

Zephaniah 3:1-7 **Righteousness of Yahweh's judgment against wicked Jerusalem**

Deliberate Wickedness of Jerusalem

1 Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, To the oppressing city!

2 She has not obeyed His voice, She has not received correction; She has not trusted Ba-Yahweh (in the Lord), She has not drawn near to Eloheyha (her God).

3 Her princes in her midst are roaring lions; Her judges are evening wolves That leave not a bone till morning.

4 Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; Her priests have polluted the sanctuary, They have done violence to the law.

5 Yahweh (The Lord) is righteous in her midst, He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails, But the unjust knows no shame.

6 "I have cut off nations, Their fortresses are devastated; I have made their streets desolate, With none passing by. Their cities are destroyed; There is no one, no inhabitant.

7 I said, 'Surely you will fear Me, You will receive instruction' — So that her dwelling would not be cut off, Despite everything for which I punished her.

But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds.

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Facts Revealed;

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- ✧ Yahweh pronounced Woe to Jerusalem the oppressing city which is rebellious and polluted by their deliberate disobedience against His Law even after He has met out punishment against her to call her back to Him in repentance. [[Zephaniah 3:1-2](#)]
- ✧ The leaders of wickedness started by her Princes, Judges, Prophets, and Priests who have polluted the righteous Laws given to them by Yahweh when they became a nation. [[Zephaniah 3:3-4](#)]
- ✧ The unjust know no shame, even though Yahweh is righteous, Who never fails to bring justice to light. [[Zephaniah 3:5](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh has made examples of wicked nations by making them desolate, to call His people to repentance, which Jerusalem knows to be righteous judgments by Yahweh. [[Zephaniah 3:6](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh's purpose in the open punishment of the wicked is to cause His people to see and fear Him, so they might repent and be saved from similar wrath and not be cut off. [[Zephaniah 3:7](#)]
- ✧ Despite all the warnings, they deliberately corrupted all their deeds. [[Zephaniah 3:7](#)]