



# Zephaniah The Day of the LORD

## The Word of the LORD to Zephaniah (1:1)

- Genealogy: Cushi, Gedaliah, Amariah Hezekiah (1:1a)
- Context: The Reign of Josiah - 640 BC - 609 BC (1:1b)

### The Day of the LORD

#### will bring judgment on Judah and Jerusalem (1:2-4)

Worldwide judgment is coming. (1:2-3)

Judgment is coming to Judah and Jerusalem. (1:4-6)

*The Day of the LORD is near.* (1:7)

Judgement in Jerusalem will be universal. (1:8-13)

*The Day of the LORD is near.* (1:14a)

The Day of the LORD is a day of destruction. (1:14b-18)

- The judgment is imminent. (1:14) • The judgment is intense. (1:15-18)

*Exhortation: Repent while you still can.* (2:1-3)

The term "day of the LORD" or "day" occurs 23 times in Zephaniah.

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ca. 625 BC

## First Judgment Speech

"I will judge Judah and Jerusalem."

#### The Day of the LORD will bring judgment on the Nations (2:4-3:8)

*West:* Judgment on Philistia (2:4-7)

*East:* Judgment on Moab and Ammon (2:8-11)

*South:* Judgment on Cush (2:12)

*North:* Judgment on Assyria (2:13-15)

Culminating Woe on Jerusalem (3:1-7)

*Exhortation: Trust the LORD while you still can.* (3:8)



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## Second Judgment Speech

"I will judge Judah and the Nations."

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## Remnant

"Worshippers will come."

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#### The Righteous Remnant will be Restored (3:9-13)

The nations will be converted (3:9-10)

- Worshippers with purified lips (3:9) • Worshippers from far away (3:10)

The remnant will be preserved (3:11-13)

- New Attitude (3:11) • New Trust (3:12) • New Actions (3:13)

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#### The Messiah will Deliver the People (3:14-20)

*Ruler:* A Psalm of Joy for the Coming King. (3:14-17)

- Command to Rejoice (3:14) • Messiah is Present (3:15) • Messiah will save (3:16-17)

*Redemption:* The Promise of the LORD to Restore. (3:18-20)

- No More Burdens (3:18-19) • Full Restoration (3:20)

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The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

### Judgment in the Day of the LORD

### Restoration in the Day of the LORD

Zephaniah described the coming "Day of the LORD" as a time of intense judgment by the sovereign LORD on Judah and the nations followed by a time of restoration and worship in order to lead Judah to repent and to encourage the remnant to rejoice that the judgment of there LORD leads to salvation and entrance into the kingdom.