The background is a desert landscape with a prominent mountain range under a clear blue sky. The foreground is a sandy, arid plain. At the bottom of the image, there is a horizontal border consisting of a series of vertical rectangular blocks in various shades of brown and tan, resembling a film strip.

MAJORING ON THE MINOR

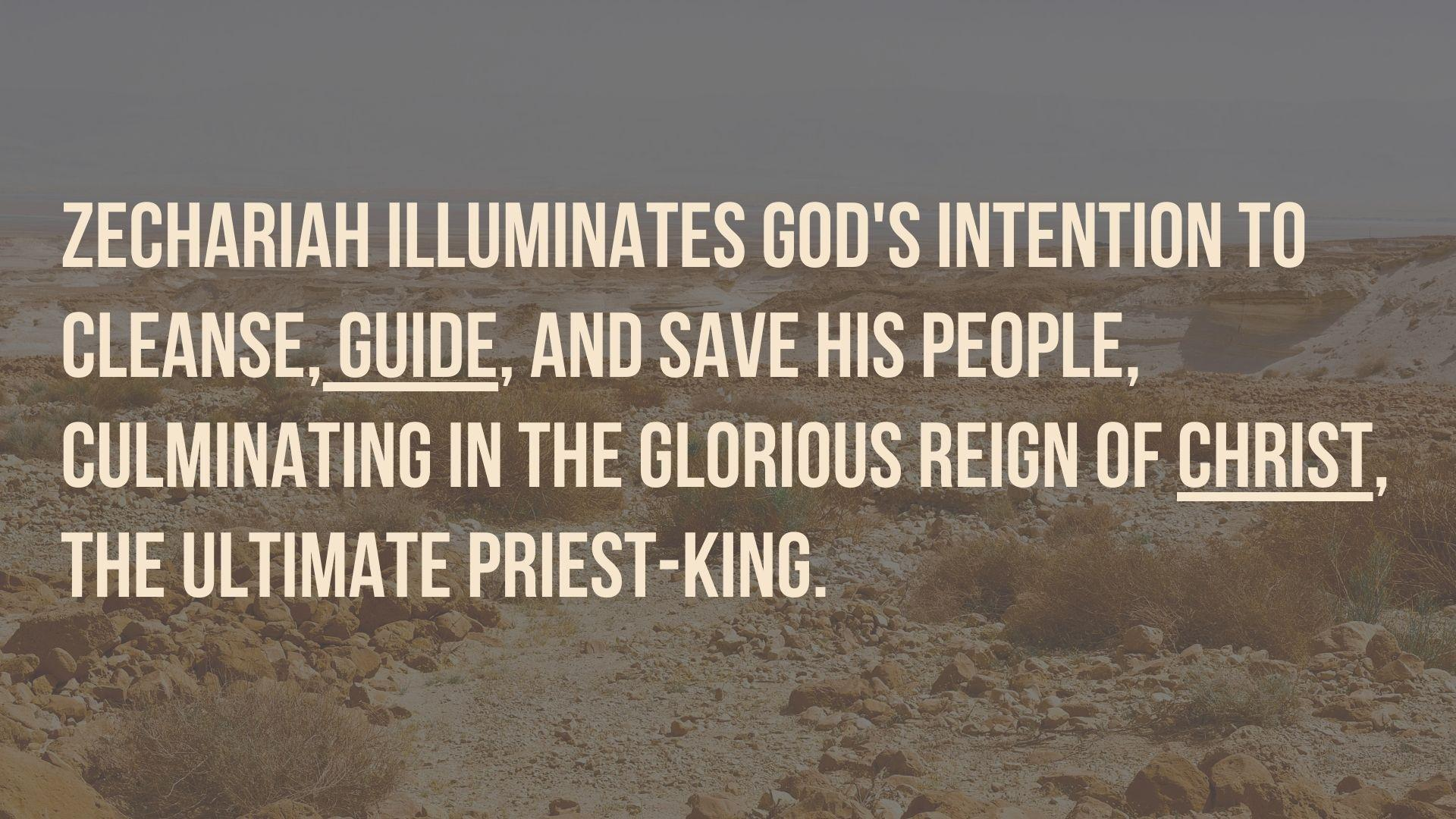
ZECHARIAH

ZECHARIAH 1:1 NIV

In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

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 lighting suggests it might be late afternoon or early morning, with a warm glow on the left side of the image.

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

A desert landscape with a path leading towards a body of water under a hazy sky. The path is made of light-colored sand and small rocks, winding through sparse, dry vegetation. In the distance, a calm body of water is visible, reflecting the light from the sky. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day. The overall tone of the image is serene and contemplative.

**ZECHARIAH ILLUMINATES GOD'S INTENTION TO
CLEANSE, GUIDE, AND SAVE HIS PEOPLE,
CULMINATING IN THE GLORIOUS REIGN OF CHRIST,
THE ULTIMATE PRIEST-KING.**

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The scene is captured in a warm, golden-hour light, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft glow over the arid terrain. The road curves through the foreground, leading the eye towards the distant, hazy mountains. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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THE BONUS

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. A paved road curves from the bottom left towards the center of the frame. The terrain is arid, with sparse, low-lying vegetation and patches of dry grass. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, earthy tones like browns, tans, and greys.

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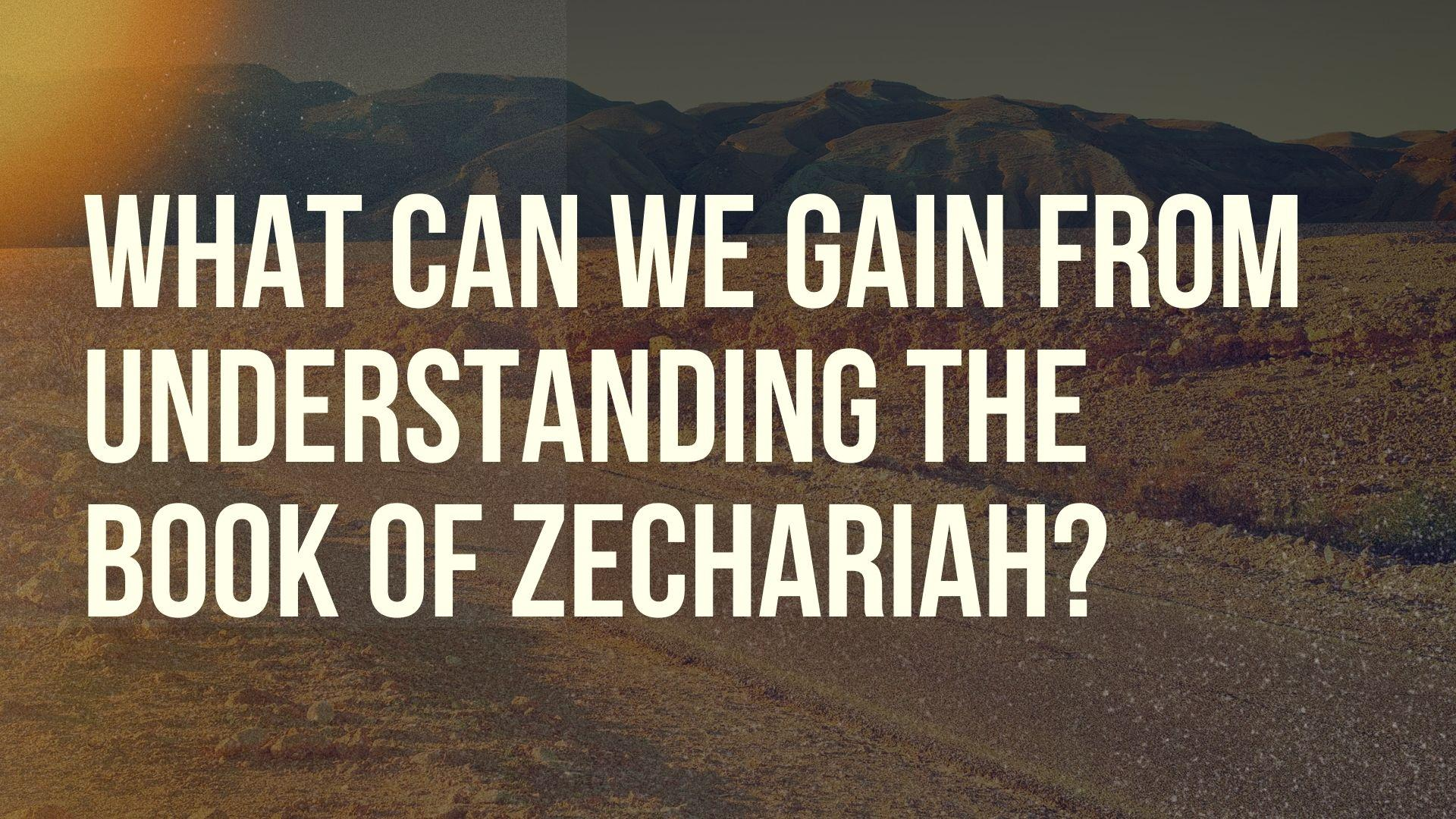
THE CROWNING OF JOSHUA (ZECHARIAH 6:9-15)

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a road in the foreground. The text "WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THESE VISIONS?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. The word "PURPOSE" is underlined.

**WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE
OF THESE VISIONS?**

ZECHARIAH 1:3-6 NIV

3 Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the Lord Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the Lord Almighty. 4 Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.' But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. 5 Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors?

The background image is a landscape photograph of a desert. In the foreground, there is a dry, rocky, and sparsely vegetated plain. In the mid-ground and background, there are rolling hills and mountains. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. A strong, warm light source, likely the sun, is positioned on the far left, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fades into the darker tones of the landscape and sky. The overall mood is contemplative and vast.

**WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM
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- ENCOURAGEMENT IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.

ZECHARIAH 1:16-17 NIV

16 “Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the Lord Almighty.

17 “Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’”

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with visible tire tracks winds through a dry, rocky terrain. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and muted green.

GOD SEES EVERY CHALLENGE AND HE IS
PRESENT AND ACTIVELY RESTORING HIS
PEOPLE.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH?

- A CALL TO HOLINESS AND REPENTANCE.

ZECHARIAH 7:8-9 NIV

8 And the word of the Lord came again to Zechariah: 9 “This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’”

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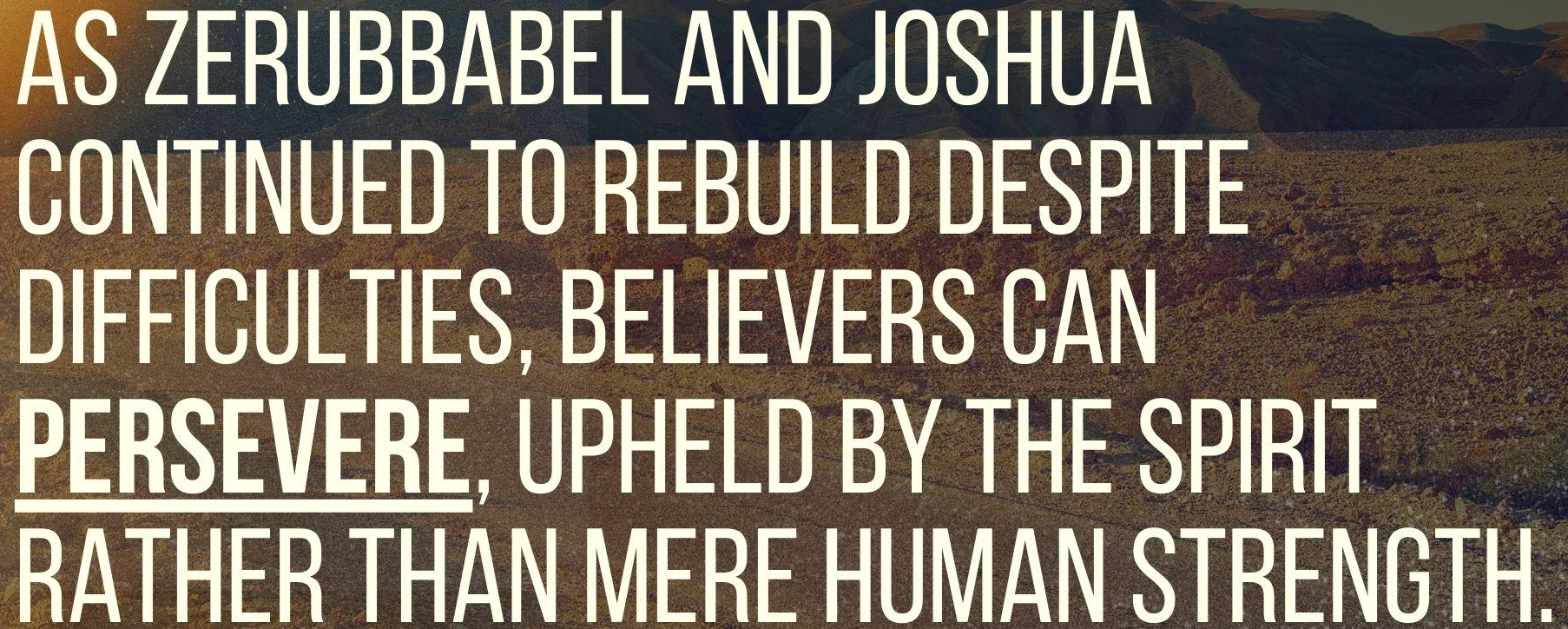
GOD CALLS US TO RETURN TO HIM AND
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WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH?

- PERSEVERANCE IN GOD'S WORK.

ZECHARIAH 4:6 NIV

6 So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a path leading into the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

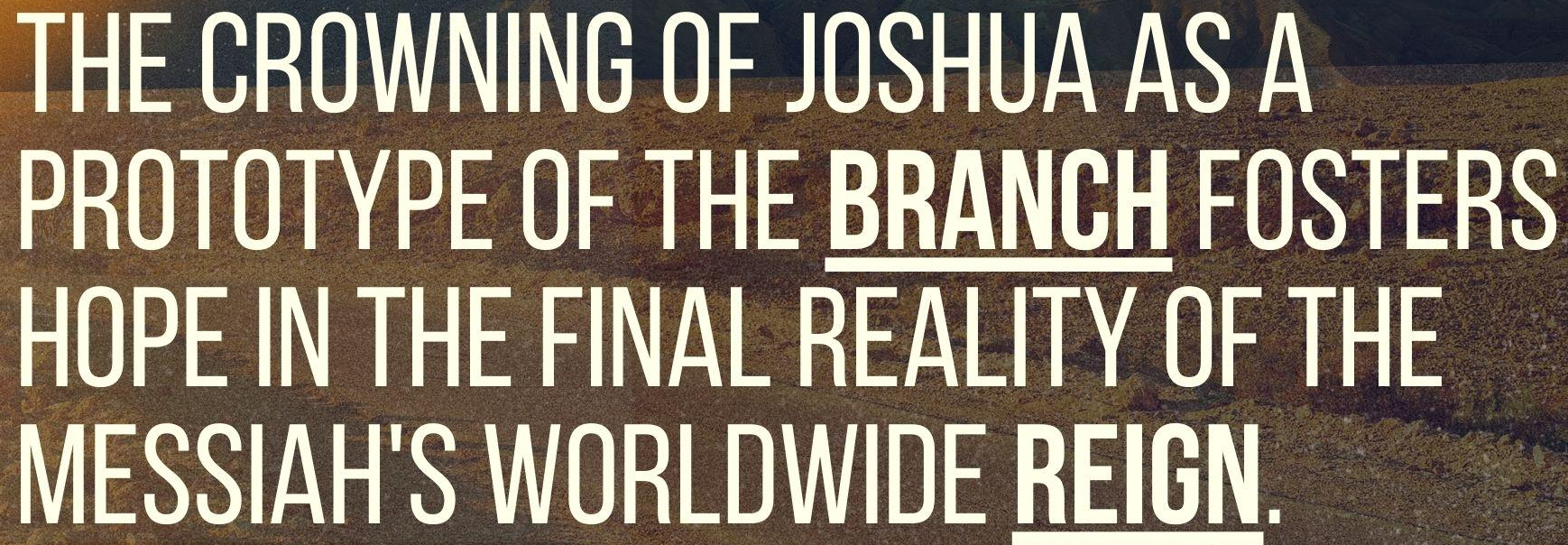
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- ANTICIPATION OF FULL RESTORATION.

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13 NIV

12 Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says:
'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord. 13 It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.'

The background of the image is a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a sandy, rocky ground with some sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills and mountains. The sky is a mix of orange and grey, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A bright light source is visible on the far left, creating a lens flare effect. The text is overlaid on this background.

THE CROWNING OF JOSHUA AS A
PROTOTYPE OF THE BRANCH FOSTERS
HOPE IN THE FINAL REALITY OF THE
MESSIAH'S WORLDWIDE REIGN.