

Interesting Facts About Zephaniah

MEANING: “Yahweh Hides.”

AUTHOR: Zephaniah

TIME WRITTEN: Between 640 and 612 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 36th Book in the Bible
- 36th Book in the Old Testament
- 14th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 9th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 30 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 3

VERSES: 56

WORDS: 1,476

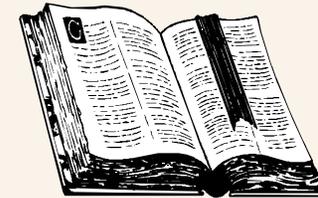
ZEPHANIAH

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ZEPHANIAH:

- Zephaniah was:
 - Born during the later part of the reign of King Manasseh.
 - The great-great grandson of the godly king Hezekiah
 - The only prophet of royal descent.
- Zephaniah was a contemporary of:
 - Jeremiah
 - Habakkuk
- Zephaniah was indeed an “11th hour” prophet to Judah.
- Josiah:
 - Became the King of Judah at age 8
 - By age 16 his heart had already begun to turn toward God.
- Josiah’s two sets of reform:
 - 1st reform occurred during the first year of his reign in 628 B.C.
 - Tore down all the altars of Baal.
 - Destroyed the foreign incense altars.
 - Burned the bones of the false prophets on their altars.
 - Broke the carved images and molten images in pieces.

- 2nd reform six years later in 622 B.C. having been kindled when Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law in the Temple (2 Chronicles 34:8-35:19).

- Zephaniah pronounces God’s coming judgment upon the nations that surround Judah.
 - To the west: Philistia
 - To the east: Moab and Ammon
 - To the south: Ethiopia
 - To the north: Assyria
- Jerusalem is characterized by:
 - Spiritual rebellion
 - Moral treachery
- The Book of Zephaniah:
 - Opens with:
 - Idolatry
 - Wrath
 - Judgment
 - Closes with:
 - True worship
 - Rejoicing
 - Blessing



“Seek the Lord , all you meek of the earth,
who have upheld His justice. Seek
righteousness, seek humility.”

Habakkuk 2:20