

Deacon's Beacons

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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. Zephaniah 3:17

This passage appears almost at the end of the book of Zephaniah. Most of this prophetic book is a calling to task of the unfaithfulness of the court of Josiah. But this passage is a promise of coming joy at the presence of the Lord. As there are only three books following this to close out the Old Testament, we see a building to a climax of the prophecy of the coming Messiah. Once that occurs, joy will be restored to Jerusalem. It does not sound like a true picture of what happened with the coming of Christ. Maybe it has more to do with expectations of the Messiah. Jesus did not come in the traditional sense of a conquering King. But in fact that is exactly what He represented. He came to conquer sin and death. Those are far more destructive forces than any invading enemy.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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