

- (c) The "sea coast" in verse 5 which would be better translated "the region of the sea" refers to the tract of land by the Mediterranean Sea which was occupied by the Philistines.
- (d) The Philistines are called "the nation of the Cherethites" (vs. 5), i.e., the nation of the Cretans from the name of one branch of Philistian people which was settled in the southwest of Philistia. The reason the Philistines are called this name is that this name comes from the Hebrew word which means "to cut off," and this name was intended to represent the Philistian people as a people that was devoted to being cut off, i.e., exterminated.
- (e) The land of the Philistines is called "Canaan" in verse 5 to indicate that it is to share the lot of Canaan and lose its inhabitants by extermination.

(2) Source of the Judgment (Zeph. 2:5)

The judgment will come from the Lord.

Note: The word of the Lord that is against Philistia starts with the words, "O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant" (vs. 5), and goes through verse 7. This is the sentence of the Lord against Philistia.

(3) Results of the judgment (Zeph. 2:6,7)

- (a) Philistia will be turned into pastures where shepherds will dig huts for themselves under the ground as a protection from the sun and where they will have sheepfolds for their sheep (Zeph. 2:6).
- (b) Philistia will become a possession "for the remnant of the house of Judah," i.e., for the portion of the people of God rescued from the judgment (Zeph. 2:7).

- i. Proof that Philistia will become a possession for the remnant of the house of Judah (Zeph. 2:7b,c,)

Philistia will be the pasture-grounds of the Israelites' flocks (Zeph. 2:7b)

The huts of the Philistines will be the sleeping quarters for the Israelites at night (Zeph. 2:7c).

- ii. Reason Philistia will become a possession "for the remnant of the house of Judah" (Zeph. 2:7d)

The Lord will "visit" the Israelites, i.e., take them under His care and "turn away their captivity," i.e., restore their fortunes.