

Hope Has Arrived!



**“There is an order to this resurrection:  
Christ was raised as the first of the  
harvest; then all who belong to Christ  
will be raised when he comes back.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:23**

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**“In light of heaven, the worst suffering on earth will be seen to be no more serious than one night in an inconvenient hotel.”**

**— Saint Teresa Of Avila**





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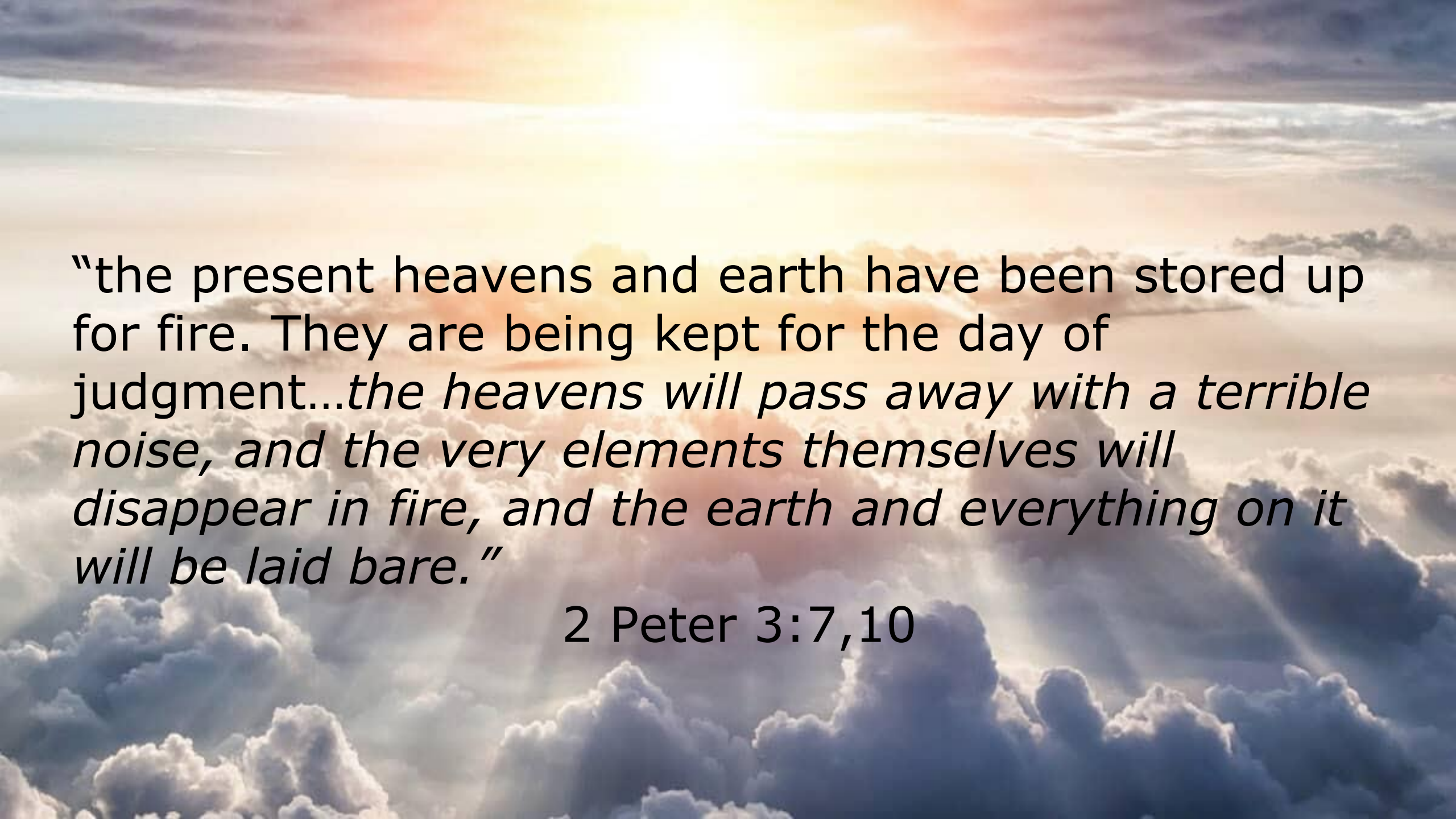
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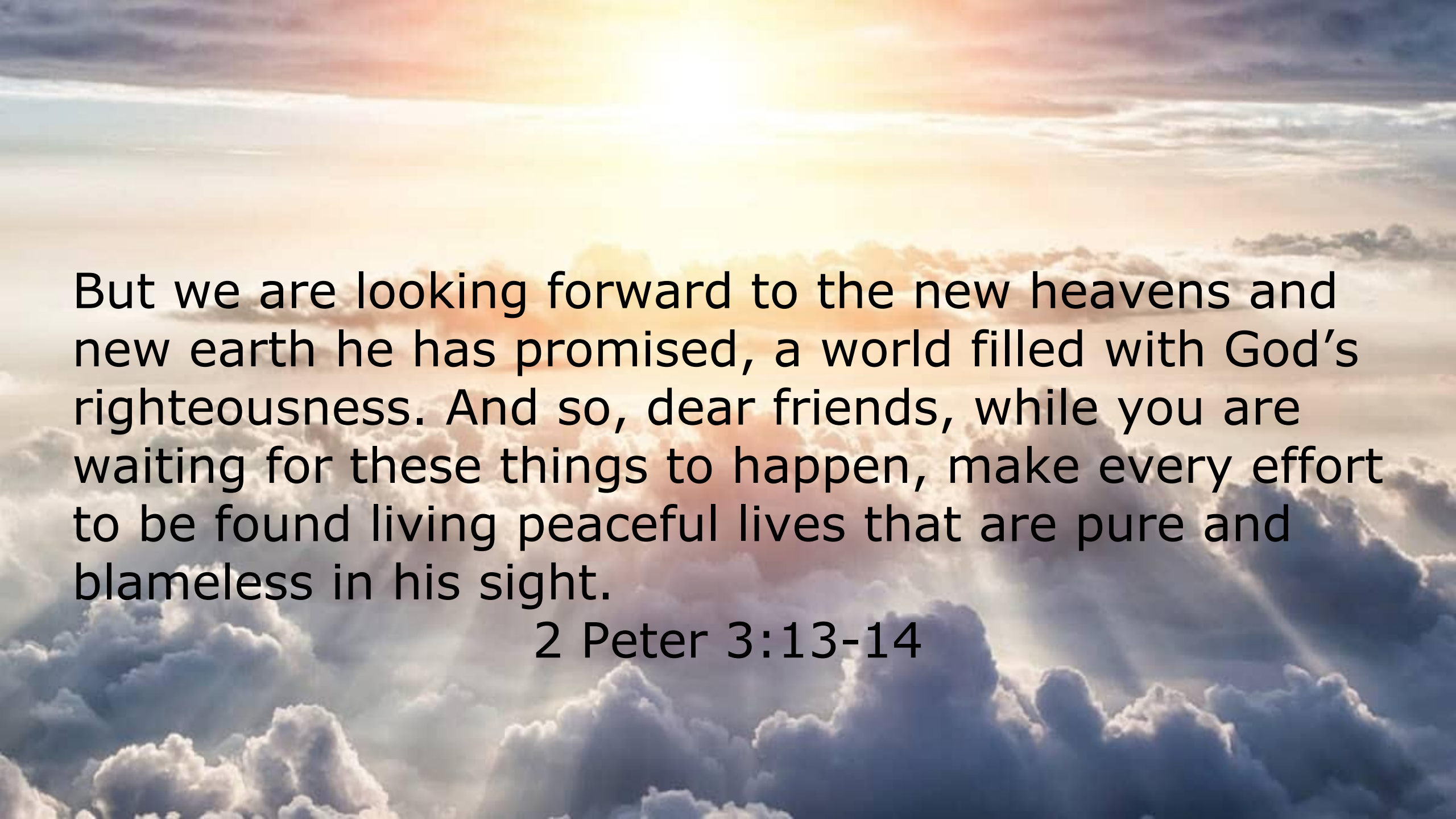
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“the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment...*the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be laid bare.*”

2 Peter 3:7,10




But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

2 Peter 3:13-14

A dramatic sky scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting rays through a sea of white and blue clouds. The sun is positioned in the upper center, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the clouds below. The clouds are dense and layered, with some appearing as soft, white puffs and others as darker, more defined shapes. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and divine light.


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He's promised a place of unparalleled peace and prosperity, one where no sin or evil dwells, but only an intense love for God (Isaiah 35:8-10).

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