## Zephaniah 3

King James Version (KJV)

**3** Woe to her that is filthy and <u>polluted</u>, to the <u>oppressing city</u>! (polluted = deemed to be common – better translation) (oppressing city = Jerusalem – where antichrist will set up his empire. He will oppress the world from there)

Acts-10 (When Peter called Cornelius common, God told Peter to never call any person common. Even the heathen can be converted if they learn the truth and want to follow God's Word. God loves all of his children. Here, He is calling the city common, because it is filled with perversion, financial crime and idolatry)

- <sup>2</sup>She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God. (She fell to false religion and false gods including antichrist, in the end times)
- <sup>3</sup>Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. (Greedily preachers, crooked politicians and judges take all the bribes and tithes that they can get their hands on. They don't even leave anything for tomorrow)
- <sup>4</sup>Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to <u>the law</u>. (the law = God's Law = the Ten Commandments, the Bible)

(False preachers don't even know God's Word. They preach sermons that they dream up from their imagination. They are in it for the money and to boost their ego. Their nonsensical, false doctrines tend to drive people away from true Christianity)

NOTES: (We have the same problems today with corrupt priests and government leaders. They have made a mockery of Christianity by letting in perversion, greed and violence)

(The atheists call Christians "right wing radicals" while they embrace homosexuals, trans-genders, atheists, Muslims and pedophiles. They live to make money at any cost. They indoctrinate our children into their perverted "world view", even in grammar schools, now)

The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. (The evil ones have no conscience. God

sees exactly what they are doing to others. HE will not change. HE will judge them fairly. HE will free their victims by teaching them the truth)

- <sup>6</sup>I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, <u>so that there is no man</u>, that there is none inhabitant. (There won't be any men of God left. They will all be led into the one world system of antichrist; just as they were at the time of this writing)
- 'I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and <u>corrupted</u> all their doings. (corrupted this is the same word that was used to describe when the fallen angels went into the daughters of Adam. God finds this disgusting. HE called it an abomination) Genesis-6:1-12, Jude
- \*Therefore <u>wait ye upon me</u>, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. (In this verse in the Hebrew manuscripts we have all of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The Massarah draws attention to this. It is an acrostic meant to demonstrate God's plan in completeness)

(Be patient. God has had enough with the wicked ones; corrupting everything while they prosper. They draw in more and more people with their ill gotten wealth. They destroy morality in the name of "inclusion"; which is to say – accept the corrupt and evil ones, or you are a bigot. God will correct them for their evil doings. HE will set things back up right, once and for all)

(Right is right, and wrong is wrong – there is no "inclusion" when dealing with the truth)

<sup>9</sup> For then will <u>I turn to the people a pure language</u>, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent. (The language that the Elect will speak will be understood by all people in all languages)

(The prophet Joel wrote of this - when people prophesied in that cloven tongue that all people understood. Each person heard it in their own language, all at the same time. Man cannot do that. Only God can

speak through people in a language that all people will hear in their native tongue) see Acts-2:1-8, and Joel

NOTE: (The cloven tongue is not the gibberish that false preachers get gullible parishioners to mumble in so-called Christian churches, today. No one understands that mumbling; so the preacher acts as an "interpreter". This is all a psychological trick, meant to spiritually enslave people into the corrupt preacher's false doctrine. It helps increase the tithes that they can glean from the people)

<sup>10</sup> From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, <u>shall bring mine offering</u>. (In the Millennium)

See Hosea-6:6 (God wants our love. That is our offering to Him)

- <sup>11</sup> In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. (In the Millennium, all people will know God. There won't be any more argument as to whether God exists or what the true religion is)
- <sup>12</sup>I will also leave in the midst of thee an <u>afflicted and poor</u> people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. (afflicted and poor = humble better translation)
- <sup>13</sup> The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: <u>for they shall feed and lie down</u>, and none shall make them afraid. (A figure of speech that means they will have safety and peace)
- <sup>14</sup> Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. (Jesus will return and place His throne on Mount Zion. It will be a time of rejoicing for all people)
- <sup>15</sup> The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. (When God rules, there will not be any evil left anywhere)
- In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. (On the Lord's Day) (Work at learning God's Word. Don't be lazy about something so important)

- <sup>17</sup>The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. (With almighty God reigning over us and protecting us, there will be peace and happiness for all)
- <sup>18</sup> I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.
- <sup>19</sup> 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; and I will <u>get</u> <u>them praise</u> and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. (get them praise = set them up for a praise - better translation)

(The people who have been faithful to God are being ridiculed, persecuted and even murdered. On the Lord's Day, they will be vindicated and rewarded once and for all. Vengeance belongs to God)

<sup>20</sup> 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. (These are the good people; who were faithful to God during the time of the great apostasy, when most people were deceived y antichrist)