

**THE LORD OUR GOD - Home** Zephaniah 3:14-20 12-11-16

Imagine: You come home for Christmas only to find it's gone!  
That's the flavor of Zephaniah's prophecy. What will I do?  
Into this powerful tension of doom & hope, God sends Jesus!

## **1. GOD DELIGHTS IN US**

### **\* God Longs For Us**

- ~ Longs to be with us & promises his presence.
- ~ Holds us in his heart & loves on us

### **\* God Quiets Us With Love**

- ~ Delights to spend time w/ us. Loves your presence.
- ~ Looks for ways to engage w/ us when we're hurting
- ~ Draws us close to himself, especially when we fail.
- ~ When we become anxious & forget his love for us. **Phil.4:6-7**

### **\* God Sings For Joy Over Us!**

- ~ Like a parent over new baby or growing youth.
- ~ Like a couple finds "our song" & hearts connect.

God sings over us in all these ways. What makes this possible?

## **2. GOD BRINGS US HOME**

### **\* God Prepares Home**

- ~ Jesus leaves home for Christmas to resolve family division!
- ~ Hard work to clean house puts Jesus on cross!

### **\* Jesus Brings Us Home** **John 14:2-3**

- ~ Thru dark days, **Eph.1:18** is still true. Here we arrive at truest home.

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Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

### **Zephaniah 1:1-13          Warning of Destruction**

1. What does the opening warning remind you of in vs.2-3? Why?
2. How will God do this? What will he use if not water as promised?
3. What is our appropriate response to God in this warning?

### **Zephaniah 1:14 - 2:3      The Great Day of the Lord**

1. What emotions are associated with The Day of the Lord?
2. How will God bring destruction on the world? How does this relate to his character?
3. What is our appropriate response to God's warning of judgement?

### **Zephaniah 2:4 - 15          Against the Nations**

1. How will God bring his judgement on Gaza? v.5
2. Who will be protect & receive the lands of Gaza?
3. Why does God punish Moab & Ammon?
4. Who will receive their land?
5. What will happen to the carefree city of Nineveh?

### **Zephaniah 3          Jerusalem's Future**

1. While Jerusalem is like the nations, what is different? v. 5
2. How will God a new day to Jerusalem, his people? vs. 8-9
3. How is the city's new character described in it's people? vs.12-13
4. What hope is provided to God's people in vs. 17-20?