



2 SAMUEL

THE STORY OF UNLIKELY REDEMPTION

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Absalom:

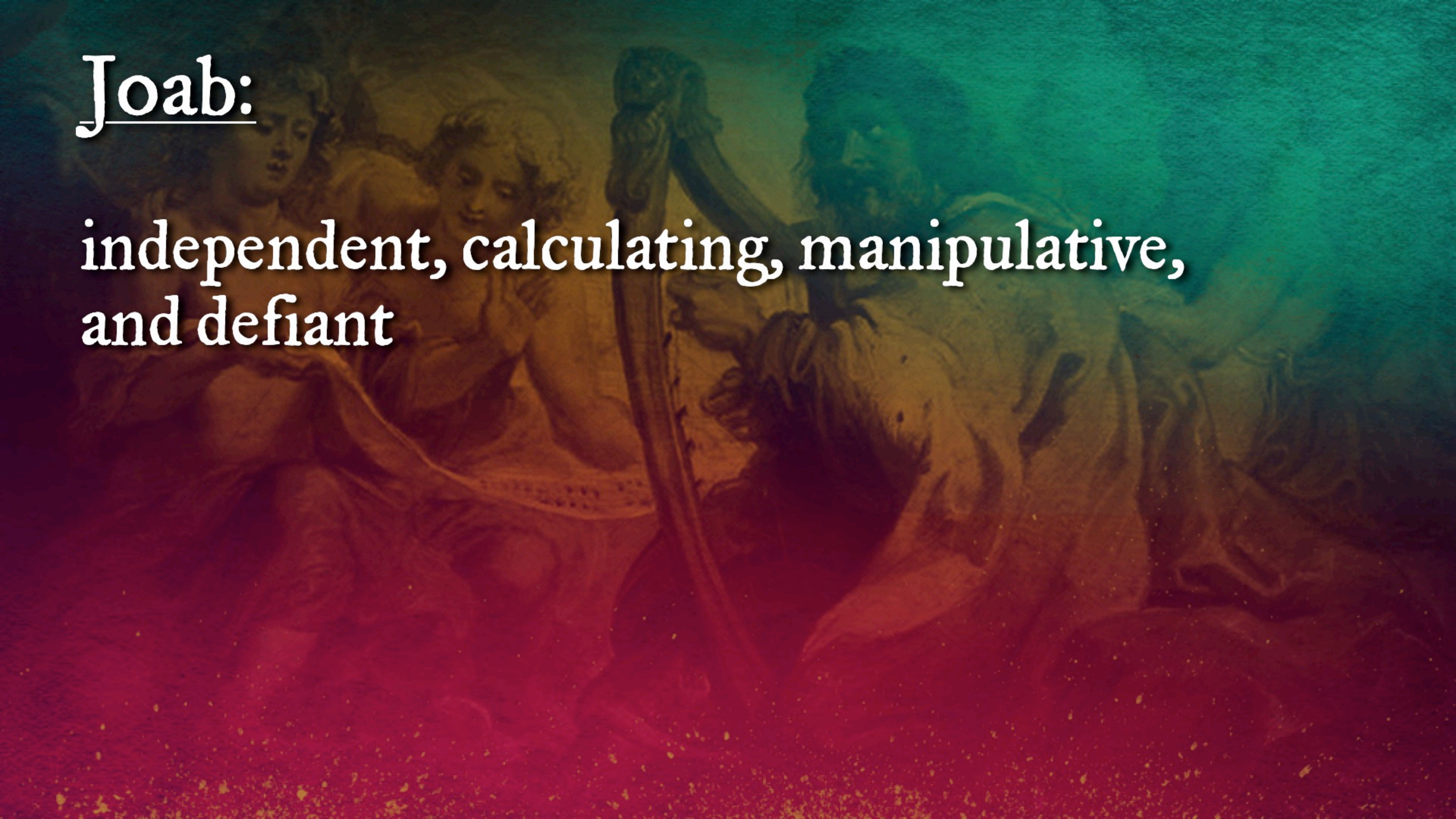
aggressive, self-obsessed,
but ultimately silenced.

“We must see that Absalom’s end is a microcosm. His death as a man under a curse is typical of what will be the lot of all who at any time set themselves against God’s kingdom, his chosen King, and/or his people. This is a somber truth, but Yahweh’s subjects have no hope unless it is true.”

- Dale Ralph Davis

Joab:

independent, calculating, manipulative,
and defiant



“The Bible never flatters its heroes. It tells us the truth about each one of them in order that against the background of human breakdown and failure we may magnify the grace of God and recognize that it is the delight of the Spirit of God to work upon the platform of human impossibilities.”

- Alan Redpath

*The Making of a Man of God:
Lessons from the Life of David*

David:

conflicted in his earthly roles of father and king, yet, still fulfilling his heavenly purpose of foreshadowing King Jesus.

“Both David and the ‘Son of David’ are rejected and leave Jerusalem accompanied by both friends who help and foes who mock; at the darkest place both utter cries of dereliction; the rejection of each ‘David’ is a revolt against God’s anointed leader, and the rejections in both instances are unsuccessful - David is returned to Jerusalem to resume his rule, and Jesus, raised from the dead, ascends to the ‘right hand of the Father’ to rule forever.”

- Eugene Peterson

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1. Chaos and collateral damage are often the wages of unbridled indulgence. Ruin, regret and remorse follow in the wake of an ignored conscience.

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2. None of us is ultimately sovereign, none of us can control every outcome.

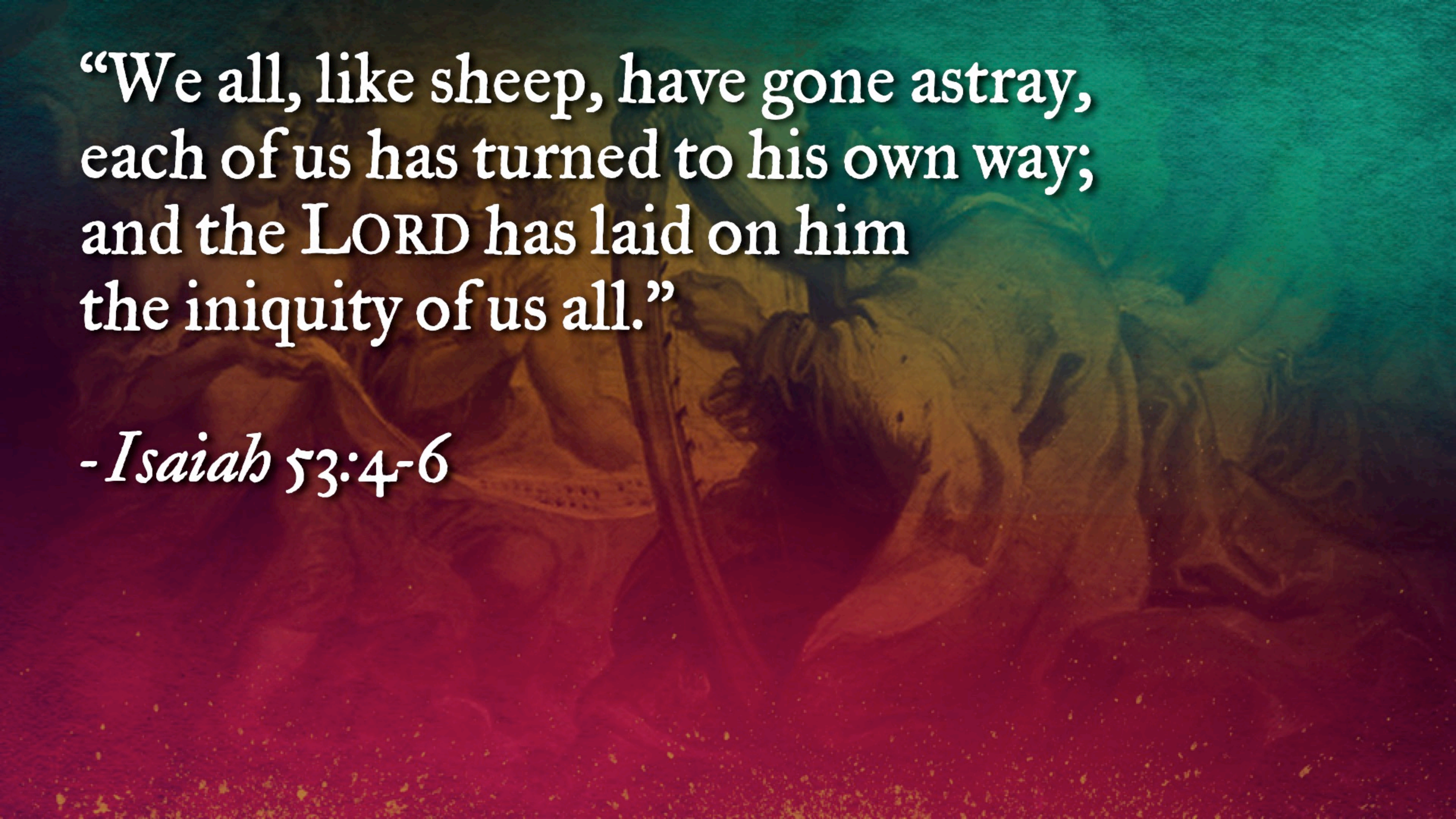
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3. Suffering and grief can serve to make us more human, more prayerful, more compassionate.

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4. Because God is God, we can trust that justice, righteousness, and the end of all evil are all inevitable.

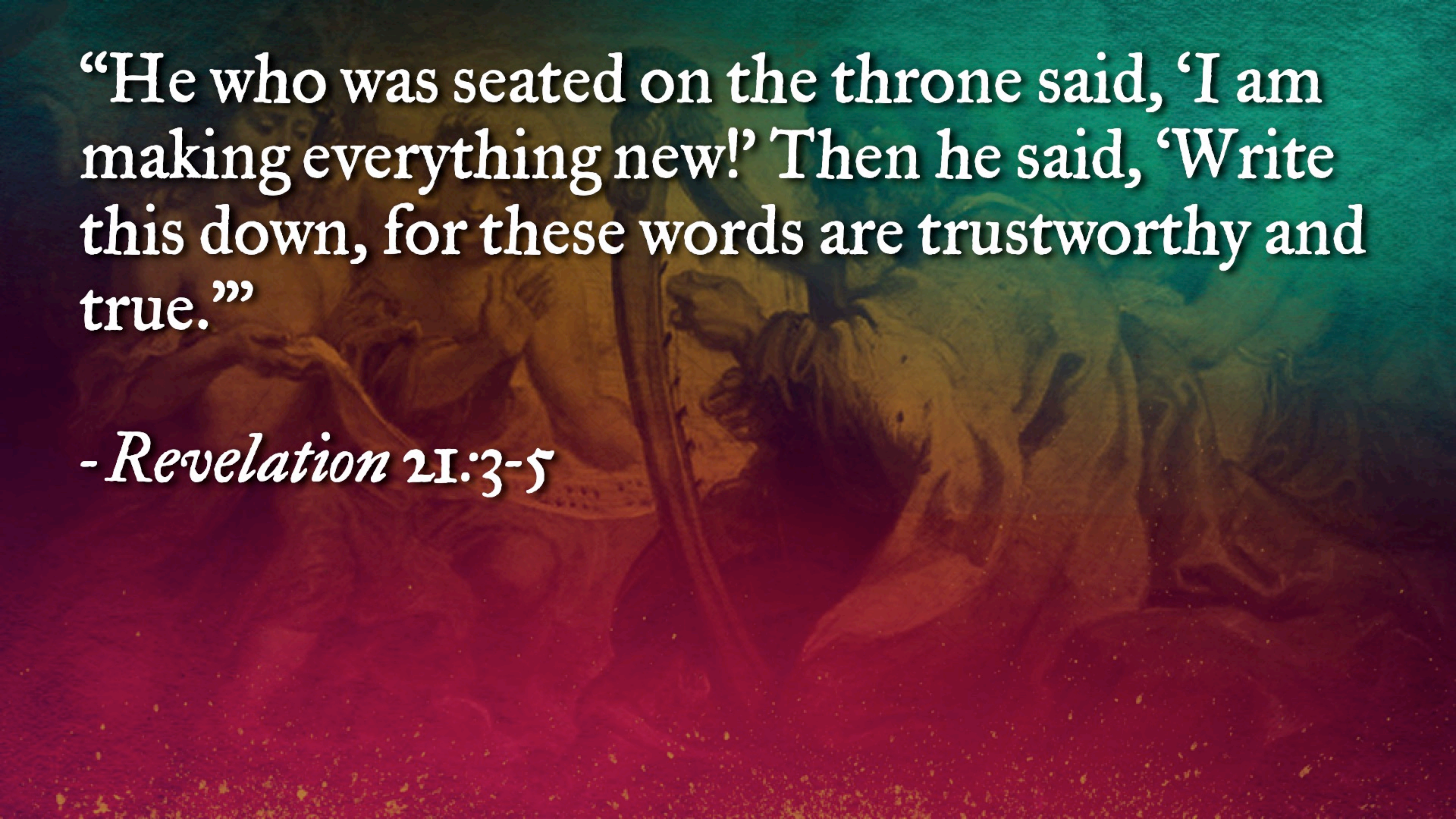
“Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

A painting of a shepherd with a staff and sheep, overlaid with a green and red gradient. The shepherd is in the center, holding a staff, surrounded by sheep. The background is a mix of green and red, with a dark red gradient at the bottom.

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.”

-Isaiah 53:4-6

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

A religious painting depicting a figure seated on a throne, surrounded by other figures in a dramatic, dimly lit setting. The scene is set against a dark, textured background with a greenish-blue hue at the top and a reddish-brown hue at the bottom. The central figure is seated on a throne, holding a book or scroll. Other figures are visible around the throne, some appearing to be in a state of awe or prayer. The overall atmosphere is solemn and majestic.

“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’”

- Revelation 21:3-5