

EZEKIEL 21 vs 1

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This chapter is a key intersection in the Old Testament, to understand it is to know what is going on in our 21st century. Ezekiel is going to hear about a significant change that will take place to the House of Israel, that might have been lost to man, but not to God.

Is this opening to the chapter, literal? Or figurative?

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach against the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel, / and we might ask, **Israel**, where? This section is addressed to Israel, with no mention of **Judah**; we know that 10 tribes of the northern kingdom were taken to captivity in Assyria, and thought lost to history, though Father Jacob promised Joseph sons one day that **Ephraim** would become a common wealth of nations, and **Manasseh** would become a great nation – both at the center of the earth's history. Where did that happen?

³And say to the land of Israel, Thus says the LORD; Indeed, I am against you, and will draw My sword from its sheath, and will cut off from you the right one and the wrong ones.

⁴Seeing that I will cut off from you the right ones and the wrong ones, so My sword will go forth from its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

⁵that all flesh will know I the LORD have drawn My sword from its sheath: not to return to its sheath any more.

⁶So groan, son of man, with a broken heart; and with bitter grief before their eyes.

⁷And it will be, when they ask you, **Why do you groan? You will answer,**

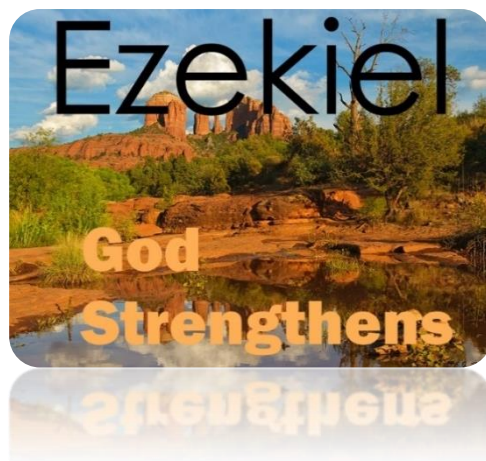
because the news that is coming: and every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and all knees will be weak as water: indeed, it comes, and it will happen, declares the Lord God. / [You know 3 days are still on the calendar of the Lord](#)

⁸Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁹Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the LORD; Say, A sword, a sharpened sword, and also polished:

¹⁰sharpened to seriously slaughter; polished to flash like lightning: Should we then be merry?

It's the scepter of My Son despising every tree.



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¹¹ And He has given it to be polished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is polished, to put in the hand of the slayer.

¹² Cry out and howl, son of man: for it is against My people, it is against all the officials of **Israel**: terrors including the sword will be against My people:

so strike your thigh in despair.

¹³ For it is a test, **and what if even the scepter that the sword despises will be no more?** says the Lord God.

¹⁴ So you, son of man, prophesy, and clasp your hands together; and let the sword do double damage; the sword do triple damage, the sword that slays. It is the sword of the great ones slain, that enters their private chambers,

¹⁵ that melts / that softens the heart, and many may stumble against all their gates. I have set the point of the sword. Ah! Like lightning flashes, it is grasped for the slaughter.

¹⁶ Go thrust to the right, or thrust to the left, wherever your blade is directed.

¹⁷ I will also clasp My hands together, and I will satisfy My fury: I the LORD have spoken.

We began this chapter asking: is this literal? or figurative? Certainly Ezekiel was directed to speak to those in his generation about the harsh treatment coming due to their faithlessness. But you know some of these ancient chapters from 2500 years ago also seem to speak to the ones ruled by God today -- don't they?

We know the sword of the Lord is powerful. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, able to discern the thoughts and intent of the heart. -- **Hebrews 4.**

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3 Days are still on His Calendar

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