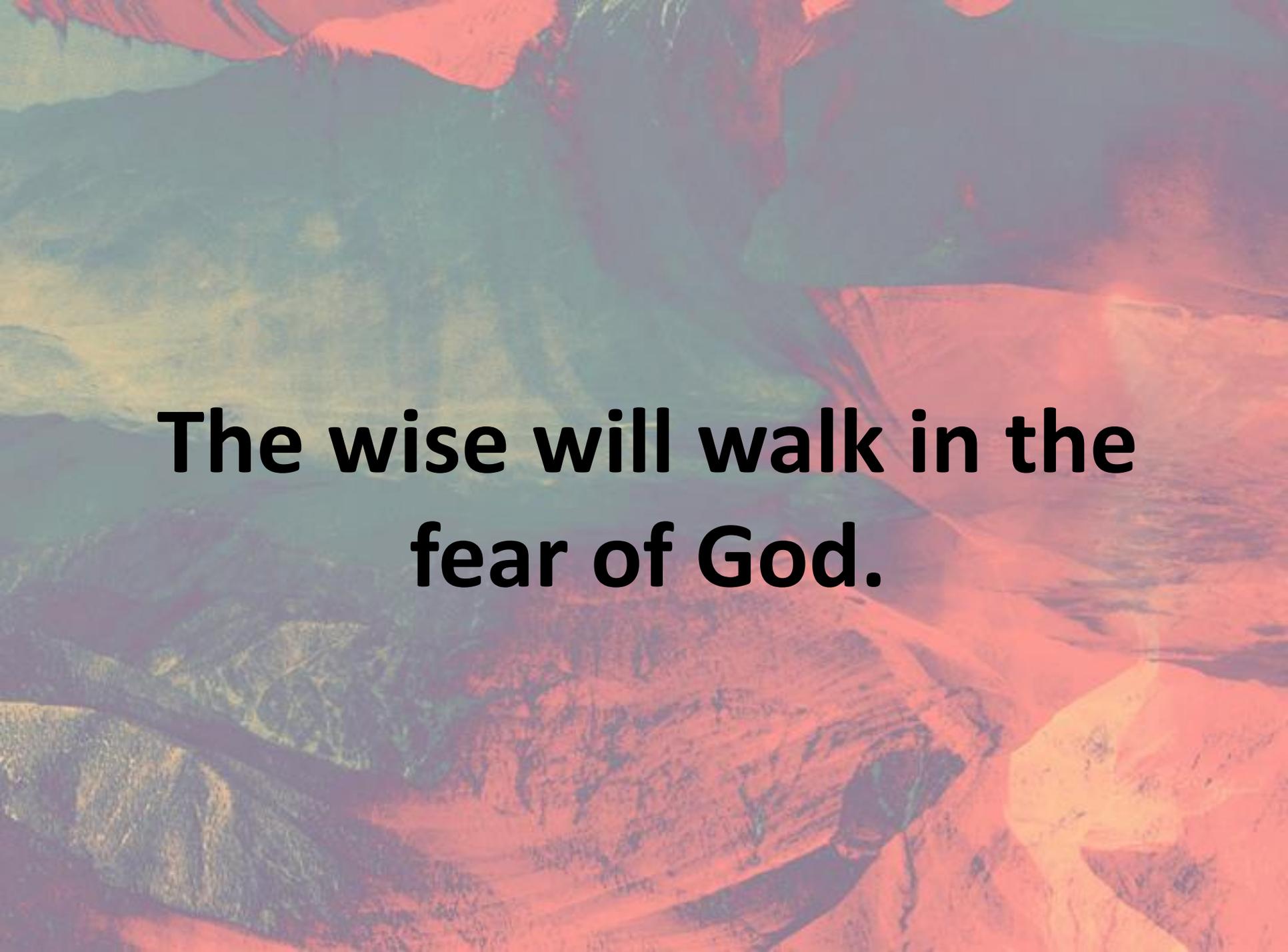




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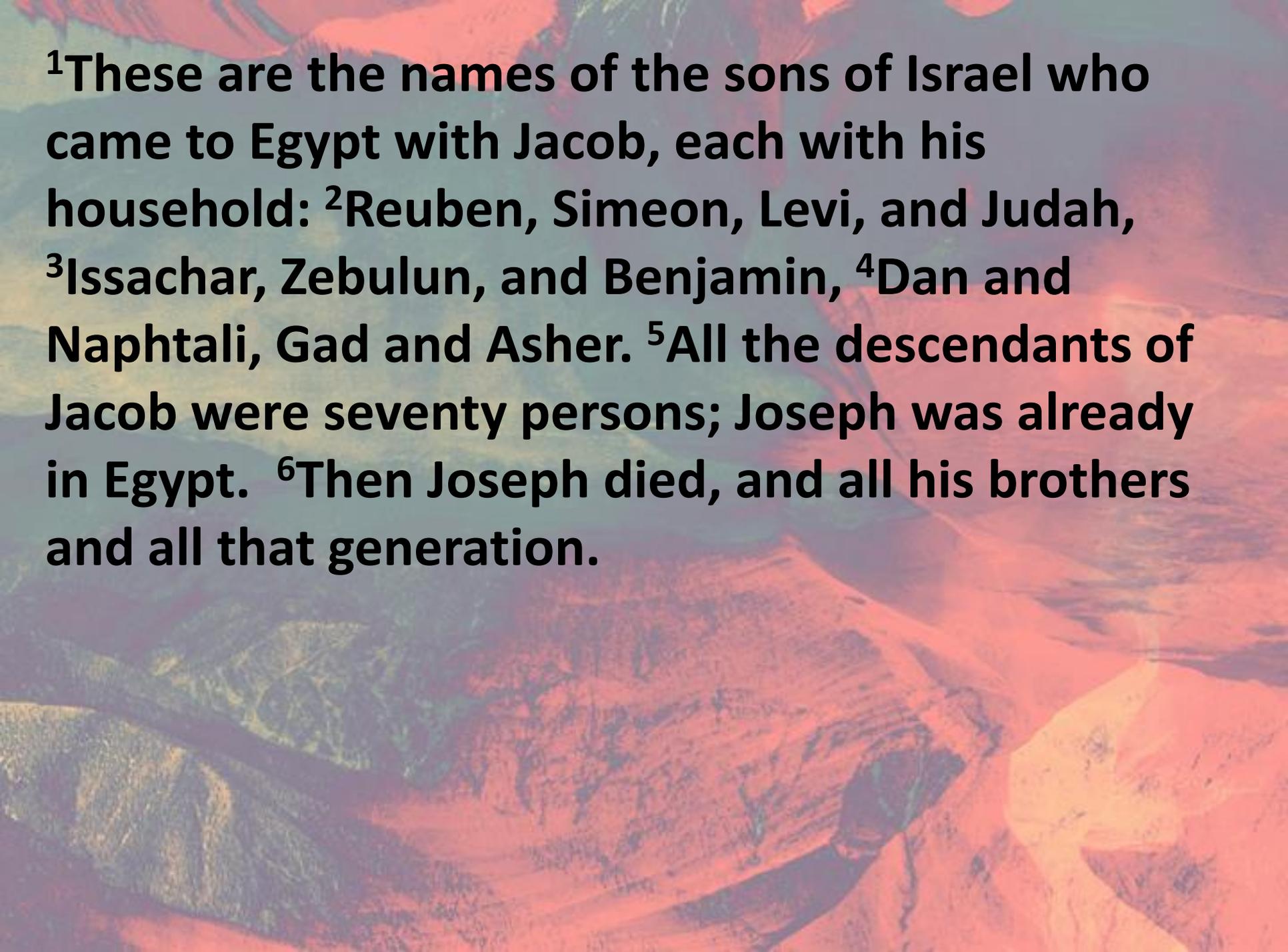
GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

An aerial photograph of a desert canyon, likely the Grand Canyon, showing a winding river through the deep, layered rock formations. The colors range from deep reds and oranges to lighter tan and yellowish hues. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**The wise will walk in the
fear of God.**

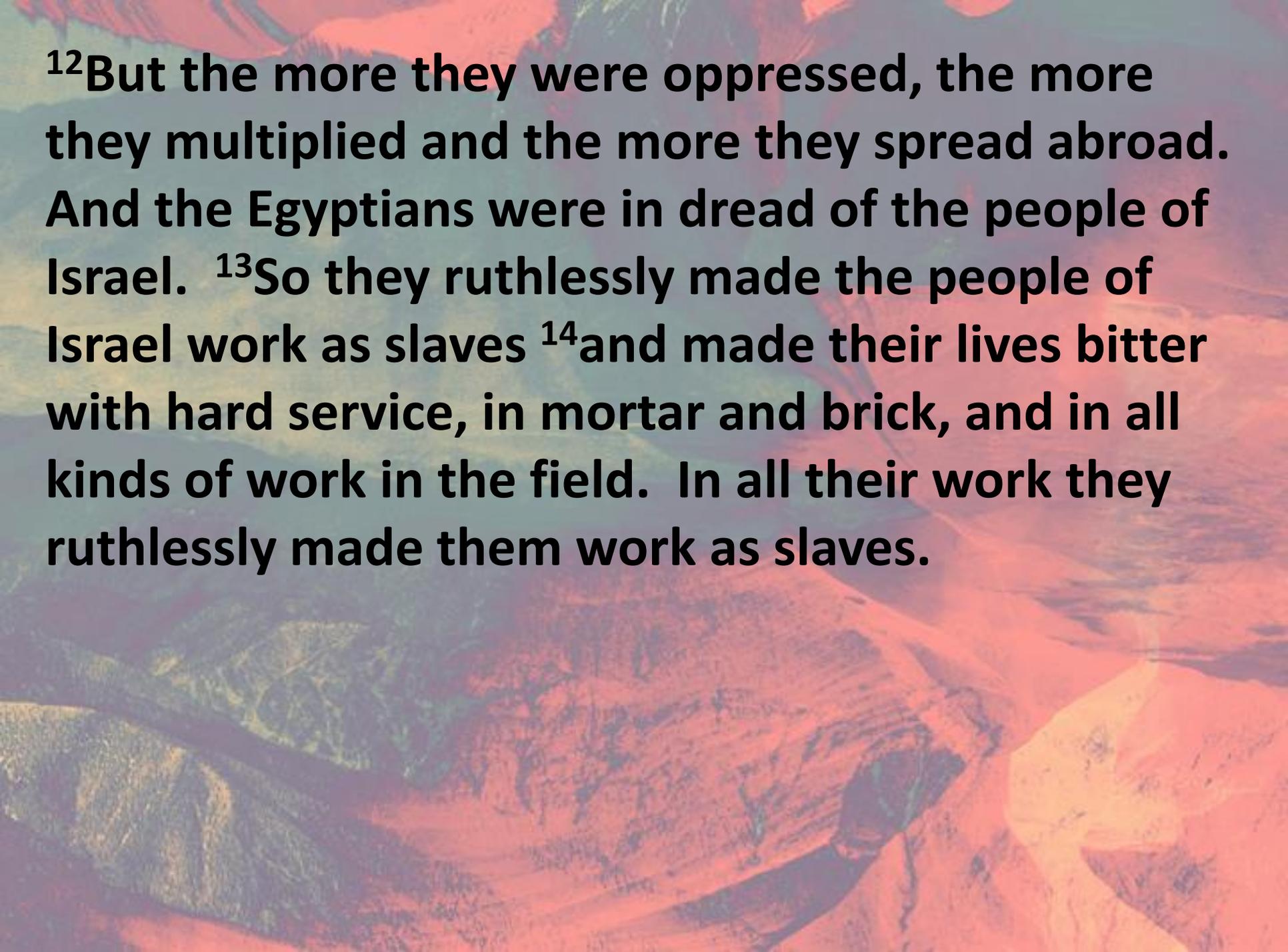
An aerial photograph of a desert canyon. The landscape is characterized by deep, winding canyons with steep, eroded walls. The sand dunes and canyon floors are a mix of vibrant red, orange, and yellow hues. Patches of green vegetation, likely scrub brush or small trees, are scattered throughout the canyon walls and floors, particularly in the lower elevations. The lighting creates strong shadows, emphasizing the rugged topography of the terrain.

Exodus 1

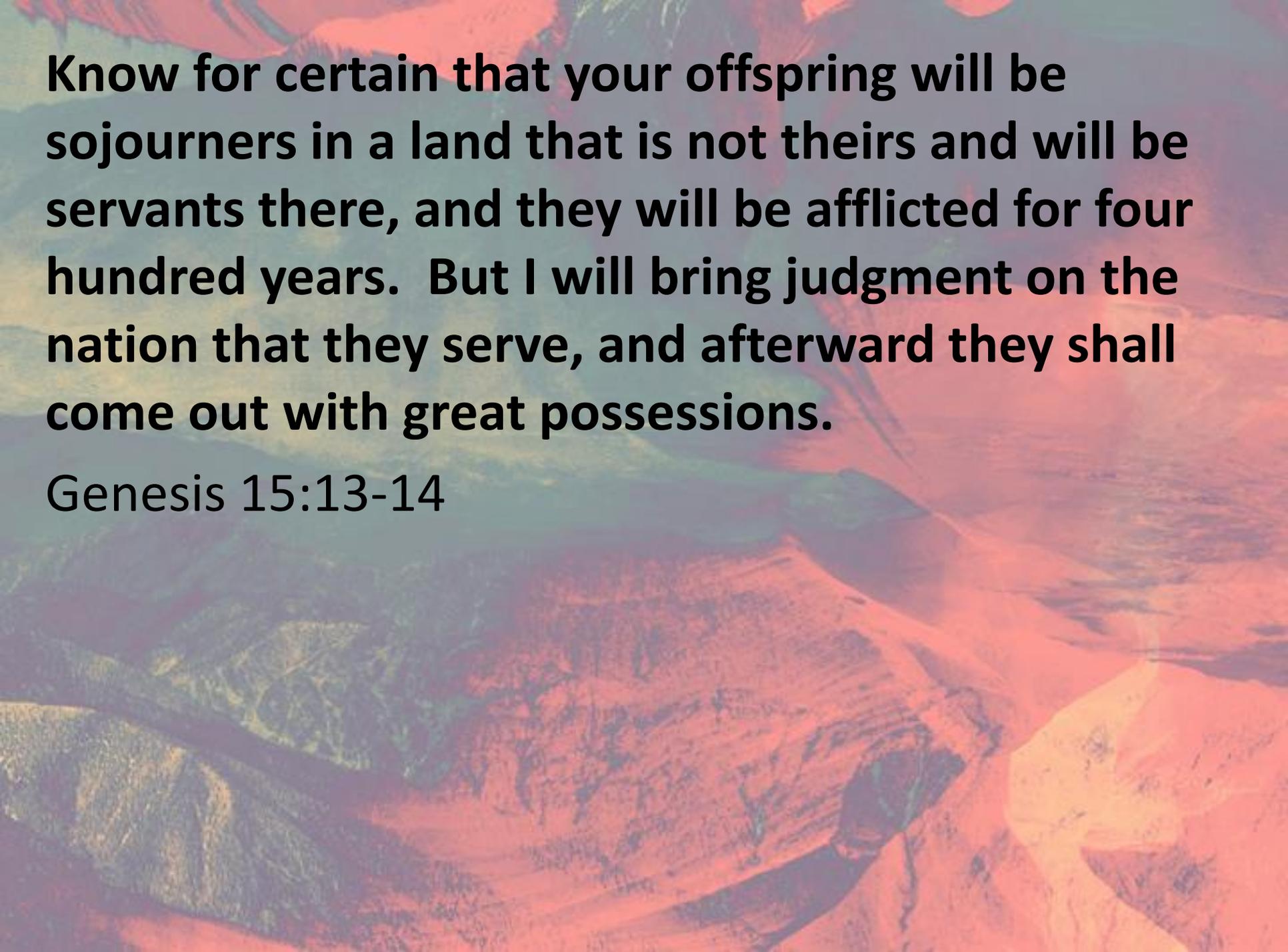
An aerial photograph of a desert landscape, likely in Egypt, showing a winding road and a small settlement. The terrain is arid and hilly, with some greenery visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black font.

¹These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

⁷But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. ⁸Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ...

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desert landscape. A winding river flows through the scene, with a large, prominent rock formation on the right side. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, earthy tones like reds, oranges, and yellows, with some cooler blue and green hues in the shadows and water.

¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

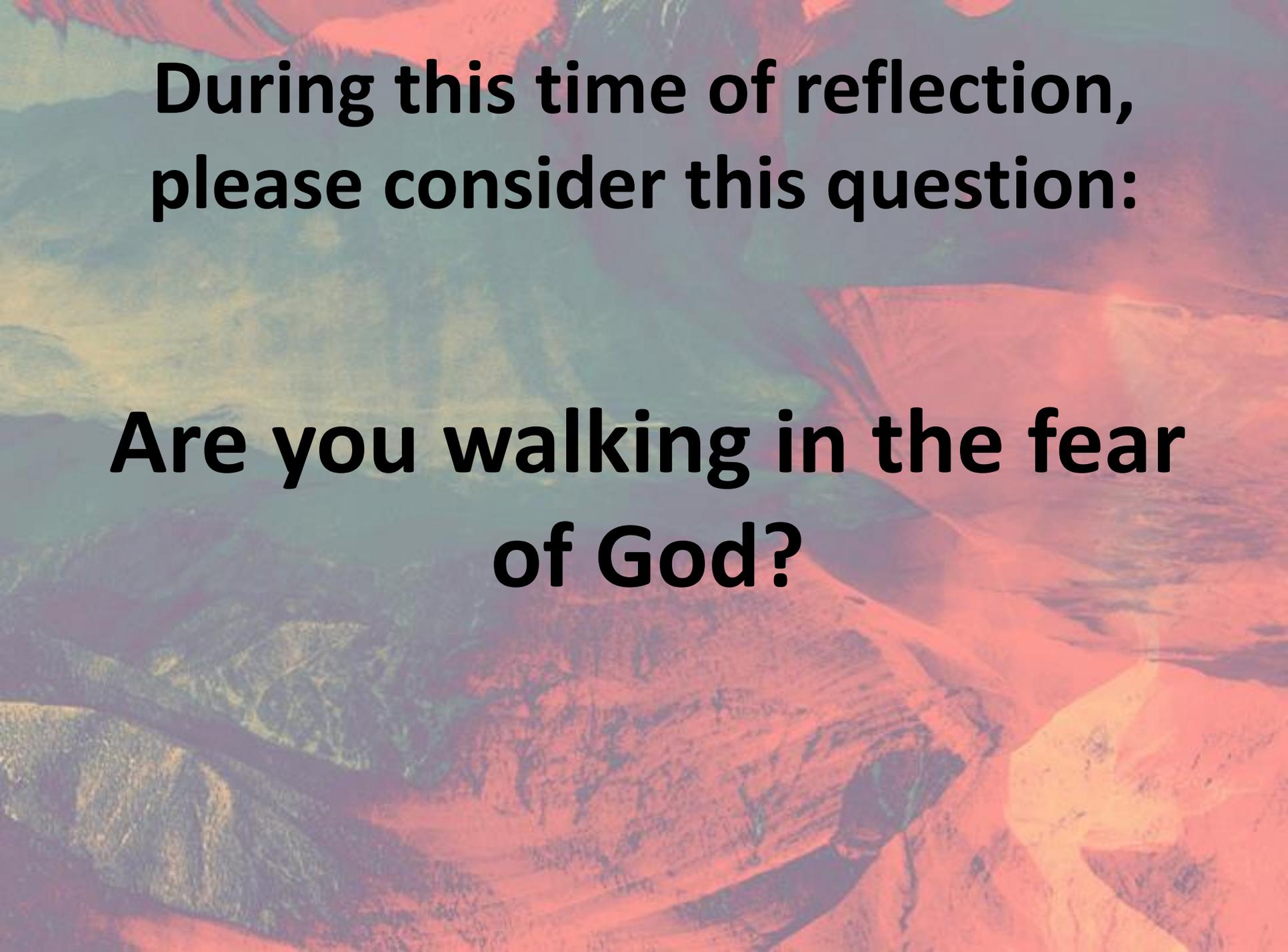
An aerial photograph of a desert landscape, likely the Rub al-Khali in Saudi Arabia. The image shows vast, undulating sand dunes in shades of orange, red, and brown. A winding road or path is visible, cutting through the dunes. The overall scene is desolate and expansive.

Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:13-14

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” ...

19The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” **20**So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. **21**And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. **22**Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

An aerial photograph of a desert canyon with vibrant red and orange rock walls. A winding river flows through the center of the canyon. The lighting is bright, creating strong shadows and highlights on the rugged terrain.

**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Are you walking in the fear
of God?**