

God's Judgment Is Coming!

Lesson 3

Ezekiel 6-10

Ezekiel's parables of the clay city, lying on his side, eating defiled food and his shaved head and beard all depicted God's coming judgment upon Jerusalem. The Babylonians would most certainly come against Jerusalem; the city would be destroyed and the people would be killed or scattered. After acting out these parables, Ezekiel was to deliver God's message of the coming judgment to the people of Jerusalem already "*scattered*" in exile.

Message 1 - Chapter 6

1. When the word of the Lord came to, "*Son of man,*" what were his instructions? (Ezekiel 6:1, 2)
2. The next few verses describe the disaster that would come upon Jerusalem because of their idolatry. What words of hope does he give in verse 8?
 - Why? (Ezekiel 6:9, 10)
3. Ezekiel was instructed to clap his hands, stamp his feet and cry out, "*Alas.*" These were signs of scorn because of their wicked and detestable practices. Toward whom was this directed? (Ezekiel 6:12)
 - Why? (Ezekiel 6:13a)
4. This message ends with the words, "*I will stretch out my hand against them and make the land a desolate waste land...*" Why does the Lord say He will do this? (Ezekiel 6:14b)

Message 2 - Chapter 7

5. The word of the Lord came to, "*Son of man,*" a second time. What urgent warning was he told to deliver to Israel? (Ezekiel 7:2, 3a, 6, 7, 10a & 12a)
 - Why? (Ezekiel 7:27)

Ezekiel's Vision - Chapters 8 - 10

6. Six and a half years after Ezekiel was taken captive, "*The hand of the Sovereign Lord,*" came upon him and he was transported to the Temple of the Lord in a vision. It was in this vision that Ezekiel was shown through the eyes of the Lord what was taking place in Jerusalem. Using Ezekiel 8:3:
 - How did Ezekiel travel?

 - Where was he taken?

7. What was the first thing Ezekiel noticed when he arrived? (Ezekiel 8:4 & 1:26-28)

8. Ezekiel was told to look north to the entrance of the Temple gate. What was located there? (Ezekiel 8:5)

9. How did the Lord view this? (Ezekiel 8:6)

10. Next Ezekiel was taken to the entrance of the court where he saw a hole in the wall. What did the Lord say to "*Son of man*"? (Ezekiel 8:8a)
 - What did he find? (Ezekiel 8:8b)

11. He was told to go in the door and see the wicked and detestable things they are doing here. When he went in and looked, what wicked and detestable things did he see? (Ezekiel 8:10)

12. The covenant made between God and Israel said, "*You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...*" How was this particular covenant command being broken? (Ezekiel 8:10-12)

13. Ezekiel was told that he would see even more detestable things and then he was brought to the north gate of the Temple. He saw a woman sitting in mourning for Tammuz, the Babylonian fertility god like the Canaanite Baal and Asherah. Moving closer to the Temple, he was brought to the inner court between the portico and the altar. What was he shown there? (Ezekiel 8:16)

14. What an insult to the Lord! During the dedication of the Temple for the Lord, what had Solomon asked the Lord to do? (1 Kings 8:29-30 & 38-40)

15. Was the Lord doing what Solomon had requested? (Ezekiel 8:17, 18)

16. The Lord called out, "*Bring the guards of the city here each with a weapon in his hand.*" Using Ezekiel 9:1 & 2:
 - How many "*men*" came?

 - What did each "*man*" carry?

 - One "*man*" stood out - how was he dressed?

 - What did this "*man*" have at his side?

 - Where were the "*men*" standing?

17. When Solomon had completed the Temple, the priests had brought the Ark of the Covenant into the Temple and placed it in the Holy of Holies. What happened when the priests withdrew from the Holy Place? (1 Kings 8:10-11)

18. The Temple building consisted of two rooms separated from each other by a heavy veil. The Ark of the Covenant where the glory of the Lord dwelt was behind the veil. In the vision, the glory of the Lord moved. Where did He go? (Ezekiel 9:3a)

19. The Lord called the "*man clothed in linen*" forward. What were the instructions given to him? (Ezekiel 9:4)

20. While Ezekiel listened, he heard the Lord turn to the other "*men*" and give them instructions as well. Using Ezekiel 9:5-7:
 - What were they told to do?

 - Where were they to begin?

 - Who was to be first?

 - Where were the bodies of the slain to be laid?

 - Why?

21. The guards departed to carry out their duties and Ezekiel was left alone with the Lord. What did Ezekiel do? (Ezekiel 9:8)

22. What was the Lord's answer? (Ezekiel 9:9, 10)

23. As the Lord was speaking to Ezekiel, the "*man in linen*" returned. What did he report to the Lord? (Ezekiel 9:11)

24. Ezekiel's attention was drawn upward to the throne room above the expanse that he had seen at the Kebar River in chapter 1. This is to remind him (and us) that the Lord is also sovereign judge. Once again the Lord spoke to the "*man in linen*." What were his next instructions? (Ezekiel 10:1, 2)

25. The "man" went into the city to carry out his orders. The cherubim (described in chapter 1) were standing on the south side of the Temple as the "man in linen" went into the Temple. Ezekiel records that a cloud filled the inner court. Then what took place? (Ezekiel 10:4, 5)

26. The "man in linen" had been commanded to take fire from among the cherubim wheels. How was this accomplished? (Ezekiel 10:6-8)

27. What does fire represent? (Amos 7:4)

28. A description of the cherubim is given in verses 9-17 to remind us of what they were like; but an additional piece of information is added in verse 12. What was that additional information?
 - What do you think he was emphasizing by adding this?

29. "Then the cherubim rose upward." What took place along with the departure from the Temple of the cherubim? (Ezekiel 10:18)

30. From what gate did they leave? (Ezekiel 10:19)

31. As this part of the vision concludes, where was the Lord located? (Ezekiel 10:19b)

32. Was He going in or going out? (Ezekiel 10:18)

Next week's lesson will continue with this vision and the Lord's instructions to His human servant "Son of man," the prophet, Ezekiel.