

Zephaniah 1:18~ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them in the day of Yehowah's fury, but by the fire of his zeal the whole earth¹ will be devoured, because he will make an extermination, indeed a terrible one,² of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Footnote: Or, all the land Hebrew, *kol-ha·'a'rets*

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1· Then people who have been materialistic and sought out wealth and material things, and who have trusted in such worthless things, will find out, that such things are of no real value, and cannot deliver them from the fury of Yehowah God's anger. Zephaniah promises, that then the whole earth will be devoured by the fire of his zeal, for then he will make an extermination, indeed a terrible one, **of all the inhabitants of the earth.**

[Question] Who then will find out that the things that they have so diligently collected, are but worthless junk?

[Question] Who then, will be completely devoured, and by what?

2· Valuable things **will** be of no benefit on the **day of fury**, but righteousness itself **will deliver** from death. (**Proverbs 11:4**)

[Question] What things men diligently store up, will then be of no use?

[Question] What though, will deliver one then?

3· In that **day** the earthling man **will** throw his worthless gods of silver and his valueless gods of **gold** that they had made for him, to bow before to the shrewmice and to the bats. (**Isaiah 2:20**)

[Question] What will men then do with their worthless gods of gold and silver, as they run to hide from Yehowah God in caves of the earth?

4· Into the streets they **will** throw their very silver, and an abhorrent thing their own **gold will** become. Neither their silver nor their **gold will** be able to **deliver** them in the **day of Yehowah's fury**. Their souls they **will** not satisfy, and their intestines they **will** not fill, for it has become a

stumbling block causing their error. (**Ezekiel 7:19**)

[Question] Where then will they throw their silver and gold, and how will they then view such things?

[Question] What can these once precious things, not now do for them?

[Question] Can they eat these things to remain alive?

[Question] What only have these things become within their lives?

- 5· Come, now, **YOU** rich men, weep, howling over **YOUR** miseries that are coming upon **YOU**. (**James 5:1**)

[Question] What did James tell the rich men to go and do, for what alone was coming upon them, through their greed?

- 6· For a **fire** has been ignited in my anger and it **will** burn down to Sheol, the lowest place, and it **will** consume the **earth** and its produce, and **will** set ablaze the foundations of mountains. (**Deuteronomy 32:22**)

[Question] What has been ignited within Yehowah God's anger, and where will it burn down to, what will it consume completely, and set ablaze?

- 7· Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Look! My anger and my rage are being poured forth upon this place, upon mankind and upon domestic animal, and upon the tree of the field and upon the fruitage of the ground, and it must burn, and it **will** not be extinguished. (**Jeremiah 7:20**)

[Question] What then, would Yehowah God pour out his rage and anger upon, with what result?

- 8· Therefore keep yourselves in expectation of me, is the utterance of Yehowah, till the **day** of my rising up to the booty, for my judicial decision is to gather nations, for me to collect together kingdoms, in order to pour out upon them my denunciation, all my burning anger, for by the **fire** of my **zeal** all the **earth will** be **devoured**. (**Zephaniah 3:8**)

[Question] What then, does Yehowah God expect his people to keep waiting for faithfully, for what is Yehowah God's judicial decision?

[Question] What will be devoured by the fire of his zeal for righteousness?

- 9· For this is what Yehowah has said; A desolate waste is what the **whole** land **will** become, and shall I not carry out a sheer **extermination**? (**Jeremiah 4:27**)

[Question] What did Yehowah God state, that their whole land would become, yet what would he not bring about then?

- 10· How long, O Yehowah, **will** you be incensed? Forever? How long **will** your ardor burn just like **fire**? (**Psalms 79:5**)

[Question] What did the Psalmist ask Yehowah God about his burning anger against his people?

- 11· The treasures of the wicked one **will** be of no benefit, but righteousness is what **will deliver** from death. (**Proverbs 10:2**)

[Question] What will be of no benefit then to the rich, but what will deliver from death?

- 12· In the **fury** of Yehowah of armies the land has been set afire, and the people **will** become as food for the **fire**. No one **will** show compassion even on his brother. (**Isaiah 9:19**)

[Question] What has set their land on fire, and what will it consume?

[Question] What will even brothers not show one another then?

- 13· O house of David, this is what Yehowah has said; Every morning render sentence in justice, and **deliver** the one being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, that my rage may not go forth just like a **fire** and actually burn, and there be no one to extinguish it, because of the badness of **YOUR** dealings. (**Jeremiah 21:12**)

[Question] What did Yehowah God call for the house of David, the kings of Judah, to render daily for his people?

[Question] What would result, if they failed to actually do this?

- 14· The time must come, the **day** must arrive. As regards the buyer, let him not rejoice, and as regards the seller, let him not go into mourning, for there is hot feeling against all its crowd. (**Ezekiel 7:12**)

[Question] Would the buyer then, be any better off than the seller, of those having money, be any better off than the poor ones?

- 15· And I **will** express my ardor against you, and they must take action against you in rage. Your nose and your ears they **will** remove, and the remainder of you **will** fall even by the sword. Your sons and your daughters they themselves **will** take, and the remainder of you **will** be **devoured** by the **fire**. (**Ezekiel 23:25**)

[Question] What did Ezekiel show, that Yehowah God would then express against them, doing what to them?

- 16· Yet **Yehowah's day will** come as a thief, in which the heavens **will** pass away with a hissing noise, but the elements being intensely hot **will** be dissolved, and **earth**, and the works in it, **will** be discovered. (**2 Peter 3:10**)

[Question] How will the Day of Yehowah come in upon mankind?

[Question] What then will dissolve, as all the leaders of their governments are killed off?

[Question] Then what will be discovered within the earth, that they have kept hidden?