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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Zephaniah

C1-3

C1 The prophet appears to be in the line of Hezekiah ministering during Josiah's reign. His prophecy is the same as the other prophets concerning Judah's demise. No matter how much the people are warned, the incredible degree of obstinance continues.

One of the traps of those living disobediently is that it appears that God is doing nothing. It is a misunderstanding of God's long suffering characteristics. As the prophet shared, they don't think The Lord is going to do anything (12).

C2 This writer uses the term begging. God through the prophets begs His people to repent. This prophecy is no different in this regard. He calls on them to act swiftly. Call on the name of The Lord and follow His commands (2-3).

Often the fallen leader attempts to convince the observers that his/her fall was without warning and others should have helped. By the time a leader is exposed there have been numerous warning experiences, but the sense of grandeur and gratification of sin is so intoxicating, it creates an invincibility and insanity that requires the most extreme application of hardship.

This was the condition of God's people. Moreover, He also does not forget the heathen nations. Those who seem to prosper and even gloat at God's people when they fall. They shouldn't think they get a pass. Because the remnant of God's people will pasture in the lands of the heathen (6-7). God restores the prosperity. Whoever and wherever they are it's not good policy to mock God's people when they fall (9-12).

C3. The prophet ends where prophets end. There's a word of defeat and sorrow, then a word of restoration. No more morning and disgrace (18). God restores all. Glory to His name (19-20).

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