

A VISION OF RESTORATION

Introduction

Joy - "a feeling of great pleasure and happiness". During this time of struggle and despair for many people, a sense of joy seems elusive. But we need to remember that in spite of our feelings of hopelessness, we serve a God who is always seeking to restore our joy! Today, through the prophet Zephaniah, we find comfort in knowing that God's joy for us is always the end-game.

During this lesson, you will:

- **Discern** the need for the just restoration of God's people
- **Pursue** trusting God for victory, hope, and renewal
- **Celebrate** the return of joy and God's glory in salvation

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:

Psalm 47 (KJV)



Rejoice!

About Today's Lesson...

Judah's day of judgement was on the way. The people's prosperity had gotten in the way of worshiping God. The prophet Zephaniah tried to "wake the people up" by pointing out their sinful deeds and urging them to return to God. "Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger." (Zephaniah 2:3, KJV). But Judah remained stubborn and refused to obey God. Babylonian invasion, destruction, and captivity was the end result.

But as you will witness from today's lesson, God's wrath is not the final goal. If we are willing to "wake up" by being righteous, just, meek, and obedient, then God will shower us with indescribable joy and restore us to a right relationship with Him. So Sing, Shout, Be Glad, and REJOICE! And thank God for His mercy and His grace!

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