

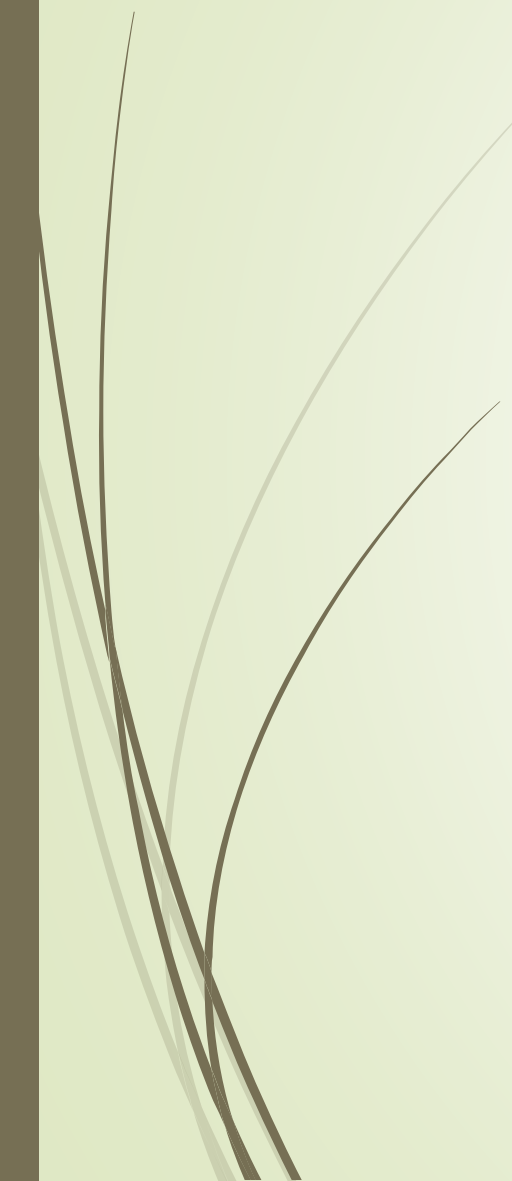


Stagnant in Spirit



Zephaniah's Message in 1:1 - 3-8

**God will punish spiritual
laziness as well as the sins
that grow from it.**





Outline of Zephaniah

- I. The Day of the Lord will bring judgment (1:1-3:8)
- II. The Day of the Lord will bring blessings (3:9-20)

Zephaniah Timeline

Assyria



Israel
Destroyed



Israel

722

Reform
Under
Josiah



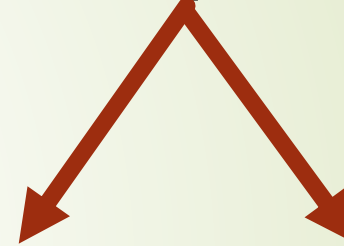
628

Assyria
Destroyed



612

Babylon



Judah
Destroyed




586



Judah



Zephaniah
635-628



Passage
Structure
(1:2 – 3:8)

Global judgment (1:2-3)

Against Judah (1:4-13)

Severity (1:14-18)

▶ Call to repent (2:1-3)

Against enemy nations (2:4-15)

Against Judah (3:1-7)

Global judgment (3:8)



Zephaniah 1:1 – 3:8

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Indictments Multiplied

- Idolatry (1:4-5)
- Divided affections (1:5)
- Falling away (1:6)
- Lack of spiritual focus (1:6)
- Worldliness (1:8)
- Violence (1:9-11)
- Deceit (1:9)
- Stagnant in spirit (1:12)
- Assuming God is indifferent or uninvolved (1:12)



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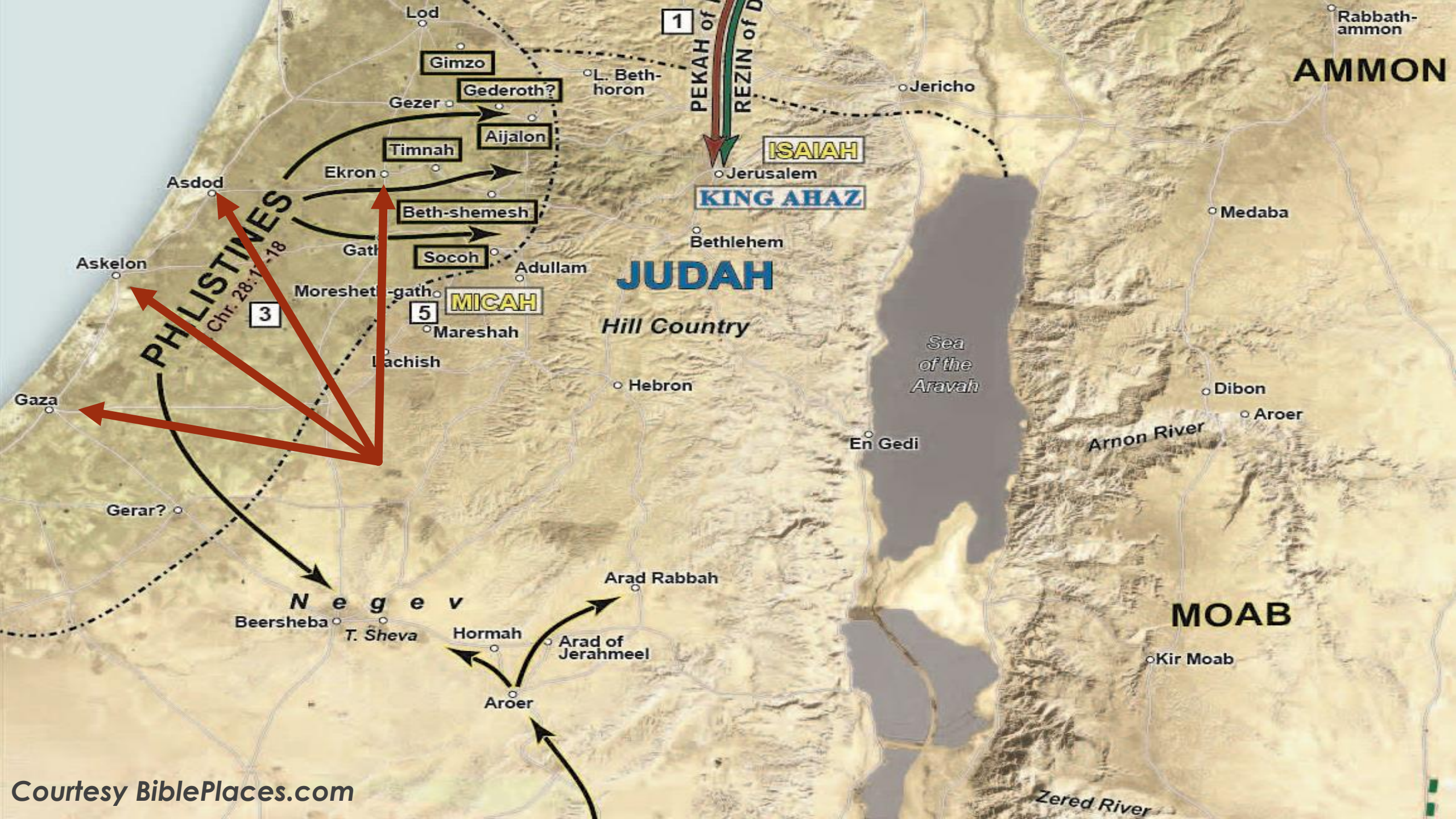
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- **IV. Judgment approaches for all who rebel against the Lord. (2:4-3:8)**



AMMON

Rabbath-ammon

1
PEKAH of
REZIN of D

ISAIAH

KING AHAZ

JUDAH

Hill Country

5
MICAH

PHILISTINES
Chr. 28:7-18
3

MOAB

Negev



ASSYRIA

AMMON

MOAB

Gaza

EGYPT

JUDAH
independent

Nineveh

Arbela

MEDIA

Ecbatana

ZAGROS MOUNTAINS

MESOPOTAMIA

BABYLON

ELAM

SUMER

ARAM

ISRAEL

EDOM

Sinai

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Mediterranean Sea

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Dedan

Tayma

Duma

Ezion-geber

Rekem

Jerusalem

Samaria

Tyre

Gebal

Damascus

Riblah

Kedesh

Arvad

Ugarit

Qarqar

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Babylon

Tel Aviv?

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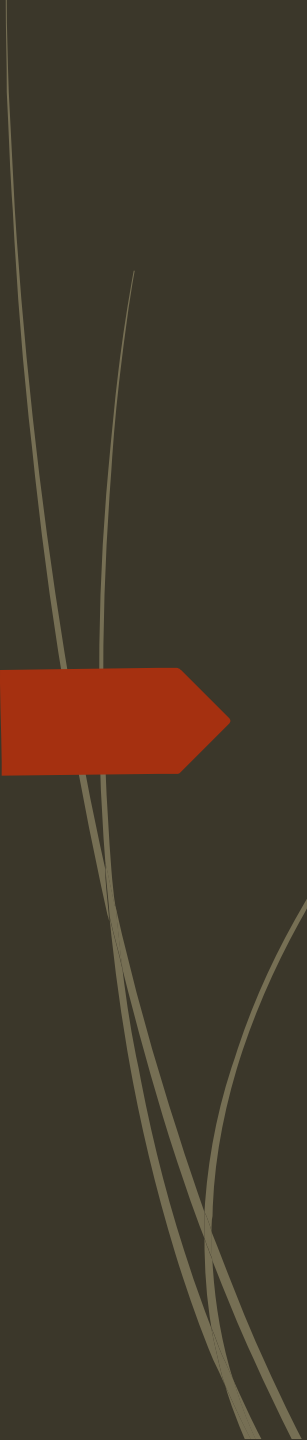
Larsa

Ur

Susa

Ahwaz

Basra



Indictments Multiplied (3:1-8)

- Rebelliously refused to obey
- Polluted by their sinful ways
- Refused to learn God's ways
- Refused to trust in the Lord
- Refused to draw near to Him
- Civil leaders were violent
- Prophets were reckless and treacherous
- Priests profaned the sanctuary and misrepresented God's Law
- Motives evil in everything