

Lesson 6:
Zephaniah:
God's Judgment and Mercy

Read Zephaniah 1-3 to answer the following:

1. When did Zephaniah speak? (Zephaniah 1:1) _____

Notice that Zephaniah was related to "Hizkiah" (that was King Hezekiah).

This tells us that Zephaniah was related to King Josiah.

2. What did God tell Zephaniah He was going to do? (Zephaniah 1:2) _____

_____ and
specifically (Zephaniah 1:4-6) _____

***Chemarims** means "priests who led the people in idolatrous worship"*

***Malcham** means "the national idol of the Ammonites"*

3. What was at hand? (Zephaniah 1:7) _____

4. What was God going to do? (Zephaniah 1:12) _____

***men that are settled on their lees** are "those that are content being foul with no regard to the things of God"*

5. What should the people recognize from Zephaniah 1:14? _____

_____ But had the nation truly turned back to God yet? _____

6. What did Zephaniah call the people to do? (Zephaniah 2:1-3) _____

_____ If they did, what might happen? _____

7. Would all of Judah fail? (Zephaniah 3:12-13) _____ What would happen with the remnant? _____

8. With what hope were they left? (Zephaniah 3:20) _____

Answers:

1. in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah;
2. God said He would utterly consume all things from off the land; God would stretch out His hand upon Judah, and Jerusalem, would cut off the remnant of Baal, the name of the Chemarims with the priests, those that worship the host of heaven, those that swear by the LORD, those that swear by Malcham, those that are turned back from the LORD, and those that have not sought the LORD nor enquired for him;
3. the day of the Lord was at hand;
4. God would search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil;
5. The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly; no;
6. Gather together, before the decree breaks forth, before the day passes, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you, seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment, seek righteousness, seek meekness; then they might be hid in the day of the Lord's anger;
7. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid;
8. God would bring them back, gather them together, and will make them a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when God turns back their captivity