**Zephaniah**

*The Day of the LORD is at hand*

*Zephaniah 1*

Background

* Zephaniah means “Jehovah Hides” or “hidden of the Lord”
* Key verse
  + Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger. (Zephaniah 2:3 )

Not by Water….. (v 1-6)

* V4 – Those wholly given to idol worship
* V5 – Those mixing worship of God and Baal
* V 6 – Those who have nothing to do with God
* 1 ¶ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: 3 ¶ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 ¶ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 ¶ *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, (2 Peter 3:1-11)

Everything is in Order (v 7)

* Silence
* Preparation
* The Guest List
* The Order of Punishment (8-9)
  + Leaders
  + The Privileged (king’s children)
    - NOTE: God takes issue with those who dress like the world (i.e. strange apparel)
  + Those filled with violence and deceit (v 9)

Crying and Agony Fill the Air (v 10-11)

Lies People Hold On To

* I Can Hide from God (v 12)
* God Won’t Do Anything (v 12)
* It’s Not as Bad as You Say (v 13, 15-17)
* I’ve Got Time (v 14)
* I’ll Be OK. I’m Prepared (v 18)