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God's Promises in Zephaniah

The book of Zephaniah contains several promises of God. Here are some of them along with their corresponding Bible references:

- 1. Restoration of Jerusalem: "At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame." (Zephaniah 3:19)
- 2. God's presence with his people: "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)
- 3. Judgment against the wicked: "I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the Lord. "I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble." (Zephaniah 1:2-3)
- 4. Salvation for the humble: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger." (Zephaniah 2:3)

 Overall, the book of Zephaniah contains a message of both judgment and salvation. It warns of God's impending judgment on the wicked, but also promises restoration and salvation for those who turn to him in humility and righteousness.
- 5. Gathering of the nations: "From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings." (Zephaniah 3:10)
- 6. Purification of the people: "On that day they will say to Jerusalem, 'Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:16-17)
- 7. Removal of sorrow and shame: "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you." (Zephaniah 3:18)
- 8. Restoration of God's favor: "The remnant of Israel will do no wrong; they will speak no lies, nor will deceit be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid." (Zephaniah 3:13)

- Overall, the book of Zephaniah speaks of God's judgment on the wicked and his promise of salvation to those who seek him with humility and righteousness. The book also speaks of restoration, purification, and the removal of sorrow and shame for God's people.
- 9. Reversal of exile: "At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yes, I will give you renown and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord." (Zephaniah 3:20)
- 10. Deliverance from enemies: "The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm." (Zephaniah 3:15)
- 11. Abundance of blessings: "The Lord will be awesome to them when he destroys all the gods of the earth. Distant nations will bow down to him, all of them in their own lands. You Cushites, too, will be slain by my sword." (Zephaniah 2:11)
- 12. Everlasting joy and gladness: "Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm." (Zephaniah 3:14-15) These promises in the book of Zephaniah reveal God's character and his desire to save and bless his people. They also show the consequences of disobedience and unfaithfulness. The book emphasizes the need for repentance and turning back to God in order to receive his mercy and grace.