

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape. A prominent fault line runs diagonally from the upper left towards the lower right. The terrain is characterized by rolling hills and valleys, with some areas appearing more eroded than others. The colors are primarily shades of brown and tan, typical of an arid environment. The text "IT COULD BE YOUR FAULT" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, slanted upwards to follow the general orientation of the fault line.

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BE YOUR FAULT**

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# Zephaniah 1 (NIV)

1 The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah: 2 “I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD. 3 “I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.” “When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth,” declares the LORD,



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<sup>4</sup> “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests—<sup>5</sup> those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the LORD and who also swear by Molek, <sup>6</sup> those who turn back from following the LORD and neither seek the LORD nor inquire of him.”



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<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.  
<sup>8</sup> “On the day of the LORD’s sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. <sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit. <sup>10</sup> “On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills.



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<sup>11</sup> Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be destroyed. <sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.' <sup>13</sup> Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine."



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<sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

<sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath—a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness—<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.



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<sup>17</sup> “I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung. <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath.” In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.



**☐ A Very Bad Day Was Coming**





# 1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.



# 2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> 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.



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**❑ By Spiritual Compromise**



# 1 Samuel 5:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon's temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.





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# Zephaniah 3:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> “I have destroyed nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no one passing through. Their cities are laid waste; they are deserted and empty.



An aerial photograph of a vast, arid landscape. The terrain is characterized by rolling hills and deep, winding dry riverbeds or gullies. The color palette is dominated by light tan and beige, with some darker, more vegetated areas visible in the lower right corner. A semi-transparent rectangular box with a thin black border is positioned in the upper left quadrant, containing a list of text.

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# Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your  
strength.



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# Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NIV)

28 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. <sup>2</sup> All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:



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# 1 Corinthians 1:26 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.



# 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.



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