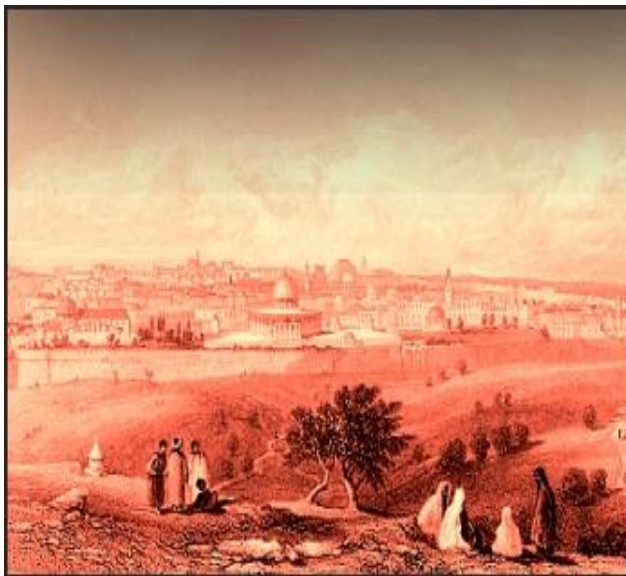


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The book of Zephaniah

scripture reading: Zephaniah

We have been meditating the books of prophets and their views from bible. This book is written by Zephaniah who lived in Jerusalem during the beginning of King Josiah's rule in Judah. The Book of Zephaniah tells about events that took place in the city of Jerusalem in the late seventh century B.C., when Josiah was king. The northern kingdom Israel had been destroyed nearly a century earlier by the Assyrians. The southern kingdom Judah had suffered under the extraordinarily wicked rules of Manasseh and his son Amon. The evils of their reigns had made doom appear certain. But the godly King Josiah led an important revival that affected all Judah. Scripture reports that this revival, though short-lived, delayed God's judgment, the invasion by Babylon. Zephaniah's message announced the day of the Lord—a coming day of doom—in the darkest of terms, but it also promised the blessing of future glory in a picture as bright as the doom was dark.



My dear sweet hearts,

The book of Zephaniah tells firstly bad news because of the people of Judah followed the wicked things of king Manasseh and Amon lead people to pagans and then it also tells good news because king Josiah is going to lead the people to God. But unfortunately after King Josiah's rule the people of Judah fallen again in pagan's worship. This exactly says when we do wrong, our parents punish us and when we repent and obey, we will be appreciated. In the same manner our heavenly Father also does the same. But HE goes further and rewards for the repent and righteousness. So if you would have done something that is not acceptable in sight of God, repent and turn from it today, HE will not only show you mercy but also bless you with HIS love and rewards. So my dear children, you must remember, whatever we believe and do well determine our reward or punishment. Ok. What do you want to receive today? Reward or.....?

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Psalm 143:10

Prayer

Loving heavenly Father, teach me to do your will and please you in all my ways. Help me to receive rewards from your hand. In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen

