

# The Minor Prophets

## Zephaniah – The Day of the Lord

Please pray and ask the Lord for understanding of His Word before you begin.

### Read Chapter 2

#### A Call to Repentance

1. Read verses 1 & 2 with Joel 1:14 and Isaiah 1:4-6. (The word *undesirable* in verse 1 can be translated *shameless*.) What do you learn?

a. What does the phrase “or the day passes like chaff” bring to your mind and what is the danger pointed out in this phrase?

2. Read verse 3 along with Isaiah 55:6, 7. What is God offering to the people?

a. How can we seek righteousness and humility? (James 1: 21, 22.)

b. Look at 3b and Luke 21:34-36; Proverbs 18:10 and Colossians 3:2-4. What do you learn?

#### Judgment on Nations

God used pagan nations to judge Israel, but He was not going to let those nations go unpunished.

3. Read verses 4-14. Who are the four nations named in these verses? (These nations chosen from the four points of the compass are representative of all the nations to be judged.)

4. Read verses 4-7 along with Exodus 25:16 and Joshua 13:1-3. What do you learn about Philistia?

a. Look at verses 6 & 7. Philistine means immigrant. They came to the coast of Israel from Crete during the time the Hebrews were in Egypt. Who lives there now?

b. Who has the prior claim to the sea coast according to God’s Word?

5. Read verses 8-11.

a. What are the origins of Moab and Ammon? (Genesis 19:36-38)

b. Can you think of another nation created by the consequence of sin that has caused trouble?

6. Look at verse 11 along with Malachi 1:11 and Philippians 2:10-11. What do you learn?

7. Read verse 12 along with Isaiah 20:4-5 and tell what happened to Ethiopia. There will be another judgment on Ethiopia that is yet to come. You can read about it in Ezekiel 38.

8. We studied the book of Nahum and learned about the destruction of Nineveh in detail.

a. Look at verse 15 and Isaiah 10:12-14. What do you learn?

b. Now read Revelation 18:7-10 that tells of another Babylon. What do these two cities have in common that brings about their downfall?

“You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah Psalm 32: 7