

Ezekiel 21-24 - Lesson 7

The Sword of the Lord - 21	Sin's of Israel - 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God is bringing His sword against Jerusalem (1-7) - Ezekiel is to groan to show people in Babylon that judgment is still falling - The sword is sharpened, polished, and ready to destroy the officials and the people (8-13) - The sword will fall - the slaughter great - God's wrath will be appeased (14-17) - Through divination Neb decides to set upon Jerusalem - battering rams and builds a siege wall (18-23) - Dan 1:1-2 - God is giving them into Babylon's hands - Dan 4:17, 24-25, 32 - God bestows kingdoms on whomever He chooses - Jer 27:1-7 - God gives to those who are pleasing in His sight - Is 44:24-45:7 - this was prophecy given 150 yrs before Cyrus the Persian (II Chron 36:22-23) - Jerusalem will be destroyed - a ruin until the One who comes whose right it is to restore (24-27) - God will judge and bring His wrath on them in a consuming fire (28-32) 	<p>Bloody city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2-3 - abominations and idolatry that defile her - 6-7 - oppression and wronging those who should be taken care of - 8 - despised God's holy things and profaned the Sabbath - 9 - acted lewdly - eaten at mountain shrines <p>Lewdness = conduct that is indecent, obscene, lascivious (unrestrained, uncontrolled sexual act), offensive, vulgar in character or behavior</p> <p>Lust = intense sexual desire or appetite, lecherousness (indulgent lechery = lasciviousness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13 - dishonest gain - 27 - destroying lives to get the dishonest gain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God pours His wrath on the dross that is Israel (Jerusalem) (17-22) - All social classes are corrupt - prophets, priests, princes, people - thus God pours out His indignation on them (23-31) <p>Standing in the Gap</p> <p>Ez 13:2-14 - they rebuild with whitewash</p> <p>Ex 32:9-14 (Ps 106:19-23) - God's anger was quelled by Moses's appeal for Him to remember His covenant with His people</p> <p>In Ezekiel God is also remembering His covenant which promises destruction to this idolatrous nation</p> <p>II Timothy 3:1-5 - men in the last days sound like those in Ezekiel's time and in our day today</p>

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Oholah & Oholibah's Sin & Consequences - 23	Parable of Boiling Pot - 24
<p>Oholah = older sister = Samaria (Israel)</p> <p>Oholibah - younger sister = Jerusalem (Judah)</p> <p>Oholah was sold into the hands of the Assyrians (5-10)</p> <p>Oholibah - she was more corrupt - she had some righteous kings, she saw the punishment of her sister - yet she continued down the sinful path - that her sin even shamed the pagan nations around her</p> <p>I John 1:5-10 - if we walk in the light there will be no darkness in us</p>	<p>January 15, 588 BC - 18 months before Neb breaks into Jerusalem for the last time - and burns the city and the temple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's flock is about to be boiled - Jerusalem's siege (1-5) - Pot is corrupted (rust) - Their sin is exposed - not trying to hide it (6-8) - All was going to be burned up (people) - total destruction (9-13) - God is judging their deeds (14) <p>Ezekiel's wife dies (15-24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he was not allowed to mourn (personal sorrow shouldn't outweigh the tragedy that is coming to the nation) - Heart breaking sign to the people <p>The judgment has come - any speaking now will be about the Lord's grace with restoration</p>