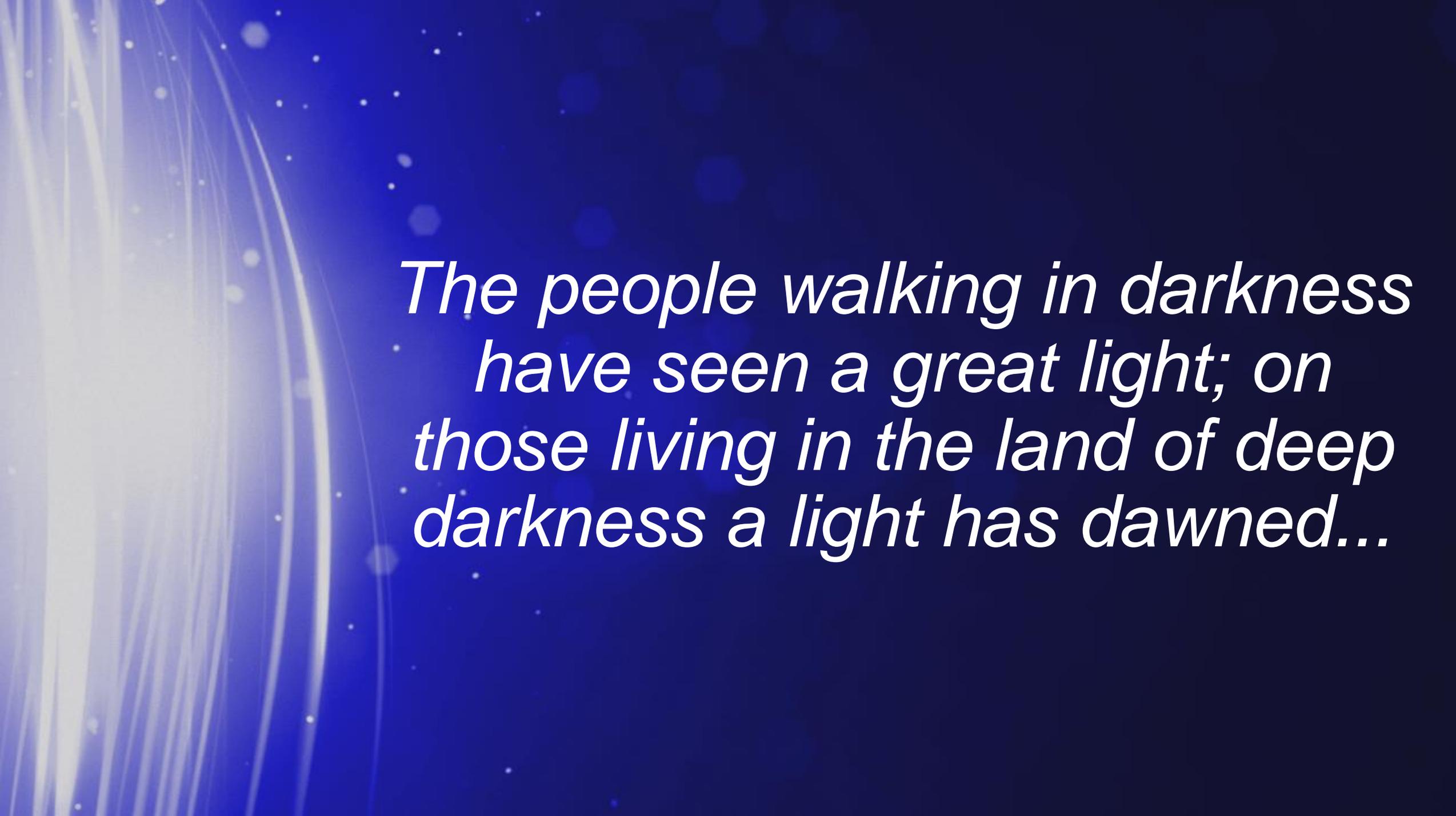


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*Our Christmas
Stories!*

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Isaiah 9:2,6-7



*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light; on
those living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned...*

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given, and the
government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be
called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.*

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

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*The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.*

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Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

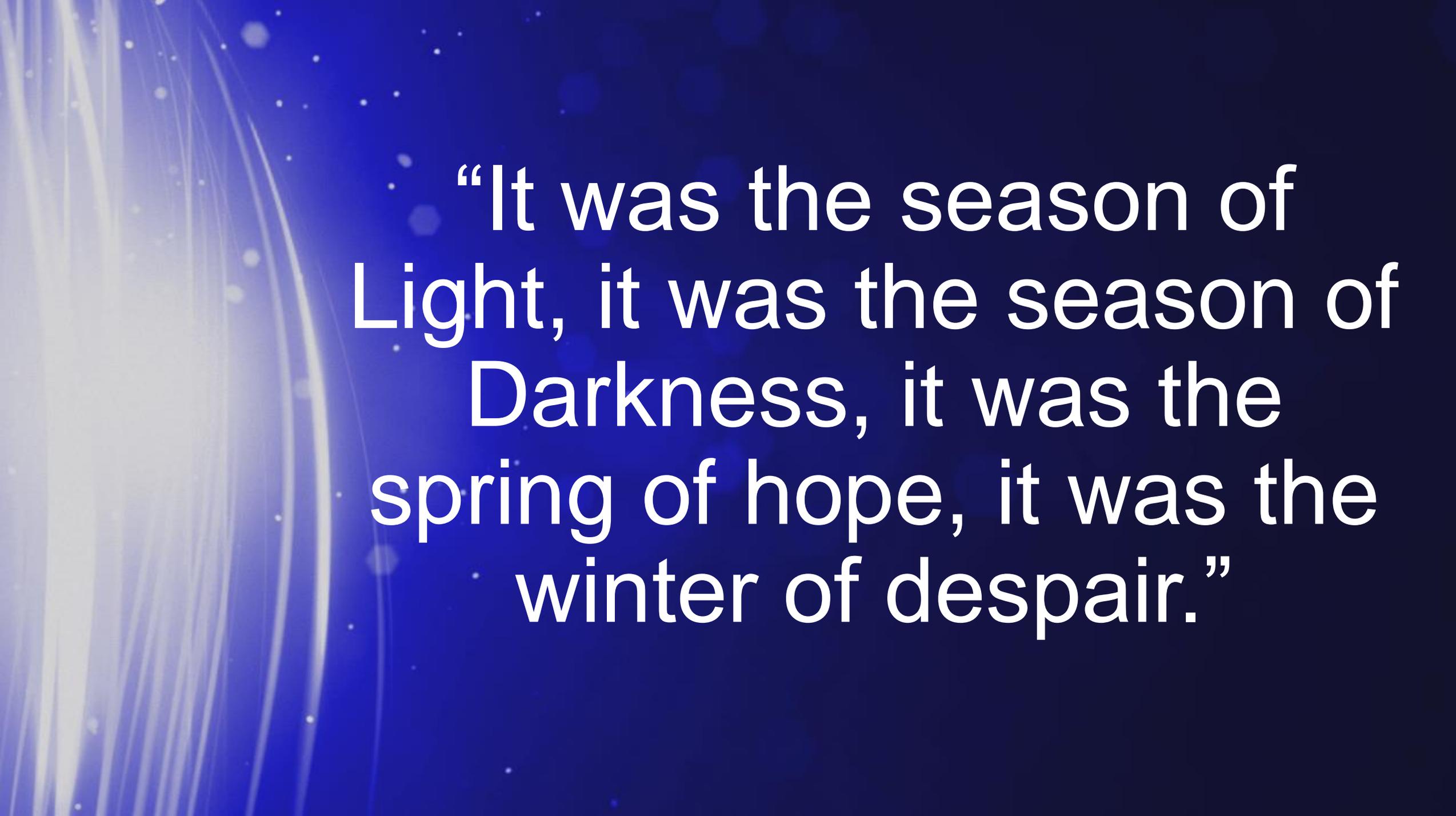
So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Go to the Light!

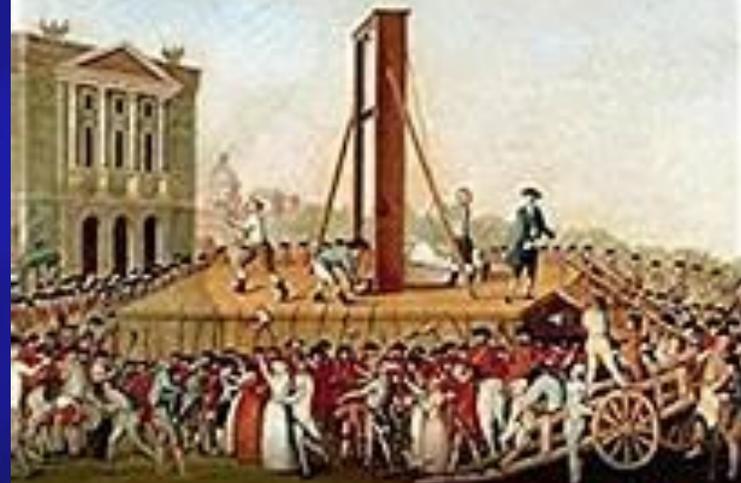
“It was the best of times,
it was the worst of times,
it was the age of wisdom,
it was the age of
foolishness, it was the
epoch of belief, it was the
epoch of incredulity...”

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“It was the season of
Light, it was the season of
Darkness, it was the
spring of hope, it was the
winter of despair.”



A Tale of
Two Cities

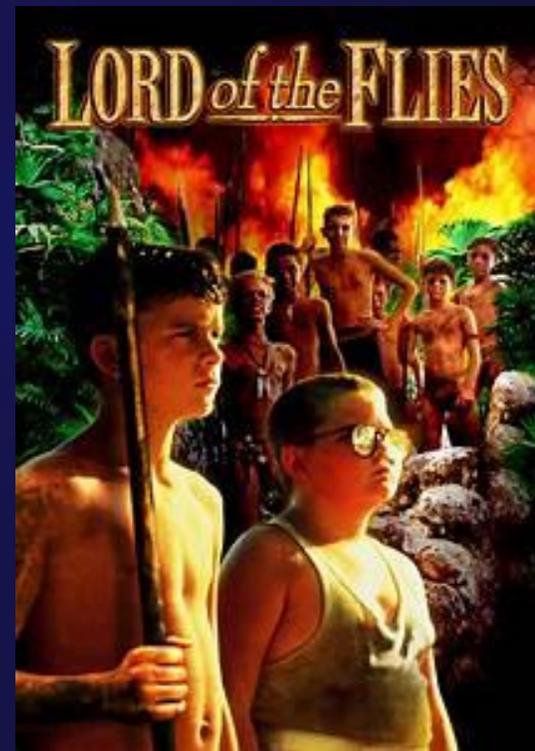



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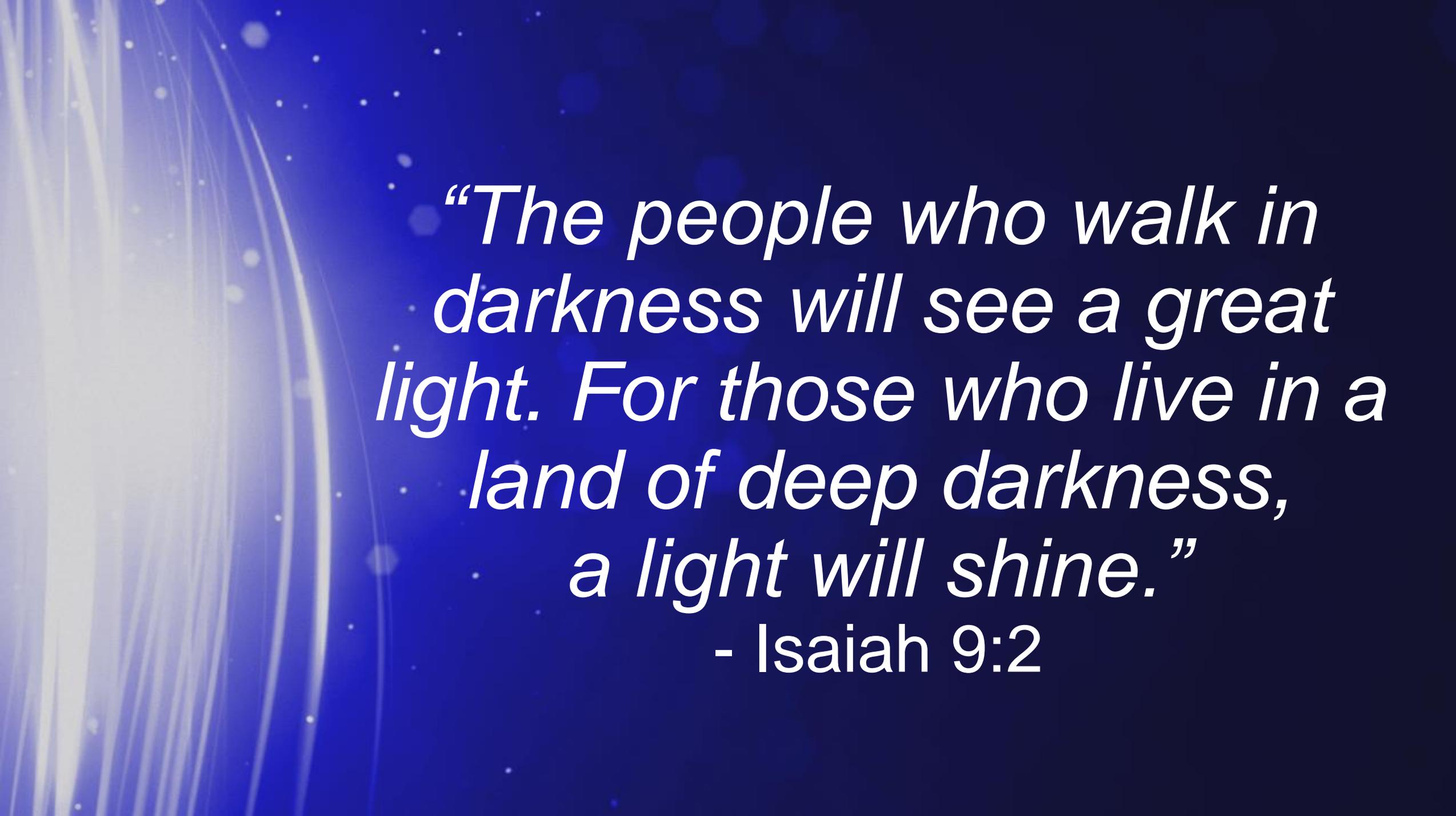
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The Pearl





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*“The people who walk in
darkness will see a great
light. For those who live in a
land of deep darkness,
a light will shine.”*

- Isaiah 9:2



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Revelation 22:7, 12, 16

*“Look, I am coming soon!
Blessed is the one who keeps
the words of the prophecy
written in this scroll...”*

*“Look, I am coming soon!
My reward is with me, and I will
give to each person according to
what they have done...”*

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of King David, and the bright Morning Star.”