Ezekiel Lesson 4-5

Robert Harkrider · Ezekiel 4:1–5:17

INTRODUCTION

- Perhaps you understand why it could be said that Ezekiel was God's visual aid. Because he illustrated what was the Lord's will.
- As you go through these first 24 chapters, we're gonna see in some measure a repeat of the subject over and over.
- And they're gonna be scattered. And why? Because they're worse than the nations around them.

1 The Clay Tablet: Jerusalem Besieged

Ezekiel 4:1–3

- There are four different signs that are really in these chapters, four and five, that Ezekiel is to illustrate or portray Judah's fall.
- Take a clay tablet and lay it before you and portray on it a city Jerusalem.
- So what that does is to illustrate this is what is going to come to pass. There will be enemies besieging the city of Jerusalem.
- So here's the sign, illustrates that the city is going to be taken, and indeed you shall not be able to escape.

2 Lying on His Side to Bear Their Iniquity

Ezekiel 4:4–8; Exodus 12:40–41; Hosea 9:3

- According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity.
- So against Israel, 390 days, northern kingdom. As to bear the iniquity of Judah, 40 days. So total together 430, right?
- It's as though to say God's saying through Ezekiel, My people are going back into captivity.
- But now because of their sin, they're going back as though they were going to Egypt.

3 Defiled Bread by Weight

Ezekiel 4:9–17

- Here's Ezekiel adding to this horrible event of captivity.
- So shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles where I will drive them.
- It's gonna be a time where really there's famine.
- They shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety and shall drink water by measure and with dread.

4 The Hair Divided Into Three

Ezekiel 5:1–4; Ezekiel 5:12

- Take a sharp sword. Take it as a barber's razor. Pass it over your head and your beard.

- One third of you shall die of the pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst. One third shall fall by the sword all around you, and I will scatter another third to all the winds.
- You brought it on yourself, and here's what's going to happen.

5 This Is Jerusalem: Worse Than the Nations

Ezekiel 5:5–6; Romans 2:17–24

- This is Jerusalem. I've set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her.
- She's rebelled against my judgments by doing wickedness more than the nations.
- For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.
- It isn't enough to come to worship on Sunday and say, okay, I'm a Christian and sing songs. But what are we living?

6 I, Even I, Am Against You

Ezekiel 5:7–17; Lamentations 2:20; Deuteronomy 28:37

- Indeed, I, even I am against you.
- You should have been the example of goodness and righteousness. Instead, you've done worse than those who are the heathen.
- Who would have thought the temple would have been destroyed? They surely didn't think so.
- I think there are people today who think, God is loving, it just doesn't matter what we do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We ought to be reminded over and over again. God is a God who is just. And he wants people simply to love him and respond to him in goodness and kindness and not take advantage or become hypocrites about it.**

MY NOTES