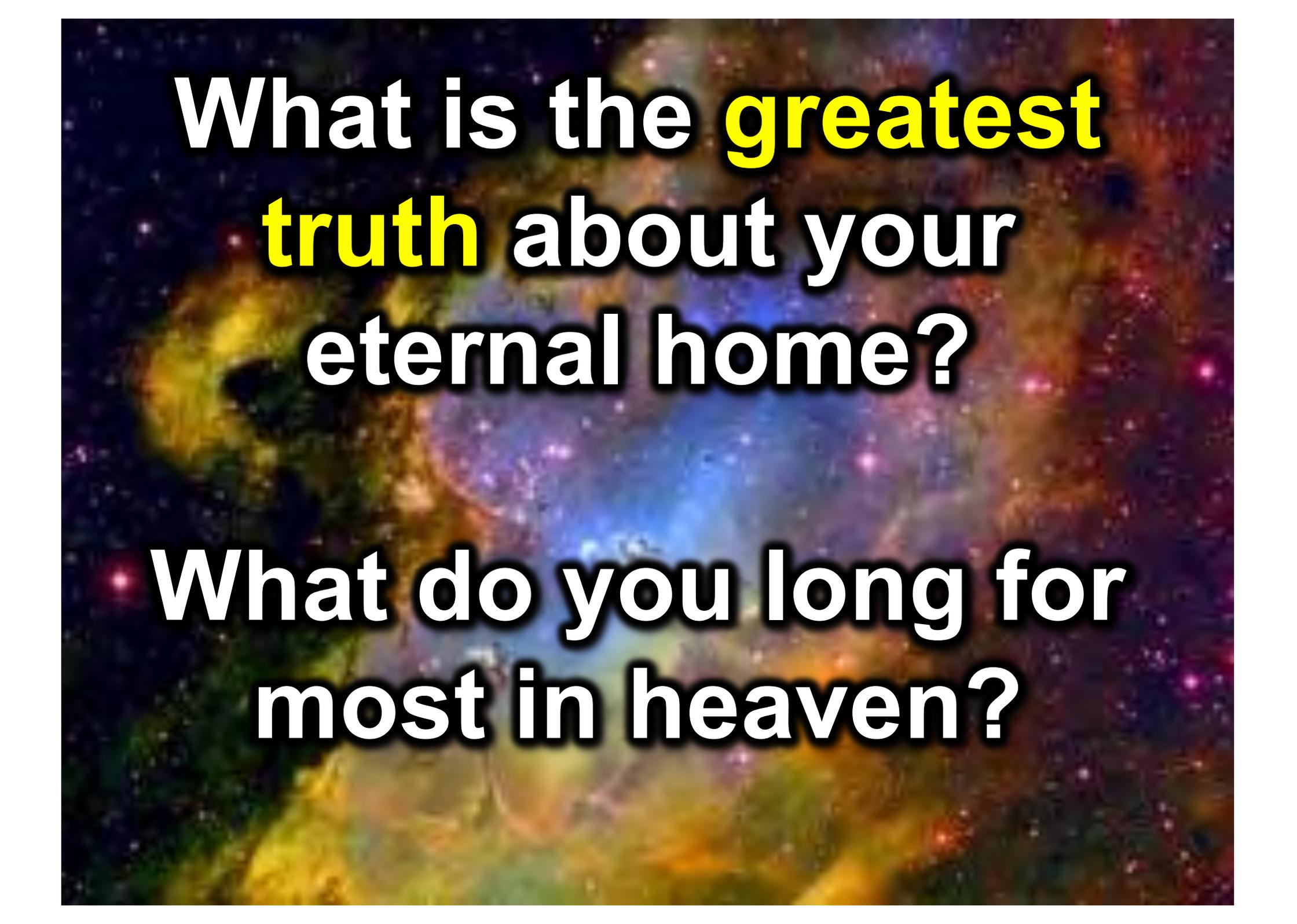




The New Heaven & New Earth



What is the **greatest truth** about your eternal home?

What do you long for most in heaven?



***Imagine
skiing where
you can't get
hurt!***

Home = Relationships!



Heaven = Relationships!



BASED ON
THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

Heaven is for Real

IN THEATERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16



A young boy with blonde hair is lying in a hospital bed, wearing a blue hospital gown. He has a nasal cannula and is looking towards the camera with a slightly sad expression. A woman with long blonde hair is on the left, looking at him with a concerned expression. A man with brown hair is on the right, leaning over the bed and touching the boy's head. The background shows a hospital room with blue walls and medical equipment.

**Heaven
is for
Real**



Heaven is for Real

**NEW FILM TELLS THE STORY OF COLTON
BURPO'S NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE**

the
KELLY
.....file

He will return!





Come the water!

A close-up photograph of a bride and groom holding hands. The bride is on the left, wearing a white dress and holding a large bouquet of red roses and white flowers with greenery. The groom is on the right, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. The background is blurred, showing white chairs and greenery. The text "BE A BRIDE" is overlaid in a large, black, serif font across the top half of the image.

BE A BRIDE

OF
CHRIST

Terminology for "Heaven(s)"

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- **Atmosphere (Gen. 1:6-8)**
- **Outer Space (Gen. 1:1, 14)**
- **Abode of God & Saints (2 Cor. 12:2)**
- **Millennium (Isa. 65:17; 66:22)**

Revelation 21

The Consummation of All Things

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Genesis 1–3

"In the beginning
God created the
**heavens and the
earth**" (1:1)



Revelation 20–22

"Then I saw a **new
heaven and a new
earth**" (21:1)



The Last Beginning

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Days of Creation

Formless → Forming

Void → Filling

Day 1: Light

Day 4: Sun, moon & stars arranged

Day 2: Water & air separated

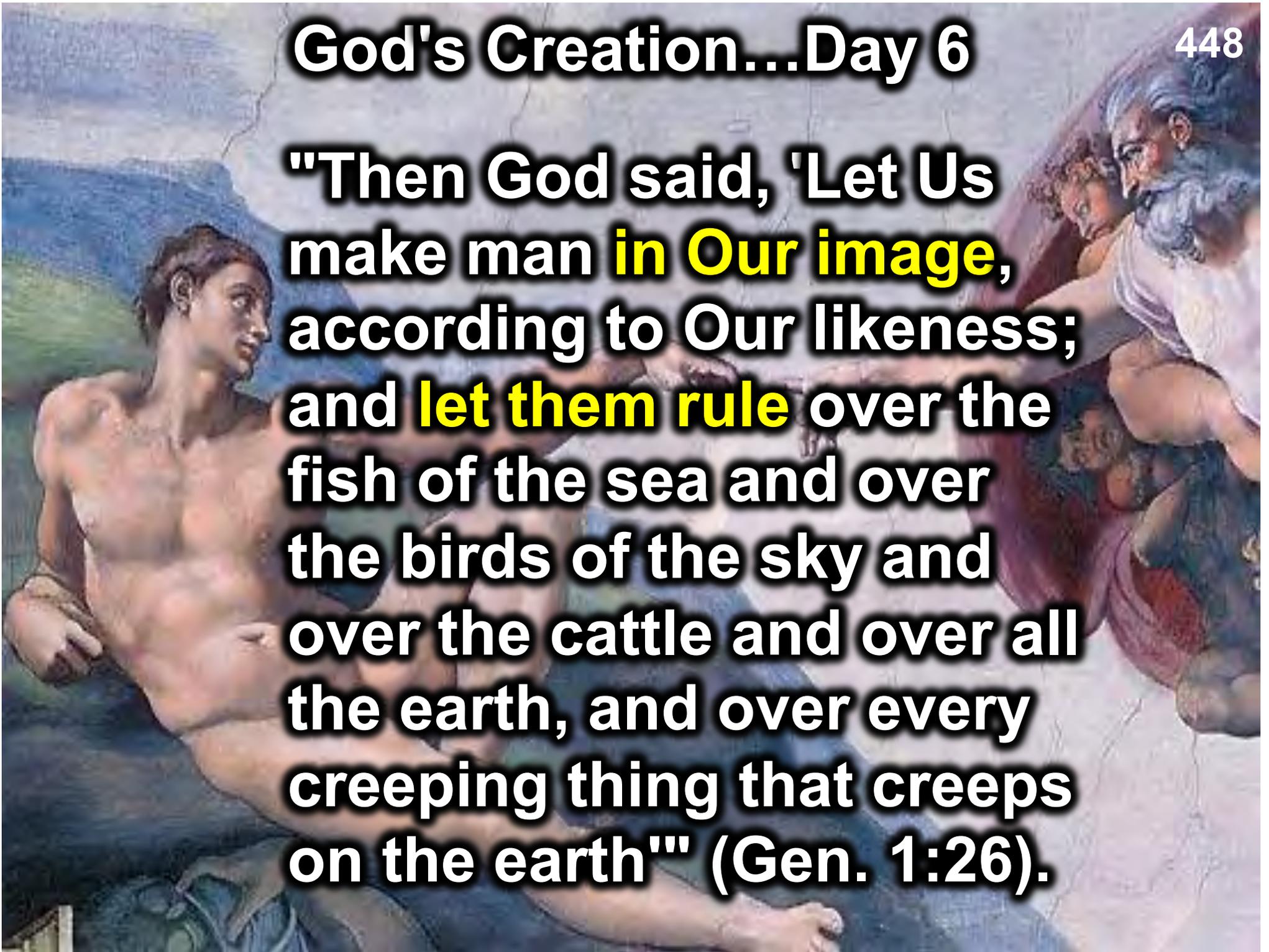
Day 5: Fish & fowl

Day 3: Land & sea separated

Day 6: Animals & man

God's Creation...Day 6

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (Gen. 1:26).

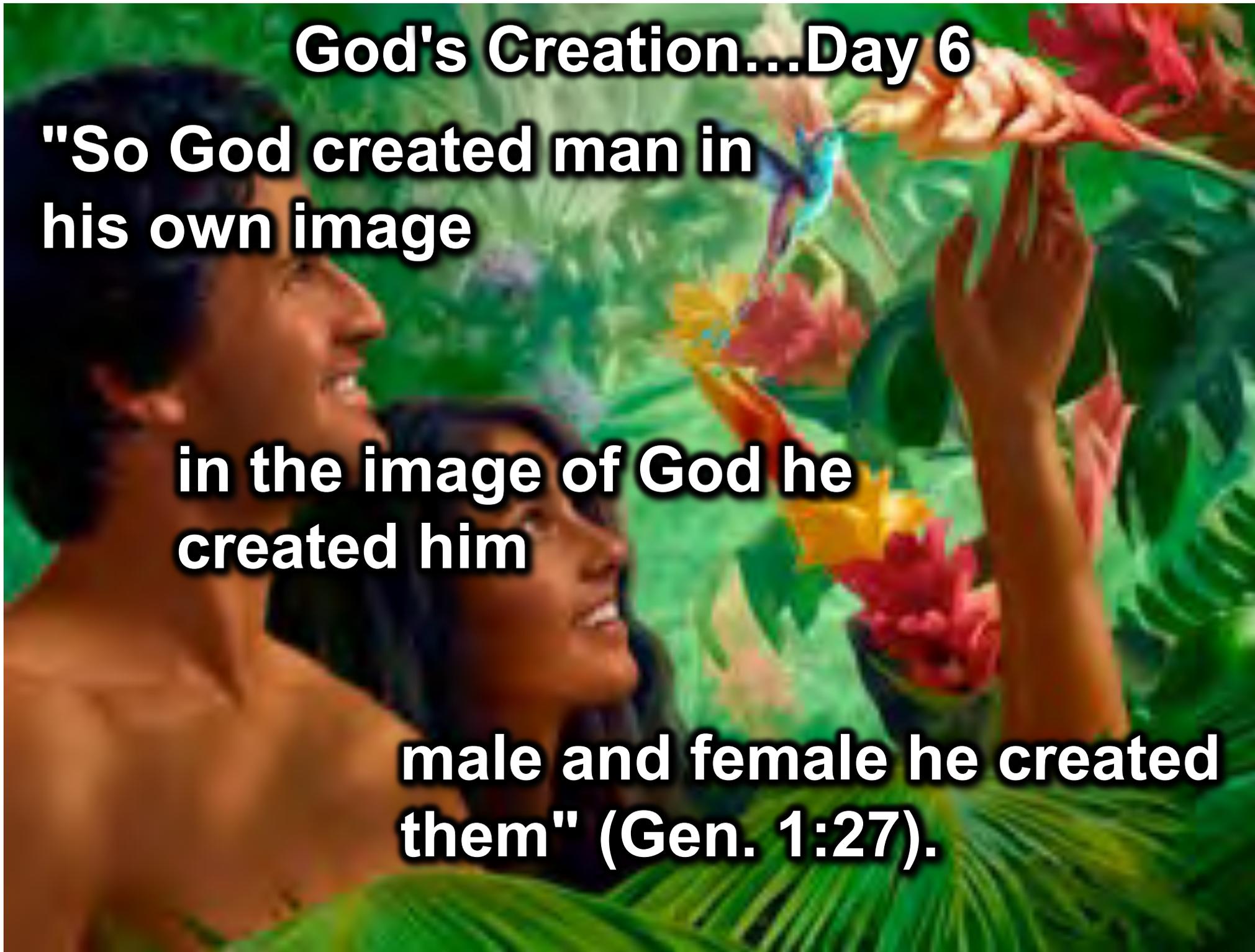


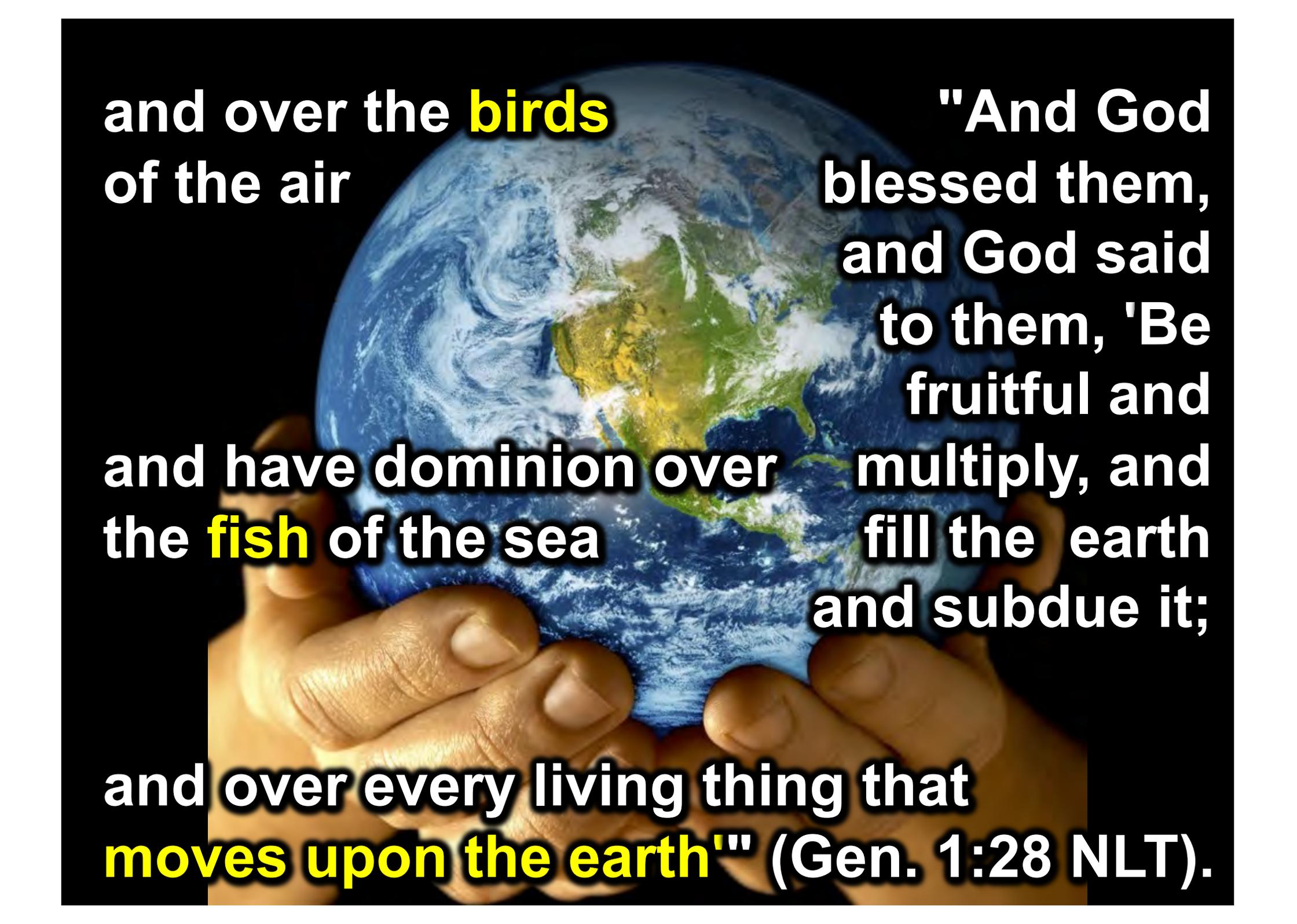
God's Creation...Day 6

**"So God created man in
his own image**

**in the image of God he
created him**

**male and female he created
them" (Gen. 1:27).**



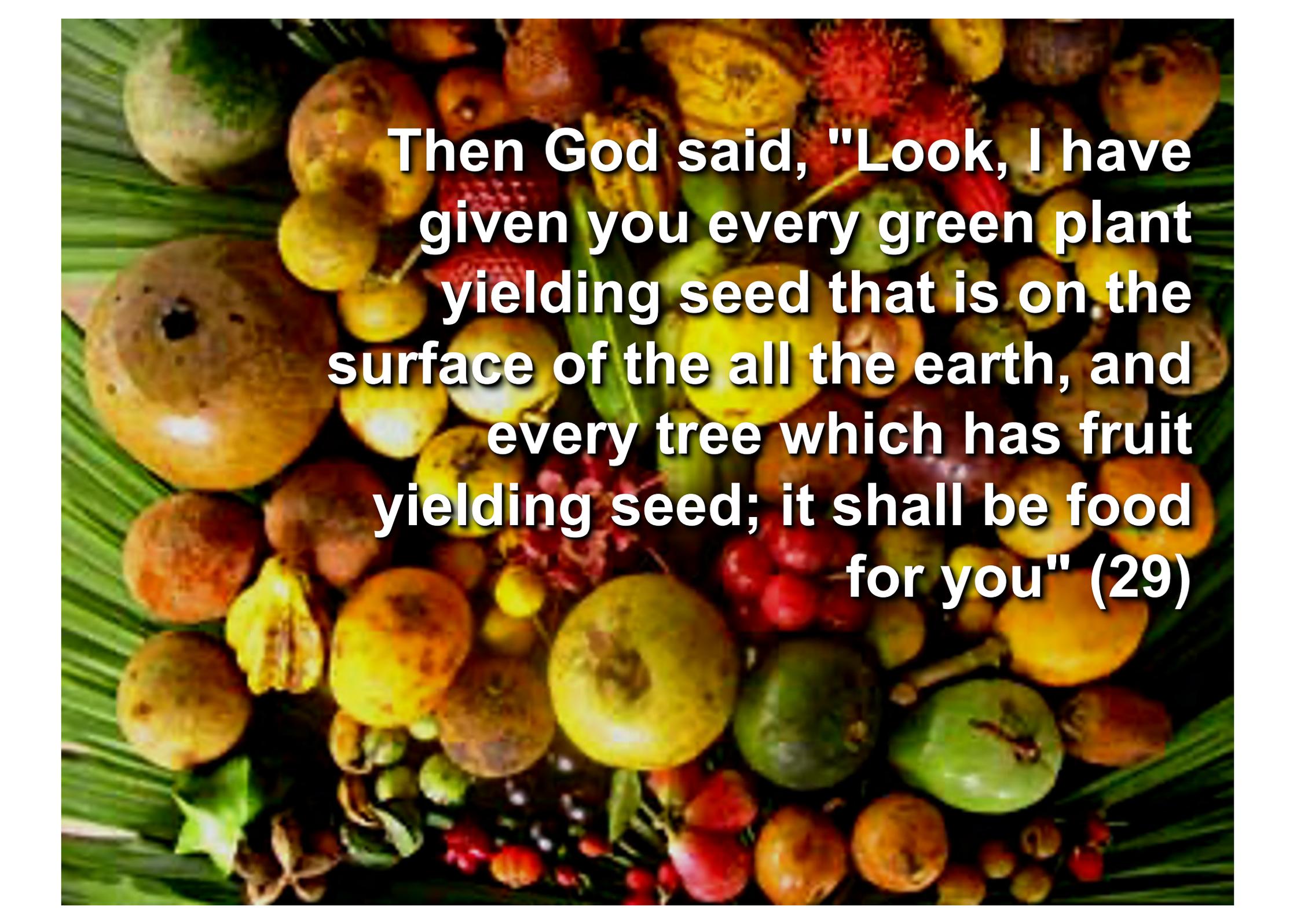
A pair of hands is shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe is centered on the Americas, showing North and South America in green and yellow, surrounded by blue oceans and white clouds. The hands are positioned at the bottom and sides of the globe, with fingers gently gripping it. The background is solid black, making the globe and hands stand out.

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of the air

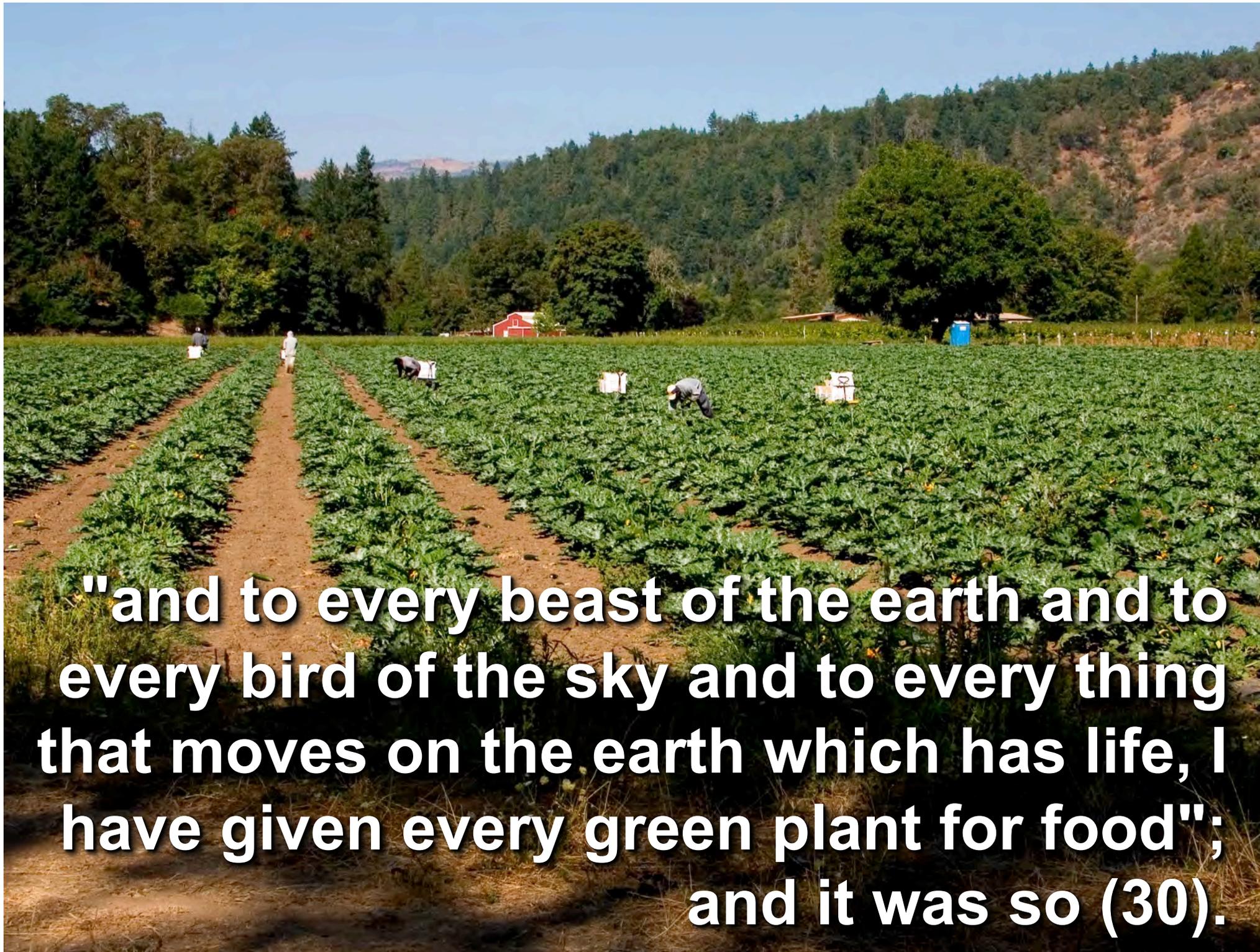
and have dominion over
the **fish** of the sea

and over every living thing that
moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28 NLT).

"And God
blessed them,
and God said
to them, 'Be
fruitful and
multiply, and
fill the earth
and subdue it;

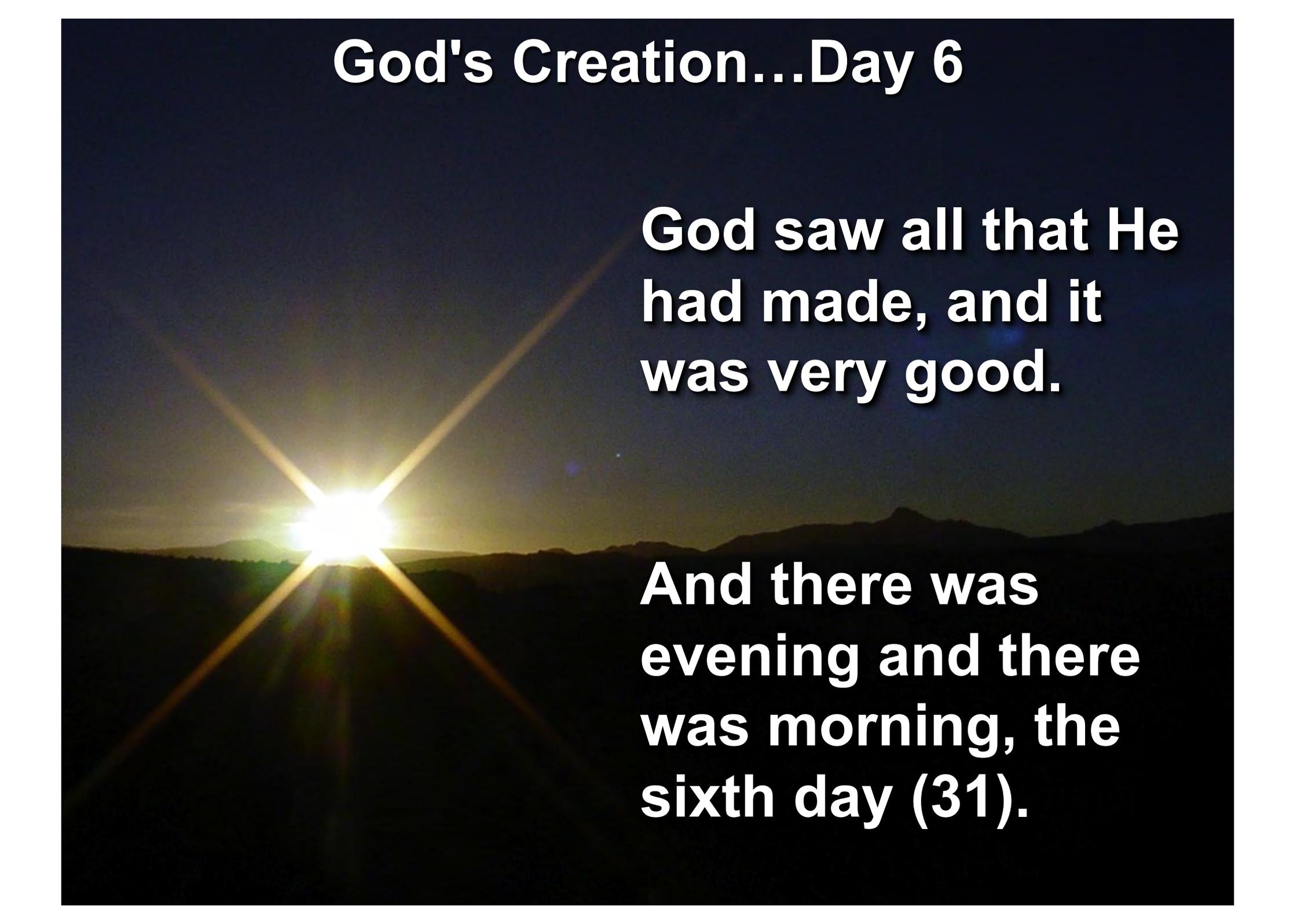


Then God said, "Look, I have given you every green plant yielding seed that is on the surface of the all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you" (29)



"and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so (30).

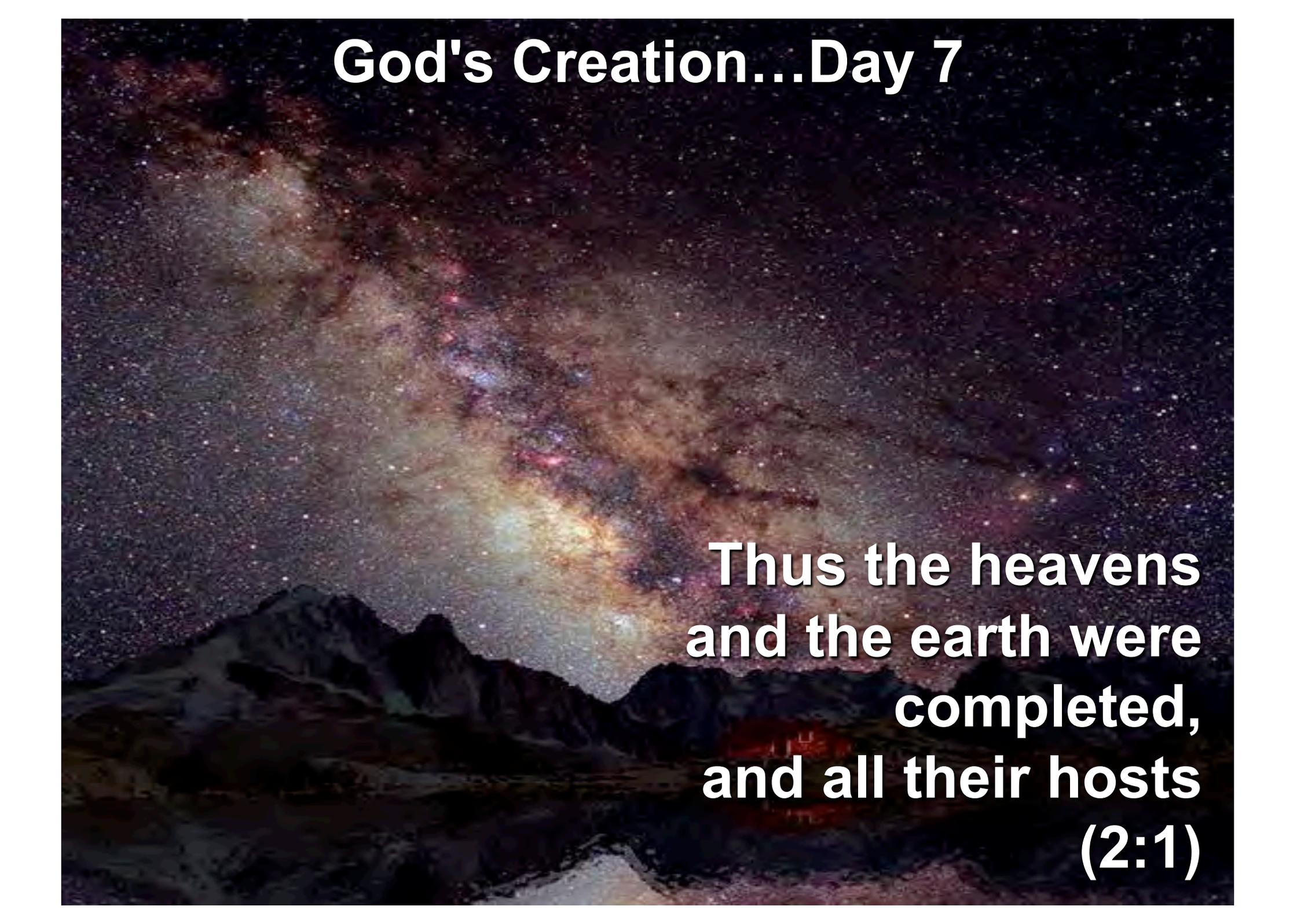
God's Creation...Day 6

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left side of the frame, creating a prominent lens flare that radiates across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The silhouettes of mountains are visible against the bright light of the sun.

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

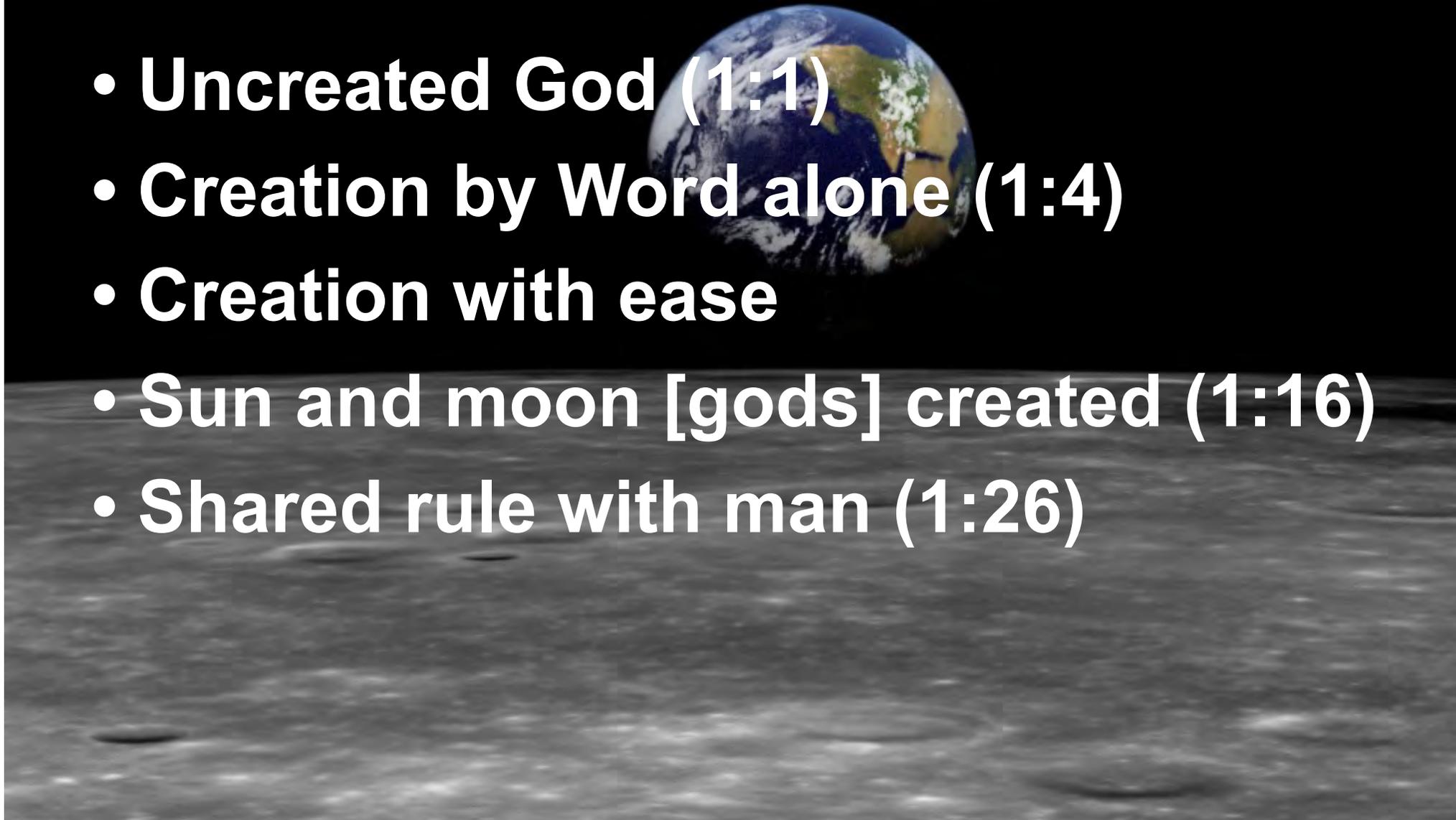
And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day (31).

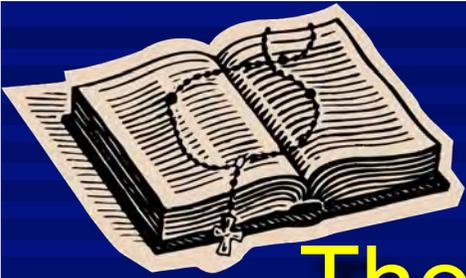
God's Creation...Day 7

A composite image featuring a vibrant view of the Milky Way galaxy, showing its characteristic spiral structure and colorful nebulae, set against a deep black night sky filled with stars. Below the galaxy, a dark, silhouetted mountain range stretches across the horizon, with a small, glowing red light source visible in the valley between the peaks.

**Thus the heavens
and the earth were
completed,
and all their hosts
(2:1)**

The Kingdom in Genesis 1

- **Uncreated God (1:1)**
 - **Creation by Word alone (1:4)**
 - **Creation with ease**
 - **Sun and moon [gods] created (1:16)**
 - **Shared rule with man (1:26)**
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The Kingdom of God: The Bible's All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

Revelation 22:5

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Covenants



Fulfillment

The Bible's Chiasm

Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order

**Christ's
Redemption**

**Christ's
Rule**

**Man's
Rule**

**Lost at
Fall**

**Man's
Rule**

**Restored at
Millennium**

Creation

**New
Creation**



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19) ↓
 Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4) ↓
 God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6) ↓
 Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule ↓
 Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39) ↓
 Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13) ↓
 Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27) ↓
 Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3	land	Land Covenant Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises: •Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12) •Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration •Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)	ISRAEL (National Focus)	CHURCH The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15) Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)	MESSIANIC Millennial Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28) Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)	KINGDOM Eternal New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)
	seed	Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises: •Sons ("house" never wiped out) •Kingdom (political dynasty) •Throne (right to rule by descendants) •Temple (son to build it)		Christ is Head over his Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)	Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)	Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)
	blessing	New Covenant Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises: •Forgiveness •Indwelling Spirit •New heart, nature, mind •Reunification of Israel and Judah •No need for evangelism		Mosaic Law is replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)	All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)	All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

The Law was fulfilled and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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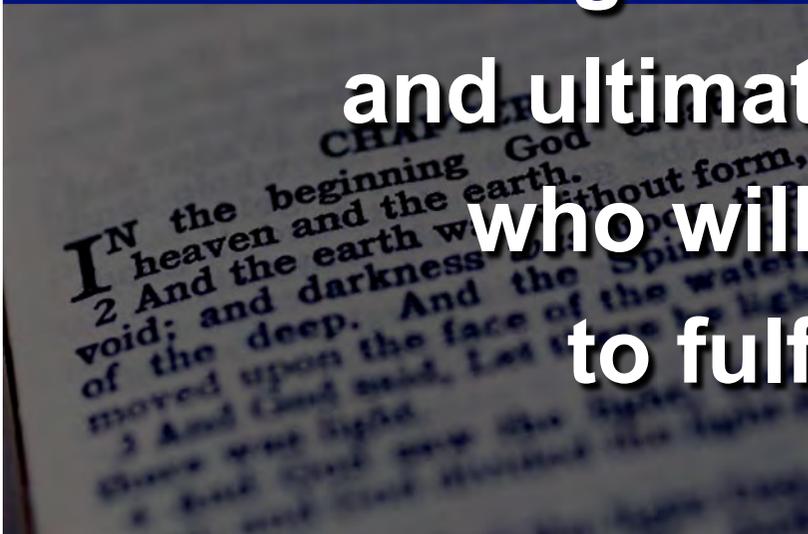
Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

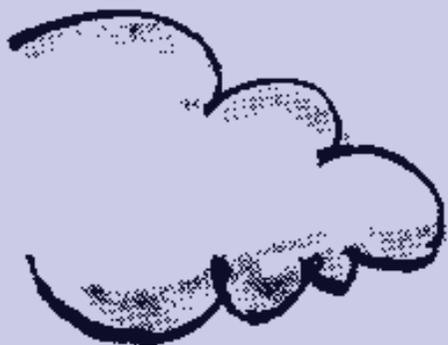
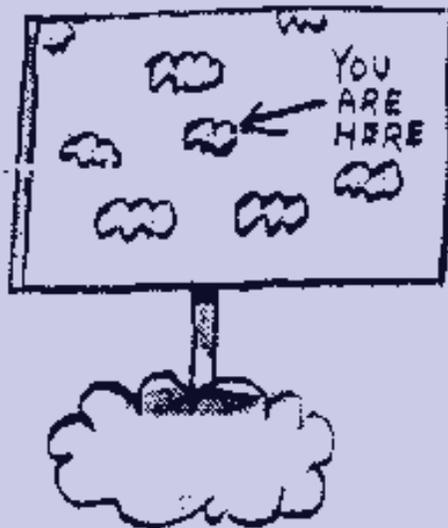
My View of the Bible's Theme

The Bible narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

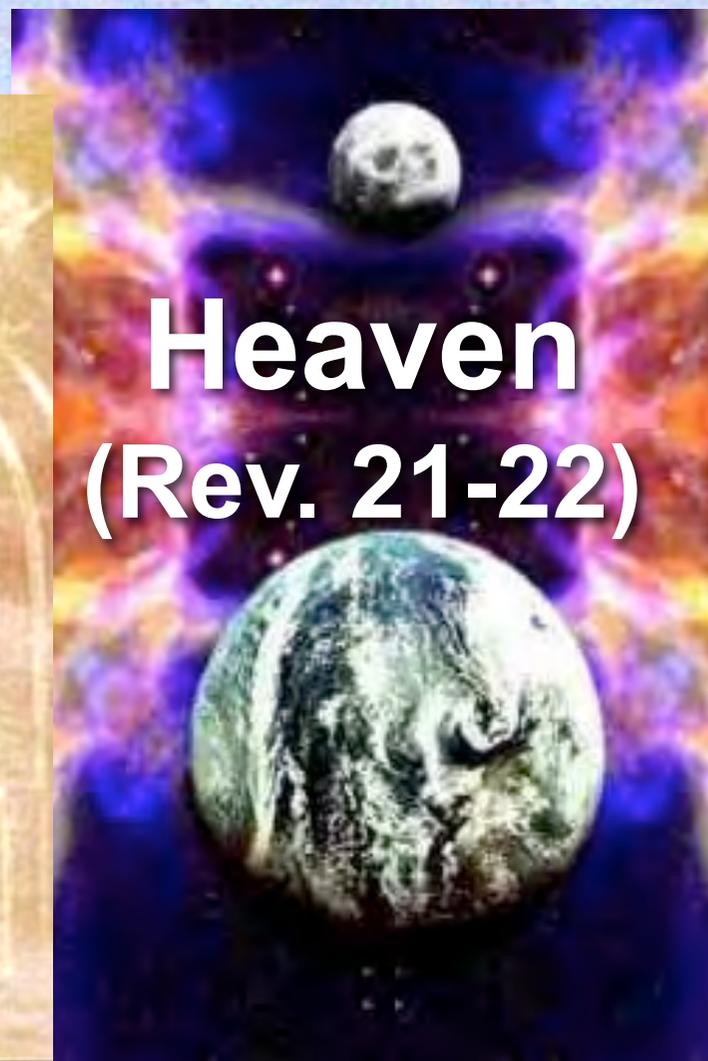
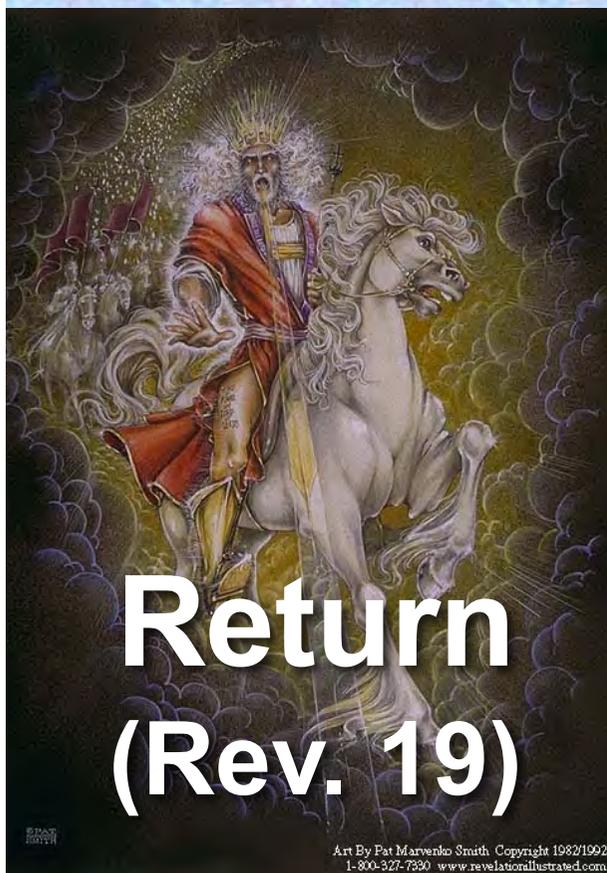
mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall
and accomplished by redeeming man
through Israel as a kingdom of priests
and ultimately through the Messiah,
who will reign as Saviour and King
to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant





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Future Benefits (Rev. 19-20)



Differences Between the Millennium and Heaven

Millennium (Rev. 20) vs. Heaven (Rev. 21-22)

	Millennium	Heaven	191
Duration	1000 years (Rev. 20:1-6)	Eternal (Rev. 22:5)	
Death	Possible (Isa. 65:20)	Impossible (Rev. 21:4)	
Longevity of Life	"Never again will there be an infant who lives a few days. He who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth" (Isa. 65:20)	No aging (Rev. 21:4 implied)	
Sin Nature	Active (Rev. 20:7- 9)	Abolished (Rev. 21:27)	
Inhabitants	Initially Christian, but later includes unbelievers—no living with angels? (Matt. 25:34; Rev. 20:7-9)	Saints and angels alone (Rev. 21:27)	

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Satan	Bound, but then released after 1000 years (Rev. 20:3, 7)	In lake of burning sulfur, never to be released again (Rev. 20:10)	
Political & Religious Centre	Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-3; Micah 4:1-2, 7)	New Jerusalem (Rev. 21)	
Place	Earth (Rev. 5:10)	New heavens and new earth (Rev. 21:1)	
Key Passages	Psalm 72; Isaiah 2; 11; 65-66; Revelation 20:1-6	Revelation 21-22	



We already saw one glimpse of the throne of God (Rev. 4-5)

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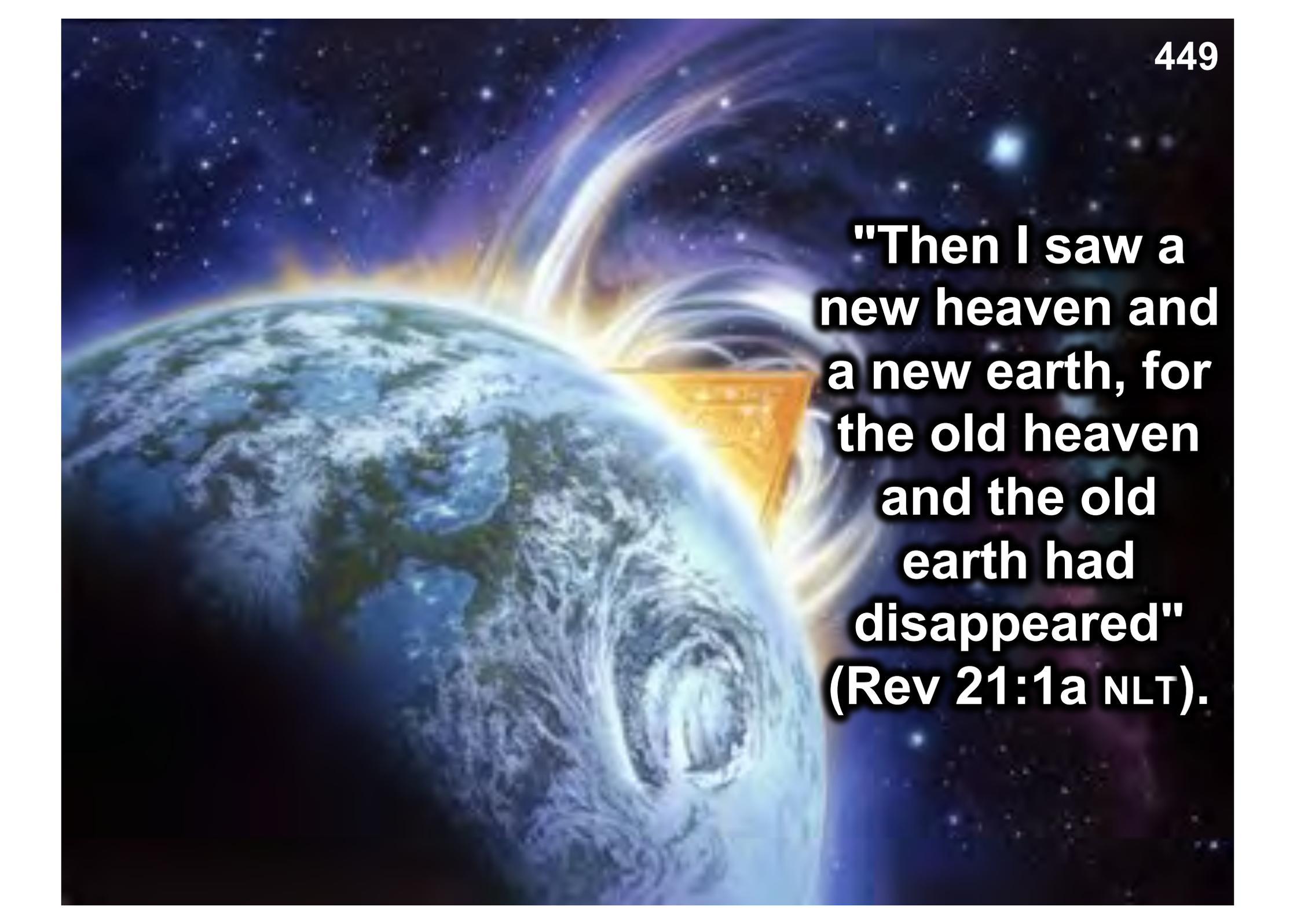
***The Consummation of All Things
How are these "New"?***

✧ Annihilation

✧ Renewal



Explore!



**"Then I saw a
new heaven and
a new earth, for
the old heaven
and the old
earth had
disappeared"
(Rev 21:1a NLT).**

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

**Isaiah's New Heavens
and New Earth
(Isa. 65:17; 66:22)**

**John's New Heaven
and New Earth
(Rev. 21:1)**

<i>English Term</i>	Plural: "new heavens"	Singular: "new heaven"
<i>Time Period</i>	Millennium	Eternal State
<i>Life span of Inhabitants</i>	Extended yet not infinite life (65:20)	Eternal Life
<i>Death</i>	Possible, though dying at 100 years old is "young" (65:20; cf. 66:24)!	No death (Rev. 21:4) as death is abolished at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:14)

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

	Isaiah's New Heavens and New Earth (Isa. 65:17; 66:22)	John's New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21:1)
<i>Marriage & Childbirth Activity</i>	Possible (65:23)	Impossible (Matt. 22:30)
	Building of houses and planting of vineyards (65:21)	Christ claimed that he would prepare a place for us (John 14:1f.).
<i>Animal Activity</i>	Peaceful cohabitation of wild animals (65:25a)	No animals are noted by John or in any other text on heaven
<i>Associated City</i>	Protection of God in Jerusalem (65:25b)	Focus is the new Jerusalem (Rev. 20–21)

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<i>Gathering of Nations</i>	Brought to Jerusalem to see God's glory (66:18-20; cf. Zech. 14:16-19)	God's glory provides light for the nations (21:23-24)
<i>Priesthood & Temple</i>	Has a temple, priests, and Levites (66:20-21; cf. Ezek. 40—43)	Has no temple (21:22), so by implication no priests are needed
<i>Celebrations</i>	New Moon and the Sabbath (56:6-7a; 66:23)	No need for these since there will be no need for rest in eternity

Isaiah v. John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

**Isaiah's New Heavens
and New Earth
(Isa. 65:17; 66:22)**

**John's New Heaven
and New Earth
(Rev. 21:1)**

Time

Still existent

**Abolished with night
(Rev. 22:5), so rest
every seven "days" is
absurd.**

***Place of
Worship***

Jerusalem (65:23)

Throne of God (22:3-4)

A
renewed
earth?



"Then I saw
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(21:1a NLT).

And the sea was also gone (21:1b NLT).



John sees the New Jerusalem



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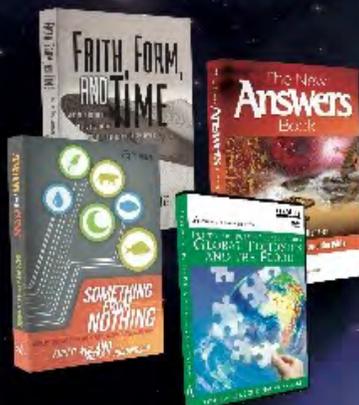
Creation

**New
Creation**



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SCIENTIFIC FACT:

The movement of the continental plates to their present positions did not take millions of years of slow plate shifting.

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Rodinia—The World That Perished

The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically? Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



And the sea was also gone (21:1b NLT).

THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

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Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9-10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period



Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).

Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.

"Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

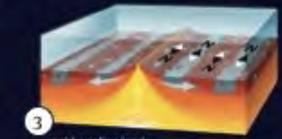
The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

Magnetic Reversals

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

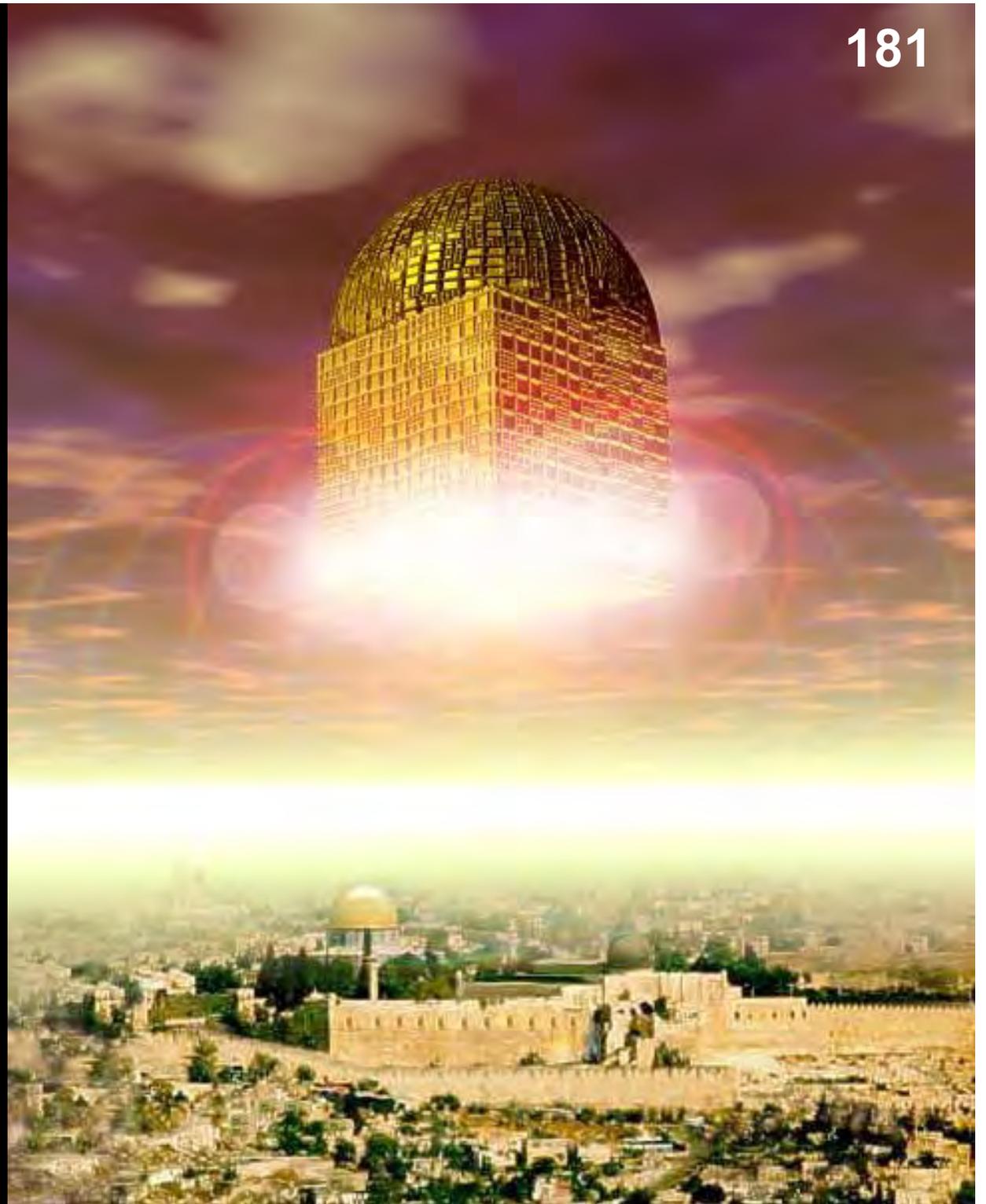
surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1-3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



The New Jerusalem

The image features a golden, glowing cityscape with a central tower and a river, set against a purple and white sky. The city is depicted in a stylized, almost ethereal manner, with buildings and structures that appear to be made of gold or a similar bright material. A prominent tower with a pointed top stands in the center, and a river or canal flows through the city. The sky is a mix of purple and white, suggesting a dramatic or otherworldly atmosphere. The overall scene is framed by a dark, textured border that looks like torn paper or a rough edge.

**"And I saw the
holy city, the
new Jerusalem,
coming down
from God out of
heaven like a
bride beautifully
dressed for her
husband"
(21:2 NLT).**





**Why would the New
Jerusalem come out of
heaven (21:2)?**



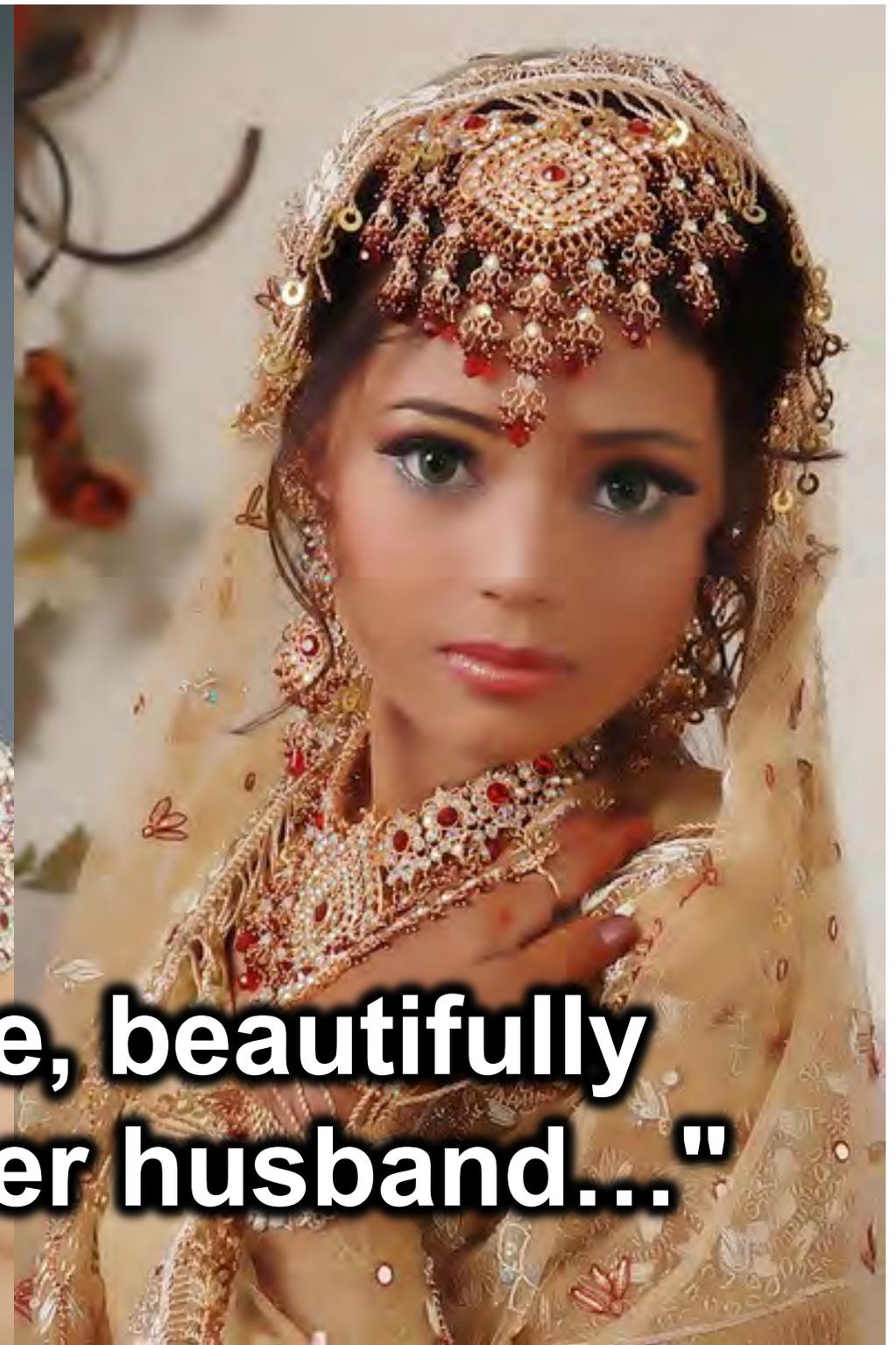
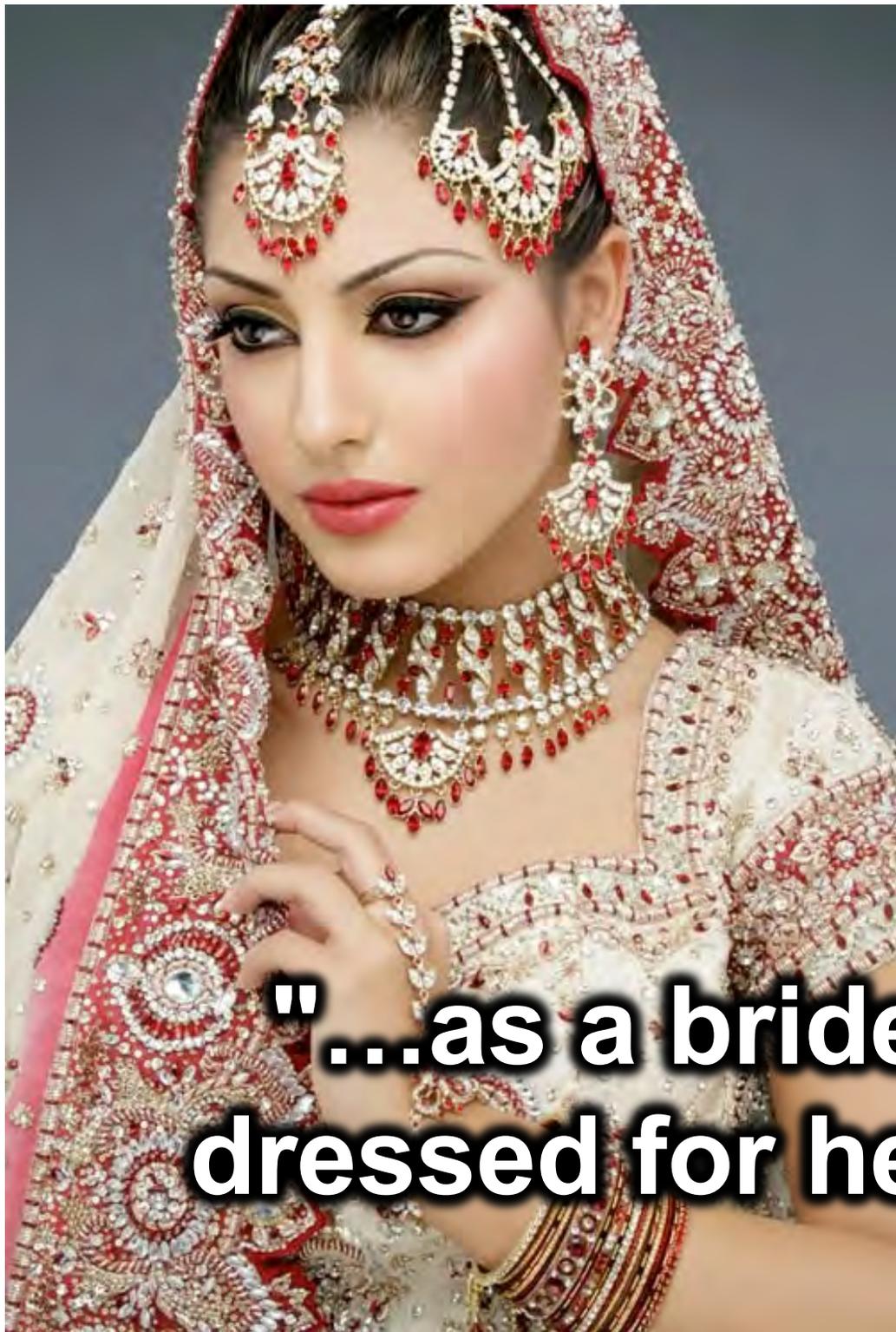
***God's presence
in Eden***



***God's presence
at the tabernacle***



***God's presence
at the Temple***

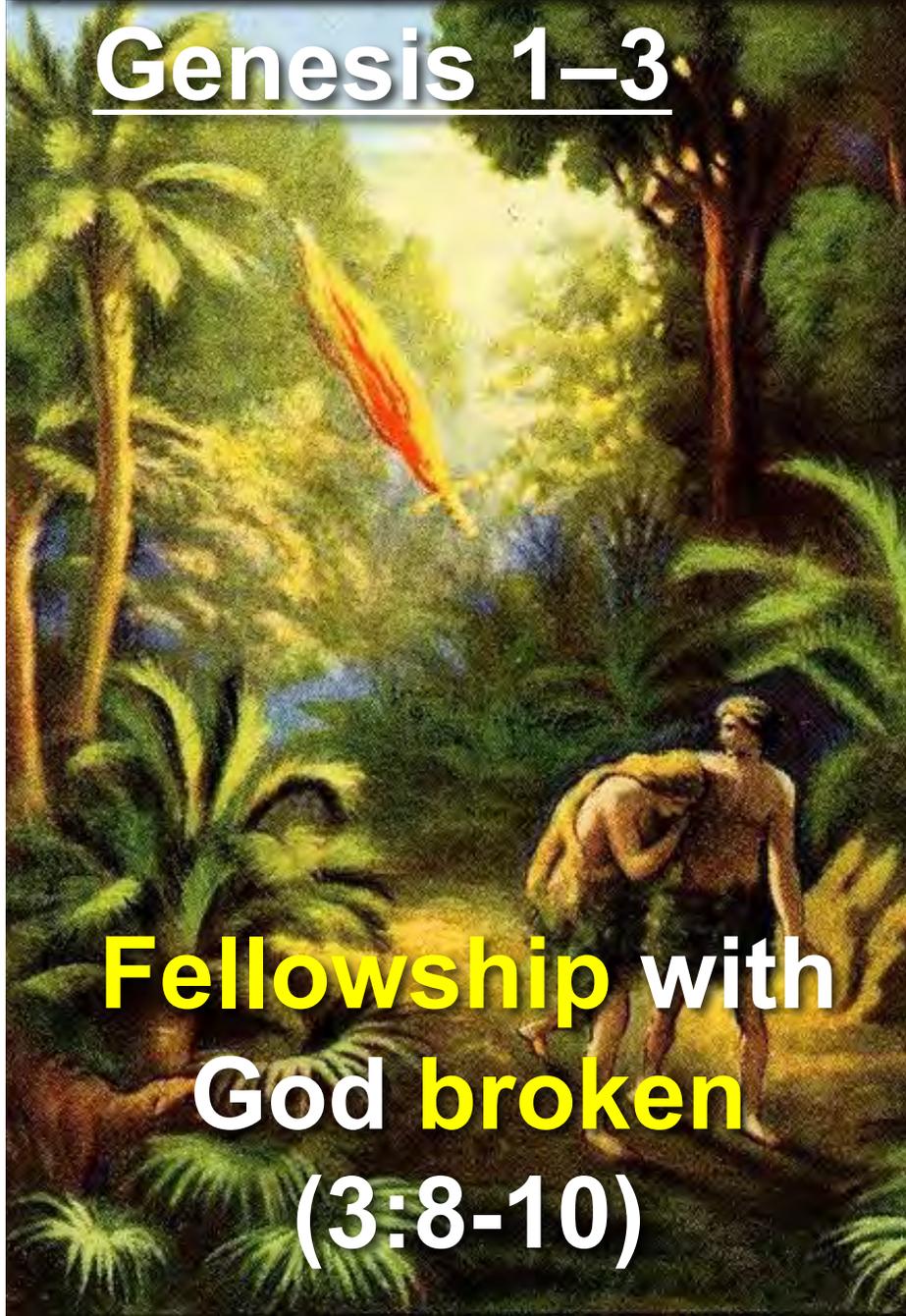


"...as a bride, beautifully dressed for her husband..."

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Genesis 1–3

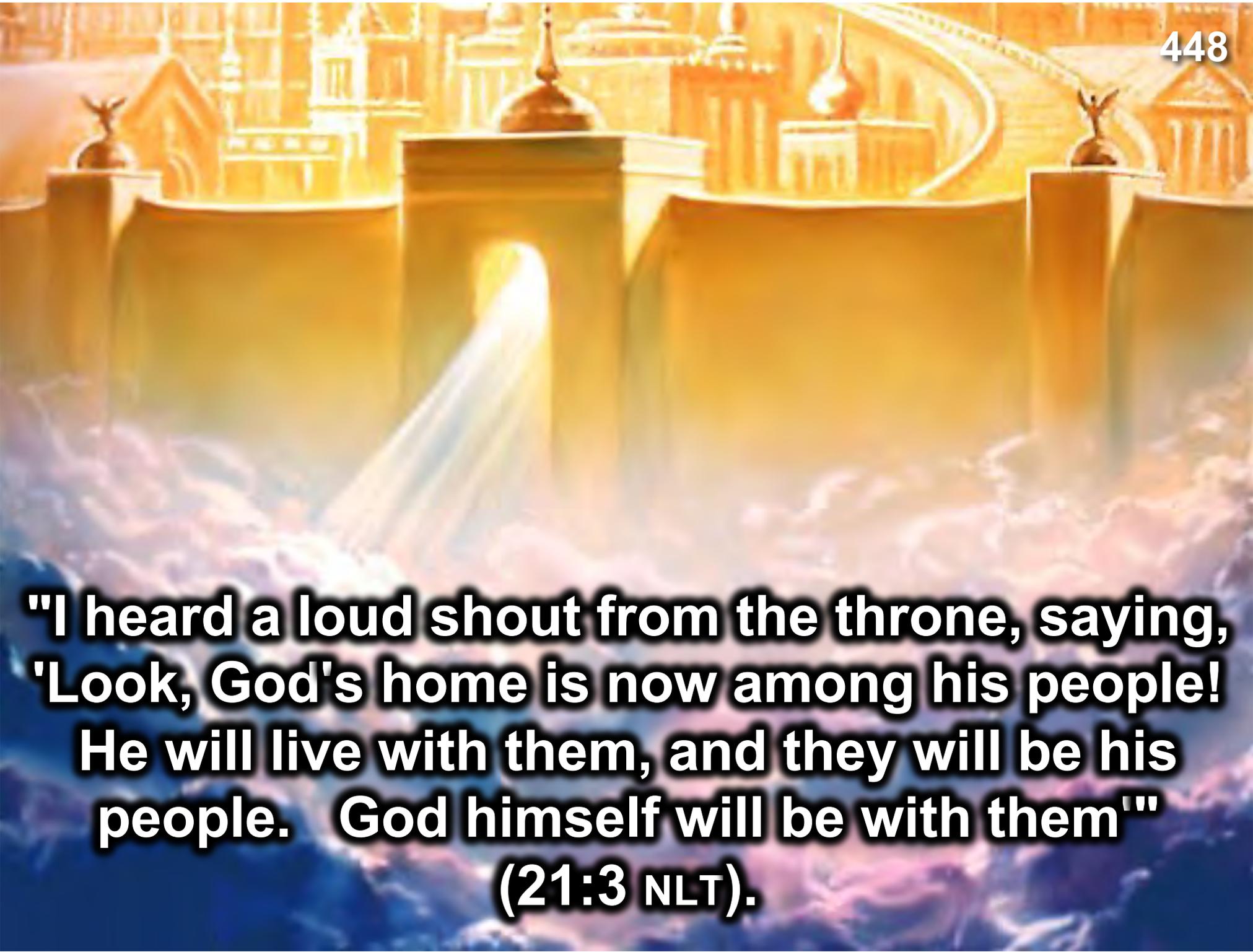


**Fellowship with
God broken**
(3:8-10)

Revelation 20–22



**Fellowship with
God resumed**
(21:3)



**"I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying,
'Look, God's home is now among his people!
He will live with them, and they will be his
people. God himself will be with them'"**
(21:3 NLT).

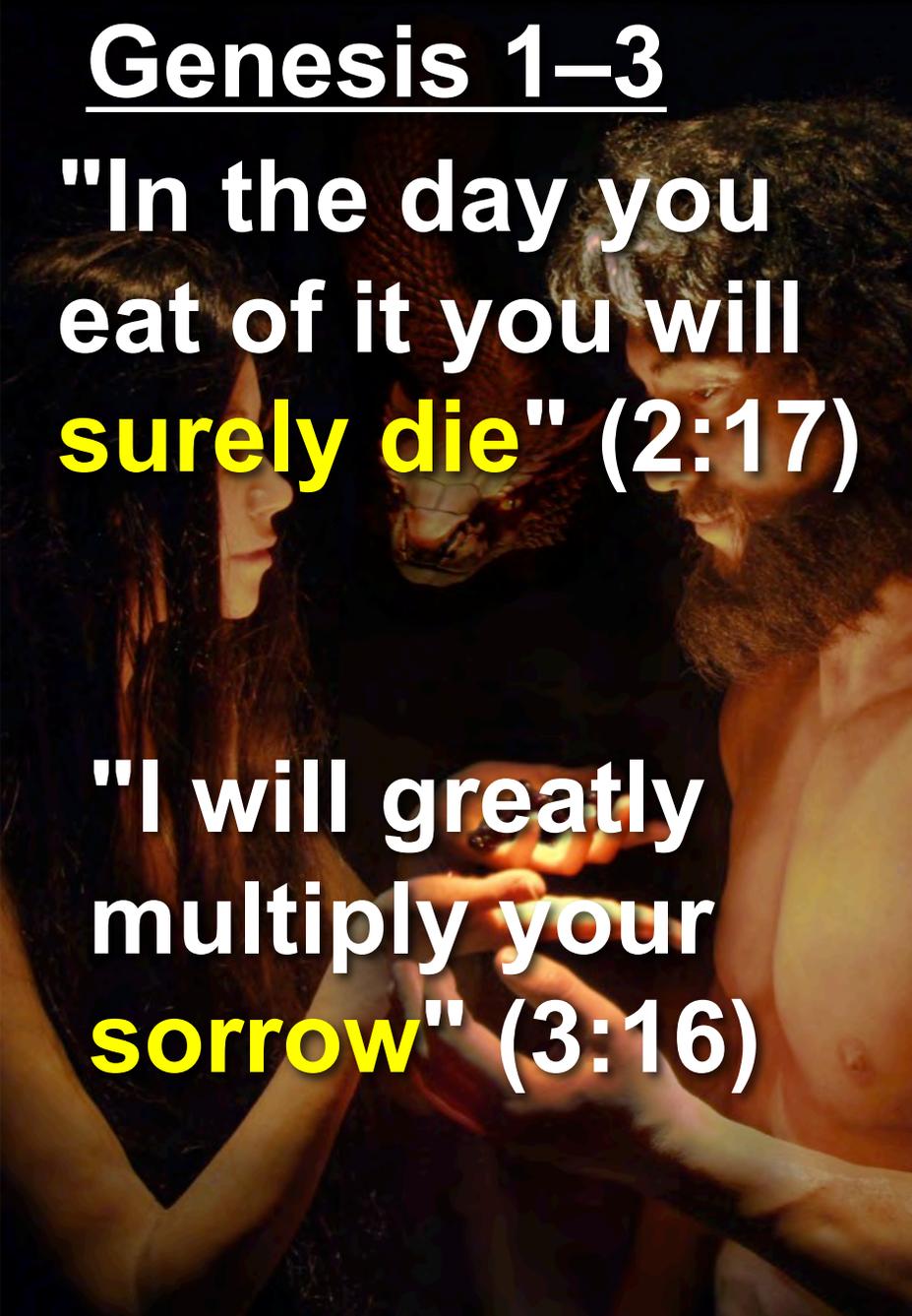


**Not Earth to Heaven,
but Heaven to Earth**

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Genesis 1–3



"In the day you eat of it you will **surely die**" (2:17)

"I will greatly multiply your **sorrow**" (3:16)

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"There will be **no more death**" (21:4)

"There will be **no more... sorrow** or crying or pain" (21:4)



**We all experience
death now**

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is sitting on a dark, cracked concrete surface. She is wearing a dark blue, patterned tank top and blue jeans. Her head is bowed, and her hands are pressed against her hair, suggesting a state of deep sadness or despair. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on her skin and deep shadows in the background.

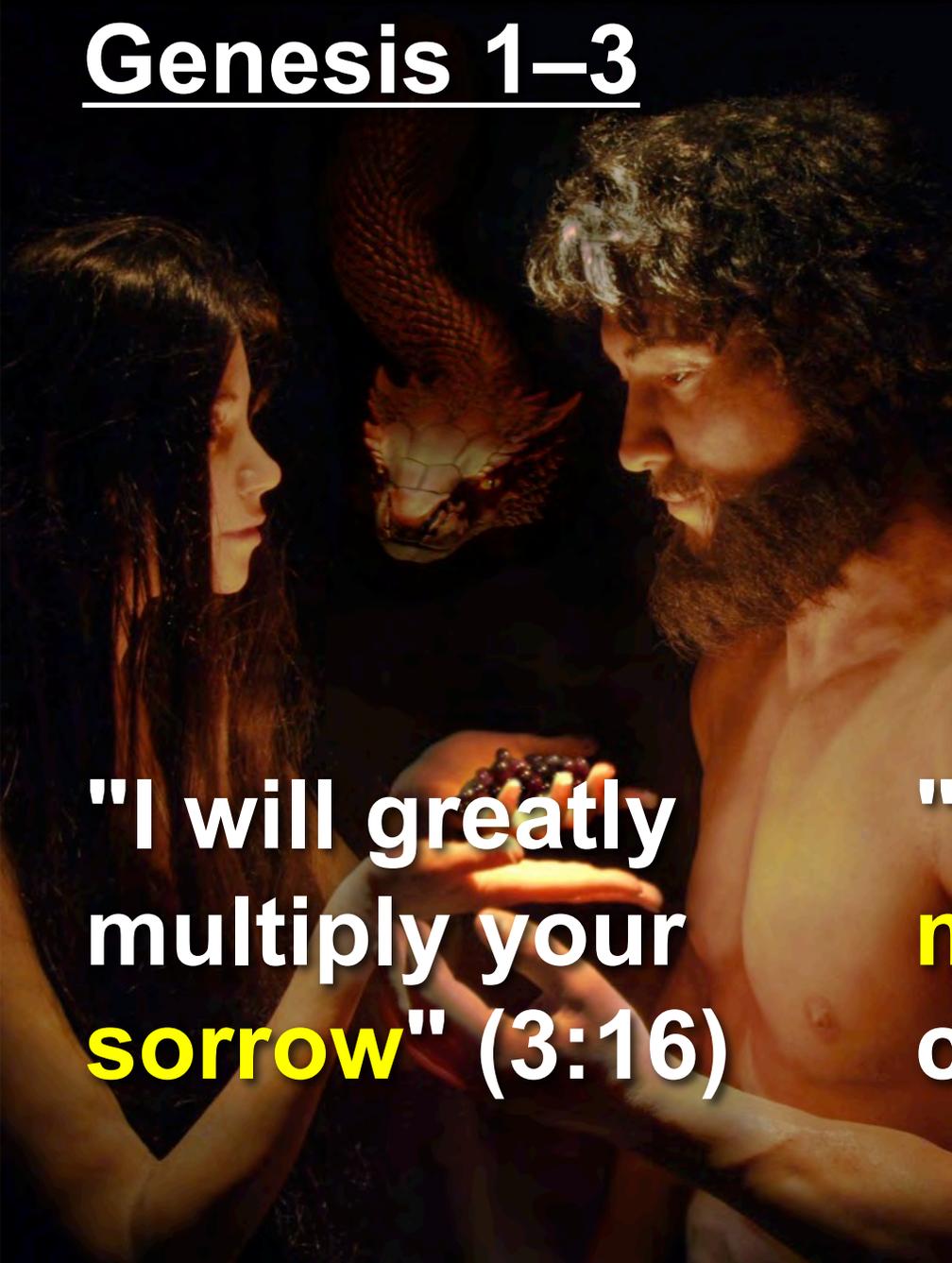
**Sorrow is
part of life
now**

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Genesis 1–3

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"I will greatly multiply your **sorrow**" (3:16)



"There will be **no more... sorrow** or crying or pain" (21:4)

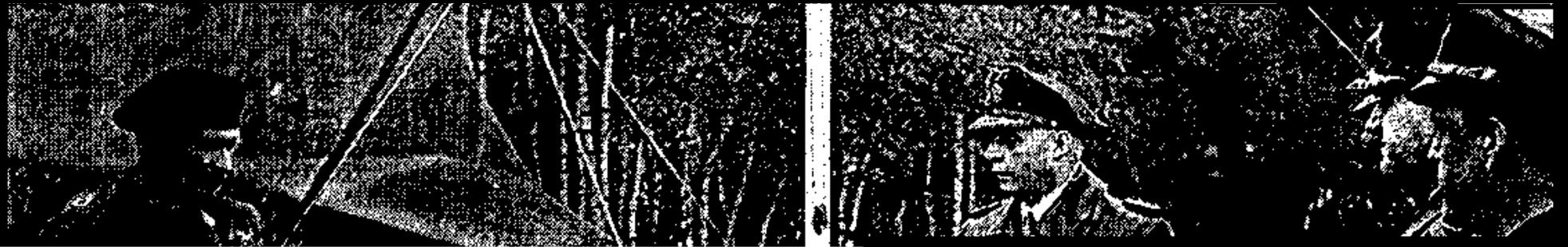
**"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever"
(21:4 NLT).**



FOE FATHERS (1945)



FOE FATHERS



Enmity between their dads forgotten in a handshake

THE handshake that never was has finally taken place.

Fifty years ago, British Field Marshal Montgomery (above picture, left) refused to shake hands with General Admiral Hans Georg von Friedeburg who had gone to Luneburg Heath in Lower Saxony to deliver the German surrender.

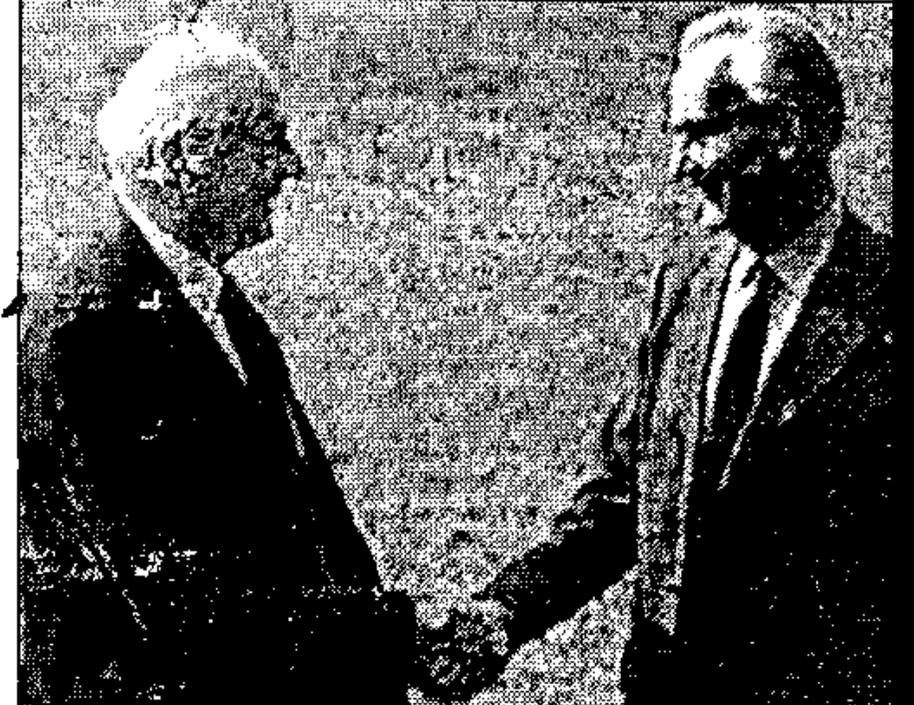
Last Thursday in a poi-

Monty made him and his party wait.

For several nervous minutes, the Germans had to stand beneath a Union Flag outside the field marshal's caravan.

When Marshal Monty finally emerged to see them, his hands remained clasped tightly behind his back. He did not offer even a salute, let

... AND SONS (1995)



Heaven Will Have Sins Forgiven!

**We will
have
glorified
bodies!**





*So what will
our glorified
bodies be like?*



Greeks believed that Mercury could fly

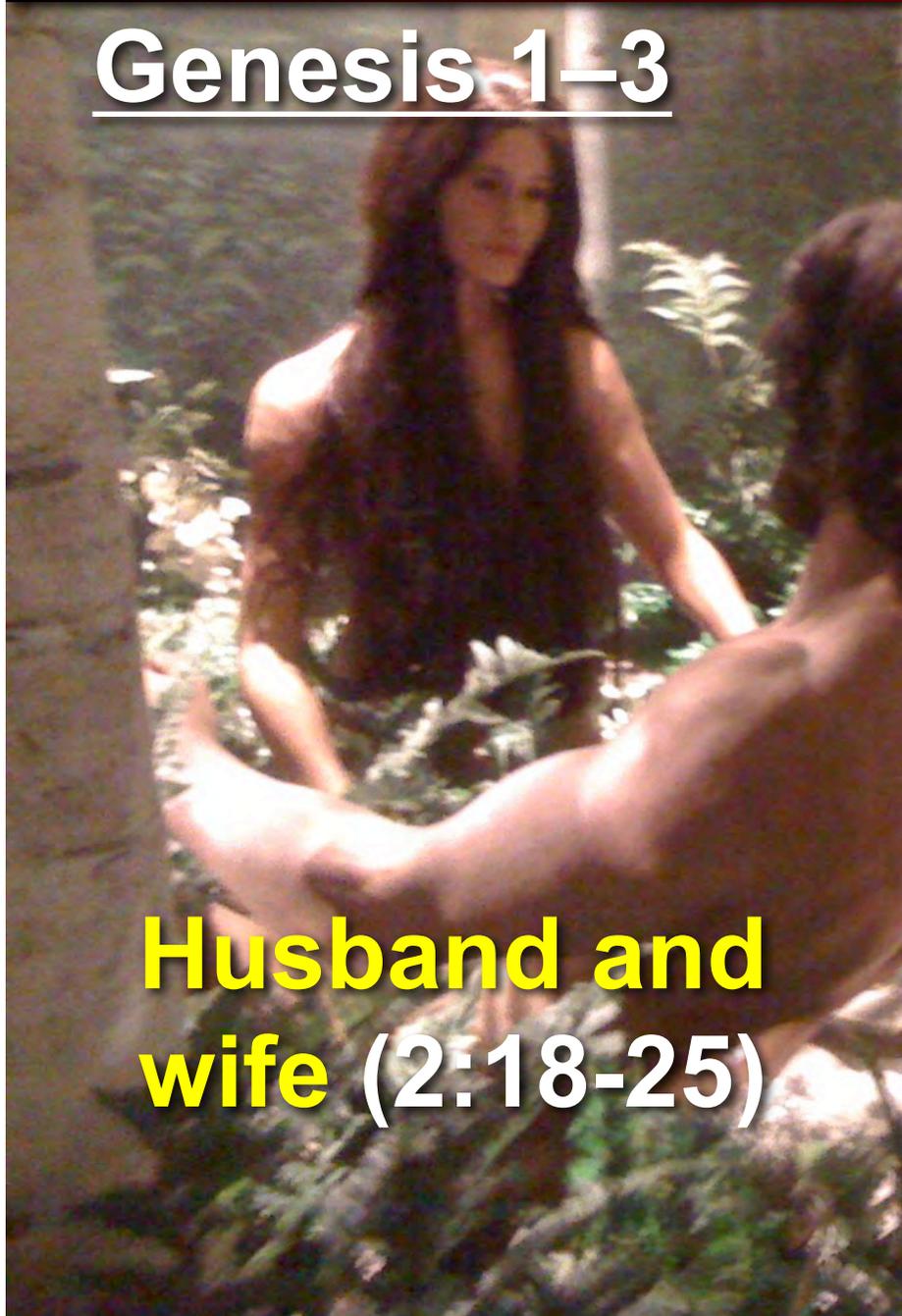


Our bodies will be like Christ's body!

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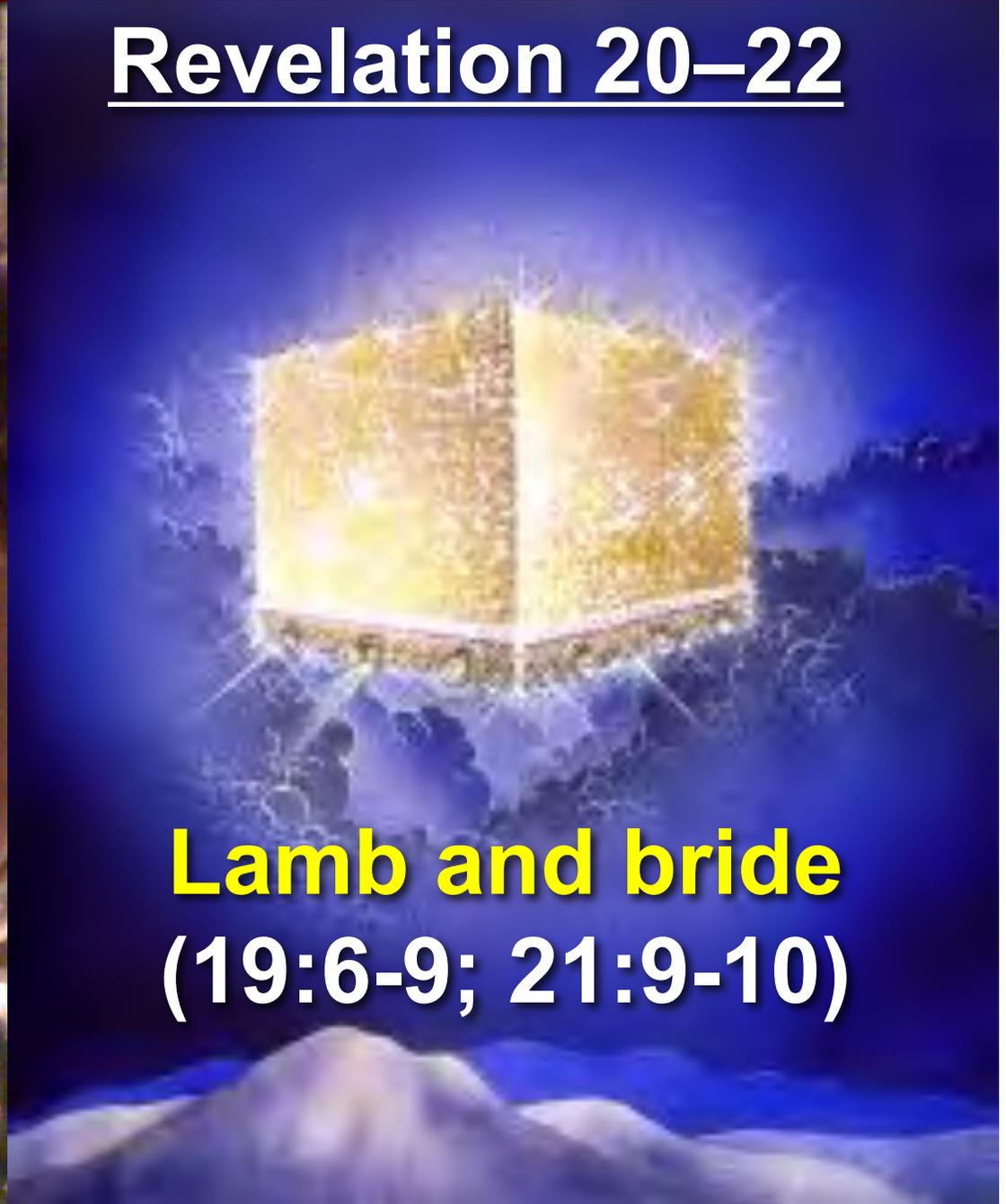
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**Husband and
wife (2:18-25)**

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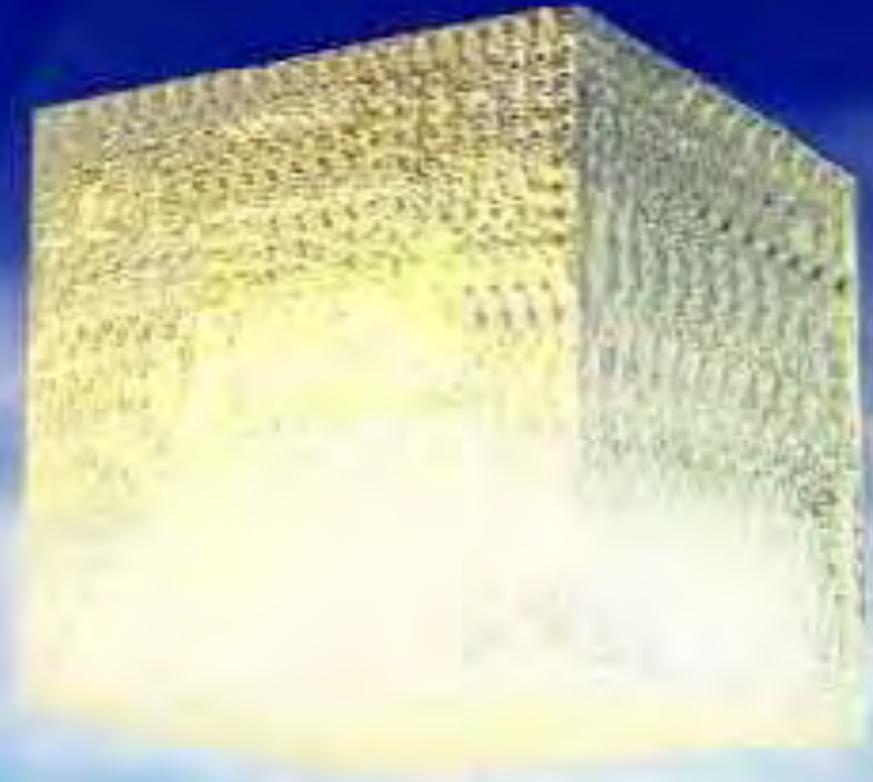


**Lamb and bride
(19:6-9; 21:9-10)**

Sitting on the Earth?

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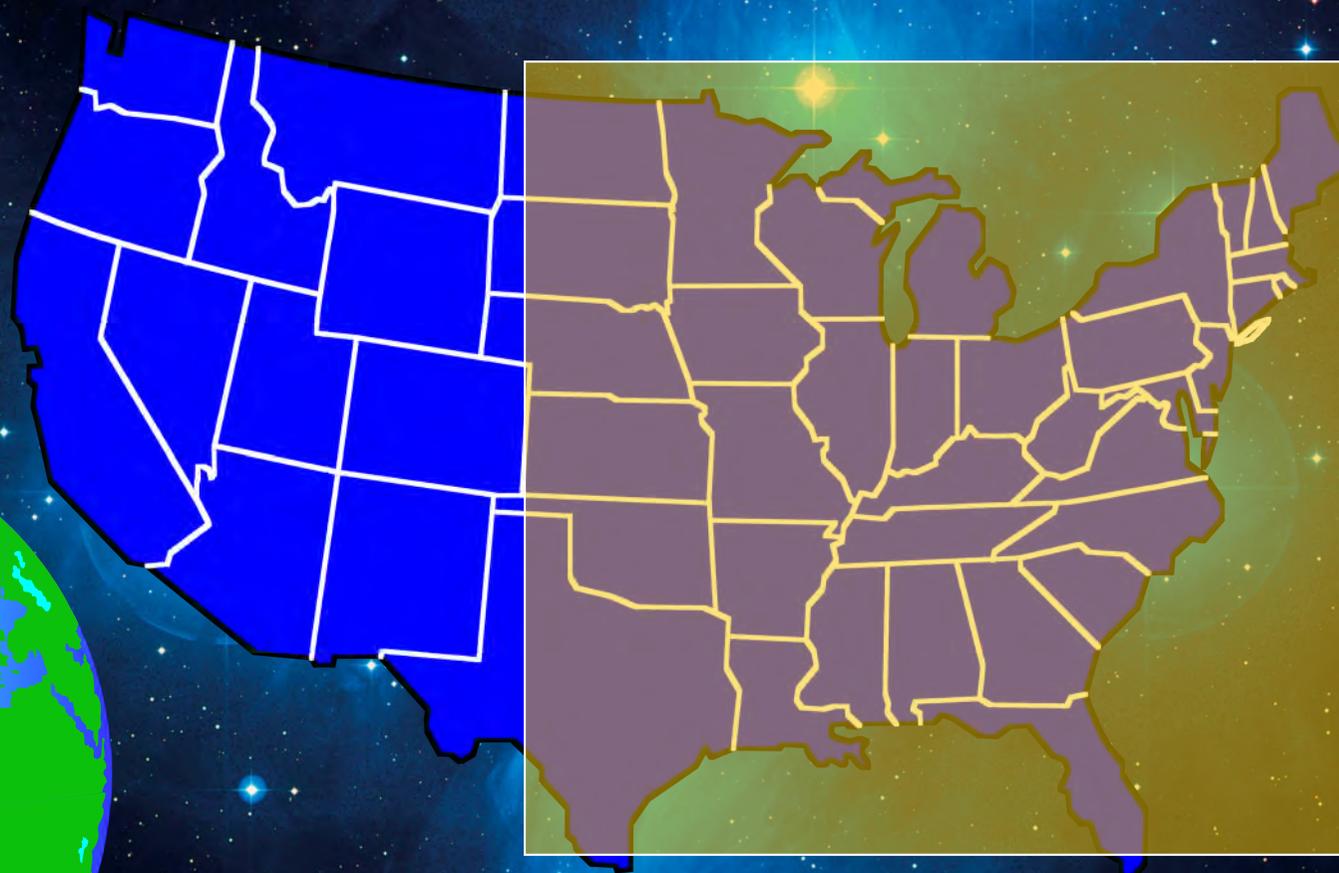


The Cubed City



The New Jerusalem

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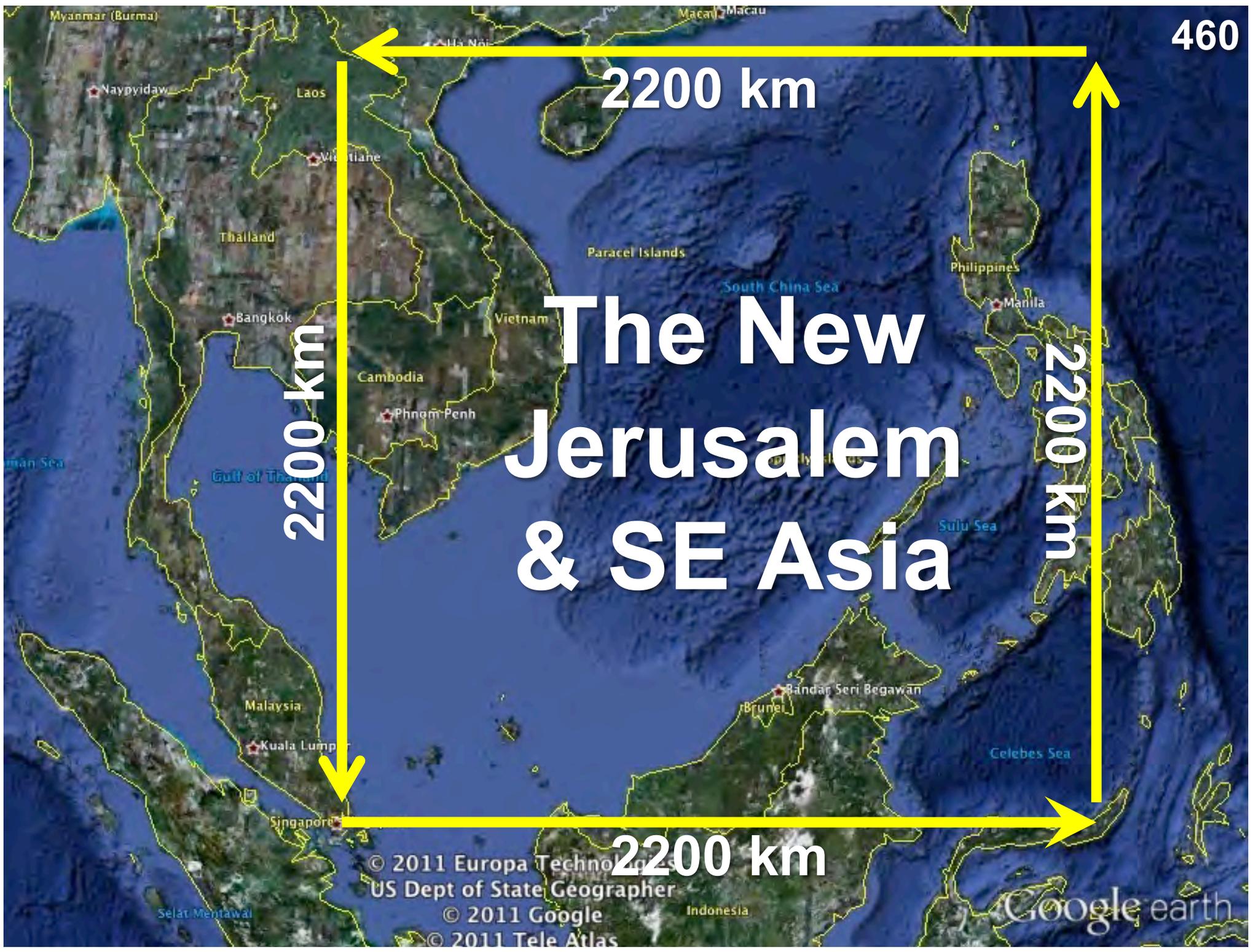
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The New Jerusalem & SE Asia

2200 km

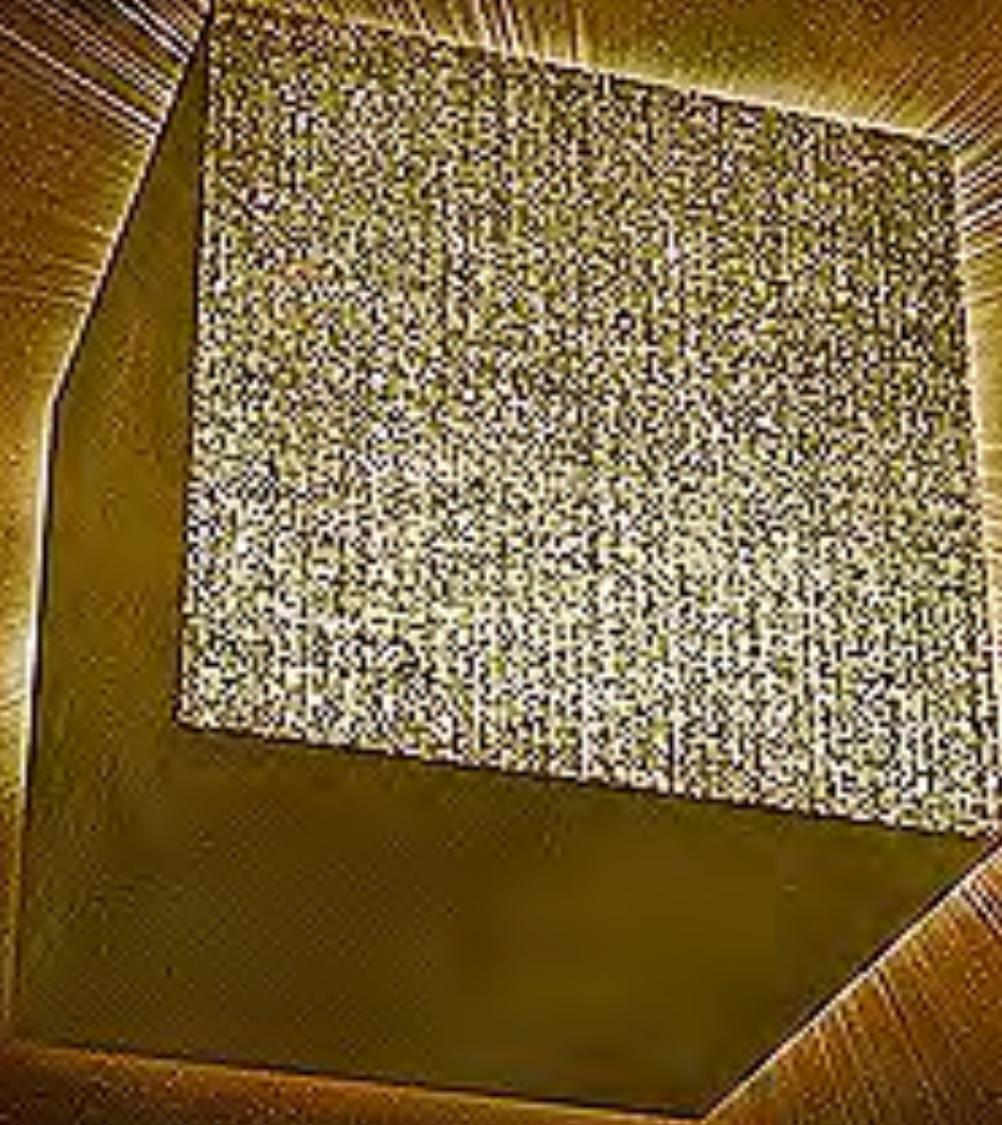
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The New Jerusalem over present Jerusalem

Figurative or Literal?



Is the New Jerusalem the Church?



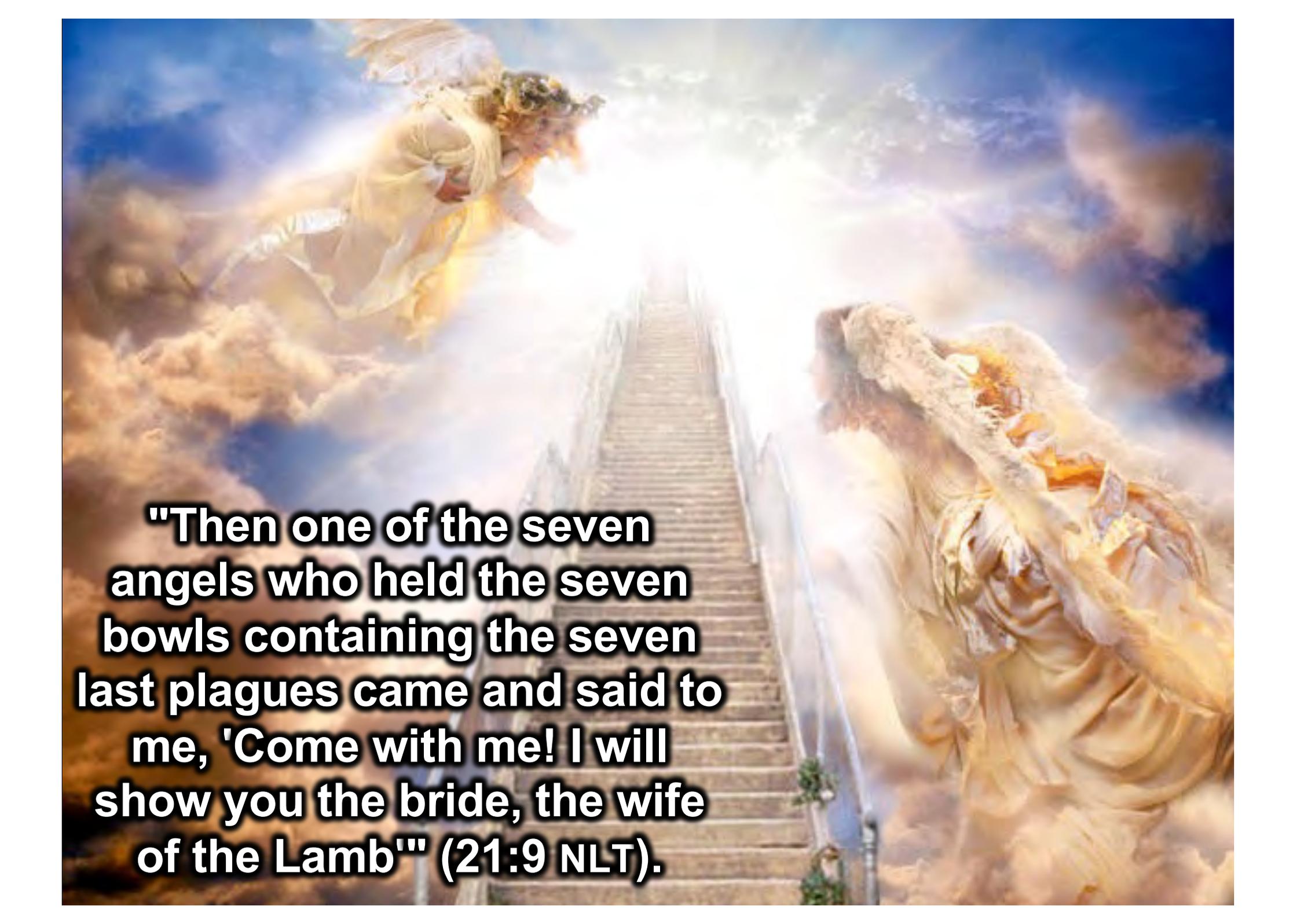
New Jerusalem = The Church?

The city is described as a "bride beautifully dressed for her husband" (21:2; see also vv. 9-10). Since the term "bride" often refers to the church (Isa. 54:5; Eph. 5:32; etc.), it would seem so here too (Hendriksen, 199).

"Even in the Old Testament the Church is represented under the symbolism of a city (Isa. 26:1; Ps. 48; etc.)" (Hendriksen, 199).

- 1. The church is never called the bride of Christ in the NT.**
- 2. Verses 9-10 denote the "bride" or "wife" as the new Jerusalem itself—not the church**

The New Jerusalem



"Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb'" (21:9 NLT).



"So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. ¹¹It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal."

**The City Descending
(21:10-11 NLT)**

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Genesis 1–3



Husband and wife (2:18-25)

Revelation 20–22



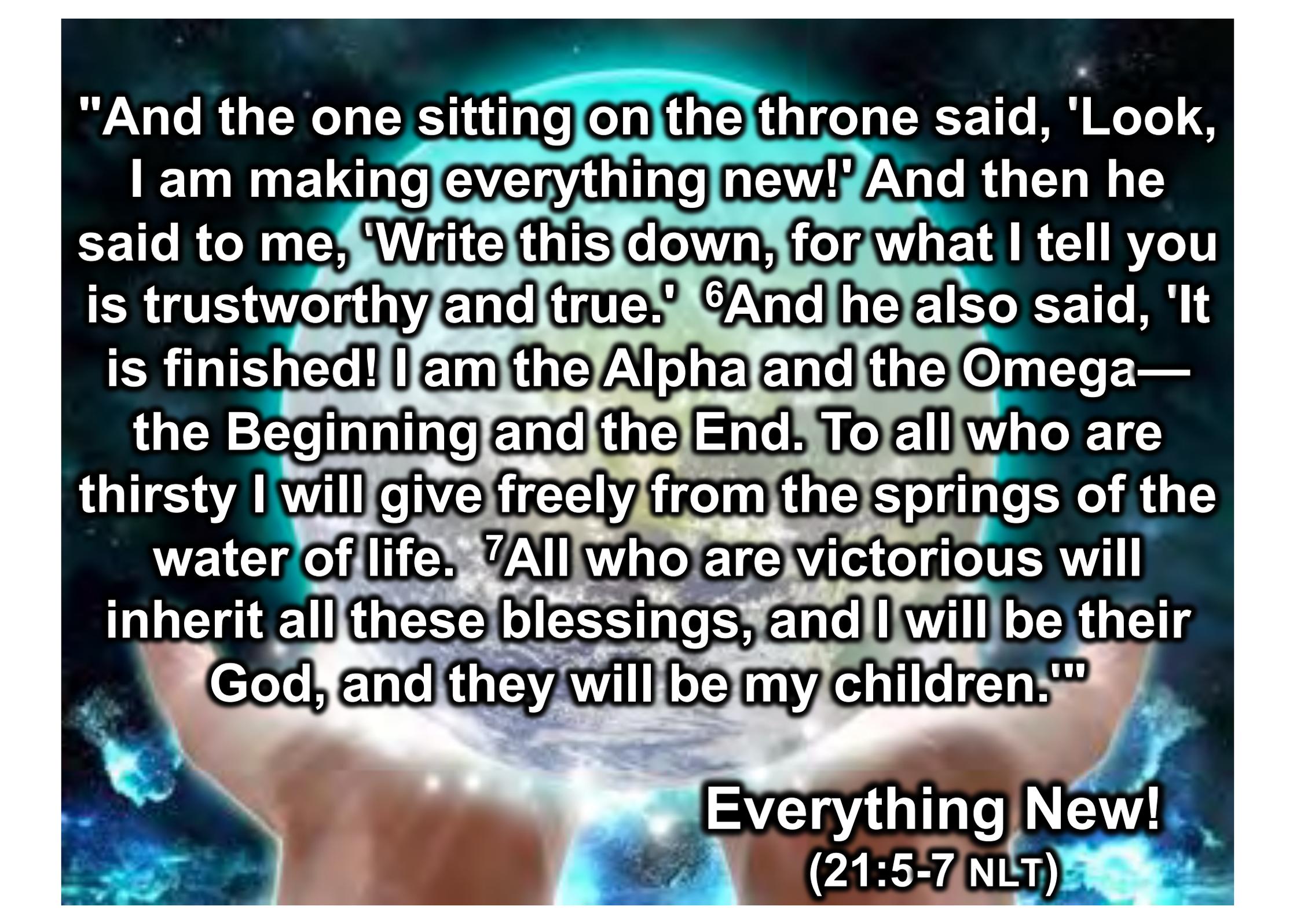
Lamb and bride (19:6-9; 21:9-10)

Hebrews 12:22-23 (NAU)

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to

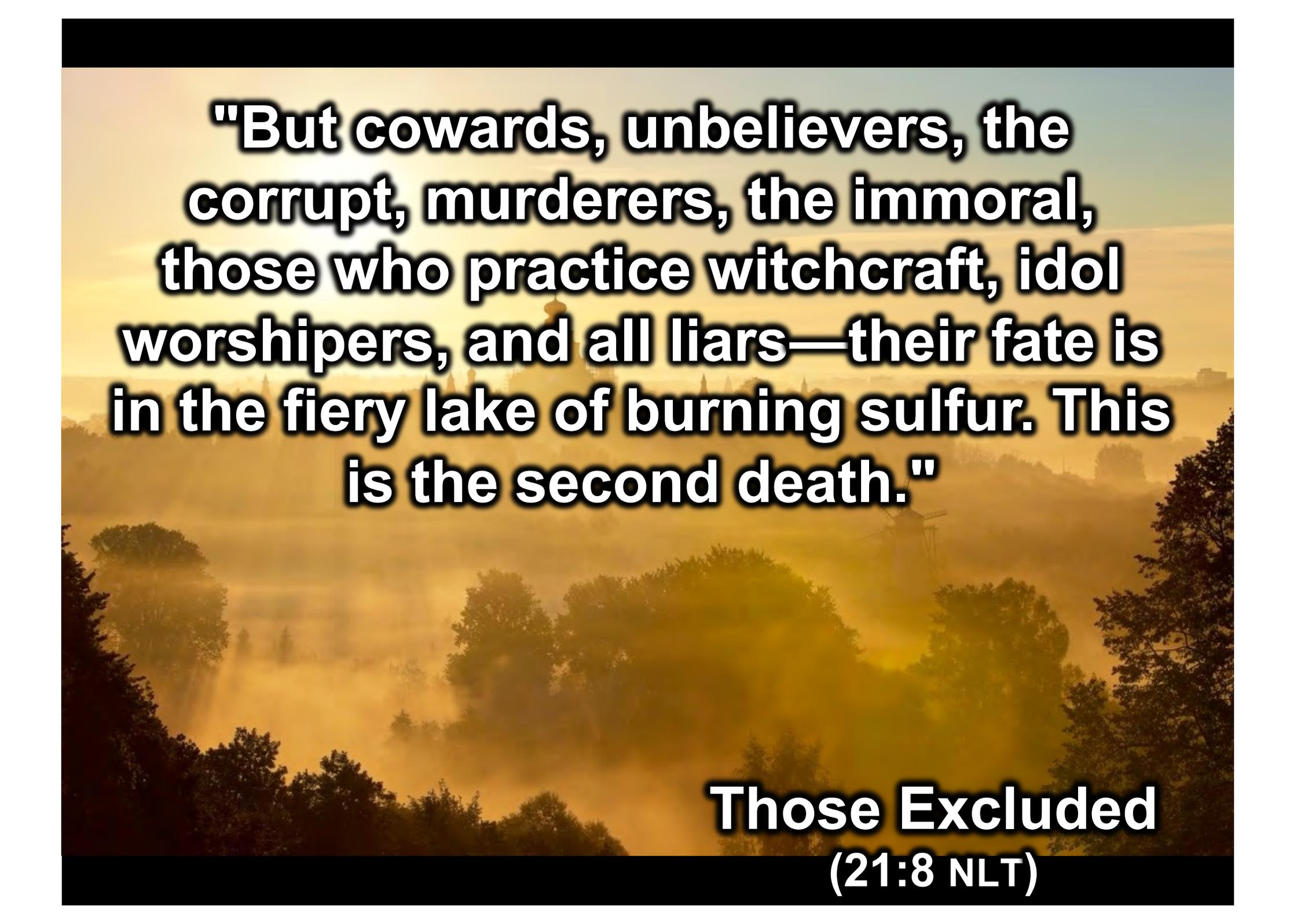
- myriads of **angels**,
- to the general **assembly**
- and **church** of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
- and to **God**, the Judge of all,
- and to the **spirits of the righteous** made perfect"

New Jerusalem Citizens



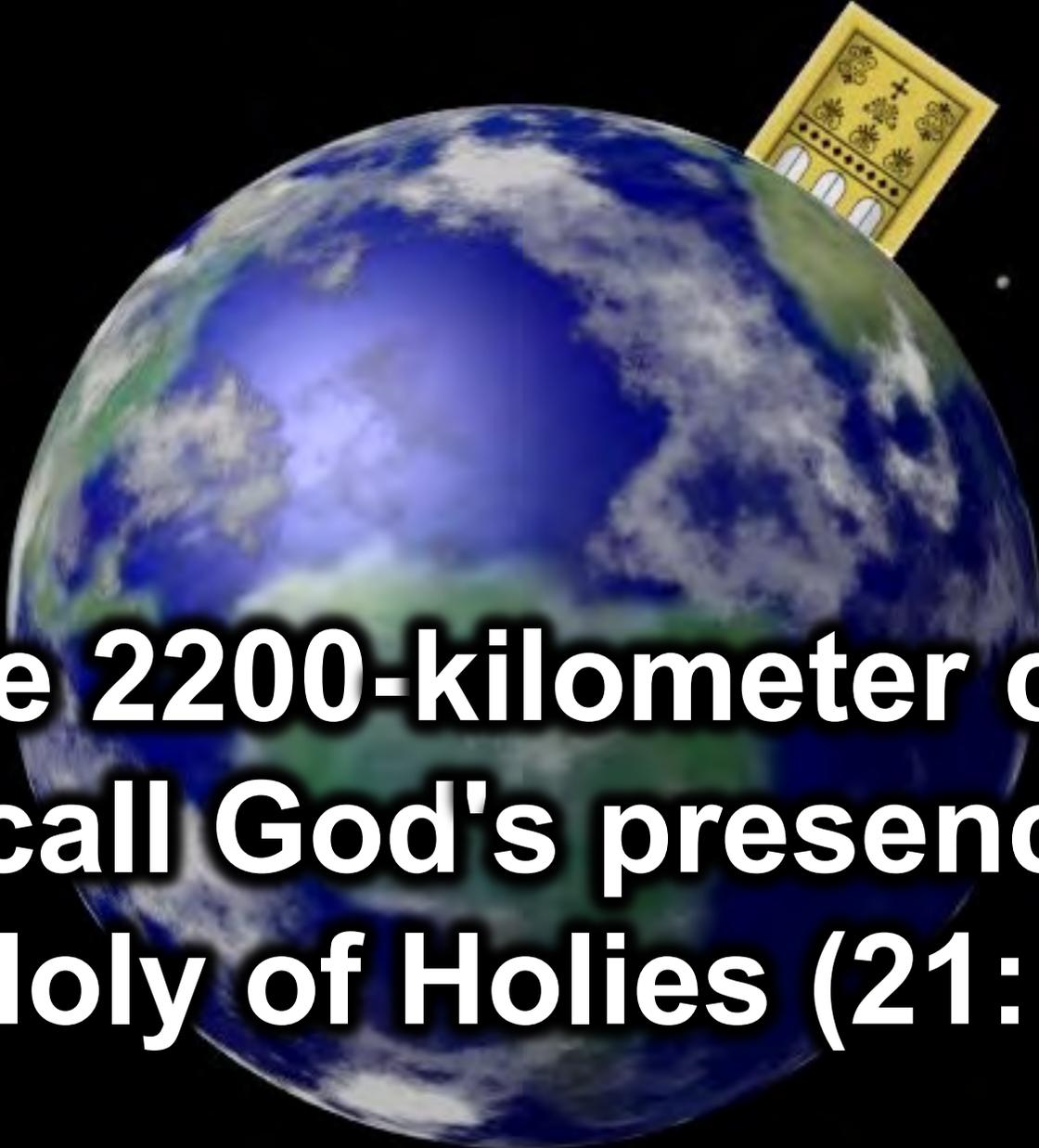
"And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look, I am making everything new!' And then he said to me, 'Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.' ⁶And he also said, 'It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.'"

Everything New!
(21:5-7 NLT)

A misty, golden-hued landscape with trees and a windmill in the distance. The scene is bathed in a warm, low-angle light, creating a hazy and atmospheric effect. The text is overlaid on this background.

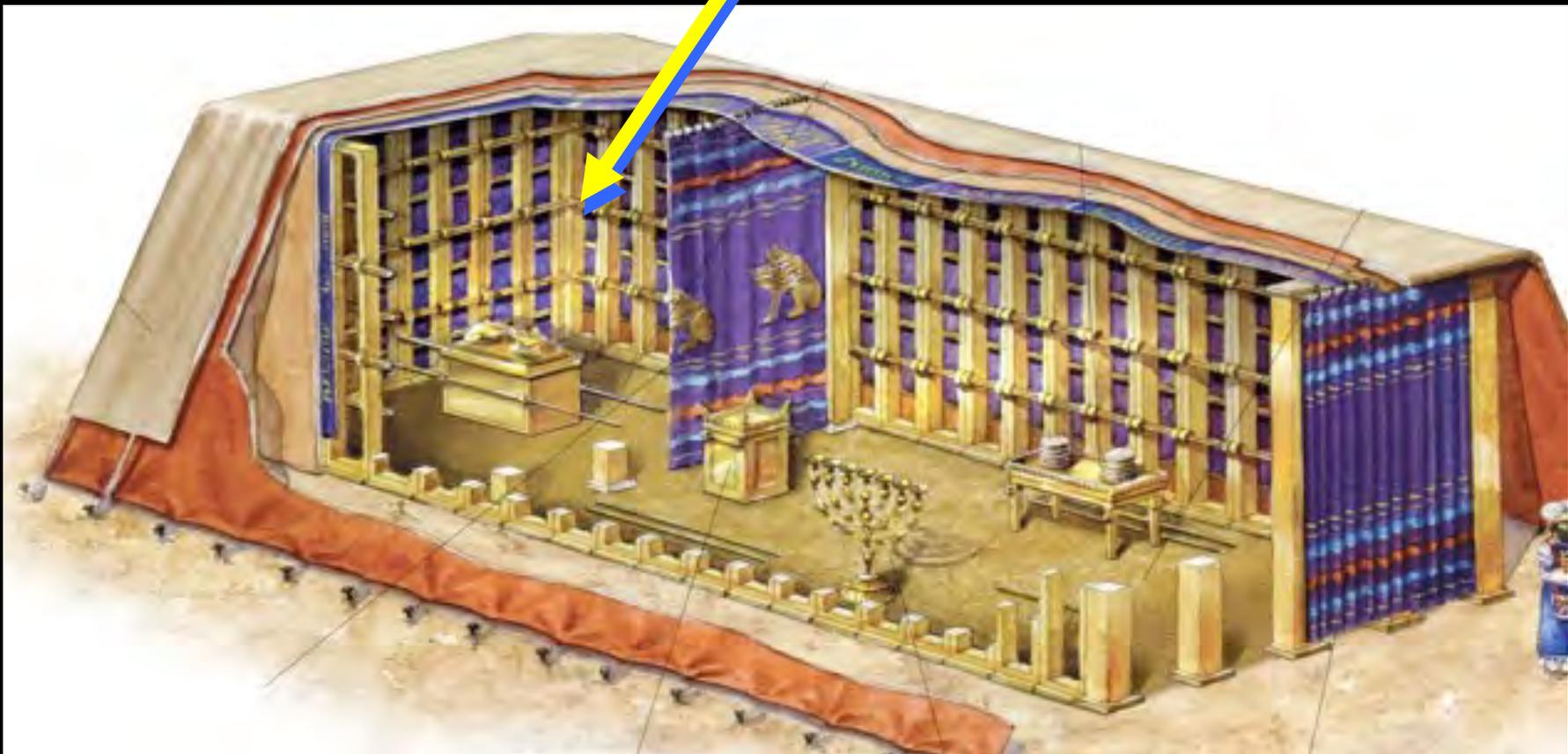
"But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Those Excluded
(21:8 NLT)



The 2200-kilometer cube will recall God's presence in the Holy of Holies (21:15-16).

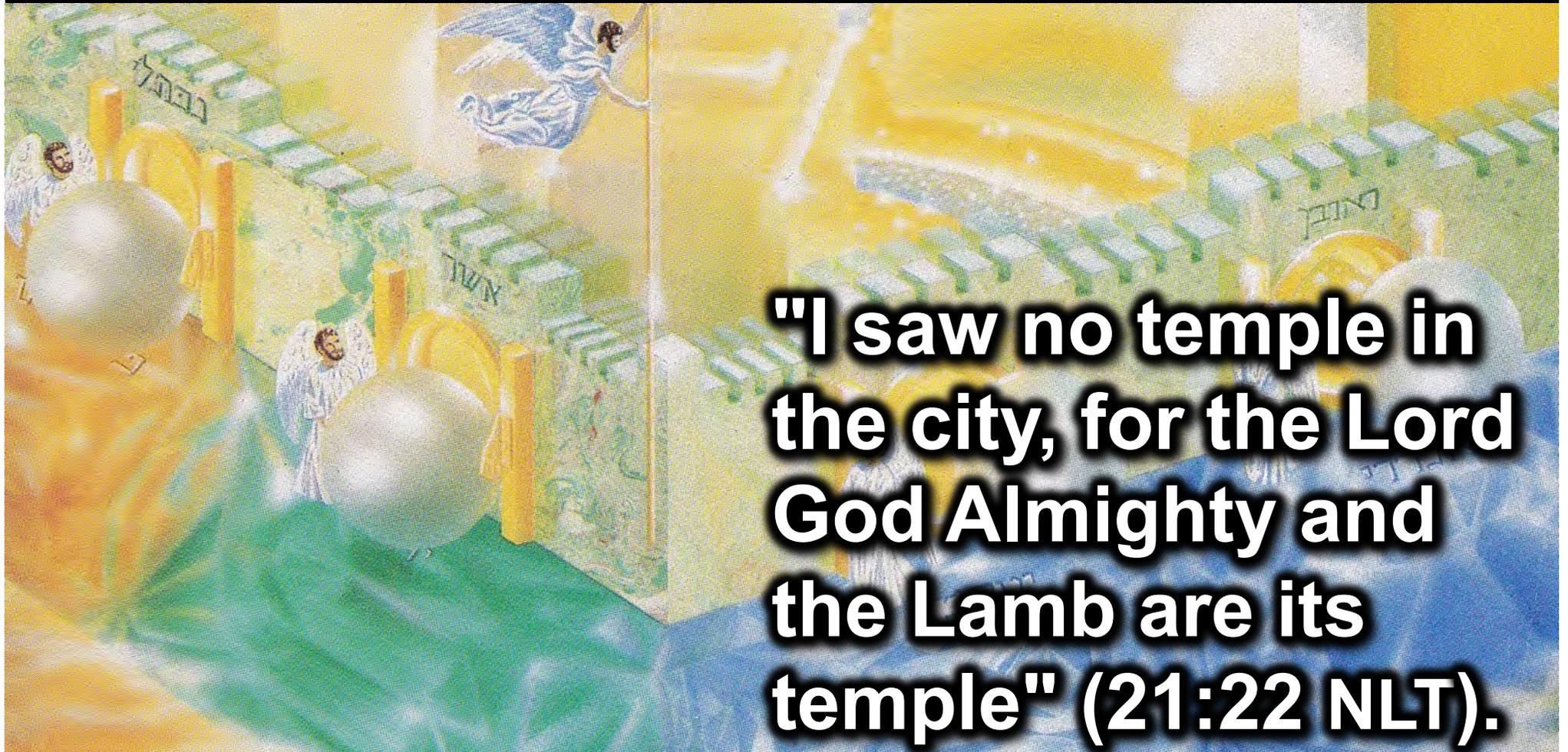
**The Holy of Holies in the
tabernacle and temple was a
perfect cube**



Over the USA



**It will be lit by the glory of God
(21:22-27)!**



**"I saw no temple in
the city, for the Lord
God Almighty and
the Lamb are its
temple" (21:22 NLT).**

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Genesis 1–3

"God made **two great lights**" (sun and moon; 1:16)



Revelation 20–22

"The city does **not need the sun or the moon**" (21:23)



**And the city has
no need of sun
or moon, for the
glory of God
illuminates the
city, and the
Lamb is its light
(21:23 NLT).**



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Genesis 1–3

"The darkness
He called
night" (1:5)



Revelation 20–22

"There will be
no night there"
(21:25; 22:5)



Foundations of the City (21:12-21)



Foundation Stones (21:19-20)

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Emerald



Beryl



Amethyst



Agate



Chrysolite



Jacinth



Sapphire



Carnelian



Chrysoprase



Jasper



Onyx

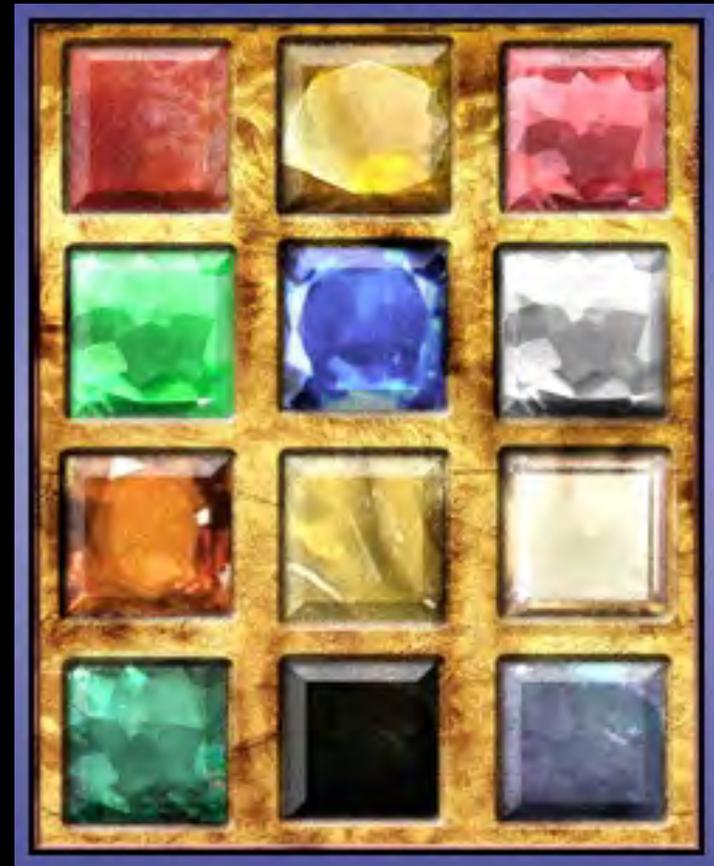


Topaz



**High Priest
Breastpiece**
(Exod. 28:15-21 NIV)

¹⁵"Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions...¹⁷Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. The first row shall be carnelian, chrysolite and beryl; ¹⁸the second row shall be turquoise, lapis lazuli and emerald; ¹⁹the third row shall be jacinth, agate and amethyst; ²⁰the fourth row shall be topaz, onyx and jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings. ²¹There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.



**High Priest
Breastpiece**
(Exod. 28:15-21 NIV)

NLT

Foundation Stones (21:19-20)

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Amethyst

NAU

Amethyst

Jacinth

Jacinth

Chrysoprase

Chrysoprase

Topaz

Topaz

Beryl

Beryl

Chrysolite

Chrysolite

Carnelian

Sardius

Onyx

Sardonyx

Emerald

Emerald

Agate

Chalcedony

Sapphire

Sapphire

Jasper

Jasper

Through the Gate (21:21)





Gates from a Single Pearl (21:21)!

The Consummation of All Things ¹⁷⁵

Genesis 1–3

Satan appears
as deceiver of
mankind (3:1)

Initial triumph
of the serpent
(3:13)

Defilement enters
the garden (3:6-7)

Revelation 20–22

Satan disappears
forever (20:10)

Ultimate triumph
of the Lamb
(20:10; 22:3)

Defilement never
enters the city
(21:27)



**No More
Sin and
Death!**

**"You sure you're supposed to
be doing' that, Mitch?"**

"Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (21:27 NLT).



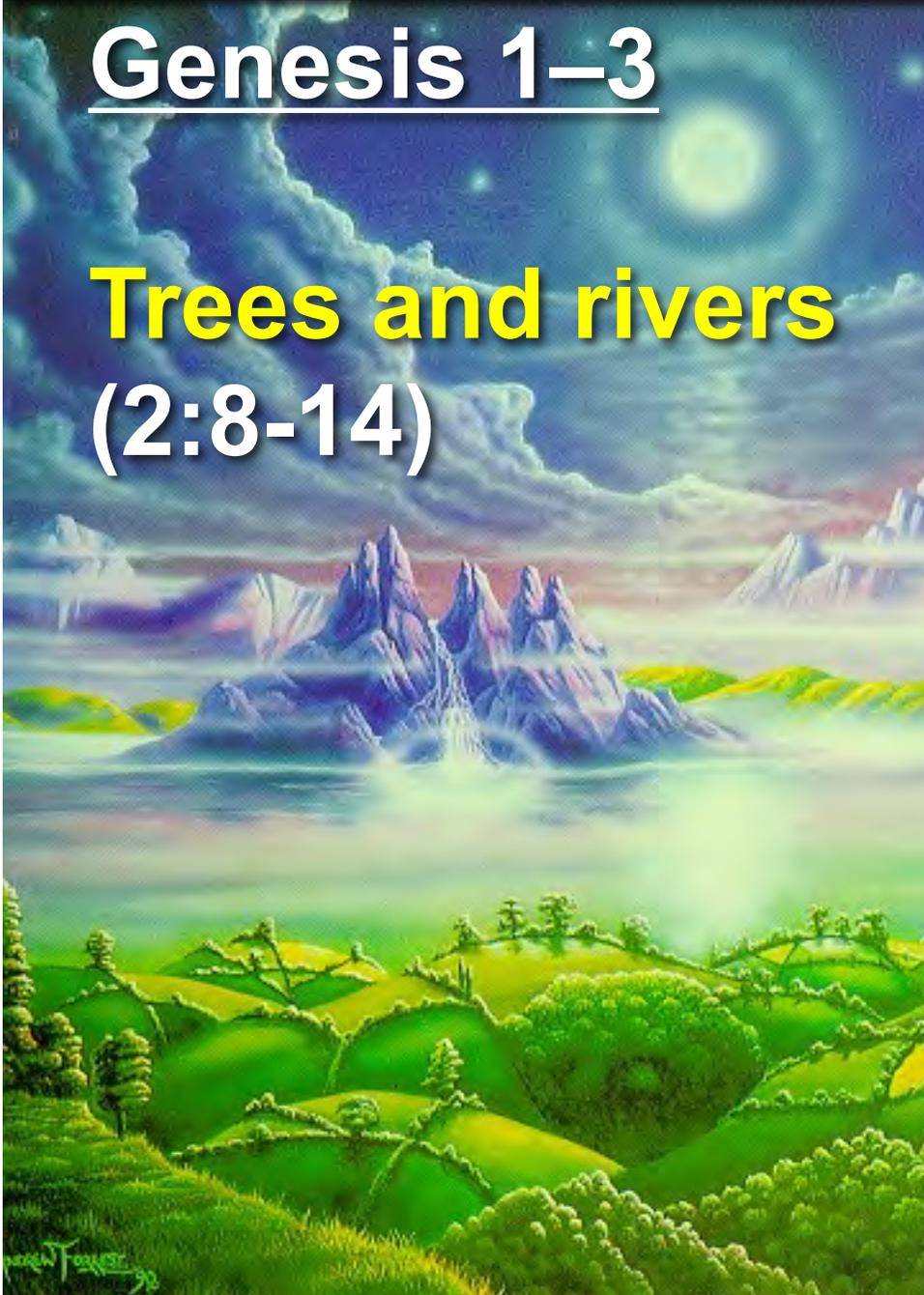
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Genesis 1–3

Trees and rivers
(2:8-14)



Revelation 20–22

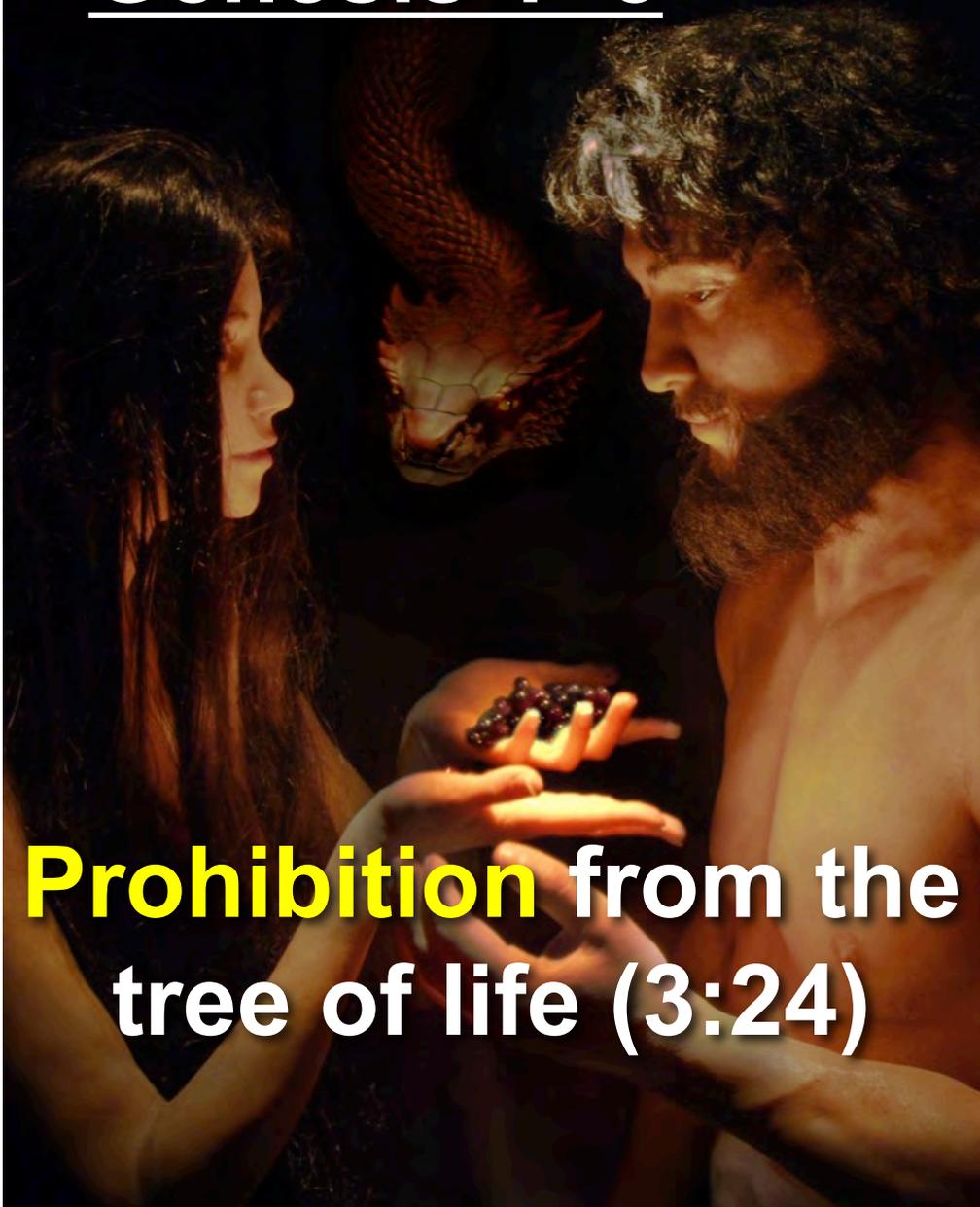
Tree and river
(22:1-2)



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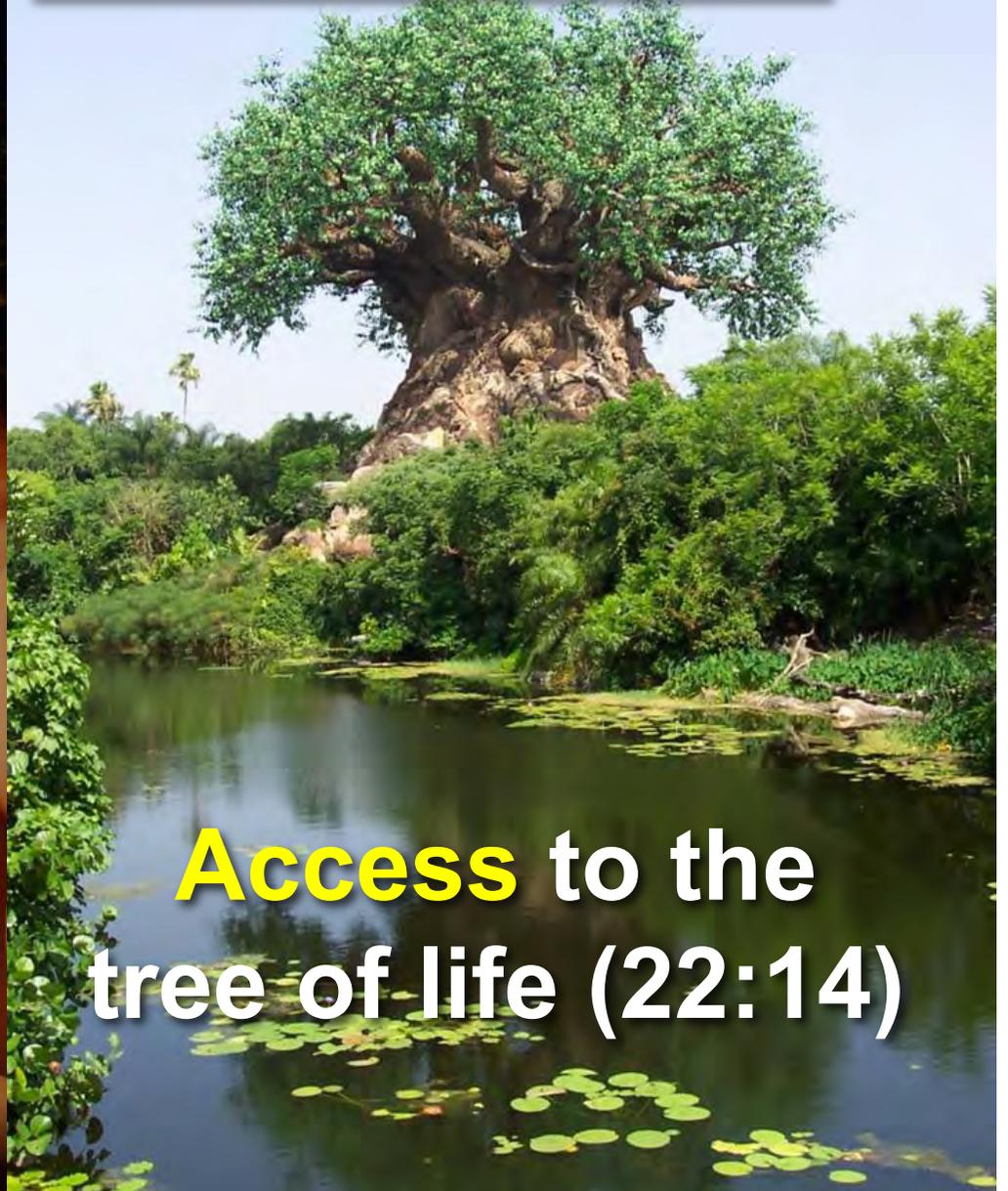
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Genesis 1–3



Prohibition from the tree of life (3:24)

Revelation 20–22



Access to the tree of life (22:14)

The Tree of Life (22:2, 14)

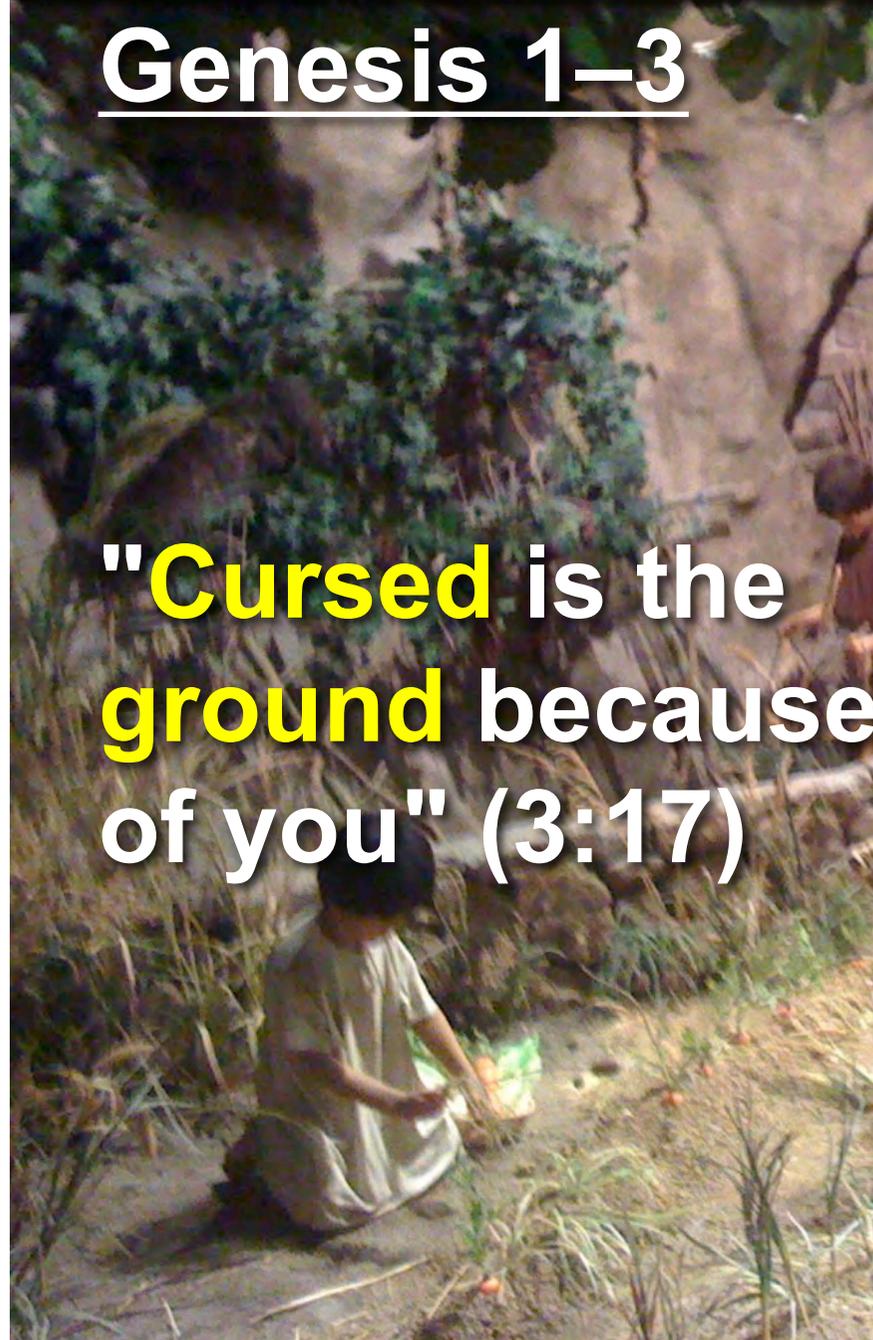


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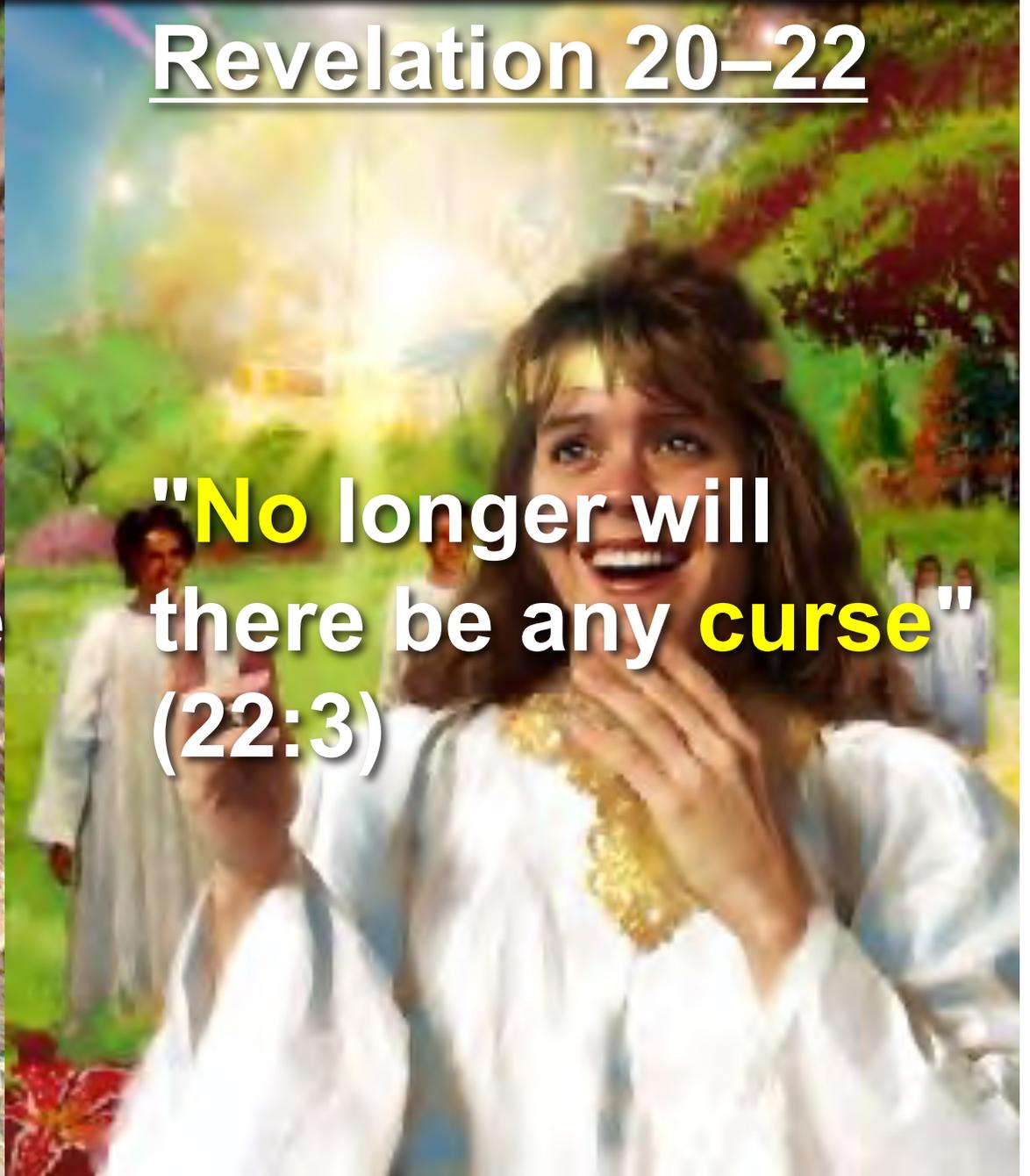
Genesis 1–3

"**Cursed** is the **ground** because of you" (3:17)



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"**No** longer will there be any **curse**" (22:3)



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Genesis 1–3



Man driven from
God's presence
(3:24)

Revelation 20–22

"They will see His
face" (22:4)



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Genesis 1–3



**Man's dominion
broken** in the fall
of the first man,
Adam (3:19)

Revelation 20–22



**Man's dominion
restored** in the rule
of the new man,
Christ (22:5)

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Genesis 1–3



**First paradise
closed (3:23)**

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**New paradise
opened (21:25)**

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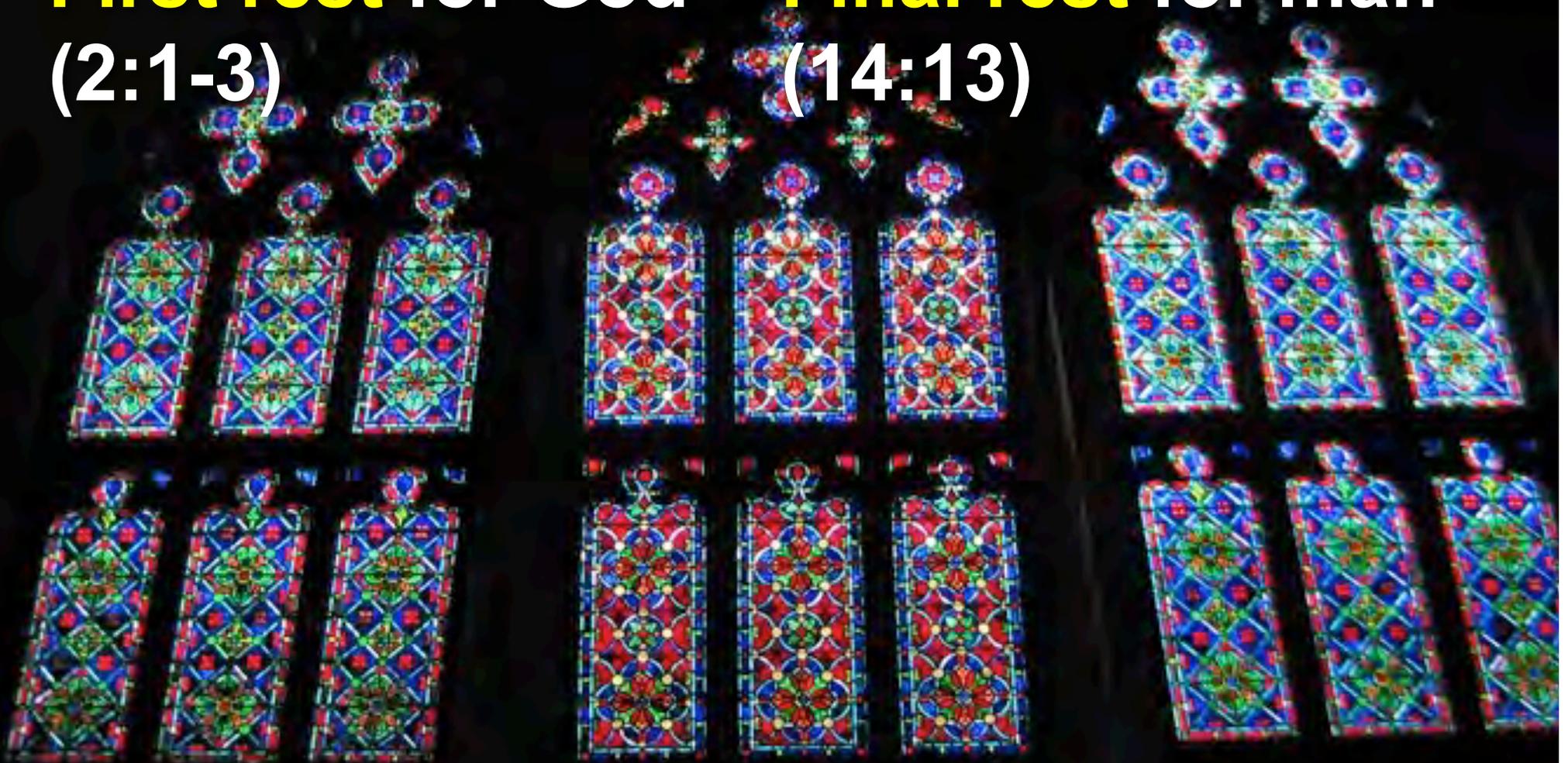
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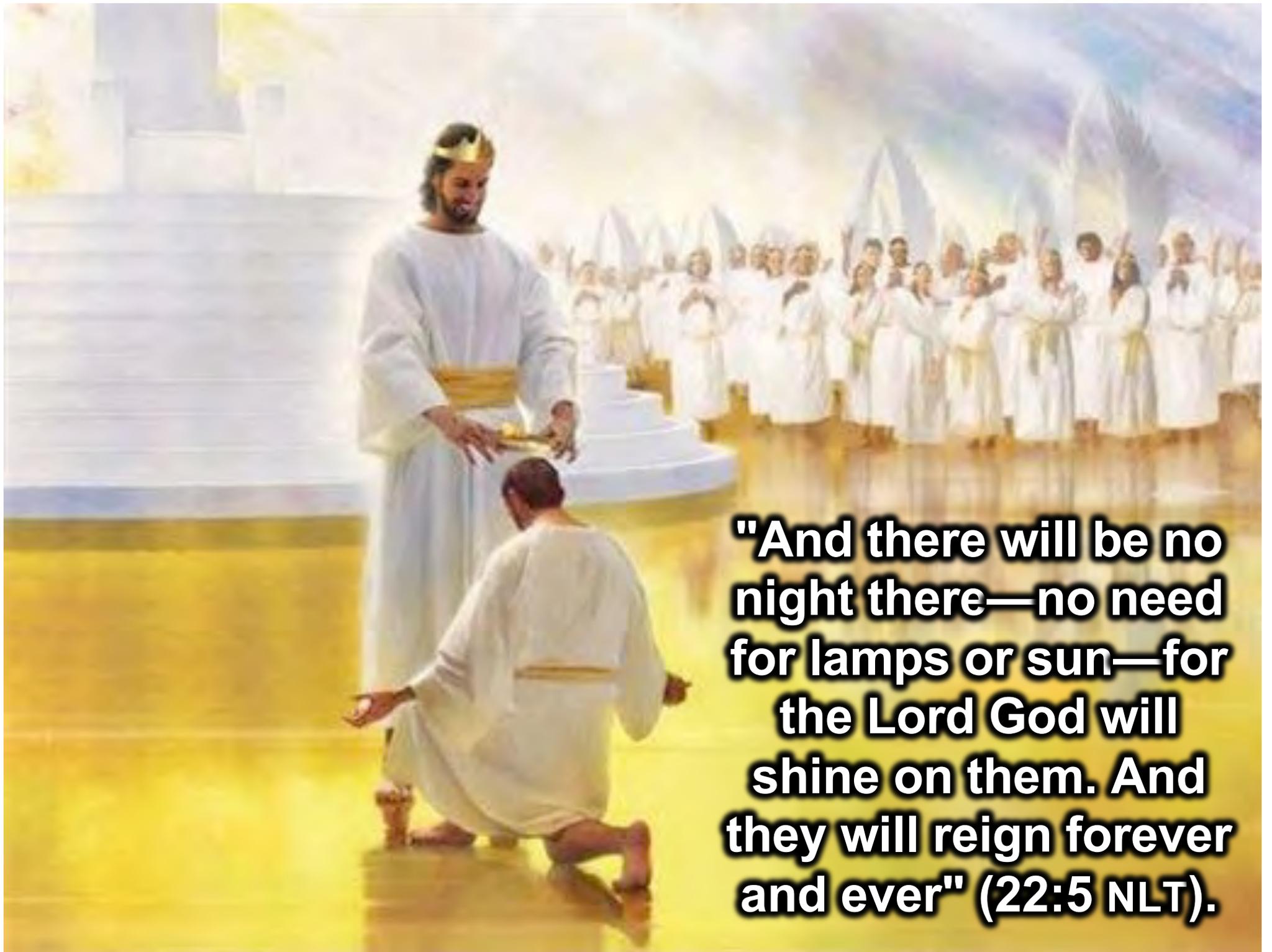
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First rest for God
(2:1-3)

Final rest for man
(14:13)



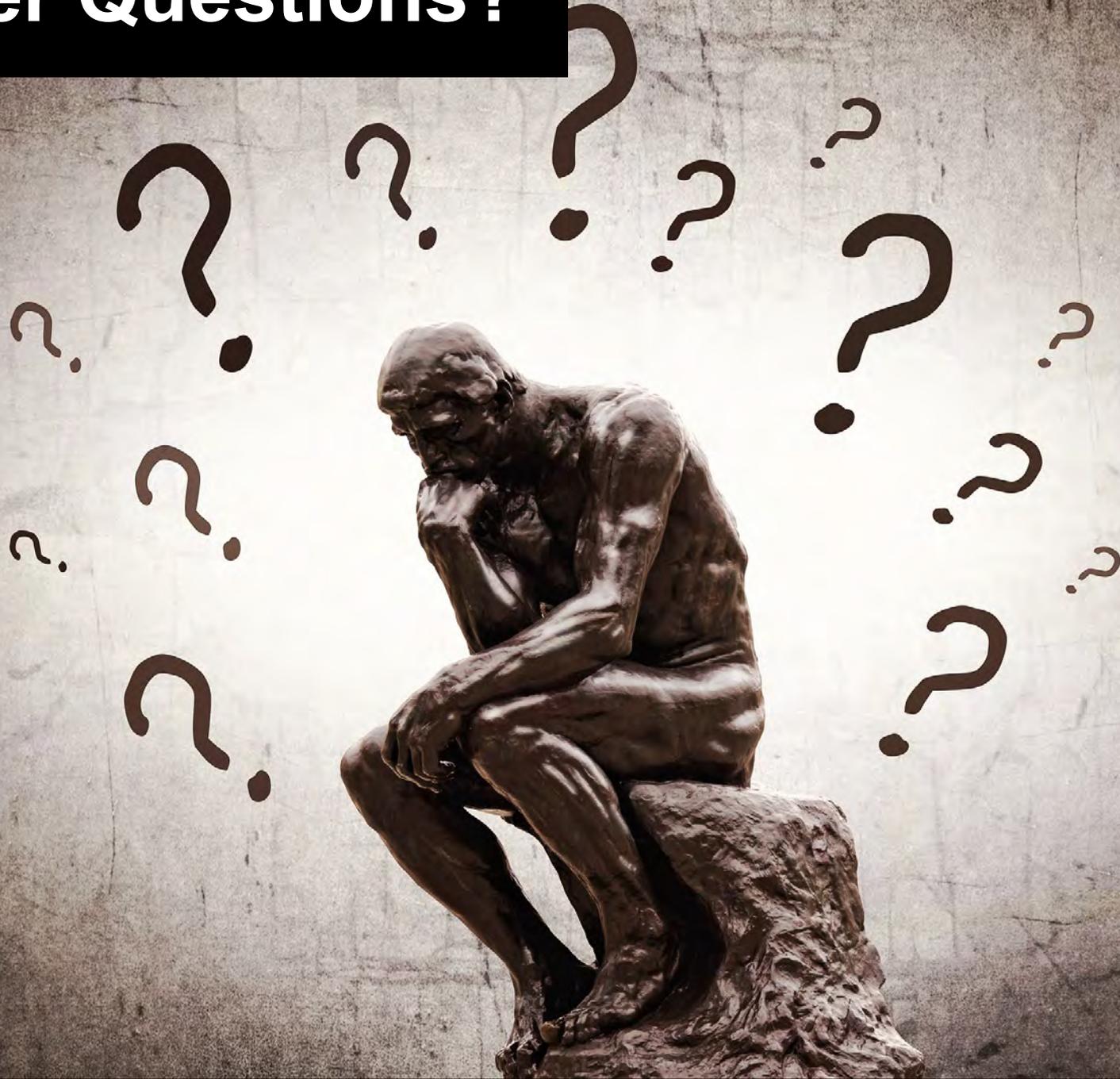


"And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever" (22:5 NLT).

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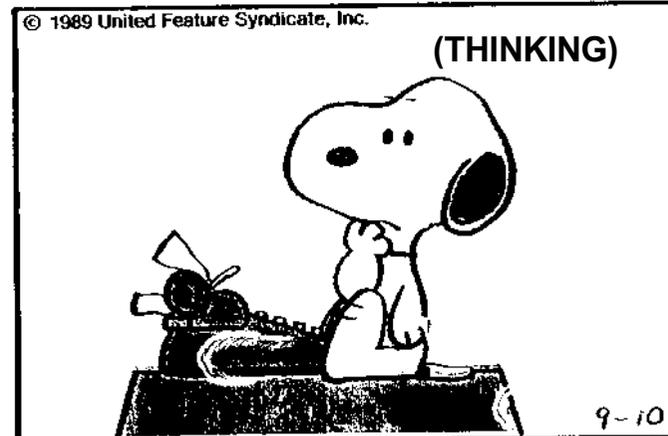
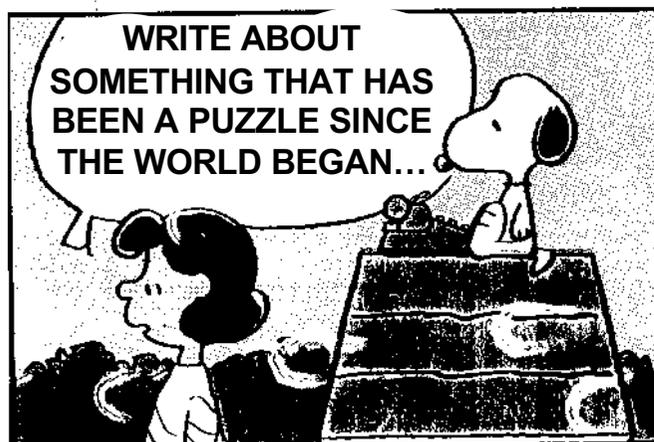
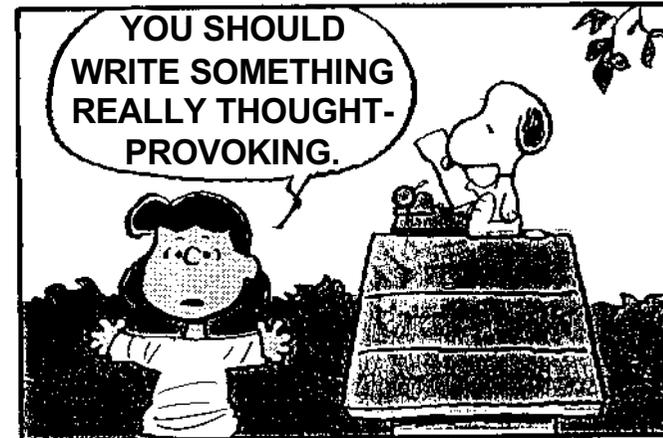
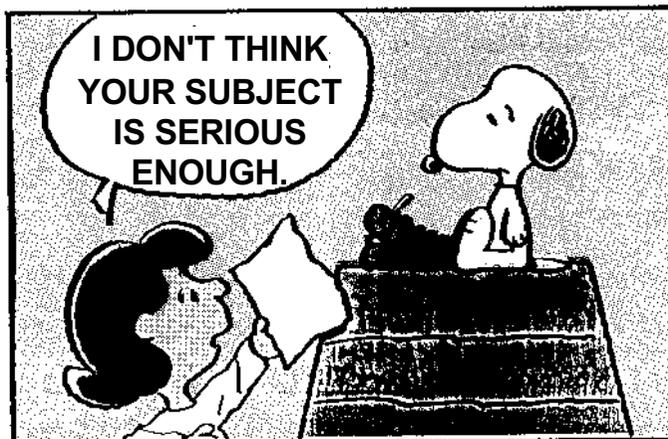
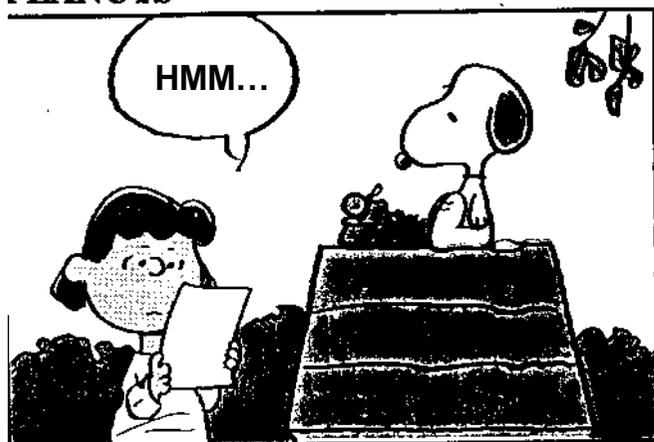
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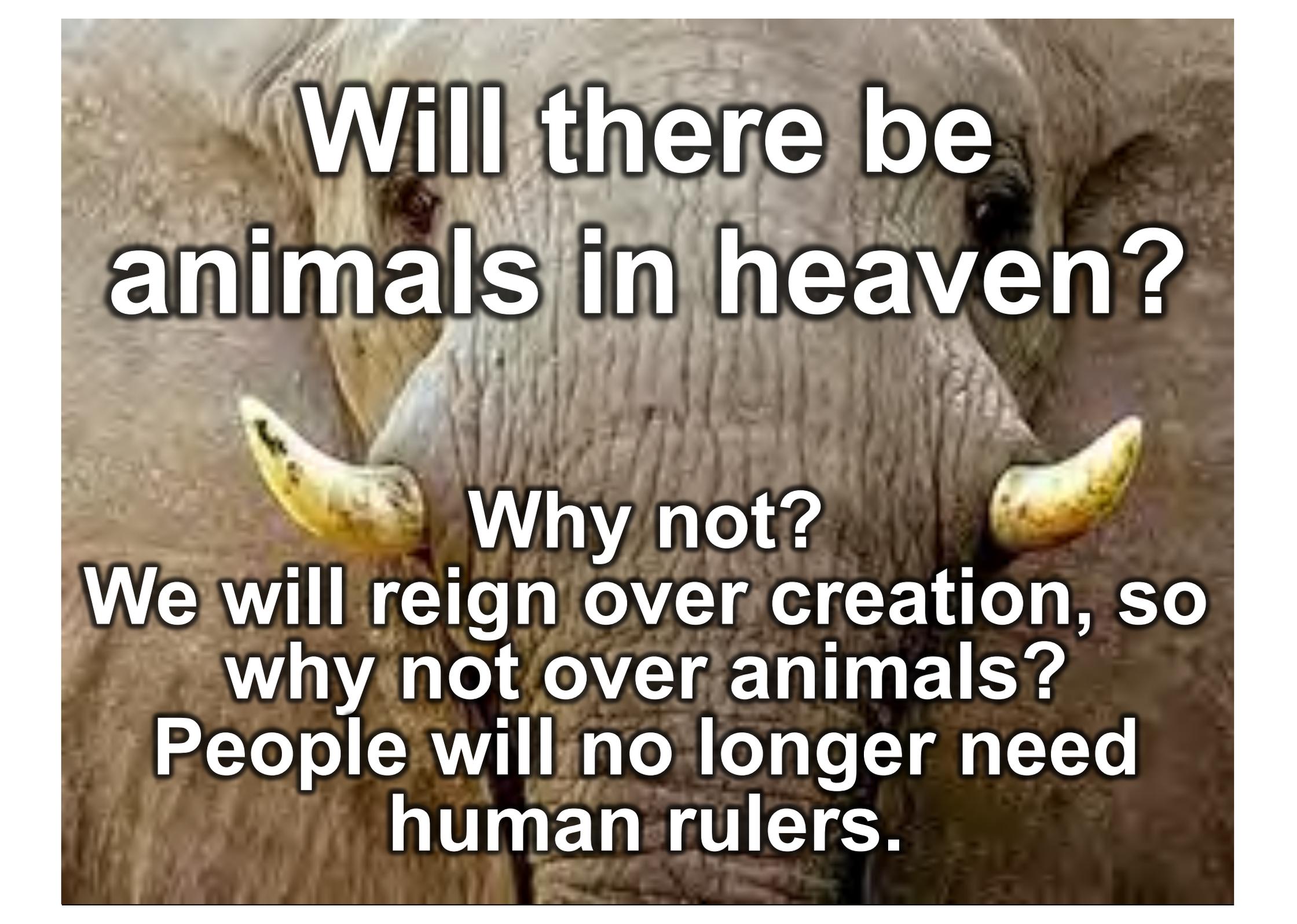


Lucy and Snoopy

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



A close-up photograph of an elephant's head, showing its trunk and two large, curved tusks. The elephant's skin is wrinkled and grey. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline.

**Will there be
animals in heaven?**

Why not?

**We will reign over creation, so
why not over animals?**

**People will no longer need
human rulers.**

A composite image featuring a lion and a lamb. The lion is on the left, looking towards the right. The lamb is in the center, looking forward. They are set against a background of blue and white clouds, with a mountain range visible in the distance. The overall scene is ethereal and heavenly.

**Are
there
animals
in
heaven?**



**Christ and his forces will
return on horses (Rev. 19:11)**

Heaven is Eternal!



"I think he's missing the whole point!"

Christ encourages us to live as if he can come any moment (22:7-17).

- **"I am coming soon!" (22:7)**

**"Look, I am coming soon!
Blessed are those who obey
the words of prophecy
written in this book" (NLT).**

Blessing!





**"We will rise to meet Him"
(1 Thess. 4:17)**

***tachus* = "soon" (NLT)?**

Imminency = "at any moment"

**Series on
Revelation**



***tachus* = "quick, swift, speedy"
(BADG; NAU)?**

Jesus Wins!

**Christ encourages
us to live as if he
can come any
moment (22:7-17).**

- "I am coming soon!" (22:7)
- "I am coming soon!" (22:12)

Blessing!
Reward!





**"Look, I am coming soon,
bringing my reward with me to
repay all people according to
their deeds. ¹³I am the Alpha and
the Omega, the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End."**

**I'm
Coming!
(22:12-13 NLT)**

**A HEAVENLY ADVERTISEMENT
FREE BEAUTIFUL HOMES
TO BE
GIVEN AWAY
IN A
PERFECT CITY
WITH--
100% PURE FREE WATER
NO LIGHT BULBS
PERPETUAL LIGHTING
PERMANENT GOLD PAVEMENT
NOTHING UNDESIRABLE
EVERYTHING NEW
PERFECT HEALTH
IMMUNITY FROM ACCIDENTS
THE BEST OF SOCIETY
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
FREE TRANSPORTATION
SECURE A CONTRACT TODAY—
FOR THE NEW JERUSALEM**

**How would
you advertise
for Heaven?**

Where is Heaven?



A vibrant blue space scene. At the top center, a bright, glowing light source, possibly a star or a nebula, illuminates the scene. Below it, a large, multi-colored galaxy with swirling patterns of blue, green, and yellow is visible. In the foreground, several planets of various sizes and colors (blue, purple, orange) are scattered across the dark blue space, some appearing as crescents. The overall atmosphere is ethereal and cosmic.

**Where is
heaven
right
now?**

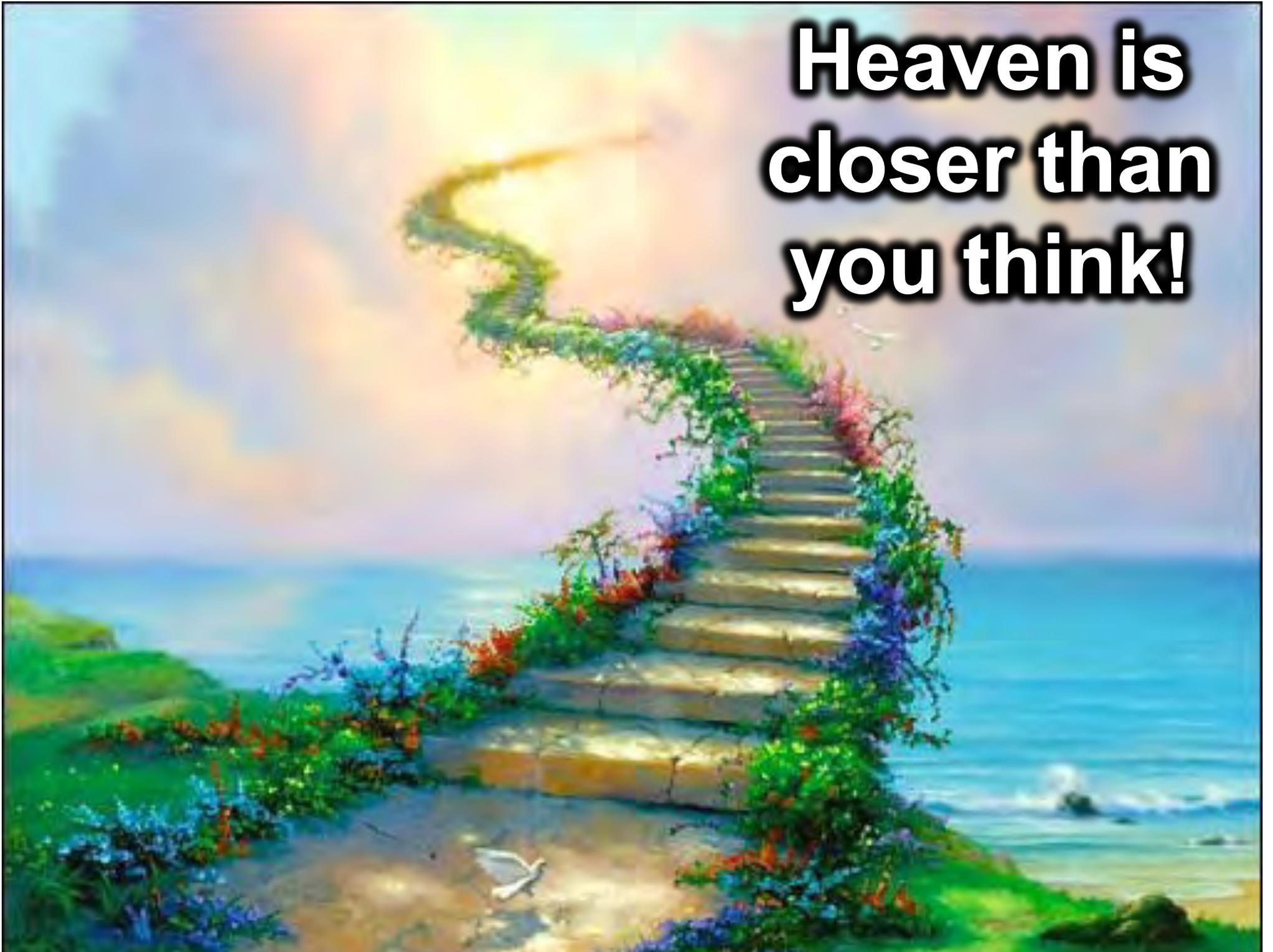
A surreal landscape featuring a beach and palm trees in the foreground, transitioning into a night sky filled with stars, planets, and a ringed planet. The text "Where is heaven right now?" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Where is
heaven
right
now?**

A vibrant sky with a rainbow and clouds. The sky is a deep blue, transitioning to a lighter blue near the horizon. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches across the upper portion of the sky, with colors ranging from red to violet. The rainbow is partially obscured by large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is bright and colorful, suggesting a clear, sunny day.

**Where is
heaven
right
now?**

**Heaven is
closer than
you think!**



A dramatic landscape featuring a bright sun rising over a vast sea of white clouds, with a green hillside in the foreground. The sun is positioned centrally, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the clouds with a golden glow. The sky above is a deep blue, with scattered white clouds. The foreground shows a lush green hillside sloping upwards towards the horizon.

Traditional versus Biblical Views of Heaven

What's True About Heaven?

Tradition

Judgment

We go to heaven

We live with God

"Heaven"

Country living

Rest

Bible

Blessing

Heaven comes to us

God dwells with us

New heaven & earth

HDB living

Service

The Transfiguration



**WELCOME TO
HEAVEN. HAVE
C.V. READY.**



**Hey, what are
you trying to
pull? This is a
RESUME!**

There IS a difference.

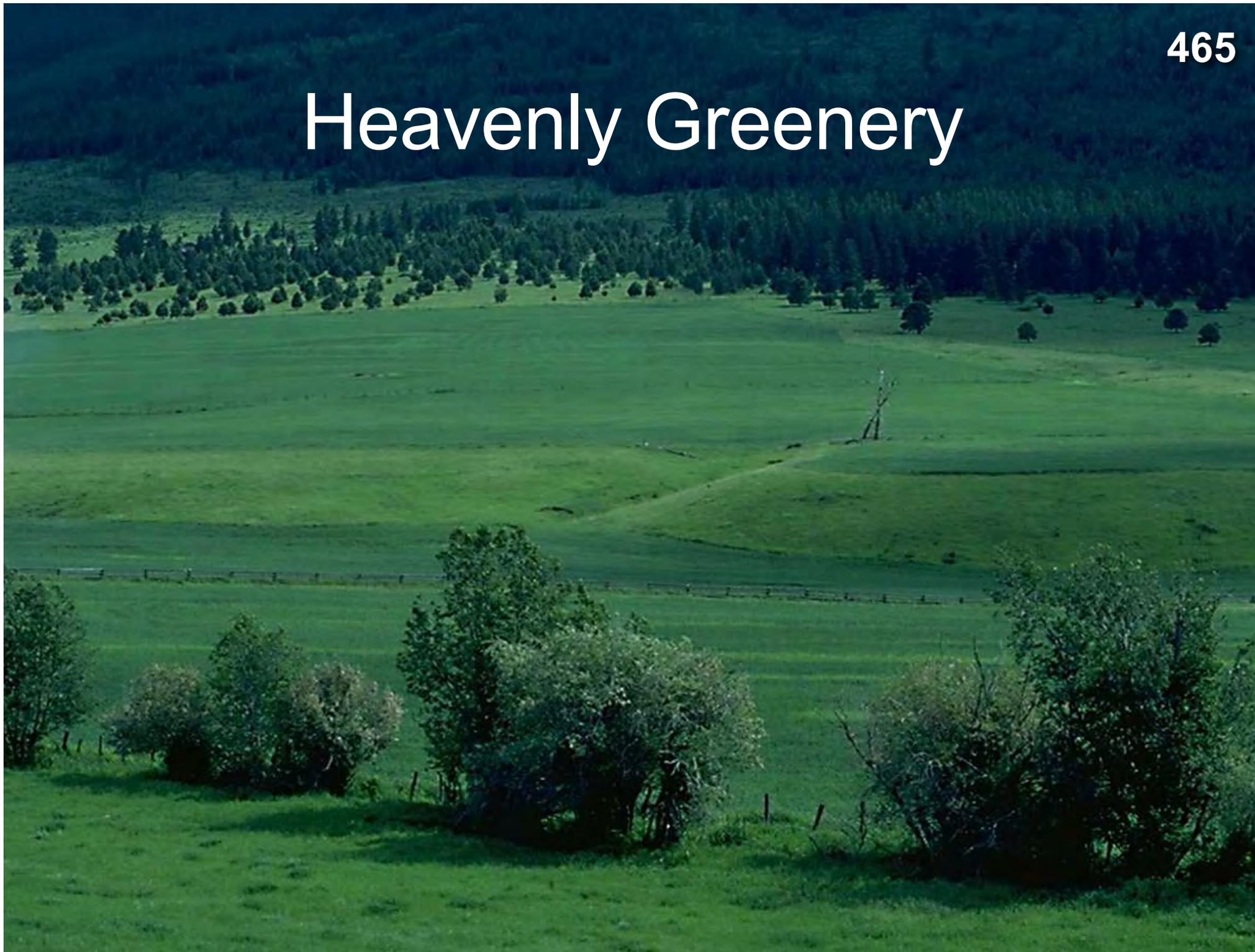
**Who
goes to
heaven?**

**"CV"
means "Christ
Victorious"**

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the center of the frame, partially obscured by thin, horizontal clouds. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the horizon to a soft blue at the top. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of tall reeds or grasses are visible, their long, thin blades reaching upwards. The water in the middle ground is calm, reflecting the light from the sun.

Will There Be Degrees of
Reward in Heaven?

Heavenly Greenery





Heavenly Landscape?



City Life for Eternity?

A City of Gold



A digital illustration of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a yellow robe with a blue sash. He is positioned in the center, holding two pieces of glowing, golden-brown bread in his hands. The background is a view of the Earth from space, showing the blue atmosphere and white clouds against a dark starry sky. The text is overlaid at the bottom in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline.

**"Yes! I am coming soon!
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus
be with God's people. Amen"
(22:20-21 NIV).**

**How can we sum up the
New Heaven,
New Earth &
New Jerusalem?**

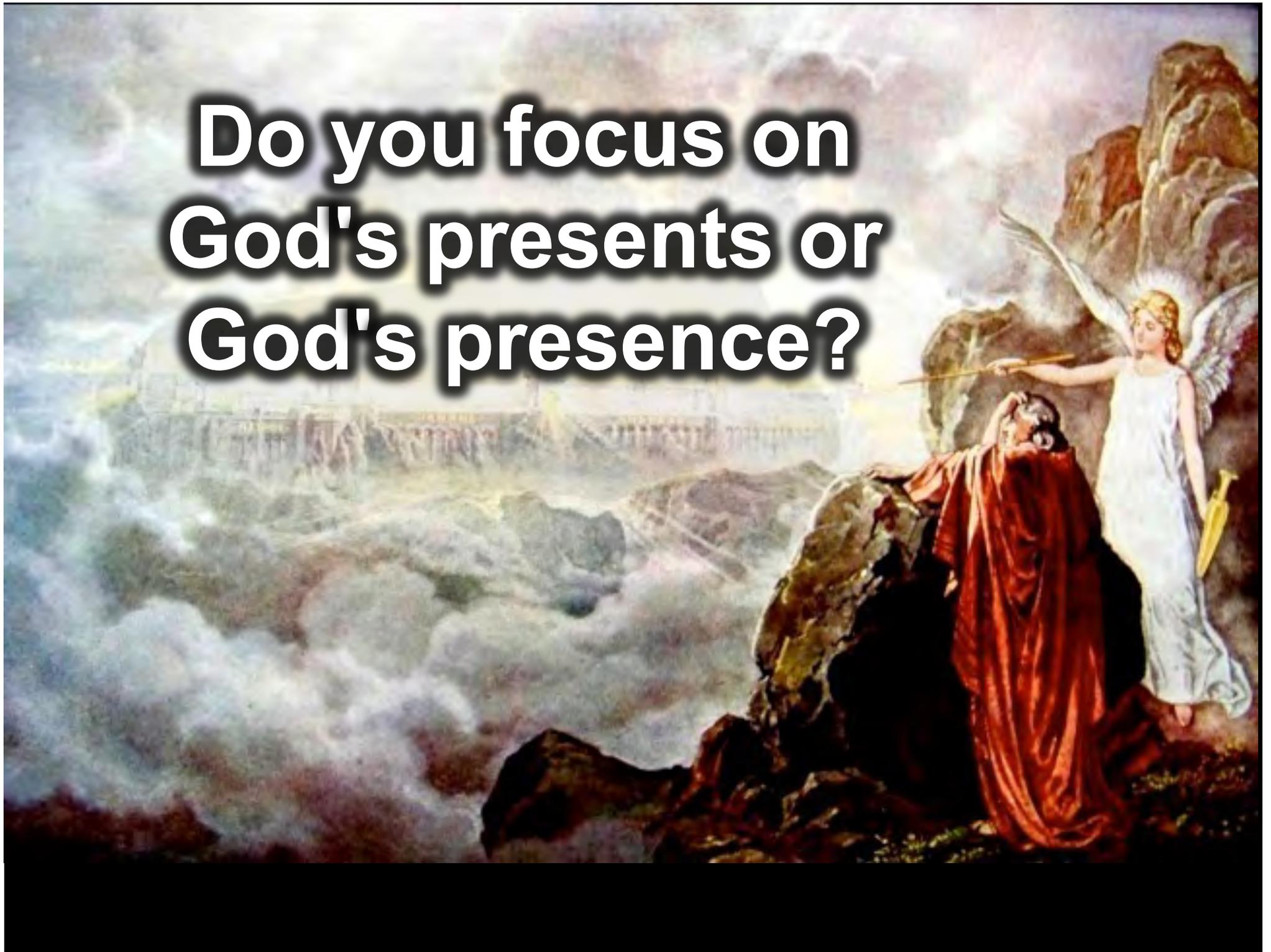


Main Idea:

Christ living with us
encourages us to live for **Christ**



**Do you focus on
God's presents or
God's presence?**



A dramatic space scene showing the Earth's horizon with a bright sun or star rising over it, set against a backdrop of a colorful galaxy. The sun is a bright yellow and orange orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, glowing path across the sky. The Earth's surface is visible on the left, showing green oceans and brown landmasses. The galaxy in the background is a mix of red, orange, and purple hues, with many small stars scattered throughout.

I. God will once again **live**
with man (21:1–22:6).

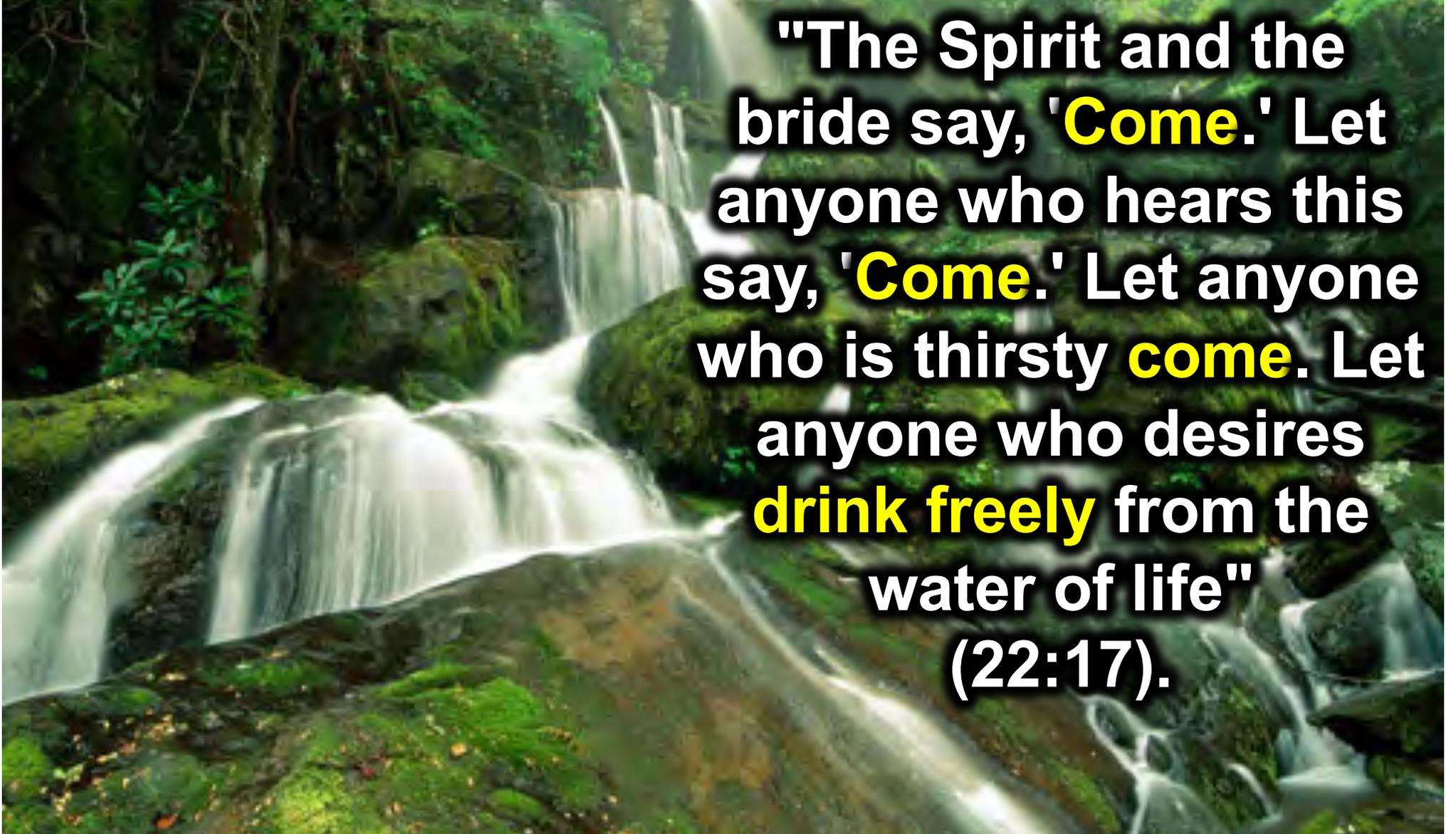
A sunset scene over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon. The foreground is filled with the dark silhouettes of reeds or tall grasses. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

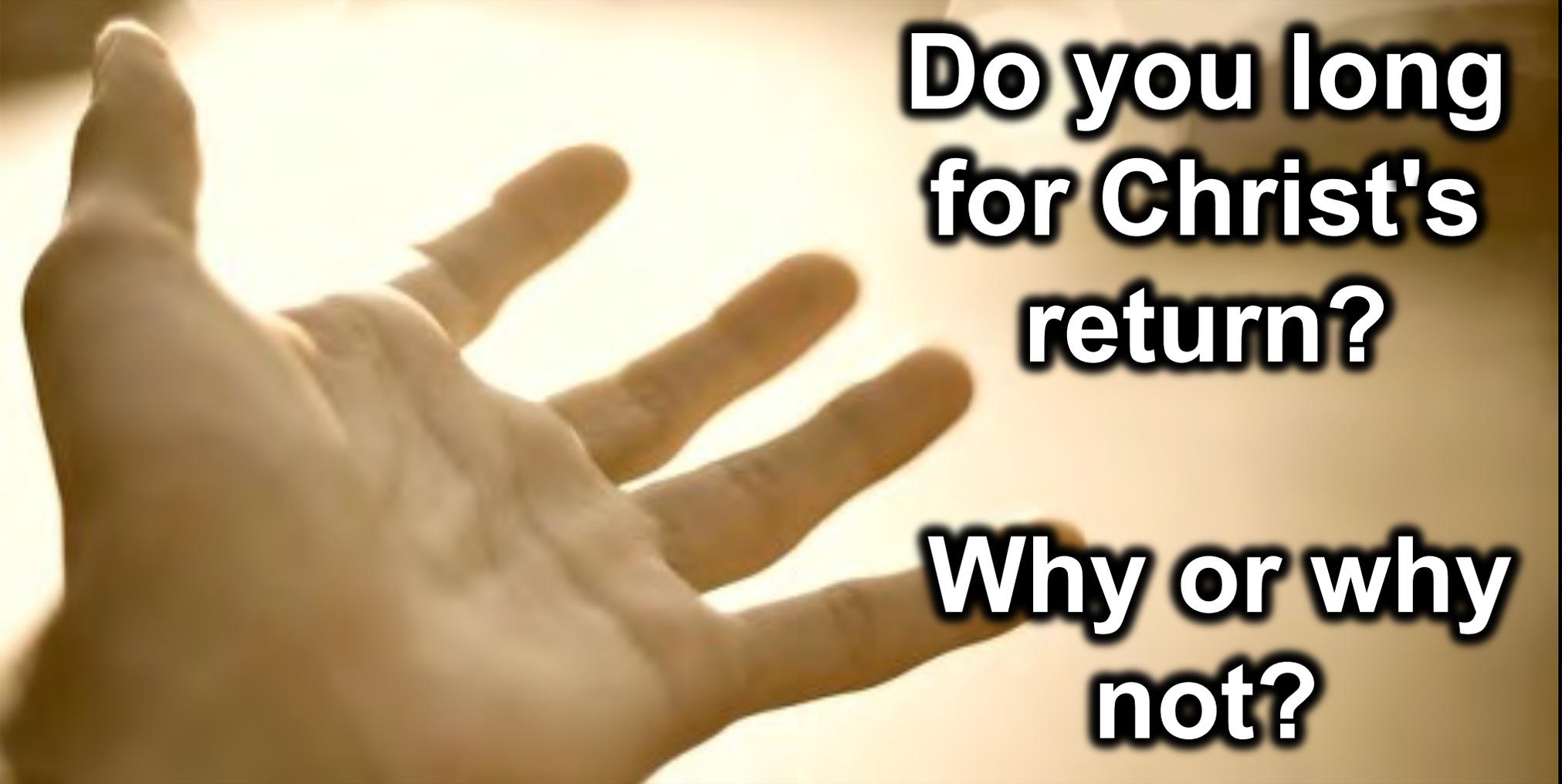
**II. Live in light of the end
(22:7-21).**



Come to the Water!

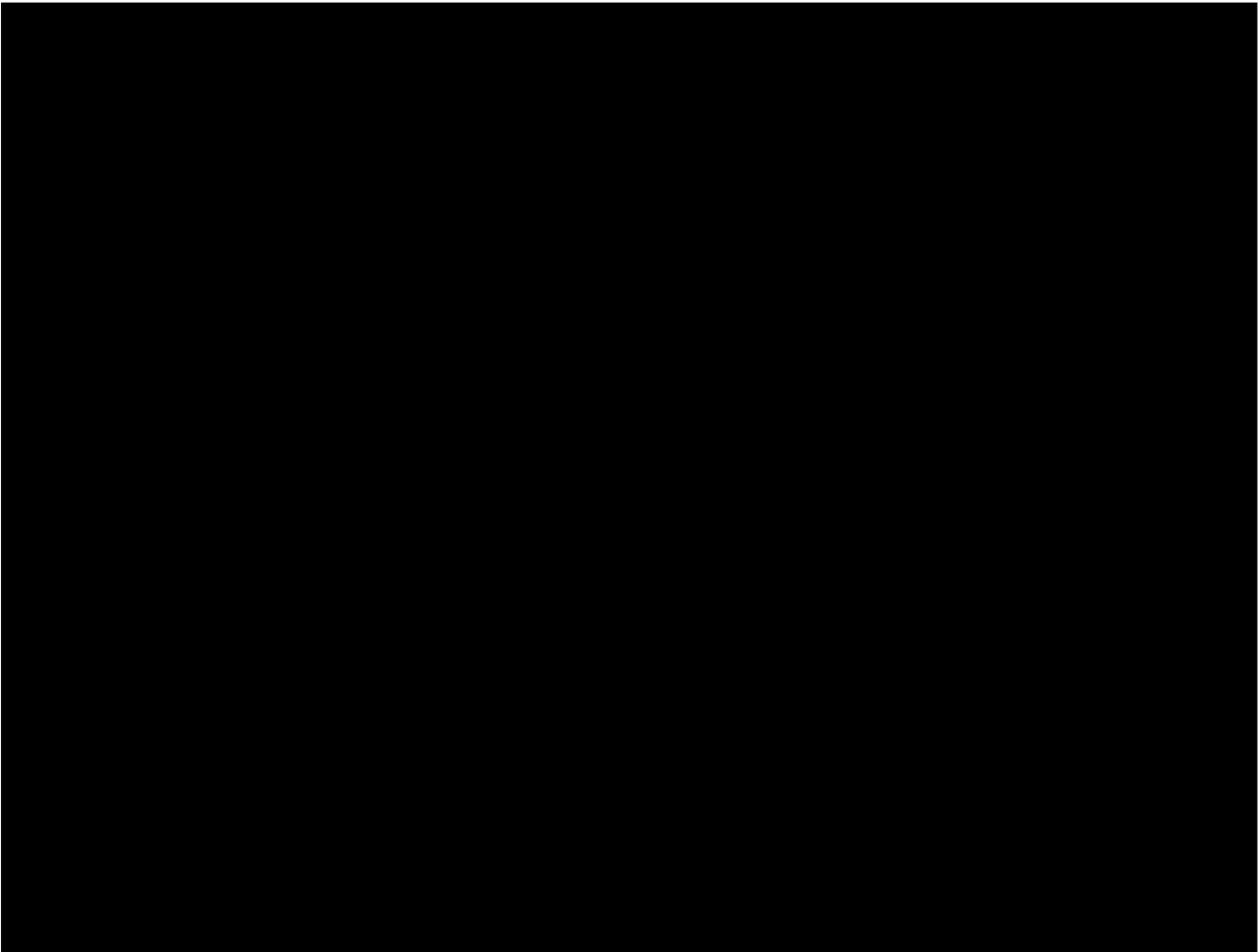
"The Spirit and the bride say, '**Come.**' Let anyone who hears this say, '**Come.**' Let anyone who is thirsty **come.** Let anyone who desires **drink freely** from the water of life"
(22:17).





**Do you long
for Christ's
return?**

**Why or why
not?**



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