

Zephaniah – 3 Chapters

Title:

Zephaniah- after its author.

Author:

Zephaniah, son of Cushi. Zephaniah was a great- grandson of King Hezekiah. Zephaniah means “The Lord hides”.

Occasion and Purpose:

Possibly an invasion was the occasion of the call to repentance and to seek the Lord for mercy.

Themes:

1. Judgment and Salvation
2. Day of the Lord

Summary:

Zephaniah speaks of the coming final wrath of God, called the "day of the Lord." He also speaks of the mercy to get people through this wrath and encourages men to seek God for his mercy in times of coming judgment.

Organization:

Judgment	<p>God will sweep away everything – 1:1-3 Punishment to Judah – 1:4-13 The great Day of the Lord is coming – 1:14-2:2 Seek the Lord and righteousness – 2:3 Punishment to Philistines – 2:4-7 Punishment to Moab and Ammon – 2:8-11 Punishment to Cush – 2:12 Punishment to Assyria – 2:13-15 Punishment to Jerusalem – 3:1-7 Wait for the Lord – 3:8</p>	1:1-3:8
Hope	<p>The humble will be saved – 3:9-13 Rejoice – 3:14 God is for you – 3:15-17 God will rescue and restore – 3:18-20</p>	3:9-20

Key Verses:

1:14-16; 3:17