

A JOURNEY THROUGH ZEPHANIAH

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A Chapter-by-Chapter KJV Word Search Book

3 Puzzles • 60 Word Entries • Complete Answer Keys

The Day of the LORD and the Promise of Restoration

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First edition, 2026. Formatted for 8½ × 11-inch paper. Includes 3 puzzles and 60 word entries. Each puzzle contains 20 words. Each word comes from the chapter named on its puzzle.

Each entry was checked against its own chapter in the source text. Hyphens are omitted in grids. Answer-key references identify a verse containing the word; the word may occur in additional verses.

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Welcome to Zephaniah

Zephaniah announces the day of the LORD, calling attention to sin in Judah and among the nations. His prophecy urges the meek to seek the LORD and closes with promises of restoration and rejoicing.

This book contains three puzzles with 20 words each, drawn from their corresponding chapters in the King James Version. Read each chapter before or after completing its search.

Notice the movement from warnings of judgment to the call to seek righteousness and meekness, and finally to the hope of a restored people. Consider the contrast between pride and humble trust in the LORD.

Each answer key gives a verse reference for every search word. Return to the complete passages to understand their setting and reflect on their message.

“Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’s anger.”

Zephaniah 2:3 (KJV)

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How to Use This Book

Read the chapter

Each puzzle identifies its chapter and answer-key page. All search words appear in that chapter in the KJV.

Search in eight directions

Words run horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, forwards or backwards. Every listed word has one verified location in its grid.

Mark each discovery

Circle or highlight the word in the grid, then check the box in the word list. Words can share letters.

Keep the KJV spelling

Search for the word exactly as printed. Hyphens are omitted. No spaces or punctuation appear inside the grid.

Use the answer keys

Answer keys begin on page 9. Gray lines mark each solution. Tables provide verse references and starting and ending coordinates as (row, column).

Print comfortably

Print at actual size on letter paper. Puzzles are on pages 6–8; answer keys are on pages 9–11. Single-sided printing leaves room for notes on the reverse.

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Zephaniah 1

Read Zephaniah 1 (KJV). Find and check all 20 words.

Words run in all eight directions. Answer key: page 9.



WORDS TO FIND

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ CHILDREN | ☐ DISTRESS | ☐ JUDAH | ☐ SACRIFICE |
| ☐ CONSUME | ☐ GOD | ☐ KING | ☐ WICKED |
| ☐ CRY | ☐ HEART | ☐ LORD | ☐ WORD |
| ☐ DARKNESS | ☐ HEAVEN | ☐ PEOPLE | ☐ WORSHIP |
| ☐ DELIVER | ☐ JERUSALEM | ☐ PUNISH | ☐ ZEPHANIAH |

Zephaniah 2

Read Zephaniah 2 (KJV). Find and check all 20 words.

Words run in all eight directions. Answer key: page 10.



WORDS TO FIND

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| ☐ ASHKELON | ☐ EARTH | ☐ MEEKNESS | ☐ REPROACHED |
| ☐ CHILDREN | ☐ GOD | ☐ NATIONS | ☐ RIGHTEOUSNESS |
| ☐ COAST | ☐ HEART | ☐ NINEVEH | ☐ SEEK |
| ☐ DESOLATION | ☐ ISRAEL | ☐ PEOPLE | ☐ WORD |
| ☐ DESTROY | ☐ LORD | ☐ REMNANT | ☐ WORSHIP |

Zephaniah 3

Read Zephaniah 3 (KJV). Find and check all 20 words.

Words run in all eight directions. Answer key: page 11.



WORDS TO FIND

☐ AFFLICTED

☐ ISRAEL

☐ LORD

☐ REJOICE

☐ EARTH

☐ JERUSALEM

☐ NATIONS

☐ SANCTUARY

☐ FEAR

☐ JOY

☐ PEOPLE

☐ SING

☐ GOD

☐ JUDGMENTS

☐ PRAISE

☐ TRUST

☐ HEART

☐ KING

☐ PURE

☐ ZION

Zephaniah 1

Puzzle on page 6. Gray lines mark the search words.

Coordinates: (row, column) start to end. Verse references are within Zephaniah 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	R	G	Y	G	R	P	L	B	E	S	S	H	D	G	L	V
2	O	P	U	N	I	S	H	M	C	T	Y	R	Q	V	W	G
3	E	V	P	P	L	S	U	F	R	R	O	Z	F	O	K	C
4	C	D	R	O	W	S	A	K	Y	L	G	A	R	B	S	H
5	J	J	E	O	N	C	I	C	W	B	O	S	T	Q	S	X
6	O	M	L	O	D	N	H	G	R	X	H	I	B	X	E	F
7	U	C	C	O	G	M	X	C	N	I	R	P	S	R	R	Z
8	E	P	J	I	P	I	K	W	P	E	F	O	Q	N	T	T
9	L	Z	E	P	H	A	N	I	A	H	R	I	S	X	S	H
10	P	U	R	M	O	F	Q	C	L	Z	E	D	C	M	I	A
11	O	B	U	S	S	E	N	K	R	A	D	A	L	E	D	D
12	E	U	S	Y	V	F	Z	E	A	I	P	H	V	I	C	U
13	P	S	A	B	V	Z	G	D	J	M	L	B	Z	E	H	J
14	M	R	L	Q	P	M	Z	R	E	V	I	L	E	D	N	C
15	O	Z	E	O	U	A	Q	R	R	G	G	O	D	J	R	C
16	E	D	M	I	K	Y	L	H	E	A	R	T	F	O	K	O

WORD	VERSE	START → END	WORD	VERSE	START → END
CHILDREN	8	(14,16)-(7,9)	JUDAH	1	(13,16)-(9,16)
CONSUME	2	(7,3)-(1,9)	KING	1	(4,8)-(7,5)
CRY	10	(2,9)-(4,9)	LORD	1	(4,10)-(1,13)
DARKNESS	15	(11,11)-(11,4)	PEOPLE	11	(13,1)-(8,1)
DELIVER	18	(14,14)-(14,8)	PUNISH	8	(2,2)-(2,7)
DISTRESS	15	(11,15)-(4,15)	SACRIFICE	7	(3,6)-(11,14)
GOD	7	(15,11)-(15,13)	WICKED	3	(8,8)-(13,8)
HEART	12	(16,8)-(16,12)	WORD	1	(4,5)-(4,2)
HEAVEN	3	(9,10)-(14,15)	WORSHIP	5	(2,15)-(8,9)
JERUSALEM	4	(8,3)-(16,3)	ZEPHANIAH	1	(9,2)-(9,10)

Zephaniah 2

Puzzle on page 7. Gray lines mark the search words.

Coordinates: (row, column) start to end. Verse references are within Zephaniah 2.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	X	N	E	G	N	R	C	O	X	R	E	V	L	L	H	X
2	H	O	V	B	A	N	R	H	I	I	L	S	C	E	E	M
3	G	I	L	S	S	P	Y	E	F	G	T	V	T	A	D	E
4	V	T	E	Z	H	D	H	A	M	H	L	M	S	R	T	E
5	C	A	L	G	K	R	K	R	A	T	N	C	X	S	P	K
6	K	L	P	L	E	O	W	T	H	E	V	E	N	I	N	N
7	N	O	O	M	L	W	A	O	R	O	W	Z	S	U	A	E
8	A	S	E	V	O	O	Q	D	R	U	Y	R	J	Y	X	S
9	T	E	P	L	N	U	L	W	T	S	K	E	E	S	C	S
10	I	D	X	M	E	I	C	I	H	N	H	P	T	T	G	E
11	O	J	V	N	H	C	C	T	Y	E	A	I	O	N	X	M
12	N	N	C	C	O	L	R	Y	Y	S	W	N	P	W	Z	R
13	S	X	G	A	A	A	A	W	N	S	L	D	M	A	L	V
14	Y	R	S	D	E	S	T	R	O	Y	M	A	R	E	M	U
15	I	T	U	W	B	C	L	M	U	F	G	O	D	O	R	Q
16	A	K	S	V	D	E	H	C	A	O	R	P	E	R	L	T

WORD	VERSE	START → END	WORD	VERSE	START → END
ASHKELON	4	(2,5)-(9,5)	MEEKNESS	3	(2,16)-(9,16)
CHILDREN	8	(12,4)-(5,11)	NATIONS	14	(7,1)-(13,1)
COAST	5	(11,6)-(15,2)	NINEVEH	13	(6,15)-(6,9)
DESOLATION	4	(10,2)-(1,2)	PEOPLE	8	(9,3)-(4,3)
DESTROY	5	(14,4)-(14,10)	REMNANT	7	(15,15)-(9,9)
EARTH	3	(14,5)-(10,9)	REPROACHED	8	(16,14)-(16,5)
GOD	7	(15,11)-(15,13)	RIGHTEOUSNESS	3	(1,10)-(13,10)
HEART	15	(2,8)-(6,8)	SEEK	3	(9,14)-(9,11)
ISRAEL	9	(6,14)-(1,14)	WORD	5	(7,6)-(4,6)
LORD	2	(16,15)-(13,12)	WORSHIP	11	(6,7)-(12,13)

Zephaniah 3

Puzzle on page 8. Gray lines mark the search words.

Coordinates: (row, column) start to end. Verse references are within Zephaniah 3.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	H	S	X	T	D	F	U	E	F	R	A	K	J	E	K	O
2	Y	E	T	X	O	E	E	W	S	F	E	F	M	Y	I	X
3	U	O	W	N	I	A	E	X	F	I	E	J	G	V	S	H
4	Q	Z	K	V	E	R	H	L	L	S	N	I	O	H	A	Y
5	X	N	O	I	Z	M	I	E	I	B	S	G	D	I	N	Y
6	I	H	L	L	Y	C	G	A	A	R	W	N	E	Y	C	D
7	C	D	C	K	T	L	R	D	A	R	L	I	L	W	T	E
8	T	F	R	E	G	P	S	E	U	L	T	K	P	C	U	Y
9	M	Z	D	N	N	Z	L	G	J	J	O	K	O	V	A	D
10	G	W	W	S	A	L	A	Q	U	J	F	L	E	K	R	C
11	D	O	M	L	X	O	Y	O	J	M	B	O	P	Q	Y	M
12	T	F	I	O	I	S	C	G	S	Q	L	O	R	D	P	V
13	R	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	P	U	R	E	X	G
14	U	D	V	S	S	T	H	T	R	A	E	V	D	N	Z	S
15	S	O	P	Q	E	R	D	J	U	U	S	X	P	Y	U	F
16	T	K	I	S	N	O	I	T	A	N	F	C	X	B	B	E

WORD	VERSE	START → END	WORD	VERSE	START → END
AFFLICTED	12	(1,11)-(9,3)	LORD	2	(12,11)-(12,14)
EARTH	8	(14,11)-(14,7)	NATIONS	6	(16,10)-(16,4)
FEAR	7	(1,6)-(4,6)	PEOPLE	9	(11,13)-(6,13)
GOD	2	(3,13)-(5,13)	PRAISE	19	(8,6)-(3,11)
HEART	14	(4,7)-(8,11)	PURE	9	(13,11)-(13,14)
ISRAEL	13	(4,12)-(9,7)	REJOICE	11	(1,10)-(7,16)
JERUSALEM	14	(13,2)-(13,10)	SANCTUARY	4	(3,15)-(11,15)
JOY	17	(11,9)-(11,7)	SING	14	(2,9)-(5,12)
JUDGMENTS	15	(9,10)-(1,2)	TRUST	12	(12,1)-(16,1)
KING	15	(8,12)-(5,12)	ZION	14	(5,5)-(5,2)

The Journey Continues

You have searched through words from all three chapters of Zephaniah. Read the prophecy again and consider its warnings, its call to seek the LORD, and its promises of restoration.

Consider these questions as you reflect:

- What does chapter 1 reveal about the seriousness of sin?
- What does Zephaniah 2:3 call the meek to seek?
- How does the prophecy confront pride among the nations?
- What reasons for hope and rejoicing appear in the final chapter?

“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.”
Zephaniah 3:17 (KJV)

Continue into Haggai to consider the call to rebuild the house of the LORD and to place His work at the center of life.

Reading Notes

Record a verse, a prayer, or a passage you would like to explore further.