

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														593-571 BC = 22 years of ministry																																									
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the wrath of the Lord GOD														the goodness of the Lord GOD																																									
<u>messages of wrath for Jerusalem</u>														<u>messages of wrath for the nations</u>																																									
1	4-7 ① the coming judgment of Jerusalem													24	① the boiling pot · the sign of Ezekiel													34	① Israel's Shepherd													40-42	① the temple												
the call	8-11 ② God's glory departs from Jerusalem													25	② Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia													35	② Mount Seir													43-46	② the service												
2-3	12-14 ③ imminent judgment without hope													26-28	③ Tyre & Sidon													36	③ Israel's mountains													47-48	③ the land												
the send	15-19 ④ the unfaithfulness of Israel													29-32	④ Egypt													37	④ the dry bones													YHWH SHAMMAH "the LORD is there"													
	20-23 ⑤ the unanswerable closing argument													33	⑤ the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem													38-39	⑤ Gog																										
glory revealed				glory departed				Jerusalem siege begins				Jerusalem destroyed				glory restored																																							
593 BC				588 BC				586 BC				571 BC																																											

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

Year of Captivity of Jehoiachin	Month	Day	Chapter
5	4	5	Ezekiel 1-7 ●
6	6	5	Ezekiel 8-19
7	5	10	Ezekiel 20-23
9	10	10	Ezekiel 24-25 ●
10	10	12	Ezekiel 29:1-16*
11	1?	1	Ezekiel 26-28*
11	1	7	Ezekiel 30:20-26*
11	3	1	Ezekiel 31*
12	10	5	Ezekiel 33:21-39:29 ●
12	12	1	Ezekiel 32:1-16*
12	12	15	Ezekiel 32:17-33:20*
25	1	10	Ezekiel 40-47
27	1	1	Ezekiel 29:17-21*

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

Gabelein, Arno C., The Prophet Ezekiel, an Exposition, page 14.

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