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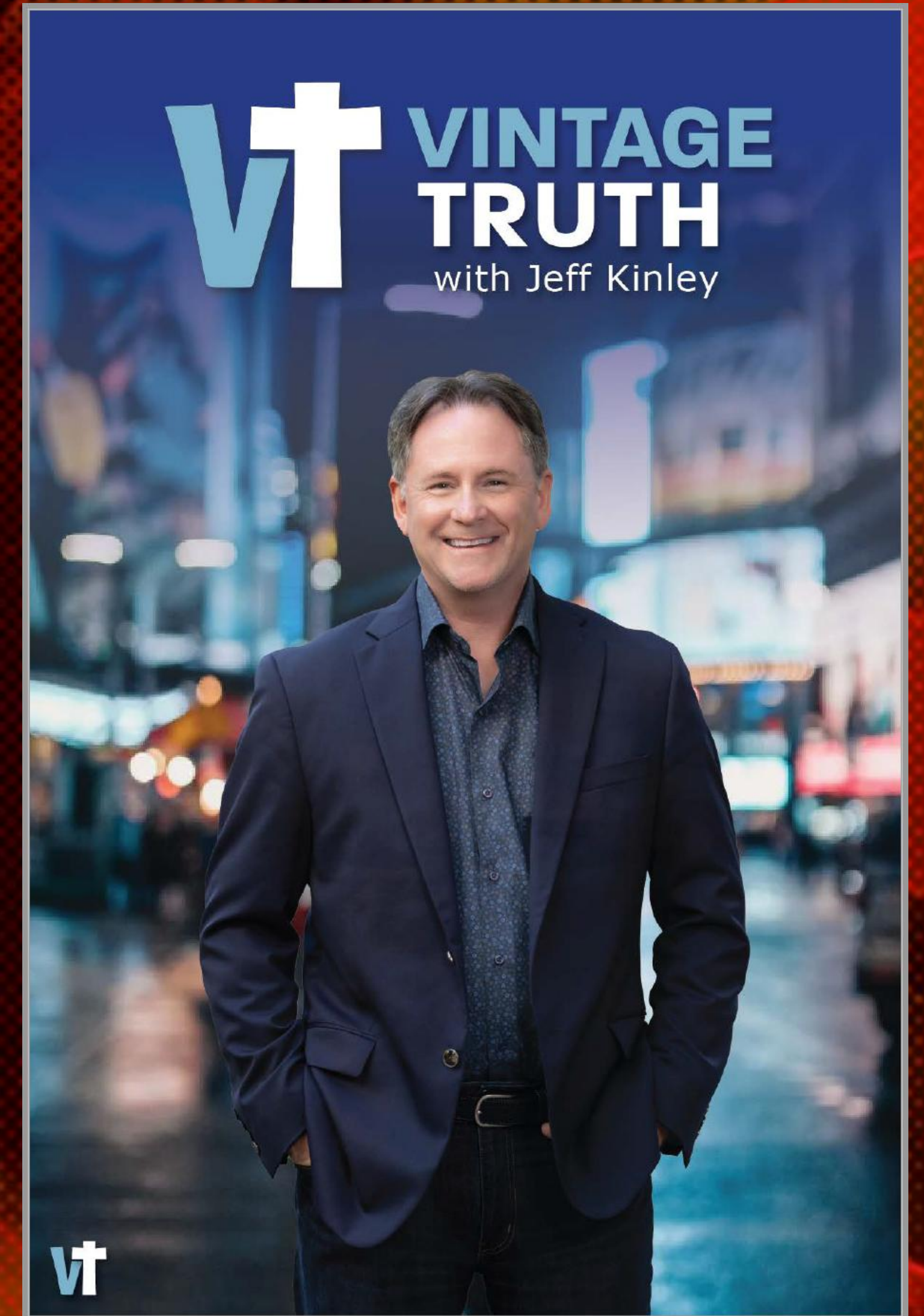


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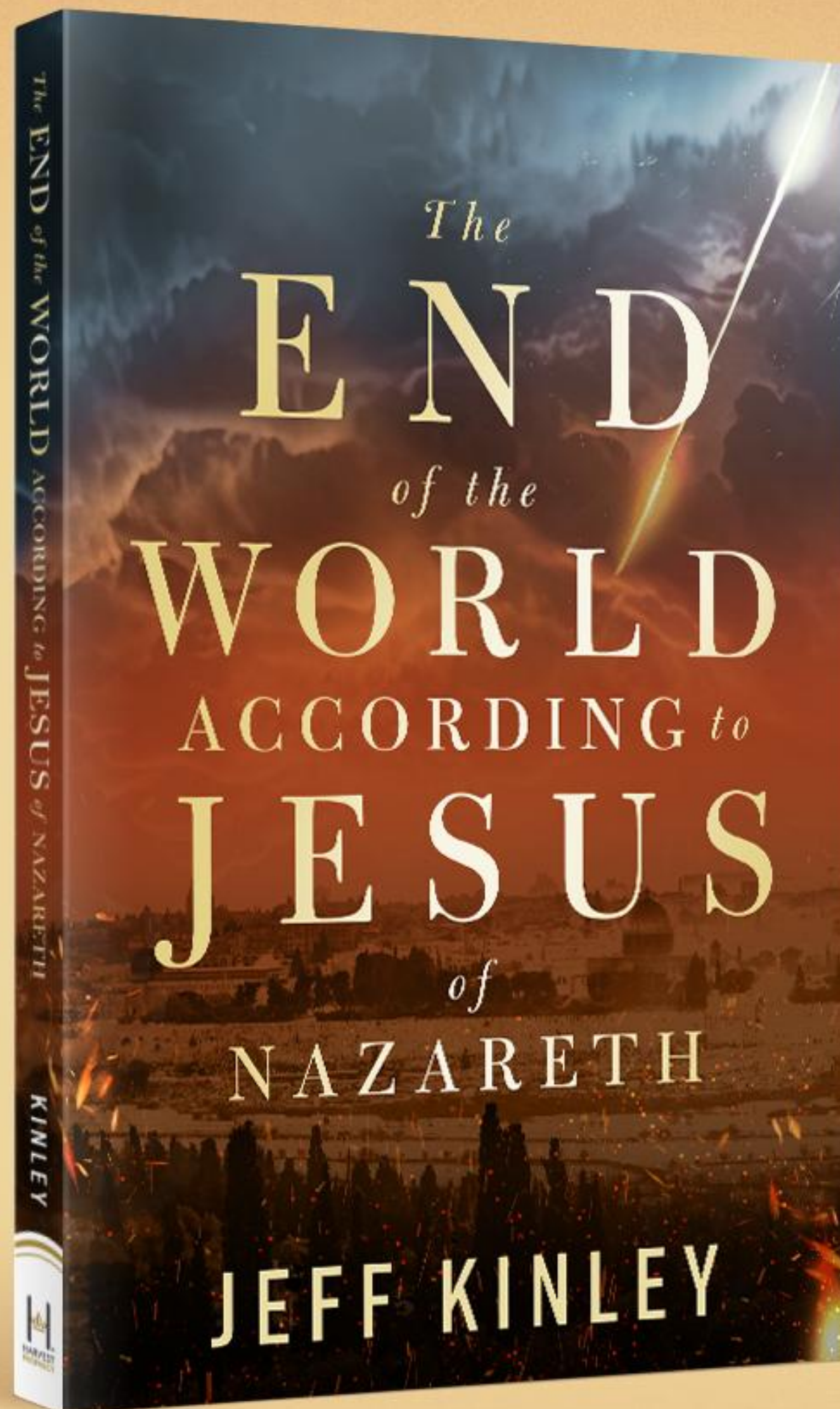
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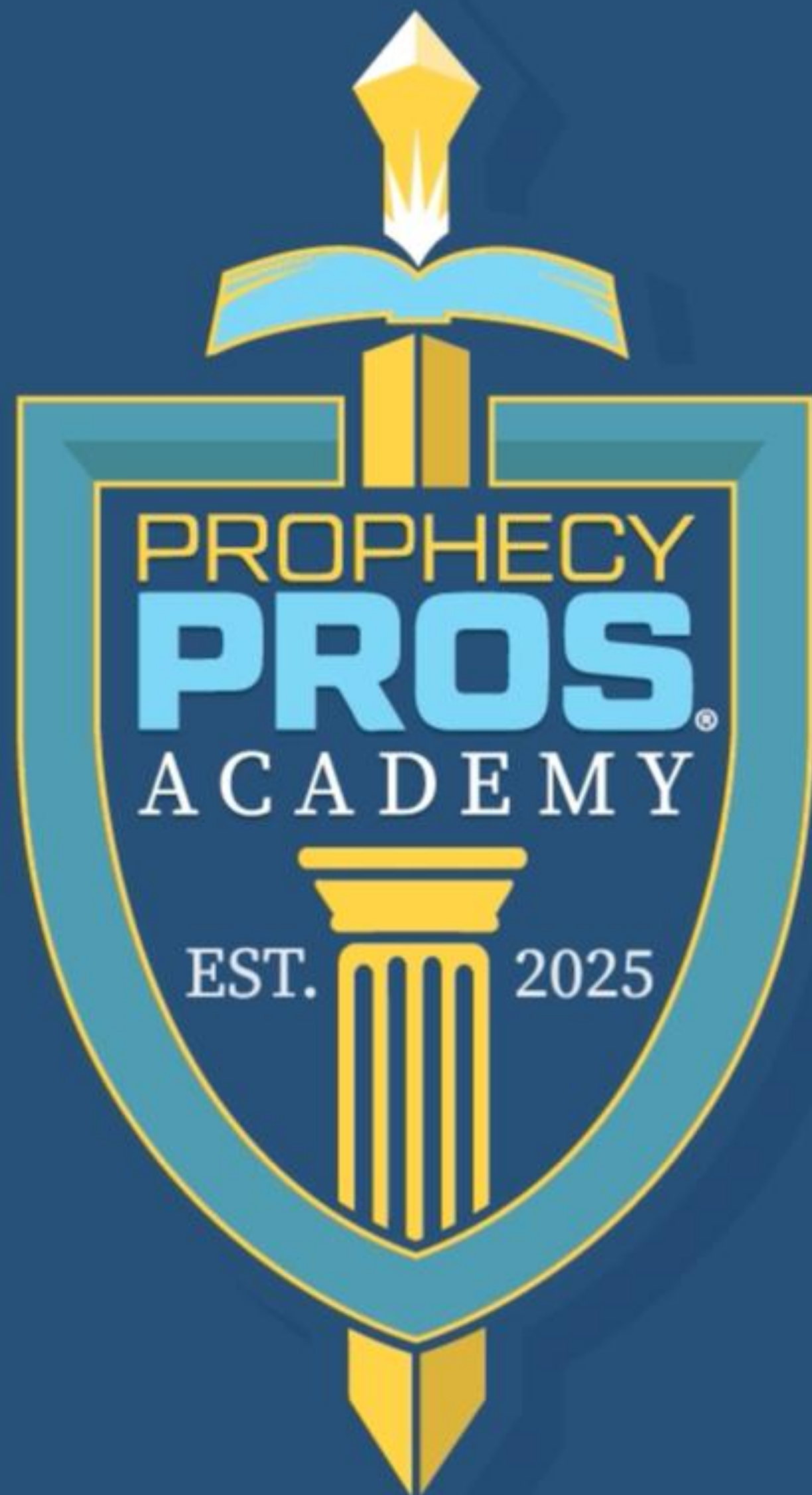
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Bibliology is the theological understanding of the nature and purpose of the Bible.

The main overarching doctrine of Bibliology is therefore, Revelation. The five main ancillary doctrines that fall under the umbrella doctrine of Revelation are: Inspiration, Inerrancy, Authority, Sufficiency, and Canonicity. Those may be unfamiliar or somewhat familiar terms to you now, but once you complete this module you will have a thorough working knowledge of each of the doctrines and why they are foundational to all you will learn in the modules that follow. Therefore, this module is a prerequisite to Module 2—which will focus on Bible interpretation, also known as Hermeneutics.



LESSON 1
Revelation



LESSON 2
Inspiration



LESSON 3
Inerrancy



LESSON 4
Authority



LESSON 5
Sufficiency



LESSON 6
Canonicity

3 YEARS
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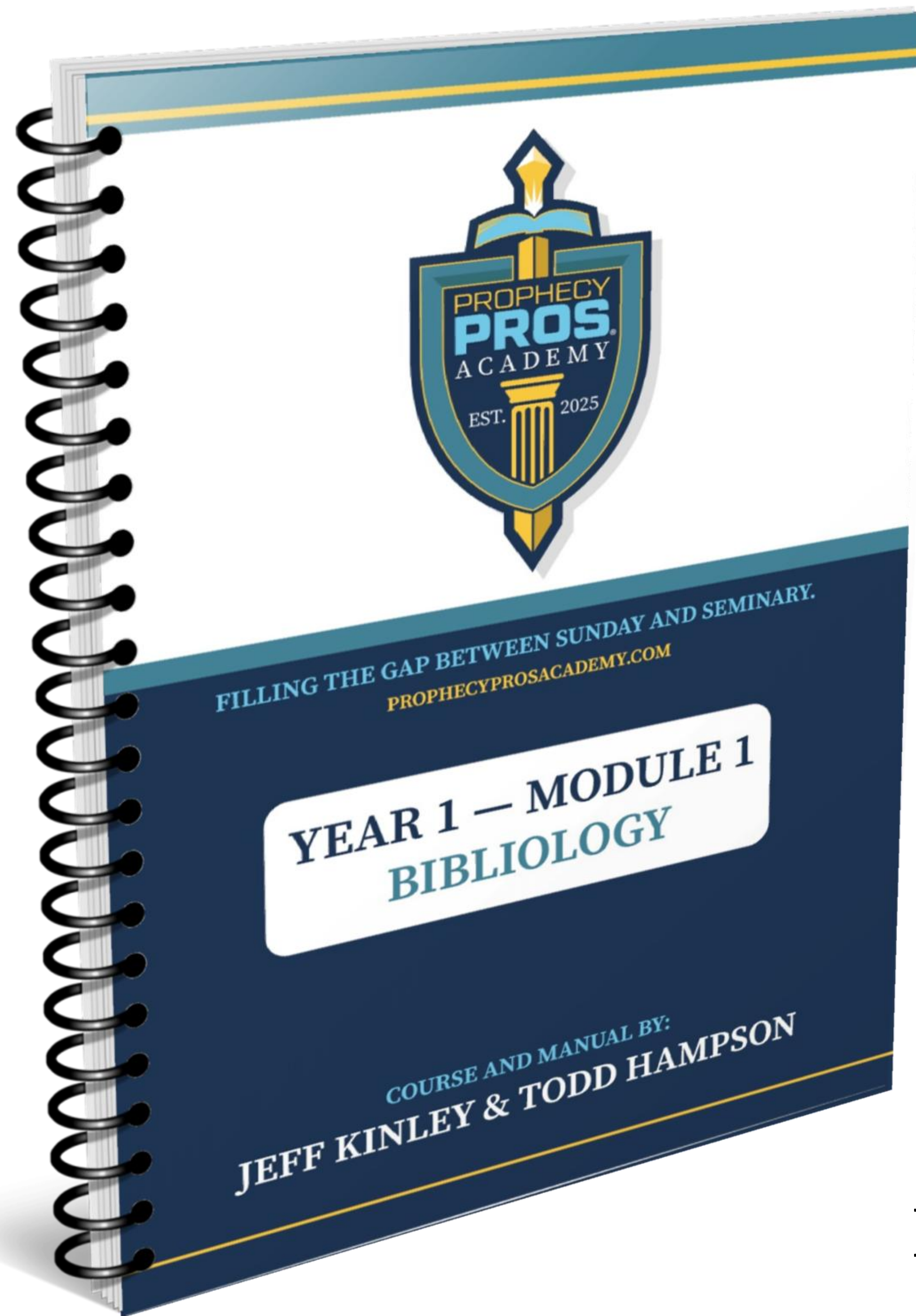
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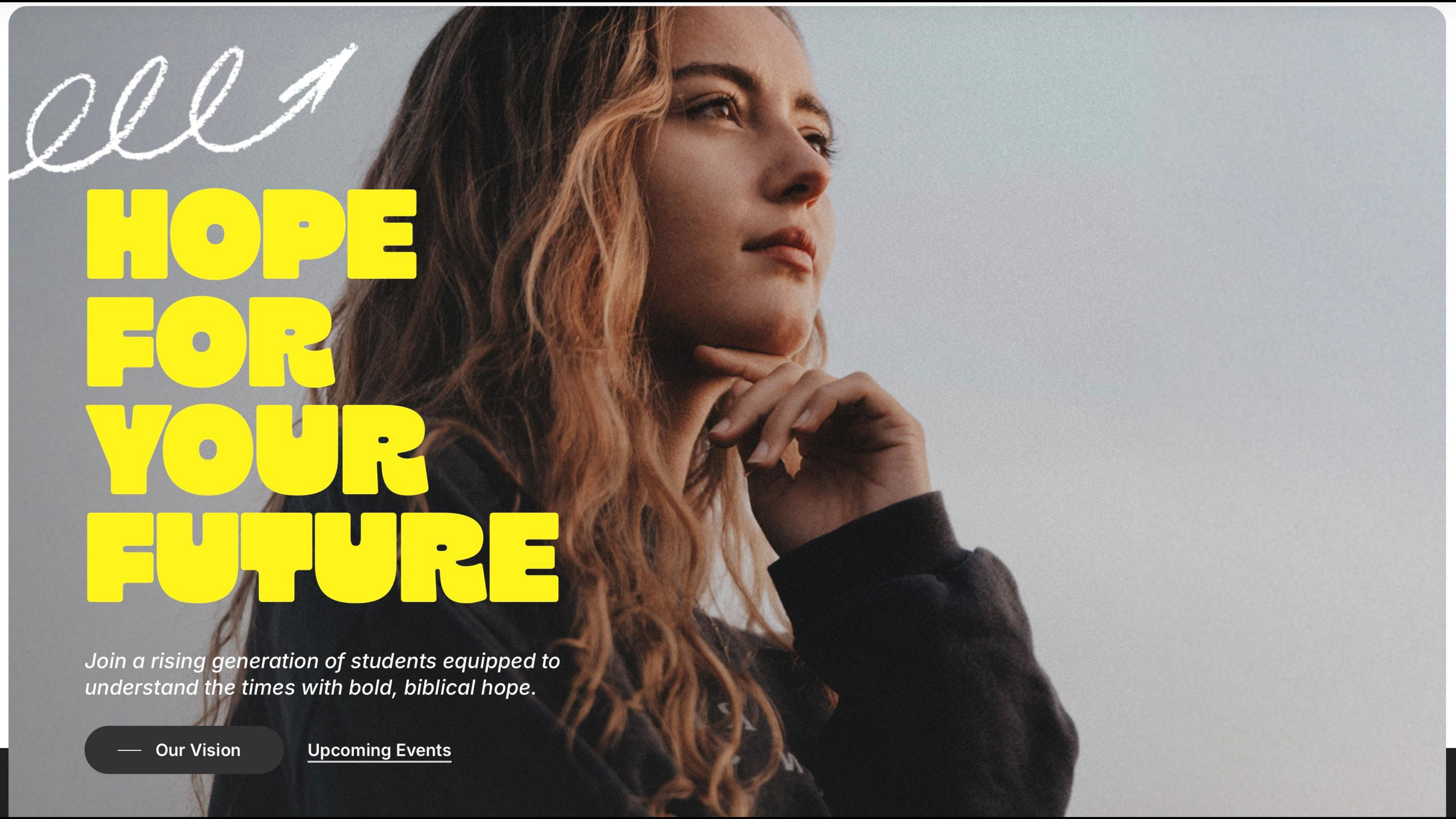
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- 1 Thessalonians 4:13



THE RAPTURE

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THE RAPTURE UNDER ATTACK

Six Common Myths Concerning the Rapture

1. Argument: The “rapture” event will be secret and “hidden.”

Answer: This is not true.

The Bible nowhere states that the rapture will be a “secret event.”

On the contrary, it will be the most public, publicized, experienced, and well-known event in all of human history.

2. **Argument:** Jesus never spoke of the rapture.

Answer: This is *not* true.

Jesus introduced the rapture promise in John 14:1-3.

Paul describes both the church and the rapture as “mysteries.” (1 Cor. 15:51; Eph. 3:3-6). Progressive revelation.

Jesus Himself would later be raptured (Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 12:5)

BTW, Jesus never spoke specifically about:

- elders, role of women in church, the armor of God, slavery, homosexuality, abortion, new heavens and earth, AC’s “fatal wound,” “666” and many, many other topics.

3. **Argument:** The word “rapture” is not in the Bible

Answer: This is not *technically* true.

Other English words also *NOT* found in the Bible:

- Trinity
- Incarnation
- Missions
- Christmas
- Easter
- Great Commission
- *Bible*
- Second Coming
- Inerrancy
- Millennium
- Millennial Kingdom
- Christian Music
- Worship Service
- Accept Jesus

4. **Argument:** The Rapture is a “recent doctrine.”

Answer: *Not true.*

The well-worn claim is that the Rapture was invented by John Nelson Darby, an 18th century pastor and founder of the Brethren Movement. After being influenced by a 15-year old demon-possessed girl, Margaret McDonald, Darby formed the doctrine of the Rapture. Zero evidence for this. And has been debunked for decades. Only uninformed people persist in parroting this rumor.

On the contrary, a Rapture belief can be traced back 2,000 years:

The “Didache” - 1st century/early 2nd century (50-120AD)

“Watch for your life’s sake...be ready, for ye know not the hour in which our Lord cometh” (Didache, 16.1)

The Early Church Fathers repeatedly referred to the imminent return of Jesus Christ

AD 180, Irenaeus (Disciple of Polycarp, who was a disciple of John)

“And therefore, when in the end the church shall be suddenly caught up from this, it is said, “There shall be Tribulation such as has not been since the beginning, neither shall be.”

(Against Heresies, Book 5, Chapter 29)

Cyprian (AD 210-258), a Bishop of Carthage

The church will experience an “early departure” from the “disaster” that was to come, and to “greet the day...which snatches us hence.”

(Treatises of Cyprian)

Ephraim of Edessa (AD 306-373), Preacher and Poet

“For all the saints and elect of God are gathered, prior to the tribulation that is to come, and are taken to the Lord.”

(From the Sermon, “On the Last Times, the Antichrist, and the End of the World” circa AD 326)

RAPTURE TEACHING IN CHURCH HISTORY

*“All the saints and elect of God
are gathered together before the tribulation...”*

— Ephraim the Syrian, c. 373 AD

*“Pray that you may be taken up
before the tribulation begins.”*

— Shepherd of Hermas, c. 140 AD

*“When in the end the Church
shall be suddenly caught up.”*

— Irenaeus of Lyons, c. 180 AD

*“The righteous will be secretly saved
from the destruction.”*

— Cyprian, c. 250 AD

“The Church shall be taken away from this place.”

— Victorinus, c. 300 AD

*“The living believers shall be caught up
before the destruction of the world by fire.”*

— Increase Mather, 1709

If the legitimacy of a particular doctrine is determined by the date in which it became “popular” or widely accepted in the church, then many core doctrines are suspect.

Examples:

- salvation by grace through faith (Luther, 1517)**
- doctrine of inerrancy (late 19th, early 20th century)**
- prophecy, end times and Revelation itself!**

Church history or tradition is never our final authority on any doctrine. The only question that ultimately matters is, “What does the Word of God teach?”

5. Argument: Rapture is a convenient “escape clause”

Answer: Then so was the Ark, and the two angels sent to Sodom.

- 1. Christians are never immune from hard times, persecution or tribulation (John 15:18-20; 16:33)**
- 2. God never promises to exempt us from hard times, but He does protect us from HIS wrath.**
- 3. We must distinguish between tribulation (Jn 16:33), the Tribulation (7 years - Matt. 24:8; Dan. 12:1), and the “great Tribulation” (3½ years - Matt. 24:21)**

6. **Argument:** Pre-trib Rapture produces lazy Christians

Answer: Not really. But other rapture positions could.

If we knew precisely when Christ will appear (as the mid-trib, pre-wrath, and post-trib views claim), then we *could* be lazy and simply get ourselves ready right before His return (ex. - mailing taxes at midnight, April 14)

Seven Reasons to Believe in a PreTribulational Rapture

1. The **Pattern** of Deliverance in Scripture

Deliverance of God's people *prior* to Divine Judgment on Unbelievers

Ex. - Enoch, Noah, Lot, the Bride

(Gen. 5:22-24; 7:7, 5-17; 18:25; 19:29; Jn 19:30; Romans 8:1; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; 1 Jn 2:2; Rev. 3:10)

This pattern mirrors a theological reality that is rooted in the character of God (justice, righteousness, redemption) and the propitiation (substitutionary atonement) of Jesus.

2. The Purposes of the Seven-Year Tribulation

A. To Discipline and Redeem National Israel

- 1) 70th Week of Daniel/Time of Distress/ Time of Jacob's Trouble (Dan 9:25-27; 12:1; Jer. 30:6-7)**
- 2) All Israel Will Be Saved (Zech. 12:10; Matt. 23:39; Rom. 11:26)**

B. To Bring Judgment/Wrath on Rebellious Humanity **“Those who dwell upon the earth” - 11x (Rev. 3:10)**

C. To End Satan's Reign and Establish Christ's Kingdom **(Dan. 2:34-35; Rev. 5:1-14; 11:15; 19:1-6; 20:4)**

Nowhere in Scripture do the purposes of the Tribulation involve the Bride of Christ.

We are never told to look for Antichrist, the mark of the beast, the coming global government, or the 21 judgments of God.

We are only told to look for THE Christ.

3. The **Prevalence** of the Church in Revelation

The word “church” occurs 20x in Revelation

Chapters 1-3 - 19x

Chapters 22 - 1x

Chapters 6-18 - ZERO

Tribulation saints are never referred to as the church, the
Bride of Christ, or the body of Christ

4. The **Place of the Church in Revelation**

Ch. 1-3 ... On Earth

Ch. 4-18 ... In Heaven during Tribulation (24 elders; Rev 4, 11)

Ch. 19 ... Returning w/Jesus at 2nd Coming (bride, fine linen)

Ch. 20-22 ... Millennial Kingdom, Heaven (21:2)

5. The **Promise of Jesus' Return (John 14:1-3)**

- Jewish wedding custom (betrothal, groom goes away, prepares a place, returns unannounced, go to father's house and celebrate the wedding).**
- We are Jesus's Bride. Betrothed to Him.**
- He has gone to prepare a "place" for us in His Father's House.**
- He has promised to return at an unannounced time to take us to our new home in Heaven.**

6. The **Perspective** of Imminency (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20)

- Scripture portrays the Rapture as an imminent event
- Imminency means “constantly close at hand”
- Other things *may* happen before an imminent event, but nothing else *must* take place before it happens.
- Imminency ≠ “soon”
- Imminency does not necessitate “signs.” Signs negate imminency. Dates destroy imminency. Therefore, it’s a signless event.
- Imminency is not “time bound.” No set period of time.

6. The **Perspective** of Imminency (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20)

- Only the pre-trib view embraces and preserves “imminence,” or the belief that Jesus could return at any time.
- Other views (mid, post, pre-wrath) claim to know the timing of the Rapture, as they are all preceeded by specific signs (Seal and Trumpet Judgments, Midpoint of tribulation).
- Other views forbid Christ to Rapture His bride for at least 3-7 years.
- The pre-trib view actually produces *more* preparedness, urgency, and purity (John 14:1-3; 1 John 3:1-3)

Evidence the NT Church believed in Jesus's imminent return

Romans 13:11 – “knowing the *time* (*kairos* – era, age), that it is *already* the hour”

Romans 13:12 – “the night is almost gone, and the day is *at hand*”

1 Corinthians 1:7 – “*awaiting eagerly* the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians 16:22 – “*Maranatha*” (used by the early Church for “hello” or “goodbye”), Aramaic expression, meaning, “our Lord, come”

Philippians 3:20 – “heaven, from which we also *eagerly wait* for a Savior”

Philippians 4:5 – “the Lord is *near*”

1 Thessalonians 1:10 – “to *wait* for His Son from Heaven”

James 5:7-8 – “Be patient, therefore brethren, until the *coming of the Lord* . . . be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is *at hand*”

Hebrews 9:28 – “Christ...shall *appear a second time* for salvation without reference to sin, *to those who eagerly await Him*.”

Hebrews 10:25 – “encouraging one another; and all the more *as you see the day drawing near*”

Hebrews 10:37 “for yet *in a very little while*, He who is coming *will come*, and will *not delay*”

Titus 2:13 – “*looking for blessed hope* and the *appearing* of...Christ Jesus”

1 Peter 4:7 - “The end of all things is *at hand*”

1 Peter 1:13 – “*fix your hope* completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

1 John 2:18 – “we *know* that this is the *last hour*”

Jude 1:21 – “*waiting anxiously* for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Revelation 3:11 – “*I am coming quickly*; hold fast what you have”

Revelation 22:7 – “Behold, *I am coming quickly*”

Revelation 22:12 – Behold, *I am coming quickly*”

Revelation 22:20 – “Yes, *I am coming quickly*”

Not a single New Testament verse indicating a specific preceding sign or time.

An imminent Rapture is the greatest cure for lethargy and apathy.

The Pre-trib view embraces imminency

Though this is not a salvation issue, it is important because:

- The Rapture is undeniably in the Bible.**
- The timing of the Rapture is a major game-changer.**
- The Rapture our blessed hope of being delivered and being with Jesus.**
- The Rapture is the next prophetic event on God's calendar.**

7. The **Prophecies** of Paul (1 Cor. 15:51-17; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

1. Jesus descends with a shout (14-16)
2. Voice of the Archangel (16)
3. Trumpet of God (16)
4. Jesus changes us all - dead and living (17)
5. Rapture is *sudden* (17) See 1 Cor. 15:51-52
6. Rapture is *imminent* (17)
7. Rapture is *comforting* (18)

Why It Matters

The timing of the Rapture determines whether you will suffer:

- God's apocalyptic anger and wrath**
- Persecution unto death/martyrdom**
- Antichrist's tyranny**
- Mark of the Beast**
- Armageddon**

So what is Jesus waiting on???

- 1. The stage to be set (for Revelation).**
- 2. The lost to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9; Rom. 11:25)**



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**He who testifies to these things says,
“Yes, I am coming quickly.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- Revelation 22:20