Zephaniah 1:7 12-18 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The Great Day of the LORD

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion

the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. **3** When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, brothers and sisters, are
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. **6** So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober, **7** for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who
are drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the
hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so
that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.