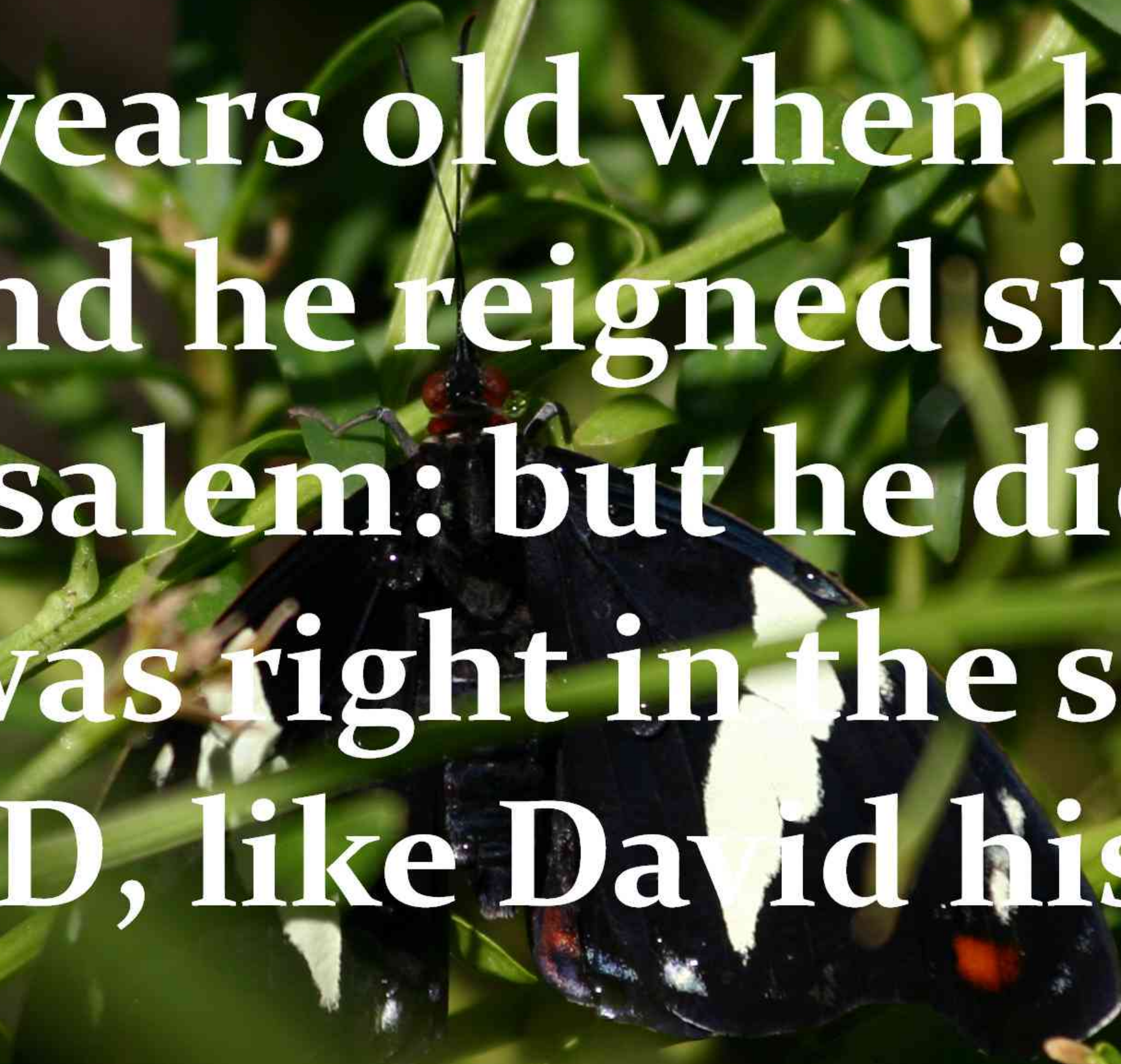
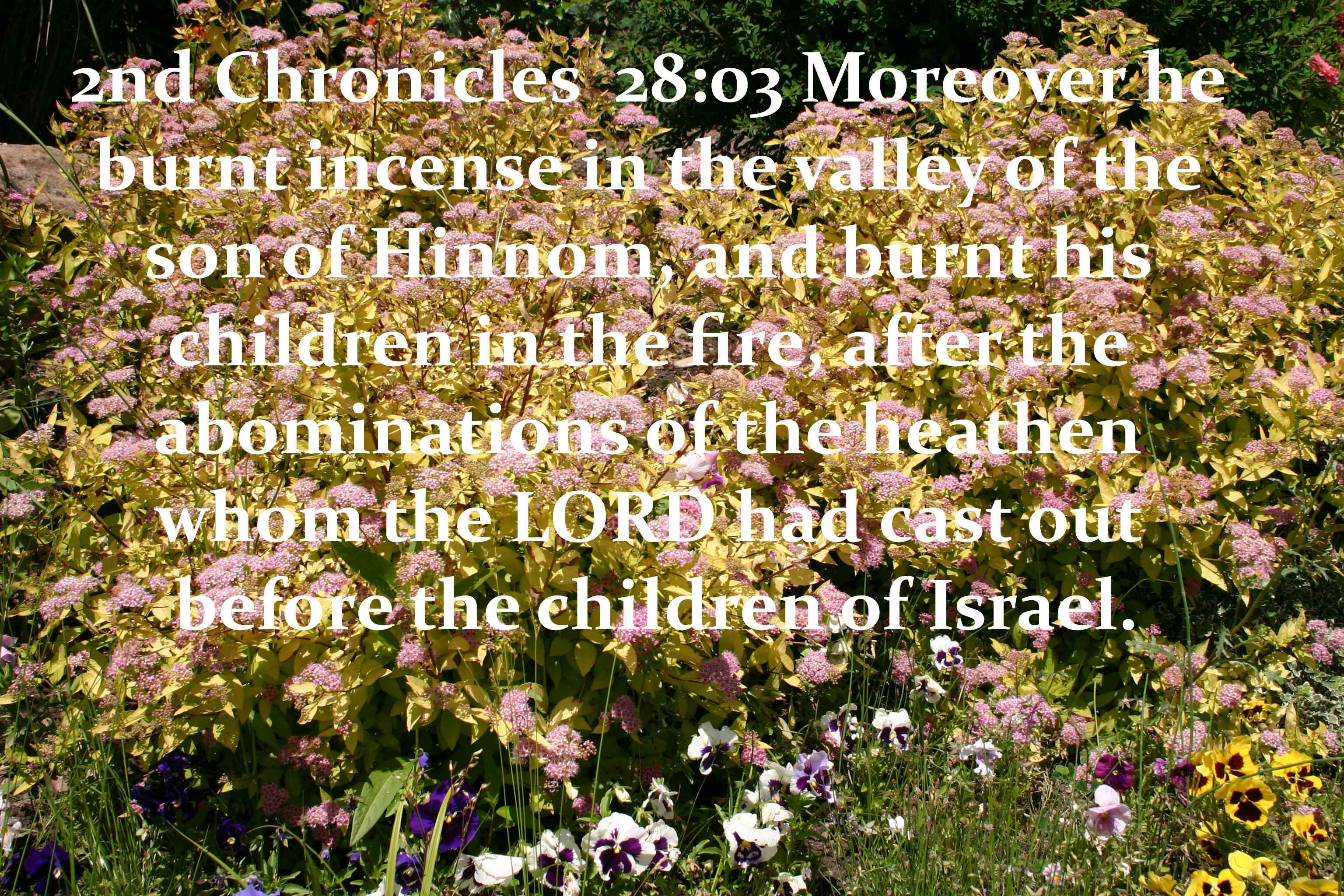


2nd Chronicles 28:01 Ahaz was
twenty years old when he began to
reign, and he reigned sixteen years
in Jerusalem: but he did not that
which was right in the sight of the
LORD, like David his father:



2nd Chronicles 28:02 For he
walked in the ways of the kings of
Israel, and made also molten
images for Baalim.



A vibrant, close-up photograph of a garden. The background is filled with a dense mass of small, bright pink flowers on green stems. In the foreground, several pansies are visible, including white ones with dark purple centers and some yellow ones. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

2nd Chronicles 28:03 Moreover he
burnt incense in the valley of the
son of Hinnom, and burnt his
children in the fire, after the
abominations of the heathen
whom the LORD had cast out
before the children of Israel.

2nd Chronicles 28:04 He sacrificed
also and burnt incense in the high
places, and on the hills, and under
every green tree.

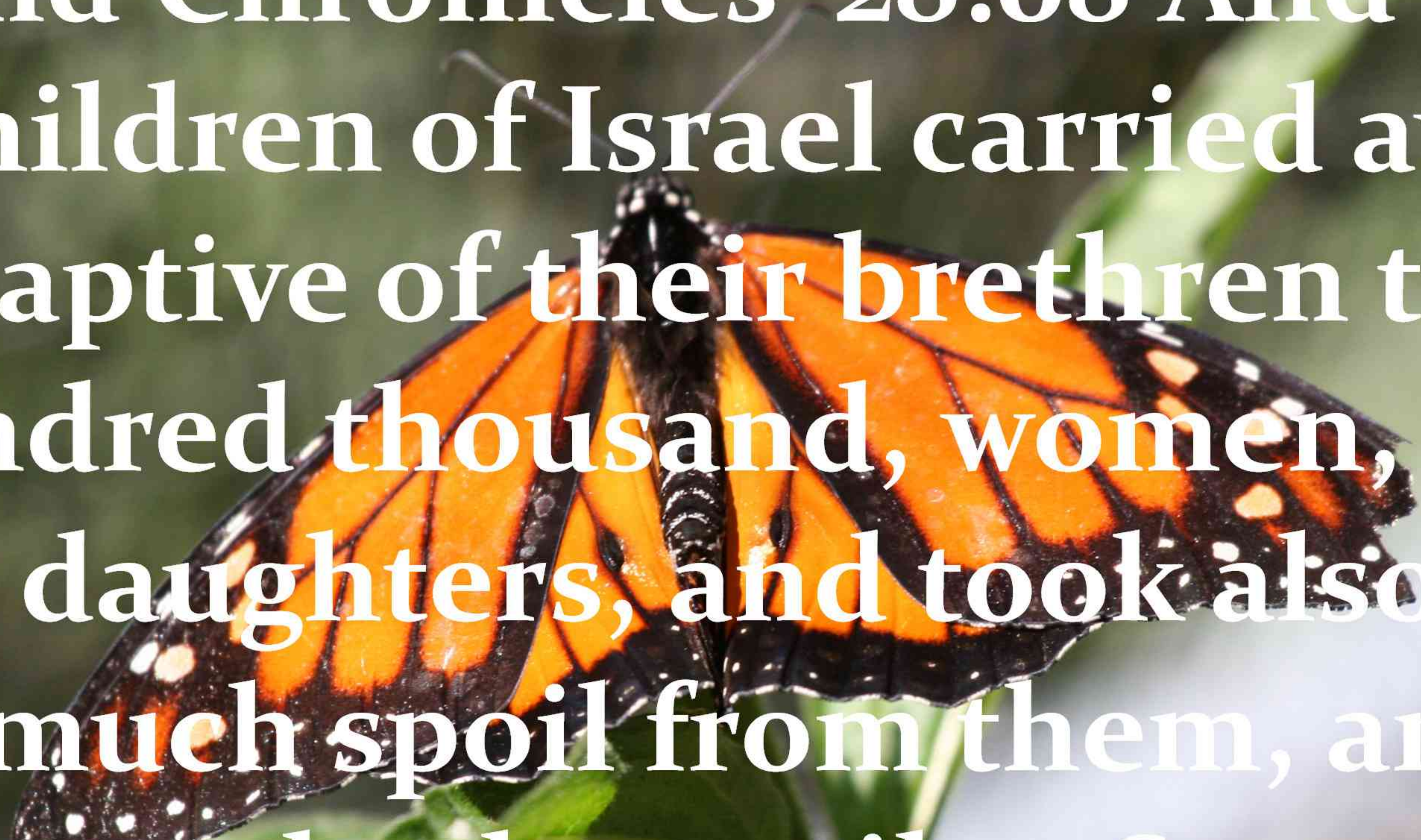


2nd Chronicles 28:05 Wherefore
the LORD his God delivered him
into the hand of the king of Syria;
and they smote him, and carried
away a great multitude of them
captives, and brought them to
Damascus. And he was also
delivered into the hand of the king
of Israel, who smote him with a

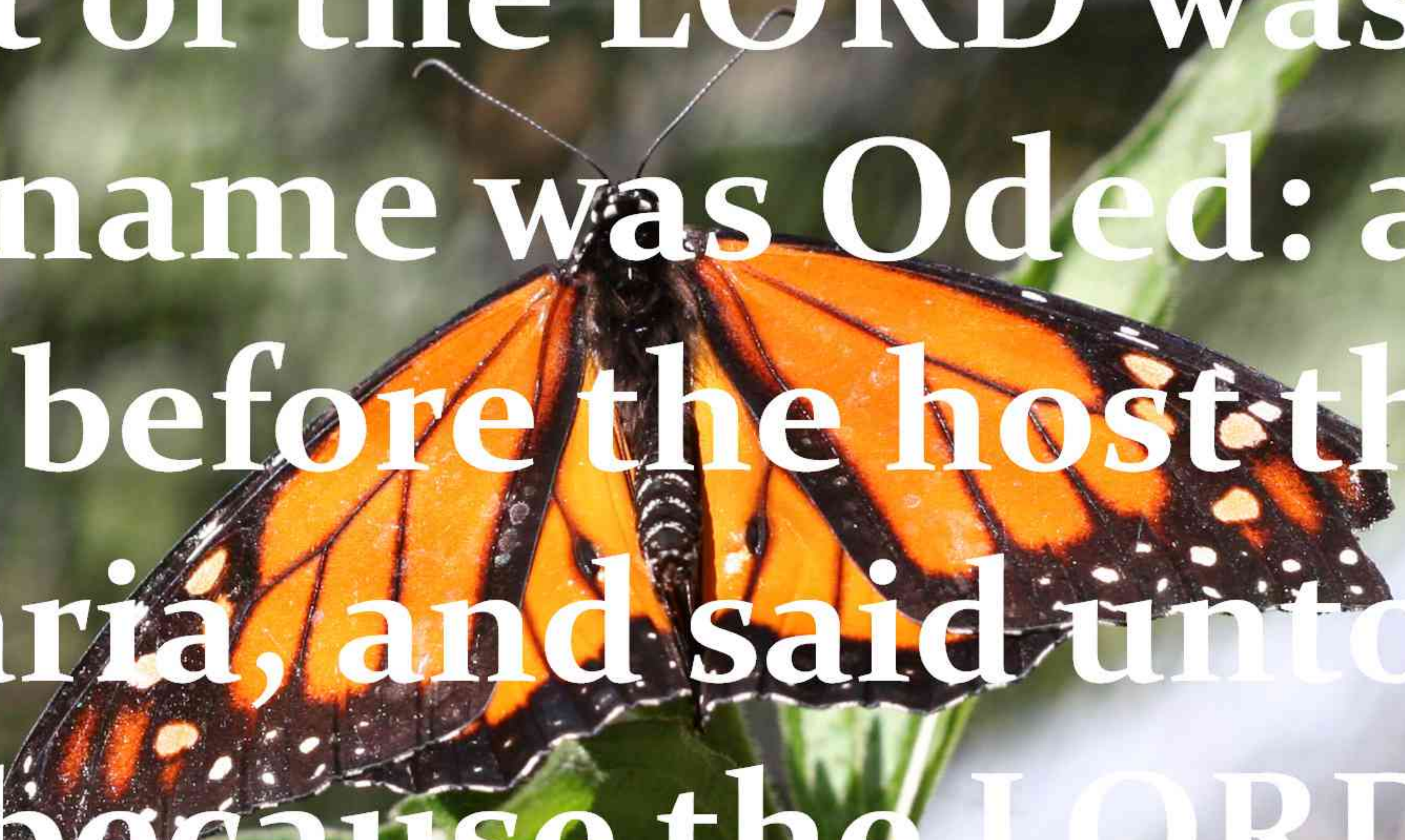
2nd Chronicles 28:06 For Pekah
the son of Remaliah slew in Judah
an hundred and twenty thousand
in one day, which were all valiant
men; because they had forsaken
the LORD God of their fathers.

2nd Chronicles 28:07 And Zichri, a
mighty man of Ephraim, slew
Maaseiah the king's son, and
Azrikam the governor of the house,
and Elkanah that was next to the
king.

2nd Chronicles 28:08 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

A monarch butterfly with vibrant orange wings and black veins is perched on a green leaf. The butterfly's wings are spread, showing the characteristic pattern of orange, black, and white spots. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

2nd Chronicles 28:09 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a

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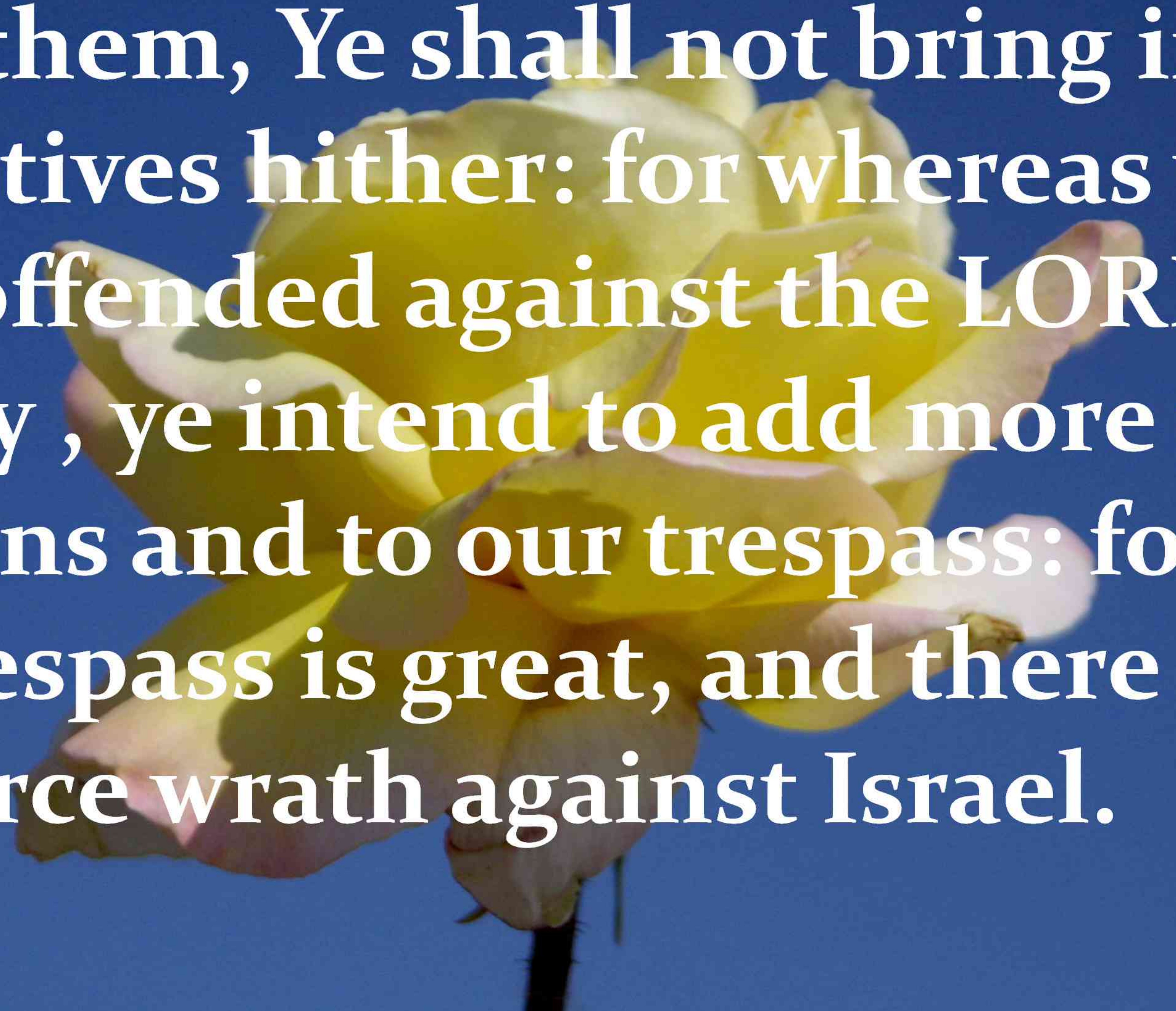
2nd Chronicles 28:10 And now ye
purpose to keep under the
children of Judah and Jerusalem
for bondmen and bondwomen
unto you: but are there not with
you, even with you, sins against
the LORD your God?

2nd Chronicles 28:11 Now hear me
therefore, and deliver the captives
again, which ye have taken captive
of your brethren: for the fierce
wrath of the LORD is upon you.

A monarch butterfly with vibrant orange wings and black veins is perched on a green leaf. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

2nd Chronicles 28:12 Then certain
of the heads of the children of
Ephraim, Azariah the son of
Johanan, Berechiah the son of
Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the
son of Shallum, and Amasa the son
of Hadlai, stood up against them
that came from the war,

2nd Chronicles 28:13 And said
unto them, Ye shall not bring in
the captives hither: for whereas we
have offended against the LORD
already, ye intend to add more to
our sins and to our trespass: for
our trespass is great, and there is
fierce wrath against Israel.

A close-up photograph of a yellow rose with delicate pink edges on its petals. The rose is positioned centrally, slightly behind the text, and its stem with thorns is visible at the bottom. The background is a solid, deep blue.

**2nd Chronicles 28:14 So the armed
men left the captives and the spoil
before the princes and all the
congregation.**



2nd Chronicles 28:15 And the men
which were expressed by name
rose up, and took the captives, and
with the spoil clothed all that were
naked among them, and arrayed
them, and shod them, and gave
them to eat and to drink, and
anoointed them, and carried all the
feeble of them upon asses, and

2nd Chronicles 28:16 At that time
did king Ahaz send unto the kings
of Assyria to help him.

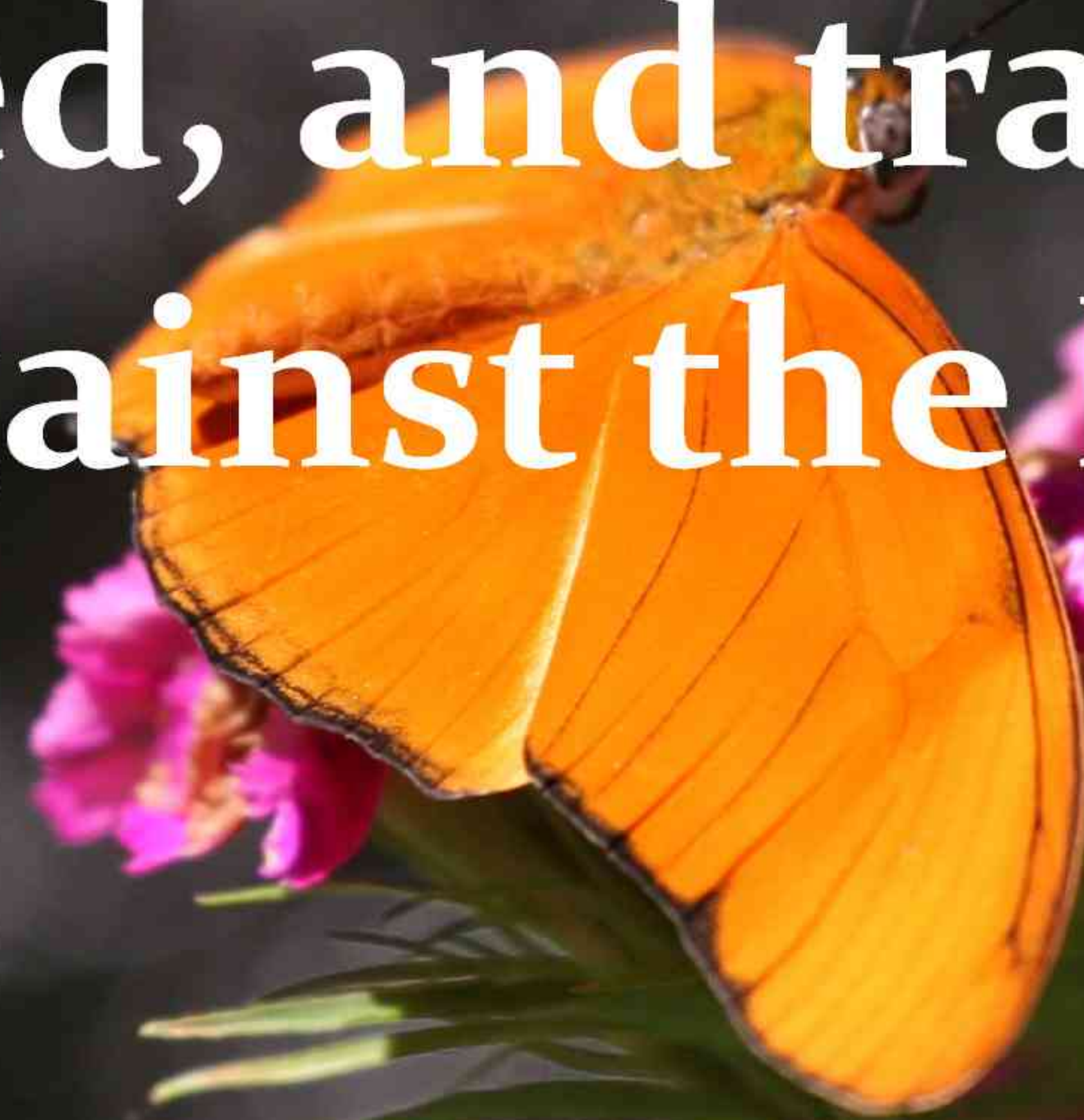


**2nd Chronicles 28:17 For again the
Edomites had come and smitten
Judah, and carried away captives.**

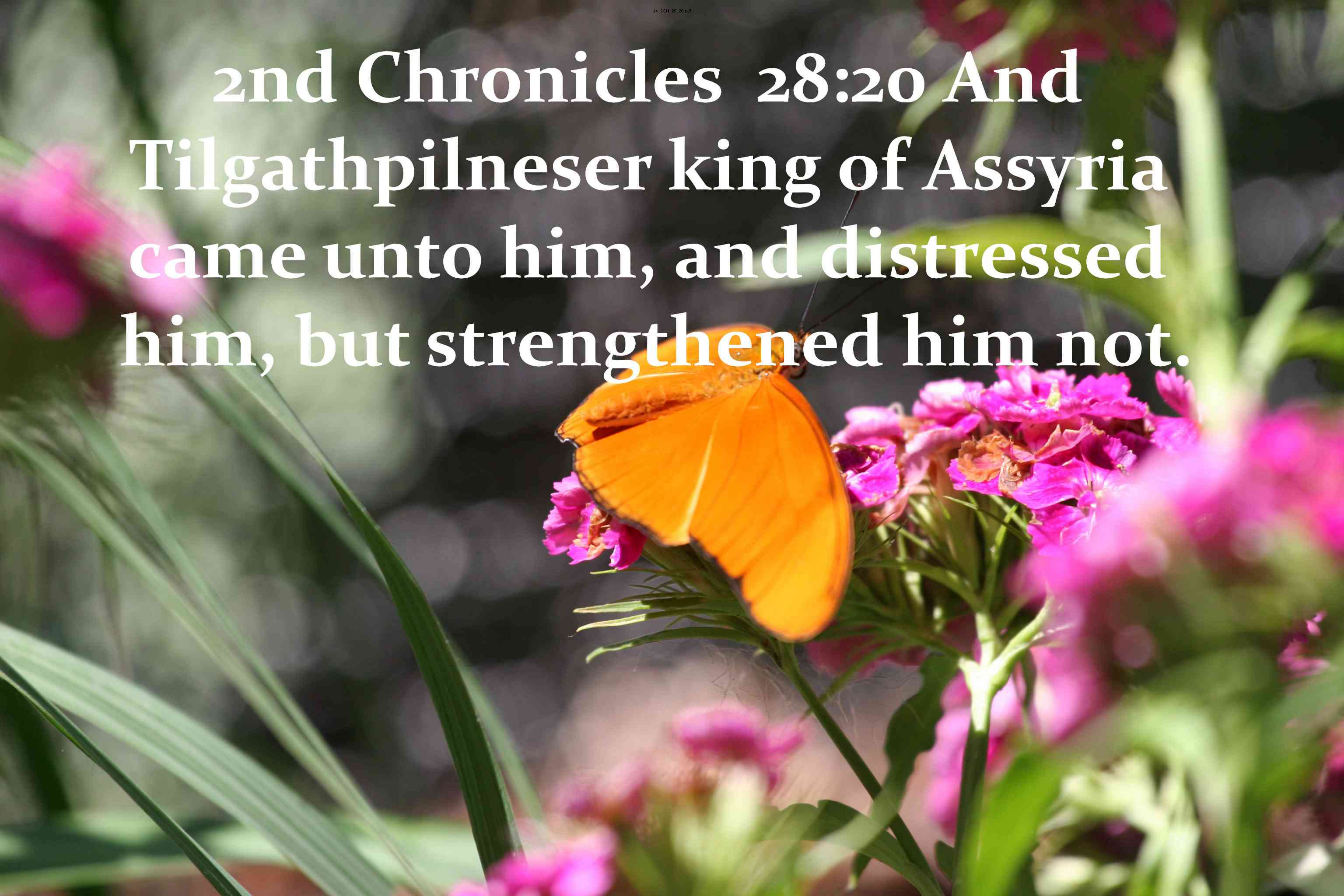


2nd Chronicles 28:18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they

2nd Chronicles 28:19 For the
LORD brought Judah low because
of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made
Judah naked, and transgressed
sore against the LORD.



2nd Chronicles 28:20 And
Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria
came unto him, and distressed
him, but strengthened him not.

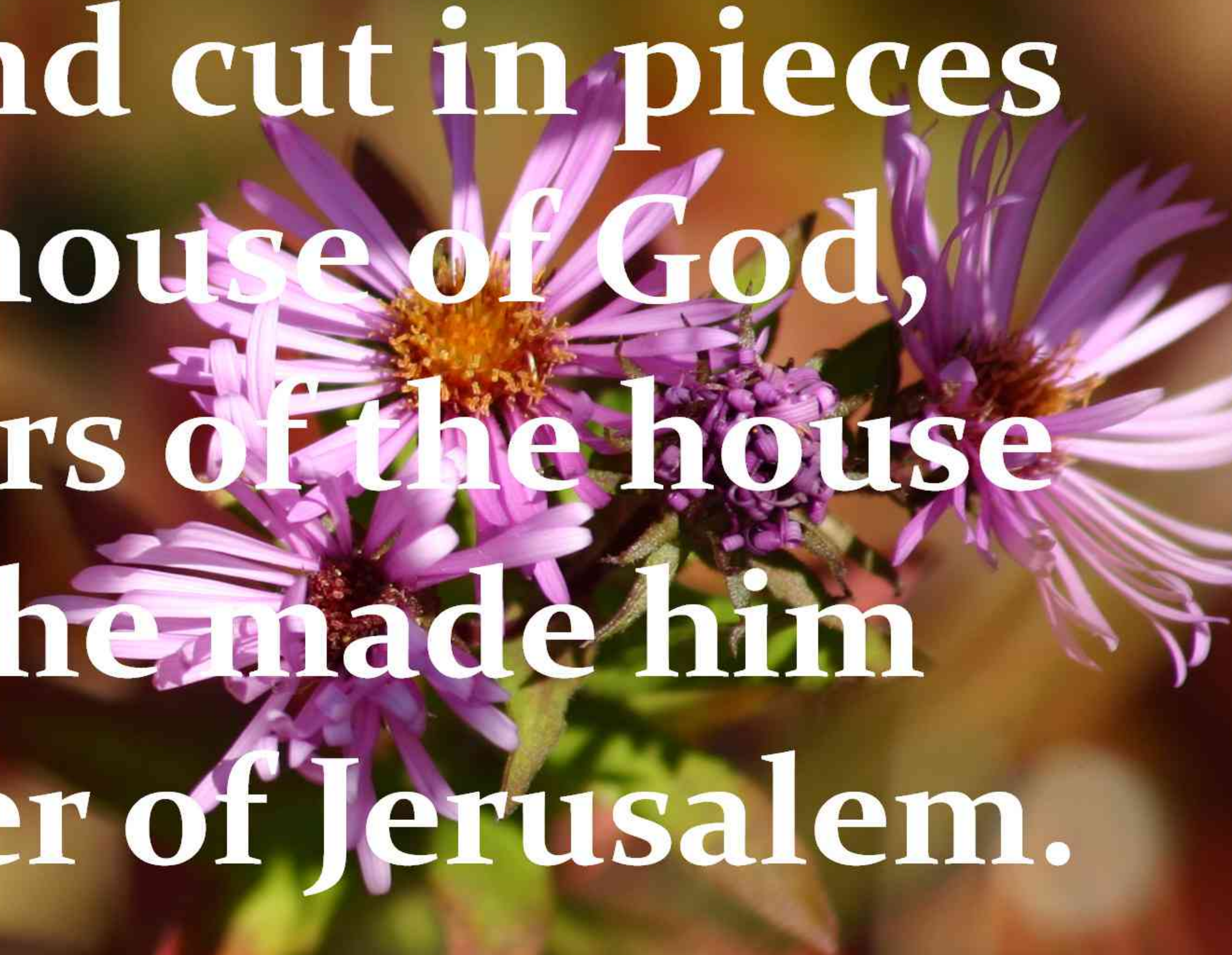


2nd Chronicles 28:21 For Ahaz
took away a portion out of the
house of the LORD, and out of the
house of the king, and of the
princes, and gave it unto the king
of Assyria: but he helped him not.

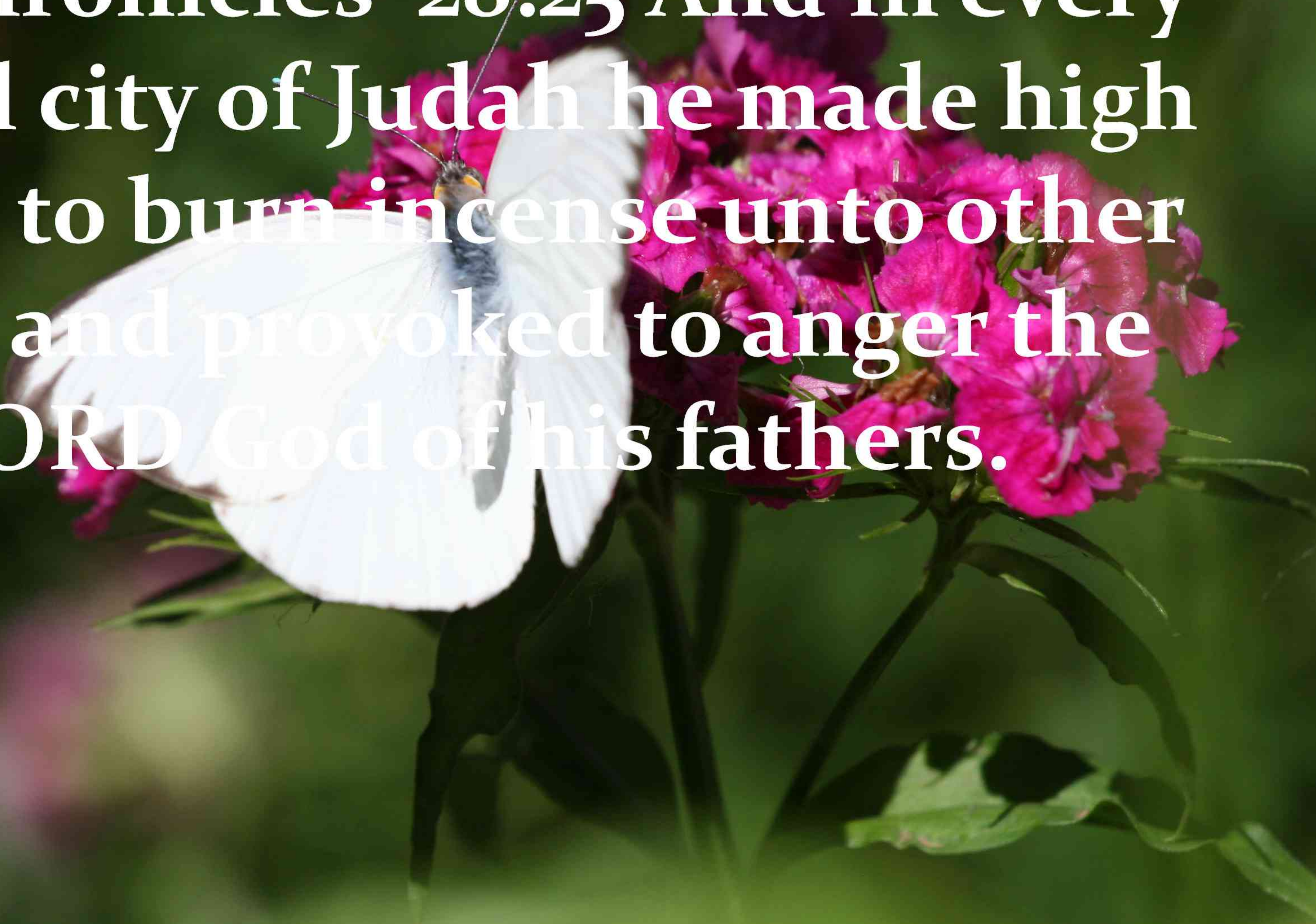
2nd Chronicles 28:22 And in the
time of his distress did he trespass
yet more against the LORD: this is
that king Ahaz.

2nd Chronicles 28:23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

2nd Chronicles 28:24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

A close-up photograph of several purple flowers with yellow centers, likely asters, set against a blurred background of red and green foliage. The flowers are in sharp focus, while the background is out of focus, creating a bokeh effect.

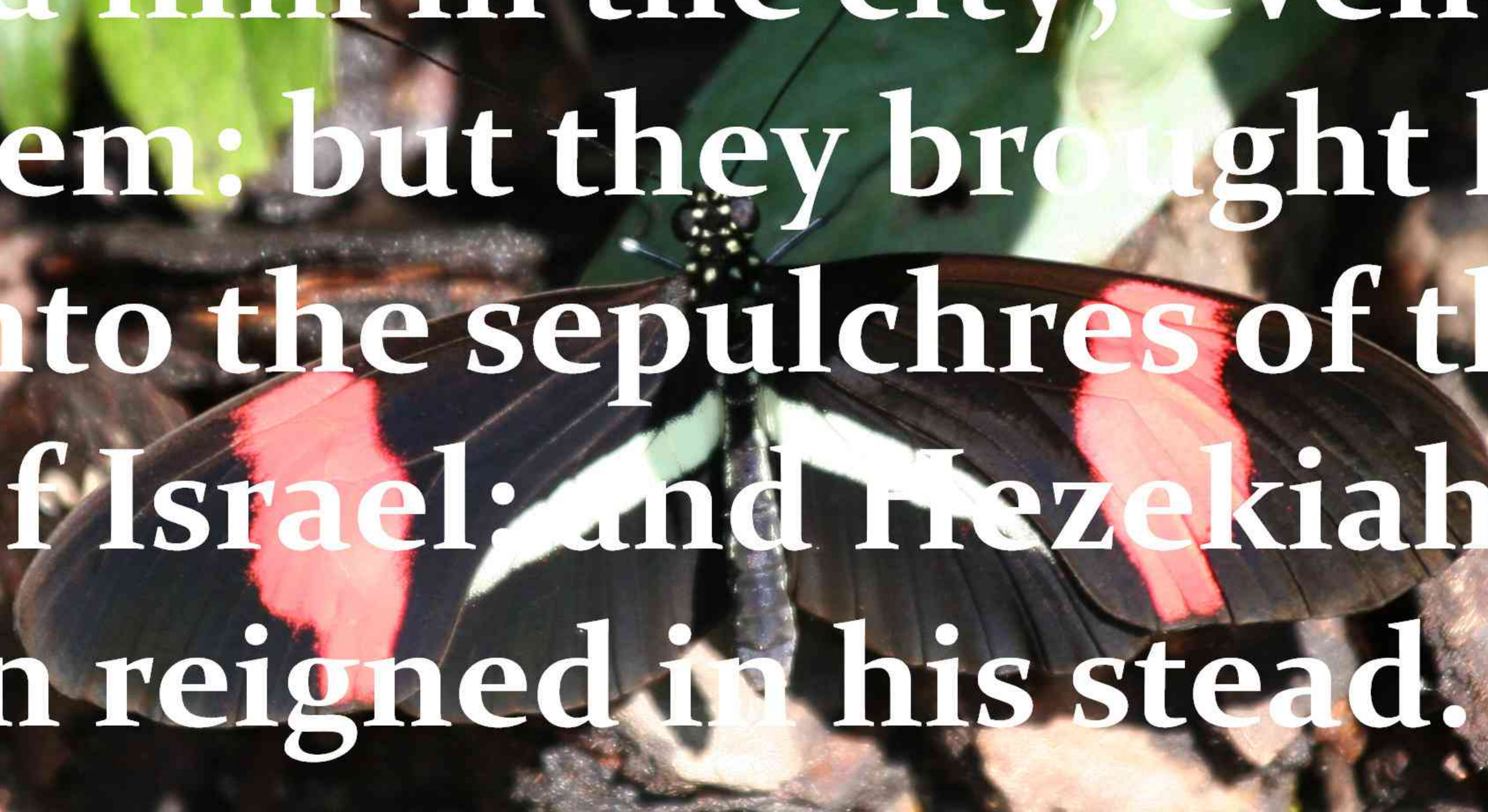
2nd Chronicles 28:25 And in every
several city of Judah he made high
places to burn incense unto other
gods, and provoked to anger the
LORD God of his fathers.



2nd Chronicles 28:26 Now the rest
of his acts and of all his ways, first
and last, behold, they are written
in the book of the kings of Judah
and Israel.



2nd Chronicles 28:27 And Ahaz
slept with his fathers, and they
buried him in the city, even in
Jerusalem: but they brought him
not into the sepulchres of the
kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his
son reigned in his stead.

A butterfly with black, white, and red wings is resting on dark, moist soil. The butterfly's wings are spread, showing a black base color with a prominent white band across the middle and bright red patches on the outer edges. The background consists of dark brown soil and some green foliage.