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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 7

The End Has Come: When Patience Runs Out

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 7:19

"their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 7

This week's chapter is a loud alarm: God's patience is real, but it has an end. Judah kept telling itself 'not yet.' Let this chapter wake you up gently but honestly, and turn you toward the God who still wants you to know Him today.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

An End Has Come

READ · EZEKIEL 7:1–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How many times can you find the word “end” in verses 2–6, and what does God say He will judge them by (vv3, 8)?

REFLECT

God says, “I will judge you according to your ways” (v3). What ways of yours would you not want handed back to you, and what would you like to change?

REFLECT

The people kept assuming the end would never come. Where in your life have you been saying 'not yet' to God?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one thing you have been putting off with God, a confession, an apology, a step of obedience, and do it today.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 7:19)

DAY 2 OF 5

The Rod Has Budded

READ · EZEKIEL 7:10–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What has “budded” and what has “blossomed” in verse 10? What does verse 12 tell the buyer and the seller?

REFLECT

Pride did not appear overnight; it budded first (v10). What small attitude have you let grow that could be in full bloom a year from now?

REFLECT

Buying and selling meant nothing on that day (vv12–13). What are you spending your strength on that will not matter when you stand before God?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask God to show you one budding pride, and ask a brother to point it out when he sees it.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Knees Like Water

READ · EZEKIEL 7:14-18

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What happens when the trumpet is blown in verse 14? Where do the survivors go, and what are they mourning over (v16)?

REFLECT

The survivors mourned “each over his own iniquity” (v16), not anyone else's. Whose sin have you been focused on instead of your own?

REFLECT

Their strength failed: “all knees will become like water” (v17). When has your own strength given out, and where did you turn?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down your own part in one broken situation, without mentioning anyone else's part, and give it to God.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 7:19)

DAY 4 OF 5

Silver in the Streets

READ · EZEKIEL 7:19–22

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What do the people do with their silver in verse 19, and what had they made out of the beauty of God's ornaments (v20)?

REFLECT

"Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them" (v19). What are you counting on to rescue you if things fall apart: money, a job, a person, a plan?

REFLECT

Their wealth became "an occasion of stumbling" (v19). Has money, or the lack of it, ever pulled you toward sin? How?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one generous thing with your money or possessions today as a way of telling God He is your security, not them.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Make the Chain

READ · EZEKIEL 7:23–27

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why does God tell Ezekiel to “Make the chain” (v23)? What do the people seek in verses 25–26, and what do they find?

REFLECT

Sin makes a chain, but it does not show you the chain at first (v23). What habit are you excusing that might be forging links?

REFLECT

They sought a vision, the law and counsel when it was too late (v26). Who are the voices of truth in your life right now, and are you listening to them today?

RESPOND — TODAY

Call or sit down with one man who speaks God's truth to you, and ask him to be honest with you about where you are headed.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

What 'not yet' did God put His finger on this week, and what did you do about it?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Which help from verses 14–27 are you most tempted to trust instead of God: strength, money, religion, or leaders? Why?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How can our group help each other see the chain while there is still time to turn?

MY PRAYER

LORD, You are patient and You are holy, so show me the chain before it closes and…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 7:19

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