

2 Kings 18:1-8





1. Remove Idols And Spiritual Distractions

This bronze serpent was wonderful thing - when the afflicted people of Israel looked upon it, they were saved. It was even a representation of Jesus Christ, as Jesus Himself said in John 3. At the same time, man could take something so good and so used by God and make a destructive idol out of it.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary



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Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

Hebrews 12:1



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If we are to have revival in the Lord's work, we must begin with cleansing. Over the years, individuals and churches can gradually accumulate a great deal of "religious rubbish" while ignoring the essentials of spiritual worship. It's not by doing some unique new thing that we experience new blessing from the Lord, but by returning to the "old things" and doing them well.

Warren Wiersbe, "Be" Commentary Series



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(V5)

Hezekiah's best quality was that he trusted in the Lord. He was the greatest of all the kings of the Southern Kingdom in this respect. Unlike some of the other kings he did not apostasize later in life.

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Thomas Constable



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Proverbs 3

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.



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2 Timothy 3

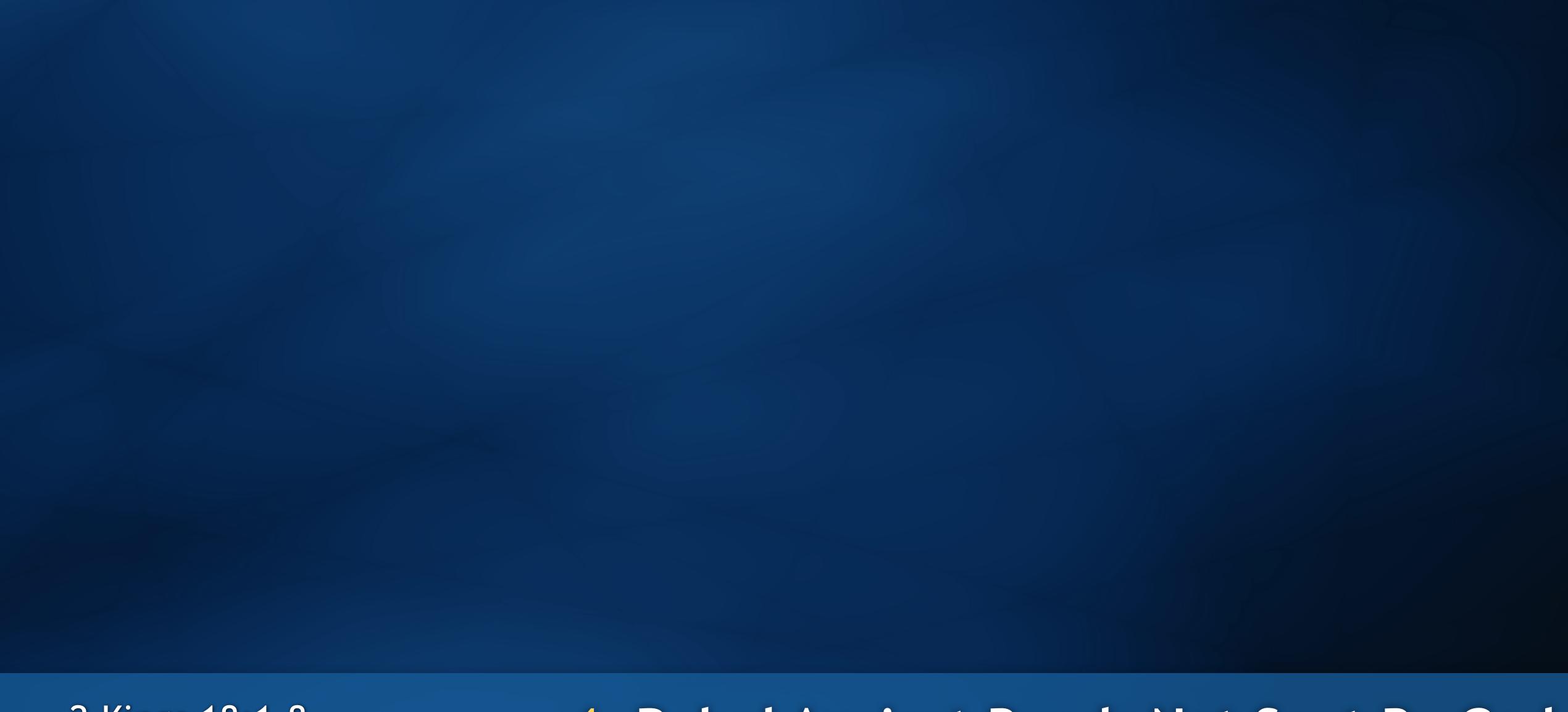
I But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



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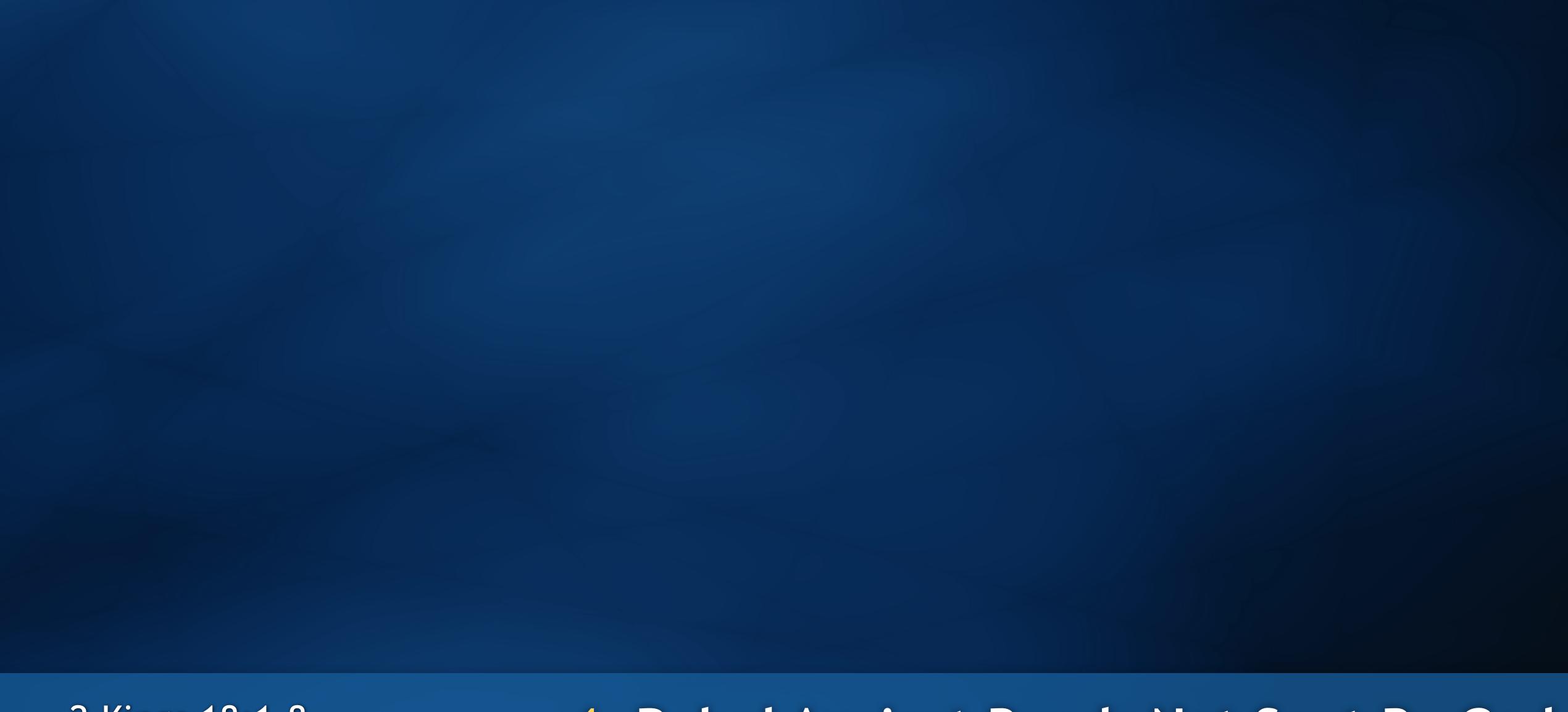
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And it shall be, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish,' says the Lord, 'with the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

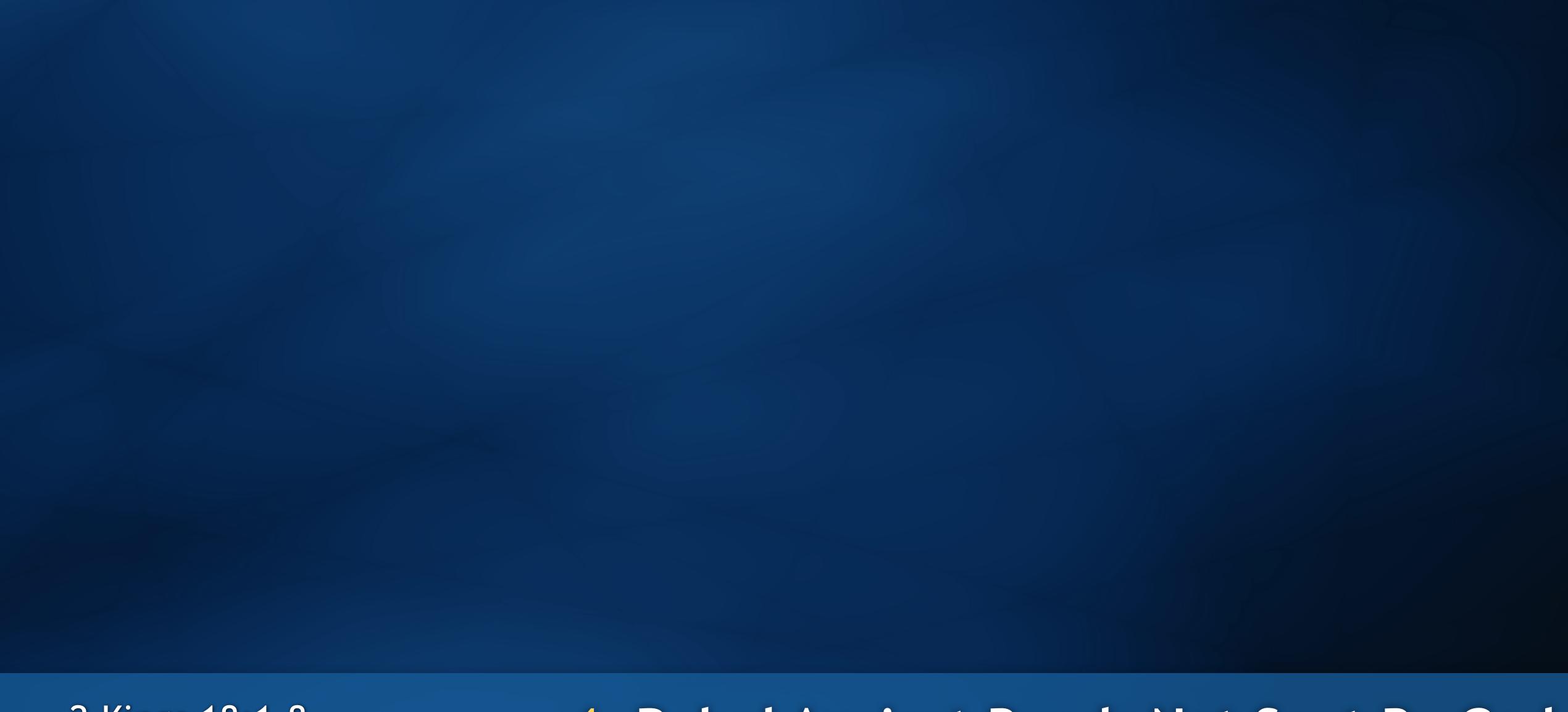
Jeremiah 27:8



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Acts 4

18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."



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History Of Gaza

- 1. Judah Conquered Gaza JUDGES 1:18
- 2. Midianites Invaded Gaza Each Year JUDGES 6:4
- 3. Philistines Occupied Gaza JUDGES 16:21
- 4. Solomon Reigned Over Gaza 1 KINGS 4:24
- 5. Hezekiah Reclaimed Gaza 2 KINGS 18:8

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1 Corinthians 9

26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.



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