

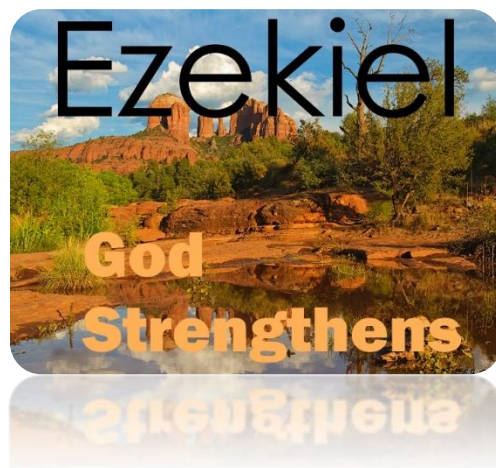
EZEKIEL 19 vs 1

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Ezekiel told the ones who said they were **ruled by God**: The days are near, and every vision will be fulfilled. Thus says the Lord God; none of My words will be delayed any longer. (chapter 13) Remember this prophecy was told in Jerusalem... Isaiah and Jeremiah had warned them, and now Ezekiel.

The scope of this chapter is much the same as with that of the 17th chapter, to foretell and lament the ruin of the house of David, the royal family of Judah. Repeatedly, Ezekiel told of the utter ruin of Jerusalem -- something we also should understand. Ezekiel's ministry was to keep before those in captivity, the sins which brought God's judgment on them, and to assure them of God's future blessing for those who would return to Him and keep His covenant. For this, Jewish history tells us, Ezekiel was finally dragged through the streets until he was murdered.



A Lament for the Rulers of Israel – but read it closely, Ezekiel is talking about **Judah**

¹ **And you, take up a lamentation for the rulers of Israel** / clearly David's royal family of the **house of Judah** has been severed; but remember, **Israel** – the 10 northern tribes were given another place of their own – **2 Samuel 7**; and David's lineage would unconditionally endure forever; Jeremiah is clear, the Lord says, Call to Me, and I will answer you, and tell you great and mighty things which you do not know – **Jeremiah 33**; and then the Lord says, if you can break My covenant for day, and My covenant for night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time, if the sun and the moon are still doing their daily work, then David will have a child somewhere sitting on his throne ruling – **Jeremiah 33**. Jeremiah tells us about David's enduring dynasty somewhere on earth... until He comes whose right it is to reign – **Ezekiel 21**; which is something very different than what Ezekiel is talking about in this chapter.

This chapter tells us about the **House of Judah** – the Jewish people... absent their ruler from the lineage of David due to their faithlessness; which is why Herod the Idumean could sit on a throne in Jerusalem when Jesus the Messiah came the first time.

² **And say,**

What is your mother? A lioness! Among the lions she crouched, among the young lions she nourished her cubs.

³ **She brought up one of her cubs: and he became a young lion, and he learned to catch prey; he devoured men.**

⁴ **The nations heard of him; he was caught in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt.**

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⁵ Now when she saw that she waited in vain, that her hope was lost, she took another of her cubs, and made him a young lion.

⁶ He went among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch prey, and he devoured men.

⁷ He destroyed their fortified strongholds, and laid waste their cities; and the land and its fulness were appalled, at the sound of his roaring.

⁸ Then the nations set against him from provinces on every side, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.

⁹ And with chains, they put him in a cage, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into custody, that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of **Israel** / in Samaria.

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 And it had strong branches fit for scepters of rulers, and it towered above the thick branches, it was seen in its height with the mass of its branches.

¹² But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong branch was broken off and withered; fire consumed it.

¹³ Now it is planted in a wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land / now the dynasty of David is planted somewhere in a wasted place, no longer being watered; probably dying of thirst.

¹⁴ And fire has gone out from its branches, it has consumed its shoots and fruit, so that there is not in it a strong branch, a scepter to rule / notice this last part of the prophecy alludes to the dynasty – not destroyed, but still around, though it has lost its fire power.



This is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

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