

# Zephaniah 2

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## A Call to Repentance

(Joel 1:13–20; Amos 5:4–15; Luke 13:1–5)

<sup>1</sup>Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O shameless nation;

<sup>2</sup>Before the decree bring forth The day when one passeth as the chaff, Before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, Before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you.

<sup>3</sup>Seek ye the LORD, all ye humble of the earth, That have executed His ordinance; Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

### **Judgment on the Philistines**

(Jeremiah 47:1–7)

<sup>4</sup>For Gaza shall be forsaken, And Ashkelon a desolation; They shall drive out Ashdod at the noonday, And Ekron shall be rooted up.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>And the sea-coast shall be pastures, Even meadows for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

<sup>7</sup>And it shall be a portion for the remnant of the house of Judah, Whereon they shall feed; In the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; For the LORD their God will remember them, And turn their captivity.

### **Judgment on Moab and Ammon**

(Isaiah 16:1–14; Jeremiah 48:1–47)

<sup>8</sup>I have heard the taunt of Moab, And the revilings of the children of Ammon, Wherewith they have taunted My people, And spoken boastfully concerning their border.

<sup>9</sup>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-place of nettles, and saltpits, And a desolation, for ever; The residue of My people shall spoil them, And the remnant of My nation shall inherit them.

<sup>10</sup>This shall they have for their pride, Because they have taunted and spoken boastfully Against the people of the LORD of hosts. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will be terrible unto them; For He will famish all the gods of the earth; Then shall all the isles of the nations worship Him, Every one from its place.

### **Judgment on Cush and Assyria**

<sup>12</sup>Ye Ethiopians also, Ye shall be slain by My sword.

<sup>13</sup>And He will stretch out His hand against the north, And destroy Assyria; And will make Nineveh a desolation, And dry like the wilderness.

<sup>14</sup>And all beasts of every kind Shall lie down in the midst of her in herds; Both the pelican and the bittern Shall lodge in the capitals thereof; Voices shall sing in the windows; Desolation shall be in the posts; For the cedar-work thereof shall be uncovered.

<sup>15</sup>This is the joyous city That dwelt without care, That said in her heart: 'I am, and there is none else 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.