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## THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR

### Zephaniah 1:1-2:3

#### IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AS WE START ZEPHANIAH:

##### 1. Why are we studying Zephaniah?

- a. All Scripture is from our God. – 2 Timothy 3:16
  - i. Every book of the Bible is a different way that God speaks to us.
    1. In Zephaniah, we will see that God is the God of justice and joy.
    2. In Zephaniah, we will also see that God is the God who saves and sings.
  - ii. Every book of the Bible is a different way that God speaks to us about Christ.
- b. All Scripture is for our good. – 2 Timothy 3:17
  - i. God uses His Spirit and Word for our maturity.
  - ii. God uses His Spirit and Word for our ministry.

##### 2. Where is Zephaniah in the overall redemptive story of the Bible?

- a. The Kingdom of God = God's People in God's Place under God's Rule and Blessing.
- b. In Zephaniah, God's people are warned they will be removed from God's place because they've refused to submit to God's rule and will be disciplined because of their disobedience.
  - i. Zephaniah is written while Josiah is King and before Jerusalem is conquered by the Babylonians.
- c. Yet...God will preserve a remnant of His people whom He will deliver through discipline.

##### 3. What does Zephaniah mean?

- a. "Jehovah has treasured" or "Yahweh has hidden"
- b. DeRouchie: His name testifies to his parents' living faith in God and their hope in His protective care during the dark days of King Manasseh (696-642 BC, see 2 Kings 21).

##### 4. What are some key verses in Zephaniah?

- a. Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

