

ISRAEL RESTORED!

Zephaniah 3:9-20

Israel's ultimate and spiritual restoration awaits the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ

NOTE: Zephaniah 3:8 is a summary of the Tribulation period

-The events that unfold in 3:9-20 are a record of what happens after the Tribulation

I. THE HOLINESS REPORTED (9-13)

- There will be a holy people in the Holy Land!

A. A WORLDWIDE REVIVAL (9-10)

- The words and worship of the people change

B. A NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS (11-13)

1. The rebels removed (11)

2. The righteous established (12-13)

- Note their character, conduct and calm

II. THE HOLY ONE REIGNING (14-17)

- King Jesus on the throne!

A. GOD'S PROCLAMATION FOR ISRAEL (14)

B. GOD'S DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL (15)

- See Rev. 20: 9-10, 15 for a summary

C. GOD'S PRESENCE WITH ISRAEL (15c)

D. GOD'S GOODNESS TO ISRAEL (16-17)

1. He inspires confidence (16)

2. He provides salvation (17)

3. He rejoices with singing! > Listen to God sing! (See Psalm 29:3-9)

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III. **THE HOPE REVIEWED** (18-20)

- Because judgment was imminent and restoration remote, they needed this reminder

- A. GOD RESPONDS (18-20)
 - “I will ...” five times
- B. GOD REGATHERS (18)
- C. GOD RESCUES (19a)
- D. GOD REVERSES (19b)
- E. GOD RESTORES (20)
- F. GOD REVIVES
 - Judah can cling to God’s promises

CONCLUSION:

Our passage deals with Israel’s spiritual restoration and speaks of:

1. Holiness (9-13)
2. The Holy One (14-17)
3. Hope (18-20)

We too are called to review and be renewed in our spiritual lives - See I John 3:2-3

1. We have a Holy One who will be revealed (2b)
2. We have a hope in Him (2c)
3. Due to this hope we are called to be holy (3)