

JEALOUS FIRE

ZEPHANIAH 2:4-3:8

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- The world is HOSTILE to God and His people and will be JUDGE by Him. (v. 2:4-15)
- God's people are not IMMUNE from needing REPENTANCE and correction. (v. 3:1-7)
- The Lord zealously PURSUES His people and REFINES them through His judgment. (v. 3:8)

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1. One of the main themes of Zephaniah is God's judgment against idolatry and false gods. Discuss the main point: "God is fiercely passionate about His creation worshiping Him and him alone."
2. Are you experiencing "wrath fatigue"? Discuss God's wrath and His mercy. How does the seriousness of His wrath help us understand the depth of His mercy and grace? Exodus 15:1; Rev. 15: 1,3; Eph. 2:4-5
3. Read Zeph. 2:4-15, Discuss the various judgments of the cities and nations mentioned here. Is there a common theme in these verses?
4. Discuss what hostilities we face as believers in the world around us? How are we commanded to respond? Matt. 7:1-3; Matt. 5:43-45; Philippians 2:9-11; 2 Cor. 6:9-11
5. How do the judgments against Judah in Zephaniah's prophecy serve as warnings for the church today? What can we learn from their sins and how do we repent and remain on guard?
6. Zephaniah 3:8 speaks of a future judgment and gathering of nations. What is the significance of this prophecy? How does it point to God's sovereignty over all nations and His ultimate plans for redemption?
7. What does it mean that God is jealous? Exodus 20:4-6; Exodus 34:14; Micah 7:18; Ezekiel 33:1

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