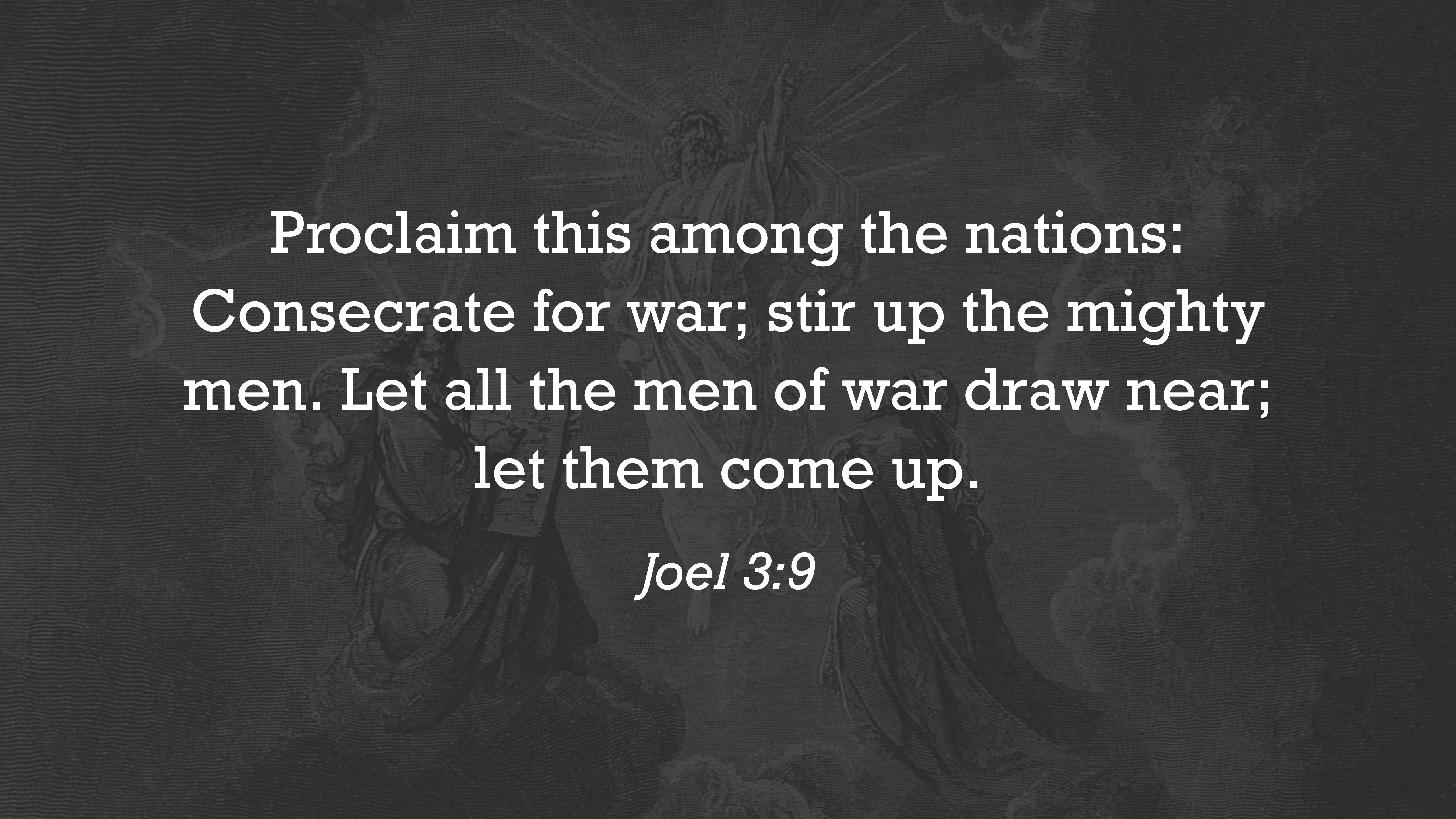




# THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

JOEL 3:9-16

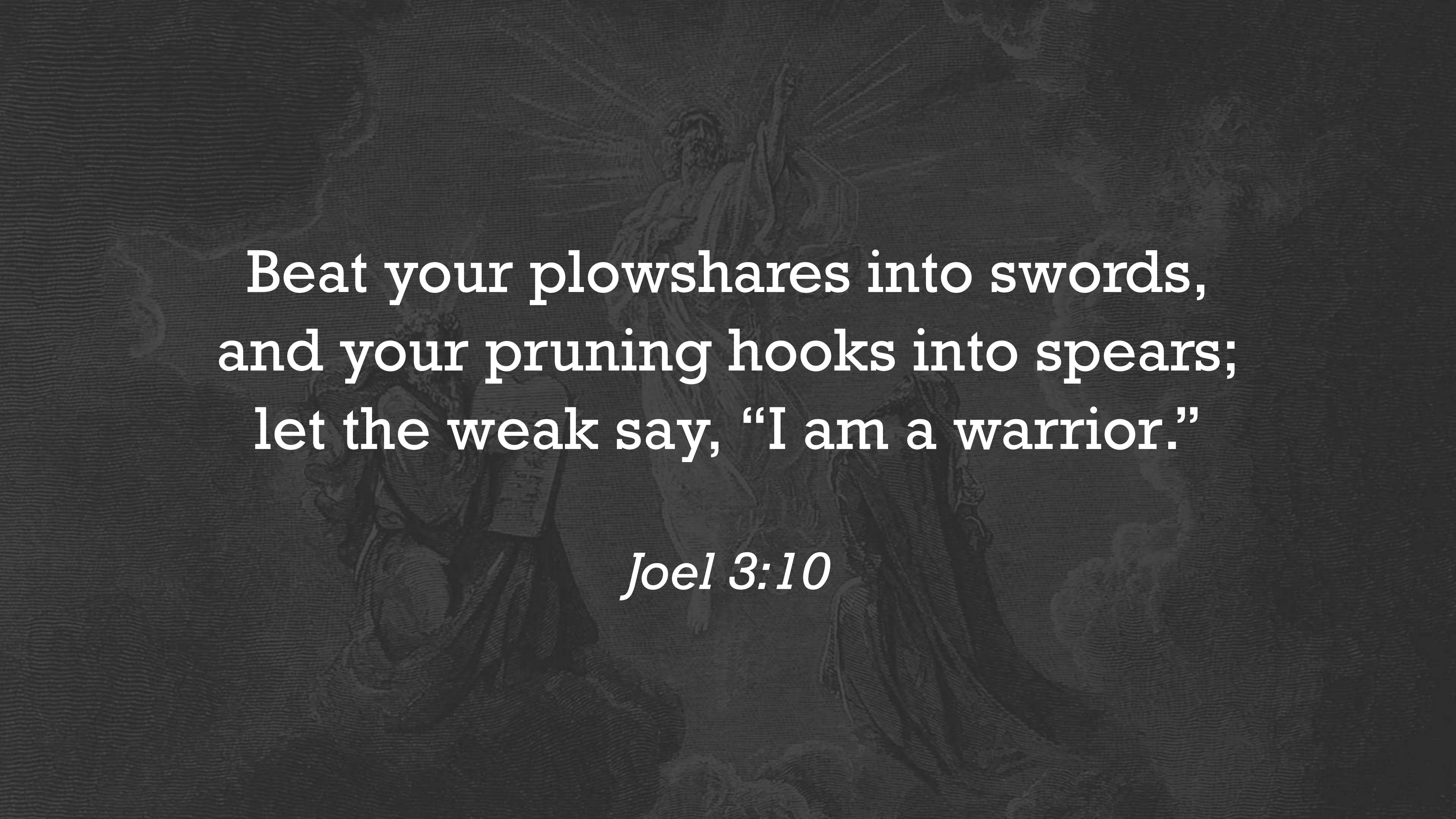


Proclaim this among the nations:  
Consecrate for war; stir up the mighty  
men. Let all the men of war draw near;  
let them come up.

*Joel 3:9*



**The final countdown  
is one of universal attention.**

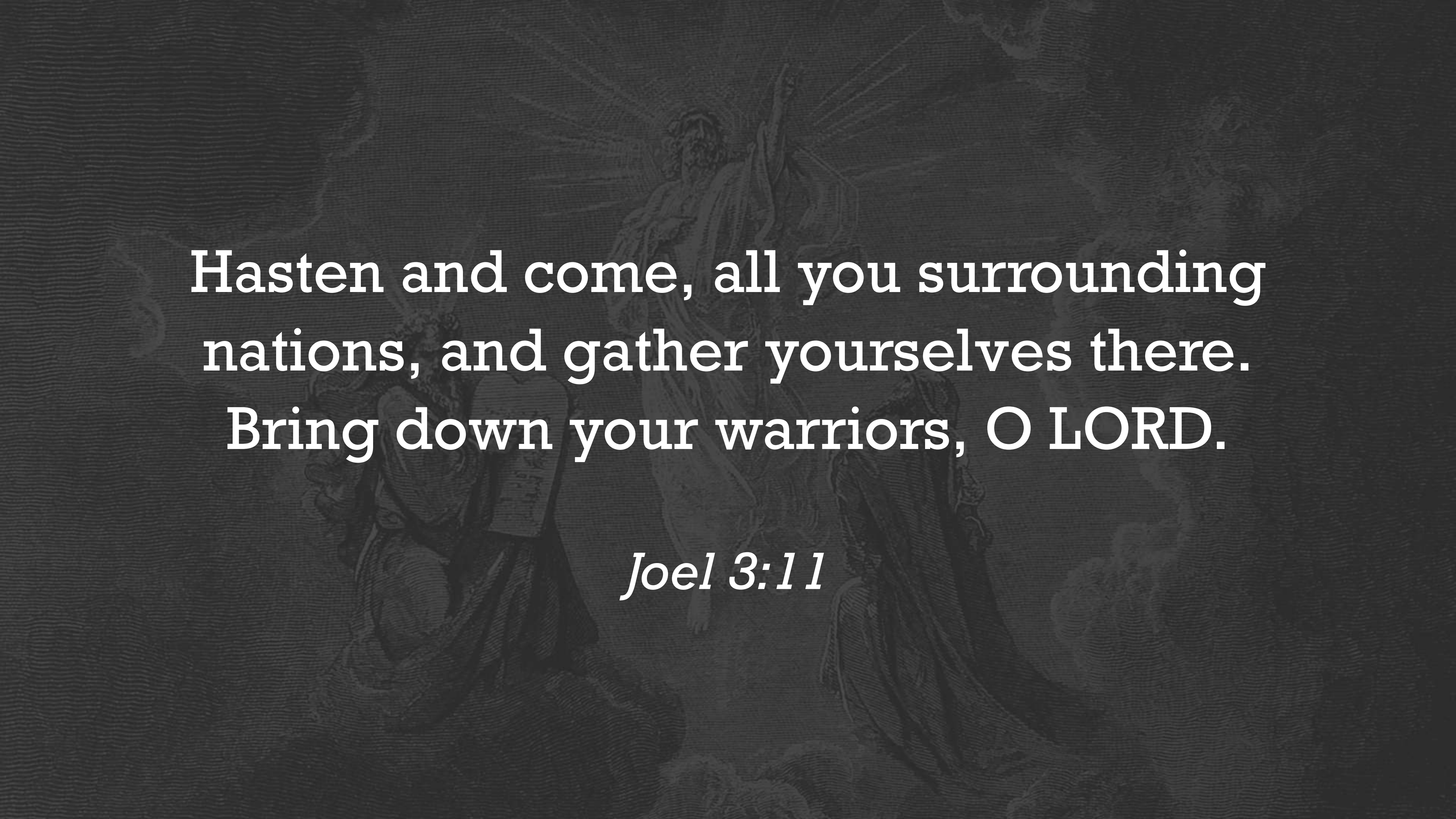


Beat your plowshares into swords,  
and your pruning hooks into spears;  
let the weak say, “I am a warrior.”

*Joel 3:10*



**The final countdown is intended  
for universal participation.**

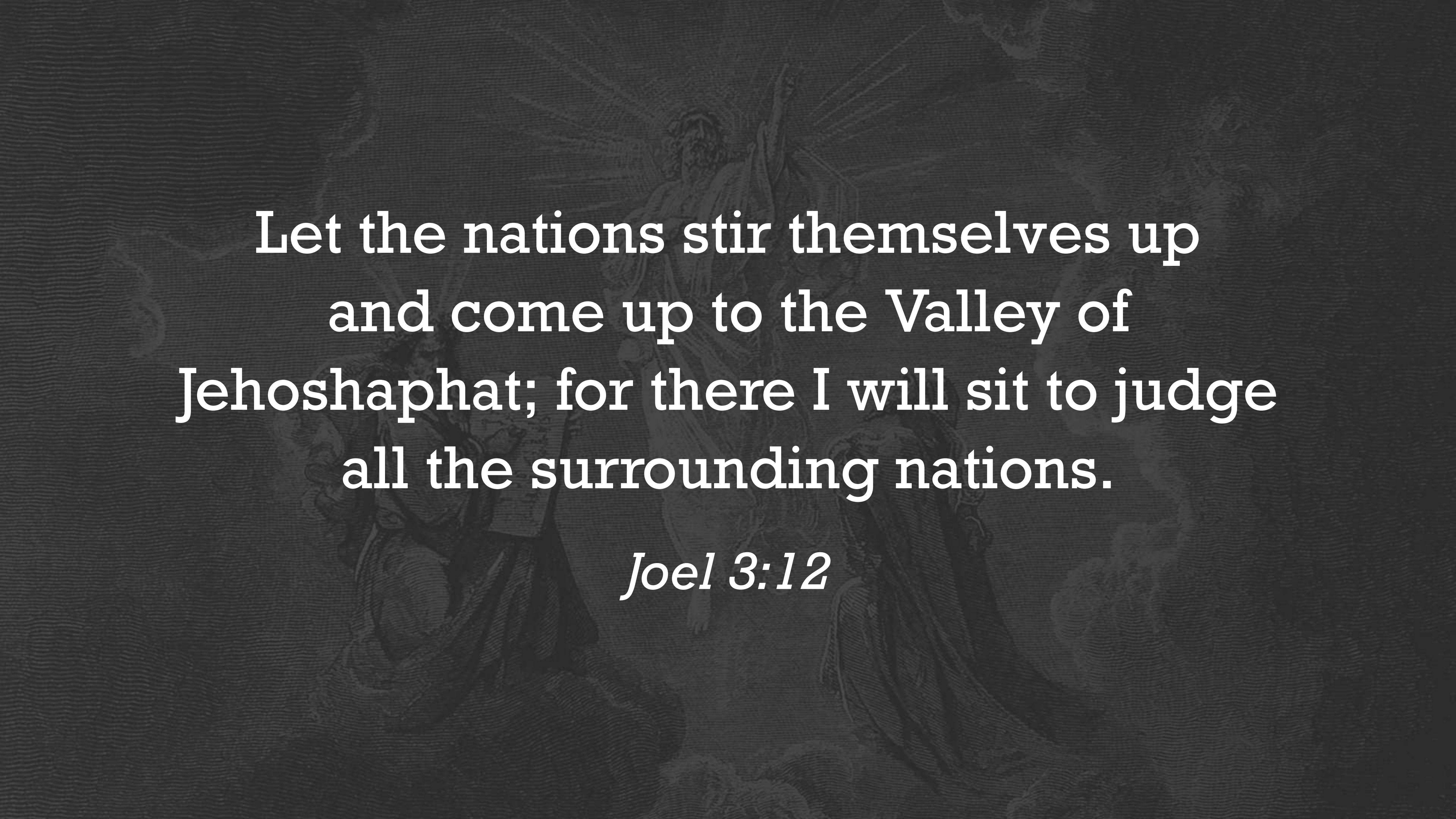


Hasten and come, all you surrounding  
nations, and gather yourselves there.  
Bring down your warriors, O LORD.

*Joel 3:11*



**The final countdown  
involves a universal coalition.**



Let the nations stir themselves up  
and come up to the Valley of  
Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge  
all the surrounding nations.

*Joel 3:12*





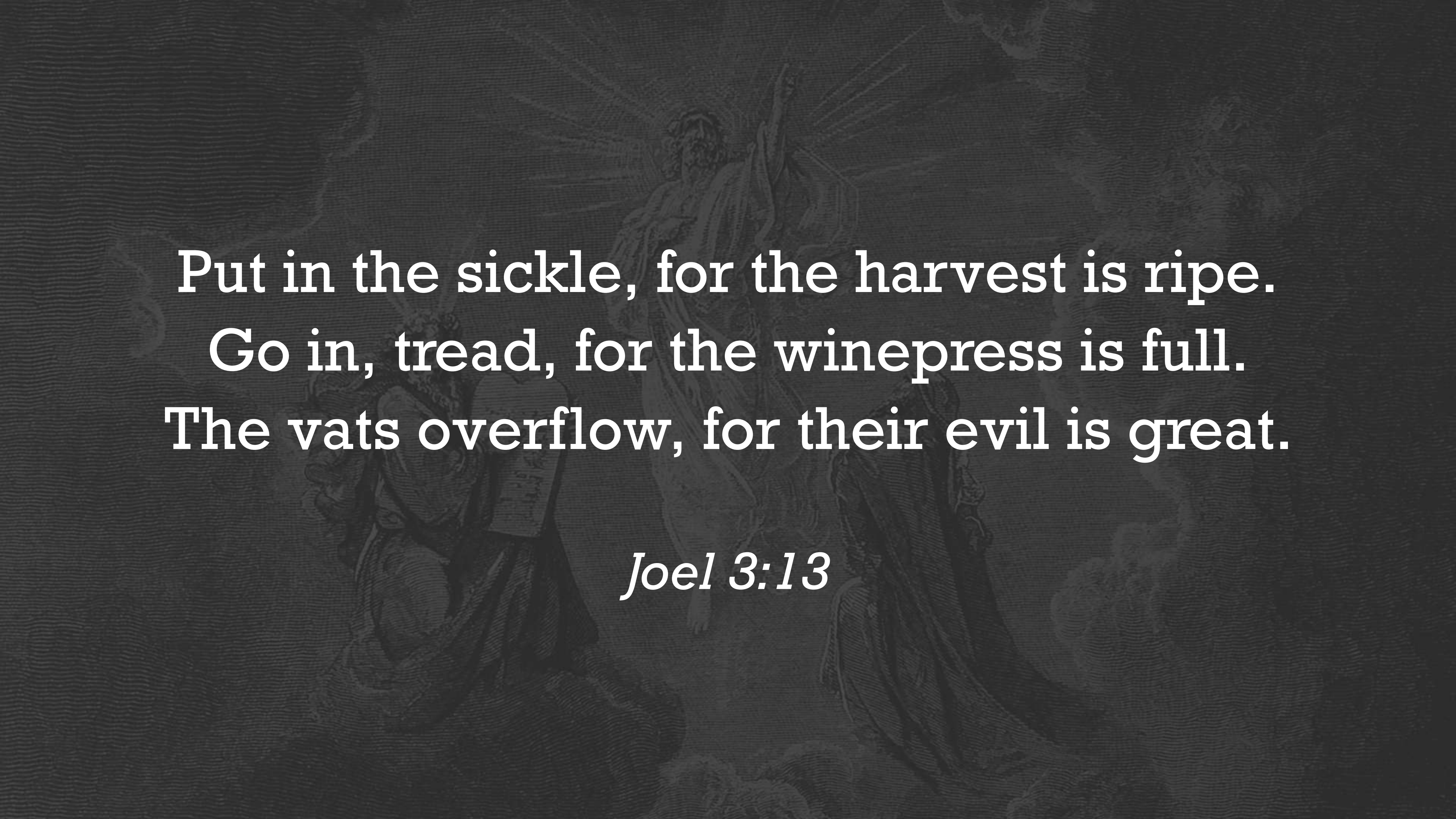
**The final countdown  
includes a universal invitation.**

# **The Valley of Jehoshaphat**

## ***A Future Place***

On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

*Zechariah 14:4*

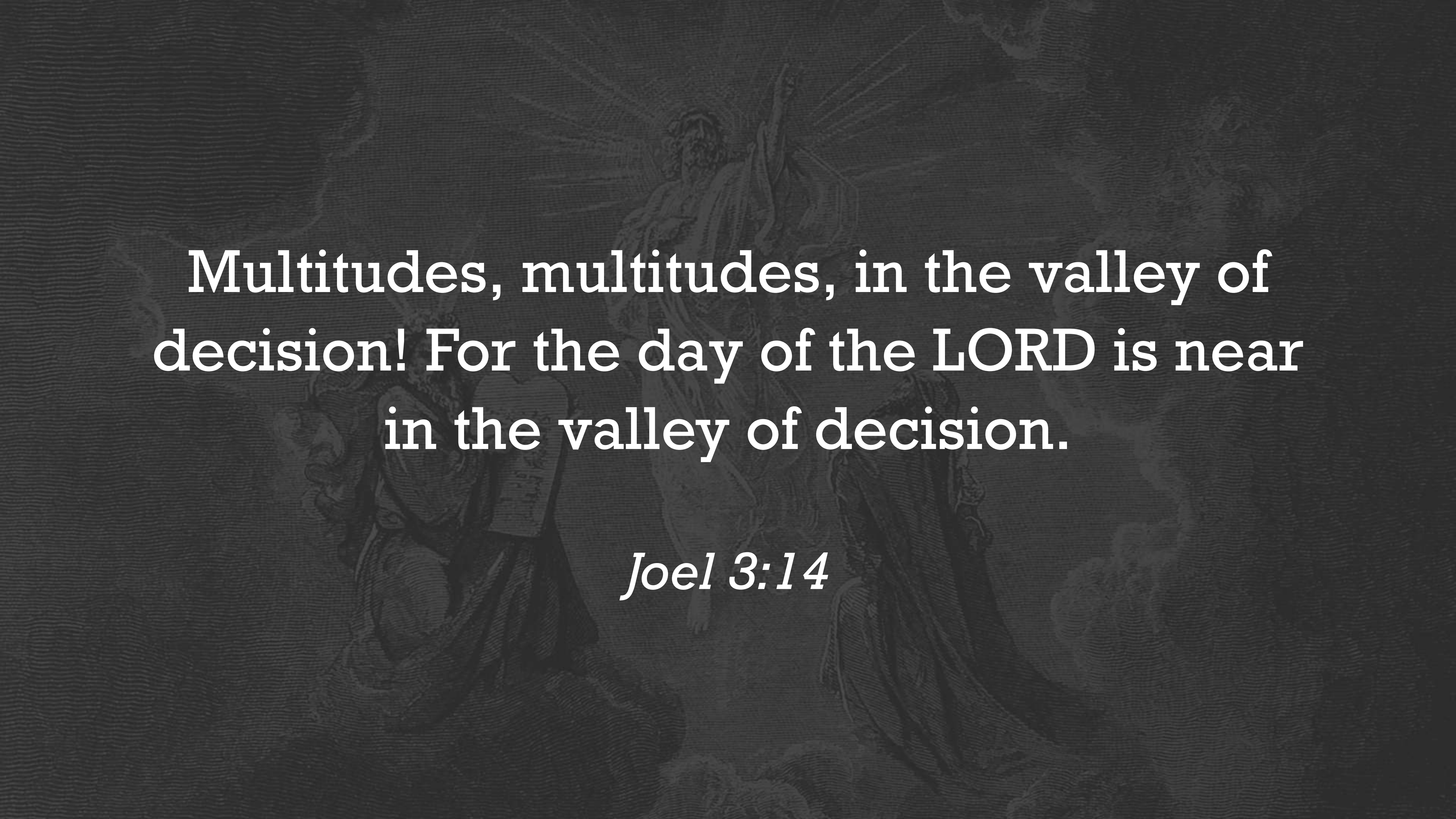


Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.  
Go in, tread, for the winepress is full.  
The vats overflow, for their evil is great.

*Joel 3:13*



**The final countdown  
insists upon universal contrition.**



Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of  
decision! For the day of the LORD is near  
in the valley of decision.

*Joel 3:14*



**The final countdown calls  
for utter universal destruction.**



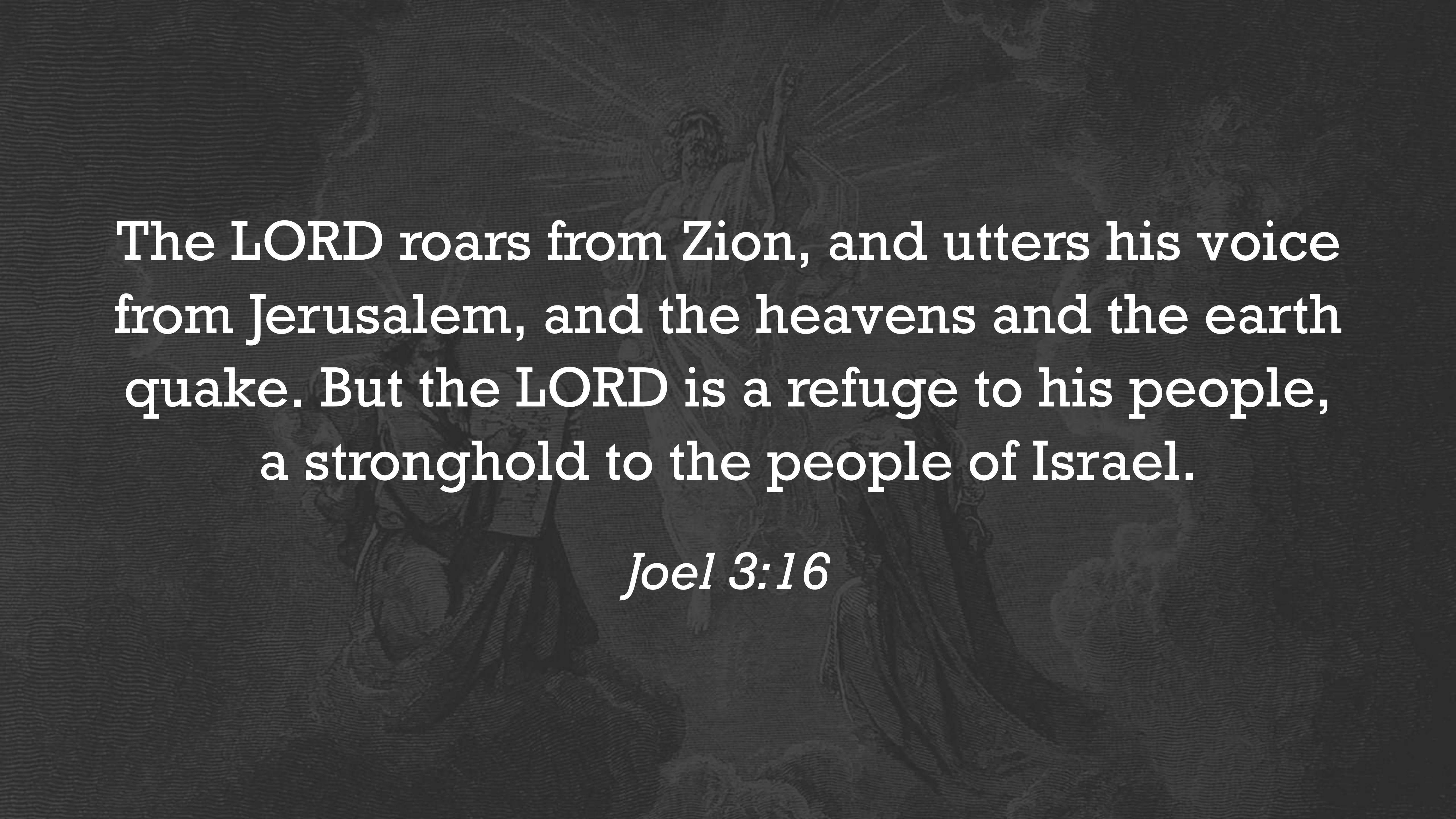
The sun and the moon are darkened,  
and the stars withdraw their shining.

*Joel 3:15*

A large, dark wooden cross stands prominently on the right side of the frame. The background is a dramatic sky with scattered clouds, illuminated from below by a low sun, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees and a horizon line are visible against the bright sky.

**The final countdown  
speaks of universal desperation.**





The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice  
from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth  
quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people,  
a stronghold to the people of Israel.

*Joel 3:16*



**The final countdown  
assures personal salvation.**

*Grandma said, "This world is going to hell in a hand basket."*

*Isaiah said, "God's hand is not shortened that it cannot save you."  
(Isaiah 59:1)*



# APPLICATION

God's going to take care of it.

God's going to take care of you *through* it.