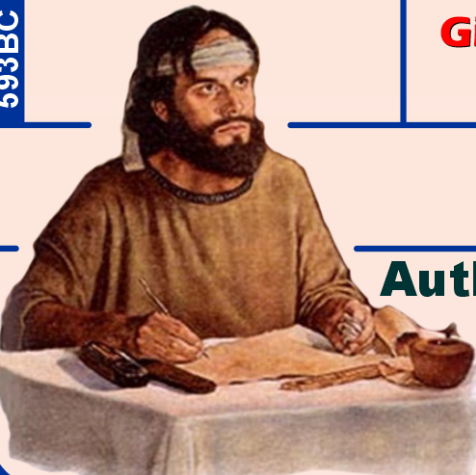


FUTILITY OF FALSE OPTIMISM

EZEKIEL

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BOOK OF EZEKIEL — OUTLINE

INWARD → Personal		OUTWARD ↺ Peoples		ONWARD → Prophetic															
1 — 3		4 — 24		25 — 32		33 — 48													
Ezekiel's Call to Ministry - Ezekiel Birth (623BC) and Ministry Years (593-571BC) 597BC is the 2nd Deportation; Ezekiel taken at age 25 593BC Ezekiel begins Ministry at age 30		Sinfulness of Israel and Fall of Jerusalem - A Disobedient Nation (4-7) - A Departed Glory (8-11) - A Disciplined Nation (12-24) - The Futility of False Optimism (12-19) - The History of Judah's Corruption (20-24)		Judgment on Nations that Opposed Israel - Ammon (25:1-7) - Moab (25:8-11) - Edom (25:12-14) - Philistia (25:15-17) - Tyre (26:1—28:19) - Babylonia (26) - Sidon (28:20-24) - Egypt (29-32)		Restoration of Israel in the Future - Return of Israel to the land (33-39) - Restoration of Israel in the Kingdom (40-48) - Promised Land; Millennial Temple, and the Glory of God													
593BC		Given BEFORE the siege of Jerusalem		587BC		Given DURING the siege of Jerusalem		586BC		Given AFTER the siege of Jerusalem		571BC							
								The City Destroyed 7 Years Prophesying JUDGMENT						The City Restored 15 Years Prophesying HOPE					
Author: Ezekiel (“God strengthens”) Place: Babylonia Time: About 22 years (593-571BC)																			
Events: 605BC — FIRST Siege upon Israel by Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel taken) Ezekiel 17 years old																			
597BC — SECOND assault upon Jerusalem (Ezekiel taken) Ezekiel 25 years old																			
593BC — Ezekiel at age 30 called by God to testify against Israel Ezekiel 30 years old																			
586BC — THIRD assault upon Jerusalem (City & Temple destroyed) Ezekiel 37 years old																			

3 PARABLES ON JUDGMENT

Ezekiel 15-17

3 PARABLES ON JUDGMENT — EZEKIEL 15-17

- **Ezekiel 15, Unprofitable Vine of Jerusalem**
(Ek.15:1-8)
- **Ezekiel 16, Jerusalem's History as a Prostitute**
(Ek.16:1-63)
- **Ezekiel 17, Riddle and Parable of the Two Eagles**
(Ek.17:1-24)

JERUSALEM'S HISTORY AS A PROSTITUTE

Ezekiel 16:1-63

**and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to
Jerusalem: "Your birth and your
nativity are from the land of
Canaan; your father was an Amorite
and your mother a Hittite.**

EZEKIEL 16:3



and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. (Ek.16:3)

- In this parable Jerusalem represents the people of the city, but it is the people of Jerusalem throughout Israel's history that are particularly in view.**
- Amorites and Hittites were two of the Canaanite peoples, and they often represent all the Canaanites in the Old Testament (Ge.10:15-16; 15:16; Nu.13:29).**
- The Jebusites, who occupied Jerusalem from its earliest mention in Scripture, were another Canaanite tribe.**



and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. (Ek.16:3)

- In this parable on Jerusalem's unfaithfulness, Ezekiel pictured her as an unwanted child of a mixed union.**
- Israel, of course, descended from Shem (Ge.10:21-31). By contrast Jerusalem, before it was conquered by David (1Ch.11:4-9), was a Canaanite city. Canaan descended from Ham, not Shem (Ge.10:6-20).**



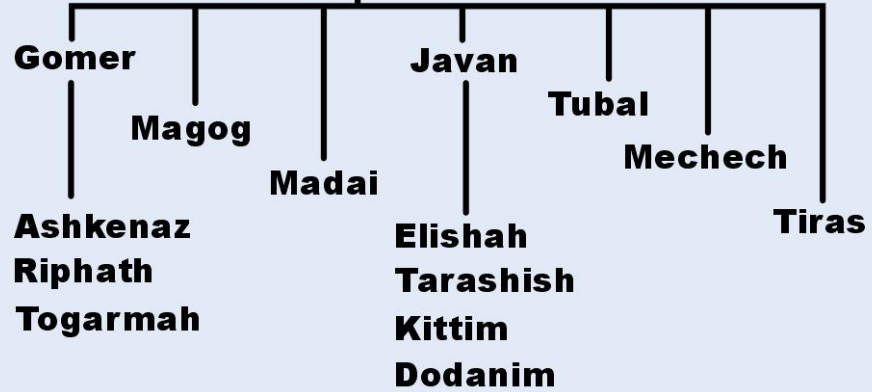
and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. (Ek.16:3)

- Why then did Ezekiel say that Jerusalem's father was an Amorite and mother a Hittite?**
- Perhaps the pagan Jebusites were associated with and were apparently like the Amorites and Hittites.**
- This association may be suggested in the Table of Nations, which lists the Jebusites between the Hittites and Amorites (Ge.10:15-16)**

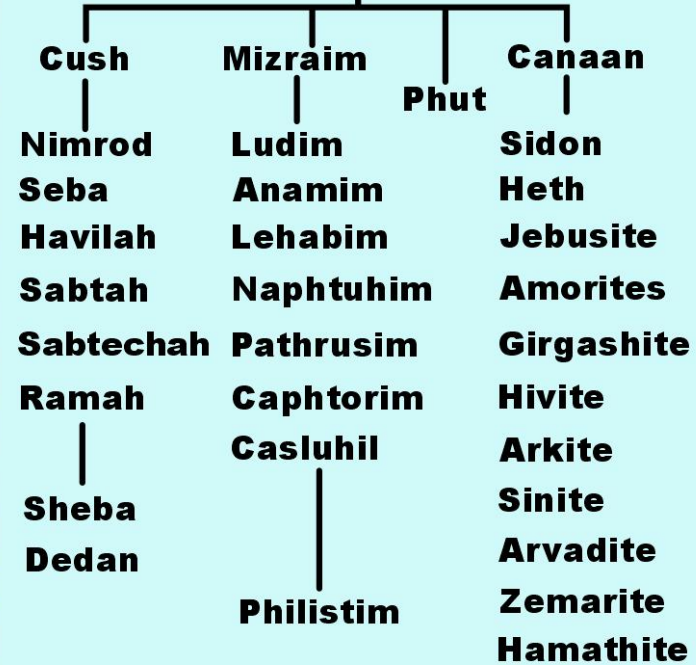


Noah

Japheth (Ge.10:2-4)



Ham (Ge.10:6-20)



Shem (Ge.10:21-31)

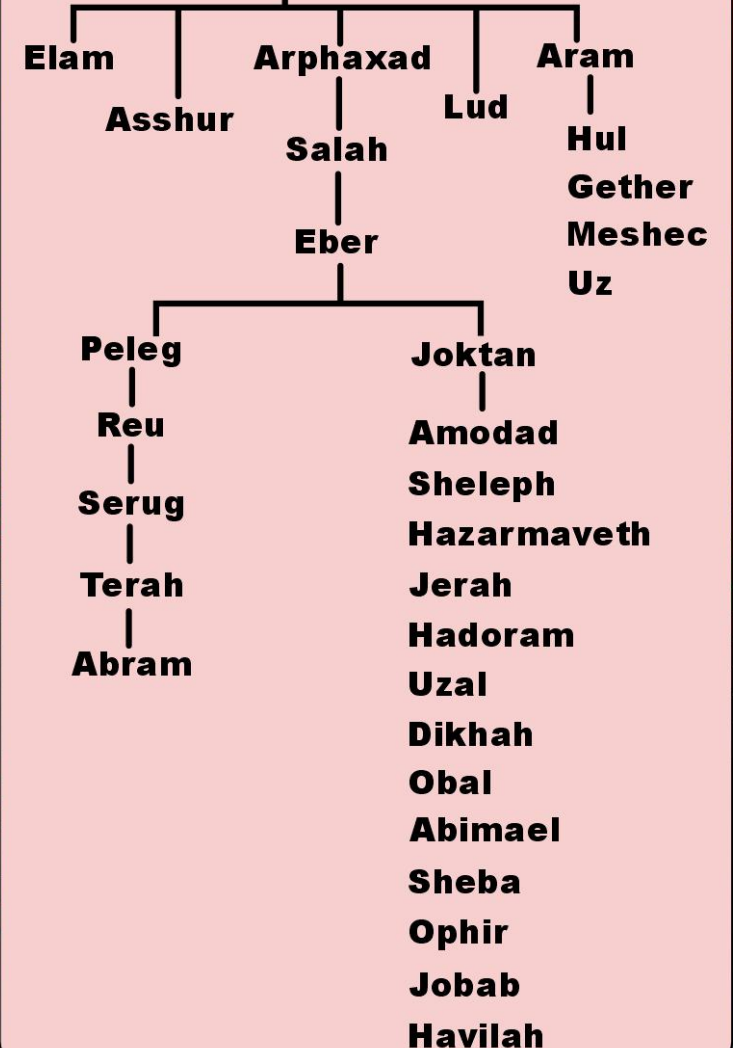


TABLE OF NATIONS

Genesis 10

No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born.

EZEKIEL 16:5



No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born. (Ek.16:5)

- But for Jerusalem these things were not done.**
- No one looked on her with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for her.**
- Also the baby (Jerusalem) was thrown out into the open field, for she was despised.**
- The cruel practice of infanticide was prevalent in the ancient world. Unwanted and deformed children were cast out at birth and left to die.**



**"And when I passed by you and
saw you struggling in your own
blood, I said to you in your blood,
'Live!' Yes, I said to you in your
blood, 'Live!'"**

EZEKIEL 16:6



"And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' (Ek.16:6)

- As God noticed the struggling infant wallowing helplessly (kicking about in her blood), He came to her aid.**
- The life of the infant was hanging in the balance till God ordained her survival: I said to you, Live!**
- The city remained as an unwanted child until, at the Lord's direction, David captured it from the Jebusites and made it the capital of his kingdom (2Sm.5:6-10).**



**"But you trusted in your own
beauty, played the harlot
because of your fame, and
poured out your harlotry on
everyone passing by who
would have it.**

EZEKIEL 16:15



"But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who would have it. (Ek.16:15)

- Had Ezekiel's parable ended here, it would have been a beautiful rags-to-riches love story.**
- But he added a bizarre twist to make the story correspond to the remainder of Jerusalem's history.**
- He pictured the unfaithfulness of this woman who was made a queen (Ek.16:15-34).**
- Jerusalem's gaze turned from her Benefactor to her beauty, and she became proud (she used her fame to become a prostitute).**



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EZEKIEL

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EZEKIEL

16b

**"How degenerate is your heart!"
says the Lord GOD, "seeing you
do all these things, the deeds of
a brazen harlot."**

EZEKIEL 16:30



"How degenerate is your heart!" says the Lord GOD, "seeing you do all these things, the deeds of a brazen harlot. (Ek.16:30)

- **All her brazen adulteries had left Jerusalem with a sick heart.**
- **She could no longer feel true love.**



**"You erected your shrine at the head
of every road, and built your high
place in every street. Yet you were
not like a harlot, because you
scorned payment."**

EZEKIEL 16:31



"You erected your shrine at the head of every road, and built your high place in every street. Yet you were not like a harlot, because you scorned payment. (Ek.16:31)

- **Jerusalem was like a brazen prostitute, but with one major difference. A prostitute gets paid for her services, but Jerusalem scorned payment.**
- **She was worse than a common prostitute in that she practiced adultery not because she needed money from her lovers but simply because it made her feel good.**



**You are an adulterous
wife, who takes strangers
instead of her husband.**

EZEKIEL 16:32



You are an adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband. (Ek.16:32)

- **She was an adulterous wife as well as a prostitute because she preferred strangers to her own husband.**
- **It is wicked to solicit and then be paid for immoral deeds.**



**Men make payment to all harlots,
but you made your payments to
all your lovers, and hired them to
come to you from all around for
your harlotry.**

EZEKIEL 16:33



Men make payment to all harlots, but you made your payments to all your lovers, and hired them to come to you from all around for your harlotry. (Ek.16:33)

- **Instead of realizing her sin and returning to the true God, she sought out still more gods and offered larger “bribes” to induce these other gods to bless her.**
- **Jerusalem was squandering her wealth on things that could not bless.**
- **She gave gifts to her lovers to bribe them to come to her (paying tribute to make alliances).**
- **Her adulteries were worse than those of common prostitutes in that she paid her lovers rather than receiving payment from them (Ho.8:9).**



**You are the opposite of other women
in your harlotry, because no one
solicited you to be a harlot. In that you
gave payment but no payment was
given you, therefore you are the
opposite."**

EZEKIEL 16:34



You are the opposite of other women in your harlotry, because no one solicited you to be a harlot. In that you gave payment but no payment was given you, therefore you are the opposite." (Ek.16:34)

- She had even resorted to paying bribes (rather than receiving a fee) to get the attention that earlier had been lavishly bestowed on her.**
- Such a reversal was remarkably unusual, thus showing her debased commitment to idolatry and foreign alliances.**
- As she departed from God, He then withheld His blessings that He had so freely given (Du.28:15-23).**
- She solicited and even paid her idol consorts. This refers to the heavy tribute Israel had to pay to the godless nations.**



EZEKIEL GAVE 7 REASONS FOR THE EXILE

Spiritual Prostitution (Ek.16:15-19)

Materialistic Idolatry (Ek.16:16-19)

Human Sacrifices (Ek.16:20-21)

Forgetting God (Ek.16:22)

Propagating her Prostitution (Ek.16:23-25)

Trusting Relations with Pagan Nations (Ek.16:26-29)

Weak will Cast Off all Moral Restraints (Ek.16:30-34)



**'Now then, O harlot, hear
the word of the LORD!**



EZEKIEL 16:35



'Now then, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD! (Ek.16:35)

- **Jerusalem had degenerated from a queen to a tramp.**



**Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your
filthiness was poured out and your
nakedness uncovered in your harlotry
with your lovers, and with all your
abominable idols, and because of the
blood of your children which you gave
to them,**

EZEKIEL 16:36



Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your filthiness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your harlotry with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of the blood of your children which you gave to them, (Ek.16:36)

- **Her beauty was gone; so she used her few remaining resources to try to bribe others into illicit relationships.**
- **God announced the judgment that He would mete out to Jerusalem because of all her unnatural and rebellious unfaithfulness, idolatry, and bloodshed.**



**surely, therefore, I will gather all your
lovers with whom you took pleasure, all
those you loved, and all those you hated;
I will gather them from all around
against you and will uncover your
nakedness to them, that they may see
all your nakedness.**

EZEKIEL 16:37



surely, therefore, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, and all those you hated; I will gather them from all around against you and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. (Ek.16:37)

- **God tried to stop her mad rush to destruction but she refused to heed His warnings.**
- **It was now time for Him to judge.**
- **He would bring the nations against her and strip her in front of them, so that they would all see her nakedness.**



**And I will judge you as women who
break wedlock or shed blood are
judged; I will bring blood upon you
in fury and jealousy.**

EZEKIEL 16:38



And I will judge you as women who break wedlock or shed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and jealousy. (Ek.16:38)

- **God said He would punish Jerusalem as women were punished who commit adultery and who shed blood.**
- **God would bring all the nations that Jerusalem committed adultery with against her, and they would abuse and destroy her.**
- **The Lord would deal with Jerusalem as people dealt with adulteresses and murderers.**



**I will also give you into their hand, and
they shall throw down your shrines
and break down your high places.
They shall also strip you of your
clothes, take your beautiful jewelry,
and leave you naked and bare.**

EZEKIEL 16:39



I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your shrines and break down your high places. They shall also strip you of your clothes, take your beautiful jewelry, and leave you naked and bare. (Ek.16:39)

- **God's judgment on Jerusalem would fit her crime.**
- **She had exposed herself to all her lovers. Now God would use her lovers to destroy her.**
- **God would turn her over to her lovers who would take from her everything she had leaving her naked and bare, her original condition.**



**"They shall also bring up an
assembly against you, and
they shall stone you with
stones and thrust you through
with their swords.**

EZEKIEL 16:40



"They shall also bring up an assembly against you, and they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords. (Ek.16:40)

- Jerusalem would again be as defenseless before her enemies as she was before being espoused to the Lord (Ek.16:8).**
- The sentence for adultery in the Old Testament was stoning (Lv.20:10; Jn.8:4-5).**
- Jerusalem's "adultery" was her idolatry, and the punishment for idolatry was the sword (Du.13:12-15).**
- God actually employed both means of judgment — stoning and the sword — in Jerusalem's fall.**



**They shall burn your houses with fire,
and execute judgments on you in the
sight of many women; and I will
make you cease playing the harlot,
and you shall no longer hire lovers.**

EZEKIEL 16:41



They shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women and I will make you cease playing the harlot, and you shall no longer hire lovers. (Ek.16:41)

- **They will bring a mob against you, who will stone you and hack you to pieces with their swords (Ek.23:47).**
- **God had said that if a city in Israel became involved in idolatry its people were to be killed by the sword and the city was to be burned (Du.13:15-16).**
- **After Jerusalem's fall Babylon did in fact burn down her houses and inflict punishment in the sight of many women.**
- **God's judgment on Jerusalem would finally put a stop to her prostitution.**



**So I will lay to rest My fury toward
you, and My jealousy shall depart
from you. I will be quiet, and be
angry no more.**

EZEKIEL 16:42



So I will lay to rest My fury toward you, and My jealousy shall depart from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no more. (Ek.16:42)

- **Only after her destruction would His wrath subside.**
- **God's jealous anger does not indicate pettiness or vindictiveness; instead it is an essential display of His holiness.**
- **This punishment would satisfy the Lord's anger against Jerusalem.**



Because you did not remember the days of your youth, but agitated Me with all these things, surely I will also recompense your deeds on your own head," says the Lord GOD. "And you shall not commit lewdness in addition to all your abominations.

EZEKIEL 16:43



Because you did not remember the days of your youth, but agitated Me with all these things, surely I will also recompense your deeds on your own head," says the Lord GOD. "And you shall not commit lewdness in addition to all your abominations. (Ek.16:43)

- The root cause of Jerusalem's sin was her failure to remember the days of her youth.**
- All her grandeur came as a result of the Lord's gracious favor.**
- So when she turned from Him she was cutting herself off from the only true source of blessing and enraging the One who had raised her to greatness.**



Because you did not remember the days of your youth, but agitated Me with all these things, surely I will also recompense your deeds on your own head," says the Lord GOD. "And you shall not commit lewdness in addition to all your abominations. (Ek.16:43)

- **The first part of Ezekiel's parable (Ek.16:1-43) is an analogy between Jerusalem and an adulterous wife.**
- **The second part of the parable (Ek.16:44-63) is an analogy between Jerusalem and her sisters Samaria and Sodom.**
- **If Jerusalem's wicked sisters received judgment for their sin, how could Jerusalem, who was even more depraved, hope to escape?**



**"Indeed everyone who quotes
proverbs will use this proverb
against you: 'Like mother, like
daughter!'"**

EZEKIEL 16:44



"Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use this proverb against you: 'Like mother, like daughter!' (Ek.16:44)

- **Jerusalem had a proverb about her fate, but God gave her a new proverb: Like mother, like daughter.**



Son of man, what is this proverb that you people have about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails'? (Ek.12:22).

- **This meant that the traits of the parents were seen in the children.**



**You are your mother's daughter,
loathing husband and children; and
you are the sister of your sisters,
who loathed their husbands and
children; your mother was a Hittite
and your father an Amorite.**

EZEKIEL 16:45



You are your mother's daughter, loathing husband and children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children; your other was a Hittite and your father an Amorite. (Ek.16:45)

- **Jerusalem's actions were characteristic of her family heritage.**
- **Her mother had despised her husband and her children.**
- **The debauchery, petty rivalries, and heartless cruelties of the Canaanite tribes were well known.**
- **Jerusalem inherited these characteristics from her "parents" and displayed them in her abandoning God and in cruelly sacrificing her own children.**



"Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters.

EZEKIEL 16:46



"Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters. (Ek.16:46)

- **These two sisters (Samaria and Sodom), who shared Jerusalem's family traits, were selected by Ezekiel to reinforce his point.**
- **Both cities — one north and one south of Jerusalem — were known for their gross sins and divine judgment.**
- **Samaria was indeed greater than Judah in that she had 10 tribes out of the 12.**
- **Sodom would be a younger sister (by contrast) on the same principle that Samaria was elder.**



**You did not walk in their ways nor
act according to their abominations;
but, as if that were too little, you
became more corrupt than they in
all your ways.**

EZEKIEL 16:47



You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways. (Ek.16:47)

- **Jerusalem acted even worse than they.**
- **The depraved worship of the Canaanites had affected all three of these cities, but Jerusalem had become the worst of the lot.**
- **Not walked after their ways means that Judah did not stop at becoming as bad as Samaria and Sodom, but went on and became worse.**



**"As I live," says the Lord GOD,
"neither your sister Sodom nor
her daughters have done as you
and your daughters have done.**

EZEKIEL 16:48



"As I live," says the Lord GOD, "neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done. (Ek.16:48)

- **Jerusalem was even more depraved than both Samaria and Sodom.**
- **Not even Sodom, with its heinous sins, was guilty of some of Jerusalem's lewd ways!**
- **The Sodomites were arrogant, affluent, selfish, and great sinners.**



**Look, this was the iniquity of your
sister Sodom: She and her daughter
had pride, fullness of food, and
abundance of idleness; neither did
she strengthen the hand of the poor
and needy.**

EZEKIEL 16:49



Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. (Ek.16:49)

- **Sodom's sin was her haughty unconcern for the needs of others in spite of her wealth.**
- **The people of Sodom were not as bad as the people of Jerusalem (Ek.22:15; 2Ki.15:37; 16:6; 24:2; 2Ch.28:18-19; Is.3:9; Je.23:14).**



**And they were haughty and
committed abomination
before Me; therefore I took
them away as I saw fit.**

EZEKIEL 16:50



And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit. (Ek.16:50)

- **The Sodomites did detestable things before God.**
- **This could refer to their deviate sexual perversions (Ge.19:4-5).**
- **The history of Sodom's destruction is in Genesis 19.**



**"Samaria did not commit half of
your sins; but you have multiplied
your abominations more than they,
and have justified your sisters by
all the abominations which you
have done.**

EZEKIEL 16:51



"Samaria did not commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all the abominations which you have done. (Ek.16:51)

- **The sin of Samaria, though not specifically stated, was her idolatry.**



You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your own shame, because you justified your sisters.

EZEKIEL 16:52



You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your own shame, because you justified your sisters. (Ek.16:52)

- **But Jerusalem's sins were so vile that, in comparison, the sins of both Sodom and Samaria seemed almost like righteous deeds!**
- **Jerusalem made her wicked sister cities look good by comparison (Mt.11:23-24).**



²³And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." (**Mt.11:23-24**).



**"When I bring back their captives,
the captives of Sodom and her
daughters, and the captives of
Samaria and her daughters, then I
will also bring back the captives of
your captivity among them,**

EZEKIEL 16:53



"When I bring back their captives, the captives of Sodom and her daughters, and the captives of Samaria and her daughters, then I will also bring back the captives of your captivity among them, (Ek.16:53)

- **Having announced the sin of and judgment on Jerusalem, Ezekiel then offered consoling words for her.**
- **Ezekiel 16:53-63 speak of the restoration of all three "sisters."**
- **Jerusalem would experience captivity as Sodom and Samaria had.**
- **Evidently, the Lord meant that the people of Sodom had experienced captivity in the sense that He had taken them away.**



**that you may bear your own
shame and be disgraced by
all that you did when you
comforted them.**

EZEKIEL 16:54



that you may bear your own shame and be disgraced by all that you did when you comforted them. (Ek.16:54)

- **Once restored, Jerusalem will sense deep remorse.**
- **She will bear her disgrace and be ashamed of all she had done in giving Samaria and Sodom comfort.**
- **Jerusalem's shame would be deeper because the depths of her sins actually were a source of comfort to Sodom and Samaria.**
- **If God would restore (return) the wretched Jerusalem, certainly He would restore her sisters.**



When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters return to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state.

EZEKIEL 16:55



When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters return to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state. (Ek.16:55)

- **I will restore the fortunes (blessings) of Sodom and of Samaria and your fortunes along with them.**
- **If God would restore Jerusalem, could He do any less for her more righteous sisters?**
- **Ezekiel was speaking of the national restoration of these cities in the Millennium. Evidently, Sodom will be rebuilt at that time.**



**For your sister Sodom was
not a byword in your mouth
in the days of your pride,**

EZEKIEL 16:56



For your sister Sodom was not a byword in your mouth in the days of your pride, (Ek.16:56)

- **Jerusalem's sin became the subject of gossip.**
- **In her haughtiness, before her fall, she would not even mention the name of her "fallen" sister Sodom.**
- **Edom gloated over Judah's fall to Babylon and aided Babylon in her attack on Jerusalem (Ps.137:7; Ek.25:12-14; 35:5-6,15).**
- **Many people of Jerusalem did not even speak of the Sodomites because they were such great sinners.**



**before your wickedness was uncovered.
It was like the time of the reproach of
the daughters of Syria and all those
around her, and of the daughters of the
Philistines, who despise you
everywhere.**

EZEKIEL 16:57



before your wickedness was uncovered. It was like the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria and all those around her, and of the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you everywhere. (Ek.16:57)

- **After her exposure and sin Jerusalem would be the object of derision by surrounding nations.**



**You have paid for your lewdness
and your abominations," says
the LORD.**

EZEKIEL 16:58



You have paid for your lewdness and your abominations," says the LORD. (Ek.16:58)

- **The Jerusalemites were bearing the penalty of their lewdness and abominations.**
- **Jerusalem would be restored — but she would first have to bear the shameful consequences of her sin.**
- **You “have paid” is past tense in grammatical form but is prophetic in thought.**
- **Judah was to bear the penalty of her lewdness (idolatry) at the hand of the Babylonians and by the decree of God.**



**For thus says the Lord GOD: "I will
deal with you as you have done,
who despised the oath by
breaking the covenant.**

EZEKIEL 16:59



For thus says the Lord GOD: "I will deal with you as you have done, who despised the oath by breaking the covenant. (Ek.16:59)

- **Though Jerusalem's sin would be judged, God would restore her to fellowship with Him.**
- **Describing the certainty of Jerusalem's judgment, Ezekiel stressed that God was not abandoning His people forever.**
- **The Lord promised to deal with them as they had dealt with Him. They had despised His covenant, and now He would despise them.**



**"Nevertheless I will remember
My covenant with you in the
days of your youth, and I will
establish an everlasting
covenant with you.**

EZEKIEL 16:60



"Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. (Ek.16:60)

- **God had entered into a binding covenant with His people (Ek.16:8), and He would remember (i.e., keep) it.**
- **This everlasting covenant is the “New Covenant” spoken of by Jeremiah (Je.31:31-34) and Ezekiel (Ek.11:18-20; 36:26-28; 37:26-28).**
- **The Lord promised to remember and stand by His promises in the Abrahamic Covenant (Ge.12:1-3).**



"Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. (Ek.16:60)

- **The New Covenant is an organic outgrowth of the Abrahamic Covenant in that it explains further the blessing aspect of that covenant.**
- **The New covenant did not have the same relationship to the Mosaic Covenant, which it eventually replaced.**



**Then you will remember your ways
and be ashamed, when you receive
your older and your younger sisters;
for I will give them to you for
daughters, but not because of My
covenant with you.**

EZEKIEL 16:61



Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed, when you receive your older and your younger sisters; for I will give them to you for daughters, but not because of My covenant with you. (Ek.16:61)

- **When this “everlasting covenant” is established, God will also change the relationship between Jerusalem and her restored sisters.**
- **They will become her daughters, that is, Jerusalem will assume responsibility for Samaria and Sodom when her kingdom is restored in the Millennium.**
- **God’s covenant here probably refers to the Mosaic Covenant established with Israel which she had broken (Ek.16:59-60).**



**And I will establish My
covenant with you.
Then you shall know
that I am the LORD,**

EZEKIEL 16:62



**And I will establish My covenant with you. Then
you shall know that I am the LORD, (Ek.16:62)**

- **In the Millennium, when God establishes the New Covenant and restores Jerusalem, she will know that God is the Lord.**
- **The Lord promised to establish His new covenant with His people, and then they would know that He was Yahweh.**



If we are faithless, He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself. **(2Tm.2:13).**



**that you may remember and be
ashamed, and never open your
mouth anymore because of
your shame, when I provide
you an atonement for all you
have done," says the Lord GOD.**

EZEKIEL 16:63



that you may remember and be ashamed, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I provide you an atonement for all you have done," says the Lord GOD. (Ek.16:63)

- **Jerusalem's problem had been her forgetting God's past deeds (Ek.16:43).**
- **But God's final covenant will correct her problem of spiritual amnesia.**
- **Then, God said, when I make atonement for you, you will remember (Ek.16:61) and be ashamed (Ek.16:52,54).**
- **God's judgment and subsequent restoration would have a humbling effect on the nation.**



FUTILITY OF FALSE OPTIMISM

EZEKIEL

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