- Some people wanted to look to Egypt for protection against the Assyrian threat. But Isaiah pointed out that Egypt would be no help, because she too would be overwhelmed by God's judgment.
  - John A. Martin, The Bible Knowledge Commentary

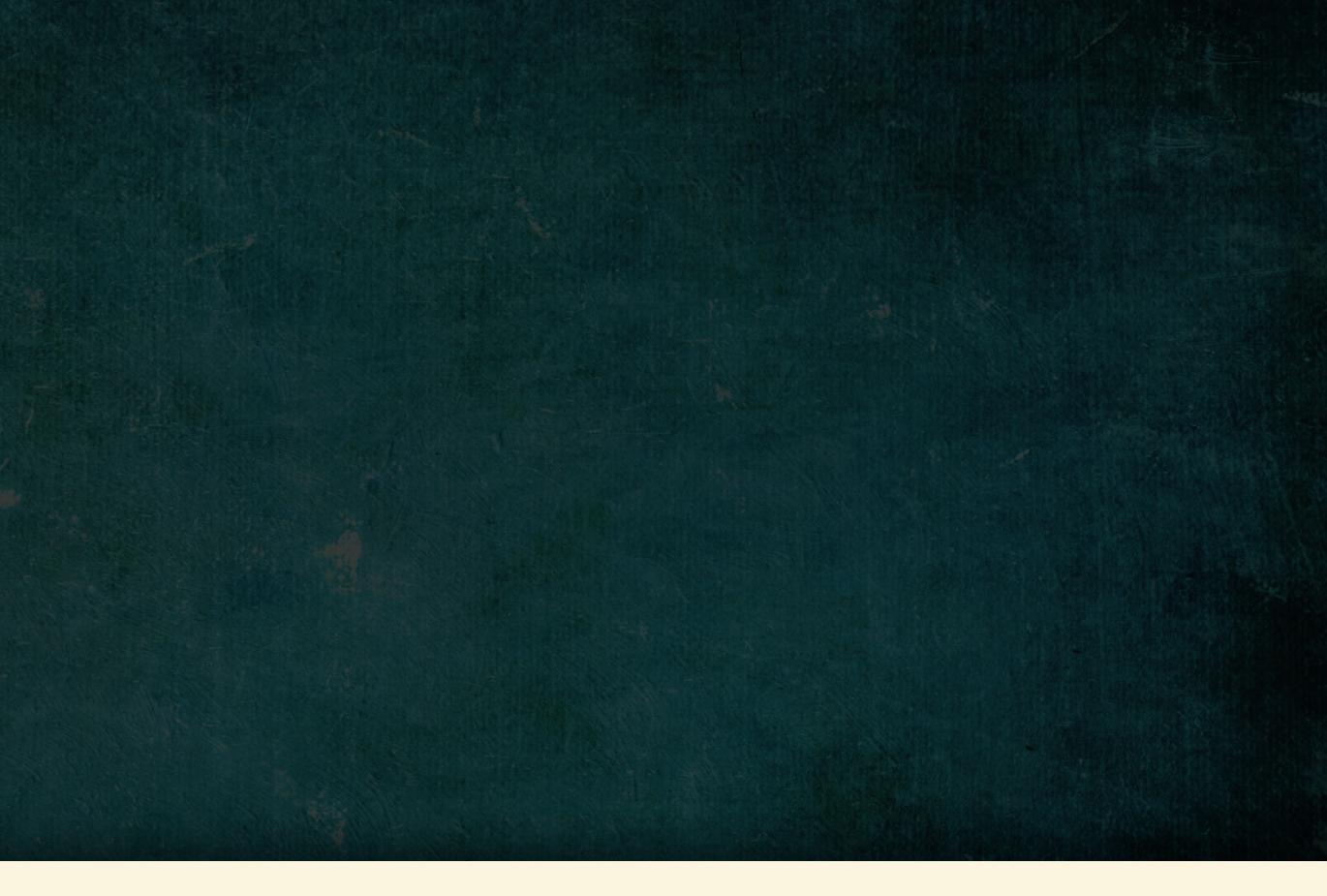


5 Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. 6 And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, 'Surely such is our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?'"

### Isaiah 20



Whenever our expectation is in something wrong, or our glory is in something wrong, the LORD will find a way to make those things disappoint us. Judah set their expectation on Ethiopia, and looked to Egypt for glory, but now they are left afraid and ashamed.



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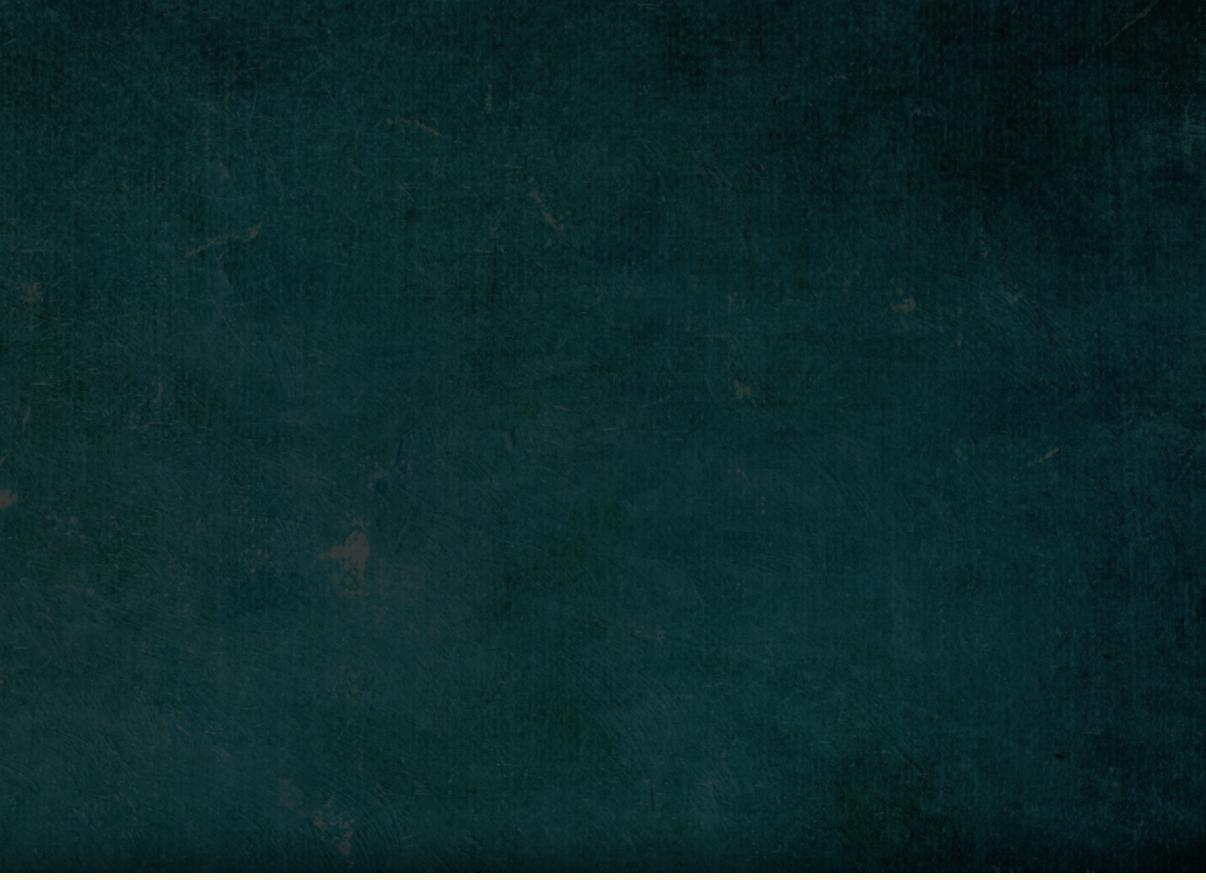
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The fulfillment may have been the Ethiopian Pharaoh Piankhi (715 B.C.), one of the Assyrian kings (Sargon II, Sennacherib, Esarhaddon in 671, or Ashurbanipal in 668 B.C.), or the Persian Artaxerxes III Ochus (343 B.C.).

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The Nile River was the key to Egypt's agriculture and economy. For it to suffer a severe drought or lowering would have a devastating effect on the lives of Egyptians. God promises this will happen as a judgment against Egypt.



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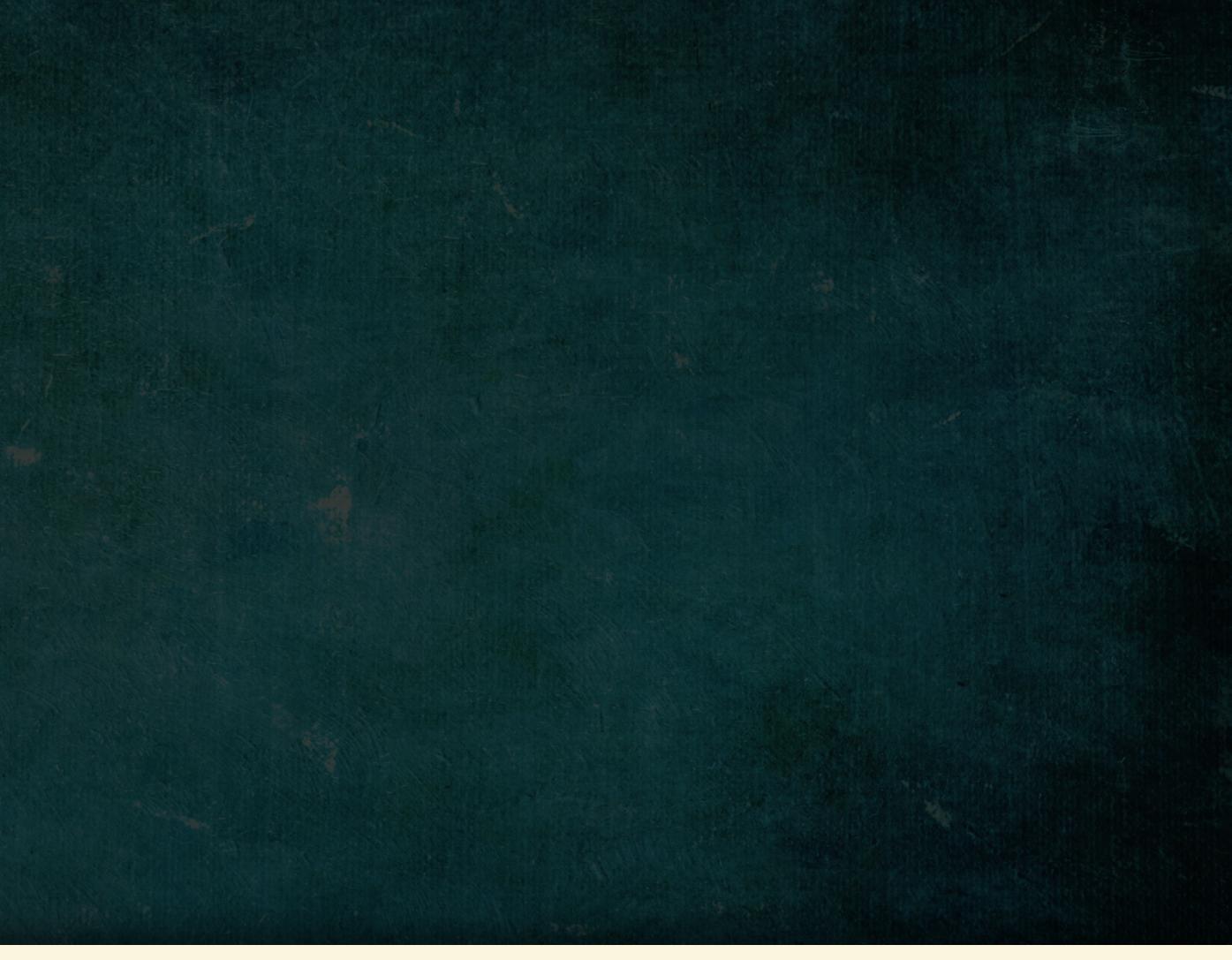


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The economy would suffer and the people would become weak. How foolish, then, to trust in a nation that cannot control its own destiny but which Yahweh controls.

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Acts 7 22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.



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**Proverbs 21 30** There is no wisdom or understanding Or counsel against the Lord.



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God's people get their wisdom from God, not from the world. The wisdom of Egypt would lead them into staggering and humiliating defeat.



Warren Wiersbe, With The Word



**James 3** 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.



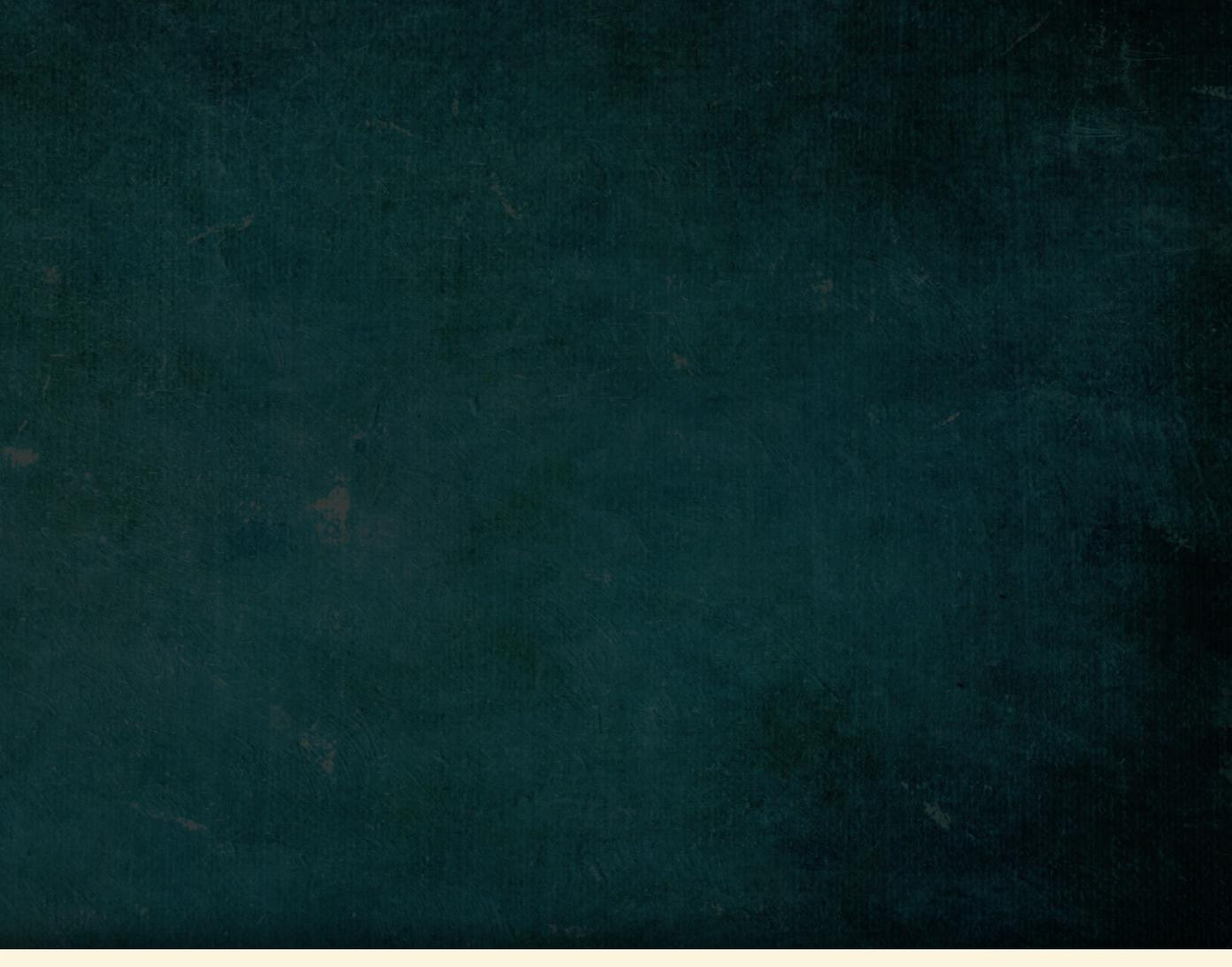








There is no place of security for the people of God, other than that to be found in the rule of God. All expectation not centered in God, is doomed to disappointment.



## G. Campbell Morgan

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