

Zephaniah 3:7~ I said; Surely you will fear me, you will accept discipline, so that her dwelling might not be cut off, all that I must call to account against her. Truly, they acted promptly, in making all their dealings ruinous.

1· Yehowah had said in his heart, that surely his covenant people would fear him, and come to accept his discipline, so as not to have their own dwelling within the Promised Land cut off completely, so as not to bring an accounting upon themselves from the hand of Yehowah God. Yet rather than listen, they acted promptly in making all of their dealings ruinous, they refused to take and accept his discipline of them.

[Question] How did Yehowah God feel, that his people would react to his discipline, if it meant losing their homeland?

[Question] Yet how did they choose to react, rather than to listen and obey?

2· What is there yet to do for my vineyard, that I have not already done in it? Why is it, that I hoped for it to produce grapes, but it gradually produced wild grapes? (Isaiah 5:4)

[Question] What happened after many years of Yehowah God's disciplining of them, and their continued refusal of this discipline?

[Question] What spiritual fruitage did he expect from his people, but what did he actually get?

3· And he went on to say; Surely they are my people, sons that **will not prove false. So it was to them, that he came to be a Savior. (Isaiah 63:8)**

[Question] What did Yehowah God expect from a people who were in covenant relationship to him?

4· Saying; If you, even you, had discerned in this day the things having to do with peace, but now they have been hid from your eyes. (Luke 19:42)

[Question] What things did Jesus tell the people of Jerusalem, that had been near to them, but now would be lost to them?

5· 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] Is Yehowah God slow respecting his promise?

[Question] Why then, does he take so long to bring his adverse judgment against wrongdoers?

- 6· **I, in turn, shall certainly keep YOU residing in this place, in the land that I gave to YOUR forefathers, from time indefinite even to time indefinite. (Jeremiah 7:7)**

[Question] Where would Yehowah God keep his people dwelling, if they obeyed him, and executed justice and loving-kindness in the land?

- 7· **They saying; Turn back, please, every one from his bad way, and from the badness of YOUR dealings, and continue dwelling upon the ground that Yehowah gave to YOU, and to YOUR forefathers from long ago, and to a long time to come. (Jeremiah 25:5)**

[Question] What did all of the prophets bring forth as a message to his people Israel?

- 8· **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 Israel keep treating all of his prophets and messengers, until what came up within Yehowah God toward his people?

- 9· **So God saw the earth and, look! It was ruined, because all flesh had ruined its way on the earth. (Genesis 6:12)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God come to feel, at the violence that filled the earth before the flood of Noah's day?

- 10· **They have acted ruinously on their own part; They are not his children, the defect is their own. A generation crooked and twisted! (Deuteronomy 32:5)**

[Question] Who was then responsible for the actions of Israel, for what had they themselves chosen to become?

- 11· **They have gone down deep in bringing ruin, as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their error, he will give attention to their sins. (Hosea 9:9)**

[Question] How did Hosea show, how the men of Israel had gone down deeply into wickedness?

- 12· **Woe to those who are scheming what is harmful, and to those practicing what is bad, upon their beds! By the light of the morning they proceed to do it, because it is in the power of their hand. (Micah 2:1)**

[Question] Who did Micah show, that only woe would come to, if they misused their power and authority?

- 13· **We have unquestionably acted corruptly against you, and have not kept the commandments and the regulations and the judicial decisions, that you gave in command to Moses your servant. (Nehemiah 1:7)**

[Question] How did Nehemiah confess the sins of Israel, from before the exile?

- 14· **Listen to counsel and accept discipline, in order, that you may become wise in your future. (Proverbs 19:20)**

[Question] What will come to the man, who wisely accepts discipline and fine counsel?

- 15· **Be corrected, O Jerusalem, that my soul may not turn away disgusted from you, that I may not set you as a desolate waste, a land not inhabited. (Jeremiah 6:8)**

[Question] What would Yehowah God do toward Jerusalem if she continued to reject discipline?

- 16· **And you must say to them; This is the nation whose people have not obeyed the voice of Yehowah its God, and have not taken discipline. Faithfulness has perished, and it has been cut off from their mouth. (Jeremiah 7:28)**

[Question] What would be said of the people who composed those in exile?

- 17· **But they did not listen or incline their ear, and they proceeded to harden their neck, in order, not to hear, and in order, to receive no discipline. (Jeremiah 17:23)**

[Question] How did Jeremiah bear witness, that Israel had continually rejected discipline and fine counsel from Yehowah God?

18· But the nations became wrathful, and your own wrath came, and the appointed time for the dead to be judged, and to give their reward to your slaves the prophets, and to the holy ones, and to those fearing your name, the small and the great, and to bring to ruin, those ruining the earth. (Revelation 11:18)

[Question] How do the nations respond to Yehowah God's bringing of judgment upon them, and what does he then show to them?

[Question] What things will it then be time to bring to completion for mankind?

[Question] How will men who wickedly ruin the earth, then be treated by its maker and creator?