

**Significant: The Day of the Lord: Judgment**  
**Zephaniah 1:1-9**

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Zephaniah 1:1 (NIV):** <sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah:

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Psalm 46:10 (NIV):** <sup>10</sup> He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**MAIN POINT:**            **Be silent before the sovereign Lord.**

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Zephaniah 1:2-3 (NIV):** “I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD <sup>3</sup> “I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.” “When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth, declares the LORD,

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**Zephaniah 1:4-6 (NIV):** <sup>4</sup> “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests— <sup>5</sup> those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the LORD and who also swear by Molek, <sup>6</sup> those who turn back from following the LORD and neither seek the LORD nor inquire of him.”

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Exodus 20:3-5a (NIV):** <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,

**SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:**

**Exodus 33:15-16 (NIV):** <sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

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“The human heart takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment, if we attain them”—Tim Keller, Counterfeit Gods.

**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**Zephaniah 1:7-9 (NIV):** <sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. <sup>8</sup>“On the day of the LORD’s sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit.

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**Romans 12:1-2 (NIV):** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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