

Bible Reading Notes
Zephaniah

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1:1 - days of Josiah - Zephaniah's ministry was during Josiah's reign, which was 640-609 BC, and probably occurred prior to Josiah's reforms.

1:7 - For the day of the Lord is near - This is the theme of the book and is repeated in 1:14. This finds fulfillment in 586 BC when the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem.

1:12 - They believed that the Lord was inactive and would not act.

Chapter 2 - The day of the Lord will include judgment on the nations around Israel: Gaza (west), Moab (East) Cush (south) and Assyria (north).

Chapter 3 - Zephaniah now focuses on the judgment coming to Judah and Jerusalem.

3:9ff - Judgment is not the last word. After judgment occurs, Zephaniah looks forward to a time of salvation when even the nations will call on the LORD and serve him.