

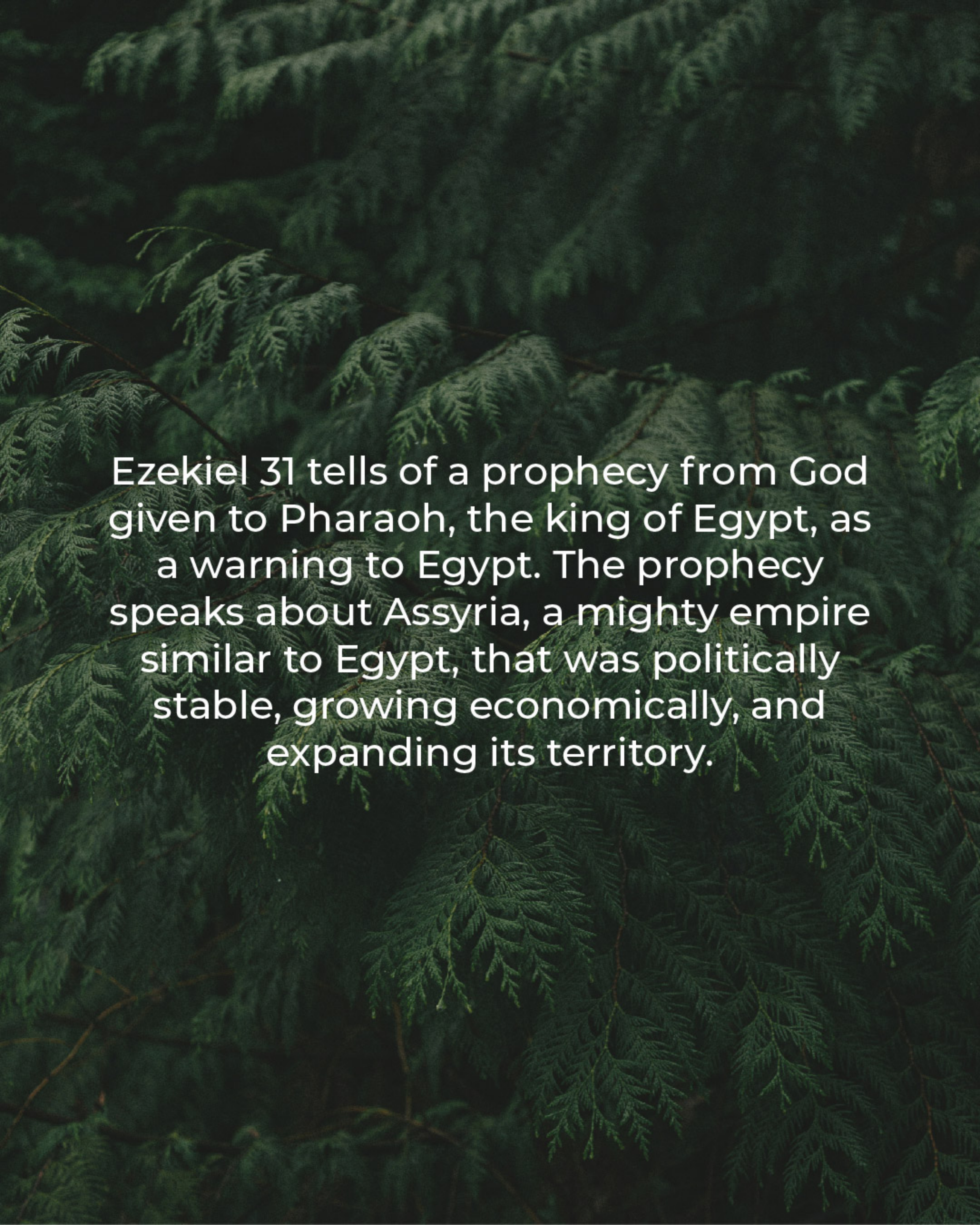


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EZEKIEL 31

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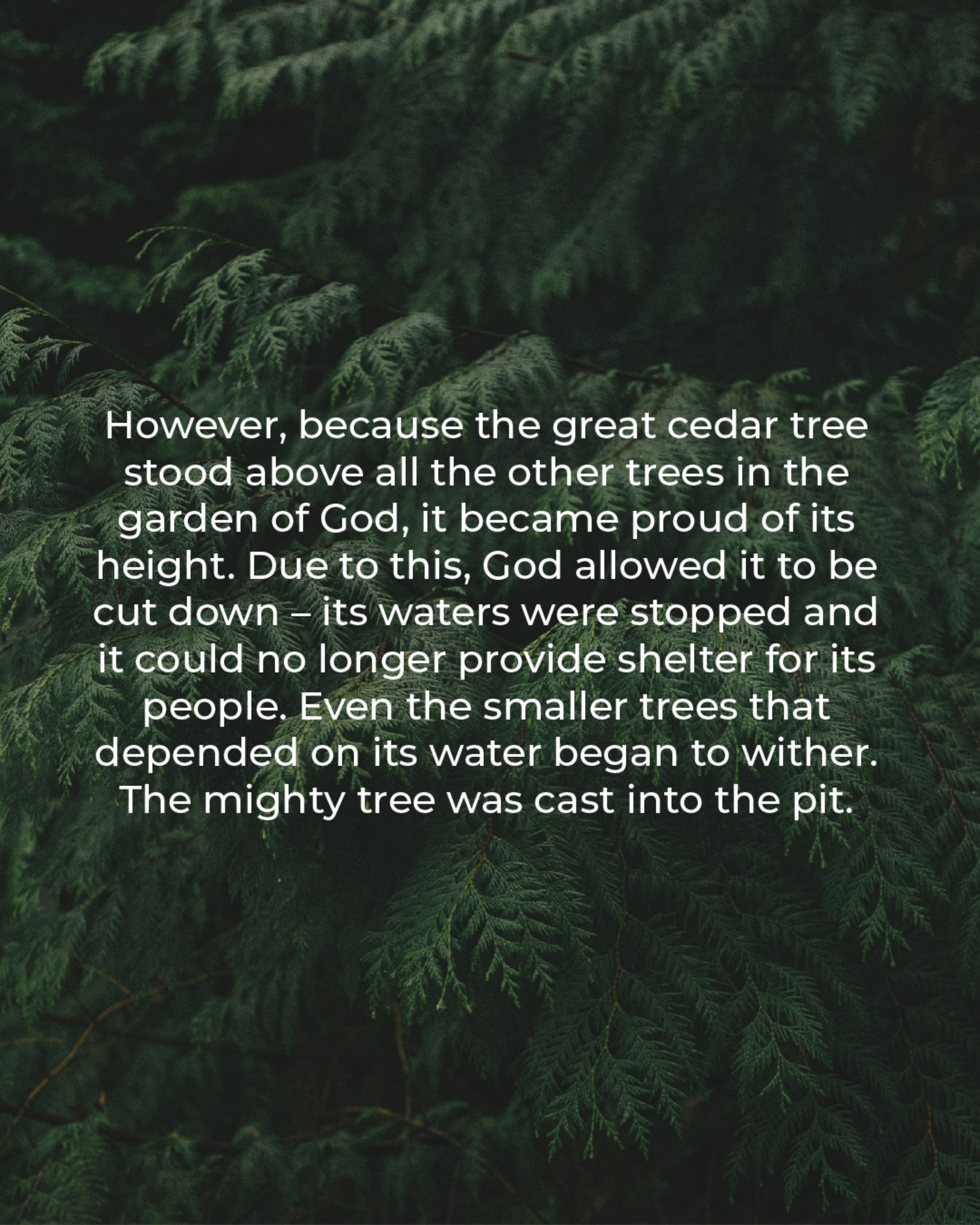


Ezekiel 31 tells of a prophecy from God given to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, as a warning to Egypt. The prophecy speaks about Assyria, a mighty empire similar to Egypt, that was politically stable, growing economically, and expanding its territory.




This powerful kingdom is portrayed as a great cedar tree in Lebanon, with large branches that provided shelter for many.


Assyria's abundant resources are illustrated as underground waters and rivers that helped the cedar tree grow taller and stronger than all the other trees in the field. The smaller trees around the great cedar also benefited from the streams of water flowing from it.



However, because the great cedar tree stood above all the other trees in the garden of God, it became proud of its height. Due to this, God allowed it to be cut down – its waters were stopped and it could no longer provide shelter for its people. Even the smaller trees that depended on its water began to wither. The mighty tree was cast into the pit.



The illustration ends with a rhetorical question, if Egypt exalts itself in glory and greatness, will it not also be cast down into the pit like the great cedar tree?



Humility is not about giving in to the requests of others or simply agreeing with their views and perspectives. Rather, it is about being modest in oneself and showing others the love that Christ first gave us.