Zephaniah

The Lord Sees and will Judge, He Spares and will Sing!

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- ► V11 On that Day
 - ► Near term Cyrus Is 45:1-7 / Nehemiah
- **▶ V12 the Humble find Refuge**
- ► V13 None will make you Afraid
- ► Future Millennial Reign of Jesus Rev 20:1-10
 - Remnant of Jews (Zech 12:10)
 - **▶** Believers Resurrected to Reign with Christ 1000 Years
 - Unbelievers Resurrected after 1000 years for judgement



► Which enemy or loss (shame) do you treat as more powerful than your refuge?

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- ►V14-15 Commanded to Sing
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- Judgements taken away
 - ► Those in Christ: Col 2:13-15
- **Enemies Cleared!**
- Lord in the Midst: Zech 14:8-9

V16-17 (The peoples) Tell Judah Something, Really Good!

▶ God Rejoices over His people

→God will not surrender the Joy of His people with Him.

V18-20 God governs the Future: "I Will"

- **▶** He Gathers
- ► No more Reproach
- Oppressors Dealt with
- ► Lame Saved, Outcast Gathered
- **▶** Shame turned into Praise
- Renown on Earth
- **Fortunes Restored**

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- Believers:
 - ► Even in the farthest place, God gives life to those who look to Him.
 - ▶ Reflect on: Enemies can't thwart God bringing His people refuge.
 - Which enemy or loss (shame) do you treat as more powerful than your Refuge?
 - ▶ Doctrine of Millennium: When was the last time you thought deeply of the Joy of seeing Jesus coming to reign?
- ► Those Who have Not Yet Trusted Christ:
 - It is hard to admit to being an enemy of God, but will you trust Christ today knowing only He saves, and He changes enemies to His own. Rom 5:8.

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The Sands of Time

1 The sands of time are sinking; the dawn of heaven breaks; the summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes; dark, dark, hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

2 The King there in His beauty without a veil is seen; it were a well-spent journey, though trials lay between: the Lamb with His fair army on Zion's mountain stands, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

3 O Christ, He is the Fountain, the deep sweet Well of love! The streams on earth I've tasted; more deep I'll drink above: there to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

4 The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace; not at the crown He giveth, but on His piercèd hand; the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.