

THE FALSE COMFORT AND FALSE MESSAGE (Ezekiel 12-14)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-11:

II. EZEKIEL CONFRONTING FALSE PROPHETS AND IDOLATRY: (Ezekiel 12-14)

- A. The Visual Reality of Impending Judgement: (*Ezek. 12*)
 - 1. The sign of deportation: (12:1-8)
 - 2. The warning towards King Zedekiah: (12:8-16; 2 Kings 25:1-7)
 - 3. The nervous eater: (12:17-20)
 - 4. The prophecy of the false proverb: (12:21-28)
- B. False Comfort and the Danger of False Prophets: (*Ezek. 13*)
 - 1. The denunciation of false prophets: (13:1-8)
 - 2. God's judgement declared: (13:8-16)
 - 3. Condemnation and judgement: (13:17-23)
- C. The Danger of Idolatry of the Heart: (*Ezek. 14*)
 - 1. Seeking God while harboring idols in the heart: (14:1-11)
 - 2. Prophecy of the fourfold judgment of Jerusalem: (14:12-23)

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. I must build a knowledge of the Word in order to combat being ensnared by false teachers and false remedies of peace.
- B. The biggest danger in my relationship with God is the idolatry of the heart due to the fact that God truly looks to the heart of each individual.
- C. Like the people of Israel we can relate to the fact that like them judgment is imminent and though they were warned they still failed to repent and so the saga continues with us today and the question is, will we repent and turn to God?