

Zephaniah 3:9 – end: Joyful Jerusalem!



- Zeph. 3:8 end of indictments against Israel
- Zeph. 3:9 Prophet calls the world to Godliness
- Early Zephaniah is about the chaotic nature of battle, which turns into sounds of worship and gratefulness
- The ending of chapter 3 sounds much like the end of the Prophet Amos

PURE LIPS



- **Ki** = after that
- God will **haphak** (turn) the peoples
- A notoriously difficult verse to translate
- **Saphah** = lip(s) does NOT refer to language, but rather to the lips as the organ of speech
- With a heart made pure, now the lips can speak truth
- The “name of the Lord” is “name of YHWH”

ISRAEL? OR EVERYBODY?

- Zeph. 3:10
- Not “Ethiopia”
but “Cush”
- Cush is a
generalized region
of a far-away place
- But...
A Mesopotamian
Cush as well
- ***Bat Puwtz*** = daughter
of the dispersed
- This is speaking
ONLY of Israel
- ***Minchah*** = a sacrifice
- Here, less technically
is a voluntary gift



After the
Apocalypse....



- Zeph. 3:11
- “When that Day” comes = Judgment Day
- Who is “you” that survives and will not be ashamed?
- It is the remnant of Israel
- Zeph. 3:12
- ***Dal*** = lowly, greatly humbled (better than “poor”)
- God will be the refuge they need



- Zeph. 3:13 The surviving Diaspora remnant and long-ago exiled Israelites
- The remnant are few... many claim devotion to God, but their lives tell another story
- A Carnal Christian is an oxymoron
- Zeph. 3:14 Judgment Day offers a paradox
- This is the Messianic Era this verse is speaking about

YESHUA: HIS FATHER'S AGENT

- Zeph. 3:15
- God's judgments against Israel have been satisfied
- It is YHWH's name that is said to step His foot on the Mt. of Olives & take the throne in Jerusalem
- But, all else says it must be the Messiah Yeshua
- As His Father's agent, Yeshua bears the authority of His Father, provided He does His will.



“... it is good!”



- Zeph. 3:16 The timing is the future
- Jerusalem means the people, not the infrastructure
- Zeph. 3:17 YLT better and more literal
- This is speaking of an action, not a title or office
- **Rinnah** = a ringing cry, not “singing”, as when He pronounced His Creation to be very good

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NOT FULFILLED



Passover

**The Feast of
Unleavened
Bread**

**The Feast of
Firstfruits**

**The Feast
of Weeks
(Pentecost)**

**The Feast
of
Trumpets**

**The Day
of
Atonement**

**The Feast
of
Tabernacles**

- Zeph. 3:18 Sounds like word-salad
- **Mo'ed** = God's appointed times (NOT appointed places)
- The thought seems to be of the Israelites sent far away that could not come to the 7 biblical feasts
- Messiah is front and center in the biblical feasts

ZEPHANIAH

IMMINENT JUDGMENT AND FUTURE HOPE



- 3:19 – 20 The happier results of Judgment Day take shape
- Assyria, Babylon, and Rome dealt with for dealing with Israel too harshly; remaining oppressors will be addressed
- When this is done, those weak/scattered Israelites will be brought home
- Judgment Day begins with unfettered human evils, ends with God's use of the cosmic forces
- In the final result, the remnant will experience the unspeakably marvelous presence of God in their midst!