

"High Places"
Ezekiel 6

vv. 1-2 Q. What is Ezekiel called to prophecy against?

A.

v. 3 Q. What is the message?

A.

Q. What are the high places?

Read Genesis 11:1-4

Read Numbers 33:51-52

Read 1st Kings 3:1-2

Read 1st Kings 12:31-32

Read Hosea 4:13-14

Read Psalm 122:1-4

Read Psalm 121:1

Q. How does the understanding of our topic help you understand this verse in a deeper way?

A.

The high places were pagan places of _____ that were located on the "highest places" as if to get closer to the gods.

It's why the answer is found in Psalm 121:2.

"My help comes from the _____, the Maker of heaven and earth."

v.4 Q. What other part of the judgment is expressed?

A.

vv. 4-6 Q. What was the point of slaying those in front of the altar.

A.

Note: Their bones would be scattered by the altar indicating that they would not have an _____ burial.

v. 7 Q. What is the main point? (repeated throughout the book)

A.

v. 8 Q. How do we still see the grace and mercy of God still manifested?

A.

Read Ezra 9:8

v. 9 Q. What is the desired response of God's people?

A.

1.

2.

3.

v. 10a 4.

v. 10b Q. What is meant by this statement?

A.

v. 11 Q. What does God call Ezekiel to do at this point?

A. Clap his hands, stomp his feet, and cry out, "Alas" or "_____ ____!"
It's finally here!" because of the blatant and unrepented idolatry.

Note: "Alas" is an archaic _____ expression of anticipated sorrow.

Q. What calamities are restated?

A.

v. 12 Q. How is this expressed in totality?

A.

1.

2.

3.

Q. What is this collectively called?

A.

v. 13 Q. And the common purpose phrase is?

A.

Q. How?

A. [*Inclusio* with 6:4-5]

v. 14 Q. What will God do?

A.

Note: Riblah was in the north by Lebanon, so the idea was much like
“from _____ to _____” (Jdgs. 20:10; 1st Sam. 3:20).
God was using areas to basically say, “from the top to the bottom.”

Note: The phrase “stretch out my hand” was used _____ times
in Exodus to describe the divine judgments that would be poured out on
Egypt.

Q. What would be considered the high places in our lives/world?

A.

Q. How does Revelation 6-19 address these idols?

A.

Q. How do we reconcile the horrific calamity of this event with the fact that
they were “God’s people?”

A.

Q. Do you think God thinks of the "Church" in the same way?

Read 1st Peter 4:17-19

Read 1 John 5:17-21

A.

Q. Read the following. What are your thoughts?

"Idols are evil and detestable. They are not morally neutral, or an alternative form of worship. Man is not free to worship as he likes, and when the church fails to record God's opprobrium [contempt] of idolatry, it fails to pronounce his verdict upon such practices. Idolatry is everywhere represented in Scripture as the greatest insult the creature can offer to the Creator. Man's religions have been his greatest crimes."

A.

Q. How do you think God still coveys, "...that they may know that I am the LORD?"

A.