

- k. Bloodshed will be as little regarded by the enemy as dust that is trodden under foot (Zeph. 1:17c)

Note: Dust is regarded as worthless thus the enemy won't think anything about shedding the blood of the people.

1. -. The dead bodies of the people will be left unburied to rot on the ground (Zeph. 1:17d cf. Jer. 9:22)

5. Uselessness of Wealth in the time of Judgment (Zeph. 1:18a)

The rich and distinguished sinners will not be able to bribe the enemy in the time of judgment and save their lives. They will die like everybody else.

6. Reasons for the judgment (Zeph. 1:17b, 18b,c)

- a. The sin of man ( Zeph. 1:17b)

Man sinned against the Lord by committing idolatry and by transgressing His commandments (cf. vs. 4-12)

- b. The jealousy of God (Zeph. 1:18b,c)

God is a jealous God who will not have the honor which is due to Him given to any other god. Because His people gave the honor which was due to Him to other gods, He will manifest His jealousy and will not only destroy them, but He will also destroy the whole earth (cf. Deut. 4:24)

Note: The threat began with judgment upon the whole earth (vs. 2,3), and it here returns to its starting point to round off the picture.

7. Exhortation in view of the judgment (Zeph. 2:1-3)

- a. Content of the exhortation (Zeph. 2:1,3ab)

- (1) The people of Judah who had sinned and who were without shame ("not desired" in the KJV ) are exhorted to repent of their sin, confess it to the Lord, and ask His forgiveness for it (Zeph. 2:1)
- (2) The people of Judah who were humble and who had obeyed what the Lord had prescribed in the law as right are exhorted to seek the Lord more zealously and strive more zealously after righteousness and humility (Zeph. 2:3a,b).

- b. Reason for the Exhortation (Zeph. 2:2)

The reason for the exhortation is the near approach of the judgment. Because of the near approach of the judgment, the people of Judah who had sinned and who were without shame are exhorted to repent of their sin, confess it to the Lord, and ask His forgiveness for it immediately before the judgment comes upon them. Because of the near approach of the judgment, the people of Judah who were humble and who had obeyed what the Lord had prescribed in the law as right are exhorted to seek the Lord more zealously and to strive more zealously after righteousness and humility.