



“How Good Do I Have To Be?”

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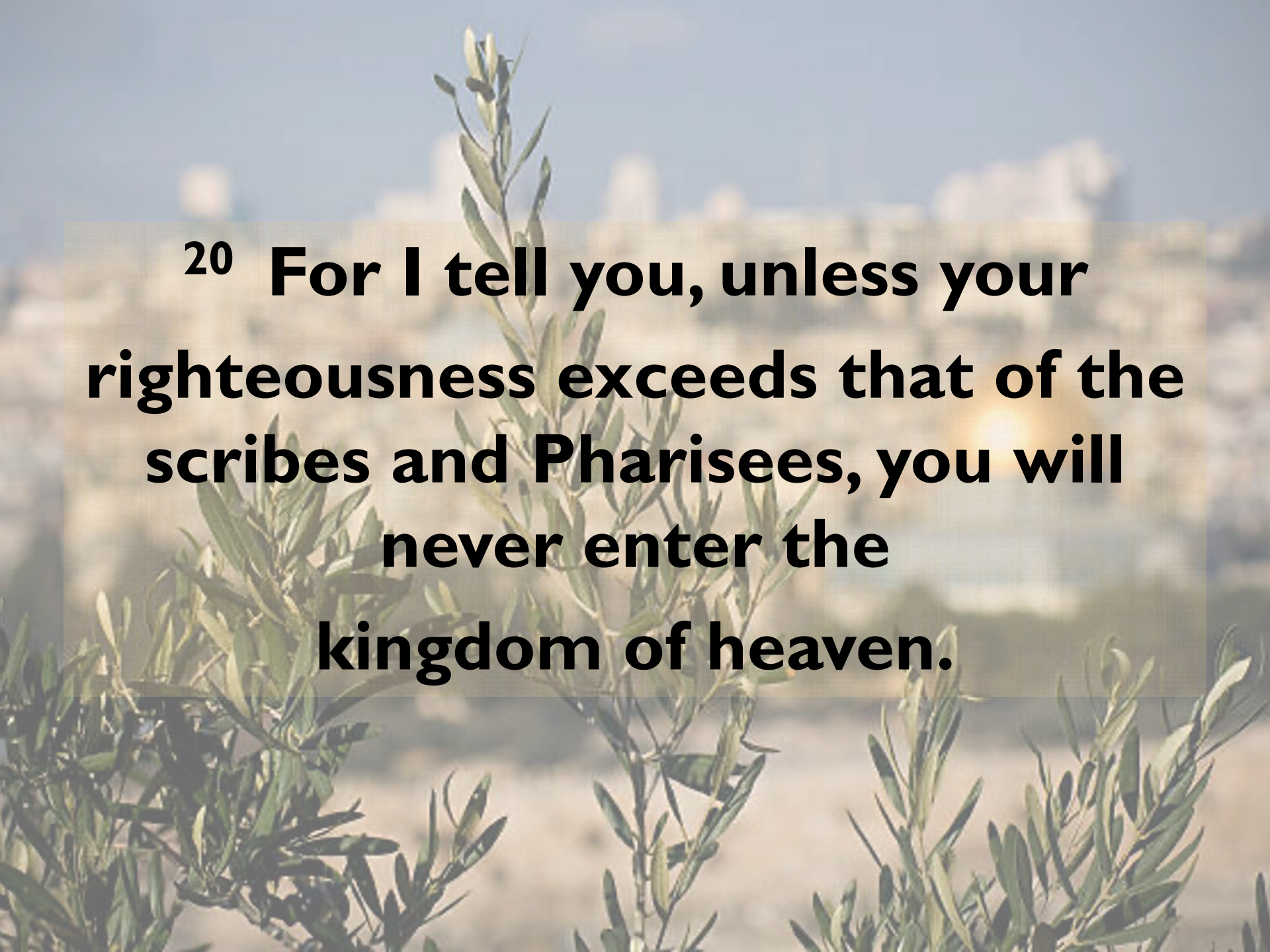
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Matthew 5:17-20

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

19 Therefore

**whoever relaxes one of the least
of these commandments and
teaches others to do the
same will be called least in the
kingdom of heaven, but whoever
does them and teaches
them will be called great in the
kingdom of heaven.**



**20 For I tell you, unless your
righteousness exceeds that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will
never enter the
kingdom of heaven.**



Matthew 28:18

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.””

Matthew 7:28-29

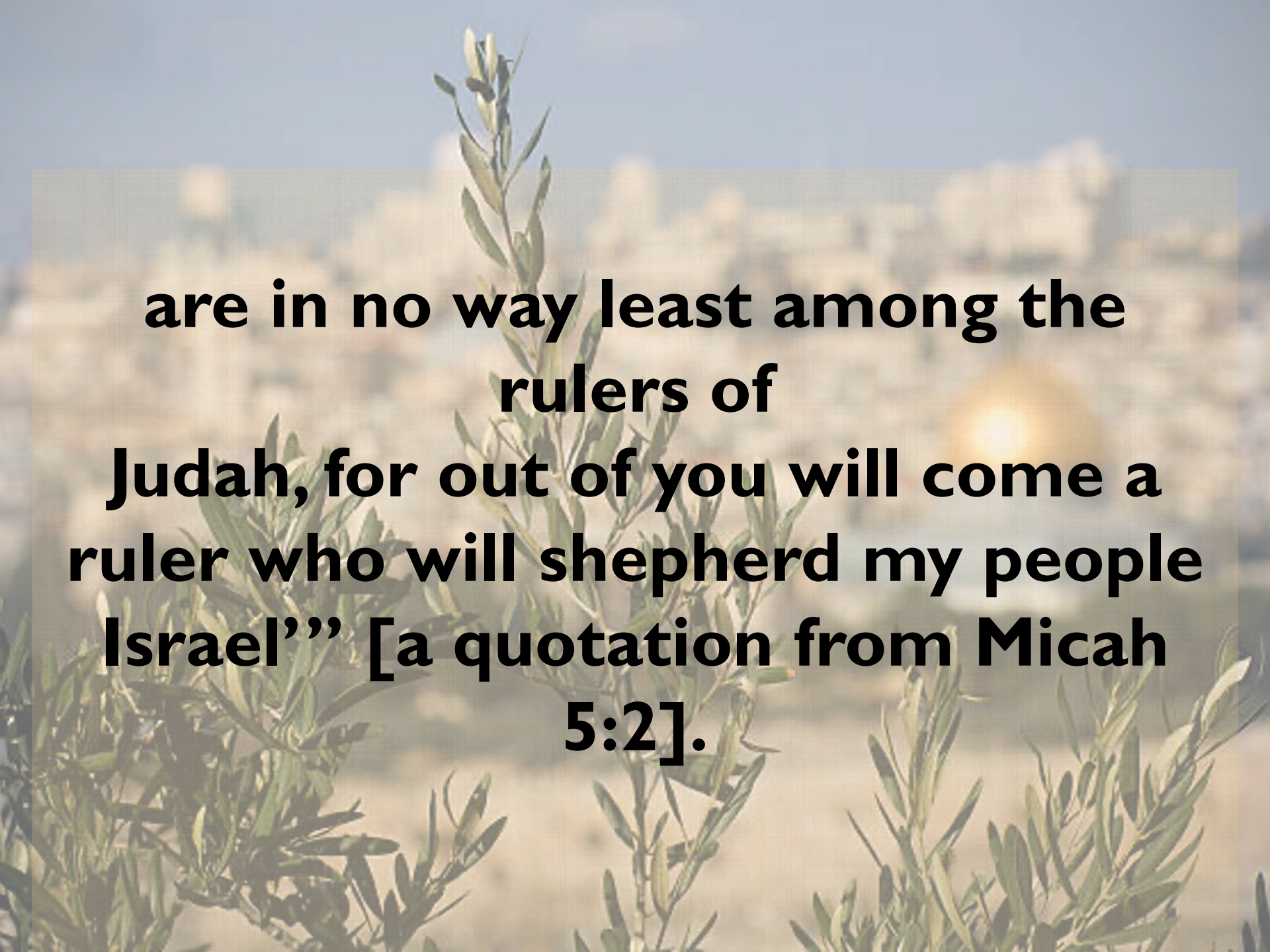
“And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”

Matthew 1:22-23

“This all happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: ‘Look a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel...’” [a quotation from Isaiah 7:14].

Matthew 2:4-6

**Speaking of Herod the Great:
“After assembling all the chief
priests and experts in the Law
he asked them where the Christ
was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem of
Judea,’ they said, ‘for it is written
this way by the prophet: ‘And you,
Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,**



**are in no way least among the
rulers of
Judah, for out of you will come a
ruler who will shepherd my people
Israel”” [a quotation from Micah
5:2].**

Matthew 2:15

“Then he got up, took the child and his mother at night, and went to Egypt. He stayed there until Herod died. In this way what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet was fulfilled: ‘I called my Son out of Egypt’” [a quotation from Hosea 11:1].

Matthew 2:17

“Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: ‘A voice was heard in

Ramah weeping and loud wailing, Rachel weeping for her children, and she did not want to be comforted, because they were gone”
[a quotation from Jeremiah 31:15].

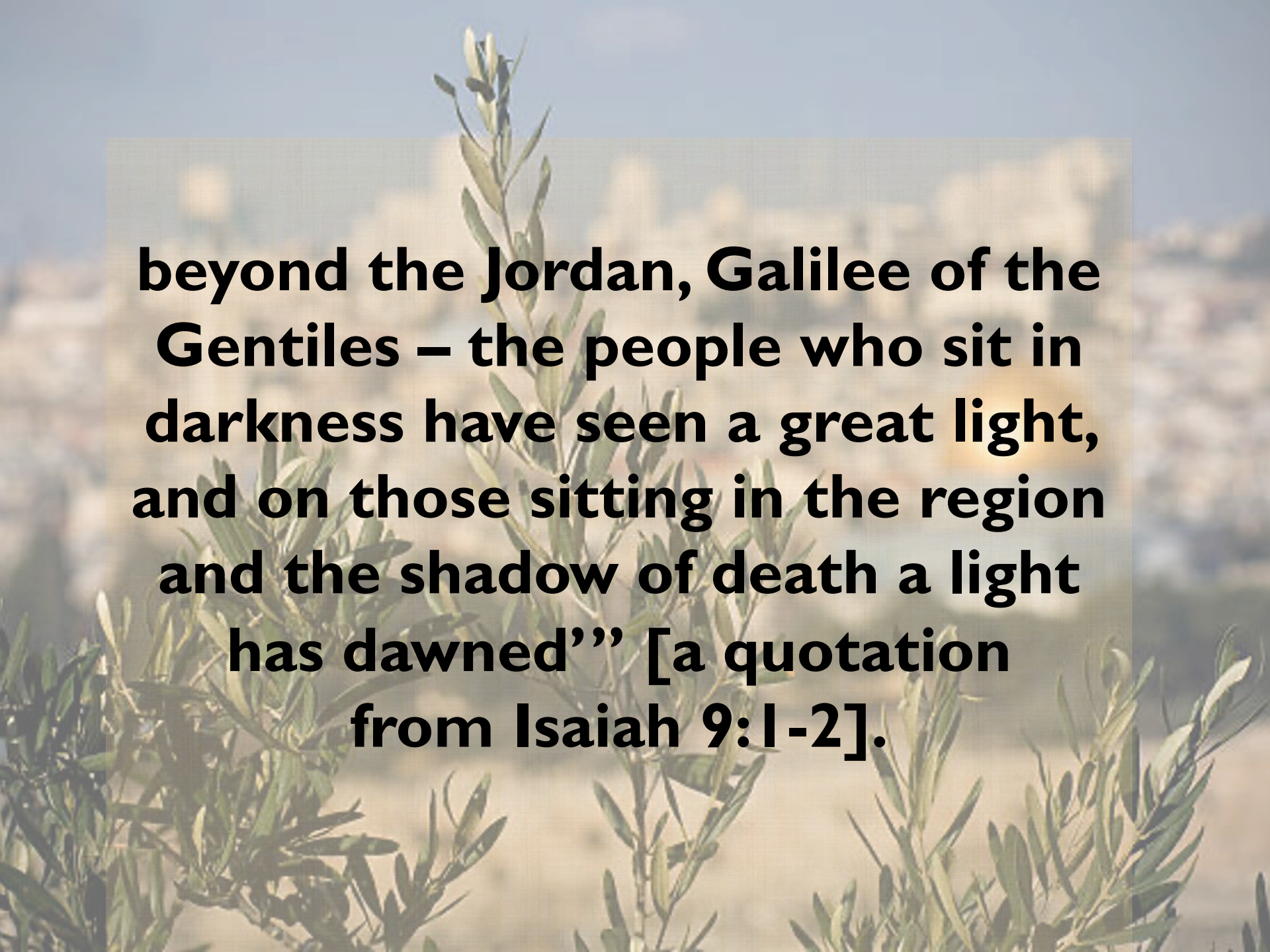
Matthew 3:3

Speaking of John the Baptist: “For he is the one who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness, prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight’” [a quotation from Isaiah 40:3].

Matthew 4:12-16

“Now when Jesus heard that John had been imprisoned, he went into Galilee. While in Galilee, he moved from Nazareth to make his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled: ‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way by the sea,

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**beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles – the people who sit in
darkness have seen a great light,
and on those sitting in the region
and the shadow of death a light
has dawned”” [a quotation
from Isaiah 9:1-2].**