

For the week of October 22, 2017

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Payback Time

Seventh week in the series: *Knowing the God of Justice and Hope*

Ezekiel 25/28

After seeing a long section of God's judgment against Israel, we begin a new section where God prophesies judgment against the enemies of Israel. As we read about the nations being judged, questions arise about the character of God, his fairness, and his plan for the world. Who gets judged? Who gets restored? How does God choose? Understanding the big picture of God's plan will help us toward finding some answers.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you feel when your enemies lose or fail? Why do you think that is?
2. Is it fair for God to judge Israel? Is it fair for God to judge the nations? Who determines what is fair for God?
3. Why does God promise to restore Israel?
4. Who, in your own life or community, seems like they are an outsider? How does your restoration to God relate to their possible restoration to God?
5. Who can you reach out to demonstrate God's restoration of the nations?