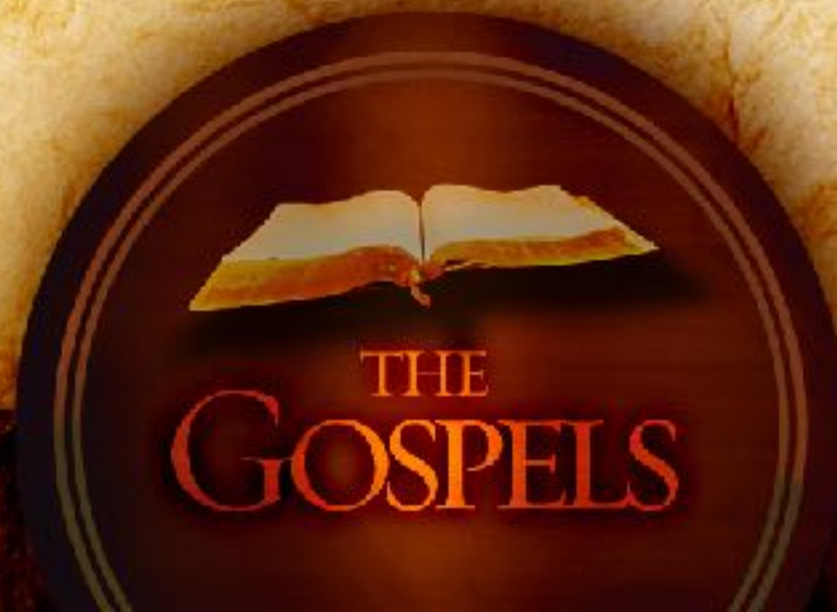




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Who is YOUR King?!?



Ready for His Return



Matthew 24:1-14



One Mind!



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- poetic descriptions of God's character



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Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Revelation 19:11



His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

Revelation 19:12



He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood,
and His name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:13



And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen,
white and clean, followed Him on white
horses.

Revelation 19:14



Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 19:15



And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a
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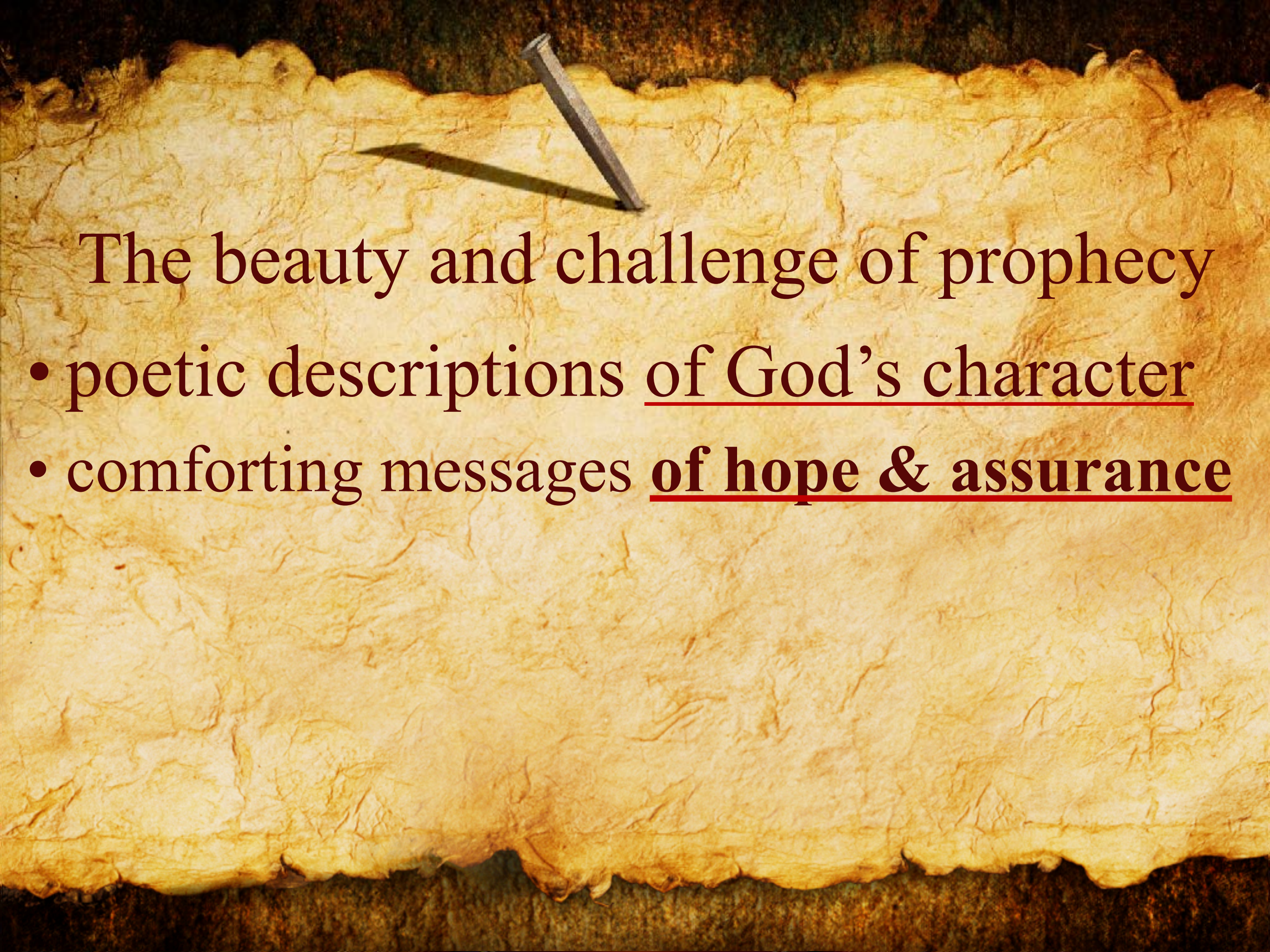
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Heaven and earth will pass away, but
My words will by no means pass away.

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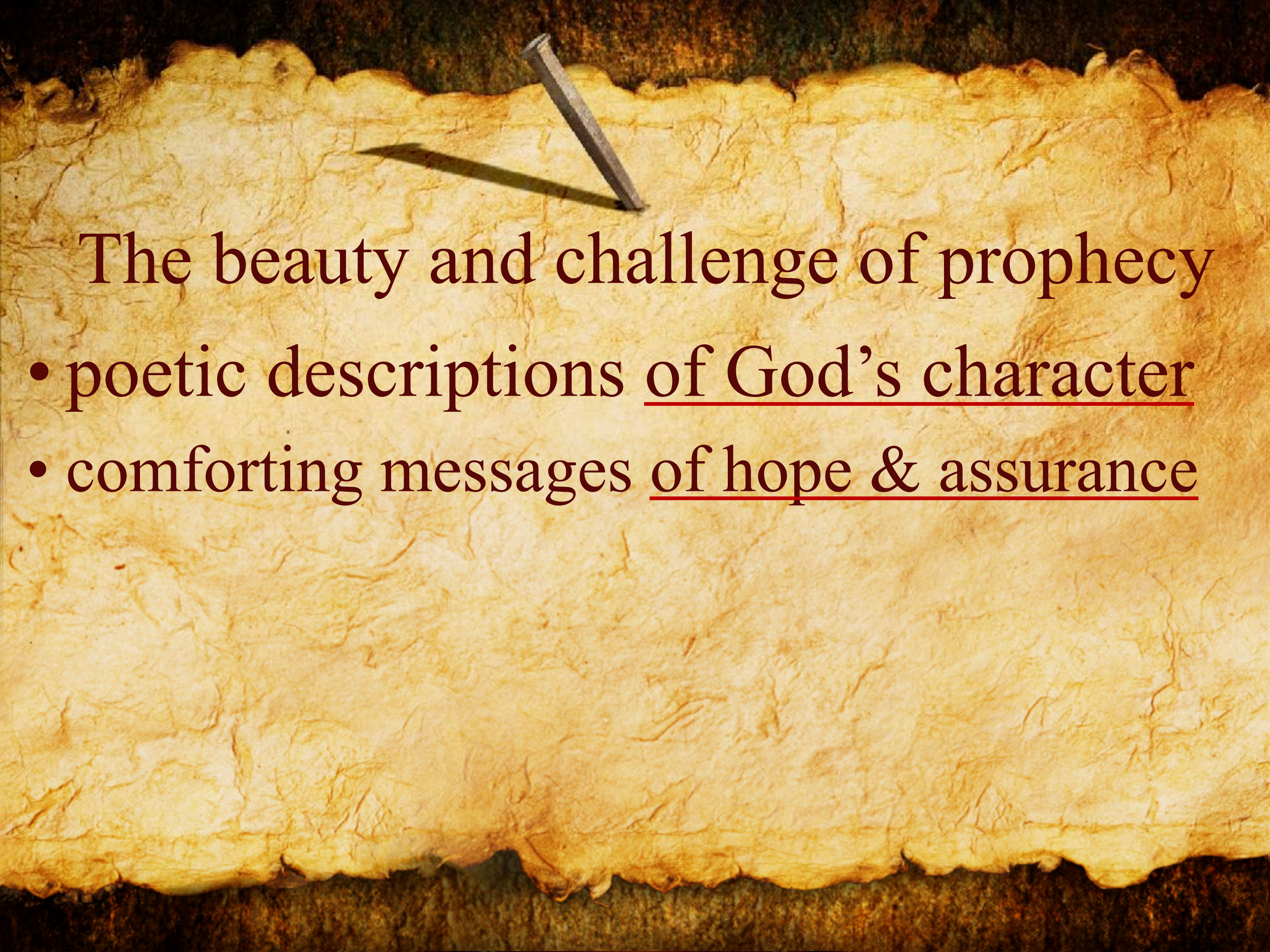
But to you who fear My name The Sun of
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Malachi 4:3



“Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 31:13-14

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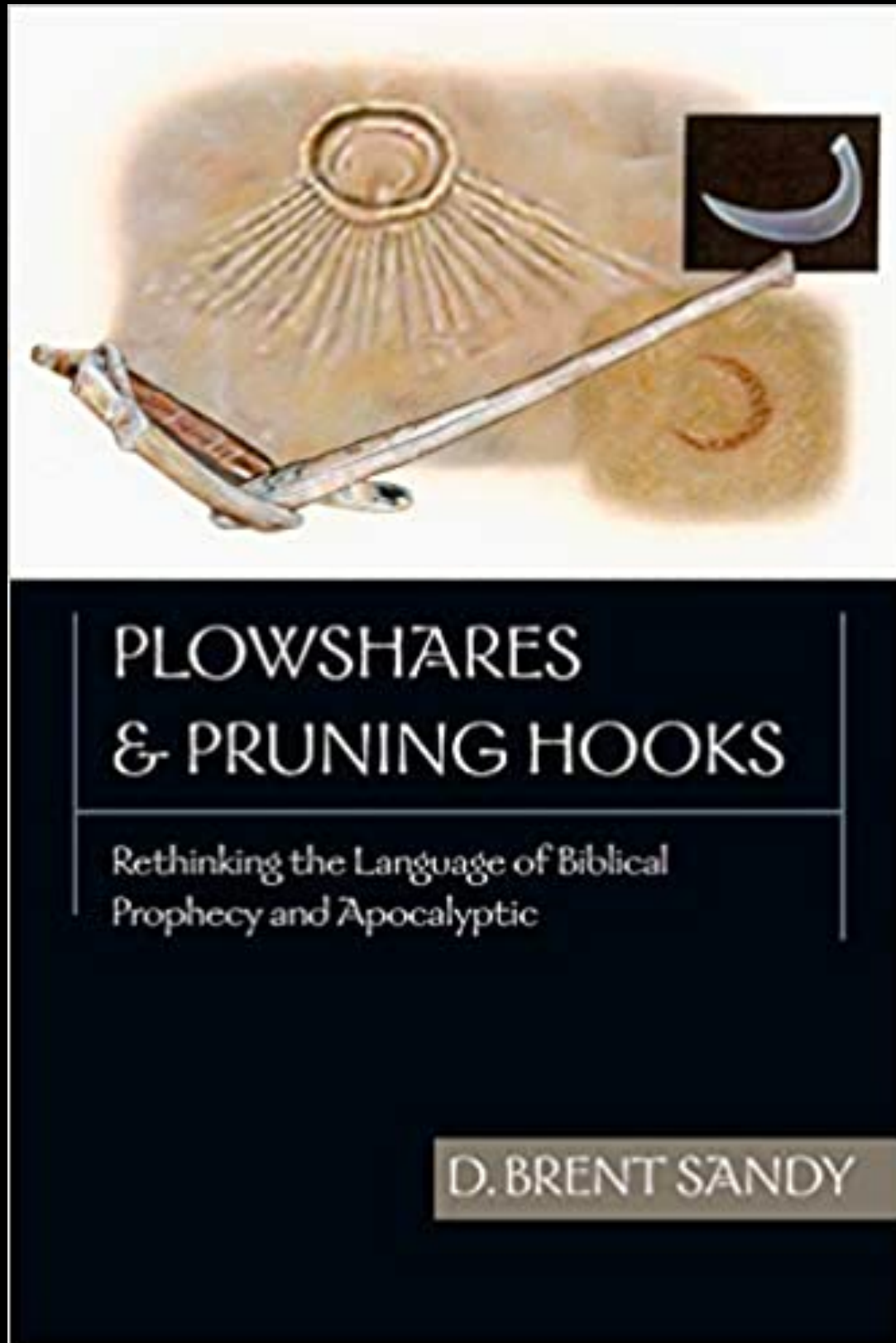
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For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles
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Matthew 24:28



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Matthew 24:27



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Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Matthew 24:29



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Isaiah 10:13b





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Joel 2:10



But this is what was spoken by the prophet
Joel:

Acts 2:16b



‘And it shall come to pass in the last days,
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That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
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Acts 2:17



And on My menservants and on My
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Acts 2:18



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Acts 2:21



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Joel 2:19-20



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2 Kings 23:20



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Matthew 24:32-24



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Joel 2:1; Zephaniah 1:14



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Revelation 3:11a; 22:7a



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Essential lessons from Christ's teaching:



Matthew 24



- 4b - Take heed that no one deceives you!
- 5 - For many will come (and) deceive many.
- 11 - Then many false prophets will rise up
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Matthew 24:6



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For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

Matthew 24:7



All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:8



“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation
and kill you, and you will be hated by all
nations for My name’s sake.

Matthew 24:9



And then many will be offended, will betray
one another, and will hate one another.

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Matthew 24:1-14



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