

Bible Study – Ezekiel 5

Shabbat shalom and Shabbat shalom to everybody with us tonight. Let us start in prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before Your blessed throne in heaven. And we thank You for another week of life. We thank You for providing us all the wonderful blessings You did this week. And we thank You, Father, for providing us during this special shemita this year. We pray for Your Spirit to guide and lead this study. We pray for those who suffer in the world and we pray Your Kingdom to the earth as is in heaven. We pray for Your work that goes out from Jerusalem to the nations. And we thank You, Father, for all You do. We thank You for the great sacrifice of sending Your Son to die for our sins. And in His name, Yahshua Messiah, we pray. HalleluYah.

~ World News Update ~

Okay, another week. I will start with just a couple of news articles. Not going to get too much into the news tonight. And then get right into the study of Ezekiel chapter 5, because there's a lot to go over here in the study. Just two articles. One that's very interesting. If I were to tell you that there's a great salt lake that has been drying up for the last several years and is ... they're saying that's going to dry up, you would probably think of talking about the Dead Sea, which is also true.

The Dead Sea has been drying up for many years. And they're talking about plans on how to help to revive it. They haven't done anything yet. But I'm not talking about the Dead Sea today. I'm talking about an article that was in the paper a couple of days ago. The Great Salt Lake in Utah is on track to disappear in five years. It'll be gone. So that's a major story.

It says, **Without dramatic cuts to water consumption, Utah's Great Salt Lake is on track to disappear within five years.**

A dire new report warns imperiling ecosystems and exposing millions of people to toxic dust from the drying lake bed. The report led by researchers at Brigham Young University and published this week found that unsustainable water use has shrunk the lake to just 37% of its former volume. The west's ongoing mega-drought, a crisis made worse by climate change, has accelerated its decline to rates far faster than scientists have predicted. By current conservation measures are critically insufficient to replace the roughly 40 billion gallons of water that the lake has lost annually since 2020.

So, and then they're talking about telling people to curb the water in this and that. Well, that's a big one because if they lose that lake, you'll never get it back. The same as the Dead Sea. And that's why it's important, because you don't see that hardly anywhere in the world to see that a lake with that sort of salt amount in it.

And one more article I'll go over quickly here is it's about COVID-19. **COVID could stay in the body for months autopsies reveal.**

COVID-19 spreads through the whole body and infects organs, including the kidneys, the heart, the eye, the brain on a new study based on autopsies of victims that died from COVID. While COVID-19 is a respiratory infection, it also affects organs throughout the body, the study published in Nature, shows. Remnants of the virus were found in one patient's brain 230 days after the patient first showed symptoms.

The results show that the virus behind COVID-19 can cause systematic infections which linger for months. The findings by American National Institute of Health could offer insights into how long COVID spreads. The researchers believe scientists from the National Institute of Health tested samples from 44 autopsies that were performed from April 2020 to March 2021. All patients who died from COVID-19.

So, I think with this thing only being new, there's a lot of things that I think we're going to find out as we are finding out every month something new coming out, particularly on how bad the vaccine is. And there's more and more doctors that never were against vaccines that are coming out publicly and saying they must stop that vaccine immediately. Because of what it's doing, especially to young people between the ages of 20 and 40.

And wow, it's almost every week now, another person, a famous person that's actually dying from some sort of heart failure or myocarditis, the swelling of the heart. And unfortunately we're probably going to see a lot more coming. It's

going to get worse before it gets better. So I think I will stop there on the world news for now. And we will get into Ezekiel, the 5th chapter.

~ Bible Study ~

So, chapter 4, last week we were going into Yahweh's commission to Ezekiel, telling him what to do. That he needs to stay on his side for so many days. One side... so many days one side and then after that 40 days for the house of Judah. And all the things that's coming and the prophecy is talking about the destruction of Jerusalem in that day, which did happen.

But like I've said before, it's very interesting, we see that the prophecy for the most part is to the house of Israel, not the house of Judah, who already went into captivity more than a 150 years before this. So, although I think the primary revelation of this prophecy was to Jerusalem in that time, I also, and I've said this several times, I believe the reason why it's important for us today is, as we go through the first 10 to 12 chapters of Ezekiel, that I definitely think it's also parallel to the end times and to the nations where the Israelites are, in the end times as we'll see.

And without a shadow of a doubt, as we'll see as we get into these next few chapters, it's talking about the Day of Yahweh, it's not talking about something that happened 2000 years ago or 2500 years ago. So, let's start in chapter 5 verse 1. He says:

Ezekiel 5:1 *And you, son of man, take to yourself a sharp sword, the razor of a barber. Take it to yourself and make it pass over your head and over your beard. And take to yourself scales to weigh, and to divide them out.*

So, our footnote here says: Ezekiel finished this final act of defilement by shaving his head and beard, which was a pagan ritual for the dead (Ezek 27:31, Is 22:12) which the Torah forbade (Deut 14:1). This whole process was extremely humiliating and disqualifying from serving Elohim (Lev 21:5).

So, we saw this last week. Ezekiel is Yahweh's prophet. He's not the one that's being punished. He's just the messenger that's there. And yet, as a prophet of Yahweh... wow, so many things that he had to go through, being tied on his side, all the different things we went through last week, I won't go through it again. But here he's doing these things now, taking the razor, cutting off his beard. And again, in ancient times, they did this as a sign of mourning. If we go to *Jeremiah 48:37*. He says:

Jeremiah 48:37 *For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped. On all the hands shall be cuttings, and sackcloth on the loins.*

So again, we see it's a sign of mourning and mourning of the coming punishment that's coming. So, this is after the 390 days. This is after he laid on his side and these things. So, He says;

Ezekiel 5:1b *And take to yourself scales to weigh, and to divide them out.*

And that reminds me when he's talking about taking out the scales to weigh and divide out. Not just the hair, but what is Yahweh doing? *Daniel 5, verse 26 and 27.*

Daniel 5:26-28 *This is the meaning of the thing ... And this is when Belshazzar sees the hand that's writing on the wall. And he says ... A MINA, A MINA, A SHEKEL, AND HALF MINAS. This is the meaning of the thing: A MINA: Eloha has numbered your kingdom and finished it. A SHEKEL: You are weighed in the scales and found lacking. Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.*

You are weighed in the scales and found lacking. So, the same thing here. As Ezekiel is taking the hair and cutting and dividing it and weighing it in the scales. This is what Yahweh's showing them. They're being weighed in the scales and they're found lacking. Verse 2 He says:

Ezekiel 5:2 *You shall burn a third part in the fire, in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled. And you shall take the third part and beat it with a sword all around it. And you shall scatter the third part into the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.*

So, we see there's basically... the hair is being divided into three camps. One third is a famine, a third is war and a third is the people that are fleeing from this. And it's kind of interesting, today as we are starting a new Roman year, 2023, if you can believe it, and the two biggest worries, maybe there's three worries, but this is two of the three, are food shortages, famine and war. The third being the money situation of a financial collapse that could happen this year.

So, two of the three major things happening in the world are being ... over here and then the fleeing. And we've seen this in the last 20, 30 years with places like Iraq, Syria. Whenever there is a calamity, especially war, you see a great fleeing that comes. Ukraine, just in the last year, how many people have fled there. So, that's the key. Once you have famine and once you have war, it's natural that people are going to flee from there.

So, that's what he's saying. *And you shall take the third part and beat it with a sword all around it. And you shall scatter the third part into the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.* So, even the ones that escape are not going to be safe. But then verse 3, look what He says.

Ezekiel 5:3 *Also you shall take from there a few in number and bind them in your skirts.*

And like we say all the time, Yahweh always has a remnant. Yahweh is a restorer and Yahweh always has a remnant. It's kind of interesting that that word, that Hebrew word, *you shall take there a few in number and bind them in your skirt*. That word is 'kunaf', which is literally 'the tassel'. It's the outer part of the garment, which would be the tassel. And we know that the tassel is used for protection. The tassel is used as a piece of authority and it's therefore. *Revelation 7 in verse 14. Revelation 7 in verse 14 through 17.* We see,

Revelation 7:14 *And I said to him, Sir, you know ... and he's talking about who are these people coming out of the great affliction, the great tribulation ... And he said to me, These are those coming out of the great affliction; and they washed their robes and whitened them in the blood of the Lamb.*

Revelation 7:15-16 *Because of this they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary. And He sitting on the throne will tabernacle over them. And they will not hunger still, nor will they thirst still, nor at all shall fall on them the sun, nor any kind of heat ... Why? Verse 17:*

Revelation 7:17 *Because the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and will lead them on springs of living waters; and YAHWEH will wipe off every tear from their eyes.*

And some translations actually say *He will tabernacle over them.* You know, so, also *Psalms 91, 1 through 4 and then 9 and 10.* He says:

Psalm 91:1-4 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shade of the Almighty. I will say to YAHWEH: My Refuge and my Fortress, my Elohim; I will trust in Him. For He delivers you from the fowler's snare, from destruction's plague. With His feathers He will cover you, and under His wings you shall seek refuge; His truth is a shield and buckler ... Drop down to verse 9.*

Psalm 91:9-10 *Because You, O YAHWEH, are My refuge; You make the Most High Your habitation, no evil shall happen to You, nor shall any plague come near Your tent.*

So again, like I said, through the calamity, and we're living in the day that these calamities are starting already, but through the calamity the people of Yahweh can always feel secure, that there will always be a remnant and Yahweh will protect that remnant. And verse 4:

Ezekiel 5:4 *And take from them again, and throw them into the middle of the fire and burn them in the fire. From it shall come forth a fire into all the house of Israel.*

So, we've talked about this many times, the baptism of fire. So here it is, a third people are dying in the famine, a third people are dying in the war and the third that are escaping. There's only a remnant that's going to be saved out of that last third. So it's not the whole third being saved, but it's a remnant that's being saved. And how are they being saved? They're being saved through the fire, through the baptism of fire. *1st Peter 4 in verse 12. 1st Peter or Kefa, 4 in verse 12.* He says:

1st Peter 4:12 *Beloved, do not be astonished at the fiery trial happening among you for your testing, as if a surprise were occurring to you;*

So, he's saying, don't be surprised at it. Why? Because this is what we need. We need the baptism of fire. We need the purification in our lives. We need to be changing and to be getting closer to Yahweh and getting out every spot and wrinkle out of our garment. So, it shouldn't surprise us. Verse 5:

Ezekiel 5:5 *So says Adonai YAHWEH: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the midst of the nations, and all around her are the lands.*

So, like I said, the literal fulfillment of this in that day was the attack coming on Jerusalem. But as we see by the many scriptures, there is a parallel to this for the end time, to the Israelites and the nations that the Israelites are living in. Jerusalem is where the Garden of Eden was, the centre of the earth, the presence of Yahweh and His people, though, they sinned like the rest of the nations. And unfortunately Yahweh had to reject them, because of that. And verse 6:

Ezekiel 5:6 *And she has changed My judgments for wickedness more than the nations, and defiled My Torah more than the lands that are all around her. For they have rejected My judgments and My Torah; they have not walked in them.*

And you can relate this also to the believers. It's kind of interesting. He says 'she', calling the nation a 'she'. And we know in the New Testament that the congregation is called a 'she', the bride of Messiah. And what happens a lot of times is the same thing that we see here. When people have the truth and after a while, I think what happens is, people take it for granted. They just take it for granted.

They don't realize that, wow, I need to be cherishing this. I'm one out of five million people out there. For every one of me, there's five million people out there that don't know this truth, that are suffering in this world, that are reaping what they're sowing, because they don't know any better. And having horrible lives, because they haven't been chosen by Yahweh and they haven't been set apart.

So, and this was the nation of Israel. With everything that Israel had, you never see one time as a nation where the whole nation was obedient, where they were really doing the right thing. So, they had the truth, but they rejected the truth and now Yahweh is rejecting them. For they have ... again, verse 6:

Ezekiel 5:6b-8 *For they have rejected My judgments and My Torah; they have not walked in them ... Verse 7 ... Therefore, so says Adonai YAHWEH: Because you rebelled more than the nations that are all around you, not having walked in My statutes, and not having performed My judgments, and you have not done according to the judgments of the nations all around you; therefore, so says Adonai YAHWEH: Behold! I, even I am against you, and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations.*

So, this is not a good place you want to be. And like it talks about in the Book of Luke [12:48], the more is given, the more is expected, the more that's given, the more will be required. So, the same way here that Israel had the Torah, they had Yahweh's judgments, they had His statutes and they had His presence among them. They had His protection. Look how He protected them against the different nations, against Egypt, against the Assyria, against Babylon, against the Philistines.

And yet, they still turned from Yahweh, they still went the wrong way, they still rejected His truth. And you see the same today. There's a lot of believers that ... it's the same way. They start out in the truth and loving the truth or maybe they never did love the truth. But as time goes by, they start to reject it and it can be in little things. And that's why I think this year, the Shemita is like the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath day, what's great about the Sabbath day? Like the Bible says, don't let the sun go down in your wrath [Eph 4:26]. That every day of your life is a new day. And every day of your life you can start over. But particularly the Sabbath, because the Sabbath is the 7th day and Yahweh's presence is in the Sabbath, not like the other six days. So, there's a blessing to the Sabbath day every week. And when you're keeping the Sabbath and you're not violating it and you're not working on the Sabbath and doing chores on the Sabbath, there's a blessing that's there.

And when you do violate it, you're only taking away your own blessing. And it's the same with the Shemita, the time of

building up, a time of tearing down. So, the Shemita is there as a great blessing to Yahweh's people and a time where they can get closer to Him and reliance on Him that you can't get in the other six years. And right where we are in this time in history, boy, do we need it. And the Israelites didn't learn that. And like I said, there's people out there that are so-called believers or Sabbath keepers or know Yahweh's name and yet they're not following the ways of Yahweh.

So, basically in the end, everybody's going to reap what they sow. And Yahweh says, I ...

Ezekiel 5:8b-9 *will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations ... to verse 9 ... And I will do in you that which I have not done, and which I will not do the like again, for all your abominations.*

So, now Yahweh is going to, He's so mad that He's going to do something He's never done before and says He never will do again, because of all their abominations. And they're going to suffer, they're going to go through this. *1st Peter 4 and verse 13* says:

1st Peter 4:13-15 *but rejoice, that you participate in the sufferings of the Messiah, that so you may also rejoice and exult at the revelation of His glory. If you are reviled in the name of Messiah, you are blessed, because "The glorious Spirit of Elohim rests upon you." For do not let any of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in the affairs of others.*

1st Peter 4:16-19 *But if one suffers as a Christian, do not let him be ashamed, but to glorify Elohim in this respect. Because the time has come that judgment must begin with the house of YAHWEH; and if it first begins with us, what will be the end of the ones disobeying the good news of Elohim? ... The hope, the assurance ... And "if the righteous is scarcely saved, where will the wicked and sinner appear?" Wherefore, let them who suffer according to the will of YAHWEH, commit their souls to Him in well doing, as to a faithful Creator.*

So, it only benefits. We're made that way. We're made to need Yahweh. And as we go through this baptism of fire, it should be making us stronger in faith. And it should be making us stronger in strength and endurance. And that's what it's really about. But for the ones that are disobedient, not following, what it's going to do is, it's going to break them. It'll break them and it would be their last chance. *2nd Kings 17, 13 through 20.*

2nd Kings 17:13-14 *And YAHWEH testified against Israel, and against Judah, by the hand of all His prophets, and every seer, saying, Turn back from your evil ways, and keep My commandments, My statutes, according to all the Torah that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by the hand of My servants the prophets. And they did not listen, and hardened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not remain faithful to YAHWEH their Elohim.*

2nd Kings 17:15-16 *And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He cut with their fathers, and His testimonies that He testified against them, and went after the vain thing, and became vain, and after the nations that were around them, of whom YAHWEH had commanded them not to do like them. And they forsook all the commandments of YAHWEH their Elohim and made for themselves cast images, two calves, and made an Asherah, and bowed to all the host of the heavens, and served Baal,*

2nd Kings 17:17-18 *and caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire and divined divination, and used incantations, and sold themselves to do the evil in the eyes of YAHWEH, to provoke Him, so that YAHWEH was very angry against Israel, and turned them away from His face; not one was left, only the tribe of Judah by itself.*

2nd Kings 17:19-20 *Also Judah did not keep the commands of YAHWEH their Elohim, and they walked in the statutes of Israel that they had made. And YAHWEH rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and gave them into the hand of the plunderers, until He had cast them out from His presence.*

So wow, and the reality of it is, like I said, I've said this recently, we're living in this façade of Satan's world. And in that façade, Satan has all kinds of things that people think are true, and they aren't true. Like I said, Sunday worship, Christmas, and Easter, now COVID, and the vaccine, and all those things. But another thing within that façade is that somehow...

And believe me, Yahweh is working with the nation of Israel, Yahweh loves Israel. We know that He's going to work with Israel all the way until the end. We know that the New Testament, the New Testament believers in congregation, came

from the house of Israel and the house of Judah. And we know that when you become a believer, you're grafted into the one tree of Israel.

But there's this false concept out there with many Christians that somehow Israel can do no wrong, that no matter what, even if there's another way to salvation without accepting Yahshua, that they're going to get salvation anyway without that. And the reality of it is actually today, except for spiritual Israel, except for the congregation of believers that have been grafted into the tree of Israel, Yahweh is not protecting our brother Judah, neither is He protecting the Ephraimites that are not believers.

So, we see there's probably at least a billion Ephraimites out there in the world. They are scattered in many nations, from Africa to Asia to North American, but primarily there are many of them, in the millions, that are situated in America, in Europe, in some of these areas like that.

So now, as this is happening, this is what's coming. That Yahweh is saying, this day it was Jerusalem that was going to get it first, but He's saying now that He is going to punish these people. And the remnant that He's going to take out, is the congregation of believers, the Ephraimites, the tree, the believers in Yahshua that are being faithful. But to the other ones, they are going to go through a horrific ... something that we've never seen before.

And that's the point, when we look in the world today, there's been wars, there's been famines, there's been atrocities, like it would happen in Liberia, not that long ago, maybe 10 years ago or a little more. The civil war that was there and children going on fighting. There's been such atrocities, but because they've been in the third world, it was like, "Okay, well, hey, that's just what happens."

But now what's coming here is coming not just to the third world, this is coming to the first world. This is going to be starvation in Europe, starvation in the United States and the fall of Babylon. Many of these things that's coming here, because Yahweh is taking His hand away and He's allowing these things to happen. Look in verse 10.

Ezekiel 5:10 *Therefore, the fathers shall eat the sons in your midst, and the sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments against you, and I will scatter the whole remnant of you into every wind.*

Wow, actually cannibalism. That's how bad it's going to be. *Leviticus 26:29*. He says:

Leviticus 26:29 *And you shall eat of the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat of the flesh of your daughters.*

This is what Yahweh says, that if you don't obey Me, these are the punishments that are going to come on you and that's one of them. Should it really surprise us when you look today at ... in America alone, there's more than two million abortions that happen every single year, two million, more than that every single year, killing innocent, born children.

And there's even a handful of states in the United States that actually have a law for full birth abortion and the new government that's in there in the Congress, the new Republican government, they passed the law in Congress but it's got to pass the other houses that are with the Democrats and it won't and also with Joe Biden. To stop this, that at nine months a baby is born, they try to abort it, it doesn't work and the baby is born and healthy and then they're allowed to kill it when it's already born post birth abortion.

So, these are some of the evils that are in the world today that are probably even worse than these other evils that we're reading about here, because at least in that case there was a reason to kill the children, for survival, they're starving to death or whatever. But today they're just doing it for convenience sake. *2nd Kings 6, 25 through 30*. Because we've seen this before. People say, oh no, we can never get that bad. Let's read it.

2nd Kings 6:25 *And there was a great famine in Samaria. And behold! They were laying siege to it until the head of a donkey was at eighty silver pieces, and a fourth of a cab of dove's dung at five silver pieces ...* We talked about this the last time. Why? Because they used this for fuel ...

2nd Kings 6:26-29 *And it happened, the king of Israel was passing by on the wall ... How bad was this famine? ... And a woman cried to him, saying, Save, my master, O king. And he said, If YAHWEH does not save you, from where shall I save you? Out of the threshing floor, or out of the winevat? And the king said to her, What ails you? And she said, This woman said to me, Give your son and we will eat him today; and tomorrow we will eat my son.*

2nd Kings 6:29-30 *And we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him. But she hid her son. And it happened when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his garments. And he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked. And, behold, the sackcloth was inside on his flesh.*

So wow, you don't think things could ever be that bad, but believe me, the Bible says the time that's coming, it'll be the worst time the world has ever known and ever will know. Because after that time, when the Kingdom is here, then everything will be restored to the way it was. But first, this is what's happening and why is it coming? People say all the time, "Oh, if there's really an Elohim in heaven, why would He allow suffering?" "Children, why would He allow this?" Because mankind is choosing that, because you have free will.

He didn't make us rubber pencils. He gave each human being free will, but you do reap what you sow. And as mankind is choosing this, he's choosing these things and then when he's reaping what he's sowing and he's only getting what he's doing with his actions of bringing, then all of a sudden they want to start blaming the Elohim that they claim doesn't exist.

But Yahweh is ready to remove His hand, because we know up till now, like He said, it rains on the righteous and the unrighteous [Mat 5:45]. There's things that Yahweh's earth and the atmosphere had to do. There had to be a sun, there had to be a moon, there had to be rain, there had to be plants growing, right? And this is what's been going on for almost 6,000 years, but now as we're coming to the very end of the end, we're going to see things that we wish we never had to and we never will again, but it will be the worst time man has ever known. In verse 11, it says, therefore, back to *Ezekiel 5 in verse 11*.

Ezekiel 5:11 *Therefore, as I live, says Adonai YAHWEH, surely because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your idolatries and with all your abominations, so I also will withdraw. And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity.*

So, it's like I said, they're reaping what they're sowing. *Deuteronomy 32 in verse 15*.

Deuteronomy 32:15-17 *But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, thick and sated. And he abandoned Elohim who made him, and fell away from the Rock of His salvation (Y'shua). With strange gods they moved Him to jealousy; and with idols they provoked Him to anger. They sacrificed to demons who were not Eloha, to Elohim whom they did not know, new ones who came lately. Your fathers had not dreaded them.*

Deuteronomy 32:18-20 *The Rock that begat you, you neglected, and forgot the El who formed you. And YAHWEH looked and despised them because of the provoking of His sons and of His daughters. And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, sons in whom is no faithfulness.*

Deuteronomy 32:21-22 *They made Me jealous with a not-El; they made Me angry by their vanities; and I shall make them jealous by a not-a-people; by a foolish nation I shall make them angry. For a fire has been kindled in My anger, and it burns to the lowest part of Sheol, and consumes the earth and its produce; and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.*

There is a fire that is going to go throughout all the earth and YAHWEH will purify the earth through fire. It is sad, because the idolatries and yet, we live in a world today where there is probably more idolatry in the world today than ever before. Because it is not just idolatry of a Mary statue or a little fat Buddha or whatever it might be. It is the idolatry of human beings of their whole life is a life of idolatry.

They are the idol. It is setting up every single thing in life is an idol and we have never lived in a time like this. Think about it. Like I would say, whatever you focus on becomes most real. And people now with internet 24-7, with iPhones 24-7, with all the social media and all the WhatsApp and all this other stuff 24-7. That this is the people's reality. This is why I say it is an alternative universe because people never have a minute of private time. They never have a minute without their phones and their internet and all this other stuff where they just can go out and talk to Yahweh and be away from all this other stuff.

And this is what Yahweh says. This is the idolatry that He is talking about. The whole world is one big idolatrous system. And Satan just grows on it and grows on it and grows on it. Because he knows that human beings are addictive. And he knows that they are just going to keep doing more and more and more of it. And now you have the metaverse and you

have these stupid little helmets people will wear and it will seem so real. And you know what? Why do you have to try to do something that is not real to seem real?

Why not just do what is real? You know what is real? Yahweh is real. And His miracles are real. And His relationship with you is real. And the Holy Spirit is real and the power in your life is more than real. So Satan's way is always a counterfeit. Satan's way is always trying to make something fake seem real. But there is never satisfaction in that in the long run.

I always get a kick out of these people that they are Disney World junkies. They go there almost every day of their life. They go there 50 times or whatever it is or 100 times in a season, they have season passes. How many times can you go and fake stuff? You have seen it once. "Wow, that was neat or how they did this". But for people who just go to something like that day in and day out into the fantasy, that's what you want your life to be.

You want your life to be built on something that is fantasy and fake, instead of something that is the greatest power in the universe that will last forever. And this is the choice people have to make now. And it's a fight for the soul of each and every human being on this planet. But we see here that it is going to get bad and it's not going to be a pretty picture when all these things happen. Back to *Ezekiel 5 in verse 12*. He says:

Ezekiel 5:12 *A third part of you shall die by the plague and shall be consumed by the famine in your midst. And a third part shall fall by the sword all around you. And a third part I will scatter into every wind, and I will draw out a sword after them.*

So, that's what we just read in chapter [should be verse] 2 here of Ezekiel. And he's saying exactly what it is now, what it means. Although it's pretty evident we've already went over it. He's actually laying it out that we see in verse 13.

Ezekiel 5:13 *And My anger shall be spent, and I will make My fury rest on them, and I will be eased. And they shall know that I, YAHWEH, have spoken in My zeal, in My fulfilling My fury among them.*

So, He says that people will know that Yahweh has spoken in zeal when He's fulfilling His fury among them. So, this is not going to be a pretty picture, because like it talks about in Hebrews, the 10th chapter [verse 31], it's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim. And like I said, Yahweh is all merciful and He's all kind, but there is an end to everything in this world.

And Yahweh is only given this world so much time and that time is coming to an end. And if somebody is on the wrong side of that and doesn't want to be part of Yahweh's Kingdom then they're going to go through this. And you see it in the book of Revelation and do people repent when these things happen? No, because they caused it by their own actions. What do they do? They curse Yahweh and try to say it's from Yahweh. Verse 14:

Ezekiel 5:14-15 *And I will make you into a waste and a reproach among the nations that are around you, in the eyes of all who pass by. And it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an example and a horror, to the nations which are all around you, when I shall execute against you judgments in anger and in fury and in chastisements among them. I, YAHWEH, have spoken it.*

So again, He's doing this that the whole world is going to see. The whole world is going to see what He's doing. They're going to see the judgments that are coming. And again, when you look at the world, particularly in the last 75 years since the beginning of the end time, although commercial Babylon has been a bad thing in a lot of ways, Babylon has also brought a certain amount of stability, financial stability to the world. By having the dollar as the world reserve currency. By making sure that there hasn't been a collapse, a financial collapse because of that. By Babylon having all the technology and medicine and the different things that have helped people maybe in operations and these different things.

So, one way, having the world's strongest military that has stopped a lot of chaos from coming on. Starting with Hitler all the way on there. But when that leaves now, when Babylon falls and there is no world policeman out there, like it talks about in *Jeremiah 50 and 51*, then the world is going to be in trouble, beside the chaos that's going on in commercial Babylon in the United States at that time, there's going to be trouble all over the world.

Because what happens when there's no world policeman anymore? I can guarantee immediately China is going to be moving into Taiwan and like we see with Russia and Ukraine, you'll be seeing this stuff going all over the world, that all of

these big, bully, brother countries that have just been waiting for the opportunity to take over somebody else's land, they will be doing it. And that's where you'll have World War. There'll be no doubt about it. And it's all because of Yahweh's fury. And Yahweh says, all the nations will see this and they'll be able to know that it's coming from him. Verse 16:

Ezekiel 5:16 *When I shall send the arrows of evil famine among them, which shall be for ruin, for which I will send them to destroy you, even I will increase the famine on you and break the staff of bread to you.*

So again, this is coming on first world countries, not third world countries. And if you're looking in the news, right now there's been problems in Africa and some problems in some countries in Asia too with food shortages, not so bad as of yet, but there is some worse than last year. But when this happens here, it will be all over the world. It will be absolutely everywhere.

And from every single thing that I'm reading, all the sources I'm seeing, they're all saying that this is coming within the next year. They're not saying this is something in the next five years that are coming. They're predicting that this next year will bring this famine. So, we'll see. I hope not. There's no ... who would want famine or whatnot.

I know one thing. I thank Yahweh for opening up our eyes to be able to see this and also for the Shemita year, because even just grain. Grain that we were paying 99 cents a kilo, maybe six months ago, we saw now at close to 240, a kilo. That's a 240% increase. That's a gigantic increase because of the new grain that's coming out there. So, praise Yahweh for that and praise Yahweh that He opens up our minds and hearts through His Ruach to be able to see this and prepare for it. And the last verse, verse 17:

Ezekiel 5:17 *Yea, I will send famine and evil beasts on you, and you will be bereaved. And pestilence and blood shall pass among you, and I shall bring a sword on you. I, YAHWEH, have spoken.*

We go to *Leviticus 26 in verse 21*. So, you could read on your own the whole chapter of *Leviticus 26*. I'm just going to read from 21 to 35 here. But Yahweh prophesied that if Israel did not listen, these were the things that were going to come on them. And they saw this when Babylon came and attacked Jerusalem and the land back then. And we're seeing this in the end time. So *Leviticus 26 in verse 21*, He says:

Leviticus 26:21-22 *And if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to listen to Me, then I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins, and send against you the beast of the field, and it shall bereave you ... Just like we have just read ... And I shall cut off your livestock and shall make you few, so that your ways are desolate.*

Leviticus 26:23-25 *And if you are not chastised by Me by these things, and shall walk contrary to Me, then I, I also, shall walk contrary to you, and shall smite you, even I, seven times more for your sins; and I will bring a sword on you, executing the vengeance of the covenant, and you shall be gathered to your cities, and I shall send pestilence into your midst; and you shall be given into the hand of an enemy.*

Leviticus 26:26 *When I break to you the staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and shall give back your bread by weight; and you shall eat, and shall not be satisfied.*

What's that saying? Ten women are using one oven. It means there's not a whole lot of bread to bake. And like he says, they're not satisfied. Remember Ezekiel, what was the last week we said? It was like eight to 10 ounces a day. That's not a lot of bread, especially when that's the only thing you're eating. Right? So that's really not a lot.

Leviticus 26:27-30 *If you will not listen to Me for this, and shall walk contrary to Me, then I also will walk contrary to you in fury. I also will chastise you, I also, seven times for your sins ... We have talked about that many times ... And you shall eat of the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat of the flesh of your daughters ... Just like we talked about here ... And I shall destroy your high places and cut down your altars, and shall put your dead bodies on the carcasses of your idols. And My soul shall loathe you.*

Leviticus 26:31-33 *And I shall make your cities a waste, and shall make your sanctuaries desolate; and I shall not smell your sweet fragrances. And I shall make the land desolate, and your enemies who are living in it shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among nations, and shall draw out the sword after you, and your land shall become a waste, and your cities shall be a desolation*

Leviticus 26:34-35 *Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths ... talking about the land Sabbath, the Shemita that we're in now ... all the days of the desolation ... This is what He had to do. He literally had to get them all out of the land for them to obey the commandment ... And you shall be in the land of your enemies; then the land shall enjoy rest, and shall enjoy its Sabbaths. It shall rest all the days of the desolation, that which it has not rested in your Sabbaths while you lived on it.*

So while they're living there, they're not obeying. They're not being obedient to the Shemita year. They weren't keeping it. YAHWEH say, "Okay. Then I'm going to take you off the land and you're going to see." So like I said, when you're looking at what we're reading here, a lot of this is word for word in Leviticus the 26th chapter, which Yahweh prophesied that these things were going to happen. So again, verse 17:

Ezekiel 5:17 *Yea, I will send famine and evil beasts on you, and you will be bereaved. And pestilence and blood shall pass among you, and I shall bring a sword on you. I, YAHWEH, have spoken.*

So, now we're getting into the actual prophecies of what's coming. And Yahweh's showing Israel what's going to happen to them. And like I said, it's very similar, very similar to the Book of Revelation, very similar to the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. And it seems to be that we are in the beginning stages of this. That this is the very beginning stages of what we're reading here in the Book of Ezekiel that will be coming on the nations in Europe and in the United States, Australia and in some of these other areas there of the First World.

And it's not going to be a pretty picture. But Yahweh always brings warning before He brings destruction. And as His people, we have the opportunity. We have the opportunity to not have to have this happen, to be able to repent, to be able to change, to be able to follow Yahweh. And that's why the Shemita is so important, like you see here. Because He says, if you don't keep that Shemita year, He'll take you off the land and then it will stay there.

So, we have a great blessing, a really special time to Shemita for Yahweh to bless. I know we've been ... He's been blessing us with all kinds of things, finding different fruits and vegetables, having neighbors that had fruit trees that gave us different things. And just miracle after miracle. And here we are, we're just in the... finished the first 25% of it.

So, I pray that you're also having a blessed Shemita as we are. And that will be it for today. Next week we will start going over chapter 6 and get more into exactly what will be coming into these nations with Yahweh's punishment on them as we continue here for the next few chapters. And clearly showing, like I said, chapter 6, chapter 7 that this is talking about the Day of Yahweh and His wrath on the world.

So, have a blessed Sabbath. We'll put up a new message for tomorrow and be well, be safe, be strong in faith. And until next week, Shabbat Shalom.