

ZEPHANIAH

THE DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH

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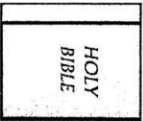
Interesting Facts About Zephaniah

MEANING: "Yahweh Hides."

AUTHOR: Zephaniah

TIME WRITTEN: Between 640 and 612 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE



- 36th Book in the Bible
- 36th Book in the Old Testament
- 14th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 9th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 30 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 3

VERSES: 56

WORDS: 1,476

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ZEPHANIAH:



Zephaniah was:

• Born during the later part of the reign of King Manasseh.

• The great-great grandson of the godly king Hezekiah

• The only prophet of royal descent.

Zephaniah was a contemporary of:

• Jeremiah

• Habakkuk

Zephaniah was indeed an "11th hour" prophet to Judah.

Josiah:

• Became the King of Judah at age 8

• By age 16 his heart had already begun to turn toward God.

Josiah's two sets of reform:

- 1st reform occurred during the first year of his reign in 628 B.C.
- Tore down all the altars of Baal.
- Destroyed the foreign incense altars.
- Burned the bones of the false prophets on their altars.
- Broke the carved images and molten images in pieces.

• 2nd reform six years later in 622 B.C. having been

kindled when Hilkiyah the priest found the book of the law in the Temple (2 Chronicles 34:8-35:19).

Zephaniah pronounces God's coming judgment upon the nations that surround Judah.

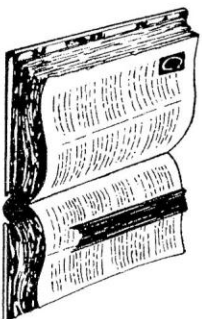
- To the west: Philistia
- To the east: Moab and Ammon
- To the south: Ethiopia
- To the north: Assyria

Jerusalem is characterized by:

- Spiritual rebellion
- Moral treachery

The Book of Zephaniah:

- Opens with:
 - Idolatry
 - Wrath
- Judgment
- Closes with:
 - True worship
 - Rejoicing
 - Blessing



"Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility."

Habakkuk 2:20