

## **Ezekiel Part 2, Week 11, Ezekiel 23-24**

### **Day 1 – Review of Ezekiel 20-22**

As we did last week, please just read chapters 20-22 in one setting. We did chapter 20 two weeks ago along with chapter 19. Chapter 20 was the long laundry list of Israel's sins. Chapter 22 is another laundry list of their abominations. These 2 chapters sit as bookends for the removal of the last Davidic king from the throne until the Messiah comes in chapter 21.

Now just read through Ezekiel 23-24 in one setting. Who are Oholah and Oholibah in Ezekiel 23? If Oholibah represents the city of Jerusalem in chapter 23, then to what city is Ezekiel 24 referring? Now, read these two chapters again. Only this time, slow your reading down enough to pick up the details of the text as you go. Take a mental note of key words that you see as you move through the text of these two chapters.

Now, reread these two chapters with discernment. Tomorrow, we will begin marking chapter 23.

### **Day 2-4 – Chapters 23-24**

#### **Ezekiel 23 – The Parable of the Two Adulterous Sisters**

Please mark the following key repeated words in your own unique way for Ezekiel chapter 23:

- all references to God as before, including, "LORD," "Lord GOD," "I am the Lord GOD," with the same marking including pronouns
- also mark "Lord GOD," as "Sovereign Lord"
- all references to Israel or "sons and daughters," "her sons and her daughters," "your sons and your daughters," "their sons," "their children," as before, distinguishing them from Oholah and Oholibah
- all references to Oholah as the first sister as one marking, including all pronouns; I marked mine with an "S1" for Sister 1: you may mark this sister as you marked Samaria previously also (in chapter 16).
- all references to Oholibah as the second sister as one marking, including all pronouns; I marked mine with an S2 for Sister 2; you may mark this sister as you marked Jerusalem previously also.
- all references to Ezekiel as before, including "Son of man"
- all references to Egypt as before
- all references to Babylon as before
- all references to Assyria with the same marking
- all references to "abominations," and "idols," as before
- all references to "nakedness," as you've previously marked "iniquity," "sins," and "transgressions"

all references to “harlot,” “harlotry(ies),” and “lust,” as you marked “harlot,” and  
 “adultery,” before  
 all references to “judgment,” “judge,” and “bear the penalty,” as you marked  
 “judgement,” before  
 all references to “fire,” and “consumed,” as one marking  
 all references to “blood,” as one marking  
 all references to “cup” as one marking, including pronouns  
 all references to “My sanctuary,” “My house,” “My incense,” “My oil,” “My Sabbaths,”  
 as one marking  
 all references to “company,” and pronouns as one marking  
 the phrase: “thus says the Lord GOD,” as before; include “declares the Lord GOD,” as  
 one marking as before  
 the phrase: “the word of the LORD came to me (again) saying,” as before  
 all references to “nations” and their pronouns as before  
 all references to “the sword” as one marking

Mark all references to time in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheets, i.e. “from the time,” “then,” “now,” “when,” and “again,” and “on the same day”

Mark all references to the word “therefore” in some unique way in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheet. What is the “therefore,” there for in Ezekiel 23:9, 23:22, 23:31, and 23:35? What statement(s) precedes the “therefore(s)” which gives the reader understanding? For this chapter, I would like you to mark all the following words, also: “yet,” “moreover,” “thus,” and “furthermore.”

Now, after you have marked the double-spaced worksheet for chapter 23, please reread chapter 23 with understanding. See if you can draw a line between the different references in time of judgment for the nation of Israel, i.e., Israel played the harlot in Egypt, but she also played the harlot with the Assyrians, and then later on, she played the harlot with the Babylonians. Just as a reminder of their history, Israel was a united front during her slavery in Egypt. Some 400 years after the Israelites came out of Egypt and were in the Promised Land, Israel was split into two kingdoms, the Northern Kingdom or the Kingdom of Israel, and the Southern Kingdom or the Kingdom of Judah, which included the city of Jerusalem. The Assyrians took the Northern Kingdom of Israel into captivity and they ransacked the cities of the Southern Kingdom, but did not take the city of Jerusalem into captivity. The Babylonians came on the world scene as the dominant leader about 100 years after the Northern Kingdom was taken into captivity. Babylon then took Jerusalem into captivity in three sieges.

Who was the elder sister, Oholah, according to Ezekiel 23:4?

Why was Oholah named “Samaria?” Hint: what was the capital city of the Northern Kingdom of Israel? Another hint: what did Oholah practice in the city of “Samaria?”

Who was the younger sister, Oholibah, according to Ezekiel 23:4?

Why was Oholibah named “Jerusalem?” Hint: what was the capital city of the Southern Kingdom of Judah? Another hint: what were the people of the Southern Kingdom to do in “Jerusalem?”

Describe the sisters’ harlotry while they were in Egypt. See Ezekiel 23:1-4.

Why would the two sisters be described as playing the harlot in Egypt in their youth? See Ezekiel 23:3.

Why would their bosoms be described as “virgin,” in Ezekiel 23:3?

At what point in the two sisters’ history did they become His own? Refer back to Ezekiel 16.

Describe Oholah’s harlotry while she was still God’s own. See 23:5. With whom did she play the harlot according to Ezekiel 23:5-10?

Describe Oholah’s lovers, the Assyrians.

How did Oholah defile herself according to Ezekiel 23:7?

What had Oholah not forsaken concerning her previous Egyptian lovers? See Ezekiel 23:8.

God gave Oholah into the hands of her lovers, the Assyrians. What did the Assyrians do to her and to her children?

Who was on the sidelines watching Oholah lust after the Assyrians? See Ezekiel 23:11.

What did Oholibah do more corruptly than her sister, Oholah? Did she surpass her sister in her harlotries?

Describe Oholibah's lovers, the Assyrians. See Ezekiel 23:11-13.

How did Oholibah increase her harlotries according to Ezekiel 23:14 ff.

Describe Oholibah's Babylonian lovers in Ezekiel 23:14-17.

How did Oholibah view her Babylonian lovers after they had defiled her with their harlotry? See Ezekiel 23:17-18.

How did God view Oholibah after her Babylonian lovers had defiled her and after she uncovered her harlotries and nakedness?

After God became disgusted with Oholibah, what did she do all the more? See Ezekiel 23:19.

What did God do to Oholibah because of Oholibah's multiplication of her harlotries towards the Babylonians? See Ezekiel 23:22.

How were these lovers described according to Ezekiel 23:23?

What will the Babylonians and the Assyrians do to Oholibah? See Ezekiel 23,24-26, 29.

What will happen to Oholibah's lewdness and harlotry? See Ezekiel 23:26. What was God's ultimate purpose in doing this according to Ezekiel 23:27?

Why did all of these things happen to Oholibah according to Ezekiel 23:30-31?

What will Oholibah be given because she has played the harlot with the nations, defiled herself with idols and walked in the ways of her sister to the north? See Ezekiel 23:30-31.

Describe this "cup" Oholibah must drink? See Ezekiel 23:32-34.

Ultimately, why must Oholibah bear her punishment? See Ezekiel 23:35.

List the abominations (once again) for which Oholah and Oholibah will be judged. See Ezekiel 23:36-42.

Who else, besides Ezekiel, will judge Oholah and Oholibah according to Ezekiel 23: 45-47? How will these two sisters bear the penalty for worshiping idols?

What will the two sisters know because of their judgment? See Ezekiel 23:49.

Please record the theme of chapter 23 on the individual worksheet for Ezekiel 23 and on the Ezekiel Theme Summary Chart in the Appendix.

## **Ezekiel 24 – Jerusalem must not mourn her death just like Ezekiel must not mourn his wife’s death**

Please mark the following key repeated words in your own unique way for Ezekiel chapter 24:

all references to God as before, including, “LORD,” “Lord GOD,” and “I am the LORD,”  
with the same marking as before including pronouns  
also mark “Lord GOD,” as “Sovereign Lord”  
all references to Ezekiel as before, including “Son of man”  
all references to Israel or “house of Israel,” “their sons and their daughters,” “your sons  
and your daughters,” “he who escapes,” “to him who escaped,” as before  
including all pronouns referring to them  
all references to “blood” as before  
all references to “bloody city,” “rebellious house,” and its pronouns as you have marked  
“Jerusalem” before  
the phrase: “thus says the Lord GOD,” as before; include “declares the Lord GOD,” as  
one marking as before  
the phrase: “the word of the LORD came to me saying,” as before  
all references to “fire,” as before, including “coals,” “melted,” “glow,” and “consumed”  
“wrath,” as before  
“woe,” as before  
“sign” as before  
“parable” as before  
“Babylon” as before  
“adultery,” “lewdness,” the “pot”

Mark all references to time in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheets, i.e. “in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month,” “this very day,” “in the morning,” “in the evening,” “then,” and “on that day”

Mark the reference to the word “therefore” in some unique way in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheet. What is the “therefore,” there for in Ezekiel 24:6? What statement(s) precede the “therefore” that gives the reader understanding? Also, mark “thus,” and “yet,” as you marked them in chapter 23.

Now, after you have marked the double-spaced worksheet for chapter 24, please reread chapter 24 with understanding. See if you can tell to which sister (from chapter 23) this chapter 24 is referring.

What date did Ezekiel receive this word from the LORD?

Was this date representative of Ezekiel's time in captivity in Babylon, or was it representative of some other form of noting time?

Wow, this "bloody city" shows up again here in chapter 24. As in chapter 22, is this city Jerusalem? What is the subject of this parable? Describe "the pot" of the "bloody city," using the words, of the text, beginning in Ezekiel 24:6. Please mark the address with each line of your description.

Is this "bloody city," one in the same as the "rebellious house" and also, the "rusty pot?"

The first "woe" to the "bloody city" is to the "rusty pot." The second "woe" to the "bloody city" is to the "pile" of wood beneath the pot. Describe the "bloody city's" blood seen in Ezekiel 24:7-8. Why is it important to cover blood with dust? See 24:7-8.

By setting the "pot" empty upon the burning coals, what will the fire cause the pot to do?

Did the cleansing of Jerusalem's filthiness occur this time when the empty pot was put to the fire? Why or why not? See Ezekiel 24:13-14.

When will the "bloody city," or the "rusty pot" be cleansed? See Ezekiel 24:13-14.

What was about to happen to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 24:16?

How was Ezekiel to respond to his wife's death? See Ezekiel 24:16-17.

What was the message to the people in Ezekiel's strange response to his wife's death? See Ezekiel 24:19-24.

How was Ezekiel to be a sign to the people?

What was God's ultimate goal in using Ezekiel's life as a sign? See Ezekiel 24:24,27.

"On that day," what will happen to Ezekiel's mouth? See Ezekiel 24:26-27.

Please record the theme of chapter 24 on the individual worksheet for Ezekiel 24 and on the Ezekiel Theme Summary Chart in the Appendix.

### **Day 5 - Personal reflection:**

These questions are as much for me as they are for you.

Ezekiel 23 almost seems to be a rehash of Ezekiel 16. Both chapters speak of Judah's unfaithfulness. However, chapter 16 focuses on Israel's unfaithfulness in her idolatry and chapter 23 speaks more to her unfaithfulness through unholy alliances with other nations. We've covered possible sources of our own unfaithfulness to God in the idols of our current day, but we've not really looked at our unholy alliances with others in the place of our covenant (our deal, our alliance) with God. What kinds of unholy alliances have you made with your world, with others in your neighborhood, at your place of employment, at your place of doing business, or even within the church body? What kind of unholy alliances are you making with others when you go to them first and don't consult God with the matter? How have you "cheaped" your relationship with Him?

During the Nixon administration, the dollar went from being backed by gold, to being backed by oil. At that time, the dollar's stability began to fluctuate greatly. In order to bring the dollar's value back to some stability, our nation made a deal with Saudi Arabia. We would be Saudi's ally if she would do all of her commerce/trade transactions (including and especially oil) in US dollars. Now, our country is not a theocracy as Israel once was, but there seems to me to be something "unholy" about this alliance we have made with the Saudis: at the least, **we should have known better**. Can you think of other alliances that our country has made that might be unholy? How about the transactions that are going on this day in our US Congress and in the Presidency? How about the planned future talks and negotiations with Iran's Ahmadinejad and our nation? This is scary stuff when our nation's leaders leave God out of the equation, out of the solution.



It must be very difficult for God to get our attention today when there is so much stimuli around us, like television, Internet, i-pods, Blackberries, etc., etc. How much attention of the locals did Ezekiel get with his parable of the two sisters? Were their lives, even back then, too busy, too full, too satisfying, to take notice of God and His message to them? How about you? Do you need to cut some thing out of your life so that you can spend time discerning His word and acting upon it?

“Oholah” is the Hebrew word for “tent,” implying “sanctuary,” i.e., “the tent of meeting.” The Northern Kingdom had gone away from the worship of the One True God in Jerusalem and set up her own “tent” to her chosen gods at Samaria and Bethel. “Oholibah” is Hebrew for “my tent is in her,” implying Jerusalem as the place of God’s dwelling with men. God’s covenant with these two women, Oholah and Oholibah must have been that they were “His” (Mine and they had given birth to sons and daughters for Me). What do we give out to others that is God’s and God’s alone? This is a new thought for me, but I wonder if I don’t control what goes in the eye and ear gates (i.e., television, radio talk, music) if somehow, I come under the broadcaster’s control and forfeit my own control or even God’s control of me. Is this not an unholy alliance?

Take an inventory of others’ lives around you. Have they chosen to believe a lie and gone after strange lovers because of their choice to believe that lie? How have those lovers they’ve chosen come through for them? Are there some who have looked for a better life in an unholy alliance only to be proven wrong by either their own conscience accusing them or the realities of daily living with that strange lover?

Another new thought for me is how those in the end time events will believe a lie and thus forfeit their opportunity to come to Jesus for salvation. Until now, I’ve not put much credence into the one reference in the Bible to this thought found in 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12. After observing the Obama mania from this past election, what are your thoughts on the end time events concerning the feasibility of those who have denied the true Messiah continuing on in their belief of the lie of the Anti-Christ? (I am not implying that Obama is the Anti-Christ here.)

One of the things that really concerns me is just how open are the crimes of our federal government. Our sins are right out there for the world to view. The change in administration has now made it clear that they no longer believe that they are doing wrong. Almost like bullies, their actions seem to be on autopilot, on time and on agenda. Our country has shed innocent blood and has not even bothered to hide the crimes. Is that blood crying out, even figuratively, for vengeance? What about all of those babies who have lost their lives to the abortion mill? Are they crying out from the ground? Will America have to be destroyed to remove her impurities? Watch out America; do you remember what happened to Nazi Germany? Please read the account of the voice of Abel's blood crying from the ground in Genesis 4:3-16. Please note Cain's attitude from the beginning and until he was driven out of the presence of the Lord. Please write your thoughts below:

Please read Romans 1:16-32. How does the truth found in this Scripture find itself being played out today in our culture?

In Ezekiel 24:24-25, we have the key message to the entire book of Ezekiel. What was this message? What had just happened to Ezekiel in his personal life? What had just happened to Jerusalem and her false prophets? Why did God allow all of these things to transpire? For you personally: why did God allow all of these things to happen? What about all those things in your life: why has God allowed all of the things in your life to happen as they have?

Please read Revelation chapters 2 and 3. What does God repeat to each of the 7 churches that is relevant to us here in these two chapters of Ezekiel? What will happen to our lampstand, if we do not remain steadfast in Him?

Why do we as humans, end up hating what we once fought so hard to love? What eventually happened to Israel regarding her lovers, the Egyptians, the Assyrians, and the Babylonians?

What does the “cup” in chapter 23 stand for? Does this cup of Ezekiel 23 stand for the same as the bowls of Revelation 15? Why would God punish Jerusalem with such vengeance? Will God ever use these tactics for our discipline? If not, how will He discipline us?

Why was Ezekiel compelled to write down the exact date of Jerusalem’s complete destruction? Why do you write down certain dates that are significant? What dates do you have in your spiritual backpack?

Did God play favorites with any of the Israelites when He destroyed the Temple and the city of Jerusalem? Will He play favorites with you and me when He judges this nation?

Has God ever asked you to do anything for Him that you knew would not have been approved by others? I have. And, I also got the disapproval of others. Ezekiel certainly would have wept at his own wife’s death, except God told him that he could not. Why? What was God’s purpose here? What is God’s purpose in calling you to act out of the ordinary in a given situation? (Please don’t take this to mean the little voices in your head that some of you experience.) The way you know that you are hearing God’s voice correctly is when it lines up perfectly with Scripture. Write down your experience in this here below.

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## Chapter 23

### Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

23:1 The word of the LORD came to me again saying,

23:2 “Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;

23:3 and they played the harlot in Egypt. They played the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed, and there their virgin bosom was handled.

23:4 “And their names were Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister. And they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

23:5 “And Oholah played the harlot while she was Mine; and she lusted after her lovers, after the Assyrians, her neighbors,

23:6 who were clothed in purple, governors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

23:7 “And she bestowed her harlotries on them, all of whom were the choicest men of Assyria; and with all whom she lusted after, with all their idols she defiled herself.

23:8 “And she did not forsake her harlotries from the time in Egypt; for in her youth men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their lust on her.

23:9 “Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, after whom she lusted.

23:10 “They uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, but they slew her with the sword. Thus she became a byword among women, and they executed judgments on her.

23:11 “Now her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her lust than she, and her harlotries were more than the harlotries of her sister.

23:12 “She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

23:13 “And I saw that she had defiled herself; they both took the same way.

23:14 “So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men portrayed on the wall, images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

23:15 girded with belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, like the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.

23:16 “And when she saw them she lusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

23:17 “And the Babylonians came to her to the bed of love, and they defiled her with their harlotry. And when she had been defiled by them, she became disgusted with them.

23:18 “And she uncovered her harlotries and uncovered her nakedness; then I became disgusted with her, as I had become disgusted with her sister.

23:19 “Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

23:20 “And she lusted after their paramours, whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

23:21 “Thus you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

23:22 “Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom you were alienated, and I will bring them against you from every side:

23:23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and officials all of them, officers and men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

23:24 ‘And they will come against you with weapons, chariots, and wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will set themselves against you on every side with buckler and shield and helmet; and I shall commit the judgment to them, and they will judge you according to their customs.

23:25 ‘And I will set My jealousy against you, that they may deal with you in wrath. They will remove your nose and your ears; and your survivors will fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters; and your survivors will be consumed by the fire.

23:26 ‘They will also strip you of your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels.

23:27 ‘Thus I shall make your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt anymore.’

23:28 “For thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will give you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those from whom you were alienated.

23:29 ‘And they will deal with you in hatred, take all your property, and leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

23:30 ‘These things will be done to you because you have played the harlot with the nations, because you have defiled yourself with their idols.

23:31 ‘You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your

hand.’ 23:32 “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘You will drink your sister’s cup, Which is deep and wide. You will be laughed at and held in derision; It contains much.

23:33 ‘You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, The cup of horror and desolation, The cup of your sister Samaria.

23:34 ‘And you will drink it and drain it. Then you will gnaw its fragments And tear your breasts; for I have spoken,’ declares the Lord GOD.

23:35 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, bear now the punishment of your lewdness and your harlotries.’”

23:36 Moreover, the LORD said to me, “Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations.

23:37 “For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. Thus they have committed adultery with their idols and even caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass through the fire to them as food.

23:38 “Again, they have done this to Me: they have defiled My sanctuary on the same day and have profaned My sabbaths.

23:39 “For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, they entered My sanctuary on the same day to profane it; and lo, thus they did within My house.

23:40 “Furthermore, they have even sent for men who come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent; and lo, they came — for whom you bathed, painted your eyes, and decorated yourselves with ornaments;

23:41 and you sat on a splendid couch with a table arranged before it, on which you had set My incense and My oil.

23:42 “And the sound of a carefree multitude was with her; and drunkards were brought from the wilderness with men of the common sort. And they put bracelets on the hands of the women and beautiful crowns on their heads.

23:43 “Then I said concerning her who was worn out by adulteries, ‘Will they now commit adultery with her when she is thus?’

23:44 “But they went in to her as they would go in to a harlot. Thus they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

23:45 “But they, righteous men, will judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and blood is on their hands.

23:46 “For thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Bring up a company against them, and give them over to terror and plunder.

23:47 ‘And the company will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords; they will slay their sons and their daughters and burn their houses with fire.

23:48 ‘Thus I shall make lewdness cease from the land, that all women may be admonished and not commit lewdness as you have done.

23:49 ‘And your lewdness will be requited upon you, and you will bear the penalty of worshipping your idols; thus you will know that I am the Lord GOD.’”

## **CHAPTER 24**

### **Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_**

24:1 And the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying,

24:2 “Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day.

24:3 “And speak a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD, “Put on the pot, put it on, and also pour water in it;

24:4 Put in it the pieces, Every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; Fill it with choice bones.

24:5 “Take the choicest of the flock, And also pile wood under the pot. Make it boil vigorously. Also seethe its bones in it.”

24:6 ‘Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the bloody city, To the pot in which there is rust And whose rust has not gone out of it! Take out of it piece after piece, Without making a choice.

24:7 “For her blood is in her midst; She placed it on the bare rock; She did not pour it on the ground To cover it with dust.

24:8 “That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood on the bare rock, That it may not be covered.”

24:9 ‘Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the bloody city! I also shall make the pile great.

24:10 “Heap on the wood, kindle the fire, Boil the flesh well, And mix in the spices, And let the bones be burned.

24:11 “Then set it empty on its coals, So that it may be hot, And its bronze may glow, And its filthiness may be melted in it, Its rust consumed.

24:12 “She has wearied Me with toil, Yet her great rust has not gone from her; Let her rust be in the fire!

24:13 “In your filthiness is lewdness. Because I would have cleansed you, Yet you are not clean, You will not be cleansed from your filthiness again, Until I have spent My wrath on you.



24:14 “I, the LORD, have spoken; it is coming and I shall act. I shall not relent, and I shall not pity, and I shall not be sorry; according to your ways and according to your deeds I shall judge you,” declares the Lord GOD.”

24:15 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24:16 “Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow; but you shall not mourn, and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come.

24:17 “Groan silently; make no mourning for the dead. Bind on your turban, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your mustache, and do not eat the bread of men.”

24:18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was commanded.

24:19 And the people said to me, “Will you not tell us what these things that you are doing mean for us?”

24:20 Then I said to them, “The word of the LORD came to me saying,

24:21 ‘Speak to the house of Israel, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and the delight of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword.

24:22 ‘And you will do as I have done; you will not cover your mustache, and you will not eat the bread of men.

24:23 ‘And your turbans will be on your heads and your shoes on your feet. You will not mourn, and you will not weep; but you will rot away in your iniquities, and you will groan to one another.

24:24 ‘Thus Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to all that he has done you will do; when it comes, then you will know that I am the Lord GOD.”

24:25 ‘As for you, son of man, will it not be on the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their pride, the desire of their eyes, and their heart’s delight, their sons and their daughters,

24:26 that on that day he who escapes will come to you with information for your ears?

24:27 ‘On that day your mouth will be opened to him who escaped, and you will speak and be dumb no longer. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the LORD.”

# Oholah & Oholibah and Their Lovers

The Egyptians When O/O were Virgins In Egypt	The Assyrians		The Babylonian		All Oholibah's Lovers
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<p>Both O/O played the harlot in Egypt 23:3</p> <p>Both O/O were virgins - played the harlot in their youths 23:3</p> <p>Both O/O - there their breasts were pressed and their virgin bosom was handled 23:3</p> <p>Both O/O -men had lain with them 23:8</p> <p>Both O/O men had lusted after her 23:8</p>	<p>Played the harlot while she was still God's 23:5</p> <p>She lusted after Lovers, the Assyrians, her neighbors 23:5</p> <p>The Assyrians were: clothed in purple- they looked good 23:6</p> <p>all governors and officials - they had rank 23:6</p> <p>all of them desirable young men - they were the best looking 23:6</p> <p>all horsemen, riding on horses - they had class 23:6</p> <p>She bestowed her harlotries on them: the choicest men of Assyria</p> <p>they lusted after her she defiled herself with all their idols 23:7</p> <p>God gave her into the hand of her lovers 23:9</p> <p>they uncovered her nakedness, took her sons and daughters, but slew her w/ sword &amp; executed judgments on her 23:10</p>	<p>She was looking at Oholah 23:11</p> <p>She was more corrupt in her lust than her sister 23:11</p> <p>Her harlotries were more than the harlotries of her sister 23:11</p> <p>She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men 23:12</p> <p>She defiled herself 23:13</p>	<p>She increased her harlotries 23:14</p> <p>She saw men portrayed on the wall, images of the Chaldaeans portrayed with vermilion, girded with belts on their loins, flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, like the Babylonians in Chaldea 23:15</p> <p>When she saw them, she lusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea 23:16</p> <p>The Babylonians came to her to the bed of loe and they defiled her with their harlotry &amp; she became disgusted with them 23:17</p> <p>She uncovered her harlotries and uncovered her nakedness; God became disgusted with her 23:18</p> <p>She multiplied her harlotries remembering her youth in Egypt 23:19</p> <p>she lusted after their paramours 23:20</p> <p>longing for the lewdness of her youth when the Egyptians handled her virginity 23:21</p>	<p>God therefore aroused her lovers against her on every side 23:22</p> <p>The Babylonians and all the Chaldaeans</p> <p>The Arameans - Pekod, Shoa, Koa</p> <p>The Assyrians</p> <p>All of them desirable young men</p> <p>governors and officials</p> <p>officers and men of renown</p> <p>all of them riding on horses 23:23</p> <p>They come against her w/ weapons, chariots, wagons, and a company of peoples</p> <p>They set themselves against her on every side w/ buckler, shield, helmet</p> <p>God will commit the judgment to them &amp; they will judge her a.t. their own customs 23:24</p> <p>God will set His jealousy against her</p> <p>They will remove her nose and ears and her survivors will fall by the sword 23:25</p> <p>They will strip her of her clothes and take away her beautiful jewels 23:26</p> <p>God shall make her lewdness and her harlotry cease 23:27</p> <p>God will give them into the hand of those she has hated 23:28</p> <p>They will deal with her in hatred, take all her property and leave her naked and bare, leaving the nakedness of her harlotries uncovered, 23:29</p> <p>God will give her sister's cup into her hand 23:31</p> <p>She will drink her sister's cup &amp; she will be laughed at and held in derision 23:32</p> <p>She will be filled w/ drunkenness sorrow, the cup of horro and desolation 23:33</p>	



## The Four Oracles - the Sins of Idolatry, Foreign Alliances

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**The Final Prophecy of Doom on Jerusalem - The Parable of the Pot - Ezekiel 24**  
**ninth year, 10th month, 10th day**

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the bloody city  
Ezekiel 24:3-8

Ezekiel said Jerusalem was like a pot now encrusted, whose deposit will not go away  
- 24:3-5

Hebrew word "encrusted" and "deposit" are from "Hel ah," and could be translated rusted and rust. 24:6-8

In the fire of God's judgment Jerusalem's impurities floated to the surface. Her corruption could not be hidden

The meal was ruined by the rusty scum, so the contents of the pot were dumped. People in Jerusalem who had felt secure from Babylon's onslaught would be dragged from the city into exile w/ no regard for their position in society

The cause of their dispersion was repeated in 24:7-8; bloodshed poured out openly on rocks, not where the dust would cover it. Jerusalem had shed innocent blood and had not even bothered to hide her crimes. The blood was crying out figuratively speaking for vengeance.

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The meat in the pot was to be cooked "well done" picturing the slaughter of the people in Jerusalem by Babylon.

God's judgment would go beyond the inhabitants to encompass the cit of Jerusalem itself: the empty pot (Jerusalem w/o her inhabitants) was to be set on the coals ... its impurities were melted and its deposit (rust) burned away...the city itself had to be destroyed to remove its impurities

God had tried to cleanse His people, but they resisted - therefore they would experience the purifying work of God's wrath

God's patience had run out - the time had come for Him to judge - He would not hold back or have pity