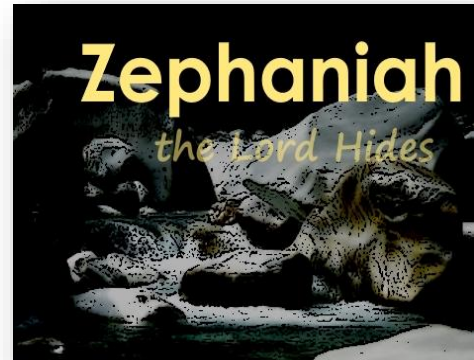


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What is known about Zephaniah? His name means: **The Lord hides**; he lived in the days of Josiah, his first verse stipulates his noble birth, not only his father, but his grandfather, his great-grandfather, and his great-great grandfather being King Hezekiah. He echoes the doom of Nineveh. Jewish tradition says Zephaniah had for his colleagues Jeremiah, whose sphere of labor was the thoroughfares and market-places; and Huldah the prophetess, who labored in the college in Jerusalem.



The third chapter includes a resumption of the denunciation of Jerusalem, as being unreformed by the punishment of other nations. This prophecy definitely serves a **dual purpose**; this chapter primarily speaks to the historic reality 2500 years ago; but includes much unfinished work; for when Messiah comes again in glory to rule; so these verses will illustrate what many people throughout the world will face in the last days.

<sup>1</sup> **Woe / how terrible it will be...** to her who is rebellious and polluted -- the tyrannical city!

<sup>2</sup> **She heeded no voice; she accepted no instruction; she did not lean on the LORD; she did not draw near to her God.**

<sup>3</sup> **Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are wolves of the night; they leave not a bone for the morning / they're greedy loudmouths .**

<sup>4</sup> **Her prophets are reckless, treacherous men: her priests have profaned the sanctuary, they do violence to the law.**

<sup>5</sup> **The righteous LORD is among her; He does no wrong: every morning He bring His justice to light, He does not fail;** but the wrongdoer knows no shame.

<sup>6</sup> **I have cut off the nations: their corner watch towers are ruined;** I made their streets desolate, no one passes by: their cities are destroyed, without a person, without an inhabitant.

<sup>7</sup> **I thought, Surely you will fear Me, you will accept instruction; so her dwelling will not be cut off, however they were eager to corrupt all their actions.**

<sup>8</sup> **Therefore wait for Me, declares the LORD,** until the day I rise up to the prey:



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for I determined to gather the nations, to assemble the kingdoms, and to pour out on them My anger, all My burning anger: for **all the earth** will be devoured by the fire of My zeal.

<sup>9</sup> For then I will restore purified lips to the people, **that they may all call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord.**

<sup>10</sup> From beyond the rivers of Cush My petitioners, even My dispersed ones, will bring My offerings.

<sup>11</sup> **On that day** you will not be shamed for all your doings, rebelling against Me: for then I will remove the proud, the arrogant, from among you and you will never again be snooty on My holy mountain.

<sup>12</sup> But I will leave among you a humble and lowly people, who will run to the shelter of the name of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> The remnant of **Israel** will do no wrong, or speak lies; nor will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: but they will pasture and lie down, and nothing will make them fear.

<sup>14</sup> **Sing for joy, O daughter of Zion; shout loudly, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has removed your sentences, He has thrown out your enemies: the **King of Israel, even the LORD**, is among you: you will fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> **On that day** it will be said to Jerusalem, Do not fear: and to Zion, Do not let your hands grow slack.

<sup>17</sup> **The LORD your God is among you, a mighty warrior, who saves, He will triumph over you with joy; He will bring rest with His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.**

<sup>18</sup> **I will gather those who grieve about the sacred set days, who are from you /** they are **the true Israel** – those who are **truly governed by God**, on whom the criticism was laid.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, **at that time** I will deal with all your oppressors: and I will save the lame, and gather the scattered; and those throughout the world who have been shamed, I will turn it to praise and fame.

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<sup>20</sup> **At that time** will I bring you again, yes, at that time I will gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I restore your fortune before your eyes, says the LORD.

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