



RAPTURE

Is the word “rapture” in the Bible?

Part 2

*People often ask the
question "Is the word
rapture actually in the
Bible?"*

The answer to the question
is NO . . . The word
rapture does not occur in
most English translations of
the Bible . . .

The English word “rapture”
actually comes from the
Latin Vulgate translation of
the Greek word “harpazo.”
(HARPADZO)



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“harpazo” = Latin word “RAPTURO”

The word “harpazo” is found in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 which clearly describes the catching away or snatching away of God’s people from planet earth:



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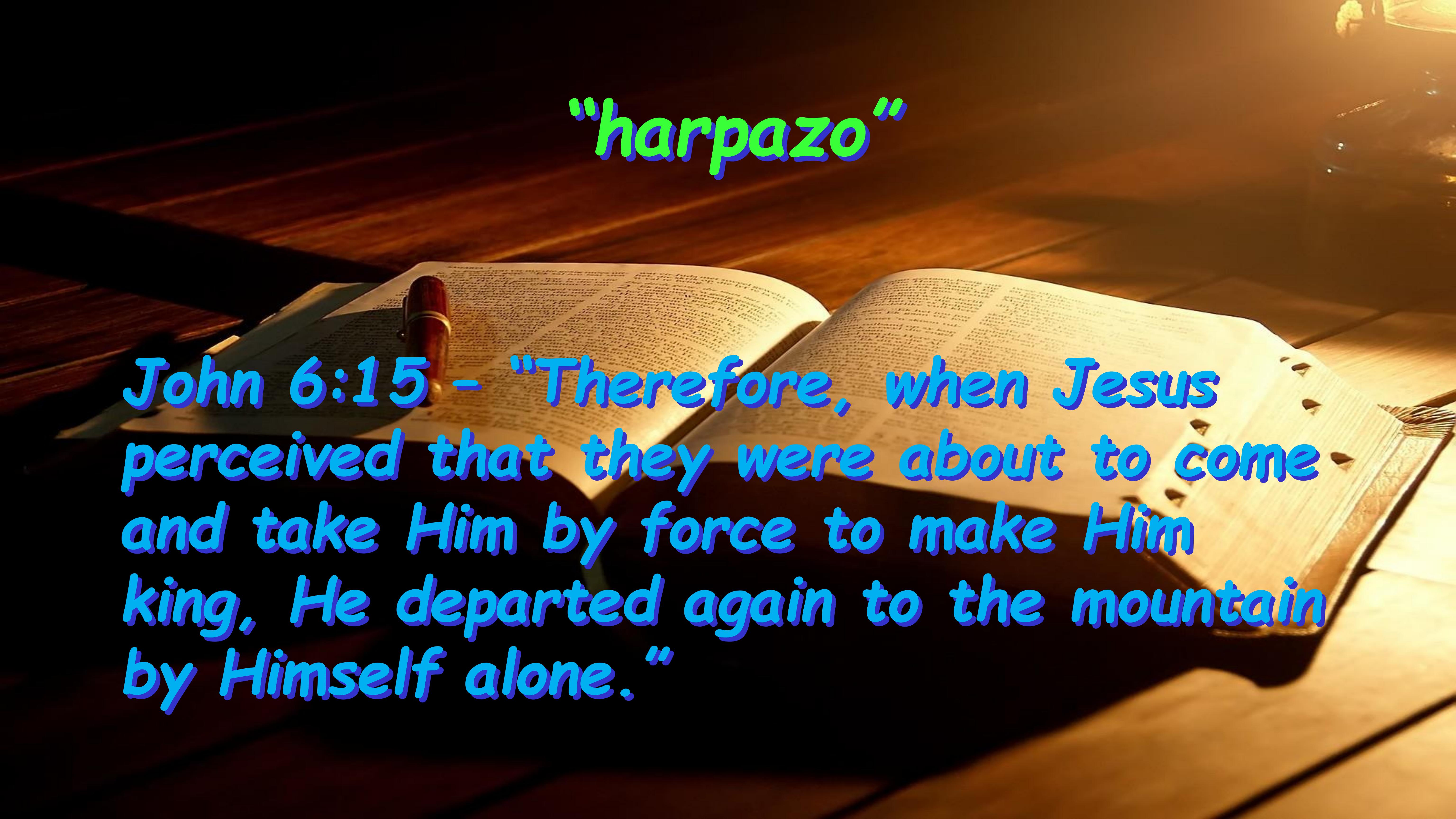
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**“caught up” / to seize, pluck, catch or
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1 Thessalonians 4:17 isn't
the only verse in the Bible
that uses the word
"harpazo" . . .

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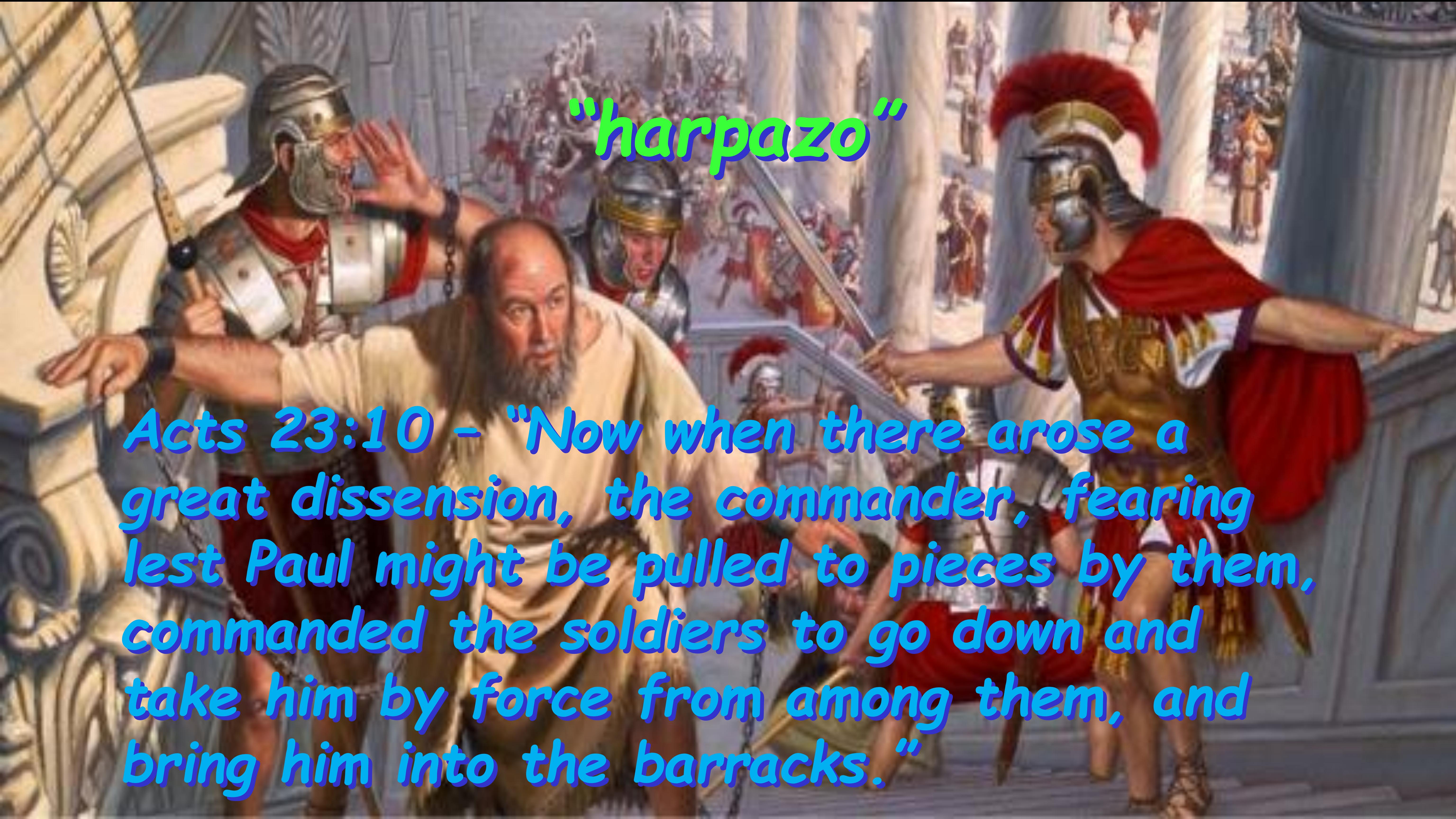
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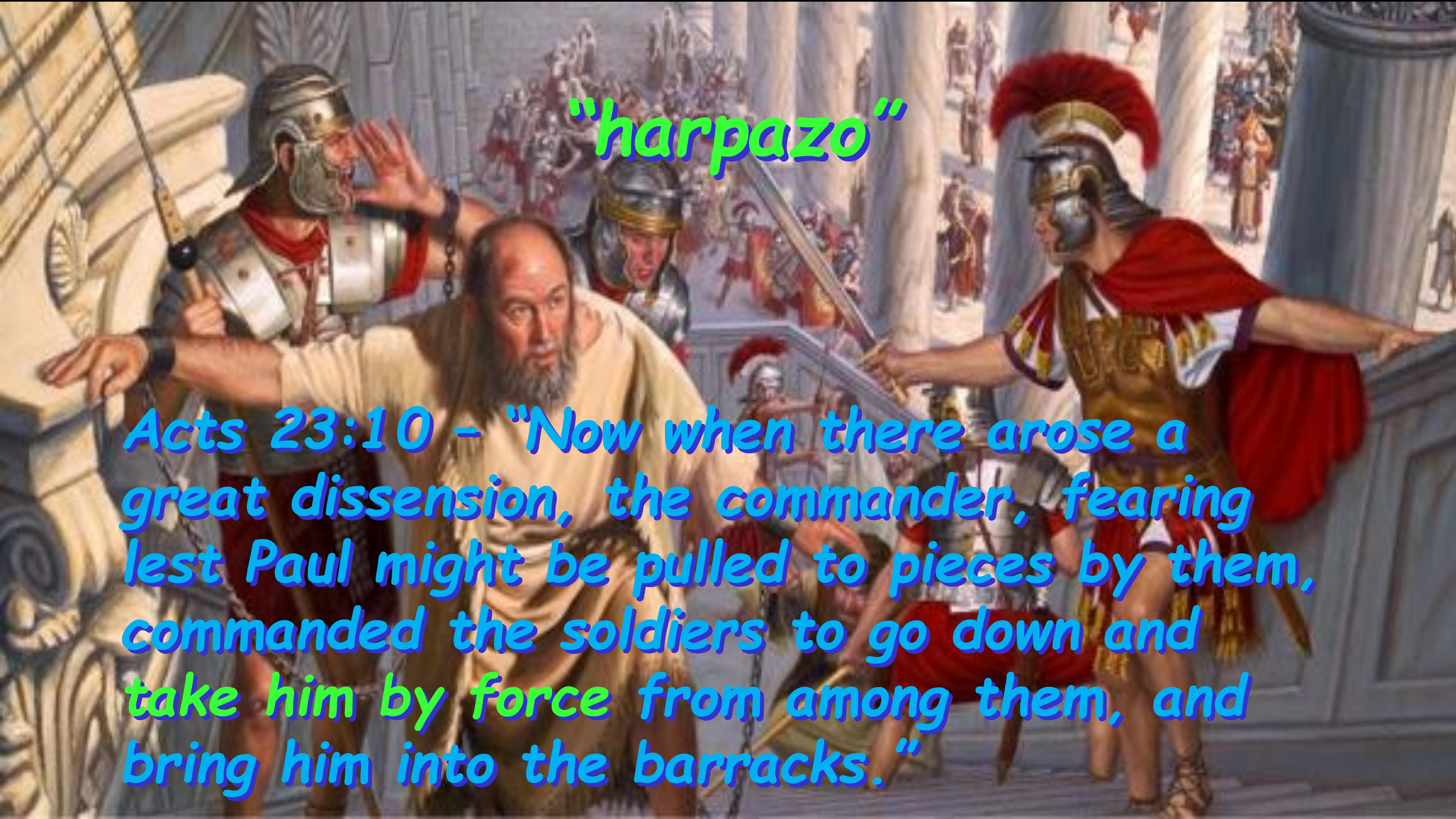
*In Acts chapter 8 we read
that a crowd of angry Jews
were attacking Paul in the
Temple . . . And Romans
soldiers were sent to rescue
him and arrest him . . .*



A painting depicting the scene from Acts 23:10. In the center, a man with a long, dark beard and a white robe is being held by several Roman soldiers. The soldiers are wearing red tunics and helmets. One soldier on the left is holding a spear. The setting is the Temple in Jerusalem, with large stone pillars and a crowd of people visible in the background. The word "harpazo" is overlaid in the upper right corner.

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A painting depicting the arrest of Paul in the Temple. Paul, with a long beard, is in the center, looking back over his shoulder. He is surrounded by several Roman soldiers in red tunics and helmets. One soldier on the left holds a spear, and another on the right has his hand raised. The background shows the ornate architecture of the Temple. The word "harpazo" is overlaid in the upper right.

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Matthew 13:19 -



A painting of a man in a simple robe and a head covering, crouching in a field and scattering seed from a basket. In the background, three children are playing near a large tree. The scene is set outdoors with a clear sky.

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man from Ethiopia . . .*



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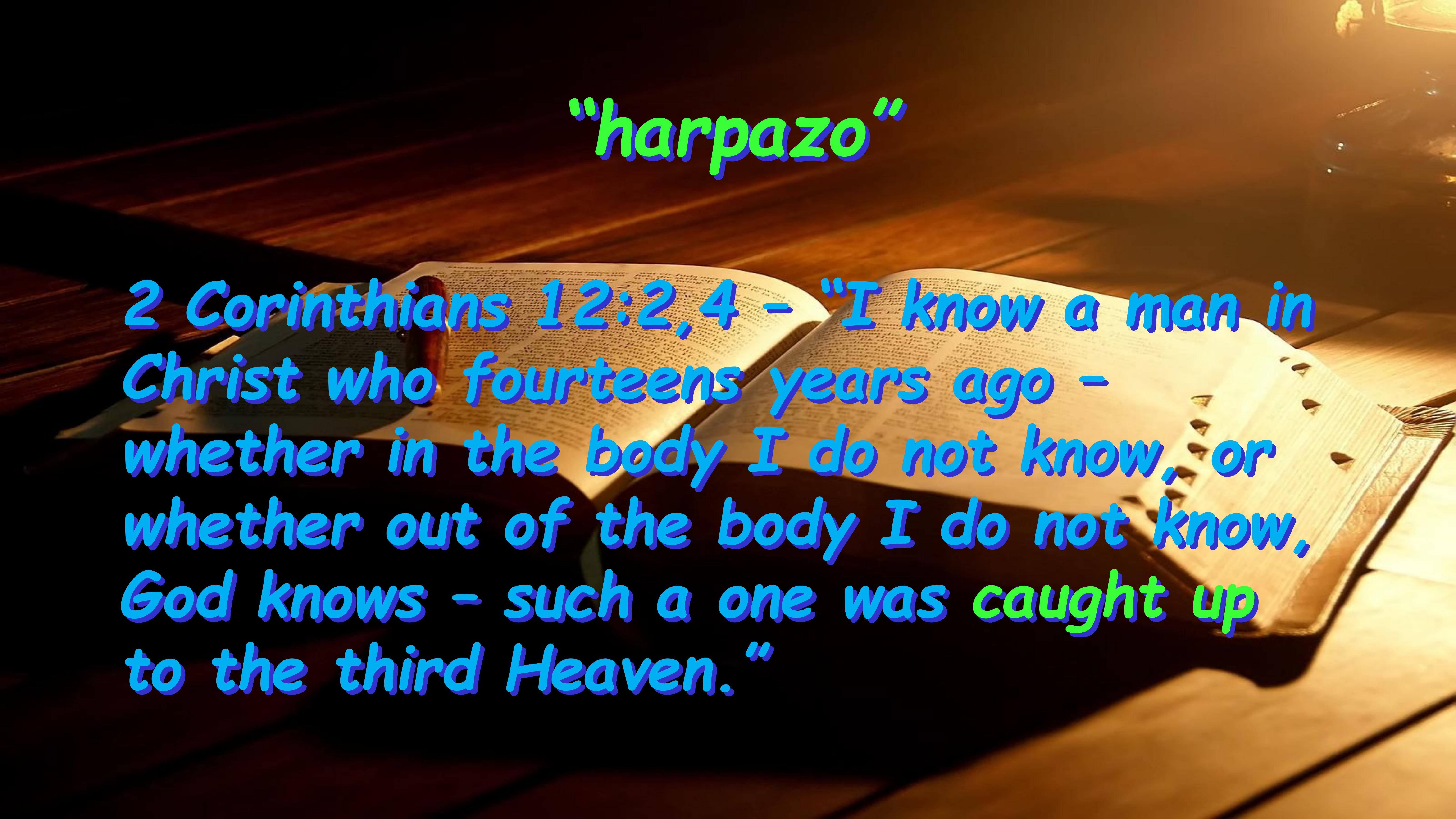
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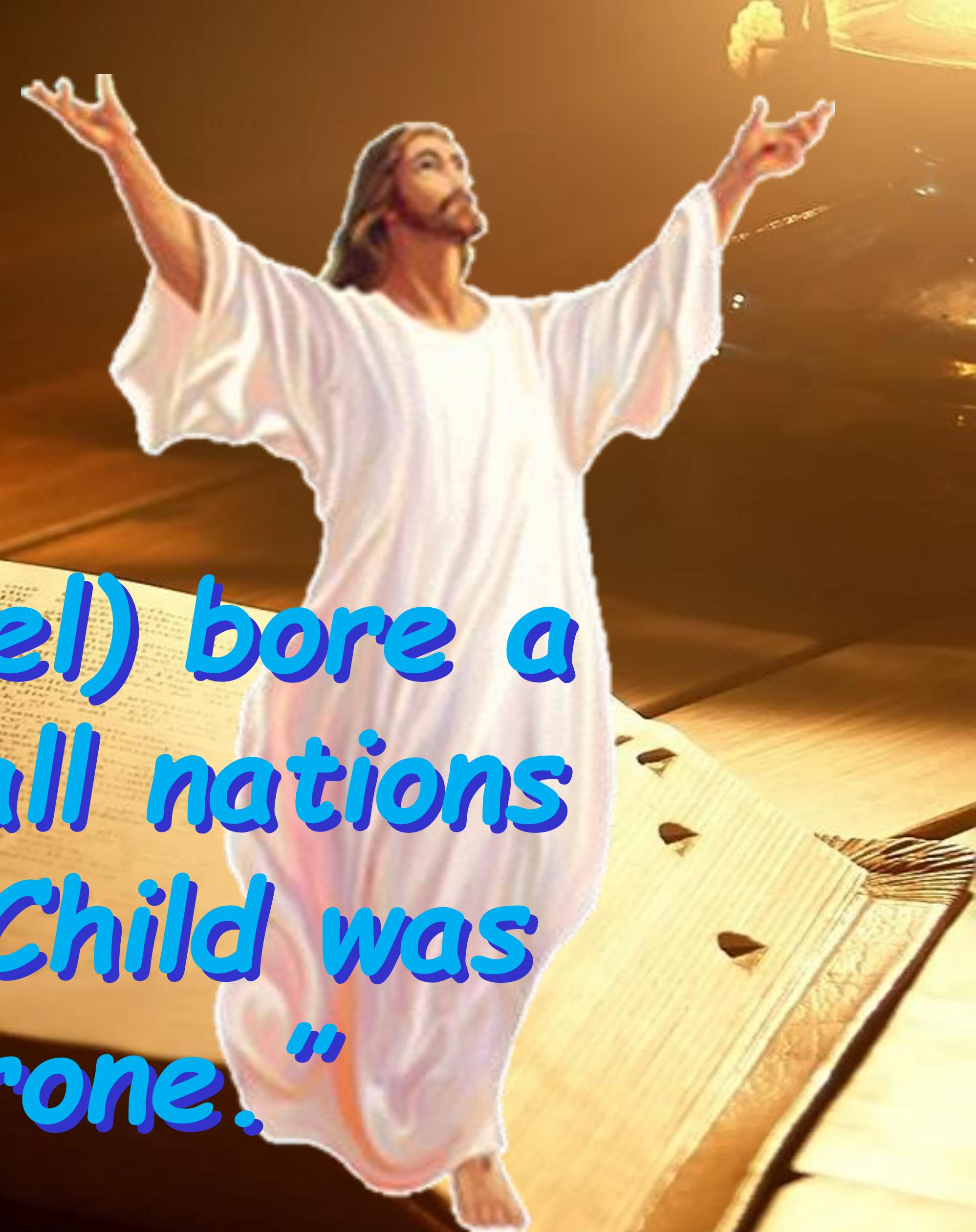
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*This is our BLESSED HOPE
as we read in Titus 2*



Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that BLESSED HOPE, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ."

**What other passages
describe the RAPTURE of
God's people?**



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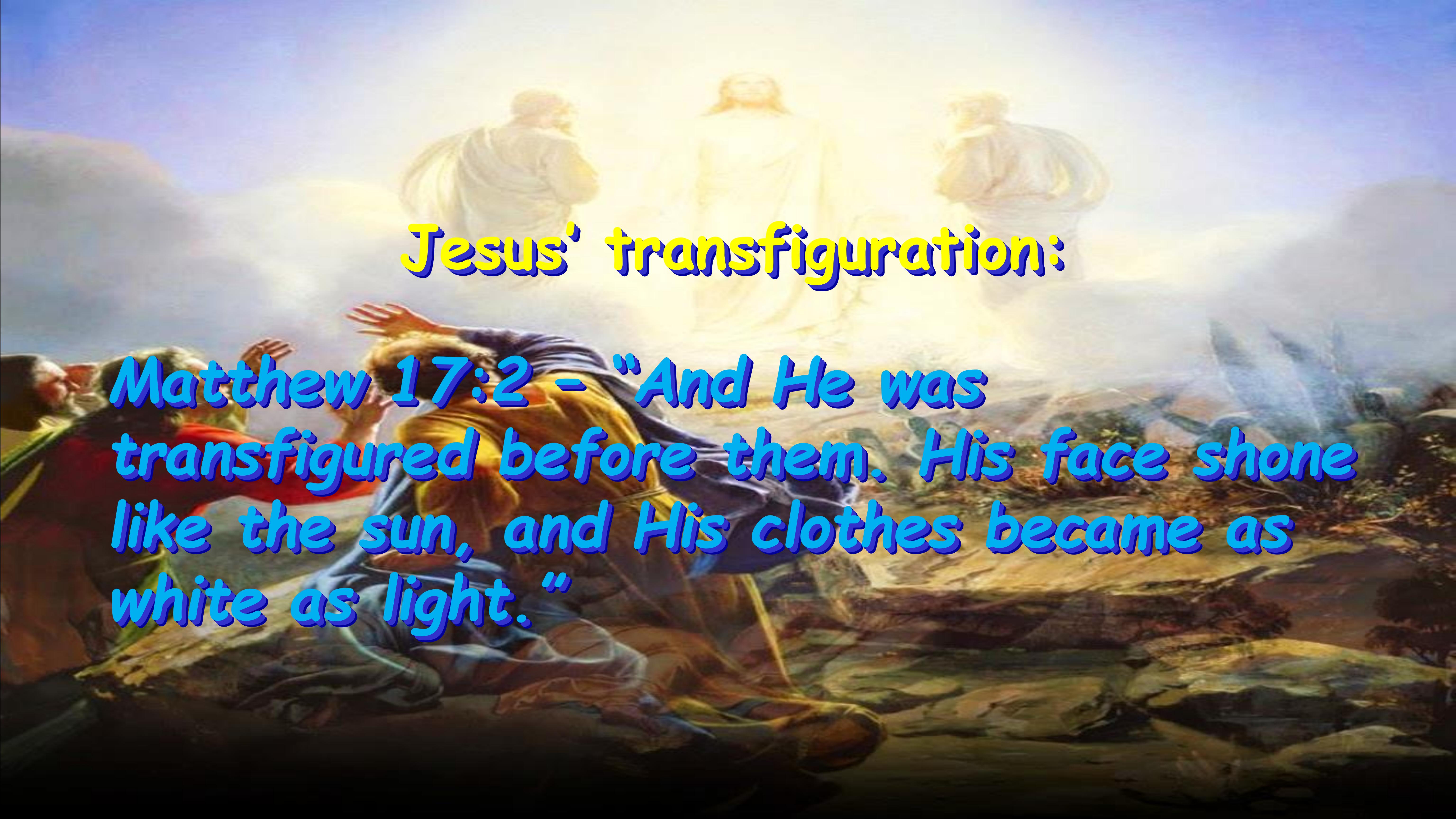
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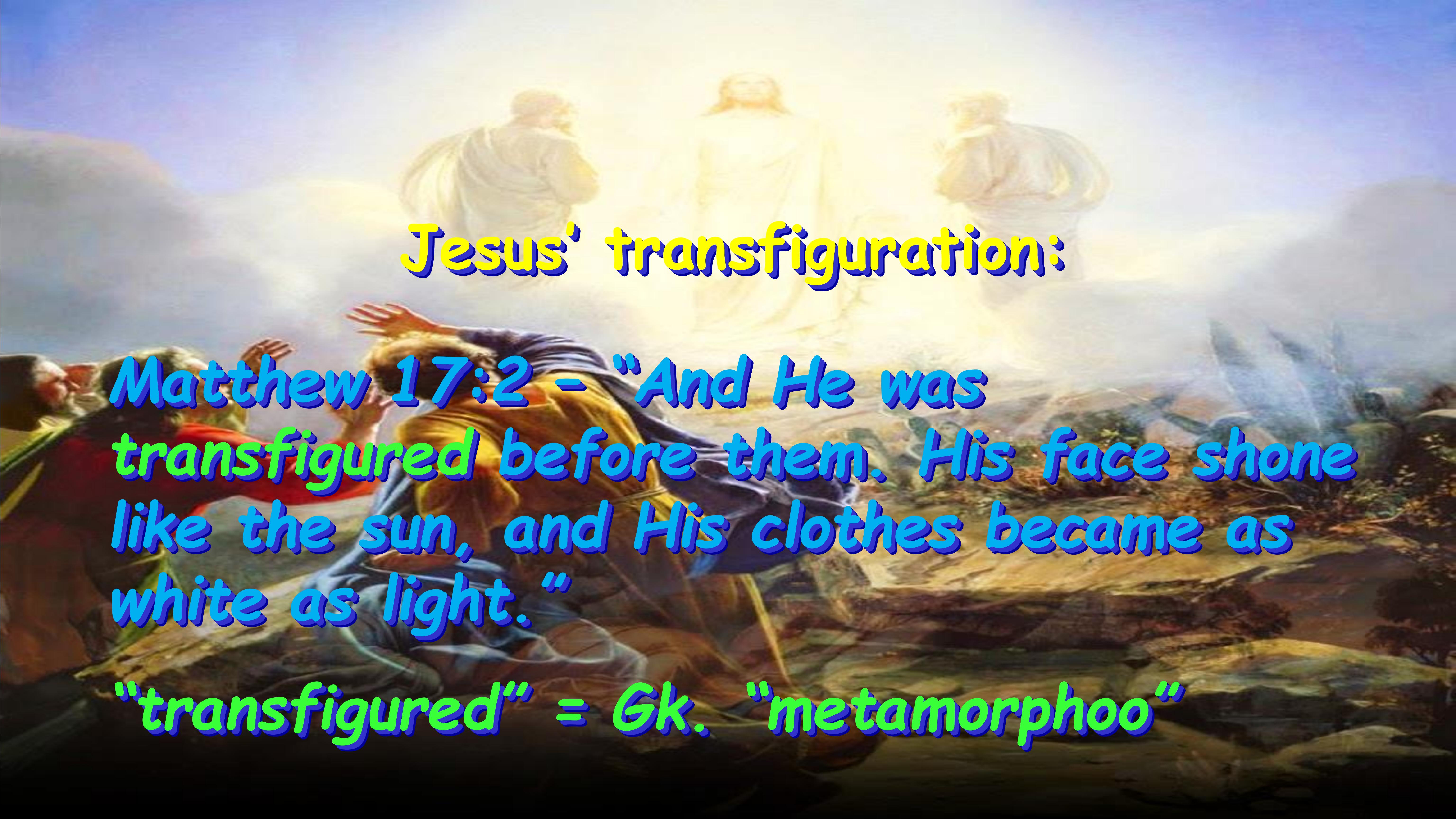


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"Be ready: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man will come." Mt. 24:44

