Ezekiel 15-16

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INTRODUCTION

- If somebody were to ask you what's the value of studying the book of Ezekiel in the old testament, how would you answer them?
- But indeed, long suffering, but he does keep his word that you shall know that I am the Lord. And He is in control, isn't he?
- Justice will not overlook violating God's law and humiliating him.

1 Prophesy Against the Prophets

- Because they followed their own spirit, and they saw really nothing. Yet they said it was from God. They were false prophets.
- A fox is sly, shrewd, cunning, and so were they.
- Untempered mortar, meaning just it was whitewashed. It was not the cement and would not stand.
- They strengthen the hands of the wicked so that the wicked do not repent. In other words, you give them false hope and they keep right on doing their ungodliness.

2 Idols in Their Heart

- Idol is anything between you and God, or they're putting in place of God.
- So I made up my mind what I want to believe. And, you know, I can be sincere about it. And I can go my way and feel good about it, but.
- Repent. Turn away from you. Turn from your idols. Turn your faces from all your abominations.
- You may be married to the most godly husband or most godly wife, but he or she cannot stand in your place. We each answer for ourselves.

3 Jerusalem Had Become a Fruitless Vine

Ezekiel 15:1–8; John 15

- Is wood taken from it to make any object? Or can men make a peg from it to hang any vessel on? Instead, it's thrown into the fire for fuel.
- The vine, if it does not bear fruit, is of no value.
- Look, you're good for nothing if you're not bearing fruit. What are you to God?
- When Jesus uses that same kind of illustration or application in John chapter 15, it is indeed a lesson for us today.

4 An Allegory: Cause Jerusalem to Know Her Abominations

- It's a likeness of a parable, but it uses actual historical characters or figures.

- He sees them first as a baby that he came along and he nurtured and cared for. And the baby matured, became a beautiful woman, and then married.
- And yet the chapter closes with a promise of God that he's still going to remember. Remember his covenant.
- Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became mine, says the Lord God.

5 Her Pride Led Her Astray

1 Corinthians 4:7; Proverbs 16:18

- The very things that God gave her, she took and used them to lure others.
- It's a fearful thing to fall in love with the gifts God has blessed us with.
- The gifts God gave us simply gave us responsibilities.
- What happened with Israel is that she became filled up with herself. And that then led her to forget God.

6 Woe: She Became an Unashamed Prostitute

- Woe. It's a lament, you might say the first one, I'm sad, ashamed of you. And the second, woe is a threat.
- Men make payment to all harlots, but you made your payments to all your lovers.
- Really, they never again were guilty of idolatry after they came back from Babylonian captivity.

MY NOTES