

The End Has Come - Ezekiel 7:1-27

Topics: Accountability, Anger, Death, Despair, Escape, Grieving, Idolatry, Judgment, Law, Lost, Mercy, People, Pride, Punishment, Shame, Sin, Sovereignty, Timing, Wealth

Open It

- * 1. What is one of the most helpless feelings you've ever experienced?
- 2. What is one thing you'd love to have that money can't buy?

Explore It

- 3. What was the first two-word message that God told Ezekiel to proclaim? (7:1-3)
- 4. What did God resolve that He would not do this time, as He had so often in the past? (7:4)
- * 5. What different words did God use to describe what was about to happen to Israel? (7:5-7)
- 6. What was God poised to "repay"? (7:8-9)
- 7. What would the people know about the origin of the disaster from the sheer magnitude of the disaster? (7:9)
- 8. What human vices did God say would run rampant, causing much misery? (7:10-11)
- 9. In what resource had the people come to trust, which would now fail them? (7:12-13)
- 10. What other potential defense would be stopped by God's wrath? (7:14)
- 11. What did Ezekiel say about the possibility of escaping from the coming wrath of God? (7:15-16)
- * 12. What were some of the dramatic evidences of helplessness in Ezekiel's prophecy? (7:17-19)
- 13. What was God going to allow to happen to the riches and edifices in which Israel took pride? (7:20-22)
- 14. For what crimes against their fellow humans did God hold Israel accountable? (7:23)
- * 15. What did Ezekiel predict that the people would do to try to avert God's wrath? (7:24-27)
- 16. What lesson did God realize Israel would learn from the disaster that was about to come upon them? (7:27)

Get It

- 17. If you were going to dramatize this chapter in a contemporary setting, where would your "Ezekiel" be speaking and whom would he be addressing?
- * 18. How hard or easy do you think it was for Ezekiel's listeners to visualize a time when the temple would be desecrated and they would view their gold as "unclean"?
- 19. What was the most important thing that God wanted to get across to His people through the coming disasters?
- 20. What is your first reaction when you hear of someone predicting economic or social collapse, or even the "end of the world"?
- 21. What evidences do you see that people today are trusting in affluence, military might, and cultural accomplishments?
- * 22. Why do you think people will look to God in times of calamity but scoff at Him in times of prosperity?

Apply It

- * 23. When can you set aside an hour to ask God to help you take an honest inventory of the things and people in whom you put your trust?
- 24. What friend or acquaintance should you encourage to fear God while there is still time to experience His mercy?