

ARAMAIC BIBLE COMPANION

SUCCINCT SCRIPTURE

MINOR PROPHETS IN THREE CHAPTERS

Joel Amos and Jonah are cast in 4 chapters each-and their message is consummately easy to commit to memory. Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai and Malachi are cast all of them in 3 chapters and again they are readily memorised and submit to simple summary and should flow from the preacher's mind as distinct parts of one integral whole just as they flow from the prophet's hand. In all 768 Hebrew words make up the entire prophecy-the equivalent of a couple of A4 pages of modern typescript

THE MESSAGE OF ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah tells us **the world will end**-man's time on this planet is finite and that the LORD will gather in his sanctified ones. This gives us confidence that whatever be-tide the LORD remains committed to those dedicated to Him. Zephaniah tells us that **nations will be judged** and this puts past and present politics and social enormities in a reassuring context. Zephaniah concludes with the prophecy the LORD gave him of the end of one theocracy and the beginning of **a better Messianic Kingdom** in the latter days.

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