

Background

- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of this book?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the date of this book? How is this related to major historical events?
- What was happening at the time of Zephaniah's ministry? What was Judah experiencing? Why? How did this influence the message of this book?

Outline

- What are the two main sections of Zephaniah? What does each section generally cover? How is the first one divided? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Zephaniah?
- How are the two sections of Zephaniah related? What is the proportion of material given to each section? How is that significant? How does the book end? What is the significance of this?

Content

- What are the key verses of Zephaniah? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Zephaniah? What does each tell us about how God deals with His people?
- How is the "Day of the Lord" described in this book? How is this similar to this theme in other Old Testament books? What response is recommended in the key verses? What difference should this make for us?
- How is hope communicated in the key verses? What promises are made? How were they fulfilled? How should we respond?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of Zephaniah? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- How are these themes similar to themes seen in earlier Old Testament books? What does Zephaniah add to these concepts? What difference does this make?

Review

- Review the two sections of Zephaniah and work toward committing them to memory.
- Review the key themes of Zephaniah and work toward committing them to memory.