

A red-tinted image of the Earth from space, showing clouds and continents. A large, semi-transparent white letter 'A' is overlaid on the left side of the image. The text 'THE LAST DAYS' is written across the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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The Rapture



ARE YOU
RAPTURE READY?

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What you believe is key to how you live your life and how you prepare for what's ahead. If you believe that a earthquake is coming you would prepare differently than if you did not believe one is coming.

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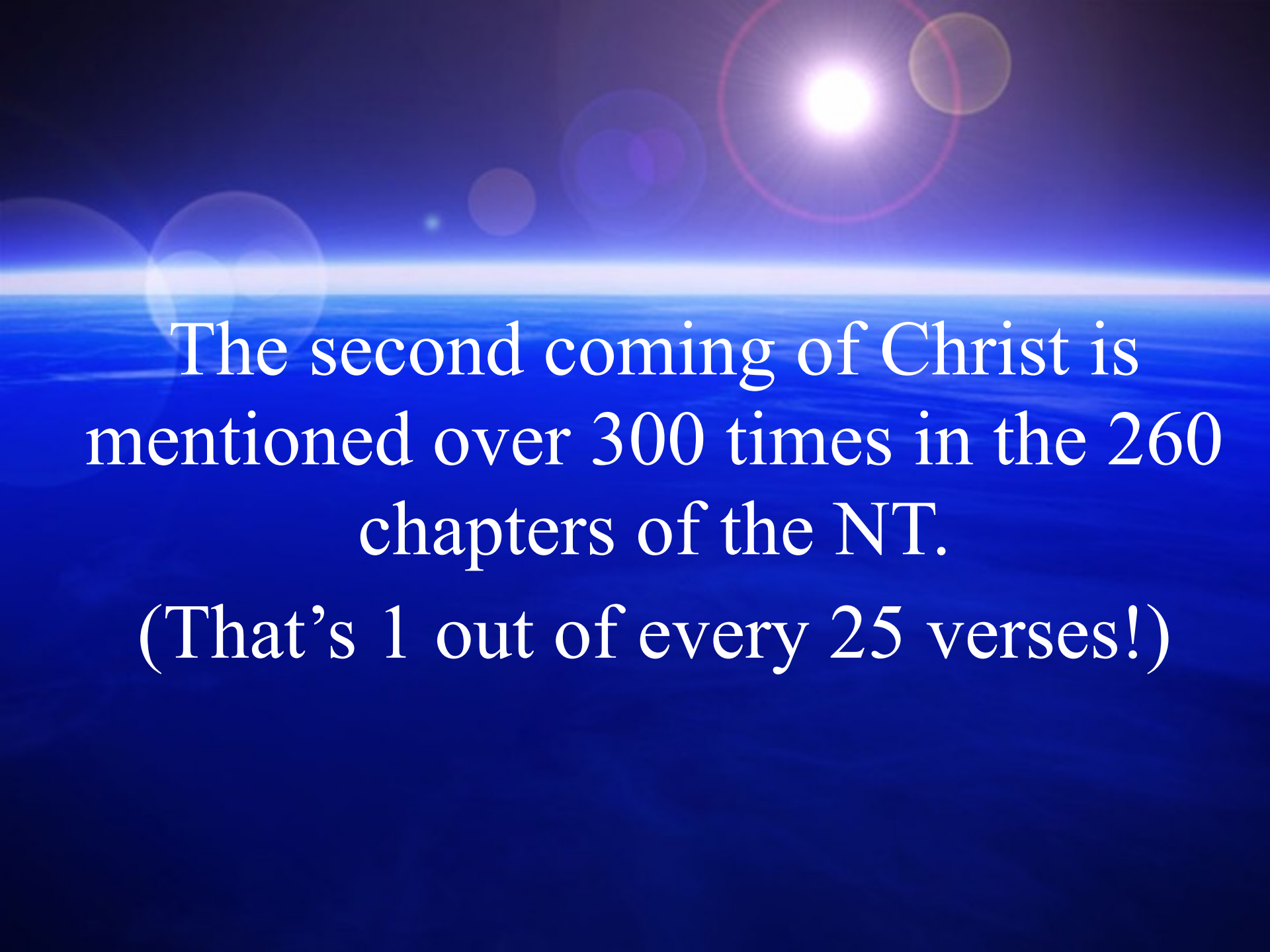
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Why dose it matter?

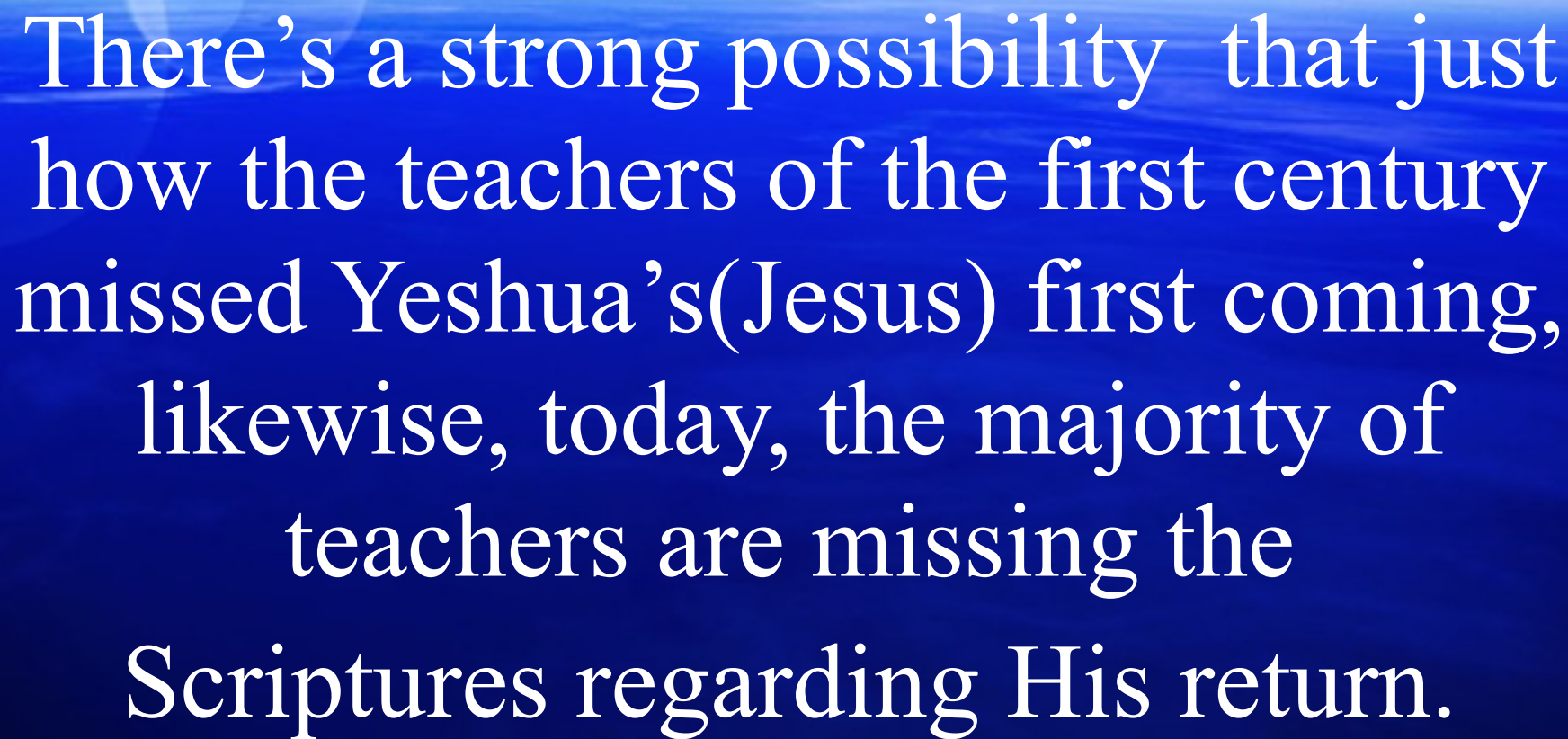
Because we are to rightly divide the
Word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 (AKJV)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto
God, a workman that needeth not to be
ashamed, rightly dividing the word of
truth.



The second coming of Christ is mentioned over 300 times in the 260 chapters of the NT.
(That's 1 out of every 25 verses!)



There's a strong possibility that just
how the teachers of the first century
missed Yeshua's(Jesus) first coming,
likewise, today, the majority of
teachers are missing the
Scriptures regarding His return.



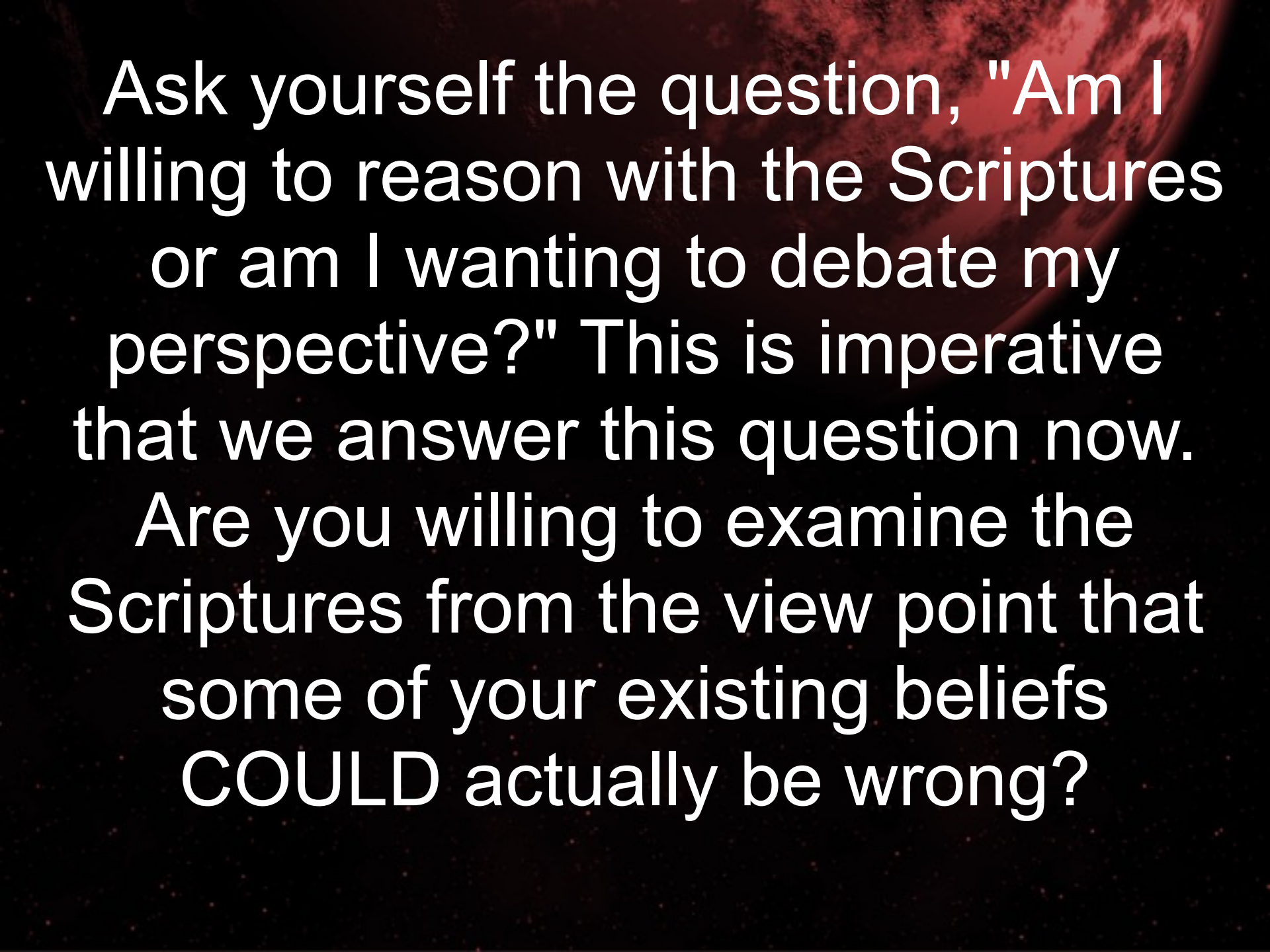
**End of Days: Testing
the
Pre-Trib Rapture**

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Isaiah 1:18(AKJV)

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD (Yahweh): though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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Ask yourself the question, "Am I willing to reason with the Scriptures or am I wanting to debate my perspective?" This is imperative that we answer this question now.

Are you willing to examine the Scriptures from the view point that some of your existing beliefs **COULD** actually be wrong?

Harmony of the Scriptures

This is a must. If you hold to a teaching or a belief that does not line up with ALL

Scripture, then you need to seriously reconsider that view. Scripture interprets Scripture. An interpretation of a Scripture is not to interpret another Scripture. One more time. We believe that Scripture interprets Scripture. We do not believe that an interpretation of a Scripture is to interpret another Scripture.

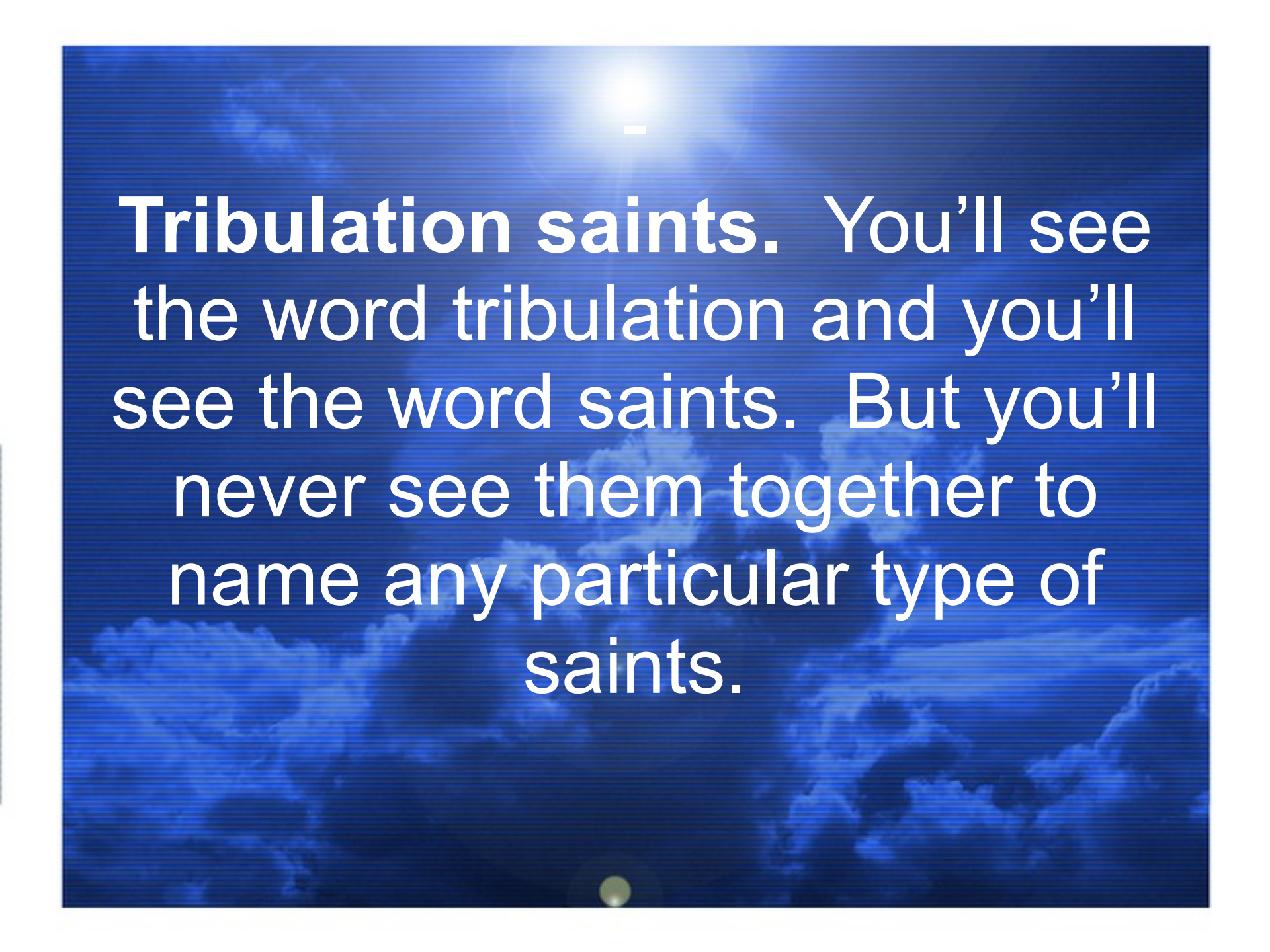
Terminology

Terminology that one uses must be Scriptural. This is something that is lacking with many believers today. We need to do our best in keeping with terms that are found in the Scriptures. What can develop is error. At the very least, misunderstanding will creep in over time.

The word **Rapture** does not exist in the Scriptures. Should we use it? Many would say “Well, you know that it means the same thing.” We understand where you are coming from. But is it in the Scriptures? If we are trying to be a “New Testament church,” shouldn’t we be using New Testament terms?

**Other phrases you will not see
in the Scriptures are:**

-Church age. You'll see the word church and you'll see the word age. But you'll never see them together to name a particular age.




Tribulation saints. You'll see the word tribulation and you'll see the word saints. But you'll never see them together to name any particular type of saints.

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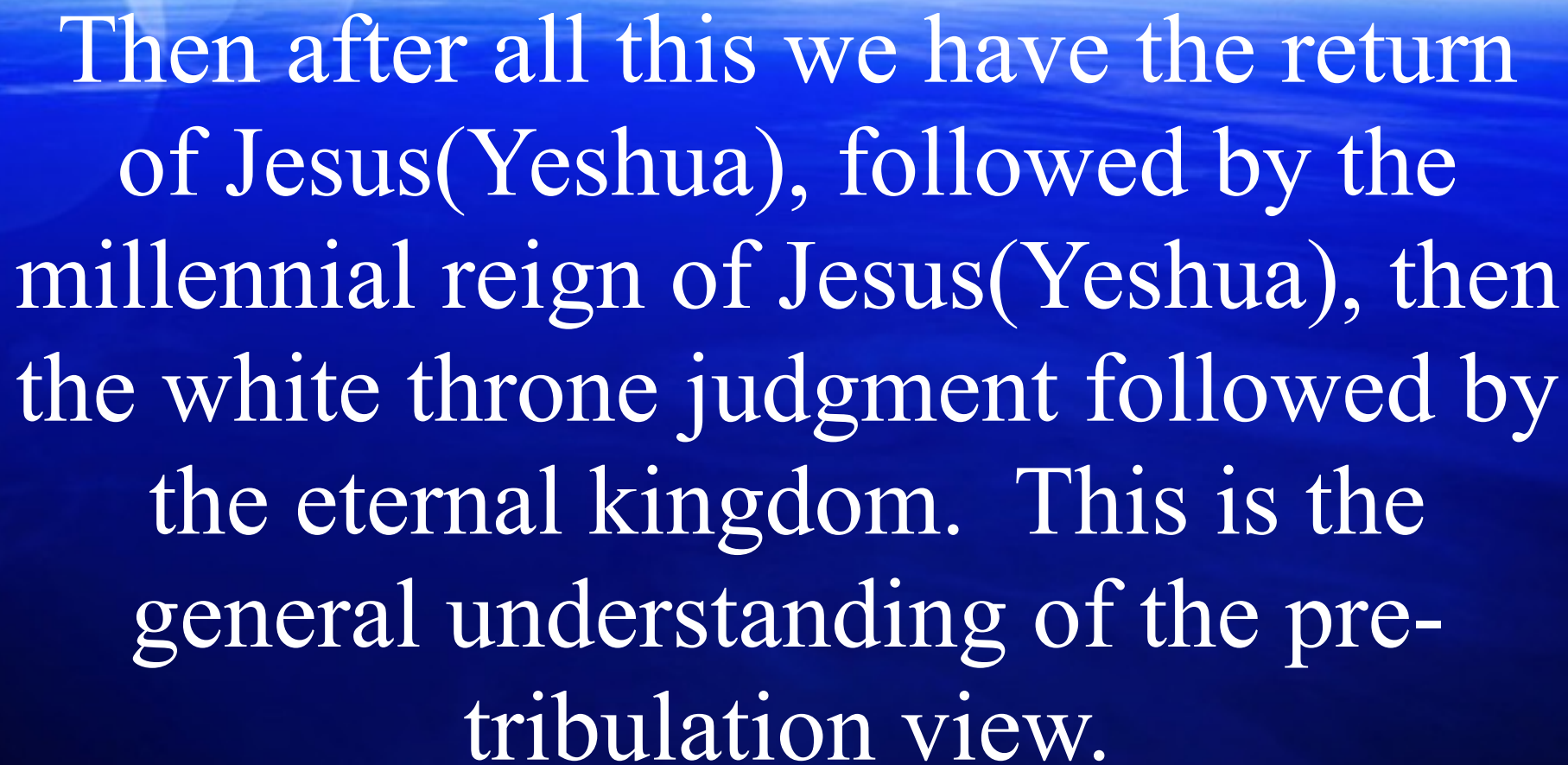
This is truly imperative that we understand the importance of this. Not using biblical terms CAN eventually lead to unbiblical theology.



We need to briefly go over the five views of what has been traditionally called the “**rapture.**” It’s what the Scriptures refer to as **the resurrection**

The first is the Pre-tribulation view.

This view holds to the rapture or resurrection taking place before the tribulation, with there being a seven year tribulation, in which the seals, trumpets and bowls all take place.



Then after all this we have the return of Jesus(Yeshua), followed by the millennial reign of Jesus(Yeshua), then the white throne judgment followed by the eternal kingdom. This is the general understanding of the pre-tribulation view.

The Mid-tribulation view.

This view is very similar to that of the pre-tribulation view except that the resurrection takes place in the middle of the tribulation. All else is relatively the same with some minor changes depending on who you are asking.



The “Pre-Wrath” view.

It has the rapture/resurrection taking place just before the bowls. Again, all else is relatively the same.



The “Post-tribulation” view.

which basically has the rapture/
resurrection taking place at the return
of Jesus(Yeshua) after the bowls.

The “Pan-trib.”

Simply meaning, however it pans out.

Taking the view that however it's going happen, then that's how it's going to happen, really taking no stance on the subject for whatever reason.

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Pre-Trib view

1. The church is raptured at the beginning of the seven year tribulation.
2. The return of messiah is immanent.

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3. God has a separate plan for Israel of the old testament and the “church” of the new testament.

4. All of the tribulation scripture deal only with the Jewish people.

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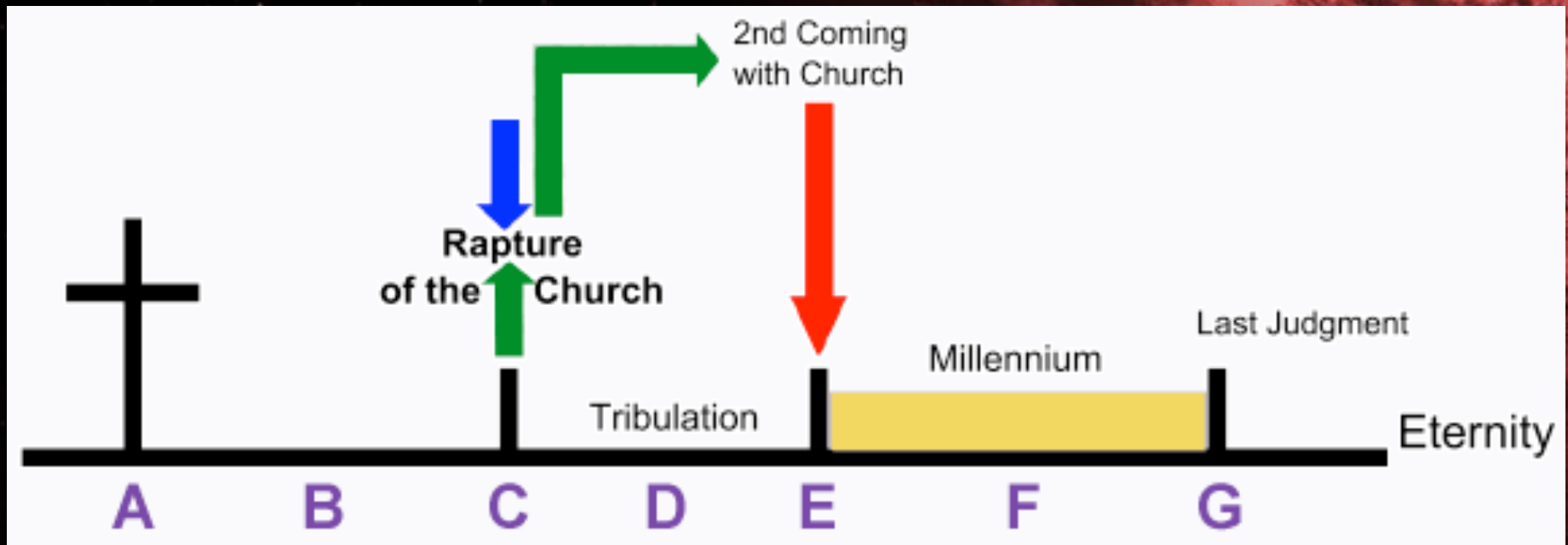
Pre -Tribulationists are dispensationalists

Pre - Trib believe that the second coming
is split into two phase

1. The rapture of the “church.”
2. The second coming with the
“church.”

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Revelation 20:4-6 (AKJV)

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

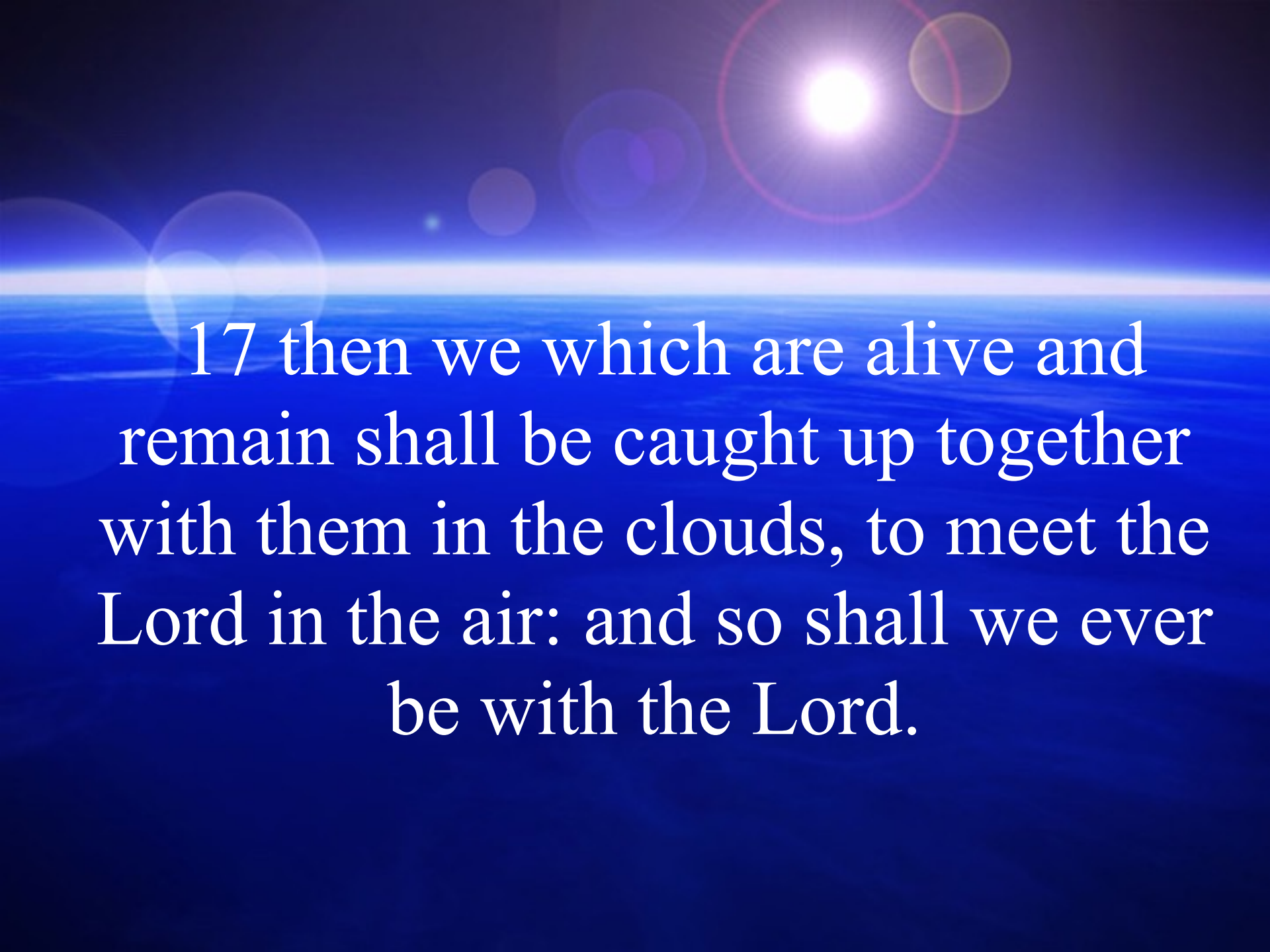
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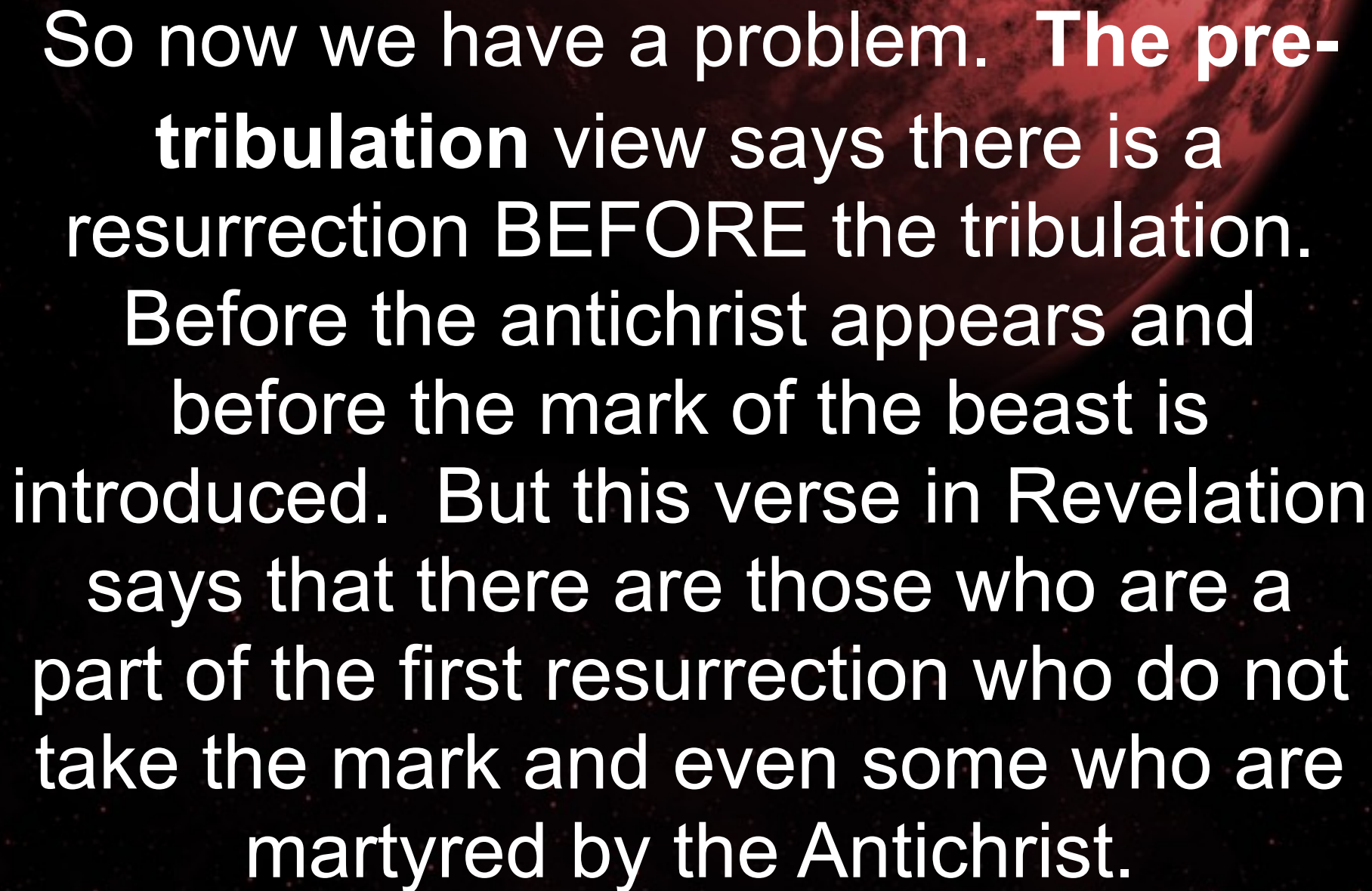
So, here we have this verse telling us who is involved with the first resurrection. The first resurrection included those who did not receive the mark, they were beheaded, and they did not worship the beast.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17(AKJV)

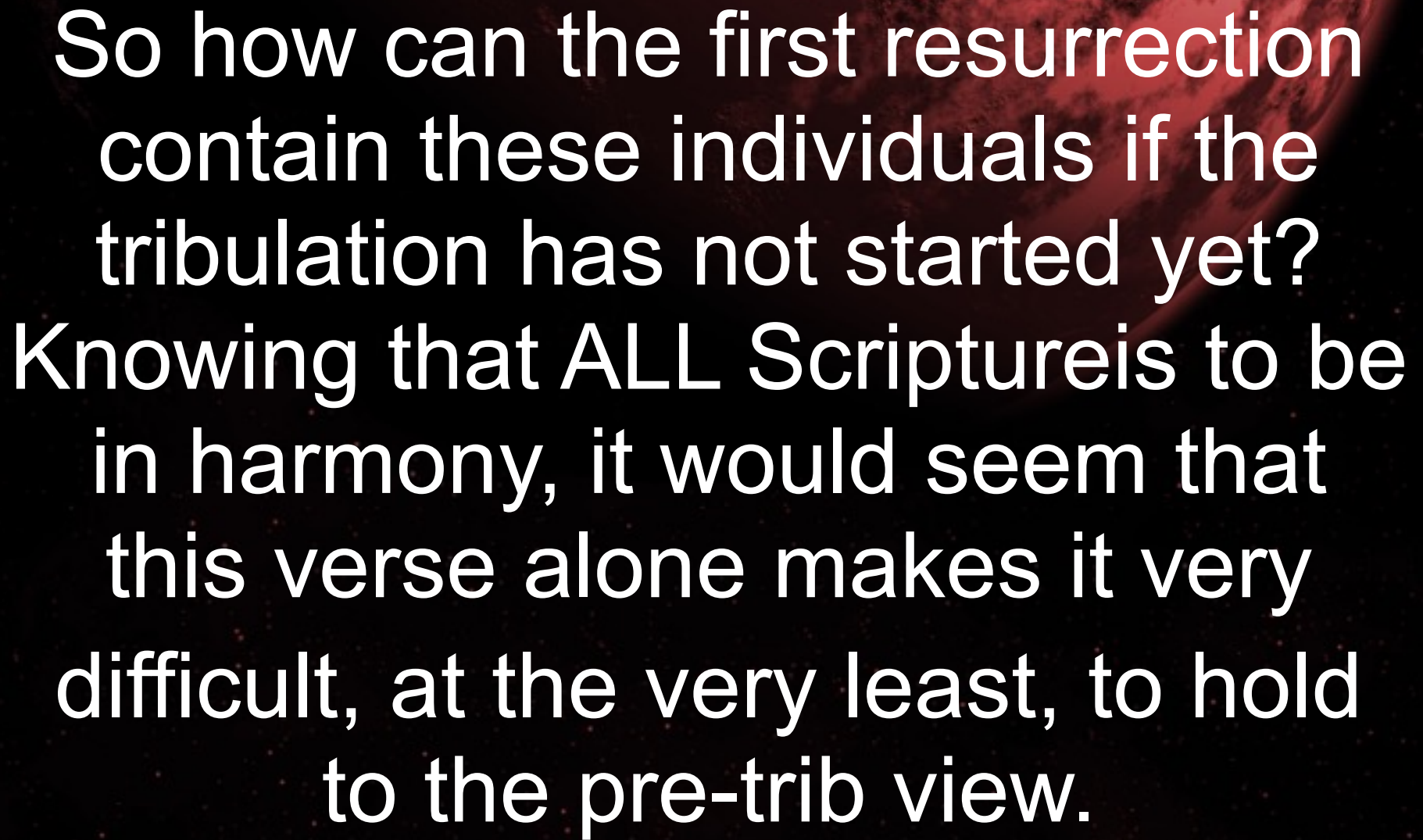
16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:



17 then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

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So now we have a problem. The **pre-tribulation** view says there is a resurrection **BEFORE** the tribulation. Before the antichrist appears and before the mark of the beast is introduced. But this verse in Revelation says that there are those who are a part of the first resurrection who do not take the mark and even some who are martyred by the Antichrist.

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So how can the first resurrection contain these individuals if the tribulation has not started yet? Knowing that ALL Scripture is to be in harmony, it would seem that this verse alone makes it very difficult, at the very least, to hold to the pre-trib view.

Luke 14:13-14(AKJV)

13 But when thou makest a feast,
call the poor, the maimed, the lame,
the blind: 14 and thou shalt be
blessed; for they cannot recompense
thee: for thou shalt be recompensed
at the resurrection of the just.



**There is only one resurrection
of the righteous.**

John 6:39-40 (AKJV)

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him
that sent me, that every one
which seeth the Son, and
believeth on him, may have
everlasting life: and I will raise
him up at the last day.

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The Day of the Lord is noted as a frightful day and a day of victory. It truly depends on what side you are on that will determine this for you. It will be a day of nothing but darkness for those who are evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

Isaiah 13:9(AKJV)

9 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate:and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Ezekiel 30:3 (AKJV)

3 For the day is near,
even the day of the Lord is near,
a cloudy day; it shall be the time
of the heathen.

Acts 2:20 (AKJV)

20 the sun shall be turned into
darkness, and the moon into
blood, before that great and
notable day of the Lord come:

1 Corinthians 5:5 (AKJV)

5 to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:13-14 (AKJV)

13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; 14 as also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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2 Peter 3:10-14 (AKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

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11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

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12 looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

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13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.



**Continuing on this topic of the
resurrection in John chapter 6:**

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John 6:44 (AKJV)


44 No man can come to me,
except the Father which hath sent
me draw him: and I will raise him
up at the last day.

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John 6:54 (AKJV)

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.



**There are a total of three
resurrections as given in the
Scriptures.**

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1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (AKJV)


20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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23 But every man in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits; afterward they
that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he
shall have delivered up the kingdom
to God, even the Father; when he
shall have put down all rule and all
authority and power.



**According to this text, we see that
Yeshua(Jesus) was the first
resurrection.**



**Now, let's look at the second
resurrection.**

Continuing in verse 23.

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Revelation 1:5 (AKJV)

5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

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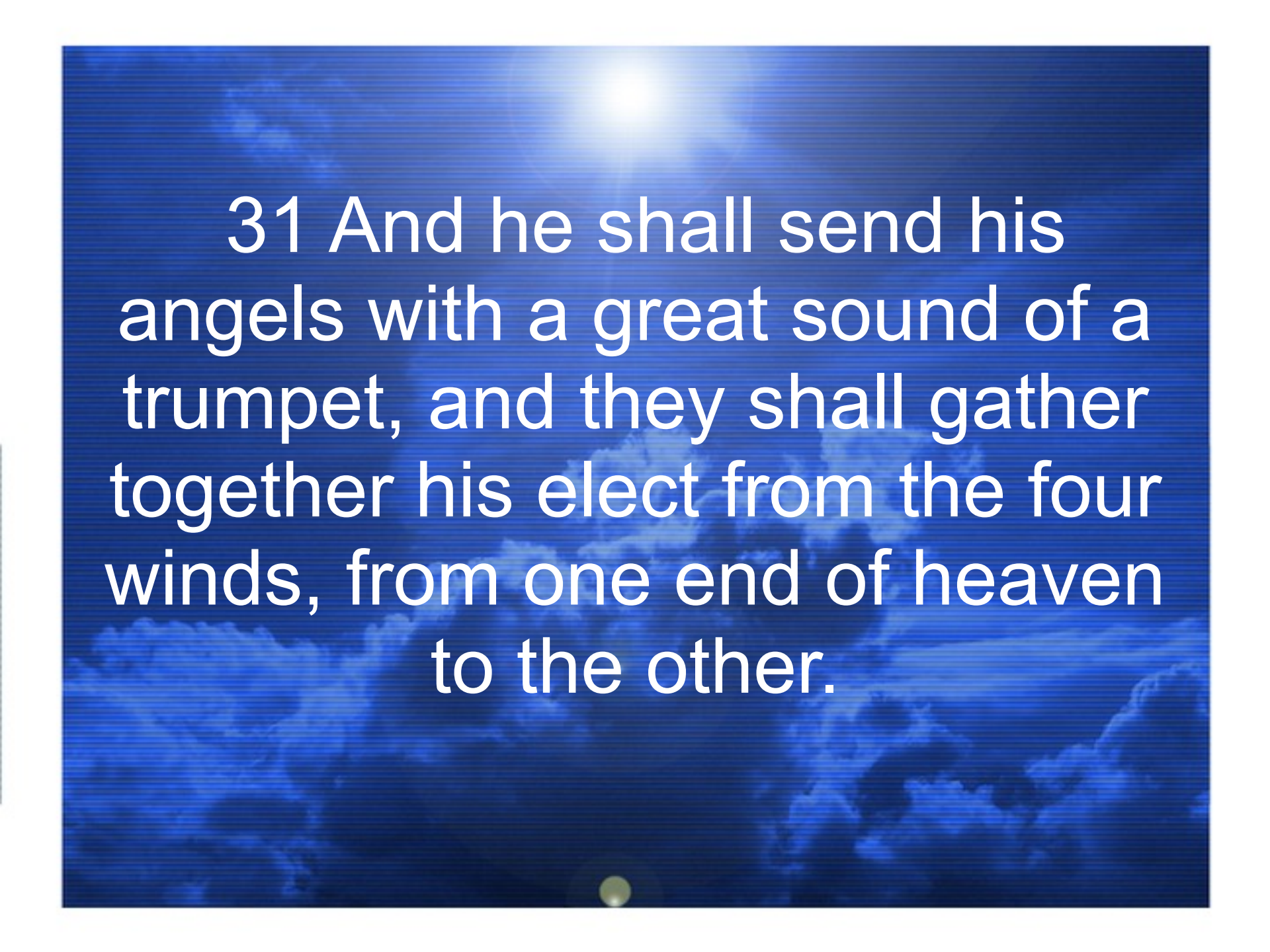
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Colossians 1:18 (AKJV)

18 And he is the head of the body,
the church: who is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead; that in
all things he might have the
preeminence.

Matthew 24:30-31 (AKJV)

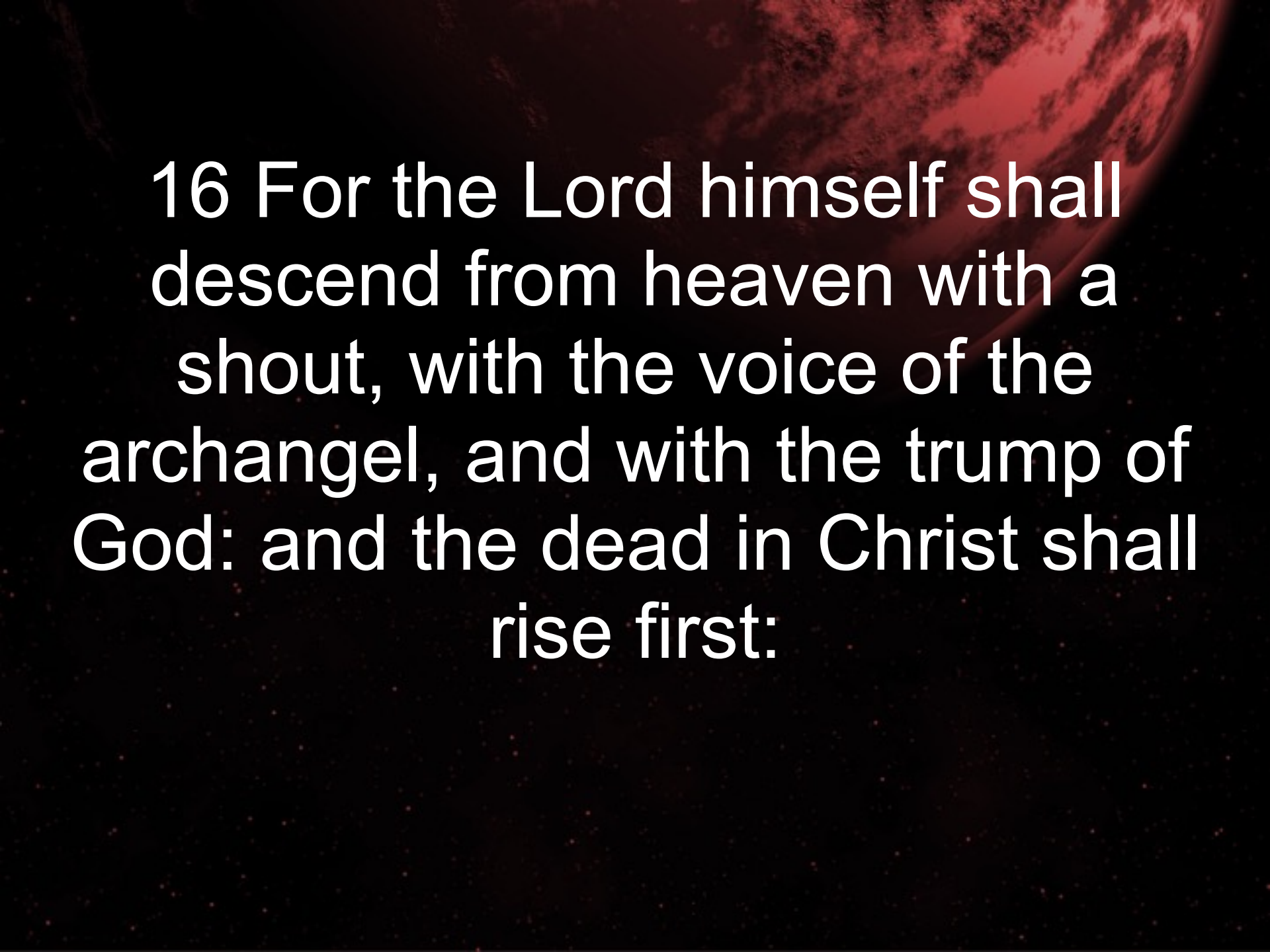
30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.



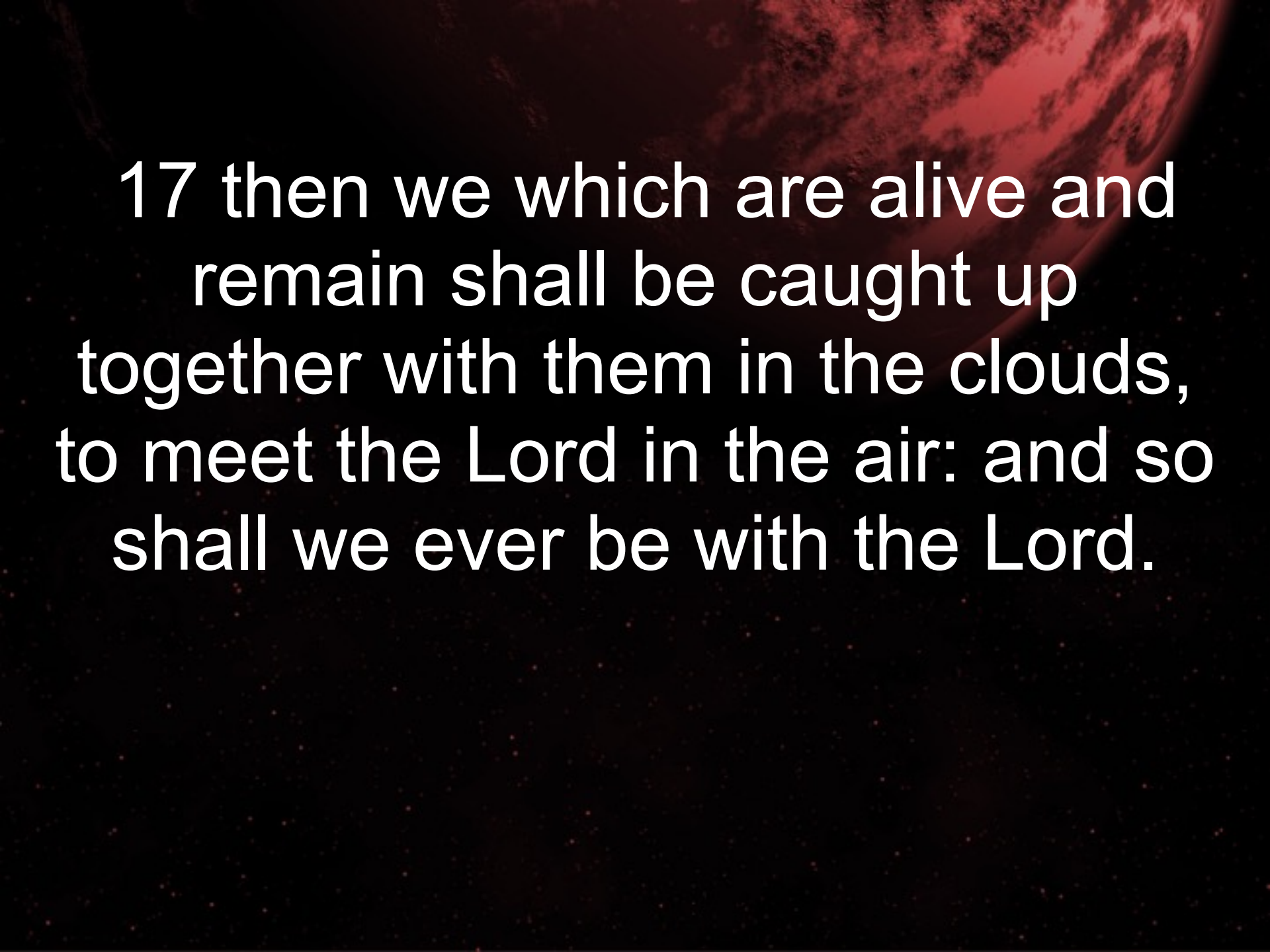
31 And he shall send his
angels with a great sound of a
trumpet, and they shall gather
together his elect from the four
winds, from one end of heaven
to the other.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (AKJV)

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

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16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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to meet the Lord in the air: and so
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**And now, the third resurrection:
Back to verse 24.**

1 Corinthians 15:24 (AKJV)

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

A blue-tinted sky with a bright sun in the upper center, casting a lens flare. The lower half of the image is filled with white, fluffy clouds. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

**All men are going to be
raised. Each in his own turn.
Not just believers.**

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Daniel 12:2 (AKJV)

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

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John 5:28 (AKJV)

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Acts 24:14-15 (AKJV)

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: 15 and have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

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Revelation 20:5 (AKJV)

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

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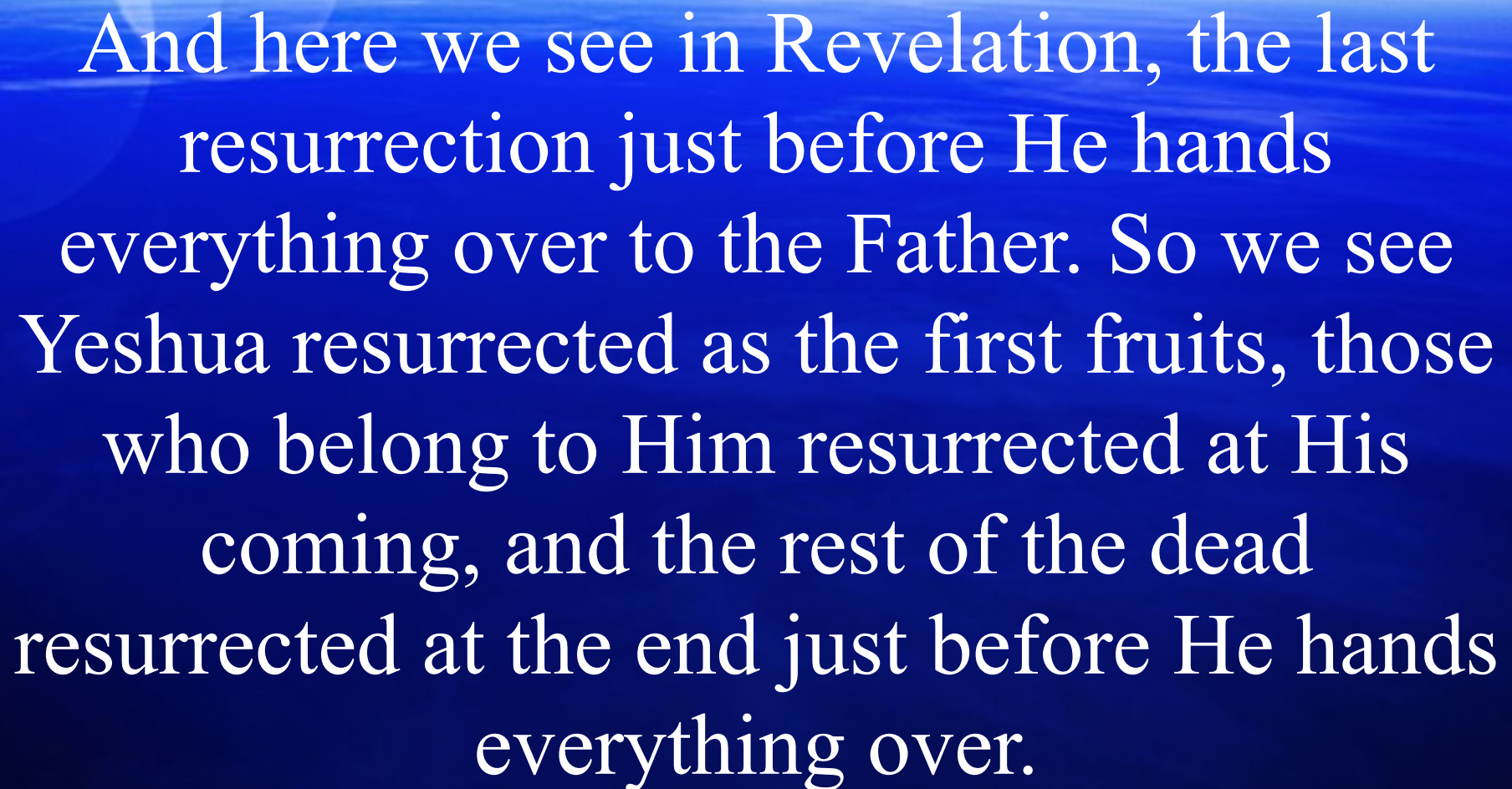
Revelation 20:12-13 (AKJV)

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

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13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.



And here we see in Revelation, the last resurrection just before He hands everything over to the Father. So we see Yeshua resurrected as the first fruits, those who belong to Him resurrected at His coming, and the rest of the dead resurrected at the end just before He hands everything over.



**Another Scripture that the pre-trib
view seems to over look is Acts 3:21**

Acts 3:21 (AKJV)

21 whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

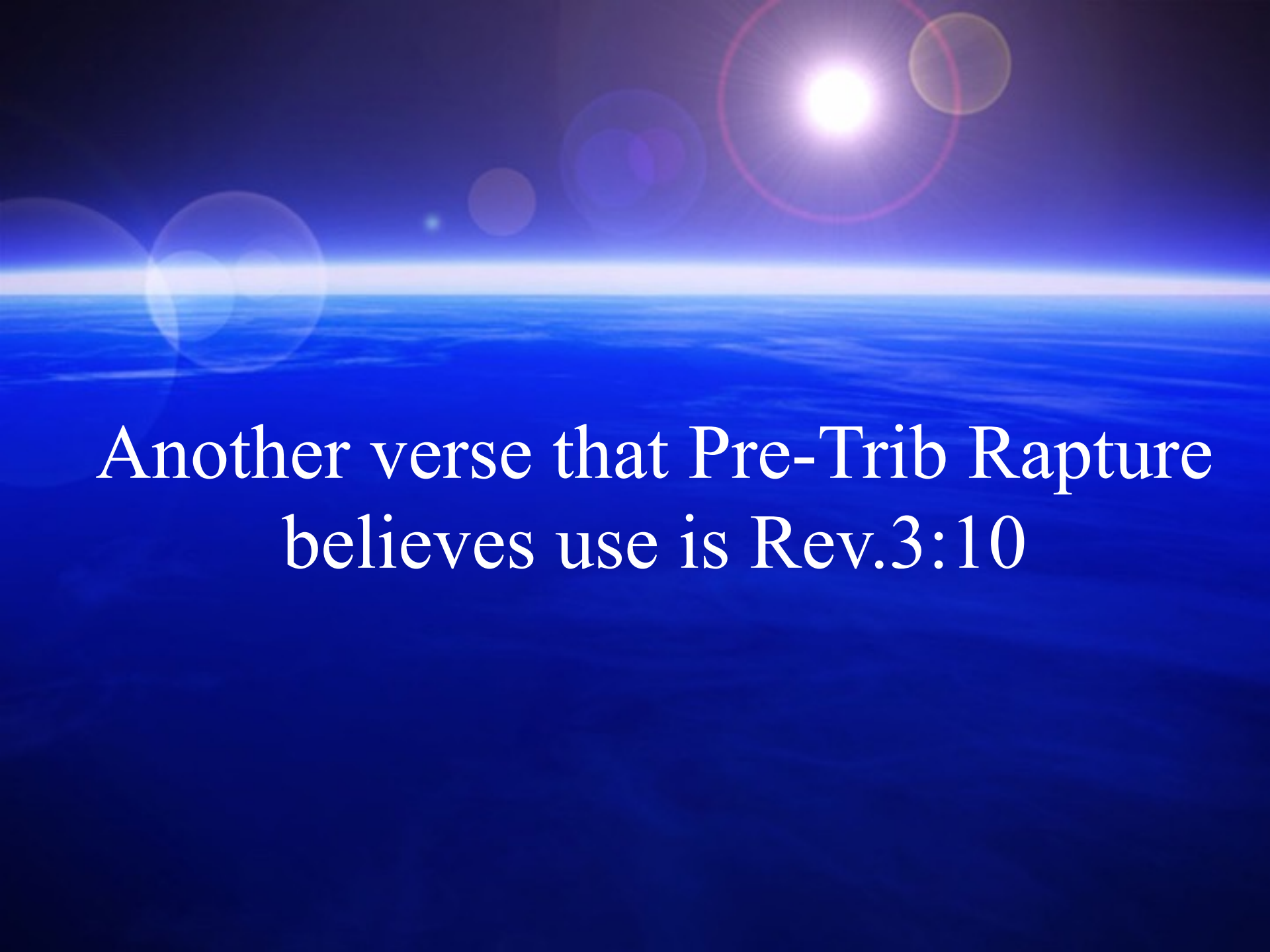
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Here we see that Yeshua must remain in heaven until the restoration is to happen. Thus, He can't leave heaven until the Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16 (AKJV)

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:



Another verse that Pre-Trib Rapture
believes use is Rev.3:10

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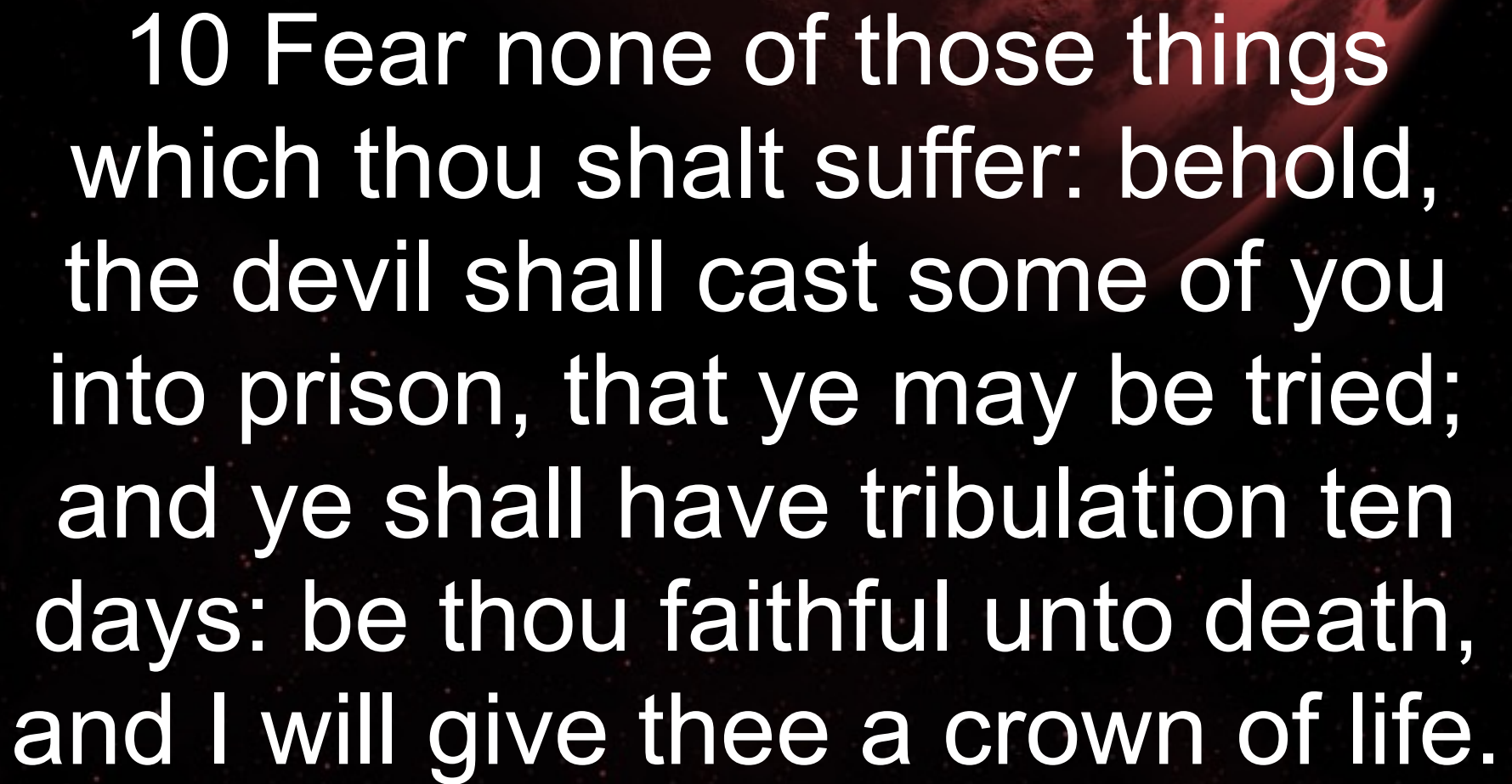
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Revelation 3:10 (AKJV)

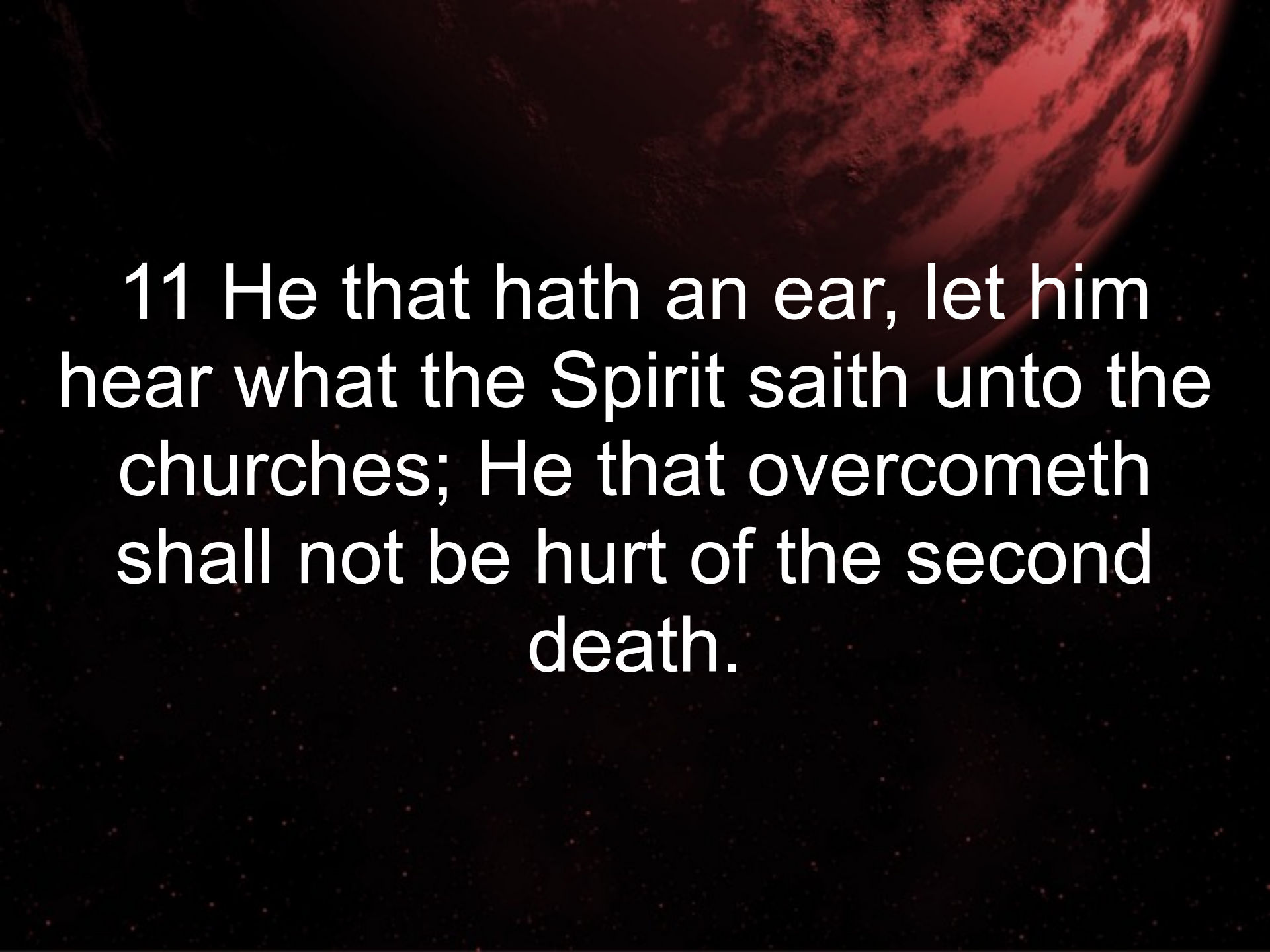
10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Revelation 2:8-10 (AKJV)

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.



10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

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11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

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Revelation 3:10 (AKJV)

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ek- out of, from, by,
from, at, against ect...

Matthew 22:44 (AKJV)

44 The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand, till I
make thine enemies thy footstool?

Matthew 20:2 (AKJV)

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

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Matthew 21:26(AKJV)

**26 But if we shall say, Of men; we
fear the people; for all hold John
as a prophet.**

The Tribulation Precedent

Noah, Joseph, Job

Moses and Israelites

Naomi, David

Jeremiah, Jesus

The Disciple

The early Church

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thlībō: thlipsis:

to press (as grapes), press hard
upon

a compressed way

narrow straitened, contracted

metaph. to trouble, afflict, distress

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Narrow is the “Way”

Matthew 7:14 (AKJV)

14 because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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Matthew 7:14 (AKJV)

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Tribulation is the way, which
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Endure Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13 (AKJV)

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

James 1:12 (AKJV)

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Tribulation has a Purpose

Romans 12: (AKJV)

12 rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

John 16:33 (AKJV)


33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.



Psalm 34:19 (AKJV)

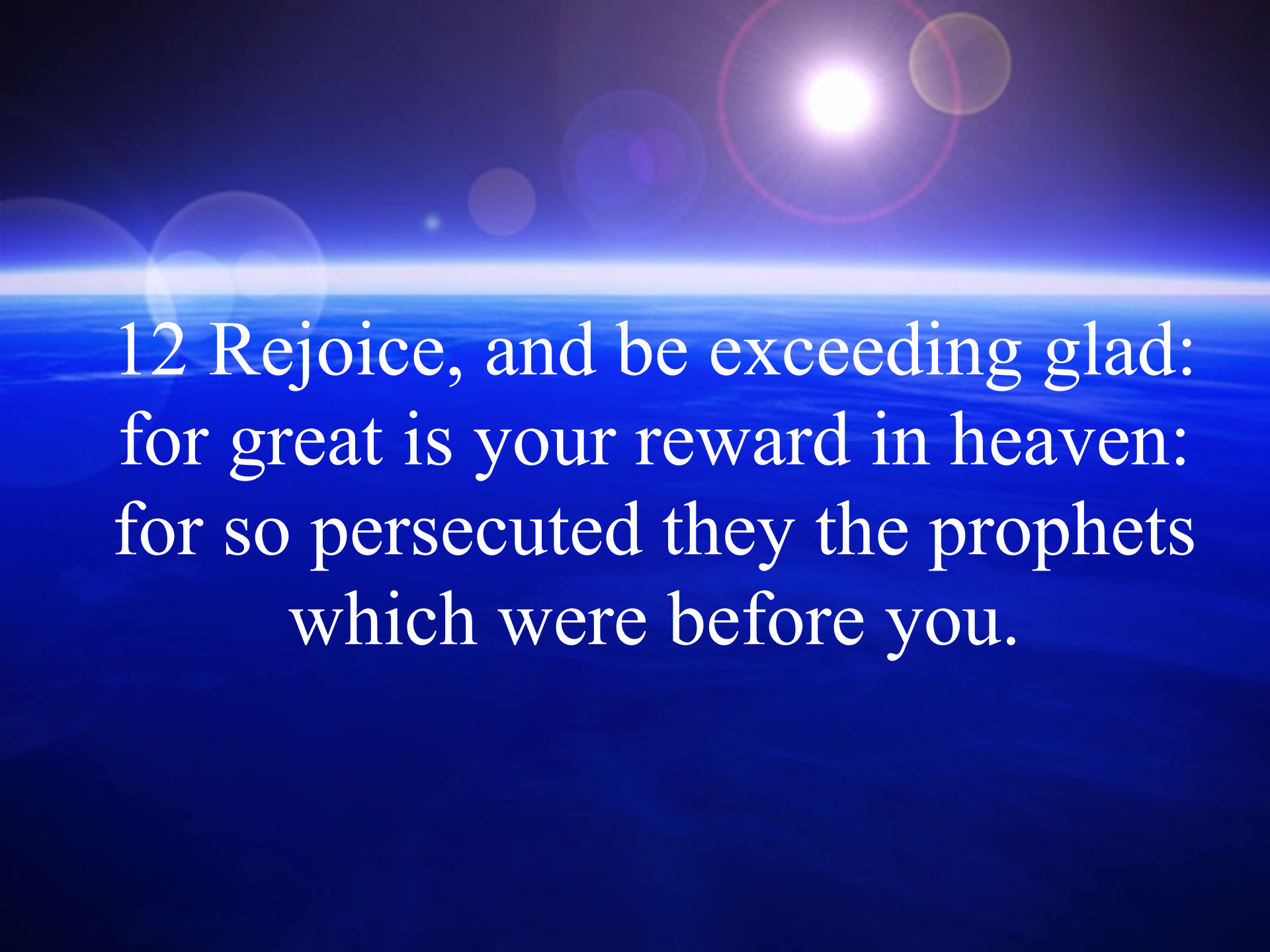
19 Many are the afflictions of the
righteous:

but the Lord delivereth him
out(from)? of them all.



Matthew 5:11 (AKJV)

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.



12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:
for great is your reward in heaven:
for so persecuted they the prophets
which were before you.



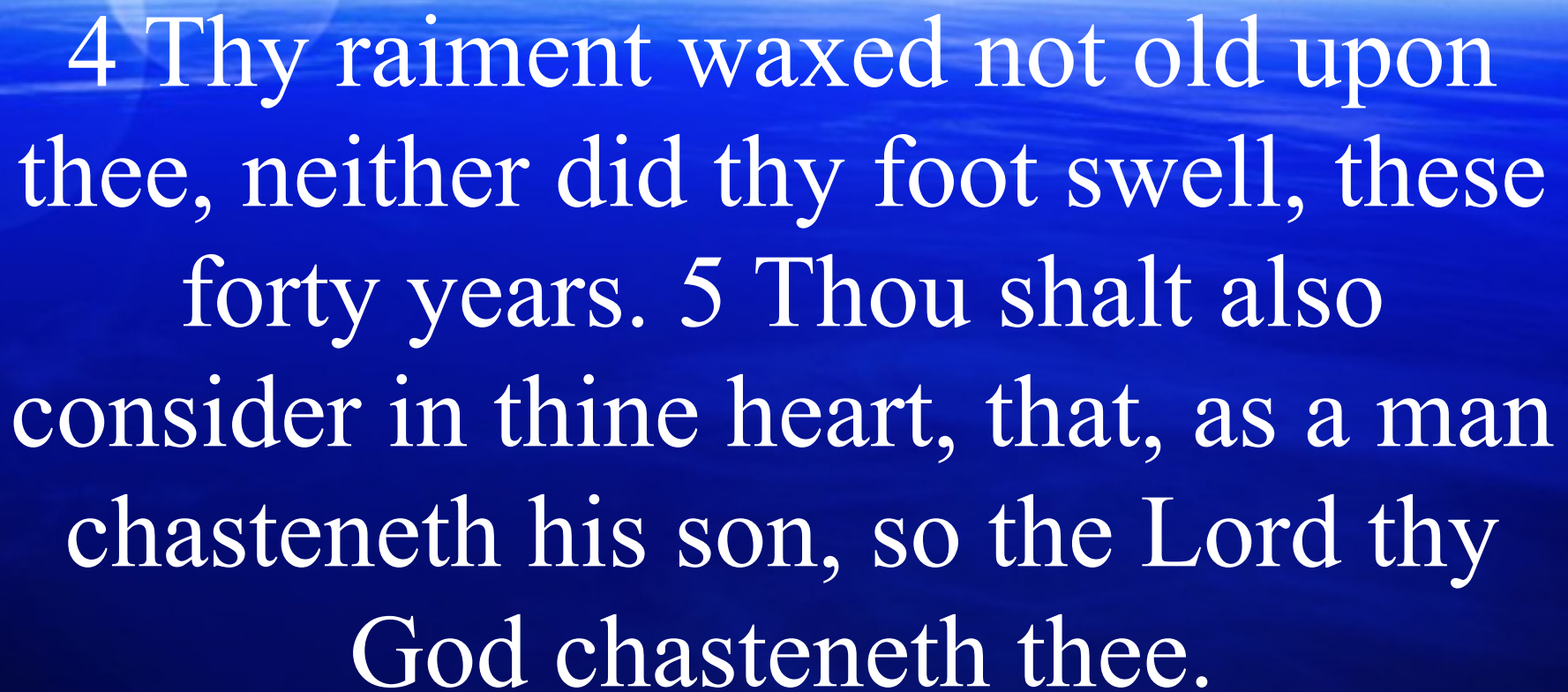
2 Timothy 3:12 (AKJV)

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in
Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Deuteronomy 8:2 (AKJV)

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee
to hunger, and fed thee with manna,
which thou knewest not, neither did thy
fathers know; that he might make thee
know that man doth not live by bread
only, but by every word that proceedeth
out of the mouth of the Lord doth man
live.

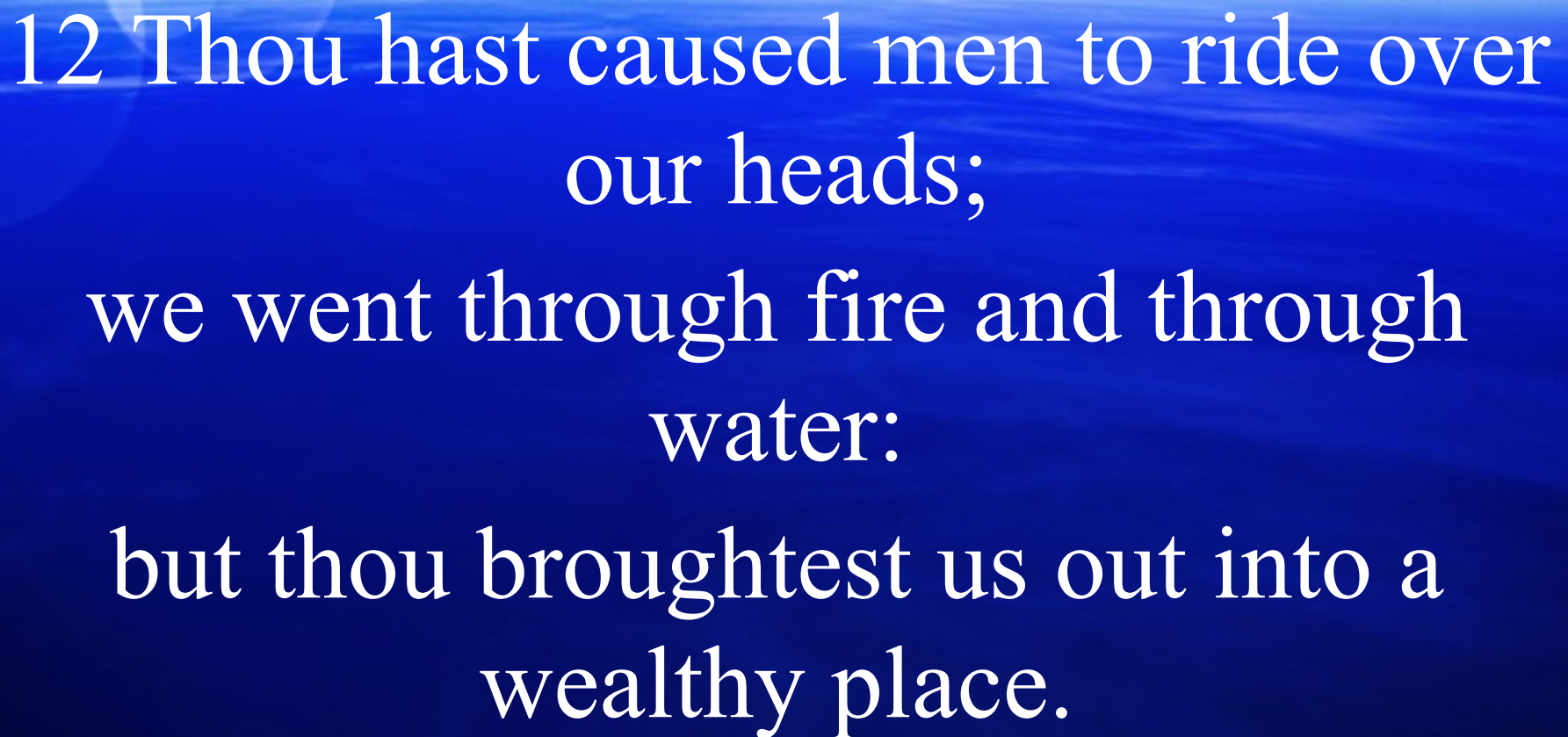


4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. 5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee.

Psalm 66:10-12(AKJV)

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:
thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net;
thou laidst affliction upon our loins.



12 Thou hast caused men to ride over
our heads;
we went through fire and through
water:
but thou broughtest us out into a
wealthy place.