



REVELATION

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





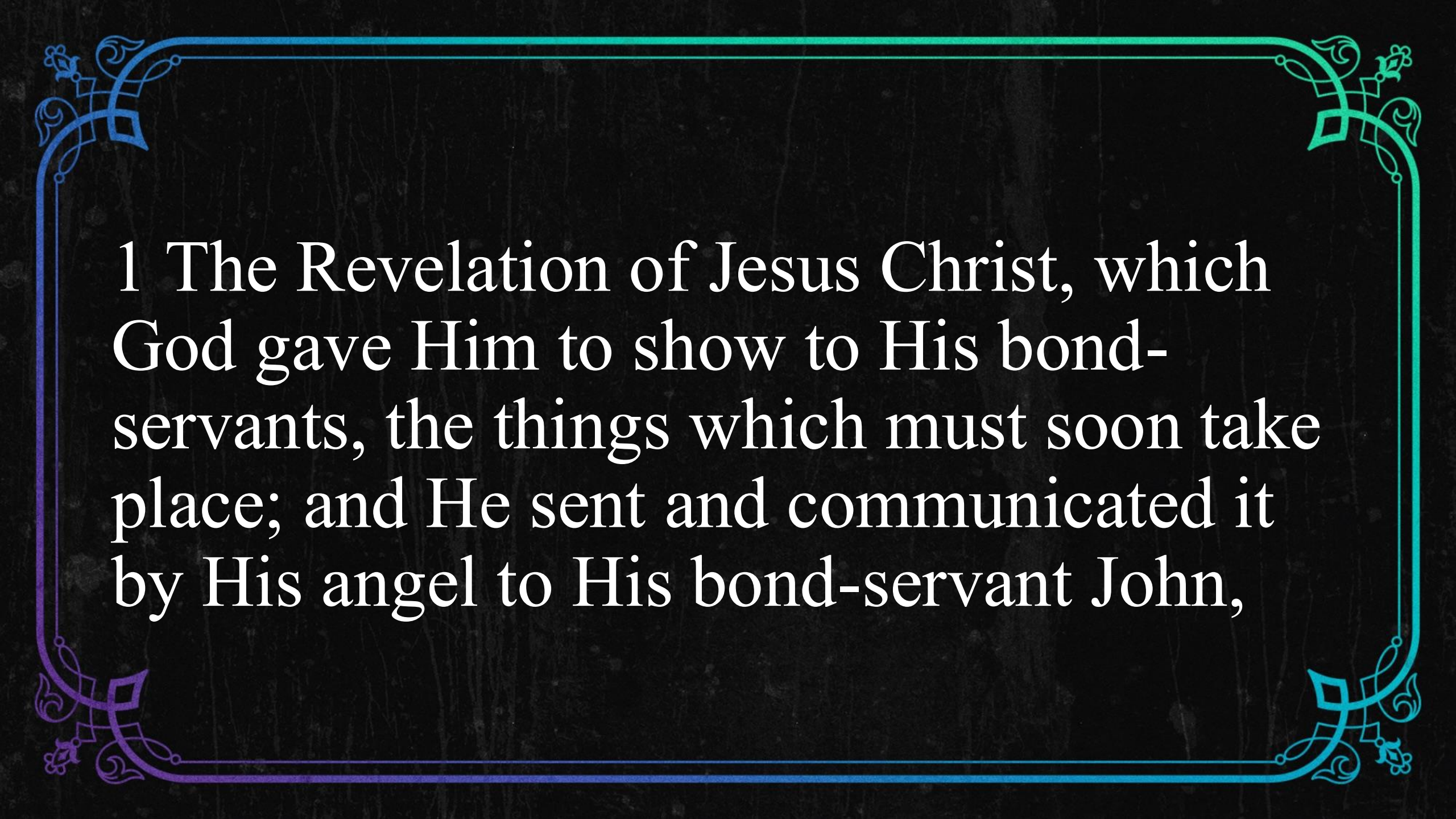
Jesus Revealed!

Revelation 1

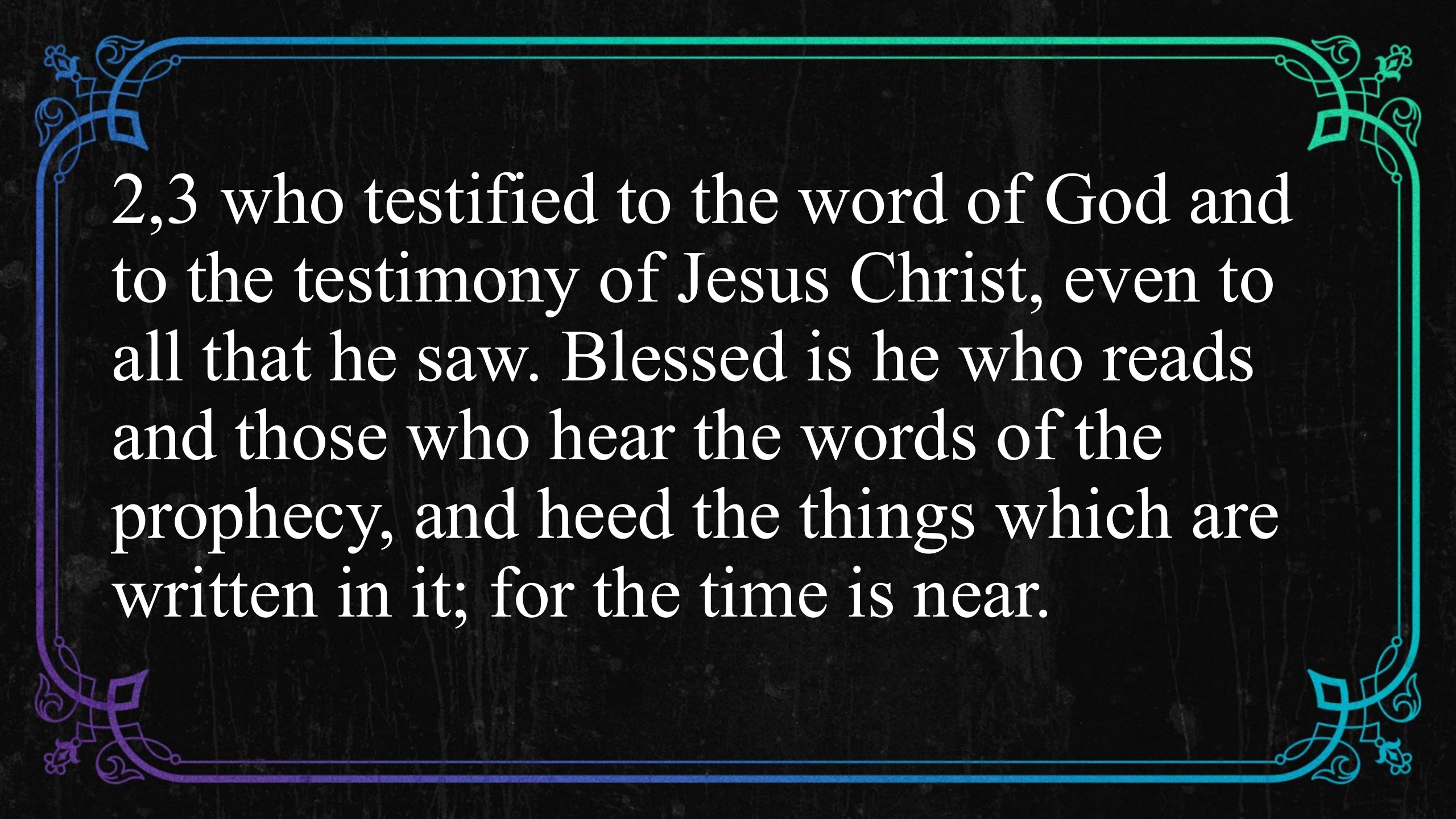


*“Life is hard but God is good
and Heaven is real!”*

Billy Graham



1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,



2,3 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

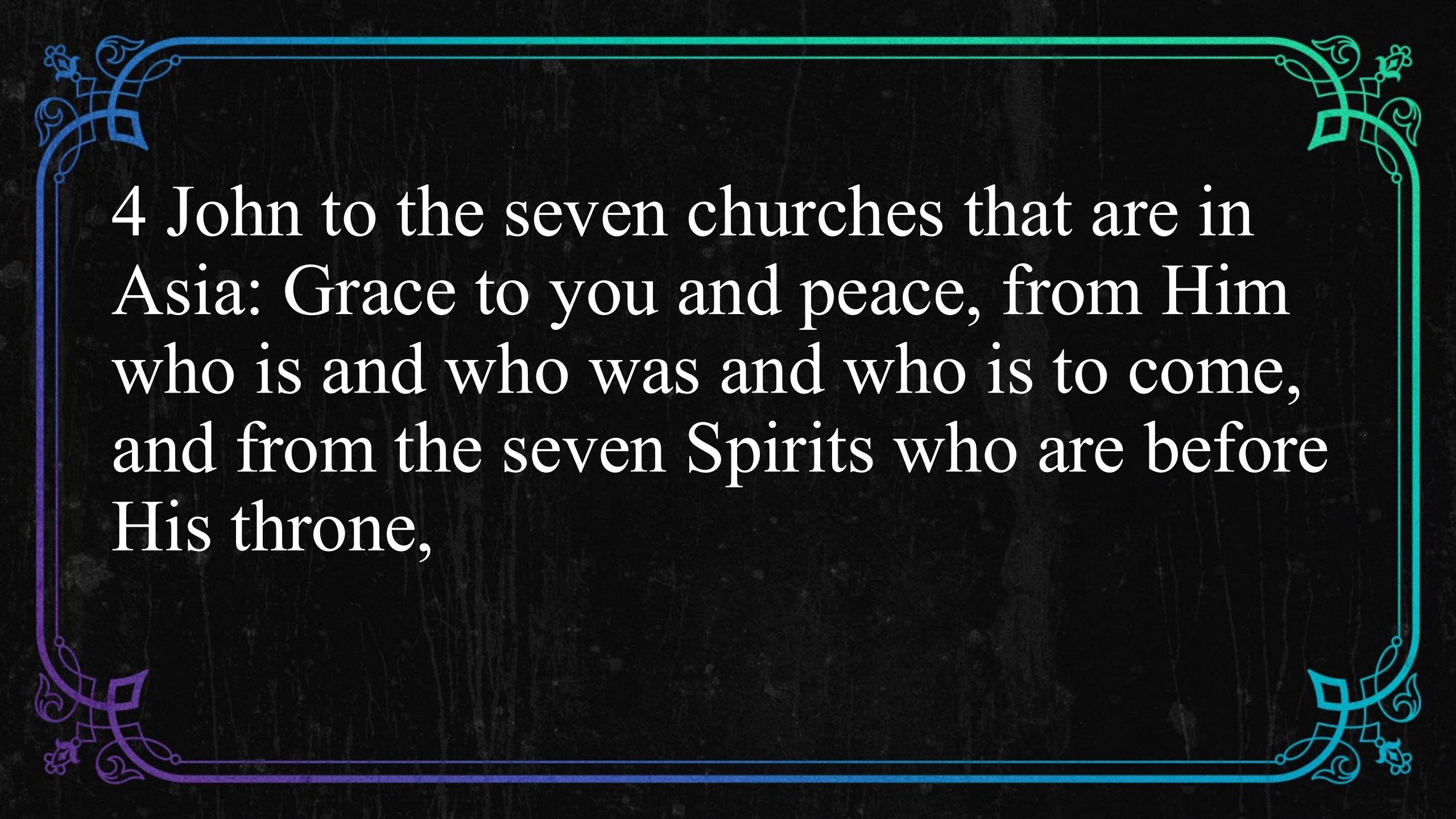
Sent to John 1-3

- Gospels – humiliation Revelation – glory!
- “soon” 1 day = 1000 years – hurry?
- “I saw” 42x – witness of Jesus & Vision
- 1st of 7 ‘blessings’ – 54 sets of 7
- ‘blessing’ to the readers – NOT knowers

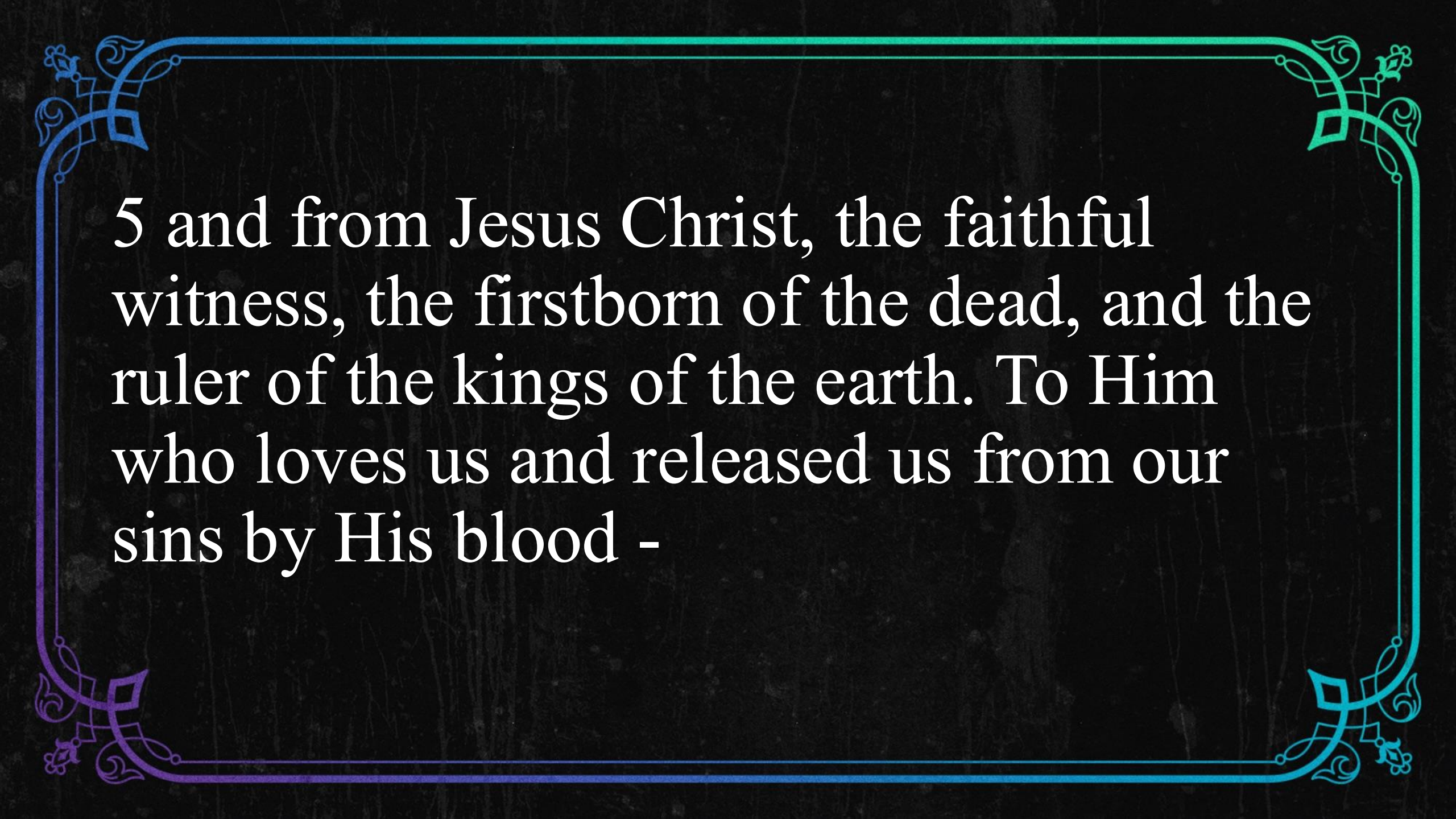


*“He who lays up treasures in heaven
looks forward to eternity!”*

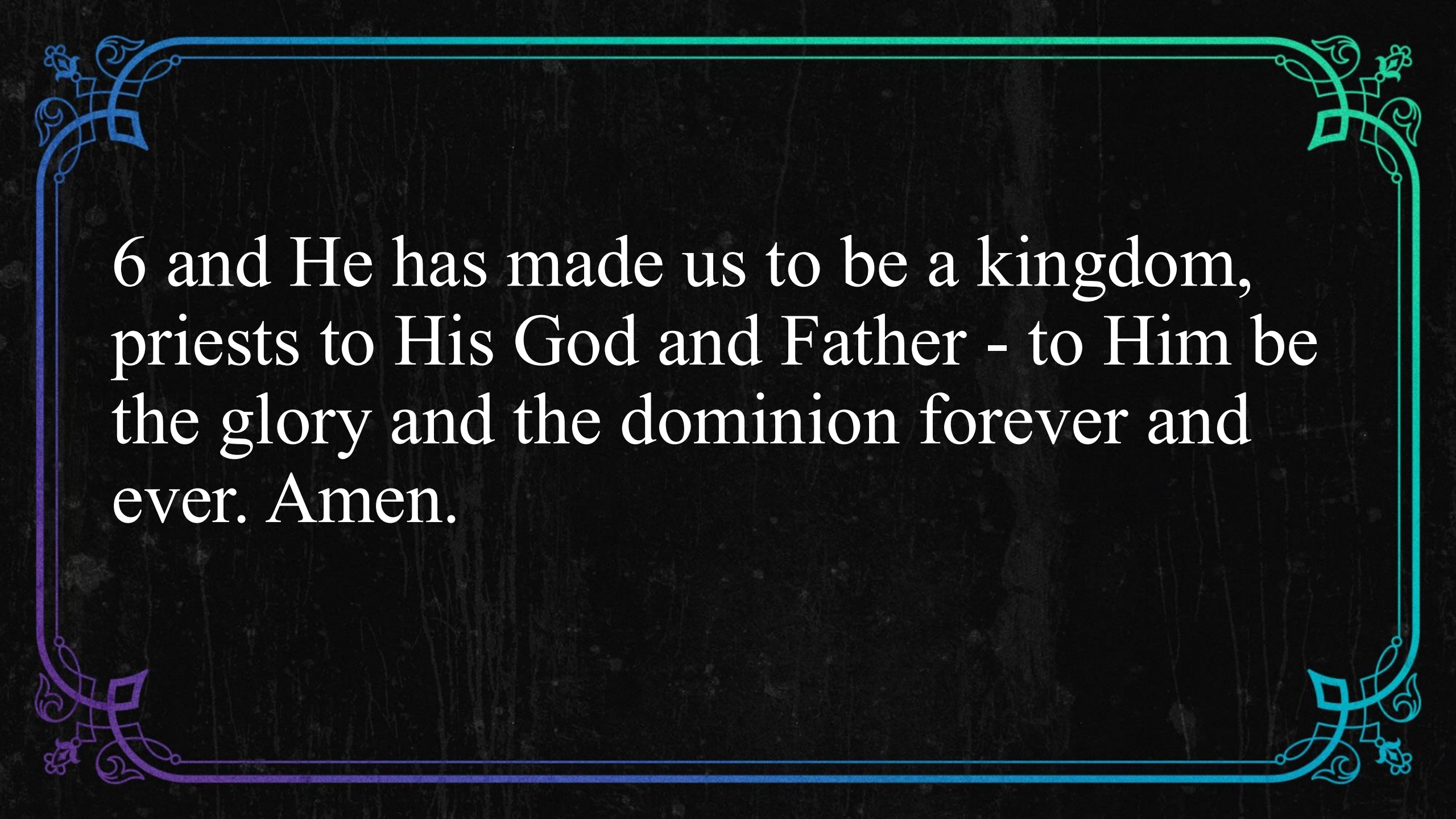
Randy Alcorn



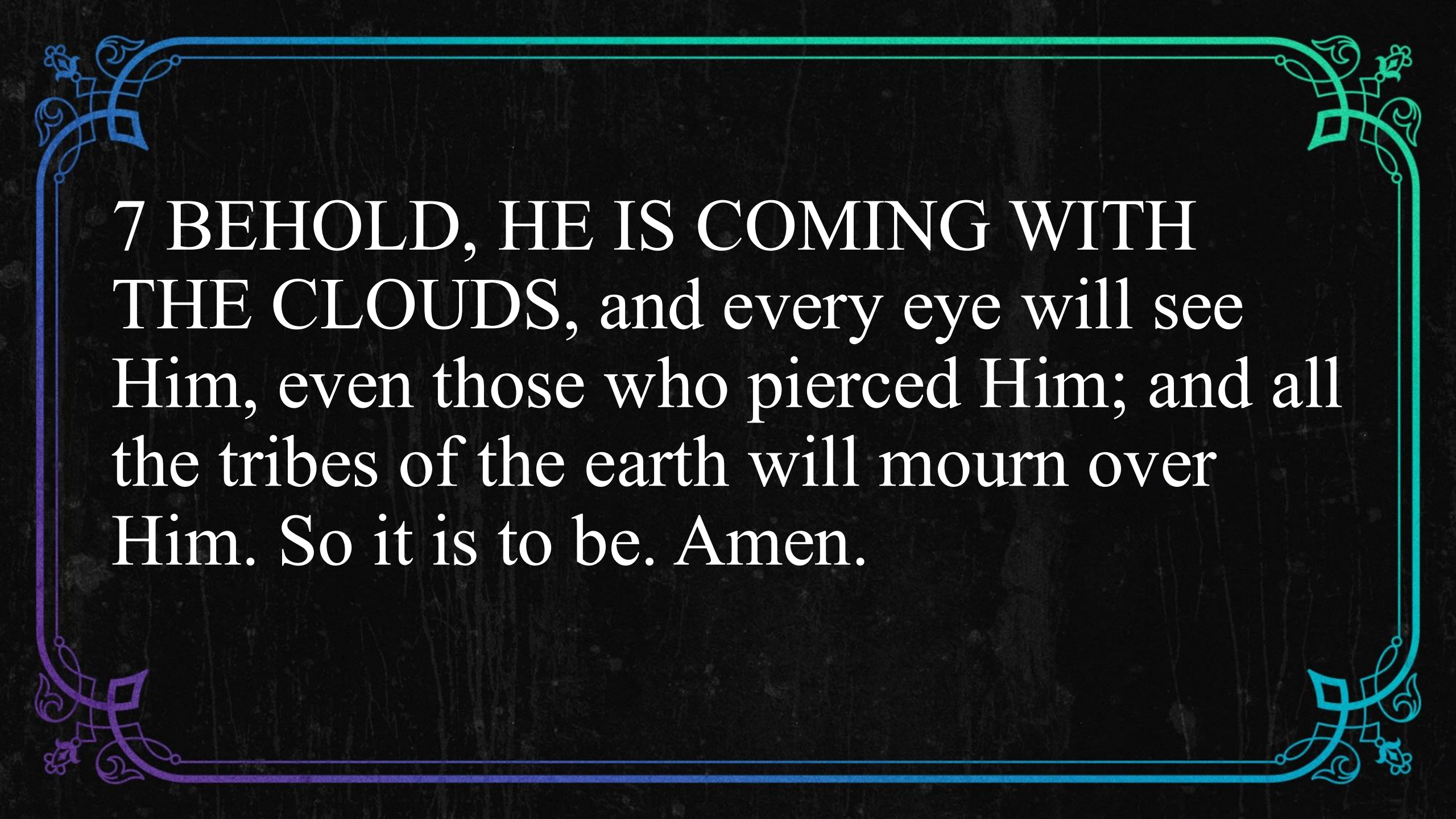
4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,



5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood -



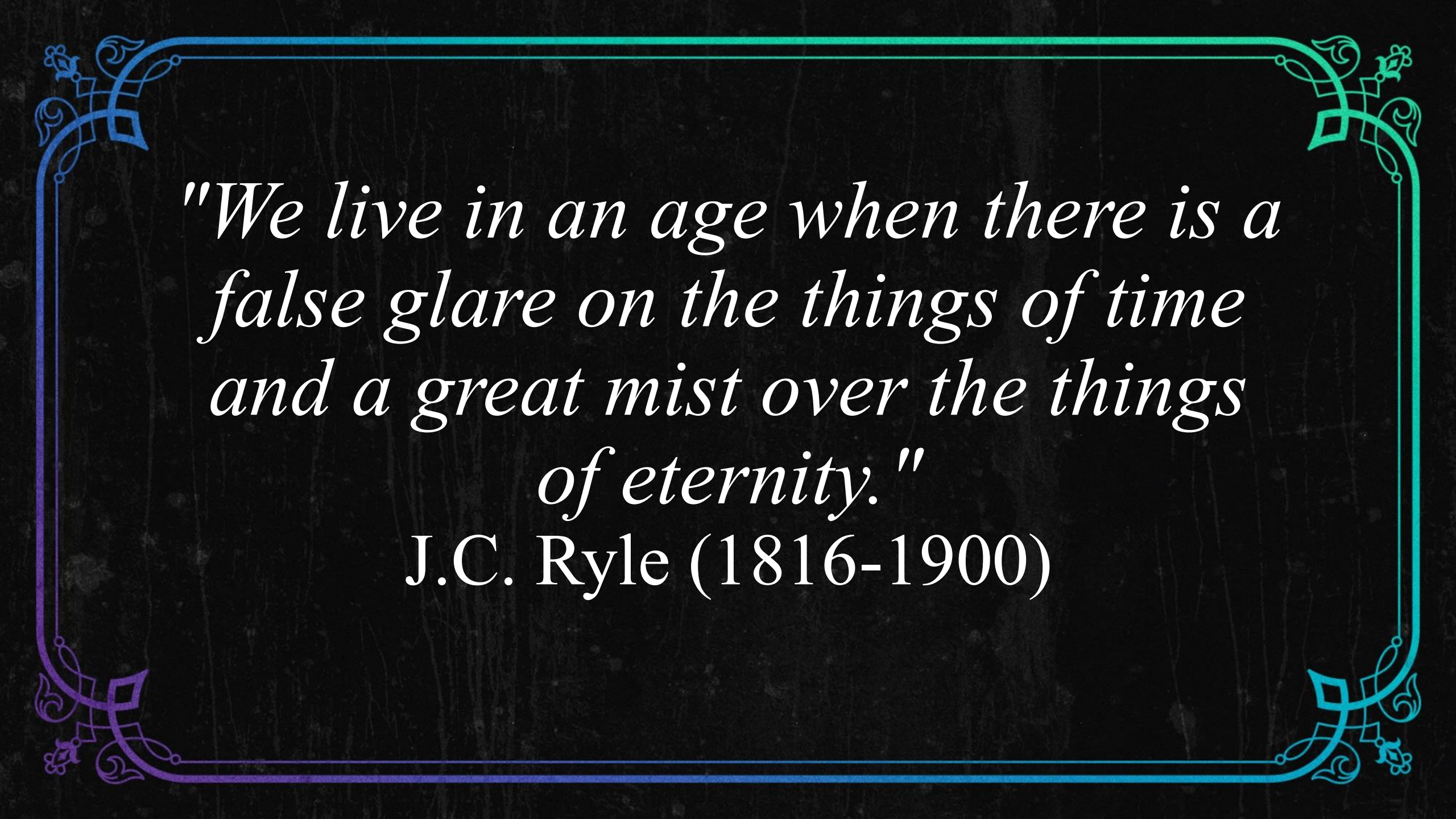
6 and He has made us to be a kingdom,
priests to His God and Father - to Him be
the glory and the dominion forever and
ever. Amen.



7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH
THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see
Him, even those who pierced Him; and all
the tribes of the earth will mourn over
Him. So it is to be. Amen.

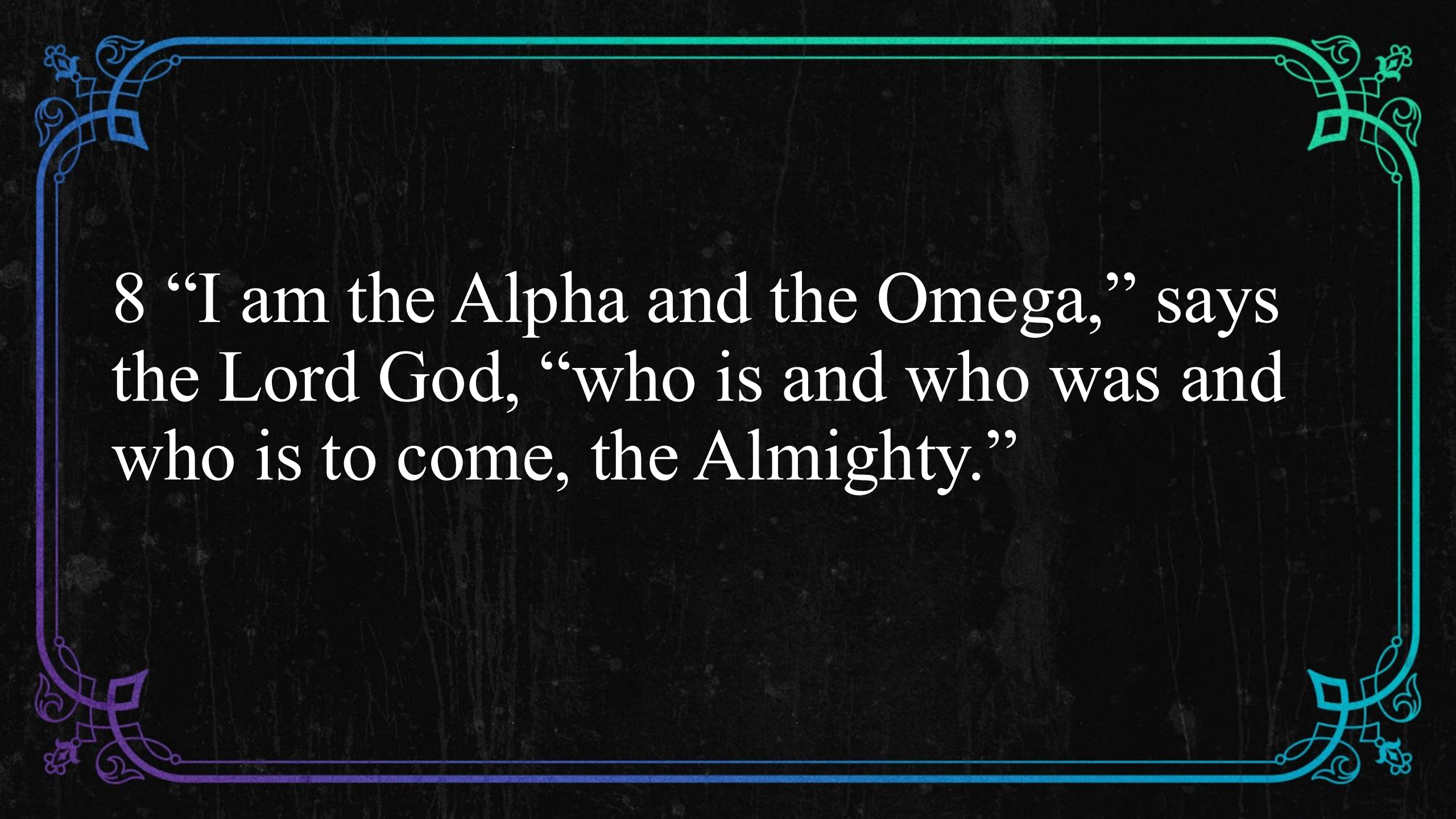
Salutation from John 4-7

- Greeting like a letter! Who - Whom - Hi!
- **THEME:** past present future (vs 4)
- Doxology – love to grace to kingdom!
- ‘behold’ – 26x – Revelation of Jesus!
- blends Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel & Nahum



"We live in an age when there is a false glare on the things of time and a great mist over the things of eternity."

J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)



8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:8 – Revelation 1:19

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WHO

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

WHAT

“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**

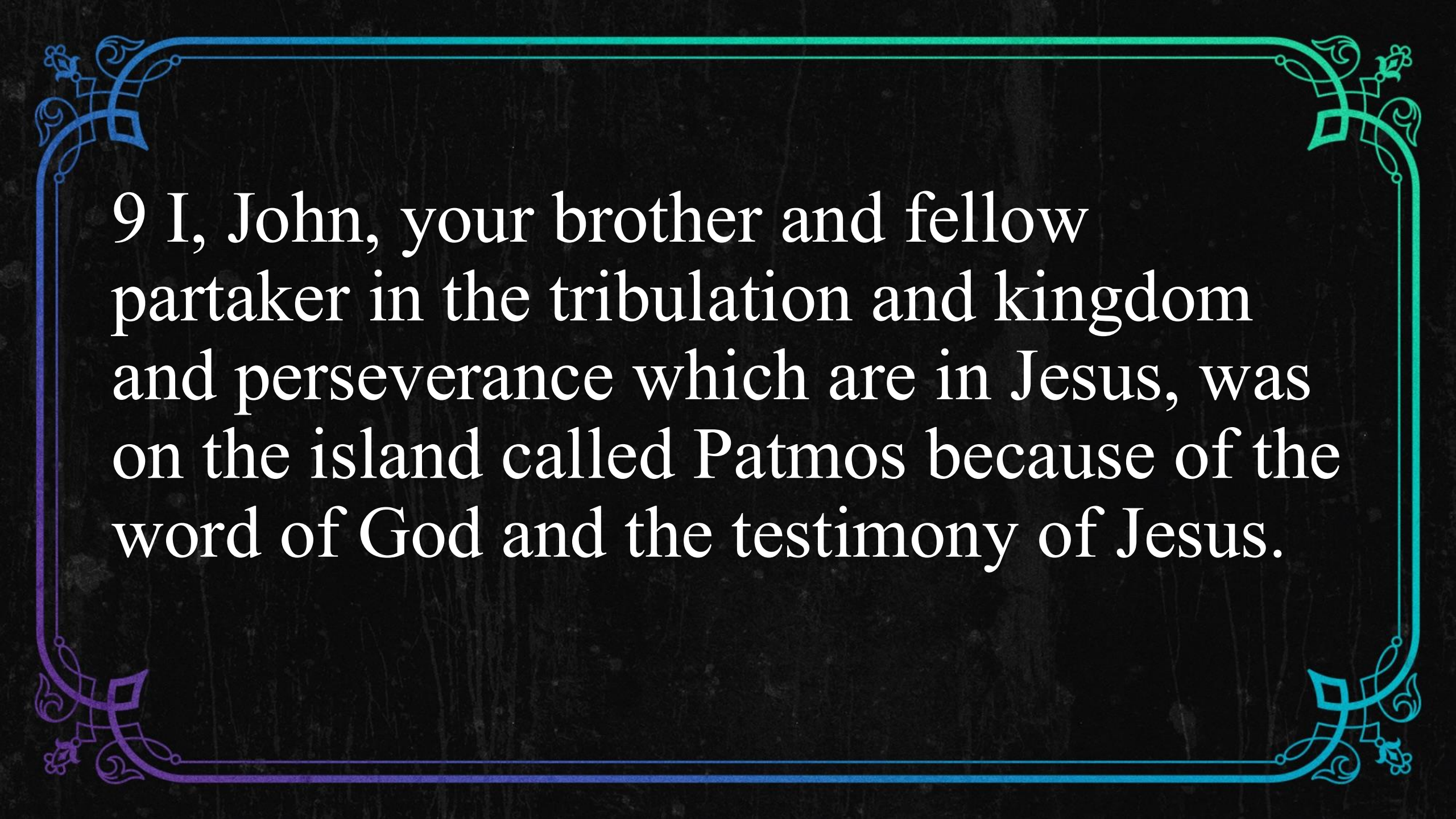
Son of God 8

- “I AM” – Gen 3:15
- “I AM” 7x in John’s Gospel
- 5x in Revelation “I AM”
- WHO – is and was and is to come
- Unpack this Book by this Key



*“Visit many good books
but live in the Bible.”*

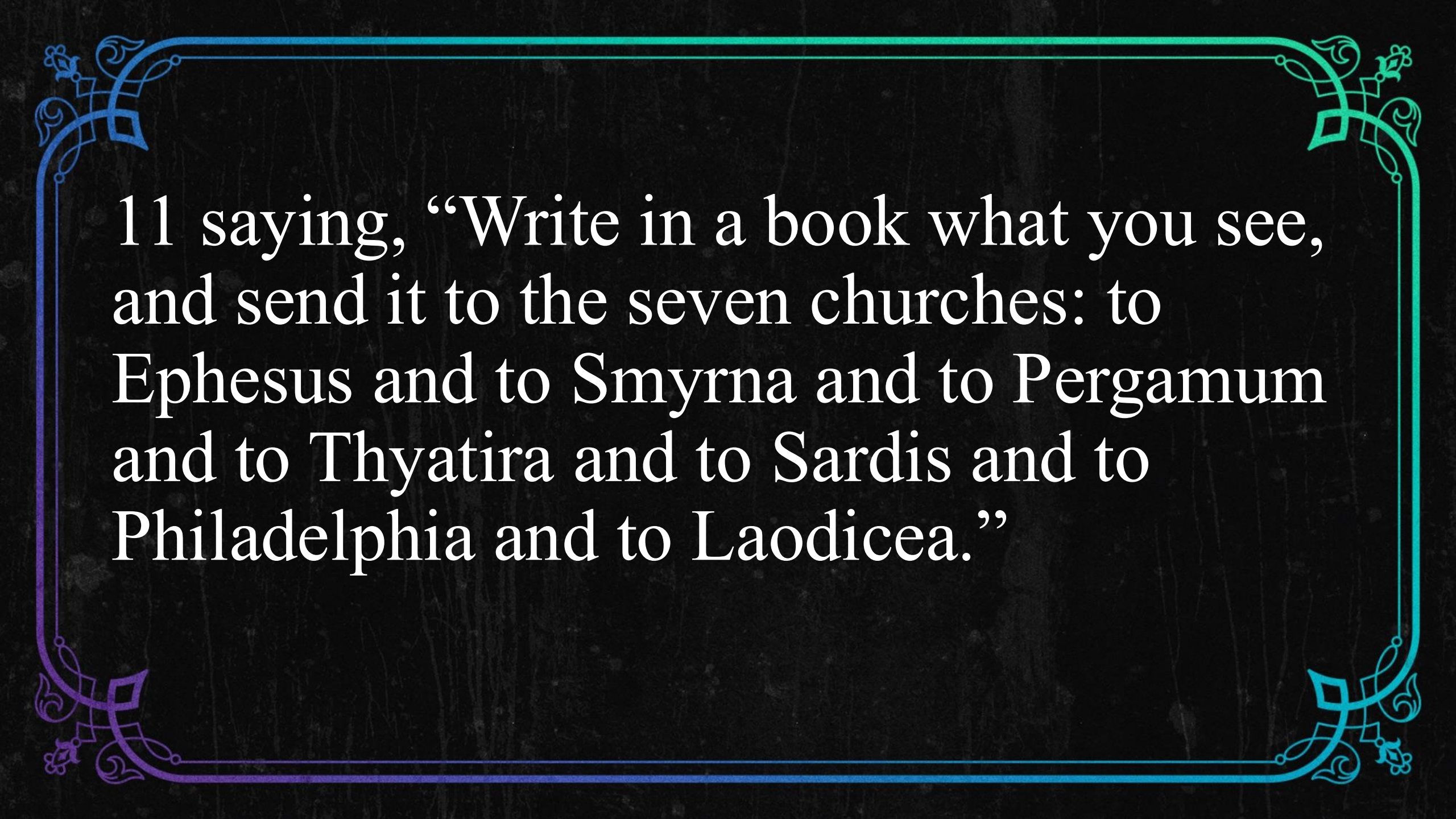
Charles Spurgeon



9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.



10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,
and I heard behind me a loud voice like
the sound of a trumpet,



11 saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”



Kios

Smyrna/Izmir

Aegean
Sea

Ephesus

Samos

Miletus

Turkey

Patmos

Didyma

Greek Islands

Dodecanese Islands

Cos

Rhodes

Mediterranean Sea

holy



Ephesus

Smyrna

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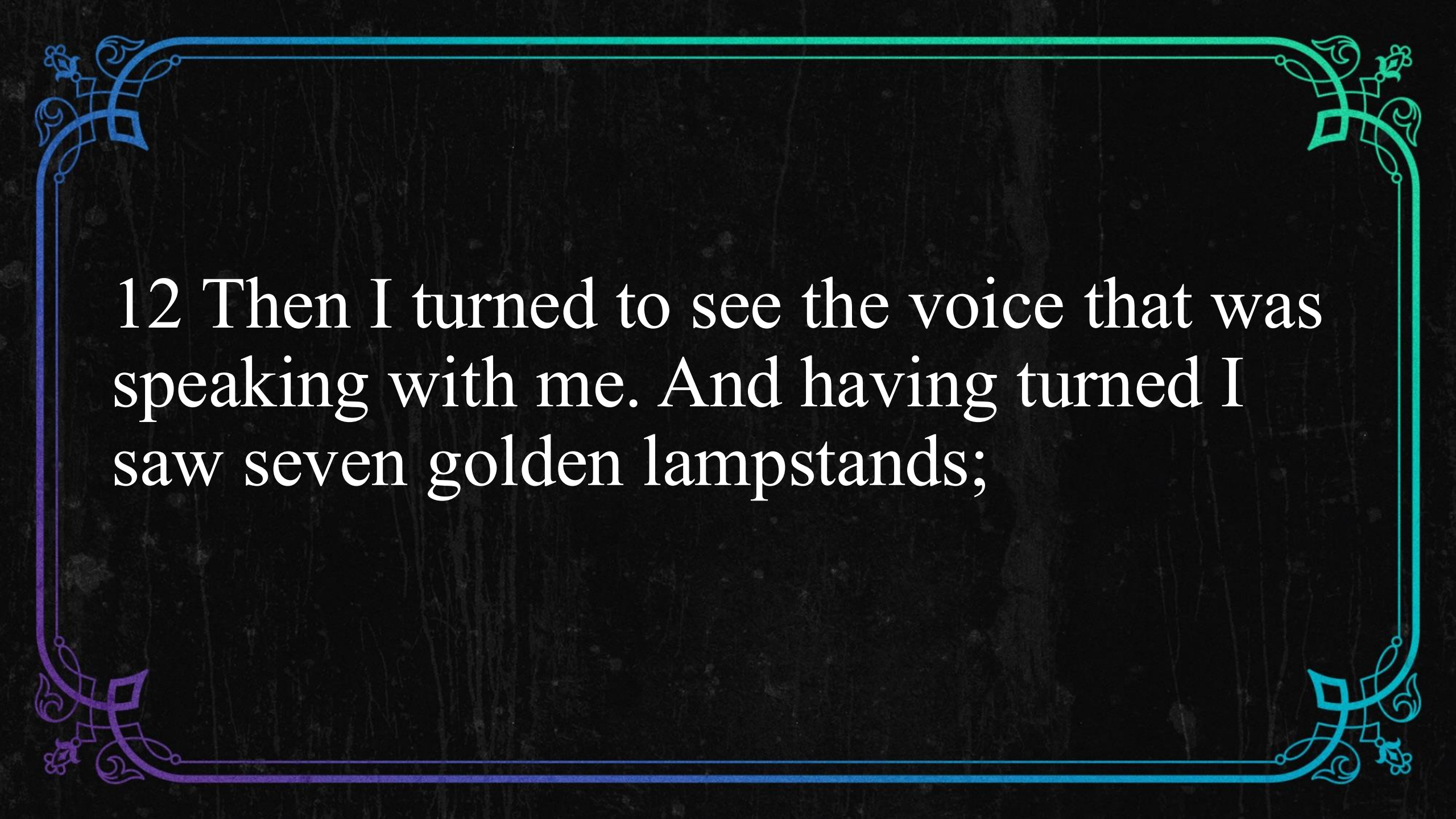
Sent by John 9-11

- John – “brother” and “partner”
- Exiled by ‘word of God and testimony’
- Domitian 95 – Nerva released John 96
- Why these seven? Typical & Crossroads
- Not the best or near perfect! Lesson?

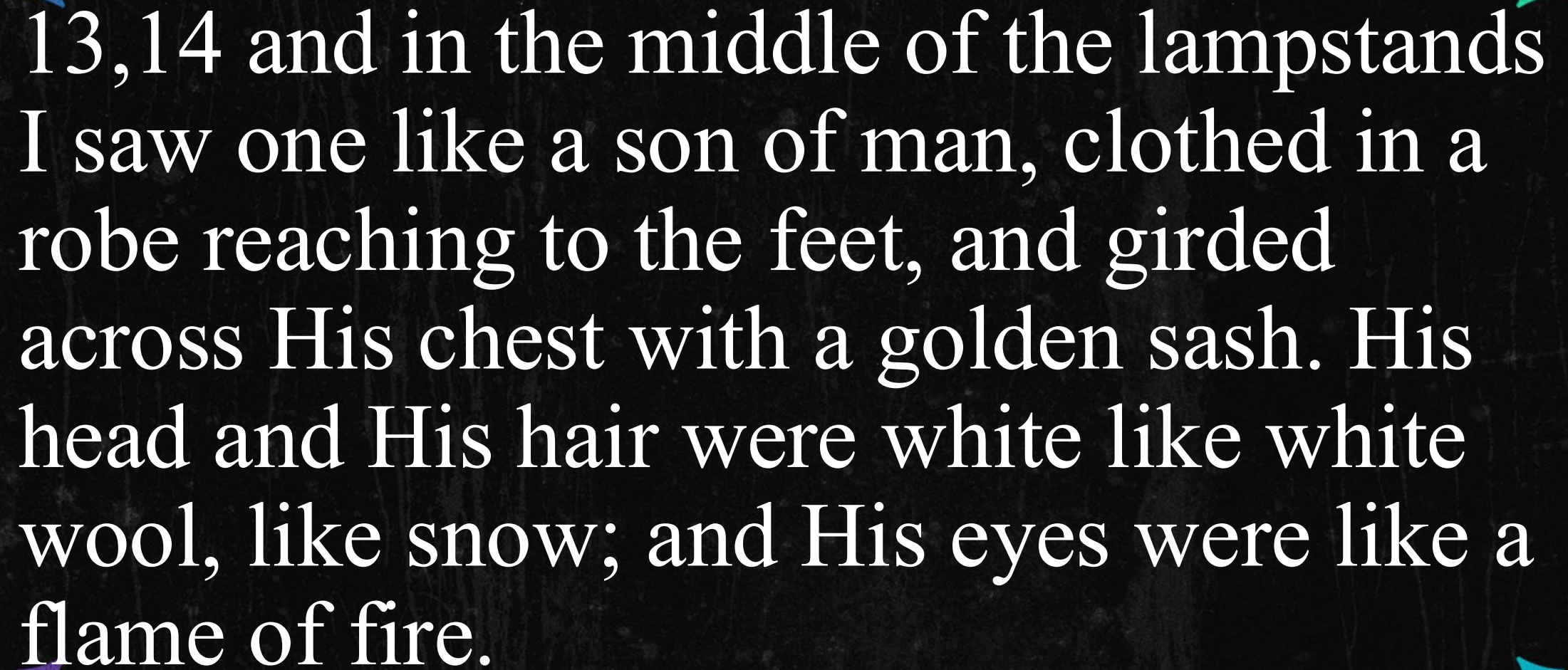


*“Humility is the beginning
of true intelligence.”*

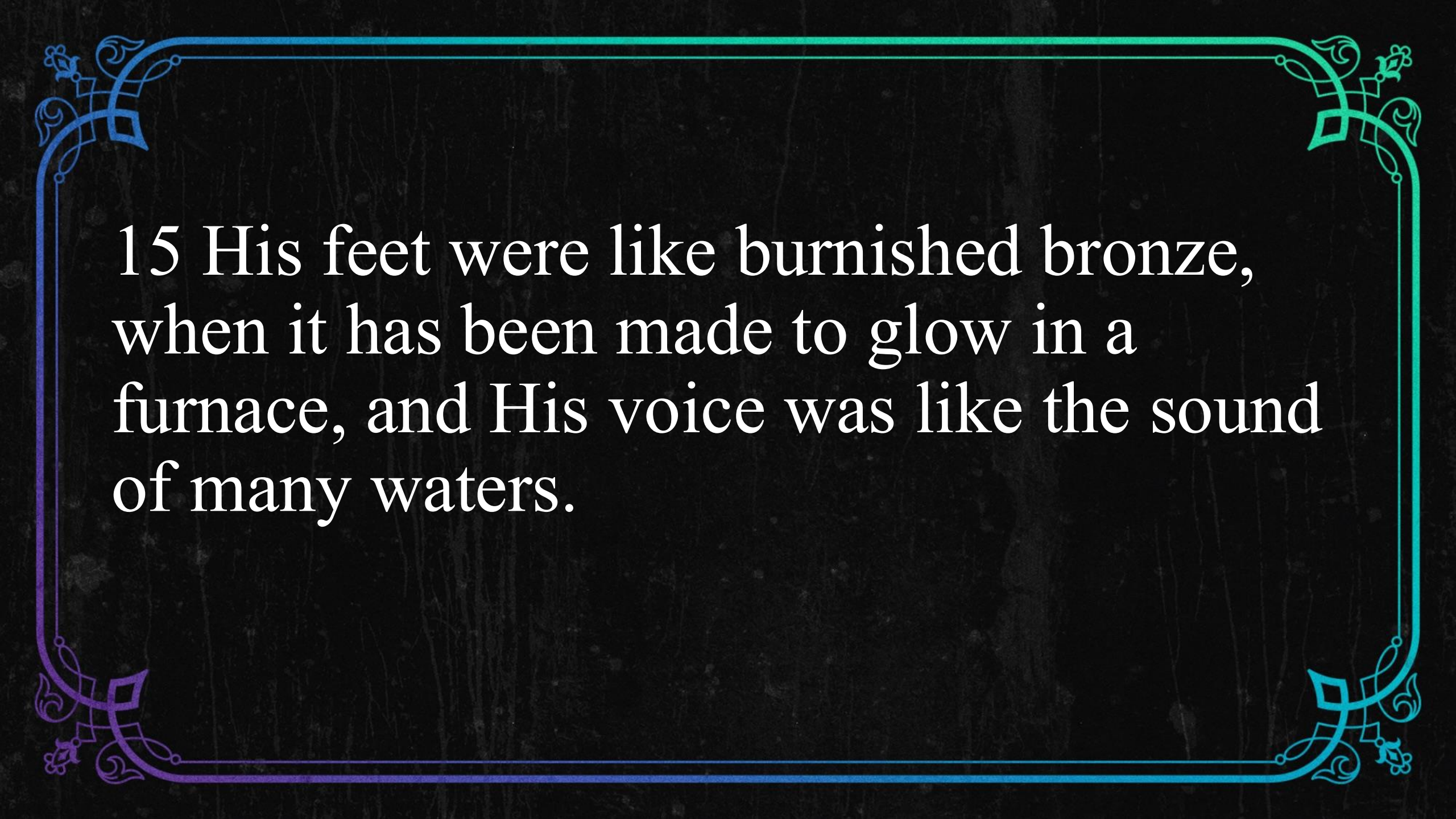
John Calvin (Commentary on Ezekiel)



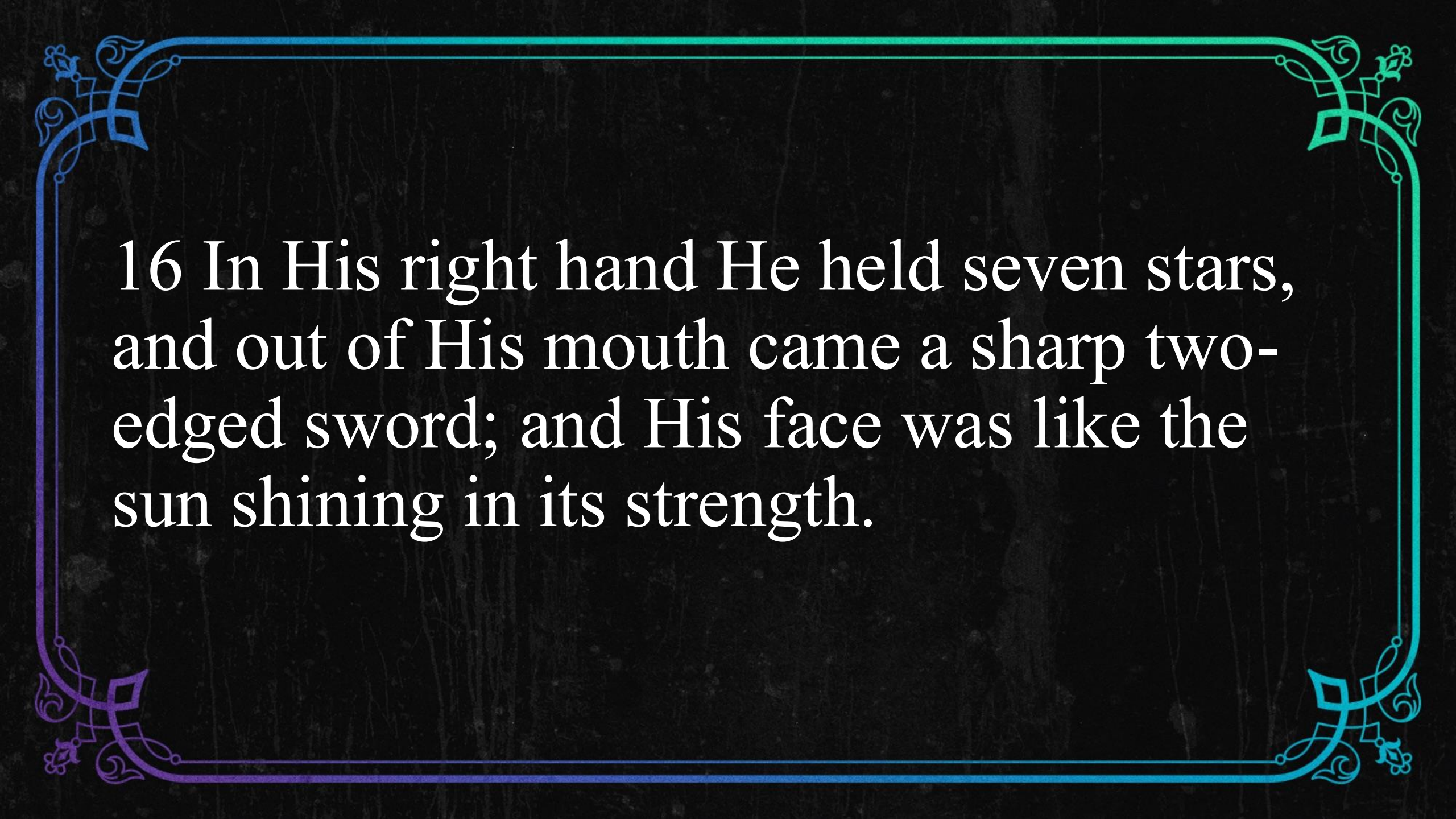
12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;



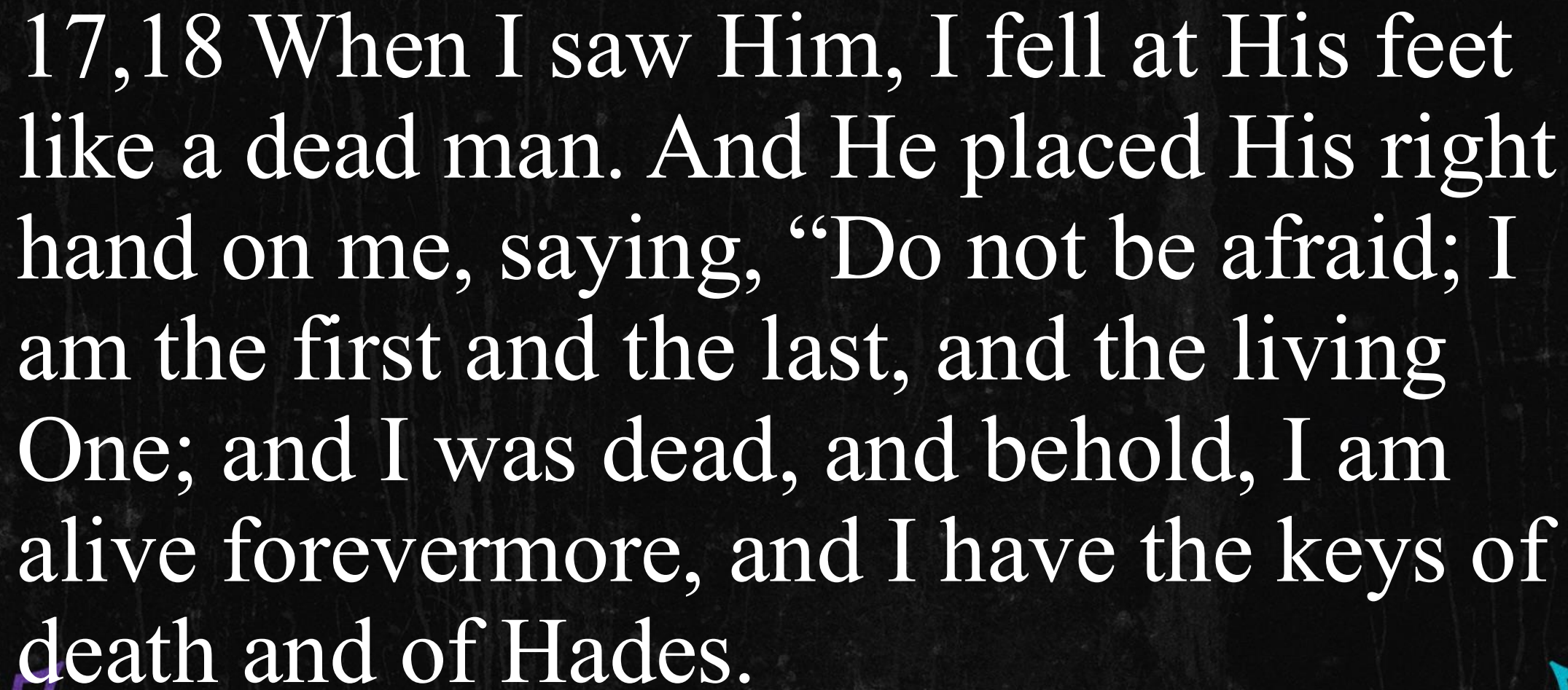
13,14 and in the middle of the lampstands
I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a
robe reaching to the feet, and girded
across His chest with a golden sash. His
head and His hair were white like white
wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a
flame of fire.



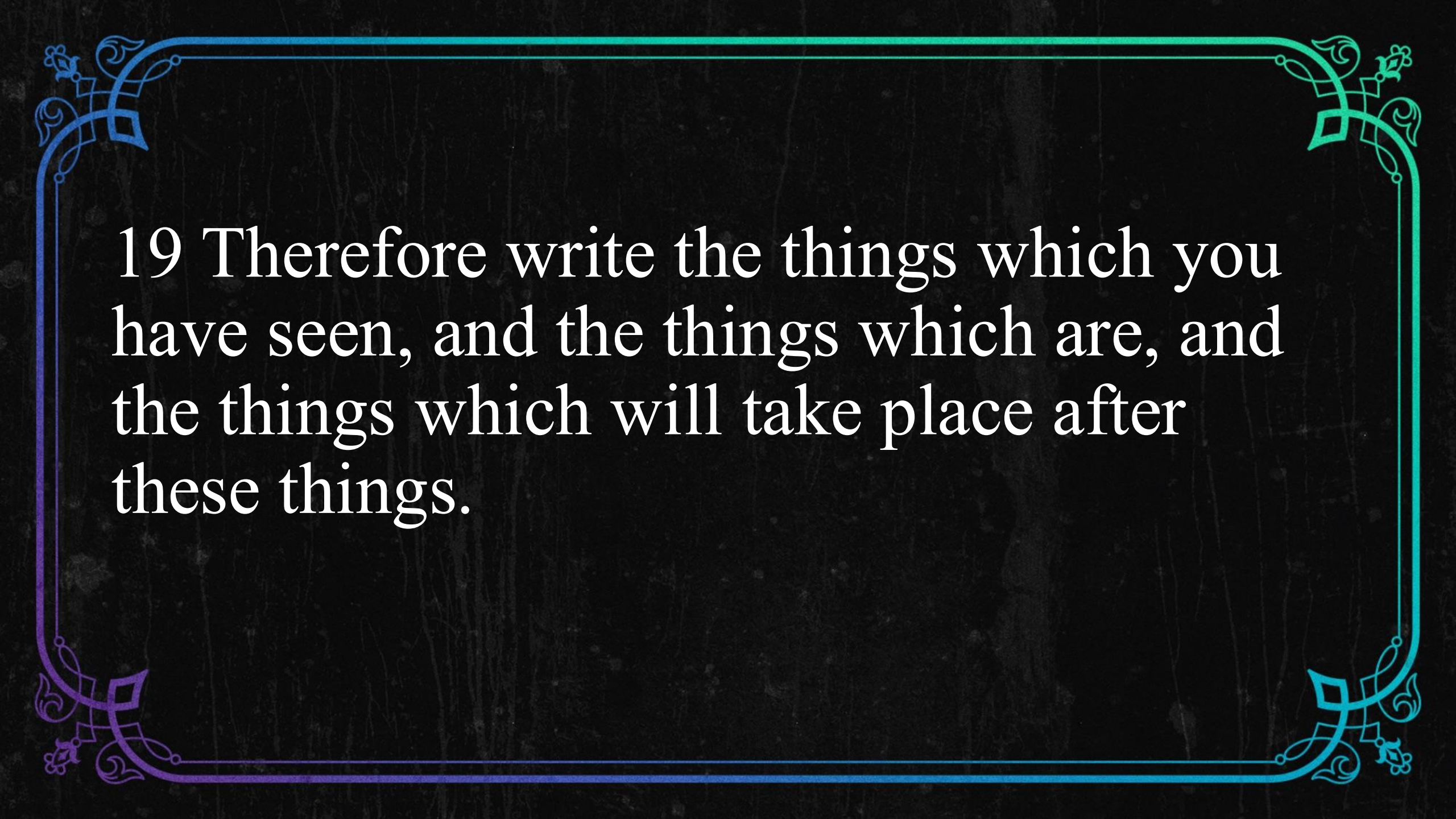
15 His feet were like burnished bronze,
when it has been made to glow in a
furnace, and His voice was like the sound
of many waters.



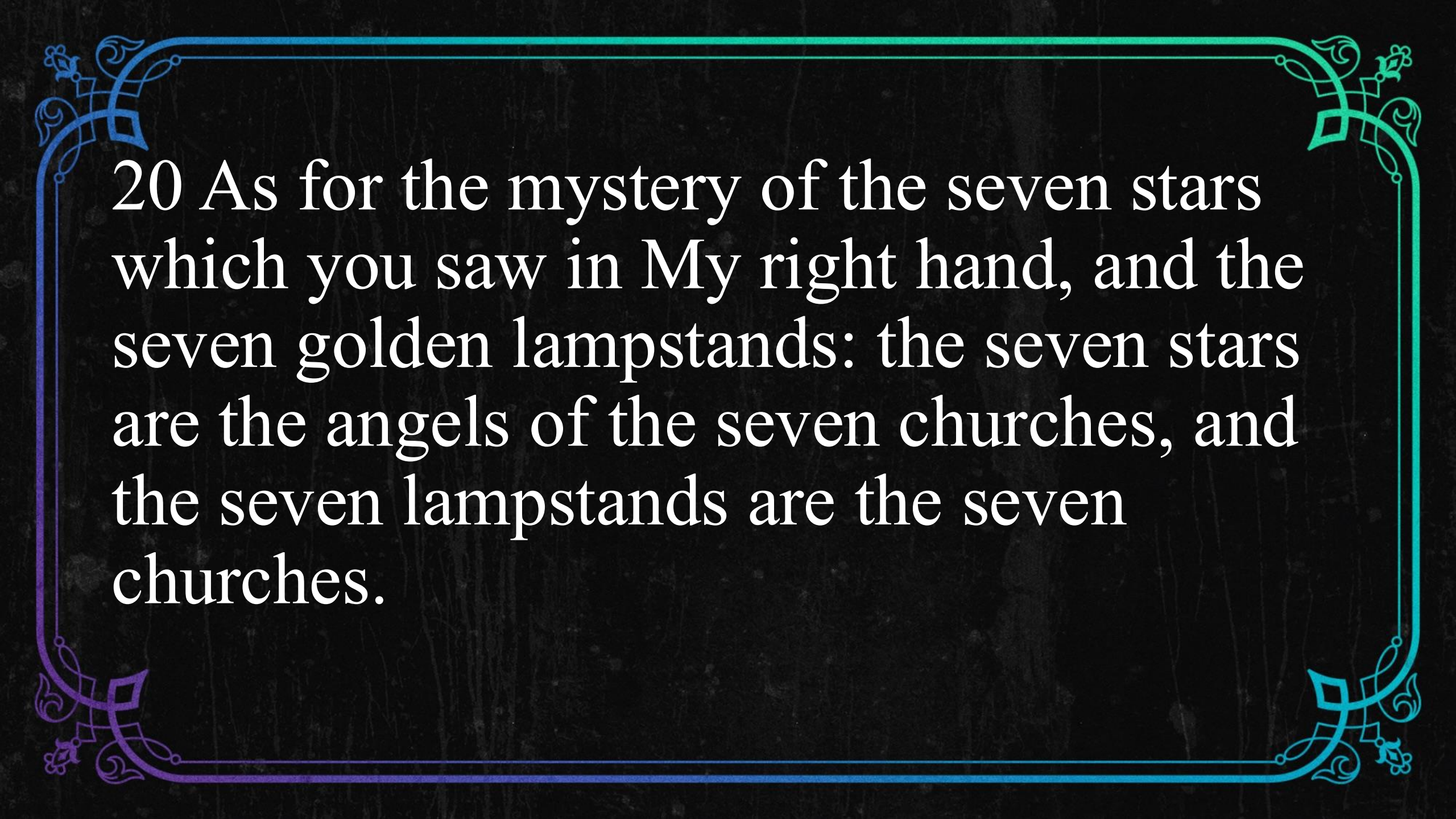
16 In His right hand He held seven stars,
and out of His mouth came a sharp two-
edged sword; and His face was like the
sun shining in its strength.



17,18 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.



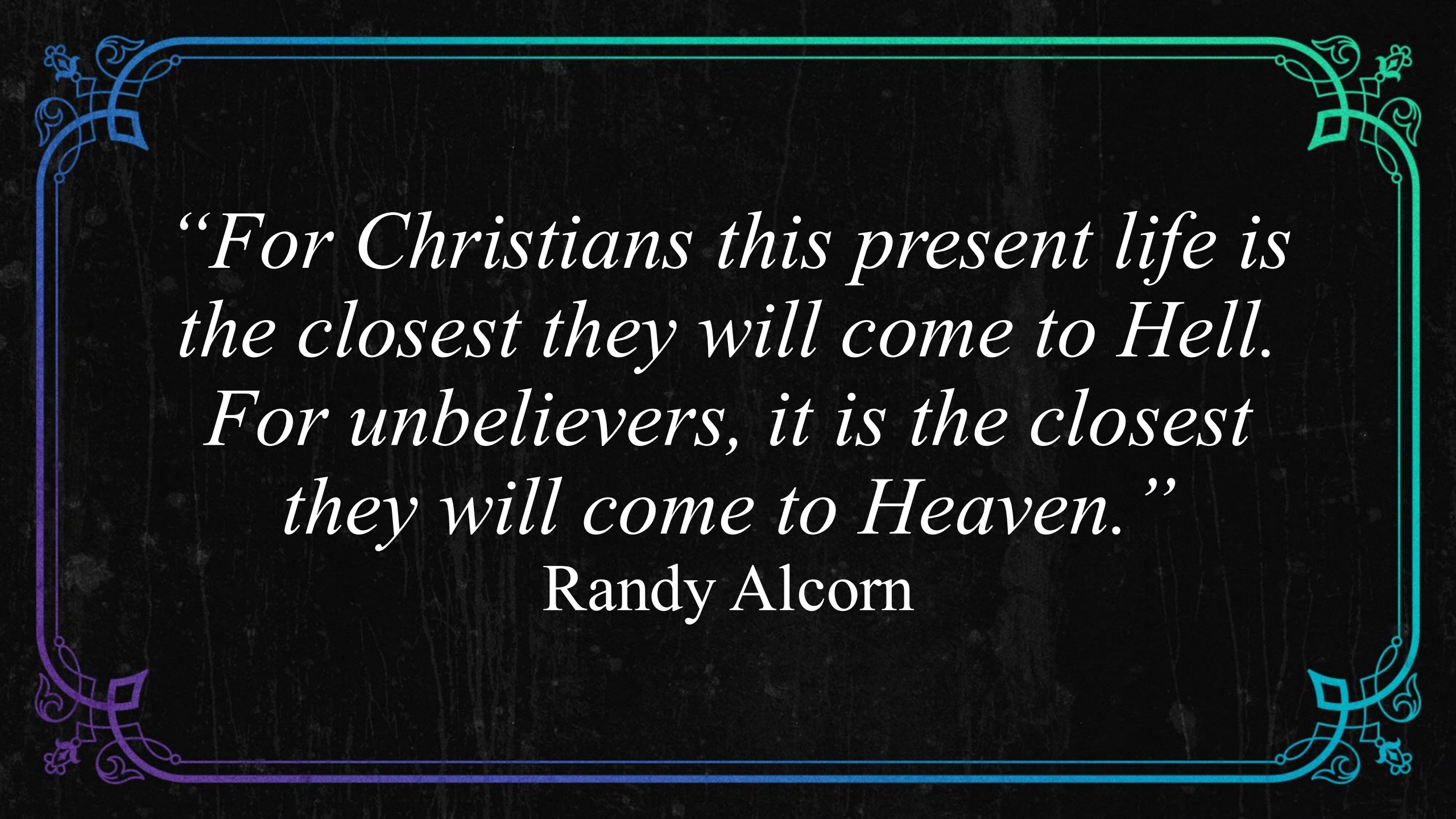
19 Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.



20 As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Son of Man 12-20

- Who writes to What is written...
- Lampstands – candles on a hill!
- Son of Man – Jesus!
- John falls before Him – ‘keys of ...’
- “what you have seen, what is and what will”



“For Christians this present life is the closest they will come to Hell. For unbelievers, it is the closest they will come to Heaven.”

Randy Alcorn



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