

Zephaniah

CHAPTER 1

Verse 7: **“Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.”** As always, “the day of the LORD” refers to the Second Coming of Christ.

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Verses 14-18: **“The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.”** Again, the context is the Second Coming. Such language as “the great day of the LORD” and “the day of the LORD's wrath” point directly to Christ's return when Israel is converted and Israel's enemies are destroyed. The making **“speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land”** refers to the Lord replacing all the followers of Mohammed and Allah with converted Jews.

CHAPTER 2

Verses 1-3: **“Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; 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. 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.”** God in His mercy sounds a warning to earth's inhabitants in hopes that people will prepare their hearts to meet their maker at His Second Coming. Some will be ready (I Ths. 5:4-5), but most will not (I Ths. 5:1-3).

CHAPTER 3

Verse 8: **“Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.”** If there's one verse in the Bible that is aimed at the United Nations, this is the verse. Christ will not return and commend the UN for a job well done (as a former UN Secretary General suggested); He will return and destroy the Jew-hating institution and replacing it with a Jewish kingdom ruled by a Jewish King and a Jewish council from Jerusalem (Mat. 19:28).