

# EZEKIEL 7 vs 1

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We have been given fair warning of the approaching destruction. When the town where you and I live, is on fire, men do not seek for fine words... and quaint expressions in which to give an account of it; but to cry out about the streets, with a loud and lamentable voice: Fire! Fire! -- Matthew Henry, 1700.

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

<sup>2</sup>And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel / so the turf of those who claim to be ruled by God is in focus; those who were greatly blessed by His presence, who were chosen to be custodians of His word that all nations from the rising to the setting of the sun... might know His great Name, and in every place give Him thanks and praise -- Malachi 1; but they chose to be faithless and embezzle those privileges for themselves; so the very long-suffering Lord GOD says:

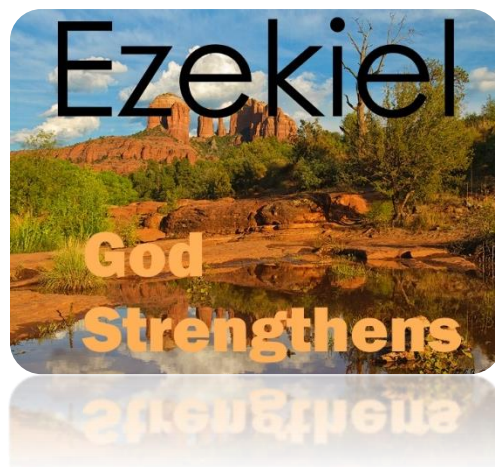
**The end!** / 5 times in this chapter, God says, **enough** to those who give Him lip service, but their heart is far from Him. This is prophecy, it has a double fulfillment; first to the 10 tribes of Israel 2700 years ago; but also to their progeny in the last days of the Gentile nations.

**The end comes on the four corners of the earth** / in Hebrew: **eres**; what we know God created in the beginning – the heaven and the earth; so, Israel's faithlessness has infected the whole earth.

<sup>3</sup>Now the end comes on you, and I will send My anger on you, I will judge you according to your ways, and will put all your abominable doings on you / on Israel throughout the earth starting with Israel of Ephraim who became a great commonwealth of nations; and Israel of Manasseh who became the great nation, according to your will and the path you plowed; He said, **your will be done**; you will be adjudicated by what you chose to do with the life He gave you; and see what if anything measures up: is it a container of glory or a cesspool of something disgusting?

<sup>4</sup>My eye will not spare you, I will not have pity, and will put your abominable doings on you, and you will know that

**I am the LORD** / those who are judged without mercy... are those who refused His mercy when it was first offered; You will not be confused as what happened: **your will be done** whether or not you like your results; C.S. Lewis once said, our little oops after a million years might not appear so little.




**<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD:**


**behold, evil, only evil comes** / definitely, it will not be good; God does not call good evil, or evil good.

**<sup>6</sup> The end comes, the end comes: it watches for you; behold, it has come.**

**<sup>7</sup> The morning has come, O you who dwell on the earth: the time has come, but not with joyful shouts on the mountain tops** / this word means many things; morning, crown, doom, the LORD tells all the earth, the terrible day has dawned; He has given the world ample warning; not a place does not know; all the nations know. Some mockingly ask, how about those who live in some remote place? If our great **Brothers and Sisters of Vanuatu** know then everyone knows. We know about 3 ½ years – which is the same when Messiah taught the first time; **3 Days of the LORD** remain on His calendar,

**the day of trouble is near** / when it comes it will be final, there's nothing good about this day.

 **<sup>8</sup> Soon I will pour out My wrath upon you, and spend My anger against you: I will judge you according to your ways, and will put all your abominable doings on you** / a second time He assures them of their desires.

 **<sup>9</sup> And My eye will not spare, I will not have pity: I will put your abominable doings on you** / for a third time; the Lord God is making it clear: they will get what they want, whether they like it when it comes;

**and you will know that I am the LORD who strikes** / they will not ask: what just hit me? They will know and not be confused; it was the LORD.

**<sup>10</sup> Behold the day, behold, it has come: the day has started** / this day when they thought their secrets were hid; but now, the day dawns and all will be revealed for who they really are; and it begs the question: what day? **The 3 remaining work Days of the LORD**, shadows of things to come... are: **the Day of Trumpets** – a wedding day of great joy; **the Day of Afflicting souls** – a day of great suffering; and the last workday, **the Day of Tents** / temporary Shelters – a day of great thanksgiving to God. So, you decide which of these 3 final days of the **In-gathering of the Harvest** is in focus; it isn't rocket science.

**the rod has bloomed, pride has flowered** / neither is good; pride comes before the fall.

**<sup>11</sup> Violence has grown into a rod of evil** / what filled the hearts of those living in the days of Noah; Jesus said, **so it will be when the Son of Man comes again**... like modern day fools this prophecy is about many descendants of Abraham, at the center of the world...including **the great commonwealth of nations** and **the great nation**... who no longer say: **In God We Trust**; but trust their global partners who have no king but caesar; whose god is the work of their hands; who bow to military might.

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Here, Ezekiel does **not** speak just to **Judah**, the **Jewish folks**. Remember: **Israel** = **the ones ruled by God**. These folks will resemble those in Ephesus, who lost their first love; and Laodicea, who thought they were rich and needed nothing; who left Christ standing outside the door; and give God a pile of lip service. Those of **Israel** who carried with them the promises passed from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; but instead of being a blessing to the world, became infiltrated by the last roman govt, with traitors in power till the world is broken. Look around, you will see them in the news today:

**none of them, none of their multitude, none of their family: will be wailing for them /** not one person will shed a tear for them; no smarmy epitaph will be erected over their rotting carcass, because there will be no one.

**12 The time has come; the day has arrived: let not the buyer rejoice, let not the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all their multitude /** the whole damn lot will know the wrath of God.

**13 For the seller will not return to what he sold, as long as he lives /** which might not be that long: **for the vision concerns its whole multitude; it will not turn back; and because of their crimes no one will maintain life /** no one will value or guard life; this vision touches the whole world.

**14 They have blown the trumpet, and all is ready; but no one goes to war for My wrath is upon all their multitude /** it's hard to imagine that when God destroyed the world at the time of Noah, He spared only 4 men and 4 women – which is repeated in many of the 300 global legends of the flood; but this verse is telling. Does this verse indicate **the Day of Trumpets arrived**; the dead in Christ were raised and those who remained in the last generation were grabbed up? And even after all that, life goes on heedless of the warnings? Those 5 churches of Revelation who were to **change their thinking**; didn't heed the warning, and reveal those to be whitened, brightened and purified in the final days -- Daniel 12:

**15 Outside, is the sword; inside is pestilence and the famine: he who is in the field will die by the sword; he who is in the city, will be destroyed by famine and pestilence /** wherever you turn will be ruin; most people do not realize that their nearest grocery store has enough food for about 3 days; what happens when infrastructure collapses?

**16 But all who survive will escape to the hills... like doves of the valleys, everyone mourning over his crimes / a time will come to leave the city;** it will be a dreadful time of great despair and death.

**17 All hands are limp, and all knees are weak as water.**

**18 They put on sackcloth, and horror covers them; disgrace is on all their faces, and baldness on all their heads.**

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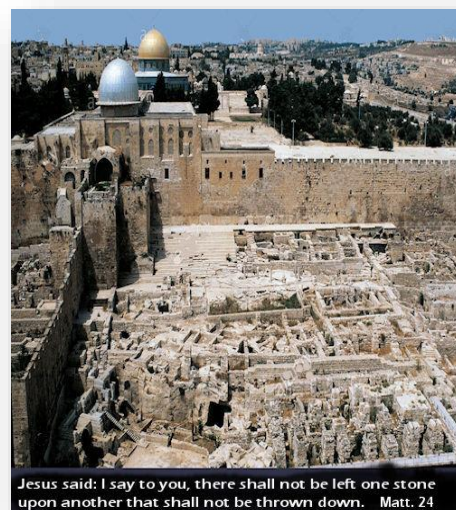
**19 They will fling their silver in the streets, and their gold is like a used tampon** / in their eager pursuit of things with which they could bribe their enemies and buy their friends... in all their care and pains they had taken to scrape it together and hoard it – Matthew Henry. They were deceived; surely the bankers and speculators will be astounded...when God's wrath arrives and their livelihood is discovered a fraud:



**their silver and their gold are not able to deliver them in the wrath of the LORD, they will not satisfy their souls, nor fill their stomachs, for it was a stumbling-block of their crimes** / I'm certain in Beverly Hills, River Oaks or Central Park South nobody will care about their silver and gold; not to mention their platinum Card; when the 6<sup>th</sup> Day belonging to the LORD arrives that Moses told us about; they can munch on all their bags of money all they want; yet they trip on their crimes, on their in equality, on their total failure.

**20 Even the beautiful ornament is used for pride: they made abominable images and detestable things with it: so, I have set it far from them** / our holy and beautiful house where our fathers praised You – Isaiah 64, not by moving it, but by moving them.

**21 And I will give it into the hands of foreigners to plunder, and to the wrong of the earth... to spoil; and they will defile it** / remember Rome fulfills this prophecy: Jesus told his disciples... not a stone of those buildings under construction would remain. And that is what happened; Mount Zion was utterly leveled by the roman leader, and much of it was removed to fill in the Kidron Valley. The walls we see today were rebuilt under Sultan Suleiman in the 1500s.



When Messiah comes again – “the Stone that the builders rejected”: the One who is the Chief cornerstone: when He comes again... He won't need any place to offer even 1 more bloody sacrifice. Too late for our confused cousins of Judah, who still don't pay attention to the word God gave them, as they prefer their traditions, and think Messiah needs more than Isaiah's Tent to teach under. They will find out the hard way.

**22 I will turn My face from them, and they will profane My treasured place: robbers will enter and defile it** / and history tells us that happened; the lawless romans because faithless people... did and are still doing a very good job messing it all up, aren't they?



<sup>23</sup> **Forge a chain: for the earth is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence** / make a chain for its criminals... and it better be enormous, so pay attention: in Hebrew: **hamas**, it is the same word used twice when describing the world in the days of Noah, when the flood destroyed all those on earth. It is what the Lord said would indicate when Messiah prepares to come again in power and great glory; and isn't it interesting, **hamas** is the same word used by current trouble-makers whose ancestors have lived in the same area for long enough to learn... what the prophets first told all those nations 2500 years ago.

<sup>24</sup> **I will bring the worst of the nations, and they will possess their houses; I will make an end to the pride of the strong and their holy places will be defiled** / the only time the word: **worst**, is used in the Bible is here, with this verse we learn what the LORD thinks of those current squatters moving into the area. Especially all those men who do not work, but they do work having sex with 6-year olds; and incest with their elementary daughters. Can you imagine if these **worst of the nations**... were given access by the roman CIA, let's say: to DEW – to **Direct Energy Weapons**?

Jerusalem is just an example, He brings them to deal with His prideful people throughout the earth; again, expect the waste and ruin to be impressive... not just in Jerusalem; but even where you live right now.

<sup>25</sup> **Destruction comes; and they will seek peace, but there will be none** / remember, we are learning about when **the day of God's wrath** finally arrives.

<sup>26</sup> **Disaster follows disaster, rumor follows rumor; then they will seek a vision from the prophet, while the law perishes from the priest and from the counsel of the elders;** / the last world govt will be working; until **the day of God's wrath** arrives, the roman global project in rebellion to Messiah, called the United Nations (or Tower of Babel II) will advance in pursuit of world peace; capable of uniting nothing; ultimately failing; their fears and suspicions ensure there is no peace.

They will seek a vision, not to correct or warn; but to deliver them in their troubles. They no longer proclaim: **In God we trust**; their greatest idol is their trust in themselves. They acknowledge God, but only with lip service; they no longer honor father or mother. Instead they lie to one another; they hate their neighbor and they do not seek the welfare of anyone.

<sup>27</sup> **The king mourns, the prince is clothed in despair, and the hands of the people of the earth are troubled: according to their way, I will do to them** / notice God is not creatively doing something to them; they are adequately doing it to themselves... with their words and their ways, they condemn themselves. Now, He might simply give them a push, since there is no sense delaying their inevitable catastrophe;

**according to their judgments I will judge them; and they will know that I am the LORD** / when it is finished, not a fool will say: there is no God.

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**Every Praise**