

Zephaniah 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; (The Kenites, atheists, communists and heathen <Muslims>)

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. (Wake up and learn the Word of God. Do it, before it is too late)

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 God – that requires action on our part. God will protect the meek, the righteous and the humble that seek Him) see Psalms-27:1-9

(hid – hidden = Zephaniah <Hebrew>; to be hidden in the days of antichrist is to be under the protection of Almighty God. There is no better place to be)

Judgment against the Philistines:

⁴ For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. (Gaza = stronghold; Ashkelon = migratory; Ashdod = stronghold; Ekron = torn up by the roots)

(They are a desolation today and will be in the end days when antichrist arrives. Most Muslim suicide bombers come from that area)

(These cities were allotted to Judah, yet they only had them for a short time under Joshua. They managed to stay independent of Israel for the most part. They were occupied by the Philistines. It is believed that the Philistines came from Cypress)

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 = murderers, executioners) (There are no inhabitants there that know the truth; today, the place is all Muslim. It is called the Gaza Strip. Islam is a cult of hate and death)

(Yet if any Muslim repents and receives Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, he becomes a child of God. Jesus was crucified to save the whole world; not just Israelites)

NOTE: (During the days of the Apostles, Philip and his four prophetess daughters taught God's Word in that area. They converted many of those people to Christianity)

⁶And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. (After God restores the world during the Millennium)

⁷And 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. (The land will be returned to Judah on the Lord's Day. There will be peace throughout the land, because God will rule)

Judgment against Moab and Ammon:

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. (Moab and Ammon are the offspring of Lot)

(They treated Israel as enemies, and yet they were both of Abraham's progeny. Lot was Abraham's nephew. Abraham saved Lot and his family from an invasion by the heathen) See Genesis-14

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 salt pits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them. (Sodom and Gomorrah were the poster children for sexual perversion, idolatry and human sacrifice. They were so perverted that God destroyed them both)

(Ammon and Moab took on their gods and practiced the same sexual perversion, idolatry. They even practiced human sacrifice of their own children by fire. It was called Molochism)

NOTE: (We are no better than they were. Look at the sexual perversion that is prevalent in Western Christian countries today. We allow women to murder their own children in abortion "clinics". It is beyond disgusting, and we will be judged for it)

¹⁰ This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts. (They have always been enemies of Israel, by their own choice. Israel didn't start the trouble. But they were forced to defend themselves over and over against both Moab and Ammon)

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. (On the Lord's Day; there will be no denying that there is only one God. Their false deities will be exposed as nothing more than foolishness)

Judgment against the Ethiopians, North Africa and the Middle East; they are all Muslim nations today:

¹² Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword. (The two edged sword of the Lord is His Word. It proceeds out of His mouth. The truth of God's Word will destroy all heathenism and false teaching <Islam>) Revelation-1:16

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. Isaiah-14 (The Assyrian is a type for antichrist)

(Nineveh was the capital of Assyria. Jonah went there under God's command. He converted the whole bunch to worship God)

(They eventually abandoned God and went back to their idolatry in worshipping their fish god. Today, these lands are all controlled by Muslims)

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. (Assyria is symbolic for antichrist's one world system in the end times. It will be in ruins, with dirty birds nesting in the beams. It will be open to the weather, and wild animals will take it over)

¹⁵ This is the rejoicing 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. (They will hiss in disgust)

(God wanted to give Nineveh salvation. HE sent Jonah there to teach them the truth. They accepted God at first)

(Later they refused Him and rebelled against Him – to their own foolishness and eventual destruction. They took the 10 northern tribes of Israel captive and abused them. They were later conquered by Babylon and destroyed)

See Revelation-18:5–8 (She is like Babylon. Give her a double portion of God's wrath, like she did to others. Abase her for her great self pride. Self pride was also Satan's downfall)