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Zephaniah 3:1-4 (or BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH)


ART: Paints Zep. as man with lamp searching for sinners in Jerusalem so that God may find & punish them.

LESSON: What he finds in his search. Four charges!

I. OUTLINE OF ZEPHANIAH.

A. God's people, Judah, are indicted for sin.

B. Outside nations convicted and condemned for sin.

(C. Vision of glory and grandure for Jewish nation.)

II. FOUR CHARGES AGAINST THE JEWISH CAPITAL CITY (people).

A. Obeyed not the voice of God. Led to Syncretism (Compro.

1. Ex. 23:12 the warning. Zeph. 1:2-6.*


3. Like skeptic + siren. Weight 400 lbs. on corpse. "Hunt! No!"

B. Received not correction from the Lord.


2. The penalty will be severe. Zeph. 1:14-18.*

C. Trusted not in God.

1. Violated the wisdom of the ages. Prov. 3:5-10.*

2. Rejected their own Psalms. Ps. 37:3-7.

D. Drew not Near to God.

1. Vs. 9. Leaped on threshold, master's house etc.

2. Vs. 8. Clothed in strange apparel (foreign), seeking to be different, bazaar, exotic, proud.

3. CONSEQUENCES: Judah captured 606 B.C., exiled by Nebuchadnezzar, imprisoned, king blinded, temple destroyed and Jerusalem a memory!!

4. Later: Return to them to aid + bless. 3:9-20.*

INV: Jerusalem given every chance: Warned & threatened.


Can any of Jerusalem's charges be made against you? IF SO, REMOVE THEM RIGHT NOW.

REVIEW: AS WE STAND TO SING.