

Zephaniah Discussion Questions

Questions on the Text

1. **The Day of the LORD (Zeph. 1:2–18):** Zephaniah paints a sobering picture of coming judgment. What stands out to you in his description of “the Day of the LORD”? How might this challenge complacency in our own spiritual lives?
2. **A Call to Repentance (Zeph. 2:1–3):** The prophet urges the people to seek humility and righteousness before the day of wrath. What does this reveal about God’s heart, even in judgment? How can we practice this kind of seeking today?
3. **A Remnant Preserved (Zeph. 3:9–13):** Zephaniah promises a purified people who call on the LORD with one voice. What qualities mark this remnant, and how might they serve as a model for us?

Hope of Messiah

6. **The LORD in Your Midst (Zeph. 3:15, 17):** Zephaniah declares that “the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst.” How might this anticipate Messiah’s coming presence with His people?
7. **Mighty to Save (Zeph. 3:17):** God is pictured as rejoicing over His people with singing. How does this verse reflect the tender strength of Messiah? In what ways do we see this fulfilled in Yeshua?
8. **Restoration of Exiles (Zeph. 3:19–20):** The promise of regathering exiles points forward to the Messianic Kingdom. How does this deepen our hope in Messiah’s ultimate restoration of all things?

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9. **The Day of the LORD (Zeph. 1:14; 1 Thess. 5:1–11; 2 Peter 3:10–13):** How do the apostles build on Zephaniah’s imagery of the “Day of the LORD”? How should believers prepare for this day?
10. **A Pure Language (Zeph. 3:9; Acts 2:1–11; Rev. 7:9–10):** Zephaniah envisions the nations calling on God with one voice. How do the events at Pentecost and the vision of Revelation echo this prophecy?
11. **Rejoicing in the Lord (Zeph. 3:14–17; Philippians 4:4–7):** Compare Zephaniah’s call to rejoice with Paul’s exhortation. How do both point us toward joy rooted in God’s presence rather than in circumstances?

Application

12. **Heeding the Warning:** What complacencies or idolatries in our own time might Zephaniah confront? How can we respond with humility rather than presumption?
13. **Living as the Remnant:** Zephaniah highlights a humble, righteous, truth-speaking remnant. How can we cultivate those qualities in our families and communities?
14. **Rejoicing in God’s Delight:** What does it mean for us personally to believe that God rejoices over His people with singing? How might embracing this truth transform the way we walk with Him and with others?