

For Gaza shall be desolate
and Ashkelon shall be a desolation.
Ashdod's people shall be driven out
at noon,
and Ekron shall be uprooted.
O ye to you inhabitants of the sea-
coast,
ye nation of the Cher'ethites!
The word of the LORD is against you,
Canaan, land of the Philistines;
I will destroy you till no in-
habitant is left.
You, O sea-coast, shall be
windows for shepherds
folds for flocks.

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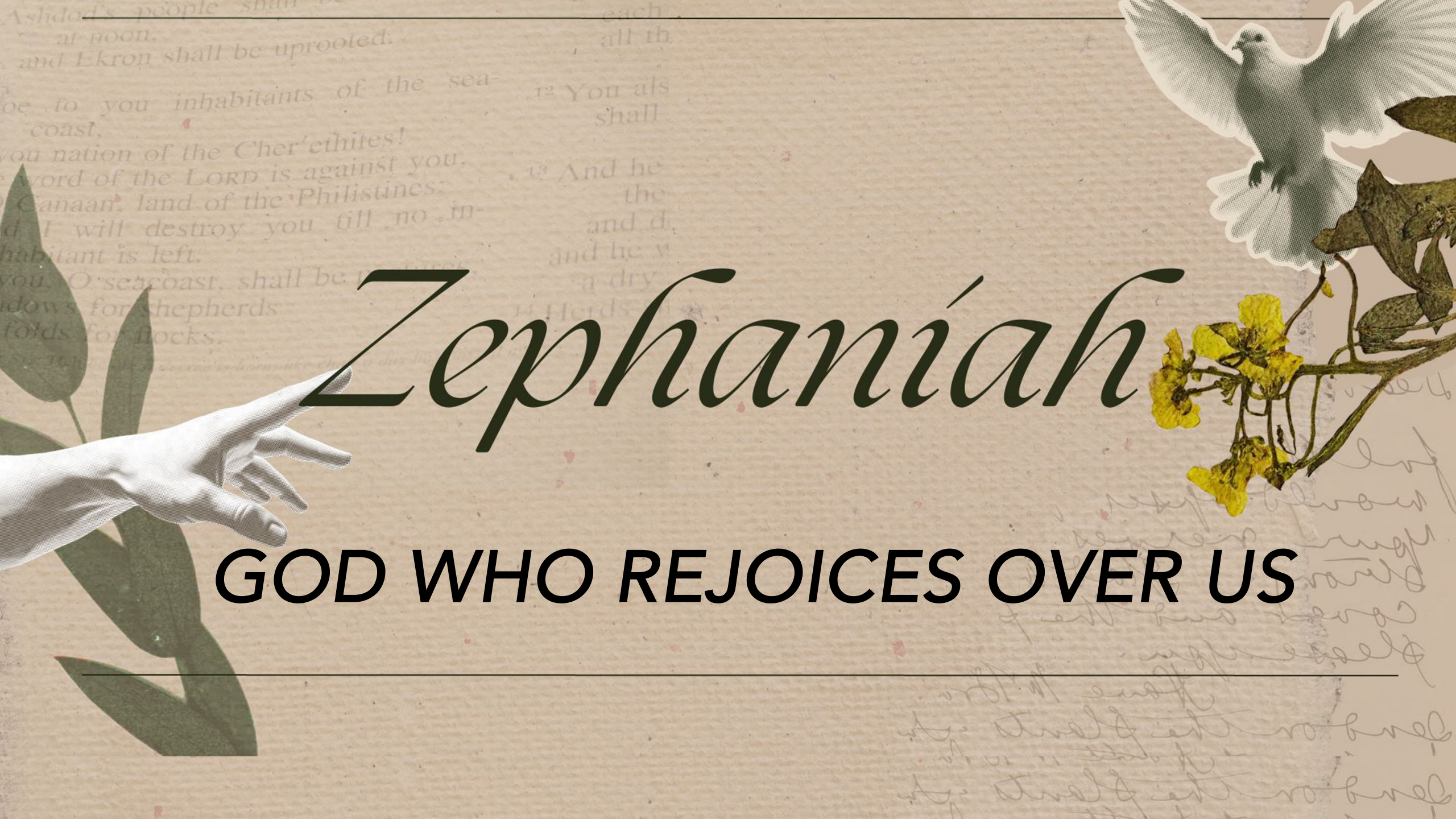
Zephaniah



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Zephaniah

GOD WHO REJOICES OVER US



What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

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Zephaniah 1

- I will utterly sweep away (v.2)
- I will stretch out my hand (v.4)
- I will punish the officials and the king's sons (v.8)
- I will search Jerusalem with lamps (v.12)
- I will bring distress on mankind (v.17)

Zephaniah 3

- I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech (v.9)
- I will remove from your midst proudly exultant ones (v.11)
- I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly who will seek refuge in the name of the LORD (v.12)

God is a God of justice & mercy

God doesn't give up on His people

God's end goal is restoration and redemption

Zephaniah 3:14 (NIV)

Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!

Zephaniah 3:15 (NIV)

The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

1

God has taken away
our punishment.
No condemnation.

Zephaniah 3:15b-17a (NIV)

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

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.

2

God is with us.
No fear.

Zephaniah 3:17b (NIV)

He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."

3

God rejoices over us.
We are loved.

Zephaniah 3:18-19 (NIV)

"I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.

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 3:20 (NIV)

20 At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honor and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,"
says the LORD.

4

God restores us.
We have hope.

God has taken away our punishment. **No condemnation.**

God is with us. **No fear.**

God rejoices over us. **We are loved.**

God restores us. **We have hope.**