

## Zephaniah 2:4-15 **Judgment against the nations around Israel**

### Judgment on Nations

4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, And Ashkelon desolate; They shall drive out Ashdod at noonday, And Ekron shall be uprooted.

5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, The nation of the Cherethites! The word of Yahweh (the Lord) is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines: "I will destroy you; So there shall be no inhabitant."

6 The seacoast shall be pastures, With shelters for shepherds and folds for flocks.

7 The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed their flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For Yahweh Eloheyhem (the Lord their God) will intervene for them, And return their captives.

8 "I have heard the reproach of Moab, And the insults of the people of Ammon, With which they have reproached My people, And made arrogant threats against their borders.

9 Therefore, as I live," Says Yahweh Tsebaovta Elohey Yisrael (the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel), "Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, And the people of Ammon like Gomorrah — Overrun with weeds and salt pits, And a perpetual desolation. The residue of My people shall plunder them, And the remnant of My people shall possess them."

10 This they shall have for their pride, Because they have reproached and made arrogant threats Against the people of Yahweh Tsebaovta (the Lord of hosts).

11 Yahweh (The Lord) will be awesome to them, For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; People shall worship Him, Each one from his place, Indeed all the shores of the nations.

12 "You Ethiopians also, You shall be slain by My sword."

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north, Destroy Assyria, And make Nineveh a desolation, As dry as the wilderness.

14 The herds shall lie down in her midst, Every beast of the nation. Both the pelican and the bittern Shall lodge on the capitals of her pillars; Their voice shall sing in the windows; Desolation shall be at the threshold; For He will lay bare the cedar work.

15 This is the rejoicing city That dwelt securely, That said in her heart, "I am it, and there is none besides me." How has she become a desolation, A place for beasts to lie down! Everyone who passes by her Shall hiss and shake his fist.

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Judgment on Nations From Assyria and Nineveh to the North through Ethiopia to the South

✧ Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron and the Cherethites are all cities of the Philistines.

[Zephaniah 2:4-5]

✧ The seacoast will go to the remnant of Judah (Jews). [Zephaniah 2:6-7]

✧ To the East, The nations included are Moab, Ammon. [Zephaniah 2:8-11]

✧ The reason for their Judgment is because of their pride and the arrogant threats against the land and People of Yahweh. [Zephaniah 2:8-11]

✧ Yahweh will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth.

- ✧ Yahweh always looks to the Kingdom age when speaking of His wrath and judgment to give hope for the remnant. At that time all the people of the earth will worship Him. [\[Zephaniah 2:11\]](#)
- ✧ The Ethiopians to the South will be slain by Yahweh. [\[Zephaniah 2:12\]](#)
- ✧ Assyria and Nineveh to the North will become a desolation. [\[Zephaniah 2:13-15\]](#)
- ✧ Nineveh, at the time of this prophesy, was a prideful and arrogant city saying in her heart that She was all there is with none like her. That city will become a desolation. [\[Zephaniah 2:13-15\]](#)