

Zephaniah 3:8~ Therefore keep yourselves in expectation of me, is the utterance of Yehowah, till the day of my rising up¹ to the booty,² 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 earth³ will be devoured.

Footnote: My rising up Hebrew, *qu·mi'*; LXX(Greek, *a·na·sta'se·os' mou*) Vg(Latin, *re·sur·rec·ti·o'nis me'ae*), my resurrection See (Matthew 22:23) Footnote

Footnote: To [the] booty Hebrew, *le'adh'*; LXXSy and by a different vowel pointing, to a witness (testimony); Latin, *in fu·tu'rum*, in the future

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

1· So Yehowah God warned his unrepentant people to keep a watchful eye out for his retribution, for it was coming. For his judicial decision was to rise up to the spoil, for him to gather nations together, and pour out upon all of them, his denunciation, all of his burning anger. Then he warns them, that by the fire of his zeal, **all of the earth will be devoured.**

[Question] What did Yehowah God warn his unrepentant people to keep an eye out for, and why?

[Question] What is the judicial decision of Yehowah God, and what will he bring upon the nations of the earth?

[Question] How extensive then, will his denunciation become?

2· Hope in **Yehowah**, be courageous and let your heart be strong. Yes, hope in **Yehowah**. (**Psalms 27:14**)

[Question] Who did the Psalmist counsel men to trust in?

3· Hope in **Yehowah**, and keep his way, and he **will** exalt you to take possession of the **earth**. When the wicked ones are cut off, you **will** see it. (**Psalms 37:34**)

[Question] What will Yehowah God grant to those who keep his fine ways?

[Question] What will the wicked ones though, not even come to see?

4· Indeed toward God is my soul waiting in silence. From him, my salvation is. (**Psalms 62:1**)

[Question] Who did the Psalmist keep waiting for patiently?

- 5· Let Israel keep waiting for **Yehowah**. For there is loving-kindness with **Yehowah**, and abundantly so, is there redemption with him. (**Psalms 130:7**)

[Question] Why should Israel keep waiting for their God, for what lies with him?

- 6· Do not say; I **will** pay back evil! Hope in **Yehowah**, and he **will** save you. (**Proverbs 20:22**)

[Question] What should men not try to repay to others hurting them, for who should they trust in?

- 7· And therefore **Yehowah will** keep in **expectation** of showing **you** favor, and therefore, he **will** rise up to show **you** mercy. For **Yehowah** is a God of judgment. Happy are all those keeping in **expectation** of him. (**Isaiah 30:18**)

[Question] Why should men keep in expectation of Yehowah God, for what kind of a God is Yehowah God?

- 8· Exercise patience, therefore, brothers, until the presence of the Lord. Look! The farmer **keeps** waiting for the precious fruit of the **earth**, exercising patience over it, until he gets the early rain, and the late rain. (**James 5:7**)

[Question] How did James illustrate, how Christians must keep patiently waiting for Yehowah God?

- 9· Like a mighty man **Yehowah** himself **will** go forth. Like a warrior he **will** awaken **zeal**. He **will** shout, yes, he **will** let **out** a war cry, over his enemies, he **will** show himself mightier. (**Isaiah 42:13**)

[Question] What will Yehowah God awaken toward the earth, and how will he come out of his dwelling place?

- 10· I **will** also **collect together** all the **nations** and bring them down to the low plain of Jehoshaphat, and I **will** put myself on judgment with them there, on account of my people and my inheritance Israel, whom they scattered among the **nations**, and they apportioned **out** my own land. (**Joel 3:2**)

[Question] Where will Yehowah God gather all the nations of the earth for judgment, and on whose account?

- 11· And I shall certainly **gather** all the **nations** against Jerusalem for the war, and the city **will** actually be captured, and the houses be pillaged, and the women themselves **will** be raped. And half of the city must go forth into the exile, but as for the remaining ones of the people, they **will** not be cut off from the city. (**Zechariah 14:2**)

[Question] What would Yehowah God bring upon Jerusalem for her extreme badness?

- 12· They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons, and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited **earth**, to **gather** them **together** to the war, of the great **day** of God the Almighty. (**Revelation 16:14**)

[Question] What expressions gather wicked ones to war against Yehowah God, and what is this war called?

- 13· And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the **earth** and their armies gathered **together**, to wage the war, with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (**Revelation 19:19**)

[Question] Who are gathered together to wage war against Yehowah God in the Revelation vision?

- 14· Pour **out** upon them your **denunciation**, and may your own **burning anger** overtake them. (**Psalms 69:24**)

[Question] What did the Psalmist ask Yehowah God to pour out upon his enemies?

- 15· But **Yehowah** is in truth, God. He is the living God, and the King to time indefinite. Because of his indignation, the **earth will** rock, and no **nations will** hold up under his **denunciation**. (**Jeremiah 10:10**)

[Question] Who is the only true God?

[Question] What will rock out of its place at his indignation?

- 16· 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 had been ignited within Yehowah God, and where will it burn down to?

[Question] What things then, will this fire consume?

- 17· For **Yehowah** has indignation against all the **nations**, and rage against all their army. He must devote them to destruction, he must give them to the slaughter. (**Isaiah 34:2**)

[Question] What does Yehowah God feel against all the nations, and their armies, and what must he devote them to?

- 18· Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** has said; Certainly, in the **fire** of my **zeal**, I **will** speak against the remaining ones of the **nations**, and against Edom, all of it, those who have given my land to themselves as a possession, with the rejoicing of all the heart, with scorn in the soul, for the sake of its pasture ground, and for the plunder. (**Ezekiel 36:5**)

[Question] What would Yehowah God's zeal cause him to speak against, and why?

- 19· 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 **earth will** be **devoured**, because he **will** make an extermination, indeed a terrible one, of all the inhabitants of the **earth**. (**Zephaniah 1:18**)

[Question] What will not be able to deliver people in the day of Yehowah God's anger against them?

[Question] What then, will happen to the whole earth?

- 20· Look! The name of **Yehowah** is coming from far away, **burning** with his **anger** and with heavy clouds. As for his lips, they have become full of **denunciation**, and his tongue is like a devouring **fire**. (**Isaiah 30:27**)

[Question] Where is the name of Yehowah God coming forth from, and what are his lips full of?

- 21· And he is also wise and **will** bring in what is calamitous, and he has not called back his own words, and he **will** certainly rise up against the house of evildoers, and against the assistance of those practicing what is hurtful. (**Isaiah**

31:2)

[Question] What will Yehowah God certainly bring in upon the earth, and who will his words be directed against?

- 22· This is what **Yehowah** of armies has said; Look! A calamity is going forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest itself **will** be roused up from the remotest parts of the **earth**. (**Jeremiah 25:32**)

[Question] What way does Jeremiah describe, how this day of judgment progresses from Yehowah God's hand?

- 23· But as for you, you keep seeking great things for yourself. Do not keep on seeking. For here I am bringing in a calamity upon all flesh, is the **utterance** of **Yehowah**, and I **will** give you your soul as a spoil in all the places to which you may go. (**Jeremiah 45:5**)

[Question] What did Yehowah God counsel Baruch not to seek, for what was going to happen to all the earth then?

[Question] What only would Jeremiah and Baruch escape with?

- 24· And the king **will** actually do according to his own **will**, and he **will** exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and against the God of gods he **will** speak marvelous things. And he **will** certainly prove successful, until the **denunciation will** have come to a finish, because the thing decided upon must be done. (**Daniel 11:36**)

[Question] How would the wicked kings of the earth speak and act against Yehowah God in the time of the end?

- 25· Lend **YOUR** aid and come, all **YOU** **nations** round about, and **collect** yourselves together. To that place, O **Yehowah**, bring your powerful ones down. (**Joel 3:11**)

[Question] How did Joel describe how Yehowah God will then collect the nations together for his judgment?

- 26· And I shall certainly overthrow the throne of **kingdoms** and annihilate the strength of the **kingdoms** of the **nations**, and I **will** overthrow the chariot and its riders, and the horses and their riders **will** certainly come down, each one, by the sword of his brother. (**Haggai 2:22**)

[Question] What throne and kingdoms then, will Yehowah God overthrow, and what will he do to their military forces?

27· Keep silence, all flesh, before **Yehowah**, for he has aroused himself from his holy dwelling. (**Zechariah 2:13**)

[Question] How should all flesh view this coming Day of Yehowah?

28· And I heard a loud voice **out** of the sanctuary say to the seven angels; Go, and **pour out** the seven bowls of the **anger** of God into the earth. (**Revelation 16:1**)

[Question] What starts the actual destruction against this system of things, and how is this depicted in the Revelation vision?