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Ezekiel like all the prophets knew what Moses first said to the people of God: they were to carefully and diligently hear and learn; and keep and do... and teach their children... all the Lord instructed (and He instructed 10 instructions; nothing more) that they may live and prosper in the land promised to their forefathers... **not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

<sup>1</sup> Then **the word of the LORD came to me, saying** / Ezekiel is listening intently to the voice of the Lord,

<sup>2</sup> Now you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the **bloody city?** / this chapter first calls on the prophet to review the crimes; the Judge of all says to Ezekiel... you adjudicate, first analyze the list of evidence to address the Lord's censure, and then convict those assigned to govern the household of God; but these verses find similar application in any and every community bowing to the work of the deceiver... while refusing allegiance to the Lord God who created them.

**Yes, you will cause her to know all her abominations** / and the list of charges is lengthy.

<sup>3</sup> You will say, **thus says the LORD God,**

**Murder**... violating the 6<sup>th</sup> instruction:

**A city that sheds blood in her midst** / not just in the suburbs where strangers dwell, but the city center where magistrates work, where characters and staffers are secretly poisoned or assassinated, or in courts of justice under the color of law, and there is no care taken to discover and punish the murderers according to the law; I bet the journalists at the time of Ezekiel were even complicit to cover up the crimes... which sounds like today's NEWS in our genius 21<sup>st</sup> century; willing to tell the half-truth... and nothing more of the truth – Matthew Henry 1662-1714,

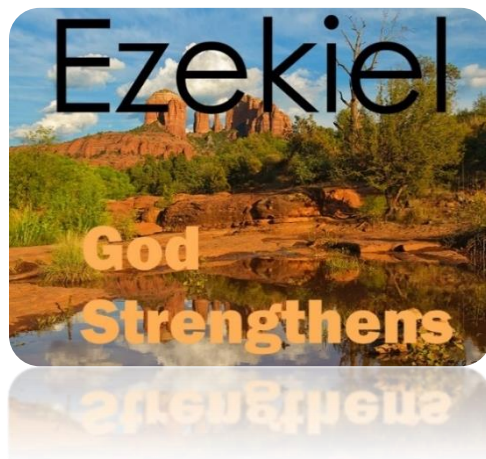
**so that her time has come** / as an heir she has come of age—ready for her inheritance; she is no longer a childish minor whose case is tried in juvenile court, **and makes idols contrary to her interests, defiling herself.**

<sup>4</sup> You are guilty of the blood you shed;

**Idolatry**...violating the 2<sup>nd</sup> instruction:

**you defiled yourself by the idols you made** / now days, they'd say: you bleeped yourself. **Thus, you made your day** of judgment closer, **and have come to your years,**

**so, I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mockery** / a joke... **to all the countries.**



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**<sup>5</sup> Those who are near and those who are far from you** / those who are eyewitness to the criminal charges of depravity and apostasy; those who are at a distance, who do not know all the particulars... but will think it worth taking note...

**they will mock you, you are infamous and much vexed** / you are scandalous, polluted in name; and much confused.

**<sup>6</sup> Indeed, the princes of Israel everyone according to his power, has been shedding blood** / the upstart royal rulers -- really jackasses who jockey to be king -- all are guilty of innocent blood.

**Rebellion; disobedience**... violating the 5<sup>th</sup> instruction:

**<sup>7</sup> In you, father and mother are treated lightly** / these jackasses treat them with contempt:

**Bigotry, oppression, extortion**...violating the 8<sup>th</sup> instruction:

**among you, they oppress the alien: in you, the fatherless and the widow are harassed** / the poor stranger among them, and the orphans and widows are abused.

**Profanation**...violating the 4<sup>th</sup> instruction:

**<sup>8</sup> You despise My holy things, and profane My sabbaths** / in 336AD the Council at Laodicea -- the churchianity folk who took **Christ the Messiah out of His church, and who make the Lord want to puke** -- **Revelation 3**; and note the date and who changed the worship practice, first established by the Creator in Genesis... to the day Rome worships the Sun -- it should make us puke, too.

**Indecency**...violating the 7<sup>th</sup> instruction:

**<sup>9</sup> In you, the slanderous shed blood in you, your people eat upon the mountaintops** / insulters, those who hate in their heart, they murder; at every remote place to work their perverse crimes committing lewdness among you.

**<sup>10</sup> In you, they uncover their fathers' nakedness in you, they humiliate women in their menstrual impurity** / they expose and defile their father's wives:

**Rape, adultery, incest**...violating the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> instructions:

**<sup>11</sup> one disgraces his neighbor's wife; another rapes his daughter-in-law; and in you, another humiliates his sister, his father's daughter.**

**Corruption**...violating the 10<sup>th</sup> instruction:

**<sup>12</sup> In you, you take bribes to shed blood; you extort interest and profits for gain; by extortion, you greedily injure your neighbors** / those who were hired to sware a man out of his life,

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or if upon a jury, were bribed to find the innocent guilty; and it was in the community, the public funds which were for charity and for one another to gain from fair trading; but stolen and put to usury, extortion and increase; for the greedy who are not held to rules of equity,

**and forget Me** / apparently, either they falsely think there is no God; or they deliberately think to rebel against Him; either way, these fools are guilty,

**says the LORD God.**

**13 Indeed, then My hand struck the dishonest gain you made, and the murderous bloodshed which is among you** / not merely in South Central, or Chicago.

**14 Can your behavior endure? Can your hands be strong in the time I deal with you?**

**I the LORD spoke, and will act.**

**15 I will scatter you among the nations; I will disperse you through the countries, and will destroy you in your filthiness.**

And we might wonder... is the Lord God just some senile Guy, going to invent some kind of punishment? NO! They made their day come closer. He will let their will be done, their own desires to be fulfilled.

**16 You will profane yourself in the sight of the nations and you will know** / they're going to bleep themselves for all the world to see; the LORD, the BOSS... is going to teach them a lesson, what is it?

**I am the LORD.**

For a 2<sup>nd</sup> time... Ezekiel says,

**17 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying** / remember Ezekiel more than most, he is ready to hear every word that proceeds from the mouth of his Boss,

**18 Son of man, the House of Israel** / those who carried with them all the mighty nationalistic promises of God given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; a truth that for centuries has wrongly been credited to the Jewish people alone. Abraham was not Jewish; only one of his many - great-grandson Judah was Jewish...

**the House of Israel** has become dross to Me, all of them brass, tin, iron and lead, in the furnace; merely silver dross / it has become scum, a thin layer of filth, so it's not particularly valuable.

**19 So, thus says the Lord God; Because all of you have become dross indeed, I will gather you out of Jerusalem** / all of you are scum, all of you are a thin layer of filth; this lesson is to leaders and followers starting there; but also where their generations have gone... until He comes again in great glory.

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**20 As one gathers silver, brass, iron, lead and tin, in a furnace, to blow flames on and melt; so I will gather you in My anger and in My wrath, and will leave you to melt there.**

**21 Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you the fire of My wrath, and you will melt there.**

**22 As silver melts in the furnace, so you will melt there; and you will know / the LORD, so the One who is Boss... is still teaching a lesson, what is it?**

**I the LORD have poured My wrath on you.**

For a 3<sup>rd</sup> time... Ezekiel says,

**23 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying /** with each vision Ezekiel is awake and ready to hear every word that proceeds from the mouth of his Boss,

**24 Son of man, say to her, In the day of My wrath, You are an earth that is not cleansed or watered /** and God isn't talking about a draught in the land; but a household that was to be hydrated with the Word of God... Paul writes, [by the washing of God's word to present you as His Bride – the Love of His life... without defect](#) -- Ephesians 5.

**25 The conspiracy of her false prophets is among her... like a roaring lion eating its prey /** in Hebrew: *terep*, plundering its meal; another prophet speaking for the Lord wrote: Where is the den of lions... [the lion tore enough for his cubs, and killed enough for his lionesses; and filled his lair with prey and his dens with torn flesh](#) -- Nahum 2. And the last OT prophet speaking for the Lord wrote: You are robbing God. They asked, how are we robbing God? And He said: bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there is meat in My House, [and test Me now and see if I will pour out for you a blessing that overflows](#) -- Malachi 3.

Now, you might ask: what is the point? The Lord is more concerned about eternal things; one-day heaven and earth will pass away – to be replaced with something nobody could ever imagine, yet His words will never pass away. He is now addressing directly the supposed caretakers of His Word; who were no different than those when Messiah came the first time; and no different than the thieves and robbers in our generation who have not learned these same 2500-year-old lessons;

**they devour souls; they take treasure and costly things; they make many widows among her /** godless govt officials - demon inspired as they do the work of the devil who is their father of lies; they would not die for their own grandmothers, but would sell them in a minute... still in our 21<sup>st</sup> century... endorsing policies that prey on the faithful -- relatively few good men and women among the citizens.

**26 Her priests violate My law, and disrespect what is holy to Me, they make no distinction between the holy and the profane; they show no difference between the unclean and the clean /** they probably couldn't even tell you 1 of the 10 instructions He gave His people:

**they hide their eyes from My sabbaths /** isn't that interesting,

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the Lord is clearly talking about those who ignore His sabbath days; who have created their own traditions, preferring them; and thereby confusing the people of God. The sole goal of Satan is to take into eternity lost as many with him as he can; 2 chapters earlier the LORD said: **I gave them My sabbaths to be a mark between Me and them that they know I am the Lord** -- Ezekiel 20; the roman crowd steeped in pagan practices including Egyptian and Babylonian sun worship... is proud to call their day of worship: Sun day. It was not the practice of the OT church or the early NT church. It is a roman invention. The Lord's Sabbaths are still hid from the world; the church is silent on the 3 remaining Days of the Lord during the Ingathering, still on His calendar – the church is like children playing hide and seek hoping the sabbaths will go away; they will go away one day, when Messiah comes to fulfill the last 3 Days.

**and I am disrespected among them.**

<sup>27</sup> Her **princes** in her / her royal jackasses in the making... **are like wolves eating the prey, shedding blood, destroying souls, all for dishonest gain** / like those in our genius 21<sup>st</sup> century.

<sup>28</sup> Her false **prophets** daubed them with untested mortar; seeing false visions, and divining lies to them / all the destroyed souls have been smeared! I hate sounding redundant, but it sounds like those religious leaders in our genius century; who clearly get their message from the father of lies,

saying, **X Y Z, says the LORD God** / but there is a BIG problem, **when the Lord has not spoken** / He did not speak to them or through them; **not to the false prophets, not to the hocus pocus priests;** definitely **not to the princely jackasses**. So, what have all their fabulous policies really produced?

Well, read on.

<sup>29</sup> The **people** of the **earth** have oppressed, and robbed, and wronged the poor and needy / all the loud-mouths parading on TV, speak the message of the father of lies. The oppressed and wronged will be justified; heaven will be populated with so many wonderful people that we cannot even imagine; what was done to the least was done to the Lord; and He will come with a rod of iron and settle the score:

yes, they / **priests, princes, prophets** and **people** have oppressed the stranger without justice.

<sup>30</sup> And I searched for someone among them who would build up the wall or stand in the gap before Me for the **earth** that I should **not** destroy it: but I found none / He looked for a man or a woman, it didn't matter; wherever the wall is broken; just build; do something; if there is a breach, will we stand in the gap? But no one would build, no one would stand in the gap.

<sup>31</sup> So, I poured out My wrath on them / His long-suffering came to an end; His mercy was used up; they left Him, thus, it was time for Him to move on; so, He left them... which is all the terror they needed; **I incinerated them with the fire of My wrath: their own way** I have repaid on their heads / their own way rewarded them with their destruction,

says **the LORD God.**

O Come Let Us Adore Him