

Zephaniah 2:4~ For, as regards Gaza, an abandoned city is what she will become, and Ashkelon is to be a desolate waste. As regards Ashdod, at high noon they will drive her out, and as regards Ekron, she will be uprooted.

1· Then Yehowah shows, what then will happen to the cities of the Philistines, Gaza, Askelon and Ashdod, for at high noon they will drive her people out of those false religious cities and as regards Ekron, she will be uprooted.

[Question] What cities does Yehowah God now turn his attention to, for what will happen to them?

2· And all the mixed company, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod. (Jeremiah 25:20)

[Question] Who did Jeremiah also prophesy judgment against?

3· This is what Yehowah has said; On account of three revolts of Gaza, and on account of four, I shall not turn it back, on account of their taking into exile a complete body of exiles to hand over to Edom. (Amos 1:6)

[Question] What did Amos show was the reason for Yehowah God's judgment against Gaza?

4· Ashkelon will see and get afraid, and as for Gaza, she will also feel very severe pains, Ekron also, because her looked-for hope will have to experience shame. And a king will certainly perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon herself will not be inhabited. (Zechariah 9:5)

[Question] What did Zechariah later prophesy as to these Philistine cities for their future?

5· And all the mixed company, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod. (Jeremiah 25:20)

[Question] Against whom would Yehowah God pass around his cup of vengeance?

- 6· Baldness must come to **Gaza**. **Ashkelon** has been put to silence. O remnant of their low plain, how long **will** you keep making cuts upon yourself? (**Jeremiah 47:5**)

[Question] How did Jeremiah prophesy against Gaza and Ashkelon?

- 7· Therefore this is **what** the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am, stretching **out** my hand against the Philistines, and I **will** cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the rest of the seacoast. (**Ezekiel 25:16**)

[Question] Whom did Ezekiel also prophesy against, showing what would become of their lands?

- 8· And I **will** cut off the inhabitant from **Ashdod**, and the holder of the scepter from **Ashkelon**, and I **will** turn my hand back upon **Ekron**, and the remaining ones of the Philistines must perish, the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said. (**Amos 1:8**)

[Question] Whom did Amos show, that Yehowah God would cut off, among these Philistines cities?

- 9· Nor of the pestilence that walks in the gloom, nor of the destruction, that despoils at midday. (**Psalms 91:6**)

[Question] What though, would loyal ones to Yehowah God not need to fear?

- 10· To me their widows have **become** more numerous than the sand grains of the seas. I **will** bring for them, upon mother, young man, the despoiler at midday. I **will** cause to fall upon them suddenly, excitement and disturbances. (**Jeremiah 15:8**)

[Question] What would Yehowah God bring upon his own people at midday, and what would it despoil them of, leaving many of whom?

- 11· **Ashkelon will** see and get afraid, and as for **Gaza**, she **will** also feel very severe pains, **Ekron** also, because her looked-for hope **will** have to experience shame. And a king **will** certainly perish from **Gaza**, and **Ashkelon** herself **will** not be inhabited. (**Zechariah 9:5**)

[Question] What did Zechariah prophesy about these Philistines cities?

- 12· **And the firstborn ones of the lowly ones will certainly feed, and in security the poor ones themselves will lie down. And with famine I will put your root to death, and what remains over of you, will be killed. (Isaiah 14:30)**

[Question] How would Yehowah God care for the lowly ones among the Philistines, that they refused to treat well?

- 13· **This is what proved to be the word of Yehowah to Jeremiah the prophet, concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh proceeded to strike down Gaza. (Jeremiah 47:1)**

[Question] What word did Jeremiah let drop against the Philistines?