



MAJORING ON THE MINOR

ZEPHANIAH

ZEPHANIAH 1:1 NIV

The word of the Lord that came to
Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of
Gedaliah, the son of Amariah,
the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of
Josiah son of Amon king of Judah:

ZEPHANIAH 1:1-2:3: GOD'S JUDGMENT ON JUDAH AND JERUSALEM.



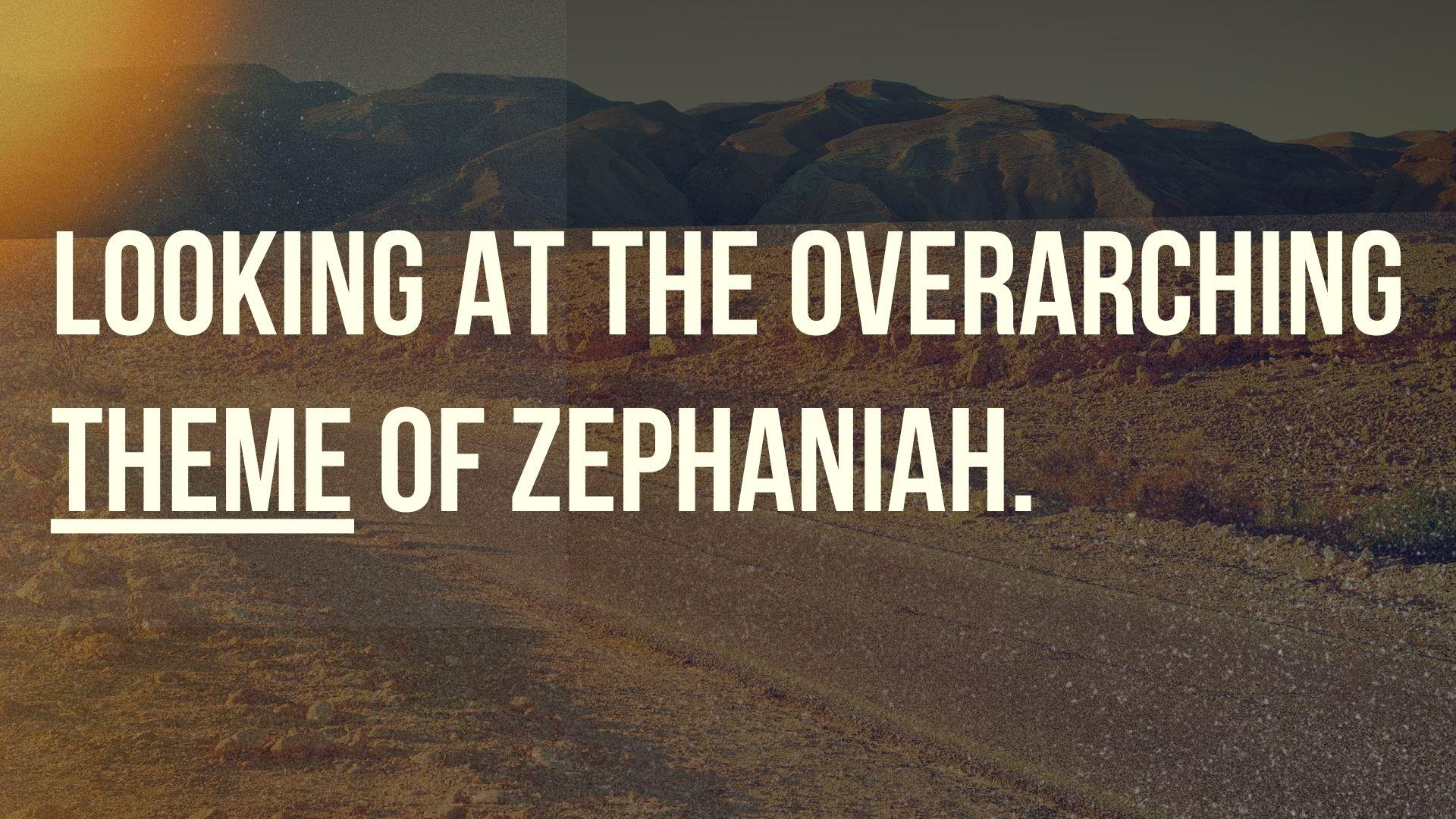
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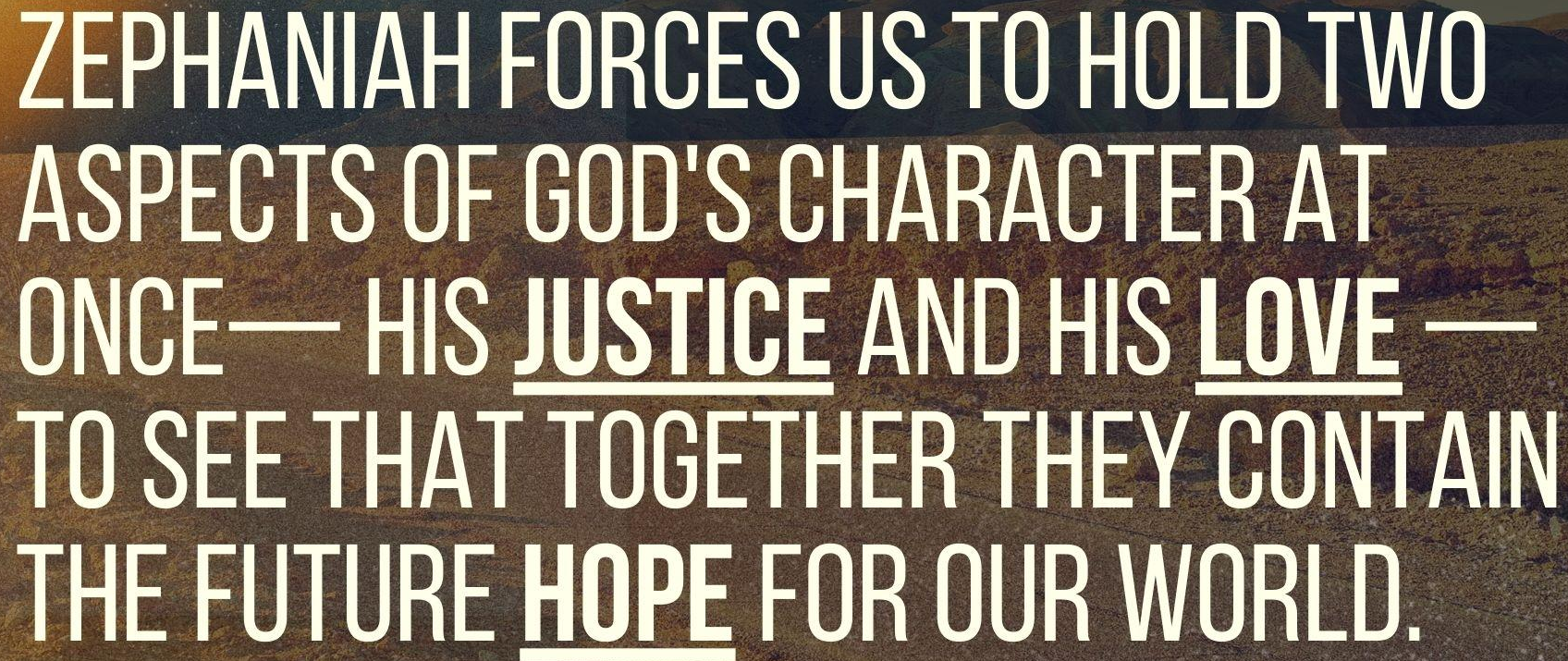
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**ZEPHANIAH 3:9-20: HOPE FOR THE NATIONS
AND JERUSALEM.**

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a gravelly, unpaved road winds through a dry, scrubby area. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall tone is warm and arid.

**LOOKING AT THE OVERARCHING
THEME OF ZEPHANIAH.**



ZEPHANIAH FORCES US TO HOLD TWO
ASPECTS OF GOD'S CHARACTER AT
ONCE— HIS JUSTICE AND HIS LOVE —
TO SEE THAT TOGETHER THEY CONTAIN
THE FUTURE HOPE FOR OUR WORLD.

ZEPHANIAH 1:2-6 NIV

“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the Lord. 3 “I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.” “When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth,” declares the Lord,

ZEPHANIAH 1:2-6 NIV

4 “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem.

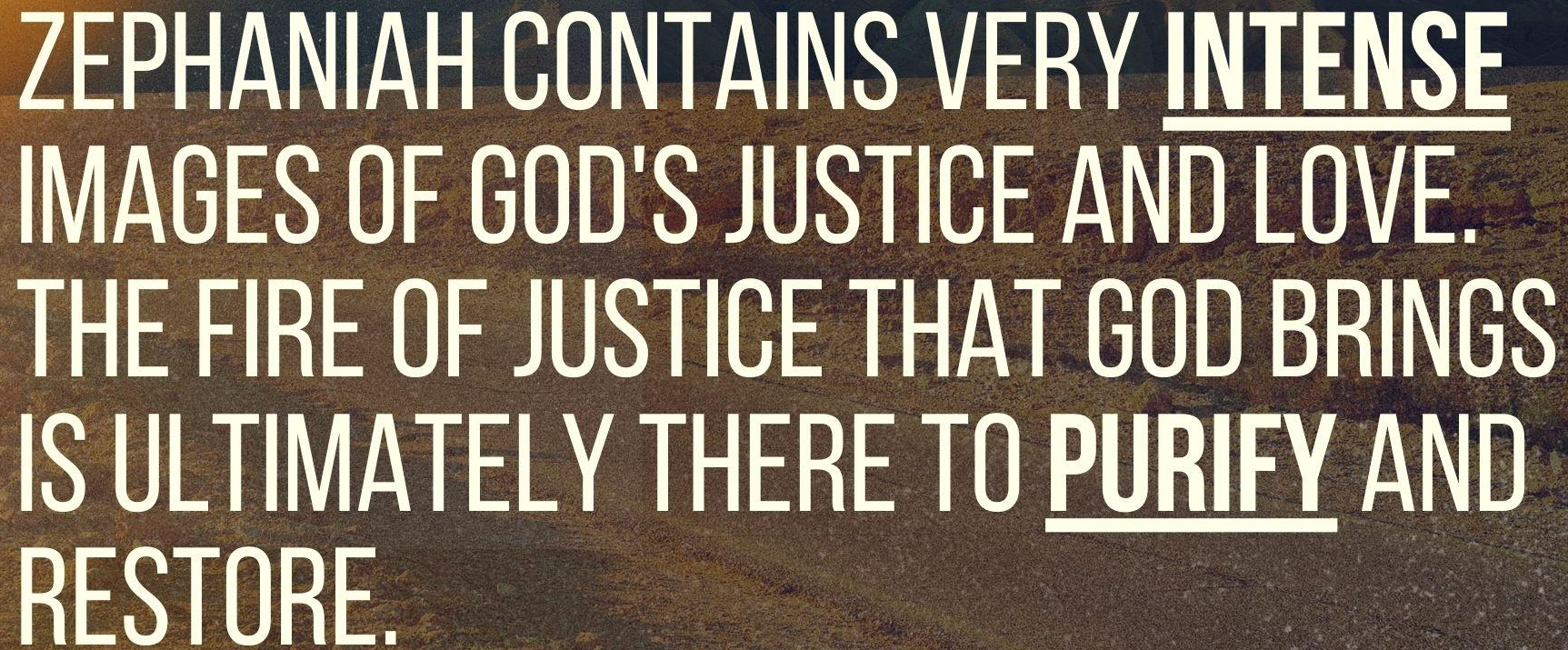
I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests— 5 those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the Lord and who also swear by Molek, 6 those who turn back from following the Lord and neither seek the Lord nor inquire of him.”

ZEPHANIAH 3:6-8 NIV

“I have destroyed nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no one passing through. Their cities are laid waste; they are deserted and empty. 7 Of Jerusalem I thought, 'Surely you will fear me and accept correction!' Then her place of refuge would not be destroyed, nor all my punishments come upon her.

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But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did. 8 Therefore wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger.”

A dramatic landscape with rolling hills and mountains under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The words "INTENSE" and "PURIFY" are underlined.

ZEPHANIAH CONTAINS VERY INTENSE
IMAGES OF GOD'S JUSTICE AND LOVE.
THE FIRE OF JUSTICE THAT GOD BRINGS
IS ULTIMATELY THERE TO PURIFY AND
RESTORE.

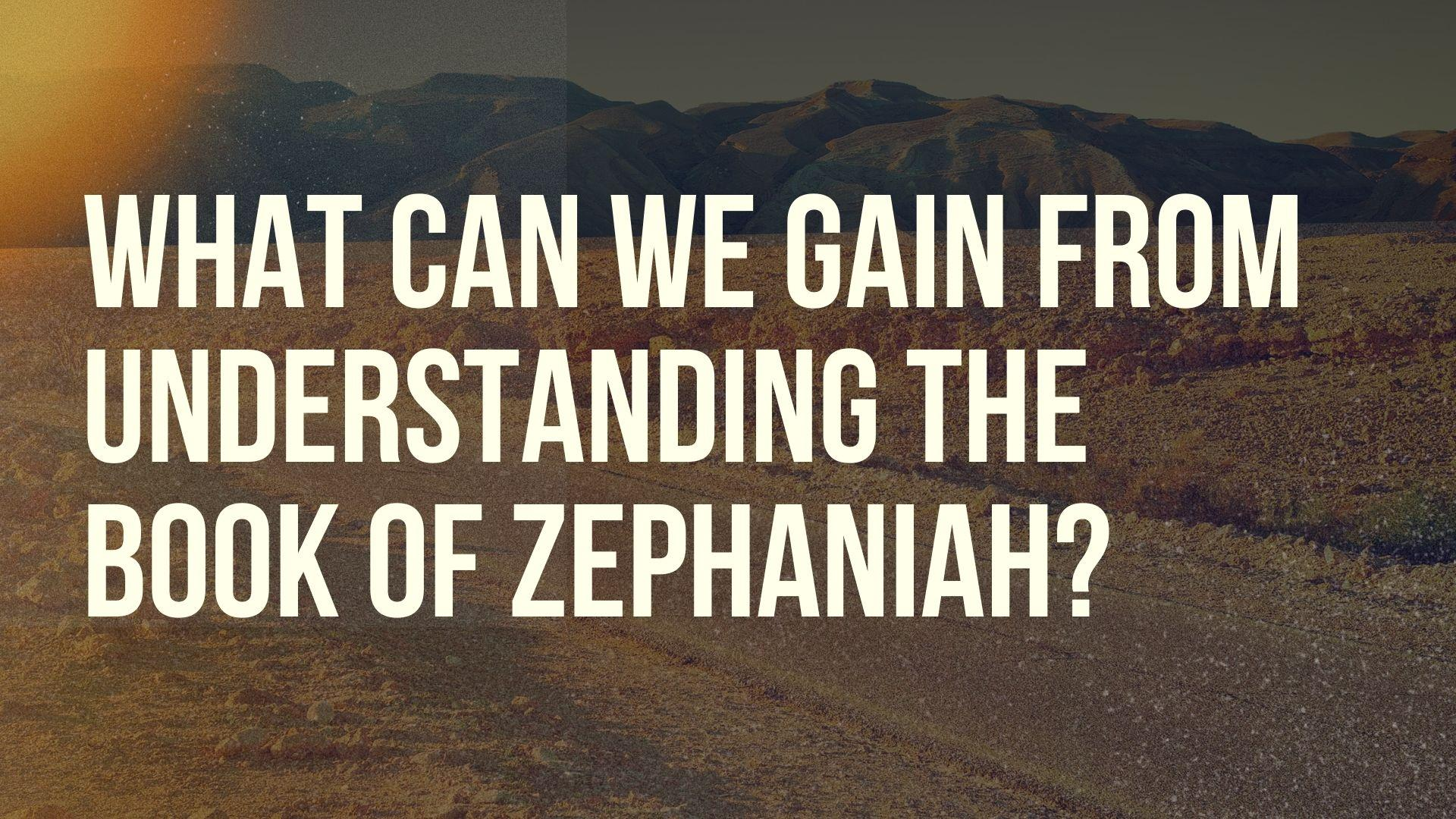
ZEPHANIAH 3:9-12 NIV

9 “Then I will purify the lips of the peoples,
that all of them may call on the name of the Lord
and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

10 From beyond the rivers of Cush
my worshipers, my scattered people,
will bring me offerings.

ZEPHANIAH 3:9-12 NIV

11 On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill. 12 But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the Lord.”

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a bright light source on the left.

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WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH?

- WE MUST REPENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

ZEPHANIAH 2:1-3 NIV

1 Gather together, gather yourselves together,
you shameful nation, 2 before the decree takes effect
and that day passes like windblown chaff, before the
Lord's fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of
the Lord's wrath comes upon you. 3 Seek the Lord, all
you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness,
seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day
of the Lord's anger.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH?

- WE MUST REPENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.
- WE CAN FOCUS ON FIVE PROMISES FOR GREAT CONSOLATION.

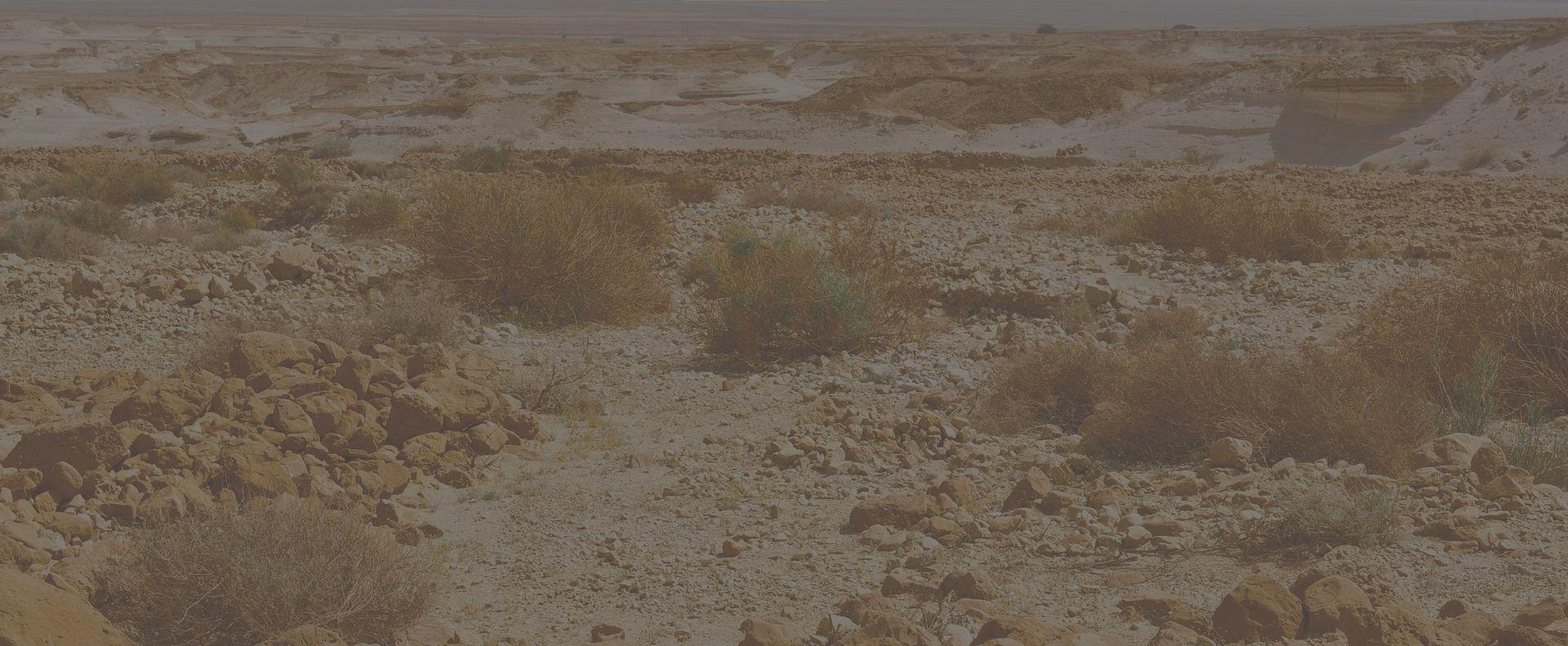
ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17 NIV

14 Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem! 15 The Lord has taken away
your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never
again will you fear any harm.

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17 NIV

16 On that day they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang
limp. 17 The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great
delight in you; he will quite you in his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.”

THE LORD IS IN YOUR MIST - VS 15B, 17A



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GOD TAKES JOY IN YOU - VS 17B

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GOD SINGS OVER US - VS 17B

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**KNOWING THESE THINGS WE
SHOULD RESPOND IN
TWO WAYS:**

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

KNOWING THESE THINGS WE SHOULD RESPOND IN
TWO WAYS:

WE DO NOT FEAR - VS 16

KNOWING THESE THINGS WE SHOULD RESPOND IN
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WE HAVE A HOLY PASSION FOR SERVICE.

ZEPHANIAH 3:19-20 NIV

19 “At that time I will deal
with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles.

I will give them praise and honor in every land where they
have suffered shame. 20 At that time I will gather you; at
that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and
praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your
fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.