HANDOUT **Zephaniah**: **From Judgement to Rejoicing** July 8, 2018 Trav Neumann

Historical Context:

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| 770 BC | Jonah preaches, All of Nineveh repents |
| **722** BC | Assyria brutally attacks Israel (northern kingdom), destroys cities, deports their people. |
| 664 BC | Assyria attacks Thebes, Egypt |
| **~622🡪** | **Zephaniah Prophesies Severe Judgement against Judah & Nations** |
| 612 BC | Babylonians & Medes conquer Assyrians and destroy Nineveh |
| 585 BC | Babylonians & Medes attack Judah; **Exile** inhabitants and destroy Jerusalem |

**Chapter 1/Point 1: NO HOPE**

APP: What ways may you be tempted to diminish God’s ways over your preferences?

**Chapter 2/Point 2: A HINT of HOPE**

RC Spoul:  “Saved from whom?” The answer: God himself. God, in righteous wrath, stands against us in our sin. *But the glory of the gospel is that the one from whom we need to be saved is the very one who saves us.* It is when we truly grasp the significance of Christ’s redeeming work that we begin to understand the serious demands and joys of repentance.

*Saved from What? Crossway p 25*

APP: What way does this chapter affect your view of the call to repent?

**Chapter 3/Point 3: A GREAT and GLORIOUS REJOICING in our SALVATION.**

**EPH 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And **this is not your own doing**; it is the gift of God, **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Col 2:13-14** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made alive together with him**, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14**by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

**2 Tim 1:9-10** **God saved us and called us** to holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, **10**and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

**Titus 3:4-6** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5he saved us,** not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, **6**whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

 **1 Tim 1:15-17, Rom 11:28-33**…. Paul breaks into praise & worship talking about the glory of the gospel

APP: God truly celebrates over you like a child at Christmas. How should this affect you as you contemplate His deep, deep committed love for you?