



CELEBRATIONCHURCH

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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ICE BREAKER: Has God arrested your attention? How?

Title: (How) Will You Respond?

The Book of Zephaniah – during Judah’s hectic political and religious history, reform comes from time to time. Zephaniah, an 11th hour prophet, hammers home his message repeatedly that the day of the Lord is coming. Israel and her gentle neighbors (**nations**) will soon experience the crushing hand of God’s wrath. God is holy and must vindicate His righteousness by **calling all the nations** of the world into account before Him. Why? → Judah is polluted with idolatrous priests who promote the worship of Baal and nature, and her officials and princes are completely corrupt.

Zephaniah names means “*Yahweh hides*” and he is the only prophet of royal descent – only 4 generations removed from King Hezekiah.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NIV) - *What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.*

Zephaniah –

Chapter 1: The J _____ on the Whole Earth

1:2-3

“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD. ³“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.”⁴“When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth,” declares the LORD,

(a) C _____ of the Judgment

:6

(b) D _____ of the Judgment

:14-:18

Chapter 2: C _____ to R _____

2:1-3

*“Gather together, gather yourselves together, you shameful nation, before the decree takes effect and that day passes like windblown chaff, before the LORD’s fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the LORD’s wrath comes upon you.³ **Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD’s anger.**”*

Chapter 3: The Promise of C _____

3:9 & :12

“Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.- But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD”.

✓ The Promise of Restoration

3:15-20