

## Are We Seeing God' s Anger

“Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent”, Zephaniah 3:8-9.

Two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus authored and published a work called salvation.

Jesus was crowned and adored for His contribution by the Father of all creation.

For those He authored the work of salvation for, Jesus has been progressively neglected.

Zephaniah lived and ministered at about the time of the Babylonian captivity, and would have been conversant with the living conditions in the world at that time.

Thus God used him to speak to His called race regarding their sins of disobedience, their pride and spiritual dishonesty, and who had discarded their faith that God could - and would release them as He had their forefathers from Egypt.

God permitted the cauldron of captivity and humiliation work in their lives to replace their arrogance with humility, and a confession that God' s Laws were easier to work within a peaceful environment.

Since then, Jesus has established a New and Living way. Yet, within one hundred years of the New Covenant being established, and has not ceased to seek changes!

Zephaniah' s vision, and prophetic words are as applicable to day as they were when he first uttered them.

Zephaniah' s opening words in chapter three sum up today' s world, and many of its leaders, “Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not

in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.

Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame”, Zephaniah 3:1-5.

Is God already sending out warnings of events to come? Friend, Jesus, two thousand years ago gave His Disciples many signs that would precede His return to this earth.

The Holy Spirit caused the Apostle Matthew to record what the Lord had said, that we should be warned of the current times in God’ s ecology.

Matthew, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has recorded,

1. A destruction of the Temple, Matthew 24:1-6.
  - a. The Temple the Lord uses to day is our body. Unfortunately, many of today’ s Temples are closing their spiritual doors, and looking more to what is on the other side of the carnal door.
2. General conditions, Matthew 24:7-18.
  - a. People will look for peace, but will not find it.
  - b. Sin will bring misery to the soul’ s of the people.
  - c. Civil anger and bitterness will become a way of living.
3. Members of the same family will become adversary’ s.
  - a. Tribulation, Matthew 24:19-26.
  - b. Dictatorial rule will govern people’ s lives.
4. False prophets will govern people’ s spirituality.

Friend, I seriously ask ‘If you survive the above, how will you feel as you watch the Lord descend in readiness to rule and reign over the earth for one thousand years?’

The Lord might well ask, “Where were you when I called the first time?”