

Sin, Judgement and the Covenant God

Ezekiel Chapters 4 to 19

Ch 4 – 5	Enacted Prophecies of Jerusalem's fall
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Ezekiel 5:1-5a

“And you, O son of man, take a sharp sword. Use it as a barber's razor and pass it over your head and your beard. Then take balances for weighing and divide the hair. 2 A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed. And a third part you shall take and strike with the sword all round the city. And a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will unsheathe the sword after them.

3 And you shall take from these a small number and bind them in the skirts of your robe. 4 And of these again you shall take some and cast them into the midst of the fire and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will come out into all the house of Israel. 5 “Thus says the Lord God: This is Jerusalem.

- Jehovah-Jirah

- Jehovah-Rapha

- Jehovah-Nissi

- Jehovah-Jirah _____ The Lord who provides
- Jehovah-Rapha _____ The Lord who heals
- Jehovah-Nissi _____ The Lord is my Banner
who protects

‘Jehovah–Makkeh’

**The Lord Who Strikes
A blow with his sword.**

Ez 5:5-8

“Thus says the Lord God: This is Jerusalem. I have set her in the centre of the nations, with countries all around her. 6 And she has rebelled against my rules by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries all around her; for they have rejected my rules and have not walked in my statutes.

7 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are all around you, and have not walked in my statutes or obeyed my rules, and have not even acted according to the rules of the nations that are all around you, 8 therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against you. And I will execute judgements in your midst in the sight of the nations.

False Worship to False God's

“People who worshipped via idols would typically go up to the high place where a given idols shrine was located, bringing meat for cooking (still alive so that it could be prepared and eaten fresh) and perhaps money to purchase the burning of some incense. They would bow down to the idol and also kiss it (1 Kings 19:18). Then they would eat and relax (Amos 2:8), often partaking of ritual sex with a cult prostitute as a symbolic stimulation of the divine powers of fertility (Amos 2:7; Num 25:6-18; Hos 4:14). The whole system was materialistic, selfish, and degenerate!” (Douglas Stuart p71)

Unfaithfulness

Ch 6v9 How I have been broken over their whoring heart that has departed from me and over their eyes their eyes that go whoring after their idols.

Disobedience

Idolatry

False Worship

Unfaithfulness

Pride and Arrogance

Love of Wealth

Social sin

Injustices

Crime

Violence

***v26 According to their
way I will do to them,
and according to their
judgements I will
judge them,***

Ch 8:17-18

Then he said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations that they commit here, that they should fill the land with violence and provoke me still further to anger? Behold, they put the branch to their nose. 18 Therefore I will act in wrath.

**“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,**

Ch 10:3-4

Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the house, when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner court. 4 And the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub to the threshold of the house, and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the Lord.

Ch 10:18-9

Then the glory of the Lord went out from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. 19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes as they went out, with the wheels beside them. And they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the house of the Lord, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them.

THE LORD DEPARTS THE TEMPLE

Ch 11:22-23

Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them. 23 And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain that is on the east side of the city.

Ch 12:1-2

The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house.

16:15-17

“But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passer-by; your beauty became his. 16 You took some of your garments and made for yourself colourful shrines, and on them played the whore. The like has never been, nor ever shall be. 17 You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and with them played the whore.

A BROKEN COVENANT WITH GOD

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A Rebellious House

Divination

False Prophets

The Occult

Idolatrous Hearts

Fruitless

Adulterous

Ch 11:16-21

Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.' 17 Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'

18 And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. 19 And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Ch 16:59-63

“For thus says the Lord God: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant, 60 yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant. 61 Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed 62 I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, 63 that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done,

WHAT OF OUR HEARTS & LIVES?

We are faced with our own sin

We are faced with our own idolatry.

We are faced with our own indifference and apathy

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**