

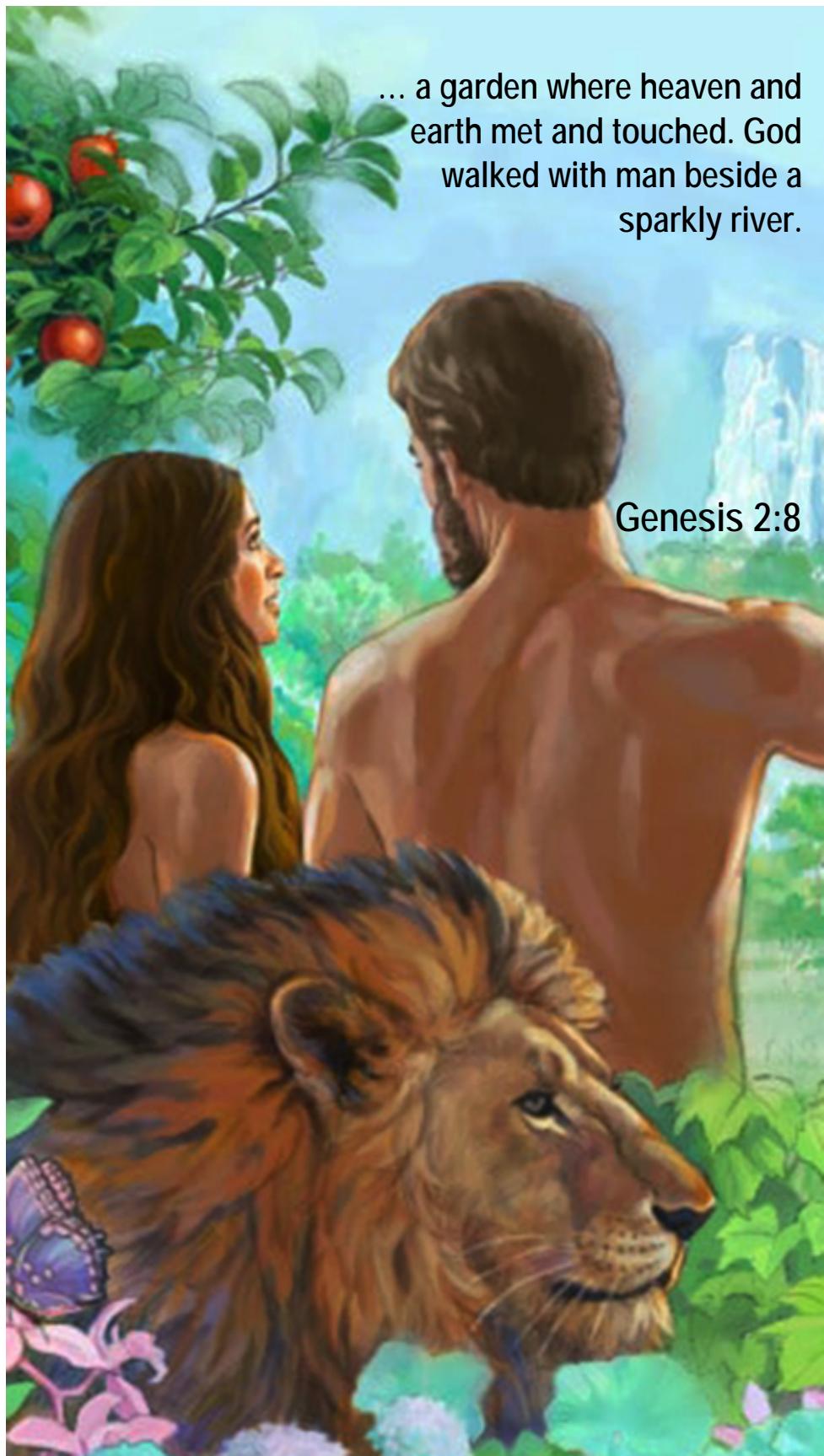
A BETTER CITY...

In the beginning was Eden



... a garden where heaven and
earth met and touched. God
walked with man beside a
sparkly river.

Genesis 2:8



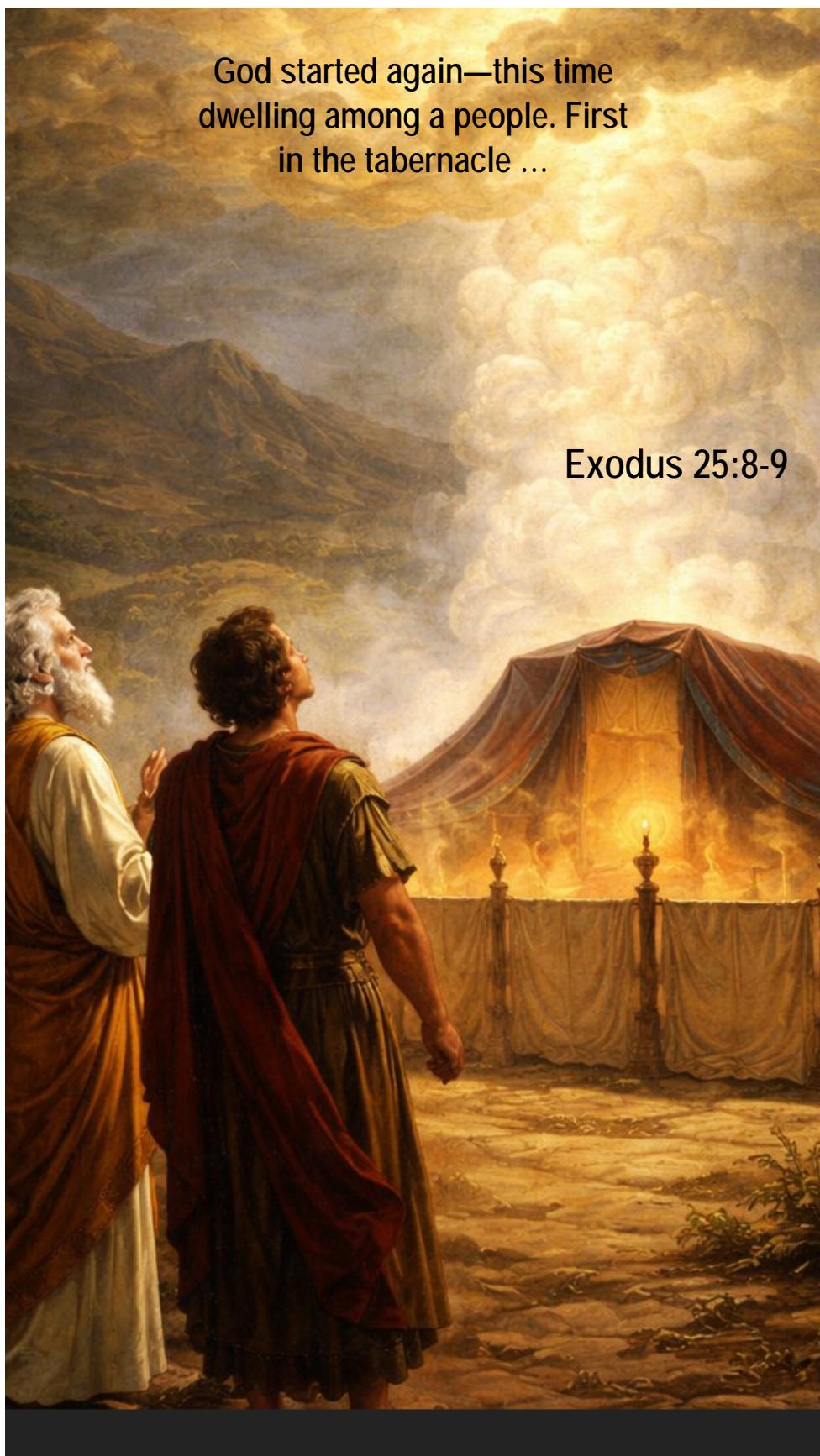


But man's disobedience to God shattered that closeness. Humanity was exiled east of Eden, cut off from God's presence.

Genesis 3:23-24

God started again—this time
dwelling among a people. First
in the tabernacle ...

Exodus 25:8-9

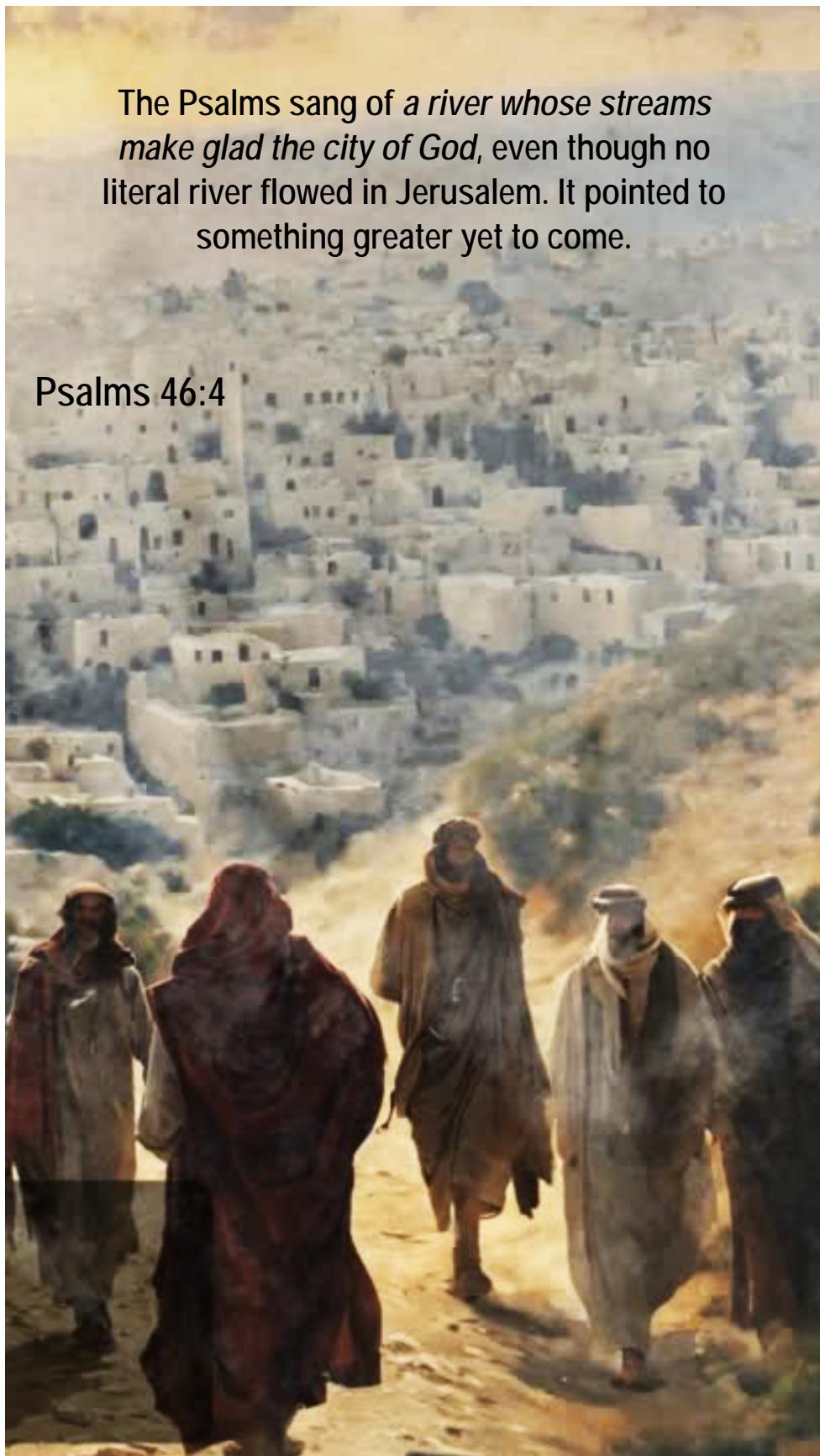


... then in the temple in
Jerusalem—Mount Zion, the City
of God.



The Psalms sang of *a river whose streams make glad the city of God*, even though no literal river flowed in Jerusalem. It pointed to something greater yet to come.

Psalms 46:4





The prophets promised a future City and
the true believers understood: this world
was not their home.

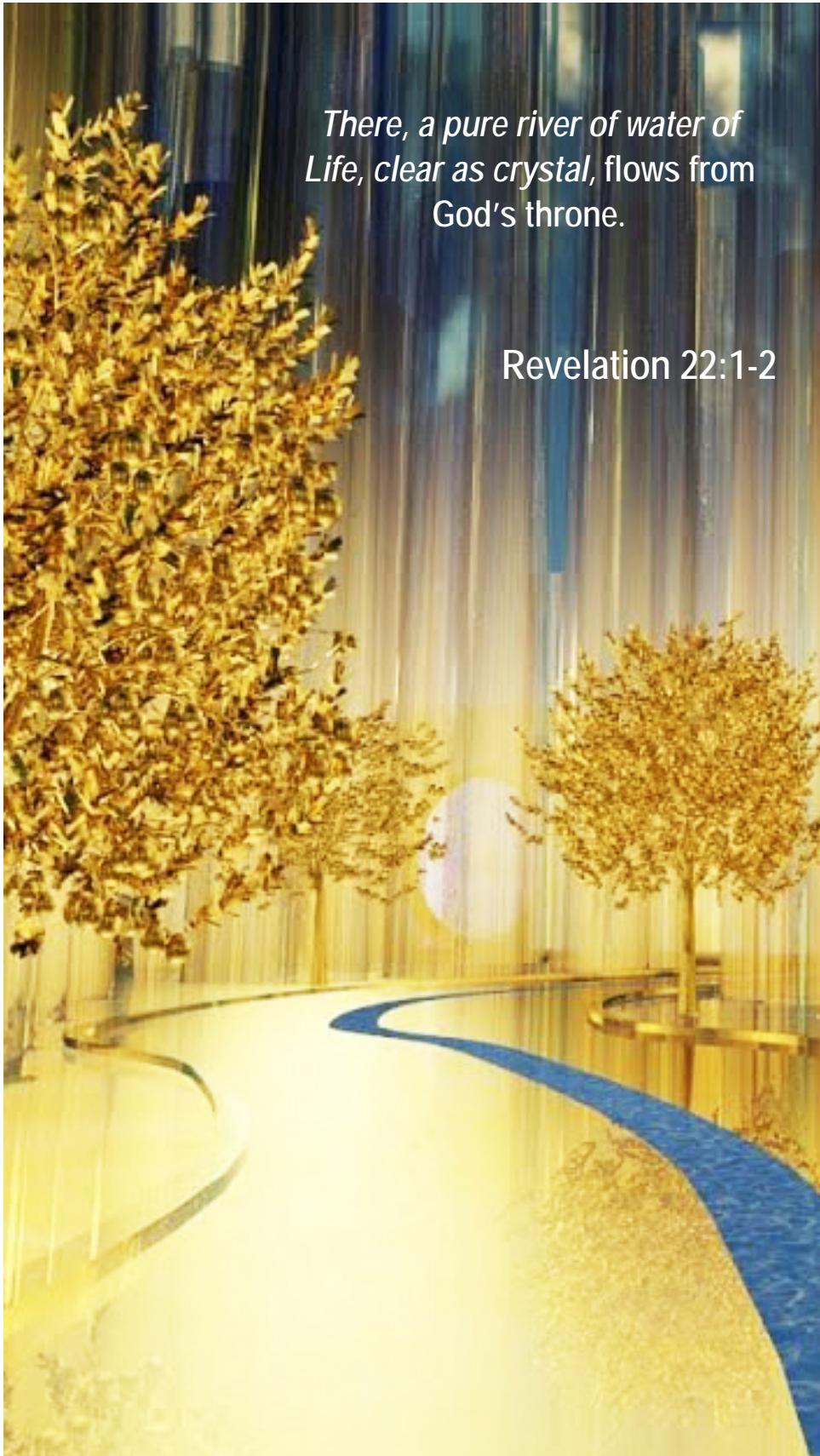
*"They looked for a city ... whose builder
and maker is God."*

Hebrews 11:10

Then John saw it: the New Jerusalem
descending from heaven:

Revelation 21:2



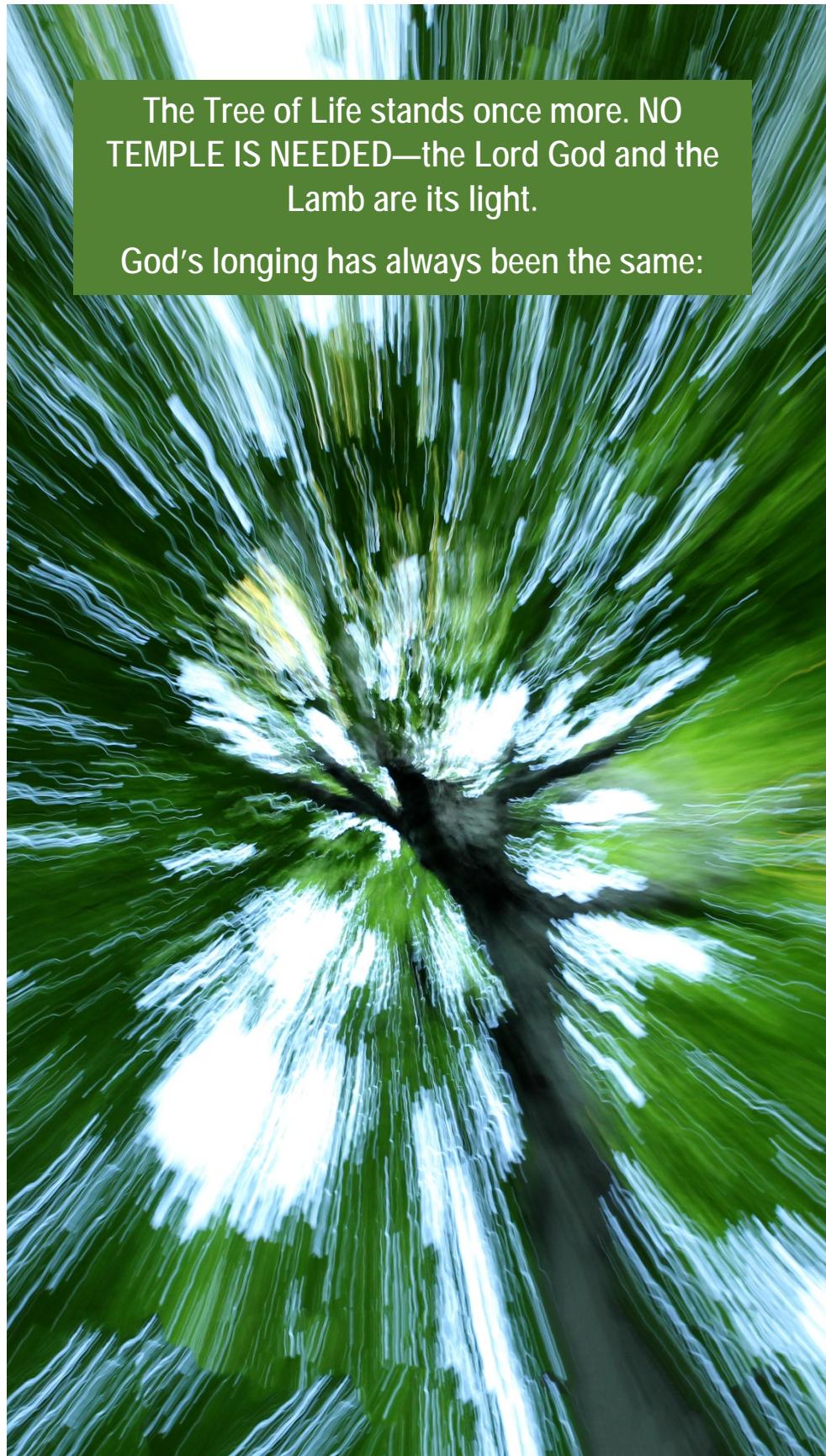


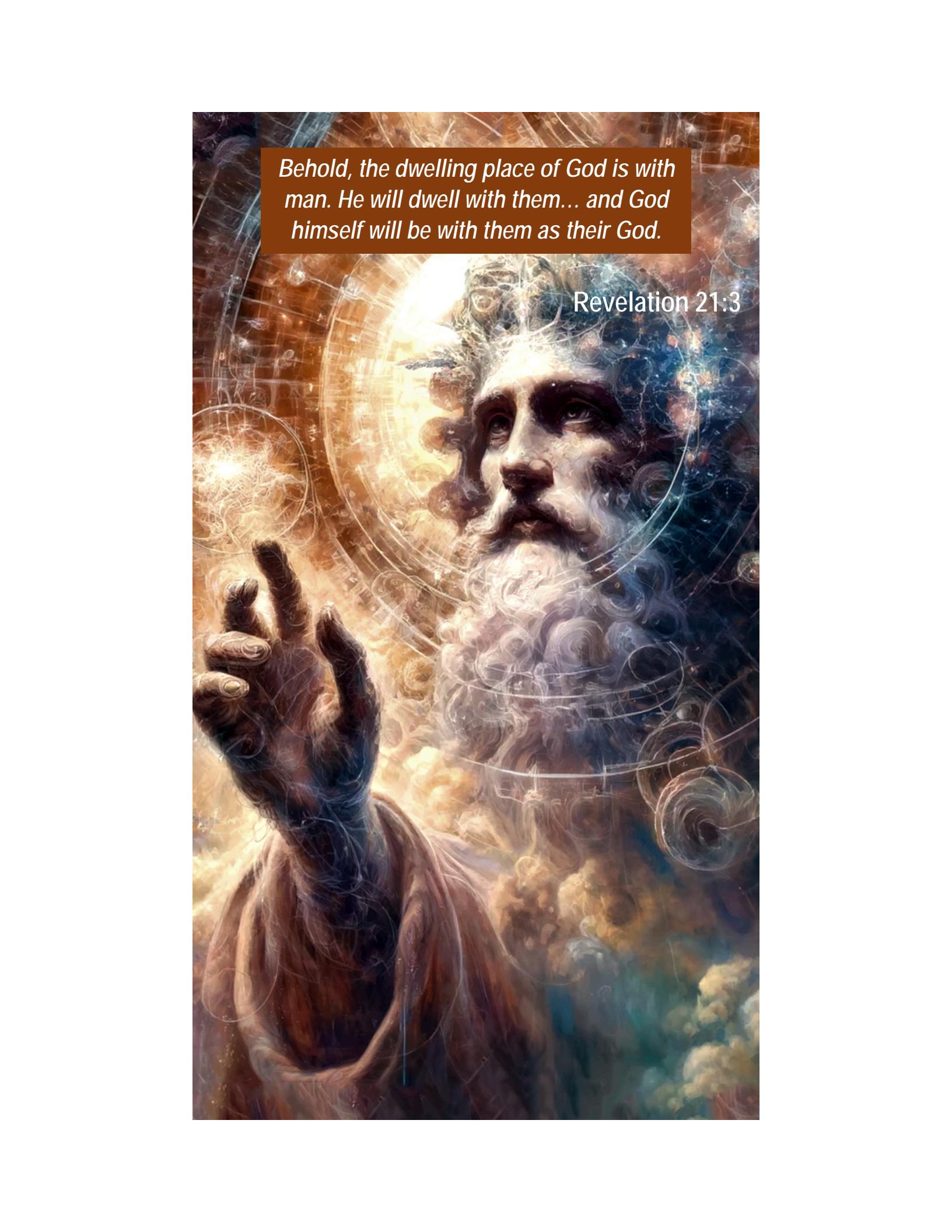
*There, a pure river of water of
Life, clear as crystal, flows from
God's throne.*

Revelation 22:1-2

The Tree of Life stands once more. NO
TEMPLE IS NEEDED—the Lord God and the
Lamb are its light.

God's longing has always been the same:





Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them... and God himself will be with them as their God.

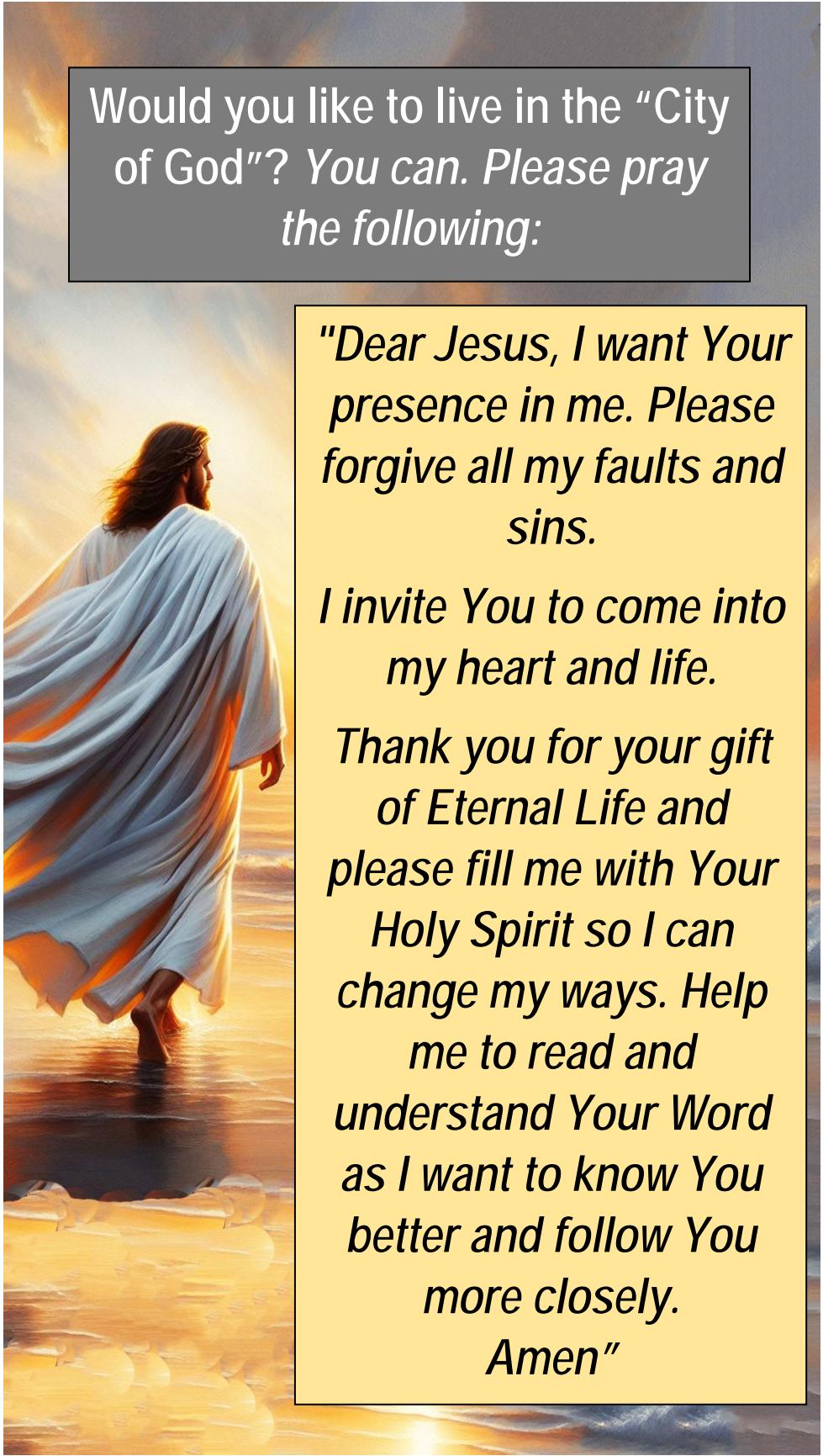
Revelation 21:3



*There, at last, the redeemed
will be home.*

(Marriage Supper of the Lamb)

Revelation 19: 7-9



Would you like to live in the "City of God"? You can. Please pray the following:

"Dear Jesus, I want Your presence in me. Please forgive all my faults and sins.

I invite You to come into my heart and life.

Thank you for your gift of Eternal Life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can change my ways. Help me to read and understand Your Word as I want to know You better and follow You more closely.

Amen"

