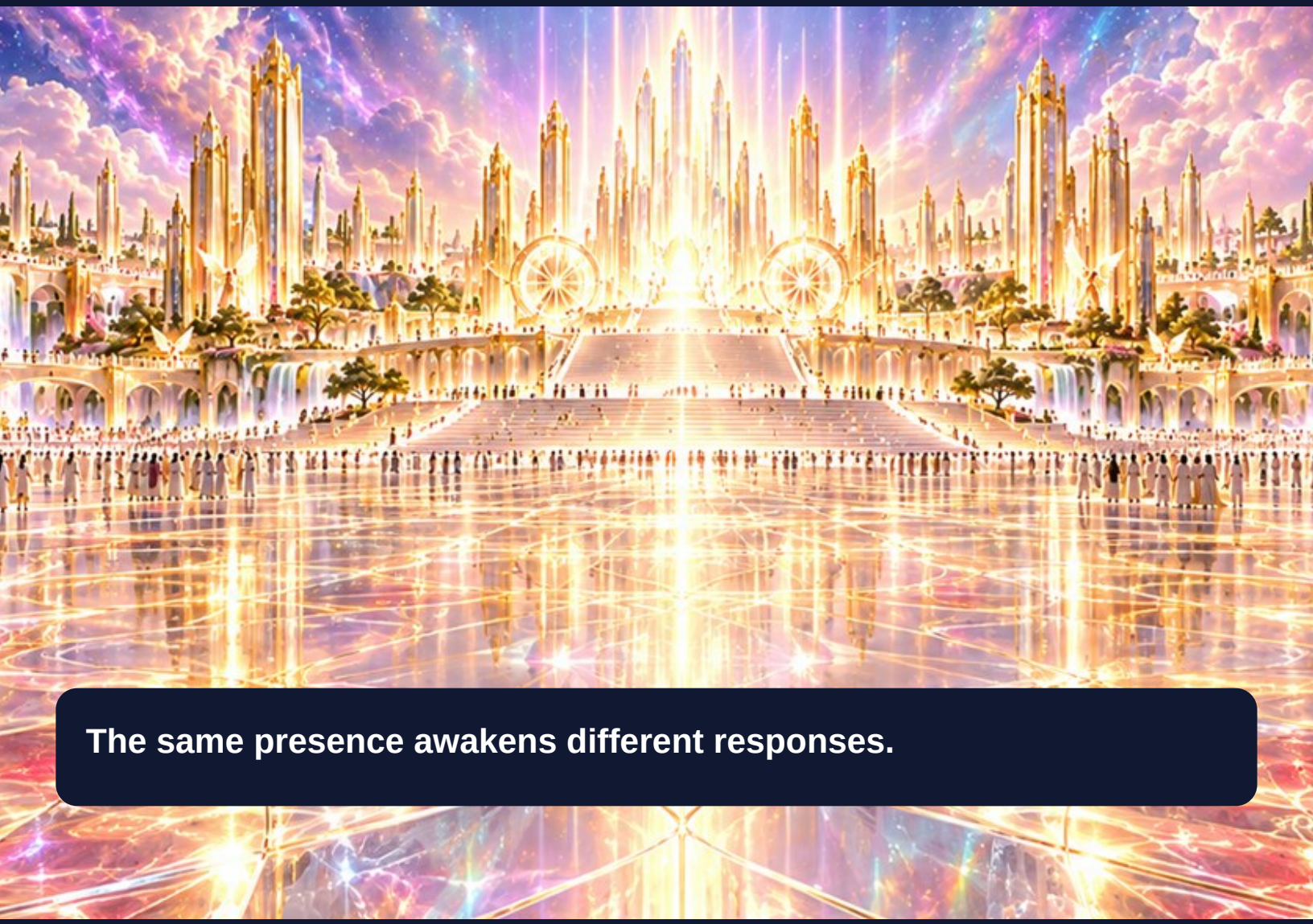
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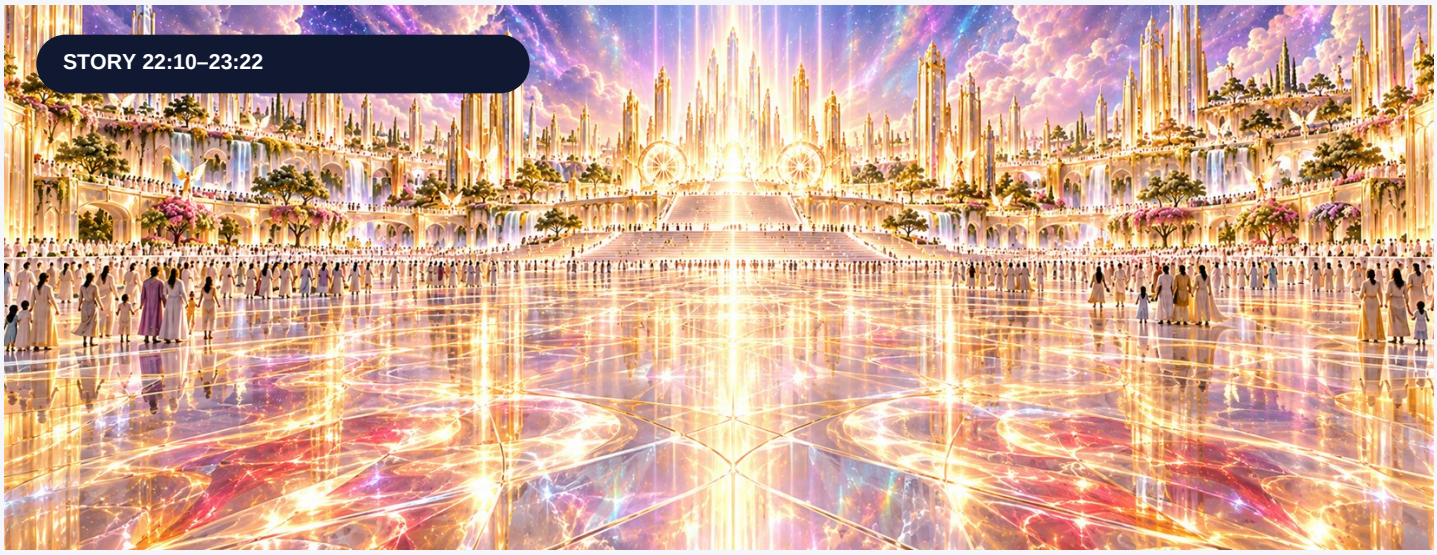
The same presence awakens different responses.

WHO CAN LIVE IN THE FIRE?

Why does the narrator experience God's fire as joy rather than terror?

WATCH / NOTICE / ASK

Stay with the narrator’s question



Existing movie environment concept / final scene still to be selected

Why does the narrator experience God's fire as joy rather than terror?

Return to this part of Heaven’s Diary. Describe what the narrator sees, what surprises him, and what he has not yet understood. Read the Bible before accepting the story’s explanation as a doctrine.

Read / Observe

Open the Bible together

ISAIAH 33:14-17 + SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6-7

Isaiah asks who can dwell with everlasting burnings; the answer describes the righteous. Song of Solomon uses flame imagery for love. Blueprint connects these with God’s holy presence (Hebrews 12:29). Investigate the linked passages: those reconciled to God can live in His presence; this is not a claim that every biblical fire has only one meaning.

HEBREWS 12:18-29

The writer contrasts approaches to God and calls for grateful, reverent worship. God’s holiness is not opposed to His grace. What confidence and seriousness belong together in this passage?

DANIEL 3:19-27 + REVELATION 20:9-15

The furnace narrative shows divine deliverance; Revelation describes final judgment and the second death. Compare the outcomes without claiming the two scenes have identical purposes or that every biblical fire simply means love.

Look deeper

From the passage to Christ

THE CONNECTED PICTURE

Blueprint connects God’s holy presence, fiery love, the sea of glass, and the righteous dwelling with everlasting burnings: Hebrews 12:29; Daniel 7:9-10; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; Revelation 15:2; Isaiah 33:14-16. Daniel 3 illustrates the contrasting outcomes. Explain each textual link; the point is not that every occurrence of fire means only love.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

Isaiah 33:14–17: Who can dwell with everlasting burnings in this passage? Hebrews 12:18–29: What response does God's holiness invite? Daniel 3:19–27: Who is harmed and who is preserved? Revelation 20:9–15: What is the final fate of evil?

EXPLAIN IT IN THREE SENTENCES

First: what the passage says in its original setting. Second: how the Adventist understanding brings the passages together. Third: how the movie illustrates that conclusion. Do not let an attractive scene substitute for the argument. Ask which connection reveals Christ’s work or character.

PHOTOTHEOLOGY / MAP THE TEXT

Trace the biblical movement

1

GOD’S HOLY PRESENCE

Hebrews 12:29; Daniel 7:9-10 / Fire is part of the Bible’s description of divine glory.

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2

LOVE AND TRANSFORMED PEOPLE

Song of Solomon 8:6-7; Isaiah 33:14-16 / Blueprint connects love, righteousness, and dwelling with God.

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3

TWO OUTCOMES

Daniel 3:22-27; Revelation 20:9, 14 / God preserves the redeemed; final punishment ends in death.

Use the passages to explain each step. A solid link needs textual support; use a dotted link for an illustration or a proposal that remains uncertain.

A fair objection

Questions worth taking seriously

DOES FIRE MEAN GOD IS CRUEL?

The Bible’s judgment language must be read alongside God’s patience and the suffering caused by evil. Adventists understand final punishment as the end of sin and sinners, not the maintenance of an eternal torture chamber. Do not dismiss the emotional force of the question.

WHAT ABOUT ETERNAL PUNISHMENT?

Compare Matthew 25:46, Jude 7, Malachi 4:1-3, and Revelation 20:14. The Adventist case distinguishes lasting results from a process continuing forever. Other Christians read the parallel with eternal life differently; explain the contextual and canonical reasons for the Adventist synthesis.

WHAT ABOUT REVELATION 14:9-11?

The language of torment and ascending smoke is strong and should not be omitted. Compare Isaiah 34:8-10 for enduring-smoke imagery and read Revelation’s final second-death language. This is a reasoned interpretation of apocalyptic language, not a denial that judgment is real.

VISUAL STUDY / YOUR TURN

Build the picture yourself

Build Blueprint’s fire study as a verse chain: Hebrews 12:29; Daniel 7:9-10; Hebrews 1:7; Revelation 15:2; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; Isaiah 33:14-16; Daniel 3:22-27. Label what each passage contributes and show why the conclusion is life with God, not eternal conscious torment for the wicked.

TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

CONNECTION OR REPLY

QUESTION TO KEEP

RETURN TO THE STORY

Use your work to answer the opening question. Name one claim you can support directly, one inference, and one detail supplied by the film’s visual staging.

For activities needing more panels or columns, continue on a separate sheet.

A PERSONAL RESPONSE

Let the truth shape your life

READ AND REFLECT

Read the first passage again. Identify what it reveals about God, what it asks of you, and how Christ supplies hope or help. Pray with one specific response in mind.

What would it mean to desire God's presence rather than merely an escape from consequences?

MY NEXT STEP

( ) I understand. ( ) I need more study.
( ) I would appreciate a Bible study conversation.

NEXT: Issue 10 / Why the Crowns?

Participation and personal sharing are voluntary. Bring unresolved questions.

Leader companion

Guide the next conversation

75-MINUTE ROUTE

Scene and observation 10 / Bible investigation 20 / Christ-centered connection and map 15 / strongest objection 15 / visual activity 5 / response and prayer 10. Use a second meeting when the questions need it; do not force agreement to finish a schedule.

ISSUE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

Use Operation Blueprint, Scene 11, and the film’s closing fire study. Teach the biblical chain as an argued connection, not an invented movie device. Final punishment is real and results in destruction; do not imply the wicked are immortal or that suffering continues forever.

SOURCE AND INVITATION

Story: Heaven’s Diary transcript, 22:10–23:22. Method: Phototheology Core Method v2. Apologetics sources and editorial limitations are mapped in the accompanying source register. This is new editorial wording, not a verbatim Ivor Myers quotation. Invite a voluntary next step and preserve unresolved questions.