

## **SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: ZEPHANIAH**

*The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah. (Zephaniah 1:1)*

### **The Man Zephaniah**

- Name: *The name 'Zephaniah' means 'Jehovah has hidden'.*
- Family: *If 'Hezekiah' mentioned in 1:1 is King Hezekiah, then Zephaniah is from the royal family.*
- Times: *Zephaniah ministered during the reign of Josiah (640-609BC). IN 2:13-15, he prophesied concerning the fall of Assyria. Assyria fell in 612 BC. Hence, Zephaniah must have preached between 640 – 612 BC.*

### **The Book & Message of Zephaniah**

#### Chapter 1 Day of the LORD

- It is FEARFUL! (1:14-16)
- It is COVENANTAL! (1:13 cf. Deuteronomy 28:30,39)
- It is INESCAPABLE! (1:18)

#### Chapter 2 Seek the LORD

- Seek now, for you might be spared! (2:1-3)
- Seek now, for none shall be spared! (2:4-3:7)

#### Chapter 3 People of the LORD

- He will purify His people!
- He will rejoice over His people!

*The LORD your God in your midst,  
The Mighty One, will save;  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
He will quiet you with His love,  
He will rejoice over you with singing.*

**Zephaniah 3:17**