

Zephaniah 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Zephaniah means - hidden by Yahoveh

This Book was written approx-515 BC, before the captivity of Judah by Babylon)

1 The word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah. (Hizkiah = Hezekiah, king of Judah – this is just a different spelling in the translation)

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD. (Some believe these are just the evil things; others believe that this is at the end of this Age, when all flesh <good and bad> is turned into spiritual bodies)

(The “ways of the world” will end. All people will return to spiritual bodies – which need no possessions or wealth. There will be one leader – Jesus Christ)

3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked: and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD. (The stumbling blocks are the false teachings that will lead people into deception by antichrist. On the Lord’s Day, no flesh will be left. Only the true Word of God will be taught)

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; (Chemarims- Baal priest’s black robes – Akin got himself executed for hanging onto one of these, when God commanded Joshua and Israel to take no spoils from the battle)

(Judgment begins at the pulpit. A false teacher can lead large numbers of people into confusion and idolatry. God will end these false teachers once and for all)

(There will be one God in the Millennium; no more idol worship of false deities)

5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by

Malcham; (host of heaven = angels; angel worship is a grievous sin against God. Both Daniel and John fell on their faces before an angel. They were quickly and sternly corrected and told to get up. Worship God, not the angels)

(Malcham <in Hebrew> "king god" – a form of Molochism. They were sacrificing their own children to Moloch through fire. God called this an abomination)

NOTE: (Today, we are sliding right back into the perversion and atheism because of the growing influence of the liberal left. God corrected Israel, and He will correct us if we don't change our ways. We have let political correctness replace morality. It needs to stop, or we will feel God's wrath again – just like Israel and Judah did)

⁶And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him. (turned back from the LORD – the great apostasy. Those are the people who will be deceived by antichrist, and turn against God. They never studied the Bible chapter by chapter, verse by verse. They will be easily deceived in the end days. They will think that antichrist is Jesus, returned; and they will worship him)

NOTE: (The preachers who teach rapture theory today are responsible for leading people into this. Satan's message will be – "I'm Jesus Christ. I have returned to rapture you away. All you have to do is worship me". And the deceived ones will do just that because they were not taught the truth)

(Jesus taught us – "Many will come in my name. Do not be deceived by them") Matthew-24:3-31

⁷Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. (During the Millennium – on the Lord's Day; His guests are the Elect)

(Those who have not worshipped the false messiah will be invited to the Great Wedding of Jesus Christ to His church)

⁸And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel. (They are wearing false priest's robes. They have fallen for antichrist's lies and have worshipped him)

(Our apparel in the end days is the Gospel armor) Ephesians-6:11-19

(Our Apparel in the Millennium is our righteous acts) Revelation-19:8

⁹In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. (In those days, nobles sent out people to steal from other nobles and from the people in general. God does not condone stealing of any kind)

(Spiritually speaking – those are they who go out to steal souls away from God. They do it through false teachings)

¹⁰And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills. (The Mount of Olives – when Christ returns; He will split the mount in two, right down to the east gate of Jerusalem) Zechariah-14:4

(The truth is absolute. There is no “one size fits all” religion – like antichrist will be teaching)

(There is right and there is wrong. When Jesus returns there will be a great division – some will be with Him; and some will be with the ways of the world. Jesus said – I come to make a division) Luke12:51-53

¹¹Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off. (Maktesh = a mortar for a pestle, used for grinding grain and spices)

(The crooked merchants will be corrected. The money changers and lenders <crooked bankers> will also be corrected)

¹²And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. (These are the atheists, heathen and agnostics that don't believe that God will return to correct the world. These people ignore God's Word. This amounts to mocking God. That is not a good position to take. God will not be mocked – by anyone)

¹³Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof. (The corrupt

ones won't be around to enjoy their ill gotten gains and their worldly luxuries)

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. (If he was deceived by antichrist; because he never bothered to learn the Word of God for himself)

¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, (This will be when the world will be in the spiritual darkness of Satan's deception)

¹⁶ A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. (This is the 7th Trump – when people will realize that they have been deceived and have worshipped Satan. Jesus said – there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth)

¹⁷ And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. (The blind leading the blind – false preachers leading people to follow antichrist as if he was God)

(God will see these preachers as worse than worthless. It is bad enough to deceive yourself; but it is far worse to deceive others. They will all have to be taught God's Word in the Millennium; and then tested, to see if they measure up)

Romans-11 (God does spiritually blind some of the people, for their own protection, during the reign of antichrist. They will also need to be taught God's Word in the Millennium. We have a merciful God)

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land. (All of their money won't buy them a ticket to heaven. The crooks' ill gotten gains won't save them)

See 2Peter-3:10 also see Hebrews-12:29