

TZEFANYAH

|4| And His brightness was like the ohr; He had rays of light flashing from His yad; and there was His power hidden.

|5| Before Him went the dever (plague), and pestilence went forth at His feet.

|6| He stood, and measured ha'aretz; He beheld, and made the Goyim tremble; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow; His ways are olam (everlasting).

|7| I saw the tents of Kushan in affliction; and the dwellings of Eretz Midyan did tremble.

|8| Was Hashem displeased against the rivers? Was Thine anger against the rivers? Was Thy wrath against the yam, that Thou didst ride upon Thine susim and Thy merkavot of yeshuah (salvation)?

|9| Thy keshet (bow) was made bare. Oathes were sworn over mattot (rods, arrows). Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

|10| The harim (mountains) saw Thee, and they trembled; the overflowing of the water passed by; the tehom (deep) uttered its voice, and lifted up its hands on high.

|11| The shemesh and yarei'ach stood still in their habitation; at the ohr of Thine arrows they went, and at the lightning of Thy glittering spear.

|12| Thou didst march through the land in indignation, Thou didst thresh the Goyim in anger.

|13| Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people, even for deliverance of Thy Moshiach; Thou crushed the rosh of the bais of the wicked, Thou stripped him thigh to neck. Selah.

[14| Thou didst pierce with his spears the head of his horde; they came out like a

whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing was like unto devouring the aniyim (the poor) in secret.

|15| Thou didst walk through the yam with Thine susim, through the heap of mayim rabbim.

|16| When I heard, my heart trembled; my lips quivered at the voice; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might wait patiently for the Yom Tzarah to come on the nation invading us.

|17| Although the etz te'elah shall not blossom, neither shall grape be on the gefen; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no okhel; the tzon shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;

|18| Yet I will rejoice in Hashem, I will joy in the G-d of my salvation.

|19| Hashem Adonoi is my strength, and He will make my feet like the feet of a deer, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

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1 The Devar Hashem which came unto Tzephanyah ben Cushi, ben Gedalyah, ben Amaryah, ben Chizkiyah, in the yamim of Yoshiyahu (Josiah) ben Amon, Melech Yehudah.

|2| I will utterly sweep away all things from off the adamah, saith Hashem.

|3| I will sweep away Adam (humankind) and Behemah (beast, animal, cattle); I will sweep away Oph HaShomayim (Birds of the Air) and the Dagim of HaYam (Fish of the Sea), and the michsholim (stumbling blocks,

what causes to fall into sin) with the resha'im; and I will cut off adam from off the adamah, saith Hashem.

|4| I will also stretch out Mine hand against Yehudah, and against all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim; and I will cut off from this place the she'ar HaBa'al (remnant of Baal), and the shem (name) of the Kemarim (the idolatrous priests; see 2Kgs 23:5) with the [idolatrous] kohanim;

|5| And those that worship the Tz'va HaShomayim (Army of Heaven, star g-ds) upon the rooftops; and those that worship and that swear [oaths] by Hashem, but also swear by Milcom (i.e., *Their King [Baal]*);

|6| And those that turned back from following Hashem; and those that have not sought Hashem, nor inquired of Him.

|7| Hold thy peace (keep silent) at the presence of Adonai Hashem: for the Yom Hashem is at hand; for Hashem hath prepared a zevach (sacrifice), Hashem hath consecrated His guests [i.e., *made HaKeru'im (the Invited ones) of Him His Mequdashim, Consecrated ones, i.e., the nations set apart to consume His apostate people, see Yeshayah 13:3*].

|8| And it shall come to pass in the Yom Zevach Hashem, that I will punish the sarim (princes), and Bnei HaMelech, and all such as are clothed with malbush nochri (foreign apparel).

|9| In the same Yom also will I visit to punish all those that leap over the threshold [See 1 Sm 5:5], which fill their masters' batim (houses) with chamas (violence) and mirmah (deceit).

|10| And it shall come to pass in that Yom, saith Hashem, that there