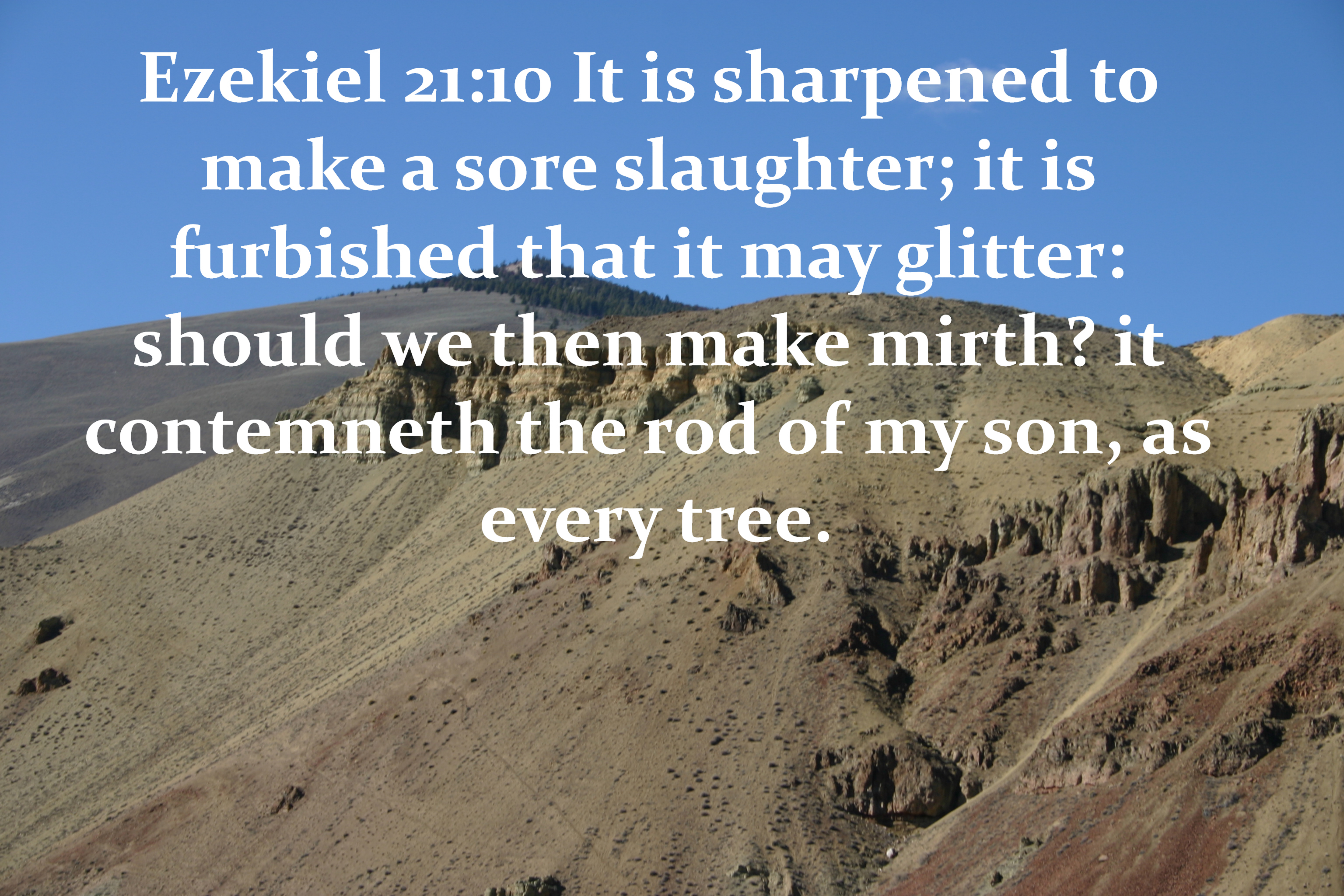


**Ezekiel 21:10 It is sharpened to
make a sore slaughter; it is
furbished that it may glitter:
should we then make mirth? it
contemneth the rod of my son, as
every tree.**

The background of the image is a vast, arid landscape. It features rolling hills and a prominent, jagged ridge of reddish-brown rock formations. The terrain is sparsely vegetated with small, scrubby bushes. The sky is a clear, bright blue, suggesting a sunny day. The overall scene conveys a sense of desolation and ruggedness, which complements the biblical text overlaid on it.