

Zephaniah Study Qs

1. What is a packed theme statement for the book of Zephaniah with verse references? Theme: The great day of the Lord will bring remnant Israel (2:7) home (3:20) through punishment of the nation for sin because God is with her as King (3:15) and will efficaciously (3:9) quiet her with his love (3:17).

2. What is the threefold message for us of the book of Zephaniah?

1) We are to *be sobered* by the righteousness of God (3:5) and his search light which exposes our sins. We stand naked and shameful before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

So we must *seek righteousness and humility* to find shelter (2:3). Instead of being like Judah, we are to *trust* and *draw near* to God (3:2).

2) God however has His remnant. God purifies in order that his remnant people may call and all who call will be saved (Jn. 6:37). He will not fail to accomplish his purposes in history.

3) We are part of the prophetically telecoped promise. There is gospel good news here. He is with us (3:17). *So sing, rejoice, and delight in the Lord* and in his law because he delights in you (3:17).

Thus he *covers* our nakedness, *makes* us pure (3:9) and we will not be put to shame (3:11).

We are on our way home; he has a place prepared for us and he will see us through the journey with its rough roads (Phil. 1:6; Heb. 12:2); perhaps through chastening but the end is sure (3:20).