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**APPLIED FORMAT  
ZEPHANIAH CHAPTER 3**

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

Verse (1): Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

**God will blame and threaten when aggravated as God does here towards Jerusalem in this verse (1), but God will bring in amongst them cleaning and a glorious work unto God that they may receive mercy and grace because God's great name and God's testimony were made dirty (Henry, 2008).**

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

**God is demonstrating that either the Nations can be joined in God or jointly judged. Jerusalem will be joined in God and will become the New Jerusalem. Likewise, all Nations have the opportunity for rebirth as much depends on whether or not the remnant is strong.**

Verse (2): She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

**Jerusalem did not obey the voice of God, was not corrected, did not trust the LORD, and as a result was not allowed to draw near to God. This was the state of Jerusalem at this time. Jerusalem was not open to the rod of discipline or to the word of cleansing (Henry, 2008).**

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Verse (3): Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

**Jerusalem's Princes were corrupt, and judges were underhanded; both indulging in evil.**

Verse (4): Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

**God demonstrates his distaste of Jerusalem's light and treacherous prophets. The priests polluted the sanctuary and violated the moral and literal law of God. That is why God in Zephaniah Chapter 2 emphasized the criticalness of a strong remnant. Let your ministry be found to be strong (paid and unpaid) because that is what God will use in the rebirthing of the Nations to change outcomes. Here in verse (4) God helps the people understand why God is a strong defender of the strong remnant but will cut off Nations who do not.**

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Verse (5): The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

**This verse demonstrates that the LORD will make known every morning the wrong done towards His Kingdom as the judgment is eternal. The eternal kingdom of God is not just in eternity. No, contrary. The Kingdom of God is present today and every day. God is not constrained to time or space. Therefore, eternity is present even today. Humanity must live out the judgment of an Earthly life. That is reality.**

**Humanity lives in a bubble of having to make a choice then faces the eternal consequences either separated from God or with God, including the Nations. God is so great that God enables the abundance of eternal life to live in humanity through Salvation even in the bubble on Earth. Rest assured, the soul of the Saved life of Humanity is Eternally secured – 100%. The soul must rest somewhere, therefore, there is a 100% separation from God for the unjust without Salvation. Again, God works through the remnant to change outcomes of the Nations. All Nations except Israel are “That Nation” from God’s mighty perspective.**

**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”.

**Reference John 1:12** (King James Version). “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, **even** to them that believe on his name”.

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**Reference Romans 1:20** (King James Version). “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”

Received = Can be More Mature, Salvation Secure. The sooner received the sooner maturity can occur.

Believe = May be Less Mature, Salvation Secure (Death bed confession is possible-Thief on the Cross).

Believing is receiving (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (6): I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

**God's justice will be so notable that even the Nations are cut off with those on the losing end having Zero leverage – God will position the guilty to receive due justice as all will take notice of Zero leverage.**

**God levies Zero on the guilty Nations who turned back and on Nations who accepted not from the beginning (Henry, 2008):**

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- **Refer to Verse (13) this Chapter that indicates that the remnant of Israel shall be 100% honest. Inserted here:** "The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid".

**The strong verbiage of God is "...towers are desolate...streets waste...cities are destroyed...". Again, it cannot be stressed more strongly than God works through the remanent to have better outcomes on the sister Nations that heed unto the warnings.**

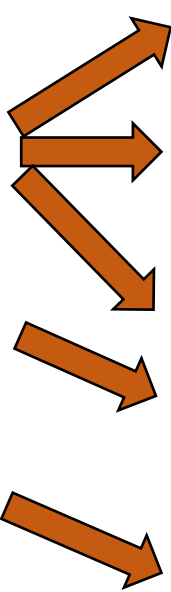
Verse (7): I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

**Notice, when God is in the issue, God says "I said", which renders any disagreement invalid. Given this context, God said "...thou wilt receive instruction...". Surely, those receiving instruction will heed to not be cut off, but instead to receive the punishment for maturity. However, what is seen here is that they rose early and corrupted the opportunity.**

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Verse (8): Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.



**Going back to the concept of gathering discussed in Zephaniah Chapter 2, God loves those who gather because God will gather the Nations and uses the remnant.**

**In this verse, God is fiercely jealous and will first gather the Nations for punishment before the rebirthing occurs through the remnant. That is why God says "...wait ye upon me...until the day I rise up..."**

**Again, it cannot be stressed more strongly than God works through the remnant to have better outcomes on the sister Nations that heed unto the warnings.**

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**Come forward to verse (20) this Chapter concerning the blessing to come through the remnant of Israel: Inserted here:** Verse (20): "At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD".

**Notice this: The blessing of the rebirthing is for the Jews and the Gentiles through the universal Church (Henry, 2008).**

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**God punished Israel, which gave birth to the Universal Church, in whom God will gather together all saved Nations through the remnant. Therefore, the blessing will be for all saved and gathered Nations. Israel and all saved Nations will receive the blessing to come through the Universal Church being the Son of God. The New Jerusalem is the result of God's business with Israel not the Universal Church, they are two different matters, yet eternally connected as God Joins all things.**

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Verse (9): For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

**God brings pureness in serving God, which currently is not within humanity, because serving God will be joined with one consent.**

**James 3:9-12 (King James Version) brings the universal church into the picture speaking of pure language across the universal church (Henry, 2008).**

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**...which is the remnant of the rebirthed New Jerusalem and the saved Nations.**

Verse (10): From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my supplants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

**Notice here that rebirthing of the Nations can and shall include those gone astray.**



**God specifically uses "...beyond the rivers of Ethiopia..." as an illustration and very remote Nations and people afar off the global scene of everyday life specifically through the called of God (Henry, 2008).**

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**The Scripture has a far reach for a reason.**

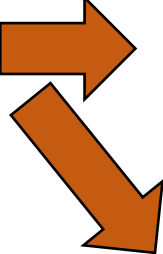
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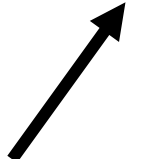
Verse (11): In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

**There are a couple things going on here in this verse (11), but the same conclusion.**

- **The people shall not be ashamed of their mind and actions (...doings...). This is not limited to the wicked for it is inclusive of the children of God in Israel "...my holy mountain". This discussion carries over from verse (8) this Chapter and the topic of the New Jerusalem and the Universal Church because God has business with Israel that is different from God's business with the Universal Church yet Joined eternally.**

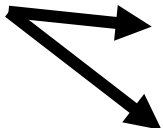


- **Throughout this Chapter, this Ministry Website owner has stressed the importance of the remnant over and over and over again. God will deal with both the wicked and the prideful within the children of God in Israel and what will remain....you got it the remnant. Please do not miss this concept of the critical remnant. The Old Testament critical remnant carries over into the New Testament: The New Jerusalem (God's business with Israel) and the Saved Nations (Universal Church) are the remnant who will be the New People (Joined) after God purges the wicked, as well as the prideful fallen proclaimed but not proven "children of God".**



**One thing will remain, the Proven Joined Remnant – New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations but God has different business specifically with Israel to be joined eternally with the Universal Church.**

Verse (12): I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.



**The afflicted and the poor people will find 100% trust in the remnant who fall under the name of the LORD discussed in verse (11).**

**God declares the poor will be evangelized as Scripture is made understandable to also include the afflicted and the poor (Henry, 2008). God has personally reserved the afflicted and the poor unto Himself because God empowers those who carry out the glory of His name (Henry, 2008).**

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Verse (13): The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

**Notice that the remnant of Israel shall be 100% honest and shall feed and lie down without fear having been given the highest possible trust to reach the afflicted and the poor stemming from verses (11 and 12) this Ministry Website owners discussion of the remnant. Notice the highest level of trust concerning eternal life is found from the afflicted and the poor. The Joining of God is all inclusive.**

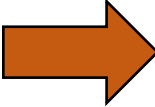
Verse (14): Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**This verse is where gladness and joy of the heart will be greatly protected because 100% honesty is paired with 100% justification having reached the afflicted and the poor (Henry, 2008).**

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Verse (15): The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

 **God takes away the judgments and No longer will those who reach the afflicted and poor need to justify. Contrary, they shall be 100% justified because 100% trust has been legitimized. Notice, these matters reach the highest of heights in that the King of Israel (God Himself) will be in the midst. Let the Saved Nations take heed. The critical concept of the remnant.**

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Verse (16): In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

**The Scofield map references Second Samuel 5:7 (King James Version) relating Jerusalem to Zion where the man David recognized God established David as the King over Israel who then established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel (Scofield, 1996).**

Scofield, C. I. (1996). *The scofield study bible*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

**However, God almighty (God-Man) will reign as “The United Eternal King” of Israel. Jesus Christ (God-Man) being the descendant of the lineage of David (Reference: Matthew 1:1, King James Version) and being born of a virgin Mary who was conceived of the Holy Ghost (Reference: Matthew 1:20-25, King James Version). Jesus becomes Jesus Christ the only God-Man the world has ever or will ever have in accordance with Scripture.**

**Second Samuel 5:7 (King James Version) “Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David”.**

**Matthew 1:1 (King James Version) “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham”.**

**Let the Saved Nations take heed of the eternal opportunity to be joined with God.**

**The New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations = The New People.**

Verse (17): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

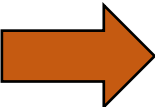
**Here in verse (17) and then the gathering to occur in verse (18), The Lord thy God will be strongly and jointly in the midst.**

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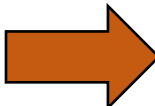
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Verse (18): I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.



**The gathering of verse (18) demonstrates a sorrow for sins and the burden placed upon the men and women who bring glory to God as the remnant who can change the outcomes for the Nations in accordance with Scripture. However, God in verse (19) will undo all the afflictions and the New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations will be The New People. The gathering is of God.**

Verse (19): Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.



**God will undo the affliction upon the remnant, which will eternally benefit the New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations who will be The New People. God does the gathering of the remnant unto His glory and the eternal benefits God graciously pours out. The New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations will take heed that God will undo the affliction.**

Verse (20): At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

**Again, God is very clear. God will turn back the captivity before your eyes and the New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations will eternally benefit through the remnant as God gathers. In the process, sin has its course, but God has the victory.**

**When God rolled away the stone from the tomb and defeated death, likewise, God will roll away the affliction from the New Jerusalem Plus the Saved Nations who will be joined as The New People.**