



The Book of EZEKIEL
Chapters 14 – 16
“SINS, ABOMINATIONS, & PARABLES!”

> **Chapter 14 - “The Sins of the Prophets, People, and Land!”**

(v1-11) Idol hearts = Idol ways!

- (v6) Regarding “repentance” - William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army declared, “I consider that the chief dangers which confront the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell.”

(v12-20) A land sins against God by persistent “unfaithfulness!”

- God examples three faithful men, Noah, Daniel and Job.

 Noah – An obedient and faithful preacher of righteousness!

 Daniel – A great prophet of God, courageous and faithful no matter the cost!

 Job – A faithful persevering saint of God!

(v21-23) The remnant of comfort.

~ *Chapters 15, 16, and 17 display three parables; remember a parable is an earthly saying with a heavenly meaning!*

> **Chapter 15 - “The Worthlessness of Sin!”**

(v1-5) Vine wood good for the fire

(v6-8) The meaning of the parable

(What can Jesus do with vine wood? John Ch. 15)

> **Chapter 16 - “The Abominations of Jerusalem!”**

(v1-14) The genesis of Jerusalem

(v15-34) The harlotry of Jerusalem

- They sacrificed their babies to false gods.

- US Abortion Clock.org

**ABORTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE ROE V. WADE:
62,884,244**

WORLDWIDE SINCE 1980: 1,601,387,349

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(v35-43) The judgment of Jerusalem

(v44-59) Jerusalem's abominable family

- Jesus defines marriage in Matthew 19:4-6 - *Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.*

- Jesus condemns homosexuality - Luke 17:26-30 - *And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

- Warren Wiersbe writes, "Their punishments are described as those of a prostitute, an adulteress, and an idolater, because the nation had committed those very sins. According to the law, prostitutes were to be burned (Lev 21:9; see Gen 38:24), adulterers and adulteresses stoned (Lev 20:10), idolaters killed by the sword, and their possessions burned (Deut 13:12-18). God used the Babylonian army to inflict these same judgments on the people of Israel (Ezek 16:40-41). Many Jews were slain by the sword, and the city of Jerusalem and the temple were looted and burned.

Ezekiel gives a graphic description of the judgment of Israel, the prostitute. First the Lord would announce the crimes (vv. 35-36). She "poured out her lust" on the heathen idols and exposed her nakedness in worshiping them. She disobeyed God's law, made idols of her own, and even sacrificed her children to them. Then the Lord announced the sentence (vv. 37-42). He would call her lovers (the heathen nations) to be her executioners, and they would gather around her and see her nakedness! She would be publicly exposed as an adulteress and a harlot. The enemy army would strip the city of Jerusalem, even as a convicted harlot is stripped, and then destroy the city (Deut 22:23-24). Like adulterers and adulteresses, the people would be killed by stones; like idolaters, they would be slain by the sword; and like prostitutes, they would be burned in the fire. The Jews knew all these laws and their penalties, yet they flagrantly defied the Lord and persisted in their abominations."

(v60-63) God's faithfulness to Jerusalem

(Understanding the Covenant - Deuteronomy Ch. 28 – 30; Jesus offers a “New Covenant” – Matthew 26:28; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 8:7-13; 9:15; 12:24)