Prepare to Meet Your God, Oh Israel

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INTRODUCTION

- Therefore, thus will I do to you, O Israel. Because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.
- God through him, like all prophets, really, their main message was repent, or else you'll find destruction from the Lord.
- Though we may have changed, God's word has not changed.

1 Everyone Needs to Prepare

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

- The basic outline was everyone needs to prepare. Everyone.
- Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments.
- If you want to know the purpose of life, then get in perspective that we need to prepare by fearing God and keep his commandments.
- For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

2 The Tests for Entering Heaven Are Rigid

Matthew 7:13–14

- Enter by the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction.
- Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- What God wants are people who love him. And if you truly love him, we're going to obey him.
- You can go. God wants you to go. He wants everyone to be saved.

3 Some Things Man Cannot Escape

Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 7:21–23

- There's some things man cannot escape. We cannot escape death and judgment.
- It is appointed for men to die once, but after this, the judgment.
- Every knee shall bow to me. Every tongue shall confess to God. So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.
- The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. I don't have to wonder the standard by which I'll be judged.
- Not everyone who saith unto me, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father which is in heaven.

4 What Must One Do to Prepare?

Romans 10:17; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

- If the sermon was prepare to meet your Lord, O Israel, the question must be raised, what must one do to prepare?
- Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- The church doesn't save. Christ saves. And his word is the standard by which we shall be judged.
- He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who believes not shall be condemned.
- For Jesus said, except you repent, you'll perish. That within itself says there's more to it than just a mental agreement.
- Repent and be baptized. Every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

5 God Has Done a Lot to Prepare for You

Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9

- God has done a lot to prepare for you. While He's issued us the invitation to prepare ourselves for Him, He's prepared for us.
- The penalty for sin is death. Not just physical death, but that second death, the eternal separation from God.
- Jesus Christ is our scapegoat, symbolically. He is the one who has taken away our sins.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I ask you, have you prepared to meet God? Are you ready?**

MY NOTES