

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 178--Ezekiel 20:45-22:31

Introduction: By various figures, Ezekiel continues to impress upon the minds of the people the certainty and terribleness of the coming judgment of God upon Jerusalem. Interspersed throughout the section are specific indictments of Jerusalem's sins and comments concerning the corruption of her people.

Lesson aim: To emphasize that the king would be removed from Judah until the coming of the Messiah, the rightful heir of the throne (21:27).

God's wrath, a destroying fire--Ezekiel 20:45-49

1. Against what portion of Judah's territory was Ezekiel to prophesy? (v. 26) What did God say was about to happen? (v. 47)
2. What would the people know about this destruction? (v. 48) How did the people respond to Ezekiel's message? (v. 49)

God's wrath, a destroying sword--Ezekiel 21:1-32

1. Against what is Ezekiel urged to prophesy? (v. 1) What is the message to be delivered? (v. 2-5)
2. How was Ezekiel to symbolize this message? (v. 6-7)
3. Summarize the message of v. 9-17.
4. Ezekiel is to draw a picture of what? (v. 19) The king of Babylon is pictured as determining his course by doing what? (v. 21)
5. What does God say would happen to the prince, Zedekiah? (v. 25) Who will be the next king of Israel? (v. 27)

6. What does God say would happen to the sons of Ammon? (v. 28-32)

Reasons for Judah's judgment--Ezekiel 22:1-16

1. For what two sins in particular would Jerusalem be destroyed? (v. 3-4)
2. Make a list of the sins occurring in Jerusalem (v. 7-12). Had the Law specified all of these things as sin?
3. What punishment would God render for these sins? (v. 13-16)

God's wrath, a smelting furnace--Ezekiel 22:17-22

1. To what did God liken the house of Israel? (v. 18) What did He promise to do with them? (v. 19-22)

Classes of sinners described--Ezekiel 22:23-31

1. With what sins did God charge the prophets? (v. 25, 28) The priests? (v. 26) The princes? (v. 27) The people? (v. 29)
2. For what did God say He searched but could not find? (v. 30)