



Unit 14 | Session 3

ZEPHANIAH WARNED GOD'S PEOPLE TO REPENT

Zephaniah

When Josiah was the king of Judah, God gave a message to a prophet named Zephaniah. God said a day is coming called “the Day of the Lord.” On that day, God is going to punish people for their sin.

God said, “I will get rid of all the things and places My people used to worship false gods.”

Zephaniah told the people what an awful day the Day of the Lord will be: a day of wrath, a day of trouble, a day of destruction, a day of darkness, a day of clouds and blackness. The Lord will show His anger because everyone has sinned against Him.

This was terrible news! What were people to do? “Come together before it is too late,” Zephaniah said. “Change your ways. Turn to God and obey Him. Be humble. Maybe you will be safe from God’s anger.”

God would also judge the countries around Judah.

God told the people what was coming so that they would learn a lesson. “I want you to fear Me and respect Me,” God said.

Then Zephaniah gave the people hope. When all these terrible punishments happened because of sin, God would keep safe the people who trust in Him. God promised restoration; He will fix everything, making it like new.

The day when God makes things right will be such a happy day for His people.

Christ Connection: Zephaniah prophesied about the Day of the Lord—a day when God will judge the world for its sin and Jesus Christ will return. Jesus will make everything like new, and everyone who trusts in Him will be safe.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks.

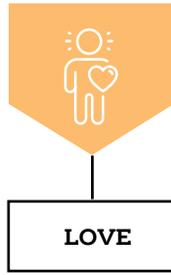
1. Zephaniah shared God's _____ (semages) with the people of Judah.
2. Zephaniah told the people an _____ (fuawl) Day of the Lord was coming.
3. God is going to punish people for their _____ (ins).
4. He told the people to _____ (nagehc) their ways and _____ (boye) God.
5. He told them to be _____ (mleuhb) and _____ (efra) God.
6. Then Zephaniah gave the people _____ (ohpe).
7. Those who _____ (tsurt) in Jesus will be safe from His judgment.
8. God promised that _____ (suJes) will make all things new.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» If all people sin, do we have any hope against God's judgment?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

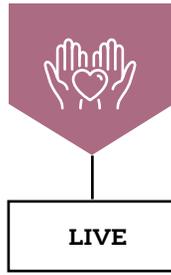
» What does the message that God gave the prophet Zephaniah teach us about God as the one true King?

» Why is God angry over sin?

» How can we have hope even when bad things happen?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Acts 3:19 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His mercy to allow you to repent and turn to Jesus.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Psalm 67:4-5

Acts 17:30-31

1 Chronicles 16:33-35

Acts 13:38-39

Acts 10:42-43

Revelation 21:3-5