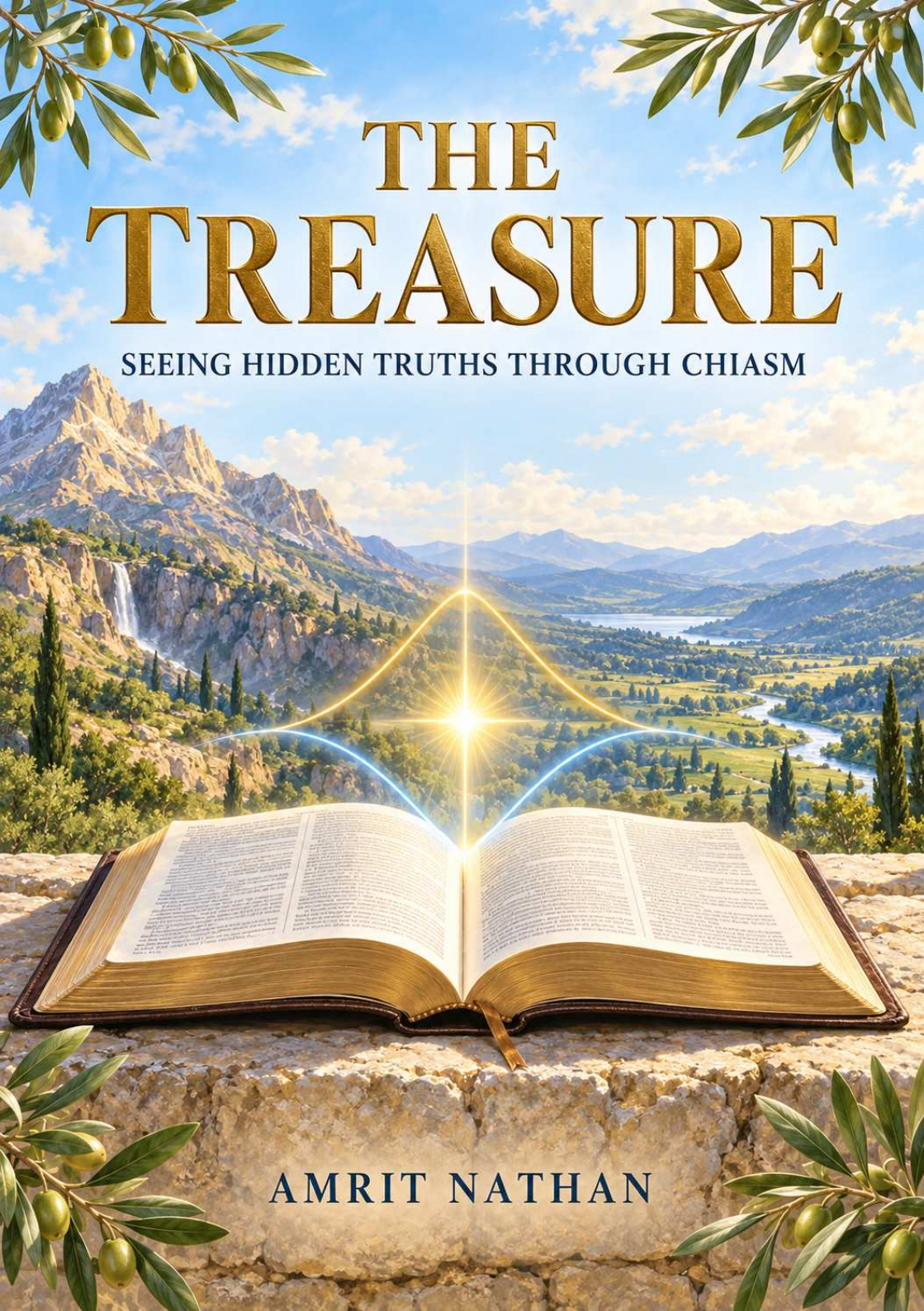
THE TREASURE

SEEING HIDDEN TRUTHS THROUGH CHIASM



AMRIT NATHAN

“Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.”

PSALM 119:105, NKJV



“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

PROVERBS 25:2, NKJV

In an earlier booklet, we examined the meaning and structure of chiasm.

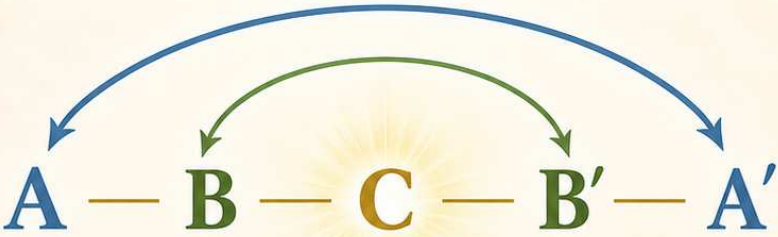
This booklet takes the next step.

Through two examples, we shall see how corresponding arms explain one another, how the centre reveals the principal truth, and how a hidden prophetic message may emerge.

THE TREASURE IS ALREADY WITHIN THE WORD.
WE MUST LEARN TO SEE IT.

A Brief Reminder

In an earlier booklet, we examined chiasm in detail.
Here, we need only recall its basic form.



A chiasm is a mirror pattern. The first part corresponds with the last, the second with the second-last, and so forth.

A ↔ A′
B ↔ B′
C — THE CENTRE

Chiasm encourages us to ask:

1. Which words, ideas or events correspond?
2. What stands at the centre?
3. How do the matching parts help us understand that centre?

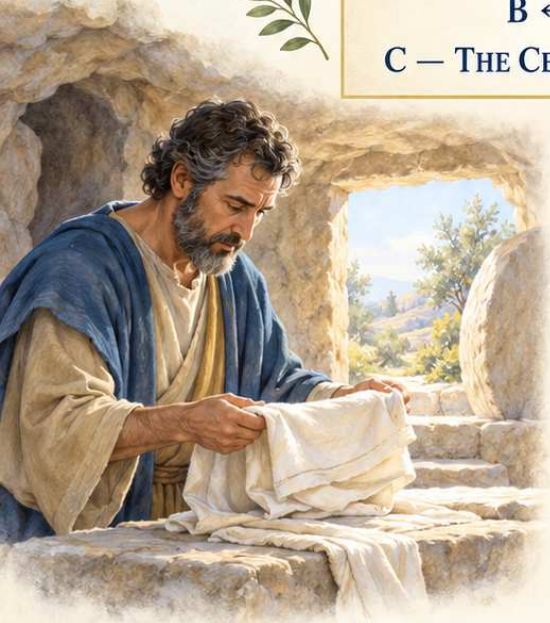
The pattern is not imposed upon Scripture. It is discovered within scripture.



One Side Explains the Other

The corresponding parts of a chiasm are not merely similar. They are placed together so that one side explains the other.

A ↔ A'
B ↔ B'
C — The Central Truth





Peter ↔ Thomas

Both were presented with physical evidence concerning the resurrection.

Chiasm helps us to:

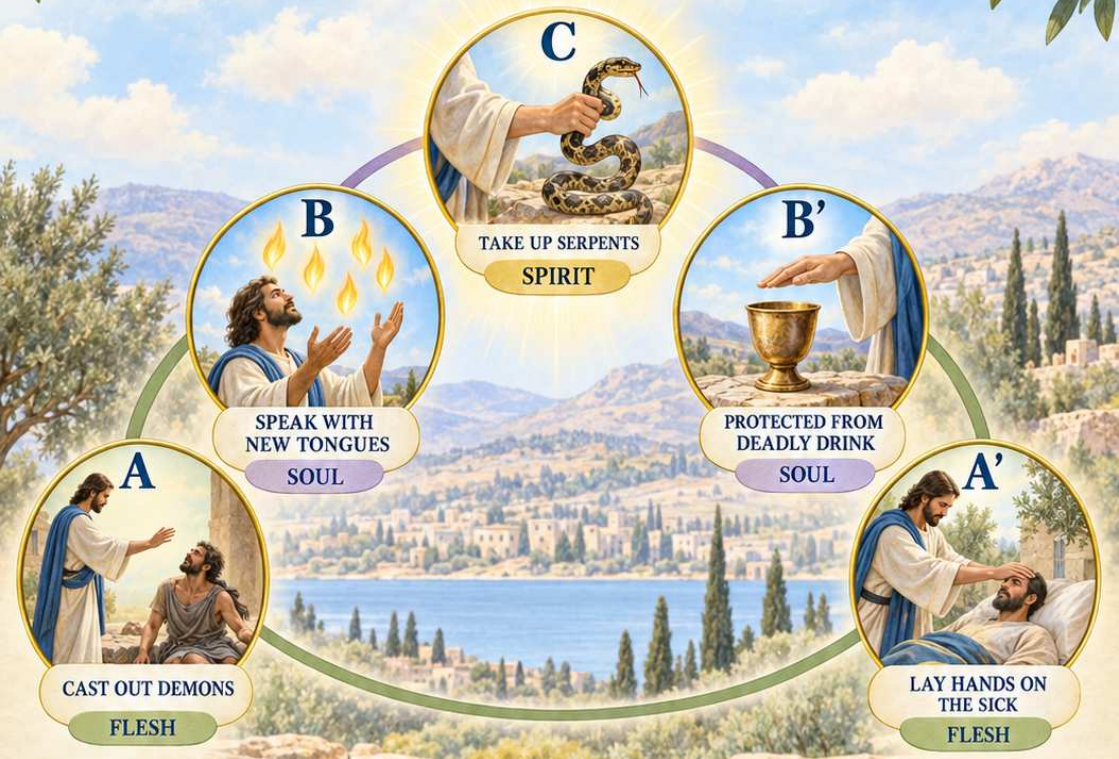
- Recognise corresponding people, words and events
- Allow one part of Scripture to illuminate another
- Discover the truth held between them
- Identify the central emphasis of the passage



IN A CHIASM, WE STUDY THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ITS MATCHING LINES.

THE FIVE SIGNS

MARK 16:17–18, NKJV



THE CORRESPONDING ARMS

A ↔ A'

B ↔ B'

THE THREE LEVELS

FLESH → SOUL → SPIRIT → SOUL → FLESH

THE CENTRE

THE BELIEVER'S SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY OVER THE SERPENT

THE CHIASM REVEALS NOT MERELY FIVE SIGNS, BUT THREE LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND OPERATION.

THE CORRESPONDING ARMS

A ↔ A' — THE FLESH LEVEL



CAST OUT DEMONS



LAY HANDS ON THE SICK

Both signs produce visible effects in the physical realm.

B ↔ B' — THE SOLL LEVEL



SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES

Speaking in tongues proceeds from beyond the understanding of the natural mind.



PROTECTED FROM DEADLY DRINK

Deadly drink can point towards poisonous teaching or false doctrine.

THE WORD OF GOD PROVIDES DISCERNMENT AND PROTECTION.

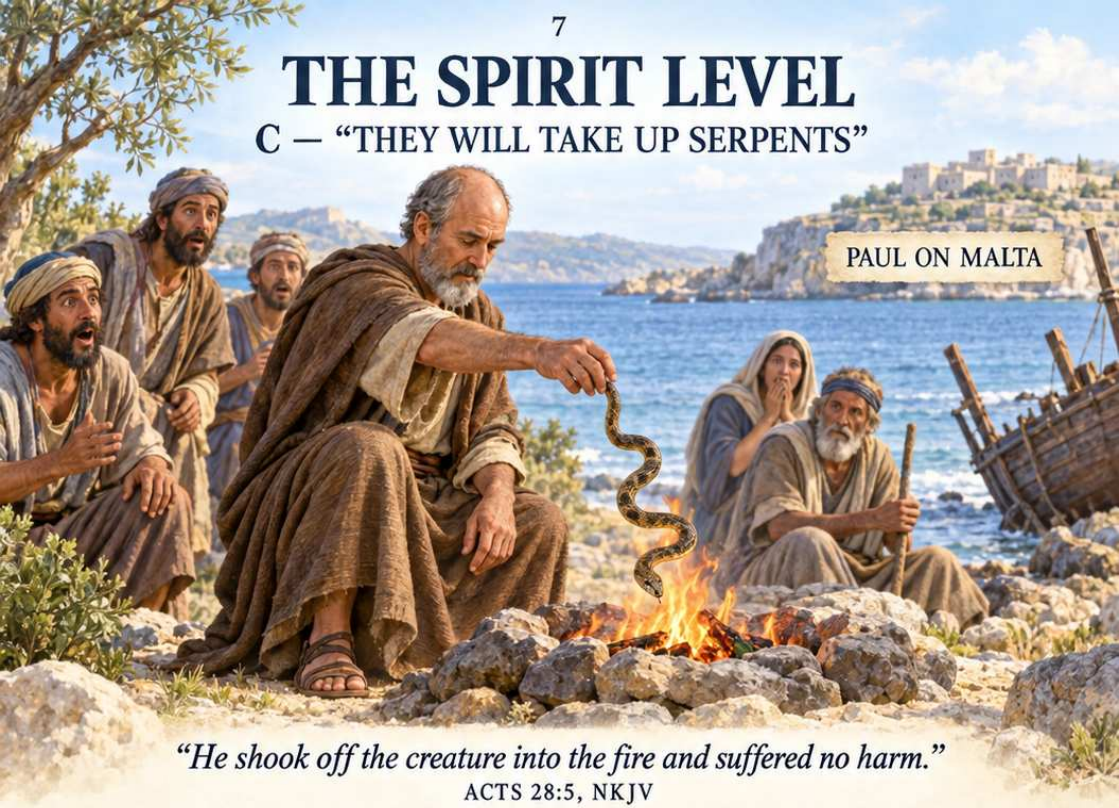
One arm concerns what proceeds **OUT OF** the believer.

The other concerns what is taken **INTO** the believer.

THE TWO ARMS EXPLAIN ONE ANOTHER:
SPIRITUAL EXPRESSION IS BALANCED BY SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT.

THE SPIRIT LEVEL

C — "THEY WILL TAKE UP SERPENTS"



"He shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm."
ACTS 28:5, NKJV

The serpent represents more than a literal danger. It points towards the spiritual enemy and the believer's authority over him.



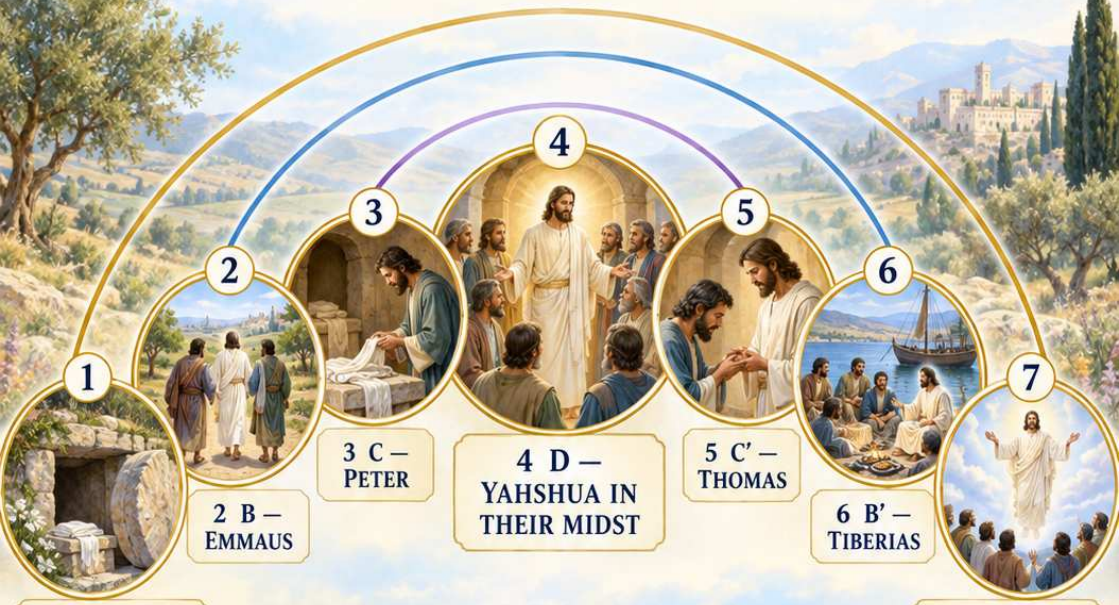
FLESH → SOUL → SPIRIT → SOUL → FLESH

THE CENTRE REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND AUTHORITY.

THE BELIEVER CARRIES THE BATTLE INTO THE ENEMY'S DOMAIN AND COMES OUT UNSCATHED.

THE SEVEN APPEARANCES

A SECOND EXAMPLE OF CHIASM



1 A – RESURRECTION

2 B – EMMAUS

3 C – PETER

4 D – YAHSHUA IN THEIR MIDST

5 C' – THOMAS

6 B' – TIBERIAS

7 A' – ASCENSION

A – B – C – D – C' – B' – A'

RESURRECTION ↔ ASCENSION

EMMAUS ↔ TIBERIAS

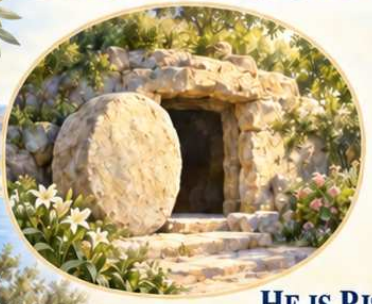
PETER ↔ THOMAS

AT THE CENTRE:

YAHSHUA IS RISEN AND STANDS IN THE MIDST OF HIS PEOPLE.

Each comparison reveals something that is not easily seen when the events are studied separately.

FROM RESURRECTION TO HARVEST



A ↔ A′

RESURRECTION ↔ ASCENSION



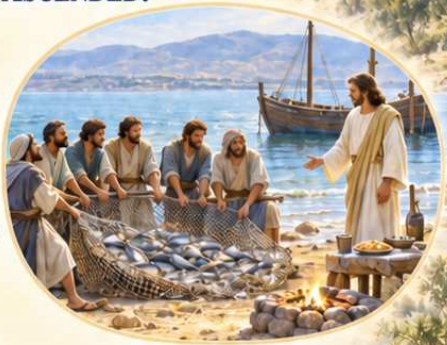
HE IS RISEN. HE HAS ASCENDED.



TWO DISCIPLES
THE SCRIPTURES OPENED

B ↔ B′

EMMAUS ↔ TIBERIAS



SEVEN DISCIPLES
THE NET CAST

153 + 42 = 195



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NATIONS GATHERED INTO GOD'S HARVEST



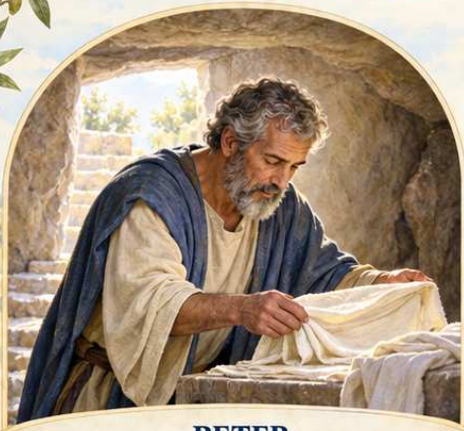
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THOSE REMAINING IN THE OUTER COURT
REVELATION 11:2



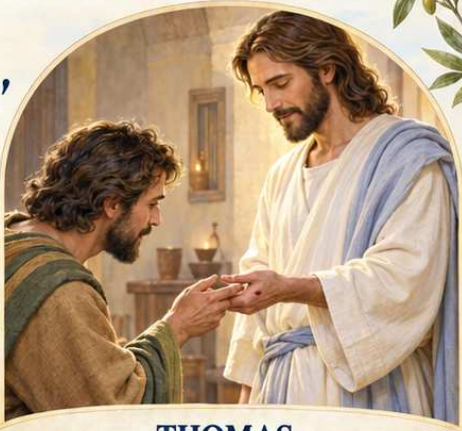
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THE WHOLE WORLD BROUGHT INTO VIEW

WHAT BEGINS WITH TWO WITNESSES UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES ENDS WITH THE SEVEN CHURCHES CASTING THE NET INTO THE NATIONS.

EVIDENCE AND THE CENTRE



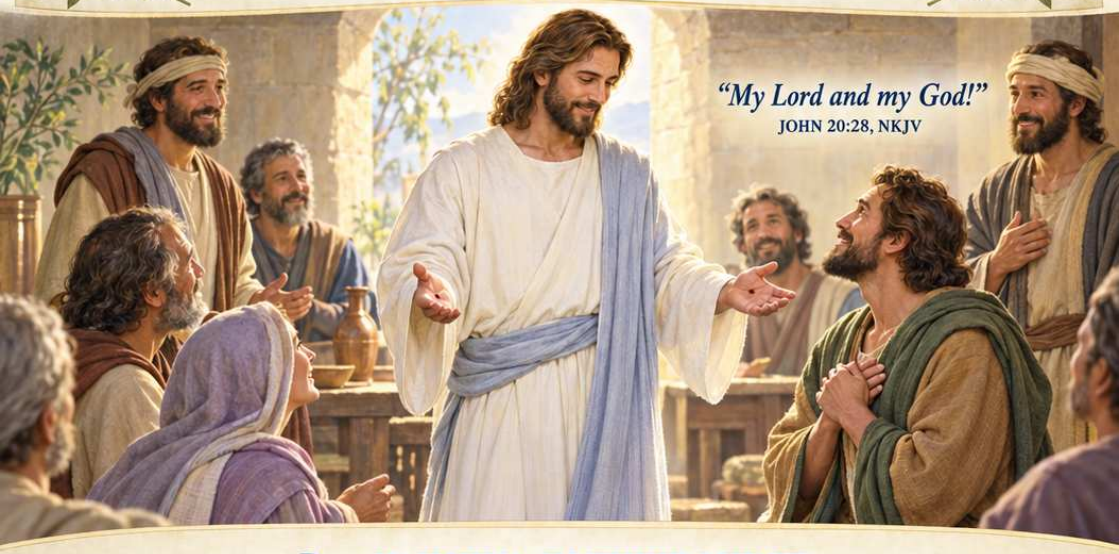
C ↔ C′



PETER
EVIDENCE FROM THE EMPTY TOMB

THOMAS
EVIDENCE FROM THE RISEN BODY

BOTH WERE PRESENTED WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION.



D — YAHSHUA IN THEIR MIDST

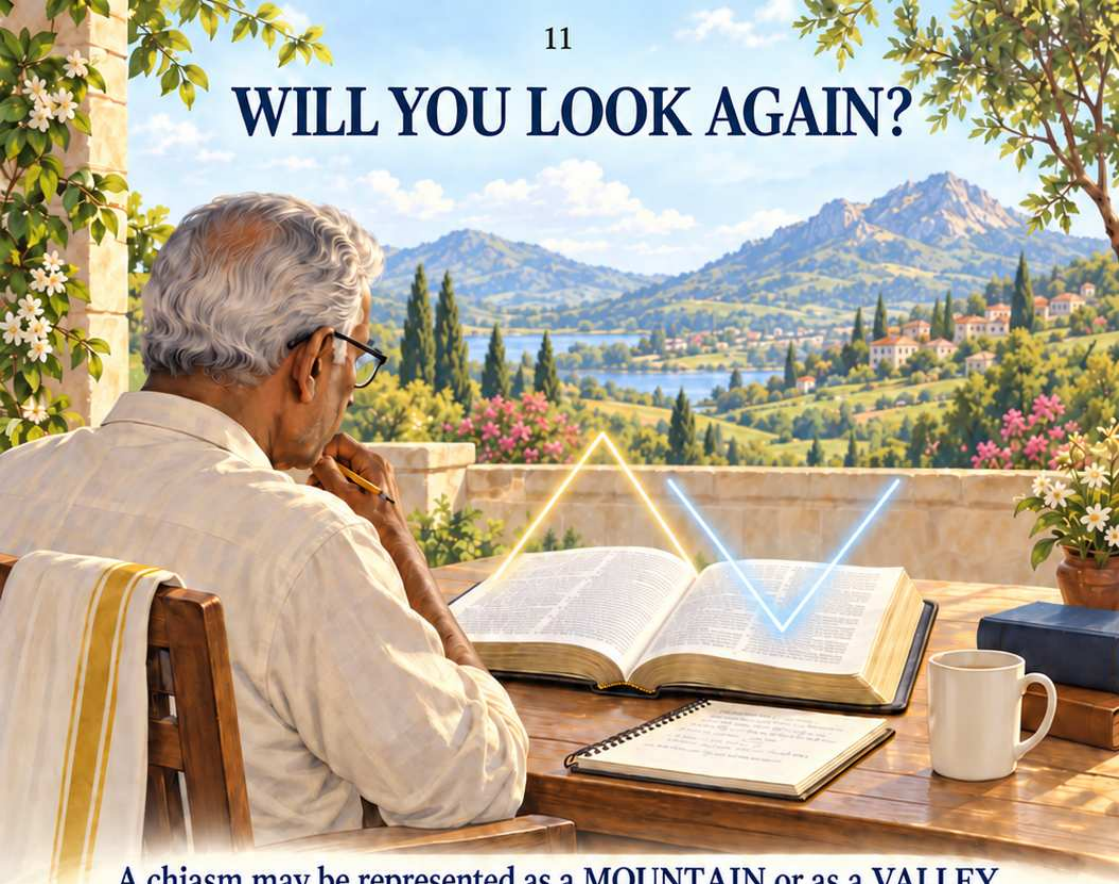
At the centre stands neither Peter nor Thomas, neither the empty tomb nor the physical evidence.

AT THE CENTRE STANDS YAHSHUA HIMSELF—RISEN AND PRESENT AMONG HIS GATHERED DISCIPLES.

YAHSHUA IS RISEN.

One arm explains the other, and together they direct us towards the central truth.

WILL YOU LOOK AGAIN?



A chiasm may be represented as a MOUNTAIN or as a VALLEY.

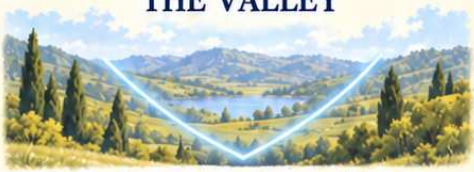
THE MOUNTAIN



It invites us to climb to the central truth—THE TREASURE—and then descend with understanding.

CLIMB AND CONQUER.

THE VALLEY



It calls us to continue walking through the lowest point until the pattern begins to rise again.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."
PSALM 23:4, NKJV

"Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low."
LUKE 3:5, NKJV

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

WILL YOU CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN? WILL YOU WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY?

NOW CLOSE THIS BOOKLET…AND OPEN YOUR BIBLE.

EZEKIEL 36:26–27

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

NKJV

