# Ezekiel 17-19

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## INTRODUCTION

- What's been the message up to this point? Jerusalem. That Jerusalem will fall. And will fall to the Babylonians.
- He brought down the high tree but exalted the low tree. He's dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish.

## 1 Son of Man, Pose a Riddle

- Son of man, pose a riddle. Speak a parable to the house of Israel.
- This eagle of wonderful appearance, large wings and long pinions, seems here to represent Babylon.
- Verse 7 now describes Pharaoh or Egypt. There was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers.
- When the vine turns toward the wrong source, and the old hot east wind blows, it's not going to live.

## 2 By Keeping His Covenant It Might Stand

- He also took away the might of the land that the kingdom might be brought low, not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand.
- But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Will he prosper?
- They could have stood, but the reason they didn't, it's because of their sin.
- Zedekiah wasn't content to be servant to Nebuchadnezzar. He was wiser than God.

## 3 A Lamentation for the Lioness's Cubs

- All of chapter 19 is a lamentation, verse 1.
- They were from the lioness. She had cubs. They were, it looked like they could be very great. But they only reigned three months each because of their rebellion.
- Really, they were rebelling against God's will. So there's a dirge here. There's a lamentation.

## 4 The Soul Who Sins Shall Die

**Ezekiel 18:2–4; Ezekiel 18:20; Exodus 20:5–6**

- The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.
- Behold, all souls are mine. The soul of the Father, as well as the soul of the Son, is mine. The soul who sins shall die.
- Don't blame your fathers for your sins. You didn't inherit their sin.
- There are some consequences that we do pass on to our children.

## 5 Each One Stands for the Life He's Chosen

**Ezekiel 18:5–9; Ezekiel 18:10–13; Ezekiel 18:14–18**

- If he's walked in my statutes, kept my judgments faithfully, he is just he should surely live, says the Lord God.
- Each one stands for the kind of life he's chosen to live. A righteous man will be blessed. The wicked man perish, even though his father was righteous.
- Man's child doesn't inherit his father's sin or his father's righteousness.
- Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die, says the Lord God, and not that he should turn from his ways and live.

## 6 Inherited Total Depravity Is Not True

**2 Corinthians 5:10; Ezekiel 18:21–24; Ezekiel 18:25–32**

- Excuse making does not remove ill. We must examine ourselves as one who would give account for our own deeds.
- Ezekiel 18 and verse 20, inherited total depravity is not true.
- Does it sound like they have a choice in the matter, or are they just inheriting what their fathers did? There's a choice in the matter.
- Ezekiel answers, once saved, always saved is not true.
- Get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

MY NOTES