Our God is YHWH
A Study of Ezekiel’s Prophecy

The Siege Begins
Lesson 10
Ezekiel 24-26

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# Ezekiel

## Our God/Lord is YAHWEH/LORD/GOD

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## 593-571 BC = 22 years of ministry

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## the wrath of the Lord GOD

| 1 | the coming judgment of Jerusalem |
| 2 | God’s glory departs from Jerusalem |
| 3 | imminent judgment without hope |
| 4 | the unfaithfulness of Israel |
| 5 | the unanswerable closing argument |

## the goodness of the Lord GOD

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

## restoration of Israel

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

## restoration of the LORD’s presence

| 1 | the temple |
| 2 | the service |
| 3 | the land |

YHWH SHAMMAH “the LORD is there”
Messages of Wrath for the Nations (24-33)

- The siege begins (24)
- The wrath for Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia (25)
- The wrath for Tyre (26-28)
- The wrath for Egypt (29-32)
- The watchman’s message proclaimed and fulfilled (33)
Messages of Wrath for the Nations (24-26)

- The siege begins (24:1-2)
- The parable of the boiling pot (24:3-14)
- The sign of Ezekiel (24:15-27)
- Judgments upon Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia (25)
- Judgment upon Tyre (26)
## Ezekiel's Visions in Chronological Order as Revealed

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* Chronological order does not match the order in the text of Ezekiel

The Siege Begins (24:1-2)

- The siege begins – 4½ years from the initial vision to Ezekiel
- The silent prophet who speaks only the word of YHWH
- “. . . the word of the LORD came to me . . .”
- “Write the name of the day . . . The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem.”
  - The people of the Sovereign YHWH at the mercy of a pagan king
    - Genesis 14:19 – God is the Possessor of heaven and earth
    - Jeremiah 27:1-8 – the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar decreed for all nations
- The nations, including Israel, reject God’s rule in Ezekiel 24-33
Parable of the Boiling Pot (24:3-14)

- A challenge to the false prophets and leaders (11:1-13; 13:10; Jeremiah 29:4-11)
- A boiling pot for cooking – “Put in the pieces . . . and boil its boilings”
- Woe to the bloody city (24:6-8)
  - A rusty pot
  - Remove pieces – literal: “No lot has fallen on it” – the righteous and the wicked (21:3)
  - Blood on the bare rock (Genesis 4:10; Leviticus 17:13)
  - It may not be covered – vengeance is due, and coming
- Woe to the bloody city (24:9-13)
  - Burn the flesh well and burn the bones
  - Burn the pot (Jerusalem) for refusal to be cleansed
- YHWH has spoken – “I will act. I will not relent. I will not pity. I will not be sorry.”
The Sign of Ezekiel (24:15-27)

- The word of YHWH concerning Ezekiel’s response to the death of his wife
  - He must not publicly weep . . . and he obeyed
- The people observe and asked what this means for them
- YHWH answers: “I am about to profane my sanctuary”
  - “The pride of your power; the desire of your eyes; the delight of your soul”
  - “You will not mourn”
  - “You will rot in your iniquities”
  - Jeremiah 16:5-8 – not a time for mourning or celebration
- The sign of Ezekiel – They will remember this sign when the judgment comes
- An additional sign – Ezekiel’s mute tongue will be opened
- Both signs given that they may know that God is YHWH
Judgment for Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistines (25)

- The revealed will of YHWH for Jerusalem and all nations (Jeremiah 27:1-8)
- The judgment of YHWH for the nations (Jeremiah 25:29)
- Family of Abraham – Ammon, Moab, Edom
  - Followed the way of their fathers – rejected (despised) the blessing
  - Despised the house of Israel – “Just like the nations” (Moab)
  - Took pleasure at the fall of Jerusalem
- Philistines – long history of efforts to eradicate the house of Israel
- The outcome:
  - National destruction by YHWH
  - They will know that God is YHWH (Ammon, Moab, Philistia)
  - Edom will know the vengeance of YHWH (Malachi 1:2-3)
  - YHWH will be glorified beyond the border of Israel (Malachi 1:5)
- YHWH deals with the house of Israel, but also all nations – to know YHWH
Judgment for Tyre (26)

- A world without care for the Sovereign YHWH – the pride, the prosperity (26:1-6)
  - The sin of Tyre: Viewed the fall of Jerusalem as just another opportunity for financial gain (26:2)
  - The sovereign YHWH is against Tyre (26:3)
  - The security of the location of Tyre is no match for the wrath of YHWH (26:4-5)
  - They will know that the God of Israel is YHWH

- The instrument of Tyre’s judgment – Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (26:7-14)
  - A 13 year military siege
  - An incomplete destruction (at this time) – the mainland city (“daughters on the mainland”)
  - The destruction of the mainland city

- The total destruction of Tyre (26:15-18)
  - No security in material prosperity alone
  - The lamentation of the nations – the loss of prosperity

- The final state of Tyre (26:19-21)
  - Desolate and engulfed in a flood
  - Assignment to the pit – terror and removal from the earth – “never be found again”
To Know the Sovereign Savior

- “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3

- Ezekiel’s message: Know the only true God is as YHWH by His ways with Israel!

- As with Israel, so with the nations: There is a remnant according to grace (Rom 11:5)

- The promise of Ezekiel is that “all will know that God is YHWH” (Philippians 2:11)
  - Know when He does not “leave the guilty unpunished”
  - Know when He “forgives iniquity” of those who trust in Him

- Our response: Preach the good news of Jesus Christ