Zephaniah at a Glance

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The coming universal judgment
Zephaniah 1:2-6

1. World-wide wrath (Isaiah 24:1-6; 19-23)
   • All life affected
   • The Nations
     Jeremiah 25:30-33; Zephaniah 3:6, Nahum, Obadiah

2. Judah destroyed
   • Idolatry
   • Idolatrous priests – pagan and Jewish priests
   • Worshipers of heavenly bodies
   • Syncretism
   • Those indifferent to the LORD

3. What time?
   • The Babylonian captivity
   • The Day of the LORD

4. Considerations
   • Noah Covenant – Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17
   • Abraham Covenant – Genesis 12:1-3
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1. Be silent before the LORD God
   • Holiness
   • Trust

2. Sacrifice
   • Devoted to the LORD
   • Destruction or Redemption

3. Those to be punished (sacrificed)
   • Officials and king’s sons
   • The low life
   • The merchants
   • The indifferent
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4. The Day of the LORD is near and hastening fast  
   • true or false?  
   • Not a timetable but a sense of urgency

5. Day of the LORD is unimaginable wrath and suffering  
   • Bitter  
   • Day of wrath  
   • Day of distress and anguish  
   • Day of ruin and devastation  
   • Day of darkness and gloom  
   • Day of clouds and thick darkness  
   • Day or trumpet blast and battle cry

6. The design of the Day of the LORD  
   • Wrath for sin  
   • Jealousy of God  
   • A full and sudden end of the inhabitants of the earth