



**ZEPHANIAH**





# READING ASSIGNMENT



- ▶ **SDA BIBLE COMMENTARY, VOL.4, PG. 1061-1069**
- ▶ **PROPHETS & KINGS, CHAPTERS 32, 33**
- ▶ **2 KINGS 22, 23**
- ▶ **2 CHRONICLES 34, 35**
- ▶ **JEREMIAH 1-6**





**HISTORICAL SETTING**



- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 1:1 - INTRODUCTION - TWO PARTS**
- ▶ **1) GENEALOGY - ZEPHANIAH DESCENDED FROM A PRESTIGIOUS FAMILY - KING HEZEKIAH**
- ▶ **2) HISTORICAL SETTING - IN DAYS OF KING JOSIAH - 2 KGS. 22,23; 2 CHRON. 34,35 & PK 32,33**





# KING JOSIAH



- ▶ **JOSIAH'S GRANDFATHER WAS MANESSEH**
- ▶ **JOSIAH'S FATHER WAS AMON**
- ▶ **JOSIAH'S MOTHER WAS JEDIDAH**

- ▶ **JOSIAH WAS 8 YEARS OLD WHEN HE BEGAN TO REIGN - 640 BC**
- ▶ **IN THE 8TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN, “HE BEGAN TO SEEK AFTER GOD” - 632 BC**
- ▶ **“IN THE 12TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN HE BEGAN TO PURGE JUDAH & JERUSALEM.” - 2 CHRONICLES 34:3**
- ▶ **JOSIAH’S REFORMS FORETOLD IN 1 KINGS 13**



- ▶ **JOSIAH EXTENDED HIS REFORMS INTO THE FORMER PORTIONS OF PALESTINE ONCE OCCUPIED BY THE NORTHERN KINGDOM - 628 BC**
- ▶ **IN THE 13TH YEAR OF JOSIAH'S REIGN JEREMIAH BEGINS HIS MINISTRY - JEREMIAH 1-6 - 627 BC**
- ▶ **AROUND THE SAME TIME ZEPHANIAH COMMENCES HIS MINISTRY - 627 BC**



- ▶ **IN THE 18TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN, JOSIAH BEGINS “TO REPAIR THE HOUSE OF THE LORD HIS GOD.” - 622 BC**
- ▶ **HILKIAH THE HIGH PRIEST DISCOVERS THE BOOK OF THE LAW (DEUTERONOMY) - 622 BC**
- ▶ **THEN SHAPHAN THE SCRIBE READ IT BEFORE THE KING - 2 CHRONICLES 34:18**
- ▶ **REVIEW THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY**



# DEUTERONOMY



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- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 1-4:43 - INTRODUCTION / HISTORICAL, FROM SINAI TO CANAAN / ADMONITIONS TO KEEP THE LAW / CITIES OF REFUGE**
- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 4:44-26:19 - INTRODUCTION / THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, THE BASIS OF THE COVENANT / EXHORTATION TO OBEDIENCE / THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT**

# DEUTERONOMY

- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 27, 28 - INTRODUCTION / CURSES OF THE LAW / THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE & THE CURSES OF DISOBEDIENCE**
- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 29, 30 - A REVIEW OF EVENTS FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN / EXHORTATIONS TO FIDELITY / THE PROMISE OF MERCY / THE COVENANT IN THE HEART**



# DEUTERONOMY

- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 31:1-29 - MOSES' LAST WORDS / THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA**
- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 31:30-33:29 - THE SONG OF MOSES / FINAL EXHORTATIONS**
- ▶ **DEUTERONOMY 34 - MOSES' DEATH & BURIAL**

- ▶ **“WHEN THE KING HAD HEARD THE WORDS OF THE LAW, HE RENT HIS CLOTHES.” - 2 CHRONICLES 34:19**
- ▶ **HOPING TO AVERT THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD UPON JUDAH, JOSIAH SEEKS HULDAH THE PROPHETESS TO INQUIRE AFTER THE LORD - 2 CHRONICLES 34:20-28**



- ▶ **IN RESPONSE TO HEARING THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET, JOSIAH MAKES A COVENANT WITH THE LORD - 2 CHRONICLES 34:29-33**
- ▶ **HE THEN ORDERED THE PASSOVER TO BE KEPT - 2 CHRONICLES 35:1-19 - 622 BC**
- ▶ **IN THE 31ST YEAR OF HIS REIGN JOSIAH DIES IN BATTLE AGAINST NECHO, KING OF EGYPT AT MEGIDDO - 609BC**

# ZEPHANIAH

- ▶ **1 PETER 1:9-12 - PROPHETS HAD MORE TO SAY ABOUT OUR DAY THAN THEIR OWN**
- ▶ **NOTE: READ PK 389**



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**THEME**



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- ▶ **1) ZEPHANIAH, SPECIFIED “PLAINLY THE RESULTS OF CONTINUED APOSTASY”**
- ▶ **2) ZEPHANIAH CALLED “ THE ATTENTION OF THE TRUE CHURCH TO THE GLORIOUS PROSPECT BEYOND”**





# SUMMARY



- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH HAS TWO SECTIONS:**
- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 1,2 - THE DAY OF THE LORD - JUDGMENT UPON JUDAH & THE SURROUNDING NATIONS**
- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 3 - THE ULTIMATE PROMISE & FULFILLMENT OF REDEMPTION & THE RESTORATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 1 - THE DAY OF THE LORD**
- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 2 - THE GATHERING MESSAGE**
- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 3 - REDEMPTION & RESTORATION**





# ANALYSIS



# ZEPHANIAH 1

- ▶ **VS. 1 - INTRODUCTION**
- ▶ **VS. 2,3 - JUDGMENT UPON THE WICKED**
- ▶ **VS. 4-13 - JUDGMENT UPON JUDAH**
- ▶ **VS. 14-18 - THE DAY OF THE LORD IS HASTENING ON**
- ▶ **NOTE: SEE ZEPHANIAH 1:7,8**

- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 1:7,8 - THE FEAST OF DESTRUCTION**
- ▶ **EZEKIEL 39:17-22 - THE DESTRUCTION OF GOG & MAGOG**
- ▶ **REVELATION 19:17-21 - THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD**



- ▶ **REVELATION 20:7-9 - THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED ( GOG & MAGOG)**
- ▶ **MATTHEW 22:1-14 - THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST / SEE VS. 11-14**
- ▶ **NOTE: SEE ZEPHANIAH 1:14-18**

- ▶ **ZEPHANIAH 1:14-18 - THE DAY OF THE LORD IS HASTENING ON**
- ▶ **1 THESS. 5:1-6 - THE DAY OF THE LORD**
- ▶ **2 PETER 3:10-14 - THE DAY OF GOD**
- ▶ **NOTE: GET READY, GET READY, GET READY!**
- ▶ **NOTE: THE DAY OF THE LORD CHART**



# THE DAY OF THE LORD

- ▶ **ISAIAH 2:12**
- ▶ **ISAIAH 13:6,9**
- ▶ **JEREMIAH 46:10**
- ▶ **EZEKIEL 13:5**
- ▶ **EZEKIEL 30:3**
- ▶ **JOEL 2:1,11**
- ▶ **JOEL 3:14**
- ▶ **AMOS 5:18-20\***
- ▶ **OBADIAH 1:15**
- ▶ **ZECHARIAH 14:1**

# ZEPHANIAH 2

- ▶ **VS. 1-3 - THE GATHERING MESSAGE**
- ▶ **VS. 4-7 - JUDGMENT UPON GAZA - PHILISTINES**
- ▶ **VS. 8-11 - JUDGMENT UPON MOAB & AMMON**



# ZEPHANIAH 2

- ▶ **VS. 12 - JUDGMENT UPON ETHIOPIA**
- ▶ **VS. 13-15 - JUDGMENT UPON NINEVEH**
- ▶ **NOTE: THE FALL OF BABYLON IN TYPE & ANTI-TYPE**





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& ANTI-TYPE**



- ▶ **ISAIAH 47:5,7-9 - THE LADY OF KINGDOMS**
- ▶ **REVELATION 17:5; 18:7 - MOTHER & QUEEN**
- ▶ **JEREMIAH 51:8; ISAIAH 47:9 - DESTRUCTION IN ONE DAY**
- ▶ **REVELATION 18:8,10 - SUDDEN DESTRUCTION**



- ▶ **JEREMIAH 50:43,44 - A WOMAN IN TRAVAIL**
- ▶ **1 THESS. 5:3 - TRAVAIL UPON A WOMAN**
- ▶ **JEREMIAH 51:49 - GUILTY OF ALL SLAIN**
- ▶ **REVELATION 18:24 - GUILTY OF ALL SLAIN**

- ▶ **JEREMIAH 51:7 - GOLDEN CUP**
- ▶ **REVELATION 17:4 - GOLDEN CUP**
- ▶ **JEREMIAH 51:13 - DWELLS UPON MANY WATERS & IS WEALTHY**
- ▶ **REVELATION 17:1,4; 18:15,16 - SITTETH UPON MANY WATERS & IS WEALTHY**

- ▶ **ISAIAH 21 (9); JEREMIAH 51:8 -  
THE FALL OF BABYLON**
- ▶ **REVELATION 14:8; 18:2 -  
BABYLON IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN**
- ▶ **JEREMIAH 50:8; 51:6,45 - THE  
THREE MESSAGES - COME OUT!**
- ▶ **REVELATION 14:6-12; 18:4 - THE  
THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGES**



- ▶ **JEREMIAH 51:57 - A PERPETUAL SLEEP**
- ▶ **REVELATION 18:21-23 - BABYLON IS NO MORE**

# ZEPHANIAH 3

- ▶ **VS. 1-7 - JERUSALEM IS CHASTISED**
- ▶ **VS. 8 - GOD'S INTERPOSITION FOR HIS PEOPLE**
- ▶ **VS. 9-13 - A REVIVAL OF UNITY & UNIVERSALITY OF TRUE WORSHIP**

# ZEPHANIAH 3

- ▶ **VS. 14-17 - GREAT REJOICING IN ZION**
- ▶ **VS. 18-20 - THE GREAT GATHERING**





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# ZEPHANIAH







