

How can I understand Ezekiel's evaluation of Israel (39:17-29)?

In this section, Ezekiel is delivering a message of to Israel and to the nations around about God's reason and expected results for hi Babylonian exil.

1. What is the sacrifice that the LORD is offering up as a sacrifice?
Ezekiel **39:17-20** Ezekiel **39:11-13**
Romans **8:31-34** Romans **8:35-39**
Hebrews **10:1-7**

From an historical perspective, it was the nation of Gog and his allies that were sacrificed. They were sacrificed because they sought to destroy the people of God and the nation that God chose for Himself. It is only God who brings judgment against His people and it is God to places the limits associated with that condemnation. Any people or any nation that attempts to go beyond God's judgment in order to destroy and to annihilate the people of God, that people will have to face the full power and authority of God.

2. What will God's people learn from the results of the battle?
Ezekiel **39:21-22** Romans **9:21-25**
Luke **1:37** Matthew **5:13-16**

God's people to come face to face with the reality that God is not only the God over all of the nations but that He is in fact the LORD. That is to say that He is the creator, redeemer, and protector of all that is truly Holy and Righteous and that the LORD keeps is word. In like fashion, the Lord's life, death, resurrection is to bring about faith and obedience in the people of God through which the unbelievers will ultimately be force to recognize the power of the Gospel on the lives of the children of God.

3. What will all of the nations learn from the results of the battle?
Ezekiel **39:23-24** Romans **3:19-20**
1 Peter **4:16-19**

All of the nations around the people of God will learn that any damage that occurred to His people was not because of the righteousness of the attacking nations but because God's people had sinned against God and God had to remind them that God judges all sinners. If God's judgment against His own people was so severe, it raises the question as to what will happen to those who are outside of God's specific people.

4. What will God accomplish in the aftermath of the battle?
Ezekiel **39:25-29** **1 Peter 2:7-10**
2 Corinthians **5:17** 2 Corinthians **6:14-18**

After the battle is done, God will restore them and make them into a new and precious people. As Christians, the battle is over and we belong to Him and are live as separate from the world.