

# Joel



**Key Word**

575  
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**Locust**

**Joel**



**Theme**

**575**

**Day of the LORD**

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# Key Verse

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**"...The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning'" (2:11b-12).**

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# Kingdom Statement

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**God disciplined Israel via locusts (1) and will do so again via other means (2:1-17) but ultimately he will restore the nation's rule after repentance (2:18–3:21).**

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## Summary Statement

**A recent judgment of Judah by locusts should cause the people to repent as a more dreadful day of the LORD will come in a Babylonian invasion, yet God promises forgiveness, deliverance, and restoration by judging the nations.**


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**God's promise to dwell in Jerusalem forever (3:17-21) and send his Spirit (2:18-32) is rooted in his covenant to protect Jerusalem as his chosen city (1 Kings 8:23-61; cf. Rev. 21:3).**



# Redemption

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A wooden cross is centered in the image, set against a dramatic sky with orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The cross is made of dark wood and has a metal plate at the intersection.

**Salvation from God's judgments (1:1-2:17) will come only on a repentant Israel who calls on the name of the LORD (2:32; cf. 2:12-14).**

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# Messiah

**Christ's judging role in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (3:2, 12; cf. Matt. 25) balances his sending of the Spirit (2:28-32; cf. John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8) at Pentecost (Acts 2:16-21).**

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# Day of the LORD

## "Locust" Plagues

1:1–2:17

## Zion's Discipline

The LORD fights *against* Israel

Intro  
1:1-3

Repent  
from  
literal  
locusts  
1:4-20

Repent from  
Babylonian/  
Armageddon  
"locusts"  
2:1-17

Lamentation  
1:1–2:17

Past

## Blessing

2:18–3:21

## Zion's Deliverance

The LORD fights *for* Israel

Forgiveness  
after  
repentance  
2:18-27

Spiritual  
awakening  
2:28–3:21

Salvation  
2:18-32

Judgment  
3:1-21

Future

Judah  
c. 590 BC

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- 1 **C**ry to avoid judgment
- 2 **R**eturn to God's blessing
- 3 **Y**ield to God's sovereignty



# Be Disciplined

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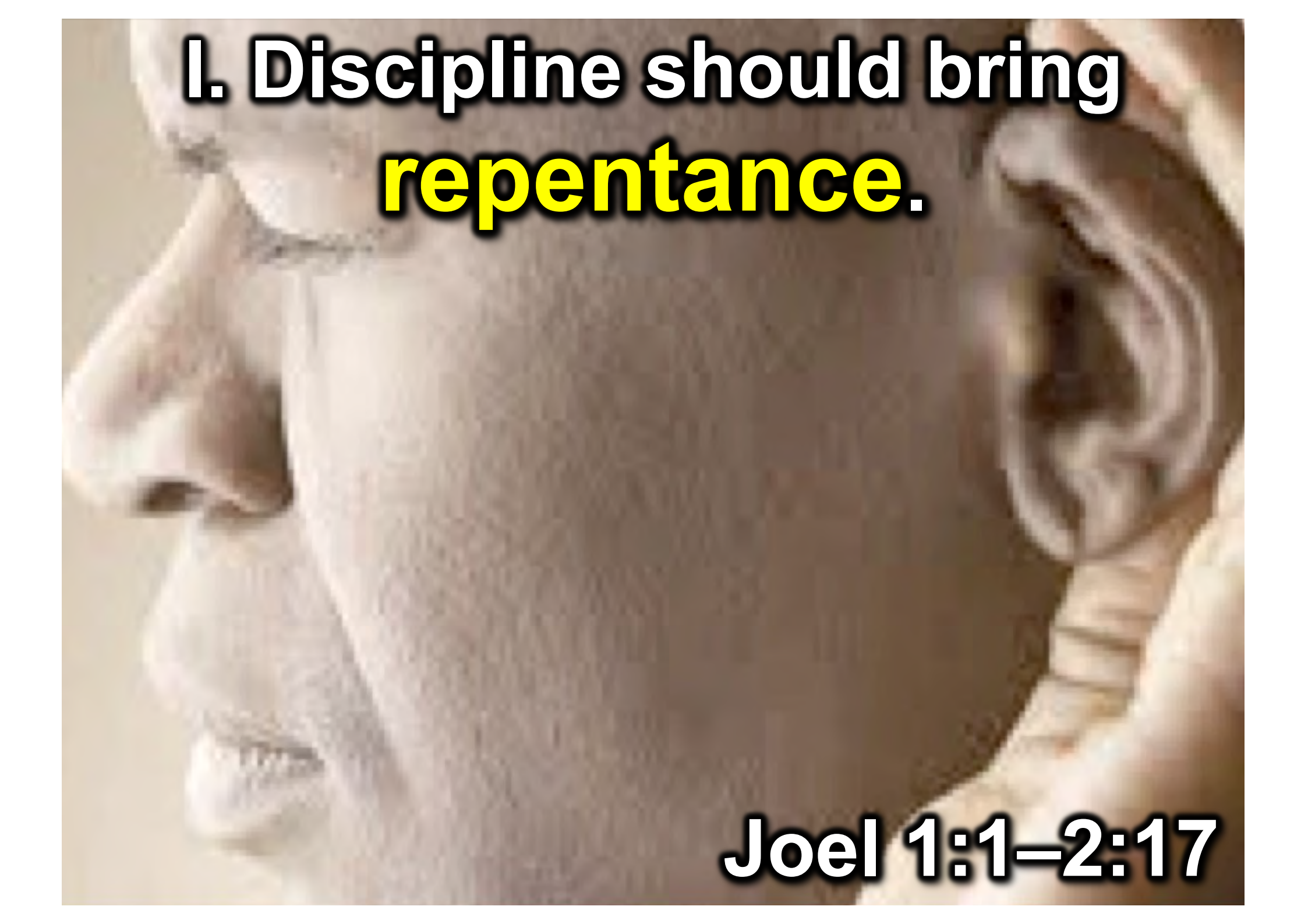
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What should we do when  
we are **disciplined**?



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**I. Discipline should bring  
repentance.**

**Joel 1:1–2:17**





**II. Repentance will bring  
restoration.**

**Joel 2:18–3:21**

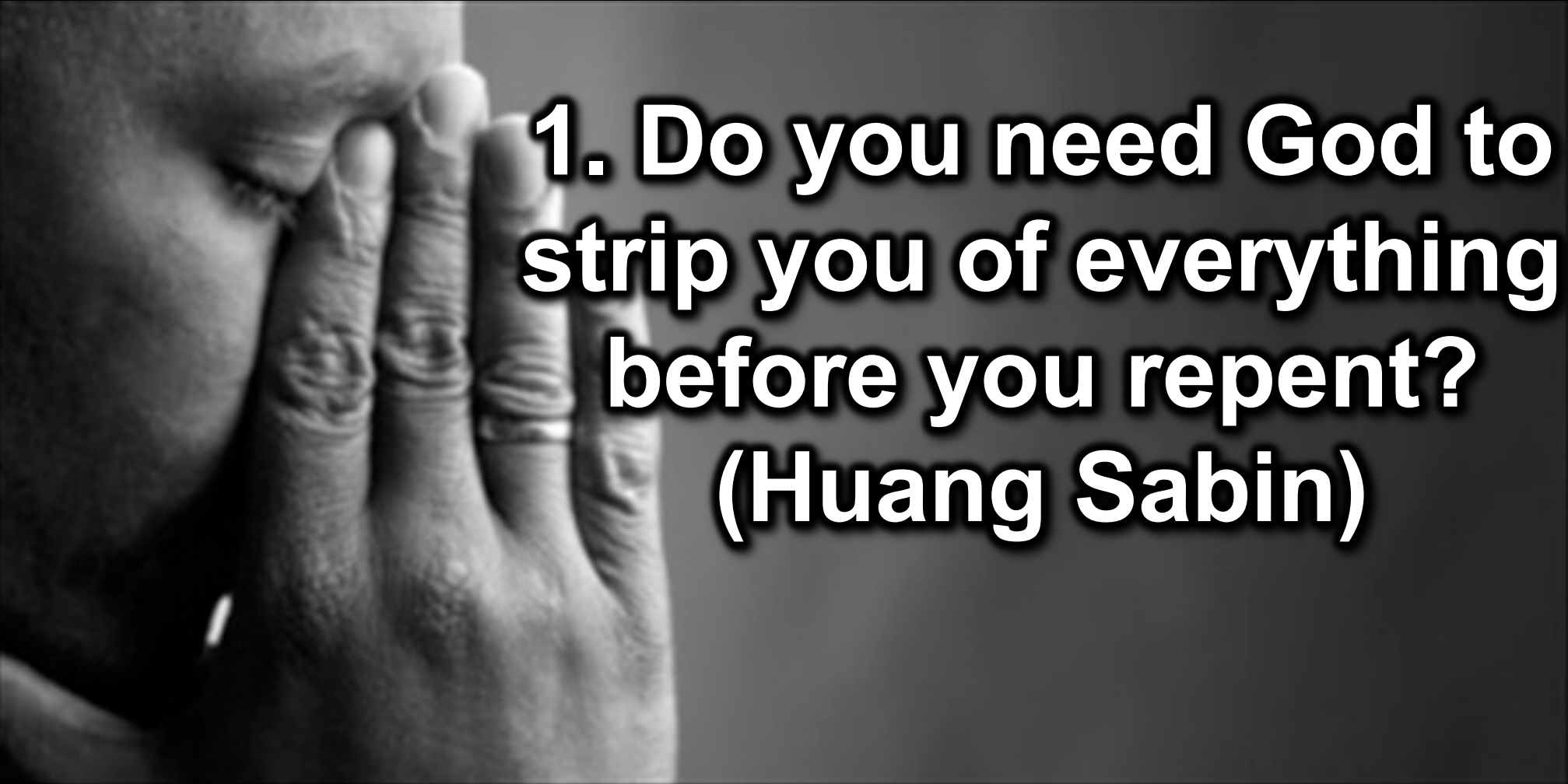
# Main Idea

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**Let discipline bring repentance  
and repentance bring restoration.**

# Questions to Consider




**1. Do you need God to  
strip you of everything  
before you repent?  
(Huang Sabin)**

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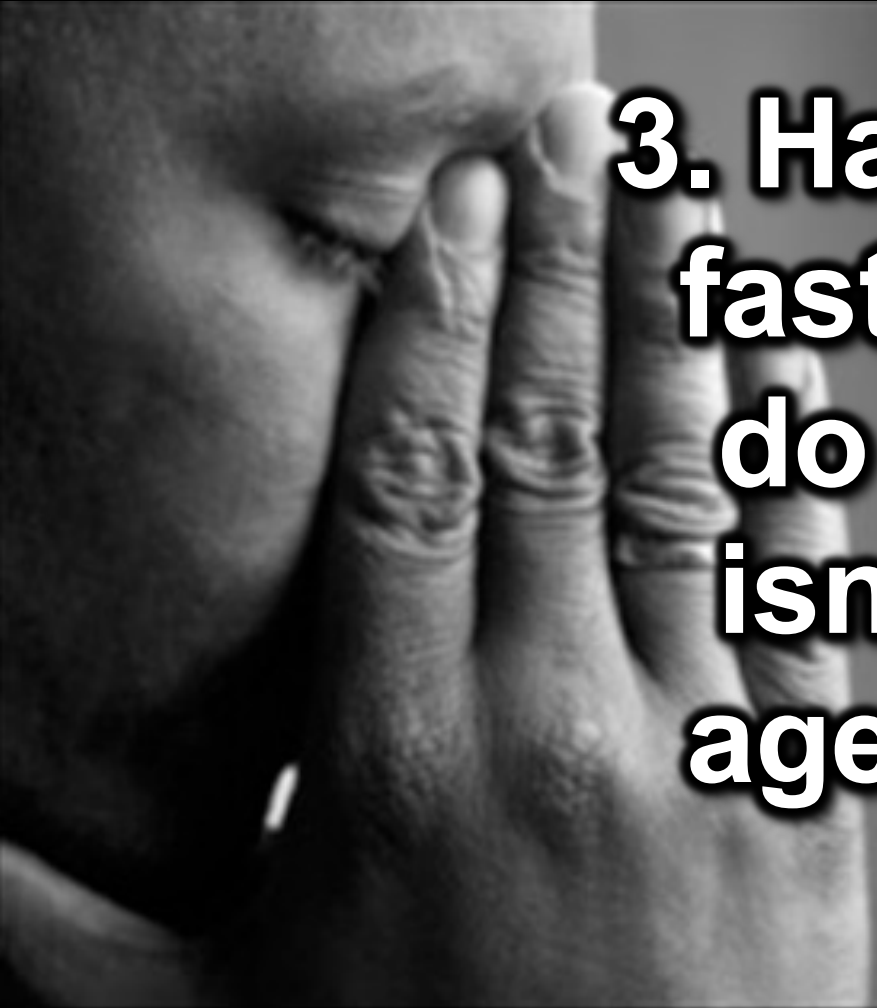
# Questions to Consider



**2. Is God disciplining  
you to get your  
attention on him once  
again?**

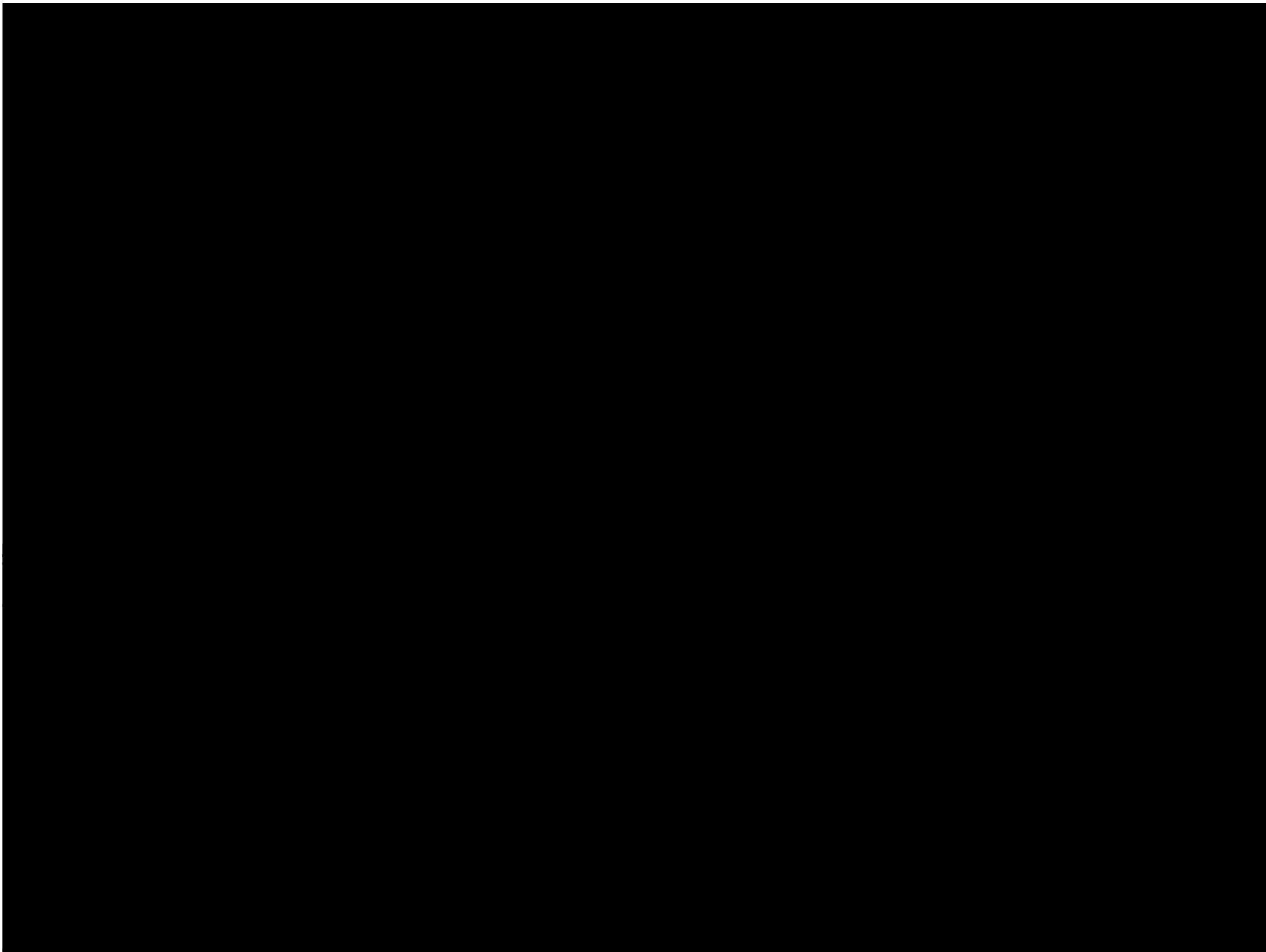
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# Questions to Consider



**3. Have you considered fasting (1:14; 2:12) or do you think fasting isn't for our modern age? Why wouldn't it be?**

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# Judgment is Coming!

From rats to  
the zoo

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Quotations  
and  
triathlons,  
anyone?

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The Sunday Times November 29, 1992

Those  
reel  
guns

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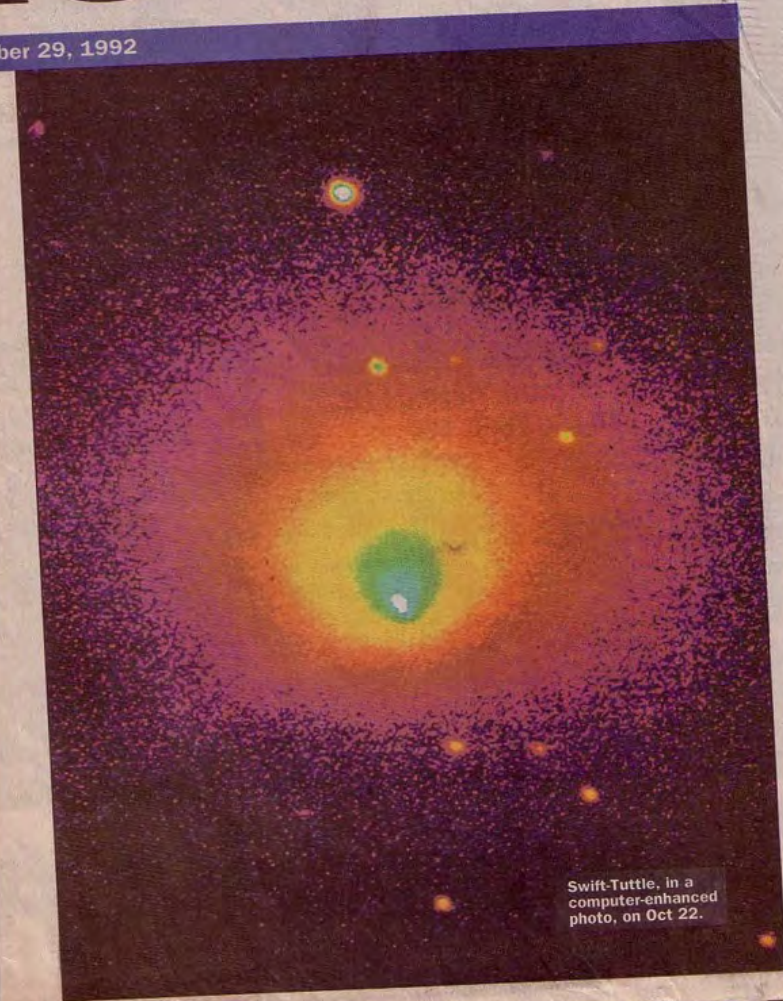


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Sharon Begley reports. Turn to Page 2.



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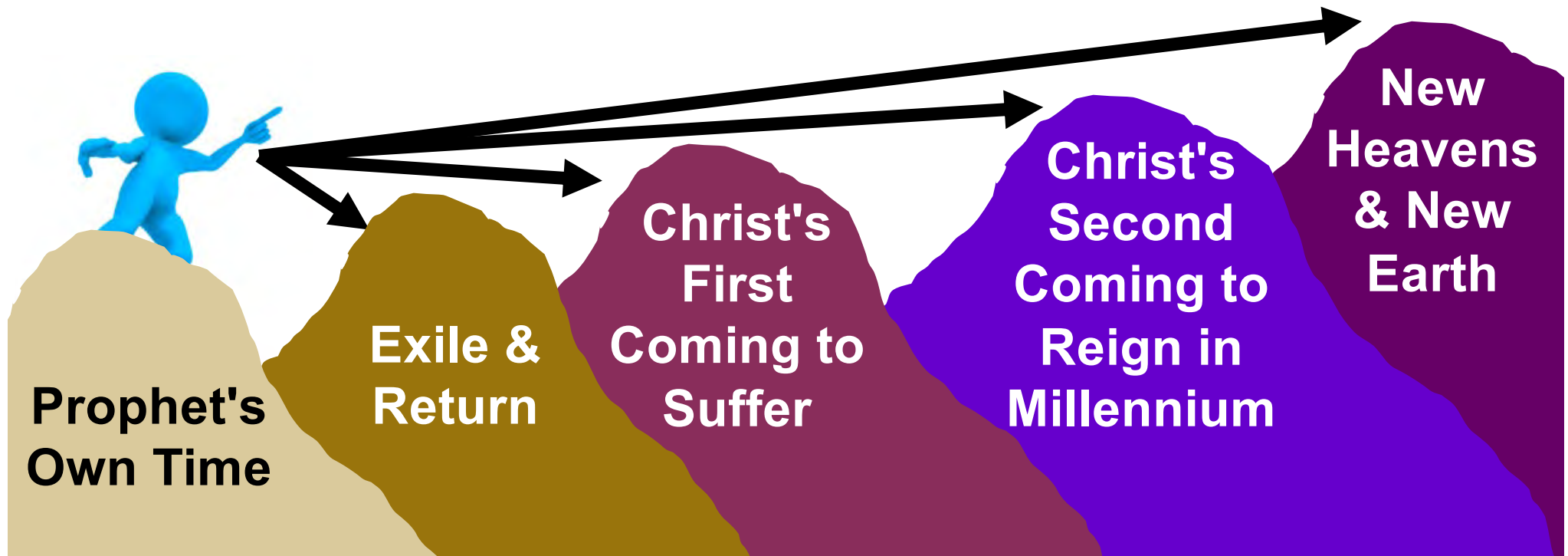
How does this report make you feel now?



# Approaching a Summit







# Time Periods of the Prophets

Adapted significantly from Salem Kirban, *Charts on Revelation* (1979), 49

# We See the Valleys



# Outline

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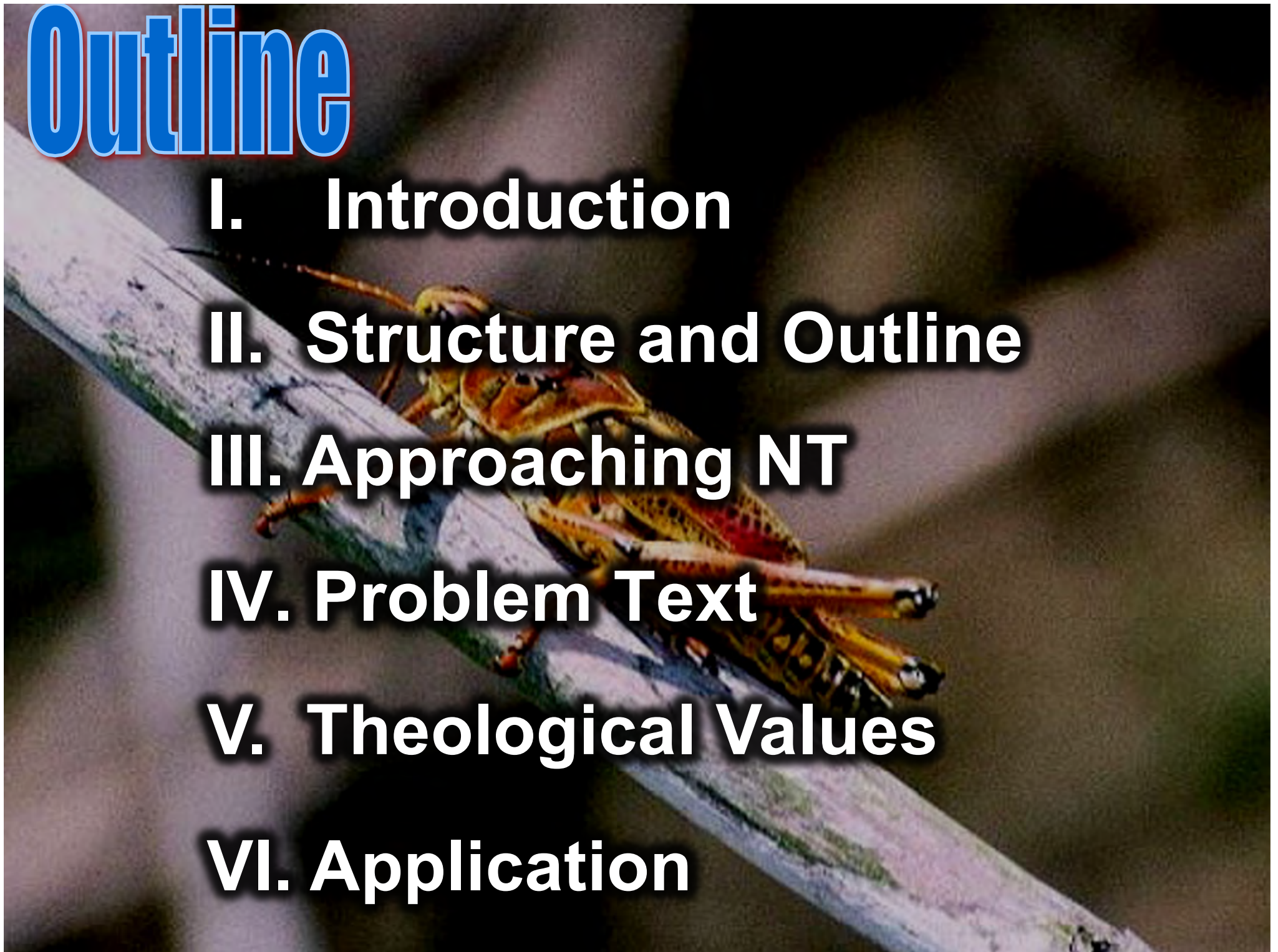
**II. Structure and Outline**

**III. Approaching NT**

**IV. Problem Text**

**V. Theological Values**

**VI. Application**





# ***Introduction Overview***

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## **I. Introduction to the Book**

**A. Title**

**B. Authorship**

**C. Date**

**D. Recipients**

**E. Occasion**

**F. Canonicity and Text**

**G. Unity**

**Locust taste receptor**

## A. Title

- ✧ יוֹאֵל (Yo'e/): "Yahweh is God"
- ✧ Other related meanings may be "strong willed" and "take refuge"

## B. Authorship (Internal Evidence)

- ✧ Son of Pethuel (1:1)
- ✧ Lived near Jerusalem (cf. 1:9, 13-14; 2:15-17, 23, 32; 3:1, 5-6, 16-17, 20-21)
- ✧ Temple prophet (cf. 1:13-14; 2:17)



# 2020 Kenyan Locusts

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## Why today's biblical locust swarms can't be stopped

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TECH

Democratic Party's donkey symbol replaced by a rat in Google search



Gregg Gonsalves  
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Social distancing in one image.

CULTURE

These images of matches perfectly illustrate how we can help stop coronavirus from spreading





# 2020 Kenyan Locusts



**A desert locust swarm in Kenya on Jan. 24, 2020.**

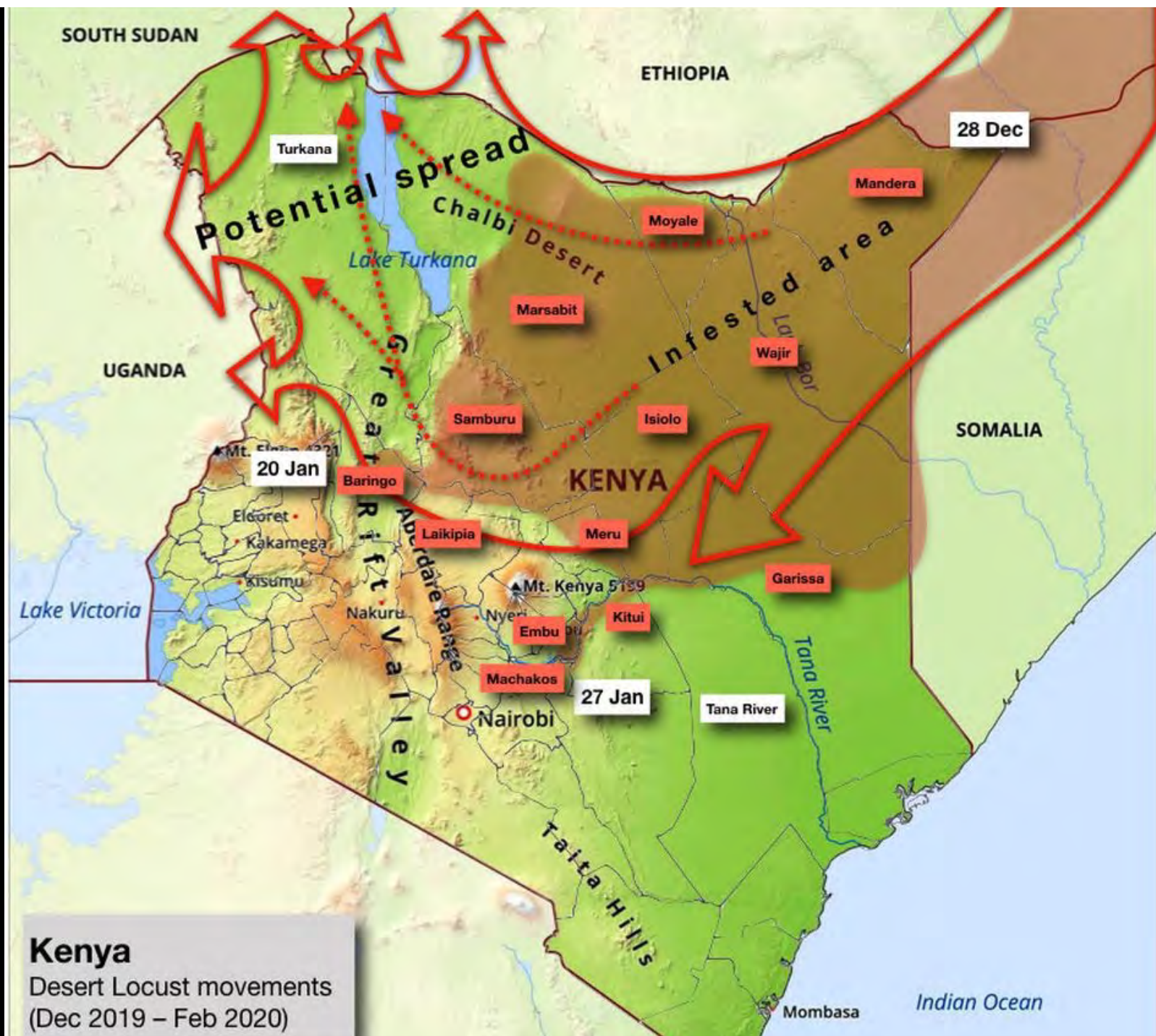


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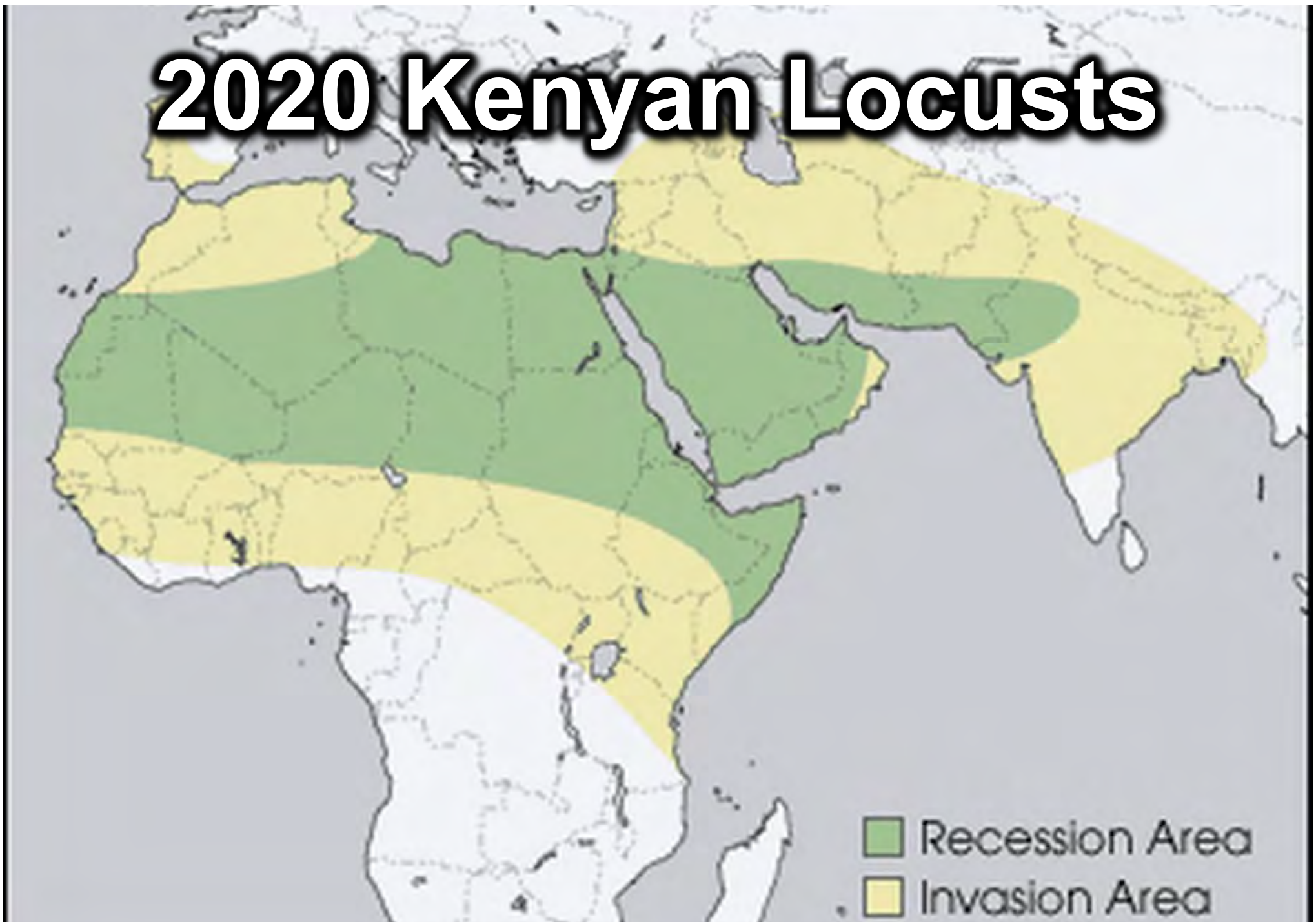




**Desert locust movements and prediction released on Jan. 28, 2020**



# 2020 Kenyan Locusts



The green "recession area" is where locusts naturally live, before swarming

# 2020 Kenyan Locusts



A Kenyan farmer picks up a desert locust in Jan. 2020.



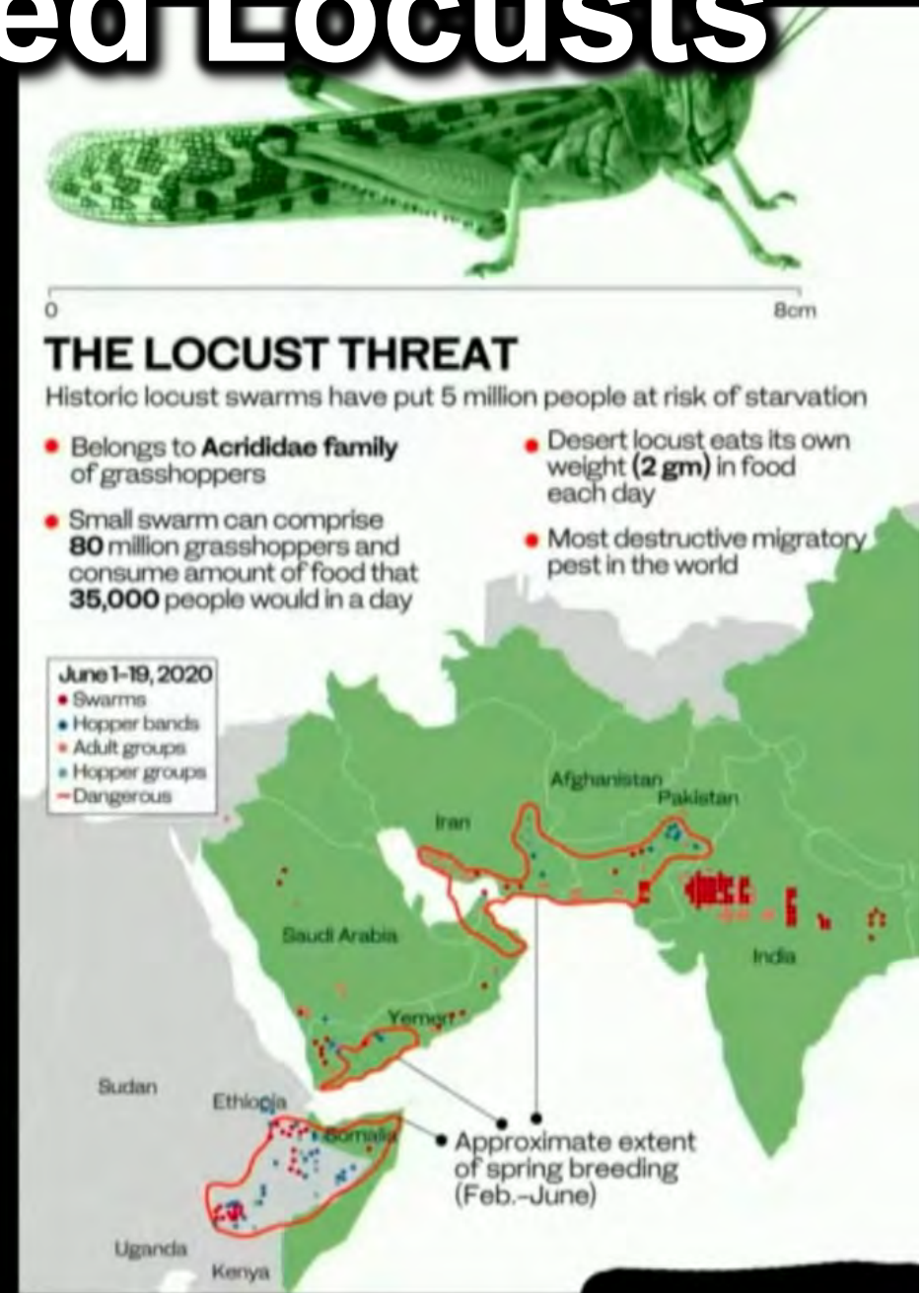
# 2020 Kenyan Locusts



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# 2020 Expanded Locusts



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# Discipline



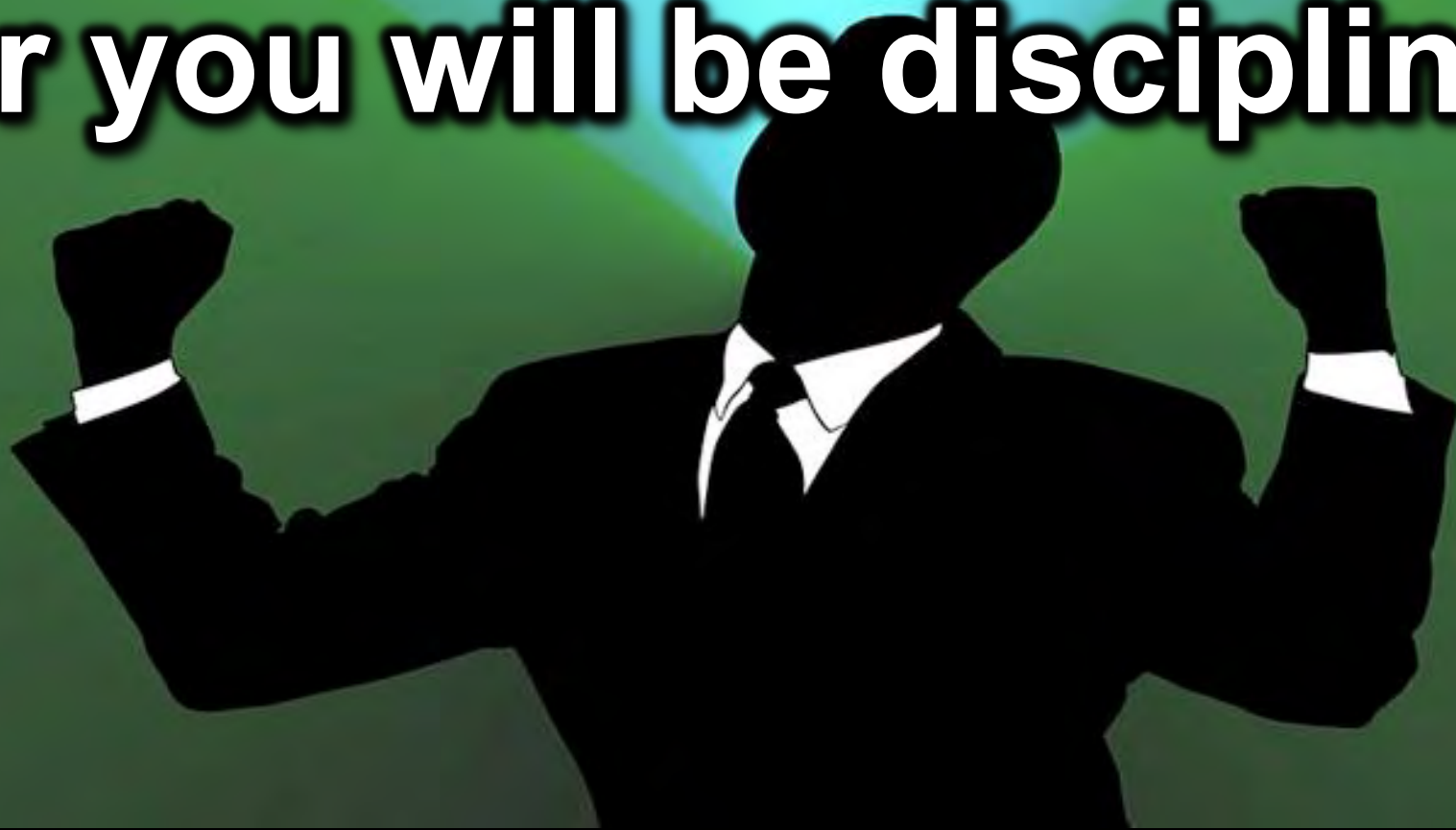


# Discipline



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**Be disciplined  
or you will be disciplined.**





聽

tīng (listen)



**The traditional Chinese character for "listen" consists of six radicals**

耳 ěr (ear)

王 wáng (king)

**Wrap your ear  
around the king**

十

shí (ten)

目

mù (eye)

**Focus on him with  
10 humble eyes**

一

yī (one)

心

xīn (heart)

**Listen with one  
undivided heart**

**When we truly listen to someone, we treat them as a king or queen. A servant never interrupts the king, but wraps his ear around him, attending every word & facial expression with "ten eyes & one heart"**

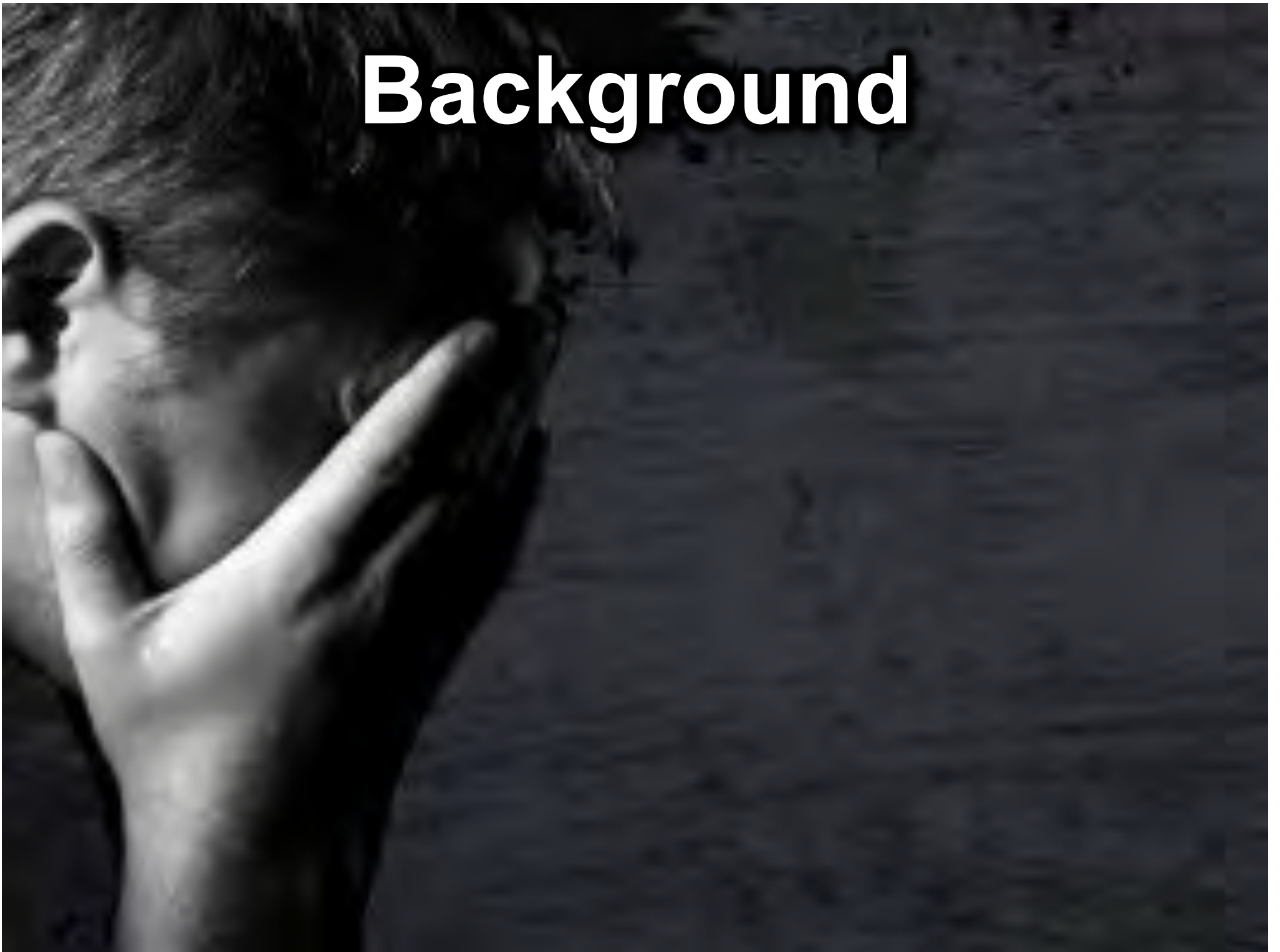
**True listening gives the other person our full respect and undivided attention.**



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we are **disciplined**?



# Background





"The LORD gave this message to Zephaniah when Josiah son of Amon was king of Judah.  
**Zephaniah was the** son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, **son of Hezekiah"**  
(Zephaniah 1:1 NLT).



# Zephaniah was of Royal Birth!

**Hezekiah**

King of Judah  
(Line of David)

*Sons who Ruled*

*Sons who Did  
Not Rule*

**Manasseh**

**Amon**

**Josiah**

**Amariah**

**Gedaliah**

**Cushi**

**Zephaniah**

Righteous in white; **Godless in yellow**



# Placing the Prophets

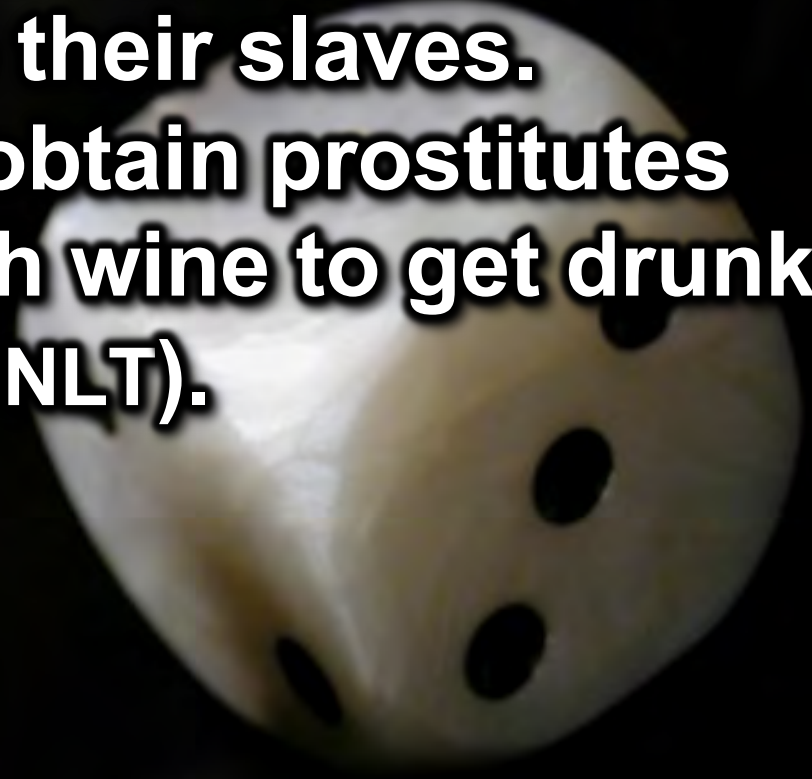
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Key Dates



**"They threw dice to decide which of my  
people would be their slaves.**

**They traded boys to obtain prostitutes  
and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk"  
(Joel 3:3 NLT).**





**"What do you have against me, Tyre and Sidon and you cities of Philistia? Are you trying to take revenge on me? If you are, then watch out! I will strike swiftly and pay you back for everything you have done. <sup>5</sup>You have taken my silver and gold and all my precious treasures, and have carried them off to your pagan temples" (Joel 3:4-5 NLT).**

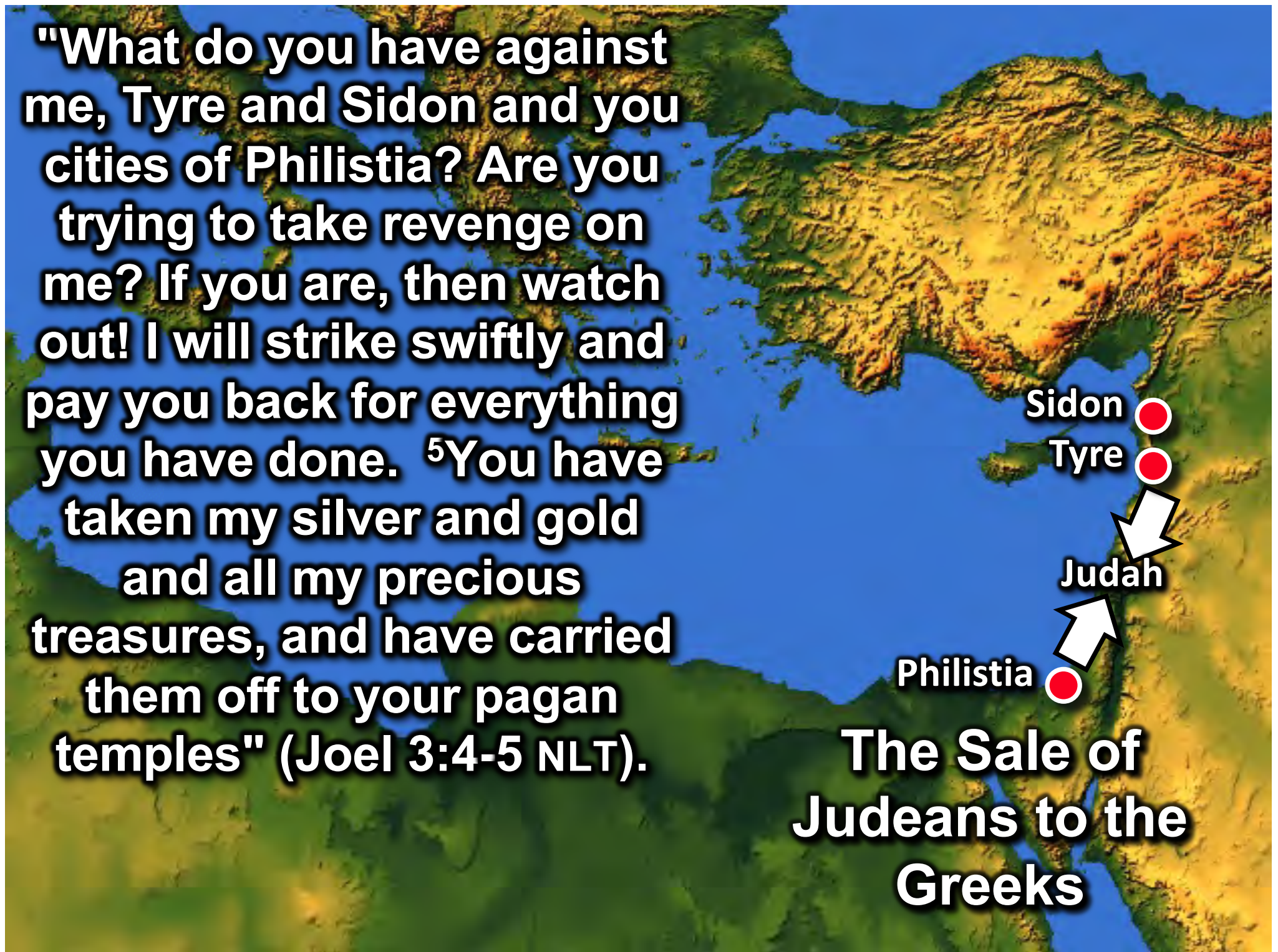
**The Sale of  
Judeans to the  
Greeks**

Sidon

Tyre

Judah

Philistia





**"You have sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, so they could take them far from their homeland" (Joel 3:6 NLT).**

**Greeks were not a strong power until around 600-500 BC so Joel probably has a later date**

Greeks

Sidon

Tyre

Judah

Philistia

**The Sale of Judeans to the Greeks**



# Jerusalem's Fall

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Key Dates

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Jeremiah

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Daniel

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Ezekiel

Jerusalem's  
Fall

Zephaniah

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Habakkuk

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Joel

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Lamentations

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# **Joel Preached During King Nebuchadnezzar's Reign**



A hand is holding a white rectangular card against a blue background. The card contains a list of two items. The first item is '1. What to do now' and the second item is '2. How this will turn out'. At the bottom of the card, it says '"TO DO" list for today'.

**1. What to do  
now**

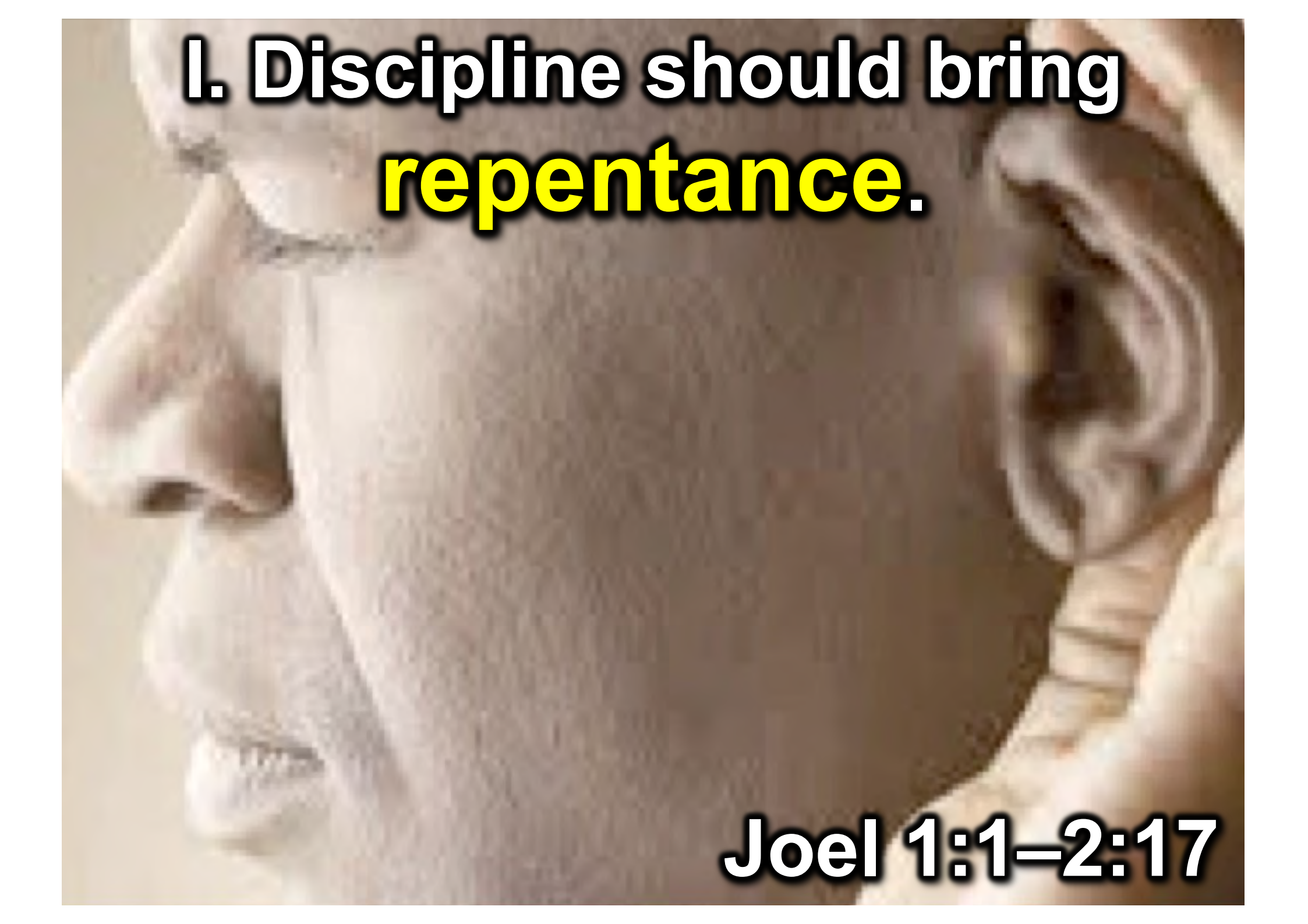
**2. How this will  
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**Joel 1:1–2:17**

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**History**

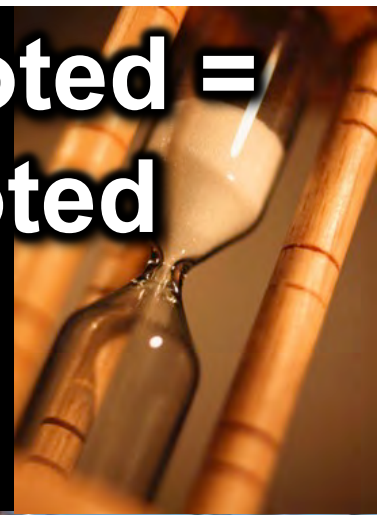
**Prophecy**

**The Day of the LORD**

# Joel 1



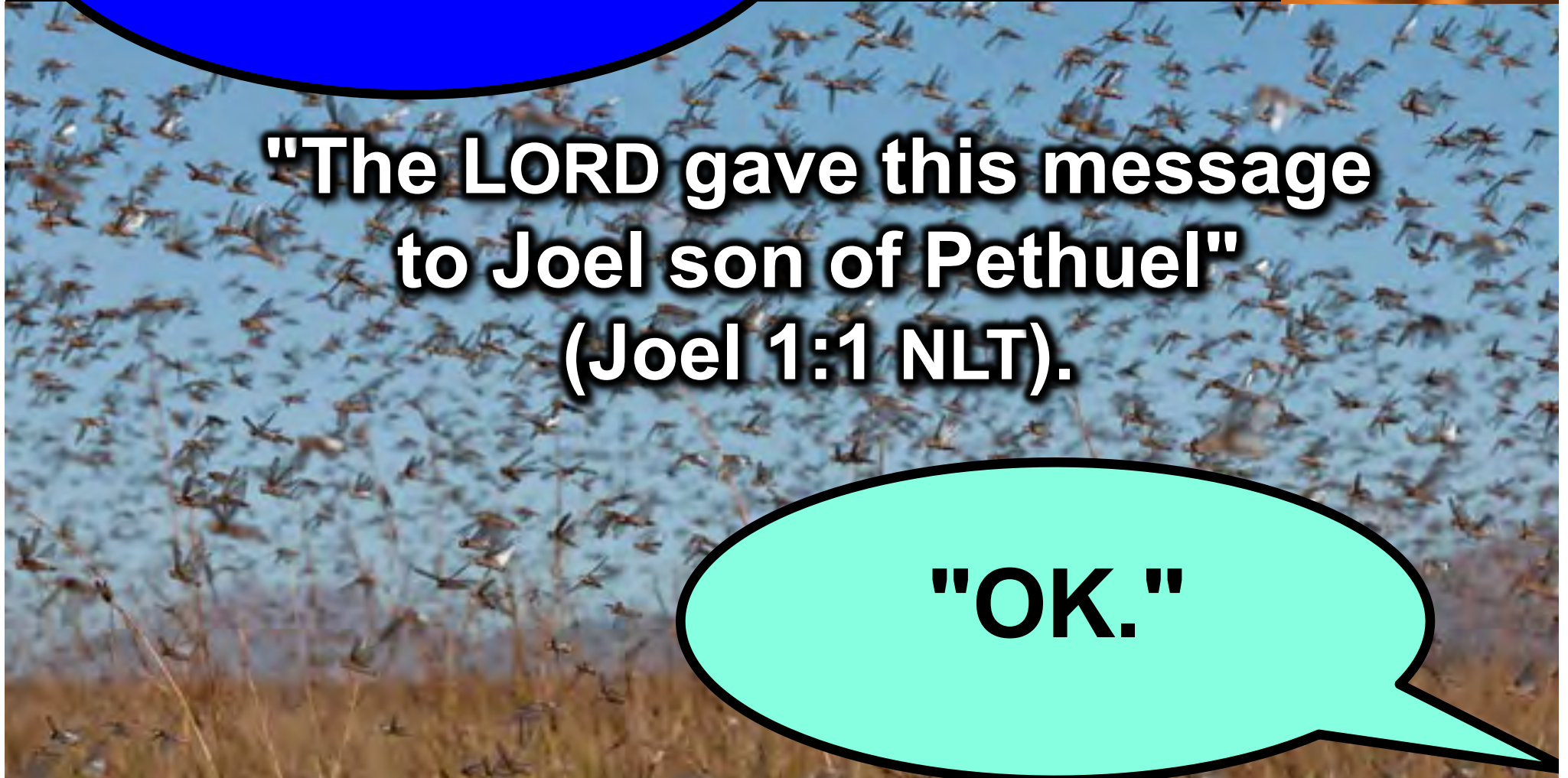
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**"Tell them about  
the locusts."**

**"The LORD gave this message  
to Joel son of Pethuel"  
(Joel 1:1 NLT).**

**"OK."**



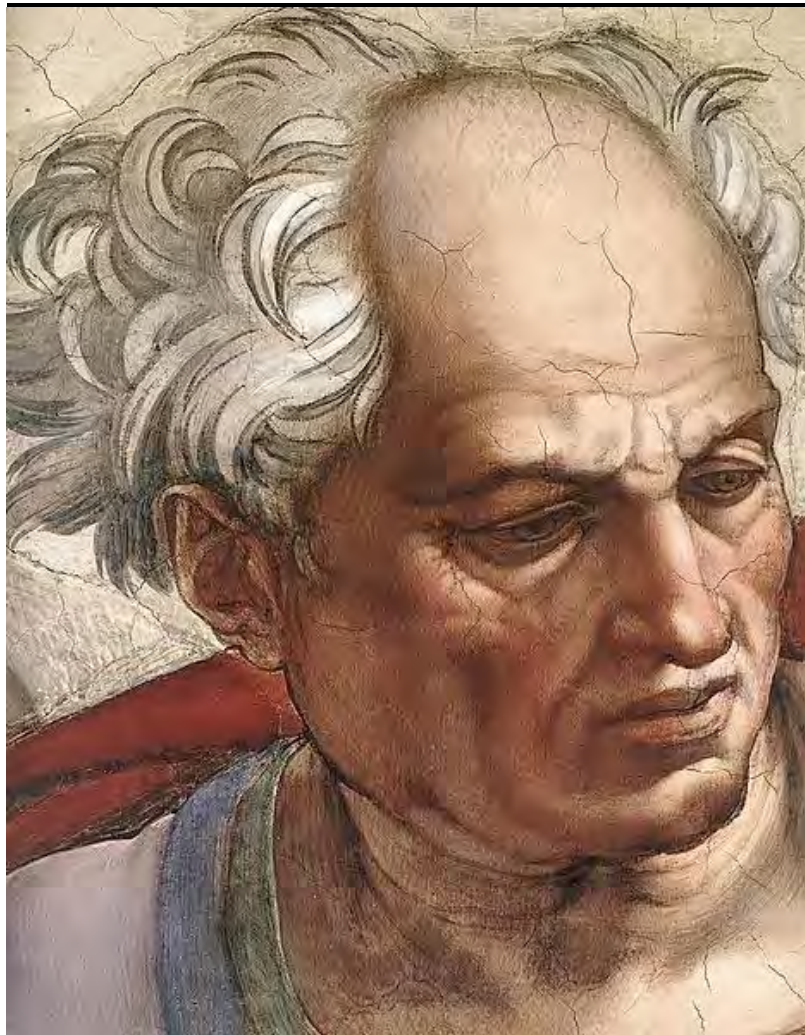
**The Name "Joel" = LORD God**

**"Jo" = *Jehovah* = LORD**

**"El" = *Elohim* = God**







**"Hear this, you leaders of  
the people.  
Listen, all who live in the  
land. In all your history,  
has anything like this  
happened before?  
<sup>3</sup>Tell your children about it  
in the years to come,  
and let your children tell  
their children.  
Pass the story down from  
generation to generation"  
(Joel 1:2-3 NLT).**



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- 1 **C**ry to avoid judgment
- 2 **R**eturn to God's blessing
- 3 **Y**ield to God's sovereignty

**C.Date**: late pre-exilic time period  
(between 597 and 586 BC).

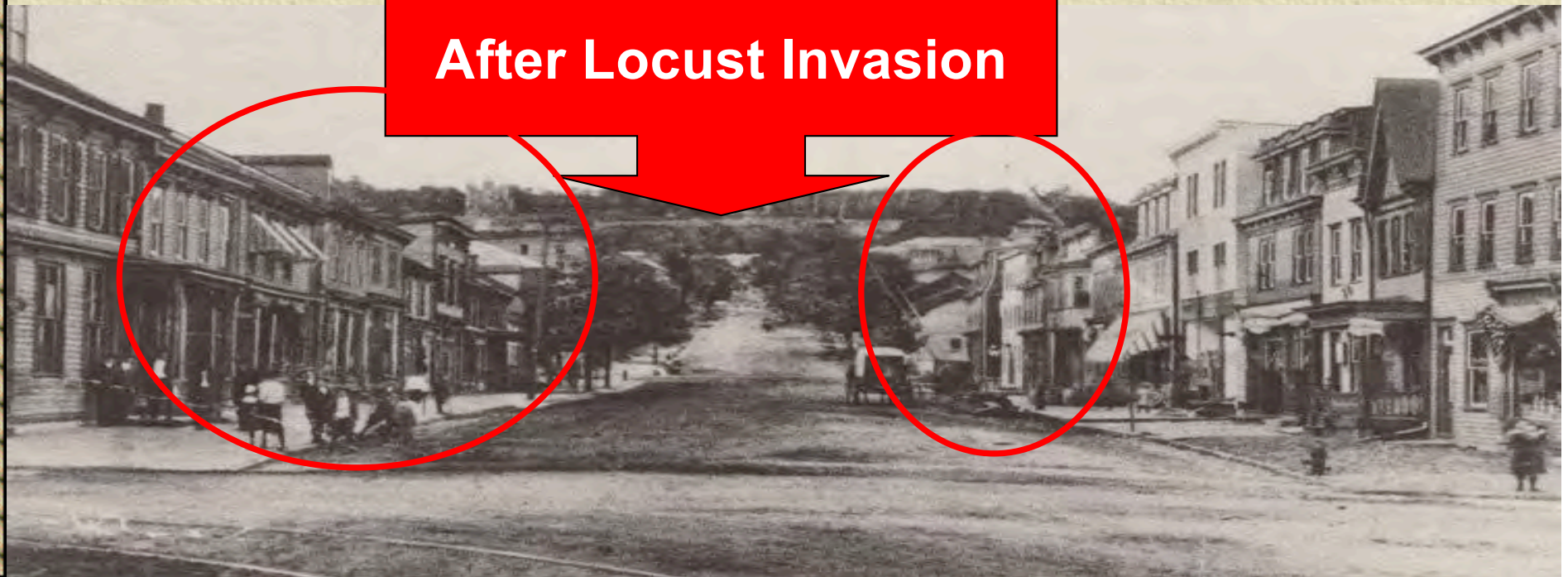
**D.Recipients**: people in Judah due  
to many references to Zion and  
the Temple (1:9, 13-14; 2:15-17,  
23, 32; 3:1, 5-6, 16-17, 20-21).



# A Modern Locust Invasion (Centralia, Pennsylvania, USA)



**Before Locust Invasion**



**After Locust Invasion**

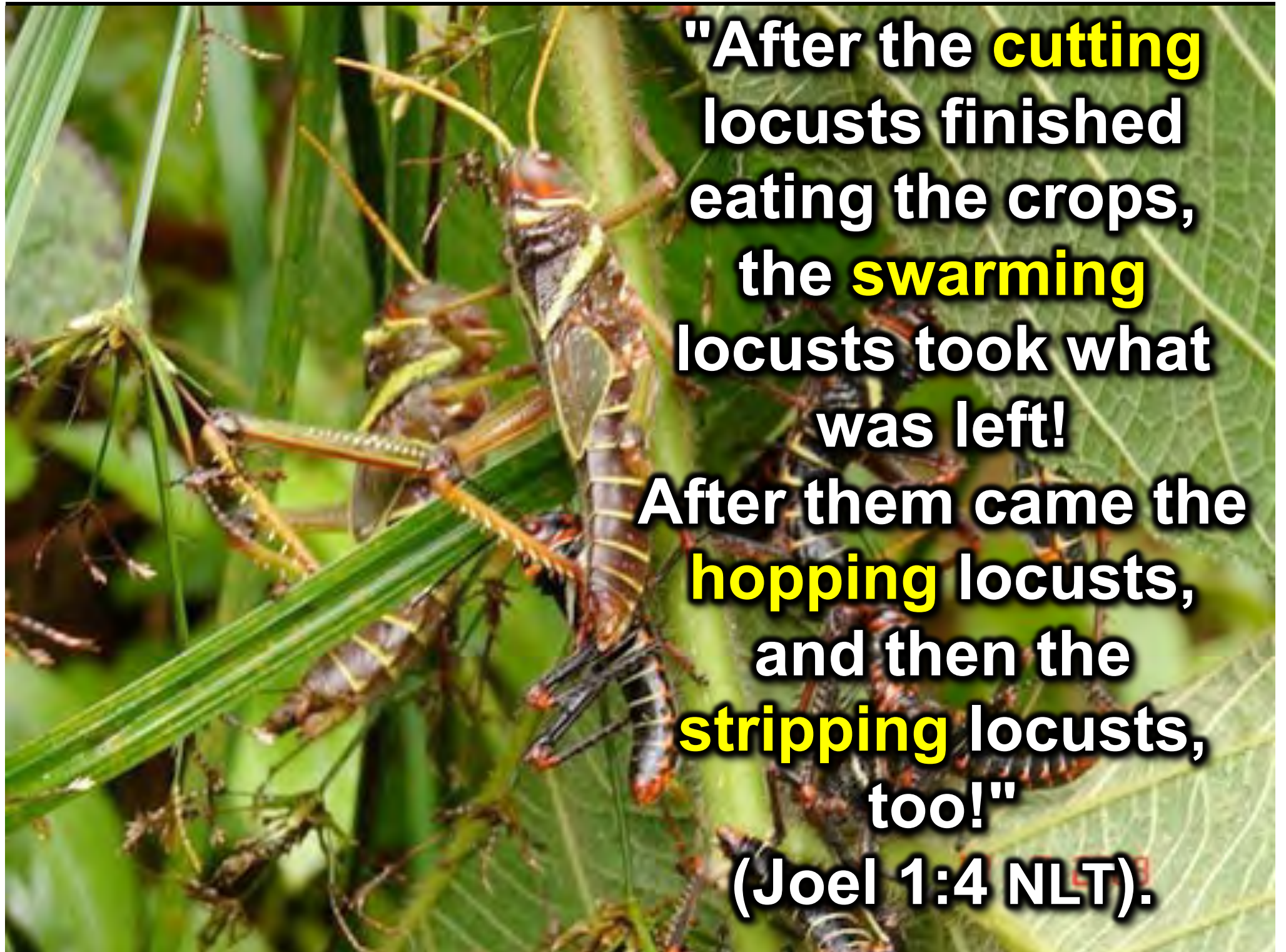


## E. Occasion

✦ A recent locust plague had invaded Judah







"After the **cutting**  
locusts finished  
eating the crops,  
the **swarming**  
locusts took what  
was left!

After them came the  
**hopping** locusts,  
and then the  
**stripping** locusts,  
too!"

(Joel 1:4 NLT).



**"Wake up, you drunkards, and weep!  
Wail, all you wine-drinkers!  
All the grapes are ruined,  
and all your sweet wine is gone"  
(Joel 1:5 NLT).**







**"A vast army of  
locusts has invaded  
my land,  
a terrible army too  
numerous to count.  
Its teeth are like  
lions' teeth,  
its fangs like those  
of a lioness"  
(Joel 1:6 NLT).**

**"It has destroyed  
my grapevines  
and ruined my fig  
trees,  
stripping their  
bark and  
destroying it,  
leaving the  
branches white  
and bare"  
(Joel 1:7 NLT).**





# **The Day of the LORD (Joel 1:15 NLT).**

**"The day of the  
LORD is near,  
the day when  
destruction comes  
from the Almighty.  
How terrible that day  
will be!"**



# NATIONAL DISASTERS IN JOEL 1

**Two serious  
plagues razed  
Judah:**

**Locusts  
(Joel 1:4)**



**Drought  
(Joel 1:20)**







**Mature  
adults  
copulating**

5 9:09 AM



# Locust Grave Yard, Salt Lake, Utah






**Key Word**



*Locust*



**So what does the  
Torah say about  
locusts?**



# Deut. 28 Blessings & Curses

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**Your towns and your fields  
will be blessed (3)**

**Your children and your crops  
will be blessed (4)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-  
boards will be blessed (5)**

**Wherever you go and whatever  
you do, you will be blessed (6)**

**Your enemies will attack you from  
one direction, but they will scatter  
from you in seven! (7)**

**You will lend to many nations, but  
you will never need to borrow  
from them (12)**

**Your towns and your fields  
will be cursed (16)**

**Your children and your crops  
will be cursed (17)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-  
boards will be cursed (18)**

**Wherever you go and whatever  
you do, you will be cursed (19)**

**You will attack your enemies from  
one direction, but you will scatter  
from them in seven! (25)**

**They will lend to money to you,  
but you will not lend to them  
(44)**



# Prophetic Curses

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Why?

Deut. 28

Exile



# What Did a Locust Plague Mean?

- **NLT Deuteronomy 28:38**  
"You will plant much but harvest little, for **locusts will eat your crops.**"

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**"Sound the alarm in  
Jerusalem!**

**Raise the battle cry on my  
holy mountain!**

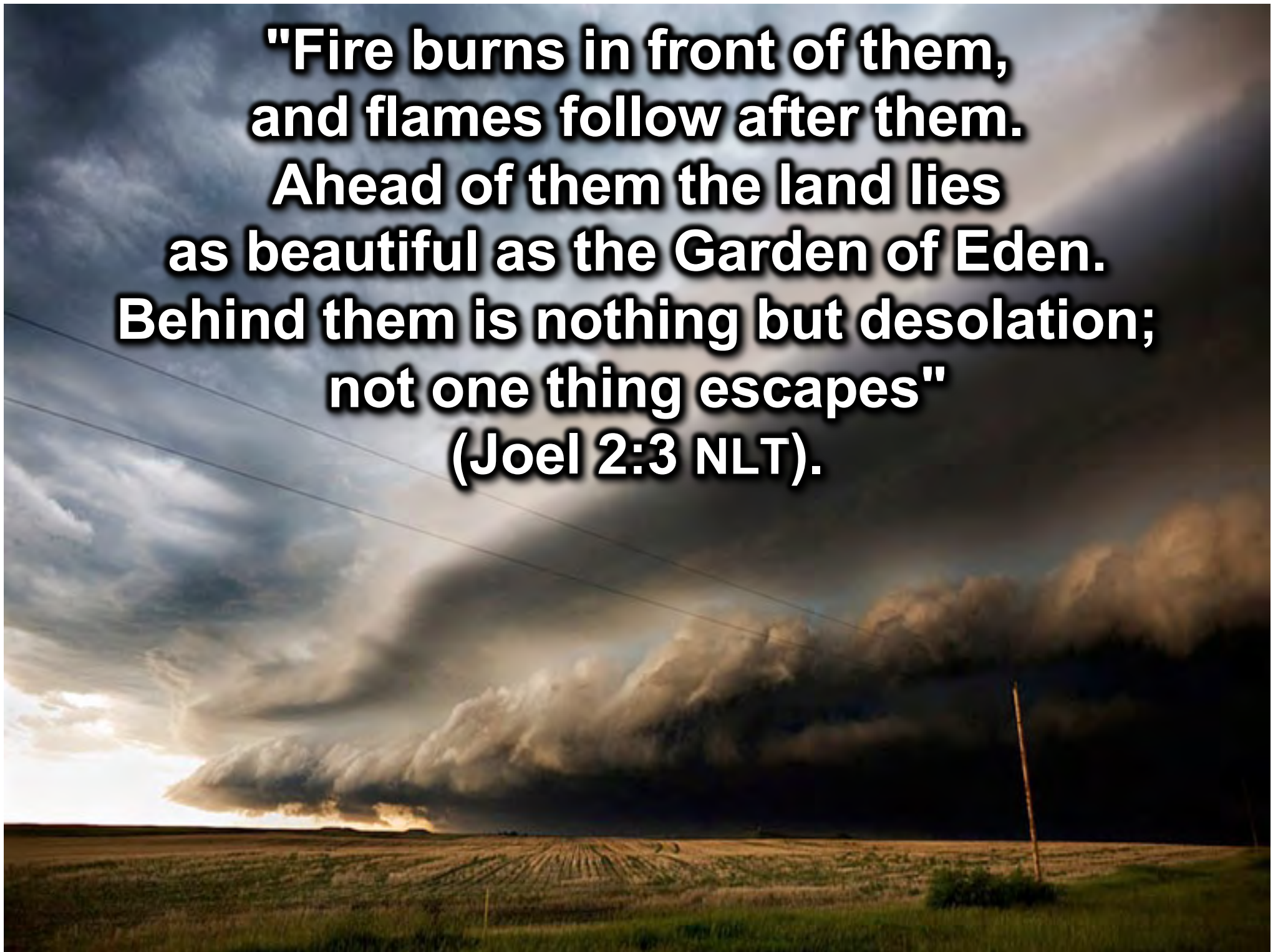
**Let everyone tremble in fear  
because the day of the LORD  
is upon us" (Joel 2:1 NLT).**



**"[The day of the LORD]...  
is a **day** of darkness and  
gloom,  
a **day** of thick clouds and  
deep blackness.  
Suddenly, like dawn  
spreading across the  
mountains,  
a great and mighty army  
appears.  
Nothing like it has been  
seen before  
or will ever be seen  
again"  
(Joel 2:2 NLT).**



**"Fire burns in front of them,  
and flames follow after them.  
Ahead of them the land lies  
as beautiful as the Garden of Eden.  
Behind them is nothing but desolation;  
not one thing escapes"  
(Joel 2:3 NLT).**



**"They look like  
horses;  
they charge forward  
like war horses"  
(Joel 2:4 NLT).**






**"Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops. Listen to the noise they make—like the rumbling of chariots, like the roar of fire sweeping across a field of stubble, or like a mighty army moving into battle"  
(Joel 2:5 NLT).**





# Key Verse

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✦ "... The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning'" (Joel 2:11b-12)



# What are the "locusts" of Joel 2:1-11?

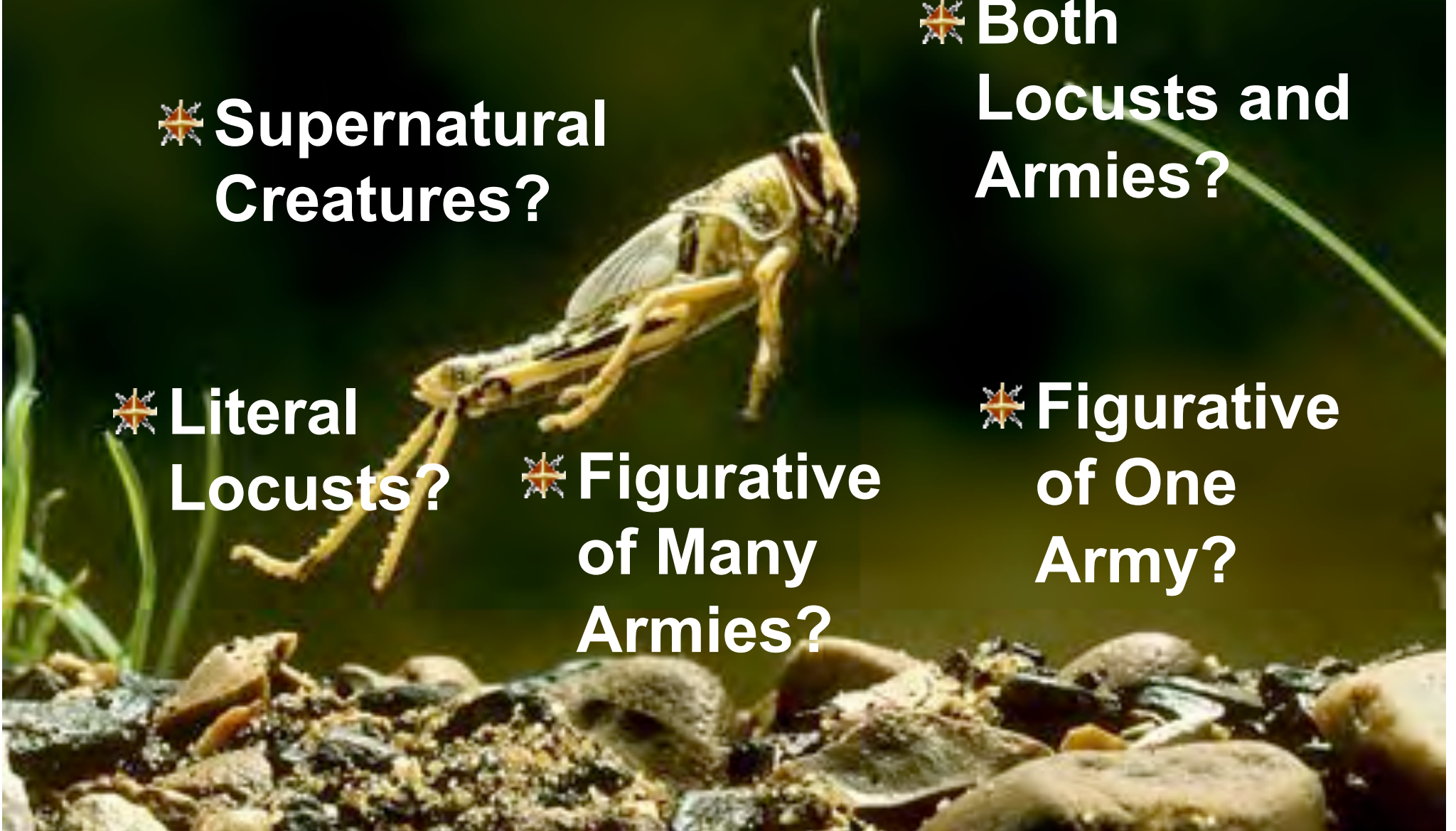
✧ Supernatural Creatures?

✧ Both Locusts and Armies?

✧ Literal Locusts?

✧ Figurative of Many Armies?

✧ Figurative of One Army?



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# Why Future?

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**1. Imagery heightened:  
earthquake, signs in skies  
(Joel 2:10, 30-31; Matt. 24:29)**



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2. "Army" (Joel 2:2, 11)



# Why Future?

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earthquake, signs in skies  
(Joel 2:10, 30-31; Matt. 24:29)

2. "Army" (Joel 2:2, 11)

3. Locusts never invade from  
the north like this "army"  
(Joel 2:20)

4. The "northern one" (Joel 2:20)  
matches eschatological  
enemies invading from the  
north (Zech. 6:8, etc.)



# Judgment!







**Blessing!**





# **The Day of the LORD**

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**Judgment +**

**Blessing**

**Tribulation**

**Millennium**

**Rev. 6–19**

**Rev. 20**

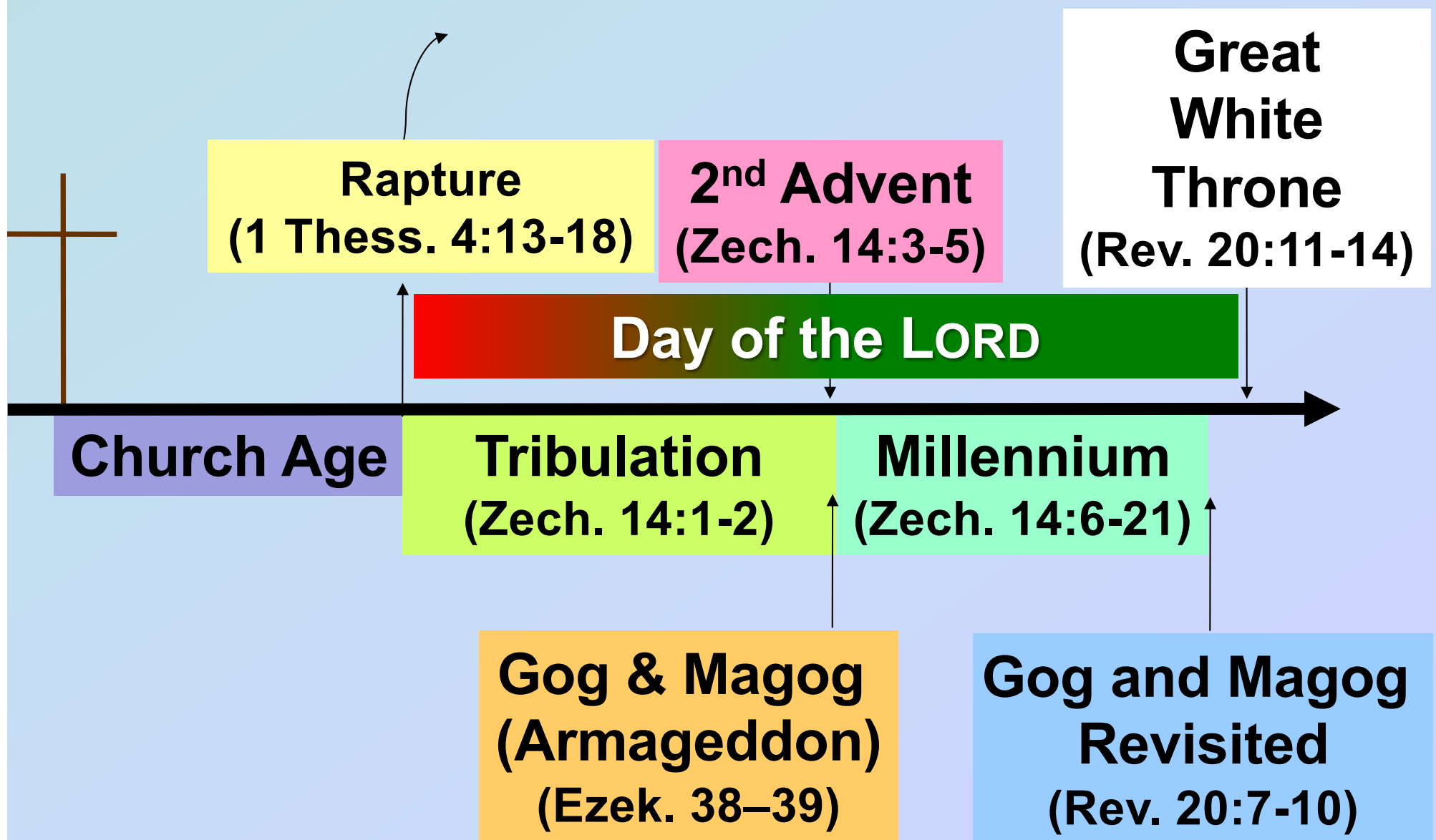
**7 years**

**1000 years**



# A Dispensational Timeline

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# What to do?

**"'Even now,' declares the LORD,  
'return to me with all your heart, with  
fasting and weeping and mourning.'  
Rend your heart and not your garments.  
Return to the LORD your God, for he is  
gracious and compassionate, slow to  
anger and abounding in love, and he  
relents from sending calamity"  
(Joel 2:12-13 NIV).**



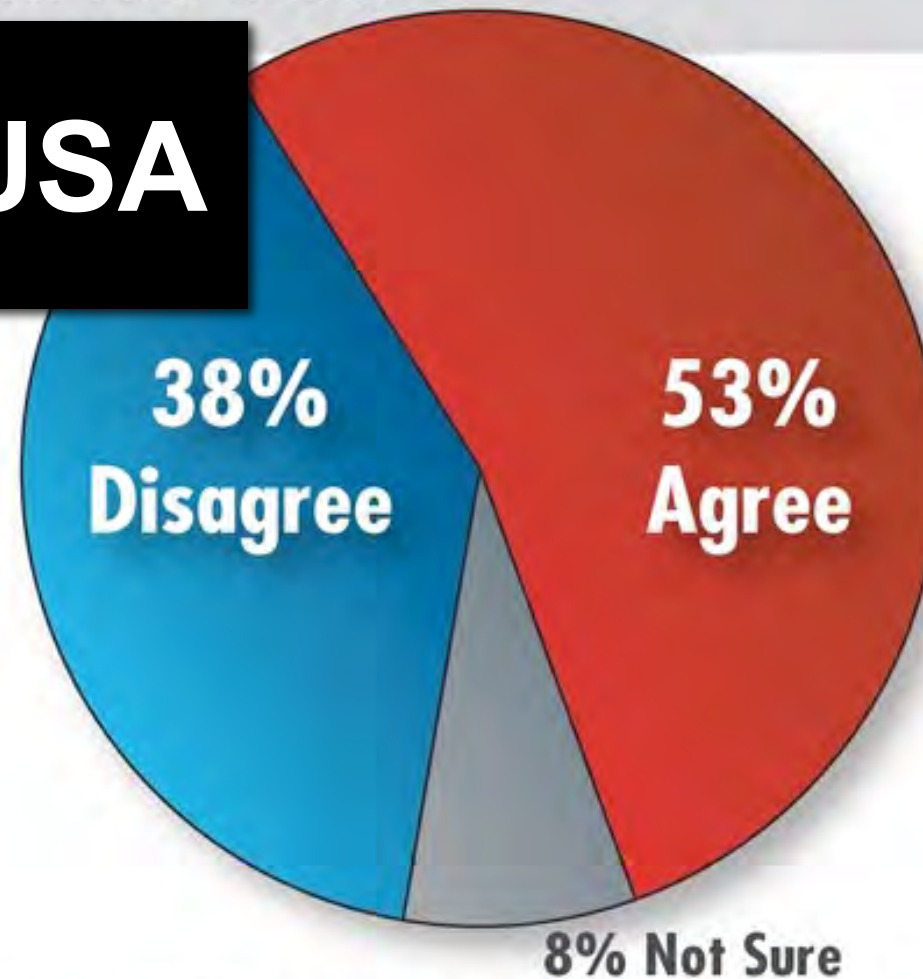
# Do you reject God's discipline?



AMONG AMERICANS:

**"God has a special relationship  
with the USA."**

# God & the USA



Note: Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding.



# God's Discipline of the USA



# **God's Discipline of the USA**

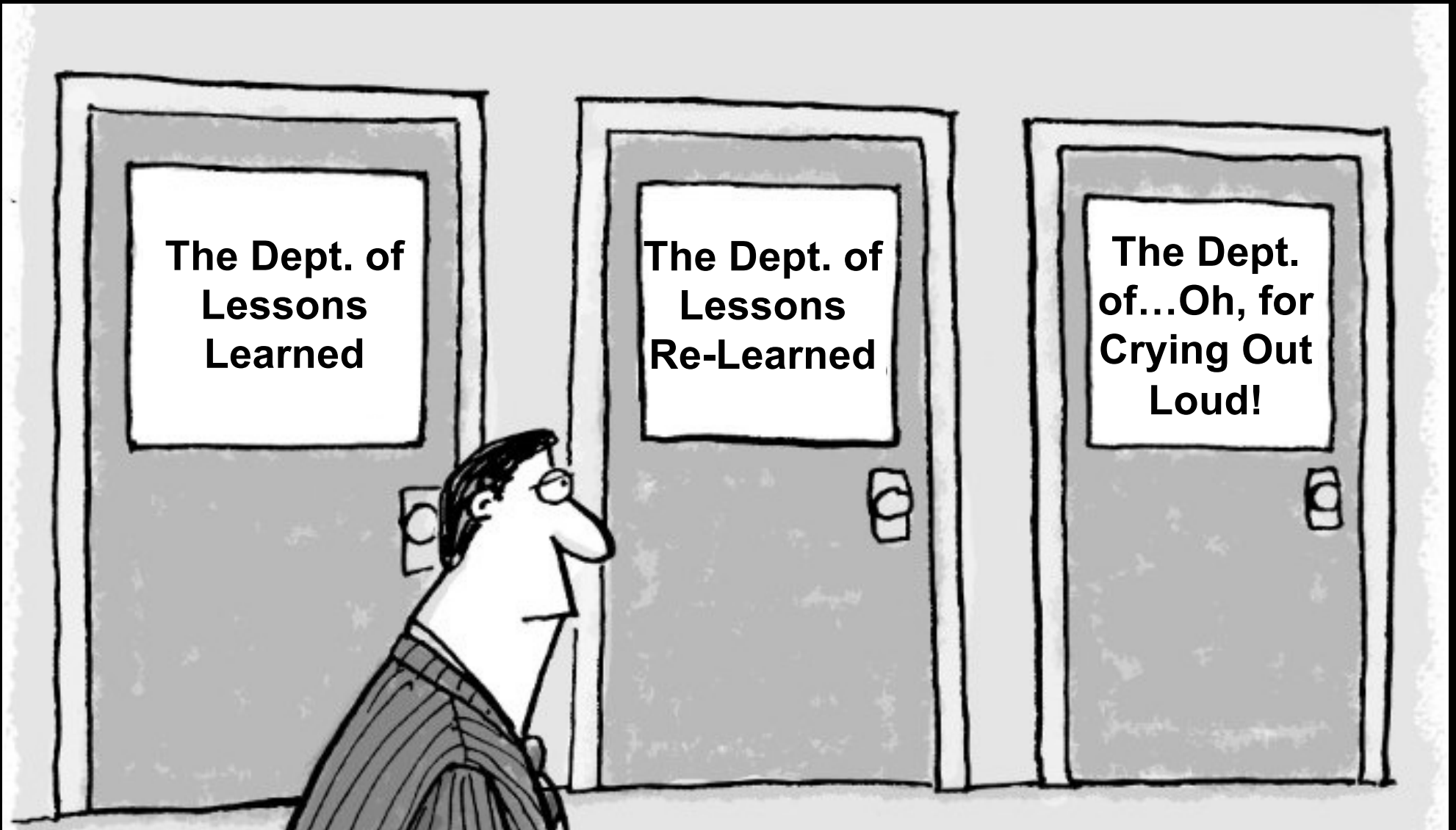
**THE PROBLEM IS NOT  
GUNS!**

**It is hearts without God,  
homes without discipline,  
schools without prayer, and  
courts without justice.**



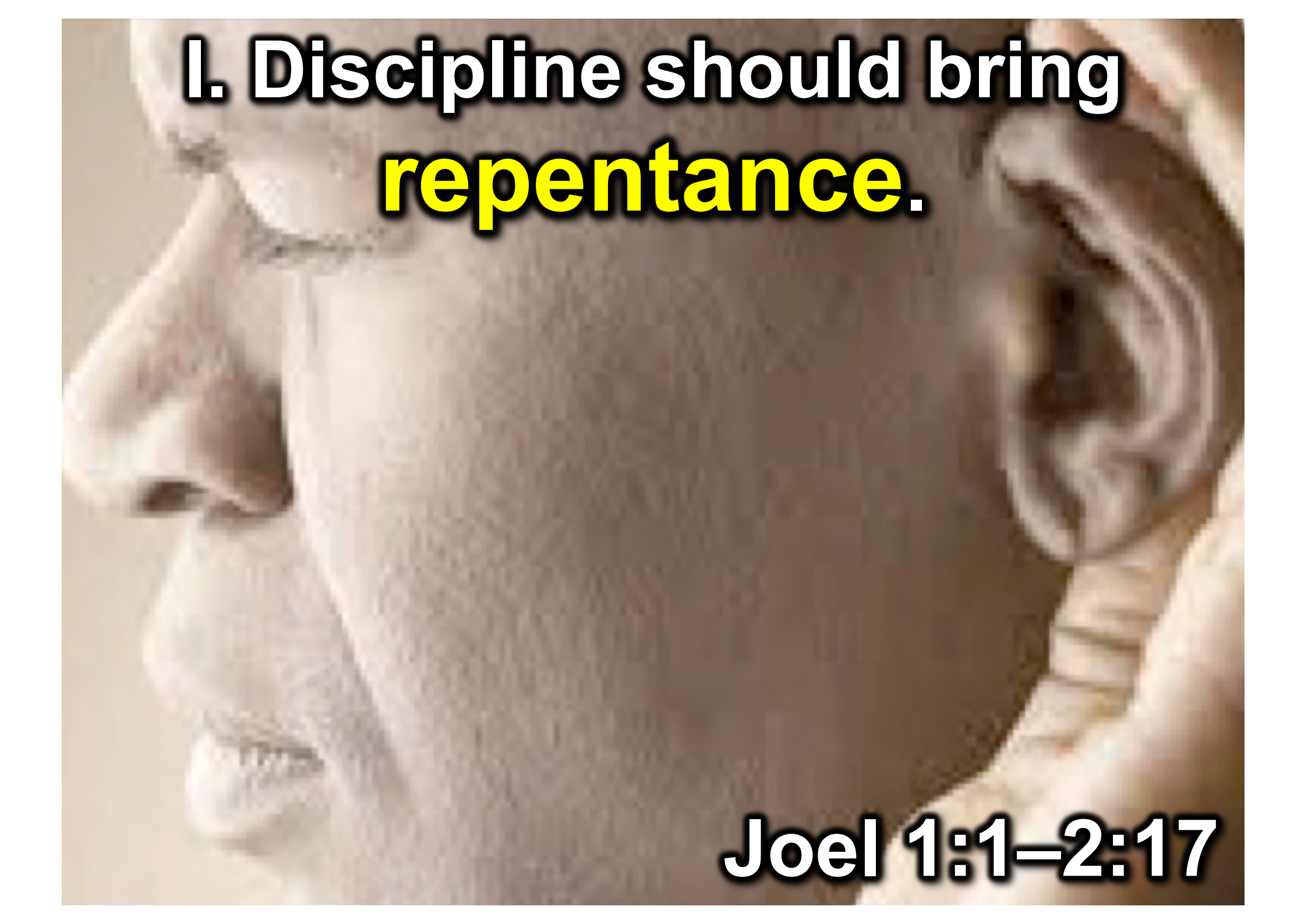


# Discipline of Individuals



**I DON'T  
MAKE EXCUSES  
I MAKE  
RESULTS**





**I. Discipline should bring  
repentance.**

**Joel 1:1–2:17**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, likely of African descent, resting on a metallic, reflective surface. The left hand is open, with fingers slightly spread, while the right hand is closed in a fist. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the sheen of the metal. The background is dark and out of focus.

**II. Repentance will bring  
restoration.**

**Joel 2:18–3:21**



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**Israel's repentance will bring  
forgiveness, deliverance and restoration  
(Joel 2:18–3:21).**





**"Then the LORD will pity his people and  
jealously guard the honor of his land.  
19The LORD will reply, 'Look! I am sending  
you grain and new wine and olive oil,  
enough to satisfy your needs. You will no  
longer be an object of mockery among  
the surrounding nations'"**  
**(Joel 2:18-19 NLT).**



**"I will drive away these  
armies from the north. I  
will send them into the  
parched wastelands.  
Those in the front will be  
driven into the Dead  
Sea, and those at the  
rear into the  
Mediterranean.  
The stench of their  
rotting bodies will rise  
over the land.'  
Surely the Lord has  
done great things!"  
(Joel 2:20 NLT).**

**The North**

**Israel**

**God's Future  
Protection of Israel**





# Contrasting Joel 1 and 2:21-27

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*Adapted from an Anonymous Handout (Dallas Seminary, 1985)*

|                              | In Joel's Day                            | In the Day of the LORD                              |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Land</b>                  | Mourned (1:10)                           | Will rejoice and be glad (2:21)                     |
| <b>Animals</b>               | Groaned, wandered, were hungry (1:18)    | Will not be afraid (2:22a)                          |
| <b>Fields &amp; Orchards</b> | Were barren & nonproductive (1:7, 10-12) | Will grow and be fruitful and productive (2:22)     |
| <b>Rain</b>                  | Drought with dryness causing fire (1:20) | Will pour down in abundance (2:23)                  |
| <b>Grain, Wine, Oil</b>      | Ruined and dried (1:10)                  | Will be plentiful (2:24)                            |
| <b>Crops</b>                 | Damaged by locusts (1:4)                 | Damage will be replaced with productivity (2:25-26) |

# Land Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

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## **Mourned**

"...The land mourns..."  
(Joel 1:10 NAU).



## **Will be glad**

"Do not fear, O land,  
rejoice and be glad,  
For the LORD has done  
great things" (Joel 2:21  
NAU).





# Animal Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

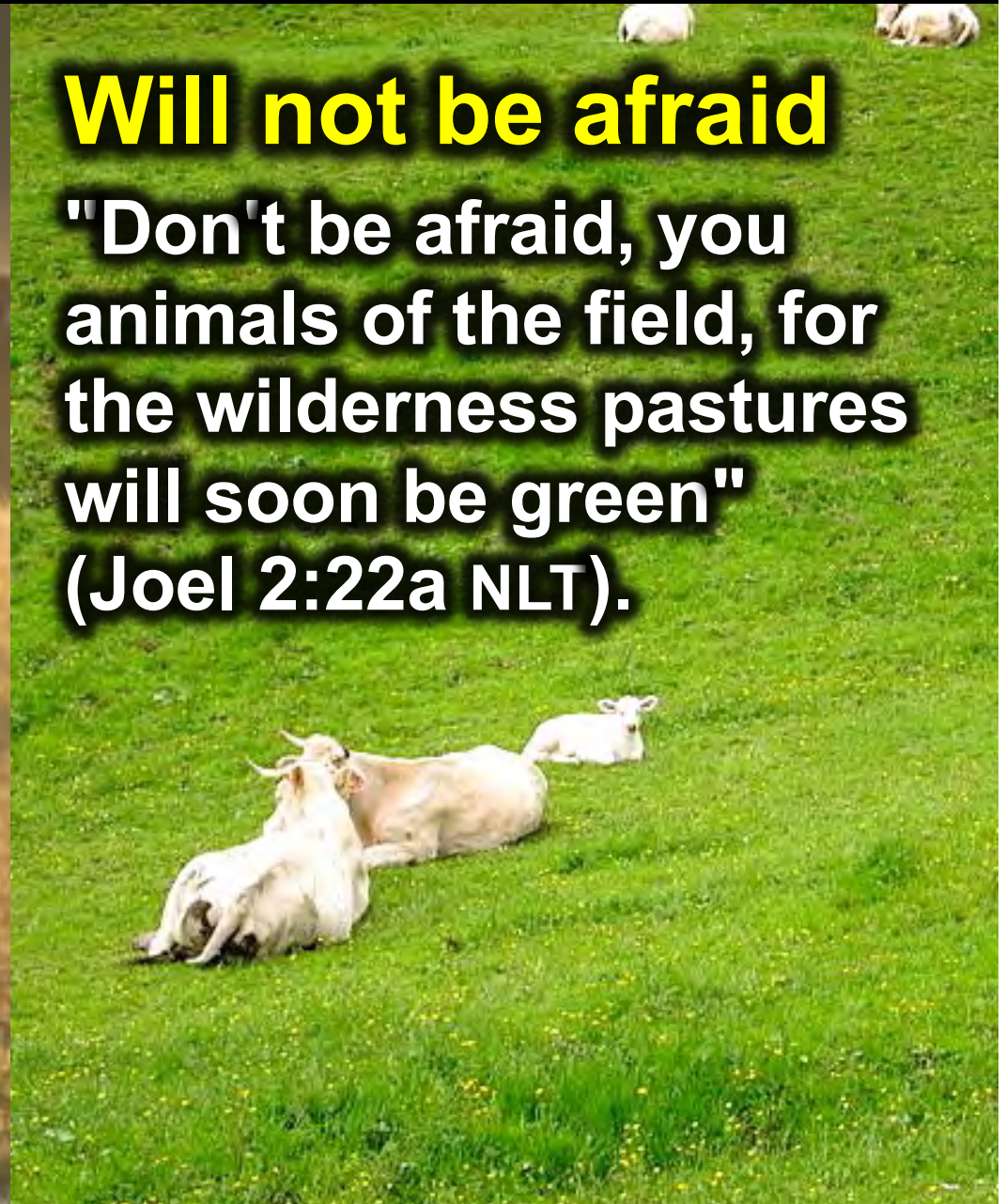
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**Groaned,  
wandered, hungry**

"How the animals moan with hunger! The herds of cattle wander about confused, because they have no pasture. The flocks of sheep and goats bleat in misery" (Joel 1:18 NLT).

**Will not be afraid**

"Don't be afraid, you animals of the field, for the wilderness pastures will soon be green" (Joel 2:22a NLT).





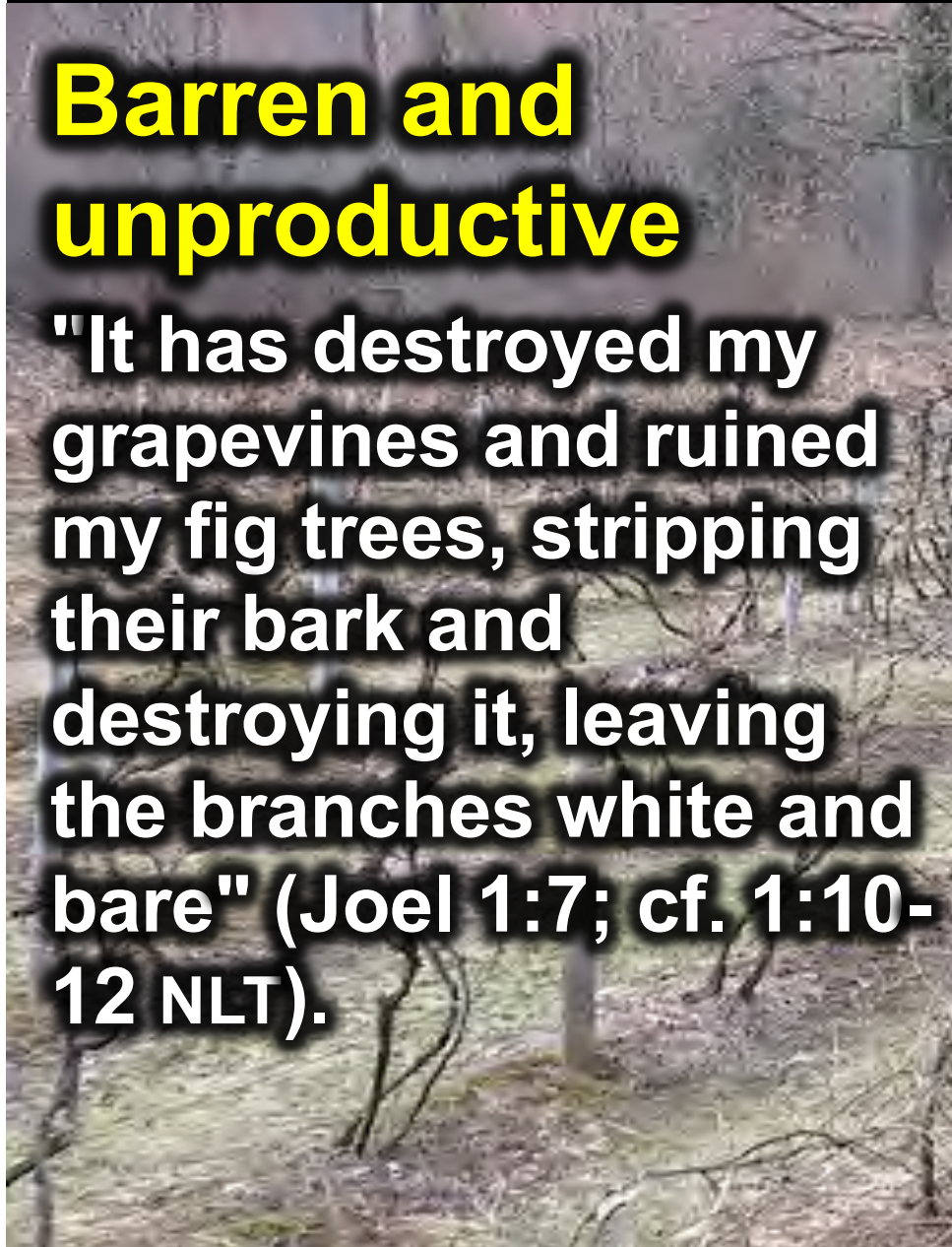
# Fields Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

## **Barren and unproductive**

**"It has destroyed my grapevines and ruined my fig trees, stripping their bark and destroying it, leaving the branches white and bare" (Joel 1:7; cf. 1:10-12 NLT).**

## **Will grow...fruitful and productive**

**"The trees will again be filled with fruit; fig trees and grapevines will be loaded down once more" (Joel 2:22b NLT).**

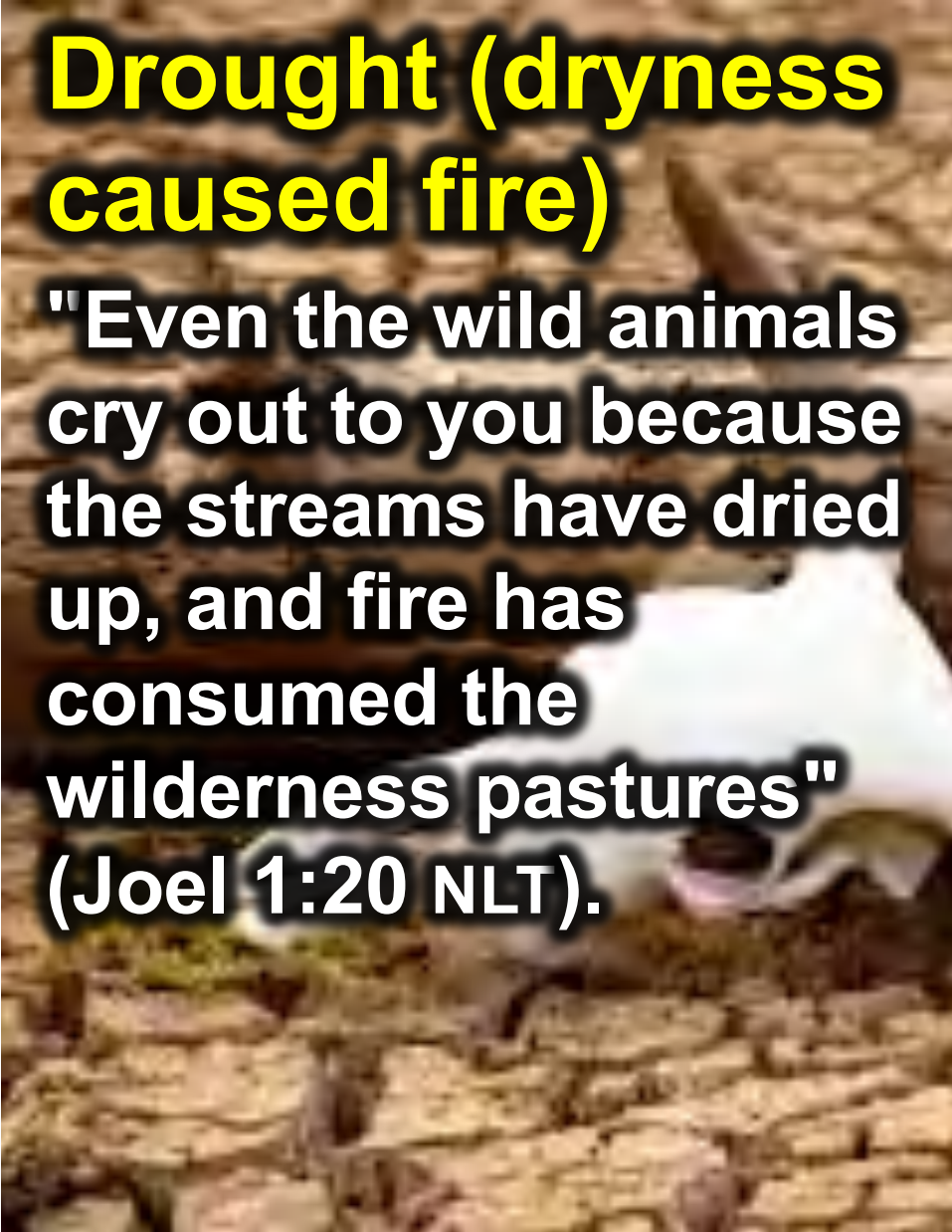




## Rain Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

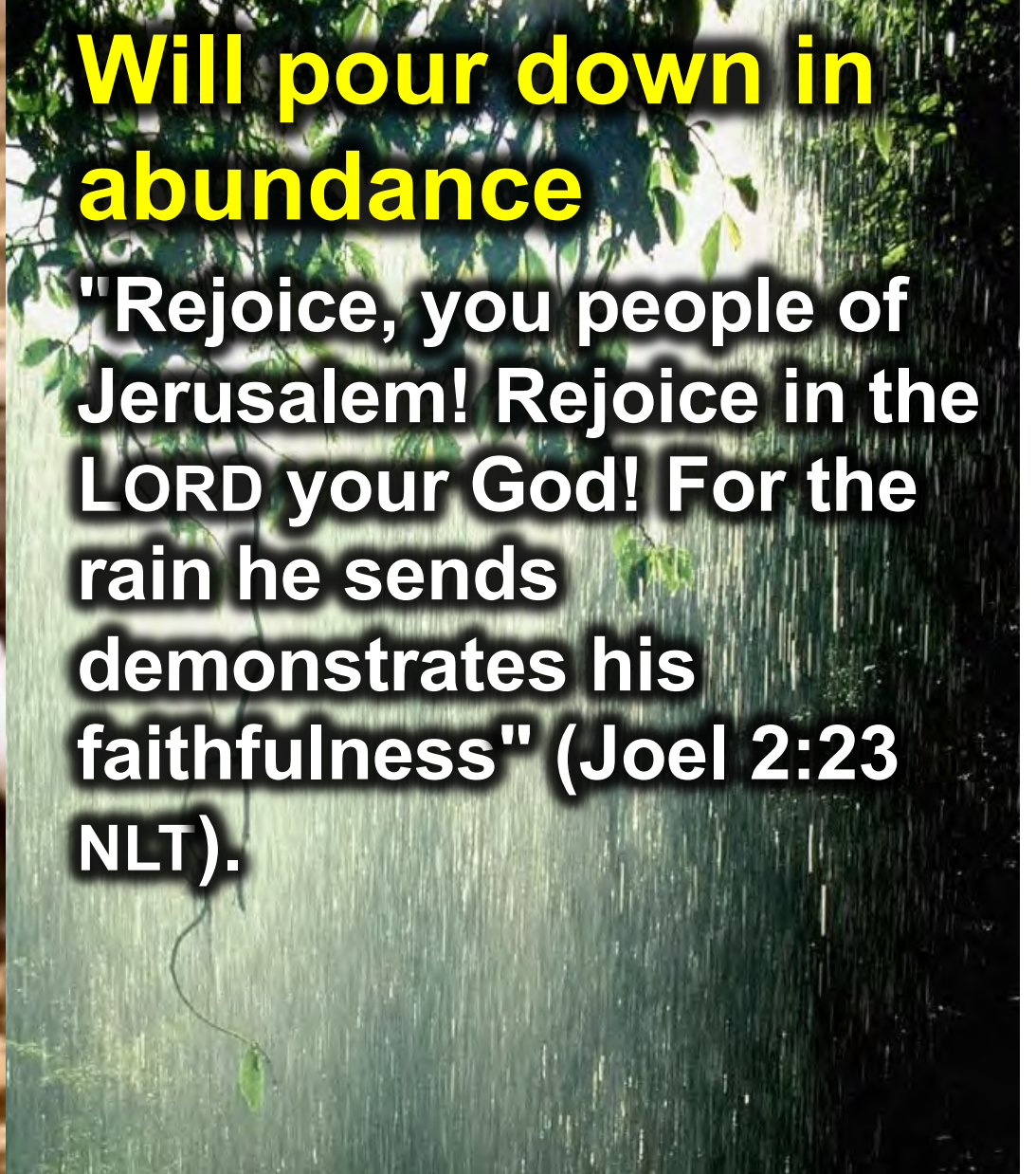
**Drought (dryness  
caused fire)**

**"Even the wild animals  
cry out to you because  
the streams have dried  
up, and fire has  
consumed the  
wilderness pastures"  
(Joel 1:20 NLT).**



**Will pour down in  
abundance**

**"Rejoice, you people of  
Jerusalem! Rejoice in the  
LORD your God! For the  
rain he sends  
demonstrates his  
faithfulness" (Joel 2:23  
NLT).**

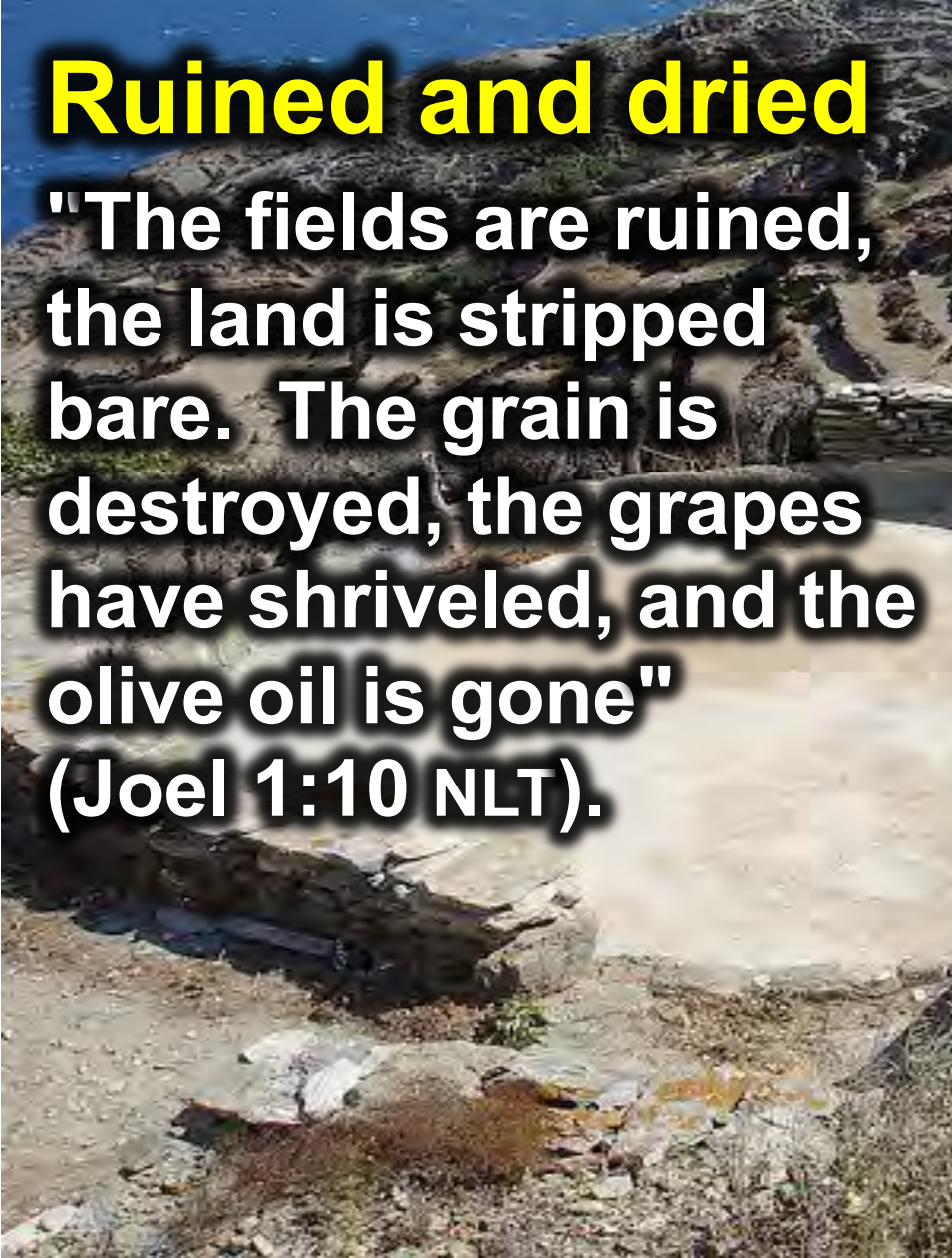




# Grain, Wine & Oil in Joel 2:21-27


## **Ruined and dried**

**"The fields are ruined, the land is stripped bare. The grain is destroyed, the grapes have shriveled, and the olive oil is gone" (Joel 1:10 NLT).**



## **Will be plentiful**

**"The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain, and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil" (Joel 2:24 NLT).**





# Crop Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

## Damaged by locusts

"After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts, and then the stripping locusts, too!" (Joel 1:4 NLT).

## Productive

"The LORD says, 'I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you...' (Joel 2:25-26 NLT).



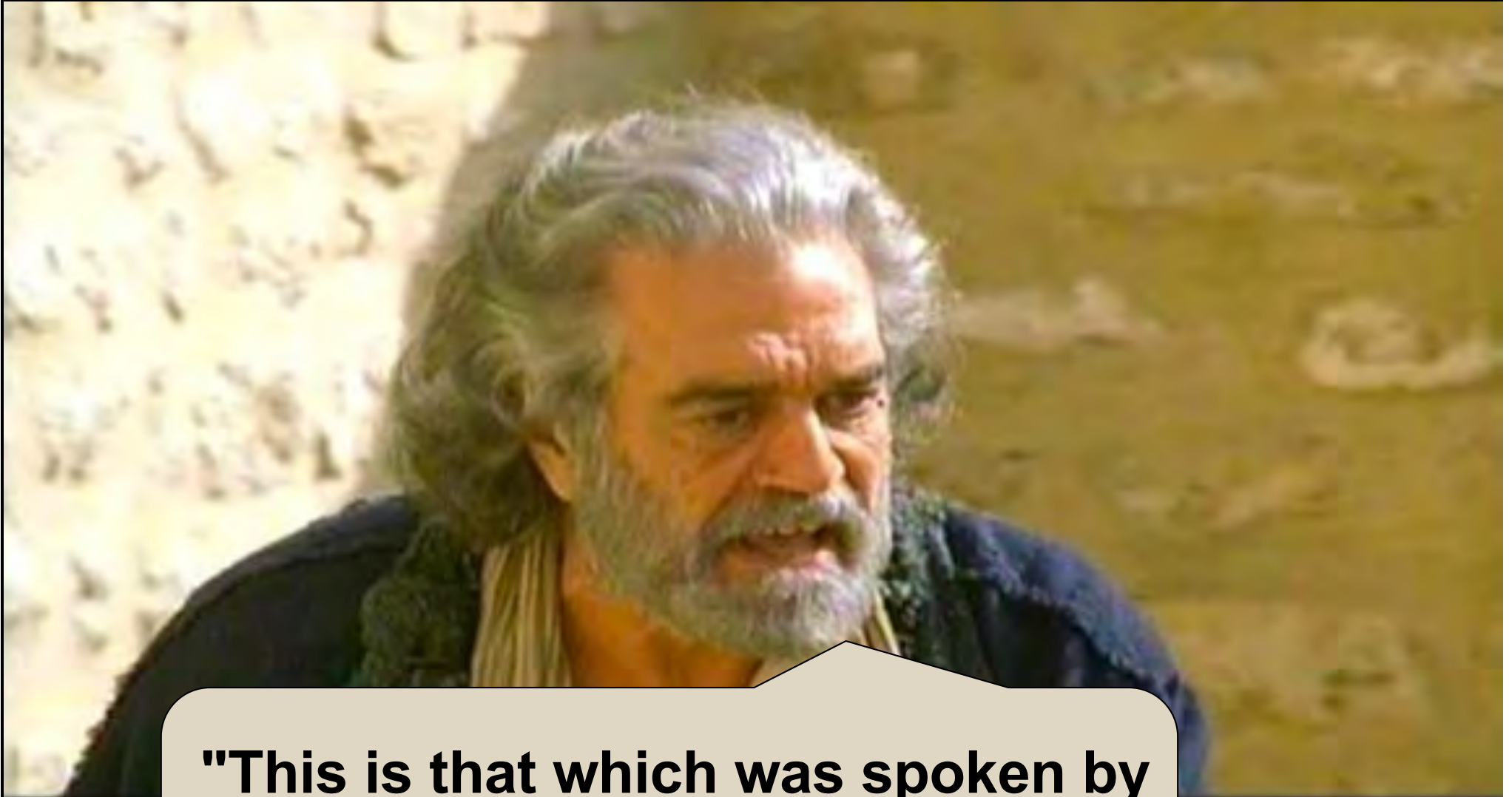
## Eschatological Terms in Joel

1. Sanctify...proclaim (1:14; 3:9)
2. For the Day of Yahweh is close (1:15; 2:12; 3:14)
3. Yahweh's Day is coming (2:1; 2:31)
4. Darkness (2:2; 2:31)
5. An escape (2:3; 2:32)
6. Heavens and earth quake (2:10; 3:16)
7. Darkening of sun, moon, stars (2:10; 3:15)
8. Yahweh utters his voice (2:11; 3:16)
9. Yahweh's Day, great and fearful (2:11; 2:31)
10. Gather (2:16; 3:2)
11. My people and my heritage (2:17; 3:2)



# Joel 2:28-29 in Acts 2:16-21

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**"This is that which was spoken by  
the prophet Joel..."  
(Acts 2:16)**



**"Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.  
29In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike."**



**Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18 NLT**



## Joel 2:28-29 in the NT (cf. Acts 2)



✦ Some say this means  
"All the LORD's people  
would be prophets"—  
but is this what Joel  
said?

✦ No, he said only many  
*types* of prophets  
would exist.

"And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—**blood and fire** and columns of smoke.

<sup>31</sup>**The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red** before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives."

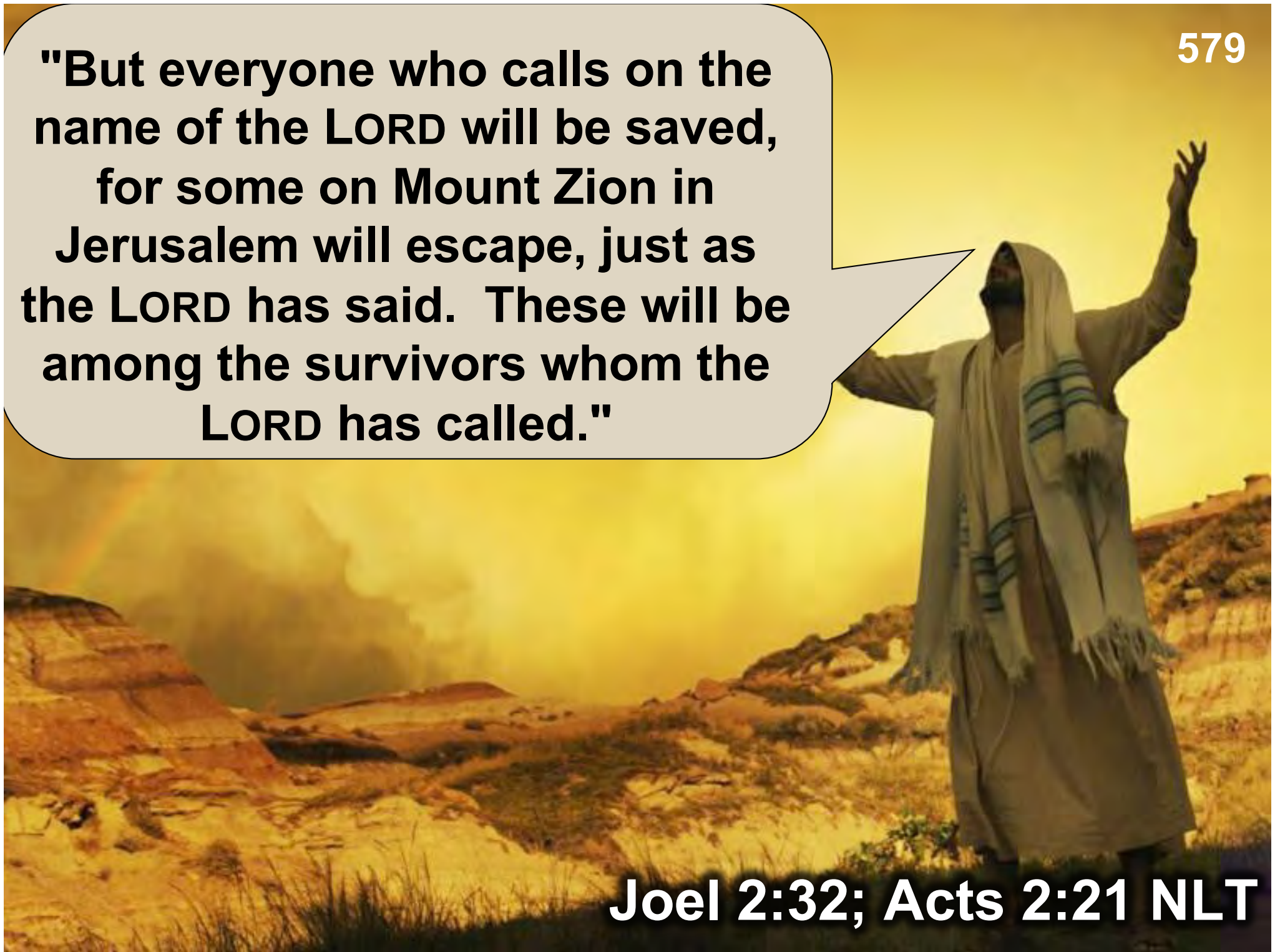


**Joel 2:30-31; Acts 2:19-20 NLT**



**"But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, just as the LORD has said. These will be among the survivors whom the LORD has called."**

**Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21 NLT**



## **IV. Problems**

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### **5 Views of Joel 2:28-32 Fulfillment:**

- A. Termination at Pentecost**
- B. Fulfillment at Pentecost**
- C. Non-fulfillment or Eschatological view**
- D. Typical Fulfillment view**
- E. Continuous Fulfillment view**





# The Gospel is for the Whole World



**“The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we must become.”  
—Henry Martyn—**

Hello Haōari  
Guten Tag  
Nyob zoo  
Salaam Ni hao ma  
Buenos días  
Kia ora Osivo  
KONNICHTWA  
Bonjour

Please TAA SHOODI  
'Olu 'olu E fowō  
Pucakannida  
Bitte  
Alstublieft Qing  
MOLIM Ong làm ơn

Thank you  
Danke xie  
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# Joel 3





"At the time of those events,' says the LORD, 'when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat'" (Joel 3:1-2a NLT).


**"There I will judge  
them for harming  
my people, my  
special  
possession,  
for scattering my  
people among the  
nations, and for  
dividing up my  
land"  
(Joel 3:2b NLT).**





# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Map Test

**(Curriculum of UN Rights Watch Association, 2021)**




١. تأمل الخريطة ، ثم أجب :-  
 - اذكر المظاهر التضاريسية في فلسطين :-

**"Palestine"**

..... / السبب

٢. حدد على خريطة فلسطين المدن التالية :-  
 مدن : القدس ، غزة ، بئر السبع ، أريحا  
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List the topographic phenomena in Palestine:

**Write down on the map of Palestine the following cities:**

- Cities: Jerusalem, Gaza, Beersheba, Jericho
- Negev plateau, city of Beersheba
- Rivers: river Jordan, Nahr al-'Awjah [Yarkon River]

[Map labeled: "Map of Palestine"]

# Types of Unconditional Covenants

**Abrahamic**

**Land**

**Land**

**Physical**

**Deut. 30**

**Davidic**

**Seed**

**Political**

**2 Sam. 7**

**New**

**Blessing**

**Spiritual**

**Jer. 31**



# BLESSING

Covenants of Promise

Amplified by

Abrahamic

Davidic

Administrative Covenants  
*How to experience the blessing*

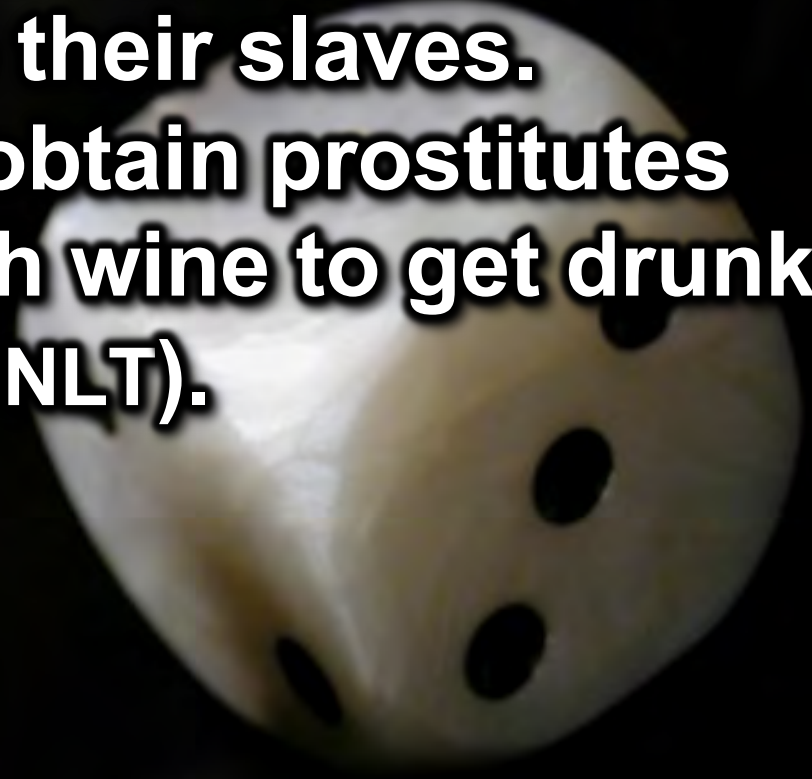
Mosaic  
*Israel's terms of  
obedience*

Superseded by

New  
*Terms of obedience  
under Messiah*

**"They threw dice to decide which of my  
people would be their slaves.**

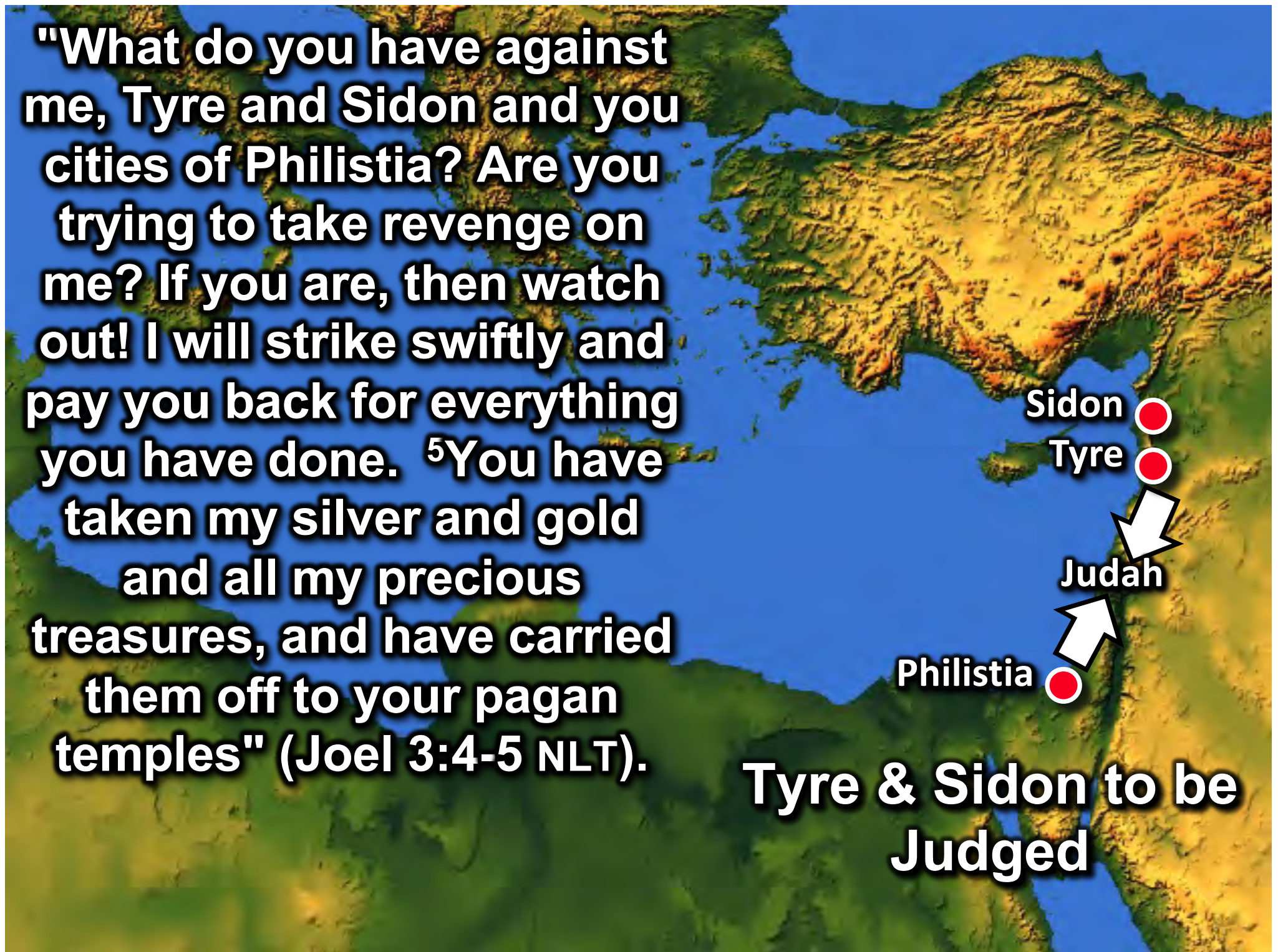
**They traded boys to obtain prostitutes  
and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk"  
(Joel 3:3 NLT).**





**"What do you have against me, Tyre and Sidon and you cities of Philistia? Are you trying to take revenge on me? If you are, then watch out! I will strike swiftly and pay you back for everything you have done. <sup>5</sup>You have taken my silver and gold and all my precious treasures, and have carried them off to your pagan temples" (Joel 3:4-5 NLT).**

**Tyre & Sidon to be Judged**





**"You have sold the  
people of Judah  
and Jerusalem to  
the Greeks, so  
they could take  
them far from their  
hometown"  
(Joel 3:6 NLT).**

Greeks

Sidon

Tyre

Judah

Philistia

**The Sale of  
Judeans to the  
Greeks**





**"But I will bring them back from all the places to which you sold them, and I will pay you back for everything you have done. <sup>8</sup>I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the people of Arabia, a nation far away. I, the LORD, have spoken!" (Joel 3:7-8 NLT).**

## **The Restoration of Judah**

Greeks

Sidon

Tyre

Judah

Arabia





**"Say to the nations far  
and wide:**

**'Get ready for war!  
Call out your best  
warriors.**

**Let all your fighting men  
advance for the attack.**

**<sup>10</sup>Hammer your plowshares into swords  
and your pruning hooks into spears.**

**Train even your weaklings to be warriors.**

**<sup>11</sup>Come quickly, all you nations everywhere.**

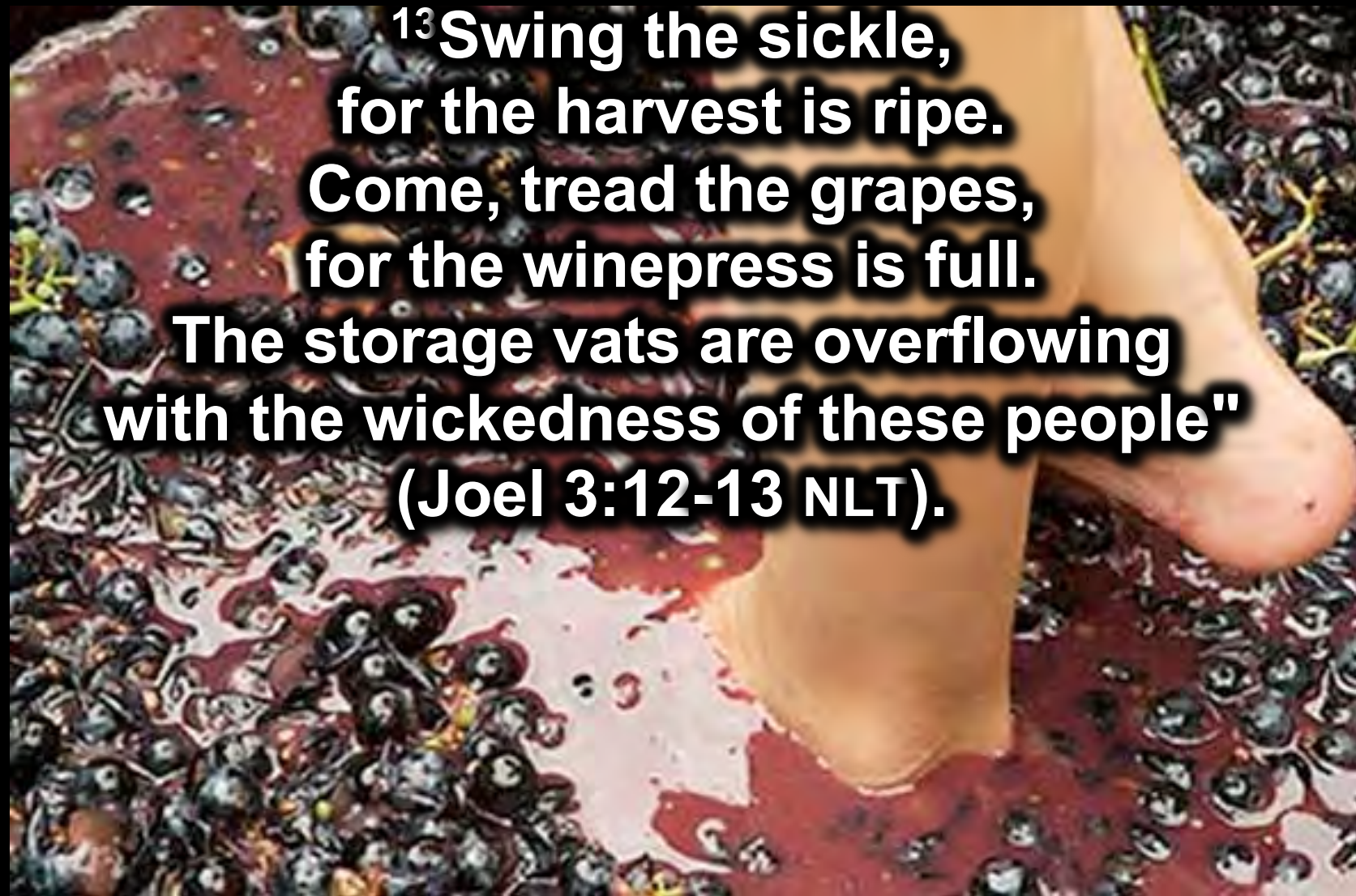
**Gather together in the valley.'**

**And now, O LORD, call out your warriors!"**

**(Joel 3:9-11 NLT).**



**"Let the nations be called to arms.  
Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat.  
There I, the LORD, will sit  
to pronounce judgment on them all.**



**<sup>13</sup>Swing the sickle,  
for the harvest is ripe.  
Come, tread the grapes,  
for the winepress is full.  
The storage vats are overflowing  
with the wickedness of these people"  
(Joel 3:12-13 NLT).**

**"Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the  
valley of decision.**

**There the day of the LORD will soon arrive.**

**<sup>15</sup>The sun and moon will grow dark,  
and the stars will no longer shine"  
(Joel 3:14-15 NLT).**





**"The LORD's voice  
will roar from  
Zion  
and thunder from  
Jerusalem,  
and the heavens  
and the earth will  
shake.**

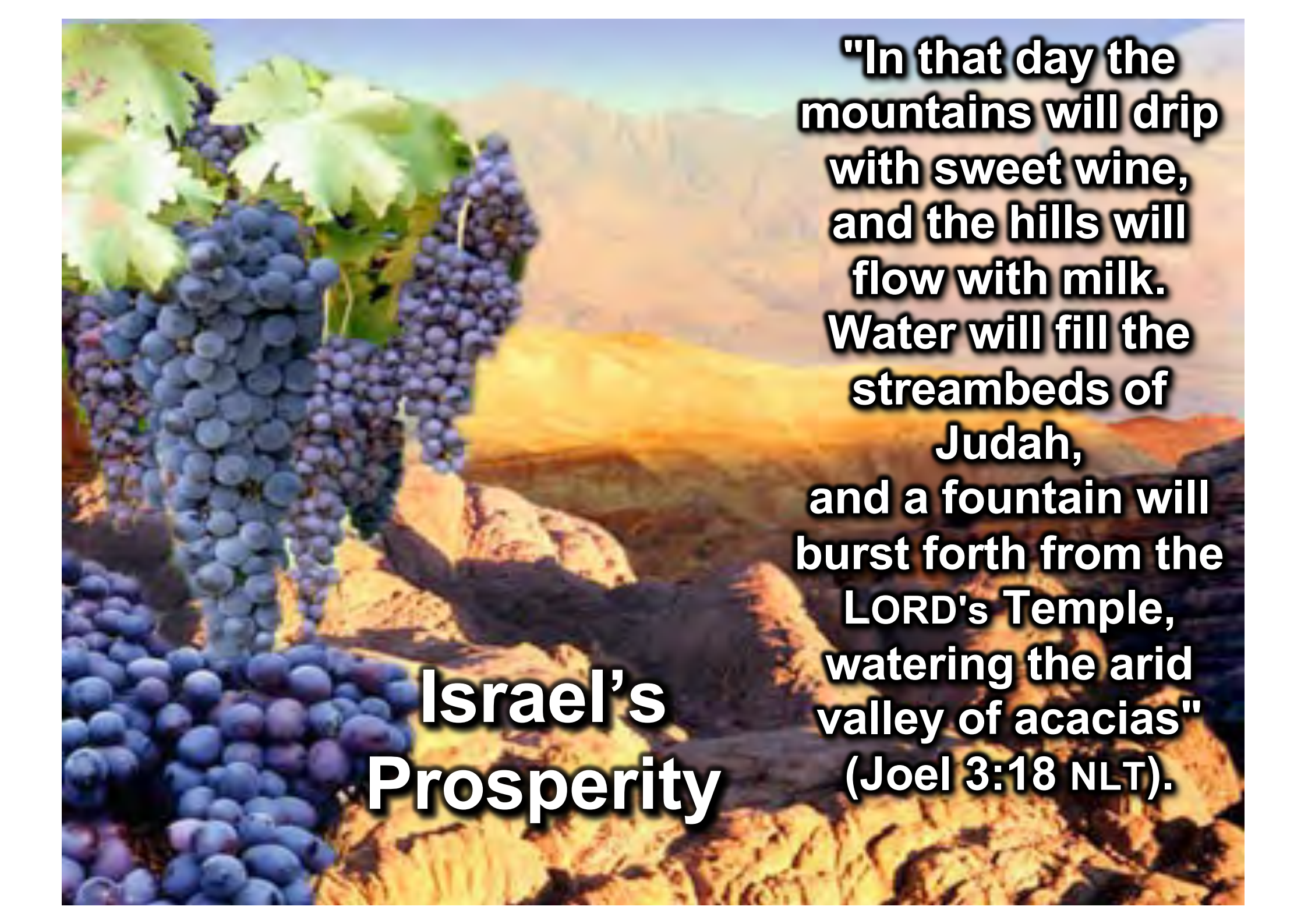
**But the LORD will  
be a refuge for his  
people,  
a strong fortress  
for the people of  
Israel"  
(Joel 3:16 NLT).**



**"Then you will know that I, the LORD your God,  
live in Zion, my holy mountain.  
Jerusalem will be holy forever,  
and foreign armies will never conquer her again"  
(Joel 3:17 NLT).**







**"In that day the  
mountains will drip  
with sweet wine,  
and the hills will  
flow with milk.  
Water will fill the  
streambeds of  
Judah,  
and a fountain will  
burst forth from the  
LORD's Temple,  
watering the arid  
valley of acacias"  
(Joel 3:18 NLT).**

**Israel's  
Prosperity**



# The River from Ezekiel's Temple (47:1-12)





# The River & the Land (Ezekiel 47:1)

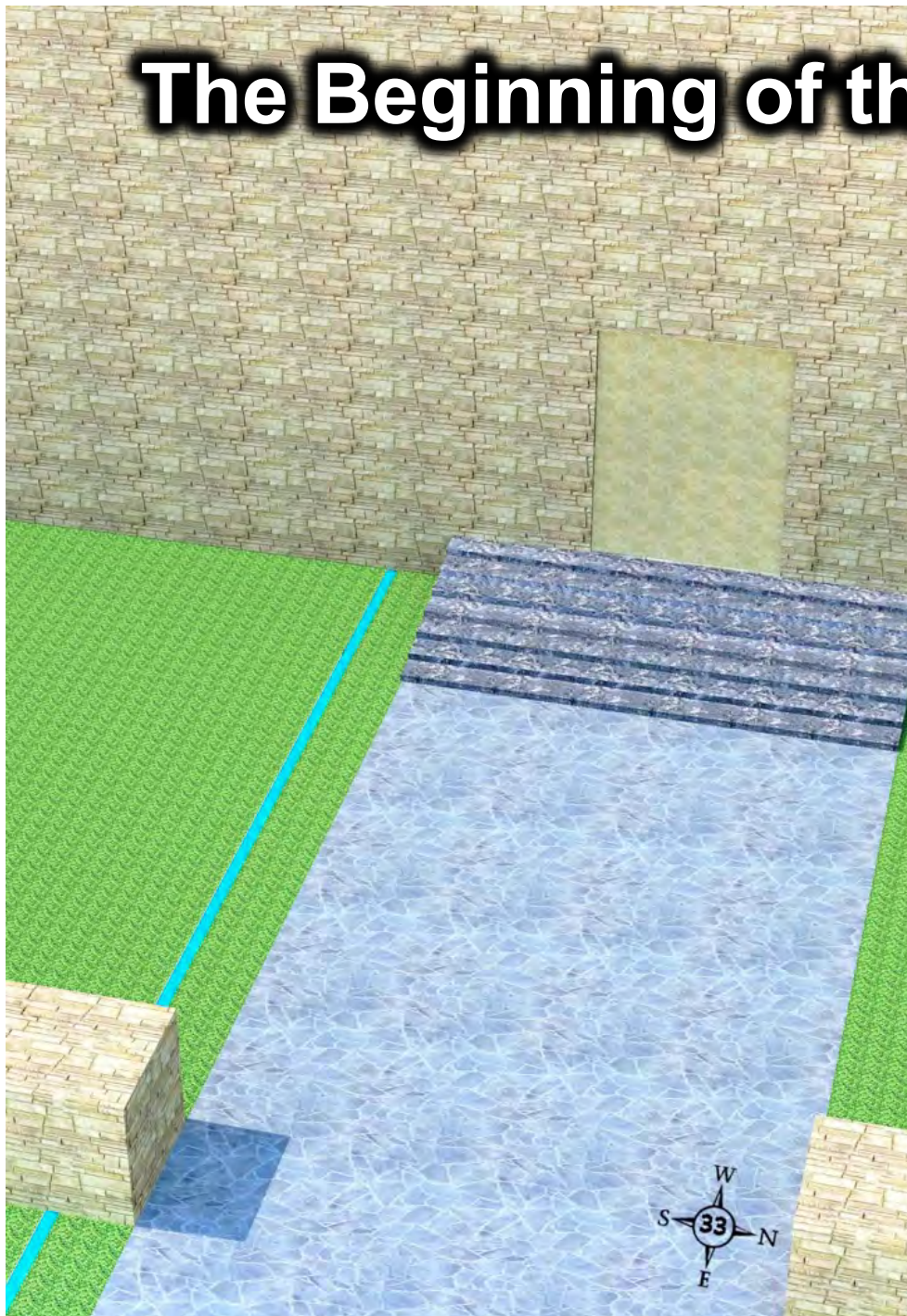
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**The river that starts on the south side of the temple entrance**



# The Beginning of the River (Ezekiel 47:2)

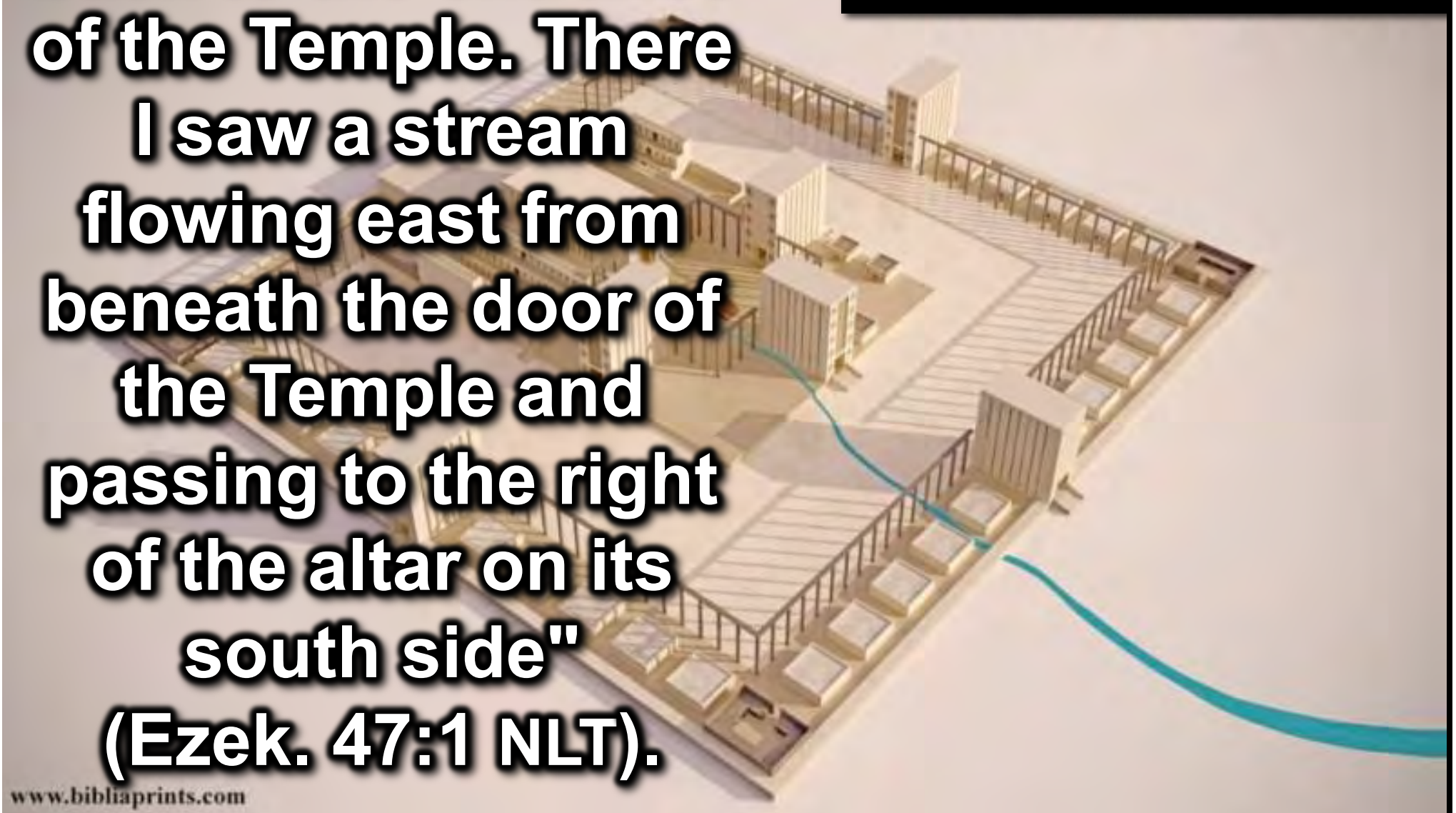


The river flowing out the  
south side of the outer  
east gate



**"In my vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the Temple. There I saw a stream flowing east from beneath the door of the Temple and passing to the right of the altar on its south side" (Ezek. 47:1 NLT).**

## **The River from Ezekiel's Temple (47:1-12)**



The image shows the interior of a church. In the background, a large mural depicts a landscape with several tall, thin trees with colorful foliage (red, orange, yellow) and a river or stream flowing through it. The sky in the mural is dark blue with white stars. The church floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles. In the foreground, there are wooden pews with blue cushions. To the left, there is a wooden altar or table. The overall atmosphere is serene and artistic.

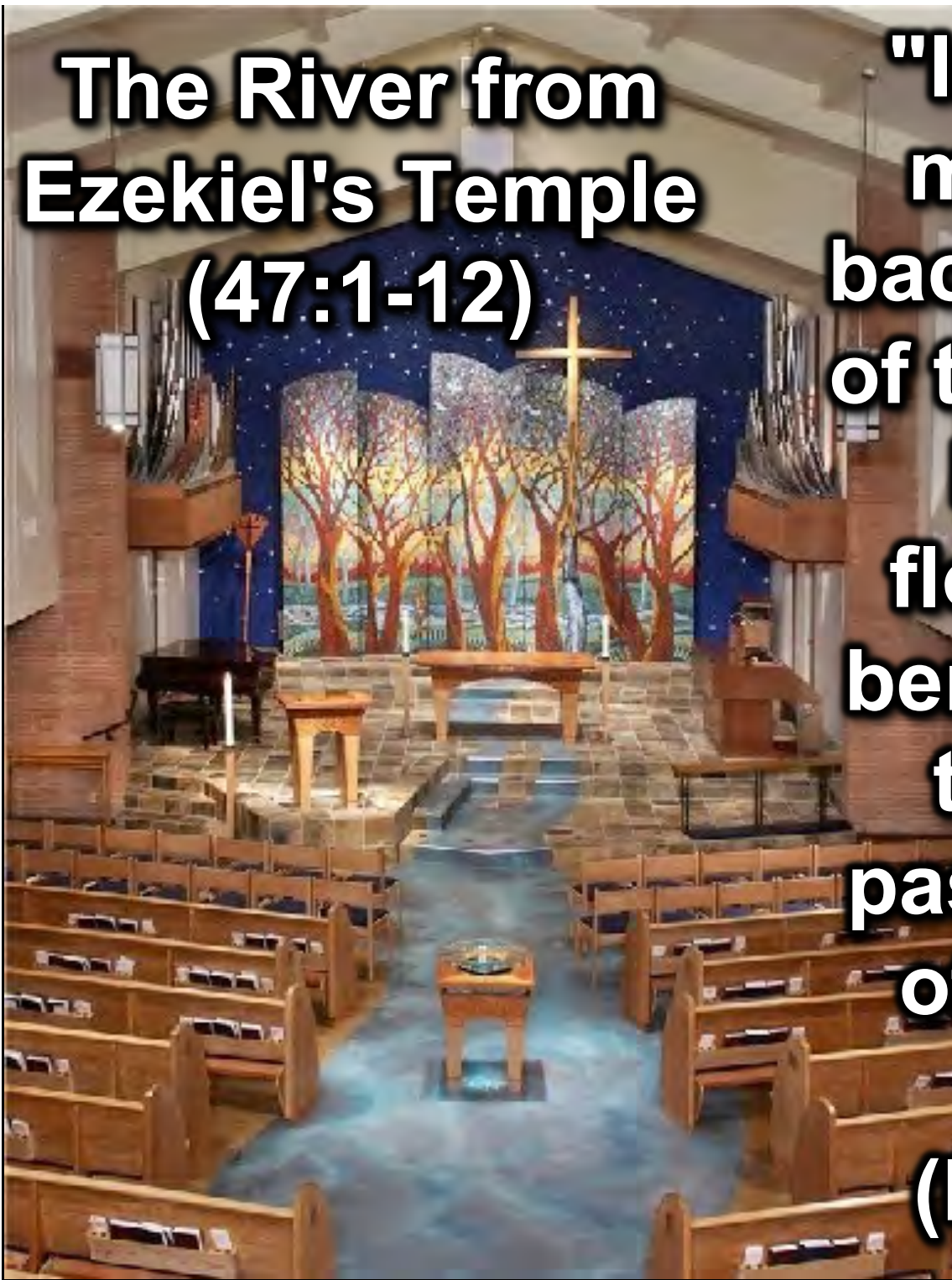
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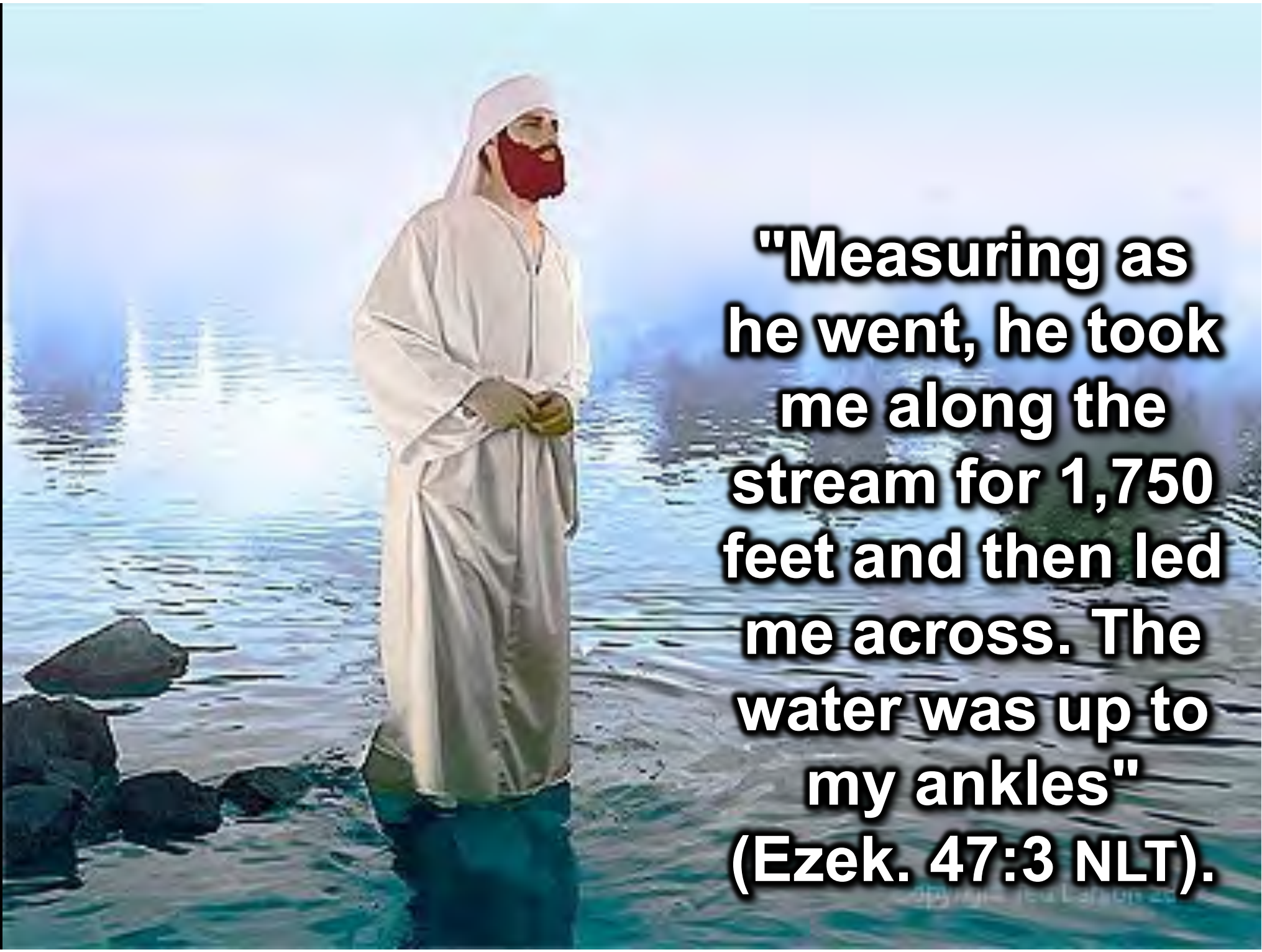


# The River Gets Deeper (Ezekiel 47:3-5)



**The river flowing east from the temple compound gets deeper and wider**



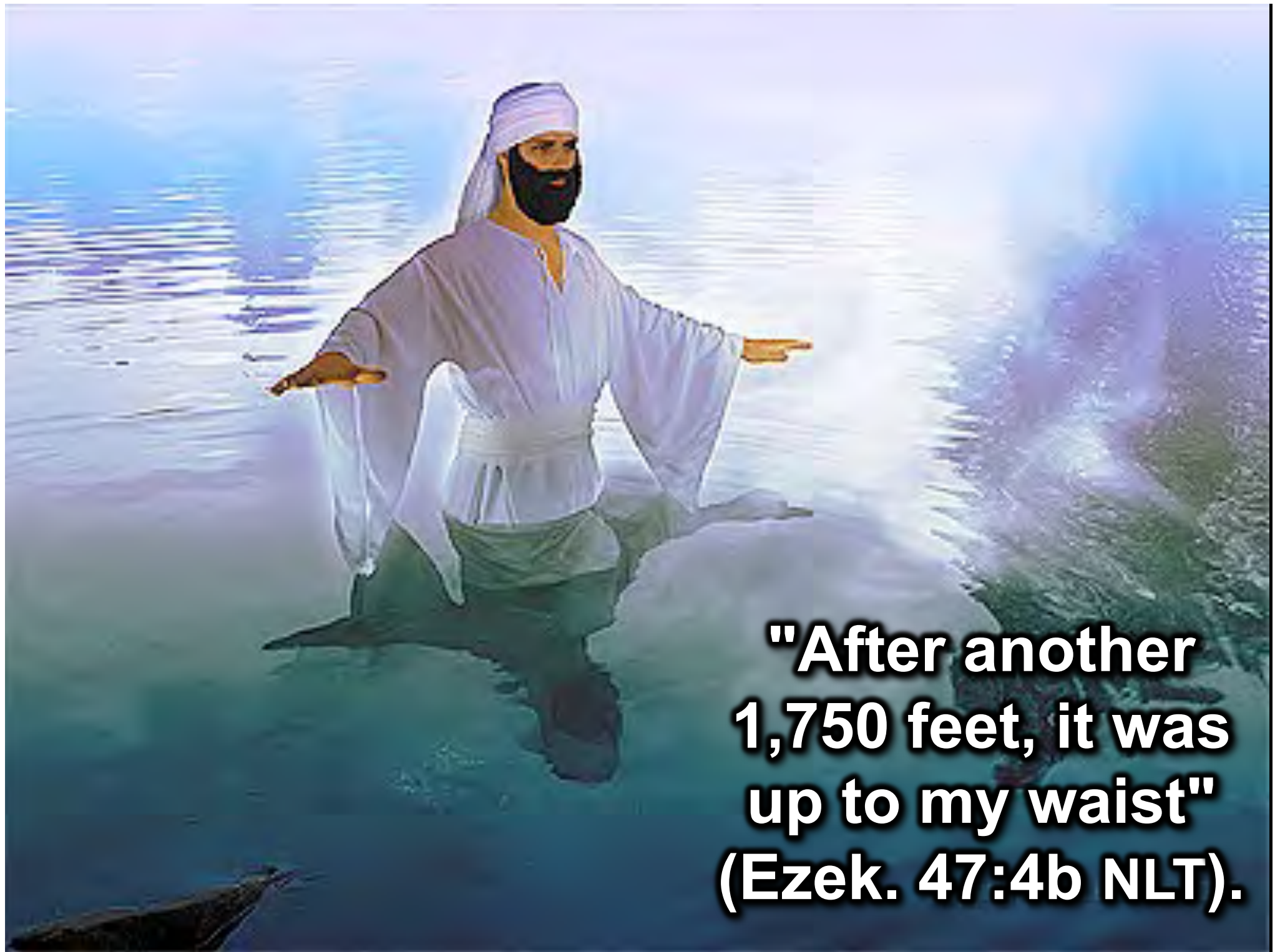
A man with a red beard, wearing a white robe and a white head covering, stands in a shallow stream. The water is clear and reflects the light. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a blue sky and distant hills. The man is looking towards the right side of the frame.

**"Measuring as  
he went, he took  
me along the  
stream for 1,750  
feet and then led  
me across. The  
water was up to  
my ankles"  
(Ezek. 47:3 NLT).**

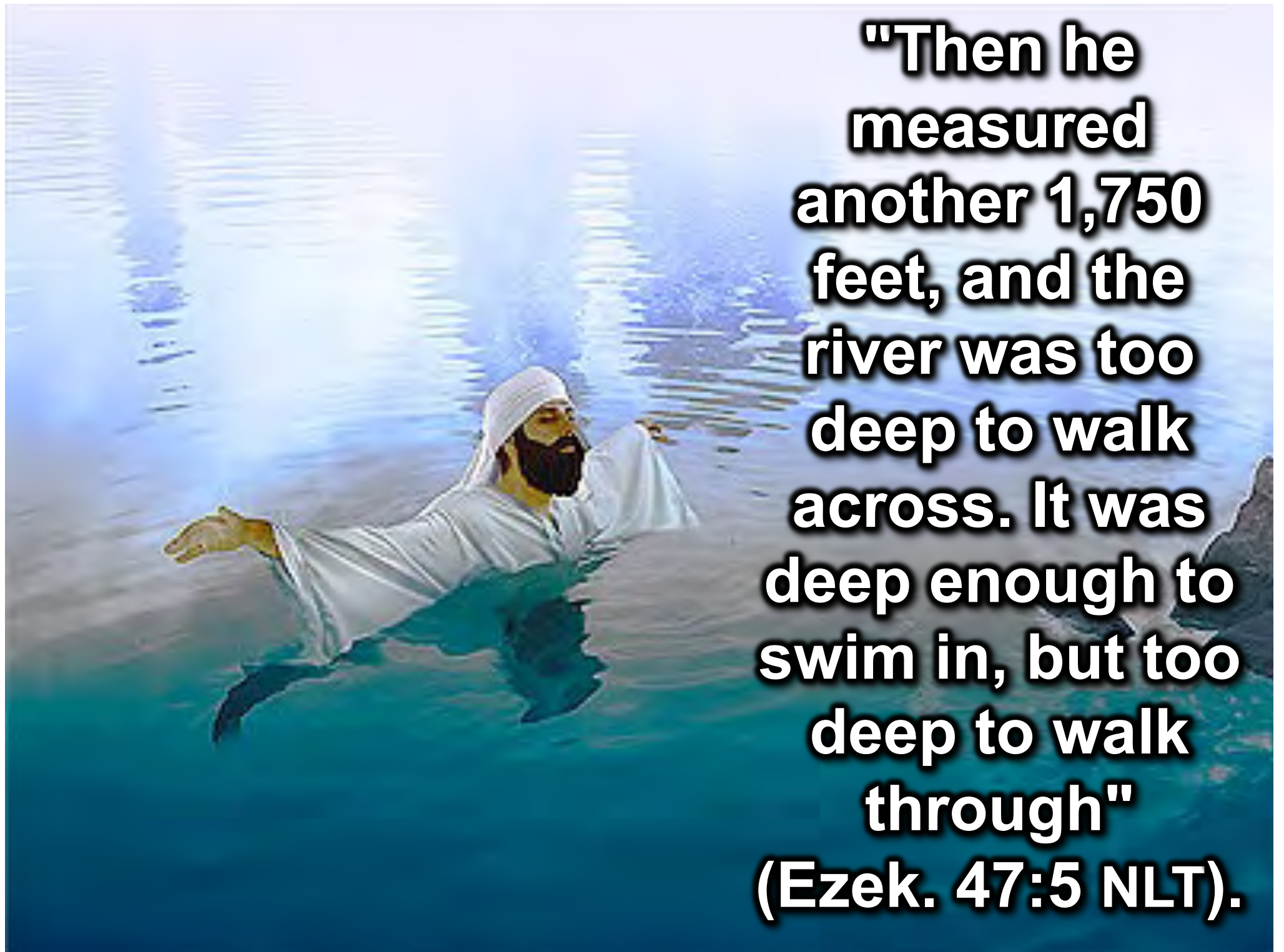
**"He measured off  
another 1,750 feet  
and led me  
across again.  
This time the  
water was up to  
my knees"  
(Ezek. 47:4a NLT).**







**"After another  
1,750 feet, it was  
up to my waist"  
(Ezek. 47:4b NLT).**



**"Then he  
measured  
another 1,750  
feet, and the  
river was too  
deep to walk  
across. It was  
deep enough to  
swim in, but too  
deep to walk  
through"  
(Ezek. 47:5 NLT).**



# The Millennial River



**Ezekiel 47:1-12**

# The Millennial River



## Zechariah 14:8

On that day **life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem**, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter.



# The Millennial River



## Joel 3:17

In that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine,  
and the hills will flow with milk.

**Water will fill the streambeds of Judah,  
and a fountain will burst forth from the LORD's Temple,  
watering the arid valley of acacias.**

# Ezekiel 47:10

**Crops from a Fresh Water Oasis**







Israel

Egypt

Edom

**"But Egypt will  
become a wasteland  
and Edom will  
become a wilderness,  
because they attacked  
the people of Judah  
and killed innocent  
people in their land"  
(Joel 3:19 NLT).**

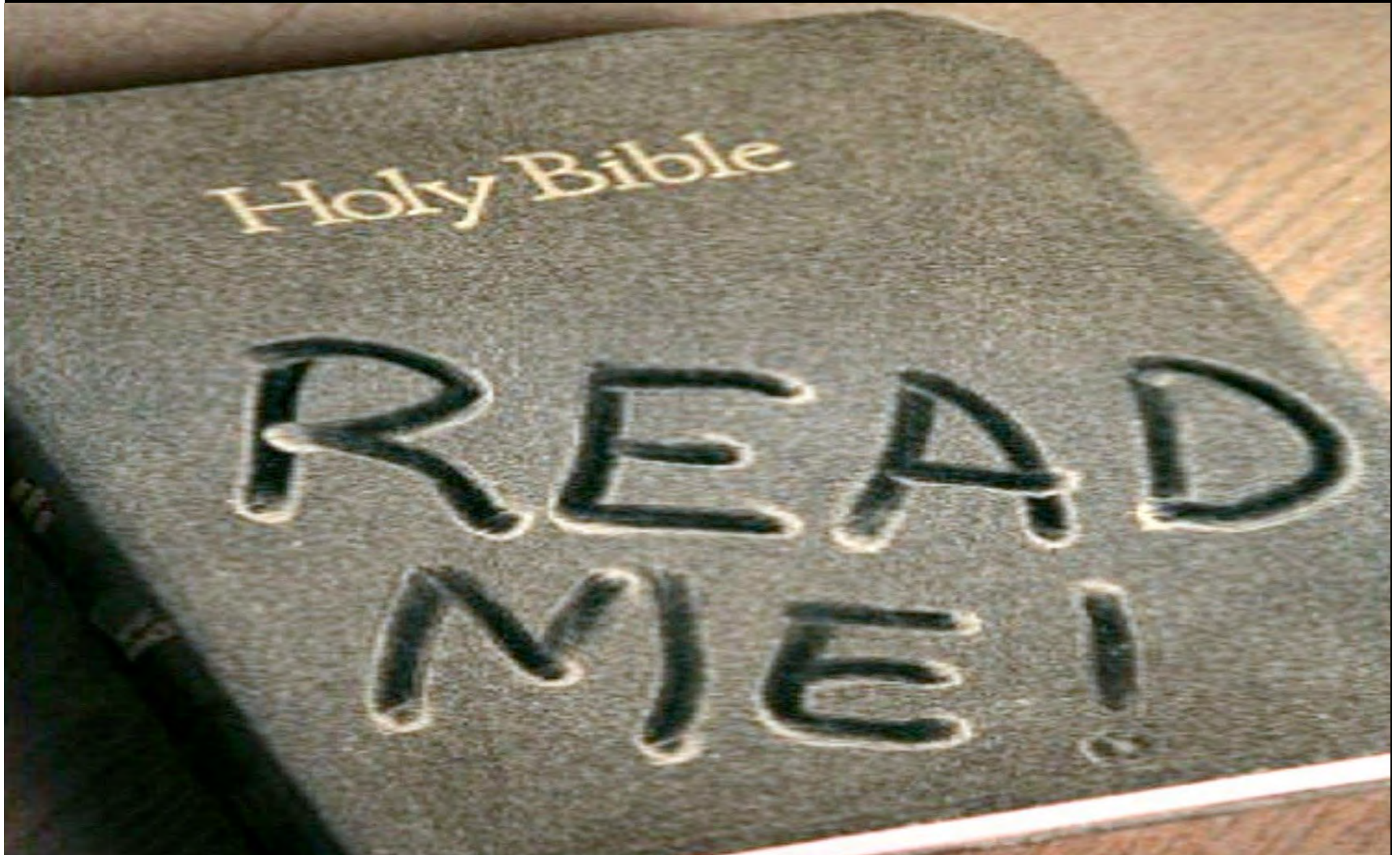
**Israel's  
Neighbors**

**"But Judah will be filled with people forever,  
and Jerusalem will endure through all generations.  
<sup>21</sup>I will pardon my people's crimes,  
which I have not yet pardoned;  
and I, the LORD, will make my home  
in Jerusalem with my people" (Joel 3:20-21 NLT).**





**Your trust in the Lord alone will bring his  
blessing**

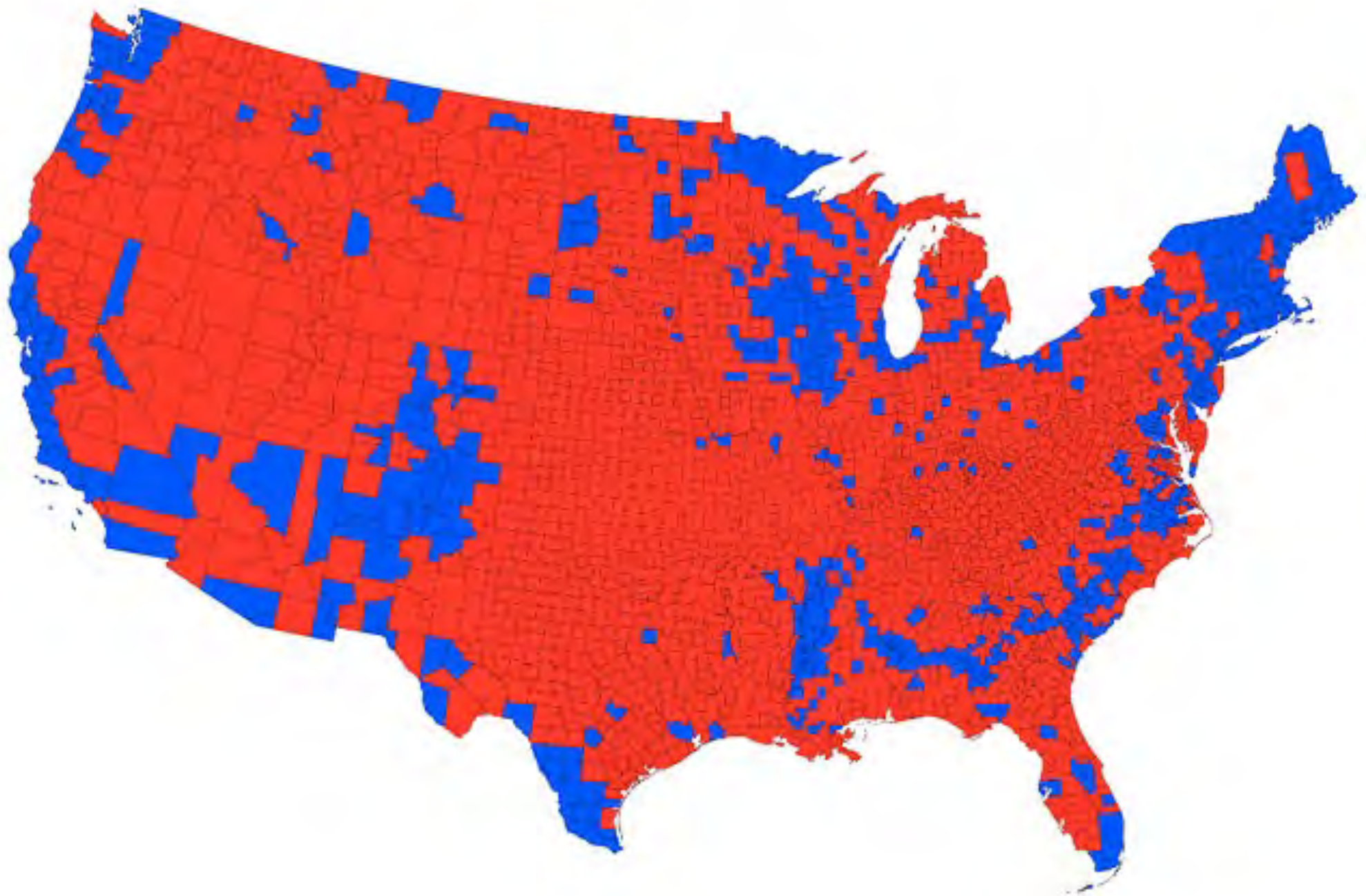




# God's Restoration of the USA







**US Counties: Red Conservative + Blue Liberal**



**Neil  
Gorsuch**





# Our Vision



**Love the Nations**

**Love the Church**

**Love  
God**

What should we do when  
we are **disciplined**?

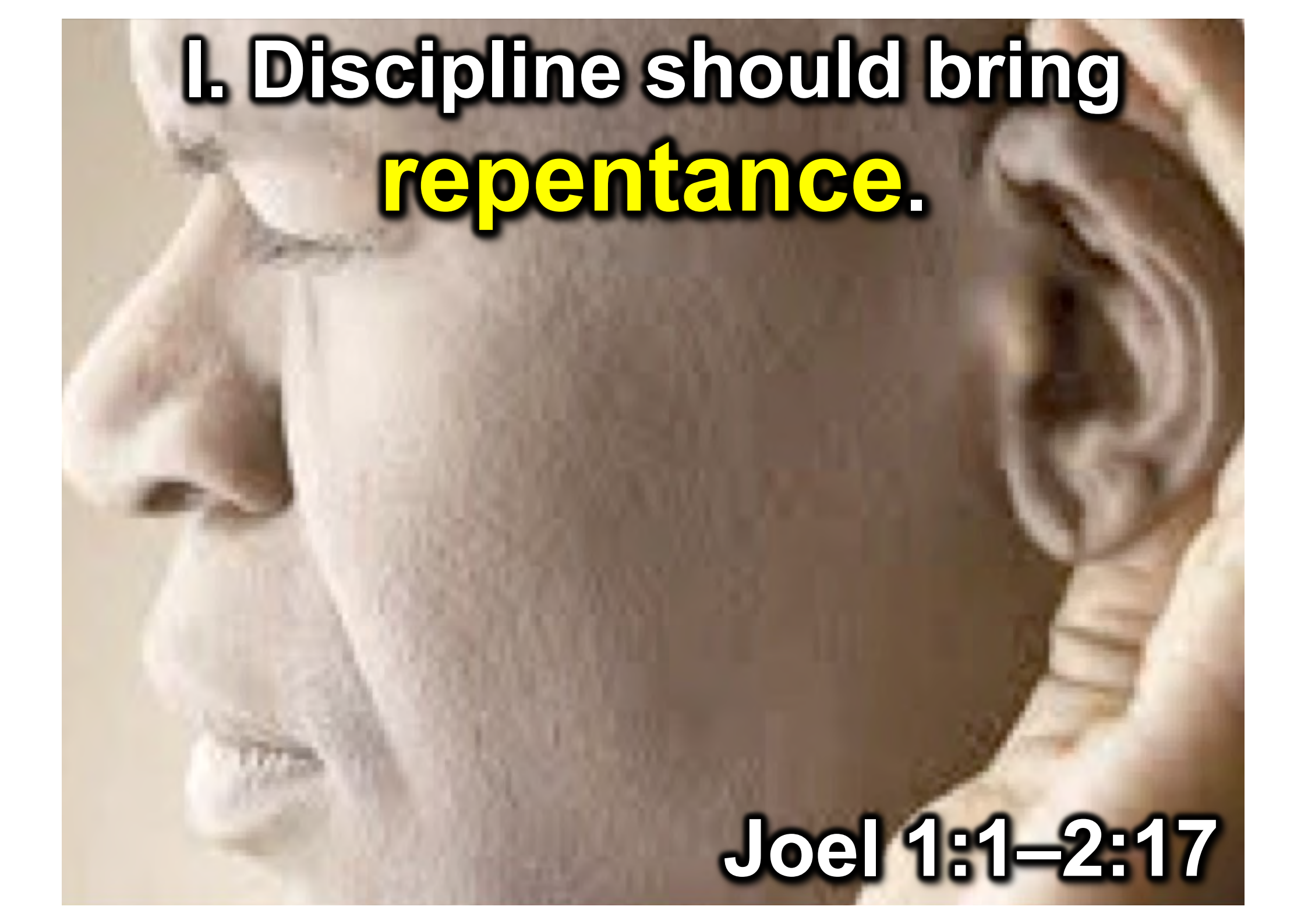




# Main Idea of Joel



**Let discipline bring repentance  
and repentance bring restoration.**



**I. Discipline should bring  
repentance.**

**Joel 1:1–2:17**



A close-up photograph of two hands, likely belonging to a person of African descent, resting on a metallic, reflective surface. The hand on the left is open, with fingers slightly curled, while the hand on the right is closed, with fingers tucked. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the sheen of the metal. The background is dark and out of focus.

**II. Repentance will bring  
restoration.**

**Joel 2:18–3:21**

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# CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE

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Be disciplined  
or you will be  
disciplined.




**My son, do  
not despise  
the LORD's  
discipline  
and do not  
resent his  
rebuke,  
because  
the LORD  
disciplines  
those he  
loves, as a  
father the  
son he  
delights in.**

***Proverbs 3:11-12***



# Questions to Consider




**1. Do you need God to strip you of everything before you repent?**

**—Huang Sabin**




# Questions to Consider



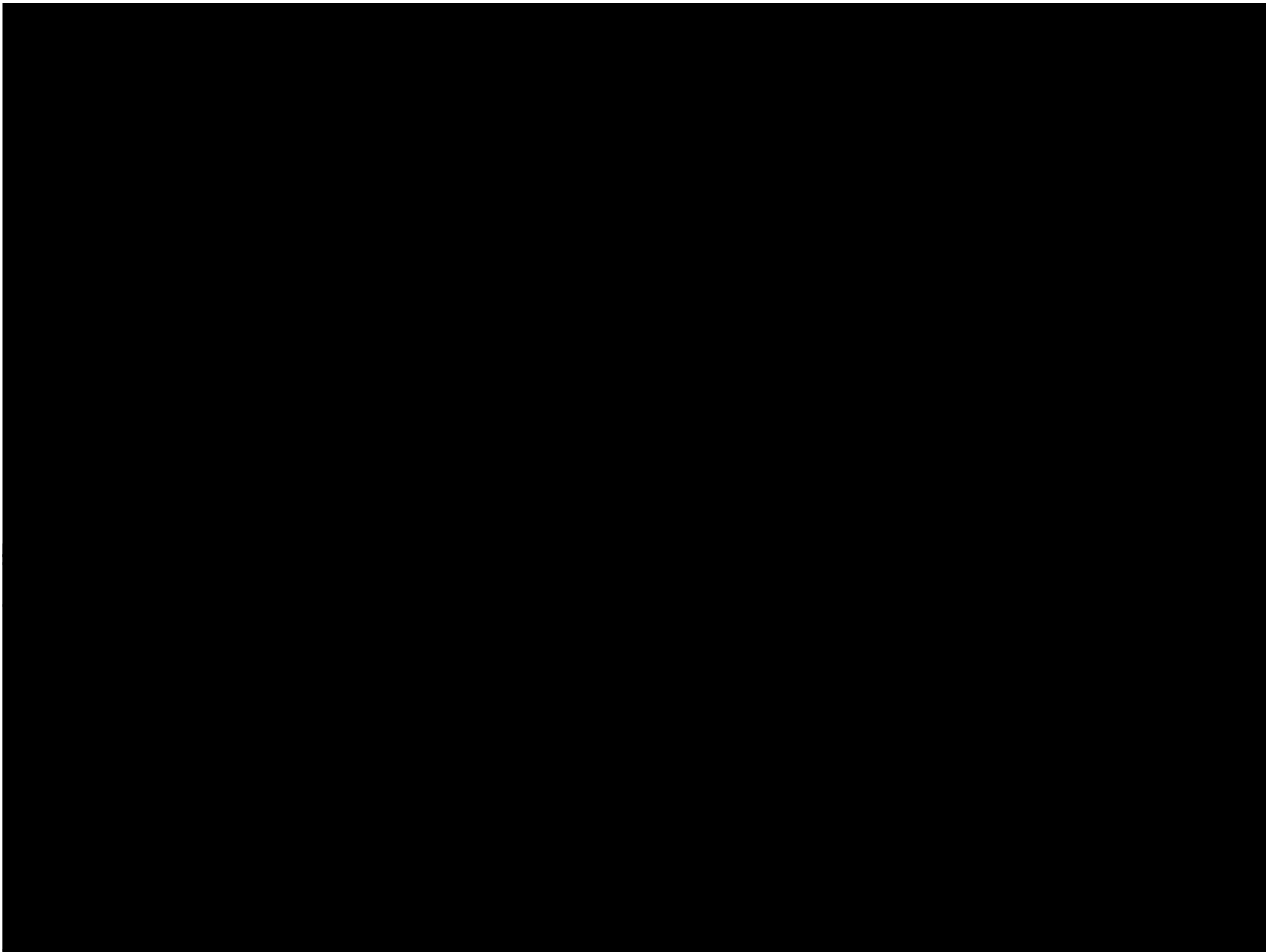
**2. Is God disciplining  
you to get your  
attention on him once  
again?**

# Questions to Consider



**3. Have you considered fasting (1:14; 2:12) or do you think fasting isn't for our modern age? Why wouldn't it be?**





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# **F. Canonicity and Text of Joel**

- **No serious problems exist on canonicity and text**
- **LXX, Peshitta, and Latin Vulgate diverge only slightly from the MT and from one another.**
- **The recently found portion of Joel from Wadi Murabba'at stands in the tradition of the MT.**
- **Minor additions to the text in the LXX (1:5, 8, 18; 2:12; 3:1) are of questionable value.**
- **Supposed corruptions in the MT (1:7, 17-18; 2:11; 3:11) are of doubtful status.**



## G. Unity of Joel



### **Doubted**

- ◆ B. Duhm, "Anmerkungen zu den zwölf Propheten," *ZAW* 31 (1911): 1-43, 184-88 claims only the nonapocalyptic sections of chapters 1 and 2.
- ◆ Others agree such as Bewer, upholding only the nonapocalyptic sections of chapters 1 and 2, along with 2:28-31a, 3:2a; and 3:9-14a.

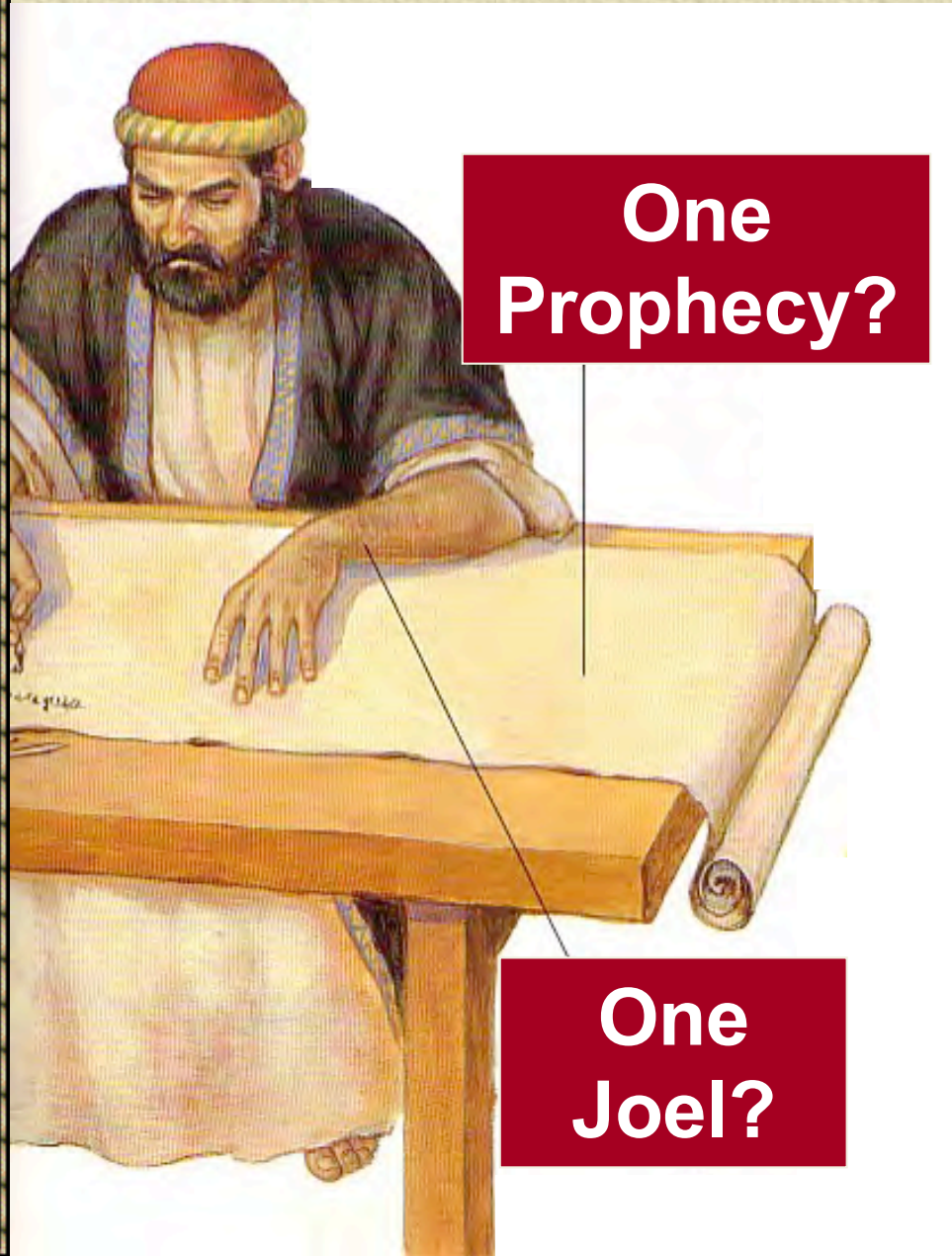


### **Upheld**

- ◆ However, more recent scholars (Allen, Chary, Kapelrud, Keller, Myers, Rudolph, Stuart, Thompson, Weiser, Wolff) view the book as single authorship.
- ◆ Yet, there are minor redactional additions.



# Denial of Unity of Joel



**One  
Prophecy?**

**One  
Joel?**

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✠ **Supposed  
literary  
differences**

✠ **Difference in  
thought or  
outlook**

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  - ✧ **Supposed different outlook cannot be proved**
  - ✧ **A single unifying theme: the locust plague**
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  - ✧ **All the extant Hebrew MSS and the ancient versions attest to the unity of the book**



## V. Theological Value

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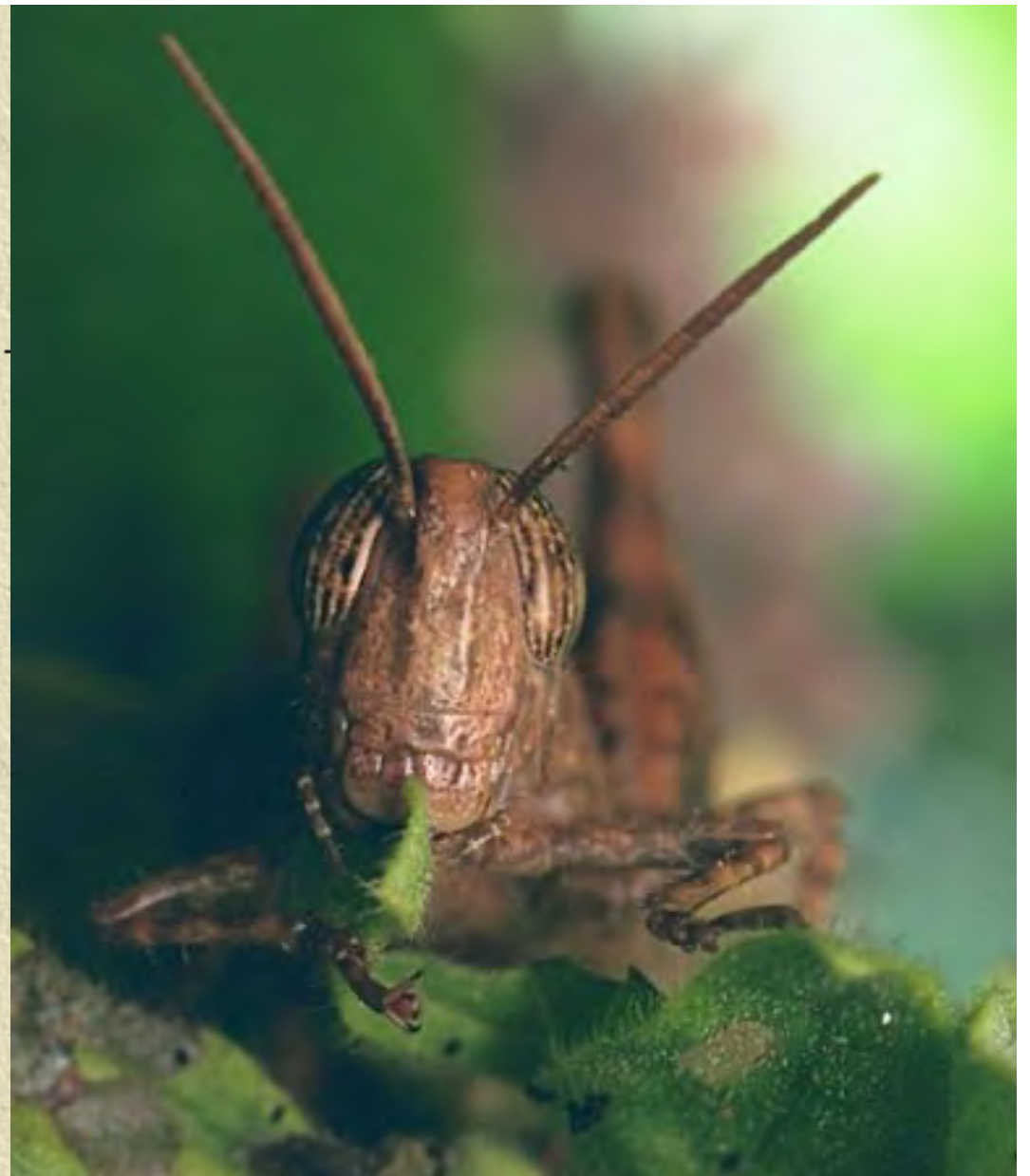
✠ Notion of God

✠ Worship

✠ Judgment

✠ Eschatology

# DAY OF THE LORD





# **The Day of the LORD**

638-639

**Judgment +**

**Blessing**

**Tribulation**

**Millennium**

**Rev. 6–19**

**Rev. 20**

**7 years**

**1000 years**



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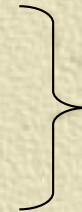
## **II. Structure**

### **A. Williamson's tabular revision of Allen's analysis**

**Part I. 1:2-2:17**

**A. 1:2-20**

**B. 2:1-17**



**PARALLEL**

**Part II. 2:18-3:21**

**A. 2:18-32**

**B. 3:1-21**



**PARALLEL**



## **B. Structural Relations (Finley)**

**Call to Repent (1:2-14) // Gift of the Spirit (2:28-29)**

**Day of the Lord (1:15-2:2a) // Day of the Lord (2:28-32)**

**The Lord's Army (2:2b-11) // The Nation's Armies (3:1-3)**

**God's Covenant Mercy (2:12-14) // God's Covenant Concern (3:4-8)**

**Call to Repent (2:15-17) // Call to Holy War (3:9-11)**

**Lord's Response (2:18-20) // Lord's Response (3:12-17)**

**Renewed Blessing (2:21-27) // Renewed Blessing (3:18-21)**

## **C. Outline 1 (Patterson)**

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- I. Joel's Present Instructions: Based on the Locust Plague (1:1-2:27)**
- II. God's Future Intentions: The Eschatological Program (2:28-3:21)**



## **D. Outline 2 (McComiskey)**

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- I. The Locust Plague: The Immediate Disaster (1:2-20)**
- II. The Day of the Lord: The Impending Disaster (2:1-17)**
- III. The Lord's Answer (2:18–3:21)**

## **E. Outline 3 (Finley)**

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- I. Locust in the Land (1:1-14)**
  - II. Judgment in the Land (1:15-2:11)**
  - III. Mercy in the Land (2:12-27)**
  - IV. Wonders in the Earth (2:28-32)**
  - V. Judgment in the Earth (3:1-21)**



# Joel

**Devastation**  
**1:1–2:17**

**Deliverance**  
**2:18–3:21**

**Disasters 1:1-20**

**Invasion 2:1-17**

**Restoration 2:18-32**

**Judgment 3:1-16**

**Blessing 3:17-21**

**History**

**Prophecy**

**The Day of the LORD**

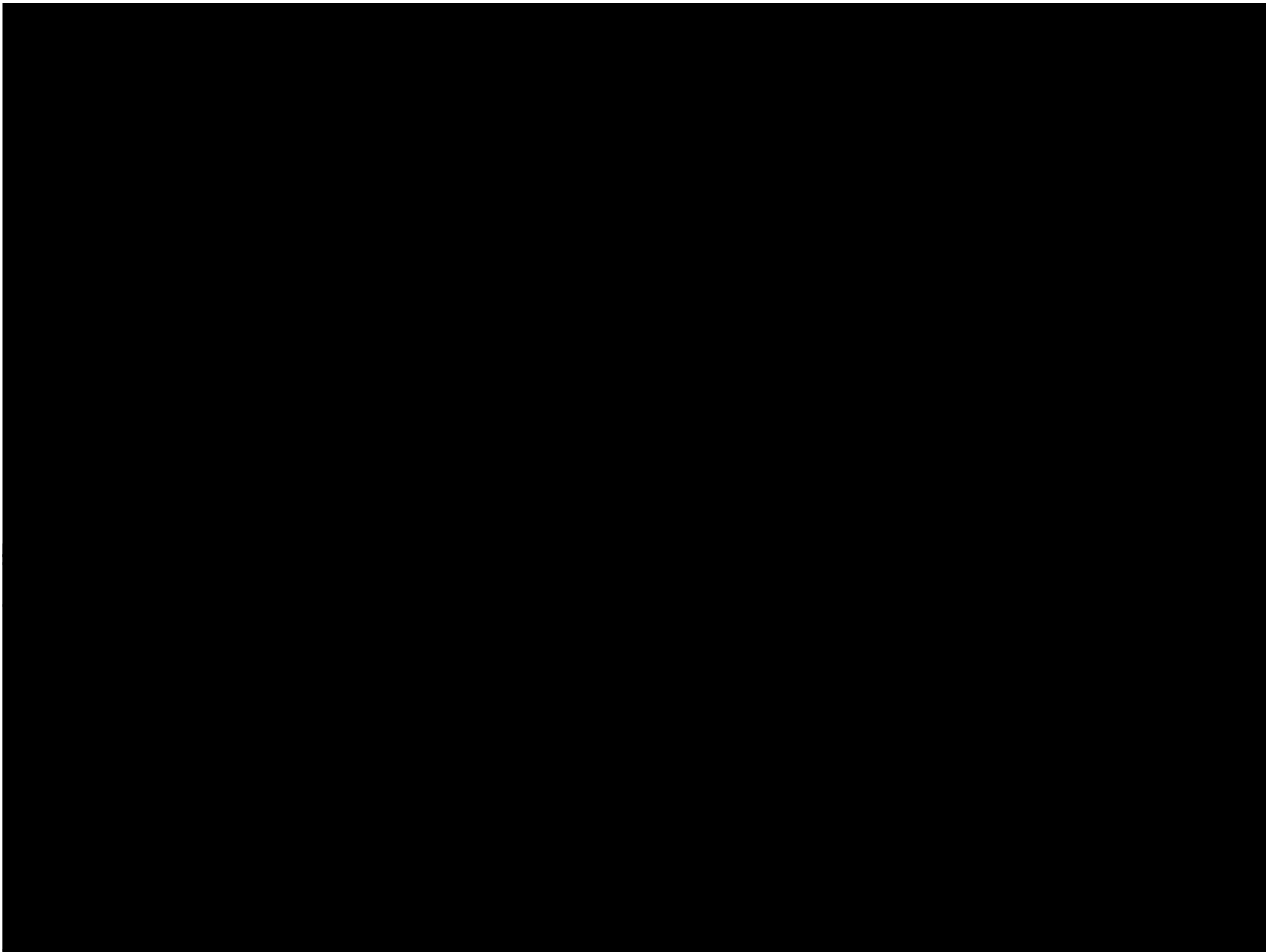
# VI. Application

## Summary Statement:

A recent judgment of Judah by locusts should cause the people to repent as a more dreadful day of the LORD will come in a Babylonian invasion and at Armageddon, yet God promises forgiveness, deliverance, and restoration by judging the nations.

Do you need God to strip you of *everything* before you repent? (Huang Sabin)






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