

Ezekiel
Chapters 7 – 8

Ezekiel Chapter 7

1 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 “And you, son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel:

‘An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. [N, S, E, W]

3 Now the end has come upon you,

And I will send My anger against you;

I will judge you according to your ways,

And I will repay you for all your abominations.

“The end here refers to the fullness of God’s judgment that God is sending for Israel’s abominations. The prophet emphasizes ‘the end’ three times in this chapter.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1242.

4 My eye will not spare you,

Nor will I have pity;

But I will repay your ways,

And your abominations will be in your midst;

Then you shall know that I am the Lord!

5 “Thus says the Lord God:

‘A disaster, a singular disaster;

Behold, it has come!

6 An end has come,

The end has come;

It has dawned for you;

Behold, it has come!

7 Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the land;

The time has come,
A day of trouble is near,
And not of rejoicing in the mountains.
8 Now upon you I will soon pour out **My fury**,
And spend My anger upon you;
I will judge you according to your ways,
And I will repay you for all your abominations.
9 'My eye will not spare,
Nor will I have pity;
I will repay you according to your ways,
And your abominations will be in your midst.
Then you shall know that I am the Lord who strikes.

“Here the prophet warns that the time for God’s mercy and pity has passed. He has warned, and the people refused to listen; now it is payback time. God’s Spirit will not always strive with man (see Gen. 6:3), and continual unrepentant sin will grieve Holy Spirit.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1242.

10 'Behold, the day!
Behold, it has come!
Doom has gone out;
The rod has blossomed,
Pride has budded.
11 Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness;
None of them shall remain,
None of their multitude,
None of them;
Nor shall there be wailing for them.
12 The time has come,
The day draws near.
'Let not the buyer rejoice,

Nor the seller mourn,
For wrath is on their whole multitude.
13 For the seller shall not return to what has been sold,
Though he may still be alive;
For the vision concerns the whole multitude,
And it shall not turn back;
No one will strengthen himself
Who lives in iniquity.

“The tree of Israel’s disobedience had been watered with idolatry and fertilized with disobedience; now the ‘rod of wickedness was producing the fruit of pride, which led to God’s decision of judgment. The profit made from a purchase is now worthless, and buyers could never enjoy their lands or homes.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1243.

14 They have blown the trumpet and made everyone ready,
But no one goes to battle;
For **My wrath** is on all their multitude.
15 The sword is outside,
And the pestilence and famine within.
Whoever is in the field
Will die by the sword;
And whoever is in the city,
Famine and pestilence will devour him.
16 Those who survive will escape and be on the mountains
Like doves of the valleys,
All of them mourning,
Each for his iniquity.
17 Every hand will be feeble,
And every knee will be as weak as water.
18 They will also be girded with sackcloth;

Horror will cover them;
Shame will be on every face,
Baldness on all their heads.
19 They will throw their silver into the streets,
And their gold will be like refuse;
Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them

In the day of the wrath of the Lord;

They will not satisfy their souls,
Nor fill their stomachs,
Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.

“A certain sound of shofar was a call for all men to unite for war (see Judges 3:27-29; 6:34-36; I Sam. 13:3-5). In this instance, the men had no strength because their hands were feeble and their knees weak as water; therefore, they refused the call to fight the coming invaders. Notice there was no escape either from running away or remaining in the city, and anyone escaping to a mountain would simply mourn, shave their hair (a sign of mourning or grief), and cast down their gold and silver because there would be nothing to purchase, including food.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1243.

20 ‘As for the beauty of his ornaments,
He set it in majesty;
But they made from it
The images of their abominations—
Their detestable things;
Therefore I have made it
Like refuse to them.

21 I will give it as plunder
Into the hands of strangers,
And to the wicked of the earth as spoil;
And they shall defile it.

22 I will turn My face from them,

And they will defile My secret place;

For robbers shall enter it and defile it.

“In the second and third Babylonian invasions of Jerusalem, the soldiers of Babylon invaded God’s holy house, the temple, entering the secret place and seizing the gold and silver vessels, carrying them back to Babylon as trophies of victory.” See. Jeremiah 52. Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1243.

23 ‘Make a chain,

For the land is filled with crimes of blood,

And the city is full of violence.

“The shedding of innocent blood was one of the terrible crimes that eventually brought the judgment against Jerusalem and the temple in AD 70, according to a prophetic warning Christ gave in Matthew 23:34-38; 24:1-2.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1243.

See: Proverbs 6:16-19

24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the Gentiles,

And they will possess their houses;

I will cause the pomp of the strong to cease,

And their holy places shall be defiled.

25 Destruction comes;

They will seek peace, but there shall be none.

26 Disaster will come upon disaster,

And rumor will be upon rumor.

Then they will seek a vision from a prophet;

But the law will perish from the priest,

And counsel from the elders.

“Even the normal methods of receiving a word from God would be voided during the judgement. The prophets would have no vision of hope, and the counsel of the priest and ancients would fail.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1244.

27 ‘The king will mourn,

The prince will be clothed with desolation,
And the hands of the common people will tremble.

***I will do to them according to their way,
And according to what they deserve I will judge them;
Then they shall know that I am the Lord!’ ”***

See: Jeremiah 27:2; Nahum 3:10

Ezekiel Chapter 8

“The prophecies from chapter 8-19 were given within eleven months (compare Ezekiel 8:1 with 20:1). These words were given over a period of time, but scholars consider them one main prophetic utterance concerning the remnant that had survived in Jerusalem, and the Jewish exiles living with Ezekiel in the land of Chaldea.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p 1244.

“1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, ***that the hand of the Lord God fell upon me there.*** 2 ***Then I looked,*** and there ***was a likeness, like the appearance of fire—from the appearance of His waist and downward, fire; and from His waist and upward, like the appearance of brightness, like the color of amber.*** 3 ***He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy.*** 4 ***And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.***

“This is the same appearance of the One sitting upon the sapphire throne as in Ezekiel 1:26-27. Here, He is off His throne and is transporting the prophet by the Holy Spirit back to Jerusalem in a vision. The ‘image of jealousy’ was the image of ‘Astarte, whom idol worshippers called the ‘queen of heaven’, believing her to be the wife of the male idol, Baal. The image was setting on a pedestal at the entrance of the gate that had led to the altar in the temple.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1244.

5 Then He said to me, “Son of man, lift your eyes now toward the north.” So I lifted my eyes toward the north, and there, north of the altar gate, was this image of jealousy in the entrance.

6 Furthermore He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to make Me go far away from My sanctuary? Now turn again, you will see greater abominations.” 7 So He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, there was a hole in the wall. 8 Then He said to me, “Son of man, dig into the wall”; and when I dug into the wall, there was a door.

9 And He said to me, “Go in, and see the wicked abominations which they are doing there.” 10 So I went in and saw, and there—every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in their midst stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan. Each man had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12 Then He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the room of his idols? For they say, ‘The Lord does not see us, the Lord has forsaken the land.’”

13 And He said to me, “Turn again, and you will see greater abominations that they are doing.” 14 So He brought me to the door of the north gate of the Lord’s house; and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

15 Then He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? Turn again, you will see greater abominations than these.” 16 So He brought me into the inner court of the Lord’s house; and there, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the Lord and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun toward the east.

17 And He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose. 18 Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.”

“Ezekiel has seen every form of idol imaginal set up in Jerusalem! He witnessed 70 elders burning incense to the idols, women weeping for the idol Tammuz, and 25 men at the door of the temple facing east to worship the sun. These abominations provoked God to anger and explain why He would destroy the city and the temple.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1244.