

**Zephaniah 2:2~** Before the statute gives birth to anything, before the day has passed by just like chaff, before there comes upon **YOU** people the burning anger of Yehowah, before there comes upon **YOU** the day of Yehowah's anger.

1· The wise course for his people to take would be to take positive action, before the statute of Yehowah gives birth to anything, and before that great and fear inspiring Day of Yehowah God passes by, just like chaff in the wind. Zephaniah then calls upon Yehowah God's people to come to repentance, before the burning anger of Yehowah God comes upon them, in the day of his great anger.

**[Question]** What would be the wise course for his people to take before his day of accounting arrives?

**[Question]** When his great day comes, will there then be opportunity for repentance, for how will it pass by?

**[Question]** What then, does Zephaniah call for Yehowah God's people to do before that day of accounting comes?

2· **Yehowah** is not slow respecting his promise, as some **people** consider slowness, but he is patient with **you**, because he does not desire any to be destroyed, but desires all to attain to repentance. (**2 Peter 3:9**)

**[Question]** Though this day has seemed to mankind to be a long time in coming, why has Yehowah God waited this long a time?

3· But they were continually making jest at the messengers of the true God and despising his words and mocking at his prophets, until the rage of **Yehowah** came up against his **people**, until there was no healing. (**2 Chronicles 36:16**)

**[Question]** How did the Jews and even Christendom treat all of Yehowah God's prophets, until what came up within him over this treatment?

4· The **anger** of **Yehowah** will not turn back until he will have carried out and until he will have made the ideas of his heart come true. In the final part of the **days you people** will give **YOUR** consideration to it with understanding. (**Jeremiah 23:20**)

**[Question]** When only, will Yehowah God's great anger turn back?

**[Question]** When will people give their attention to this coming rage against mankind?

- 5· **Yehowah has** accomplished his rage. He **has** poured out his **burning anger**. And he sets a fire ablaze in Zion, which eats up her foundations. (**Lamentations 4:11**)

**[Question]** What did Jeremiah show, that Yehowah God did to Jerusalem, as he had promised her, and what did he set ablaze within her?

- 6· Nevertheless, **Yehowah** did not turn back from the great **burning** of his **anger**, with which his **anger** burned against Judah, over all the offensive things with which Manasseh had made them offend. (**2 Kings 23:26**)

**[Question]** How did wicked King Manasseh turn Jerusalem to wickedness, and what did this bad leadership of his people bring up within Yehowah God?

- 7· In the face of his denunciation who can stand? And who can rise up against the heat of his **anger**? His own rage will certainly be poured out like fire, and the very rocks will actually be pulled down because of him. (**Nahum 1:6**)

**[Question]** Can any man stand in the face of Yehowah God's denunciation?

**[Question]** What did Nahum state would be pulled down because of his rage against mankind?

- 8· For, look! The **day** is coming that is **burning** like the furnace, and all the presumptuous ones and all those doing wickedness must become as stubble. And the **day** that is coming will certainly devour them, **Yehowah** of armies **has** said, so that it will not leave to them, either root or bough. (**Malachi 4:1**)

**[Question]** What is the Day of Yehowah coming like, and who will it eat up and how?

**[Question]** What posterity then will it leave for such men, and their way of life?

- 9· And **Yehowah** will certainly make the dignity of his voice to be heard, and will make the descending of his arm to be seen, in the raging of **anger** and the flame of a devouring fire, and cloudburst, and rainstorm, and hailstones. (**Isaiah**

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**[Question]** What things then will Yehowah God make known, and let be seen?

**[Question]** What tools does he have at his disposal, that he will use to destroy this system of things?

**10·** All the nations are as something nonexistent in front of him, as nothing, and an unreality, they have been accounted to him. (**Isaiah 40:17**)

**[Question]** What are all the mighty nations of the earth like before Yehowah God even today?

**11·** Alas for the **day**, because the **day of Yehowah** is near, and like a despoiling from the Almighty One, it will come! (**Joel 1:15**)

**[Question]** What did Joel state, that the Day of Yehowah would be like?

**12·** Indeed, the ax is already in position at the root of the trees, every tree, therefore, not producing fine fruit, is to be cut down, and thrown into the fire. (**Luke 3:9**)

**[Question]** What did John the Baptist state about the treelike men of Israel in his day, for what was Yehowah God ready to do to them then?

**[Question]** What determines whether a tree is kept or destroyed, by the great cultivator Yehowah God?