

**Zephaniah 1:1~** The word of Yehowah that occurred to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah, the son of Amon, the king of Judah.

**Footnote:** Meaning Yah Has Concealed [or, Treasured] Hebrew, *Tsephan·yah'*; Greek, *So·pho·ni'as*; Latin, *So·fo'ni·as*

**1·** Zephaniah was a prophet of Yehowah in Judah during the early part of King Josiah's reign, and he is the writer of the book bearing his name. **Zephaniah** was possibly a great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah, through Cushi, Gedaliah and Amariah, and he was thus of the tribe of Judah.

**[Question]** Where and when, did Zephaniah prophesy, and who was he related to?

**2·** Eight years old was Josiah when he began to reign, and for thirty-one years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath. (**2 Kings 22:1**)

**[Question]** How old was Josiah when he began to reign, and for how long did he reign in Jerusalem?

**3·** To whom the word of Yehowah occurred in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, the king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reigning. (**Jeremiah 1:2**)

**[Question]** Who also prophesied in the day of Josiah?

**4·** Finally Manasseh lay down with his forefathers and was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son began to reign in place of him. (**2 Kings 21:18**)

**[Question]** Who followed wicked king Manasseh to the throne of David in Jerusalem?