

**Zephaniah 1:9~ And I will give attention to everyone that is climbing upon the platform<sup>1</sup> in that day, those who are filling the house of their masters<sup>2</sup> with violence and deception.**

**Footnote:** Or, podium, or, threshold Possibly, the platform, or dais, of the king's throne

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**1· In that day Yehowah God promises to give his attention to everyone climbing upon the platform, those taking prominent roles among the people, and who are filling the house of their masters with violence and deception.**

**[Question]** Who then among mankind will Yehowah God give special attention to, and why them?

**2· And Gehazi went chasing after Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, he at once got down from his chariot to meet him, and then said; Is all well? (2 Kings 5:21)**

**[Question]** How did Gehazi wickedly chase after Naaman?

**3· As for the former governors that were prior to me, they had made it heavy upon the people, and they kept taking from them for bread and wine daily, forty silver shekels. Also, their attendants themselves domineered over the people. As for me, I did not do that way on account of the fear of God. (Nehemiah 5:15)**

**[Question]** What did Nehemiah state about other governors who had proceeded him to his office, and how they treated the people?

**4· And he went on to say to me; Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it such a light thing to the house of Judah to do the detestable things that they have done here, that they have to fill the land with violence, and that they should offend me again, and here they are thrusting out the shoot to my nose? (Ezekiel 8:17)**

**[Question]** What did the sons of Israel do toward Yehowah God, that made him send them into exile?

5. **And they have not known how to do what is straightforward, is the utterance of Yehowah, those who are storing up **violence** and despoiling in their dwelling towers. (**Amos 3:10**)**

**[Question]** What did Yehowah God's people not know how to do, and what resided within their dwelling towers?