

# EZEKIEL 6 vs 1

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<sup>1</sup> And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel / literally... the heights, the highest places of those who claim to be governed by God; the Lord says that He is starting there; the LORD isn't talking about having Ezekiel check out Mount Hermon, Mount Tabor, Mount Carmel, Mount Gilboa, Mount Ebal, Mount Gerizim, Mount Nebo... or any other mountain in the neighborhood. He is addressing the religious and political VIPs, those in position of leadership over His people; and notice, there is more than one mountain... so we're not learning only about Jerusalem; we could also add: London, and Washington DC... as well as other prominent places wherever Israel – the ones ruled by God are now located,



and prophesy against them,

<sup>3</sup> And say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God / something people in most high places, who often and mistakenly think they are bedecked in royalty... rarely remember to do;

Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, the ravines, and the valleys / the high places and all those under them; from the conspicuous heights to the inconspicuous depths. Most people have a hard time picturing God who once spared only 3 people – 4 men and 4 women as He destroyed life on earth. They could not imagine God ever doing that again stating: He gave His covenant and attached it to the rainbow in the heavens; and so be sure, no flood will ever come and wash away all the people. But what happens if He cancels His covenant? The prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and those 12 others, warn of a Day that will come like no other day before or after. Prophets intend to wake up the few, those who will look to God... who do what He asked, and leave their lives in His care and concern;

Behold, I, even I will bring a sword on you,

and will destroy your high places / those mountains of Israel, those lofty places where people had imitated and modified and surpassed the evil practices... of their pagan predecessors and neighbors.

<sup>4</sup> So your altars / your sacrificial places of worship and devotion... wherever you bow down and worship; where you ship your worth... be they located on Wall Street or on some seedy back street...

will be desolate / your sacred places will be deserted, abandoned,

your images / your idols falsely attributed as possessing power, that if worshiped will satisfy the worshiper...

will be broken:

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**and your slain I will make to fall before your idols** / your men and women on whom the sword was brought... will fall ; not only your ingenious hand-carved wood, costly metal and stone works of your hands – but also YOU will fall; whatever you are devoted to, it will cause you to drop dead.

<sup>5</sup> And I will lay the corpses of the **children of Israel** before their idols;

**and I will scatter your bones around your altars** / not a pretty sight anywhere, especially where people congregate not only in hidden places, but also in fabulous cathedrals; even cathedrals of glass.

<sup>6</sup> In all your dwelling places, cities will become waste,

and high places will be abandoned;

your **altars** will be wasted and abandoned,

your **idols** will be broken and finished,

your **images** will be cut down,

and your **works** will be obliterated.

<sup>7</sup> And the slain will fall among you / we all fall for lots of things, but this time you ain't getting up,

**and you will know** / so just like going to school... we are to learn a lesson; and what is it?

**I am the LORD.**

Since the days of Moses, the LORD has been teaching them this very first lesson; but it seems they are slow learners, too; they only have 9 more to learn.

<sup>8</sup> However, **I will leave a remnant,**

**for you will have some among the nations... who escape the sword, when you are scattered among the countries.**

<sup>9</sup> And those who escape will remember Me among the nations

**where you are carried captive, how I am heart-broken with your adulterous hearts,**

**which wandered away from Me, and with your eyes you fornicating with your idols:**

**you will loathe yourself for all the evils you committed, for all your abominations.**



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<sup>10</sup> **And you will know** / so just like going to school... they are to learn a lesson; and what is it?

**I am the LORD.**

and that I have **not** said in vain that I would permit this evil on you.

<sup>11</sup> **Thus says the Lord GOD;**

**Slap your hands, and stomp your feet, and say,**

**Sadly, for all the evil abominations of the House of Israel** / those who inherited through **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** – **the 2 half-Egyptian sons of Joseph**, all the nationalistic birthright promises given first to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Obviously, **those leader shepherds did not rise to their high calling.**

**they will fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence** / and plague -- all the missiles He sends.

<sup>12</sup> **He who is far off will die of the plague; he who is near will fall by the sword; he who remains and is besieged will die by famine: thus I will finish My wrath on them** / this is already a repeated message: it makes you wonder what the LORD will teach our generation who was given fair warning of His generous words and His ways... for the last 2500 years.

<sup>13</sup> **Then you will know** / so just like going to school... thankfully they have a very patient Teacher who obviously wants them to learn this very important lesson; and what is it?

**I am the LORD,**

**when their slain are among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree, and under every leafy oak -- wherever they offered sweet aromas to all their idols** / it sounds like the LORD has left no rock unturned; no place to hide.

<sup>14</sup> **So I will stretch out My hand against them, and make the earth more a desolate waste than the wilderness toward Diblah** / from south to north; the lesson to the faithless will be thorough,

**in all their habitations** / from the heights to the depths; from all the fancy streets to all the seedy alleys: **and they will know** / so just like going to school... the Teacher says, there is no sense in going on... without learning this basic lesson; He says:

**I am the LORD.**

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