

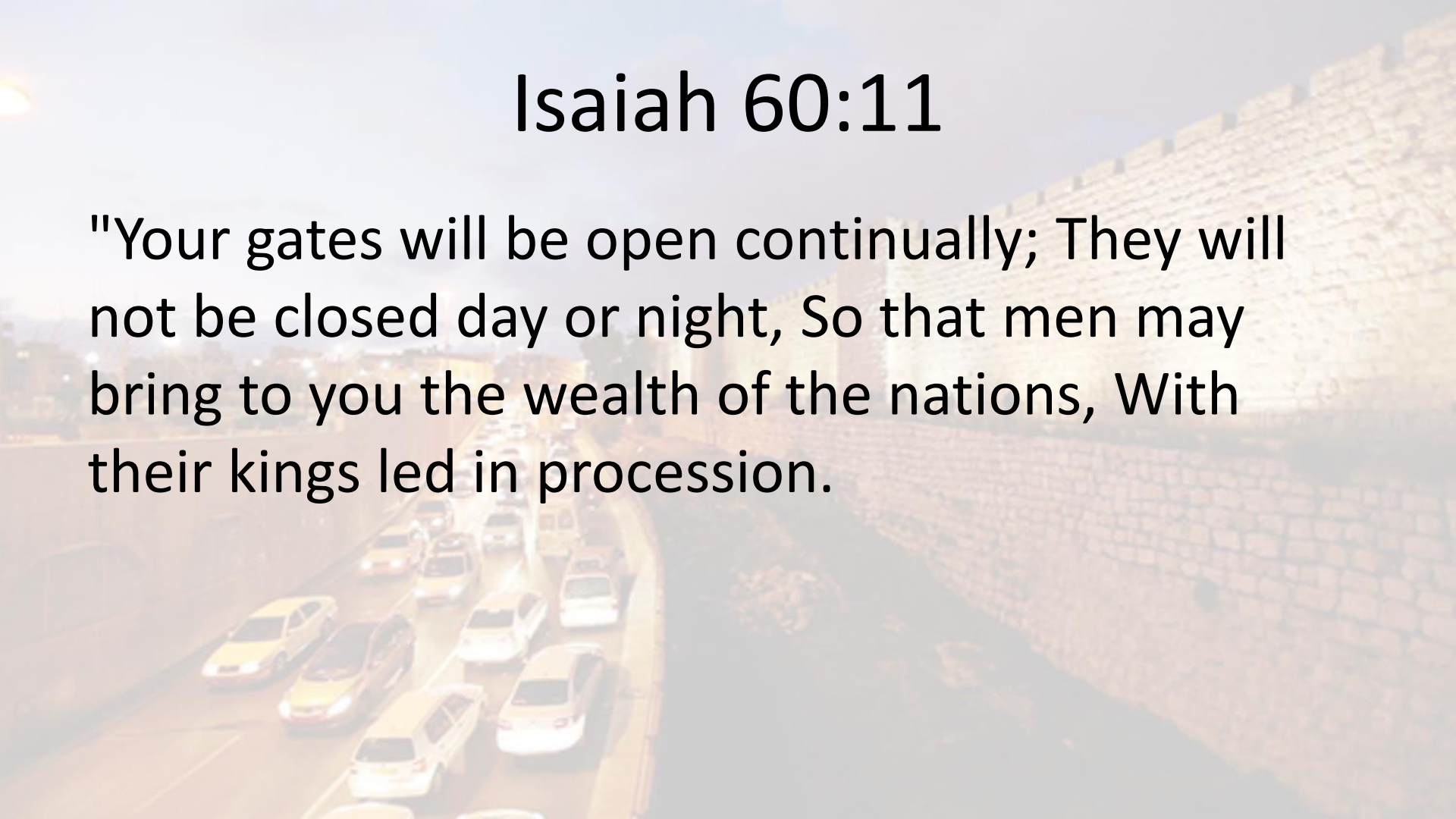
# City of Refuge

Open the gates

Part II

# Isaiah 60:11

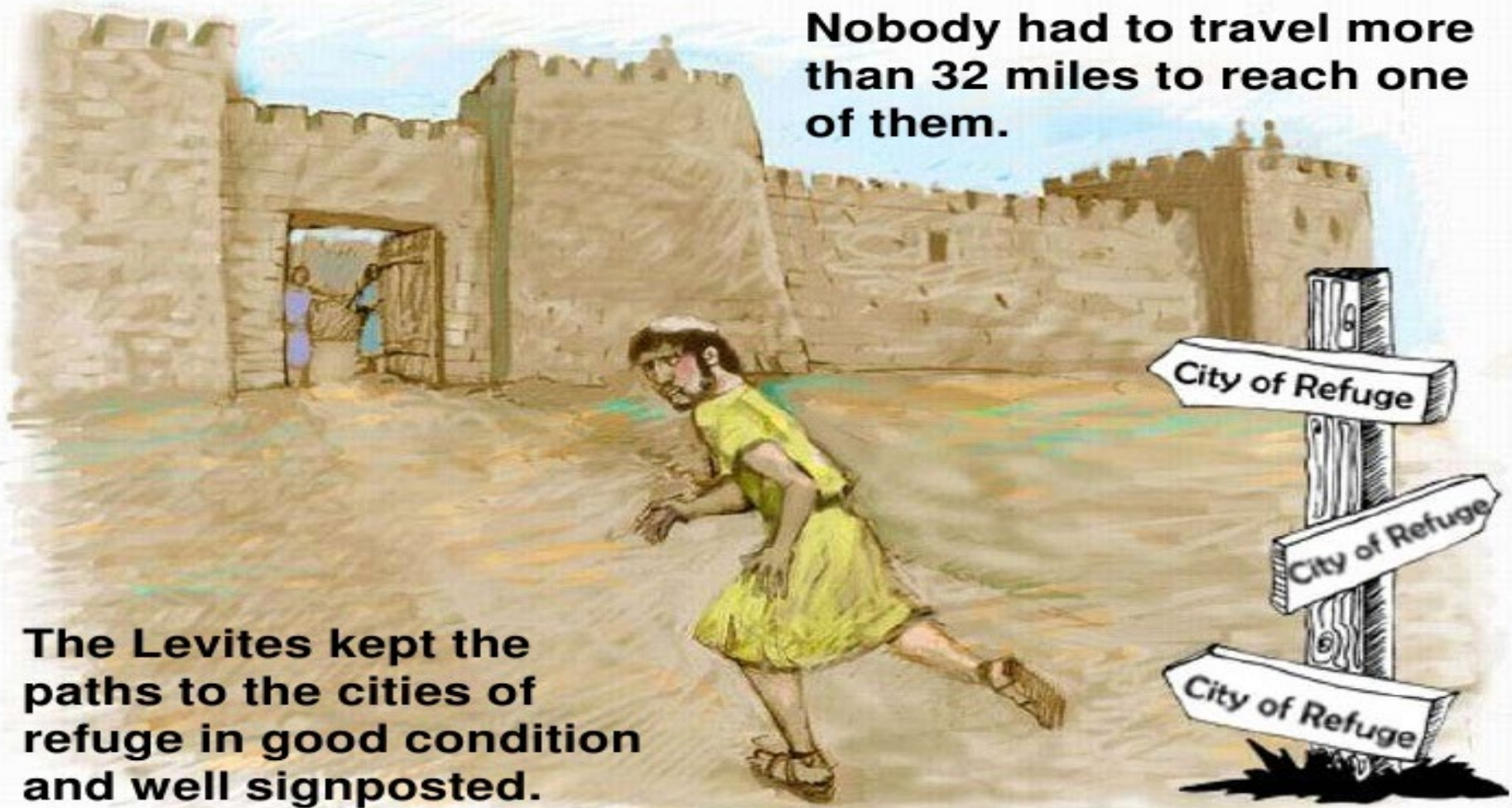
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**Nobody had to travel more than 32 miles to reach one of them.**

**The Levites kept the paths to the cities of refuge in good condition and well signposted.**





# Cities of Refuge

1. **Kedesh:** to sanctify, set apart, consecrate and therefore to make holy.
2. **Shechem:** between the shoulders or burden bearer.
3. **Hebron:** Joining or fellowship.
4. **Bezer:** signifies a fortified place
5. **Ramoth:** signifying to be high, raised up, exalted.
6. **Golan:** is rejoicing through deliverance.

# 1 Peter 2:9 NLT

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You **are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.** As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

A stone wall with a crenelated top, featuring the text "JESUS IS OUR CITY OF REFUGE" in large, red, distressed letters. The wall is made of light-colored, weathered stone blocks. The text is painted in a bold, sans-serif font with a rough, textured appearance. The background shows a clear blue sky and some sparse, dry vegetation in the foreground.

**JESUS IS OUR CITY OF REFUGE**

# Leaving the Hiding place

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

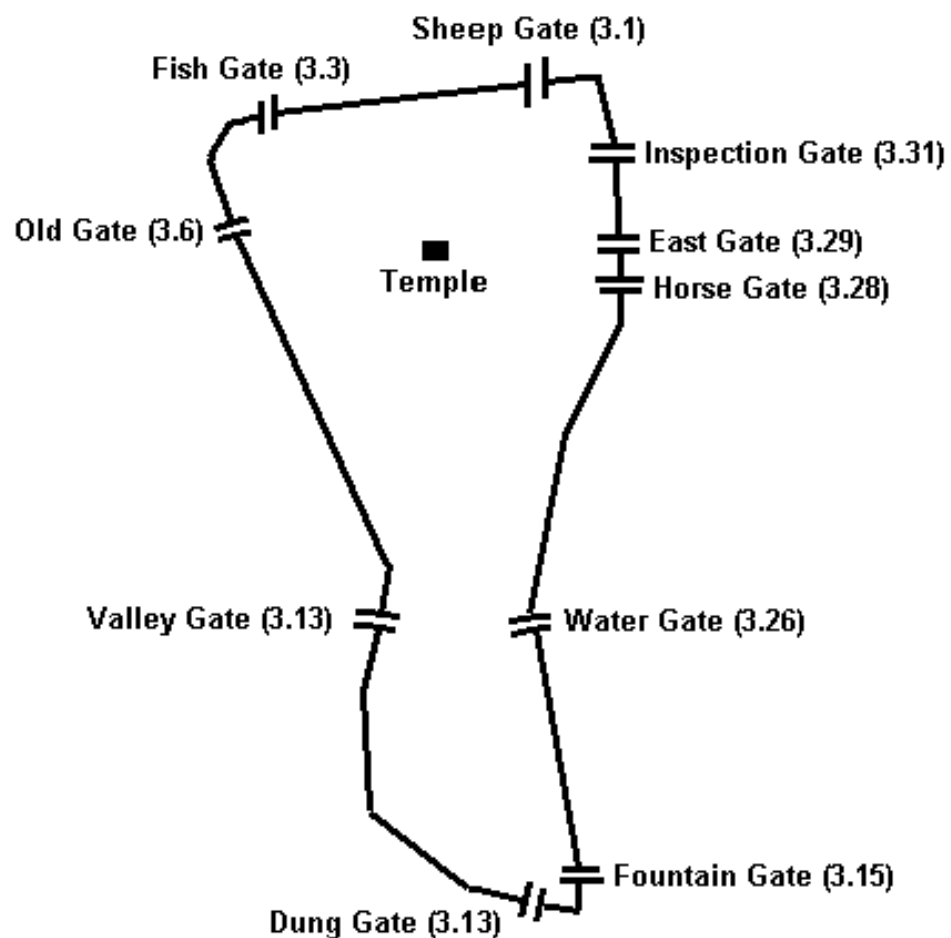
-Prov 14:12

People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.

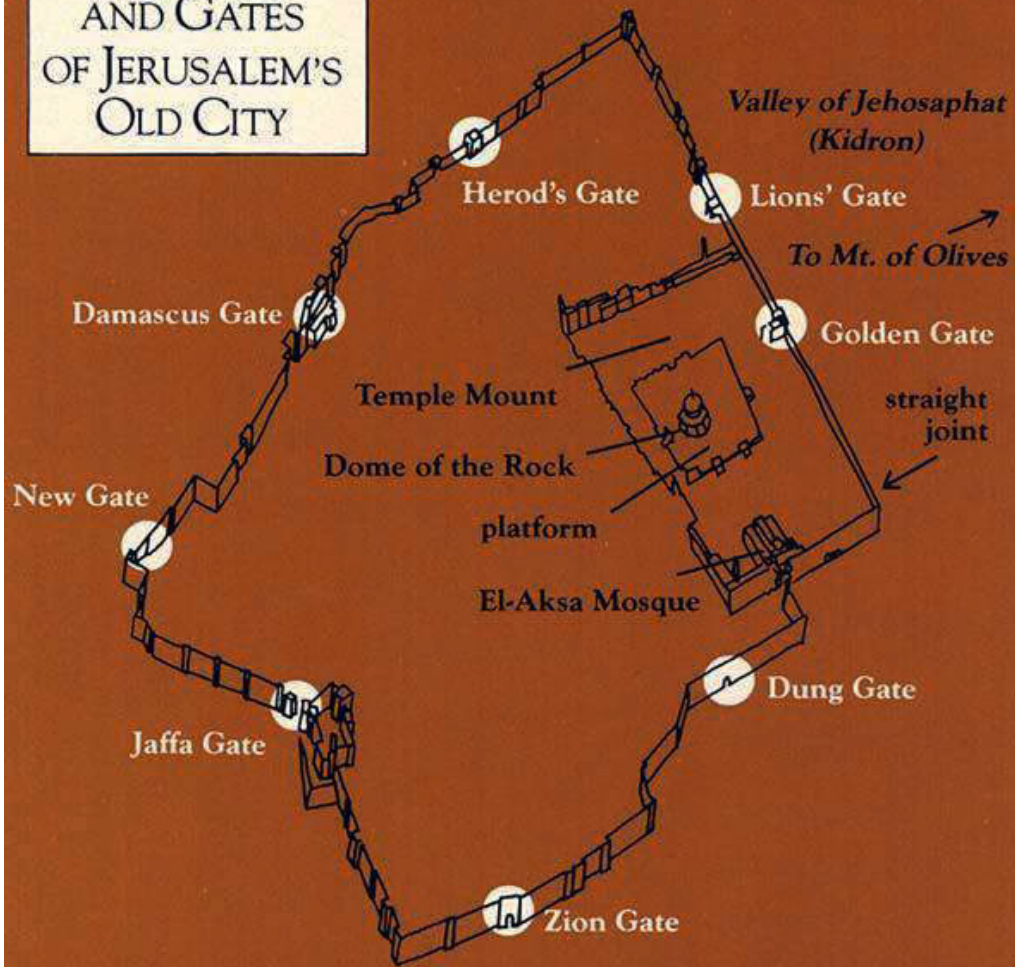
-Prov 21:2



# Nehemiah's Jerusalem



THE WALLS  
AND GATES  
OF JERUSALEM'S  
OLD CITY



# Elders in the Gate



- Gen 19:1
- Deut. 21:19; 22:15; 25:7
- Ruth 4:1
- Lam 5:14
- Job 29:7
- Proverbs 31:23
- 1 Samuel 4:18
- 2 Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-8







# Deuteronomy 21:19-21 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> In such a case, the father and mother must take the son to the **elders** as they hold court at the **town gate**. <sup>20</sup> The parents must say to the elders, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious and refuses to obey. He is a glutton and a drunkard.' <sup>21</sup> Then all the men of his town must stone him to death. In this way, you will purge this evil from among you, and all Israel will hear about it and be afraid.

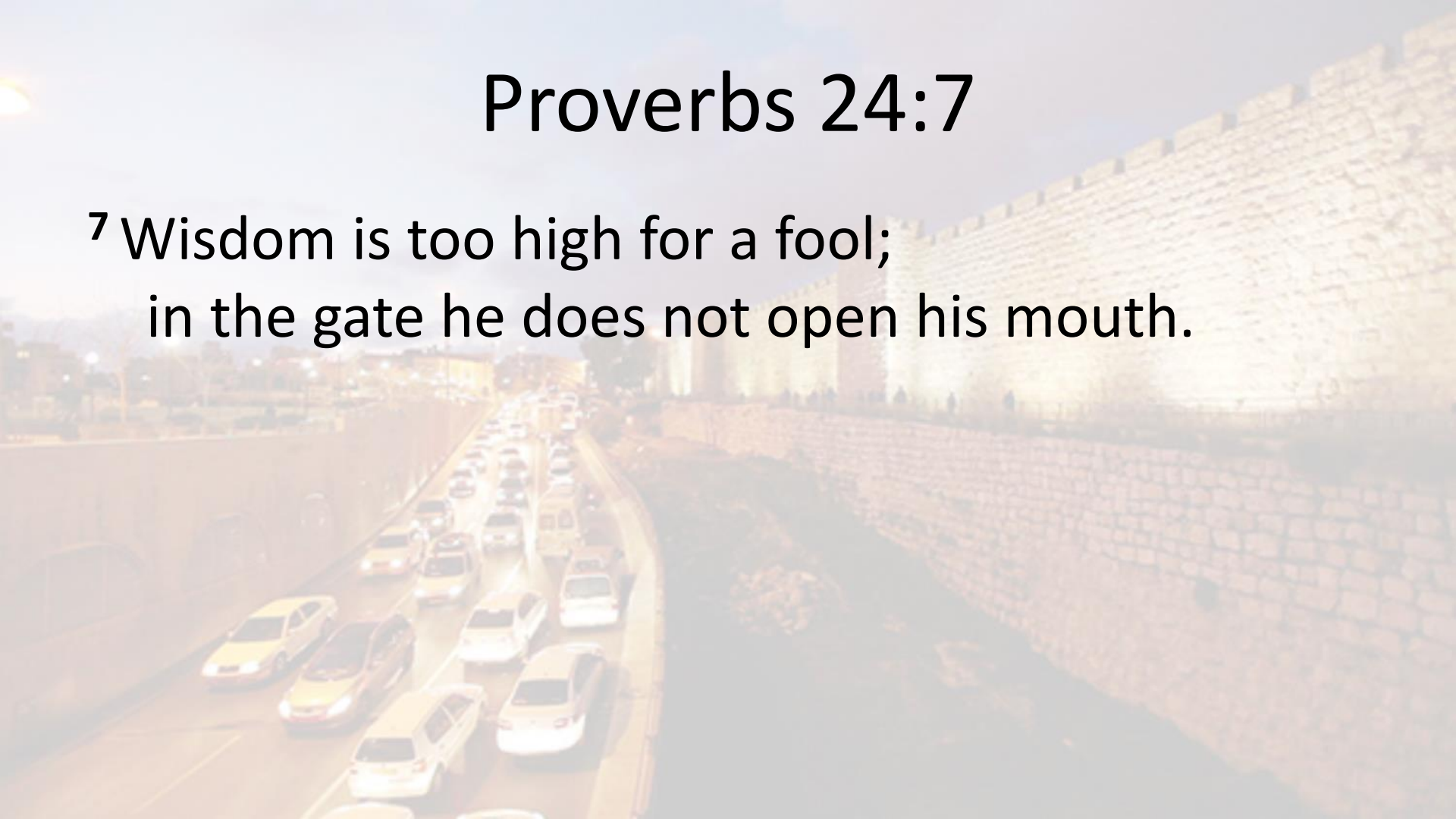
# Proverbs 31:10;23 (NIV)

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?

Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

# Proverbs 24:7

<sup>7</sup> Wisdom is too high for a fool;  
in the gate he does not open his mouth.



# Importance of the Gate

The background of the slide features a stone wall with a crenelated top edge, extending from the right side towards the center. In the foreground, a road with several cars is visible, leading towards a gate in the wall. The scene is set at night or dusk, with a warm, golden light illuminating the wall and the road.

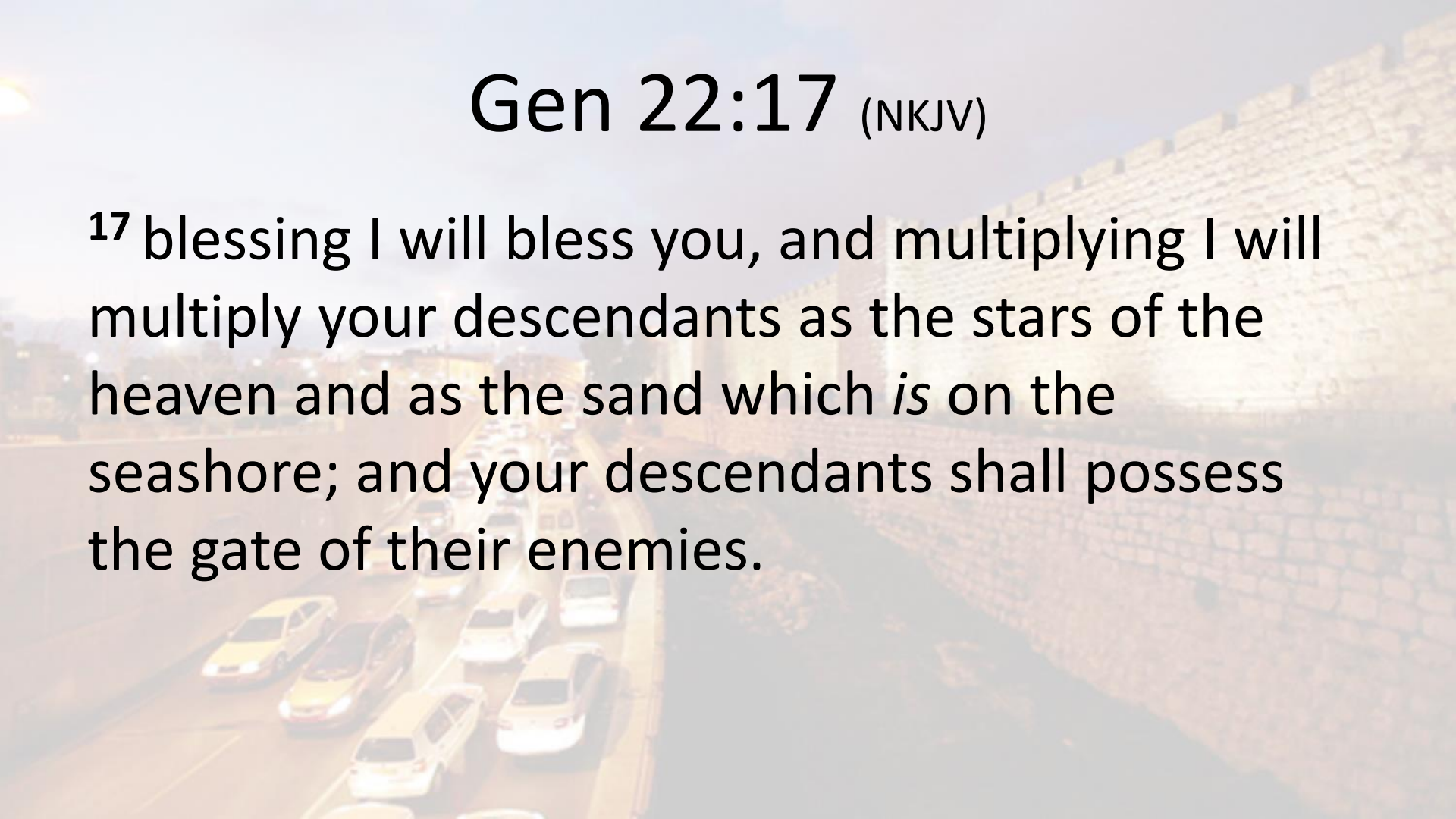
Mat 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



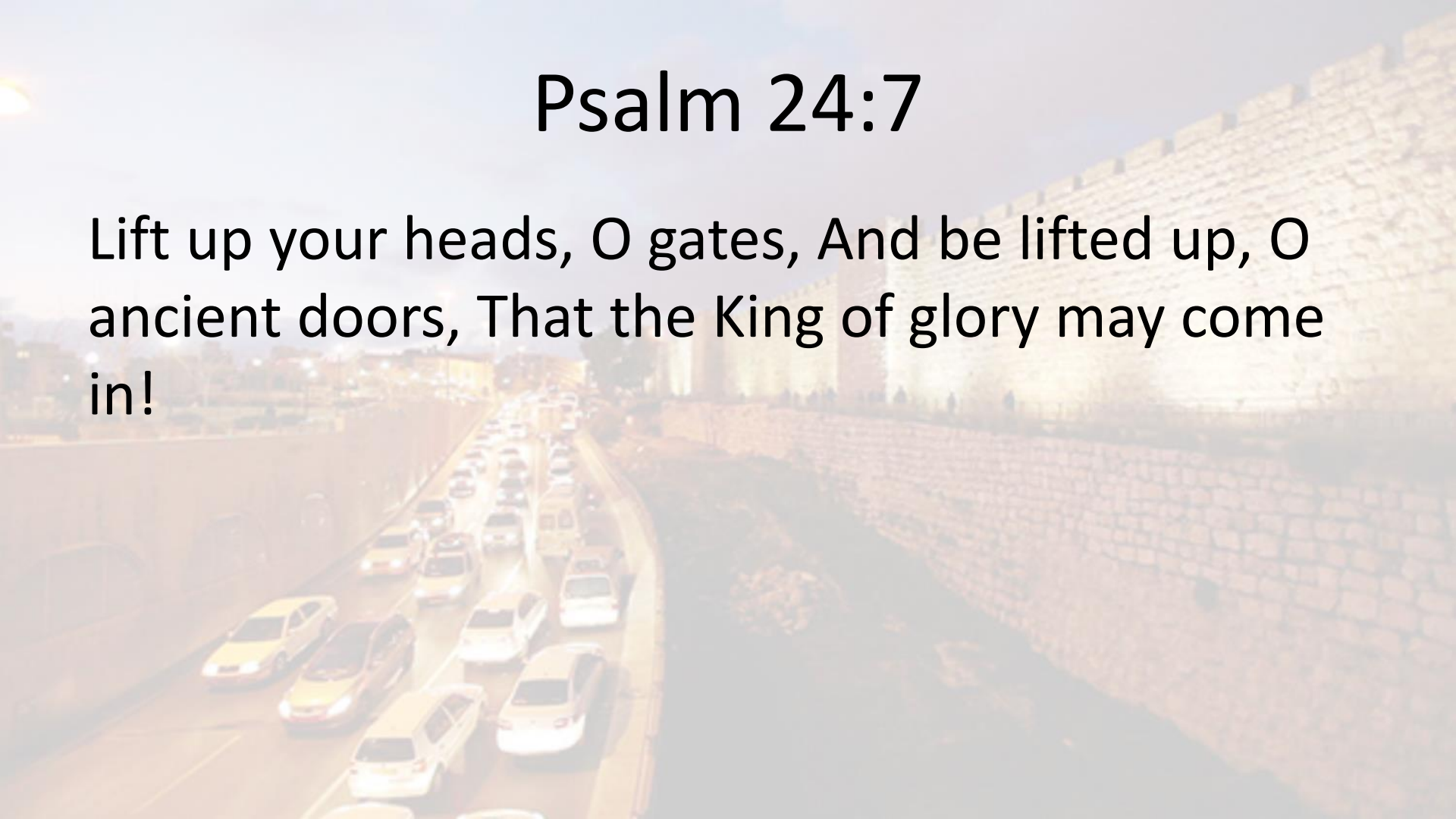
# Gen 22:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway with several cars driving. In the background, there is a large, ancient stone wall or fortification. The image is slightly faded and serves as a background for the text.

# Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in!





## The 2 gates



# 70 Year Captivity

prophesied by Jeremiah

Nebuchadnezzar  
attacks  
Jerusalem

Cyrus' Decree  
to Free  
the Jews

Death of  
King Josiah

Jer. 25:11-12, 29:10

Kingdom of Judah

Babylonian Captivity

Rebuilding...

628 624

607 603

580

569

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538 534

Nebuchadnezzar

Belshazzar

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Daniel

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Jeremiah

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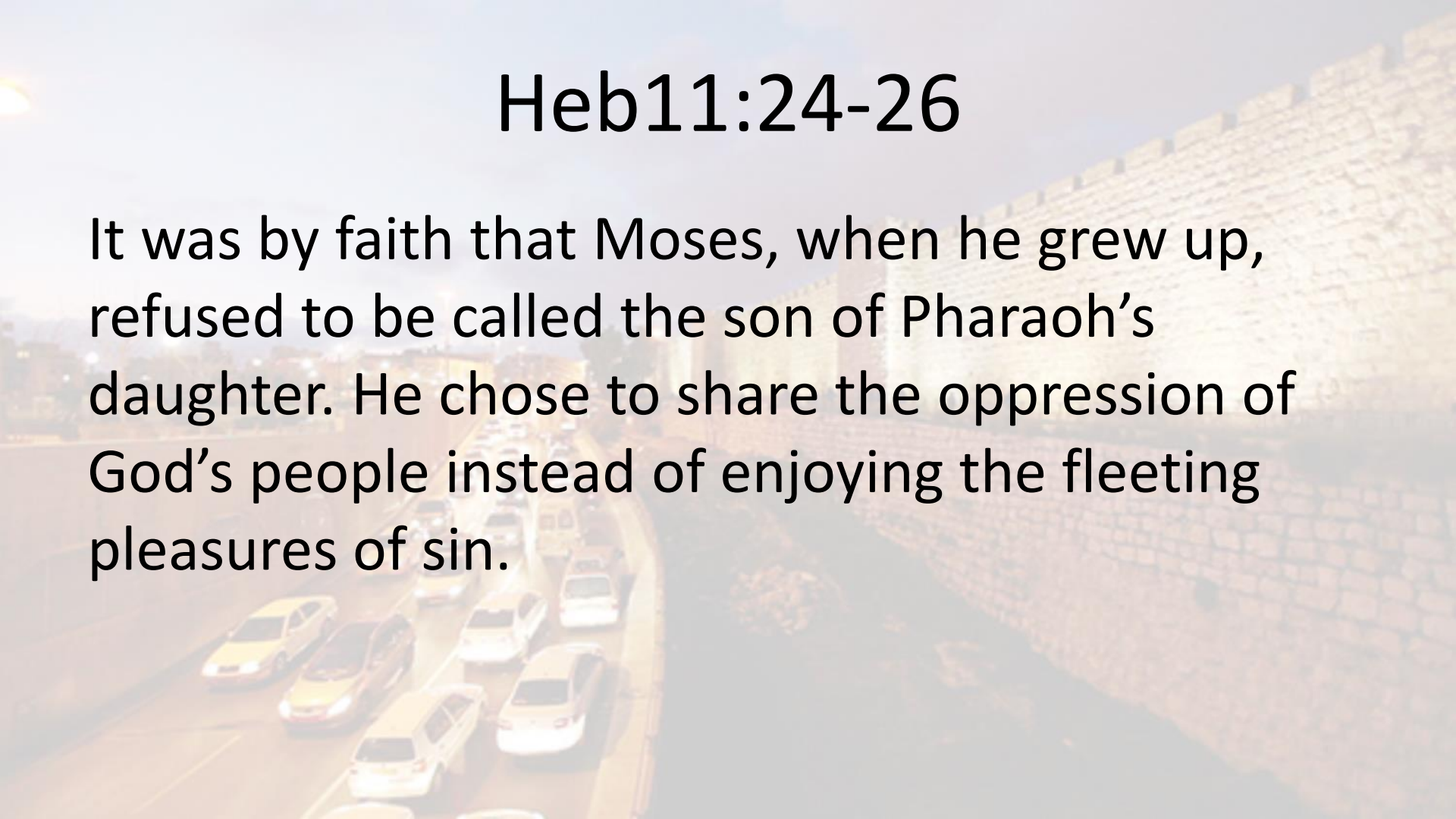
Ezekiel

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# Heb11:24-26

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.

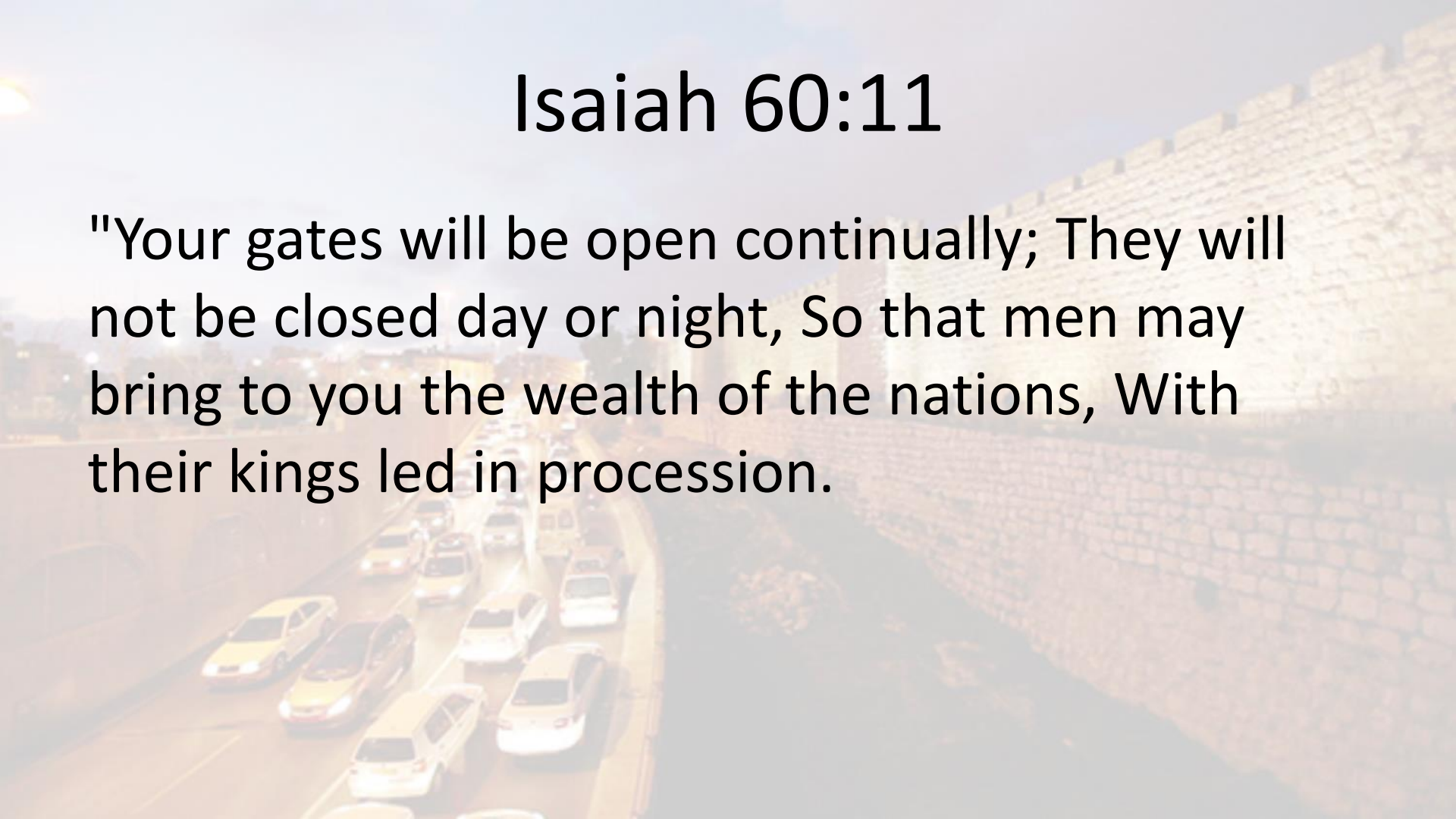
The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a night-time view of a multi-lane highway with several cars driving away from the viewer. On the right, there is a large, textured stone wall, possibly a fortification or a city wall, extending into the distance. The overall lighting is dim, with some artificial lights from the cars and the wall.

# Heb11:24-26

He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

# Isaiah 60:11

"Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a multi-lane highway at night. The road is filled with cars, their headlights and taillights glowing. To the right of the highway, a large, ancient stone wall with a crenelated top edge runs parallel to the road. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light sources being the vehicles and some distant city lights in the background.

# 1 Peter 2:4-6 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



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