

The Word to Zephaniah

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The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the LORD to His Prophet

Zephaniah 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 [reigned 31 years ~ did right] the son of Amon, king of Judah [reigned 2 years and killed ~ did evil].

Zephaniah – [OT:6846](#) צְפַנְיָהוּ **Tsephanyah** (tsef-an-yaw'); or **Tsephanyahuw** (tsef-an-yaw'-hoo); from [OT:6845](#) and [OT:3050](#); Jah has secreted; Tsephanjah, the name of four Israelites: **KJV** - Zephaniah.

Cushi – [OT:3569](#) כּוּשִׁי **Kuwshiy** (koo-shee'); patronymically from [OT:3568](#); a Cushite, or descendant of Cush: **KJV** - Cushi, Cushite, Ethiopian (-s).

Gedaliah – [OT:1436](#) גְּדַלְיָהוּ **Gedalyah** (ghed-al-yaw'); or (prolonged) **Gedalyahuw** (ghed-al-yaw'-hoo); from [OT:1431](#) and [OT:3050](#); Jah has become great; Gedaljah, the name of five Israelites: **KJV** - Gedaliah.

Amariah – [OT:568](#) אֲמַרְיָהוּ **'Amaryah** (am-ar-yaw'); or prolonged **'Amaryahuw** (am-ar-yaw'-hoo); from [OT:559](#) and [OT:3050](#); Jah has said (i.e. promised); Amarjah, the name of nine Israelites: **KJV** - Amariah.

Hizkiah – [OT:2396](#) חִזְקִיָּהוּ **Chizqiyah** (khiz-kee-yaw'); or **Chizqiyahuw** (khiz-kee-yaw'-hoo); also **Yechizqiyah** (yekh-iz-kee-yaw'); or **Yechizqiyahuw** (yekh-iz-kee-yaw'-hoo); from [OT:2388](#) and [OT:3050](#); strengthened of Jah; Chizkijah, a king of Judah, also the name of two other Israelites: **KJV** - Hezekiah, Hizkiah, Hizkijah. Compare [OT:3169](#).

Josiah – [OT:2977](#) יוֹשִׁיָּהוּ **Yo'shiyah** (yo-shee-yaw'); or (yo-she-yaw'-hoo); from the same root as [OT:803](#) and [OT:3050](#); founded of Jah; Joshijah, the name of two Israelites: **KJV** - Josiah.

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The Word toward Judah

To Consume

Zephaniah 1

²I will utterly consume [take away] all things from off [the face of] the land, saith the LORD [JEHOVAH].

Nehemiah 9 ...179 years after begin of Zephaniah

³⁰ Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them **by thy Spirit in thy prophets** [including Zephaniah]: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

³¹ Nevertheless **for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them**, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

³² Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

Zephaniah 1

³ I will **consume [take away] man and beast**; I will **consume [take away] the fowls** of the heaven, and the **fishes of the sea**, and the **stumbling blocks with the wicked**: and **I will cut off man from off the land**, saith the LORD.

Wicked – [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - + condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Cut off – [OT:3772](#) קָרַח **karath** (kaw-rath'); a primitive root; to cut (off, down or asunder); by implication, to destroy or consume; specifically, to covenant (i.e. make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces):

KJV - be chewed, be con- [feder-] ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league ([covenant]), ^xlose, perish, ^xutterly, ^xwant.

Isaiah 5

²⁴ Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and **the flame consumeth the chaff**, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: **because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel.**

Psalms 37

²⁰ But **the wicked shall perish**, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: **they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.**

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The Word toward Judah (*cont*)

To Consume (*cont*)

Psalm 59

¹³ **Consume them in wrath, consume them**, that they may not be: and let them know that **God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth**. Selah.

False Teachers

Zephaniah 1

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;

Remnant – [OT:7605](#) שְׂאֵר **she'ar** (sheh-awr'); from [OT:7604](#); a remainder:

KJV - ^x other, remnant, residue, rest.

Baal – [OT:1168](#) בַּעַל **Ba'al** (bah'-al); the same as [OT:1167](#); Baal, a Phoenician deity: -Baal, (plural) Baalim.

Chemarims – [OT:3649](#) כְּמָרִים **kamar** (kaw-mawr'); from [OT:3648](#); properly, an ascetic (as if shrunk with self-maceration), i.e. an idolatrous priest (only in plural):

KJV - Chemarims (idolatrous) priests.

Idolaters

Zephaniah 1

⁵ And them that worship [bow themselves] the host of heaven upon the housetops; and **them that worship and that swear by the LORD**, and that swear by **Malcham**;

Malcham – [OT:4445](#) מַלְכָּם **Malkam** (mal-kawm'); or **Milkowm** (mil-kome'); from [OT:4428](#) for [OT:4432](#); Malcam or Milcom, the national idol of the Ammonites:

KJV - Malcham, Milcom.

Deuteronomy 29

²⁶ For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom **He had not given unto them**:

Joshua 24

¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD**.

Romans 1

²⁵ Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature **more than the Creator**, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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The Word toward Judah (*cont*)

To Consume (*cont*)

Idolaters (*cont*)

Matthew 6

²⁴ **No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Luke 16

¹³ **No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Apostasy

Zephaniah 1

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

Turned back – [OT:5472](#) לָשׁוּב **cuwg** (soog); a primitive root; properly, to flinch, i.e. (by implication) to go back, literally (to retreat) or figuratively (to apostatize):

KJV - backslider, drive, go back, turn (away, back).

Sought – [OT:1245](#) שָׁקַח **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after:

KJV - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Enquired – [OT:1875](#) דָּרַשׁ **darash** (daw-rash'); a primitive root; properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship:

KJV - ask, ^xat all, care for, ^xdiligently, inquire, make inquisition, [necro-]mancer, question, require, search, seek [for, out], ^xsurely.

Joshua 5

⁶ **For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD:** unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

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The Word toward Judah (*cont*)

Silence

Zephaniah 1

⁷ Hold thy peace [hush] at the presence of the Lord GOD: for **the day of the LORD is at hand**: for the LORD hath prepared [appointed] a sacrifice, He hath bid His guests [qara - called by name].

Exodus 14

¹⁴ The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Proverbs 11

¹² He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but **a man of understanding holdeth his peace.**

Isaiah 13

⁶ Howl ye; **for the day of the LORD is at hand**; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 1

¹⁵ Alas for the day! **for the day of the LORD is at hand**, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

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The Word toward Judah (*cont*)

Strange Apparel

Zephaniah 1

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**.

Punish – [OT:6485](#) פָּקַד **paqad** (paw-kad'); a primitive root; to visit (with friendly or hostile intent); by analogy, to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit, etc.:

KJV - appoint, ^xat all, avenge, bestow, (appoint to have the, give a) charge, commit, count, deliver to keep, be empty, enjoin, go see, hurt, do judgment, lack, lay up, look, make, ^xby any means, miss, number, officer, (make) overseer, have (the) oversight, punish, reckon, (call to) remember (-brance), set (over), sum, ^xsurely, visit, want.

Clothed – [OT:3847](#) לָבַשׁ **labash** (law-bash'); or **labesh** (law-bashe'); a primitive root; properly, wrap around, i.e. (by implication) to put on a garment or clothe (oneself, or another), literally or figuratively:

KJV - (in) apparel, arm, array (self), clothe (self), come upon, put (on, upon), wear.

Strange – [OT:5237](#) נֹכְרִי **nokriy** (nok-ree'); from [OT:5235](#) (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful): **KJV** - alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange (-r, woman).

Apparel – [OT:4403](#) מַלְבוּשׁ **malbuwsh** (mal-boosh'); or **malbush** (mal-boosh'); from [OT:3847](#); a garment, or (collectively) clothing:

KJV - apparel, raiment, vestment.

Matthew 22

¹¹ And when the king came in to see the guests, he **saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment**:

Matthew 22

¹² And he saith unto him, Friend, **how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.**

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The Word toward Judah (*cont*)

Certain Vengeance

Zephaniah 1

⁹ In the same day also will I **punish** all those that leap [spring] on the **threshold**, which fill their **masters' houses** with **violence** and **deceit**.

Punish – [OT:6485](#) פָּקַד **paqad** (paw-kad'); a primitive root; to visit (with friendly or hostile intent); by analogy, to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit, etc.:

KJV - appoint, ^xat all, avenge, bestow, (appoint to have the, give a) charge, commit, count, deliver to keep, be empty, enjoin, go see, hurt, do judgment, lack, lay up, look, make, ^xby any means, miss, number, officer, (make) overseer, have (the) oversight, punish, reckon, (call to) remember (-brance), set (over), sum, ^xsurely, visit, want.

Threshold – [OT:4670](#) מִפְתָּן **miphtan** (mif-tawn'); from the same as [OT:6620](#); a stretcher, i.e. a sill: **KJV** - threshold.

Masters' – [OT:113](#) אֲדֹנָי **'adown** (aw-done'); or (shortened) **'adon** (aw-done'); from an unused root (meaning to rule); sovereign, i.e. controller (human or divine): **KJV** - lord, master, owner. Compare also names beginning with "Adoni-".

Violence – [OT:2555](#) חָמָץ **chamac** (khaw-mawce'); from [OT:2554](#); violence; by implication, wrong; by meton. unjust gain:

KJV - cruel (-ty), damage, false, injustice, ^xoppressor, unrighteous, violence (against, done), violent (dealing), wrong.

Deceit – [OT:4820](#) מִרְמָה **mirmah** (meer-maw'); from [OT:7411](#) in the sense of deceiving; fraud:

KJV - craft, deceit (-ful, -fully), false, feigned, guile, subtilly, treachery.

Psalm 72 ...believers shall be redeemed for them...

¹⁴ **He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood [death] be in his sight.**

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word toward Judah (*cont*)

Division

Zephaniah 1

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** [bird gate], and a great **crashing from the hills**.

Matthew 7

¹² Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³ **Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate**: for **wide [open square] is the gate**, and **broad [spacious] is the way**, that **leadeth to destruction**, and **many there be which go in thereat**:

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Crashing – [OT:7667](#) שֶׁבֶר **sheber** (sheh'-ber); or **sheber** (shay'-ber); from [OT:7665](#); a fracture, figuratively, ruin; specifically, a solution (of a dream): **KJV** - affliction, breach, breaking, broken [-footed, -handed], bruise, crashing, destruction, hurt, interpretation, vexation.

Revelation 12

¹⁶ And the **earth helped the woman**, and the **earth opened [up]** her mouth, and **swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth**.

Poverty

Zephaniah 1

¹¹ Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear [laden] silver are cut off [destroyed].

Maktesh – [OT:4389](#) מַכְתֵּשׁ **Maktesh** (mak-taysh'); the same as [OT:4388](#); dell; the Maktesh, a place in Jerusalem: **KJV** - Maktesh.

Merchant – [OT:3667](#) כְּנַעַן **Kena`an** (ken-ah'-an); from [OT:3665](#); humiliated; Kenan, a son a Ham; also the country inhabited by him: **KJV** - Canaan, merchant, traffick.

Cut down – [OT:1820](#) דָּמָה **damah** (daw-mam'); a primitive root; to be dumb or silent; hence, to fail or perish; trans. to destroy:

KJV - cease, be cut down (off), destroy, be brought to silence, be undone, ^x utterly.

Cut off – [OT:3772](#) כָּרַת **karath** (kaw-rath'); a primitive root; to cut (off, down or asunder); by implication, to destroy or consume; specifically, to covenant (i.e. make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces):

KJV - be chewed, be con- [feder-] ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league ([covenant]), ^x lose, perish, ^x utterly, ^x want.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word toward Jerusalem

Perversion

Zephaniah 1

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.**

Search – [OT:2664](#) שָׁפַח **chaphas** (khaw-fas'); a primitive root; to seek; causatively, to conceal oneself (i.e. let be sought), or mask:

KJV - change, (make) diligent (search), disguisese, hide, search (for, out).

Candles – [OT:5216](#) נֵר **niyr** (neer) or nir (neer); also neyr (nare); or **ner** (nare); or (feminine) **nerah** (nay-raw'); from a primitive root [see [OT:5214](#); [OT:5135](#)] properly, meaning to glisten; a lamp (i.e. the burner) or light (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - candle, lamp, light.

Settled – [OT:7087](#) קָפָא **qapha'** (kaw-faw'); a primitive root; to shrink, i.e. thicken (as unracked wine, curdled milk, clouded sky, frozen water):

KJV - congeal, curdle, dark, settle.

Lees – [OT:8105](#) שֵׁמֶר **shemer** (sheh'-mer); from [OT:8104](#); something preserved, i.e. the settlings (plural only) of wine: **KJV** - dregs, (wines on the) lees.

Good – [OT:3190](#) יָטַב **yatab** (yaw-tab'); a primitive root; to be (causative) make well, literally (sound, beautiful) or figuratively (happy, successful, right):

KJV - be accepted, amend, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, + be content, diligent (-ly), dress, earnestly, find favour, give, be glad, do (be, make) good ([-ness]), be (make) merry, please (+well), shew more [kindness], skilfully, *very small, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well [said, seen].

Evil – [OT:7489](#) רָעַע **ra`a`** (raw-ah'); a primitive root; properly, to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); figuratively, to make (or be) good for nothing, i.e. bad (physically, socially or morally):

KJV - afflict, associate selves [by mistake for [OT:7462](#)], break (down, in pieces), + displease, (be, bring, do) evil (doer, entreat, man), showself friendly [by mistake for [OT:7462](#)], do harm, (do) hurt, (behaveself, deal) ill, *indeed, do mischief, punish, still, vex, (do) wicked (doer, -ly), be (deal, do) worse.

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The Word toward Jerusalem (*cont*)

Poverty

Zephaniah 1

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** [imbibe] the wine thereof.

Goods – [OT:1961](#) הָיָה **hayah** (haw-yaw); a primitive root [compare [OT:1933](#)]; to exist, i.e. be or become, come to pass (always emphatic, and not a mere copula or auxiliary):

KJV - beacon, ^xaltogether, be (-come), accomplished, committed, like), break, cause, come (to pass), do, faint, fall, ⁺follow, happen, ^xhave, last, pertain, quit (oneself-), require, ^xuse.

Desolation – [OT:8077](#) שָׁמָמָה **shemamah** (shem-aw-maw'); or **shimamah** (shee-mam-aw'); feminine of [OT:8076](#); u; figuratively, astonishment:

KJV - (laid, ^xmost) desolate (-ion), waste.

Inhabit – [OT:3427](#) יָשָׁב **yashab** (yaw-shab'); a primitive root; properly, to sit down (specifically as judge. in ambush, in quiet); by implication, to dwell, to remain; causatively, to settle, to marry:

KJV - (make to) abide (-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell (-ing), easeself, endure, establish, ^xfail, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit (-ant), make to keep [house], lurking, ^xmarry (-ing), (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set (-tle), (down-) sit (-down, still, -ting down, -ting [place] -uate), take, tarry.

Plant – [OT:5193](#) נָטַע **nata`** (naw-tah'); a primitive root; properly, to strike in, i.e. fix; specifically, to plant (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - fastened, plant (-er).

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day

Zephaniah 1

¹⁴ **The great day of the LORD is near**, it is near, and hasteth [hurry] **greatly**, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the **mighty man** shall cry there bitterly.

Greatly – [OT:3966](#) מְאֹד **me`od** (meh-ode'); from the same as [OT:181](#); properly, vehemence, i.e. (with or without preposition) vehemently; by implication, wholly, speedily, etc. (often with other words as an intensive or superlative; especially when repeated):

KJV - diligently, especially, exceeding (-ly), far, fast, good, great (-ly), ^xlouder and louder, might (-ily, -y), (so) much, quickly, (so) sore, utterly, very (+much, sore), well.

Mighty man – [OT:1368](#) גִּבּוֹר **gibbowr** (ghib-bore'); or (shortened) **gibbor** (ghib-bore'); intensive from the same as [OT:1397](#); powerful; by implication, warrior, tyrant:

KJV - champion, chief, ^xexcel, giant, man, mighty (man, one), strong (man), valiant man.

Zephaniah 1

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.

Trouble – [OT:6869](#) צָרָה **tsarah** (tsaw-raw'); feminine of [OT:6862](#); tightness (i.e. figuratively, trouble); transitively, a female rival:

KJV - adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble.

Distress – [OT:4691](#) מְצוּקָה **metsuwqah** (mets-oo-kaw'); or **metsuqah** (mets-oo-kaw'); feminine of [OT:4690](#); narrowness, i.e. (figuratively) trouble:

KJV - anguish, distress.

Wasteness – [OT:7722](#) שׁוּא **show'** (sho); or (feminine) **show'ah** (sho-aw'); or **sho'ah** (sho-aw'); from an unused root meaning to rush over; a tempest; by implication, devastation:

KJV - desolate (-ion), destroy, destruction, storm, wasteness.

Desolation – [OT:4875](#) מְשׁוּאָה **meshow'ah** (meh-o-aw'); or **mesho'ah** (mesh-o-aw'); from the same as [OT:7722](#); (a) ruin, abstractly (the act) or concretely (the wreck): **KJV** - desolation, waste.

Darkness – [OT:2822](#) חֹשֶׁךְ **choshek** (kho-shek'); from [OT:2821](#); the dark; hence (literally) darkness; fig: misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: **KJV** - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

Gloominess – [OT:653](#) אֶפְלָה **'aphelah** (af-ay-law'); duskiness, fig: misfortune; concrete, concealment: **KJV** - dark, darkness, gloominess, ^xthick.

Clouds – [OT:6051](#) עָנָן **`anan** (aw-nawn'); from [OT:6049](#); a cloud (as covering the sky), i.e. the nimbus or thunder-cloud: **KJV** - cloud (-y).

Thick darkness – [OT:6205](#) עֲרַפֵּל **`araphel** (ar-aw-fel'); probably from [OT:6201](#); gloom (as of a lowering sky): **KJV** - (gross, thick) dark (cloud, -ness).

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The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Alarm

Zephaniah 1

¹⁶ **A day of the trumpet and alarm** against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

Trumpet – [OT:7782](#) שׁוֹפָר **showphar** (sho-far'); or **shophar** (sho-far'); from [OT:8231](#) in the original sense of incising; a cornet (as giving a clear sound) or curved horn: **KJV** - cornet, trumpet.

Alarm – [OT:8643](#) תְּרוּעָה **teruw`ah** (ter-oo-aw'); from [OT:7321](#); clamor, i.e. acclamation of joy or a battle-cry; especially clangor of trumpets, as an alarm: **KJV** - alarm, blow (-ing) (of, the) (trumpets), joy, jubile, loud noise, rejoicing, shout (-ing), (high, joyful) sound (-ing).

Fenced – [OT:1219](#) בָּצַר **batsar** (baw-tsar'); a primitive root; to clip off; specifically (as denominative from [OT:1210](#)) to gather grapes; also to be isolated (i.e. inaccessible by height or fortification):

KJV - cut off, (de-) fenced, fortify, (grape) gather (-er), mighty things, restrain, strong, wall (up), withhold.

High – [OT:1364](#) גָּבוֹהַ **gaboahh** (gaw-bo'-ah); or (fully) **gabowahh** (gaw-bo'-ah); from [OT:1361](#); elevated (or elated), powerful, arrogant:

KJV - haughty, height, high (-er), lofty, proud, ^xexceeding proudly.

Towers – [OT:6438](#) פִּנָּח **pinnah** (pin-naw'); feminine of [OT:6434](#); an angle; by implication, a pinnacle; figuratively, a chieftain:

KJV - bulwark, chief, corner, stay, tower.

Distress

Zephaniah 1

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**.

Bring distress – [OT:6887](#) צָרַר **tsarar** (tsaw-rar'); a primitive root; to cramp, literally or figuratively, transitive or intransitive (as follows):

KJV - adversary, (be in) afflict (-ion), beseige, bind (up), (be in, bring) distress, enemy, narrower, oppress, pangs, shut up, be in a strait (trouble), vex.

Men – [OT:120](#) אָדָם **'adam** (aw-dawm'); from [OT:119](#); ruddy i.e. a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.):

KJV - ^xanother, ⁺hypocrite, ⁺common sort, ^xlow, man (mean, of low degree), person.

Sinned – [OT:2398](#) חָטָא **chata'** (khaw-taw'); a primitive root; properly, to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin; by inference, to forfeit, lack, expiate, repent, (causatively) lead astray, condemn:

KJV - bear the blame, cleanse, commit [sin], by fault, harm he hath done, loss, miss, (make) offend (-er), offer for sin, purge, purify (self), make reconciliation, (cause, make) sin (-ful, -ness), trespass.

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The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Wrath

Zephaniah 1

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.

Deliver – [OT:5337](#) נָצַל **natsal** (naw-tsal'); a primitive root; to snatch away, whether in a good or a bad sense: - ^xat all, defend, deliver (self), escape, ^xwithout fail, part, pluck, preserve, recover, rescue, rid, save, spoil, strip, ^xsurely, take (out).

Wrath – [OT:5678](#) עֵבְרָה **`ebrah** (eb-raw'); feminine of [OT:5676](#); an outburst of passion: **KJV** - anger, rage, wrath.

Jealousy – [OT:7068](#) קִנְיָה **qin'ah** (kin-aw'); from [OT:7065](#); jealousy or envy: **KJV** - envy (-ied), jealousy, ^xsake, zeal.

Speedy – [OT:926](#) בָּהַל **bahal** (baw-hal'); a primitive root; to tremble inwardly (or palpitate), i.e. (figuratively) be (causative, make) (suddenly) alarmed or agitated; by implication to hasten anxiously:

KJV - be (make) affrighted (afraid, amazed, dismayed, rash), (be, get, make) haste (-n, -y, -ily), (give) speedy (-ily), thrust out, trouble, vex.

Riddance – [OT:3617](#) כָּלָה **kalah** (kaw-law'); from [OT:3615](#); a completion; adverb, completely; also destruction:

KJV - altogether, (be, utterly) consume (-d), consummation (-ption), was determined, (full, utter) end, riddance.

Dwell – [OT:3427](#) יָשַׁב **yashab** (yaw-shab'); a primitive root; properly, to sit down (specifically as judge. in ambush, in quiet); by implication, to dwell, to remain; causatively, to settle, to marry:

KJV - (make to) abide (-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell (-ing), ease self, endure, establish, ^xfail, habitation, haunt, (make to) inhabit (-ant), make to keep [house], lurking, ^xmarry (-ing), (bring again to) place, remain, return, seat, set (-tle), (down-) sit (-down, still, -ting down, -ting [place] -uate), take, tarry.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Gentiles Gathered

Zephaniah 2

¹ Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;

Gather yourselves together – [OT:7197](#) **קָשַׁשׁ** **qashash** (kaw-shash'); a primitive root; to become sapless through drought; used only as denominative from [OT:7179](#); to forage for straw, stubble or wood; figuratively, to assemble:

KJV - gather (selves) (together).

Nation – [OT:1471](#) **גוֹי** **gowy** (go'-ee); rarely (shortened) **goy** (go'-ee); apparently from the same root as [OT:1465](#) (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts:

KJV - Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Desired – [OT:3700](#) **כָּסַף** **kacaph** (kaw-saf); a primitive root; properly, to become pale, i.e. (by implication) to pine after; also to fear:

KJV - [have] desire, be greedy, long, sore.

Zephaniah 2

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.

Decree – [OT:2706](#) **כֹּהֵן** **choq** (khole); from [OT:2710](#); an enactment; hence, an appointment (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage):

KJV - appointed, bound, commandment, convenient, custom, decree (-d), due, law, measure, ^x necessary, ordinance (-nary), portion, set time, statute, task.

Bring forth – [OT:3205](#) **יָלַד** **yalad** (yaw-lad'); a primitive root; to bear young; causatively, to beget; medically, to act as midwife; specifically, to show lineage:

KJV - bear, beget, birth ([-day]), born, (make to) bring forth (children, young), bring up, calve, child, come, be delivered (of a child), time of delivery, gender, hatch, labour, (do the office of a) midwife, declare pedigrees, be the son of, (woman in, woman that) travail (-eth, -ing woman).

Chaff – [OT:4671](#) **מוֹט** **mots** (motes); or **mowts** ([Zeph 2:2](#)) (motes); from [OT:4160](#); chaff (as pressed out, i.e. winnowed or [rather] threshed loose): **KJV** - chaff.

Fierce – [OT:2740](#) **חַרוֹן** **charown** (khaw-rone'); or (shortened) **charon** (khaw-rone'); from [OT:2734](#); a burning of anger:

KJV - sore displeasure, fierce (-ness), fury, (fierce) wrath (-ful).

Anger – [OT:639](#) **אַף** **'aph** (af); from [OT:599](#); properly, the nose or nostril; hence, the face, and occasionally a person; also (from the rapid breathing in passion) ire:

KJV - anger (-gry), ⁺ before, countenance, face, ⁺ forbearing, forehead, ⁺ [long-] suffering, nose, nostril, snout, ^x worthy, wrath.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Anger

Zephaniah 2

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 of the LORD's anger.

Seek – [OT:1245](#) בָּקַשׁ **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after: **KJV** - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Meek – [OT:6035](#) עָנָו **`anav** (aw-nawv'); or [by intermixture with [OT:6041](#)] `anayv (aw-nawv'); from [OT:6031](#); depressed (figuratively), in mind (gentle) or circumstances (needy, especially saintly): **KJV** - humble, lowly, meek, poor.

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ~~x~~ crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ~~x~~ worthy, + wrong.

Righteousness – [OT:6664](#) צְדָקָה **tsedeq** (tseh'-dek); from [OT:6663](#); the right (natural, moral or legal); also (abstractly) equity or (figuratively) prosperity: **KJV** - ~~x~~ even, (X that which is altogether) just (-ice), ([un-]) right (-eous) (cause, -ly, -ness).

Meekness – [OT:6038](#) עֲנָוָה **`anavah** (an-aw-vaw'); from [OT:6035](#); condescension, human and subjective (modesty), or divine and objective (clemency): **KJV** - gentleness, humility, meekness. [q]

Hid – [OT:5641](#) סָתַר **cathar** (saw-thar'); a primitive root; to hide (by covering), literally or figuratively:

KJV - be absent, keep close, conceal, hide (self), (keep) secret, ~~x~~ surely.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Philistia forsaken

Zephaniah 2

⁴ For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out [of their possession] Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up [plucked up].

Gaza – [OT:5804](#) אַזָּח 'Azzah (az-zaw'); feminine of [OT:5794](#); strong; Azzah, a place in Palestine: **KJV** - Azzah, Gaza.

Ashkelon – [OT:831](#) אֲשְׁקֶלֶן 'Ashqelown (ash-kel-one'); probably from [OT:8254](#) in the sense of weighing-place (i.e. mart); Ashkelon, a place in Palestine: **KJV** - Ashkelon, Askalon.

Ashdod – [OT:795](#) אֲשְׁדֹד 'Ashdowd (ash-dode'); from [OT:7703](#); ravager; Ashdod, a place in Palestine: **KJV** - Ahdod.

Ekron – [OT:6138](#) אֶקְרוֹן 'Eqrown (ek-rone'); from [OT:6131](#); eradication; Ekron, a place in Palestine: **KJV** - Ekron.

Zephaniah 2

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.

Cherethites – [OT:3774](#) כֶּרֶתִי **Kerethiy** (ker-ay-thee'); probably from [OT:3772](#) in the sense of executioner; a Kerethite or life-guard [compare [OT:2876](#)] (only collectively in the singular as plural): **KJV** - Cherethims, Cherethites.

Canaan – [OT:3667](#) כְּנַעַן **Kena'an** (ken-ah'-an); from [OT:3665](#); humiliated; Kenaan, a son a Ham; also the country inhabited by him: **KJV** - Canaan, merchant, traffick.

Destroy – [OT:6](#) אָבַד 'abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; properly, to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):

KJV - break, destroy (-uction), * not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, * and surely, take, be undone, * utterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

Remnant Preserved

Zephaniah 2

⁶ And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

Flocks – [OT:6629](#) צֹאן **tso'n** (tsone); or **tse'own** ([Ps 144:13](#)) (tseh-one'); from an unused root meaning to migrate; a collective name for a flock (of sheep or goats); also figuratively (of men):

KJV - (small) cattle, flock (+-s), lamb (+-s), sheep ([-cote, -fold, -shearer, -herds]).

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Remnant Preserved (*cont*)

Zephaniah 2

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**.

Remnant – [OT:7611](#) שְׂאֵרִית **she'eriyth** (sheh-ay-reeth'); from [OT:7604](#); a **remainder** or residual (surviving, final) portion:

KJV - that had **escaped**, be left, posterity, remain (-der), remnant, residue, rest.

Feed – [OT:7462](#) רָעָה **ra`ah** (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to **tend a flock**; i.e. **pasture** it; intransitively, to **graze** (literally or figuratively); **generally to rule**; by extension, to associate with (as a friend):

KJV - **×** break, companion, keep company with, devour, eat up, evil entreat, feed, use as a friend, make friendship with, herdman, keep [sheep]-), pastor, **+** shearing house, shepherd, wander, waste.

Ashkelon – [OT:831](#) אֲשְׁקֶלֹן **'Ashqelown** (ash-kel-one'); probably from [OT:8254](#) in the sense of **weighing-place** (i.e. mart); Ashkelon, a place in Palestine:

KJV - Ashkelon, Askalon.

Visit – [OT:6485](#) פָּקַד **paqad** (paw-kad'); a primitive root; to visit (with friendly or hostile intent); by analogy, to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit, etc.:

KJV - appoint, **×** at all, avenge, bestow, (appoint to have the, give a) charge, commit, count, deliver to keep, be empty, enjoin, go see, hurt, do judgment, lack, lay up, look, make, **×** by any means, miss, number, officer, (make) overseer, have (the) oversight, punish, reckon, (call to) remember (-brance), set (over), sum, **×** surely, visit, want.

Turn away – [OT:7725](#) שׁוּב **shuwb** (shoob); a primitive root; to turn back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of return to the starting point); generally to retreat; often adverbial, again:

KJV - ([break, build, circumcise, dig, do anything, do evil, feed, lay down, lie down, lodge, make, rejoice, send, take, weep]) **×** again, (cause to) answer (+again), **×** in any case (wise), **×** at all, averse, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, **×** certainly, come again (back), **×** consider, **+** continually, convert, deliver (again), **+** deny, draw back, fetch home again, **×** fro, get [oneself] (back) again, **×** give (again), go again (back, home), [go] out, hinder, let, [see] more, **×** needs, be past, **×** pay, pervert, pull in again, put (again, up again), recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse, reward, **+** say nay, send back, set again, slide back, still, **×** surely,

Captivity – [OT:7622](#) שְׁבוּת **shebuwth** (sheb-ooth'); or **shebiyth** (sheb-eeth'); from [OT:7617](#); exile, concretely, prisoners; figuratively, a former state of prosperity: **KJV** - captive (-ity).

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Perpetual Desolation of Moab and Ammon

Zephaniah 2

⁸I 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.

Reproach – [OT:2781](#) חֶרְפָּה **cherpah** (kher-paw'); from [OT:2778](#); contumely, disgrace, the pudenda: **KJV** - rebuke, reproach (-fully), shame.

Moab – [OT:4124](#) מוֹאָב **Mow'ab** (mo-awb); from a prolonged form of the prepositional prefix mand [OT:1](#); from (her [the mother's]) father; Moab, an incestuous son of Lot; also his territory and descendants: **KJV** - Moab.

Ammon – [OT:5983](#) עַמּוֹן **Ammown** (am-mone'); from [OT:5971](#); tribal, i.e. inbred; Ammon, a son of Lot; also his posterity and their country: **KJV** - Ammon, Ammonites.

Revilings – [OT:1421](#) גִּדְדוּפָה **gidduwph** (ghid-doo-faw'); or (shortened) **gidduph** (ghid-doo-faw'); and (feminine) **gidduphah** (ghid-doo-faw'); or **gidduphah** (ghid-doo-faw'); from [OT:1422](#); vilification: **KJV** - reproach, reviling.

Reproached – [OT:2778](#) חָרַף **charaph**. (khaw-raf); a primitive root; to pull off, i.e. (by implication) to expose (as by stripping); specifically, to betroth (as if a surrender); figuratively, to carp at, i.e. defame; denominative (from [OT:2779](#)) to spend the winter:

KJV - betroth, blaspheme, defy, jeopard, rail, reproach, upbraid.

Magnified – [OT:1431](#) גָּדַל **gadal** (gaw-dal'); a primitive root; properly, to twist [compare [OT:1434](#)], i.e. to be (causatively make) large (in various senses, as in body, mind, estate or honor, also in pride):

KJV - advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, be (-come, do, give, make, wax), great (-er, come to ... estate, + things), grow (up), increase, lift up, magnify (-ifical), be much set by, nourish (up), pass, promote, proudly [spoken], tower.

Border – [OT:1366](#) גְּבוּל **gebuwl** (gheb-ool'); or (shortened) **gebul** (gheb-ool'); from [OT:1379](#); properly, a cord (as twisted), i.e. (by implication) a boundary; by extens. the territory inclosed:

KJV - border, bound, coast, ^xgreat, landmark, limit, quarter, space.

Jeremiah 48

⁴⁷ Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Perpetual Desolation of Moab and Ammon (*cont*)

Zephaniah 2

⁹Therefore 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 [plunder] them, and the **remnant** of my people shall **possess** them.

Sodom – [OT:5467](#) סֹדֹם **Cedom** (sed-ome'); from an unused root meaning to **scorch**; burnt (i.e. volcanic or bituminous) district; Sedom, a place near the Dead Sea: **KJV** - Sodom.

Gomorrah – [OT:6017](#) עִמֹרָה **Amorah** (am-o-raw'); from [OT:6014](#); a (ruined) **heap**; Amorah, a place in Palestine: **KJV** - Gomorrah.

Breeding – [OT:4476](#) מִמְשָׁק **mimshaq** (mim-shawk'); from the same as [OT:4943](#); a **possession**: **KJV** - breeding.

Nettles – [OT:2738](#) חָרוּל **charuwl** (khaw-rool'); or (shortened) **charul** (khaw-rool'); apparently, a passive participle of an unused root probably meaning to be **prickly**; properly, **pointed**, i.e. a bramble or other thorny weed: nettle.

Perpetual – [OT:5769](#) עוֹלָם **owlam** (o-lawm'); or `olam (o-lawm'); from [OT:5956](#); properly, **concealed**, i.e. the **vanishing point**; generally, **time out of mind** (past or future), i.e. (practically) **eternity**; frequently, **adverbial** (especially with prepositional prefix) **always**:

KJV - alway (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+without end). Compare [OT:5331](#), [OT:5703](#).

Desolation – [OT:8077](#) שְׁמָמָה **shemamah** (shem-aw-maw'); or **shimamah** (shee-mam-aw'); feminine of [OT:8076](#); **devastation**; **figuratively, astonishment**:

KJV - (laid, *most) desolate (-ion), waste.

Residue – [OT:7611](#) שְׁאֵרִית **she'eriyyth** (sheh-ay-reeth'); from [OT:7604](#); a **remainder** or residual (surviving, final) portion:

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Remnant – [OT:3499](#) יֶתֶר **yether** (yeh'-ther); from [OT:3498](#); properly, **an overhanging**, i.e. (by implication) an excess, superiority, remainder; also a small rope (as hanging free):

KJV - * abundant, cord, exceeding, excellency (-ent), what they leave, that hath left, plentifully, remnant, residue, rest, string, with.

Possess – [OT:5157](#) נָחַל **nachal** (naw-khal'); a primitive root; to **inherit** (as a [figurative] mode of descent), or (generally) to **occupy**; causatively, to **bequeath**, or (generally) **distribute, instate**:

KJV - divide, have ([inheritance]), take as a heritage, (cause to, give to, make to) inherit, (distribute for, divide [for, for an, by], give for, have, leave for, take [for]) inheritance, (have in, cause to, be made to) possess (-ion).

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Perpetual Desolation of Moab and Ammon (*cont*)

Zephaniah 2

¹⁰ This shall they have for their **pride**, because they have **reproached** and **magnified** themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts.

Pride - [OT:1347](#) גָּאֹן **ga'own** (gaw-ohn'); from [OT:1342](#); the same as [OT:1346](#):

KJV - arrogancy, excellency (-lent), majesty, pomp, pride, proud, swelling.

Reproached - [OT:2778](#) חָרַף **charaph**. (khaw-raf'); a primitive root; to pull off, i.e. (by implication) to expose (as by stripping); specifically, to betroth (as if a surrender); figuratively, to carp [complain] at, i.e. defame; denominative (from [OT:2779](#)) to spend the winter:

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Zephaniah 2

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**.

Terrible - [OT:3372](#) יָרֵא **yare'** (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), *see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Famish - [OT:7329](#) רָצַח **razah** (raw-zaw'); a primitive root; to emaciate, i.e. make (become) thin (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - famish, wax lean.

Isles - [OT:339](#) יָבֵשׁ **'iy** (ee); from [OT:183](#); properly, a habitable spot (as desirable); dry land, a coast, an island: **KJV** - country, isle, island.

Heathen - [OT:1471](#) גּוֹי **gowy** (go'-ee); rarely (shortened) **goy** (go'-ee); apparently from the same root as [OT:1465](#) (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts: **KJV** - Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Ethiopia Pierced

Zephaniah 2

¹² Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain [pierced to death, fig polluted] by my sword.

Ethiopians - [OT:3569](#) כּוּשִׁי **Kuwshiy** (koo-shee'); patronymically from [OT:3568](#); a Cushite, or descendant of Cush: **KJV** - Cushi, Cushite, Ethiopian (-s).

Sword - [OT:2719](#) חֶרֶב **chereb** (kkeh'-reb; from [OT:2717](#); drought; also a cutting instrument (from its destructive effect), as a knife, sword, or other sharp implement: -axe, dagger, knife, mattock, sword, tool.

Assyria Desolated

Zephaniah 2

¹³ And He will stretch out His hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh [capital of Assyria] a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

North - [OT:6828](#) צָפוֹן **tsaphown** (tsaw-fone'); or **tsaphon** (tsaw-fone'); from [OT:6845](#); properly, hidden, i.e. dark; used only of the north as a quarter (gloomy and unknown): **KJV** - north (-ern, side, -ward, wind).

Zephaniah 2

¹⁴ And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant [pelican] and the bittern [bird] shall lodge in the upper lintels [capital of a column] of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; for he shall uncover the cedar work.

Desolation - [OT:2721](#) חֶרֶב **choreb** (kho'-reb); a collaterally form of [OT:2719](#); drought or desolation: **KJV** - desolation, drought, dry, heat, ^xutterly, waste.

Zephaniah 2

¹⁵ This is the rejoicing [exultant] city that dwelt carelessly, 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.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Jerusalem Judged

Polluted

Zephaniah 3

¹ Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

Filthy - [OT:4754](#) מָרָא **marā'** (maw-raw'); a primitive root; to rebel; hence (through the idea of maltreating) to whip, i.e. lash (self with wings, as the ostrich in running): **KJV** - be filthy, lift upself.

Polluted - [OT:1351](#) גָּאֵל **ga'al** (gaw-al'); a primitive root, [rather identified with [OT:1350](#), through the idea of freeing, i.e. repudiating]; to soil or (figuratively) desecrate: **KJV** - defile, pollute, stain.

Oppressing - [OT:3238](#) יָנָח **yanah** (yaw-naw'); a primitive root; to rage or be violent; by implication, to suppress, to maltreat:

KJV - destroy, (thrust out by) oppress (-ing, -ion, -or), proud, vex, do violence.

Disobedient

Zephaniah 3

² She obeyed not [would not hear] the voice; she received not [would not take] correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

Trusted - [OT:982](#) בָּטַח **batach** (baw-takh'); a primitive root; properly, to hide for refuge [but not so precipitately as [OT:2620](#)]; figuratively, to trust, be confident or sure:

KJV - be bold (confident, secure, sure), careless (one, woman), put confidence, (make to) hope, (put, make to) trust.

Greedy

Zephaniah 3

³ Her princes [head person] within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening [dusk] wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

Treacherous

Zephaniah 3

⁴ Her prophets are light and treacherous [unfaithful, disloyal, deceitful, double-crossing, untrustworthy, perfidious = dishonest] persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence [violation, mistreatment] to the law.

Light - [OT:6348](#) פָּחַז **pachaz** (paw-khaz'); a primitive root; to bubble up or froth (as boiling water), i.e. (figuratively) to be unimportant: **KJV** - light.

Treacherous - [OT:898](#) בָּגַד **bagad** (baw-gad'); a primitive root; to cover (with a garment); figuratively, to act covertly; by implication, to pillage:
KJV - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, transgress (-or), (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), ^xvery.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word of the Great Day (*cont*)

Jerusalem Judged (*cont*)

Shameless

Zephaniah 3

⁵The 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**.

Zephaniah 3

⁶I 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**.

Desolate - OT:8074 שָׁמֵם **shamem** (shaw-mame'); a primitive root; to stun (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense):

KJV - make amazed, be astonished, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

Waste - OT:2717 חָרַב **charab** (khaw-rab'); or **chareb** (khaw-rabe'); a primitive root; to parch (through drought) i.e. (by analogy,) to desolate, destroy, kill:

KJV - decay, (be) desolate, destroy (-er), (be) dry (up), slay, ^xsurely, (lay, lie, make) waste.

Destroyed - OT:6658 צָדַח **tsadah** (tsaw-daw'); a primitive root; to chase; by implication, to desolate: **KJV** - destroy, hunt, lie in wait.

Corrupt

Zephaniah 3

⁷I 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.

Corrupted - OT:7843 שָׁחַח **shachath** (shaw-khath'); a primitive root; to decay, i.e. (causatively) ruin (literally or figuratively):

KJV - batter, cast off, corrupt (-er, thing), destroy (-er, -uction), lose, mar, perish, spill, spoiler, ^xutterly, waste (-r).

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word to the Wicked

Zephaniah 3

⁸ 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** [rage, God's displeasure], even **all my fierce anger**: for all **the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy**.

Prey - OT:5706 אַד `ad (ad); the same as OT:5703 in the sense of the aim of an attack; booty: **KJV** - prey.

Determination - OT:4941 מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from OT:8199; properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^x crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^x worthy, + wrong.

Psalms 69

²⁴ **Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.**

Ezekiel 21 upon disobedient Israel

³¹ **And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy.**

Ezekiel 21

²⁹ Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of **the wicked, whose day is come**, when **their iniquity shall have an end**.

Nahum 1

⁶ **Who can stand before His indignation?** and who can abide in the **fierceness of His anger?** His fury is **poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him**.

Revelation 14

⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

¹⁰ The same shall **drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is **poured out without mixture** into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

¹¹ And the **smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever**: and they have **no rest day nor night**, who **worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name**.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word to the Wicked (*cont*)

Psalm 7

⁹ Oh let the **wickedness** of the **wicked** come to an **end**; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word to Israel

The LORD blesses the Gentiles

Zephaniah 3

⁹ For then will I turn to the people a **pure language**, that they may all **call upon the name of the LORD [JEHOVAH]**, to serve [work for] **Him with one consent**.

Consent - [OT:7926](#) שָׁכֶם **shekem** (shek-em'); from [OT:7925](#); the neck (between the shoulders) as the place of burdens; figuratively, the spur of a hill:

KJV - back, ^x consent, portion, shoulder.

Zephaniah 3

¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

Ethiopia - [OT:3568](#) כוּשׁ **Kuwsh** (koosh); probably of foreign origin; Cush (or Ethiopia), the name of a son of Ham, and of his territory; also of an Israelite: **KJV** - Chush, Cush, Ethiopia.

Suppliants - [OT:6282](#) עֹתָר **athar** (aw-thawr'); from [OT:6280](#); incense (as increasing to a volume of smoke); hence (from [OT:6279](#)) a worshipper:

KJV - suppliant, thick.

Dispersed - [OT:6327](#) פָּרַץ **puwts** (poots); a primitive root; to dash in pieces, literally or figuratively (especially to disperse):

KJV - break (dash, shake) in (to) pieces, cast (abroad), disperse (selves), drive, retire, scatter (abroad), spread abroad.

The LORD blesses the Remnant

Not ashamed

Zephaniah 3

¹¹ **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.

Haughty - [OT:1361](#) גָּבַחַ **gabahh** (gaw-bah'); a primitive root; to soar, i.e. be lofty; figuratively, to be haughty:

KJV - exalt, be haughty, be (make) high (-er), lift up, mount up, be proud, raise up great height, upward.

Protected

Zephaniah 3

¹² I will also **leave in the midst of thee an afflicted [humbled] and poor [weak, thin] people**, and **they shall trust in the name of the LORD**.

Trust - [OT:2620](#) חָצַח **chacah** (khaw-saw'); a primitive root; to flee for protection [compare [OT:982](#)]; fig.: to confide in: **KJV** - have hope, make refuge, (put) trust

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word to Israel (*cont*)

The LORD blesses the Remnant (*cont*)

Moral

Zephaniah 3

¹³ The **remnant** of Israel shall not do iniquity [evil], nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful [fraudulent] tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Remnant - [OT:7611](#) שְׂאֵרִית **she'eriyyth** (sheh-ay-reeth'); from [OT:7604](#); a remainder or residual (surviving, final) portion:

KJV - that had escaped, be left, posterity, remain (-der), remnant, residue, rest.

Glad Hearted

Zephaniah 3

¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O **daughter of Jerusalem.**

Innocent

Zephaniah 3

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.**

Loved

Zephaniah 3

¹⁶ **In that day** it shall be said to Jerusalem, **Fear thou not:** and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

Rest

Zephaniah 3

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.**

Gathered

Zephaniah 3

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**.

Reproach - [OT:2781](#) כִּרְפָּא **cherpah** (kher-paw'); from [OT:2778](#); contumely, disgrace, the pudenda: **KJV** - rebuke, reproach (-fully), shame.

Burden - [OT:4864](#) מַשְׂאֵת **mas'eth** (mas-ayth'); from [OT:5375](#); properly, (abstractly) a raising (as of the hands in prayer), or rising (of flame); figuratively, an utterance; concretely, a beacon (as raised); a present (as taken), mess, or tribute; figuratively, a reproach (as a burden):

KJV - burden, collection, sign of fire, (great) flame, gift, lifting up, mess, oblation, reward.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word to Israel (*cont*)

The LORD blesses the Remnant (*cont*)

Healed

Zephaniah 3

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth [limps], and gather [collect] her that was driven out; and **I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.**

Driven out - [OT:5080](#) **נָדַח** (*nadach* (naw-dakh')); a primitive root; to push off; used in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively (to expel, mislead, strike, inflict, etc.):

KJV - banish, bring, cast down (out), chase, compel, draw away, drive (away, out, quite), fetch a stroke, force, go away, outcast, thrust away (out), withdraw.

The Word to Zephaniah

The Word to His people

Zephaniah 3

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.

Psalm 68

²¹ But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

²² The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:

²³ That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

Daniel 10

¹⁴ Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

Hosea 3

⁵ Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Ephesians 2

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

John 6

⁴⁰ And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

1 Corinthians 6

¹⁴ And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power.

1 John 3

² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see Him as He is.