# SIGNIFICANT: Restored Zephaniah 3:9-20

# **SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

Romans 10:12-13 (NIV): <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Joel 2:32 & Acts 2:21

MAIN POINT: Call on the name of the Lord.

#### **MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Zephaniah 3:8 (NIV):** "I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger."

#### **MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Zephaniah 3:9-12 (NIV):** <sup>9</sup> "Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

- <sup>10</sup> From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings.
- <sup>11</sup>On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.
- <sup>12</sup> But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD.

"shoulder to shoulder" = "one back" or "one shoulder"

Pride is the ultimate underlying sin.

What you worship determines your character.

# **SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV): Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

**MAIN POINT:** Call on the name of the Lord.

#### MAIN SCRIPTURE:

**Zephaniah 3:13-15 (NIV):** <sup>13</sup> They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid."

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

**MAIN POINT:** Call on the name of the Lord.

### MAIN SCRIPTURE:

**Zephaniah 3:16-17 (NIV):** <sup>16</sup> On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Joy comes from the presence of God not from the absence of struggle.

MAIN POINT: Call on the name of the Lord.

# **MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Zephaniah 3:18-20 (NIV):** <sup>18</sup> "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you.

<sup>19</sup> At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

**MAIN POINT:** Call on the name of the Lord.