

OBADIAH

MICAH

# ZEPHANIAH

HABAKKUK

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## The Gospel According to the Minor Prophets



“Everyone who has been given much, much  
will be required.”

Jesus - Lk 12:48

“With great power comes great responsibility.”

Uncle Ben to Peter Parker

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## ZEPHANIAH PROPHECIES DESTRUCTION TO JUDAH

Zeph. 1:4 “So I will stretch out My hand against Judah  
And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.  
And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,  
*And* the names of the idolatrous priests along with the priests.”

## DESTRUCTION WILL BE LIKE IN DAYS OF NOAH

Zeph. 1:2-3 <sup>2</sup>“I will completely remove all *things* From the face of the earth,”  
declares the Lord.  
<sup>3</sup> “I will remove man and beast; I will remove the birds of the sky  
And the fish of the sea, And the ruins along with the wicked;  
And I will cut off man from the face of the earth,” declares the Lord.

# ZEPHANIAH PROPHECIES DESTRUCTION TO JUDAH

## DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND

Zeph. 1:14 <sup>14</sup> Near is the great day of the Lord,  
Near and coming very quickly;  
Listen, the day of the Lord!

Zeph. 1:15 <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath—  
- a day of distress and anguish,  
- a day of trouble and ruin,  
- a day of darkness and gloom,  
- a day of clouds and blackness



## GOD IS AFTER THE HEART

Jer. 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

## THE ROOT OF ISRAEL PROBLEM

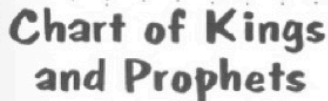
Zeph. 1:12 “At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.’

# GOD'S WORD DELIVERS A BLOW TO OUR SOUL ON PURPOSE

Prov. 20:30 “Blows and wounds scrub away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being.”



## northern Kingdom - Israel



### Explanation

1. This chart represents the period of Israel's history from the crowning of Saul to the captivity of Judah.
2. Each space between the dotted lines represents ten years.
3. Notice these three divisions of this period of Israel's history:  
First, the United Kingdom—from 1043 to 931 B.C.  
Second, the Divided Kingdom—from 931 to 722 B.C.  
Third, the Surviving Kingdom—from 722 to 586 B.C.
4. The reigns of the kings are identified as evil (shaded) or good (unshaded). Notice that in some instances two kings reigned at the same time within a kingdom.
5. The names in the smaller boxes are those of the contemporary prophets. Those who are authors of biblical books are indicated thus: N A M.
6. The dates of the kings are those of John C. Whitcomb's chart *Old Testament Kings and Prophets*.

## Southern Kingdom - Judah

**Hosea**  
**Jonah Amos**

**Most evil reign  
of all the kings**

Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

# Obadiah Joel

Nahum  
(Zephaniah) Habakkuk

## Micah

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ACTIVITY OF JUDAH

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# FOOLISHNESS REQUIRES DISCIPLINE

Prov. 22:15 - <sup>15</sup> Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Heb. 12:5-10

- <sup>5</sup> “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him;  
<sup>6</sup> For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,  
And He scourges every son whom He receives.”  
<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what  
son is there whom his father does not discipline?  
<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them;  
shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?  
<sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but  
He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness

# GOD'S WORD NOT ONLY REBUKES BUT REVIVES

Ps. 119:25 - "My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Your word."

"word" in Heb. = *dabar*



## **GOD'S WORD NOT ONLY REBUKES BUT REVIVES (ZEPH. 3)**

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

# THE GOSPEL IN ZEPHANIAH

Prophetic ministry is a community event.

We need to be prophets one to another.