

## **BIBLE CHALLENGE**

1. Zephaniah was a:
  - a. Shepherder
  - b. Fisherman
  - c. Rabbi
  - d. Prophet
2. What king was reigning during Zephaniah's time?
  - a. David
  - b. Josiah
  - c. Solomon
  - d. Herod
3. Zephaniah predicted the fall of what city?
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. Bethlehem
  - c. Galilee
  - d. Cairo
4. Zephaniah was greatly concerned about:
  - a. The drought in the land
  - b. The lack of fish
  - c. The king's flashy wardrobe
  - d. The pagan practices of the Jewish people
5. The religious leaders of the day were:
  - a. Concerned about building a new temple
  - b. Concerned about having enough bulletins for worship
  - c. Corrupt
  - d. Growing grapes to make wine

## **ZEPHANIAH**

Zephaniah was a prophet around the same time as Jeremiah. He prophesied during the early reign of the religious reformer King Josiah.

Zephaniah's criticisms centered on the rampant pagan practices of the Jewish people and on the corruption of civil and religious leaders. His words may have lent support to Josiah's efforts to reestablish the Mosaic Law beginning in 621 B. C.

In the book Zephaniah, he predicts Jerusalem's inevitable fall, which comes at the hands of the Babylonians in 586 B. C. He also speaks of God's judgment falling on the foreign nations of Moab, Ammon, Philistia and Assyria. Only a few who repented and turned back to God would escape judgment and enjoy God's future kingdom.

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Answers: 1d; 2b; 3a; 4d; 5c