

ESCHATOLOGY

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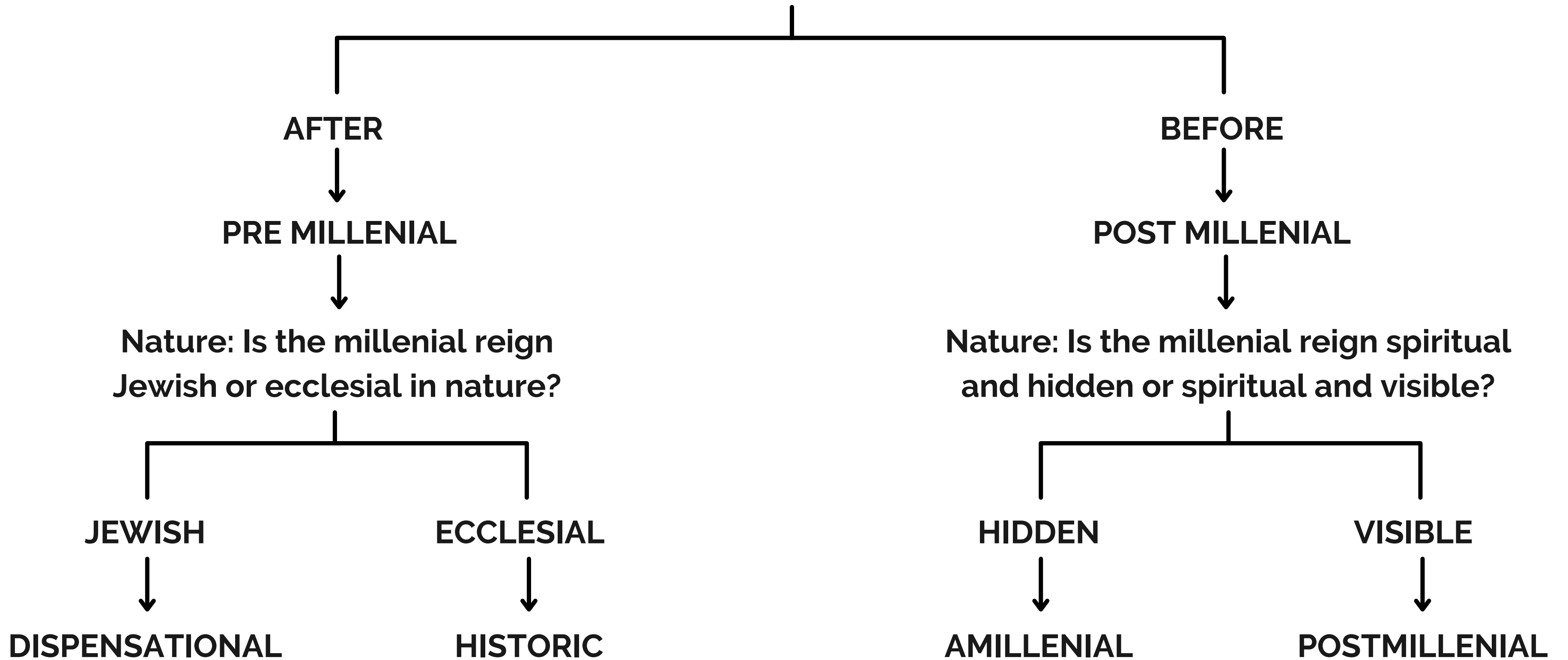
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LIVING LIGHT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TIMING: IS THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST BEFORE OR AFTER HIS RETURN?



PREMILLENNIALISM

Dispensational
(futurist reading of prophecy)

Historic
(futurist reading of prophecy)

Christ will rapture the Church before His return. This resurrection of believers is the first resurrection

Christ establishes a 1,000-year physical, political reign centered around Israel and a rebuilt temple

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Christ will return and resurrect all believers

Resurrection of unbelievers and final judgment

Christ returns for Israel and the faithful in the Tribulation

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POSTMILLENNIALISM

Amillennialism
(modified idealist reading of prophecy)

The 1,000-year binding of Satan in the Church age is the spiritual reign of Christ and the saints

The signs of the last days occur in varying degrees throughout the Church but will reach a climactic expression before Christ's return

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Postmillennialism
(preterist reading of prophecy)

Most of the prophetic passages were fulfilled in the events surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

There will be a time in history before the return of Christ when the gospel will have won the victory in the earth. This is the millenium.

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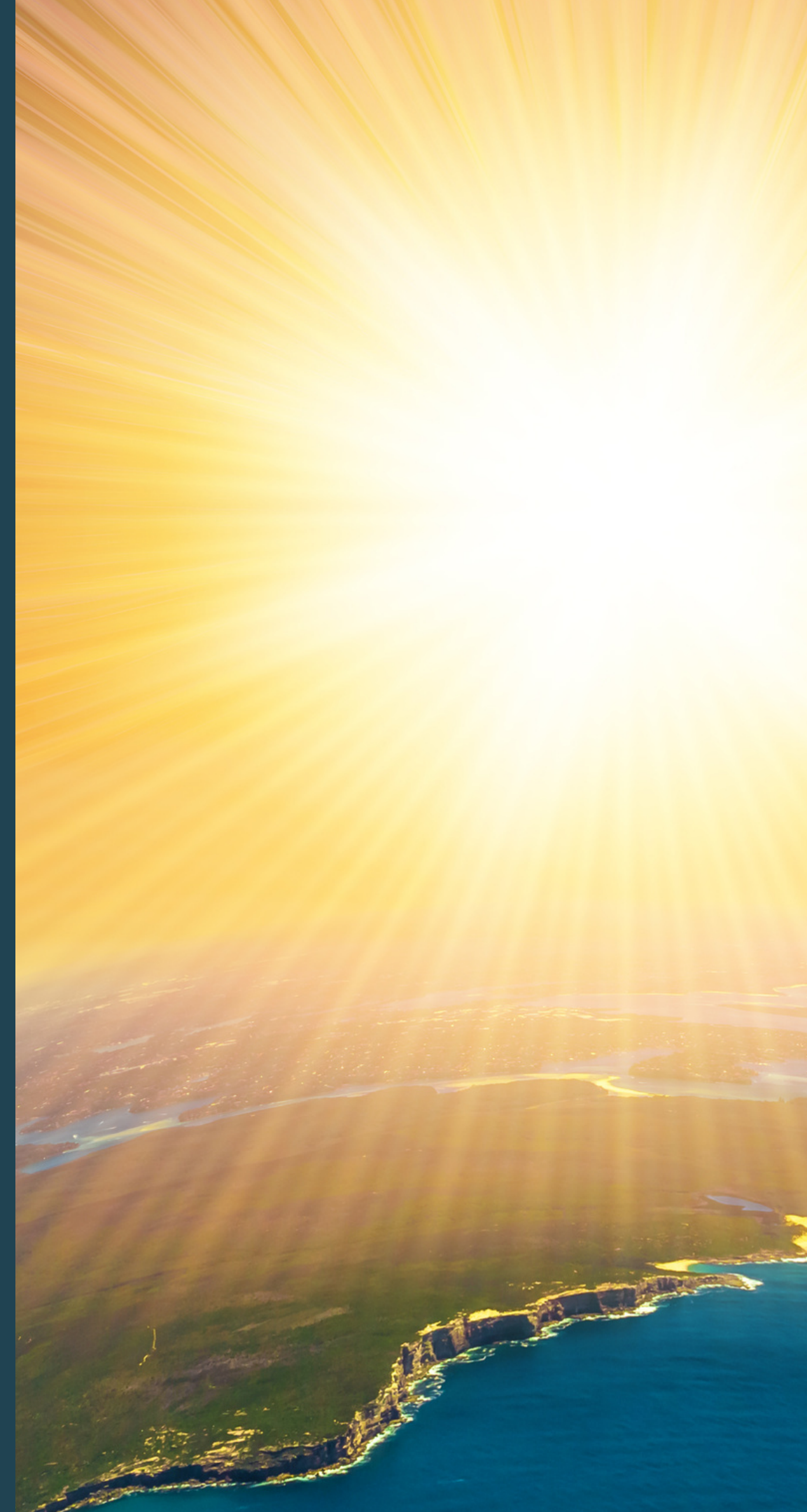
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7



For you have died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.

COLOSSIANS 3:3



The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants[a] the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

REVELATION 1:1–3





Revelation Combines 3 Kinds of Literature:

- **Apokalypse**
- **Prophecy**
- **Epistle** (It is a letter containing an apocalyptic prophecy)

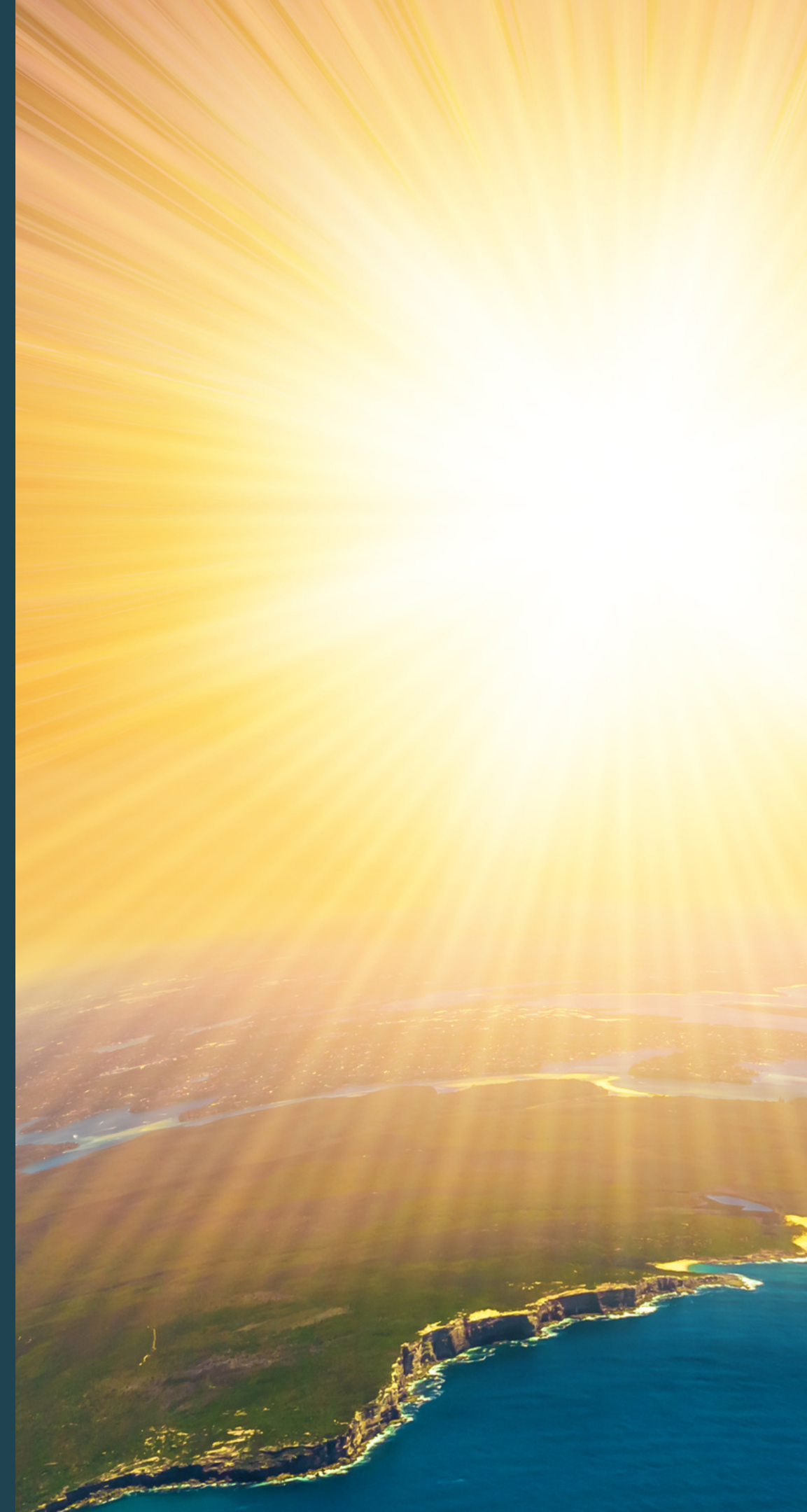


Key for Interpretation

God gave Jesus an unveiling of what is really going on which was communicated to John by an angel in the form of symbolic visions in order for him to show to God's servants what is about to happen

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

REVELATION 2:10-11



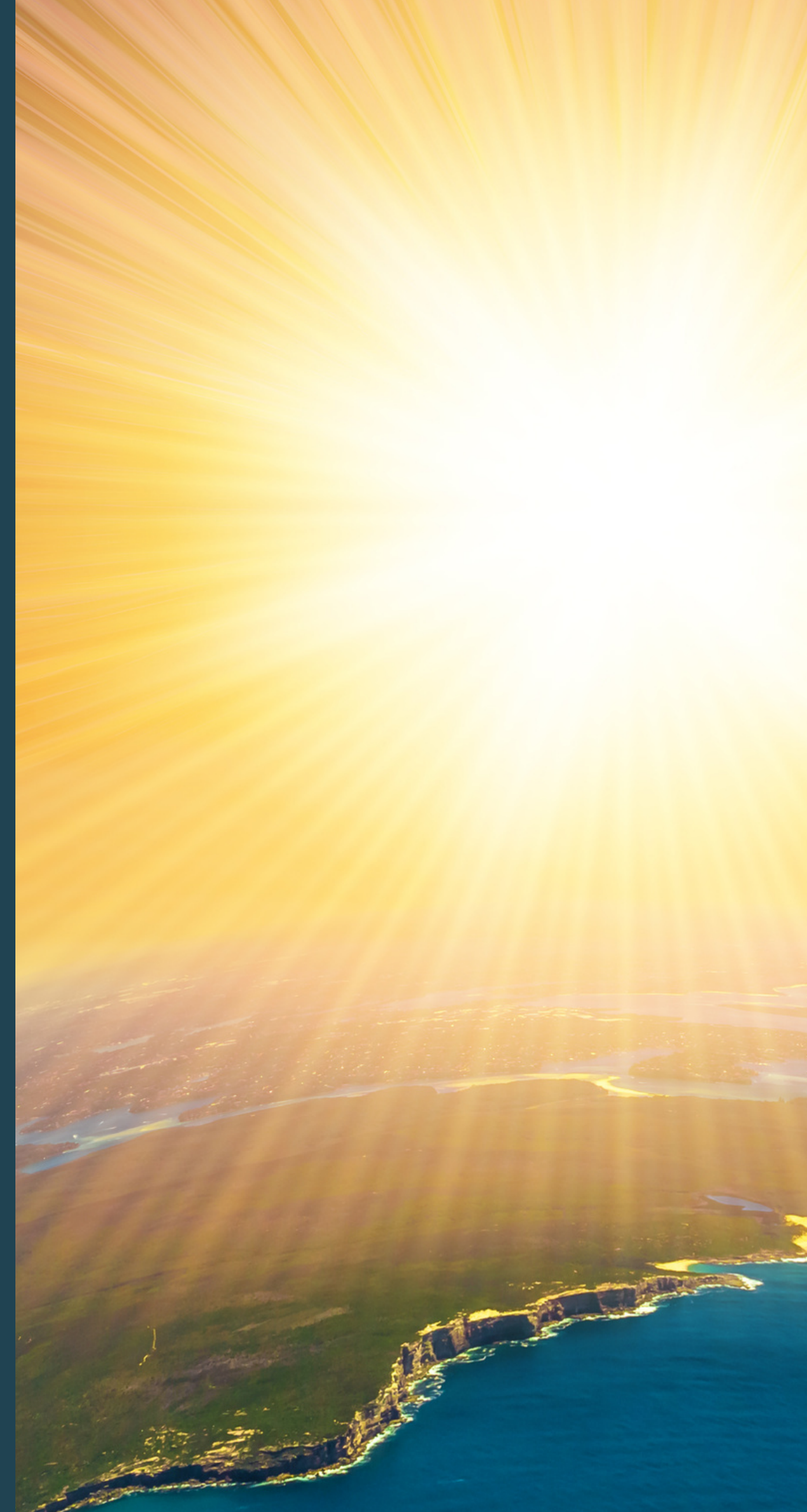
For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will...Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

JOHN 5:21, 24-29



For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

JOHN 5:21, 24–29



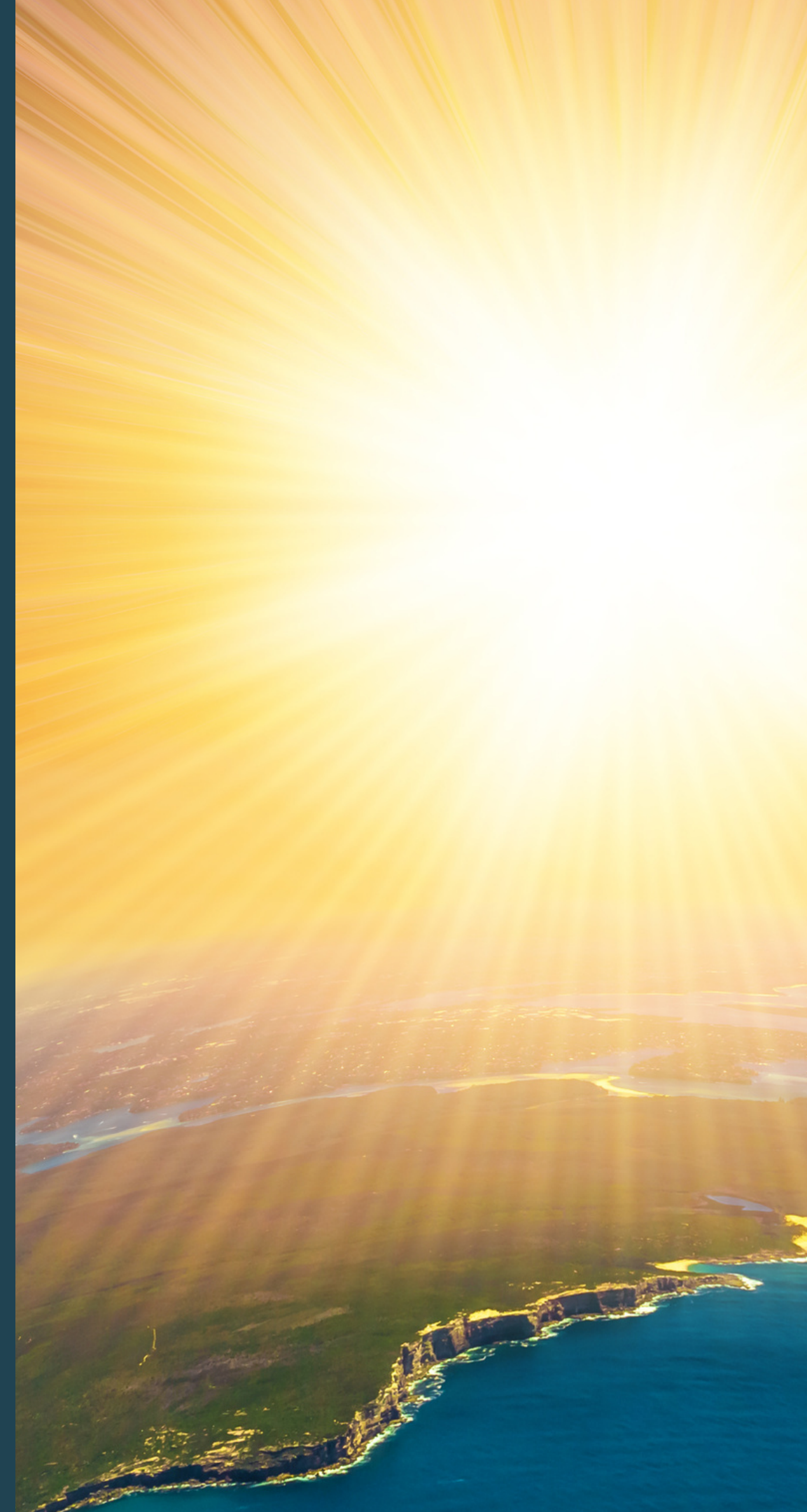
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self[a] was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free[b] from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

ROMANS 6:5–11



We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 6:5-11



In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

COLOSSIANS 2:11–13



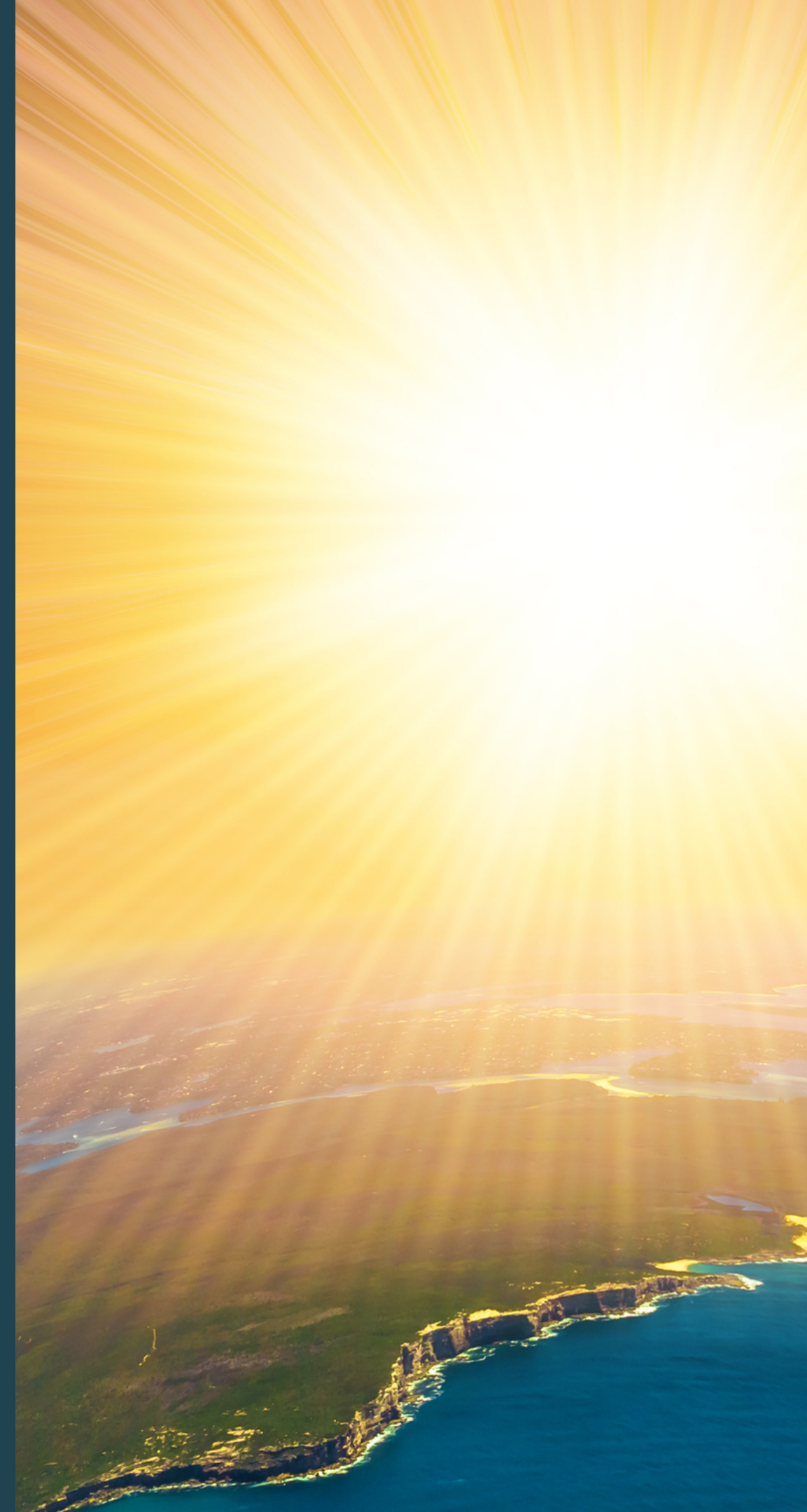
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EPHESIANS 2:4-7



Whoever touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days. He shall cleanse himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and so be clean. But if he does not cleanse himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean.

NUMBERS 19:11–12



For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love[f] toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

EPHESIANS 1:15–23



and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

EPHESIANS 1:15–23



Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world [regeneration], when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

MATTHEW 19:27–29



And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me,
a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table
in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the
twelve tribes of Israel.

LUKE 22:29–30



Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

LUKE 12:32



I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed[d] in heaven.

MATTHEW 16:19



And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
people for God
from every tribe and language and people and
nation,
10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to
our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

REVELATION 5:9–10



For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:17



“I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;

DANIEL 7:13–22



his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

“As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ‘These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.

DANIEL 7:13–22



But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'... As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

DANIEL 7:13–22



But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

MATTHEW 12:28–29



The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

LUKE 10:17–19



Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

JOHN 12:31–32



Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Same word Matthew 5:19 relaxes, loosens or annuls

1 JOHN 3:8



We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

1 JOHN 5:18



And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities[b] and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.[

COLOSSIANS 2:13–15



