

A REBELLIOUS PEOPLE AND YET A GRACEFUL GOD

(Ezekiel 19-20)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-18:

II. A LAMENTATION AND THEN THE INDICTMENT: *(Ezekiel 19-20)*

- A. The funeral song of failed leadership: *(19:1-14)*
 - 1. The parable of the lions: *(vv. 1-9)*
 - 2. The parable of the vine: *(vv. 10-14)*
- B. The cycle of generational rebellion: *(20:1-32)*
 - 1. Phase 1: In Egypt: *(vv. 5-9)*
 - 2. Phase 2: The first wilderness generation: *(vv. 10-17)*
 - 3. Phase 3: The second wilderness generation: *(vv. 18-26)*
 - 4. Phase 4: In the Promised Land: *(vv. 27-32)*
- C. God's constant grace in spite of Israel's constant rebellion: *(20:8-22)*
 - 1. The repeated phrase "for My sake": *(vv. 9, 14, 22)*
 - 2. Nevertheless he spared them: *(v. 17)*
- D. A promise of a new exodus and restoration: *(20:33-44)*
 - 1. A gathering of those under the shepherd: *(vv. 33-38)*
 - 2. True worship renewal: *(vv. 39-44)*

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Repentance should always precede inquiring of God and so when we seek after him we must let go of the things that are holding back God's blessing for our life.
- B. It is not too late to break the generational patterns in our own families in order to stop continual judgement for sin.
- C. There is a joy that comes with knowing that our God continues to shower us with grace in spite of our constant disobedience, but this should not be something we take for granted but it should be something we thank God for everyday.