

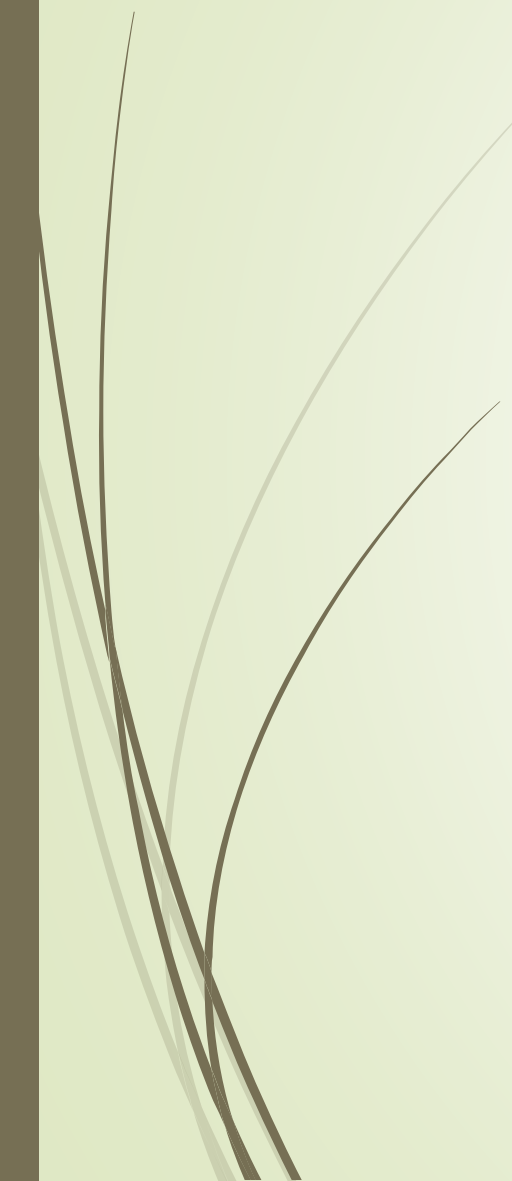


In The Day Of God's Joy



Zephaniah's Message in 3:9-20

The Lord anticipates a day of great joy when He will dwell in the midst of Jews and Gentiles He has transformed.





Outline of Zephaniah

- I. The Day of the Lord will bring judgment (1:1-3:8)
- II. The Day of the Lord will bring blessings (3:9-20)

Passage Structure (Zeph 3:9-20)

Audience	Textual Clue	Text
➤ Gentiles	➤ <i>“the peoples...them”</i>	➤ 9-10
➤ Jews	➤ <i>“a people...you”</i>	➤ 11-13
➤ Jews among Gentiles	➤ <i>“you...among all the peoples of the earth”</i>	➤ 14-20



Zephaniah 3:9-20

- ➔ **I. Rejoice because God will transform Gentiles (9-10)**
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“The Jews shall continue in blindness, till God hath performed his whole work among the Gentiles, and then their turn will come next to be remembered”



Matthew Henry's Commentary on the whole Bible, Vol. 6, pp. 364-365



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- **II. Rejoice because God will transform Jews (11-13)**
- **III. Rejoice because God will rejoice and be joined by Jews and Gentiles together (14-20)**

“He will cause you to be silent so that you may have in the secret places of your heart a very quiet peace and a peaceful quiet”

Martin Luther,
quoted in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*,
Vol. 7, p. 563



“He will
quiet you
in His love”

It is **untroubled rest**: rest from enemy harassment, rest from the ravages of sin, rest from sin's guilt. It is rest from grief and striving, **knowing God loves us.**

“when this day comes, the thick veil that blinds their eyes shall be removed...divine grace shall melt and renew their hard hearts...then shall all the house of Israel be saved...shall cast away their old infidelity, and shall have their hearts wonderfully changed...They shall flow together to the blessed Jesus, penitently, humbly, and joyfully owning him as their glorious King and only Saviour...They shall then be gathered into one fold together with the Gentiles”



Jonathan Edwards, *Works*, vol. 1, p. 607