

## **“I Will Do Unto Them After Their Way”**

In Ezekiel 7:23-27, the prophet describes the coming judgment on the land of Judah. Because of their idolatry, the Babylonians would take them into captivity. In vs. 27, the Lord says, *“I will do unto them after their way.”* This proves the principle found in Galatians 6:7-8 that you reap what you sow and that God will not be mocked. When the day of judgment comes, the wicked will want a second chance but it will be too late.

Several examples prove that people reap what they sow. Nadab and Abihu died when they attempted to offer strange fire that the Lord did not command (Leviticus 10:1-2). David’s family was cursed because of his adultery with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:1-12:25). Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead because they lied to the Holy Ghost and kept back a part of the money received from the sale of land (Acts 5:1-11). Herod Agrippa died as a result of taking upon himself the glory of God (Acts 12:20-23).

Will the Lord punish the disobedient? Far too many people today believe that God is too full of love to punish anyone. However, the Bible is very plain in showing that all who are wicked and unfaithful to God will not escape punishment. There will be *“tribulation and anguish”* upon every one that does evil (Romans 2:9).

All are subject to judgment; therefore, we must prepare to meet our God (Amos 4:12). Ezekiel said that the people would *“know that I am the Lord.”* Since the Lord is *“full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth”* (Psalm 86:15), why not take advantage of His mercy by obeying the gospel?

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