

A golden field of wheat under a sunset sky with a windmill in the distance.

God's Great Provision

1 Kings 17:1-24

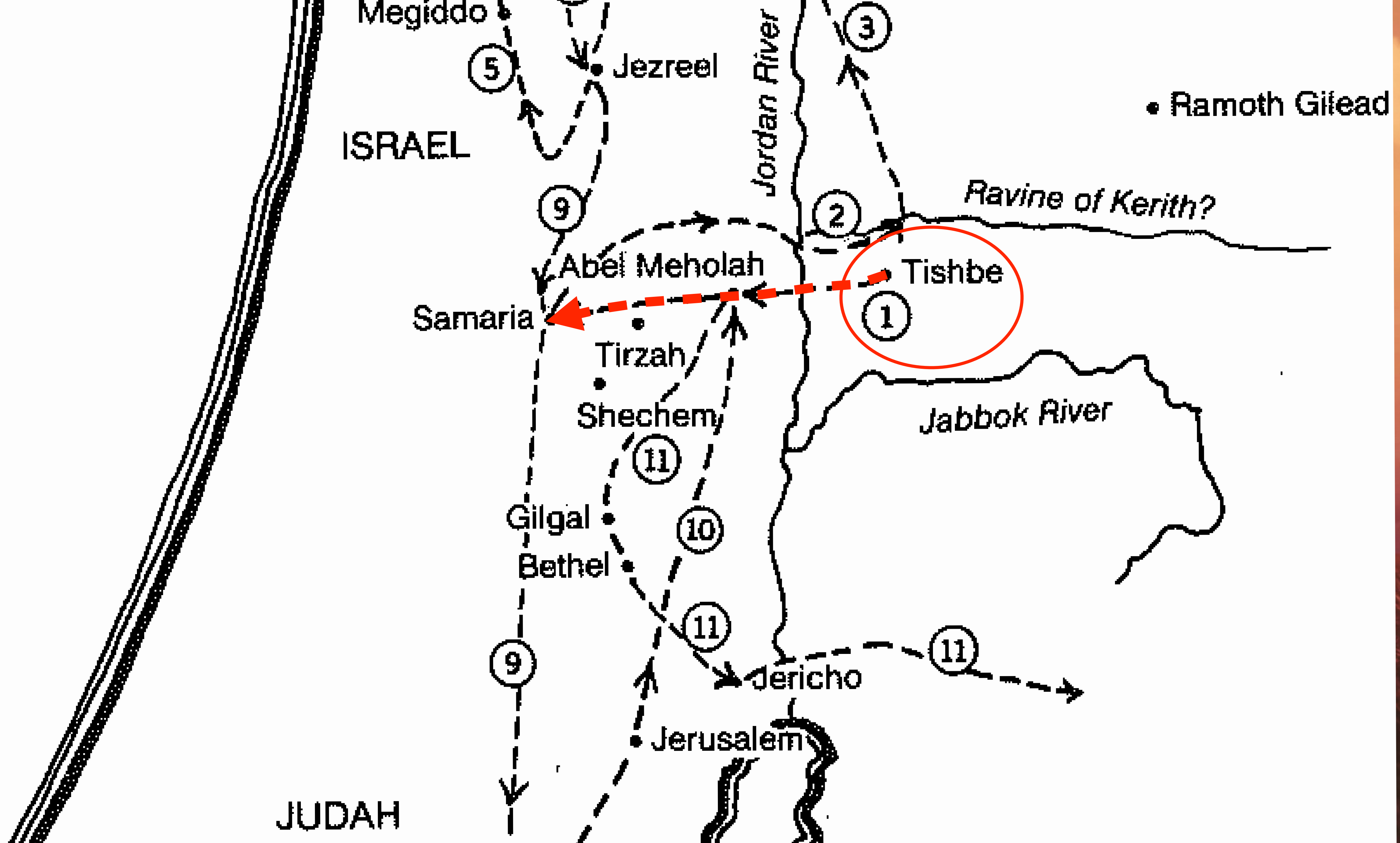
1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” 2 The word of the Lord came to him, saying, 3 “Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 4 It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.” 5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. 7 It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

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Elijah means "My God is Yahweh"

El=God

i =my

jah =abbreviated form of Yahweh



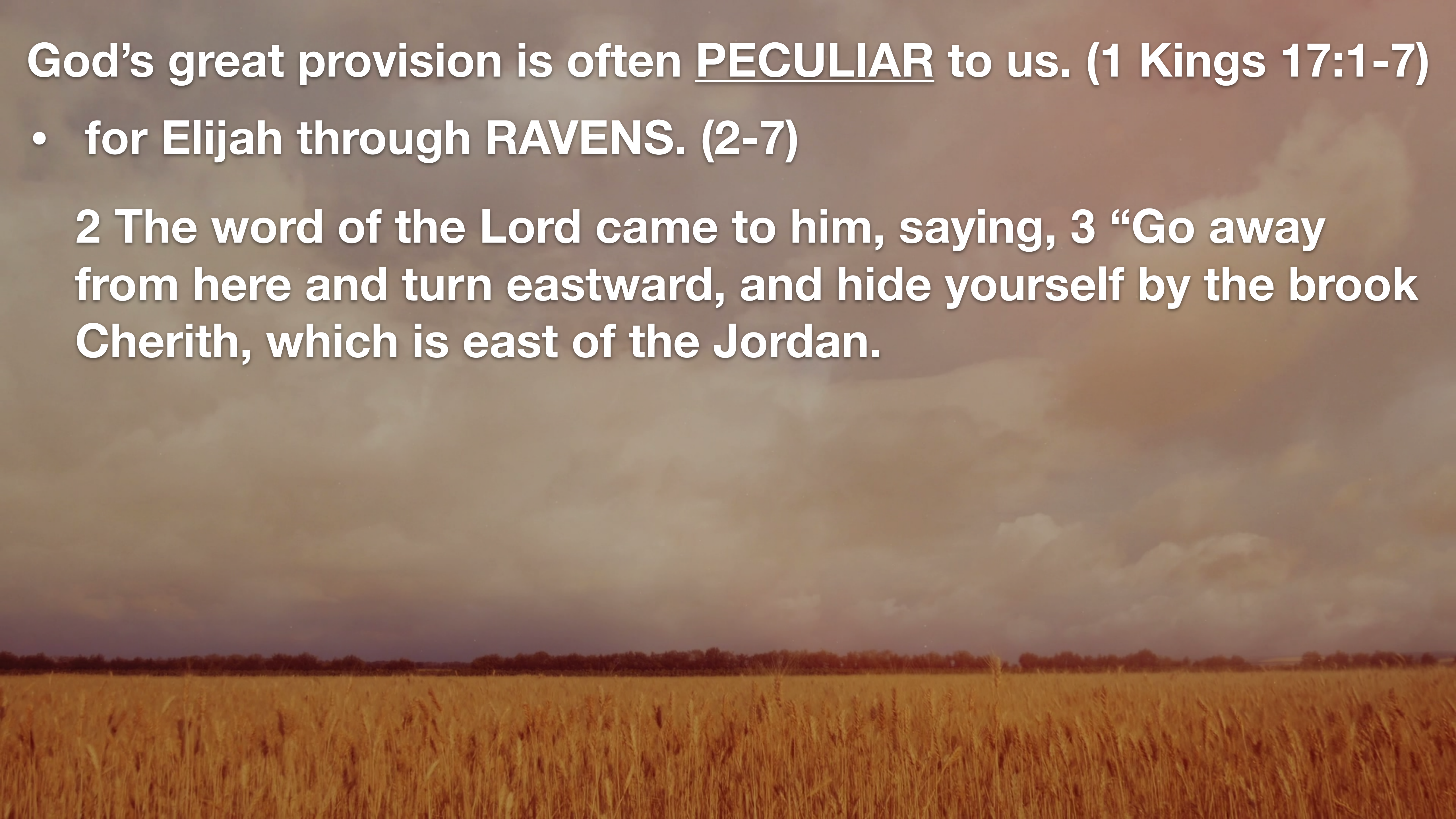
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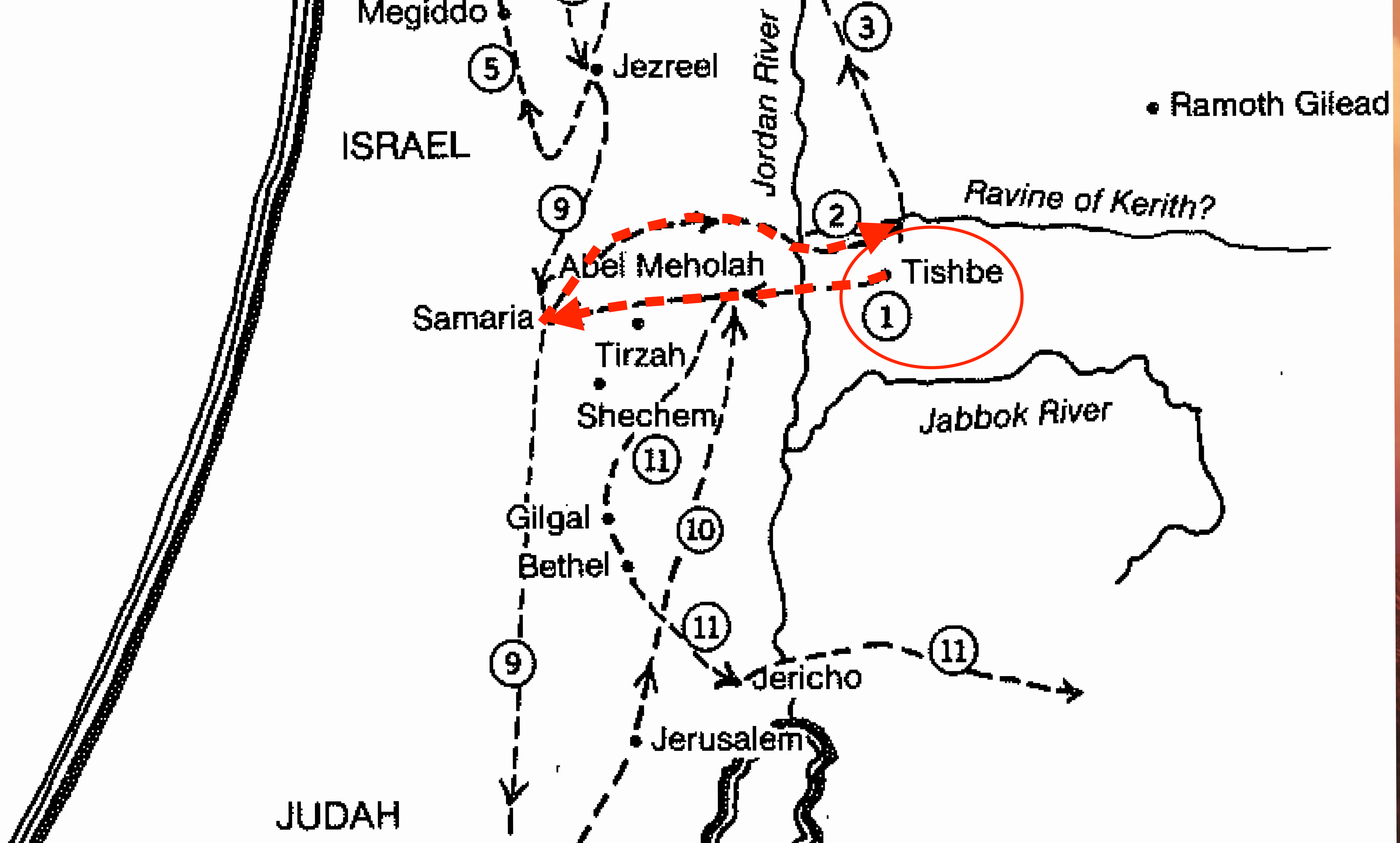
- through a humble church called to be a light for our God!

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- Ravens aren't known for their nurturing skills.

Job 38:41 "Who prepares for the raven its nourishment when its young cry to God and wander about without food?"

- *lehem* in Hebrew is translated "bread" here , but can mean food in general: such as nuts, berries, and more!

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- for our salvation through His Son on a cross!

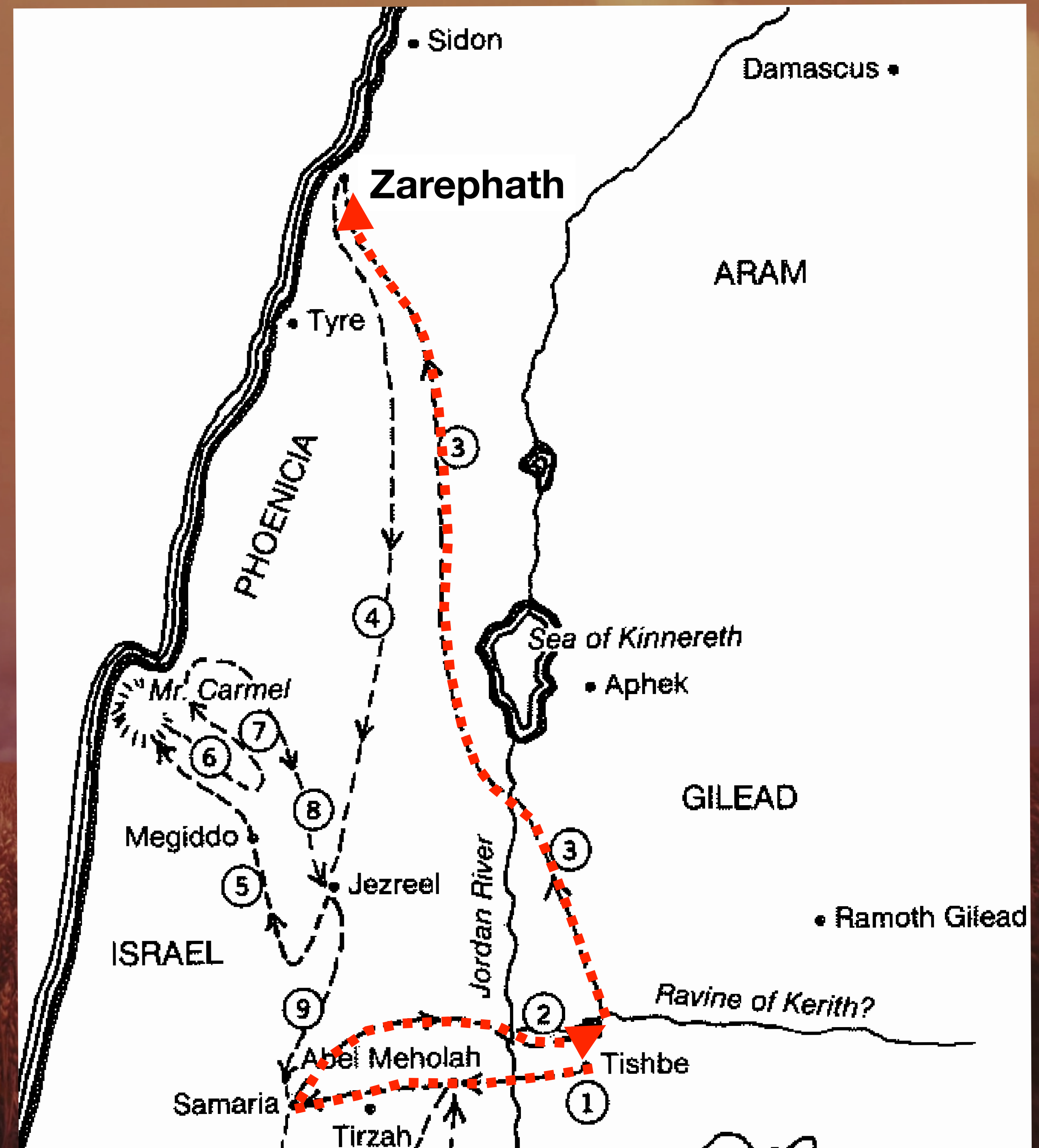
“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” -1 Corinthians 1:18



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1 Kings 17:8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”




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10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink." 11 As she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." 12 But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die."

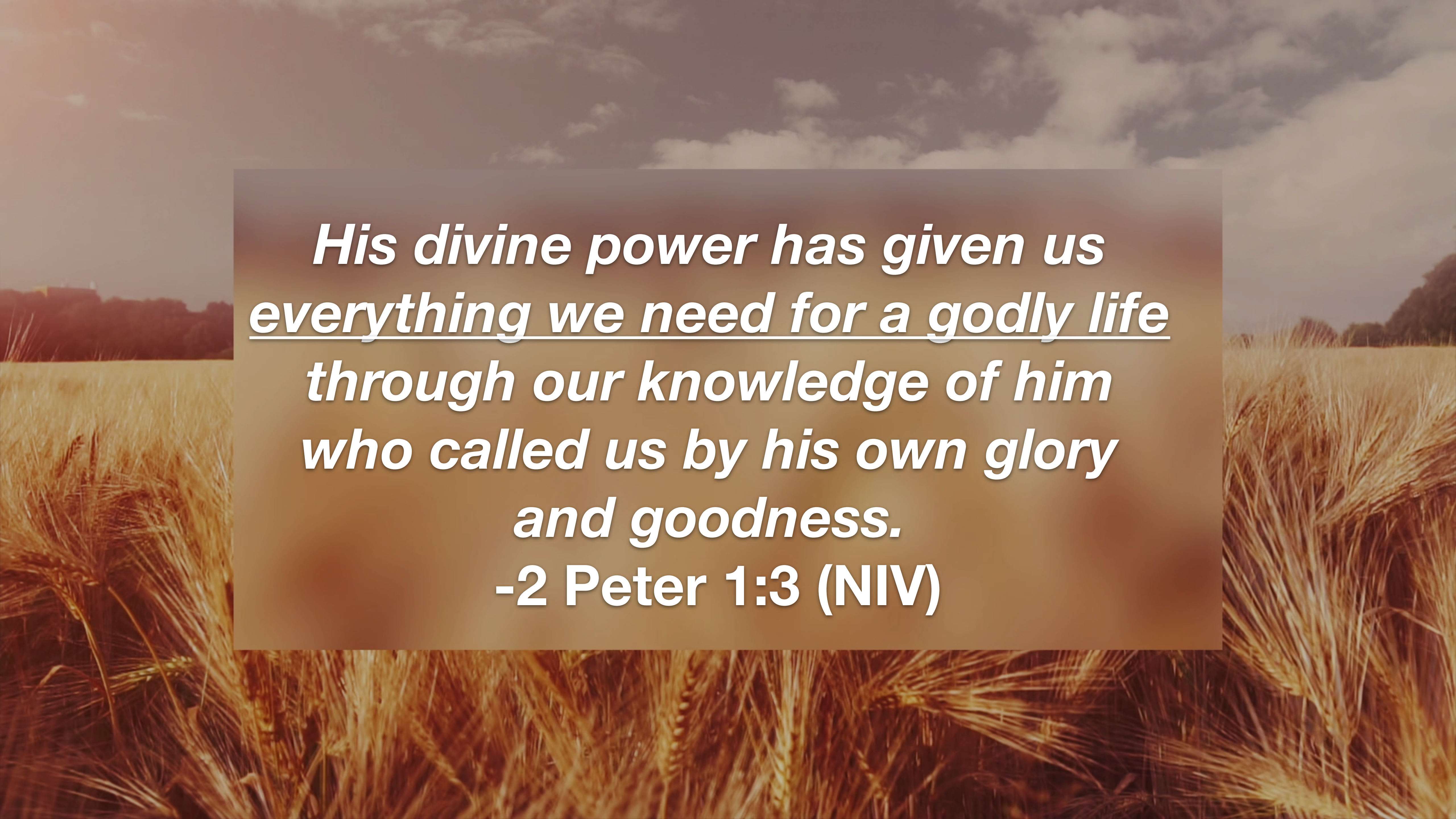
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13 Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring *it* out to me, and afterward you may make *one* for yourself and for your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" 15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. 16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Elijah.

A golden wheat field at sunset with a semi-transparent text box. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is slightly blurred. The text box is a solid dark brown color, providing a high contrast for the white text.

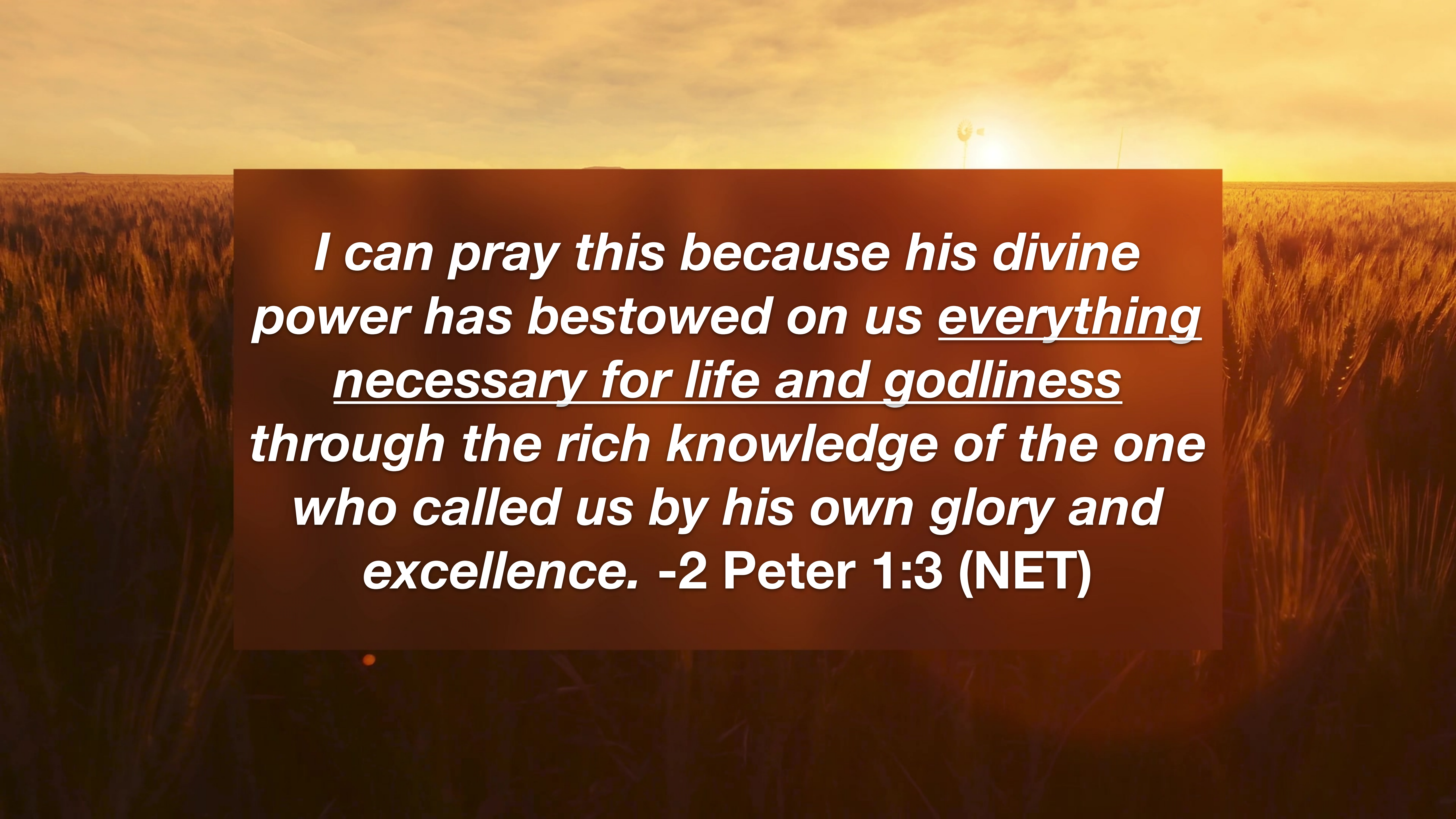
***And my God will meet
all your needs according
to his glorious riches
in Christ Jesus.***

-Philippians 4:19



***His divine power has given us
everything we need for a godly life
through our knowledge of him
who called us by his own glory
and goodness.***

-2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)



I can pray this because his divine power has bestowed on us everything necessary for life and godliness through the rich knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence. -2 Peter 1:3 (NET)

God's great provision is POWERFUL (1 Kings 17:17-24)

17 Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!" 19 He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. 20 He called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?"

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21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him." 22 The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived. 23 Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

A golden wheat field under a hazy, sunset sky. The wheat is in the foreground, and the sky is a mix of orange and yellow. The text is overlaid on the top part of the image.

God's great provision is POURED into receptive hands.

- **Elijah opened his hands to receive bread and meat through birds and a widow.**
- **The widow loosened her grip on her nearly empty jars to receive God's plenty.**
- **The Israelites needed to let go of idols to receive true satisfaction from the true God.**
- **We receive God's greatest provisions through simple faith in Christ alone!**

The word "Thirst" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The letters are formed with thick, expressive brushstrokes, giving it a hand-painted or calligraphic appearance. The color of the text is a gradient, starting with a deep blue on the left and transitioning through purple to a lighter, almost white, on the right. The background is a solid, dark navy blue.

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.” -John 6:35

God's great provisions are...(1 Kings 17)

- often PECULIAR to us. (v. 1-7)
- always PLENTIFUL (v. 8-16)
- POWERFUL beyond measure (v. 17-24)
- POURED out into receptive hands (v. 1-24)
 - John 1:12 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name*



