

THREE PROPHETIC PARABLES CONCERNING JERUSALEM

(Ezekiel 15-17)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-14:

II. EZEKIEL CONFRONTING FALSE PROPHETS AND IDOLATRY: (Ezekiel 15-17)

- A. The useless vine (The Need for Fruitfulness): (*Ezek. 15:1-8*)
 - 1. The analogy of the vine:
 - 2. Israel's uselessness:
 - 3. Destined for judgment:
- B. The orphan that became the harlot (The depth of infidelity): (*Ezek. 16:1-63*)
 - 1. The orphan who became Queen (God's Grace): (16:1-14)
 - 2. The Queen who became the harlot (The Betrayal): (16:15-34)
 - 3. The harlot who became a convict: (16:35-43)
 - 4. The convict who became a proverb (The Judgement): (16:44-52)
 - 5. The convict and her companions (Future Restoration): (16:53-63)
- C. The prophecy of the eagles and the vine: (*Ezek. 17:1-24*)
 - 1. The riddle: (17:1-10)
 - 2. The vine seeking help: (17:11-21)
 - 3. The consequence of trusting in Egypt:
 - 4. The hopeful future with God's planted vine:

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. In looking at our own life are we connected to the vine in such a way where we are fruitful and if not then we need to reconnect to the source so we can become useful instead of useless.
- B. In looking at our testimony we should never forget that we came into this world as an orphan and through God he has adorned us through adoption and the question is are we his faithful children or are we a rebellious group.
- C. What worldly things are we trusting in to protect and provide for us other than Christ and how must we change that in order to fully lean on him for all things.