

THE WARNING OF THE WATCHMEN

(Ezekiel 31-33)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 31-32:

II. THE WARNING FOR JERUSALEM AND HIS DESIRE FOR REPENTANCE: (*Ezekiel 33*)

- A. The duty of the watchmen: (*33:1-9*)
 - 1. The role of the lookout:
 - 2. The accountability of the watchmen as well as the hearer:
 - 3. The urgency of sharing the gospel and the warning of judgement:
- B. God's heart conveying a desire for repentance: (*33:10-16*)
 - 1. The motivation of God (v.11):
 - 2. Past righteousness vs. present rebellion:
 - 3. Evidence of genuine repentance:
- C. The fairness of God: (*33:21-29*)
 - 1. The report from Jerusalem:
 - 2. The entitlement of those left behind in Jerusalem:
- D. The danger of spiritual entertainment: (*33:30-33*)
 - 1. Superficial popularity concerning Ezekiel's sermons:
 - 2. The eyes were open but hearts were closed to what Ezekiel was saying:

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. The great danger we find in the American church is that we are comfortable listening and playing church without actual attentiveness to conviction that leads to repentance.
- B. We have a responsibility to warn people of the coming judgment that comes with wicked living and neglecting repentance.