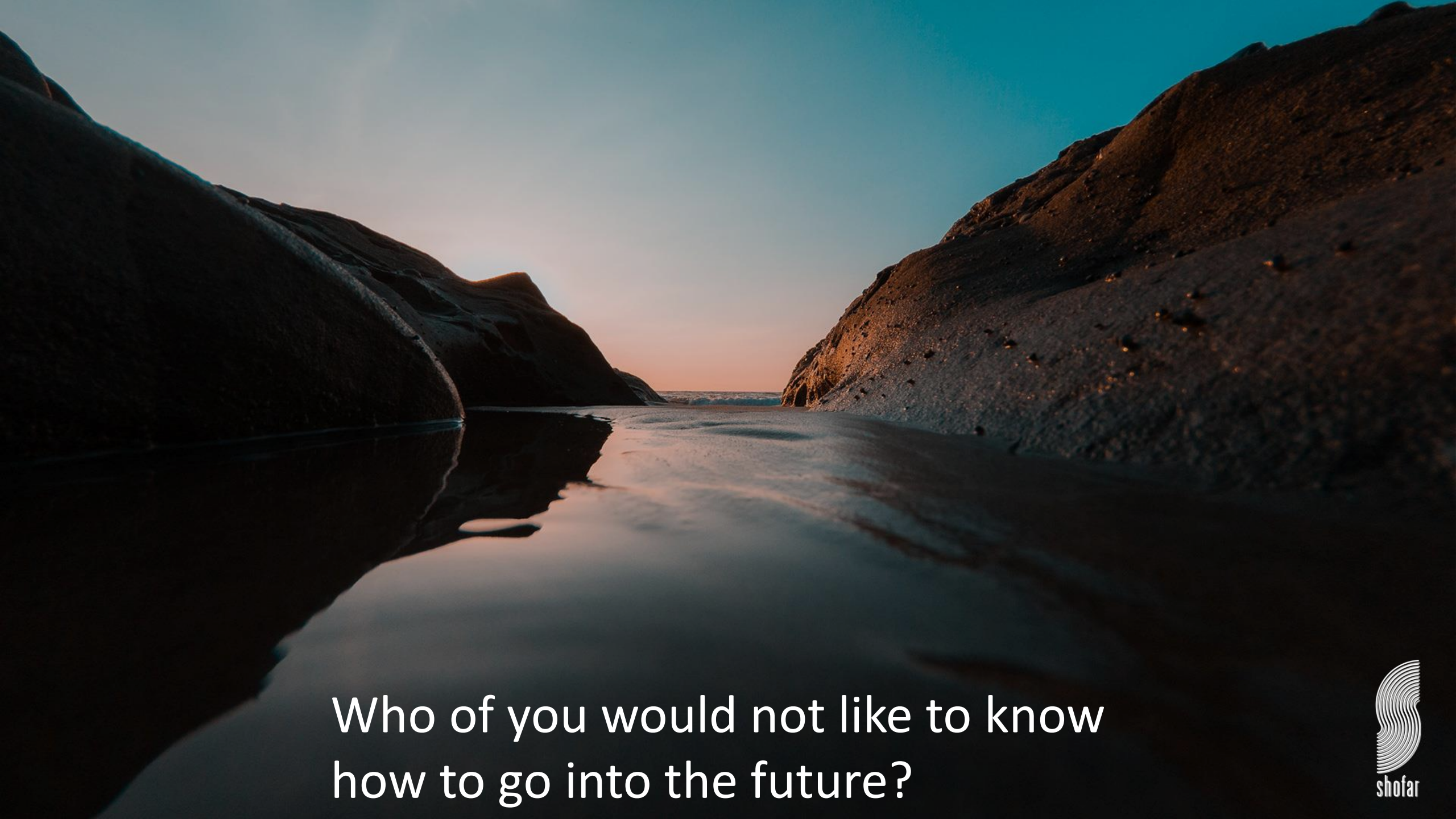




My word My presence

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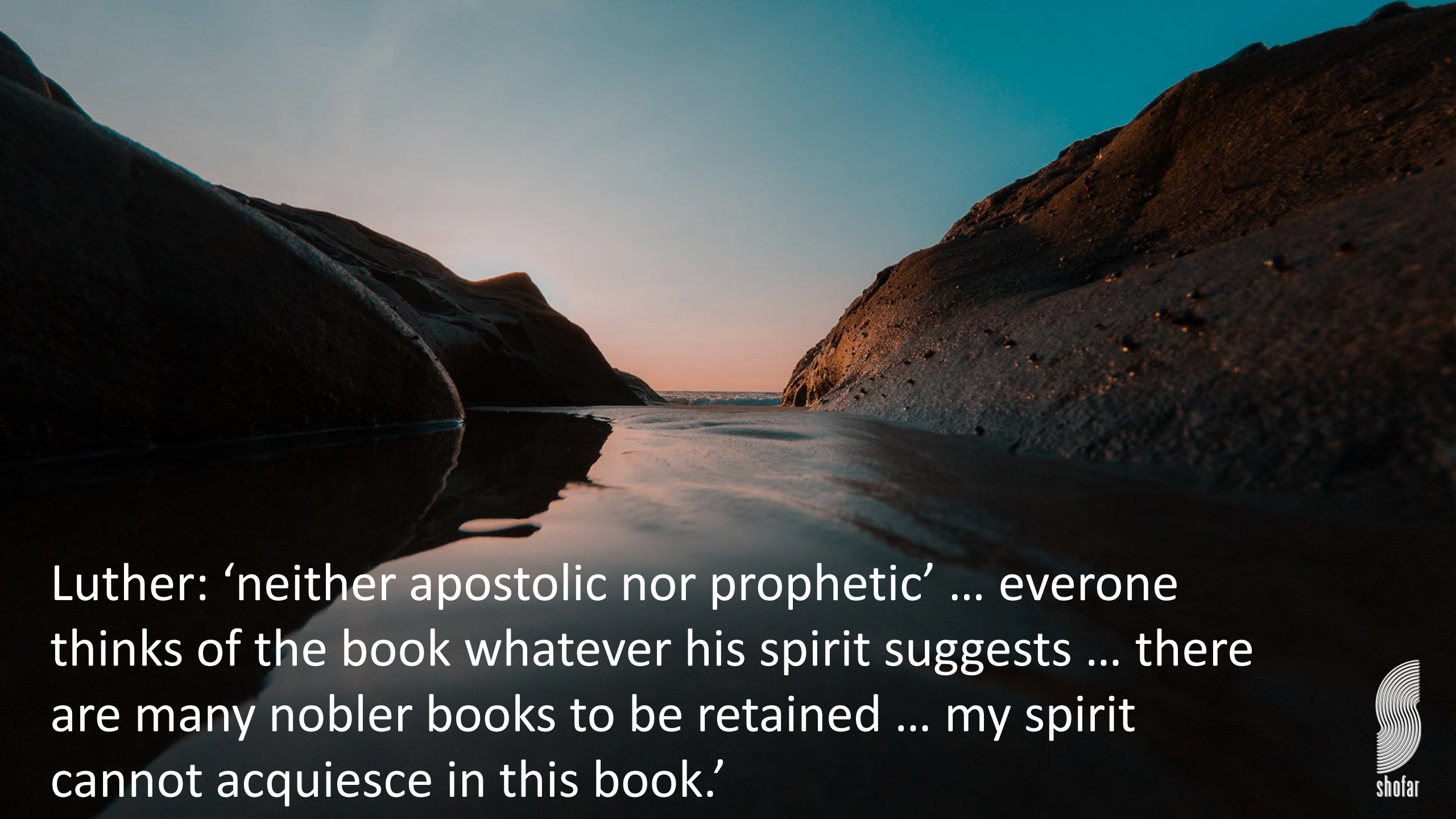


Who of you would not like to know
how to go into the future?

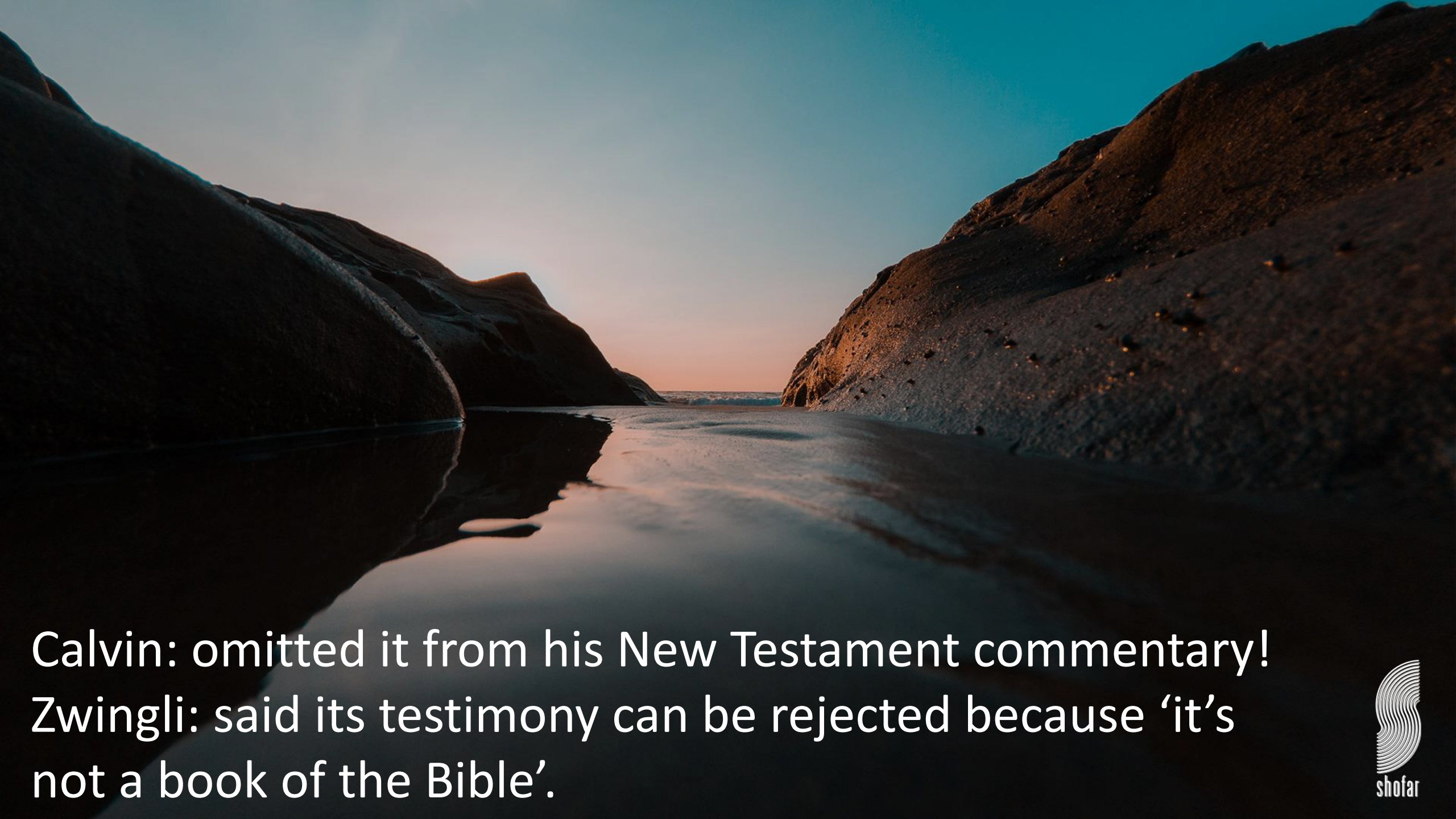


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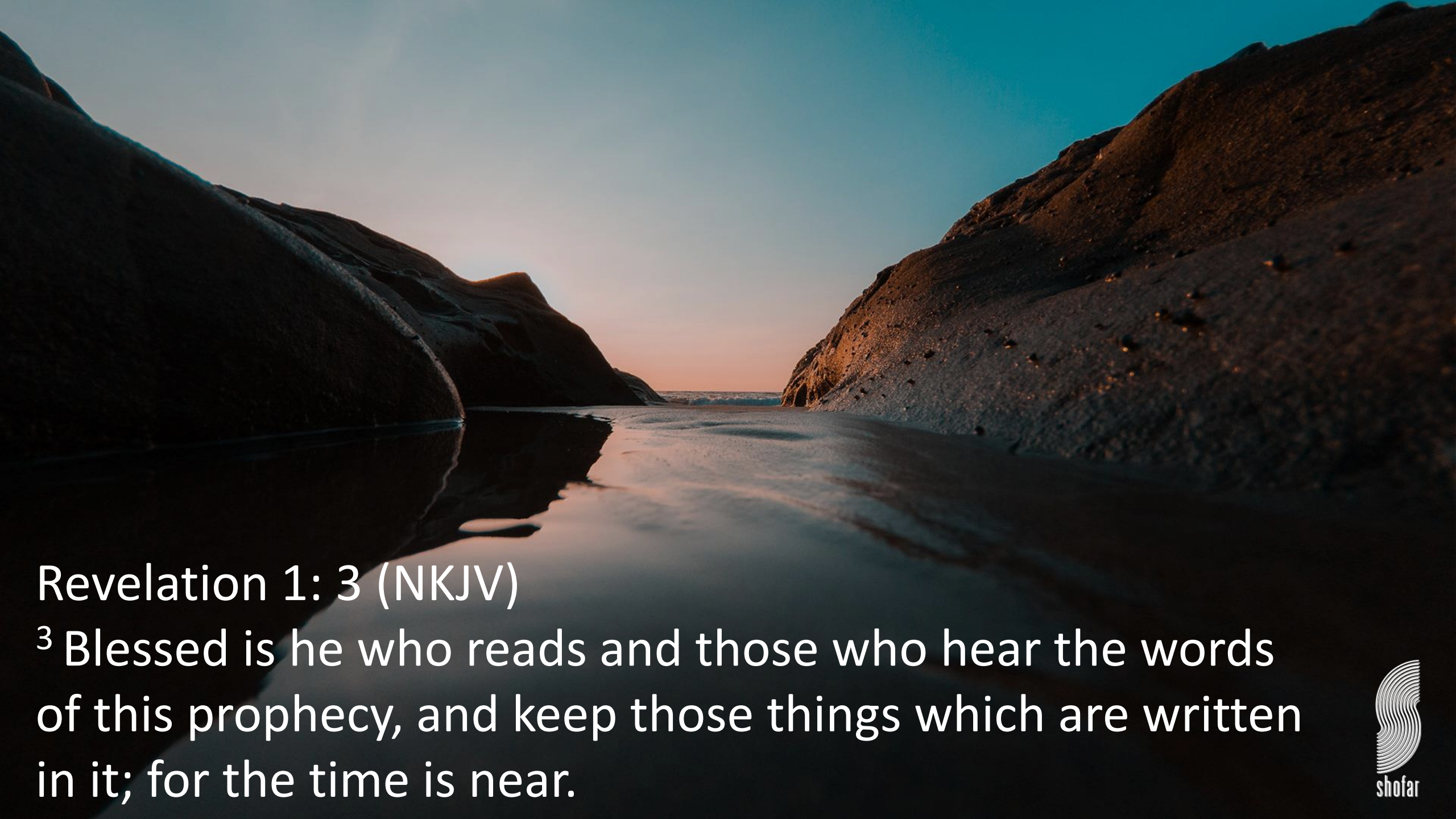
To exhort Christians facing immense pressures to 'endure' and 'overcome' and thus avoid the 'second death' by keeping their names in the 'book of life'.



Luther: 'neither apostolic nor prophetic' ... everyone thinks of the book whatever his spirit suggests ... there are many nobler books to be retained ... my spirit cannot acquiesce in this book.'

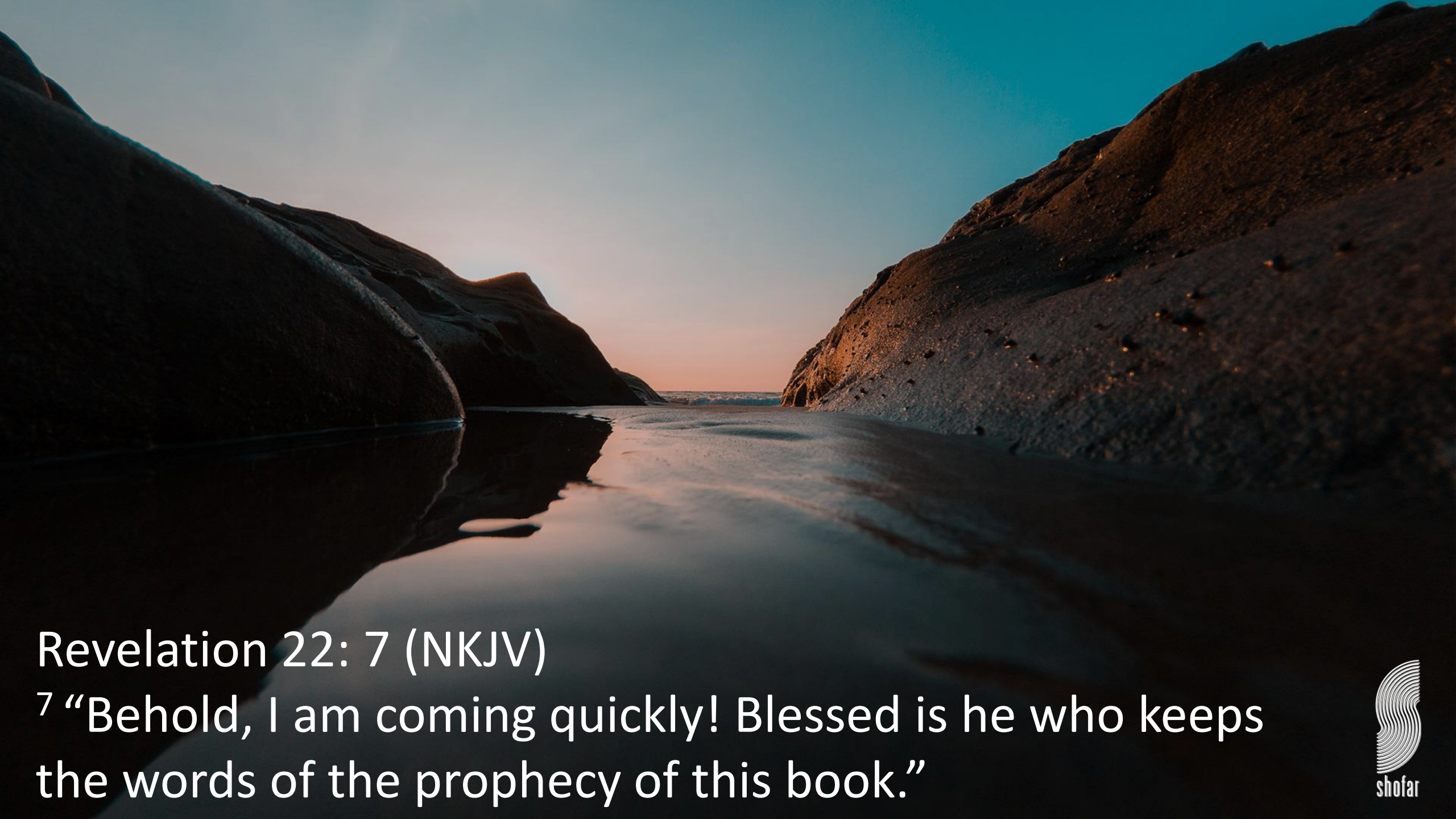


Calvin: omitted it from his New Testament commentary!
Zwingli: said its testimony can be rejected because 'it's
not a book of the Bible'.



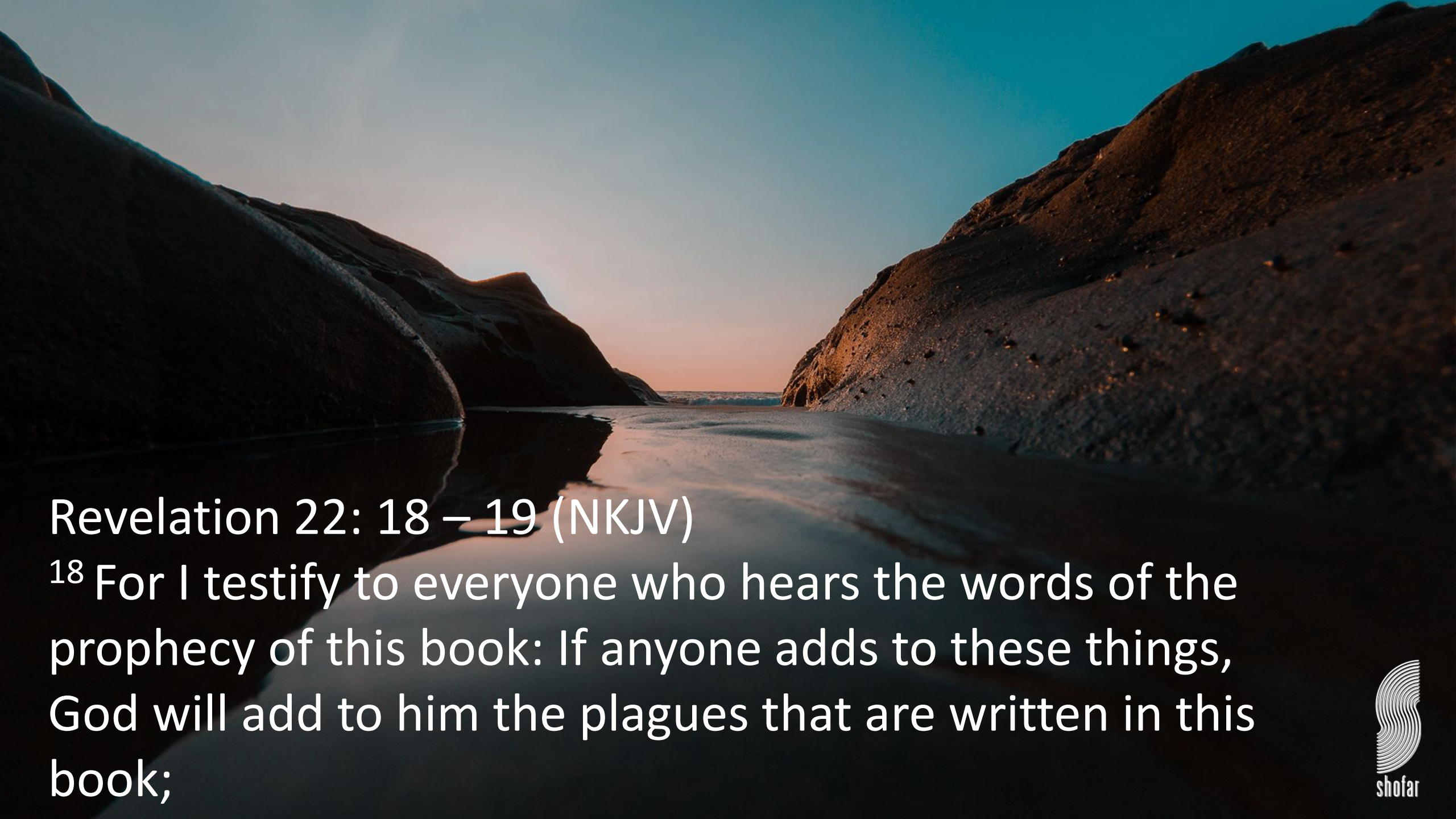
Revelation 1: 3 (NKJV)

³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.



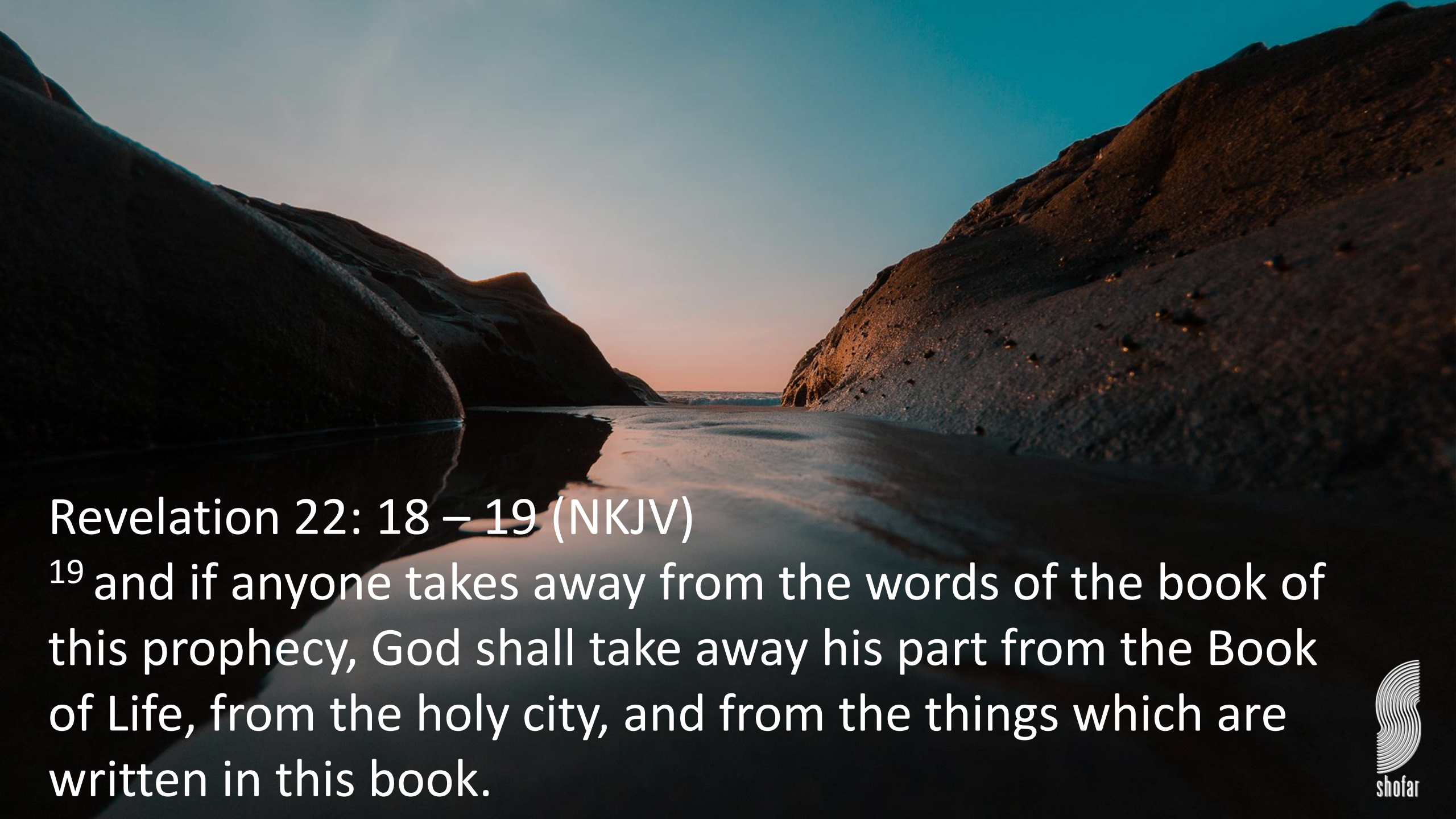
Revelation 22: 7 (NKJV)

⁷ “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”




Revelation 22: 18 – 19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;



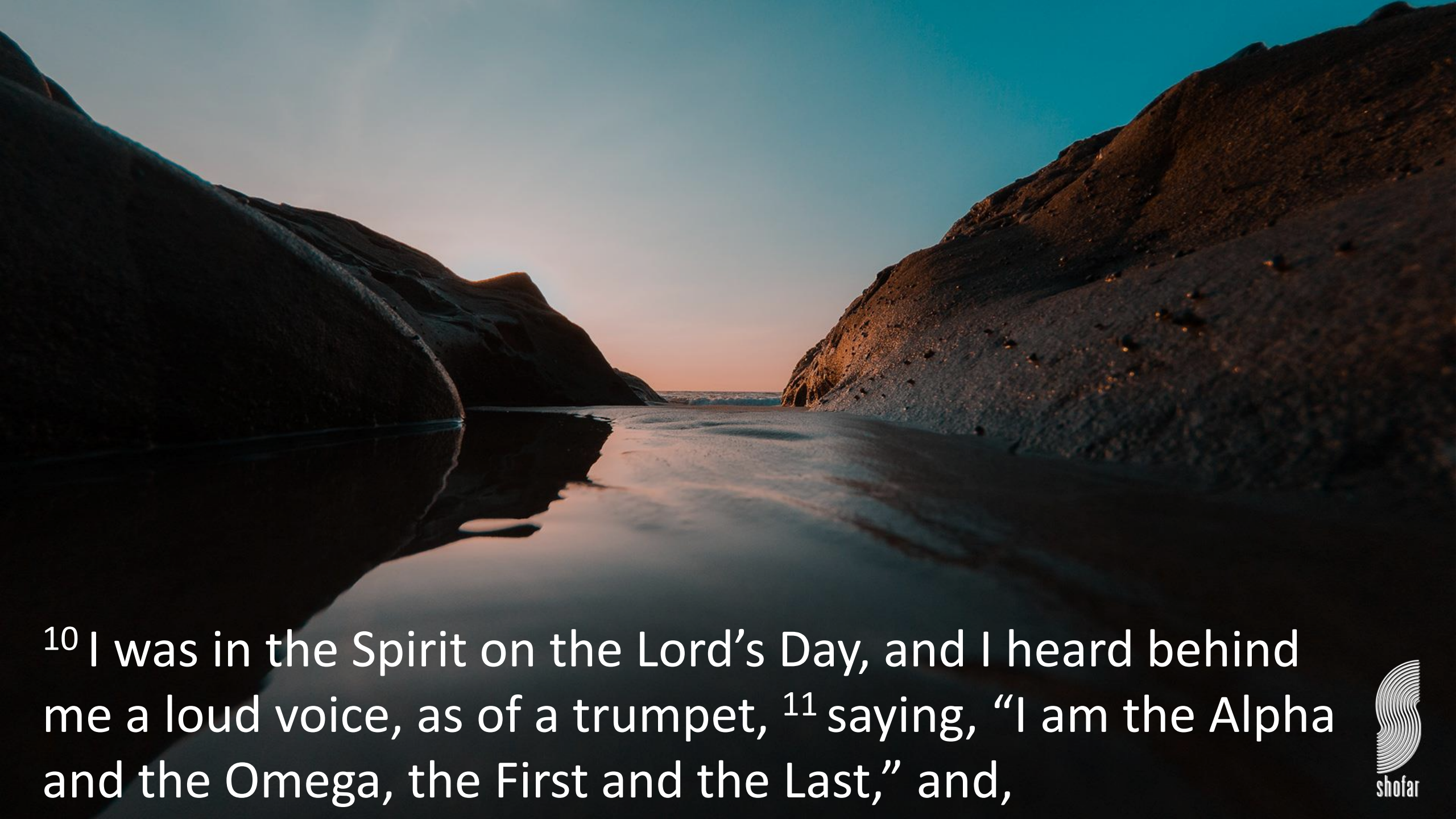
Revelation 22: 18 – 19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

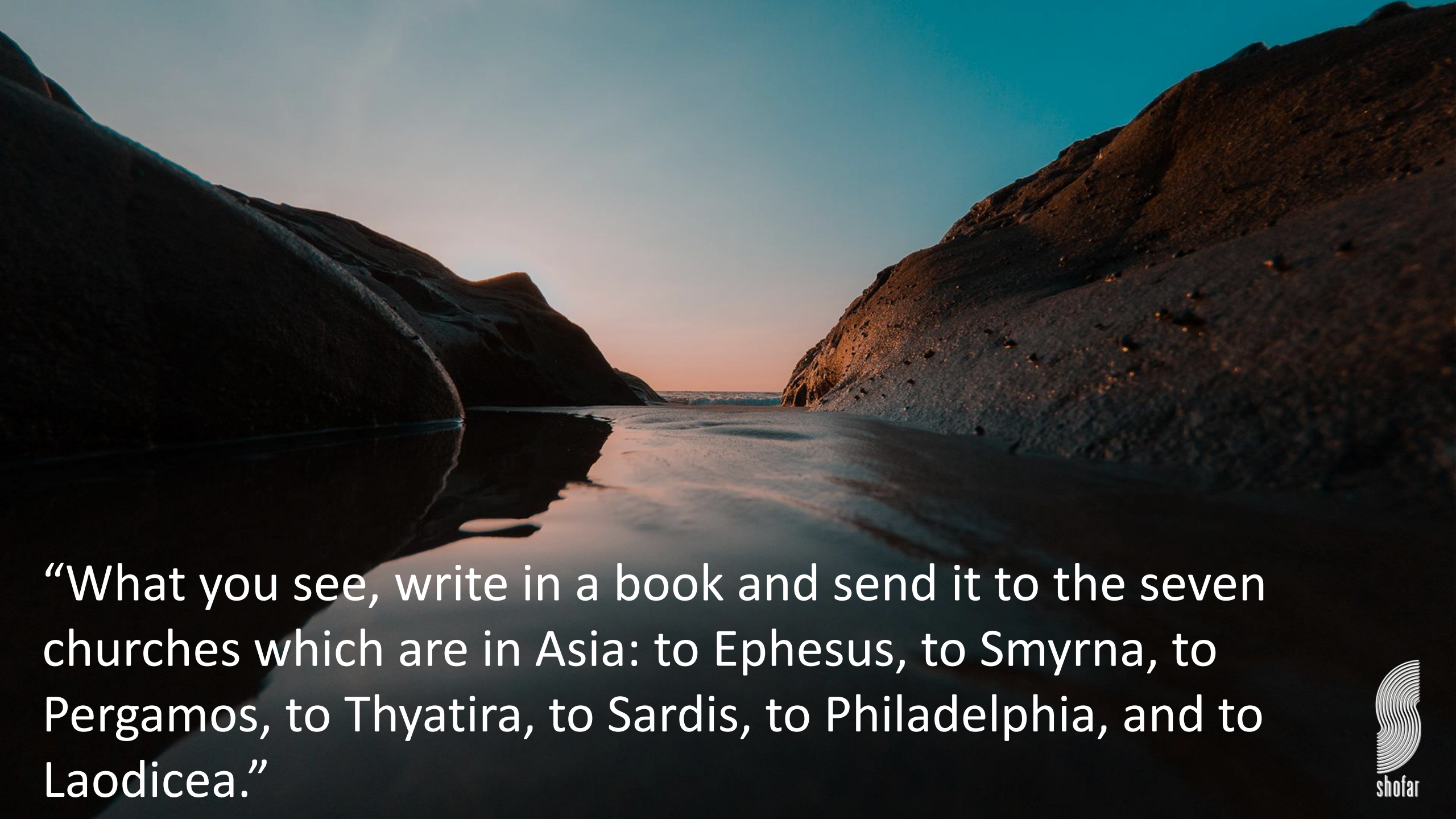


Revelation 1: 9 – 20 (NKJV)

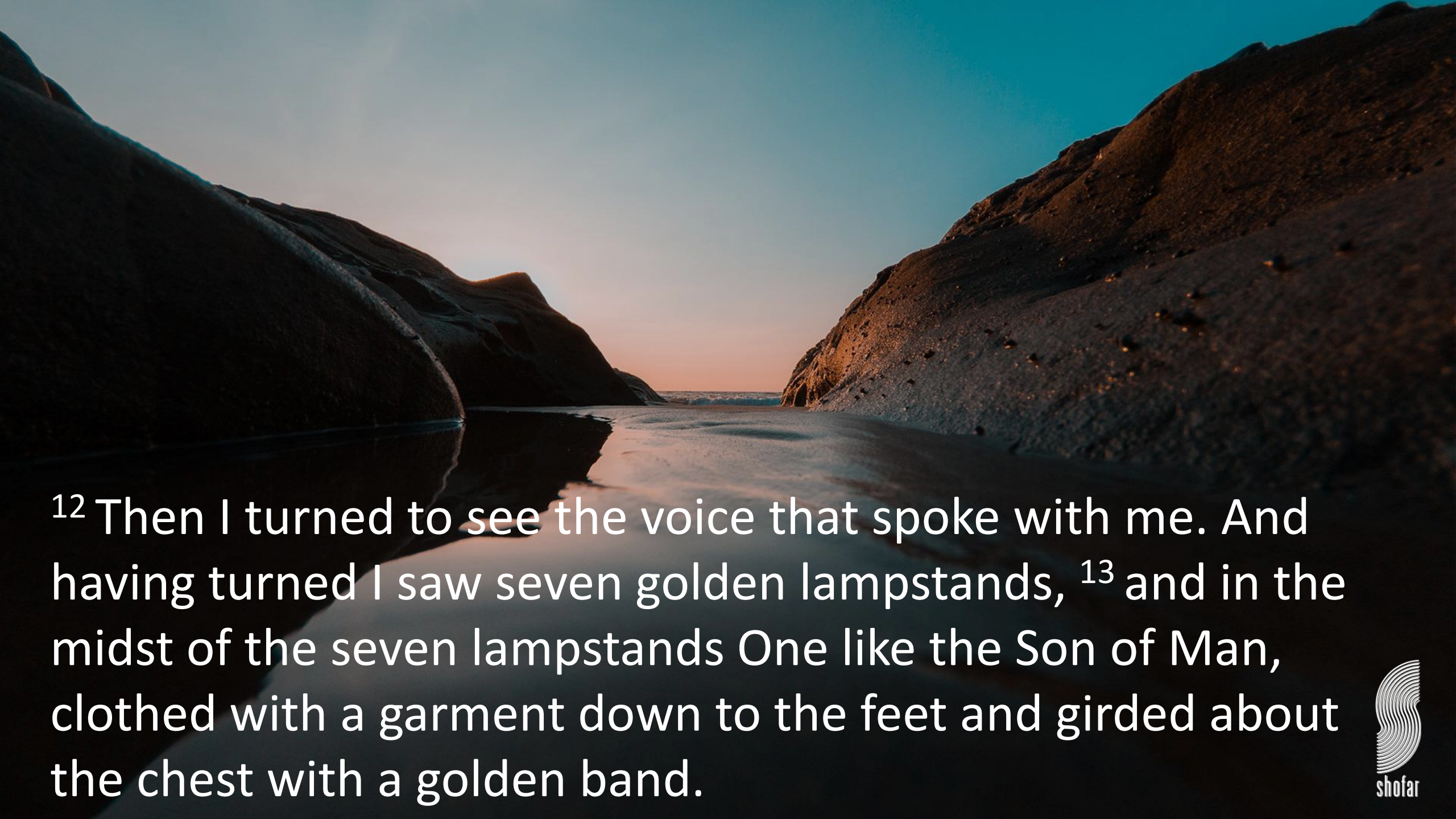
⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.



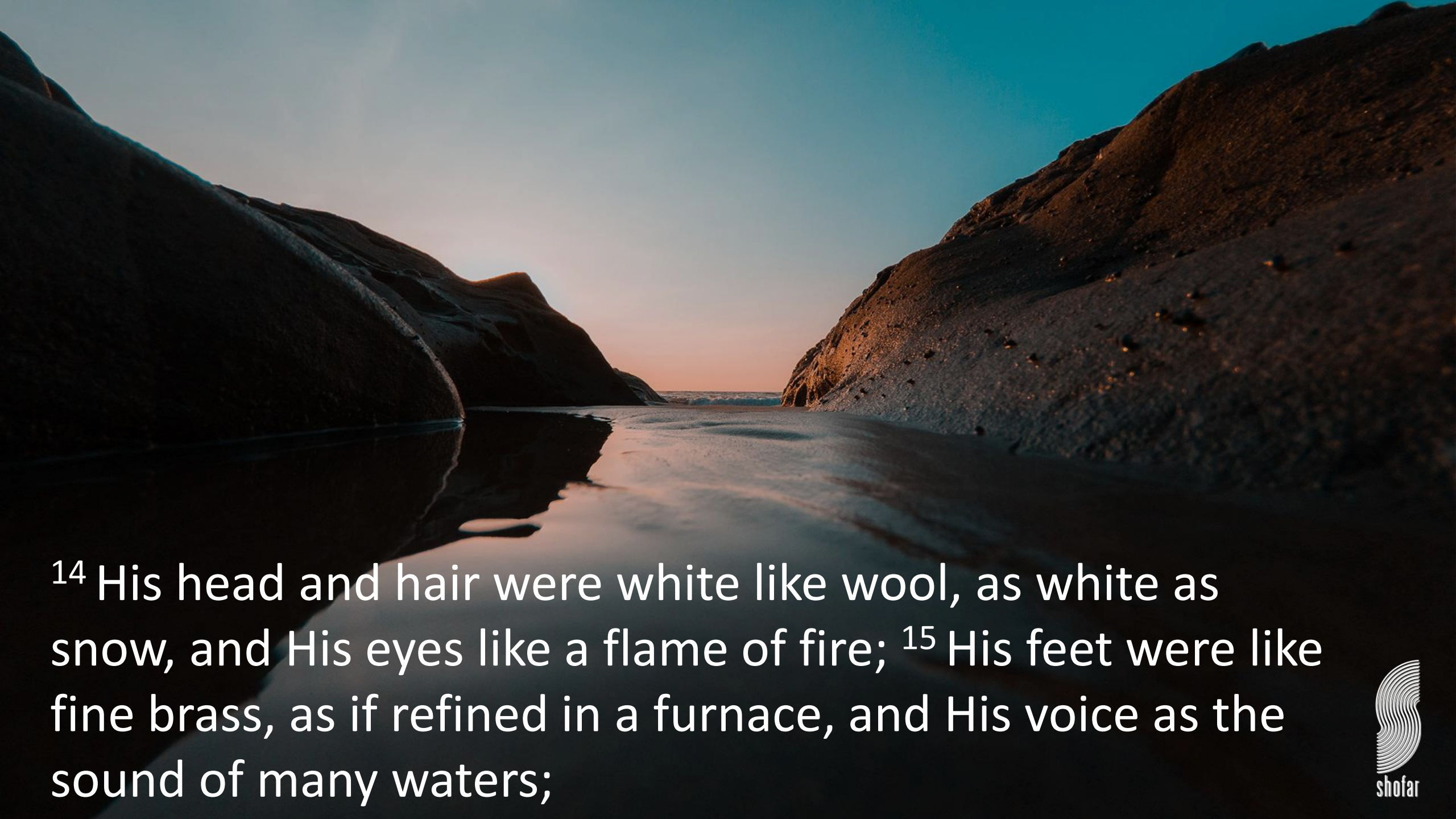
¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and,



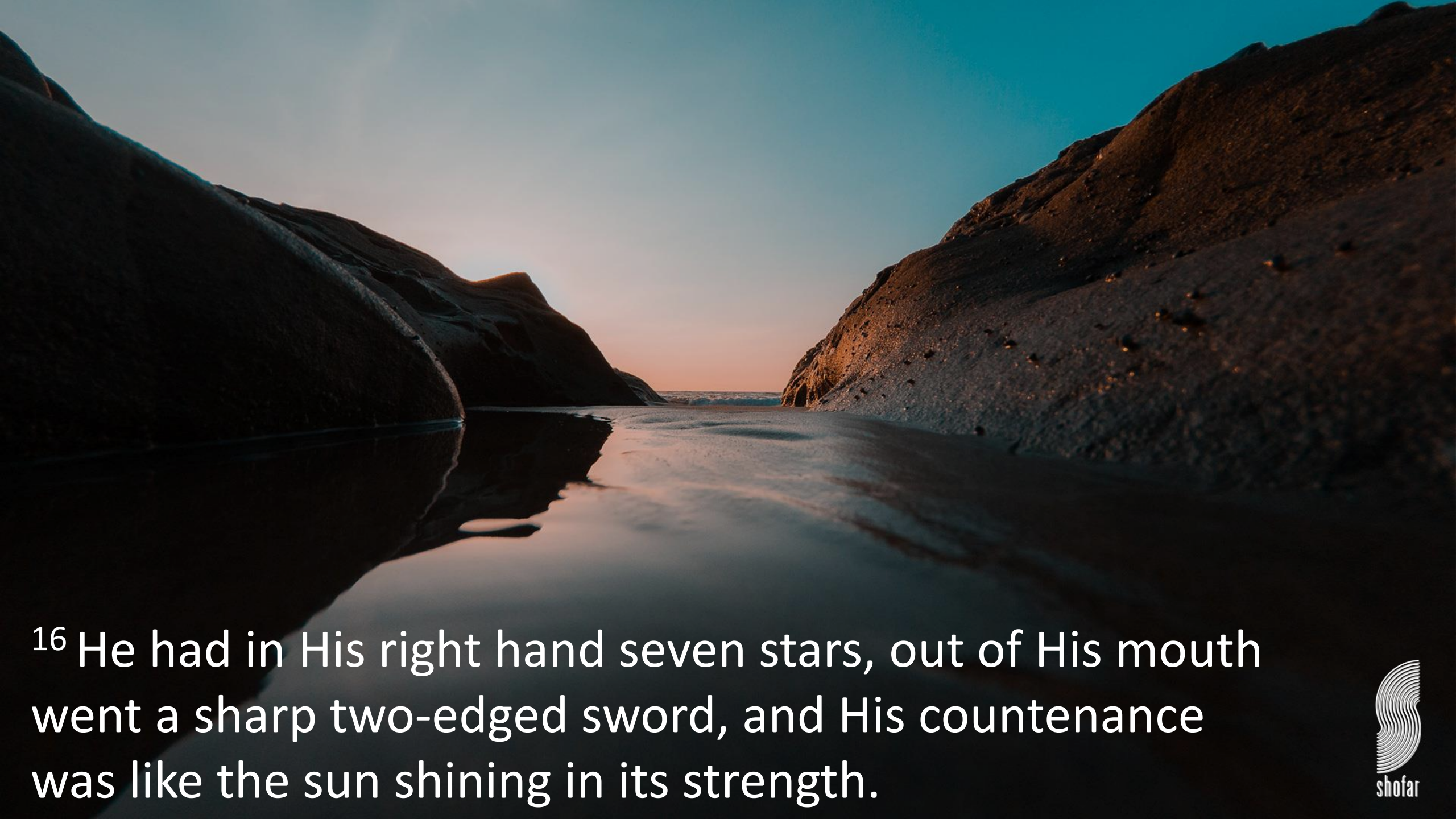
“What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”



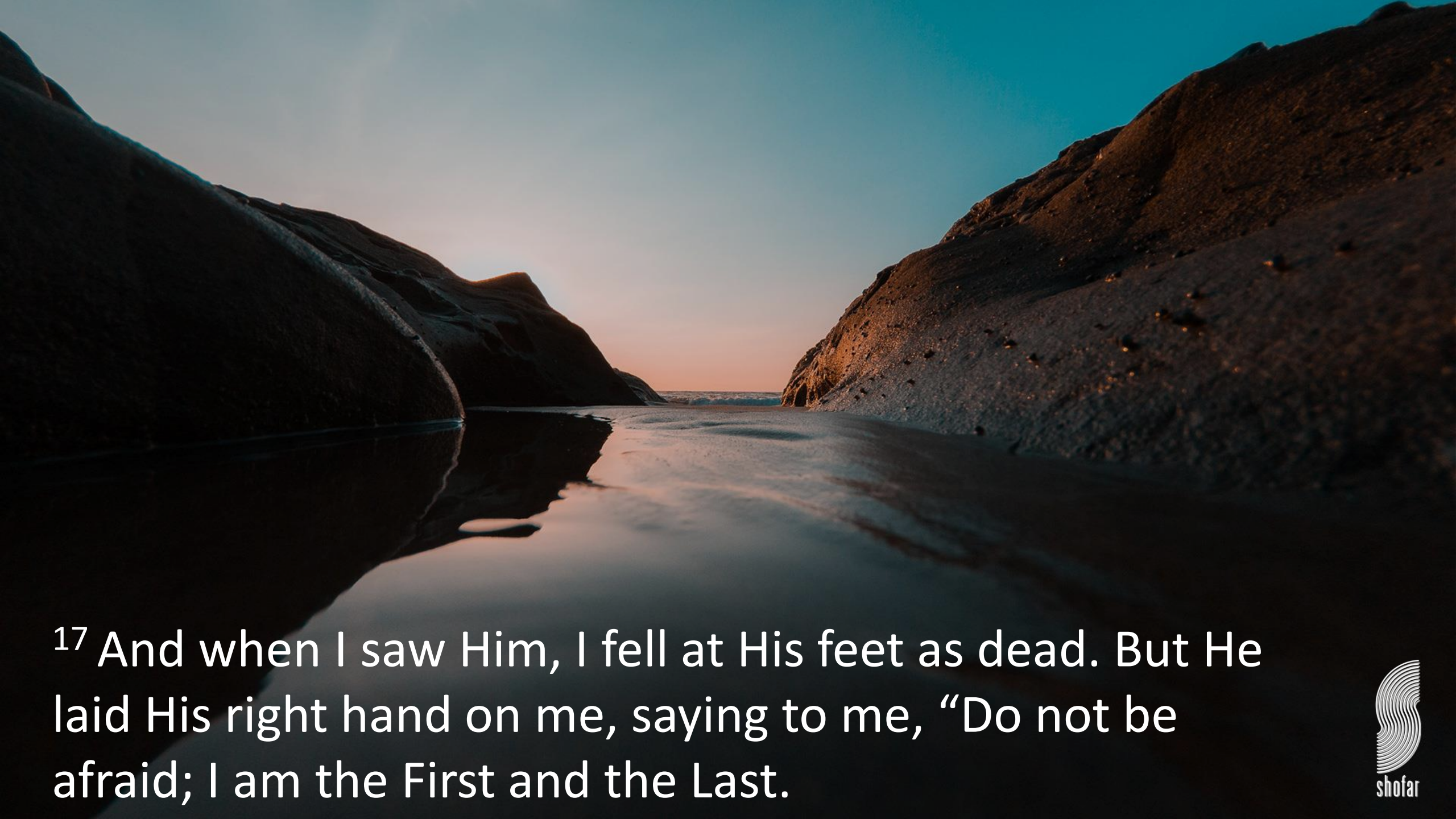
¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.



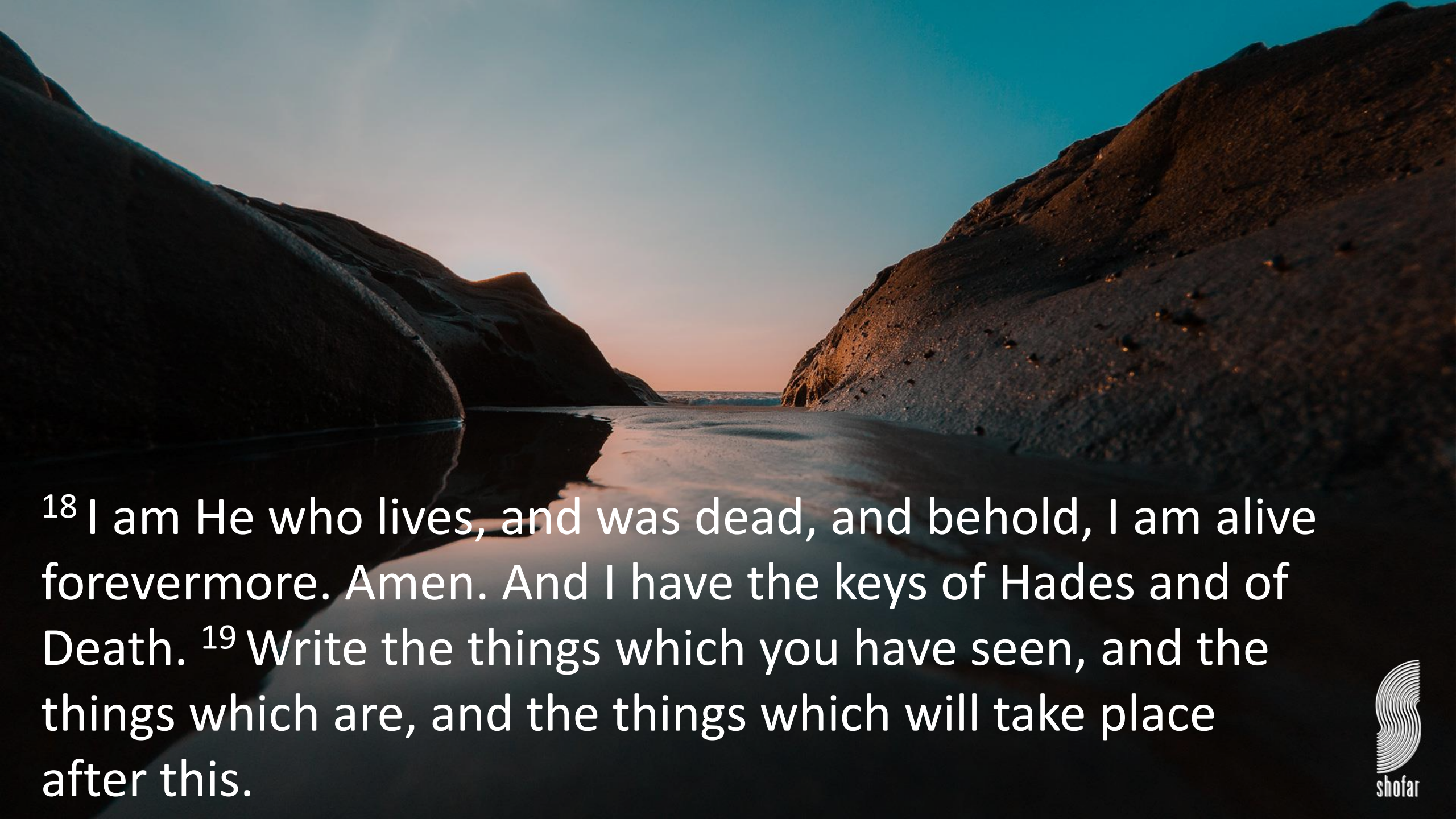
¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;



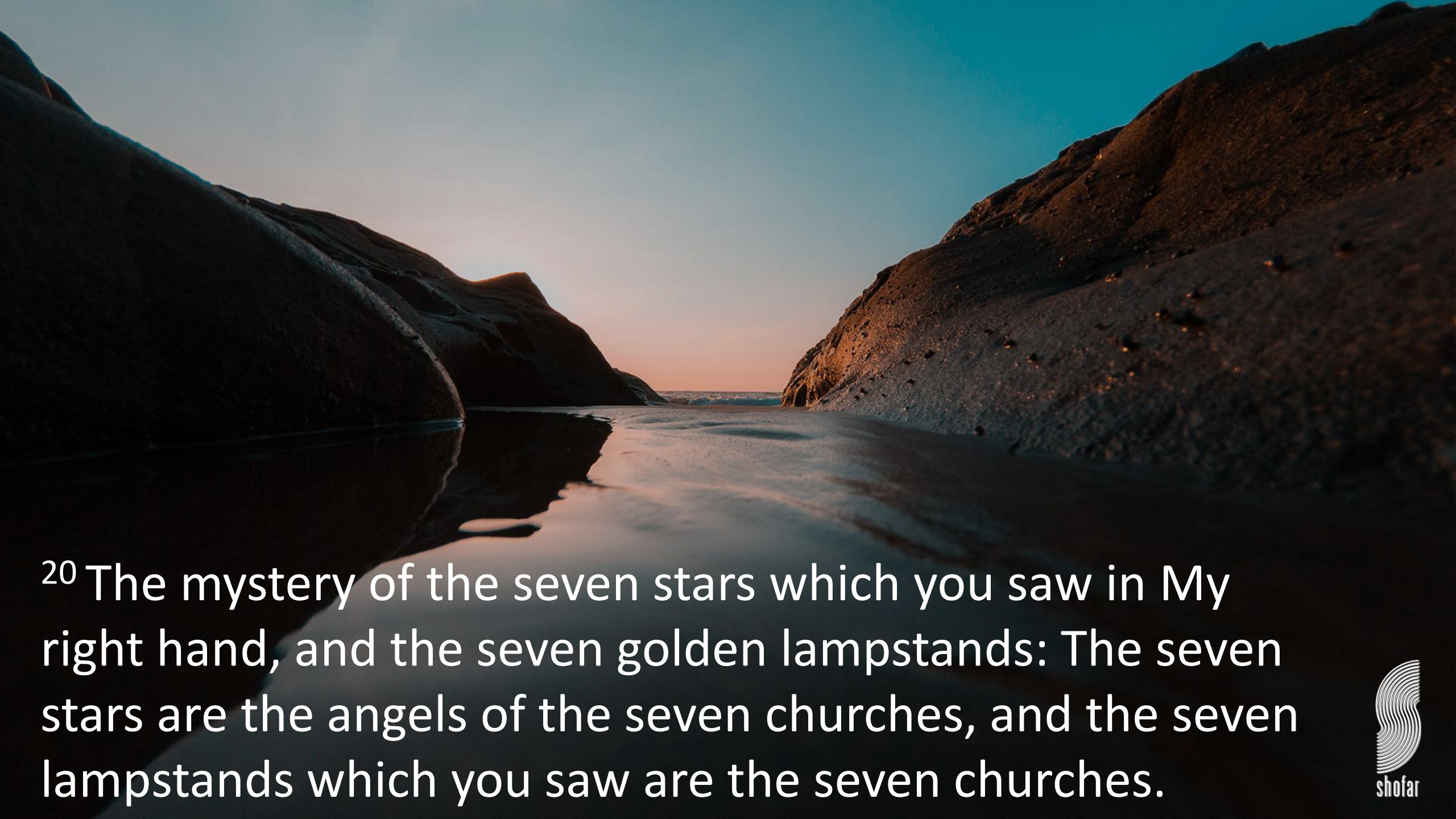
¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.



¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.



¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

A landscape photograph showing a narrow, winding path or dry riverbed between dark, rocky hills. The path is light-colored and reflects the sky. The hills are dark and rugged, with some small plants visible. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

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Pergamos

Thyatira


Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

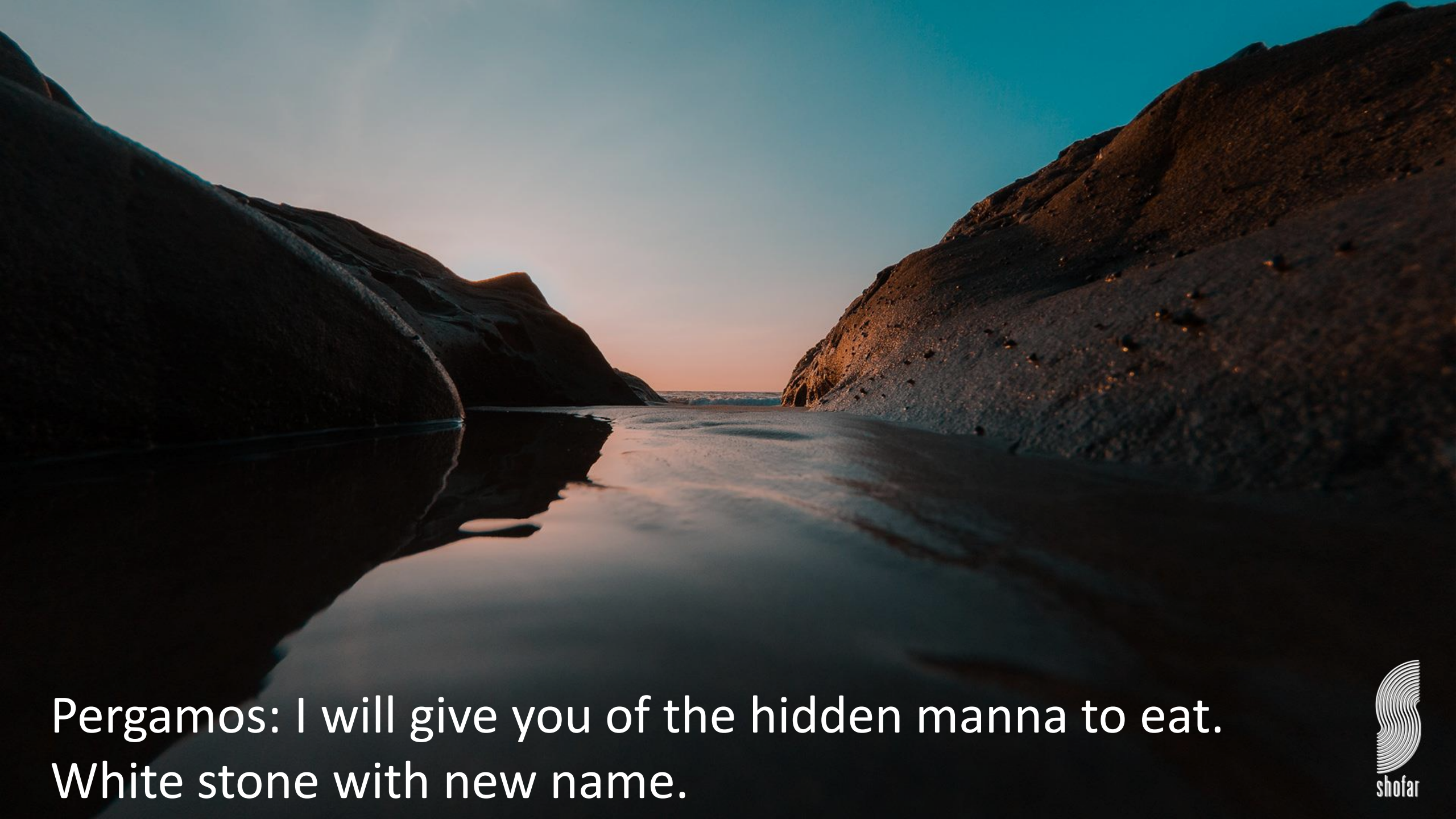
Laodicea



Ephesus: I will give to eat from the tree of life.



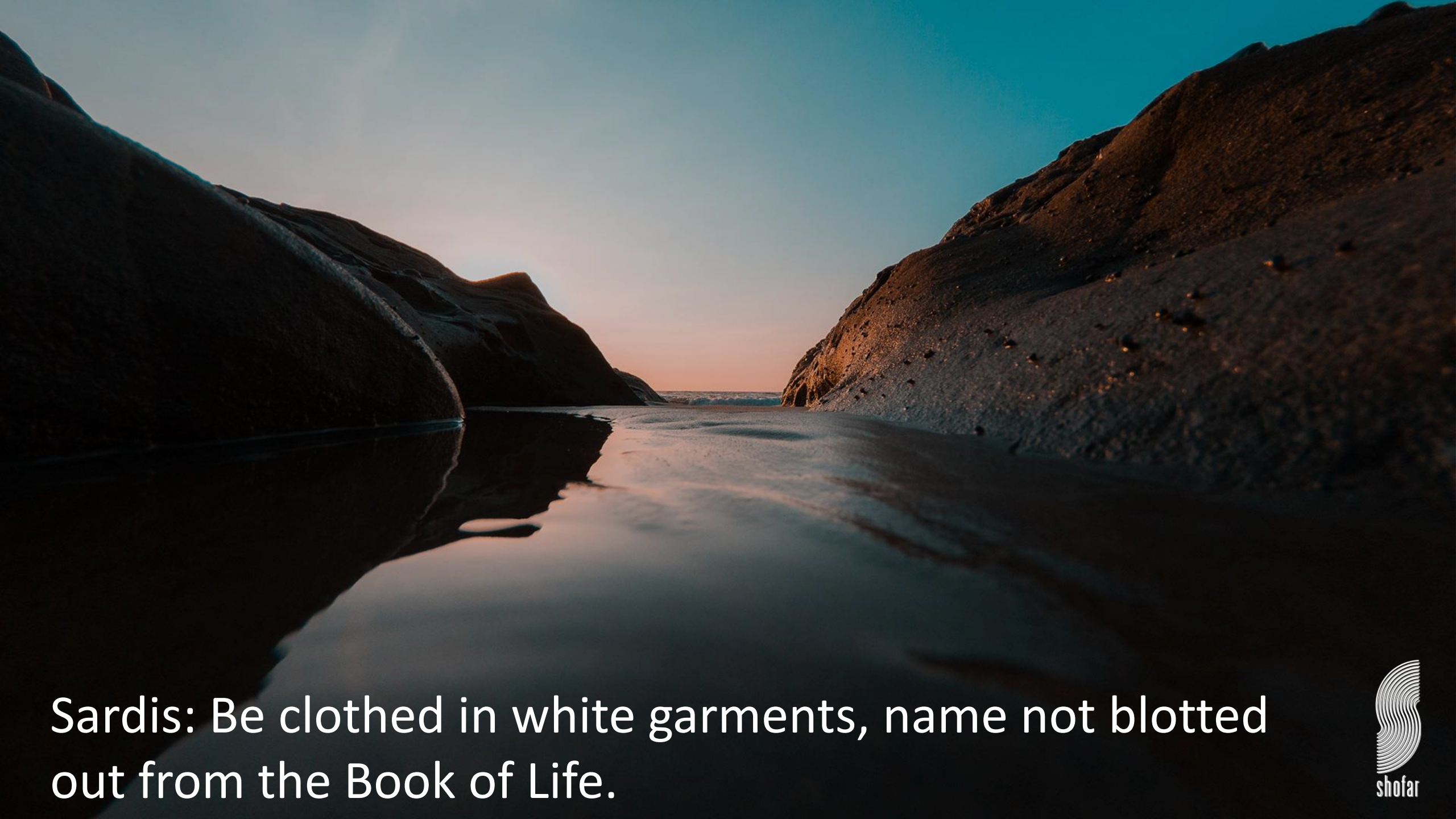
Smyrna: Shall not be hurt by the second death.



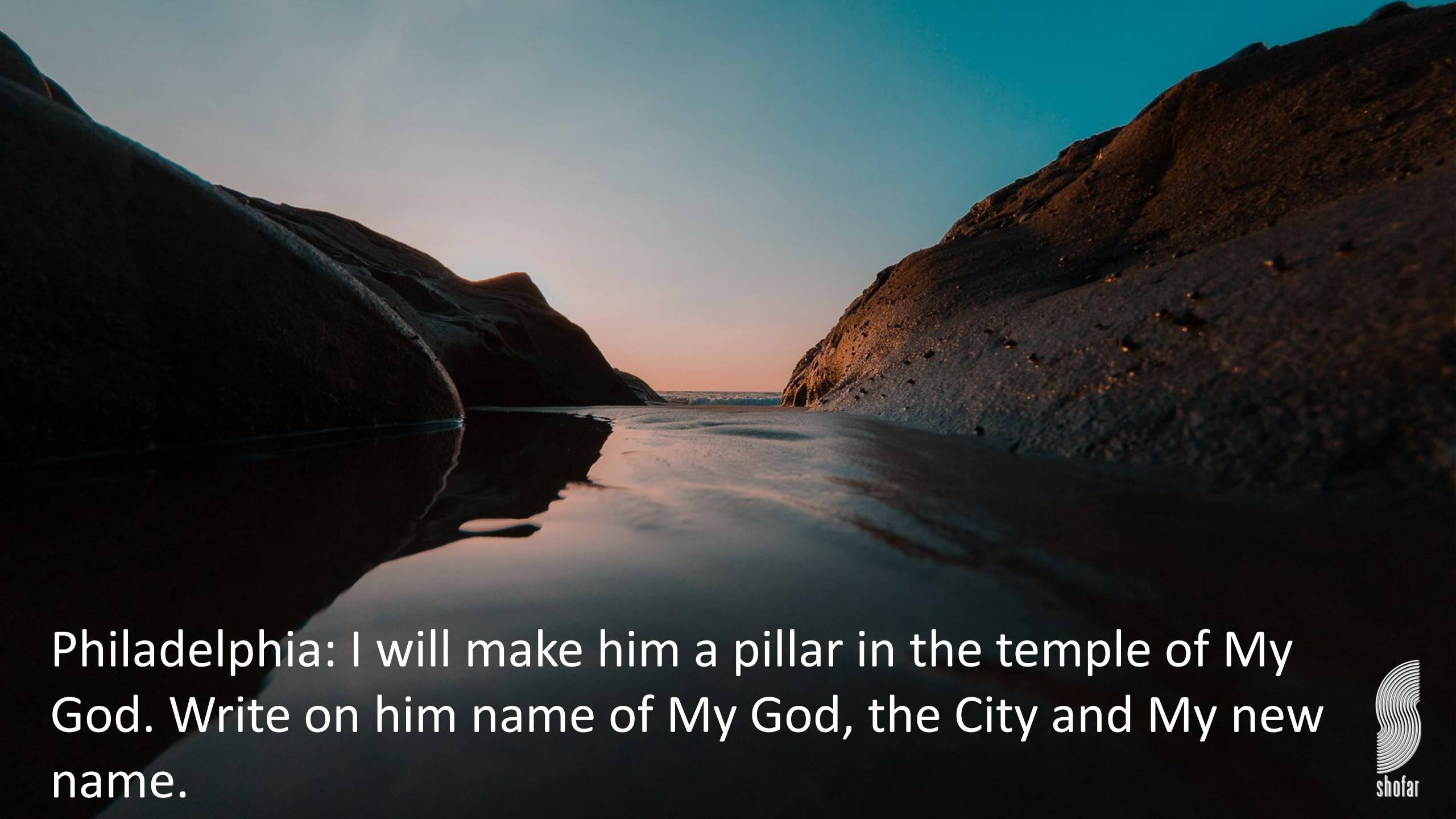
Pergamos: I will give you of the hidden manna to eat.
White stone with new name.



Thyatira: I will give him the morning star.



Sardis: Be clothed in white garments, name not blotted out from the Book of Life.



Philadelphia: I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. Write on him name of My God, the City and My new name.



Laodicea: I will grant to sit with Me on My throne.



He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.

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