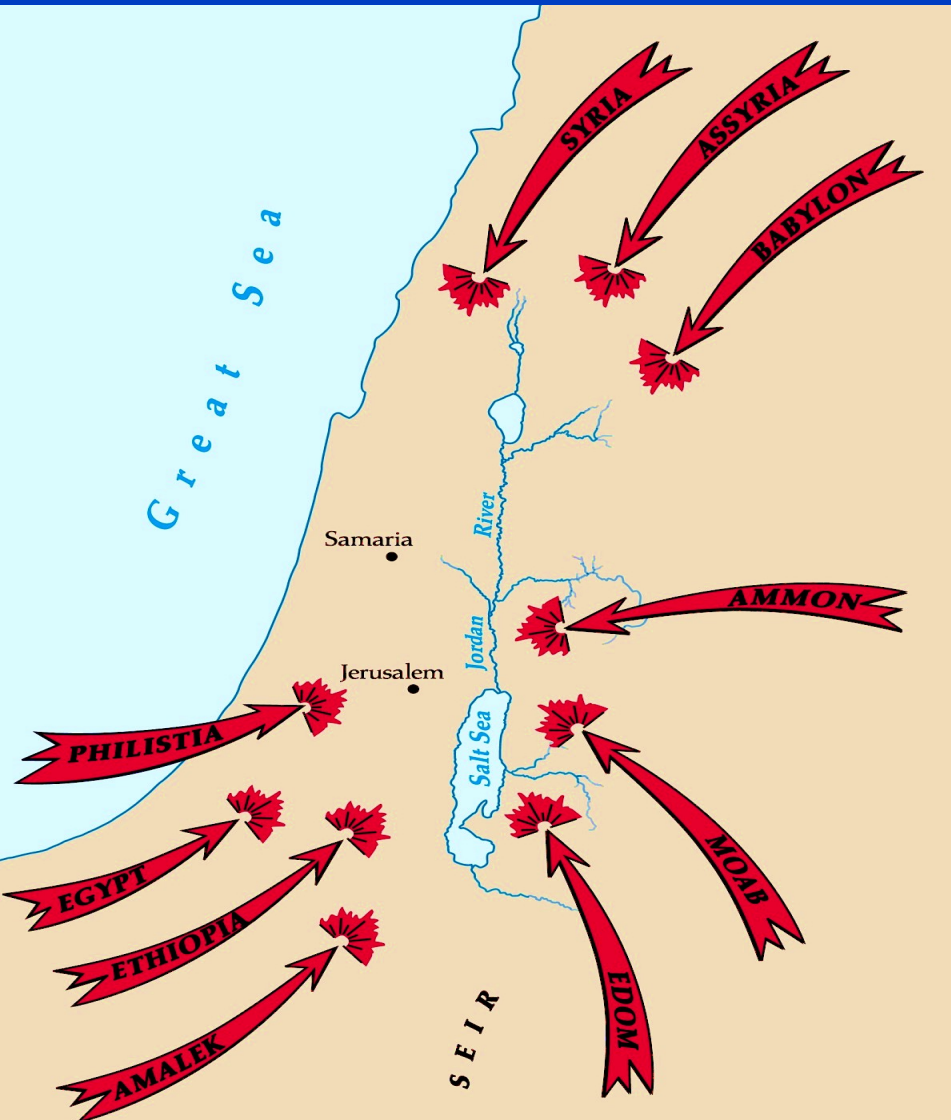


Day of YHWH's Sacrifice



- Day of YHWH's Sacrifice roughly equivalent to the Day of Yehoveh
- Israel is to be the sacrifice, just as Egypt was the sacrifice to redeem Israel
- Israel to be "bait" to draw-in the nations
- God using wrath to destroy the nations but to purify Israel
- Fire and water can both destroy OR purify
- Same principle as used for Noah's Flood

DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS



- Those among the nations that survive will acknowledge YHWH's sovereignty
- A new world order that had never before existed
- 1Peter 4:17 – 18
- Zephaniah 1:12 Similar thoughts of Diogenes and Jeremiah 5:1

THERE IS NO HIDING FROM GOD

- Since this is a national judgment, the righteous will suffer with the wicked
- God, Himself, will sort it out
- Zephaniah 1:12
- “Settled in their lees”
- “Lees” are the sediments from making wine or strong drink
- *Qapha* = thicken, condense
- Connected to symbolic cup of God’s wrath





WHAT IS **CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY** AND WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

- “ I never knew you!” Matthew 7:23
- Better reading of vs. 12: “YHWH will not do me good, neither will He bring me catastrophe”
- Zephaniah 1:13 Houses and vineyards are the object
- Deuteronomy 20:5 – 6
- Kiel and Delitzsch: “...did not deny the existence of God, but in their character... denied the working of the Living God in the world...”

JUDGMENT DAY

The Great Day
of Yehoveh is
near.....

Zephaniah 1:14



- “Near” means it won’t be delayed
- Quickly amended to “very quickly” in the sense of when
- This verse looks at the prophecy as soon and future
- There have already been a few “Day of Judgments”
- But, there is still one to come in the future



JUDGMENT DAY

WHAT THINGS WILL HAPPEN?

- God comes to judge in righteousness
- The Lord becomes King over the earth
- It is always both near and distant
- The time of God's wrath on the wicked
- Time of cosmic gloom and darkness
- Day of unprecedented battle with God as the warrior

THEN



DIES
IRAI

NOW

Come, Day of Judgment !!



- Dies Irai created in 1200 A.D. reflecting the way the Church saw Judgment Day
- Removed from Requiem Masses in 1969
- Church wants a more appealing and docile God
- Sounds of Judgment Day, frightening & noisy

A DAY OF DARKNESS AND OF GLOOM



- Zephaniah 1:15
- ***Yom ebhrah*** = overflowing wrath!
- Trouble = ***tsarah*** = ***thlipsis*** It means tribulation
- Zephaniah 1:16 “Day of the shofar and battle cry”
- Zephaniah 1:17 “I will bring distress on people...”
- Distress = ***Tsarar*** = people trapped in a besieged walled city

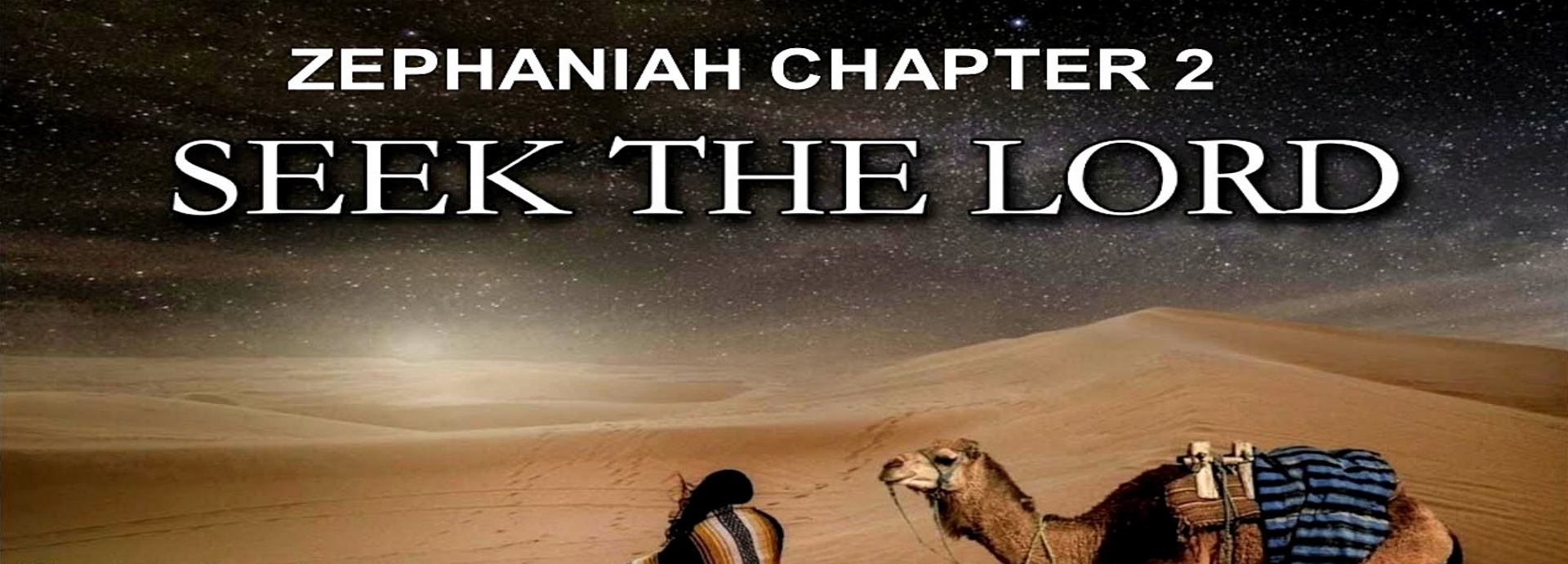


Proverbs 11:4
Riches do not profit
in the day of wrath,
but righteousness
delivers from death.

- All these punishments are in direct correlation to the listed curses of the Covenant for violations of it
- Zephaniah 1:18 ***“Neither their silver nor gold... will be able to save them”***
- Ezekiel 7:19
- Zephaniah 1:2 Chapter 1 ends just as it begins

ZEPHANIAH CHAPTER 2

SEEK THE LORD

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- In response to chapter 1, we should seek repentance
 - The Bible shows us about the End Times, and when it happens many will fall away from God and His son
 - They will have believed Church Doctrine that says they will escape the horrors of the Day of Judgment. When they don't, they will think God has failed them
 - No effective repentance without first submitting to God, and admitting we are not the masters of our lives