



# EZEKIEL

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 / 25<sup>th</sup> Nisan 5783



# THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL: New Heart, New Spirit

For those of us who have grown complacent or cold in our walk with God, "A New Heart" outlines how God desires to bring us closer to him.

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2 Corinthians 3:14

## Ezekiel 23:1-49

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### The Prophecy of Ezekiel

- (1) The Preparation of Ezekiel—[Ch. 1-3](#)
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- (4) The Prophecies Concerning Restoration—[Ch. 33-48](#)

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## Sunday Night Series

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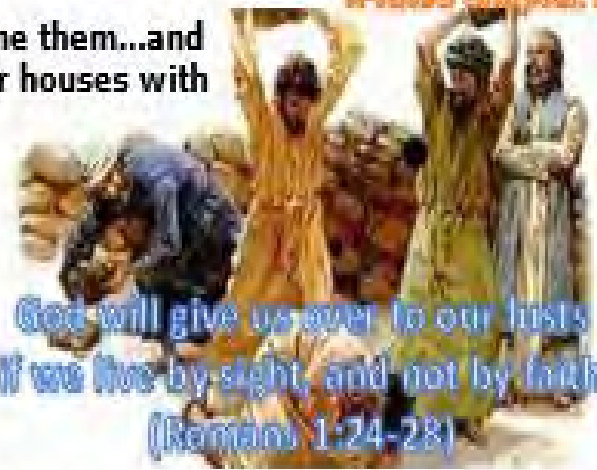
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immorality of Jerusalem.

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## Ezekiel 23:22 -25 KJV

Judah  
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22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will

**Ezekiel delivered four oracles from the Lord.**

First, God would bring the Babylonians to punish Judah just as He brought the Assyrians to punish Samaria ( [vv. 22-27](#)).

Koa, and all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young

The second oracle ( [vv. 28-31](#)) repeats some of the facts in the first one and reminded the people that this judgment was perfectly just.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against

The third oracle ( [vv. 32-34](#)) uses the image of the cup, a familiar image in Scripture for experiencing suffering.

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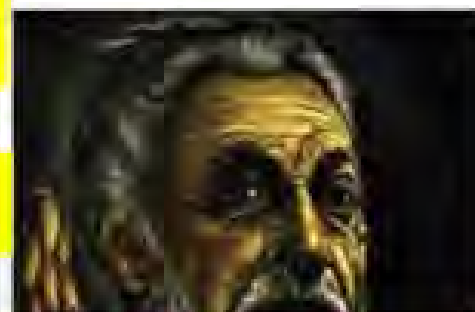
The final oracle ( [Ezek. 23:35](#)) explained why God judged His people: they had forgotten Him ( [22:12](#)) and had cast Him behind their backs –that is, rejected Him and left Him out of their thinking and living.

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26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of *them* whom thou hatest, into the hand of *them* from whom thy mind is alienated:

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms

30 I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols.

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## Ezekiel 23:31 -35 KJV

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31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria

34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck *it* out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.



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### 3. The adultery of Jerusalem (Oholibah): a picture of false trusts (v.11-35).

When we thrust God behind our back, forget about Him, and lust after anything else, we show that we do not trust the LORD. Many people look to the world system to provide peace, security, prosperity, purpose, fulfillment, health, happiness, and all the other normal desires of the human heart. But the gifts of this world are temporal. They last only for a brief time.

The *permanent possession* of these things comes only from the LORD, who is the source of every good and perfect gift ([Josh. 1:17](#)). If we turn away from Him, we can never permanently possess the good things of life. Therefore, we must not look to the world to provide us with them.

4. The sins and judgments of Samaria and Jerusalem reviewed:  
the consequences of sin (vv.36-49).

Ezekiel 23:36-39 KJV

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- J. (36-39) Some of the specific sins of Oholah  
(Samaria) and Oholibah (Jerusalem).

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## Ezekiel 23:36 -40 KJV

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36 The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations

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37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have

All the evidence was presented and there could be but one decision:

**guilty as charged.**

The two accused sisters have been presented to the court and their crimes have been explained. All that remains is for the judge to sum up the case and describe the sentence, which Ezekiel does in [23:36-49](#).

came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,



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**K. (40-45) The comfortable harlotry of the lewd sisters.**

**L. (46-49) The sisters are judged as adulteresses.**

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## Ezekiel 23:41 -45 KJV

**God instructed His prophet to make four clear statements about the coming judgment of Jerusalem.**

whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.

**First**, God would allow the nations to have relations with her ( **vv.43-44**).

**Second**, the righteous would judge Jerusalem for what she really was: an adulteress and murderer ( **v.45**).

heads.

**Third**, the LORD would judge Jerusalem by arousing a mob, or army, to march against her ( **vv.46-49**).

commit whoredoms with her, and she with them:

**Fourth**, the LORD had one main purpose for executing judgment upon Jerusalem, or for that matter upon any people ( **v.49<sup>b</sup>**).

women.

**45** And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hand

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46 For Shall stone them...and burn their houses with fire: "The punishment will be the common penalty for all adulteresses and shedders of blood: death by stoning, them, to which is added destruction of their property with fire (cf. [Leviticus 20:10](#);

The Law of Moses called for the adulteress to be stoned ( [Lev. 20:10](#); [Deut. 20:20](#)), prostitutes to be burned ( [Gen. 38:24](#); [Lev. 21:9](#)), and murderers to be put to death, probably by stoning ( [Ex. 21:12-14](#); [Lev. 24:17](#)).

Judah would be punished for adultery, prostitution, and shedding innocent blood ( [Ezek. 23:47](#)). Her sins would find her out.

women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you and ye shall  
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lessons from the fall of the northern kingdom so went zealously  
after idols and its evil.

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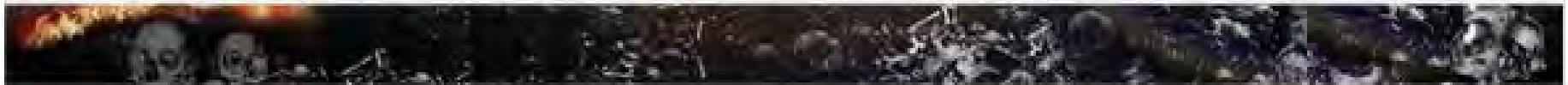


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Sin has its consequences. And one of the major consequences is judgment.

People who commit sin and refuse to repent will face God's terrifying judgment.

People who grow old while rejecting God's love will bear God's judgment just as Jerusalem did.



## **How do you stop cheating on God?**

1. Understand Yourself. Before running around finding answers in others, take some time to sit in solace and understand yourself and what it is that you truly want.
2. Identify the problem areas.
3. Communicate.
4. Build honest and respectable boundaries for yourself and others.
5. Develop your priorities and follow them.

**Romans 8:28**"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Once cheating on God has taken place, it sets in motion a whole series of unfortunate events.

Trust is gone.

Anger and bitterness linger and fester under the surface.

Relationships crumble.

Families break apart.

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