

### CHAPTER 3.

<sup>1</sup> God's judgments against the enemies of his people. <sup>23</sup> His blessing upon the church.

**F**OR, behold, <sup>1</sup> in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

<sup>2</sup> "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down <sup>b</sup> into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and <sup>d</sup> will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

<sup>9</sup> ¶ Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; <sup>7</sup> Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

<sup>10</sup> <sup>k</sup> Beat your plowshares into swords, and your <sup>8</sup> pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.

<sup>11</sup> Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither <sup>2</sup> cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

<sup>12</sup> Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit <sup>9</sup> to judge all the heathen round about.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>r</sup> Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for <sup>t</sup> the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

<sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes <sup>b</sup> in the valley of <sup>2</sup> decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>c</sup> The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

<sup>16</sup> <sup>d</sup> The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and <sup>e</sup> utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the <sup>5</sup> hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>f</sup> So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, <sup>9</sup> my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be <sup>6</sup> holy, and there shall <sup>h</sup> no strangers pass through her any more.

<sup>18</sup> ¶ And it shall come to pass <sup>i</sup> in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and <sup>l</sup> the hills shall <sup>9</sup> flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall <sup>9</sup> flow with waters, and <sup>m</sup> a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of <sup>n</sup> Shittim.

<sup>19</sup> <sup>o</sup> Egypt shall be a desolation, and <sup>p</sup> Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

<sup>20</sup> But Judah shall <sup>3</sup> dwell <sup>4</sup> for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

<sup>21</sup> For <sup>u</sup> "I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: <sup>v</sup> for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.