

# **"ISRAEL AND THE DAY OF THE LORD"**

## **ZEPHANIAH 2:1-3**

### **I. THE REGATHERING OF ISRAEL PRIOR TO THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DAY OF THE LORD (2:1)**

- A. The Time Sequence Is Unambiguous And Is Stated Four Times
- B. 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
    - a. Ezekiel Prophesied Of Bones Gradually Coming Together But Without Life
    - b. Ezekiel Prophesied Of A Resuscitated People After They Were Fully In The Land

### **II. THE RETRIBUTION ON ISRAEL DURING THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DAY OF THE LORD (2:2)**

- A. The Wrath That Will Fall On These People Is By "Decree"
- B. The Wrath That Will Fall On These People Is Depicted In The Experience Of The Ancient Oriental Farmer

### **III. THE REMNANT IN ISRAEL AFTER THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE ESCHATOLOGICAL DAY OF THE LORD (2:3)**

- A. 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
- B. God Will Someday Break Out In Song Over These People