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THE MINOR PROPHETS: THREE HISTORICAL PERIODS

1

BEFORE ISRAEL FELL
(BEFORE 722 BC)



Jonah
Amos
Hosea

2

BEFORE JERUSALEM FELL
(722–586 BC)



Joel
Micah
Nahum
Zephaniah
Habakkuk
Obadiah

3

AFTER THE RETURN
(AFTER 538 BC)



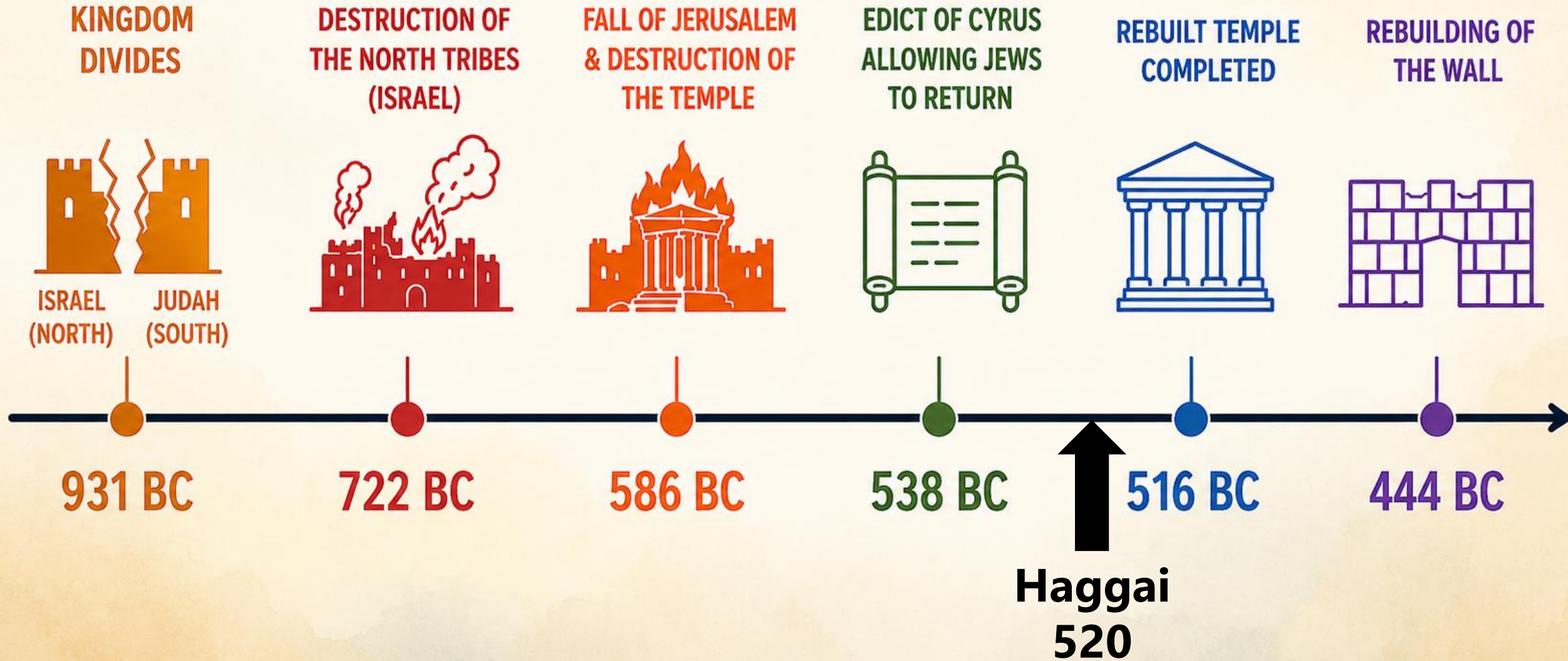
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi



“This is what King Cyrus of Persia says: ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has appointed me to build him a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Any of you who are His people may go to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this Temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives in Jerusalem. And may your God be with you!’”

Ezra 1:2-3

KEY EVENTS IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY



Hands



“Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.’ Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, ‘Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?’”

Haggai 1:2-4

“Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm.”

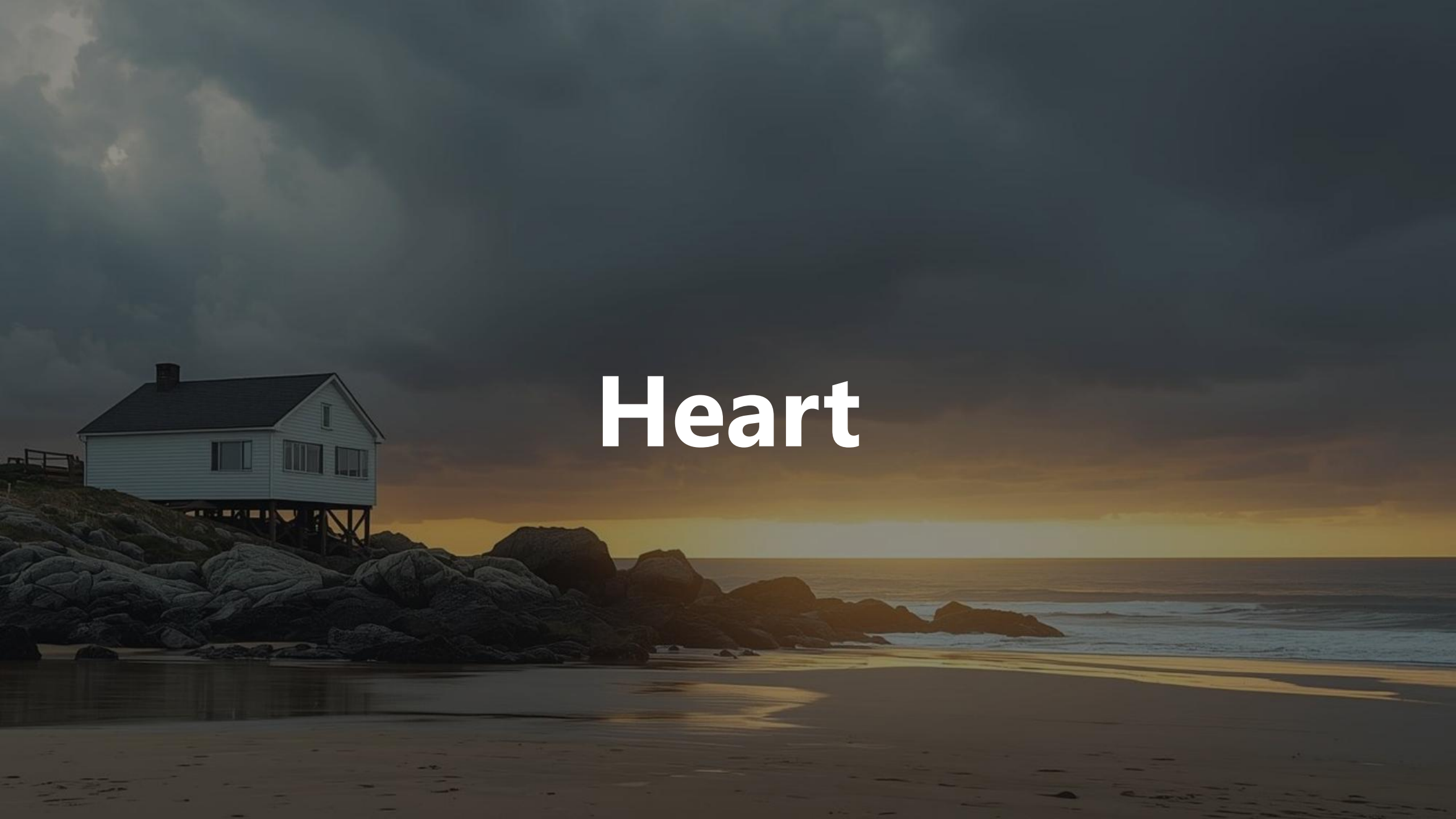
Haggai 1:5-6

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.”

Haggai 1:7-8

“Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD’S message, ‘I am with you, declares the LORD.’ And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,”

Haggai 1:13-14

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky shore. The house has several windows and a small chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sunset. The ocean is visible in the distance with gentle waves. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun is visible along the horizon. The word "Heart" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

Heart

**“Who is left among you who saw
this house in its former glory?
How does it look to you now?
Doesn't it seem to you like
nothing by comparison?”**

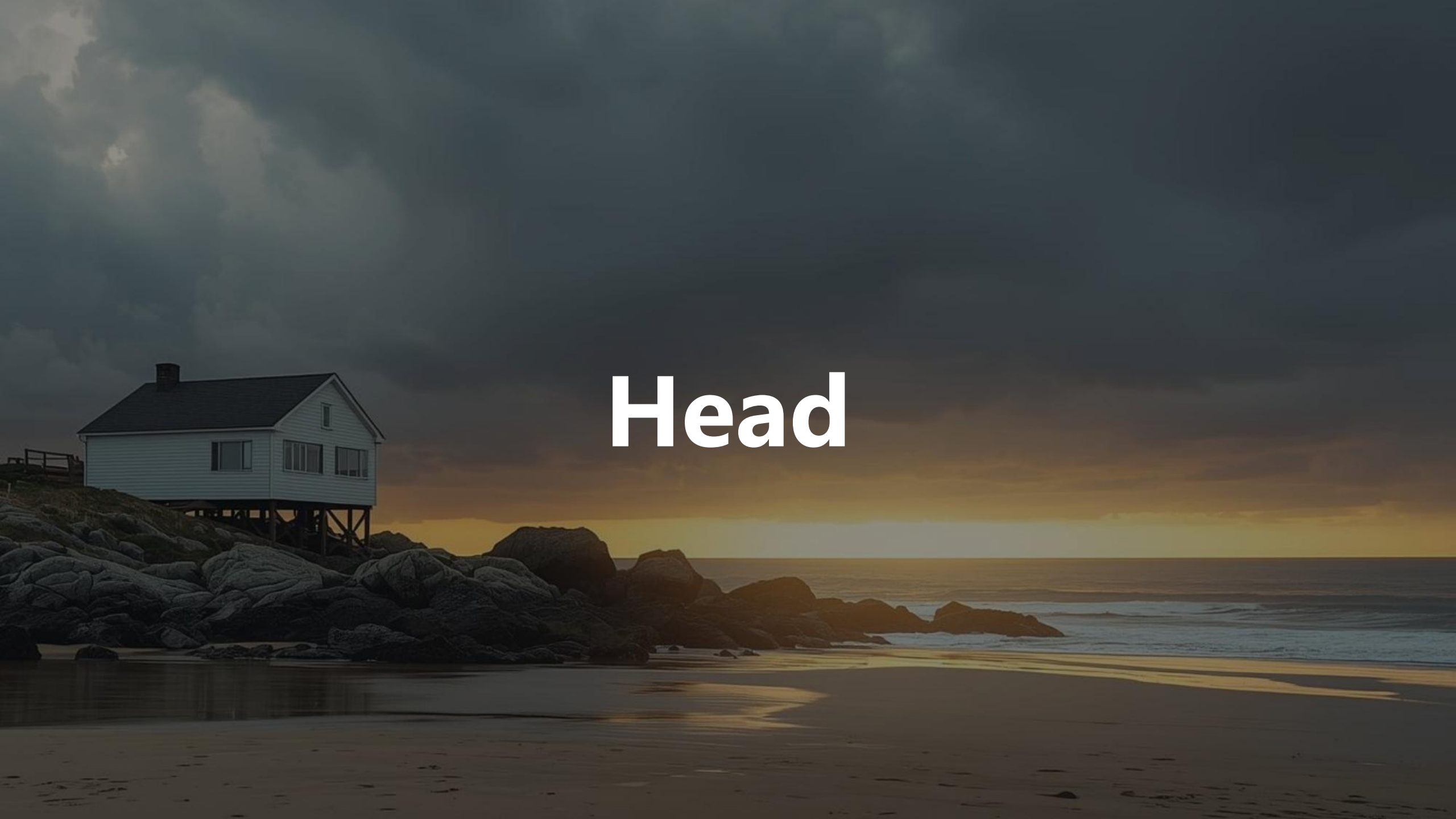
Haggai 2:3 CSB

**“‘Even so, take heart, Zerubbabel,’
decrees the LORD. ‘Take heart, Joshua
son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And
take heart all you citizens of the land,’
decrees the LORD, ‘and begin to work.
For I am with you,’ decrees the LORD of
Heaven's Armies.”**

Haggai 2:4 NET

“‘I will also shake up all the nations, and they will offer their treasures; then I will fill this temple with glory.’ So the LORD of Heaven's Armies has said. ‘The silver and gold will be mine,’ decrees the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ‘The future splendor of this temple will be greater than that of former times,’ the LORD of Heaven's Armies has declared. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ decrees the LORD of Heaven's Armies.”

Haggai 2:7-9 NET

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Head

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying, 'If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?' Then the priests answered and said, 'No.'"

Haggai 2:11-12 NKJV

“Then Haggai asked, ‘If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?’ And the priests answered, ‘Yes.’”

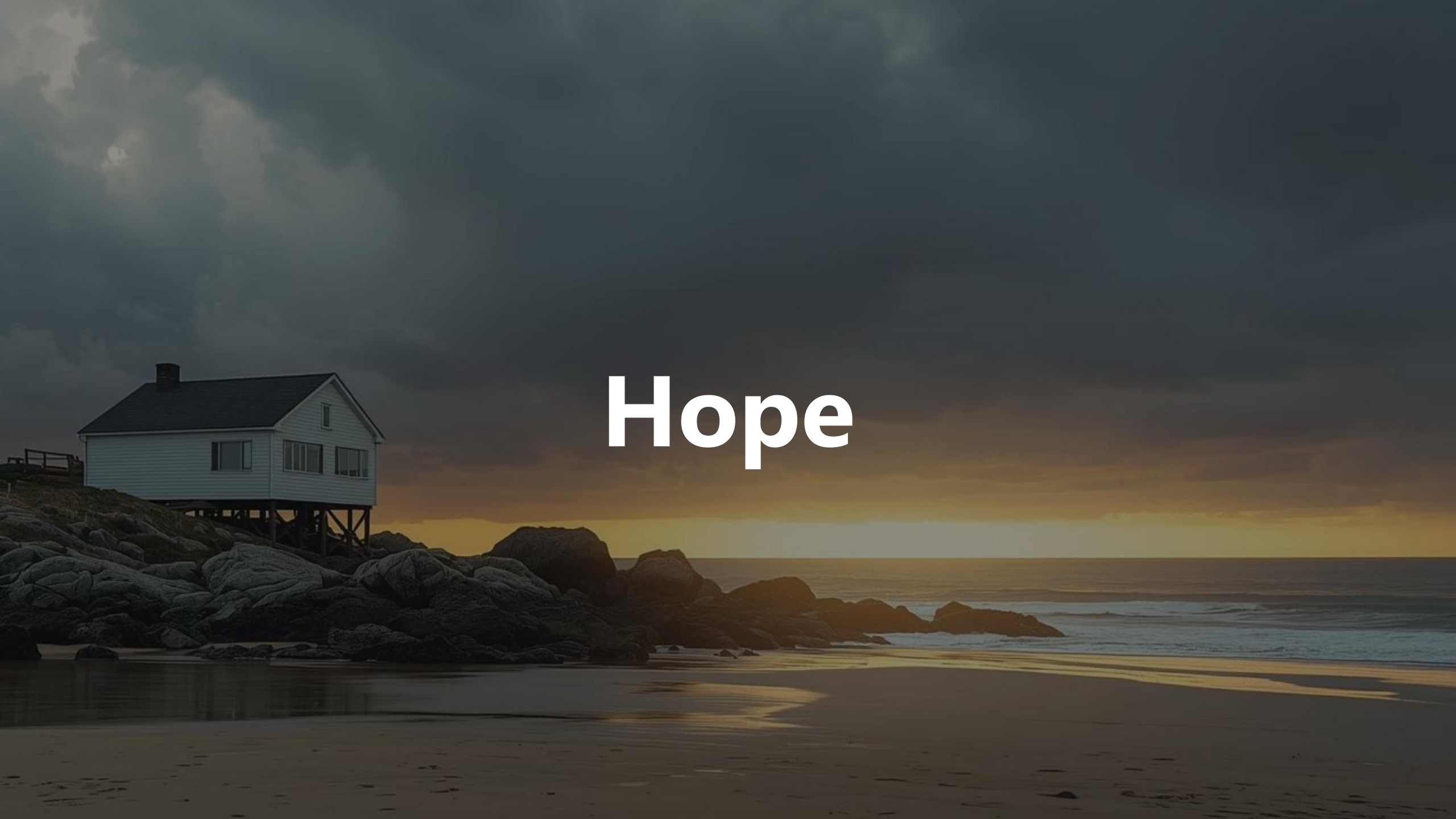
Haggai 2:13 NLT

“Then Haggai responded, 'The people of this nation are unclean in my sight,' decrees the LORD. 'And so is all their effort; everything they offer is also unclean.'”

Haggai 2:14 NET

“Is there still seed left in the granary? The vine, the fig, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yet produced. But from this day on I will bless you.”

Haggai 2:19 CSB

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky shore. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, but a bright, golden light from the setting sun creates a horizontal glow across the horizon and reflects on the wet sand of the beach in the foreground. The word "Hope" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

Hope

“On that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares the LORD, and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the LORD of hosts.”

Haggai 2:23

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