


An underwater scene with sunlight filtering through the water, creating a bright, ethereal atmosphere. The water is a deep blue, and the light rays create a sense of depth and tranquility.

Jonah

The Reluctant Ambassador –

Jonah 1:1-5



¹ Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “Arise, **go** to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil^[a] has come up before me.” **Jonah 1**

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing..

-- Genesis 12

3 But Jonah rose to **flee** to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord hurled a **great** wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. --**Jonah 1**

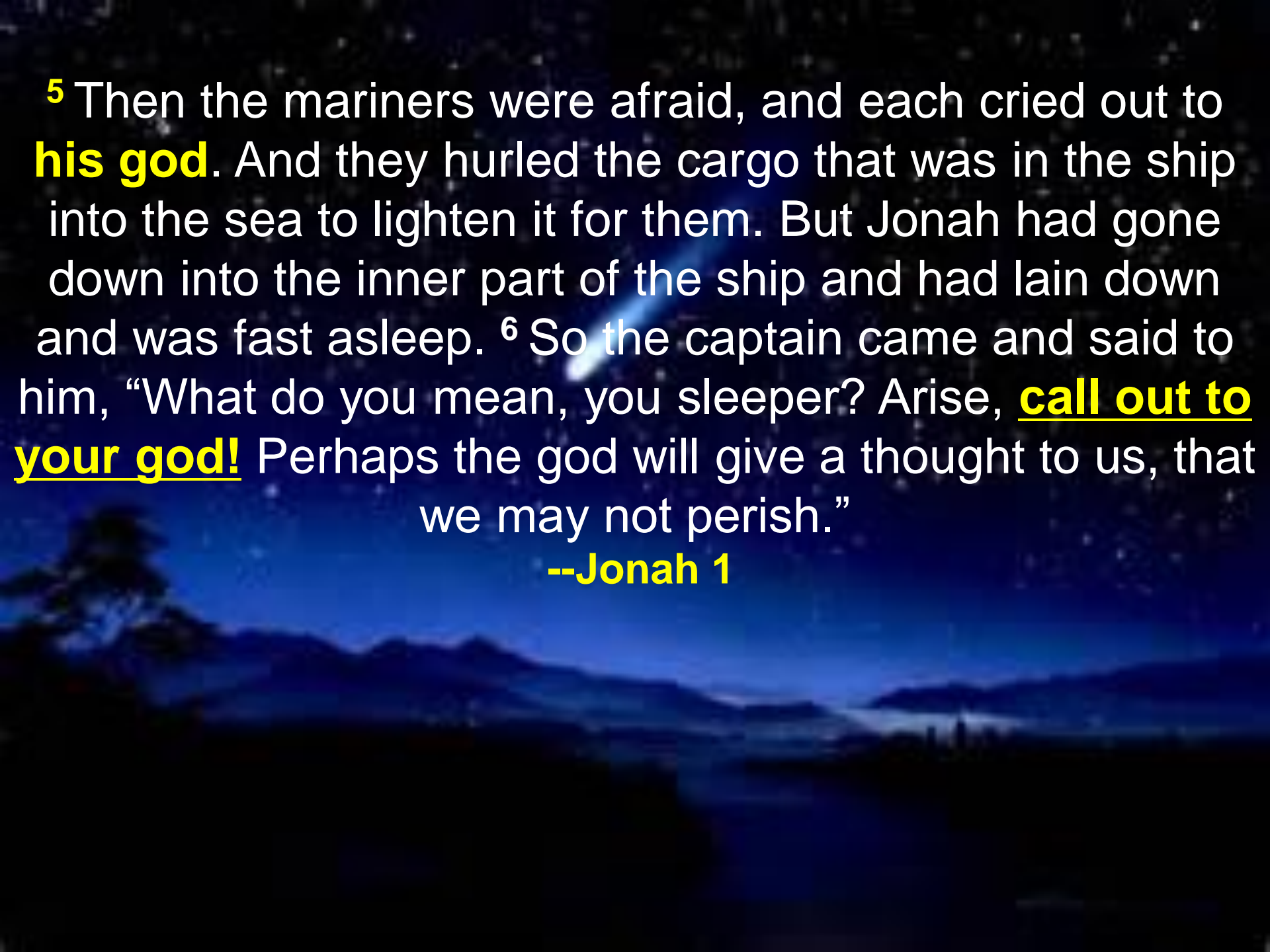


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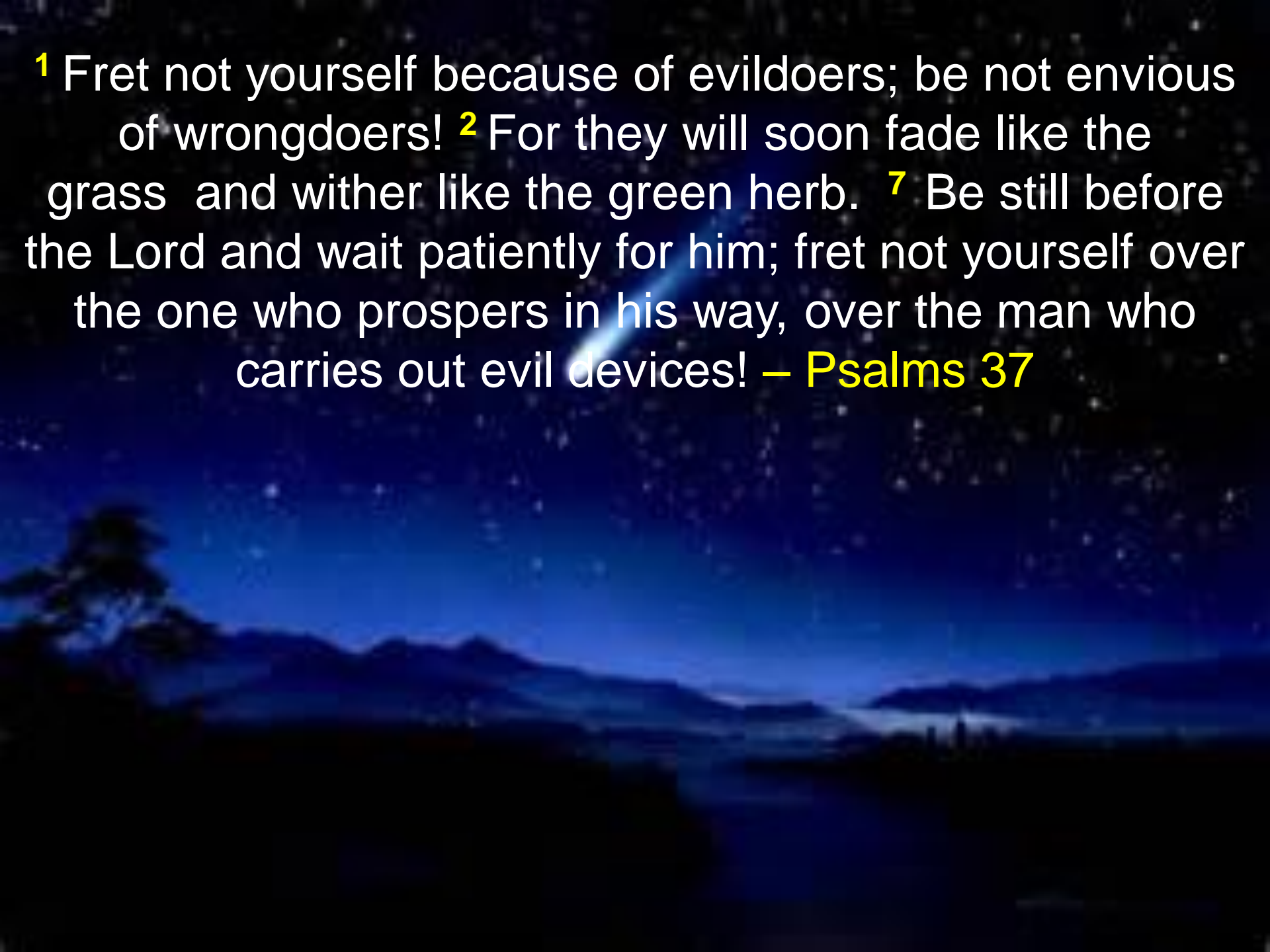
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⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to **his god**. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, **call out to your god!** Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

--Jonah 1



1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! **2** For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. **7** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! – **Psalms 37**