

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 177--Ezekiel 19:1-20:44

Introduction: In this section, Ezekiel laments the fact that Judah would have no princes with strength to rule over the Israelites (19:1-14). Chapter twenty reveals that even those who had gone into captivity had not truly overcome their tendency toward idolatry; but rather were living out the attitudes and actions of their unfaithful forefathers. However, for the sake of his Name God would in the future restore His people to their land and reign as king over them.

Lesson aim: To show God's graciousness in dealing with Israel.

A lamentation for the princes of Israel--Ezekiel 19:1-14

1. To what is Judah compared in v. 1-9? Who was the first cub described in v. 2-4)? (Cf. 2 Kg. 23:31-34)
2. Who was the second cub described in v. 5-9? (cf. 2 Kg. 24:8-16)
3. To what is the mother of the cubs likened? (v. 10) Describe the vine in its original condition (v. 10-11) What happened to the vine? (v. 12) What did Ezekiel say was its present condition? (v. 13-14)

Historical survey of Israel's unfaithfulness--Ezekiel 20:1-32

1. At what time was this prophecy revealed to Ezekiel? (v. 1) What message did Ezekiel deliver from God to the elders of Israel? (v.3)
2. What promise had God issued to Israel when He promised to bring them out of Egypt? (v. 5-6) What command did God give them? (v. 7) How did they respond? (v. 8) What kept God from pouring out His wrath upon them in Egypt? (v. 8-9)
3. When God brought the Israelites into the wilderness, what did He give to His people? (v. 11-12) How did they respond? (v. 13) What again caused God not to destroy them in the wilderness? (v. 13-17)

4. What command did God give His people in the wilderness? (v. 18-20)
How did God's people respond? (v. 21) What kept God from destroying them? (v. 22)
5. What other things did God say He did to His people in their wilderness wandering? (v. 23-26)
6. In what way were the people of Ezekiel's day living out the attitudes and actions of their ancestors? (v. 27-30) Could they expect to inquire of the Lord in this condition? (v. 31-32)

The promise of future restoration--Ezekiel 20:33-44

1. What did God say He would be over His people? (v. 33) What would He do as their king? (v. 34) Who would be purged from God's people? (v. 35-38)
2. What did God envision His people doing in the future time of restoration? (v. 39-40)
3. God revealed that in the future He would prove Himself _____ among the Israelites (v. 41). As a result, they would know what? (v. 43)
4. What would the Jews then remember and how would they feel about it? (v. 43) What would they know about how the Lord had dwelt with them? (v. 44)