

YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD

Text: Ezekiel 6:7

INTRO: Israel had lapsed into idolatry. They had forgotten God. They refused to hear the message of the true prophets. The northern 10 tribes had gone into Assyrian exile in 721 B.C. The Babylonians had made 2 invasions into Judah & had taken thousands of captives already. Dan-iel was in the capital city of Babylon serving as a eunuch in the king's court. Ezekiel was with other captives near the River Chebar. Jeremiah was still in Jerusalem with those who would be victims of the 3rd and final invasion of the Babylonians.

592 B.C. Ezekiel is called to his prophetic ministry. He has been in captivity for 5 years. He foretells the complete overthrow and devastation of Jerusalem & Judah, which is fulfilled 5 years later.

The key thought in the book of Ezekiel: "You shall KNOW that I am the Lord." (at least 63 times).

I. THE FALL OF JERUSALEM & OTHER CITIES OF JUDAH & THE FATE OF THEIR CITIZENS WILL CAUSE THEM TO KNOW...

A. Invaders will come again; the city will be devastated,
6:1-7

B. Those who aren't killed will be taken captive & carted away to other lands--and they will learn, 6:8-10.

C. Any who escape the invading armies will be taught by famine & pestilence, 6:11-13.

D. Summary: 6:14.

II. GOD'S DEALINGS WITH THE GENTILE NATIONS & PUNISHMENT OF THEIR SINS WOULD UNDERSCORE WHAT ALL SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY HIS DEALINGS WITH THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

A. Ammon. 25:1, 7

B. Moab. 25:11

C. Edom. 25:14

D. Philistia. 25:17

- E. Tyre & its suburbs. 26:5-6
- F. Sidon. 28:22-23
- G. Egypt. 29:9

III. LEST THE HEATHEN NATIONS DRAW THE WRONG CON-
CLUSION & THINK THE gods OF THE BABYLONIANS
WERE STRONGER THAN THE GOD OF ISRAEL, Israel
WOULD BE RESTORED TO THEIR LAND & BLESSED
AGAIN, SO ALL MIGHT KNOW...

37:5-6, 11-14; 36:36-38

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