

Book of Ezekiel

Lesson 3

12:13“I will ... bring him to Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it, though he will die there. **14**“I will scatter to every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops; and I will draw out a sword after them. **15**“So they will know that I am the LORD when I scatter them among the nations **16**“But I will spare a few of them from the sword, the famine and the pestilence that they may tell all their abominations among the nations where they go, and may know that I am the LORD.”

12:²²“Son of man, what is this proverb you people have concerning the land of Israel, saying, ‘The days are long and every vision fails’? ²³“Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel.” ... ²⁵“For I the LORD will speak, and whatever word I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it,” declares the Lord GOD.’”

12:27“Son of man, behold, the house of Israel is saying, ‘The vision that he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies of times far off.’ **28**“Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “None of My words will be delayed any longer. Whatever word I speak will be performed,”’” declares the Lord GOD.

13:³‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing.... ⁶“They see falsehood and lying divination who are saying, ‘The LORD declares,’ when the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfillment of their word.... ⁹...They will have no place in the council of My people ... nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am the Lord GOD. ¹⁰“It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, ‘Peace!’ when there is no peace.

13:18 ... “Woe to the women who sew magic bands on all wrists and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature to hunt down lives ... of My people, but preserve the lives of others for yourselves? ¹⁹” ... you have profaned Me to My people to put to death some who should not die and to keep others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies ... ²² ... you disheartened the righteous with falsehood ... but have encouraged the wicked not to turn from his wicked way and preserve his life.

14:³“Thus Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts Should I let them inquire of me at all? ⁴Therefore speak to them and tell them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: When any of the Israelites set up idols in their hearts ... and then go to a prophet, I the Lord will answer them myself in keeping with their great idolatry. ⁵I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols.’

14:⁶“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Repent and turn away from your idols and turn your faces away from all your abominations ⁷“When any of the Israelites ... set up idols in their hearts ... and then ... inquire of me, I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am the LORD.

14:9“ ‘And if the prophet is enticed to utter a prophecy, I the Lord have enticed that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and destroy him from among my people Israel. ¹⁰They will bear their guilt—the prophet will be as guilty as the one who consults him. ¹¹Then the people of Israel will no longer stray from me, nor will they defile themselves anymore with all their sins. They will be my people, and I will be their God, declares the Sovereign Lord.’ ”

1 KINGS 22:²⁰And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?'

"One suggested this, and another that. ²¹Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the Lord and said, 'I will entice him.'

²²" 'By what means?' the Lord asked.

" 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said.

" 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the Lord. 'Go and do it.'

²³"So now the Lord has put a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The Lord has decreed disaster for you."

1 KINGS 22:¹¹Now Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had made iron horns and he declared, “This is what the Lord says: ‘With these you will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed.’ ”
¹²All the other prophets were prophesying the same thing. “Attack Ramoth Gilead and be victorious,” they said, “for the Lord will give it into the king’s hand.”

DEUTERONOMY 33:¹⁷In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will gore the nations, even those at the ends of the earth. Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim; such are the thousands of Manasseh.”

14:12 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,
13 "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast, 14 even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves ... 16 ... they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate."

14:21“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments—sword and famine and wild beasts and plague—to kill its men and their animals! ²²Yet there will be some survivors ... They will come to you, and when you see their conduct and their actions, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought on Jerusalem ²³ ... for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause”

16:⁴⁸“As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. ⁴⁹“Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. ⁵⁰“Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw *it*. ⁵¹“Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins ... Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

16:⁵³“Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and along with them your own captivity, ⁵⁴in order that you may bear your humiliation and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them.... ⁵⁹For thus says the Lord GOD, “I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant. ⁶⁰Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

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Lesson 4

17:12“Say now to the rebellious house, ‘Do you not know what these things mean?’ Say, ‘Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its king and leaders, and brought them to him in Babylon. ¹³Then he took one of the royal family and made a covenant with him, putting him under oath. He also took away the mighty of the land, ¹⁴so that the kingdom would be humbled, not exalting itself, but keeping his covenant so that it might continue.

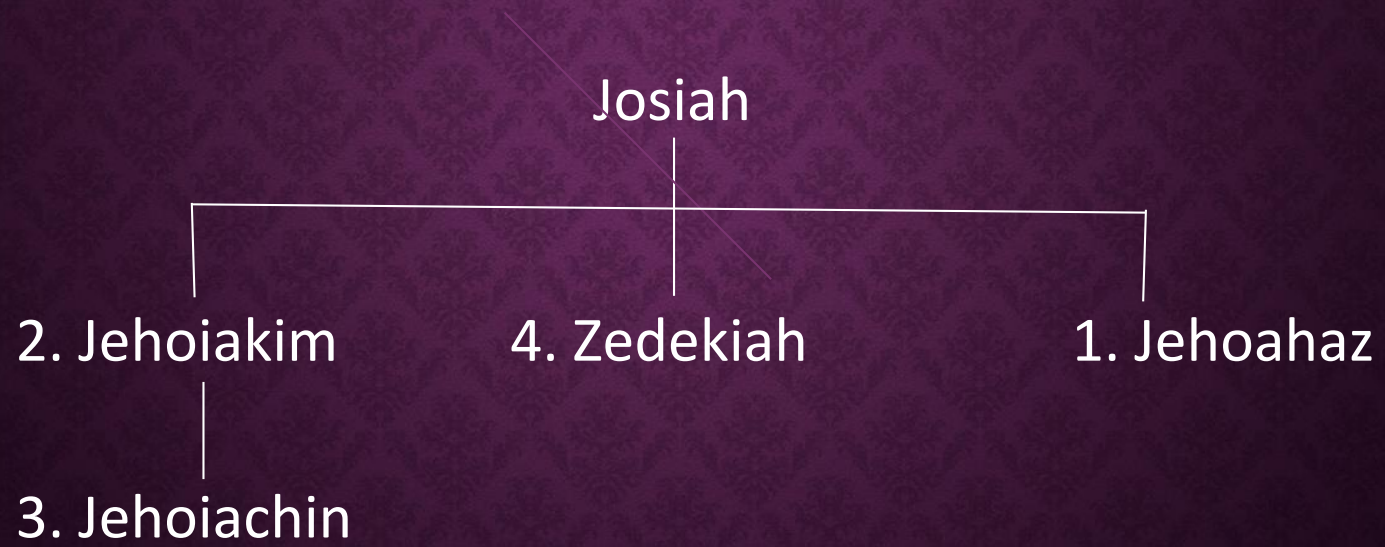
17:¹⁵But he revolted against him by sending his messengers to Egypt so that they might give him horses and many troops.... Can he indeed break the covenant and escape? ¹⁶... 'In the country of the king who put him on the throne, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, in Babylon he shall certainly die. ¹⁷Pharaoh with his mighty army and great contingent will not help him in the war, when they pile up assault ramps and build siege walls to eliminate many lives. ¹⁸Now he despised the oath by breaking the covenant ... yet did all these things; he shall not escape.'"

17:¹⁹Therefore, this is what the Lord GOD says: “As I live, My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will certainly inflict on his head.
²⁰And I will spread My net over him, and he will be caught in My net. Then I will bring him to Babylon and enter into judgment with him there regarding the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me.
²¹All the choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will be scattered to every wind; and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken.”

17:22 This is what the Lord GOD says: “I will also take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar ²³On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it, so that it may bring forth branches and bear fruit, and become a stately cedar. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches. ²⁴All the trees of the field will know that I am the LORD; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform it.”

18:¹Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
²“What do you people mean by using this proverb
about the land of Israel, saying, ‘The fathers eat sour
grapes,’ But it is the children’s teeth that have become
blunt’? ³As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “you certainly
are not going to use this proverb in Israel anymore.
⁴Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well
as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

18:³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, each according to his conduct,” declares the Lord GOD. “Repent and turn away from all your offenses, so that wrongdoing does not become a stumbling block to you. ³¹Hurl away from you all your offenses which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why should you die, house of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord GOD. “Therefore, repent and live!”



19:10 Your mother was like a vine in a vineyard
planted by the water,
fruitful and full of branches
by reason of abundant water.

11 Its strong stems became
rulers' scepters;
it towered aloft
among the thick boughs;
it was seen in its height
with the mass of its branches.

19:¹³Now it is planted in the wilderness,
in a dry and thirsty land.

¹⁴And fire has gone out from the stem of its shoots,
has consumed its fruit,
so that there remains in it no strong stem,
no scepter for ruling.

21:²⁷A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! The crown will
not be restored until he to whom it rightfully belongs
shall come; to him I will give it.'

20:¹Now in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, men from the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and they sat before me. ²Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ³“Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “Do you yourselves come to inquire of Me? As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “I certainly will not be inquired of by you.”’ ⁴Will you judge them, will you judge them, son of man? Make known to them the abominations of their fathers;

20:⁸But they rebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; they did not throw away, each of them, the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they abandon the idols of Egypt. “Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to use up My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹But I acted for the sake of My name, that it would not be defiled in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

20:²³Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands, ²⁴because they had not complied with My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes ... and their eyes were on the idols of their fathers. ²⁵I also gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances by which they could not live; ²⁶and I pronounced them unclean because of their gifts, in that they made all their firstborn pass through the fire so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might know that I am the LORD.”

And also I gave them decrees [regarding their dispersion and scattering] that were not good and judgments [of punishment] by which they would not have life. And I declared them defiled on account of their gifts [to their idols], on account of offering [by fire to idols] all [their] firstborn, so that I would cause them to be horrified, so that they would know that I am Yahweh. (Kelvin G. Friebel, “The Decrees of Yahweh That Are ‘Not Good’: Ezekiel 20:25–26”)

Psalms 106:²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land;
they did not believe his promise.

²⁵They grumbled in their tents
and did not obey the Lord.

²⁶So he swore to them with uplifted hand
that he would make them fall in the wilderness,

²⁷make their descendants fall among the nations
and scatter them throughout the lands.

20:³⁰Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “Will you defile yourselves in the way of your fathers and adulterously pursue their detestable things? ³¹And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, you are defiling yourselves with all your idols to this day. So shall I be inquired of by you, house of Israel? As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “I certainly will not be inquired of by you. ³²And whatever comes into your mind certainly will not come about, when you say: ‘We will be like the nations, like the families of the lands, serving wood and stone.’

20:³³“As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, ... I assuredly shall be king over you. ³⁴I will bring you out ... and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; ³⁵and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment ... ³⁶Just as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt ³⁷“I will ...I bring you into the bond of the covenant; ³⁸and I will purge from you ... those who revolt against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside, but they will not enter the land of Israel. So you will know that I am the LORD.

Isaiah 11:¹¹In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, ... and from the coastlands of the sea.

51:⁹Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD ...

¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea, ...
for the redeemed to pass over?

¹¹And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; ...
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away