

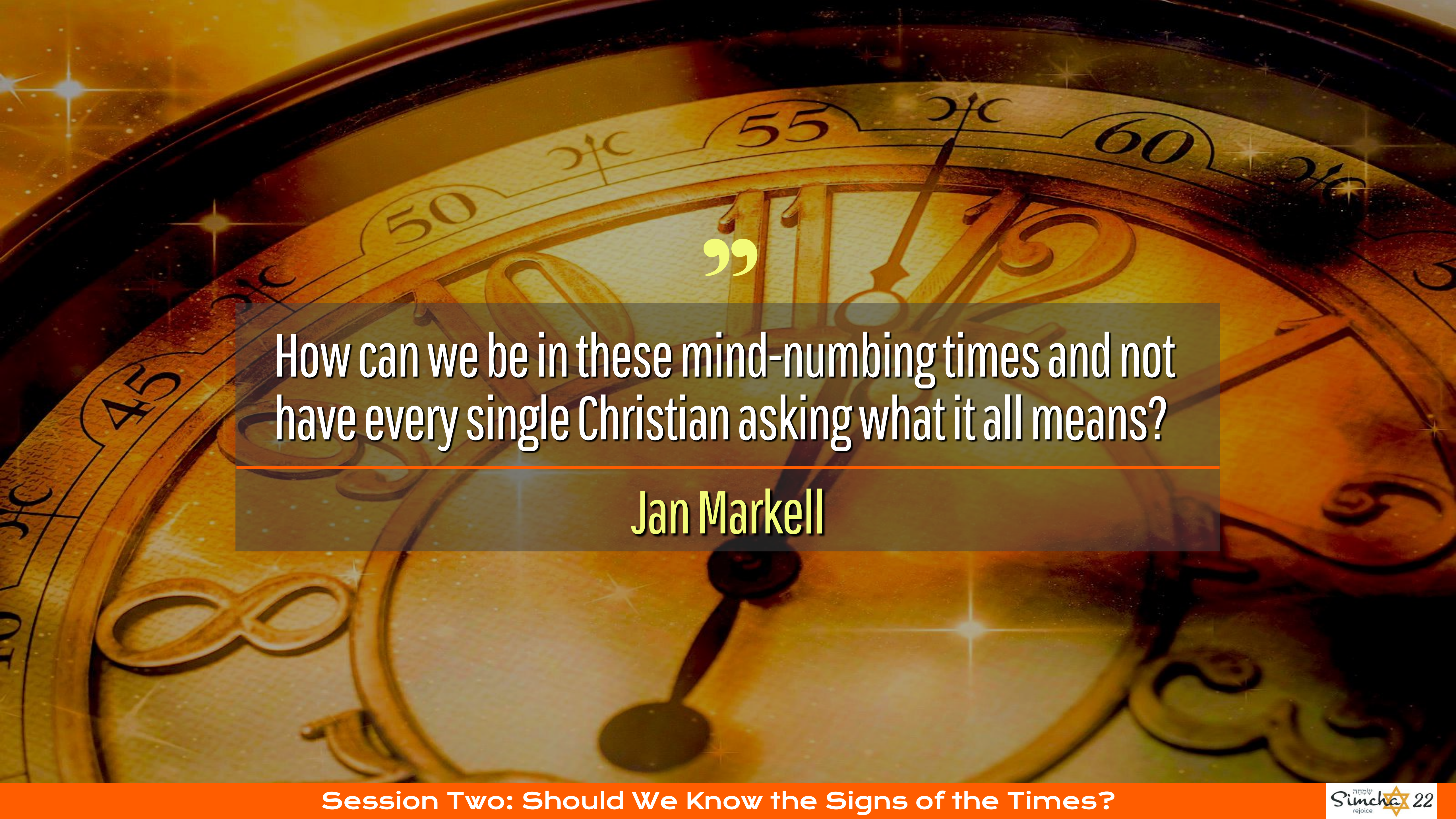
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& God's End-time Prophetic & Redemptive Purposes

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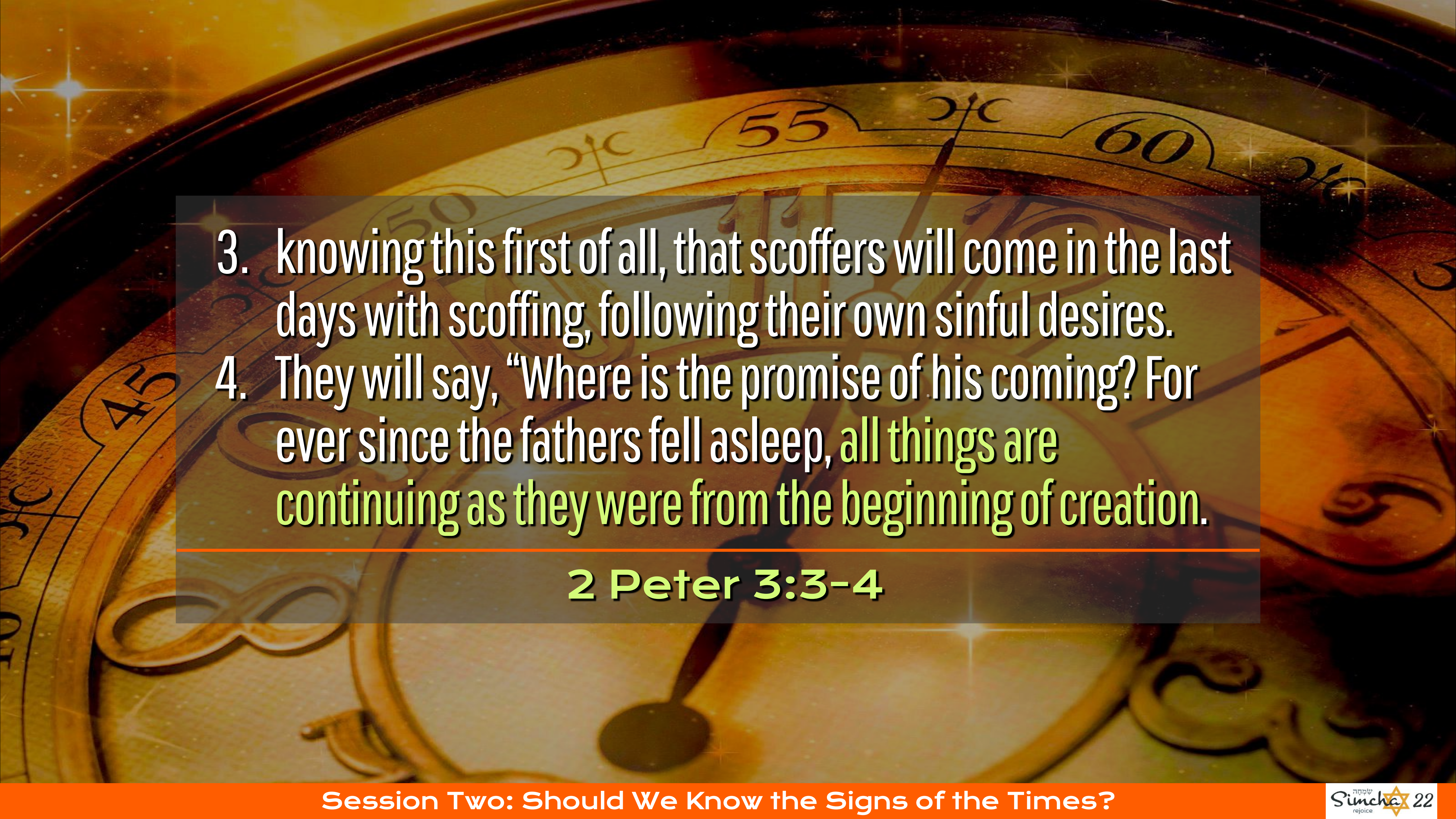
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How can we be in these mind-numbing times and not have every single Christian asking what it all means?

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3. knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.
 4. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, **all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.**


2 Peter 3:3-4

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54. He (Jesus) also said to the crowds of people, When you see a cloud rising in the west, at once you say, It is going to rain! And so it does.
55. And when [you see that] a south wind is blowing, you say, There will be severe heat!
56. You playactors (hypocrites)! You know how [intelligently] to discern and interpret and prove the looks of the earth and sky; but how is it that you do not know how to **discern** and **interpret** and **apply the proof** to this present time?

Luke 12:54–56 (Amplified Bible)

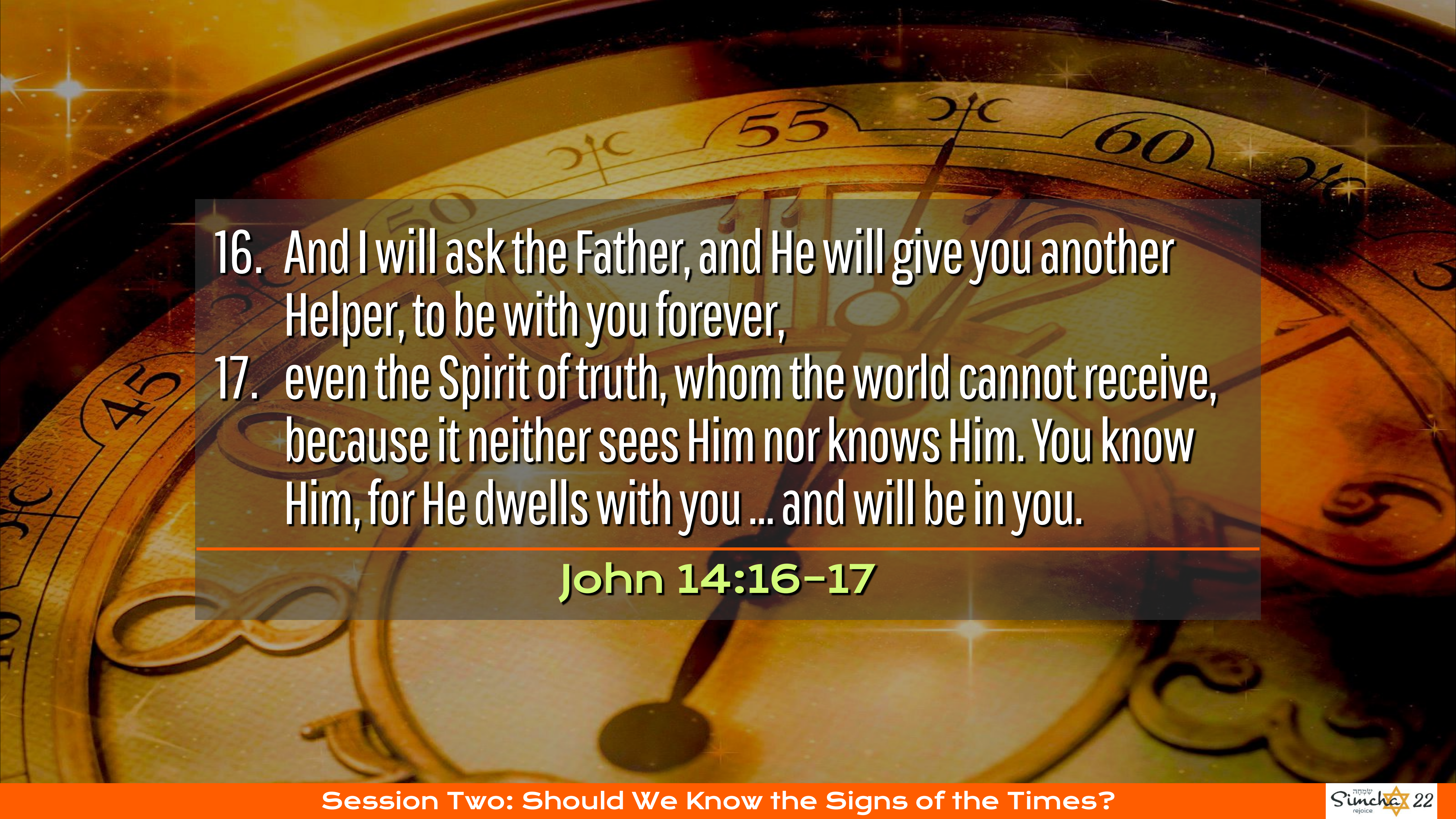


I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you **concealed** these things from the sophisticated and educated and **revealed** them to ordinary folk.

Matthew 11:25 (Complete Jewish Bible)

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16. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,
17. even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you ... and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

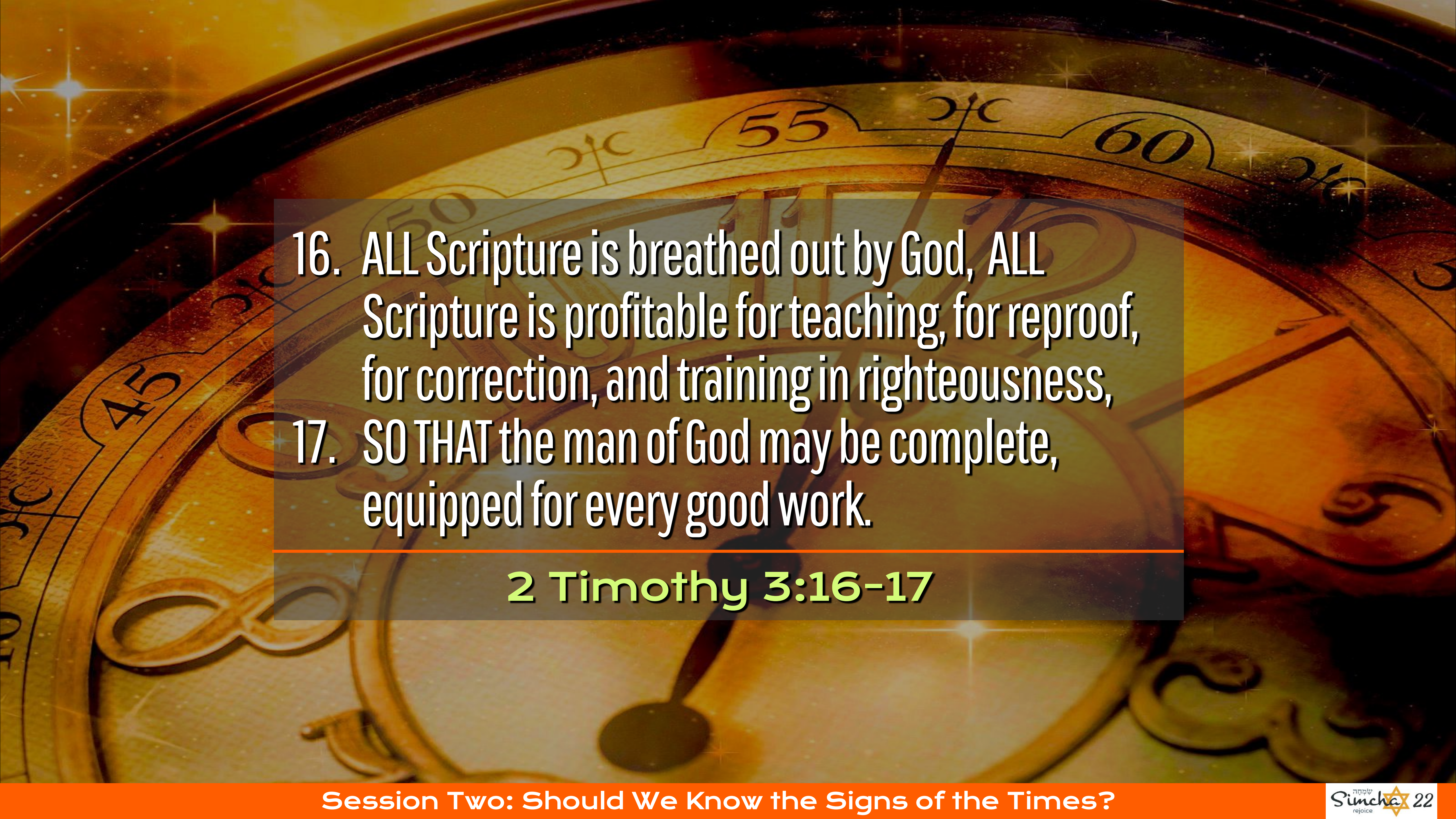
16. I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.
17. But when He, the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into **all the Truth** (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and **He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come** [things that will happen in the future].
18. He will honour and glorify Me, because He will take of what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

John 16:12-14 (Amplified Bible)



Now we have NOT received the spirit of the world,
but we HAVE received the Spirit who is from God,
SO THAT that we might understand the things
freely given us by God.

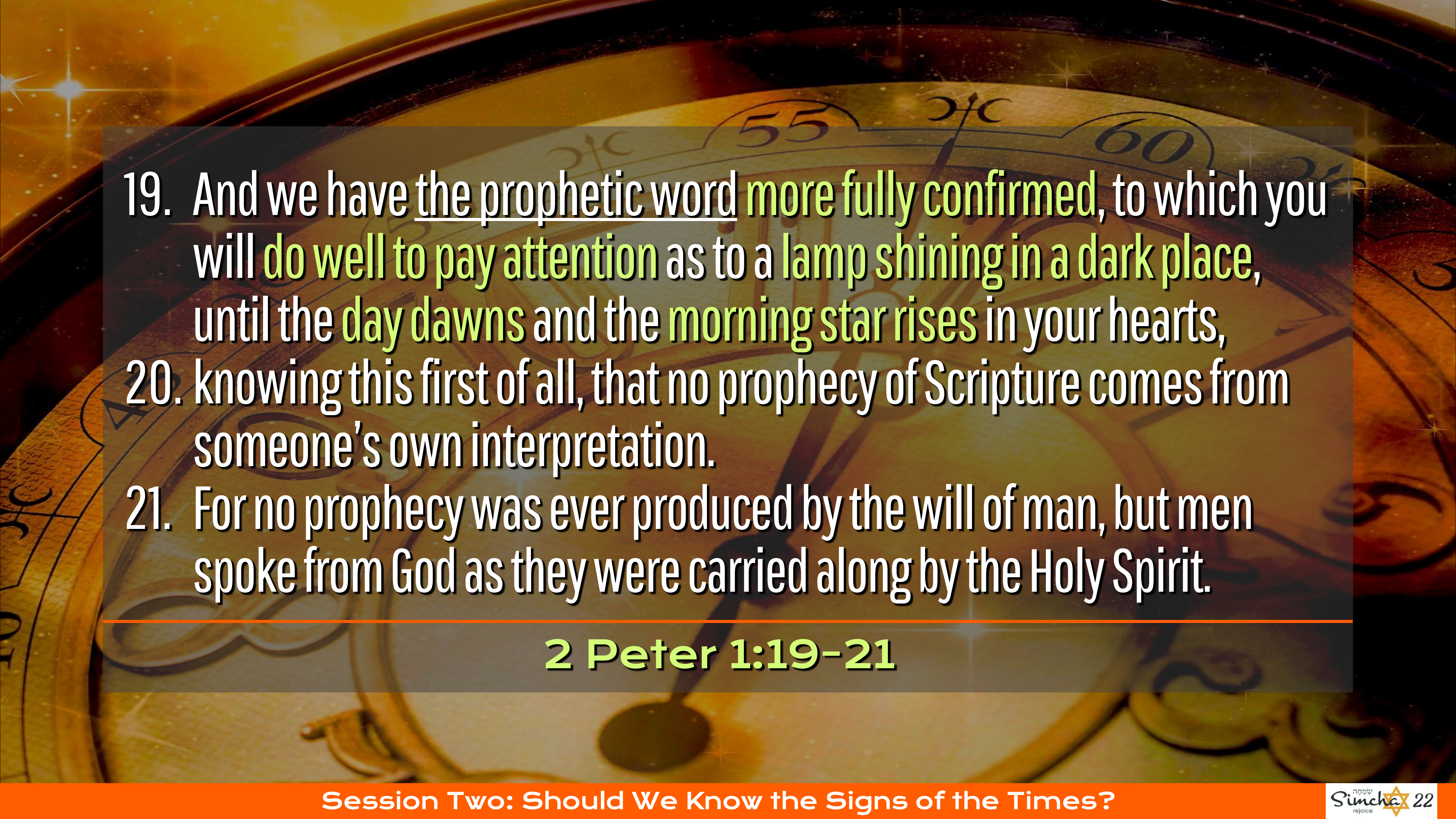
1 Corinthians 2:12

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16. ALL Scripture is breathed out by God, ALL Scripture is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and training in righteousness,
17. SO THAT the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.**
17. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”
18. **we ourselves heard this very voice** borne from heaven, for **we were with Him** on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-18

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19. And we have the prophetic word **more fully confirmed**, to which you will **do well to pay attention** as to a **lamp shining in a dark place**, until the **day dawns** and the **morning star rises** in your hearts,
20. knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.
21. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:19-21

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- The confusion that results from looking firstly for the allegorical meaning of a text

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic (self-evident) and fundamental truths, indicates clearly otherwise.

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, lest it result in nonsense.

The Golden Rule of Interpretation

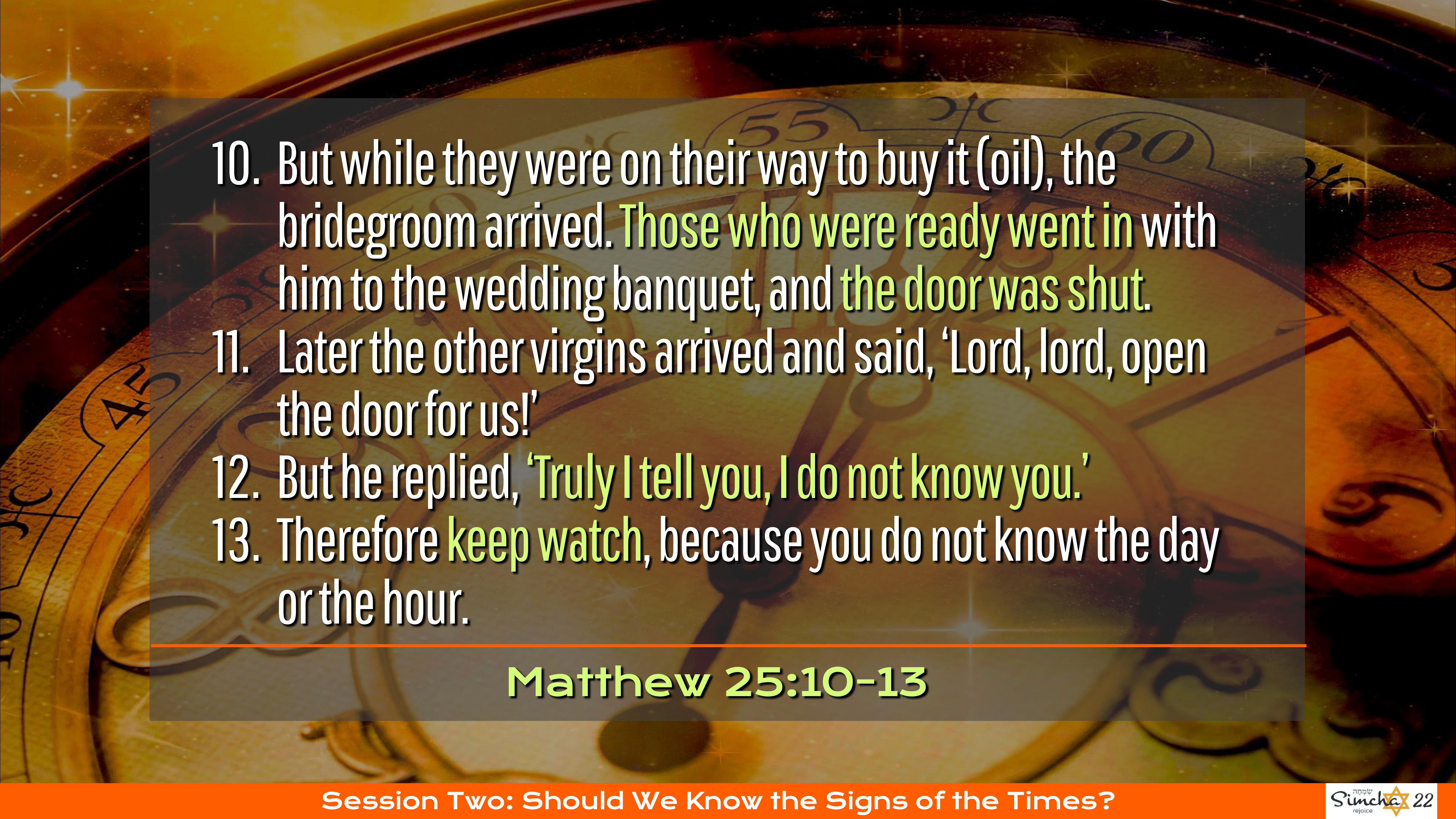
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Jesus said, “The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all (the wise and the foolish virgins) became drowsy and fell asleep” (v5).

In the terminal chapters of human history, there will be those who have every good reason to remain awake and watchful – but their spiritual senses will be dulled instead.

They will not perceive what’s going on around them because they won’t care enough to. As a result, they’ll sense no urgency and raise no alarm. They won’t be prepared. They will be asleep.

Steve Schmutzer

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10. But while they were on their way to buy it (oil), the bridegroom arrived. **Those who were ready went in** with him to the wedding banquet, and **the door was shut**.
11. Later the other virgins arrived and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us!'
12. But he replied, '**Truly I tell you, I do not know you.**'
13. Therefore **keep watch**, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:10-13