

Sounding the Alarm for the Land of Israel

Ezekiel 7:1–27

Veritas Adult Community

December 16, 2018

The First Two Blasts of the Watchman’s Trumpet

Ezekiel 7:2–4	Ezekiel 7:5–9
<p>²Thus has the Lord YHWH declared to the land of Israel:</p> <p>An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land!</p> <p>³Now the end has come upon you!</p> <p>I will release my anger on you. I will judge you according to your conduct; and I will hold you accountable for all your abominations.</p> <p>⁴My eye will not have pity on you; nor will I spare. On the contrary, I will hold you accountable for your conduct while your abominations persist within you. Then you will know that I am YHWH.</p>	<p>⁵Thus has the Lord YHWH declared:</p> <p>A disaster! An exceptional disaster! Look out! It has come!</p> <p>⁶An end has come! The end has come!</p> <p>The end has come upon you! Look out! It has come!</p> <p>⁷The leash has come upon you O inhabitant of the land! The time has come! The day is at hand— Panic, not harvest celebrations on the mountains.</p> <p>⁸Now, shortly, I will pour out my wrath upon you;</p> <p>I will vent my anger against you. And I will judge you according to your conduct; and I will hold you accountable for all your abominations.</p> <p>⁹My eye will not have pity; nor will I spare. On the contrary, I will hold you accountable for your conduct, while your abominations persist within you. Then you will know that I am YHWH who smites.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">הַחֶמְסַק קָם לְמִשְׁחַדְרָשָׁע לֹא־מֵהֶם וְלֹא מֵהַמוֹנִים וְלֹא מֵהַמְּהֵמָה וְלֹא־נָה בָּהֶם:</p>	<p>Verse 11 <i>mhm...mhmwnm...mhmhm...nh bhm</i></p>
<p>¹¹Violence has matured to become a staff of wickedness! None of them... None of their tumult... None of their turbulence... None of the high and mighty among them...</p>	

The First Two Trumpet Blasts (vv. 1–4 and 5–9)

The Third Alarm (vv. 10–27)

a. *The Announcement of the Day of YHWH (vv. 10–12a)*

b. *The Economic and Emotional Effects of the Day of YHWH (vv. 12b–18)*

c. *The Religious Effects of the Day of YHWH (vv. 19–24)*

(1) YHWH will make the gold and silver odious (*niddâ*) to those who have misused it.

(2) YHWH will personally deliver the precious metals and other property into the hands of the most ruthless of enemies.

(3) YHWH will permit the invaders to desecrate the land.

(4) YHWH will permit the population to be led away into exile (v. 23).

(5) YHWH will break the power of the strong and desecrate their holy places (v. 24).

d. *The Political Effects of the Day of YHWH (vv. 25–27)*

Application

1. The loss of a vision of God and the sense of awe and wonder at his grace inevitably leads to cynicism and independence.
2. Those who sow the wind will reap the whirlwind (Hos 8:7).
3. The apparent delay in the Lord's visitation is no cause for complacency or indifference toward evil.
4. The Lord has ways of undermining all the supports on which we may base our security.
5. God's agents are not limited to those who acknowledge him as their divine patron.