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MANASSEH

KING OF JUDAH



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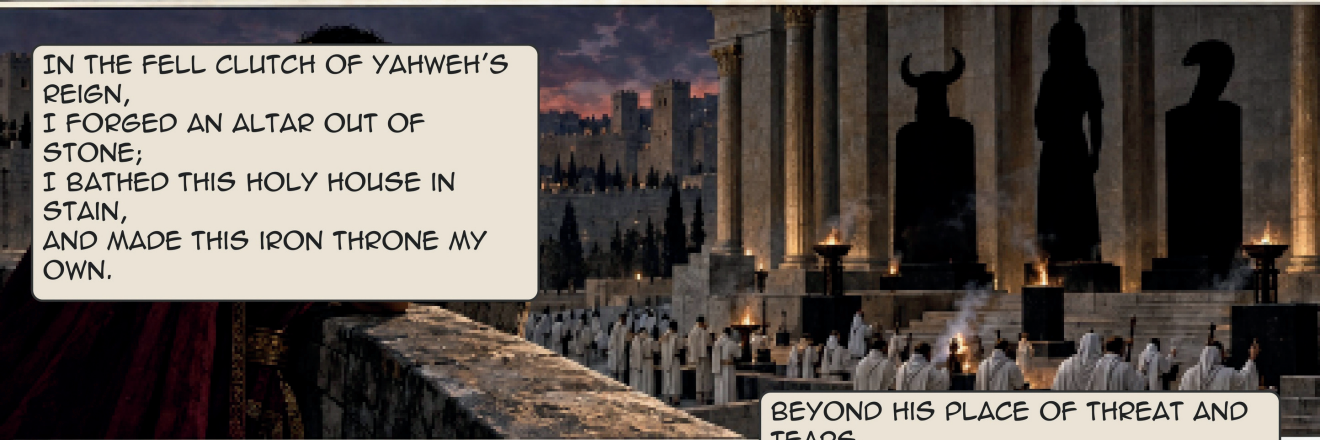
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OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS
ME,
BLACK AS THE PIT FROM POLE TO
POLE,
I DEFY WHATEVER GOD THERE BE
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.



IN THE FELL CLUTCH OF YAHWEH'S
REIGN,
I FORGED AN ALTAR OUT OF
STONE;
I BATHED THIS HOLY HOUSE IN
STAIN,
AND MADE THIS IRON THRONE MY
OWN.



BEYOND HIS PLACE OF THREAT AND
TEARS
I BUILD A KINGDOM IN THE SHADE;
AND THROUGH THE MADNESS OF THE
YEARS,
I STAND UNPUNISHED, UNAFRAID.



IT MATTERS NOT HOW STRAIT THE
GATE,
HOW DARK THE WRATH HIS PROPHETS
ROLL:
I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE.
I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.

"MANASSEH WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD WHEN HE BEGAN TO REIGN..."

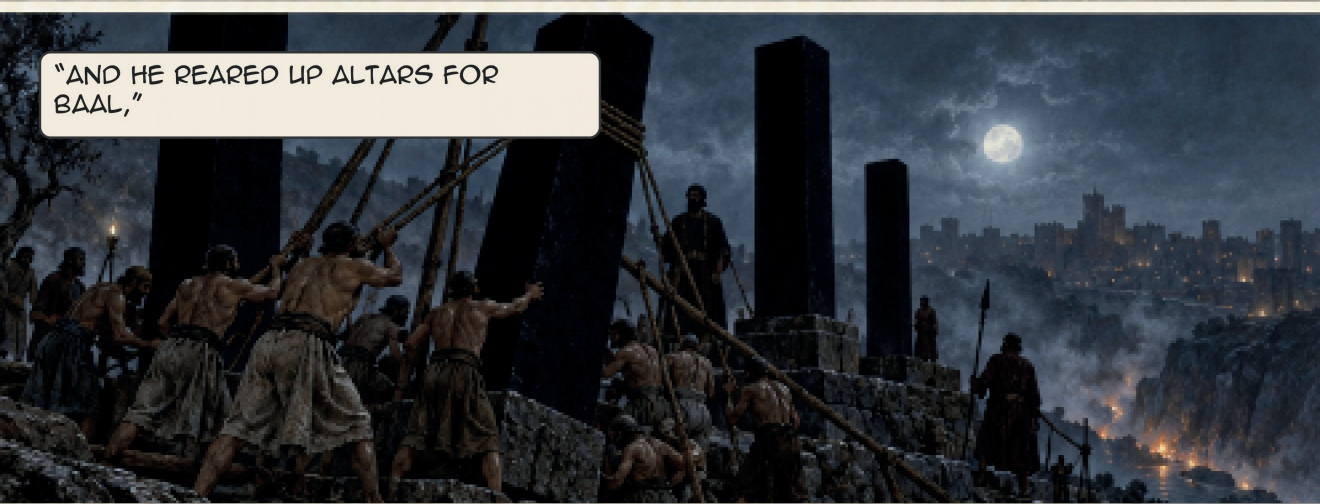


"AND HE DID THAT WHICH WAS EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD."





"FOR HE BUILT UP AGAIN THE HIGH PLACES WHICH HEZEKIAH HIS FATHER HAD DESTROYED;"



"AND HE REARED UP ALTARS FOR BAAL,"



"AND MADE A GROVE..."





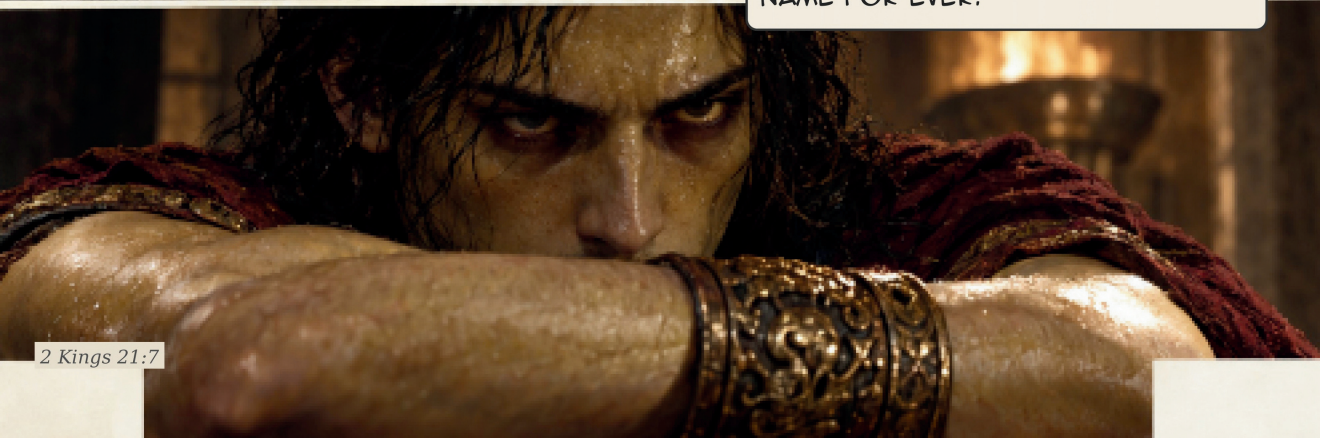
"AND HE SET A CARVED IMAGE OF THE GROVE THAT HE HAD MADE IN THE HOUSE,"



"OF WHICH THE LORD SAID TO DAVID, AND TO SOLOMON HIS SON,"



"IN THIS HOUSE... WILL I PUT MY NAME FOR EVER."



"AND HE CAUSED HIS CHILDREN TO PASS
THROUGH THE FIRE"



"IN THE VALLEY OF THE SON OF
HINNOM:"



"ALSO HE OBSERVED TIMES, AND USED
ENCHANTMENTS, AND USED WITCHCRAFT..."



"BECAUSE MANASSEH KING OF JUDAH HATH DONE THESE ABOMINATIONS..."



"THEREFORE THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL,"



"BEHOLD, I AM BRINGING SUCH EVIL UPON JERUSALEM AND JUDAH,"

■ ISAIAH



"THAT WHOSOEVER HEARETH OF IT, BOTH HIS EARS SHALL TINGLE."



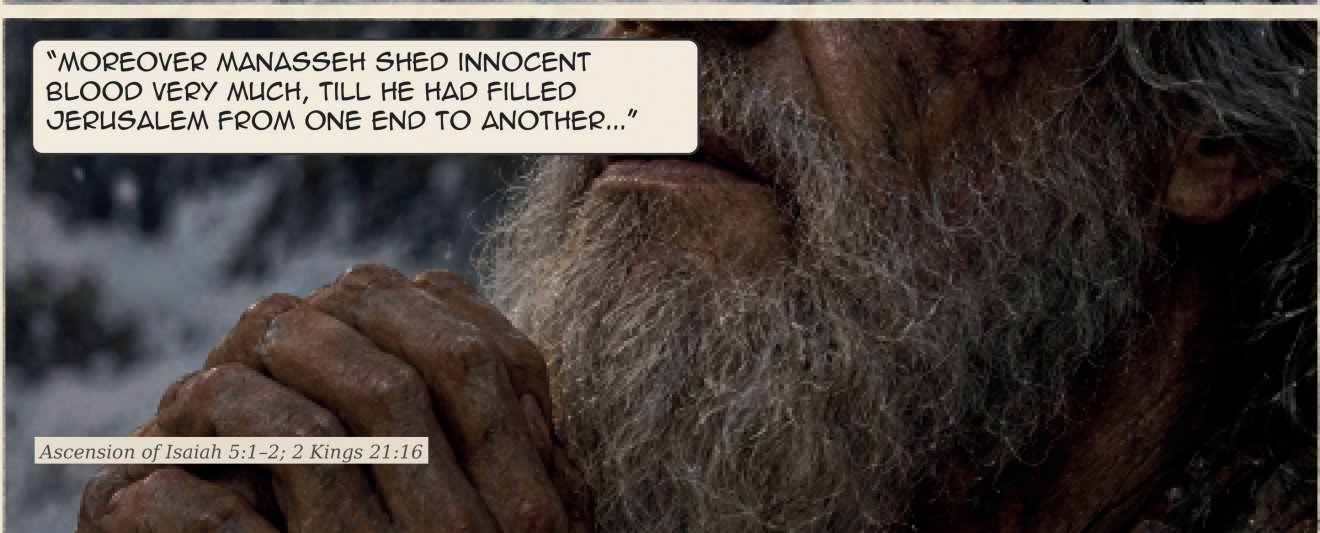
"AND MANASSEH LED ISRAEL
ASTRAY..."



"AND HE SAWED ASUNDER ISAIAH THE PROPHET,
THE SON OF AMOZ, WITH A WOODEN SAW."



"MOREOVER MANASSEH SHED INNOCENT
BLOOD VERY MUCH, TILL HE HAD FILLED
JERUSALEM FROM ONE END TO ANOTHER..."



"WHEREFORE THE LORD BROUGHT UPON THEM THE CAPTAINS OF THE HOST OF THE KING OF ASSYRIA,"



"WHICH TOOK MANASSEH AMONG THE THORNS, AND BOUND HIM WITH FETTERS,"



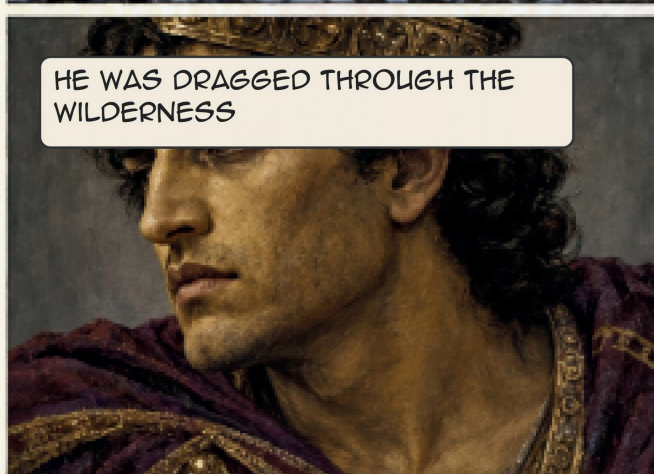
"AND CARRIED HIM TO BABYLON."



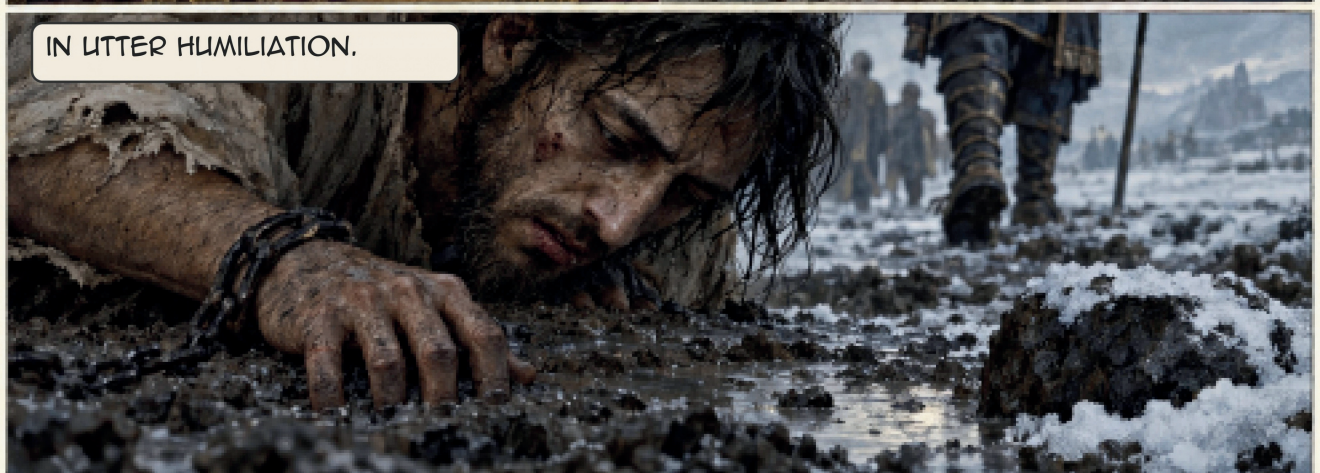
BOUND IN IRON CHAINS,



HE WAS DRAGGED THROUGH THE
WILDERNESS



IN UTTER HUMILIATION.





"AND WHEN HE WAS IN AFFLICTION, HE
BESOUGHT THE LORD HIS GOD,"



"AND HUMBLING HIMSELF GREATLY
BEFORE THE GOD OF HIS FATHERS..."

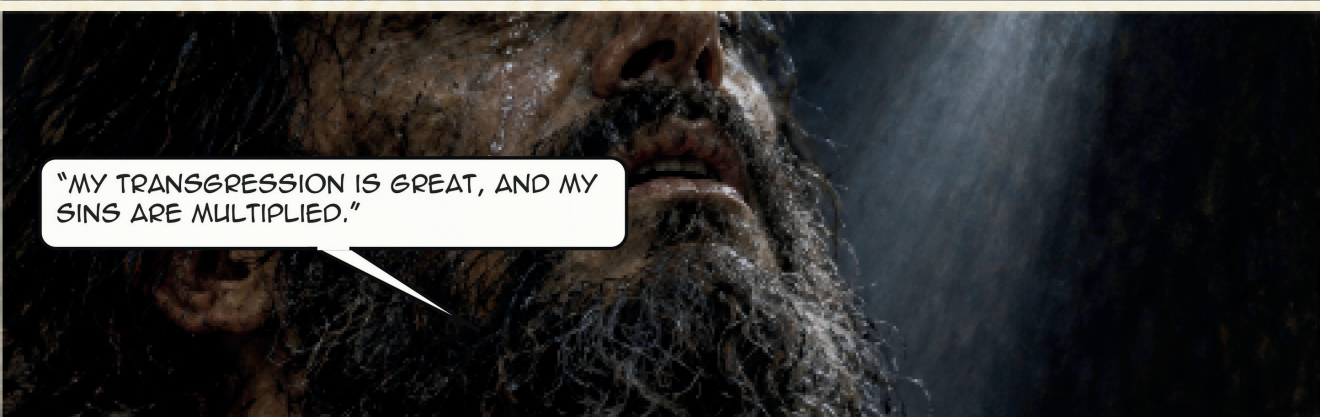




"O LORD, ALMIGHTY GOD OF OUR FATHERS..."



"WHO HAST BOUND THE SEA BY THE WORD OF THY COMMANDMENT..."



"MY TRANSGRESSION IS GREAT, AND MY SINS ARE MULTIPLIED."





"AND NOW I BOW THE KNEE OF MINE
HEART, BESEECHING THEE OF
GRACE."



"I HAVE SINNED, O LORD, I HAVE
SINNED, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE MINE
INIQUITIES..."



"FOR THOU ART THE GOD, EVEN THE
GOD OF THEM THAT REPENT;"



"AND IN ME THOU WILT SHEW ALL THY
GOODNESS..."

"AND PRAYED UNTO HIM: AND HE WAS
INTREATED OF HIM,"



"AND HEARD HIS SUPPLICATION,"



"AND BROUGHT HIM AGAIN TO JERUSALEM INTO HIS
KINGDOM."





"THEN MANASSEH KNEW"



"THAT THE LORD HE WAS GOD."



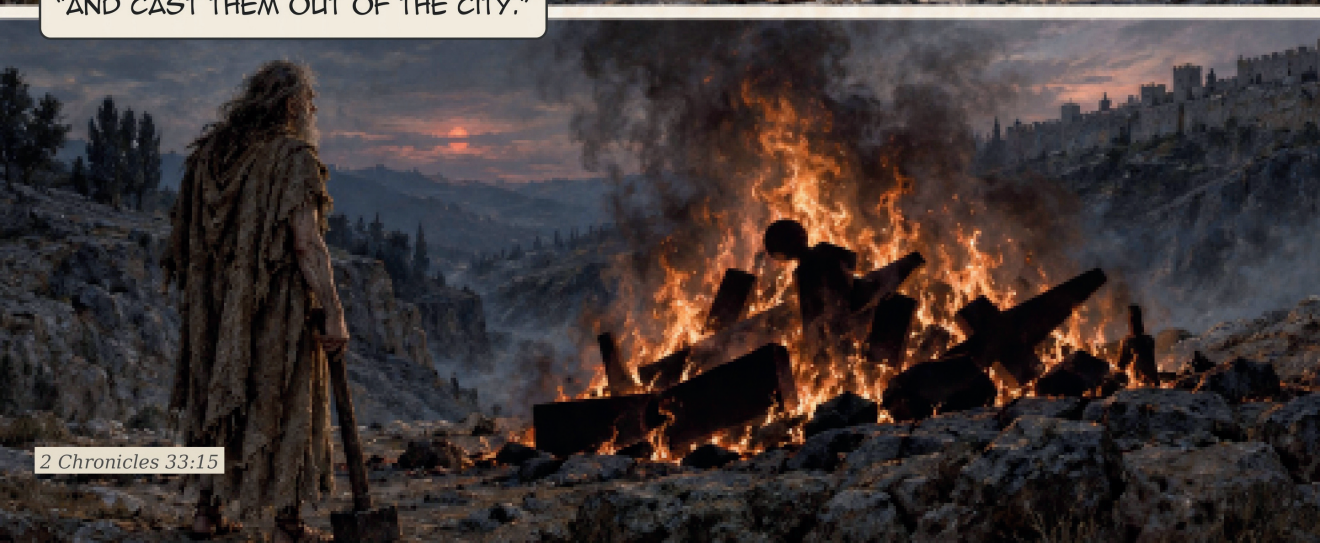
"AND HE TOOK AWAY THE STRANGE GODS,"



"AND THE IDOL OUT OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD,"



"AND CAST THEM OUT OF THE CITY."





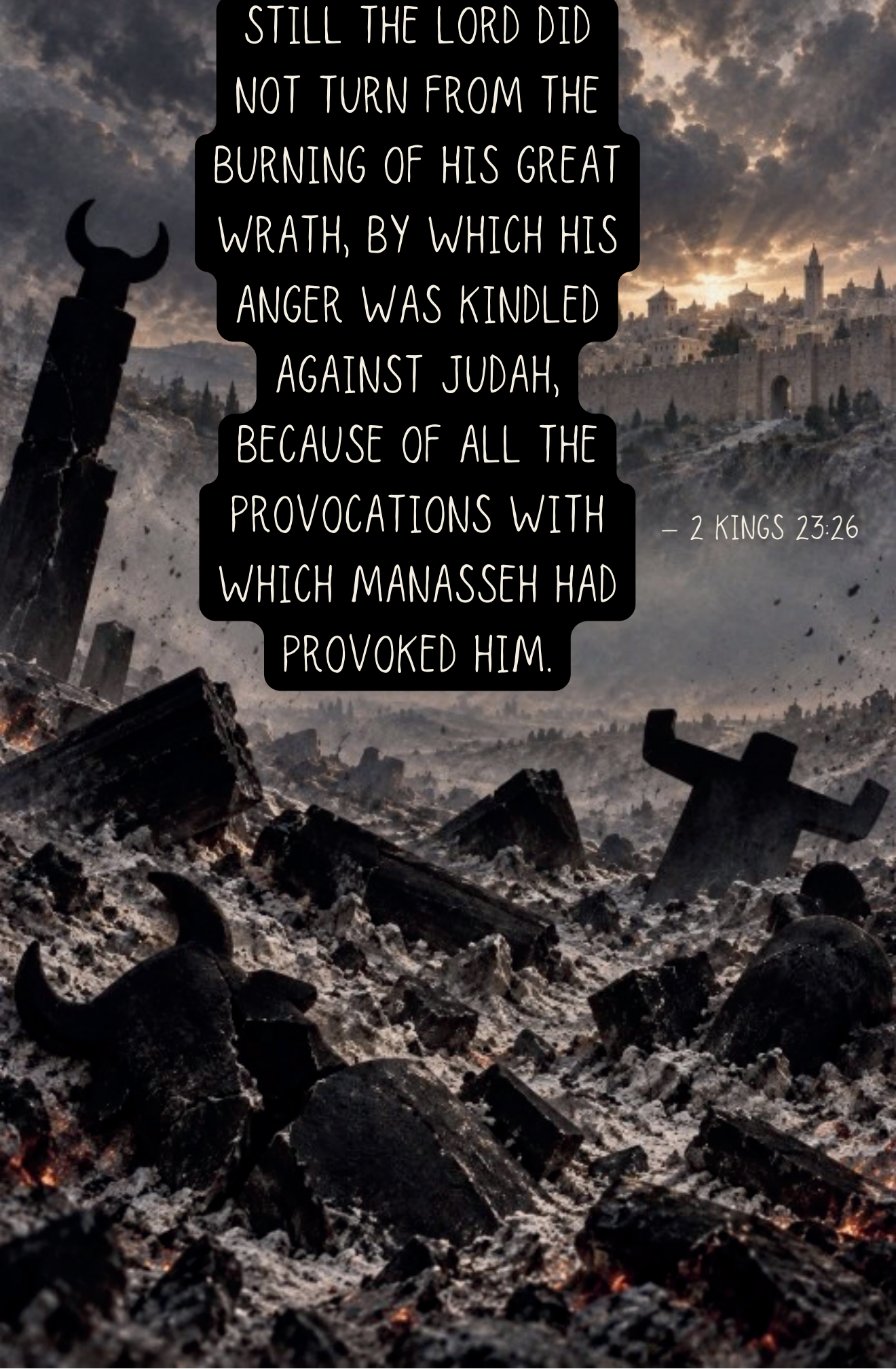
"AND HE REPAIRED THE ALTAR OF THE LORD,"



"AND SACRIFICED THEREON PEACE OFFERINGS
AND THANK OFFERINGS,"



"AND COMMANDED JUDAH TO SERVE THE LORD GOD
OF ISRAEL."



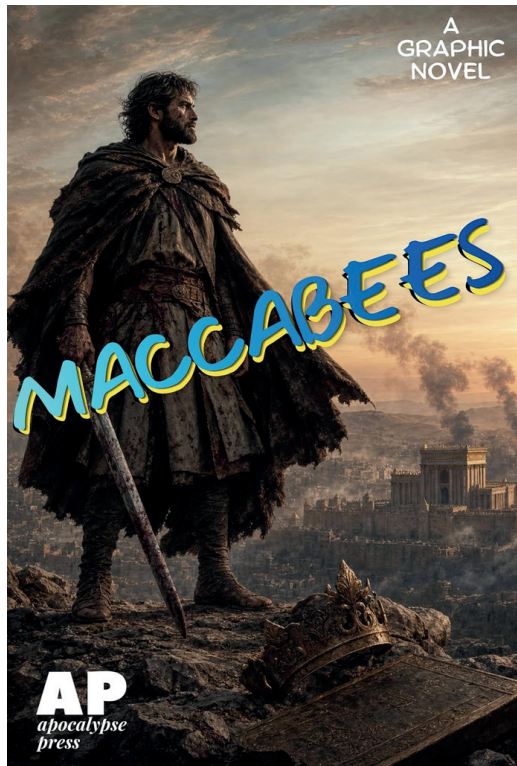
STILL THE LORD DID
NOT TURN FROM THE
BURNING OF HIS GREAT
WRATH, BY WHICH HIS
ANGER WAS KINDLED
AGAINST JUDAH,
BECAUSE OF ALL THE
PROVOCATIONS WITH
WHICH MANASSEH HAD
PROVOKED HIM.

— 2 KINGS 23:26

AND THE LORD SAID, "I
WILL REMOVE JUDAH ALSO
OUT OF MY SIGHT, AS I
HAVE REMOVED ISRAEL,
AND I WILL CAST OFF THIS
CITY THAT
I HAVE CHOSEN,
JERUSALEM, AND THE
HOUSE OF WHICH I SAID,
MY NAME SHALL BE THERE."

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