

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

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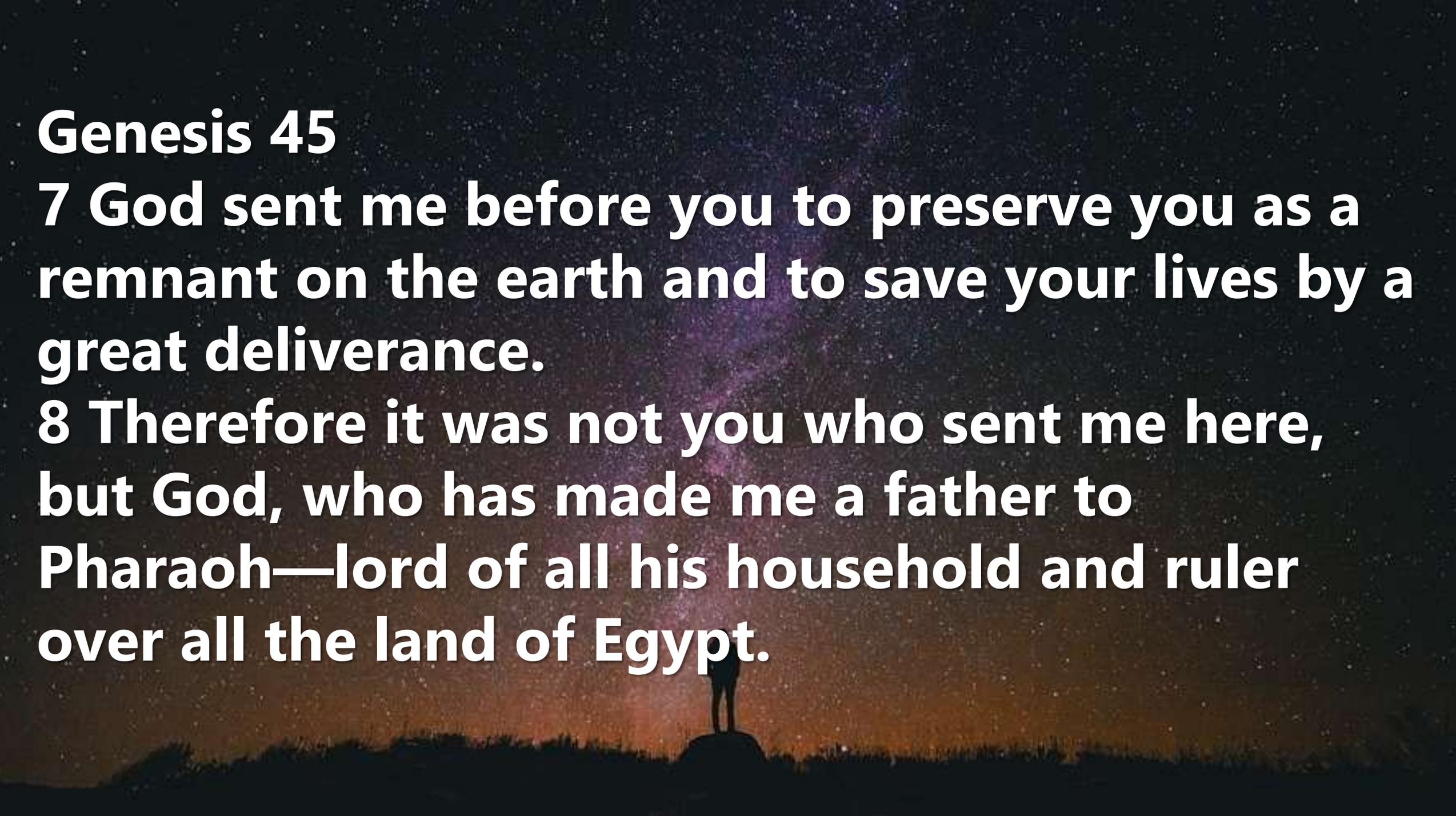
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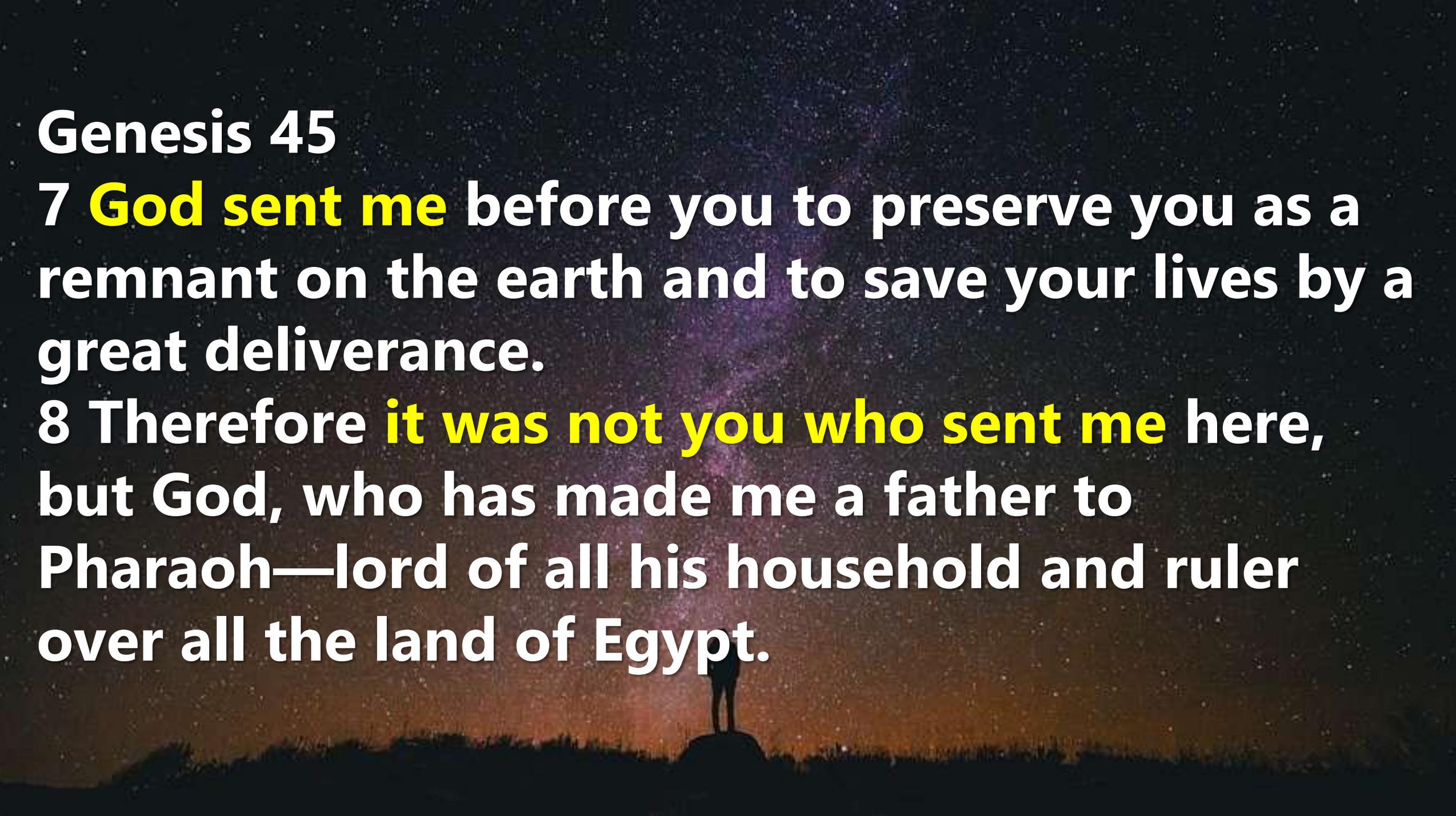
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Proverbs 16

**9 A man's heart plans his course,
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**21 Many plans are in a man's heart,
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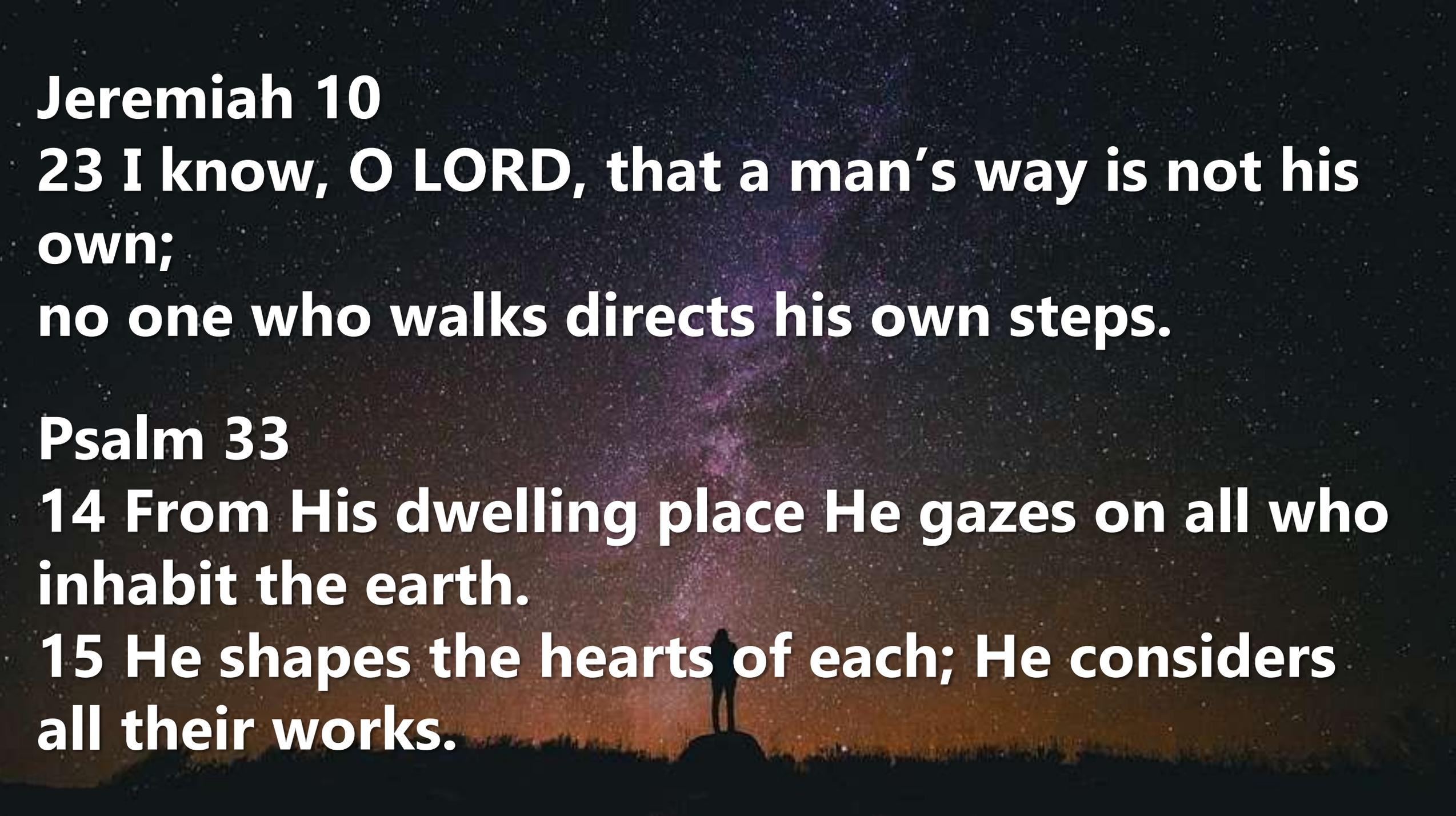
Jeremiah 10

**23 I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not his own;
no one who walks directs his own steps.**

Psalms 33

14 From His dwelling place He gazes on all who inhabit the earth.

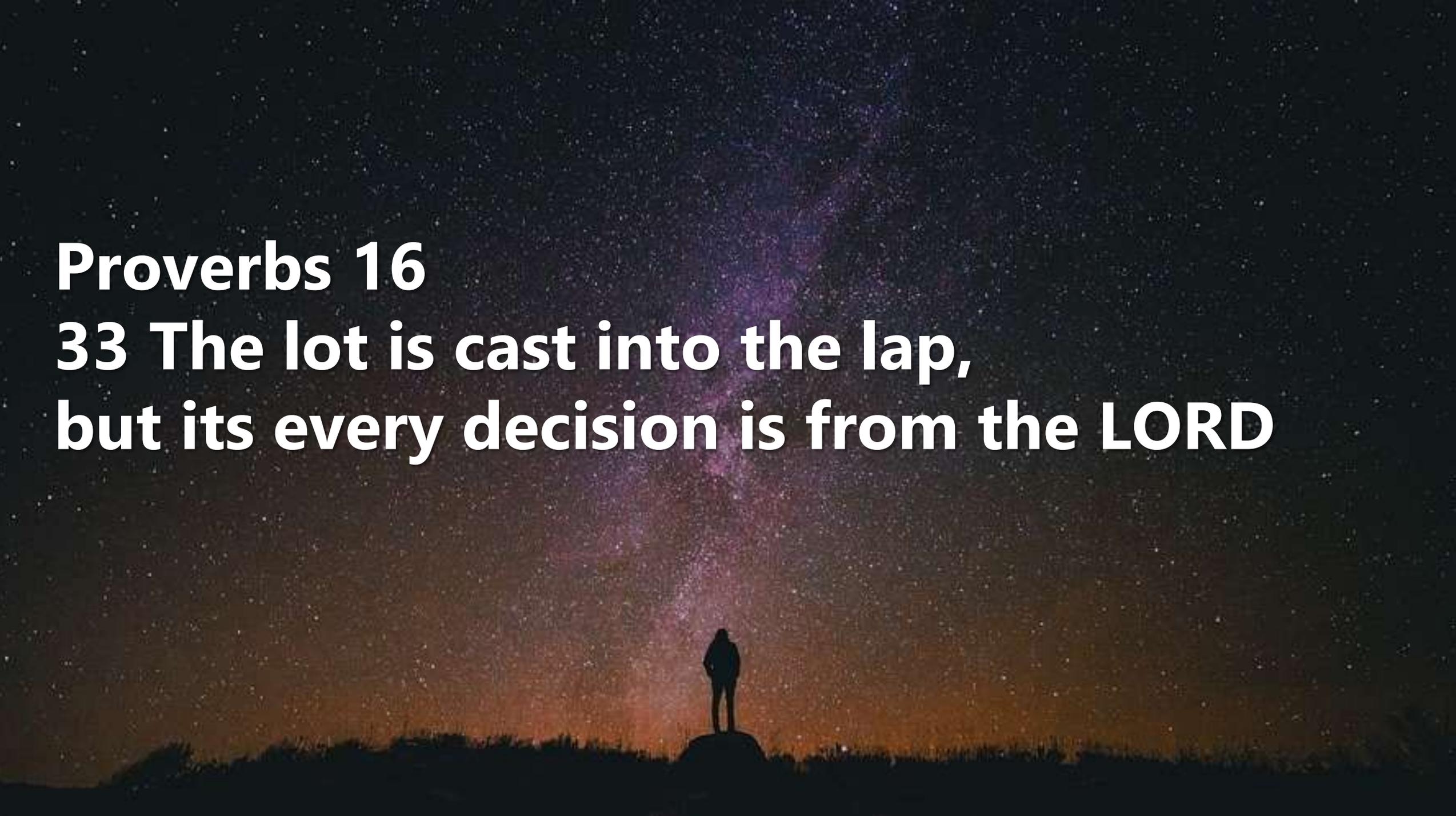
15 He shapes the hearts of each; He considers all their works.

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Genesis 50

20 As for you, what you intended against me for evil, God intended for good, in order to accomplish a day like this—to preserve the lives of many people.



A person is silhouetted against a night sky filled with stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the sky from the bottom center towards the top right. The person is standing on a small rock or mound of earth in the foreground. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, with the light from the stars illuminating the person's silhouette.

Proverbs 16

**33 The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD**

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Romans 8

28 And we know that God causes **all things** to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.



Joseph's View of God's Sovereignty

And How It Impacted Him

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Acts 4

24 When the believers heard this, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them.

25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David:

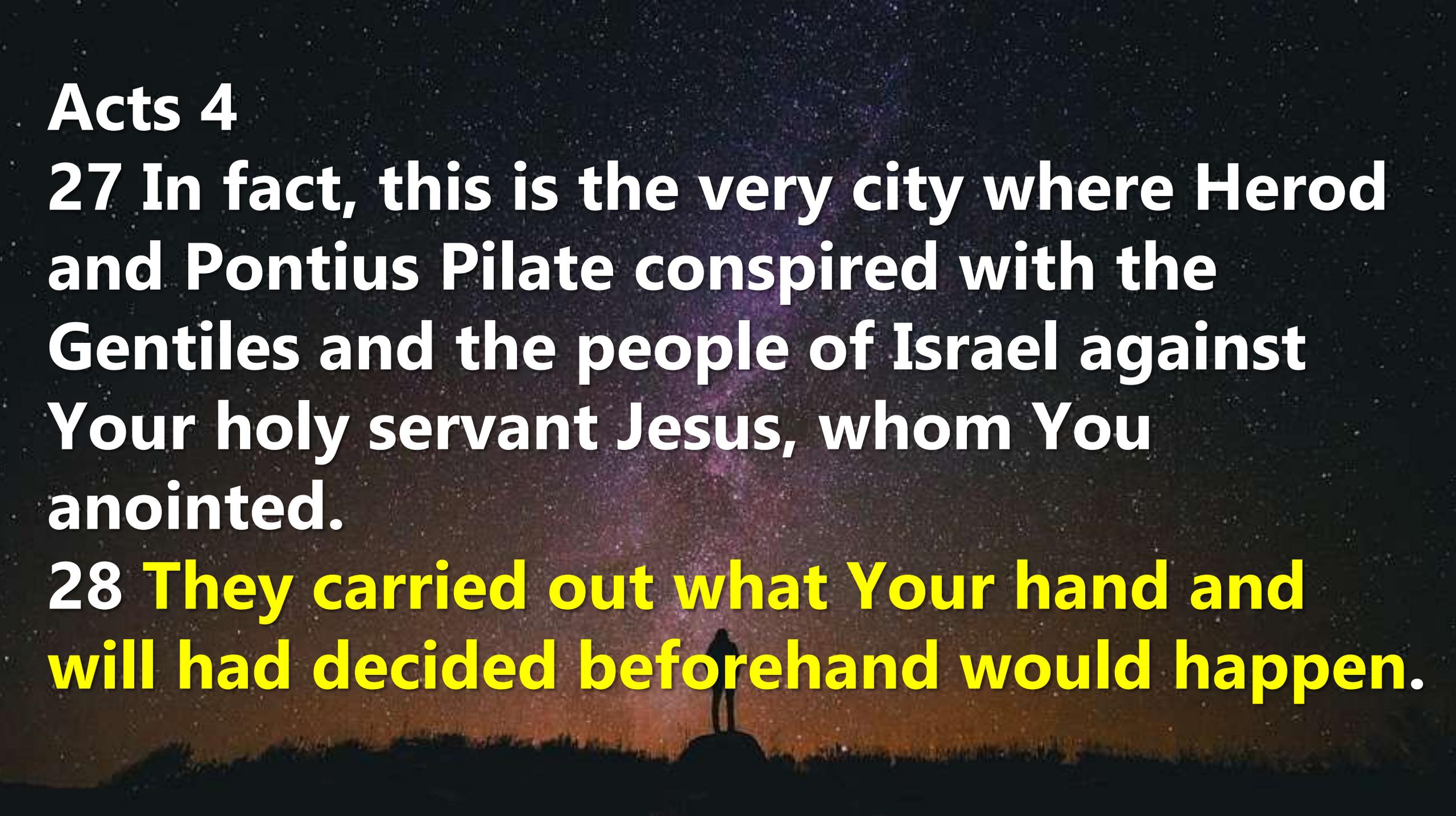
'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed One.'

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27 In fact, this is the very city where Herod and Pontius Pilate conspired with the Gentiles and the people of Israel against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed.

28 They carried out what Your hand and will had decided beforehand would happen.



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1 Peter 4

19 So then, those who **suffer according to God's will** should entrust their souls to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 5

10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore you, secure you, strengthen you, and establish you.

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9 Now return quickly to my father and tell him,
'This is what your son Joseph says:
God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down
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James 4

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Matthew 10

**29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from the will of your Father.**

**30 And even the very hairs of your head are
all numbered.**

**31 So do not be afraid; you are worth more
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28 And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

29 For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

Romans 8

31 What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is there to condemn us?

For Christ Jesus, who died, and more than that was raised to life, is at the right hand of God—and He is interceding for us.

Romans 8

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”



Romans 8

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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