Ezekiel 12-13

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INTRODUCTION

- There's no such thing as coincidence and fair in the Bible. There's nothing coincidental about what God does.
- Fair got nailed to the cross at Calvary, and there is no fair. You can't say I've been treated unfairly.

1 There Are a Lot of Righteous People

Jeremiah 5; Genesis 18; Jeremiah 35

- If you find one man that swears righteously, I'll forgive the city. That's exactly what it says.
- Even though the Lord says it's a rebellious house. And you can't find one righteous person in Jerusalem, there are a lot of righteous people. We just need to call their names out.
- Some of the best people in the Bible have lived in this time.
- I need to not despair, and you need not despair either, even though the books, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, tend to be a little doom and gloomish.

2 No Coincidence: Water, Fertile Land, Protection

- So the Lord just coincidentally threw these people to a place where it's incredibly fertile.
- So they got a lot of water, they got a lot of fertile land, they got a huge amount of protection. They built roads, schools, and synagogues.
- These people have it as good as in the Garden of Eden, practically.
- They want to go back to Jerusalem. They think the people in Jerusalem are the lucky people. And yet they have all of this.

3 God Gives an Outline in Habakkuk and Zephaniah

Habakkuk 1:2–11; Zephaniah 1:12–13

- If you look at the books of Habakkuk and Zephaniah, two, three little chapter books, it takes about ten minutes to read, you would have an outline of everything.
- I am doing something in your days you would not believe if you were told. For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans.
- I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are stagnant in spirit, who say in their hearts, the Lord will not do good or evil.

4 No Coincidence in Discipline

- There's no coincidence in discipline. There was no unfairness in that act.
- He's keeping the promise of Abraham, and what else? He's preparing for the coming of the Lord. It all has to be done.

- God is going to punish these people, but for a purpose. He's got a work going on.
- He disciplined them in the book of Exodus. He's disciplining them now.

5 Does the City Have to Be Destroyed?

Jeremiah 38; Jeremiah 5

- God's message had been preached fervently by these men. And it had not been accepted. And God said, this is what is going to happen.
- Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Declares the Lord. Rather that they should turn from his ways and live.
- If you will indeed go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then you will live. The city will not be burnt with fire, and your household will survive.
- What did he have to do to save the entire city? Show faith. He was unwilling to show faith.
- It's by faith. Nobody comes to God but by faith.

6 Eyes to See but Do Not See

Ezekiel 12:2; Isaiah 6:10; Matthew 25

- Who have eyes to see but do not see, who have ears to hear and do not hear. For they are rebellious house.
- If you're not obedient, then you are rebellious.
- Remember, this verse is not about Ezekiel. It's not about these people at the time. It's about you and it's about me.
- We're servants. Matthew chapter 25, we're servants. How are we serving God? Well, you serve God by serving your fellow man.

MY NOTES