

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 3

In chapter 2 the Lord pronounced judgment on the surrounding nations and in chapter 3 verses 1-7, Zephaniah brings his prophecy back around to the judgment on Jerusalem and Judah.

1. Read verses 1 & 2 along with Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:3-6 and Romans 9:1-5. What was Israel called to do?

a. What did they do instead? (Isaiah 52:5 and Romans 2:24)

b. What consequence follows a person disobeying God and not receiving His correction? (Proverbs 5:23 may help you answer)

2. List the four classes of leadership that are singled out for condemnation in verses 3-5 and explain why they are headed for judgment.

3. What is God saying to the people in verses 6 & 7?

4. What is verse 8 describing? (Matthew 24:21)

5. Read verses 9 & 10 along with Psalm 72:8-11 and Luke 6:45. What do you learn?

6. Read verses 11-13 and describe what God will do for the remnant of Israel after the Tribulation.

7. What is being described in verses 14-20?

8. In verses 14-17 Israel is told to be glad and rejoice with all your heart. What are the reasons for them to rejoice?

9. Read verses 18-20. What do you learn?

10. Go back to verse 17 and think about what it says. Do these words inspire you and if so in what way?

“The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.” Psalm 149:4