

"Close Shave"
Ezekiel 5

v. 1 Q. What is Ezekiel told to do?

A.

Q. What was significant about this?

A.

1. It was not a _____ but a sword.

Note: This is a symbol in itself of conquerors. Read Isaiah 7:20.

2. Priests do not shave off their _____. Read Leviticus 21:5.

3. It was an act of _____ for an enemy.
Read 2nd Samuel 10:4-5.

4. It was a sign of _____. Read Jeremiah 15:2.

Summary:

v. 2 [Looking at the model that Ezekiel has made] Q. What did God ask him to do?

A. When the days of your siege have ended...

1.

2.

3.

v. 3 4.

Q. What is this a picture of? [Answer will be given in verse 12 more clearly]

A.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Read Isaiah 10:20-22

Read Jeremiah 23:3

v. 4 5.

Prophetic word –

Meaning:

v. 5 Q. What is the condemnation levied at the nation of Israel?

A.

1. This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the _____ of the nations, with countries all around her, i.e. she is in a special relationship to God.

- v. 6 2. In her wickedness she has _____ against my laws and decrees more than any other nations, and countries around her. [which makes it _____ because of #1]

Read Deuteronomy 28:13- 5

3. She has _____ my laws and has not followed my decrees.

v. 7 Q. What other condemnation is added?

A. They don't even _____ to the standards of the nations around them, i.e. they are better than you are.

v. 8 Q. What is the verdict?

A.

1.

2.

v. 9 3.

4.

v. 10 5. _____ will characterize your final days.

Read Lamentations 4:4-10

6.

v. 11 Q. Describe the idolatry?

A You have defiled my sanctuary with _____ images and _____ practices. Cp. Chpt. 8

v. 12 Q. How does God describe the "hair" representations?

- A.
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

v. 13a Q. Is there hope?

- A.
- 1.
 - 2.

v. 13b Q. What is the purpose of this?

- A. When God's wrath is finished, his people _____ that he spoke zealously – a future promise.

v. 14 Q. How does God further describe their punishment?

- A.
- 1.

v. 15a 2. You will be a symbol of _____ and an object of _____ to other nations when I punish you in my anger, wrath, and stinging rebuke.

v. 15b Q. What is the declarative statement that concludes this?

- A.

v. 16 Q. What metaphor does God use that is also used of Satan?

Read Lamentations 3:1-18.

Read Ephesians 6:16

A.

v. 17 Q. What is the summarized declarative?

A.

Q. How does Ezekiel prepare us for the reality of serving God at times?

A.

Q. What does this account tell us about the patience of God with rebellious people?

A.

Q. What does this account tell us about his relationship with the Jews?

A.

Q. What should our position toward the Jews be in light of this?

A.

Q. How does our sin individually, corporately as the "Church", or even as a "Christian nation" impact the families, community, and nations around us?

A.

Q. God will be avenged. What does this tell you about God?

A.

Q. We will all serve as examples to someone? What are the choices?

A.

Q. Read Lamentations 3:19-42. Jeremiah, in the mist of this horror, still does what?

A.