

{36} Zephaniah

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Chapter 1

(1) 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.

(2) I will utterly consume all *things* from off the land, saith the LORD.

(3) 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.

(4) 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;

(5) 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;

(6) And them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

(7) 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.

Chapter 1

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} which came to Zephaniah {Jehovah has revealed secrets}^a the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah^b the son of Amon, king of Judah.

(2) I will completely consume all *things* from off the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heaven, and the fish of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(4) I will also stretch out My 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 idol worshipers with the priests;

(5) And those who worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and those who worship *and* who swear by the LORD {Jehovah}, and who swear by Malcham {Molech; idol of Ammonites};

(6) And those who have turned away from the LORD {Jehovah}; and *those* that have not sought the LORD {Jehovah}, nor inquired for Him.

(7) Hold your peace at the presence of the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: because the day of the LORD {Jehovah}^d is at hand: because the LORD {Jehovah} has prepared a sacrifice, He has invited His guests.

1:1a - Zephaniah {צפניה} - Jah has revealed secrets [Jah is short for Jehovah]

1:1b - Josiah reigned from [3487 A.H./C-555 B.C] to [3517 A.H./C-525 B.C.] - for 31 years
 - Josiah's reign ended 3 years before the Babylonian captivity of Judah.
 - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

1:5c - Malcham {Molech} - I Ki. 11: 7, 33; Amos 5:26 - i.e. they worshiped God and pagan gods

1:7d - the day of the Lord - Armageddon - Rev. 16:16 - See note on I Cor. 1:8

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<p>(8) 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>(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, <i>that there shall be</i> 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, <i>that</i> 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 <i>them</i>; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.</p> <p>(14) The great day of the LORD <i>is</i> near, <i>it is</i> near, and hasteth greatly, <i>even</i> the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.</p>	<p>(8) And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD {Jehovah}'s sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all those who are clothed with foreign clothing^e.</p> <p>(9) In the same day will I also punish all those who leap on the threshold, who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.</p> <p>(10) And it shall come to pass in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>that there shall be</i> 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, you inhabitants of Maktesh {a part of Jerusalem}, because all the merchant people are cut down; all those who carry silver are cut off.</p> <p>(12) And it shall come to pass at that time, <i>that</i> I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men who are settled on their wine dregs: who say in their heart, The LORD {Jehovah} 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 <i>them</i>; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink its wine.</p> <p>(14) The great day of the LORD {Jehovah}^f <i>is</i> near, <i>it is</i> near, and it comes speedily, <i>even</i> the voice of the day of the LORD {Jehovah}: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.</p>

1:8e – strange clothing – foreign clothing – copying and wearing clothing similar to the ungodly nations that surrounded them - Deut. 22:5 {men and women wearing inappropriate clothing}; II Ki. 10:22 {wearing clothing to worship idols}; Is. 3:18-24 {flaunting luxury}; etc.

1:14f - the day of the Lord – Armageddon - Rev. 16:16 - See note on I Cor. 1:8