

Major Texts In the Minor Prophets – 12/14/2014

“When God Sings”

*Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

God Loves us in Christ So Much That He has to Tell us In Shocking Images amid Shocking Judgments

How Does a Mighty and Just God Right In our Midst Tell Us of His Love for Us?

1. . Usually God in their midst was a scary thing and a time of shocking judgments.

*Revelation 21:3*

the amazing thing! – Zeph 1:1 – 3:17

2. To Make the Measure of His Love Clear, God Tells Us Using Shocking Images

God Shows His Love for His People By His Shouting

Psalm 47:1-5

*he will rejoice over you with gladness*

God Shows His Love for His People By His Silence

Usually when God is silent it is not good.

*Psalm 109:1*

“*he will quiet you by his love*” = “he is silent in his love”

God Shows His Love for His People By His Singing

Usually we do not associate singing with something God does??

*he will exult over you with loud singing.*

To go around, to be excited to the point of levity...

To give a ringing cry in praise to.... Loud singing and jubilation

*Luke 15:10*

*Psalm 116:15*

Deut 28:63 - God is Even more shocking to warn you who ignore this promise