# "ISRAEL AND THE DAY OF THE LORD"

## ZEPHANIAH 2:1-3

1. **THE REGATHERING OF ISRAEL PRIOR TO THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DAY OF THE LORD (2:1)**
   1. The Time Sequence Is Unambiguous And Is Stated Four Times
   2. The Command To "Gather" Implies A Previous Scattering  
      1. The Scattering Had Been Prophesied Some 1400 Years Before Its Fulfillment
      2. The Reflexive "Yourselves" Means That The Nation Would Nevertheless Take The Initiative
      3. The Additional Description Of The Nation As "Not Desired" Indicates That The Initial Return Would Be In Unbelief  
         1. Ezekiel Prophesied Of Bones Gradually Coming Together But Without Life
         2. Ezekiel Prophesied Of A Resuscitated People After They Were Fully In The Land
2. **THE RETRIBUTION ON ISRAEL DURING THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DAY OF THE LORD (2:2)**
   1. The Wrath That Will Fall On These People Is By "Decree"
   2. The Wrath That Will Fall On These People Is Depicted In The Experience Of The Ancient Oriental Farmer
3. **THE REMNANT IN ISRAEL AFTER THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DAY OF THE LORD (2:3)**
   1. God Is Both Able And Willing To Hide The Believing Remnant  
      1. They Are Associated With The Woman Of Revelation 12
      2. They Will Ultimately Constitute The Entire Nation
   2. God Will Someday Break Out In Song Over These People