




People, Get Ready

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An aerial photograph of a dense city skyline, likely New York City, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a gradient of warm colors from light yellow to orange. The buildings are silhouetted against the bright sky, with some windows reflecting the low sun. The text "Historical Background" is centered in the lower half of the image in a white, serif font.

Historical Background

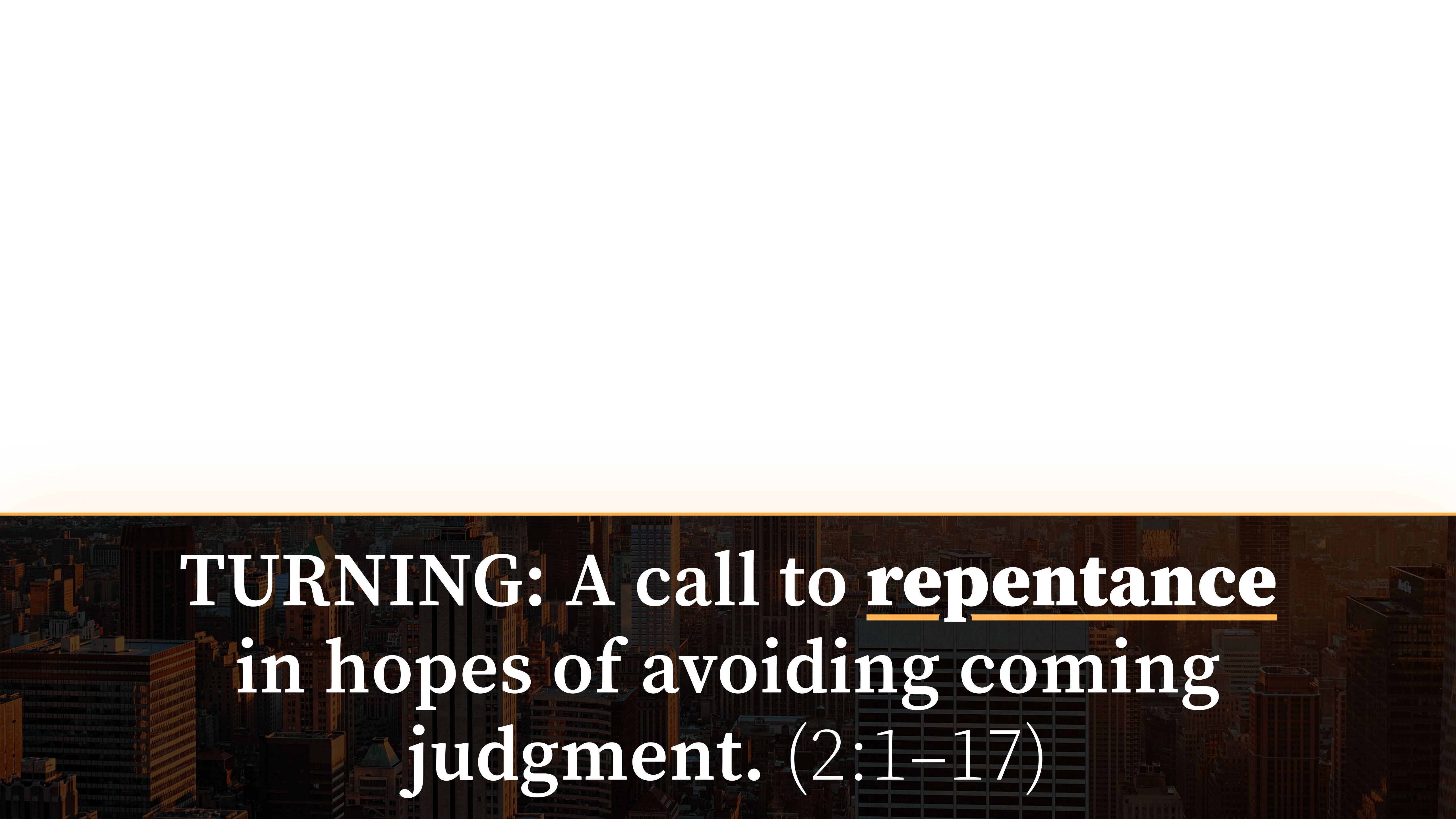
An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a dark, silhouetted cityscape. The text "Divine Announcement" is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font.

Divine Announcement

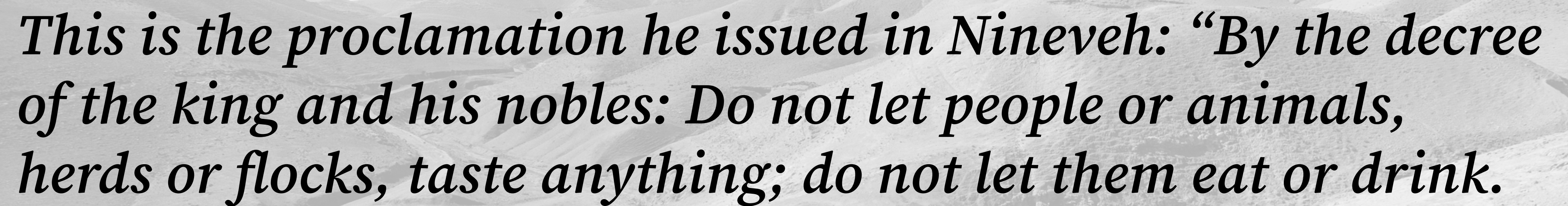
An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset, with a warm orange and yellow glow in the sky. The city buildings are silhouetted against the bright light.

**WARNING: A call to remorse in the
face of coming judgment. (1:1–20)**

The Old Testament passages referring to the day of the Lord often speak of both a near and a far fulfillment, as does much of Old Testament prophecy.



**TURNING: A call to repentance
in hopes of avoiding coming
judgment. (2:1-17)**



This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

Jonah 3:7



But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

Jonah 3:8



Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from His fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

Jonah 3:9



The proper response to the unstoppable invasion is
unstinting repentance.

Douglas Stuart

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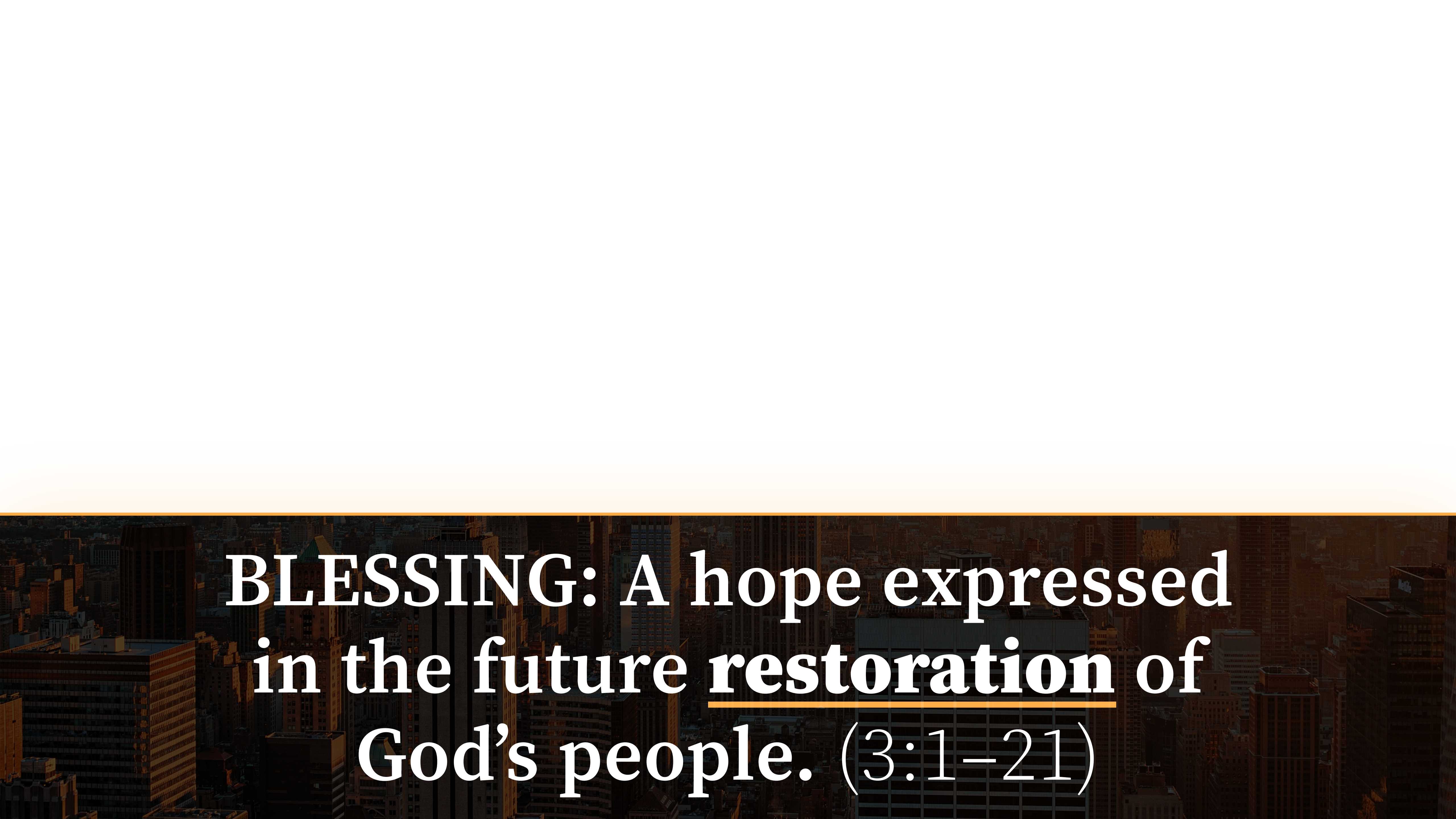
**SALVATION: A hope expressed in the
future rescue of God's people. (2:18–32)**

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

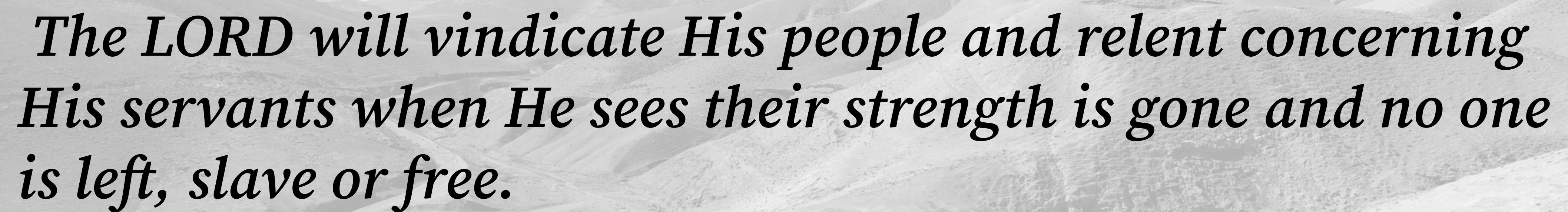
Jeremiah 31:33

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:34



**BLESSING: A hope expressed
in the future restoration of
God's people. (3:1-21)**



The LORD will vindicate His people and relent concerning His servants when He sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.

Deuteronomy 32:36



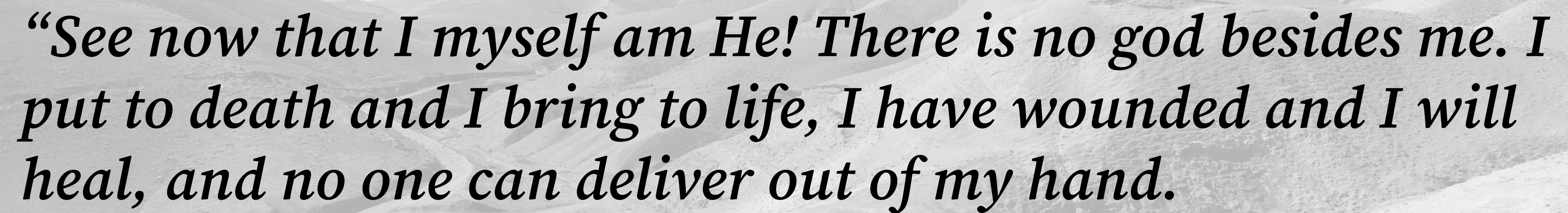
He will say: “Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in,

Deuteronomy 32:37



the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter!

Deuteronomy 32:38

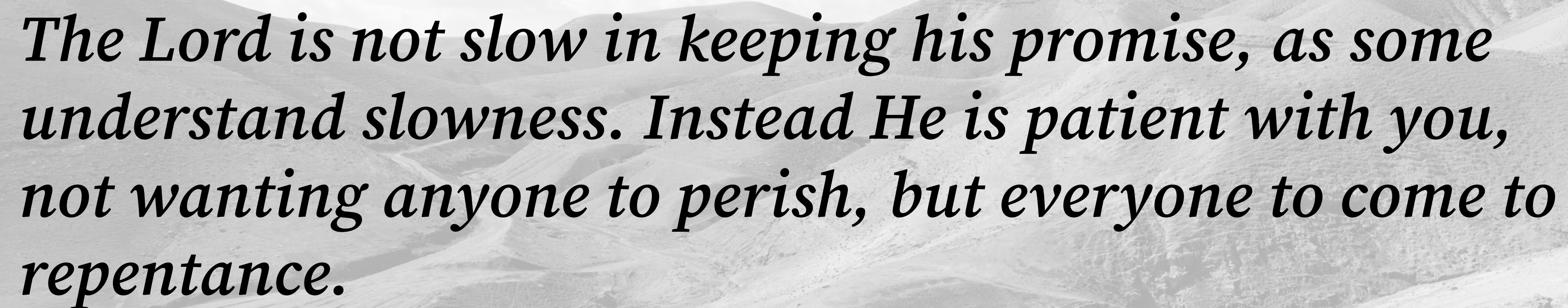


“See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.”

Deuteronomy 32:39

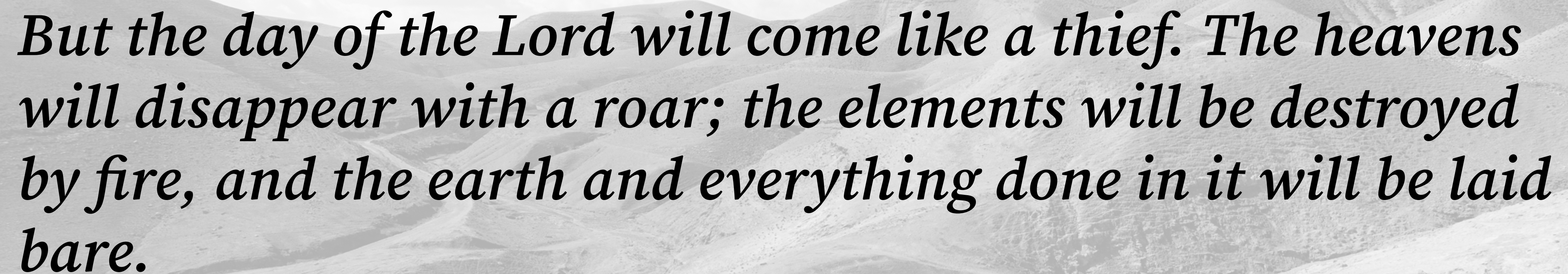
An aerial photograph of a dense city skyline, likely New York City, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from a pale yellow at the top to a deep orange near the horizon. The buildings are silhouetted against the bright sky, with some windows reflecting the low sun. The overall mood is serene and urban.

Contemporary Application



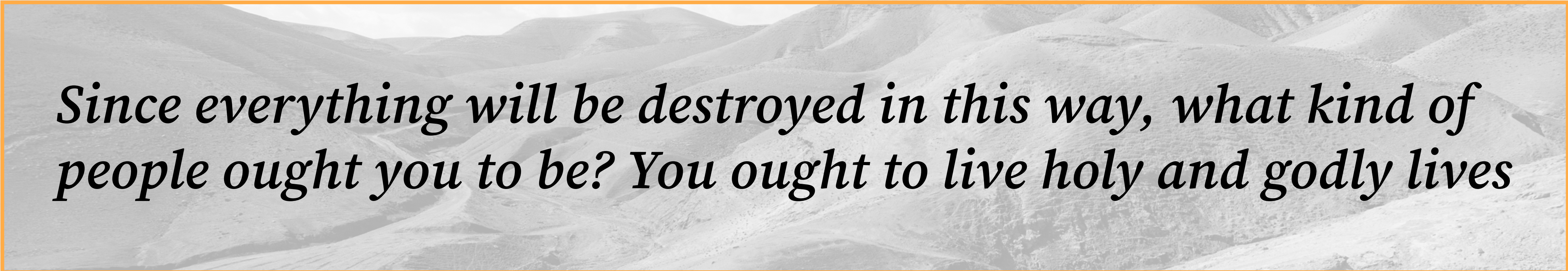
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



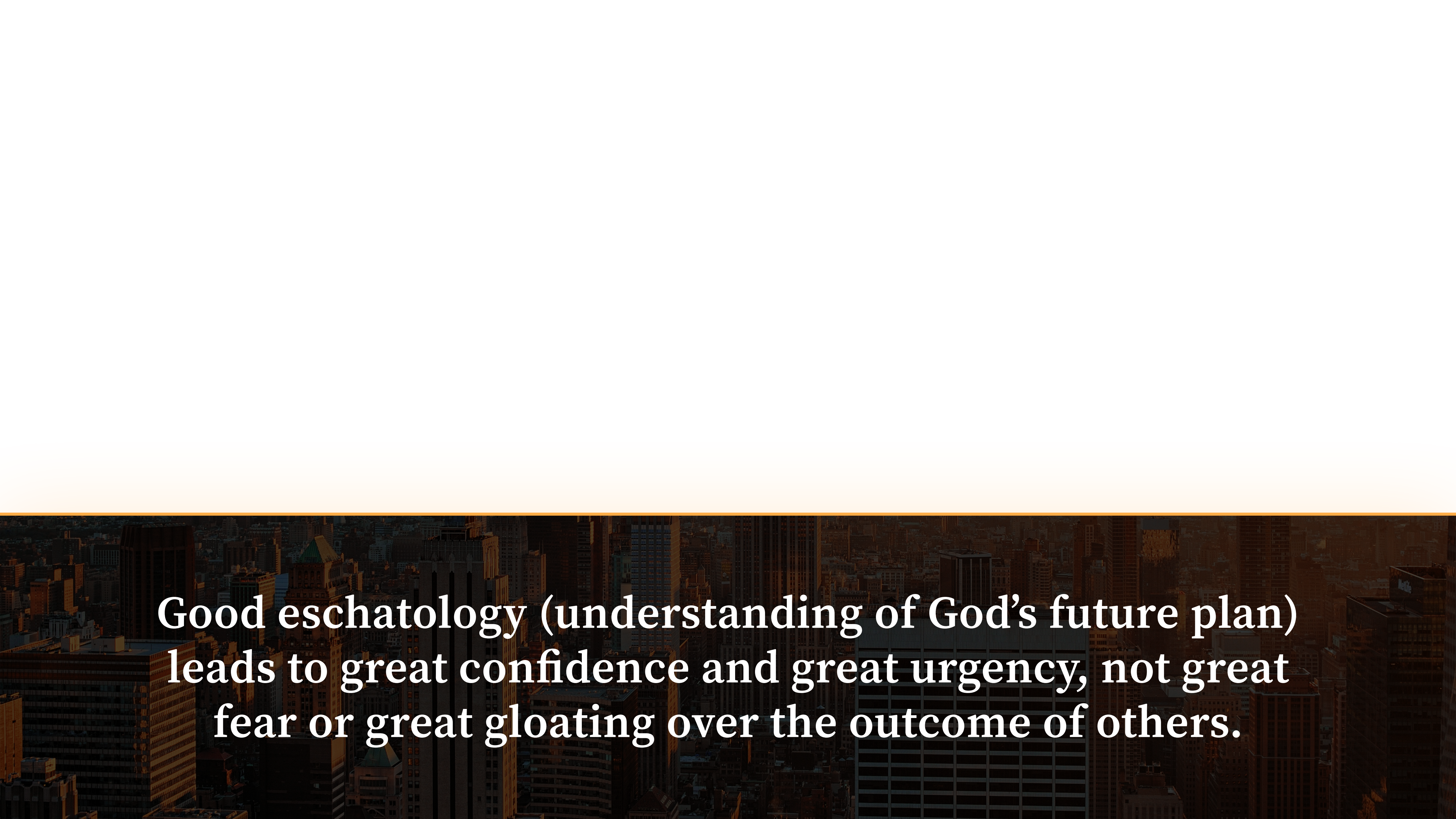
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:10



Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

2 Peter 3:11

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a dark, silhouetted cityscape. The buildings are densely packed, and the overall atmosphere is dramatic and contemplative.

Good eschatology (understanding of God's future plan)
leads to great confidence and great urgency, not great
fear or great gloating over the outcome of others.

Joel tells us that God's ultimate judgment, which falls on the Day of the Lord, will be "great and terrible. Who can endure it?" (Joel 2:11). The answer is that we, on our own, can never endure such a moment.



But if we have placed our faith in Christ for atonement of our sins, we have nothing to fear from the Day of Judgment.

A cityscape at sunset with a white text overlay. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a dark, silhouetted cityscape of skyscrapers. The text is centered and reads: "God's judgment is coming, so choose His mercy." The word "judgment" is underlined with a thin orange line.

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