

Ezekiel 19:1-20:44 – 9 August 2015

Introduction –

Ever have a nephew that squanders small money, time after time? Then when Christmas comes...all of it goes to waste.

Chapter 19 – Consider the damage you’re inflicting to yourself

- a. Vs 1-4 – Remembering Jehoiahaz
- b. Vs 5-9 – Remembering Jehoiachin
- c. Vs 10-14 – Where did this fire come from that destroyed her.
 - a. From the rod of her own branches.
 - b. She caused this judgment on herself by taking the sinfully easy way out.
 - c. She should stop blaming others and look in the mirror.
- d. This whole chapter is meant as an interlude for feeling and emotion.

Chapter 20 –

1. Vs 1 – 3rd time within a year that the elders are coming to him. Be forthright and honest.
2. Vs 2-3 – Enquire=to seek or follow, but they didn't want to commit to following Him as they were their idols.
3. Vs 4-9 –
 - a. Vs 7 – **To remove them from Egypt, God called them to sanctification away from idols.**
 - b. Vs 8 – They rebelled
 - c. Vs 9 – God did a work for His name anyway by plaguing Egypt's **idols.**
4. Vs 10-17 –
 - a. Vs 10-11 – **From Egypt to Kadesh-Barnea, God called them to sanctification thru keeping His perfect Law.**
 - b. (Side note) Vs 12 – Sabbath isn't for Gentiles. (Read Exo 31:17)

- c. Vs 13 – They rebelled
 - d. Vs 14-17 – God did a work for His name anyway by **enforcing the Law** as at the time of the golden calf.
5. Vs 18-26 –
- a. Vs 18-20 – **During the wilderness wandering, God called them to sanctification by separating tradition and heritage from God’s standards and principles.**
 - b. Vs 21
 - i. You guessed it, they rebelled.
 - ii. “Which if a man do, he shall even live in them”.
 - 1. This is 3rd time said.
 - 2. Psalm 19:7
 - c. Vs 22-26
 - i. Vs 22 – God did a work for His name anyway by **removing His activity** in their lives. (Read Psa 78:37-41)

- ii. Vs 25 – Rebel long enough and you’ll get what your flesh wants. (Read Psa 81:11-13)
6. Vs 27-29 – The conclusion of their lack of sanctification: They immediately went after the false gods that were in the land of blessing.
- a. **The call to sanctification during the “growing times” and the hard times are needful, so that you won’t go astray during the times of bounty and blessing.**
7. Vs 30-32 – So for good reason the Lord won’t be enquired of or “Followed after” b/c He knows that they’re not sincere and dedicated to Him.
8. Vs 33-44
- a. Vs 33-36 – When Israel is re-gathered, God will plead with them to turn to Him.
 - b. Vs 37 – “pass under the rod” = to be accepted.
 - c. Vs 38 – Rebel Jews will be destroyed.

- d. Vs 39-42 – They will worship the Lord in Jerusalem.
 - i. John 4 – Worship in spirit and truth during church age.
 - ii. Worship again in Jerusalem during Millennium (See Eze 40-48)
 - iii. This time period isn't after Babylon til 70 AD because of vs 43.
- e. Vs 43 – Israel will have the weeping of repentance as in Zec 12:10

Conclusion –

Don't despise the days of small things, God is using it to test our faith and built it up.

May God bless us with a contentment for where He has us in life, so that we turn to Him every day honoring Him with our desire to be pure before Him.