



Zephaniah 3:14-15 “Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.”

From the beginning of time, God was the ruler, the king of the Israelites, but the people then wanted a human king to rule them on Earth. This is where things go downhill. Most of the kings of Israel were horrible. This verse shows how God has saved his people. God, their true King, has told them that He has cleared all of their enemies, from the armies of Jericho to the Philistines. He tells them how they should never fear the evil in front of them again for He shall defeat it. God says that He has taken away their judgement He put against them. Most importantly, God, our Lord, has shown all of Israel that their Savior will soon be among them to save them from their sins they have committed.

Today, Christmas is celebrated to represent the day our Savior, Jesus Christ, the King, was born. We celebrate it with cookies, milk, and maybe even a festive dinner. But the best of all, we give and receive presents to reflect that Jesus is the greatest gift of all! Jesus is the Savior allowing us to make it into Heaven, the Kingdom of God, and have eternal peace and life. Christmas is a day where we rejoice in the Glory of the Lord for forgiving us and bringing us our Savior.

God is bringing us our Savior to give us a chance to join Him in Heaven. God has chosen to be able to forgive for all of our sins. God is so good for giving us a chance to believe in His glory and by being our King. We see how having other kings did not turn out well for the Israelites. Similarly, if we have other “kings,” we will soon see that our relationship with God can suffer. During this Christmas season, we should keep our focus on our true King: Jesus Christ, the one who has saved us from our enemy of sin.

