

## The Day of the Lord

Zephaniah 1-3

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- Judgment
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Restoration

### Question: Are you ready for The Day of the Lord?

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