

ZEPHANIAH

The book is named after its author, Zephaniah. He was the great, great grandfather of godly _____ Hezekiah. He ministered in the southern kingdom of _____. His name means “Jehovah hides” (Zep 2:3). His pedigree is given more fully than any of the other prophets. Since he ministered during the days of godly king Josiah, that means he was a contemporary of _____. Josiah wanted to see _____ among God's people. They had been entrenched in gross idolatry, sodomy, etc. As king, he tried to legislate sin out of the land. But neither _____ nor _____ can be legislated. The nation was too far gone and judgement was soon to come. To understand the historical background of the book see 2 Kings 21-23 and the earlier chapters of Jeremiah.

There are several key expressions in the book. He talks about the “day of the Lord” _____. That phrase denotes the idea that judgement is coming on Judah for their _____. Other key phrases are “jealousy” which insinuates how God feels about the idolatrous worship of his people and the phrase “in the midst” which denotes the idea that God is _____ in this situation, first as the judge of his people and eventually as judge of their foes.

Outline

1. God's Determination To Execute _____ (Chap. 1)
 - A. On _____ the Earth (1:1-3)
 - B. On Judah and Jerusalem Because of _____ (1:4-6)
 - C. The Day of the Lord under the Figure of a _____ (1:7-13)

D. The _____ of the Day of the Lord (1:14–18)

2. _____ Is Called To Repent (2:1–3)

III. The Doom Of _____ Nations (2:4–15)

A. The _____ (2:4–7)

B. The _____ and Ammonites (2:8–11)

C. The Ethiopians (2:12)

D. The Assyrians and Especially the City of _____ (2:13–15)

IV. Woe Pronounced On _____ (3:1–7)

A. Disobedience, Unresponsiveness, _____, Impenitence (3:1, 2)

B. _____ of the Princes and the Judges (3:3)

C. Levity and Treachery of the Prophets and Sacrilege of the _____ (3:4)

D. The Lord's Presence in _____ (3:5–7)

V. Message Of Comfort To The _____ Remnant (3:8–20)

A. Destruction of Wicked _____ (3:8)

B. Conversion of the Remaining _____ (3:9)

C. Restoration of Dispersed _____ (3:10–13)

D. Rejoicing over the Second Advent of _____ (3:14–17)

E. What God Will Do for His _____ (3:18–20)