GET READY! KNOW GOD ZEPHANIAH Daniel Cassels September 18, 2022

1. THIS ______ WON'T SAVE YOU

⁴I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the residents of Jerusalem. I will cut off every vestige of Baal from this place, the names of the pagan priests along with the priests; ⁵ those who bow in worship on the rooftops to the stars in the sky; those who bow and pledge loyalty to the Lord but also pledge loyalty to Milcom; ⁶ and those who turn back from following the Lord, who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him. Zephaniah 1:4–6

⁷ Be silent in the presence of the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is near. Indeed, the Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. Zephaniah 1:7

¹⁸Their silver and their gold will be unable to rescue them on the day of the Lord's wrath. The whole earth will be consumed by the fire of his jealousy, for he will make a complete, yes, a horrifying end of all the inhabitants of the earth. Zephaniah 1:18

³Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who carry out what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be concealed on the day of the Lord's anger. Zephaniah 2:3

¹² If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³ each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. ¹⁴ If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. 1 Corinthians 3:12–14

2. JUDGEMENT _____ COME

⁵ Woe, inhabitants of the seacoast, nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you, Canaan, land of the Philistines: I will destroy you until there is no one left. Zephaniah 2:5

¹¹ The Lord will be terrifying to them when he starves all the gods of the earth. Then all the distant coasts and islands of the nations will bow in worship to him, each in its own place. Zephaniah 2:11

¹⁵ This is the jubilant city that lives in security, that says to herself: I exist, and there is no one else. What a desolation she has become, a place for wild animals to lie down! Everyone who passes by her scoffs and shakes his fist. Zephaniah 2:15

Woe to the city that is rebellious and defiled, the oppressive city! ² She has not obeyed; she has not accepted discipline. She has not trusted in the Lord; she has not drawn near to her God. Zephaniah 3:1-2

⁶ I have cut off nations; their corner towers are destroyed. I have laid waste their streets, with no one to pass through. Their cities lie devastated, without a person, without an inhabitant. ⁷ I said: You will certainly fear me and accept correction. Then her dwelling place would not be cut off based on all that I had allocated to her. However, they became more corrupt in all their actions. Zephaniah 3:6–7

⁷ Don't be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:7

3. GOD WILL _____ THROUGH

⁸Therefore, wait for me— this is the Lord's declaration— until the day I rise up for plunder. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, in order to pour out my indignation on them, all my burning anger; for the whole earth will be consumed by the fire of my jealousy. Zephaniah 3:8

¹⁵ The Lord has removed your punishment; he has turned back your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is among you; you need no longer fear harm. ¹⁶ On that day it will be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is among you, a warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will be quiet in his love. He will delight in you with singing." Zephaniah 3:15–17

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor, a lifetime. Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning. Psalm 30:5