

# Studies in the Book of Ezekiel

Lesson 7

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

## Read Ezekiel 16-19

- Remember, this is a shortly (5 years?) before the destruction of Jerusalem.
- In these chapters the justification for the destruction of Jerusalem continues...

### Apostasy Parables (16:1-63)

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*Ezekiel makes known to Jerusalem her sins. In these parables Jerusalem is compared to an unfaithful wife and a fallen sister.*

#### Parable of the Unfaithful Wife (16:3-43)

- The Unwanted Child (16:3-6)
- The Beautiful Marriage (16:7-9)
- The Adornment of the Bride (16:10-14)
- The Infidelity of the Bride (16:15-34)
  - What eight “charges” are made against the bride? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- The Punishment of the Bride/Harlot (16:35-43) What did the punishment consist of?  
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#### Parable of the Three Sisters (16:44-63)

- The Record of the Sisters (16:48-52)
- The Future of the Sisters (16:53-63)

### Political Parables (16:1-63)

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*Ezekiel compares the royal family to a cedar tree in “Lebanon”, a symbolic name for Jerusalem. In this chapter the past, present and future of the Davidic line is discussed.*

#### Parable of the Eagles (17:3-21)

- The Parable Presented (17:3-10)
- The Parable Explained (17:11-21)

**Parable of the Stately Cedar (17:22-24)**

- Ezekiel compares the Davidic family to a cedar

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**Proverb of the Sour Grapes/Personal Responsibility (18:1-32)**

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*Rather than repentance, the people of Judah responded to the preaching of His prophets with sayings and proverbs. In chapter 18 God refutes one of these proverbs.*

**The Teaching of Personal Responsibility (18:4-20)**

- The Fate of a Righteous Man (18:5-9)
- The Fate of the Wicked Son (18:10-13)
- The Fate of the Righteous Son (18:14-18)

**The Teaching of Free Will (18:21-32)**

- What does this doctrine of "Free Will" teach? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dirge/Lamentation Parables (19:1-14)**

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*Chapter 19 contains two parables that are lamentations over the recent, foolish Kings of Judah.*

**Parable of the Lion Cubs (19:1-9)**

- The First Cub (19:1-4) See Jeremiah 22:10-12. Who was this cub? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Second Cub (19:5-9) See Ezekiel 19:5-9. Who was this cub? \_\_\_\_\_

**Parable of the Vine (19:10-14)**

- What do you think this parable means? \_\_\_\_\_

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**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

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**Looking at Chapters 16-19 as a whole...**

- What words/phrases/concepts are repeated?  
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- What else in these chapters did you find interesting or important?  
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