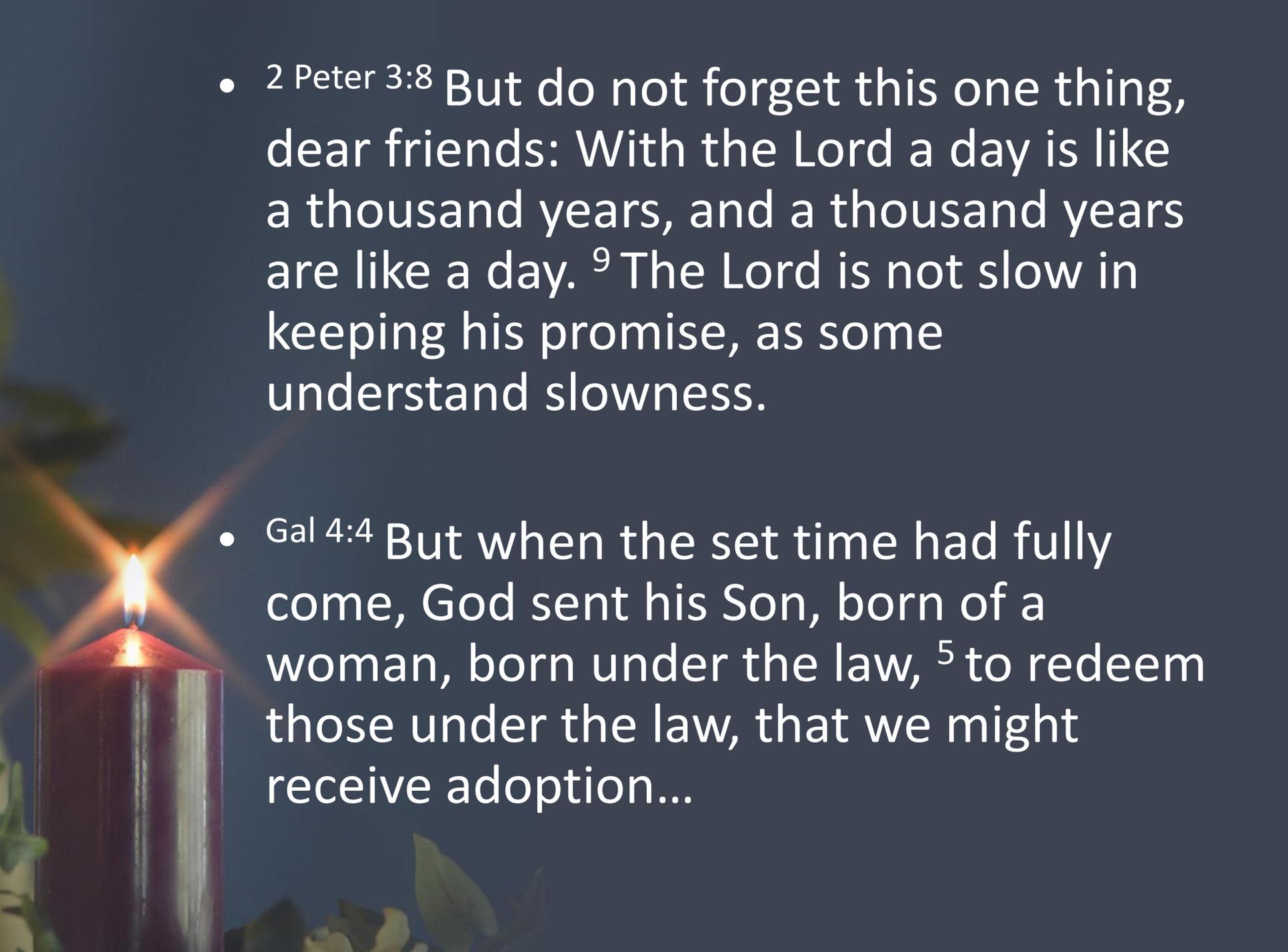


Hope



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- 2 Peter 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.
 - Gal 4:4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption...

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A Prophet speaks the Word of God

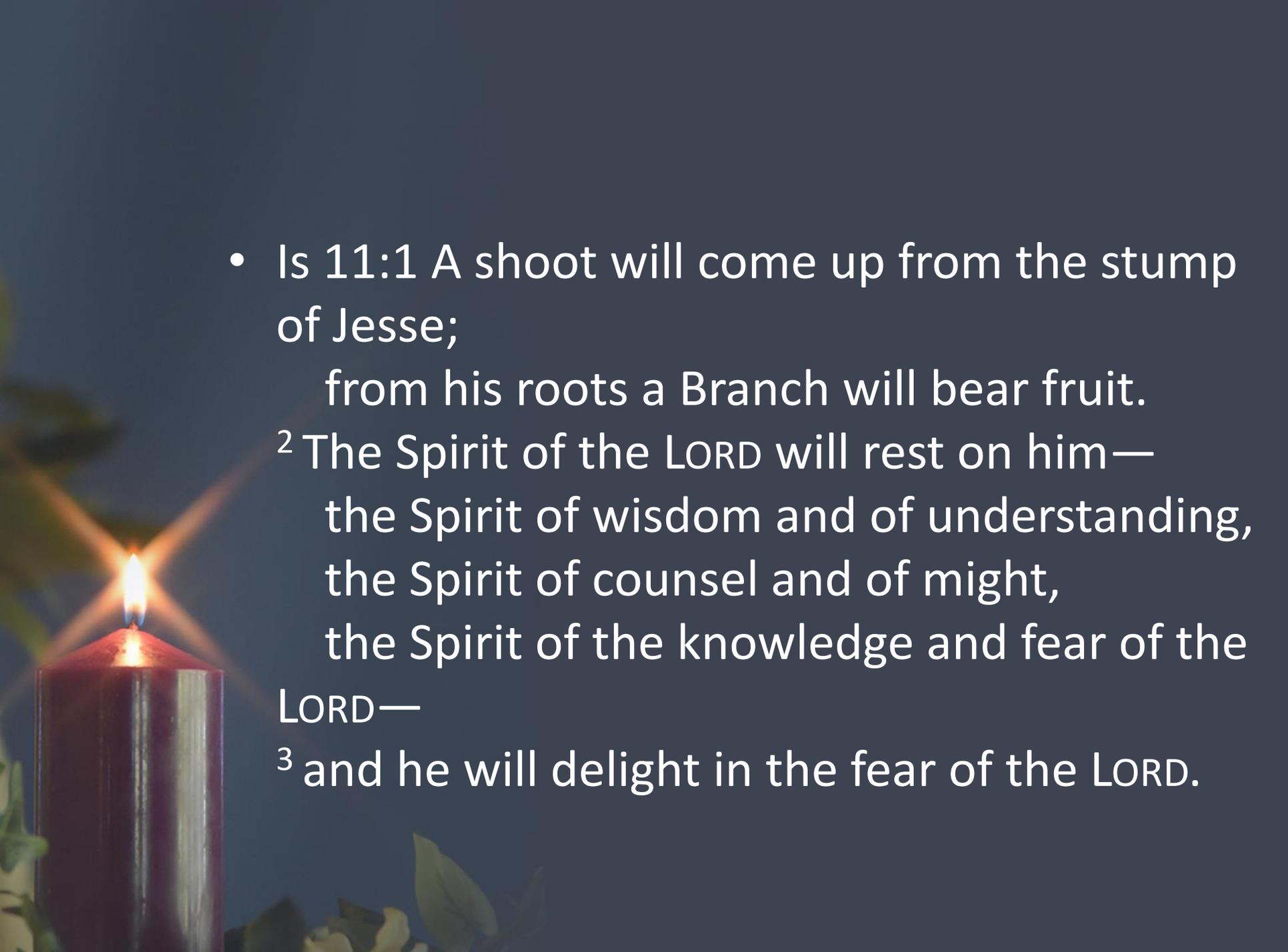
- Searches the Scripture to apply how to follow God in the midst of “a crooked and perverse generation”
- Isaiah’s preaching dealt with
 - Religious disloyalty
 - Social injustice
 - Depravity of people
 - The greediness and predatory actions of the upper class
- Isaiah could have been a preacher today

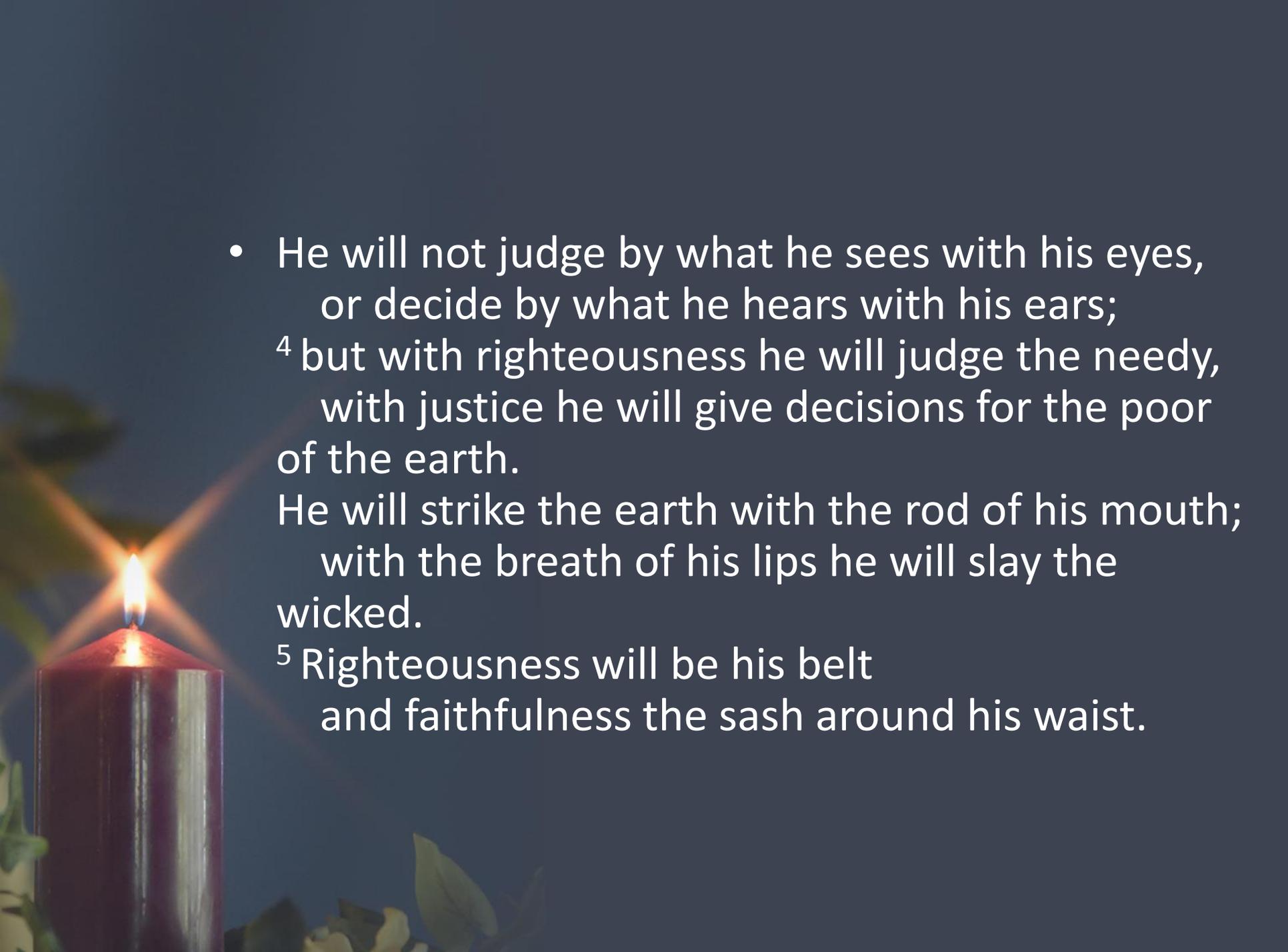


A Prophet speaks “the Word of the Lord”

- The prophet receives a “word from the Lord”
- It can happen unbeknownst to the prophet
- -or- He/she might be very aware of it
- It sometimes has a meaning for today and a meaning for the future
- God didn’t just give us an instruction book; God gave us a Holy, mysterious book

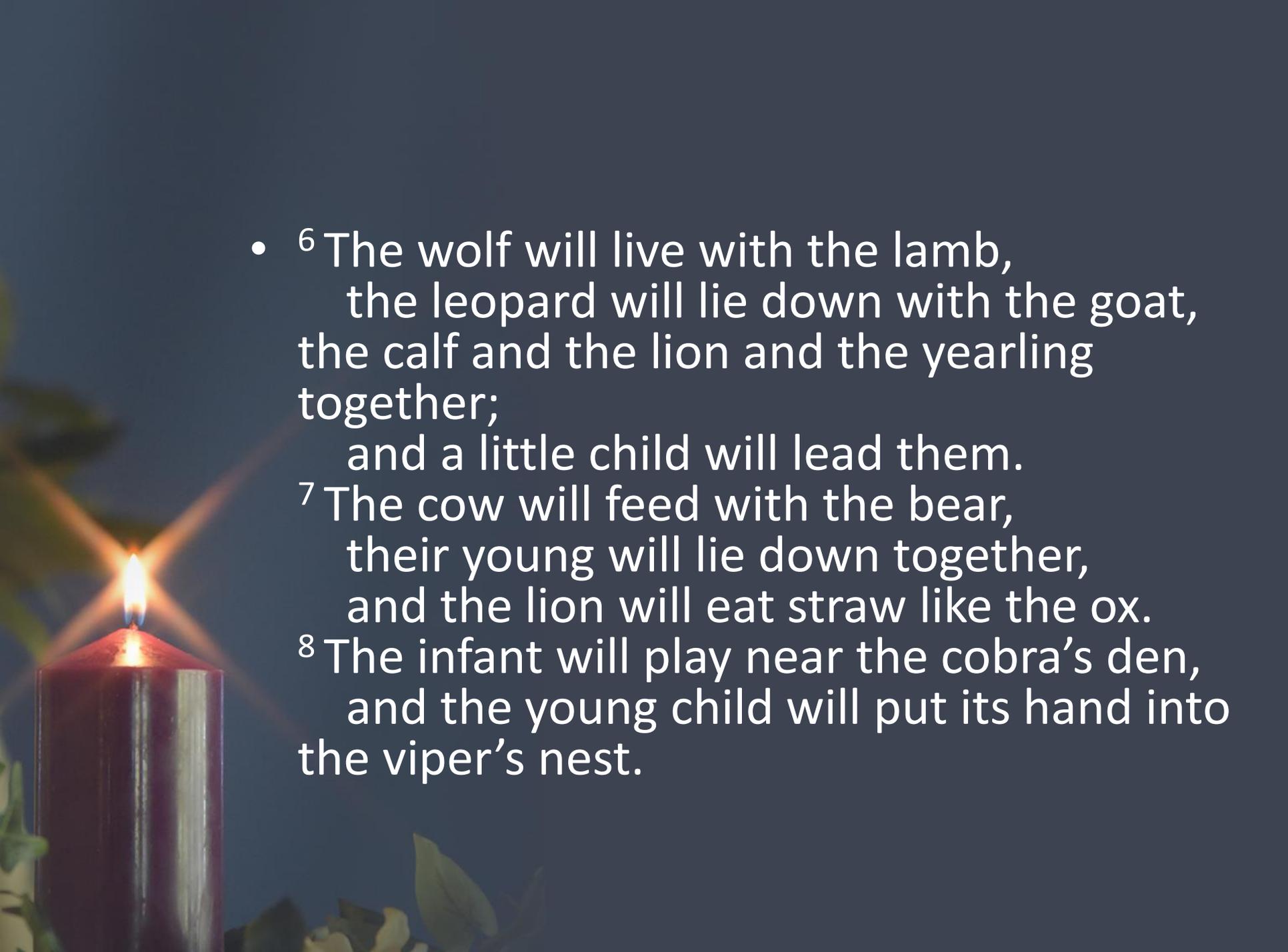


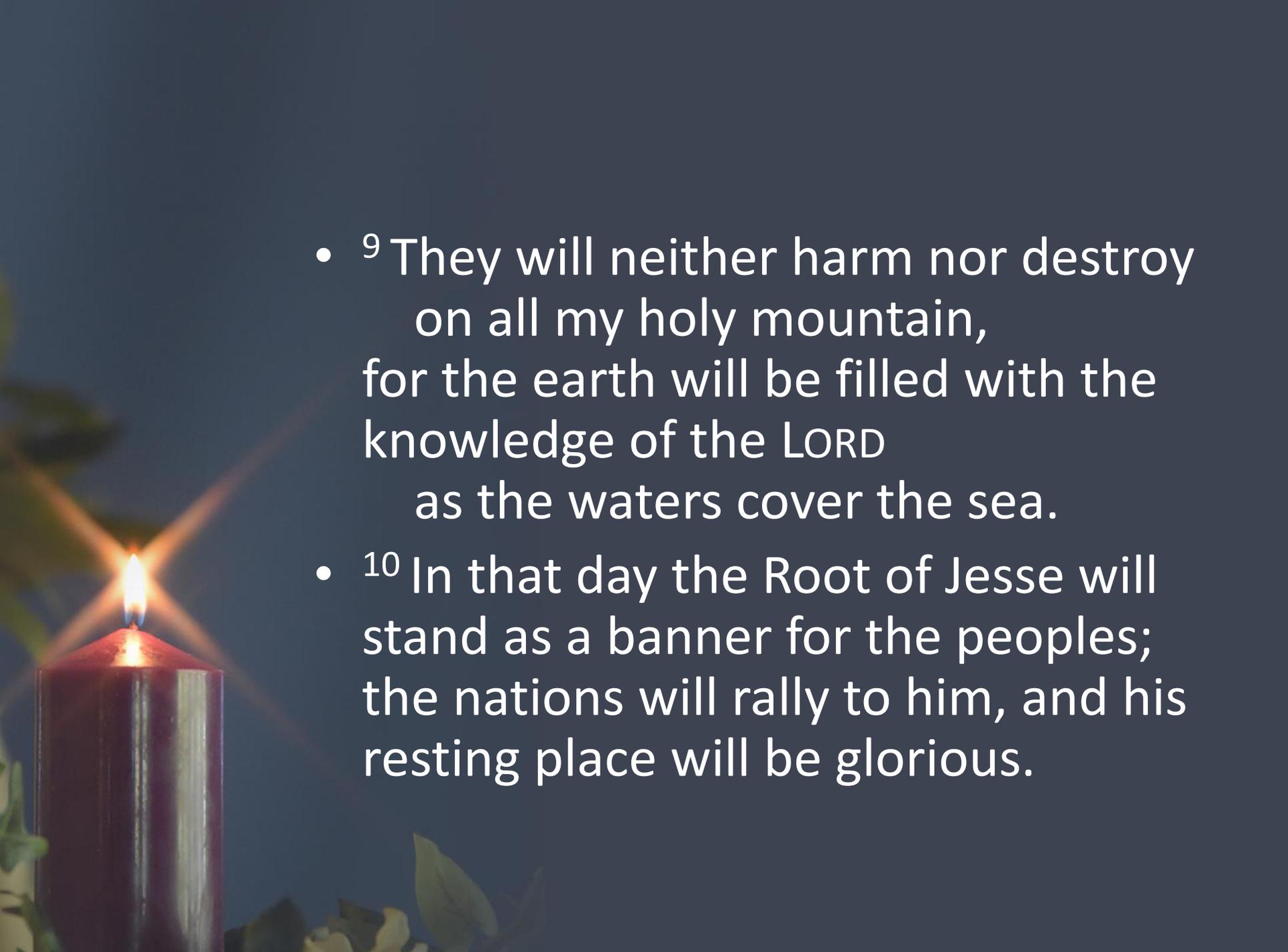
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- Is 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
 - ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
 - ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

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- He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor
of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the
wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

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- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling
together;
and a little child will lead them.
 - ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
 - ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into
the viper's nest.

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- ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
 - ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

A “King” is coming who ...

- ... is a spiritually superior person
- ... will judge every person and situation perfectly
- ... will bring a sense of shalom/peace to all aspects of life
- ... will fill the earth with glory both in his life and in his death



**One has hope when there is
something to look forward to**



A “King/Messiah” is coming who is a spiritually superior person

- The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
- A closeness with God that is unparalleled.



A “Messiah” is coming who is a spiritually superior person

- Heb 8:6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.
- ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.



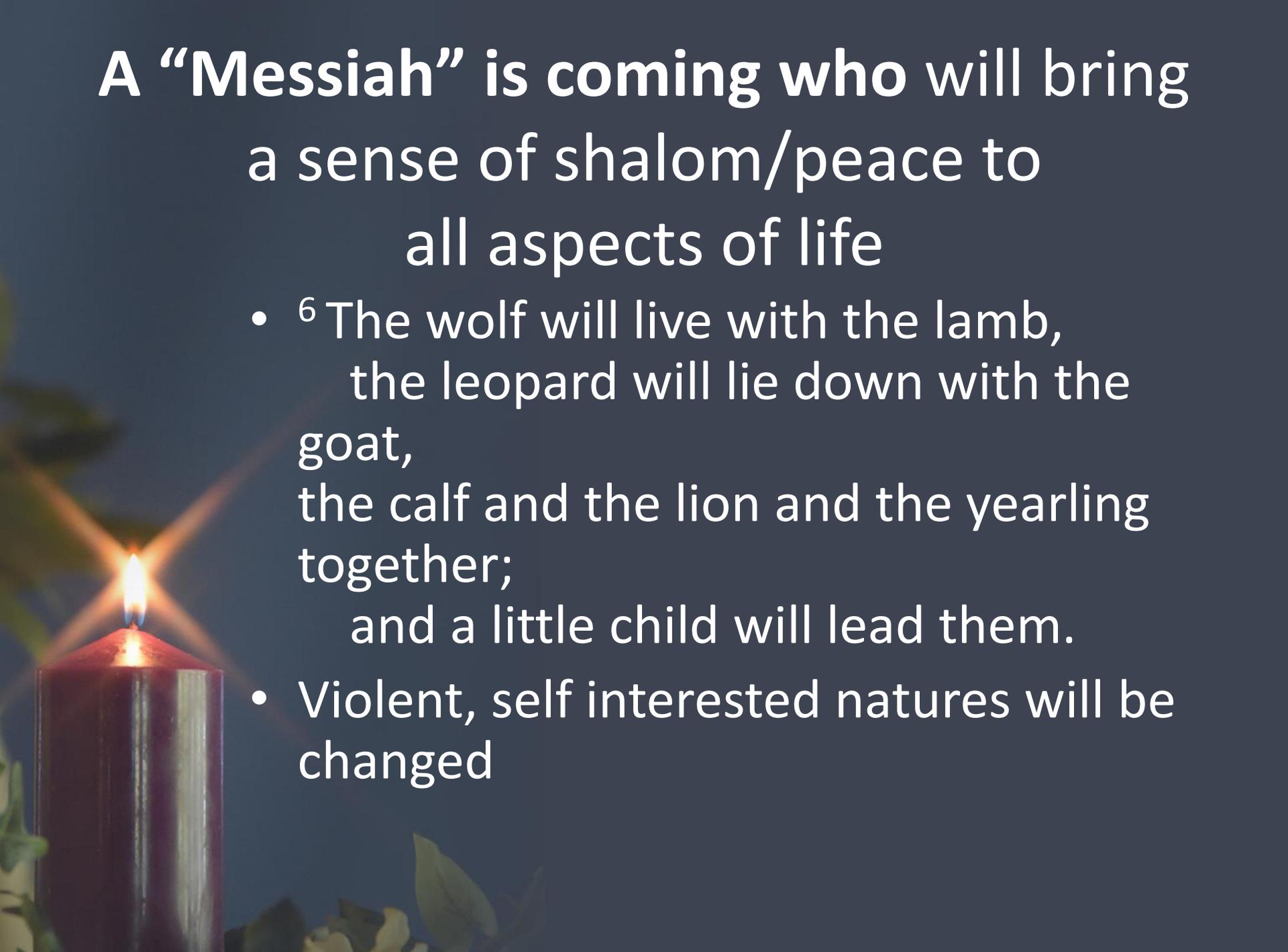
- 1 Cor 2:10b The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ...¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,



A “Messiah” is coming who will judge every person and situation perfectly

- He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
- Only God knows all the reasons an injustice takes place. We must be careful when “doing justice” to consider all the issues involved.





A “Messiah” is coming who will bring
a sense of shalom/peace to
all aspects of life

- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the
goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling
together;
and a little child will lead them.
- Violent, self interested natures will be
changed

A “Messiah” is coming who will fill the earth with glory both in his life and in his death

- for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.
- The Messiah’s resting place will be surrounded by glory

Someday... a Messiah will come...

- whose closeness to God will be unsurpassed;
- who will judge situations with complete fairness that takes into account all things;
- Who will change the violent, self interested natures of people
- Whose resting place will be filled with the glory (of the resurrection)



**One has hope when there is
something to look forward to**



So what?

- If God is able to implement a plan that lasted at least 700 years before making it come about...
 - ...then what makes you think God is out of control of our world today?
 - ...what makes you think God is off in His timing when answering the need you have prayed for?
 - ...then what would need to change in your control of your life for you to kneel before the predicted king and accept His plan?

