

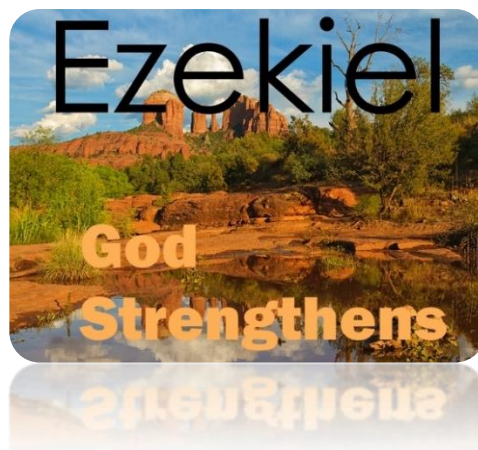
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Isaiah, Jeremiah and others prophesied over Jerusalem. In 1700, Matthew Henry wrote: Though Jerusalem is a place of great knowledge, yet she is loath to know her abominations; so partial are men in their own favor that they are hardly made to see and own their own badness, but deny it, conceal or make light of it. This lengthy chapter has about 100 references to their beloved city: but has anything changed in 2500 years?

Faithless Jerusalem



¹ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

² Son of man, make known to **Jerusalem** her abominations,

³ And say, Thus says the LORD God to **Jerusalem**; Your origin, your birth is of the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

⁴ As for your birth, on the day **you** were born your umbilical cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to clean you; nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling clothes.

⁵ No eye pitied **you**, to do anything for **you**, to have compassion on **you**; but **you** were discarded in the open field / loathed and abandoned, thrown out; like an abortion,

you were abhorred the day **you were born** / of them Moses says, for you are a stiff-necked people; you have been rebellious to the Lord from the day I knew you -- **Deut.9**.

⁶ And when I passed by **you**, and saw **you** kicking about in your blood, I said to **you** kicking about in your blood, **Live**; yes, I said to **you** kicking about in your blood, **Live** / God repeats himself; as if amazed recalling when He first saw her. I designed you for life when you were doomed for destruction; resolving to save you.

⁷ I caused **you** to blossom as the bud of the field, and **you** grew up and became great, and are come to excellent ornaments your breasts were formed, your hair had grown, yet you were naked and bare / she possessed all the bells and whistles; by all outward appearances she was attractive; but there was something missing; she was butt naked.

⁸ When I again passed by **you** / **Jerusalem**, and saw **you**, behold, **you** were at the age for love; and I spread the corner of My garment over **you**, and covered your nakedness:

yes, I made a vow to **you**, and entered into a **covenant** with **you** says the LORD God, and **you** became **Mine** / this legal promised first made to Noah after the flood... that He would make with His people; our Father God is very kind; He wants us to know, He is faithful, He keeps His word; those whom God takes into covenant with Himself are fed with the bread of life; clothed with the robe of rightness, adorned with the graces and comforts of the spirit -- MH.

⁹ Then **I washed you** with water; yes, I washed off your blood, and anointed you with oil.

¹⁰ **I clothed you** also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I clothed **you** in fine linen and covered you with silk.

¹¹ And **I adorned you** with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain around your neck.

¹² And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head.

¹³ Thus **you / Jerusalem** were adorned with gold and silver; your clothing was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered cloth; **you** ate fine flour, honey and oil: and you were exceedingly beautiful, and **you did prosper into a kingdom** / a beauty of holiness, they were a people uniquely set apart for God; devoted to Him... to be to him for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory – who by nature had been deformed and polluted; she advanced to royal stature.

¹⁴ And your reputation spread among the nations because of your beauty: for it was perfect because of My splendor, which I bestowed on **you**, says the LORD God / because of Him.

So, how did she do?

¹⁵ But **you / Jerusalem**... trusted in your own beauty / in the paper-thin veneer covering of life, and ‘played the harlot’ / one word in Hebrew, **zana**; 6 times this word is used in this chapter; it’s what harlots do best. And because we won’t use that other F- word, we will just say:

and fornicating...because of your reputation, and poured out ‘thy fornications’ / one word in Hebrew: *taznut*; and gushing taznuts...

on all who passed by; and it became his / your gushing taznuts were his.

¹⁶ And **you / Jerusalem**... took some of your garments and colorfully decorated your high places / like the Hollywood and Beverly Hills or NYC, London and Paris crowds who intend for everybody to see. Jerusalem not only worshiped the true God with their idols, but also the false gods, Baal and Moloch, and all the senseless rabble of the pagan deities, too - MH,

and fornicating there: the likes never seen previously, nor will be seen.

¹⁷ **You / Jerusalem**... also took the beautiful jewels made of My gold and My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images, fornicating... with them,

¹⁸ **You / Jerusalem**... took your embroidered garments, and covered them: and you offered them My oil and My incense / giving gifts as perfumes and fragrances to some dung-hill deities -- MH.

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¹⁹ Also My food which I gave **you**, fine flour, oil and honey, wherewith I fed **you**, you offered to them for a sweet savor: and thus it was, says the LORD God / God says, that's the way it was.

²⁰ Also **you** / **Jerusalem**... took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to Me, and these **you** sacrificed to them to be devoured / mind-boggling; disgusting, isn't it?

Was your fornicating so small a matter / did some filthy, sick fools like all the roman inquisitor wannabes and torture freaks... think this was insignificant and funny?

²¹ That **you** / **Jerusalem**... slaughtered and delivered up My children, as an offering by fire to them? / tragically this is **not** some symbolic verse, some allegory... for a long time it really took place in Jerusalem; and this continues in governments today; there are those who invent the next calamity at the expense of the people. Did events like Pearl Harbor and 9-11 really happened as the people have been told? I doubt it. Is most news a mere fabrication of leaders attempting to control the masses? Who is the true architect of most violence throughout the world? Isn't it interesting that 2/3rds of the communist Russia's economy in the early 1900's was actually paid for by US tax payers? Why were 100,000s of orphan children transferred from Canada to the US? And where did they go? There are many unanswered questions. No wonder Jesus strongly warned that what we do to the least... we do to Him. Scandals will come, but it is better for that one to put a millstone about his neck and be cast into the sea, than to scandalize the littlest ones -- Luke 17.

Matthew Henry wrote: they took their sons and daughters and made them to pass through the fire, in token of being dedicated to the dung-hill deity Moloch. Never was there such an instance of degenerate parental authority into the most barbarous tyranny as this. Yet that was not the worst.

God said to Abraham, I will be a God to you and to your seed. From the 8th day, they had the seal of covenant in their flesh; they were to bear God's name. To murder them was in the highest degree inhuman, but to murder them in honor of a dung-hill demon was in the highest degree impious. One cannot think of it without the utmost indignation: to see the pitiless hands of the parents shedding the guiltless blood of their own children, and by offering those pieces of themselves to the devil for dying sacrifices openly avowing the offering up of themselves to him for living sacrifices!

²² And in all your abominations and your *taznuts* / your promiscuity you / **Jerusalem**... did **not** remember the days of your youth, when **you** were naked and bare, and hardly kicking in your blood / father Israel in his final days said: I recall all the days the LORD led me and fed me... too often we forget our impoverished beginnings; remember God called them who were the least, not the greatest: these words of Ezekiel describe an aborted baby struggling to live.

²³ And after all your evil, (woe, woe to **you**! says the LORD God; how terrible it will be, because they chose not to remember, the Lord says... it will be doubly terrible for them)

²⁴ **You** built yourself a lofty place, and made a high place in every square / still going on today.

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²⁵ At the head of every street, **you** built your lofty place and made your beauty an abomination, and spreading your legs to any who passed by, **you** multiplied your promiscuity.

²⁶ **You** / **Jerusalem**... also fornicated with your neighbors the Egyptians, great of flesh / actually this phrase is surprisingly racy; He's talking about their... **big genitals**;

and have increased... your promiscuity / doing what whores do best, to provoke Me to anger.

²⁷ So indeed, I have stretched out My hand over **you** / **Jerusalem**... but that is not because they were going for a walk in the park; the Lord is going to deal with Jerusalem,

and have diminished your ordinary food, and delivered **you** to the will of them who hate you, even the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your indecent ways.

²⁸ **You** / **Jerusalem**... fornicated also with the Assyrians / so Jerusalem was bleeping around with those who took their brothers **Israel** – the 10 tribes, Ephraim who carried into captivity **all** the blessings first given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So, was there some jealousy among the **10 brothers** and **Judah**?

You fornicated also with the Assyrians, because **you** were not satisfied; yes, fornicating with them, and still were not satisfied.

²⁹ Your fornicating increased from the land of Canaan to Chaldea; yet with this **you** were not satisfied.

³⁰ How sick is **your** heart says the LORD God / **Jerusalem**... and any other capital city who fancies themselves rich in their own eyes, yet forgets where they came from, seeing **you** did all these things, the work of a brazen whore / a hard-headed, STD-infected cesspool of a faithless whore;

³¹ building your lofty place in the head of every street, and making your high place in every square; yet **you** were not like a whore, in that you scorned payment for hire;

³² **You** / **Jerusalem**... adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

³³ Lovers give gifts to all their whores: but **you** give gifts to all your lovers, and hire them, that they come to you from every direction and fornicate.

³⁴ So in your promiscuity, **you** are different from others. **No** one solicited your fornicating / C.S. Lewis, in his book The Great Divorce... wrote of the haggard old burlesque queen of a lady who kept smacking her lips,

No one solicited your fornicating... yet you gave payment, while no payment was given **you**; therefore, **you** were different.

³⁵ Therefore, O whore / **Jerusalem**,

hear the word of the LORD / something they apparently did not do... and still don't do much of; I mean, have you ever heard anyone from that part of the world share the good news with you? I haven't:

³⁶ **Thus says the LORD God;**

because your filthiness / your cheap copper exchanged... was poured out, and your nakedness exposed through your taznuts... with your lovers, and with all the idols of your disgusting atrocities / like I said, they were not much into the word of God: didn't God tell Moses somewhere His 10 instructions... that they were **not** to make graven idols or images? Was anybody listening?

and by the infected blood of your children, which you / Jerusalem... passed to them;

³⁷ Behold, therefore **I will gather** all your lovers, with whom **you** take pleasure, all those you loved, with all those you hated; so **I will gather** them against **you** from every direction, and **will expose your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness** / and don't you get the impression, this is something still future; because looking over there in the middle east, it doesn't seem the people ever learned this lesson.

³⁸ And **I will judge you**, as one married who commits adultery and sheds blood is judged, and brings on the blood of wrath and jealousy / faithless to the marriage pact, and murdering your children; both crimes were punishable by death; on the matter of faithfulness; on the matter of murdering their children; neither are what He imagined when He created; thus enflaming His wrath and jealousy.

³⁹ And **I will give you** into their hands / the neighbor's will handle the guilty verdict, and they will throw **you** down from your lofty place, and will break down your lofty places: they will strip **you** of your clothes, and will take your beautiful jewels, and leave **you** naked and bare / for their faithlessness and murder, they will be left butt-naked and penniless.

⁴⁰ They will incite a crowd against **you**, and stone **you**, and cut **you** to pieces with swords / have you seen those rabid crowds in the other countries... when in less than 10 minutes vigilante justice is meted out? Does this verse speak to when the time of the gentile nations comes to a close, will God call the same actors: the armies of the Chaldeans... to once again take their place for the last verdict of guilty on the nations? Is that what's going on around the world today? Probably; we will see.

⁴¹ And they will burn your houses, and execute justice on **you** in the sight of many women. **I will cause you** / Jerusalem... to stop whoring, and **you** will also give payment **no** more.

⁴² So **I will make** My fury toward **you** to rest, and My jealousy will depart from **you**, and I will be quiet, and will be angry **no** more.

⁴³ Since **you** / Jerusalem... have **not** remembered the days of your youth, but angered Me in all this; so indeed,

I will repay your deeds upon your head, says the LORD God / and what are the deeds of an STD, diseased whore? Well the top 10 are: **gonorrhea**, hepatitis B, **syphilis**, **chlamydia**, crabs, human papilloma virus, bacterial vaginosis; herpes, **trichomoniasis**; and HIV. According to the World Health Organization, each year the 4 diseases highlighted in **red** result in **357,000,000 new infections**. God has a Father to child conversation about what is not healthy. Of these infections, only 4 are curable; the others are merely treatable. Daily 1,000,000 are infected. And diseases are passed along from mother to child / many do not realize when a woman is impregnated she is physically changed... if only imperceptibly by the male's sperm; which is why whores look like whores – sexual cul-de-sacs of conflicting dominant and regressive genes:

and you will not commit this lewdness in addition to all your abominations.

⁴⁴ **Behold, everyone who tells proverbs will tell this proverb about you:**

Like mother, like daughter.

⁴⁵ **You / Jerusalem** are the daughter of a mother, who loathed her husband and her children; and **you** are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite / Ezekiel in his mind is looking north.

⁴⁶ **And your elder sister is Samaria / Israel**, she and her daughters who dwell to the north west; and your younger sister, who dwells to the north east is **Sodom** and her daughters / starting here: for 6 times in this book The Lord compares Jerusalem to being worse than Sodom.

⁴⁷ **Not only did you / Jerusalem... walk in their ways and do according to their abominations /** traveling the same paths and streets of Sodom;

within a very little time you were more corrupt than they in all your ways / whatever Samaria and Sodom did, those in Jerusalem thought it was cool! Now, that's a sermon you probably haven't heard most preachers tell their congregation. Jerusalem was younger and ought to have learned from her elder sisters; the first was completely annihilated; the second was completely taken captive to Assyria.

⁴⁸ **As I live, says the LORD God, your sister Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done** / WOW! What a confession by God. Decadent Sodom which was sexually perverse, a pedophilia haven; as well as totally evil toward its strangers; and thoroughly corrupt in their civil legislative system; what Sodom did was small potatoes compared to Jerusalem.

⁴⁹ **Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters were prideful /** egotistical, with excess of food, and carelessly at ease, but did **not** help the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ **They were conceited and abominable before Me. So, I removed what I saw.**

⁵¹ **Samaria** did not commit half your sins; **you / Jerusalem**... committed more abominations than they, and made your sisters appear righteous by all the abominations you have done.

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⁵² Also... bear your own disgrace, for **you** / **Jerusalem**... have judged your sisters / so she was the hypocritical center of those who thanked their God... or their lucky stars... they were not like others. No wonder, they were home to all those Pharisees by the time Jesus their Messiah came the first time.

Since **you** / **Jerusalem**... committed sins more abominable than they: they are more righteous than **you**: yes, be ashamed; bear your disgrace, since you made your sisters appear righteous.

And here's a shocker! The Bible is interesting when we read it, isn't it? The LORD God says...

⁵³ **I will restore** their fortunes, the fortunes of **Sodom** and her daughters, and the fortunes of **Samaria** and her daughters, and with them, your own fortunes also:

⁵⁴ that **you** bear your own disgrace and be ashamed of all **you** have done, and become a comfort to them / so Jerusalem will be a chief example; the LORD is long-suffering and full of mercy... He works in history with lots of losers; and we might wonder, why? God has always been a risk taker.

⁵⁵ As for your sisters, **Sodom** and her daughters will return to their former state / which does not mean they will become a hell hole of sensuality, pedophilia and social injustice chiefly toward the stranger in town; let's not presume with God; He has told us what He loves and what He hates,

Sodom and her daughters will return to their first state and **Samaria** and her daughters will return to their first state / but keep your head screwed on tight, this has not happened yet,

and **you** / **Jerusalem**... and your daughters will return to your first state. / what this means may be hard to imagine, but since God said it, I am willing to suspend my opinion, and reconsider. I'll place bets that our Father knows best. Is this a promise to Sodom and Samaria; or a challenge to Jerusalem to change their thinking?

⁵⁶ For, in the day of your pride / in **Jerusalem's** heyday, your sister **Sodom** was **not** mentioned by you once,

⁵⁷ before your hypocritical wrongdoing was exposed, and now **you** are a reproach to the daughters of Syria / cousins to the northeast where the 10 tribes of **Israel** were resettled; Nineveh in Assyria is where Jonah finally went and woke that city up,

and all around her of the daughters of the Philistines – who surround **you** and despise you.

⁵⁸ **You** / **Jerusalem**... bear the lewdness of your abominations, says the LORD.

⁵⁹ For the LORD God says, I deal with **you** / **Jerusalem**... as you have done, you who despised the marriage oath, breaking the **covenant**.

⁶⁰ Still **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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⁶¹ Then **you** / at some future time, **Jerusalem**... will remember your ways, and be ashamed, when **you** receive your sisters -- older and younger: and I will give them to you for daughters, but **not** by your broken **covenant**.

⁶² And I will establish My **covenant** with **you** / **Jerusalem**; and **you** will know: **I am the Lord**,

⁶³ that **you** / **Jerusalem**... remember; be perplexed, and **not** open your mouth again because of your disgrace, when **I cover** / in Hebrew: *kapar*, what Noah did when he covered the ark... sealing it with pitch, making it sea-worthy from the approaching flood; it is the word used throughout Exodus and Leviticus when we read about **atonement**, and covering for sin; saving their sorry asses.

So, let's not interrupt the Lord; He said...

that you / **Jerusalem**... remember; be perplexed, and **not** open your two-faced mouth again because of your disgrace, when **I cover** **you**... for all that **you** have done, **says the Lord God**.