



Merry Christmas

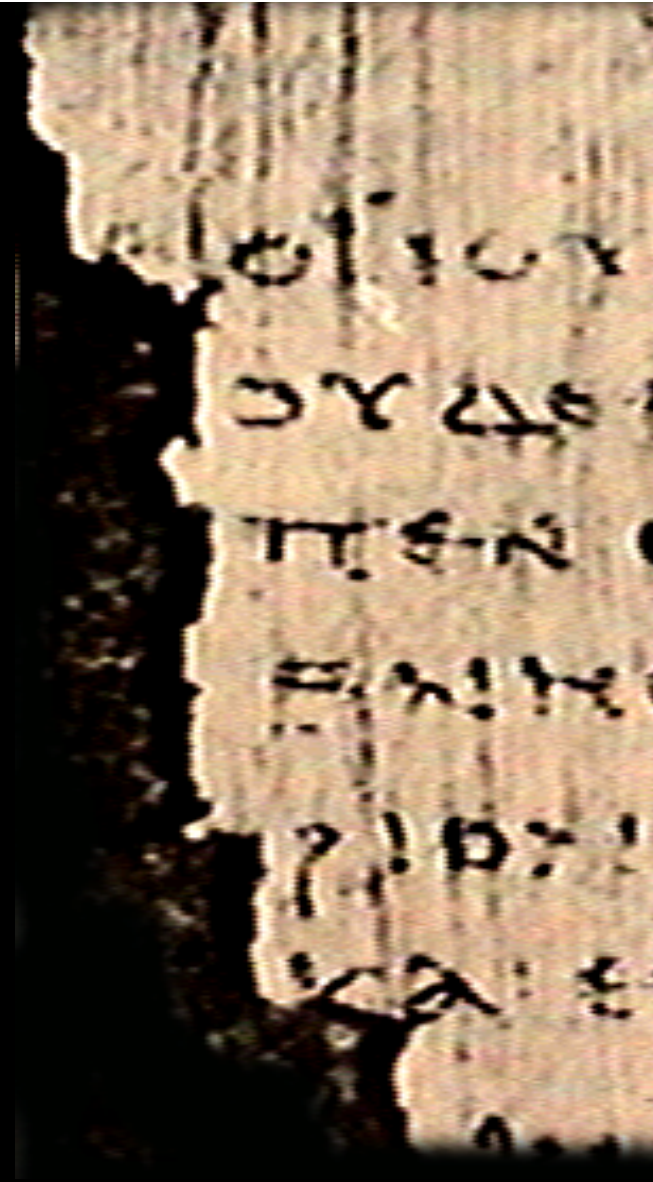


Promises Unwrapped

JESUS AND THE PROPHETS



**The word Messiah
comes from the Hebrew word
“Mashiac”
which means
“Anointed One”
“Chosen One”**

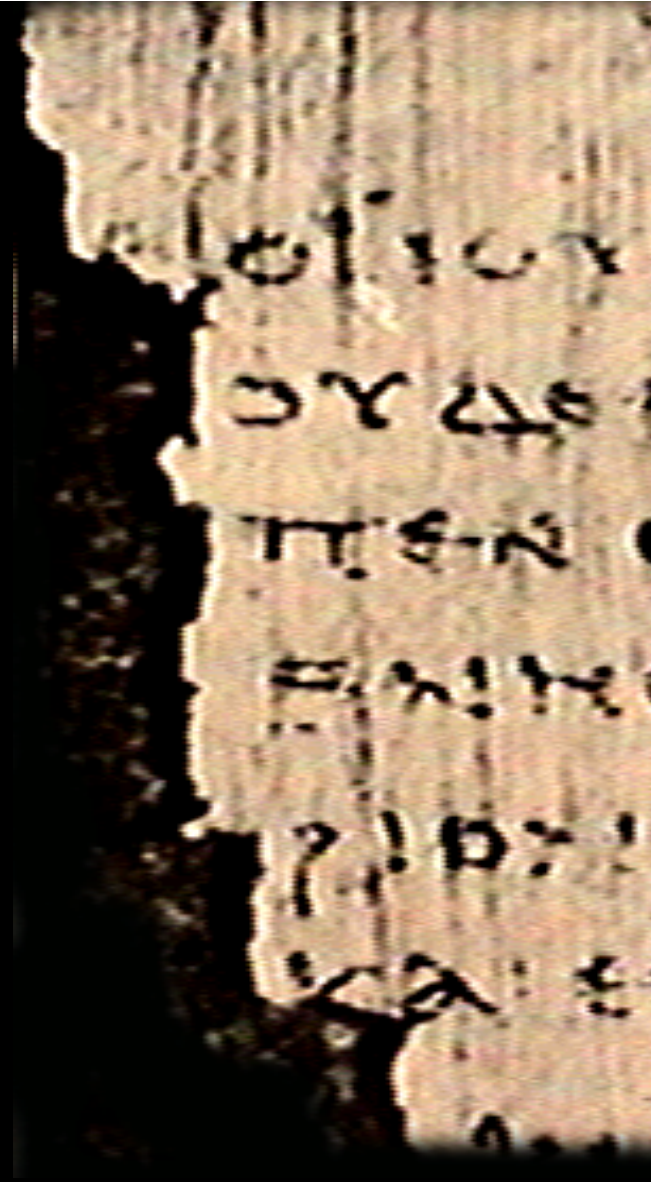


The Greek equivalent is the word

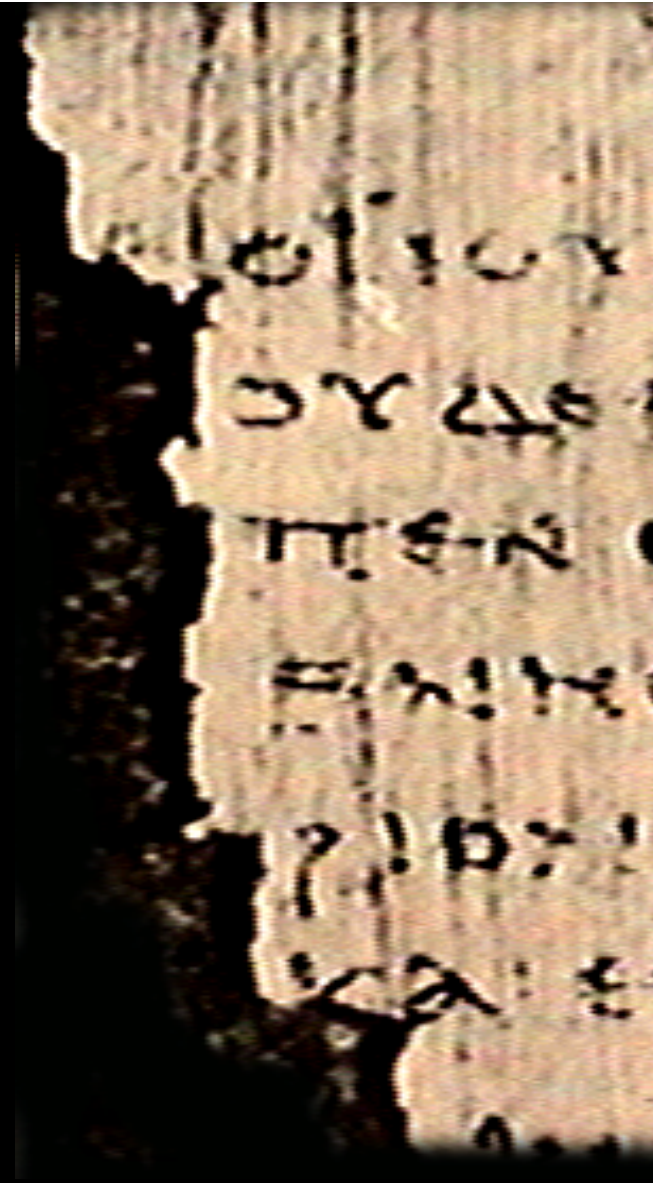
“Christos”

or in english

“Christ”



The name
“Jesus Christ”
is the same as
“Jesus the Messiah”

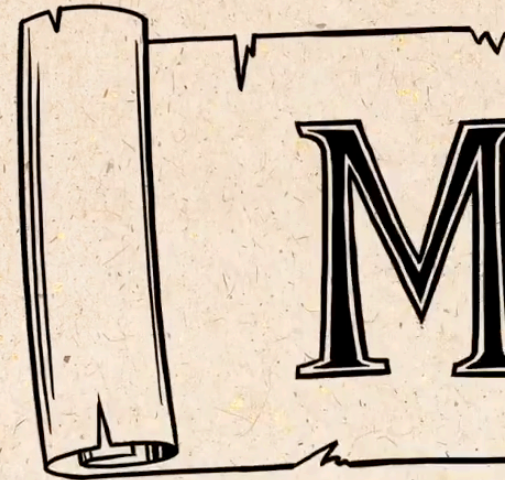
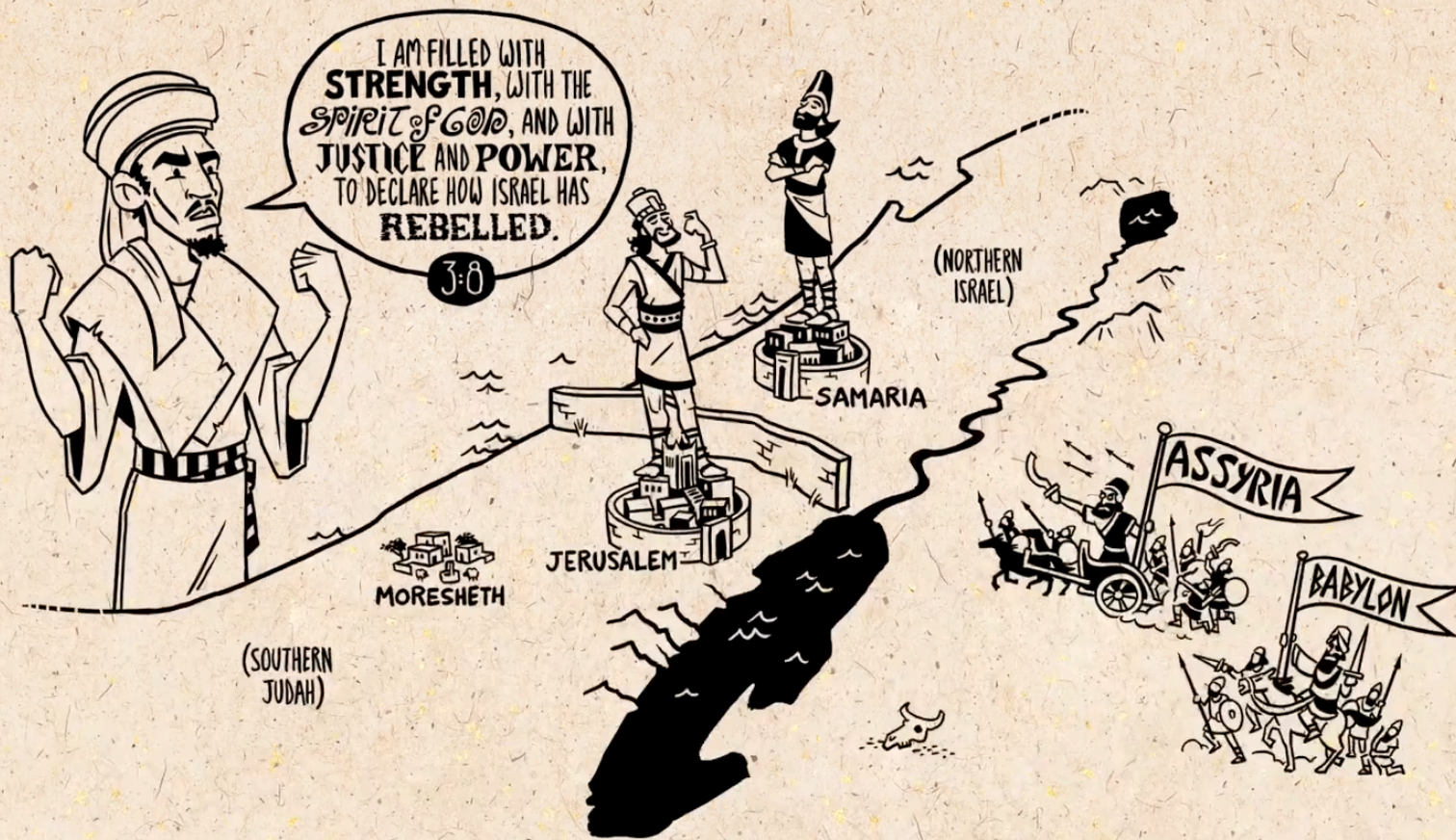






Micah prophesied for 59 years!

750 B.C. to 686 B.C.





BUT WHY...?



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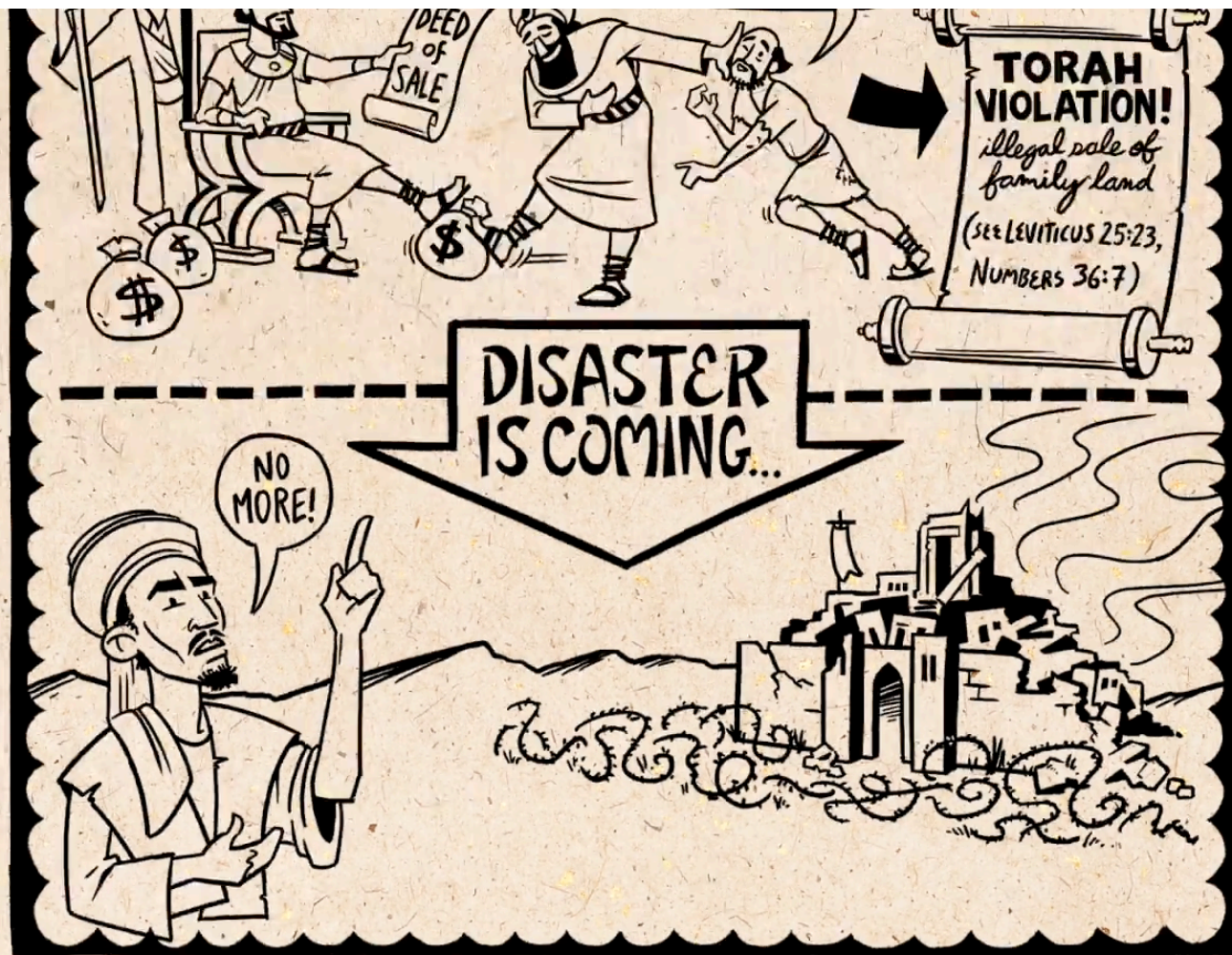
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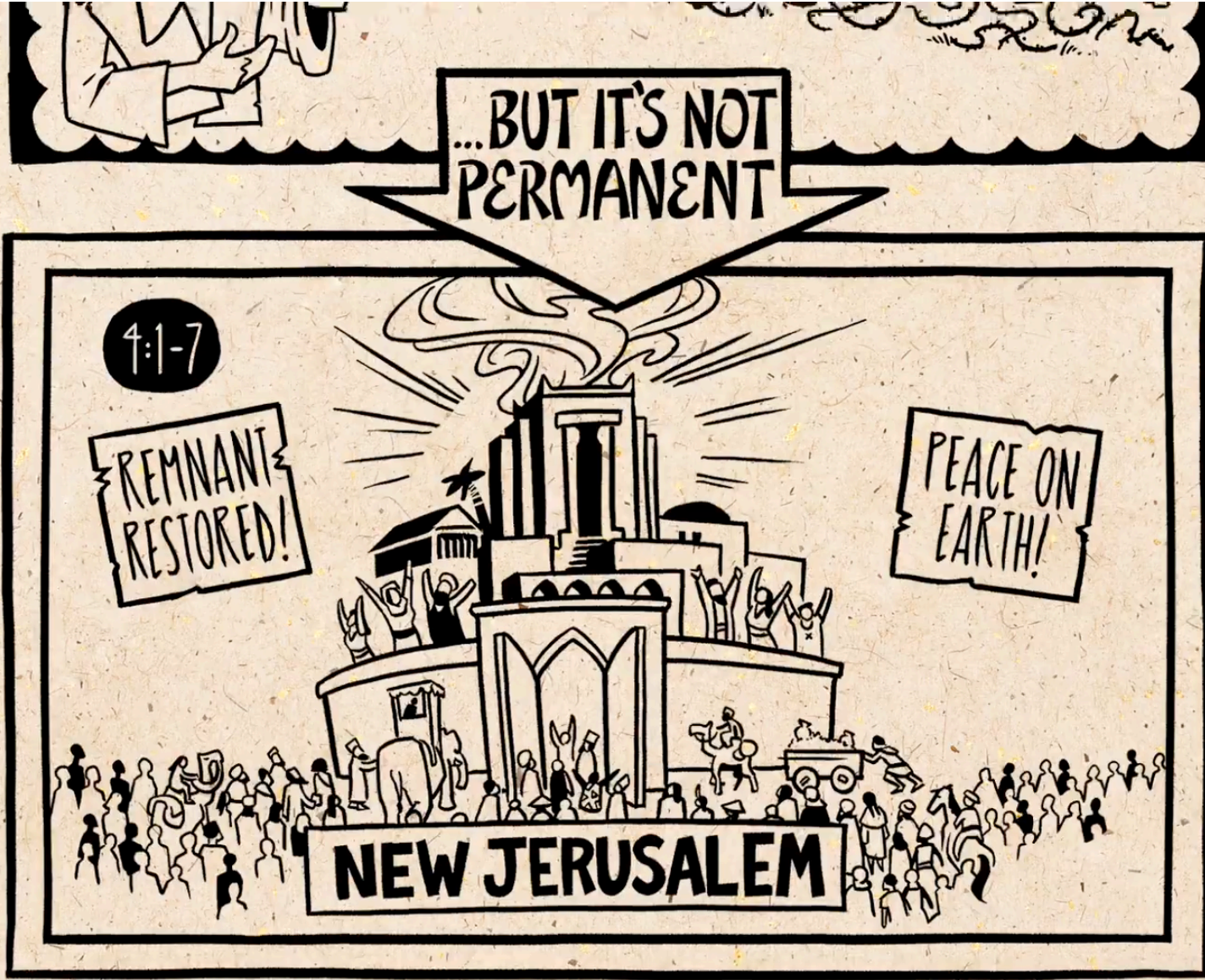
AND HIS PEOPLE
AI - SEE EXODUS 19-20)

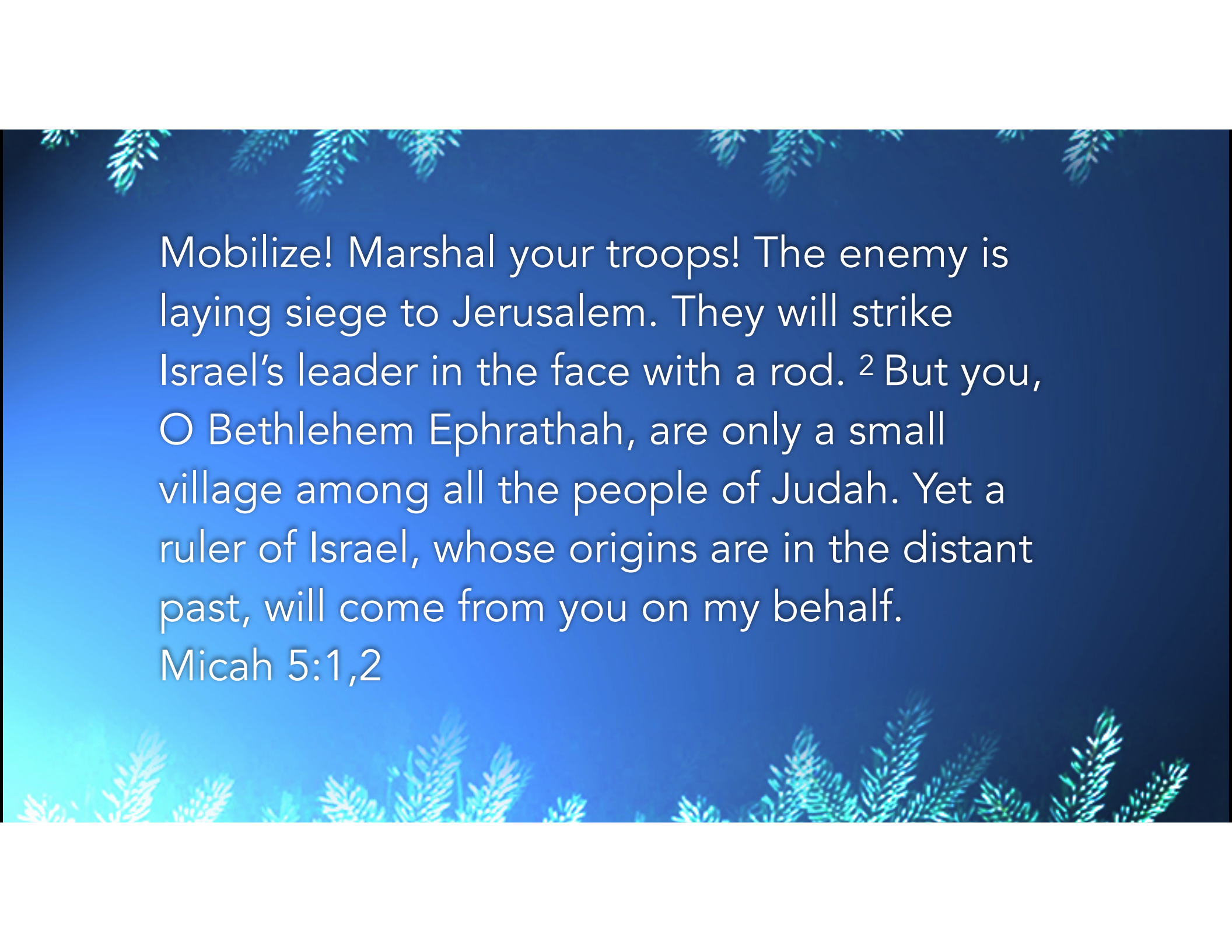


WHY...?



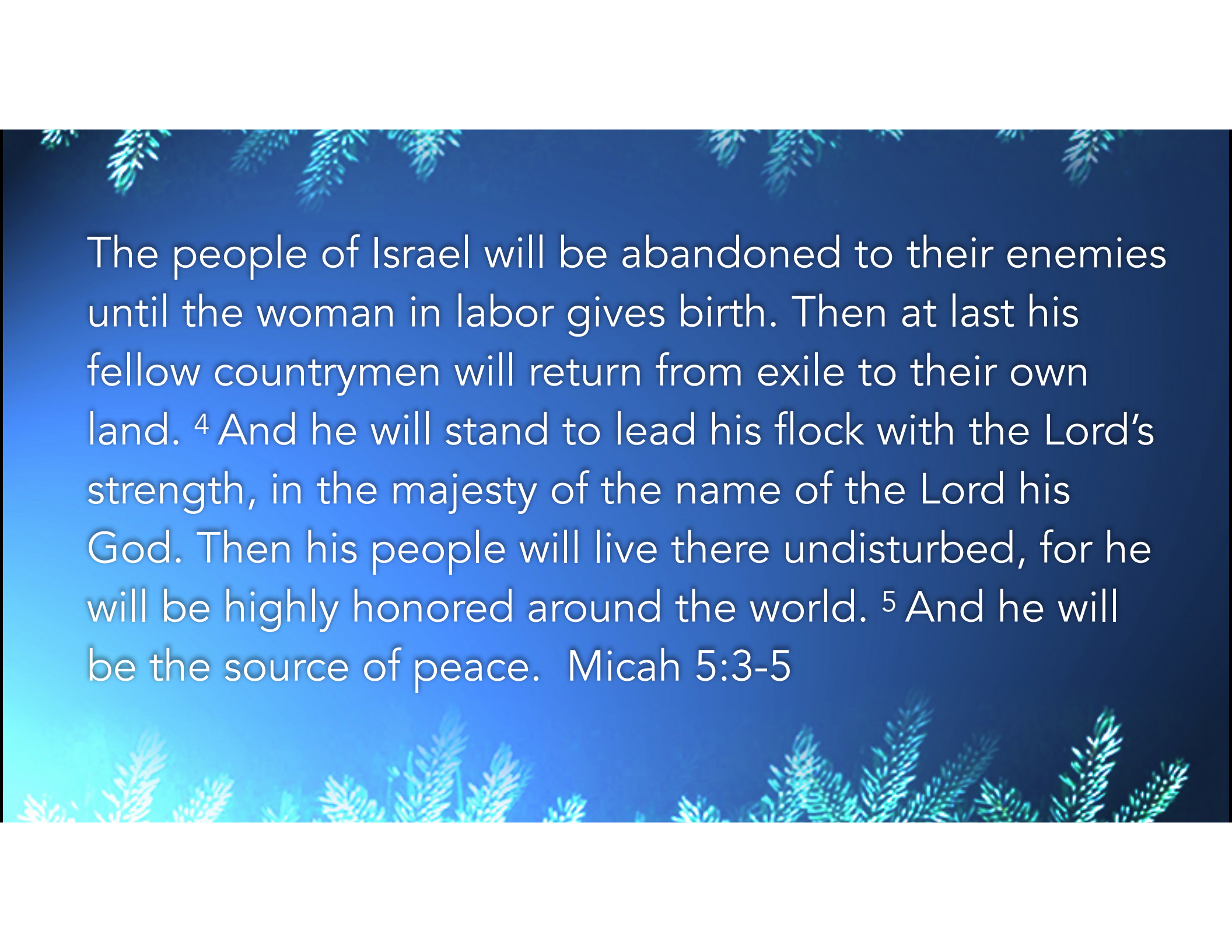






Mobilize! Marshal your troops! The enemy is laying siege to Jerusalem. They will strike Israel's leader in the face with a rod. ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

Micah 5:1,2



The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. ⁴ And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. ⁵ And he will be the source of peace. Micah 5:3-5



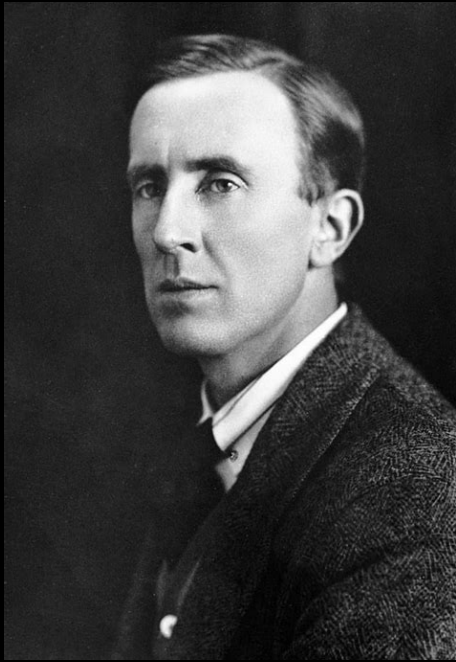
Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea,
during the reign of King Herod.
Matthew 2:1



I. The coming Messiah is the past King

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, *whose origins are in the distant past*, will come from you on my behalf.





J.R.R. Tolkien

C.S. Lewis



Tolkien said to Lewis:

Here's my theory why you're so moved even though you're "we are here by accident guy." These fictional stories, say that this world is under an evil spell. Secondly, these stories point to the fact that the material world, this physical world, is not all there is.

Tolkien said to Lewis:

There's a supernatural, not just a natural. There's a spiritual realm, not just a material realm. Thirdly, we need sacrificial love to save us. We're not going to be able to do it ourselves.

Lewis says:

Very interesting theory. But all the old stories, are lies." As wonderful as they are, in the end they're lies.

Tolkien said:

No, they're not all lies. How about this one? The world is under an evil spell, but God sends his Son into the world, and he's born in the most unlikely place. He's not at all the kind of person you would think would do something, but he takes on the Romans, the Pharisees, and the demons.

Tolkien said:

But in the end , he's taken to die shamefully on the cross, and it looks like evil has defeated him, and yet he is raised from the dead. He brings together a band of people, and renews their lives, and then leaves them to change the world, but one day he will return and renew the whole world.

Lewis says:

I've never heard the Christian story told like that. You're right. It is just like all these other stories that points to these underlying realities.

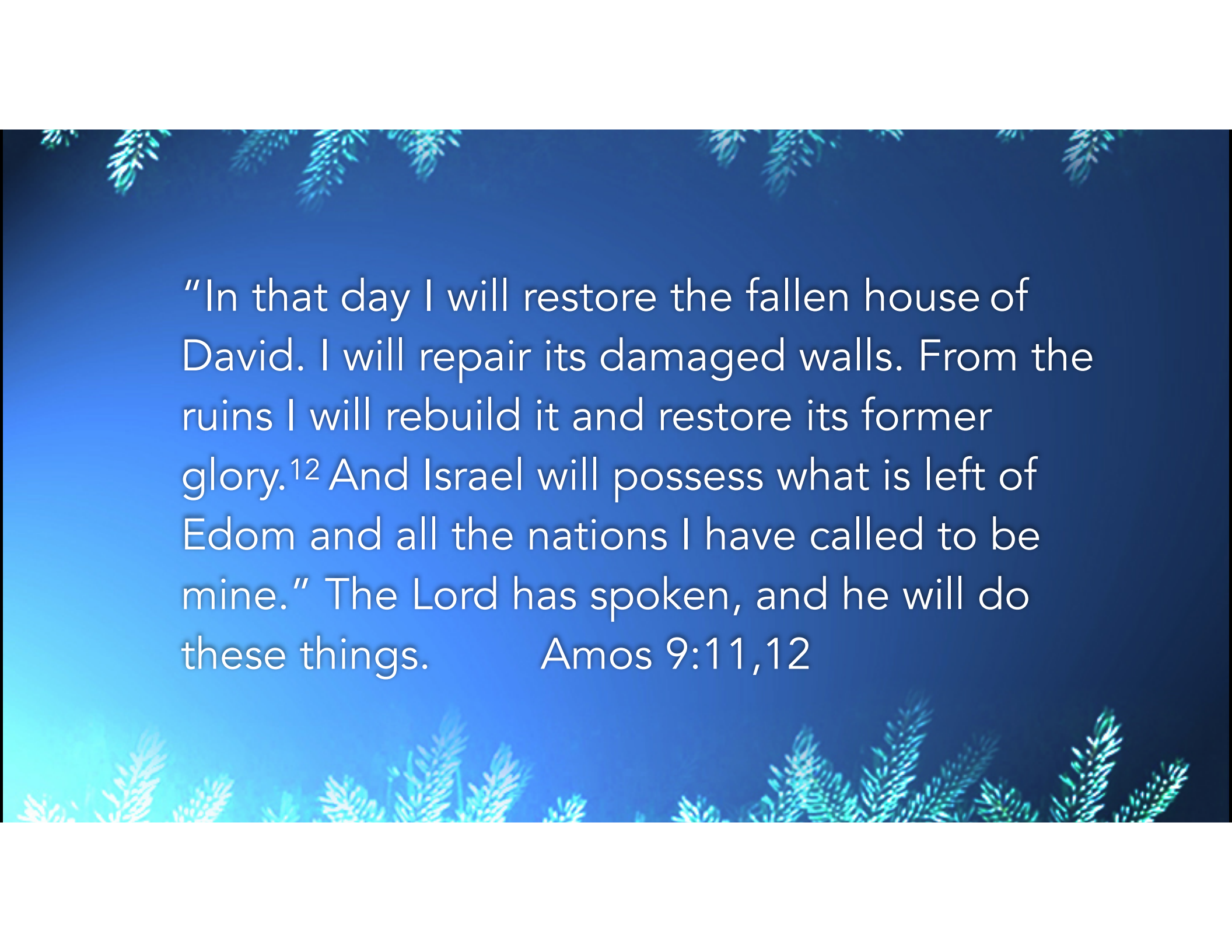
Tolkien said:

No! Jesus Christ is the underlying reality to which all the stories point." Because this story is not just a story. This story became historical. This story became a fact. Jesus Christ was born.

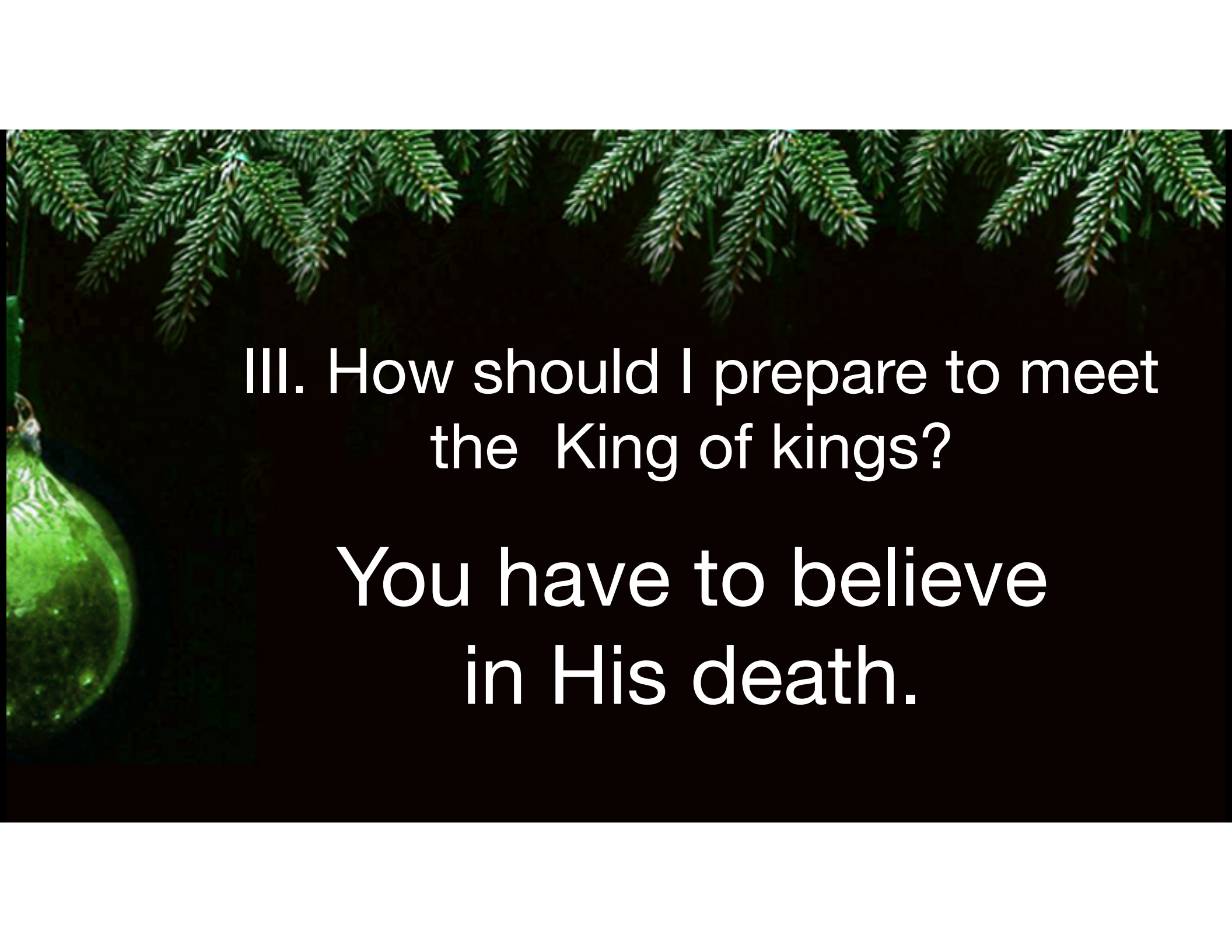


II. The coming Messiah is also the future King

And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, *for he will be highly honored around the world.* ⁵ And he will be the source of peace. Micah 5:4,5

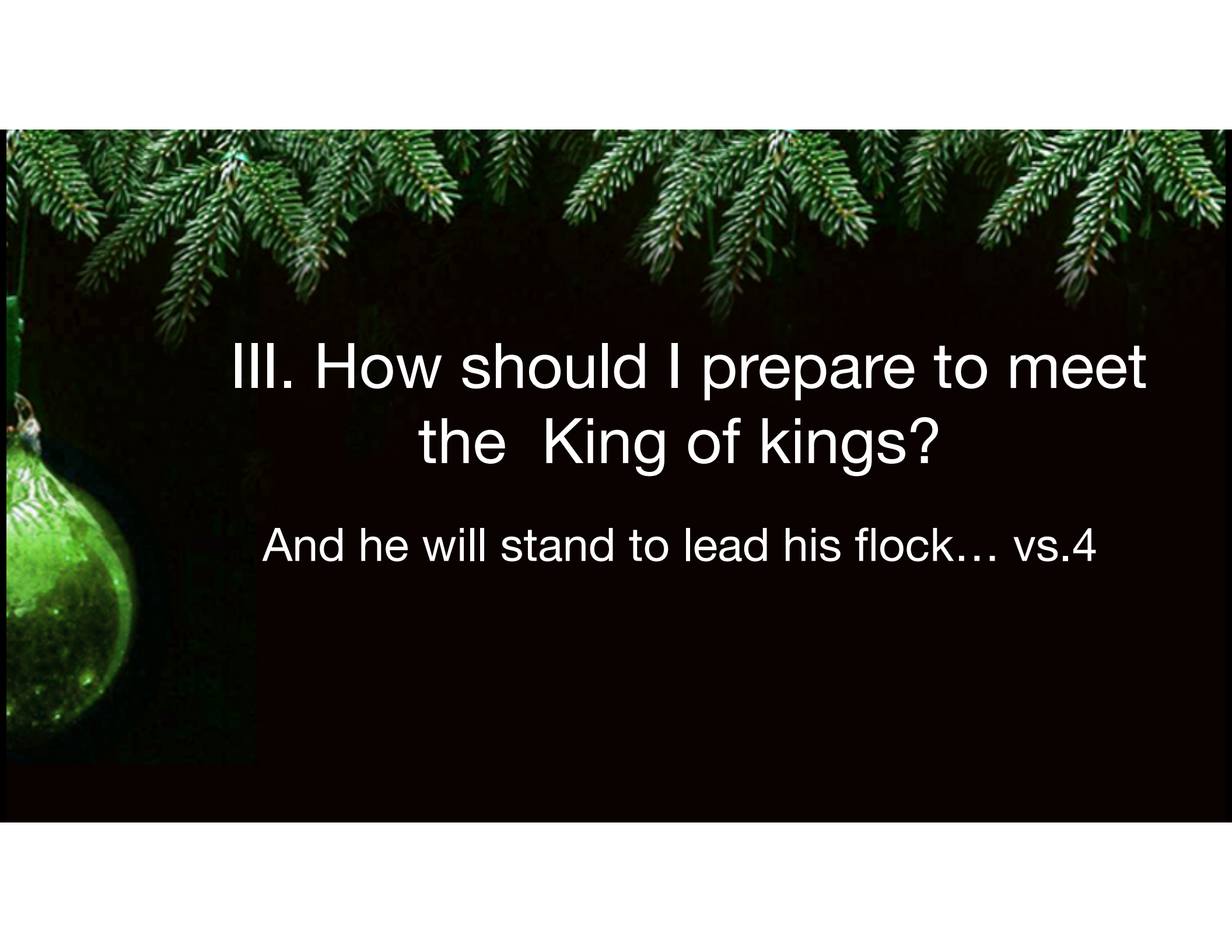


"In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory.¹² And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine." The Lord has spoken, and he will do these things. Amos 9:11,12



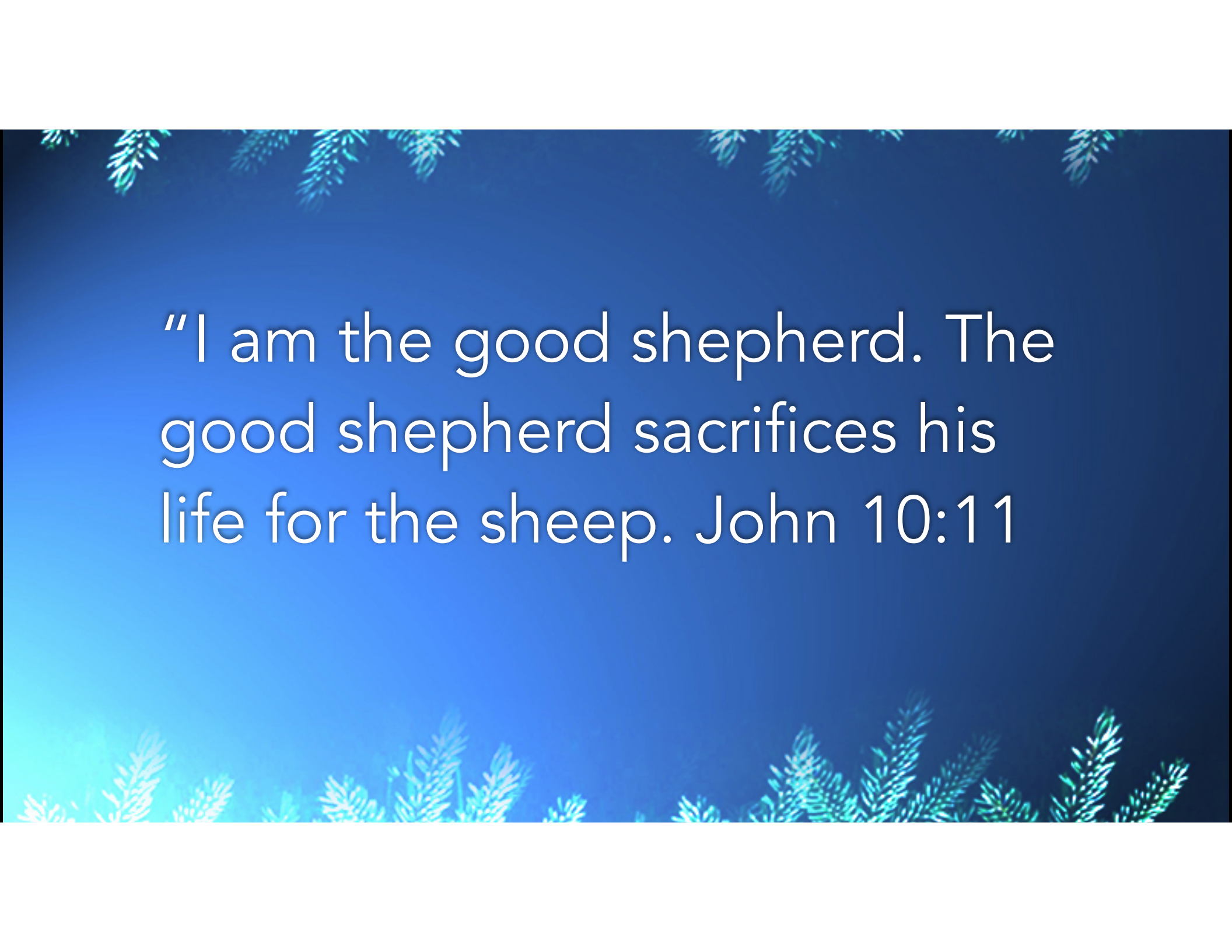
III. How should I prepare to meet
the King of kings?

You have to believe
in His death.

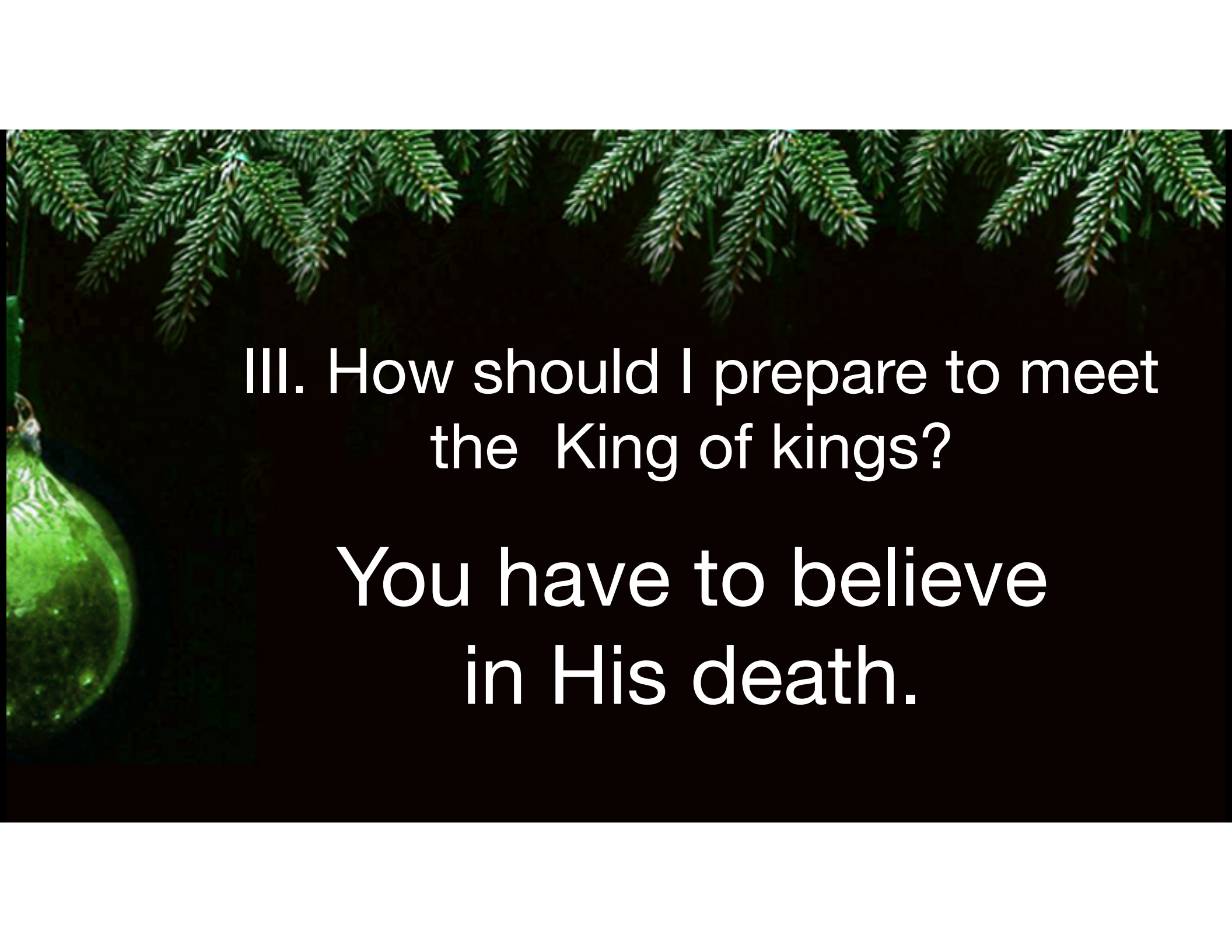


III. How should I prepare to meet the King of kings?

And he will stand to lead his flock... vs.4

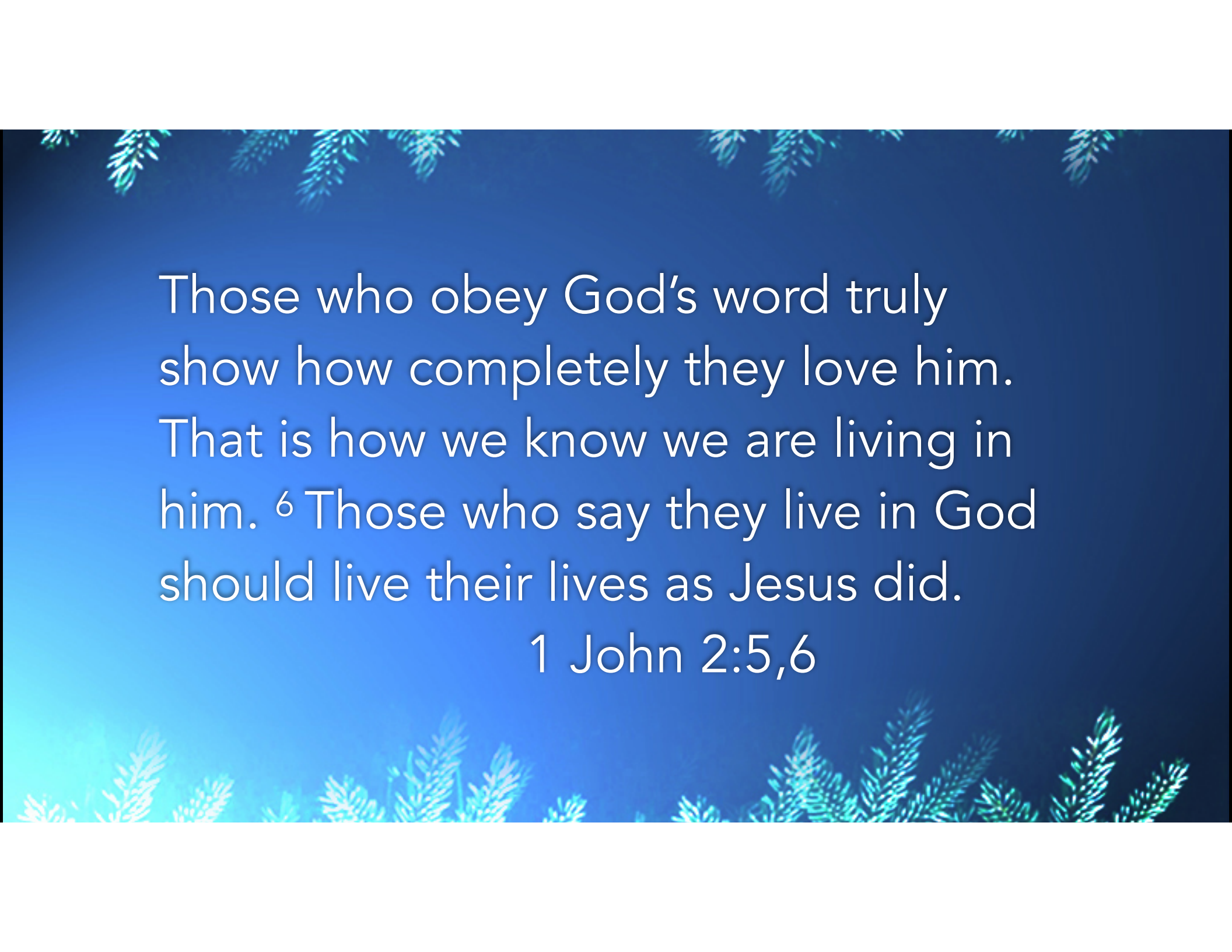


"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. John 10:11



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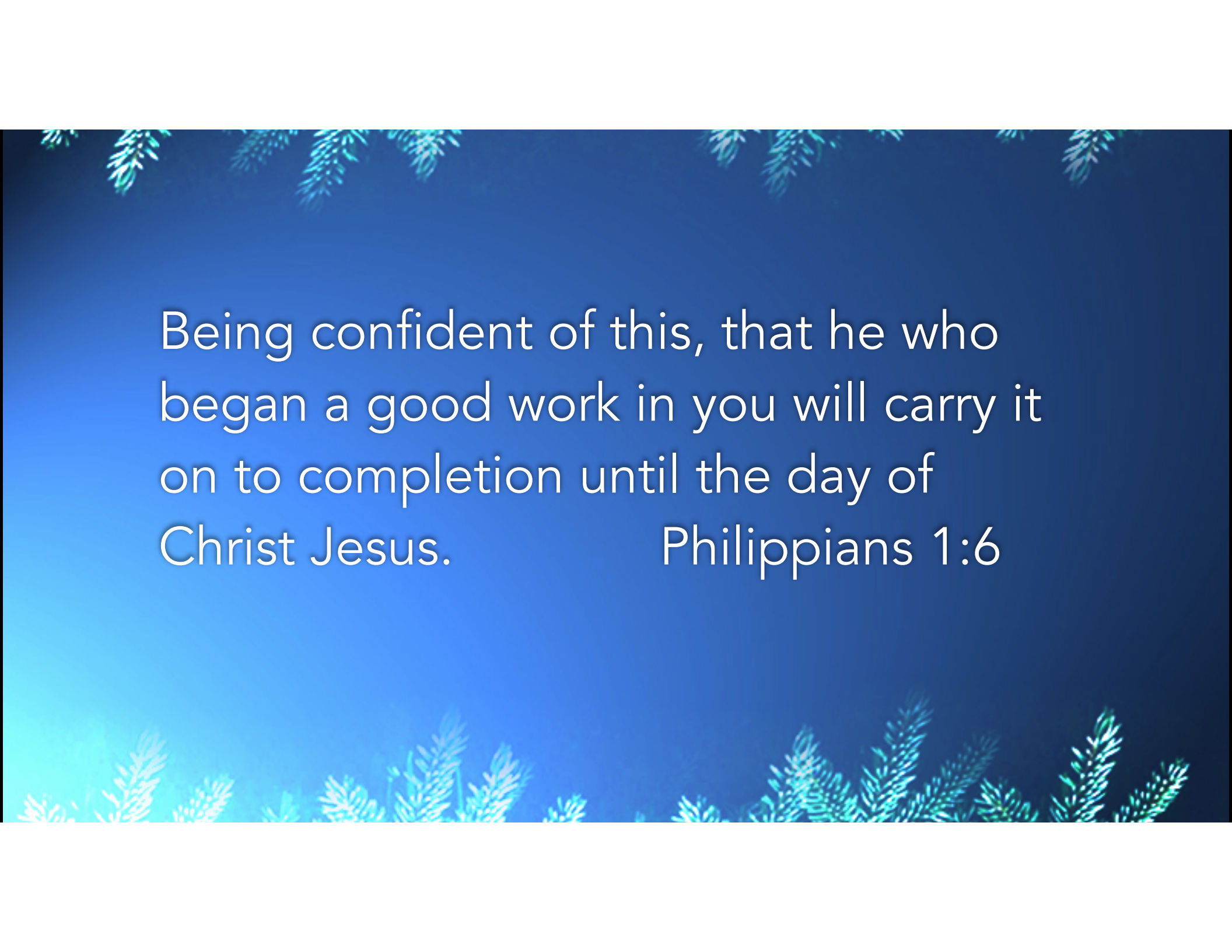
You have to obey
His Word.



Those who obey God's word truly
show how completely they love him.
That is how we know we are living in
him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God
should live their lives as Jesus did.

1 John 2:5,6





Being confident of this, that he who
began a good work in you will carry it
on to completion until the day of
Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6





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