

## The Lord Will Save Zephaniah 3

### Outline

I. Who am I (Zephaniah 1:1)

II. The great day of the Lord - God will consume (**destroy**) **Judah** (Zephaniah 1:1-4a)

III. God lashes out on Israel's **enemies** (Zephaniah 2:4-18)

IV. God's punishment on His chosen city (the oppressing(**mistreated**) city) (Zephaniah 3:1-8)

A. She was filthy (Zephaniah 3:1) "What makes her Filthy?"

1 Woe to her that is filthy(**bitter**) and polluted, to the oppressing city!

1. She didn't **Obey** (Zephaniah 3:1-2a)

2a She **obeyed not** the voice;

2. She didn't receive **Correction** (Zephaniah 3:2b)

2b she **received not** correction;

3. She didn't **Trust** Not (Zephaniah 3:2c)

2c she **trusted not** in the LORD;

4. Drew not (Zephaniah 3:2d)

2d she **drew not** near to her God.

B. Her Leaders were **polluted** (Zephaniah 3:3-8)

1. Her **Governmental** Leaders (Zephaniah 3:3)

3 Her **princes** within her are **roaring lions**; her **judges** are **evening wolves**; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

2. Her **Religious** Leaders (Zephaniah 3:4)

4 Her **prophets** are **light and treacherous** persons: her priests have **polluted the sanctuary**, they have done **violence to the law**.

5 The **just LORD** is in the midst thereof; **he will not do iniquity**: every morning doth **he bring his judgment to light**, **he faileth not**; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; **I made their streets waste**, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt **fear** me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever **I punished them**: but they rose early, and **corrupted** all their doings.

8 Therefore **wait ye upon me**, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my **determination is to gather the nations**, that I may **assemble the kingdoms**, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

V. Israel shall eventually **repent** (Zephaniah 3:9-20)

### **A. Israel will change their language (Zephaniah 3:9-10)**

9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants(**worshipper**), even the daughter of my dispersed(**dashed in fear**), shall bring mine offering.

### **B. Israel wasn't ashamed for her misbehaviour**

11 In that day shalt thou **not be** ashamed for all thy doings, **wherein thou hast transgressed against me**: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

### **C. Israel will humble themselves (Zephaniah 3:11-13)**

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

### **D. Israel will sing praises to God (Zephaniah 3:14-15)**

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 **The LORD hath taken away thy judgments**, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

### **E. God will go gather Israel (Zephaniah 3:16-20)**

#### **1. Don't Fear**

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, **Fear thou not**: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

#### **2. Rest in His Love (Zephaniah 3:17-18)**

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; **he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy**; he will **rest in his love**, he will **joy over thee** with singing.

18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

#### **3. God will Save (Zephaniah 3:19-20)**

19 Behold, at that time **I will undo all that afflict thee**: and **I will save her** that **halteth( to curve)**, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time **will I bring you again**, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, **when I turn back your captivity before your eyes**, saith the LORD.