

Ezekiel 9

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The Slaughter of the Idolaters

¹ He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

² And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

³ And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

⁵ And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

⁶ Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

⁷ And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

⁸ And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

⁹ Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

¹⁰ And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

¹¹ And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — מִזְבֵּחַ (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Iniquity — עָוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עָוֹן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Ezekiel 9:1 **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 10:24; 1 Chronicles 21:15; Isaiah 6:8; Revelation 14:7

Ezekiel 9:2 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 10:2; Leviticus 16:4; Revelation 15:6. **Sacrifice:** 2 Kings 15:35

Ezekiel 9:3 **Glory:** Ezekiel 10:4

Ezekiel 9:4 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 12:13; Psalms 119:53; 119:136; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30; Revelation 9:4; 14:1; 20:4. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 13:17; 2 Timothy 2:19

Ezekiel 9:5 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 5:11

Ezekiel 9:6 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 12:23; Jeremiah 25:29; Luke 12:47; 2 Timothy 2:19; Revelation 7:3; 9:4. **Temple:** 2 Chronicles 36:17

Ezekiel 9:7 **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 36:17

Ezekiel 9:8

References God: Ezekiel 4:14; 11:13. **References Lord:** Joshua 7:6; 1 Chronicles 21:16.

References Israel: Numbers 14:5. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 16:45

Ezekiel 9:9

Parallel theme: Job 22:13; Psalms 10:11. **References Lord:** Ezekiel 8:12; Psalms 94:7; Isaiah 29:15. **Blood:** Ezekiel 7:23; Jeremiah 2:34. **Sin:** 2 Kings 21:16

Ezekiel 9:10 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 5:11; 7:4; 8:18; 11:21; Isaiah 65:6; Hosea 9:7