



**A Call to Action
Taking God's Word Seriously
Zephaniah 2:1-15**

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We live in hurricane country, and we see them often enough that we make plans and build with hurricanes in mind, at least most do.

I also have lived in tornado alley, not everyone has a storm shelter, but they do know how to hide.

Then there are earthquakes. Personally, I have experienced more than I care to comment on running from the 2.0 annoyance to the 6.5 wakeup call as your bed bounces around with you in it. Then there are those connected with vulcanism where you literally see the land undulate like the ocean. But most ignore them and do not plan.

Everyone is looking for the really big one, and the latest odds are 99.7% it will hit and soon. The evidence is clear and visible all around you, just look at some of the cracks in the earth along the fault line as well as the constant reminder you get with rumbles every now and then. There is also the historical evidence that still can be clearly seen. Buildings still visibly damaged from the 7.3 earthquake 16 years earlier. Vacant lots are where buildings used to be.

All the warning signs are there, and they scream, "take action." Build differently.



The need to build differently is further enforced by building standards that force you to recognize the risk, but how you lay out and furnish the inside of your home is still up to you, for now.

Even though the evidence is clear, and you really do need to live differently, like securing bookshelves into studs on the wall so they do not fall on you, securing overhead fixtures with additional bracing and wire to keep them from falling on you and putting latches on cupboards to keep your dishes from jumping out of them, people still ignore this. Only 12% though have purchased insurance for example.

Not taking notice of the warning signs and insisting on having things around your bed that could fall on you and kill you in an earthquake, is still a problem. Why is it, when we are clearly confronted, with evidence to back it up, that unless you take action to prevent it, disaster will kill you, that we still ignore it?

Welcome to Judah. Zephaniah has just presented the evidence and the case for action, not just for those he lives with but even for us in the 21st century.

Why do we think we are any different from the examples in scripture?

Malachi 3:6

"I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed." (NLT)

If God does not change, and He did indeed judge the Northern Kingdom and sent them into exile into Assyria, then Judah really should sit up and take notice of what they are being told.

Since we have also detected massive similarities to the sins and aberrant culture of Judah in our current culture as well, what makes us think that God will give us a pass?

He never changes.

If He never changes, and the things happening around Judah are pointing to impending judgement unless repentance takes place, and that has just been outlined, what needs to happen?

We have areas of our own nation that have decided to embrace unusual definitions of marriage, are confused over sexuality, have a legalized reliance on altered states of reality, and a culture embracing death.

Then there is the national month-long celebration of sin we go through now on an annual basis.

Here is the problem, we act surprised when we see events take place in those same areas that are encouraging and celebrating sin, death, and sinful lifestyles. Events like earthquakes, flooding, record breaking snow, fires, blinding smoke, and out of control crime. We fail to put the events together as what they truly are, the loving warnings to repent being provided by a God who never changes.

Zephaniah clearly tells all of us that this call to action that we see in here in chapter 2 is for us. It is for Judah, and it is for our culture today. Judgement is indeed coming. Repentance is required and required now.

Yet apostasy and the drift away from YAHWEH in Judah is epidemic. Is it even possible? Josiah will try, and for a brief time revival will sweep the nation, but the hearts of the people never truly changed.

Here in the west, we see the same apostasy and drift away from the things of the Lord.

I overheard a family just this past Sunday while walking out of church, discussing how much their children loved coming to church, but for them to really get involved, that would mean the family would have to



come every week and “that is just too much of a commitment to make right now.” The conversation moved towards boating, friends, fishing, and other things that weren’t wrong, but were preferred over gathering with other believers. They were ok with that and decided their children could get by coming only once a month or so. Are we any different than Judah?

Laodicea has infected the church.

By the way, in chapter 1, Zephaniah predicted the coming judgment on the entire planet and on Judah as being close at hand.

Here in chapter 2, he encourages his people to repent. He then gives the reasons why they should repent.

1. The Philistines, Moabites, and Ammonites will be cut off, and Israel will take possession of their land.
2. All the gods of the earth will be overthrown, call it Xenocide.
3. The planet will be brought to worship the Lord.
4. He will slay the Ethiopians, eliminate Assyria and turn Nineveh into pastorage.

Zephaniah begins with a call to action. In the imperative voice, he commands the nation to come together.

This section of scripture points to the immediate future, as well as to the period of time leading up to the Day of the Lord. Much of the discussion regarding the nations, points to events that have not yet taken place. Some of this could be headlines we are beginning to see now.

Zephaniah introduces the second chapter of his book by pointing the world’s attention toward the return of the Jewish people into their ancient homeland of Israel. (Salus 2013, 283)

Zephaniah 2:1–3

“Gather yourselves together, yes, join together, You nation without shame, Before the decree takes effect— The day passes like chaff— Before the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD’S anger comes upon you. Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth Who have practiced His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will remain hidden On the day of the LORD’S anger.” (NASB 2020)

Zephaniah calls for all of Judah to gather together. He wants to make certain that all have a chance to hear this.

Joel called the people together in Joel 2, and they did come together, and they did repent. The land was healed from the locust attack and the people were restored.

That was then, now, we have just finished up 50+ years of the worst 2 Kings in the history of Judah. King Manasseh was horrid, except for the last few years after he repented and was restored to his throne by Assyria (2 Chronicles 33:13). Then there was his son Amon. He was so bad he was assassinated after only 2 years (2 Chronicles 33:24-25).

Josiah is the King, and a revival does take place under King Josiah. Zephaniah is part of the reason for that, but the damage had already been done.

The Prophetess Huldah gave Josiah the bad news, “This is what the LORD says: ‘I am about to bring disaster on this place and its residents, all the curses that are recorded in the scroll which they read before the king of Judah. This will happen because they have abandoned me and offered sacrifices to other gods, angering me with all the idols they have made. My anger will ignite against this place and will not be extinguished!’ ” (2 Chronicles 34:24–25, NET 2nd ed.)



The people had followed their leadership into sin and when the leadership repented, the people didn't.

The damage was too severe. But revival still did break out and for a while, outwards appearances were amazing but inside, there was a rot that would become exposed once King Josiah was dead.

Zephaniah calls upon the nation to gather themselves together. The thought is emphasized by the double use of the same verb. The gathering together is not meant to encourage them to collect themselves together or to collect their thoughts, as has been suggested, but to come together to a religious assembly to entreat the favor of the Lord in order that by prayer He may turn away His judgment. (Feinberg 1990, 226)

There is also the view that Zephaniah, because he is also speaking of the Day of the Lord, may be talking about another gathering of his people taking place as well, the gathering that takes place just prior to the Day of the Lord; today.

Today, we see His people coming back to the land but as prophesied by Ezekiel, in unbelief. The bones Ezekiel saw have come to life, but at present He has not yet put His Spirit in them. That event is still future towards the very end of the Tribulation.

As Zephaniah calls the people together, he refers to them as a people without shame. They do not see YAHWEH as he does. They are, for the most part, apostate and no longer have the capability of being humbled. They no longer experience the shame of sin; their conscience has been seared to the point of non-existence.

As they are also being regathered today, the word is נִכְסָפ (niksap) which is translated in the NASB as shame. A people without shame. The word means to "long, to desire strongly or persistently." (Lexham Press 2017)

Looking again at verse 1, we could then also say "you nation without longing or desire." This is another way of saying that unlike Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who longed for the land; now, as the nation gathers together, they no longer long for the land in the same faith as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. His Spirit is not yet in them. They are returning in unbelief, yet even now there is a remnant of those in Israel who have met and follow Messiah.

This has led to some of the same confusion we see in the west.

This concept of rejecting God and then engaging in sinful activity to the point of being confused about right and wrong is a concept we see throughout the scriptures.

Paul refers to it as searing one's conscience as with a hot iron. Elsewhere he also describes it as corruption resulting in God letting you have your way by "giving them over" to what they want.

Hell will be filled with people who are getting exactly what they wanted, an eternity without God.

1 Timothy 4:1–4

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;" (NKJV)

Per Zephaniah and Paul, apostasy and a seared conscience go hand in hand.



Every person is born with a conscience. Before we come to Christ, each time we sin, we are damaging that conscience. Titus 1:15 tells us we can go too far, and the mind and conscience can be defiled.

In other words, the conscience is seared. The understanding of right and wrong is now skewed. Paul talked about this process in Romans 1.

Speaking about how this starts and then progresses, Paul states there is a point where those who are rejecting God and searing their consciences get what they want...

Romans 1:21–25

“because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” (NKJV)

This is the state Judah is in when Zephaniah says they have no shame. It is also the state as they gather just prior to the Day of the Lord.

Zephaniah 2:1–2

“Gather yourselves together, yes, join together, You nation without shame, Before the decree takes effect— The day passes like chaff— Before the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD’S anger comes upon you.” (NASB 2020)

The opportunity to repent is not permanent, but transitory. You cannot presume upon the grace of God. There is a point where the Holy Spirit stops, like with Herod, Pharoah, and others we see in the scriptures. But some do repent, like Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4).

But there is no time for delay, for the decree hastens nearer as though going on to a birth. The decree is that which God has determined, in this instance, to do with the sinners of the nation. (Feinberg 1990, 226)

The people are dead to shame, for the most part apostate, it was almost as if they were proud of the lifestyle choices they had made, much like we see taking part in the west these days.

I have counseled and interviewed folks in this place. The message from the Holy Spirit has always been the same, repent. The response I have heard has also been the same, “no, that isn’t what I need, you just don’t understand my situation.”

Satan hates all of us and would like nothing more than for us to allow him to run our lives into a ditch. For many, they hit the ditch and then start digging deeper. I have rope, I can pull you out of the ditch, just look up to what I have for you. Someone else has already paid the entire price for you to get out of the ditch. But most are looking for a new shovel.

The time for salvation is right now. “...Before the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD’S anger comes upon you.” (Zephaniah 2:2b, NASB 2020)

Immediate repentance, such as seen in Nineveh when Jonah passed through, is what is required. It is imperative, “because the day of God’s wrath was rapidly approaching, like light chaff driven forcefully by the wind.” (Hannah 1985, 1529)

Zephaniah 2:3

“Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth Who have practiced His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will remain hidden On the day of the LORD’S anger.” (NASB 2020)



Zephaniah has told the nation that action is required, immediate action. How immediate, before, x3. The Day of the Lord has been announced and it is coming. It is a day of judgement and if you have not taken advantage of the grace of God, it will be too late. It is coming very quickly. Repent before, not after.

Here in verse 3, Zephaniah is now addressing the remnant, those who have not placed themselves into the same situation as most of the nation. Just as he told them to repent before x3, because judgment was near. Now he tells the remnant to seek x3. The difference is repentance is still possible, for the humble who practice His ordinances, seek righteousness and also seek humility. In other words, for the faithful, the humble, they are listening, and Zephaniah is defining repentance for them. It involves seeking.

This is no different than what Jesus told the Jewish people at the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (ESV)

In other words, they are being compelled to become more and more like God. The word seek seems to indicate a hunger and a pursuit, two impulses that often are associated with our physical condition but far too rarely with our spiritual condition. (Fries, Rummage and Gallaty 2015, 18)

Did you catch the promise here in this verse. A promise for those who have humbled themselves. A promise for those who are faithfully following the Lord as His judgment approaches. A promise of protection.

The people, the priests, and the royal family have repeatedly rejected the thing that matters most to YHWH—recognition that YHWH alone is God. These groups have worshiped other deities, forsaking the fruits of justice and righteousness for cultic abominations. The situation has gone unchanged for so long that YHWH’s patience has

run out. YHWH will intervene to destroy the created order, to devastate Jerusalem in order to save a remnant. In the end, the expanse, severity, and longevity of the problem can no longer be ignored in the eyes of YHWH. (Nogalski 2011, 727)

But for those who are faithful, protection. There were two deportations from Jerusalem to Babylon before the final and catastrophic third.

Daniel and his friends were in the first group. Ezekiel was in the second. Those who were faithful, were kept from God’s wrath. They were removed from the scene against their will.

Is this a promise as well for those who are found faithfully following the Lord prior to the beginning of the Day of the Lord? The text does indeed go there.

Zephaniah 2:3

“Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth Who have practiced His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will remain hidden On the day of the LORD’S anger.” (NASB 2020)

1 Thessalonians 4:15–18

“For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.” (NRSVue)



Again, don't wait too long to follow.

A clear promise of protection for those who repent and faithfully follow, and many did during the revival under King Josiah. This placing of trust and being obedient is something John would later talk about.

1 John 2:3–6

"Now by this we know that we have come to know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we know that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk in the same way as he walked." (NRSVue)

In light of the judgement that Zephaniah has just covered in chapter 1, this is an open door that must be considered. Not all will though.

This is a message for the humble, the remnant of Israel. The remnant of Zephaniah's time, as well as today. The call is still to repent, if that takes place prior to the beginning of the day of the Lord, then they will indeed be hidden through the rapture.

Zephaniah moves from this point and moves to reasons why repentance must be a consideration to take advantage of, because God will judge the nations around them.

Zephaniah 2:4–7

"For Gaza will be abandoned, And Ashkelon will become a desolation; The inhabitants of Ashdod will be driven out at noon, And Ekron will be uprooted. Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, The nation of the Cherethites! The word of the LORD is against you, Canaan, land of the Philistines; And I will eliminate you So that there will be no inhabitant. So the seacoast will become grazing places, With pastures for shepherds and folds for flocks. And the coast will be For the remnant of the house of Judah, They will drive sheep to pasture on it. In the houses of Ashkelon they will lie down at evening; For the LORD their God will care for them And restore their fortunes." (NASB 2020)

Judgement is coming for Philistia. This is a promise from YAHWEH to destroy them and the coastal plain.

To make sure we understand where these people come from, the Lord makes reference to the Cherethites, a reference to people from Crete and which means "Executioners; exiles. He that is cut off." (Smith and Cornwall 1998, 48)

There is a play on word meanings for the cities going on here.

Gaza, meaning "strong; fortified," will be abandoned. (Smith and Cornwall 1998, 76)

Ashkelon, meaning "migration; taken. The fire of shame; contempt." They will become a desolation. (Smith and Cornwall 1998, 25)

Ashdod, meaning "a fortified place; a strong place; to be strong; powerful; only used in a bad sense to oppress; to spoil; to act violently. A friend to fire." The people will be driven out at noon. (Smith and Cornwall 1998, 23)

Ekron, meaning "uprooting; emigration; a rooter out; (root to root up)", will be uprooted themselves. (Smith and Cornwall 1998, 62)

Unexpected, unsuspected removal and expulsion of the residents of the four cities is coming.



Specifically, the tract of land along the Mediterranean. Yahweh's powerful word was all it took to afflict them, and it would come against them. He promised to destroy them and their land, the coastal plain of Canaan, so no one would live there any longer. Pharaoh Neco II of Egypt (609–594 B.C.) initially fulfilled this prophecy (cf. Jer. 47). But people live there today, so final fulfillment must be in the future. (Constable 2003, 2022, Zep 2:5)

The scripture is pointing to the near future and the future to take place just prior to the Day of the Lord. Gaza is not abandoned, that can be seen with the rockets and mortars that fire upon Israel from time to time from there.

A point is coming though where a line is crossed, and Israel takes the entire area over. There is reference to a yet to come war in Psalm 83. We do not see these conditions there currently though.

Judgement is coming as the scripture says this area is “for the remnant of the house of Israel.”

Zephaniah links what is going on in what was Philistia with areas to the north of Israel and west of the Jordan. In other words, the world of Hamas and Hezbollah. “The term “Canaan,” which designates the land west of the Jordan River (including Philistia) northward through Syria to Lebo Hamath (modern Lebweh), is probably used with the further implication “that Philistia is to share the lot of Canaan, and lose its inhabitants by extermination” (Keil 1954:141).” (Patterson and Hill 2008, 469)

The linking together of Gaza as well as Lebanon and Syria would not make sense then, but it does today.

Zephaniah 2:6–7

“So the seacoast will become grazing places, With pastures for shepherds and folds for flocks. And the coast will be For the remnant of the house of Judah, They will drive sheep to pasture on it. In the houses of Ashkelon they will lie down at evening; For the LORD their God will care for them And restore their fortunes.” (NASB 2020)

That is not the condition there currently. “At some point, however, the prophecy of Zephaniah will take place, Gaza will be deserted, and the houses of Ashkelon will be where the remnant of the house of Judah will lie down at evening time.” (Salus, Psalm 83, The Missing Prophecy Revealed- How Israel Becomes the Next Mideast Superpower 2013, Kindle Location 3705)

The verse hints at a still-future disaster to fall upon the Philistines. The instrument by which YHWH, who must be seen as the ultimate source of the ruin, would make these cities desolate remains unspecified. (Renz 2021, 533-534)

Now the Lord moves to Jordan, Moab and Ammon.

Zephaniah 2:8–9

““I have heard the taunting of Moab And the abusive speech of the sons of Ammon, With which they have taunted My people And boasted against their territory. “Therefore, as I live,” declares the LORD of armies, The God of Israel, “Moab will assuredly be like Sodom, And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah— Ground overgrown with weeds and full of salt mines, And a permanent desolation. The remnant of My people will plunder them, And the remainder of My nation will inherit them.”” (NASB 2020)

As Israel returned to the land in 1948, they found portions of it with trespassers. Jordan.

Boasted against their territory or “literally ‘they enlarged upon their border’, this clause has been seen as describing territorial expansion at the expense of the Israelites (NEB), though this exact construction with a similar meaning is not found elsewhere. The construction is used elsewhere of boasting (see RSV, JB, AV; cf. Pss 55:12; 138:2; Jer. 48:26, 42; Ezek. 35:13), which would fit the context here, that of self-congratulation at the expense of their enemies.” (Baker 1988, 105)



Portions of Israel that were on the eastern bank of the Jordan River are still in Jordan today. But scripture indicates here and elsewhere that those days are numbered.

Jeremiah 49:1–2

“This message was given concerning the Ammonites. This is what the LORD says: “Are there no descendants of Israel to inherit the land of Gad? Why are you, who worship Molech, living in its towns? In the days to come,” says the LORD, “I will sound the battle cry against your city of Rabbah. It will become a desolate heap of ruins, and the neighboring towns will be burned. Then Israel will take back the land you took from her,” says the LORD.” (NLT)

There are three nations referenced in the Bible that make up what today we call Jordan. Edom, Moab and Ammon.

We already know from Ezekiel 25:14 that Edom will fall to Israel and based on Jeremiah 49:1-2 so will Ammon. Now we learn that Moab as well will fall to Israel. This has not yet happened. We covered this in more detail in our studies of Obadiah, Habakkuk and Ezekiel.

Suffice it to say that at a point in time, most likely much sooner than we think, Israel will be done with the Palestinians as well as the games of Jordan. See Psalm 83. Recently from The Times of Israel.

The Israel Defense Forces launches a major two-week long drill focused on a multi-front war. A military source says the drill will include the Air Force conducting simulated “strategic” strikes deep in enemy territory, and the Navy carrying out mock offensive and defensive actions. The IDF says thousands of troops from the standing and reserve army will participate in the exercise over the next two weeks. “The forces will practice handling challenges and sudden events on multiple fronts simultaneously,” the IDF says. (Fabian 2023)

Sin always produces a “therefore.” Moab and Ammon selfishly sought their own good and desired to steal from the people of Judah. God vowed to punish the people of Moab and Ammon for their evil. (Barker 1999, 459)

Once YAHWEH is done, the area will all look like what is left of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is ironic that Lot fathered Moab and Ammon via incest as a result of escaping from the judgement of Sodom and Gomorrah.



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The judgment against Moab and Ammon would be an in-kind judgment. The people of Moab and Ammon wanted to seize Israel's territory. Now the people of Judah would seize the territory of a greedy people. (Barker 1999, 460)

Zephaniah 2:10

"This they will have in return for their arrogance, because they have taunted and boasted against the people of the LORD of armies." (NASB 2020)

YAHWEH hears every time someone from the government of Jordan slanders Israel. So do the people of Israel.

"The Jordanian leadership is fully aware of the Palestinian strategy, directed from Tehran and transmitted via the Hamas, the Islamic Jihad, and Hizbullah terror organizations, to artificially manipulate the Ramadan period to generate situations of violence, unrest, and chaos on the Temple Mount. Yet despite this awareness and the open and collegial diplomatic relationship it enjoys with Israel, the Jordanian leadership nevertheless allowed itself to join the fanatical Islamic bandwagon and be drawn into echoing the false propaganda and hostility towards Israel, in clear violation of its peace treaty obligations with Israel." (Ben-David 2023)

Zephaniah 2:11

"The LORD will be terrifying to them, for He will starve all the gods of the earth; and all the coastlands of the nations will bow down to Him, everyone from his own place." (NASB 2020)

Based on current estimates, there are estimated to be 4,200 different religions in the world today. Here, YAHWEH states what He will do to the fallen divine beings who have demanded worship as various gods of the earth.

YAHWEH will execute the xenocide, the intentional destruction of these and every other god imposter on the planet.

When He does this, He will bring terror to the nations engaged in the false worship, but we also see something new here. There is a Godly remnant among the nations of the world.

A godly remnant from Israel and from all the nations will give true worship to God. Around the world today that vision is already being fulfilled. As the gospel is preached, people from all lands of earth (even the most distant ones like Australia) worship the Lord Jesus—each in their own land. God's word in verse 11 has come true. (Pakula 2014, 174-175)

Zephaniah 2:12–13

"You also, Ethiopians, will be slain by My sword." And He will stretch out His hand against the north And eliminate Assyria, And He will make Nineveh a desolation, Parched like the wilderness." (NASB 2020)

Verse 12 is clear, Cush, or as translated by the NASB, Ethiopia, will be slain by God's sword. In Revelation 19, when Jesus Christ returns to earth, He is the one wielding the sword, the word of God and is the one exacting this judgement on the military forces of this nation. Why they are singled out, we do not know. But it appears they will be a big part of the forces of the beast.

In verse 13, since we are not past the time of the fall of Nineveh or the Assyrian Empire, there is a promise of doom for them as well. This is coming very soon so having this placed into the record makes this a confirming prophecy. The prophets would do this, they would have a prophecy that would be fulfilled very soon to confirm that they are indeed speaking for the Lord. In turn, this would also confirm that the prophecies that they have given that look far off into the future, those to would be fulfilled just as literally as the ones prophesied in the near future.



Nahum talked about the doom of Nineveh; Zephaniah though talks about the outcome of that doom. He states Nineveh will be a desert like wilderness after God is done with it.

In a reversal of creation, the animals take over from what used to be the superpower of Assyria. This is now a no city, never to rise again.

What have we learned in this chapter?

- God is the Lord of the entire universe
- God has plans that He will see to completion about the spiritual needs of the planet
- God is the God of history and has always been
- God is not done with Israel yet
- God hates pride

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