

Zephaniah 1:12~ And it must occur at that time, that I shall carefully search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will give attention to the men¹ who are congealing upon their dregs, and who are saying in their heart; Yehowah will not do good, and he will not do bad.

Footnote: The men Hebrew, *ha'ana-shim'*, plural of *'ish*

1· Then Yehowah God promises to carefully search throughout Jerusalem, here representing all of religions that claims to worship him, searching through her with lamps. Then he will give attention to all of the men who are congealing upon their dregs, meaning those who are morally degraded, for the dregs were the unfiltered material at the bottom of a bottle of wine bottle or a wineskin. These are the men who continue in their course, saying of Yehowah God, that he will never act either to do good, or to do bad. How wrong they are! They will be caught in their error.

[Question] What will Yehowah God then search thoroughly, and who will he then give his attention to?

[Question] What are those men saying about the coming Day of Yehowah?

2· For the true God himself will bring every sort of work into the judgment in relation to every hidden thing, as to whether it is good or bad. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

[Question] What works will the true God then bring into judgment, and will anyone be able to hide from that judgment?

3· For, look! Yehowah is coming forth from his place to call to account the error of the inhabitant of the land against him, and the land will certainly expose her bloodshed and will no longer cover over her killed ones. (Isaiah 26:21)

[Question] Why then, is Yehowah God coming forth from his place, and what will he openly expose then?

4· If they dig down into Sheol, from there my own hand will take them, and if they go up to the heavens, from there I shall bring them down. (Amos 9:2)

[Question] Can men even hide from this judgment through death, in Sheol?

- 5· **And there is not a creation that is not manifest to his sight, but all things are naked, and openly exposed, to the eyes of him, with whom we have an accounting. (Hebrews 4:13)**

[Question] Is there anything within creation, that is not manifest to the sight of Yehowah God?

- 6· **And her children I will kill with deadly plague, so that all the congregations will know, that I am he who searches the kidneys and hearts, and I will give to you, individually, according to YOUR deeds. (Revelation 2:23)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God state, that he would deal with the children of Jezebel within the congregations of spirit anointed Christians?

[Question] How then, would he repay each one, according to what criteria?

- 7· **Come, men! Let me take some wine, and let us drink intoxicating liquor to the limit. And tomorrow will certainly turn out just as today, great in a very much larger way. (Isaiah 56:12)**

[Question] What do those who think Yehowah God will not act, do, while waiting for his day, and what do they think about the future?

- 8· **The Moabites have been at ease since their youth, and they are keeping undisturbed on their dregs. And they have not been emptied from one vessel into another vessel, and into exile they have not gone. That is why their taste has stood still within them, and their very scent has not been changed. (Jeremiah 48:11)**

[Question] What did the Moabites do, that paralleled this thinking?

- 9· **Why is it that the wicked one has disrespected God? He has said in his heart; You will not require an accounting. (Psalms 10:13)**

[Question] Why does the wicked man disrespect Yehowah God, for what does he think will never come?

- 10· **The senseless one has said in his heart; There is no Yehowah. They have acted ruinously, they have acted detestably in their dealing. There is no one doing good. (Psalms 14:1)**

[Question] What does the senseless one say within his heart?

[Question] What way does this cause men to act, since they feel that retribution will never come for their wicked acts?

- 11· And they keep **saying**; Yah does not see, and the God of Jacob does not understand it. (**Psalms 94:7**)

[Question] What did the Psalmist show, that the men of Israel felt?

- 12· And **saying**; Where is this promised presence of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as from creation's beginning. (**2 Peter 3:4**)

[Question] What did Peter prophesy, that men would say within these Last Days, and are men saying this today, despite all the mounting evidence we are within the Last Days?

- 13· The wicked one according to his superciliousness makes no **search**, all his ideas are; There is no God. (**Psalms 10:4**)

[Question] What are all the ideas of the wicked man, and who does he never search for?

- 14· God **will** hear and answer them, even He that is sitting enthroned as in the past. Those with whom there are no changings, and who have not feared God. (**Psalms 55:19**)

[Question] Who will Yehowah God give attention to then, for why have they stayed in their wicked way?

- 15· And they have said; How has God come to know? And does there exist knowledge in the Most High? (**Psalms 73:11**)

[Question] What do those men think, that Yehowah God does not see about them, though he sees everything, simply because he chooses to remain hidden from them?

- 16· And when you **will** say in your **heart**; Why is it that these things have befallen me? Because of the abundance of your error your skirts have been taken off as a cover, your heels have been treated violently. (**Jeremiah 13:22**)

[Question] What did Moses show that Israel would come to realize, only after they had been sent off into exile?

- 17· **You** have said; **It is of no value to serve God. And what profit is there in that we have kept the obligation to him, and that we have walked dejectedly on account of Yehowah of armies? (Malachi 3:14)**

[Question] What do many who once served Yehowah God, come feel in their hearts over time?