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Zephaniah 1-2:3

*Creating a World in Which to Flourish: Making a Clean Sweep*

**Sometimes we just have to make a clean sweep of things (1:1-6)**

*“I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth,’  
declares the Lord” (1:2).*

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

**Starting over can be painful and cathartic (1:7-13)**

*“Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near...” (1:7a).*

*“The people regarded all religions as equally true. The philosophers regarded all religions as equally false. The politicians regarded all religions as equally useful”  
(Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*).*

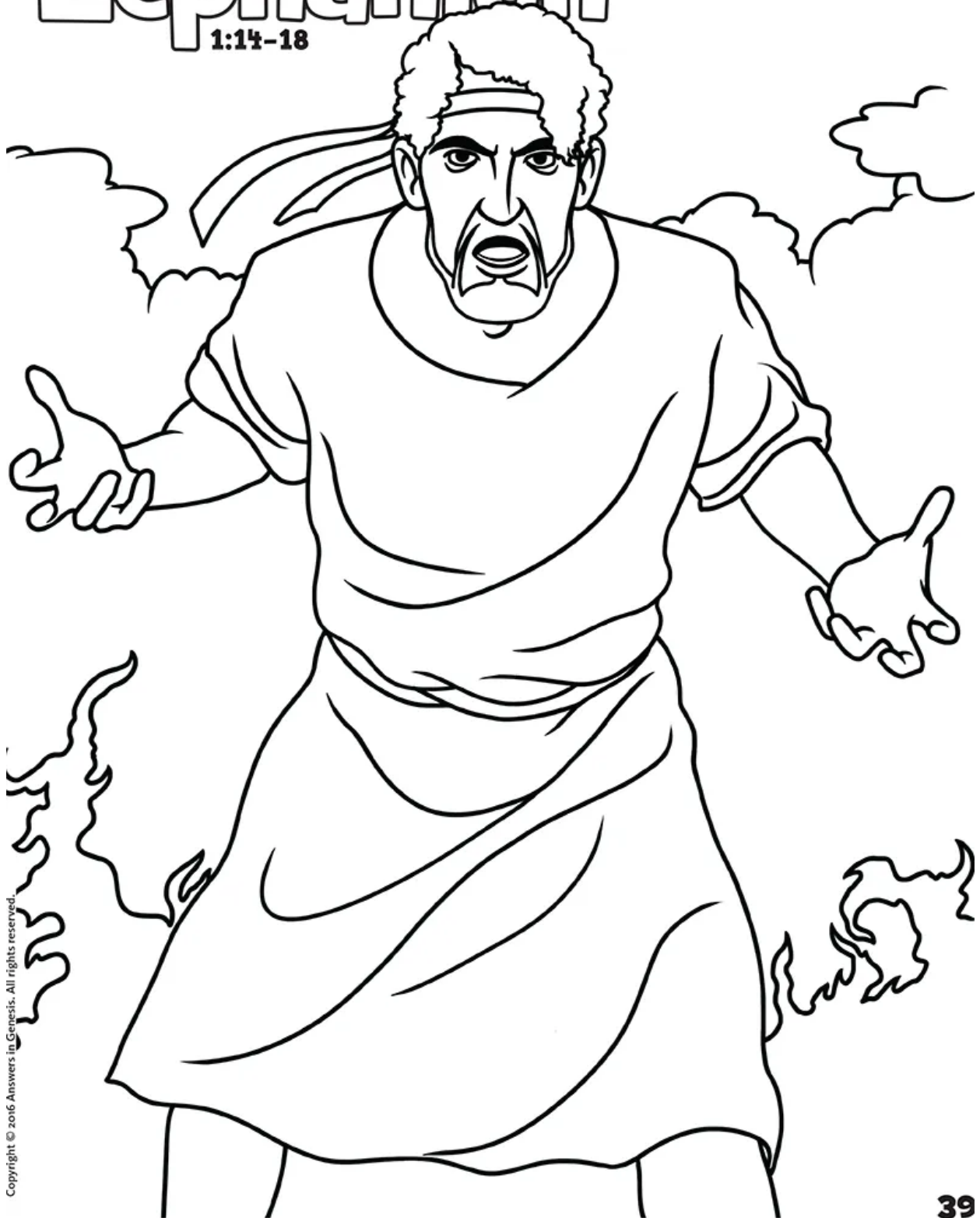
**When the truth is faced, hope is on the horizon (1:14-2:3)**

*“Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD” (2:3).*

*“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...’” (John 8:31-31).*

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