

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 164--Zephaniah 1:1-3:20

Introduction: Zephaniah prophesied during the days of Josiah. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah. His message is two-fold, namely, judgment for all the wicked of the world and hope of the future salvation of all. Like Joel, Zephaniah emphasized the terrible day of the Lord about to come upon the nations of the world, including Judah.

Lesson aim: To show that God's judgments upon mankind are intended to bring them to repentance and salvation.

The judgment of Judah and the nations around her--Zephaniah 1:1-3:8

1. What did Zephaniah reveal that God was about to do? (v. 2-4) Who would perish in this destruction? (v. 5-6)
2. What does Zephaniah urge the people to do? (v. 7) Who did he say would be punished? (v. 8-13)
3. How did the prophet describe the day of the Lord about to come? (v. 14-16) Why would this day come? (v. 17-18)
4. What are the humble of the earth urged to do in view of the Lord's judgment? (2:1-3) For what might they hope? (v. 3)
5. Upon what surrounding nations did God pronounce judgment? (2:4-15) To whom would the land of Philistia be given? (2:7) Who would possess the remains of Moab and Ammon? (2:9)
6. What did God say would happen to Assyria? (2:13-15)
7. What does God urge His people to do? (v. 8)

The salvation of Judah and the nations around her--Zephaniah 3:9-20

1. What kind of lips did God say the peoples would have? (v. 9) How would they serve God?
2. What would God's worshippers do? (v. 10)
3. Describe the conduct of the future remnant of Israel (v. 11-13).
4. What is Israel urged to do in view of her glorious future? (v. 14) Why? (v. 15-17) In that day what did God say He would do? (v. 18-20)