

# *From Judgment to Joy*

## Zephaniah Series – Part 4

Scripture text – Zephaniah 3:1-20

### Introduction

- The immediate application of this chapter was for the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ in the early 7<sup>th</sup> century BC. However, these prophecies are also for us insofar as they establish a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Section 1: God Warns His People (1-5)

- The assumption is that God is still describing \_\_\_\_\_. But, it soon becomes obvious, he is describing \_\_\_\_\_. This initial ambiguity is to make the point that God's people have become just like the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_!
- Question: In what way or ways are we meaningfully different from unbelievers?

### Section 2: God's People Refuse to Listen (6-8)

- Despite multiple warnings, Judah refused to listen. They had a \_\_\_\_\_; namely, they figured there was no way \_\_\_\_\_ would ever be destroyed.
- Perhaps our blind spot is that we don't really \_\_\_\_\_ God. Instead, we fear \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- About 40 years after Zephaniah's prophecy, \_\_\_\_\_ was destroyed, including the temple.

### Section 3: God Preserves a Remnant (9-13)

- The remnant is a \_\_\_\_\_ of those who had been considered his people. They both \_\_\_\_\_ the judgment and are \_\_\_\_\_ by it.
- Historically, the remnant returned to the homeland \_\_\_\_\_ years later.
- It is likely that out of our present difficulties, there will emerge a \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ church.

#### Section 4: God Gathers the Remnant for their Reward (14-20)

- The return of the remnant of Judah to their homeland was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the greater & final one to come.
- The “Mighty Warrior” is \_\_\_\_\_, who said he will gather his \_\_\_\_\_ from the four winds (Matthew 24:30-31).

#### Conclusion

- Zephaniah contains one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ descriptions of God’s wrath in the entire Bible. It also contains one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ descriptions of his love for his people.