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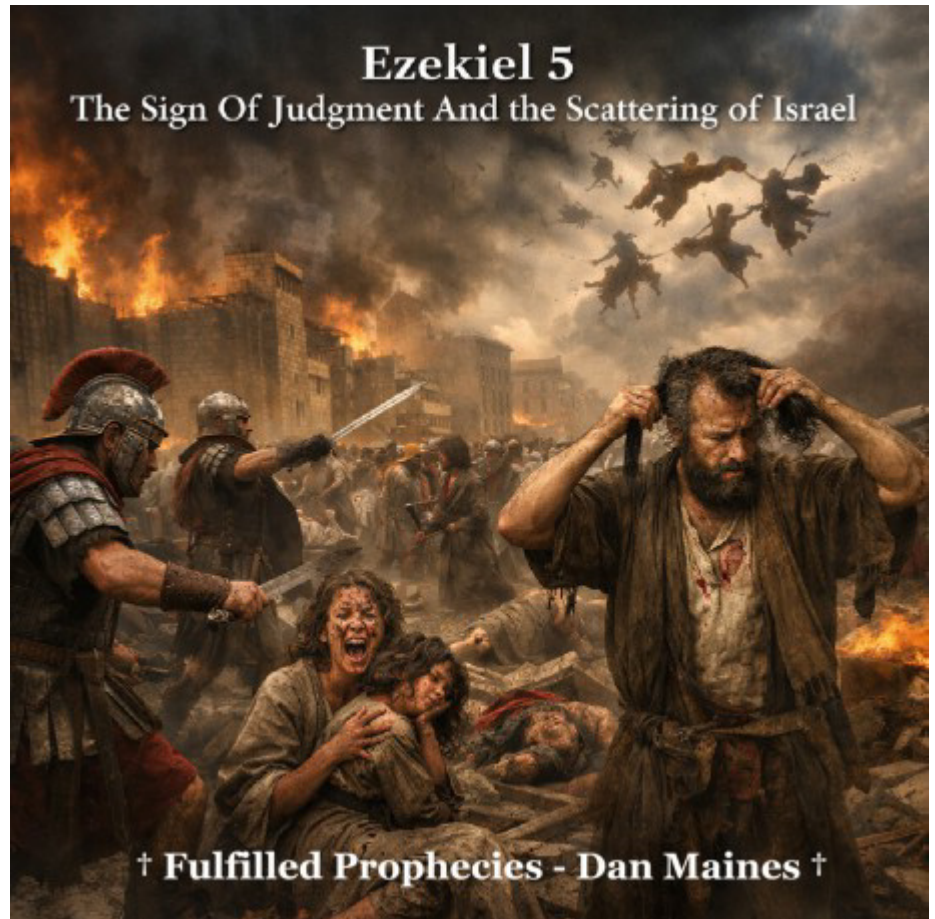
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Ezekiel 5 The Sign Of Judgment And The Scattering Of Israel



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Introduction

† Ezekiel 5 continues the prophetic sign of Jerusalem's coming destruction, showing not just siege but the severity and completeness of judgment.

† God isn't speaking in vague symbols here, He's showing exactly what will happen to His covenant people because of rebellion.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this points directly to the events leading up to AD 70, when Jerusalem was destroyed and the people were scattered among the nations just as God said.

Ezekiel 5:1-4

And you, son of man, take for yourself a sharp sword; take and use it as a barber's razor on your head and your beard. Then take scales for weighing and divide the hair. One third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city when the days of the siege are completed. Then you shall take one third and strike it with the sword all around the city, and one third you shall scatter to the wind; and I will unsheathe a sword behind them. Take also a few in number from them and bind them in the edges of your robes. And take again some of them and throw them into the fire and burn them in the fire; from it a fire will spread to all the house of Israel.

† The shaving of the head represents total humiliation and judgment on Jerusalem, showing that nothing will be spared.

† The three parts reveal the outcome, some will die in the city, some by the sword, and some scattered, matching exactly what happened in the Roman destruction.

† Even the small remnant isn't completely spared, showing that judgment would reach every level of the nation.

Ezekiel 5:5-7

This is what the Lord God says: This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her. But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than the lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes. Therefore this is what the Lord God says: Because you have more turmoil than the nations which surround you and have not walked in My statutes nor kept My ordinances, nor acted in accordance with the ordinances of the

nations which surround you,

† Jerusalem was placed at the center, meaning she had greater responsibility and greater light than the nations.

† Instead of being a light, she became worse than the nations, rejecting God's law even more openly.

† This explains why the judgment is so severe, greater privilege always brings greater accountability.

Ezekiel 5:8-10

therefore this is what the Lord God says: Behold, I Myself am against you, and I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations. And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again. Therefore fathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you and scatter all your remnant to every wind.

† God Himself says He's against them, this isn't accidental judgment, it's deliberate and covenantal.

† The horrors described happened during the Roman siege, even Josephus records cannibalism in Jerusalem.

† The scattering to all winds was fulfilled when the Jews were dispersed throughout the Roman world after AD 70.

Ezekiel 5:11-13

So as I live, declares the Lord God, certainly because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, I also will withdraw and My eye will have no pity and I will not spare. One third of you will die by plague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will scatter to every wind, and I will unsheathe a sword behind them. So My anger will be spent and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will be appeased; then they will know that I, the Lord, have spoken in My zeal when I

have spent My wrath upon them.

† The defilement of the sanctuary points directly to their rejection of Christ, which brought covenant judgment.

† The threefold judgment again confirms total devastation, famine, sword, and scattering.

† God's wrath being accomplished shows a completion point, this wasn't ongoing forever, it reached fulfillment.

Ezekiel 5:14-17

Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a disgrace among the nations which surround you, in the sight of everyone who passes by. So it will be a disgrace, a taunt, a warning, and an object of horror to the nations which surround you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath, and raging rebukes. I, the Lord, have spoken. When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread. I will also send on you famine and vicious animals, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the Lord, have spoken.

† Jerusalem becomes a warning to the nations, showing what happens when God's covenant is rejected.

† The breaking of the staff of bread shows complete economic and physical collapse.

† Every form of judgment comes together, famine, pestilence, sword, leaving nothing untouched.

Historical References

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews Book 5-6, records famine, internal violence, and cannibalism during the siege of Jerusalem.

† Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History Book 3, describes the

destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the Jews.

† Tacitus, Histories 5.12-13, confirms the devastation and siege conditions under Rome.

How it applies to us today

† God keeps His word, if He judged Israel exactly as He said, we can trust every promise He's made.

† Covenant privilege doesn't mean immunity, it means responsibility, and Israel proved that.

† Christ fulfilled the law and the judgment, so we're not under that wrath, but we still live in the reality of His finished work.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Why was Jerusalem judged so severely?

A: Luke 19:41-44 shows they didn't recognize the time of their visitation.

Q: Did this prophecy really happen in history?

A: Matthew 24:21 confirms unparalleled tribulation in that generation.

Q: What does the scattering represent?

A: Luke 21:24 says they would be led captive into all the nations.

Q: Was this judgment tied to rejecting Christ?

A: Matthew 23:38 says your house is left to you desolate.

Q: Is this still future?

A: Matthew 24:34 says all these things would happen in that generation.

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