

UNCOMPROMISING FAITH

... the just shall live by his faith Habakkuk 2:4



ZEPHANIAH

Faith In His Promise

Promise for Repentance

Zephaniah 2:1-15

Lesson 2

Background Information

The sovereign God will judge not only His own but also the whole world – no one escapes from His authority and dominion. In His judgment, the nations around Judah would also feel the wrath of God. The prophets Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah had warned them that judgment was coming, but the Gentiles did not repent. God would punish their mistreatment of God’s people, along with their pride and their worship of false gods.

In His mercy God promised the “meek ones” who would turn to Him, that they would be hidden in Him, and cared for during the day of wrath. There would be a righteous remnant in Judah, there would also be people coming to God from the nations of the earth. His desire was to spare the people, but they ultimately rejected His call to repentance. Though He warned of coming judgment, God promised a future day of hope and joy. Wrath and mercy, severity and kindness, cannot be separated in the character of God.

The time is now to turn to God as we near the end of the age and the destruction of the whole earth! God’s people must “redeem the time” that is left to reach out to a lost and dying world!

Treasures of the Heart

**Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden
In the day of the Lord's anger.
Zephaniah 2:3**

What does it mean?



What lesson can I draw from my observations? Ask yourself, “What was the intended meaning of the original author?” Is there a command to obey, or a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid? **State each lesson in a simple sentence that you could share with someone else.** (aim for 10 words or less).

Zephaniah 2:1-3 _____

Zephaniah 2:4-7 _____

Zephaniah 2:8-11 _____

Zephaniah 2:12-15 _____

How can I apply it?



Ask yourself, “What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?” How should it change me? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? (aim for 10 *words* or less)

Zephaniah 2:1-3 _____

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Challenge: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

What **D**id **G**od **S**ay?

See if you can discover what God wants us to understand. What does He want us to understand about His ways? Which of His attributes is He displaying? When we are questioning the circumstances that surround us, understanding Who God is helps us trust Him when we don't see Him working. **Simply state what God is trying to communicate about Himself and how it affects your thinking.**

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

Define three words: does it supply any added meaning to the text?



Getting The Point

See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

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Zephaniah 2:4-7 _____

Zephaniah 2:8-11 _____

Zephaniah 2:12-15 _____

Title State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

Flex Your Muscles Can you discover an N.T. example of this O.T. truth?

Radiating His Truth...

“Hidden in the Lord.” Even in the most calamitous of judgment scenes, the mercy and grace of the Lord is still available to a repentant people.

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