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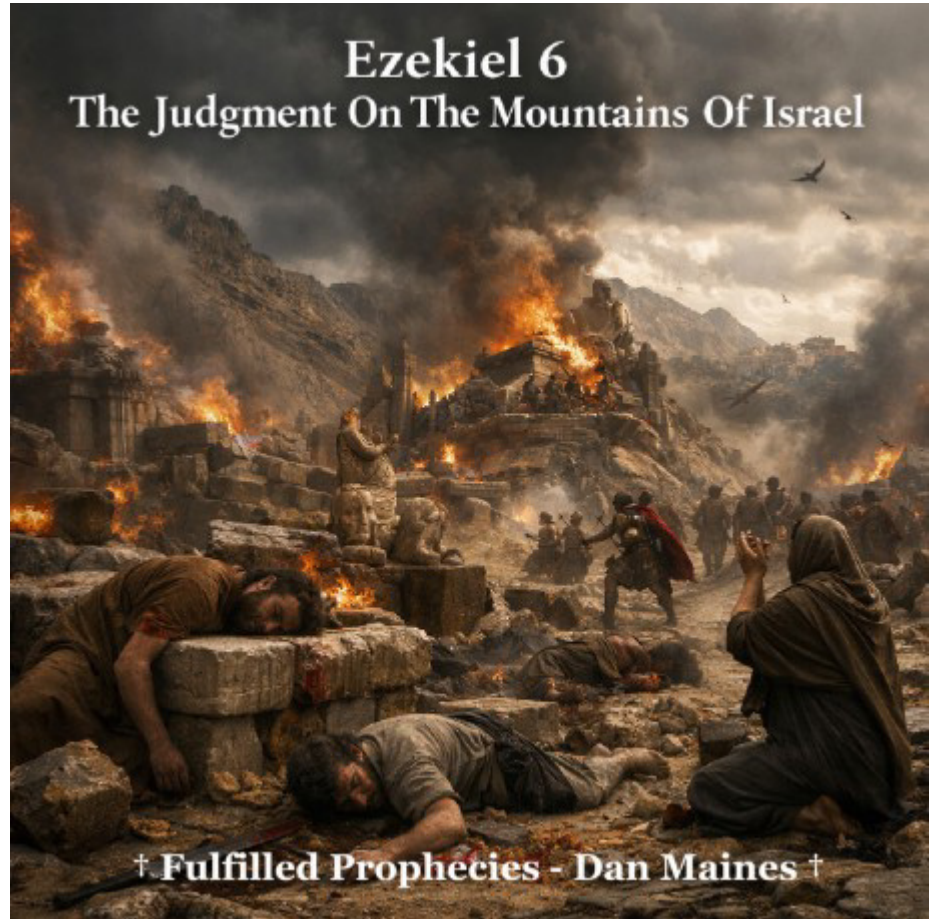
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## Ezekiel 6 The Judgment On The Mountains Of Israel



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### Introduction

† Ezekiel 6 continues the warning that God was bringing judgment on Israel because of their idolatry and rebellion, it's not random destruction, it's covenant judgment.

† The mountains, hills, and high places were where Israel committed spiritual adultery, so God directs His judgment right at those places.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this points forward to the same

covenant judgment that reached its climax in AD 70 when the system tied to those high places was completely removed.

### **Ezekiel 6:1-3**

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them, and say, Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord GOD! This is what the Lord GOD says to the mountains, the hills, the ravines, and the valleys: Behold, I Myself am going to bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

† God isn't speaking to literal dirt and rocks, He's addressing the places of worship where Israel sinned, those locations represent their idolatrous system (Jeremiah 3:6).

† The high places were where they rejected God's covenant and followed other gods, so judgment begins exactly where sin was practiced (Deuteronomy 12:2).

† This shows God's justice is precise, He doesn't judge blindly, He targets the source of rebellion.

### **Ezekiel 6:4-5**

So your altars will become desolate and your incense altars will be smashed; and I will make your slain fall in front of your idols. I will also lay the dead bodies of the sons of Israel in front of their idols, and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

† The idols couldn't save them, instead, their worship becomes the place of their death, showing the complete emptiness of false religion (Psalm 115:4-8).

† This is a direct reversal, what they trusted in becomes the evidence of their judgment.

† Historically, this mirrors what happened in Jerusalem, where those trusting in the temple system died around it in AD 70 (Luke 19:43-44).

## **Ezekiel 6:6-7**

In all your dwelling places the cities will become ruins and the high places will be desolate, so that your altars will become ruins and desolate, your idols will be broken and brought to an end, your incense altars will be cut down, and your works will be wiped out. The slain will fall among you, and you will know that I am the LORD.

† The purpose of judgment is clear, so that they will know that I am the LORD, God reveals Himself through both mercy and judgment (Isaiah 45:5-7).

† Their works, meaning their religious system, would be completely removed, not reformed.

† This points to the full end of the Old Covenant system, which couldn't stand because it was corrupted (Hebrews 8:13).

## **Ezekiel 6:8-10**

However, I will leave a remnant, for you will have those who escape the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries. Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be taken captive, how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes which played the prostitute after their idols; and they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations. Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them.

† Even in judgment, God preserves a remnant, He never completely destroys His people (Isaiah 10:20-22).

† The remnant comes to repentance, not through ease, but through discipline.

† This remnant theme carries into the first century, where a faithful remnant received Christ while the system was judged (Romans 11:5).

## **Ezekiel 6:11-14**

This is what the Lord GOD says: Clap your hands, stamp your foot and say, Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, which will fall by the sword, famine, and plague! The one who is far away will die by the plague, and the one who is near will fall by the sword, and the one who remains and is spared will die by the famine; so I will spend My wrath on them. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when their slain are among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree and under every leafy oak, the places where they offered soothing aroma to all their idols. So throughout all their habitations I will stretch out My hand against them and make the land more desolate and waste than the wilderness toward Diblah; so they will know that I am the LORD.

† This total judgment shows there was no escape within that system, sword, famine, and plague cover every outcome (Leviticus 26:25-26).

† The repetition of locations shows how widespread idolatry had become, it wasn't isolated, it was everywhere.

† This again connects directly to Jesus' warnings about the coming destruction in that generation (Matthew 24:21-22).

## **Historical References**

† Josephus describes how the land and cities were utterly devastated during the Roman siege, confirming the pattern of sword, famine, and death (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 5-6).

† Eusebius records that believers recognized the judgment and fled, showing the remnant principle in action (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5).

† Tacitus confirms the widespread destruction and suffering during the fall of Jerusalem, aligning with Ezekiel's pattern of judgment (Tacitus, Histories 5.12-13).

## How it applies to us today

† God still judges false worship, just because we aren't under the Old Covenant doesn't mean God tolerates idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:14).

† External religion without truth leads to destruction, Israel had the system but rejected God Himself.

† We need to examine whether we're trusting in forms, traditions, or Christ alone.

† The remnant principle still stands, God preserves those who are truly His.

† This reminds us that God's word never fails, what He said would happen did happen exactly as promised.

## Q & A Appendix

**Q:** Why does God judge the mountains and high places?

**A:** Because that's where Israel practiced idolatry and false worship (Deuteronomy 12:2).

**Q:** What is the purpose of the judgment?

**A:** So they will know that I am the LORD (Ezekiel 6:7).

**Q:** Does God completely destroy His people?

**A:** No, He preserves a remnant even in judgment (Isaiah 10:20-22).

**Q:** How does this connect to the first century?

**A:** The same covenant judgment reached its fulfillment in the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 21:20-22).

**Q:** What lesson should we take today?

**A:** Don't trust in religious systems, trust in Christ alone (Colossians 2:13-14).

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