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APPLIED FORMAT
ZEPHANIAH CHAPTER 2

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse
King James Version
(KJV)

Verse (1): Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;

What is clearly seen here is that God loves to gather. When God says something 1 time it is important, but 2 times is of utmost importance - - God loves those who literally gather. God commands to gather yourselves, so someone must do the gathering. Notice that the one who gathers is loved by God and is put in an undesired place of disorganization to bring about much needed accountability. Typically, a place that does not gather has many problems. The vast array of problems comes to the surface in different ways by the one who gathers. But the vast array of problems starts with not gathering because not gathering is step one that then only intensifies as more problems surface.

God commands if you cannot gather, then you are an undesired place. The problems start with step one of not properly gathering and then more problems become evident. Notice very clearly that God will bring about fierce judgment upon the place that is unable to gather. God calls the remnant to gather while preparing certain Nations for judgment. It is in the called remnant where this distinguishing comes about, and judgment justified. God provided the warning, and then fierce judgment that is legally a very strong matter because God fulfilled all of the law and can unleash His fierce anger without mercy. Repentance, Repentance can hold back God's fierce judgment because humanity currently lives in the age of Mercy and Grace. Yet, God fulfilled all of the law. Therein lies the balance of the fullness of God. Please do not be fooled, the age of Mercy and Grace will end and therefore God can unleash His very fierce judgment.

In fact, God does unleash His fierce anger in eternal Hell separated from God cast into the Lake of Fire (2nd death) – a place not created for man but the day of Mercy and Grace ends (Revelation 20:11-15 and Matthew 25:41 King James Version). Likewise, not all Nations will be in the New Heaven and New Earth (Matthew 25:32 and Revelation 21:24 King James Version). Which Nations spread the Gospel of God during the absolute worst time on Planet Earth – the Tribulation??? (Scofield, 1996).

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Verse (2): Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.

God lays it out very clearly, **before the decree bring forth when God will unleash his fierce anger – that is a 100% absolute will occur.** The upbeat Christianity is a dangerous path of teaching. Rest assured; God will judge the **Nations.** **Submissive Christianity, not upbeat Christianity.** **The Joy of the of the Lord comes through submission because there is repentance and obedience.** **Upbeat Christianity can be self-driven.** **Nations need to paid heed.** *The only Nation that has any mention of God's future is Israel – the New Jerusalem. No other Nation on the face of the planet is guaranteed salvation – None.

The only opportunity all other Nations have is to be rebirthed.

Please be aware of what God is teaching, that God can and will rid of Nations permanently. God only indicates in Scripture that Nations will be separated on the left and on the right and either enter rebirth or not but does not say who or what Nation. **The stakes could not be any higher.** **God calls the remnant so that God can reserve the right to change the outcome from salvation stemming from the free will (Reference Jeremiah 18:8-10 (King James Version).** **God provides Scripture as the foundation of right and wrong and what can and does occur from either consequence.** **However, in the eternal state it is duly noted that in salvation, humanity will only do what is Scripturally right albeit in a constant state of forever learning and growing without sin.** **As Joint co-heirs with the Son of God through Salvation, God provides the remnant to the Nations. Notice, before the decree.....**

Reference Jeremiah 18:8-10 (King James Version) “**If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil,** I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; **If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them**”.

Reference Romans 8:17 (King James Version) “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together”.


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The reference of Matthew 25:32 (King James Version) in verse (1) is distinguished specifically to Nations as the persons before God to distinguish which Nations God calls brethren (Scofield, 1996). What occurs before the Tribulation concerning God's Scripture carries over into the Tribulation and unto the judgment as God provided every opportunity to be Joint co-heirs. The Scripture does not depart the Earth during the Tribulation – rather it continues to be shard even during the darkest periods in history.

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Verse (3): Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.



God is coming at this verse from the perspective of being the only God in the world that can call a nation “That Nation”. God is LORD of all, and a nation is what the world can be referred to by God who in comparison is the God of Life. God spoke the Nations into existence and God can speak them out of existence. God expects the nations to be Joint. God created the Nations to cultivate them and build them, but God is quite willing to permanently rid any Nation. The only Nation on the face of the Earth God mentions in God's future is Israel – the New Jerusalem. Every other Nation must be Joint and seek the God of the Universe in hopes of being counted in the rebirthing.

God provides the remnant so all the “That Nation's around the Globe” may be duly hidden when God brings the LORD's anger. Reference Jeremiah 18:8-10 (King James Version). “If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them”.

Verse (4): For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

This verse demonstrates God's “That Nation” judgment. God provides this illustration to make the Jews Sensible to God, as God is still their friend and who God then took vengeance upon the enemies (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC.

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Verse (5): Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

This verse demonstrates God’s “That Nation” judgment. The Nation of the Cherethites Joined the Philistines and the end result revealed (Henry, 2008). Nations can be in God’s Joint OR be Joined in God’s judgment. The Joining will occur one way or another.

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Verse (6): And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

In verse (3), this Ministry Website owner discussed the criticalness of understanding that God can call every Nation “That Nation” because every Nation is subject to God and whether or not “That Nation” will be in God’s rebirthing. The only Nation God authorizes to be upheld is Israel the New Jerusalem.

What is seen here in verse (6) is the importance of the concept of the remnant because it is in the remnant where God can change the outcome for “That Nation” before the decree of God’s fierce angry judgment. Notice it is God’s special Joint where God authorizes the remnant to be enablers in the rebirthing.

Here in verse (6) is the opposite of verse (5) because God enables the remnant to be dwellers within dwellings and cottages and flocks, they attend unto are brought into an organized fold.

Verse (7): And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD, their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

Notice that God provides for the remnant of the house of Judah, where Ashkelon in verse (4) was made a desolation, the remnant shall instead be fed in their houses and shall lie down in peace in the evening having their needs met. God shall visit the remnant and turn away their captors. The importance of the concept of the remnant in verse (6) is vital to the “That Nations”.

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Verse (8): I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

God emphasizes the criticalness of the concept of the remnant by indicating that God heard the reproach of Moab and of Ammon against God's remnant and got magnified to their unlicking because they choose to reproach the remnant. God heard and God acted here in verse (8). Notice: Either the Nations will be Joint in God or Jointly judged because the Moab and the Ammon's were of the generations to come of Lot and were Joined together in judgment in this particular prophecy of Scripture (Henry, 2008)

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Verse (9): Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

Look up Sodom and Gomorrah and what occurs to Moab and Ammon. It is found to this day of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in 2021 exactly as written in Scripture. The evidence is in history and to this present-day. The words of the LORD are "...as I live...the God of Israel..." because God is eternal and notice this "...and the remnant of my people shall possess them". This Ministry Website owner cannot express more strongly the criticalness of the concept of God's remnant concerning "That Nation".

This Ministry Website owner has watched in the past and in the present the video: *Sodom & Gomorrah Location, New Archaeological Discoveries, Example of Coming Judgement, Rare Footage*. Look up this video. Narrated by Pastor Dr. Todd (Mike) Fink video associated with and located on the website: <https://www.holylandsite.com/>

Verse (10): This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts.

God indicates that God ensures that those who trample upon God's remnant will be at God's appointed time trampled upon by God, Himself as the result of their pride (Henry, 2008).

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Notice: God provides opportunity before God's fierce anger is levied to change the outcome because God assures that the remnant will be at peace and their needs met. It is not incumbent upon the remnant, rather it is incumbent upon those who are the violators.

Verse (11): The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

Here in verse (11), God specifies that there will be an aspect of Terrible associated one way or another with those that shun God's calling because it wins over "hearts and minds" for the Kingdom of God's glory. Legitimate callings of God will exceedingly expound far beyond the reach of a "That Nation" discussed throughout this chapter.

Reference Jerimiah 18:8-10 (King James Version) "**If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil**, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; **If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them**".

No side of the isle shall be free from the Terrible in order that God's Joint may be connected. See, it is in the connection of God's Joint where the rebirthing of the Nations takes place as God removes the layers of division.

Verse (12): Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.

God lays out what will occur to any Nation that does not heed to God's calling as Ethiopians, for illustration, will be subject to their enemies.

Verse (13): And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

God lays out further illustrations for Assyria and Nineveh using destroyed and desolation.

Verse (14): And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; for he shall uncover the cedar work.

Man is the Apex of God's creation, yet the beasts of the field and the birds shall be in control of the homes! All the beasts of the field shall be in control and Man out of control. God will uncover the hidden.

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Verse (15): This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

Phrases to share:

- **The careless ones who were not attune to the warnings.**
- **The careless ones who said "...there is none beside me..."**

Outcome:

- **Desolation shall be the careless one's destiny.**
- **The beasts shall the be Apex, not Man.**
- **Everyone that observes the careless one's shall "...hiss and wag his hand".**