

Zephaniah 1

King James Version (KJV)

Zephaniah means - hidden by Yahoveh

This Book was written approx-515 BC

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 – 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 the evil things; others believe that this is at the end of the age when all flesh is turned into spiritual bodies)

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. (stumbling blocks are the false teachings that will lead people into deception by antichrist. On the Lord's Day, no flesh will be left)

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) (There will be one God in the Millennium; no more idolatry to 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 angels) (Malcham <in Hebrew> "king god" – a form of Molochism – sacrificing their children to Moloch through fire. God called this an abomination)

6 And 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 deceived by antichrist, who turn against God. They think that antichrist is Jesus, returned)

⁷ Hold 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. (In the Millennium – the Lord's Day; His guests are the Elect)

⁸ And 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. (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. Our Apparel in the Millennium is our righteous acts)

⁹ In 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; spiritually – those who go out to steal souls away from God's teachings)

¹⁰ And 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

¹¹ Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off. (Maktesh = mortar for a pestle, for grinding grain and spices) (The crooked merchants will be corrected. The money changers and lenders <crooked bankers> will also be corrected)

¹² And 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. (Atheists, heathen and agnostics that don't believe that God will return to correct things)

¹³ Therefore 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. (They won't be around to enjoy their ill gotten gains and 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 is in the darkness of Satan's deception)

¹⁶ A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. (The 7th Trump – when people will realize that they have been deceived and have worshipped Satan)

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 people as worthless. They will have to be taught in the Millennium, and then tested to see if they measure up)

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 their money won't buy them a ticket to heaven. The crooks ill gotten gains won't save them)