



Zephaniah 1:1-2:3 | Chris Robbins | March 17, 2024

1. History of the Book

- A. This is the Word of the Lord
- B. Josiah is King of Judah
- C. 2 Kings 22-23 and 2 Chronicles 34-35
- D. Zephaniah is the prophet

2. Judgment is Imminent

- A. Why Judgment?
 - vs 4: Idol Worship
 - vs 5: Syncretism
 - vs 6: Stopped Following, Seeking, Inquiring God
 - vs 8: Leaders following Pagan customs/cultures
 - vs 9: Participating in Pagan Worship
 - vs 12: Complacent
 - vs 17: Sinned against the Lord
 - vs 11, 13, 18: Reliance on Materialism
 - B. Day of the LORD is a reference to the coming Judgment of God
- Unrelenting Description of the Day of the Lord:
- vs 7: Day of the Lord is Near
 - vs 8: Day of the Lord's sacrifice
 - vs 9: On that day I will punish vs 10-11: On that day: crying and wailing
 - vs 12-13: At that time: I will punish
 - vs 14: The great day of the Lord is near and coming quickly and the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter.
 - vs 15: a day of wrath, distress, anguish, ruin, devastation, darkness, gloom, clouds, and thick darkness

vs 16-17: a day of war
vs 18: the day of wrath of the Lord

3. Remember and take the warnings seriously

4. Repent before its too late!

- A. vs 2:1 Gather – Solemn Assembly before the Lord for corporate repentance
- B. vs 2: There is still time but that time is now
- C. vs 3: Seek the Lord
 - Seek the Lord in Humility
 - Seek the Lord in Obedience
 - Seek the Lord in Righteousness

5. The Bad News: The Day of the Lord was imminent, is imminent, and will be imminent until the end of time.

6. The Good News: There is another side to the Day of the Lord for those in Christ!

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

Revelation 1:5b-7

Colossians 1:12-14, Colossians 2:13-14