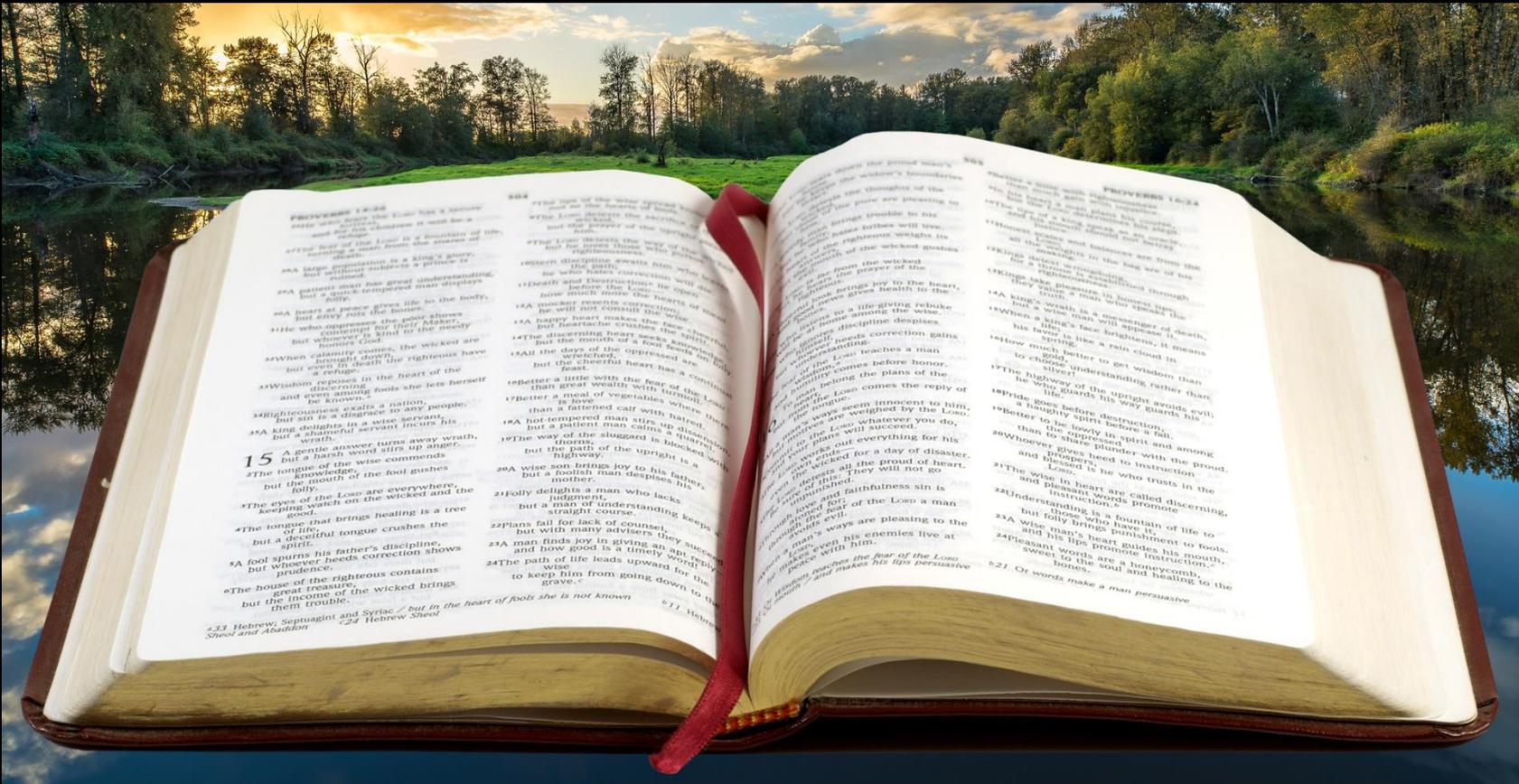




# Hope of the Ages



**PROVERBS 14:22-35**

22A large collection is a king's glory,  
but without subjects a prince is  
ruined.

23A patient man has great understanding,  
but a quick-tempered man displays  
foolishness.

24A heart at peace gives life to the body,  
but envy eats the bones.

25He who oppresses the poor shows  
contempt for their Maker,  
but whoever is kind to the needy  
honors God.

26When calamity strikes, the wicked are  
swept down,  
but even in death the righteous have  
a refuge.

27Wisdom takes root in the heart of the  
upright,  
but discerning fools she lets herself  
be known.

28Righteousness exalts a nation,  
but sin is a disgrace to any people.

29A king delights in a wise servant,  
but a shameful servant incurs his  
wrath.

30A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**15** The tongue of the wise commends  
knowledge,  
but the mouth of the fool gushes  
out folly.

31The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,  
keeping watch on the wicked and the  
good.

32The tongue that brings healing is a tree  
of life,  
but a deceitful tongue crushes the  
spirit.

33A fool spurns his father's discipline,  
but whoever heeds correction shows  
prudence.

34The house of the righteous contains  
great treasure,  
but the income of the wicked brings  
them trouble.

223 Hebrew; Septuagint and Syriac / but in the heart of fools she is not known  
224 Hebrew Sheol  
Sheol and Abaddon

35The sinner's way is  
perilous and  
uncertain,  
but the way of the  
righteous is  
peace and  
firmness.

36When discipline awaits him, who  
loves it,  
he will have correction when  
he needs it,  
but he who despises it will  
bring ruin on himself and  
lose his health.

37A happy heart makes the face cheerful,  
but heartache crushes the spirit.

38The discerning heart seeks knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool feeds on  
foolishness.

39All the days of the oppressed are  
wretched,  
but the cheerful bear has a  
constant  
feast.

40Repent a little with the fear of the  
Lord,  
and you will be spared from  
great wealth with turmoil.

41Better is love  
than a fattened calf with horns,  
for love  
will preserve a man's life.

42A hot-tempered man stirs up  
discontent,  
but a patient man calms a  
quarrel.

43The way of the sluggard is  
blocked with  
thorns,  
but the path of the upright is a  
highway.

44A wise man brings joy to his father,  
but a foolish man despises his  
mother.

45Folly delights a man who lacks  
judgment,  
but a man of understanding keeps  
his feet  
straight.

46Plans fail for lack of counsel,  
but with many advisers they  
succeed.

47A man finds joy in giving an  
answer,  
and how good is a timely word!

48The path of life leads upward for  
the wise,  
to keep him from going down to  
the  
grave.

351 Hebrew  
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49The Lord despises the proud man,  
but he who is lowly and  
humble is his delight.

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gushes out folly.

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righteous and the wicked,  
loving the one who is  
upright and hating the  
one who is perverse.

4A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

5A wise man's words are  
lovely,  
but a fool's words are  
rough.

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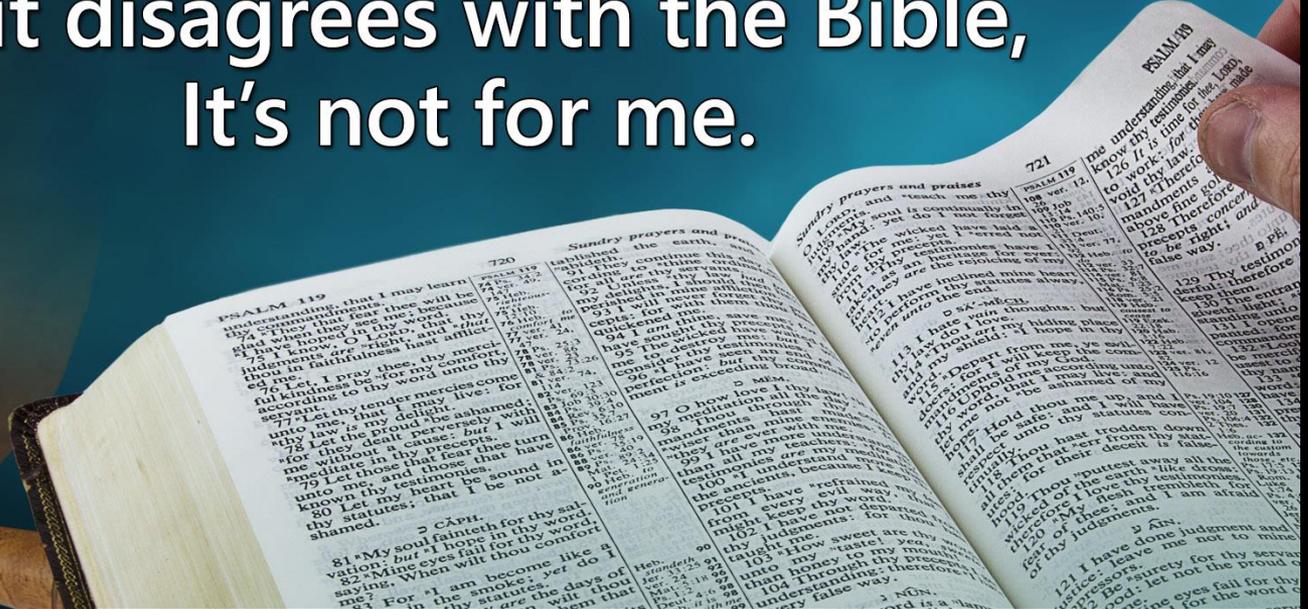
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If it's in the Bible, I believe it.  
If it disagrees with the Bible,  
It's not for me.









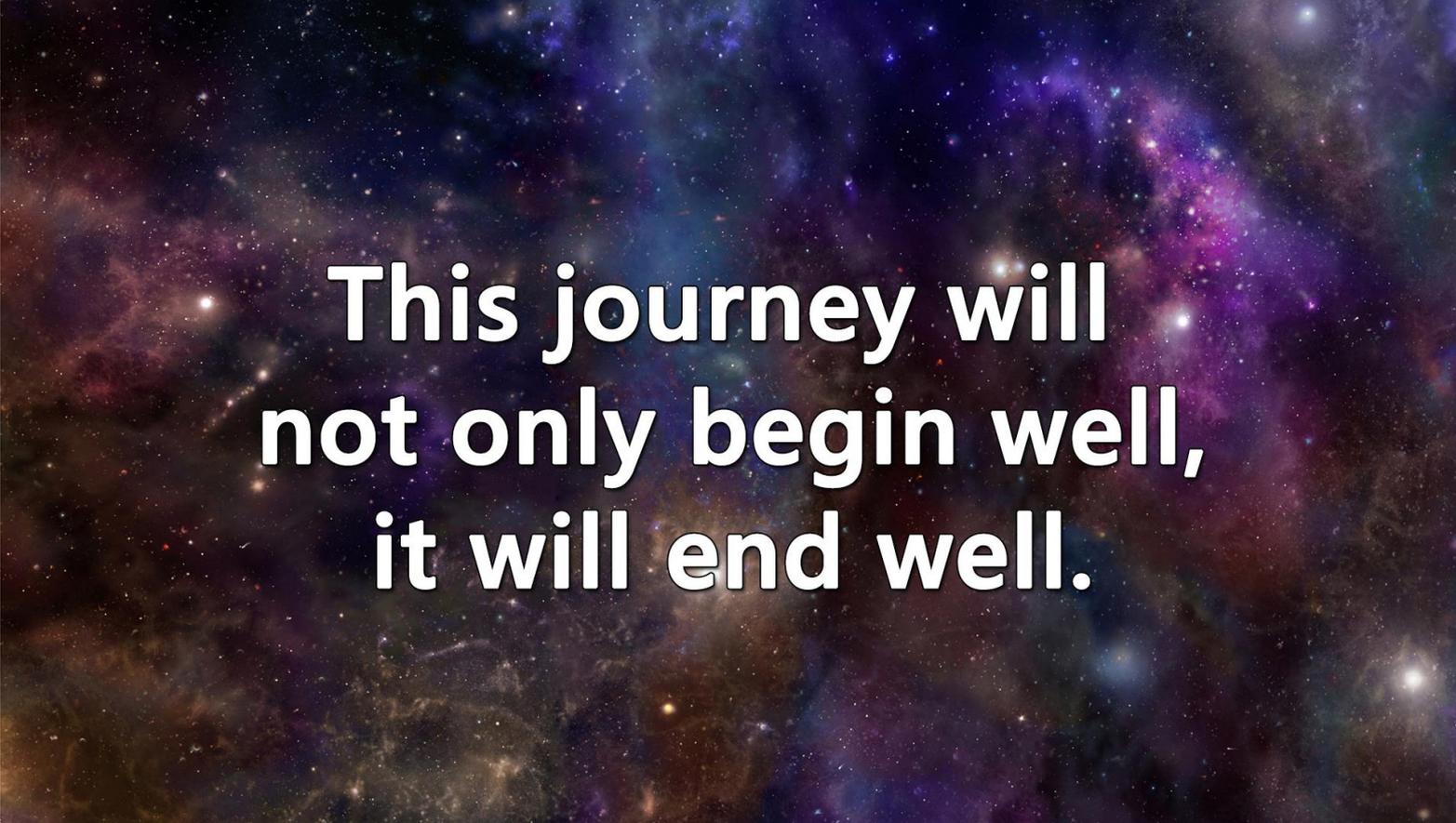
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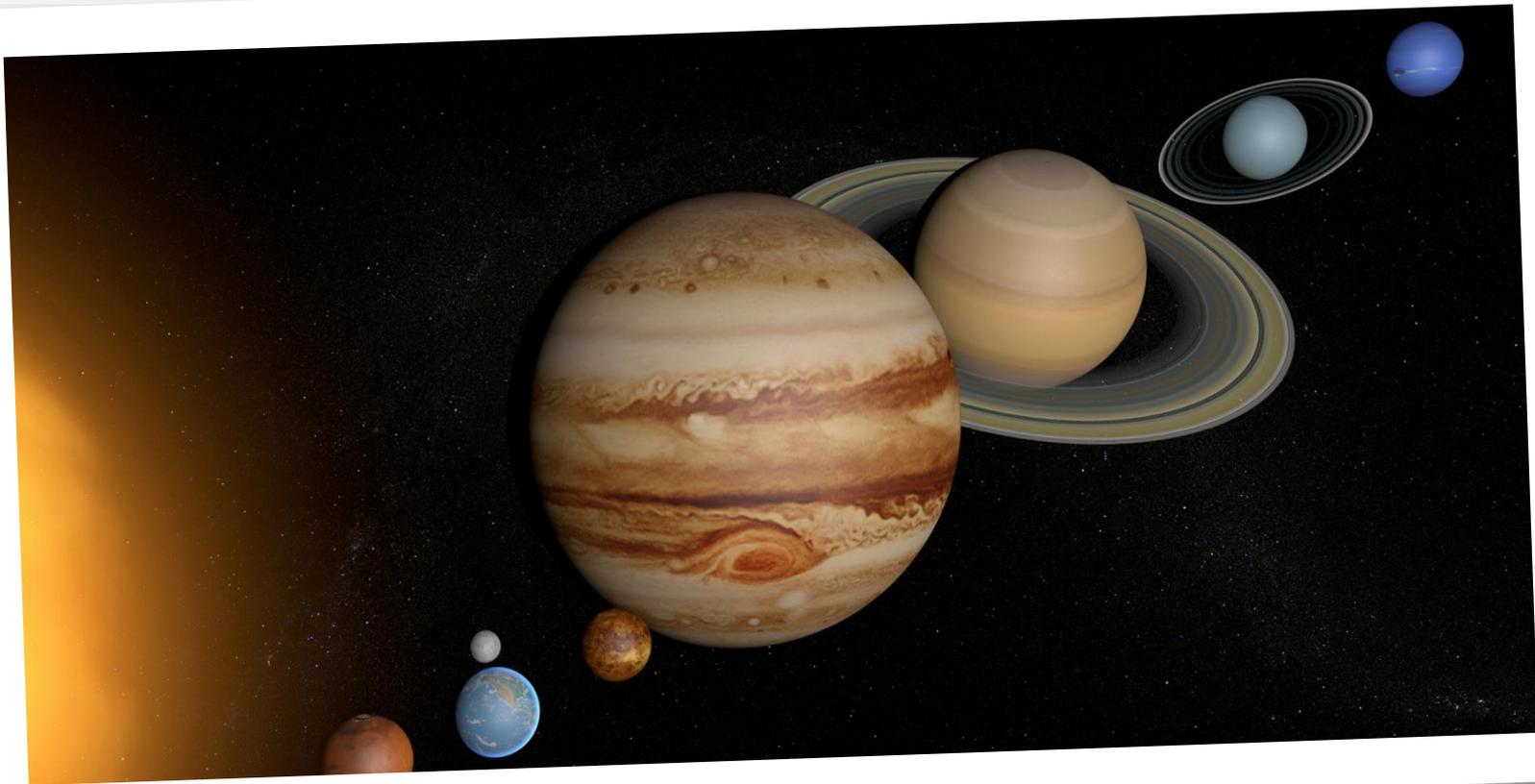
**This journey will  
not only begin well,  
it will end well.**

Our Commander  
is going to get  
us home.

















# THE REVELATION of Jesus Christ

The central theme of  
Revelation is Jesus.

Letters to the Churches

and His countenance  
sun shining in its strength  
17 And when I saw  
His feet as dead  
right hand on  
Do not to all  
and the Lamb  
18 I saw  
dead, and  
mercy  
19

Omega, 'the Beginning and the  
End,' says the 'Lord,' 'who is and  
who was and who is to come, the  
'Almighty.'

9 I, John, 'both your brother and  
'companion in the tribulation and  
'kingdom and patience of Jesus  
Christ, was on the island that is  
called Pat mos for the word of God,  
and for the testimony of Jesus  
Christ.

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

11 saying, 'I am the Alpha and the  
the Omega, the First and the Last,  
and, 'What you see, write  
book and send it to the  
churches 'which are in Asia:  
Eph'e-sus, to Smyrna, to Per-  
Eph'e-sus, to Thy-a-ti-ra, to Sar-  
mos, to Thy-a-ti-ra, to Sar-  
Philadelphia, and to La-o-di-  
12 Then I turned to see the  
that spoke with me. And  
that I saw seven golden

turned 'I saw seven golden  
stands,  
and in the midst of the  
stands 'One like the  
the crest of a crown  
14 His head and -hair were  
wool white as snow  
His eyes  
as if  
His voice as the sound of  
waters;

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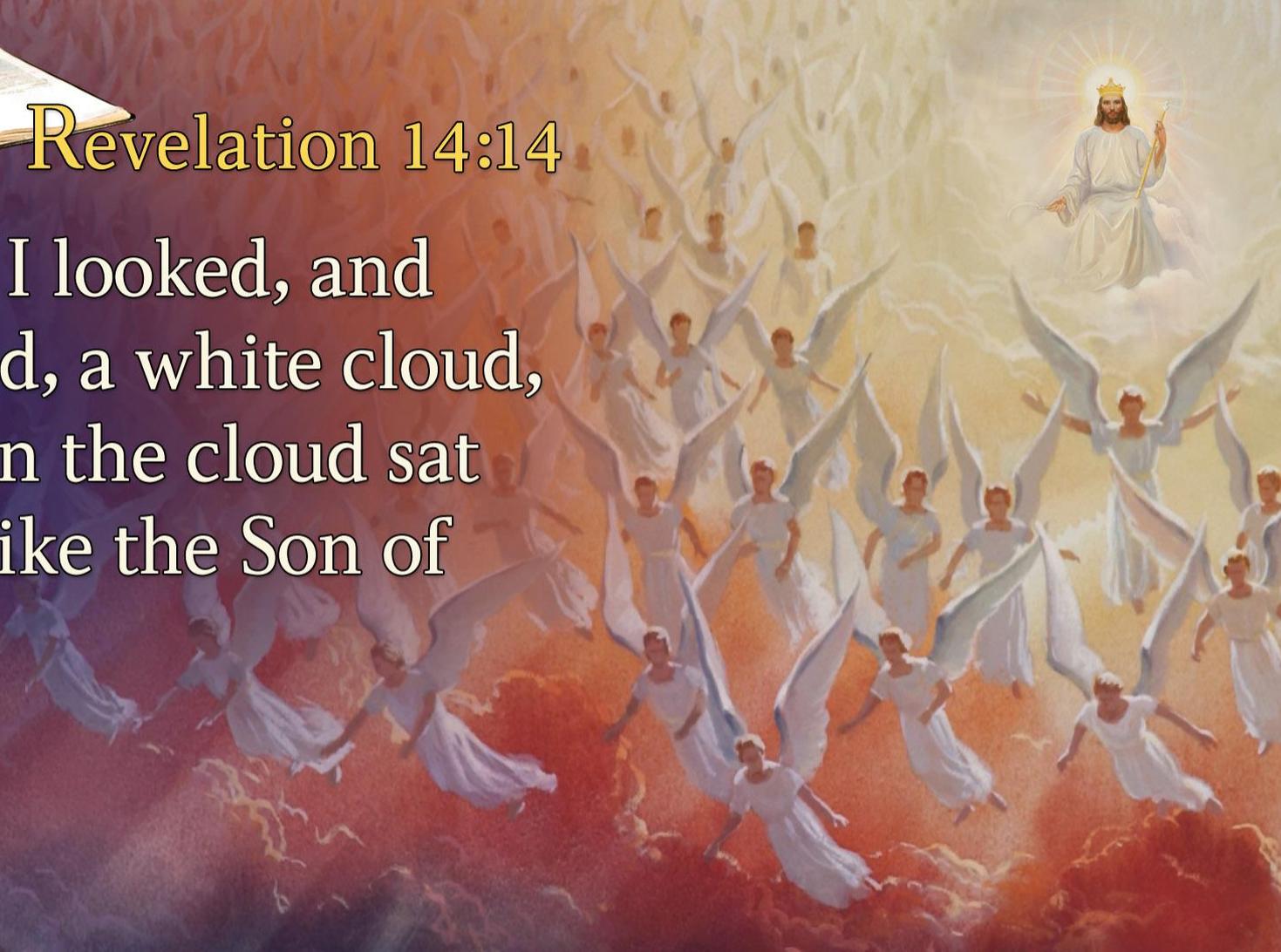
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## Revelation 14:14

“Then I looked, and  
behold, a white cloud,  
and on the cloud sat  
One like the Son of  
Man,





## Revelation 14:14

having on His head  
a golden crown, and  
in His hand a sharp  
sickle.”











## Revelation 19:11

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse.





## Revelation 19:11

And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.”





## Revelation 19:14

“And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.”



A white horse is a  
symbol of purity,  
victory and triumph.

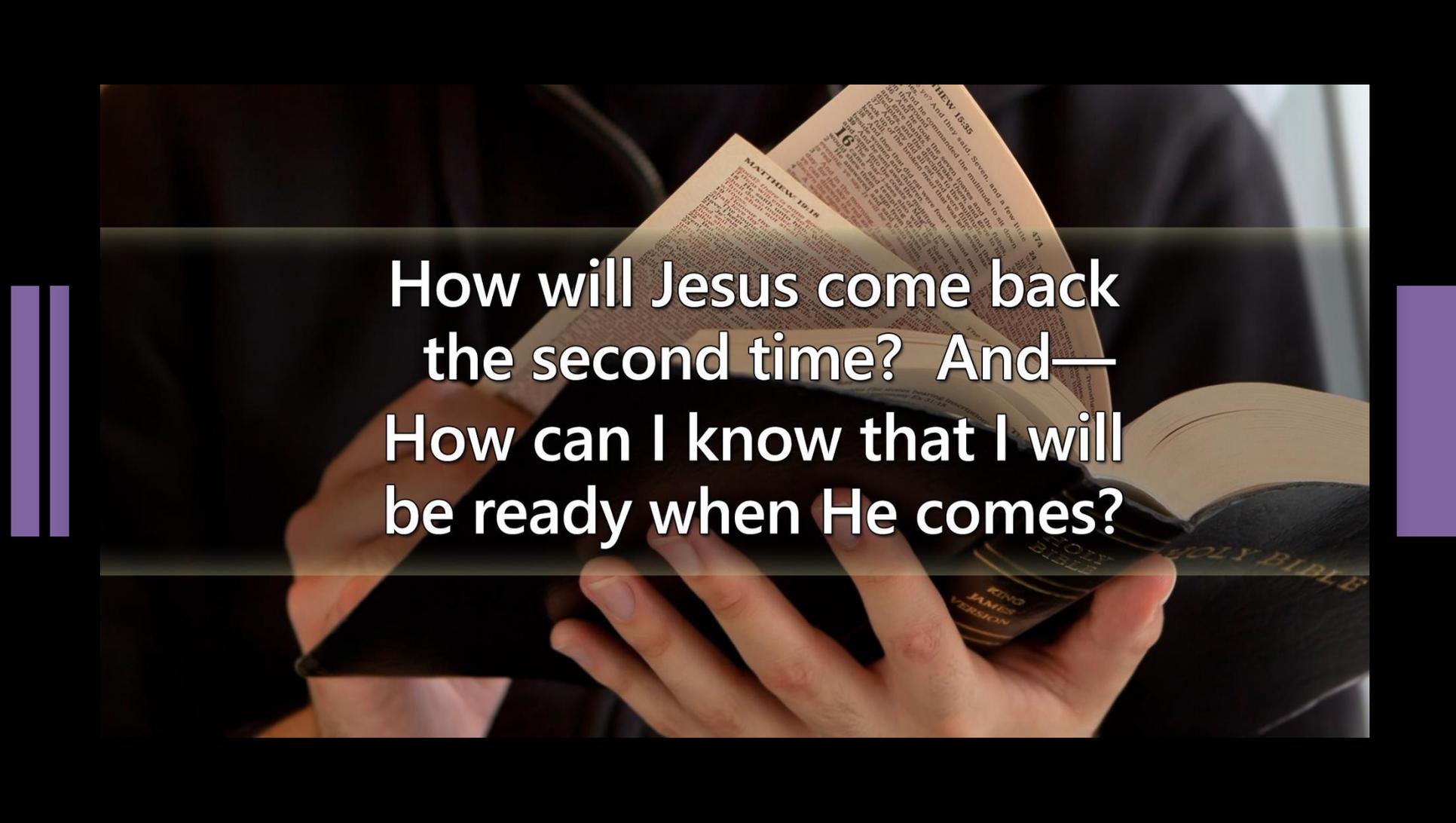




## Revelation 11:15

“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”



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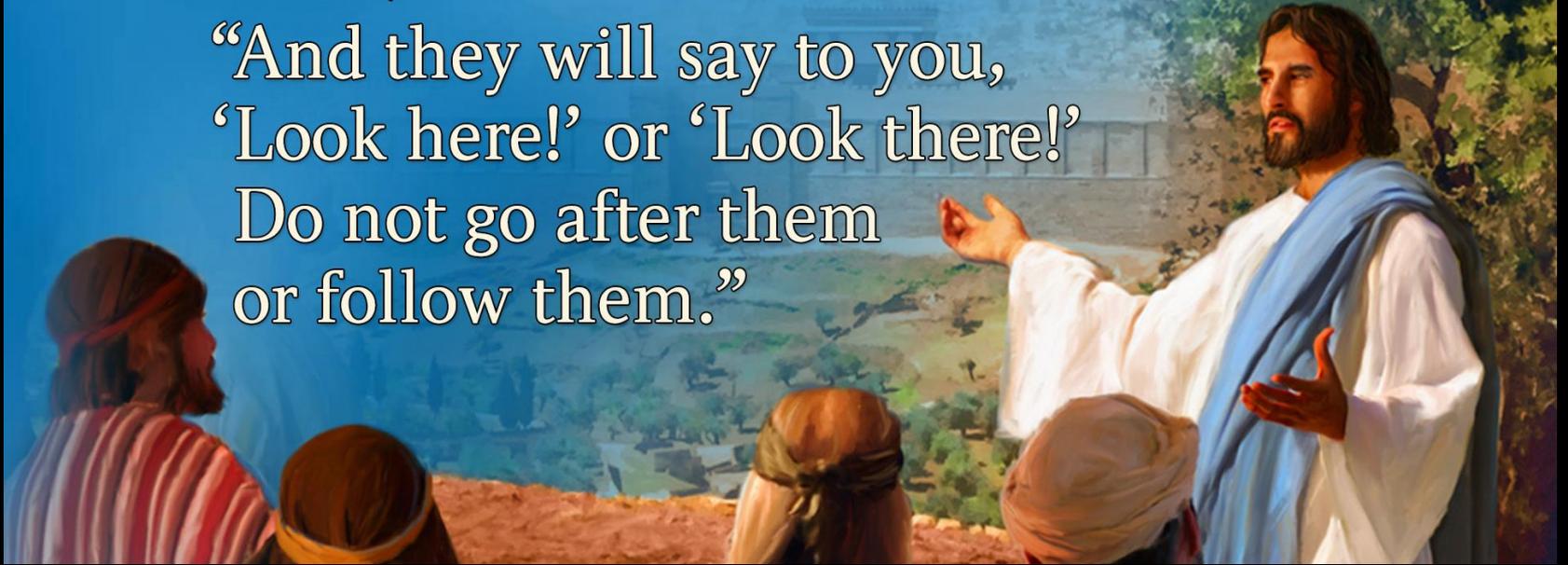
How will Jesus come back  
the second time? And—  
How can I know that I will  
be ready when He comes?





## Luke 17:23

“And they will say to you,  
‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’  
Do not go after them  
or follow them.”



“Do not go...”





## Luke 17:24

“For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.”



**Christ is coming down from above.  
He won't rise up from below.**





Christ's coming will  
be a literal event.



Acts 1:11

“This same Jesus, who has  
been taken from you into  
heaven,



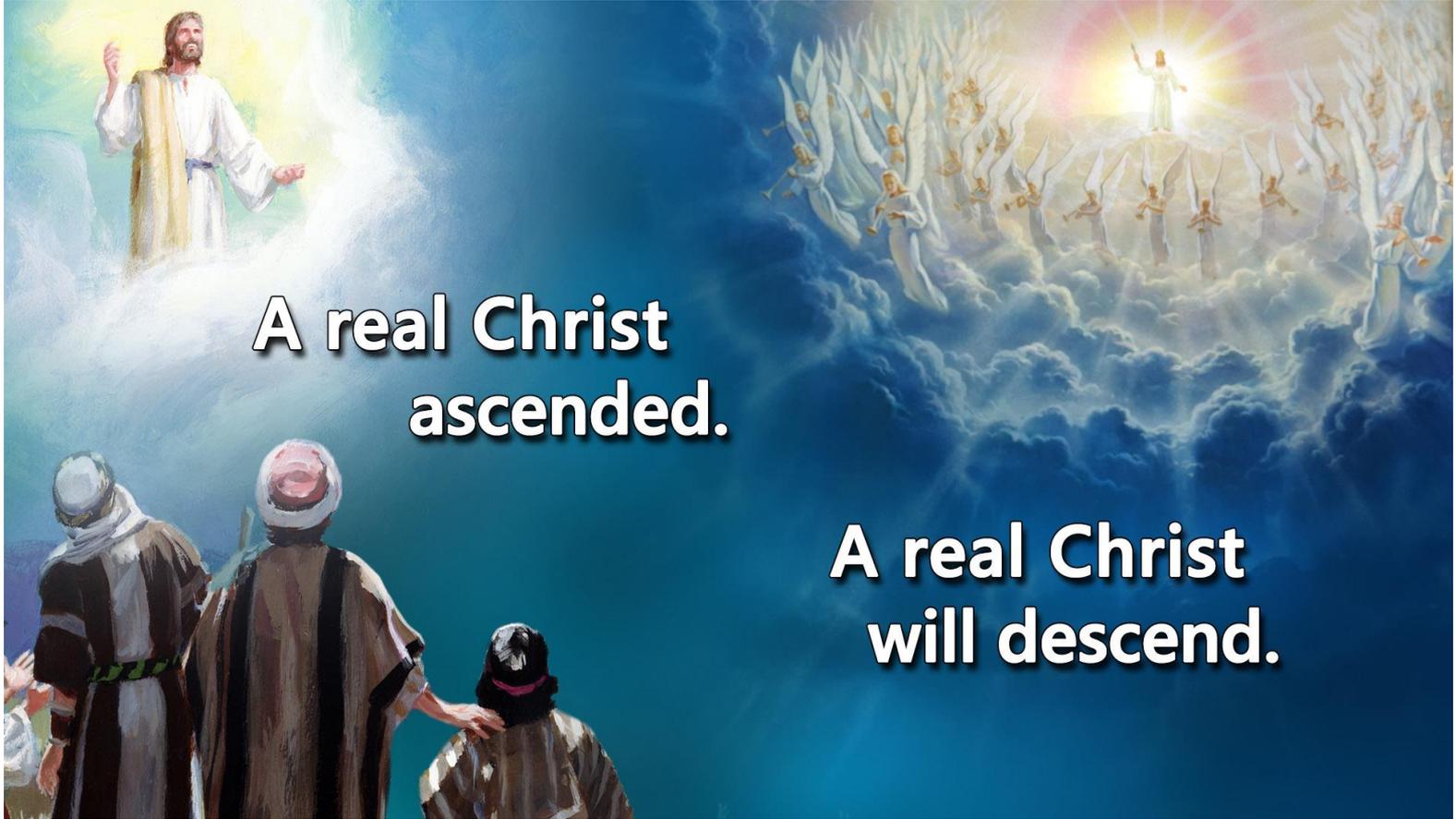


Acts 1:11

will so come in like manner  
as you saw Him go into  
heaven.”







**A real Christ  
ascended.**

**A real Christ  
will descend.**



Christ's coming will  
be a visible event.



## Revelation 1:7

“Behold, He is coming  
with clouds, and every  
eye will see Him.”





Christ's coming will  
be an audible event.



## 1 Thessalonians 4:16

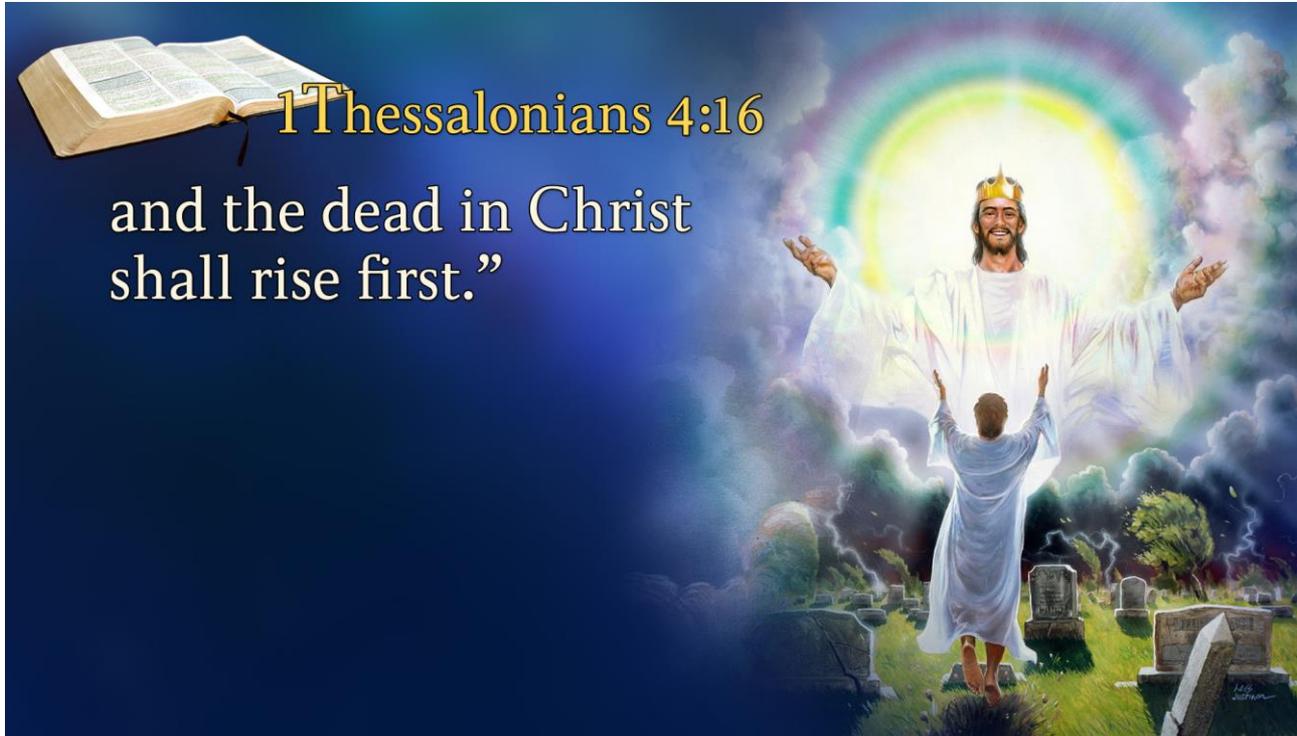
“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:





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and the dead in Christ  
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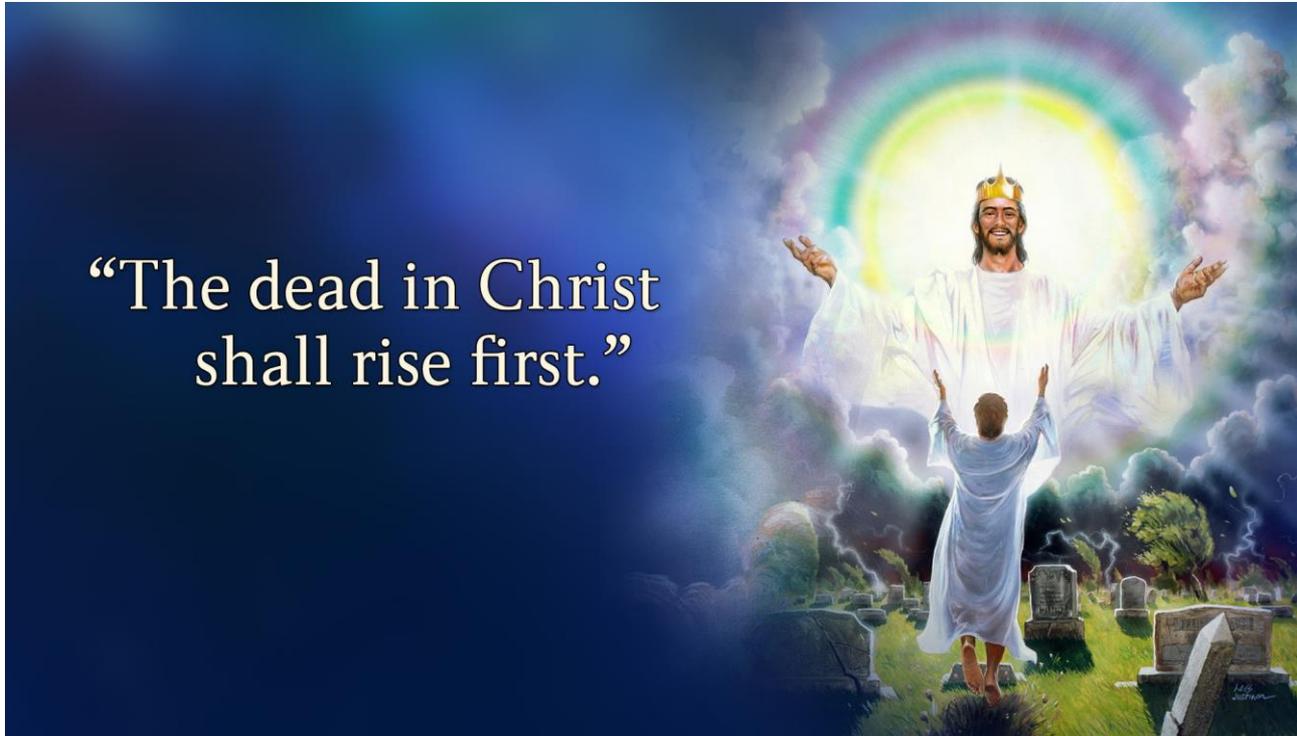


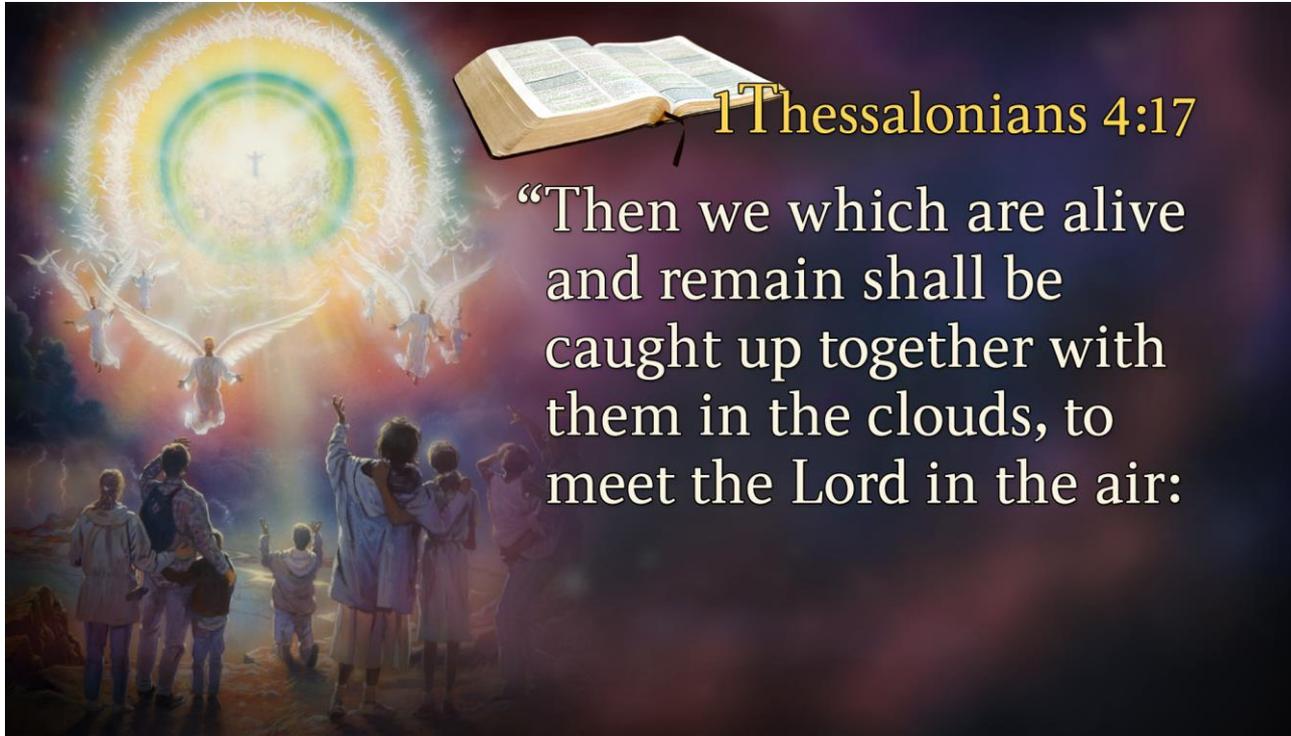






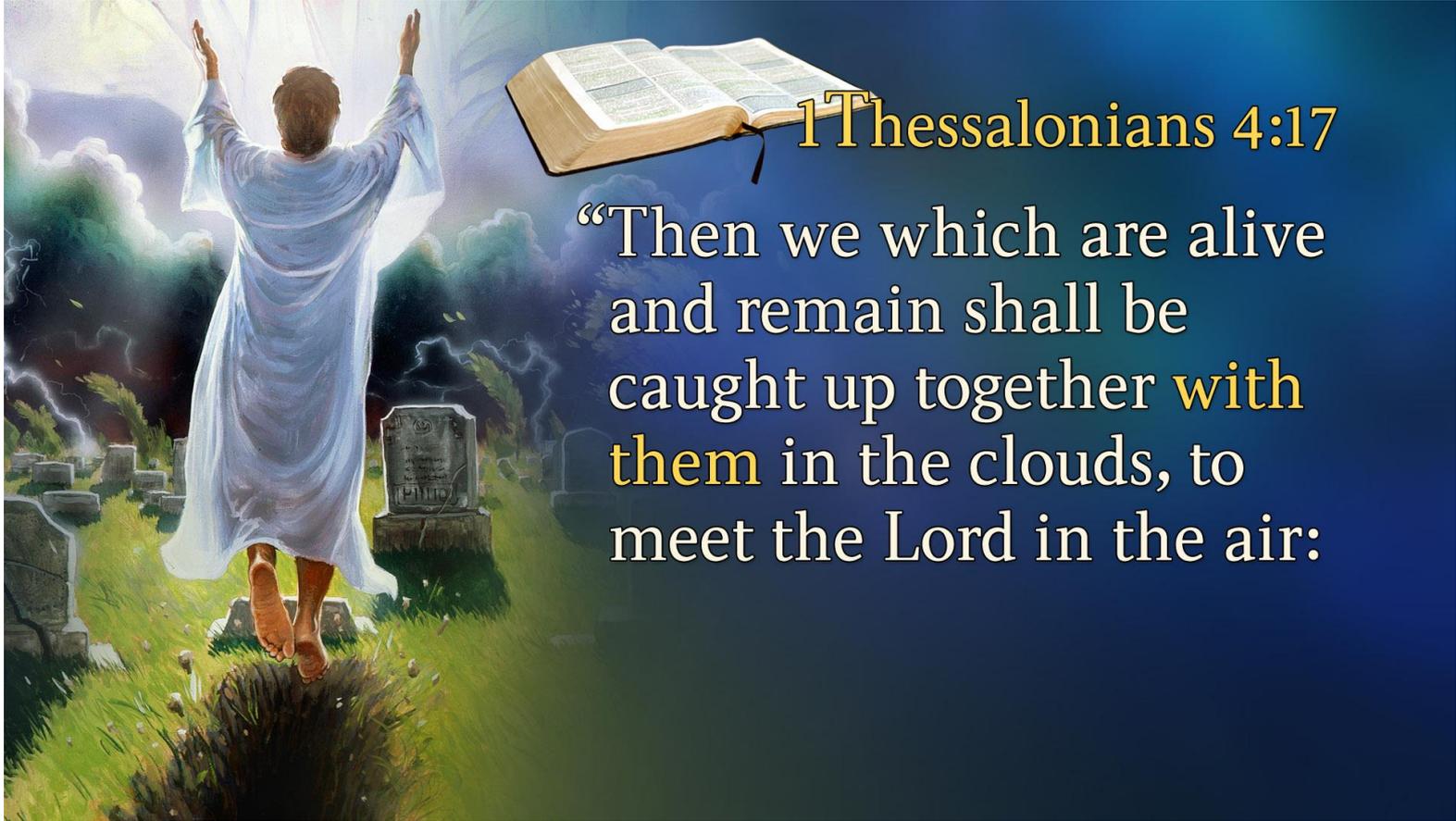
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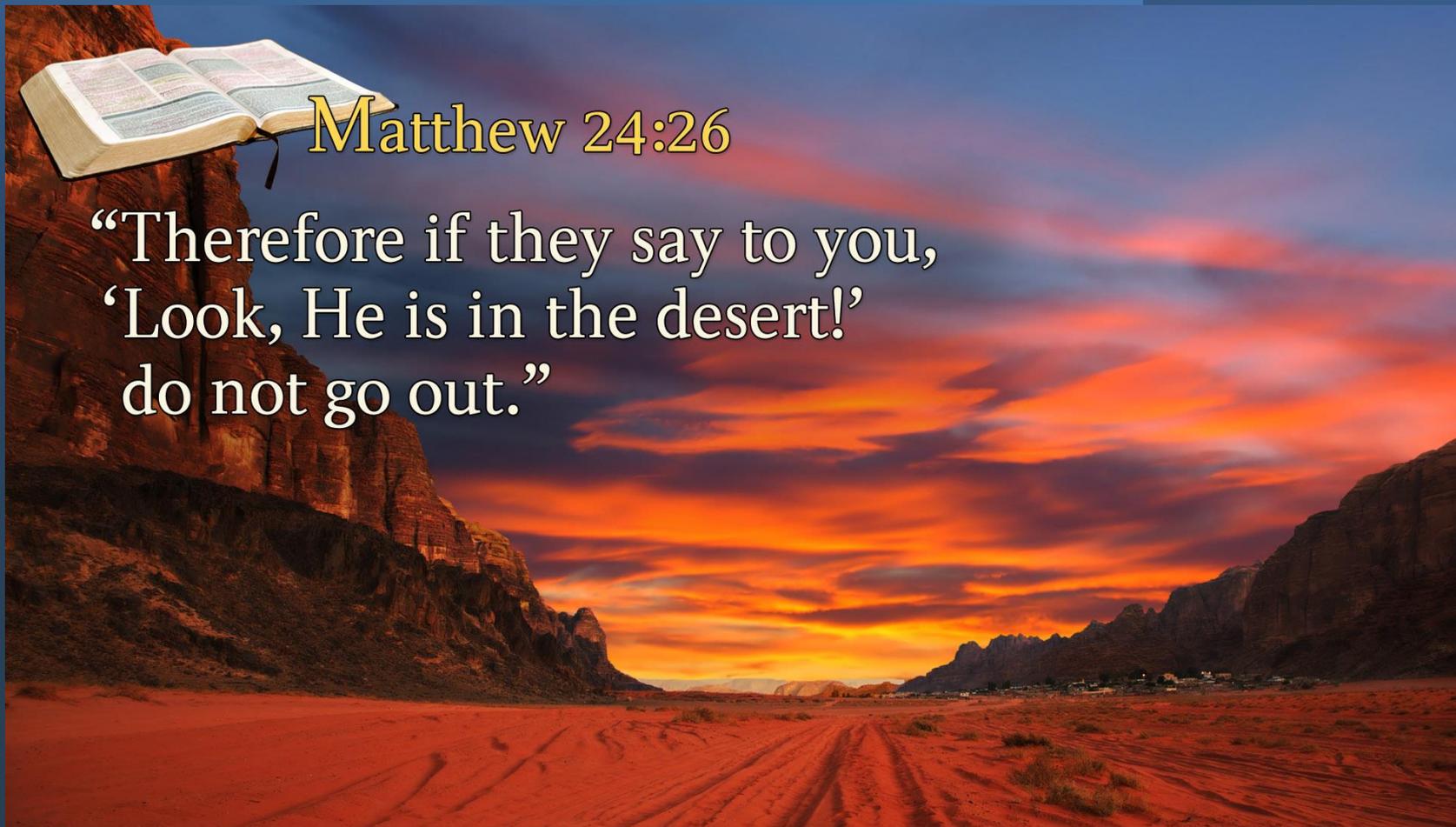
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and so shall we ever be  
with the Lord.”



## Matthew 24:26

“Therefore if they say to you,  
‘Look, He is in the desert!’  
do not go out.”



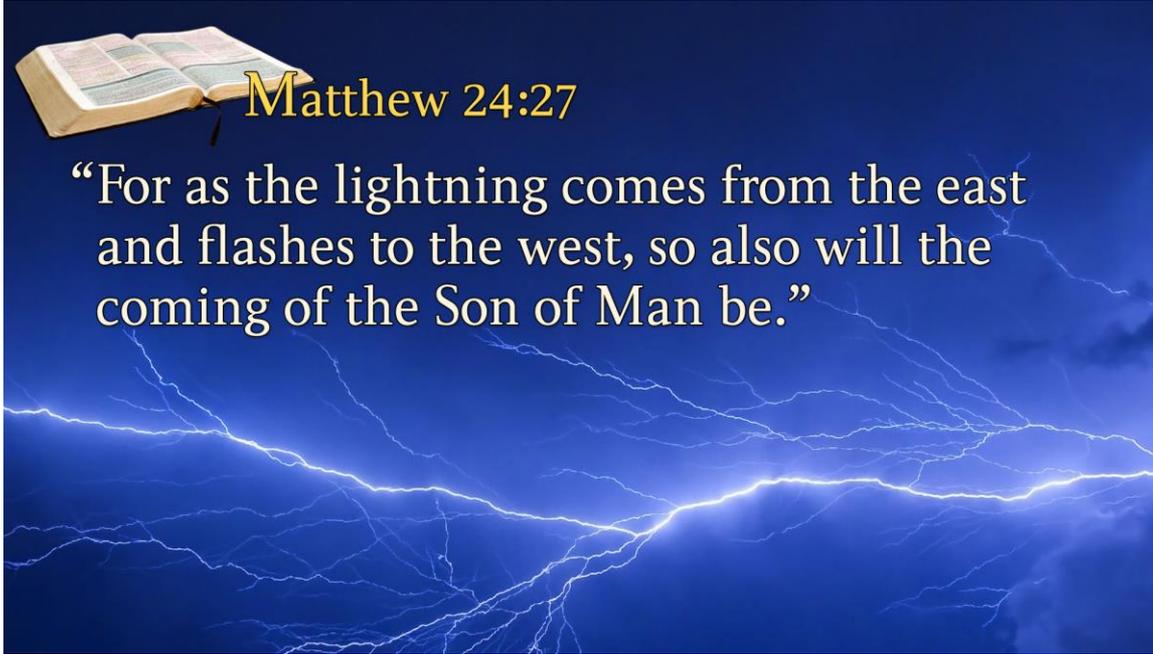


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be a glorious event.



## Matthew 24:27

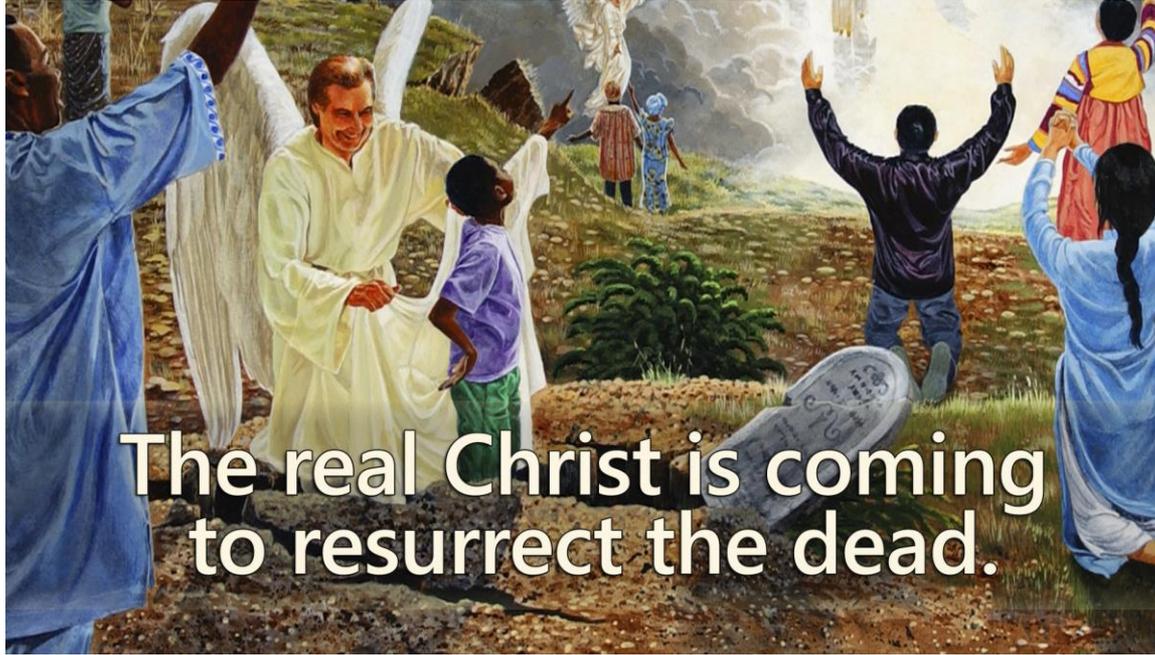
“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”





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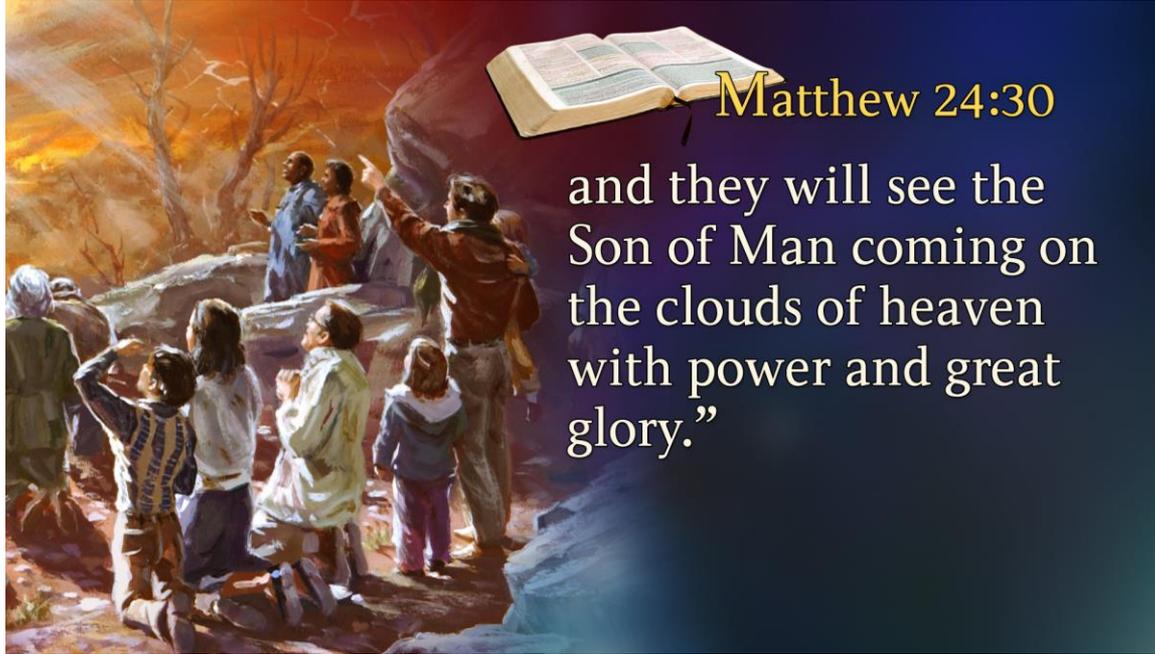
**The real Christ is coming  
to resurrect the dead.**





“Every eye  
will see Him.”





Matthew 24:30

and they will see the  
Son of Man coming on  
the clouds of heaven  
with power and great  
glory.”

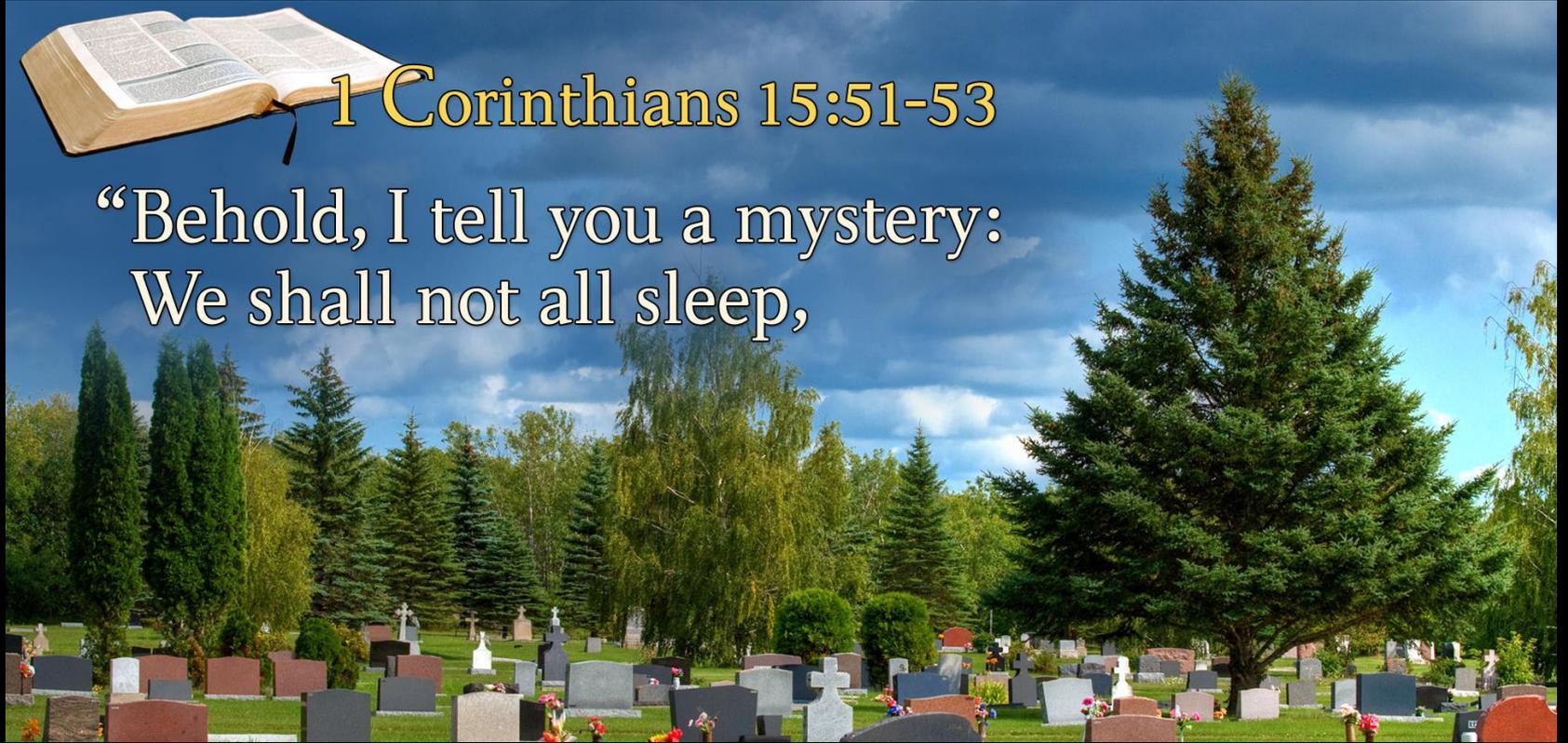


Christ's coming will be a climactic event.



## 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

“Behold, I tell you a mystery:  
We shall not all sleep,





## 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

but we shall all be changed—in  
a moment, in the twinkling of  
an eye, at the last trumpet.







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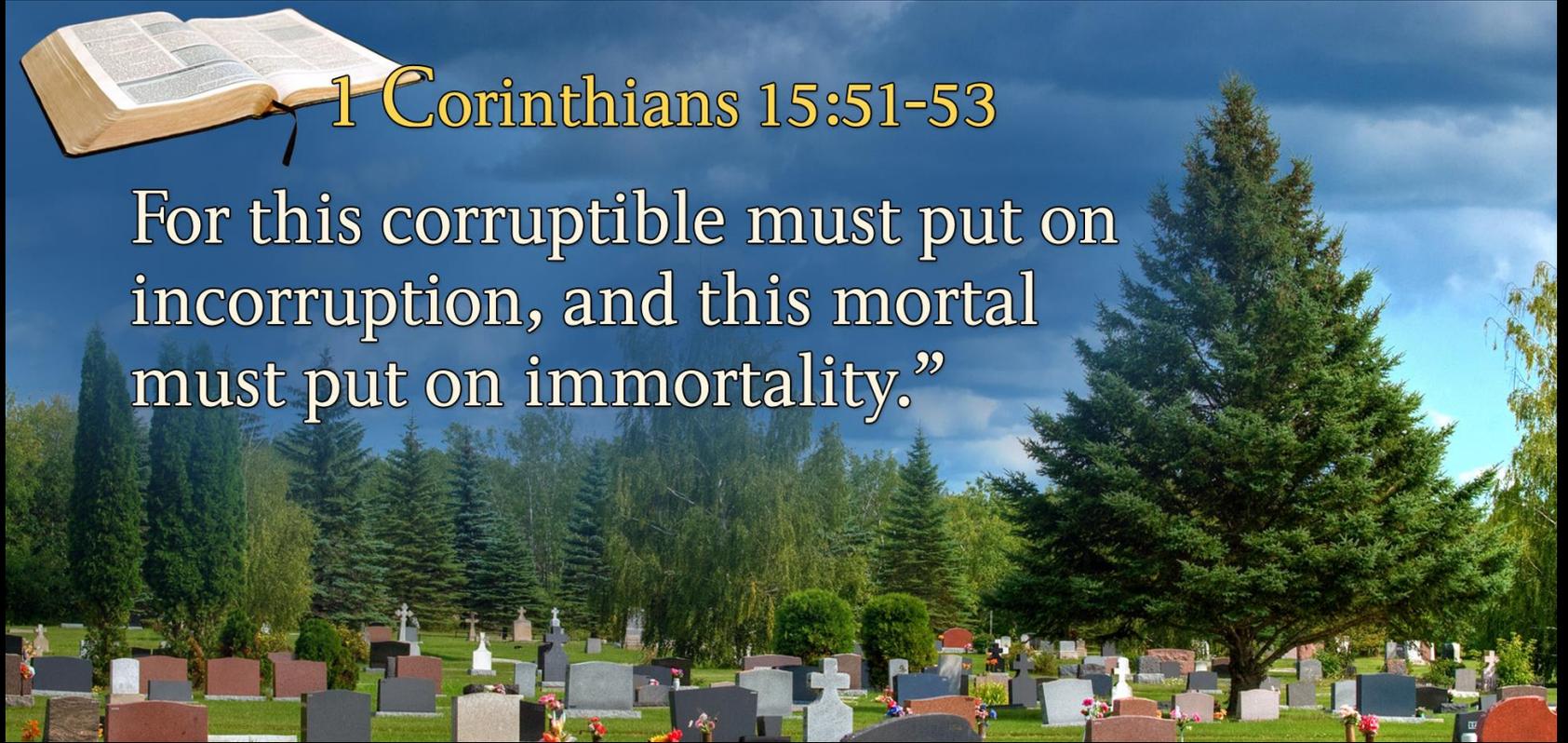
For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.





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For this corruptible must put on  
incorruption, and this mortal  
must put on immortality.”



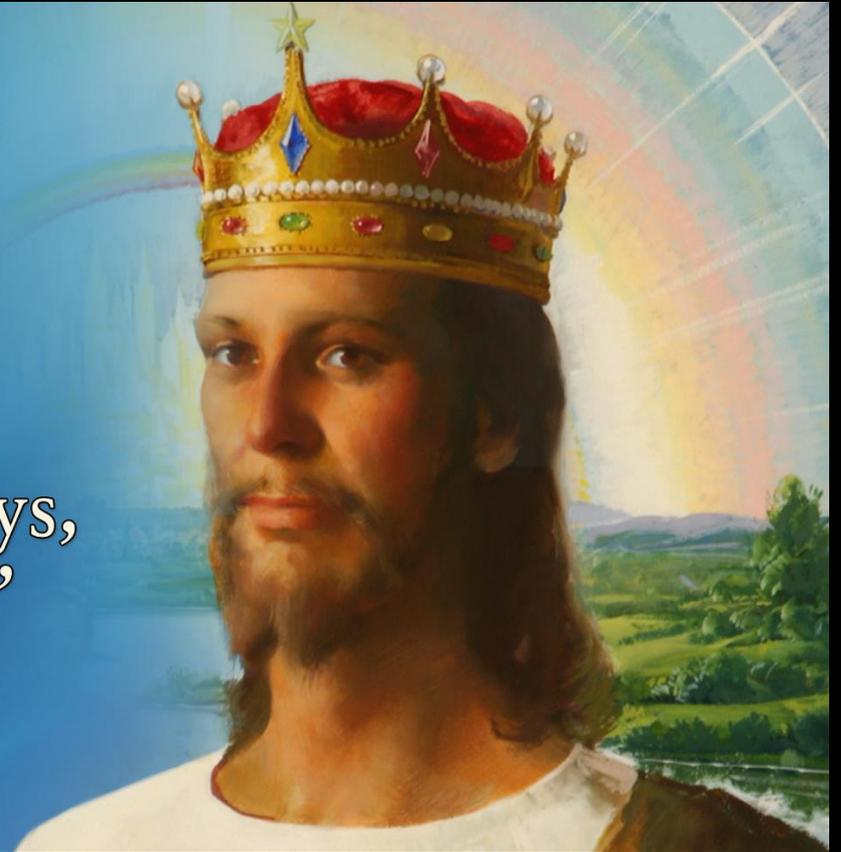






## Revelation 15:3

“Great and marvelous  
are Your works, Lord  
God Almighty! Just  
and true are Your ways,  
O King of the saints!”







## Isaiah 25:9

“Behold, this is our God;  
we have waited for Him,  
and He will save us.”





## Isaiah 25:9

This is the LORD; we  
have waited for Him;  
we will be glad and  
rejoice in His salvation.”







## 2 Corinthians 6:2

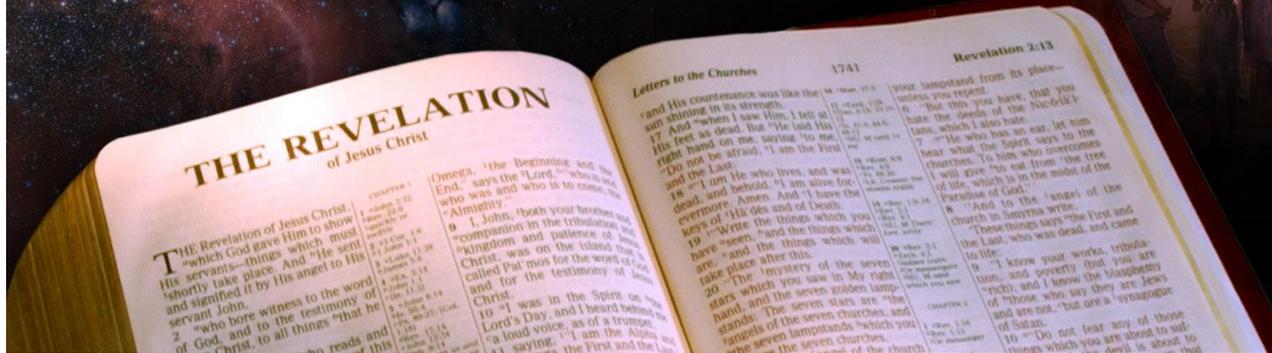
“Behold, now is  
the accepted time,  
behold now is the  
day of salvation.”



Our eternal destiny  
is being settled  
by the choices  
we make today.

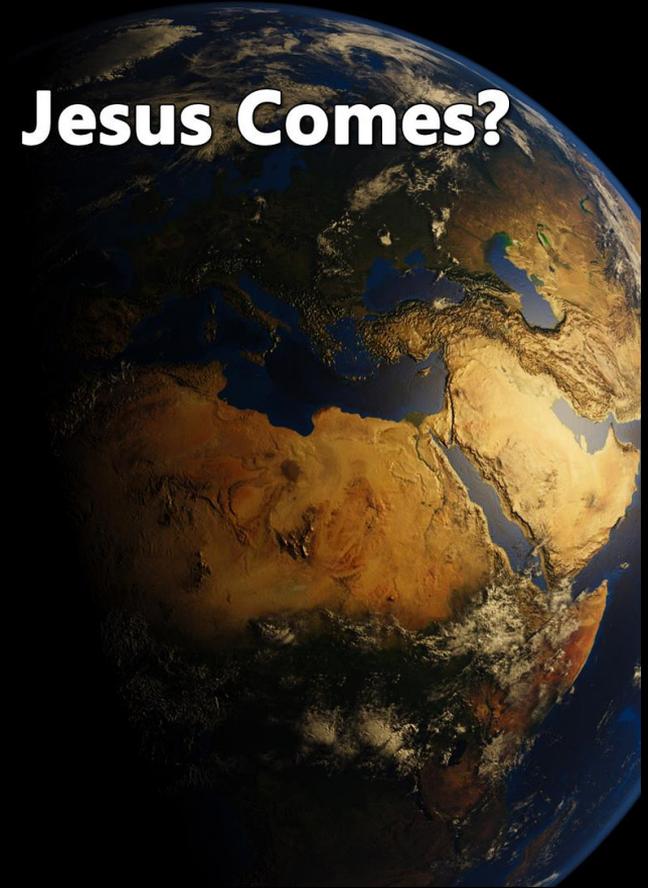


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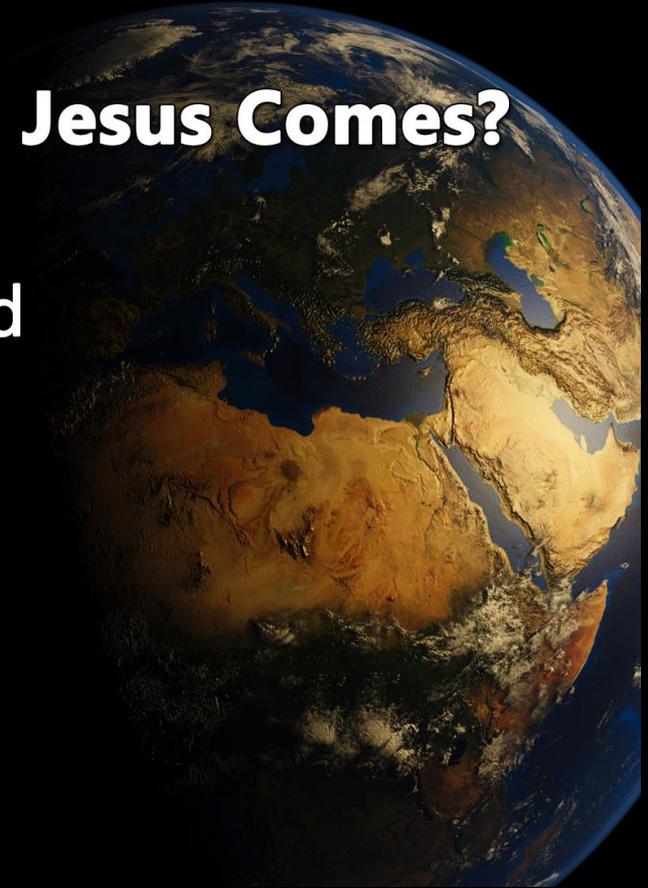
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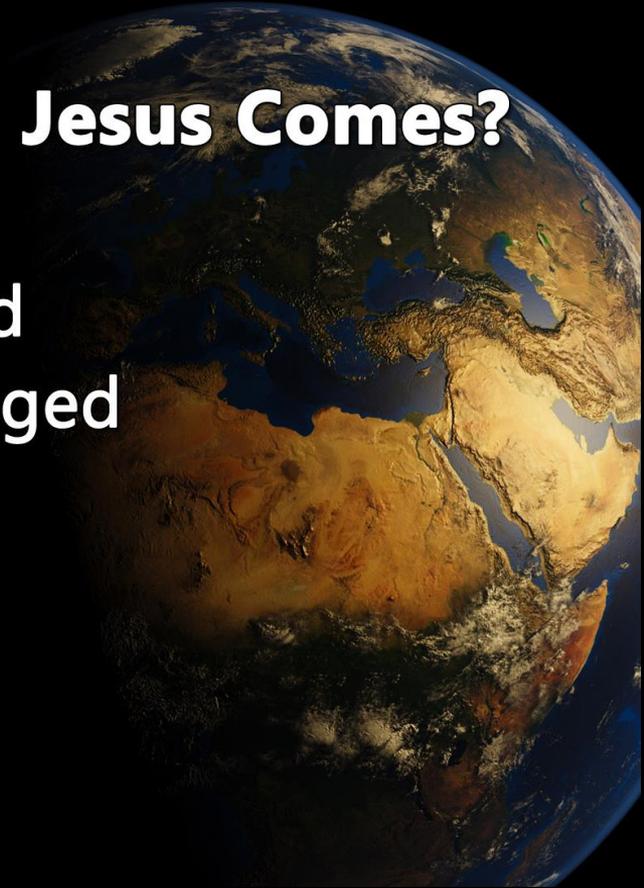
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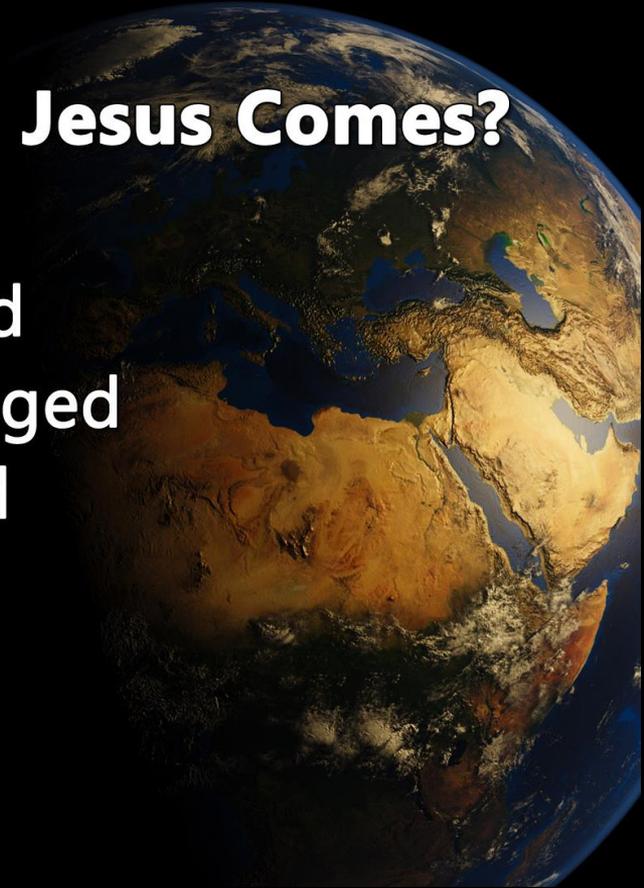
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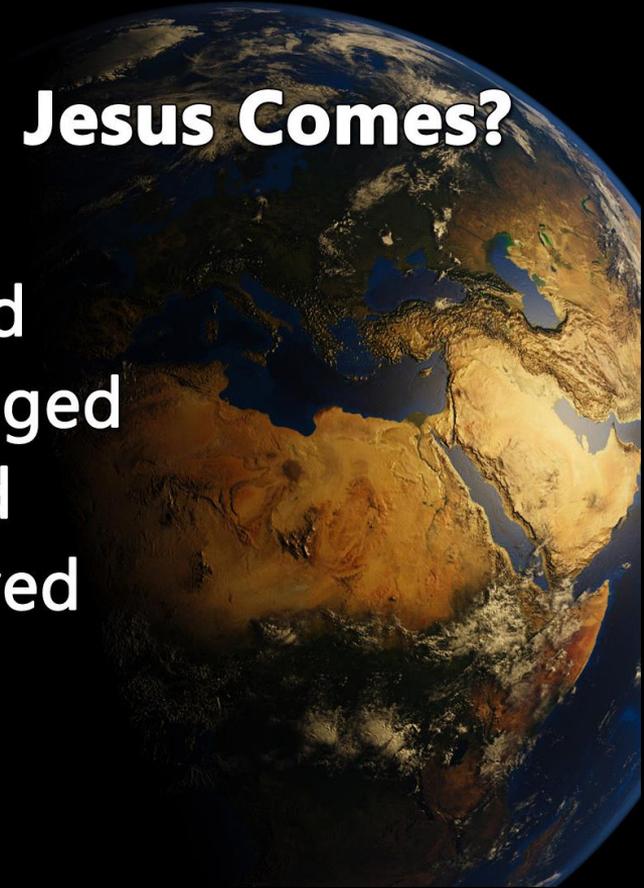
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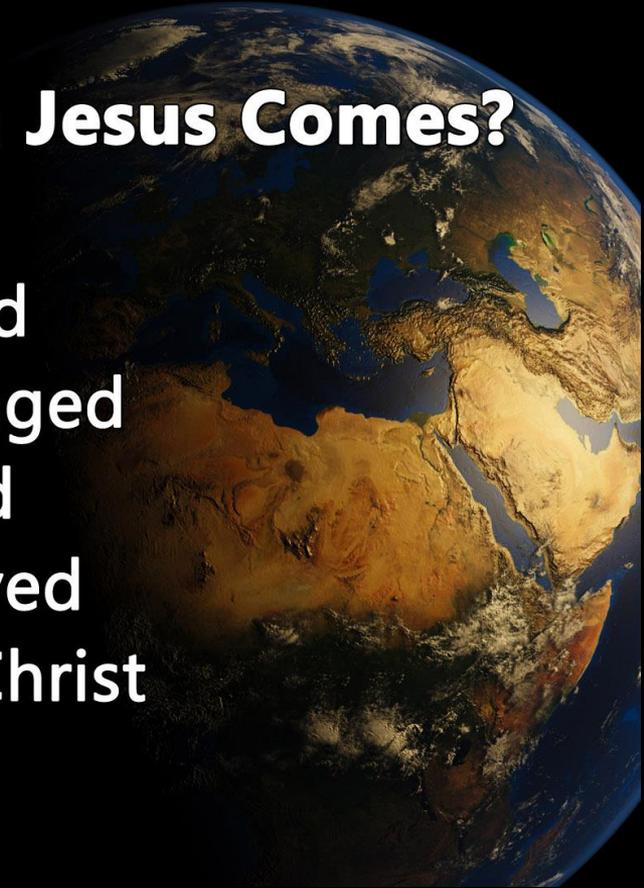
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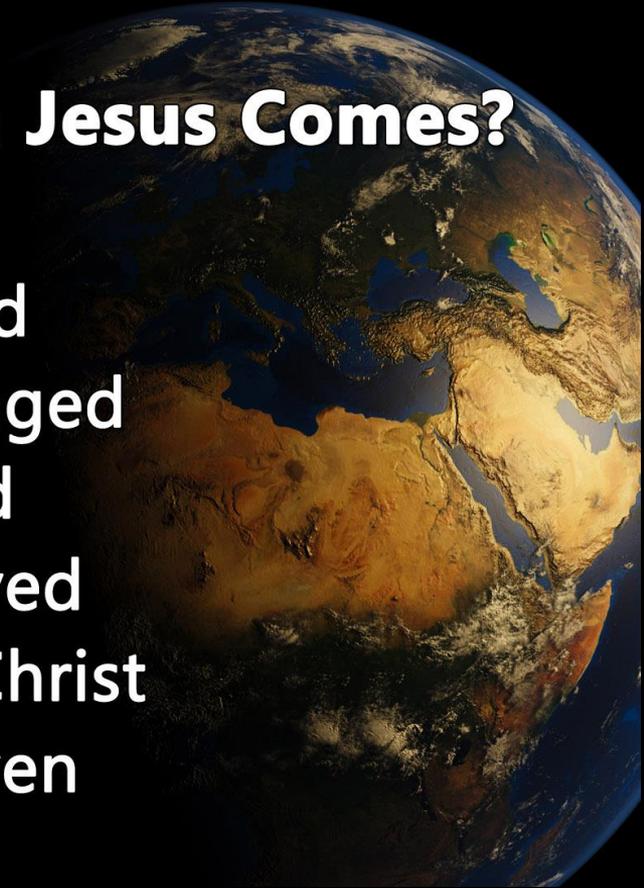
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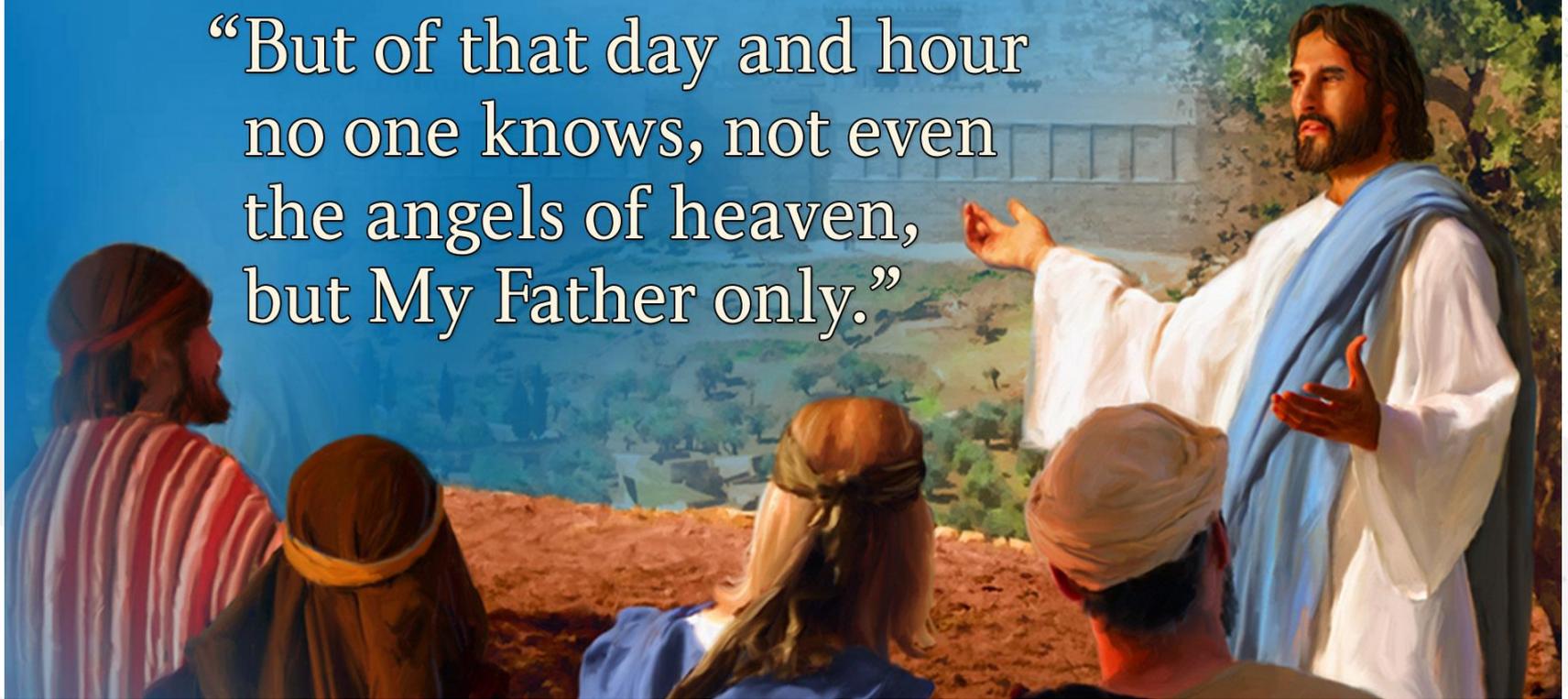
What about the  
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## Matthew 24:36

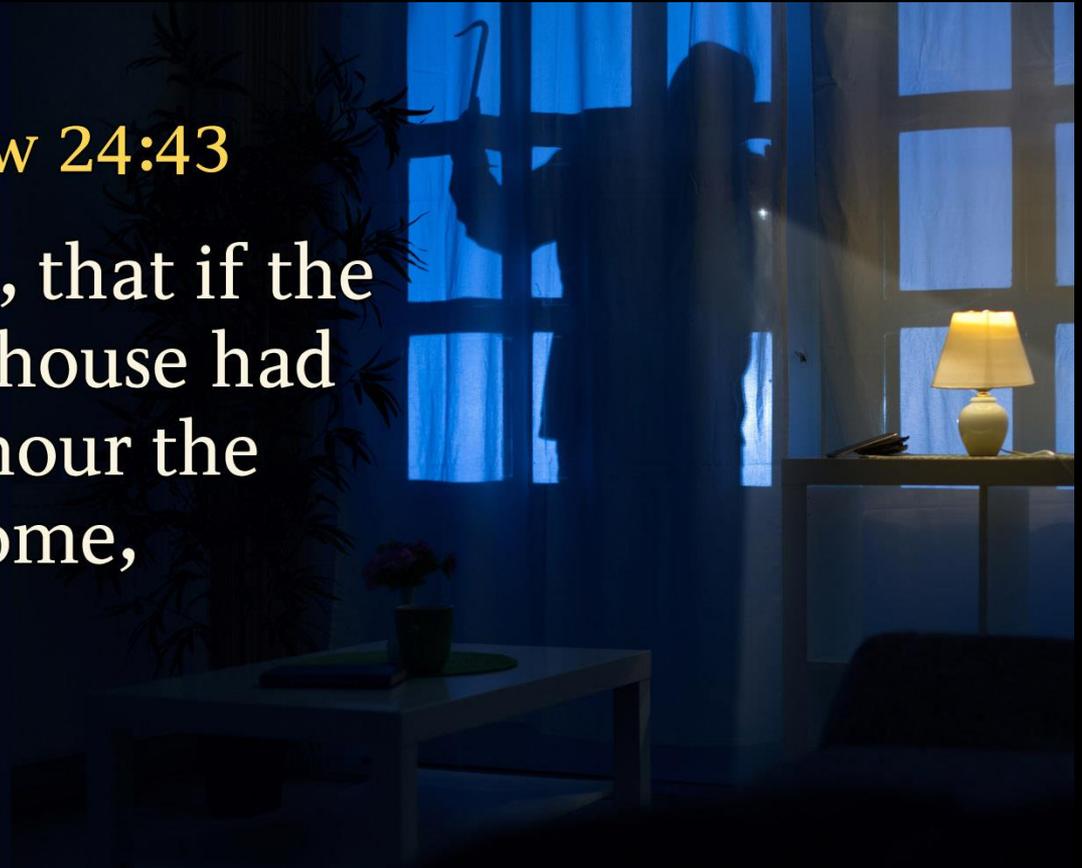
“But of that day and hour  
no one knows, not even  
the angels of heaven,  
but My Father only.”





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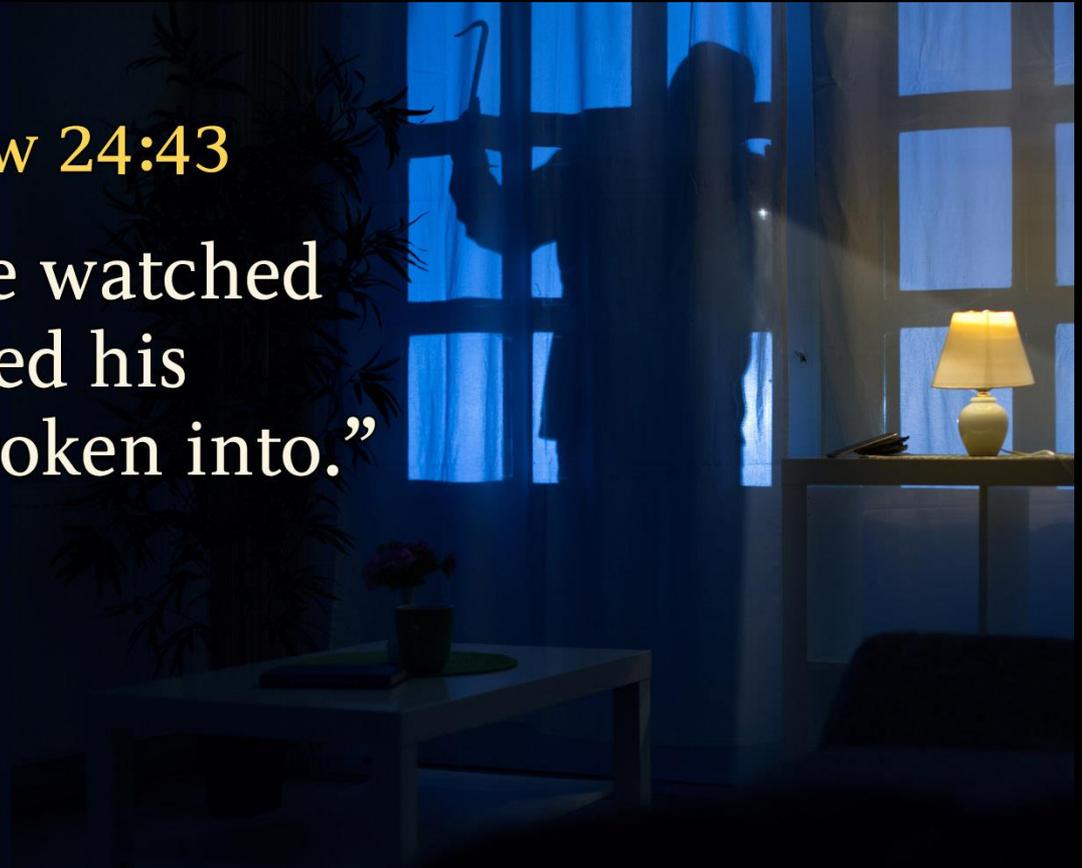
“But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come,





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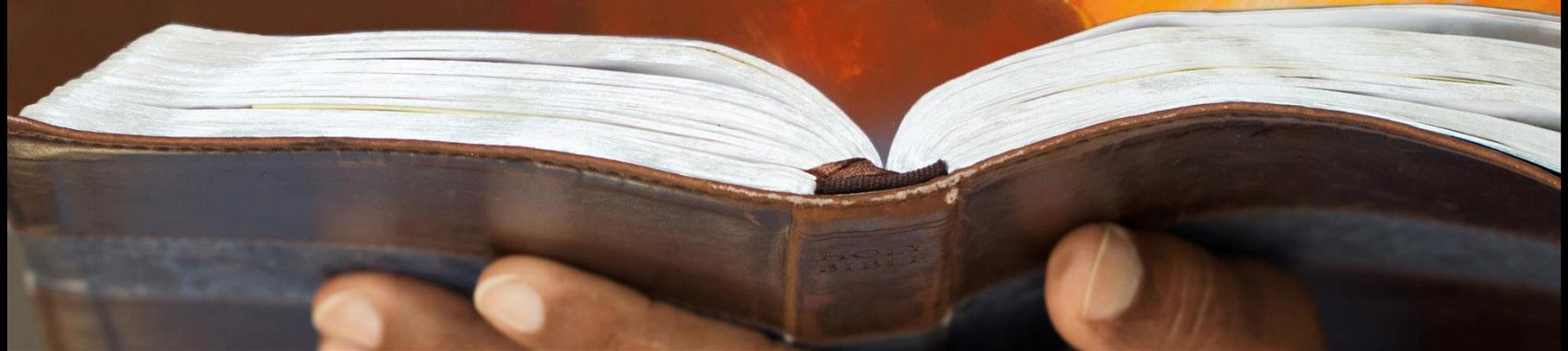
he would have watched  
and not allowed his  
house to be broken into.”



The **TIME**  
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of Christ's coming



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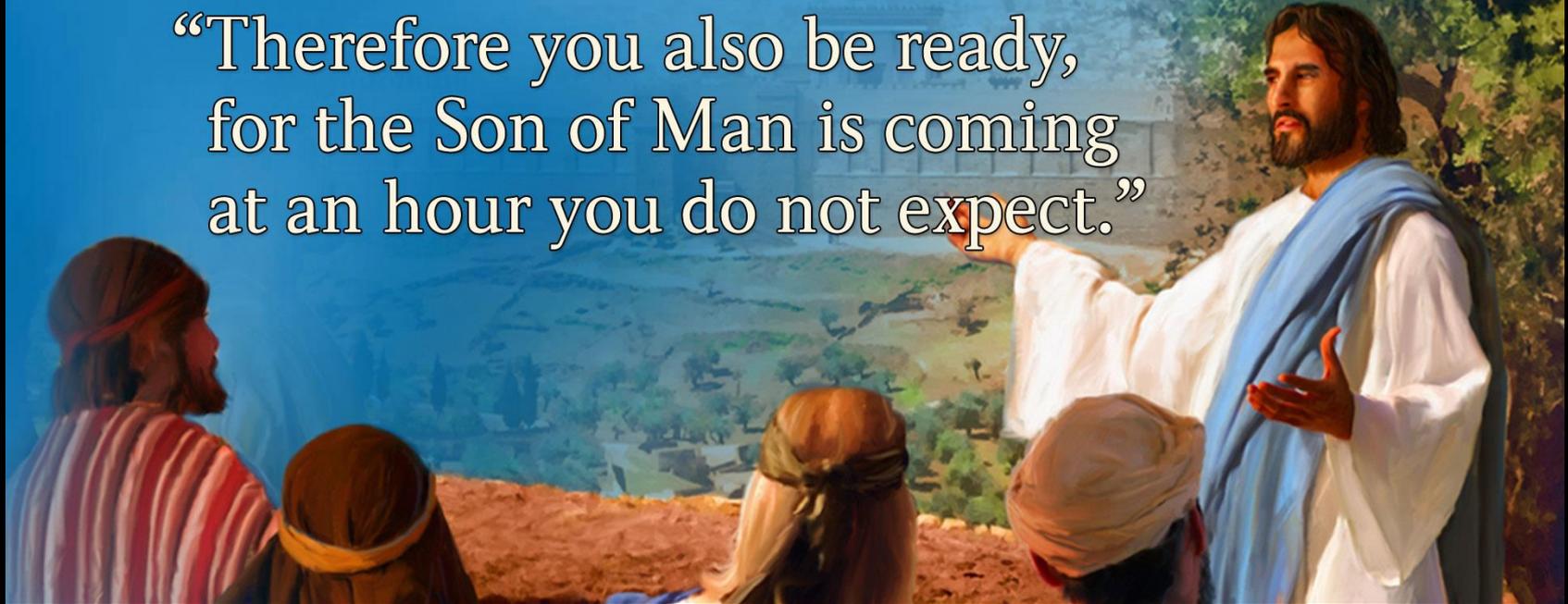






## Matthew 24:44

“Therefore you also be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming  
at an hour you do not expect.”





## 2 Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise,



## 2 Peter 3:10

and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”

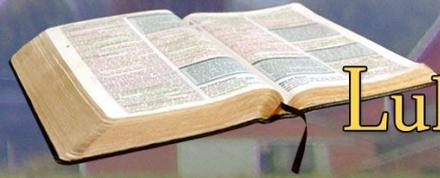


The Second Coming  
is a surprise to the  
**unprepared!**



What about the expression  
"One taken and the other left?"





Luke 17:36

“Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”





Luke 17:26

“As it was in the days of Noah...”





Luke 17:28

“Likewise as it was  
also in the days of  
Lot...”





**Two Classes**

—One saved

—One lost



## Revelation 6:15-17

“And the kings of the earth,  
the great men, the rich men,  
the commanders, the mighty  
men, every slave and every  
free man,





## Revelation 6:15-17

hid themselves in the caves  
and in the rocks of the  
mountains, and said to the  
mountains and rocks,





## Revelation 6:15-17

‘Fall on us and hide us from  
the face of Him who sits on  
the throne and from the  
wrath of the Lamb!





## Revelation 6:15-17

For the great day of His  
wrath has come, and who is  
able to stand?””



There is NO  
second opportunity.

The time to get serious  
about your salvation  
is NOW.





Christ's coming  
will be a  
**LITERAL,**  
**VISIBLE,**  
**AUDIBLE,**  
**GLORIOUS,**  
**CLIMACTIC,** and  
**JOYOUS** event!



John 14:2, 3

“I go to prepare a place  
for you. And if I go and  
prepare a place for you,







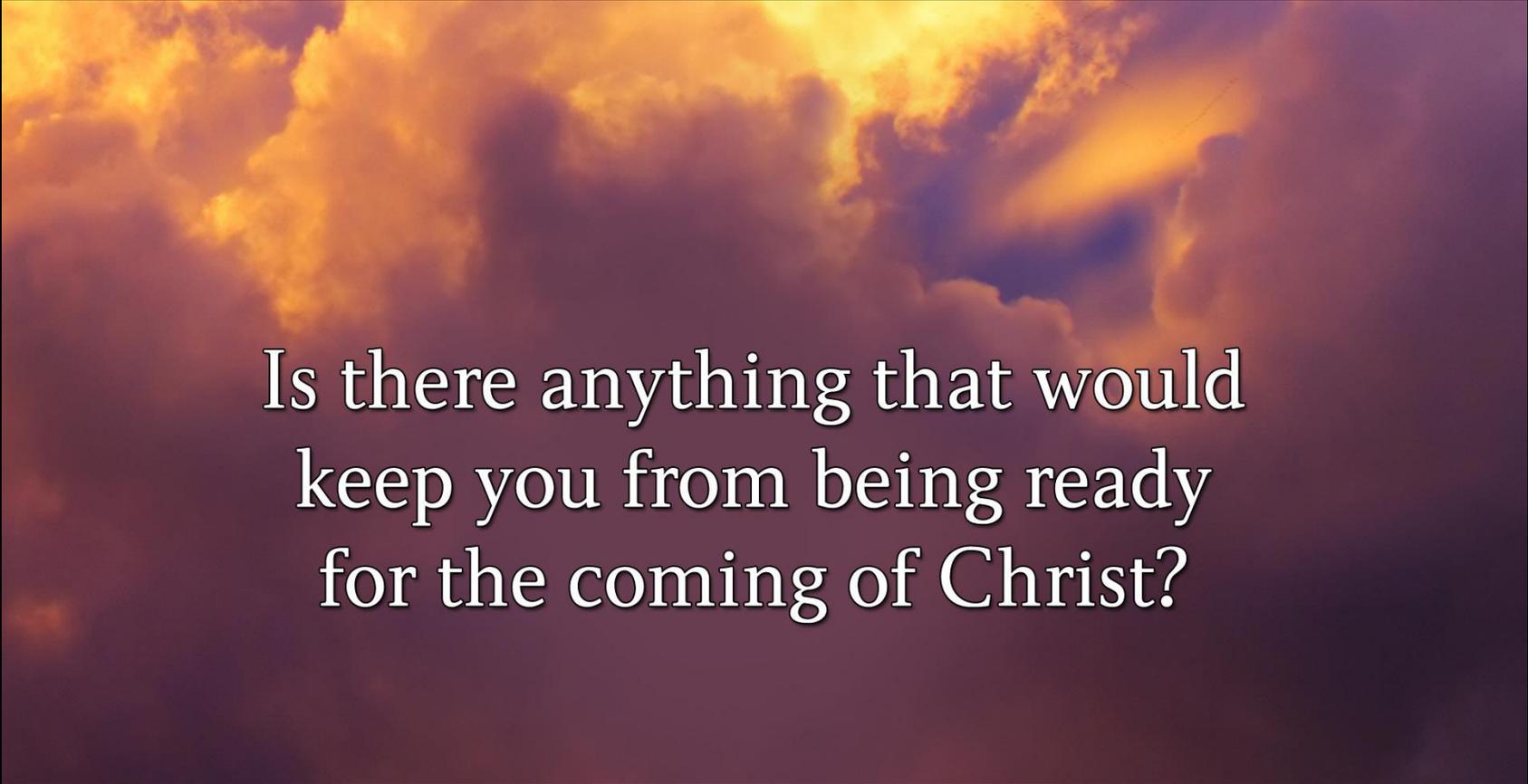
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I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

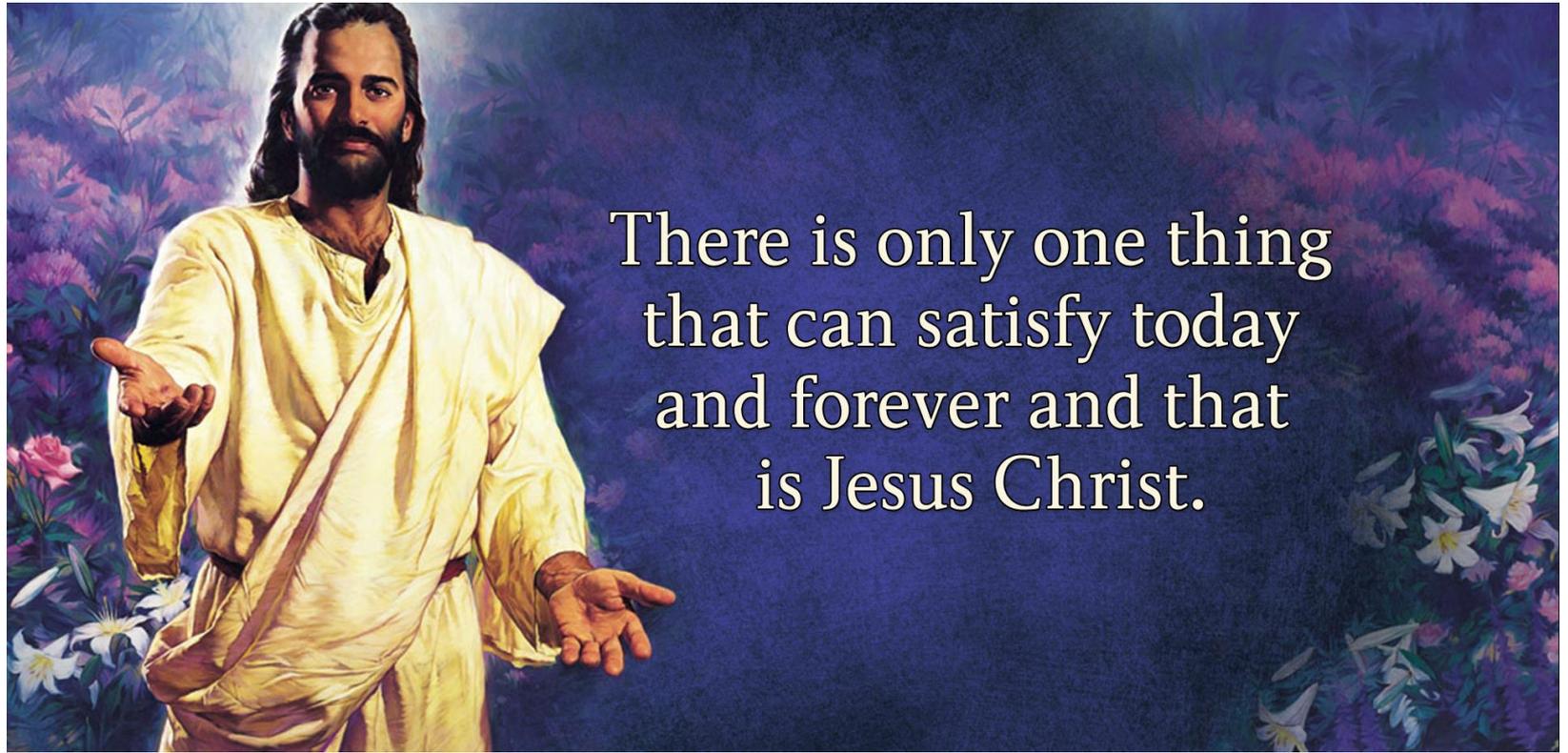


PROMISE





Is there anything that would  
keep you from being ready  
for the coming of Christ?



There is only one thing  
that can satisfy today  
and forever and that  
is Jesus Christ.



Tomorrow's topic:

# Forever Burning Hell?

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