

Zephaniah 3 Chiasm

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- v1 **A a** Woe to her that is filthy and polluted,
 c to the oppressing city!
- v2 **B d** She obeyed not
 e the voice;
 d she received not
 e correction;
 d she trusted not
 e in the LORD;
 d she drew not
 e near to her God.
- v3 **C f** Her princes within her
 g are roaring lions;
 f her judges
 g are evening wolves;
 f they
 g gnaw not the bones till the morrow.
- v4 **D h** Her prophets
 i are light and treacherous persons:
 h her priests
 i have polluted the sanctuary,
 h they
 i have done violence to the law.
- v5 **E k** The *just* LORD is in the midst thereof;
 l he will not do iniquity:
 k every morning doth he bring his *judgment* to light,
 l he faileth not;
 k but the *unjust*
 l knoweth no shame.
- v6 **F-1 m** I have cut off the nations:
 m their towers are desolate;
 m I made their streets waste,
 n that none passeth by:
 m their cities are destroyed,
 n so that there is no man,
 n that there is none inhabitant.
- v7 **F-2 o** I said,
 p Surely thou
 q wilt fear me,
 p thou
 q wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off,
 howsoever I punished them:
 • but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.
- v8 **G i** Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD,
 ii until the day that I rise up to the prey:
 iii-1 for my determination
 iii-2 is to gather
 iii-3 the nations,
 iii-1 that I may
 iii-2 assemble
 iii-3 the kingdoms,
 ii to pour upon them mine indignation,
 ii even all my fierce anger:
 ii for all the earth shall be devoured
 i with the fire of my jealousy.
- v9 **H r** For then will I turn to the people a pure language,

s that they may all call upon the name of the LORD,
t to serve him with one consent.

v10 **I u** From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
v my suppliants,
v even the daughter of my dispersed,
w shall bring mine offering.

v11 **x** In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings,
x wherein thou hast transgressed against me:

J y for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice
 in thy *pride*,

J y and thou shalt no more be *haughty* because of my holy mountain.

v12 **I u** I will also leave in the midst of thee
v an afflicted
v and poor people,
w and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

v13 **x** The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity,
H r nor speak lies;
s neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth:
t for they shall feed and lie down,
t and none shall make them afraid.

v14 **G** Sing,
 O daughter of Zion;
 shout,
 O Israel;
 be glad and rejoice with all the heart,
 O daughter of Jerusalem.

v15 **F-1 m** The LORD hath taken away thy judgments,
m he hath cast out thine enemy:
n the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee:
n thou shalt not see evil any more.

v16 **F-2 o** In that day it shall be said
p to Jerusalem,
q Fear thou not:
p and to Zion,
q Let not thine hands be slack.

v17 **E** The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is *mighty*,

- he will save,
- he will rejoice over thee with joy;
- he will rest in his love,
- he will joy over thee with singing.

v18 **D h** I will gather them that are sorrowful
i for the solemn assembly,
j who are of thee,
j to whom
i the reproach of it
h was a burden.

v19 **C f** Behold, at that time I will undo all
g that afflict thee:

B e and I will save her
d that halteth,
e and gather her
d that was driven out;

A a and I will get them praise and fame
b in every land where they have been put to shame.

v20 **c** At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you:
a for I will make you a name and a praise
b among all people of the earth,
c when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.