Ezekiel 5 **God Draws His Sword** Wed. 6/28/23

This chapter opens with a fourth object lesson. God tells Ezekiel to use his sword as an illustration of the coming judgment of God's Sword on the rebels in Judah (i.e His people) .

I. The Sign of the Sword v 1 - 4

v 1 Spir: God's sword - (1) has *balances to weigh* **Daniel 5:27**
(2) ***divide*'s** the *hair* (a type of the soul) **Matt 25:32, Heb 4:12**

v 2 Hist: The sharp sword was understood as a symbol of bloody warfare that Babylon waged against Judah; permitted by God because of their apostasy and abominations in God's Temple. After Ezekiel used his sword as a barbers razor, he was to divide his hairs to show the fate of the Jews:

- one third: *burned* = destroyed in Jerusalem in the coming *siege*
- one third: *smitten* = cut down mercilessly by the swords of the Babylonian army
- one third: *scattered* - among the heathen nations (as foretold by Moses) **Deu 28:64**

v 3/4 Doct: the **remnant** - *take a **few** and **bind** them* **Matt 7:14 & 16:19**
cast them into the midst of the fire **Zechariah 13:8-9**

II. The Sin that brought the Sword v 5 - 12

v 5 Hist: Jerusalem was *set in the midst of the nations* to be a witness of the true God.
Spir: God's born-again children are *in the midst* of family & workplace to be a witness.

v 6/11 **God's indictment :** *They **refused** and **changed** my statutes and judgments.*
Hist: **Ps 78:10 Isa 5:24 Amos 2:4**
Spir: **Acts 20:30 2 Cor 2:17 & 4:2**

v 9 Hist: Jerusalem has been attacked 52 times, captured & recaptured 44 times, besieged 23 times, and destroyed twice. **Dan 9:12, Mt 24:21**

III. The Suffering of the Sword v 13 - 17

v 13 God's wrath will be manifest : *I have accomplished my fury* **2 Kings 22:13**

v 14 *I will make thee a reproach* (scorned, contemned, disdained) **Deu 28:37, Jer 24:9, Lk 6:22**

v 17 Doct: Man's Dominion removed during the Tribulation **Deu 32:24, Rev 6:8**