

## EZEKIEL 24:1-27 – “SYMBOL OF THE COOKING POT; THE PROPHET’S WIFE DIES”

### OBSERVATION

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### THE CONSUMING OF GOD’S WRATH – VS. 1-27 -

The conquest of Jerusalem by Babylon(Chapter 24)- the last portion of the judgment of Jerusalem. -Why God brought the judgment!

*Eze 24:1 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 24:2 "Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day—the king of Babylon started his siege against Jerusalem this very day.*

*Eze 24:3 And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Put on a pot, set it on, And also pour water into it.*

*Eze 24:4 Gather pieces of meat in it, Every good piece, The thigh and the shoulder. Fill it with choice cuts;*

*Eze 24:5 Take the choice of the flock. Also pile fuel bones under it, Make it boil well, And let the cuts simmer in it."*

*Eze 24:6 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the bloody city, To the pot whose scum is in it, And whose scum is not gone from it! Bring it out piece by piece, On which no lot has fallen.*

*Eze 24:7 For her blood is in her midst; She set it on top of a rock; She did not pour it on the ground, To cover it with dust.*

*Eze 24:8 That it may raise up fury and take vengeance, I have set her blood on top of a rock, That it may not be covered."*

*Eze 24:9 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the bloody city! I too will make the pyre great.*

*Eze 24:10 Heap on the wood, Kindle the fire; Cook the meat well, Mix in the spices, And let the cuts be burned up.*

*Eze 24:11 "Then set the pot empty on the coals, That it may become hot and its bronze may burn, That its filthiness may be melted in it, That its scum may be consumed.*

*Eze 24:12 She has grown weary with lies, And her great scum has not gone from her. Let her scum be in the fire!*

### INTERPRETATION

#### **WHY GOD WILL BRING HIS WRATH UPON THEM:**

1 Again in the ninth year of Jeconiah's captivity and of the reign of Zedekiah, (*2Ki 25:1-3; Jer. 39:1-3; 52:4-6*). in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month called Tebeth, which contains part of December and part of January: in which month and day Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 On the same day on which the king of Babylon commenced the siege and blockade of Jerusalem, this event was revealed by God to Ezekiel on the Chaboras (*Eze 24:1 and Eze 24:2*); and he was commanded to predict to the people through the medium of a parable the fate of the city and its inhabitants.

3 And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD; Set on a' pot, by which is meant Jerusalem, set it on, and also pour water into it.

4 Gather its (that is, the citizens and the chief men of it) pieces into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones (meaning, of the innocents whom they had slain, who were the cause of the kindling of God's wrath against them) under it, and make it boil well, and let them boil its bones in it.

6 Wherefore thus says the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot, whose iniquities and wicked citizens there yet remain, whose scum is in it, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out, signifying that they should not be destroyed all at once, but little by little, piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it- spare no estate or condition. We need to clean the inside of the buildup of sin!

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock - the city showed her cruelty to all the world, and was not ashamed of it, neither yet hid it; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust.

8 That it might cause fury - This very blood shall be against them, as the blood of Abel was against Cain.

9 I will even make the pile for fire great; a large pile of wood, a great quantity of fuel to maintain the fire, and keep the pot boiling; meaning the vast army of the Chaldeans, which the Lord would bring against Jerusalem, which should closely besiege it, and vigorously attack it, until it had executed the fury of the wrath of God, comparable to fire, and of his judgments upon it. - "even I will multiply her destruction."

10 Heap on wood, meaning that the city would be utterly destroyed and that he would give the enemies an appetite for it - kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

11 the consumption of the contents is not enough; the caldron itself which is infected by the poisonous scum must be destroyed, that is, the city itself must be destroyed, not merely the inhabitants, just as the very house infected with leprosy was to be destroyed

12 She (Jerusalem) has wearied or flattered herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire.

### APPLICATION

We must listen to the LORD as He speaks to us! We have seen God condemning Israel (Jerusalem) for about 20 chapters! Why is He spending all this time demonstrating His judgment? He wants us to understand how to live in this world!

**NOTE:** The date that the siege began was January 15, 588 BC. It is mentioned in *II Kings 25:1-3* and *Jeremiah 39:1-3* and *52:4-6*.

During the Babylonian exile the Jews observed four annual fasts that remember the destruction of Jerusalem – The day the siege began (10th month), the day the walls were breached (4th month), the day the Temple was burned down (5th month), and the day when Gedaliah, the governor, was assassinated (7th month) – *Jeremiah 41:1-2* and *Zechariah 7* and *8:18-23*.

**“Bloody City”**- (*2Kings 21:16*)

(*Eze 22:2*) "Now, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Yes, show her all her abominations!

(*Eze 24:6*) 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the bloody city, To the pot whose scum is in it, And whose scum is not gone from it! Bring it out piece by piece, On which no lot has fallen.

(*Eze 24:9*) 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the bloody city! I too will make the pyre great.

(*Nah 3:1*) Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs.

What a commentary on how the Lord feels about abortion!! We are indeed guilty as a nation in the shedding of innocent blood!!

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*Eze 24:13 In your filthiness is lewdness (every sexual deviation). Because I have cleansed you, and you were not cleansed, You will not be cleansed of your filthiness anymore, Till I have caused My fury to rest upon you.*

*Eze 24:14 I, the LORD, have spoken it; It shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not hold back, Nor will I spare, Nor will I relent; According to your ways And according to your deeds They will judge you." Says the Lord GOD.' "*

*Eze 24:15 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 24:16 "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.*

*Eze 24:17 Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow."*

*Eze 24:18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning I did as I was commanded.*

*Eze 24:19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things signify to us, that you behave so?"*

*Eze 24:20 Then I answered them, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 24:21 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul; and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword.*

*Eze 24:22 And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips nor eat man's bread of sorrow.*

*Eze 24:23 Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another.*

*Eze 24:24 Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done you shall do; and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.' "*

### INTERPRETATION

13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee; I labored by sending my prophets to call you to repentance but you would not listen, and thou was not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, that is the Babylonians, says the Lord GOD.

15 Second part of the vision; announcement of the death of Ezekiel's wife, and prohibition of the usual signs of mourning.

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thy eyes-meaning his wife in whom he delighted- with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. It was God's will! It was the weeping that God didn't want to be done!

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind thy turban upon thee, (for in mourning they went bare headed and barefooted and also covered their lips) and put on your shoes upon your feet, and cover not your lips, and eat That is, which the neighbors sent to them that mourned - not the bread of men.

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning: and at evening my wife died; and I did in the morning following, as I was commanded.

19 The people perceive that Ezekiel's strange conduct has a symbolical meaning as to themselves; they ask, "What is that meaning?"

20 And gave them an account of the design of the whole, and what was signified hereby: the word of the Lord came unto me, saying; ordering him to do all he did; for he did nothing of himself, but all according to the divine will; and who also directed him to say the following things to the people, by way of explanation.

21 Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, by sending the Chaldeans to destroy it, the excellence of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left shall fall by the sword.

22 When his wife died, and as he was ordered by the Lord; the meaning of which they were now inquiring: you shall not cover your lips; as a token of mourning; nor use any other of their country rites and ceremonies, for fear of provoking their enemies, in whose hands they shall be: nor eat the bread of men; or "of mourners", as the Targum; there shall be none to comfort them, or send bread to them; they shall all be alike mourners.

23 The Jews' not mourning was to be not the result of insensibility, any more than Ezekiel's not mourning for his wife was not from want of feeling. They could not in their exile manifest publicly their lamentation, but they would privately "mourn one to another." Their "iniquities" would then be their chief sorrow ("pining away"), as feeling that these were the cause of their sufferings (compare Lev 26:39; Lam 3:39). The fullest fulfillment is still future (Zec 12:10-14).

24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign,.... These are the words of the prophet concerning himself; observing that in all the above things he was a sign to the Jews of what should befall them, and what should be their case: and according to all that he hath done shall ye do; however it might be then a matter of scorn and derision: and when this cometh: when this prophecy comes to pass, and all these calamities come upon the city and temple: you shall know that I am the Lord God; omniscient, omnipotent, true, and faithful.

### APPLICATION

**v. 13 - How God longs for your life to be pure! How God longs for you to be holy! To walk in purity, and to walk in holiness, and how patient God is when we become marred, and despoiled by sin, to just wash us and cleanse us! To lift us up out of the mud, and to wash us off, and to set us again, you know on a solid footing! But people just go right back, over and over again, right back into the same pollution from which God has, has taken them out! God, God finally said, "Just, you know, I'm through. I'm not going to try to wash you anymore. I'm just going to let you go in your filthiness until you've been judged, you received the recompense of this." God spared them so long! You see, there are, there are actions that bring natural, inevitable consequences.**

**v. 14 – every single prophecy that the Lord has spoken has come or will come to pass!!**

**v.24 - Note this plea for repentance; Note the purpose of this! – a sign!**

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*Eze 24:25 'And you, son of man—will it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters:*

*Eze 24:26 on that day one who escapes will come to you to let you hear it with your ears;*

*Eze 24:27 on that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am the LORD.' "*

### INTERPRETATION

25 Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day,.... This question is to be answered in the affirmative: when I take from them their strength; their king and kingdom, their princes and nobles, their soldiers and men of might and war, their wealth and substance, their city and the inhabitants of it; or rather their temple, in which they placed their strong confidence and which is called "the joy of their glory"; what they rejoiced and gloried in.

26 That he that escapes in that day shall come unto thee,.... That is, that one that should escape the hands of the Chaldeans, when the city should be taken, should directly make the best of his way to the prophet to cause thee to hear it with your ears; all the particulars of the destruction of the city and temple, as it had been represented to him in vision; when he would see the exact agreement between prophecy and facts;

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened - What is, When some one who shall have escaped from Jerusalem, having arrived among the captives, shall inform them of the destruction of the city, the temple, the royal family, and the people at large; till then he might suppress his tears and lamentations. And we find from Eze 33:21, that one did actually escape from the city, and informed the prophet and his brethren in captivity that the city was smitten.

Thus he was not only a prophet to foretell such things, but he was also a sign or portent, shadowing them out by circumstances in his own person and family; and thus the prediction, agreeing so perfectly with the event, proved that the previous information was from the Lord.

### APPLICATION

***YHVH is the one who will judge us if we don't repent! (Ex. 6/7)***

**It's time that people wake up to the fact that God has given to us rules, and laws for a good life. For good relationships with Him, and a good relationship with others. He's laid down the rules. These rules are often times looked upon by us as too restrictive. We defy those laws, those rules. We go beyond the borders that God has prescribed. When we do, and when we persist in going beyond the borders, then God often allows us to begin to reap the consequences, and the misery, and the suffering that He was trying to protect us from.**

**At the present time, there is a multitude of terrible sexually transmitted diseases in our country. Not just AIDS. There are all types of sexually transmitted diseases. Herpes, chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and a multitude. New strains of gonorrhea that are resistant to the old medicines that we've been able to use. New strains of syphilis.**

**This is the last prophecy to the adulteress nation. As we go into the next chapter, he's going to prophesy against the nations round about Israel. He'll prophesy against Tyre, he'll prophesy against the Ammonites, and all. No more prophecies to the people of God until the news comes that, "Jerusalem has been destroyed, the temple has been wiped out, everybody's been slain", you know and they hear the horrible news. Then he begins to prophesy again. But the interesting thing, as he begins to prophesy again, he'll prophesy of the future glory that God is going to bring on these people who've been wiped out in judgment.**

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**Psa 48:1-2** A Song *and* Psalm for the sons of Korah.

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised*

*in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.*

*Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth,*

*is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King,*

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### INTERPRETATION

#### Questions:

Does God ever decide not to forgive? Ps. 86:5;

How do we know that anyone is really born again?  
Mt. 7:23; According to Jesus are the majority that think they are believers, actually believers? 1 Peter 2:11

Does your going to church and being active in it insure that the Lord is pleased with your worship and love for Him?

What is the intent behind Ezekiel’s message? (v. 24, 27)

What is the definition of YHWH? (v. 24)

How close are we as a nation to the judgment of God as disclosed to us in the studying of Ezekiel?

What should my response be to the world mess that is going on? (2 Chron. 7:14)

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