

Zephaniah 1:4-7

1:4 – “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal and the name of the idolatrous priests along with the priests,

4480 [e]	3772 [e]	3389 [e]	3427 [e]	3605 [e]	5921 [e]	3063 [e]	5921 [e]	3027 [e]	5186 [e]
min-	we·hik·rat·tî	ye·rū·šā·lim;	yō·wō·šə·bê	kāl-	wə·'al	ye·hū·dāh,	'al-	yā·dî	we·nā·tî·tî
מן	וְהִכְרַתִּי	יְרוּשָׁלַיִם	יוֹשְׁבֵי	כָל־	וְעַל	יְהוּדָה	עַל־	יָדִי	וְנָטִיתִי 4
from	and I will cut off	of Jerusalem	the inhabitants	all	and against	Judah	against	My hand	And I will stretch out
Prep	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs	N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc	N-msc	Conj-w Prep	N-proper-ms	Prep	N-fsc 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs

3548 [e]	5973 [e]	3649 [e]	8034 [e]	853 [e]	1168 [e]	7605 [e]	853 [e]	2088 [e]	4725 [e]	
hak·kō·hā·nīm.	'im-	hak·kə·mā·rīm	šēm	'et-	hab·ba·'al,	šə·'ār	'et-	haz·zeh	ham·mā·qō·wm	
–	הַכֹּהֲנִים:	עִם־	הַכֹּמְרִים	שֵׁם	אֶת־	הַבְּעַל	שְׂאֵר	אֶת־	הַזֶּה	הַמְּקוֹם
	the [pagan] priests	with	of the idolatrous priests	the names		of Baal	every trace		this	place
	Art N-mp	Prep	Art N-mp	N-msc	DirObjM	Art N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Art Pro-ms	Art N-ms

1. Verses 1:2-3 spoke of God's wrath on the earth, but in verse 1:4 Zephaniah begins to rebuke the people of YHWH. The chosen people of Judah. (Northern Israel has already been deported by Assyria 100 years before in 722 BC. The Book of the Law was found in 622 BC and this was possibly written around 617 BC.)
2. Amos used the same method of starting large and moving inwards in Amos 1:6-2:16 when he first spoke against the pagan nations around Israel and Judah, but finished with words against Israel and Judah.
3. The Lord not only speaks against Judah, but also the chosen city of Jerusalem and then the chosen kingly line of David in 1:8.
 - a. Again these destructive words against God's people, God's city and God's kingly tribe do not nullify the promises given to the people, the city and the line of David.
 - b. These words of judgment mean there must be an eventual repentance and restoration.
4. Two phrases of judgment are used:
 - a. **“I will stretch out my hand”** –
 - i. This refers to God's activity being involved more than usual
 - ii. It is often the term used when God delivered Israel from Egypt
 - iii. Now this powerful activity of God will move in history to punish the people he delivered.
 - iv. The punishment is as miraculous as the deliverance from Egypt.
 - v. This Hebrew phrase is translated into the Greek OT (LXX, or the Septuagint) as ***ekteno ten cheira mou***. This is the same phrase used when Jesus stretched out his hand to heal:

1. Matthew 8:3 -

2532 [e]	1614 [e]	3588 [e]	5495 [e]	680 [e]	846 [e]	3004 [e]	2309 [e]	
Kai	<u>ekteinas</u>	tēn	<u>cheira</u>	hēpsato	autou	legōn	Thelō	
3	Καὶ	ἐκτείνας	τὴν	χεῖρα	, ἥψατο	αὐτοῦ	, λέγων ,	Θέλω ;
	And	having stretched out	the	hand	He touched	him	saying	I am willing
	Conj	V-APA-NMS	Art-AFS	N-AFS	V-AIM-3S	PPro-GM3S	V-PPA-NMS	V-PIA-1S

2511 [e]	2532 [e]	2112 [e]	2511 [e]	846 [e]	3588 [e]	3014 [e]
katharisthēti	kai	euthēōs	ekatharisthē	autou	hē	lepra
καθαρίσθητι !	καὶ	εὐθέως	ἐκαθαρίσθη*	αὐτοῦ	ἢ	λέπρα .
be you cleansed	And	immediately	was cleansed	his	-	leprosy
V-AMP-2S	Conj	Adv	V-AIP-3S	PPro-GM3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS

2. Mark 1:41 -

2532 [e]	4697 [e]	1614 [e]	3588 [e]	5495 [e]	846 [e]	
Kai	splanchnistheis	<u>ekteinas</u>	tēn	<u>cheira</u>	<u>autou</u>	
41	Καὶ	σπλαγχνισθεῖς ,	ἐκτείνας	τὴν	χεῖρα αὐτοῦ ,	
	And	having been moved with compassion	having stretched out	the	hand of Him	
	Conj	V-APP-NMS	V-APA-NMS	Art-AFS	N-AFS	PPro-GM3S

680 [e]	2532 [e]	3004 [e]	846 [e]	2309 [e]	2511 [e]
hēpsato	kai	legei	autō	Thelō	katharisthēti
ἥψατο	καὶ	λέγει	αὐτῷ ,	Θέλω ;	καθαρίσθητι .
He touched him	and	says	to him	I am willing	be you cleansed
V-AIM-3S	Conj	V-PIA-3S	PPro-DM3S	V-PIA-1S	V-AMP-2S

3. Luke 5:13 -

2532 [e]	1614 [e]	3588 [e]	5495 [e]	680 [e]	846 [e]	3004 [e]	2309 [e]	
Kai	<u>ekteinas</u>	tēn	<u>cheira</u>	hēpsato	autou	legōn	Thelō	
13	Καὶ	ἐκτείνας	τὴν	χεῖρα	, ἥψατο	αὐτοῦ	, λέγων ,	Θέλω ;
	And	having stretched out	the	hand	He touched	him	saying	I am willing
	Conj	V-APA-NMS	Art-AFS	N-AFS	V-AIM-3S	PPro-GM3S	V-PPA-NMS	V-PIA-1S

2511 [e]	2532 [e]	2112 [e]	3588 [e]	3014 [e]	565 [e]	575 [e]	846 [e]
katharisthēti	kai	euthēōs	hē	lepra	apēlthen	ap'	autou
καθαρίσθητι !	καὶ	εὐθέως	ἡ	λέπρα	ἀπῆλθεν	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ .
be you cleansed	And	immediately	the	leprosy	departed	from	him
V-AMP-2S	Conj	Adv	Art-NFS	N-NFS	V-AIA-3S	Prep	PPro-GM3S

4. In Luke 11:20 the reaching out of the “finger of God” was an indication that the kingdom of God has come. Jesus was beginning the restoration: “But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

1:6 – “those who have turned back from following the Lord, who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him.”

3808 [e]	834 [e]	3069 [e]	310 [e]	5472 [e]	853 [e]
lō-	wa·'ā·šer	Yah·weh;	mê·'a·ḥă·rê	han·nə·sō·w·gîm	wə·'et-
לֹא	וַאֲשֶׁר	יְהוָה	מֵאַחֲרַי	הַנְּסוּגִים	וְאֶת־ 6
not	and	Yahweh	from [following]	Those who have turned back	and
Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w Pro-r	N-proper-ms	Prep-m	Art V-Nifal-Prtcpl-mp	Conj-w DirObjM

1875 [e]	3808 [e]	3069 [e]	853 [e]	1245 [e]
ḏə·rā·šū·hū.	wə·lō	Yah·weh	'et-	bīq·šū
דָּרָשׁוּהוּ:	וְלֹא	יְהוָה	אֶת־	בִּקְשׁוּ
inquired of Him	nor	Yahweh	-	have sought
V-Qal-Perf-3cp 3ms	Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Piel-Perf-3cp

1:7 – “Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.”

3068 [e]	3117 [e]	7138 [e]	3588 [e]	3069 [e]	136 [e]	6440 [e]	2013 [e]
Yah·weh,	yō·wm	qā·rō·wb	kî	Yah·weh;	'ā·ḏō·nāy	mip·pə·nê	has
יְהוָה	יוֹם	קָרוֹב	כִּי	יְהוָה	אֲדֹנָי	מִפְנֵי	הִס 7
of Yahweh	the day	[is] at hand	for	GOD	of the Lord	in the presence	Be silent
N-proper-ms	N-msc	Adj-ms	Conj	N-proper-ms	N-proper-ms	Prep-m N-cpc	Interjection

7121 [e]	6942 [e]	2077 [e]	3068 [e]	3559 [e]	3588 [e]
qə·ru·'āw.	hiq·dîš	ze·baḥ	Yah·weh	hê·kîn	kî-
קִרְאָיו:	הִקְדִּישׁ	זֶבַח	יְהוָה	הִכִּין	כִּי
His guests	He has invited	a sacrifice	Yahweh	has prepared	for
V-Qal-QalPassPrtcpl-mpc 3ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	N-ms	N-proper-ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj