

SIGNIFICANT: Revenge
Zephaniah 2:8-15

You do not deserve to have God defend you.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 32:35-38 (NIV): ³⁵ “It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.”
³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.
³⁷ He will say: “Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in,
³⁸ the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter!”

MAIN POINT: Leave room for God’s justice!

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Zephaniah 2:8-9 (NIV): ⁸ “I have heard the insults of Moab and the taunts of the Ammonites, who insulted my people and made threats against their land.
⁹ Therefore, as surely as I live,” declares the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, “surely Moab will become like Sodom, the Ammonites like Gomorrah— a place of weeds and salt pits, a wasteland forever. The remnant of my people will plunder them; the survivors of my nation will inherit their land.”

Genesis 19

MAIN POINT: Leave room for God’s justice!

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Zephaniah 2:10-11 (NIV): ¹⁰This is what they will get in return for their pride, for insulting and mocking the people of the LORD Almighty.

¹¹The LORD will be awesome to them when he destroys all the gods of the earth. Distant nations will bow down to him, all of them in their own lands.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV): Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Our ultimate sin is pride.

MAIN POINT:

Leave room for God's justice!

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Zephaniah 2:12 (NIV): ¹²“You Cushites, too, will be slain by my sword.”

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Ezekiel 30:25 (NIV): ²⁵“I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall limp. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he brandishes it against Egypt.”

It is a gift for God to reveal to us that He is Lord.

MAIN POINT:

Leave room for God's justice!

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

Zephaniah 2:13-15 (NIV): ¹³ He will stretch out his hand against the north and destroy Assyria, leaving Nineveh utterly desolate and dry as the desert.

¹⁴ Flocks and herds will lie down there, creatures of every kind. The desert owl and the screech owl will roost on her columns. Their hooting will echo through the windows, rubble will fill the doorways, the beams of cedar will be exposed.

¹⁵ This is the city of revelry that lived in safety. She said to herself, "I am the one! And there is none besides me." What a ruin she has become, a lair for wild beasts! All who pass by her scoff and shake their fists.

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