Zephaniah Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What unique literary feature is prominent in the book of Zephaniah?

Ⓐ A poetic structure with vivid imagery and calls to repentance
Ⓑ A series of parables
Ⓒ A historical narrative with detailed battles
Ⓓ A collection of genealogies

2. What unique literary style characterizes the book of Zephaniah?

Ⓐ Historical narrative
Ⓑ Genealogical lists
Ⓒ Poetry and prophetic oracles
Ⓓ Parables

3. Who is identified as the author of the book of Zephaniah?

Ⓐ Jeremiah
Ⓑ Zephaniah
Ⓒ Jonah
Ⓓ Habakkuk

4. How does Zephaniah describe the Day of the Lord?

Ⓐ A day of wrath, trouble, distress, wasteness, and darkness
Ⓑ A day of peaceful rest
Ⓒ A day of material prosperity
Ⓓ A day of great celebration and joy

5. How does the book of Zephaniah conclude about God's attitude toward His people?

Ⓐ The Lord will rejoice over you with singing
Ⓑ The Lord will abandon them permanently
Ⓒ The Lord will be indifferent to them
Ⓓ The Lord will remain angry forever

6. What event or day does Zephaniah repeatedly refer to as a time of God's judgment?

Ⓐ Day of Atonement
Ⓑ Feast of Tabernacles
Ⓒ Day of the Lord
Ⓓ Passover

7. **What does Zephaniah say about Ethiopia?**
   - Ⓐ Ethiopia will rule over other nations
   - Ⓑ Ethiopia will be specially blessed
   - Ⓒ You Ethiopians also, you shall be slain by My sword
   - Ⓓ Ethiopia will escape all judgment

8. **What does Zephaniah say about those who have turned back from following the Lord?**
   - Ⓐ I will give them another chance
   - Ⓑ I will bless them anyway
   - Ⓒ I will ignore their rebellion
   - Ⓓ I will cut them off

9. **What does Zephaniah say God will do about the proud?**
   - Ⓐ I will ignore pride completely
   - Ⓑ I will reward prideful behavior
   - Ⓒ I will make the proud even more prideful
   - Ⓓ I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride

10. **In what way does Zephaniah connect to other biblical books?**
    - Ⓐ It references the coming of the Messiah
    - Ⓑ It echoes themes found in Joel and Amos
    - Ⓒ It quotes extensively from Psalms
    - Ⓓ It contains the Ten Commandments

11. **What does Zephaniah prophesy God will do to the earth?**
    - Ⓐ I will leave everything unchanged
    - Ⓑ I will only bless the righteous
    - Ⓒ I will utterly consume everything from the face of the land
    - Ⓓ I will gradually improve conditions

12. **How does Zephaniah describe Jerusalem's spiritual condition?**
    - Ⓐ She is polluted, oppressive, and rebellious
    - Ⓑ She is making steady progress
    - Ⓒ She is perfectly righteous
    - Ⓓ She is better than other cities

13. **What is one of the unique stylistic features of Zephaniah?**
    - Ⓐ Genealogical lists
    - Ⓑ Historical narrative
    - Ⓒ Poetic and rhythmical language
    - Ⓓ Use of parables

14. What religious practices does Zephaniah condemn in Judah?

Ⓐ Praying at wrong times
Ⓑ Reading Scripture too much
Ⓒ Only worshipping in the temple
Ⓓ Worshipping Baal and swearing by both the Lord and Milcom

15. What does God promise to do to languages/speech?

Ⓐ I will turn to the peoples a pure language that they may call on the Lord
Ⓑ I will eliminate all foreign languages
Ⓒ I will confuse all languages forever
Ⓓ I will make Hebrew the only language

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Answer key: Zephaniah Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **A. A poetic structure with vivid imagery and calls to repentance**

The book is written in a striking poetic style that combines intense, picture-laden descriptions of coming judgment with urgent, passionate appeals for the people to turn back to God.

Zephaniah 1–3

2. **C. Poetry and prophetic oracles**

Zephaniah is primarily composed of poetic prophecies and oracles, which is characteristic of many prophetic books, emphasizing rhythm and vivid imagery (see Zephaniah 1-3).

Zephaniah 1–3

3. **B. Zephaniah**

Zephaniah is both the prophet and the author of the book, as stated in the opening verse (Zephaniah 1:1).

Zephaniah 1:1

4. **A. A day of wrath, trouble, distress, wasteness, and darkness**

Zephaniah 1:15 gives this vivid description of the Day of the Lord as characterized by various forms of judgment and darkness.

5. **A. The Lord will rejoice over you with singing**

Zephaniah 3:17 beautifully concludes with God rejoicing over His people with gladness and singing.

6. **C. Day of the Lord**

Zephaniah emphasizes the 'Day of the Lord' as a day of wrath, judgment, and reckoning (Zephaniah 1:14-18).

Zephaniah 1:14-18

7. **C. You Ethiopians also, you shall be slain by My sword**

Zephaniah 2:12 briefly but decisively prophesies judgment on Ethiopia (Cush) by God's sword.

8. **D. I will cut them off**

Zephaniah 1:6 declares God's judgment on those who have turned back from following the Lord and those who don't seek Him.

9. **D. I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride**

Zephaniah 3:11 promises that God will remove those who rejoice in pride from among His people.

10. **B. It echoes themes found in Joel and Amos**

Zephaniah shares themes of judgment and restoration with books like Joel and Amos, highlighting divine justice and hope for renewal.

Zephaniah 1:14-15

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11. **C. I will utterly consume everything from the face of the land**

Zephaniah 1:2-3 describes God's comprehensive judgment that will consume all things from the face of the earth.

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12. **A. She is polluted, oppressive, and rebellious**

Zephaniah 3:1 describes Jerusalem as polluted, oppressive, and rebellious, despite being God's chosen city.

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13. **C. Poetic and rhythmical language**

Zephaniah is written in poetic form, characterized by rhythm and parallelism typical of prophetic literature (Zephaniah 1-3).

Zephaniah 1–3

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14. **D. Worshipping Baal and swearing by both the Lord and Milcom**

Zephaniah 1:4-5 condemns the worship of Baal and those who swear by both the Lord and Milcom (an Ammonite god).

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15. **A. I will turn to the peoples a pure language that they may call on the Lord**

Zephaniah 3:9 promises to give peoples a pure language so they can all call on the name of the Lord and serve Him.

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