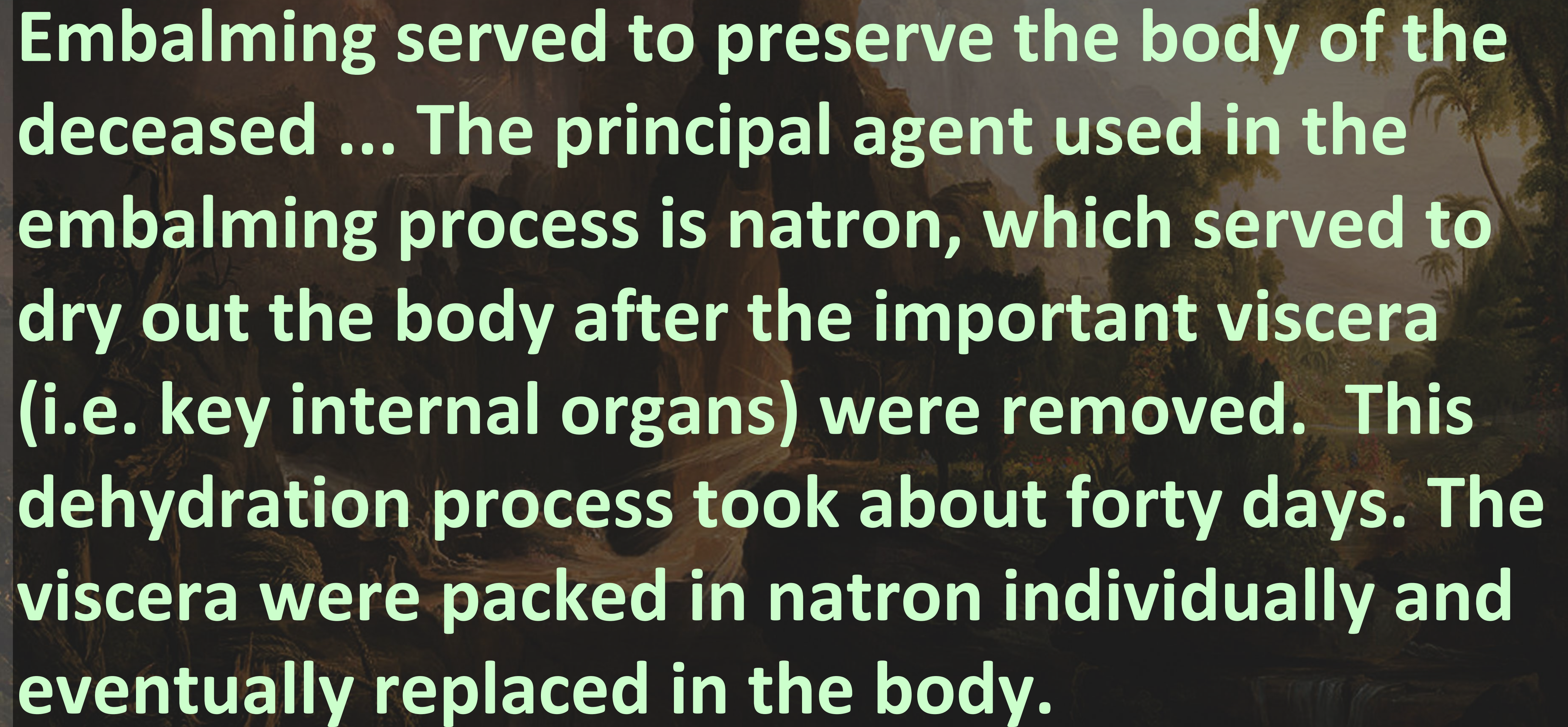




“A Royal Burial”
Genesis 50

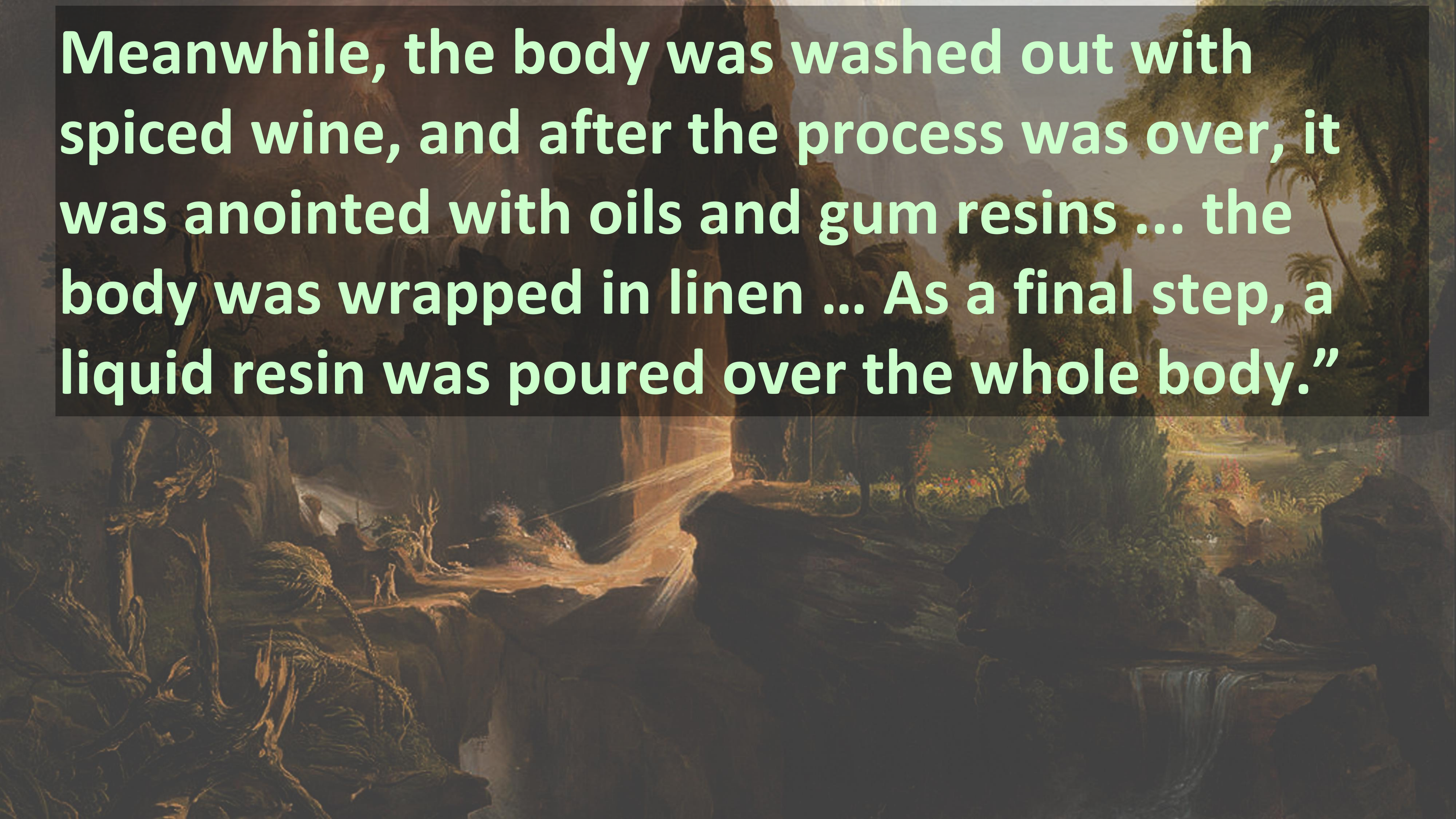
Genesis 50:1-3

Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. **Forty days were required for him, for such are the days required for those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.**



Embalming served to preserve the body of the deceased ... The principal agent used in the embalming process is natron, which served to dry out the body after the important viscera (i.e. key internal organs) were removed. This dehydration process took about forty days. The viscera were packed in natron individually and eventually replaced in the body.

Meanwhile, the body was washed out with spiced wine, and after the process was over, it was anointed with oils and gum resins ... the body was wrapped in linen ... As a final step, a liquid resin was poured over the whole body.”



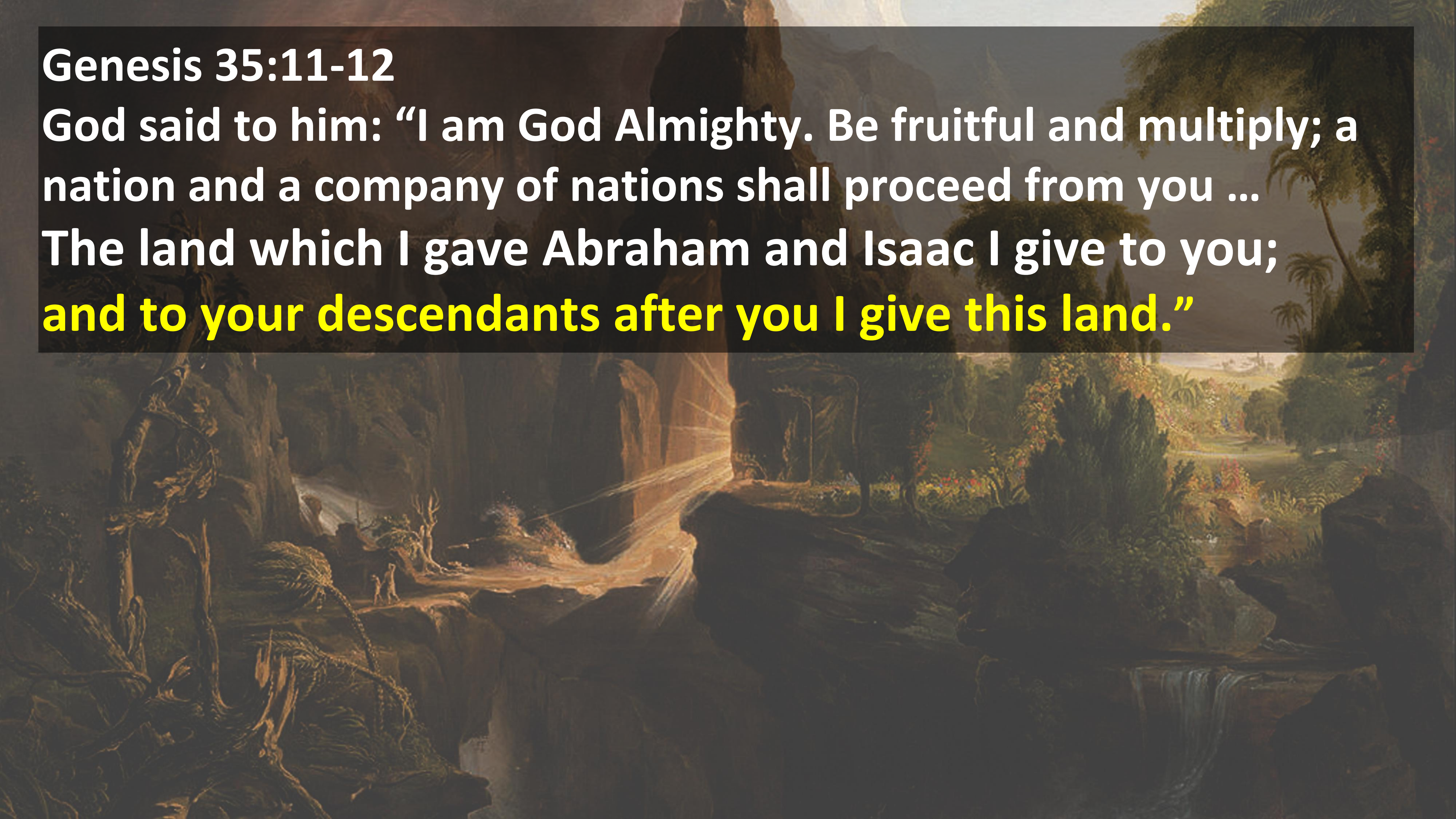
Genesis 50:7-9

So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up **all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt**, as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house ...
And there went up with him both **chariots and horsemen**, and it was a very great gathering ...

A detailed landscape painting of a tropical valley. In the foreground, a waterfall cascades over dark, jagged rocks. The middle ground is filled with dense, lush vegetation, including palm trees and various tropical plants. In the background, a large, imposing mountain range rises, with a prominent waterfall on the left side. The sky is a soft, hazy blue, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day. The overall scene is one of a vibrant, natural world.

Genesis 50:26

So Joseph died, being 110 years old;
and they embalmed him, and he
was put in a coffin in Egypt.



Genesis 35:11-12

God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you ...
The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you;
and to your descendants after you I give this land.”

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A detailed painting of a lush, mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a path leads through a dense forest of various trees, including palm trees and cypresses, towards a burial site. The middle ground features a large, dark, rectangular structure, possibly a tomb or a simple house, situated on a rocky outcrop. In the background, a majestic mountain range rises, with a prominent waterfall cascading down a steep cliff. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is rich in detail and color, with a focus on natural beauty and a sense of a sacred or significant location.

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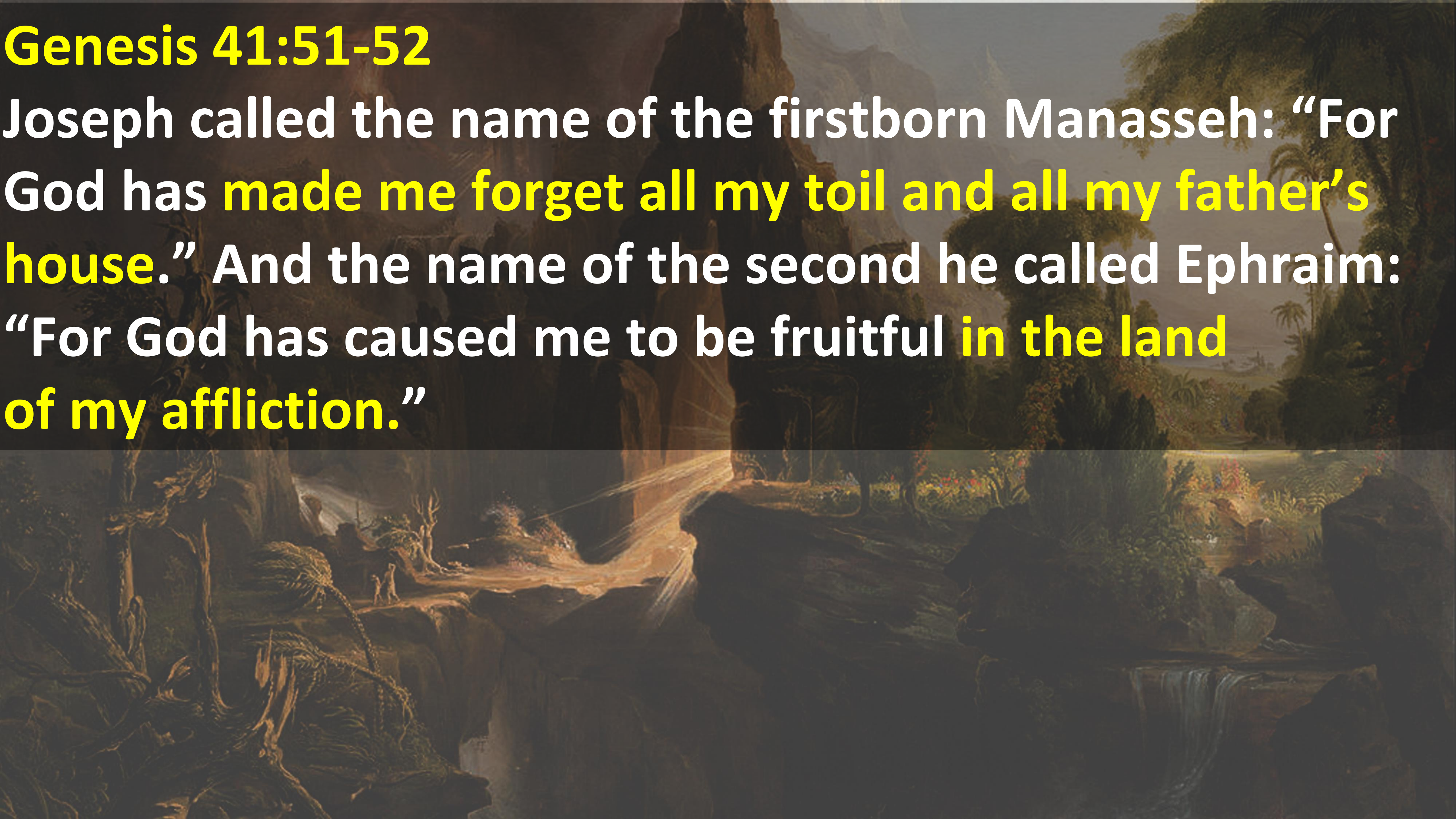
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Genesis 41:51-52

Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: “For God has **made me forget all my toil and all my father’s house.**” And the name of the second he called Ephraim: “For God has caused me to be fruitful **in the land of my affliction.**”



Genesis 42:21-24

Then they said to one another, “We are truly guilty concerning our brother, **for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us**, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us.”

And Reuben answered them, saying, “Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the boy’; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us.”

But they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter. **And he turned himself away from them and wept.**

Genesis 50:19-21

Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.



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The Sovereignty of God (Joseph's response)

a. I am not God. He will judge.

("Am I in the place of God?")

b. God turned your evil deeds into good

("You meant ... but God ")

c. We are still a family

("I will provide ... for your little ones")



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Genesis 50:22-26

So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years ... And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in

Egypt.

Exodus 1:5-8

All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already). And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

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Acts 7:15-18 (Stephen speaking)

So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money ...

But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt till another king arose who did not know Joseph.



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“VISIT” - KJV, NKJV, ESV

→ to attend to, number, visit, judge, look after ...

→ **Visit so as to take charge of** (= God’s sovereignty!)

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Hebrews 11:22

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of **the departure (“exodus”)** of **the children of Israel**, and gave instructions concerning his bones.



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“God will surely visit you!”

- **Are you unrepentant of your sin?**
- Do you have difficulty forgiving someone?
- **Are you facing some trouble or trial in your life right now?**
- Have you been struck by sickness, or some terrible disease?
- **Are you still waiting for God to fulfill a promise?**



Visit us, O Lord

To judge us, and to cleanse us
To forgive us, and to help us forgive

Visit us, O Lord

To rescue us, and to comfort us
To heal us, and to give us life

Visit us, O Lord

To give us patience,
As we wait for the Promised Land.

In your mercy, hear our prayers.

