

## ZEPHANIAH

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A verse can express a spiritual truth without being historical.

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to “God” and vice versa, there is a new paragraph.

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| <p><b>1:1</b> The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.</p> <p><b>2</b> I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord.</p> <p><b>3</b> I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord.</p> <p><b>4</b> I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests;</p> <p><b>5</b> And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham;</p> <p><b>6</b> And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him.</p> <p><b>7</b> Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.</p> <p><b>8</b> And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.</p> | <p><b>1:1</b> The word of the Lord which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.</p> <p><b>2</b> The Lord says, “I will utterly consume all things from off the land.</p> <p><b>3</b> “I will consume people and animals; I will consume the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked. And I will cut off people from the land.</p> <p><b>4</b> “I will also stretch out My hand upon Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, the name of the Chemarims with the priests,</p> <p><b>5</b> “those who worship the host of the heavens upon the housetops, those who worship and swear by Me the Lord, but also swear by the god Milcom,</p> <p><b>6</b> “those who have turned back from the Lord; and those who have not sought the Lord, have not inquired of Me.</p> <p><b>7</b> “Hold your peace at the presence of the Lord God, For the day of the Lord is at hand, For I have prepared a sacrifice; I have bidden My guests.</p> <p><b>8</b> “And it shall come to pass on the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes and the king's children and all who follow foreign customs.</p> <p><b>9</b> “On the same day I will also punish all those who</p> |

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| <p>9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.</p> <p>10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.</p> <p>11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.</p> <p>12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.</p> <p>13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.</p> <p>14 The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.</p> <p>15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,</p> <p>16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.</p> <p>17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.</p> <p>18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.</p> | <p>worship pagan gods and who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.”</p> <p>10 “It shall come to pass in that day, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, a howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.</p> <p>11 “Howl, you inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all those who bear silver are cut off.</p> <p>12 “And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with a lamp, and punish the people who are satisfied with the sediment in their wine, who say in their heart, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.’</p> <p>13 “Therefore, their goods shall become a booty and their houses a desolation; also they shall build houses but not inhabit them. And they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine from them.”</p> <p>14 “The great day of the Lord is near; it is near and hastens greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty person shall cry bitterly then.</p> <p>15 “That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, and</p> <p>16 “a day of the trumpet and alarm against the walled cities and the high towers.</p> <p>17 “I will bring distress upon people so that they shall walk like they are blind because they have sinned against the Lord. And their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like the dung.”</p> <p>18 “Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath, for the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of My jealousy. For I shall make a speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.”</p> |
| <p>2:1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;</p> <p>2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord'S anger come upon you.</p> <p>3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day</p>   | <p>2:1 Zephaniah says, “Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, you shameless nation</p> <p>2 “before the decree brings forth, before the day passes as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger comes upon you.</p> <p>3 “Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth who have worked His judgment; seek righteousness; seek meekness. It may be that you shall be hidden</p>   |

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| <p>of the Lord'S anger.</p> <p>4 &amp; For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.</p> <p>5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the Lord is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.</p> <p>6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.</p> <p>7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the Lord their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.</p> <p>8 &amp; I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.</p> <p>9 Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.</p> <p>10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of hosts.</p> <p>11 The Lord will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.</p> <p>12 &amp; Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.</p> <p>13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.</p> <p>14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work.</p> <p>15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly,</p> | <p>in the day of the Lord's anger.</p> <p>4 "For Gaza shall be forsaken and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.</p> <p>5 "Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, 'I will destroy you so that there shall be no inhabitant.'</p> <p>6 "And the sea coast shall contain dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.</p> <p>7 "And the land shall be for the remnant of the tribe of Judah; they shall feed upon it. In the houses of Ashkelon, they shall lie down in the evening, for the Lord their God shall visit them and overturn their captivity."</p> <p>8 The Lord says, "I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon with which they have reproached My people and magnified themselves against their border."</p> <p>9 The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel says, "Therefore, as I live, Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the children of Ammon like Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The residue of My people shall plunder them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them.</p> <p>10 "This they shall have for their pride because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of hosts.</p> <p>11 "I, the Lord will be terrible to them; for I will famish all the gods of the earth; and people shall worship Me, all from their places, even all the isles of the heathen.</p> <p>12 "Also you Ethiopians shall be slain by My sword.</p> <p>13 "And I will show My power against the north, and destroy Assyria and will make Nineveh a desolation and dry like a wilderness.</p> <p>14 "And flocks shall lie down in the midst of Nineveh, all the beasts of the nations; both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge above the windows of its buildings. Their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be on the thresholds; their cedar work will be uncovered.</p> <p>15 "This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in its heart, 'I am, and there is no other</p> |
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| <p>that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.</p>  | <p>beside me.’ How Jerusalem has become a desolation, a place for animals to lie down in! All those who pass by it shall hiss, and wag their hand in horror.</p>   |
| <p><b>3:1</b> Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!<br/> <b>2</b> She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.<br/> <b>3</b> Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.<br/> <b>4</b> Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.<br/> <b>5</b> The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.<br/> <b>6</b> I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.<br/> <b>7</b> I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.<br/> <b>8</b> &amp; Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.<br/> <b>9</b> For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.<br/> <b>10</b> From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.<br/> <b>11</b> In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.</p> | <p><b>3:1</b> Zephaniah says, “Woe to Jerusalem that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!<br/> <b>2</b> Jerusalem did not obey God’s voice; it did not receive correction; it did not trust in God; it did not draw near to God.<br/> <b>3</b> “Jerusalem’s princes within it are roaring lions; its judges are evening wolves; they do not leave any bones until the next day.<br/> <b>4</b> “Her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary; they have done violence to the law.<br/> <b>5</b> “The just God is in their midst; He will not engage in iniquity; every morning He brings His judgment to light. He does not fail, but the unjust person knows no shame.”<br/> <b>6</b> The Lord says, “I have cut off the nations; their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste so that no one passes by; their cities are destroyed so that there is no one left, there is no inhabitant.”<br/> <b>7</b> I the Lord said, ‘Surely they will come to be in awe of Me; they will receive instruction from Me so that their dwelling will not be cut off. However, despite how I punished them, they rose early and corrupted all their actions.’<br/> <b>8</b> The Lord says, “Therefore, wait upon Me until the day that I rise up to the prey, for My determination is to gather the nations, to assemble the kingdoms to pour upon them My indignation, even all My fierce anger. For all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.<br/> <b>9</b> “For then I will give a pure language to the people so that they all may call upon the name of the Lord to serve Me with one consent.<br/> <b>10</b> “From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My suppliants, even the daughter of My dispersed, shall bring My offering.<br/> <b>11</b> “In that day you shall not be ashamed for all your actions in which you have transgressed against Me. For then I will take away out of the midst of you those who rejoice in their pride, and you shall not be haughty anymore on My holy mountain.</p> |

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| <p>12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.</p> <p>13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.</p> <p>14 &amp; Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.</p> <p>15 The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.</p> <p>16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.</p> <p>17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.</p> <p>18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.</p> <p>19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.</p> <p>20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord.</p> | <p>12 "I will also leave in the midst of you an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.</p> <p>13 "The remnant of Israel shall not commit iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth. For they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."</p> <p>14 Zephaniah says, "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.</p> <p>15 "God has taken away your judgments; He has cast out your enemy; the King of Israel, God, is in the midst of you; you shall not see evil anymore.</p> <p>16 "In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, 'Do not be afraid,' and to Zion, 'Do not let your hands be slack.'</p> <p>17 "Your God that is in the midst of you is mighty; He will save; He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest in His love; He will rejoice over you with singing."</p> <p>18 The Lord says, "I will gather those who are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of you, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.</p> <p>19 "Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; and I will save her who halts and gather her who was driven out. And I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.</p> <p>20 "At that time I will bring you again, even in the time that I gather you. For I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth when I the Lord overturn your captivity before your eyes."</p> |
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