

Zephaniah

1 – BACKGROUND: Read 2 Kings 22-23

Zephaniah prophesied during the reign of Josiah. What do we know about this time in Israel's history? What would we expect God's prophets to be writing / saying?

2 – Zephaniah 1:1-13—The Day Of The Lord Is Near!

What promise had God made after the flood? How does this fit with Zephaniah's message? What examples of idolatry was Judah guilty?

3 – Zephaniah 1:14-2:3—The Day Of God's Wrath!

What is "the day of the Lord"? How does this point to the Babylonian exile? Good Friday? Judgment Day?

4 – Zephaniah 2:4-15—God's Judgment On The Nations

How would Judah feel about the judgement on these enemy nations? But their judgment is the same as for Judah! What is God's message?

5 – Zephaniah 3:1-20—The Future Of Jerusalem

Why the "woe" on Jerusalem? Note the message to the officials, rulers, prophets and priests compared to the LORD. What is the promise of hope?