

Reckoning with God's Wrath. Ezekiel 5

Confronting words vv. 8-13

How to respond? Vv. 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17 [2 Peter 1:20-21; Romans 1:18, 2:4-6; 1Thess. 1:9-10; Rev. 6:16-17]

The cause of God's anger vv. 5-17

Context – false hope and confronting sign-acts [4:1-5:4; Deut. 12:11, Psalm 132:13-14, Ps. 48:3-7, Ps. 122, 46:4-7]

Jerusalem's special position v. 5 [Isaiah 2:1-4, Ps. 2:6; Deut. 4:13, 5:1, 31, 6:1 ...]

Israel's rebellion vv. 7, 9, 11 in the context of the covenant [Ezk. 22; Deut 4:23-26, 11:16-17, 32:15-27]

The Character of God's anger

Not arbitrary – Leviticus 26:21-33, Deuteronomy 28,

A passionate commitment

No partiality Deut 13:7-9, 19:13, 21.

Proportionate – Ezekiel 7:2-4, 8-9 [Romans 2:6, Revelation 20:12]

Not impulsive 4:5; Ezk. 16, 20, 23 [1 Kings 11:9]

The Effect of God's Anger v. 8, 9, 12, 14-17, v. 13

A warning against presumption, a warning to the world

Addressed first to His people [1 Cor. 6:9-11, Gal. 5:19-20, Eph. 5:3-6; 1 Cor. 10:6-10; Gal. 1:8-9; Matt. 6:14, 18:35]

An object lesson for the nations v. 15 [chapters 25-32, Romans 1:18 ff, Eph. 2:3]

Are you someone with a false hope?

Finding real hope in Christ

Matthew 26:39, Isaiah 51:17, Jer. 25:15-16, Ezk. 23:31-34; 1 Thess. 1:9-10; Romans 3:25, Gal. 3:13

Romans 8:31 ff.; 1 Thess. 5:9-10