



Worship Service  
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## Zephaniah: Hope through the Darkness

Lesson Five • Zephaniah 2:4-15

### Woe to the Nations

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The whole WORLD stands under God's sovereign rule; He is the ultimate Judge of all the nations. Therefore, it's useless to seek refuge from God's judgment in other nations and their impotent gods.

*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. For...*  
Zephaniah 2:3-4

#### Woe to the Nations on the Day of the Lord

### 1. God Will JUDGE the Gentile Nations Justly!

#### The Judgment of Gentile Nations

- God will judge PHILISTIA in the West (vs. 4-7).
- God will judge MOAB and AMMON in the East (vs. 8-11).
- God will judge CUSH in the South (vs. 12).
- God will judge ASSYRIA in the North (vs. 13-15).

#### Judgment Justified

These nations will be judged by God because of their PRIDE against God and His people.

*"I have heard the taunts of Moab and the revilings of the Ammonites, how they have taunted My people and made boasts against their territory." Zephaniah 2:8*

*This shall be their lot in return for their pride, because they taunted and boasted against the people of the LORD of hosts. Zephaniah 2:10*

*This is the exultant city that lived securely, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is no one else." Zephaniah 2:15*

### 2. God CARES for His People Steadfastly!

#### The Steadfast Love of God

- God's judgment includes the promise of RESTORATION (vs. 6-7).
- God's judgment includes the promise of VINDICATION (vs. 9).

### 3. God Offers HOPE to Believers Universally!

#### The Hope of Believers

- There's hope that idolaters will come to FEAR the Lord (vs. 11).
- There's hope that people all over the world will WORSHIP the Lord (vs. 11).

#### Challenge for Believers Today

Believing that God LOVES you—that He cares for you in times of difficulty and that there is hope through the darkness.