

Ongoing theme of Bible:

- God is holy.
- He must call all nations and people to _____.
- God is _____.
- He will bless all who call upon Him.

Historical Background

Lineage listed; descendant of _____

Tsephan-yah= 'Yahweh hides' or 'Yahweh has hidden'

Who were Manasseh and Amon?

- Son and Grandson of Hezekiah
- Over _____ years of negative influence
- Foreign influence of Baal, Asherah, Astral Cult
- 2 Kings 21:1-18

Prophecy most likely occurred during Josiah's early reign 630-625 BC

- The sins listed out in Zephaniah predate Josiah's reforms so it is likely that Zephaniah's prophecy had some role in preparing for the _____ Josiah implemented.
- 2 Chronicles 34:3-7,29-31
- Examples of common sin of his day: wickedness, Baal worship, idolatry, worship of the heavens, murder, violence, deceit, & indifference.

What does Zephaniah tell the people to do in light of the coming judgment?

Zephaniah encourages them to _____, beg, and _____ do what is right.

Zephaniah 2:1-3

Day of the Lord in Zephaniah:

- Judgment
 - Sins of men, Judah, & Nations (1:2-3), (1:4-18), (2:4-15)
- _____
 - Conversion & Restoration (3:9-13), (3:14-20)

As a prophet, Zephaniah got a glimpse into the future, not just of the coming judgment but of something that may have perplexed him:

For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will rejoice over you with great gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will exult over you singing a happy song....” Zephaniah 3:17

What am I going to do with what I am learning?

Answer Key (in order): account, merciful, Hezekiah, 50, reforms, pray, humbly, salvation
