

SIXTY-SIX BOOKS

ZEPHANIAH'S SUPERIOR SHALOM

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Zephaniah's message summarized. Zephaniah prophesied that only a humble, faithful remnant would escape the universal destruction of the Day of the LORD and experience its unparalleled blessing.

Zephaniah's message outlined.

Superscription (1:1)

The Introduction of the Day of the LORD: Universal Destruction (1:2-18)

 Against the world, generally (1:2-3, 14-18; 2:8b)

 Against Judah/Jerusalem, particularly (1:4-13)

The Escape (2:1-3)

 Duties (2:1-3; 3:8)

 Gather! (2:1-2)

 Seek! (2:3)

 Yahweh

 Righteousness

 Humility

 Motivations (2:4-3:8)

 God's curse on Judah's enemies (2:4-15)

 to the west (2:4-7)

 to the east (2:8-10)

 to the south (2:12)

 to the north (2:13-15)

 God's curse on Judah/Jerusalem (3:1-7)

 Wait! (3:8)

The Conclusion of the Day of the LORD: Unparalleled Blessing (3:9-20)

 For the world, generally (3:9-10)

 For Israel/Jerusalem, particularly (3:11-20; 2:6-7, 9b)

I. God's superior justice

A. Against the world, generally

1:2-3, 14-18; 2:4-5, 8-10, 12-15; 3:8, 15

B. Against the Jews, particularly

1:4, 7-13; 2:1; 3:1-7

II. God's superior salvation

A. For the Jews, chiefly

2:1-3, 6-7, 9b, 11; 3:9-13, 14-20

B. For the nations, too

2:11; 3:9-10

III. God's superior kingdom

A. Its timing

B. Its source

C. Its citizens

1. Believing | *2:1-3*

2. Worshippers | *2:3, 11*

3. Just | *2:3; 3:13*

4. Righteous | *2:3*

5. Humble | *2:3; 3:11-12*

6. Pure | *3:9*

7. Converted | *3:9, 12*

8. Unashamed | *3:11, 19*

9. Unified | *3:9*

10. Truthful | *3:13*

11. Happy | *3:14*

12. Safe | *3:15-16*