

Zealous Indignation

Zephaniah

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The people of Jerusalem and all Judah had descended into idolatry, worshiping Baal and Molech, all the while claiming to follow the Lord. Their leadership was corrupt, and the people were complacent about their relationship with God. Zephaniah, a descendant of King Hezekiah, spoke out about God's coming judgment against Judah.

The Lord will sweep you from the face of the earth. Your executioners have already been chosen. You have been prosperous, but you will not reap the benefits of that prosperity. Desolation is coming your way – distress, anguish, gloom. All that you have accomplished will fall to ruins.

Your only hope is immediate repentance. Seek the Lord. Follow the Lord's commands. Do what is right. Live Humbly. Only then will the Lord show kindness and spare your lives.

You are not alone, Judah. The nations all around you will also suffer for their sins. Even the Assyrian empire will fall. Its capital city, Nineveh, will be utterly destroyed.

Then the Lord said:

I have wiped out many nations, yet you continue to disregard my warnings. The day is coming when all the earth will be devoured by the fire of my zealous indignation. Then I will gather together those of you who remain, the remnant of my people. Others from every nation will join you. I will purify all of you so that you might worship together. I will live among you and will restore your prosperity.