

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH: THE DAY OF THE LORD

Zephaniah was a great-great-grandson of good King Hezekiah of Judah, and prophesied during the reigns of Josiah and Amon, just a few years (perhaps 20) before Judah's capture. Israel had gone into captivity about 100 years before his time, but Assyria had not yet been destroyed. Notice the burden of this prophet's message:

A. God's Message to Judah: Read Zephaniah 1

1. List the various things God said He would consume or destroy: Zephaniah 1:2-3

2. Upon whom in particular would God stretch out His hand? Zephaniah 1:4a

3. List some things that the people of Judah were doing at this time:

- a. Zephaniah 1:4b _____

- b. Zephaniah 1:5a _____

- c. Zephaniah 1:5b _____

- d. Zephaniah 1:6a _____

- e. Zephaniah 1:6b _____

4. What did God say He would do about all these things? Zephaniah 1:4b

5. When would this take place? Zephaniah 1:7a

6. Against whom in particular would God's judgment come? Zephaniah 1:8,9

7. What were many of the people of Judah saying of God at this time? Zephaniah 1:12

8. What did God say would happen to them? Zephaniah 1:13, 17-18

B. God's Message to the Nations: Read Zephaniah 2:1 - 3:7

1. What did God call on all the nations to do? Zephaniah 2:3a

2. Why should they do this? Zephaniah 2:3b

3. Upon what nations in particular would God's anger be poured out? Zephaniah 2:5b, 8a, 12, 13a

4. How did Jerusalem react to all that God did to the nations? Zephaniah 3:2, 6-7

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C. God's Message to the Remnant of Israel: Read Zephaniah 3:8-20

1. What would God's people do after God's anger had been poured out on all the nations?
 - a. Zephaniah 3:9b _____
 - b. Zephaniah 3:10b _____
 - c. Zephaniah 3:13a _____
 - d. Zephaniah 3:13b _____
2. Therefore, how should God's people feel? Zephaniah 3:14

3. What would be the chief reason for this? Zephaniah 3:15b, 17a

4. How would God treat them in that day? Zephaniah 3:17b

5. What would be their position among the nations? Zephaniah 3:19b-20

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is the Lord my God in the midst of me angry because of my sin? Or is He mighty to work in my behalf? See Zephaniah 3:17

2. Can God right now rejoice over with joy, and rest in His love for me?
