

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Hebrew Prophets II: Ezekiel 10-24, Joel 1-3, Jer. 21, 34

(For class to be held on Nov. 18, 2017)

Review Ezekiel 8-9, Read Ezekiel 10-11 – The Reappearance of the 4 Living Creatures; Leaders Denounced

1. What was the man clothed in linen to take from between the wheels under the cherubim? _____. When the “glory of the LORD” stood over the temple, what filled the house? _____. What did that mean? _____. To where did the glory of God move? _____
2. Besides sun worship (Ez. 8), of what sin were the 25 men guilty? _____. What hopeful promises were in Ez. 11? _____

Read 2 Chron. 36:11-14, Ezekiel 12-14 – Bad News for the King, False Prophets, and the Idolatrous People

1. What was represented by Ezekiel gathering his stuff at the wall and digging a hole through the wall and moving himself and his stuff through the hole outside of the city? _____. What proverb would no longer apply to Judah? _____. What truth was to replace that proverb? _____
2. In Ez. 14:8-15, what metaphor was used to represent the lies of the false prophets? _____. Who else was noted for prophesying lies? _____
3. What was the problem with the elders who came to Ezekiel to inquire of the Lord? _____. A remnant of sons and daughters was prophesied to bring comfort concerning the evil brought upon Jerusalem. When the ways and doings of the remnant were seen, what would be understood? _____

Read Ezekiel 15-19 – Various Parables and Similitudes

Write the number of the chapter where each description or point below may be found.

1. _____. God said He’d take a sprig or branch off the top of a cedar of Lebanon and transplant it to a mountain in Israel where it would become a great cedar and home of all birds of every kind.
2. _____. Three of the last four kings of Judah described as a 1.) young lion taken to Egypt, 2.) young lion taken to Babylon. 3.) strong stem of a vine consumed by fire leaving no scepter for a ruler.
3. _____. Like a vine that was useless (doesn’t produce grapes) and the wood of it given to the fire for fuel so were the inhabitants of Jerusalem given up to be consumed.
4. _____. If the wicked repent and receive a new heart and a new spirit, they will live because God finds “no pleasure in the death” of anyone. He wants all to turn and live.
5. _____. Jerusalem was an orphan child left naked and bloody in an open field. God saved her and she grew into a beautiful young woman under His care and love and became renowned among the heathen.
6. _____. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of his father nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The soul that sins shall die, but the one who is righteous shall live.
7. _____. Jerusalem became a harlot through idolatry and child sacrifice; worse than Samaria and Sodom
8. _____. A great eagle took a top branch off a cedar, planted it, and it grew into a nice vine; but this vine shot forth her branches to another eagle which transplanted it. The first eagle came and uprooted it.
9. _____. If a righteous man becomes wicked, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; he shall die. If a wicked man repents and obeys the Lord, none of his wickedness will be remembered; he will live

Read Ezekiel 20-21 - Israel's Rebellions and Various Portrayals of Threatening Judgments

1. In Ez. 20:1-31, what reason does God give for why He would not accept the elders inquiring of Him? _____ . In these same verses, what reason was given three times for why God didn't pour out His fury upon them? _____
2. T or F. God planned to use the captivity and restoration of Israel as a purging or shaking of Israel.
3. Who will be the Lord's unsheathed sword, sharpened to destroy Israel and the Ammonites? _____

Read Joel 1-3 – Locust Invasion and Drought; Promise of Restoration to Divine Favor

1. What three calamities devastate the produce of the land in Joel 1? _____
2. In Joel 2 what causes the destruction of the day of the Lord? _____. What do we learn is true repentance in Joel 2:12-17? _____ . What signs in the heavens would signal a renewal of the gift of prophecy before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes? _____
3. What recompense did God say would be returned upon the heads of Tyre and Zidon? _____

Read Ezekiel 22-23 – Jerusalem's sins and Resultant doom; The Parable of Two Sisters

1. What were the sins of Jerusalem that would bring doom upon them? _____
2. What did the sisters Aholah and Aholibah represent? _____ + _____. What was the problem with these sisters? _____

Read Ezekiel 24 – The Vision of the Boiling Pot and the Death of Ezekiel's Wife

1. How does the pot, the pieces in the pot, the scum (corrosion), and the blood on the rock represent the destruction coming upon Jerusalem? _____
2. How can Ez. 24:15-18 be understood to show God's kindness? _____ . What was the sign for the people not to mourn or weep when they lost their sanctuary and their sons and daughters in the coming destruction? _____

Read Jer. 21, 34, 2 Kings 25:1-2 – The Invasion Begins, Zedekiah's Inquiry of the Lord, and Broken Promises

1. Why does Zedekiah suddenly want Jeremiah to inquire of the Lord? _____ . Whose side will the Lord take in the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem? _____. What did the people need to do if they wanted to live? _____
2. What should Zedekiah have done when he heard the word of the Lord that he would not die by the sword but would later die in peace? _____. What three cities were named for successfully holding up under siege long after all other cities fell? _____, _____, _____. Why did the princes and people bring their slaves back into subjection after they had let them go? _____ . What would happen as a result? _____
3. How long would the siege of Jerusalem last? _____