

God's People in Exile

What Comes After?: A Broken God

Ezekiel 6

What is God so all worked up about? [1-7] What are the mountains told to do? Who is going to carry out the judgment issued by the Almighty? [3] What will, and what will not, be destroyed? What will happen to the bodies of the slain?

What punishment is decreed for the survivors, those who escape the slaughter and destruction just described? [8-10] Who or what gets spared in verse 8?

Who is God talking to in 11-14? Who “will know that I am the Lord”? [7, 10, 13, 14] Is God feeling insecure? In verse 12 we find (again) “I will fully vent my rage” -- is this really the God of mercy and loving-kindness?

Ezekiel 7

“The end is coming”, “the end is now”. Who is Ezekiel supposed to deliver this message to? What goal or purpose is God trying to accomplish with this message? [1-9]

When arrogance and pride have grown up what do they become? [10-13]

What event(s) does verses 14-27 describe? What advantage will the wealthy have?

Verse 27 is reference to a particular sin or failure that has plagued the children of Israel for centuries -- what is it? (There is a hint in Micah 6:8.)

Next week: Ezekiel chapters 8 and 9.