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## Zephaniah

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# 1) The Message of Zephaniah






The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah  
son of ~~Cushi~~, son of ~~Gedaliah~~, son of ~~Amariah~~,  
son of ~~Hezekiah~~, in the days of ~~Josiah~~ son of  
Amon, king of Judah.

**Zephaniah 1:1**



**Hezekiah relied on the LORD God of Israel; not one of the kings of Judah was like him, either before him or after him. He remained faithful to the LORD and did not turn from following him but kept the commands the LORD had commanded Moses.**

**2 Kings 18:5-6**



**Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the Lord's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David; he did not turn to the right or the left.**


**2 Kings 22:1-2**



**When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes...**


**“Go and inquire of the LORD for me, for the people, and for all Judah about the words in this book that has been found. For great is the LORD’s wrath that is kindled against us because our ancestors have not obeyed the words of this book in order to do everything written about us.”**

**2 Kings 22:11, 13**



The king went to the LORD's temple with all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, as well as the priests and the prophets—all the people from the youngest to the oldest. He read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the LORD's temple.

**2 Kings 23:2**



**Next, the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant in the LORD's presence to follow the LORD and to keep his commands, his decrees, and his statutes with all his heart and with all his soul in order to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book; all the people agreed to the covenant.**

**2 Kings 23:3**

	<b>Israel</b>	<b>Judah</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> century	Jonah, Amos, Hosea	Isaiah, Micah
7 <sup>th</sup> century		Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk
6 <sup>th</sup> century		Obadiah, Joel?, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

# 1) The Message of Habakkuk

## A) The Day of the Lord in Judgment (1:1-3:8)




I will completely sweep away everything  
from the face of the earth—  
this is the LORD's declaration.

I will sweep away people and animals;  
I will sweep away the birds of the sky  
and the fish of the sea,  
and the ruins along with the wicked.

I will cut off mankind  
from the face of the earth.


This is the LORD's declaration.

**Zephaniah 1:2-3**




I will stretch out my hand against Judah  
and against all the residents of Jerusalem.  
I will cut off every vestige of Baal  
from this place,  
the names of the pagan priests  
along with the priests;

**Zephaniah 1:4**




those who bow in worship on the rooftops  
to the stars in the sky;  
those who bow and pledge loyalty to the LORD  
but also pledge loyalty to Milcom;  
and those who turn back from following the LORD,  
who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him.

**Zephaniah 1:5-6**




**Be silent** in the presence of the LORD God,  
for the day of the LORD is near.  
Indeed, the LORD has prepared a **sacrifice**;  
he has **consecrated** his guests.

**Zephaniah 1:7**




**On the day of the LORD's sacrifice  
I will punish the officials, the king's sons,  
and all who are dressed in foreign clothing.  
On that day I will punish  
all who skip over the threshold,  
who fill their master's house  
with violence and deceit.**

**Zephaniah 1:8-9**



**The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and rapidly approaching.  
Listen, the day of the LORD —  
then the warrior's cry is bitter.  
That day is a day of wrath,  
a day of trouble and distress,  
a day of destruction and desolation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and total darkness,**

**Zephaniah 1:14-15**

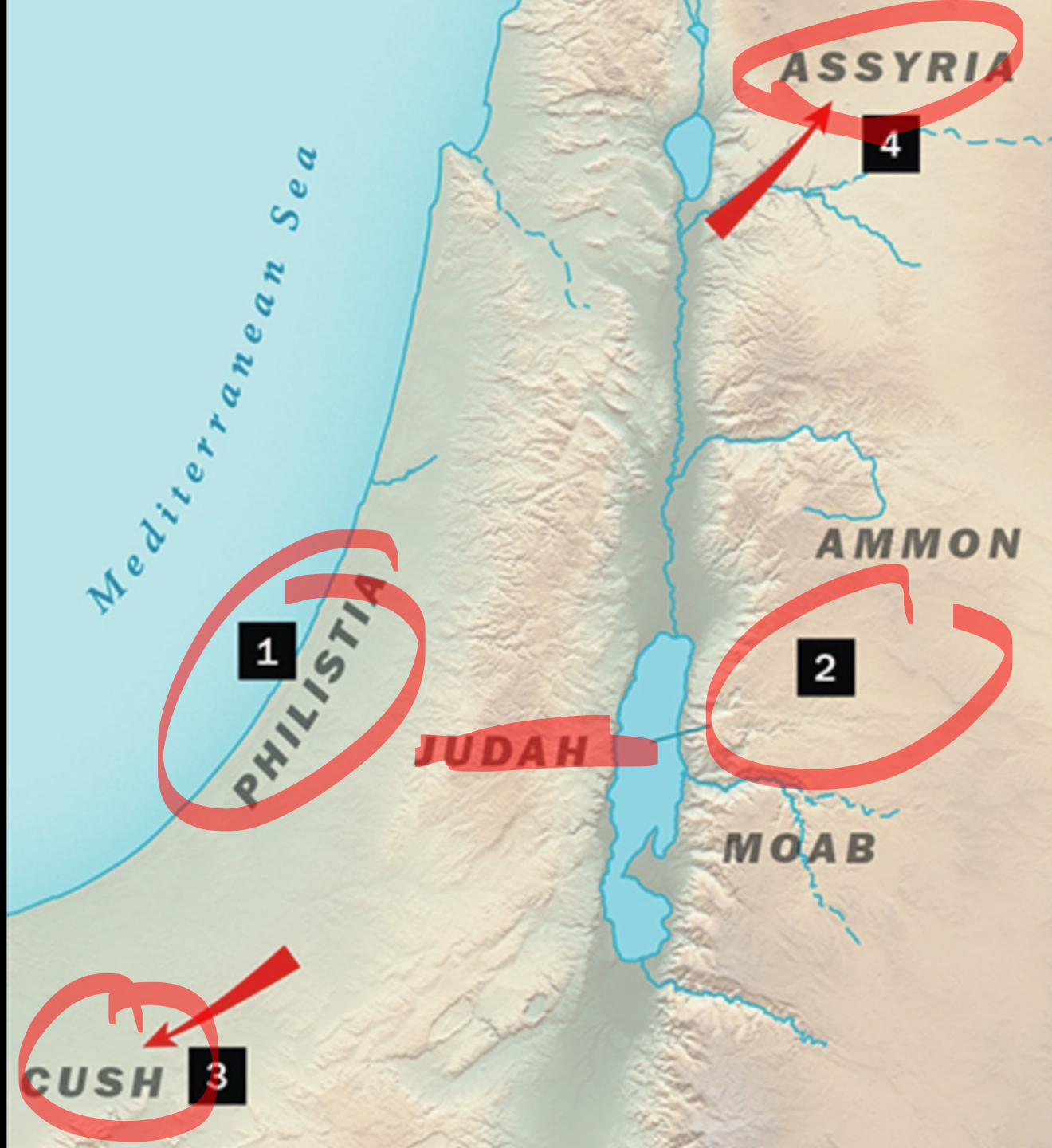



I will bring distress on mankind,  
and they will walk like the blind  
because they have sinned against the LORD.  
Their blood will be poured out like dust  
and their flesh like dung.  
Their silver and their gold  
will be unable to rescue them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath.

**Zephaniah 1:17-18**

Gather yourselves together;  
gather together, undesirable nation,  
**before** the decree takes effect  
and the day passes like chaff,  
**before** the burning of the LORD's anger overtakes you,  
**before** the day of the LORD's anger overtakes you.  
**Seek** the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who carry out what he commands.  
**Seek** righteousness, seek **humility**;  
**perhaps** you will be concealed  
on the day of the LORD's anger.


**Zephaniah 2:1-3**






**Woe to the city that is rebellious and defiled,  
the oppressive city!  
She has not obeyed;  
she has not accepted discipline.  
She has not trusted in the LORD;  
she has not drawn near to her God.**

**Zephaniah 3:1-2**



The **princes** within her are **roaring lions**;  
her **judges** are **wolves** of the night,  
which leave nothing for the morning.  
Her **prophets** are **reckless** –  
**treacherous** men.  
Her **priests** **profane** the sanctuary;  
they do **violence** to instruction.  
The **righteous LORD** is **in** her

**Zephaniah 3:3-5**



Therefore, ~~wait~~ for me –  
this is the LORD's declaration –  
until the day I rise up for plunder.  
For my decision is to ~~gather nations~~,  
to assemble ~~kingdoms~~,  
in order to ~~pour out~~ my ~~indignation~~ on them,  
all my burning anger;  
for the whole earth will be consumed  
by the fire of my jealousy.


**Zephaniah 3:8**

# 1) The Message of Habakkuk

A) The Day of the Lord in Judgment  
(1:1-3:8)


B) The Day of the Lord in Salvation  
(3:9-20)






**For I will then restore  
pure speech to the peoples  
so that all of them may call  
on the name of the LORD  
and serve him with a single purpose.  
From beyond the rivers of Cush  
my supplicants, my dispersed people,  
will bring an offering to me.**

**Zephaniah 3:9-10**



So he got up and went. There was an **Ethiopian** man, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to worship in Jerusalem and was sitting in his chariot on his way home, reading the prophet **Isaiah** aloud. The Spirit told Philip, “Go and join that chariot.”

**Acts 8:27-29**



The LORD has removed your punishment;  
he has turned back your enemy.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is among you;  
you need no longer fear harm.  
On that day it will be said to Jerusalem:  
“Do not fear;  
Zion, do not let your hands grow weak.

**Zephaniah 3:15-16**




The LORD your God is among you,  
a warrior who saves.

He will rejoice over you with gladness.

He will be quiet in his love.

He will delight in you with singing.

**Zephaniah 3:17**




**At that time I will bring you back,  
yes, at the time I will gather you.  
I will give you fame and praise  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes.  
The LORD has spoken.**

**Zephaniah 3:20**


- 1) The Message of Habakkuk**
- 2) The Day of the Lord for You**





Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the generals, the rich, the powerful, and every slave and free person hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, because the great day of their wrath has come! And who is able to stand? ”

**Revelation 6:15-17**



Let us hold on to the **confession** of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. And let us **consider one another** in order to **provoke** love and good works, not neglecting to **gather together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see **the day** approaching.

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

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