

Zephaniah — Worksheet 2: Answer Key

The Lord Rejoices Over You — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. What is Zion/Israel told to do in Zephaniah 3:14?

Sing, shout, be glad, and rejoice with all their heart.

2. What reassurance is given in Zephaniah 3:15?

That the LORD has taken away judgements and cast out the enemy; the King of Israel is in their midst, so they need fear no more evil.

3. What striking image is used in Zephaniah 3:17 to describe God's feelings toward His people?

'He will rejoice over thee with joy... he will rejoice over thee with singing.'

4. Why might it be surprising, given the warnings earlier in the book, to end with an image of God singing over His people?

Accept answers noting the book moves from judgement to restoration and delight, showing God's ultimate purpose is relationship and joy, not only punishment.

5. Reflection: What does it mean to you that God is described here as singing over His people, rather than only judging them?

Open, personal reflection.