

Fumigating the Mountains of Israel

Ezekiel 6:1-14

Veritas Adult Community

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Introduction

Outline of the Text

1. The Primary Announcement of Fumigation (vv. 1-10)
 - a. Death on the Hilltops (vv. 1-7)
 - b. A Glimmer of Hope (vv. 8-10)
2. The Second Announcement of Fumigation (vv. 11-14)
 - a. The Reach of God's Fury (vv. 11-13b)
 - b. The Effect of God's Fury (vv. 13b-14)

A. The Target of Fumigation

B. The Need for Fumigation

C. The Process of Fumigation

D. The Outcome of the Fumigation

1. The Good News of the Future
 - a. The Lord himself is behind the good news.
 - b. The good news happens outside the land of Israel, among the nations where the remnant has been scattered.
 - c. Far away from home the remnant will remember YHWH.
 - d. The people will admit how loathsome they are for all the evils they have committed and for all the abominable nature of their conduct.
2. The Bad News of the Present

Conclusion: Lessons from Ezekiel 6

1. This oracle offers vivid evidence of the impassioned side of God's character.
2. It is possible to be sincere in one's religious commitment, but to be sincerely in error.
3. The LORD is faithful to his covenant, to the very letter!
4. The LORD's wrath is never so hot that it cancels out his grace.
5. The oracle reminds all readers to look upon themselves as God sees them.
6. The God who had reached out to Israel in the past, and would reach out again in the future is none other than our Savior, Jesus, Immanuel, who embodies both the righteousness and the grace of God himself.