

Step Four: Here Am I

Ezekiel 36:6-12

Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have endured the insults of the nations.’ **7** Therefore the Lord God says this: ‘I have sworn that the nations that are around you will certainly endure their insults themselves. **8** But as for you, mountains of Israel, you will grow your branches and bear fruit for My people Israel; for they are about to come. **9** For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown. **10** And I will multiply people on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the ruins will be rebuilt. **11** I will multiply on you people and animals, and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will populate you as you were previously, and treat you better than at the beginning. Then you will know that I am the Lord. **12** Yes, I will have people—My people Israel—walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.’

Notice God Cleans the Land, Then God Uses People.

For what? His purpose. In just a minute I will illustrate

During Gods Judgement, People Hurt

Ezekiel 36:3

Therefore prophesy and say, ‘This is what the Lord God says: “For good reason they have made you desolate and harassed you from every side, so that you would become a possession of the rest of the nations; and you have been taken up in the talk and the rumor of the people.”

In The Process of Judgement, at Times the Righteous Suffer

1 Kings 17:10-16

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the entrance of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, “Please get me a little water in a [d]cup, so that I may drink.” **11** As she was going to get **it**, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand.”

12 But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have no food, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks so that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, so that we may eat it and die.” **13** However, Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go, do as you have said. Just make me a little bread loaf from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. **14** For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: ‘The bowl of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil become empty, until the day that the Lord provides rain on the face of the earth.’” **15** So she went and did everything in accordance with the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. **16** The bowl of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil become empty, in accordance with the word of the Lord which He spoke through Elijah.

1 Kings 17:17-18

17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his condition became very grave, until ***at the end*** he was no longer breathing. **18** So she said to Elijah, “Why is my business any of yours, you man of God? Yet you have come to me to bring my wrongdoing to remembrance, and to put my son to death!”

Remember The Steps

Humble Yourself Before God

Repent of Your Sin

Surrender to God

2 Chronicles 7:14

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

What Does “Seek My Face” Mean?

Psalms 27:8: *"My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek."* The psalmist turns the focus toward being with God rather than just escaping trouble.

Psalms 105:4: *"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."*

What Do You Want Me to Do?

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-11

1 Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.” **5** And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

6 Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. **8** A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. **9** So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.**2** Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. **5** “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me”

Hebrews 10:8-10

8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law.**9** Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. **10** And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Ezekiel 36:10-12

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God Used the Destruction of the Land and Their Way of Life to Bring Revival and Repentance to the People

Someone must start the process. The humility. The repentance. The seeking Gods face.
And yes the here am I

It's happened before in America

The First Great Awakening: 1730 through 1740s

Outcome: Revolutionary war one nation under God

We hold these truths to be self-evident that are created equal endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights

Second Great Awakening: Early 1800s

Movement to start schools and colleges.

Abolishment of slavery

Third Great Awakening: Turn of 1900s women's right to vote.

Unions brought fair labor practices.

Civil rights movement

It Can Happen Again, the Recipe Does Not Change

There will be calamity . Question will there be repentance?

When calamity comes will there be humility?

Among younger people, a US study conducted by [UCLA \(2019\)](#) shows that 86 % of 18-24-year-olds have thought about suicide, and 42 % have attempted it.

When Calamity Comes Will We Seek God?

Proverbs 11:14

"Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death."

A British evangelist named Henry Varley said

"The world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to Him."

D. L. Moody famously replied, *"By God's help, I aim to be that man"*

One Last Story

Pastor set up a women's event to teach about prayer.

As many from outside the church came as from the church.

Same pastor set up a men's weekend meeting. Only one from outside the church came not even some of the men who helped plan it came.

What's the difference between the two of the two, one lady thought "here am I".