

God is our Refuge and Strength



Psalm 46:1-11



URARTU

Territory at beginning of Tiglath-pileser III's reign in 745 BC

Maximum extent under Sargon II (714 BC)

HITTITES

Carchemish

Haran

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

Ashur

ARAM

Harmath

MEDES

ARABU (ARABS)

KEDAR

BABYLON

Babylon

ELAM

Susa

SYRIA

Damascus

PHOENECIA

Byblos

Tyre

PHILISTIA

Samaria

JUDAH

Jerusalem

Lachish

Ashkelon

Raphia

Conquered by Sennacherib in 701 BC

On

Elath

EGYPT

Nile River

Mediterranean Sea

Caspian Sea

Persian Gulf

Assyrian Empire

in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC)
under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib

Assyrian Empire - 701 BC



King Sennacherib

Carchemish

Nineveh

Asshur

Samaria

Jerusalem

Babylon

Background: Invasion of Judah by King Sennacherib of Assyrian in 701 B.C.



Jerusalem

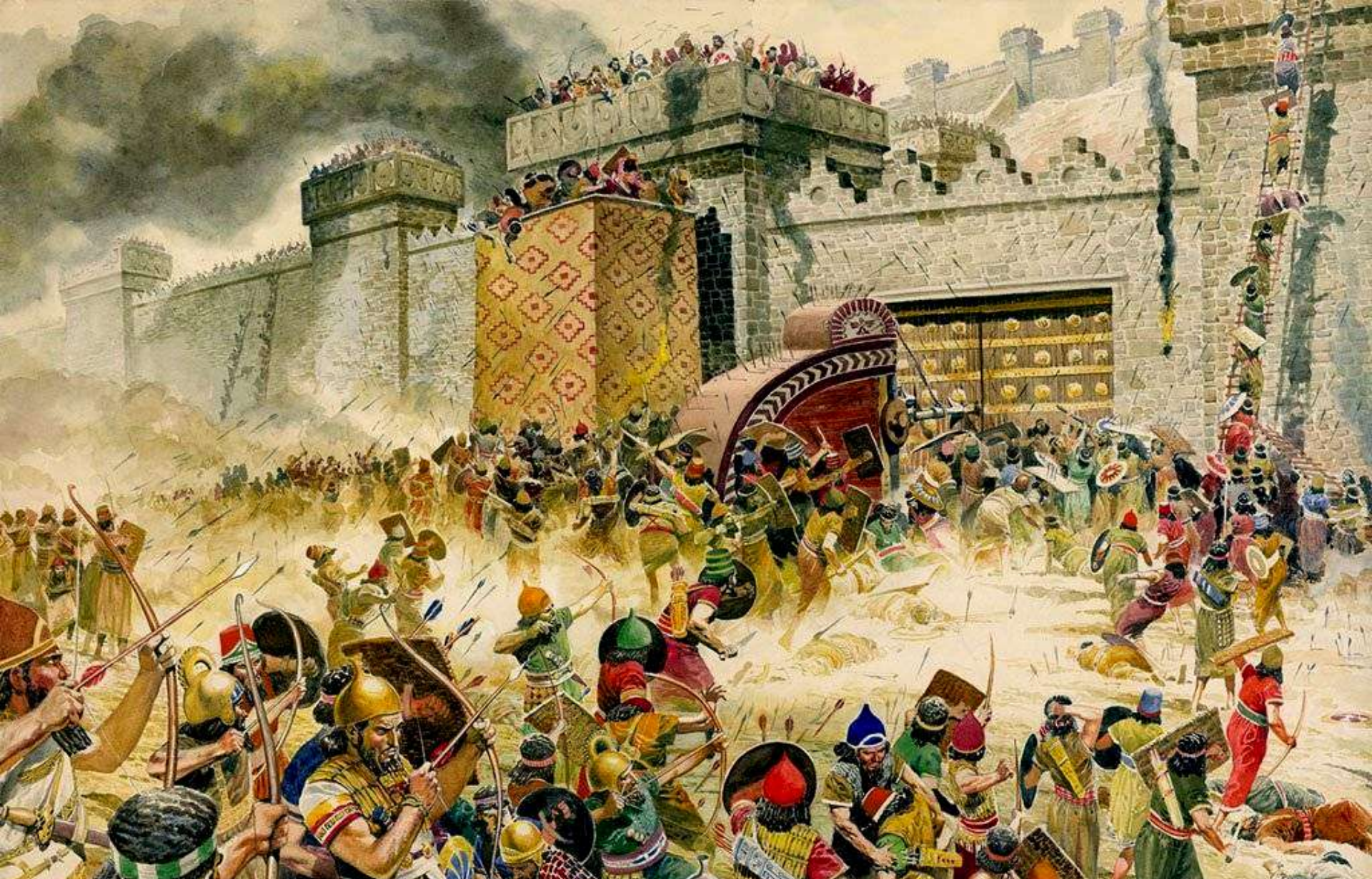
Lachish

Dead
Sea

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0 10 km

Judah 701 BC

King Hezekiah



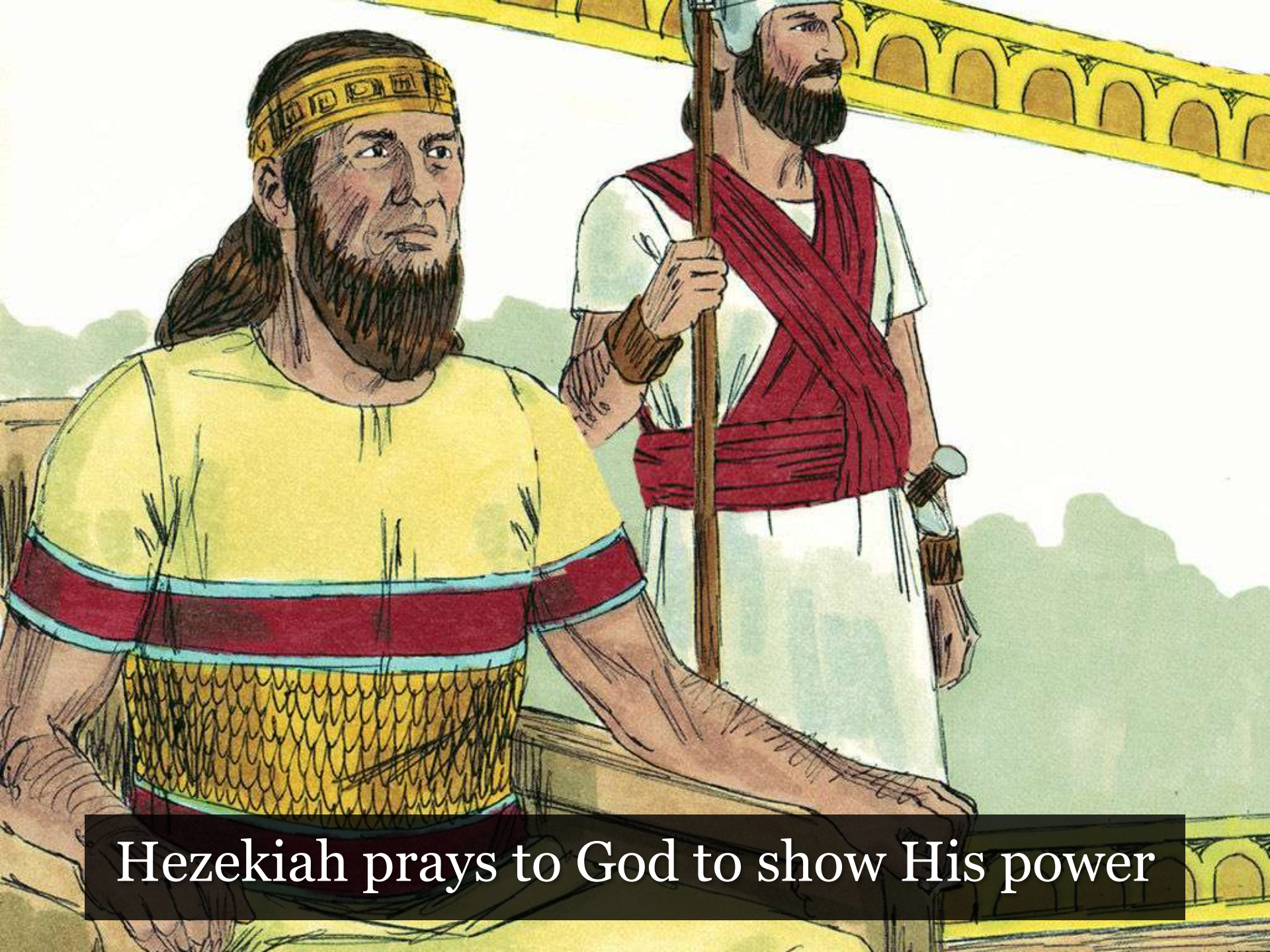
Assyrians conquer and burn city of Lachish



Distant fires of burning cities



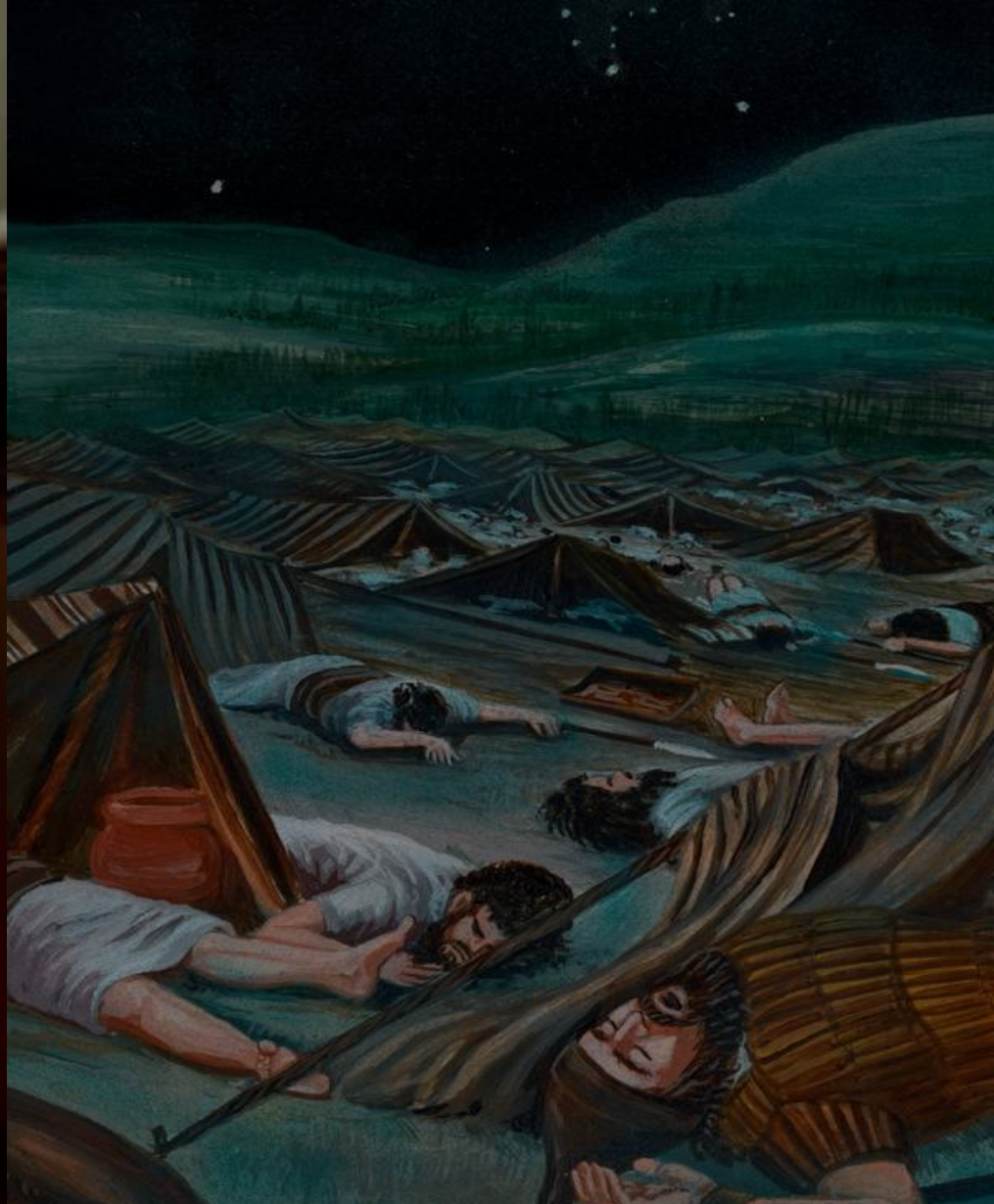
Sennacherib sends messenger
demanding surrender of Hezekiah



Hezekiah prays to God to show His power



2 Kings 19:17-19 Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands — wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone."



God sends just one angel



In morning 185,000 Assyrians found dead

A photograph of the Taylor Prism, an ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic artifact, displayed in a museum. The prism is a tall, rectangular object with a slightly tapered top, covered in dense hieroglyphs. It sits on a small, light-colored octagonal base. The entire object is enclosed in a glass display case. In the background, a wooden cabinet and a television screen are visible. A dark grey banner at the bottom of the image contains the text "Taylor Prism, British Museum" in white serif font.

Taylor Prism, British Museum

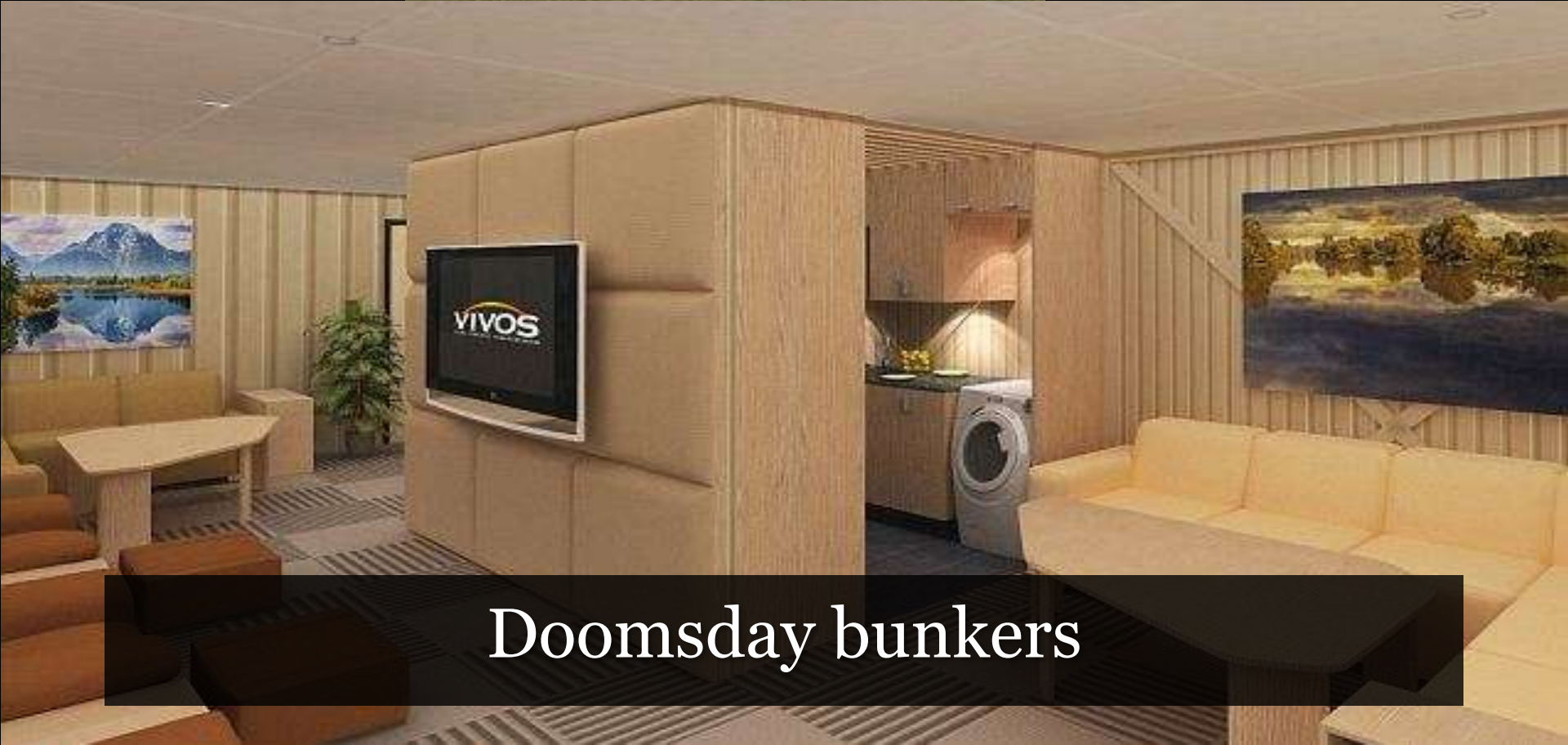
God is Our Refuge

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- God is for us a place to which we may flee for safety.. for strength in danger



White House superbunker





Doomsday bunkers

God is Our Refuge

- **Psalm 18:2-3** My God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go.
- **Psa 18:30** The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- **Psa 119:114** You are my refuge and shield; I have put my hope in your word.
- **Psa 61:3** For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.



a strong tower
PROVERBS 18:10

Psalm 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

God is Our Refuge

- **Psalms 46:1-3** God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we
will not fear, even though the earth be
removed, And though the mountains be
carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its
waters roar and be troubled, though the
mountains shake with its swelling.



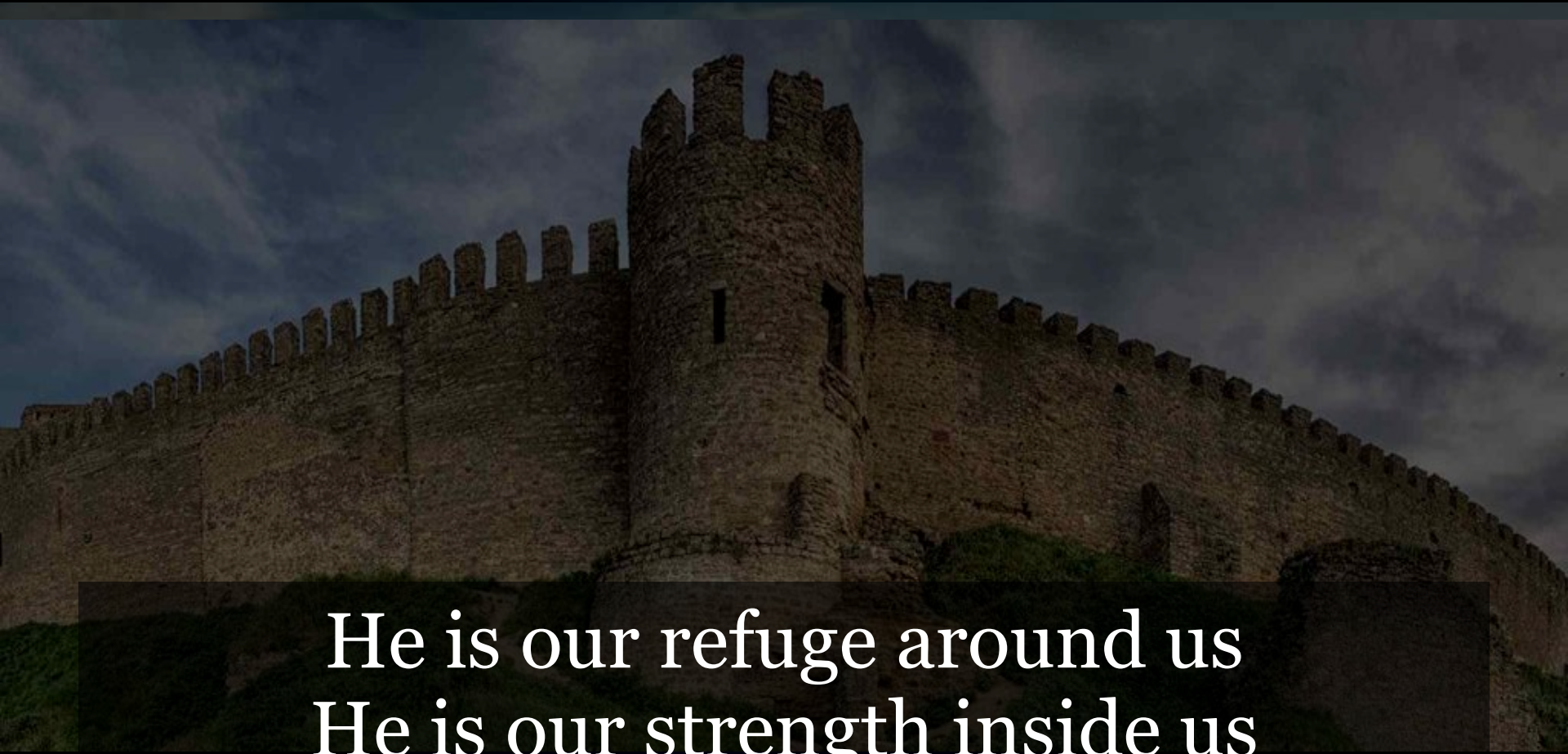
Hurricane Hermine, Virginia Beach

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.


The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

God is our Strength

A large, ancient stone castle with a prominent central tower and crenellated walls, set against a dark, cloudy sky. The castle is built on a hillside with some greenery at the base.

He is our refuge around us
He is our strength inside us
A very present help in trouble

God is our River

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- Psalms 46:4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is our River

- **Jeremiah 2:13** 'For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns — broken cisterns that can hold no water.
- **Jeremiah 17:7-8** "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Jesus is our River

- **John 4:14** whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."
- **John 7:37-39** "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

God is the Lord of Hosts

- **Psalms 46:8-11** Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.
- **10-11** Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

God is our Refuge



- We will not fear
- Be still and know that I am God

God is our Refuge and Strength



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A dramatic landscape scene. In the foreground, a person is walking away from the viewer on a grassy hill. In the middle ground, a tall, cylindrical stone tower with a pointed roof stands on a grassy slope. The background features a dense forest of trees. The sky is dark and stormy, with a large, bright lightning bolt striking down from the clouds. The overall mood is mysterious and powerful.

a strong tower
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