



REVELATION

WHAT WAS, WHAT IS, AND WHAT IS TO COME.





First Stop – Throne Room

Revelation 4

“Alpha — Omega”

“Things...seen”

“Beginning — End”

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE

Son of Man in Heaven

The 7 Churches

The Cosmic Crisis

(After removal of true church and before the coming of Christ to creation)

“I am he that liveth”

“I was dead”

“the things which thou hast seen”

“Behold, I am alive”
“the things which are”

“I have the keys of hell and of death”

“the things about to be after these things [meta tauta]”

**Revelation 1
Christ in Glory**

**Revelation 2, 3
Church in the World**



**Revelation 4 — 22
Crisis in the Future**

HEAVEN

Observable Universe

HEAVEN



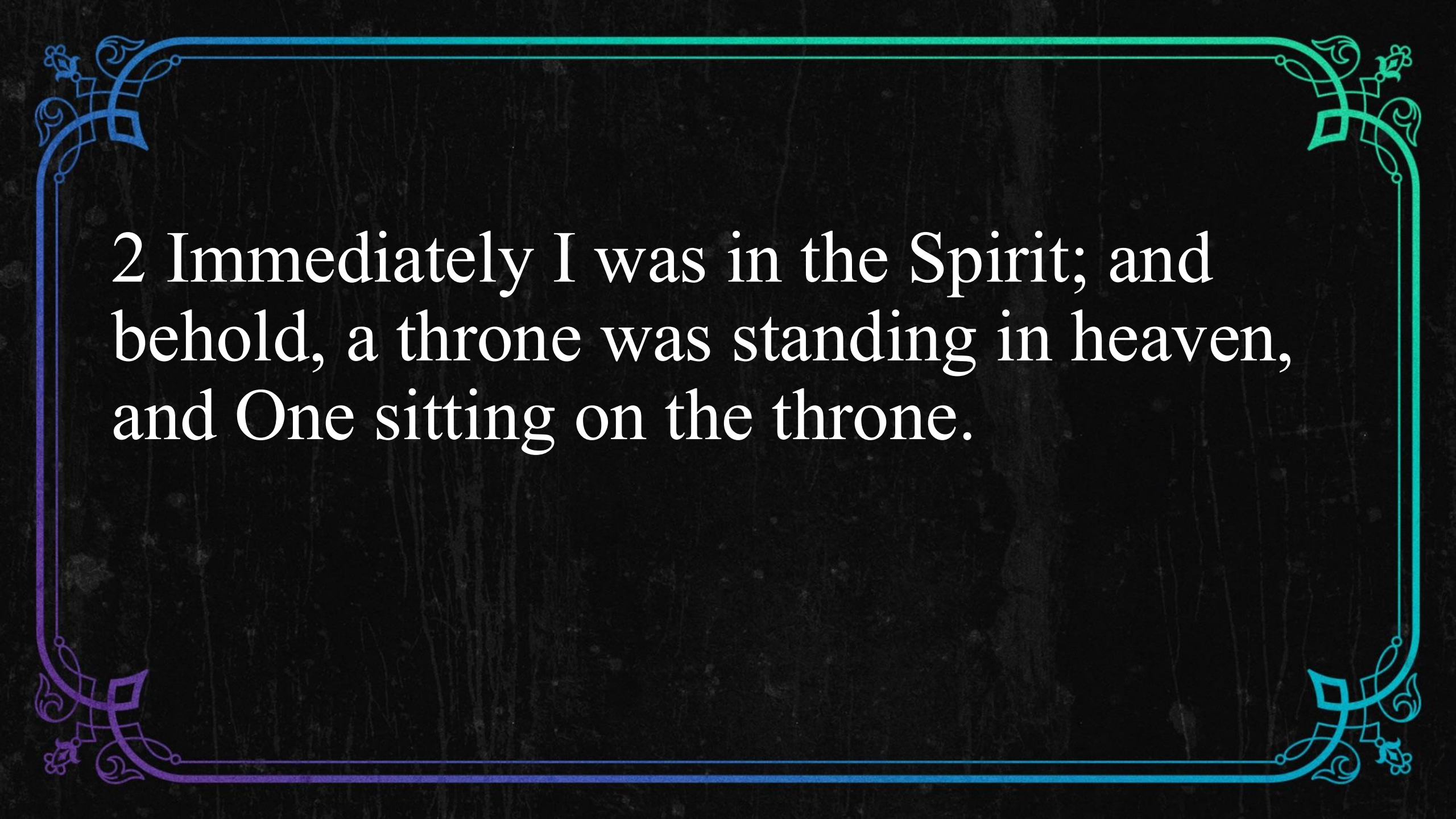
Our Solar System
Milky Way Galaxy
Virgo Supercluster

HEAVEN

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“He determines the NUMBER of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond MEASURE.”

1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”



2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

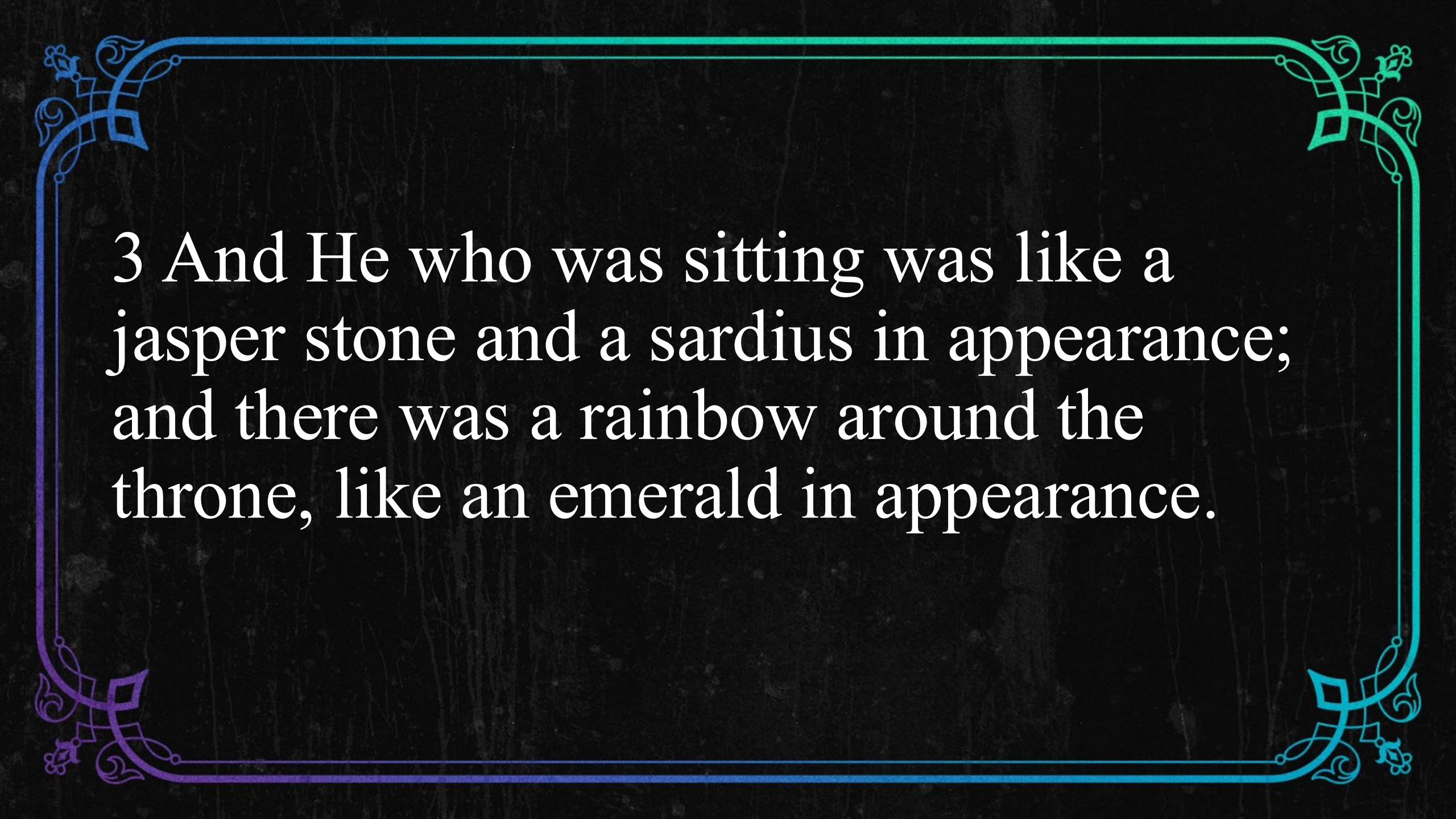
God is King 1-8

- Come up! 1,2
 - God is the 'open door'
 - Voice like a 'trumpet' – 'last' 1Cor & 1Thess
 - Future – 'after these things'
 - Throne – King of kings!
 - He welcomes us



“The way to forget our miseries, is to remember the God of our mercies.”

Matthew Henry



3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

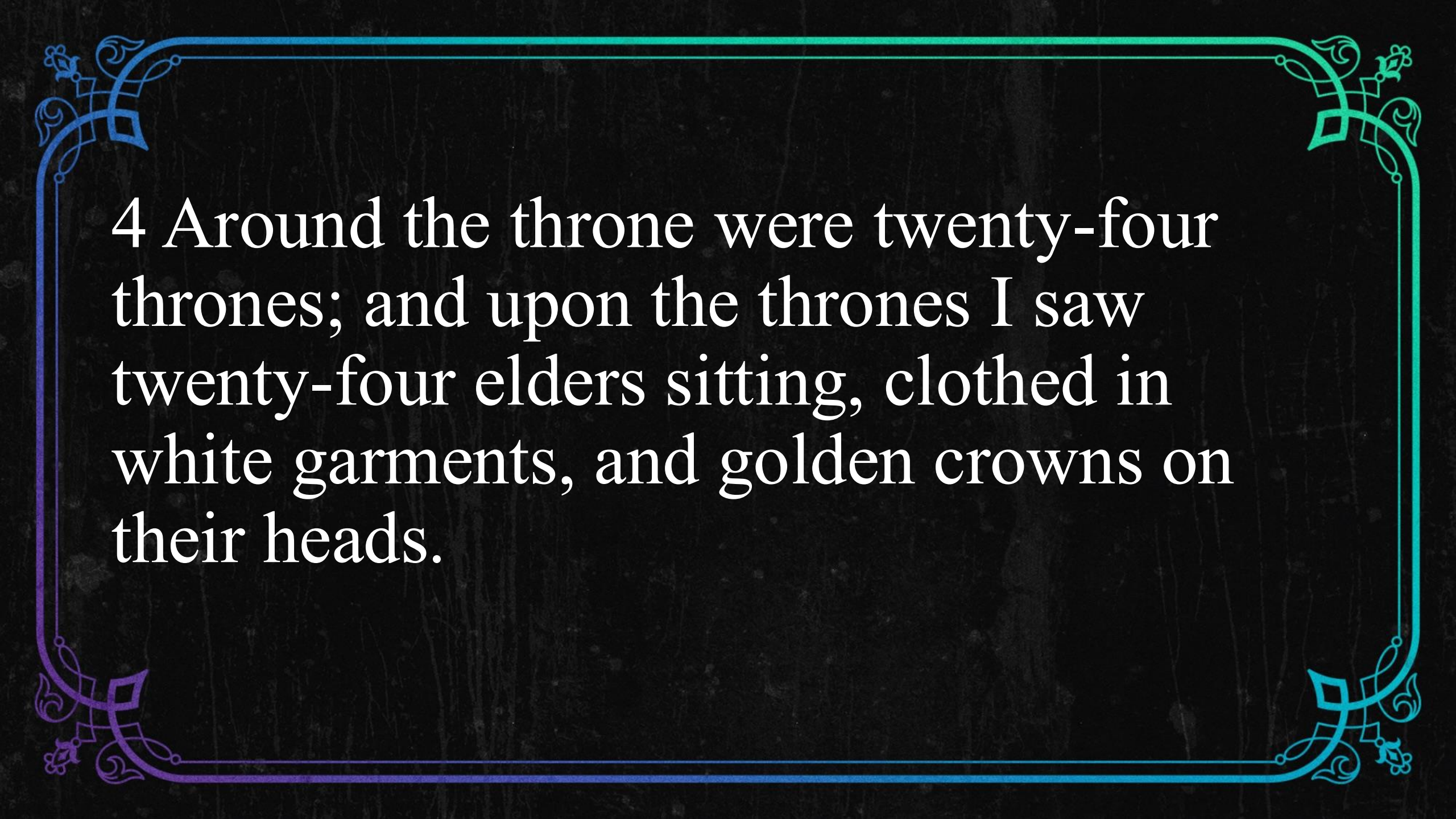
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- Company Coming! 3
 - ‘jasper’ & ‘sardius’ – white & red
 - ‘emerald’ ‘rainbow’ – before the storm
 - God is NOT dull – dazzling
 - Food tastes good – flowers smell nice



“The fear of God reigning in the heart is the beauty of the soul.”

Matthew Henry



4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

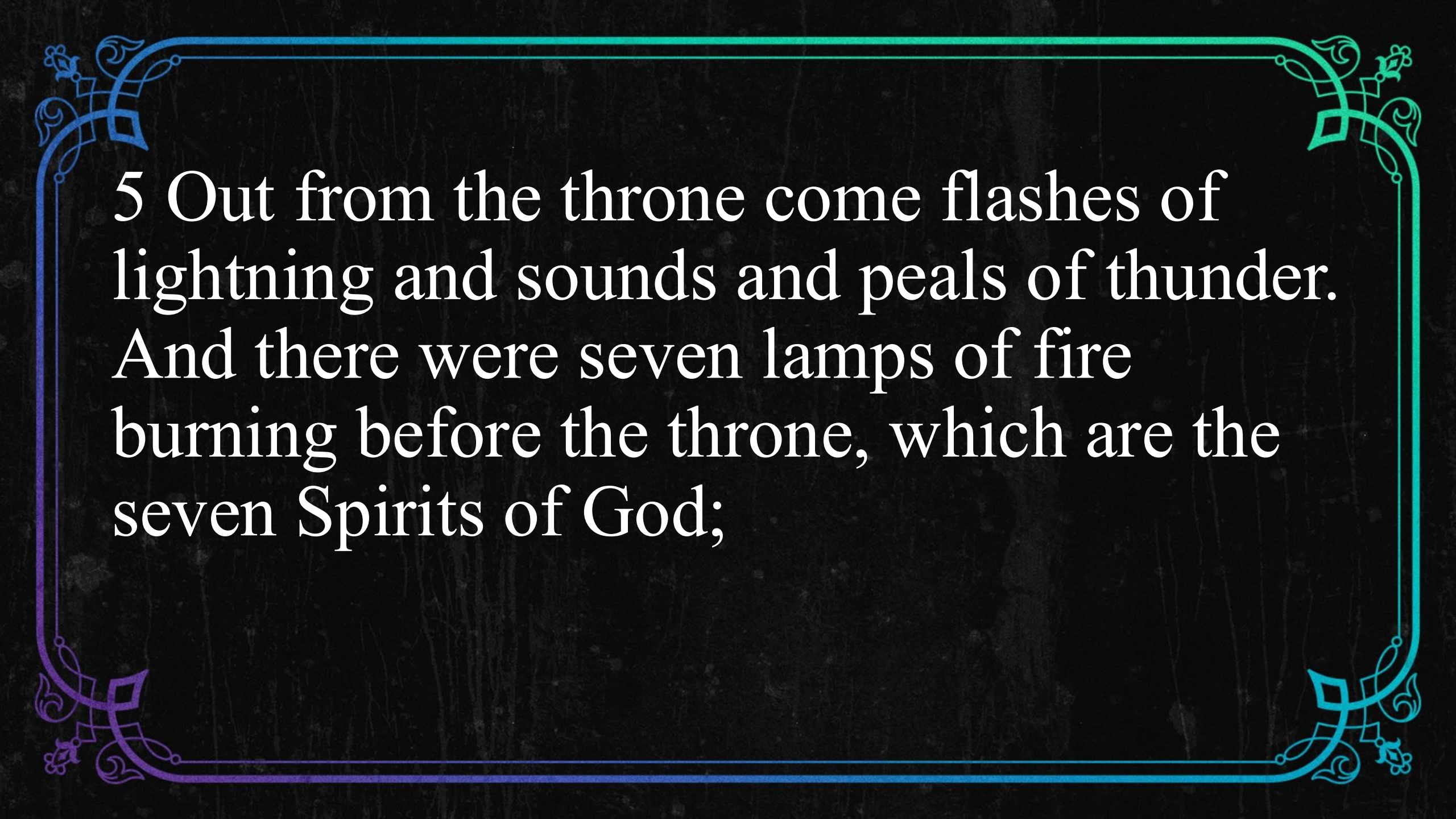
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- Center of Creation 4
 - 24 Thrones – 24 ‘elders’
 - ‘white garments’ - ‘golden crowns’
 - Tribes & Apostles? Angels? Levites?
 - Regardless – God is Central!

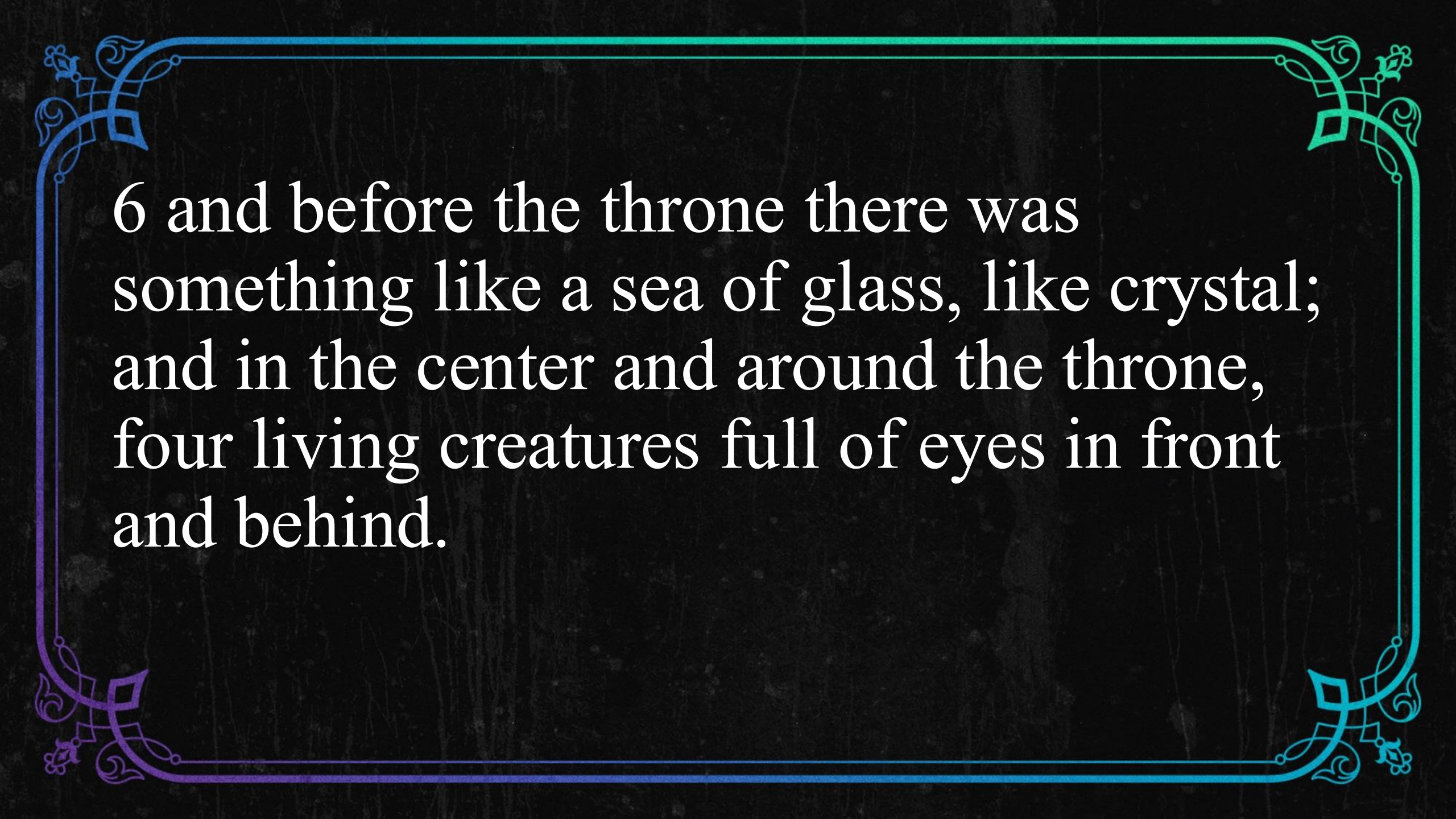


*“The glory of God is His own end,
and it should be ours
in all that we do.”*

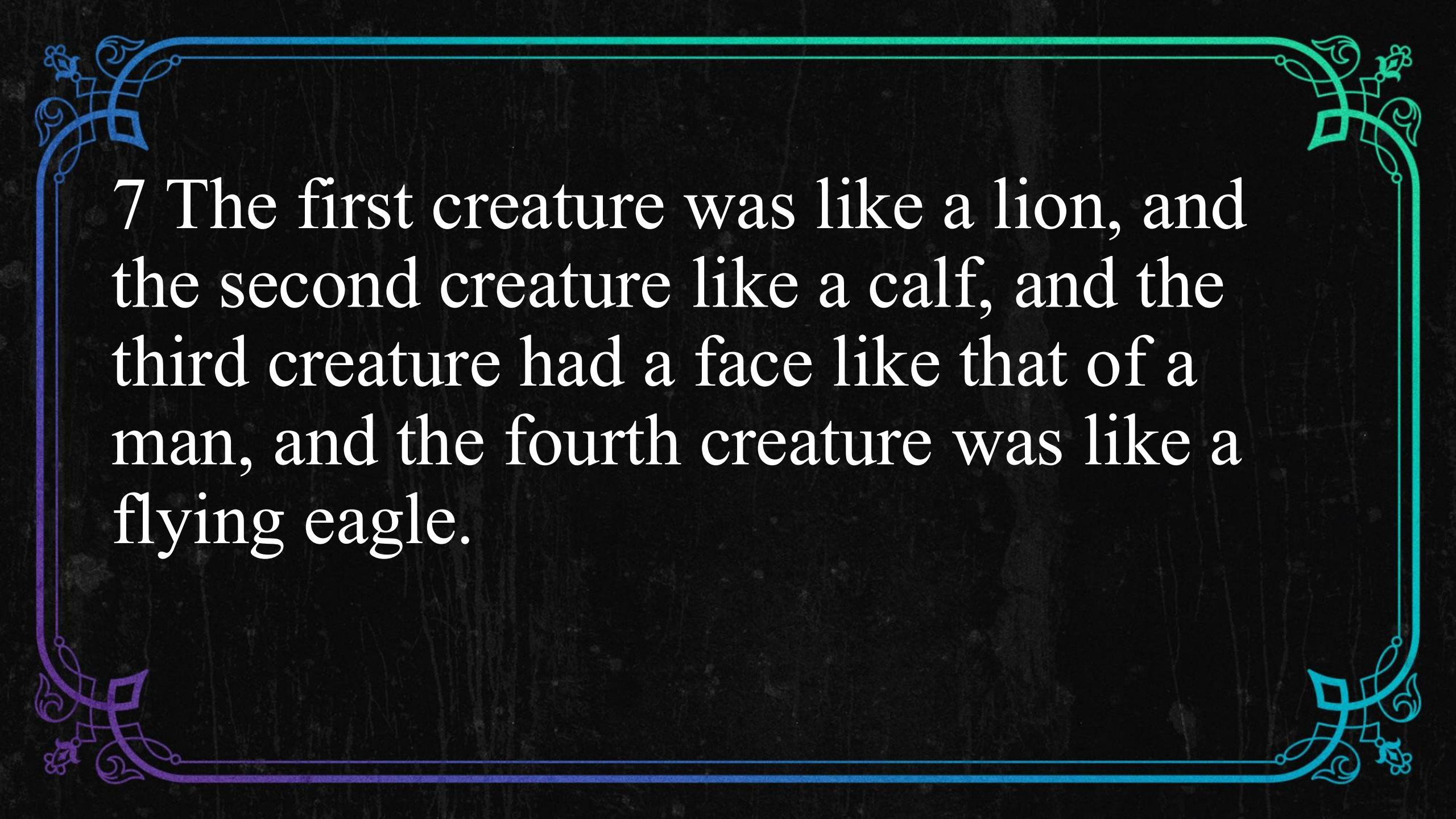
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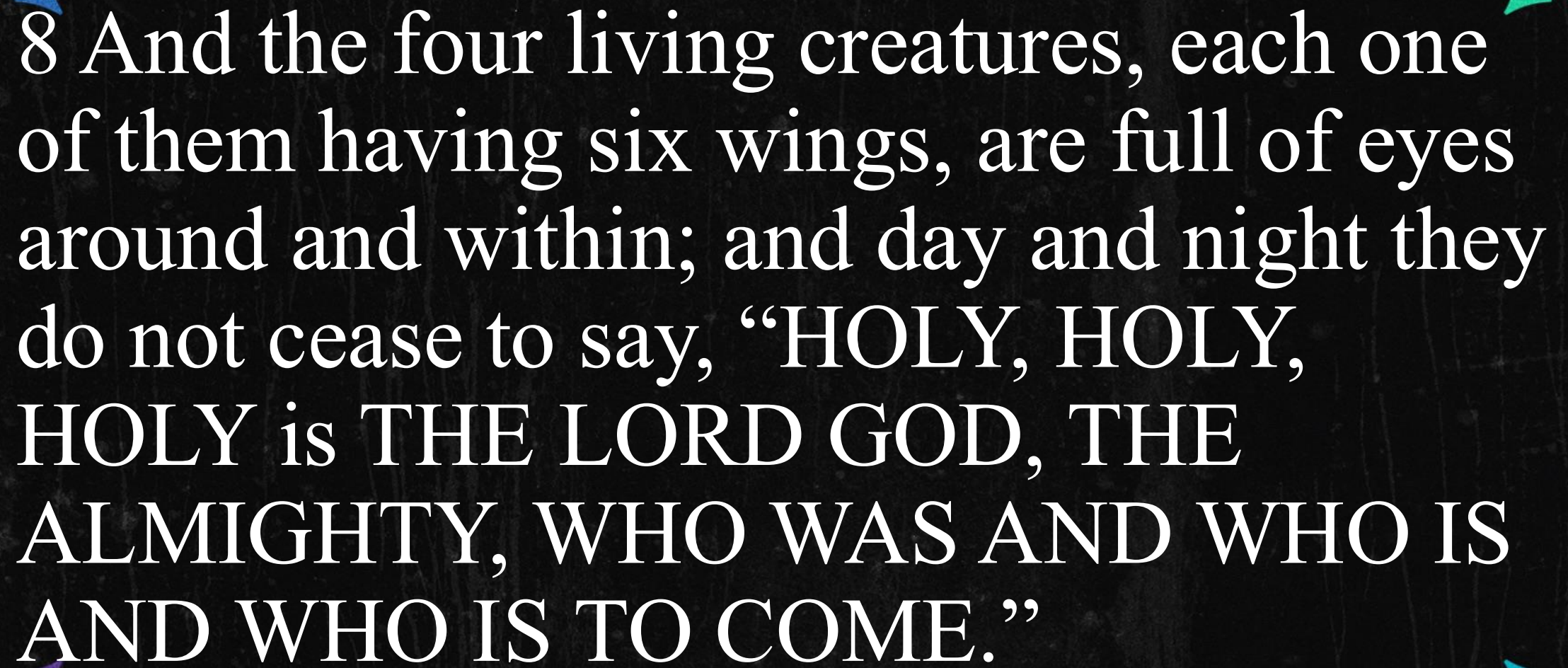
5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;



6 and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.



7 The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.



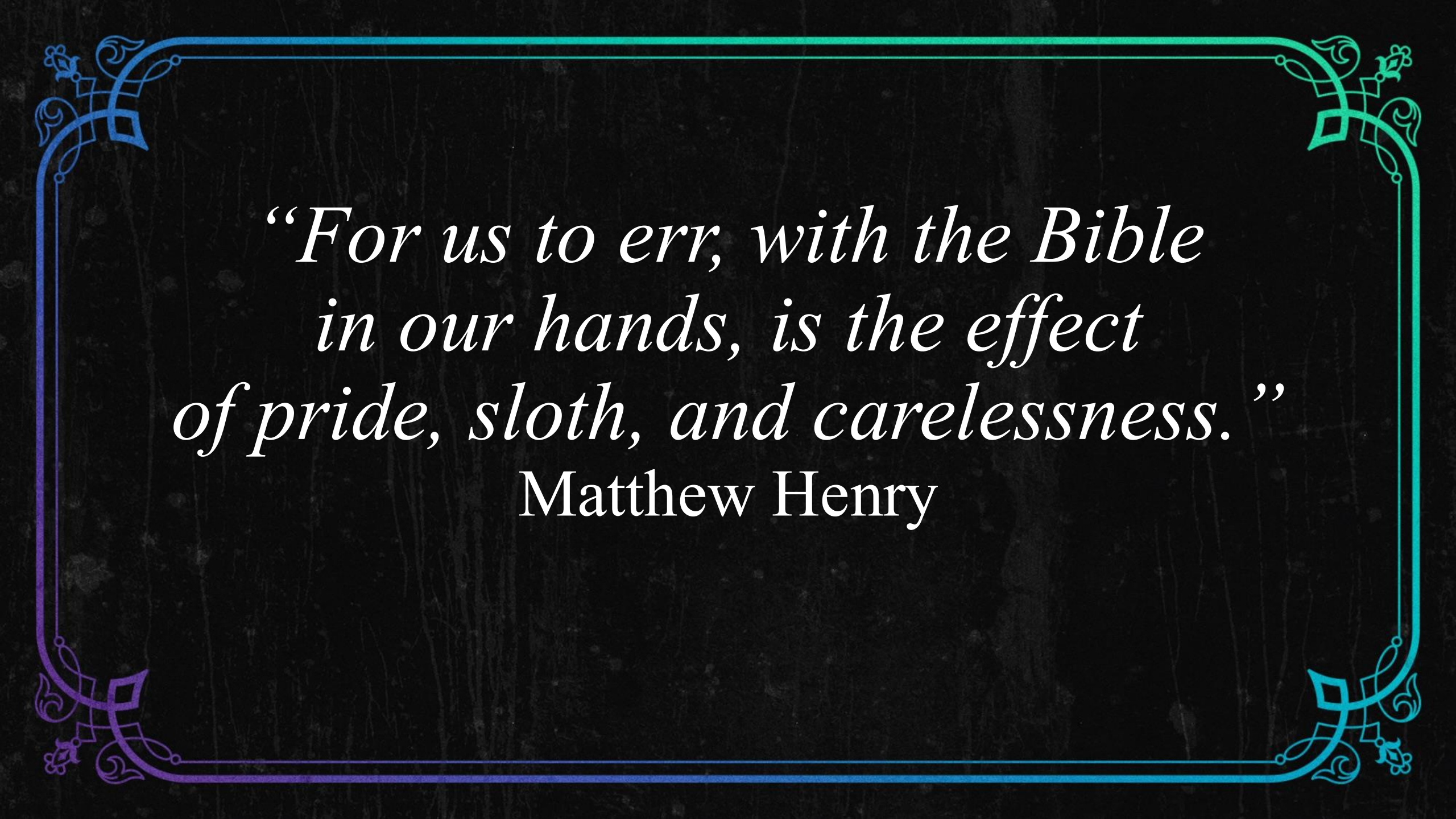
8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”

*Apocalyptic
Speech much like
political cartoons
– exaggerated and
NOT to scale!*



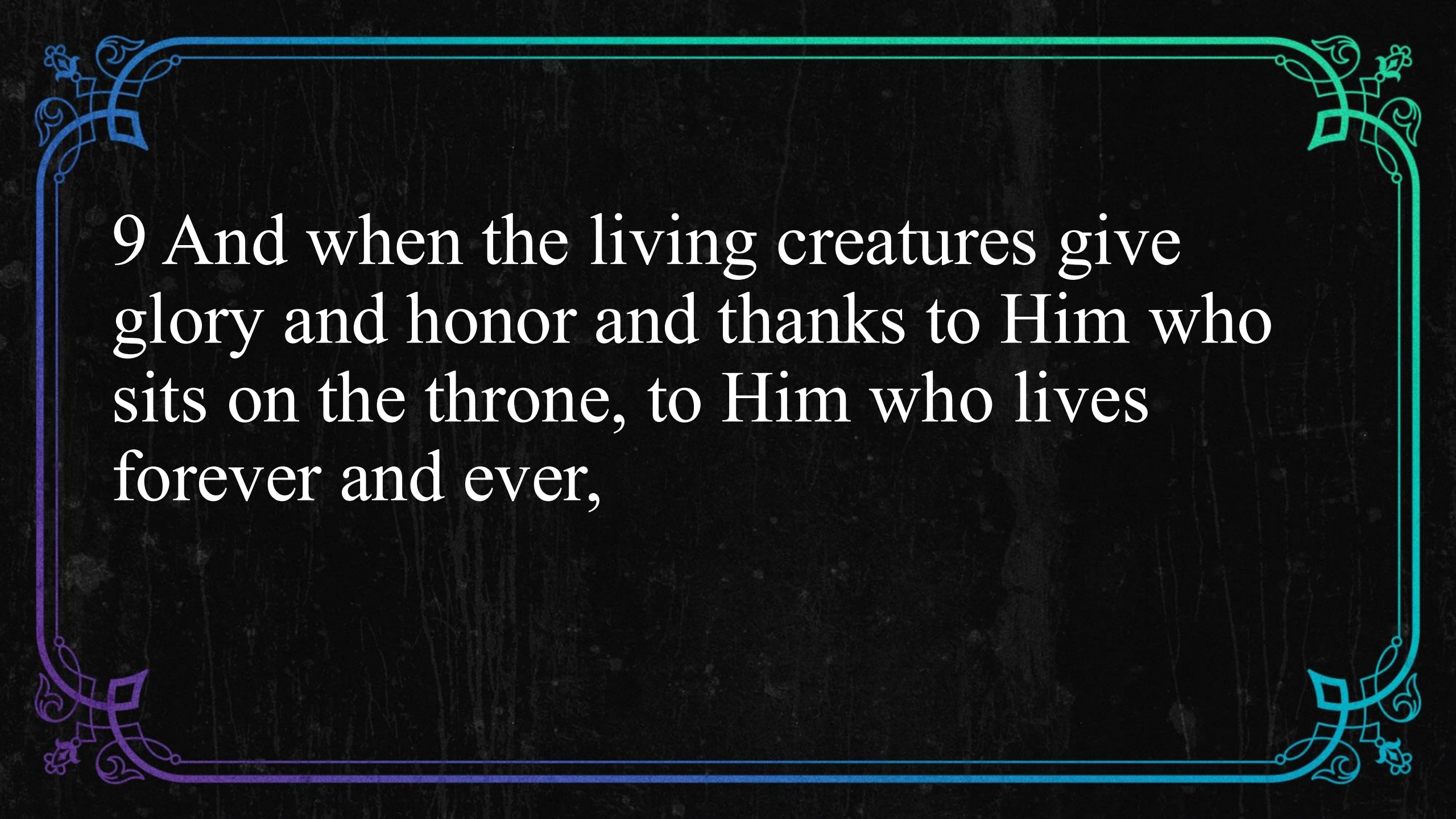
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- ‘lightning’ ‘thunder’
- 7 lamps from Chapter 1
- ‘sea of glass’ – Noah, Jonah, Paul, Disciples
- 4 Creatures – lion, calf, man, eagle
- ‘full of eyes’ – all seeing – all knowing!

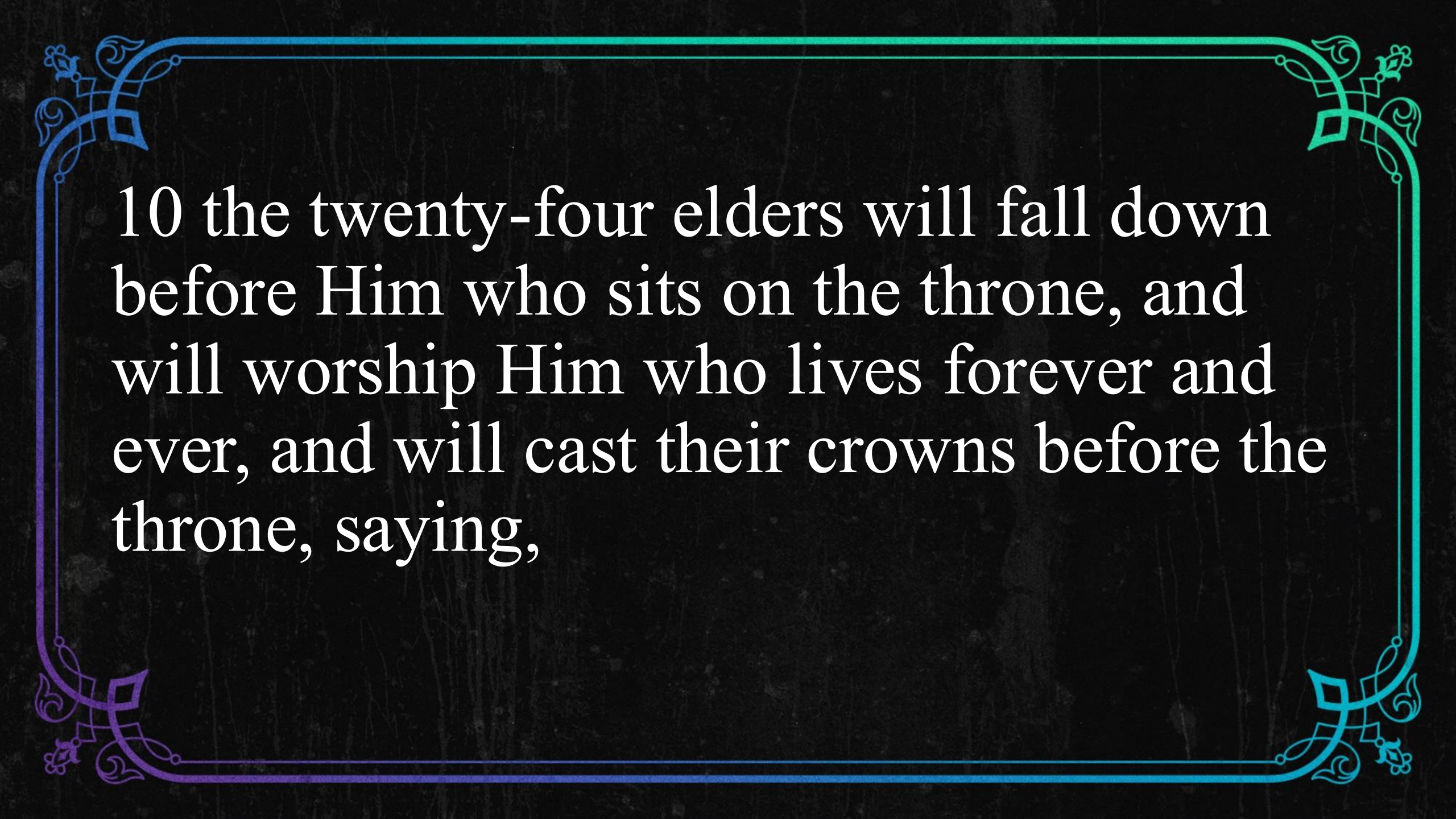


*“For us to err, with the Bible
in our hands, is the effect
of pride, sloth, and carelessness.”*

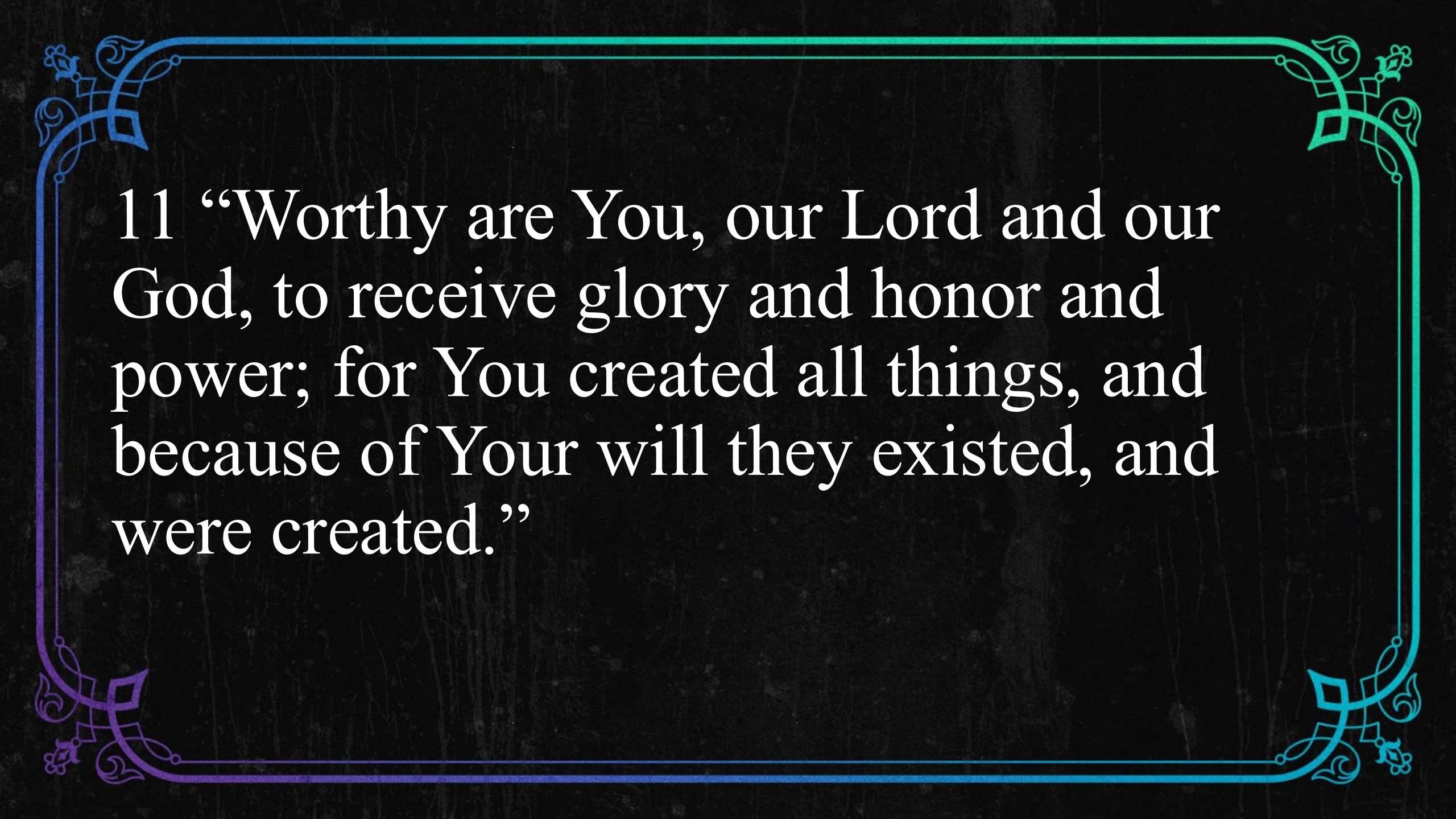
Matthew Henry



9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,



10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,



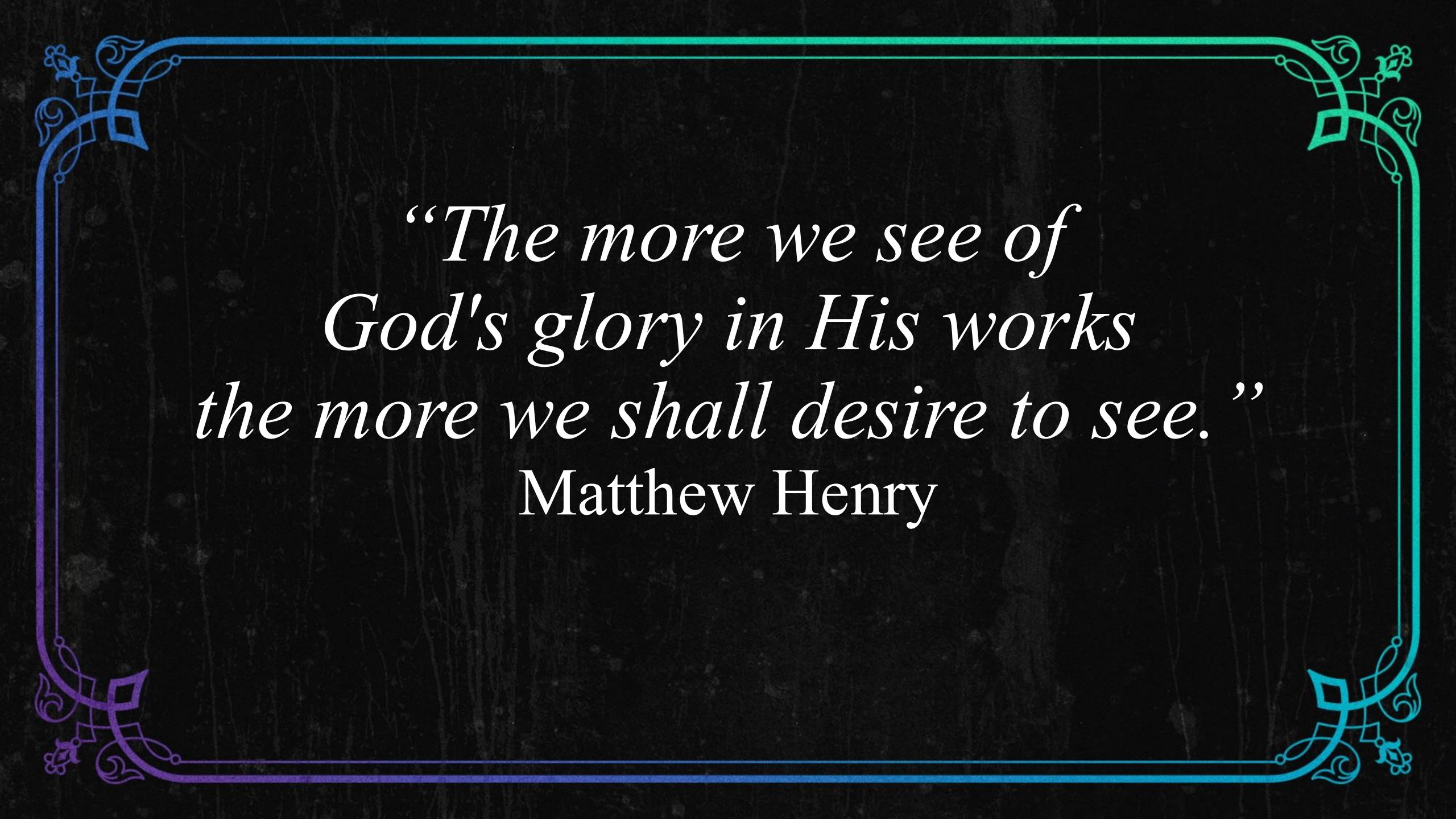
11 “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

"Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor 2:9

UNIMAGINABLE – UNBELIEVABLE

God is Creator 9-11

- Casting Crowns
- Cheering the King
- ‘You created all things’
- His to determine – Sovereign



*“The more we see of
God's glory in His works
the more we shall desire to see.”*

Matthew Henry

Lessons from the Throne

- Stand in awe – sublime/subdue
- Submit to the King – singularity
- See Creation – ‘show us a sign...’
- Sing without ceasing – praise & prayer
- Seize the day – time is not eternity!

“We spend our days looking at the work of our own and our neighbors' hands. Small wonder our lives have so little of God in them, when we come in touch with so little that God has made.”

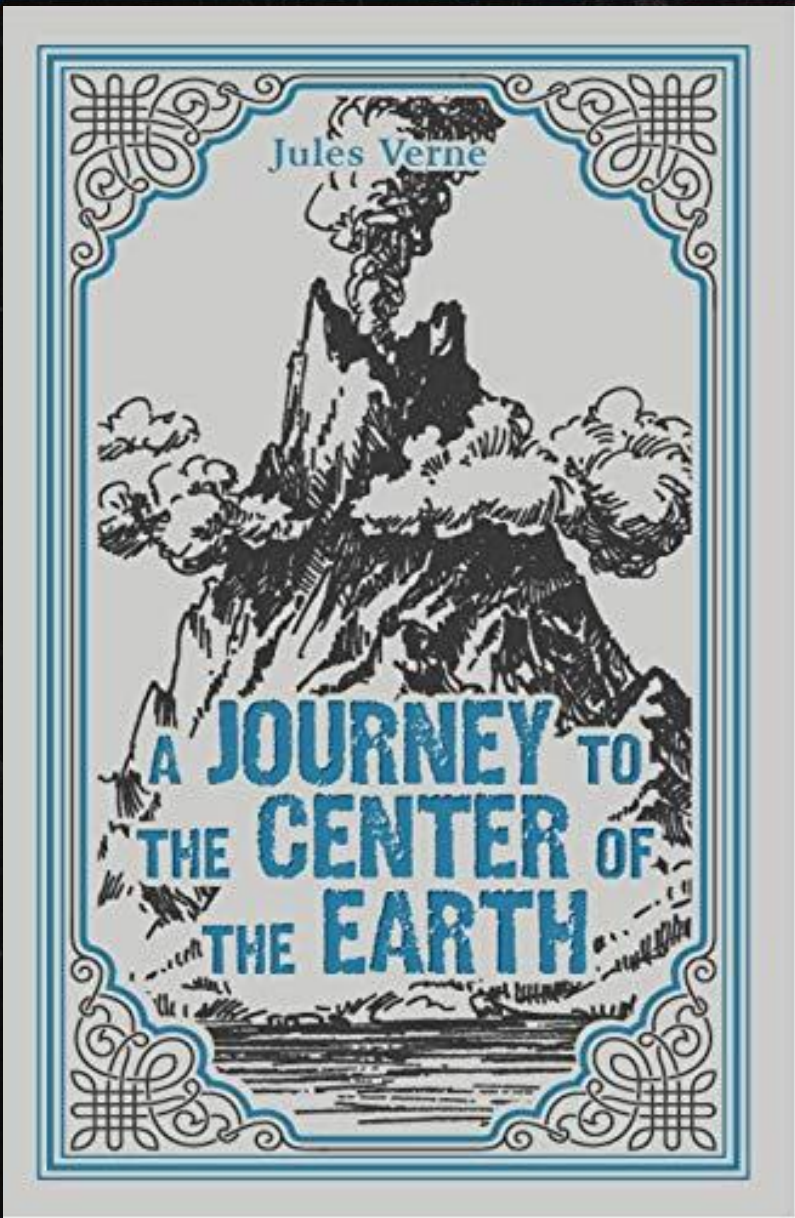
Harold Bell Wright - The Shepherd of the Hills



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*“I dream with
my eyes open.”*

Jules Verne - Journey to the
Center of the Earth