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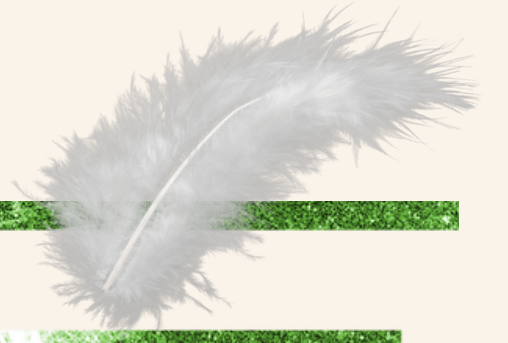


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Opening Prayer by Jani Kahts



Lord, as we exit this past year,
and enter into the future,
we pray that You will be with us.
That Your presence will overwhelm us,
and that Your Holy Spirit will guide us.
Show us Lord where we have to go make
things right, and where we should go
and bring HOPE to the hopeless.
May this podcast bless everyone who
listens to it, and may it inspire them
and build up their faith,
in order to honour You...
Amen



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Renewal

In the quiet hours before the dawn;
the world is pregnant with hope.
In the dark, the stars sparkle
like the eyes of a child
in his mother's arms;
happy to be home.

Within the silence;
which is not so silent -
you can hear the
awakening earth.
The song of the morning,
played by creation's orchestra -
is a symphony of rebirth.

The scent of yeast is in the air
as the loaves in the bakery
rise with the sun;
I too arise as I
open my eyes
in gratitude to the
Three in One!

You said:
"come as you are "
and also
"Behold I make all things new"
Lord, YOU promised, and so I
believe!
Anoint me with gladness,
consecrate me in the Truth.

By the rivers of Babylon;
I sat and wept at
Zion's memory.
Sin made me an
exile of peace,
but with YOU;
every loss is
a victory.

Each breath I take
is another chance
to try to get things right.
Your light pierces
the shadow of death -
in You is abundant life.

Just like a dream,
joy bursting at the seams -
our mouths are filled
with laughter and song.
He sowed in tears;
now he sings when he reaps.
The mountains and hills
go before him and sing along.

He went off weeping
carrying the seed;
he comes back singing
carrying his sheaves.

You are my Tent of Meeting,
oh Lord,
and what you offer;
I willingly receive!

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Make me new Lord

“Look, I make all things new”
says the Lord.
Let us forget about the old,
and look forward
toward,
what lies ahead...

It's a new chance,
a new beginning.
a new chapter,
a new day...

He is doing a new thing!
Can you not perceive it?
He will make a way in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.

Surely He will water my life also,
until streams of living water,
flows from my heart,
through my thoughts,
into my speech,
affecting my every deed...

He makes all things new!
May He start with me...

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A new day

A new day has come!
The new season is here!
We are done with the things of old...
We will leap like a deer.

The sun is rising over us!
Your Light is like the dawn...
We can breathe a new breath of life,
the darkness is gone.

Engulf us with Your presence Lord...
We eat the Bread of Life.
We drink from the Rivers of Living Water;
Your word is our light...

We will sing and make music;
Spring is in the air!
Your word falls like rain on us...
A new day is here!

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Hope - Jani Kahts

Hope is so fragile, yet so strong.

It can break your heart into a million pieces, and yet it has the ability to help you to keep going when you are at the end of your rope.

Proverbs 13:12

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is confidence in what we HOPE for and assurance about what we do not see."

Abraham had HOPE for a generation, until he was asked, to sacrifice his son...

Joseph had HOPE to become a ruler, until he was sold as a slave...

Mary had HOPE that she birthed The Saviour, until He died on the cross...

And I am sure, in all those cases, they were all devastated and didn't see a way out...

But through it all, God had a plan!

He saw the bigger picture;
He promised that HOPE will not disappoint -
and it didn't!

Abraham became the father of FAITH...
Joseph ruled, and brought HOPE
despite famine;
and Jesus saved us out of LOVE...

"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love."
- 1 Corinthians 13:13"



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A New Journey with Abba Father

At the end of another year,
people party and play -
Christmas and New Year;
and in between gatherings, more
eating, drinking and being merry...

It's that time of year
when people make new plans,
new goals and new things -
yet, with an old hope,
and yesterday's habits!

Year in and year out,
the same old hope
we just plod along...
Abba Father, help us this year,
to start a new journey with You!

A new journey with new Hope -
filled with faith and love.
Doing Your will alone,
so that everything
honors and glorifies
Your Name!
Soon we can be at our
eternal destiny with You.

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(translated from her original Afrikaans poem: 'n Nuwe Reis saam Abba Vader)



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Psalm 38

Prayer in Time of Chastening
A Psalm of David.
To bring to remembrance.

O Lord, do not rebuke me
in Your wrath,
nor chasten me
in Your hot displeasure!
For Your arrows pierce me deeply,
and Your hand presses me down.
There is no soundness in my flesh
because of Your anger,
nor any health in my bones
because of my sin.
For my iniquities
have gone over my head;
Like a heavy burden
they are too heavy for me.
My wounds are foul and festering
because of my foolishness.
I am [a]troubled,
I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
For my loins are full of inflammation,
and there is no soundness in my flesh.
I am feeble and severely broken;
I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.
Lord, all my desire is before You;
And my sighing is not hidden from You.
My heart pants, my strength fails me;
As for the light of my eyes,
it also has gone from me.

My loved ones and my friends
stand aloof from my plague,
and my relatives stand afar off.
Those also who seek my life lay snares for me;
Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction,
and plan deception all the day long.
But I, like a deaf man, do not hear;
and I am like a mute
who does not open his mouth.
Thus I am like a man who does not hear,
And in whose mouth is no response.
For in You, O Lord, I hope;
You will hear, O Lord my God.
For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me,
lest, when my foot slips,
they exalt themselves against me."
For I am ready to fall,
and my sorrow is continually before me.
For I will declare my iniquity;
I will be in [d]anguish over my sin.
But my enemies are vigorous,
and they are strong;
and those who hate me wrongfully have
multiplied.
Those also who render evil for good,
they are my adversaries,
because I follow what is good.
Do not forsake me, O Lord;
O my God, be not far from me!
Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!

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2024!

I wonder what lies in store,
What lies behind your unopened door.
Will it be filled with success, joy and laughter and those things that we love?
Will our hearts swell with myriad blessings – straight from God above?

Will my deepest desires find their ultimate expression?
Will my greatest prayers find their way up to heaven?
Will I find delight in its twists and its bends?
Will I experience the joy that never ends?

There's so much I don't know about 2024,
but there are things I do know that I can tell you for sure.
Would you like to know what you can certainly find,
what's beyond that door, what lies behind?

Since you asked, I will tell you what I do know is true,
that 2024 will be a good one for me and for you.
Because you see, I know that whatever it may hold
God has given us gifts so much more precious than gold.

There is peace, joy, courage and lots of love there
and outrageous love that's so very rare.
There's mercy, grace and faithfulness too
that's freely given by a God who loves you!

And when life suddenly throws you balls that are curved,
that are beyond your ability, and in your view, undeserved.
The God of hope will surely be there for you
and will strengthen your heart to carry you through.

And so as you enter year two thousand, twenty-four
know that it will be a good year for sure.
Allow the God of your hope to fill you with joy and peace
and to Him all your worries and cares, please release.

And may you abound in hope as you believe
and through the Spirit His power receive!
And so, a very happy new year to you my friend,
may your hope in our Saviour never ever end!

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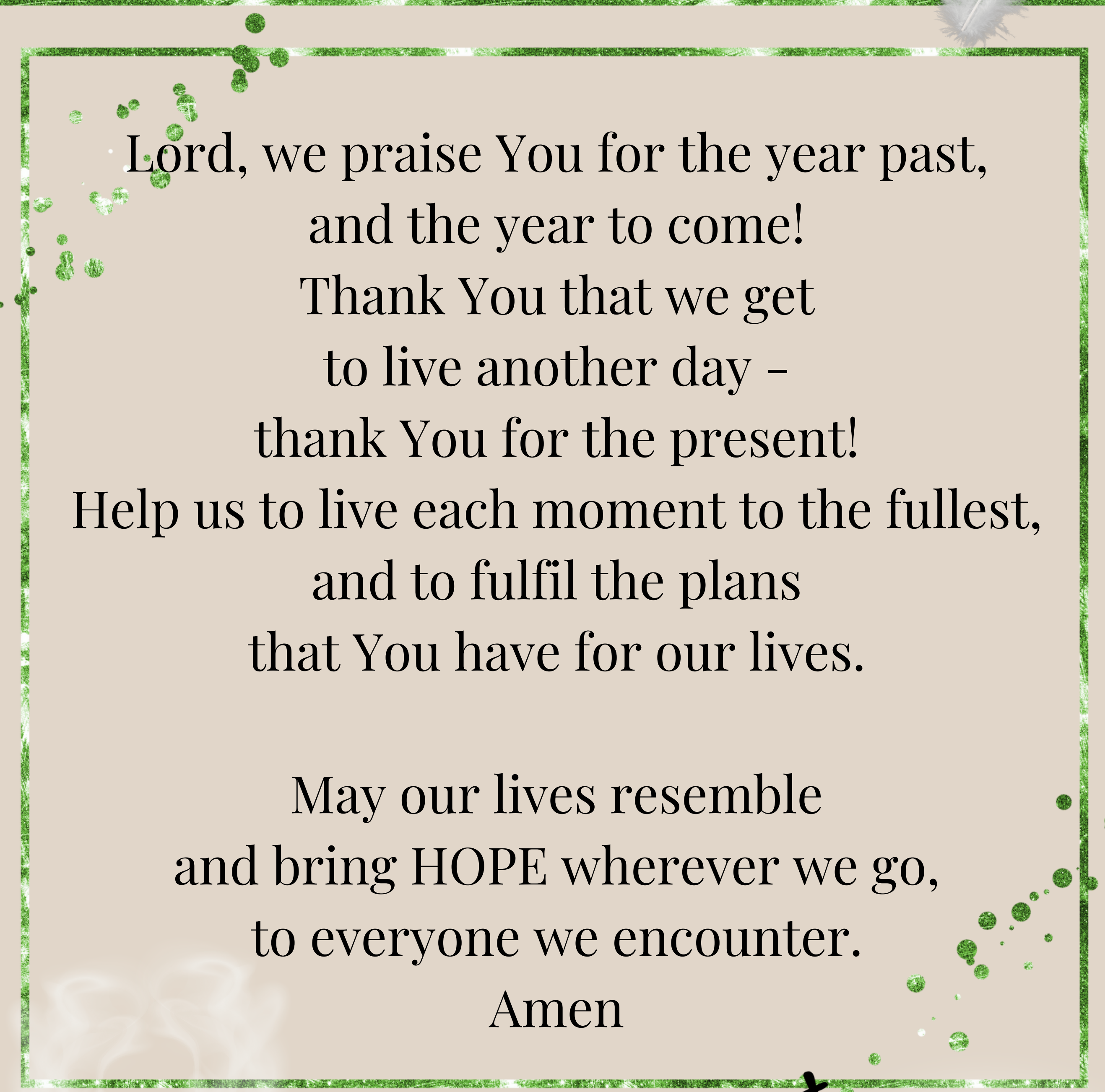
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Closing Prayer by Jani Kahts



Lord, we praise You for the year past,
and the year to come!
Thank You that we get
to live another day -
thank You for the present!
Help us to live each moment to the fullest,
and to fulfil the plans
that You have for our lives.

May our lives resemble
and bring HOPE wherever we go,
to everyone we encounter.

Amen



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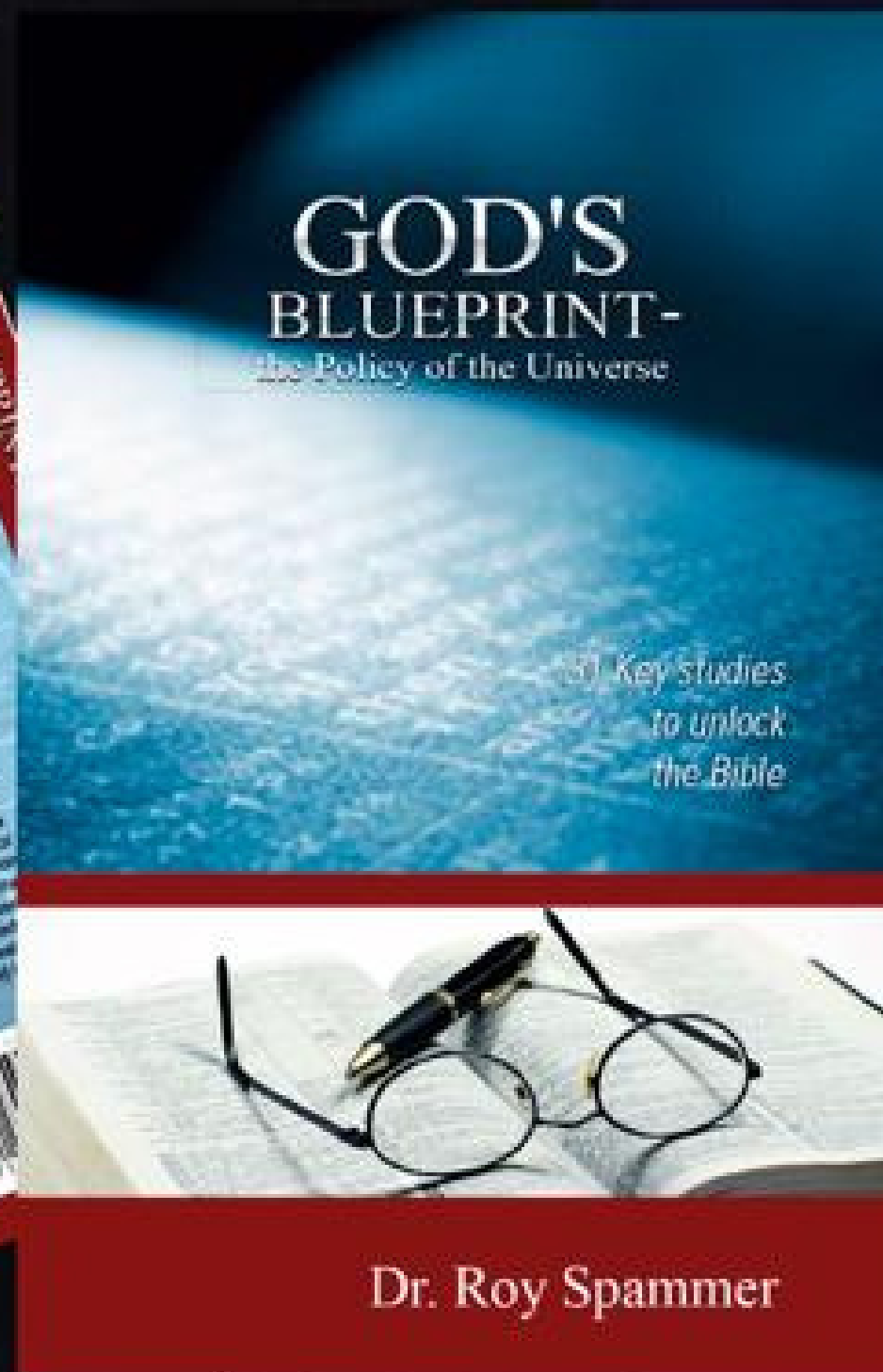
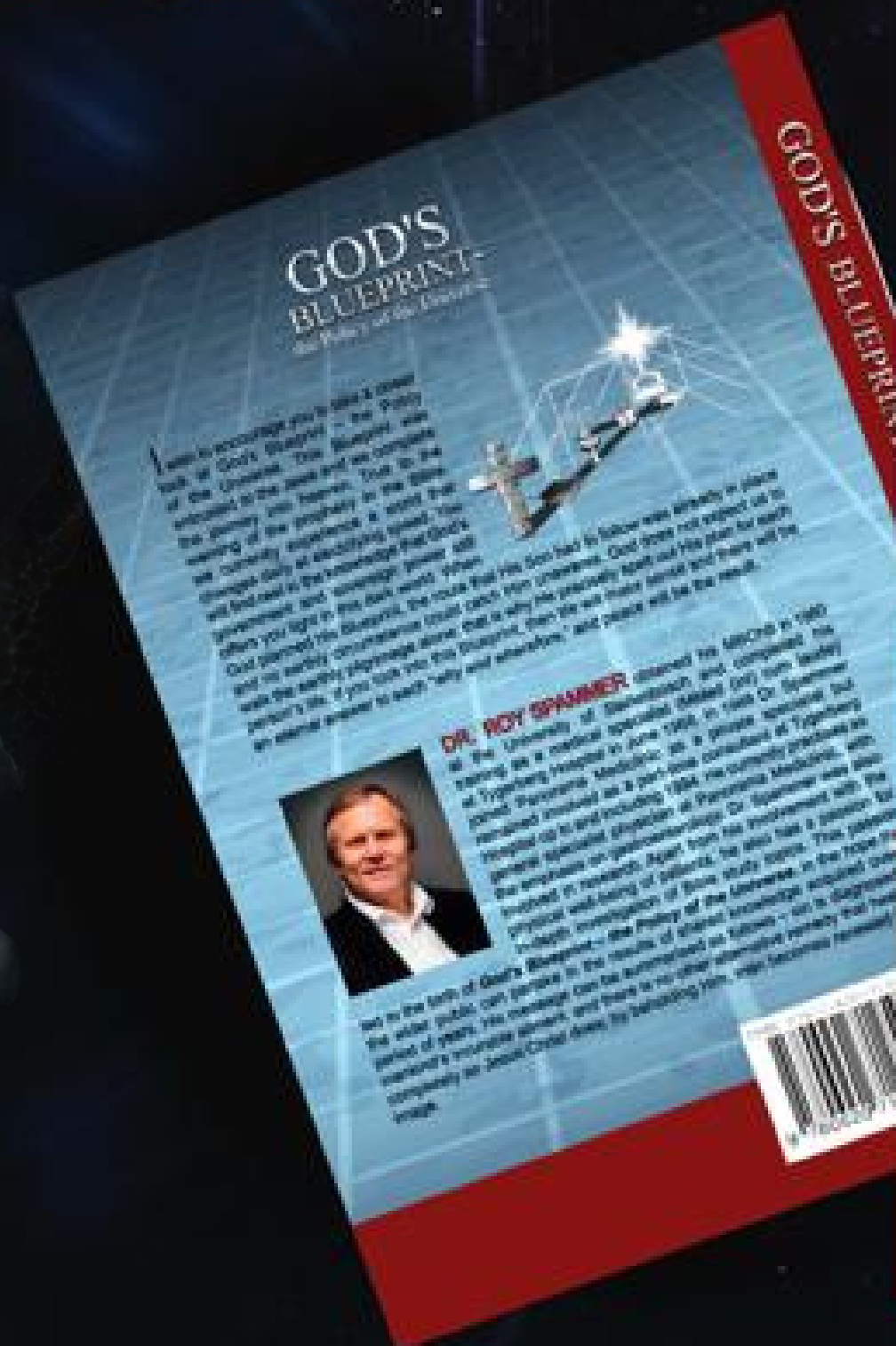


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