

**VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**  
**ZEPHANIAH, HAGGAI**

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Zephaniah

God is not racist; the meaning of being “the elect” or “a chosen people”

Zephaniah son of Cushi

Not color but character, not ethnicity but excellence, not history but honor, not tradition but testimony, faith not family, determine the election and favor

Genesis 12: 1-3

Exodus 12: 37-38

Isaiah 42: 6-9; 49: 6

Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27: 32; Mark 15: 21; Luke 23: 26)

Matthew 2: 1-12

Matthew 28: 16-20

John 12: 20-21

Acts 6: 1-6

Acts 15

National cycles

Hezekiah and Manasseh

The responsibility of God fearing people under wicked leadership

The importance of context in quoting scripture

I Timothy 2: 1-6

I Corinthians 14: 34-35

Ephesians 6: 5-9; Colossians 3: 22; I Peter 2: 18

Importance of the character and example of the word of God in absence of specific command

Principles:

1. Believer is in the world but not of the world, therefore believer is not required to cooperate with everything the world accepts
2. Believer's first commitment is to God which means at times opposing disobedience to the word of God
3. God, not money, is the measure of all things, and is an indicator of one's love for God

God's judgement on relapse and apostasy

Judgment upon those who follow leadership even when it contradicts word of God

Life beyond the ruins: Restoration comes but we must face judgment

Haggai: How to Recover from tragedy

1. Building the temple after building our homes (Haggai 1: 1-6)
2. The attack of inflation and the loss of favor when God becomes secondary (Haggai 1: 7-11)
3. The nostalgia idol and trap (Haggai 2: 1-9; Ezra 3: 10-19)
4. Latter Day Glory  
God's greatest work and creation are still ahead (Revelation 21-22)  
The Glory of God is what counts in the end (I Corinthians 1: 10-17; 3: 1-11)