
STEP INTO
REVELATION
WEEK SIX: THE KINGDOM AND THE DRAGON

REVELATION 11:1–2

1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and
measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. 2 But
exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given
to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.


Where have we seen this before?


Measuring is not primarily about determining size. It's about determining ownership, preservation, and distinction.

ZECHARIAH 2:1–5

1 Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in
his hand. 2 I asked, “Where are you going?” He answered me, “To measure
Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.” 3 While the angel who
was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him 4 and said
to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls
because of the great number of people and animals in it. 5 And I myself will
be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will be its glory within.’


John takes Old Testament imagery and shows us its fulfillment in Christ.


John is told to measure the temple, the altar, and the worshipers.


The worshipers are being measured because they are the true temple.

REVELATION 11:2

2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

I CORINTHIANS 3:16

16 Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 PETER 2:5

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...

REVELATION 21:22

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

LUKE 21:24

24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

REVELATION 11:3-6

3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”] 5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. 6 They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.


"Who are the two witnesses?"


"What are they doing?"

REVELATION 11:4

4 They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands,

ZECHARIAH 4:1–5

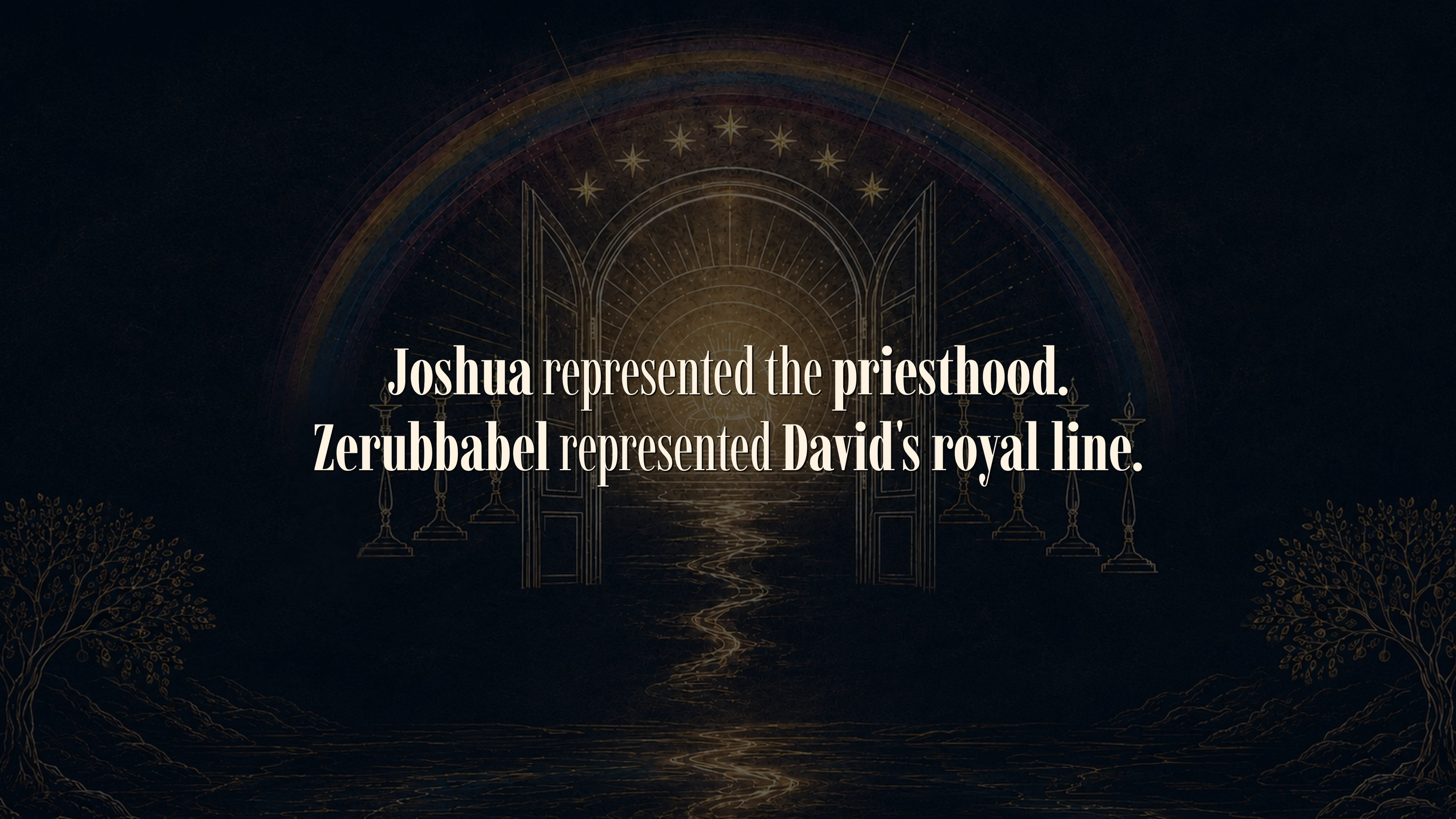
1 Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like
someone awakened from sleep. 2 He asked me, “What do you see?” I
answered, “I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven
lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. 3 Also there are two olive
trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” 4 I asked
the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” 5 He answered,
“Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I replied.

ZECHARIAH 4:6–10

6 So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by
power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. 7 “What are you, mighty mountain?
Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the
capstone to shouts of ‘God bless it! God bless it!’” 8 Then the word of the Lord came
to me: 9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his
hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me
to you. 10 “Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the
Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen
capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?”

ZECHARIAH 4:11–14

11 Then I asked the angel, “What are these two olive trees on the right and
the left of the lampstand?” 12 Again I asked him, “What are these two olive
branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?” 13 He replied,
“Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I said. 14 So he said,
“These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.”


Joshua represented the priesthood.
Zerubbabel represented David's royal line.

ZECHARIAH 4:6

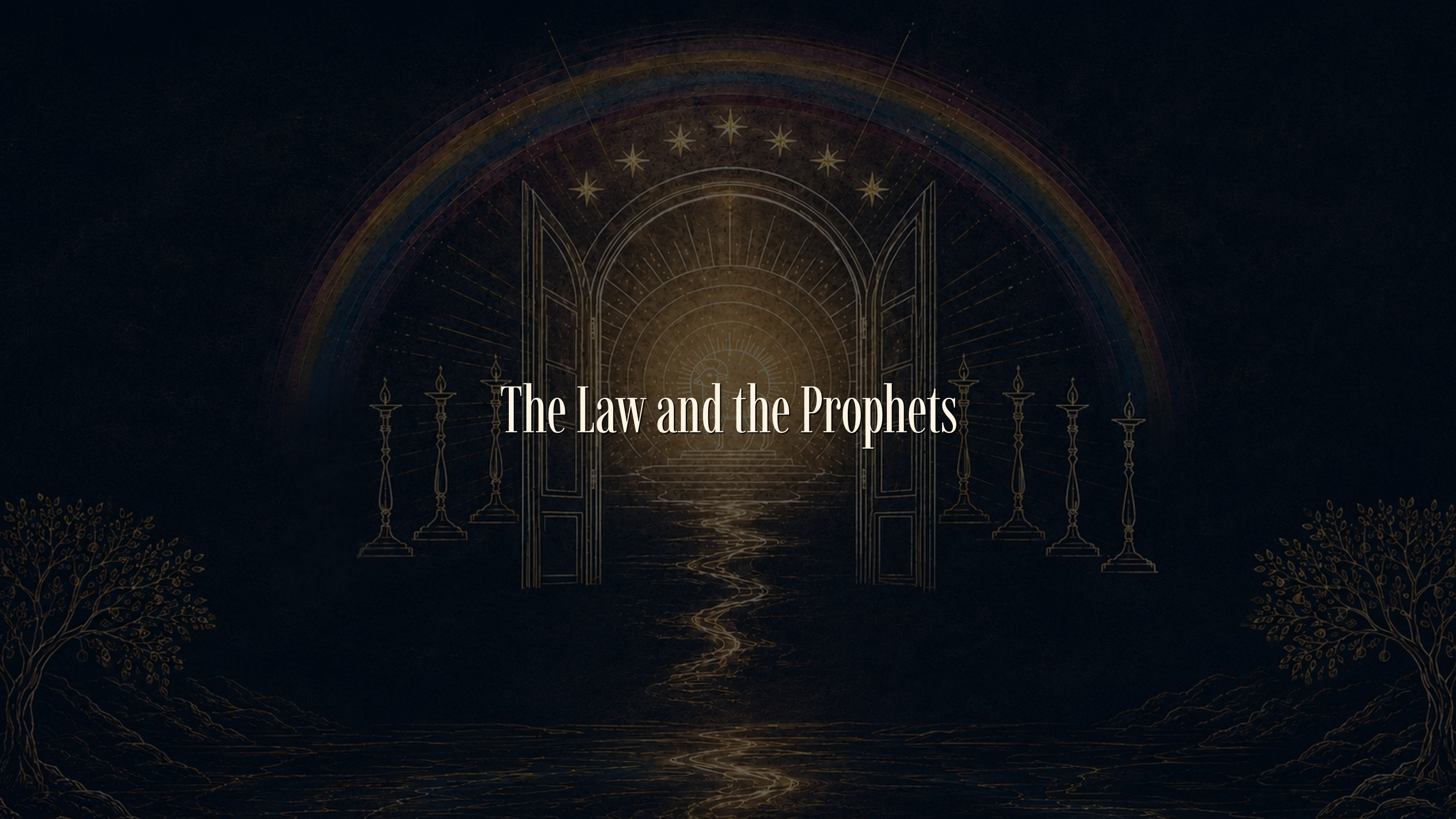
6 "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty

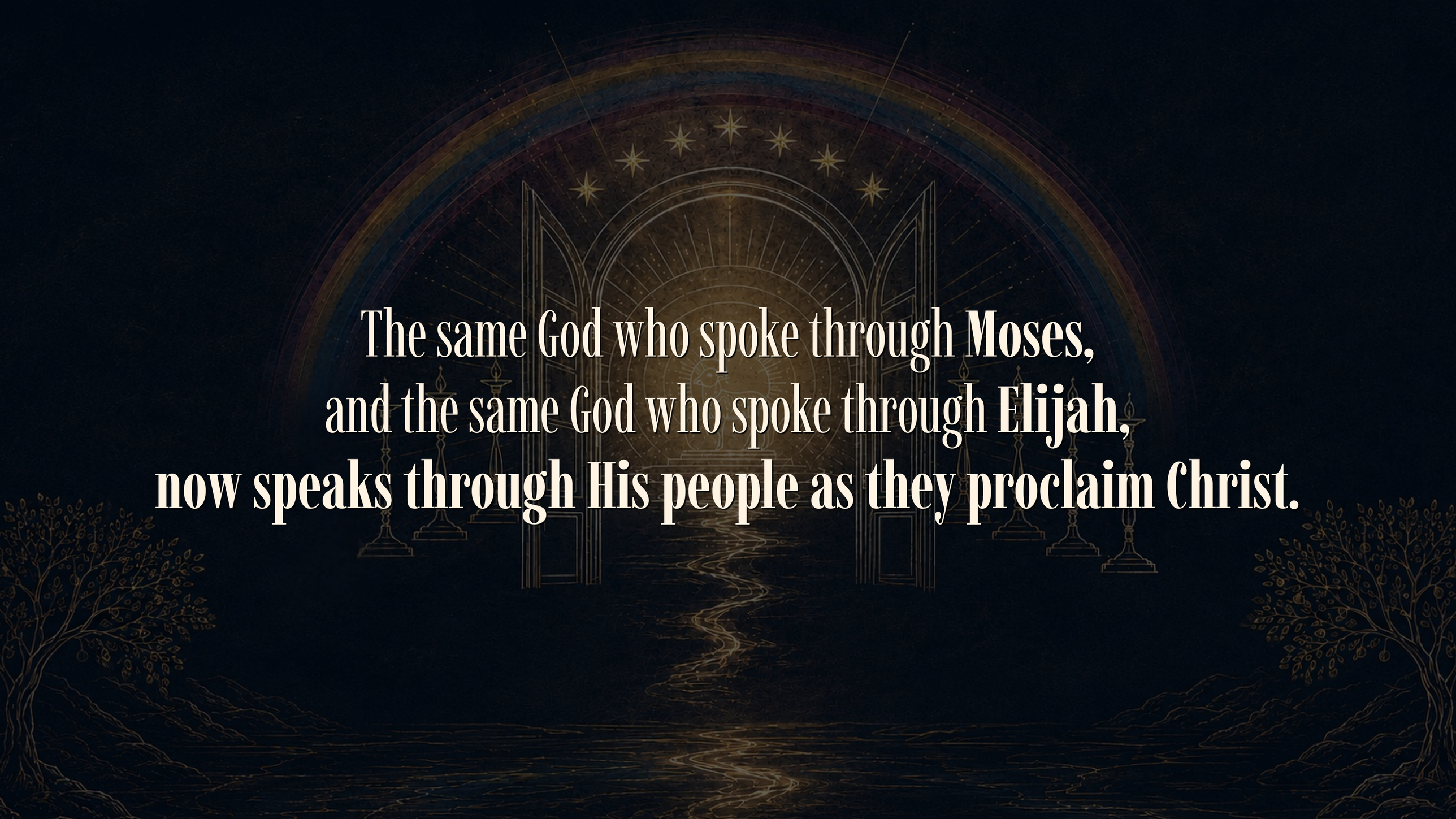

The two witnesses are called **olive trees** and **lampstands**, just as **Joshua** and **Zerubbabel** were.

REVELATION 11:6

6 They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Elijah prayed, and the heavens were shut.
Moses confronted Pharaoh as God turned water into blood and sent devastating plagues upon Egypt.


The Law and the Prophets


The same God who spoke through **Moses,**
and the same God who spoke through **Elijah,**
now speaks through His people as they proclaim Christ.

REVELATION 11:7–10

7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from
the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. 8 Their bodies will
lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom
and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. 9 For three and a half days
some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies
and refuse them burial. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them
and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets
had tormented those who live on the earth.

REVELATION 11:8

8 Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is
figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified.


Rome will become the instrument of judgment.
Jerusalem is the object of judgment.


Revelation is showing us what faithful discipleship looks like.

REVELATION 11:13

13 "The survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven”

MATTHEW 27:54

54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

REVELATION 11:15-16

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” 16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

REVELATION 11:17–18

17 saying: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who
was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.
18 The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for
judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your
people who revere your name, both great and small— and for destroying
those who destroy the earth.”

MATTHEW 28:18

18 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me”

ACTS 2:36

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus,
whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:25-26

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death


The seventh trumpet celebrates the reign of the risen Christ!

REVELATION 11:17

17 “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.”

Who is Jesus? The eternal Son.
What is He doing? Shepherding His churches.
Why is He worthy? Redeeming His people.
What does He do? Keeping His people.
How does He accomplish His purposes? Through His Word.
What has He accomplished? Establishing His kingdom.

REVELATION 11:19

19 Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen
the ark of his covenant.


The true dwelling place of God is not found in a building made by human hands.
It is found in God's presence through Jesus Christ.


How did Christ establish His kingdom?


Three great signs: a woman, a dragon, and a male child.

MICAH 5:2–4

2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans
of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” 3 Therefore Israel
will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. 4 He will stand
and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the
name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his
greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.



The **woman** represents **the remnant of Israel** through whom God would bring the Messiah into the world.

REVELATION 12:9

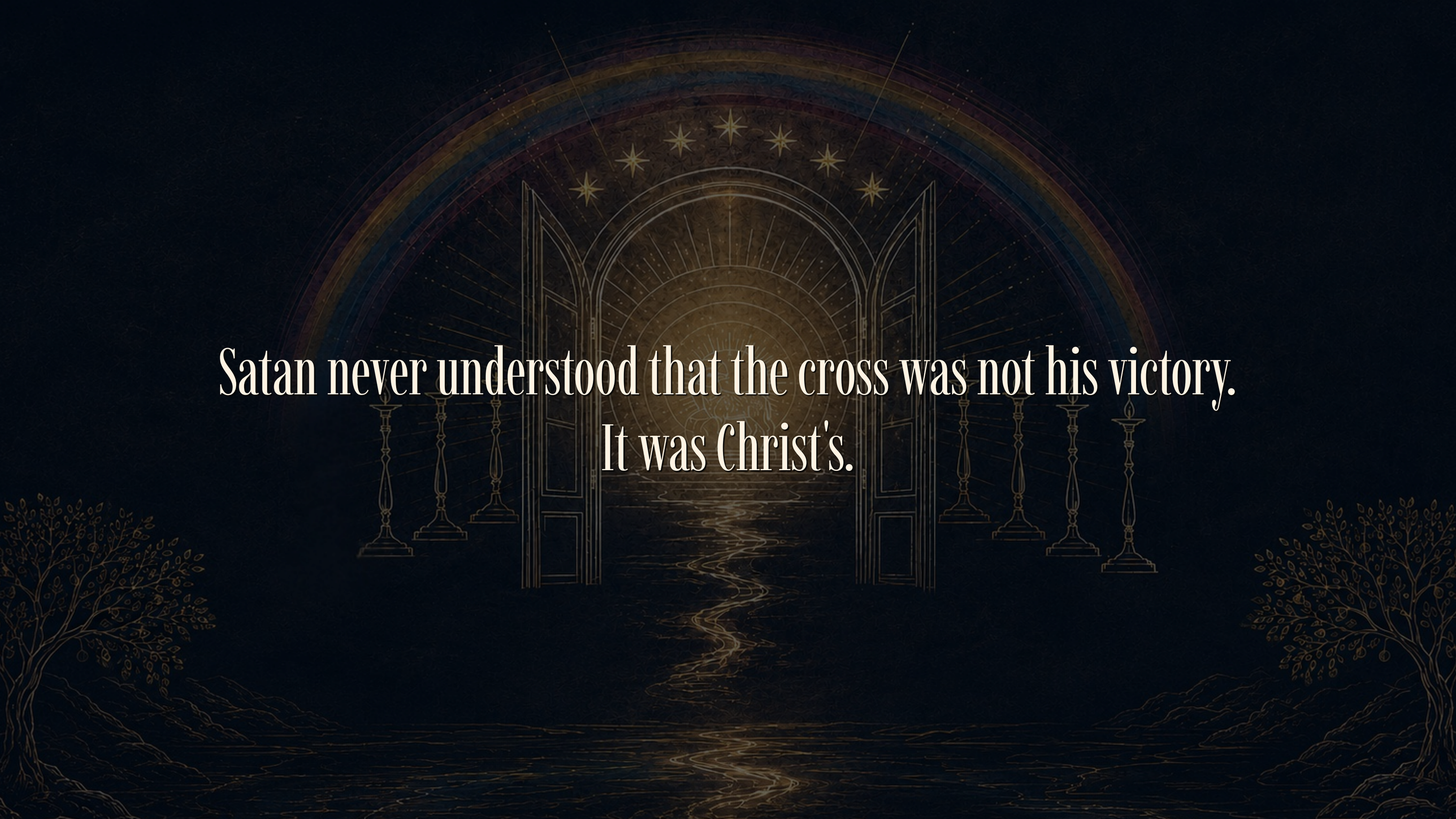
9 “That ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan”

GENESIS 3:15

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

LUKE 24:20–21

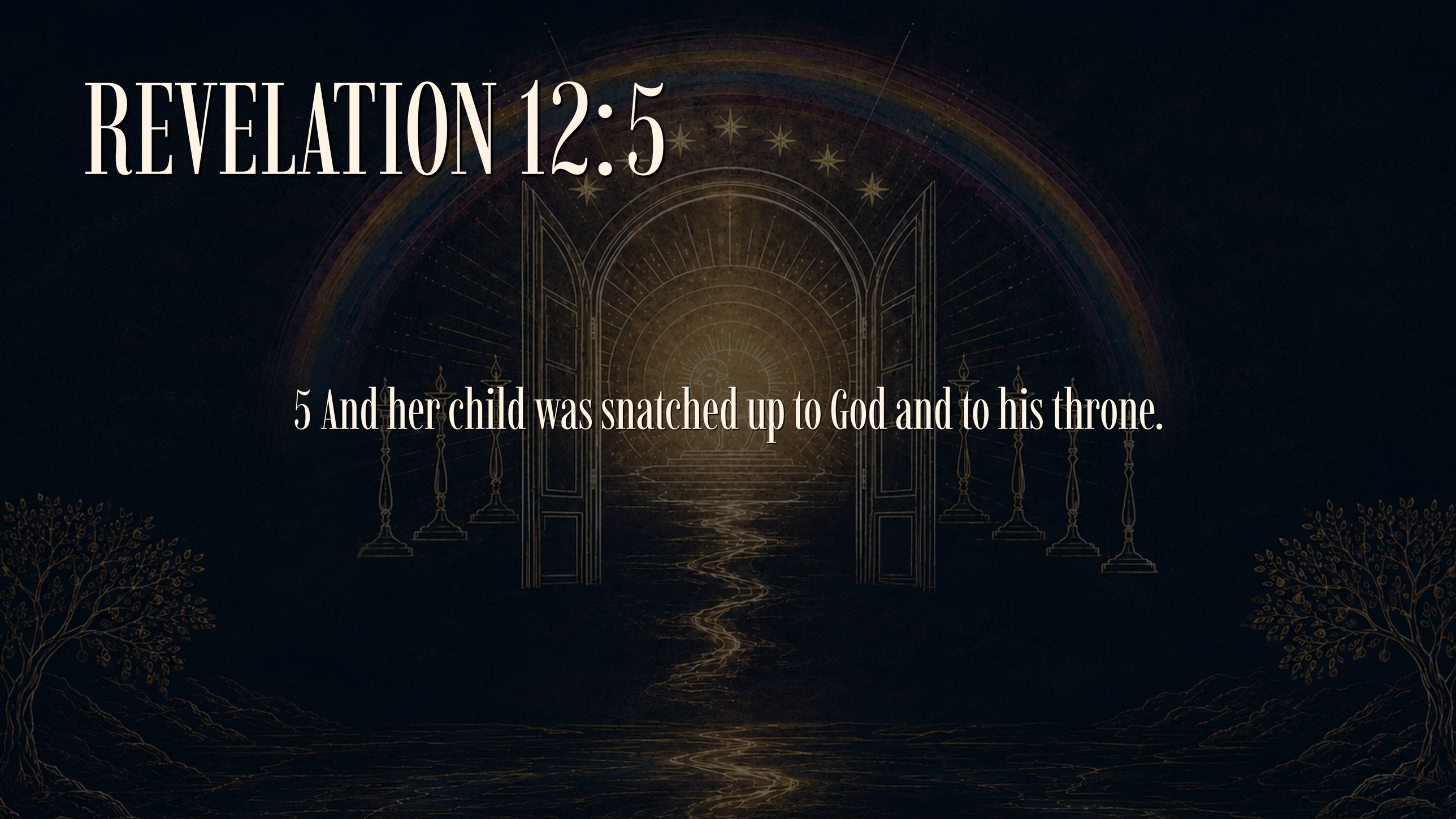
20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.


Satan never understood that the cross was not his victory.
It was Christ's.

REVELATION 12:5

5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”

REVELATION 12:5



5 And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

REVELATION 12:7–9

7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

JOHN 12:31-32

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world
will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up[a] from the earth, will draw
all people to myself.”

JOB 1:11

11 But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

JOB 2:5

5 But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

ZECHARIAH 3:1-2

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of
the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. 2 The Lord
said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen
Jerusalem, rebuke you!

REVELATION 12:10

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation
and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his
Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them
before our God day and night, has been hurled down.


No longer does Satan stand accusing God's people.
Now Christ stands at the Father's right hand as our mediator.

ROMANS 8:33-34

33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is
God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ
Jesus who died— more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right
hand of God and is also interceding for us.

REVELATION 12:11

11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;

REVELATION 12:17

17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war
against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and
hold fast their testimony about Jesus.