

## Ezekiel Nine

Transcribed from the tape of Jeremiah using the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

Verses 1 and 2:

1 Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, "Draw near, you executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

2 And lo, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, every man with his weapon for slaughter in his hand, and with them was a man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

Now this should read "in the direction of the upper gate." The bronze altar was the altar in the lower court and it was here:

Now we notice that there was "six men with slaughter weapons." And there was "one man in linen." Linen is a pure white material, it indicates the righteousness of the saints. This would indicate that whatever YAHWEH was going to do was altogether holy and righteous. Now the "six men with a slaughter weapon", and "one with" as the Authorized says, "the writers inkhorn." or "with a writing case at his side."

Verse 3:

Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherubim on which it rested to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side.

This is the temple, and the cherubim were here, and it (the Glory of the GOD of Israel) went out to the "threshold" or to the entrance; in other words, it was visible to the outside, the Glory of YAHWEH was visible on the outside.

"..and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side."

Verse 4:

And the LORD said to him, "Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it."

He had a writing case at his side. This would not be fulfilled by just literally putting a mark on everybody's forehead. In the first place, a man could never judge; YAHWEH would have to be the judge. So this is a symbolic work that must be done. It is a publishing work because it had to do with writing, and it is done through the giving of understanding. The sealing is done by understanding, by those who are marked by the righteous

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one. "marked on the forehead." or the seat of intelligence, meaning that their intelligence is in agreement with this righteous one, or with this righteous work. So they are "marked" indicating that they are the ones whom YAHWEH has approved, those who are "sighing and crying because of the abominations committed." The righteous cannot be happy in an unrighteous system, they are miserable. And I don't care how you try to cheer them up, they can't drown their sorrows. Their heart is right, and they are cheerless in a wicked society. The only thing that would make them happy is when righteousness will prevail.

Verse 5:

And to the others he said in my hearing, "Pass through the city after him, and smite; your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity;

"And to the others.." this is to "the six men with the slaughter weapon." Jerusalem, as I brought out before, was a type of those who claimed to be the LORD'S People, they have a knowledge; they, the people, have the Bible, they have churches, they have preachers, educated men, they have money, they have everything, they are "created in YAHWEH'S image" they claim to be righteous, and just and they want to do what is right; they show off their education, and their intelligence. This never happened in Jerusalem, everybody was never killed in Jerusalem. There was a great slaughter with Nebuchadnezzar but we found a lot escaped and it was a long, drawn out affair, though something like this really never did take place. But it is a symbol of the destruction of all those who are unrighteous in the world today.

Verse 6:

slay old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one upon whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the house.

Does this make YAHWEH a wicked GOD? No, actually YAHWEH does not do the slaying. But rather, "a house divided against itself shall fall." He "strikes the nations with the sword of his mouth." "Israel is my battle-axe and weapons of war." Israel isn't going to fight, HE says "the fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against spiritual wickedness in high place." So there will actually be no physical blow struck. YAHWEH is pleading with them continuously. HE is trying to save them from destruction. In preaching the truth and telling them that their system is corrupt and filthy, and will destroy itself, HE is a merciful GOD, HE is awakening them to the fact that they are wrong, and we do explain the righteousness of YAHWEH'S system, the beauty of HIS Kingdom, the promises of YAHWEH. So the slaughter does come about, but it is the result of the rejection of the truth. So HE spares no one. Well, in a nuclear war, there will be no one spared, who is unrighteous. The parents are responsible for the children. HE says "He will visit iniquity of the wicked until the third and fourth generation." Meaning that if say, the grandfather had found the truth, the father would have understood, the children would have understood and the grandchildren might have understood.

But there could be, there will be four generations go down at a time because the original ones didn't accept the truth. Again although a lot of people will disagree, this is not the final judgement. religionists, who think they have made it, will sentence everybody to hell because they don't go to church. This started with the catholic church. "Hooray for men, the hell with everybody else." This is the plain facts, "I have made it," Little do they know they haven't made it at all, and that they are on that road to hell; if there was one, if there was such a sentence, they would be going there. Those who have broken out of religion are more merciful, but we find that the truth is entirely with YAHWEH'S Prophets. YAHWEH is a merciful GOD, merciful past understanding. Jehovah's Witnesses also pronounce judgement, everybody that goes down at the final battle is done, O.K., but what about the children? What about those who are mentally ill? And certainly there are many who have been deceived. They say those who died with the flood are finished, they are not coming back they say. Now what would you think if I started building a 300 foot boat right in my field, with no way of getting it to the ocean, you would really begin to think that something is wrong. Now, this is not a reason to sentence someone to everlasting death. But it does show there is a class of people who will believe with out seeing. This is Israel. But everyone else must be convinced. In Genesis 9 HE says "the Lord will enlarge Japeth.", the persuaded ones, HE will increase them, they will grow. These are the ones who must be persuaded, these need proof. Now the ones before the flood did not have proof, that's for sure. And, although the ones before the final battle have a lot of proof, we think, because of what they see fulfilled, many of them have their minds completely closed, and we can truthfully say that the wisdom has not penetrated. So "all in their graves shall come forth, those who have done good to a resurrection of life." Those who have proved themselves righteous. "...and those who have done evil." This is not willful wickedness, not sinning against the Spirit. "...those who have done evil to a resurrection of judgement." (John 5) And everyone comes back and gets a "one hundred year trial." (Is. 65:20) HE says to "slay all old men, young men, maidens, little children and women, but touch no one upon whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary." In other words, begin "at the house of God." Now the first ones to be ejected will be those who are in the truth, and are hypocrites. These go first. In fact when the 200 million are gathered, we will find that "many will cling to us through flatteries." (Dan. 11) They will think that they have found the side their bread is buttered on and will come over to us hypocritically. "The day of the Lord does not come without a great falling away first." In other words, the final judgement does not come without first seeing alot of people leave us. So if there are 200 million that is going to be Israel, there must be an awful lot of people that will join Israel, and then when the abomination is set up, they will actually believe that they are better off coming back in to the world, where there will be a socialistic system with no free enterprise, no legalized thievery, the government will say "we are not going to let you people be taken over anymore, we are going to watch the big businessman, we will see that you get a days pay, that the prices aren't inflated, we will control everything." And when these words are spoken, the insincere ones who are with us; there may be an added 200 million, these will leave us. Because they are only with us to gain as much as they can. "So they began with the elders who were before the house." This is the "seventy" that were with Ezekiel. These are the

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"elders" or the overseers, the ones that were looking over the organization in Israel.

Verses 7 and 8:

7 The he said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go forth." So they went forth, and smote in the city.

8 And while they were smiting, and I was left alone, I fell upon my face, and cried, "Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all that remains of Israel in the outpouring of thy wrath upon Jerusalem?"

He says "Are you actually going to destroy everybody?" So what Ezekiel saw; he saw everybody destroyed.

Verses 9 and 10:

9 Then he said to me, "The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice; for they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see.'

10 As for me, my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity, but I will requite their deeds upon their heads."

Now truly the land is corrupt beyond measure. There was never such corruption on the face of the earth, never to this scale. And as the day approaches, as we get closer and closer to the final end, we find that corruption increases in leaps and bounds. We find that even the politicians, the big businessmen, and the religionists are doing such a great work of deceit that at times, it leaks out and they get caught. And they are being caught in greater numbers today than they were ever caught. This system is putrid in the eyes of YAHWEH, and anyone who is employing the image, the attributes that YAHWEH has created him with, certainly can not stand and be happy in this system. Happiness shouldn't even be mentioned, you just can't stand it at all. And YAHWEH has put up with it for 6,000 years, we haven't. People put up with it a lifetime. But HE has put up with it for 6,000 years, over 6,000 years. Remember "you are created in His image." What HE loves, you love, and what you hate, HE hates, and what you want to see fulfilled, HE will fulfill. HE will give everything that your heart desires, as long as you are righteous. And this is the beauty of the promise of YAHWEH, this is the hope that gives us patience and has filled us with joy, because we have a GOD who is Almighty, All-wise, and who cannot lie.

Verse 11:

And lo, the man clothed in linen, with the writing case at his side, brought back work, saying, "I have done as thou didst command me."

Indicating that it is as good as done. The people will be marked, the slaughter will take place, and "women, men, maidens, children." and everyone else who does not accept will go down. There is going to be a

great slaughter, "the slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth to the other." (Jer. 25:33)

### QUESTIONS

1:Q: Verse 6; "and begin at my sanctuary."

A: It begins with the true worship of YAHWEH, those who claim to be HIS People. In other words, if they are going to be killed, they are in a position where they are leading YAHWEH'S People. "My sanctuary" would be the heavenly class. It actually begins with the heavenly class, the cleansing, now none of the heavenly class are going to die, but those who claim to be of the heavenly class, those who claim to be GOD'S anointed and giving the truth to the people. So you have false ones in the Witnesses, and you have false ones in religion.

2:Q: So is this slaughter then pertaining to the insincere in line for the heavenly class?

A: No, this is on earth, this slaughter is on earth.