



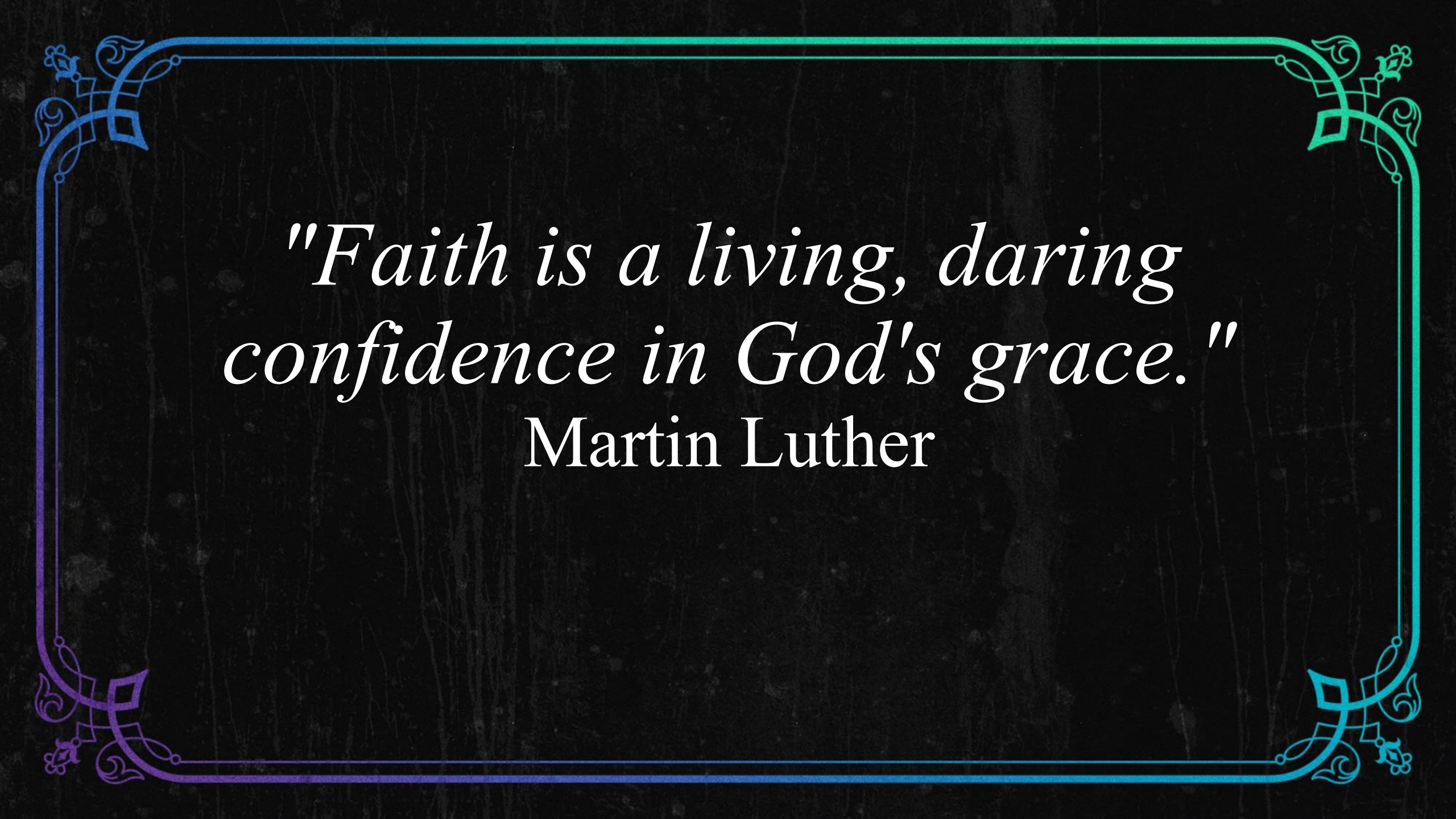
REVELATION

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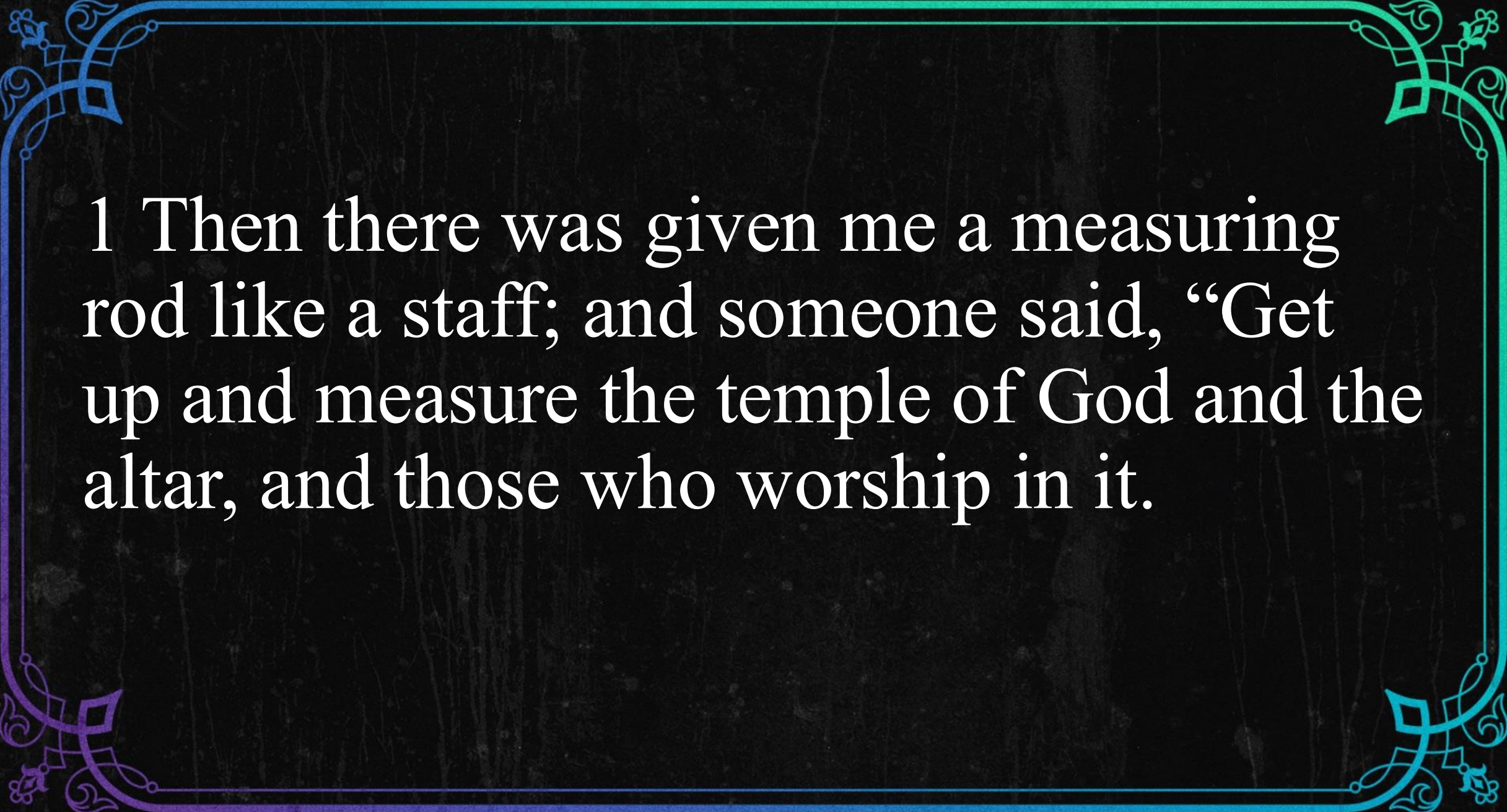
2 Witnesses

Revelation 11

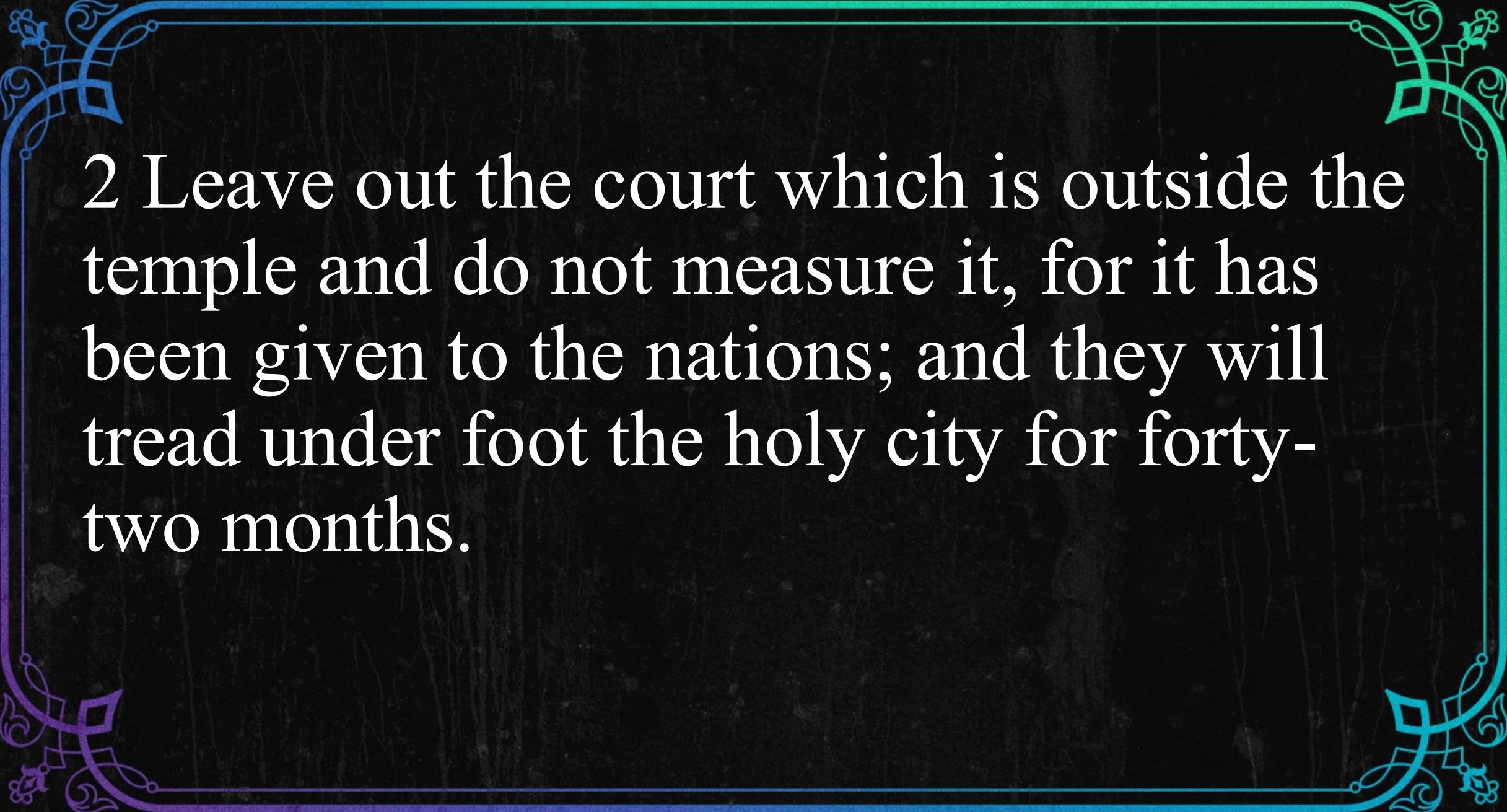


*"Faith is a living, daring
confidence in God's grace."*

Martin Luther



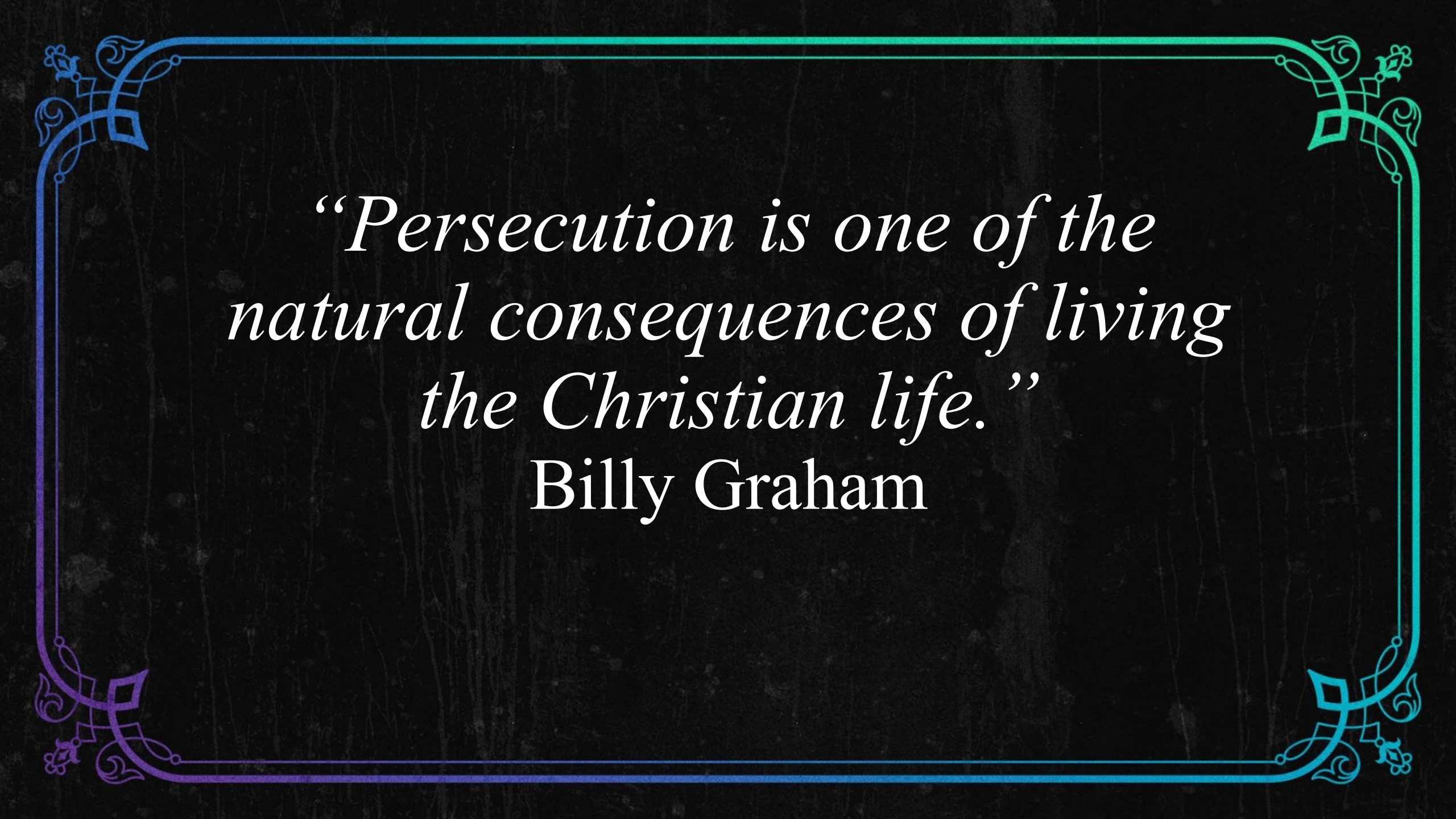
1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.



2 Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

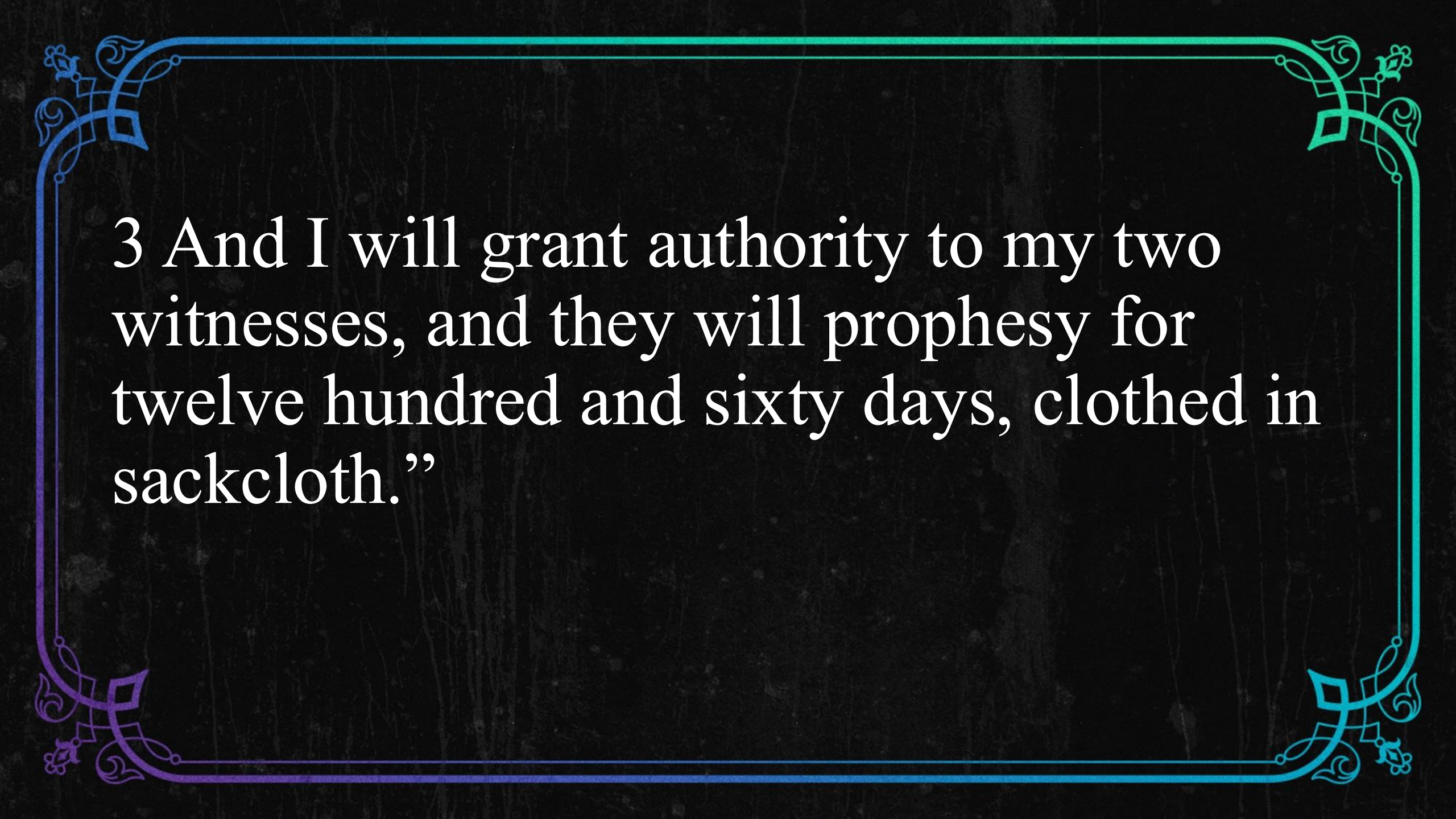
Measure 1,2

- Measure = verify
- God's Word is to be trusted!
- Outer Court – 'nations' – Gentiles
- 42 months – $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 7 Years Tribulation

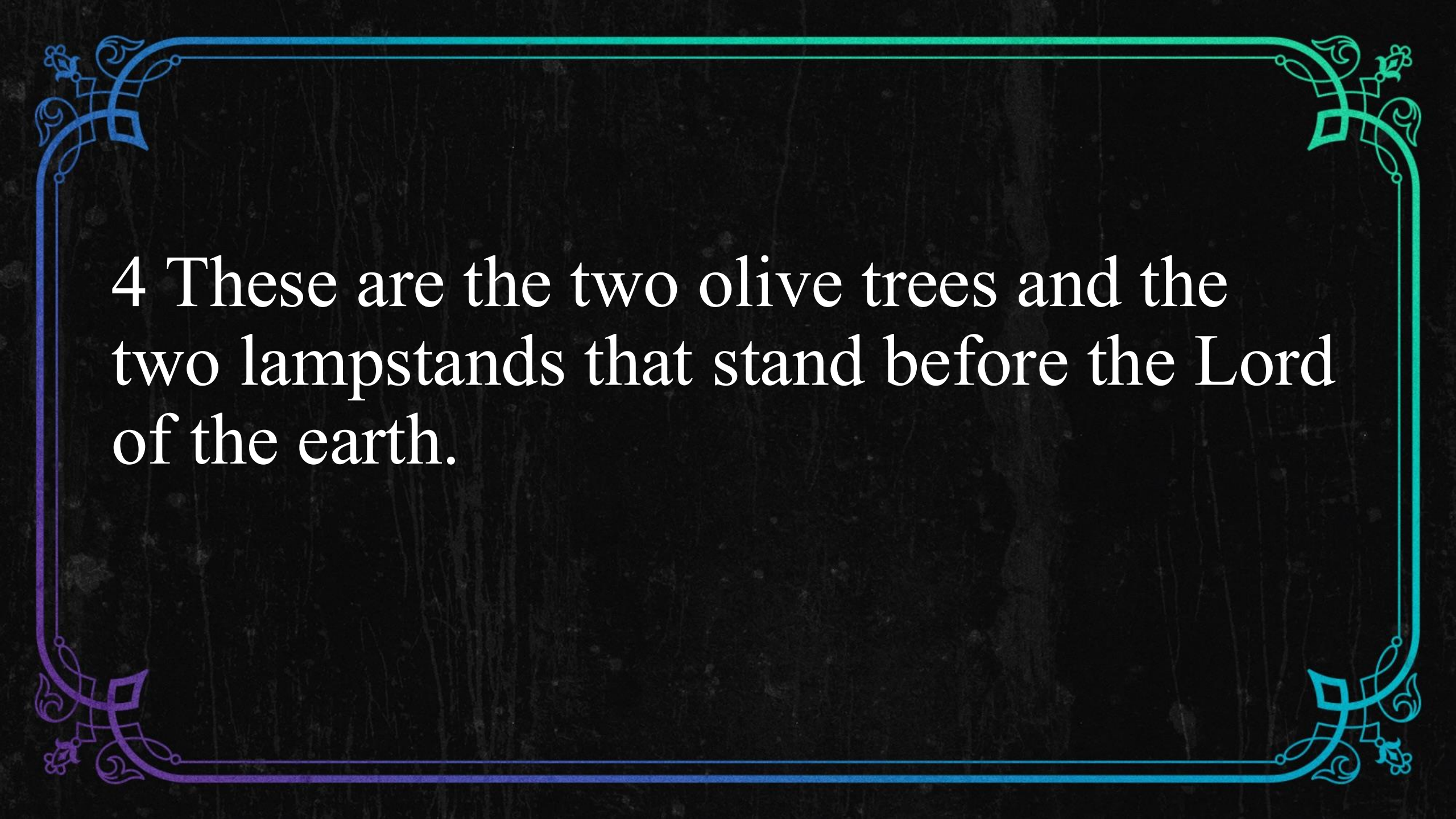


*“Persecution is one of the
natural consequences of living
the Christian life.”*

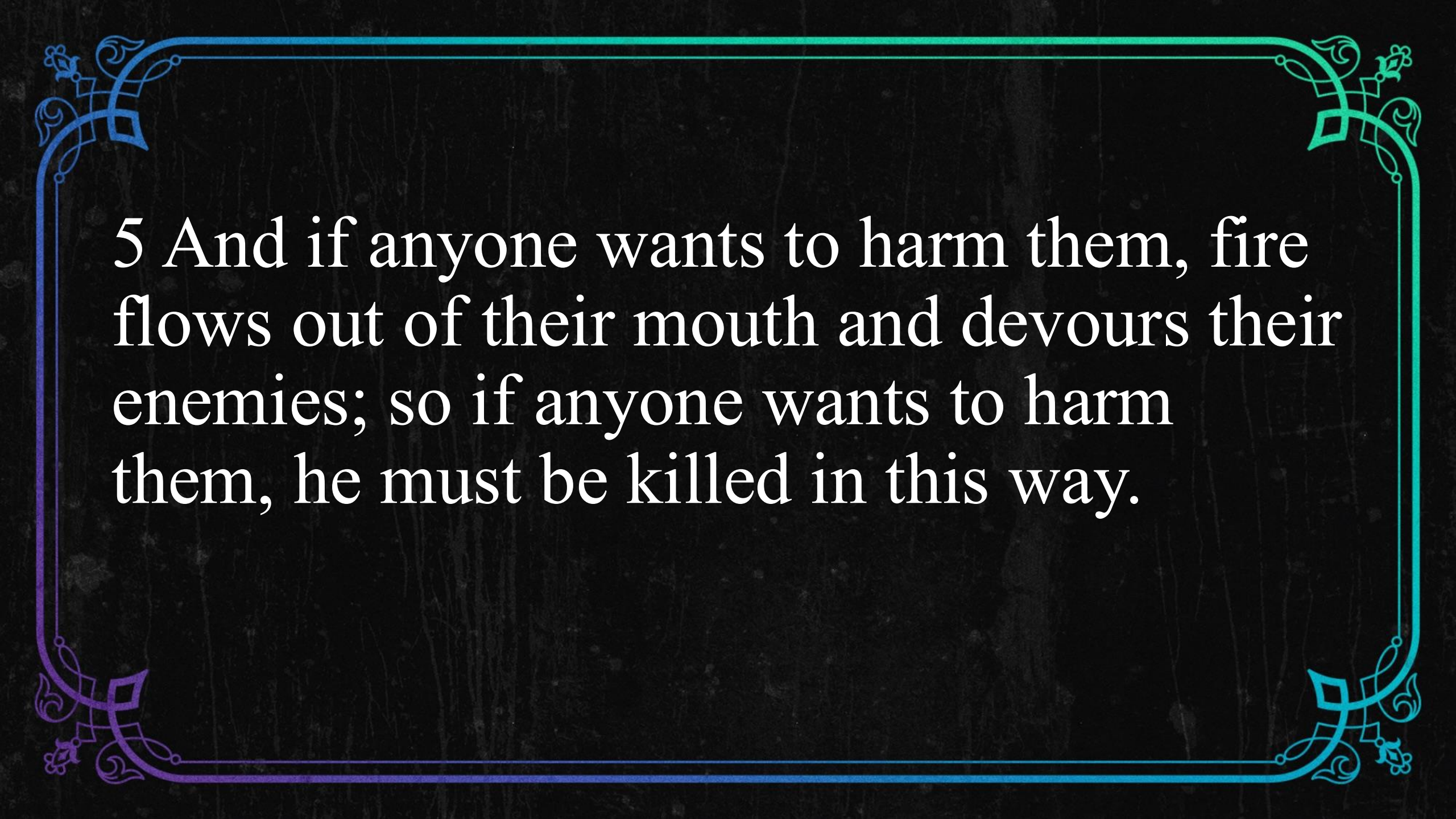
Billy Graham



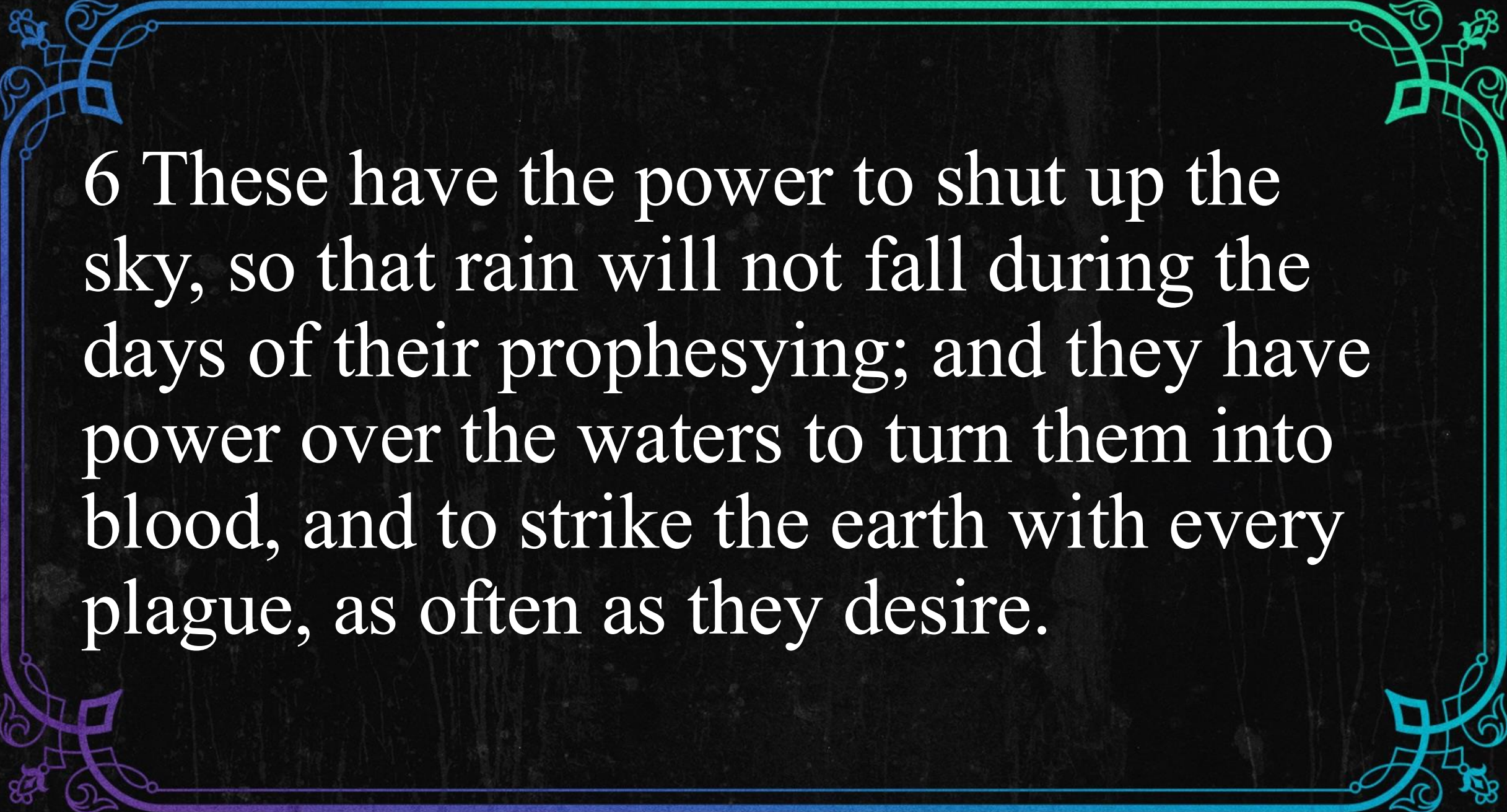
3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”



4 These are the two olive trees and the
two lampstands that stand before the Lord
of the earth.



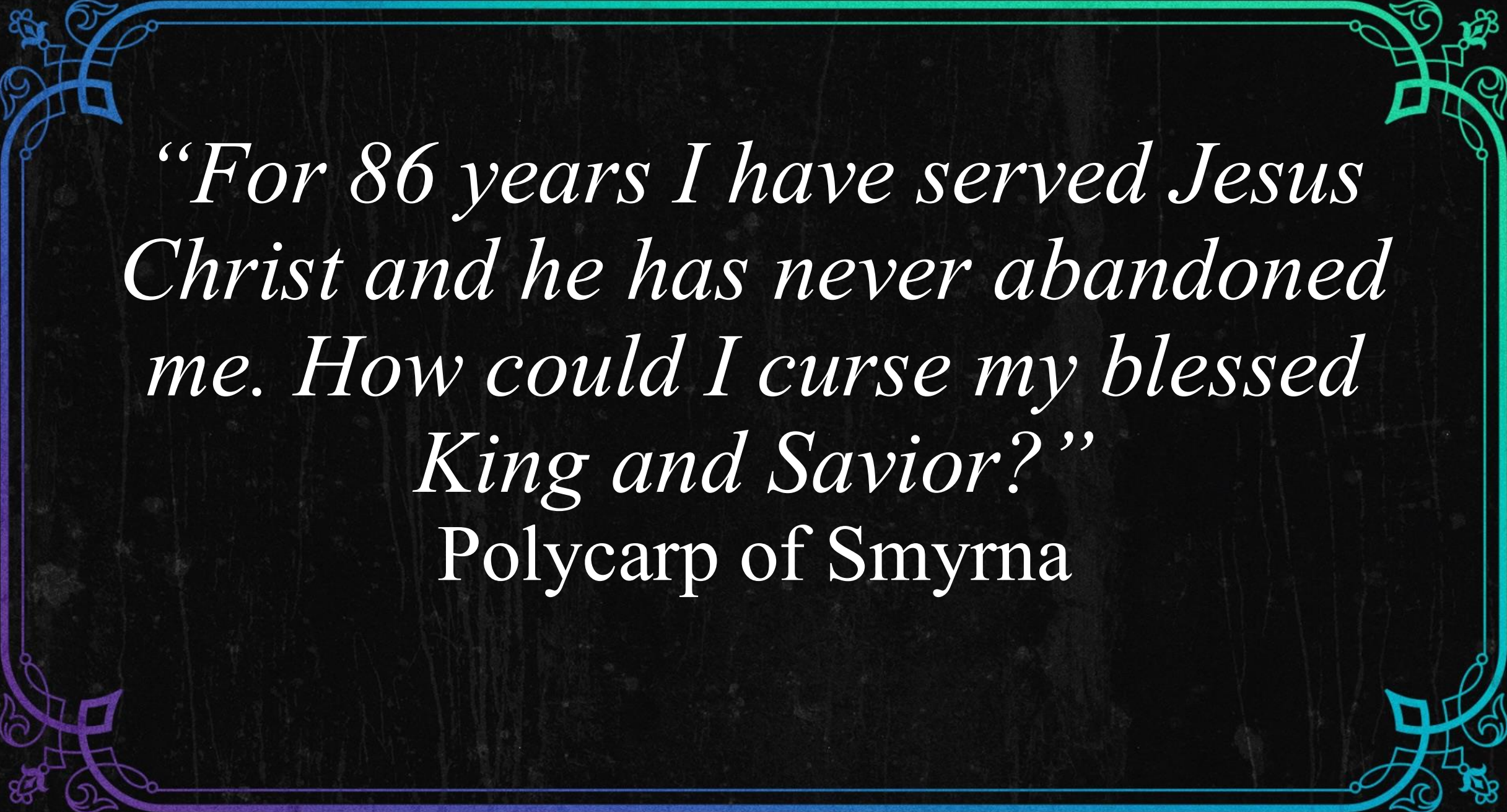
5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.



6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

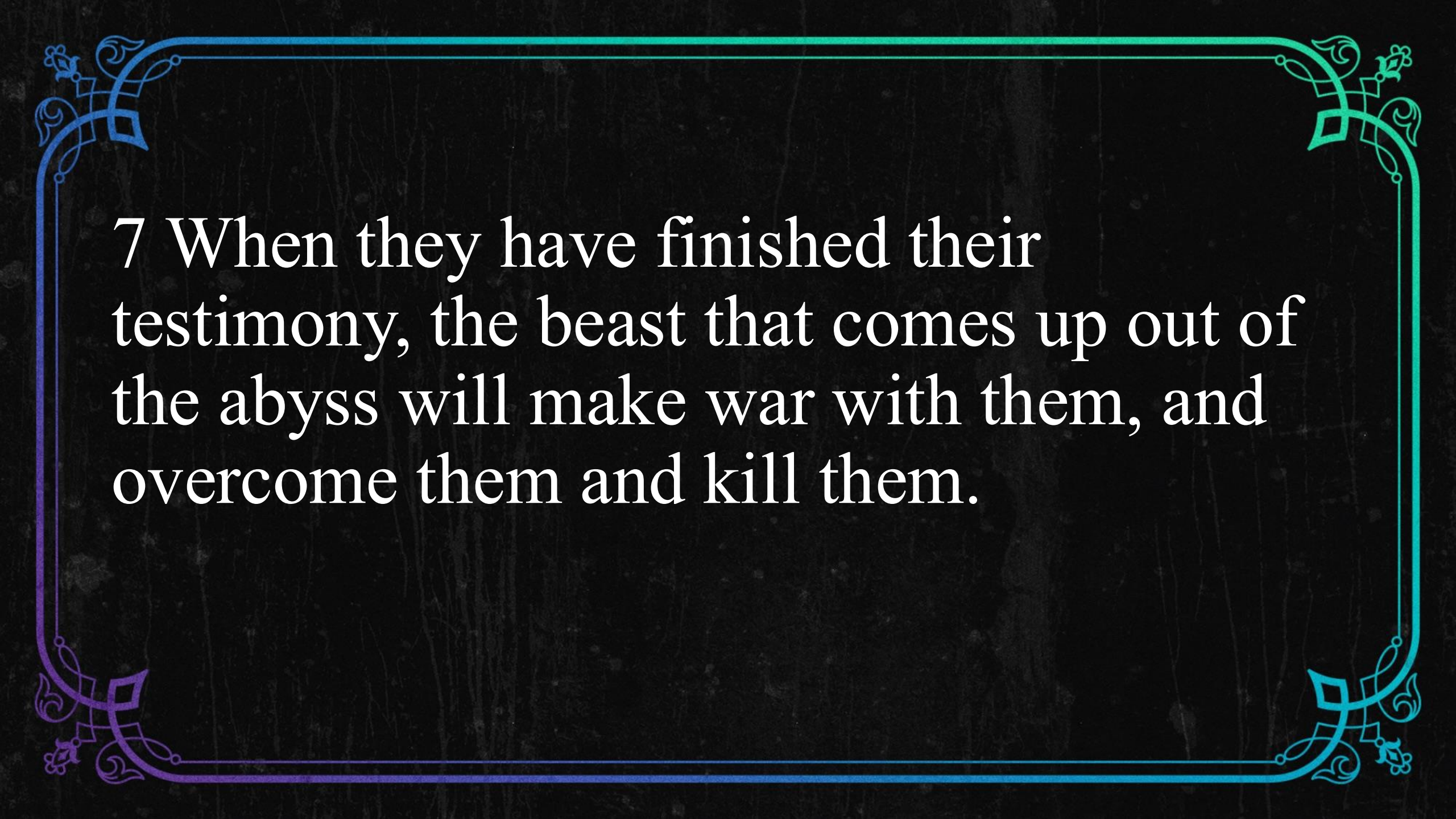
Ministry 3-6

- 2 Witnesses – who are they?
- 1260 days = 42 months
- Imagery of revelations from God
- Protected and Powerful! Elijah? Moses?

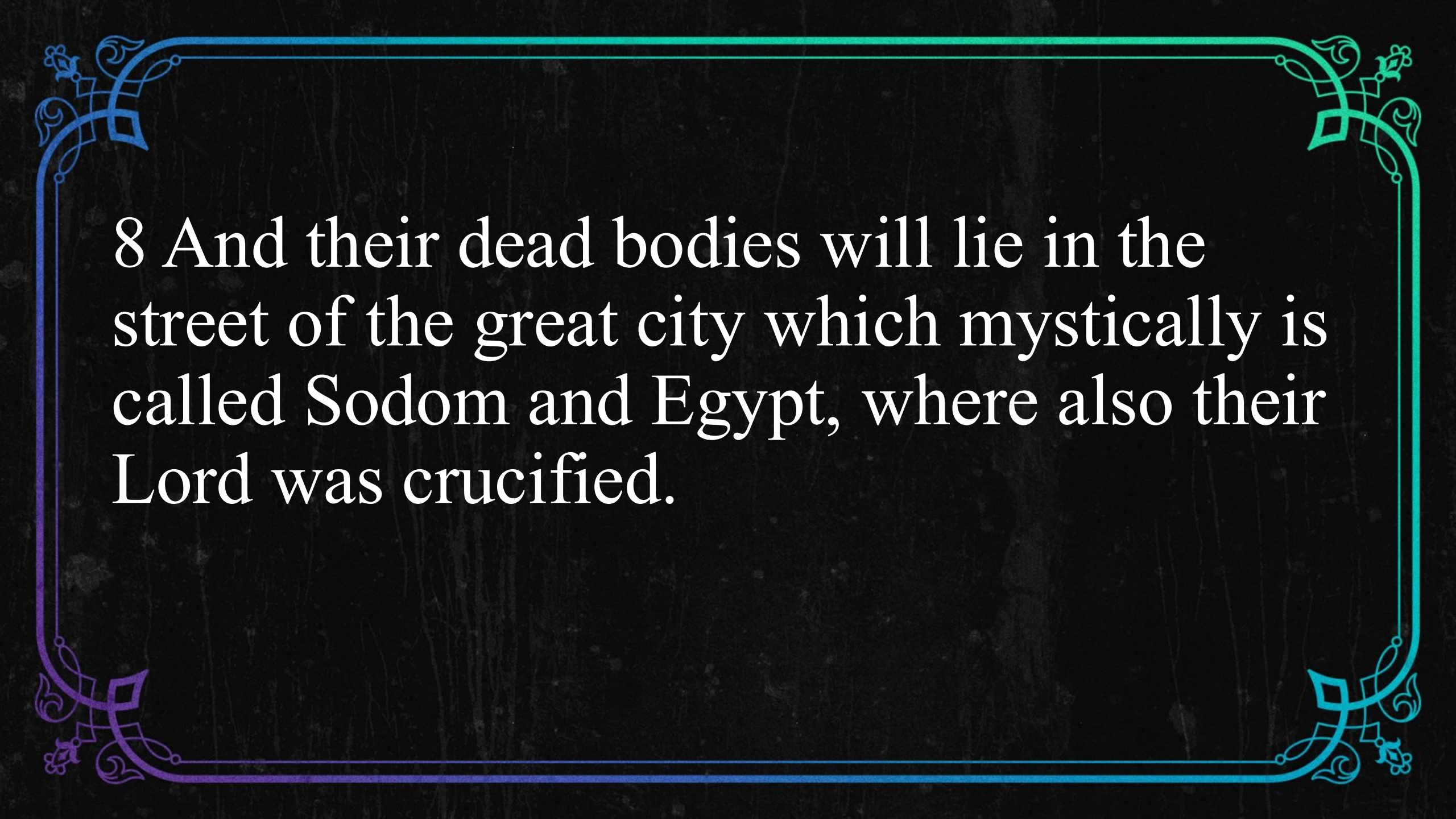


“For 86 years I have served Jesus Christ and he has never abandoned me. How could I curse my blessed King and Savior?”

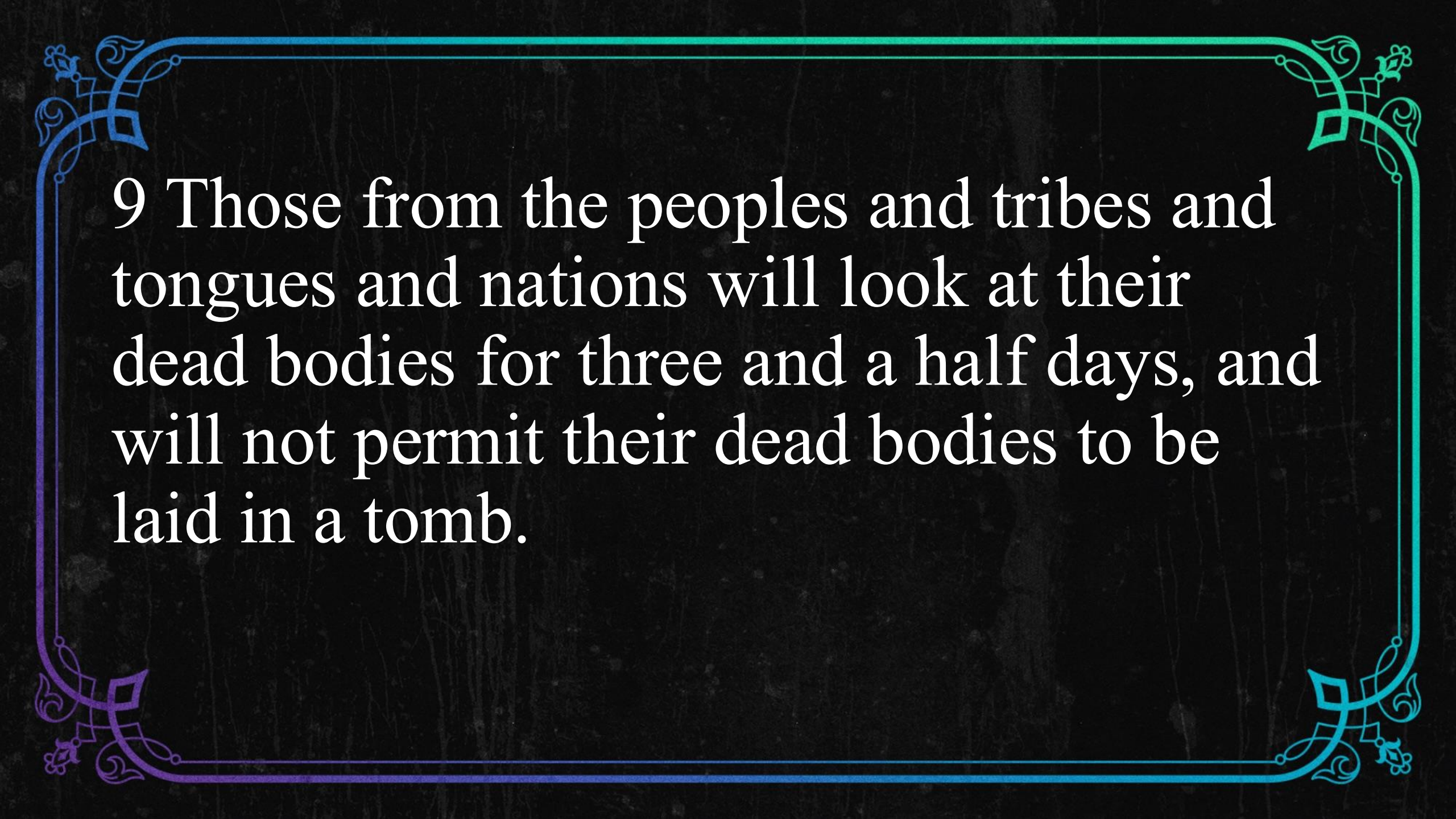
Polycarp of Smyrna



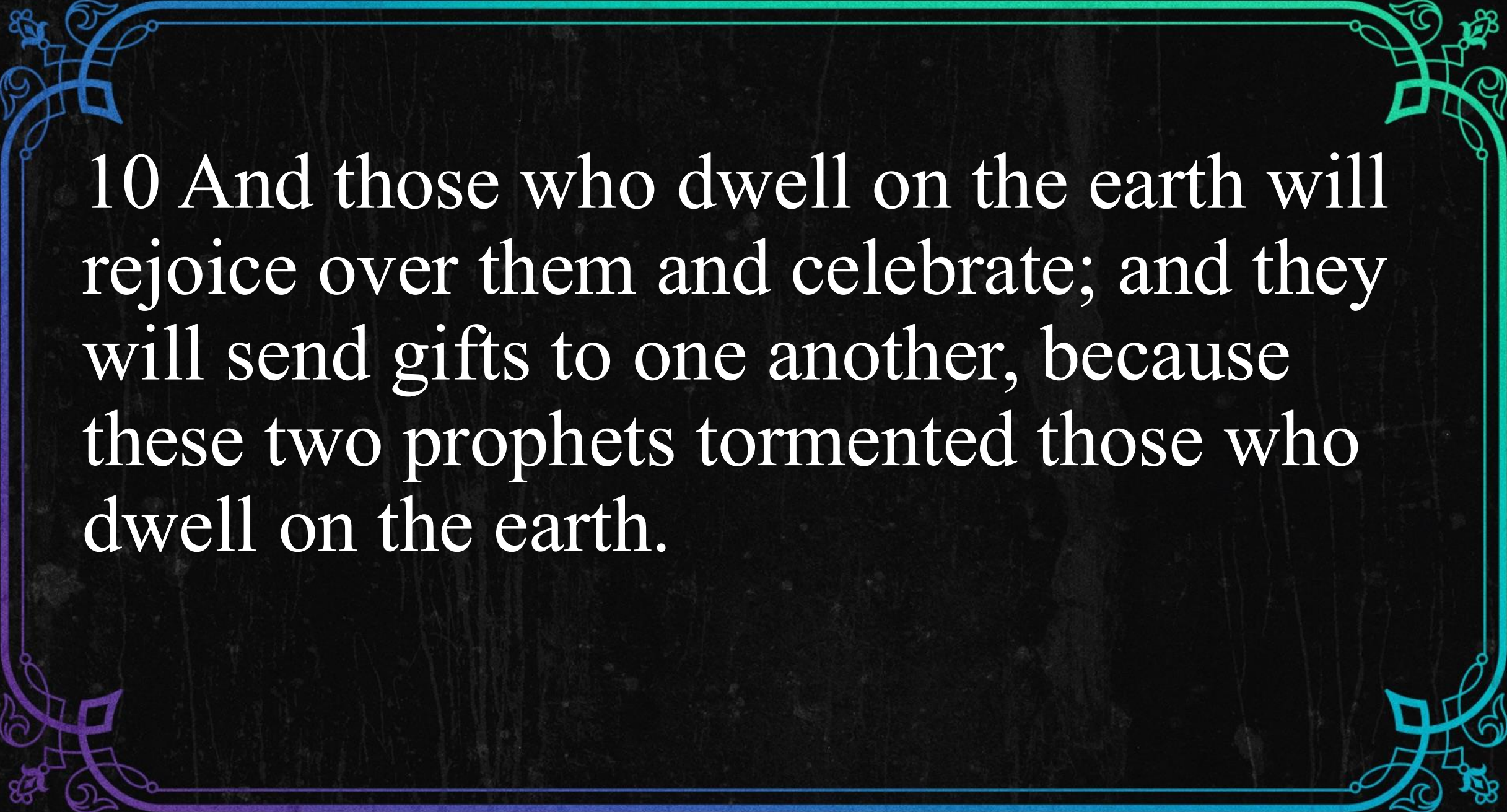
7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.



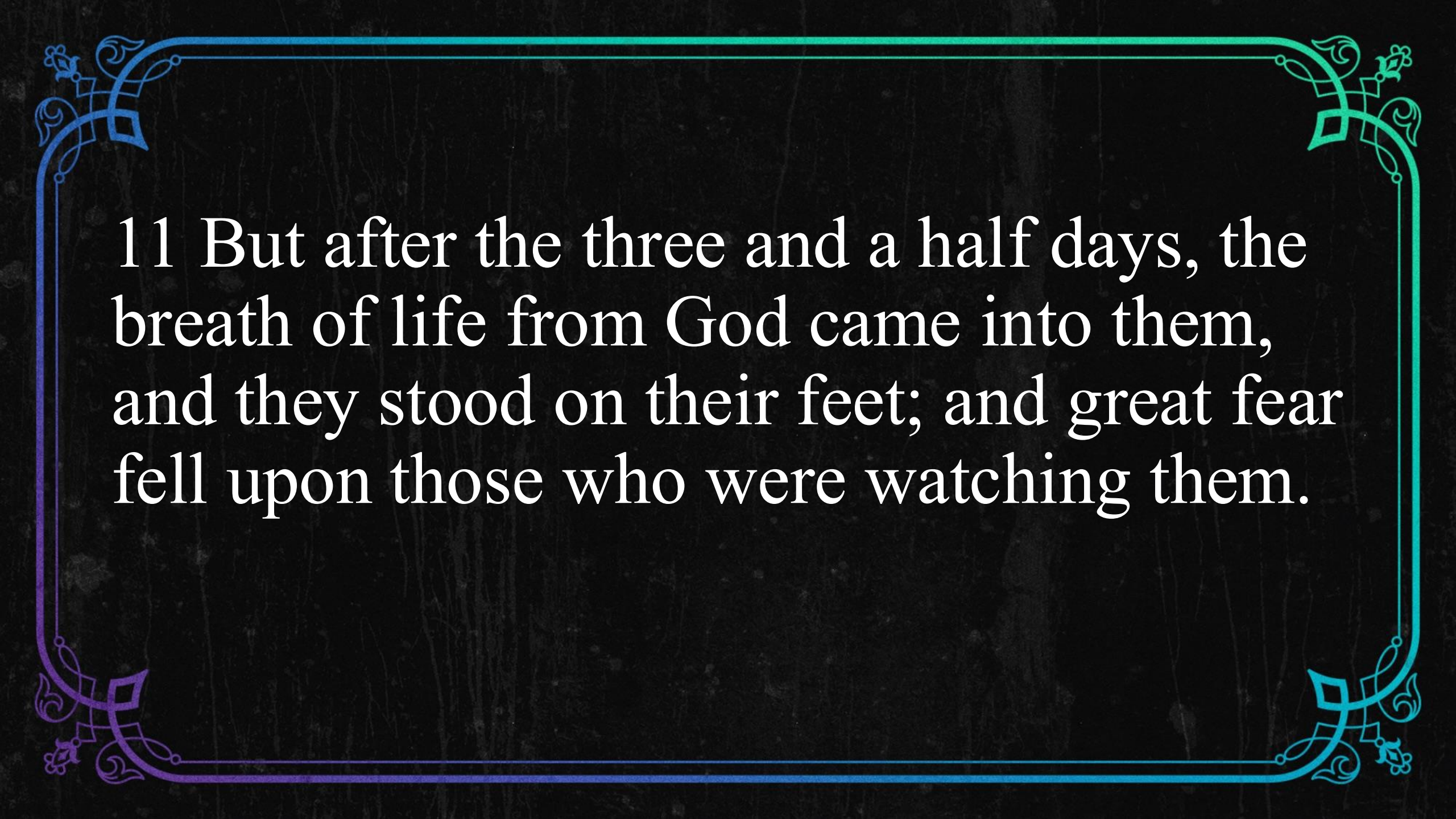
8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.



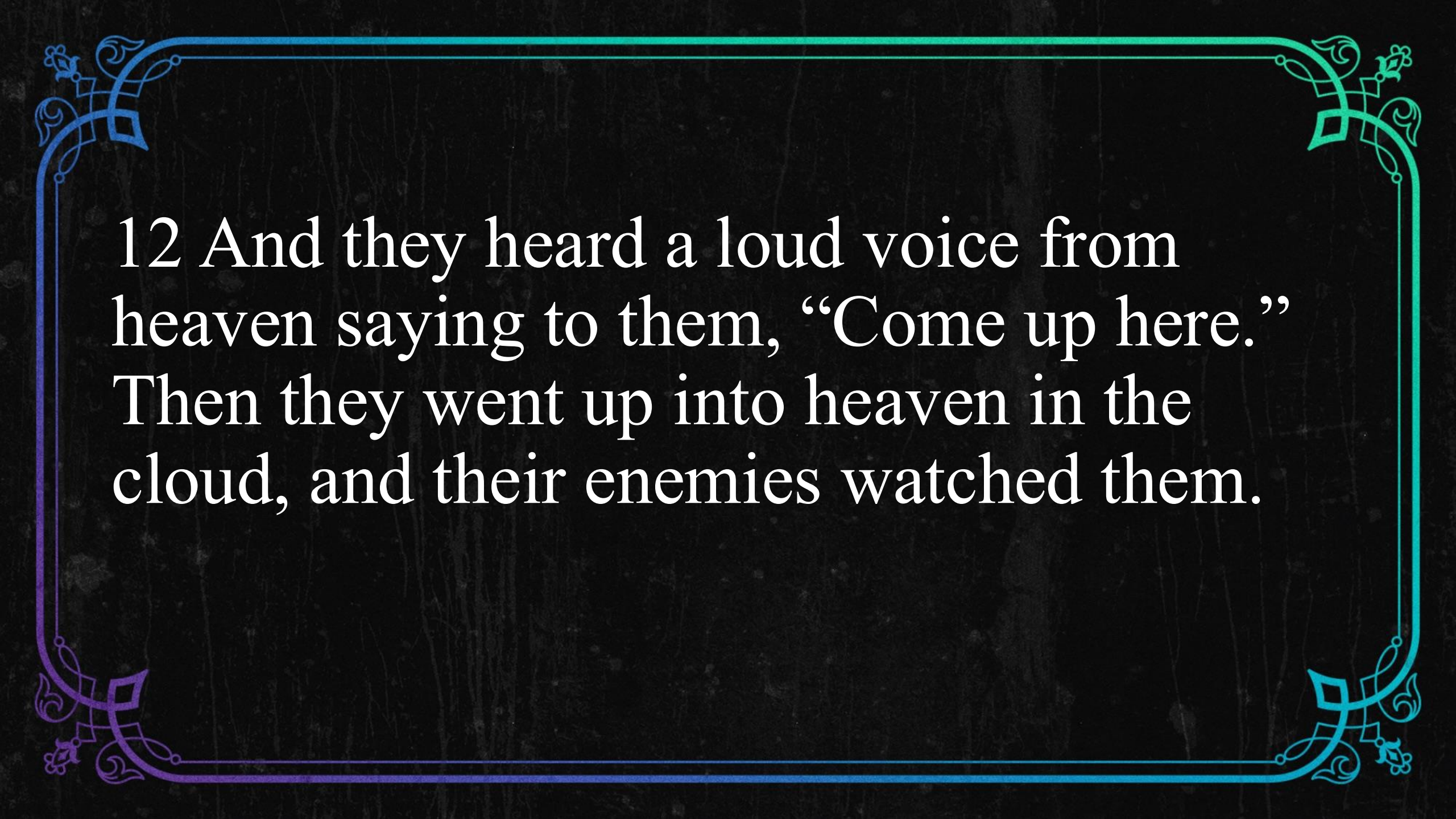
9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.



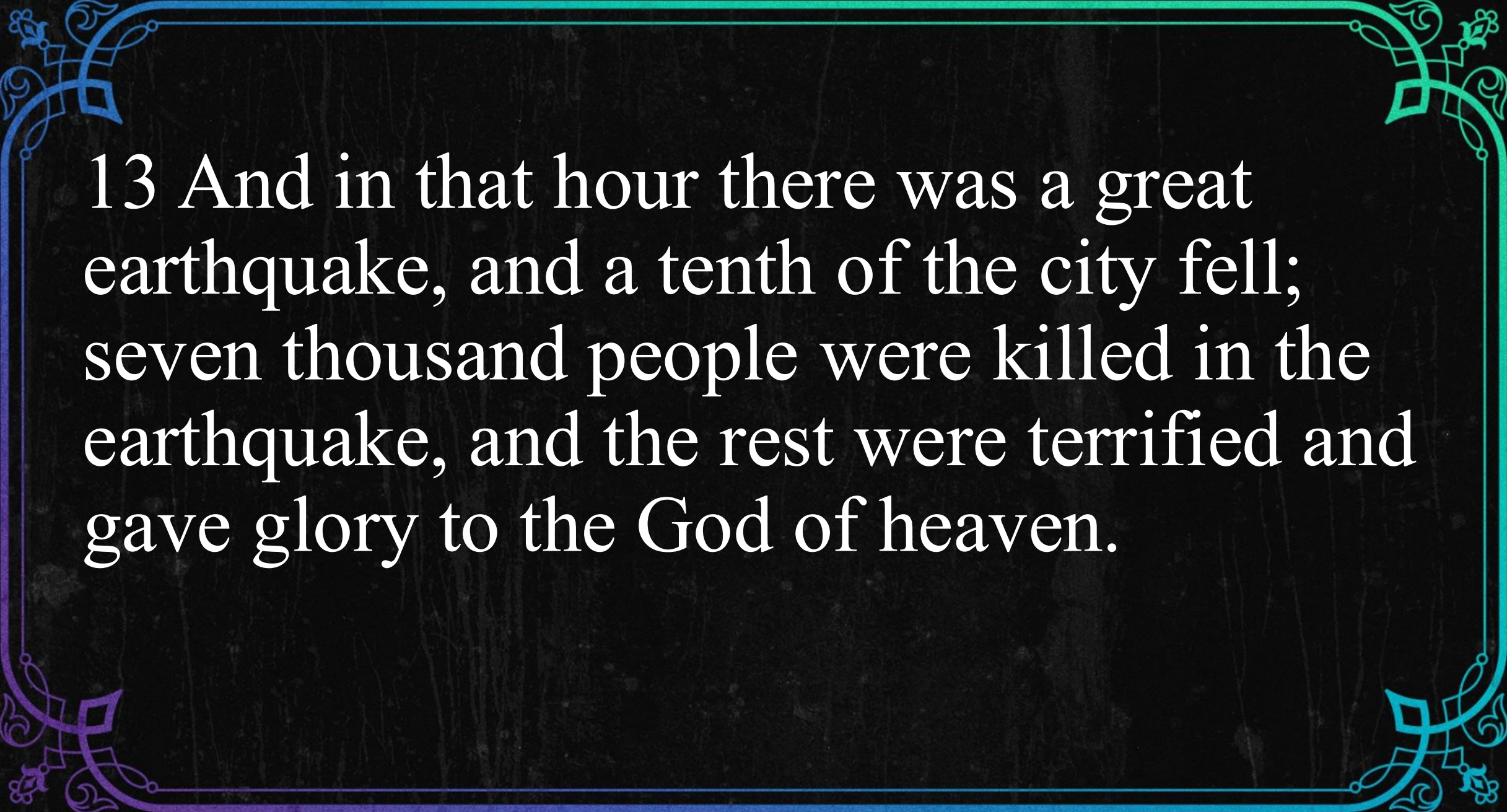
10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.



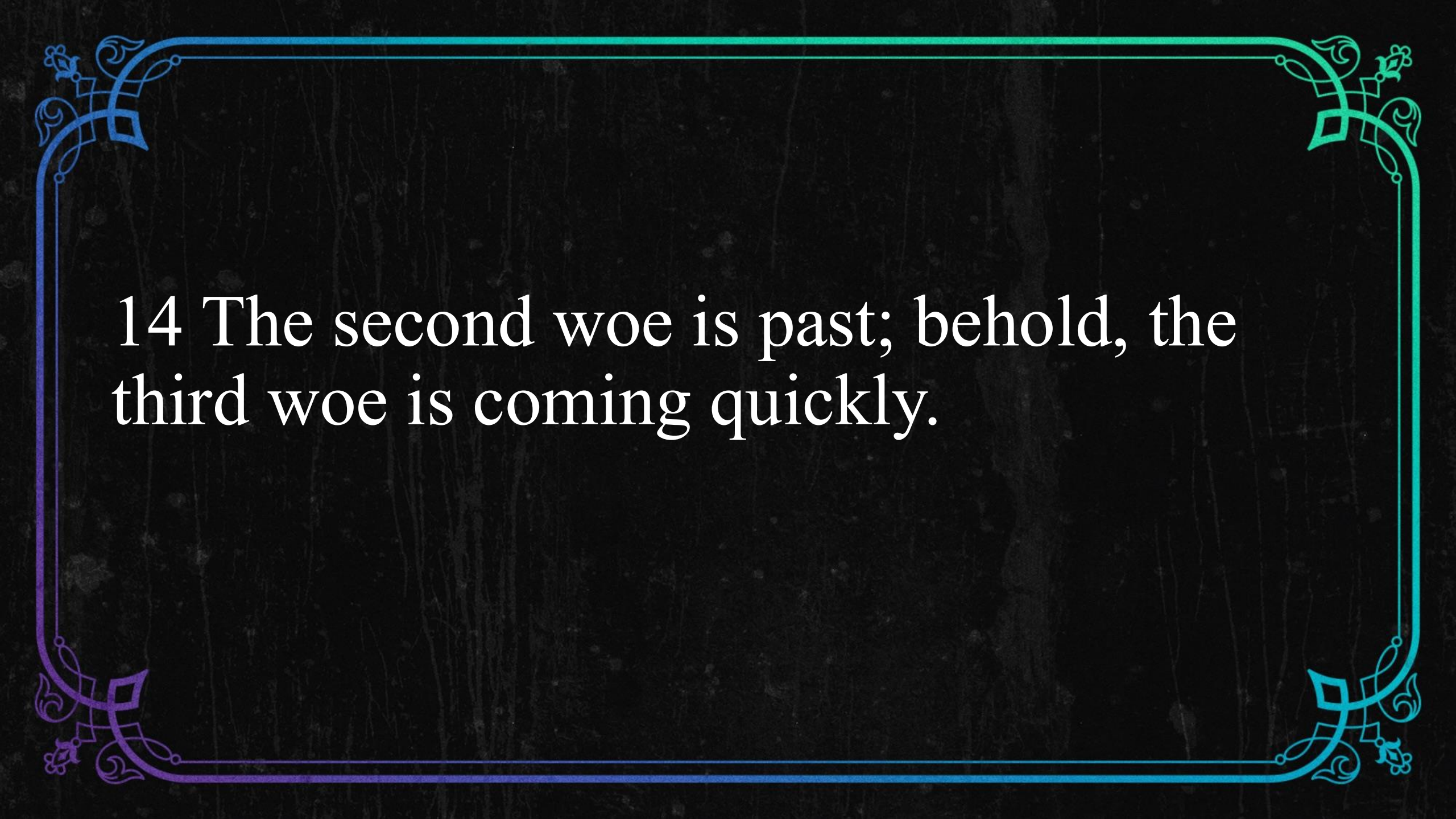
11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.



12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.



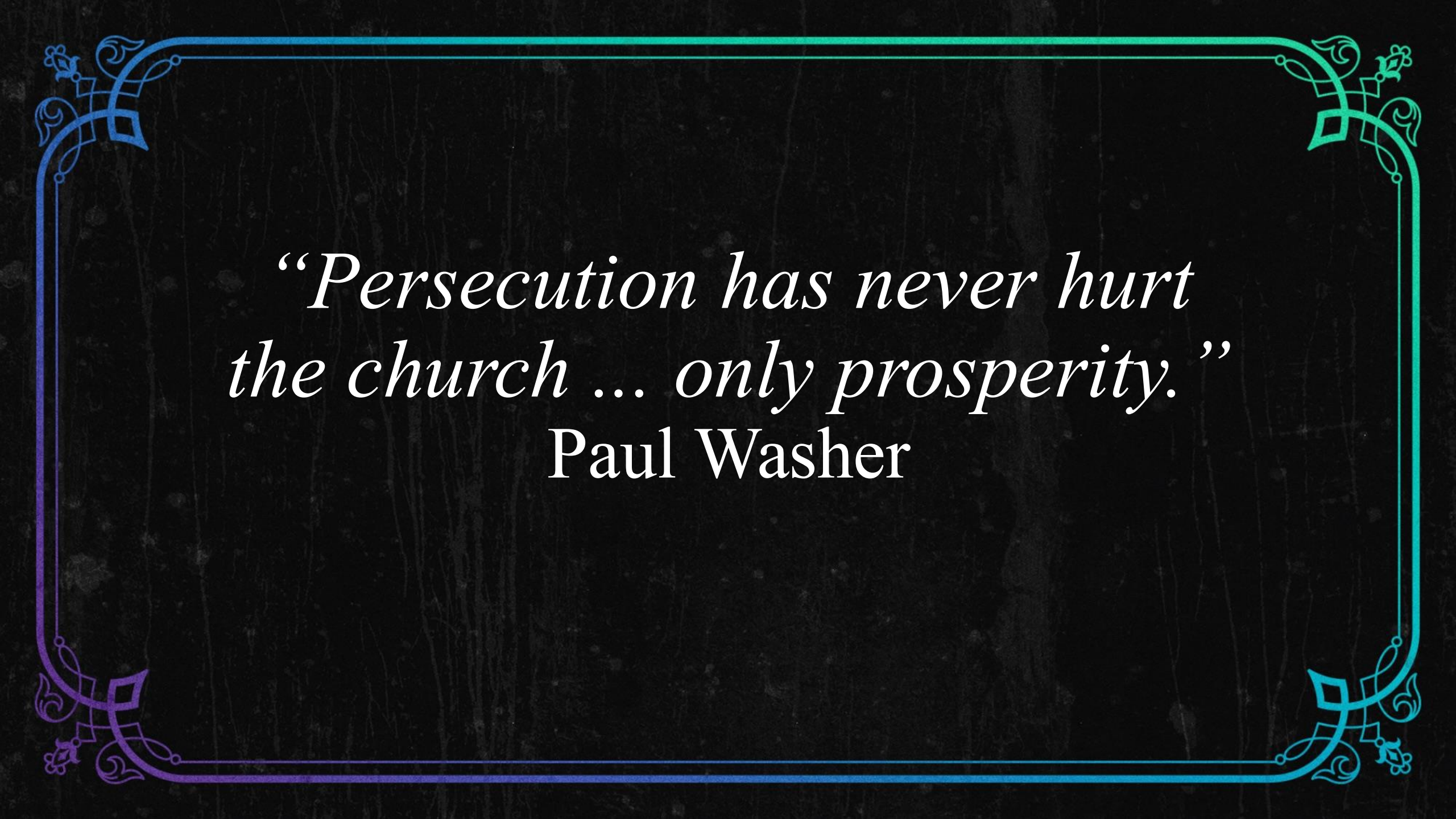
13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.



14 The second woe is past; behold, the
third woe is coming quickly.

Martyrdom 7-14

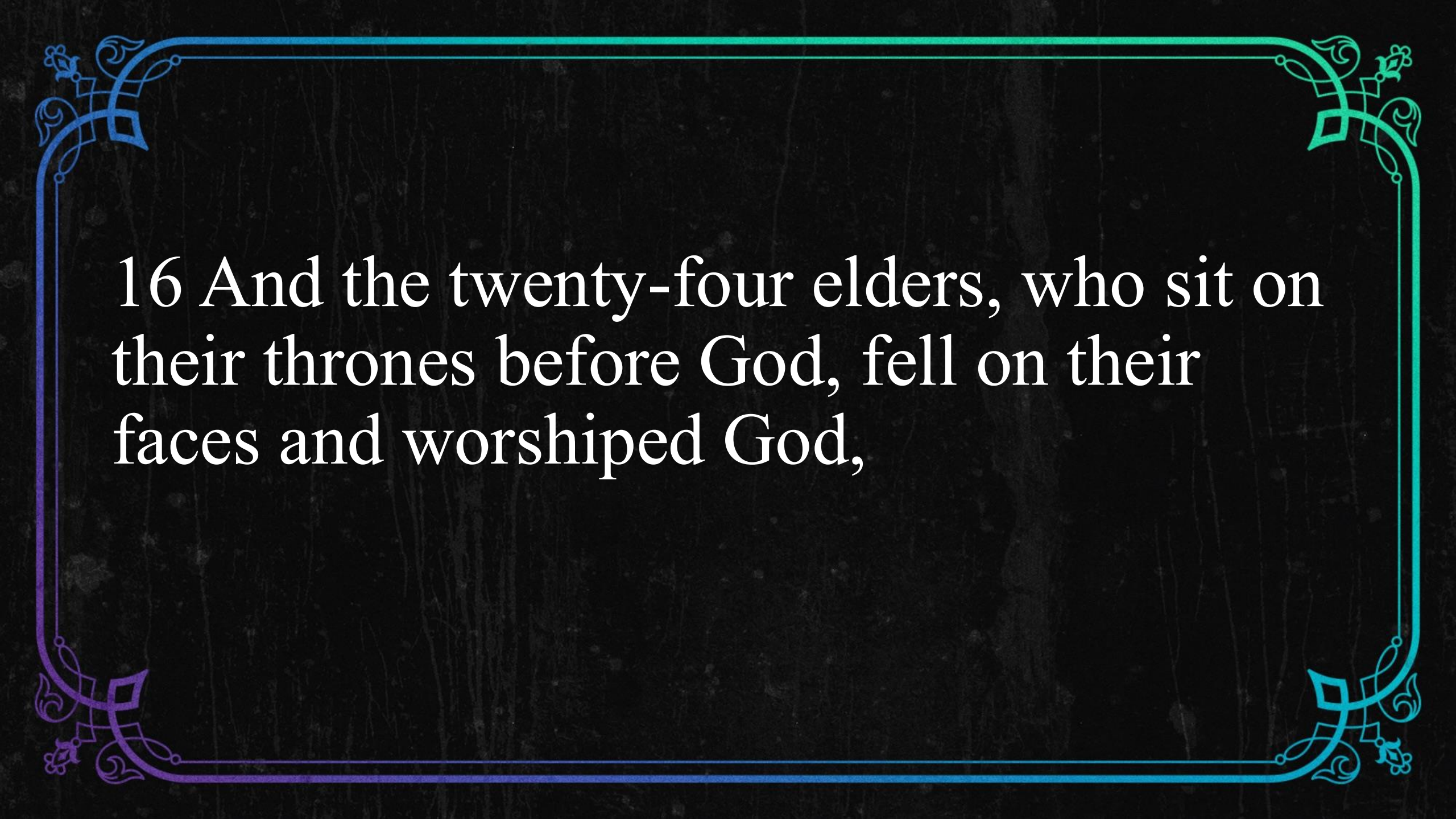
- Protected until God's time!
- Jerusalem – now with poor reputation
- Witnessed by the World – 3 ½ days
- Raised by God – Recalled by God
- Testimony restored!



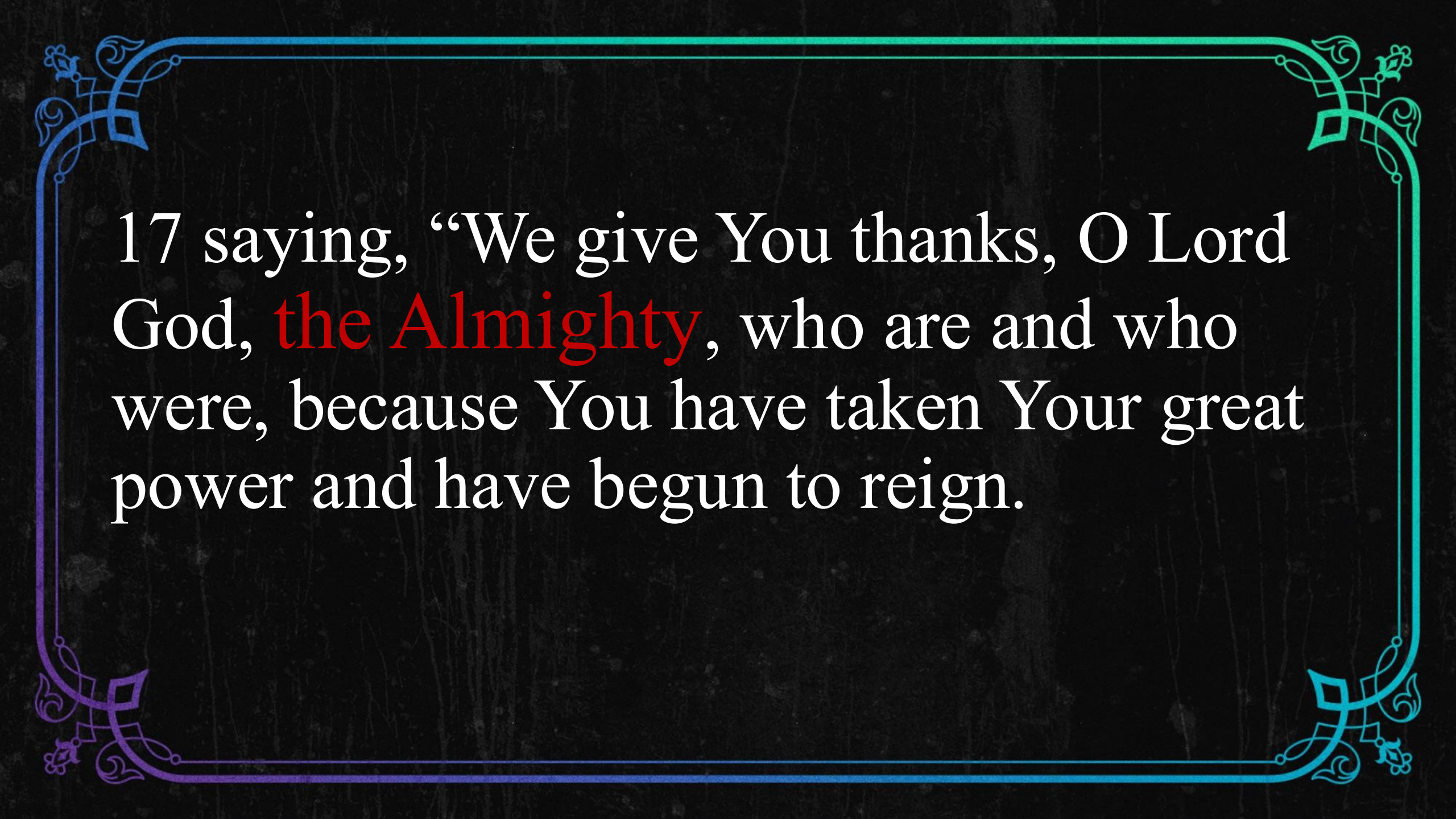
*“Persecution has never hurt
the church ... only prosperity.”*

Paul Washer

15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” (Handel’s Messiah – Hallelujah)



16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,



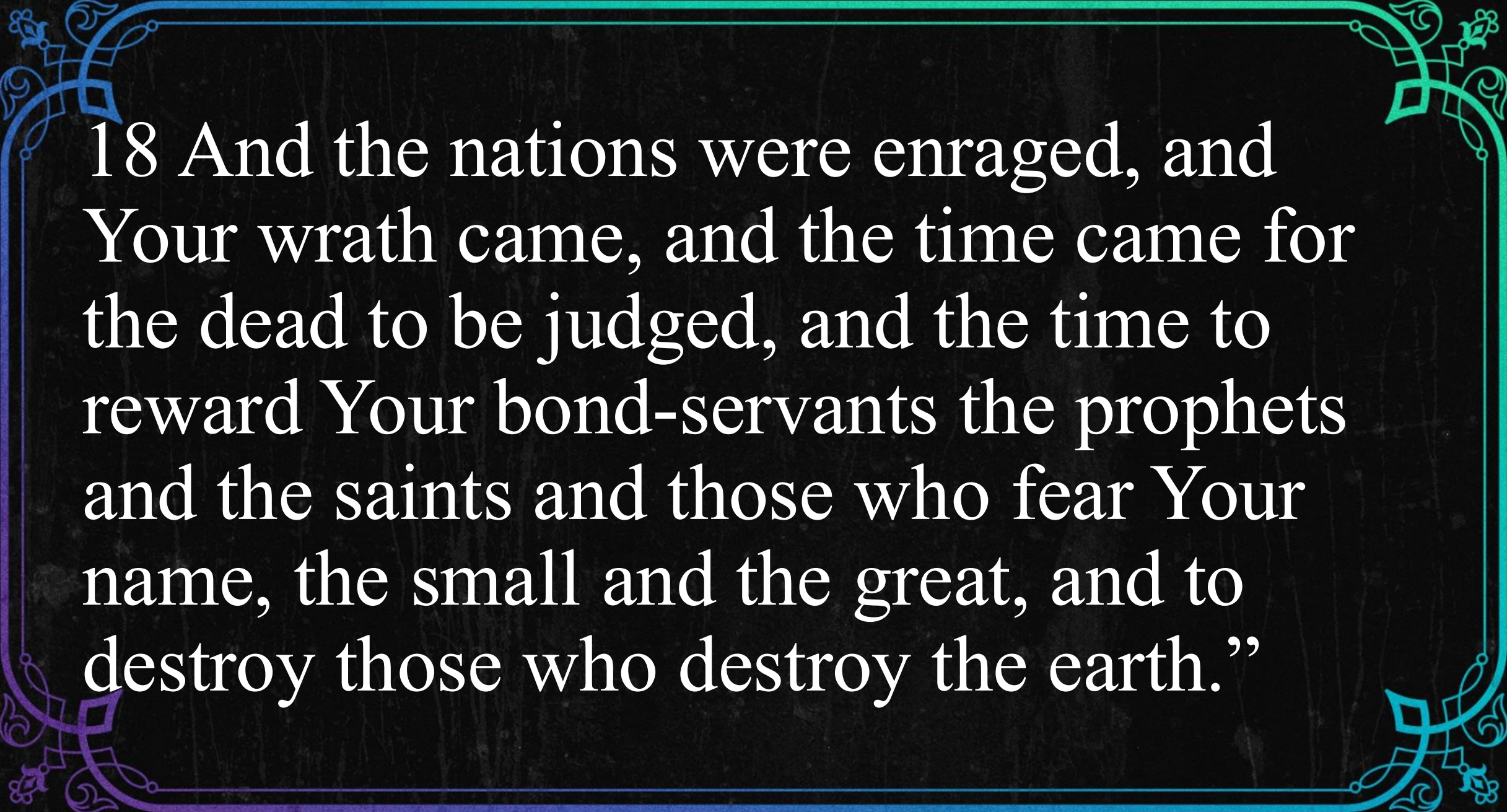
17 saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, **the Almighty**, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.



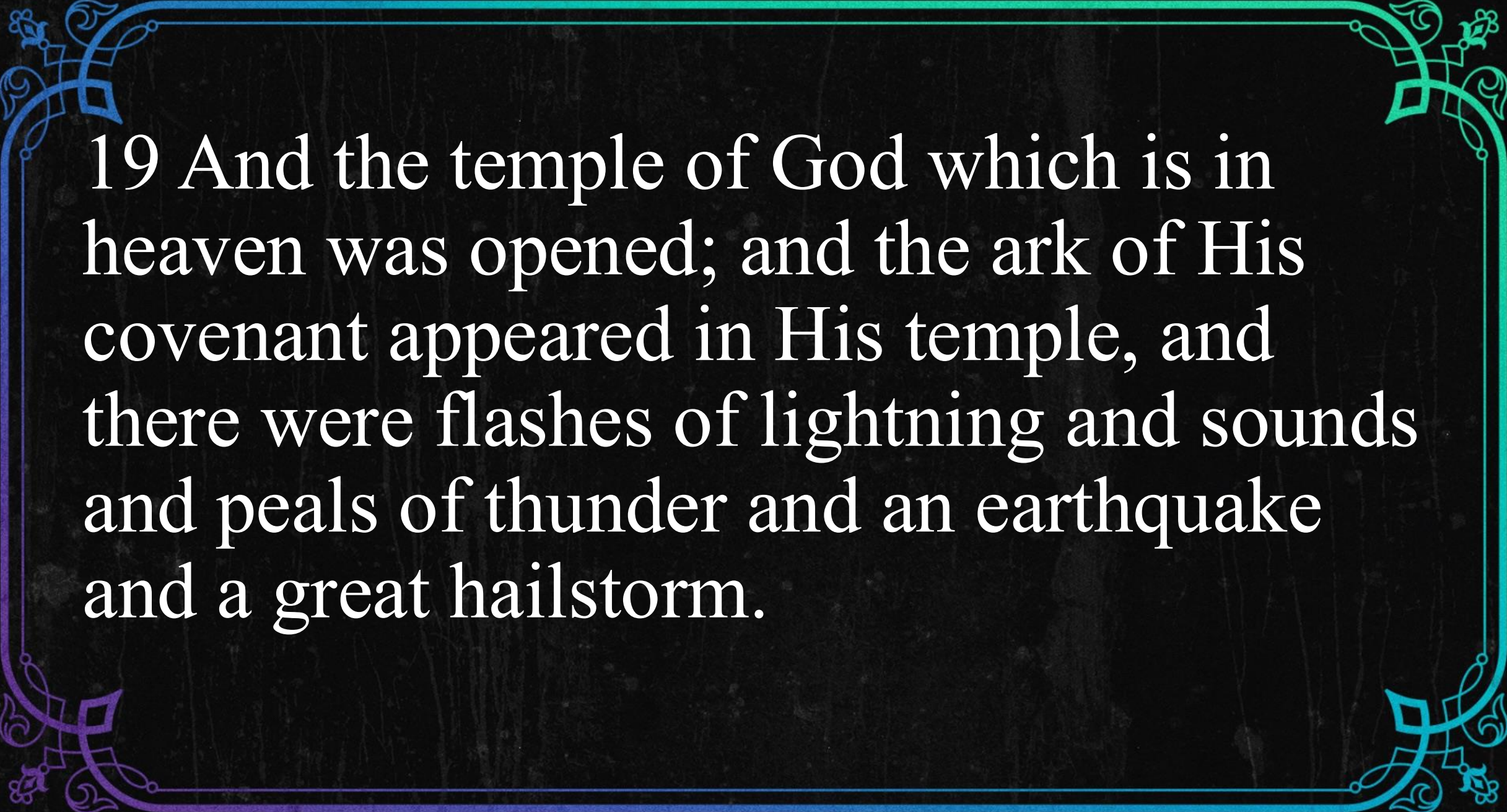
Pantocrator

When the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek (LXX), Pantokrator was used both for LORD Sabaoth (Lord of Hosts) and for El Shaddai (God Almighty). In the New Testament, Pantokrator is used by Paul (2 Cor 6:18) and 9X in the Book of Revelation: 1:8, 4:8, 11:17, 15:3, 16:7, 16:14, 19:6, 19:15, & 21:22.

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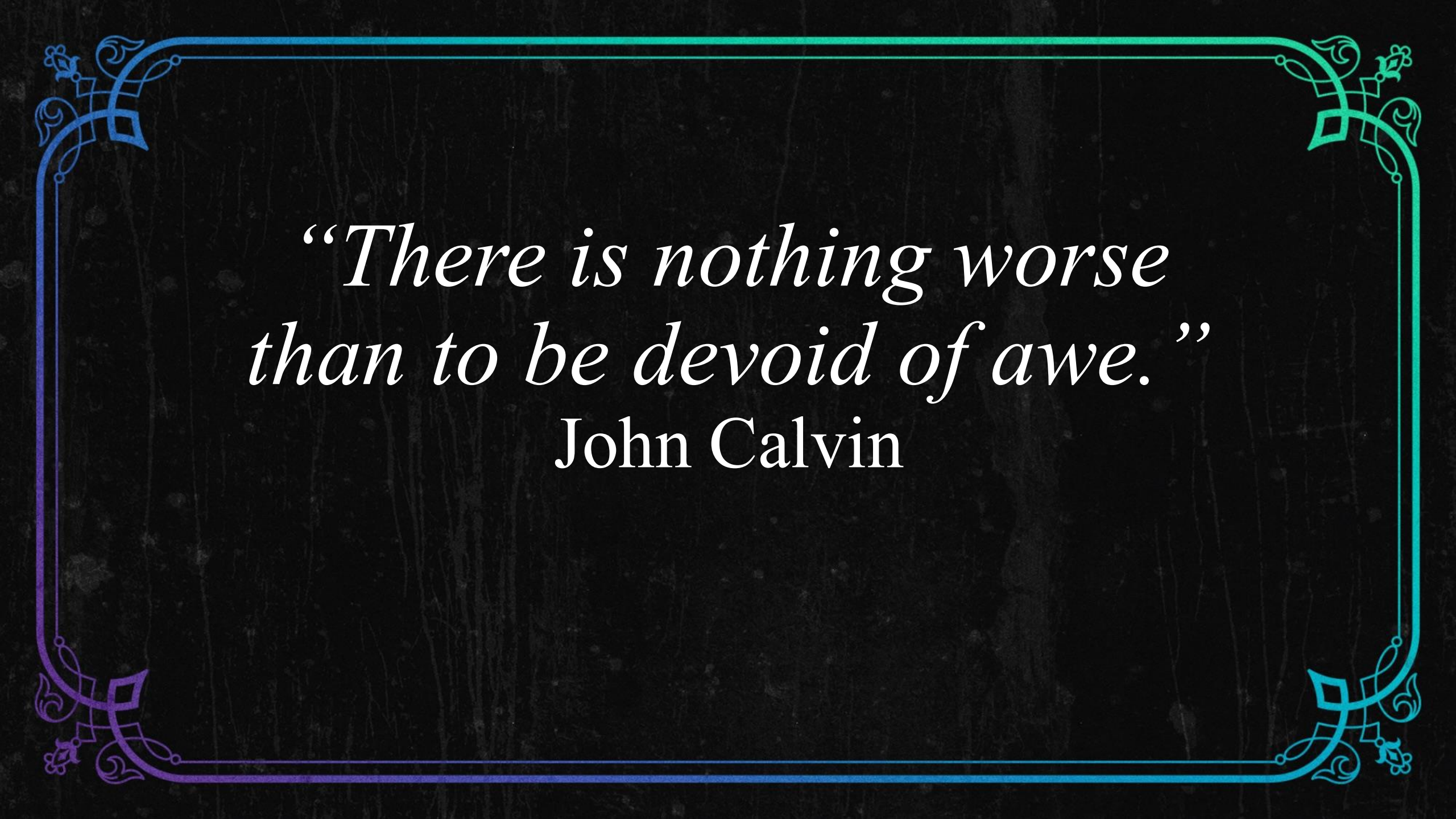
18 And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”



19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Majesty 15-19

- 7th Angel – final ‘woe’
- Throne and Temple of Heaven revealed
- ‘the Almighty’ – pantocrator
- Creation order restored – Christ KING!
- Temple revealed – Glory unleashed!



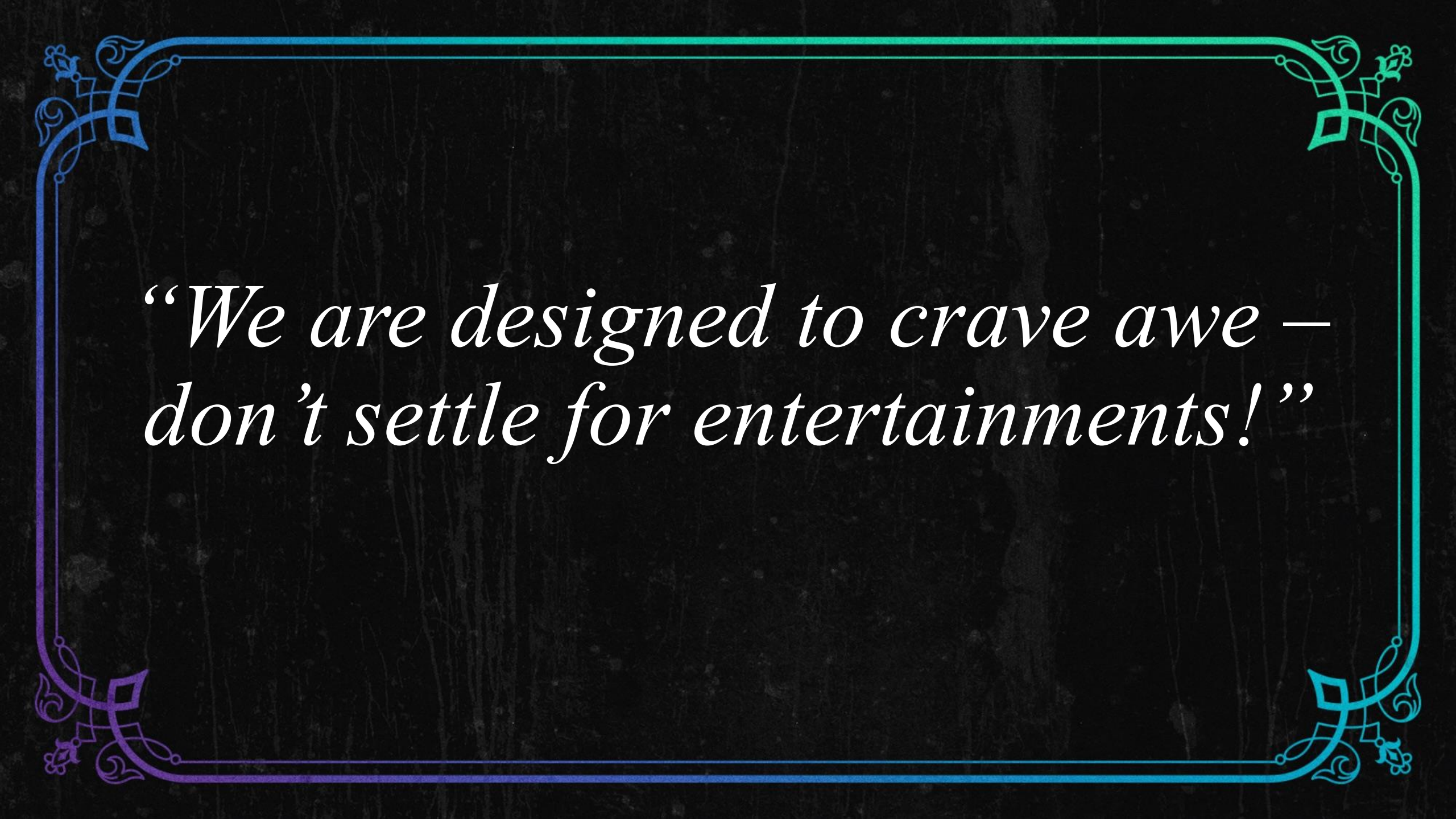
*“There is nothing worse
than to be devoid of awe.”*

John Calvin

Witnesses Today

- Fearless – Gospel is powerful!
- Careless – Life is short
- Heedless – World will always oppose
- Reckless – Sacrifice without regret!

“Be reckless immediately, fling it all out on Him.” Oswald Chambers



*“We are designed to crave awe —
don’t settle for entertainments!”*



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