

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of Zephaniah

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- ⦿ Hebrew meaning of book name:
 - Hebrew - Yahweh hides

- ⦿ Who wrote it?
 - Zephaniah (1:1)

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◎ Timing of Events:

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- During the time of Josiah, king of Judah. (2 Kings 22, 23)

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⊙ II. The Salvation in the Day of the Lord (3:9-20)

- The Promise of Conversion
- The Promise of Restoration

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - A coming “day of the Lord” promises heavy judgment.

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- ◎ Cast of Characters:
 - God: in an extremely wrathful mood
 - Zephaniah: only prophet of royal descent

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Zephaniah announced that the King of Israel was in their midst (3:15). Jesus was crucified as King of the Jews (Mark 15:26). As Judah did not recognize the presence of the divine King in their circumstances, so many Jewish leaders failed to recognize the presence of God in Jesus Christ.

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Verse to Remember

“The LORD your God is in your midst,
A victorious warrior.
He will exult over you with joy,
He will be quiet in His love,
He will rejoice over you with shouts
of joy.”

(Zephaniah 3:17)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Zephaniah traces his ancestry back four generations in order to prove his royal lineage as the great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah (1:1).
 - He is the only prophet of royal descent
- The Book of Zephaniah opens with idolatry wrath, and judgment, but then closes with true worship, rejoicing, blessing.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. (Rom. 6:1, 2)

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◎ Home Study

- Read Haggai this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.