

OUR NEXT 30 YEARS
THE BEST IS YET TO COME



WEEK I: LOOKING BACK

**“The world went and got itself
in a great big hurry.”**

- Brooks Hatlen

2012

DOOMSDAY



Change always brings a profound
sense of *loss*.

Council of Jerusalem



Acts 15

It's a picture of the church coming together to pray and lean on the Holy Spirit to guide them through unprecedented, scary days of change.

**When you study the history of
God at work in the world, it
seems that about every 500
years there is a huge upheaval
and everything changes.**

3,000 Years Ago:

**1054 BC, King David reigns as king
over united Israel**

2,500 Years Ago:

**586 BC, Babylon's army sacks Israel
and exiles the people**

2,000 Years Ago:

**Jesus of Nazareth revolutionizes
Judaism with the birth of Christianity**

1,500 Years Ago:

Fall of Rome, and disintegration of society and de-centralization of religion

1,000 Years Ago:

1054 AD, “Great Schism” splits the church. Creation of Eastern Orthodox and Western Roman Catholic branches

500 Years Ago:

517 AD, “Great Reformation” splits Roman Catholicism with newly created Protestantism.

Historic Christian Faith

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**Roman
Catholic
Christianity**

**Eastern
Orthodox
Christianity**

**Protestant
Christianity**

History has taught us that every time we have one of these great upheavals, whatever was the dominant form or expression of faith loses its dominance and gives way to something new.

The Reformation of 1517 gave us
fundamental changes in the way we...

1) Have Access to Information.

2) Understand the Universe.

3) Understand the Family.

4) Understand our Theology.

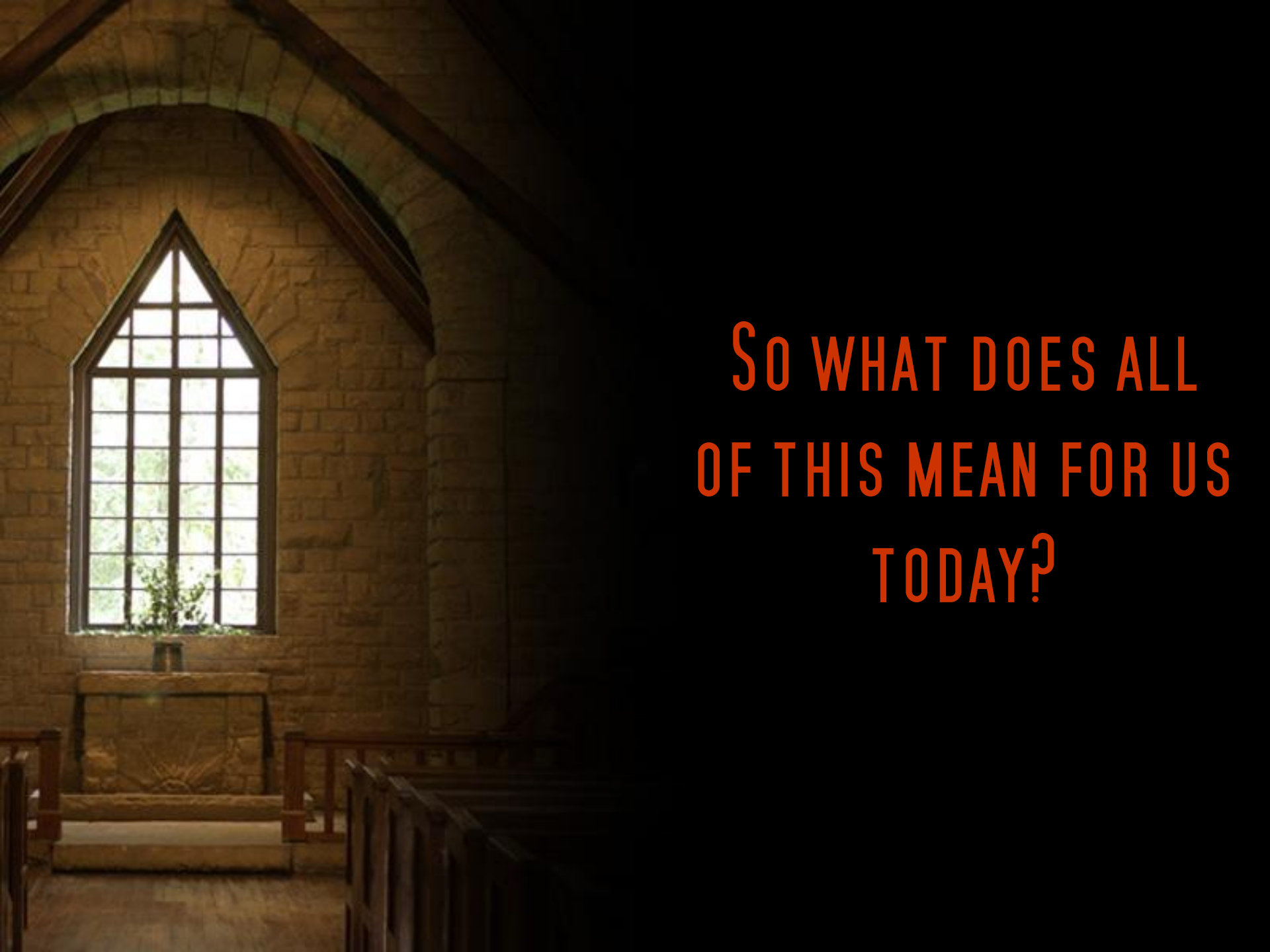
Current Events Influencing the Coming Reformation:

1) Our Access to Information.

2) How We Understand the Universe.

3) How we Understand the Family.

4) How we Understand Theology.

The image shows the interior of a church. On the left, there is a large, arched window with a stone frame, set into a wall of rough-hewn stone. Below the window is a simple wooden altar. The ceiling is dark with exposed wooden beams. The right side of the image is mostly in shadow, with the text overlaid on a dark background.

SO WHAT DOES ALL
OF THIS MEAN FOR US
TODAY?

Percentage of Church-Going Evangelical Christians

**Builder Generation
(Born 1927-1945)**

65%

**Boomer Generation
(Born 1946-1964)**

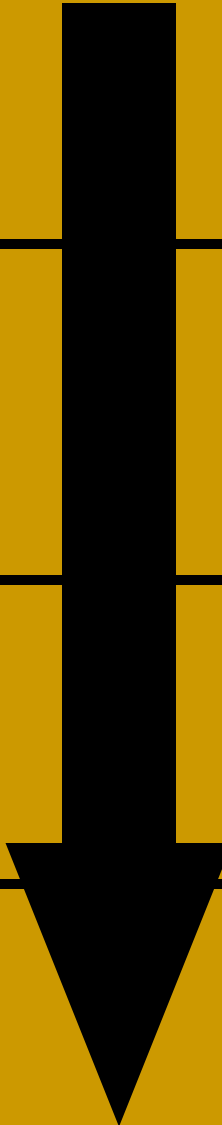
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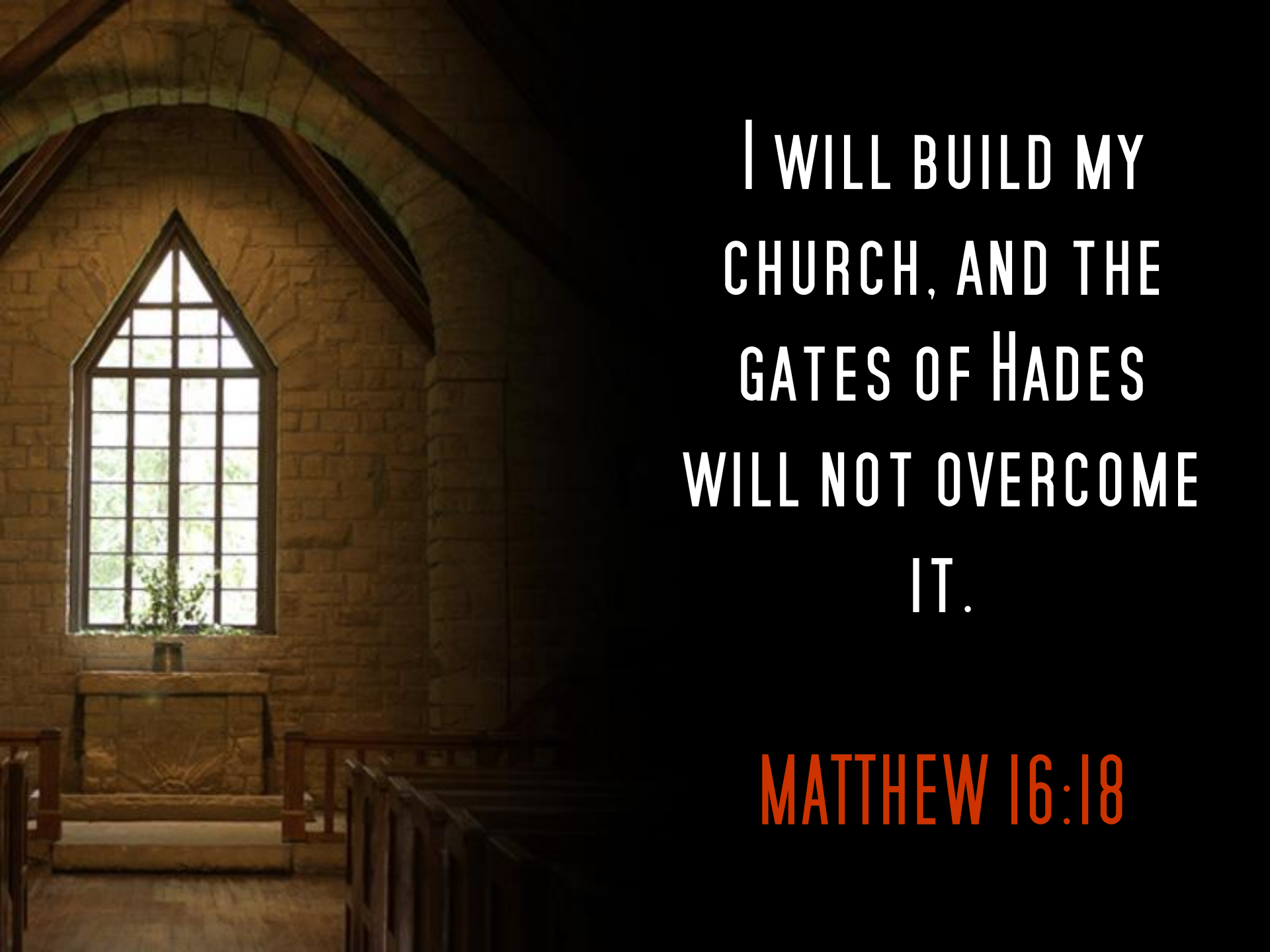
**Generation X
(Born 1965-1976)**

16%

**Bridger's Generation
(Born 1977-1994)**

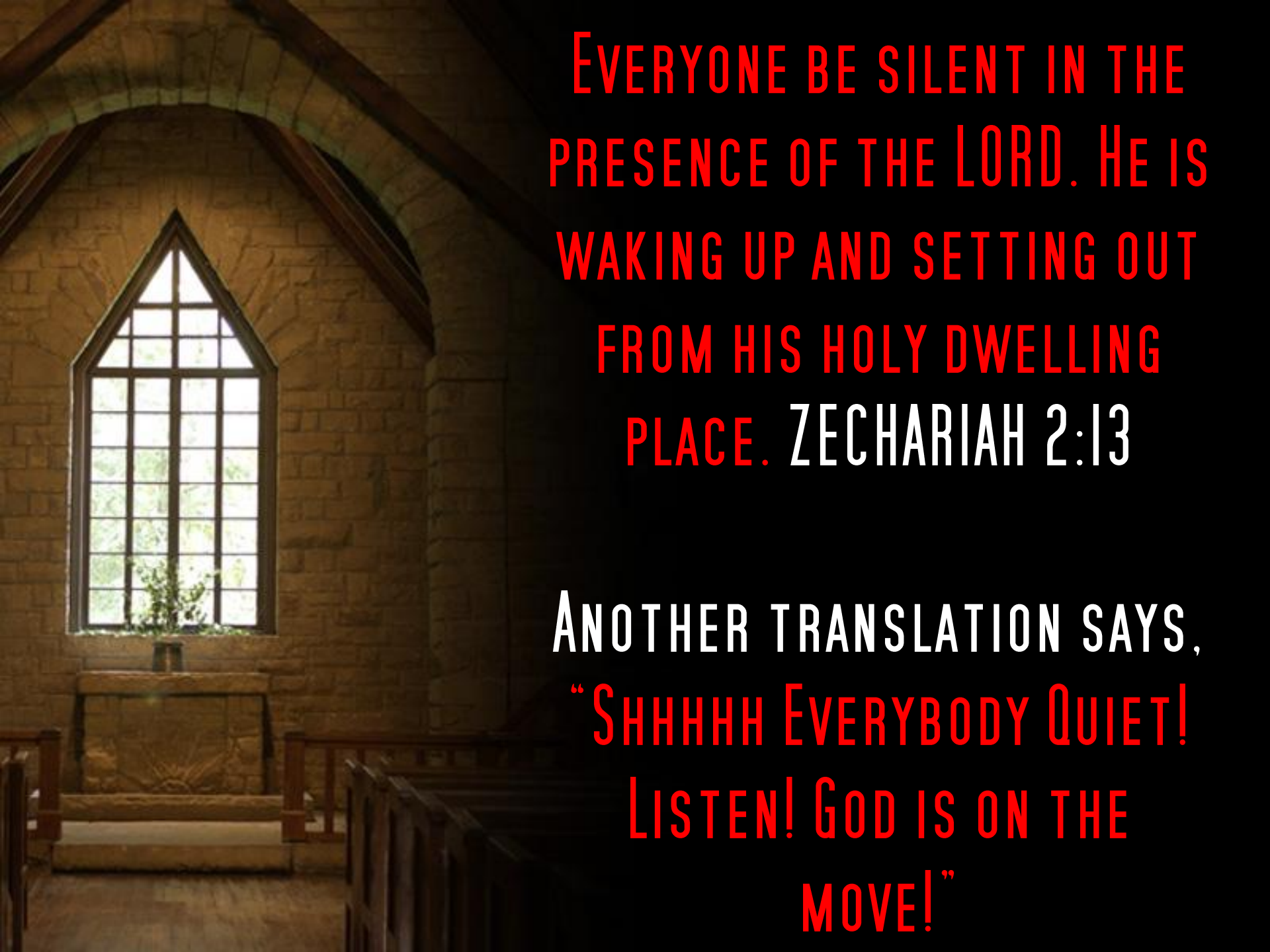
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The background of the image shows the interior of a church. On the left, there is a large, multi-paned arched window set into a stone wall. Below the window is a stone altar with a small plant on it. The church pews are visible in the foreground, and the ceiling has a wooden beam structure. The overall lighting is warm and somewhat dim, with light coming from the window.

**I WILL BUILD MY
CHURCH, AND THE
GATES OF HADES
WILL NOT OVERCOME
IT.**

MATTHEW 16:18



**EVERYONE BE SILENT IN THE
PRESENCE OF THE LORD. HE IS
WAKING UP AND SETTING OUT
FROM HIS HOLY DWELLING
PLACE. ZECHARIAH 2:13**

**ANOTHER TRANSLATION SAYS,
“SHHHHH EVERYBODY QUIET!
LISTEN! GOD IS ON THE
MOVE!”**

