

- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

17

The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

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I will gather those of you who mourn for the
festival,
so that you will no longer suffer
reproach.

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Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

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At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

“At any rate, a stoic God is not described, but a God who, though infinitely great in glory and majesty, is also loving, gracious, merciful and long-suffering, righteous and just. He is not emotionally detached from his creation, he is not indifferent to a fallen world, but he is never surprised by events and never loses perfect control.”

- Rowland Ward

Zephaniah 1:2; 3:8

“I will utterly sweep away everything
from the face of the earth,” declares the
LORD...

“Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD,
“for the day when I rise up to seize the prey.
For my decision is to gather nations,
to assemble kingdoms,
to pour out upon them my indignation,
all my burning anger;
for in the fire of my jealousy
all the earth shall be consumed.

Zephaniah 2:1-3

Gather together, yes, gather,
O shameless nation,
before the decree takes effect
- before the day passes away like chaff –
before there comes upon you
the burning anger of the LORD.
Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands;
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the LORD.

John 3:29-20

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Zephaniah 3:12-13

But I will leave in your midst
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,
those who are left in Israel;
they shall do no injustice
and speak no lies,
nor shall there be found in their mouth
a deceitful tongue.
For they shall graze and lie down,
and none shall make them afraid.

Zephaniah 3:15, 18-19

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you;
he has cleared away your enemies...
I will gather those of you who mourn for the
festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
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Zephaniah 3:15b, 17a

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a mighty one who will save...

“He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only.”

- C. S. Lewis

Revelation 21:2-4

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Zephaniah 3:14

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“Just as we cannot enter into true repentance without sorrow for our guilt, we cannot emerge from true repentance without joy for our release from shame...surprising as it may seem, a life characterized by repentance also exhibits joy. When we have seen the malignancy of the sin in our soul, and have perceived how freely God’s mercy flows to remove it from our lives, then we naturally exhibit joy.”

- Bryan Chapell

“Savior, if of Zion’s city,
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name;
Fading is the world’s best pleasure,
All its boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures,
None but Zion’s children know.”

- John Newton

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“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

“Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.”

- John Newton

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a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

“O the condescensions of divine grace! The great God not only loves his saints, but he loves to love them, is pleased that he has pitched upon them these objects of his love. He will joy over them with singing.”

- Matthew Henry

“When emotions are strong, they want to tell us what is true.”

“God’s Word, not feelings, is our standard.”

- Ed Welch