

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Zephaniah 1**

¹ The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

² "I will completely sweep away all things
from the face of the earth," says the LORD.

³ "I will sweep away humans and animals;
I will sweep away the birds of the heavens,
and the fish of the sea,
and the idolatrous stumbling blocks with the wicked.
I will cut off humans from the face of the earth,"
says the LORD.

⁴ "I will stretch out my hand against Judah,
and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
I will cut off every last bit of Baal from this place,
along with the memory of the idolatrous priests.

⁵ Those who worship the host of heaven on the rooftops;
those who worship and swear to the LORD
but also swear by Molech;

⁶ those who have turned back from following the LORD;
those who have not sought the LORD,
or inquired of him.

⁷ Hold your peace at the presence of the sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

⁸ On the day of the LORD's sacrifice,
I will punish the princes and the king's sons,
and all who dress themselves with foreign clothes.

⁹ On that day I will punish all those that leap over the threshold,
who fill their master's house with violence and deceit.

¹⁰ On that day," says the LORD,
"there will be the sound of a cry from the fish gate,
and a wailing from the New Quarter,
and a loud crashing from the hills.

¹¹ Wail, you inhabitants of the market place,
for all the traders are annihilated,
all those who weigh out silver are cut off.

- ¹² At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps.
I will punish those who are complacent,
who say in their heart,
 'The LORD will not do good,
 nor will he do damage.'
- ¹³ Their wealth will become plunder,
 their houses destroyed.
They will build houses,
 but never live in them.
They will plant vineyards,
 but never drink its wine.
- ¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near;
 it is near and coming quickly.
The sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
 even the mighty warrior will cry out.
- ¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath,
 a day of trouble and distress,
 a day of ruin and devastation,
 a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,
- ¹⁶ a day of the trumpet and battle cry,
 against the fortified cities
 and against the corner towers.
- ¹⁷ I will bring distress upon people,
 so that they will walk like the blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD.
 Their blood will be poured out like dust,
 and their flesh like excrement.
- ¹⁸ Their silver and their gold will be unable
 to rescue them in the day of the LORD's wrath.
The whole earth will be consumed by the fire of his jealousy.
For he will make an end, a sudden end,
 of all who live on the earth."

DASV: Zephaniah 2

- ¹ Gather yourselves together,
yes, gather together, O shameless nation,
² before the judgment takes effect,
before the day blows you away like chaff,
before the fierce wrath of the LORD comes on you,
before the day of the LORD's anger comes on you.
³ Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,
who have kept his ordinances;
seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be protected in the day of the LORD's anger.
- ⁴ For Gaza will be deserted,
and Ashkelon a desolation.
Ashdod's inhabitants will be driven out at noon,
and Ekron will be rooted up.
⁵ Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast,
the nation of the Kerethites!
The word of the LORD is against you,
O Canaan, the land of the Philistines;
I will destroy you until there is no inhabitant left.
- ⁶ The sea coast will be pastures,
meadows for shepherds
and folds for flocks.
⁷ The coast will belong to the remnant of the house of Judah;
there they will graze;
in the evening they will lie down in houses of Ashkelon;
for the LORD their God will visit them,
and bring back their prosperity.
- ⁸ "I have heard the taunts of Moab,
and the ridicule of the Ammonites,
by which they have mocked my people
and arrogantly threatened their border.
⁹ Therefore as surely as I live,"
says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
"Moab will become like Sodom,
and the Ammonites like Gomorrah.
They will be overrun by nettles,
and become salt pits and a permanent wasteland.
The remnant of my people will plunder them,
and the remnant of my nation will occupy their inheritance.

- ¹⁰ This is what they will get for their pride,
because they have reproached and magnified themselves
against the people of the LORD of hosts.
- ¹¹ The LORD will terrify them;
for he will starve all the gods of the earth.
Then all the people, each in his own place,
all the coasts and islands of the nations will worship him.
- ¹² You Ethiopians also,
will be slain by my sword.
- ¹³ He will stretch out his hand against the north,
and destroy Assyria.
He will make Nineveh a desolate wasteland,
parched as a desert.
- ¹⁴ Herds will lie down in her midst,
the wild animals of all kinds.
The desert owl and screech owl
will nest on the top of its pillars,
they will hoot out the windows.
Ruins will cover the thresholds,
for he has exposed the cedar work.
- ¹⁵ This is the exuberant city that dwelt so secure,
that said in her heart,
'I am it, there is no one who can compare with me,'
How has she become a desolation,
a lair for beasts to lie down in!
Every one that passes by will ridicule her,
and shake his fist.

DASV: Zephaniah 3

- ¹ Woe to her that is rebellious and defiled,
the city of oppression.
- ² She obeys no voice;
she refuses correction.
She does not trust in the LORD;
she does not draw near to her God.
- ³ Her officials are like roaring lions within her;
her judges are like evening wolves,
they leave nothing until the morning.
- ⁴ Her prophets are arrogant and treacherous;
her priests have profaned the sanctuary,
they have done violence to the law.
- ⁵ The LORD in the midst of her is righteous;
he will not do wrong.
Every morning he renders his justice;
he never fails.
But the unjust know no shame.
- ⁶ "I have cut off nations;
their fortresses are in ruins.
I have made their streets empty,
no one passes by;
their cities are destroyed;
there is no one there;
there is no inhabitant.
- ⁷ I thought, 'Surely you will fear me;
now you will accept correction.'
Then her dwelling would not be cut off,
according to all the punishments
that I have determined against her.
Instead they rose early to corrupt all their deeds.
- ⁸ Therefore wait for me," says the LORD,
"until the day that I rise up to take plunder.
For I have determined to gather the nations,
and to assemble the kingdoms,
so I can pour my fury on them,
even all my fierce anger.
For the whole earth will be consumed
by the fire of my jealousy.
- ⁹ For then I will turn the peoples into pure speech,

- that all of them may call on the name of the LORD,
to serve him united shoulder to shoulder.
- ¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my worshippers will come,
even my scattered ones will bring my offerings.
- ¹¹ On that day you will not be put to shame for all your doings
by which you have rebelled against me;
for then I will remove from your midst those arrogant boasters,
and you will never again be haughty on my holy hill.
- ¹² But I will leave in your midst a humble and meek people,
and they will take refuge in the name of the LORD.
- ¹³ The remnant of Israel will do no wrong,
nor speak lies;
neither will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths;
for they will eat and lie down,
and no one will make them afraid."
- ¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, even the LORD,
is in your midst;
you will never again fear disaster.
- ¹⁶ On that day it will be said to Jerusalem,
'Do not be afraid, O Zion,
do not let your hands fall limp.
- ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
he is a warrior who will save.
He will rejoice over you with joy,
he will renew you in his love.
He will rejoice over you with singing.'
- ¹⁸ I will gather those who grieve over the appointed festivals,
so that you will no longer bear the disgrace for it.
- ¹⁹ Look, at that time I will deal with all who oppressed you;
I will save the lame,
and gather the outcasts.
I will make them praised and respected,
who had been shamed throughout the whole earth.
- ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
and at that time I will gather you.

I will make you respected and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I bring back your fortunes
before your eyes,"
says the LORD.