**OUTLINE OF ZEPHANIAH**

*The Day of the Lord*

I. A Day of Judgment 1:1-3:8

A. Upon the Whole Earth 1:1-3

B. Upon Particular Nations 1:4-3:8

II. A Day of Hope 3:9-20

A. For All Nations 3:9,10

B. For Israel 3:11-13

C. For Jerusalem 3:14-20

**COMMENTARY ON ZEPHANIAH**

1. Zephaniah is a classic example of how Bible study can become meaningful.

A. What does this book say to God’s people today?

1. It says nothing, directly that is. Indirectly, it speaks to all and all things.

2. We read nothing of the history of the USA in Zephaniah, directly that is.

a. Neither George Washington nor Donald Trump is mentioned.

b. Neither popes nor preachers are mentioned.

3. On the other hand, all leaders, all lands, all people can hear this message.

a. The scriptures teach us how history works.

2. Zephaniah is a classic example of how and what the Bible is teaching us.

A. In it, God reveals himself.

B. In it, we discover how to understand history.

C. In it, we learn how knowing the future teaches us to understand the present.

1. Example. This week I was asked, “Bill do you believe in an afterlife?”

a. What about “Present Life”

D. In it, we learn that Denial is not a river in Egypt.

E. In it, we learn that the study of light is more than the study of physics.

3. Zephaniah is a study in Hope.

A. “*From whence cometh my help?*” (my strength, my wisdom, my hope): Psa. 121

B. Hope is kindled by the Bible’s presentation of the past, the present, and the future

1. In a nutshell, this is the purpose of all prophecy and preaching.

2. Hope is founded and grounded in realizing that our God speaks.

a. When He speaks, He gives us His word.

(1) His word is His bond.

**My Hope Is in The Lord**

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| **1.** My hope is in the Lord  Who gave Him-self for me And paid the price  Of all my sin at Cal-va-ry.  **CHORUS:** *For me He died; For me He lives, And everlasting life And light He free-ly gives.* | **2.** No merit of my own His anger to suppress My only hope is found In Jesus' righteousness  (REPEAT CHORUS)  **3.** And now for me He stands Before the Father's throne He shows His wounded hands And names me as His own  (REPEAT CHORUS) | **4.** His grace has planned it all 'Tis mine but to believe And recognize His work of love And Christ receive.  (REPEAT CHORUS) |