

# Ezekiel 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

## Analysis

**"Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it."** "Bloody city" (ir ha-damim, עיר הַדָּמִים) indicts Jerusalem's violence. "Scum" (chel'ah, חֶלְאָה) represents corruption that won't depart despite heating (judgment). "Piece by piece" depicts methodical, comprehensive destruction—everyone systematically removed. "Let no lot fall" means no chance selection; all are taken—comprehensive judgment sparing none.

## Historical Context

Jerusalem's "scum" (corruption) persisted despite previous warnings and partial judgments. When Babylon conquered, systematic deportation occurred—leaders first (597 BC), then general population (586 BC), finally even remaining poor (Jeremiah 52:15-16, 30). The piece-by-piece removal fulfilled the parable precisely—methodical, comprehensive exile leaving the land desolate.

## Related Passages

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does persistent scum (corruption despite judgment) illustrate hardened sinfulness?
2. What does piece-by-piece removal teach about judgment's thoroughness?
3. In what ways does unrepented sin eventually require comprehensive rather than partial judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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פְּדָמִים עַיר אֹוִי בְּדָמִים  
פֶּה לְכָא אֶתְמָרָא אֶתְנָא יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים  
H3651 H3541 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD Woe city to the bloody  
H559 H136 H3069 H188 H5892 H1818

וְלֹא תְּאַתָּה בְּכָה בְּכָה וְלֹא תְּאַתָּה בְּכָה  
to the pot is therein and whose scum is therein and whose scum  
H5518 H834 H2457 H0 H2457

לֹא הַזְּכִיא הַזְּכִיא הַזְּכִיא הַזְּכִיא הַזְּכִיא  
is not gone out  
H3808 H3318 H4480 H5409 H5409 H3808 H3318

גַּזְלָן עַל יְהָנָמָל  
fall let no lot  
H5307 H5921 H1486

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 22:2** (Blood): Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.

**Nahum 3:1** (Blood): Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;

**Nahum 3:10** (Parallel theme): Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

**Ezekiel 22:27** (Blood): Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

**2 Kings 24:4** (Blood): And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

**Micah 7:2** (Blood): The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

**Obadiah 1:11** (Parallel theme): In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

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