

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of June 29, 2025

"Biblical Personalities: Zephaniah"

BELIEVERS' JOY

SundayRead Zephaniah 3:14-20

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem." One of the great benefits of those who have placed their faith in God and His Word is the joy God provides. One of the great things that brings joy is God's prophetic truth. Much of the Holy Scriptures is God's revelation of coming events. Those who have placed their faith in God and His eternal truth have the benefit of preparing for that which will happen. Much of Biblical prophecy has already been fulfilled, particularly regarding the birth of Jesus to be the Savior of the world. A great deal regarding God's chosen nation of Israel has been and is being fulfilled. True Christians have the joy of seeing prophetic truth of the return of Jesus happening in our day! Israel is the focus of much of today's news!

GOD'S AWARENESS

MondayRead Zephaniah 1:10-12

"And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." The prophet Zephaniah emphasized that God was very aware of what was happening with His chosen people. He saw the waywardness of many, and He saw the faithfulness of those committed to pleasing Him. This should be a reminder to all in the world today. By recognizing God's awareness of world events and our personal lives, we should do all we can to please Him. We can be confident that God will prevail in world circumstances, giving believers a peace in the midst of all the turmoil in the world! God is aware of what we are thinking according to Jeremiah 29:11: *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."* Our God is ever present and all-knowing!

GOD'S PLEASURE

Tuesday Read Isaiah 46:8-11

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." There is no earthly power that can resist the power of God! God can step in at any time He pleases to alter the course of history. His power can be used for great things for believers, and His power can stymie unbelievers when God so chooses. When the wickedness in the world was great in Noah's day, God sent a worldwide flood. He did spare Noah and his family! On His earth, God will

do as He pleases. He will bless those who seek His will, and intervene with Divine power when necessary. God is the creator and nothing is too hard for our God!

GATHERINGS

WednesdayRead Zephaniah 2:1-2

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired." God does not expect His people to go at it alone. In the Church Age, all believers are expected to be part of a body of believers. We call it local churches. The early believers formed local assemblies in the communities where they lived. The believers were God's light in the community to penetrate the darkness of the world. To open a person's eyes to the light of the gospel is the best thing we can do for anyone! We work together with God the Holy Spirit to get it done! It is so important to heed God's command in Hebrews 10:25: *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."* Our Father in heaven loves for His family to get together!

GOD'S THRONE

ThursdayRead Romans 5:1-2

"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." The most important place in all the universe is the throne of God in heaven. Jesus, the Savior of the world, is at the right hand of God in heaven. It is because of Jesus paying the penalty for sinners that gives believers access to God's throne. We have the joy and peace of knowing that our Savior and Lord is there interceding for us. We are God's workers, as pointed out in I Corinthians 3:9: *"For we are labourers together with God:"* God leads; we follow!

GOD'S ADVICE

FridayRead Zephaniah 3:5-7

"I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings." Of all the counselors in the world, the best one is God. Praise God that by the work of the Holy Spirit, we have the Bible. God has put into writing His thoughts. There is no more important book in the world than the Bible. It contains, among other things, God's instructions for our lives. In Jeremiah 29:11: *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."* To bring delight to the heart of God, we must follow His advice as we are told in Psalm 37:23: *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way."*

GOD'S WAY

Saturday Read Isaiah 30:18-21

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." The most meaningful life any person can live is to do things God's way. That gives an eternal purpose to every day of our lives. The families that do things God's way have a happy home. Working on the job doing things God's way will get eternal rewards as well as our wages. People in communities that do things the way God planned make for better neighborhoods. Read the Bible, God's Word, and do things God's way! We are given this warning about doing things our own way in Proverbs 14:12: *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."*