

I will ... says the Lord

Zephaniah 3



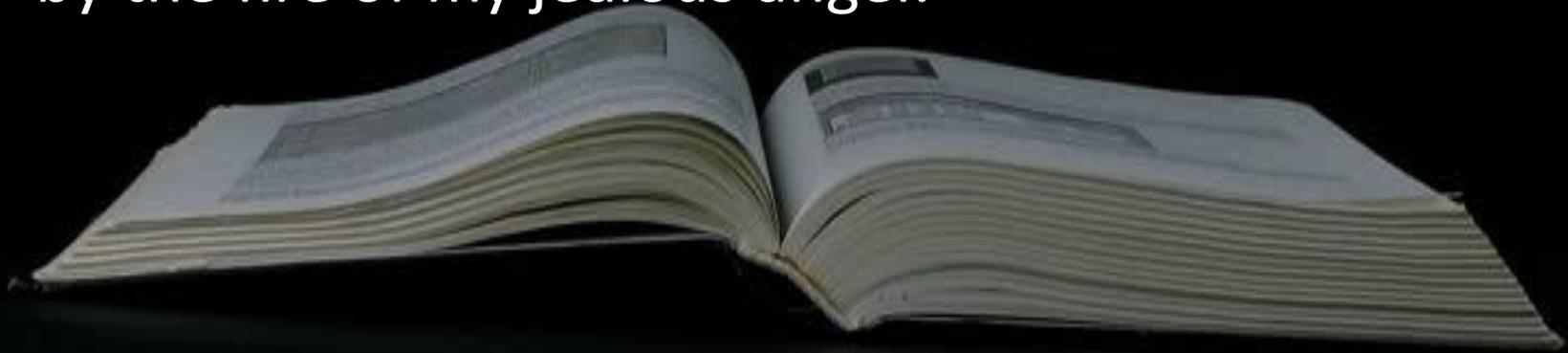
Psalm 145:8

⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.



Zephaniah 3:8

⁸ Therefore wait for me,”
declares the LORD,
“for the day I will stand up to testify.
I have decided to assemble the nations,
to gather the kingdoms
and to pour out my wrath on them—
all my fierce anger.
The whole world will be consumed
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¹Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled!

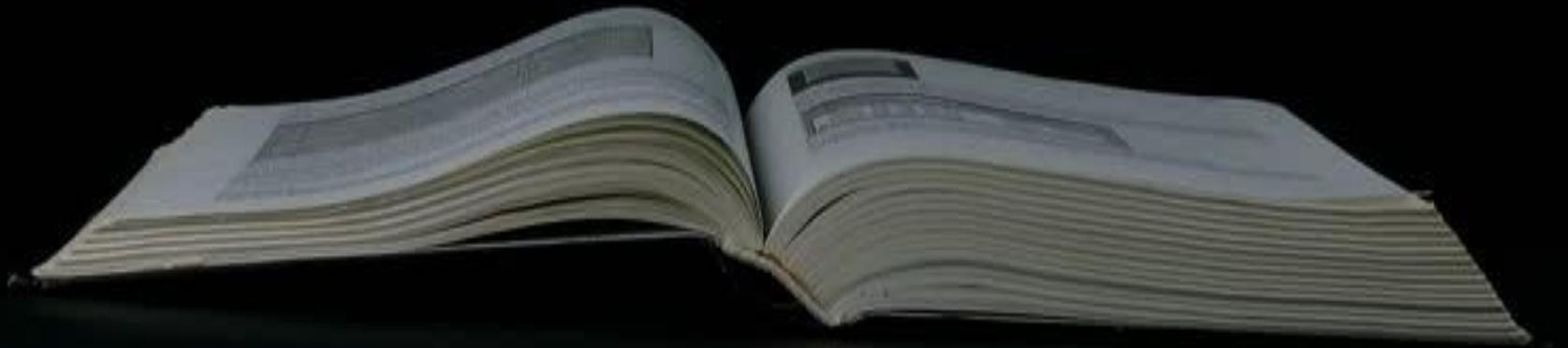
²She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God. ³Her officials within her are roaring lions; her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning. ⁴Her prophets are unprincipled; they are treacherous people.

Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law. ⁵The LORD within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail



Lamentations 3:22-23

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.



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yet the unrighteous know no shame.

⁶ “I have destroyed nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no one passing through. Their cities are laid waste; they are deserted and empty. ⁷ Of Jerusalem I thought, ‘Surely you will fear me and accept correction!’ Then her place of refuge would not be destroyed, nor all my punishments come upon her. But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did.



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1. I will purify

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⁹ “Then **I will purify** the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

Matthew 7:21-23 ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

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¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Cush
my worshipers, my scattered people,
will bring me offerings.

¹¹ On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
for all the wrongs you have done to me,



2. I will remove

Zephaniah 3:11b

because **I will remove** from you your arrogant boasters.
Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.

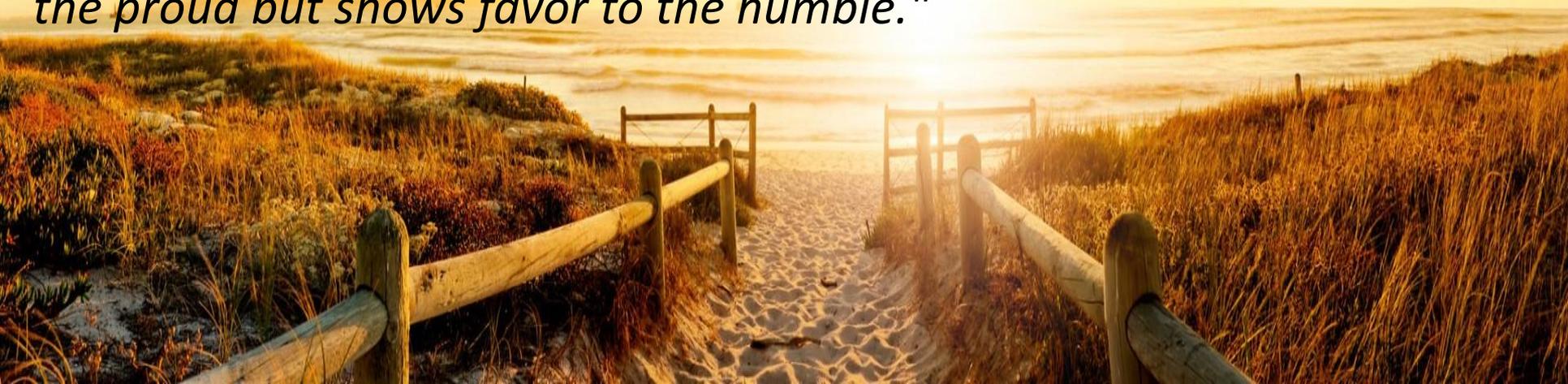
Proverbs 3:34

³⁴ He mocks proud mockers

but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."



3. I will leave within you

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¹² But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.

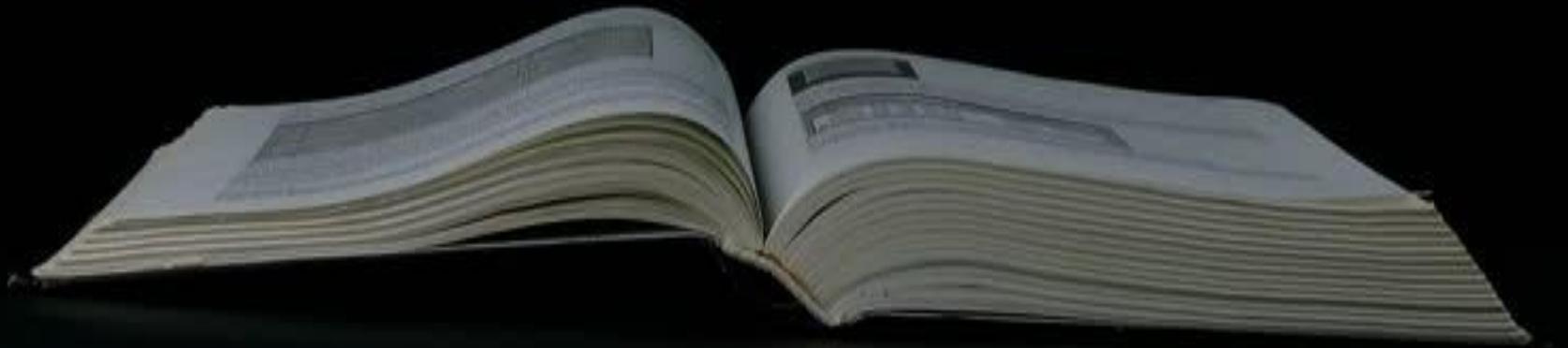
The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the LORD.

Colossians 3:12

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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¹³ They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies.
A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down and no one will make
them afraid.”



Zephaniah 3

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ **The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.**

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.



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Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

I am forgiven



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Luke 21:15

¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

I am protected



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Psalm 34:4

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

I am not afraid



¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” ¹⁸ “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame;

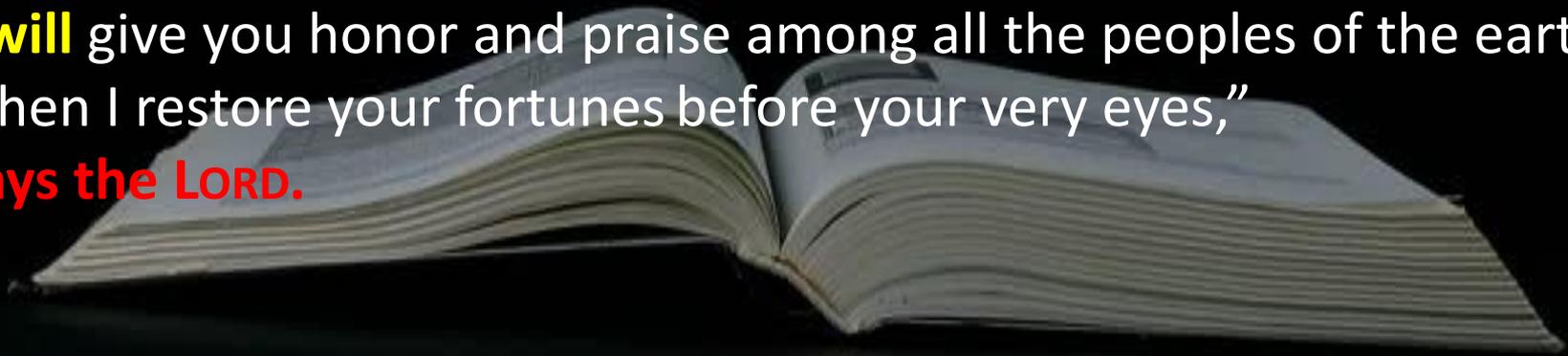
I will gather the exiles.

I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame.

²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home.

I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,”

says the LORD.



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