

Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy

Like Mother, Like Daughter!

Lesson 7

Ezekiel 15-17

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Ezekiel

Our God is YAHWEH = Our God is the LORD

593-571 BC = 22 years of ministry

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

the wrath of the LORD God

the holiness of the LORD God

Messages of Wrath for Jerusalem

Messages of Wrath During the Siege

Restoration of Israel

Restoration of the LORD's Presence

1
1
the call
2-3
2
the send

4-7 **1** the coming judgment of Jerusalem
8-11 **2** God's glory departs from Jerusalem
12-14 **3** the imminent judgment
15-19 **4** the unfaithfulness of Israel
20-23 **5** the rebuke of the elders and Israel

24 **1** the boiling pot · the sign of Ezekiel
25 **2** Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia
26-28 **3** Tyre & Sidon
29-32 **4** Egypt
33 **5** the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem

34 **1** Israel's Shepherd
35 **2** Mount Seir
36 **3** Israel's mountains
37 **4** the dry bones
38-39 **5** Gog

40-42 **1** the temple
43-46 **2** the service
47-48 **3** the land

YHWH SHAMMAH
"the LORD is there"

glory revealed
593 BC

glory departed

Jerusalem siege begins
588 BC

Jerusalem destroyed
586 BC

glory restored
571 BC

Messages of Wrath for Jerusalem (4-23)

- ▶ 1. The siege and fall of Jerusalem displayed (4-7)
 - The wordless message – enacted by Ezekiel (4-5)
 - The verbal message – coming, and coming soon! (6-7)
- ▶ 2. A visit to Jerusalem – the glory of YHWH departs from Jerusalem (8-11)
 - The abominations in the temple (8)
 - The judgment begins – complete, except for the remnant (9)
 - The vision of YHWH as judge (10)
 - The sovereign grace of YHWH (11)
- ▶ 3. The imminence of the fall of Jerusalem (12-14)
 - The end of the prince enacted – no more delay (12)
 - The deliverance from the false prophets (13)
 - The purpose of YHWH in the fall of Jerusalem (14)

Messages of Wrath for Jerusalem (4-23)

- ▶ 4. Four parables about the unfaithful nation (15-17)
 - A useless vine (15)
 - A harlot queen (16:1-43)
 - A wicked sister (16:44-63)
 - A scheming king (17)

The Useless Vine (Ezekiel 15)

- ▶ The vine – a Biblical figure for Israel (17:8; 19:10-12; Isa 5:1-7)
- ▶ Useless wood – compared to all the trees of the forest
- ▶ Too soft to be used to make a peg to hang vessels
- ▶ Can be used for fuel, but even more worthless after being put in the fire
- ▶ The vine is a good figure for the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 - YHWH set His face against them and has given them up to the fire
 - This will teach them that He is YHWH – by his wrath against them
- ▶ The root cause: unfaithfulness
 - Act unfaithfully = “act unfaithfully unfaithful”
 - The reason for sin and judgment(39:21-24)
 - The just shall live by faith – the means of acceptance by God
 - Faithless – doubt the value of our obligation to God and act upon that doubt
 - Unfaithfulness is acting without faith in the word and ways of YHWH

The Unfaithful Queen (Ezekiel 16:1-43)

- ▶ Make Jerusalem know her abominations (16:1-2)
- ▶ Abhorred on the day of her birth, but granted life (16:3-7)
- ▶ Made perfectly beautiful and “you became Mine” (16:8-14)
 - Entered a covenant with YHWH (16:8)
 - Advanced to royalty by YHWH (16:14)
- ▶ Trusted in her beauty and played the harlot (16:15-34)
 - Enabled by the provisions of YHWH (16:17-19)
 - Sacrificed her children to idols (16:20-21)
 - No remembrance of the grace of YHWH in her youth (16:22)
 - Engaged the enemies of YHWH (16:23-29)
 - A weak, feeble, miserable heart (16:30-34)
- ▶ Judged for murder and adultery – the blood of wrath and jealousy (16:35-43)

Three Evil Sisters (16:44-63)

- ▶ Like mother, like daughter – the blessed nation is a pagan nation (16:44-45)
- ▶ Three sisters: Samaria, Jerusalem, Sodom (16:46-52)
 - Jerusalem exceeded their abominations and acted more corruptly
 - Arrogance, abundant food, careless ease, neglect of poor and needy
 - Jerusalem made Sodom and Samaria appear righteous
- ▶ Restoration to their former state (16:53-59)
 - Shame and humiliation
 - A reproach to the surrounding nations
 - Specific time of this restoration is uncertain
- ▶ YHWH remembers His covenant with Jerusalem (16:60-63)
 - His covenant in the days of her youth
 - An everlasting covenant
 - Shame and humiliation replaced by forgiveness and the knowledge of YHWH

Two Eagles and a Vine (Ezekiel 17)

- ▶ The riddle or parable (17:1-10)
 - The great eagle and the topmost cedar twig (17:3-4)
 - The planting in fertile soil (17:5-6)
 - The vine turns toward a second great eagle (17:7)
 - The destruction of the vine by the east wind (17:8-10)
- ▶ The interpretation (17:11-21)
 - Jehoiachin in Babylon and Zedekiah in Israel (17:12-14)
 - The vengeance of YHWH for Zedekiah's rebellion (17:15-21)
 - The broken covenant and the unfaithful king (17:16, 18-20)
- ▶ The second twig from the lofty top of the cedar (17:22-24)
 - Planted by Sovereign YHWH (17:22)
 - The stately cedar (17:23)
 - All trees will know that God is YHWH by His word and ways. He will perform it.

Four Lessons on Unfaithfulness

- ▶ The sin of unfaithfulness
 - A useless vine
 - A harlot queen
 - A wicked sister
 - A scheming king
- ▶ Whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23)
 - The perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them (Proverbs 11:3)
 - The just shall live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4)
- ▶ Our God is YHWH – the Lord Jesus Christ who is faithful to His Covenant with us