

## Ezekiel 15-16 - Lesson 5

Useless Vine - 15	Israel (Jerusalem's) Beginning 16:1-7	Israel Becomes a Nation 16:8-14
<p>Is 5:1-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- removed the stones</li> <li>- Cared for the vineyard</li> <li>- Chose the choicest of vines</li> <li>- Watch tower and hedge</li> <li>- Built a winepress</li> <li>- Planted it on a fertile hill</li> <li>- Produced worthless grapes</li> <li>- Vine = Judah, Jerusalem</li> <li>- God judged the vineyard - be destroyed</li> </ul> <p>Jer 2:20-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- started with one who was faithful (Abraham)</li> <li>- Turned into degenerate shoots of a foreign vine (Jude 4)</li> </ul> <p>Ezekiel 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 - they acted unfaithfully therefore God is going to make the land desolate</li> <li>- 6-7 - God will bring fire to consume them - then they will know that I am God</li> <li>- 1-5 - a vine can only be used to produce fruit - if it doesn't it is useless</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- covenant with Abraham - land, nation, son, blessing (Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-6, 18)</li> <li>- Goes through Isaac (Gen 17:15-21)</li> <li>- Through Jacob (Gen 35:9-12)</li> </ul> <p>Dt 12:10-11 - God will choose a place for His name to dwell</p> <p>I Chron 11:1-9 - David was appointed king and captured Zion (Jerusalem) - city of David, city of God</p> <p>Ps 132:13-14 - God's chosen habitation</p> <p>II Chron 6:1-11 - His name will dwell here</p> <p>1-7 deals with the founding of Israel and the sojourning in the land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God calls them to live in a land not their own</li> <li>- There are problems with the people of the land</li> <li>- God's hand is on them</li> <li>- They accumulate flocks, herds, servants, wealth</li> <li>- They were still not a nation</li> </ul>	<p>Exodus to David's reign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she is now ready for love</li> <li>- God will take her for His bride</li> <li>- There is a crown and royalty - king David</li> <li>- I Kings 10 - shows a small nation but yet a great nation with a name that spread throughout the world</li> </ul> <p>God's picture of grace - His bride (Dt 7:6-11 - He loved them and chose them for Himself)</p>

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Spiritual Harlotry 16:15-34	Judgment on the Harlot's Sin 16:35-52	Israel Will Be Restored 16:53-63
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she gave herself to the religious practices of the foreigners (15-16, 21-22)</li> <li>- She took God's gifts and gave them to her idols (17-19)</li> <li>- She took her (God's) children and offered them to idols (20)</li> <li>- High places - sexual immorality of the fertility cults (23-25)</li> <li>- Kept adding to the harlotries - never satisfied (26-31)</li> <li>- She pays for those to come to her in the immorality (32-34)</li> <li>- Israel paid high tribute to her neighbors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- her evil deeds would be exposed (37-39)</li> <li>- God will bring the blood of wrath and jealousy on her (38)</li> <li>- God will turn her over to her lovers (39-40)</li> <li>- God will turn them over to Babylon - burned with fire - His wrath will be satisfied (41-43)</li> <li>- Judah followed in the footsteps of the pagan nations, and the sins of Israel (Samaria) and Sodom (44-52)</li> <li>- Her sins are even worse than their's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she will bear her humiliation and shame (53-54)</li> <li>- She will bear the penalty of her sin (58)</li> <li>- She was unfaithful and broke the covenant but God will be faithful and keep the covenant (59-60)</li> <li>- Promise of an everlasting covenant (60 - cf He 8:6-13) - promise of the New Covenant (Grace)</li> <li>- You will know that I am the Lord</li> </ul> <p>OT - God/Israel - husband/wife NT - Jesus/church - husband/wife Eph 5:25-32</p> <p>Rev 19:7-9 - marriage ceremony of Jesus and the church</p> <p>II Cor 11:2-3 - keep ourselves pure</p> <p>James 4:4 - to love the world makes us an enemy of God</p>