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OBADIAH

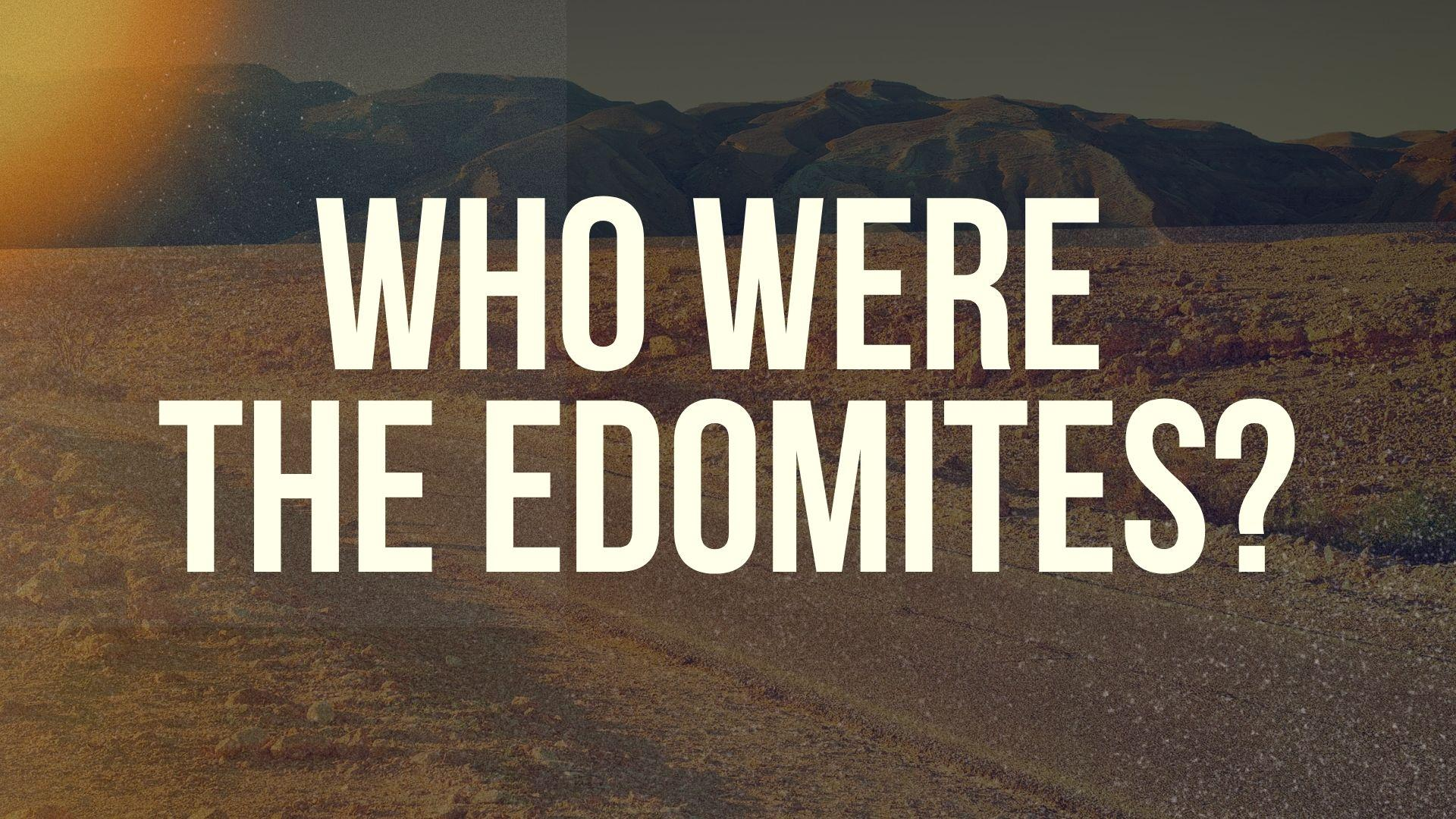


OBADIAH 1:1A NIV

1 The vision of Obadiah.

This is what the Sovereign Lord says about Edom—



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a flat, rocky, and sparsely vegetated plain. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. A bright, golden light flare is visible in the upper left corner, creating a soft glow over the scene. The overall tone is somber and historical.

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THE EDMITES WERE THE PEOPLE DESCENDED FROM ESAU, THE SON OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH AND THE BROTHER OF JACOB (GENESIS 25:19-34). ESAU WAS NICKNAMED “EDOM” (WHICH MEANS, “RED”) PROBABLY BECAUSE HE HAD RED HAIR.

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WHEN ISRAEL CAME OUT OF EGYPT AND WANTED TO PASS THROUGH THE LAND OF THE EDMITES TO ENTER INTO THE PROMISED LAND, THE EDMITES WOULDN'T LET THEM (NUMBERS 20:14-21).

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IN THE DAYS OF KING JEHOSHAPHAT OF JUDAH,
EDOM JOINED WITH MOAB AND AMMON TO
ATTACK JUDAH, BUT THE LORD FOUGHT FOR JUDAH
AND DEFEATED THEM (2 CHRONICLES 20:1-27).

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a bright light source on the left. The text is overlaid on the image.

**WHAT HAD THE
EDOMITES DONE?**

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dark, gravelly road curves from the bottom center towards the right. The middle ground is a vast, flat, rocky plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, with a warm, golden glow on the left side of the image.

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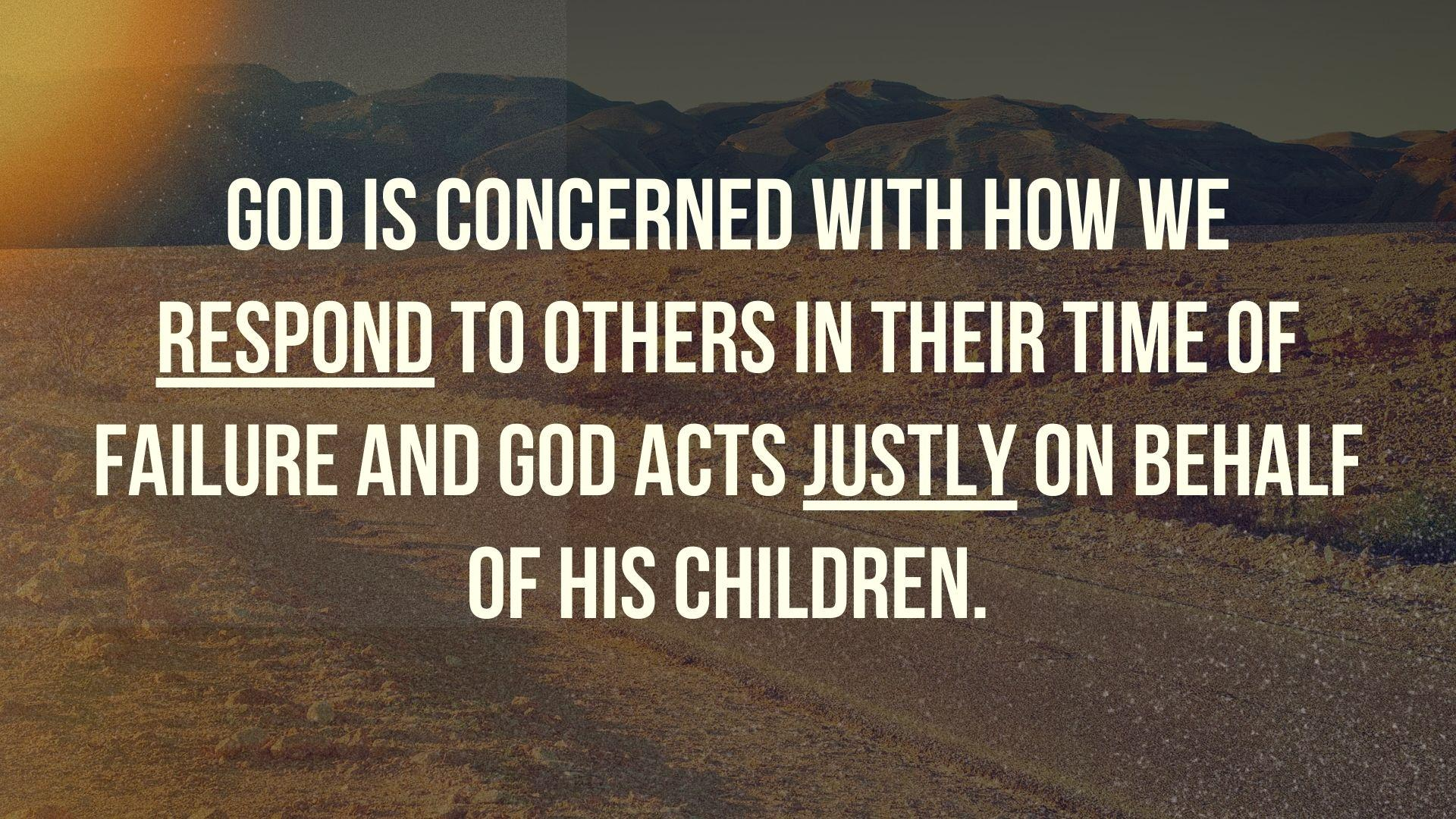
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4. THEN THEY JOINED IN THE VIOLENCE AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE -
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A desert landscape with layered rock formations and a large rock formation in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

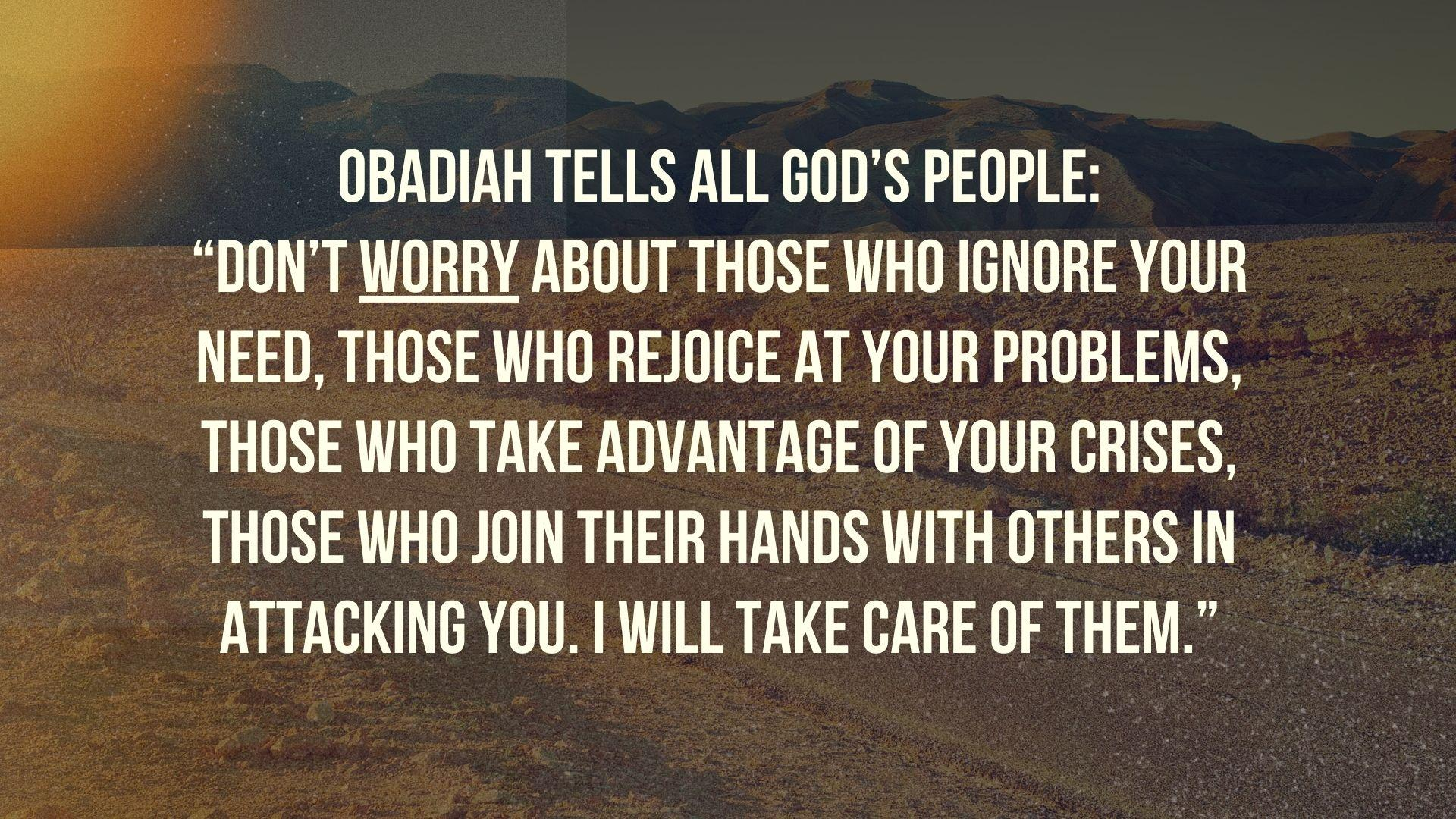
**LOOKING AT THE
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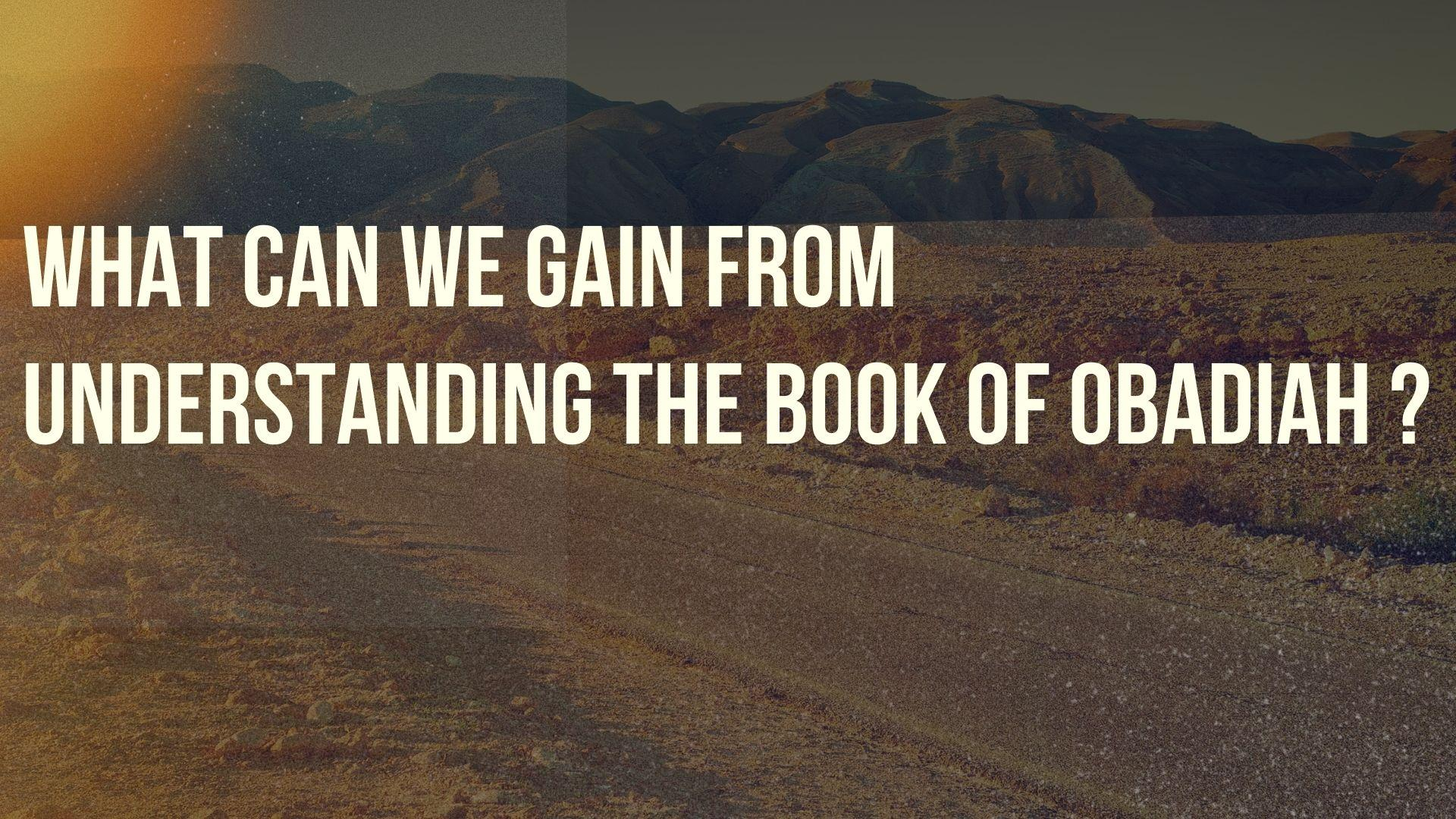
**GOD IS CONCERNED WITH HOW WE
RESPOND TO OTHERS IN THEIR TIME OF
FAILURE AND GOD ACTS JUSTLY ON BEHALF
OF HIS CHILDREN.**

OBADIAH 1:15 NIV

“The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head”.

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a bright light source on the left. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**OBADIAH TELLS ALL GOD'S PEOPLE:
“DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE WHO IGNORE YOUR
NEED, THOSE WHO REJOICE AT YOUR PROBLEMS,
THOSE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR CRISES,
THOSE WHO JOIN THEIR HANDS WITH OTHERS IN
ATTACKING YOU. I WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM.”**

A landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a dark sky, with a bright light source on the left. The foreground is a dry, rocky path leading into the distance. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM
UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF OBADIAH ?**

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The middle ground shows rolling hills and sparse vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and blue.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF OBADIAH?

GOD ALWAYS CONFRONTS OUR PRIDE.

OBADIAH 1:3-4 NIV

3 “The pride of your heart has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rocks
and make your home on the heights,
you who say to yourself,
‘Who can bring me down to the ground?’”

4 Though you soar like the eagle
and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,”
declares the Lord.

PROVERBS 16:18 NIV

18 Pride goes before destruction,
a haughty spirit before a fall.

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The middle ground shows rolling hills and sparse vegetation. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is warm, with browns, oranges, and greys.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF OBADIAH?

WE UNFAILINGLY REAP WHAT WE SOW.

OBADIAH 1:15 NIV

15 “The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head”.

GALATIANS 6:17 NIV

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.



**REMEMBER THAT REAPING
AND SOWING HAPPEN IN
DIFFERENT SEASONS.**

A desert landscape with a winding road and hills under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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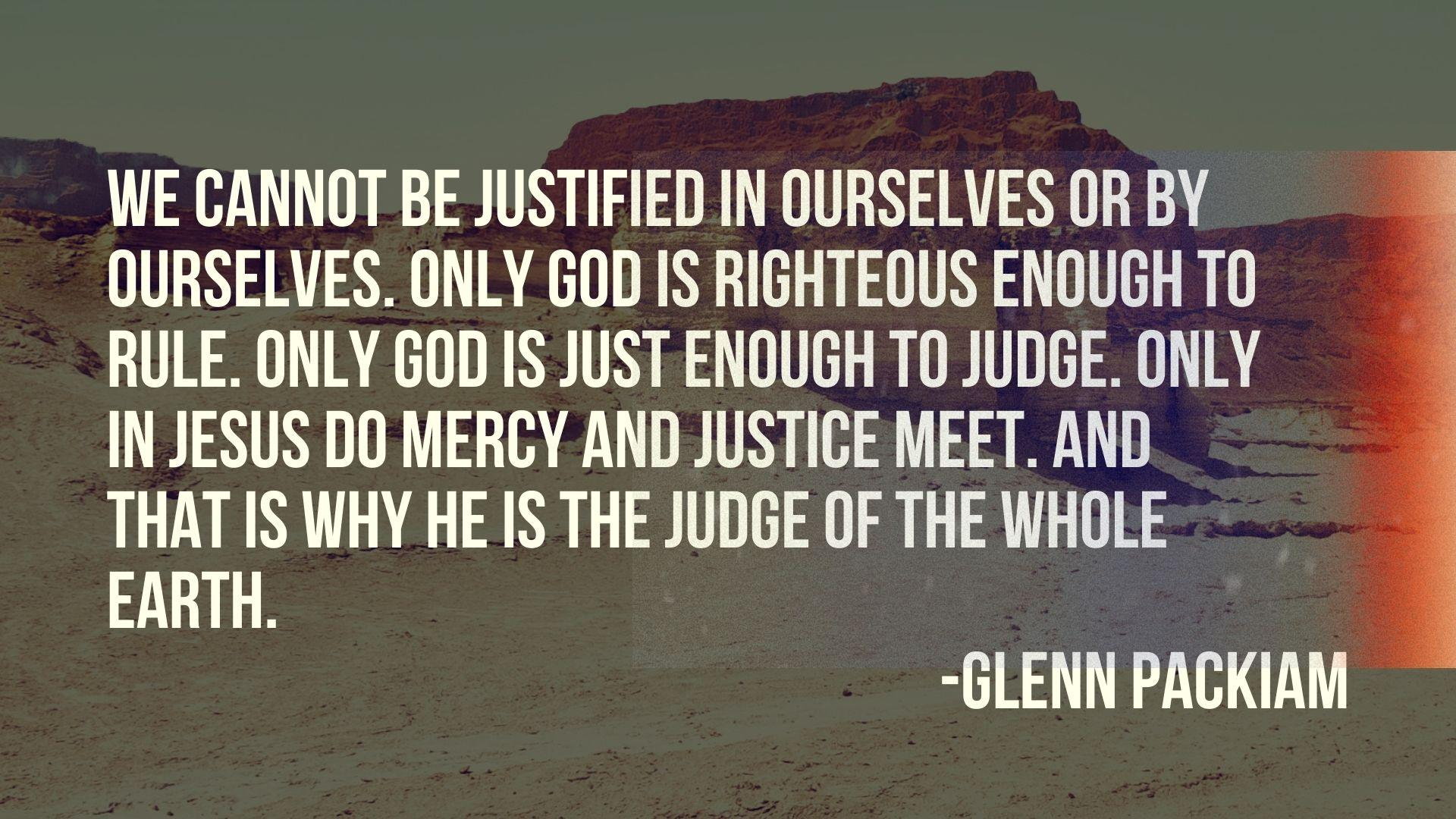
OUR RIGHTEOUS KING RESTORES HIS PEOPLE.

OBADIAH 1:17, 21 NIV

But on Mount Zion will be deliverance;
it will be holy,
and Jacob will possess his inheritance.

21 Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion
to govern the mountains of Esau.

And the kingdom will be the Lord's.



**WE CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED IN OURSELVES OR BY
OURSELVES. ONLY GOD IS RIGHTEOUS ENOUGH TO
RULE. ONLY GOD IS JUST ENOUGH TO JUDGE. ONLY
IN JESUS DO MERCY AND JUSTICE MEET. AND
THAT IS WHY HE IS THE JUDGE OF THE WHOLE
EARTH.**

-GLENN PACKIAM

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a rocky, sparsely vegetated plain. In the background, a range of dark, rolling mountains stretches across the horizon. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. A bright, warm light source is visible on the far left, creating a lens flare effect and illuminating the scene from the side.

**SO WHAT IS OUR
RESPONSE?**



1 PETER 5:5B-6 NIV

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.