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

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#### the wrath of the LORD God

| 1 1 the call |
| 2-3 2 the send |

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- **1** the coming judgment of Jerusalem
- **2** God’s glory departs from Jerusalem
- **3** the imminent judgment
- **4** the unfaithfulness of Israel
- **5** the rebuke of the elders and Israel

#### the holiness of the LORD God

| 24 25 26-28 29-32 33 |

- **1** the boiling pot · the sign of Ezekiel
- **2** Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia
- **3** Tyre & Sidon
- **4** Egypt
- **5** the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem

| 34 35 36 37 38-39 |

- **1** Israel’s Shepherd
- **2** Mount Seir
- **3** Israel’s mountains
- **4** the dry bones
- **5** Gog

| 40-42 43-46 47-48 |

- **1** the temple
- **2** the service
- **3** the land

**YHWH SHAMMAH “the LORD is there”**

| 593 BC 588 BC 586 BC 571 BC |

- glory revealed
- glory departed
- Jerusalem siege begins
- Jerusalem destroyed
- glory restored
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 or 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