

A woman in a white, long-sleeved dress with a gold belt stands in a lush, golden-hued landscape. She is reaching up towards a large, leafy tree that is heavily laden with ripe, orange-red fruit. The background shows a bright, hazy sky and a body of water in the distance. The overall scene is warm and vibrant, with a strong golden light.

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The River of Life

The Tree of Life

Behold I am coming quickly!

Bo Adonai Yeshua!

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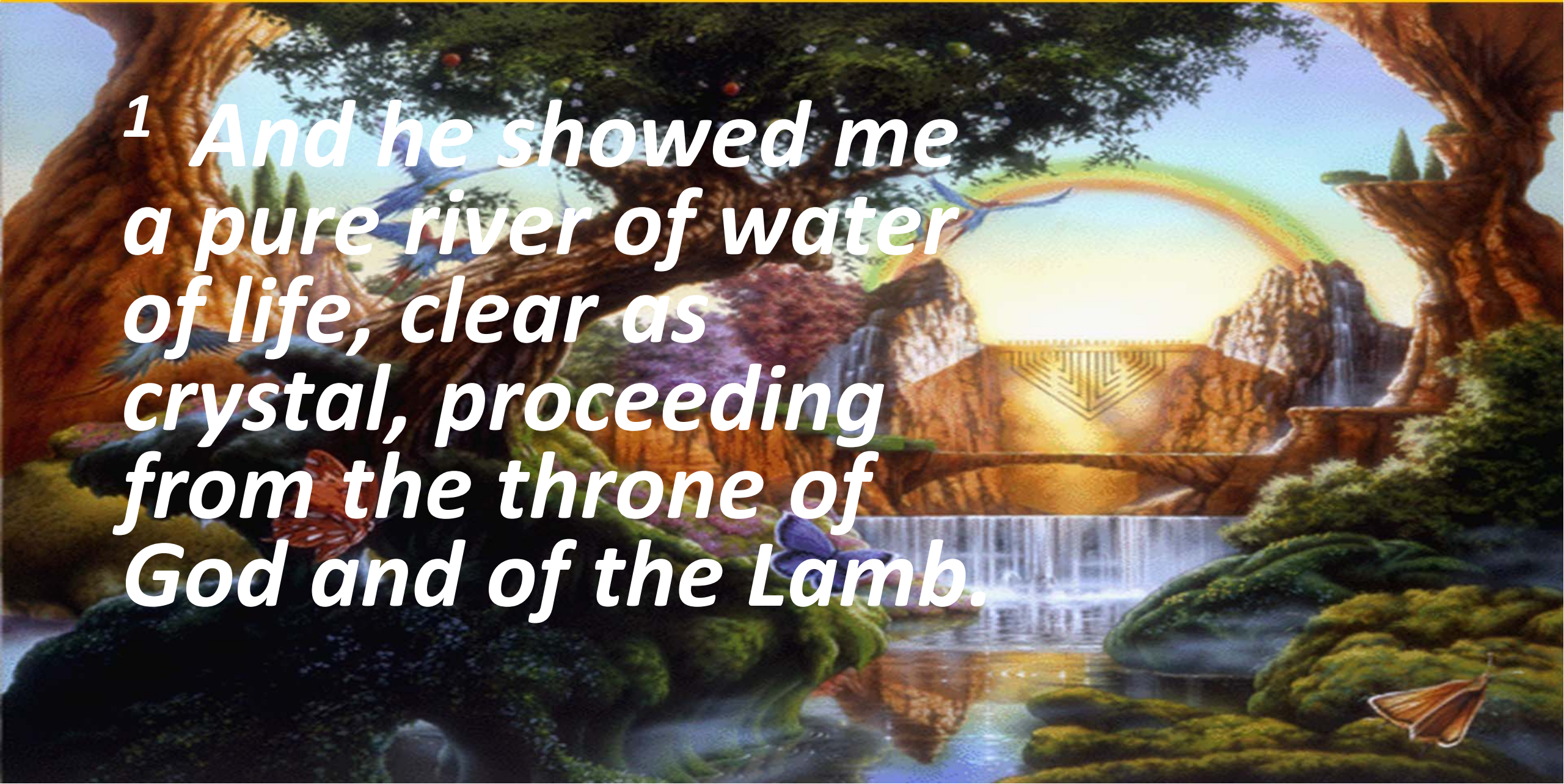
"All the glorious purposes of God, ordained from the foundation of the world, have now been attained. The rebellion of angels and mankind is all and finally subdued, as the King of Kings assumes his rightful sovereignty. Absolute and unchangeable holiness characterizes all within the universal Kingdom of God. The redeemed, made so by the blood of the Lamb, are in resurrection and eternal glory. Life is everywhere - and death will never intrude again. The earth and the heavens both are renewed. Light, beauty, holiness, joy, the presence of God, the worship of God, service to Christ, likeness to Christ - all are now abiding realities. The vocabulary of man, made for life here, is incapable of truly and adequately depicting what God has prepared for those that love him." (COMMENTARY, Wilbur M. Smith)

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- This is the **last description** we have in scripture of what is being prepared for us for eternity.
- Chapter 21 was full of amazing pictures of light and jewels. These descriptions were of what could be seen as “**cold**” beauty. Now this chapter adds **"warmth" to the heavenly environment**.
- We are told enough to be in awe and have great hope, but not so much that it would be overwhelming. *Again, we do not have the capacity to picture or understand what will be there.*
- *And once again, we will have some “timing” issues...*

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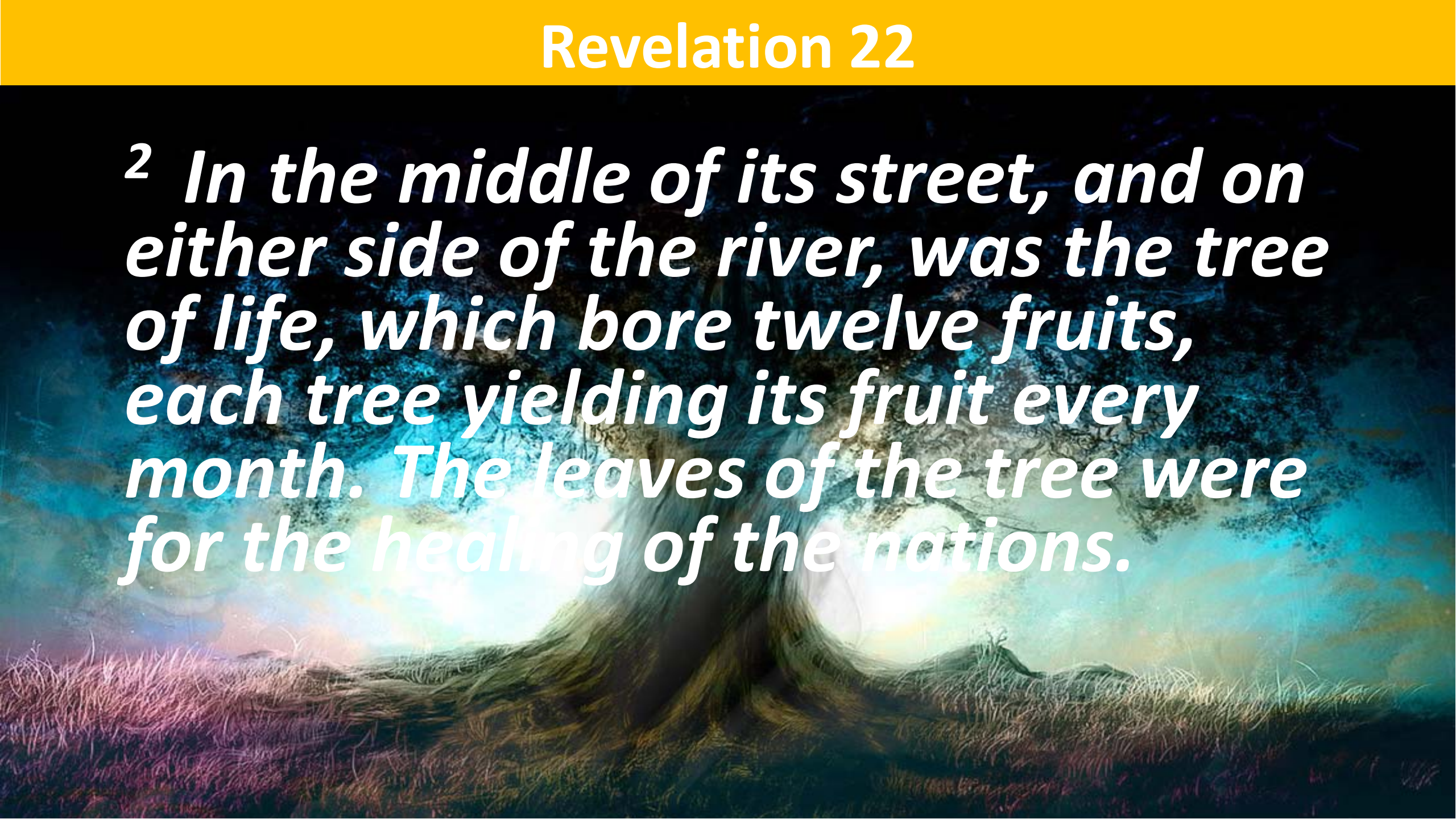


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- Again we see the *"pure river of water of life"* that was presented last chapter. Now we have more detail. This is essentially a continuation of the previous chapter.
- In the Middle East **water IS life**. Reference Ezekiel 47. We are also reminded of a verse in Psalm 46:4 *"There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High."* (ESV)

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2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A painting of a large, gnarled tree with a glowing light source behind it, set in a field of tall grass. The scene is rendered in a painterly style with vibrant colors, primarily blues, greens, and yellows, creating a mystical atmosphere. The tree's trunk is thick and textured, with its branches spreading out. The background is a mix of dark and light tones, suggesting a sky or a distant horizon. The foreground is filled with tall, golden-brown grasses. The overall composition is centered around the tree, which is the focal point of the image.

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- The **Tree of Life is back!** It was once forbidden to us, but now we will freely eat of it.
- Description is difficult to understand or picture. Tree seems to be on both sides of the river, OR there are several trees. *We can only speculate here.*
- We are now **back in Eden**, the Paradise of God, with all things restored. This is truly an amazing thought and future hope!
- *“Healing of the nations”* speaks of *continual health*.

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COMMENTARY: *“As John contemplated the heavenly city, he saw the tree of life, bearing 12 crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. Interpreters have puzzled over this expression that the tree of life is on each side of the river. Some take this is as a group of trees. Others say that the river of life is narrow and that it flows on both sides of the tree. The tree of life was referred to in the Garden of Eden, where it was represented as perpetuating physical life forever. (Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat of the fruit of this tree.)*



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Earlier in Revelation (2:7) the saints were promised the “right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” While the literal and the symbolic seem to be combined in this tree, there is no reason why it could not be an actual tree with literal fruit. The practical effect would be to continue physical life forever. While the verse does not state that the fruit can be eaten, this is presumably the implication. The tree’s leaves... are for the healing of the nations. Based on this statement some have referred this situation back to the millennial times when there will be sickness and healing.



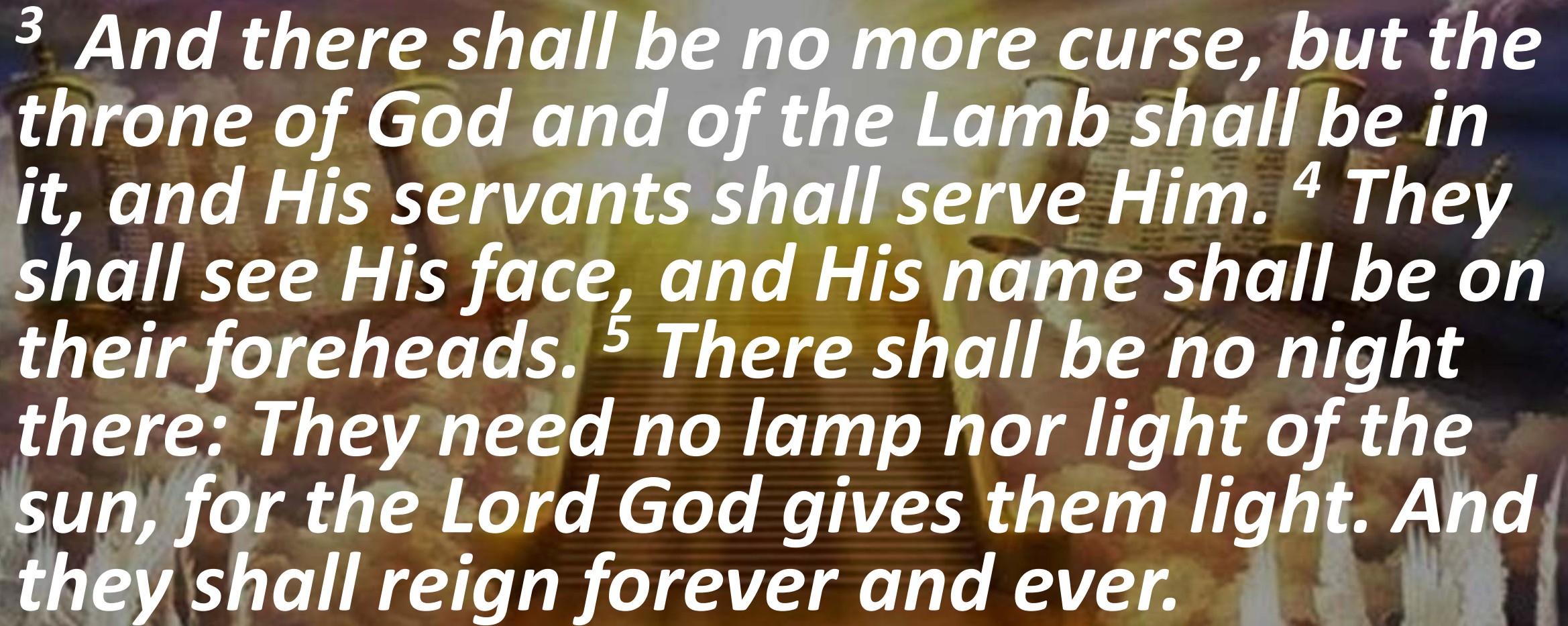
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However, another meaning seems to be indicated. The word “healing” (therapeian) can be understood as “health-giving.” The English “therapeutic” is derived from this Greek word. Even though there is no sickness in the eternal state, the tree’s fruit and leaves seem to contribute to the physical well-being of those in the eternal state.”

(Walvoord and Zuck)

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A vibrant, golden-hued illustration of a heavenly city with towers and a central throne, with figures in white robes and a central figure in a dark robe.

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- In this place there is “***...no more curse...***”, and the throne of God and the Lamb are here. Sin in the garden brought on the curse, which caused separation between God and His people. The earth groaned under this curse, as did all creation.
- Heaven and earth have been recreated and restored. **The curse is gone.**
- No separation from God, and no corruption in the creation, including us!
- We, His servants, “***...shall serve Him.***” Don't know yet how or what, but it will be wonderful.

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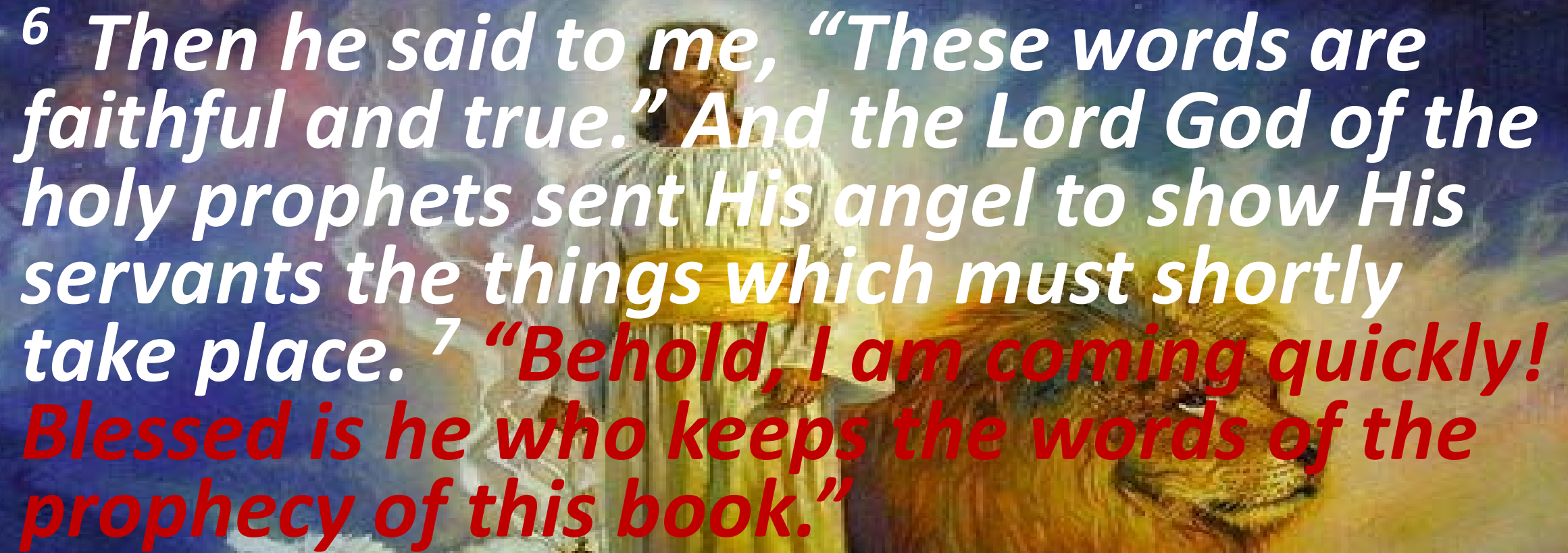
- We are told we will “*...see His face...*”! Can you imagine that? No one now can see God and live. We are can't do that in our corrupt state. But one day...! This was Moses' greatest wish.
- And whose face will this be? The only member of the “Godhead” to appear in the flesh. **This will be the face of our Messiah, Yeshua!**
- “*...His name shall be on their foreheads.*” Implies ownership. We belong to Him completely. He paid the price. In contrast to mark of the beast in chapter 13.

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- **“No night”** implies no darkness whatsoever. We won't need any other lights. Interesting to note the two "lights" in verse 5 are actually *two different words in Greek*. The first means light, bright and pure. The second one implies "warmth" - gleaming and blazing.
- We will **"reign"** with Him - we don't know over what/who or how yet. It may imply our position as a "kingdom of priests," or that we will "live like kings" but either way we will be raised higher than angels. *Reigning implies position and action.*

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6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

An illustration of an angel with large, feathered wings and a sword, standing in the center. To the left is a lamb, and to the right is a lion. The background is a dark, textured blue and purple.

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- John is told all the words he has heard and things he has seen are ***"faithful and true..."*** An assurance of the "bankability" of this book. ***Count on it!***
- **"Shortly" here does not mean soon.** Usually means *suddenly, or "in haste."* When it begins, it will be sudden and will transpire quickly until completed.
- ***"I am coming quickly"*** has same meaning. Not soon as we define it, but suddenly, without delay.

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- Verse 7 contains the words of Jesus. One of 7 blessings in Revelation: ***"Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."***
- How do we "keep" the words of this amazing book? *Keep* generally means **"to guard as a treasure."** It is something we live by, with singular focus.
- What is presented in this book is a **guarantee of our future**. It should govern who we are, and all we do. We should live our lives by these words.

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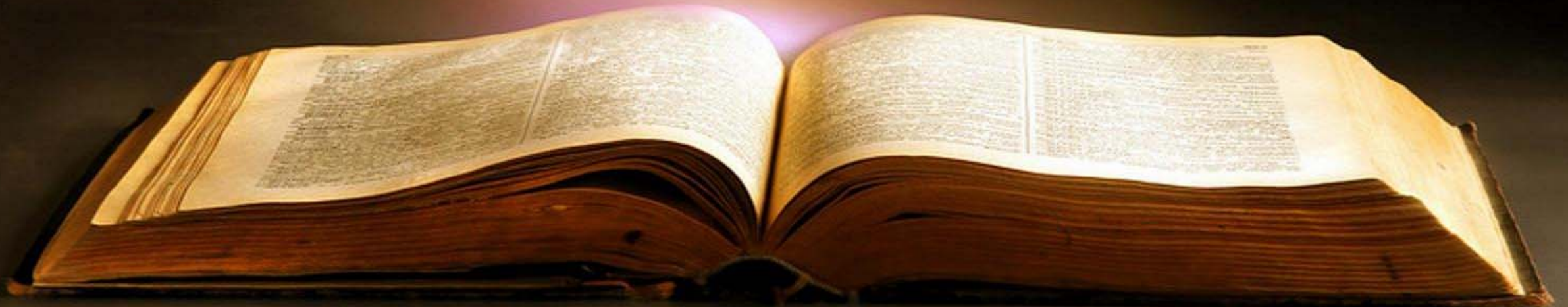
- After Jesus speaks, John is overwhelmed again. He forgets himself for the moment and falls to worship at the feet of the angel speaking to him.
- The angel **immediately forbids** him to do that, and "scolded" him with the words "worship God!"
- **2nd time John does this. (19:10)** A reminder that we do NOT worship angels or anything/anyone other than God. Timely today, as people have become more and more fascinated with "angels" and some have even worshipped them.

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- Angel says he is a *"fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book."*
- This can either mean that the angels keep God's Word and are in the same company as God's prophets, or it can mean that the use of the word "angel" here is its literal meaning "messenger" (*not a winged creature as we are used to thinking*)
- This could even be one of the elders if we interpret it that way.

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10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.



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- John is told NOT to seal up this book. Interesting, as Daniel WAS told to "shut up" much of his vision which also pertained to the end of time.
- It may be because Daniel's vision occurred prior to the Messiah's first coming, and John's is after. God is opening up Daniel's vision for us to understand *now*.
- ***“For the time is at hand...”*** Since Yeshua’s sacrifice and resurrection, the ***time has been at hand*** for His coming again, this side of the cross.

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- The only thing “sealed” and not revealed in this book are the words spoken by the voice of the seven thunders in chapter 10.
- God has given us what we need to know. Everything else would only be confusing and incomprehensible in this time.

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11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”



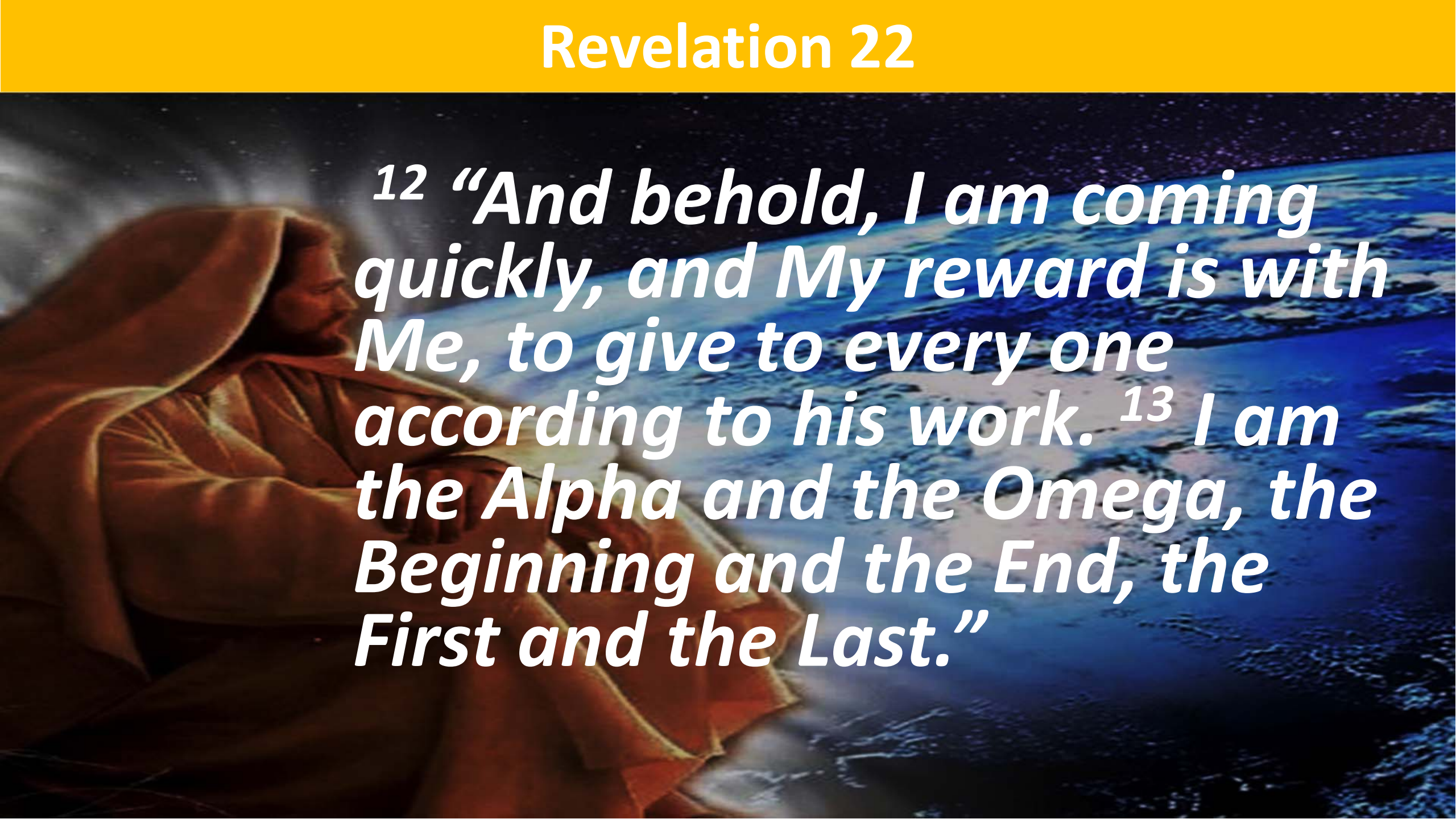
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- Verse seems a little strange. However, literally means the **unrighteous will become increasing more unrighteous, and that those who pursue God should continue to do so until the end.**
- Also implies that if this book is rejected, there is **no other option**, just go ahead as you are at this point. It won't matter. It will be too late.
- Intention is to relate the suddenness of this event, and not to get caught on the outside of God.

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- Correlates to Ezekiel 3:27 – *“But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.”*
- World is **divided into only 2 groups of people**:
 - 1) The **righteous** – those who hear and obey, and are made righteous by the blood of Jesus; and
 - 2) The **unrighteous** (unjust, unjustified) – those who hear and *disregard, do not obey*, and are thus not covered by the blood, and not saved.

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- **"I am coming quickly"** is repeated 3X in this chapter. Do we get the point? Don't dally, don't procrastinate...get right with God today!
(Remember, "quickly" here means "suddenly.")
- The word **"behold"** is used **30 times** in this chapter. This word is used throughout scripture as a means to capture attention. In other words, pay attention, something important is coming, you need to know this! Indeed, we need to know what is contained in this book, and we need to know to be ready.

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- Yeshua says His reward is with Him, "***...to give to everyone according to his work.***" Not told a great deal about this, but most likely refers to the BEMA or "judgment seat" of the Messiah.
(2 Corinthians 5:10)
- We will have to give account to Jesus for what we did with what was given to us. This is not the judgment for salvation, but the judgment for rewards.

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- He restates His position and authority 3X in “...*Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last.*”
- He is the **Alef Tav** seen throughout scripture, the key to understanding God’s plan.
- He is **EVERYTHING**, and **EVERYTHING** is in Him. It all began with Him, it is sustained by Him, it will continue in Him.
- These titles also verification of the extreme importance and authentic authorship of this book.



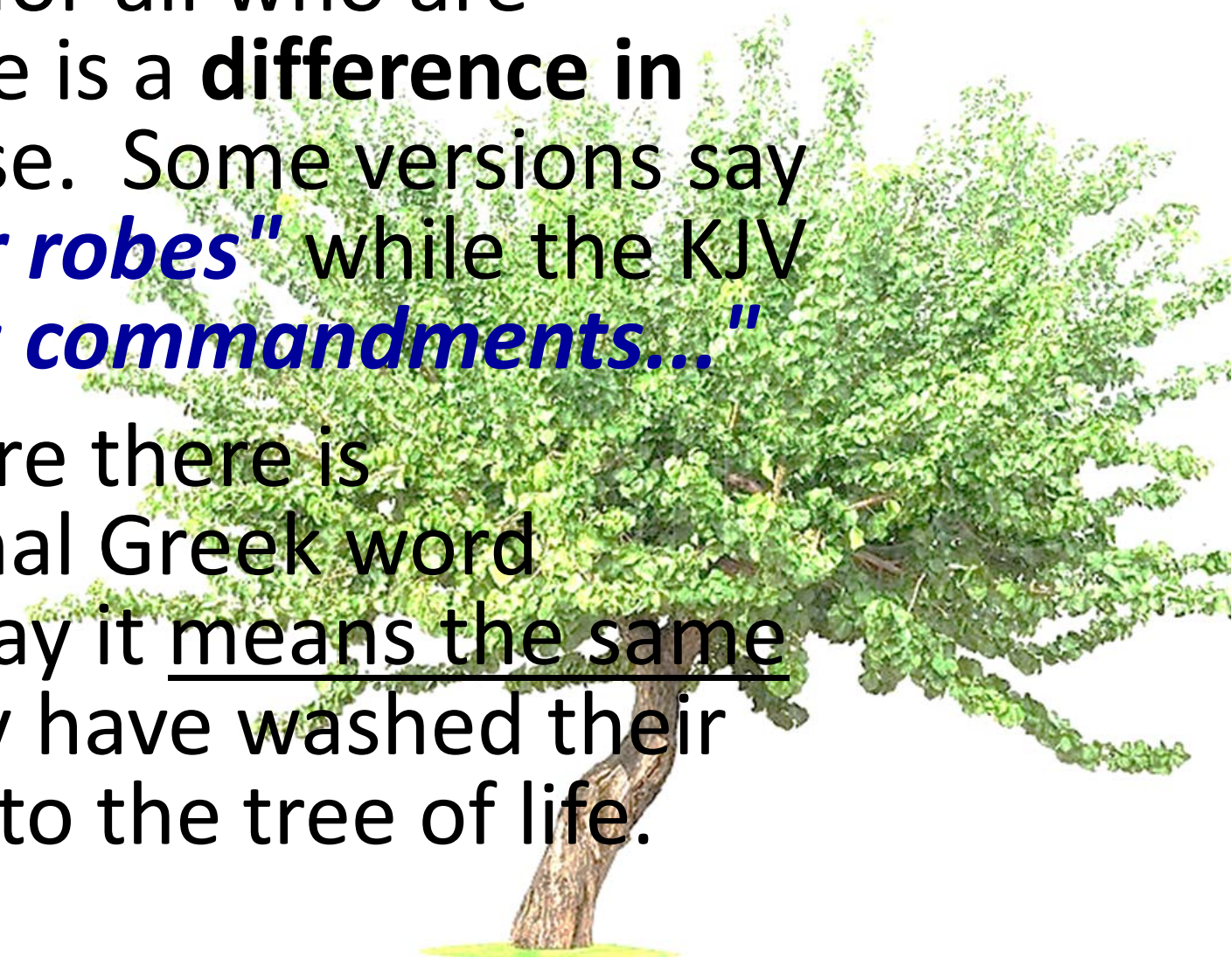
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- Another blessing here for all who are obedient to Him. There is a **difference in translation** on this verse. Some versions say ***"those who wash their robes"*** while the KJV says ***"those who do his commandments..."***
- One of few places where there is disagreement on original Greek word structure, but either way it means the same thing. Those who obey have washed their robes and have a right to the tree of life.



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- Again told what will NOT be inside the gates of this holy city. May not mean they will literally be “just” outside the city. Implies the **unrepentant will NOT gain entrance to the presence of God or His saints.**
- Speaks to **“heart” condition of people.** Love God or don’t love Him. Obey Him or don’t obey Him. Be with Him, or outside of Him forever.
- Remember chart from last chapter of what will be and what will NOT be in this place. Can **add the unrepentant ones** listed to *who will NOT be there.*

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- OK, I know you are wondering about the word “dogs.” **Does this mean no dogs in heaven?** Of course not!!!! The Greek word is *kuon*, which is either literal or *figurative* for hound, or dog.



This commentary might help...

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COMMENTARY: *“Dogs” come off rather badly in Scripture. This perhaps does not mean that there will be no dogs in heaven, but because dogs were scavengers in the ancient world they were considered unclean and impure. Also, “dogs” was the designation for Gentiles (Matthew 15) and Paul's label for Judaizers (“Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers,...” [Philippians 3:2]). (McGee)*

(Neither of these references means literal “dog” [hound] but a scavenger, and/or evil person....)

Actually some dogs I like better than people!



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16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

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- Jesus verifies His authorship of these words and this plan, and tells John to testify them to the churches.
- First time this word (“churches”) is mentioned again since it appeared in chapters 2 and 3, *another indicator possibly that the church is not present during the Tribulation*

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- Also provides two more titles for Himself: **Root and the offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.** He is the promised Anointed One, the Son of David. The morning star is the one that signals approaching dawn. These are OT titles claimed by the Messiah, by Yeshua. Jews would have recognized them as such.
- Verse 17 implies an **urgency for all to hear.** We are to pray and long for His coming.
- Two groups say "Come!" here: The Spirit and the Bride (Church), and **anyone who hears.**

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- **“Anyone who hears”** should ask Jesus to come into his or her heart (Revelation 3:20). He also appeals to those who "thirst" (seeking God) to drink the water of life. It is a choice. (*“whoever desires”*) We must remember this is a free gift, offered to us freely. *The only thing we can add is our belief.*
- This entire statement underscores the urgency of understanding the consequences of unbelief, and beautiful free gift offered....**now**. As Paul said, ***“today if the day of salvation.”*** (2 Corinthians 6:2)

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- **Yeshua slaps a big warning label on this book!** Indicates extreme importance God places on the message in this book.
- Cannot dismiss it by saying it is all symbolic. God's Word will be perfectly and literally fulfilled.
- He warns anyone who tampers with it, and that includes false interpretation. Unbelief causes distortion of God's Word and this is a **solemn warning** of the sacred nature of it.



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All of Revelation, and the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation, is His **invitation to salvation**, and His consequences for living a life that opposes Him. The book, and the warning, must be taken seriously.

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- Jesus concludes this book (the entire Bible!) by repeating that He is coming suddenly and John aptly answers, ***"Amen" (so be it!). Even so, come Lord Jesus!"***
- This should be the heart cry of every believer.

This is why we say...

**"Baruch haba B'Shem Adonai!
Bo, Adonai Yeshua!"**

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(An excerpt of a commentary by Joseph Seiss in his book “The Apocalypse” [circa 1900])

If we are interested in the story of the manger and the cross; if we can draw strength for our prayers and hopes by invoking Christ by the mystery of his incarnation, fasting, temptation, agony, and bloody sweat; if we find it such a precious treasure to our souls to come into undoubting sympathy with the scenes of his humiliation and grief; ...

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...what should be our appreciation of this book, which treats of the fruits of those sufferings, and tells only of that wronged Saviour's glory and triumphs, and shows us our Lord enthroned in majesty, riding prosperously, and scattering to his ransomed ones the crowns and regencies of empire which shall never perish, and celestial blessednesses without number and above all thought!

Baruch

BLESSED HABA IS HE WHO COMES

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IN THE NAME

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Adonai!

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THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH IS COMING!



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