

*The Ultimate
Black Swan*




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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another

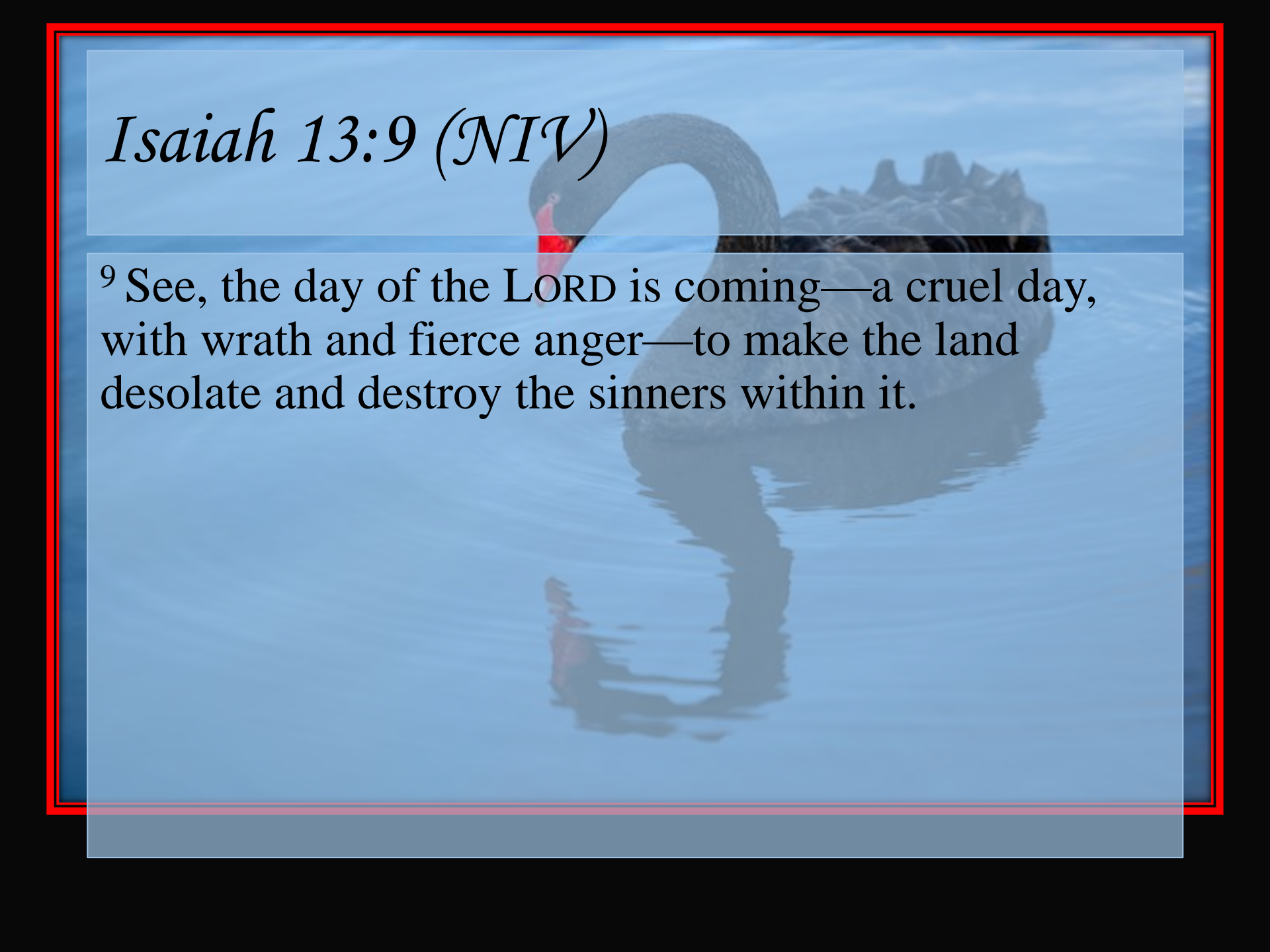
 *There Is Going To Be A Big Surprise*



A black swan is swimming in a body of water, its long neck curved back. The water is a deep blue, and the swan's dark feathers are reflected in the calm surface below. The background shows a hazy, distant shoreline with some trees and hills under a light sky.


Joel 1:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near;
it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

A black swan is swimming in a body of water, its long neck curved back. The water is a deep blue, and the swan's dark feathers are reflected in the calm surface below. The entire scene is framed by a thick red border.


Isaiah 13:9 (NIV)

⁹ See, the day of the LORD is coming—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.

A black swan is swimming in a body of water, its dark feathers contrasting with the light blue water. The swan's head is turned slightly to the left, and its long neck is elegantly curved. The water's surface is calm, creating a clear reflection of the swan below. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue, suggesting a clear sky or distant shore. The entire image is framed by a thin red border.

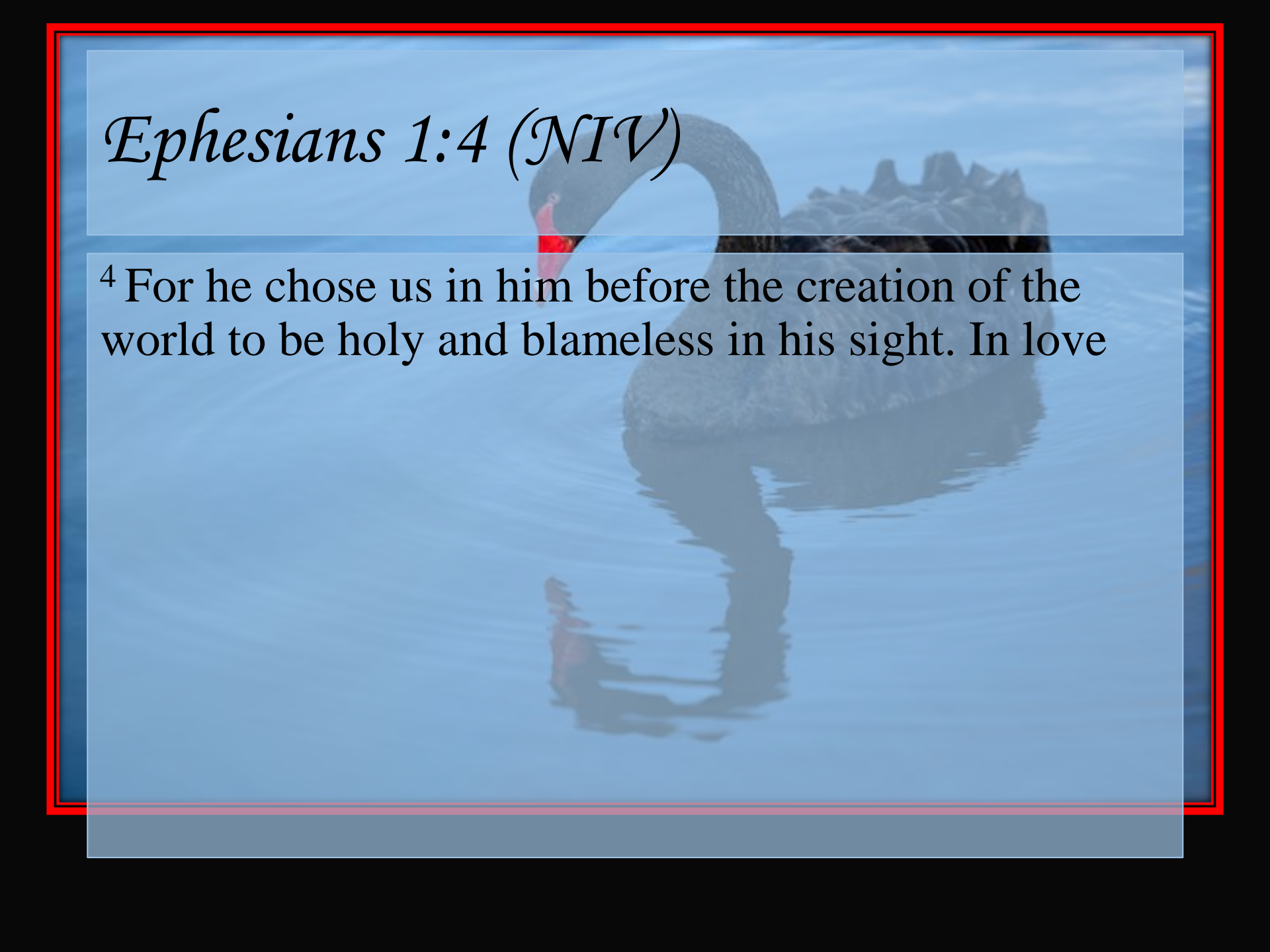
Matthew 24:36 (NIV)

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.



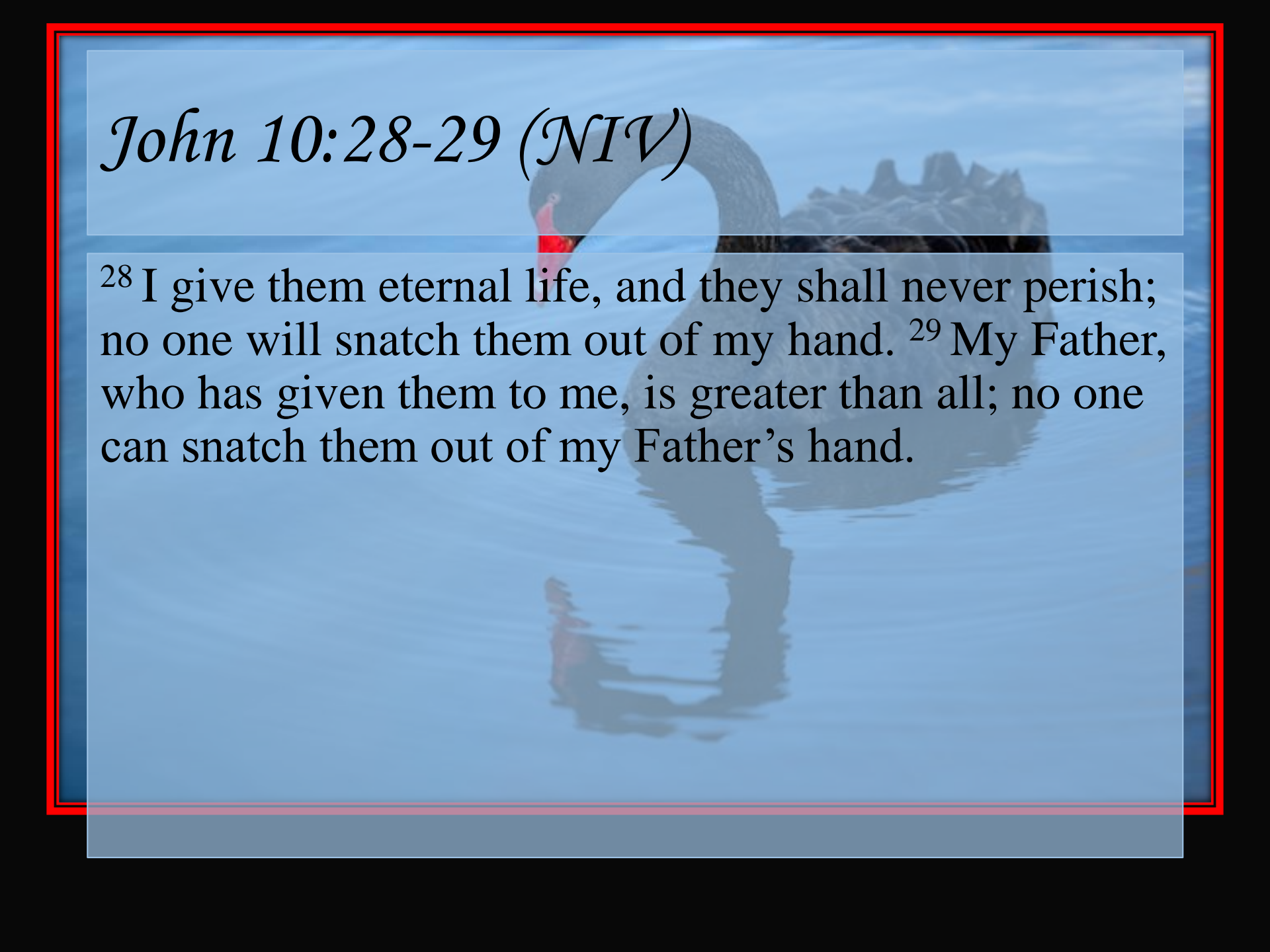
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A black swan is swimming in a body of water, its long neck curved back. The swan's dark feathers and bright red beak are visible. The water is a calm blue, and the swan's reflection is clearly visible below it. The entire scene is framed by a red border.

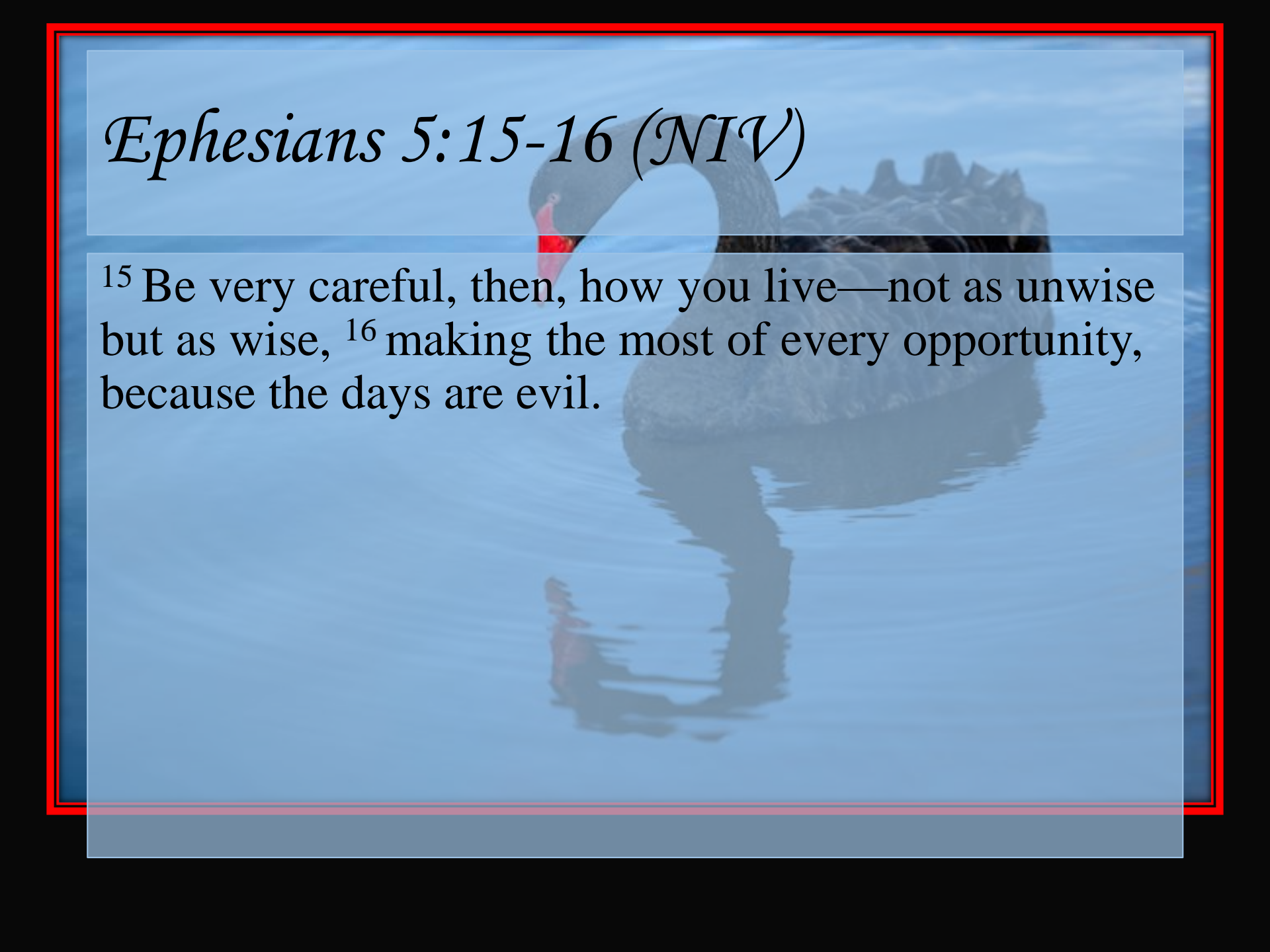
Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

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John 10:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

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Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.



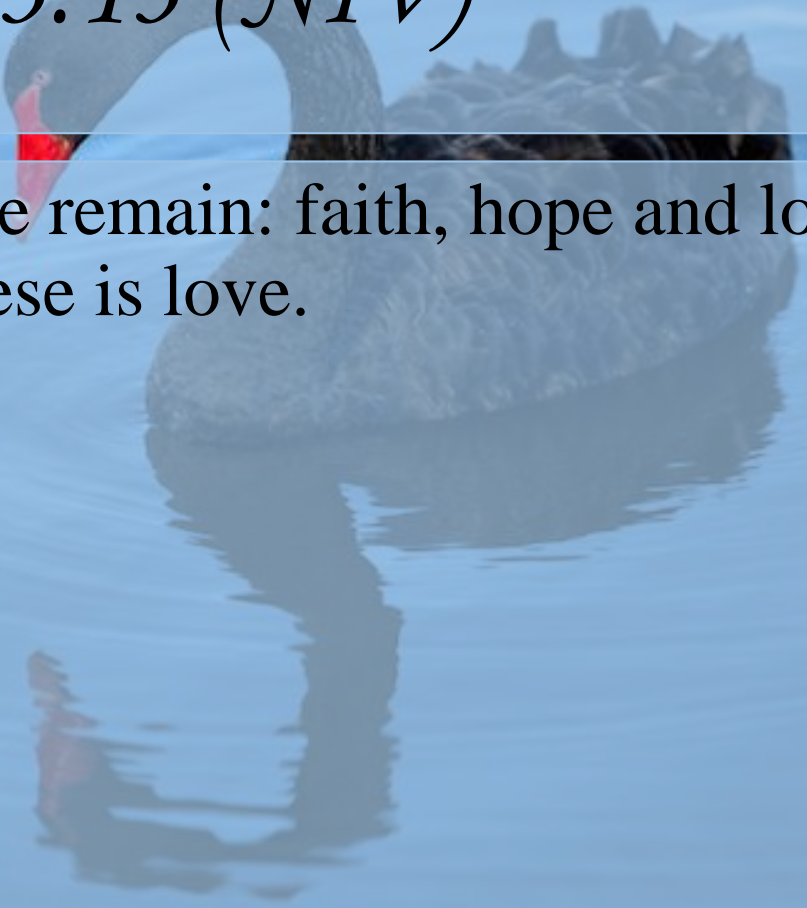
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1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

A swan with a red beak is swimming in a body of water. In the background, there are mountains under a blue sky. The entire image is framed by a red border.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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