### Ezekiel

## Chapter 6

1Thereafter, the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 2‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Now, turn your face towards IsraEl’s hills,  
 And against them, you must now prophesy!  
  
 3‘Speak to those in IsraEl’s mountains  
 And tell them to hear the Word of Jehovah!  
 Yes, hear what [God] has decreed  
 To the mountains, hills, valleys, and forests:  
  
 ‘{Look!} Against you, I’m bringing the broadsword  
 And it will destroy your high places.  
 4I will also break all your altars;  
 Your [incense stands], I’ll tear down;  
 And before their idols, I’ll leave all your slain.  
  
 ‘The bodies of IsraEl’s sons  
 Will be offered in front of their idols;  
 5And then, on their altars, I’ll scatter their bones.  
  
 6‘All the homes in your towns will be empty;  
 All your high places will be wiped away;  
 All your altars will be destroyed;  
 Your idols will no longer be,  
 And your incense stands will be lifted away…  
 Your works will all be erased.  
 7Then, as the slain are falling among you,  
 You will know that I am Jehovah.  
  
 8‘Then, those who escape from the broadsword  
 Will be scattered among all the nations.  
 9And those who escape from the nations  
 Where they will be taken as captives,  
 Will start thinking of Me once again.  
  
 ‘I vow this against the hearts of all those  
 Who’ve committed adultery against Me  
 And done so many bad things…  
 They will slap their own faces  
 Over the vile acts they’ve performed.  
 10Then they’ll know that I am Jehovah,  
 And that this is why I sent them the warning  
 That I’d bring such evil upon them.’  
  
 11‘And thereafter, Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘Clap your hands… Yes, stamp your feet and then say:  
  
 ‘This is what they deserve  
 For the disgusting things that IsraEl's done!’  
  
 Yes, may they fall by the broadsword,  
 As well as by famine and plague!  
  
 12‘Then, those far away will die by the plague;  
 Those who are near will fall by the sword;  
 And those who remain after the siege  
 Will be finished off by the famine,  
 As I wear out My anger against them.  
  
 13‘And you’ll know that I am Jehovah,  
 When among your idols, you’ll see all your slain…  
 The idols that you’ve placed on all the high hills  
 And under each shade tree and bush,  
 Before which, you have burned incense.  
  
 14‘For, against such ones, I’ll stretch out My hand,  
 And I’ll bring an end to their homes and their lands…  
 I’ll dry them out like figs in the desert,  
 And they’ll know that I am Jehovah.’