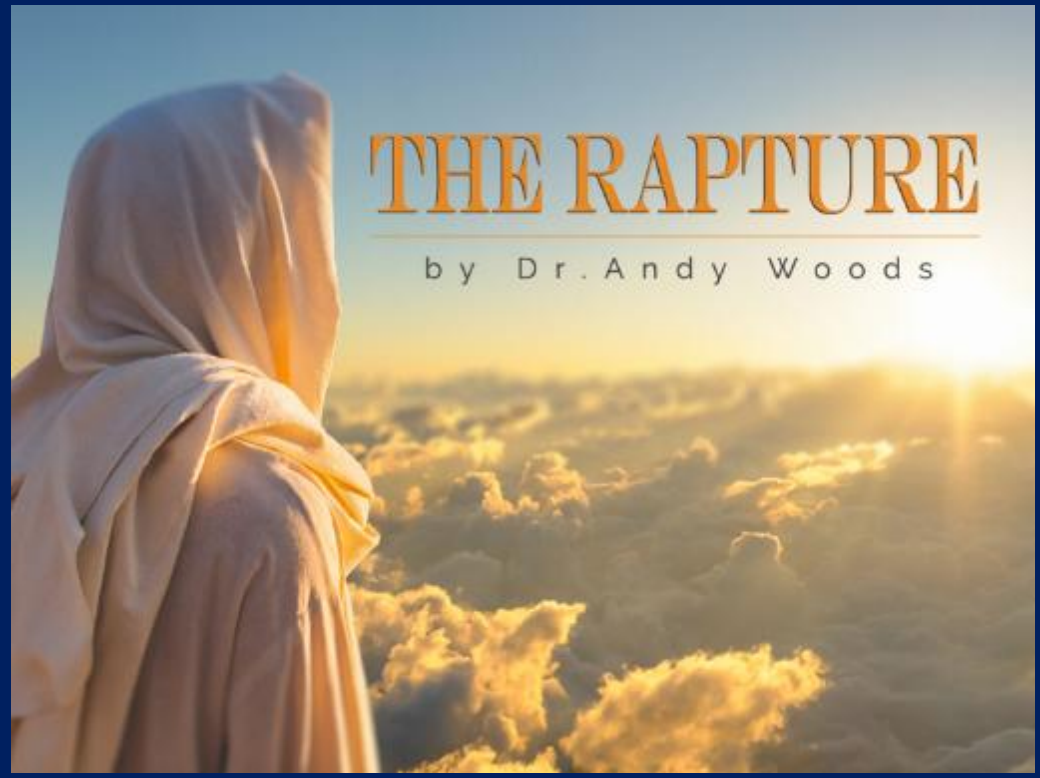
THE RAPTURE

What and When? – Part 57





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What is the Rapture?



1. An important doctrine
2. Distinct from the Second Advent
3. Catching away of all living believers (1 Thess 4:17)
4. Reunion (1 Thess 4:14-16)
5. Resurrection (1 Cor 15:50-54)
6. Exemption from death (1 Cor 15:51, 54-56)
7. Instantaneous (1 Cor 15:52)
8. Mystery (1 Cor 15:51)
9. Imminent (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)
10. Traditional doctrine now being recovered

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When is the Rapture?

7 Arguments Favoring the Pre-Tribulation View

1. Tribulation's purpose concerns Israel (Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24)
2. No biblical reference to the church on earth during the Tribulation period (Rev 4-22)
3. Church is promised an exemption from divine wrath (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; Rev 3:10; 6:17)
4. Rapture is imminent (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)
5. Rapture is a comfort (1 Thess 4:18)
6. Antichrist cannot come to power until the restrainer is removed (2 Thess 2:6-7)
7. Symbolic parallels (2 Peter 2:5-9)

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Strengthening the Pre-Tribulation Case

1. John 14:1-4
2. Revelation 3:10
3. First Thessalonians 4–5
4. Second Thessalonians 2:3a
5. Matthew 24–25



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When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



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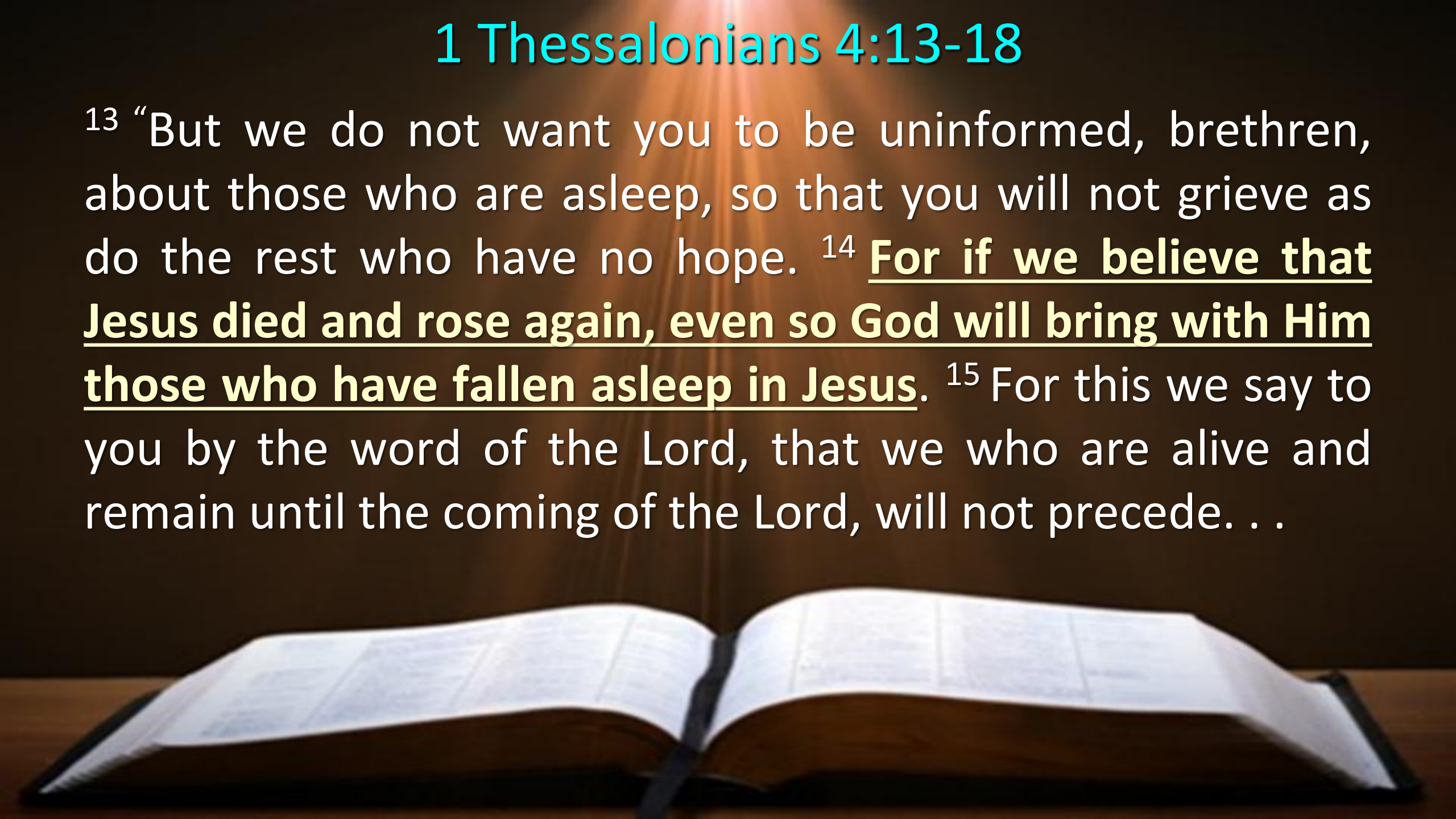
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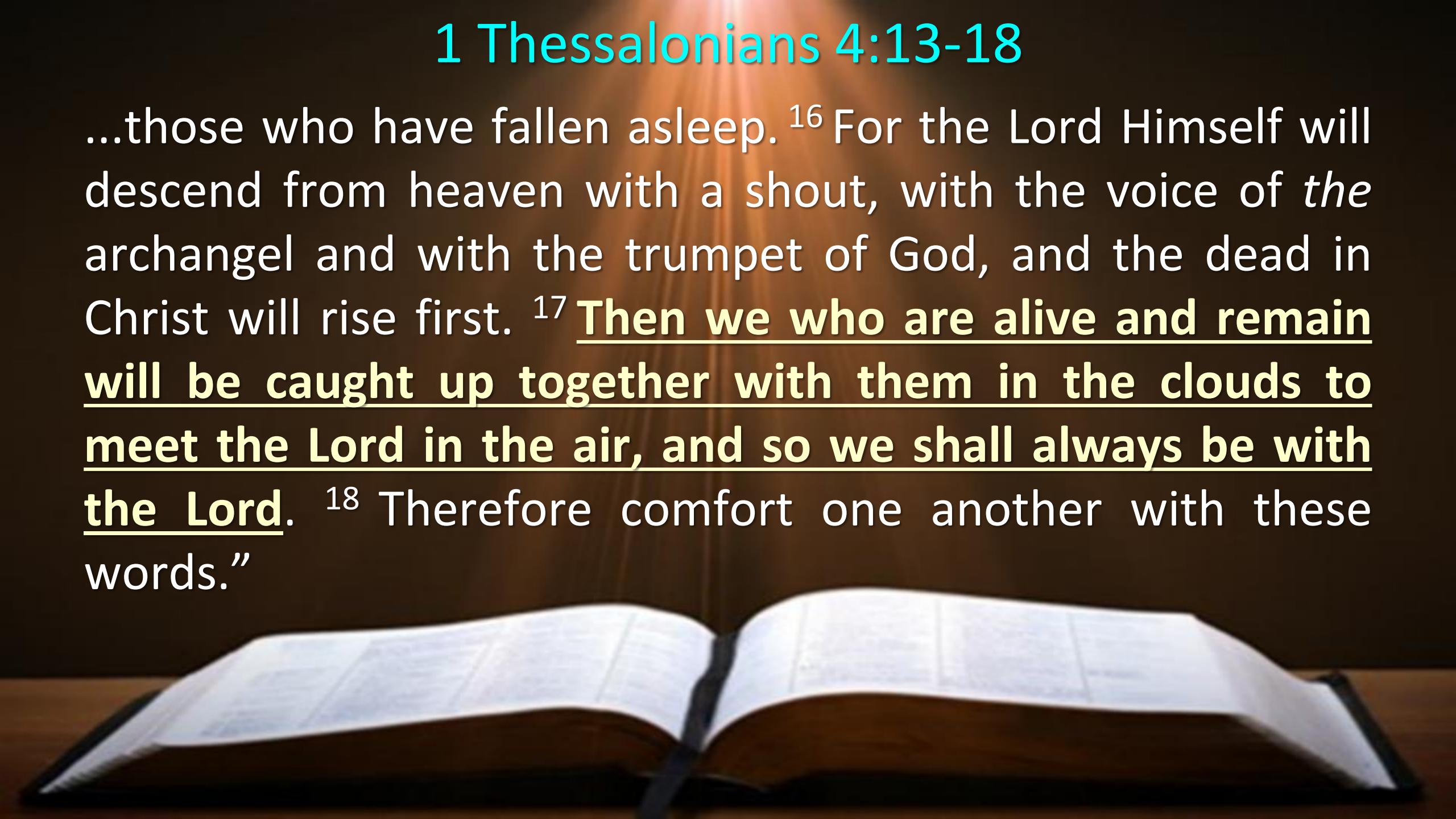
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus**. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede. . .



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

...those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [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**. [18] Therefore comfort one another with these words."



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1 Corinthians 15:50-51

“50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”



Romans 8:19-23

19 “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly
for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation
was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him
who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also
will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the
freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we
know **that the whole creation groans** and suffers the . . .



Romans 8:19-23

. . . pains of childbirth together until now. [23] And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body**."



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2 Corinthians 5:10

"For **we must all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."



Our Performance Appraisals



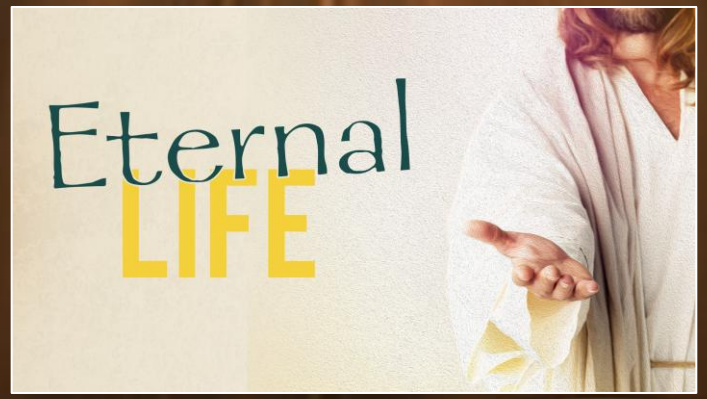
Why?

- **Not** to judge sin (John 19:30)
- **Not** to determine salvation (John 5:24)
- **But** rather to give or not give rewards



John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **<u>believes Him</u>** who sent Me, **<u>has eternal life</u>**, and does not come into judgment, but **<u>has passed out</u>** of death into life."



Scripture's Five Crowns
(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	**Incorruptible**	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	**Rejoicing**	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	**Life**	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	**Glory**	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	**Righteousness**	Longing for His appearing

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

“14 If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



One Second After the Rapture

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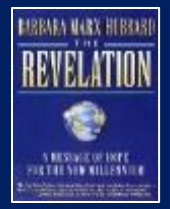


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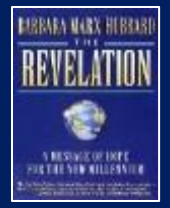




Explanation of the missing

“Your unfinished species is ready to evolve. The time has come on Earth for this quantum change to occur in many of you." Her "Christ" further informed her "I cannot 'return' until enough of you are attracted and linked." Hubbard's "Christ" explained, "I did not intend for you to deify me, but to deify yourselves as being at the same stage of evolution as I am." "Suffice it to say, that if you do not choose to evolve into a wholesome, co-creative human, then you shall not." "...the fundamental regression is self-centeredness, or the illusion that you are separate from God. I 'make war' on self-centeredness.“…

Barbara Marx Hubbard, *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*, 2nd ed. (Novato, CA: Nataraj, 1995), 65, 66, 195, 233, 240, 255.



Explanation of the missing (cont'd)

…Furthermore, "At the co-creative stage of evolution, **one self-centered soul is like a lethal cancer cell in a body; deadly to itself and to the whole." Thus, "The surgeon dare leave no cancer in the body when he closes up the wound after a delicate operation**. We dare leave no self-centered person on Earth after the selection process."

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The Coming Synthesis

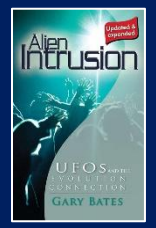
"The coming of the Aquarian age also stimulates in man a spirit of universality and a tendency towards fusion. This can be seen working out in the present trend towards **synthesis in business, in religion and in politics**. It produces an urge towards union, and among other unions, towards religious understanding and tolerance...False and true standards will emerge in man's consciousness, and those choices will be made which will lay the foundation of the new order, which will inaugurate the new race, with its **new laws** and novel approaches, and so usher in the new religion of love and brotherhood, and that period wherein the group and the **group-good will be the dominant** note. Then **separateness and hatreds will fade out** and men will be merged in a true unity."

Alice A. Bailiey and Dijwhal Khul, The Seventh Ray: Revealer of the New Age (NY: Lucius Press, 1995), 198-99.

Explanation of the missing

New Age writer Randolph Price says that his spirit guide, an "awakened one" called "Asher," has informed him that "Nature will soon enter her cleansing cycle" during which those of "lower vibratory rates" will purified off the planet. Perhaps one of the factors which will bring the antichrist to power will be his ability to restore order from chaos by offering an acceptable explanation for all of the missing Christians.

Randall Baer, *Inside the New Age Nightmare* (Lafayette, LA: Huntington House, 1989), 169.



Explanation of the missing

"The people who leave the planet during the time of Earth changes do not fit in here any longer, and they are stopping the harmony of Earth. When the time comes that perhaps 20 million people leave the planet at one time there will be a tremendous shift in consciousness for those who are remaining."

Barbara Marciniak, *Bringers of the Dawn: Teachings from the Pleiadians* (Rochester, VT: Bear and Co., 1992), cited in "Rapture: The New Age Version," <www.redmoonrising.com/newage.htm>, 29 January, 2010. See Gary Bates, *Alien Intrusion: UfOs and the Evolution Connection* (Powder Springs, GA: Creation Book Publishers, 2004), 367-68.

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Romans 11:25-26

“[25] For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a **partial hardening** has happened to Israel **until** the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; [26] and so **all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.’”



Jeremiah 31:35-37

Thus says the LORD, Who gives **the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night**, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name:[36] "**If this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the Lord, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me** forever."[37] Thus says the LORD, "If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done," declares the LORD.



Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis
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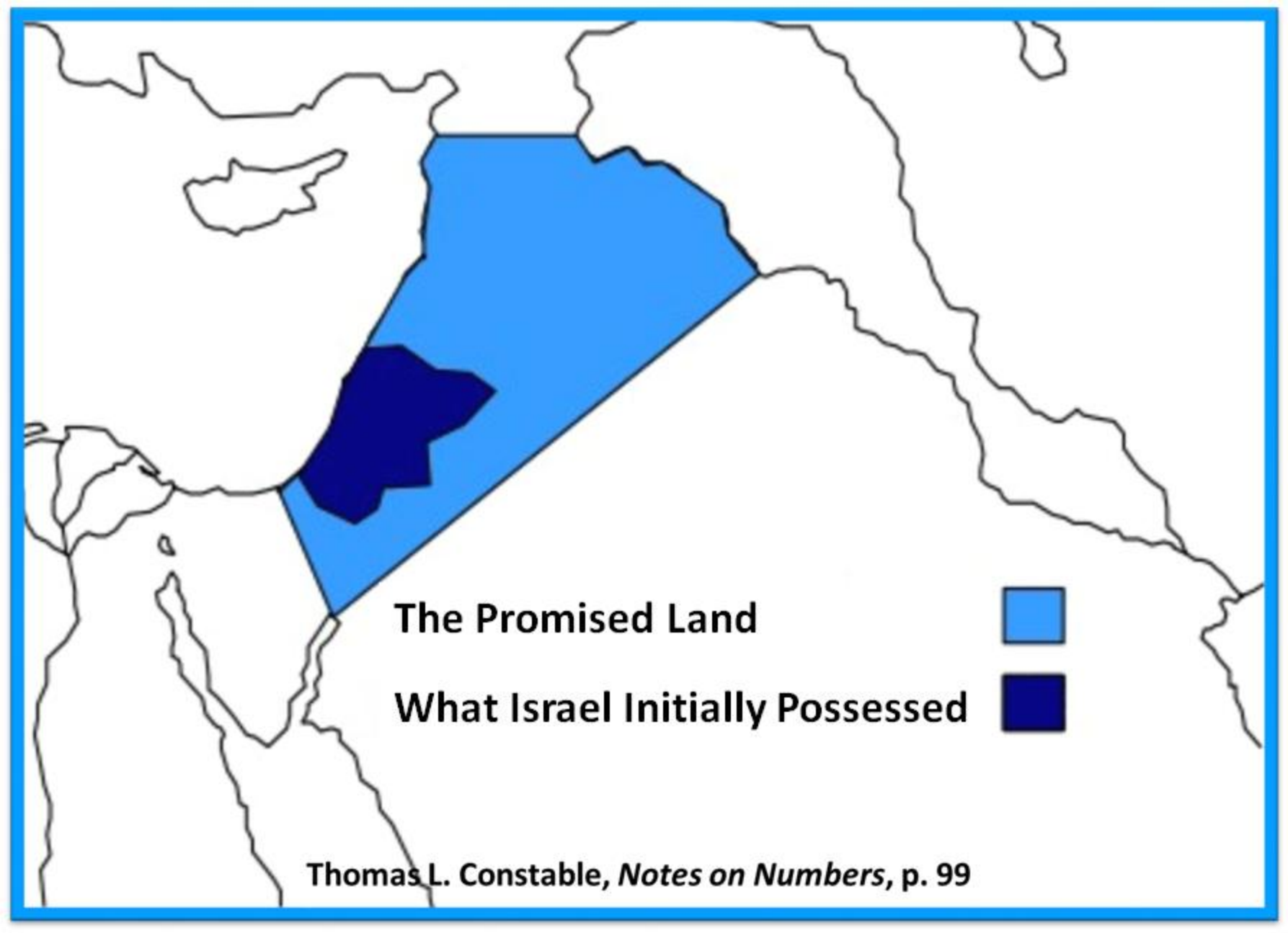
LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**







Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)


The Promised Land
What Israel Initially Possessed
Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Numbers*, p. 99

Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude	
144,000	**MULTITUDE**
Revelation 7:1-8	**Revelation 7:9-17**
Numbered	**Innumerable**
Jews	**All nations**
Sealed	**Slain**
Sealed before the Tribulation	**Converted out of the Tribulation**
Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 77	

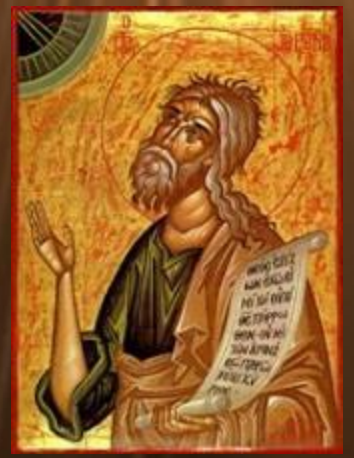
God's Work Through Israel

- Rev 7-144,000 Jews
- Rev 11-Two Jewish witnesses
- Rev 12-Israel flees



Jeremiah 30:7

"Alas! for that day is great, There is **none like it**; And it is the time of **Jacob's distress** (Gen. 32:8; 35:10), But he will be **saved** from it."



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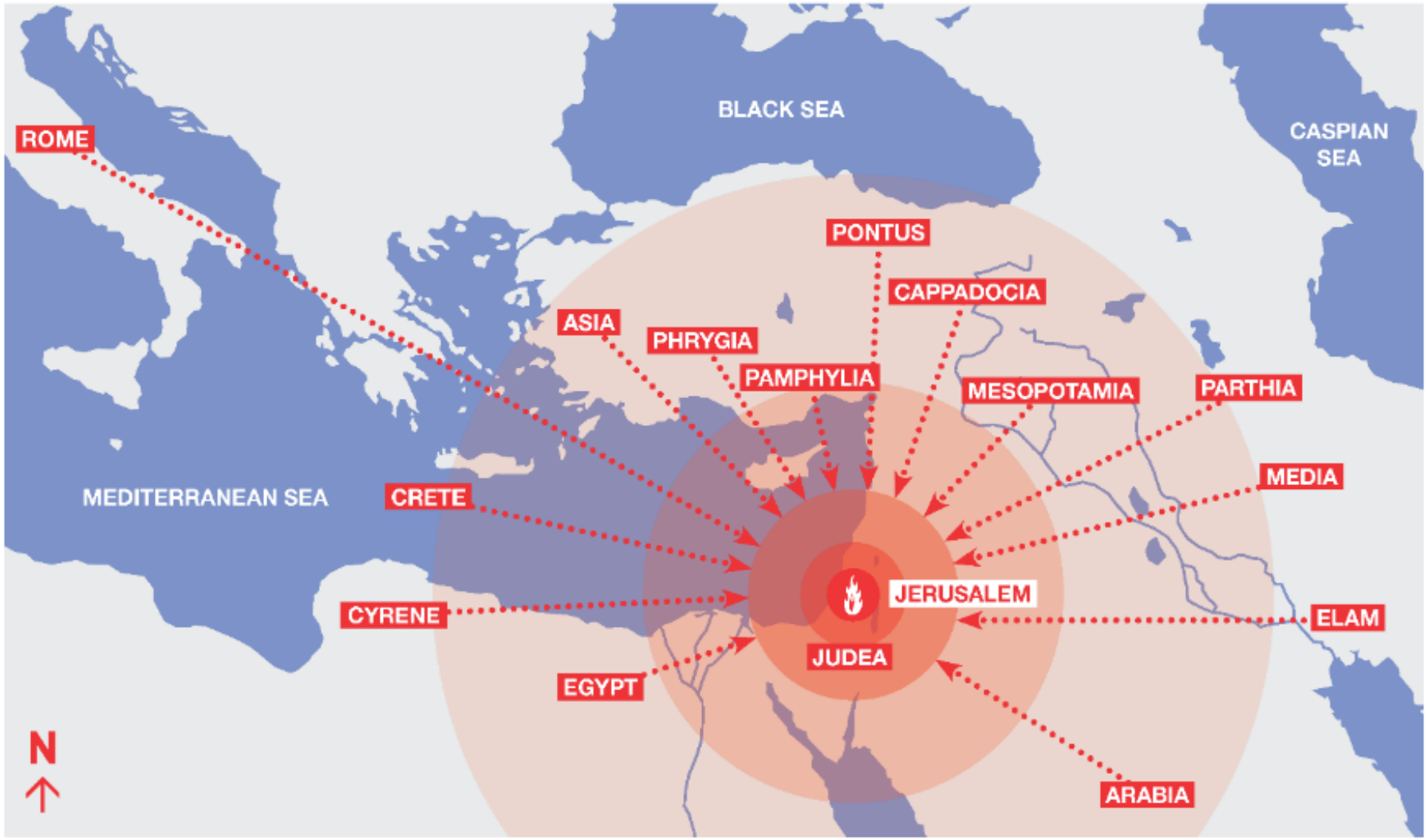
2) **<u>In the Holy Spirit's operation</u>**





THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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1 Samuel 16:13-14

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and **the Spirit of the Lord** came mightily **upon** David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 14 Now the Spirit of the Lord **departed** from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him.



John 14:16-17

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you **forever**; 17 *that is* **the Spirit** of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* **you know Him** because He abides with you and will be **in you**.

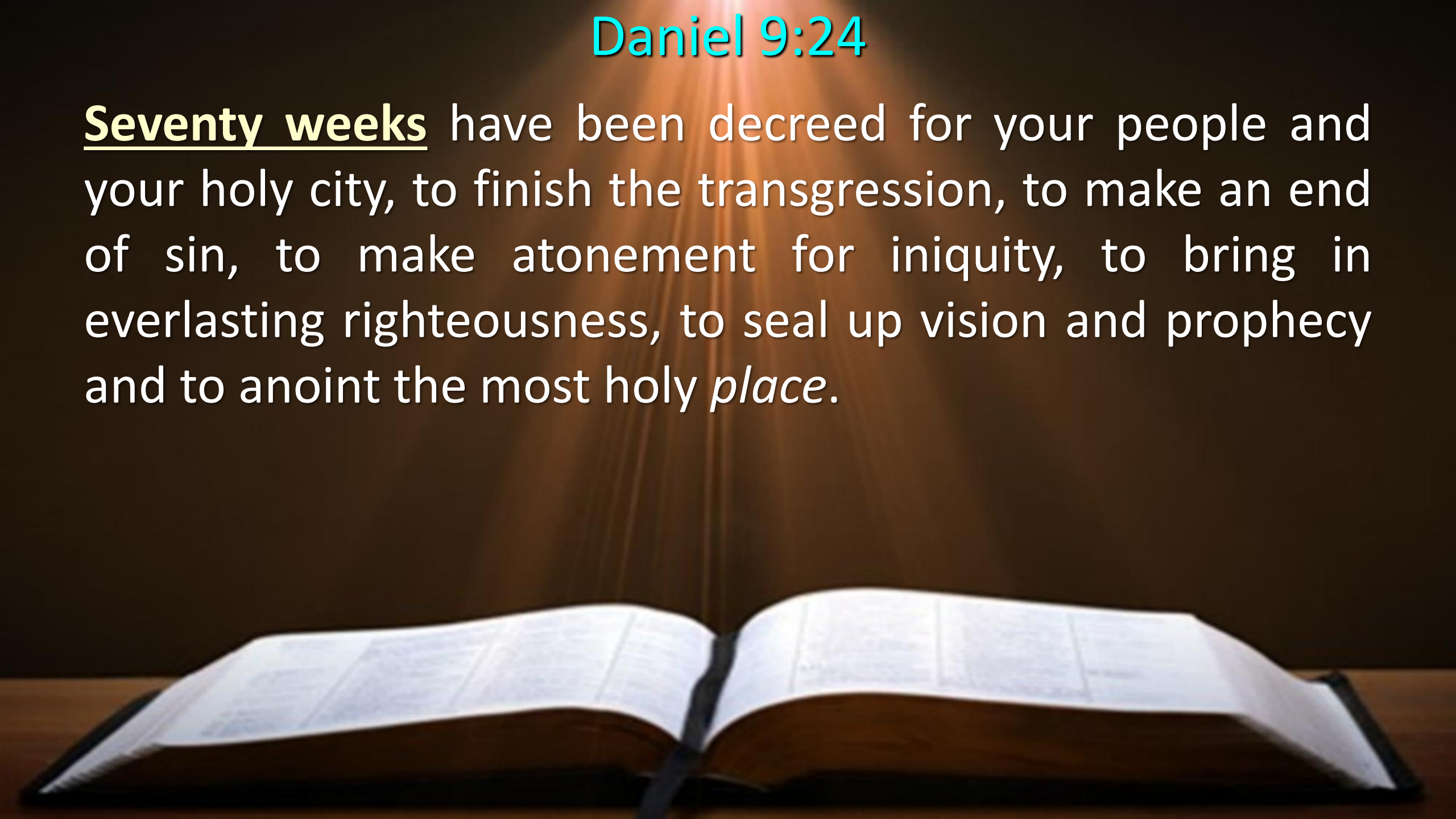


WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE OT

	OT/GOSPELS	TODAY
External vs. Internal	Upon (1 Sam. 16:13)	Within (John 14:17)
Reception of all of the Spirit at the moment of salvation?	Subsequent to salvation (Exod 31:3)	At moment of salvation (Rom 8:9)
How long is the indwelling?	Temporary indwelling (1 Sam 16:14; Ps 51:11)	Permanent indwelling (John 14:16)
Who is indwelt?	Selective indwelling (Joel 2:28)	Universal indwelling (1 Cor 12:13)

Daniel 9:24

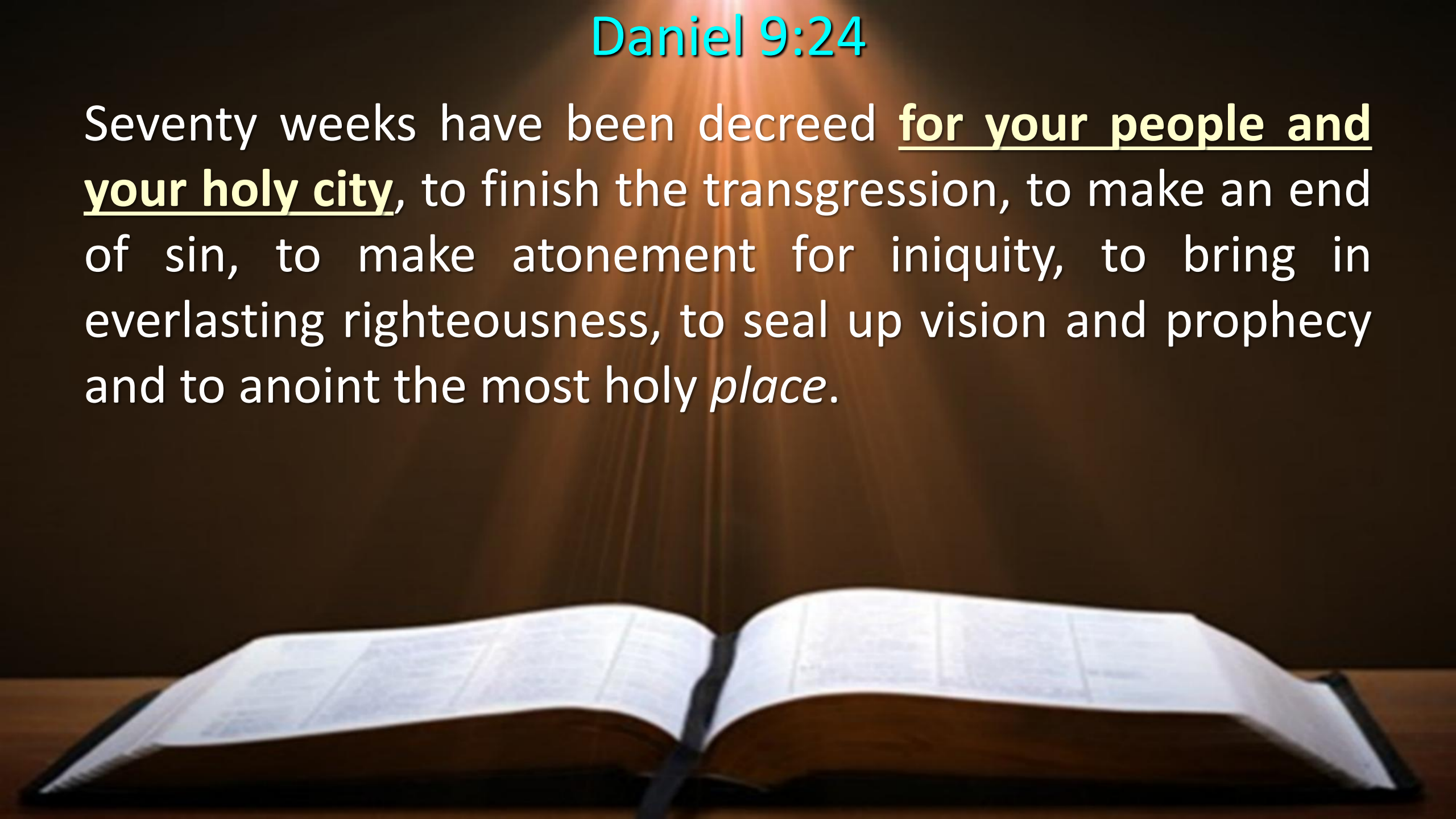
Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.




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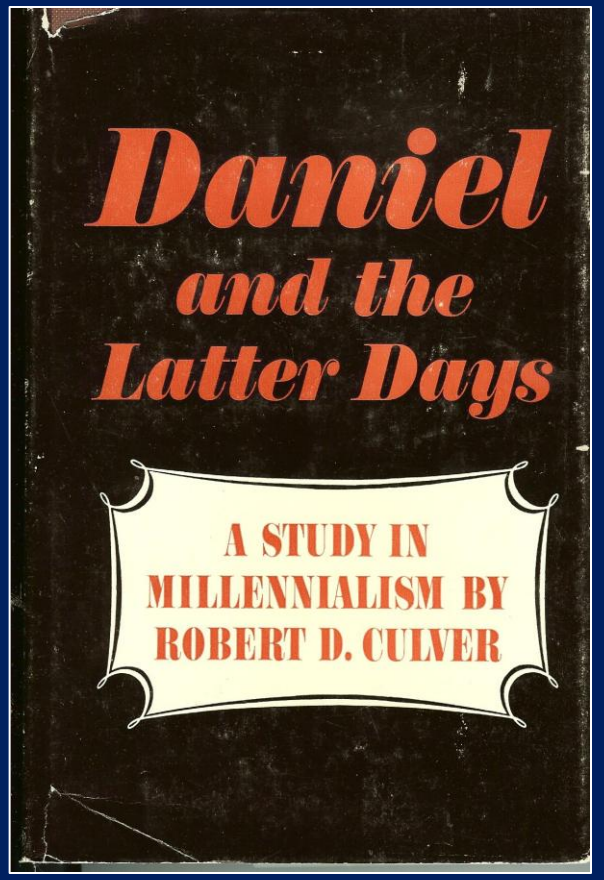




Robert Culver

Daniel and the Latter Days
(Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1977), p. 149

"Let the postmillennial and amillennial commentators look long and steadily at this fact. This prophecy is a prophecy for Daniel's people and Daniel's city. No alchemy of Origenistic spiritualizing interpretation can change that."



GAP BETWEEN 483rd AND 484th YEAR

A. Prophecy runs successively for 483 years

B. Gap between 483rd and 484th year

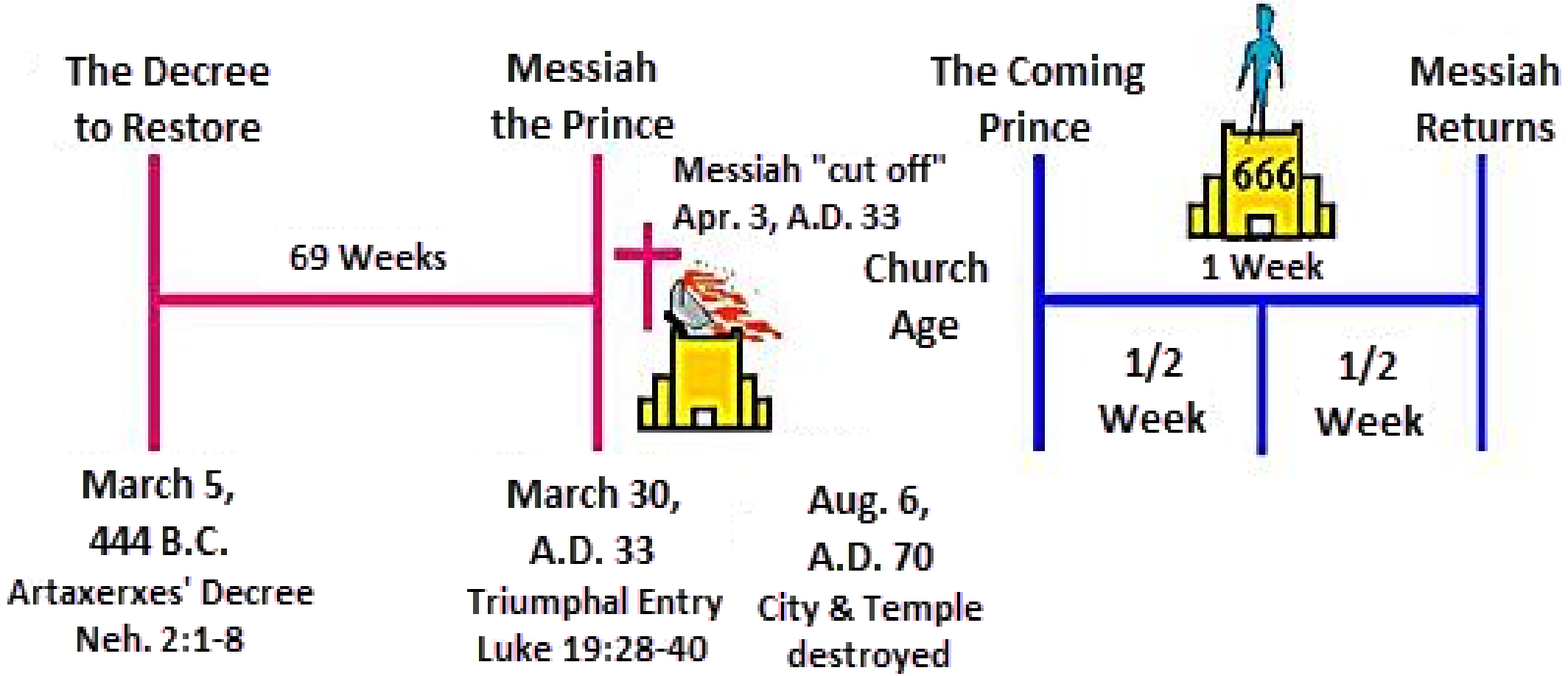
69 weeks
483 years

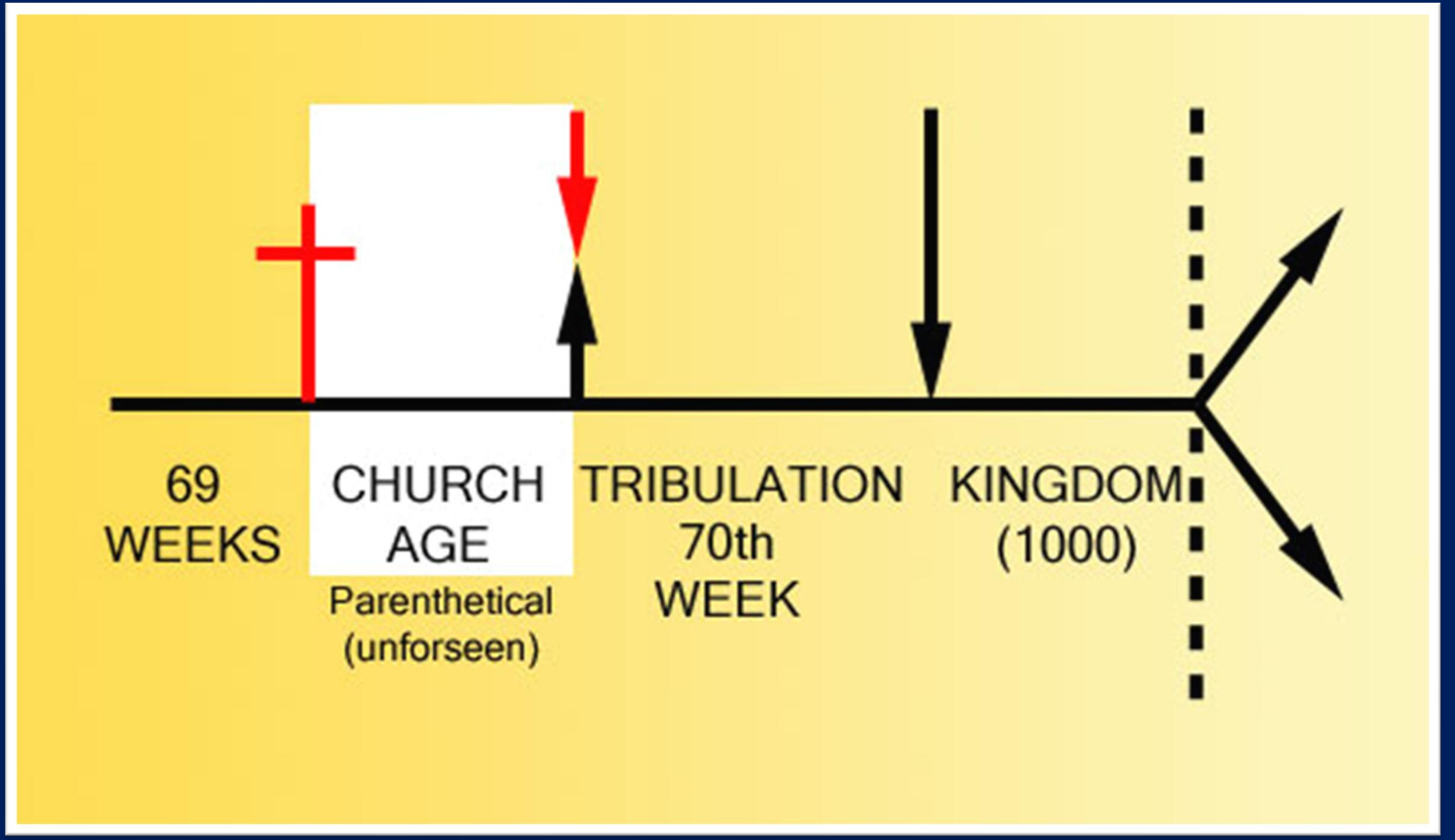
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70th week
7 years

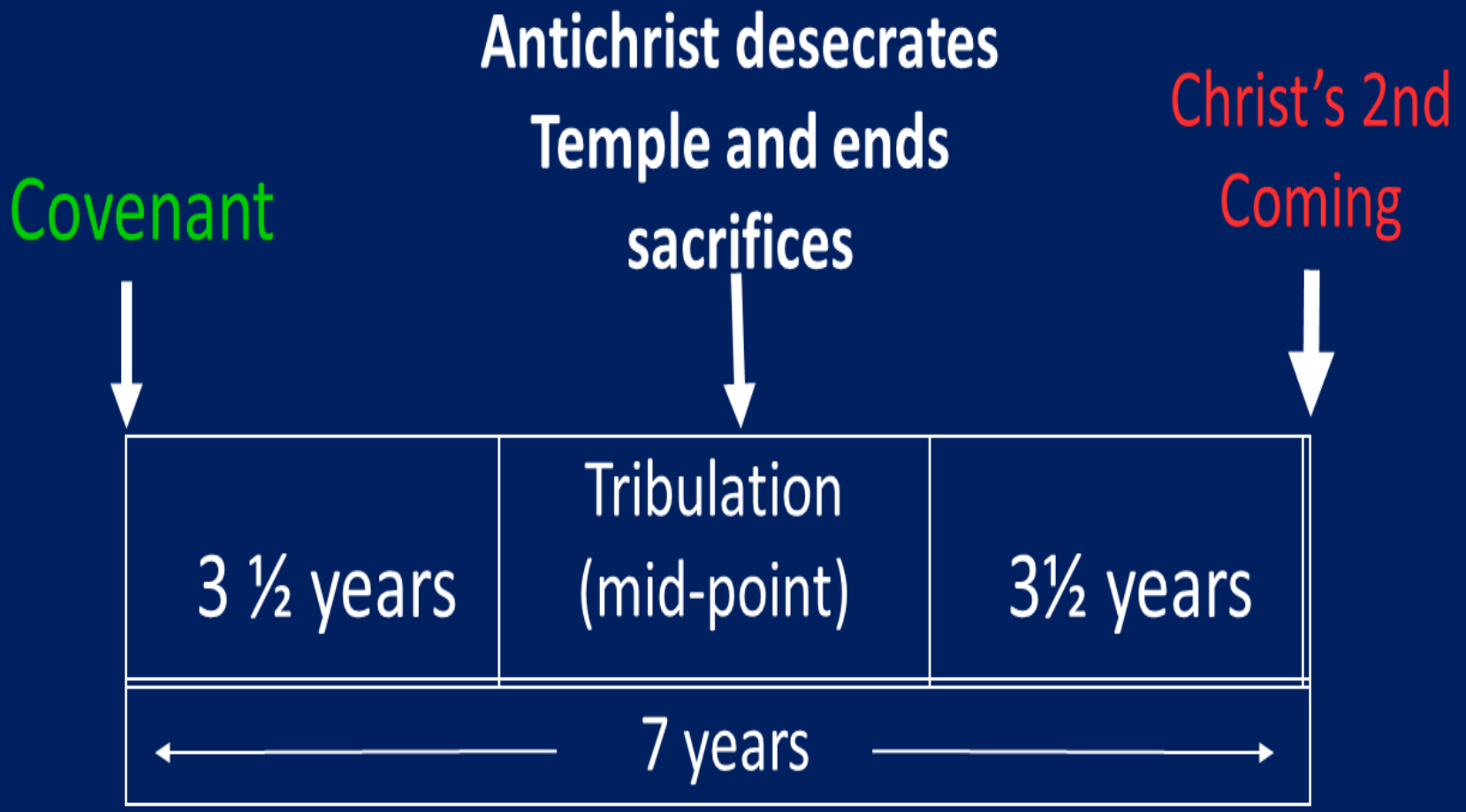
Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)




69
WEEKS
CHURCH
AGE
Parenthetical
(unforseen)
TRIBULATION
70th
WEEK
KINGDOM
(1000)

DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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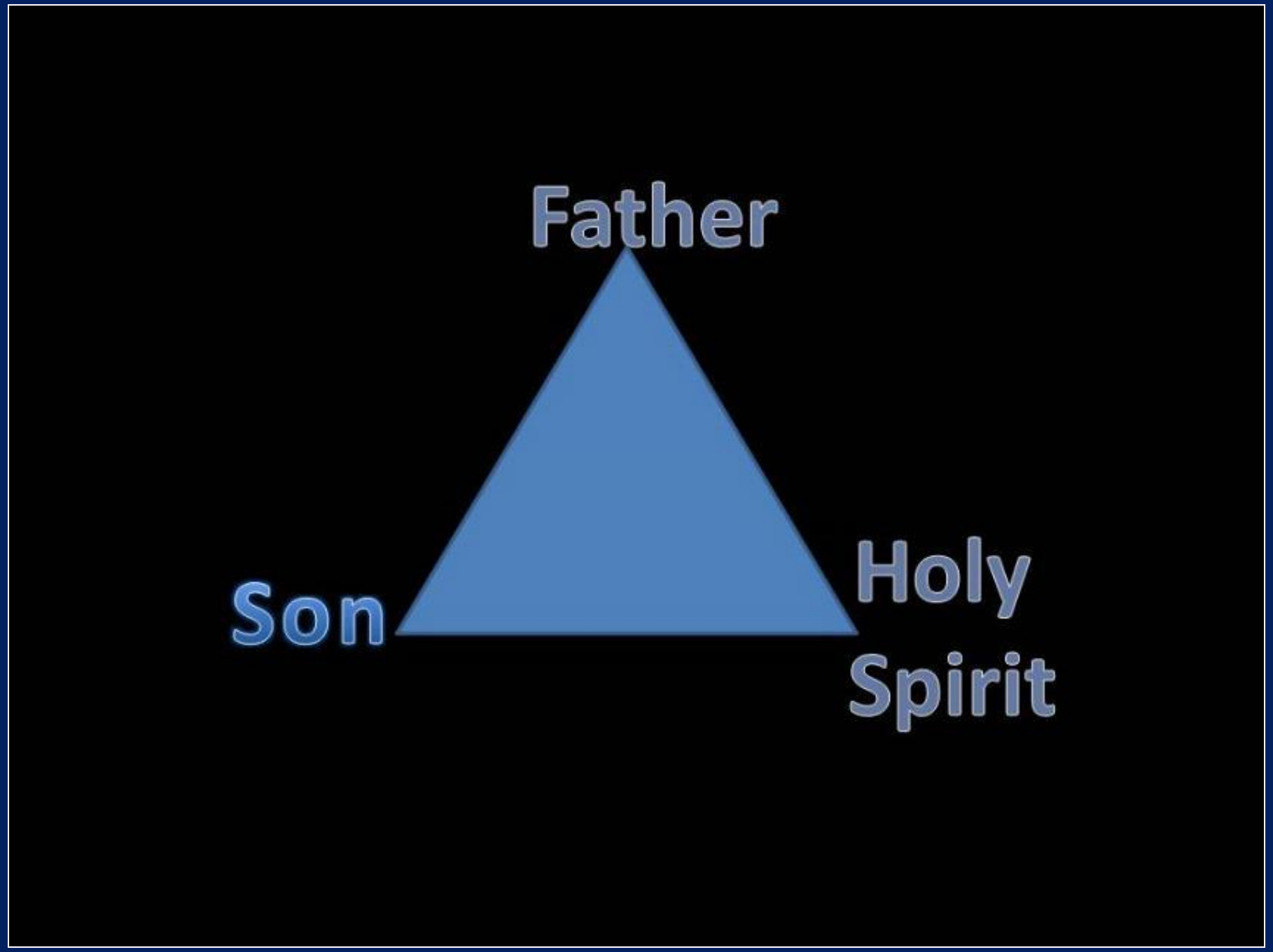




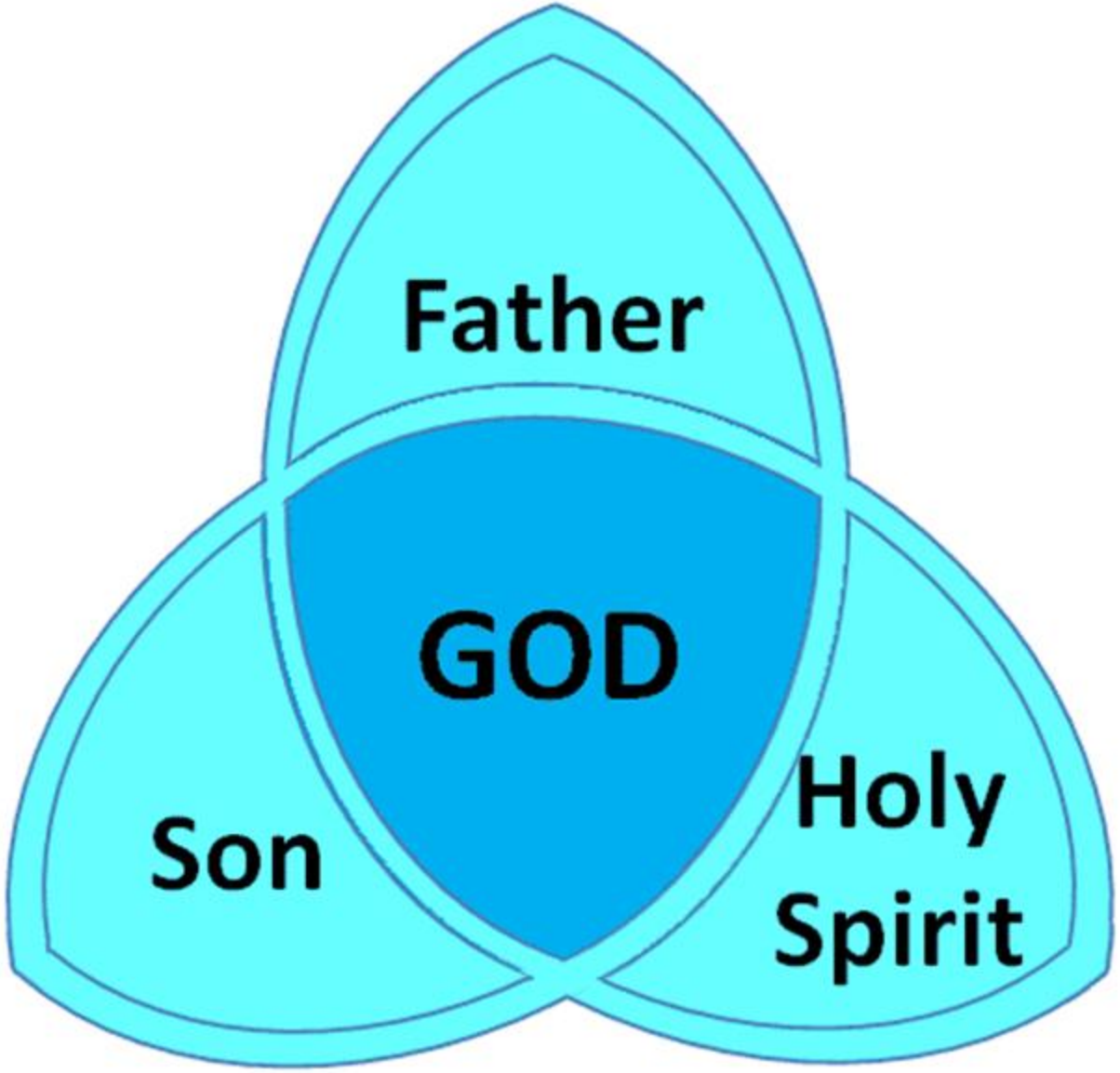
2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

6 And you know what **restrains [*katechon; neuter*]** him
now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 7 For the
mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who
now **restrains [*katechōn; masculine*]** *will do so* until he is
taken out of the way.




Father
Son
Holy
Spirit

TRINITY



3 Reasons Why the Restrainer is the Holy Spirit

(2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)

1. The Holy Spirit is omnipotent

2. The Holy Spirit view handles well the switch in gender from the neuter (vs. 6) to the masculine (vs. 7)

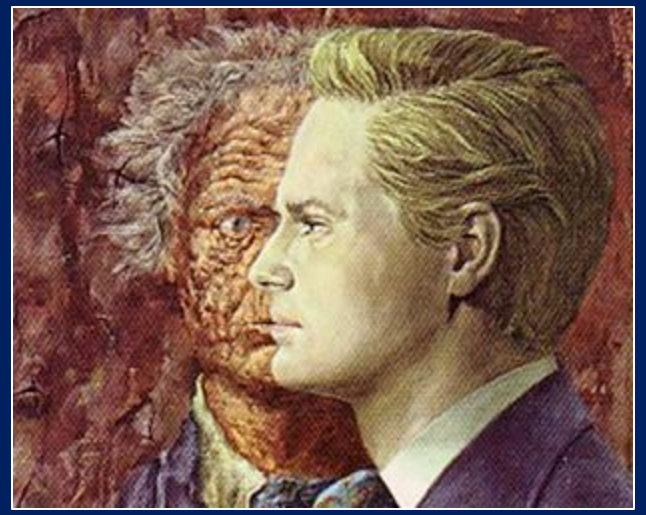
3. The Holy Spirit is active in the world (Gen. 6:3; John 16:7-11)





Who is the Antichrist?

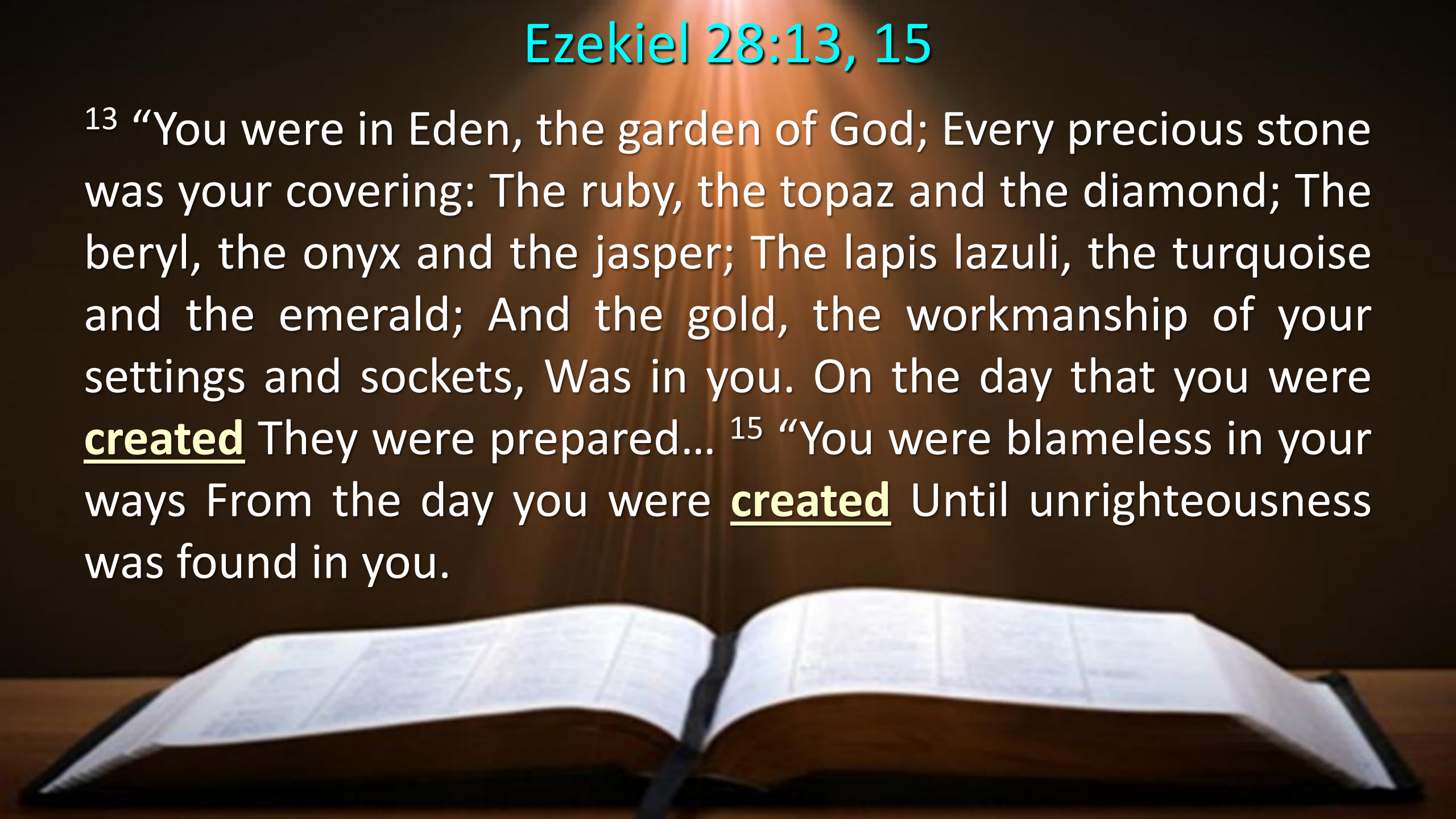
"We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of **Antichrist**; but if it had been necessary to announce his name plainly at the present time, it would have been spoken by him who saw the apocalypse. For it was not seen long ago, but almost in our own time, at the end of the reign of Domitian."



Irenaeus *Against Heresies* 5.30.3

Ezekiel 28:13, 15

13 “You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were **created** They were prepared… 15 “You were blameless in your ways From the day you were **created** Until unrighteousness was found in you.



Revelation 13:16-18

16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 17 and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or **the number of his name.**
18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.



TABLE OF ALPHABETIC NOTATION OF NUMERALS

	Hebrew	Greek		Hebrew	Greek
1	א	α	50	נ	ν
2	ב	β	60	ס	ξ
3	ג	γ	70	ע	ο
4	ד	δ	80	פ	π
5	ה	ε	90	צ	φ
6	ו	ϛ	100	ק	ρ
7	ז	ζ	200	ר	σ
8	ח	η	300	ש	τ
9	ט	θ	400	ת	υ
10	י	ι	500	תק	φ
20	כ	κ	600		χ
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Geoffrey Bromiley, ed., *The International Bible Standard Encyclopedia*, 3:556.


The 7 Churches in Revelation
Rev. 1: 11
BLACK SEA
BITHYNIA
MYSIA
AEGEAN SEA
ASIA
Pergamum
Thyatira
Smyrna
Sardis
Philadelphia
PHRYGIA
Ephesus
Laodicea
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CARIA
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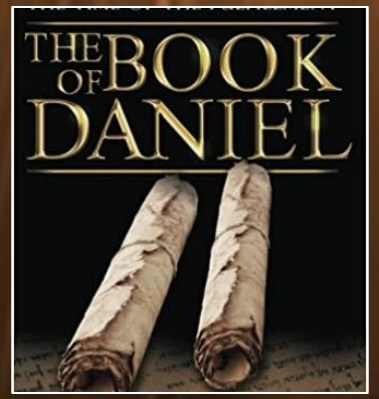
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Daniel 7:23

"The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour **the whole earth** and tread it down and crush it."



Satan's Goal of Globalism



- Dan. 7:23
- Rev. 13:7-8; Rev. 5:9
- Rev. 13:16-18
- Rev. 17:15

Zechariah 5:5-11

- Woman (wickedness)
- Ephah (commerce)
- House (Temple-2 Sam 7; religion)
- Shinar (Gen 10:10; 11:2; Dan 1:2)



2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

6 And you know what **restrains [*katechon; neuter*]** him
now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 7 For the
mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who
now **restrains [*katechōn; masculine*]** *will do so* until he is
taken out of the way.



Zechariah 5:5-11	Revelation 17–18
Woman sitting in a basket	**Woman sitting on beast, seven mountains, many waters (17: 3, 9, 15)**
Emphasis on commerce (a basket for measuring grain)	**Emphasis on commerce (merchant of grain, 18:13)**
Woman's name is wickedness	**Woman's name is Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth**
Focus on False worship (a temple is built for the woman)	**Focus on False worship (17:5)**
Woman is taken to Babylon	**Woman is called Babylon**

Hitchcock, *The Second Coming of Babylon*, 109.



John Lennon

Song “Imagine”

… imagine a time when there will be “**no countries**,” “no religion,” “no heaven,” “no hell,” “no possessions,” everyone “living for today,” and the world “**as one**.”



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2 Thessalonians 2:3, 7

"…**the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction…For **the mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way."



1 John 4:3

"and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is **the *spirit* of the antichrist**, of which you have heard that it is coming, **and now it is already in the world**."



Chrislam?


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2 Thessalonians 2:9

"that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all **power** and **signs** and false **wonders**."

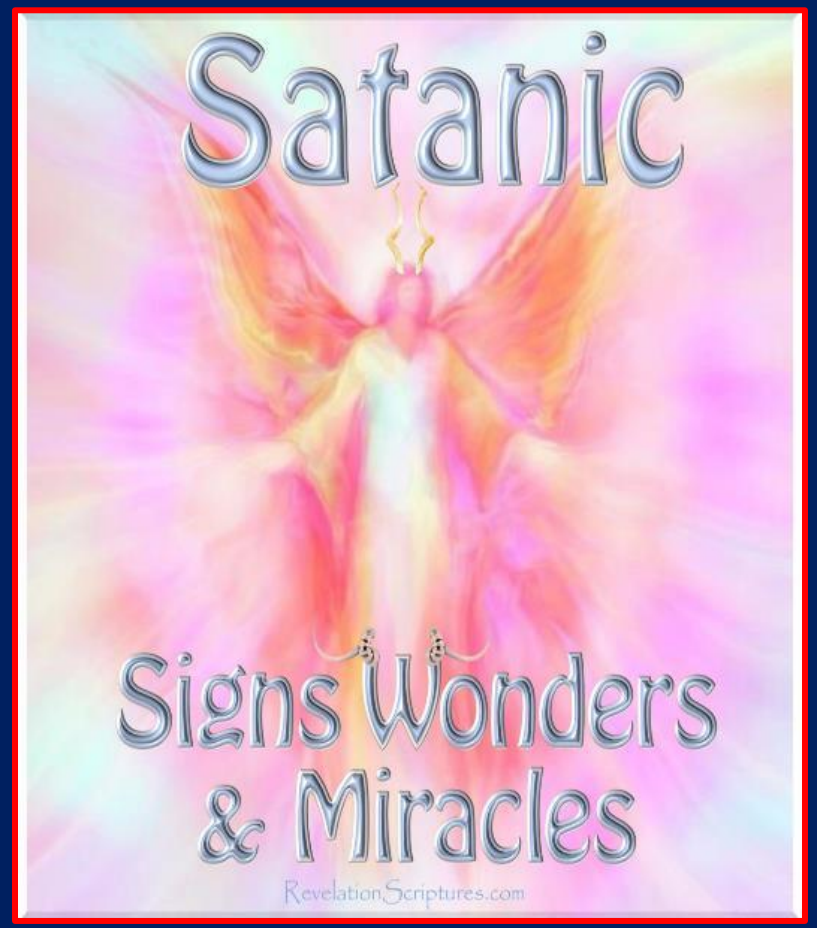


Antichrist's Satanic Miracles
(2 Thessalonians 2:9)

MIRACLE	GREEK	CHRIST'S MINISTRY
Powers	*Dynamis*	Matt. 11:20
Signs	*Semēion*	John 20:30
Wonders	*Teras*	Acts 2:22

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

1. Exod. 7–8
2. Deut. 13:1-3
3. Job 1:12-19; 2:7-8
4. 1 Sam. 28?
5. Matt. 7:21-23; 24:24
6. Acts 8:9; 16:16
7. Gal. 1:6-9
8. 2 Thess. 2:9
9. Rev. 13:3, 13, 15; 16:13-14



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God Blesses His Truth

Proverbs 14:34

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Ps 33:12

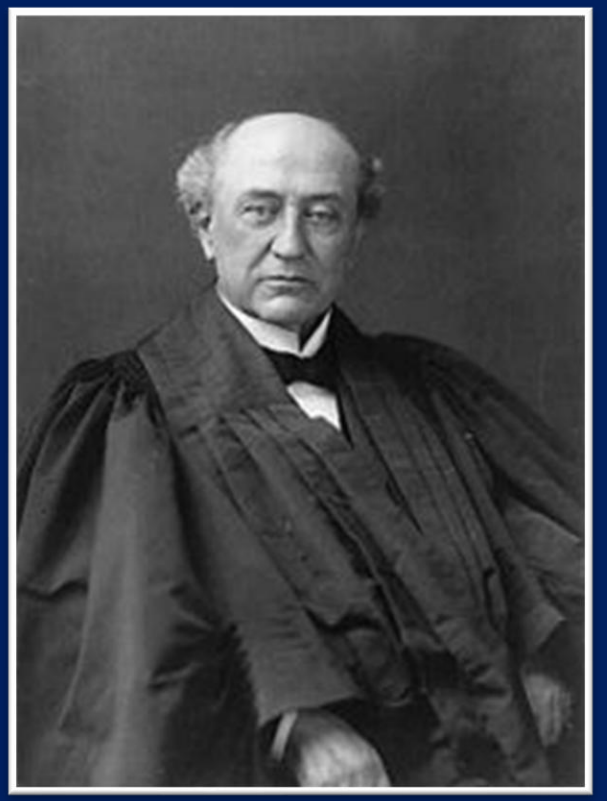
"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."



America is a "Christian Nation"

"**This is historically true**. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation… These are not the sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people…These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that **this is a Christian nation**."

***Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S.*, 143 U.S. 457, 465, 470-71 (1892)**




THE BATTLE OF
GOG & MAGOG
Ezekiel 38:1-17
ROSH
Russia
MAGOG
Central Asia:
Kazakhstan
Uzbekistan
Tajikistan
Kyrgyzstan
Turkmenistan
Black Sea
Caspian Sea
MESHECH, TUBAL,
GOMER, TOGARMAH
Turkey
Greece
Mediterranean Sea
Syria
Iraq
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Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- Trials (John 16:33)
- Man's wrath (2 Tim 3:12)
- Satan's wrath (Eph 6:11-12)
- World's wrath (John 15:18-19)



Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19)



God's Role in Redemption (Rev 5)

- Seven sealed scroll (5:1)
- John weeps (5:2-4)
- Christ is qualified to open the scroll (5:5-6)
- Christ takes the scroll (5:7)
- Christ praised by various entities (5:8-14)



Telescoping

7^{th} judgment releases 1^{st} in next series

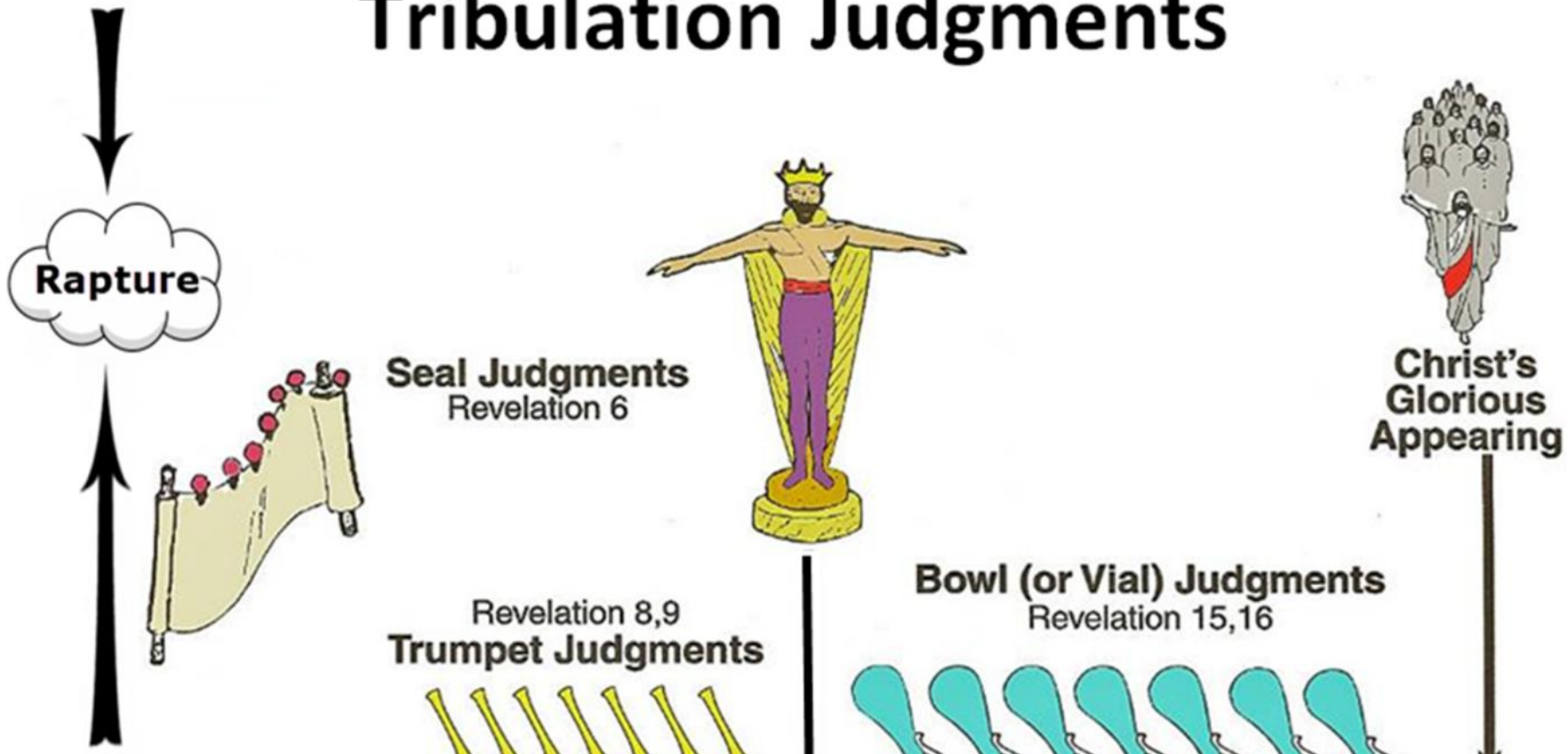
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Trumpets: **1** 2 3 4 5 6 **7**

Bowls: **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7



Tribulation Judgments



THE GREAT TRIBULATION

1st Six Seals (Rev 6)

- 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist
- 6:3-4 – War
- 6:5-6 – Famine
- 6:7-8 – Death
- 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms
- 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances



Revelation 6:16-17

“[16] and they said to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the sight of Him who sits on the throne, and from the **wrath [*orgḗ*]** of the Lamb; [17] for the great day of Their **wrath [*orgḗ*]** has come, and who is able to stand?’”





Robert L. Thomas

Rev. 6:16-17

"The verb *ēlethen* ("has come") is aorist indicative, referring to a previous arrival of wrath, not something that is about to take place. Men see the arrival of this day at least as early as the cosmic upheavals that characterize the sixth seal (6:12-14), but upon reflection they probably recognize that it was already in effect with the death of one-fourth of the population (6:7-8), the worldwide famine (6:5-6), and the global warfare (6:3-4). The rapid sequence of all of these events could not escape notice, but the light of their true explanation does not dawn upon human consciousness until the severe phenomena of the sixth seal arrive."

Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 1–7: An Exegetical Commentary*, ed. Kenneth Barker (Chicago: Moody, 1992), 457-58.

2 Peter 2:7-9

“[7]and if He rescued **righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men [8] (for by what he saw and heard that **righteous man**, while living among them, felt his **righteous soul** tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), [9] then the Lord knows how to rescue the **godly** from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”



Genesis 19:22

"Hurry, escape there, for **I cannot do anything** until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar."



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3. **So what?**



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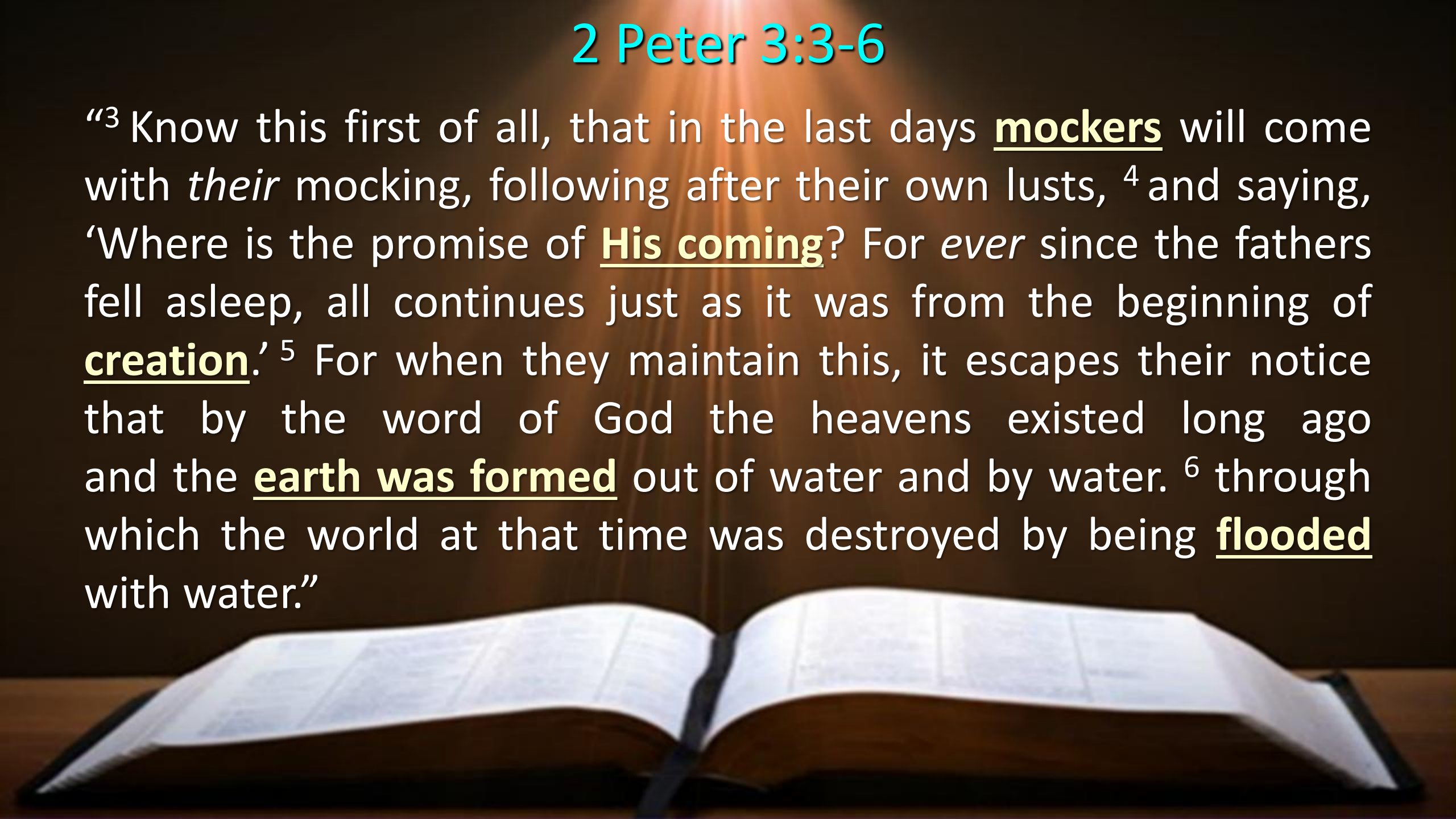
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2 Peter 3:3-6

“[3] Know this first of all, that in the last days **mockers** will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, [4] and saying, ‘Where is the promise of **His coming**? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of **creation**.’ [5] For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the **earth was formed** out of water and by water. [6] through which the world at that time was destroyed by being **flooded** with water.”



HISTORY

2 Pet. 3:5-7

- Creation (5)
- Flood (6-7)
  - God will judge again via fire



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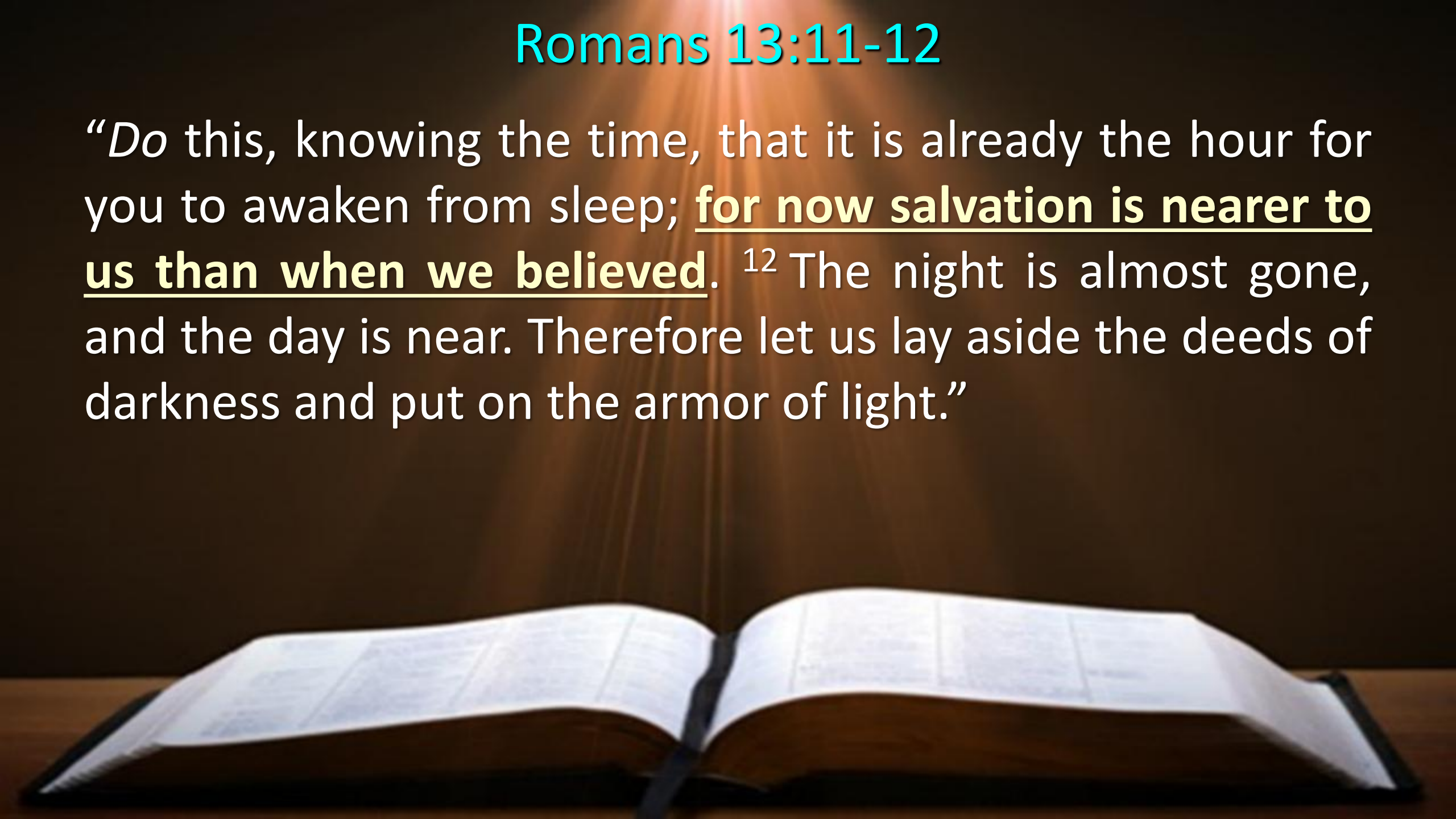
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Romans 13:11-12

“*Do* this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; **for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed**. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”



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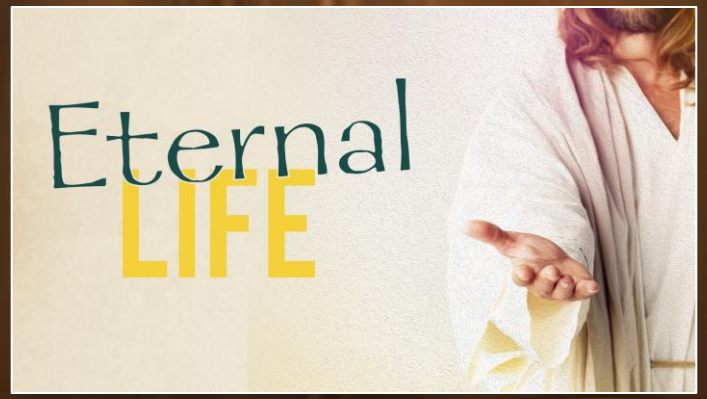
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John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **<u>believes Him</u>** who sent Me, **<u>has eternal life</u>**, and does not come into judgment, but **<u>has passed out</u>** of death into life."



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