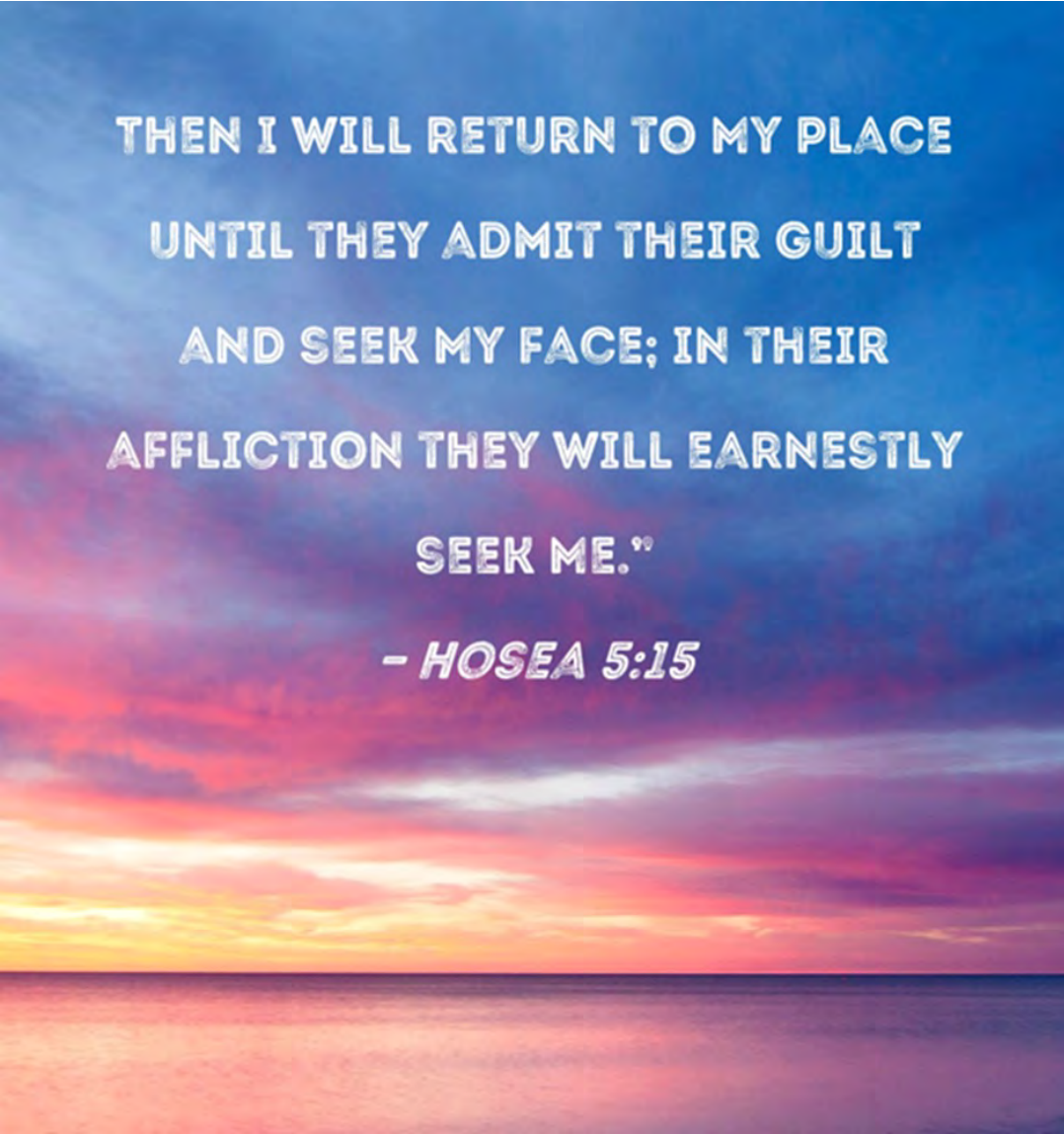


# The Second Coming of Messiah

Matthew 24: 23-31

August 20, 2023



THEN I WILL RETURN TO MY PLACE  
UNTIL THEY ADMIT THEIR GUILT  
AND SEEK MY FACE; IN THEIR  
AFFLICTION THEY WILL EARNESTLY  
SEEK ME.”

*- HOSEA 5:15*

Come and let us return  
[in repentance] to the LORD,  
For He has torn us, but  
He will heal us; He has  
wounded us, but He will  
bandage us.

After two days He will revive  
us; On the third day He will  
raise us up That we may live  
before Him.

HOSEA 6:1-2

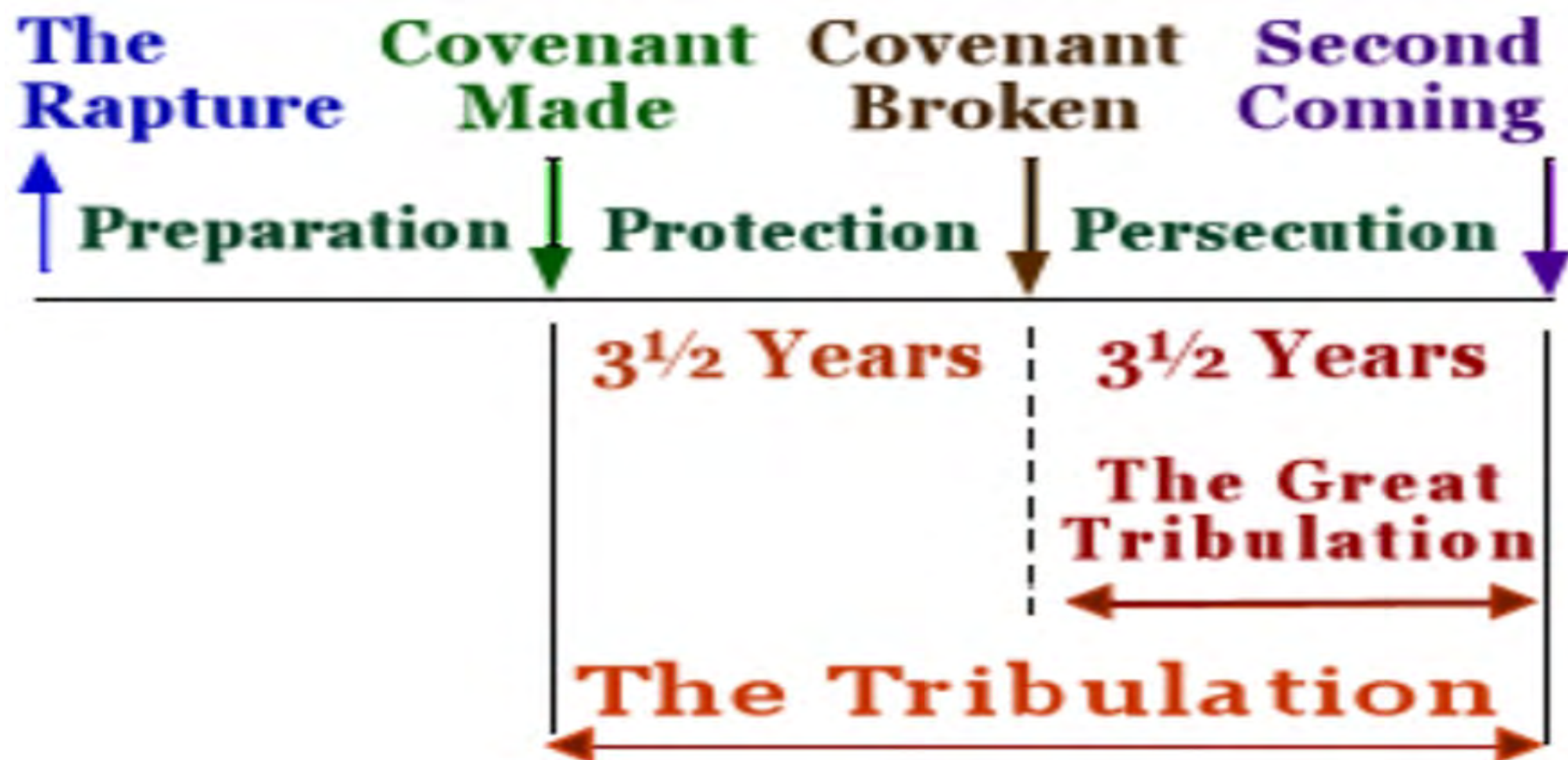
# Zechariah 12:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> It shall be in that day *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem

<sup>10</sup> “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.



# The Tribulation Judgments



## Verse 23 - 26

**Deception prior to the Second Coming**

False christs and false prophets perform signs and miracles to deceive

**Who is behind this deception?**

*SATAN, the adversary!*  
**2 Thessalonians 2: 9**

Jesus warned about this deceiver/killer – **John 10: 10**

*“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

**What is every believer to do regarding false teachers or any teacher?**

***TEST THEM!***

**1 John 4: 1**

**Test the spirits = “*dokimazo*” = to try, prove, discern, distinguish, judge**

***YES, Christian!***

***You are to judge rightly!***

**Proverbs 31: 9** – *“Open your mouth and judge righteously”*

**1 Corinthians 2: 15** – *“The spiritual person judges all things”*

**John 7: 24** – *“Do not judge by appearance but with righteous judgment”*

**Every believer has the Holy Spirit which will allow them to judge with wisdom**

**Wisdom** = *“chokmah”* = discernment; the ability to judge correctly; skillful in mind, word, action



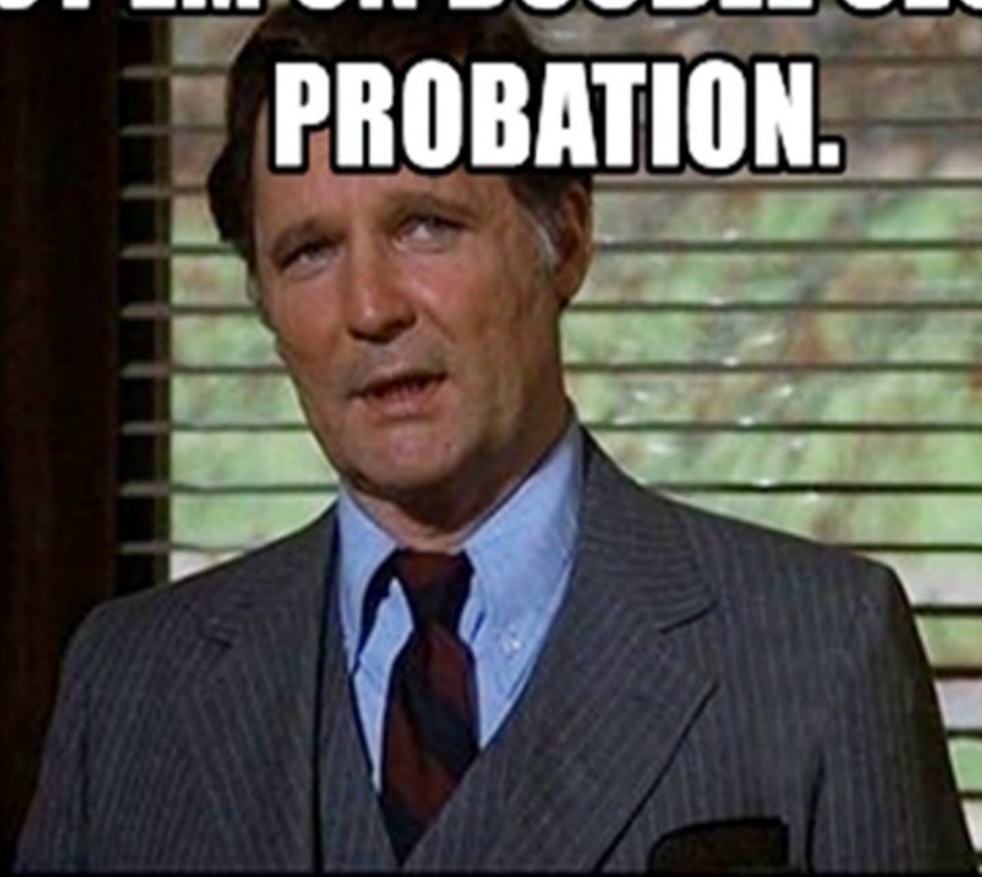
## Verse 27 - 28

**Messiah's return will not be a  
double super secret**

**Jesus' return will be evident to everyone!**

**PUT EM ON DOUBLE SECRET  
PROBATION.**

*No secret return,  
the world will  
see Him!*



Jesus' Return Will Not be a Double Super-Secret!!



Leading up to Jesus' coming, the earth will be decimated with one cataclysmic event after another

*“People will be terrified what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” - Luke 21: 26*

Very different than the Rapture!

Everyone will be going about their business, ignoring God, doing their thing – Matthew 24: 37-38

This describes normal life

When Jesus returns, life will be far from normal

**What about the carcass and eagle stuff? (verse 28)**

*Carcass refers to dead bodies,  
human and animal*

*Eagles (carrion birds), vultures  
will feast on the massive  
number of dead bodies -*

**Revelation 19: 17**



Verse 29 - 31

**The Second Coming of Messiah**



The time has come, no more second chances, ***the King is coming in WRATH!!***

**Again, Jesus' return is dramatic!**

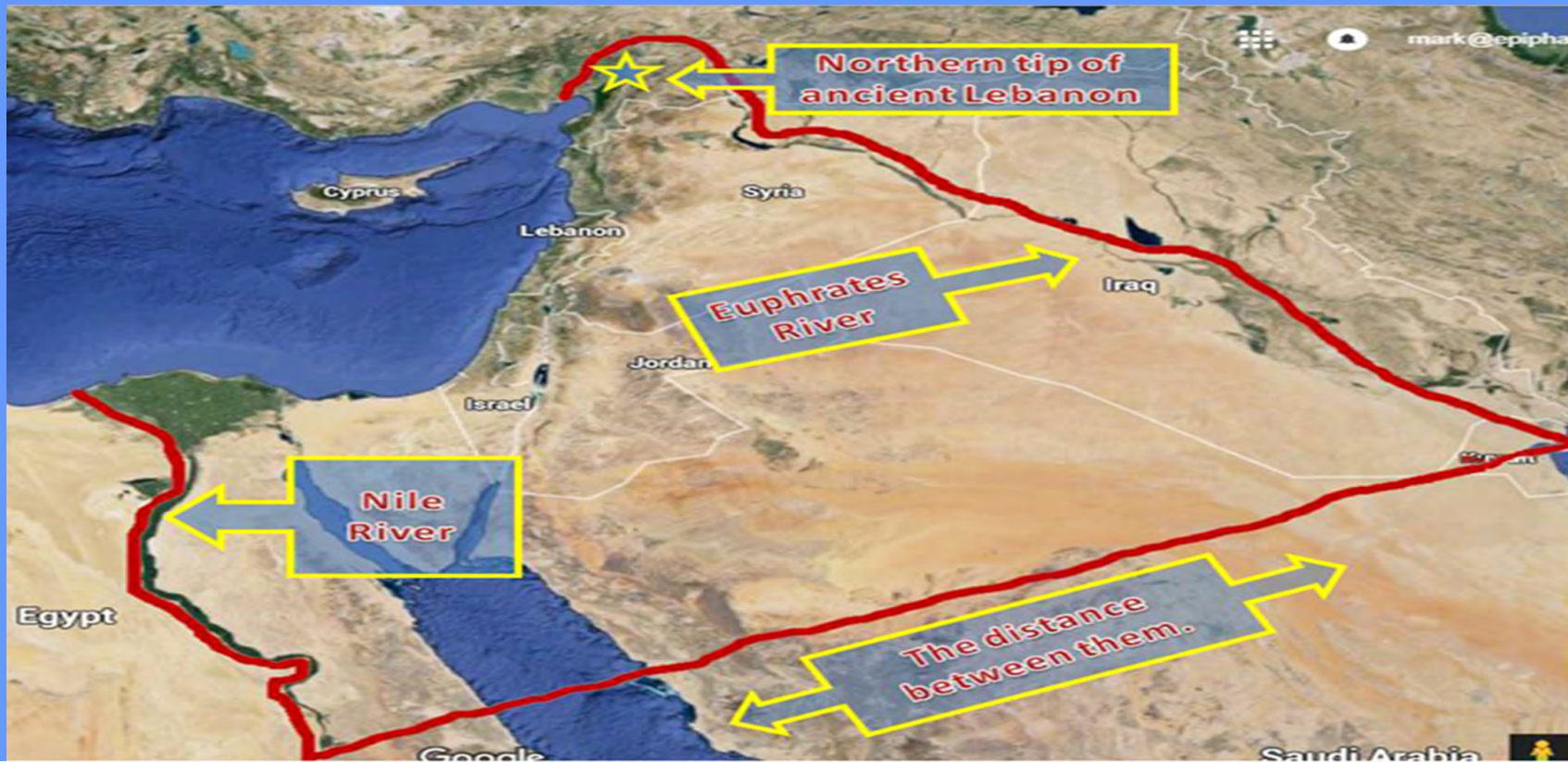
The sun darkened, moon darkened, stars will fall from heaven – ***everything shaken!!***

Notice how Jesus comes back:

**In the clouds, just like He left,  
in power and GREAT glory!**

**THE KING IS COMING – YES, HE IS COMING!!**

Angels gather the elect from around the entire earth  
They will be gathered and taken to the land that has  
been promised in the Abrahamic Covenant



## **CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

God is gracious, compassionate, full of mercy and abounding in love

**However, the time for second chances, do overs, and start overs will come to an end**

**Consider: The Rapture could come years prior to the Tribulation**

**When it occurs, the vanishings may be explained away**

## One scenario:

Extraterrestrials came and took the losers, the riff-raff, the troublemakers, the resistors who were *restraining* progress

We are seeing more and more UFO sightings, now called UAP's (*unidentified aerial phenomena*).

I believe these are demonic entities entering our space, time, dimension (*Strange Stuff*)

## **Consider:**

**With the collapse of western Christianity, these demonic forces are given the green light to invade, here to fore, forbidden areas**

**With arms wide open, the west is embracing demonism and they are coming in mass!**

**The Spirit-filled Church, the True Church, has given way to progressive Christianity**

**Jesus warned us! Matthew 24: 4**

***“Take heed that no one deceives you, for many will come in My Name, saying I am the Christ and will deceive many.”***

**Many, that is the majority, will say Jesus is Jesus, but the Jesus they are representing is a false Jesus, a Jesus of their imaginations**



**Learn from the nation of Israel who forgot God and worshipped the gods of the culture**

Ezra, the priest, read the **Book of the Law** to the people and ***HEARTS CHANGED!*** - **Nehemiah 8: 6**

They were encouraged to not mourn, nor weep, but to go out with ***JOY!!***

In the midst of life stressors, *choose JOY!!*

*“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you and that your joy may be full.” John 15: 11*

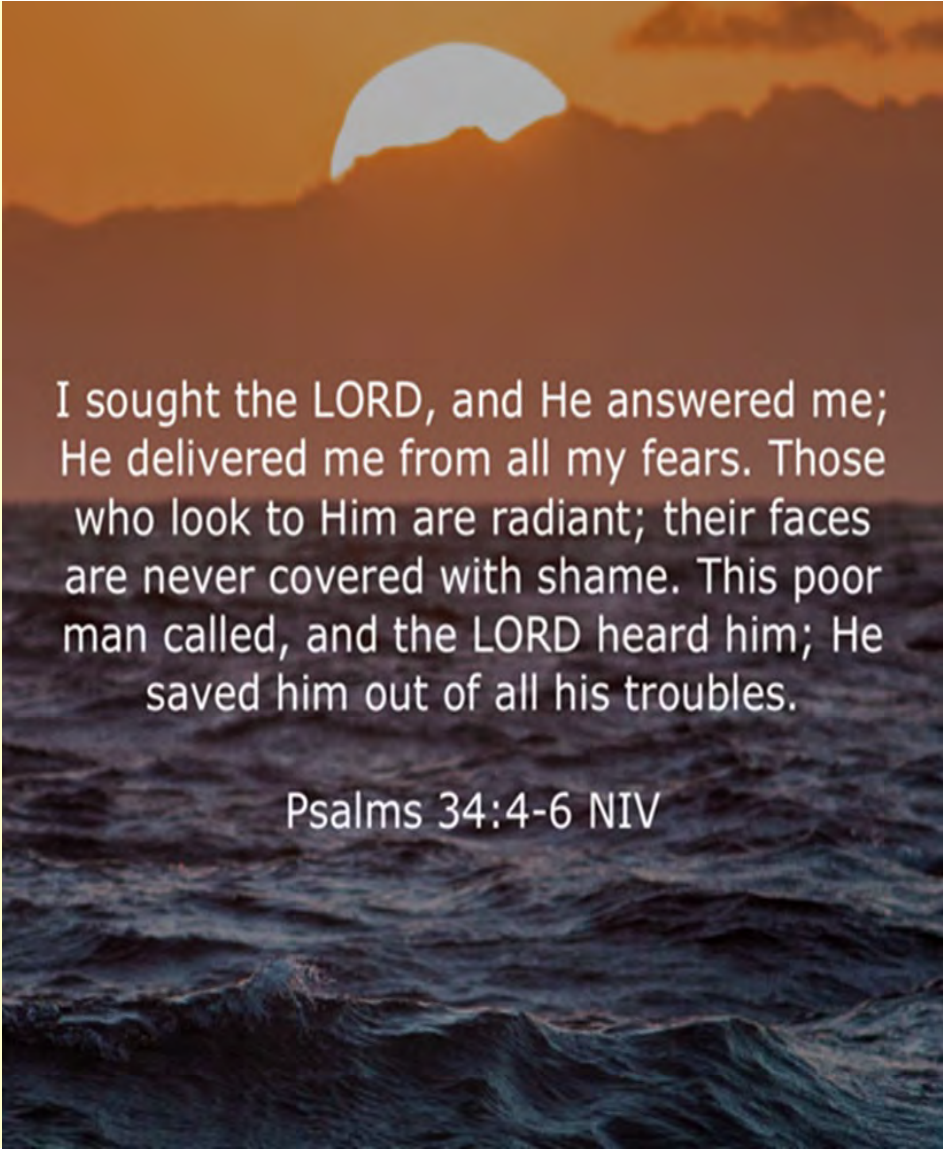
**ENJOY GOD and ENJOY LIFE – YOU CAN!!**

**Allow God to restore your soul, to encourage your spirit**

A person is standing on a large, dark rock in a cave. Bright light rays stream down from an opening above, illuminating the scene. The person is looking up towards the light.

## PSALM 40:1-2

I waited *patiently* for the LORD;  
*He* turned to me and *heard* my cry.  
*He lifted* me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
*He* set my feet on a *rock*  
and gave me a firm place  
to *stand*.

A sunset scene with a dark, choppy sea in the foreground. The sky is a deep orange and red, with a large, bright sun partially obscured by a dark, silhouetted landmass or mountain range in the distance.

I sought the LORD, and He answered me;  
He delivered me from all my fears. Those  
who look to Him are radiant; their faces  
are never covered with shame. This poor  
man called, and the LORD heard him; He  
saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalms 34:4-6 NIV

**Ezra said these words to the people then, and I believe the Spirit intends this for us today:**

***“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength”***

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

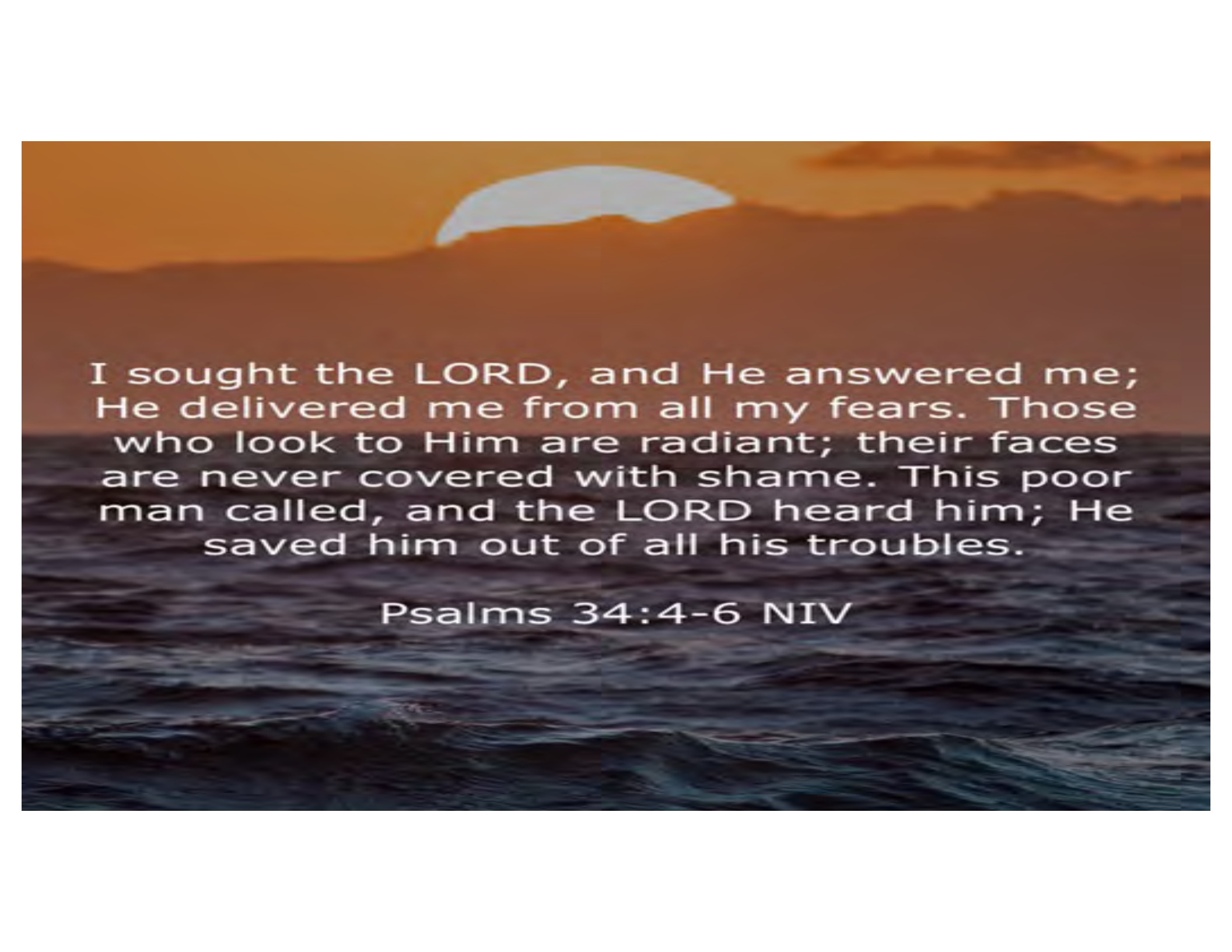
**In these changing times, from God to you!**

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**STRENGTH.**

**Nehemiah 8:10**





A sunset scene with a bright orange sun partially obscured by a mountain range. The foreground shows dark, choppy water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow.

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***MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME***

***LET US EXALT***

***HIS NAME FOREVER!!***