

Zephaniah 1:11~ Howl, you inhabitants of Maktesh,¹ for all the people who are tradesmen have been silenced, all those weighing out silver have been cut off.

Footnote: Literally, the Mortar Hebrew, *ham·Makh·tesh'* Apparently a section of Jerusalem in the upper portion of the Central (or, Tyropoeon) Valley near the Fish Gate and the second quarter

1· Then Zephaniah tells the inhabitants of Maktesh, which is in the same relative part of Jerusalem, part of her commercial quarter, to howl, for all the people who are tradesmen have been silenced, and all those weighing out silver, have been cut off. Thus the Day of Yehowah will be against the commercial interests of this world as well, for they too have oppressed the poor and downtrodden the lowly ones of the earth.

[Question] Where was Maktesh, and what quarter was it primarily within the city of Jerusalem?

[Question] What therefore does this mean for the commercial interests of the earth, and why against them?

2· On this account gird on sackcloth, you people. Beat your breasts and howl, because the burning anger of Yehowah has not turned back from us. (Jeremiah 4:8)

[Question] How should the people respond to what Yehowah God is bringing upon them?

3· Howl, you shepherds, and cry out! And wallow about, you majestic ones of the flock, because your days for slaughtering and for your scatterings have been fulfilled, and you must fall like a desirable vessel! (Jeremiah 25:34)

[Question] Who will then be given attention, and how should they come to view this great Day of Yehowah, for what will happen to them then?

4· Wake up, you drunkards, and weep, and howl, all you wine drinkers, on account of sweet wine, for it has been cut off from your mouths. (Joel 1:5)

[Question] How did Yehowah God address these spiritually drunk shepherds of the flocks, for what will be cut off from them?

5· Come, now, you rich men, weep, howling over your miseries

that are coming upon you. (James 5:1)

[Question] What did James state would happen to the rich ones of the earth?

- 6· After him Malchijah, a member of the goldsmith guild, did repair work as far as the house of the Nethinim and the traders, in front of the Inspection Gate and as far as the roof chamber of the corner. (Nehemiah 3:31)**

[Question] Where did Malchijah do repair work?

- 7· Also, the traveling merchants of the earth are weeping and mourning over her, because there is no one to buy their full stock anymore. (Revelation 18:11)**

[Question] Who mourn over Babylon the Great when she is destroyed by Yehowah God?