

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

FOR LIVES OF FAITH



**“For everything that was written in former times
was written for our instruction, so that through
endurance and through encouragement of the
scriptures we may have hope.”**

- Romans 15:4 NET

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds on the left, transitioning to a bright, golden-yellow glow on the right where the sun is setting over the ocean. In the foreground, a sandy beach leads to a rocky shoreline. On the left, a light blue wooden house with a dark roof sits on stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The ocean waves are visible in the distance.

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“And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

- Genesis 3:15 NKJV

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**“And she will bring forth a Son,
and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.”**

- Matthew 1:21 NKJV

**“Today your Savior is born in the city of David.
He is Christ the Lord.”**

- Luke 2:11 NET

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. On the left, a white wooden house with a dark roof sits on stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow at the horizon where the sun is setting over the ocean. The beach in the foreground is wet and reflects the warm colors of the sunset. A rocky shoreline extends from the beach into the distance.

The Promise grows.

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**“I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

- Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV

The Promise grows.

**“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the Son of David, the Son of Abraham...”**

- Matthew 1:1

**“Then the angel said to them,
‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”**

- Luke 2:10

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is wet with the reflection of the setting sun. A line of dark, silhouetted rocks runs across the middle ground. On the left, a white wooden house with a dark roof sits on stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with the horizon line showing a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun.

The Promise narrows.

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“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son... And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

- 2 Samuel 7:12-16

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**“¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the Son of David...**

**¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David
are fourteen generations, from David until the
captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations,
and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ
are fourteen generations.”**

- Matthew 1:1, 17

The Promise narrows.

**“He will be great,
and will be called the Son of the Highest;
and the Lord God will give Him
the throne of His father David.**

**And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of His kingdom there will be no end.”**

- Luke 1:32-33

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“For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace

There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever.”

- Isaiah 9:6-7

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**“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”**

- Luke 2:14

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**“Look, my servant will succeed!
He will be elevated, lifted high, and greatly exalted –
(just as many were horrified by the sight of you)
he was so disfigured he no longer looked like a man;
his form was so marred he no longer looked human –
so now he will startle many nations.**

**Kings will be shocked by his exaltation,
for they will witness something unannounced to them,
and they will understand something
they had not heard about...**

The Prophets deepen the expectation.

**“Who would have believed what we just heard?
When was the Lord’s power revealed through him?**

**He sprouted up like a twig before God,
like a root out of parched soil;**

**he had no stately form or majesty that might catch our attention,
no special appearance that we should want to follow him.**

**He was despised and rejected by people,
one who experienced pain and was acquainted with illness;**

people hid their faces from him;

he was despised, and we considered him insignificant...”

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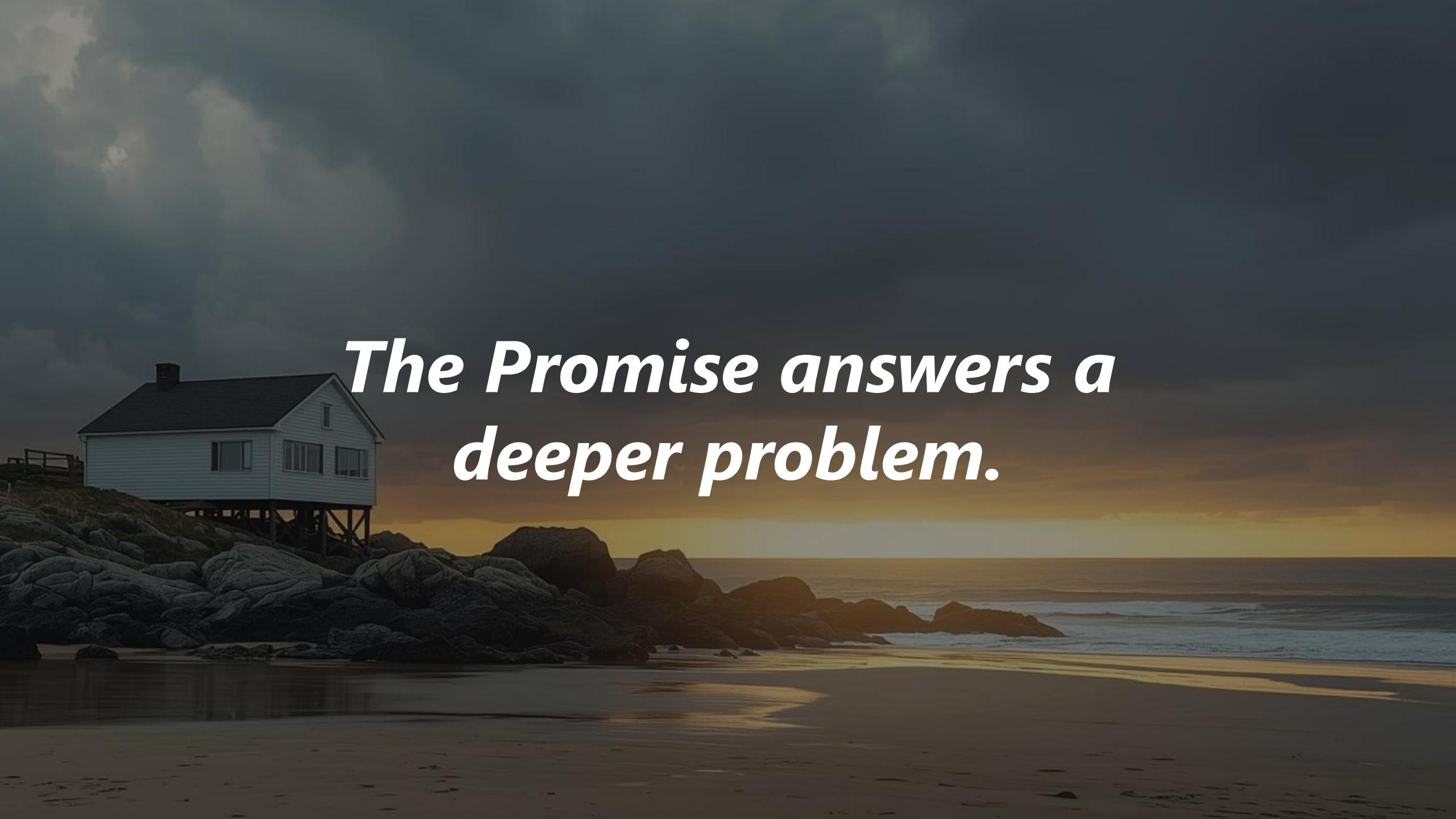
**“But he lifted up our illnesses,
he carried our pain;
even though we thought he was being punished,
attacked by God, and afflicted for something he had done.
He was wounded because of our rebellious deeds,
crushed because of our sins;
he endured punishment that made us well;
because of his wounds we have been healed.**

**All of us had wandered off like sheep;
each of us had strayed off on his own path,
but the Lord caused the sin of all of us to attack him.”**

- Isaiah 52:13 – 53:6

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A photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach meets the ocean. In the middle ground, a rocky shoreline with large boulders extends into the water. On the left, a white wooden house with a dark roof sits on stilts, elevated above the ground. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the horizon is bathed in a warm, orange glow from the setting sun.

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“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah – not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord...”

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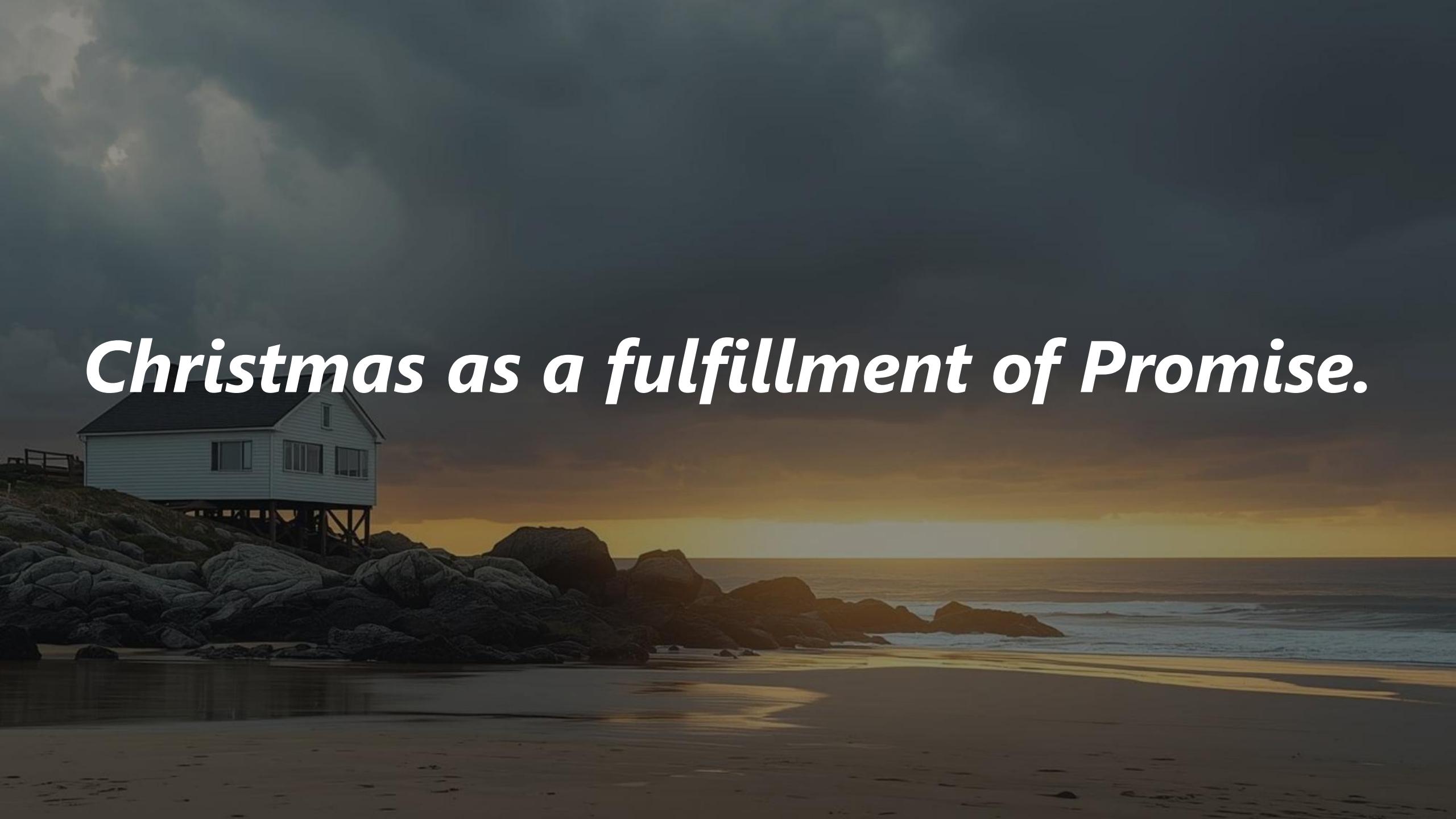
“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

- Jeremiah 31:31-34

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**“And she will bring forth a Son,
and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.”**
- Matthew 1:21

**“But Mary kept all these things and
pondered them in her heart.”**
- Luke 2:19

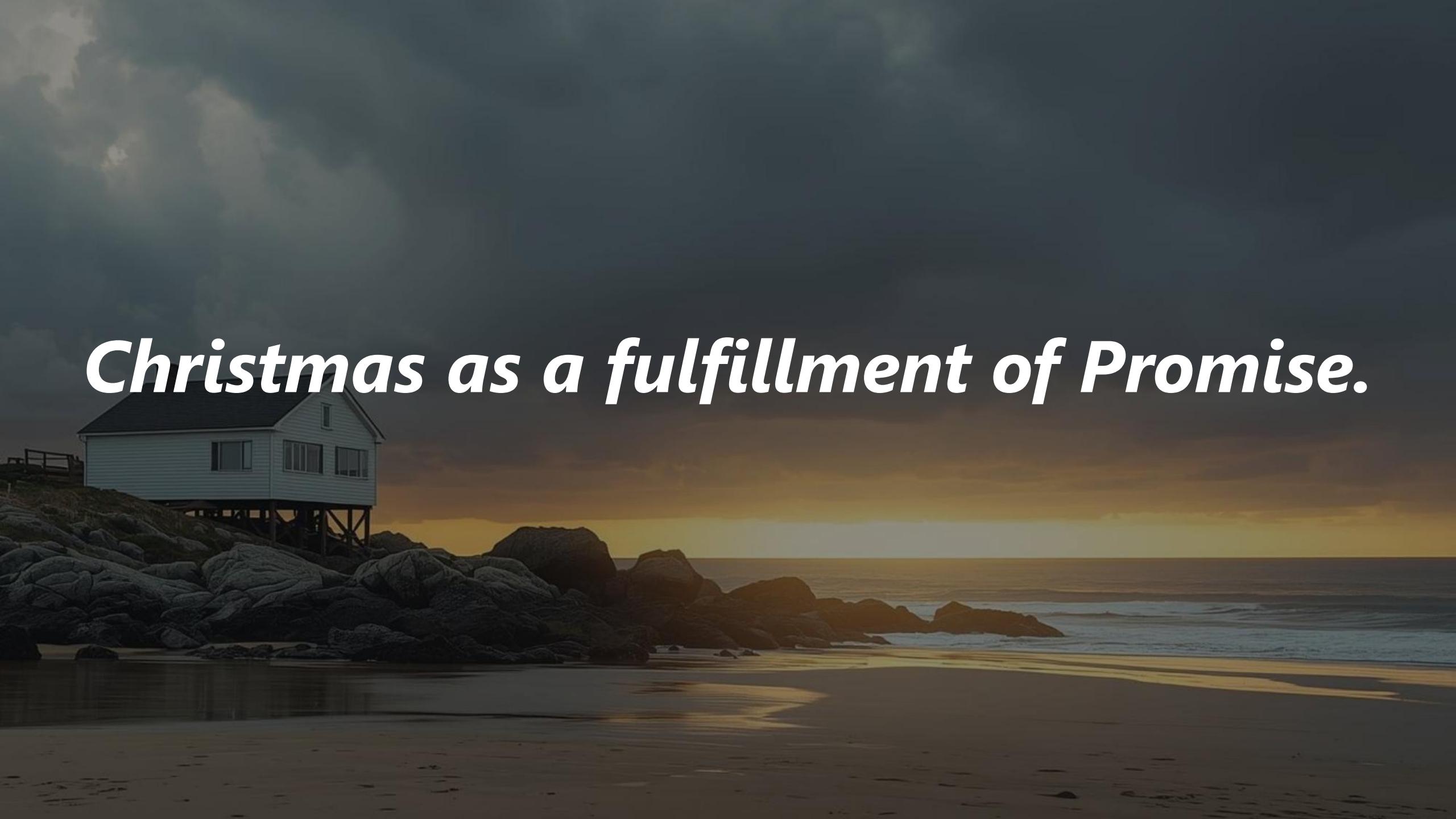
A photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is wet with the reflection of the setting sun. To the left, a small, light-colored wooden house with a porch sits on stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The middle ground shows more rocks and the ocean. The sky is a dramatic gradient, transitioning from dark blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and slightly melancholic.

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“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’”

- Matthew 1:22-23

A photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is visible with some low-lying rocks. In the middle ground, a large, rugged rock formation juts out into the water. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues from the setting sun, transitioning into darker blues and blacks at the top. On the left side of the image, a small, light-colored wooden house with a dark roof is built on stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and somewhat melancholic, with the low light creating long shadows and a sense of quiet.

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