

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 49

# WHO IS JESUS IN HIS SECOND COMING? BRIDEGROOM, KING, AND JUDGE



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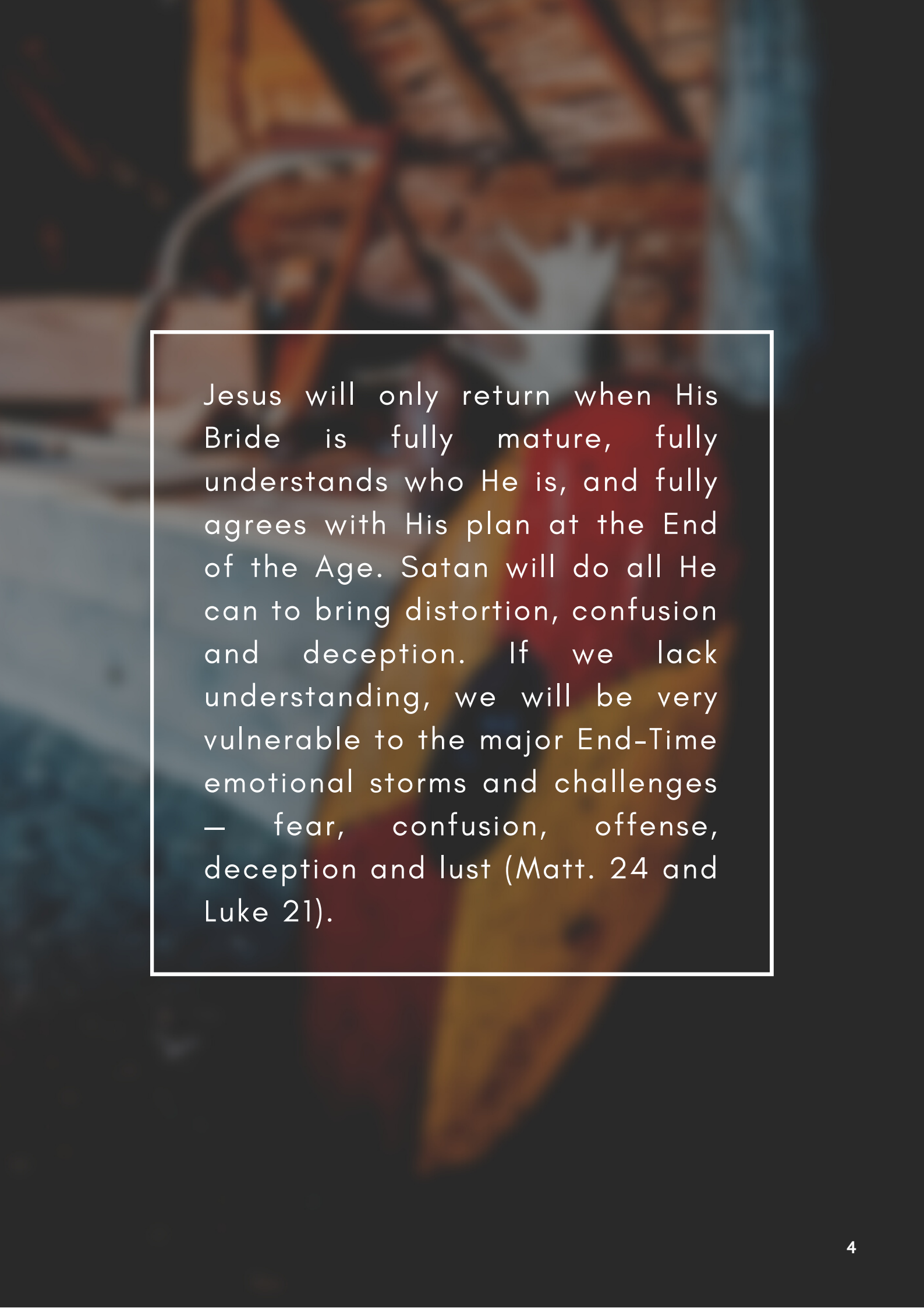
**“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”**  
**(Matt. 16:15)**

This is the most important question that Jesus will ask His Church at the End of the Age. **It is one of the most fundamental and foundational issues for the Church — knowing who Jesus is at His Second Coming.** Having the correct understanding will make us ready to be the Bride who agrees and partners with Jesus in the greatest transition in human history, from this age to the Millennium Kingdom.

At His first coming, Jesus of Christmas brought peace, reconciliation with God and salvation. At His Second Coming, Jesus is coming back for His mature Bride. He's coming to bring justice and the vengeance of the Lord. He will wage a war against His enemies and establish His kingdom.

Jesus is coming back as **the Bridegroom** filled with desire for His people. He is coming back as **the King** who possesses all authority and power. He is coming back as **the Judge** who has great zeal to confront oppression and remove everything that hinders wholehearted love.

There are many battlefronts in the End Times. One of the crucial battles is the truth of who Jesus is.



Jesus will only return when His Bride is fully mature, fully understands who He is, and fully agrees with His plan at the End of the Age. Satan will do all He can to bring distortion, confusion and deception. If we lack understanding, we will be very vulnerable to the major End-Time emotional storms and challenges — fear, confusion, offense, deception and lust (Matt. 24 and Luke 21).

In the previous session, we talked about the majestic splendour of Jesus as the **Bridegroom, King and Judge at His Second Coming** (Rev. 19:11-16). Today, we will dwell more on these **three aspects of Jesus, not just as individual aspects on their own, but together as a whole.**

You see, there is no contradiction between Jesus as the Bridegroom, King and Judge. He is always fully the Bridegroom, fully the King and fully the Judge. At no one time does He suspend any one aspect of His attributes in order to manifest another. **He always has the fullness of all His attributes and they are in perfect harmony with one another.** He is a Judge who is full of love. He is a Bridegroom who has a strong hatred towards sin and wickedness. He is 100% love and 100% wrath!





As His people, we cannot neglect one truth and emphasise another. We cannot do so because when we overemphasise one truth and neglect another, we will be diminishing the other aspect and truth of Jesus!

**1. JESUS AS THE PASSIONATE BRIDEGROOM REVEALS HIM AS ONE HAVING A BURNING DESIRE FOR HIS PEOPLE.**

He did not just save us from hell's fire. He saved us to be with Him as the Bride. He wants us as His Bride, and He has a deep delight for us. He loves us with all His heart, soul, strength and mind and He wants us to love Him back the same way.

As the Bridegroom, Jesus longs for a deep friendship and intimate relationship and partnership with us. He is looking for an equally-yoked Bride, someone to share His heart and His kingdom with.



## 2. JESUS AS THE TRANSCENDENT AND CONQUERING KING IS THE ONE WITH ALL POWER AND AUTHORITY.

He has come to bring restoration to individual lives, and to restore and rebuild nations. The fullness of His redemptive plans for the nations will be made manifest in the Millennial Kingdom, where the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as waters covers the sea.

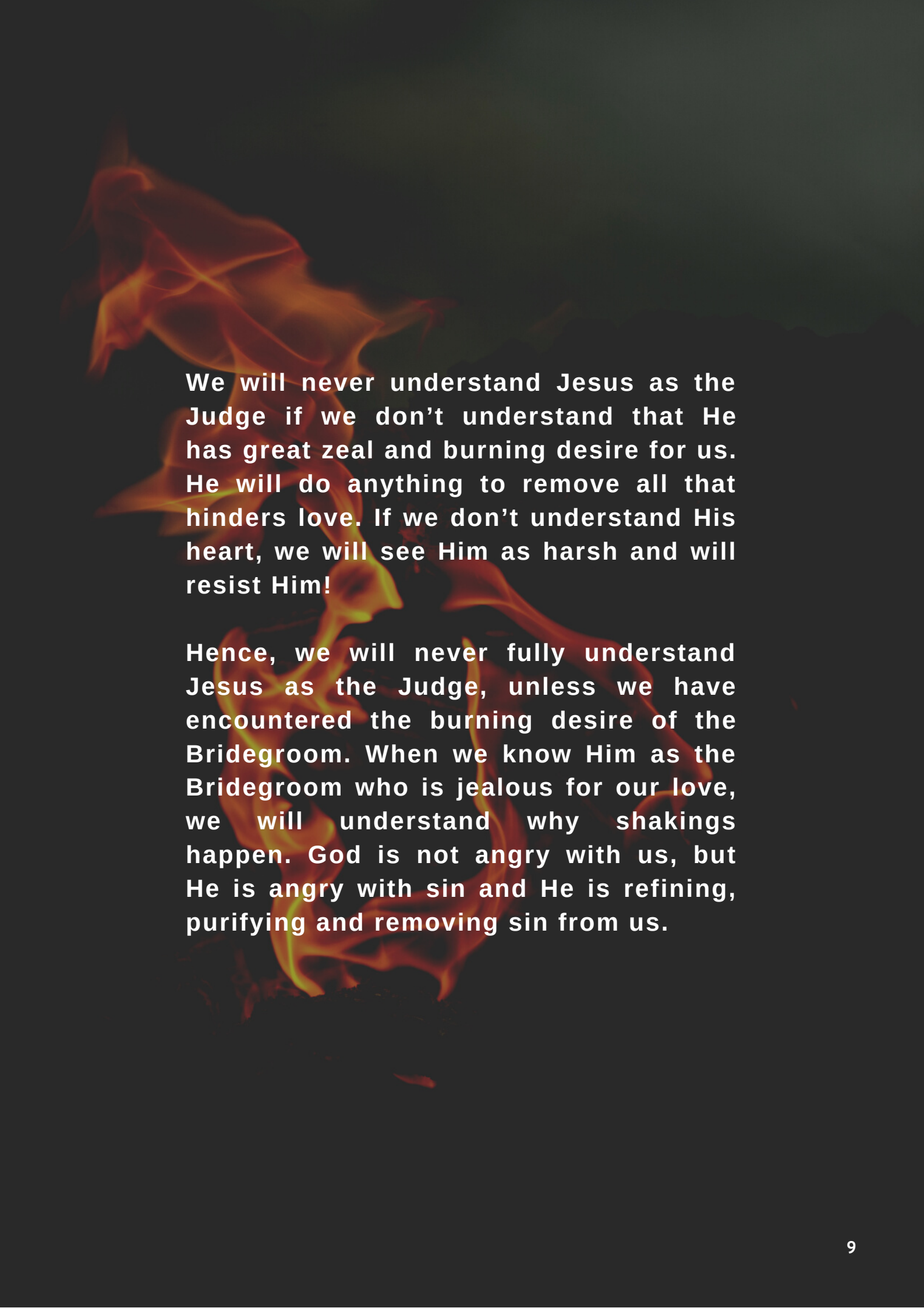
## 3. JESUS IS RETURNING AS THE ZEALOUS AND RIGHTEOUS JUDGE.

**This is the truth that the Church is most uncomfortable and unfamiliar with.** Scripture has always revealed Him as the Judge, the One with great zeal to intervene and confront sin, oppression and evil.

**To understand this, we need to understand Jesus as the Bridegroom. As the Bridegroom, He wants a Bride who is pure.** Jesus wants to confront and remove every sin, evil and oppression. He will judge the Harlot, refine the Church, and call His people to come out of the Harlot.

His eyes are like a flame of fire because He is excited about having His mature, spotless Bride. At the same time, He is angry and will execute judgement on Satan, the Antichrist and the Harlot, because they have seduced the Bride and caused her to commit fornication.



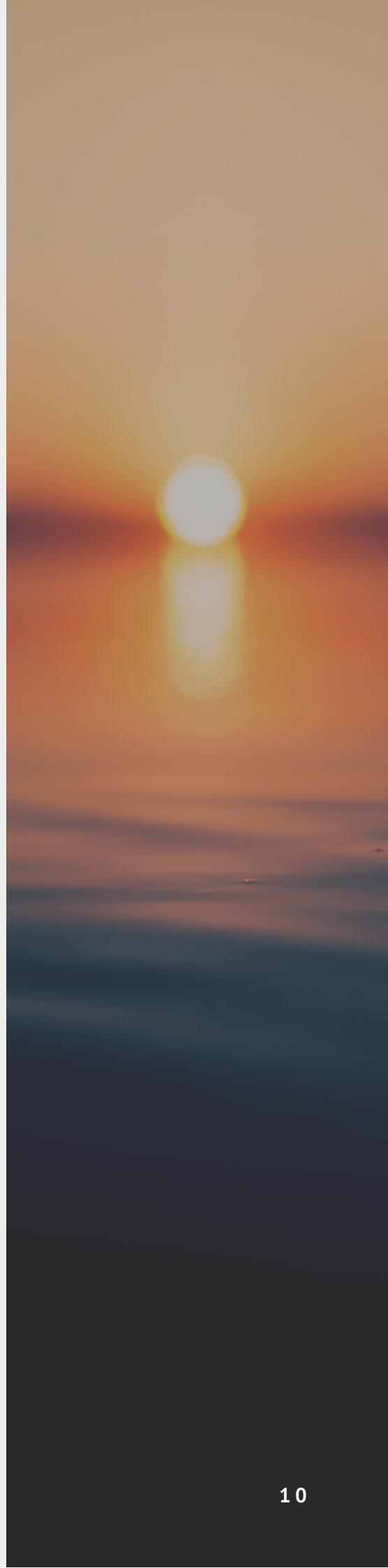


**We will never understand Jesus as the Judge if we don't understand that He has great zeal and burning desire for us. He will do anything to remove all that hinders love. If we don't understand His heart, we will see Him as harsh and will resist Him!**

**Hence, we will never fully understand Jesus as the Judge, unless we have encountered the burning desire of the Bridegroom. When we know Him as the Bridegroom who is jealous for our love, we will understand why shakings happen. God is not angry with us, but He is angry with sin and He is refining, purifying and removing sin from us.**

Jesus is also the Cherishing Bridegroom. When we know Him in this manner, we will open our hearts and say yes to the trials and discipline of God, just like the Shulamite woman in Song of Songs 4:16, because we understand that all He does is for our good.

**We will never fully understand Jesus as the Bridegroom unless we have encountered the heart of Jesus as the Judge. Whereas we often hesitate to confront people, God will always confront sin because of love. His judgements will bring forth righteousness (Isa. 26:9). The reason why He judges is never to diminish love but to manifest and establish love!**



**Finally, we will never fully understand Jesus as the King unless we know Him as Bridegroom and Judge.** Jesus, as the King, will only use His power to express His love and to awaken love!

Apart from Revelation 19, there are several passages in the Bible that reveal Jesus in the three aspects as the Bridegroom, King and Judge together.

Isaiah 61 – 63 is the clearest passage in the Old Testament that reveals the coming of the Messianic Redeemer as the Bridegroom, King and Judge.





Isaiah 61:1-7 details the mandate of Jesus and what He will do as the King. His mandate is to bring restoration to individual lives and to the nations. Verse 2 is an interesting verse that describes His mandate both in His First Coming, which is to proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh, as well as in His Second Coming, that is to execute the day of vengeance of our God.

Isaiah 62:4-5 is one of the first instances in the Bible when God revealed Himself as **the Bridegroom**. He is committed to making us ready as the Bride and He delights in us

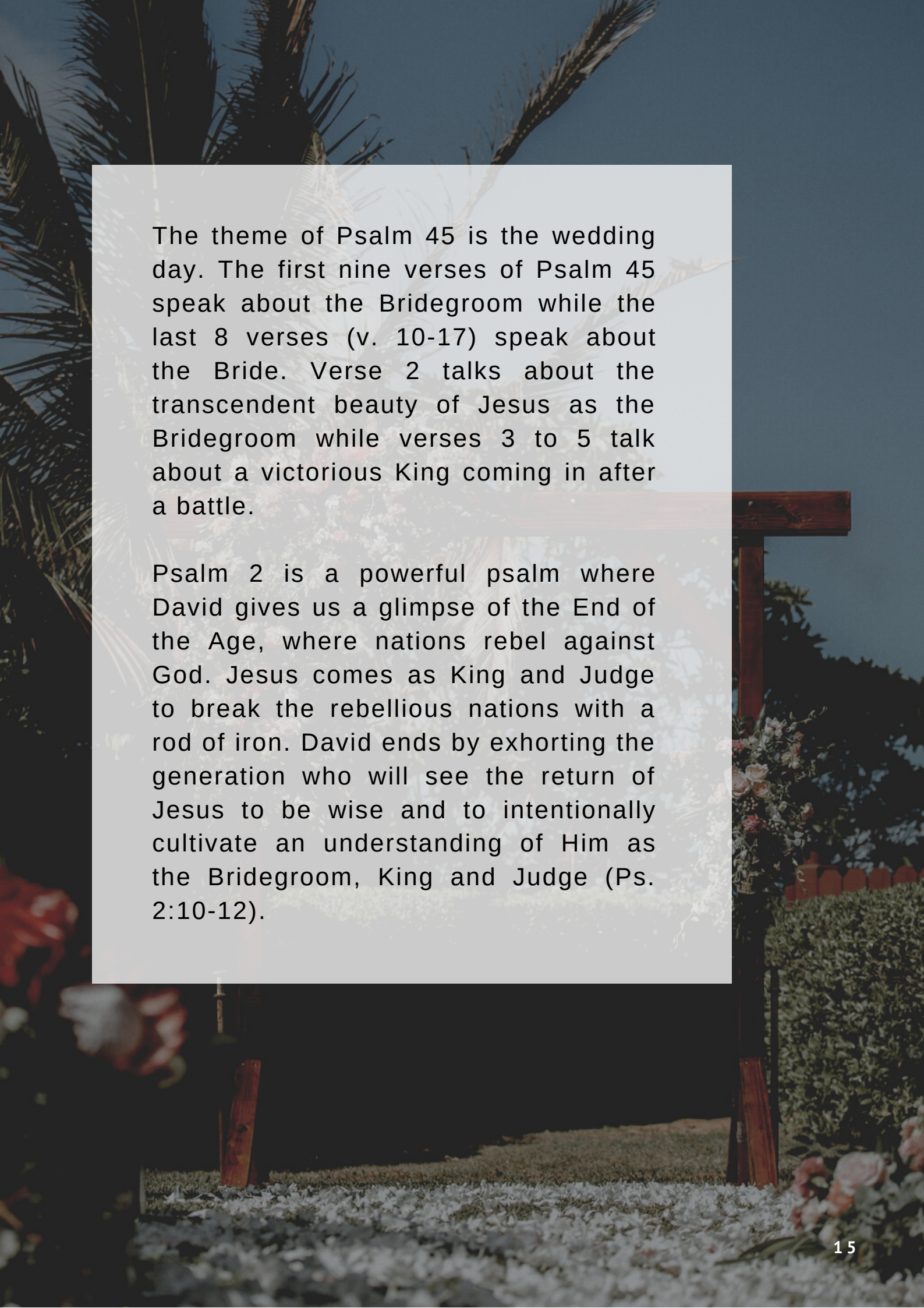
In Isaiah 63:1-6, Jesus came as the Judge in red garments, having trodden the winepress of judgement of the nations. The watchmen asked Him why His apparel was red, as they could not understand why their Messiah was involved in so much bloodshed. **This passage reveals to us the importance of developing an understanding of Jesus as the Judge. He is looking for someone to partner with Him in intercession even as He releases His judgements.**

John the Baptist is the first man in the New Testament to bring the revelation of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King and Judge together. In Matthew 3:1-12, he proclaimed about the coming of the kingdom of God, that the King is coming! He also warned the Pharisees that the Judge is coming (Matt. 3:7-12). In John 3:29, he shocked the Jewish people by proclaiming that Jesus is the Bridegroom!



Two other passages that reveal Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge are Matthew 22:1-14 and Matthew 25.

Let's end with Psalm 2 and Psalm 45, which are two Messianic psalms about the Bridegroom, King and Judge. Psalm 45 is written through the lens of the Bride whilst Psalm 2 is through the lens of the rebellious.

A photograph of a wedding aisle, likely outdoors, with a path of white flower petals. The aisle is flanked by wooden posts and floral arrangements, including white and pink roses. The background shows a clear blue sky and palm trees. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the image, containing text.

The theme of Psalm 45 is the wedding day. The first nine verses of Psalm 45 speak about the Bridegroom while the last 8 verses (v. 10-17) speak about the Bride. Verse 2 talks about the transcendent beauty of Jesus as the Bridegroom while verses 3 to 5 talk about a victorious King coming in after a battle.

Psalm 2 is a powerful psalm where David gives us a glimpse of the End of the Age, where nations rebel against God. Jesus comes as King and Judge to break the rebellious nations with a rod of iron. David ends by exhorting the generation who will see the return of Jesus to be wise and to intentionally cultivate an understanding of Him as the Bridegroom, King and Judge (Ps. 2:10-12).

## **SERVE THE LORD WITH FEAR**

**BECAUSE HE IS AN AWESOME KING WHOM WE NEED TO FEAR AND ALIGN OURSELVES FULLY WITH THROUGH UNDERSTANDING HIS HEART.**

## **REJOICE WITH TREMBLING**

**BECAUSE HE IS COMING BACK AS A JUDGE WHO WILL FINALLY REMOVE ALL EVIL AND OPPRESSION AND BRING JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. AND FINALLY,**

## **KISS THE SON!**





We need to **cultivate intimacy with Jesus**, our Bridegroom. If we do not have understanding of His heart, we will become offended with Him. This will lead us to rebel against Jesus and, in turn, face His judgement and perish in the way.

**The kiss of the Son will be a protection for our hearts in the coming hour of trials and tribulation. It will keep our hearts vibrant and lovesick for the return of our Beloved Bridegroom, King and Judge!**

***“When His wrath is kindled a little”*** refers to the time when we are beginning to see shakings in many spheres. That will be the *Kairos* hour to intentionally cultivate an understanding of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King and Judge.

Indeed, we are seeing dramatic shifts and acceleration in this decade of the 2020s, and shakings in terms of wars, political and economic crises, social upheavals and natural disasters. We are seeing an unprecedented escalation of darkness, as well as an increase of God’s light and glory for those who understand, prepare and align with Him.

**Be wise! Get to know Jesus as the Bridegroom, King and Judge.**

**Now is the time to kiss the Son!**



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