

## And Then You Will Know. . . and, Distant Eyes

I am intrigued by the 40+ times in Ezekiel that God said something like “then you will know that I am the Lord.” He would do certain things, either blessing or judgment, to remind them that He was the Sovereign God. Read it.

We were created for God’s glory. That is, to show His supremacy over Satan by choosing Him as our god. As you know, God and Satan are our two potential spirit-sources to draw from to satisfy our inner craving for significance, security and a sense of well-being. Satan convinced Adam and Eve that he could do it better than God, so they choose Him.

You know the rest of the story, and our dark world displays his rule. You also know that God has the last word and that all of creation will eventually bow before Him.

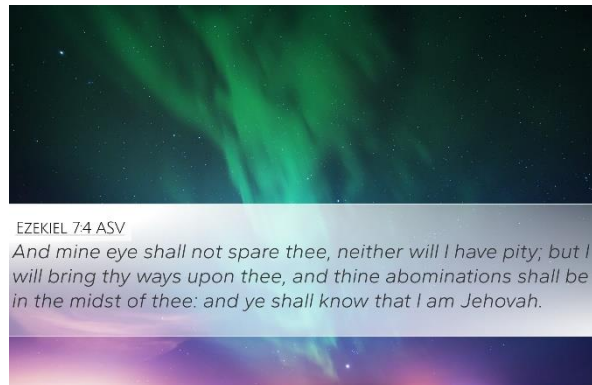
### THE CHURCH

Jesus established the Church to display what HIS rule looks like in contrast to Satan’s. However, for both Israel and the Church it involves a “coming out,” followed by obedience to Him. (Exodus 19:5-6, Deut. 6:16-18, Deut. 7:6, Mt. 7:24-27, Mt. 16:18, II Cor. 5:17-21, Titus 2:11-15, I Peter 2:9-12)

Everything that God does is purposeful and toward His end, thus He establishes nations and determines their boundaries and times (Acts 17:26-28). The warning of Deut. 8:11-20 is as true for America as it was for Israel.

God repeatedly warned Israel of the blessing of obedience and the consequences of disobedience, including the classic Deut. 30:15-20 text, and 800-years later He was still saying it through Ezekiel. (And Jeremiah and others.) And He is saying it today in Rev. 22 and more.

How can it be, that so many Christians are apparently oblivious to coming troubles? Is it that we are infatuated with the American Dream and that little else matters as long as we can indulge ourselves there all week and still freely gather in our comfortable edifices on Sunday to engage in our religious activities?



### DISTANT EYES

If you want to see distant eyes, try talking with those around you in the pews about the unavoidable consequences of America’s repudiation of the Biblical foundations that our freedom and prosperity rested upon. The blank response mystifies and frightens me.

How can we overlook our deep and accelerating dive into moral lawlessness, and how can we think we will escape its consequences? And what would change if we took this seriously? Or am I just a troublesome alarmist? Someone please PLEASE help me!

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