




The Anger of the LORD

Zephaniah 1:1-2:3

Background

- Zephaniah – descendant of King Hezekiah? (1:1)
- Days of Josiah
 - Good king ruling an evil Judah
 - Superficial reforms – Jeremiah 25:1-7



God's Anger Brings Destruction (Zephaniah 1:2-3)

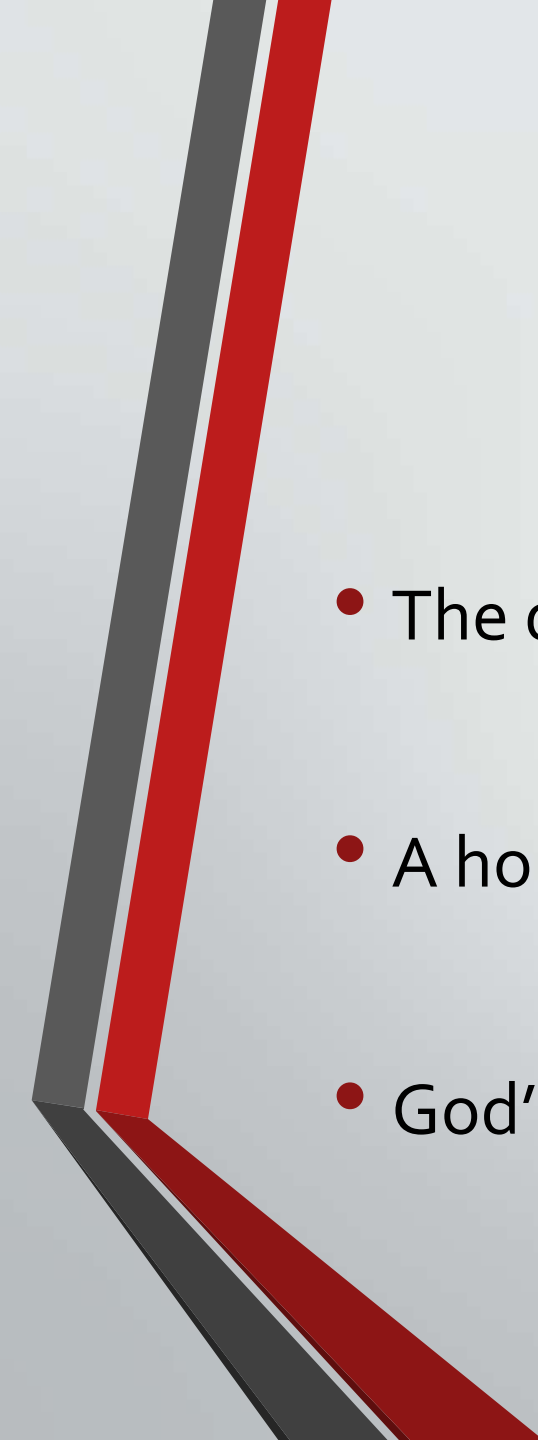
- Deconstruction of the earth
- Cosmic language to describe local judgment (see 1:4f, 2:4,8, etc.)

God's Anger Against Sin (Zephaniah 1:4-13)

- Idolatry (v. 4-9, Ex. 20:3-6)
- Spiritual apathy (v. 12-13, see Deut. 8:11-14)
- God's anger is an expression of his holy character (Rom. 1:18f)

God's Anger Is to be Feared (Zephaniah 1:14-18)

- The day of the LORD
 - Babylon – Is. 13:6,9
 - Egypt – Ezek. 30:3
 - Judah – Zeph. 1:14-18



God's Anger Is to be Feared (Zephaniah 1:14-18)

- The day of the LORD
- A horrible day!
- God's anger is an expression of his jealousy (Ex. 20:3-6, James 4:4-5)

God Spares the Humble from His Anger (Zephaniah 2:1-3)

- Repent “before” the day comes
- “Seek”
 - The LORD
 - Righteousness
 - Humility

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- God’s anger is tempered by his grace and patience (Ex. 20:5-6, Deut. 5:9-10, 2 Peter 3:9-10)