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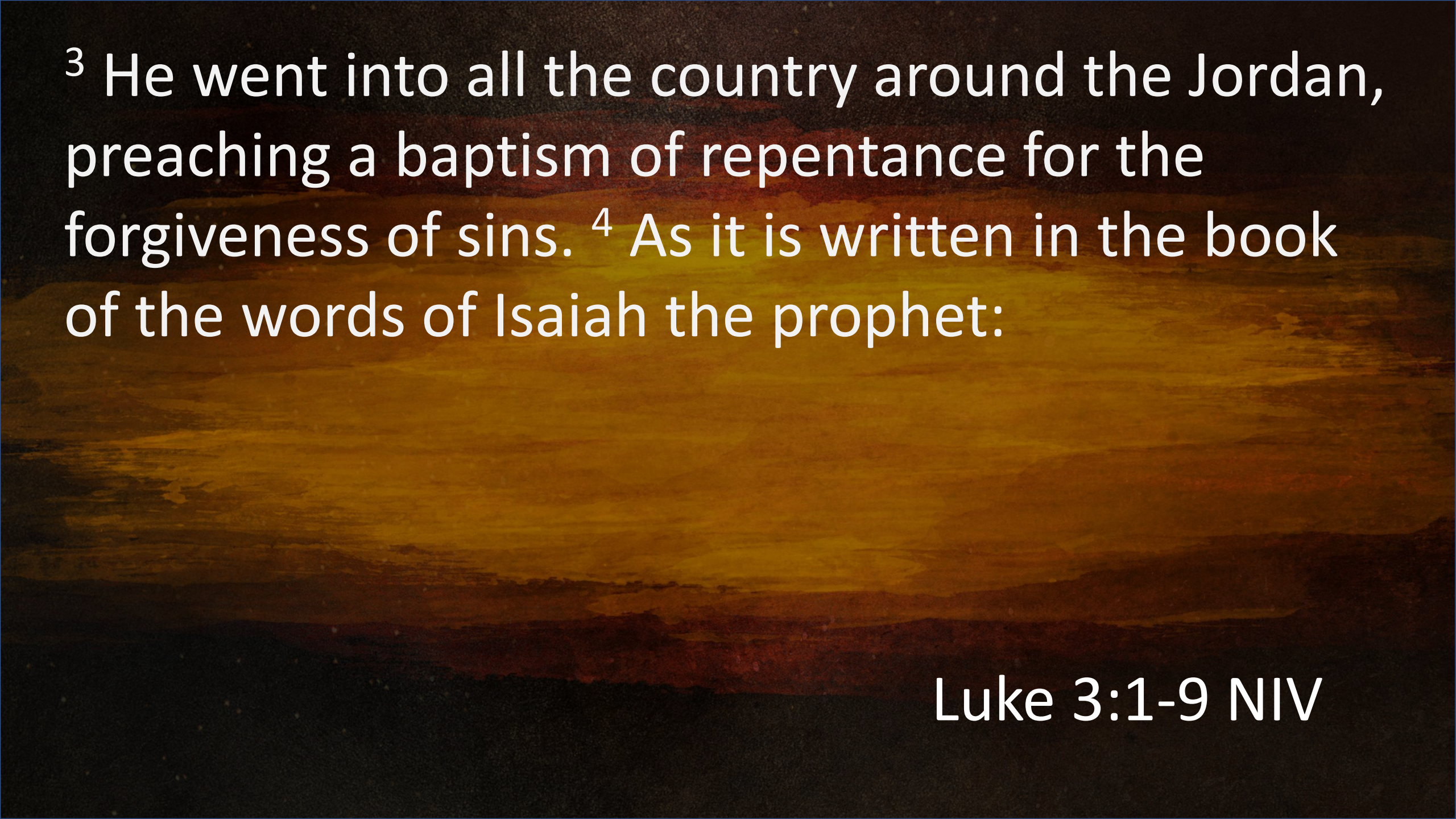
John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee,

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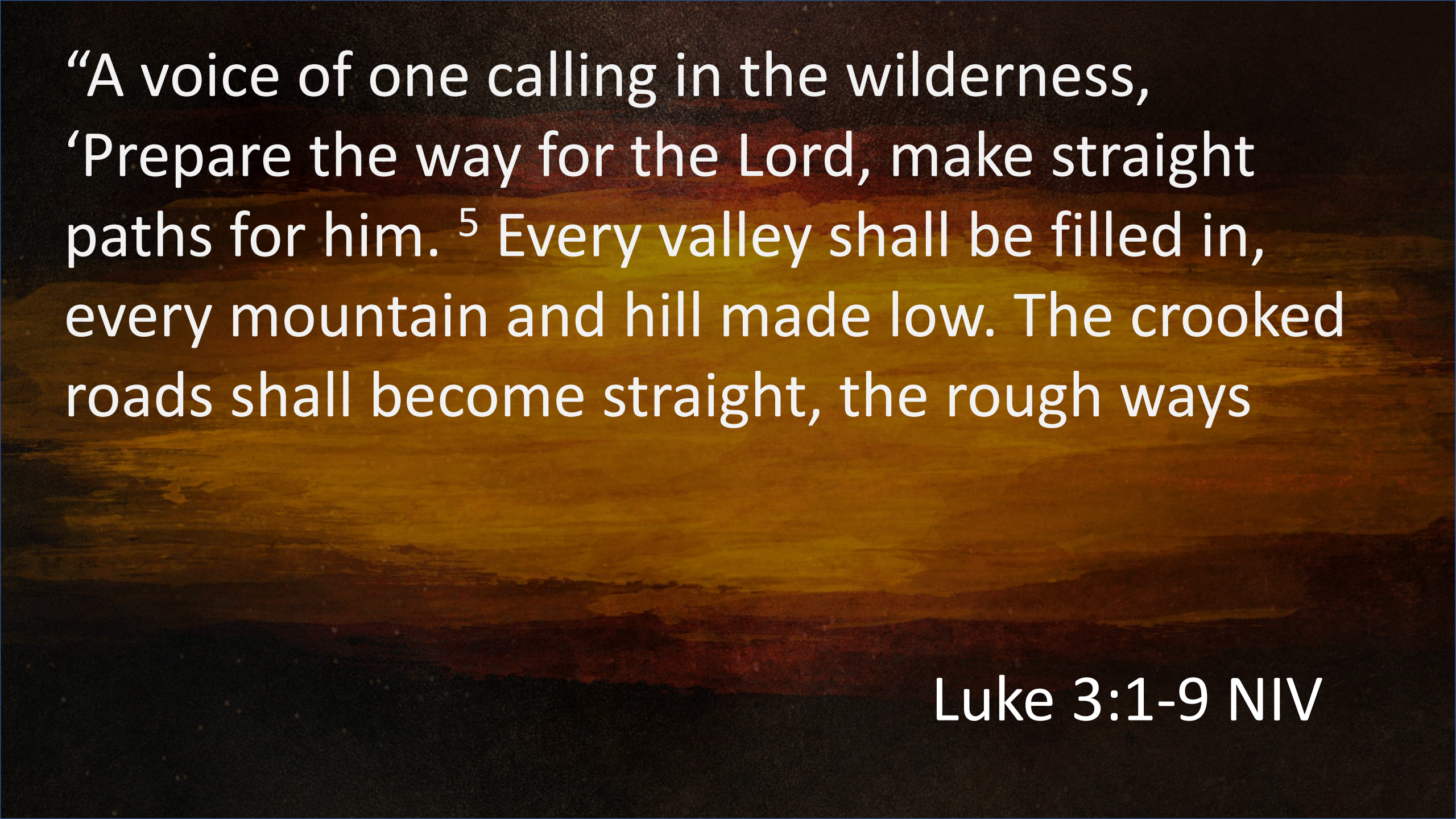
his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and
Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—
² during the high-priesthood of Annas and
Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of
Zechariah in the wilderness.

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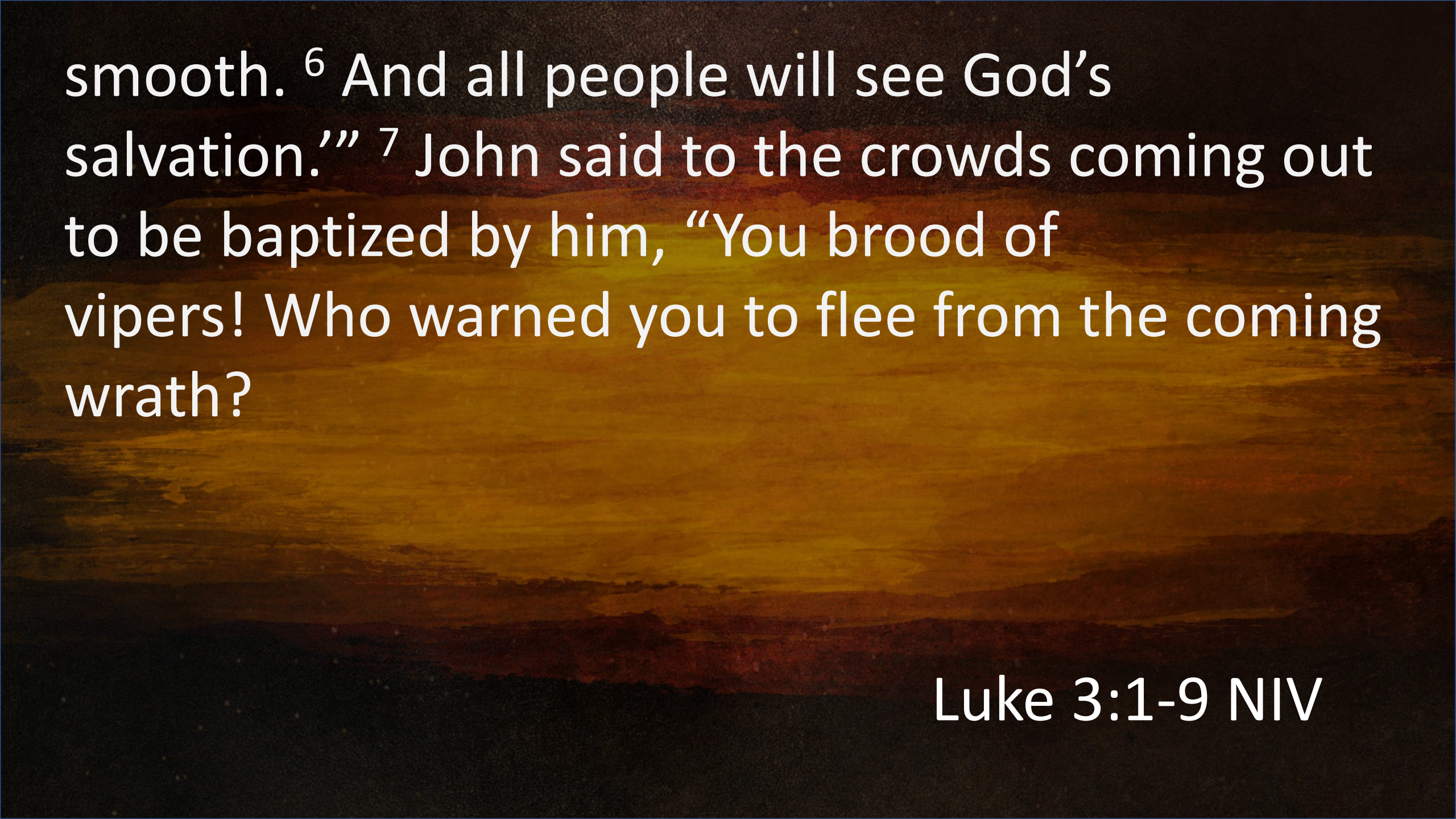
³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

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“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight
paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low. The crooked
roads shall become straight, the rough ways

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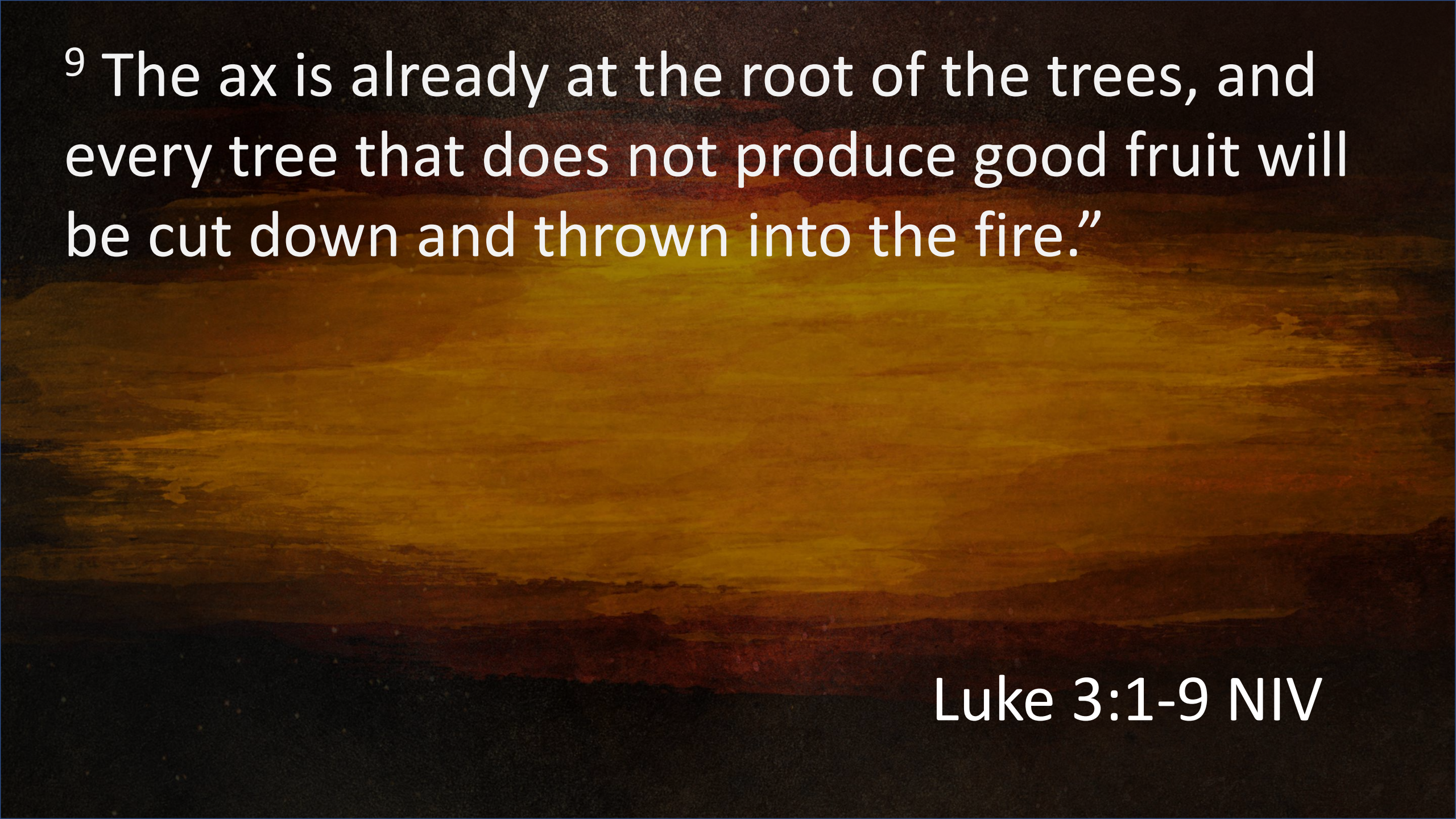
smooth.⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.'" ⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

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⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

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⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

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