

# Zephaniah: Justice and Love

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## Zephaniah 1:2-4

"I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth," says the Lord. "I will sweep away man and beast; I will sweep away the birds of the air and the fish of the sea. I will overthrow the wicked; I will cut off mankind from the face of the earth," says the Lord. "I will stretch out my hand against Judah, and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal and the name of the idolatrous priests."

## Zephaniah 2:1-3

"Come together and hold assembly, O shameless nation, before you are driven away like the drifting chaff, before there comes upon you the fierce anger of the Lord, before there comes upon you the day of the wrath of the Lord. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the wrath of the Lord."

## Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.

**ZEPHANIAH**

**FINAL DECADES of the SOUTHERN KINGDOM (see 2KI 18:13-20)**

**1-2:3 JUDGMENT ON JERUSALEM**

Jerusalem's LORD IS GOING TO END GOING TO END

DRINKER'S REVERSAL of GENESIS 11:1-9

APCALYPTIC IMAGES REFER TO AN ARMY

**ZEPHANIAH DOESN'T SAY WHO, (UNLESS YOU WANT TO HIGHLIGHT GOD'S ROLE)**

BECAUSE HE WANTS TO HIGHLIGHT GOD'S ROLE.

SEEK THE LORD, YOU WHO ARE HINDLE (3:9)

AT YOUR FEET, SINCE AS Y GOD!

**2:4-3:8 JUDGMENT THE NATIONS & JERUSALEM ...AGAIN!**

ACCUSSIONS AGAINST THE NATIONS

PHILISTINES

EDOMITES

ALL OF THEM WILL FALL BEFORE BABYLON

INCLUDING JERUSALEM!

GOD DOESN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE HIS OWN PEOPLE ANYMORE...

**3:9-20 HOPE FOR THE NATIONS & JERUSALEM**

GOD TEARAWAYS THE NATIONS INTO A UNITED FAMILY

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

I WILL PURSUE THE LIPS OF THE NATIONS SO THEY CAN CALL ON THE LORD. (3:9)

GOD BECOMES JERUSALEM

MY DECISION IS TO GRIPER ALL TO THE NATIONS & POUR OUT MY "BURNING" INDIGNATION (3:8)

NOT TOTAL DESTRUCTION BUT

YOUR GOD CALL THE NAME YOU AT HE CALL CELEBRATE YOU WITH SONGS! IF YOU (3:17)

**JUSTICE & LOVE**

ZEPHANIAH CONTAINS VERY INTENSE IMAGES OF GOD'S

CREATE A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE CAN ENJOY IN SAFETY & PEACE

A PASSION TO RESCUE US FROM HUMAN ORDER TO EVIL & VIOLENCE

**KING JOSIAH**

SEEKING SH

THE DAY OF HEART

CREATED BY THE BIBLE PROJECT