

SEEK FIRST

Matthew 6:33

When everything competes for our attention and trust, we are becoming a people who seek God's Kingdom first.



“The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.”

-Revelation 1:1

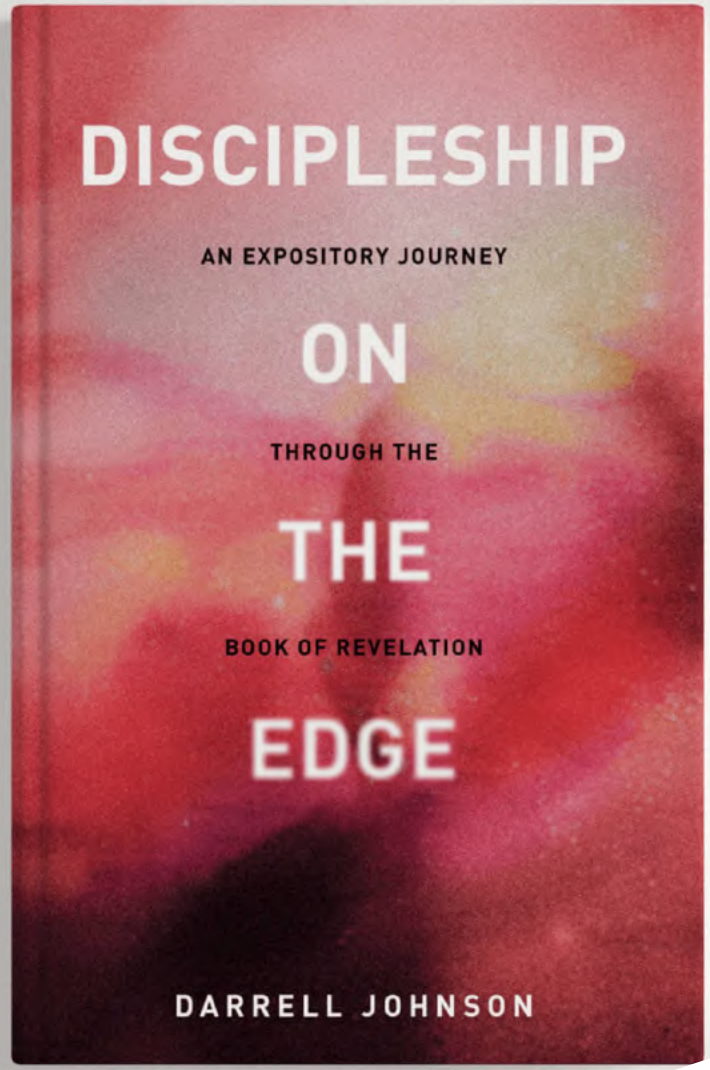
Revelation 21:1-8

God is not sitting on his haunches.
He is preparing a Kingdom for us
beyond our wildest dreams.

He doesn’t say, “I am making all new things.”
He says, “I am making all things new.”

“The biblical story began, quite logically, with a beginning. Now it draws to an end, not quite so logically, also with a beginning. The sin-ruined creation of Genesis is restored in the sacrifice-renewed creation of Revelation. The product of these beginning and ending acts of creation are the same: ‘the heavens and the earth’ in Genesis, and ‘a new heaven and a new earth’ in Revelation. The story that has creation for its first word, has creation for its last word.”

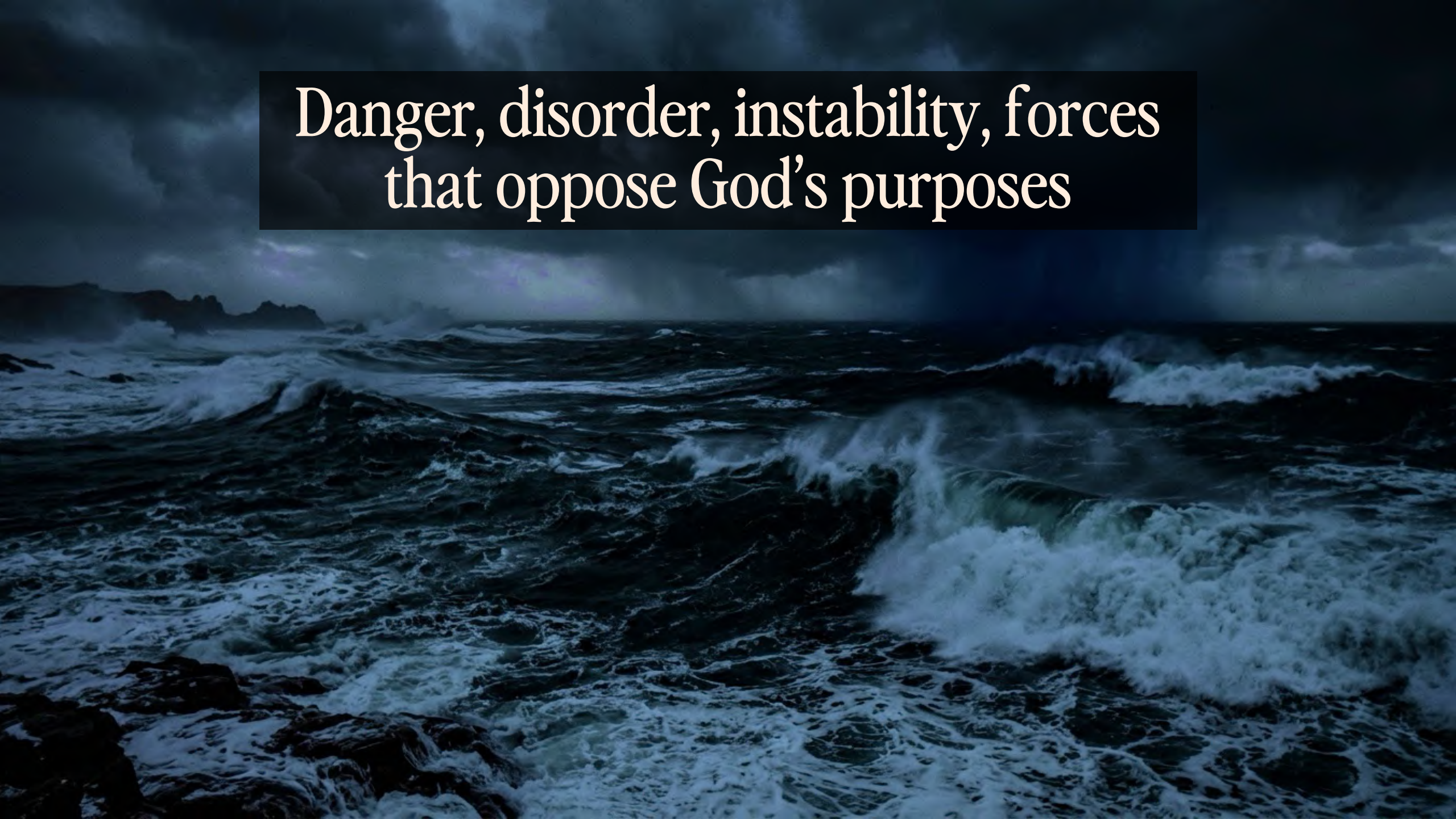
-Eugene Peterson


DISCIPLESHIP
AN EXPOSITORY JOURNEY
ON
THROUGH THE
THE
BOOK OF REVELATION
EDGE
DARRELL JOHNSON

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

- The sea (21:1)




Danger, disorder, instability, forces
that oppose God's purposes

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

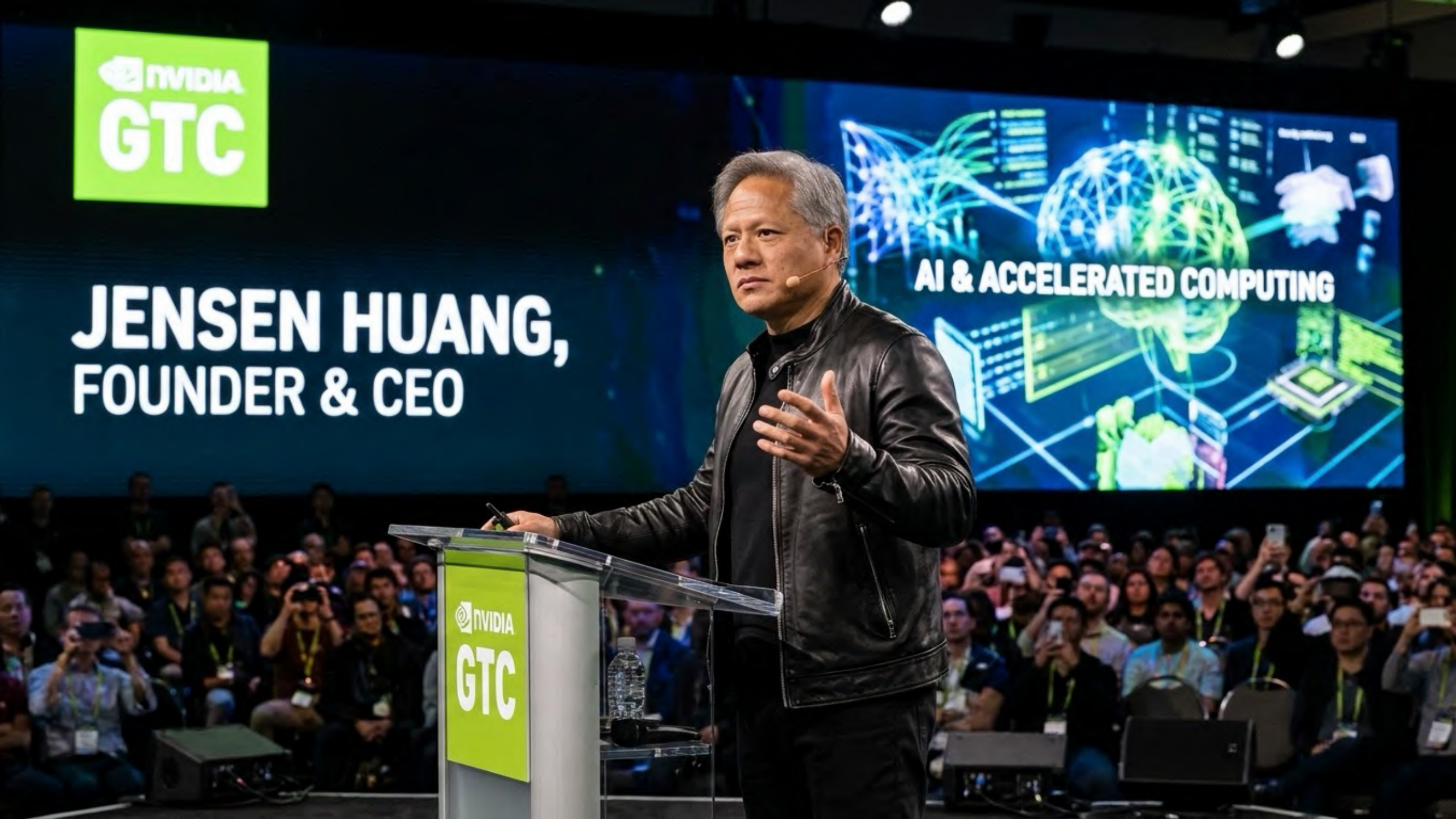
- The sea (21:1)
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)



No matter how far we advance in technology,
there will always be death, crying, mourning,
and pain in the old creation.


GLP-1
4.5 mg


GLP-1


NVIDIA
GTC
JENSEN HUANG,
FOUNDER & CEO
AI & ACCELERATED COMPUTING
NVIDIA
GTC


NVIDIA
GTC
JENSEN HUANG,
FOUNDER & CEO
& ACCELERATED COMPUTING


ALPHA SIGMA PHI
CAMPUS CHAPTER
ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED
PENDING INVESTIGATION


ALPHA
S CHAPTER
TIES SUSPENDED
DING INVESTIGATION
CAMPUS


Pamiętamy
We Remember
Kraków
w żałobie


Pamiętamy
We Remember
Kraków
w żałobie

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

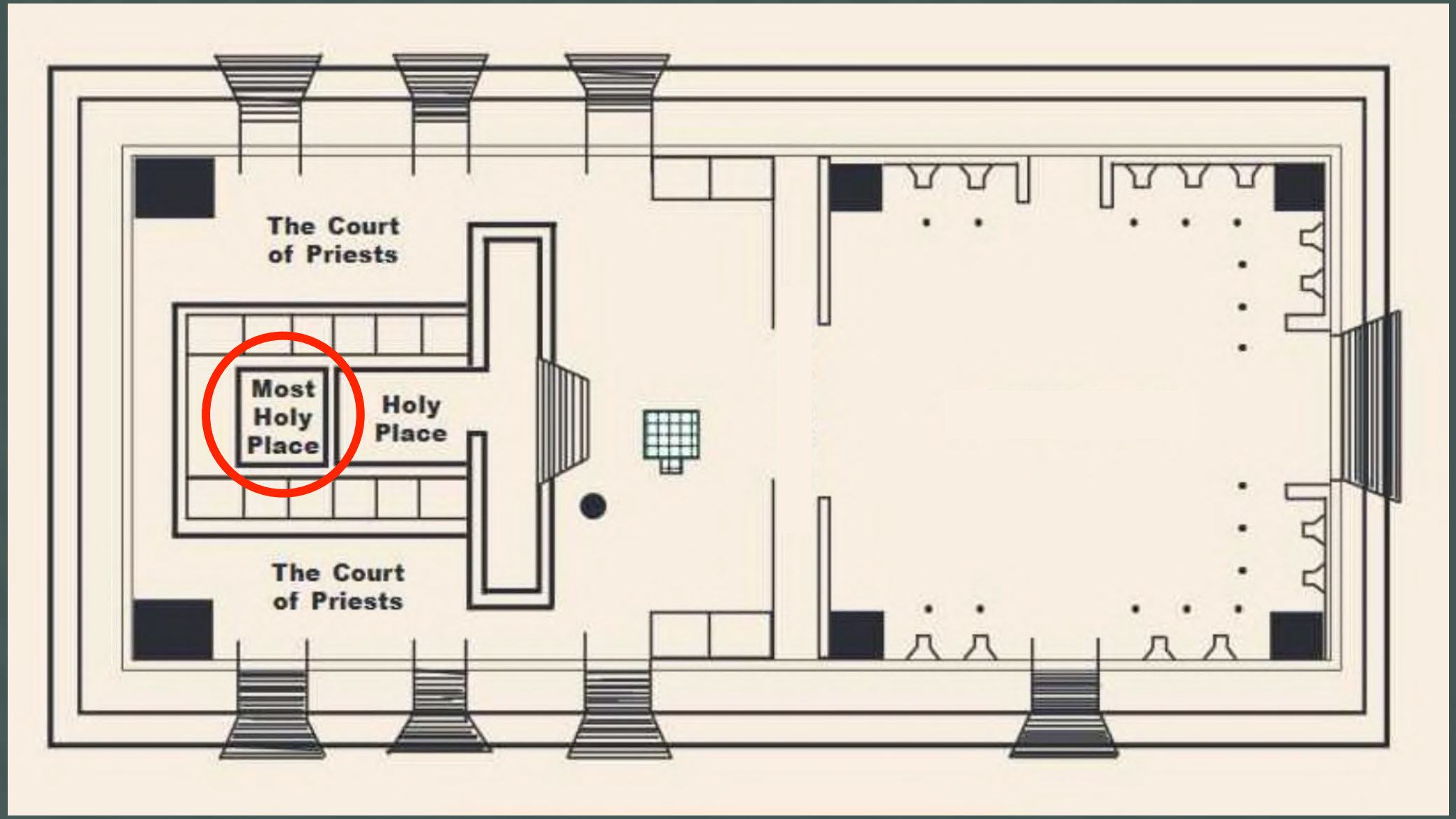
- The sea (21:1)
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)
- Character traits/behaviors inconsistent with the Kingdom of God (21:7-8)

“The ‘cowardly’ and ‘all liars’ are not there in the future because they have turned their backs on the One who holds the future.”

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

- The sea (21:1)
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)
- Character traits/behaviors inconsistent with the Kingdom of God (21:7-8)
- The temple (21:22)

The whole city is the temple!


The Court
of Priests
Most
Holy
Place
Holy
Place
The Court
of Priests

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

- The sea (21:1)
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)
- Character traits/behaviors inconsistent with the Kingdom of God (21:7-8)
- The temple (21:22)
- Need for sun or moon to shine (21:23)

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

- The sea (21:1)
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)
- Character traits/behaviors inconsistent with the Kingdom of God (21:7-8)
- The temple (21:22)
- Need for sun or moon to shine (21:23)
- Closed gates (21:25)

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS NOT THERE

- The sea (21:1)
- Tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)
- Character traits/behaviors inconsistent with the Kingdom of God (21:7-8)
- The temple (21:22)
- Need for sun or moon to shine (21:23)
- Closed gates (21:25)
- Curse (22:3)

Could Jesus be inviting you to work toward making one of these a reality?

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)

In Genesis 1, nothing exists apart from God.
In Revelation 21, nothing exists outside of God.

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)
- Glory (21:11, 16)

Doxa:

the heaviness of God's self-manifestation.

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)
- Glory (21:11, 16)
- Materiality (21:12, 18-21; 22:1-2)

“What you do in the present - painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself - will last into God’s future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether (as the hymn so mistakenly puts it). They are a part of what we may call building for God’s kingdom.”

-N.T. Wright

What work or relationship do I tend to treat as temporary that might matter more than I think?

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)
- Glory (21:11, 16)
- Materiality (21:12, 18-21; 22:1-2)
- Peoples (21:24-26)

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)
- Glory (21:11, 16)
- Materiality (21:12, 18-21; 22:1-2)
- Peoples (21:24-26)
- Creativity (21:19-21)

“Will there be ‘better Beethovens’ on the new earth? Shall we then see better Rembrandts, better Raphaels?...better poetry, better drama, and better prose? ...continue to advance in technological achievements? ...dig out the treasures of the earth, ...build imposing and attractive structures? Will there be enticing new adventures in space travel?”

-*Heaven: Not Just An Eternal Day Off,* Anthony Hoekema

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)
- Glory (21:11, 16)
- Materiality (21:12, 18-21; 22:1-2)
- Peoples (21:24-26)
- Creativity (21:19-21)
- Life (22:1-2)

REV. 21-22: WHAT IS THERE

- God (21:3)
- Glory (21:11, 16)
- Materiality (21:12, 18-21; 22:1-2)
- Peoples (21:24-26)
- Creativity (21:19-21)
- Life (22:1-2)
- The face of God (22:4)

“They will see his face and His name will be on their foreheads.”

-Revelation 22:4

When everything competes for our attention and trust, Rev. 21-22 is the vision of the Kingdom we seek first.

“Let anyone who hears, say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.”

-Revelation 22:16

“Our Lord, come!”

-1 Corinthians 16:22

Maranatha:

A declaration of who Jesus is and an expression of our hope in what he has promised.

How might your priorities change if you truly lived in light of God's coming renewal of all things?