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The wrath of God is his necessary, just, and righteous retribution against sin [and the unbelieving sinner (John 3:36) ]. God's wrath against sin arises by necessity out of His nature. Because of the justice of His law and righteousness of His character, God must judge sin. He takes no pleasure in punishing the unrighteous (Ezekiel 33:11), but He will, because He is a God of wrath. ...We can find no way around it, nowhere to run from it. God is a God of wrath.

...The Greek words for wrath indicate God's intense displeasure at sin and His judgment against it [and the unbelieving sinner (Romans 2:5)]. God does not throw temper tantrums. He doesn't pitch fits, but He has intense anger against sin. In fact, God takes torrid displeasure at sin: big sin, little sin, medium size sin. He does not make a distinction.. between felonies and misdemeanors. Because He is a holy God, all sin is repulsive to Him.

...The wrath of God is His response to that which in its essence is against His nature. ...People who only talk about the wrath of God don't have the whole picture. People who only talk about His love don't have the whole picture either. Those who want to emphasize only God's love throw out this challenge to those who believe in His wrath: "How could a God of love do that?" Simple answer. He's also a God of wrath."

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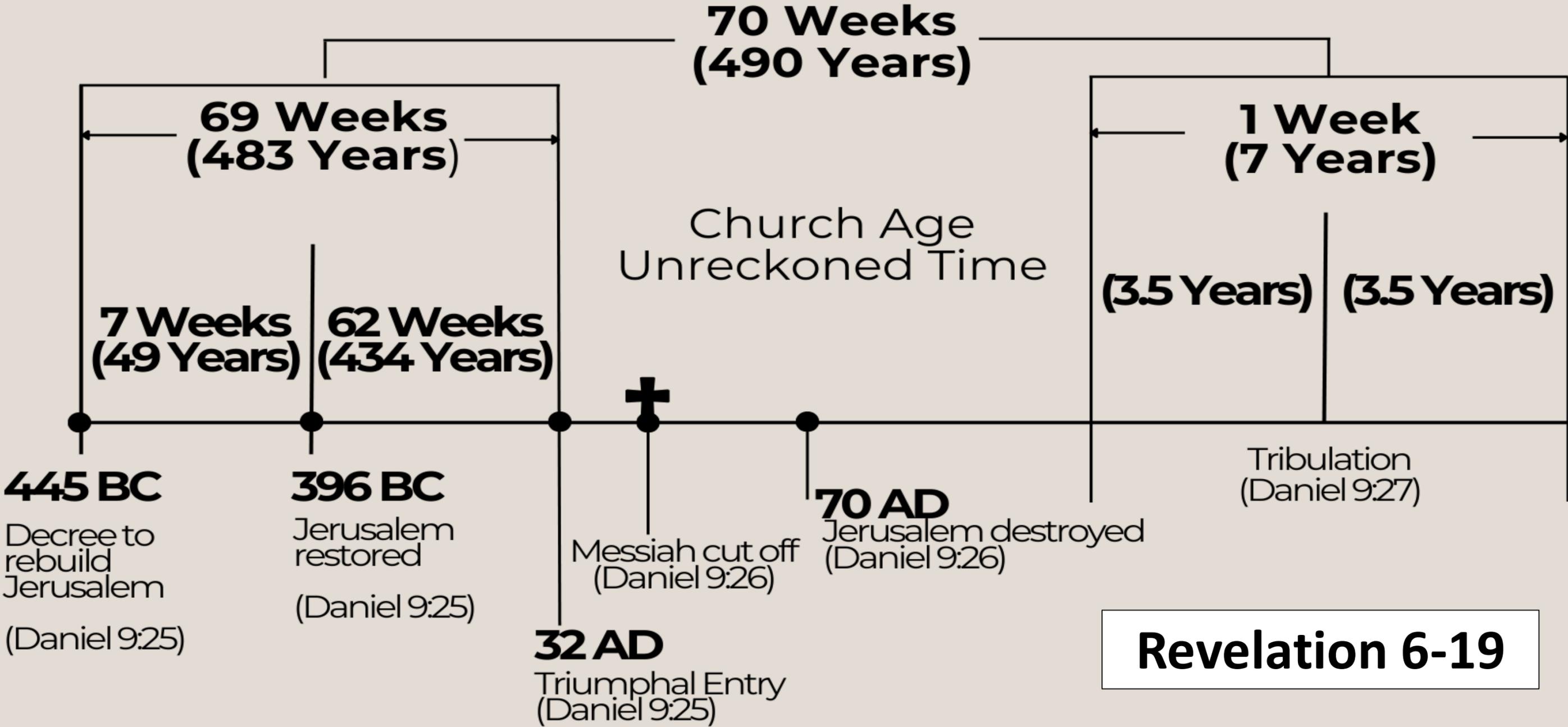
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# THE OLD TESTAMENT'S MOST AMAZING PROPHECY



# Timeline

2nd Advent  
of Christ

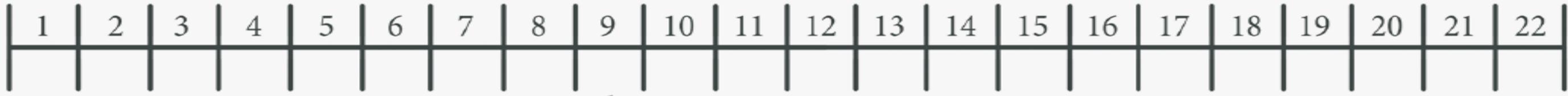
Rapture of  
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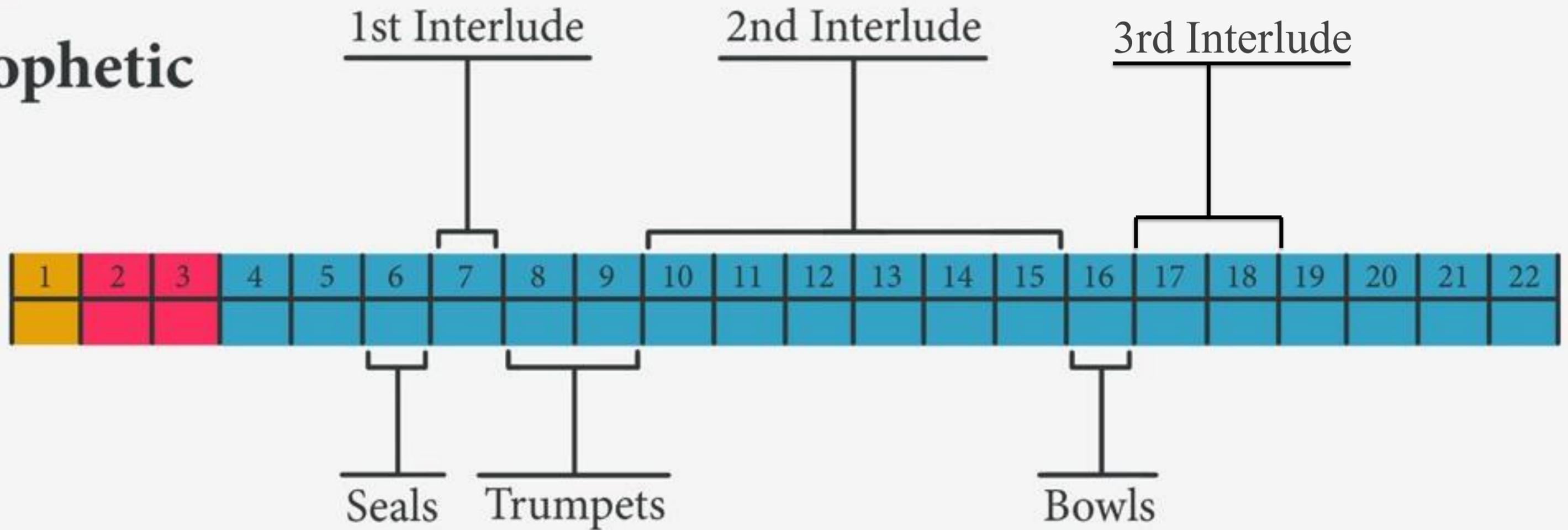


Preparation  
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# Timeline

- Past
- Present
- Prophetic



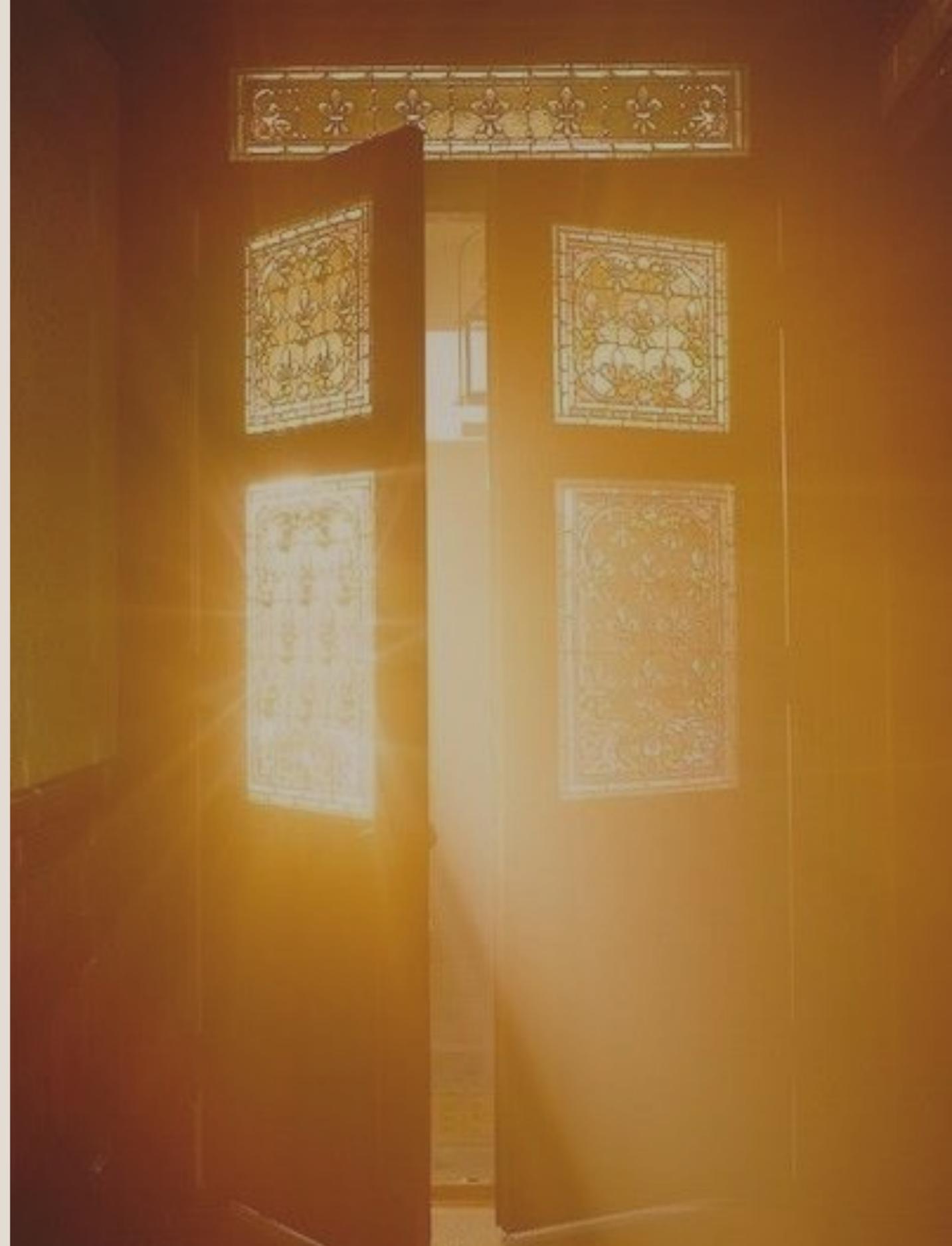
I. The Seventh Seal & Prayers of the Saints. 8:1-5

II. The Seven Trumpets Begin. 8:6- 9:19

III. The Response of the Earth Dwellers. 9:20-21

## **I. The Seventh Seal & Prayers of the Saints.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.



<sup>3</sup>And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne,  
<sup>4</sup>and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and **golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**

Revelation 5:8

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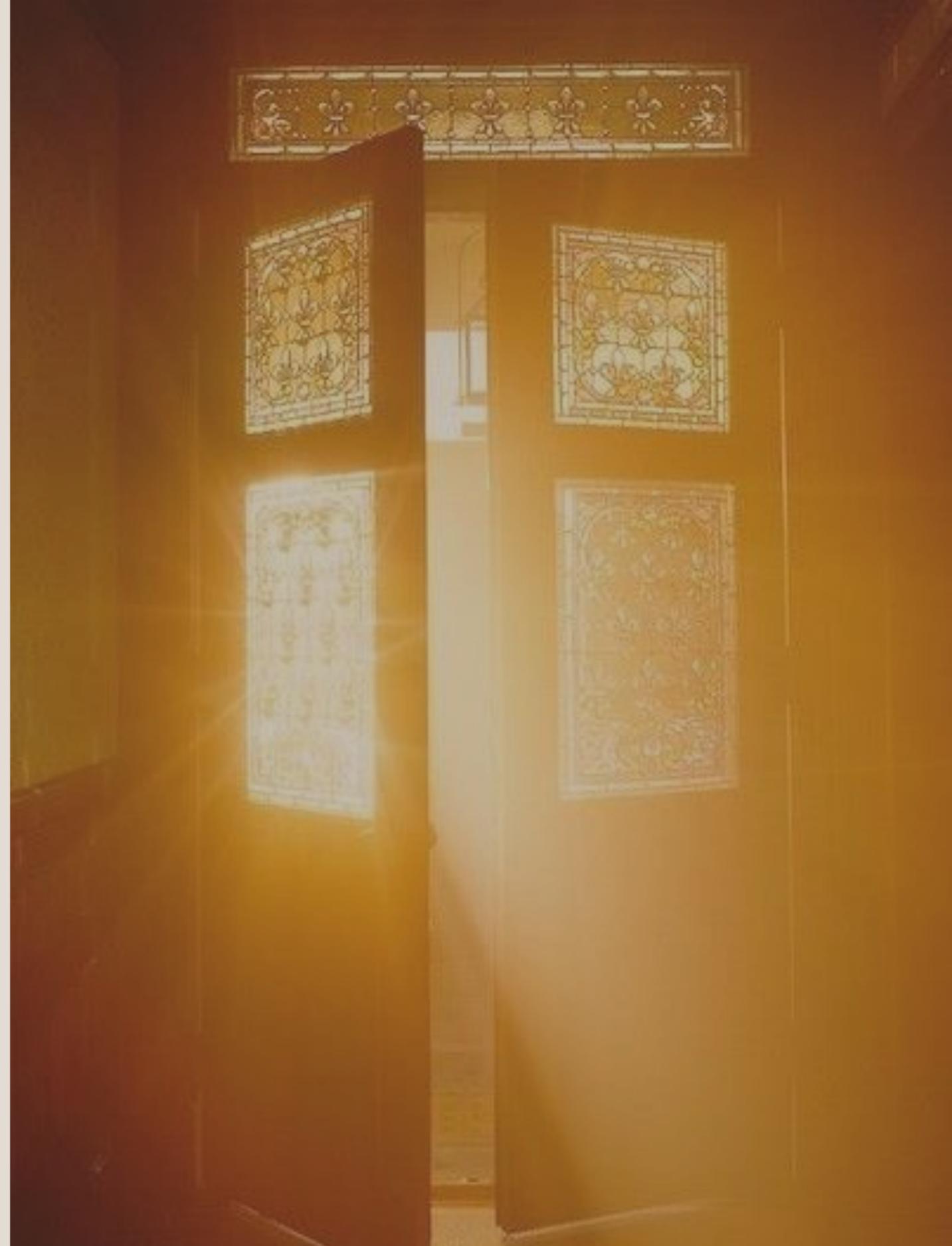
<sup>10</sup> They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Revelation 6:10

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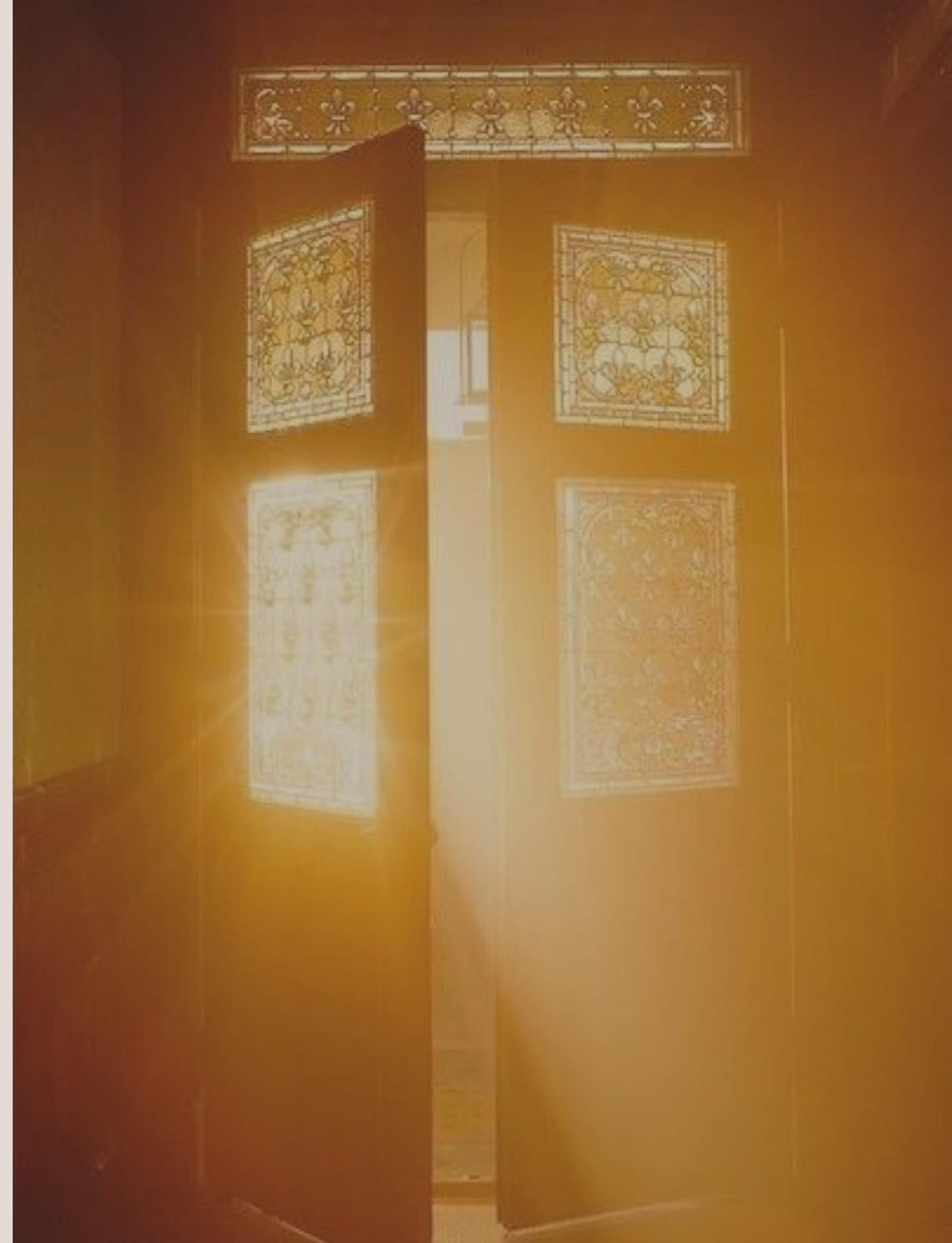
<sup>5</sup>Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

<sup>6</sup>Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.



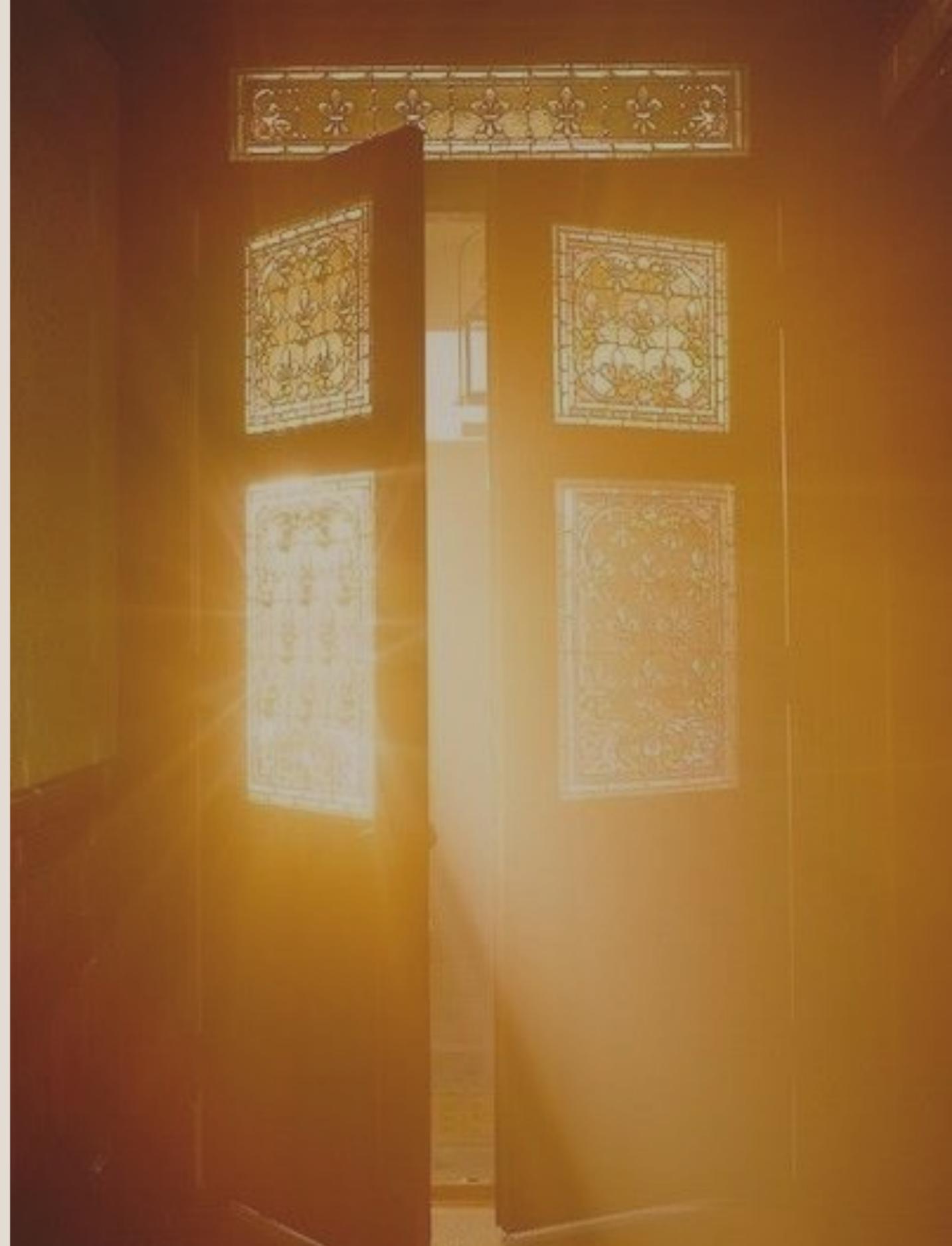
## II. The Seven Trumpets Begin.

- ◆ Similarities with plagues of Egypt.
- ◆ The exact nature of each trumpet is not clear, but the results are disastrous.



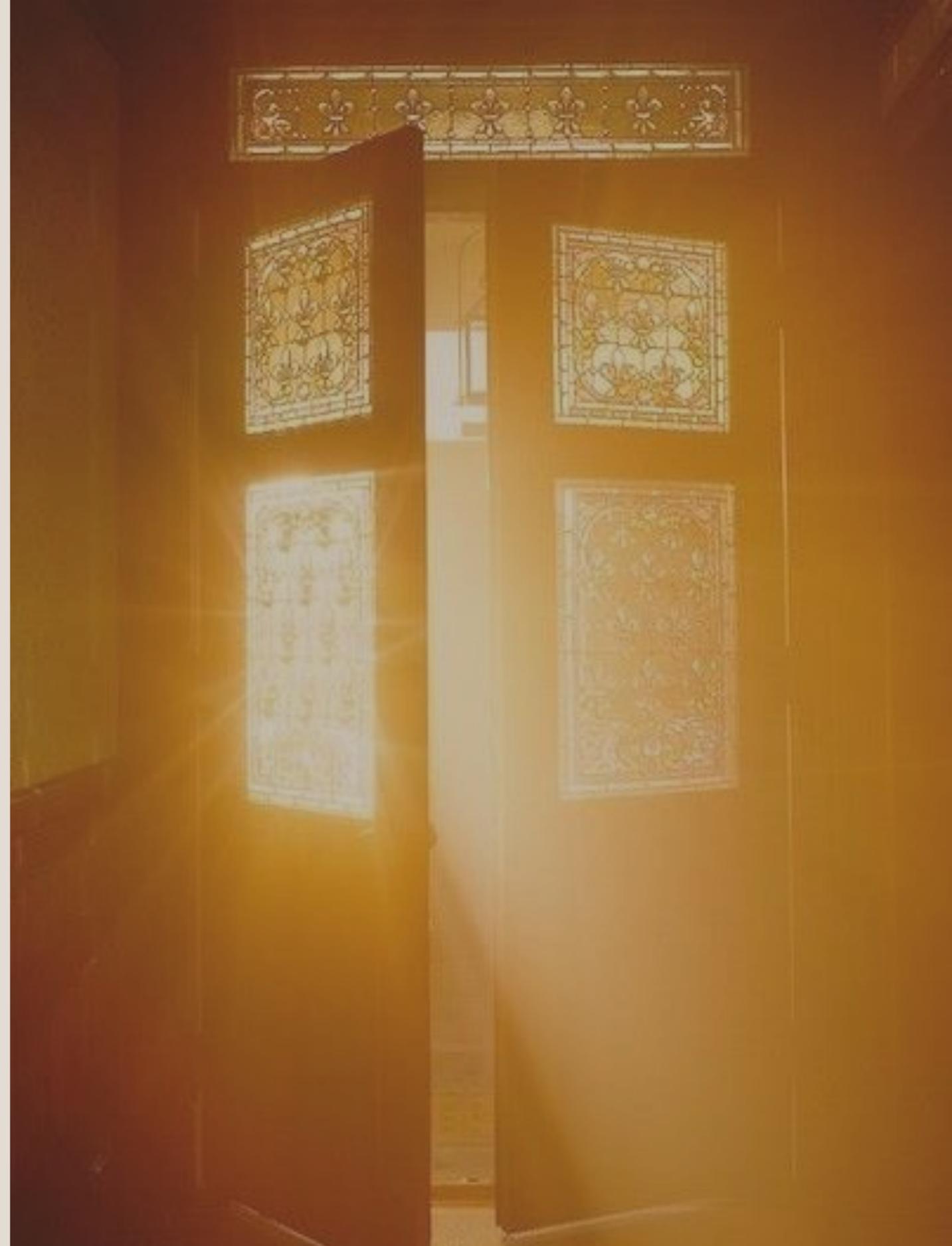
## **First Trumpet: Devastation on Land.**

<sup>7</sup>The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.



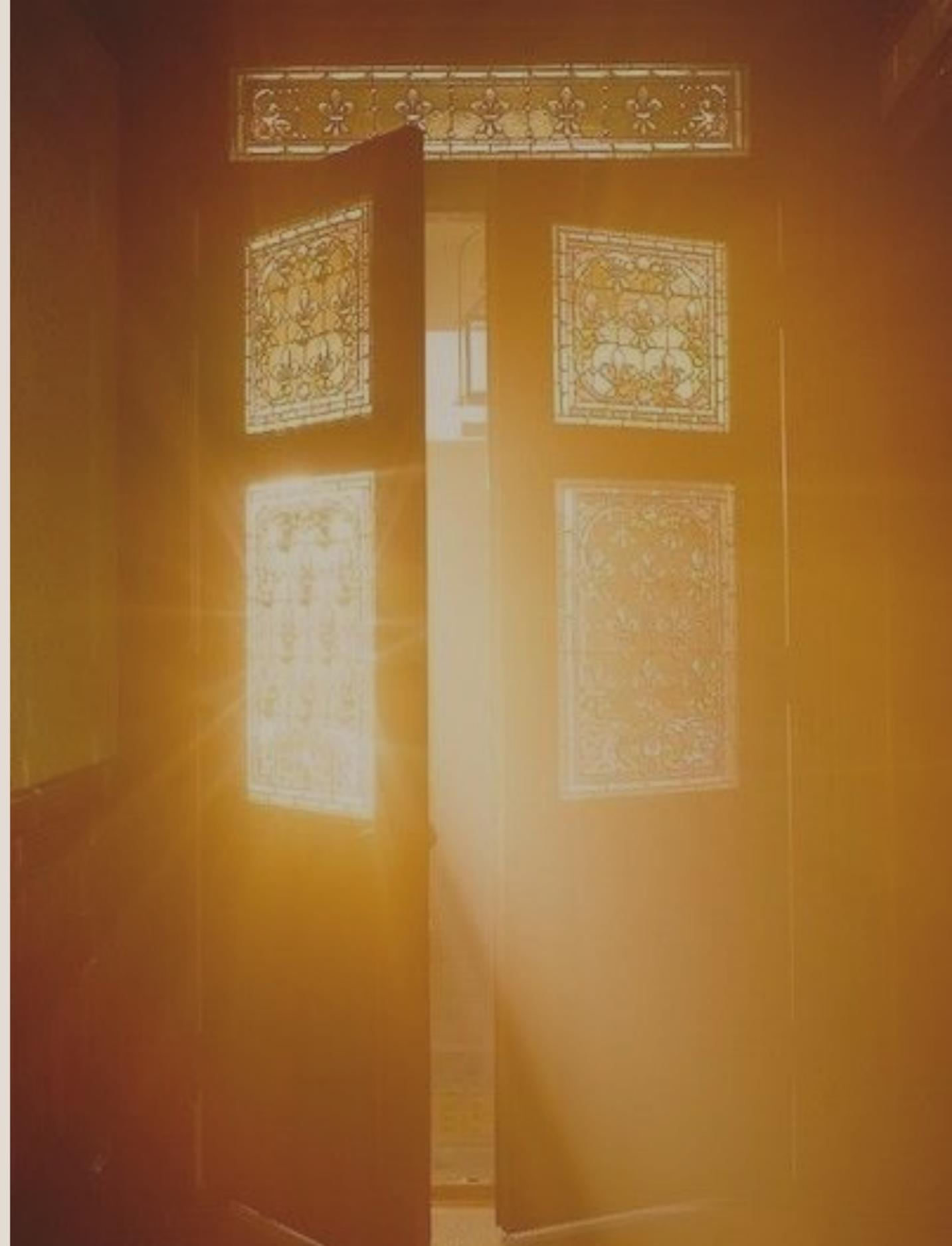
## **Second Trumpet: Devastation in the Seas.**

<sup>8</sup>The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. <sup>9</sup>A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.



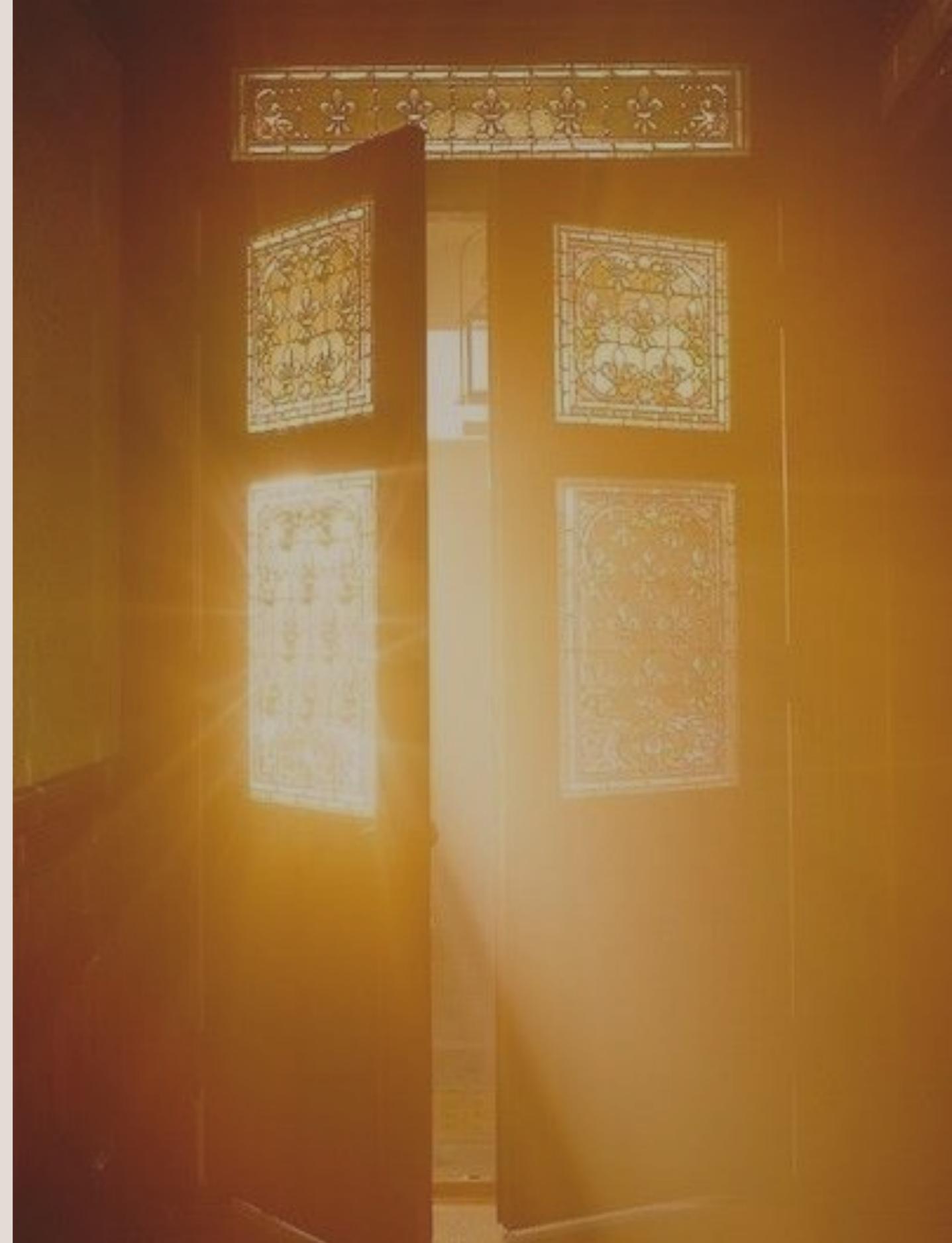
## **Third Trumpet: Devastation in Fresh Water.**

<sup>10</sup>The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. <sup>11</sup>The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.



## **Fourth Trumpet: Devastation in the heavens.**

<sup>12</sup>The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.



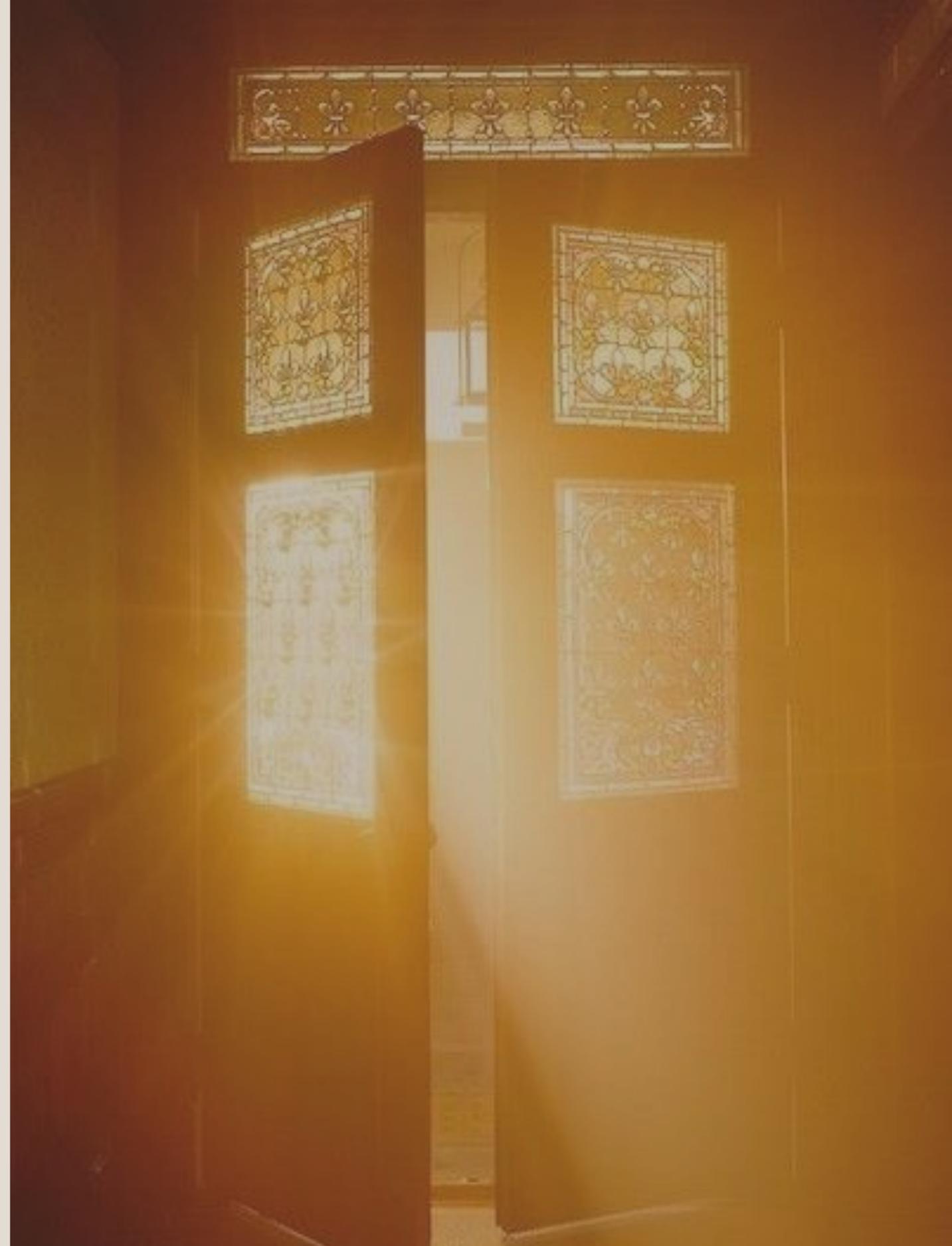
<sup>13</sup>Then I looked, and I heard an **eagle** crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, “**Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth**, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”

<sup>6</sup> ... And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are **four living creatures**, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup>the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and **the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.**

Revelation 4:6b-7

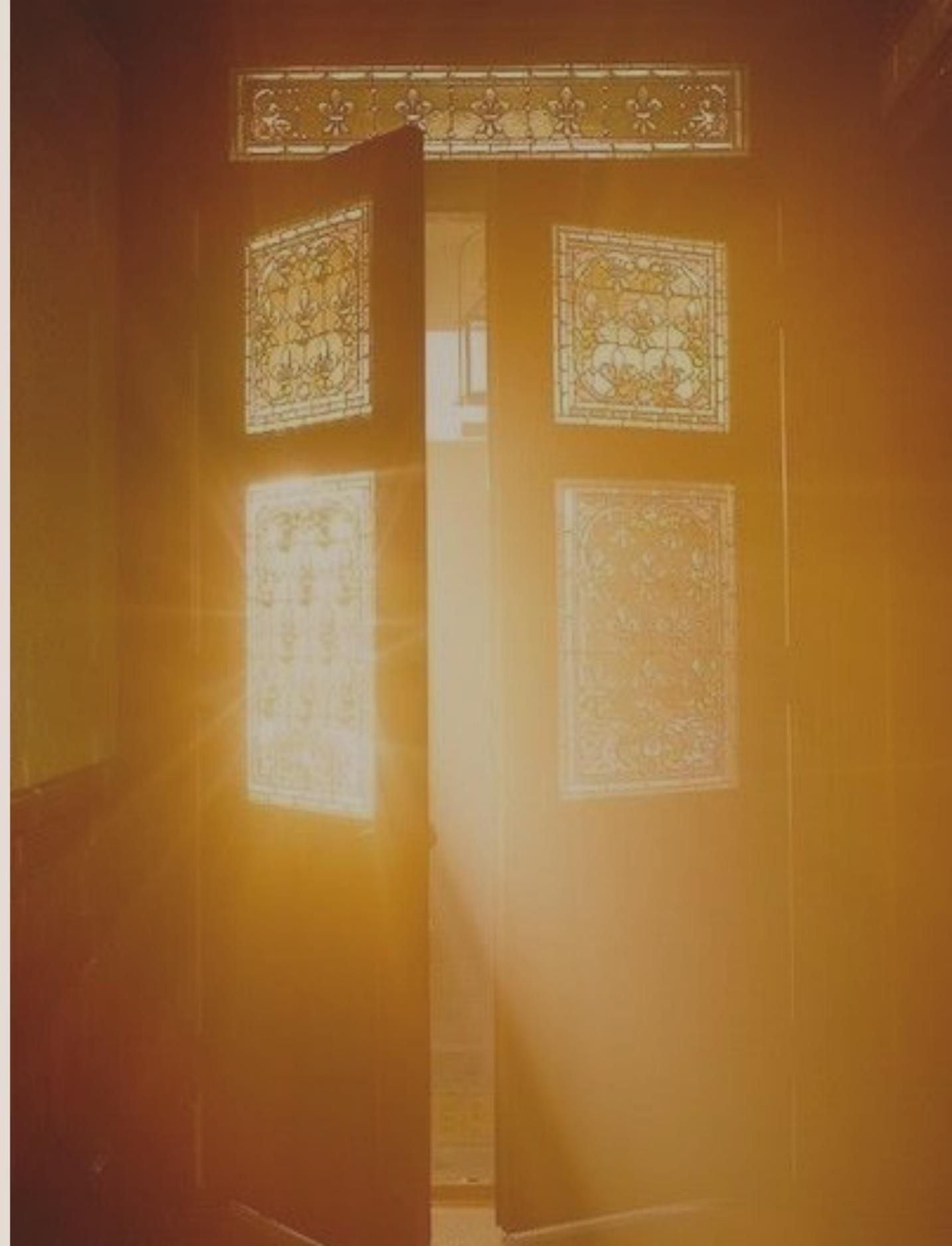
## **Fifth Trumpet: Demonic Release.**

<sup>1</sup>And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup>He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.



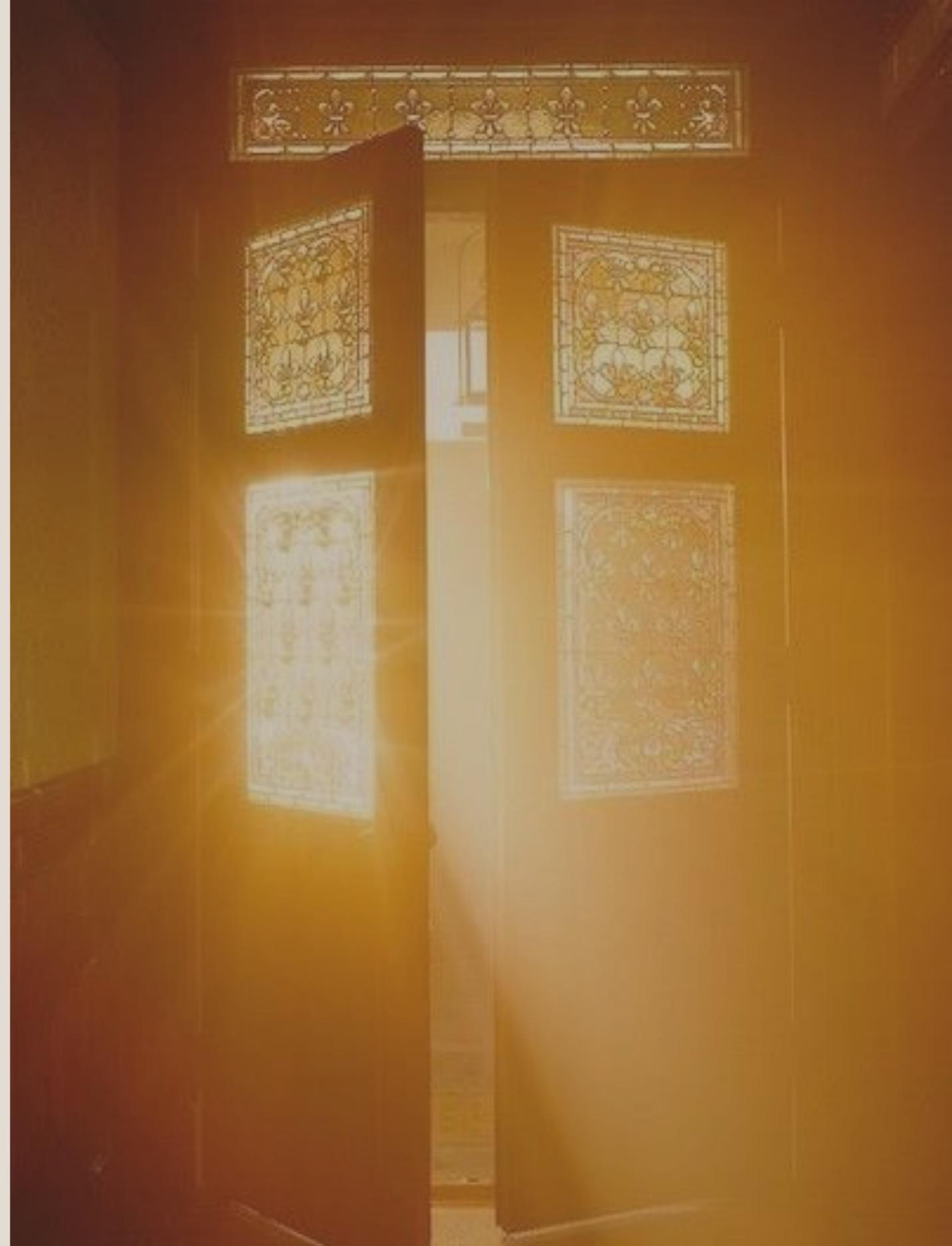
<sup>3</sup>Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.

<sup>4</sup>They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.



<sup>5</sup>They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone.

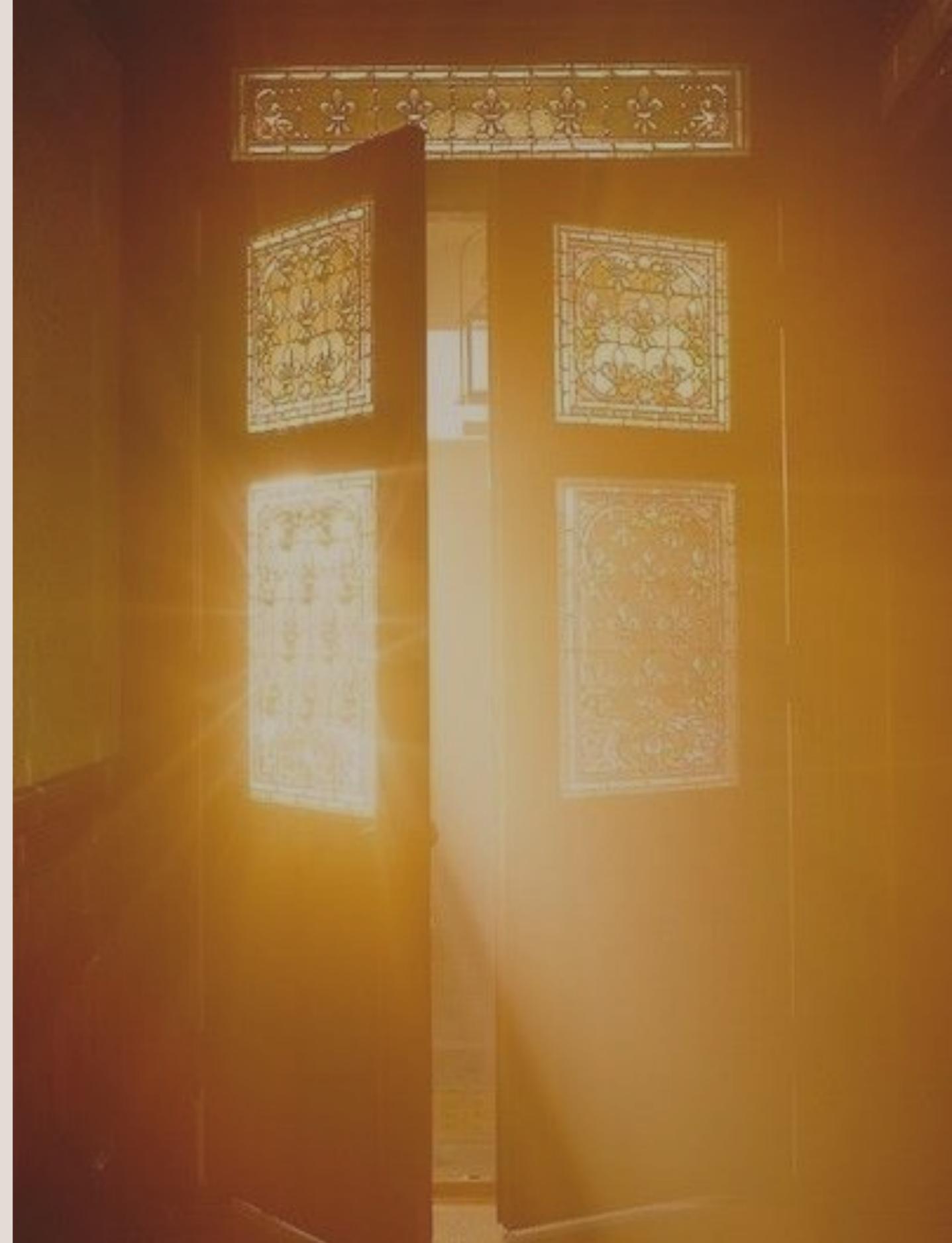
<sup>6</sup>And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.



<sup>7</sup>In appearance the locusts were **like** horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked **like** crowns of gold; their faces were **like** human faces, <sup>8</sup>their hair **like** women's hair, and their teeth **like** lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup>they had breastplates **like** breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was **like** the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup>They have tails and stings **like** scorpions, and their **power to hurt** people for **five months** is in their tails.

<sup>11</sup>They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

<sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.



## **Sixth Trumpet: Demonic Army of Death.**

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, <sup>14</sup>saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” <sup>15</sup>So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to **kill a third of mankind.** <sup>16</sup>The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number.

<sup>17</sup>And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup>By these three plagues **a third of mankind was killed**, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

### **III. The Response of the earth dwellers.**

<sup>20</sup>The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, <sup>21</sup>nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

### **III.The Response of the earth dwellers.**

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:5

# What are we to do with this news of God's coming wrath?

- Unbeliever
  - Investigate, ask questions, discuss
  - Don't wait
  - Repent & believe

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” John 3:36

# What are we to do with this news of God's coming wrath?

- Believer :
- Live out your identity in Christ!

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. Colossians 3:5-6

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins  
<sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of  
this world, following the prince of the power of the  
air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of  
disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in  
the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of  
the flesh and the mind, and **were by nature  
children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1-3

<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be **saved by him from the wrath of God.** <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:8–11