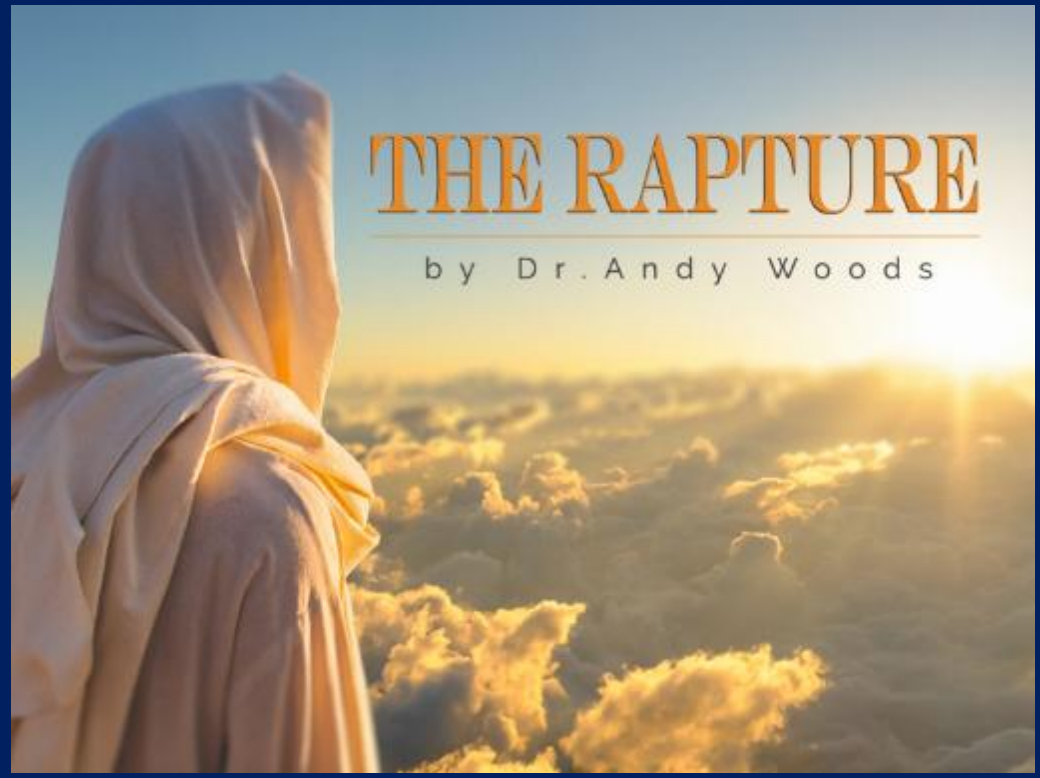
THE RAPTURE

Question and Answer – Part 10





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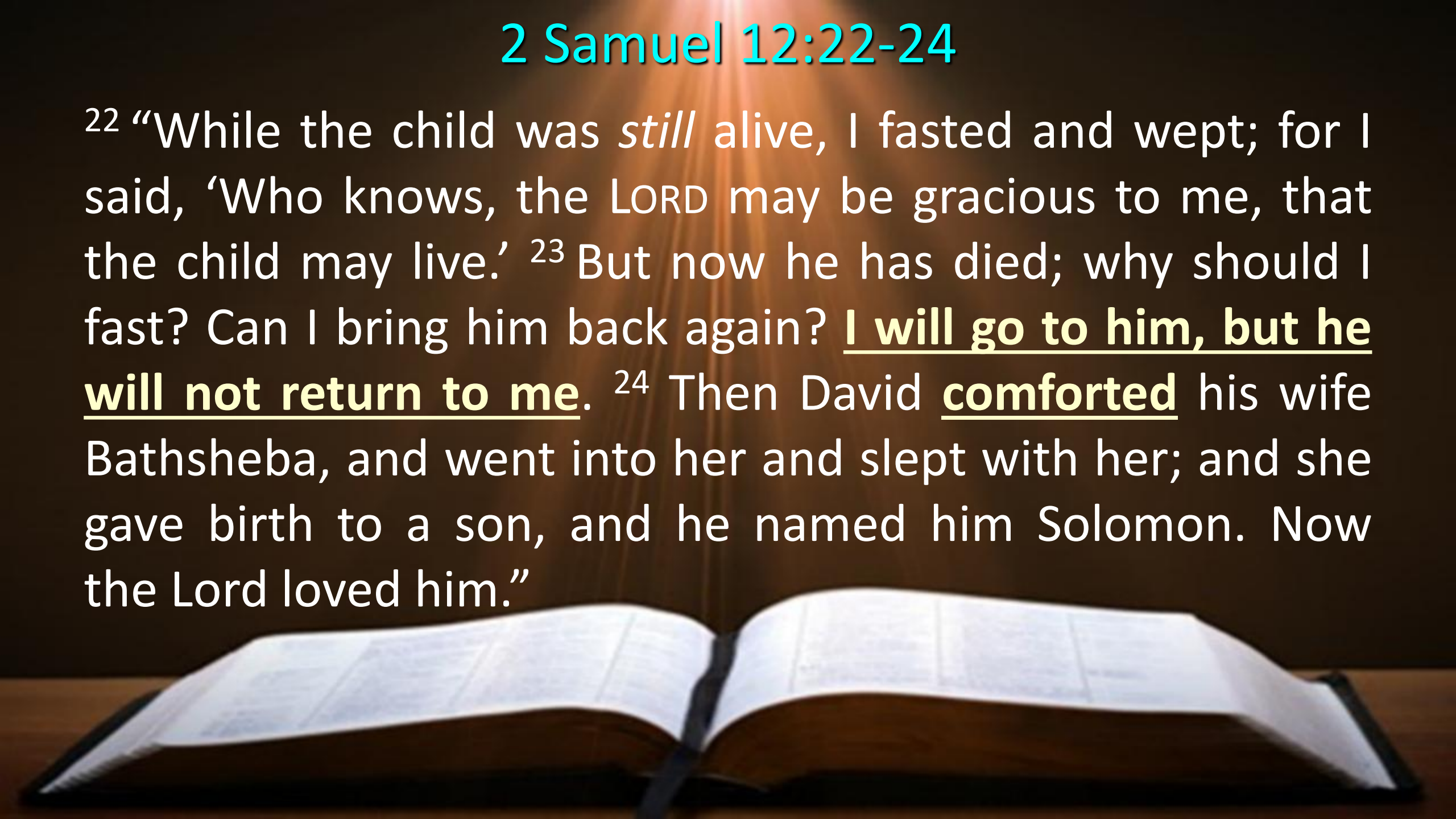
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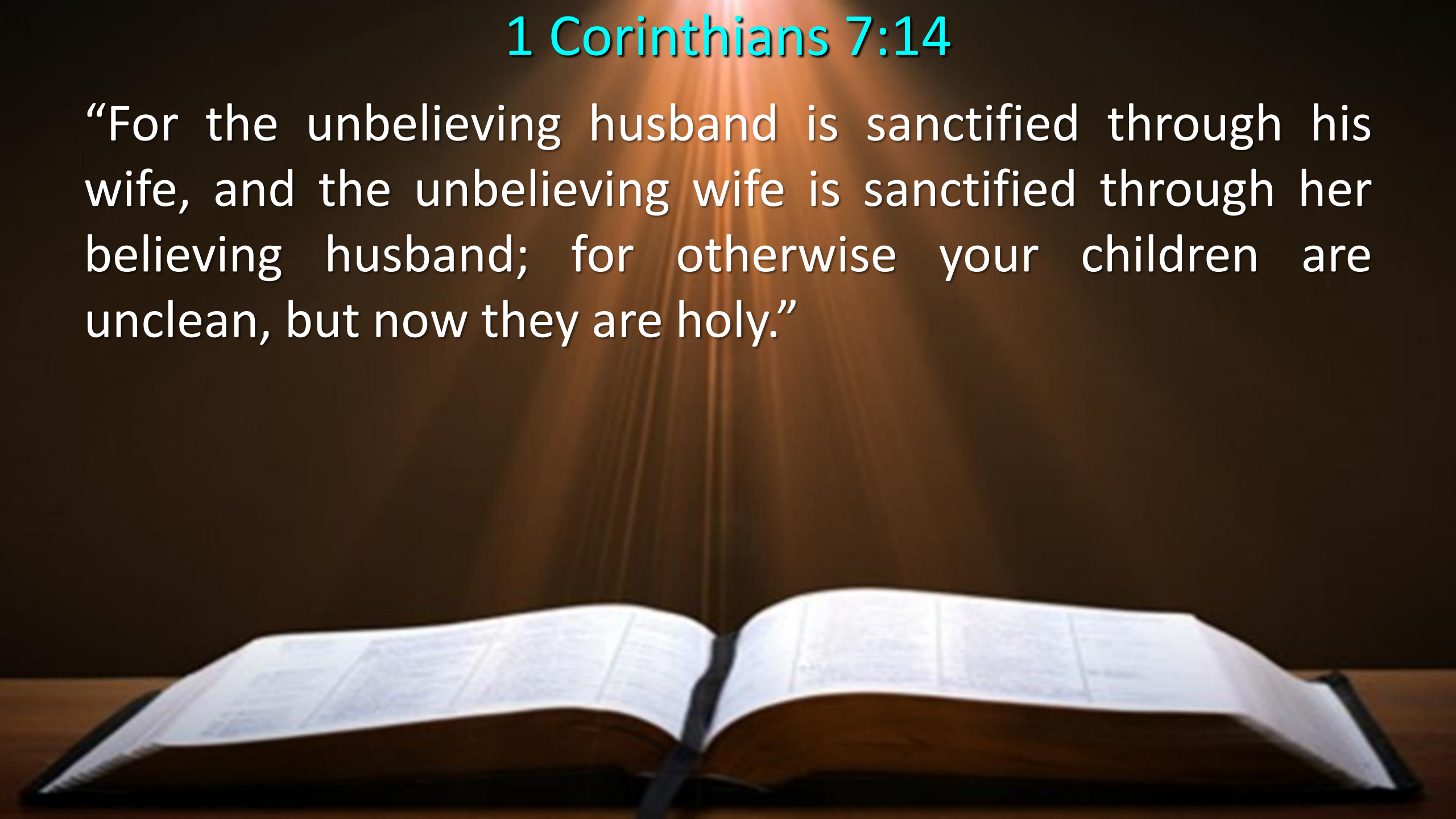
2 Samuel 12:22-24

22 “While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I
said, ‘Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that
the child may live.’ 23 But now he has died; why should I
fast? Can I bring him back again? **I will go to him, but he
will not return to me**. 24 Then David **comforted** his wife
Bathsheba, and went into her and slept with her; and she
gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now
the Lord loved him.”



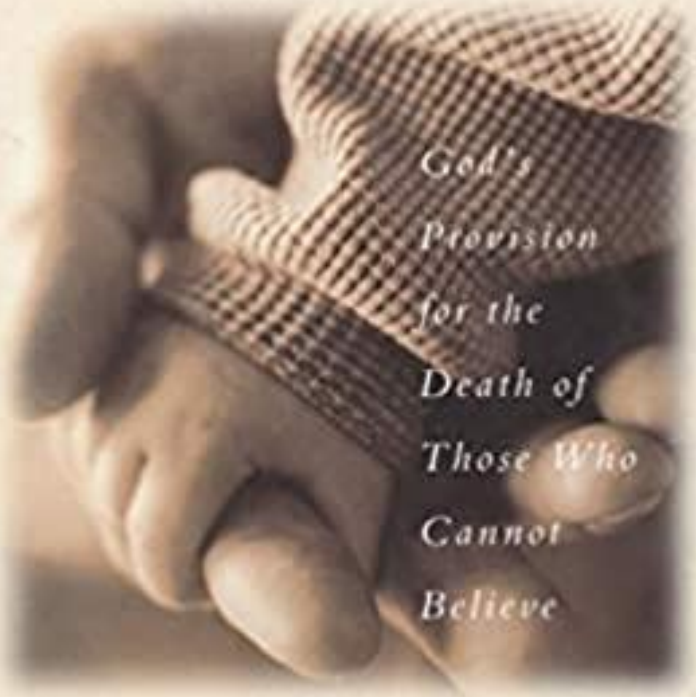
1 Corinthians 7:14

“For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.”



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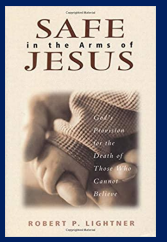


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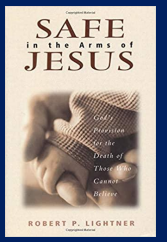
Safe in the Arms of Jesus, p. 3



"The pregnant women who are saved will be caught up (raptured) when Jesus comes for His own. It is reasonable to believe that their unborn children will share in the physical transformation that takes place at the Lord's coming."

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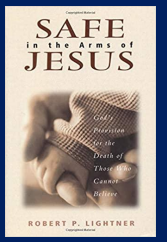
Safe in the Arms of Jesus, p. 73



"What about those who ***cannot*** believe, who are living when the Lord returns, and who have saved parents? Will the parents be taken to be with the Lord and the children left on earth? I think not! Because those who are living at the Lord's return…who are ***incapable*** of believing…will be caught up to be with the Lord in just the same way as all of those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. I do not believe God will divide families by taking the parents to be with Him and leaving their children who ***cannot*** believe to endure His wrath in the Tribulation. To be sure, there will be separations when the Lord returns, but they will be between those who have trusted Christ and those who have not trusted Him. It is unlikely that the separation will be between saved parents and their children who are ***unable*** to believe."

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Safe in the Arms of Jesus, p. 72



“What of pregnant women who are not saved? They will not be changed but will remain on the earth to endure the time of the Great Tribulation (Rev. 6-19). And what about their unborn infants? We know that there will be great suffering on the earth as it experiences a time of unparalleled tribulation. Jesus specifically mentioned expectant mothers when he spoke of it (Matt. 24:19). Regardless of their mothers' choices not to accept Christ, all children born during the tribulation period are protected by grace. They are no different than other children who are not able to believe.”

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”



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Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 77	

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Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



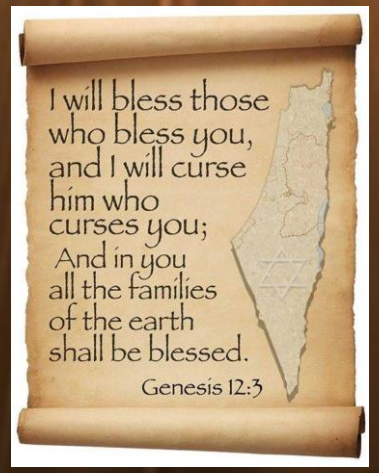
Ephesians 2:14

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.



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**."



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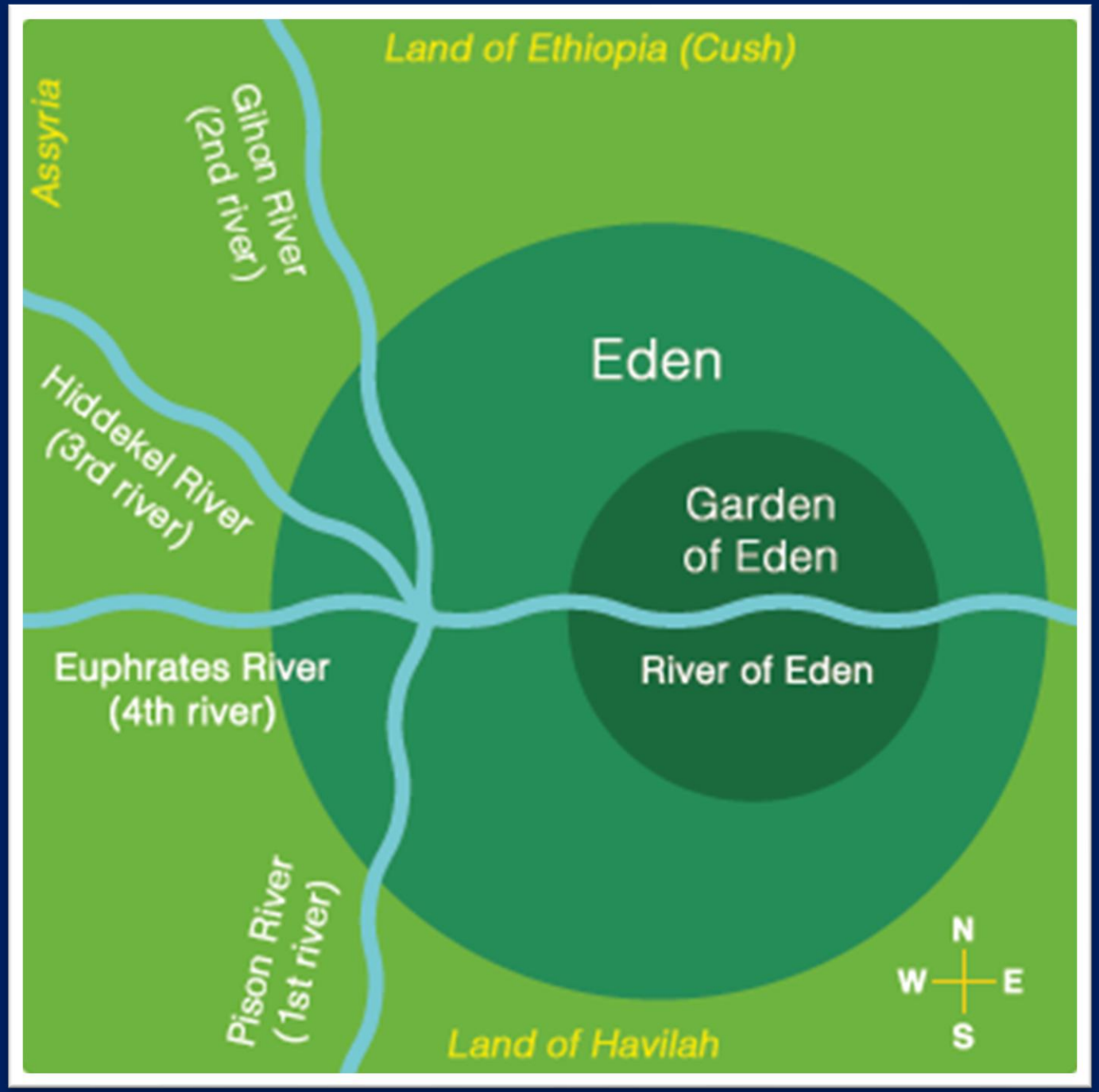
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Land of Ethiopia (Cush)
Assyria
Gihon River
(2nd river)
Eden
Hiddekel River
(3rd river)
Garden
of Eden
River of Eden
Euphrates River
(4th river)
Pison River
(1st river)
Land of Havilah
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“He (or she) who spiritualizes tells spiritual lies.”



ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

1. Solomon's pre-exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
2. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
3. **Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)**
4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)

483 YEARS ELAPSE BETWEEN THE DECREE AND THE MESSIAH'S 1ST COMING

7 weeks/
49 years

+

62 weeks /
434 years

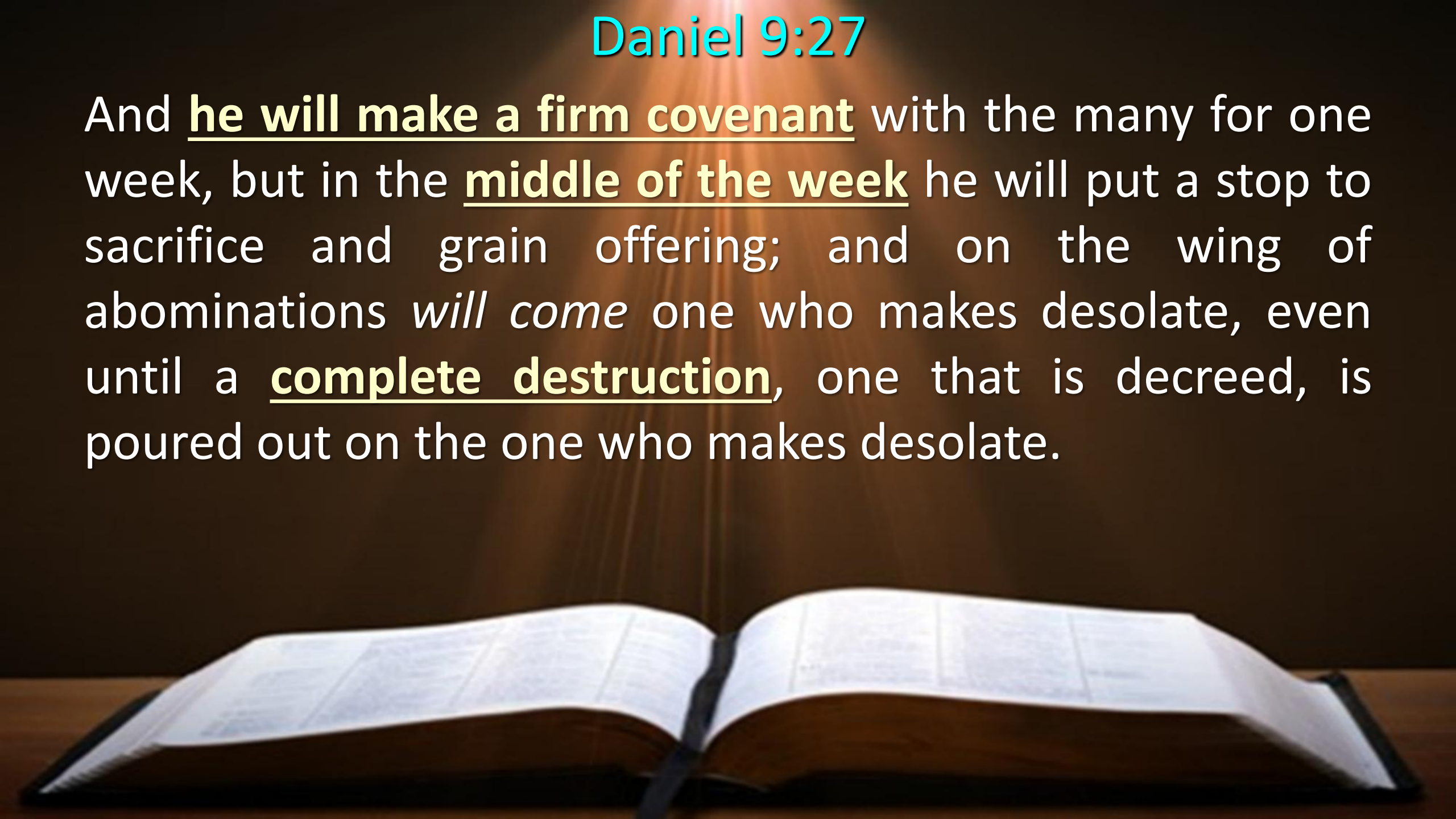
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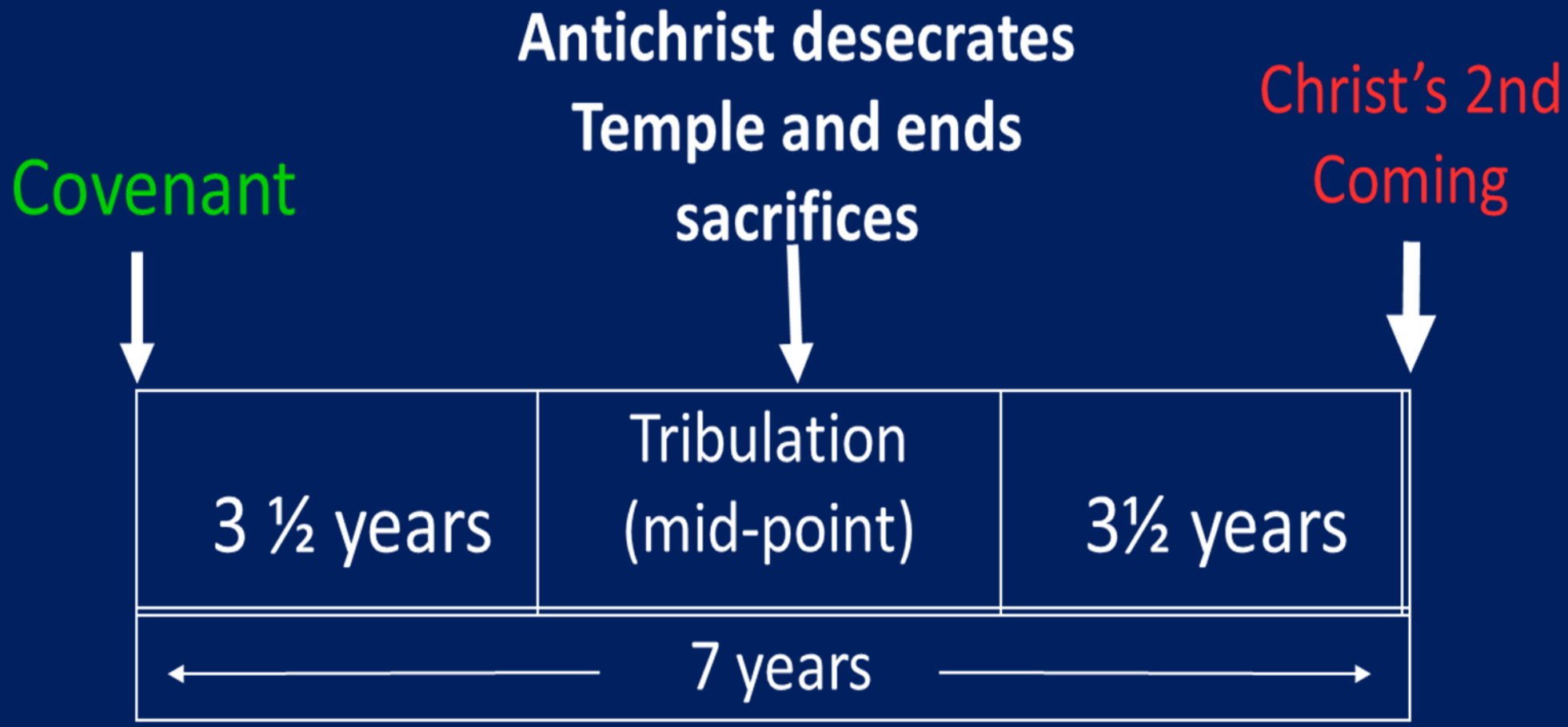
483 years (360 days) = 173,880 days

Daniel 9:27

And **he will make a firm covenant** with the many for one week, but in the **middle of the week** he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a **complete destruction**, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Zechariah 4



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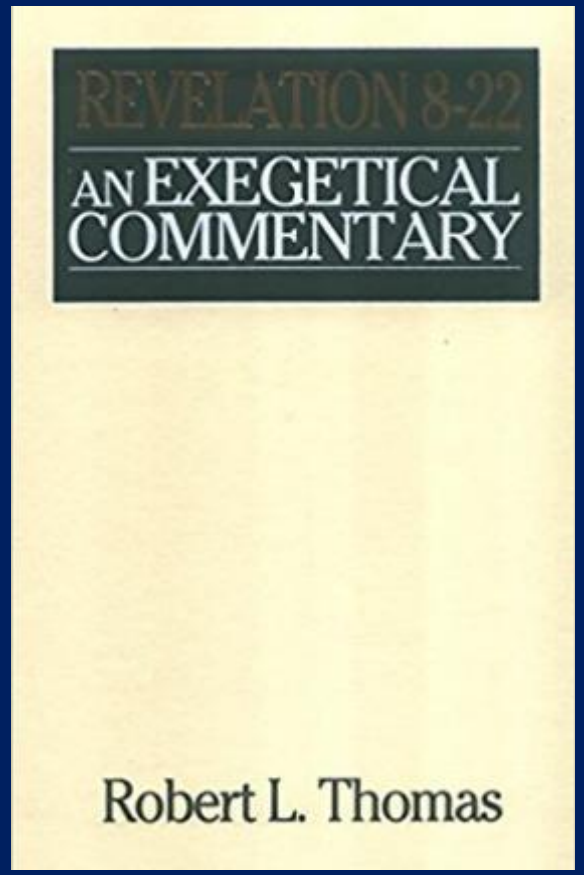
Revelation 11:8

"And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which **mystically** is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified."



Robert Thomas

Revelation 8 to 22: An Exegetical Commentary
(Chicago: Moody Press, 1992), 408.



Robert Thomas observes that, "no number in Revelation is verifiably a symbolic number.”

Literal Interpretation

One Meaning

Plain Literal

The literal interpretation is the explicit assertion of the words—DENOTATIVE

Figurative Literal

The literal interpretation is the specific intention of the figure—CONNOTATIVE

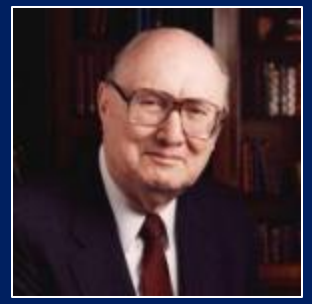
Chart by Earl Radmacher

Revelation's Symbols and Figures of Speech

- “Spiritually” (11:8)
- “Sign” (12:1)
- “Like” or “as” (8:8)
- OT correspondence (Rev 13:2; Dan 7)
- Contextual interpretations (17:18)
- Absurdity (12:1)







Two Rules of Interpretation

- Search the immediate context
  - Walvoord: 26X
- Search the remote context
  - Old Testament
  - Thomas: 278 / 404 verses

Assigning Meaning to Revelation's Symbols and Figures of Speech

- Context (Rev 12:3, 9)
- Old Testament (Rev 12:1; Gen 37:9-10)
- Comparison (Rev 8:8)



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