

(c) They will not enjoy the fruit of their labor (Zeph. 1:13c,d, cf. Deut. 28:30,39)

i. They will build houses, but they will not live in them (Zeph. 1:13c)

ii. They will plant vineyards, but they will not drink the wine that comes from them (Zeph. 1:13d)

Note: By bringing these judgments upon the morally and religiously indiffernt, God will show them that He does rule and judge the world, and that He keeps His Word and brings the very judgments He said He would bring upon them.

4. Description of the Judgment (Zeph. 1:10, 11,13, 14-18)

a. A loud cry of anguish will be heard from the fishgate which is situated in the northern wall of the city as the enemy presses in from the north and northwest (Zeph. 1:10a)

b. A howling will arise from the "second" i.e., second part or district of Jerusalem which is the lower city upon the hill Acra, to the north of the old town, Zion (Zeph. 1:10b)

c. A sound of great destruction will be heard "from the hills," i.e., the hills on which Jerusalem was built, especially those of the northern quarter (Zeph. 1:10c)

d. A howling will come from the valley where the traders and usurers live because they will have been destroyed (Zeph. 1:11)

e. The mighty man will cry out bitterly for fear there on the battle-field in Jerusalem because he cannot save himself from death, but must succumb to the power of the foe. He will perish while fighting in battle (Zeph. 1:14d).

f. The people will experience emotional distress and anguish (Zeph. 1:15b - "a day of trouble and distress" cf. Job 15:24.

g. The people will witness the devastation and desolation of Jerusalem (Zeph. 1:15c - "a day of wasteness and desolation" cf Job 38:27 and 30:3).

h. The terror of the people will be heightened by the darkness which will come upon Jerusalem which will be as great as the darkness of the darkest cloudy night (Zeph. 1:14d,e - " a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness" cf. Joel 2:2).

i. The war-trumpets will be heard as the enemy attacks, takes, and destroys the fortified places of Jerusalem (Zeph. 1:16 cf Amos 2:2).

j. The people will look for a way to escape as the enemy invades Jerusalem but they will be "like blind men" in the sense that they will not be able to find a way to escape (Zeph. 1:17a cf. Deut. 28:29)