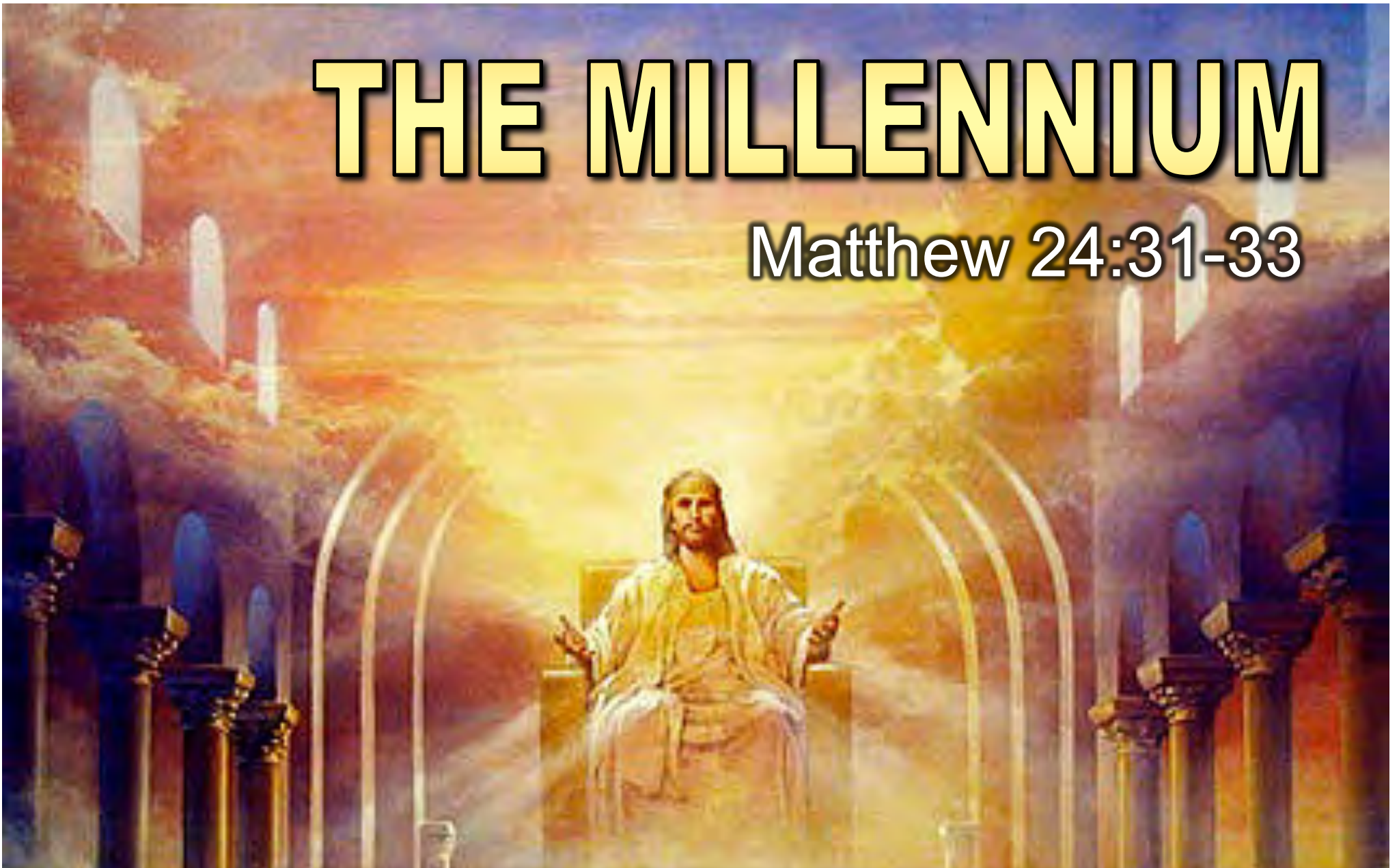


THE MILLENNIUM

Matthew 24:31-33



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Jesus' Teaching on
the End Time

Lesson 9



“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'” Matthew 25:31–34

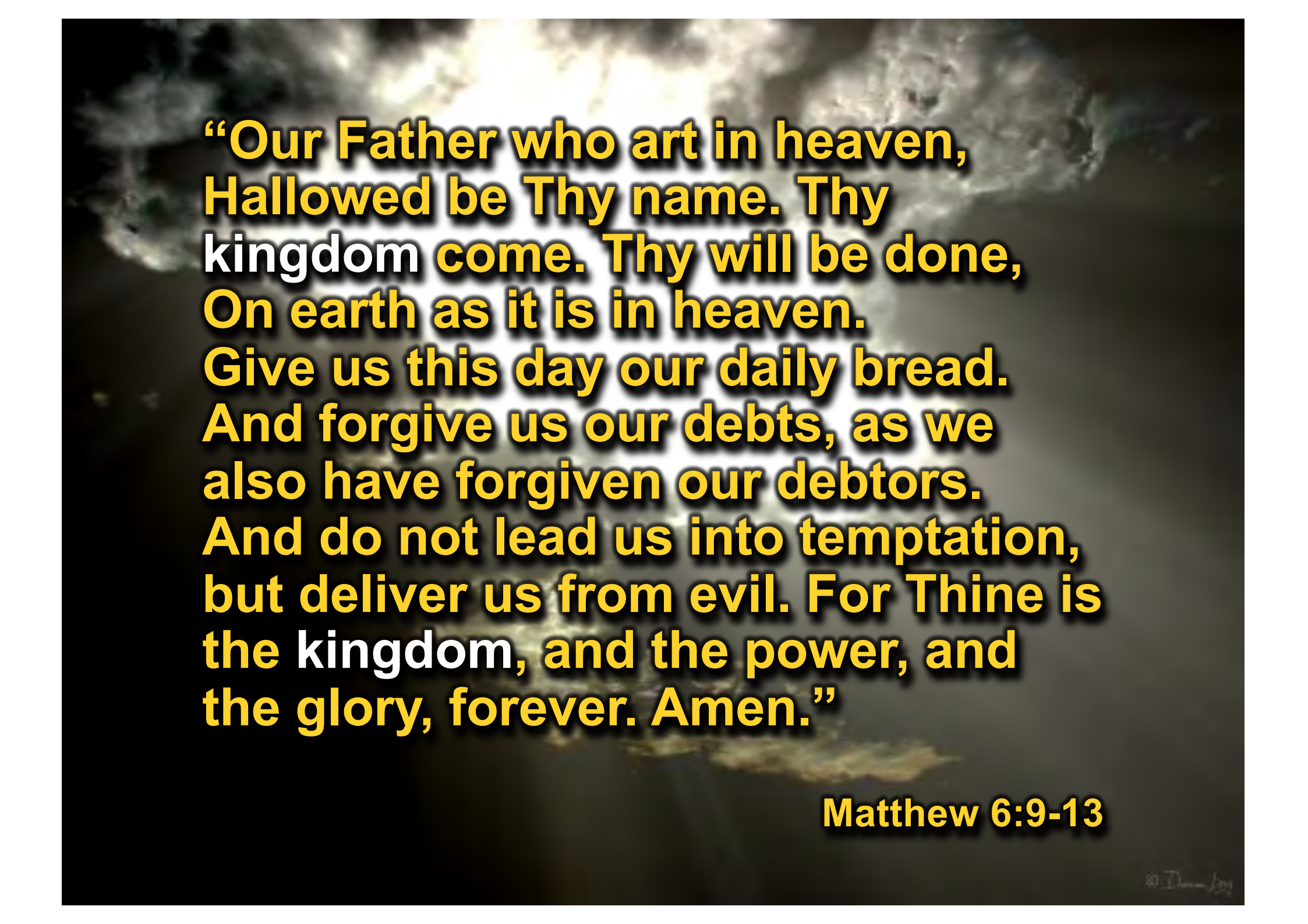


A composite image featuring a lion on the left and a lamb on the right, both in a savanna landscape under a cloudy sky. The lion is looking towards the right, and the lamb is looking towards the left. The text 'Thy Kingdom Come' is overlaid in the upper right, and 'The Prophecy of the Millennium' is at the bottom.

Thy Kingdom

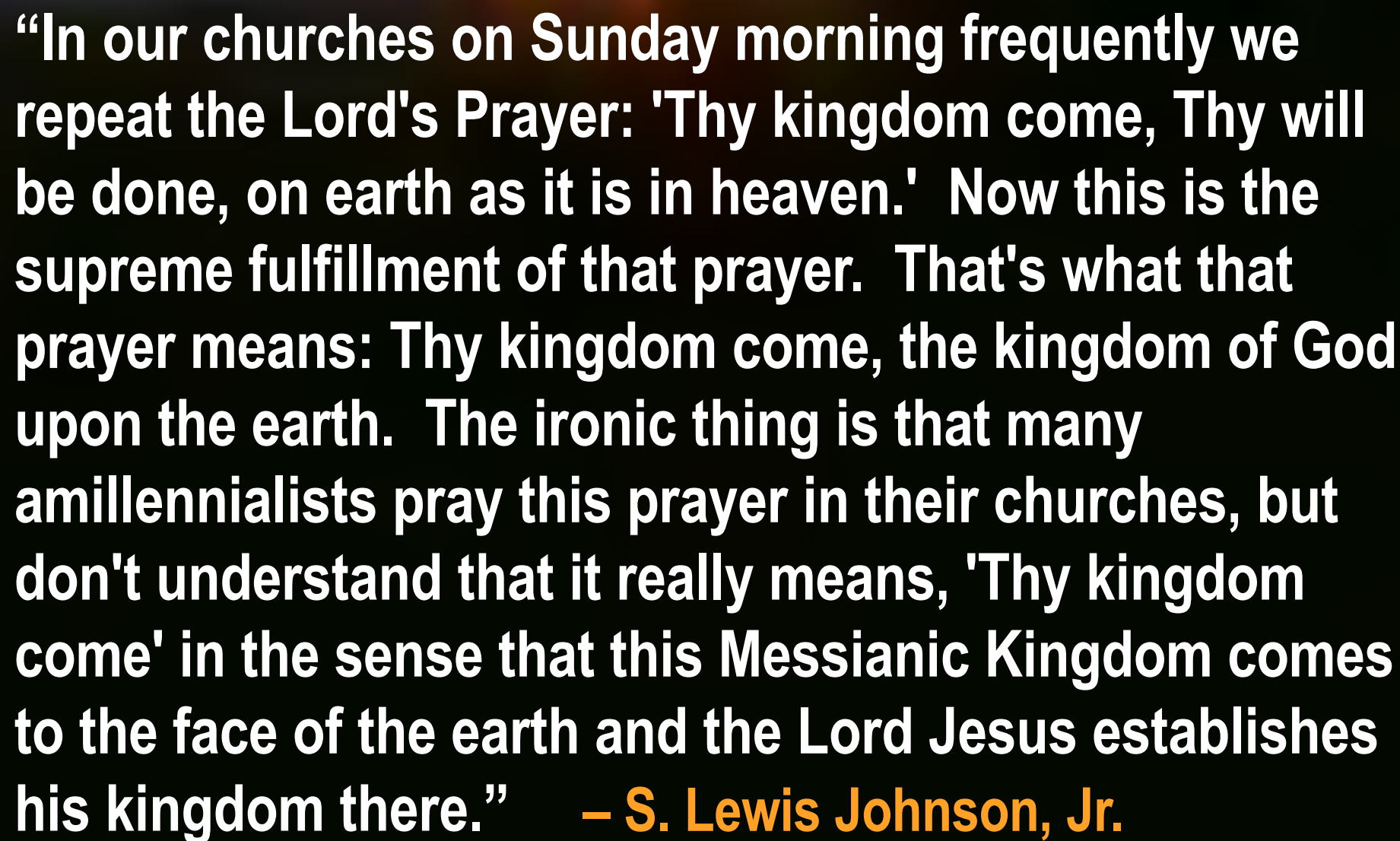
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The Prophecy of the Millennium

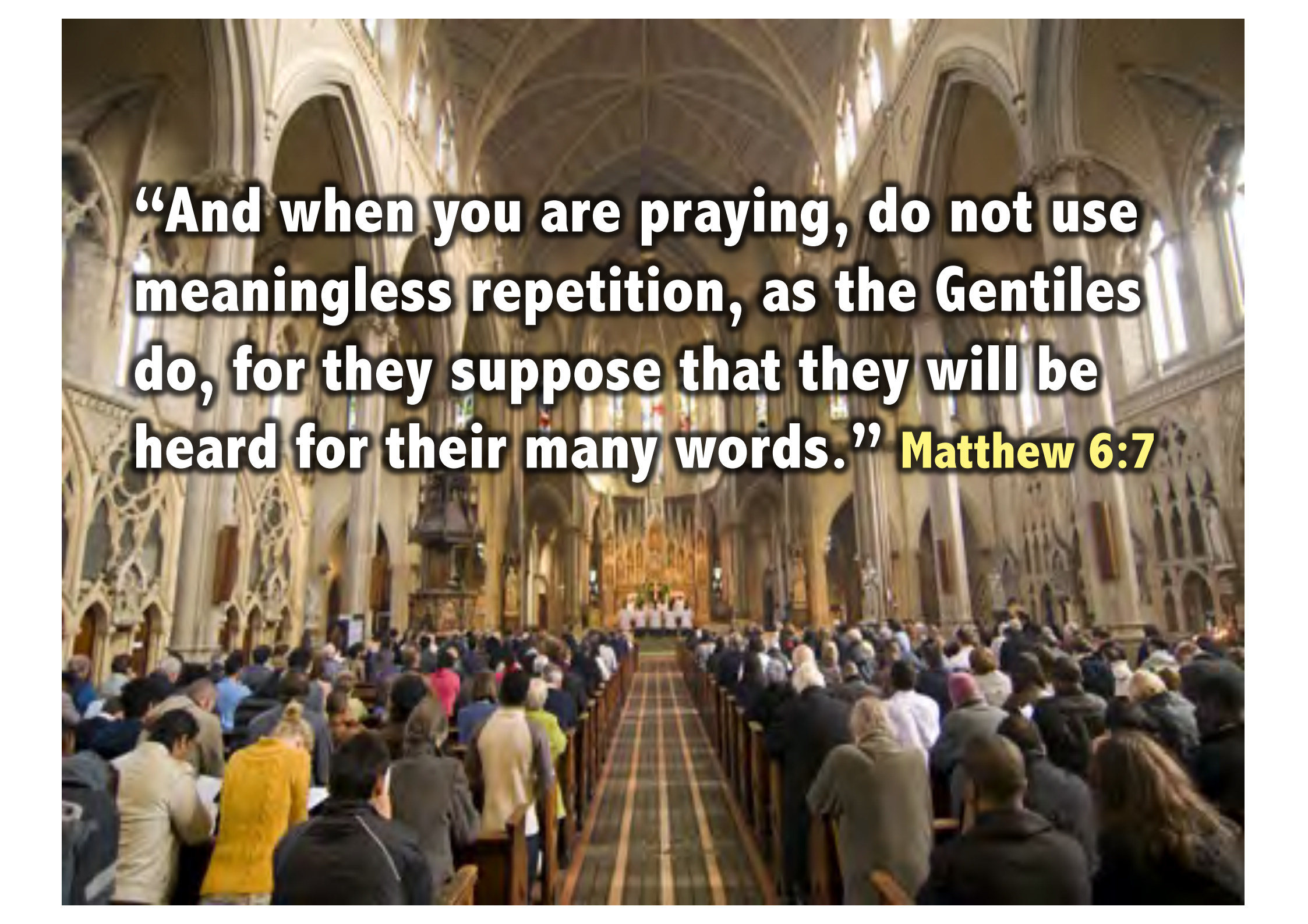


**“Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.”**

Matthew 6:9-13

A sunset over a dark landscape with mountains in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fades into a dark purple and blue sky. The foreground is dark and silhouetted.

“In our churches on Sunday morning frequently we repeat the Lord's Prayer: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' Now this is the supreme fulfillment of that prayer. That's what that prayer means: Thy kingdom come, the kingdom of God upon the earth. The ironic thing is that many amillennialists pray this prayer in their churches, but don't understand that it really means, 'Thy kingdom come' in the sense that this Messianic Kingdom comes to the face of the earth and the Lord Jesus establishes his kingdom there.” – **S. Lewis Johnson, Jr.**

A wide-angle photograph of a large crowd of people seated in a grand cathedral. The people are seen from behind, filling the pews that stretch into the distance. The cathedral's architecture is highly detailed, featuring high vaulted ceilings, pointed Gothic arches, and intricate stone tracery. At the far end of the nave, a brightly lit altar area is visible, where a group of people in white vestments are performing a service. The overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.” **Matthew 6:7**

The Concept of the Kingdom





Defining the Kingdom

*What is the
Kingdom?*

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 5:9-10 NIV

“And they sang a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and **they will reign on the earth.**”

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

Command



Covenants



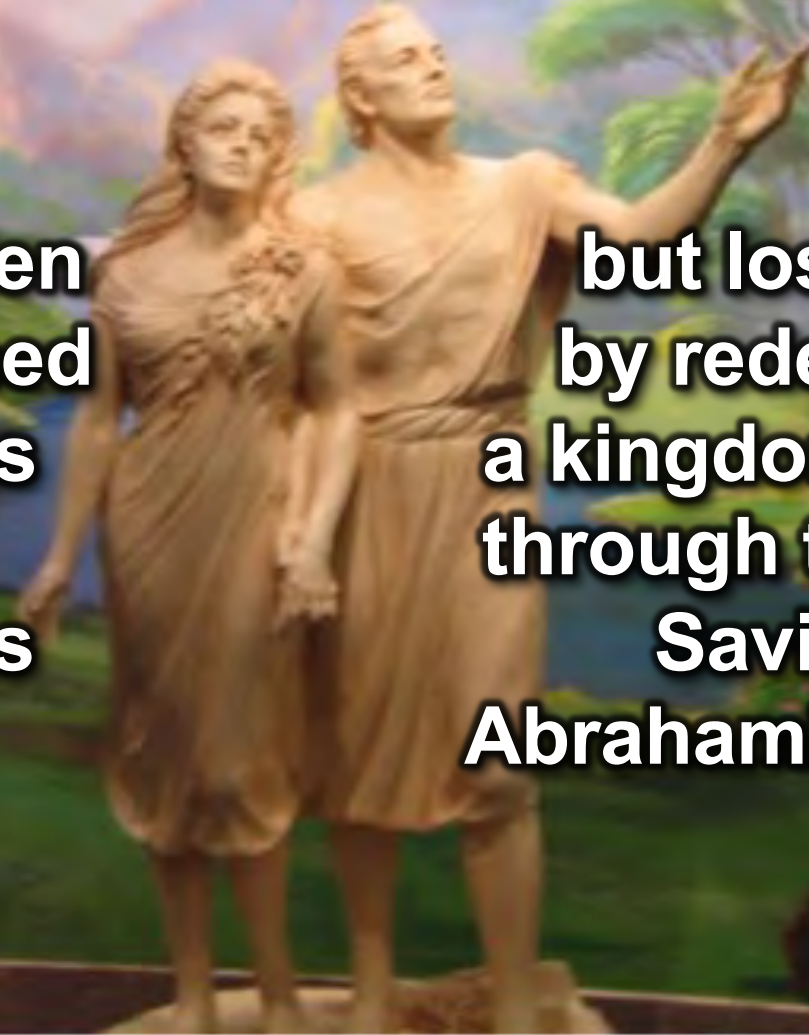
Fulfillment

God's Rule – Theme of the OT

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

mandated in Eden
and accomplished
through Israel as
and ultimately
who will reign as
to fulfill the

but lost in the Fall
by redeeming man
a kingdom of priests
through the Messiah
Savior and King
Abrahamic Covenant



The Concept of “Kingdom”

“The English word millennium comes from the Latin word *mille*, meaning 'thousand.' The Greek word for Millennium comes from *chilias*, meaning a 'thousand,' and *annus*, meaning 'year. The Greek term is used six times in the original text of the twentieth chapter Revelation...

“...to define the duration of Christ's kingdom on earth prior to the destruction of the old heavens and the old earth. Therefore, the word *millennium* refers to the thousand years of Christ's future reign on earth that will proceed eternity.”

John Walvoord

Five Facets of God's Rule

- 1. Heavenly or Eternal Kingdom** 1 Cor. 15:50; 2 Tim. 4:18
God's sovereign universal rule over all His creation
- 2. Spiritual Kingdom** Mt. 6:33; Col. 1:13-14
God's rule through His saints in every age (today = Church)
- 3. Theocratic Kingdom** Ex. 19—2 Chr. 36
God's rule over national Israel from Exodus to Exile
- 4. Mystery Kingdom** Mt. 13:1-53/Mk. 4:1-34/Lk. 8:4-18
God's rule between the two advents of Messiah
- 5. Messianic or Millennial Kingdom** Isa. 9:7; Rev. 20:1-15
Direct rule by Messiah over restored earth

Universal Kingdom

(everything inside and outside the circle)

Living Beings

All People
(saved and unsaved all in the box)

Spiritual Kingdom
(saved people)

Kingdom of Darkness
(shaded area of all ages with unsaved people and demons)

Unsaved Before Christ	Saints prior to Moses	Theocracy & Monarchy (OT Saints under Law in Israel)
Present Unbelievers	Church	
Tribulation Unbelievers	Tribulation Believers	
Millennial Unbelievers	Millennial Believers	
Second Death (Hell)	Eternal Life (Heaven)	

Angels & Animals

The Kingdom Diagrammed

Mystery Form of the Kingdom

Millennial Kingdom

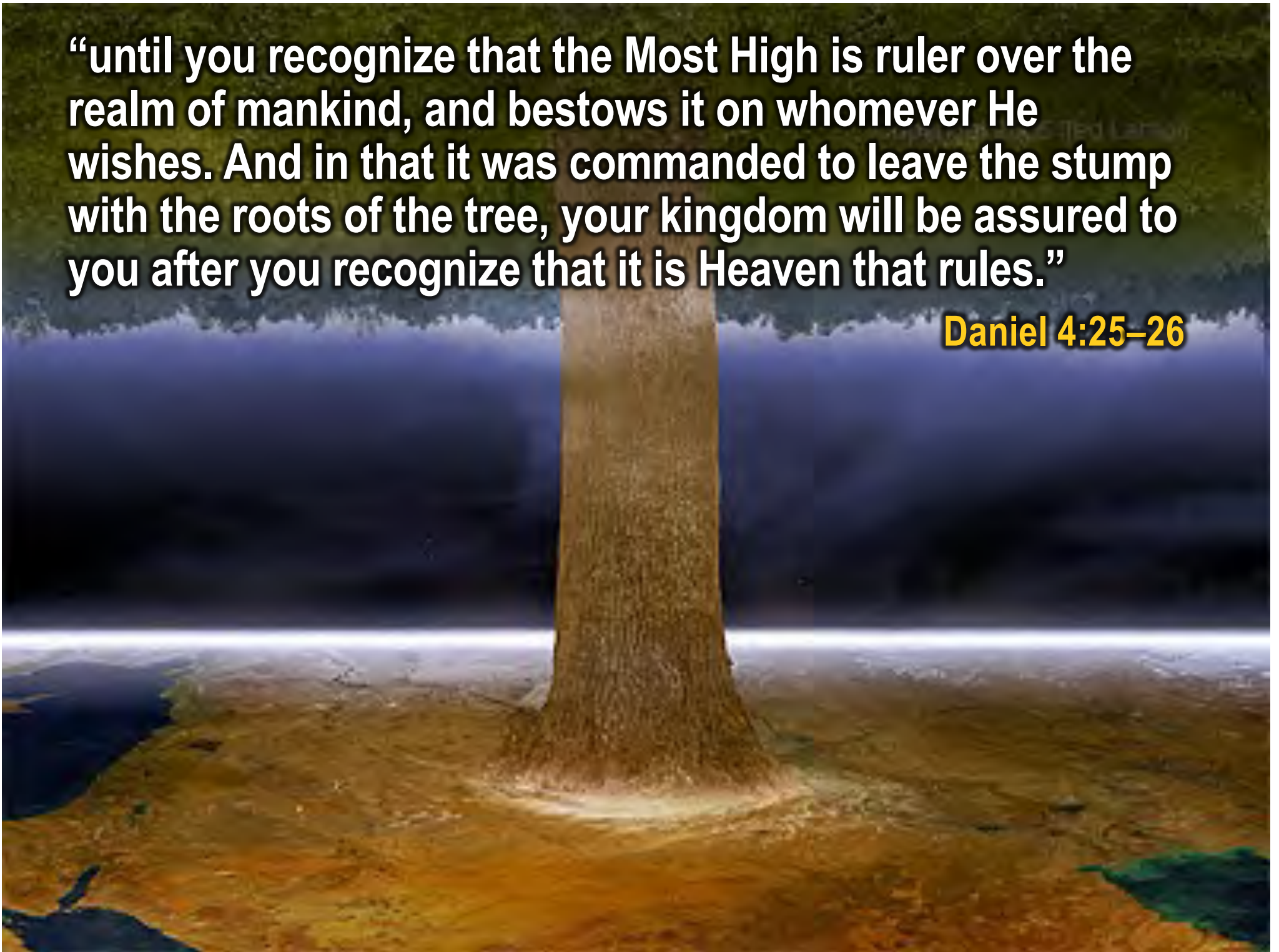


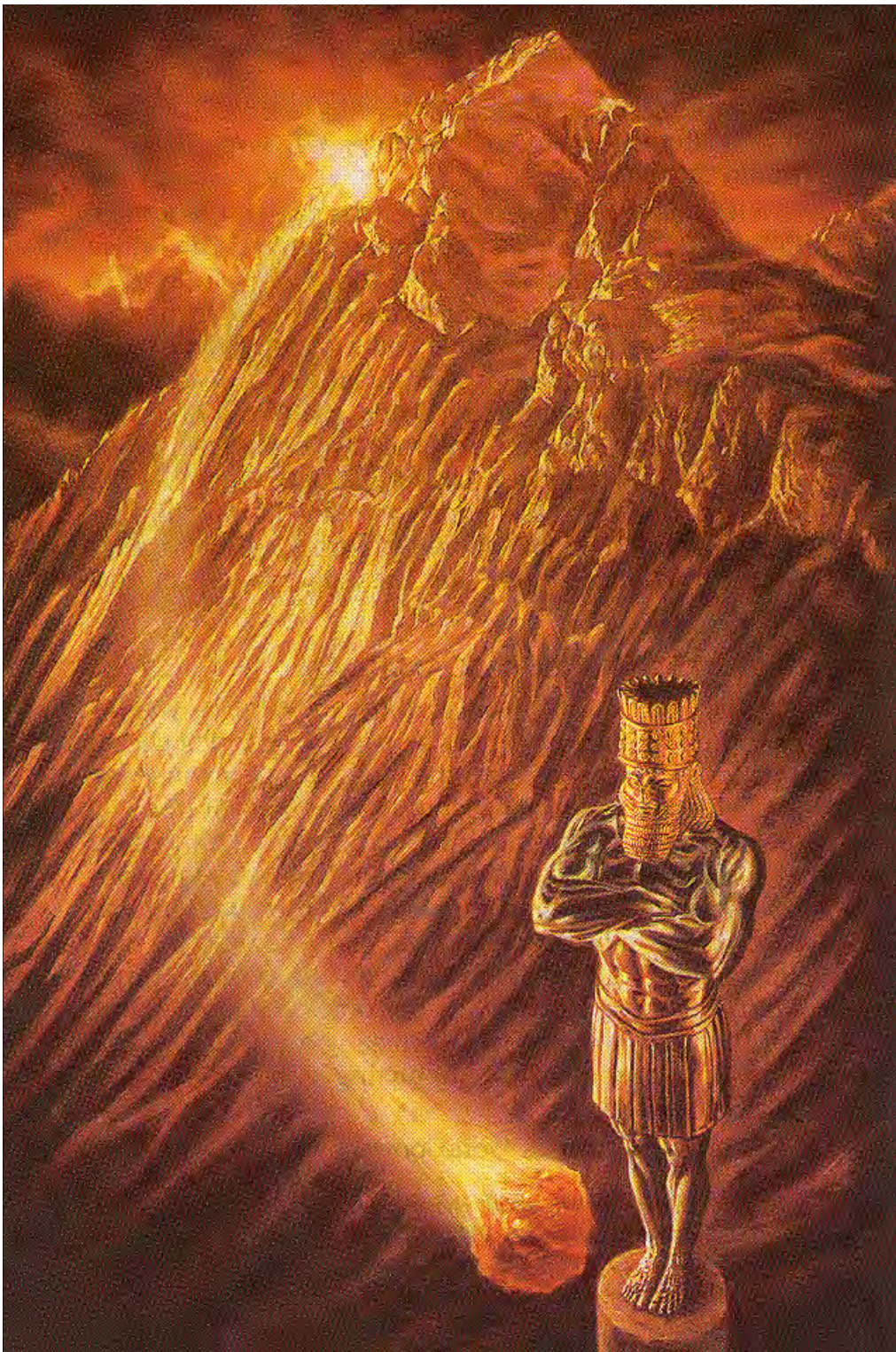
MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

**Messiah's rule over Israel
and the Gentile nations
under a New Covenant
as promised by the Prophets**

“until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes. And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules.”

Daniel 4:25–26





“Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth...

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.”

Daniel 2:35, 44

A pair of hands, one from the left and one from the right, are shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if cradling the globe, with fingers gently gripping it. The globe shows continents in shades of brown and green, and oceans in deep blue with white cloud patterns. The background is a solid black, which makes the hands and the globe stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the globe.

Clarifying the Kingdom

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. And when the thousand years are completed...” Revelation 20:6-7a

1,000 YEARS

**KING
JESUS**

Covenant Theology

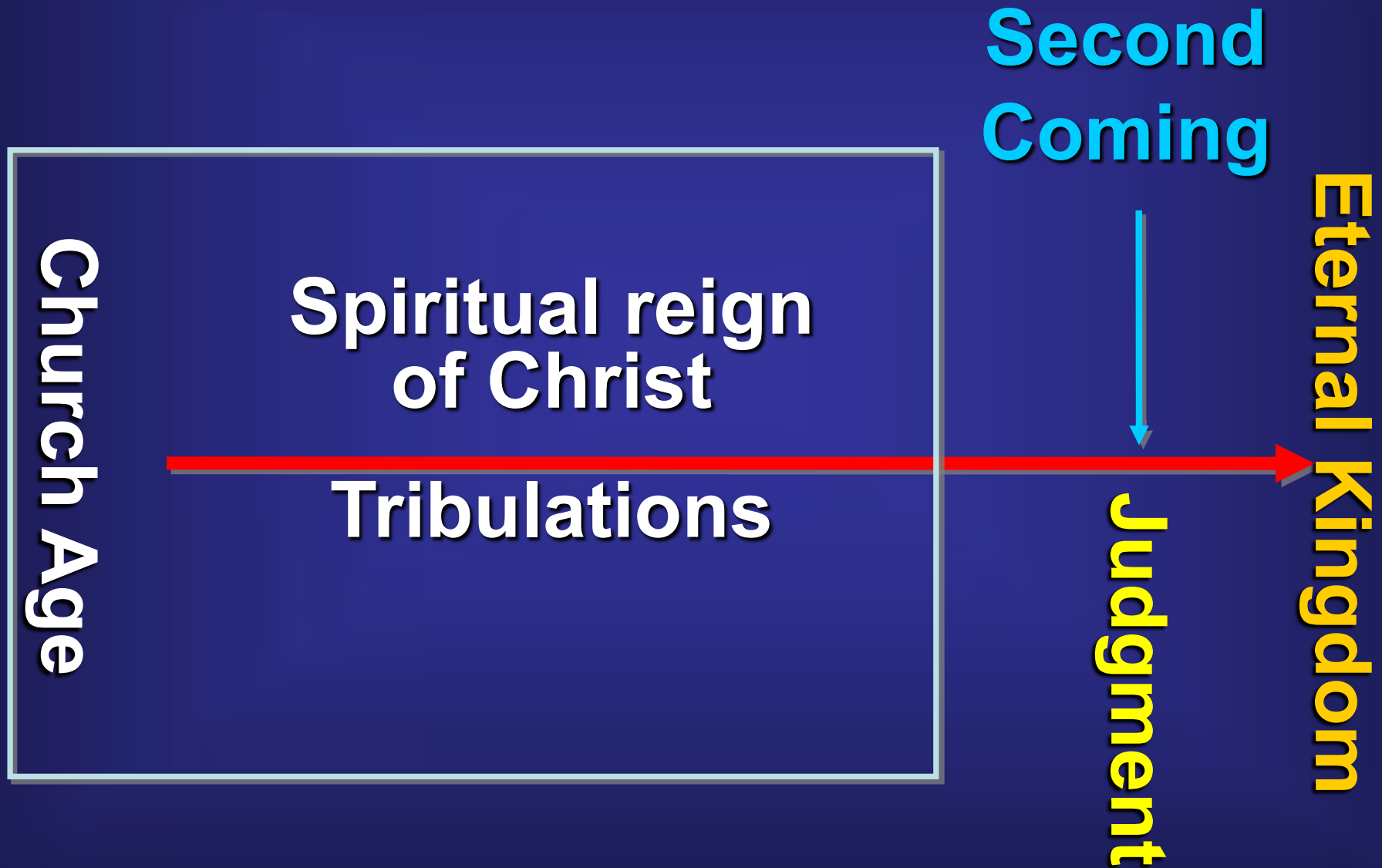
- **Does not interpret prophecy in a contextually and consistently literal manner**
- **Views the historical covenants made with Israel as soteriological in nature**
- **Replaces national Israel with the Church**

AMILLENNIAL VIEW

The kingdom of Christ on earth is being realized in the present age through the Church. Therefore, there will be no future rule of Christ on earth after His Second Coming.



Amillennialism



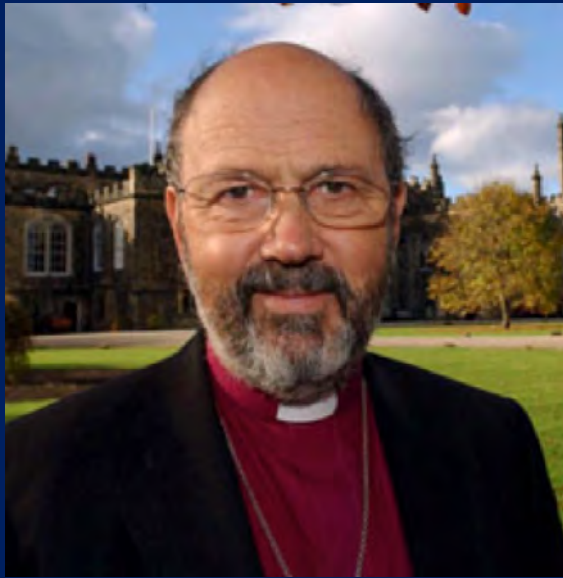


WHOSE PROMISED LAND?

THE CONTINUING
CRISIS OVER
ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

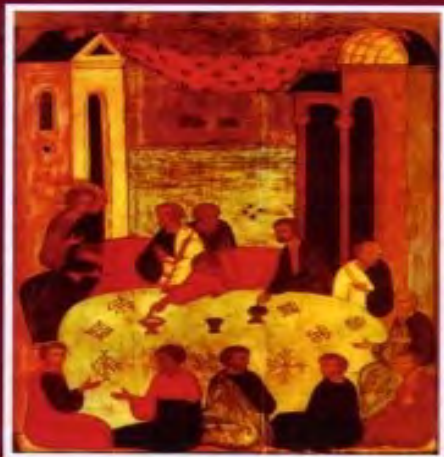
COLIN CHAPMAN

The New Testament writers “ceased to look forward to a literal fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies of a return to the land and a restored Jewish state. The one and only fulfilment of all the promises and prophecies was already there before their eyes in the person of Jesus.”



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**THE
NEW TESTAMENT
AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD**



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- “Israel's story has been embodied in one man” (p. 402)
- “the whole story of Israel ... reached its intended climax with his death [exile] and resurrection [restoration]” (p. 366)
- “the church... seems to have taken the place occupied... by (Jewish) ethnic identity” (p. 367)

JESUS

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The Lord Jesus was:

- “reconstituting Israel around himself” (p. 131)
- “reinterpreting” Israel's eschatological hope (p. 241)
- “reusing Israel's prophetic heritage, and retelling its story” (p. 349)
- “redefining what the kingdom meant” (p. 471)

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“The promises to Jerusalem, to Zion, are now transferred to Jesus and his people.”

POSTMILLENNIAL VIEW

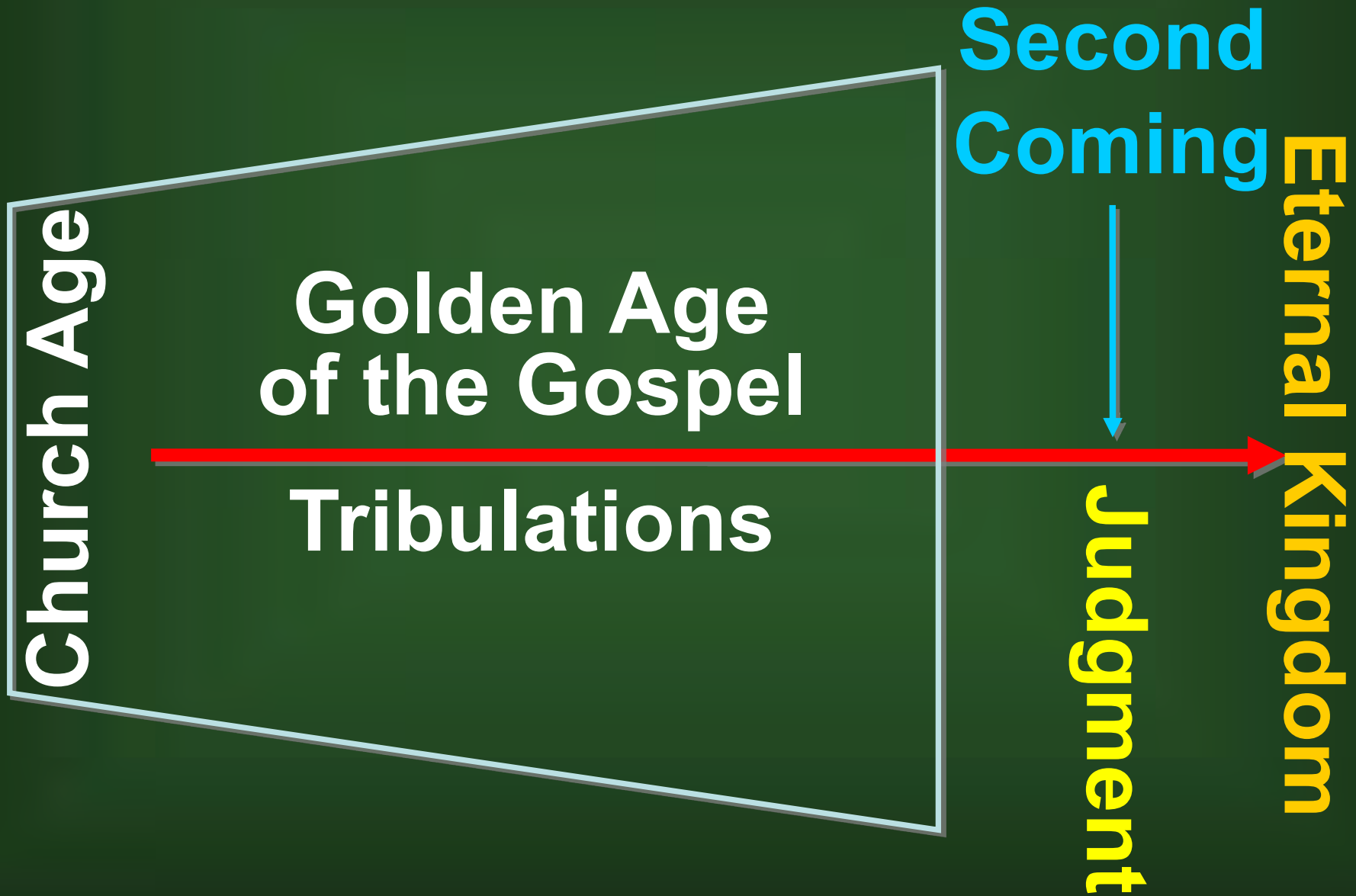
The kingdom of Christ on earth is being realized in the present age through the Church's evangelization and domination of the culture. This will result in a golden age of material and spiritual prosperity climaxed by the Second Coming of Christ.

Conclusion

“The sense of the Old Testament text must be determined within its historical and cultural setting, and that sense is determinative for the New Testament fulfillment.” —Paul Feinberg

“New revelation cannot mean contradictory revelation [because] if this were so, the Bible would be filled with contradictions, and God would have to be conceived of as deceiving the Old Testament prophets when He revealed to them a nationalistic kingdom.” —Charles Ryrie

Postmillennialism





The kingdom of
Christ is established
on earth for 1,000
years after the
Second Coming of
Christ

PREMILLENNIAL VIEW



THE
MILLENNIUM
CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH

Premillennialism

Second
Coming

Church Age

Tribulation

Millennium

Eternal Kingdom

7 years

1000 years

Judgment

Judgment

Is There a Future for Believing Israel?

**Dispensational
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &
Postmillennialism**

**Church
& Israel
distinct**

**Israel
has a
future**

**Church
is new
Israel**

**Israel
has no
future**



Support

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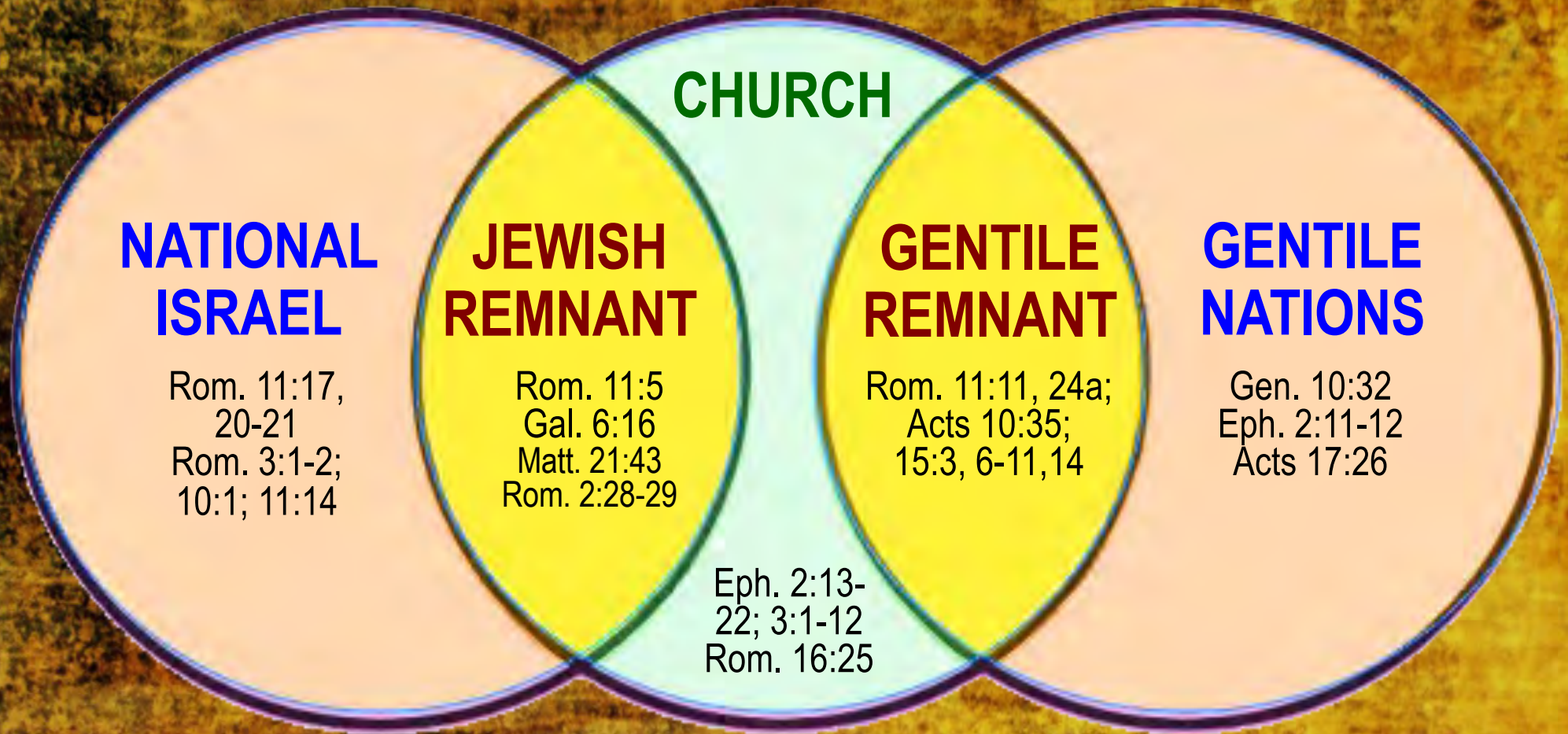
Premillennialism



“This hope is not redefined or clarified in the new era in a way that old promises are lost. It is the hope of the ages for the nation. It is the restoration of order with Israel having a central role ... There is a kingdom hope that applies to Israel and that is explained in what is now called the Old Testament. The existence of the church has not canceled that hope for Israel.”



Relationship of Israel and the Gentiles in the Church



“Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy” Romans 15:8-9

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Promises Made

Promises Fulfilled

THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT
GEN. 12

LAND OF ISRAEL COVENANT
DEUT. 30

DAVIDIC COVENANT
2 SAM. 7

MOSAIC LAW CODE
EX. 20, GAL. 3

NEW COVENANT
JER. 31

MANKIND

FORMATION OF ISRAEL

THEOCRACY

MONARCHY

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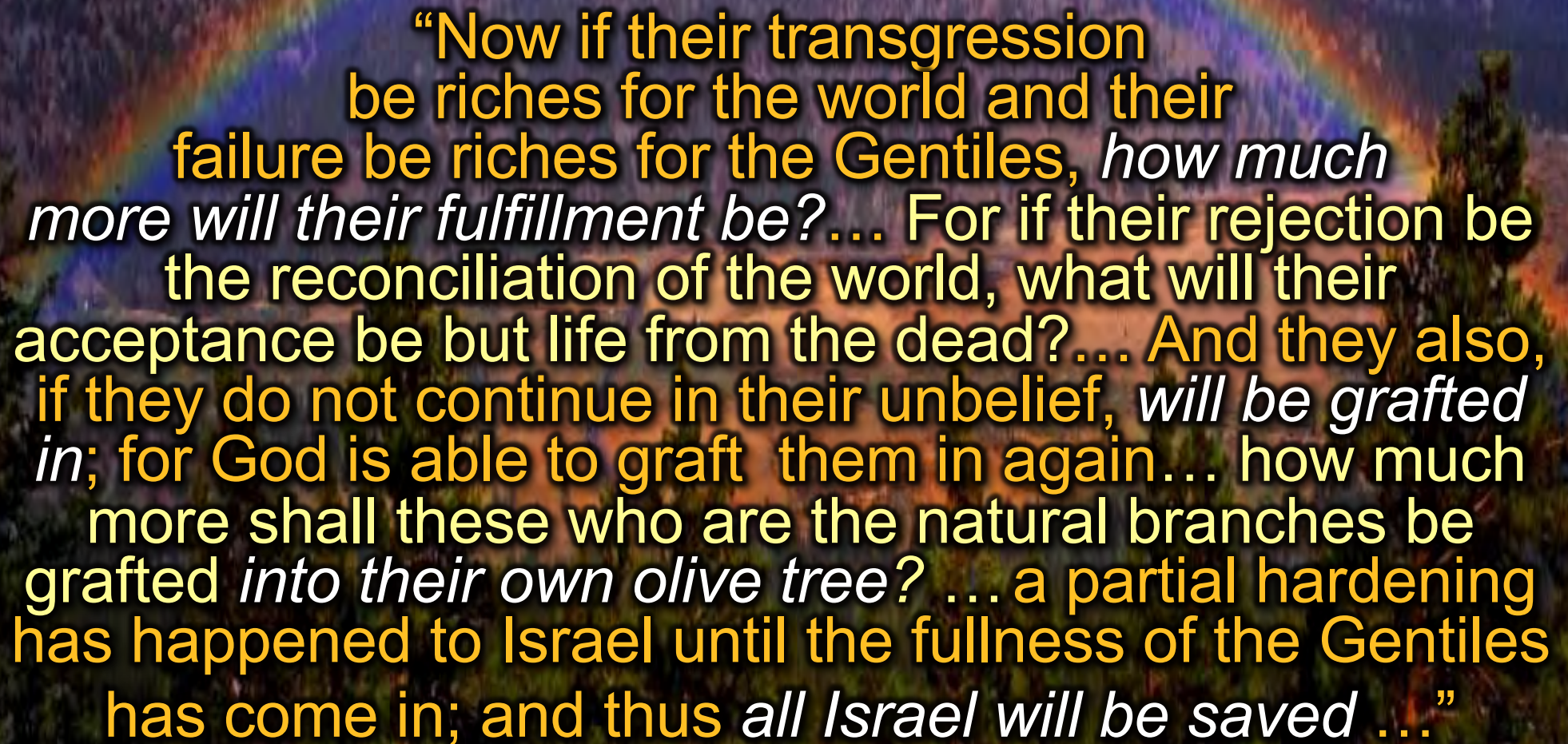
Apostles

Jesus
Christ

PROPHETS

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT



“Now if their transgression
be riches for the world and their
failure be riches for the Gentiles, *how much
more will their fulfillment be?*... For if their rejection be
the reconciliation of the world, what will their
acceptance be but life from the dead?... And they also,
if they do not continue in their unbelief, *will be grafted
in*; for God is able to graft them in again... how much
more shall these who are the natural branches be
grafted *into their own olive tree?* ... a partial hardening
has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles
has come in; and thus *all Israel will be saved ...*”

Romans 11:12, 15, 23-26

SUPPORT FOR PREMILLENNIALISM

- Consistent Literal Interpretation
- Unconditional Nature of Covenants
- The Abrahamic Covenant
- OT Teaches Literal Earthly Kingdom
- Kingdom Carried Unchanged into New Testament
- Christ Supports an Earthly Kingdom (Matt 19:28)
- Multiple Resurrections in Scripture
- Revelation 20 Teaches Premillennialism
- Early Church was Premillennial
- Failure of Amillennialism and Postmillennialism
- Premil Harmonizes the Entire Bible
- Satisfactory Conclusion to History

“And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a *thousand years*, and threw him

into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until *the thousand years* were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.” **Revelation 20:1-3**

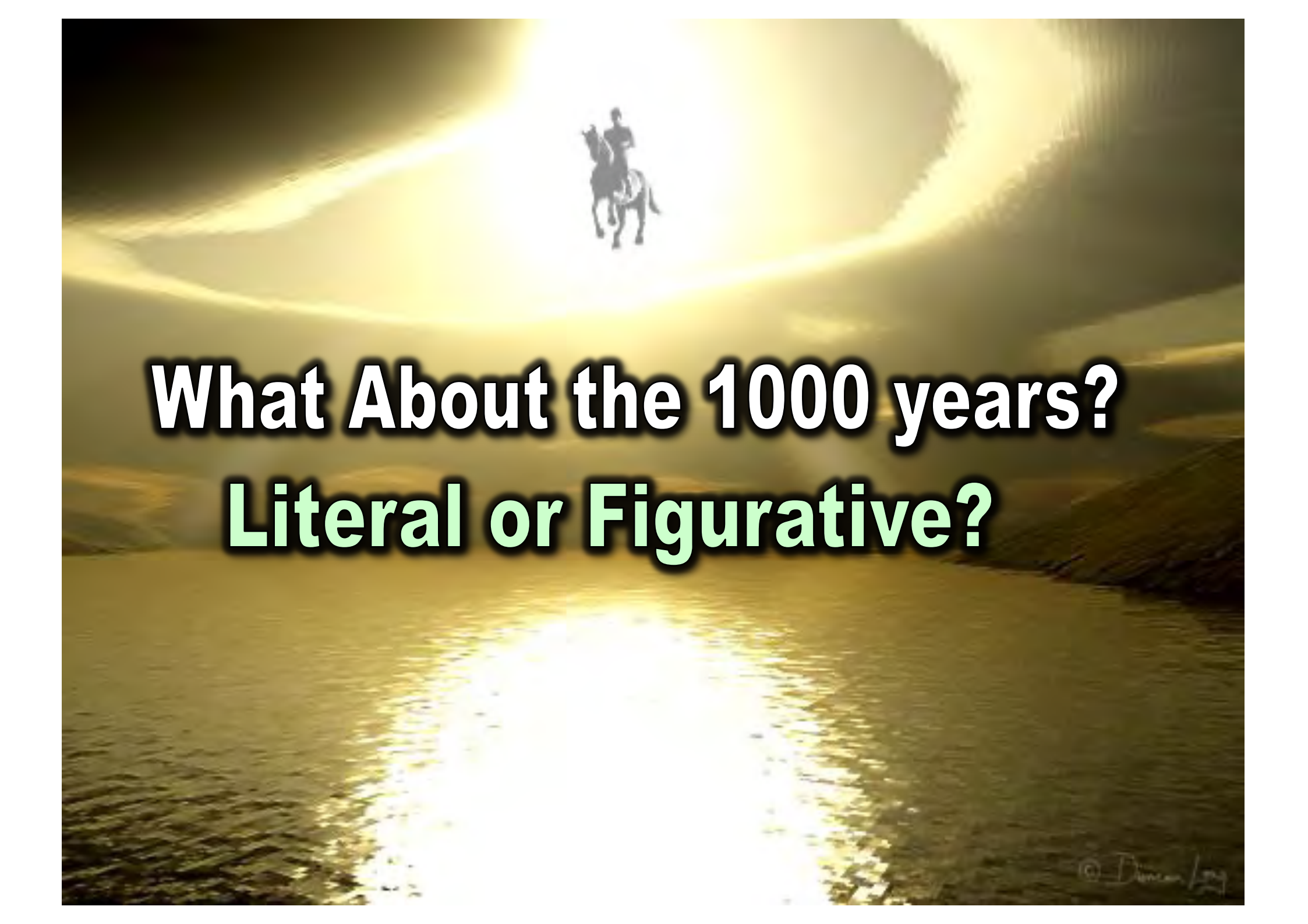
“and threw him (Satan) into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until *the thousand years* were completed...”

Revelation 20:3

Greek: τὰ χιλια ἔτη
ta chilia ete

**Lexical
Meaning**

"the thousand years"

A silhouette of a person riding a horse is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a bright, glowing sun. The sun's light creates a shimmering path of reflection on the water in the foreground. The overall scene is bathed in a golden, warm light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The background shows a dark, hazy landscape with some distant structures or hills.

What About the 1000 years?
Literal or Figurative?

Real Numbers?

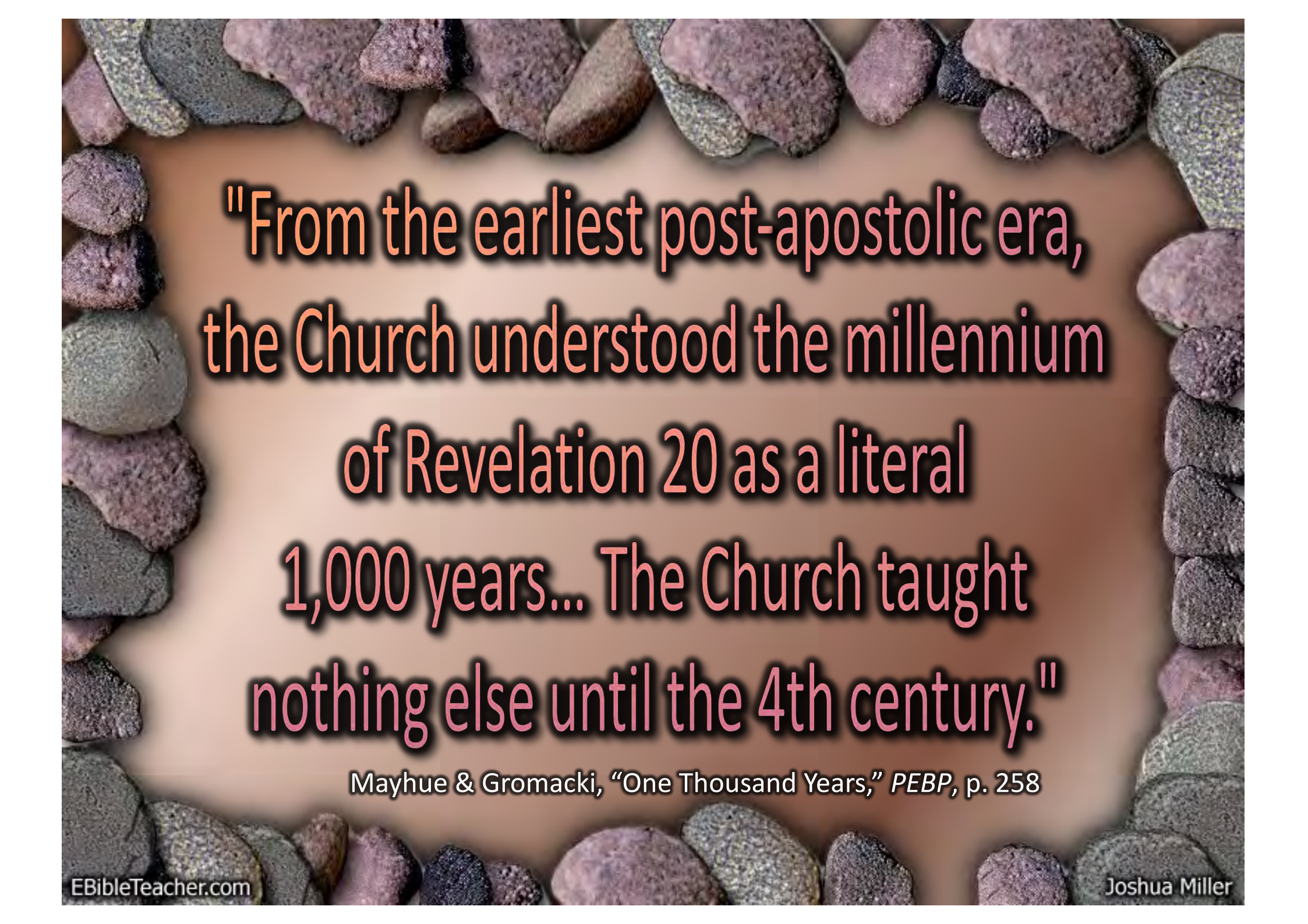
How can we say that 144,000 is a symbolic number, when 7:5-8 refers specifically to 12,000 from each of 12 tribes in Israel?

Roy Zuck, *Basic Bible Interpretation*

Revelation 20

Is 1,000 years Symbolic of an indefinite period?

“John knew how to describe an indefinite brief period ... In 20:3 he wrote that Satan would be released from the abyss for **“a little while”** (Greek, *mikron chronon*). The Holy Spirit could have guided John to write that Christ and the saints would reign for **“a long time”** (Greek, *polun chronon*), the same phrase used in the parable of the talents to indicate the period of the master's absence (Matt. 25:19). But God led John to contrast a definite period (“the thousand years”) with an indefinite period (“a little while”).” **Mayhew & Gromacki, *PEBP*, 260**



"From the earliest post-apostolic era,
the Church understood the millennium
of Revelation 20 as a literal
1,000 years... The Church taught
nothing else until the 4th century."

Mayhue & Gromacki, "One Thousand Years," *PEBP*, p. 258

Facts about "the thousand years"

1. A basic rule of hermeneutics is accept numbers at their face value unless context demands otherwise.
2. Out of scores of numbers in Revelation, only two are used in a symbolic fashion (e.g., numbers 7 & 12).
3. Out of 25 references in which numbers refer to time in Revelation, none are verifiably a symbolic number.
4. The number "1,000" is never used in the entire Bible with a symbolic sense.
5. When "year" used with a numerical adjective in the Bible, it always refers to an actual period of time.

Why Christ Must Come *Before* the Millennium



1. He must come back literally (Acts 1:11).
2. If He comes literally, he will reign literally.
3. He can't reign for a thousand years unless he comes *before* the thousand years.
4. David's literal throne can't be restored unless the Son of David comes to reign on it.
5. Israel's kingdom can't be restored to Israel until Israel's King comes to restore it.

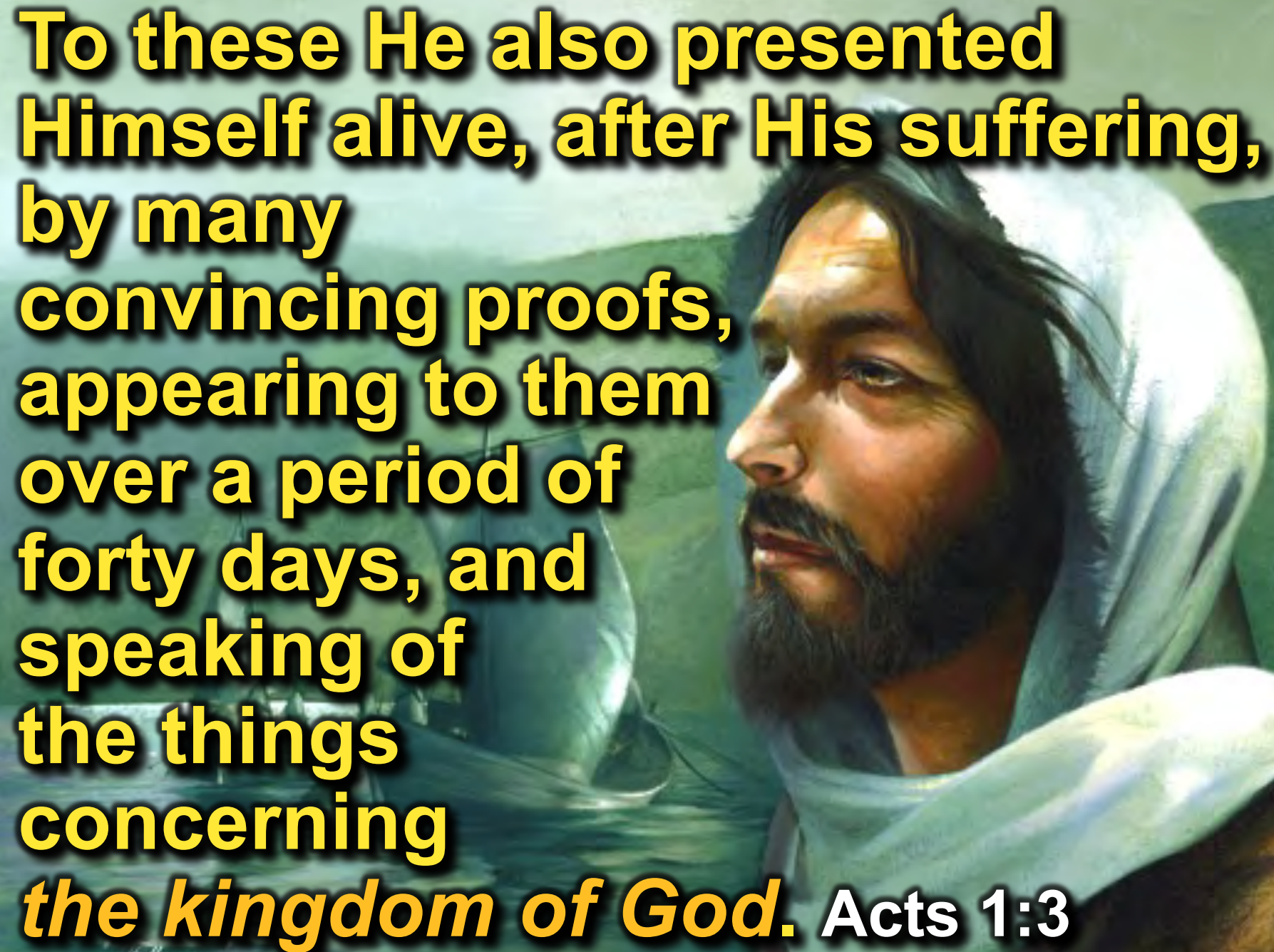
Why is Premillennialism Important?

Because denying it:

1. is an attack on the character of God
2. undermines the promises of God
3. destroys the completion of the plan of God
4. undermines essential doctrines of God's Word
5. eliminates a guard protecting essential doctrines of the Church of God
6. diminishes motive for witnessing for God
7. minimizes motive of holy living for God



**What Kingdom
did Jesus tell
His disciples
to expect?**



**To these He also presented
Himself alive, after His suffering,
by many
convincing proofs,
appearing to them
over a period of
forty days, and
speaking of
the things
concerning
the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3**

*Follow me
Francis Hillman
March 1919*



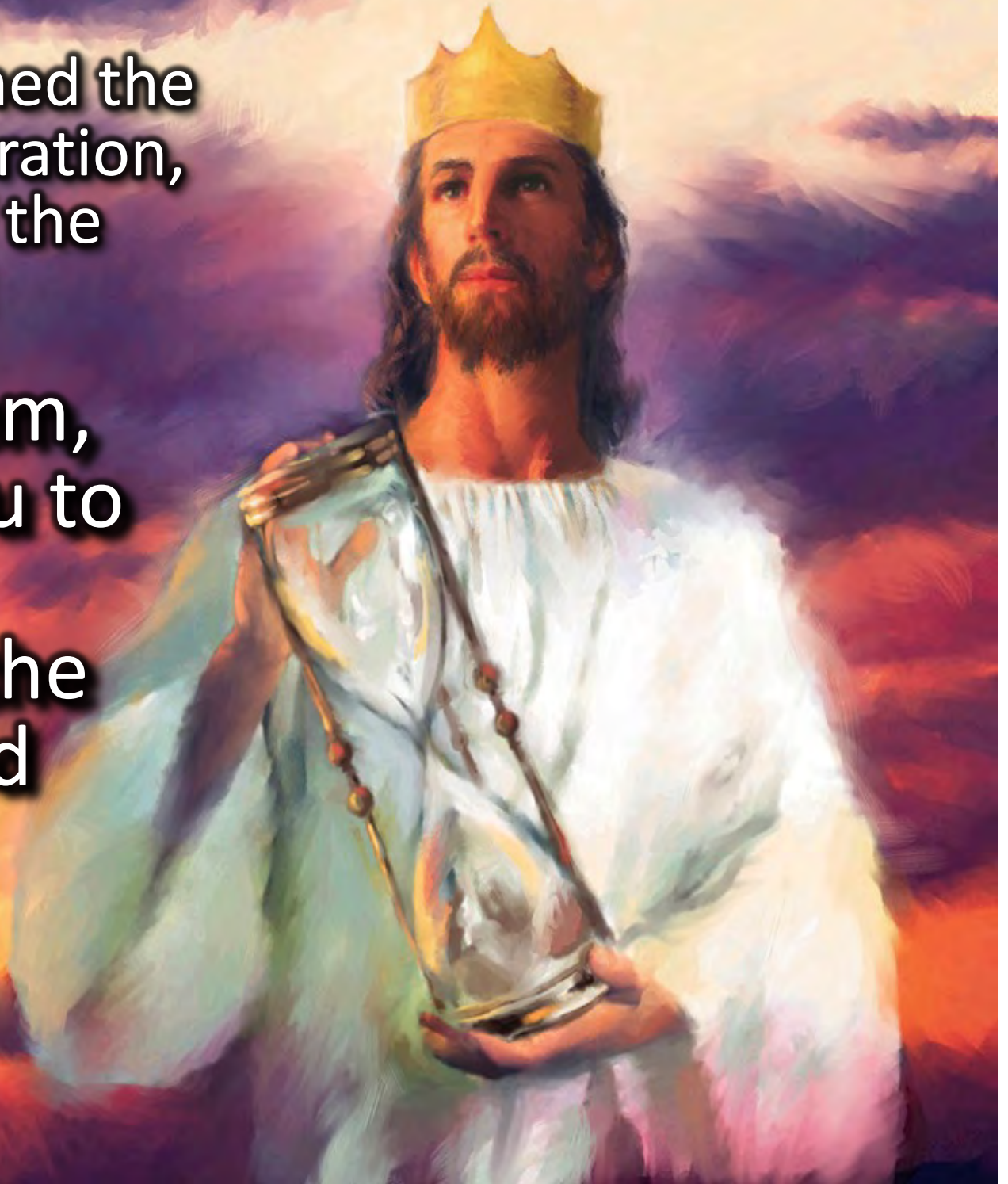
**“Is it at this time that
you are going to restore
the kingdom to Israel?”**

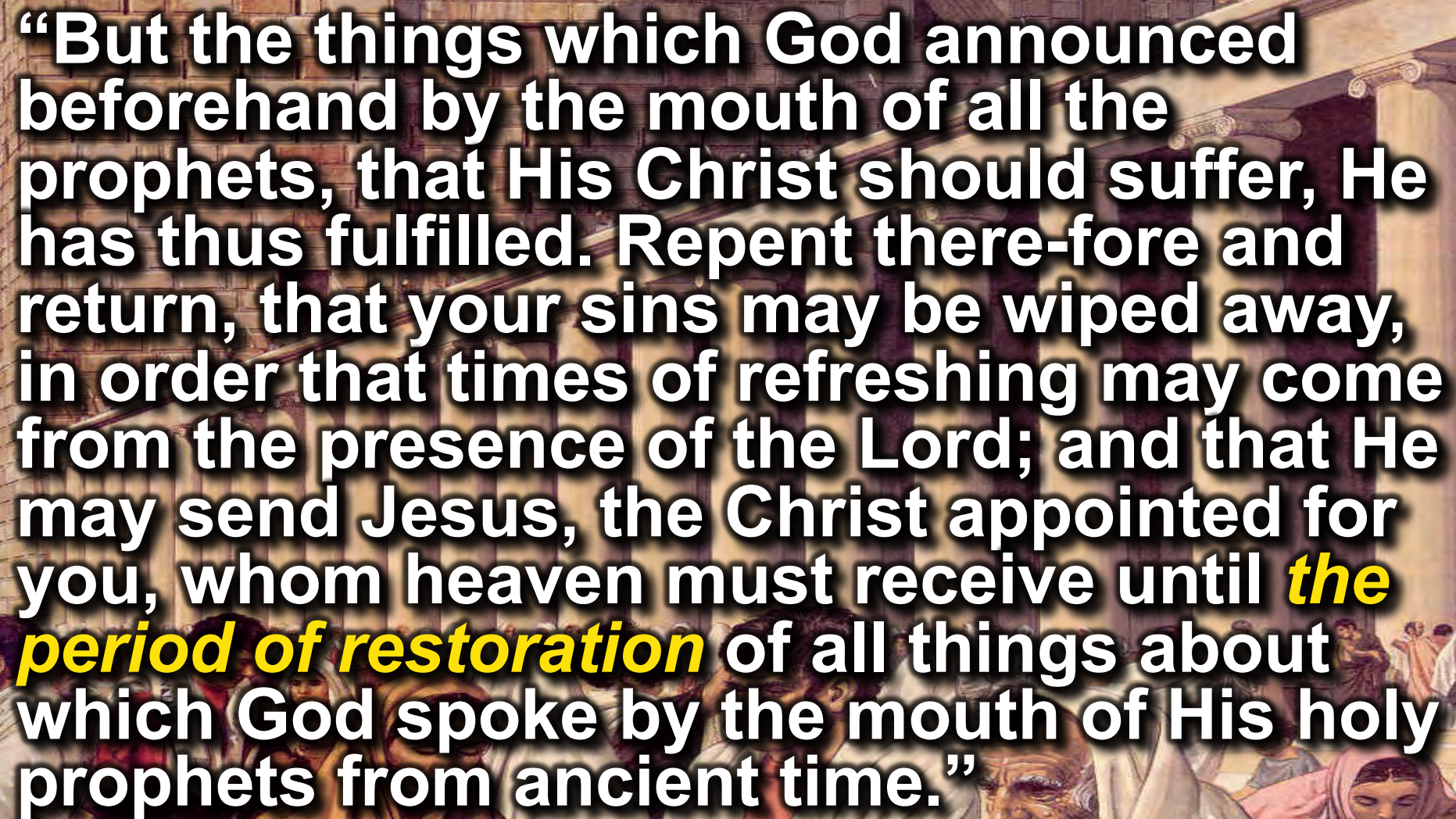
Acts 1:6

Jesus reply concerned the *timing* of the restoration, not the *truth* of the restoration!

“He said to them, 'It is not for you to know *times or epochs* which the Father has fixed by His own authority ...”

Acts 1:7





“But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until **the period of restoration** of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.”

Acts 3:18-21

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come *in just the same way* as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:11



Characteristics of the Kingdom



The Nature of the Millennium

	TEXT	CONDITION
BEGINNING	Rev. 19:11-21	Christ's Coming
LENGTH	Rev. 20:1-7	1000 Years
GOVERNMENT	Isa. 9:6; Jer. 23:5	Christocracy
SATAN	Rev. 20:2-3	Chained
PEOPLE	Mt. 25:34-40	Only Saved Enter
LIFE SPAN	Isa. 65:20	Elongated
WORLD	Isa. 11:4-5	Peace/Justice
ISRAEL	Rom. 11:15-35	Restored
ANIMALS	Isa. 11:6-9	Herbivorous
ENDS	Rev. 20:7-15	Judgment

Key Events of the Millennium



Christ's
Second
Coming

Beginning of
Millennium

Christ on
Davidic
Throne



Removal of
the Curse



Millennial
Temple



Temple
Sacrifices



End of
Millennium

Satan's
Last Revolt



Great White
Throne
Judgment



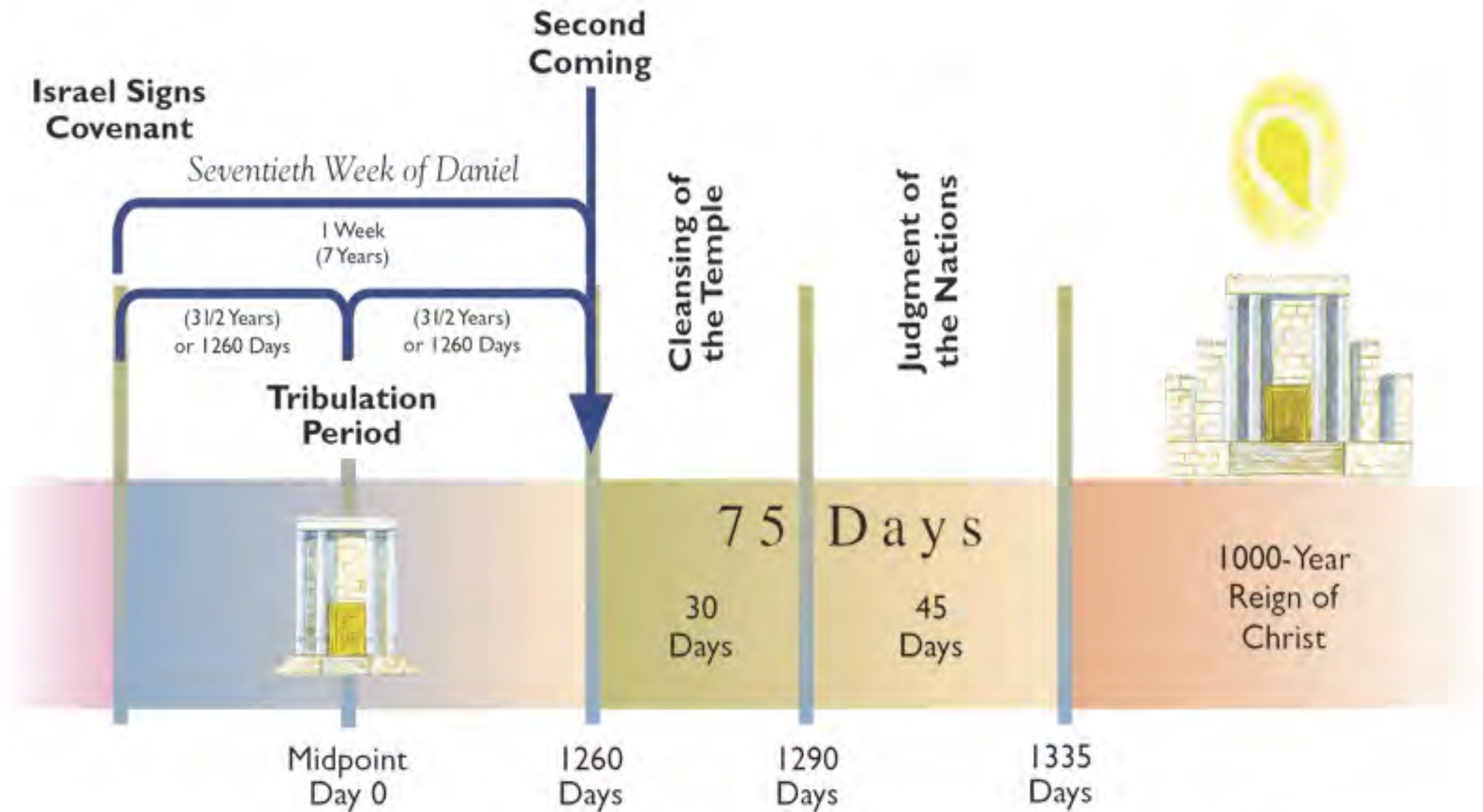
75-Day
Interval

1000 Years

Eternity

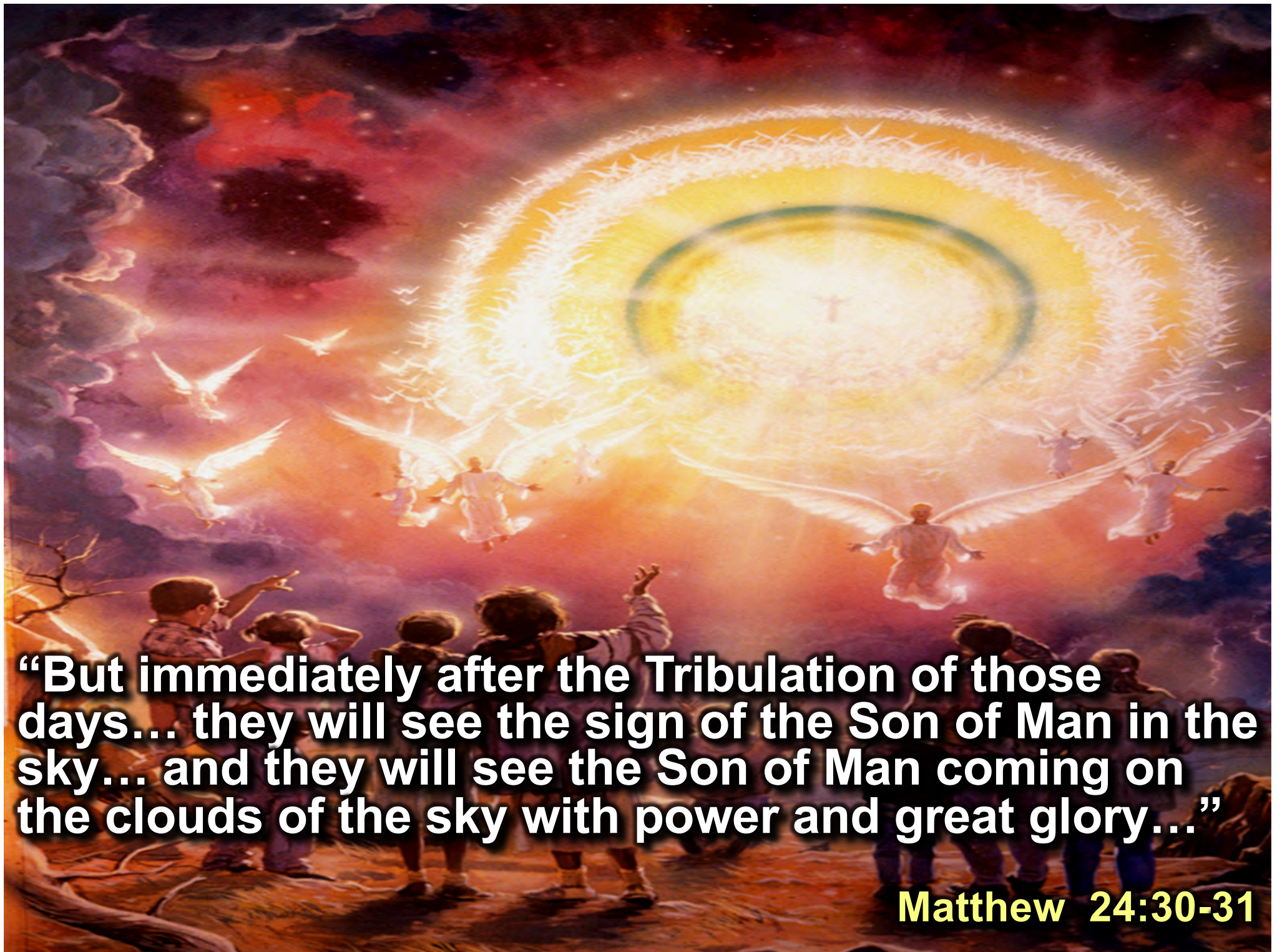


Between the Tribulation and the Millennium



For then there will be a great Tribulation,
such as has not occurred since the beginning
of the world until now, nor ever shall. Mt. 24:21





“But immediately after the Tribulation of those days... they will see the sign of the Son of Man in the sky... and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory...”

Matthew 24:30-31



“And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war... And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”

Revelation 19:11-15

“And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.”

Revelation 19:20



**His feet shall stand on that day
upon the Mt. of Olives, which is
before Jerusalem on the east ...**

Zechariah 14:4



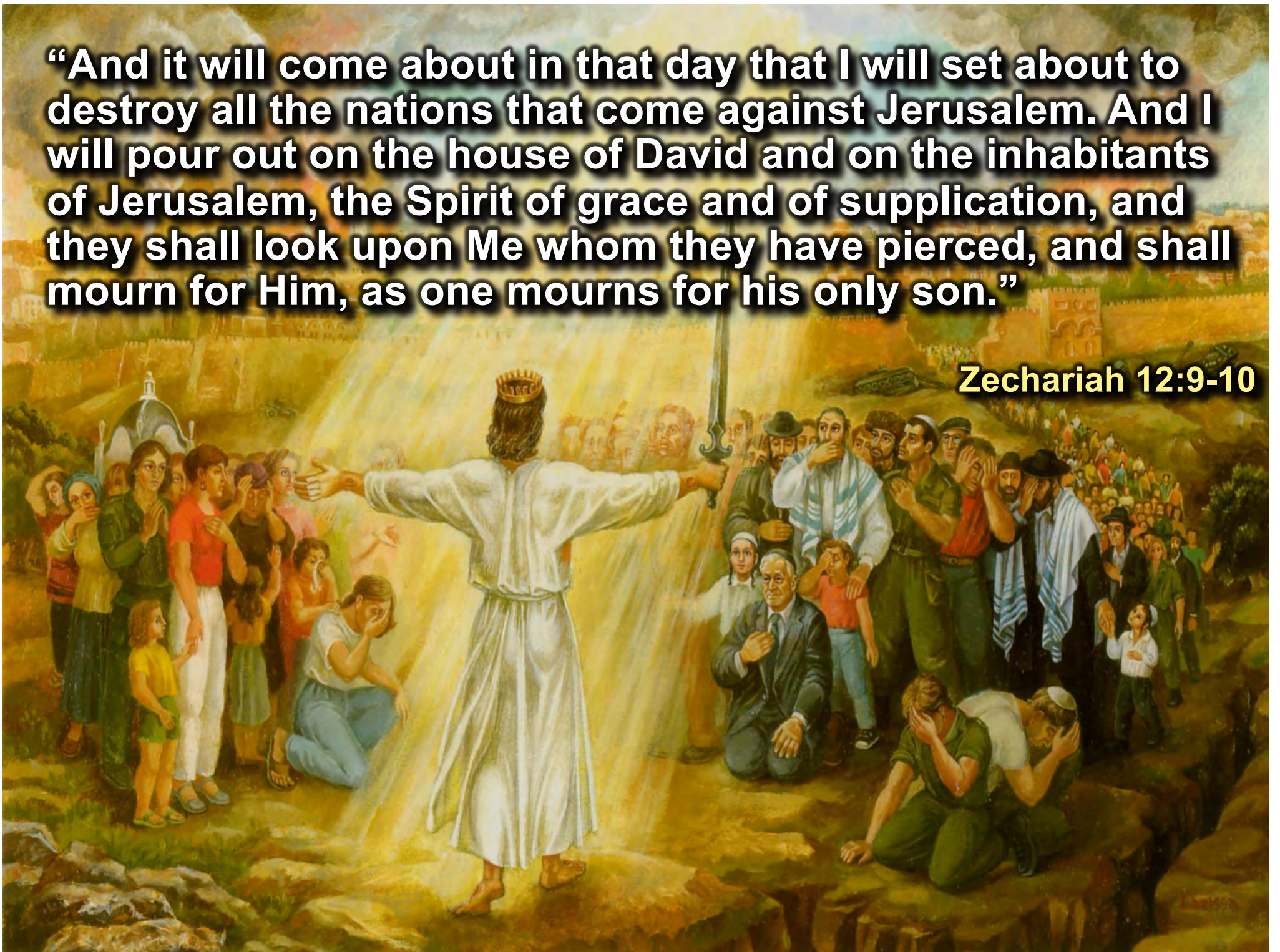
**“For I will defend this city
to save it for My own sake
and for My Servant David's Sake.”
2 Kings 19:34**

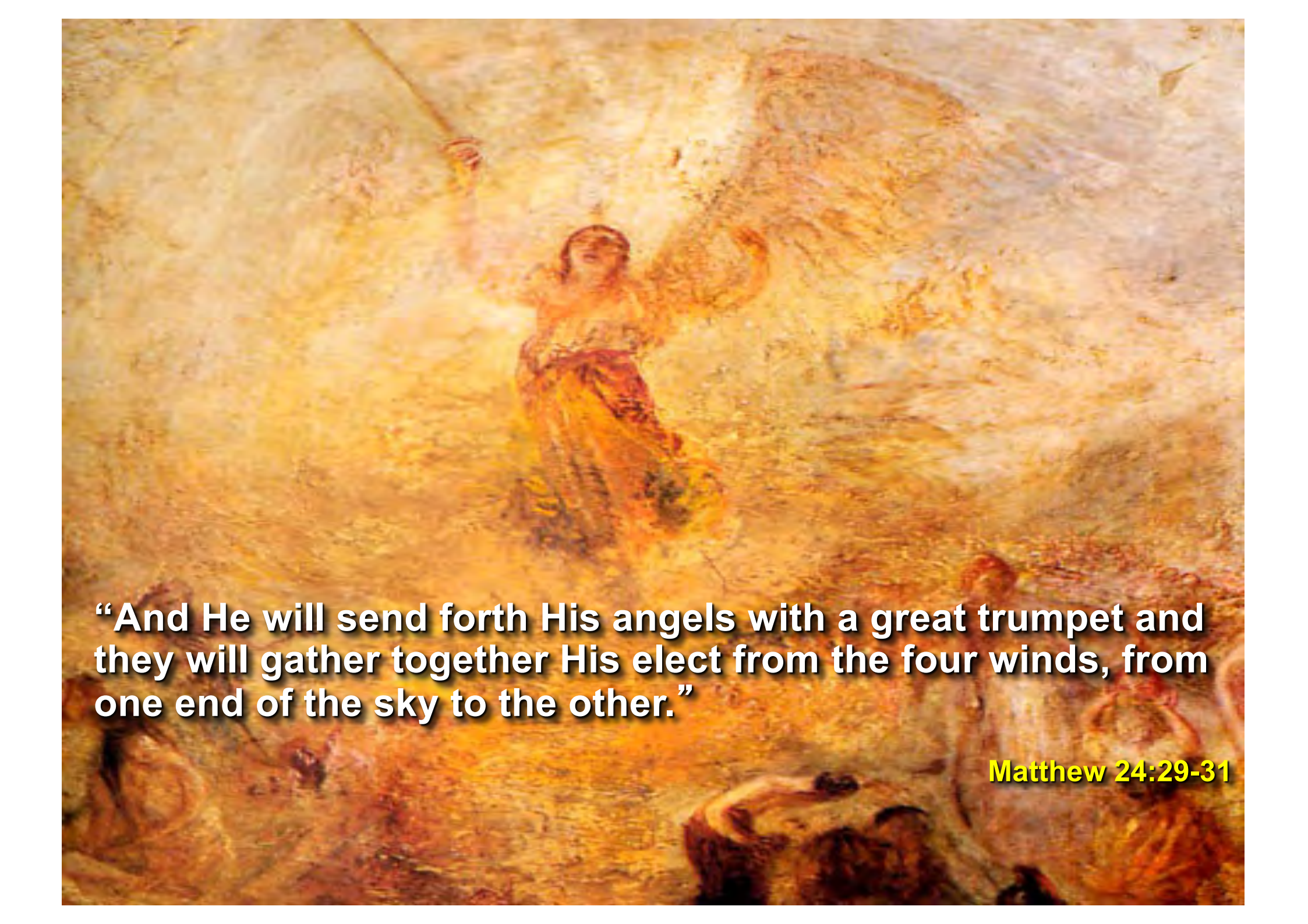


LARISSA

“And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son.”

Zechariah 12:9-10





“And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”

Matthew 24:29-31

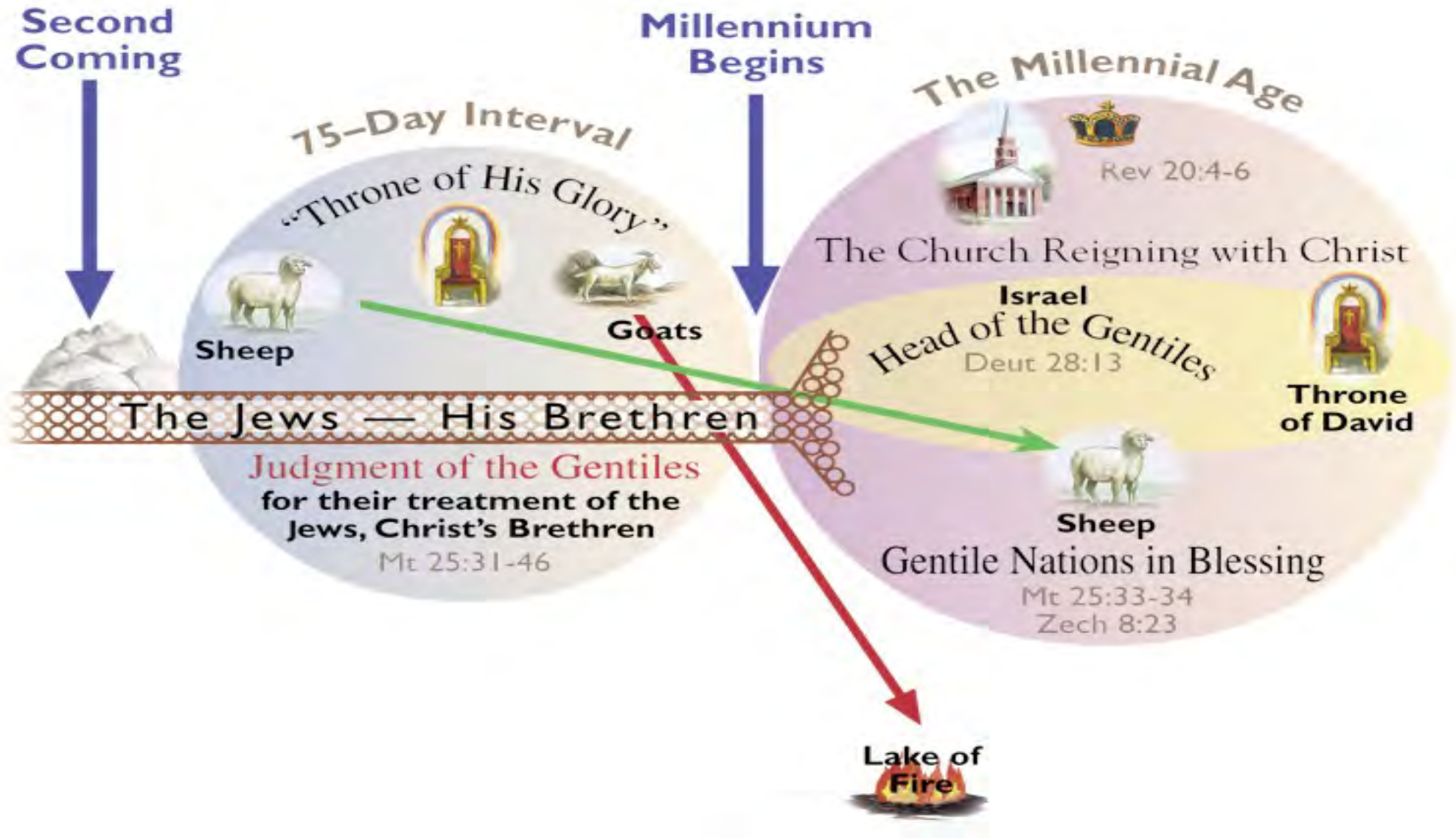
“And [I] will assemble the banished ones of Israel, and [I] will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

Isaiah 11:12



Larissa

Beginning the Millennium



**But when the Son of Man
comes in His glory, and
all the angels with Him,
then He will sit on His
glorious throne. And all
the nations will be
gathered before Him...**

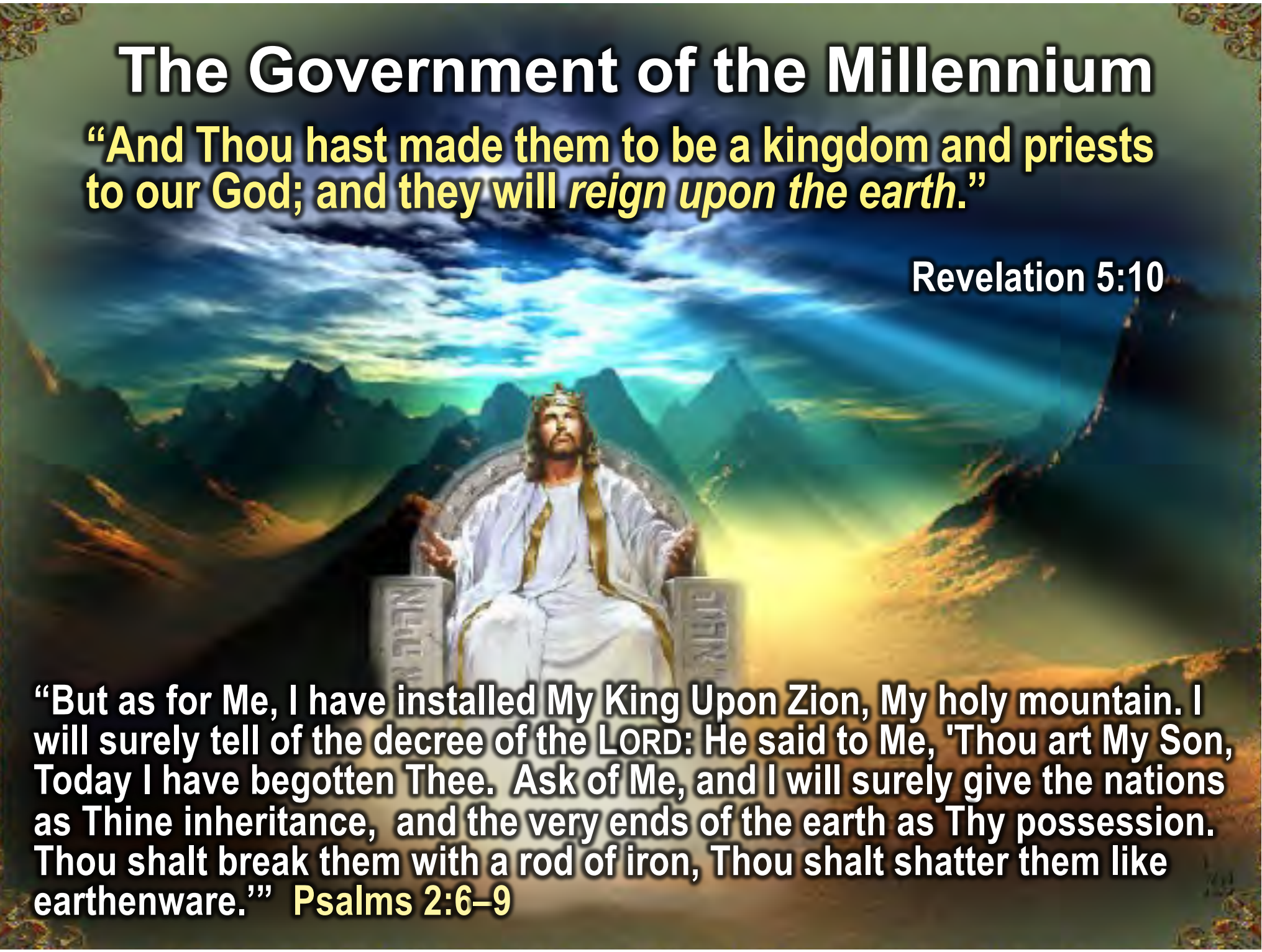
Matt. 25:30-31



The Government of the Millennium

“And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will *reign upon the earth.*”

Revelation 5:10



“But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.’” **Psalms 2:6–9**



“...and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.”

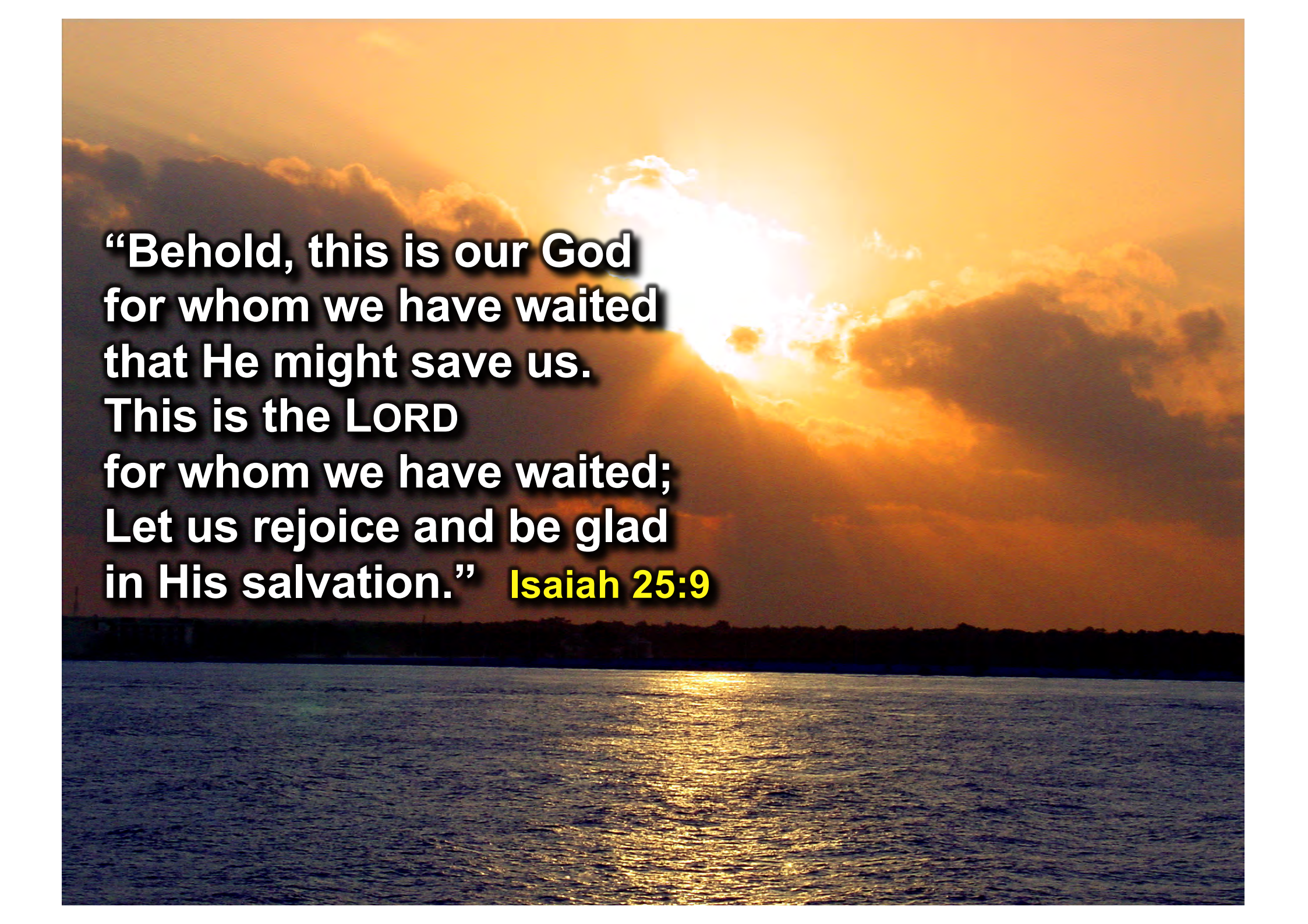
Matthew 25:31-33

The Messianic Banquet

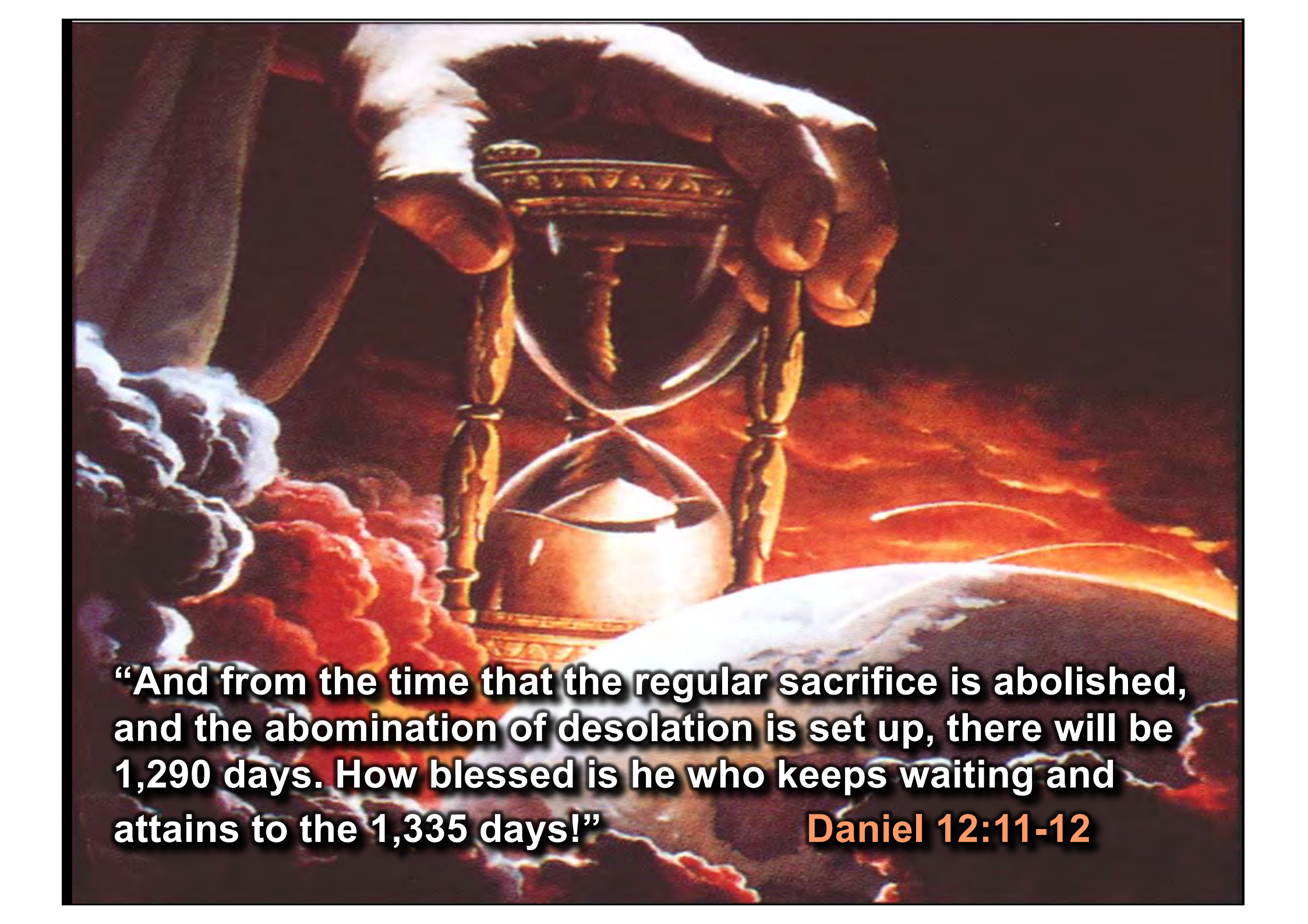
“And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain, a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow and refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth...”

Isaiah 25:6–8



A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper right quadrant, partially obscured by dark, dramatic clouds. The sky is filled with warm, golden light that filters through the clouds. The water in the foreground is dark blue with a shimmering path of golden light reflecting the sun's rays. The horizon line is visible in the lower third of the image, showing a dark silhouette of land or trees.

**“Behold, this is our God
for whom we have waited
that He might save us.
This is the LORD
for whom we have waited;
Let us rejoice and be glad
in His salvation.” **Isaiah 25:9****

A dramatic illustration featuring a hand holding a golden hourglass. The hourglass is positioned over a globe of the Earth, which is partially obscured by dark, swirling clouds. The background is a fiery, orange-red sky, suggesting a period of intense heat or conflict. The overall composition is centered and emphasizes the passage of time and the fulfillment of prophecy.

“And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!”

Daniel 12:11-12

Key Events of the Millennium



Christ's
Second
Coming

Beginning of
Millennium

Christ on
Davidic
Throne



Removal of
the Curse



Millennial
Temple



Temple
Sacrifices



End of
Millennium

Satan's
Last Revolt



Great White
Throne
Judgment



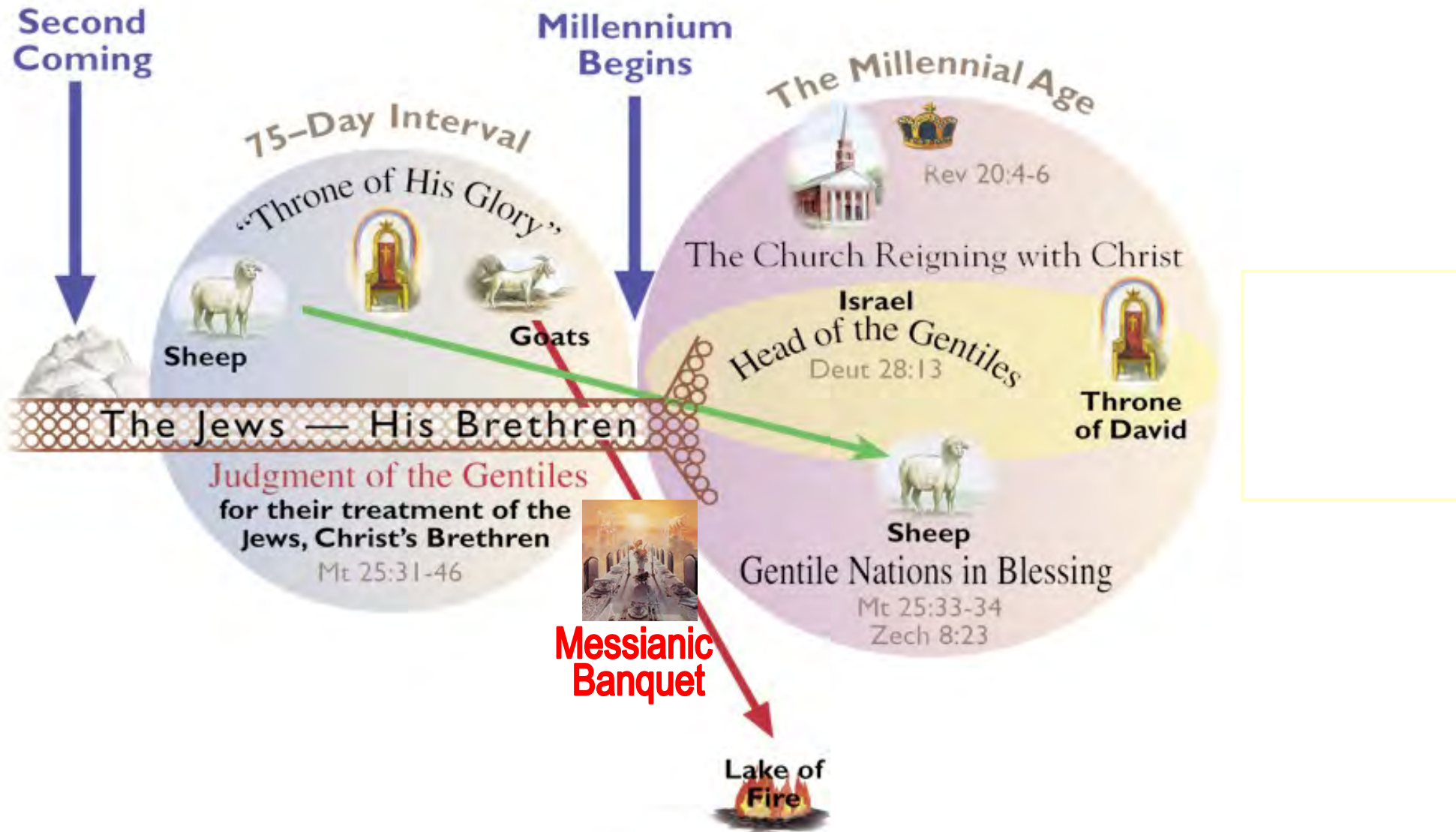
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1000 Years

Eternity



Beginning the Millennium

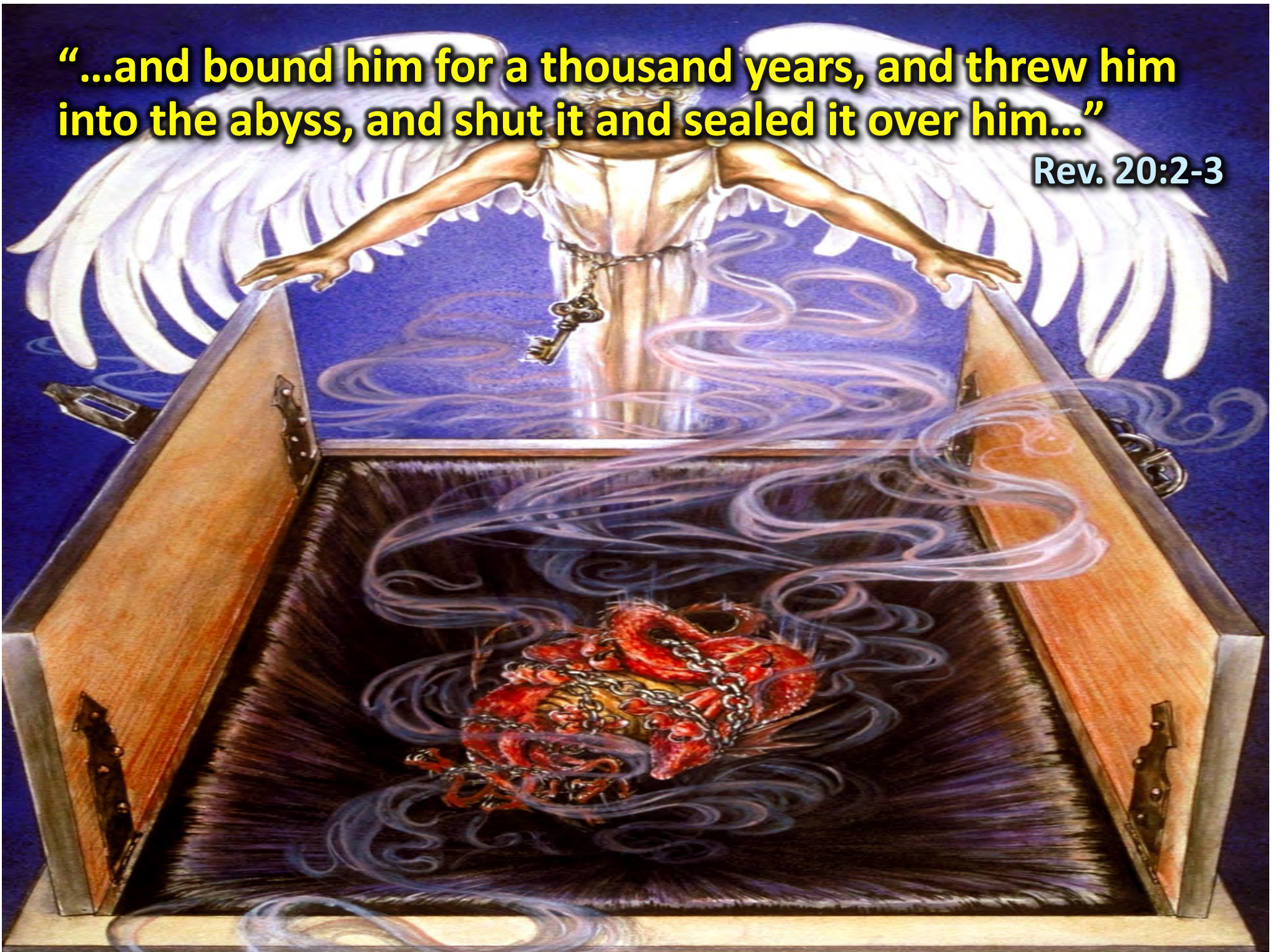




“And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.” Revelation 20:1

“...and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him...”

Rev. 20:2-3



Satan Bound During the Millennium

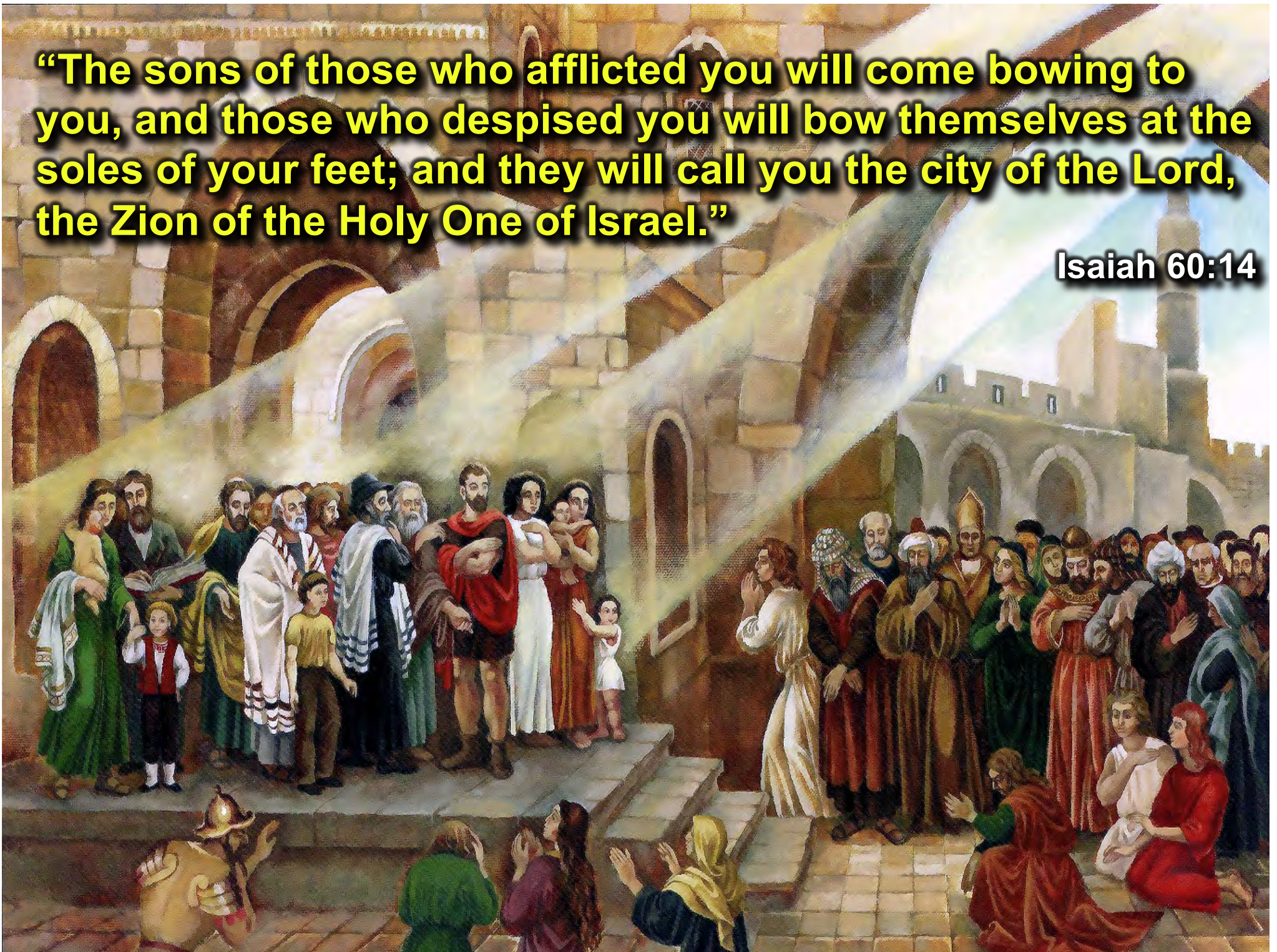


“... so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed”

Revelation 20:2–3

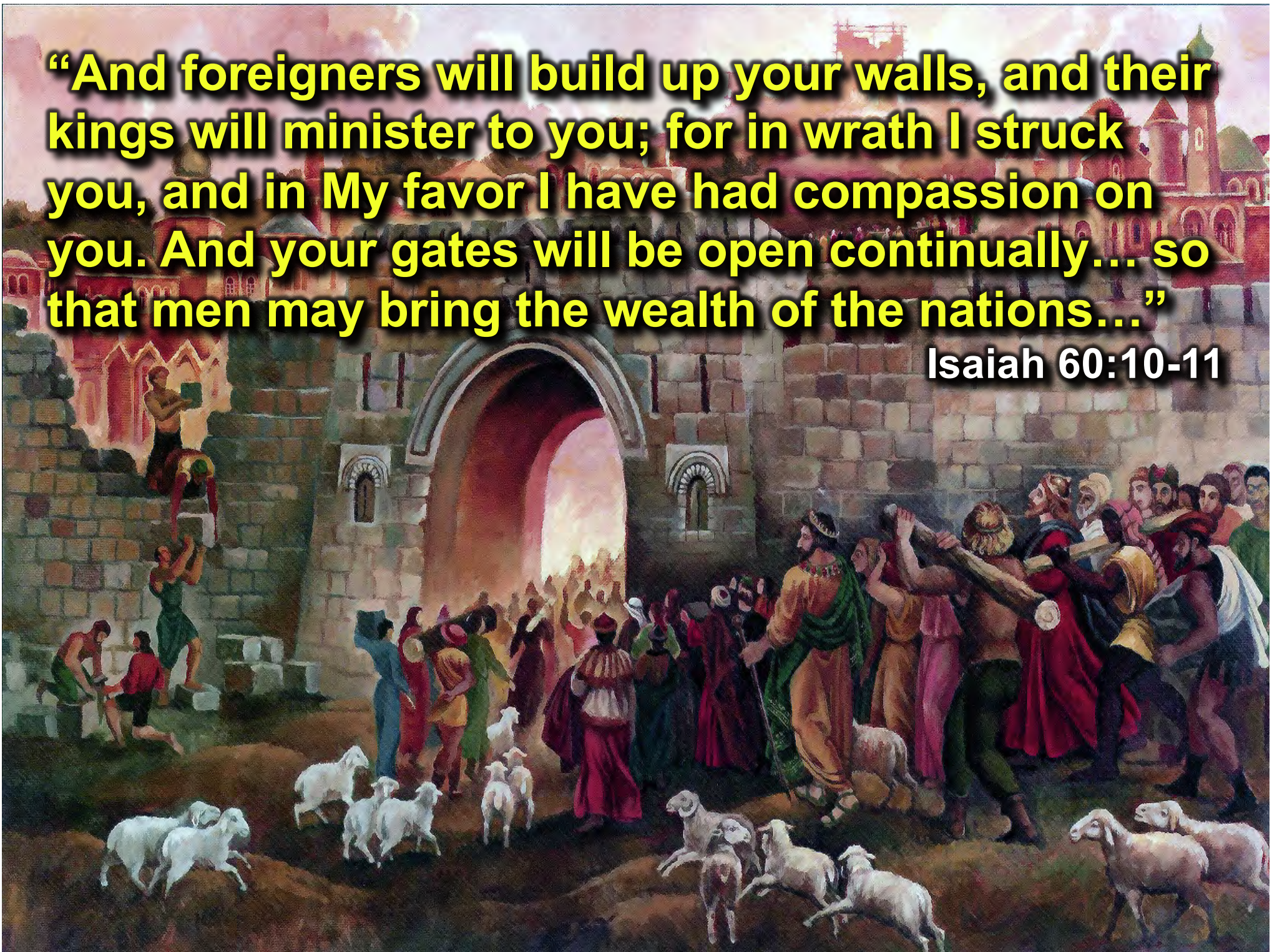
“The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, and those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; and they will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

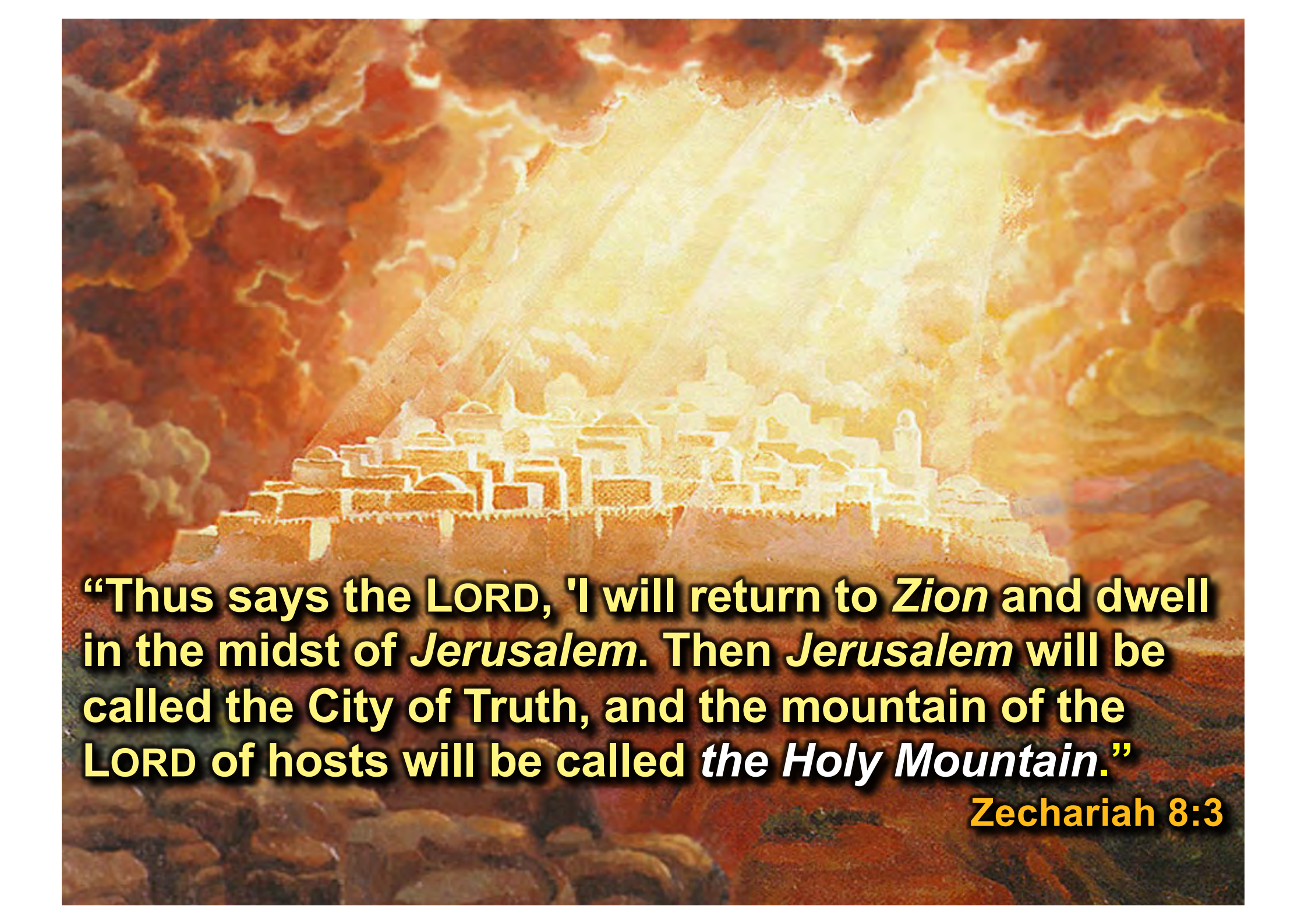
Isaiah 60:14



“And foreigners will build up your walls, and their kings will minister to you; for in wrath I struck you, and in My favor I have had compassion on you. And your gates will be open continually... so that men may bring the wealth of the nations...”

Isaiah 60:10-11





“Thus says the LORD, ‘I will return to *Zion* and dwell in the midst of *Jerusalem*. Then *Jerusalem* will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called *the Holy Mountain*.’”

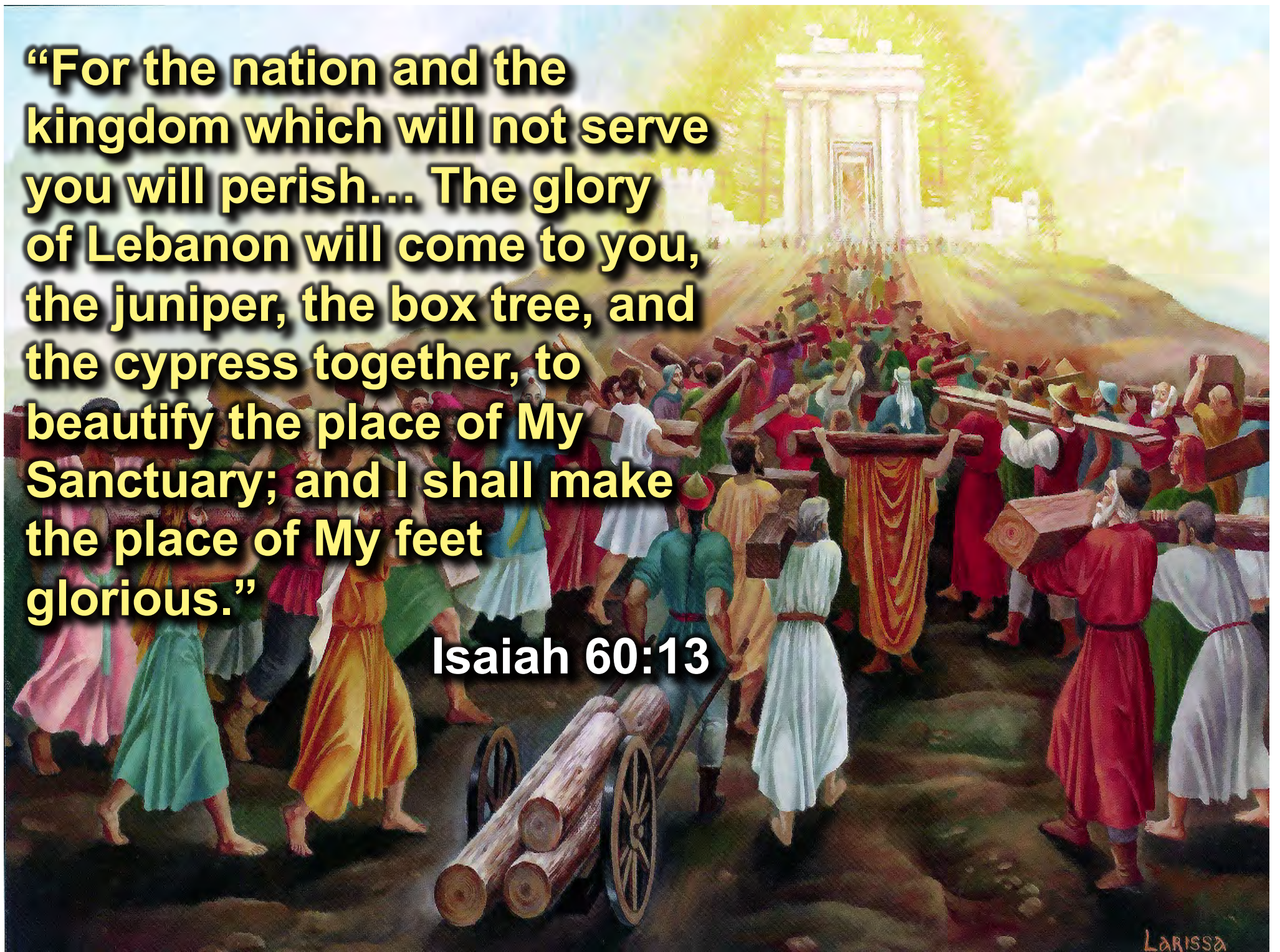
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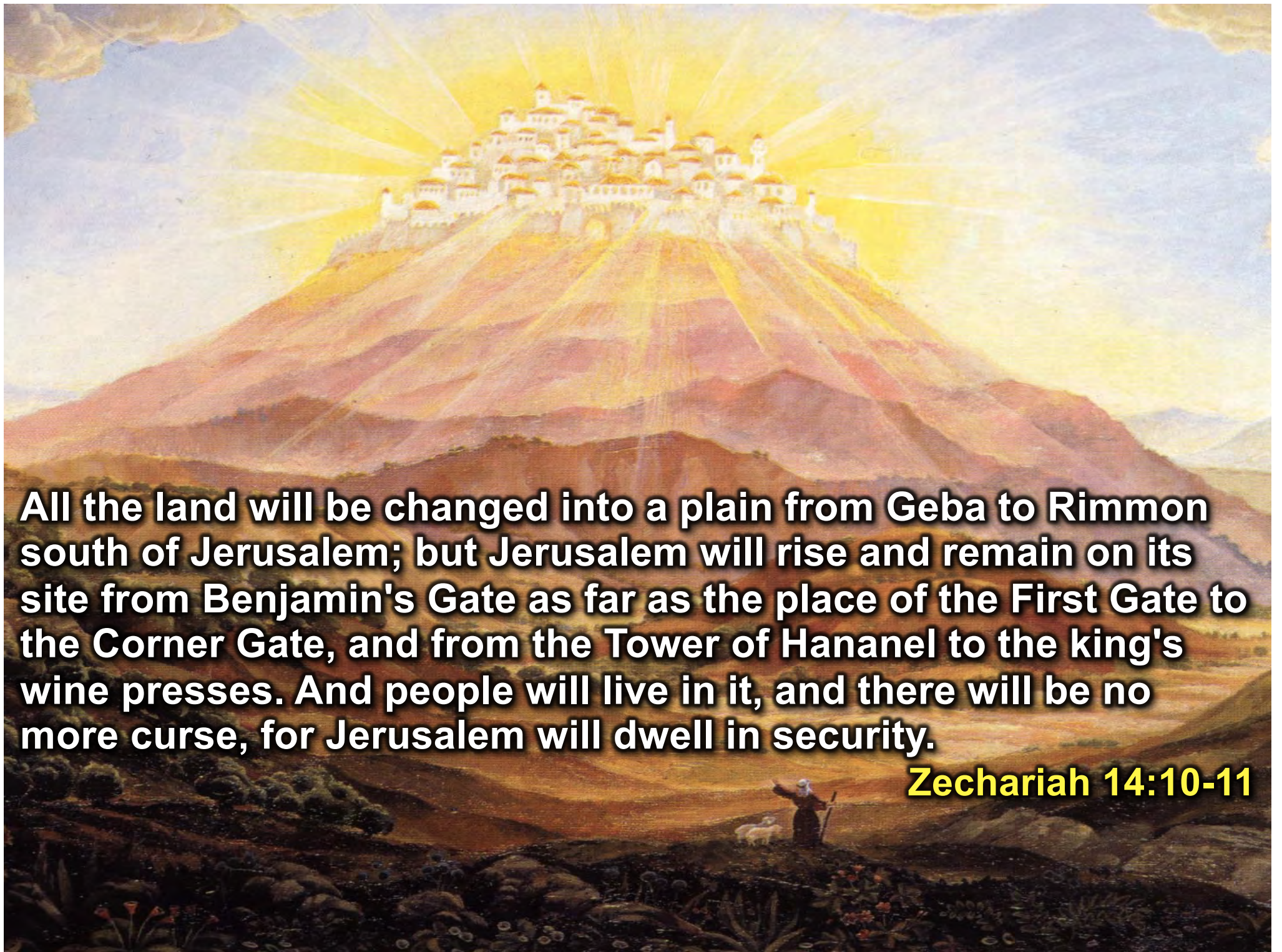
**For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain...
Isaiah 25:10**



“For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish... The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the juniper, the box tree, and the cypress together, to beautify the place of My Sanctuary; and I shall make the place of My feet glorious.”

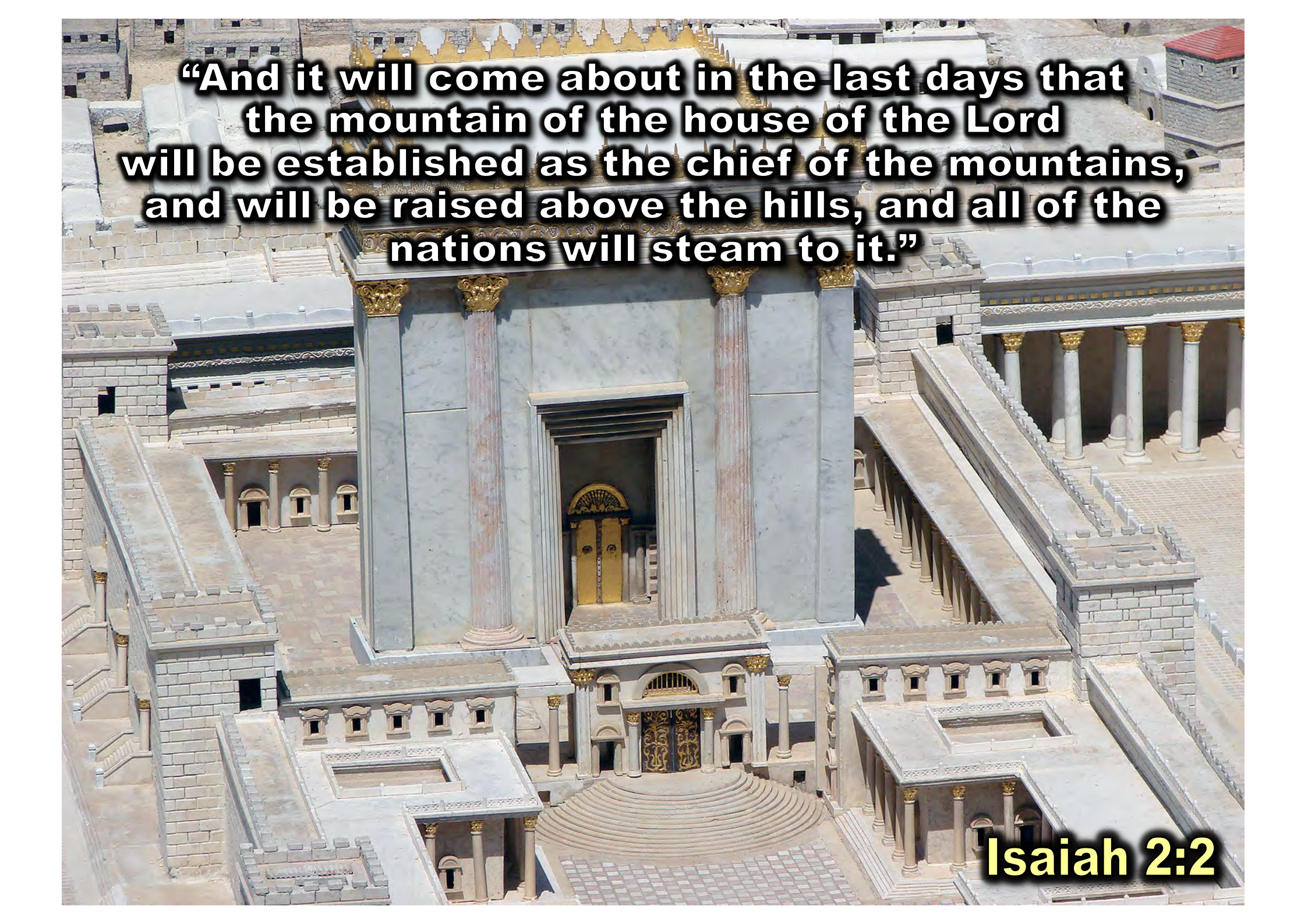
Isaiah 60:13





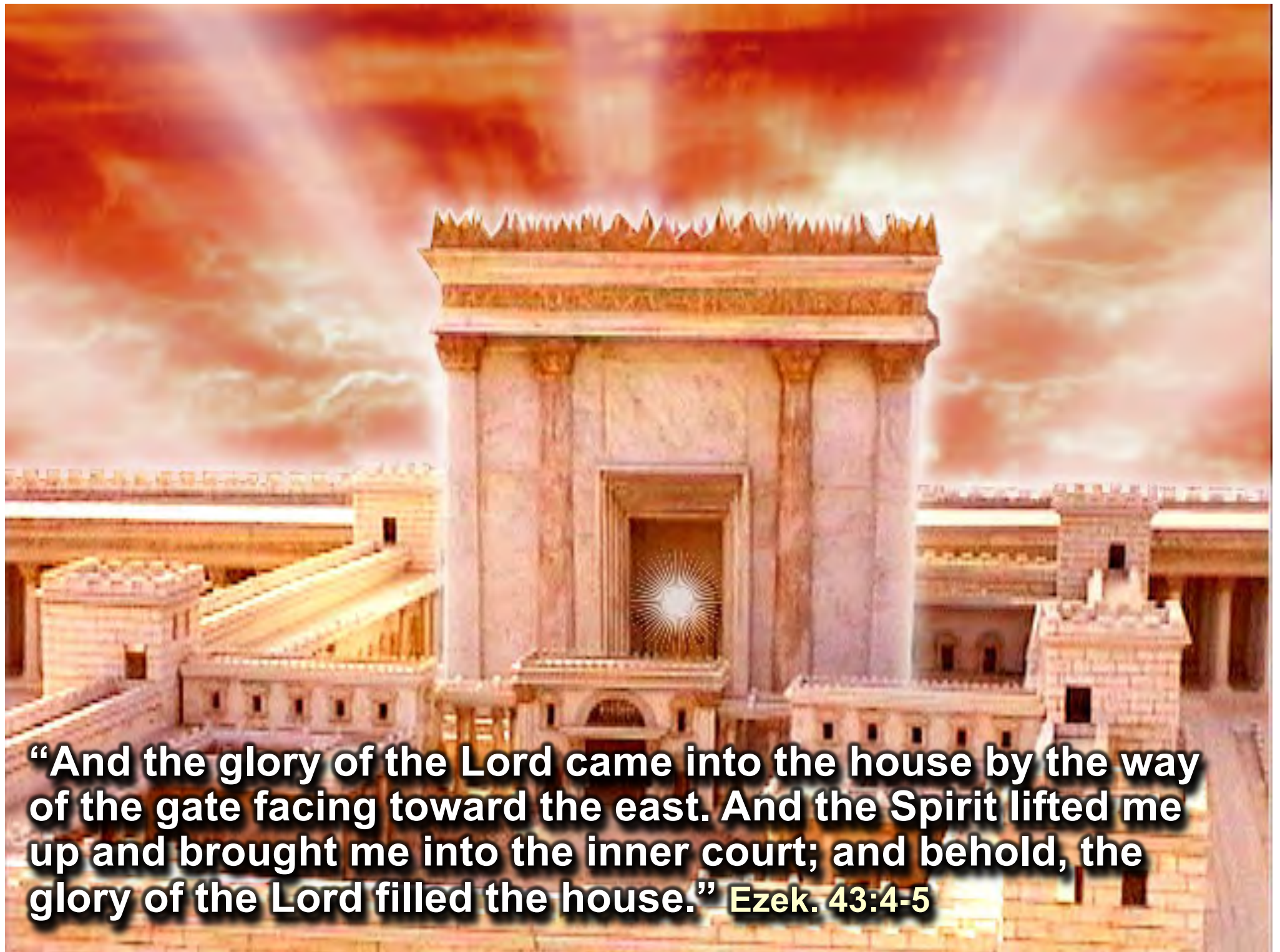
All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. And people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

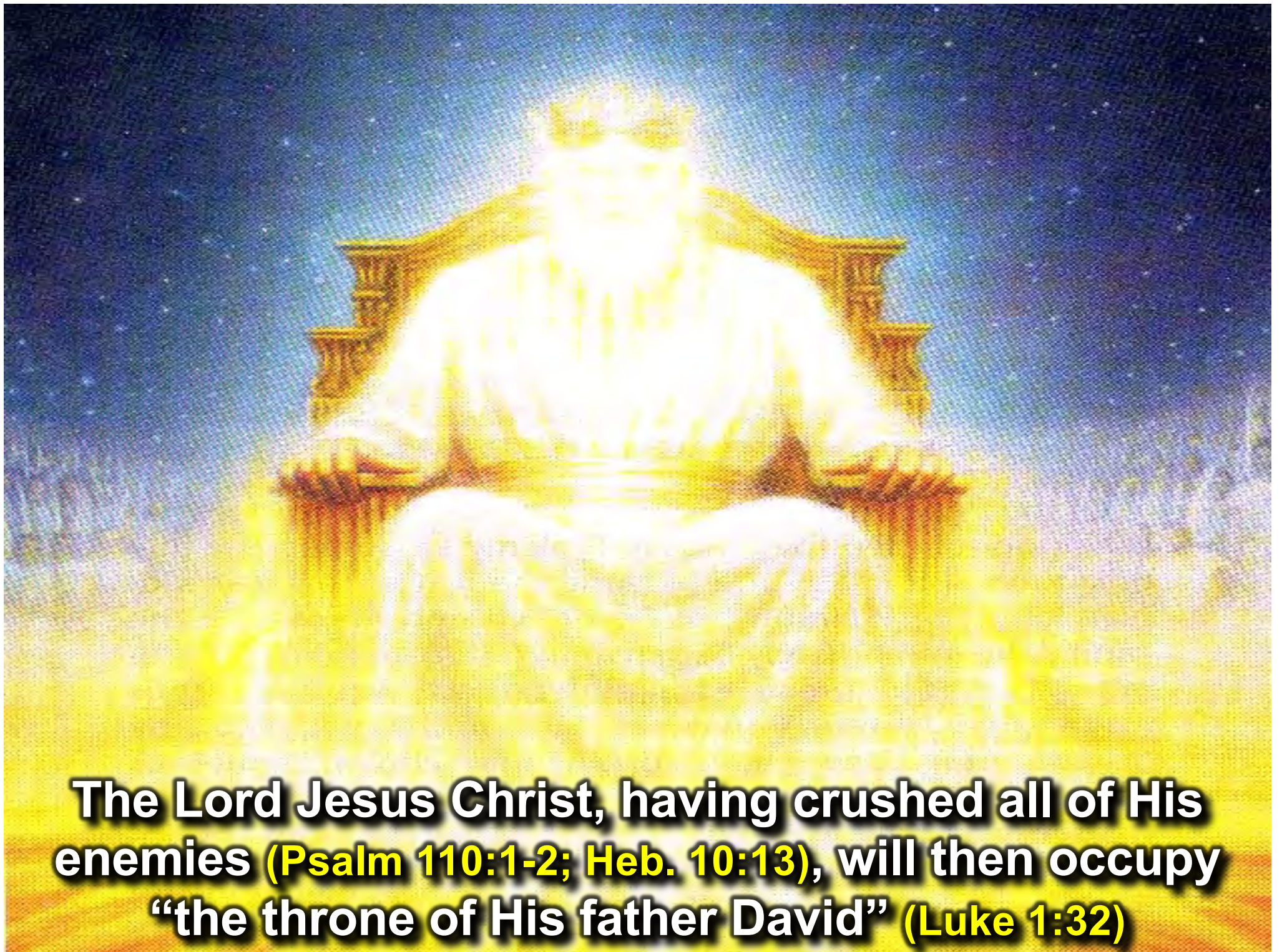
Zechariah 14:10-11



“And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills, and all of the nations will stream to it.”

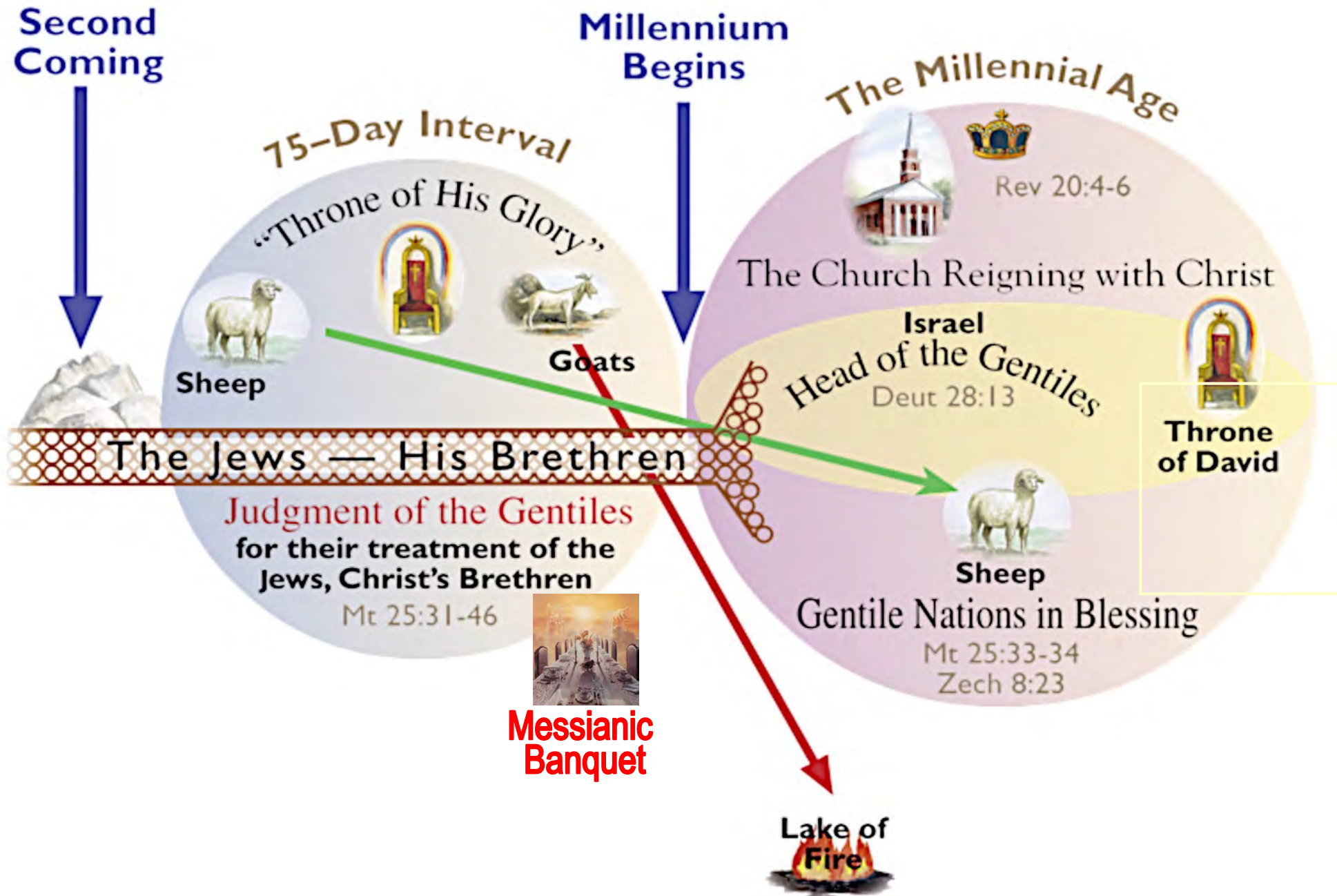
Isaiah 2:2





The Lord Jesus Christ, having crushed all of His enemies (Psalm 110:1-2; Heb. 10:13), will then occupy “the throne of His father David” (Luke 1:32)

Beginning the Millennium



The Government of the Millennium




“But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee. ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession. ‘Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.” Psalms 2:6–9



**Without A Millennium, God Would Break an
Unconditional Throne Promise to David**

**“And your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me
forever; your throne shall be established forever.”**

2 Samuel 7:16



**"And I will establish him
in My house (the Temple)
and in my kingdom forever,
and his throne shall be
established forever."**

I Chronicles 17:14

**“For great in your midst
is the Holy One of
Israel.”**

Isaiah 12:6

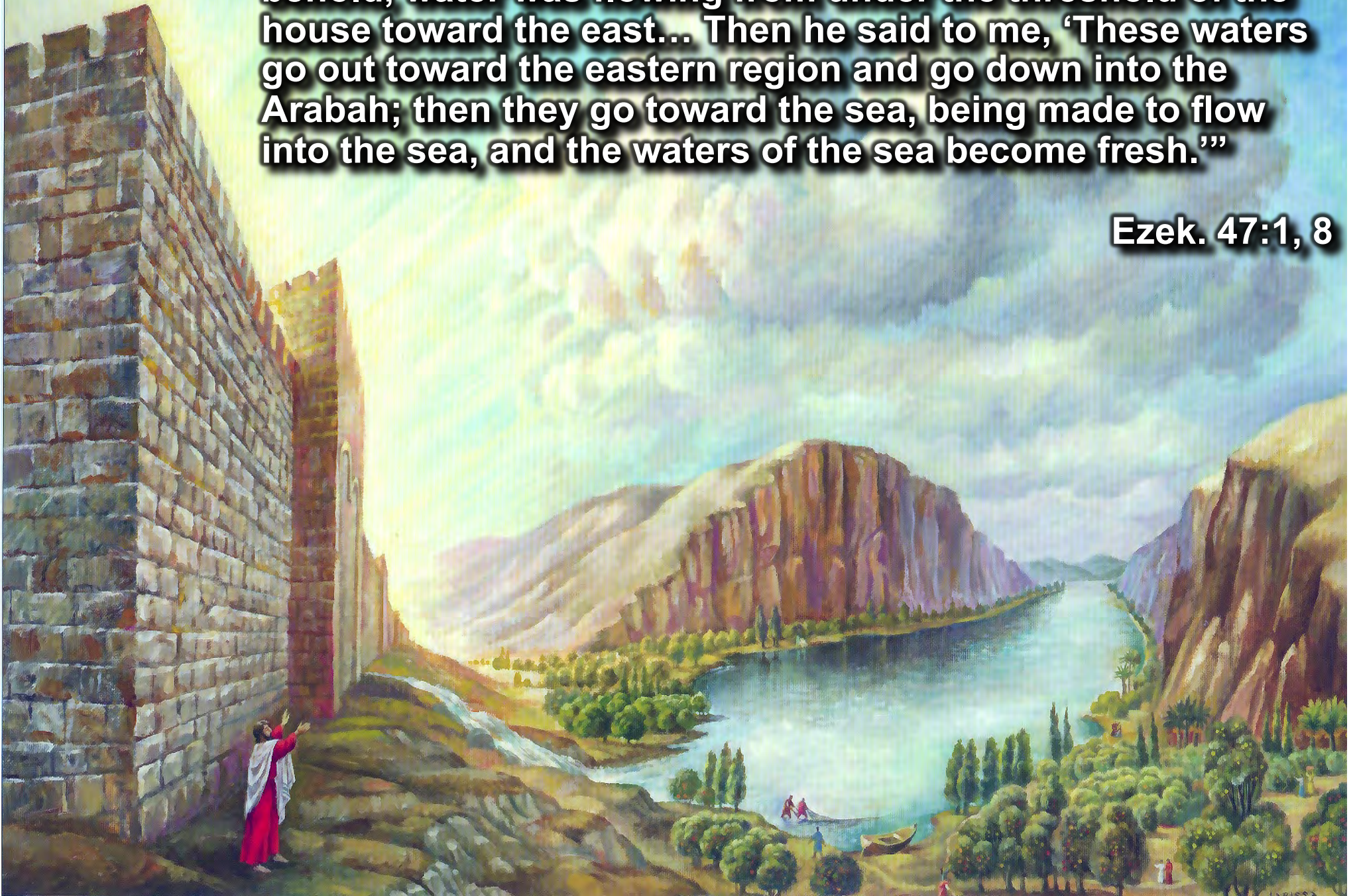
**“And the Lord will be King
over all the earth; in that
day the Lord will be the
only One, and His Name
the only one.”**

Zechariah 14:9

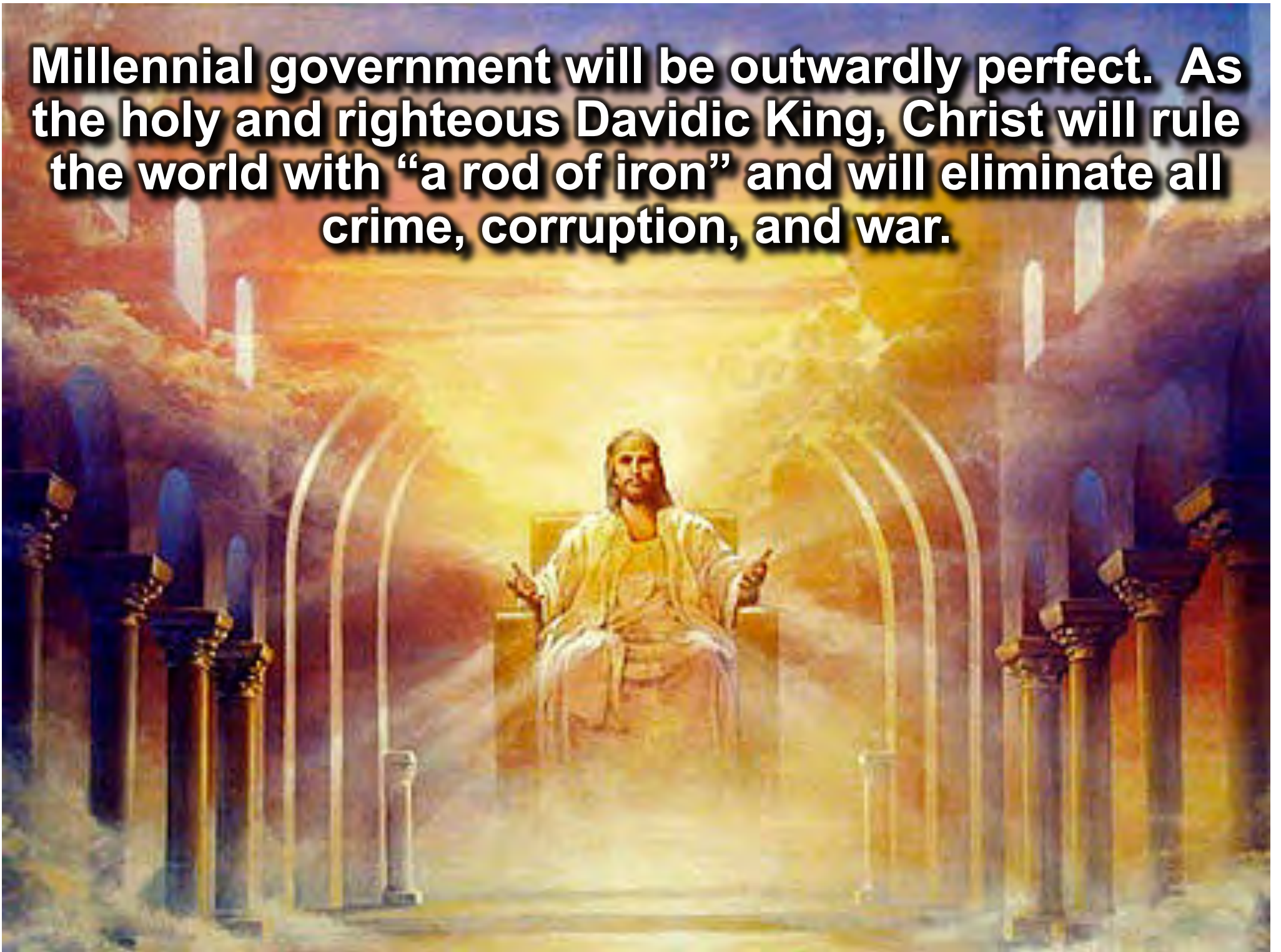


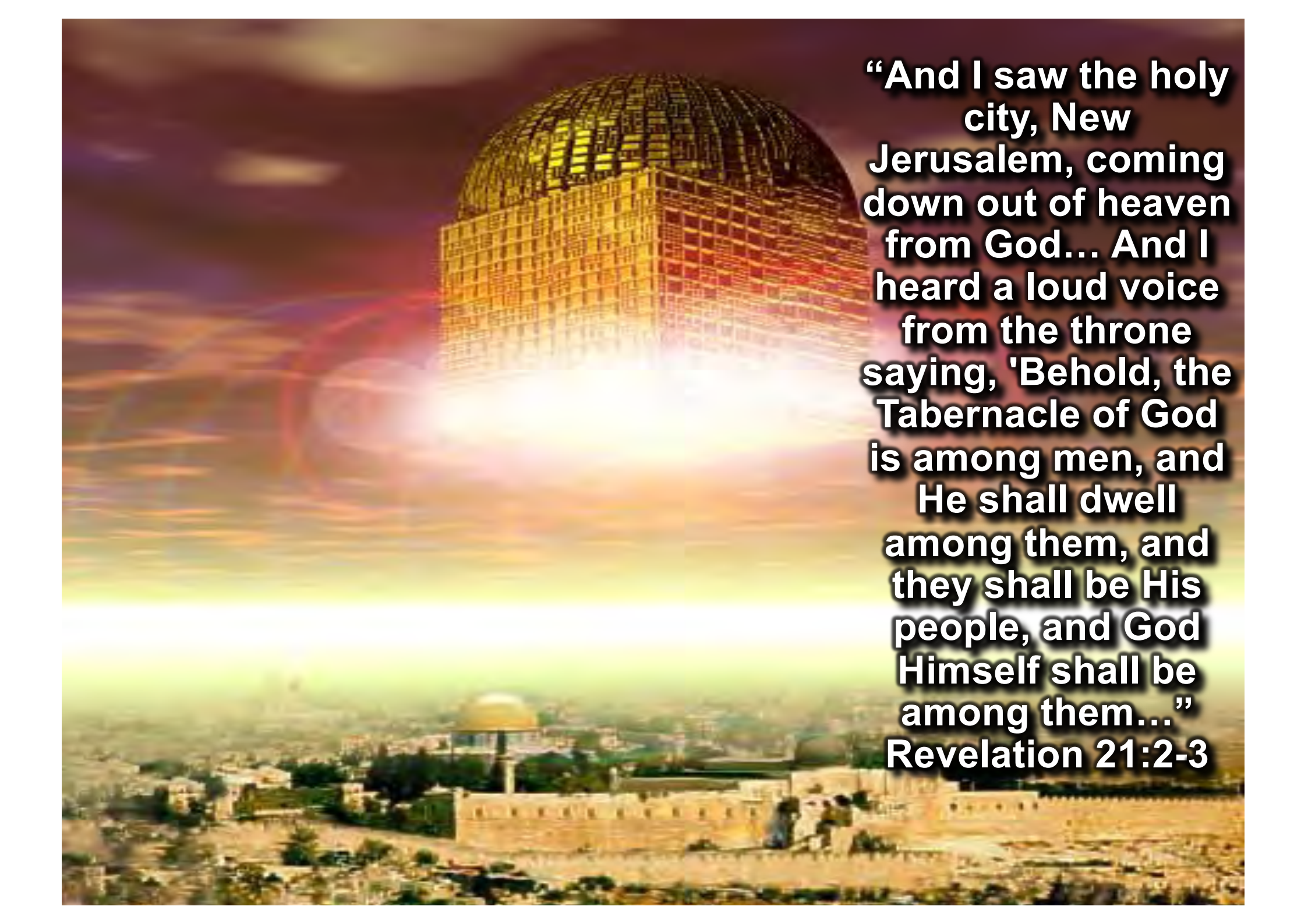
"Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east... Then he said to me, 'These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the sea, and the waters of the sea become fresh.'"

Ezek. 47:1, 8

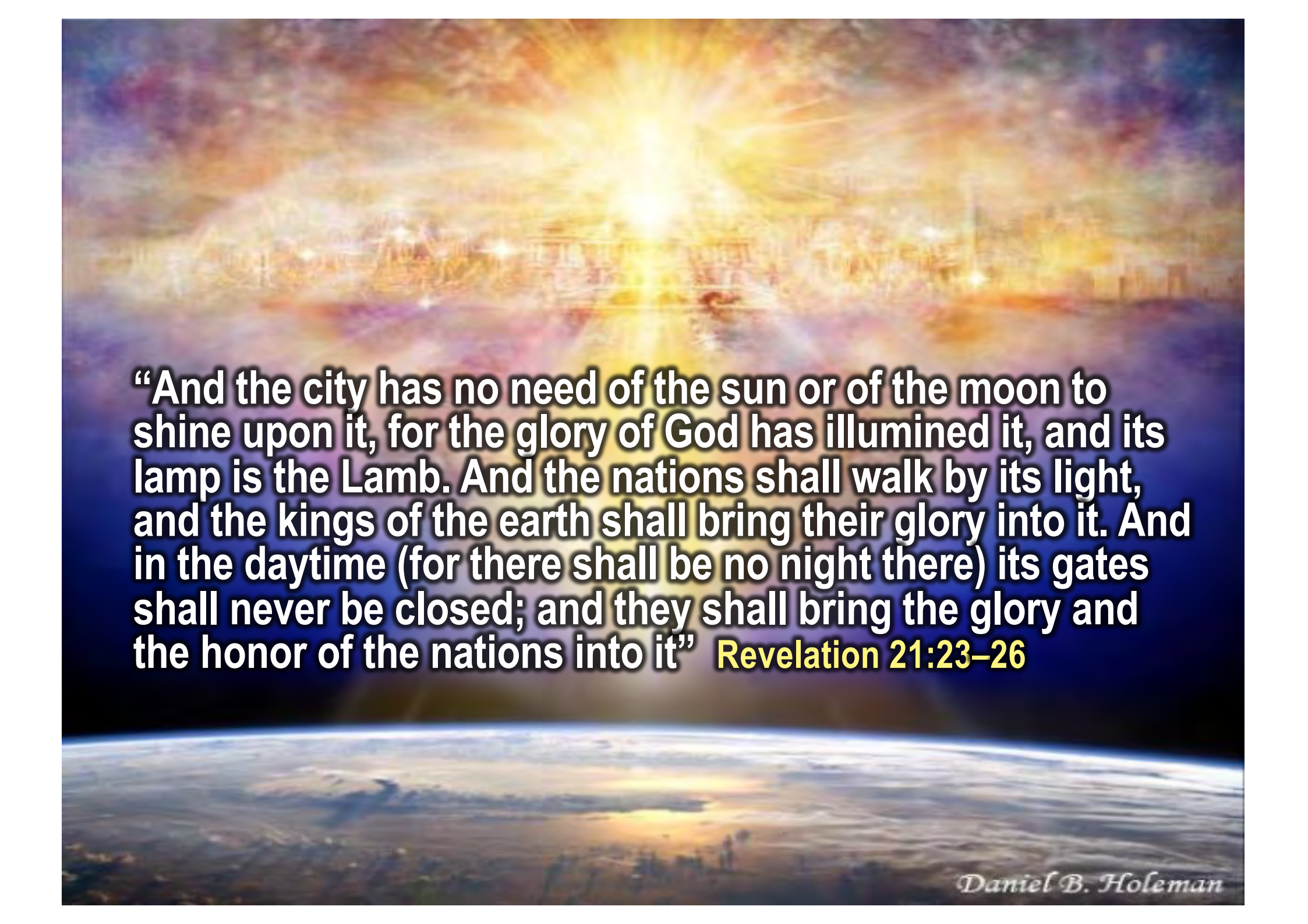


Millennial government will be outwardly perfect. As the holy and righteous Davidic King, Christ will rule the world with “a rod of iron” and will eliminate all crime, corruption, and war.



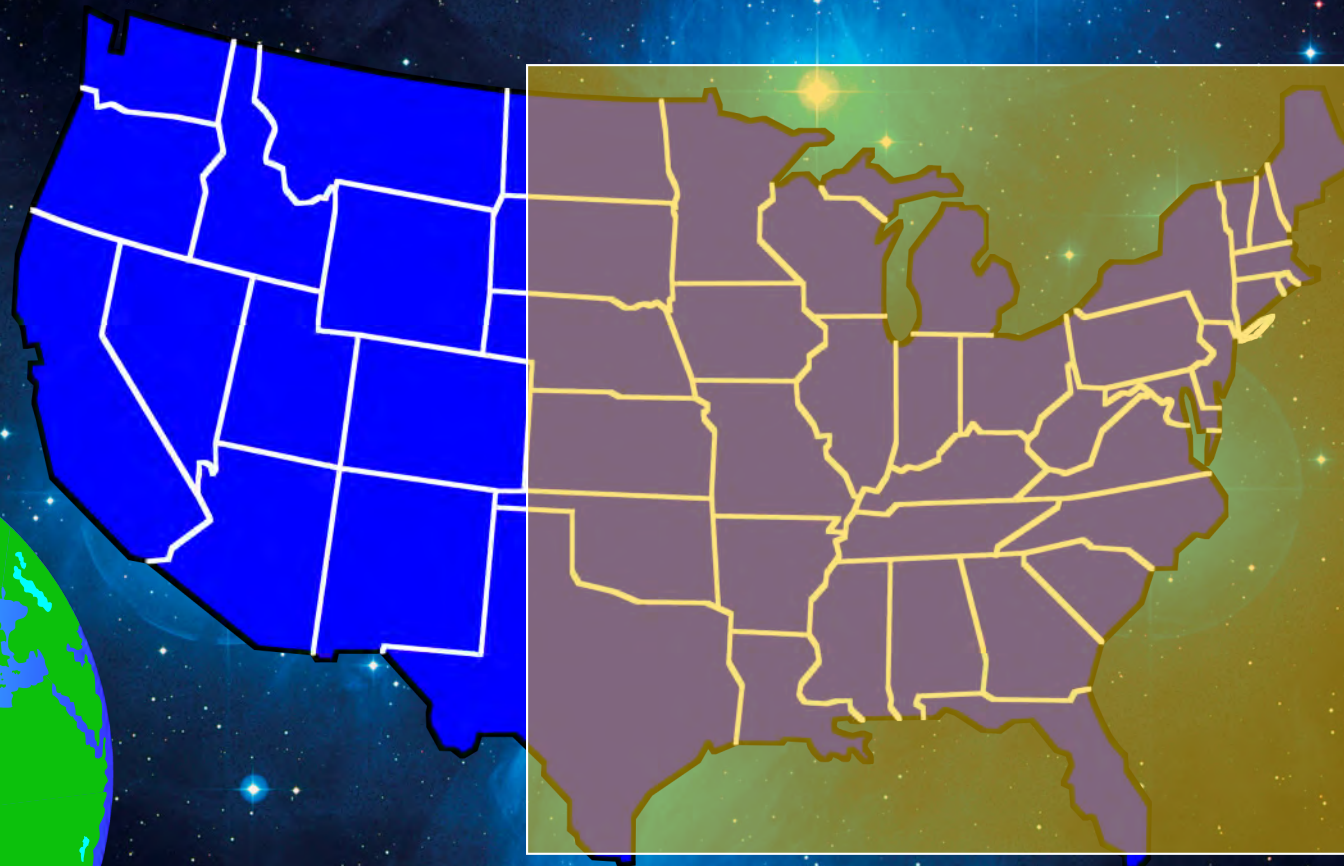


“And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the Tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them...’”
Revelation 21:2-3



“And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it. And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it” **Revelation 21:23–26**

The New Jerusalem



Christ in His Kingdom

“And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 8:11



Israel in the Millennium



Gen. 13:15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Gen. 15:18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates."


"The Lord will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that men can cross over in sandals. There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt." **Isaiah 11:15-16**

What Will Happen During the Millennium?

- 1. Righteous angels will no longer function in governmental capacities.**
- 2. Believers who survive the Great Tribulation will also out-live the Millennium.**
- 3. Jerusalem will be the religious and political center of the world.**
- 4. World worship will center at the Temple.**
- 5. The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth so all education will be religiously orthodox.**

What Will Happen During the Millennium?

6. Christ will put down rebellion during His rule.
7. Nations will have to come annually to Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles.
8. Egypt will suffer a 40-year national humiliation for its unique history of persecuting Israel (Ezek. 29:10-16).
9. Satan will be released from the Abyss “for a short time” to deceive those who reject Christ.

A close-up photograph of a human hand reaching out from the upper right towards the center. The background is a bright, golden, hazy light, possibly a sunset or sunrise, with some blurred shapes that could be trees or a crowd. The overall mood is one of hope and divine presence.

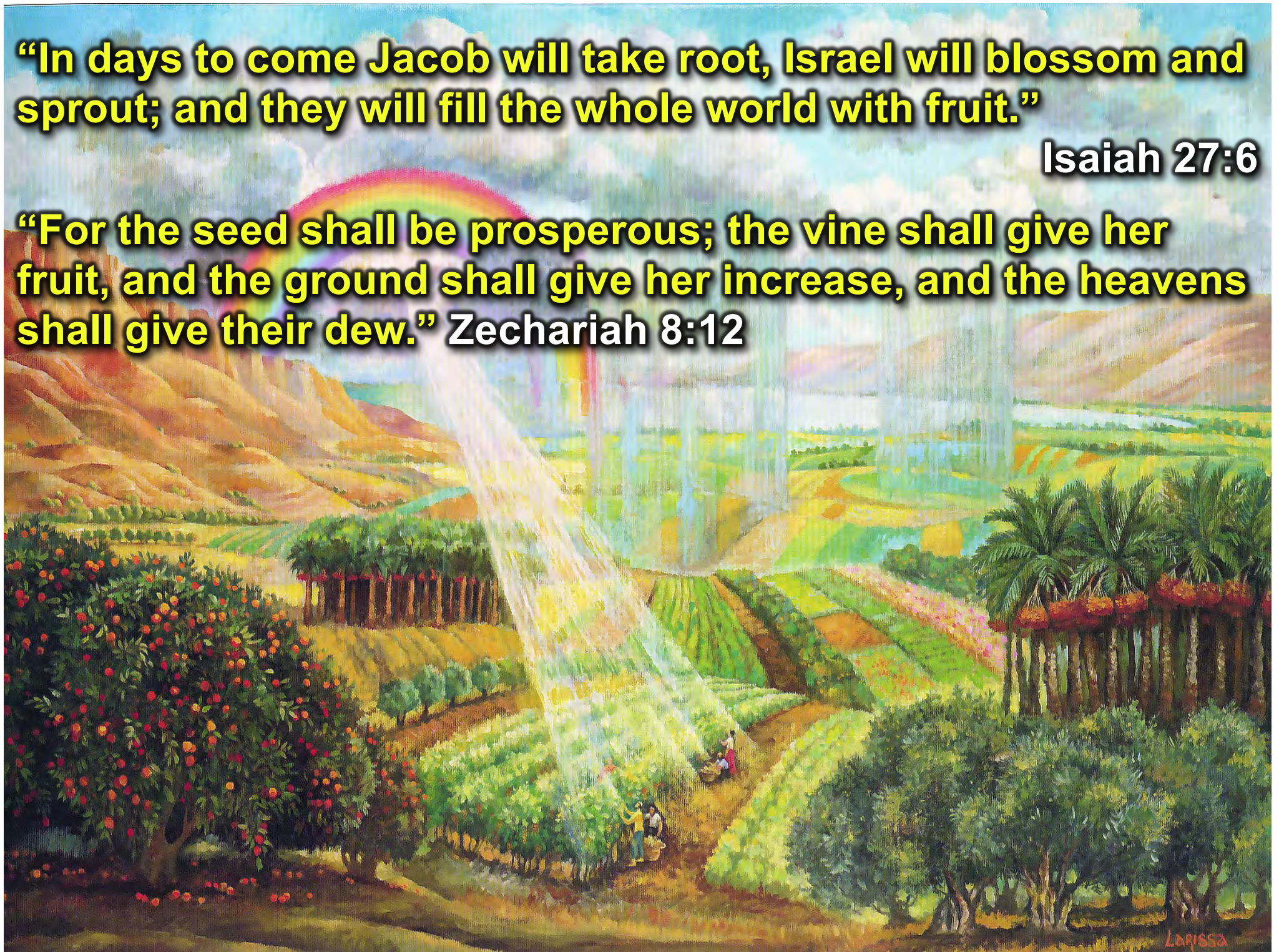
“For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

Romans 8:20-21

“In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout; and they will fill the whole world with fruit.”

Isaiah 27:6

“For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew.” Zechariah 8:12



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...a totally renewed earth!



“The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them.”

Isaiah 11:6



A New World without War or Injustice

“And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.” **Isaiah 2:4**



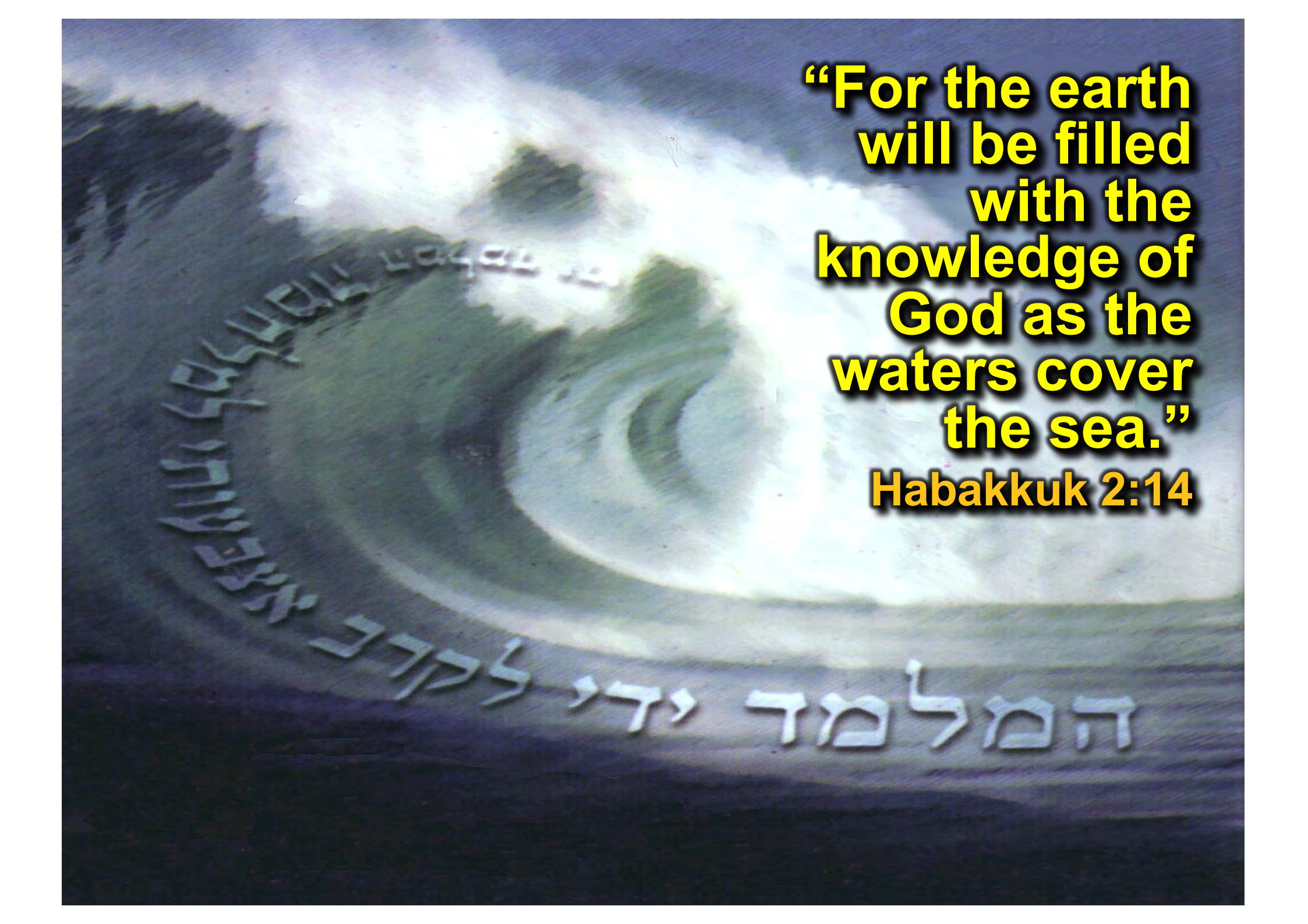
No Natural Death

“No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred shall be thought accursed.”

Isaiah 65:20



“During the Millennial reign of Christ, Israel as a nation will fulfill the function for which they were originally set apart by God. They will become a kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:6) who are intermediaries between those who need to be saved and the King who provides salvation. They will become as they were originally appointed to be: God's lights to the world.”



**“For the earth
will be filled
with the
knowledge of
God as the
waters cover
the sea.”
Habakkuk 2:14**

המלמד ידי לקרב
אישיותו לאמלך

Millennial Jerusalem



**“The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”
—Isaiah 2:3**

Universal Peace

“And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.”

Isaiah 2:4



The Only Answer to World Peace...



**THE MILLENNIAL REIGN
OF CHRIST**

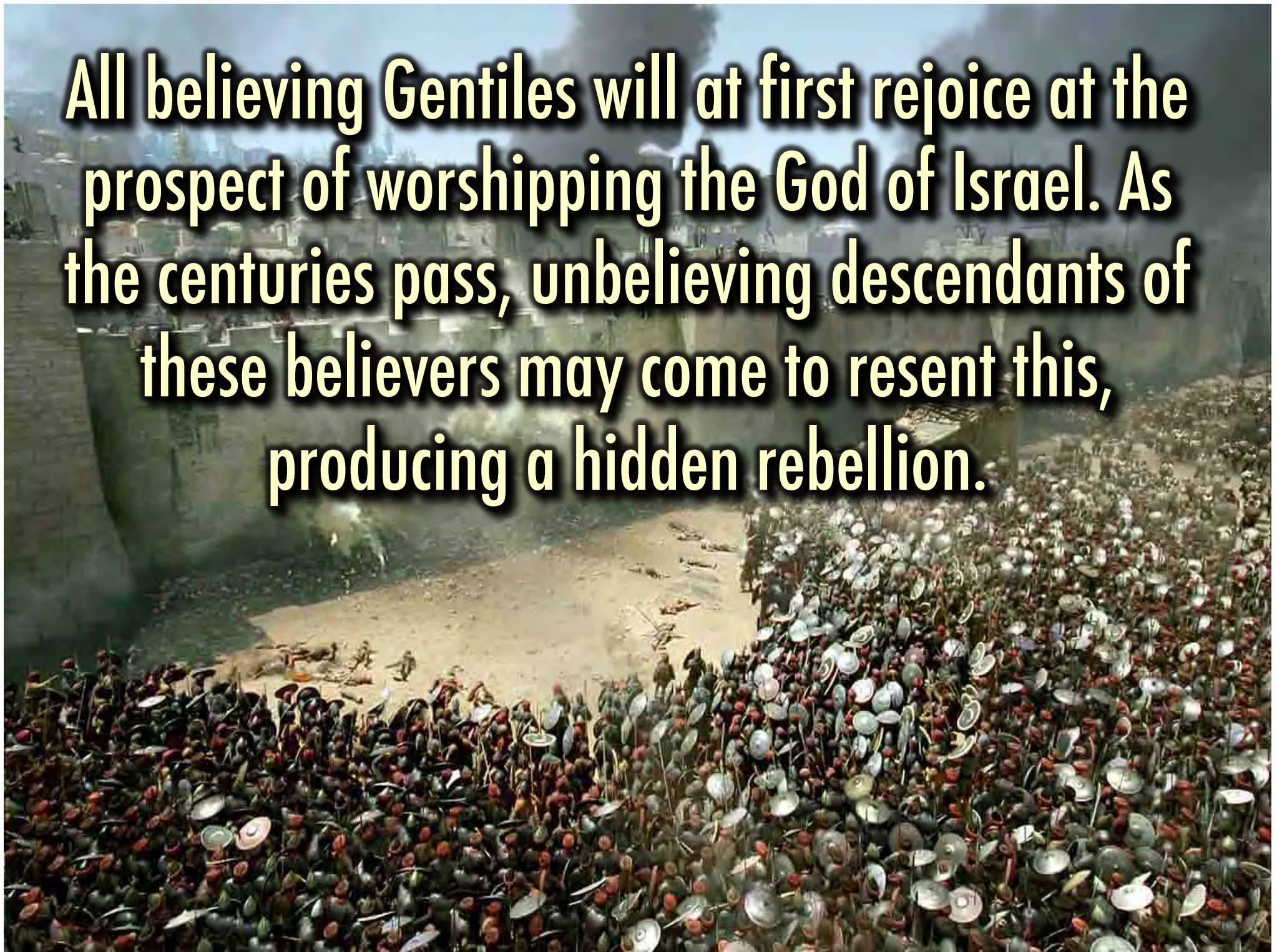
End of the Millennium

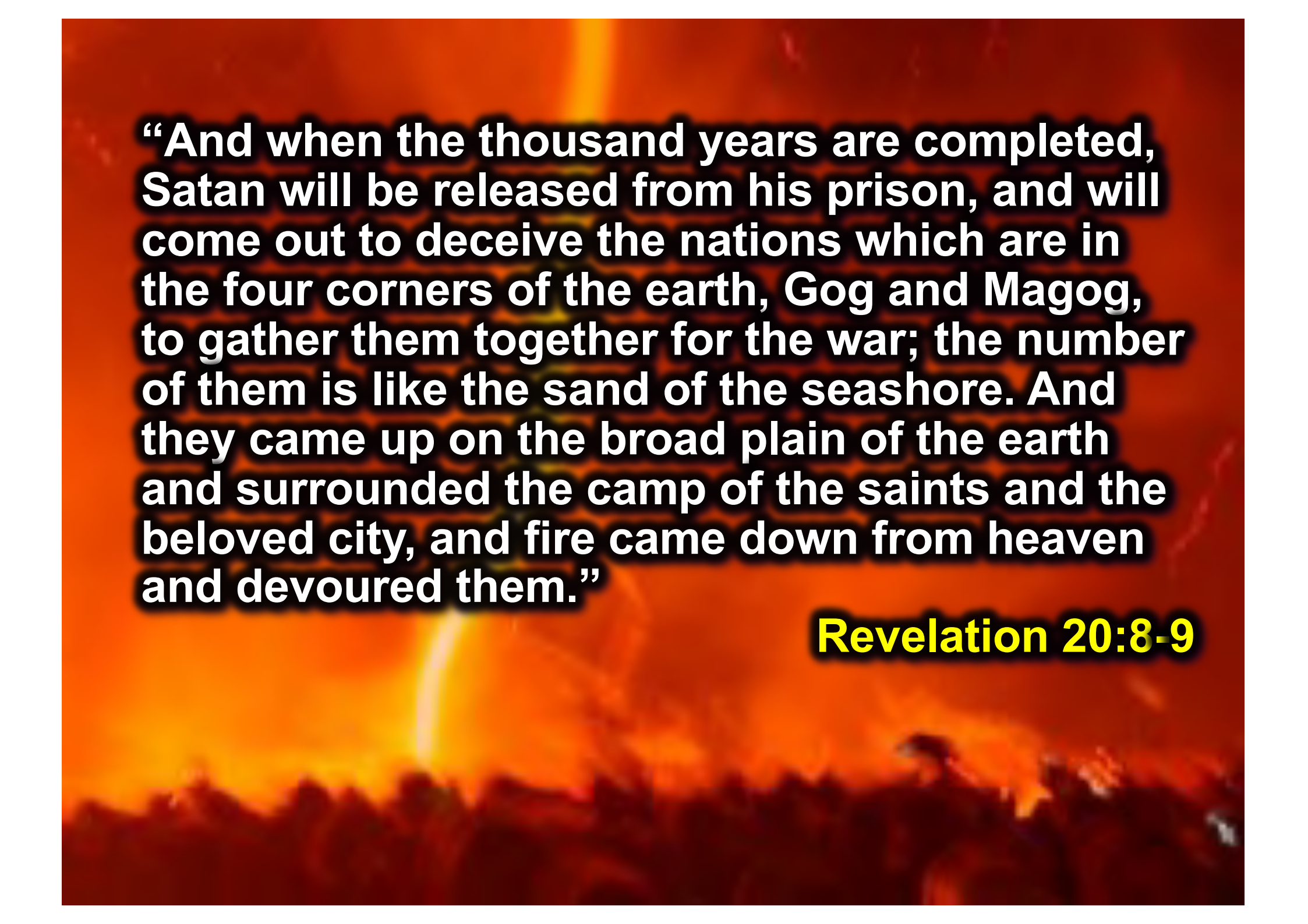


All children born during this age, as in every age of earth history, will have fallen natures. Many will reject Christ in their hearts while paying Him mere “lip service.”




All believing Gentiles will at first rejoice at the prospect of worshipping the God of Israel. As the centuries pass, unbelieving descendants of these believers may come to resent this, producing a hidden rebellion.





“And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”

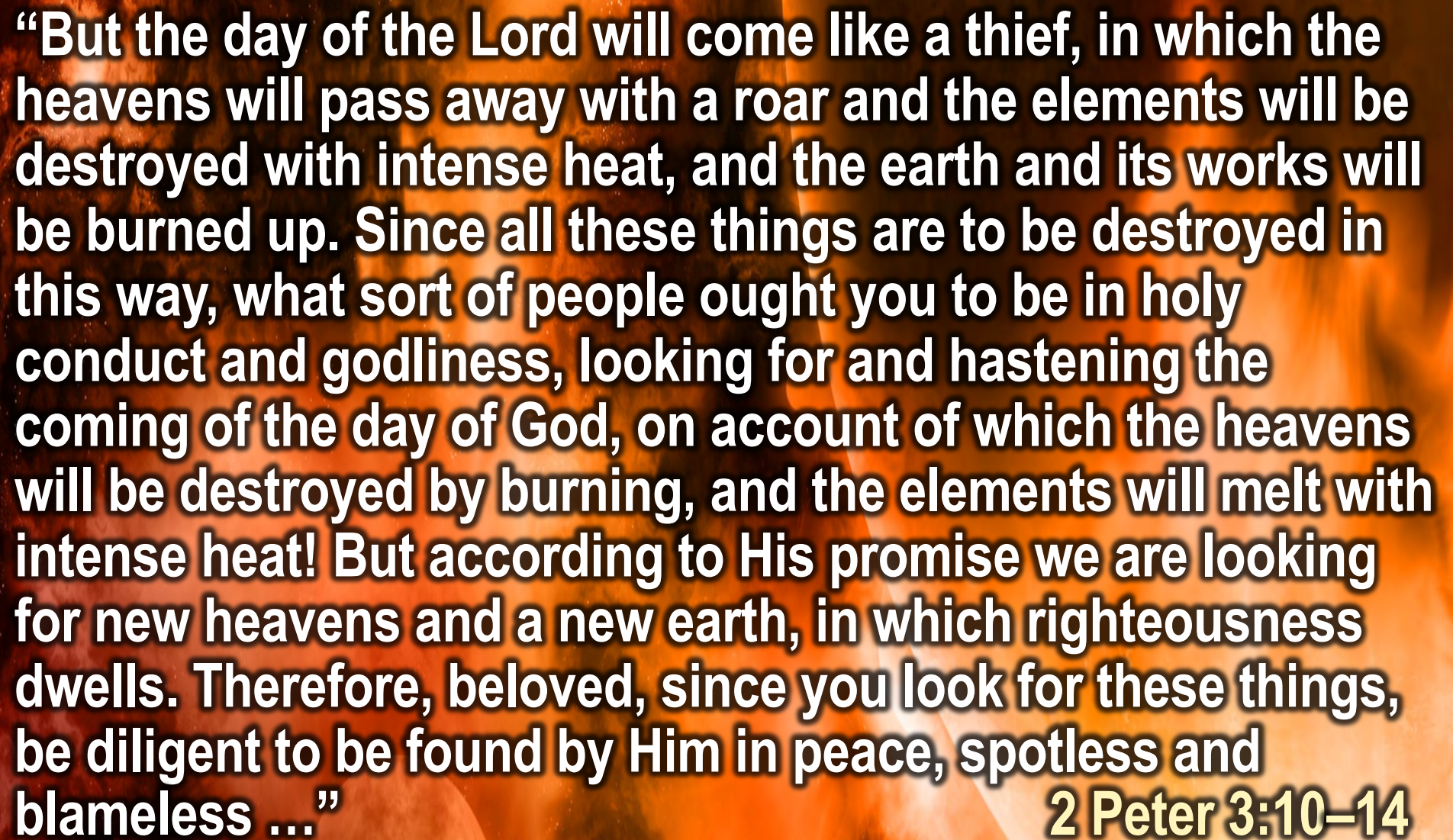
Revelation 20:8-9



**The entire universe will be destroyed
in “fire” and will be replaced by the**

**NEW HEAVENS
and a
NEW EARTH**

for all of the saints and the angels



“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless ...”

2 Peter 3:10–14

Isaiah vs John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth

Isaiah 65–66

Revelation 21

Death occurs
(Isa. 65:20, 66:24)

No more death, dying or pain (Rev. 20:14, 21:4)

Marriage & childbirth
(Isa. 65:20)

No marriage (Matt. 22:30)

Has a temple, Priests & Levites (Isa. 66:18-20; Zech. 14:16-19)

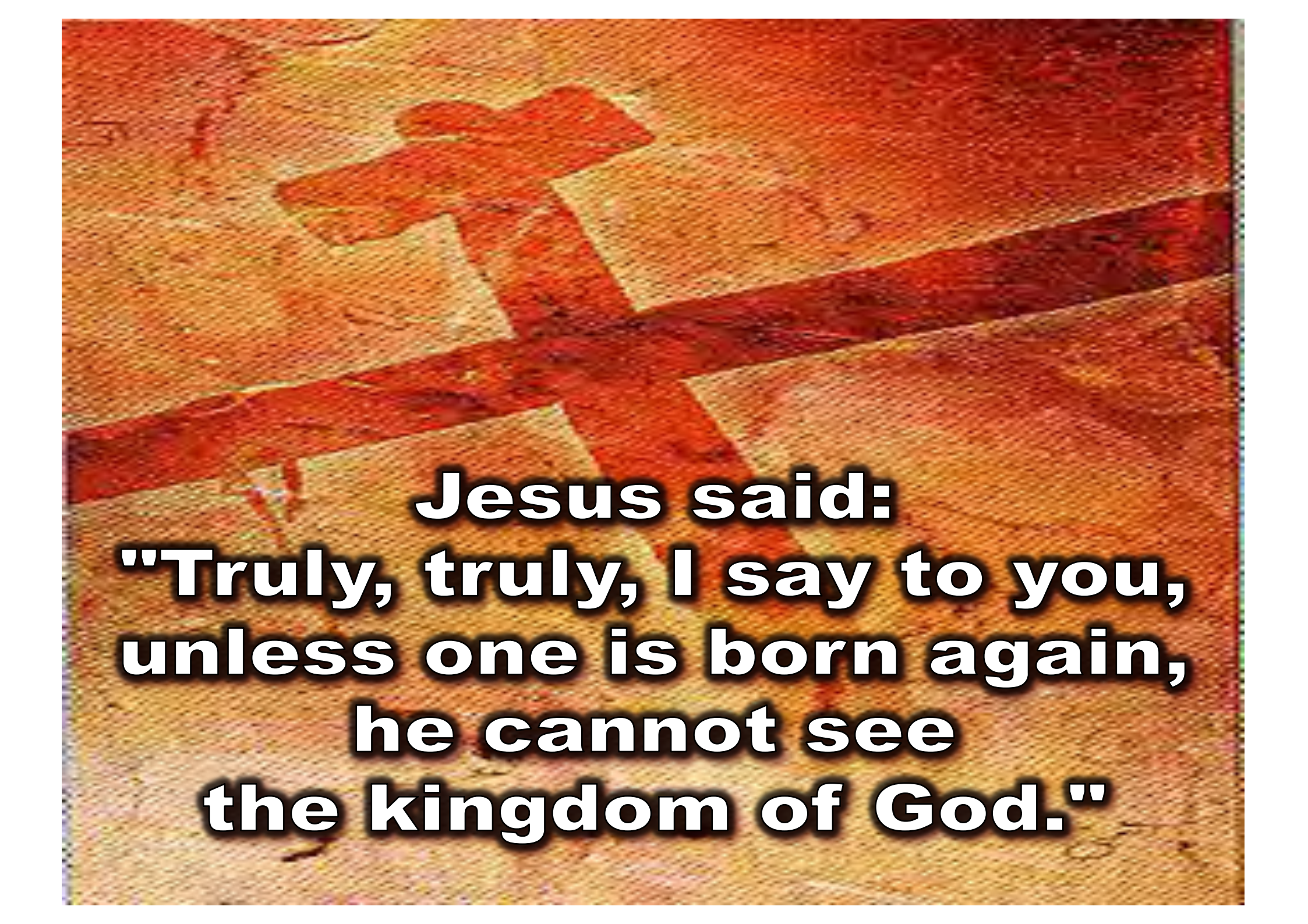
Has no temple (Rev. 21:22)

New moon and Sabbath celebrated (Isa. 56:6-7; 66:23)

No need for sun or moon (Rev. 21:23); There are no days in the New Heaven.

Significance of the Millennium

- 1. Without a Millennium, history has no climax.**
- 2. Without a Millennium, God loses the war with Satan.**
- 3. Without a Millennium, the saints will never rule with Christ on earth.**
- 4. Without a Millennium, God would break an unconditional land promise to Abraham.**
- 5. Without a Millennium, God would break an unconditional throne promise to David.**
- 6. Without a Millennium, man's God-given longings for peace on earth will go unfulfilled.**
- 7. Without a Millennium, we lack an evangelistic urgency.**
- 8. Without a Millennium, we lack an incentive to holiness.**



**Jesus said:
"Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again,
he cannot see
the kingdom of God."**



LET YOUR
KINGDOM
COME



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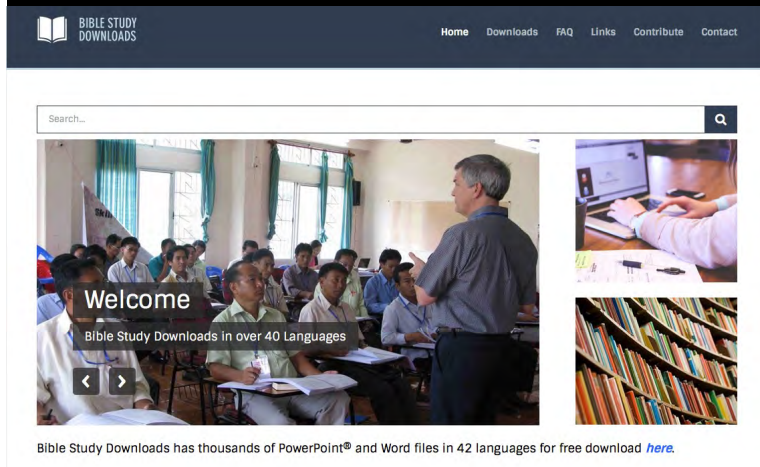
SIGNS OF THE TIMES



**“How is it
that you
know how to
discern the
appearance
of the sky,
but
you cannot
discern the
signs of the
times?”**

Matthew 16:3

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