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The Book of Zephaniah

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Isa. 9:7 Of the **increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom***, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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Isa. 44:6 Thus saith **the LORD the King of Israel**, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

Zech. 14:9 And **the LORD shall be king over all the earth**: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

D. Israel's Redeemer, 3:16-20

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1. The Climax of the Lord's Blessing, 3:16-17

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Original Word: אָהַב

Transliteration: aheb

Short Definition: love

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Gen. 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou **lovest**, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Deut. 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to **love** him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Psa. 119:165 Great peace have they which **love** thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Prov. 3:12 For whom the LORD **loveth** he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

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Jer. 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have **loved** thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Hos. 3:1 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of [her] friend, yet an adulteress, **according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel**, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

Hos. 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will **love** them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

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2. The Context of the Lord's Blessing, 3:18-20

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a. Gathering Israel, 3:18

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b. Guarding Israel, 3:19a

Zeph. 3:19a Behold, at that time **I will** undo all that afflict thee: and **I will** save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out;

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c. Glorifying Israel, 3:19b-20

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In Zephaniah we began with Jehovah and now, we end with Jehovah.

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Zeph. 1:1 **The word of the LORD** which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

Zeph. 3:20 At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, **saith the LORD.**" (See Psa. 67, Is. 61)

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Conclusion

Isa. 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. (Hephzi-bah = "my delight is in her")

5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice over thee.

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Deut. 26:19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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