

Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy

Like Mother, Like Daughter!

Lesson 7

Ezekiel 15-17

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Ezekiel

| Our God is YAHWEH = Our God is the LORD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 593-571 BC = 22 years of ministry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| the wrath of the LORD God | | | | | | | | | | | | | | the holiness of the LORD God | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>1 1 the call</p> <p>2-3 2 the send</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <p><u>Messages of Wrath for Jerusalem</u></p> <p>4-7 1 the coming judgment of Jerusalem</p> <p>8-11 2 God's glory departs from Jerusalem</p> <p>12-14 3 the imminent judgment</p> <p>15-19 4 the unfaithfulness of Israel</p> <p>20-23 5 the rebuke of the elders and Israel</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <p><u>Messages of Wrath During the Siege</u></p> <p>24 1 the boiling pot · the sign of Ezekiel</p> <p>25 2 Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia</p> <p>26-28 3 Tyre & Sidon</p> <p>29-32 4 Egypt</p> <p>33 5 the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <p><u>Restoration of Israel</u></p> <p>34 1 Israel's Shepherd</p> <p>35 2 Mount Seir</p> <p>36 3 Israel's mountains</p> <p>37 4 the dry bones</p> <p>38-39 5 Gog</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <p><u>Restoration of the LORD's Presence</u></p> <p>40-42 1 the temple</p> <p>43-46 2 the service</p> <p>47-48 3 the land</p> <p>YHWH SHAMMAH "the LORD is there"</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| glory revealed | | | | glory departed | | | | Jerusalem siege begins | | | | Jerusalem destroyed | | | | glory restored | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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