

Ezekiel's Warning

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The warning Ezekiel offers to Israel and the surrounding nations is resoundingly clear. The Lord (Yahweh) will act decisively to make himself known. Even though all the nations rise up in rebellion against him, he will prevail and glorify his own name.

The Lord will do whatever it takes to make his name known. Sometimes that means mercy and grace to undeserving sinners. At other times it means he will exercise his wrath and judgement (which are just as much a representation of the holiness of his name as are mercy and grace).

Ezekiel's warning should echo down through the ages and offer a sober reminder to us today. If the judgements he prophesied came to pass, then how dare we neglect the revelation that has come since? If judgement was sure at that time, then how much more now that the Lord has made himself known in and through Christ?

The picture of God that Ezekiel gives is a timely corrective to us. When we don't see nations falling all around us and there seems to be no justice for the wicked it can be easy to forget that God will judge. We need to be reminded of the character of God. He will make his name known, whatever it takes.

To see that illustrated read the list of verses that follows.

The Whole World Will Know that I am the LORD¹

Ezek 5 ¹³ "Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will vent my fury upon them and satisfy myself. And they shall know that I am the LORD—that I have spoken in my jealousy—when I spend my fury upon them.

Ezek 6 ⁷ And the slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 6 ¹⁰ And they shall know that I am the LORD. I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them."

Ezek 6 ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when their slain lie 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 pleasing aroma to all their idols.

Ezek 6 ¹⁴ And I will stretch out my hand against them and make the land desolate and waste, in all their dwelling places, from the wilderness to Riblah. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 7 ⁴ And my eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity, but I will punish you for your ways, while your abominations are in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

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Ezek 7 ⁹ And my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. I will punish you according to your ways, while your abominations are in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD, who strikes.

Ezek 7 ²⁷ The king mourns, the prince is wrapped in despair, and the hands of the people of the land are paralyzed by terror. According to their way I will do to them, and according to their judgments I will judge them, and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 11 ¹⁰ You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 11 ¹² and you shall know that I am the LORD. For you have not walked in my statutes, nor obeyed my rules, but have acted according to the rules of the nations that are around you."

Ezek 12 ¹⁵ And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I disperse them among the nations and scatter them among the countries.

Ezek 12 ¹⁶ But I will let a few of them escape from the sword, from famine and pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they go, and may know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 12 ²⁰ And the inhabited cities shall be laid waste, and the land shall become a desolation; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 13 ⁹ My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who give lying divinations. They shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord God.

Ezek 13 ¹⁴ And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 13 ²¹ Your veils also I will tear off and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand as prey, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 13 ²³ therefore you shall no more see false visions nor practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your hand. And you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 14 ⁸ And I will set my face against that man; I will make him a sign and a byword and cut him off from the midst of my people, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 15 ⁷ And I will set my face against them. Though they escape from the fire, the fire shall yet consume them, and you will know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.

Ezek 16 ⁶² I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD,

Ezek 17 ²¹ And all the pick of his troops shall fall by the sword, and the survivors shall be scattered to every wind, and you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken."

Ezek 17 ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Ezek 20 ¹² Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

Ezek 20 ²⁰ and keep my Sabbaths holy that they may be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.

Ezek 20 ²⁶ and I defiled them through their very gifts in their offering up all their firstborn, that I might devastate them. I did it that they might know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 20 ³⁸ I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 20 ⁴² And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers.

Ezek 20 ⁴⁴ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God."

Ezek 21 ⁵ And all flesh shall know that I am the LORD. I have drawn my sword from its sheath; it shall not be sheathed again.

Ezek 22 ¹⁶ And you shall be profaned by your own doing in the sight of the nations, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 22 ²² As silver is melted in a furnace, so you shall be melted in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the LORD; I have poured out my wrath upon you."

Ezek 23 ⁴⁹ And they shall return your lewdness upon you, and you shall bear the penalty for your sinful idolatry, and you shall know that I am the Lord God."

Ezek 24 ²⁴ Thus shall Ezekiel be to you a sign; according to all that he has done you shall do. When this comes, then you will know that I am the Lord God.'

Ezek 24 ²⁷ On that day your mouth will be opened to the fugitive, and you shall speak and be no longer mute. So you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 25 ⁵ I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and Ammon a fold for flocks. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 25 ⁷ therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand against you, and will hand you over as plunder to the nations. And I will cut you off from the peoples and will make you perish out of the countries; I will destroy you. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 25 ¹¹ and I will execute judgments upon Moab. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 25 ¹⁷ I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I lay my vengeance upon them."

Ezek 26 ⁶ and her daughters on the mainland shall be killed by the sword. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 28 ²² and say, Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Sidon, and I will manifest my glory in your midst. And they shall know that I am the LORD when I execute judgments in her and manifest my holiness in her;

Ezek 28 ²³ for I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the slain shall fall in her midst, by the sword that is against her on every side. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 28 ²⁴ "And for the house of Israel there shall be no more a brier to prick or a thorn to hurt them among all their neighbours who have treated them with contempt. Then they will know that I am the Lord God.

Ezek 28 ²⁶ And they shall dwell securely in it, and they shall build houses and plant vineyards. They shall dwell securely, when I execute judgments upon all their neighbours who have treated them with contempt. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God."

Ezek 29 ⁶ Then all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD. "Because you have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel;

Ezek 29 ⁹ and the land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste. Then they will know that I am the LORD. "Because you said, 'The Nile is mine, and I made it,'

Ezek 29 ¹⁶ And it shall never again be the reliance of the house of Israel, recalling their iniquity, when they turn to them for aid. Then they will know that I am the Lord God."

Ezek 29 ²¹ "On that day I will cause a horn to spring up for the house of Israel, and I will open your lips among them. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 30 ⁸ Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have set fire to Egypt, and all her helpers are broken.

Ezek 30 ¹⁹ Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 30 ²⁵ I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh shall fall. Then they shall know that I am the LORD, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt.

Ezek 30 ²⁶ And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 32 ¹⁵ When I make the land of Egypt desolate, and when the land is desolate of all that fills it, when I strike down all who dwell in it, then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 33 ²⁹ Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations that they have committed.

Ezek 34 ²⁷ And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

Ezek 34 ³⁰ And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God.

Ezek 35 ⁴ I will lay your cities waste, and you shall become a desolation, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 35 ⁹ I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 35 ¹² And you shall know that I am the LORD. "I have heard all the revilings that you uttered against the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They are laid desolate; they are given us to devour.'

Ezek 35 ¹⁵ As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so I will deal with you; you shall be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 36 ¹¹ And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 36 ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Ezek 36 ³⁶ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

Ezek 36 ³⁸ Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 37 ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 37 ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

Ezek 37 ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Ezek 37 ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

Ezek 38 ²³ So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 39 ⁶ I will send fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the coastlands, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 39 ⁷ "And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Ezek 39 ²² The house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day forward.

Ezek 39 ²⁸ Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore.