

## Bible Study – Outline

### Zephaniah

The Day of Wrath - Judgment  
The Day of the Lord

Time Period            640-621 BC  
                                 During the reign of King Josiah

Audience            The people of Judah – Southern Kingdom

#### Major Theme(s)

- Judgment
- Day of cheer/restoration
- Hope – our God reigns, and He will rescue His own.

“Zephaniah speaks as a representative of the remnant of the faith – those who remain true to God and faithful to His word. The book of Zephaniah is written about this future group of believers who live through the coming day of the Lord.”

*Ray Stedman – Adventuring Through the Bible*

#### Key People

Zephaniah (means hidden of the Lord)

#### Zephaniah

<b>THE DAY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>1:1-3:8</b>
God’s judgment of the entire earth	1:1-3
God’s judgment on the nation of Judah	1:4-18
God’s judgment for repentance	2:1-3
The judgment of the nations	2:4-15
The judgment of Jerusalem	3:1-7
The judgment of the entire earth	3:8
<b>SALVATION IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT</b>	<b>3:9-20</b>
God’s promise of restoration	

#### Key Scriptures

Zeph. 1:2            “I will utterly consume all things off the land, saith the Lord” (KJV)  
Zeph. 1:7            “Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near.”

Zeph. 1:14-20 \* "The great day of the Lord is near, - That day is a day of wrath.."  
Zeph. 2:3 "Seek the Lord you humble of the land...seek righteousness, seek humility..."  
Zeph. 2:7 "That land will belong to the remnant of the people of Judah;"  
Zeph. 3:8 "Therefore wait for me, declares the Lord."  
Zeph. 3:9 \* "Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve Him shoulder to shoulder"  
Zeph. 3:14-15 "...be glad and rejoice with all your heart...."  
Zeph. 3:19 "At that time...."  
Zeph. 3:20 "I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes."

\* see note related to this verse in the Life Application Bible.

#### Other References To The Day Of The Lord.

Matt. 24:9-14, 21-22,29-31

I Thess. 5:1-6

#### Discussion Questions

1. Does the attitude of " the Lord will do nothing good or bad" prevail today?
2. What is the expression in Chapter 2 that shows self-confidence and arrogance by Nineveh and Assyria?
3. The day of the Lord - who remains standing after this day? 3:9-13
4. What are some of the blessings God will give His people? 3:14-20

#### Resources Used

[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

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