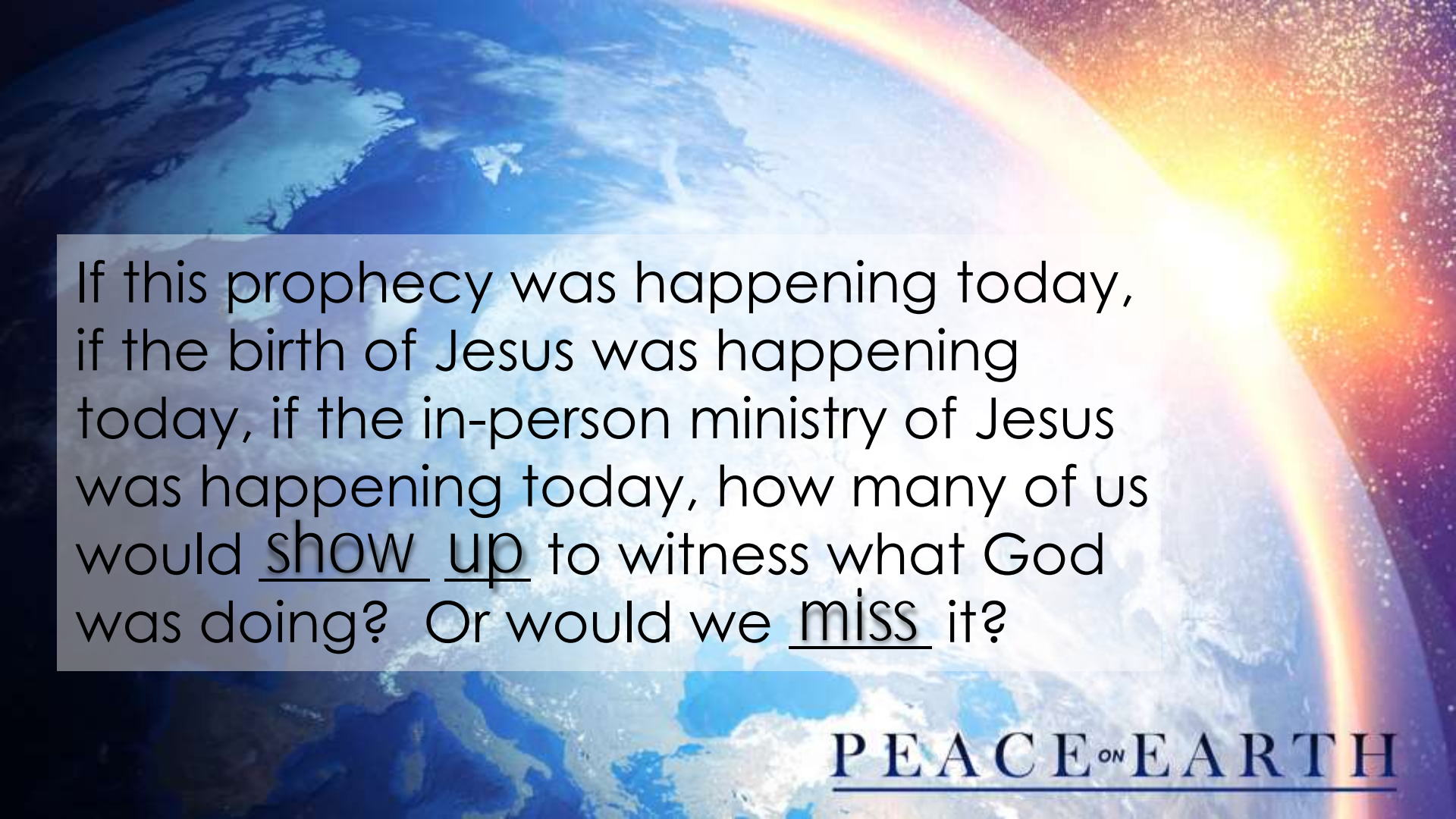




ARISE AND SHINE:  
SHOW UP!

*ISAIAH 60:1 | MATTHEW 2 | LUKE 2*



If this prophecy was happening today,  
if the birth of Jesus was happening  
today, if the in-person ministry of Jesus  
was happening today, how many of us  
would show up to witness what God  
was doing? Or would we miss it?

PEACE<sup>ON</sup>EARTH



If we are going to show up:

I. We have to put away our carving knives.

A. The Old Testament has many Messianic prophecies.

B. Challenge: Write down what you believe happened. Then read Matthew 2 and Luke 2. Then compare.

C. Quit making Jesus into the image you have and discover the magnitude of God with us.

If we are going to show up:

II. We have to resist at least four obstacles.

A. Fear: We tend to fear what we can't control.

B. Compromised alignments: regardless of why

C. Ignorance: Hosea 4:6, Isaiah 5:13

D. Unbelief: Jesus has to be at the center.

If we are going to show up:

III. We have to be different.

A. Mary and Joseph were available and pliable.

B. Zechariah and Elizabeth were blameless.

C. The shepherds were "...the kind of people to whom (God) could communicate such news."

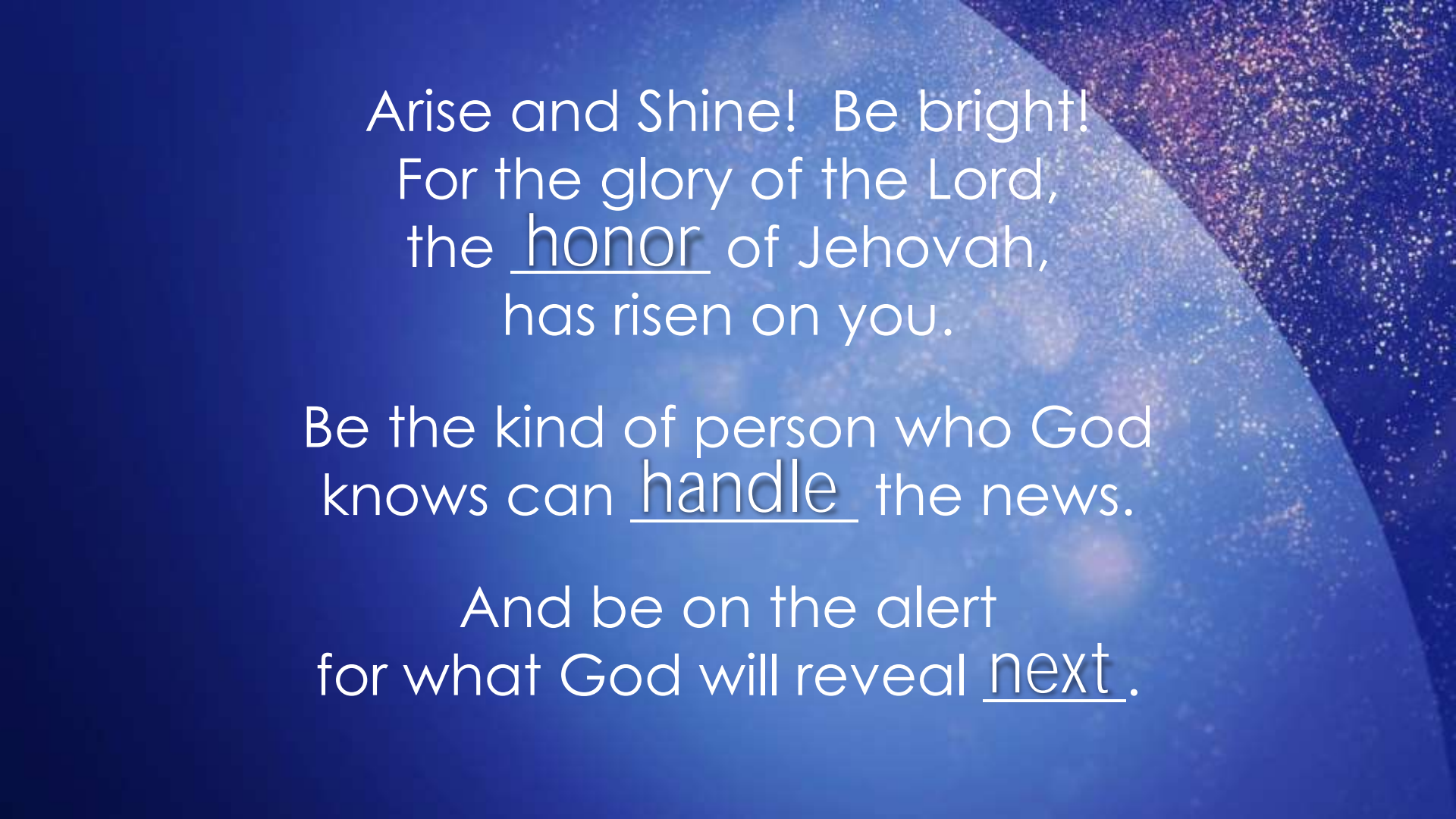


If we are going to show up:

III. We have to be different.

D. Simeon was righteous, devout and waiting.

Anna was a worshiper, a faster,  
and a prayer.



Arise and Shine! Be bright!  
For the glory of the Lord,  
the honor of Jehovah,  
has risen on you.

Be the kind of person who God  
knows can handle the news.

And be on the alert  
for what God will reveal next.


The background is a composite image. On the left, a view of Earth from space shows the blue oceans, white clouds, and brownish-green continents. On the right, a bright sun is shining in a dark space filled with stars, creating a lens flare effect that transitions from yellow to orange and red.

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ON  
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CHRIST in YOU...  
the HOPE of GLORY

Colossians 1:27

A lion and a lamb are shown in profile, facing each other against a black background. The lion is on the left, with its mane glowing in a golden-brown light. The lamb is on the right, looking directly at the camera with a soft, white woolly texture.

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