

Zephaniah 2

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A Call to Repentance

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

Judgment on the Nations

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

- 8** I 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.
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- 9** Therefore 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 them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.
- 10** This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts.
- 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.
- 12** Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.
- 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.
- 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.
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- 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Zephaniah 2:1

Parallel theme: 2 Chronicles 20:4; Nehemiah 8:1; 9:1; Esther 4:16; Jeremiah 3:3; 6:15; Joel 1:14; Zechariah 11:8; Matthew 18:20

Zephaniah 2:2

Parallel theme: Job 21:18; Psalms 1:4; 2:12; 50:22; Isaiah 17:13; Hosea 13:3; Nahum 1:6.

References Lord: Zephaniah 1:18; 3:8; Lamentations 4:11

Zephaniah 2:3 **Judgment:** Psalms 76:9. **References Lord:** Psalms 22:26; 105:4; Jeremiah 39:18; 2 Peter 3:18. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 57:1; Jonah 3:9; Matthew 5:5. **Righteousness:** Proverbs 18:10; Hosea 10:12

Zephaniah 2:4 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 25:20

Zephaniah 2:5

References Lord: Joshua 13:3; Jeremiah 47:7; Ezekiel 25:16. **Word:** Amos 3:1

Zephaniah 2:7

References Lord: Zephaniah 3:20; Exodus 4:31; Isaiah 11:11; Jeremiah 29:14; Micah 4:7.

References God: Ezekiel 39:25; Luke 1:68. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 33:7; Obadiah 1:19; Micah 2:12

Zephaniah 2:8 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 49:1; Amos 1:13

Zephaniah 2:9 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 11:14. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 29:23; Isaiah 25:10; 49:18. **References God:** Jeremiah 50:40

Zephaniah 2:10 **Parallel theme:** Zephaniah 2:8; Isaiah 16:6; Jeremiah 48:29

Zephaniah 2:11 **References Lord:** Zechariah 2:11; 13:2; Malachi 1:11. **Worship:** Psalms 138:4. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 10:5; Hosea 2:17

Zephaniah 2:13 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 10:12; 10:16; Nahum 1:1; 3:7

Zephaniah 2:14 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 22:14; Amos 9:1

Zephaniah 2:15

Parallel theme: Isaiah 22:2; Jeremiah 19:8; Lamentations 1:1; 2:15; Ezekiel 28:2; 28:9; Nahum 3:19

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