

The image features a dramatic sunset sky with a bright star in the upper center. In the foreground, the silhouettes of three camels and their riders are visible against the horizon. The text "What are you waiting for?" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

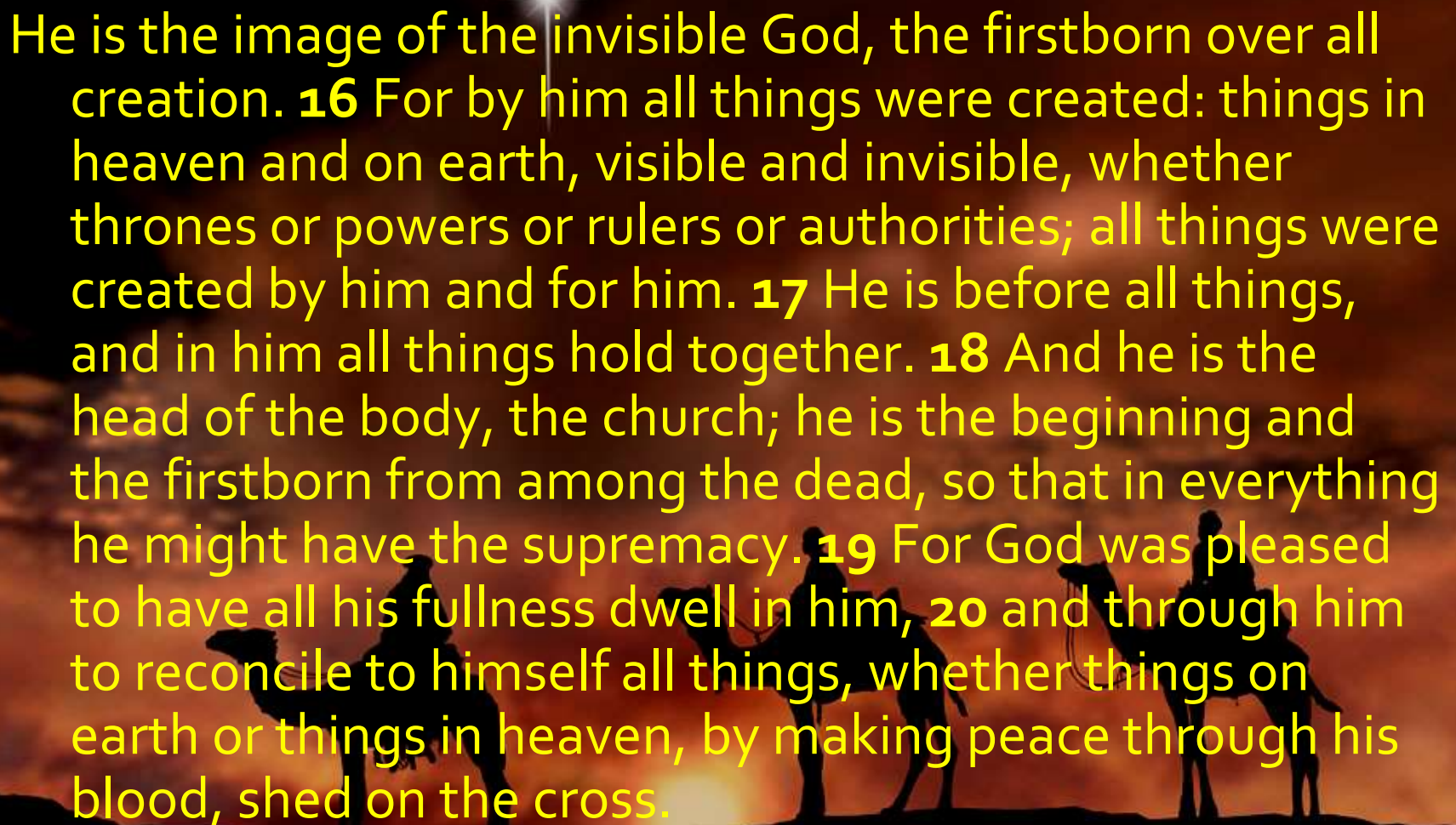
What are you waiting for?

Isa 9:6-7

1. A child, a son is given.
2. The government will be upon his shoulders.
3. He is the wonderful counselor.
4. He is the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.
5. He is a Trinity
6. He is the Prince of Peace.
7. The increase of his government will know no end.
8. He reigns on the throne of David



Col 1:15-20



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Luke 2:4-7

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



Mic 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of
Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting."



Isaiah 7



Immanuel – God with Us

Matt 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.



Do you believe what God says about you?

Rom 15:14 I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

2 Cor 3:5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant— not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.



He is Immanuel

Heb 13:5-6

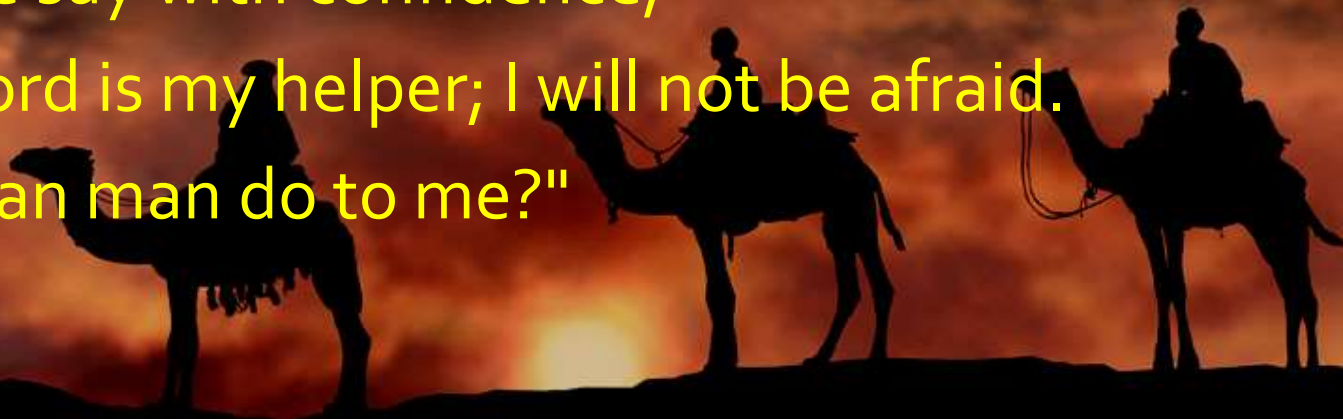
Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

6 So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?"



Don't be like Ahaz

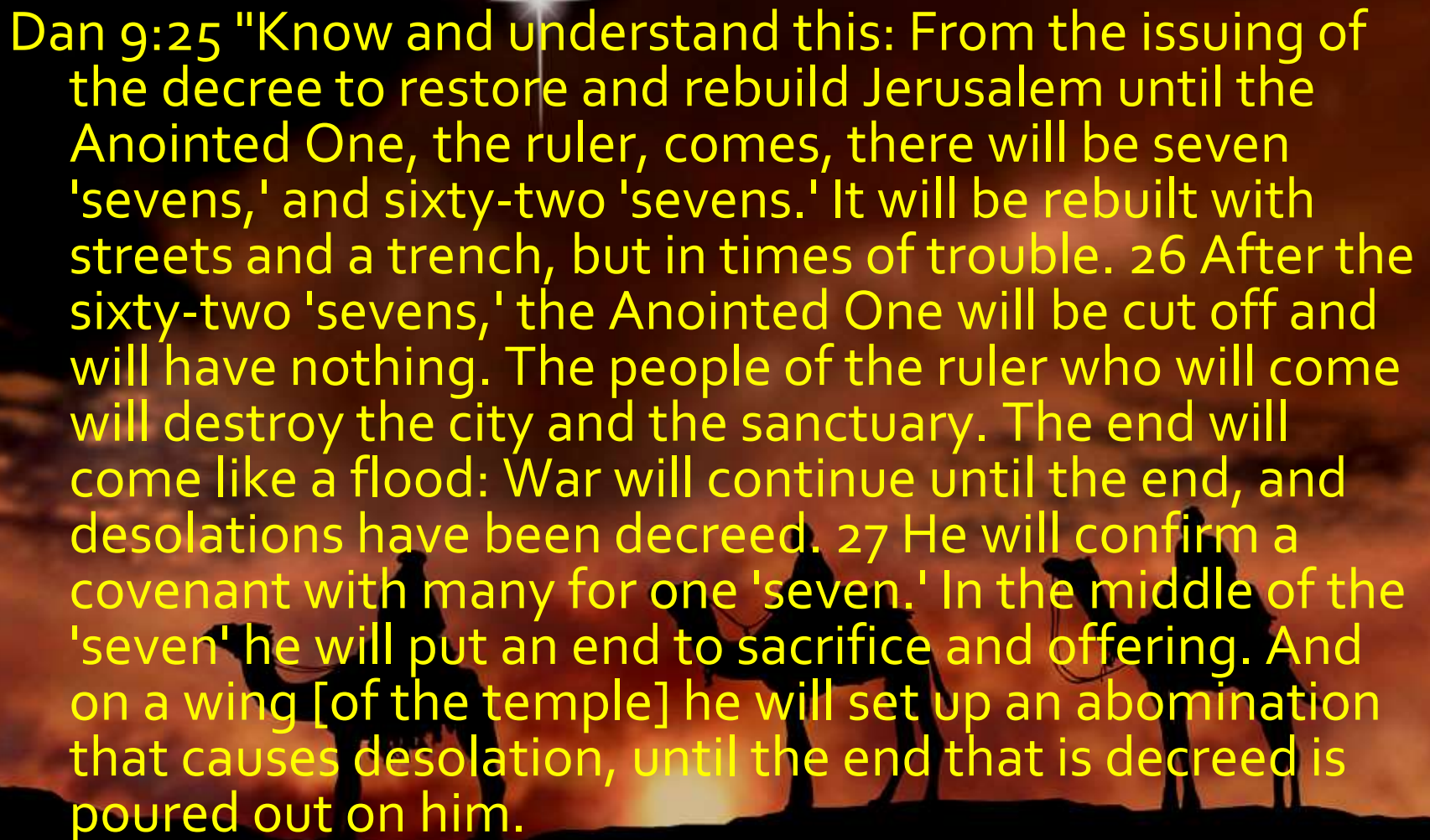
Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. **13** But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. **14** We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.



Luke 2:21



When was Messiah to come?

A sunset or sunrise scene with silhouettes of people on camels and a bright star in the sky.

Dan 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. 27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

From the decree to restore Jerusalem to the coming of Messiah

- 62 + 7 weeks
- A week represents 7 years
- $(62 + 7) * 7 = 483$ years
- Jesus ministry started around 25-30 A.D.
- Going backwards 483 years would put us at 458 to 453 B.C.
- Ezra commissioned in the 7th year of Artaxerxes
- Artaxerxes began his reign in 464 B.C.
- The decree to Ezra was given around 457 B.C.!

So how will you respond?

