Ecclesiology

Session 10



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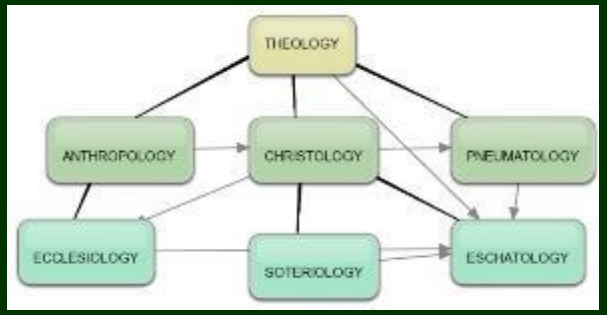
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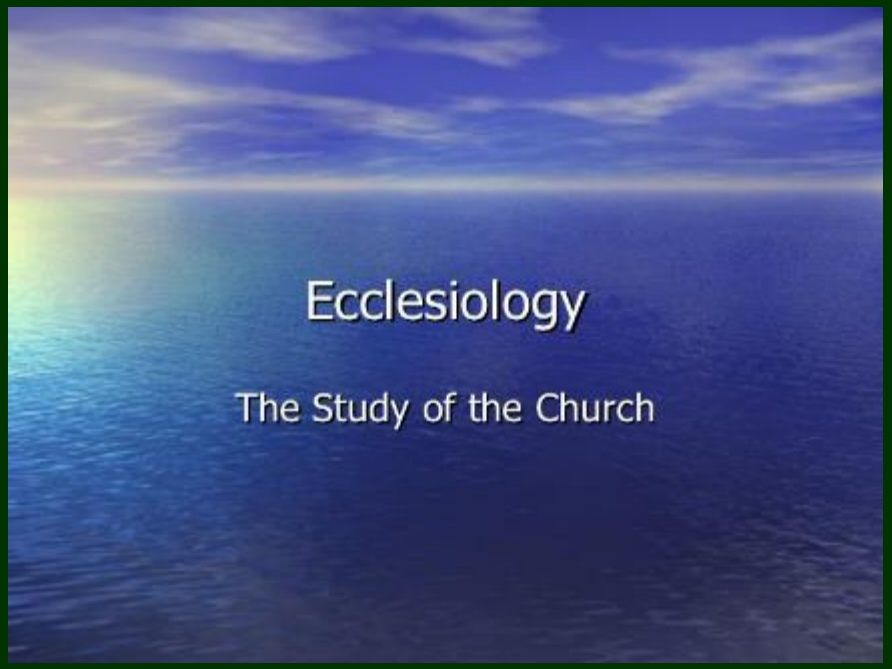


- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology – Study of the end



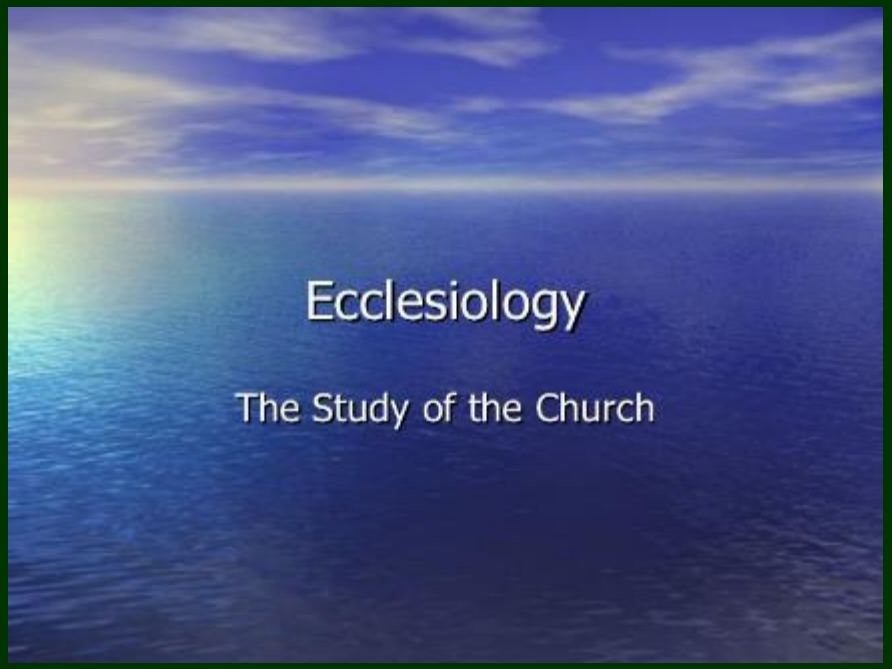
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Definition of Ecclesiology

- Ekklēsía (ἐκκλησία)
- ĕk (ἐκ) / kaleo (καλέω)
- Acts 15:14
- Logos
- 1 Cor 10:32

The Definition of the Church

a. All (both Jew & Gentile) who have trusted in the very Messiah rejected by first-century national Israel (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 10:19; Eph. 2:14)

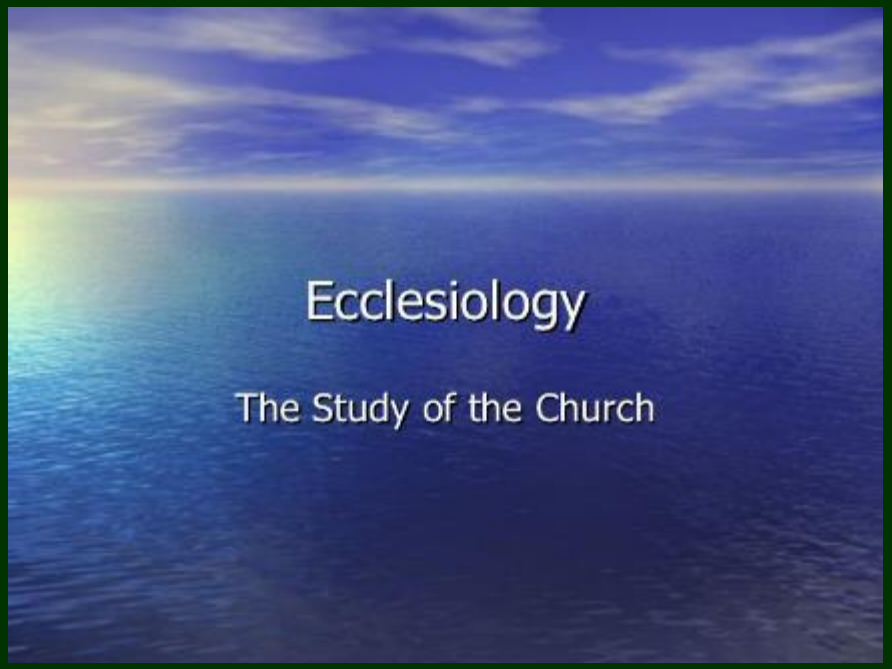
b. Intercalation

c. Does not fulfill Israel's purposes



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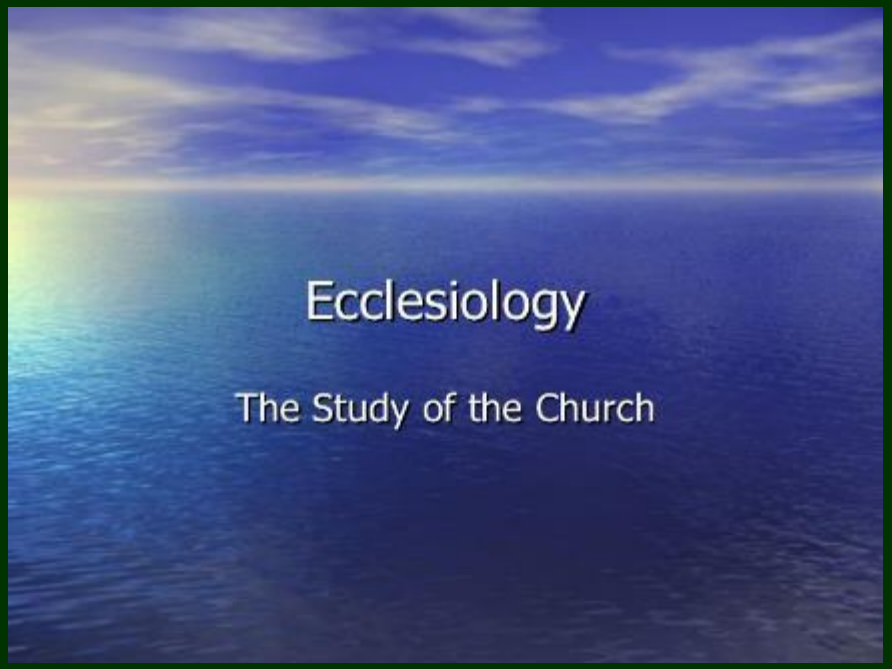


The Universal vs. Local Church

	Universal	Local
Number	One	Many
Members	All believers from Pentecost to the Rapture	Local gathering
Spiritual status	Believers only	Believers and unbelievers
Living or dead	Living and dead	Living only
Assembly	Cannot assemble at one place and time	Can assemble at one place and time
Visibility	Invisible	Visible
NT Material	Minority	Majority
Joining	Faith alone	Unique requirements
Denomination	All believers	Specific denomination

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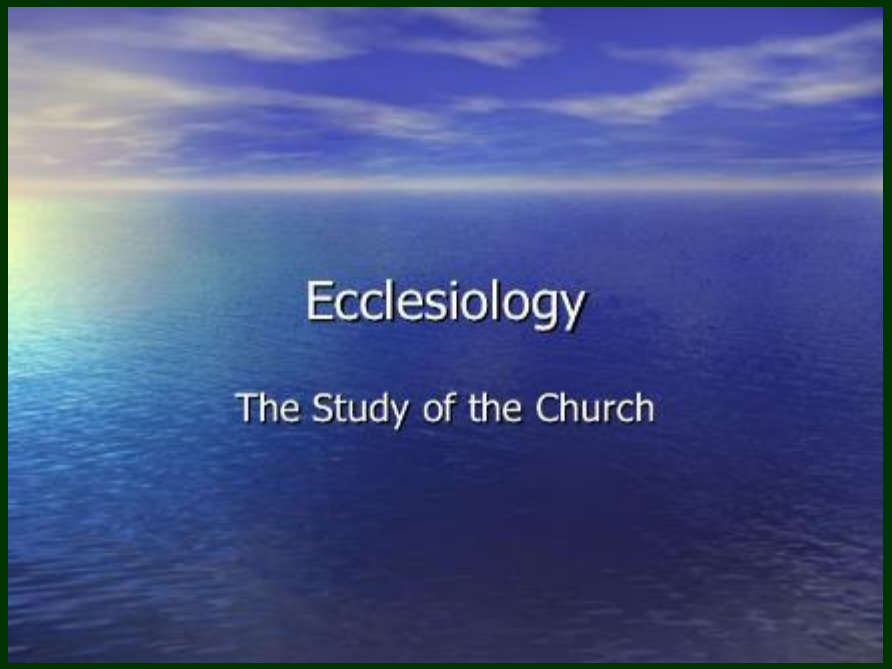


Universal Church Word Pictures

1. Shepherd/sheep – John 10:16; Acts 20:28; Heb 13:20; 1 Pet 5:2-4
2. Head/body – Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 1:22-23
3. Bride/groom – Eph 5:22-33; 2 Cor 11:2-3
4. Temple – 1 Cor 3:16-17; Eph 2:19-22; Gal 6:10
5. High priest/priesthood – Heb 4:14-15; 1 Pet 2:5-9; Rev 1:6
6. Pillar of truth – 1 Tim 3:15
7. Vine and branches – John 15:1-8

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When Did the Church Begin?



1. Christ referred to the Church in the future tense (Matt. 16:18)
2. Paul referred to the Church as a "mystery" (Eph. 3:4-5, 9)
3. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since Christ became the head of the Church (Eph. 5:23) after His Ascension (Eph. 1:20-22)
4. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:26) only came into existence after His Ascension (Eph. 4:7-11)

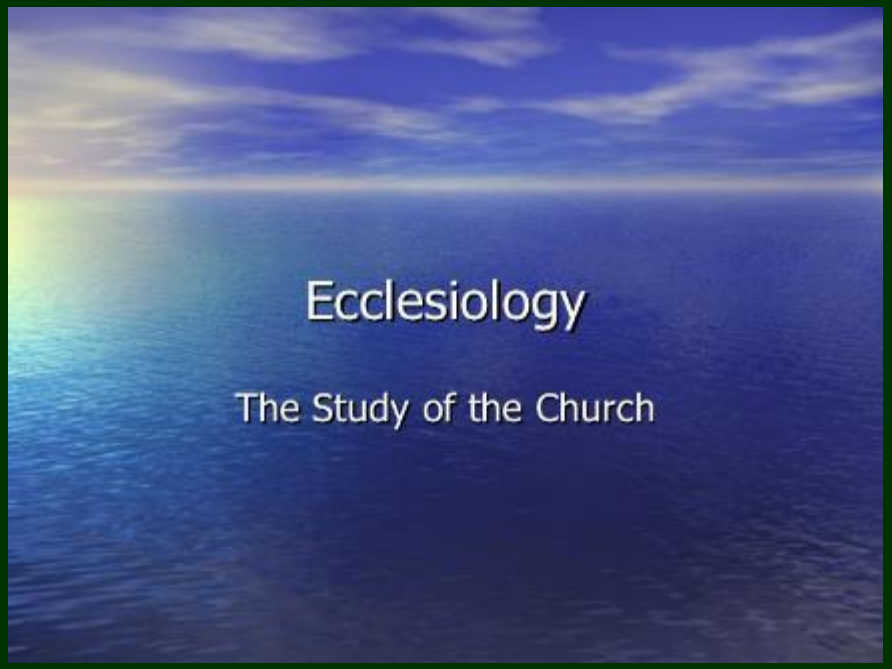
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5. The Church existed before Paul's conversion in Acts 9 (Acts 5:11; 8:1,3; Rom. 16:7)
6. The Baptizing *(joining, uniting, identifying)* ministry of the Holy Spirit began in Acts 2
   a) 1 Cor. 12:13
   b) Acts 1:5
   c) Acts 11:15-16
   d) Acts 2:1-4, 37-41

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Discontinuity Between Israel & the Church

	ISRAEL	CHURCH
Marriage	Wife	Bride
Christ	Birthed Christ	Birthed by Christ
Return	2nd advent	Rapture
Leader	King	Head, Groom
Beginning	Gen 12	Acts 2
Scripture	4/5	1/5
Covenants	Parties	Beneficiaries
Nation	Political	Spiritual

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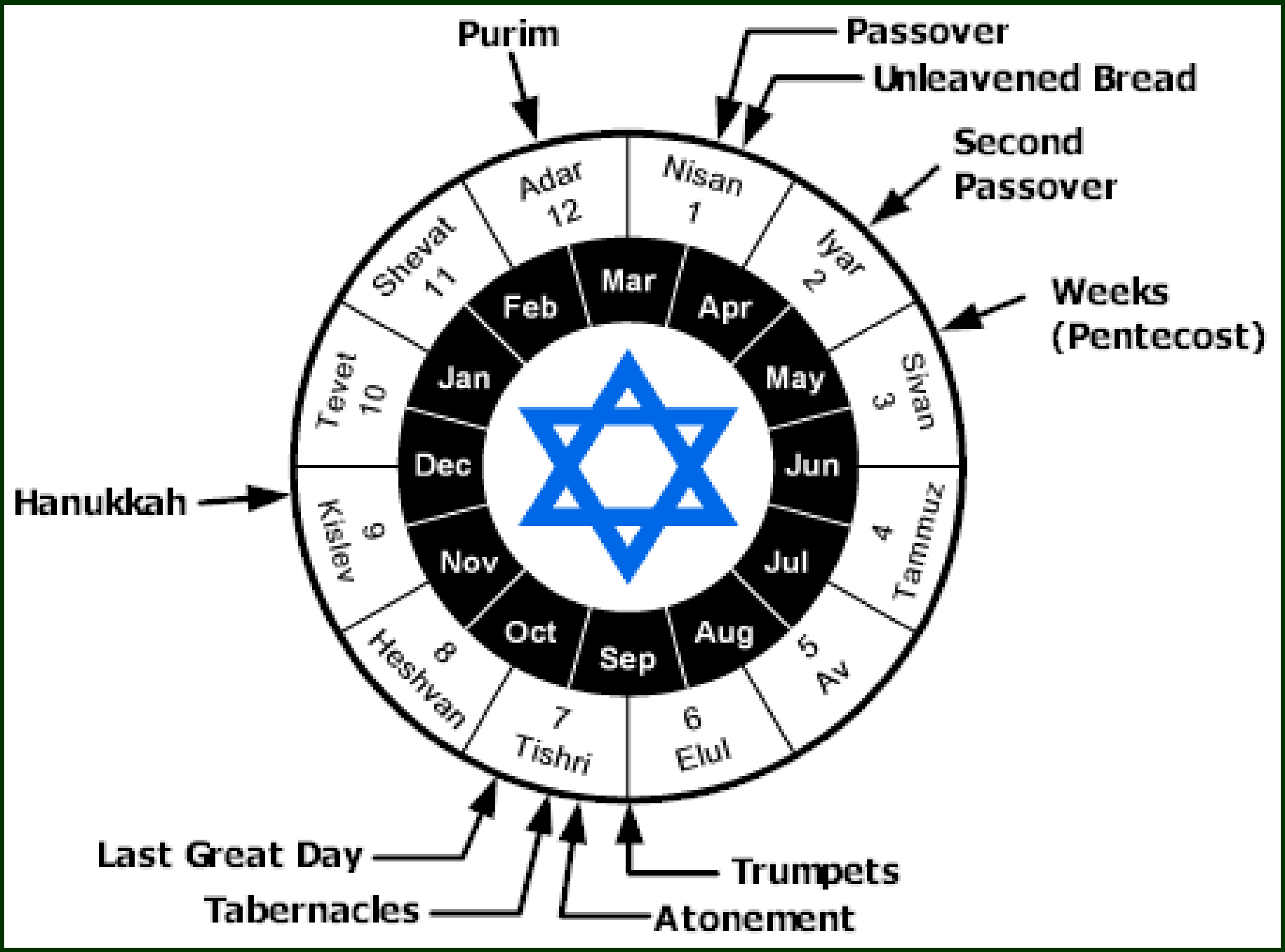
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Levitical Feasts (23)

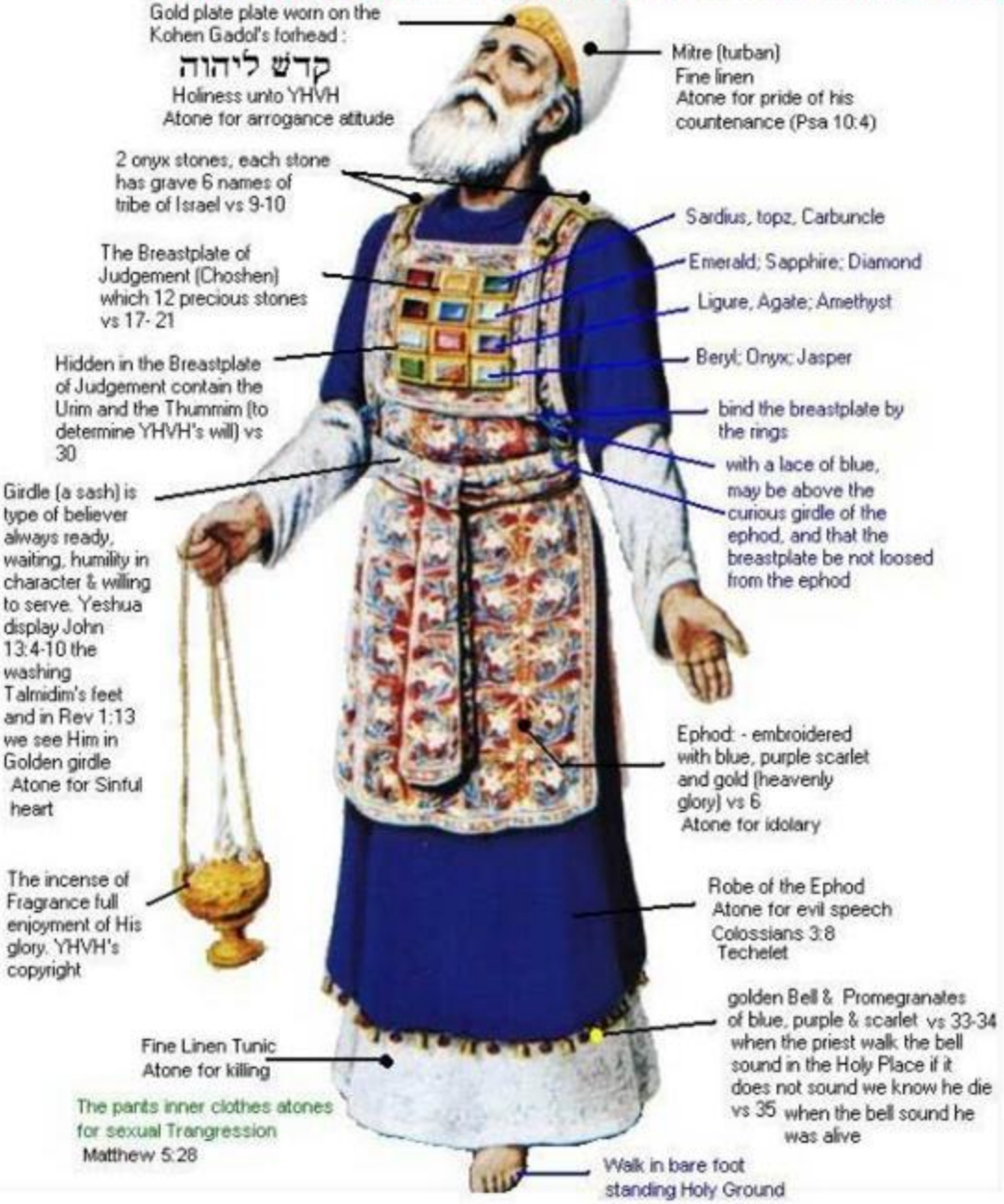
Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise	1 Cor 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev 16	Zech 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech 14:16-18


Purim
Passover
Unleavened Bread
Second Passover
Weeks (Pentecost)
Hanukkah
Last Great Day
Tabernacles
Atonement
Trumpets
Adar 12
Nisan 1
Iyar 2
Sivan 3
Tammuz 4
Av 5
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Tishri 7
Heshvan 8
Kislev 9
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The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:4:42



Revelation 1:6

"and He [God] has made **us** [Church] *to be* **a kingdom, priests** to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."



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ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

A. Solomon's pre exilic temple (966 BC, Kings and Chronicles)

B. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)

C. Antichrist's temple (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)

D. Millennial temple (Ezek 40-48)

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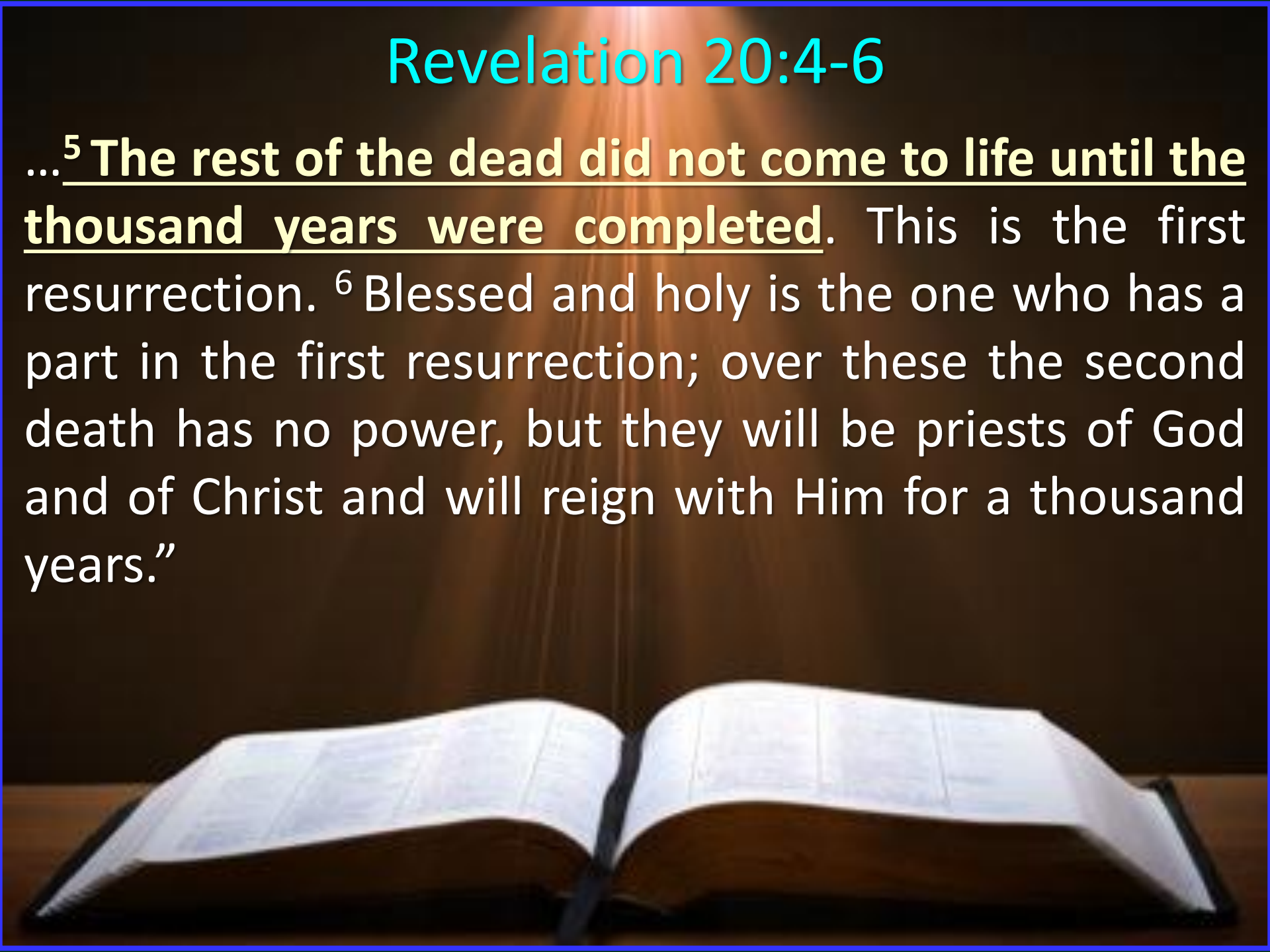
Revelation 20:4-6

“[4] Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and **they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [5] The…**

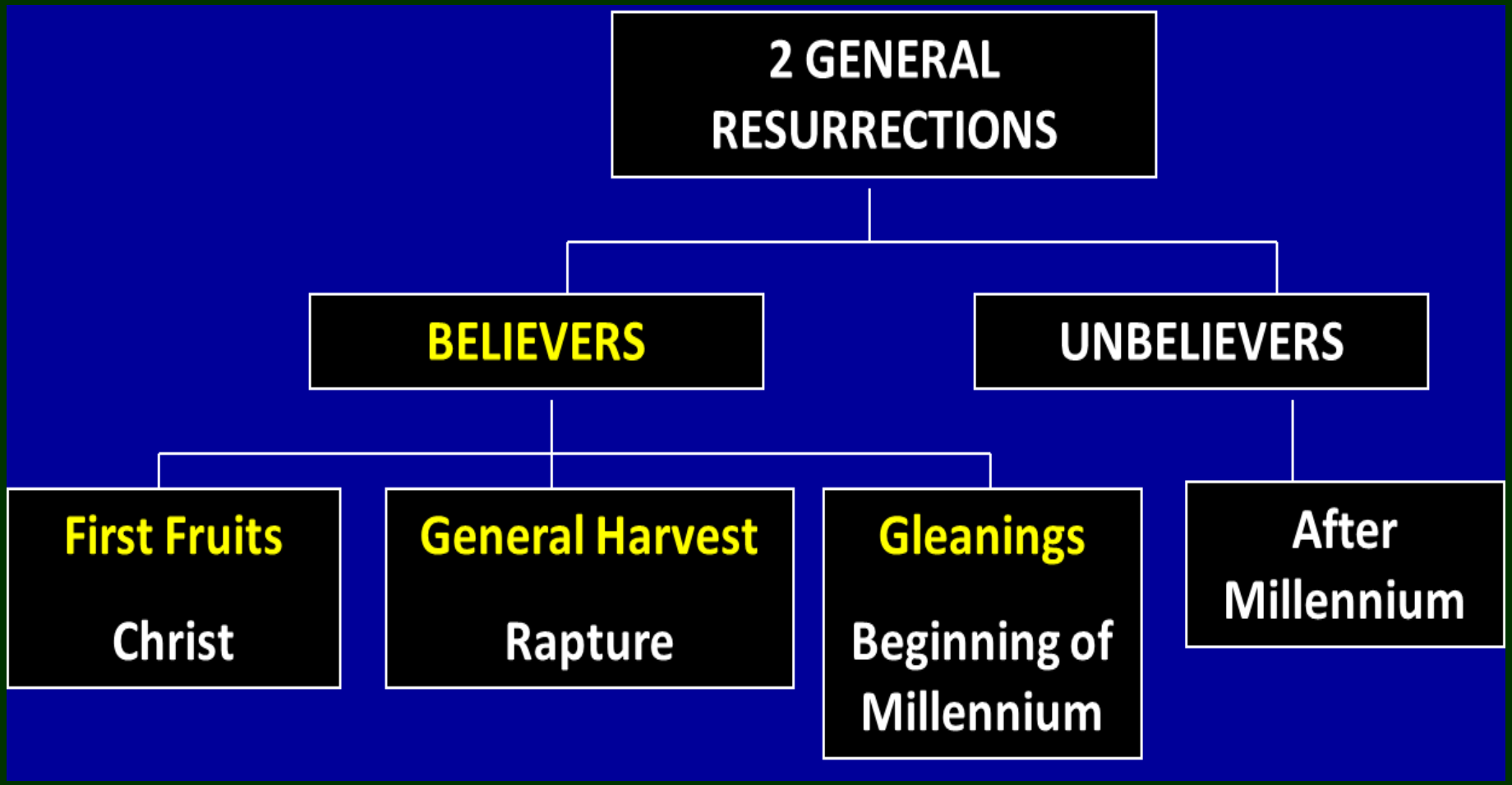


Revelation 20:4-6

…[5] **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed**. This is the first resurrection. [6] 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.”



God's Resurrection Program

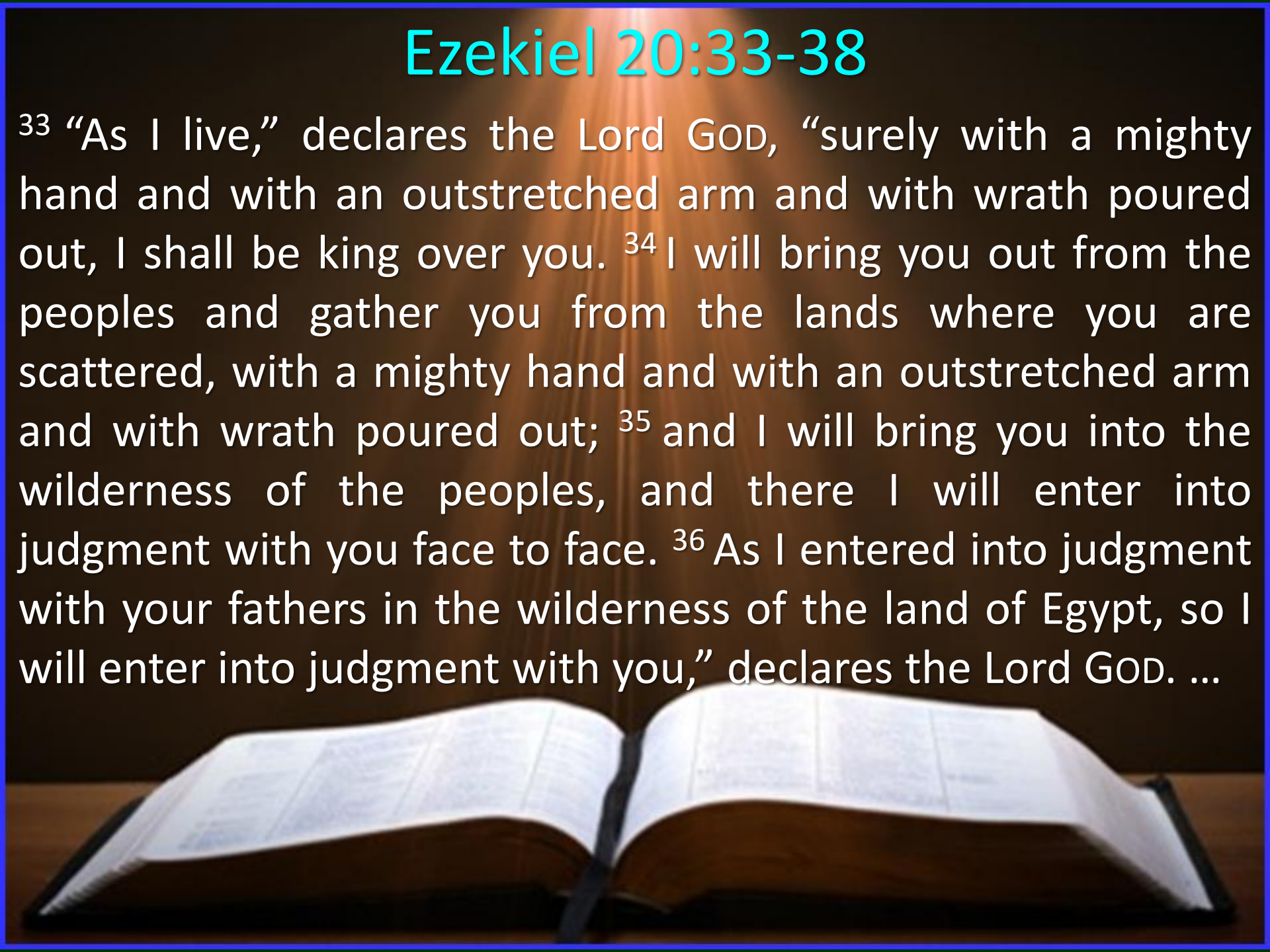


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Ezekiel 20:33-38

33 “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “surely with a mighty
hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured
out, I shall be king over you. 34 I will bring you out from the
peoples and gather you from the lands where you are
scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm
and with wrath poured out; 35 and I will bring you into the
wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into
judgment with you face to face. 36 As I entered into judgment
with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I
will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord GOD. …



Ezekiel 20:33-38

…[37] “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; [38] **and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me**; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.



1 Corinthians 4:5

"Therefore do not go on passing **judgment** before the time, *but wait* until **the Lord comes who will both** bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."

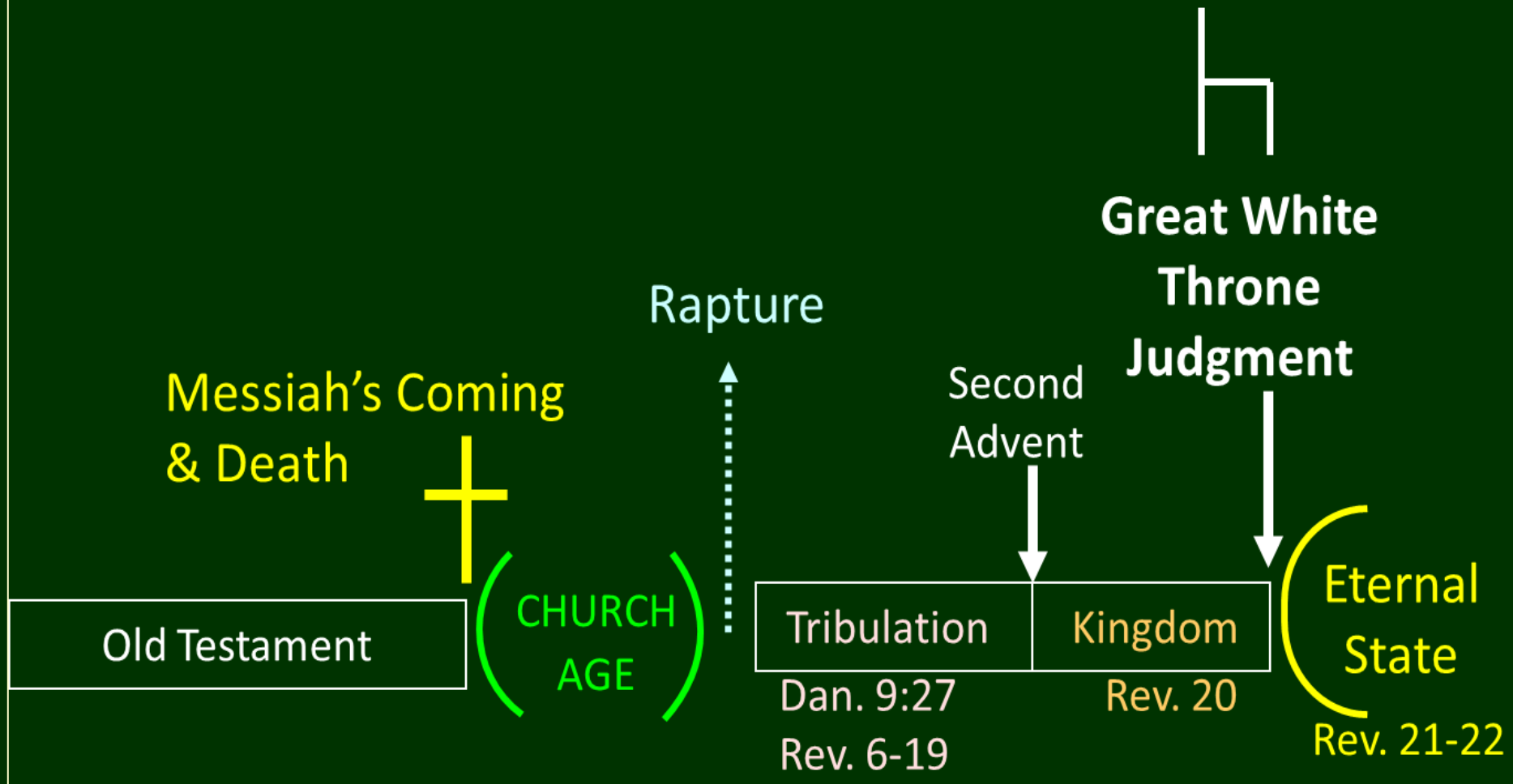


1 Thessalonians 4:17

"Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the **clouds** to meet the Lord in the **air**, and so we shall always be with the Lord."



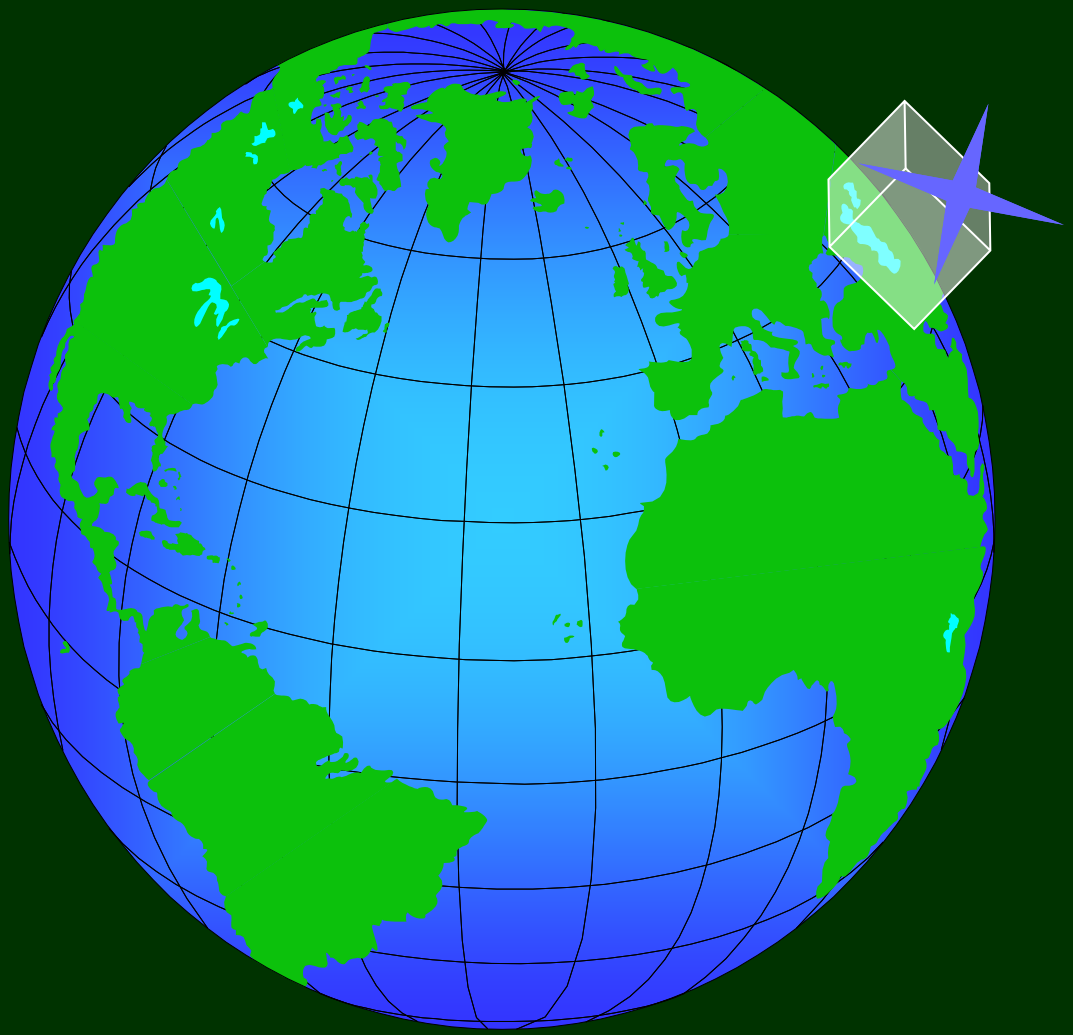
Prophecy Panorama



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Jerusalem Descending

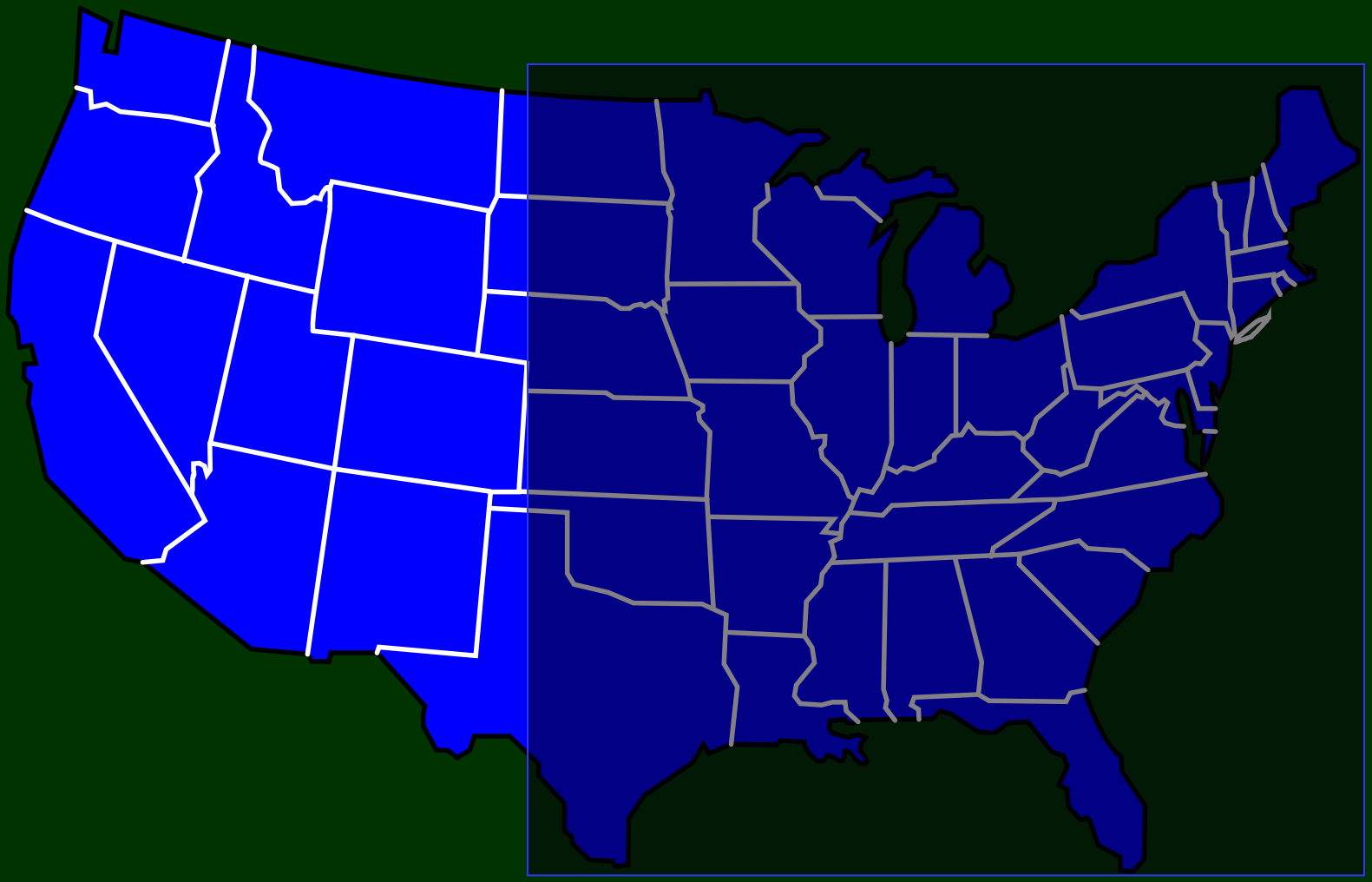


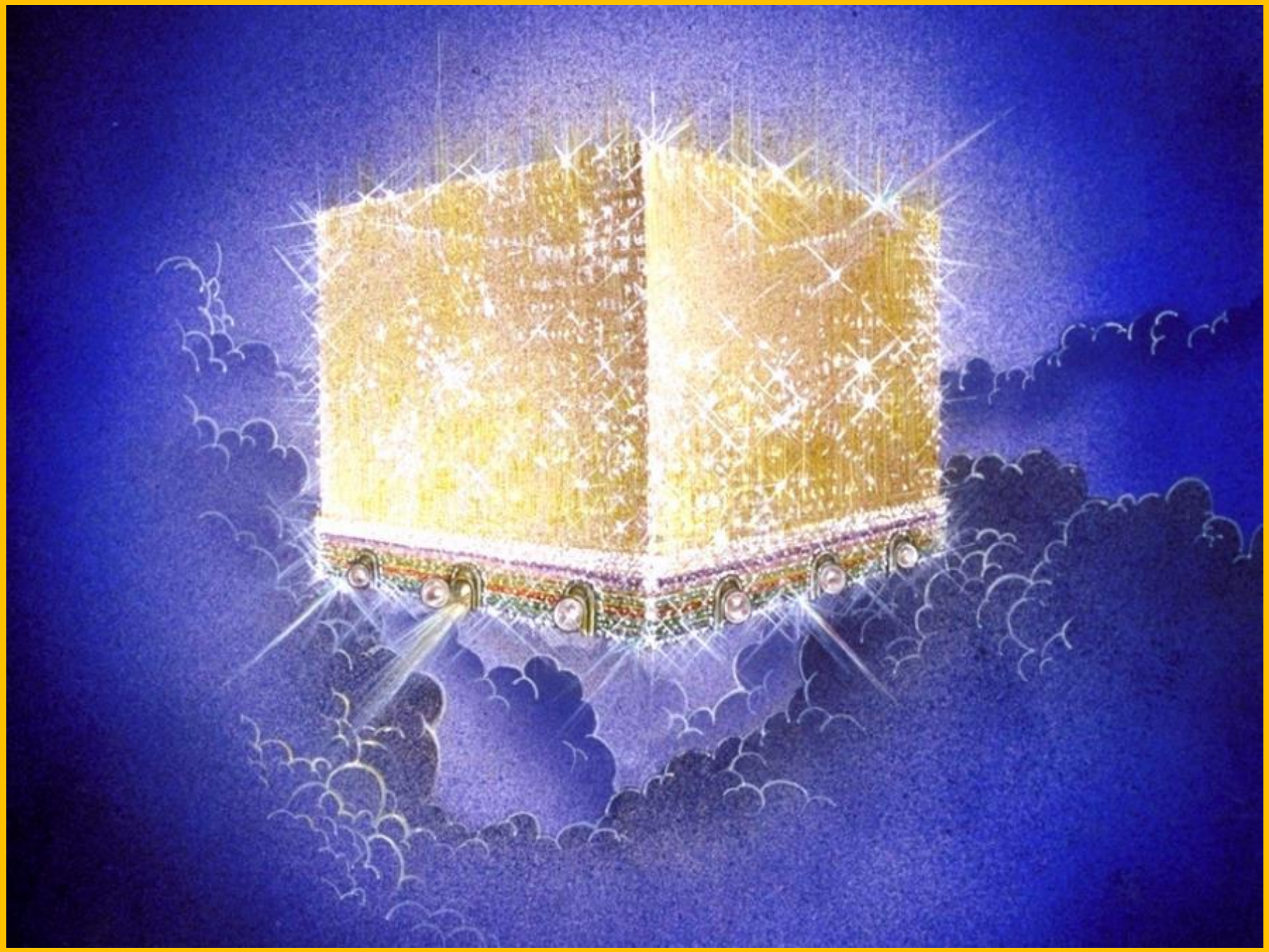
Revelation 21:16-17

16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be [*1500 miles*] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, **by** man's measurement, which the angel was using.



The New Jerusalem






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JAMES
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Ephesians 2:20

"having been **built on the foundation** of the **apostles** and **prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*."



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Psalm 147:19-20

"He declares His words **to Jacob**, His statutes and His ordinances **to Israel**. He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!"



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Romans 8:9

"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him**."

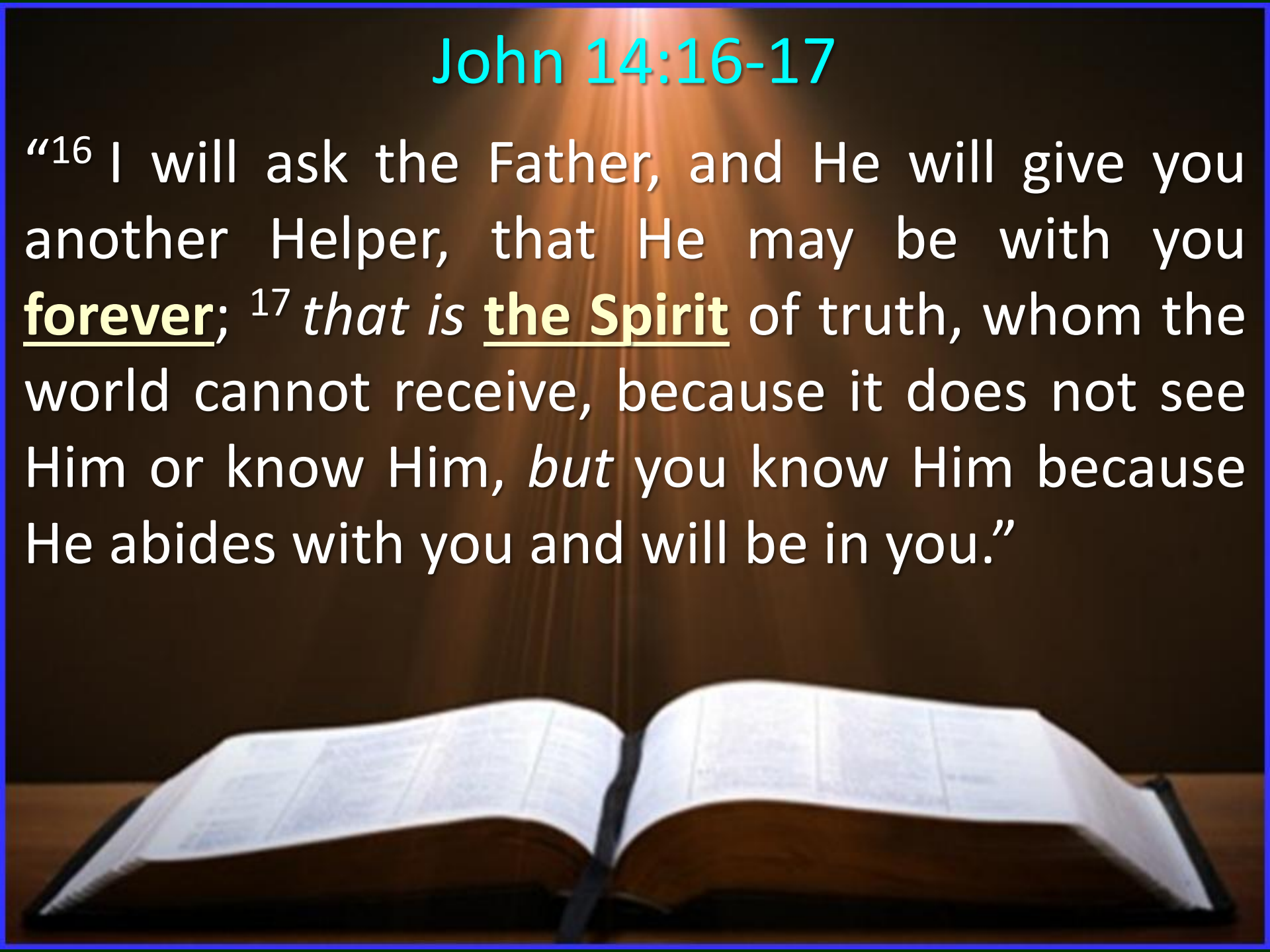


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1 Corinthians 12:13

"13 For by one Spirit we were **all** baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all** made to drink of one Spirit."



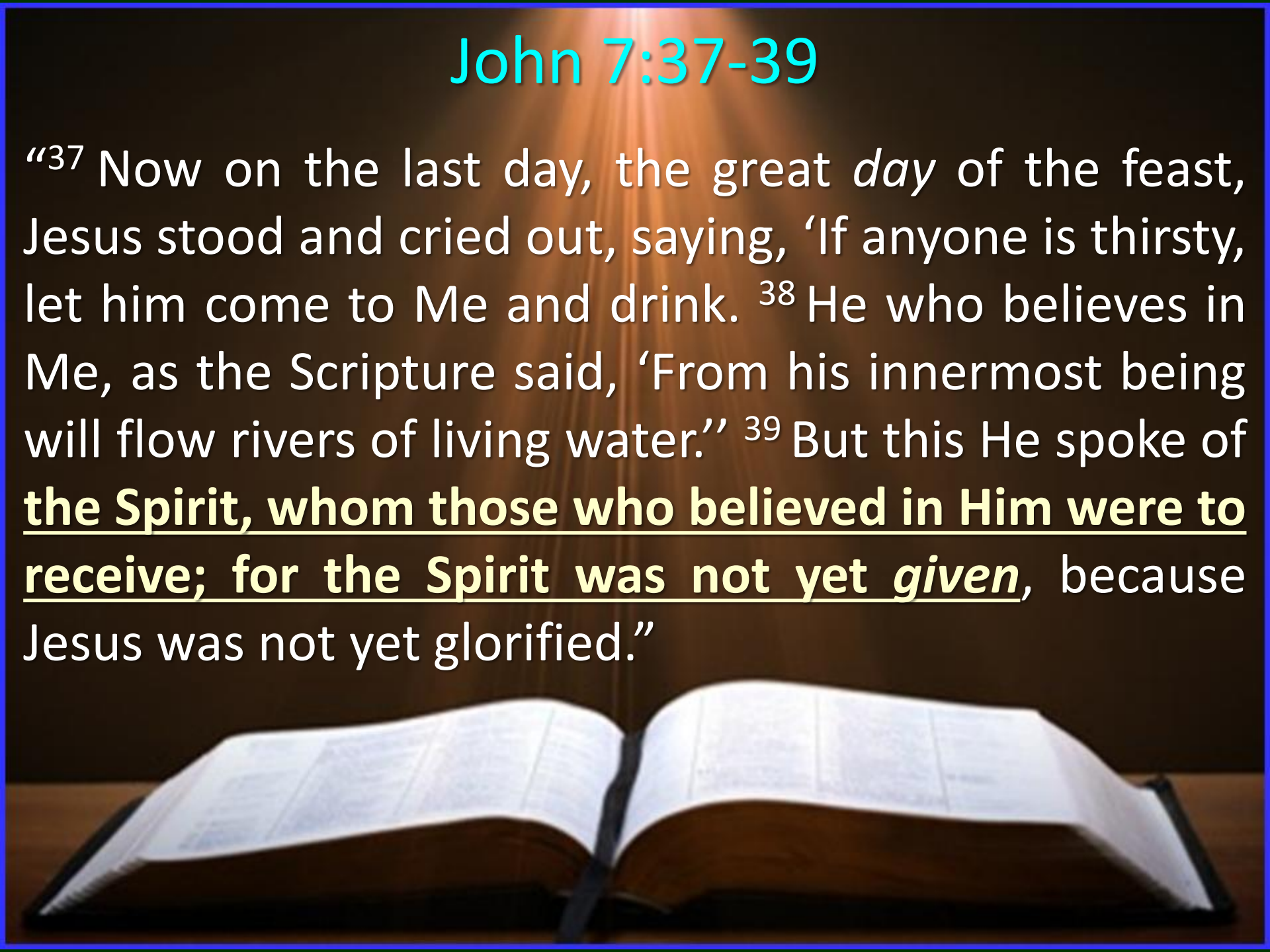
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- Pattern of Holy Spirit's present work is **not** found in the OT or Gospels
  - John 7:37-39
  - John 14:16-17
  - Acts 1:5



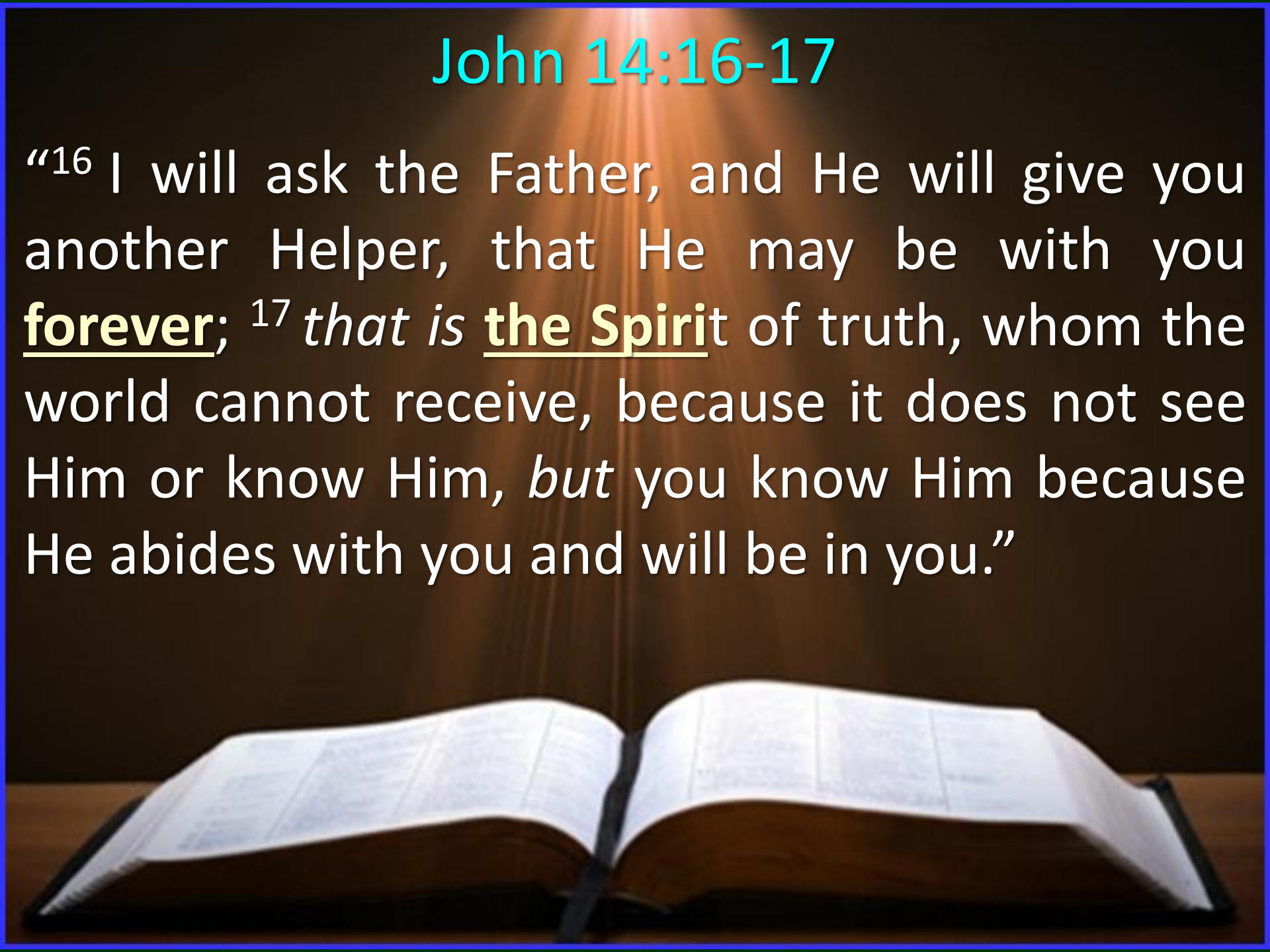
John 7:37-39

“[37] Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. [38] He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’’ [39] But this He spoke of **the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given***, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”



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Acts 1:5

"[5] for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now."



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Discourse

	OLIVET	UPPER ROOM
SCRIPTURE	Matt 24–25	John 13–17
LOCATION	Mount of Olives	Upper Room
PASSION WEEK	Third day	Sixth day
GENERAL FOCUS	Farewell: Israel	Hello: Church
SPECIFIC FOCUS	Israel's future	Divine provisions
PROMPTING	Temple's destruction	Christ's imminent departure
EXPLANATIONS	Written OT	Unwritten NT

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Exodus 4:22

"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, "**Israel is My son, My firstborn**."



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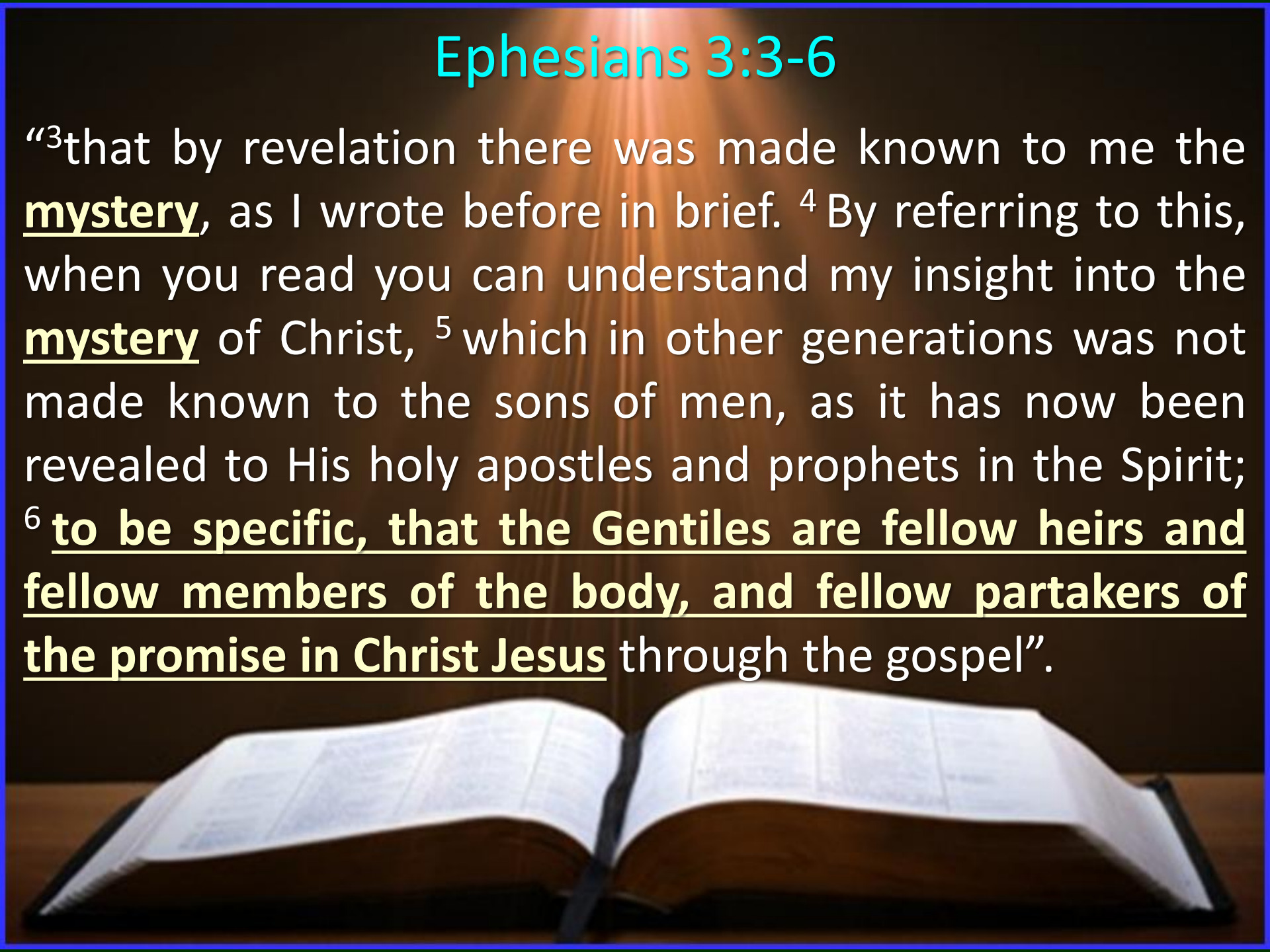
Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build [*oikodomeō*] My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.



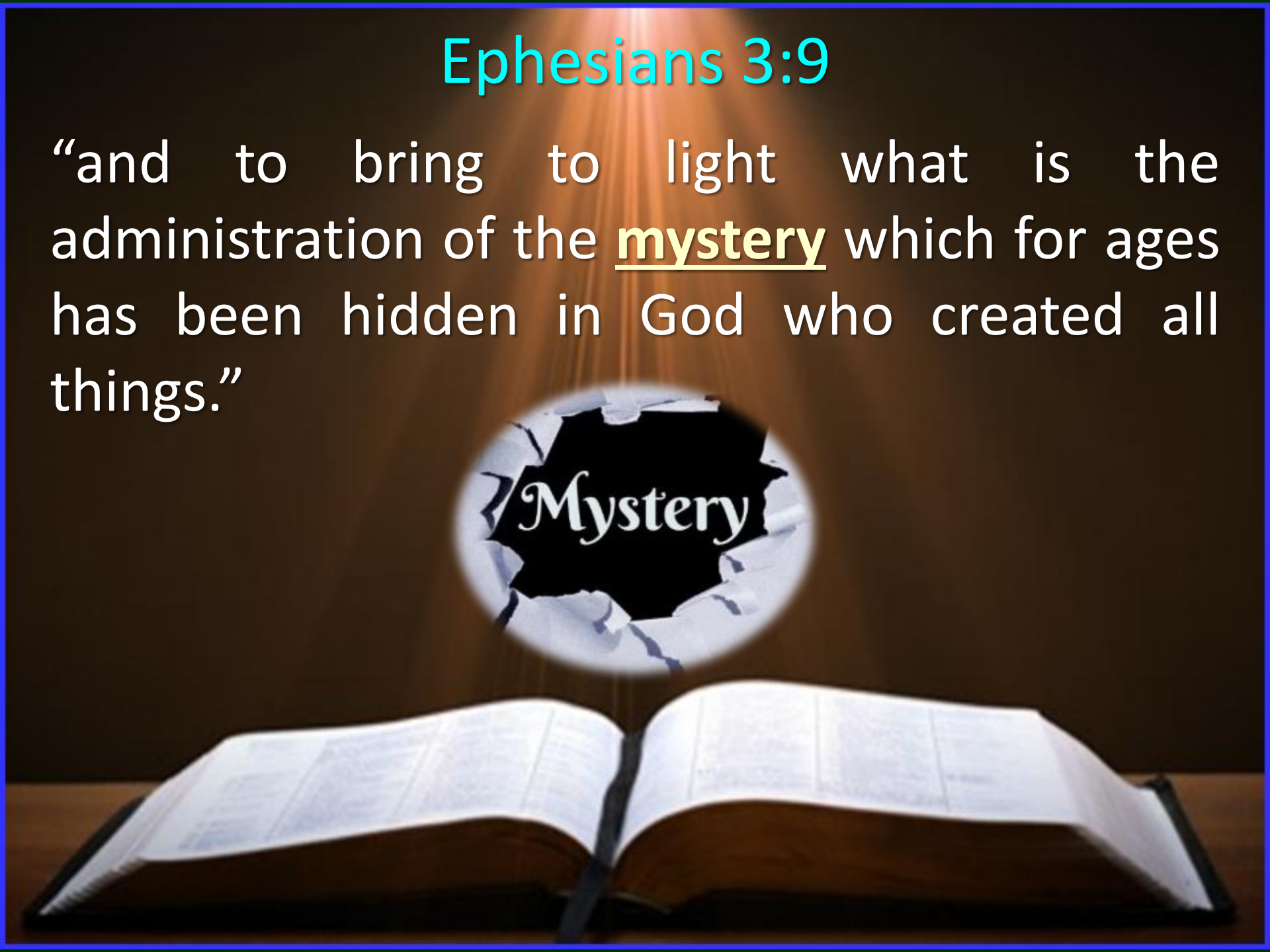
Ephesians 3:3-6

"[3]that by revelation there was made known to me the **mystery**, as I wrote before in brief. [4] By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the **mystery** of Christ, [5] which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; [6] **to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus** through the gospel".



Ephesians 3:9

"and to bring to light what is the administration of the **mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things."



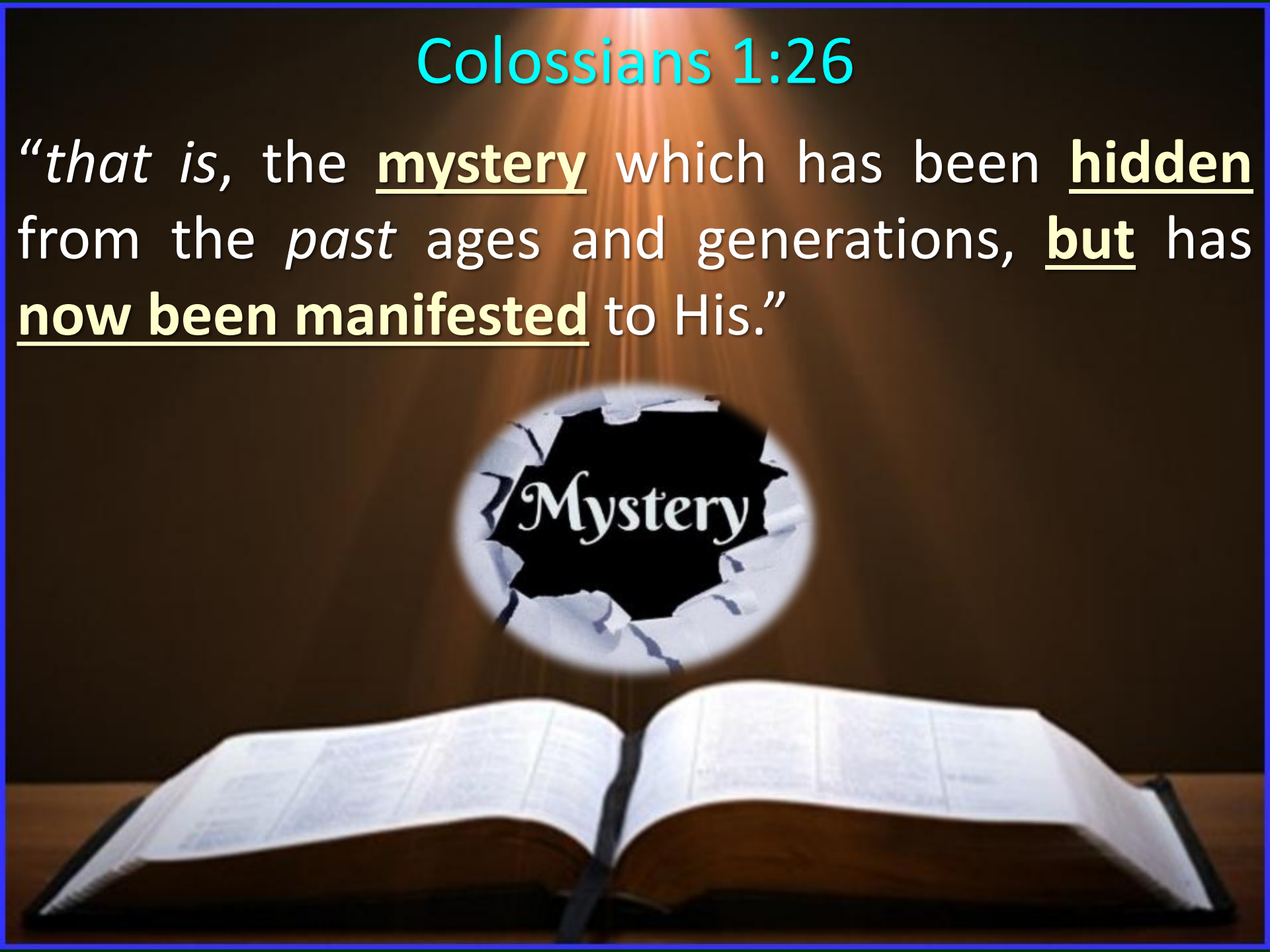
"Mystery" Defined

"In the N.T, it [*mystērion*] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit."

W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White, *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Nelson, 1996), 424.

Colossians 1:26

"*that is*, the **mystery** which has been **hidden** from the *past* ages and generations, **but** has **now been manifested** to His."



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Genesis 12:3

"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. **And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed**."



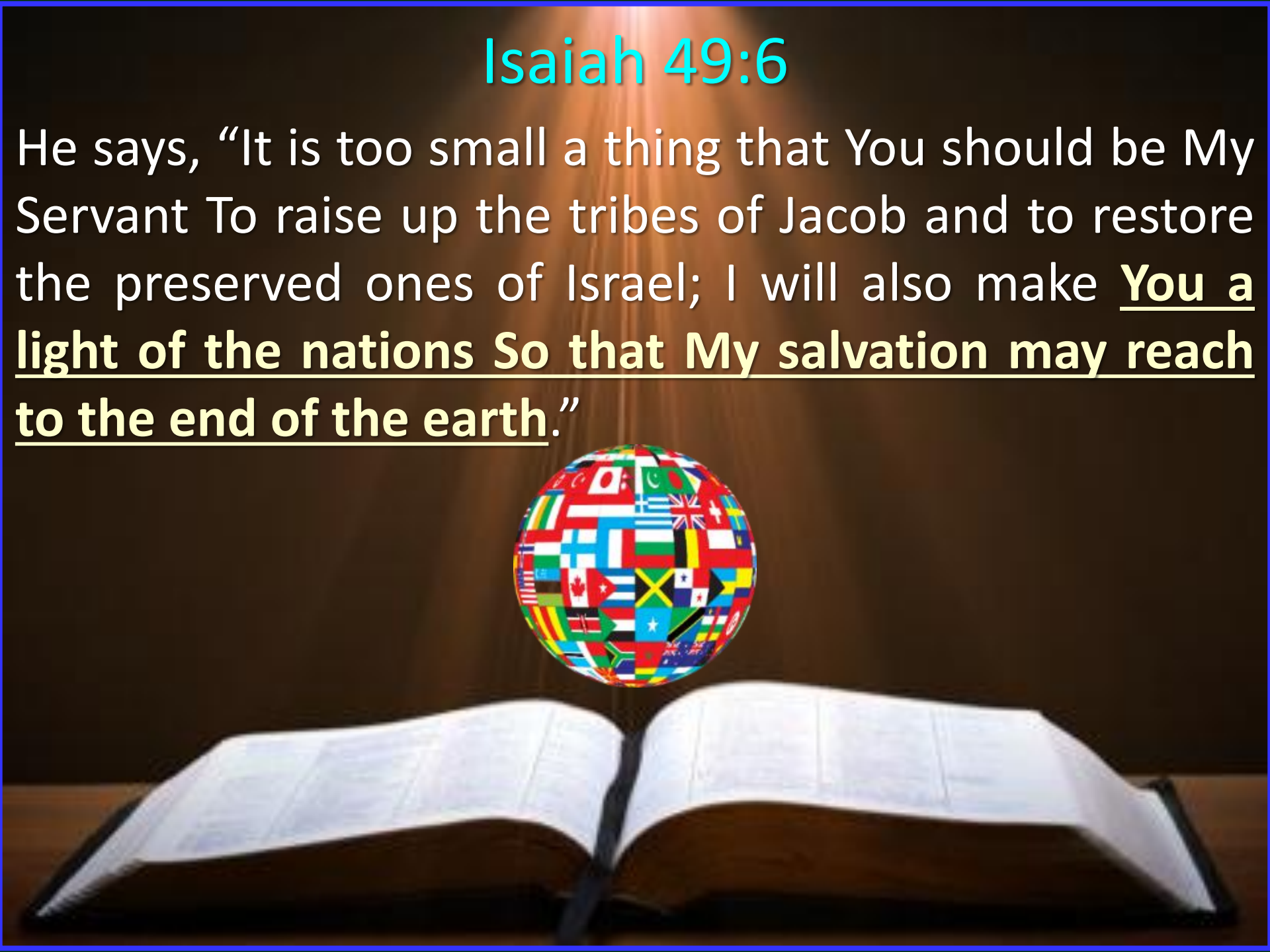
Isaiah 42:6

"I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, **As a light to the nations**."



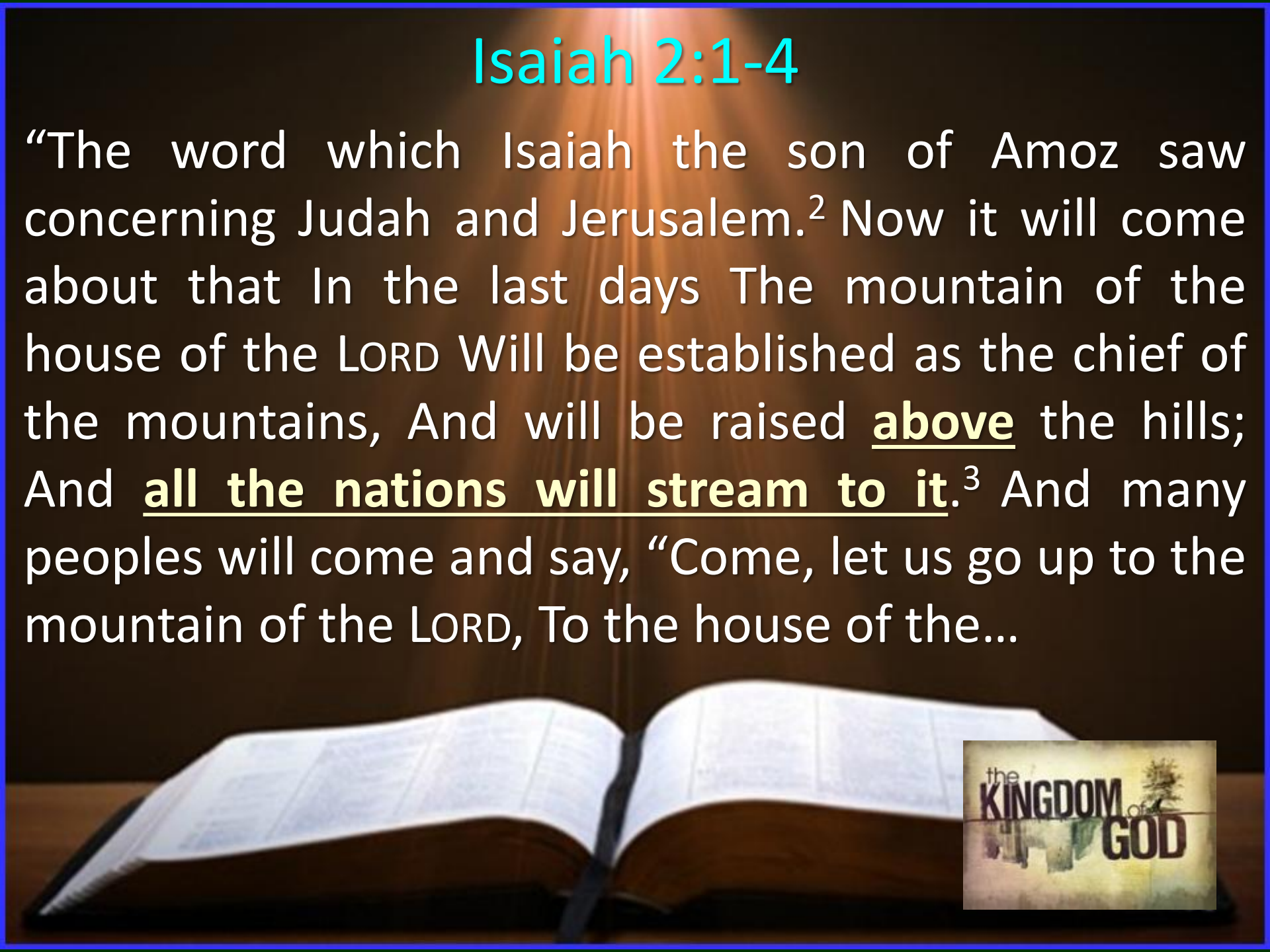
Isaiah 49:6

He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make **You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth**.”



Isaiah 2:1-4

“The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.[2] Now it will come about that In the last days 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 the nations will stream to it**.[3] And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the…



Isaiah 2:1-4

...God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from **Jerusalem**.[4] 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**.”



Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. 17 **And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.** 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; **it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.**”



Matthew 13:3

"And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, **the sower went out to sow**."



The Prophetic Parables of Matthew Thirteen - A. W. Pink

"The words ***'went forth to sow,'*** or as Mark's Gospel puts it ***'went out'*** were indicative of the **great dispensational change** which was soon to be introduced. There was no longer to be a planting of vines or fig-trees in Israel, but a going out of the mercy of God unto the Gentiles; therefore what we have here is the *broadcast* sowing of the Seed in the field at large, for as verse 38 tells us 'the field is *the world*.'"

A. W. Pink (2005). *The Prophetic Parables of Matthew Thirteen*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 ***Go*** therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



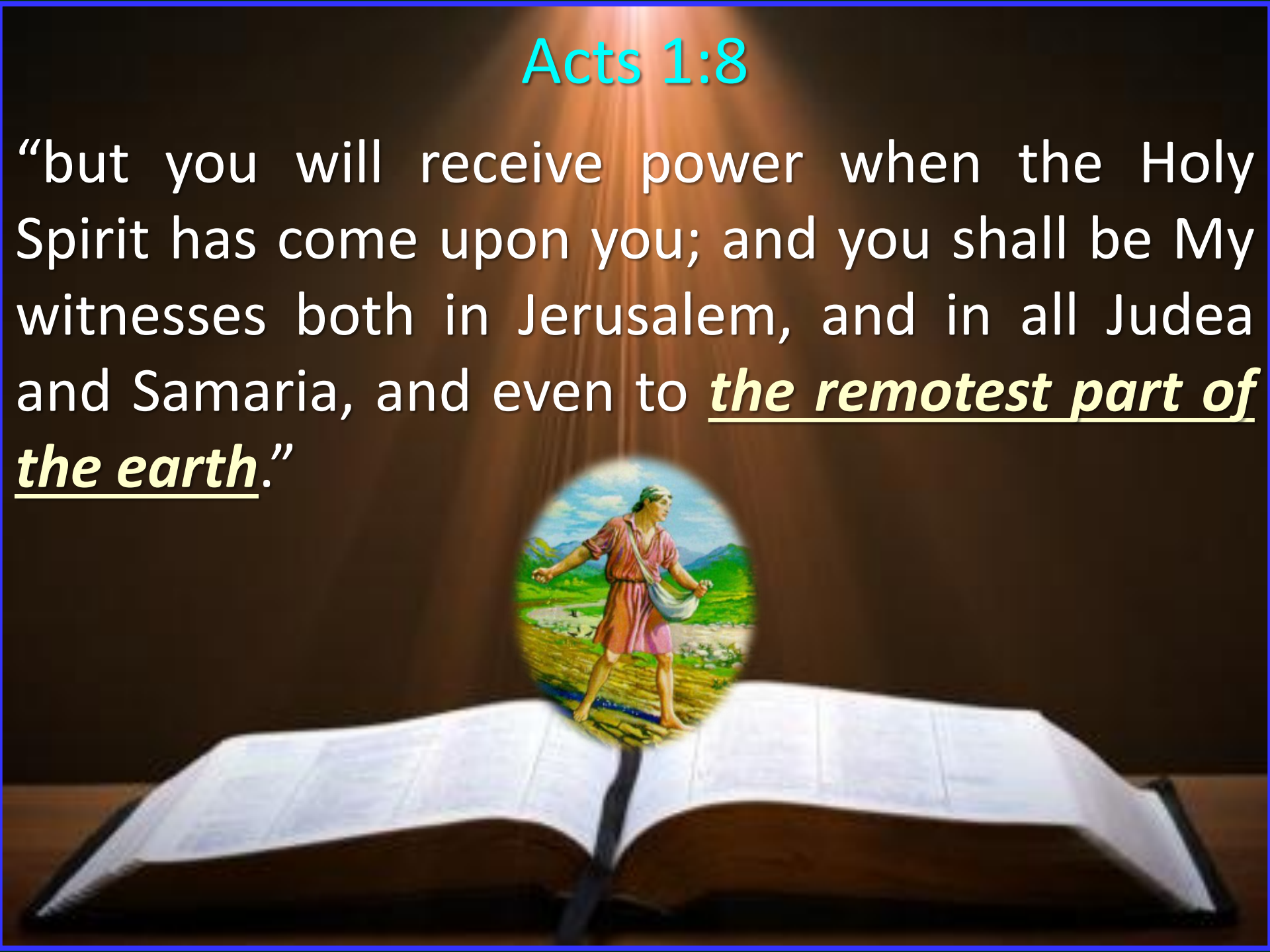
Mark 16:15

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."



Acts 1:8

"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to ***the remotest part of the earth***."



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Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed** us with **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ**."



Revelation 2:9

"I know your tribulation and your **poverty** (but **you are rich**), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."



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Matthew 3:9

“and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.”



Romans 2:28-29

“28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly,
nor is circumcision that which is outward in the
flesh. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly;
and circumcision is that which is of the heart,
by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is
not from men, but from God.”



Romans 9:6

"But *it is* not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel."



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Zechariah 13:8-9

8 “It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, “**That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it**. 9 “And I will bring **the third part** through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”



1 Corinthians 12:13

"For by one Spirit we were **all** baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all** made to drink of one Spirit."

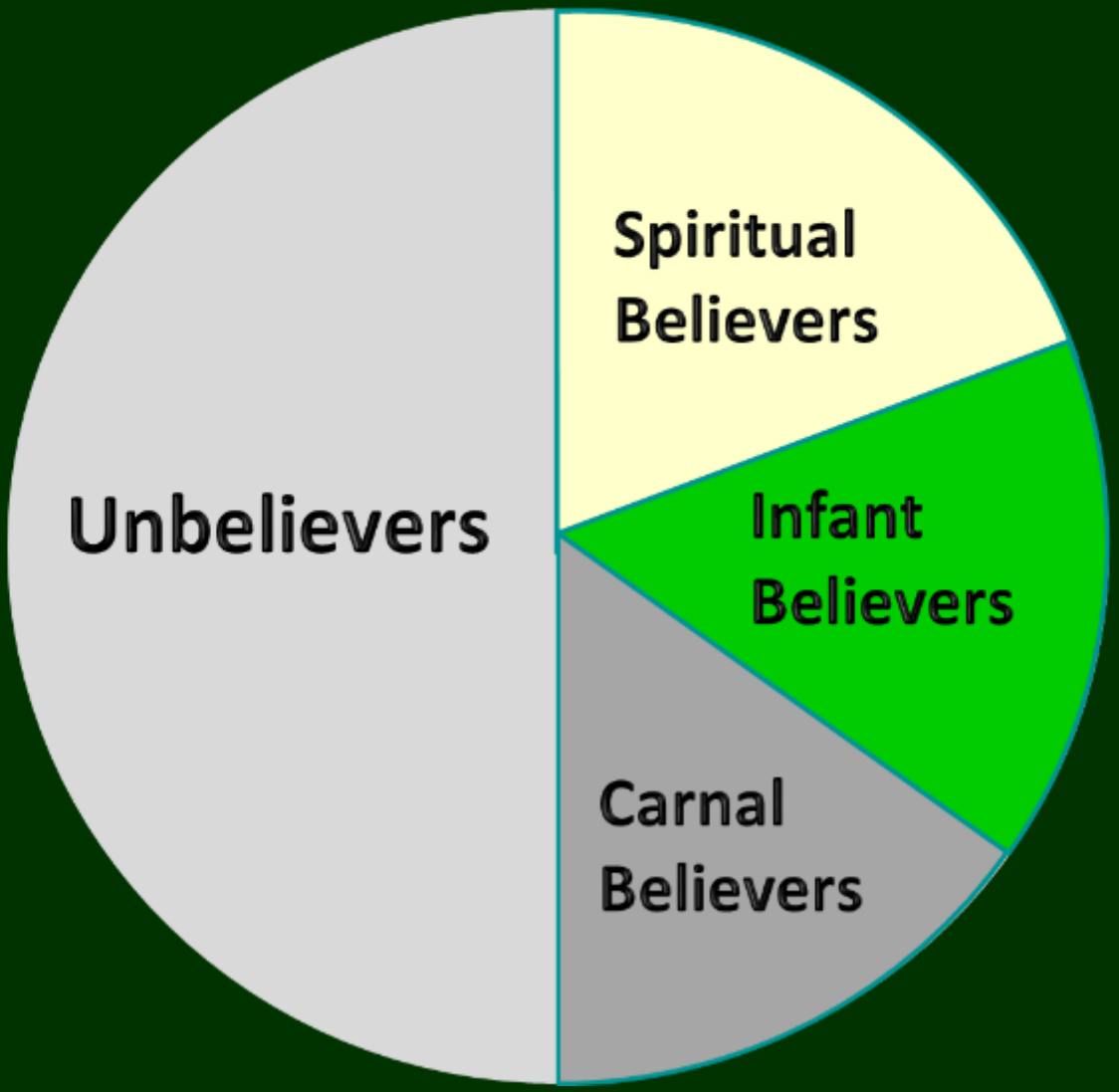


1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** *people* but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ.
2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it,* and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* **men**?



4 Kinds of People from 1 Corinthians 3:1-3



Conclusion

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	ISRAEL	CHURCH
Marriage	Wife	Bride
Christ	Birthed Christ	Birthed by Christ
Return	2nd advent	Rapture
Leader	King	Head, Groom
Beginning	Gen 12	Acts 2
Scripture	4/5	1/5
Covenants	Parties	Beneficiaries
Nation	Political	Spiritual

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Wars	Political	Spiritual
Timing	A quo / ad quem	No time indicators
Priesthood	Have a priesthood	Are a priesthood
Temple	Physical	Body
Resurrection	1st resurrection	Rapture
Judgment	Earthly (Ezek. 20:33-44)	Heavenly (Bema)
New Jerusalem	Gates	Foundations
Entrance	Physical birth	Spiritual birth

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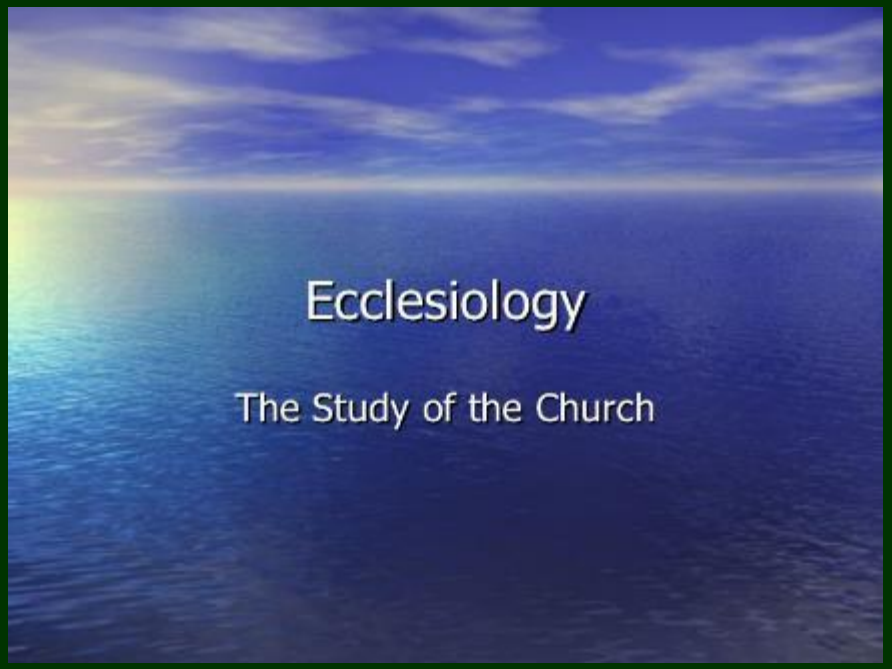
"so that the **manifold** wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*."





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