



Series: The Minor Prophets

**Lesson: 41. Zephaniah, pt. 4 – The Day
of the Lord Is Purifying**

Passage: Zeph. 3

The Day of the Lord is:

- Violent (ch1)
- Universal (ch2)
- Purifying (ch3)

- **Contrast #1: Unrighteous People Would Not Accept a Righteous God's**
_____. (vv1–7)
 - Verse 1 lays out the issues the next few verses will explain.

 - God tried to _____ her!

 - Contrast #1a: Israel's leaders corrupted _____, but God has been unfailingly just.

 - God's punishment of surrounding nations was supposed to be their wake-up call, but they ignored it.

- **Contrast #2: The Judgment of the Day of the Lord Will Be a _____ to God's People. (vv8–13)**

- They are told to _____ for the judgment!
- The purification will only happen when the nations have been judged.
- The purification will be _____.

*Rev. 7:9 – After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, **from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; (cf. Rev. 5:9)*

- The focus is still primarily on _____.

- **Contrast #3: Israel's Shame Will One Day Be Turned into _____.**
(vv14–20)

- Even though Israel is oppressed, facing judgment, and experiencing God's displeasure, they will one day be glorified, forgiven, and experiencing God's joy over them.
- They can rejoice because God will _____ and _____ with them.

- Despite chastising them, God has _____ for His people.
- All shame and oppression they have endured will cease and be replaced with _____.

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. Never let yourself get so proud that you miss God's _____.
2. Grow toward the standard of godly _____.
3. We ought to long for the day when we are all part of God's _____ people.

Blanks: Correction, warn, justice, Blessing, wait, global, Israel, Joy, rule, dwell, tenderness, glorification, warnings, character, purified