



On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ...

EXODUS 19 : 1-6

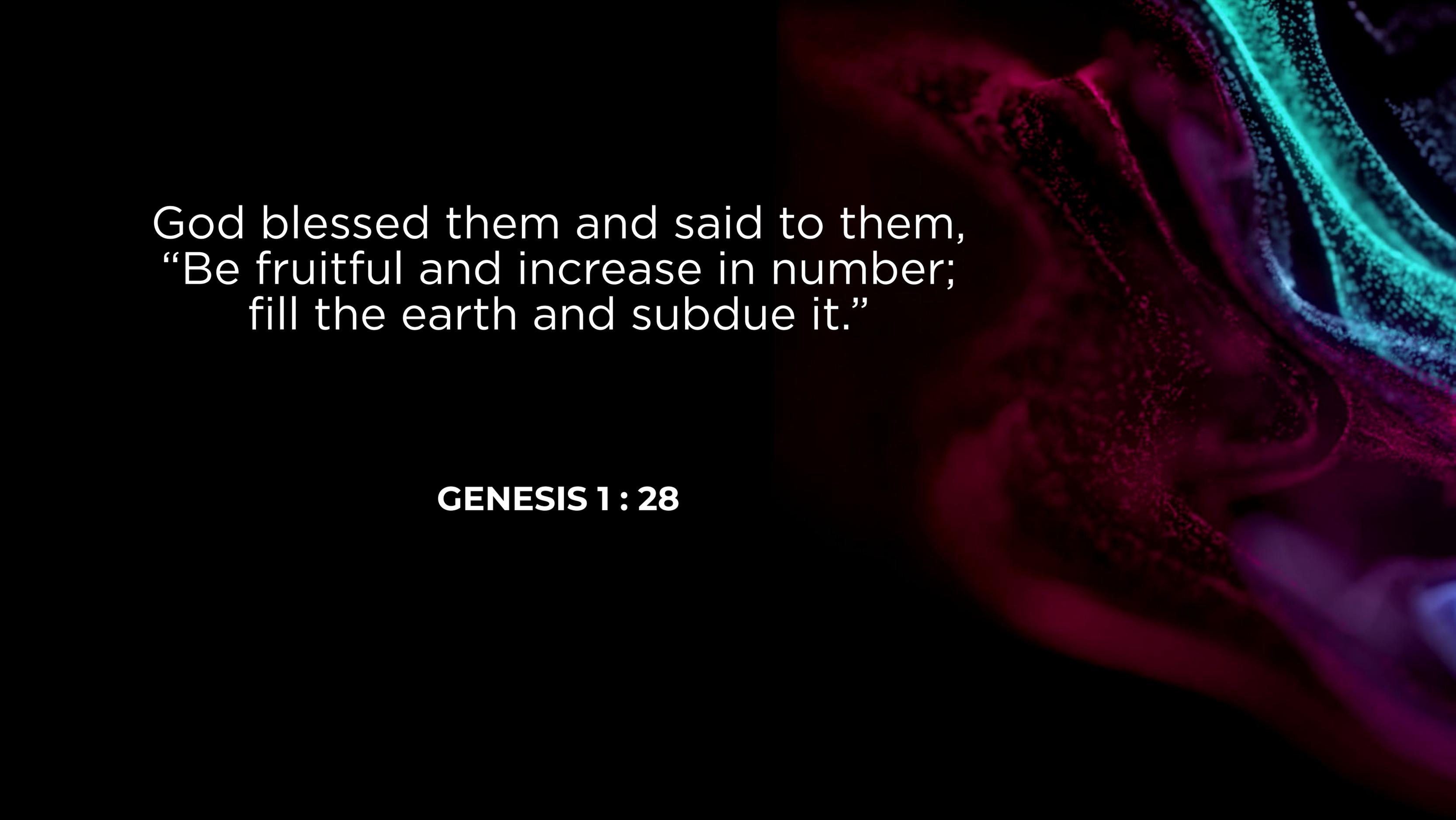
‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

EXODUS 19 : 1-6



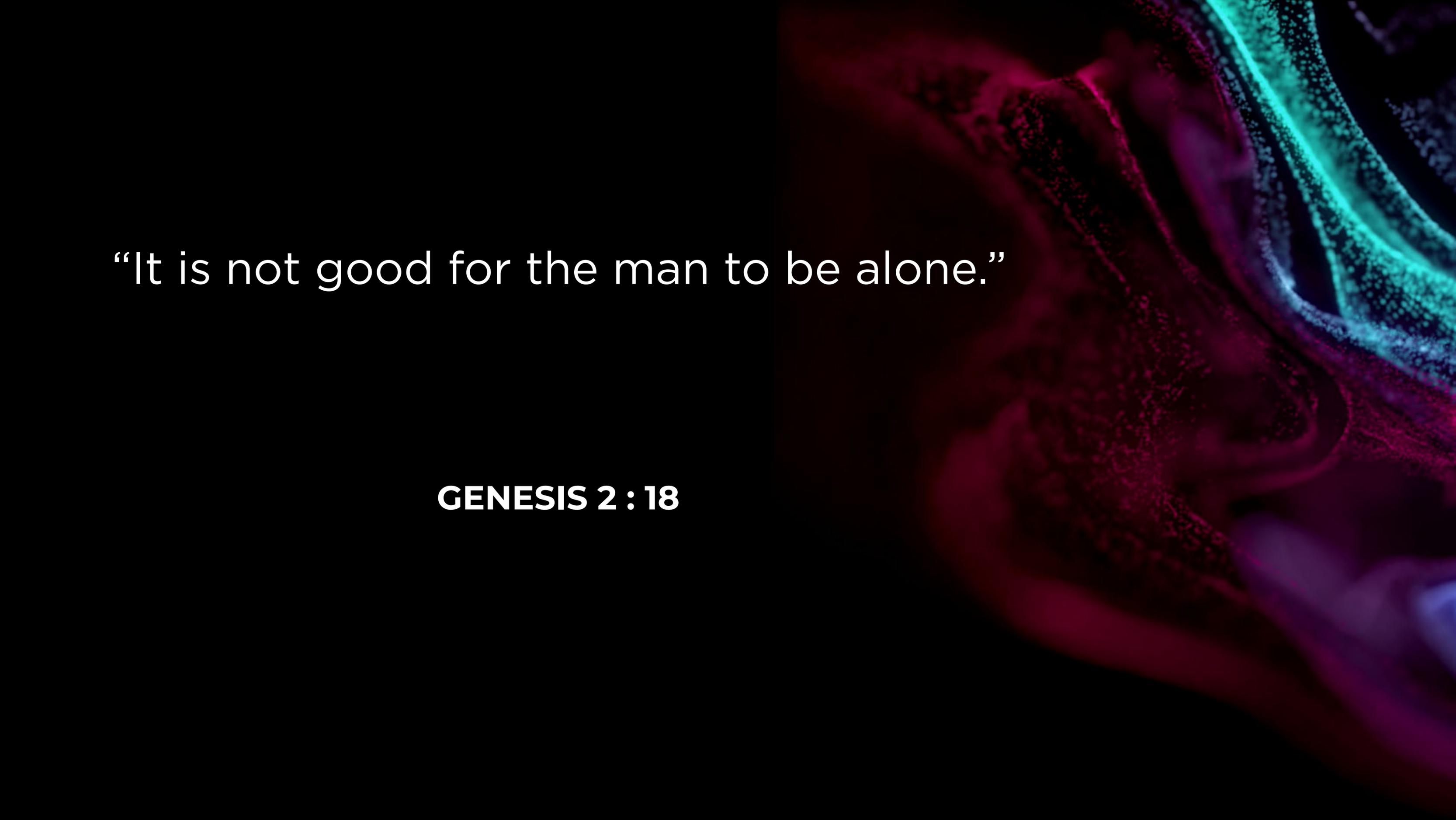
“Let us make mankind in our image...”

GENESIS 1 : 26



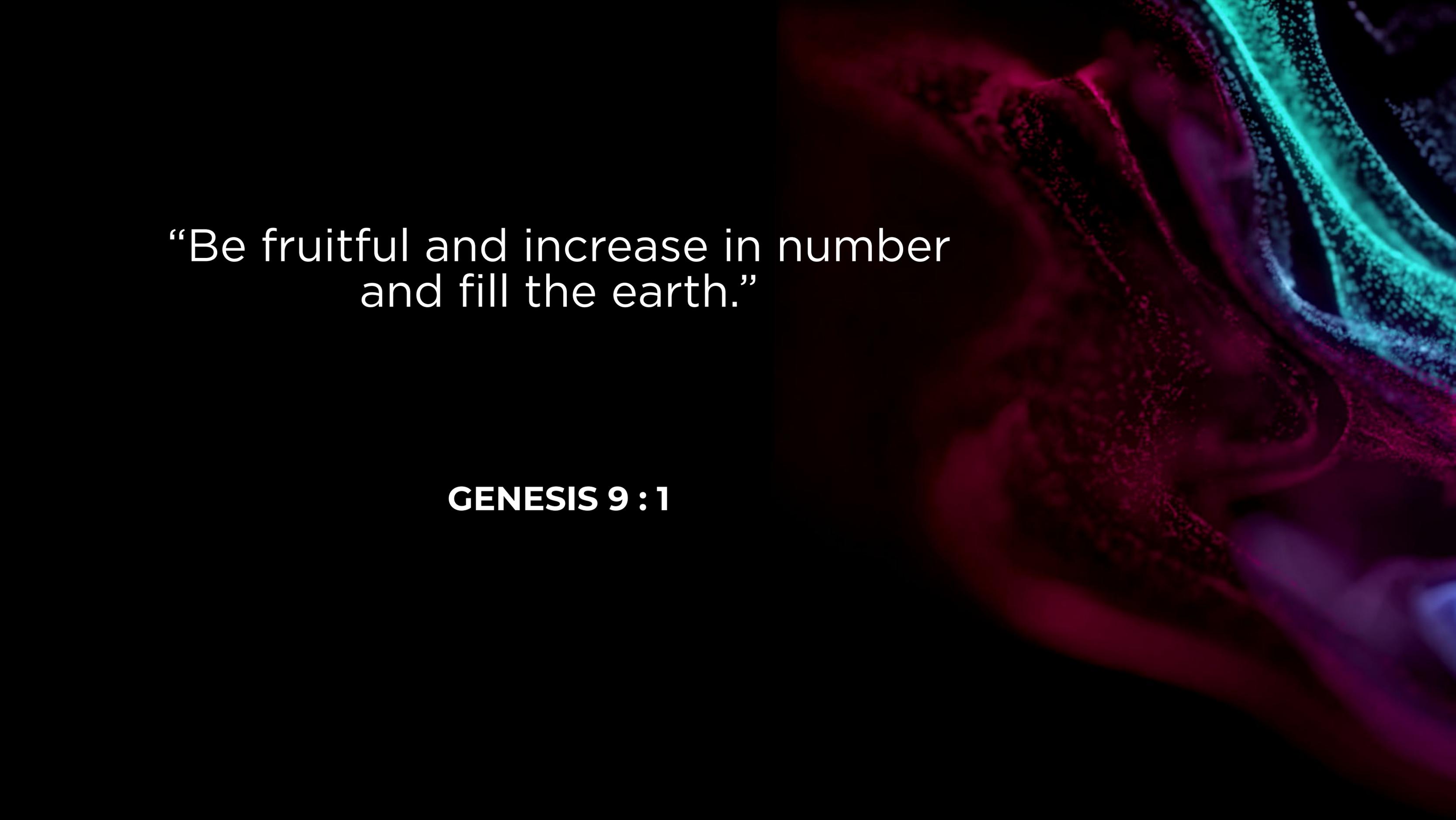
God blessed them and said to them,
“Be fruitful and increase in number;
fill the earth and subdue it.”

GENESIS 1 : 28



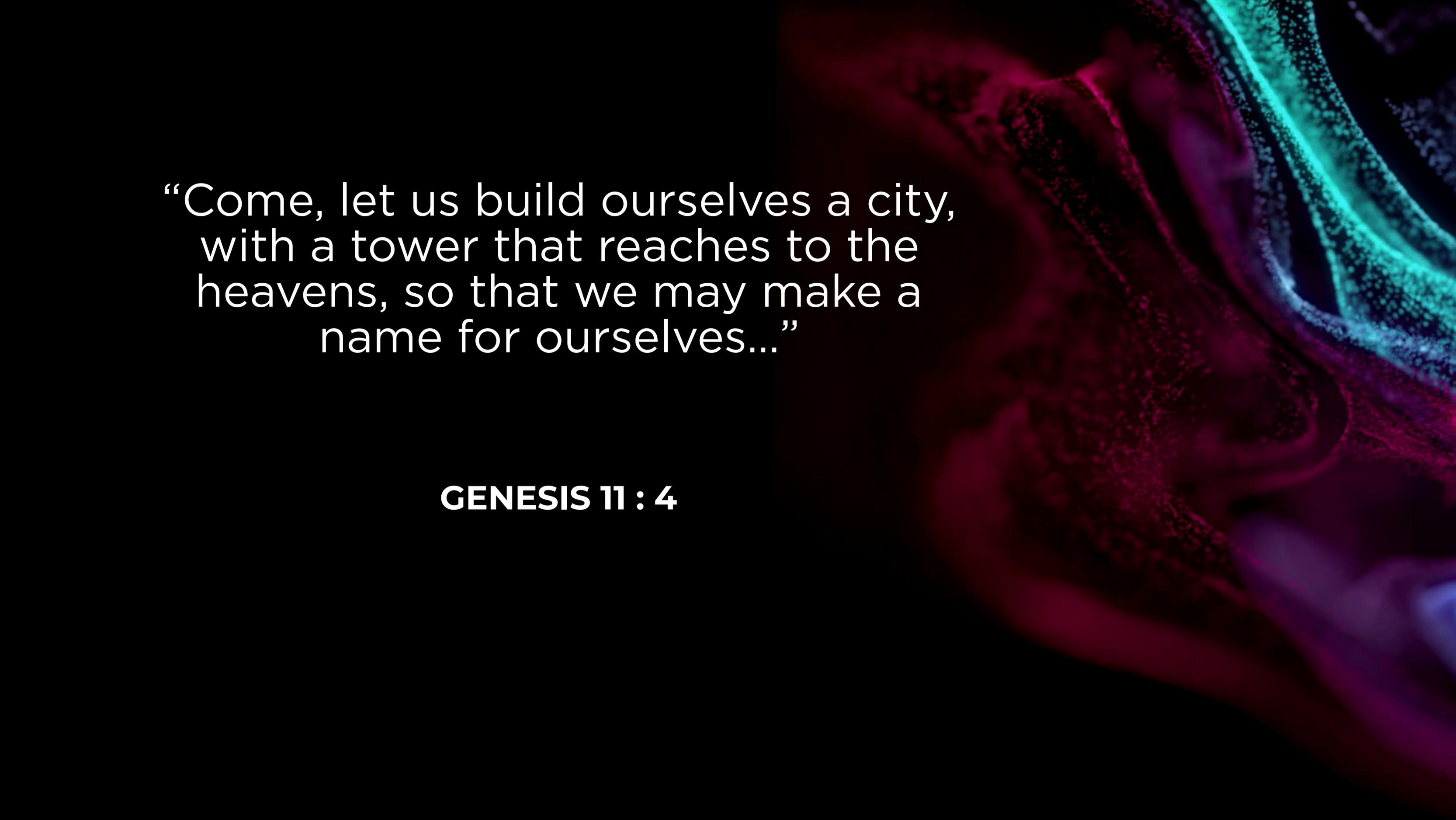
“It is not good for the man to be alone.”

GENESIS 2 : 18



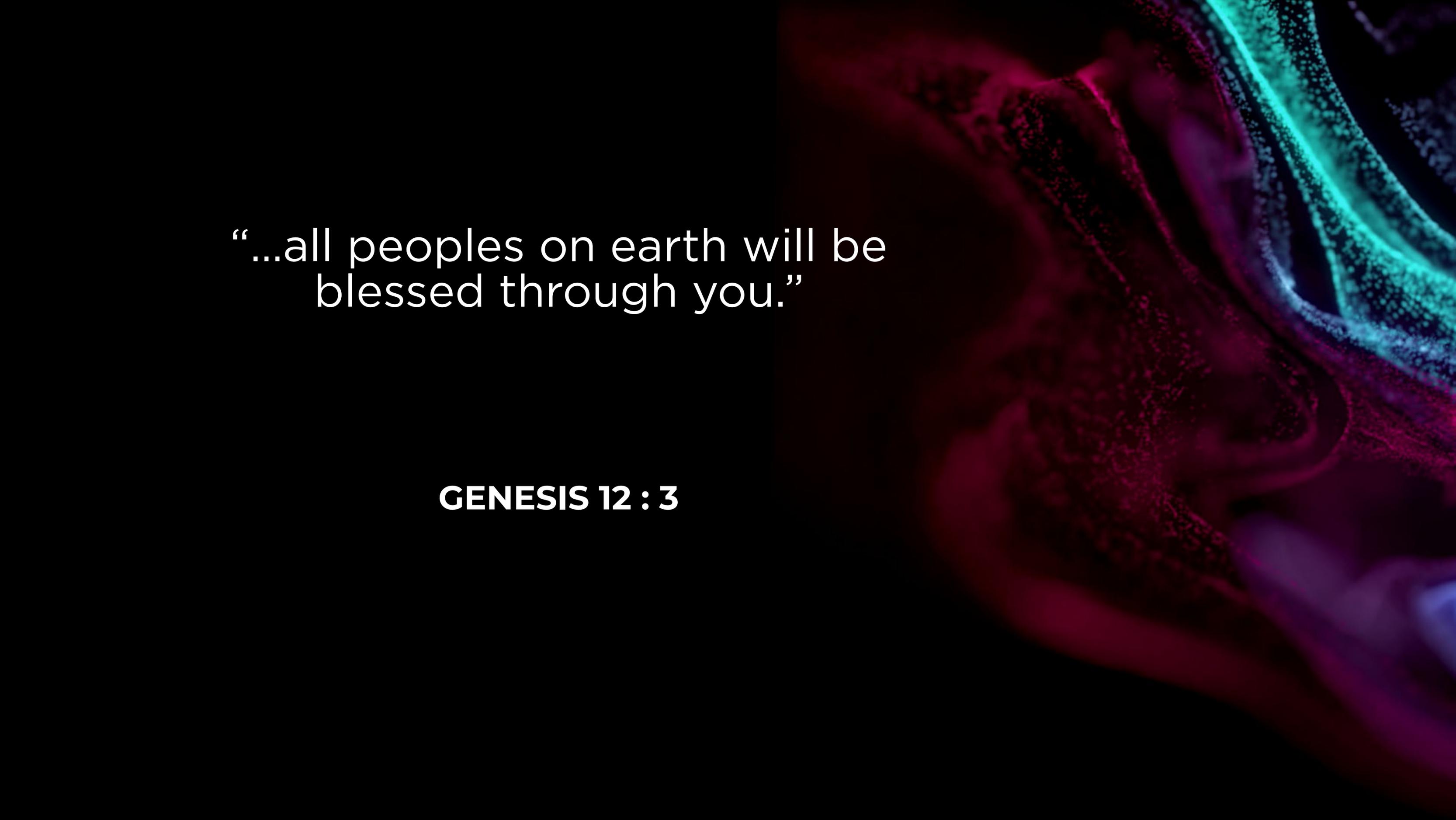
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GENESIS 9 : 1



“Come, let us build ourselves a city,
with a tower that reaches to the
heavens, so that we may make a
name for ourselves...”

GENESIS 11 : 4



“...all peoples on earth will be
blessed through you.”

GENESIS 12 : 3

Among epidemiologists, psychiatrists, public-health officials, and social scientists, there is a growing consensus that the number one health crisis in America right now is not cancer, not obesity, and not heart disease—it's loneliness.

BEN SASSE

"THEM: WHY WE HATE EACH OTHER—AND HOW TO HEAL"



The crucial variable, [sociologist Eric] Klinenberg discovered, was social relationships. In neighborhoods that fared well during the heat wave, residents “knew who was alone, who was old, and who was sick,” and took it upon themselves to do “wellness checks.” They “encouraged neighbors to knock on each other’s doors—not because the heat wave was so exceptional, but because that’s what they always do.” By contrast, areas with high death tolls were areas that previously had been “abandon[ed] . . . by businesses, service providers, and most residents”; only “the unconnected” remained. They died alone because they lived alone.

BEN SASSE

“THEM: WHY WE HATE EACH OTHER—AND HOW TO HEAL”

Now Jesus had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

JOHN 4 : 4-15

The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”

JOHN 4 : 4-15

Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

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JOHN 4 : 4-5, 7, 9

WHY? WE DON'T KNOW ALL THE REASONS, BUT JESUS PROVIDES A PRETTY MAJOR CLUE AS THEIR CONVERSATION CONTINUES.



Jesus told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

JOHN 4 : 16-18

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

JOHN 4:25-26

...leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

JOHN 4 : 28-30

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EXODUS 19 : 4-6

“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.
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 12 : 2-3

They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”

ACTS 6 : 13-14

“Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia...”

ACTS 7 : 2

In the last days the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

ISAIAH 2 : 2-3

... “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

MARK 2 : 16-17

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ... "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

ISAIAH 6 : 1, 3, 6



“My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?”

MATTHEW 27 : 46



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