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## 2 Kings 3:1-24 (NIV)

3 Joram son of Ahab became king of Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned twelve years. <sup>2</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father and mother had done. He got rid of the sacred stone of Baal that his father had made. <sup>3</sup> Nevertheless he clung to the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit; he did not turn away from them. <sup>4</sup> Now Mesha king of Moab raised sheep, and he had to pay the king of Israel a tribute of a hundred thousand lambs and the wool of a hundred thousand rams. <sup>5</sup> But after Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

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<sup>6</sup> So at that time King Joram set out from Samaria and mobilized all Israel. <sup>7</sup> He also sent this message to Jehoshaphat king of Judah: “The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?” “I will go with you,” he replied. “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”  
<sup>8</sup> “By what route shall we attack?” he asked. “Through the Desert of Edom,” he answered. <sup>9</sup> So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them.  
<sup>10</sup> “What!” exclaimed the king of Israel. “Has the LORD called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab?”

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<sup>11</sup> But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of the LORD here, through whom we may inquire of the LORD?” An officer of the king of Israel answered, “Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.” <sup>12</sup> Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the LORD is with him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. <sup>13</sup> Elisha said to the king of Israel, “Why do you want to involve me? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.” “No,” the king of Israel answered, “because it was the LORD who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab.” <sup>14</sup> Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. <sup>15</sup> But now bring me a harpist.” While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came on Elisha <sup>16</sup> and he said, “This is what the LORD says: I will fill this valley with pools of water.





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<sup>17</sup> For this is what the LORD says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. <sup>18</sup> This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also deliver Moab into your hands. <sup>19</sup> You will overthrow every fortified city and every major town. You will cut down every good tree, stop up all the springs, and ruin every good field with stones.” <sup>20</sup> The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was—water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water. <sup>21</sup> Now all the Moabites had heard that the kings had come to fight against them; so every man, young and old, who could bear arms was called up and stationed on the border.

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<sup>22</sup> When they got up early in the morning, the sun was shining on the water. To the Moabites across the way, the water looked red—like blood. <sup>23</sup> “That’s blood!” they said. “Those kings must have fought and slaughtered each other. Now to the plunder, Moab!”

<sup>24</sup> But when the Moabites came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and fought them until they fled. And the Israelites invaded the land and slaughtered the Moabites.

 The Army Ended Up In The Desert  
 God Came To The Rescue



# Implications



**God's People Can Bring Blessing**



# Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)

12 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

# Genesis 18:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?”

# Matthew 5:13-14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

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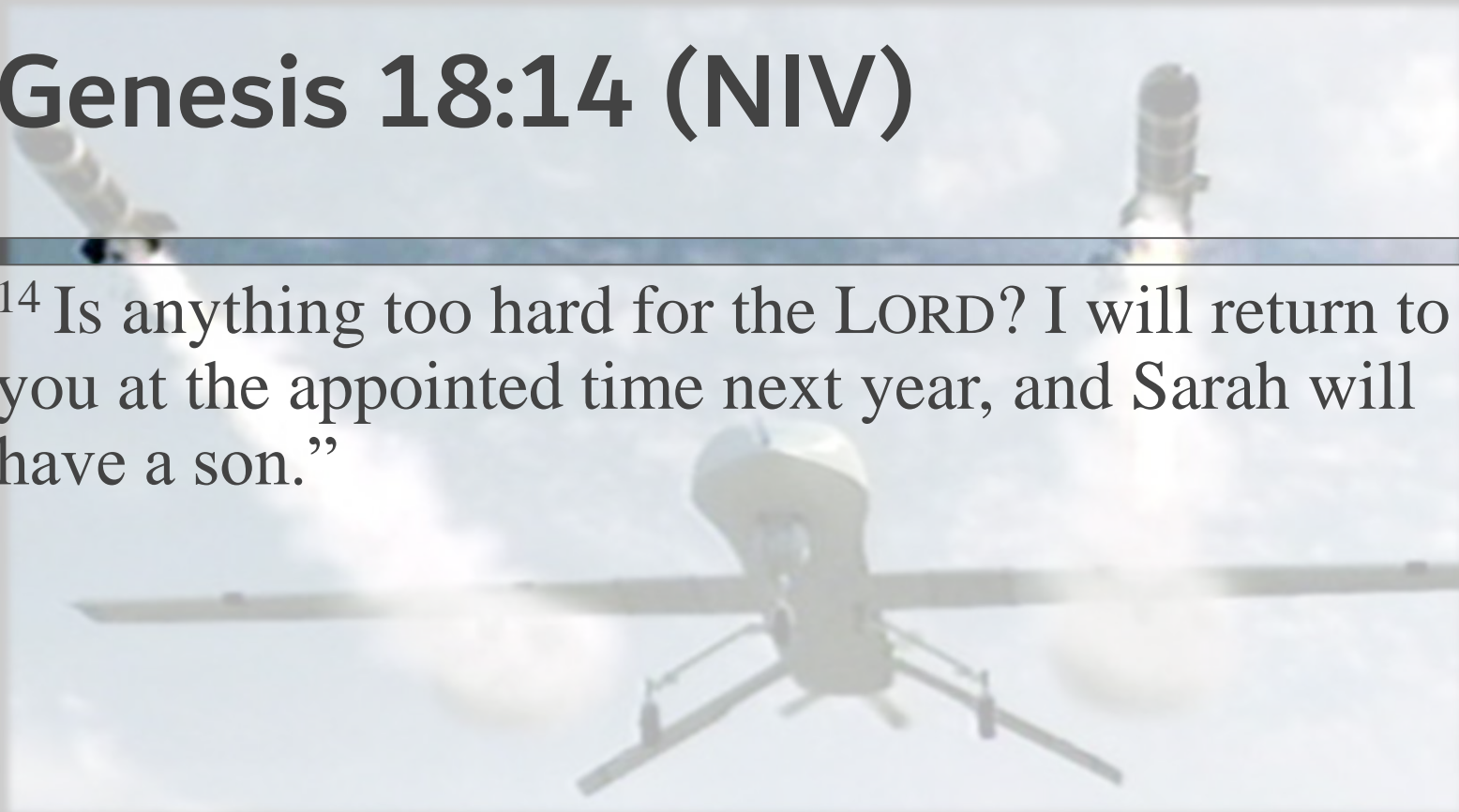
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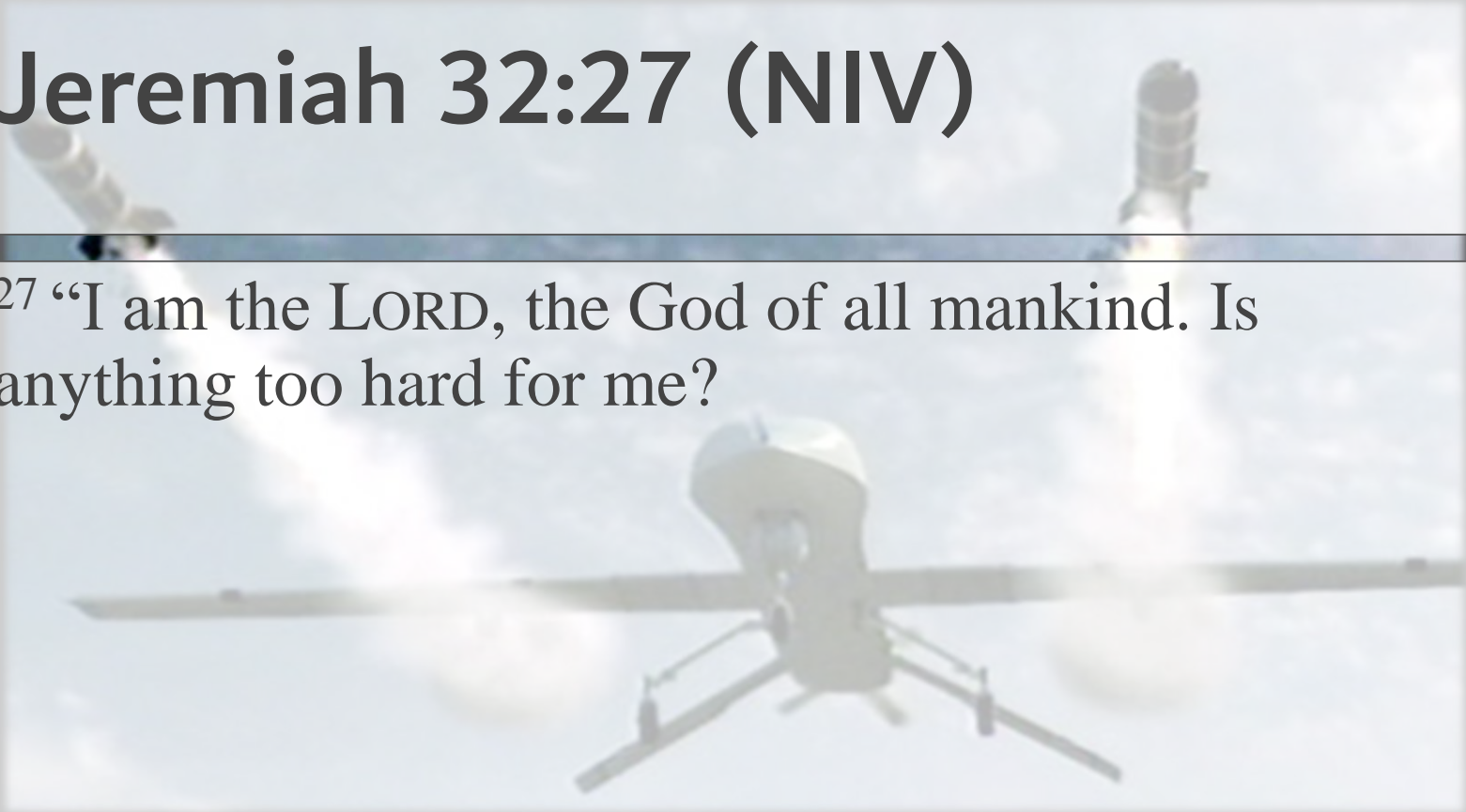
# Genesis 18:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”



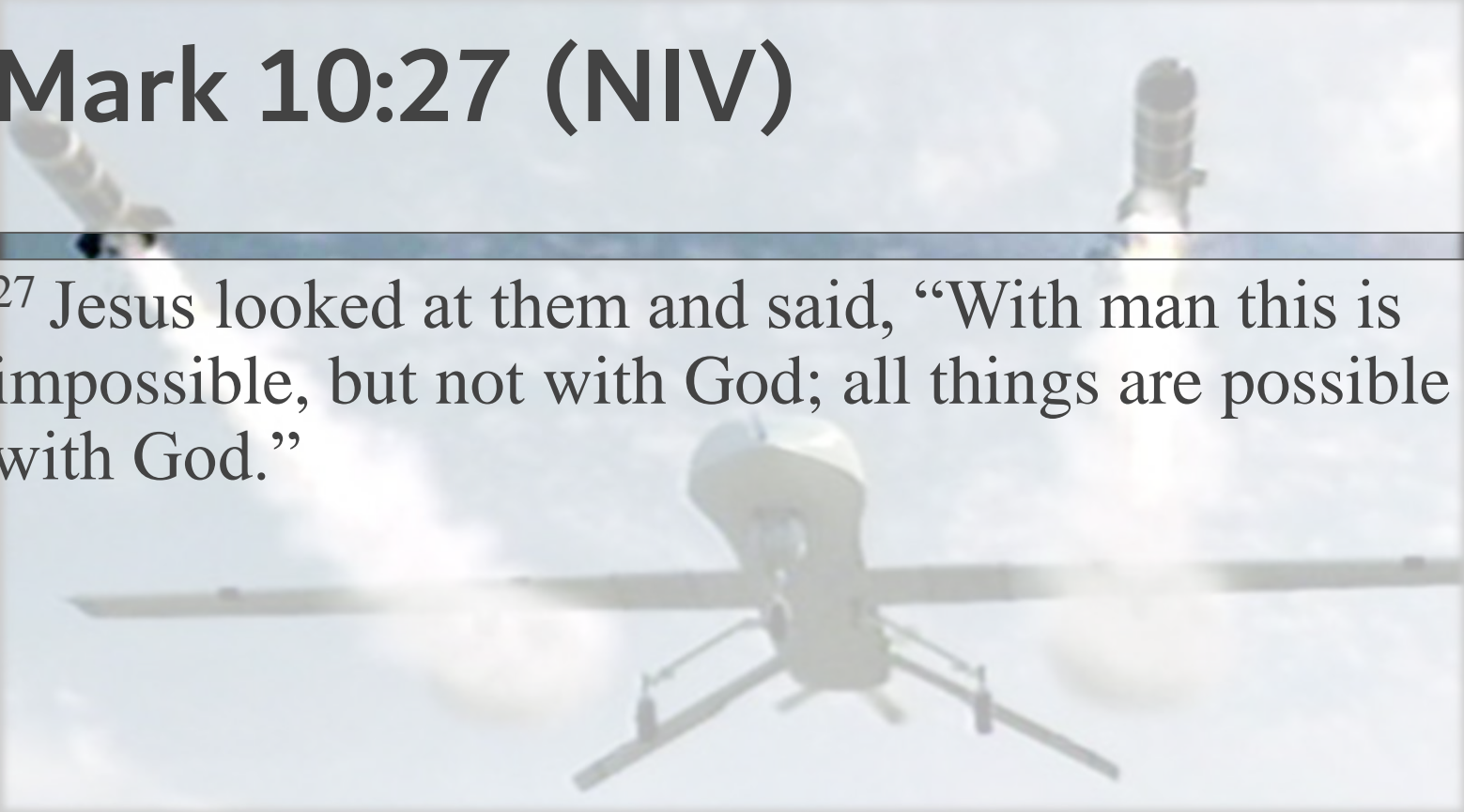
# Jeremiah 32:27 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”



# Mark 10:27 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”



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