**CHAPTER** **3**

*The Lord shall judge all nations in the valley of Josaphat. The evils that shall fall upon the enemies of God’s people: his blessing upon the church of the saints.*

**1** For behold in those days, and in that time when I shall bring back the captivity of Juda and Jerusalem:

**2** I will gather together all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Josaphat: and I will plead with them there for my people, and for my inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have parted my land.

**3** And they have cast lots upon my people: and the boy they have put in the stews, and the girl they have sold for wine, that they might drink.

**4** But what have you to do with me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all the coast of the Philistines? will you revenge yourselves on me? and if you revenge yourselves on me, I will very soon return you a recompense upon your own head.

**5** For you have taken away my silver and my gold: and my desirable and most beautiful things you have carried into your temples.

**6** And the children of Juda, and the children of Jerusalem you have sold to the children of the Greeks, that you might remove them far off from their own country.

**7** Behold, I will raise them up out of the place wherein you have sold them: and I will return your recompense upon your own heads.

**8** And I will sell your sons, and your daughters by the hands of the children of Juda, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, a nation far off, for the Lord hath spoken it.

**9** Proclaim ye this among the nations: prepare war, rouse up the strong: let them come, let all the men of war come up.

**10** Cut your ploughshares into swords, and your spades into spears. Let the weak say: I am strong.

**11** Break forth, and come, all ye nations, from round about, and gather yourselves together: there will the Lord cause all thy strong ones to fall down.

**12** Let them arise, and let the nations come up into the valley of Josaphat: for there I will sit to judge all nations round about.

**13** Put ye in the sickles, for the harvest is ripe: come and go down, for the press is full, the fats run over: for their wickedness is multiplied.

**14** Nations, nations in the valley of destruction: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of destruction.

**15** The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars have withdrawn their shining.

**16** And the Lord shall roar out of Sion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem: and the heavens and the earth shall be moved, and the Lord shall be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

**17** And you shall know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Sion my holy mountain: and Jerusalem shall be holy and strangers shall pass through it no more.

**18** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweetness, and the hills shall flow with milk: and waters shall flow through all the rivers of Juda: and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the torrent of thorns.

**19** Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom a wilderness destroyed: because they have done unjustly against the children of Juda, and have shed innocent blood in their land.

**20** And Judea shall be inhabited for ever, and Jerusalem to generation and generation.

**21** And I will cleanse their blood which I had not cleansed: and the Lord will dwell in Sion.