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Sunday School Lessons Unit One "Judgement & Salvation" June 2016



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

The Summer Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "Toward a New Creation." The scripture passages in these lessons are from the broader theme of creation. Unit One is entitled "Judgment and Salvation."

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People sometimes greatly damage strong and beautiful relationships with others and also with the earth. What can happen when someone does something that harms a relationship? Genesis tells that God created the heavens and the earth and all that lives on the earth, and declared creation to be good; Zephaniah describes the Israelites marring of creation by sinning against God, thereby earning the Lord's promised punishment, and offers an opportunity for the people to seek righteousness to save their relationship with God.

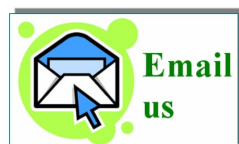


Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To learn that on the Great Day of the Lord, the Creator of the universe will punish those who have not repented and humbled themselves under God's authority.
- ✓ To recognize the relationship between righteous living and one's responsibility to maintain "the good" found in God's created order.
- ✓ To encourage them to repent and reaffirm their faithfulness to God.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Research the term "day of the Lord." Where do you find it in the Bible? What is expected to happen on this day? What are your hopes and dreams for this day?
- Review the key verse from Zephaniah 2:3. How do you define the terms "righteousness" and "humility"? What are you doing to live as one who is both righteous and humble before the Lord?
- Read all three chapters of Nahum. How does the message of this prophet compare and contrast with that of Zephaniah? How do Nahum's words give you hope—or do they?



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