



**Getting
Ready for
the King**

**Greeting the
Day with Joy!**



Getting to Know Zephaniah

- Personal Background
- Extended Royal Family
- Prophesied during the reign of Josiah
- Based in Jerusalem

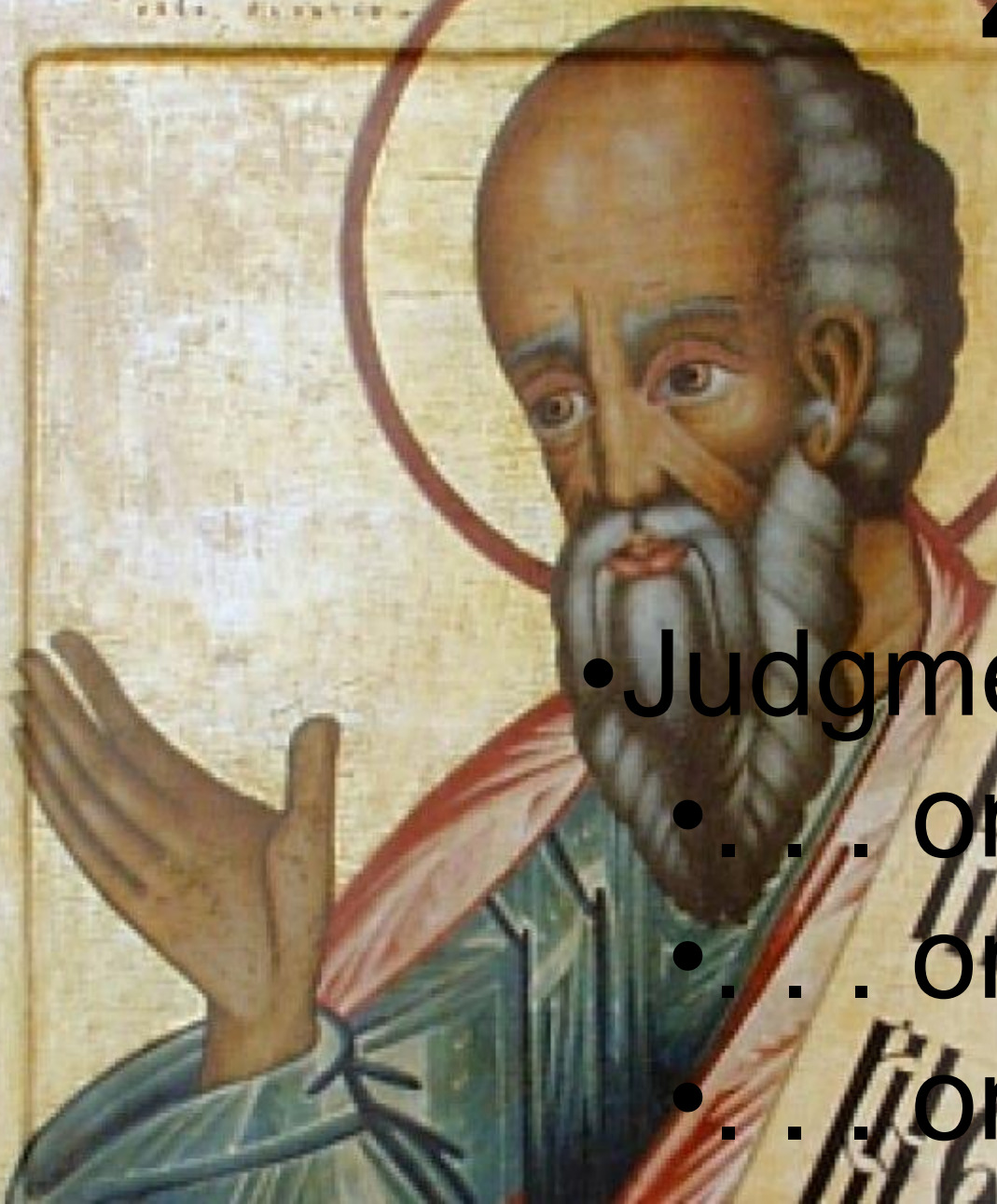
Getting to Know Zephaniah

- Why does this matter?
 - He had cache
 - He knew bad rulers
 - He knew a good ruler
- Worth a listen.



Zephaniah's Prophecy

- Judgment is coming.
 - . . . on Jerusalem and Judah
 - . . . on Judah's enemies
 - . . . on the whole world.





Zephaniah's Prophecy

- The Day of the Lord. . .
 - . . . is near!
 - . . . is coming quickly!
 - . . . is a day of wrath!
- Two days read as one.
 - The Fall of Jerusalem The Last Day

What does this have to do with Joy?

- The Rose Candle
 - Gaudete Sunday
 - The Magnificat
- How do we greet the Day of the Lord with Joy?





The Day of Joy!

- “Wait for me”
- From consuming to converting
- We can only greet the day with joy if God intervenes for us.



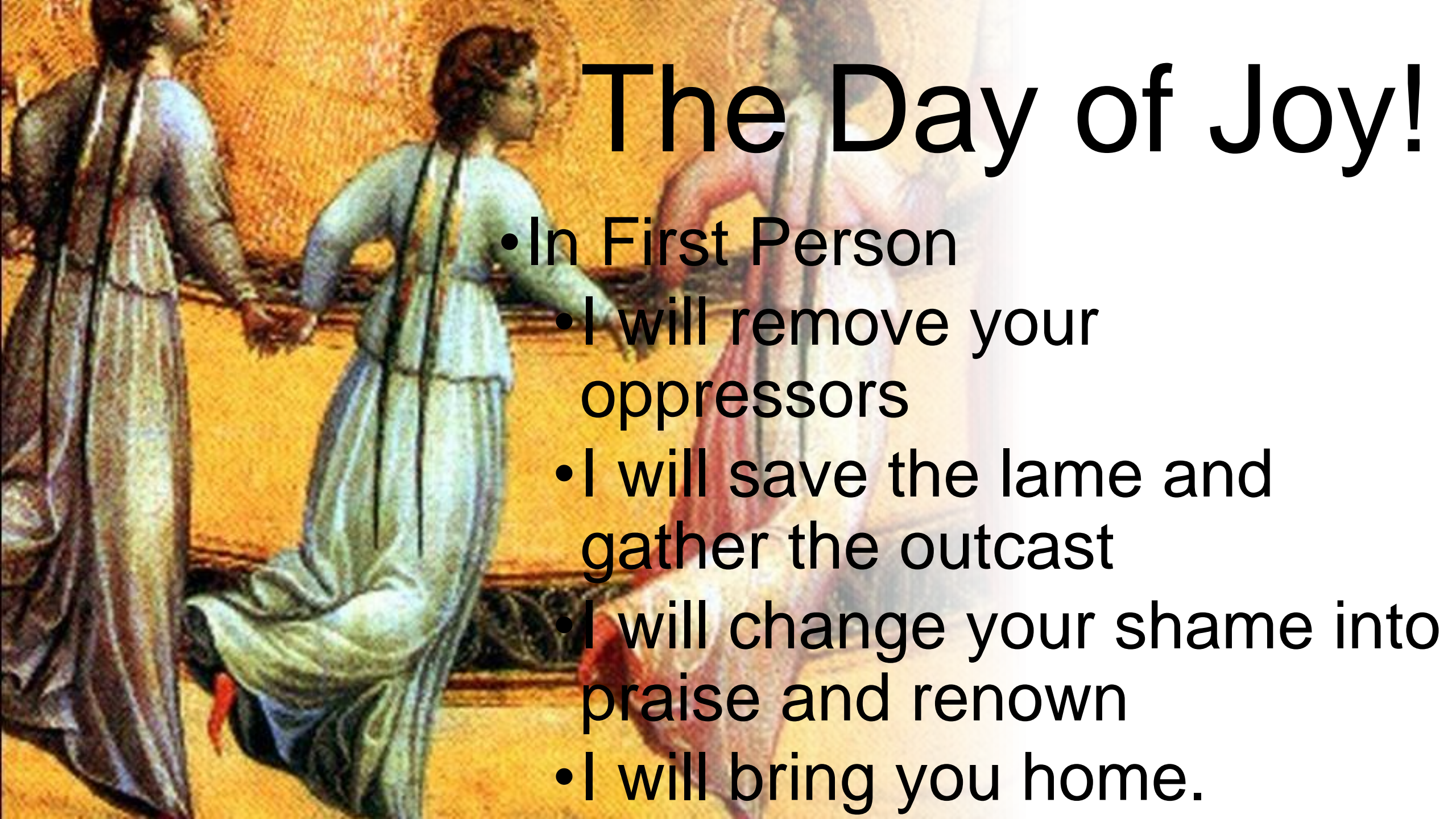
The Day of Joy!

- The Past
- The Lord has taken away the judgments against us.
- The Lord has taken away our enemies.
- The Lord has come to us!



The Day of Joy!

- The Future
- The Lord will rejoice over us!
- The Lord will quiet us with his love!
- The Lord will exult over us with singing!



The Day of Joy!

- In First Person
 - I will remove your oppressors
 - I will save the lame and gather the outcast
 - I will change your shame into praise and renown
 - I will bring you home.



Greeting the Day with Joy!

- The Day is a day of judgment and joy.
- The Lord is present today so that we can greet that Day with Joy
- You that to truly and earnestly repent. . . .