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THE COMING DAY OF WRATH

Sermon notes from 4/20/08

Zephaniah 1:14-18

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Summary

The Day of the LORD - Seeing the Judgment of God, Finding His Hope
Zephaniah wrote to the people of Judah during the reign of King Josiah. Though the people would experience a temporary revival when discovering the law, their true hope would come as the true King of Israel would be found in their midst!

Zephaniah Text

The great day of the LORD is near--
near and coming quickly.

Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter,
the shouting of the warrior there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness,
a day of trumpet and battle cry

against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men,
because they have sinned against the LORD.

Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.

Message

I. There Must Be a Reckoning.

II. No One Will Escape

III. God's Vindication Will Be Complete.

Application

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction:

1. Why does justice demand wrath on all evil-doers?
2. Is God just? Is His punishment of evil right?
3. How do we think we are going to escape?