

1. In verses 2-3, Zephaniah speaks God's word of judgment against "everything" including man and best, birds and fish. God intends to sweep everything away. Compare what Zephaniah says with Genesis 1:31. What is different?

What caused the difference (Genesis 3:1,6)

2. How is this judgment different from the judgment at Noah's time (Genesis 6:7; 9:15; compare with 2 Peter 3:7)?

3. After declaring a worldwide judgment, Zephaniah immediately personalizes it. God's own people are counted among the wicked that God will sweep from the face of the earth. There have been many evil acts throughout history. What actions of the people of Jerusalem did Jesus choose to lament (Matthew 23:37)?

4. Zephaniah begins his list of God's accusations against Judah. First there is the cult of Baal. When had the children of Israel originally encountered Baal (Numbers 25:1-2)?

What was another famous attempt to rid Israel of Baal worship (1 Kings 18:20-40)?

5. The second group condemned are those who worship God but also worship Milcom. Milcom was a god of the Ammorites, also called Molech. The people described here did not give up worshipping God. They bowed down to the Lord but they also bowed down to Milcom. What's wrong with that (Matthew 4:9-10)?

6. The third group condemned are those who have turned back from following God, who no longer seek him. What does Hebrews 6:4-6 say about such people?

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Zephaniah Seek

Zephaniah 1:1-9

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You know John 3:16 but do you know Zephaniah 3:17?

1. A time marked by _____ v. 4

2. A time marked by _____ v. 5a

3. A time marked by _____ v. 5b

4. A time marked by _____ v. 6

Acts 3:19-21

¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the LORD, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.