

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

Zephaniah's ministry is dated in the reign of Josiah (640-609 B.C.) He warned that the day of the Lord would bring judgment on Judah and Jerusalem and he called the Jews to return to God.

Zephaniah then predicted that Judah's neighboring nations would be destroyed as well. With a note of hope, he promised that God would bring his people home.

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SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who was king when Zephaniah prophesied and what kind of a king was he? (See 2 Kings 22:1-1) _____ . Verse _____
2. Which kingdom is Zephaniah prophesying against in this chapter? _____, Verse _____
3. Who are the ones who avoid stepping on the threshold? (See 1 Samuel 5:5) _____ . Verse _____
4. What will happen to all their merchants? _____ . Verse _____
5. Why will the people walk like blind men? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Zephaniah is telling about the end of the world.
7. _____ People in Judah worshiped many things but not the stars.
8. _____ To wear foreign clothes was all right with God.
9. _____ When Judah is destroyed it will be called "The Great Day Of The Lord".
10. _____ Only the rich will be saved.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was, Josiah, the king of Judah a good king? (See 2 Kings 22:2)
12. _____ Will the places where idols are worshiped be destroyed?
13. _____ Did some people worship the Lord but also idols?
14. _____ Will a person be able to build a house and live in it?
15. _____ Will the ENTIRE earth be destroyed when Jerusalem falls?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

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SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does Zephaniah ask the humble of the land to do? _____ . Verse _____
2. What will happen to the land of the Philistines? _____ . Verse _____
3. How did Moab and the Ammonites treat God's people? _____ . Verse _____
4. Who will eventually live in the land of Israel's enemies? _____ . Verse _____
5. What will happen to Nineveh? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Judah is called a proud nation in this chapter.
7. _____ God is called The Lord Almighty in this chapter.
8. _____ When God destroyed all of the gods of the other nation, everyone will worship him.
9. _____ Wild animals will live in the former great cities.
10. _____ Nineveh thought she was invincible.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Will there be a time to repent before the Lord destroys Judah?
12. _____ Does God promise that there will be a remnant left of his people Judah?
13. _____ Is punishment promised but also hope in the future mentioned?
14. _____ Will Cush be spared from the Lord's wrath?
15. _____ Was Babylon called a carefree city?

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SHORT ANSWERS

1. What city is called the city of oppressors? _____. Verse _____
2. If the city would fear God and accept correction what would happen to it? _____. Verse _____
3. When God assembles the nations what will he do to them? _____. Verse _____
4. Who will eventually live on the Lord's holy hill? _____. Verse _____
5. Who is this King of Israel? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The officials and the prophets were corrupt but the priests were still loyal to God.
7. _____ God will punish Israel but nobody else.
8. _____ God does like those who rejoice in their pride.
9. _____ Jerusalem will be restored.
10. _____ The scattered people will return but not their fortunes.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Jerusalem trust anyone?
12. _____ Did the people act corruptly in ALL they did?
13. _____ Will God forgive them for the wrongs they have done to him?
14. _____ Does the Lord sing as well as shout?
15. _____ Would the Israelites be honored in all the countries where they were exiled?

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