

## Zephaniah 1:1-18 **The Great Day of Yahweh (The Lord)**

### The Great Day of Yahweh (the Lord) (cf. Amos 5:18-20)

<sup>1</sup> The word of Yahweh (the Lord) which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

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<sup>2</sup> "I will utterly consume everything From the face of the land," Says Yahweh (the Lord);

<sup>3</sup> 'I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, The fish of the sea, And the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. I will cut off man from the face of the land," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

<sup>4</sup> "I will stretch out My hand against Judah, And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, The names of the idolatrous priests with the pagan priests —

<sup>5</sup> Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops; Those who worship and swear oaths by Yahweh (the Lord), But who also swear by Milcom;

<sup>6</sup> Those who have turned back from following Yahweh (the Lord), And have not sought Yahweh (the Lord), nor inquired of Him."

<sup>7</sup> Be silent in the presence of Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God); For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is at hand, For Yahweh (the Lord) has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

<sup>8</sup> "And it shall be, In the day of Yahweh (the Lord) sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.

<sup>9</sup> In the same day I will punish All those who leap over the threshold, Who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

<sup>10</sup> "And there shall be on that day," says Yahweh (the Lord), "The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the Second Quarter, And a loud crashing from the hills.

<sup>11</sup> Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh! For all the merchant people are cut down; All those who handle money are cut off.

<sup>12</sup> "And it shall come to pass at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, 'Yahweh (the Lord) will not do good, Nor will He do evil.'

<sup>13</sup> Therefore their goods shall become booty, And their houses a desolation; They shall build houses, but not inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine."

<sup>14</sup> The great day of Yahweh (the Lord) is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.

<sup>15</sup> That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,

<sup>16</sup> A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.

<sup>17</sup> "I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against Yahweh (the Lord); Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse."

18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of Yahweh (the Lord) wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

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Facts Revealed:

**The Great Day of Yahweh (the Lord's) Vengeance** (cf. Amos 5:18-20, Isaiah 2:12-21, Jeremiah 46:10, Ezekiel 13:1-5, Joel 1:1 through 3:16, Obadiah, Zephaniah, Zechariah 14:1-2, Malachi 4:5, Acts 2:19-20, 2 Peter 3:10)

- ✧ The word of Yahweh (the Lord) which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah. [\[Zephaniah 1:1\]](#)
- ✧ Messages of the **Day of Yahweh's vengeance** were given mostly in the days of Good kings of Judah, Uzziah, Hezekiah, and Josiah.
- ✧ Zephaniah was written in the days of Josiah the last good king of Judah who did much to restore the land of Israel to the worship of Yahweh their God and purge away idolatry and witchcraft.

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- ✧ The Day of Yahweh is a time of His Wrath as He steps in to purge away all that offends Him.
- ✧ The Day of Yahweh will consume from the land both man and beast, birds of the air, and fish of the sea along with the wicked and all that causes man to stumble in his relationship with Yahweh. [\[Zephaniah 1:2-3\]](#)
- ✧ Pagan idolatry is the cause of Yahweh's wrath against Judah and Jerusalem. [\[Zephaniah 1:4-6\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh's purpose is to destroy every trace of idolatry and punish those who have turned their backs to Him. [\[Zephaniah 1:4-6\]](#)
- ✧ Be silent in the presence of Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God); For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is at hand, For Yahweh (the Lord) has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests. [\[Zephaniah 1:7\]](#)
  - ✧ The **sacrifice** of Yahweh is the death of the wicked.
  - ✧ The **guests** are the birds and beasts He has called as a clean up crew.
  - ✧ The Day of the Lord is a time of punishment against wicked man who seek elevated positions of leadership to rule over the masses. [\[Zephaniah 1:8-9\]](#)
  - ✧ The result of the Day of the Lord will be great mourning in Jerusalem because the merchants will be cut down. [\[Zephaniah 1:10-11\]](#)
  - ✧ Yahweh will punish all who are settled in complacency, who say in their hearts that Yahweh will do no good nor He do evil. [\[Zephaniah 1:12\]](#)
  - ✧ All their possessions will be booty for their enemies. [\[Zephaniah 1:13\]](#)
- ✧ The great day of Yahweh (the Lord) is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.  
That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers. [\[Zephaniah 1:14-16\]](#)
  - ✧ The Day of the Lord is a day of wrath will bring down all on which the people had trusted with confidence.
  - ✧ The punishment is because they had sinned against Yahweh. [\[Zephaniah 1:17\]](#)

✧ Nothing can help them, not even their wealth, because the whole land will be devoured by the fire of His jealousy as He makes a total riddance of all who dwell in the land. [\[Zephaniah 1:18\]](#)