



# Zephaniah

## *Background*

- Zephaniah was the great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah (1:1). His noble birth afforded him access to the royal courts of the King.
- He prophesied during the reign of King Josiah (1:1). While commentators are divided about the exact time of his writing, it appears his prophecy helped prepare Judah for the revival which took place in 621 BC.

## *Roadmap*

### 1. Look Within (1:1-2:3)

### 2. Look Around (2:4-3:8)

a. Judgment on the nations (2:4-15)

b. Judgment on Judah (3:1-8)

### 3. Look Beyond (3:9-20)

a. Hope for the nations (3:9-10)

b. Hope for Judah (3:11-20)

## *Landmark*

Zephaniah sounds a warning about the gathering storm of God's judgment. The day of the Lord (referenced 18 x's) is coming. The proud will be exposed while the meek will be hidden until the storm passes over (2:1-3).

## *Must See*

- He is the King of Israel (3:15).
- He is the Righteous Judge of the nations (3:8).
- He is the God who will dwell in the midst of His people and joy over them with singing (3:17).

## *Takeaway*

**Until the storm passes over:**

1. Look within: Seek the Lord.
2. Look around: Declare the Word.
3. Look beyond: Wait on the Lord.