

Sunday School Live Lesson

March 10, 2024

Zephaniah Announced God's Justice

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Zephaniah 3:1-5, 8-9

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Question for Us Today

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How good are we at recognizing our own shortcomings as opposed to someone else's?

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Objectives

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3 To understand why and how the Prophet Zephaniah delivered messages from the Lord.

To understand God's determinations herein.

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1. Bibliography

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2. Points of Information: Zephaniah

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Zephaniah

Zephaniah was one of the Twelve Minor Prophets – so called due to the relative brevity of their writings.

Zephaniah prophesied during the reign of Josiah, the last good king of Judah.

Zephaniah was a contemporary of other prophets, including Jeremiah and Nahum.

Points of Information – Zephaniah

Zephaniah's father – Cushite – was an African.
Zephaniah 1:1.

7 The Prophet Zephaniah was of royal descent, from King Hezekiah. Zephaniah 1:1.

Zephaniah's name means: "the Lord hides."

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Lesson Context - 1

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In Chapter 1, Zephaniah spoke about the coming of the Day of the Lord.

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Lesson Context - 2

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In Chapter 2, the Lord had Zephaniah to condemn the outside nations.

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Lesson Context - 3

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Now, in Chapter 3, we see that the Lord had Zephaniah to call out Jerusalem in Judah for its sinfulness, and to offer a hopeful promise.

Zephaniah 3:1 [NLT]

What sorrow awaits rebellious,
polluted Jerusalem, the city of
violence and crime.

Zephaniah 3:2

No one can tell it anything. It refuses correction. It does not trust in the Lord or draw near to its God.

Zephaniah 3:3

Its leaders are like roaring lions hunting for their victims. Its judges are like ravenous wolves at evening time, who by dawn have left no trace of their prey.

Zephaniah 3:4

Its prophets are arrogant liars seeking their own gain. Its priests defile the Temple by disobeying God's instructions.

Zephaniah 3:5

But, the LORD is still there in the city, and He does no wrong. Day by day He hands down justice, and He does not fail. But the wicked know no shame.

Zephaniah 3:8

Therefore, be patient," says the LORD. "Soon I will stand and accuse these evil nations. For I have decided to gather the kingdoms of the earth and pour out my fiercest anger and fury on them. All the earth will be devoured by the fire of my jealousy.

Zephaniah 3:9

“Then I will purify the speech of all people, so that everyone can worship the Lord together.

Remember this:

John 3:17

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John 3:17 [RSV]

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

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