

- A
- a Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord,
until the day that I rise up to the prey:
for my determination is to **gather** the nations,
that I may **assemble** the kingdoms,
to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger:
for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. 3:8
 - b For then will I turn to the people a pure language,
that they may all call upon the name of the Lord,
to serve him with one consent.
From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. 3:9-10
- B
- a In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings,
wherein thou hast transgressed against me: 3:11a
 - b for then I will take away **out of the midst of thee** them that rejoice in thy pride,
and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. 3:11b
 - b' I will also leave **in the midst of thee** an afflicted and poor people,
and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. 3:12
 - a' The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies;
neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth:
for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 3:13
- B'
- a **Sing**, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel;
be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. 3:14
 - b The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy:
the king of Israel, even the Lord, is **in the midst of thee**:
thou shalt not see evil any more. 3:15
 - b' In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not:
and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.
The Lord thy God **in the midst of thee** is mighty; 3:16-17a
 - a' he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy;
he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with **singing**. 3:17b
- A'
- a I will **gather** them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee,
to whom the reproach of it was a burden.
Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee:
and I will save her that halteth,
and **gather** her that was driven out;
and I will get them **praise and fame** in every land where they have been put to shame. 3:18-19
 - b At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I **gather** you:
for I will make you a **name and a praise** among all people of the earth,
when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord. 3:20

In the main A sections, there are two parts which exhibit a development. The a sections of these have the two words for gather, the b sections both have words to do with exile - 'dispersed' and 'captivity'. In A the nation are gathered for judgment (a), in order that the people (Israel) who are dispersed might return, with a new character (b). In the corresponding A' it is Israel who are gathered but for salvation not judgment (a) and the thought is extended to a return from captivity that gives them 'a name and a praise among all nations (b). The words "name" and "praise" appear in both sections.

In the main B section, the a parts have to do with forgiveness and a corresponding change of character. In the central b sections, the proud are taken away “out of the midst of thee”(b), while the humble, remain “in the midst of thee (b’).

In the corresponding main B’, the a sections concern singing. The daughter of Zion sings and rejoices (a) because of the deliverance she has received, which is matched by God’s joy and singing (a’). In b and b’ The Lord is “in the midst of thee”, he has “cast out thine enemy” (b) and is “mighty” (b’) to save from any enemy.