

## THE GRAVITY OF JUDGMENT (Ezekiel 23-26)

### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-22:

### II. JUDGMENT GOES FROM ISRAEL TO ITS NEIGHBORS: (*Ezekiel 23-26*)

- A. Spiritual adultery of Israel and Judah: (*chapter 23*)
  - 1. The story of two sisters Ohola (Samaria) and Oholobah (Jerusalem):
  - 2. The desire to pursue God while also pursuing other Gods:
- B. The pot of wrath and the prophet's grief: (*24*)
  - 1. The boiling pot: Jerusalem depicted as a rusted cooking pot consumed by the fiery judgement.
  - 2. A heartbreaking sign: Ezekiel's wife dies, and God commands him not to mourn publicly.
  - 3. The prophetic message: The destruction of the temple would be too deep for ordinary human grief.
- C. God judges those that sought Israel's destruction: (*25*)
  - 1. The punishment of Ammon, Moab, Edom, and Philistia.
  - 2. A picture of God judging his children but also those that rejoiced over Israel's destruction.
- D. The prophetic destruction of Tyre: (*26*)
  - 1. Tyre represented an impenetrable maritime superpower that mocked Jerusalem.
  - 2. Tyre had a false security in their wealth and power and would be destroyed.
  - 3. The story of Tyre and how God fulfills his prophecy through two kings.

### III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Like Tyre we as a nation and people find our safety in our material wealth and feel that we are beyond conquering and yet when we live in disobedience to God we are always in the pathway of future destruction.
- B. In looking at the people of Israel we find that their demonstration of harlotry compares greatly to our desire to have God and this world at the same time.