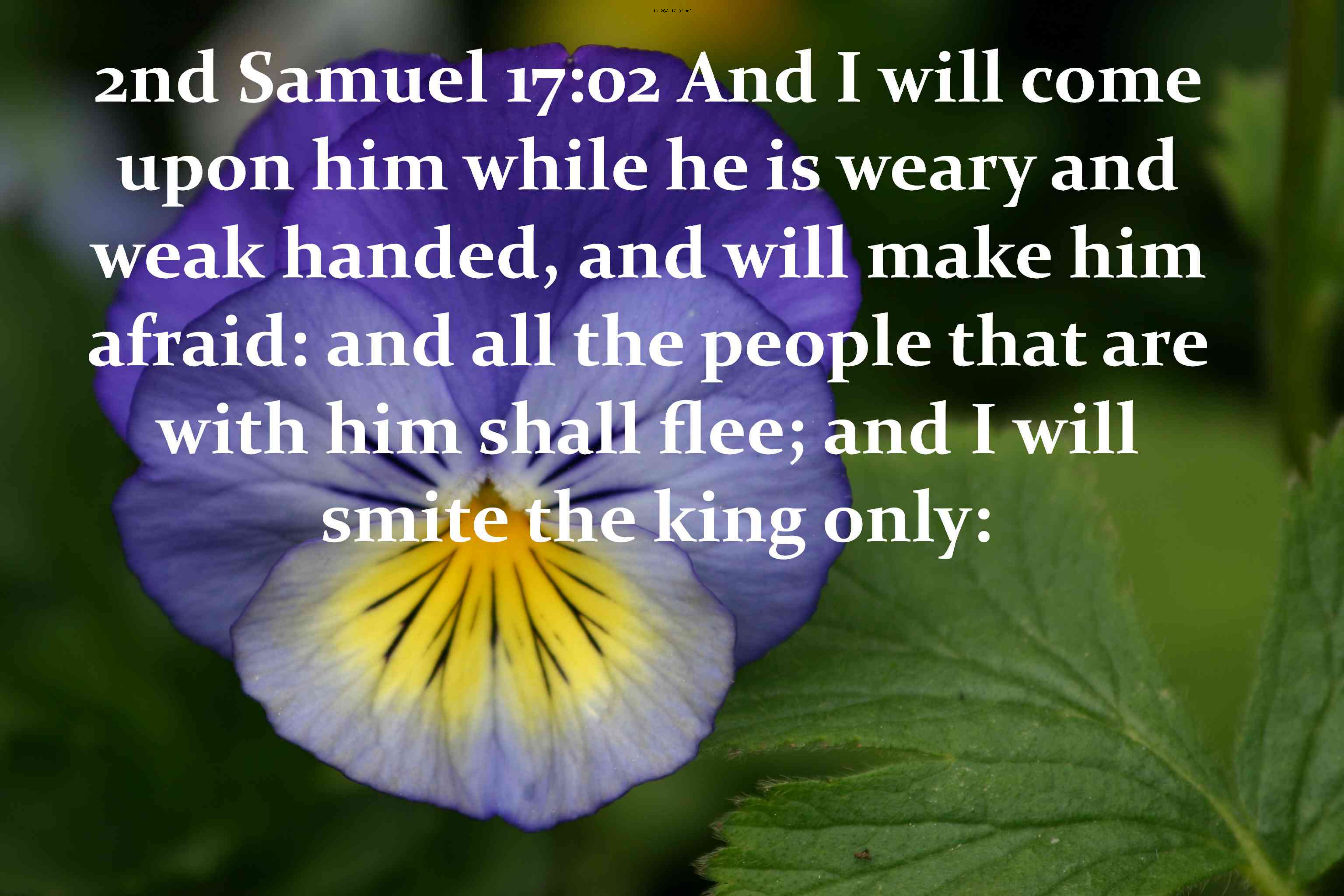


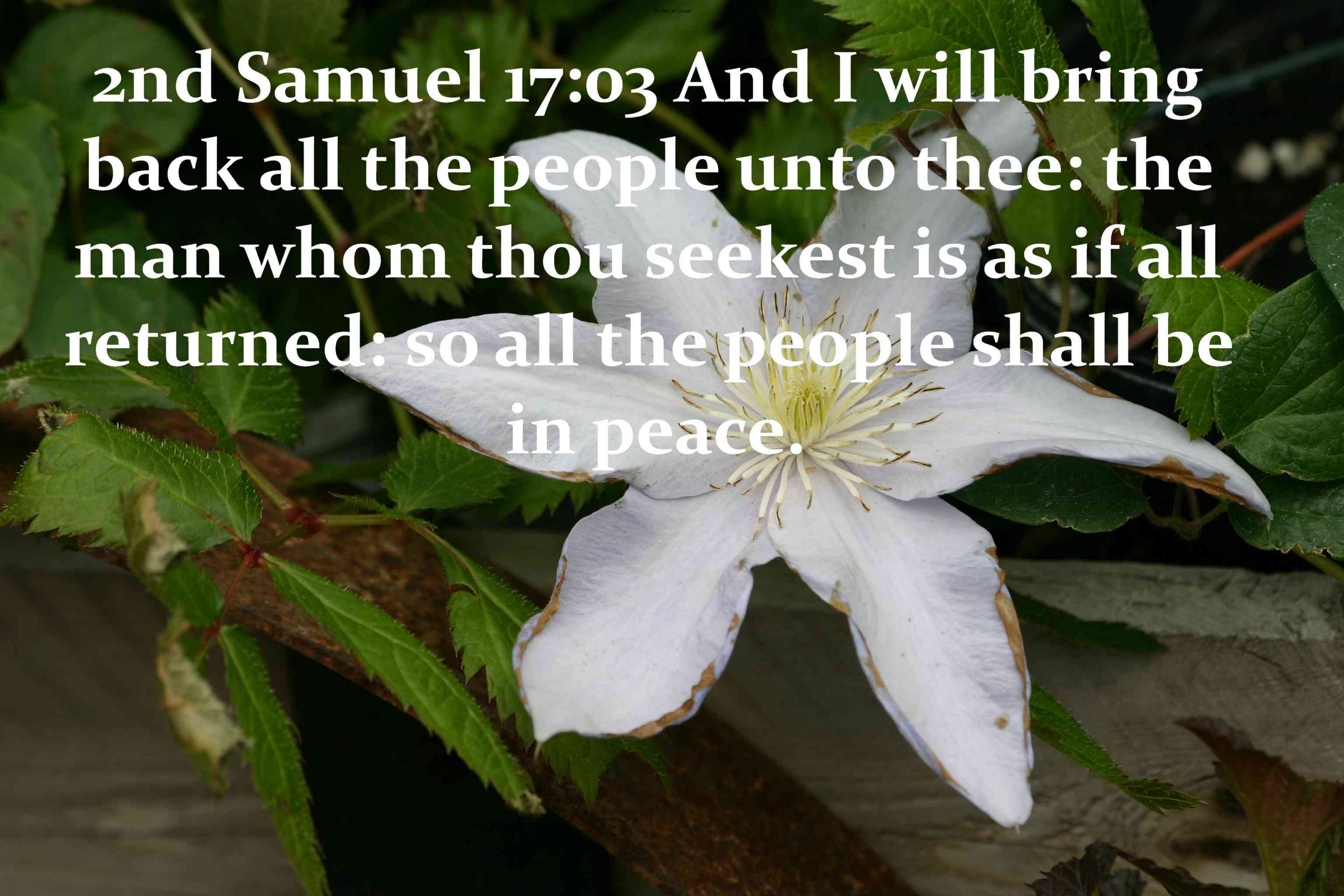
2nd Samuel 17:01 Moreover
Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let
me now choose out twelve
thousand men, and I will arise and
pursue after David this night:





2nd Samuel 17:02 And I will come
upon him while he is weary and
weak handed, and will make him
afraid: and all the people that are
with him shall flee; and I will
smite the king only:

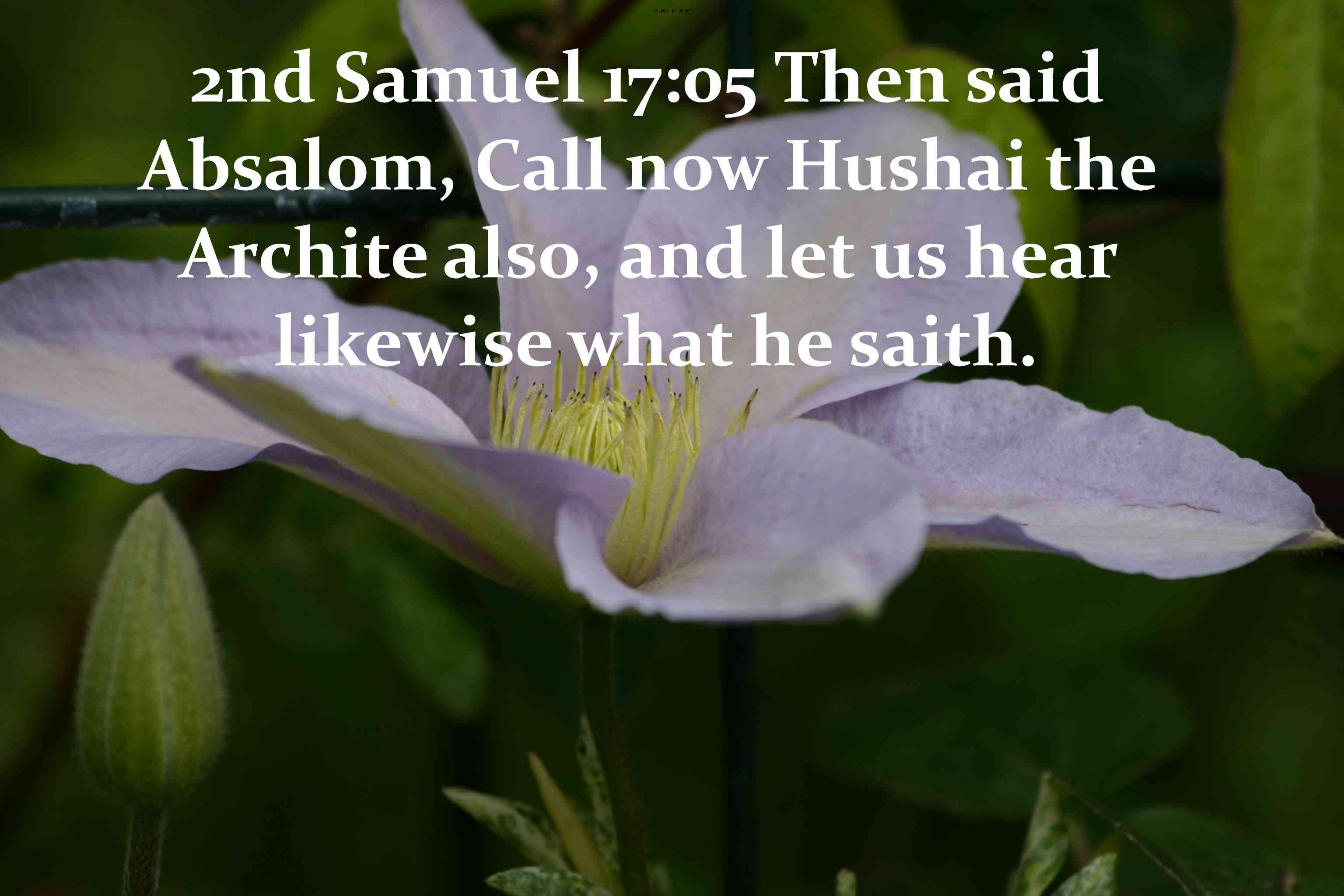
2nd Samuel 17:03 And I will bring
back all the people unto thee: the
man whom thou seekest is as if all
returned: so all the people shall be
in peace.

A close-up photograph of a white Clematis flower with yellow stamens, surrounded by green leaves and a brown branch. The flower is the central focus, with its petals showing some brown staining at the edges. The background is a soft-focus mix of green foliage and a dark, textured surface.

**2nd Samuel 17:04 And the saying
pleased Absalom well, and all the
elders of Israel.**

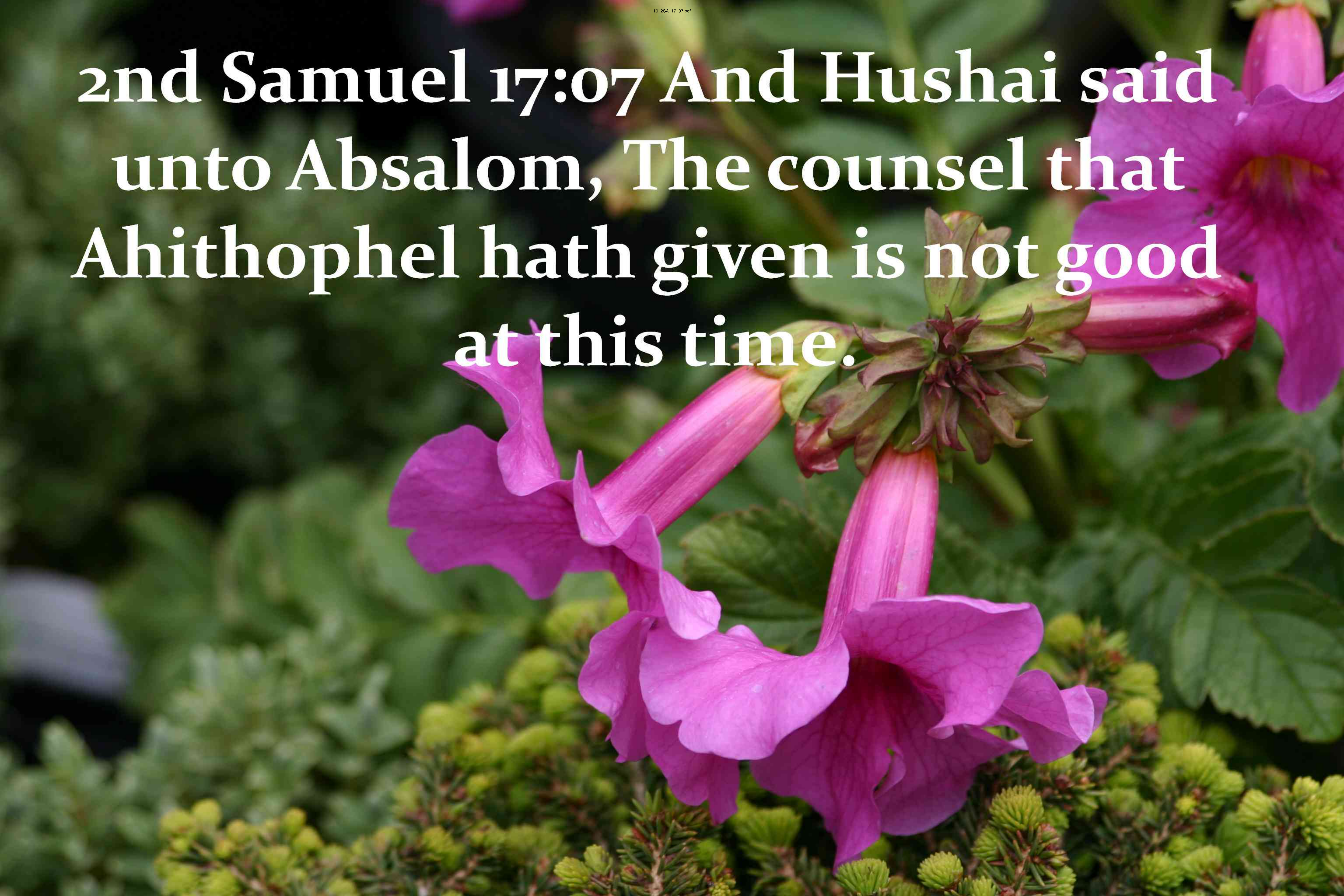


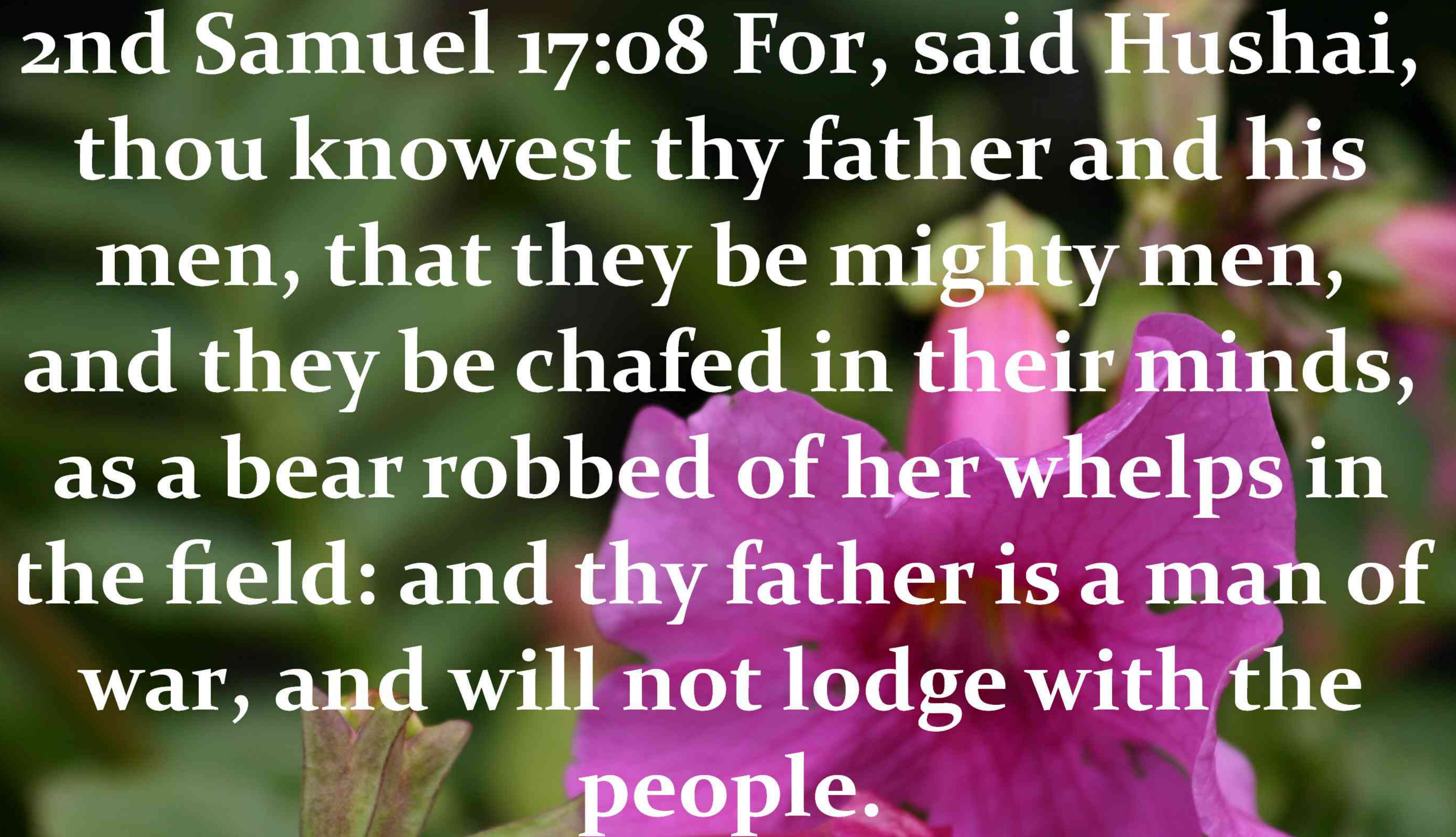
2nd Samuel 17:05 Then said
Absalom, Call now Hushai the
Archite also, and let us hear
likewise what he saith.



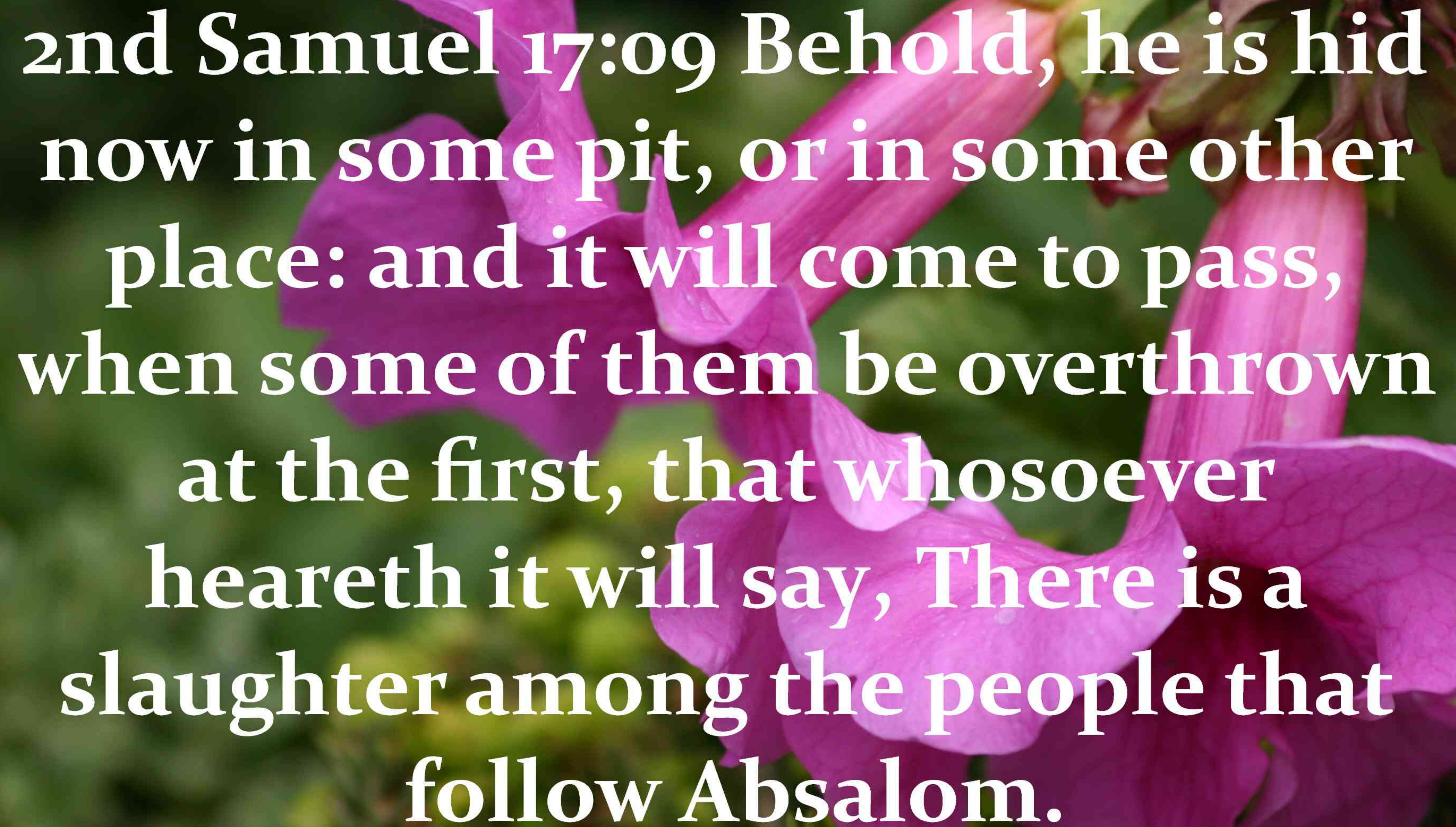
2nd Samuel 17:06 And when
Hushai was come to Absalom,
Absalom spake unto him, saying,
Ahithophel hath spoken after this
manner: shall we do after his
saying? if not; speak thou.

2nd Samuel 17:07 And Hushai said
unto Absalom, The counsel that
Ahithophel hath given is not good
at this time.





2nd Samuel 17:08 For, said Hushai,
thou knowest thy father and his
men, that they be mighty men,
and they be chafed in their minds,
as a bear robbed of her whelps in
the field: and thy father is a man of
war, and will not lodge with the
people.

The background of the image features a close-up of several vibrant purple flowers, likely bellflowers, with long, tubular shapes and flared, ruffled petals. The flowers are set against a backdrop of lush green foliage, including some small, pointed evergreen leaves in the lower portion of the frame. The lighting is soft, highlighting the delicate textures of the petals and the rich colors of the plants.

2nd Samuel 17:09 Behold, he is hid
now in some pit, or in some other
place: and it will come to pass,
when some of them be overthrown
at the first, that whosoever
heareth it will say, There is a
slaughter among the people that
follow Absalom.

2nd Samuel 17:10 And he also that
is valiant, whose heart is as the
heart of a lion, shall utterly melt:
for all Israel knoweth that thy
father is a mighty man, and they
which be with him are valiant men.



2nd Samuel 17:11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person.

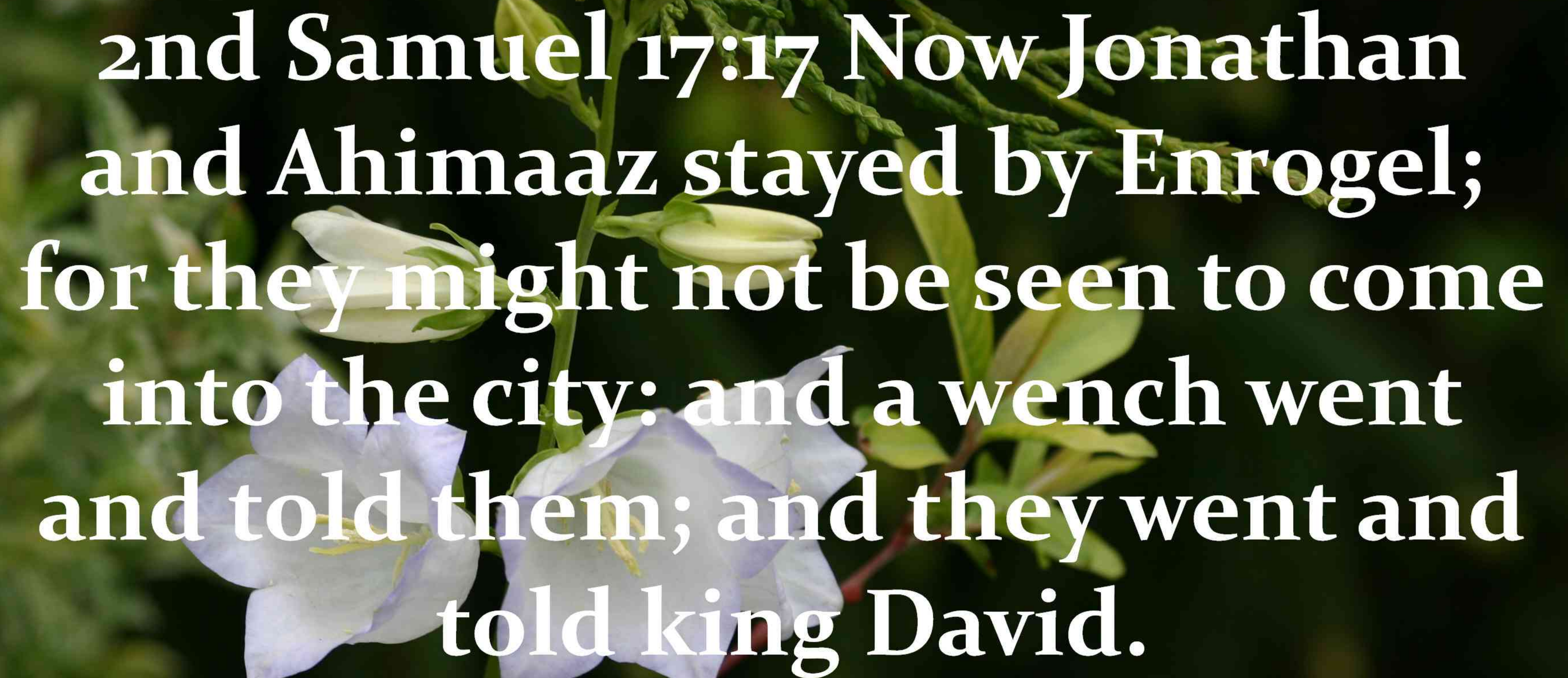
2nd Samuel 17:12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

2nd Samuel 17:13 Moreover, if he
be gotten into a city, then shall all
Israel bring ropes to that city, and
we will draw it into the river, until
there be not one small stone found
there.

2nd Samuel 17:14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

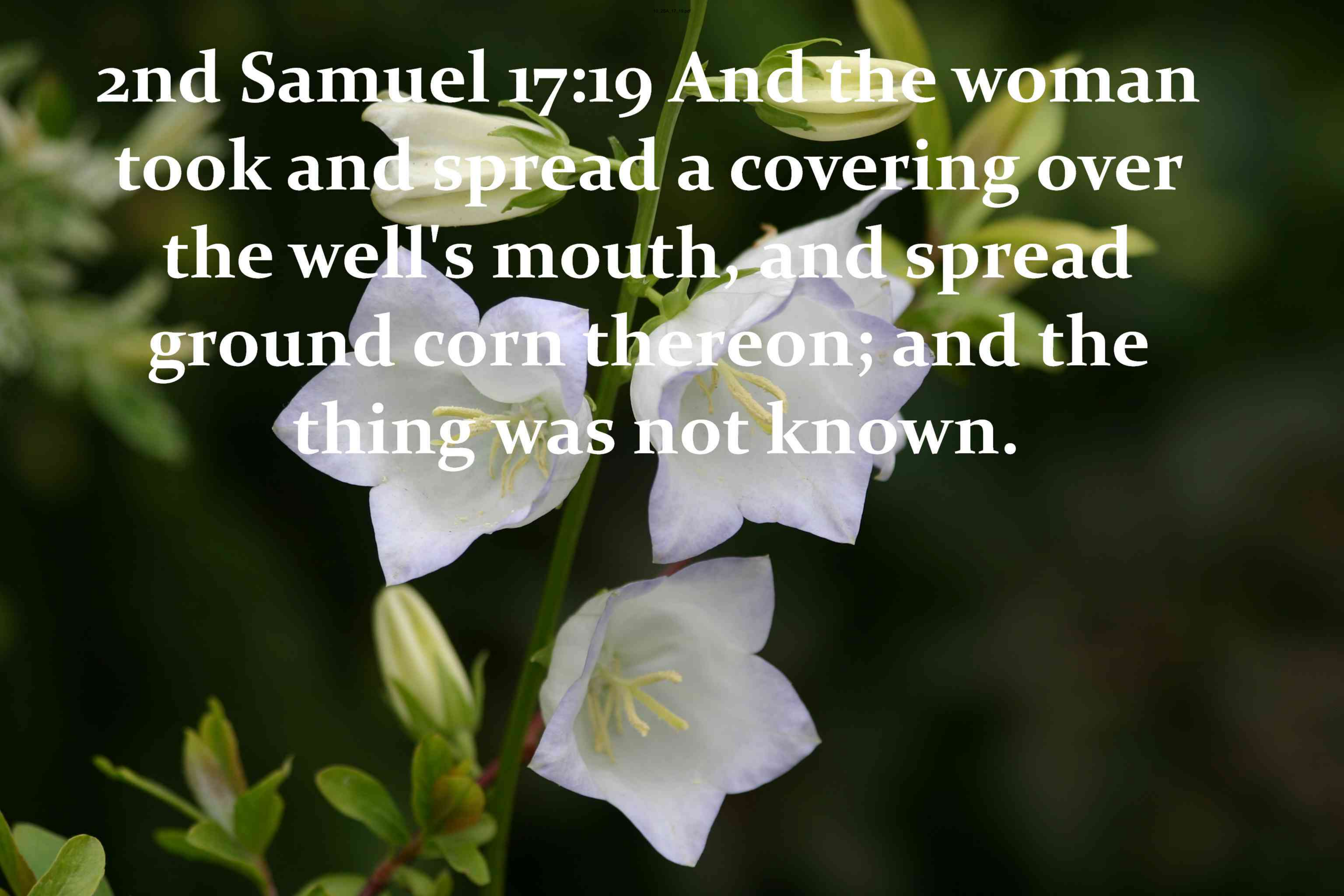
2nd Samuel 17:15 Then said Hushai
unto Zadok and to Abiathar the
priests, Thus and thus did
Ahithophel counsel Absalom and
the elders of Israel; and thus and
thus have I counselled.

2nd Samuel 17:16 Now therefore
send quickly, and tell David,
saying, Lodge not this night in the
plains of the wilderness, but
speedily pass over; lest the king be
swallowed up, and all the people
that are with him.

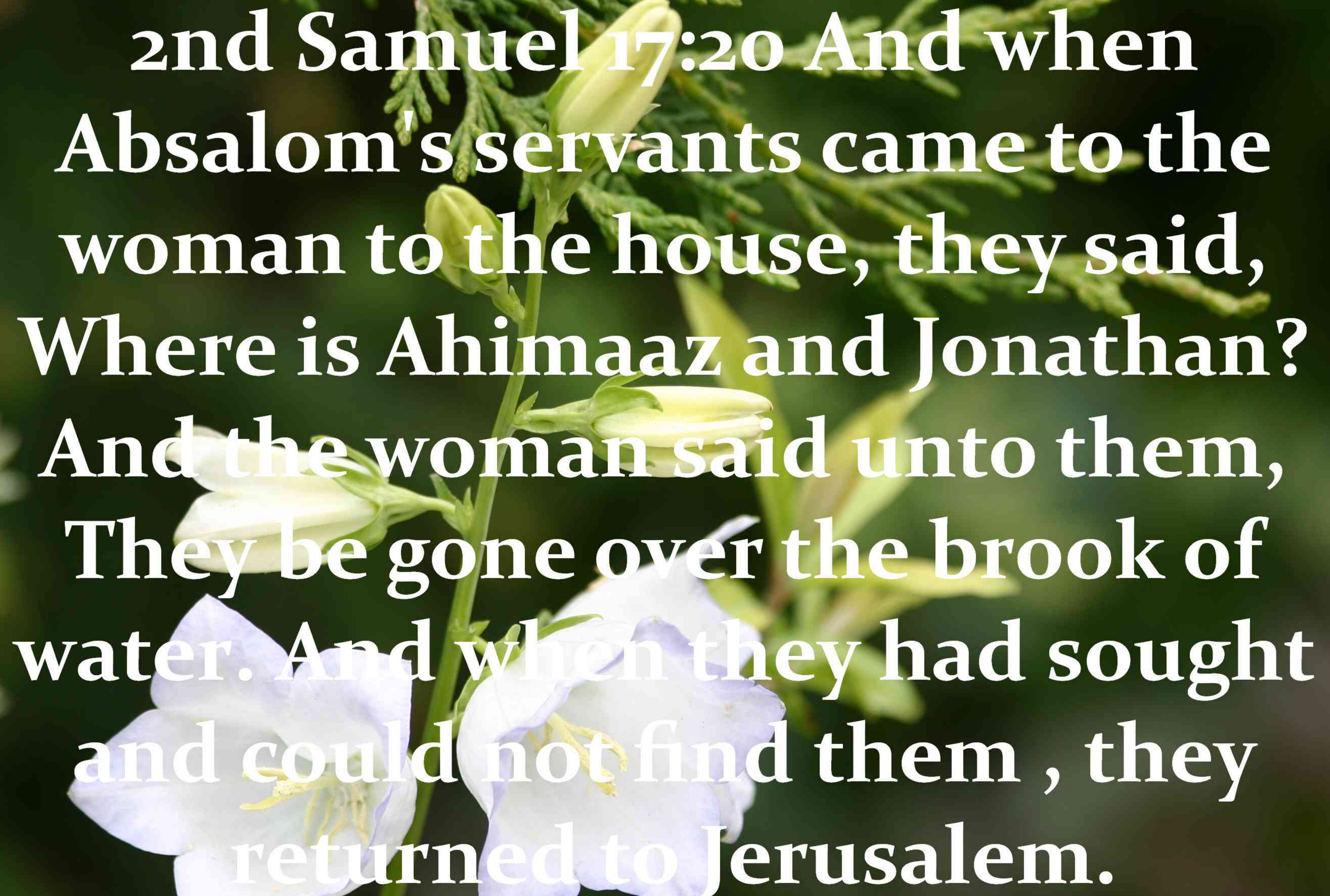


2nd Samuel 17:17 Now Jonathan
and Ahimaaz stayed by Enrogel;
for they might not be seen to come
into the city: and a wench went
and told them; and they went and
told king David.

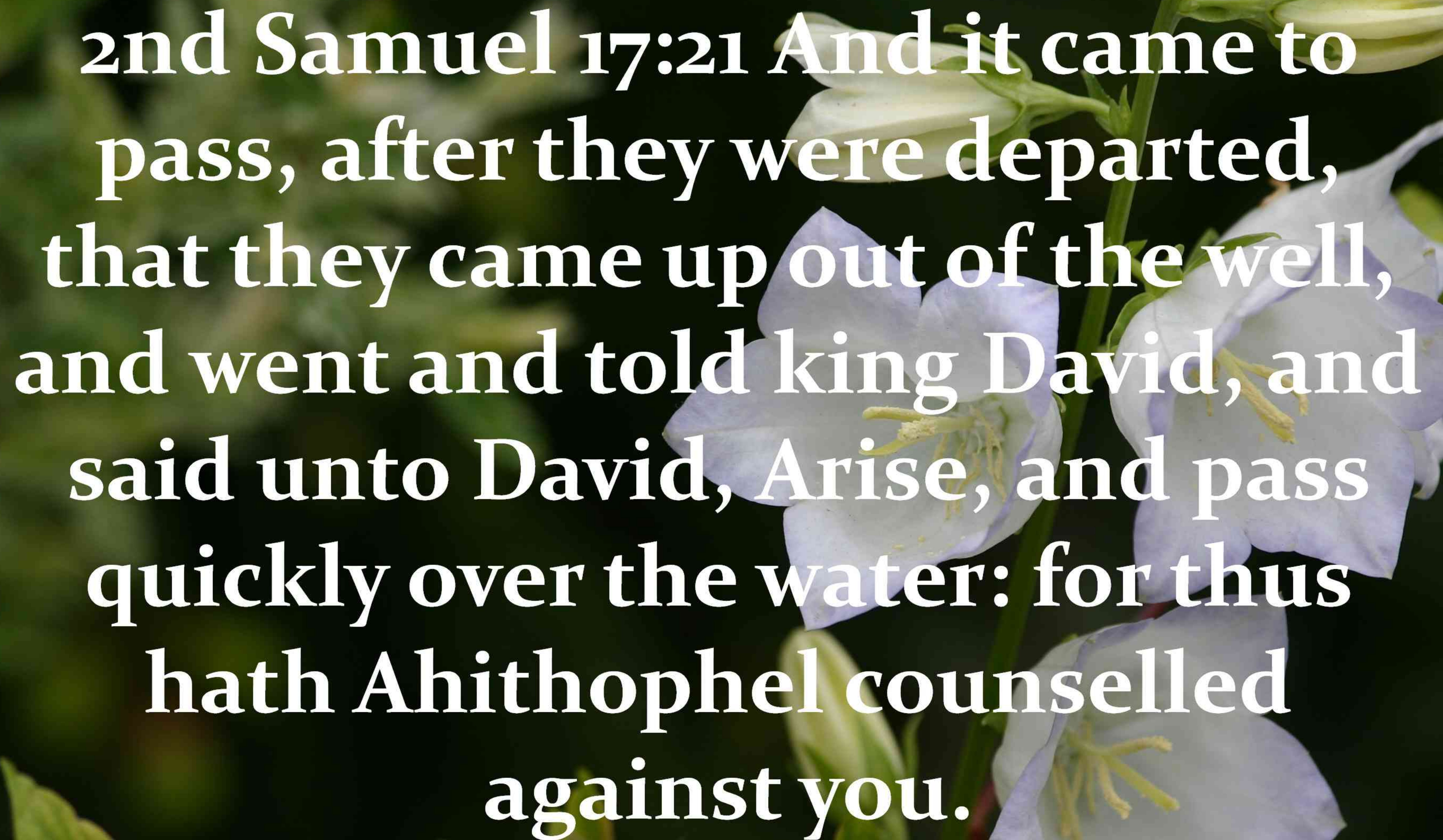
2nd Samuel 17:18 Nevertheless a
lad saw them, and told Absalom:
but they went both of them away
quickly, and came to a man's
house in Bahurim, which had a
well in his court; whither they
went down.



2nd Samuel 17:19 And the woman
took and spread a covering over
the well's mouth, and spread
ground corn thereon; and the
thing was not known.



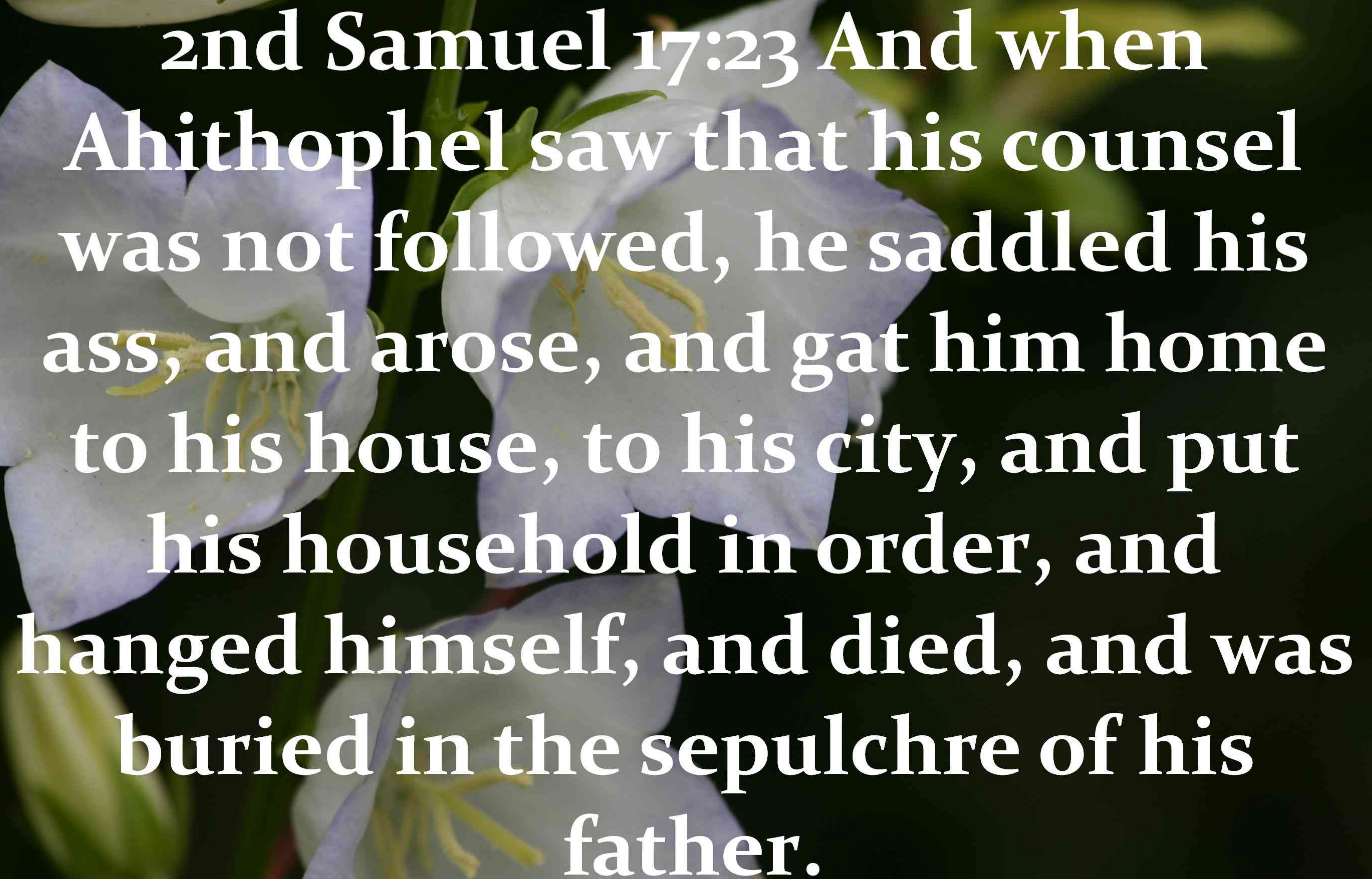
2nd Samuel 17:20 And when
Absalom's servants came to the
woman to the house, they said,
Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan?
And the woman said unto them,
They be gone over the brook of
water. And when they had sought
and could not find them , they
returned to Jerusalem.



2nd Samuel 17:21 And it came to
pass, after they were departed,
that they came up out of the well,
and went and told king David, and
said unto David, Arise, and pass
quickly over the water: for thus
hath Ahithophel counselled
against you.

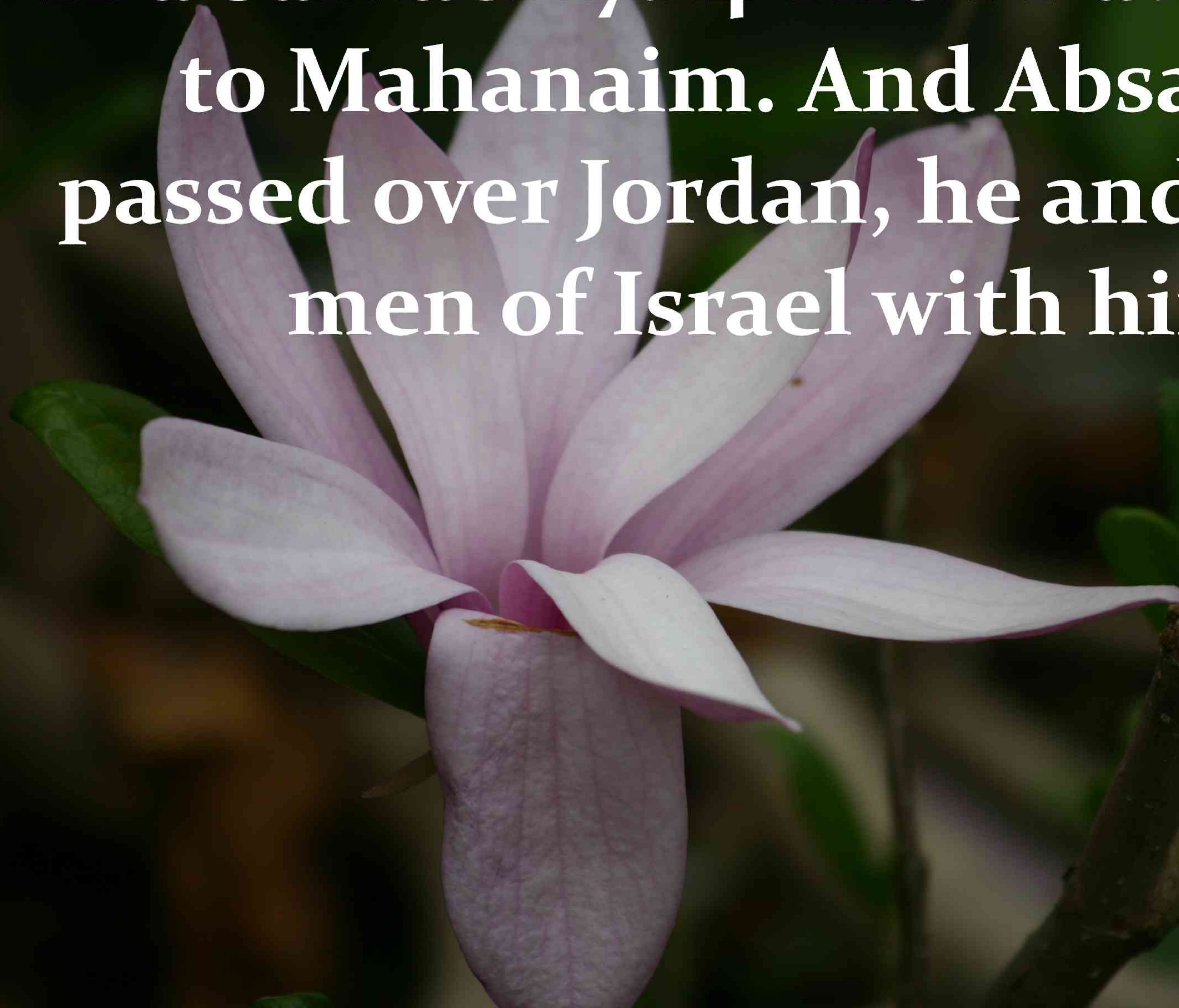
2nd Samuel 17:22 Then David arose,
and all the people that were with
him, and they passed over Jordan:
by the morning light there lacked
not one of them that was not gone
over Jordan.





2nd Samuel 17:23 And when
Ahithophel saw that his counsel
was not followed, he saddled his
ass, and arose, and gat him home
to his house, to his city, and put
his household in order, and
hanged himself, and died, and was
buried in the sepulchre of his
father.

2nd Samuel 17:24 Then David came
to Mahanaim. And Absalom
passed over Jordan, he and all the
men of Israel with him.



2nd Samuel 17:25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruah Joab's mother.

2nd Samuel 17:26 So Israel and
Absalom pitched in the land of
Gilead.



2nd Samuel 17:27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

2nd Samuel 17:28 Brought beds,
and basins, and earthen vessels,
and wheat, and barley, and flour,
and parched corn , and beans, and
lentiles, and parched pulse ,

2nd Samuel 17:29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.