

LESSON 71

***Jonah,
Naham,
Habakkuk,
Zephaniah***

JONAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH

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OBSERVATIONS

1. What was Jonah's assignment from God? How did he try to run away? (Jonah Chapter 1)
2. How did God bring him to repentance? (Jonah Chapters 2 & 3)
3. When Jonah delivered the message, how did Nineveh respond? (Jonah Chapters 2 & 3)
4. What is Jonah's response to Nineveh's repentance? (Jonah Chapter 4)
5. What is the book of Nahum about? (Nahum Chapter 1)
6. What does God call Nineveh? How does He feel about Nineveh? (Nahum Chapters 2 & 3)
7. What are Habakkuk's complaints and what is God's answer? (Habakkuk Chapters 1 & 2)
8. Who was Zephaniah a prophet to and what was his main message from the Lord? (Zephaniah Chapter 1)
9. What was Zephaniah's message to Philistia, Moab, Ammon, Cush, Assyria, and Nineveh? (Zephaniah Chapter 2)
10. What does Zephaniah say that Jerusalem's character is at that time? (Zephaniah Chapter 3)

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DEEPER THOUGHT

1. What can we learn from God not killing Jonah for his disobedience, and Jonah's statement about worthless idols? (Jonah Chapter 2)
2. Why was Jonah upset because Nineveh repented? (Jonah Chapter 4)
3. What did God teach Jonah, which is a lesson for us? (Jonah Chapter 4)
4. Nahum says God is slow to anger, and yet he will not leave the guilty unpunished. What can we learn from this and from Nineveh's repentance? (Nahum Chapter 1)
5. What lesson is to be learned from the nation who builds its wealth by unjust gain and makes itself wealthy by extortion? (Habakkuk Chapter 2)
6. Habakkuk foresees a time when the fig trees won't bloom, there won't be any fruit on the vine, the olive crop will fail, and there will be no livestock. What outlook should the people have at that time, and what can we learn from this? (Habakkuk Chapter 3)
7. What attitude is God severely dealing with in Judah? (Zephaniah Chapter 1)
8. Even though great judgment is brought on Jerusalem because she is rebellious and defiled, what is God's final word on the matter? (Zephaniah Chapter 3)

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Consider this:

Zephaniah means “Jehovah has hidden”. Even when God seems hidden to us, if we are earnest and cry out, He will joy over us and rest in His love for us.

ANSWERS TO LESSON 71

OBSERVATIONS

1. To preach against Nineveh because of its wickedness. He tried to take a boat to Tarshish. (1:1-3)
2. The ship ran into the storm. When Jonah confessed that he was running from God, they threw him overboard and a great fish swallowed him. (2)
3. They repented in sackcloth and asked God for compassion. (3)
4. He is angry at God for sending him to pronounce judgment and then having compassion on Nineveh because they repented. (4:1-3)
5. It is an oracle concerning Nineveh. (1:1)
6. A city of blood. He is against it. (3:1, 5)
7. The wicked prosper. Why does God allow it? God says He uses the wicked of Babylon for His own purposes, but woe to them, for they will be judged. (1 & 2)
8. Zephaniah prophesied to Judah, a warning of coming destruction because of their idolatrous ways. (1)
9. Destruction from the Lord. Philistia will be destroyed and none would be left. Moab and Ammon would become like Sodom and Gomorrah. The Cushites would be slain by the sword. Assyria would be destroyed, especially Nineveh. (2)
10. She is an oppressor who obeys no one, accepts no correction and does not trust in the Lord. She is rebellious and defiled. (3:1-2)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. God doesn't want to hurt or destroy us, but he will go to great lengths to teach us obedience. Any idol, including having our own comfort, causes us to forfeit the grace that would be ours. (2)
2. Jonah was embarrassed because God changed his mind when Nineveh repented, and did not destroy Nineveh as Jonah has prophesied. (4)
3. God wants us to learn that compassion for people is way more important than our reputation. (4)
4. God loves us and wants us to be one with Him. He is very patient with us if we will simply be earnest and repent. (1:3)
5. In the way we mete it out, it will be meted out to us. The plunderer will become the plundered and the oppressor the oppressed. (2:6-12)
6. The people should rejoice in the Lord. We should always rejoice in adverse circumstances because God is our strength and savior! (3:17-19)
7. Complacency. Those who say the Lord isn't doing anything. (1:12)
8. The Lord in our midst is mighty. If we repent, he will rest in his love for us and joy over us with singing. (3:17)