

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 June Ezekiel 01-07 When Your World Crumbles
- 2) 08 June Ezekiel 08-14 When Idols Tug at your Heart
- 3) 15 June Ezekiel 15-19 When You Want to Blame Others
- 4) 22 June Ezekiel 20-24 When Tragedy Hits Home
- 5) 29 June **Ezekiel 25-32 When Pride Turns to Greed**
- 6) 06 July Ezekiel 33-35 Hope of New Freedom
- 7) 13 July Ezekiel 36-39 Hope of New Life
- 8) 20 July Ezekiel 40-48 Hope of New Worship
- 9) 27 July Daniel 01 Draw the Line
- 10) 03 August Daniel 02-03 Risk Everything for God
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- 12) 17 August Daniel 06 Never Give Up on Prayer
- 13) 24 August Daniel 07-08 Live to Win in the End
- 14) 31 August Daniel 09-12 Be Ready for Tribulation

INTRODUCTION

- God pronounces judgment on many Gentile nations for their anti-Semitic behavior
- Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible. The 2nd most frequently named nation is Iraq. However, the names used in the Bible for Iraq are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia
- Intrinsic to the covenant God made with Abraham was a divine promise that those who cursed God’s people would themselves be cursed by God (Genesis 12:1-3)
- The prophecies against foreign nations affirm God’s sovereignty over all lands and people groups

Passage	Comments
Ezekiel 25:1-17	<p>Judgment for Pride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride is a good quality when we show honor in who we are, who we belong to, or in our workmanship • However, Pride is deadly when it is turned inward, and we think we are invincible because of our intrinsic traits; & this pride can kill both individuals and nations • vv1-7. Ammon – They laughed at Israel’s downfall and suffered a similar fate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Powerful principle to live by – NEVER rejoice over the fall of an enemy..... Prov 24:17 • vv8-11. Moab – Falsely accused Israel of being just like any other nation & were not God’s chosen people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They would learn that God is indeed The Lord ♦ Recall that Ruth was a Moabite • vv12-14. Edom – Fought viciously against Israel • vv15-17. Philistines – Showed brutality against Israel
26:1-21	<p>Judgment Against Tyre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyre was a city consisting of a portion on the mainland, and a portion on an offshore island • Tyre was eventually destroyed by Alexander the Great
27:1-36	<p>Judgment Against Tyre & Sidon (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The earthly king of Tyre (possibly Ittobaal II) was prideful and sought to profit on Israel’s misfortune <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jesus once visited the area of Tyre & Sidon and healed the Sidonian widow’s daughter..... Matthew 15:21
28:1-26	<p>Judgment Against Tyre & Sidon (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prophecies against the king of Tyre seems to have a dual purpose • vv1-11. The earthly king of Tyre seems to be the focus here • vv12-19. Satan now seems to be alluded to in this passage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v12. Seal of perfection and perfect in beauty ♦ v13. He was in the Garden of Eden ♦ v14. He was the anointed cherub residing on the holy mountain of God • v19. “You will cease to be” - maybe the earthly king of Tyre • vv20-23. Sidon. Judgment pronounced for some undeclared sins, but when God executes His wrath everyone will know that He is the sovereign Lord • vv24-26. Israel will one day be restored with all of her enemies lying in ruins (post-Armageddon)

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29:1-21	<p>Judgment of Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Egypt of Moses’ day was not the same Egypt of Ezekiel’s day. In some years Egypt was Israel’s worst enemy. Other years, Egypt was an ally • vv8-9a. God intends to teach Egypt a lesson through destruction – They will know that He is the Lord • v9b. Egypt takes credit for the Nile (it belongs to them since they created it). God takes issue with them on this • vv12-13. Egypt will be desolate for 40 years, then restored. This is a very specific prophecy to demonstrate God’s sovereignty
30:1-26	<p>Judgment of Egypt (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v6. Pride is the main reason for Egypt’s destruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Principle to Live By – Avoid wrongful pride
31:1-18	<p>Judgment of Egypt (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-17. God highlights the glory He gave to Assyria, but because of their pride he reduced them to ashes • v18. Egypt will suffer the same fate as Assyria
32:1-32	<p>Judgment of Egypt (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are actually 7 distinct oracles/prophecies against Egypt in these 4 chapters. God has given Egypt a lot of attention in Ezekiel – so it must be significant • Isaiah 19:18-25. One day Egypt will come to know the Lord along with the Assyrians (many Arabs), for God will send them a Savior and they will believe

Note: The table below reflects that the descendants of Lot (Ammonites and Moabites) along with Egypt (descendants of Ham) and the descendants of Ishmael (most Arabs) will survive the wrath of God, as prophesied. But the descendants of Esau (Edomites) along with several non-Semitic groups will be destroyed beyond repair.

Judged Nations	Pronounced Judgment(s)	Passage(s)
Egypt	Will be destroyed/healed/saved and will eventually worship the God of Israel along with the Assyrians (Syria, Turkey, and portions of Iraq & Iran); Carried away for 40 years	Isaiah 19; Jer 46; Ezek 29-32
Elam	Destroyed then restored (Elam was one of the sons of Shem who settled in southern Iran)	Dan 11; Acts 2
Ammon	Destroyed then restored, & inhabited by Judah	Jer 49; Ezk 25 ; Zph 2
Moab	Will be destroyed, humbled, but not totally annihilated; eventually inhabited by Judah	Is 15-16; Jer 48; Zph 2 Ezek 25 ; Dan 11:41;
Damascus	Will be greatly reduced, then destroyed	Is 17-18; Jer 48
Edom	Destroyed completely, laid waste, made desolate	Ezek 25, 35 ; Obadiah
Babylon	To be destroyed forever	Isaiah 13-14; Jer 50
Philistines	To be destroyed forever	Jer 47; Ezek 25 ; Amos 1; Zeph 2
Tyre & Sidon	To be destroyed forever (Recall that Jezebel came from Sidon, a township near Tyre; also the first resurrection recorded in the Bible was of a Sidonian boy by Elijah; and Jesus healed the Sidonian widow’s demon-possessed daughter while visiting Tyre)	Is 23; Ezek 26-28

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Pride comes before destruction, both on an individual level and on a national level
- We should always have a humbled perspective of our frailty before a mighty God

NEXT WEEK: Ezekiel 33-35. Finally, some hope comes on the scene. Israel’s fortunes will one day be restored.

