

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 173--Ezekiel 11:1-12:28

Introduction: Chapter eleven completes the vision Ezekiel received in the presence of the elders in his home. In it we see the Lord's departure from the city because of its sin. In spite of these warnings the leaders in Jerusalem were confident of victory over the Babylonians. Once again by symbolic actions Ezekiel seeks to impress upon the people that the captivity is sure to occur just as the Lord had promised.

Lesson aim: To emphasize that God knows man's thoughts.

Ezekiel is shown the leaders who led the people astray--Ezekiel 11:1-25

1. In this new part of the vision, where was Ezekiel transported? (v. 1) What did he see there? What did God say about those who were leading the men in their thinking? (v. 2-3)
2. Summarize the message God spoke in response to the leader's bad advice (v. 4-12).
3. What unusual event occurred just as Ezekiel was prophesying? (v. 13) How did he respond?
4. What did God indicate He was to those who had gone out to the Babylonians and had been taken into captivity? (v. 14-16) What did God promise to do in the future? (v. 17)
5. Describe the attitude of those who would return from captivity (v. 18-20).
6. Where does the glory of the Lord go at the end of this chapter? (v. 22-24) What message might this symbolize?

Ezekiel acts out the destiny of Judah's princes--Ezekiel 12:1-28

1. What symbolic actions does God ask Ezekiel to perform in the sight of the people? (v. 1-6)
Did he obey God as instructed? (v. 7)
2. What message was Ezekiel instructed to deliver to explain his actions? (v. 8-15)
3. How many did God promise to spare from the coming destruction? (v. 16) For what purpose?
4. Why did God reveal that destruction would come upon Jerusalem? (v. 17-20) What would this enable them to know?
5. What proverb was commonly spoken in Israel? (v. 21-25) What did God say He would do to nullify this saying?
6. What were the people saying about Ezekiel's prophecies? (v. 26-28) How did God respond to this?