

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 175--Ezekiel 15:1-17:24

Introduction: In this section Ezekiel revealed the truth to the exiles by means of three parables. In them Ezekiel explains the reasons for Jerusalem's destruction and prophesies the future covenant of God with Israel.

Lesson aim: To emphasize that God's people must be fruitful and faithful to Him to receive His blessing.

The parable of the fruitless vine--Ezekiel 15:1-8

1. To what does God compare Israel in v. 2-3?
Could God make anything useful from Israel in their unbelief?
2. Out of what had Jerusalem's inhabitants come? (v. 4-7) What did God promise to do to them? (v. 7) What would this cause them to know?
3. Why did God bring these judgments upon them? (v. 8)

The parable of the adulterous woman--Ezekiel 16:1-63

1. God first reflects upon the youth of Israel (v. 1-14). Who were Israel's "parents"? (v. 3) How was she treated at birth? (v. 4-5)
2. How did God find Israel? (v. 6) How did He respond? (v. 6) What did God do for Israel during the "childhood" years? (v. 7) How did God find her at the end of those years?
3. List the things God did for Israel at that point (v. 8-14). How did God describe the relationship He had with His bride (Israel)?

4. How did God's "wife" (Israel) treat Him? (v. 15-19) What did Israel do with the "children" she had with God? (v. 20-21)
5. To what did God liken the relationship Israel had with the foreign nations around her? (v. 23-29) Yet, how was Israel not like a harlot? (v. 30-34)
6. What would Israel's many harlotries cause God to do? (v. 35-43)
7. Who did God say were Israel's "sisters"? (v. 44-52) How was Israel different?
8. What does God say He will do to Israel in the future? (v. 53-59) What would he make with them? (v. 60)
9. What would this cause Israel to remember and know? (v. 61-63) How would regard Israel's former transgressions?

The parable of the two eagles--Ezekiel 17:1-24

1. Describe the appearance and activities of the first eagle (v. 3-5); the second eagle (v. 6-10).
2. Verses 11-21 explaining the parable. Who is the king who was taken to Babylon? (2 Kg. 24:8-16) Who was made king in his place? (2 Kg. 24:17) To what country was this new king attracted? (Eze. 17:15) How did the king of Babylon react? (v. 20-21)
3. What did God say he would plant once again? (v. 22) From this cedar would arise another sprig. What did God say about this sprig? (v. 22-24) Who might this sprig represent in the parable? What would this cause the "trees" to know?