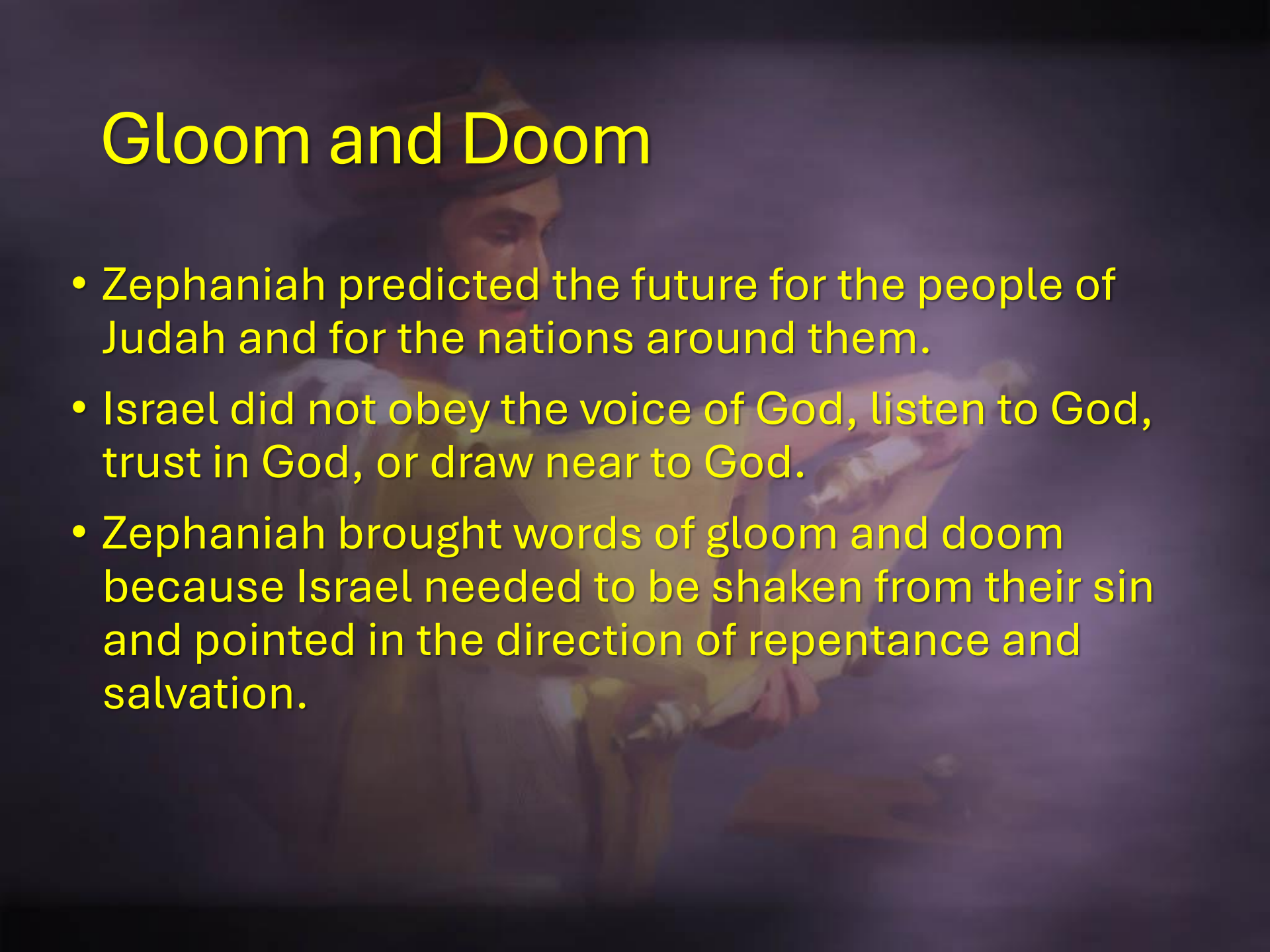


A painting of a man in a turban and yellow robe holding a scroll, with the word 'Ruin' overlaid in yellow text.

Ruin

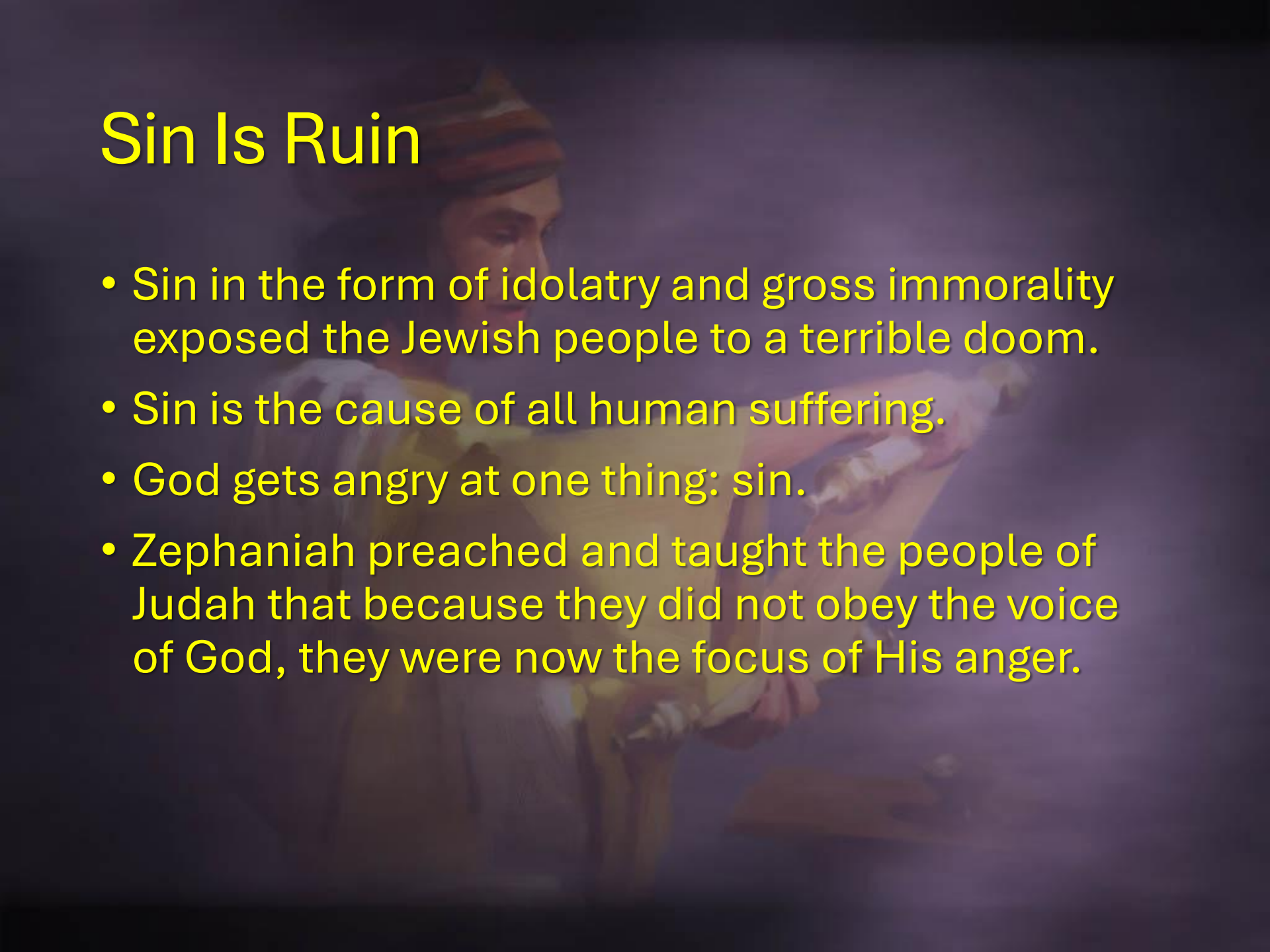
Zephaniah 2:1-3

Gloom and Doom

A man wearing a brown turban and a light-colored robe is shown from the chest up, looking down at a large, unrolled scroll he is holding with both hands. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple and blue gradient.

- Zephaniah predicted the future for the people of Judah and for the nations around them.
- Israel did not obey the voice of God, listen to God, trust in God, or draw near to God.
- Zephaniah brought words of gloom and doom because Israel needed to be shaken from their sin and pointed in the direction of repentance and salvation.

Sin Is Ruin



- Sin in the form of idolatry and gross immorality exposed the Jewish people to a terrible doom.
- Sin is the cause of all human suffering.
- God gets angry at one thing: sin.
- Zephaniah preached and taught the people of Judah that because they did not obey the voice of God, they were now the focus of His anger.

Repentance Rebuilds the Ruin

- Zephaniah's message gave the people a pathway back to God.
- Repentance rebuilds the ruin.
- Zephaniah knew repentance was more lasting and had more strength when we surround ourselves with people who are also repenting.
- The Word of God will always direct us to what is right and good and in God's will.
- Repentance requires humbly seeking the best way to God no matter how it feels.

Conclusion

- Zephaniah's message is a call to repentance.
- If you do not know God, then seek a relationship with Him by the blood of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Zephaniah 2:3, *“Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.”*