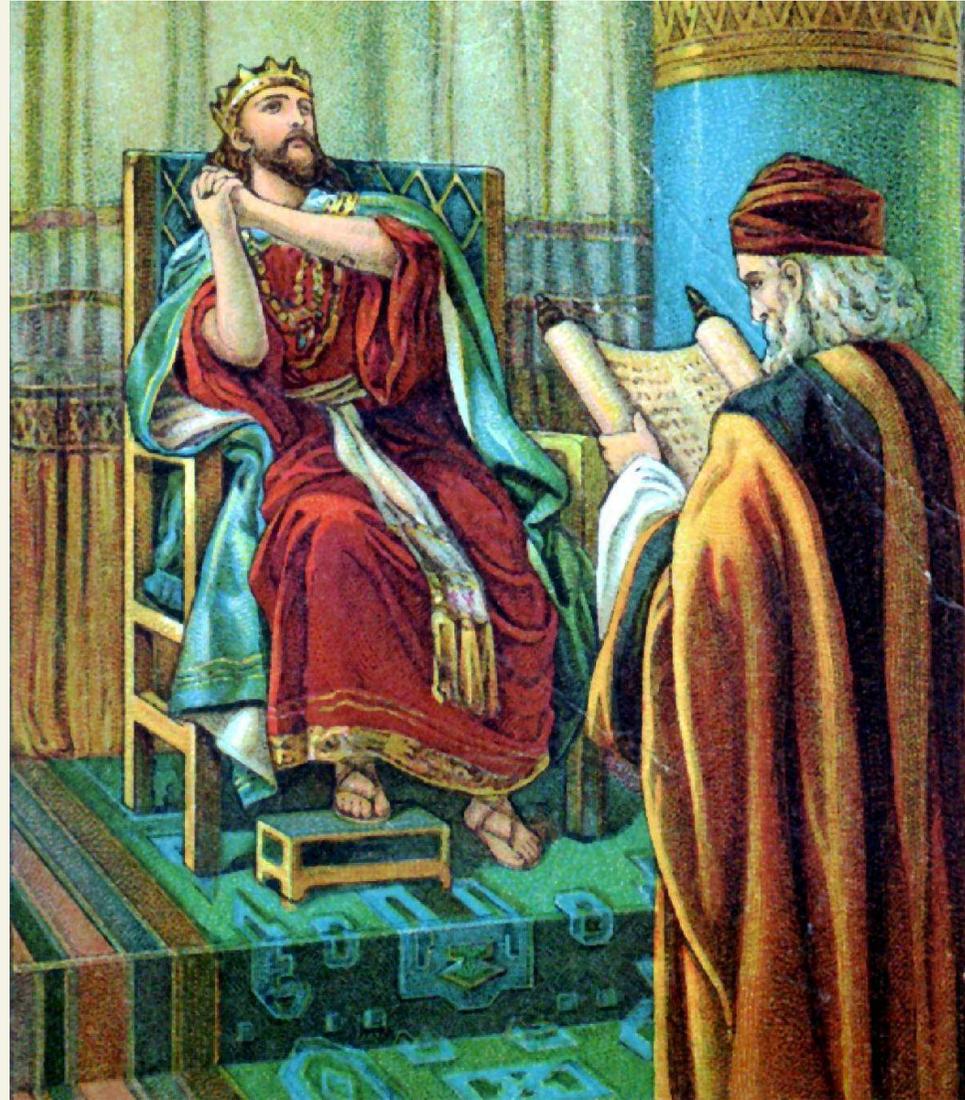


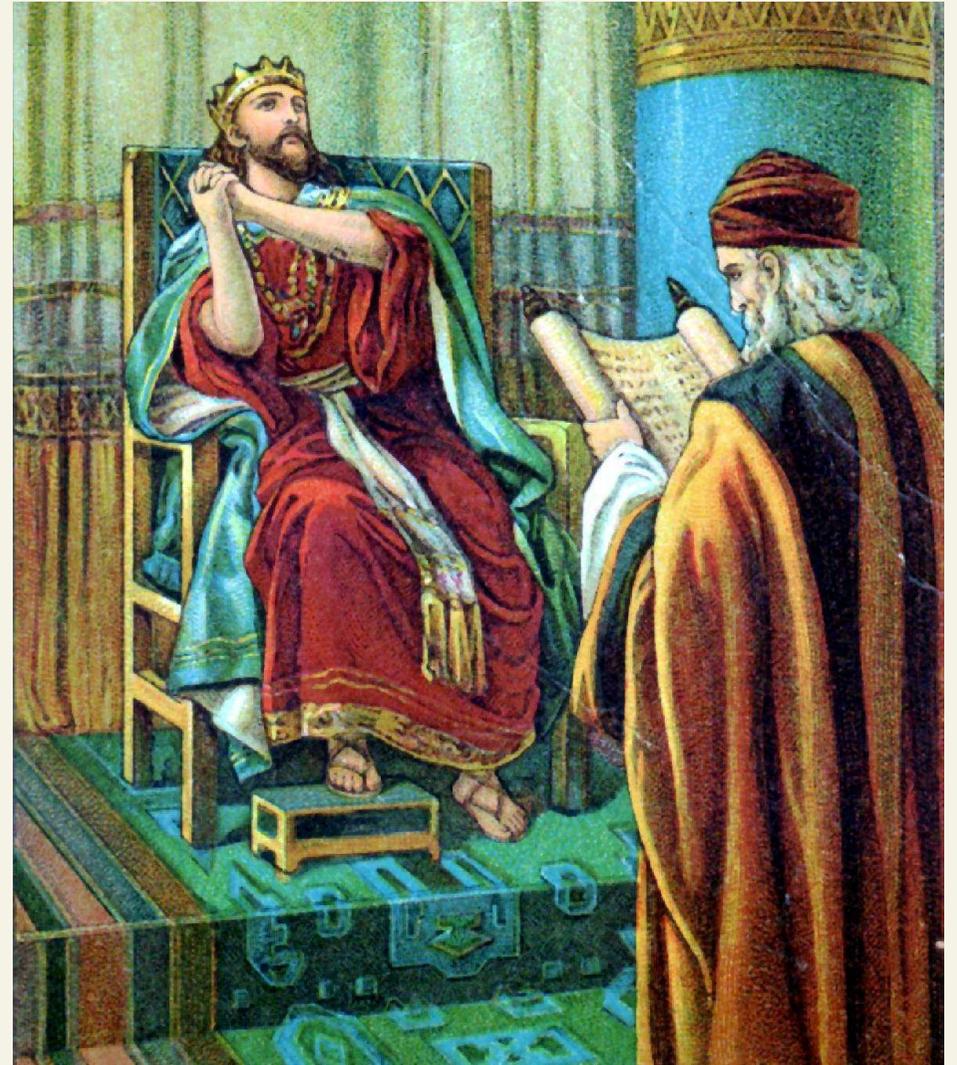
Zephaniah

- *God hides or
God protects*



Zephaniah

- *The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah:*



Zephaniah

- *God hides/protects*
- *THE DAY OF THE LORD*

30	lord
21	day
8	land
6	live
6	every
6	people
5	son
5	declares
5	time
5	left
5	gather
5	no-one

4	away
4	earth
4	cut
4	jerusalem
4	remnant
4	seek
4	near
4	lord's
4	wrath
4	anger
4	god
4	israel
4	city

The historical context: An evil nation

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			2 Ch 29-32
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			2 Ch 34-35

The historical context: An evil nation

- *Manasseh*
 - *Engaged in abominations of the heathen*
 - *Built up again the high places*
 - *Reared up altars for Baal*
 - *Worshipped & served all the host of heaven on altars in the Temple*
 - *Made his son pass through the fire*
 - *Observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards*
 - *Wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD*

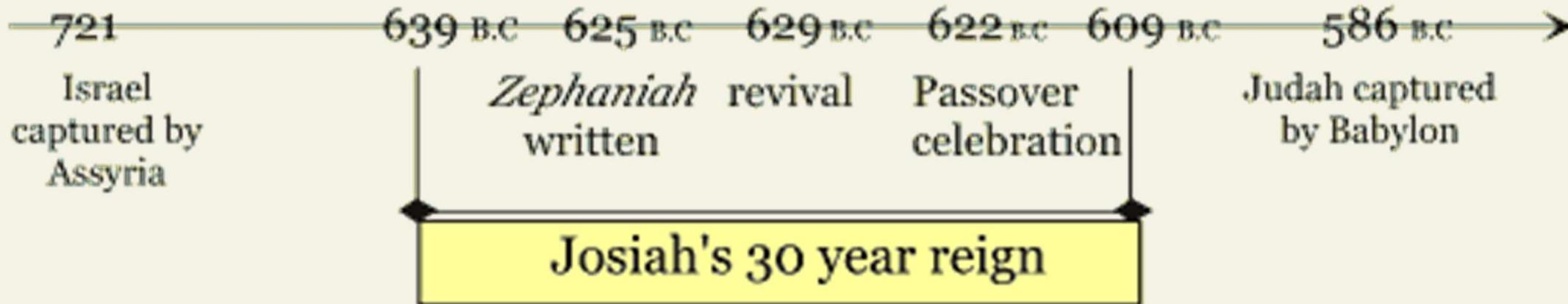
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- **Amon**
 - *Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for two years.*
 - *He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done.*
 - *He walked in all the ways of his father; he worshipped the idols his father had worshipped, and bowed down to them.*
 - *He forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.*

The historical context

Significant events for *Zephaniah*

around



Timeline of Zephaniah



The historical context: A good King

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The Day of the Lord

Theme	Judgment of the Day of the Lord			Salvation of the Day of the Lord		
Scope	Author	On Judah & Jerusalem	On the Nations	Sinfulness of Jerusalem	Judgment & Restoration	
Chapter	1:1	1:2-18	2:1-3	2:4-15	3:1-8	3:9-20
Key Word	LORD	Sin	Shelter	Idolatry	Desolation	Remnant



Literary Structure of the Message

- **Note the chiastic structure of this section of the book:**
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- **B Judgment on Judah 1:4—2:3**
- **C Judgment on Israel's neighbors 2:4-15**
- **B' Judgment on Jerusalem 3:1-7**
- **A' Judgment on all nations 3:8**

Literary Structure of the Message

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 - B Israel's shouts (3:14b)
 - C Jerusalem's joy (3:14c)
 - D Yahweh's deliverance (3:15a, b)
 - E Presence of Yahweh the king (3:15c)
 - F No more fear (3:15d)
 - G Jerusalem's future message (3:16a)
 - F' No more fear (3:16b, c)
 - E' Presence of Yahweh the God (3:17a)
 - D' The mighty deliverer (3:17b)
 - C' God's joy (3:17c)
 - B' Yahweh's silence (3:17d)
 - A' Yahweh's singing (3:17e)

The Judgment of The Day of the Lord

- On Judah and Jerusalem
- **SIN**
 - **Judgment**
 - *Baal, pagan idolatrous priests*
 - *worship the stars*
 - *duplicity worship of God & idols*
 - *rejection of the true God*
 - *invitation of the Sovereign Lord, silent before Him*
 - **Punishment-the great day of the Lord's**
 - *royalty, idolatrous priests*
 - *pagans who approach to God's place of worship*
 - *those who think God will not act*

Ch 1:2-18

**1 Samuel
5:5**

The Judgment of The Day of the Lord

- On Judah and Jerusalem

- **SHELTER**

- *1 Gather together, yes, gather together, O shameful nation,*
- *2 before the appointed time arrives and that day sweeps on like chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD comes upon you, before the day of the LORD's wrath comes upon you.*
- *3 Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.*

Ch 2:1-3

The Judgment of The Day of the Lord

- On the Nations

- **IDOLATRY**

- *Gaza*

- *Moab/Ammonites*

- *Pride*

- *Insulted my people, plan to invade their land*

- *False gods*

- *Cushites*

- *Assyria/Nineveh*

- *I am, and there is none besides me*

- **REMNANT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

- *Gaza, the nations..*

Ch 2:4-15

The Salvation of The Day of the Lord

- Sinfulness of Jerusalem

- **DESOLATION**

- 1 *Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled!*
- 2 *She obeys no-one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God.*
- 3 *Her officials are roaring lions, her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning.*
- 4 *Her prophets are arrogant; they are treacherous men. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law.*
- 5 *The LORD within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.*
- 6 *"I have cut off nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no-one passing through. Their cities are destroyed; no-one will be left — no-one at all.*

Ch 3:1-8

The Salvation of The Day of the Lord

Ch 3:8-20

- Judgment & Restoration
- REMNANT
- Sequence
 - 8 Therefore wait for me," declares the LORD, ... I have decided to assemble the nations, and to pour out my wrath on them ..
 - 9. "Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.
 - 10 From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshippers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings.
 - ...who trust in the name of the LORD.

The Salvation of The Day of the Lord

Ch 3:8-20

- Judgment & Restoration

- REMNANT

- Salvation

- 14 Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.
- 16 On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.
- 17 The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."
- 20 At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

The Day of the Lord

- **The Lord**
 - *Created us to be His people*
 - *He desires that we trust in Him*
 - *Forgiveness & repentance is always there by His love, grace, and purpose*
 - *He judges all who turn away from Him and who live without Him*
 - *He is and will always be the Sovereign Lord over all rulers and powers of this world*
- **You and Me**
 - *The remnant who humble, repent, rejoice, and live in His love and calling*
 - *IN THAT DAY OF THE LORD..hope, fear, trust, and witness for Him by His Spirit and His Word*

