From Ruin to Restoration Zephaniah 2 පී 3

You resemble what you revere, either for ruin or restoration.

-Gregory Beale

I. The Marks of Rebellion

II. The Marks of Restoration

Into the Bible

 At the end of Zephaniah's prophecy he expands the blessing of God on a restored Israel to include a celebration involving "all the peoples of the earth". Despite the Jews being God's particular chosen people, God has always been the God of all the nations. How does the Old Testament reinforce this claim? (Psalm 86;9, Psalm 22:27-28, Genesis 12:1-3)

2. In chapter 2, verse 3 we are told to seek righteousness and humility, but above all to seek the Lord. How do the following passages expand on that idea? (Isaiah 55:6-7, Luke 11:9-10, Acts 17:27, Jeremiah 29:3) 3. In the Old Testament, God's presence in the midst of His people was signified by the glory of God in the tabernacle and later the temple. How does this change for us in the New Testament? Is God still "in our midst"? (Matthew 1:21-23, 1 Corinthians 3:16)

For Families

4. Talk with your children about God being God over all the earth-his sovereignty.