

EZEKIEL

Segment 11

Judah's Sins Revealed: Proverbs, Parables, and Lamentation

Prepare Yourself Baggage for Exile

Ezekiel 12:1-16

Ezekiel is asked to perform another dramatization in the sight of the people. He was to pack up his things as an exile, dig a hole in the wall of his house, and go out in their sight as an exile. He was to cover his face so that he could not see the land. The prince among them will be brought into Babylon, but he will not see it, and he will die there.

Ezekiel 12:17-20

Ezekiel is also asked to tremble when eating, and display quivering and anxiety when drinking water. Again, Ezekiel performs a dramatic action to show how those living in Jerusalem will be when the violence comes upon them.

The Days Draw Near

Ezekiel 12:21-28

The people were saying a false proverb that the “the days are long and every vision fails.” They did not believe that the things spoken by Ezekiel would come to pass. Yahweh says that He will make this proverb cease and rather tells them, “The day draws near as well as the fulfillment of every vision.” The time is not far off. Yahweh’s words will not be delayed.

Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job...

Ezekiel 14:12-23

These three men are examples of righteous men. By this time historically, Daniel would have been in the city of Babylon for more than ten years already. Chapter two of Daniel, when he interprets Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, would have already occurred. He would have already achieved his position as “ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon” (Daniel 2:48). Even if these three infamous believers were in the midst of the country, only they would be saved for their righteousness.

From Discarded Baby, to Beautiful Bride, to Harlot

Ezekiel 16:1-5

Jerusalem was left in a field as a baby discarded at birth.

Ezekiel 16:6-14

She was brought to life, nurtured by God, made beautiful, adorned with precious coverings, and entered into a covenant with Yahweh.

Ezekiel 16:15-59

Jerusalem Played the Harlot.

Ezekiel 16:60-63

Yet, God will remember His everlasting covenant.

The Parable of the Great Eagles and the Cedar

Ezekiel 17:1-10

The parable of the great eagles

Ezekiel 17:11-22

The parable explained. The King of Babylon will carry out God's judgment on Jerusalem. He put the king on the throne and made a covenant with him. He will be brought to Babylon and die there.

Ezekiel 17:21-24

Yahweh will take a sprig from the lofty cedar and will plant it on a high mountain of Israel – a future planting.

The Son will not Bear the Iniquity of the Father; Nor the Father, the Son

Ezekiel 18:1ff – The parable “The father's eat sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge” is an idiomatic expression understood at the time. “The teeth are set on edge...” indicates hereditary condition, something inherited from your parents. Since your parents were sinners, you will follow in the same pattern. God rebuts this proverb. This proverb will not be used anymore. This fatalistic idea that the children have to suffer and sin due to the sinful practice of the parents does not need to happen. The person who sins will die, and the son will not bear punishment for the father's iniquity. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

A Lamentation for the Princes of Israel

Ezekiel 19:1ff

The Elders Inquire Yahweh. He will Not be Inquired.

Ezekiel 20:1ff

This is now in the seventh year, fifth month, the tenth day of the month – approximately two years and one month since chapter one (Ezekiel 1:1-2).

The Sword of YHWH, the King of Babylon will Come

Ezekiel 21:25-27

‘And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of punishment of the end,’ thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Remove the turban and take off the crown; this *will* no longer *be* the same. Exalt that which is low and abase that which is high. ‘A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This also will be no more until He comes whose right it is, and I will give it *to Him*.’

The Bloody City is Judged Guilty

Ezekiel 22:1ff

The Harlots, Oholah and Oholibah

Ezekiel 23:1ff

“Oholah,” representing the northern city of Samaria, means “her tent,” and “Oholibah,” representing the southern city of Jerusalem, means “the tent is in her.”

These first 23 chapters cover a little over two years of prophecy by the prophet Ezekiel. Though those in exile may have doubted the veracity of Ezekiel’s message, within a few years, everything he spoke would come to pass, just as he had vividly declared. Looking back, we know that the siege of Jerusalem would begin in about a two and half years. Imagine today someone prophesying about what will happen in the Middle East in the next two and a half years. The truth is, it’s anybody’s guess. However, in Ezekiel’s time, the word of Yahweh came to him, and it was sure and certain. All that he prophesied came to pass, just the way he said it would. This can give us confidence today that the remaining prophecies in Ezekiel about future events which still have not yet come to pass will be fulfilled in the same manner.

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Segment 12

Jerusalem is under Siege, Destroyed

The Siege on Jerusalem Begins

Ezekiel 24:1-2

In the ninth year, the tenth month, the tenth day of the month, this very day, the king of Babylon laid siege on the city of Jerusalem. This was the ninth year of Jehoiachin's/Ezekiel's captivity, as well as the ninth year, tenth month, tenth day of the reign of King Zedekiah in Jerusalem. (2 Kings 25:1-21 – The siege lasted for almost two years, until the eleventh year -586BC, fifth month, seventh day.) The people died by pestilence & famine, and sword (also, 2 Chronicles 36:17-20).

The Parable of the Boiling Pot

Ezekiel 24:3-14

The Death of the Desire of Ezekiel's Eyes

Ezekiel 24:15-24 – Ezekiel's wife died, but he was not to mourn. Ezekiel was a sign for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 24:25-27

On the day when one of those who escapes death from Jerusalem comes to inform Ezekiel, his mouth will be opened, and he will no longer be mute.

Ezekiel is the Watchman

Ezekiel 33:1-9

Earlier, God has spoken to Ezekiel alone, explaining to him that God had appointed him as a watchman (Ezekiel 3:17-21). Now, Ezekiel speaks to the people explaining that God had appointed him to be a watchman for the house of Israel.

I Take no Pleasure in the Death of the Wicked. Turn Back and Live.

Ezekiel 33:10-20

The "City has been Taken" - Ezekiel's Mouth is Opened

Ezekiel 33:21-22

Those in the Waste Places will not Possess the Land

Ezekiel 33:23-29

Some may have thought that the people left in Jerusalem, those that were not brought into exile to Babylon, were going to possess the land. However, they would all die.

They Will Know that a Prophet has been in Their Midst

Ezekiel 33:30-33