

Diary Dates [based on Zephaniah 1:1-2:3]

Grab

Can you tell me why the following are special days in my diary? [put up pictures to give clues]

- 5th February [Pancake Day]
- 14th February [Valentine's Day]
- 21st March [Good Friday]
- 11th June [Wedding Anniversary]
- 25th July [My Birthday]
- ? [with a picture of something to do with a courtroom judge]

Hit

The prophet Zephaniah tells us that there is another day in our diaries. Some of us might not realise that it's there, but it is. We don't know the exact date of this date, but it is sometime in the future.

This day is...The Day of the LORD.

'The great day of the LORD is near - near and coming quickly' (1:14)

Zephaniah tells us (in chapter 1) that on this day God is going to judge the whole world, everyone is going to face God's judgment because of their sin. He also tells us that God's judgment is going to be worse than we can ever imagine as God punishes all His enemies.

How should we respond to this news?

Zephaniah says "Seek the LORD". Trust in Jesus, that He has taken the punishment you deserve for your sin when He died on the cross, because that is the only way we will be kept safe when the Day of the LORD comes!