

Joel



Key Word

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Locust

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Theme

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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 warm, orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the cross.

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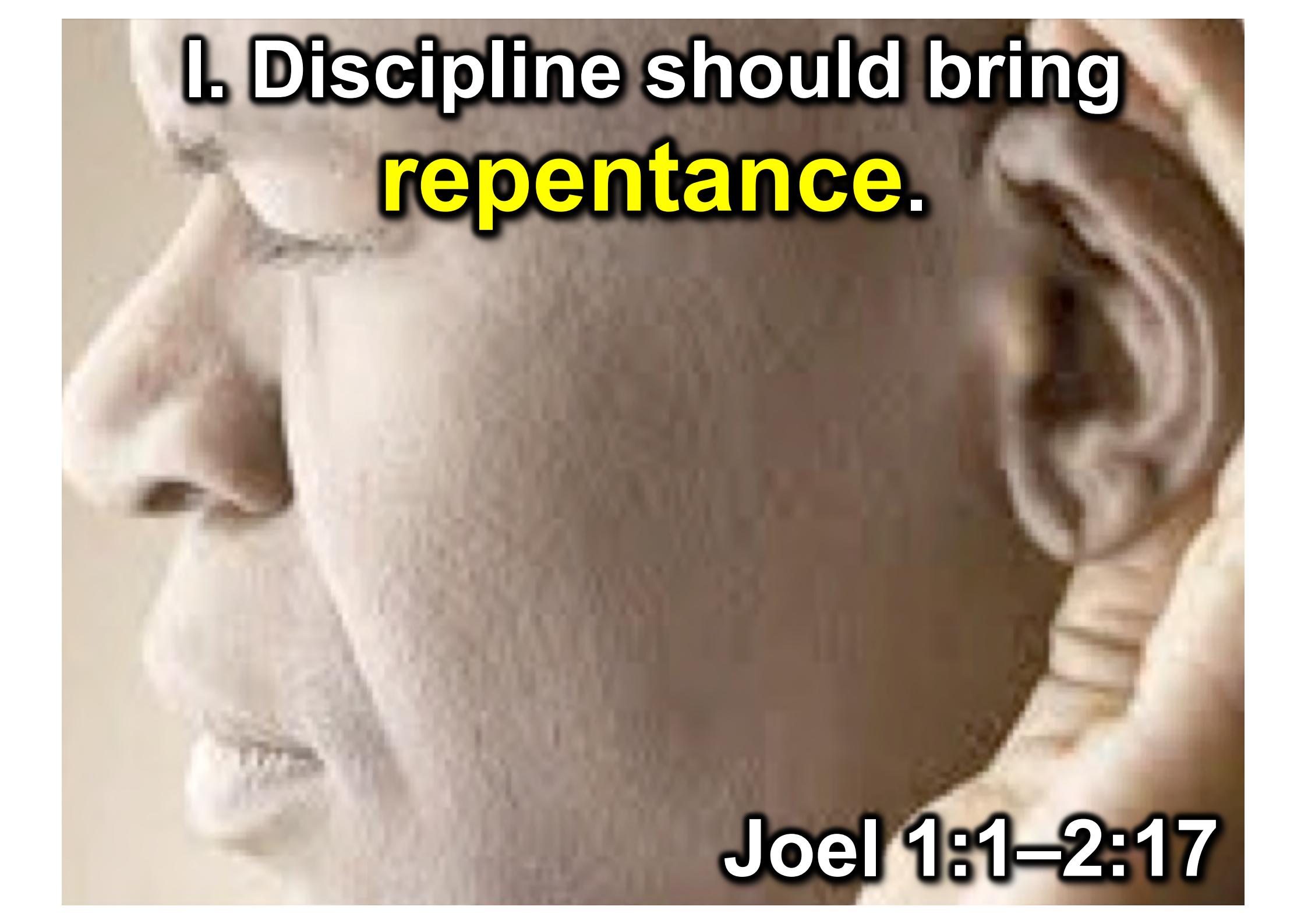
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What should we do when
we are **disciplined**?



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**I. Discipline should bring
repentance.**

Joel 1:1–2:17



**II. Repentance will bring
restoration.**

Joel 2:18–3:21

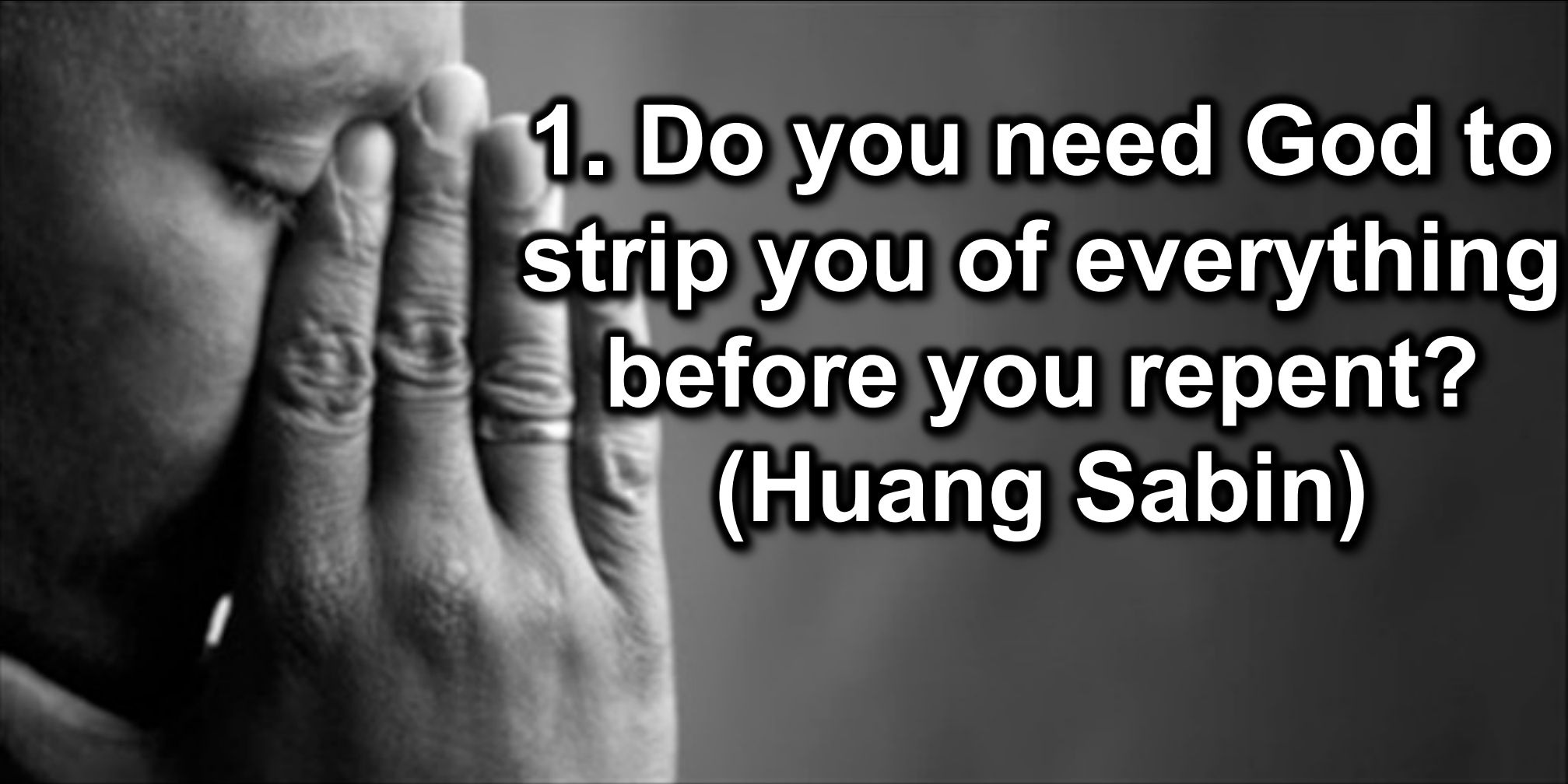
Main Idea

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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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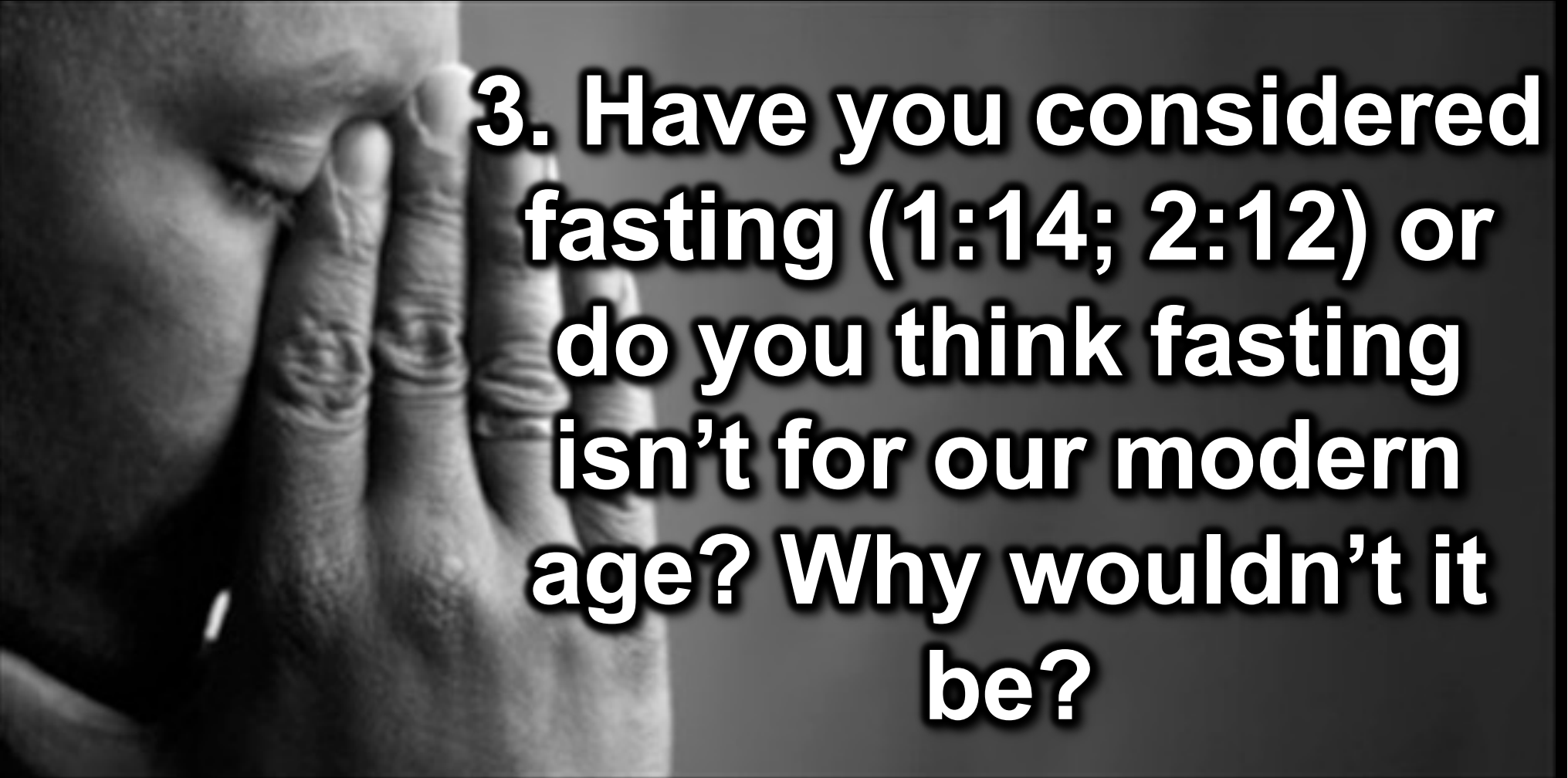
Questions to Consider



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

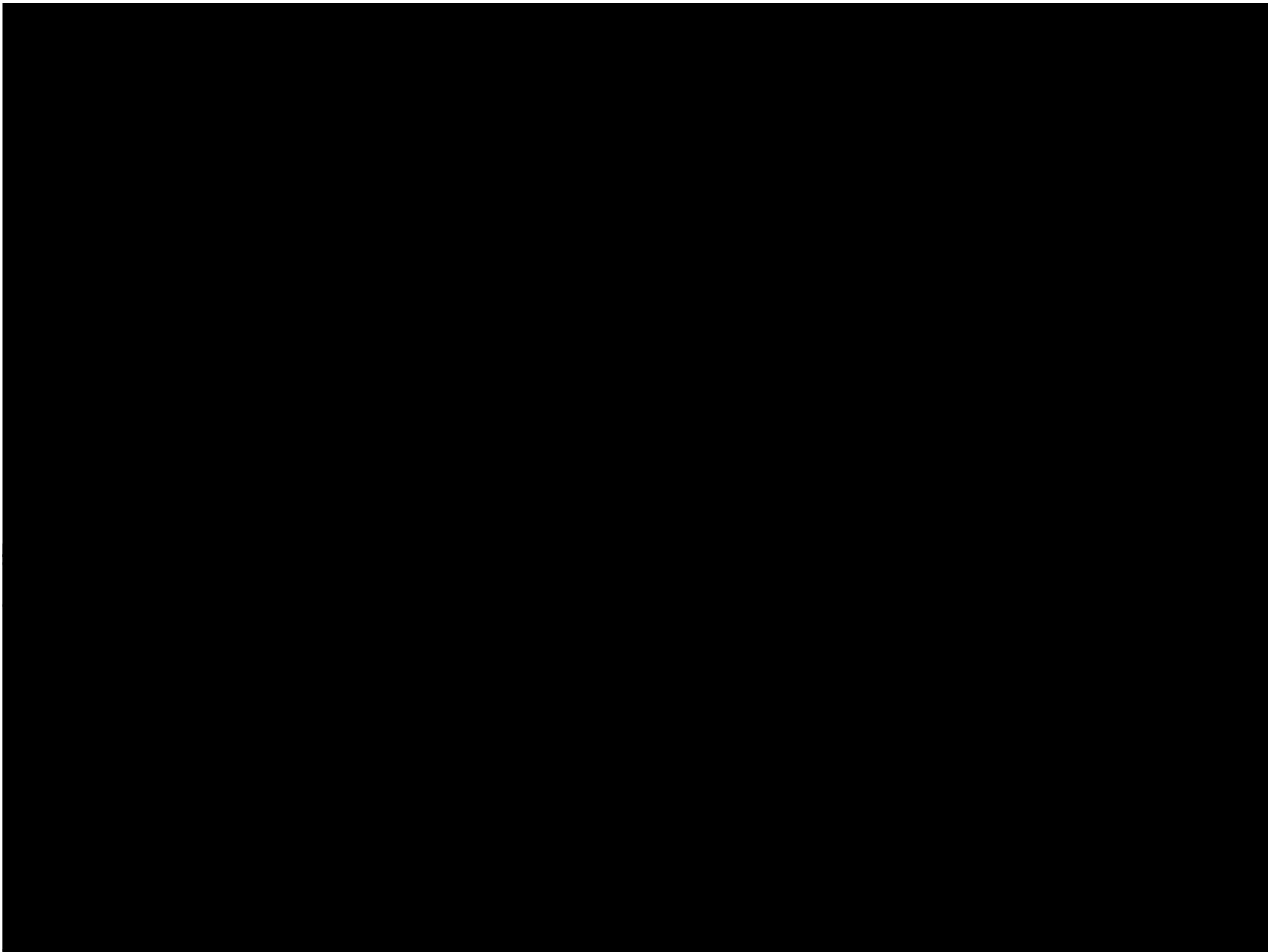
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Questions to Consider



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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plus

The Sunday Times November 29, 1992

Those
reel
guns

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Loh Keng Fatt
interviews
BB King

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DOOMSDAY:



That is the day the 10-km-wide Comet Swift-Tuttle has a 1-in-10,000 chance of hitting Earth and sending mankind hurtling back to the Stone Age. Are there ways to avert such a catastrophe? And what are the other objects of space which could also threaten this planet?

Sharon Begley reports. Turn to Page 2.



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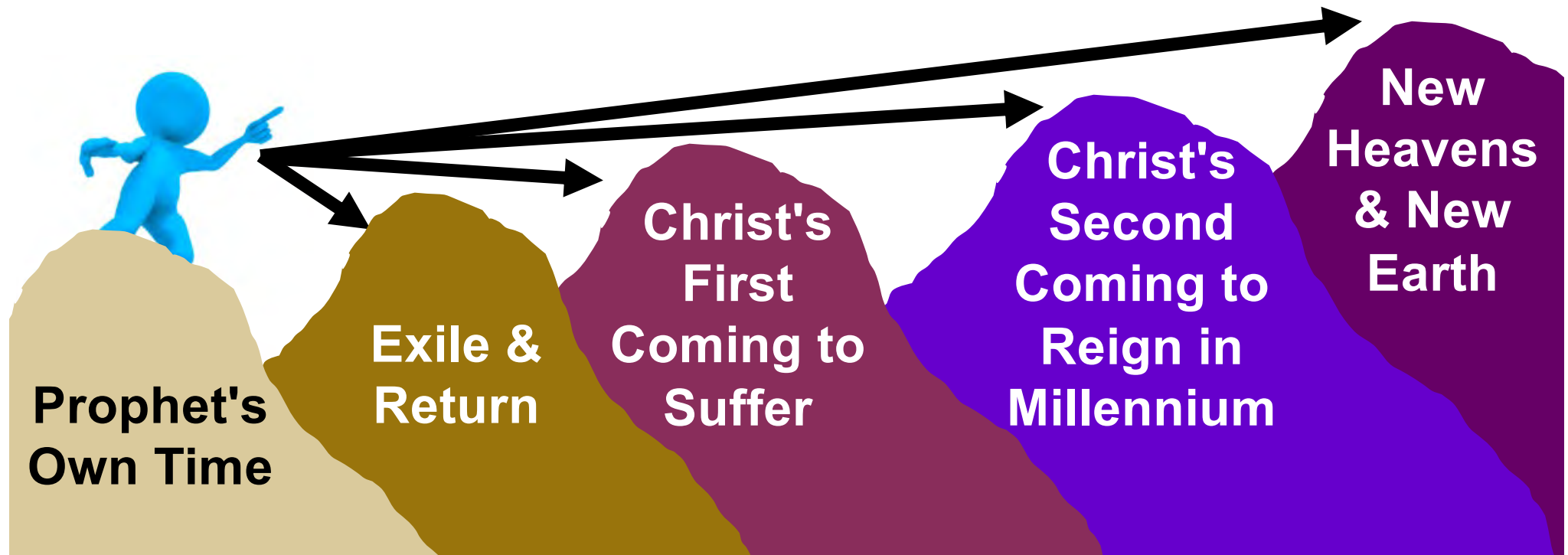
Swift-Tuttle, in a computer-enhanced photo, on Oct 22.

How does this report make you feel?

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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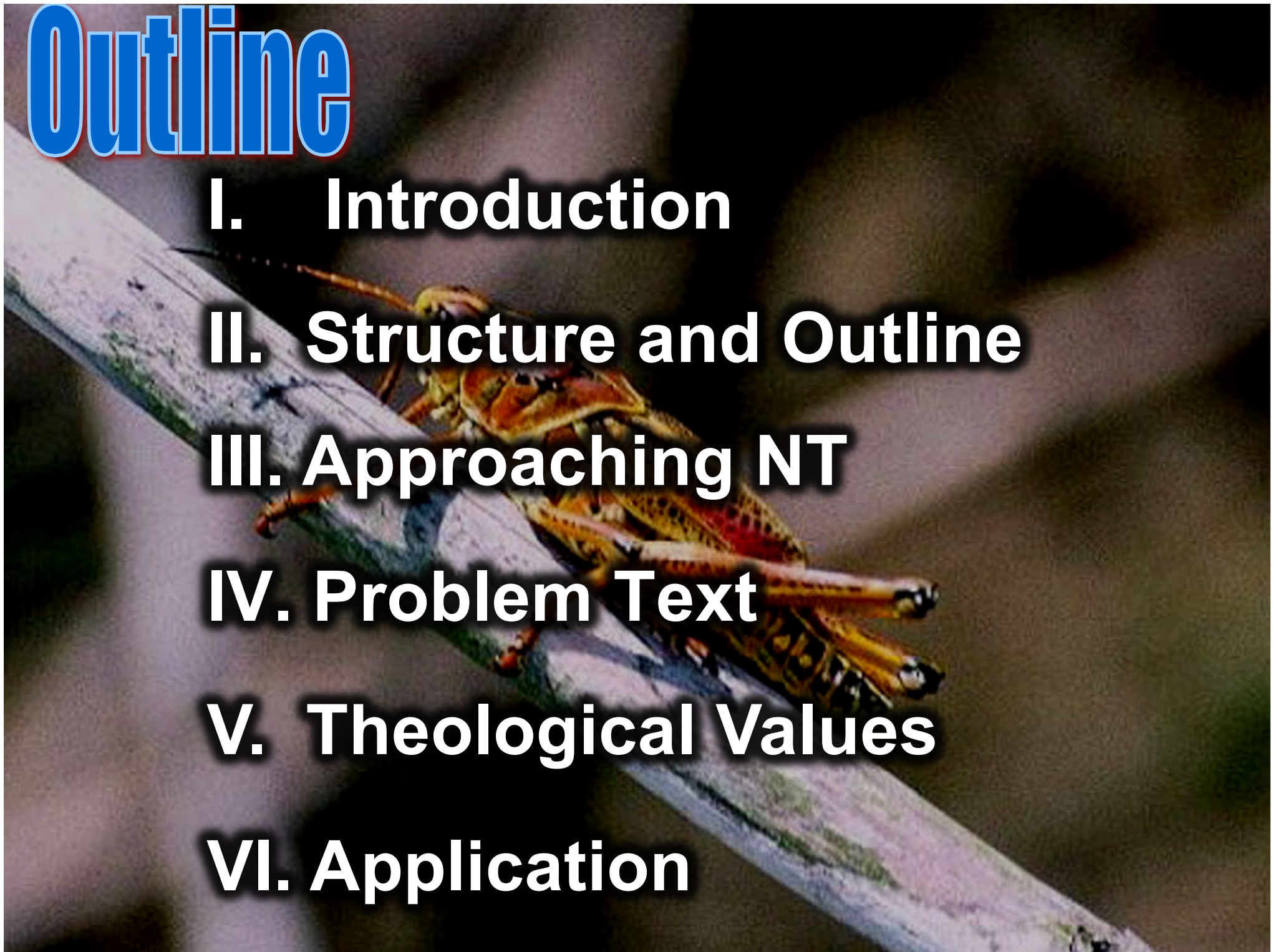
II. Structure and Outline

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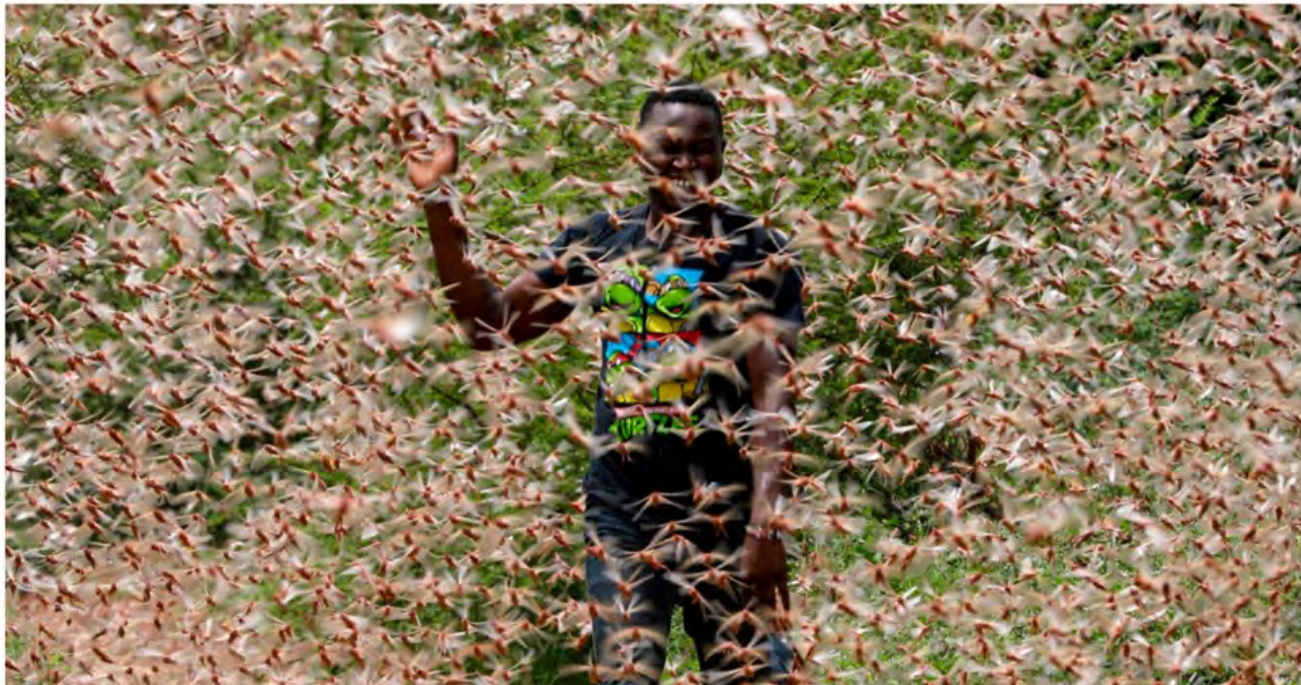
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Why today's biblical locust swarms can't be stopped

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TECH

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



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@gregggonssalves

Social distancing in one image.

CULTURE

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



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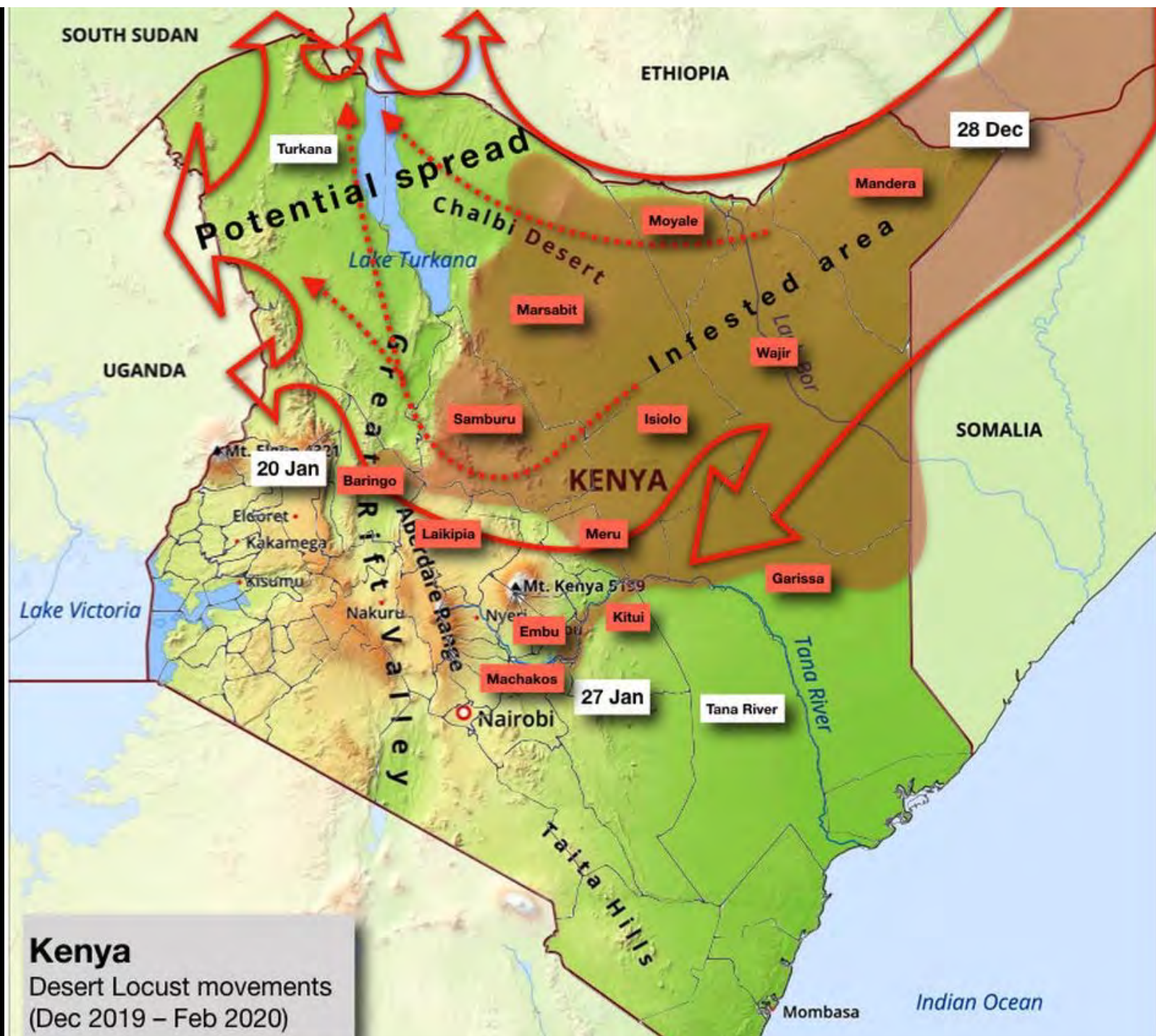


A desert locust swarm in Kenya on Jan. 24, 2020.

2020 Kenyan Locusts

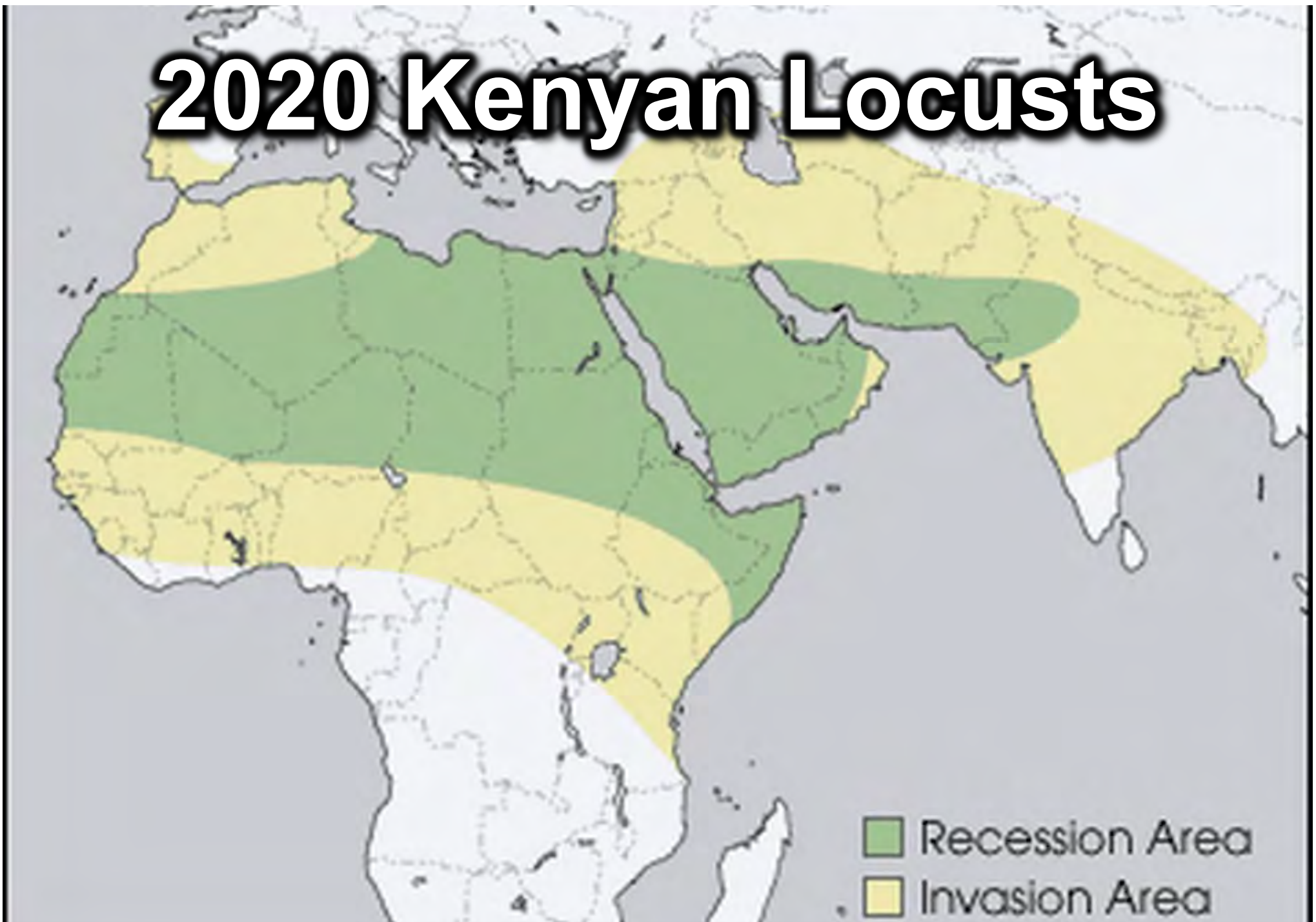


Locust swarms in Kenya on Jan. 24.



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



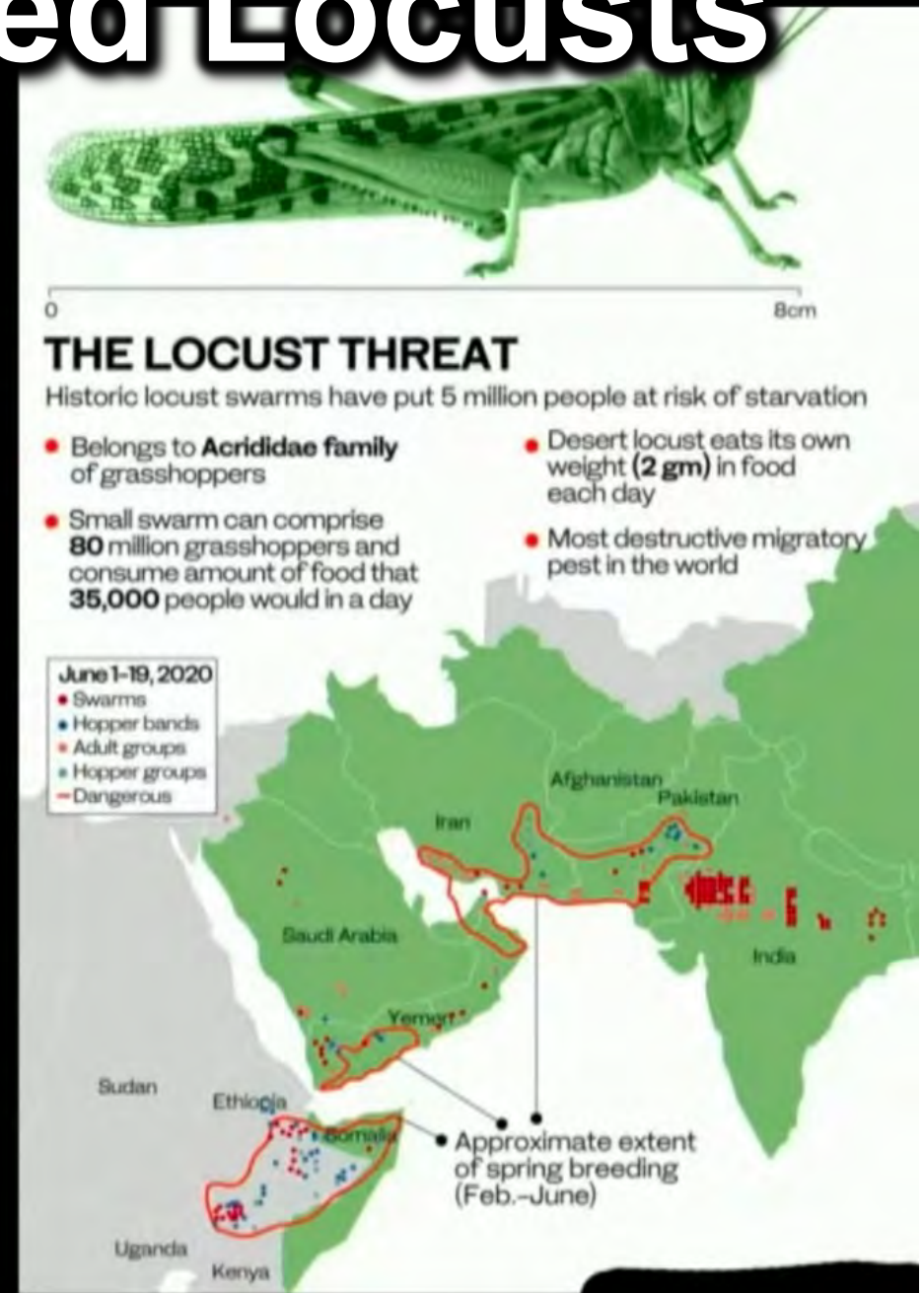
A Kenyan farmer picks up a desert locust in Jan. 2020.

2020 Kenyan Locusts



Photo: United Nations

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)

十

shí (ten)

一

yī (one)

王

wáng (king)

目

mù (eye)

心

xīn (heart)

**Wrap your ear
around the king**

**Focus on him with
10 humble eyes**

**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.

What should we do when
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

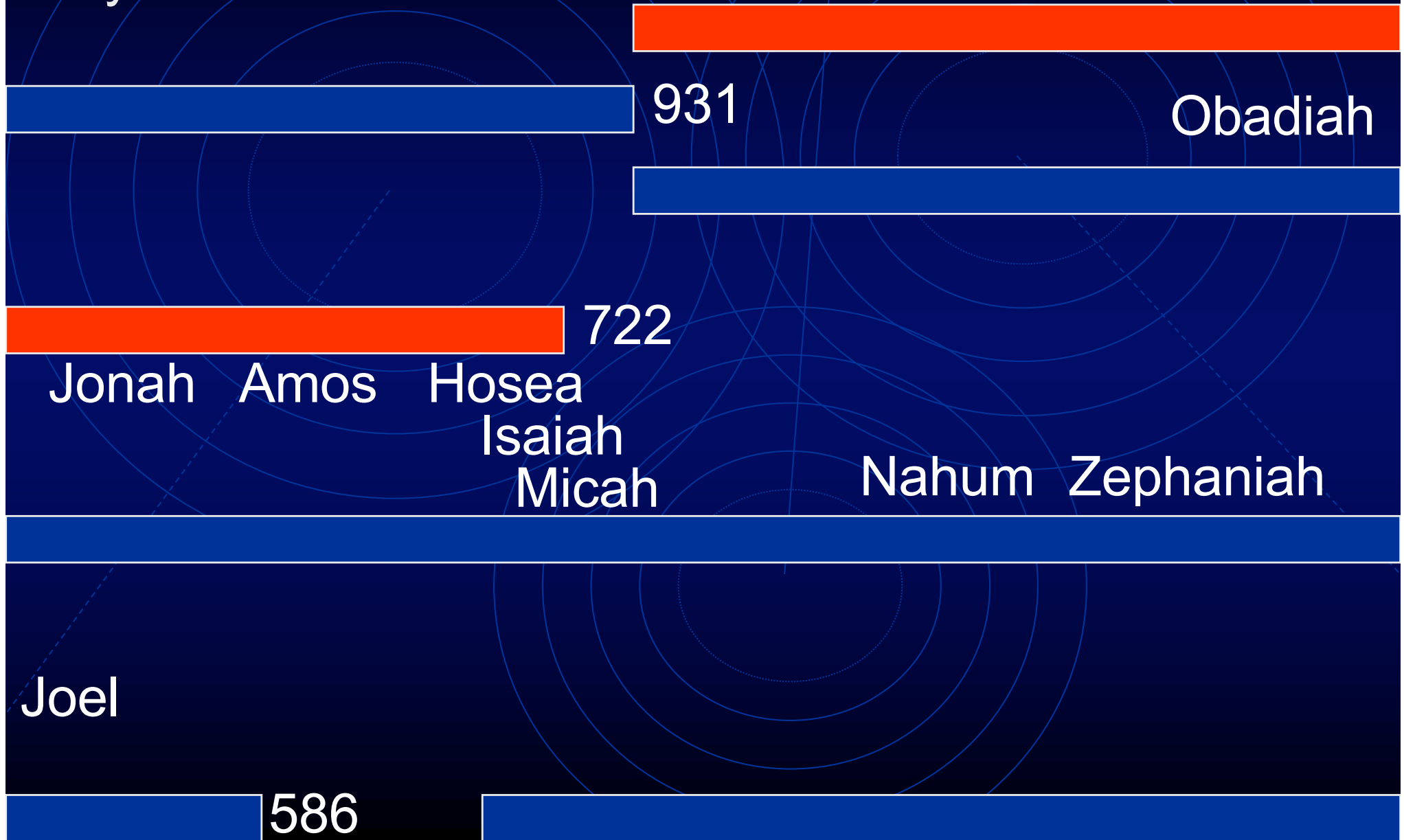
Zephaniah

Righteous in white; **Godless in yellow**

Placing the Prophets

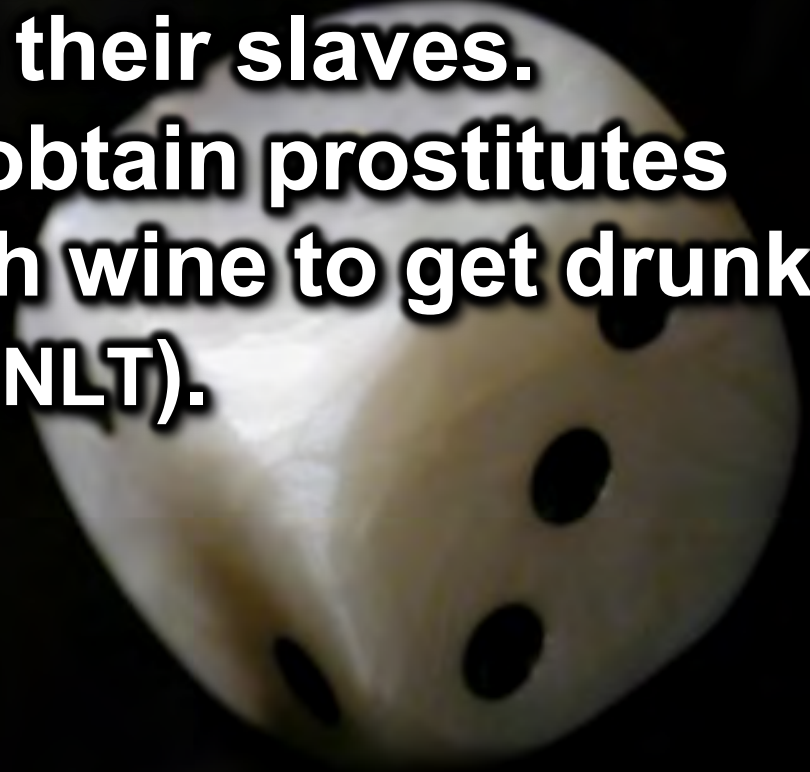
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Key Dates



**"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. ⁵You 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).

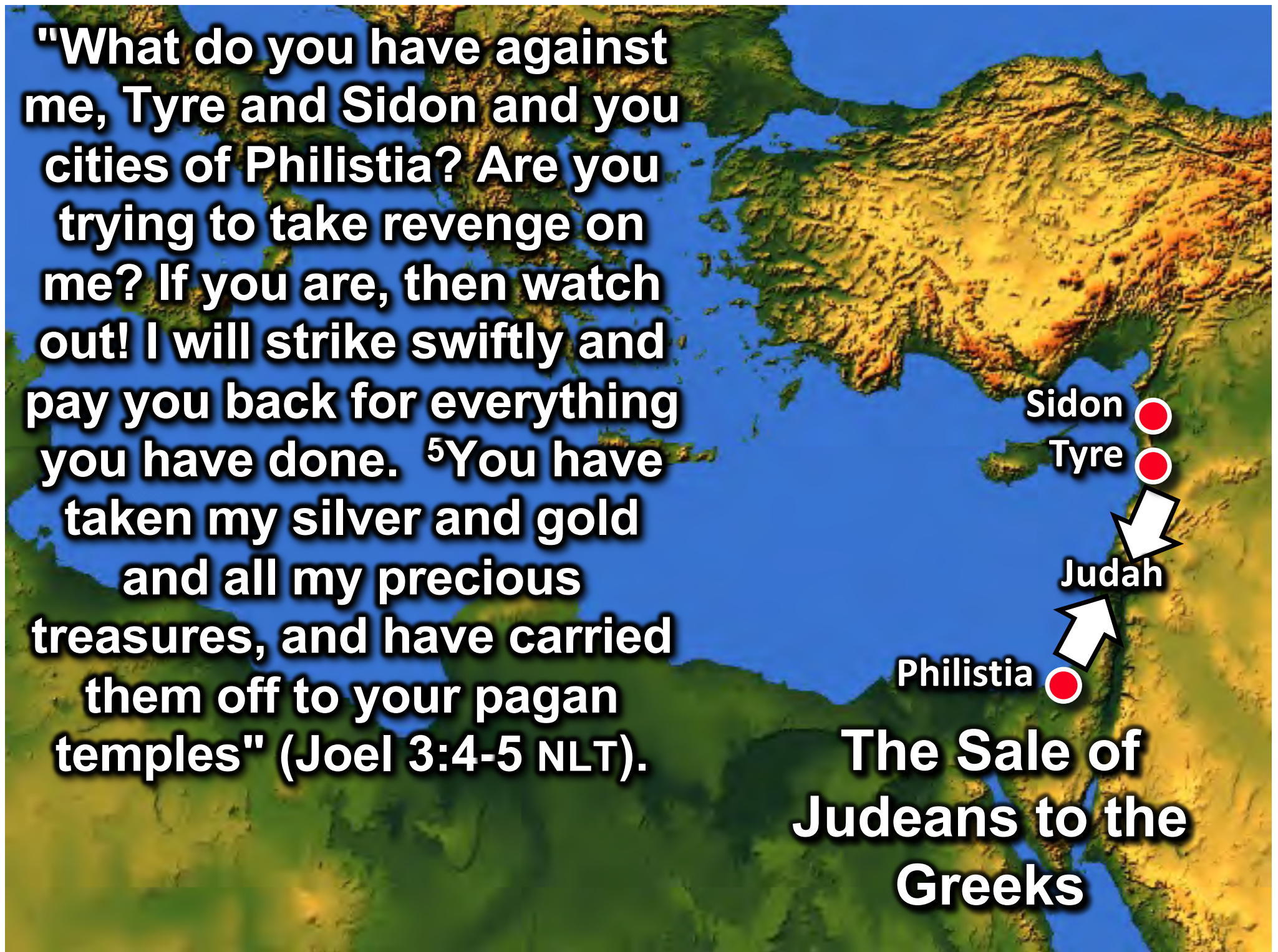
**The Sale of
Judeans to the
Greeks**

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



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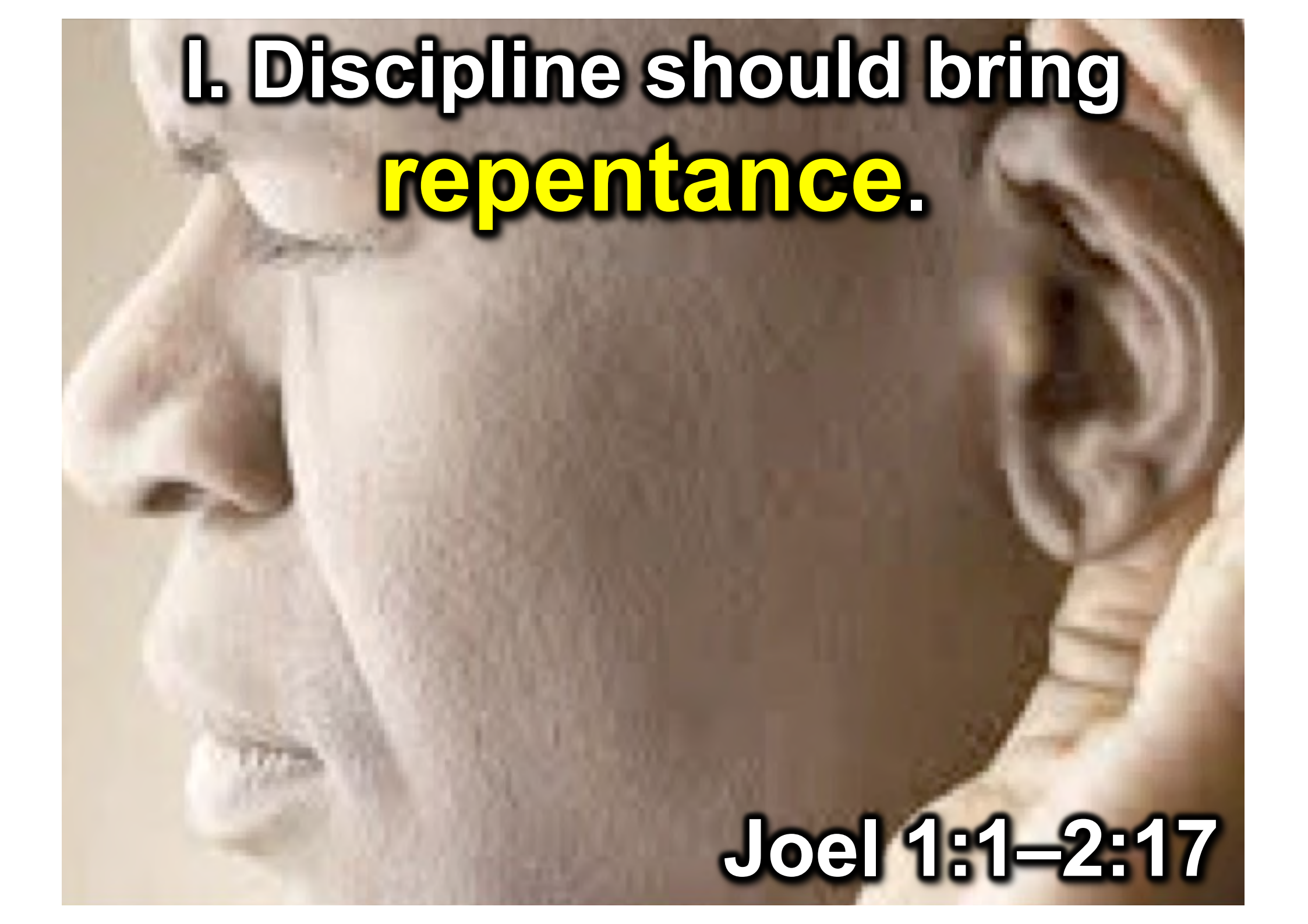
**1. What to do
now**

**2. How this will
turn out**

**"TO DO" list
for today**

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we are **disciplined**?





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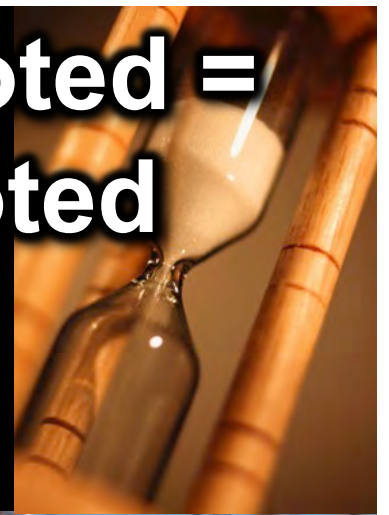
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The Day of the LORD

Joel 1

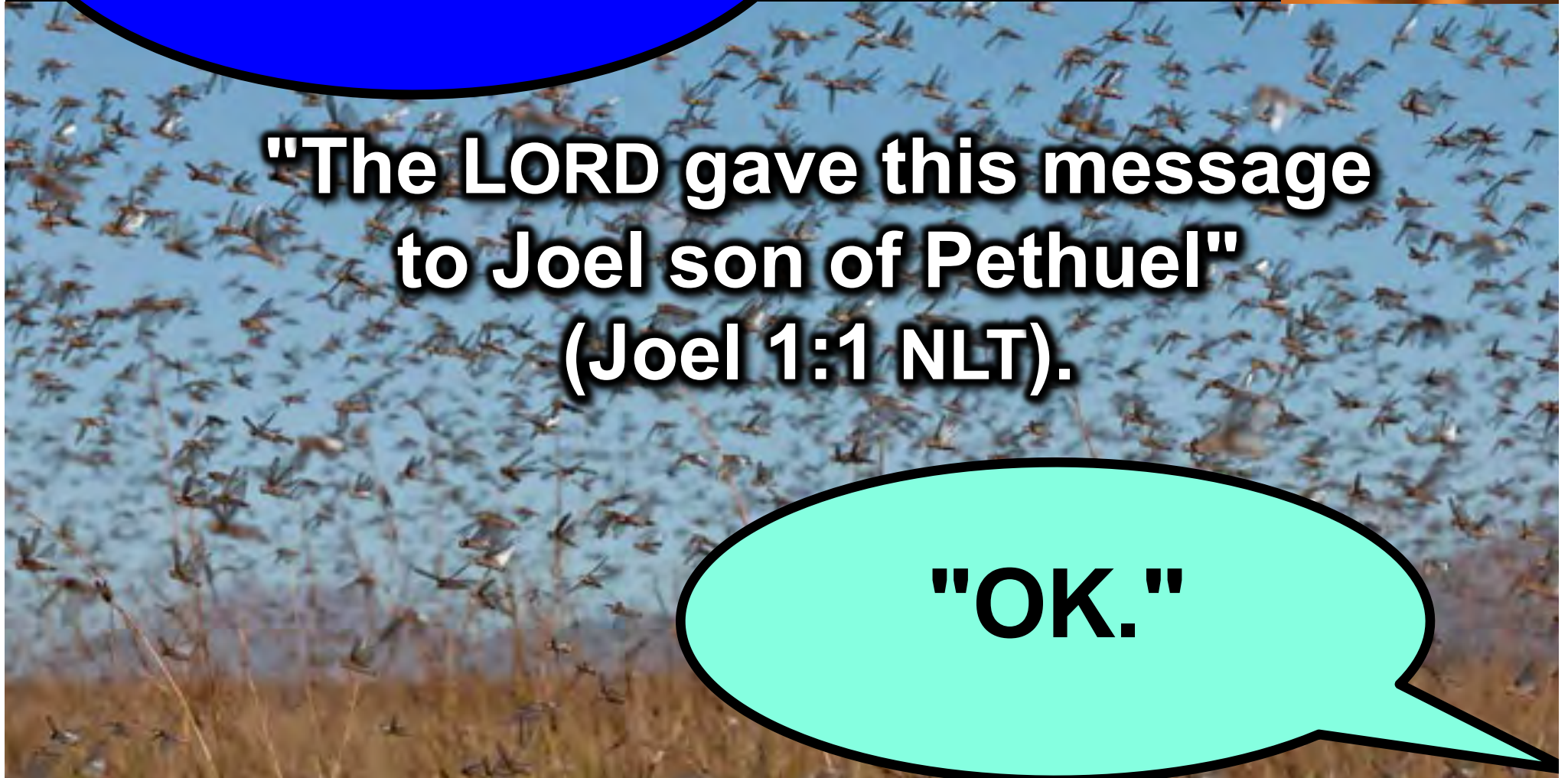
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**"Tell them about
the locusts."**

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

"OK."

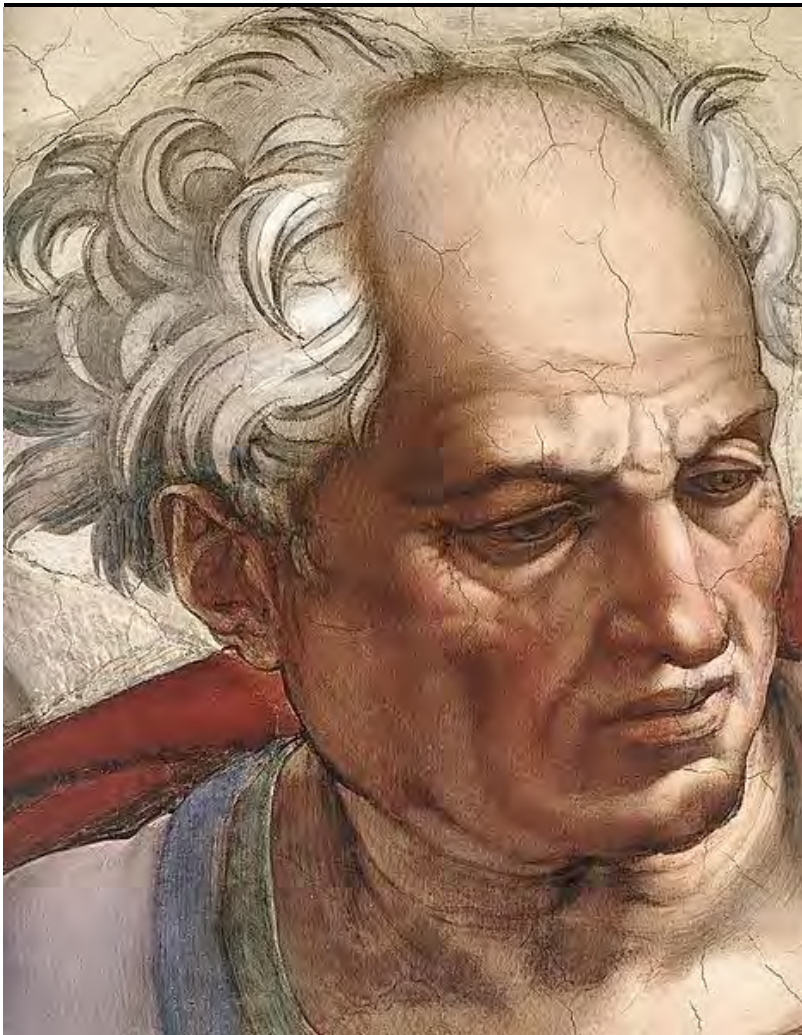


The Name "Joel" = LORD God

"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?
³Tell 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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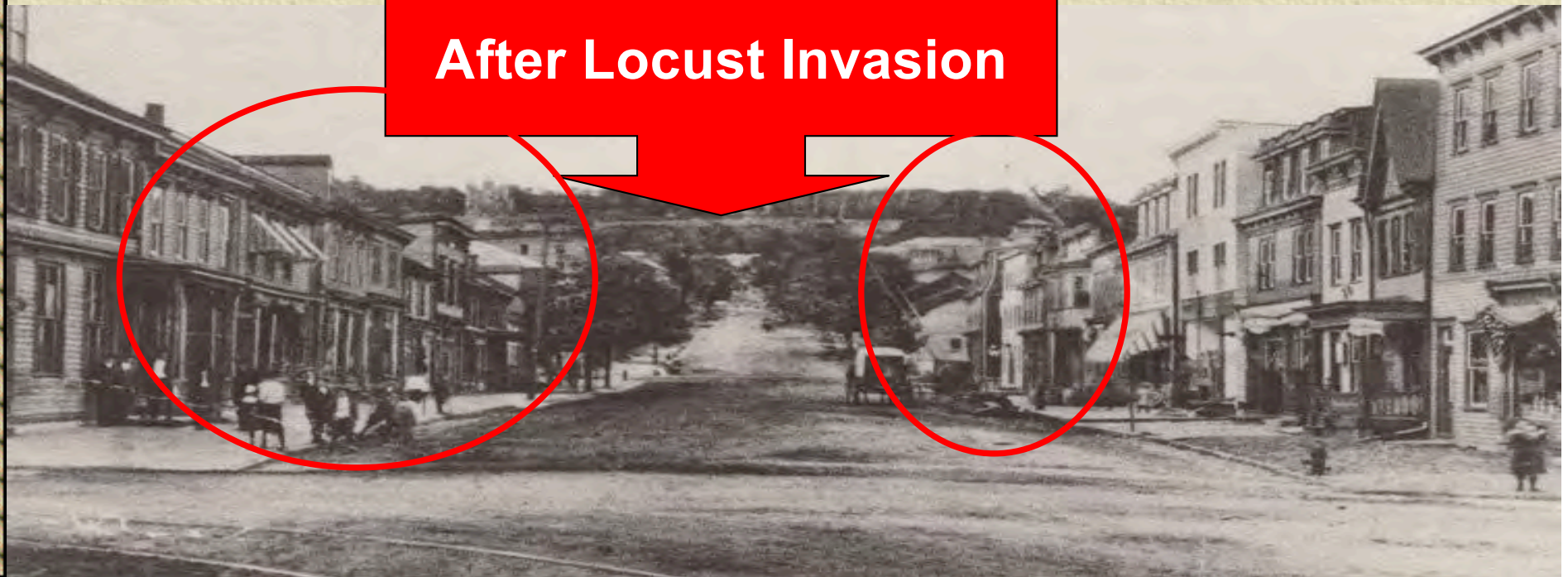
C.Date: late pre-exilic time period
(between 597 and 586 BC).

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

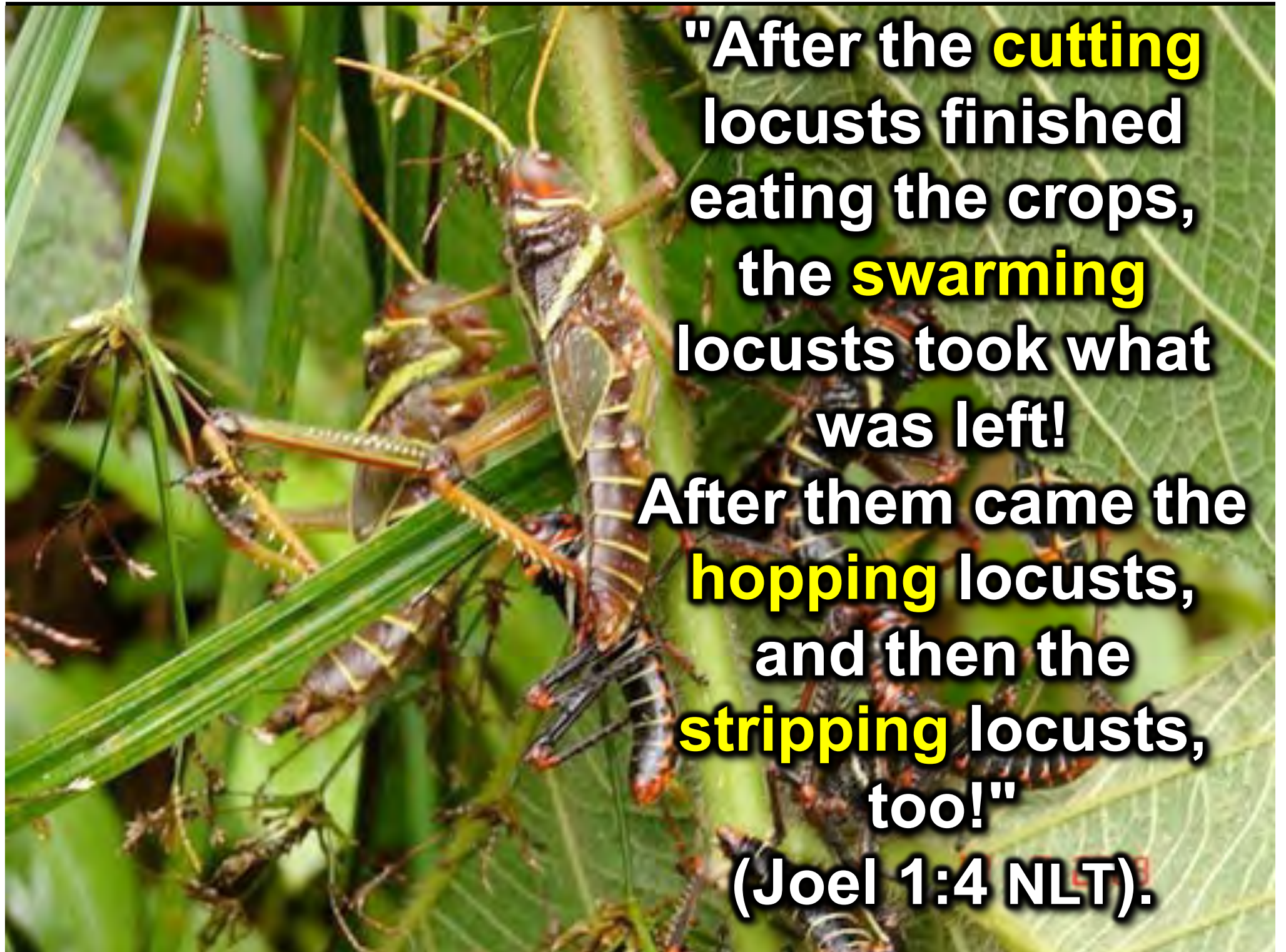


After Locust Invasion

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**

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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.**"

Joel 2

A close-up photograph of a grasshopper's head and upper thorax. The grasshopper has a yellowish-brown body with dark brown stripes running vertically down its face and across its thorax. Its large, compound eyes are prominent on the sides of its head. The background is a solid black, which makes the grasshopper's features stand out.

**"Sound the alarm in
Jerusalem!**

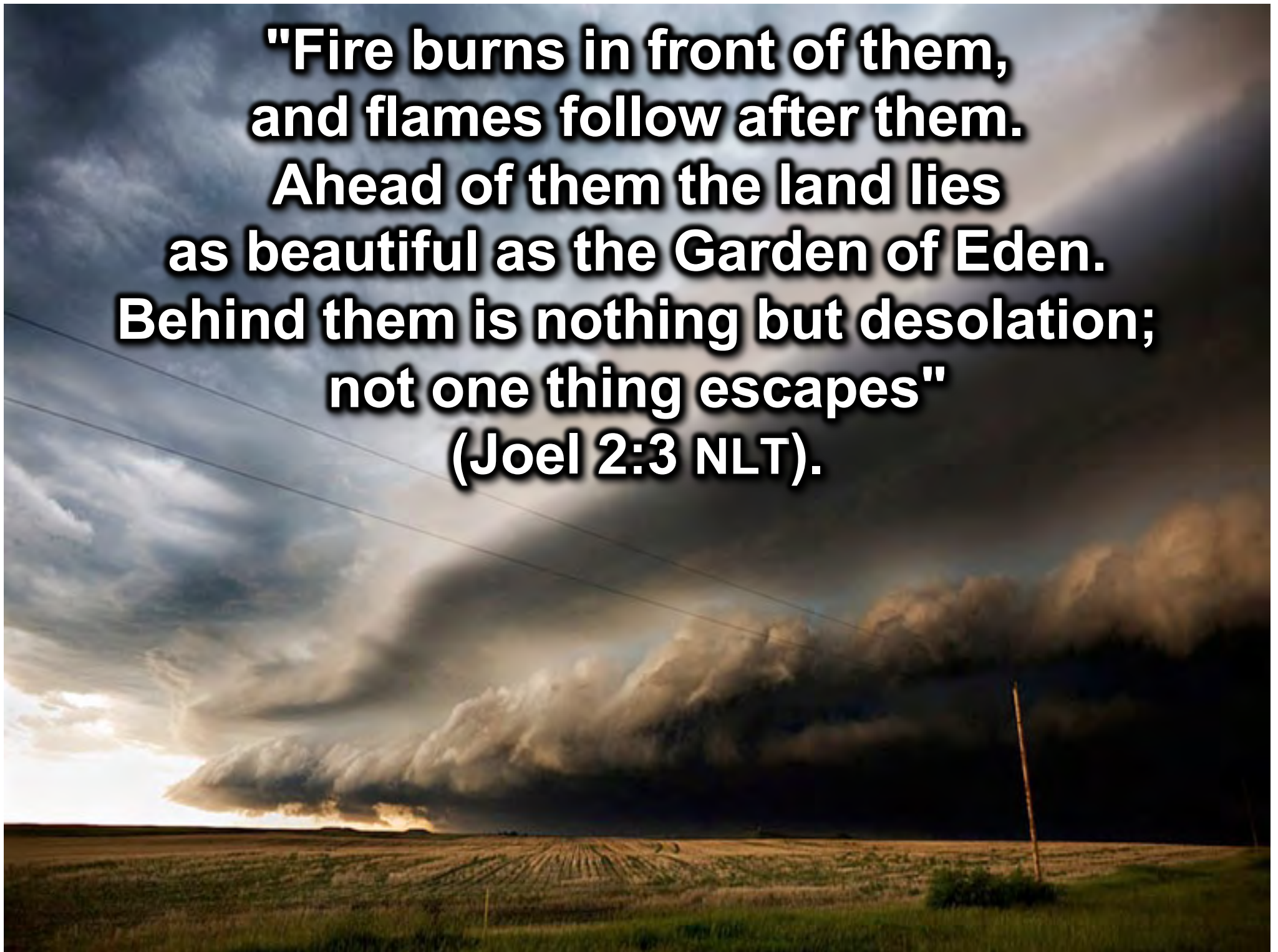
**Raise the battle cry on my
holy mountain!**

**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).**



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Why Drones Are Center of Potential US–China Warfare

Scale and speed—not a perfect design—will decide drone warfare, pushing Washington to cut red tape and ship autonomous fleets by the thousands, analysts say.



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Autonomous Multi-domain Adaptive Swarms-of-Swarms (AMASS)

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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'" (Joel 2:11b-12)

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

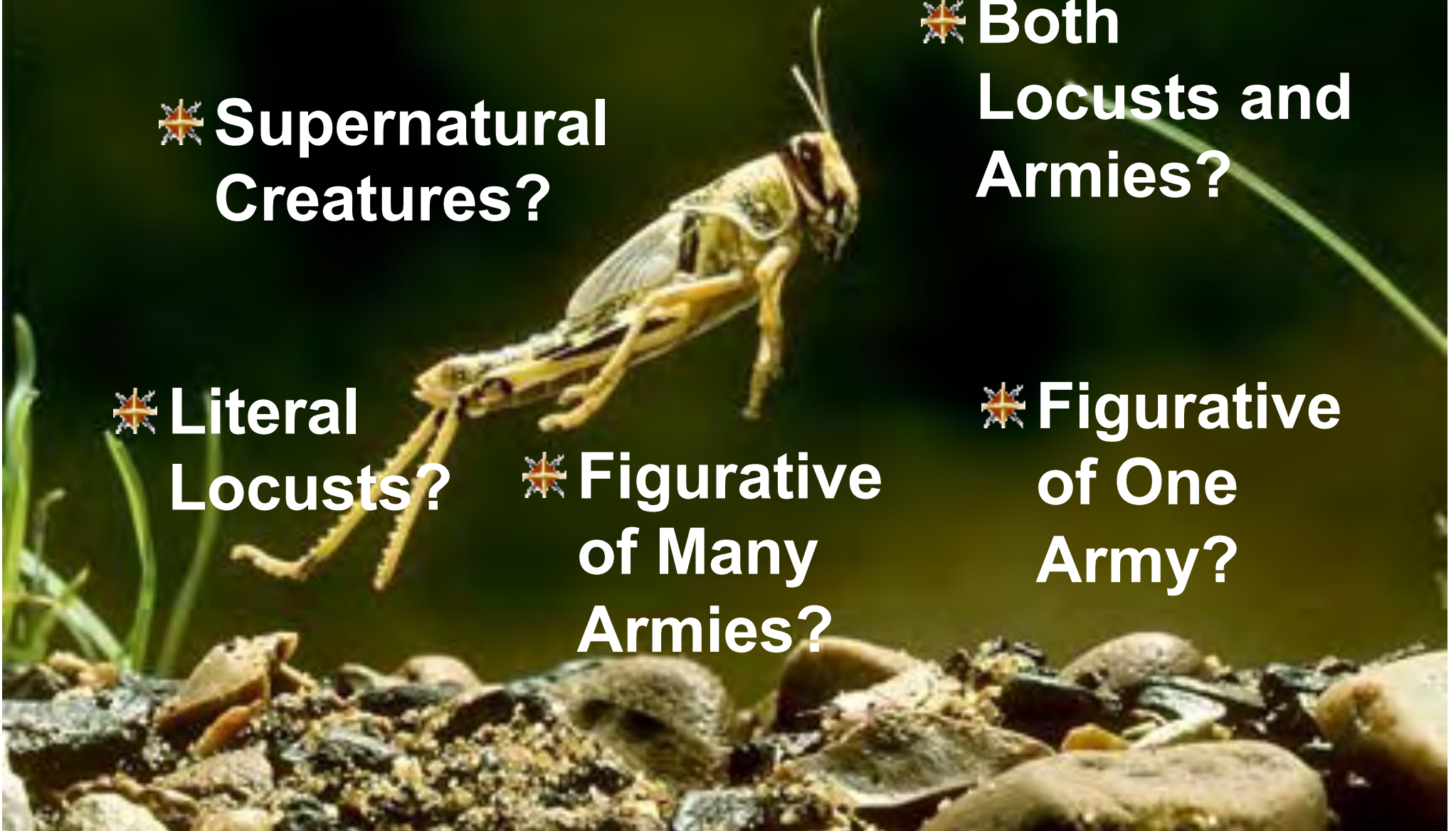
✧ Supernatural Creatures?

✧ 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

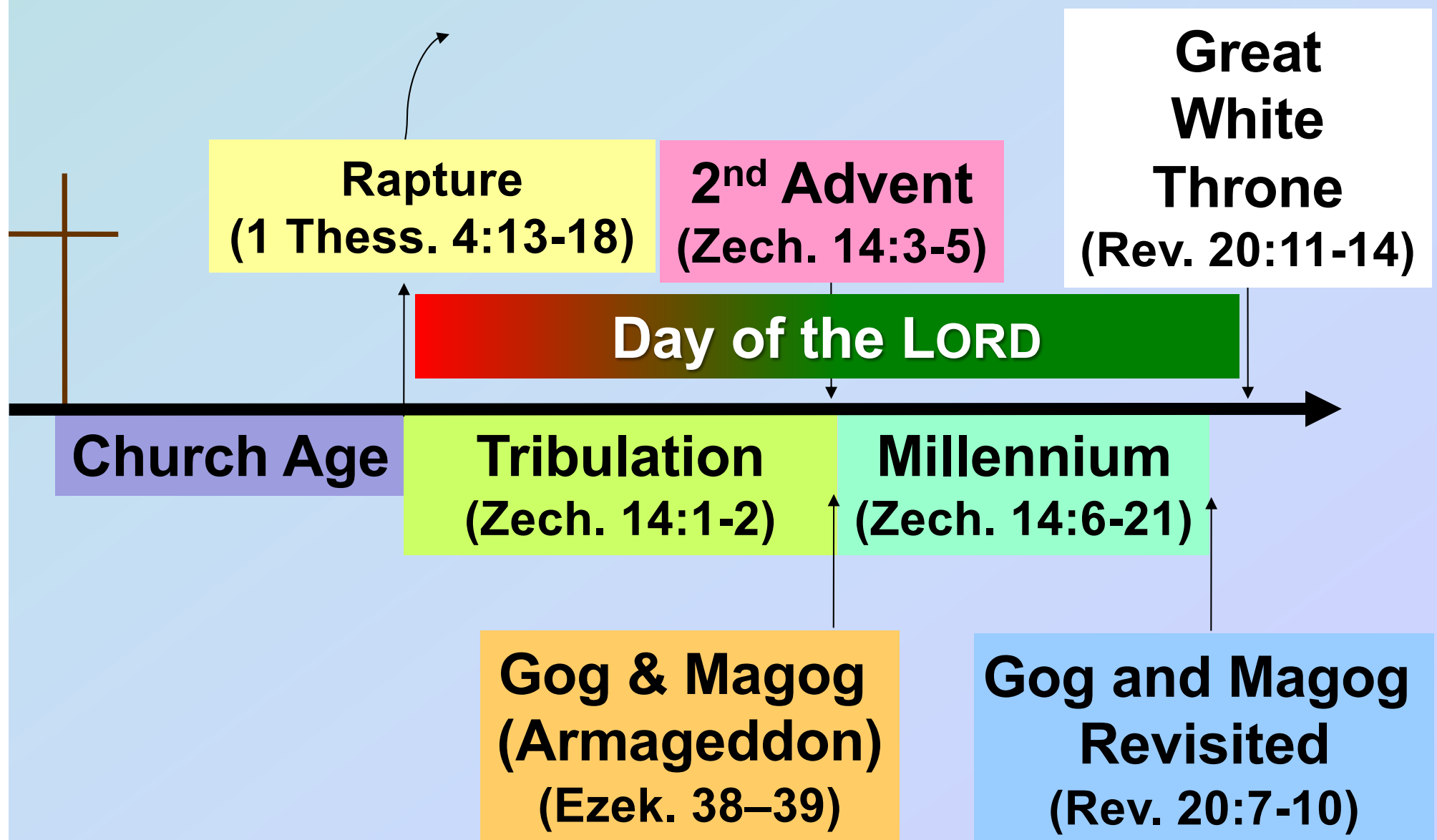
Rev. 20

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).**

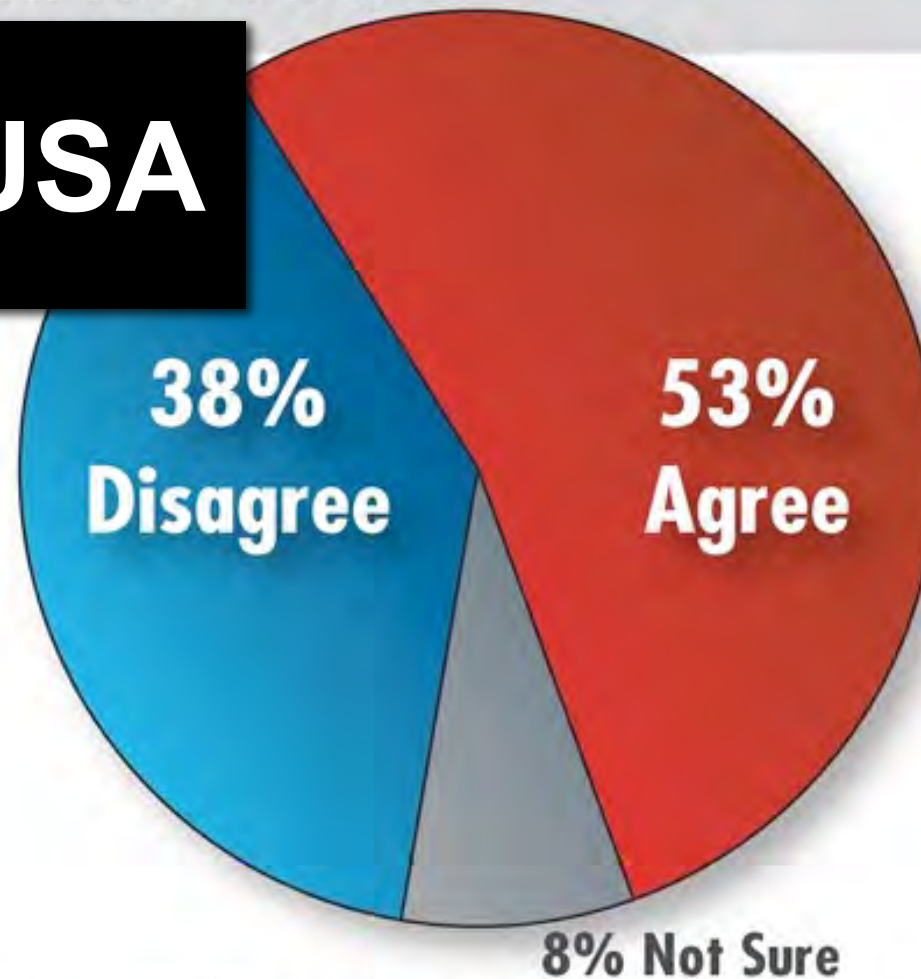
Do you reject God's discipline?



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



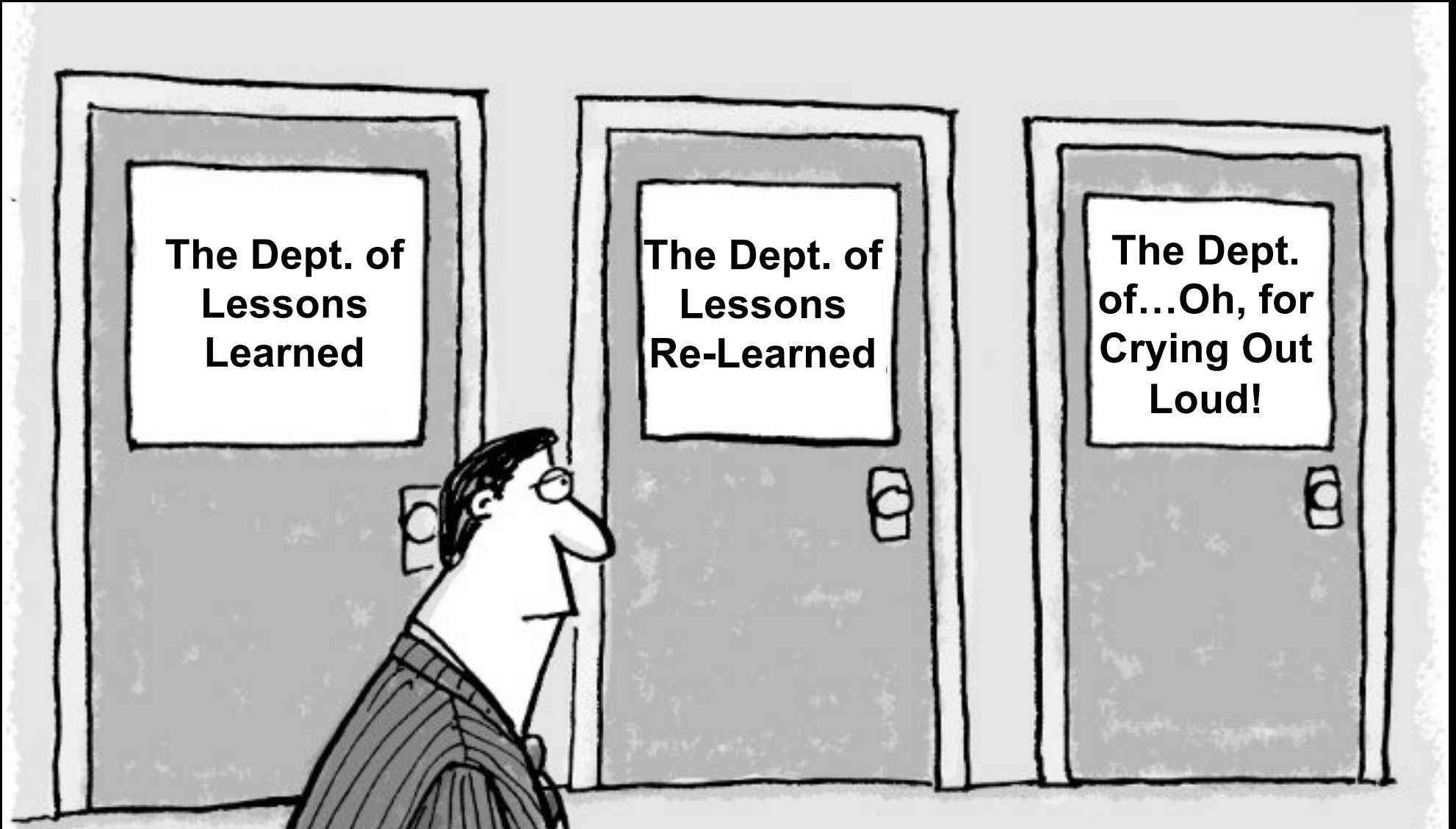
God's Discipline of the USA

**THE PROBLEM IS NOT
GUNS!**

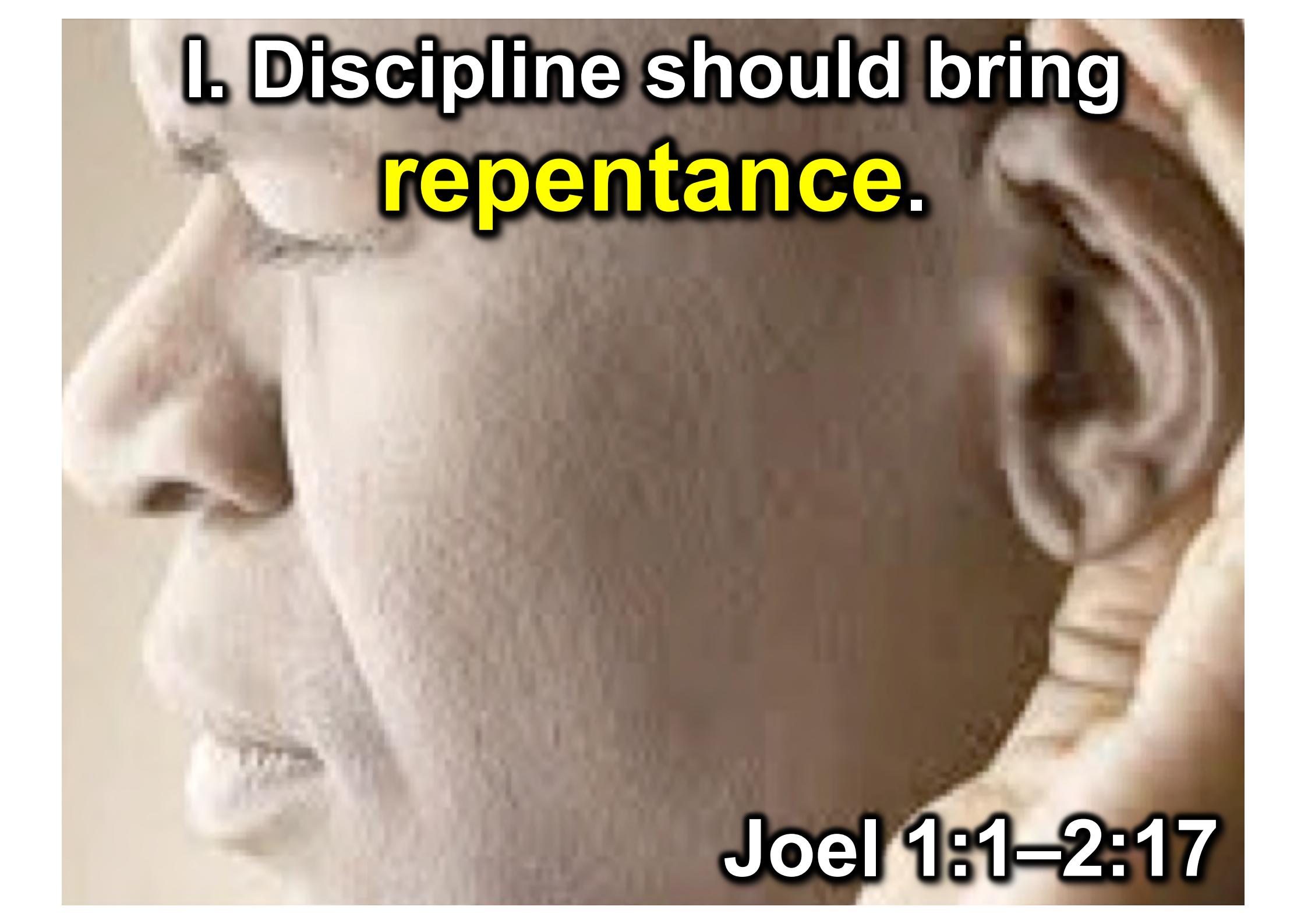
**It is hearts without God,
homes without discipline,
schools without prayer, and
courts without justice.**



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 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 into 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
Land	Mourned (1:10)	Will rejoice and be glad (2:21)
Animals	Groaned, wandered, were hungry (1:18)	Will not be afraid (2:22a)
Fields & Orchards	Were barren & nonproductive (1:7, 10-12)	Will grow and be fruitful and productive (2:22)
Rain	Drought with dryness causing fire (1:20)	Will pour down in abundance (2:23)
Grain, Wine, Oil	Ruined and dried (1:10)	Will be plentiful (2:24)
Crops	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

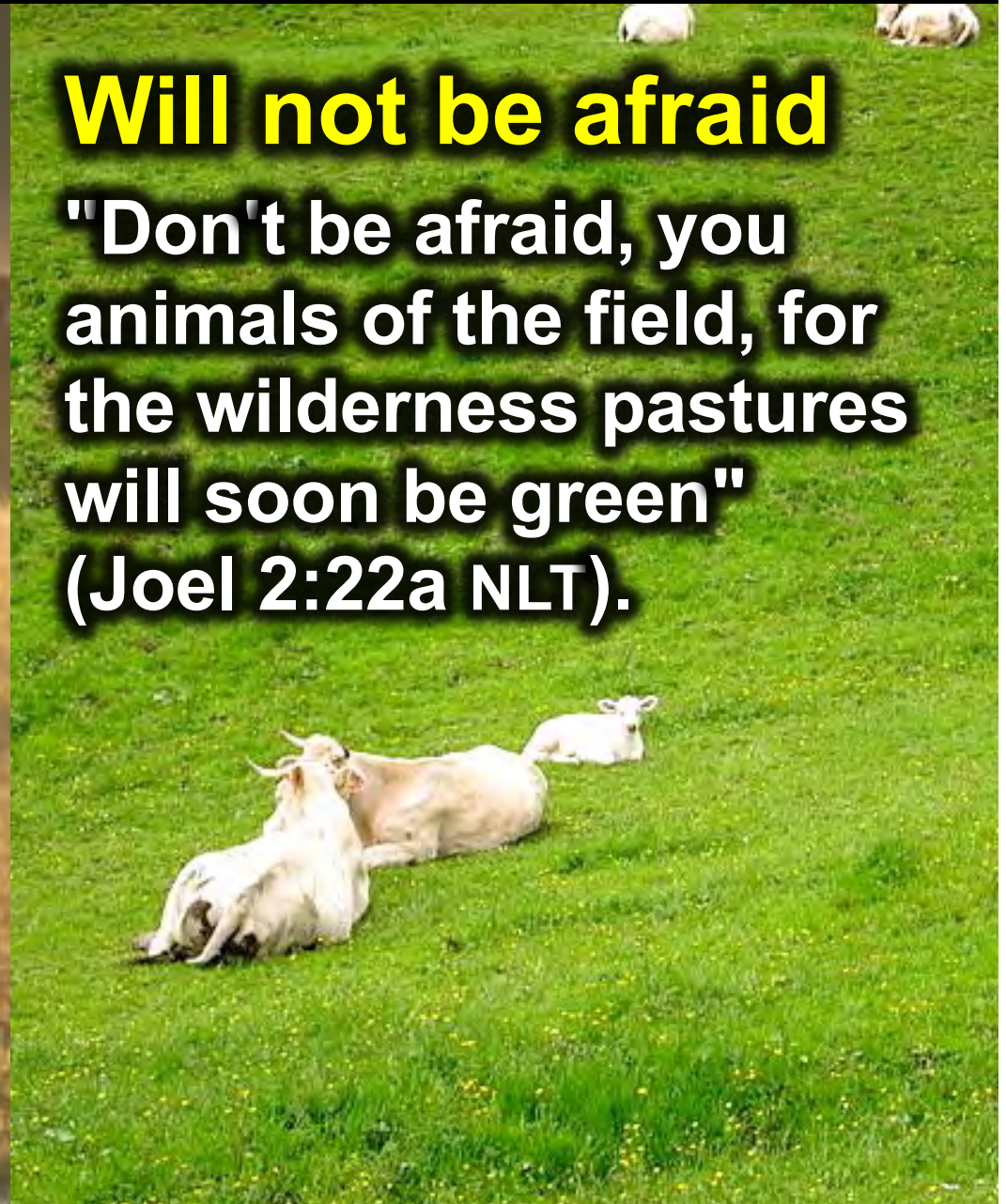
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**Groaned,
wandered, hungry**

"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).



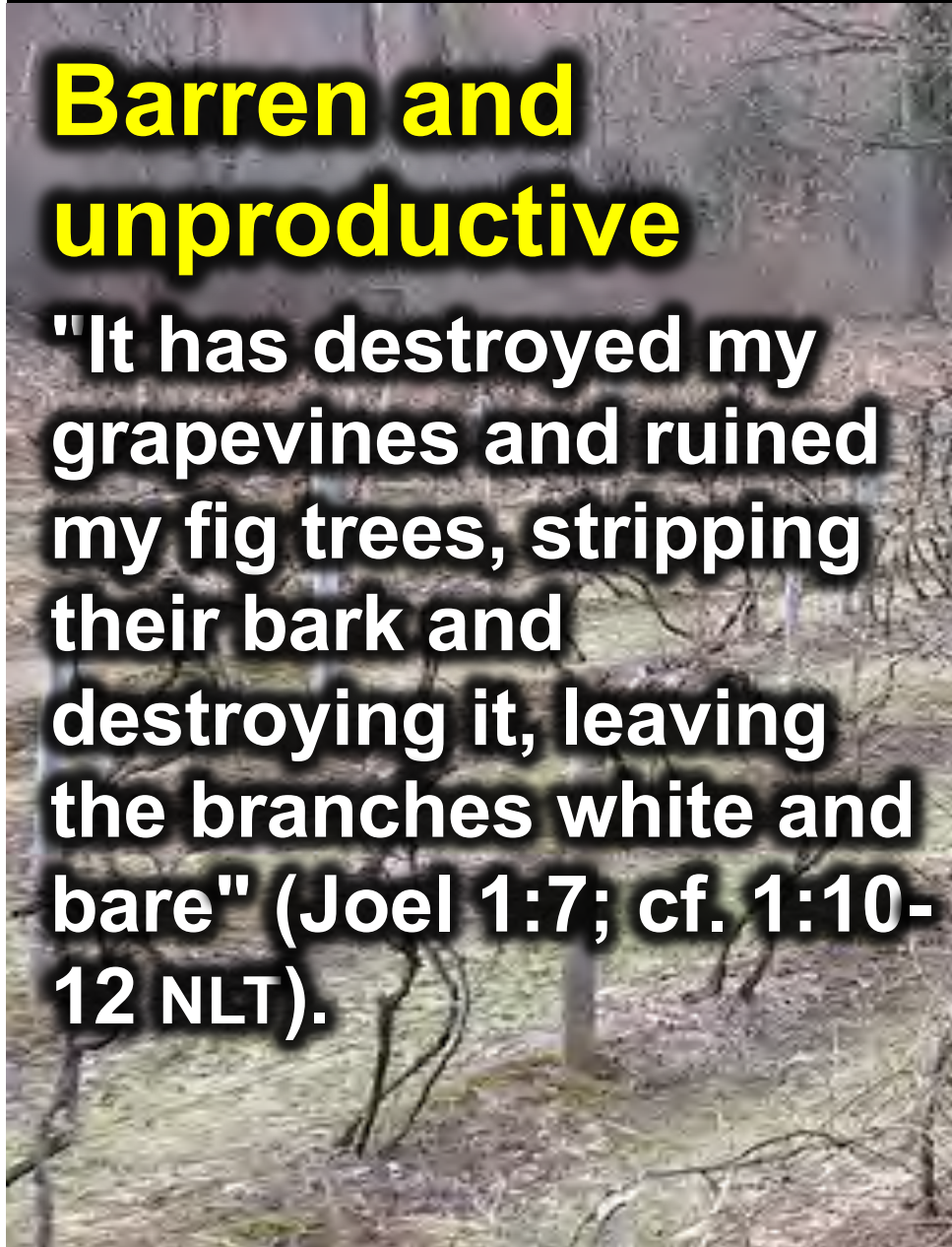
Fields Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

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

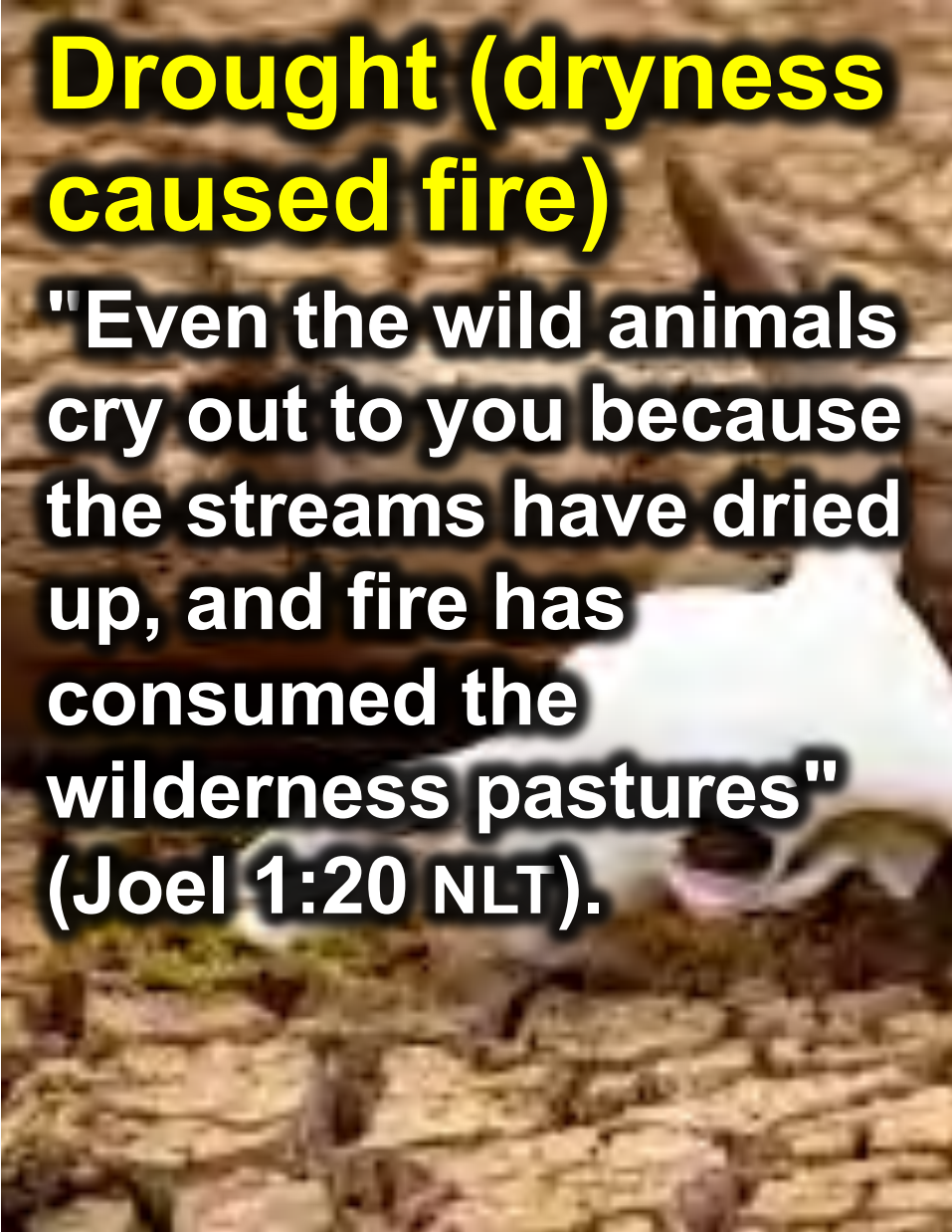
"The trees will again be filled with fruit; fig trees and grapevines will be loaded down once more" (Joel 2:22b NLT).



Rain Contrasts in Joel 2:21-27

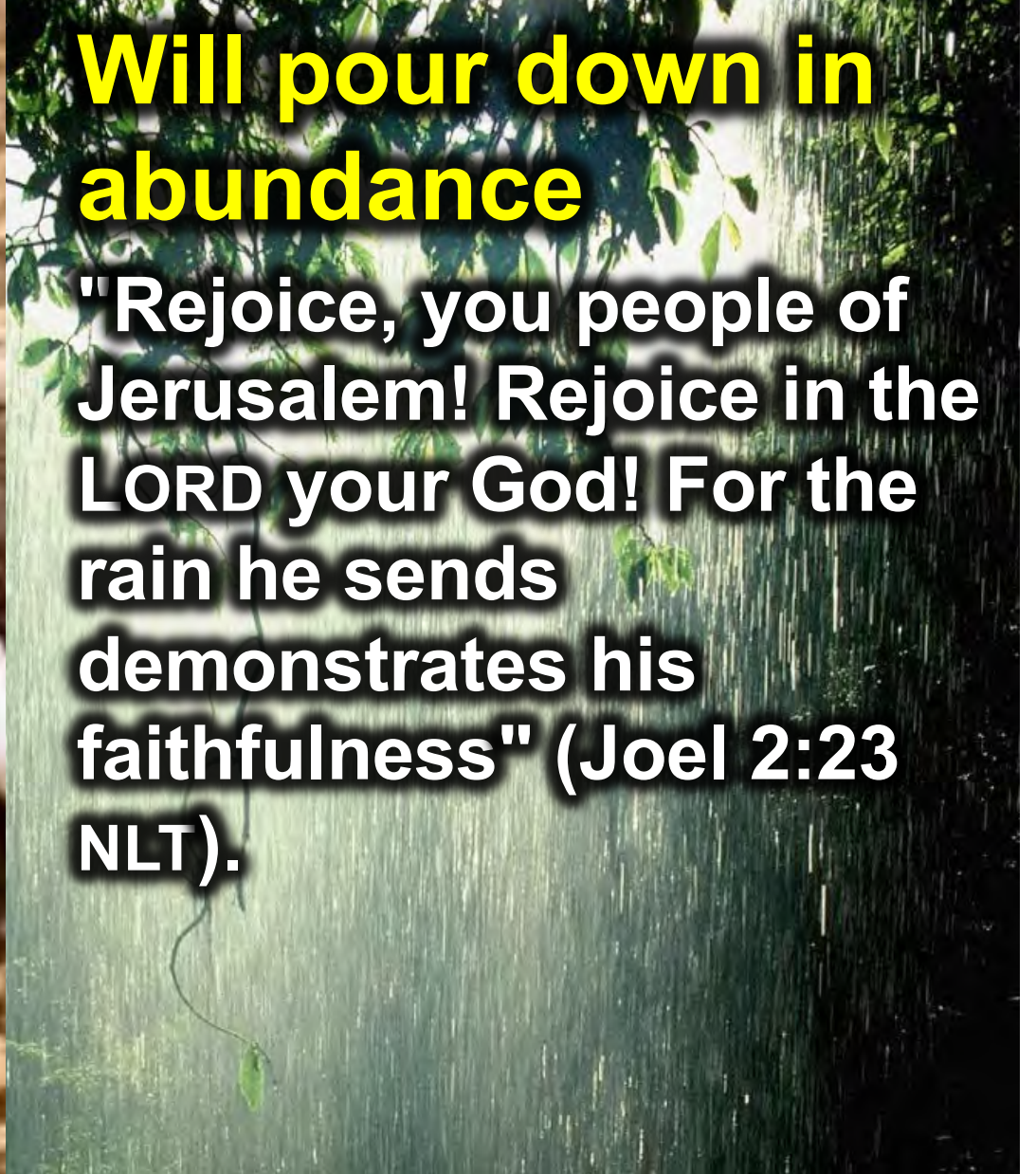
**Drought (dryness
caused fire)**

**"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**

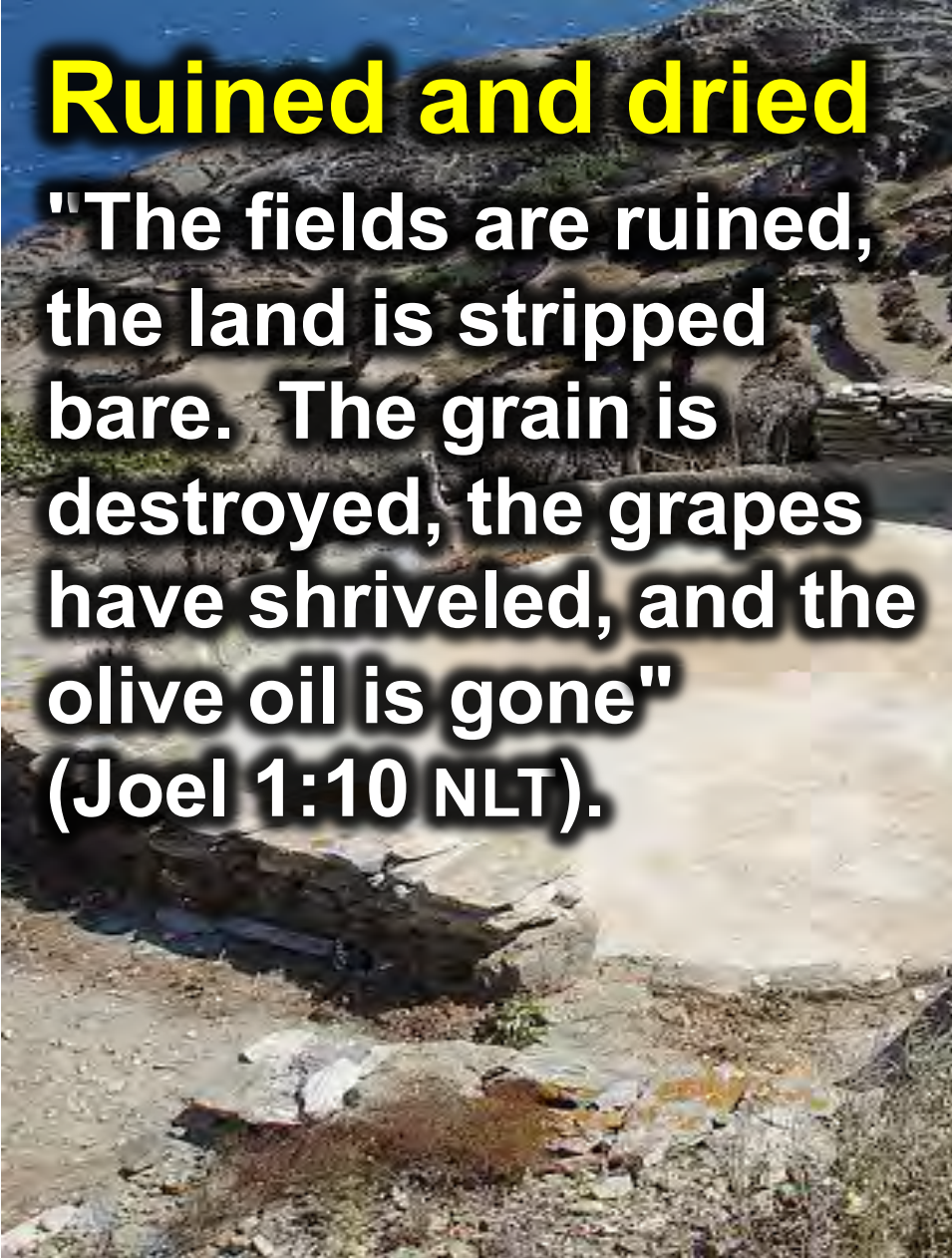
**"Rejoice, you people of
Jerusalem! Rejoice in the
LORD your God! For the
rain he sends
demonstrates his
faithfulness" (Joel 2:23
NLT).**



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

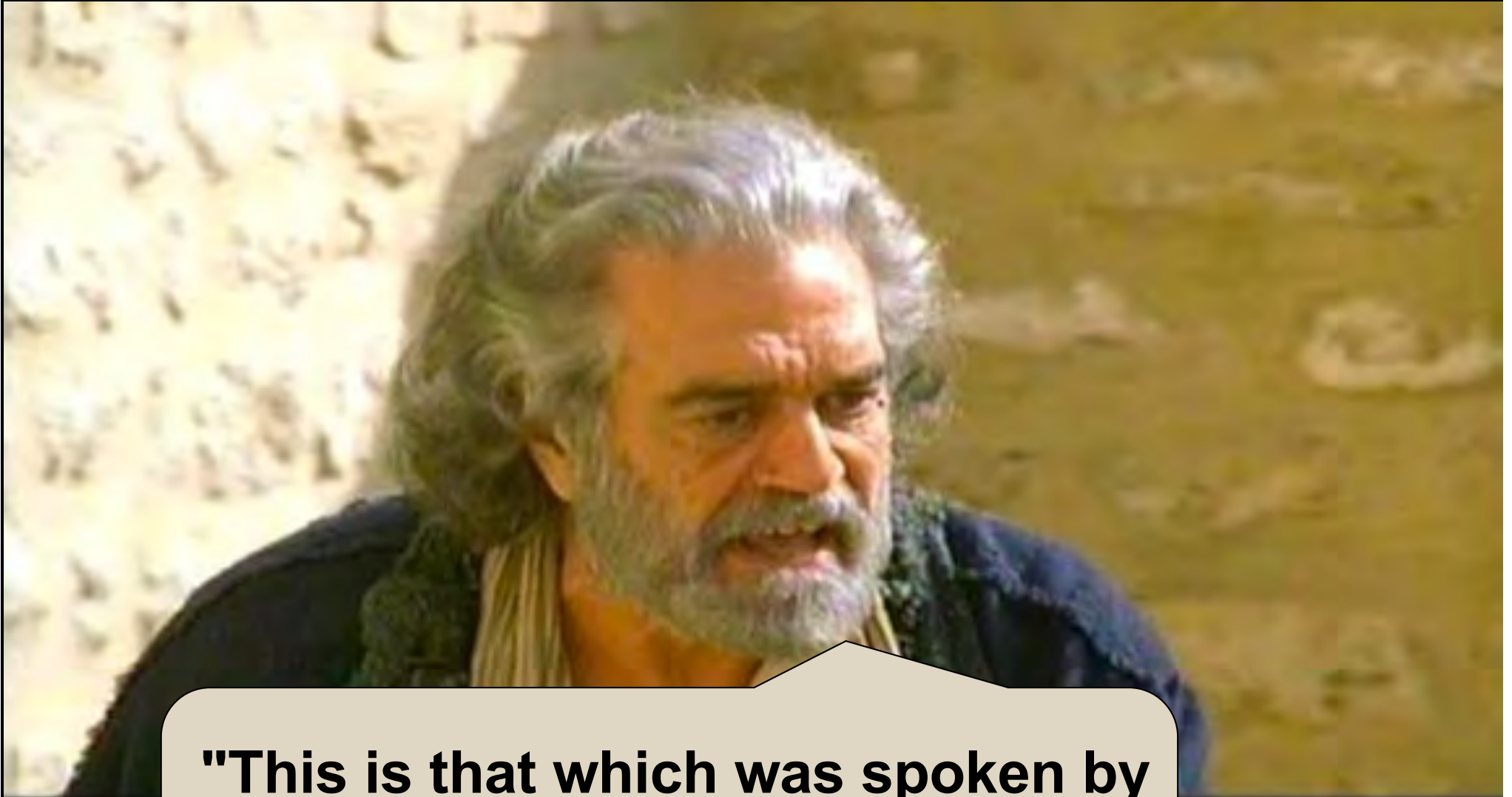
"The LORD says, 'I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you...' (Joel 2:25-26 NLT).

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.

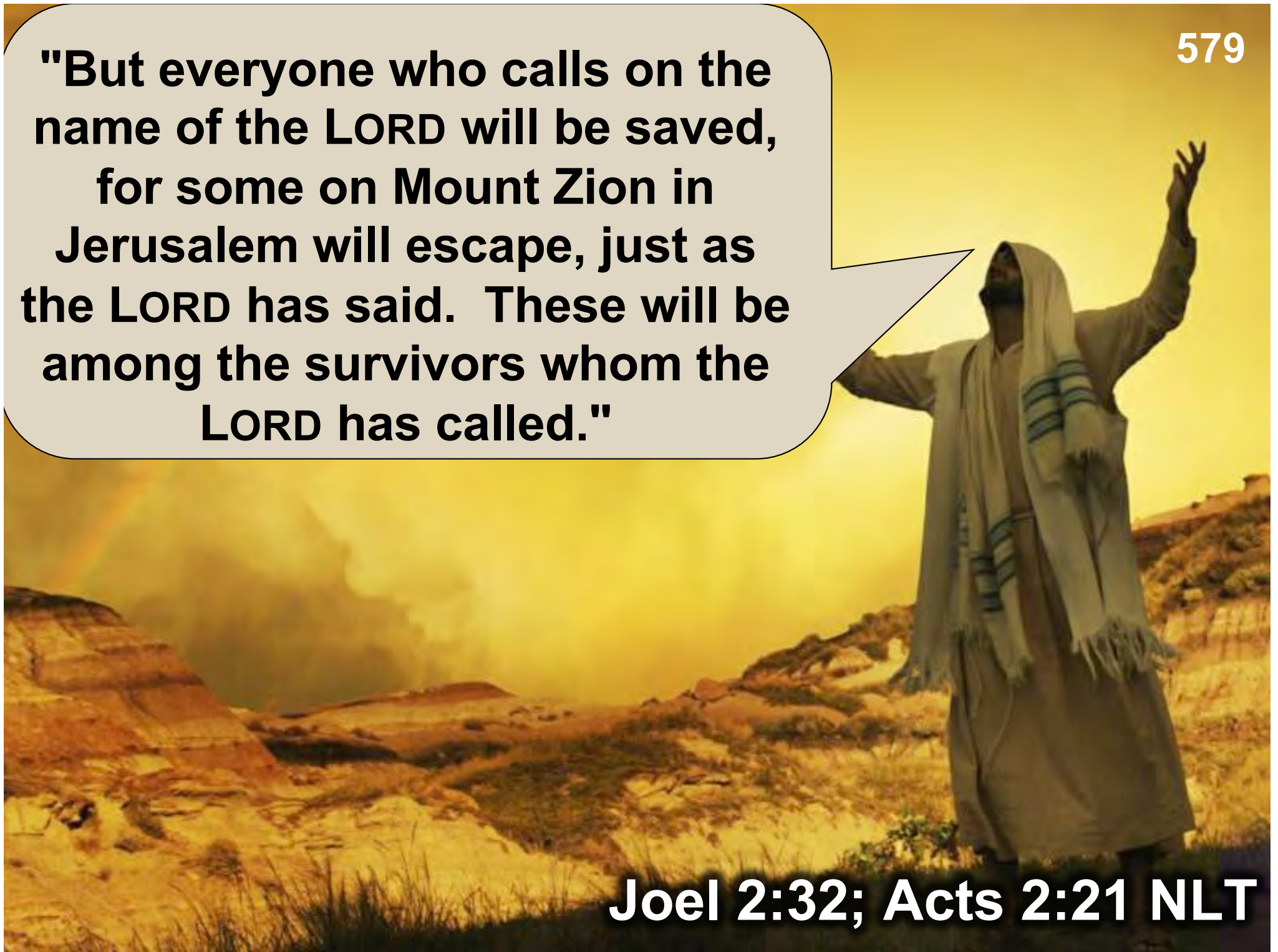
³¹**The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red** before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives."



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

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 Habari
Guten Tag
Nyob zoo
Salaam Ni hao ma
Buenos días
Kia ora
KONNICHIWA
Bonjour Osiyo
KORVISIC

Please TAA SHOODI
'Olu 'olu E fowó
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Bitte
Alstublieft
MOLIM Qing
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Thank you
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Yum botio
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Arigato
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Joel 3



"At the time of those events,' says the LORD, 'when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I 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).**



6th Grade Map Test

(Curriculum of UN Rights Watch Association, 2021)

A map of Iran showing the location of the study area in the north-eastern part of the country. The study area is highlighted in red. The map includes major cities, rivers, and the surrounding countries (Iraq and Turkey). A scale bar and a north arrow are also present.

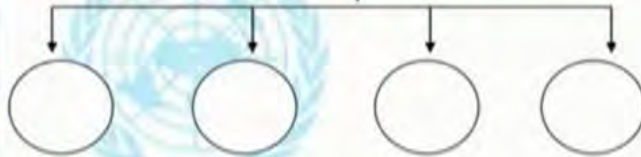
“Palestine”



٢. يفسر لنا هذا المظهر الطبقي في فلسطين .
٣. يحدد على الخريطة أهم المدن الجبلية والسهلية والصحراوية .

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- تأمل الخريطة ، ثم اجب :-
- اذكر المظاهر التضاريسية في فلسطين :-



نشاط ۲

بہم تفسیر :-

- تمثال فلسطين يتلوع تضاريسها ، رغم صغر مباحثها .

المصيب /

نشاط ۳

• حدد على خريطة فلسطين المدن التالية :-

مدن : القدس ، غزة ، بنر المبيع ، أريحا

هضبة النقب ، مدينة بئر السبع

أنهار : نهر الأردن ، نهر العوجا

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

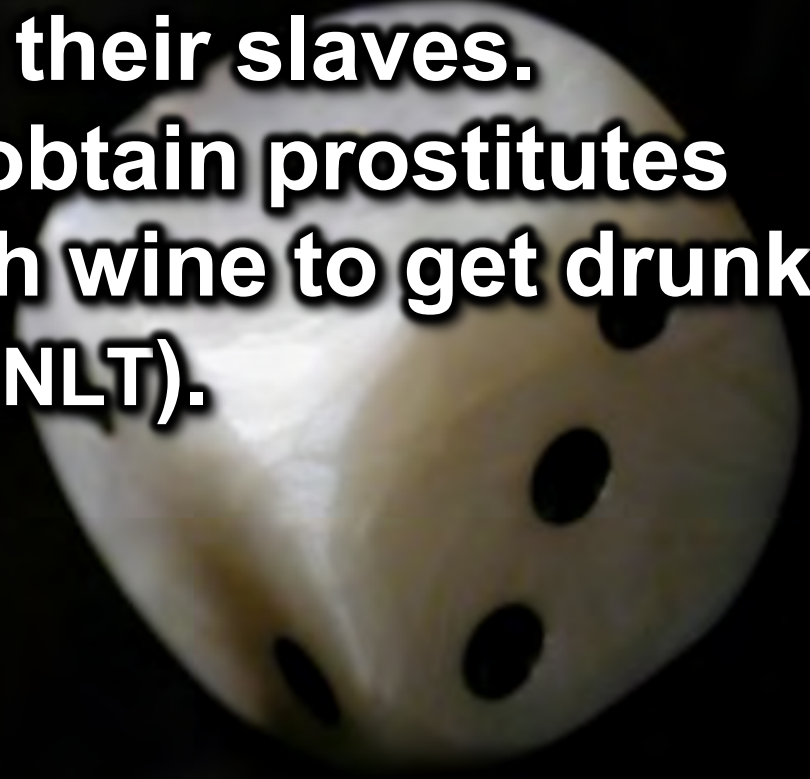
Mosaic
*Israel's terms of
obedience*

Superseded by

New
*Terms of obedience
under Messiah*

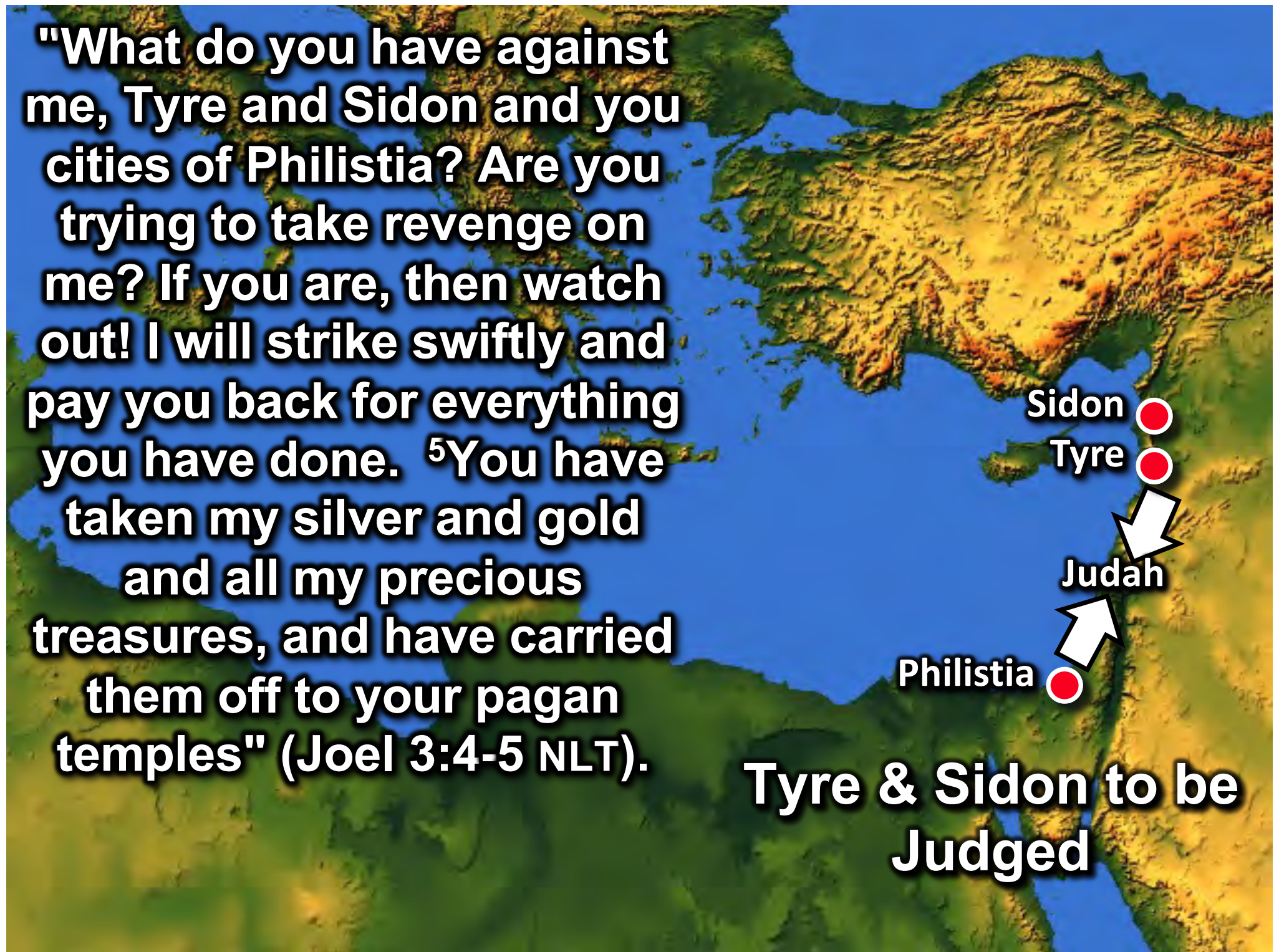
**"They threw dice to decide which of my
people would be their slaves.**

**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. ⁵You 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
homeland"
(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. ⁸I 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.**

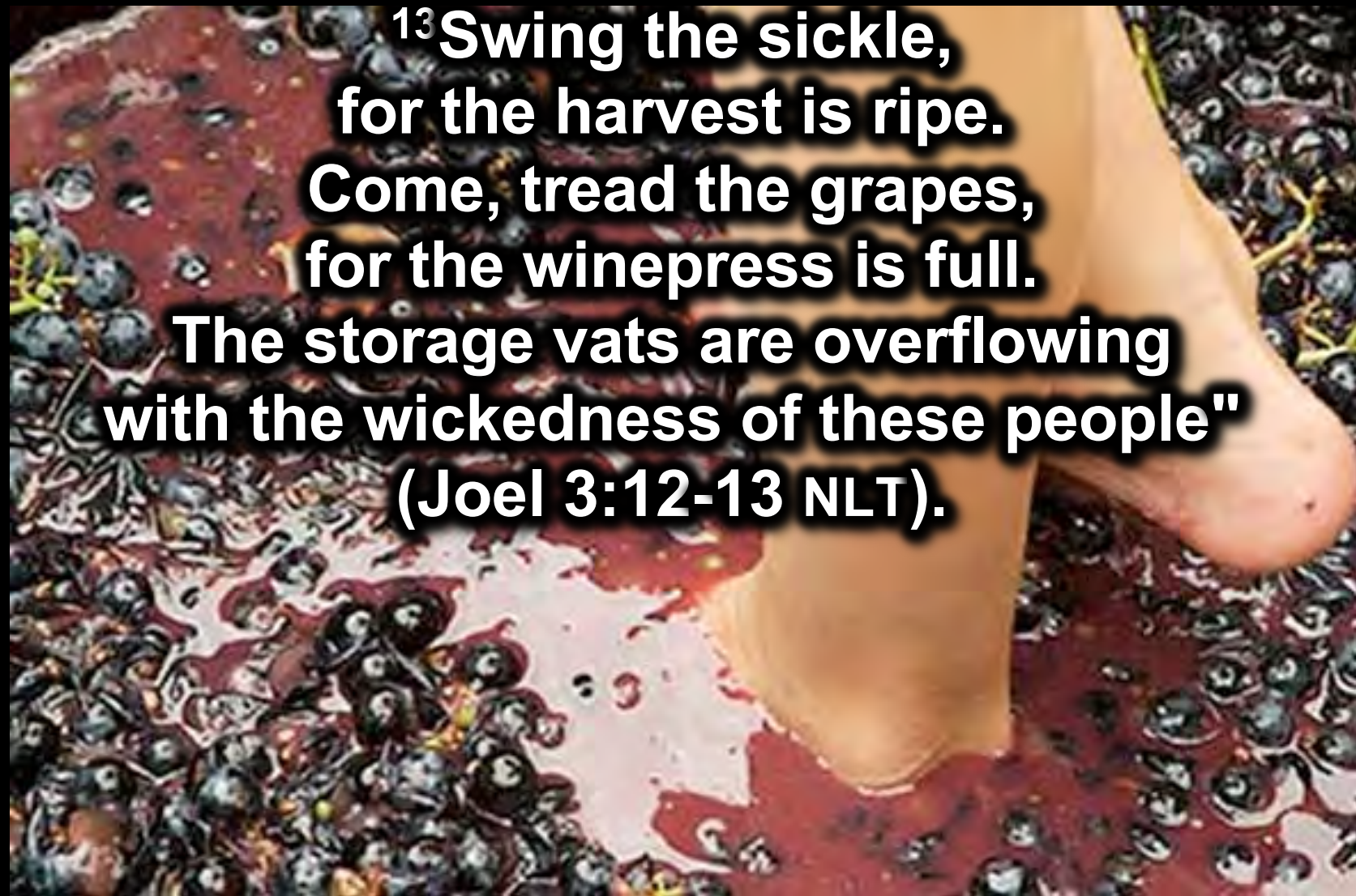
**¹⁰Hammer your plowshares into swords
and your pruning hooks into spears.**

Train even your weaklings to be warriors.

**¹¹Come 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.**



**¹³Swing 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.

**¹⁵The 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)



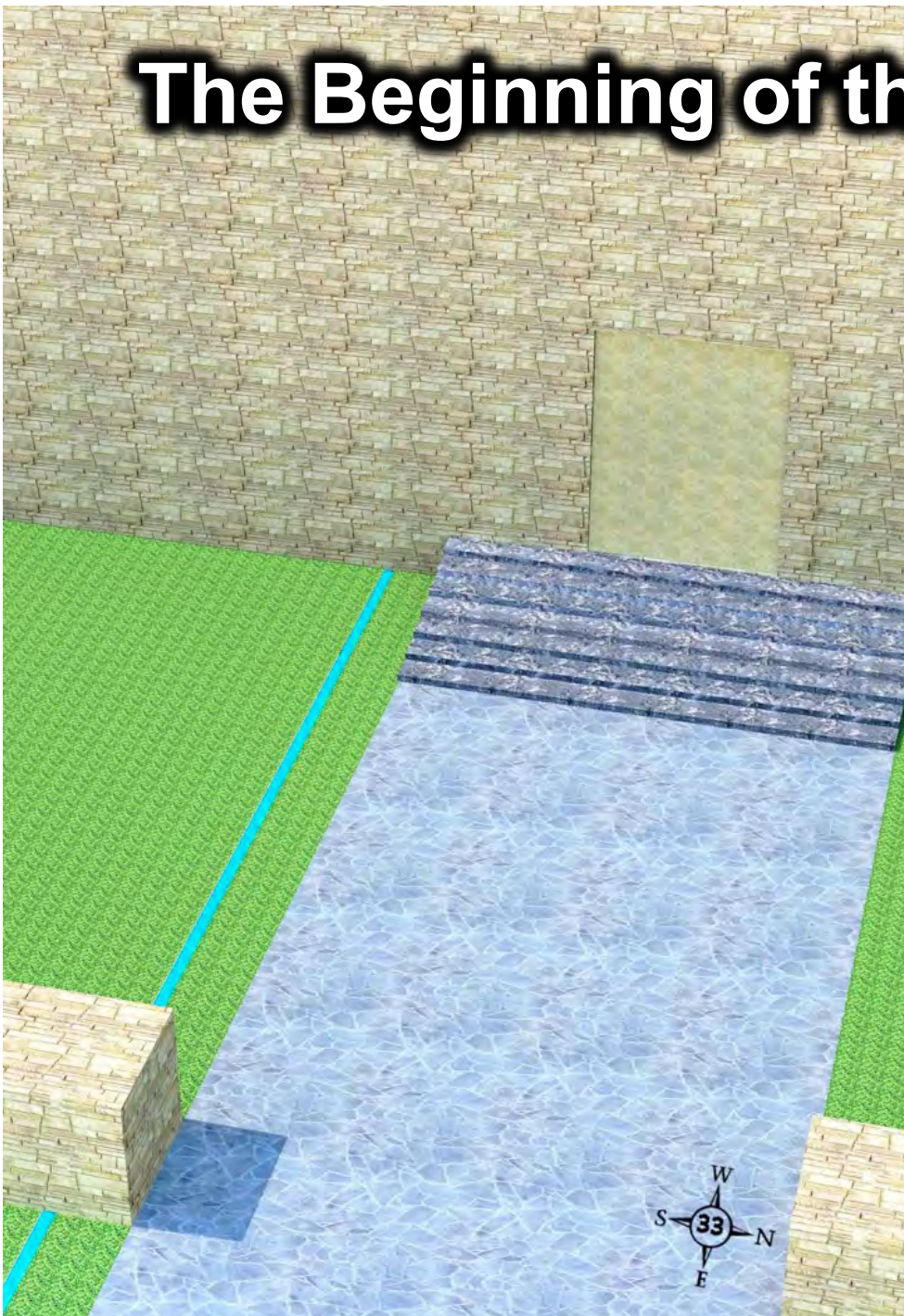
The River & the Land (Ezekiel 47:1)

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

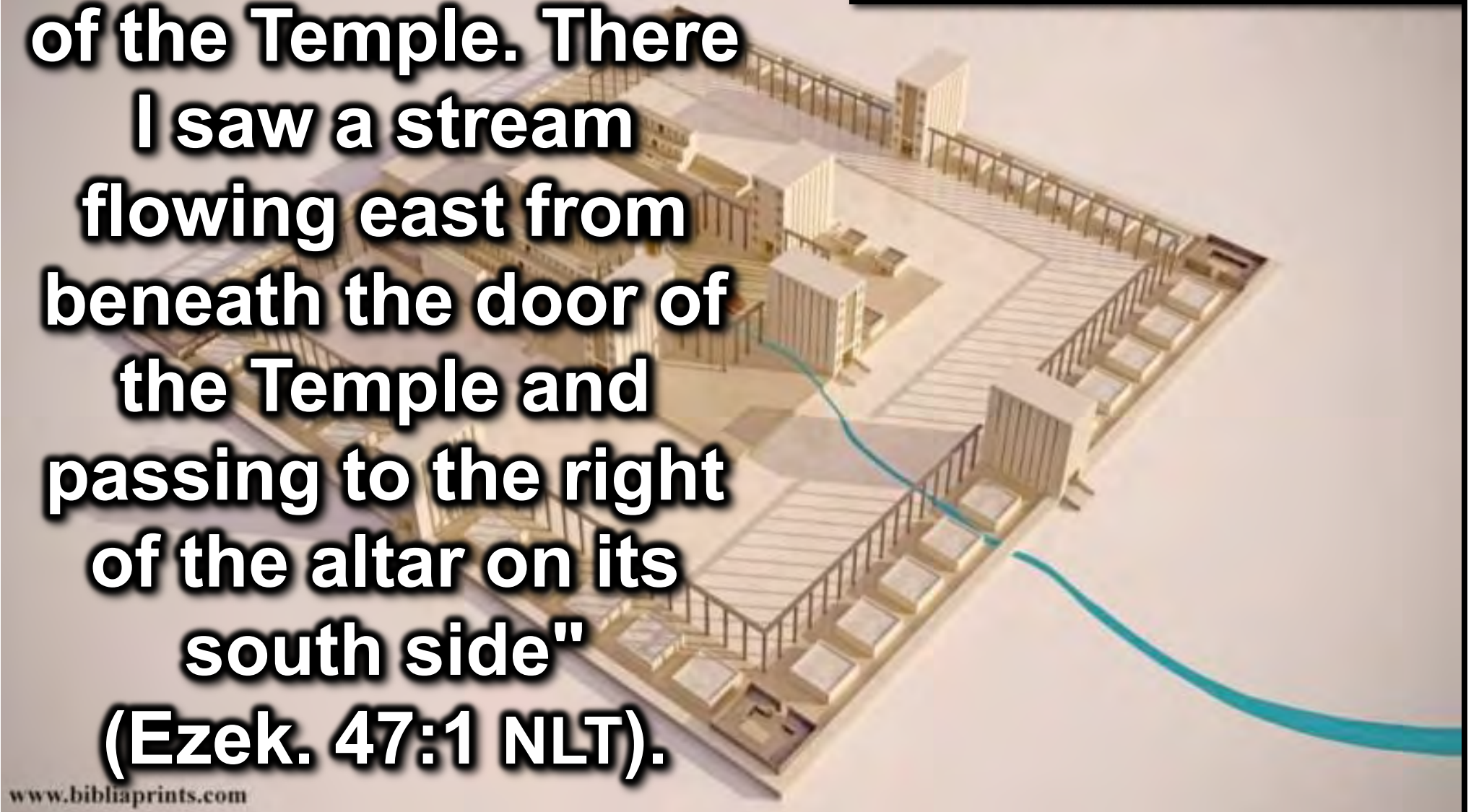
The Beginning of the River (Ezekiel 47:2)



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 on a raised platform. A balcony with a railing is visible on the left side of the image.

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

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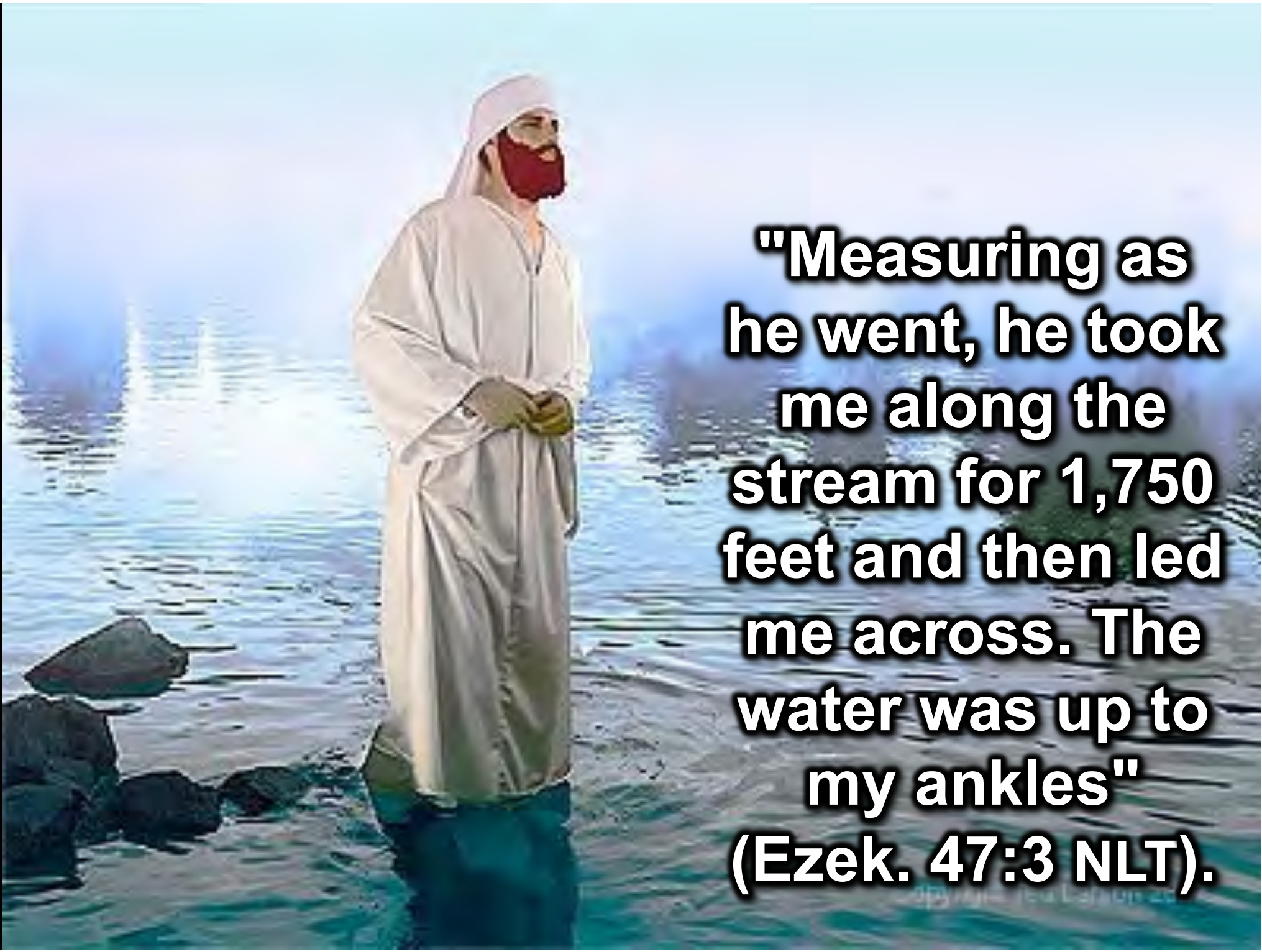
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The River Gets Deeper (Ezekiel 47:3-5)



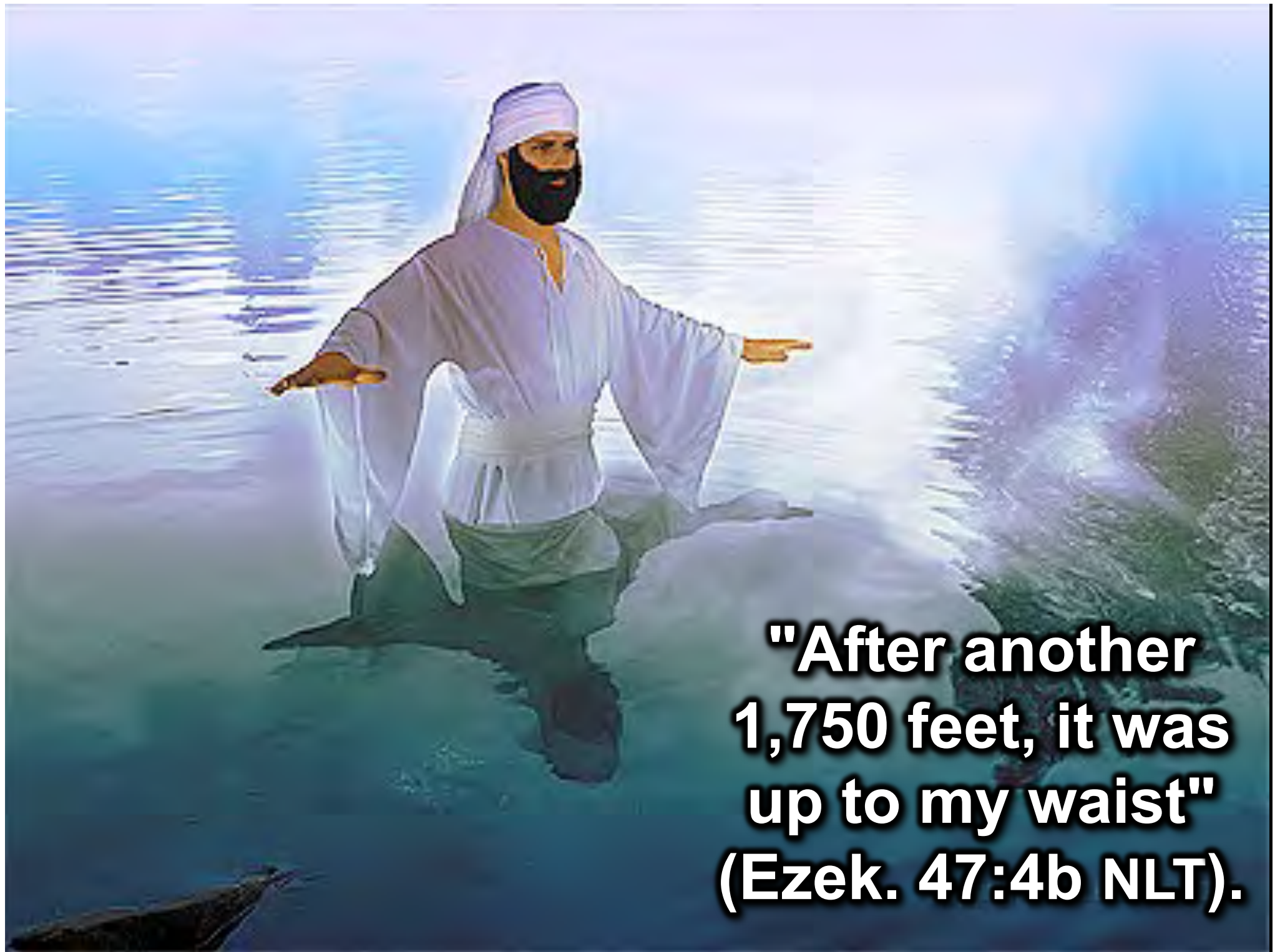
The river flowing east from the temple compound gets deeper and wider

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.

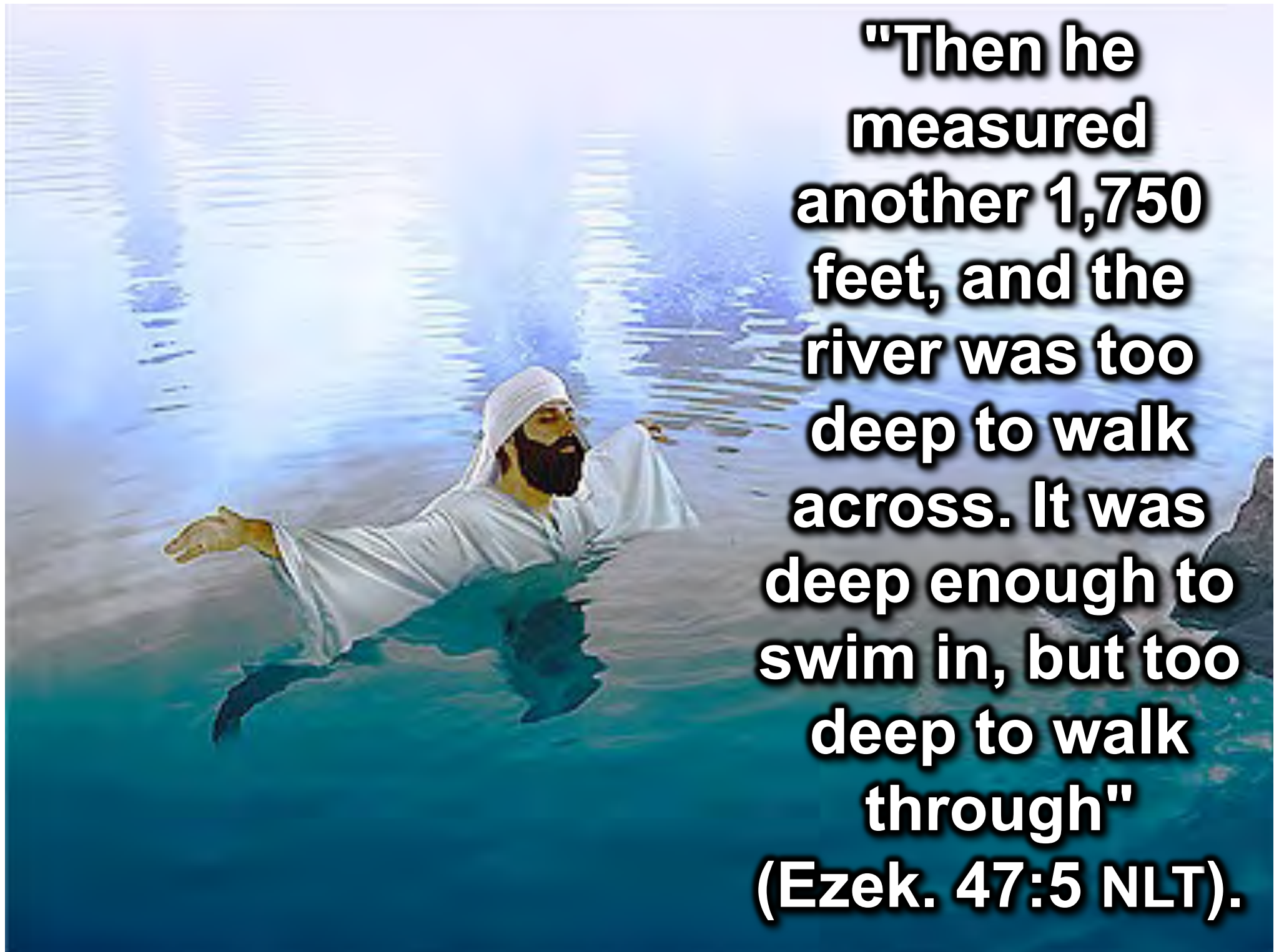
**"Measuring as
he went, he took
me along the
stream for 1,750
feet and then led
me across. The
water was up to
my ankles"
(Ezek. 47:3 NLT).**

**"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

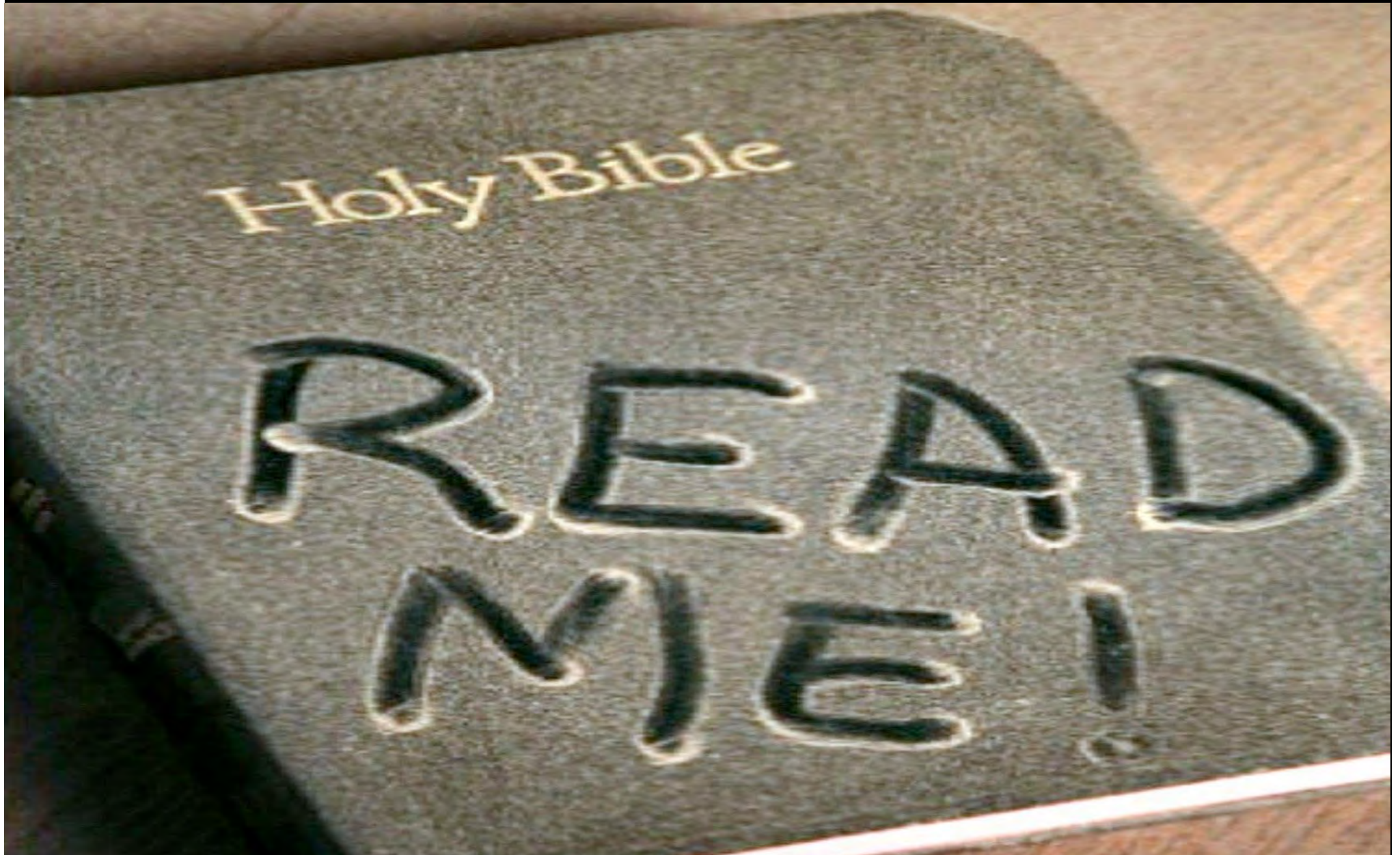
**"But Egypt will
become a wasteland
and Edom will
become a wilderness,
because they attacked
the people of Judah
and killed innocent
people in their land"
(Joel 3:19 NLT).**

**Israel's
Neighbors**

**"But Judah will be filled with people forever,
and Jerusalem will endure through all generations.
²¹I 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).**

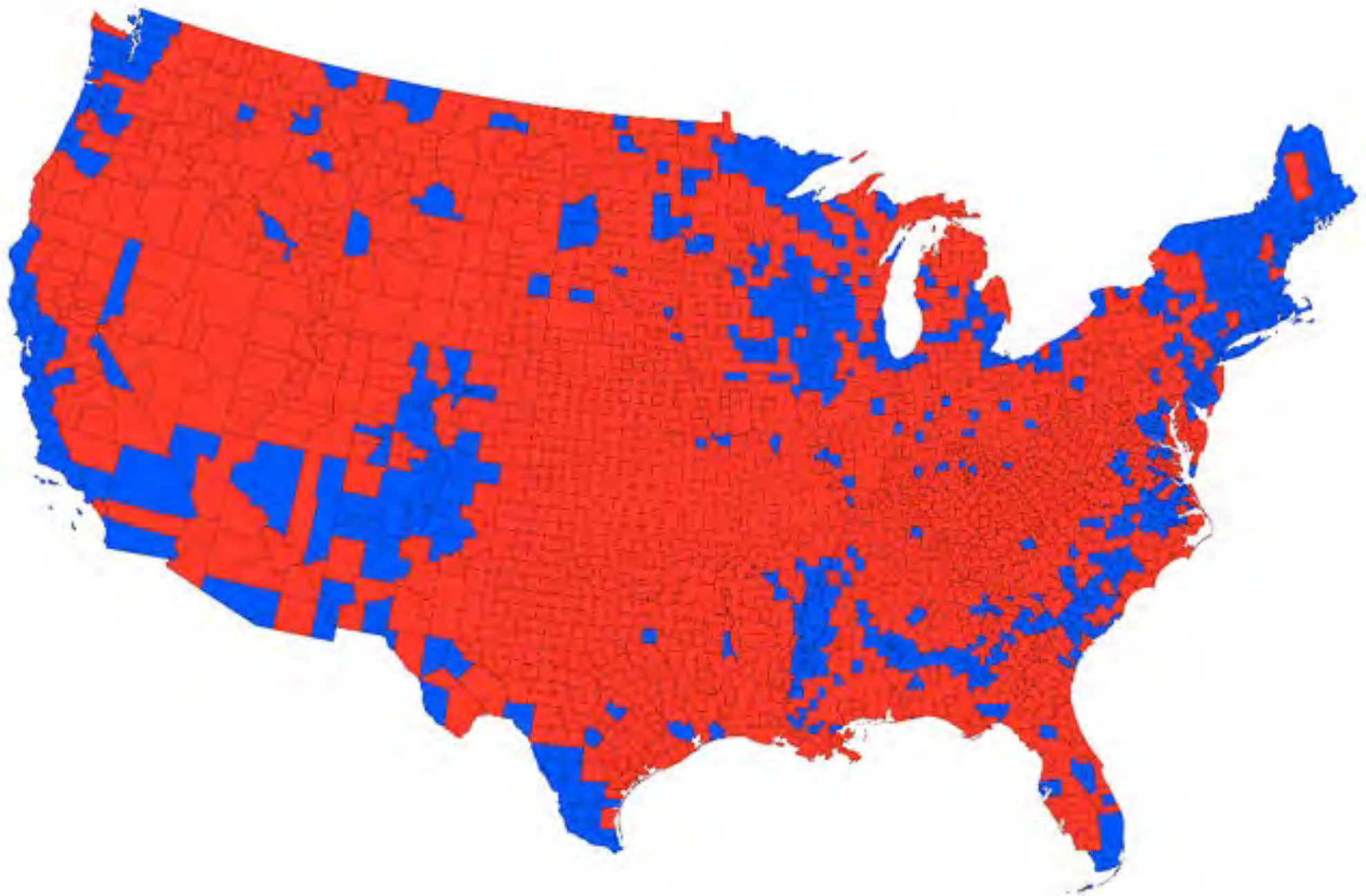


**Your trust in the Lord alone will bring his
blessing**



God's Restoration of the USA





US Counties: Red Conservative + Blue Liberal

**Neil
Gorsuch**



Our Vision



Love the Nations

Love the Church

**Love
God**

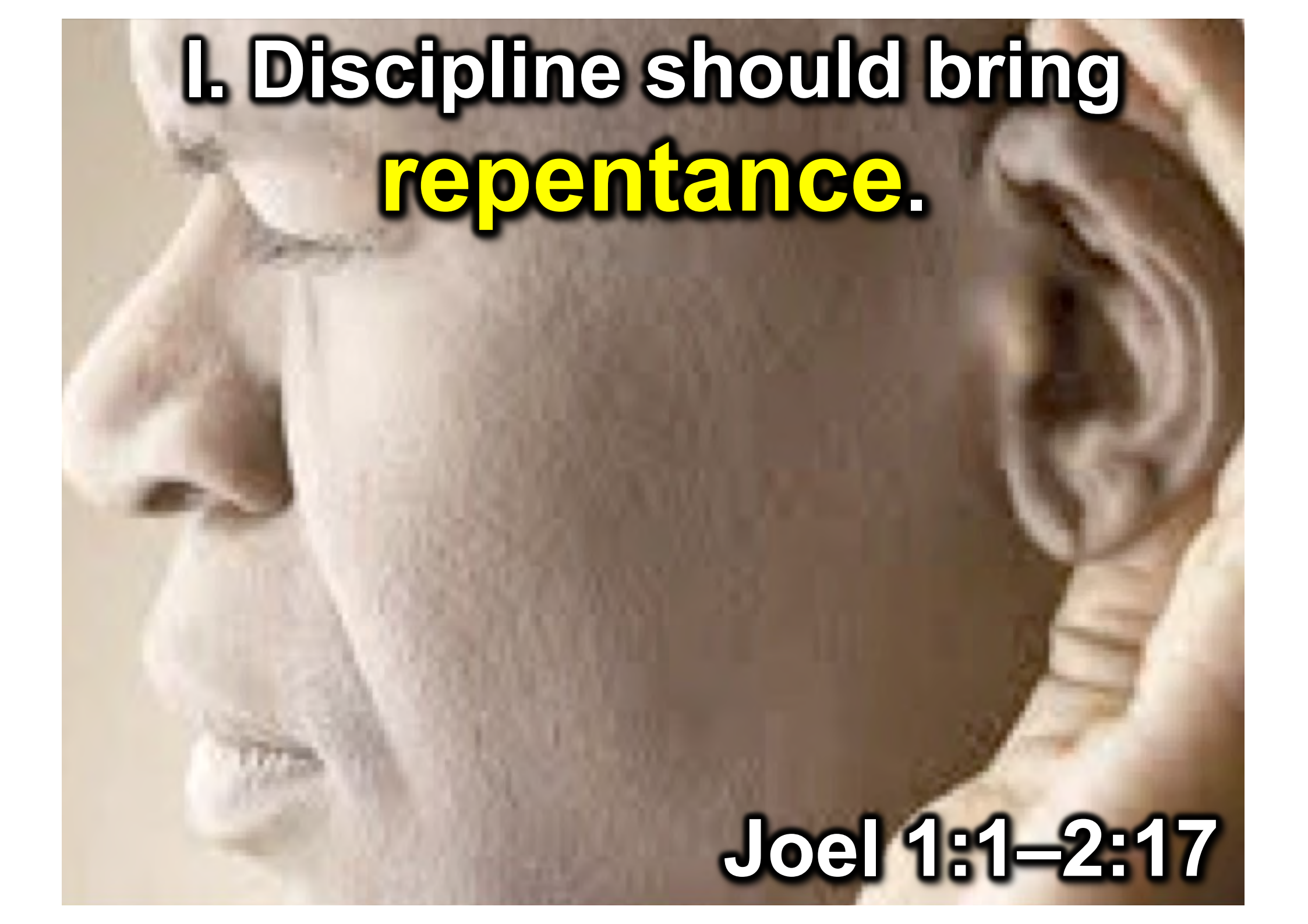
What should we do when
we are **disciplined**?



Main Idea of Joel



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



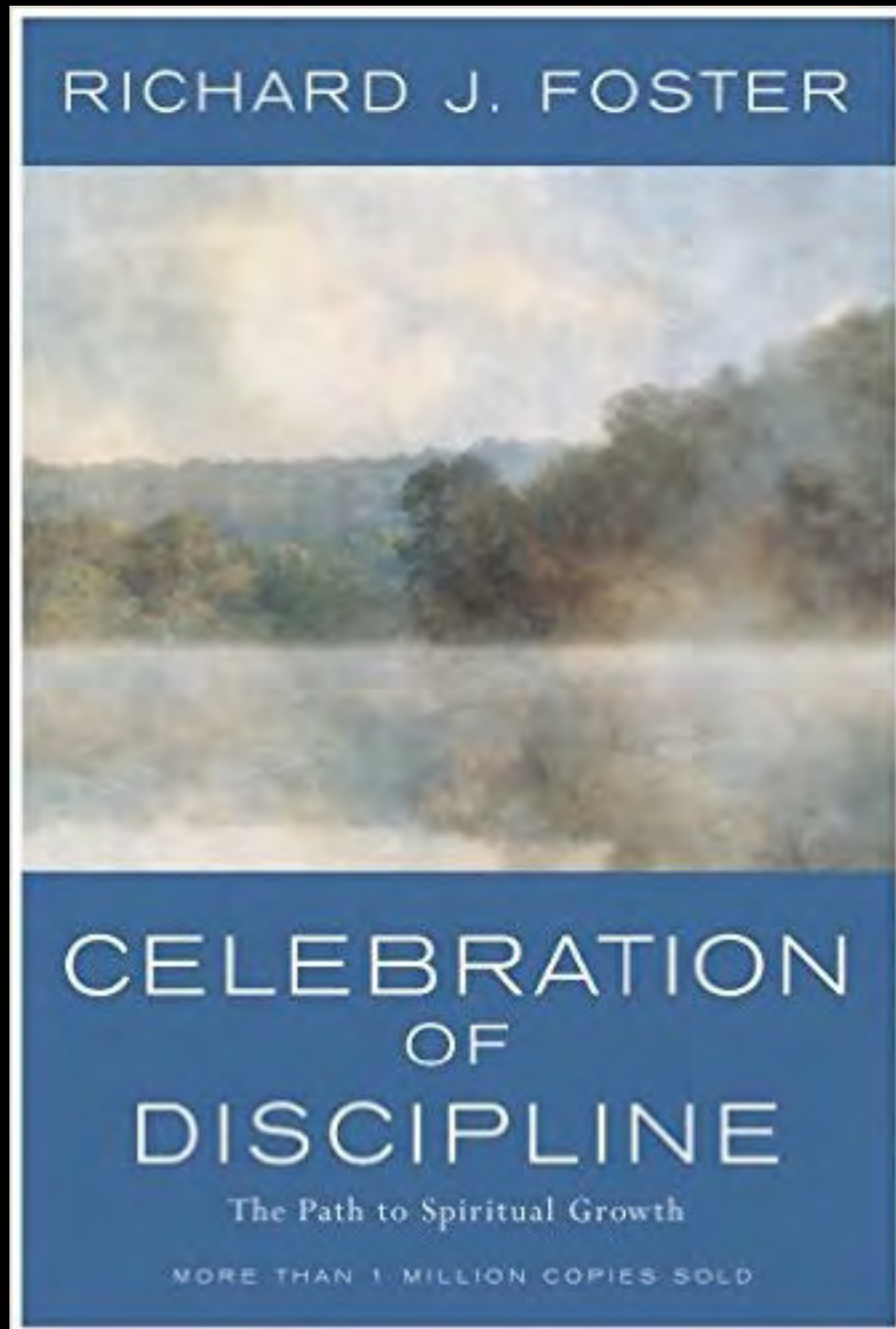
**I. Discipline should bring
repentance.**

Joel 1:1–2:17



**II. Repentance will bring
restoration.**

Joel 2:18–3:21



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

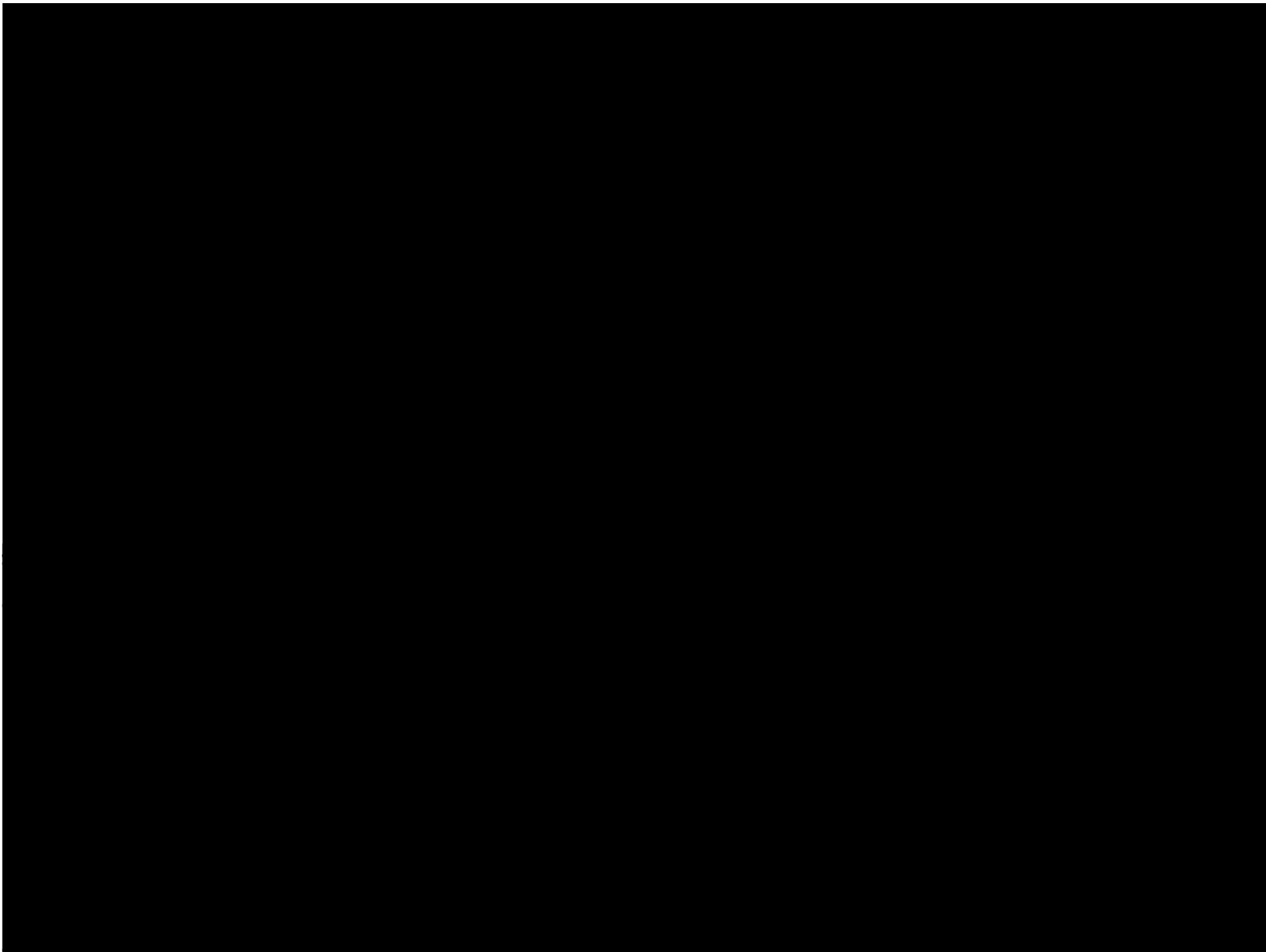


**2. Is God disciplining
you to get your
attention on him once
again?**

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

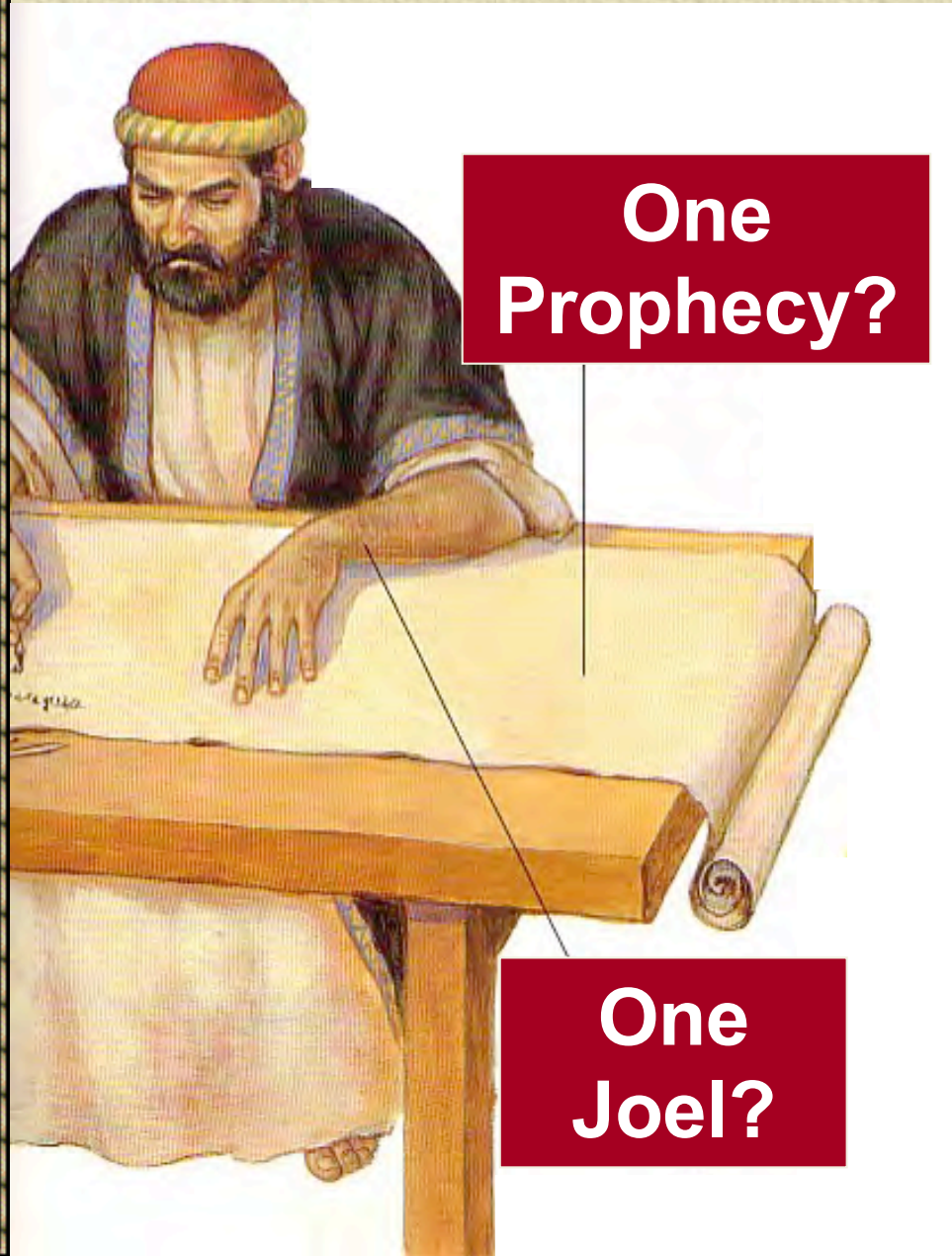
✧ Doubtful

- ◆ 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?**

✠ **Supposed
literary
differences**

✠ **Difference in
thought or
outlook**

However, a careful look shows...

-
- ✧ **A consistency of style and vocabulary**
 - ✧ **Supposed different outlook cannot be proved**
 - ✧ **A single unifying theme: the locust plague**
 - ✧ **"The Day of the LORD," rather than betraying a different hand, serves to unite historical occurrence with spiritual lesson**
 - ✧ **All the extant Hebrew MSS and the ancient versions attest to the unity of the book**

V. Theological Value

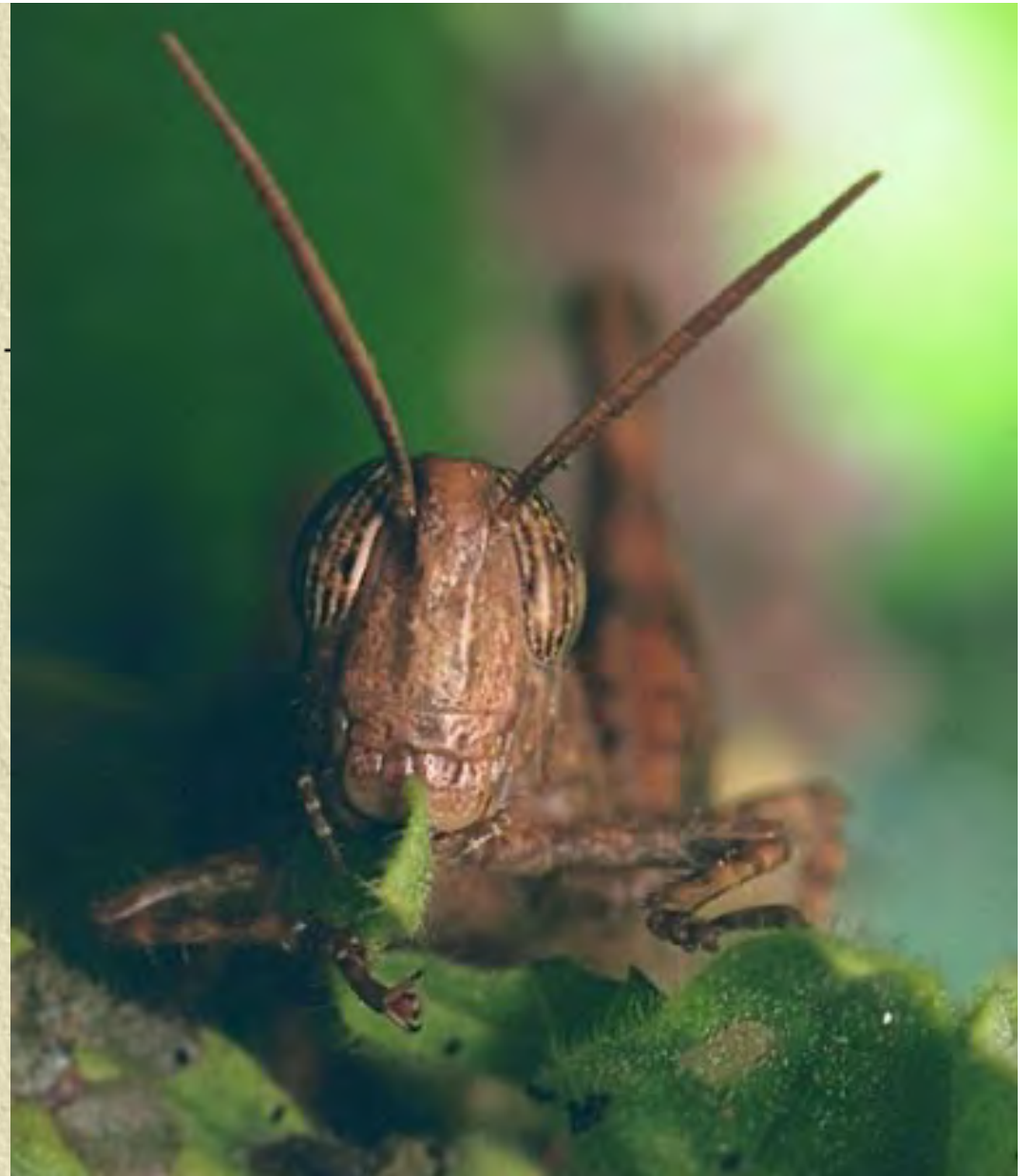
✠ Notion of God

✠ 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

REVIEW QUIZ on Joel

1. Joel uses the imagery of a _____ plague.
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4. Joel 2:28-32 is cited by what New Testament character (Peter), at which Old Testament feast (Pentecost)?

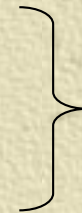
II. Structure

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

Part I. 1:2-2:17

A. 1:2-20

B. 2:1-17



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Part II. 2:18-3:21

A. 2:18-32

B. 3:1-21



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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)

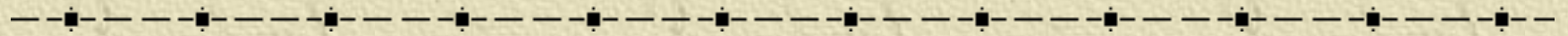
C. Outline 1 (Patterson)

- 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)

- 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)



- 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)**

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Devastation
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Deliverance
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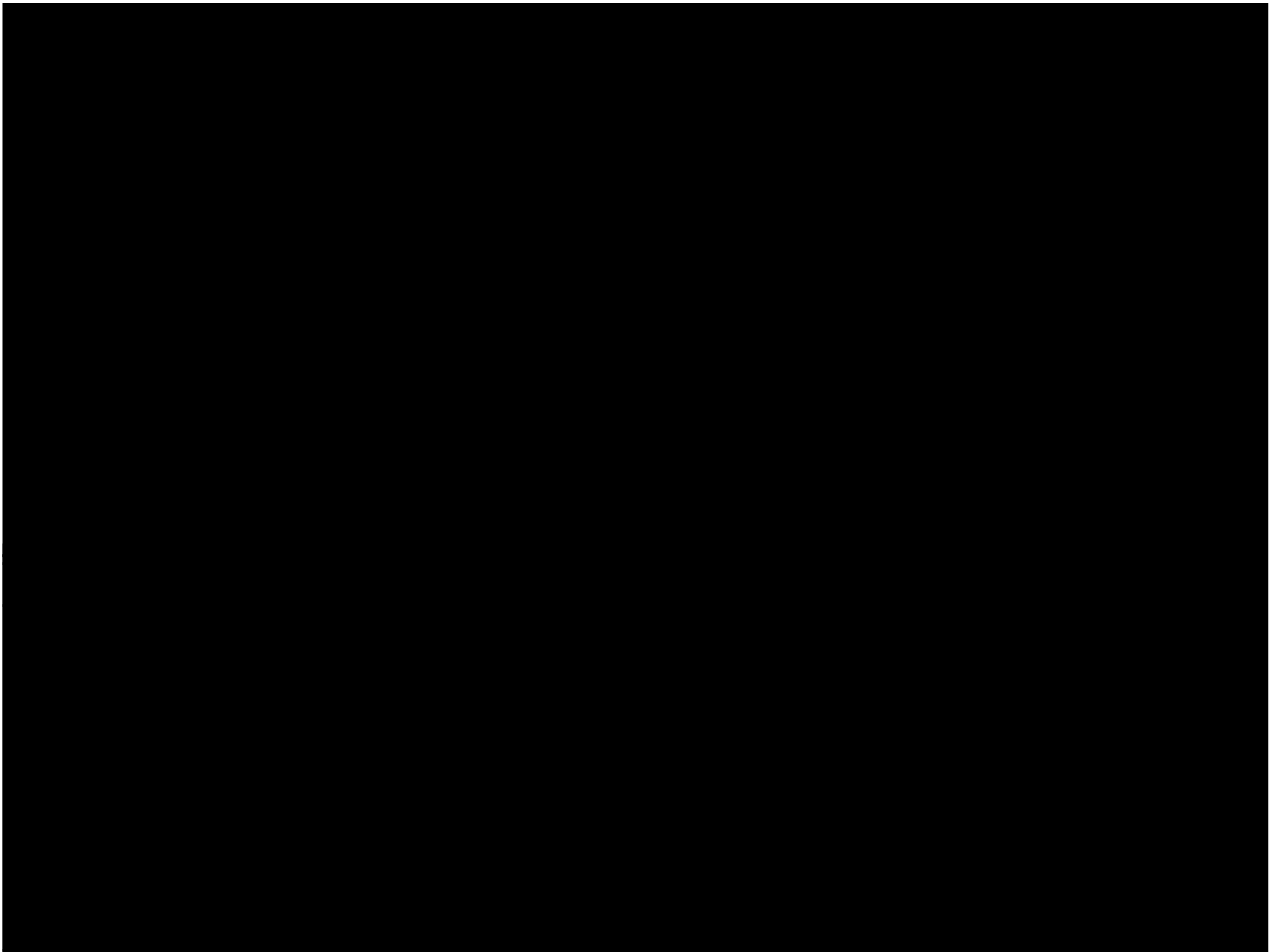
The Day of the LORD

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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