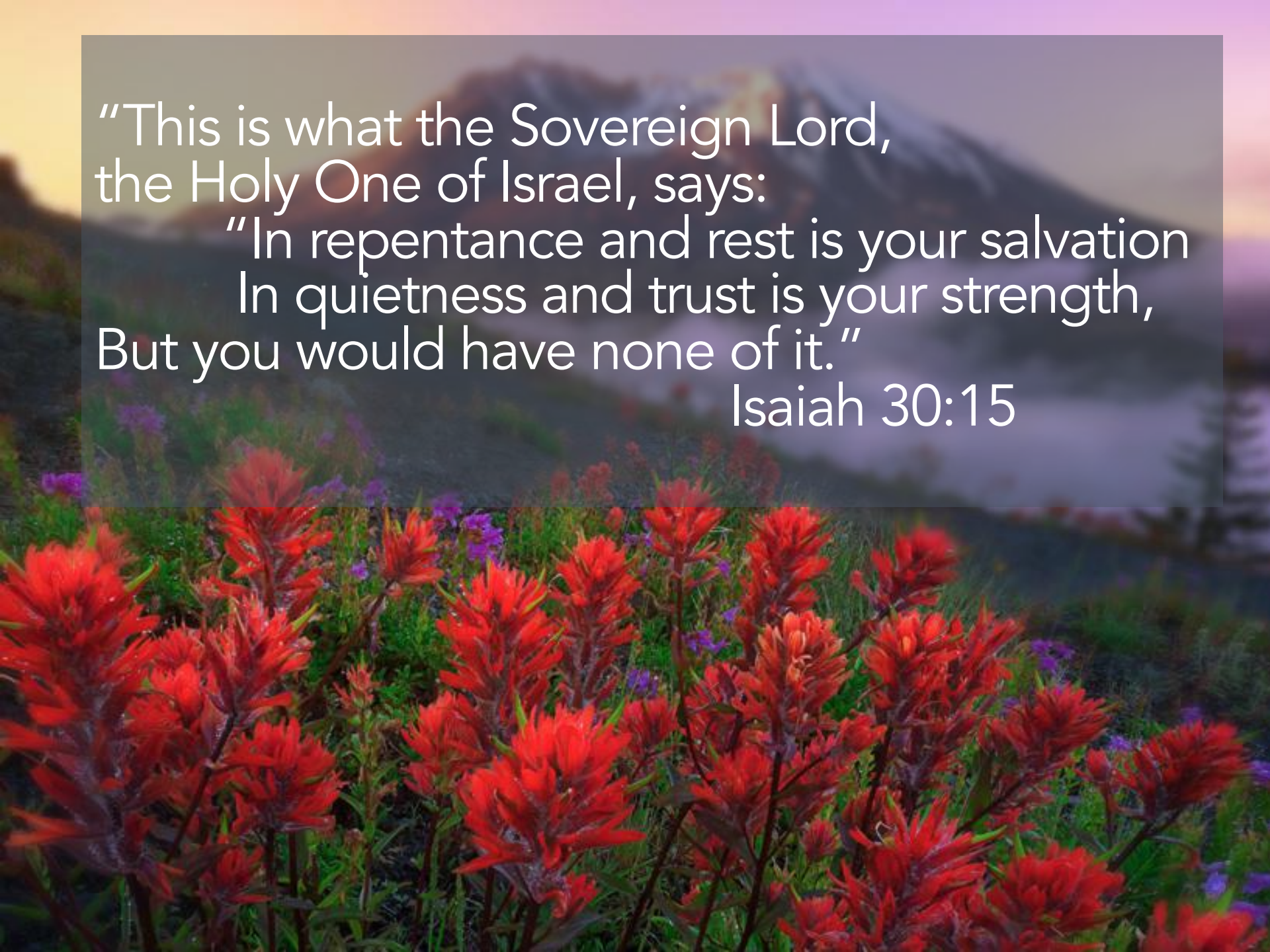
"Sabbath"

- an alternative to the world's economy
- 4th commandment
- God (1-3), Sabbath (4), Neighbour (5-10)

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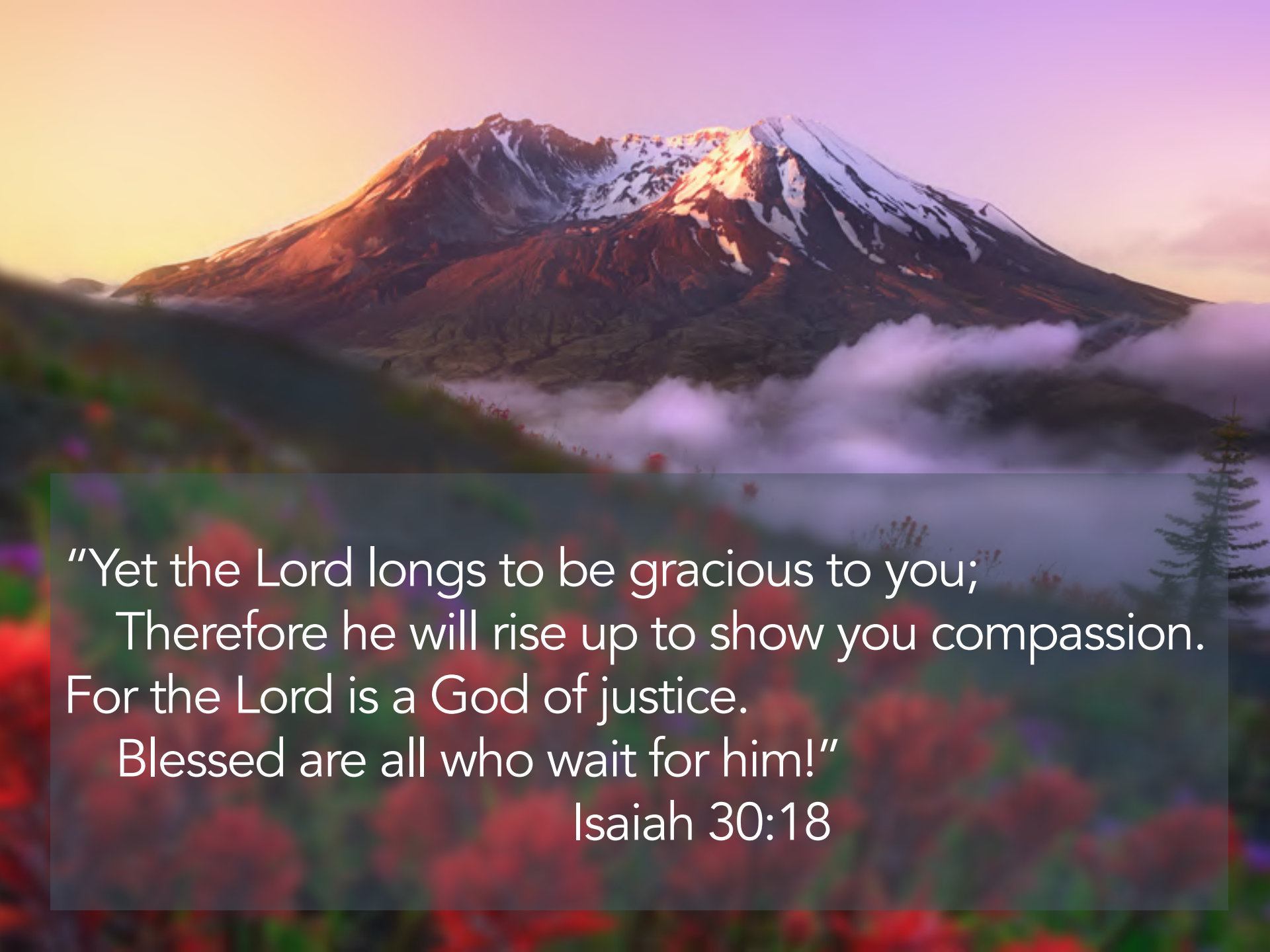
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“Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
Therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!”
Isaiah 30:18

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