

Ezekiel 7:1-27 **End has come to inhabitants of the Land of Israel** **Judgment of Israel is imminent**

Judgment on Israel Is at hand – The End Has Come

1 Moreover the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying, 2 "And you, son of man, thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) to the land of Israel:

'An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.

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.

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 Yahweh (the Lord)!

5 "Thus says Adoney Yahweh (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 Yahweh (the Lord) who strikes.

Wickedness and Violence has come to full maturity

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 warning has been sounded

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.

A humble small remnant will escape – Idolatry will be abhorred

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 Yahweh (the Lord); They will not satisfy their souls, Nor fill their stomachs, Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.

Consequence of Abominable Idolatry and violence

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.

23 'Make a chain, For the land is filled with crimes of blood, And the city is full of violence.

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.

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 Yahweh (the Lord)!"

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Facts Revealed:

✧ Judgment on Israel Is at hand – The End Has Come [Ezekiel 7:1-9]

- ✧ When the time for judgment comes, Yahweh gives clear detailed warning to provide a chance for the people to repent and avoid it.
- ✧ Yahweh's Judgment is complete and final without pity because He has been faithful to give plenty of warnings through His prophets, only to be rejected.
- ✧ Belligerent arrogant wickedness cannot go fully unpunished, but reflects the righteous Wrath of God.
- ✧ The punishment is appropriate to the offense and comes in the fullness of time.
- ✧ The purpose of the punishment is to remind the people that Yahweh is the true and living God over all His creation.

✧ Wickedness and Violence has come to full maturity [Ezekiel 7:10-13]

- ✧ Yahweh has appointed a day of Judgment.
- ✧ The iniquity of the people is allowed to reach its complete fullness before Yahweh pours out His Wrath on the people. [Genesis 15:16]
- ✧ The punishment will impact all the people.
- ✧ When the punishment has begun, no-one will be able to hinder it.

✧ The warning has been sounded [Ezekiel 7:14-15]

- ✧ The alarm has been sounded, but the people have ignored it.
- ✧ Yahweh described the distress of the land under siege.
- ✧ The Wrath is against all the multitude of people.

✧ A humble small remnant will escape – Idolatry will be abhorred [Ezekiel 7:16-18]

- ✧ The ones who escape will be like doves on the mountains, each mourning for his iniquity.
- ✧ They will experience weakness, horror and shame.

- ✧ Their idolatry will not satisfy them but will seem repulsive to them because it was their stumbling block of iniquity.
- ✧ **Consequence of Abominable Idolatry and violence** [Ezekiel 7:20-27]
- ✧ Yahweh had given His people prosperity beauty and ornaments of Majesty.
- ✧ But they had made from it images of their abominations, detestable things.
- ✧ Yahweh has made their idolatry like refuse to them.
- ✧ He has given it as plunder to their enemies to be defiled.
- ✧ Yahweh has turned His face away and His holy things will be spoil for the enemy who will defile it.
- ✧ Because the land has been filled with crimes of blood shed and violence.
- ✧ The worst of the Gentiles will possess their houses.
- ✧ The people will seek peace but will find none.
- ✧ Disaster will come upon the king, princes, prophets, priests, elders and the people.
- ✧ Yahweh will judge them according to their ways.
- ✧ The purpose is that they will know that Yahweh has done it just as He said He would.