

A vibrant garden scene featuring a winding stone path made of reddish-brown slabs. The path is surrounded by a variety of colorful flowers, including yellow daisies, pink and purple blossoms, and red roses. Large grey rocks are scattered throughout the garden. In the background, a dense forest of tall pine trees stands under a soft, overcast sky. A white stone urn sits on a brick ledge to the right. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and well-maintained.

**God the
Gardener
Psalm 107:4-9**



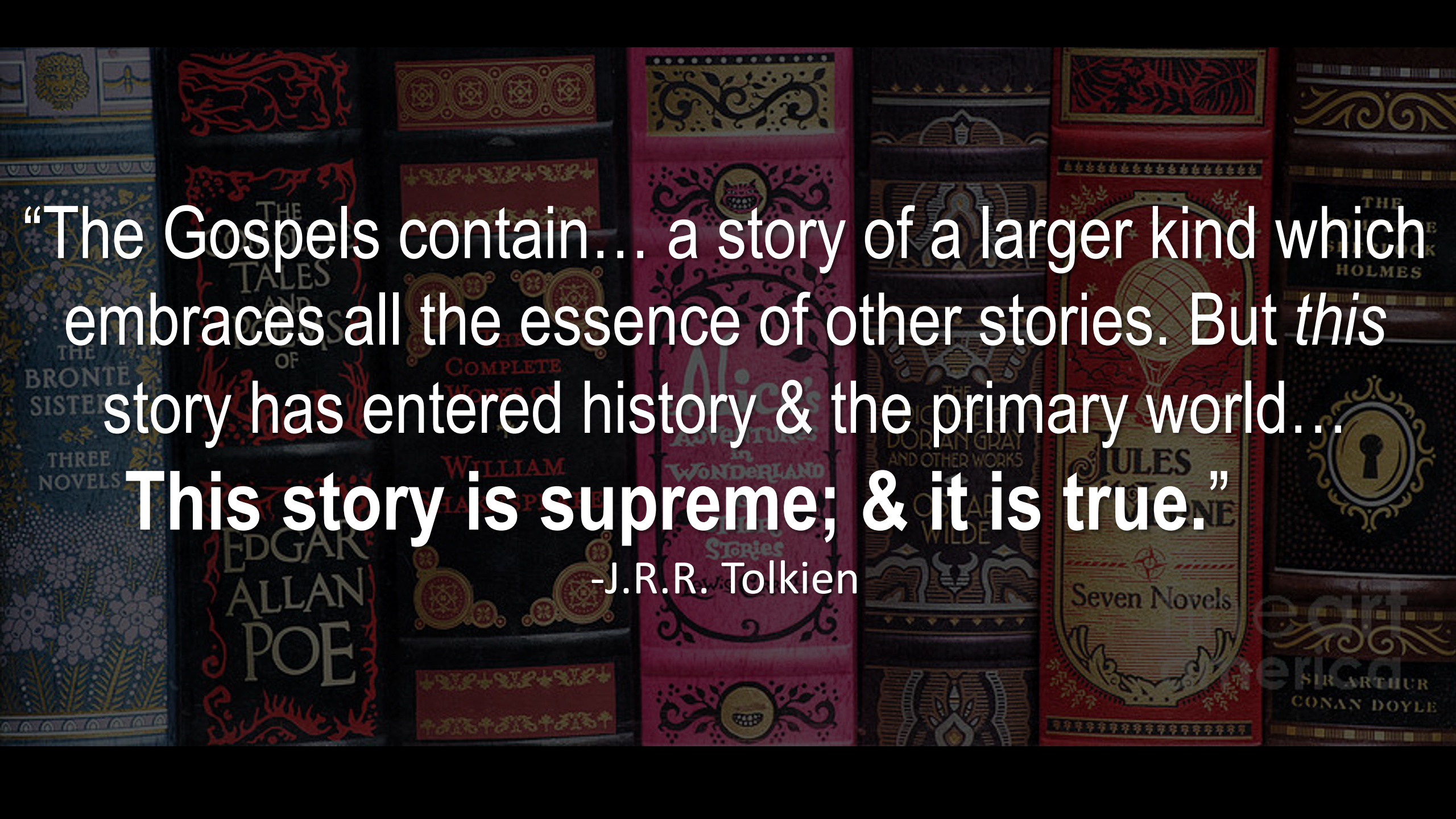
**Christ the
Carpenter
Col 1; Mk 6:3**

A wide-angle photograph of a city skyline at dusk. In the foreground, a multi-level highway interchange is visible, with several palm trees planted along the roads. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, and the city buildings are lit up with warm lights. The text 'God the Citybuilder Heb 11:10' is overlaid in a white box with a yellow border in the bottom-left corner.

**God the
Citybuilder
Heb 11:10**



**God the
Provider
Psalm 23**



“The Gospels contain... a story of a larger kind which embraces all the essence of other stories. But *this* story has entered history & the primary world...

This story is supreme; & it is true.”

-J.R.R. Tolkien



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GOD, THE BLACKSMITH

The Garden of Eden had precious metals.

- Metal has always been highly valued.
- Due to the difficulty of mining, **[Job 28:1-11]**
- But Wisdom was valued higher. **[28:12-22]**

Wisdom is humility & the fear of God. [28:23-28]

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Metal is often connected with worship.

- In idols... & ordained by God. [**Exod 31:1-5**]
- The metal is used in both good & bad ways.
- A refinery passage stands out [**Prov 27:21**]:
- Be introspective with the praise we hear.

What do we need to add or remove for purity?

Salvation: The Production of Purity



God refines His people for purity, holiness.

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God uses metal analogies for our purity.

- Often in the OT prophets [Ezekiel 22:17-22]
- Sanctification is a process that must be repeated.
- Sin ought not ruin us but remind us of His grace.
- Refinery depicts The Final Judgement [2 Pet 3:10-12]

How will our work hold up? [1 Cor 3:10-13]



“The iron gates of death” Job 38:17; Psm 107

Death cannot keep it's prey, Jesus, my Savior

He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

**The iron bars of death are no match for...
the Carpenter of Nazareth!**