### Ezekiel

## Chapter 7

1Then the Word of Jehovah came to me again and said:  
  
 2‘And to you, O son of man,  
  
 ‘Jehovah says this about IsraEl:  
  
 ‘To the 4 wings of the land,  
 The end has finally come…  
 3Yes, the end has arrived;  
 For upon them, I’m bringing My rage.  
  
 ‘I’m the one who is standing against them  
 And I’ll punish them for the things that they’ve done…  
 I’ll hold them to blame for their evil,  
 4And my eyes won’t spare or show mercy!  
  
 ‘Because they have been so disgusting,  
 I’ll no longer forgive all the badness  
 That’s being done in their midst…  
 Then they’ll know that I am Jehovah!  
  
 5‘Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘{Look!} Upon the evil, evil will come…  
 6For their end has reached its fulfillment,  
 And their punishment has been awakened.  
  
 7‘{Look!} The circle of the wreath has fallen on them  
 (All those who live in the land),  
 And the time has finally arrived…  
 The day of tumult and distress.  
  
 8‘For now, I’ll pour out My rage  
 And finish My anger against them.  
 They’ll be judged for the bad things they’ve done,  
 And I’ll hold them to blame for their evil.  
  
 9‘My eyes won’t spare or show mercy,  
 For I’ll make them pay for their ways  
 And the disgusting things that they’ve done.  
 Then, they will know that it’s Me…  
 I’m the One who is knocking them down!  
  
 10‘Look! The day of the Lord has arrived,  
 And his rod has [finally] blossomed.  
 11The time to injure has come,  
 Which will break the resolve of the lawless.  
 Then, nothing at all will remain…  
 No wealth and nothing of value.  
  
 12‘Look! The time has arrived…  
 Today is truly the day!  
 So, those who buy shouldn’t rejoice,  
 And those who sell shouldn’t wail;  
 For [God’s] wrath will cover such things.  
  
 13‘Now the one who buys will not return  
 What he bought to the person who sold it,  
 Because neither one will survive.  
  
 ‘This vision is for all of you  
 (As many as live in this place),  
 And it will not be turned back.  
  
 ‘Yet, the eyes of these people won’t see  
 [The things that are coming into] their lives.  
 14So, although they should be [preparing themselves]  
 And knowing what is coming upon them,  
 No one’s getting ready for war  
 As My wrath is approaching her crowds!  
  
 15‘For when the sword arrives on the outside,  
 There’ll be famine and plagues on the inside.  
 And those who carry their swords to the fields  
 Will thereafter die [in those fields],  
 While there’s famine and plague in their cities.  
  
 16‘Then, those who try to escape  
 Will sit on the mountains like pigeons and know  
 That destruction has come because they’re so bad.  
  
 17‘So, all their hands will be weak  
 And all their loins will be wet,  
 18As around themselves, they’ll wrap sack cloth.  
 For, they’ll be covered by shock;  
 Upon every face will be shame;  
 And every head will be bald.  
  
 19‘Then they’ll toss their silver into the squares,  
 And their gold won’t have any value;  
 For their silver and gold will not save them  
 In the day of the wrath of the Lord.  
  
 ‘Then their lives will not find satisfaction,  
 Nor will their bellies be filled,  
 Since the torment for their sins will then have arrived.  
  
 20‘Of their [silver and gold], they are now so proud,  
 So they used it to create their foul idols…  
 And for this, I’ve handed them over to filth.  
  
 21‘Yes, I’ll hand them to strangers  
 Who will then rip them to pieces.  
 To the pests of the earth, I will give them,  
 And as their spoils, they’ll profane them.  
  
 22‘For from them, I’ve now turned My face;  
 And to those over whom I kept watch,  
 Sudden destruction will come.  
 The attack will arrive when it isn’t expected…  
 And then, they will all be profaned.  
  
 23‘Yes, a great befouling will come  
 To a land that is filled with judgments of blood.  
 For with all of their lawless ways,  
 This city is now filled to the brim!  
  
 ‘So upon them, I will then bring  
 The evil ways of the nations,  
 And [the gentiles] will take all their homes.  
  
 24‘So I’ll turn away all their neighing  
 About how great they’ve become,  
 And the things they hold holy will then be defiled.  
  
 25‘Yes the time to repay has arrived,  
 And those who seek peace will not find it.  
 26For there will come woe upon woe,  
 As message after message arrives.  
  
 ‘Then, from their prophets, they’ll search for a vision;  
 But the law of their Priests will be gone,  
 As will the counsel of the king’s elders.  
  
 27‘Then, after their rulers are gone,  
 The peoples’ hands will go limp,  
 And I’ll do to them the same as they’ve done…  
 I’ll punish them with their own judgments,  
 So they’ll know that I am Jehovah.’