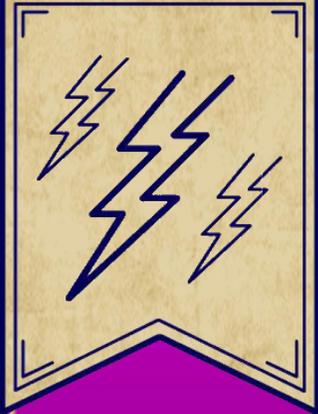


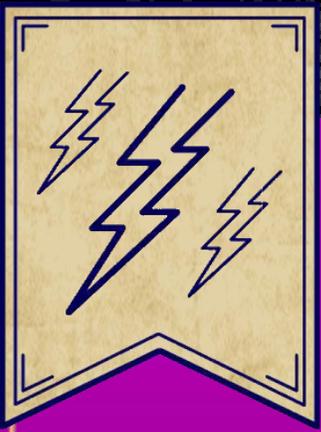
Messengers: Zephaniah





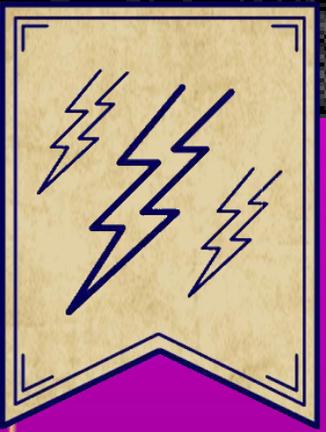
What if you **KNEW**
destruction was imminent?





When the Day of the Lord arrives
it is too late (There are no more
chances – judgment has come)

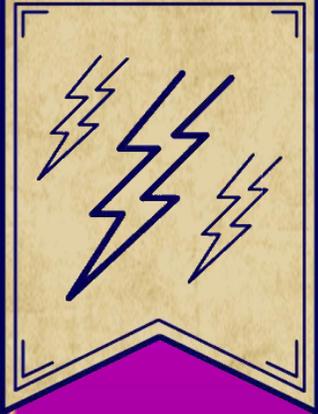




Our sin defies God's holiness
and it makes us God's enemies
(and as enemies we are in the scary
place of God's cross hairs)

Romans 5:8-11



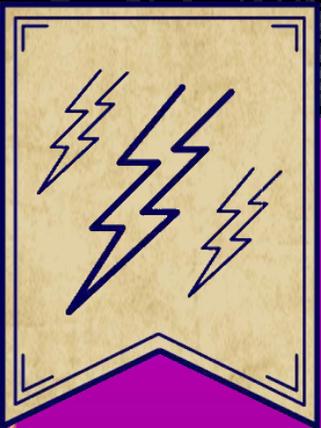


It is never enough to merely
recognize a problem of sin
(recognizing needs to lead us
to repentance)



Zephaniah: Seek the Lord

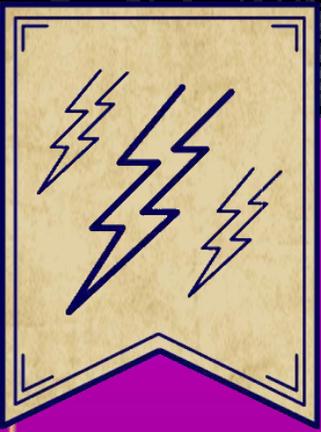




Zephaniah 2:1-3

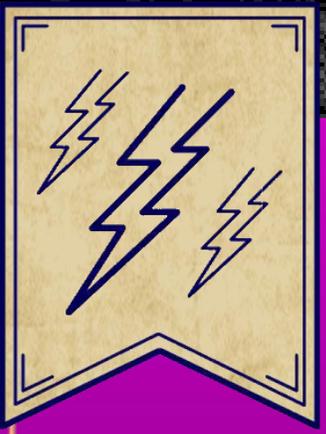
“Gather” = to collect straw;
to draw together quickly (it speaks
of an urgent assembly– time
is running out, don’t delay)





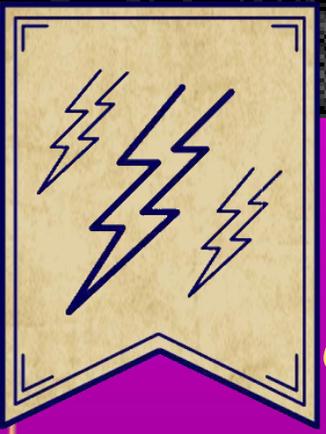
“O nation without shame” = a people
who no longer blush at sin





No one has to struggle alone
(allow your struggling to prompt you
to seek help— don't ignore it)

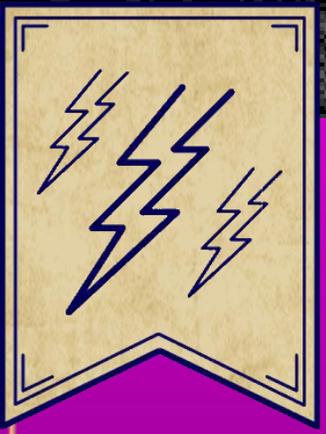




“Seek the Lord” = more than a casual glance – it means chase after; diligently pursue

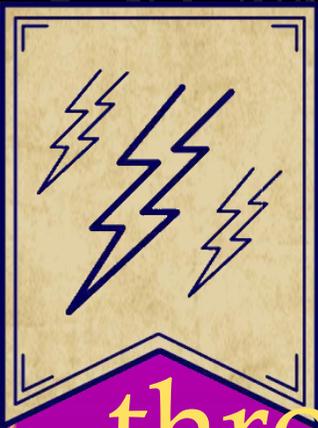
Zephaniah 2:4-7





God's judgment now goes beyond
the borders of Judah to focusing
on the 4 major Philistine nations
surrounding Judah

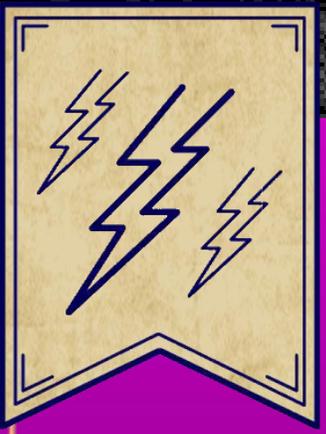




God's judgment is promised to sweep through this region (leveling the land and turning it into a pasture for sheep)

“Abandoned” = totally forsaken (in the Day of the Lord, God will totally forsake those who forsook Him)

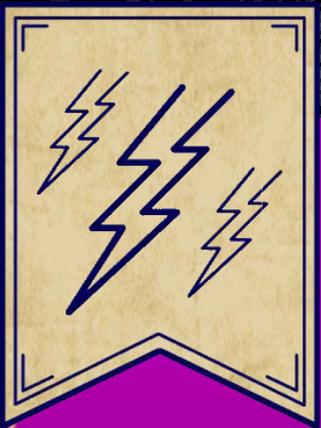




Zephaniah 2:8-9

God's attention now moves to the pagan nations to the east of Judah (Moab and Ammon – who are condemned for their arrogance)

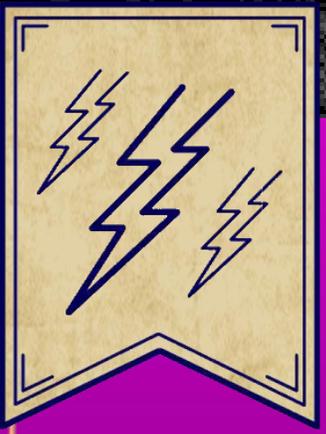




Moab and Ammon were once
fertile valleys but they would be
turned into “nettles and salt pits” =
dead, useless and lifeless

Zephaniah 2:10-11

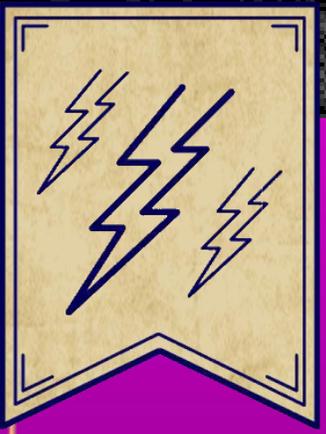




God promises to drain away
all the power and appeal of every
man-made idol who has opposed Him

Zephaniah 2:12-15





This chapter ends with God's
declaration of judgment against both
Ethiopia and Nineveh

