



“It’s a boy!”

The excited parents announced.

“And we’re naming him **Zephaniah**—‘**the Lord hides**’—
because we’re asking the good Lord to hide him from harm.”

Zephaniah needed these prayers, for he was born during
the dark, dangerous days of King Manasseh,
who encouraged God’s people to break God’s rules.

When Zephaniah grew up, God sent him to warn
his people that judgment was coming.





“The Day of the Lord is coming!

The day when the Lord judges the whole world!

In that day God will sweep away everything on earth,
like he did when he sent the flood in Noah’s time.”

