

12. Zephaniah

*Zephaniah 1; Judgment on Judah and end-time universal judgment (1:1-18)

- This chapter is a warning of judgment to Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The disobedience of the people would result in the Babylonian invasion of Judah and the eventual destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. This passage also speaks of end-time universal judgment that will occur during the Great Tribulation (1:2-3, 18). "Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the LORD's wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, for He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth" (1:18).

*Zephaniah 3; Judgment on nations (3:8); millennial kingdom described (3:9-20)

- During the Great Tribulation, the nations will be judged (3:8). The blessings of the millennial kingdom are described in the last section of this chapter (3:9-20). During the Millennium, Christ will rule as King on the earth. "The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you will fear disaster no more" (3:15).