

# The Messianic Age

- **Time or Era of the Messiah**

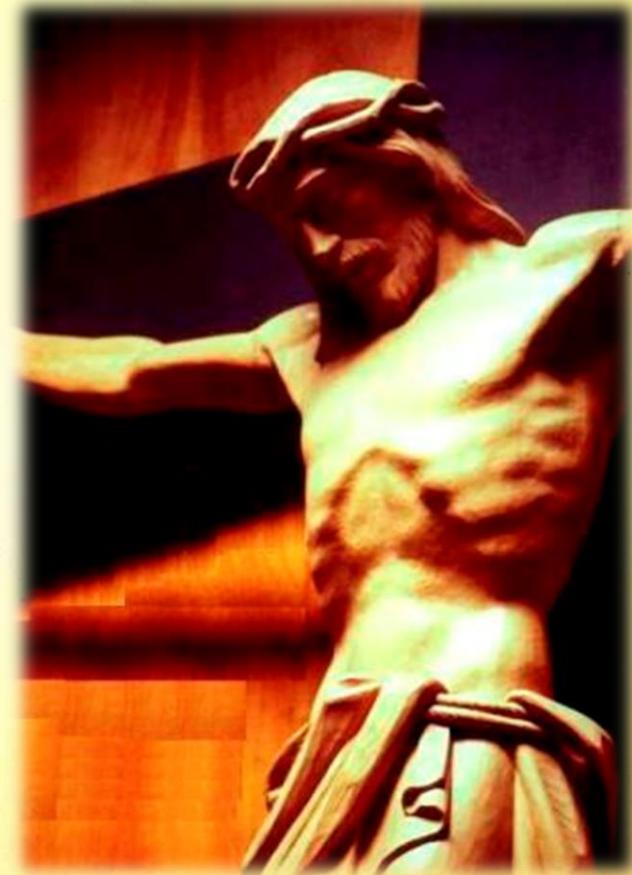
- Messiah
  - Old Testament Term
  - Christ
  - Savior

- **Characteristics**

- True Gospel and Worship
- Spread of Gospel in World
- Peace to God's People

- **The Messiah's Judgment**

- Zephaniah



# The Prophet Zephaniah

- **Reign of King Josiah**
  - A Righteous King
    - 8 Years Old
    - A Wicked Nation
    - Later Reform in Judah
- **Prophetic Warnings**
  - 640 – 628 B.C.
    - Judgment Against Jerusalem
    - Babylonian Captivity
    - Universal Judgment – Last Day
- **Prophetic Perspective**

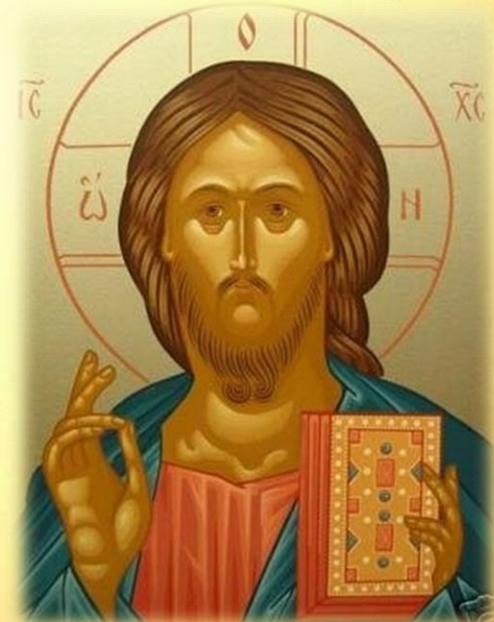


# The Messiah's Work

## Apostles Creed – Second Article

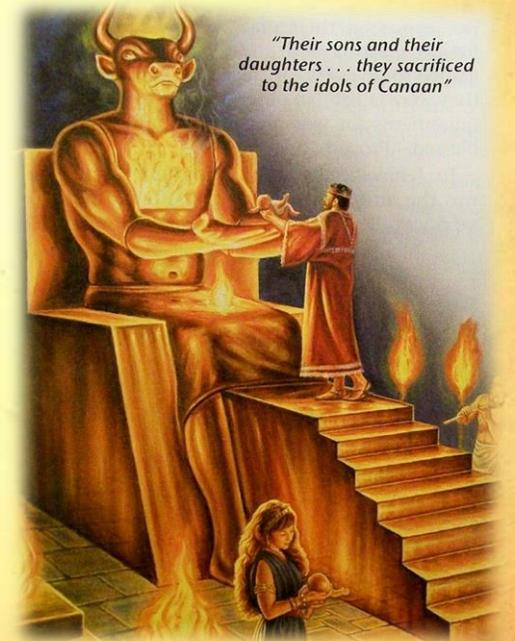
... and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived ...

- **What has yet to be done by the Messiah?**
  - ✓ Judge the Living and the Dead
  - ✓ The Second Coming of Christ
  - ✓ Judgment Day
- **Waiting for a Promise to be Fulfilled**



# Zephaniah 1: 4-5, 9

- <sup>4</sup> "I will stretch out my hand **against Judah**  
and against all who live in Jerusalem.  
I will cut off from this place every remnant of Baal,  
the names of the pagan and the idolatrous priests-
- <sup>5</sup> those who bow down on the roofs  
to worship the starry host,  
those who bow down and swear by the LORD  
and who also swear by Molech,
- <sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish  
all who avoid stepping on the threshold,  
who fill the temple of their gods  
with **violence** and **deceit**.



# Zephaniah 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> "The great **day of the LORD** is near—  
near and coming quickly.

Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter,  
the shouting of the warrior there.

<sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of trouble and ruin,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and blackness,

<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the corner towers.

**Sights**

**Sounds**

**Emotions**

**What is God's  
Purpose?**

# Zephaniah 1:17

<sup>17</sup> I will bring distress on the people  
and they will walk like blind men,  
because they have sinned against the LORD.  
Their blood will be poured out like dust  
and their entrails like filth.

## Similes

- **What three similes are used to show God's wrath over sin and to emphasize his judgment?**
- **Why does God threaten with the Law?**

# Zephaniah 1:18

<sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth."

- The Dangers of "Materialism"
- What does it mean that God is jealous?
  - ✓ Exodus 20:3-5
  - ✓ Matthew 4:10
  - ✓ Isaiah 43:6-7 & Isaiah 42:8

## Materialism

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Zephaniah 1:18

# God's Wrath

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# A Jealous God

## **Exodus 20:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

## **Matthew 4:10**

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

# A Jealous God

## Isaiah 43:6-7

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

## Isaiah 42:8

<sup>8</sup> “I am the LORD; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.

Is A  
Lifestyle

I,  
the LORD  
your  
God, am a  
jealous God.

Exodus 20:5

# The Messiah & Judgment

## **John 5:22**

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son . . .

## **Act 10:40 & 42**

<sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

## **II Timothy 4:1**

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

# **Application**

## **“Law, Gospel, and Judgment”**

- 1. Why is Judgment Day portrayed in a frightening image?**
- 2. What is the purpose of the Law?**
- 3. How does the Gospel change the Christian’s view of Judgment Day?**