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**6** Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: **2** "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, **3** and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: "Indeed I, *even* I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. **4** Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols. **5** And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. **6** In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. **7** The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.

- **The mute prophet speaks.... To Israel, from Babylon.**
  - **Toward the mountains, hills, ravines, valleys.**
    - **This is where the people set up and worshiped their idols**
      - **They liked high places for some of their idols, and valleys for others.**
- **I will bring a sword against you**
  - **I will destroy your high places**
    - **Desolate, broken alters surrounded by the bodies of their worshipers**
      - **Scatter bones, defiling the defiling alters.....**
  - **Broken gods...**
    - **Your works will be abolished....**
- **You shall know that I am the Lord**
  - **<sup>8</sup>"Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have *some* who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. <sup>9</sup>**

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Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations. <sup>10</sup> And they shall know that I *am* the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would bring this calamity upon them."

- **A remembering remnant**

- **To loath their sin and evil and harlotry**
- **To know that I would truly bring calamity upon them**
- **Because I was crushed by their adulterous heart**

<sup>11</sup> 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Pound your fists and stamp your feet, and say, 'Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. <sup>12</sup> He who is far off shall die by the pestilence, he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine. Thus will I spend My fury upon them.

- **They shall fall**

- **Those in the city from famine**
- **Those nearby by the sword**
- **Those who escape by pestilence (plague)**
  - **Only those who could surrender were spared.. (Jeremiah)**

- **I will spend my fury....**

<sup>13</sup> Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain are among their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree, and under every thick oak, wherever they offered sweet incense to all their idols. <sup>14</sup> So I will stretch out My hand against them and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the

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wilderness toward Diblah, in all their dwelling places. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.'''''

- **Diblah is unknown, but likely Riblah, along the road to Babylon**
  - I will stretched our my hand

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**7** Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>2</sup> "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel:

'An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.

<sup>3</sup> Now the end *has come* upon you,  
And I will send My anger against you;  
I will judge you according to your ways,  
And I will repay you for all your abominations.

<sup>4</sup> My eye will not spare you,  
Nor will I have pity;  
But I will repay your ways,  
And your abominations will be in your midst;  
Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD!'

- **Now in a poetic form**
  - **An end has come**
  - **I will spend my anger**
  - **I will judge**
  - **I will repay**
- **My eye will on spare**
  - **No pity**

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- I will repay
- You will live with your abominations.. that is those who have survived...

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD:

'A disaster, a singular disaster;

Behold, it has come!

<sup>6</sup> An end has come,

The end has come;

It has dawned for you;

Behold, it has come!

<sup>7</sup> Doom has come to you, you who dwell in the land;

The time has come,

A day of trouble *is* near,

And not of rejoicing in the mountains.

<sup>8</sup> Now upon you I will soon pour out My fury,

And spend My anger upon you;

I will judge you according to your ways,

And I will repay you for all your abominations.

- An end, an unheard of disaster

- Has dawned for you

- Doom

- The time has come

- Trouble is near

- I will spend my anger

- I will repay

<sup>9</sup> 'My eye will not spare,

Nor will I have pity;

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I will repay you according to your ways,  
And your abominations will be in your midst.  
Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD who strikes.

<sup>10</sup> 'Behold, the day!

Behold, it has come!

Doom has gone out;

The rod has blossomed,

Pride has budded.

<sup>11</sup> Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness;

None of them *shall remain*,

None of their multitude,

None of them;

Nor *shall there be* wailing for them.

<sup>12</sup> The time has come,

The day draws near.

- **The rod has blossomed, pride has budded**
- **Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness**

'Let not the buyer rejoice,

Nor the seller mourn,

For wrath *is* on their whole multitude.

<sup>13</sup> For the seller shall not return to what has been sold,

Though he may still be alive;

For the vision concerns the whole multitude,

And it shall not turn back;

No one will strengthen himself

Who lives in iniquity.

- **There will be no rejoicing for buyer or seller**

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- **Everyone will be affected**
- **No one will strengthen himself who lives in iniquity**

<sup>14</sup> They have blown the trumpet and made everyone ready,  
But no one goes to battle;  
For My wrath *is* on all their multitude.

<sup>15</sup> The sword *is* outside,  
And the pestilence and famine within.  
Whoever *is* in the field  
Will die by the sword;  
And whoever *is* in the city,  
Famine and pestilence will devour him.

<sup>16</sup> Those who survive will escape and be on the mountains  
Like doves of the valleys,  
All of them mourning,  
Each for his iniquity.

<sup>17</sup> Every hand will be feeble,  
And every knee will be *as weak as water*.

<sup>18</sup> They will also be girded with sackcloth;  
Horror will cover them;  
Shame *will be* on every face,  
Baldness on all their heads.

<sup>19</sup> They will throw their silver into the streets,  
And their gold will be like refuse;  
Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them  
In the day of the wrath of the LORD;  
They will not satisfy their souls,

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Nor fill their stomachs,

Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.

- **No battle plan will succeed**
- **Every had will be feeble**
- **Gold in the streets**
- **Not satisfaction when the day of the Lord comes.....**

<sup>20</sup> 'As for the beauty of his ornaments,

He set it in majesty;

But they made from it

The images of their abominations—

Their detestable things;

Therefore I have made it

Like refuse to them.

<sup>21</sup> I will give it as plunder

Into the hands of strangers,

And to the wicked of the earth as spoil;

And they shall defile it.

<sup>22</sup> I will turn My face from them,

And they will defile My secret place;

For robbers shall enter it and defile it.

- **The much loved temple of the Lord will be defiled**

<sup>23</sup> 'Make a chain,

For the land is filled with crimes of blood,

And the city is full of violence.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore I will bring the worst of the Gentiles,

And they will possess their houses;

I will cause the pomp of the strong to cease,

And their holy places shall be defiled.

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25 Destruction comes;

They will seek peace, but *there shall be* none.

26 Disaster will come upon disaster,

And rumor will be upon rumor.

Then they will seek a vision from a prophet;

But the law will perish from the priest,

And counsel from the elders.

- **All of their institutions of peace and wisdom will be silenced**

27 'The king will mourn,

The prince will be clothed with desolation,

And the hands of the common people will tremble.

I will do to them according to their way,

And according to what they deserve I will judge them;

Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD!"

- **They will reap as they have sown**