

## Ezekiel Part 7 (Ezekiel 6:8-7:27)

1. With God's judgment also came a promise of mercy. (Ezekiel 6:8-10)
2. God vowed to spare some of His chosen people. All Israelites would not be destroyed, for some would escape the sword when Israel would be dispersed among the nations.
3. Ezekiel reminds the people of the grace of God in sparing a remnant, a topic that he had illustrated when he put some of the shaved hair in the hem of his garment. (Ezekiel 5:1-3)
4. That a remnant of faithful people would be spared was part of the covenant promise. (Leviticus 26:40-46)
5. The impending defeat of Judah by Babylon did not signal the end of God's covenant promise to Israel. God was not turning away from His promises.
6. Some Israelites in captivity would remember God. They would call to mind His character—how He grieved for them in their idolatry.
7. The words "their adulterous hearts" refer to their idol-worship - unfaithfulness as terrible as a spouse's unfaithfulness in adultery. (Ezekiel 7:20 and 6:13)
8. Notice the three forms of judgment mentioned in verse 11 and 12 - they are repeated from Ezekiel 5:1-3, 12.
9. The three forms of judgment are restated in v. 12 with the message that judgment will be all-inclusive and therefore inescapable.
10. No identification has been made of Diblah, which appears in Scripture only in v. 14.
11. This probably was a reference to Riblah, which is not mentioned elsewhere in the book but was a border city in the time of Ezekiel.
12. Notice the phrase, "they will know that I am the LORD" in verse 14.
13. This phrase was used throughout the message of Ezekiel 6 (vv. 7, 10, 13-14).
14. The point, of course, was that people will know Him either through their response of obedience or through judgment.
15. God's preference, as that of the prophets, was the former.
16. What God's people did in Ezekiel's day - and we do in ours - is because of what drives our affections. (Ephesians 2:1-7)
17. As a matter of fact - God made a provision so Israel would not forget Him. (Numbers 15:37-41)

18. Ezekiel 7 contains a summary message of chapters 4-6. There are six parts to this summary message.
19. First, God's determination to bring judgment is announced. (7:1-4)
20. Second is the repeated call for judgment to come. (7:5-9)
21. Third, the imminence and certainty of judgment is announced. (7:10-13)
22. Fourth, the total destruction of the nation is announced. (7:14-18)
23. Fifth, the uselessness of all physical resources is declared. (7:19-22)
24. Sixth, the fall of Jerusalem is announced. (7:23-27)
25. Judah's disobedience will not only cost many of them their lives - but will also cost the next generation their land.
26. They will not be able to buy their way out of the judgment - and no one will be exempt.
27. God's wrath will be in exact proportion to the sin His people have committed. (Psalm 33:10-11)