

Daily Devotional, February 11, 2021

“I Am It”, (Zephaniah 2:15, NKJV)

*“This is the rejoicing city
That dwelt securely,
That said in her heart,
“I am it, and there is none besides me.”
How has she become a desolation,
A place for beasts to lie down!
Everyone who passes by her
Shall hiss and shake his fist.”* (Zephaniah 2:15)

This is a prophetic statement of the divine judgment of Nineveh, the chief city of the ancient nation of Assyria ([Zephaniah 2:13](#)). About 155 years earlier, in the days of Jonah, that pagan city had repented before the Living God in sackcloth and ashes ([Jonah 3:5-10](#)). But soon after, “[the bloody city](#)” and its inhabitants went right on back to their exceedingly wicked ways ([Nahum 3:1](#)). Throughout history, various nations at various times have had brief windows of revival, but they have always reverted to evil, especially during times of material prosperity. Such it is with cities, and such it is with human nature, and individual human beings.

Are you like a “[rejoicing city](#)”, dwelling securely? Things are going along okay for you, and nothing is really touching your own little world. Have you begun to say, “[I am it?](#)” You are a self-made man, or an independent woman. After all, you say in your heart, ‘I am doing well because of my own decisions, and this is not pride. I am not like one of those athletes who shoots the lips in prideful fashion. As a religious person, I do my good works, more than my share. And I am not like the Pharisee or the hypocrite.’ Do you think that God will not lay you low, though you know that you are better than other men? Humility is in order for you, and for me, lest we “[become a desolation](#).” In our pride, we will get careless, and the Lord will bring us low in the end. Let us each beware of pride. If you say you have little or no pride, then you are in the greatest danger of divine discipline. In pride the prideful man says that he has no pride. Let us all engage in careful self-examination in the spirit of repentant humility. Are you doing all for the glory of the great “[I Am](#)” ([John 8:58](#))? Or are you gadding about with the attitude of “[I am it?](#)”