

# December 16, 2018: Third Sunday of Advent



🔍 What do I need to know in order to understand what this part of the Bible is about?

// Why do you think this Old Testament lesson is paired with the Gospel lesson, Luke 3:7-18 (John the Baptist's message)?

📖 How does the message of today's text influence my living?

## NEXT WEEK'S READING:

Bethlehem's Role / Mary's Song  
Micah 5:2-5; cf. Luke 1:46-5

## Zephaniah 3:14-20

### Be Glad and Rejoice

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion;  
shout aloud, Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,  
Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away your punishment,  
he has turned back your enemy.  
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.

<sup>16</sup> On that day  
they will say to Jerusalem,  
“Do not fear, Zion;  
do not let your hands hang limp.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

<sup>18</sup> “I will remove from you  
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed  
festivals,  
which is a burden and reproach for you.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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<sup>A</sup>

before your very eyes,”  
says the Lord.

FOOTNOTES: A - OR I bring back your captives

I'M SERIOUSLY GOING  
TO FOLLOW JOHN'S  
ADVICE AND GIVE  
AWAY MY COAT TO  
SOMEONE WHO  
NEEDS IT!



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YOU ARE?  
THAT'S GREAT!



YEAH— I KNOW  
I'M GETTING  
A NICER ONE  
FOR CHRISTMAS.

Luke 3:7-18

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IT'S EASY FOR  
JOHN TO SAY,  
"GIVE UP  
YOUR COAT!"



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YOU  
REALY  
THINK SO?



SURE!



NOBODY  
WANTS HIS!



Luke 3:7-18

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